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# **Radio over fibre systems**

#### **Summary**

Recommendation ITU-T G.9803 defines fundamental architecture and requirements for radio over fibre systems and specifies radio over fibre transmission systems suitable for access network and radiolocation applications.

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# **Recommendation ITU-T G.9803**

# **Radio over fibre systems**

#### 1 Scope

This Recommendation develops a new type of optical access network based on radio-over-fibre (RoF) technologies. This Recommendation describes a fundamental architecture and requirements for RoF systems. This Recommendation specifies the system overview, physical layer requirements, system requirements and co-existence with passive optical network (PON) for analogue RoF systems supporting the international mobile telecommunication (IMT) system over optical distribution network (ODN). This Recommendation also describes the system overview and physical layer requirements for analogue RoF systems supporting the foreign object debris (FOD) detection system.

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[ITU-T G Suppl. 55]	Supplement 55 to ITU-T G-series Recommendations (2015), <i>Radio-over-fibre (RoF) technologies and their applications</i> .
[ITU-T J.186]	Recommendation ITU-T J.186 (2008), <i>Transmission equipment for multi-</i> <i>channel television signals over optical access networks by sub-carrier</i> <i>multiplexing (SCM)</i> .

#### 3 Definitions

#### 3.1 Terms defined elsewhere

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#### **3.2** Terms defined in this Recommendation

None.

#### 4 Abbreviations and acronyms

This Recommendation uses the following abbreviations and acronyms:

- BB Baseband Block
- BBU Baseband Unit
- BEP Back-End Processor

BS	Base Station
CA	Carrier Aggregation
CAPEX	Capital Expenditure
CD	Chromatic Dispersion
CPE	Customer Premise Equipment
CPRI	Common Public Radio Interface
CWDM	Coarse Wavelength Division Multiplexing
DAS	Distributed Antenna System
DEMUX	Demultiplexer
D-RoF	Digitized Radio over Fibre
E/O	Electrical-to-Optical
ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute
FCAPS	Fault, Configuration, Accounting, Performance, and Security
FCP	Frequency Conversion Processor
FCU	Frequency Conversion Unit
FDM	Frequency Division Multiplexing
FEP	Front-End Processor
FM-CW	Frequency-Modulation Continuous-Wave
FOD	Foreign Object Debris
FSK	Frequency-Shift Keying
FWA	Fixed Wireless Access
GPON	Gigabit-capable Passive Optical Network
IDU	Indoor Unit
IF	Intermediate Frequency
IMT	International Mobile Telecommunication
IoT	Internet of Things
IP	Internet Protocol
IPTV	Internet Protocol TV
LMDS	Local Multipoint Distribution System
LTE	Long Term Evolution
M/dMP	Modulation and deModulation Processor
MEF	Metro Ethernet Forum
MIMO	Multi-Input Multi-Output
MP-to-MP	Multi-Point-to-Multi-Point
MUX	Multiplexer
NG-PON2	40-Gigabit-capable Passive Optical Network
O/E	Optical-to-Electrical

OAM	Operation, Administration and Management
OBSAI	Open Base Station Architecture Initiative
ODN	Optical Distribution Network
ODU	Outdoor Unit
O/E	Optical-to-electrical
OLT	Optical Line Terminal
OMCI	ONU management and control interface
OMI	Optical Modulation Index
ONU	Optical Network Unit
ORI	Open Radio equipment Interface
PDM	Polarization Division Multiplexing
PON	Passive Optical Network
POTS	Plain Old Telephone Service
P-to-MP	Point-to-Multi-Point
R/S	Reference point at the interface of the ONU to the ODN
RAN	Radio Access Network
RE	Radio Equipment
REC	Radio Equipment Control
RF	Radio Frequency
RFB	Radio Frequency Block
RFU	Radio Frequency Unit
RG	Residential Gateways
RoF	Radio over Fibre
RRH	Remote Radio Head
Rx	Receiver
S/R	Reference point at the interface of the OLT to the ODN
SMF	Single Mode Fibre
SNI	Service Node Interface
TDM	Time Division Multiplexing
TRx	Transceiver
Tx	Transmitter
UE	User Equipment
UNI	User Network Interface
VoIP	Voice over IP
VPN	Virtual Private Network
WDD	Wavelength Division Duplexing
WDM	Wavelength Division Multiplexing

XG-PON 10-Gigabit-capable Passive Optical Network

XGS-PON 10-Gigabit-capable Symmetric Passive Optical Network

#### 5 Conventions

See Conventions in [ITU-T J.186].

