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Abstract:

A scheme for transportation of information with minimum Rayleigh backscattering (RB) noise to the multi-users by employing Qdash laser diode as a source is designed and evaluated. In this paper, employing DPSK, MMW, 16-QAM OFDM, and 32-QAM OFDM techniques, the data rates of 4X10 Gbps are transmitted simultaneously over 50 km single mode fiber (SMF), plus 15 m wireless link, 50 m FSO link, 10 m wireless respectively. Four selective self-injection locked modes of Qdash laser are utilized as optical carriers for downstream (DS) and upstream (US) transmission. To ensure the matter of mitigation of RB noise, which mainly arises due to the transmission of light-wave of same wavelengths in bidirectional transportation, the carrier signals of different wavelength are used for modulation and remodulation in OLT and ONU. Besides being a strong support to increase the tolerance level against RB noise, this architecture is capable to transmit less noisy information wirelessly in RF sensitive areas too. The constancy of the proposed architecture is evaluated by very low power penalty, clear constellation, prominent eye opening, low bit-error-rate and low error vector magnitude. Therefore, the proposed architecture could be promising alternative not only due to the scheme for mitigation of RB noise but also be a potent in the field of applications of the communication world to provide less noisy information to the multi-users (wired/wireless/FSO).

Keywords: Rayleigh backscattering, self-injection locked Qdash laser, WDM-OFDM network.

Introduction:

To fulfill the exponentially increasing demand of pressing bandwidth requirements of the users, development of passive optical network (PON) technology is a promising solution (Y. T. Hsueh et al. 2013). Time-division-multiplexing (TDM) and wavelength division multiplexing (WDM) technologies upgrade the PON systems for broadband services (C. H. Yeh et al. 2008, F. Y. Shih et al. 2010). Several ideas and approaches are reported exploiting TDM-PON systems but still the data rate is inadequate for high resolution video, next generation communication systems (5G), IP networks and multi-services (C. H. Yeh et al. 2012, C.W. Chow et al. 2013, Z. Dong et al. 2015). WDM, time and wavelength division multiplexing (TWDM) technologies perform even better to gratify the thirst of capacity requirements of PON systems for end users (F. Y. Shih et al. 2010, M. Zhu et al. 2013, L. Yi et al. 2013, K. Taguchi et al. 2018). Besides being the backbone of a SMF based optical transport system (G. C. Mandal et al. 2017), a hybrid WDM transport system plays the same role for RF, optical, and wireless based networks too due to its high speed-data rate, wide bandwidth, large coverage range (Chung Yi Li et al. 2016). Furthermore, with the advantages such as high spectral efficiency, strengthen security, good quantifiability, long reach; orthogonal frequency division multiplexing quadrature amplitude modulation (OFDM-QAM) technique pulls the PON systems one step up in advancing to support the broadband services (J. Yu et al. 2008). J. Yu et al. (2008) proposed and demonstrated a WDM-PON system employing QAM modulation for 10 Gbps transmission. In the communication world, free space optics (FSO) communication takes the distinct attenuation to transmit data with high speed and wide bandwidth especially in rural and urban areas without any complications of installation (M. A. Khalighi et al. 2014, A. C. Motlagh et al. 2010). Use of proper and effectual (low power consuming, high efficient, cost effective) light sources in optical line terminal (OLT) and optical network unit (ONU) is also an alternative solution to make the
transport system more upgraded and advantageous. J. Kani (2010) showed colorless PONs can make the system more efficient and cost effective too. In this scenario, use of Fabry-Perot (FP) laser with injection locking technique instead of employing distributed feedback (DFB) lasers or reflective semiconductor optical amplifiers (RSOA) or its equivalent, which are little bit costly, can be the best solution for cost effectiveness of the system (Z. Xu et al. 2007). In those systems, either a passive device (like, band pass filter) for self-seeding or external seeding sources are used to control FP mode or wavelength of subcarrier. There are several number of works already reported employing light sources with various types of external injection locking schemes for next generation WDM-PON systems with high data capacity (K. Y. Cho et al. 2012, Q.T. Nguyen et al. 2010, M. Cheng et al. 2014, X. Cheng et al. 2006) but power limitation, intensity noise, narrow bandwidth tunability make issues for some of these systems. Later, J. N. Kemal et al. (2017) showed Q-dash laser source with mode locking scheme in WDM system can be able to overcome the limitations mentioned earlier. Furthermore, to make the transport system more acceptable to the upcoming communication system, reuse of wavelength in WDM-PON by employing RSOA can be considered as an alternative solution (I. Cano et al. 2010, P. Parolari et al. 2014). However, bidirectional transmission system performance degrades by unavoidable Fresnel back-reflections and RB noise which arises due to the propagation of signals of same wavelength in both directions and these cause to become worse in case of long-reach WDM-PON (Q. Feng et al. 2015). Several research groups have been proposed and investigated different techniques and architectures to mitigate RB noise (T. Yoshida et al. 2006, C. W. Chow et al. 2007, J. A. Lazaro et al. 2007). C. H. Yeh et al (2012) proposed a technique to minimise RB noise by exploiting unique fiber access network system. Among various reported approaches, crossed network technique might be considered as an effective solution to mitigate RB noise or crosstalk (A. Chiuchiarelli et al. 2009). P. K. Choudhury (2018) reported the technique for enhancement of noise tolerance for 10 Gbps bidirectional crossed network employing spectrally shaped OFDM signal which can be considered as an effective solution to reduce RB noise.

