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**Performance Investigation of FSO Network under Different Weather Conditions**

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# **ABSTRACT**

Optical wireless communication (OWC) refers to transmission in unguided propagation media using optical carriers, i.e., visible, infrared (IR), and ultraviolet (UV) bands. In this survey, we focus on outdoor terrestrial OWC links which operate in near IR band. These are widely referred to as free space optical (FSO) communication in the literature. FSO systems are used for high-rate communication between two fixed points over distances up to several kilometers.

In comparison to radiofrequency (RF) counterparts, FSO links have an extremely high optical bandwidth available, allowing much higher data rates. They are appealing for a wide range of applications such as metropolitan area network (MAN) extension, local area network (LAN)-to-LAN connectivity, fiber back-up, backhaul for wireless cellular networks, disaster recovery, high-definition TV and medical image/video transmission, wireless video surveillance/ monitoring, and quantum key distribution, among others.

Despite the major advantages of FSO technology and variety of its application areas, its widespread use has been hampered by its rather disappointing link reliability particularly in long ranges due to atmospheric turbulence-induced fading and sensitivity to weather conditions. In the last five years or so, there has been a surge of interest in FSO research to address these major technical challenges. Several innovative physical layer concepts, originally introduced in the context of RF systems, such as multiple input multiple-output communication, cooperative diversity, and adaptive transmission have been recently explored for the design of next generation FSO systems. In this paper, we present an up-to-date survey on FSO communication systems.

The first part describes FSO channel models and transmitter/receiver structures. In the second part, we provide details on information theoretical limits of FSO channels and algorithmic-level system design research activities to approach these limits. Specific topics include advances in modulation, channel coding, spatial/cooperative diversity techniques, adaptive transmission, and hybrid RF/FSO systems.

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# **INTRODUCTION**

**1.1 Introduction to Free Space Optics**

Communication, as it has always been relied and simply depended upon speed. The faster the means! the more popular, the more effective the communication is Presently in the twenty-first century wireless networking is gaining because of speed and ease of deployment and relatively high network robustness. Modern era of optical communication originated with the invention of LASER in 1958 and fabrication of low-loss optical fiber in 1970.

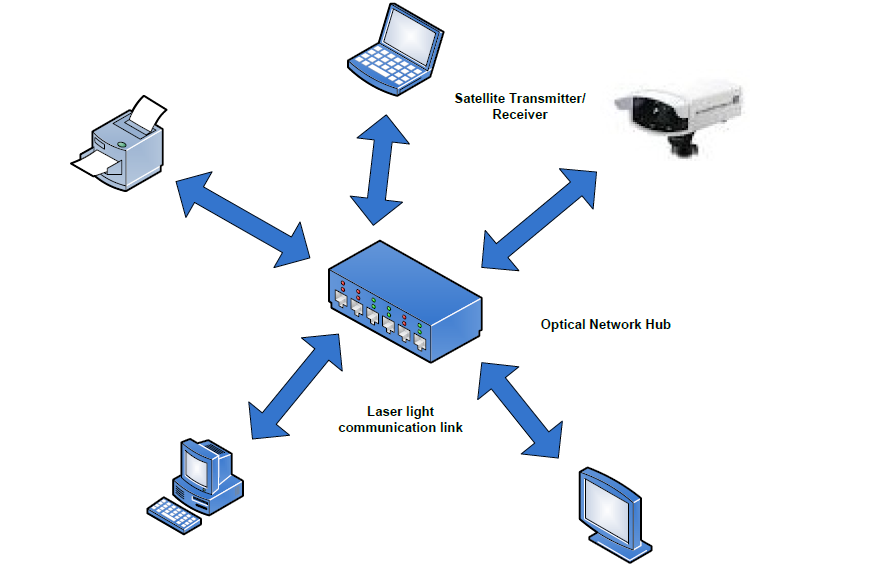
When we hear of optical communications, we all think of optical fibers, what I have for u today is AN

OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM WITHOUT FIBERS or in other words WIRE FREE

OPTICS. Free space optics or FSO –Although it only recently and rather suddenly sprang into public awareness, free space optics is not a new idea. It has rooted that 90 back over 30 years-to the era before fiber optic cable became the preferred transport medium for high-speed communication. FSO technology has been revived to offer high band width last mile connectivity for today’s converged network requirements.

Free space optics or FSO, free space photonics or optical wireless, refers to the transmission of modulated visible or infrared beams through the atmosphere to obtain optical communication. FSO systems can function over distances of several kilometers. FSO is a line-of sight technology, which enables optical transmission up to 2.5 Gbps of data, voice, and video communications, allowing optical connectivity without deploying fiber optic cable or securing spectrum licenses. Free space optics require light, which can be focused by using either light emitting diodes (LED) or LASERS (light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation). The use of lasers is a simple concept like optical transmissions using fiber-optic cables, the only difference being the medium.

If there is a clear line of sight between the source and the destination and enough transmitter power, communication is possible virtually at the speed of light. Because light travels through air faster than it does through glass, so it is fair to classify FSO as optical communications at the speed of light. FSO works on the same basic principle as infrared television remote controls, wireless keyboards, or wireless palm devices.

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# Fig.1 FSO Network

**1.1.1 FSO Communication**

The transmitter of FSO communication transmits an optical carrier data which is then passed through an atmosphere to the receiver. The intensity modulation (IM) is the simplest modulation in which the source data is modulated on the intensity of the light. Laser is the commonly used source in FSO systems.

To estimate the transmitted data from the received optical signal is the main function of the receiver. A receiver telescope, an optical band-pass filter, a photo detector, and a detection circuit are main parts of the receiver. The receiver telescope collects and focuses the received signal onto the photo detector and to reduce the background noise use the optical band-pass filter. The photo detector such as PIN and avalanche photodiode (APD) converts the received optical signal into an electrical signal.

Finally, the received signal is recovered after amplification and filtering at the detection circuit. FSO communication is a line-of-sight (LOS) technology Which is operating the optical communications 1st,2ndand 3rd transmission windows Respectively at wavelengths of 850nm, 1300nm and 1550nm corresponding to these Wavelengths have low attenuation, less than 0.2dB/km, can use the same commercial components of an optical fiber and safe for eye and skin. FSO has many applications which are discussed below:

* + - 1. **Applications**

The applications of FSO links for transmission of modulated RF signals are as follows:

**1.** Outdoor wireless access: FSO can be used by wireless service providers for purposes of communication and licensing is not necessary in case of microwave bands to use the FSO.

**2.** Storage Area Network (SAN): FSO links can be form Storage Area Network. For providing access to combined, block level data storage SAN network is known.

**3.** Last-Mile Access: The cost of digging to lay fiber is so high as to lay cables of users in the last mile is very costly for vendor sources and it would make direction to lay as much fiber as possible. By implementing FSO in the last mile along with other networks, FSO can be used to solve such problem.

**4.** Enterprise connectivity: FSO system has a property of easy installation. This property makes it applicable for associating two or more LAN segments to connect two or more buildings blocks or other campus.

**5.** Fiber backup: In Fiber links, there is not any backup link in case of transmission failure. On the other hand, FSO can also be applicable to providing a backup link.

**6**. Metro-network extensions: Metro-network extensions can extend the fiber rings of an existing metropolitan area. Deployment in lesser time and connection of the new networks and core infrastructure of FSO system is easily done. In order to complete SONET rings, metro-network extensions can be used.

**7.** Bridging WAN Access: It provides services of high-speed data to mobile users and small satellite terminals and in case of WAN, it works as a backbone for trucking network of high Speed makes FSO beneficial.

**8.** It can be used in point-to-point communication links, for example, between buildings, ships, and point-to-multipoint communication links, for example, from aircraft to base station or satellite to base station, for short distance and long-distance communication.

**9.** Military access: FSO works on optical source, which makes it secure and undetectable system. It can cover up large areas with smallest planning and deployment time, hence it is appropriate for military applications.

**10.** FSO is with high ability to control interference from other sources of optical radiation.

**11.** FSO provides a viable transport medium for transporting IS-95 CDMA signals to base stations from macro and microcell sites and can reduce the setup costs of temporary microcells deployed for special events, e.g., a football game, by eliminating the need for a directional microwave link or connecting cable.

**12.** FSO is a viable technology for the processing of CATV links in urban areas were Installing new fiber infrastructure can be quite expensive.

* + - 1. **Merits and Limitations**

FSO communication also has some merits and limitations that can affect the performance of the FSO system. Merits and limitation of FSO communication are discussed as:

**Merits:**

**1)** FSO is a high-speed network, which delivers better data speed than broadband networks.

**2)** It takes less time as compared to other systems for installation at normal locations. So its installation is very easy and less time consuming.

**3)** No spectrum licensing or frequency coordination between users is required, which is required in radio and microwave systems. FSO is a straightforward deployment system.

**4)** No security system upgradation is needed because of line-of-sight operation.

**5)** The optical fiber cable’s data rate is comparable to obtained high data rate of FSO, but the extremely narrow laser beam and very low error rate enables having unlimited number of FSO links that can be established in that specific area.

**6)** FSO offers high immunity to frequency interference.

**7)** The FSO link transmission cannot affected by Electromagnetic and radio-magnetic interference.

**8)** Usage of low power per transmitted bit is from one of the merits of FSO system.

**9)** In FSO system, the used bandwidth is relatively high bandwidth.

**10)** Transmission is having speed of light because transmission of optical beam is done in air.

**Limitations:**

The advantages of FSO are easy to come. In FSO system, medium of the trans-receiving is an air and there are some un-ignorable environmental challenges. In Troposphere region, most of the atmospheric phenomenon are occurred. Some of these limitations are briefly described below:

**1. Physical obstructions:** A temporary blockage a single beam, when any physical obstructions like birds, tall trees and buildings architectures comes in line of sight (LOS) and disturbs the transmission of FSO system.

**2. Scintillation:** Due to the heat rising from the earth and the man-made drives like heating ducts, there would be temperature variations among different air packets. These variations in temperature can cause fluctuations in the signal amplitude at the FSO receiving end.

**3. Geometric losses:** As signal travelled from transmitted end to receiver end, the induction of an optical beam attenuation because to the spreading of beam and reduced the signal power level is defined as geometric losses.

**4. Absorption:** The suspended water molecules in the terrestrial atmosphere cause absorption. The photons power would be absorbed by these particles. Absorption directly affects the decreased the optical beam power density and the transmission availability in a FSO system. The absorption of signal can also carry out by Carbon dioxide [20].

**5. Atmospheric turbulence:** Weather conditions and structure of environment causes the atmospheric disturbance. It happens because of wind and convection which mixed the air packets at different temperatures. This causes the change in the refractive index of air and causes fluctuations in the air density. Degradation of the optical beam of transmission can be led by turbulence. The refractive index changes causes beam refraction at different angle and optical beam spreading takes place.

**6. Atmospheric attenuation:** The main causes of atmospheric attenuation are haze. It also depends upon the other two causes are dust and rain. An atmospheric attenuation is wavelength independent. Haze is depending upon wavelength. In haze weather condition, attenuation at 1550nm is less than other wavelengths.

**7. Scattering:** When the optical beam and scattered particle collides, scattering phenomena happens. In this energy of optical beam is not changed and it is wavelength dependent phenomenon. The beam intensity for longer distance is reduced because of directional redistribution of optical energy. Atmospheric attenuation is classified into three types:

(1) Rayleigh scattering is due to molecules and known as molecule scattering.

(2) Mie scattering is due to aerosols and known as aerosol scattering.

(3) Nonselective scattering is due to geometric losses and known as geometric scattering.

The type of scattering depends upon the physical size of the scatterer:

(i) When the size of wavelength greater than scatterer size, Rayleigh scattering

(ii) When the size of the wavelength is comparable to the scatterer, Mie scattering.

(iii) When wavelength is much smaller than the size of scatterer, nonselective scattering.

**8. Weather Conditions of Atmosphere:** In FSO link the medium of transmission is an Atmosphere. Attenuation depends upon several conditions. The main cause of attenuation is weather conditions. The preceding knowledge of attenuation can be gained according to the specific weather conditions of the region in which a link is being established; for example, in temperate regions, fog and heavy snow are the two primary weather conditions. On the other hand, in tropical regions, heavy rain and haze are two main weather conditions and have major effect on the availability of FSO link in that region. Some of the weather conditions are described as follow.

**(a) Fog:** It partially attenuates visible radiation. Due to the hindrance caused by fog an optical beam of light is absorbed, scattered, and reflected. Mie Scattering occurs due to fog, is largely a matter of increasing the power of transmitting.

**(b) Rain:** In case of rain fall, rain attenuation exists and is a nonselective scattering. This is type of wavelength independent attenuation. The production of the fluctuations is due to rain, which affect the laser delivery. The quantity of the rain can affect the visibility and range of FSO system. In case of heavy rain, water droplets can modify the characteristics of optical beam or opposes the passage of beam as optical beam is absorbed, scattered, and reflected.

**(c) Haze:** These particles can stay longer time in the air and causes the atmospheric attenuation. So, the visibility level at that time changes attenuation values. There are ways to collect information about attenuation for checking the performance of FSO system: first, by temporary installation of system at the site and check its performance and, second, by using Kim and Kruse model.

**(d) Smoke:** It is generated due to the combustion of carbon, glycerol, and household emission like different substances. The visibility of transmission medium can also be affected by smoke.

**(e) Sandstorms:** For communication of outdoor links, the well-known problems sandstorms. These can be distinguished by two ways: first, the wind particles size that depends on the soil texture and, second, required wind speed in order to blow the particles up during a minimum period of time.