#### 6 Fundamental architecture

A radio-over-fibre (RoF) system must have the capability to transmit waveform information over an optical fibre network for radiocommunication services, where the optical fibre network may consist of a single optical fibre as the simplest case. The RoF system must also at least have the following functions:

- electrical interface to put the waveform information into the RoF system;
- electrical-to-optical (E/O) conversion of the waveform information for generating the RoF signal;
- optical interface to transmit the RoF signal into an optical fibre;
- optical interface to receive the RoF signal from an optical fibre;
- optical-to-electrical (O/E) conversion of the waveform information for detecting the RoF signal;
- electrical interface to output the waveform information from the RoF system.

In this Recommendation, the waveform information is the essential physical information for radiocommunication services, such as the format of the radio wave and payload. The carrier frequency of the radio signal is not essential here because it does not affect processing the equivalent baseband signal. The RoF signal is an optical signal carrying the waveform information. In this Recommendation, RoF systems should be designed basically with clauses 5 and 6 in [ITU-T G Suppl. 55].

Figure 6-1 shows the fundamental architecture of a typical RoF system for the case of simplex transmission. The RoF system consists of an RoF transmitter (RoF transmitter (Tx)), an optical fibre network, and an RoF receiver (RoF receiver (Rx)), as shown in Figure 6-1-a. Here, iRoF represents points just before and just after the RoF system, and iRoF-o represents points just before and just after the RoF Tx must equip the first three of the above functions. If necessary, the RoF Tx may include electrical front-end processor (FEP), optical back-end processor (BEP), and other processors to meet its physical requirements, as shown in Figure 6-1-b. The RoF Rx must equip the last three of the above functions. If necessary, the RoF Rx may include optical FEP, electrical BEP, and other processors to meet its physical requirements, as shown in Figure 6-1-c.



Figure 6-1 – Fundamental architecture of RoF system (simplex type): a) typical system configuration; b) typical RoF Tx; and c) typical RoF Rx

Figure 6-2 shows the fundamental architecture of a typical RoF system for the case of duplex transmission. The RoF system consists of two RoF transceivers (RoF transceiver (TRx)) and an optical fibre network, as shown in Figure 6-2-a. The RoF TRx must equip all the above functions. A typical RoF TRx consists of a pair of RoF Tx and RoF Rx, a pair of electrical divider and combiner, and a pair of optical combiner and divider, as shown in Figure 6-2-b.



Figure 6-2 – Fundamental architecture of RoF system (duplex type): a) typical system configuration; and b) typical RoF TRx

Figure 6-3 shows the fundamental architecture of complex type of RoF systems shown in Figures 6-1 and 6-2. As shown in Figure 6-3, the RoF system may be able to support point-to-multi-point (P-to-MP) or multi-point-to-multi-point (MP-to-MP) architecture.



Figure 6-3 – Fundamental architecture of RoF system (complex type)

Major RoF system elements and functions in the above architectures are explained in Appendix I and clause 7 of [ITU-T G Suppl. 55] in detail.

Although the waveform information at the output of the RoF system (hereafter referred to as output waveform information) should basically be the same as the waveform information at the input of the RoF system (hereafter referred to as input waveform information), the output waveform information may become different from the input waveform information by processing the RoF signal within the RoF system. In other words, although the RoF system should basically have the function of a repeater, it may also have a function of signal processing as if it is part of a radio signal processor. Moreover, the input waveform information of several waveform information components.

# 7 Fundamental requirements

#### 7.1 Radio signal quality

Radio signals generated through the RoF system must comply with standardization or recommendations of each radiocommunication service when it is radiated from an antenna. To meet this requirement, noise figures and nonlinearity of RoF systems should be properly designed and managed. To optimize total system performance, in addition, RoF systems should have flexibility to balance trade-offs in radio signal frequency band, total power level of radio signal, the number of radio signals, and optical path loss for various applications, taking the radio signal quality into account.

# 7.2 Latency

Since most radiocommunication services have requirements related to latency, the RoF system should be designed to satisfy the required latency of each radiocommunication service. Therefore, in general, maximum fibre distance of the optical fibre network in the RoF should be limited to meet the demand.

# 7.3 Eye safety

All necessary mechanisms must be provided to ensure that no eye damage can be caused to end users unaware of risks associated with a fibre termination inside a customer premise, including labelling and safety locking mechanisms if necessary. The system should meet all applicable requirements for the classification, service group designation, and accessibility to ensure safe operation and servicing of the optical fibre communication system at each node.

Unless otherwise noted, laser sources used in RoF systems should satisfy Class 1 to 3R defined in [b-IEC 60825-1] and [b-IEC 60825-2].