In this paper, a bidirectional hybrid WDM-OFDM network is proposed and demonstrated to transport RB noise mitigated information for multi-service communication such as, wired/wireless/FSO transmission by employing a multi-wavelength Qdash laser as a source. For this transportation, five selected modes of the laser source with 50GHz spacing is used to modulate by different data for multi-service communication for both DS and US transmission. Among five, four optical carriers $\lambda_1$, $\lambda_2$, $\lambda_3$, $\lambda_4$ are selected for modulation for DS transmission and $\lambda_2$, $\lambda_3$, $\lambda_4$, $\lambda_5$ are chosen for US transmission. With the assistance of 2x4 multiplexer/demultiplexer, we are able to separate the DS and US transmission port for bidirectional transmission that ensures the condition for avoiding RB noise, which arises from the transportation of signals of similar wavelength in a single fiber can be gratified. 10 Gbps/100 GHz MMW, 10 Gbps/16 QAM OFDM signal, 10 Gbps DPSK signal and 10 Gbps/32 QAM OFDM signals are transmitted successfully over 50 km SMF as well as 15m
wirelessly, 50m FSO link along with 50 km SMF, 50 km SMF and 50 km SMF as well as 10m wirelessly for DS transmission respectively. The feasibility of this architecture is evaluated or can be achieved by low BER value, proper EVM value, clear constellation and prominent eye opening. As per our knowledge on the basis of literature survey, this is the very first time where, the architecture for transportation of 10 Gbps data in each of four channels with minimum RB noise over 50 km SMF for multi-users (wired/wireless/FSO link) is projected and examined.

Quantum dash laser source:

Nowadays, quantum dash laser diodes attract considerable attention owing to unrivalled potential to deliver a number of advantages such as very high gain, lower threshold current, higher thermal stability over bulk based devices or quantum well devices (N. N. Ledentsov et al. 2000). By providing broad gain spectrum and first carrier dynamics Qdash mode locked laser makes itself more impressive and attractive in the field of application in communication world (F. Lelarge et al. 2007). Several Qdash lasers based on InAs/GaAs, that operating in the 1.3 μm window already gathered faith by its marvelous performance through thermal stability, high differential gain etc. InAs/InP based Qdash lasers are more appreciable to the telecommunication world for its operating window range (1.4-1.6 μm) (N. N. Ledentsov et al. 2000, D. Bimberg et al. 1997, M. Sugawara et al. 2000, J. P. Reithmaier et al. 2002). A self-injection locked laser diode is employed as multi-wavelength source with flat and wide optical spectrum centered at 1555 nm that ensues the reduction of the number of sources too for providing multiservice to the users. To maintain the continuity of the experiment in OLT/ONU section from source, compatibility condition between channel spacing of the tunable AWG and mode spacing of Qdash laser must be required or mandatory that means the frequency and the channel spacing of tunable AWG must be adjusted in such way that, it concurs with that of the modes of Qdash laser. In our set up to fulfill the compatibility condition between mode spacing of Qdash laser and 50 GHz channel spacing of tunable AWG, optimization of cavity length of the Qdash laser is exploited. By matching the mode spacing with channel spacing, use of an individual channel frequency controller could be avoided. Each of the channels generated from mode-locked laser source is coherent and besides that, different channels of AWG are specified for different selected modes of the Qdash laser. Gas source molecular beam epitaxy (GSMBE) on S-doped (100) InP wafer is employed to grow up the Qdash based heterostructure using “self-organized” Stransky-Krastanow growth mode (F. Lelarge et al. 2007, R. Rosales 2012). The active layer structure of dashes-in-barrier design consisting of 6 layers of InAs Qdashes (emitting at 1.55 μm), that is separated by InGaAsP barriers (λg= 1.23 μm) is employed here. The typical diameter and height of Qdash are 19 nm and 2.4 nm respectively with density of Qdash per layer is 2.5x10^{10} cm^{-2}. The operating current of Qdash mode locked laser diode is 310 mA. The made-up lasers are sliced at a length of 840 μm to get adequate channel spacing. Moreover, increase of relative intensity noise (RIN) of selected mode especially in low frequency makes an obstacle when, amplified Qdash lasers are used as a WDM
source. Self-injection locking technique could be considered as an incredible solution to reduce RIN effect by going through new lasing regime with higher resonance frequency (G. C. Mandal et al. 2018). For generation of self-injection locked five comb optical carriers from the Qdash laser diode, an optical circulator (OC), an erbium-doped fiber amplifier (EDFA) of gain +20 dB, a coupler (CP) of 3 dB, TBPF are employed in the OLT section depicted in fig 1. A 50% of the total laser power passed through OC and EDFA is fed back into the laser via CP. The TBPF, which is employed in the feedback path, controls the multiple selective modes for re-injection into the laser active region through OC for self-injection locking purpose (M. A. Shemis, et al. 2017). A 1x4 AWG is utilized after CP to achieve larger side mode suppression ratio (SMSR >55 dB) of selected 50 GHz spacing optical carriers.

**Experimental setup:**

The block diagram of our proposed experimental set up for transportation of Rayleigh backscattering noise eliminated information for multiservice communication based on a self-injection locked Qdash laser source is depicted in fig 1. The principle of this architecture is unfolded by three main sections of the set up namely optical line unit (OLT), remote node (RN) and optical network unit (ONU). In OLT, self-injection locked quantum dash laser diode (QD-LD) is used as a multi wavelength laser source. At the output of the QD-LD, four different wavelengths $\lambda_1$, $\lambda_2$, $\lambda_3$, $\lambda_4$ ($\lambda_1=1554.2$ nm, $\lambda_2=1554.6$ nm, $\lambda_3=1555$ nm, $\lambda_4=1555.4$ nm) are selected to regard as optical carriers and transmit through AWG for DS transmission. The $\lambda_1$ carrier signal of central wavelength 1554.2 nm fed into Mach-Zehnder modulator (MZM) through polarization controller (PC) and modulated by 10Gb/50GHz signal. By properly biasing the MZM, signal of carrier suppressed double side bands with angular frequencies $(\omega_c+\omega_{RF})$ and $(\omega_c-\omega_{RF})$ can be produced where, $\omega_c$ and $\omega_{RF}$ present the...
angular frequency of carrier and modulating RF signal respectively. When MZM is driven by laser source at half wave voltage \( V_{\pi} = 4.8 \) v, phase shift between two arms produced in such a way that ensued a suppressed carrier modulation format (R. Montgomery et al. 1995). A 10 Gbps pseudo random bit sequence (PRBS) on-off keying data stream with \( 2^{31} - 1 \) word length is mixed with the 50 GHz RF signal in modulator. The output of the modulator can be expressed with amplitude ‘A’, which consisting of modulation index and amplitude of signals as

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A[\cos(\omega_c - \omega_{RF}) t + \cos(\omega_c + \omega_{RF}) t]
\]  

(1)