**(f) Clouds:** Main part of earth atmosphere is cloud layers. The condensation or deposition of water above earth’s surface is responsible for the formation of clouds. It can totally block the fractions of transmitted optical beam from earth to the space. The attenuation offered by clouds is difficult to calculate because of the diversity and in the cloud particles homogeneity.

**(g) Snow:** Snow has larger particles, which causes the geometric scattering. The snow particles have impact same as to Rayleigh scattering.

* + 1. **Classification of FSO Networks**

Due to their potential for a broad spectrum of applications, FSO networks have been investigated and proposed for networks that difference a distance from meters to over thousands of kilometers. According to the locations of optical transmitters and receivers and network range FSO networks can be classified into three types:

**1.1.2.1 Optical Wireless Satellite Networks (OWSNs) OWSNs**

They are designed to cover large areas of the earth and provide high-bandwidth, optical wireless network access to end-users by making use of satellites. OWSNs provide high quality data services to isolated areas such as an island, a remote farm, a ship on the ocean and an aircraft. OWSNs consist of intersatellite, satellite-to air, and satellite-to-surface optical links types of free-space links. For routing data traffic hop-by-hop through satellites toward a destination satellite, Inter-Satellite Links (ISLs) are designated. It has up-and-down links between the aircraft or a ground station on the surface of the earth.

**1.1.2.2 Optical Wireless Terrestrial Networks (OWTNs)**

An establishment of LOS optical wireless connection between two transceivers through outdoor atmospheric turbulence channels as known as outdoor FSO networks or OWTNs. The transmission distance through free atmospheric space is from hundreds of meters up to tens of kilometers because it requires LOS. This telecommunication paradigm has great potential for wireless communications and is becoming an important means for broadband internet access. For instance, FSO links for ship-to-ship, building-to-building, or community-to-community communications can be established without any optical fibers. Mobile terminals are also easily supported. OWTNs are effective solutions for the “last-mile” or “first-mile” problems. In optical fiber communication, there are still many end-users who do not have their own fiber connection to the Fiber to the Home (FTTH) service. OWTN provides a high bandwidth connection over a large distance for remote end-users.

**1.1.2.3 Optical Wireless Home Networks (OWHNs) OWHNs**

Also known as indoor FSO networks, they are desirable for wireless broadband communications inside houses and offices. OWHNs are used to establish a LAN comprised of cells, where each cell is one of the divided spaces in the building. Usually, each cell is free from interference from other neighboring cells. As a result, the same beam specifications are reused Based on different propagation modes, we further classify the indoor FSO links into two types:

• LOS links and,

• NON-LOS links, also known as diffused links.

A direct path between the sender and receiver requires in case of an LOS link. Any unwanted obstacles between the sender and receiver easily disturb the LOS link. Compared with non-LOS links, LOS links achieve higher capacity because of a better power budget and the absence of multipath propagation effects.

**1.1.3 Various Techniques for generation of FSO System:**

Various techniques for generation of FSO system are also used to increase the performance of system. Some of these techniques are discussed as:

**1.** Spectral Amplitude Coding Optical Code Division Multiple Access based FSO system (SAC OCDMA Based FSO System).

**2.** High Speed, Long Reach OFDM (Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing) FSO Transmission Link Incorporating OSSB (Optical Single Side Band) and OTSB (Optical Tandem Side Band) Schemes based FSO systems.

**3.** WDM FSO System.

a) Spectral Amplitude Coding Optical Code Division Multiple Access based FSO system (SAC OCDMA Based FSO System):

In FSO system, spectral amplitude coding optical code division multiple access technique is used by the scientists. This multiplexing scheme has some advantages like channel allocation flexibility, ability of asynchronously operative, Enhancement of privacy, and increase network capacity. To modulate the code sequence with data an optical modulator (OM) is used. The data is digitally single-polar signal. For modulation purpose, Mach-Zehnder modulator (MZM) is used and combined modulated consequences are transmitted through the FSO link and at the receiver end, these sequences are separated by an optical splitter. Decoder will only filter the non-overlapping chips and to avoid interference at receiver end, the overlapping chips are discarded. The purpose of encoders and decoders can be served by optical band pass filters.

b) High Speed, Long Reach, OSSB and OTSB Schemes based FSO systems:

To show the impact of the environment conditions and to design a high speed and long reach FSO system free from fading, this scheme has been made. Weather conditions like clear, foggy, and hazy channel are used to describe different types of condition in system. CW laser is used at the linewidth of 10MHz and 1550nm wavelength. The hybrid system used power is 0 dBm and ideal aperture of antenna is 15 cm. The bit rate is 5Gbps and a 4-QAM sequence generator generates the data and OFDM modulator using 512 subcarriers is used. Using OTSB/OSS schemes instead of ODSB scheme, which is reduced to fading problem, the data is transmitted over FSO link. Dual electrode Mach-Zehnder modulator (DEMZM) and a phase shifter are used for modulation. It is concluded that hybrid OFDM-FSO system performs better in diverse channel conditions and upon comparing both OSSB and OTSB schemes OSSB performs better than OTSB at high data rate as it has more immunity against fading due to weather conditions.

c) WDM FSO System:

The investigators designed a WDM system with different characteristics like bit rate, power input, range of transmission, number of users, and channel/frequency spacing. These characteristics are required to be evaluated according to the weather conditions. For both rain and haze, best wavelength is 1550nm because there is less attenuation than any other wavelength. During this work, Geometric losses are not assumed. The bit rate could be 2.5Gbps for the distance of 150 km in clear weather condition. For successful transmission, in other weather conditions short link distance and lower bit rate can be used to evaluate the FSO system.

* 1. **Weather in New Delhi, India**

# The New Delhi city lies between 28.6138954° north latitudes and 77.2090057° east longitudes with the total of 42.7 sq.kms of geographical area.

# The climate of New Delhi is a dry-winter humid subtropical climate bordering on a hot semi-arid climate with high variation between summer and winter in terms of both temperature and rainfall. The temperature varies from 46 °C (115 °F) in summers to around 0 °C (32 °F) in winters. The area's version of a humid subtropical climate is noticeably different from many other cities with this climate classification in that it features long and very hot summers with dust storms, relatively dry and mild winters with wildfire haze, and a monsoonal period. Summers are long, extending from early April to October, with the monsoon season occurring in the middle of the summer. Winter starts in November and peaks in January. The annual mean temperature is around 25 °C (77 °F); monthly daily mean temperatures range from approximately 13 to 34 °C (55 to 93 °F). New Delhi's highest temperature ever recorded is 49.2 °C (120.6 °F) on 15 May 2022 at Met Delhi Mungeshpur while the lowest temperature ever recorded is −2.2 °C (28.0 °F) on 11 January 1967 at Indira Gandhi International Airport (formerly known as Palam Airport).[32] The average annual rainfall is 774.4 millimeters (30.49 in) & monsoon rainfall from June to September is about 640.4 millimeters (25.21 in), most of which is during the monsoons in July and August.

* 1. **Wireless Communication**

Wireless communication is among technology’s biggest contributions to mankind. Wireless communication involves the transmission of information over a distance without help of wires, cables, or any other forms of electrical conductors. The transmitted distance can be anywhere between a few meters (for example, a television’s remote control) and thousands of kilometers (for example, radio communication).

Some of the devices used for wireless communication are cordless telephones, mobiles, GPS units, wireless computer parts, and satellite television.

**Advantages**

Wireless communication has the following advantages:

i. Communication has enhanced to convey the information quickly to the consumers.

ii. Working professionals can work and access Internet anywhere and anytime without carrying cables or wires wherever they go. This also helps to complete the work anywhere on time and improves the productivity.

iii. Doctors, workers and other professionals working in remote areas can be in touch with medical centers through wireless communication.

iv. Urgent situation can be alerted through wireless communication. The affected regions can be provided help and support with the help of these alerts through wireless communication.

v. Wireless networks are cheaper to install and maintain.

**Disadvantages**

The growth of wireless network has enabled us to use personal devices anywhere and anytime. This has helped mankind to improve in every field of life, but this has led many threats as well.

Wireless network has led to many security threats to mankind. It is extremely easy for the hackers to grab the wireless signals that are spread in the air. It is especially important to secure the wireless network so that the information cannot be exploited by the unauthorized users. This also increases the risk to lose information. Strong security protocols must be created to secure the wireless signals like WPA and WPA2. Another way to secure the wireless network is to have wireless intrusion prevention system.

**2. Types of Communication Systems**

**2.1 Satellite Communication**

Satellite communication is one type of self-contained wireless communication technology, it is widely spread all over the world to allow users to stay connected almost anywhere on the earth. When the signal (a beam of modulated microwave) is sent near the satellite then, satellite amplifies the signal and sent it back to the antenna receiver which is located on the surface of the earth. Satellite communication contains two main components like the space segment and the ground segment. The ground segment consists of fixed or mobile transmission, reception and ancillary equipment and the space segment, which mainly is the satellite itself.

**2.2 Infrared Communication**

Infrared wireless communication communicates information in a device or systems through IR Radiation. IR is electromagnetic energy at a wavelength that is longer than that of red light. It is used for security control, TV remote control and short-range communications. In the electromagnetic spectrum, IR radiation lies between microwaves and visible light. So, they can be used as a source of communication.

For a successful infrared communication, a photo LED transmitter and a photo diode receptor are required. The LED transmitter transmits the IR signal in the form of nonvisible light that is captured and saved by the photoreceptor. So, the information between the source and the target is transferred in this way. The source and destination can be mobile phones, TVs, security systems, laptops etc. supports wireless communication.

**2.3 Broadcast Radio**

The first wireless communication technology is the open radio communication to seek out widespread use, and it still serves a purpose nowadays. Handy multichannel radios permit a user to speak over short distances, whereas citizen’s band and maritime radios offer communication services for sailors. Ham radio enthusiasts share data and function emergency communication aids throughout disasters with their powerful broadcasting gear and can even communicate digital information over the radio frequency spectrum.

Mostly an audio broadcasting service, radio broadcasts sound through the air as radio waves. Radio uses a transmitter which is used to transmit the data in the form of radio waves to a receiving antenna. To broadcast common programming, stations are associated with the radio N/W’s. The broadcast happens either in simulcast or syndication or both. Radio broadcasting may be done via cable FM, the net, and satellites. A broadcast sends information over long distances at up to two megabits/Sec (AM/FM Radio).

Radio waves are electromagnetic signals that are transmitted by an antenna. These waves have completely different frequency segments, and you will be ready to obtain an audio signal by changing into a frequency segment.

For example, you can take a radio station. When the RJ says you are listening to 92.7 BIG FM, what he really means is that signals are being broadcasted at a frequency of 92.7megahertz, that successively means the transmitter at the station is periodic at a frequency of 92.700,000 Cycles/second.

When you would like to listen to 92.7 BIG FM, all you must do is tune the radio to just accept that specific frequency and you will receive perfect audio reception.

**2.4 Microwave Communication**

Microwave wireless communication is an effective type of communication, mainly this transmission uses radio waves, and the wavelengths of radio waves are measured in centimeters. In this communication, the data or information can be transfers using two methods. One is satellite method and another one is terrestrial method.

Wherein satellite method, the data can be transmitted through a satellite that orbit 22,300 miles above the earth. Stations on the earth send and receive data signals from the satellite with a frequency ranging from 11GHz-14GHz and with a transmission speed of 1Mbps to 10Mbps. In terrestrial method, in which two microwave towers with a clear line of sight between them are used, ensuring no obstacles to disrupt the line of sight. So, it is used often for the purpose of privacy. The frequency range of the terrestrial system is typically 4GHz-6GHz and with a transmission speed is usually 1Mbps to 10Mbps.

**3. Network Topologies**

The forms or shape in which nodes are connected in the network, are known as Network Topology. Each topology is constructed to specific tasks with their own advantages and disadvantages. The choice of topology is dependent upon type and number of equipment being used, applications and required data transfer rate, time of response, and cost. The topologies are also known as geometrically interconnection pattern in which the nodes are connected using suitable transmission media. The types of network topologies are discussed following:

**3.1 Bus Topology**

This structure is extremely popular and with simple form for local area networks (LAN). In this structure or topology/network, a single channel runs in the building or laboratory and all nodes are linked along with this transmission line with two endpoints called the bus as show figure. In this topology type, if one node goes faulty all nodes may be affected as all nodes share the same transmission cable for the sending and receiving of information. The cabling cost of bus systems is the least of all the different topologies.

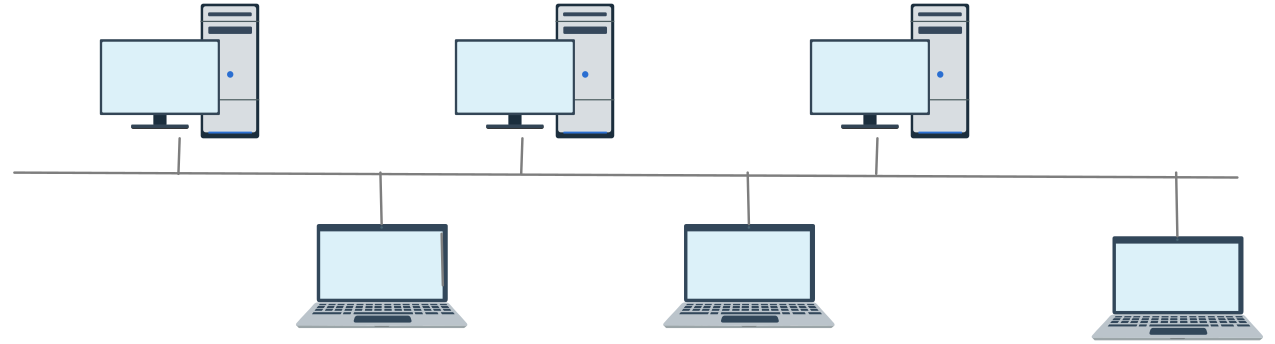


Fig.2 Bus Topology

The Fig. 2 describes bus topology, in which all the nodes of the network relate to single cable/wire. This single cable is also known as bus. This cable is the backbone of network, in which whole nodes depends upon the base cable.

