10 Gbps Full Duplex Cost Effective Architecture GEPON Network with Single Fiber

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ABSTRACT
In this paper, a full duplex Gigabit Passive Optical Network (GPON) architecture supporting 10Gbps data transmission through single fiber cable network is proposed and demonstrated. A Non Return to Zero Differential Phase Shift Keying (NRZ-DPSK) is utilized for downstream and re-modulate the downstream signal using intensity modulator (on-off keying OOK) in Return to Zero (RZ) format in order to transmit upstream data, sustaining data rate of 10 Gbps/channel is an optimized network in full duplex mode. Simulation results shows that uninterrupted transmission using 50 GHz channel spacing is accomplish over a distance of 25 km.

1. Introduction

A few years ago, internet traffic propensity is shifted from simple web to video based content services [1-2]. The offered copper network is not capable to support such a vast traffic this is the main motive why the complete access network is migrated to Passive Optical Network (PON) [3-4]. Future enabled and highly flexible technology to compile both wireless and wired users in well-ordered method makes PON a promising network [5] solution, provisioning high bandwidth with low CAPEX and OPEX [6].

Time Division Multiplexing-Passive Optical Network (TDM-PON) may be unable to control the continuous growth of high data rate and probable demand of high bandwidth requisite in future. Wavelength Division Multiplexing-Passive Optical Network (WDM-PON) is a possible key solution for offering high data rate on users end and gives optimistic response by escalating growth or demand for broadband application [7]. A Hybrid TDM &WDM format is advance form of PON technology [8], using centralized light source at optical line terminal (OLT) called central office (CO) and re-modulate the received downstream wavelength for upstream data at optical network unit (ONU) is considered low cost accomplishment [9]. In WDM-TDM-PON different numbers of wavelengths are generated and every single wavelength is utilized on the basis of TDM among numerous ONU’s [10]. For that reason, installation of this PON setup results in high resource use and put forward better bandwidth. Similarly, Differential Phase Shift Keying (DPSK) is non-coherent phase shift keying technique that provides improved transmission distance on low power resources and easier circuitry arrangement.

In previous few years different techniques with colorless full duplex transmission for both point to point and broadcast video service were proposed, but the most important weakness was the restriction of uplink data rate up to 2.5Gbps and by means of higher channel spacing of 100GHz [11, 12]. Similarly a network of dual fiber is accomplished of transmitting 10Gbps per channel is measured wastage of assets for both downlink and uplink [13]. A single feeder fiber architecture based on chirp-managed laser (CML) is a enhanced solution for the full duplex transmission because of its economical and petite in size. It can endure dispersion and relay back scattering [14]. This method provides transmission up to 10Gbps in full duplex mode. However it caused drawback of noise factor and signal distortion on the
receiver end. The above proposed program of ref. 11, 12 and 13 use 60GHz of channel spacing caused definite loss of channel bandwidth. In law, channel spacing should be minimized in order to guarantee more bandwidth.

This paper is an extension of work originally presented in 2015 International Conference on Emerging Technologies (ICET) Peshawar [15]. In this proposed novel approach, we demonstrated a full duplex transmission scheme on single fiber architecture. A 10Gbps data signal used NRZ-DPSK pulse format in downlink, while in uplink 10Gbps data signal is conceded by intensity modulation (IM). This architecture saves the expenditure of second light source at ONU. Simulation results confirmed 10 Gbps downlink data and 10Gbps uplink data with the channel spacing of 50 GHz. We successfully perform the transmission mutually back to back (B2B) and distance over 25km with low bit error rate (BER).

2. Working Principle and Network Architecture

The proposed WDM-PON network architecture is shown in Figure 1. Continuous wave (CW) lasers is used at central office to generate wavelengths from \( \lambda_1 \) to \( \lambda_4 \) for transmission. DPSK modulation is achieved by passing the light into Mach-Zender Modulator (MZM) driven by two complementary outputs of 10 Gbps binary electrical data signal [16]. Four DPSK channels of 10 Gbps are multiplexed and transmitted on full duplex single feeder fiber over a distance of 25 km. On receiver side de-multiplexing is performed and each channel is going towards its nominated ONU. At ONU’s half power splitters are used to deliver the data signal to the end user receiver. Whereas, the other half power signal is used to act as carrier signal for the uplink data and re-modulated by Intensity Modulation in OOK format.