A PC is used to control the state of polarization of the modulated signal and it is fed into 2x4 WDM multiplexer via OC. Another wavelength \( \lambda_2 \) (=1554.6 nm) from multi-wavelength laser source is modulated by 10 Gbps/16 QAM OFDM data in another MZM. The OFDM transmitter consists of serial to parallel (S/P) converter, QAM modulation, inverse fast Fourier transform (IFFT) followed by cyclic prefix (CP) and digital to analog converter (DAC). From an arbitrary waveform generator (AWG), a OFDM data with 16-QAM modulation format, 8-bit resolution, 10GS/s, 1/32 CP, 512-point FFT is generated by using MATLAB programming and then it serves as DS data stream and is sent to 2x4 WDM multiplexer through an OC. Carrier signal with center wavelength at \( \lambda_3 \) (=1555 nm) modulated by a LiNbO\(_3\) MZM with 10 Gbps differential phase shift keying (DPSK) format and used as DS signal. From an another OFDM transmitter 10 Gbps OFDM data with same specifications as earlier except different QAM modulation format i.e. 32-QAM modulation which is mixed with 100 MHz radio frequency (RF) signal is used to modulate the carrier wavelength \( \lambda_4 \) (=1555.4 nm) employing MZM for one more DS data stream. Finally, all four modulated carriers serve as DS data are multiplexed by 2x4 WDM multiplexer then launched to RN section and transmitted over 50 km SMF. A 2x4 WDM multiplexer/demultiplexer de-multiplexed the DS data for detection. The output characteristic of 2x4 WDM multiplexer mainly takes part in the foremost role to make this transport system more defensible to the next generation communication system by transmitting less noisy information for users for multiservice. Here, two ports of WDM multiplexer are utilized for DS and US transmission. In this architecture, \( \lambda_1 \) to \( \lambda_4 \) wavelengths are only granted to pass through port “A” while \( \lambda_2 \) to \( \lambda_5 \) are permitted through port “B” from input/output port of WDM multiplexer. In our set up, at output/input port “1” of the multiplexer, \( \lambda_1 \) serves as DS and \( \lambda_2 \) used for US transmission and similarly, for port “2” to “4”, \( \lambda_2 \) and \( \lambda_3 \), \( \lambda_3 \) and \( \lambda_4 \), \( \lambda_4 \) and \( \lambda_5 \) are used for DS and US transmission respectively. So it can be asserted that, this architecture can successfully able to minimize the RB noise which arises when the signals having similar wavelengths transmit through a single fiber.

Lastly, at ONU, detection of DS signals and remodulation of data for US transmission transpires. For US transmission, another tunable Qdash laser diode is used as a source and by properly tuning the band pass filter (BPF), particular Fabry-Perot (FP) modes are selected for using it as optical carrier at ONU. Four different wavelengths \( \lambda_2 \), \( \lambda_3 \), \( \lambda_4 \), \( \lambda_5 \) \( (\lambda_2=1554.6\text{ }\text{nm}, \lambda_3=1555\text{ }\text{nm}, \lambda_4=1555.4\text{ }\text{nm}, \lambda_5=1555.8\text{ }\text{nm}) \)
nm) are selected as optical carriers and transmit through AWG. From the very first port of WDM multiplexer (i.e. port “1”) transmitted 10 Gbps/100 GHz MMW signal is detected with the assistance of a 100 GHz PD and then a power amplifier (PA) amplified the signal and fed it into a 100 GHz horn antenna (HA) for wireless transmission of 15m. A 100 GHz PD (3dB bandwidth) with responsivity 0.5 mA/mW at 1550nm with detection wavelength range of 1480-1620nm is used here. Another 100 GHz HA received this 10 Gbps/100 GHz signal then it delivered to an envelope detector (ED) for down conversion and the signal is boosted by using a 100 GHz low noise amplifier (LNA). A 10 GHz low pass filter (LPF) and a clock data recovery (CDR) are used to filter out and to recover clock/data respectively and finally the signal performance is examined by feeding it into a bit error rate taster (BERT). A selected wavelength of carrier signal $\lambda_2$ (=1554.6 nm) from Qdash LD is remodulated by 10 Gbps signal at MZM then reached to port “1” of WDM multiplexer through a circulator OC for US transmission. From port “2” a 10 Gbps OFDM signal/data launched into an amplifier through OC for free space communication purpose. By employing amplifier and variable optical attenuator (VOA) the DS signal is amplified and attenuated respectively. Further it is communicated over a free space link through two identical free space optical (FSO) terminals (i.e. fiber-based collimator FC$_1$ and FC$_2$). With the aid of fine tracking technology of FC$_1$ and FC$_2$, signal is communicated over 50m in free space. A 10 GHz PD detects the signal and further it is fed into a band pass filter (BPF) to elude the noise that arises due to free space communication purpose. Finally, this signal is received by an OFDM receiver. In OFDM receiver, QAM demodulation format, Fast Fourier transform (FFT), equalizer, serial-to-parallel (S/P), guard removal and analog to digital converter (ADC), all are performed together for receiving data and digital signal processing (DSP) technique is used to recover the OFDM data. The carrier wavelength $\lambda_3$ (=1555 nm) is remodulated by 10Gbps/16-QAM OFDM signal in MZM and through OC, it reached to port “2” for US transmission. Another 10Gbps DS data reached to a PD through OC from port “3” of WDM multiplexer. Here, 10 GHz PD plays the role of a baseband (BB) signal detector that detects the BB signal and further amplified by a booster amplifier LNA. To recover and regenerate the data of BB signal a 10 GHz CDR is employed. Finally, BERT evaluates the signal performance. Simultaneously, an optical carrier of wavelength $\lambda_4$ (=1555.4 nm) from source is remodulated by 10 Gbps DPSK signal at MZM and reaches to port “3” for US transmission through OC. A 10 GHz PD is used to detect 10 Gbps/32-QAM OFDM signal that reaches at ONU through port “4” of this multiplexer. Further, signal is boosted by 10 GHz PA and communicated wirelessly over 10m distance with collaboration of two HAs (frequency range 100 MHz-1 GHz, maximum continuous power =800 watt, VSWR < 1.6:1). A 10 GHz BPF filter out the signal and recovered by offline digital signal processing (DSP) in a real time scope (DSA). A carrier signal $\lambda_5$ (=1555.8 nm) is remodulated by 10 Gbps/32-QAM signal with the aid of MZM for US link. All these US data transmit through port “B” of WDM multiplexer from ONU to OLT and received by same way as they are detected at ONU.
Results and discussions:

The optical spectra of self-injection locked modes of Qdash laser with free running spectrum is presented in fig 2 and it is also clear that, five equally spaced spectra reveal high SMSR value (>55 dB). Fig 3(a) and 3(b) show the carrier signals used for DS and US transmission at a glance ($\lambda_1$, $\lambda_2$, $\lambda_3$, $\lambda_4$ for DS and $\lambda_2$, $\lambda_3$, $\lambda_4$, $\lambda_5$ for US). Optical spectra of different optical signals are depicted in fig 4(a)-(e) [insert in fig 1]. Fig 4(a) shows the optical spectrum of 10 Gbps/100 GHz modulated signal with carrier frequency and fig 4(b) presents the spectrum for same signal at the output of the modulator at ‘p’ insert in fig 1. Similarly, fig 4(c), 4(d) and 4(e) represent the optical spectra of modulated signals at the output of modulators at point ‘q’, ‘r’ and ‘s’ respectively insert in fig 1. Electrical spectra of DS and US signals after detected by detectors at the receiving section of ONU and OLT are depicted in fig 5(i)-(viii).

![Fig.2. five self-injection locked modes of Qdash laser.](image)

![Fig.3(a). carrier signals for modulation of data for DS transmission Fig.3(b). carrier signals for modulation of data for US transmission](image)
Fig. 4 optical spectrum of (a) 10 Gbps/100 GHz modulated signal with carrier frequency and (b)-(e) at the output of the modulators for respective channels (insert 'p'- 's' of fig. 1).
Fig.5 (i)-(viii) Electrical spectra at some important points of electrical path [insert (i)-(viii) of fig.1]