**3.2 Ring Topology**

When the different nodes on the network are connected in the form of ring like structure as shown in Figure, is known as ring topology. Probably the ring topologies are the least likely to be used in a home network. The topology is used to make ring networks is called Token Ring, which is more expensive as compared to the other types of network topologies. In ring technology for networking, nodes communicate by sending an information data around a ring until the data finds its destination the node. This technology is very polite in that a data will not be sent by another node until the data circulating at a given time finds its destination.

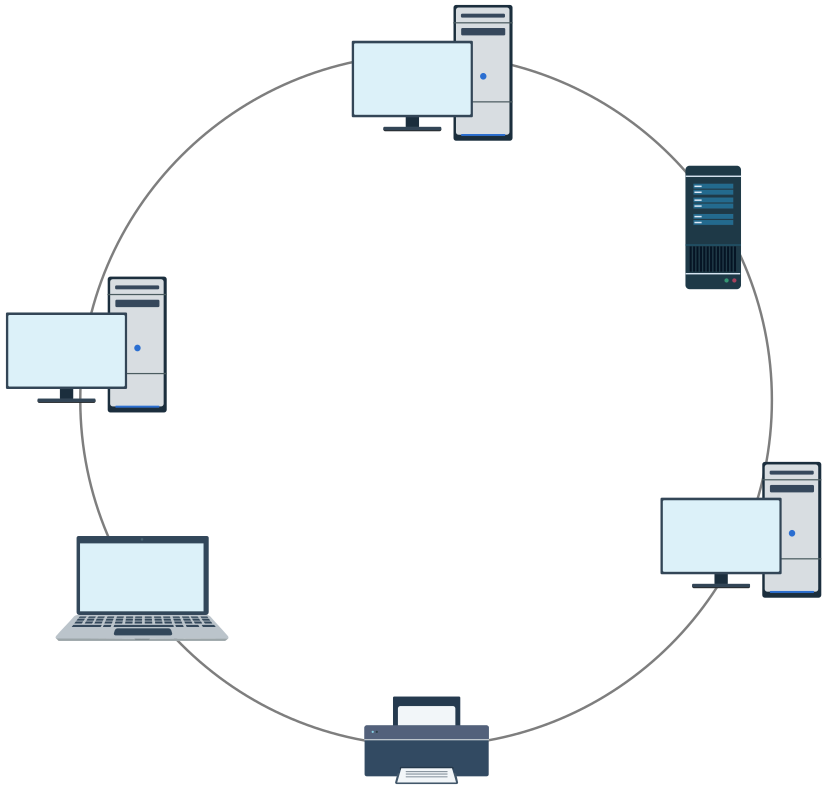


Fig.3 Ring Topology

Fig.3 defines the ring topology, in which whole nodes are connected in the ring form. In this topology if one of the nodes get distorted then whole network becomes fail.

**3.3 Star Topology**

Star topology is one of the most used network topologies in which each of the nodes on a network connected to a central controlled hub node. This network topology has a major disadvantage that if the central controlled hub node fails, all nodes connected to that hub node would be disconnected from network. A major disadvantage of this network topology is the system high dependence on the functioning of the central controlled hub node.

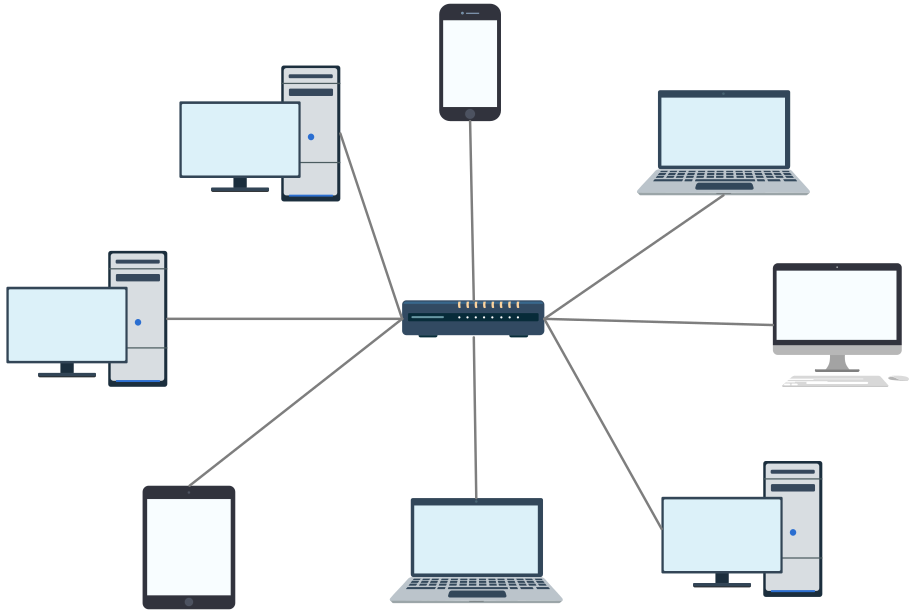
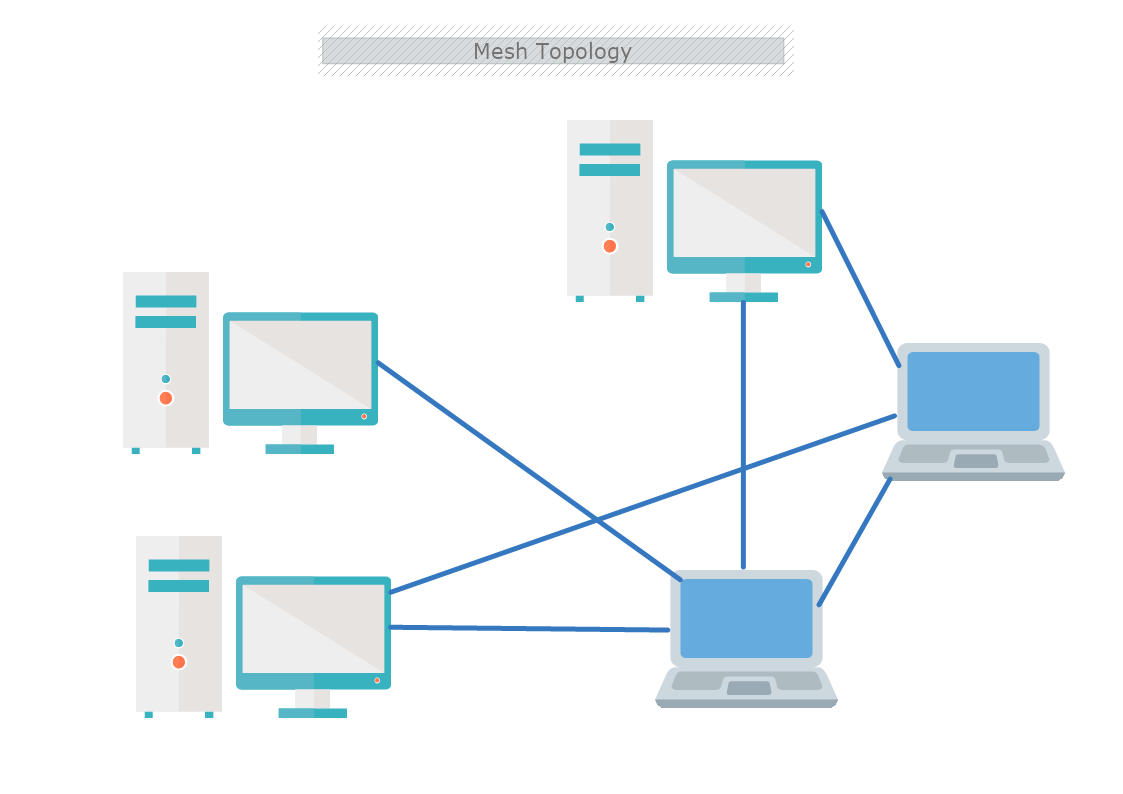


Fig.4 Star Topology

Fig.4 describes star topology, in which all the nodes of the network are connected to the master node, which is also known as hub node. Master/Hub node is the brain of this network, which provides the route to each node to communicate with other. In star topology, if hub node gets down then the whole network becomes fail.

**3.4 Mesh Topology**

In mesh topology, all nodes are connected to the other nodes with separate cables, there is no meaning of shape like star, ring or tree topology. Mesh topology is used in special cases like low number of computers only, because as the number of computers increases the number of cables also increases. In mesh topology nodes of the network is connected to the other nodes with different ways.

Fig.5 Mesh topology

As shown in the Fig.5 in mesh topology, each node in the network is connected to the other nodes of the network. The connection of each node with other makes it complex network. In this network the chances of gets down of network is very less.

**4. OptiSystem Software**

In an industry where cost effectiveness and productivity are imperative for success, the award winning OptiSystem can minimize time requirements and decrease cost related to the design of optical systems, links, and components. OptiSystem is an innovative, rapidly evolving, and powerful software design tool that enables users to plan, test, and simulate almost every type of optical link in the transmission layer of a broad spectrum of optical networks from LAN, SAN, and MAN to ultra-long haul. It offers transmission layer optical communication system design and planning from component to system level, and visually presents analysis and scenarios.

**4.1 SPECIFIC BENEFITS**

* Provides global insight into system performance.
* Assesses parameter sensitivities aiding design tolerance specifications.
* Visually presents design options and scenarios to prospective customers.
* Delivers straightforward access to extensive sets of system characterization data.
* Provides automatic parameter sweep and optimization.
* Integrates with the family of Optiwave products.

**4.2 Applications**

* Created to address the needs of research scientists, optical telecom engineers, system integrators, students, and a wide variety of other users, OptiSystem satisfies the demand of the evolving photonics market for a powerful yet easy to use optical system design tool.
* OptiSystem enables users to plan, test, and simulate (in both the time and frequency domain):
* Optical network designs including OTDM, SONET/ SDH rings, CWDM, DWDM, PON, Cable, OCDMA
* Single mode/multi-mode transmission
* Free space optics (FSO), Radio over fiber (ROF), OFDM (direct, coherent)
* Amplifiers and lasers (EDFA, SOA, Raman, Hybrid, GFF optimization, Fiber Lasers)
* Signal processing (Electrical, Digital, All-Optical)
* Transmitter and receiver (direct/coherent) sub system design
* Modulation formats (RZ, NRZ, CSRZ, DB, DPSK, QPSK, DP-QPSK, PM-QPSK, QAM-16, QAM-64)
* System performance analysis (Eye Diagram/ Q-factor/BER, Signal power/OSNR, Polarization states, Constellation diagrams, Linear and non-linear penalties)

**4.3 Key Functionality**

**1. Component Library**

The OptiSystem Component Library includes hundreds of components that enable you to enter parameters that can be measured from real devices. It integrates with test and measurement equipment from different vendors. Users can incorporate new components based on subsystems and user-defined libraries or utilize co-simulation with a third-party tool such as MATLAB or SPICE.

**2. Integration with Optiwave Software Tools**

OptiSystem allows you to employ specific Optiwave software tools for integrated and fibre optics at the component and circuit level: OptiSPICE, OptiBPM, OptiGrating, and OptiFiber.

**3. Mixed signal representation**

OptiSystem handles mixed signal formats for optical and electrical signals in the Component Library. OptiSystem calculates the signals using the appropriate algorithms related to the required simulation accuracy and efficiency.

**4. Quality and performance algorithms**

To predict the system performance, OptiSystem calculates parameters such as BER and Q-Factor using numerical analysis or semi-analytical techniques for systems limited by inter-symbol interference and noise.

**5. Advanced visualization tools**

Advanced visualization tools produce OSA Spectra, signal chirp, eye diagrams, polarization state, constellation diagrams and much more. Also included are WDM analysis tools listing signal power, gain, noise figure, and OSNR per channel.

**6. Data monitors**

You can select component ports to save the data and attach monitors after the simulation ends. This allows you to process data after the simulation without recalculating. You can attach an arbitrary number of visualizers to the monitor at the same port.

**7. Hierarchical simulation with subsystems**

To make a simulation tool flexible and efficient, it is essential to provide models at different abstraction levels, including the system, subsystem, and component levels. OptiSystem features a truly hierarchical definition of components and systems, allowing the simulation to be as detailed as the desired accuracy dictates.

**8. Powerful Script language**

You can enter arithmetical expressions for parameters and create global parameters that can be shared between components and subsystems using standard VB Script language. The script language can also manipulate and control OptiSystem, including calculations, layout creation and post-processing.

**9. State-of-the-art calculation dataflow**

The Calculation Scheduler controls the simulation by determining the order of execution of component modules according to the selected data flow model. The main data flow model that addresses the simulation of the transmission layer is the Component Iteration Data Flow (CIDF). The CIDF domain uses run-time scheduling, supporting conditions, data-dependent iteration, and true recursion. OptiSystem Optical Communication System and Amplifier Design Software.

**10. Report page**

A fully customizable report page allows you to display any set of parameters and results available in the design. The produced reports are organized into resizable and moveable spreadsheets, text, 2D and 3D graphs. It also includes HTML export and templates with pre-formatted report layouts.

**11. Bill of materials**

OptiSystem provides a cost analysis table of the system being designed, arranged by system, layout or component. Cost data can be exported to other applications or spreadsheets.

