ABSTRACT

Radio over fiber (RoF) is one of the primary technologies for the provision of future broadband networks. This work is focused on the implementation of cost effective radio over multimode system (Ro-MMF) for long haul communication. A 10 Gbps data along with 10 GHz radio signal is transmitted over multimode fiber link of 40 km. Moreover, the results are also reported for proposed Ro-MMF system by using LG 00, LG 01 & LG 02 modes.

Keywords

Radio over multimode system (Ro-MMF), LG modes, Radio over Fiber (RoF)

1. INTRODUCTION

From the last decade, there has been huge increase in the deployment of broadband networks all around the world. The demand of more bandwidth due to rapid growth of subscribers day by day has been led to the development of new optical technologies and devices. To fulfill this needs of subscribers, mobile communication requires large number of base stations to handle more users, which leads to increase in the cost of deployment. One such solution to this problem is Radio over Fiber (RoF) technology. RoF refer to a technology, which allows the radio signal transported over optical fiber to assist wireless access. It is an integration of wireless and optical system, which proves as seductive solution for increasing capacity as well as decreasing costs in areas such as airports, hotels and offices etc. [1-2]. It entails the sharing of all functions such as RF up-conversion/ down-conversion, signaling, amplification etc. from the central station to the base stations which results in reduction of the cost at the base stations. By allowing the combination of optical networks with the mobility of wireless networks due to reduction of complexity at antenna sites, it becomes promising solutions for the cellular networks [3]. From the last decade, multimode fibers (MMF) are widely use in-building scenarios, which allow less severe alignment lenience because of its large core diameter. MMF can also easily installed in buildings with high penetration [4-5]. Low cost and high speeds are the other advantages of MMF. The use of MMF can be a lucrative solution for RoF system. The distances are fairly short for indoor applications; hence choosing MMFs is the judicious choice [6]. Various investigations have been performed to improve the low-cost Radio-over-multimode fiber system (Ro-MMF) with short multimode fiber by using receiver improvement scheme, model dispersion compensation scheme [6] and mode filter scheme [7]. In small-scale buildings, the Ro-MMF systems can be used distributed antennas to provide proper coverage. Nevertheless, the signal hauling capacity in Ro-MMF system can be indigent than Radio over single mode fiber (Ro-SMF) [6-8]. To renovate such systems, some researchers take attention towards some novel techniques such as evaluate the Ro-MMF system by using low cost 850 nm vertical cavity surface emitting laser (VCSEL) and 50-μm/62.5-μm core matched photodiodes [9]. In addition to this, another researcher explored the contingency of using Ro-MMF system to broadcast Ultra wide band (UWB) radio transmitted through MMF link with fiber length (200m, 300m and 600 m) by using VCSEL laser [10]. Furthermore, some researchers worked on this area based on cost reduction of RoF systems by employing some RoF extension schemes such as UWB based localization and positioning as well as wide coverage area using Pico-cells concept for communication network. These approaches examine the contribution of intermodal distortion that may be produced in MMF links [11]. Constantly emerging cloud-computing technology requires high-speed optical links with high data rates [12]. Spatial Laser employed LG modes operating in 850/1550 nm and Multimode fibers (MMFs) have been an optimal consolidation for short haul transmission. Laguerre-Gaussian (LG) modes generated using spatial laser have rotational symmetry along their propagation axis modes in which the field components in the direction of propagation are small compared to components perpendicular to that direction [13].

In this work, we have designed a high speed Ro-MMF system for the transmission of 10 Gbps data along with radio signal of 10 GHz over optical span of 40 km. Furthermore; the roles of LG modes (00, 01 & 02) are also investigated in the proposed Ro-MMF system. The rest of the paper is divided into following sections: Section 2 describes the Simulation setup, results from the simulation set up are presented and discussed in section 3 followed by the section 4 which describes the conclusion.

2. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION:

The simulation setup for proposed 10 Gbps-10 GHz- Ro-MMF is shown in Fig.1. A 10 Gbps data generated by pseudorandom bit generator is fed to non-return to zero (NRZ) encoder and then mixed with 10 GHz radio signal. This 10 GHz-10 Gbps signal is optically modulated by using LiNb3 modulator derived by spatial continuous wave (CW) laser. Using same spatial laser as shown in the Fig 2 generates LG 00, LG 01 & LG 02. The optical signal from optical modulator is transmitted over multimode fiber having span of 40 km. At the reception side, spatial avalanche photo diode (APD) is used for receiving the optical signal. The output of
APD is then fed to low pass cosine filter having 0.5 roll off factor to recover 10 GHz radio signal and 10 Gbps data.

Fig.1 Architecture of proposed system

(a)                                                                                       (b)
3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS:
In this section, the results obtained from proposed 10 GHz-10 Gbps hybrid RoF system are presented and discussed. The performance of our proposed system is investigated in terms of SNR, Eye diagrams and Total received power. Fig 3 shows the transmission of signal over optical span by using operating wavelength of 850 nm and 1550 nm in terms of SNR and total received power. It has been shown from fig. 3(a) that an improvement of 2 dB in SNR is noticed when transmitted using 1550 nm as compared to 850 nm at the distance of 10 km but when the transmission distance is increased then an improvement of 4.24 dB is computed in case of 850 nm as compared to 1550 nm at the distance of 40 km of multimode.
fiber. Similarly, an improvement of -5 dB is noticed from fig 3 (b) in case of 850 nm as compared to 1550 nm at the multimode fiber link of 40 km.

Fig 4 reveals the investigation of various LG modes for proposed Ro-MMF transmission system. It has been shown from the fig 4 (a) that the value of SNR for LG 00 mode is computed as 28.65 dB, 21.56 dB & 17.50 dB; for LG 01 mode it is computed as 25.79 dB, 18.15 dB & 15.37 dB; for LG 02 mode it is computed as 20.95 dB, 12.26 dB & 8.37 dB at the distance of 10 km, 30 km & 40 km respectively. Similarly, the value of total power for LG 00 mode is computed as -71.34 dBm, -74.48 dBm & -82.49 dBm; for LG 01 mode it is -74.20 dBm, -81.83 dBm & -84.60 dBm; for LG 02 mode it is -79.04 dBm, -87.73 dBm & -91.59 dBm at the multimode fiber link of 10 km, 30 km & 40 km respectively. Moreover, it is cleared from the table 1 that LG 00 mode has better performance as compared to the LG 01 and LG 02 modes in terms of SNR and total received power. By using LG 00 mode, the multimode transmission link will prolong to 30 km where as for LG 01 mode and LG 02 mode, the multimode link will prolong to 20 km and 10 km respectively with acceptable SNR and total received power.

The Fig 5 shows the eye diagrams for LG 00, LG 01 & LG 02 modes at the fiber link of 40 km. It has been reported that the eye diagram for LG 00 mode is more precised as compared to the LG 01 and LG 02 modes. As the modes are changing from LG 00 towards LG 02 mode, the eye is getting distorted in terms of noise.

![Fig 4 Investigation of LG Modes (a) SNR (b) Total Received Power](image)

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Table 1: Evaluation of SNR and Total Received power against fiber link for LG modes
4. CONCLUSION:
In this work, we have presented a novel technique for short-range, cost-effective Ro-MMF system for transmission of 10 GHz radio signal along with 10 Gbps data. Furthermore, the performance of proposed system using LG 00 mode, LG 01 mode & LG 02 mode through the MMF link has been evaluated. It is concluded that LG 00 mode is considered to best as compared to LG 01 and LG 02 modes for the proposed 10 GHz-10 Gbps Ro-MMF system. By using LG 00 mode, the MMF link can be extended to 30 km as compared to the LG 01 & LG 02 modes for which the MMF link will prolongs to 20 km and 10 km respectively. For the future prospective, the Ro-MMF can be integrate with the wavelength division scheme to further enhance the capacity of transmission system.
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