#### 7.4 Interoperability

RoF systems must support interoperability between RoF Tx and RoF Rx and among RoF TRxs. All relevant interfaces to facilitate interoperability may be defined in appropriate standards or recommendations.

# Annex A

# Analogue RoF system supporting international mobile telecommunication system over optical distribution network

(This annex forms an integral part of this Recommendation.)

# A.1 System overview

In this annex, an analogue RoF system supporting an international mobile telecommunication (IMT) system over an ODN is specified.

# A.1.1 General requirements

The RoF system requirements include support for:

- fronthaul link in IMT-Advanced systems;
- wavelength division duplexing (WDD), in which different wavelengths are allocated for down- and up-links in the optical domain;
- usage of ODN, which is generally used in passive optical network (PON) systems.

The RoF system may also support:

- capability to coexist with PON systems;
- capability to extend to fronthaul link in IMT-2000 systems;
- capability to extend to fronthaul link in IMT-2020 systems in the future;
- capability to extend to fronthaul link for carrier-grade Wi-Fi systems;
- capability to extend to fronthaul link for broadband fixed wireless access (FWA) systems;
- capability to support multiservice of the above systems;
- access schemes using multiplexing such as wavelength division multiplexing (WDM) and polarization division multiplexing (PDM);
- RoF optical line terminal (OLT) should support single service or multiservice.

# A.1.2 Reference architecture

Figure A.1 shows a typical IMT system supported by an RoF system. The RoF system mainly consists of the RoF OLT, ODN, and the RoF optical network unit (ONU). The RoF OLT is commonly located in the network site and directly connected to one or more baseband units (BBUs). The basic function of the RoF OLT is to convert radio signals to optical signals and vice versa. Generally, the BBU is the baseband processing unit in a base station (BS) of the IMT system. It is placed in the network site, and connected with the remote radio head (RRH) via the RoF system. In particular, a single RoF OLT is able to accommodate multiple BBUs to make efficient use of the ODN. The BBUs are linked with a service provider's core network to offer various mobile Internet services to users. The ODN is an optical fibre network consisting of optical fibres as a transmission media and optical splitters to provide connections between the RoF OLT and the RoF ONUs. The RoF ONUs are usually placed in remote sites and linked with one or more RRHs. Similar to the RoF OLT, the RoF ONU is capable of converting optical signals into radio signals and vice versa. The RRH contains the base station's radio-frequency-band (RF-band) circuitry and frequency up/down converter function. Typically, each RRH has plural antennas equipped with high-power amplifiers and low-noise amplifiers for supporting multi-input multi-output (MIMO) configuration. Interface S is the point on the optical fibre just after the RoF OLT (downstream)/RoF ONU (upstream) optical connection point (i.e., optical connector or optical splice). Interface R is the point on the optical fibre just before the RoF ONU (downstream)/ RoF OLT (upstream) optical connection point (i.e., optical connector or optical splice). The RoF ONU has a user network interface (UNI). The RoF OLT has a service node interface (SNI). SNI/UNI depends on the nature of services offered by the service provider. SNI and UNI are utilized to define the transmitted signal type and allowable signal delay or latency within the whole RoF system.



Figure A.1 – Typical IMT system supported by RoF system

Based on the IMT system shown in Figure A.1, a generalized reference architecture of an RoF system supporting IMT systems is illustrated in Figure A.2. Its support of multiservice is shown in Appendix II. The RoF system basically corresponds to Figure A.1. If necessary, the RoF OLT is connected to one or more BBUs via an additive frequency conversion unit (FCU). The RoF OLT consists of one RoF TRx. Note that RoF TRx is described in clause 6. If necessary, the RoF OLT may accommodate multiple BBUs via a multiplexer/demultiplexer (MUX/DEMUX), and the RoF ONU is linked with one or more RRHs via a DEMAX/MUX. The MUX and DEMUX typically uses frequency division multiplexing (FDM), time division multiplexing (TDM), or packet division multiplexing. The RoF ONU consists of one RoF TRx. Specifications of the BBU, the FCU, the MUX, the DEMUX, and the RRH are outside the scope of this Recommendation. iRoF represents points just before and just after the RoF system.



Figure A.2 – Reference architecture of RoF system supporting IMT systems over ODN

#### A.1.3 Reference configuration

Figure A.3 shows reference configurations of an RoF system. The basic configuration, shown in Figure A.3-a, is composed of an RoF OLT, an RoF ONU, and an ODN connecting them together. This basic setup is the point-to-point configuration. Figure A.3-b shows another point-to-multi point configuration, in which an RoF OLT accommodates multiple RoF ONUs via a single ODN.