**12. Multiple layouts**

You can create many designs using the same project file, which allows you to create and modify your designs quickly and efficiently. Each OptiSystem project file can contain many design versions. Design versions are calculated and modified independently, but calculation results can be combined across different versions, allowing for comparison of the designs.

**4.4 FEATURES**

OptiSystem provides the most comprehensive optical communication and photonics design suite for optical design engineers. Its key features include:

1. **Transmitters library**

OptiSystem’s Transmitters library contains an extensive selection of optical sources (Fabry-Perot, DFB, and VCSEl), electrical and optical signal pulse generators, optical modulators (EA, MZ), electrical modulators and coders (QAM, PAM, FSK, OFDM) and multi-mode signal generators (Laguerre-Gaussian, Hermite-Gaussian).

Designers can choose between advanced physical-based or measurement-based (empirical) models for modelling the static and dynamic behavior of semiconductor lasers. Our physical-based models include 1D and 2D multi-mode laser rate equations, providing designers with the ability to switch between bulk laser rate models and the transmission line matrix method (TLMM).

1. **Receivers’ library**

The Receivers library contains all the building blocks needed to accurately model optical communication receiver sub-systems. Components include regenerators (clock/data recovery, 3R), electronic equalizers, threshold detectors, decision circuits for PSK/QAM modulation, PIN and APD photodetectors, demodulators (OFDM, frequency, phase amplitude), decoders (PAM, QAM, PSK, etc.), and digital signal processing (DSP) tool sets for single and dual polarization coherent PSK and QAM systems.

1. **Optical fibers**

Advanced, highly parameterized, optical fiber models can be used to characterize single mode and multi-mode signal propagation, including linear (dispersion), stochastic (PMD), and non-linear impairments (FWM, self-phase modulation, and cross-phase modulation). Using OptiSystem’s Bidirectional optical fiber component, it is possible to model and measure Rayleigh, Brillouin and Raman scattering effects.

1. **Amplifiers**

A comprehensive suite of steady state and dynamic optical amplifier models is provided, including advanced doped fiber models (Er, Er multi-mode, Er-Yb, Yb, Yb multi-mode, Tm, Pr) for detailed physical fiber amplifier design; EDFA and EDFA black box (gain spectrum, noise figure measurements) for WDM network systems design; dynamic and average power Raman models; and 1D/2D semiconductor optical amplifier models (lumped rate equation, travelling wave, TLMM). Electrical domain amplifiers are also provided for receiver design (Transimpedance, automatic gain control and limiting amplifier applications).

1. **Network design tools**

Network design tools include ideal and non-ideal models for optical switches, multiplexers, de-multiplexers, array waveguides (AWGs), fiber connectors, and PMD emulators.

1. **Signal processing**

Signal processing tools are provided for manipulating optical, electrical and binary signals. Functions and operations include bias generators, gain, signal addition and subtraction, normalizers, electrical differentiators and integrators, down-samplers, serial-parallel and parallel-serial converters, electrical flip flops, and electrical/binary logic operators.

1. **Visualization tools**

Visualization and post-simulation analysis tools include BER test sets and analyzers, eye diagram analyzers, spectrum analyzers, oscilloscopes, optical time domain viewers, power meters, polarization analyzers, spatial visualizers, encircled flux, DMD analyzer, photonic all parameter analyzer, filter analyzer, and S-parameter extractor.

# **Performance Investigation of FSO Network under**

# **Different Weather Conditions**

* 1. **Introduction**

Long distance transmission and high data rate is the obligation in the optical communication which leads to improvements that can dispose of the need for costly alterations from optical to electrical signal and vice versa. In Free space optical (FSO) communication, free space is used as medium for transfer information of an optical carrier. In recent past, FSO communication has recently exert influenced large scale interest within the investigation community, since it can be auspicious for number of applications. FSO communication free of licensing, because operates at extremely high frequency. FSO communication is a line-of-sight (LOS) technology, which is operating the optical communications with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd transmission windows respectively at wavelengths of 850nm, 1300 nm and 1550nm. These wavelengths of transmission windows have attenuation less than 0.2dB/km, which can use the same commercial components of an optical fiber. The adherence and individuality of the link is highly atmospheric factors dependent such as rain, fog, dust, smog, and heat. FSO components are embracing three stages: transmitter to broadcast an optical radiation over the atmosphere, free space transmission channel where the odd turbulent factors like cloud, rain, smoke, gases, temperature variations, fog and aerosol exists and receiver to process the received signal. Larger bandwidth, higher gain of antenna, better privacy/security, smaller antenna and component sizes, and lower component costs are the advantages of FSO communication systems. Due to these advantages, FSO has been widely used in applications like space communications, temporary installations of network, safety add-on for important fiber connections, aircraft-to-aircraft communications, the last-mile access, and military applications. To enhance the performance of FSO systems, various techniques of generation are used. These techniques are known as the Optical Code Division Multiple Access based Spectral Amplitude Coding system (OCDMA Based SAC System), High Speed Long Reach OFDM (Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing) Schemes based systems and WDM scheme-based System. In FSO communication, medium of the transmission-receiving is an atmosphere and there are some un-ignorable environmental challenges. Most of the atmospheric phenomenon like scintillation, geometric losses, absorption, atmospheric turbulence, atmospheric attenuation, scattering and attenuation due to weather conditions of atmosphere. Several considerations have been supervised on the different weather of different regions and the existence of beam wander has been investigated by correlating bit error ratio with beam width. In terrestrial region, the optical link attenuation measurements results have been performed experimentally for visibilities ranging from 9-12 km. With operating wavelength of 780nm a visibility and attenuation have been calculated over a distance for a FSO link.

In Canada region, different sorts of modulations have been studied to resolve the rain attenuation effect on FSO performance. It was realized that as compared to the low rain rate, the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) and bit-error rate (BER) has been severely degraded in the results with a high rain rate.

In Changsha, China region, point to one-point (P2OP) FSO communication has been established in heavy rain weather. Further it was realized that the potentiality of communication links with bit rate up to 1.5 Gbps is up to 3 km with WDM spectrum slicing (SS) technique in heavy rain season. During this course of work, point-to-multi-point (P2MP) communication in a hybrid topology-based network with data rate up to 5 Gbps/channel with the acceptable results has been investigated. The results at every node of the network have been observed for all weather conditions. The attenuation factors with the time duration of weather seasons are described in Table 1. From This table, it has been adhered that the rainy season shows the maximum attenuation throughout all seasons. It can upgrade the system capacity to achieve high speed network facilities. FSO will functions properly with using the optical repeaters after an appropriate transmission distance.

Table 1: Season details with respective Attenuation

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Weather Season** | **Time Duration** | **Attenuation (dB/km)** |
| Clear Season | March to Last June | 0.23 |
| Rain Season | July to September & September to October | 9.64 |
| Haste Season | December to February | 2.37 |

* 1. **Proposed Hybrid Topology**

In this network, different optical source has been used for the generation of each input signal. An optical multiplexer and de-multiplexer have been used according to their application of combining and for slicing the signal to the number of channels with their wavelengths and at the receiver end, photodetector has been used. In literature, in WDM technology, the optical transmission spectrum is distributed into a number of different frequency/wavelength bands, with a single wavelength communication channel operating at desired rate. In optical communication system, WDM is a technology in which bidirectional communications is used over fiber and capacity multiplication. In this present piece of work for the implementation of a bit stream of 5 Gbps data rate per channel, NRZ modulation format with Pseudo code generator has been used. Further, with the channel spacing of 0.5 nm the twelve multiplexed signals are transmitted over a FSO channel in the rings and fifteen signals are transmitted over a high-speed link between two rings.

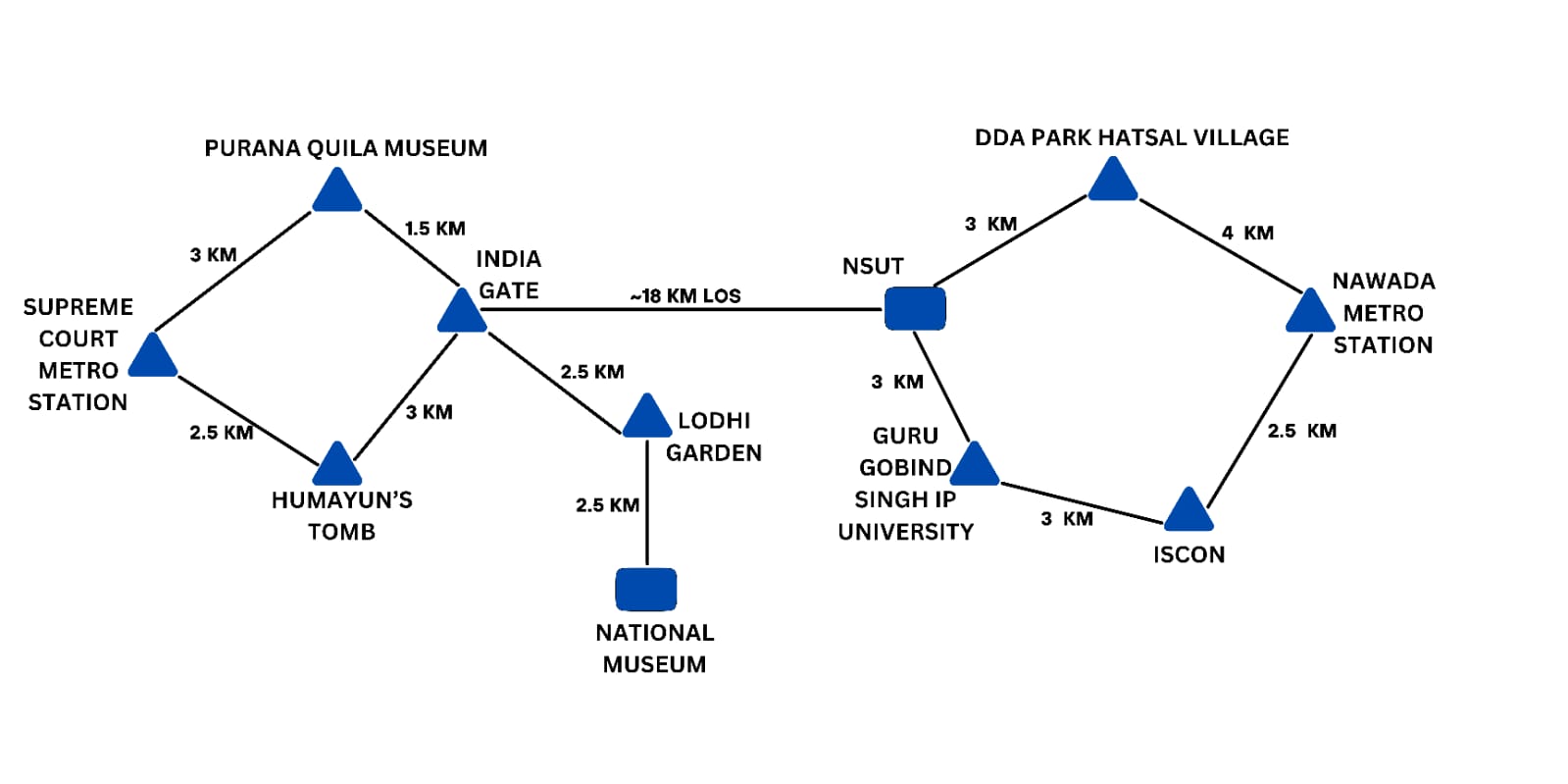
The proposed hybrid network architecture is shown in the Fig.6.The 12 channels of different wavelengths which start from 1550nm have been generated using the 12-continuous wave (CW) laser sources. At each node, 9 channels have been dropped out and the rest 3 channels have been used for the transmission between other nodes. According to the weather conditions, the input power of CW laser has been set like 20 dBm for a Clear season, 30 dBm for hasty season and 40 dBm for the rainy season. The Mach-Zehnder Modulator has been used to modulate the optical signals. The 12:1 multiplexer has been used to multiplex/combine the channels for the transmission over a single channel. Then the modulated signal has been transmitted over an FSO network with 11 nodes spreading over different lengths.