Fig.6 shows measured log(BER) vs received optical power graph along with eye diagrams for 10 Gbps/100 GHz MMW signal for both B2B and over 50 km SMF as well as 15 m wireless DS transmission. This signal achieved -13.55 dBm receiver sensitivity at BER value of $6.24 \times 10^{-9}$. Very low power penalty around 1.5 dBm is recorded between B2B and 50 km SMF along with 15 m wireless transmission distance. Employment of LNA and CDR schemes ensue the improvement of BER performance and eye diagrams as this scheme suppresses the fluctuations of the phase and amplitude and amplifies the signal simultaneously (K. Mallick et al. 2019). Measured log(BER) value vs received optical power curve and constellation diagrams for 10 Gbps 16-QAM OFDM signal are depicted in fig 7. Receiver sensitivity of -18.6 dBm at BER $3.6 \times 10^{-3}$ (under FEC limit) is achieved by 10 Gbps 16-QAM OFDM data for 50 km SMF plus 50 m FSO link. A 2.4 dBm power penalty is
recorded between B2B and 50 km SMF along with 50 m FSO for DS transmission. For 16-QAM signal transmission, 12.15% and 12.3% EVM values are observed for B2B and 50 km SMF+50 m FSO link respectively from constellation diagrams of fig 7. Fig 8 gives the log(BER) vs received optical power graph and eye diagrams for 10 Gbps BB signal for both B2B and over 50 km SMF. A 1.4 dBm power penalty between B2B and over 50 km SMF transmission and receiver sensitivity of -11.2 dBm is achieved at 8.1x10^{-9} BER. Relationship between log(BER) and received optical power for 10 Gbps 32-QAM OFDM signal and constellation diagrams for both B2B and over 50 km SMF as well as 10 m wireless link for DS transmission are presented in fig 9. The receiver sensitivity of -19.3 dBm with BER 3.75x10^{-3} (under FEC limit) for 10 Gbps 32-QAM data signal after passing over 50 km SMF plus 10 m wireless link. Very low power penalty of 1.7 dB is observed between B2B and 50 km SMF+10m wireless link for DS transmission at BER of 10^{-3}. Clear constellation diagrams with
EVM values of 9.5% and 9.7% are observed respectively for B2B and over 50km+10m wireless link for 32-QAM signal transmission from fig 9.

Fig.10. log(BER) values as a function of receiver optical power and eye diagram for 10 Gbps/100 GHz MMW signal.

Fig.11. log(BER) values as a function of receiver optical power and constellation diagrams for 10 Gbps 16 QAM OFDM signal.

Variation of measured BER value as a function of received optical power along with eye diagrams for 10 Gbps/100 GHz MMW signal for US transmission are presented in fig 10. Receiver sensitivity of -10.3 dBm is achieved by the signal at BER 6.12x10⁻⁹. A successful transmission of 10 Gbps/100GHz MMW signal over 50 km SMF along with 15 m wireless link is indicated by low power penalty of 1.7 dB and prominent eye opening as seen in fig 10. Fig. 11 shows the measured BER curve with received optical power for 10 Gbps 16-QAM OFDM signal along with constellation diagrams for B2B and 50 km SMF+50 m FSO transmission of US link. Receiver sensitivity of -13.5 dBm with 3.65x10⁻³ BER value is achieved by the signal. Power penalty of 2.6 dB is recorded between B2B and 50 km SMF as well as 50 m FSO link transmission. Clear constellations with 12.27% and 12.35% EVM value for B2B and 50 km SMF+50 m FSO transmission is observed. Variation of log(BER) values with received optical power and eye diagrams for 10 Gbps BB signal for B2B and over 50 km SMF for US transmission is depicted in fig 12. Receiver sensitivity of -7.75 dBm with 7.12x10⁻⁹ BER value is achieved. Power penalty of 1.6 dB which is considerably low for US transmission is recorded between B2B and over 50 km SMF. Clear eye opening is observed for both cases and is presented in fig 12. Fig 13 shows the measured log(BER) curve as a function of received optical power for 10 Gbps 32 QAM OFDM signal transmission over 50 km SMF along with 10 m wireless link for US link. Receiver sensitivity of -15.5 dBm is achieved at BER of 3.8x10⁻³ (under FEC limit) by the signal for 50 km SMF+10 m wireless link. Power penalty of 1.8 dB is observed between B2B and 50 km SMF as well as 10 m wireless transmission at BER of 10⁻³. Clear constellations for US transmission of 10 Gbps 32-QAM OFDM signal for B2B and 50km+10m wireless link with appreciable EVM values (9.65% and 9.85% for both cases respectively as mentioned earlier) are observed in fig 13.
In bidirectional transmission system, when two signals of similar wavelength transmit through a single fiber for DS and US transmission, amount of loss due to Rayleigh backscattering specially for pure silica glass can be expressed approximately by, \( A_0(\lambda) = A_0 \left( \frac{\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - \lambda_0^2} \right)^4 \) with \( A_0 = 0.148 \) dB/km at \( \lambda = 1550 \) nm (J. W. Simatupang et al. 2016). The experimental values can be compared with theoretical values by using theoretical expression which proves the reliability of the proposed set up. For comparison purpose, a power meter could be connected temporarily to the OCs at OLT for each channel to measure the scattering loss arises from 50 km SMF along with wireless transmission path for respective channels for DS transmission. The values of scattering loss that measured from experiment and the exact values from theoretical expression are listed in Table 1.