#### Figure A.3 – Reference configurations of RoF system: a) point-to-point configuration; and b) point-to-multi-point configuration

#### A.1.4 Service node interfaces

An SNI is defined as the interface that includes the following conditions:

- interconnection between BBU and the RoF-based access network;
- described by a well-known standard;
- includes a physical layer aspect.

Examples of SNIs, physical interfaces, and services that they provide are shown in Table A.1.

SNI (Note 1)	Physical interface (Note 2)	Service (Note 3)	
1GigE/10GigE/40GigE/100GigE [b-IEEE 802.3]	1000BASE/10GBASE/40GBASE /100GBASE	Ethernet	
[b-ITU-T G.8261], [b-ITU-T G.8262]	—	Synchronous Ethernet	
Common public radio interface (CPRI)/(open base station architecture initiative(OBSAI)/ open radio Interface (ORI)	_	IMT-2000 and IMT-Advanced	
[b-ITU-R M.1457], [b-ITU-R M.2012]	[b-IEC 60169] based Analogue IF and RF interface	IMT-2000 and IMT-Advanced	
NOTE 1 – There are many other services accommodated in RoF systems, but those services do not have specified SNIs. NOTE 2 – Each item in column "Physical interface" is illustrated by the corresponding entry in column "SNI".			

Table A.1 – Examples of SNI and services supported by RoF systems

NOTE 3 – Column "Service" shows services supported by the physical interface.

#### A.1.5 User network interfaces

A UNI is defined as the interface that includes the following conditions:

- interconnection between the RoF-based access network and the RRH;
- described by a well-known standard;
- includes a physical layer aspect.

Some UNIs are provided via an adaptation function, so it is not mandatory for the RoF ONU to support those interfaces. Examples of UNIs, physical interfaces, and services are shown in Table A.2.

Table A.2 – Examples of UNI and services supported by RoF systems

UNI (Note 1)	Physical interface (Note 2)	Service (Note 3)
100 Mbit/s/1 Gbit/s Ethernet [b-IEEE 802.3]	100/1000BASE	Ethernet
[b-ITU-T G.8261], [b-ITU-T G.8262]	_	Synchronous Ethernet
CPRI/OBSAI/ORI	_	IMT-2000 and IMT-Advanced
[b-ITU-R M.1457], [b-ITU-R M.2012]	[b-IEC 60169] based Analogue IF and RF interface	IMT-2000 and IMT-Advanced

NOTE 1 – There are many other services accommodated in RoF systems, but those services do not have specified UNIs.

NOTE 2 – Each item in column "Physical interface" is illustrated by the corresponding entry in column "UNI".

NOTE 3 - Column "Service" shows services supported by the physical interface.

# A.2 Physical layer requirements

#### A.2.1 Transmission medium

This Recommendation is based on the fibre described in [ITU-T G.989.2].

#### A.2.2 Frequency band

NOTE – For IMT applications, see "Input carrier frequency" and "Output carrier frequency" in Appendix VII for frequency band.

#### A.2.3 Optical link loss

NOTE - For IMT applications, see "Optical Link Loss" in Appendix VII for optical link loss.

#### A.3 System requirements

#### A.3.1 Operation, administration and management function

The RoF ONUs must be remotely manageable and support configuration functions. The RoF system must provide full fault, configuration, accounting, performance, and security (FCAPS) management capability for the RoF ONUs.

In traditional optical access systems, ONU management and control based on ONU management and control interface (OMCI) defined in [b-ITU-T G.988] may be used in the RoF system for RoF ONU management. Appendix VII describes the operation, administration and management (OAM) channel frequency information and its implementation in the frequency domain for the RoF system.

#### A.3.2 Provisioning

Provisioning refers to the processes involved in the initialization of the attributes and resources on users and network components to provide proper services to a user. The term provisioning, in this Recommendation, refers to the process of configuration and readiness for the management of RoF OLT and RoF ONU. Configuration is generally specified as the process of defining and transporting the provisioning data to the network elements (e.g., RoF OLT and RoF ONU).

#### A.3.3 Environmental requirements

For indoor use, the RoF system should operate in the operating temperature range defined in [b-IEC 62149-10].

For outdoor use, RoF ONUs should operate in the outdoor temperature range defined in [b-ATIS-0600010.01.2008], [b-Telcordia GR-487], or [b-ETSI ETS 300 019-1-4]. Optionally, the RoF OLT may be able to operate over the extended outside temperature range.

#### A.3.4 Eye safety

Taking coexistence with other PON systems into account, the total optical power at the point S just after the RoF OLT and RoF ONU should satisfy Class 1M and Class 1 shown in [b-IEC 60825-2], respectively.