Fig.6 Architecture of FSO Network

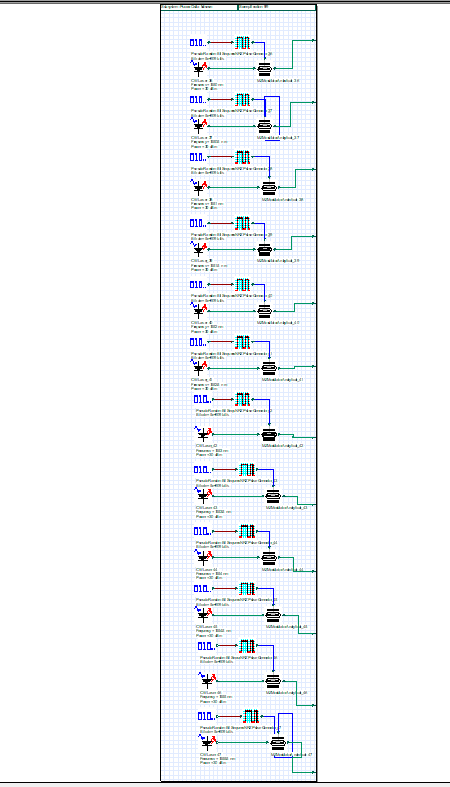


Fig.7 12 Channel Transmitter

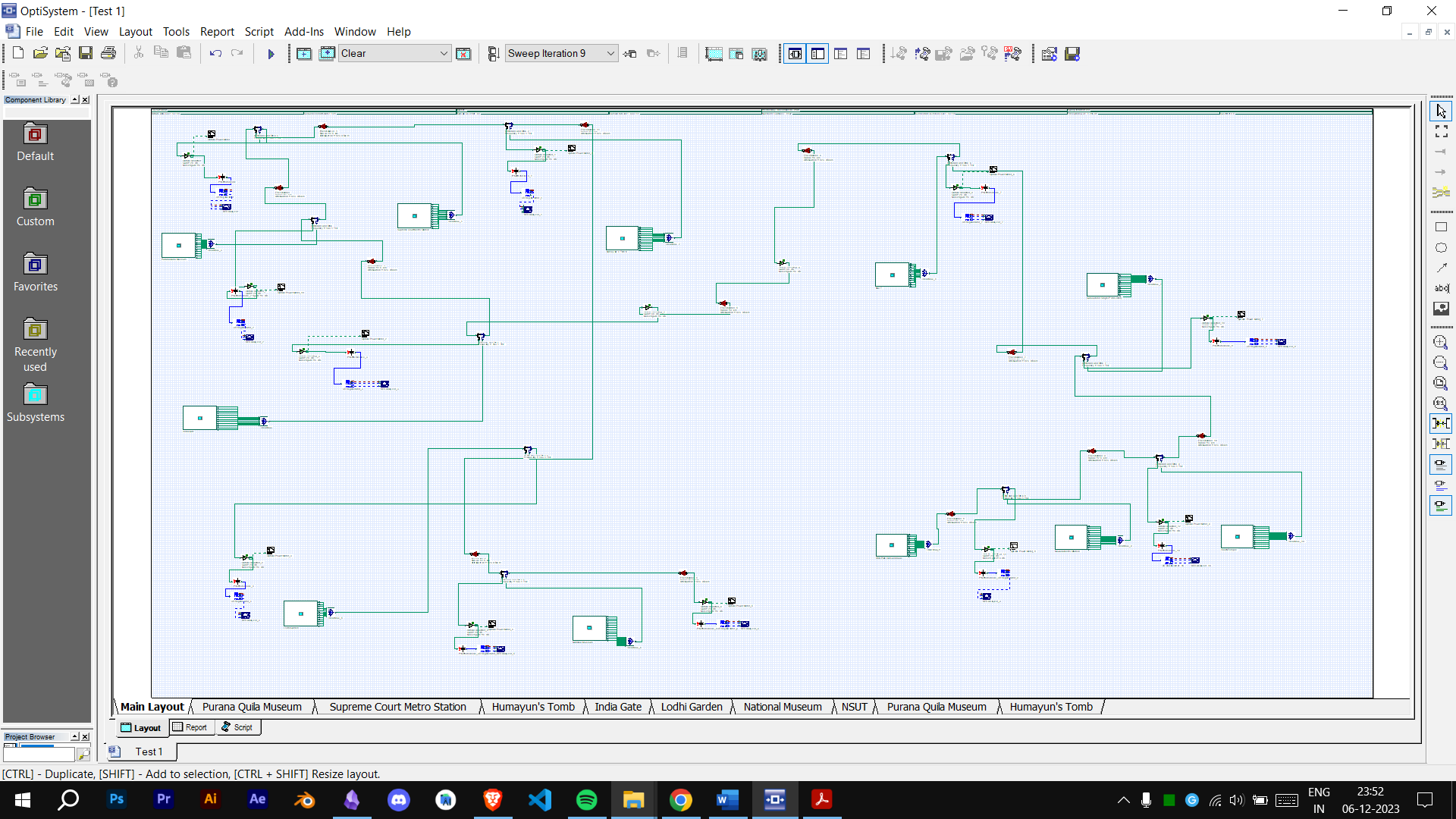


Fig.8 Simulated Setup for Clear Season

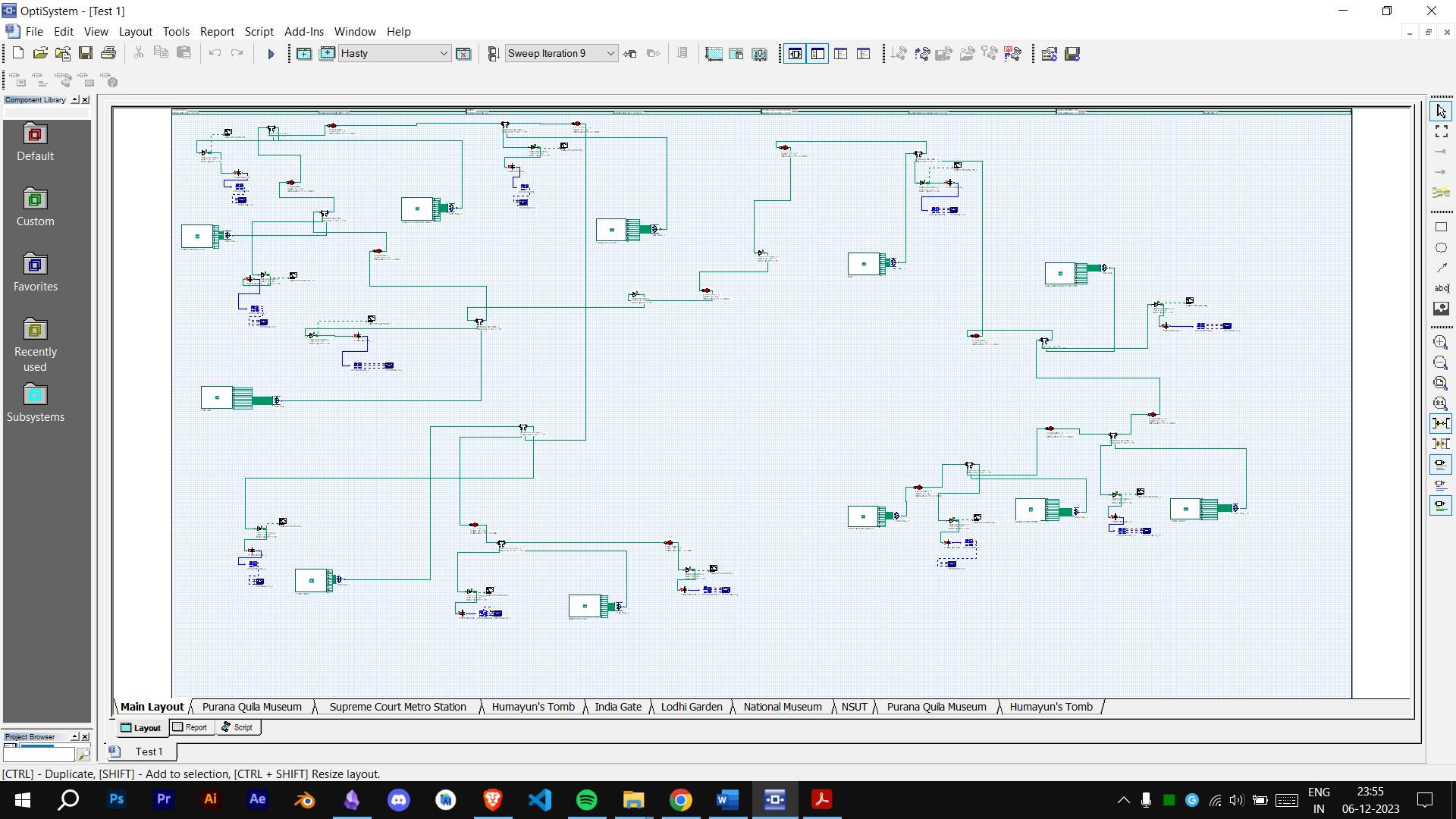


Fig.9 Simulated Setup for Hasty Season

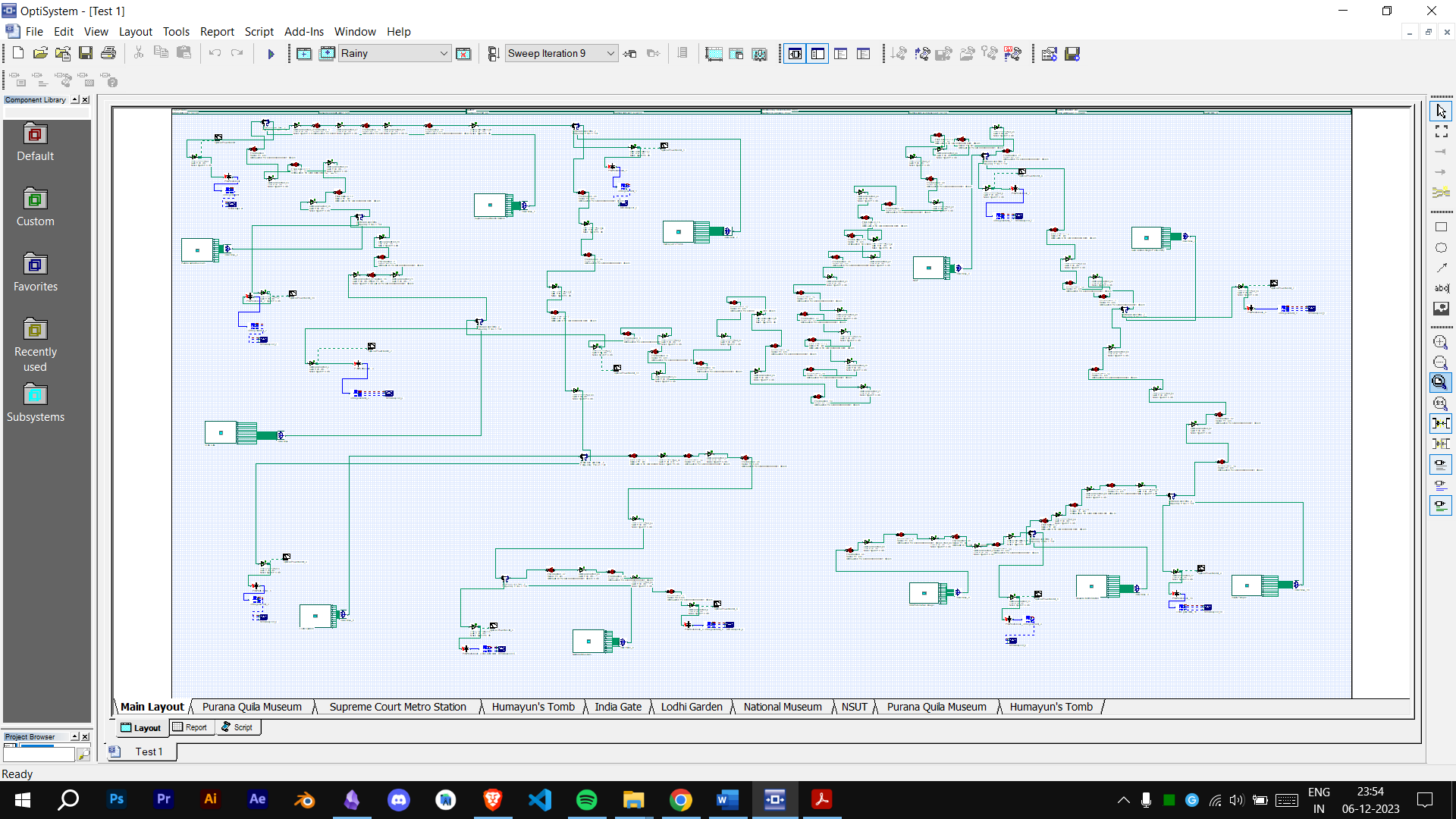


Fig.10 Simulated Setup for Rainy Season

The different parameters of FSO channel which are used in simulation has been explained in Table 2.  In FSO channels, the propagation distance between transmitter and receiver end is defined by Range parameter.

Table 2: Parameters of FSO Channel

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Parameters** | **Range** |
| Input power | Clear weather: 20 dBm  Hasty weather: 30 dBm  Rainy weather: 40 dBm |
| Wavelength | 1550 nm onwards (12 channels with equal channel spacing of 0.5 nm) |
| Bit Rate | 5 Gbps |
| Transmitting Distance | INDIA GATE to Purana Quila Museum: 4 km  Purana Quila Museum to Supreme Court Metro Station: 3 km  Supreme Court Metro Station to HUMAYUN’s Tomb: 2.5 km  Kali Mata HUMAYUN’s Tomb to INDIA GATE: 3 km  INDIA GATE to Lodhi Garden: 2.5 km  Lodhi Garden to National Museum: 2.5 km  INDIA GATE to NSUT: 18 km  NSUT to DDA Park Hastal Village: 3 km  DDA Park Hastal Village to Nawada Metro Station: 4 km  Nawada Metro Station to ISCON: 2.5 km  ISCON to Guru Gobind Singh IP University: 3 km  Guru Gobind Singh IP University to NSUT: 3 km |
| Extinction Ratio | 30 dB |
| Attenuation | Varying (According to Weather condition defined in Table 1) |

An optical add-drop multiplexer (OADM) has been used to receive a signal from drop port and it will transmit another signal from add port at each node of ring network. Extremely high attenuation (9.67 dB/km) has been observed in case of the rainy season, which leads the unacceptable performance. Hence, for the acceptable performance and continuous working of network, the repeaters are needed after every 1 km of transmission distance. On the receiver end, with tuning the filter to desired wavelength, any signal from twelve channels can be received at every node of the network. At the receiving end of every node, for the conversion of an optical signal to electrical signal, the PIN/Avalanche photodetector has been used.