Table 1: The Comparison of loss due to Rayleigh backscattering effect

| When same carrier signals are used for both DS and US transmission (nm) | When different carrier signals are used for DS and US transmission (nm) |
|---|---|
| **Theoretical value** | **Loss in dB** | **Measured value** | **Loss in dB** |
| 1554.2 | 7.320 | For DS transmission 1554.2 | 1.5-1.7 |
| | | For US transmission 1554.6 |  |
| 1554.6 | 7.312 | For DS transmission 1554.6 | 2.4-2.6 |
| | | For US transmission 1555 |  |
| 1555 | 7.305 | For DS transmission 1555 | 1.4-1.6 |
| | | For US transmission 1555.4 |  |
| 1555.4 | 7.297 | For DS transmission 1555.4 | 1.7-1.8 |
| | | For US transmission 1555.8 |  |
From Table 1, it is clear that, the measured value of total loss for transportation of data is significantly lesser than theoretical expectation as this architecture resists the transmission of more than one signals of similar wavelength through a single fiber. Thus it can be negotiated that our proposed architecture proves its potential by reducing RB noise effectively in transportation of information to the multi-user even in bidirectional transmission network.

**Conclusion:**

In summary, a novel scheme for bidirectional hybrid WDM-OFDM network for transportation of information to the multi-users (wired/wireless/FSO) with minimum RB noise is proposed and demonstrated. 4X10 Gbps data is transmitted over long distance through 50Km SMF as well as wirelessly with minimum noise by this bidirectional architecture in downlink and uplink. Negligible power penalty is recorded for each channel for DS and US transmission. Good BER value, clear and prominent eye opening prove the fruitful transmission of 10 Gbps/100GHz MMW signal and 10 Gbps BB signal over 50 km SMF+15 m wireless and over 50 km SMF respectively. And a successful transmission of 10 Gbps 16 QAM OFDM and 10 Gbps 32 QAM OFDM signal over 50 km SMF+50 m FSO and over 50 km SMF+10 m wireless link respectively are presented by good BER value, low power penalty under FEC limit ($3.8 \times 10^{-3}$), clear constellations with impressive EVM values (<12.4% for 16 QAM, <10% for 32 QAM). To serve information to the multi-users, employment of self-injection mode locked Qdash laser as a multi-wavelength source could be a smart step to avoid a number of laser source. This architecture can provide less noisy information to the wired users and wireless users through wireless and FSO link and it also capable to transmit information in RF sensitive areas like hospitals, children schools, healthcare centers. Therefore, we assert, our proposed architecture could be a sterling alternative to the next generation communication (e.g. 5G) world as it can fulfil the thirst (i.e. high data rate transmission with minimum noise) of 5G by providing information to the multi-users (wired/wireless/FSO) with minimum impairments due to RB noise.

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Figure 1

block diagram of proposed bidirectional hybrid WDM-OFDM network for transportation of Rayleigh Backscattering noise eliminated information for multiservice communication by employing a self-injection locked Qdash laser source.

Figure 2
five self-injection locked modes of Qdash laser.

Figure 3

(a). carrier signals for modulation of data for DS transmission (b). carrier signals for modulation of data for US transmission
Figure 4

optical spectrum of (a) 10 Gbps/100 GHz modulated signal with carrier frequency and (b)-(e) at the output
Figure 5

(i)-(viii) Electrical spectra at some important points of electrical path [insert (i)-(viii) of fig.1]
Figure 6

log(BER) values as a function of receiver optical power and eye diagram for 10 Gbps/100 GHz MMW signal.
Figure 7

$\log(\text{BER})$ values as a function of receiver optical power and constellation diagrams for 10 Gbps 16 QAM OFDM signal.
Figure 8

log(BER) values as a function of receiver optical power and eye diagram for 10 Gbps BB signal.
Figure 9

log(BER) values as a function of receiver optical power and constellation diagrams for 10 Gbps 32 QAM OFDM signal.
Figure 10

log(BER) values as a function of receiver optical power and eye diagram for 10 Gbps/100 GHz MMW signal.
Figure 11

log(BER) values as a function of receiver optical power and constellation diagrams for 10 Gbps 16 QAM OFDM signal.
Figure 12

log(BER) values as a function of receiver optical power and eye diagram for 10 Gbps BB signal.
Figure 13

log(BER) values as a function of receiver optical power and constellation diagrams for 10 Gbps 32QAM OFDM signal.