#### A.4 Coexistence with PON

Possible PONs coexisting with RoF are:

- Gigabit-capable passive optical network (GPON);
- 10-Gigabit-capable (symmetric) passive optical network (XG(S)-PON);
- 40-Gigabit-capable passive optical network (NG-PON2).

WDM would be a reasonable method to support the coexistence. If WDM coexistence is selected, the RoF system wavelength plan can be further investigated.

#### A.4.1 Optical wavelength

The RoF system should support mobile services defined in ITU-R recommendations on IMT-2000 and IMT-Advanced. It should also support fixed network services to provide compatibility with existing PON systems. The RoF system must provide efficient traffic sharing among residential, business, and other customers; and should offer an upgrade to greater bandwidths without foreseeable technology roadblocks or bottlenecks.

An additional factor for determining the RoF system operating wavelength is the wavelength dependent characteristics of commercialized semiconductor optoelectronic devices. It is necessary to consider operating wavelength drift on the laser diode temperature and wavelength dependent responsivity of a photodetector.

Wavelength plans of standardized optical access network systems are shown in Appendix IV. Wavelength plan of the RoF system should be carefully designed by taking into account coexistence requirements with the deployed access networks. It would be possible to use the unoccupied wavelength region as the RoF system operating wavelength. It is also desirable to use a coarse wavelength division multiplexing (CWDM)-based wavelength plan described in [b-ITU-T G.695] for cost-effective deployment and operation of the RoF system.

# Annex B

# **RoF** system supporting foreign object debris detection system

(This annex forms an integral part of this Recommendation.)

# **B.1** System overview

# **B.1.1** General requirements

RoF system requirements include support for:

- fronthaul link of radar signal transmitter;
- point-to-multi-point topology.

# **B.1.2** Reference architecture

Figure B.1 illustrates a typical foreign object debris (FOD) detection system supported by an RoF system. To detect several-inch-class debris, it is assumed to use a millimetre-wave-band frequency-modulation continuous-wave (FM-CW) signal for the FOD detection as a radar signal. This system alerts a following airplane immediately after detecting an FOD via an airport traffic control tower. This Annex focuses on an RoF system for distributing the FM-CW signal.



Figure B.1 – A typical FOD detection system supported by an RoF system

A reference architecture of an RoF system is shown in Figure B.2.



# Figure B.2 – Reference architecture of RoF system supporting an FOD detection system

#### **B.2** Physical layer requirements

# **B.2.1** Functional specifications

For an FOD detection system generating an FM-CW signal with a sweeping range of 92 to 100 GHz, its supporting RoF system specifications are shown in Table VIII.1 of Appendix VIII.

# **Appendix I**

# **Relationship between fronthaul link and RoF systems**

(This appendix does not form an integral part of this Recommendation.)

Figure I.1 shows the fundamental block diagrams of a typical radio transceiver in a BS. The radio transceiver basically consists of a baseband modulation and demodulation processor (M/dMP), frequency conversion processor(s) (FCP(s)), and a radio-frequency-band (RF-band) BEP/FEP. The RF-band BEP/FEP is assumed to be mainly an air-interface function, such as a radio antenna, which may include general functions for signal distortion compensation, such as amplifications, bandpass filtering, equalizations, signal monitoring, etc. As shown in Figure I-1, there are two frequency conversion schemes in the radio transceiver: one is the direct frequency conversion between baseband signal and RF signal (Figure I.1-a), and the other is the multistage frequency conversion between baseband signal and RF signal (Figure I.1-b). In both schemes, there are four major reference points from (A) to (D) shown in Figure I.1, at which the radio transceiver can be functionally separated. Here, it is noted that for general purpose, there is no restriction on either digital or analogue not only for the processors but also for the interfaces at the reference points. Other reference points may be possible if there is a modified configuration of radio transceiver.



#### Figure I.1 – Fundamental block diagrams of typical radio transceiver in a BS: a) direct frequency conversion scheme; b) multistage frequency conversion scheme

(A) Radio transceiver entrance interface:

No separation of the radio transceiver is substantively carried out. Therefore, this reference point is a candidate point for making a conventional mobile backhaul link.

In view of the present situation, it will be natural that this interface is digital.

(B) Baseband interface:

This reference point is a candidate of separable points inside of a radio transceiver. In this case, only the baseband M/dMP is located in the network side, and other functions, such as the RF-band FCP ( $f_{RF}$ ) and the RF-band BEP/FEP, are located in the antenna side.