# **RESULTS**

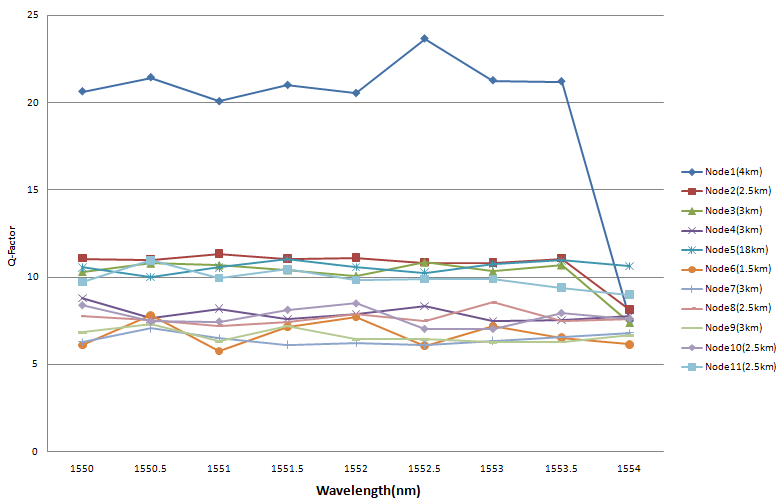
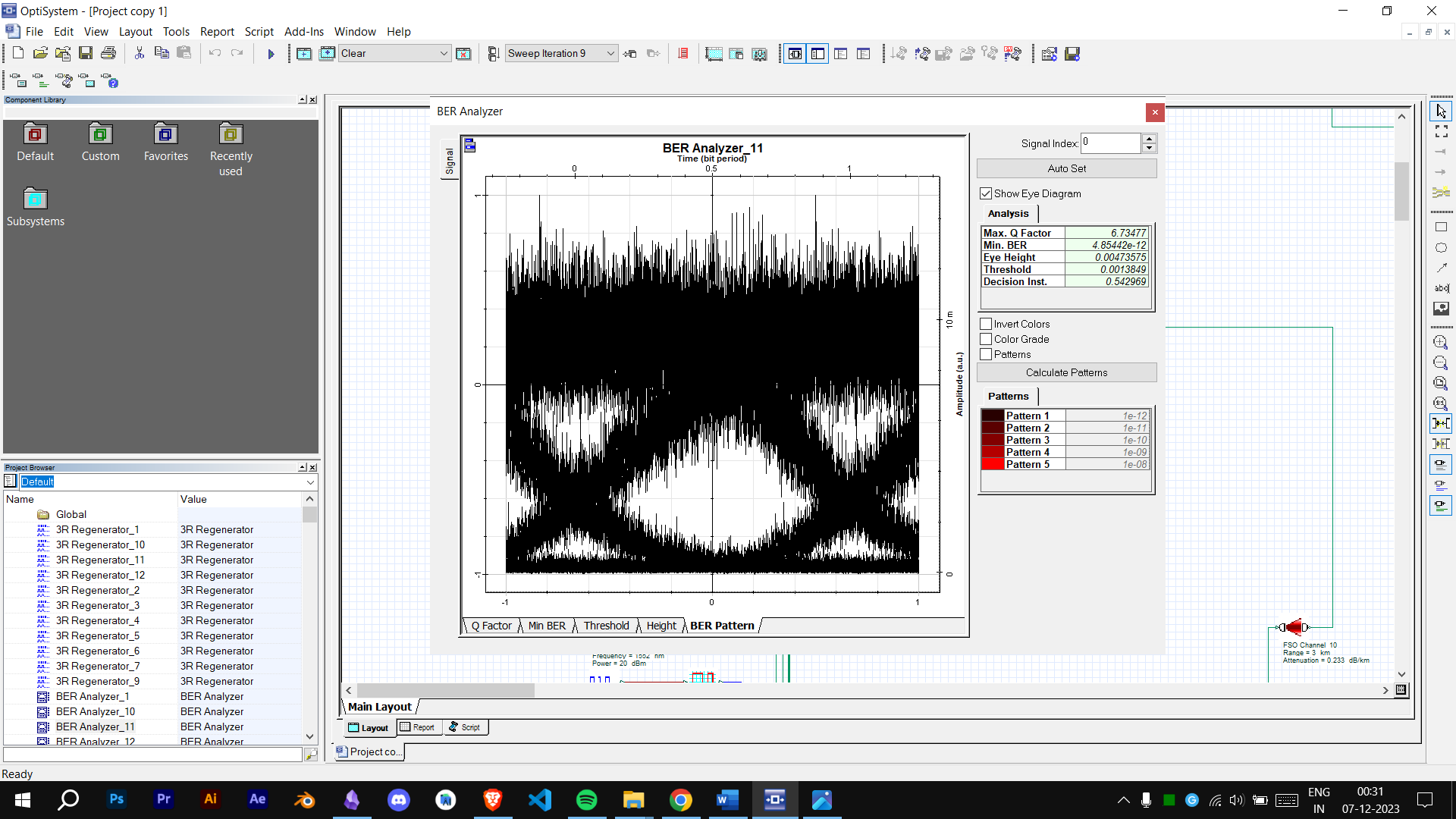
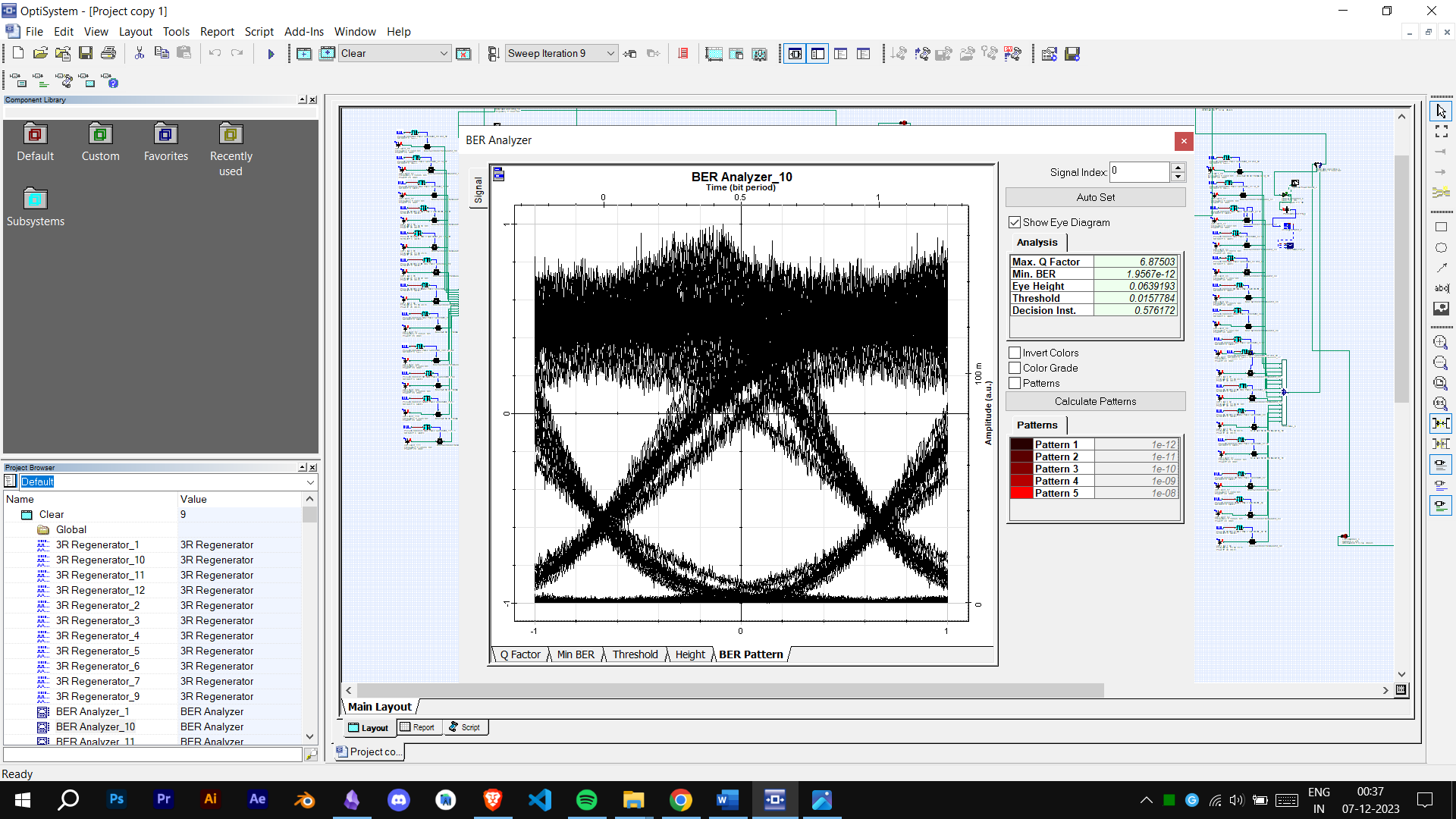
In this Report, the Optisystem simulation software of Optiwave has been used to carry out simulations. The result representations have been described that the proposed hybrid network is performing well, and it is suitable for FSO communication with bit rate of 5 Gbps during all seasons. The Fig.11 shows the variations of Q factor with respect to the used wavelengths at each node for clear season, in which the Node 1(4 km) has high Q factor than other node. The reason behind it is that this node is the first transmitting node in the network. The average variation of Q-factor has been shown by Node 2(2.5 km), Node 3(3 km), Node 5(18 km) and Node 11(2.5 km) as compared to the rest nodes. The rest nodes Node 4(3 km), Node 6(1.5 km), Node 7(3 km), Node 8(2.5 km), Node 9(3 km) and Node 10(2.5 km) shows the minimum Q-factor then other nodes. Fig.12 shows the output eye diagram of each node of the designed network.

Fig.11 Graph of variation of Q factor with respect to the used wavelengths at each node for clear season



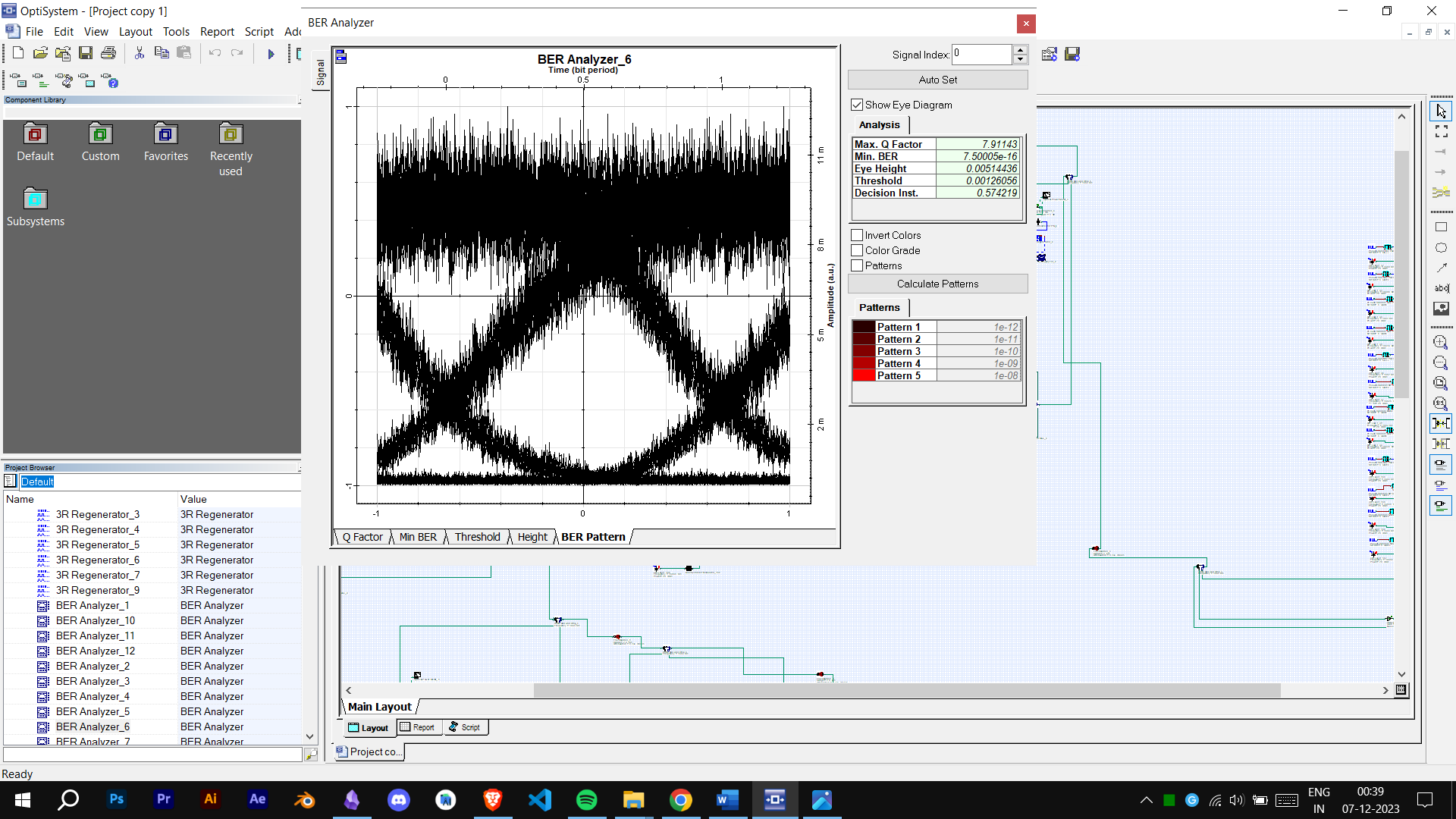


Fig.12 the received output eye diagram (1550 nm) at different nodes for clear season

The Fig. 13 describes the variation in Q-Factor with wavelength for hasty season. Node 1(4 km) and Node 11(2.5km) have high Q-Factor as compared to other nodes, because these nodes are the starting and last nodes of the proposed network. The attenuation factor in the hasty season is average than these two other seasons. The rest of the nodes show the greater Q-factor then the acceptable value. The output received eye diagrams of every node have been described in the Eye diagrams Fig. 14.