3. Simulation Setup and Operation

The proposed WDM-PON architecture design full duplex single feeder fiber network with four bi-directional channels of 10 Gbps over a distance 25 km. This model is simulated using Optisystem 7.0 as shown in Figure 2. Four continuous wave lasers are used as a centralized light source to create wavelengths at 1551.3 nm \( (\lambda_1) \), 1551.72 nm \( (\lambda_2) \), 1552.1 nm \( (\lambda_3) \) and 1552.53 nm \( (\lambda_4) \). Visibly evident that channel spacing is 50GHz with the launch power -3 dBm each. Four MZM are used to encode data on these channel using NRZ-DPSK format. Subsequently, four wavelengths are multiplexed by 4x1 multiplexer with a channel spacing of 50GHz and transmitted over 25km on single feeder fiber architecture. General settings used for Single Mod Fiber (SMF) in simulation model are as follows. Attenuation coefficient (\( \alpha \)) is 0.2dB/km, core diameter (\( \phi \)) is set to 80μm2 and dispersion slop is set to zero. The downlink signals are de-multiplexed at receiver side by using 1x4 de-multiplexer and forwarded to corresponding ONU.

At ONU power splitter is used to tap half power for Mach-Zender Interferometer (MZDI) de-modulator before it is detected on pin receiver. The other half power is given to Mach-Zender Intensity Modulator (IM) driven by 10Gbps uplink data with RZ format. This re-modulated OOK uplink signal is transmitted back to OLT over a distance of 25km on the same fiber. We used pin photo detector with the following specifications; Responsivity (R) is 1A/W and dark current (ID) is 10mA.

BER analysis and eye diagram were the main criteria to assess the performance of network. BER as function of received optical power for both uplink and downlink channels are shown in Figure 3. Optical power measured during B2B scenarios in downlink direction at \( 10^{-9} \) BER for channels (1, 2, 3 and 4) are -40.36 dBm,
-39.92 dBm, -38.76 dBm and -39.99 dBm respectively. Similarly, optical power measured over a distance of 25 km for downlink channels (1, 2, 3 and 4) are -40 dBm, -39.9 dBm, -38.73 dBm and -39.94 dBm respectively. The differences between each channel power at required BER (0.01, 0.01, 0.03, and 0.05) dBm are called transmission power penalties. Whereas, analyzing the network for OOK uplink data we only consider the 25 km distance values in single feeder fiber. There will no B2B values. Optical power received at required BER for channels (1, 2 and 4) at a distance of 25 km are -31.88 dBm, -27.61 dBm and -28.89 dBm respectively.

All DPSK downlink and OOK uplink channels over a distance of 25 km are shown in Figure 4. It is evident that overall network performance is good. Conversely, for better representation of network, the preferable channels are channel-1 and channel-4. As these channels exhibit better results for both downlink and uplink scenarios as compared to the rest. The average power penalty for four downlink multiplexed channels is measured about 0.1 dBm after transmitting over 25 km without any signal amplifier. Figure 5 illustrates average BER for B2B and 25 km downlink and uplink scenarios.

Figure 3: BER for multiplexed Downlink and Uplink both B2B and 25 km

Figure 4 BER of downlink and uplink multiplexed channels for 25km

All four DPSK downlink channels eye diagrams are presented in Figure 6. Whereas Figure 7 is showing all feasible OOK uplink eye diagrams. These eye diagrams illustrate that error free transmission is achieved in full duplex on single feeder fiber architecture.
5. Conclusion

We demonstrated 10 Gbps full duplex transmission scheme carried on single fiber network architecture. Our proposed system utilized DPSK format in NRZ shape for downlink path with data rate 10 Gbps/channel and re-modulated the downlink signal using OOK in RZ shape with the same data rate for uplink path. Results showed error free cost effective bi-directional transmission effectively achieved over a distance 25 km with low BER without any additional signal amplifier. Moreover it is also observed that the scheme presented enhanced receiver sensitivity and saved the capital (cost of second fiber for uplink and one external modulator).

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