When the interface is analogue, the system architecture corresponds to "equivalent low-pass (equivalent baseband) signal(s) transmission". When the interface is digital, on the other

hand, it becomes an equivalent baseband digitized RoF (D-RoF) and corresponds to the system architecture assumed in the existing standards, such as [ITU-T G.989.1], European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI), ORI, CPRI, and OBSAI. The correspondence relationship with these existing standards is summarized in Table I.1.

This Recommendation (in Figure I.1)	Baseband M/dMP	A set of FCP and RF-band BEP/FEP
[b-ITU-T G.989.1]	Baseband unit (BBU)	Remote radio unit (RRU)
ETSI ORI	Baseband unit (BBU)	Radio frequency unit (RFU) or Remote radio head (RRH)
ETSI ORI, CPRI	Radio equipment control (REC)	Radio equipment (RE)
OBSAI	Baseband block (BB)	Radio frequency block (RFB)

Table I.1 – Correspondence relationship with existing standards

(C) Intermediate frequency band interface:

This reference point is a candidate of separable points inside of a radio transceiver. In this case, the baseband M/dMP and the intermediate-frequency-band (IF-band) FCP ( $f_{IF}$ ) is located in the network side, and the RF-band FCP ( $f_{LO}$  [= $f_{RF}$ - $f_{IF}$ ]) and the RF-band BEP/FEP are located in the antenna side.

When the interface is analogue, the system architecture corresponds to an IF-band "subcarrier signal(s) transmission". When the interface is digital, on the other hand, it becomes an IF-band D-RoF.

(D) Radio frequency band interface:

This reference point is a candidate of separable points inside of a radio transceiver. In this case, almost all functions, such as the baseband M/dMP and the RF-band FCP ( $f_{RF}$ ), are located in the network side, and only the RF-band BEP/FEP is located in the antenna side. Therefore, it is expected that the configuration in the antenna side becomes the simplest.

When the interface is analogue, the system architecture corresponds to an RF-band "subcarrier signal(s) transmission". When the interface is digital, on the other hand, it becomes an RF-band D-RoF.

From the above, not only point (B) but also points (C) and (D) are candidates of separable points inside of a radio transceiver. Figure I.2 illustrates "fronthaul link" in a typical radio access network (RAN). In this figure, a BBU with a function of M/dMP represents one partial radio TRx located in the network side. A RRH represents the other partial radio TRx located in the antenna side. An FCU with a function of FCP may be optionally equipped within each partial radio TRx (i.e., BBU and RRH). The RoF system in Figure I.2 is a strong candidate for providing the front-haul link.



Figure I.2 – Fronthaul link in RAN: a) conventional architecture; and b) possible architecture with fronthaul link

# **Appendix II**

# Use cases

(This appendix does not form an integral part of this Recommendation.)

# II.1 Multiservice RoF system

Figure II.1-a shows a multiservice RoF system. This system consists of a multiservice RoF OLT, an ODN, and multiple RoF ONUs. The multiservice RoF OLT is located at the central office with connections to multiple BBUs corresponding to the number of services employed. Multiple BBUs correspond to the service provider's various core networks for different services. RRHs connect RoF ONUs and antennas. Another possible configuration is shown in Figure II.1-b. The system consists of BBUs that are directly connected to their corresponding RoF OLTs before being combined for transmission.

In Figures II.1-a and II.1-b, the functions of ODN and RoF ONUs are the same as those in Figure A.1. In both configurations, the multiservice RRH typically contains circuit board, RF amplifiers and frequency converters, and antennas. Here, different antennas correspond to the number of different services offered by the RoF system.



Figure II.1 – Multiservice RoF system architecture in a) single RoF OLT configuration; b) multiple RoF OLT configuration

#### II.2 Multiservice RoF system for indoor DAS applications

The multiservice RoF system configuration in Figure II.2 includes the conventional RoF system elements as proposed in Figure A.1 and a distribution point for indoor distributed antenna system (DAS) application. In Figure II.2-a, the multiservice RoF OLT is located at the central office with connections to multiple BBUs corresponding to the number of services employed. Multiple BBUs correspond to the service provider's various core networks for different services (e.g., triple-play, long term evolution (LTE), WiFi). Alternatively, Figure II.2-b presents the system with BBUs that are directly connected to their corresponding RoF OLTs before being combined for transmission.

The two configurations shown in Figures II.2-a and II.2-b correspond to two different deployment scenarios for an operator.

