FSO-based relaying/backhauling architecture

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Purpose:

Propose a low cost and high throughput relaying/backhauling architecture based on free space optics (FSO)

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Outline

- RF relaying
- RoF (Radio over Fiber) relaying
- Proposed FSO(Free Space Optics) relaying and backhauling
- Summary

RF relaying

- Relaying solutions
 - AF: Amplify-and-Forward
 - DF: Decode-and-Forward
- Benefits:
 - Reach extension
 - Increase capacity
 - Improved uniform data rate coverage
- Problem
 - Intra cell inference by relay station?
 - Costly RF relaying equipment



Basics of optical communication

- Principle of optical communication:
 - Transmitter:
 - Direct modulation: LED, LD (FP, DFB laser)
 - External modulator: MZM, EAM
 - Receiver:
 - IMDD: PIN, APD diode
- Applications
 - Digital transmission
 - Optical backbone
 - Analog transmission
 - CATV, RoF



Optical relaying

• Subcarrier Modulation (SCM) for RF signal relaying by analog transmission





2G, 2.5G, 3G, WLAN, WIMAX, 4G



RoF relaying

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RoF

- Pros:
 - Higher capacity than RF relaying
 - Lower equipment cost than RF relaying
 - Better resource reuse
- Cons:
 - High installation engineering cost

Proposed digital FSO relaying

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- Features of Digital FSO (FSO-D):
 - Long distance, high bandwidth, less power (e.g. throughput: 1Gps for 4km)
 FSO-D/802.16
 - Like a directional antenna with large antenna gain (dBi)
 - Low interference/noise immunity
- Pros:
 - Combine the advantage of RF and RoF relaying
 - High throughput yet low installation cost
 - 10 times backhaul capacity than RF backhaul
- Cons:
 - Sensitive to weather condition (Fog), but this could be solved by hybrid RF/FSO system @ 99.999% reliability

Proposed analog FSO relaying

- Requirement of of Analog FSO (FSO-A):
 - Multi-standards radio frequency over FSO
 - Signal transparency: without format conversion compared to digital FSO
- Pros:
 - Combine the advantage of RF and RoF relaying
 - High throughput yet low installation cost
 - Suitable for PMP network
 - Easy to migration to 4G network
- Cons/Difficulties:
 - Linearity of laser diode
 - Up/down convert maybe needed
 - Products not available yet



Summary

- A hybrid RF/digital FSO architecture is proposed for improving the capacity/throughput of relaying network and backhaul system
- A hybrid RF/analog FSO architecture is proposed for improving the capacity/throughput of relaying network
- A novel analog FSO concept is proposed for migrating to future systems
- A novel analog FSO concept is proposed to support multi-standard wireless over FSO to accelerate the deployment of next generation broadband wireless access system

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