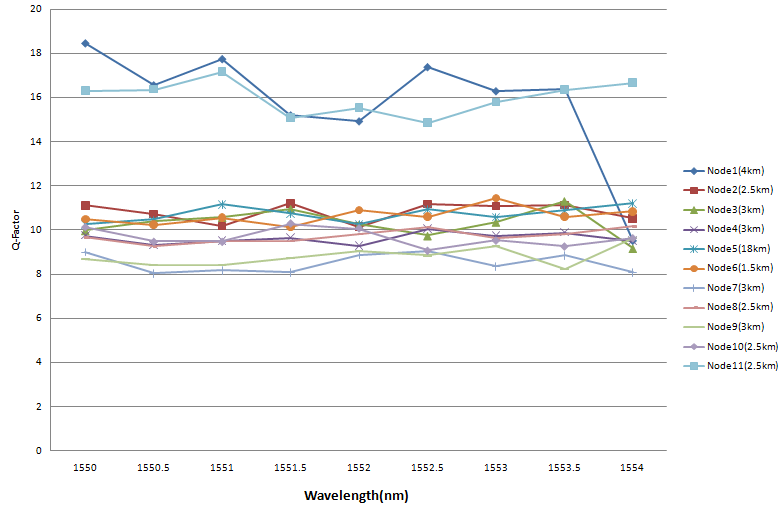


Fig.13 Graph of Q factor with respect to the used wavelengths at each node for hasty season

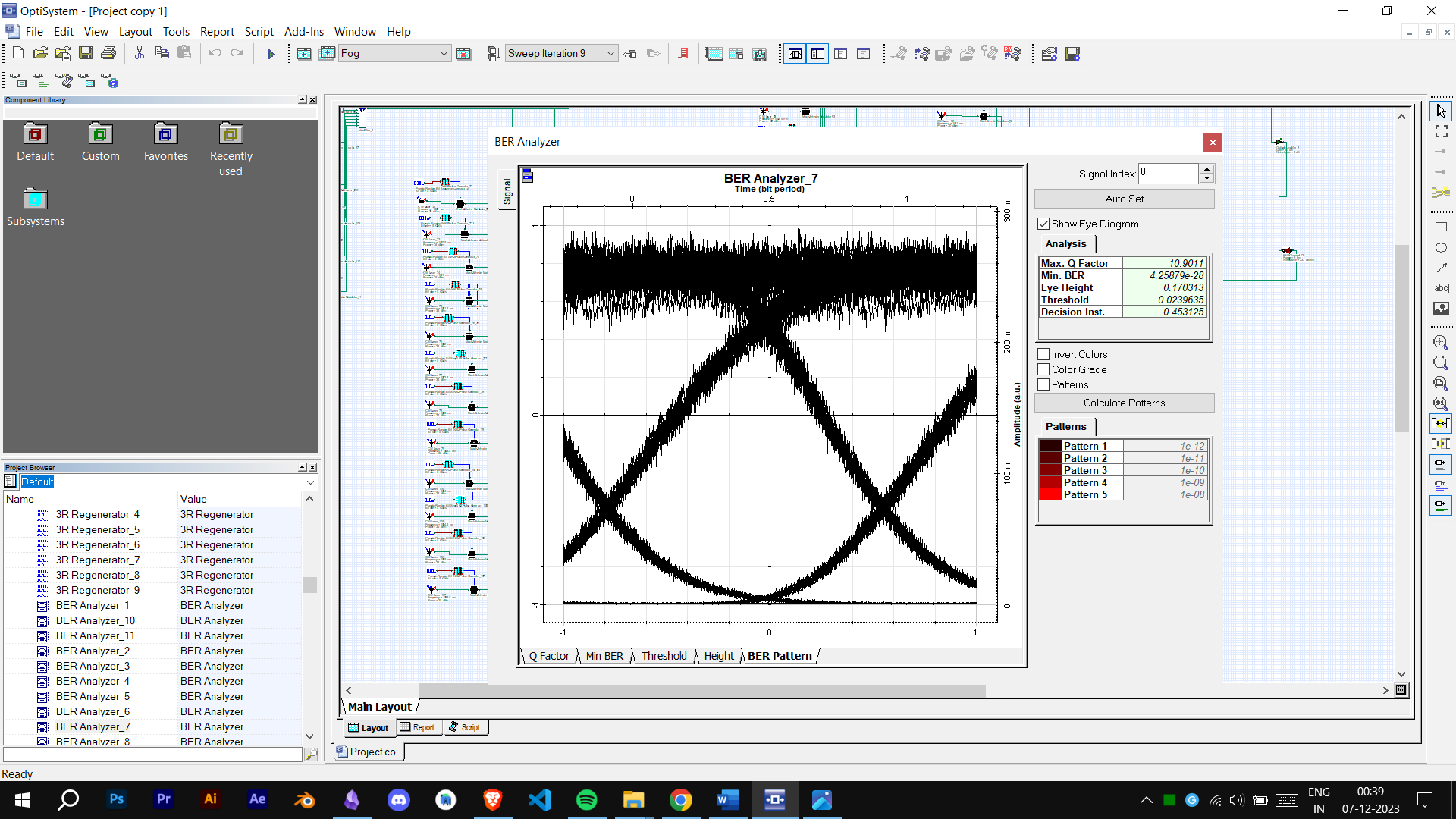
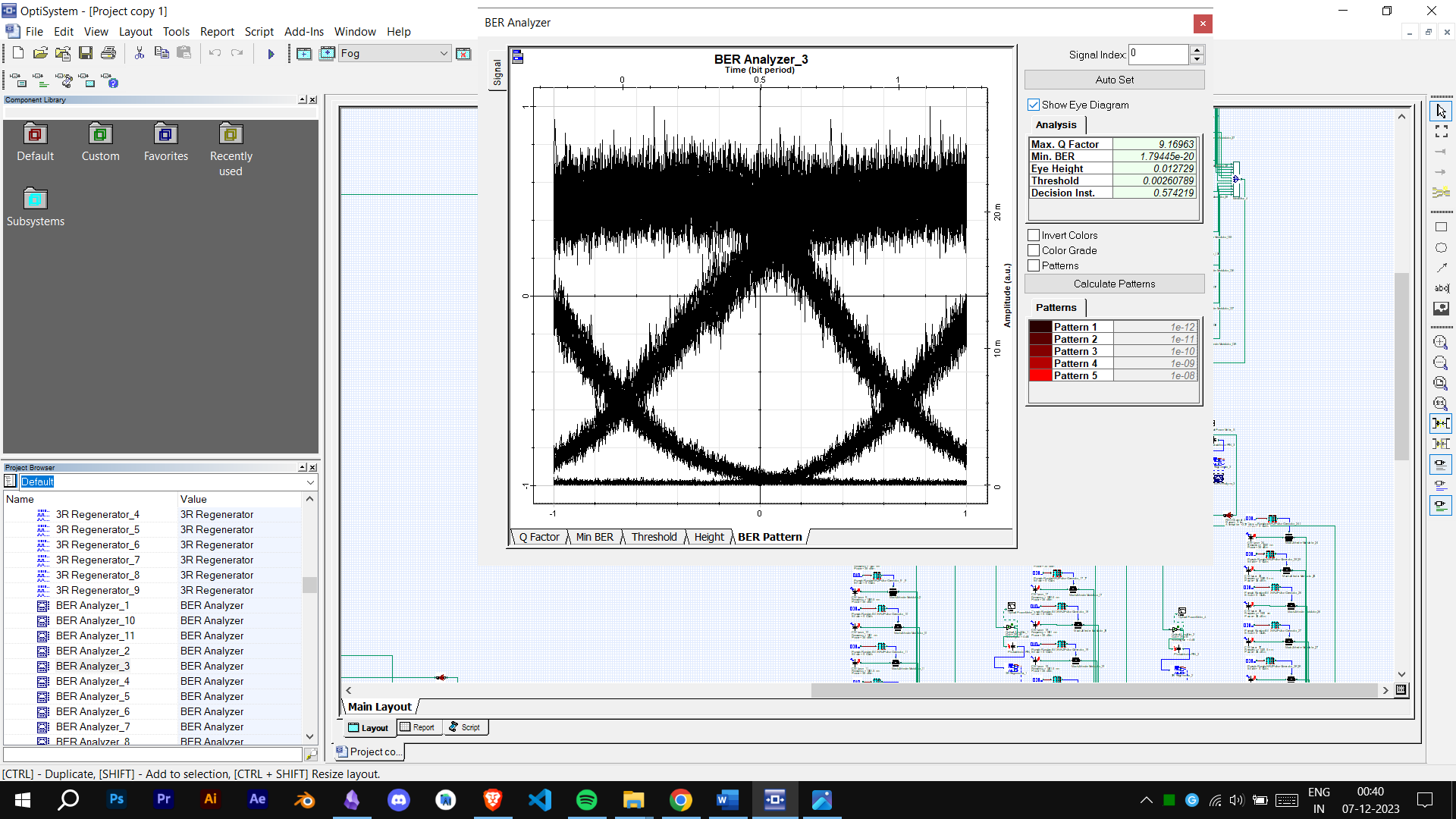
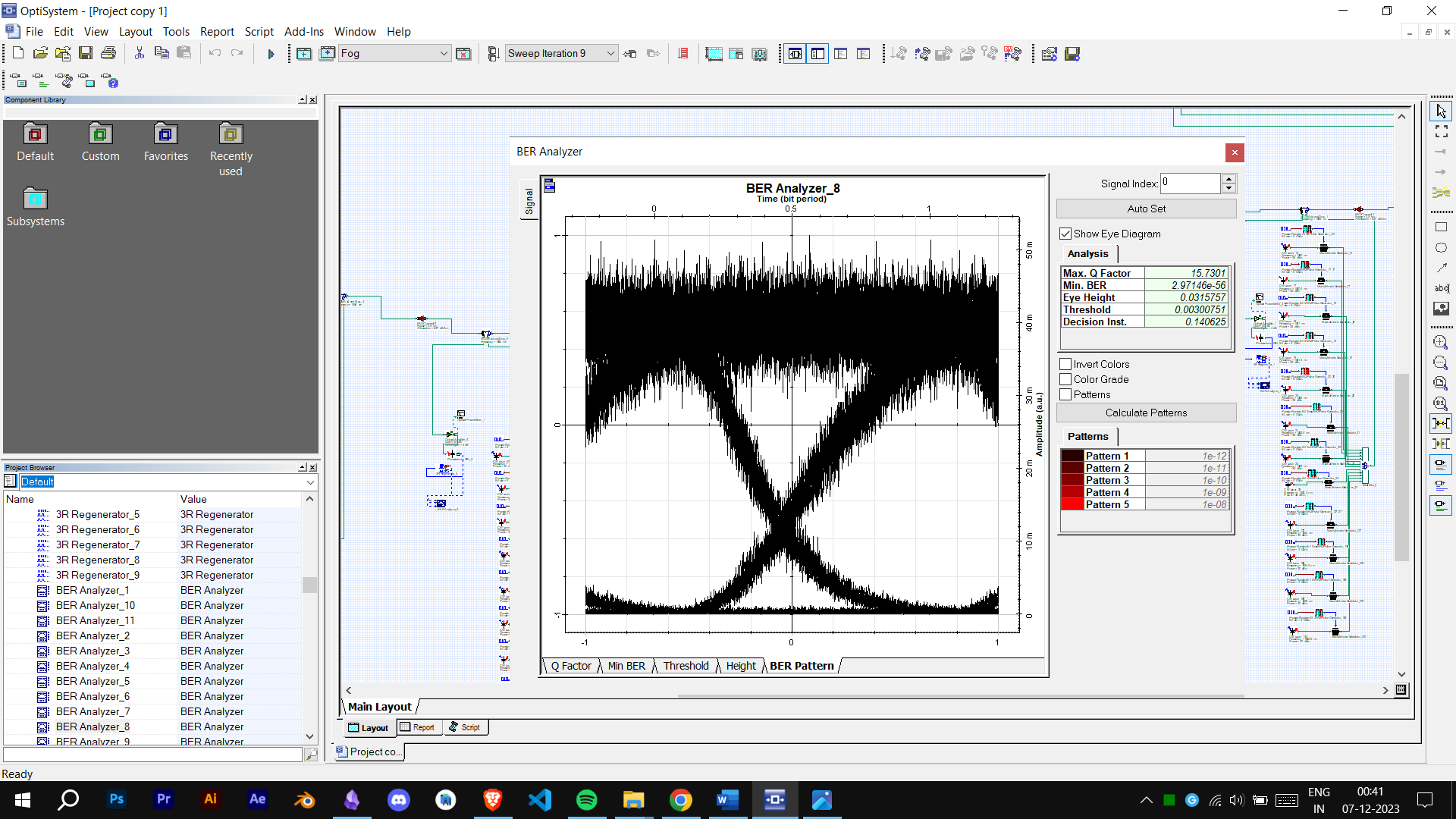


Fig.14 The received output eye diagram (1550 nm) at different nodes for hasty season

During the rainy season, the droplet can lead to the irregularities like scattering and atmospheric attenuation which will decrease possibilities of the communication link range. To overcome the scattering and atmospheric attenuation due to the raindrops and increase the possibilities of FSO communication link range, the optical repeater or optical amplifier can be used. Fig. 15 describes the variation of Q-factor with respect to wavelength used. The performance of the proposed network during this season is better as compared to the other season. The reason behind is that due to the high attenuation (9.64 dB/km) of rainy season, the optical amplifier has been used after 1 km of FSO channel. The received output eye diagrams of node have been shown in Fig. 16.