- In Figure II.2-a, a single RoF OLT is shared among different services. This is applicable for an operator that has small amounts of customers in a site, or for an operator that experiences link budget problem and would not be able to introduce additional combiners.
- In Figure II.2-b, multiple RoF OLTs are used according to the services being transmitted, where Triple-play could be connected via service 1, LTE via service 2, and WiFi via service 3. This scenario is applicable when a large number of users are connecting to the system within a site, where dedicated RoF OLTs are required. Alternatively, this scenario is applicable for an operator capable of sustaining the link budget incurred from the additional combiner in the ODN.

In certain scenarios, there are frequency up/down converters within the RRH unit.



Figure II.2 – Multiservice RoF system architecture for Indoor DAS, where a) is single multiservice RoF OLT configuration; and b) is multiple RoF OLT configuration

In Figures II.3-a and II.3-b, the systems are reconfigured after the RRH. The last-mile wireless connectivity between RRH and outdoor unit (ODU)-indoor unit (IDU) at customers' premise, is established to allow wireless link transmission, for the optical fibre deployment is not practical or requires extremely high capital expenditure (CAPEX). The distribution point shown in Figure II.2 is renamed as ODU/IDU in Figure II.3, as it becomes more complex than a simple distribution point. Examples of possible bands are shown in Appendix VI.2.



Figure II.3 – Use cases for a) single multiservice RoF OLT configuration; and b) multiple RoF OLT configuration

After the UNI, the ODU-IDU is connected to the user equipment (UE)/residential gateways (RG) wirelessly. Since the frequencies for the individual services received from RRH is at high frequency, the ODU-IDU adaptively converts the frequencies according to an operator's licenced spectrums for indoor distribution. Furthermore, with ODU-IDU, the need for multiple customer premise equipment (CPE) is eliminated, thus results in easy installation and operation. Frequency band of the indoor wireless links between the ODU-IDU and the UE/RG is shown in Appendix VI.2.

# **II.3 RoF** system architecture including head-end and remote units for indoor DAS applications

The RoF system architecture for indoor DAS applications is shown in Figure II.4. It includes the conventional RoF system elements as described in Figure A.1. For indoor DAS application, the head-end (host) units, the remote units, and the distribution points are added to the general RoF system architecture. In Figure II.4, the RoF OLT is located at the central office with connections to multiple BBUs corresponding to the number of services employed. The BBUs correspond to service provider's various core networks applied for different services (IMT-2000, IMT-Advanced, IMT-2020, etc.).

The RoF OLT is connected to the RoF ONU via the ODN. The RoF ONU is usually placed near the RRH. To alleviate the shadowing effect of radio signals in the indoor environment, the head-end (host) units, distribution points, and the remote units are positioned in the indoor area. Table II.5 summarizes the purpose and the function of the head-end unit and remote unit. The head-end unit receives mobile data signals from the RRH and distributes them to a number of remote units through a distribution point. Proper signal reshaping procedure is also required for the purpose of signal distribution in the head-end unit. The distribution points are composed of optical/RF splitters or optical/RF combiners. They split or combine the mobile signals between two or more signal paths. The remote unit feeds mobile data signals to each antenna. The remote unit delivers the wireless signal with predetermined RF carrier to the antenna depending on the typical service types.



Figure II.4 – RoF system architecture including head-end and remote units for indoor DAS applications

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	Head-end unit	Remote unit
Purpose	<ul> <li>physical link interface between RRH and antenna via remote unit</li> <li>signal reshaping to consider distribution point</li> <li>distribution of timing and frequency synchronization signal</li> <li>delay correction caused by each antenna position with different distances from head-end</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>physical link interface between head-end unit and antenna</li> <li>high power amplification for downlink and proper signal reshaping for uplink</li> <li>reception of timing and frequency synchronization signal</li> </ul>
Function	<ul> <li>electrical to optical conversion or vice versa (when employing optical fibre as transmission media)</li> <li>RF (licensed carrier) to IF (unlicensed carrier for optical transmission) conversion or vice versa (when employing optical fibre as transmission media)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>optical to electrical conversion or vice versa (when employing optical fibre as transmission media)</li> <li>IF (unlicensed carrier for optical transmission) to RF (licensed carrier) conversion or vice versa (when employing optical fibre as transmission media)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Remote unit and antenna management</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>dedicated antenna management</li> </ul>

In general, mobile signals could be transmitted over coaxial cable or optical fibre between the RRH and the antenna in an indoor environment, as shown in Figure II.5. In Figure II.5, the optical signal path and electrical signal path are illustrated separately. Even though it is possible to deliver mobile signals via copper cable in a small office or residential area, it is difficult to transmit mobile signals with licensed carrier through a coaxial cable in large buildings, long tunnels or large stadiums because of relatively longer transmission distances. In addition, the received signal power at the antenna is relatively low due to the existence of distribution point such as RF power splitter. As a result, the service provider cannot offer appropriate quality of service to many users. For indoor DAS applications, it is required to manage delay caused by path length difference between antenna positions. To prevent the above-mentioned problems, it is necessary to employ the head-end units and remote units for indoor DAS applications.