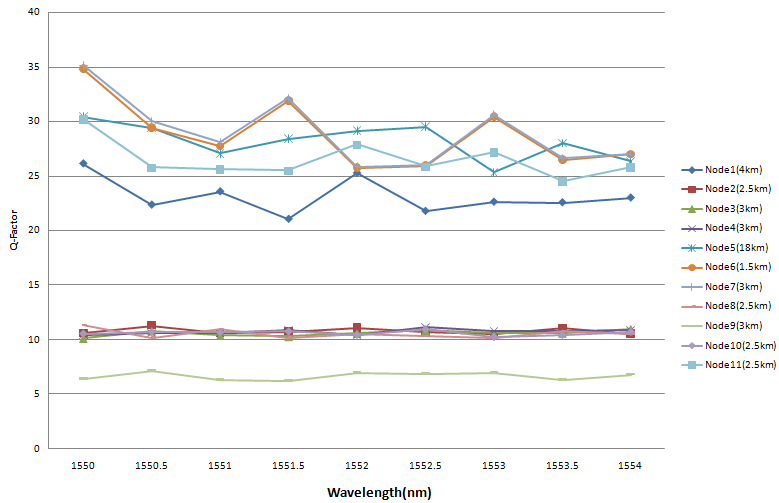


Fig.15 Graph of Q factor with respect to the used wavelengths at each node for rainy season

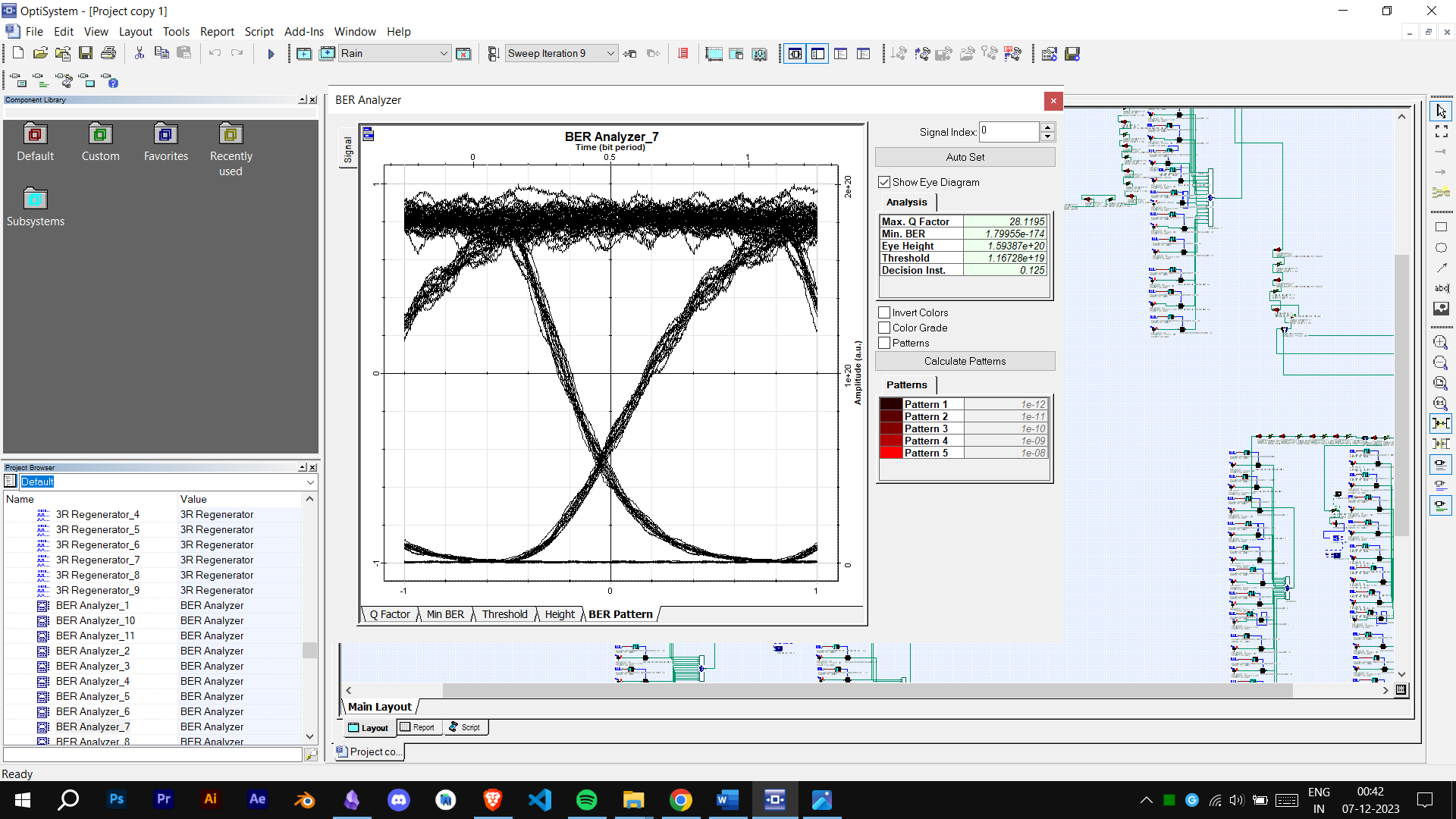
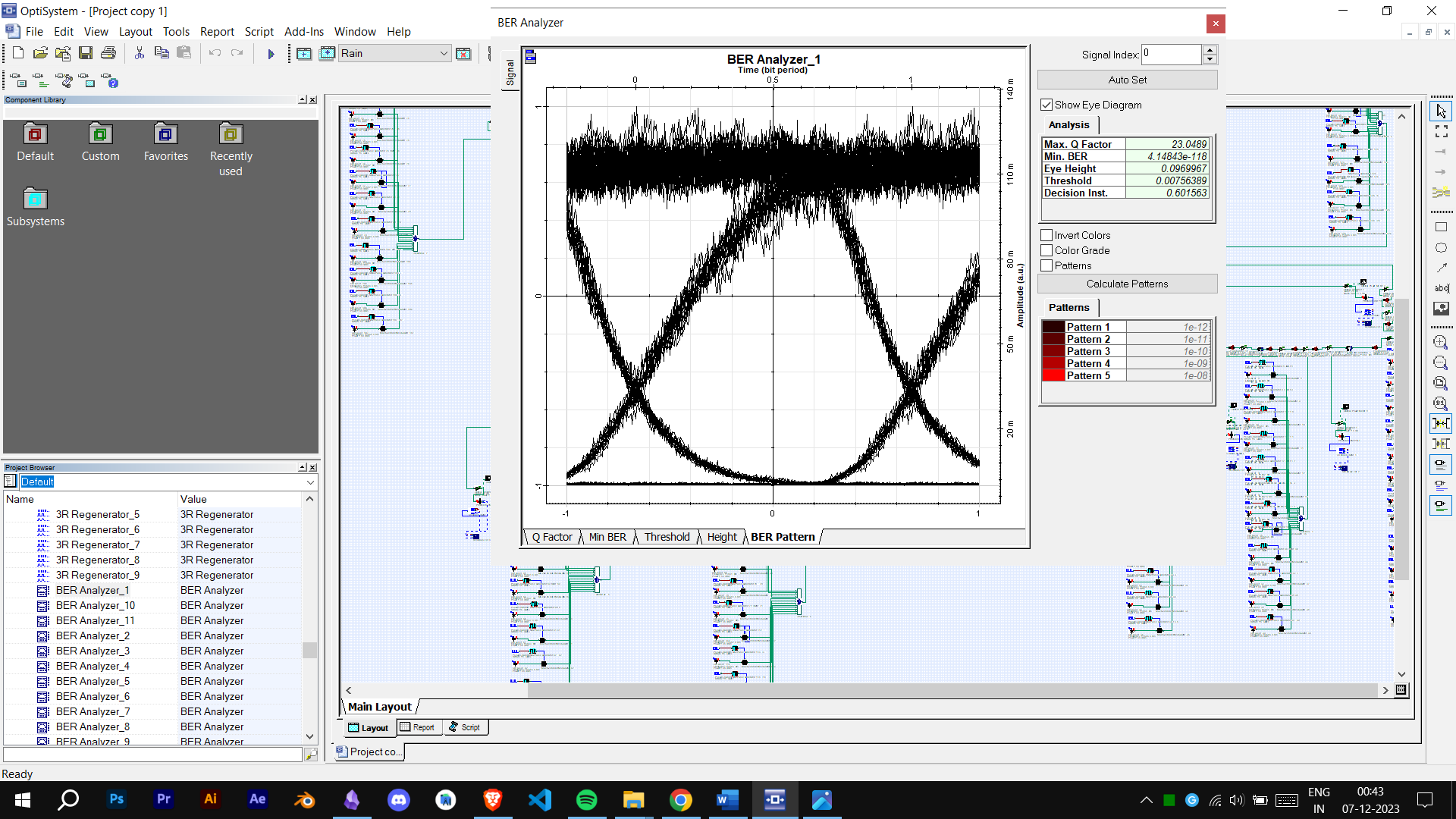
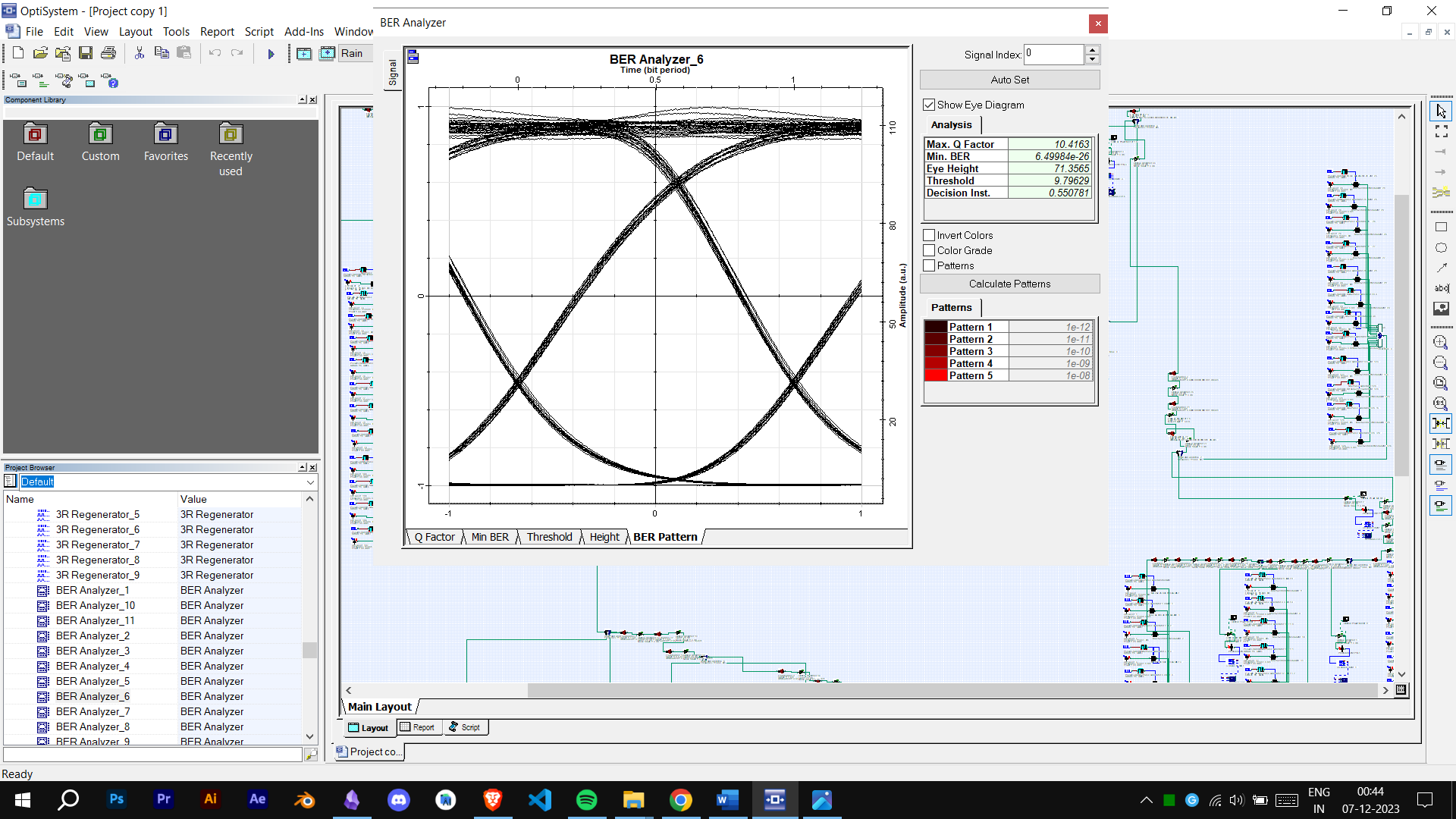


Fig.16 the received output eye diagram (1550 nm) at different nodes for rainy season

**CONCLUSION**

In this work, an FSO communication network has been proposed throughout the INDIA GATE and Dwarka region, New Delhi, India. The weather conditions of this region have also been analyzed. The FSO communication link performance through all-weather seasons of INDIA GATE and Dwarka region has been observed. In all the weather seasons, the results at each node of the network have been calculated in terms of BER and Q-Factor. It has been concluded that in rainy season, there is a need of repeaters or amplifiers after every 1 km due to more attenuation than the other clear and foggy seasons. Further, it has been concluded that the rainy season output Q-Factor is better than other seasons.

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