Figure II.5 – RoF system architecture for indoor DAS applications using coaxial cable in the indoor DAS environment

Optical transmission should also be carefully considered for indoor DAS applications. When optical fibre is deployed for configuring an indoor DAS link, the revised RoF system architecture is shown in Figure II.6. In Figure II.6, two RoF systems are connected in series. The functions of RoF OLT and head-end unit are quite different. Table II.6 summarizes these functional differences.

	RoF OLT	Head-end unit
Function	<ul> <li>electrical to optical conversion or vice versa</li> <li>delivering optical mobile data to RoF ONU via ODN which includes single mode optical fibre and optical splitter</li> <li>physical link interface between BBU and ODN (the output of BBU is analogue IF, analogue RF or digitized RF signal)</li> <li>all of the control and management function is dedicated to BBU so the RoF OLT has no control and management function</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>electrical to optical conversion or vice versa (if transmission media is optical fibre)</li> <li>there is no optical/electrical conversion (if transmission media is coaxial cable)</li> <li>signal reshaping (compensating the link loss caused by distribution point)</li> <li>deliver mobile data signal to remote unit via distribution point which comprised of RF power splitter or optical power splitter</li> <li>physical link interface between RRH and antenna via remote unit (the output of RRH is normally analogue RF signal, so frequency up/down conversion function should be needed)</li> <li>delay correction caused by each remote unit position with different distances from head-end</li> <li>Remote unit and antenna management</li> </ul>

Table II.6 – Functional differences between RoF OLT and head-end unit



Figure II.6 – RoF system architecture for indoor DAS applications using optical fibre in an indoor DAS environment

In order to remove the shadow areas of radio signals in large buildings, long tunnels and big stadiums and to provide a high-quality of service to each user, it is essential to utilize optical fibre as a transmission medium in indoor DAS environment. However, as shown in Figure II.6, the transmission distance of the RoF fronthaul link and the RoF indoor DAS link is quite different. In addition, the elements and interfaces of each link and the types of signals that can be accommodated are different.

# Appendix III

# **Fibre characteristics**

(This appendix does not form an integral part of this Recommendation.)

Figure III.1 shows the attenuation and the chromatic dispersion (CD) of [b-ITU-T G.652] single mode fibre (SMF) over the defined ITU-T bands. Attenuation is the reduction in the optical power of light having traversed the fibre. It is expressed as a ratio in decibel units per kilometre fibre distance. As shown in Figure III.1, the attenuation of an optical signal is wavelength dependent and is lowest in the C-band and lower L-band. CD is a physical phenomenon comprising the dependence of the phase or group velocity of a light wave in the fibre, on its propagation characteristics such as optical wavelength. CD will limit the RoF system reach as signal line rate or carrier frequency increases. As shown in Figure III.1, CD is wavelength dependent, and it is has a zero value at less than about 1310 nm for SMF. When the RoF system employs directly modulated laser diode as a light source, its performances are seriously degraded by the nonlinear distortions due to the interplay between the chirp of laser diode and CD of SMF. The value of CD is raised as the wavelength increases. In order to design the link budget and select the operating wavelength of the RoF system, it is necessary to carefully consider the fibre characteristics of attenuation and CD.

See also clause 8.4 in [b-ITU-T G.989.1].



Figure III.1 – Attenuation and chromatic dispersion of single mode fibre

# Appendix IV

# Wavelength plan of conventional optical access network systems

(This appendix does not form an integral part of this Recommendation.)

Wavelength plans of conventional PON systems are illustrated in Figure IV.1.

See also Appendix I in [ITU-T G.989.2].



Figure IV.1 – Wavelength plans of optical access network systems

# Appendix V

# Possible services supported by RoF systems

(This appendix does not form an integral part of this Recommendation.)

RoF systems have the potential to support various services for mobile users, residential subscribers, business customers, mobile and fixed backhauling, and other applications. Mobile services defined in ITU-R recommendations on IMT-2000 and IMT-Advanced are basically supported by RoF systems. Table V.1 summarizes examples of current and future mobile services supported by RoF systems.

No.	Service	Remarks
1	Messaging	Messaging services (e.g., SMS, MMS, e-mail) exchange messages between user terminals. Video messaging service is comparable to voicemail with a video accompanying the voice message.
2	Voice telephony	Voice communication involving two or more parties that includes features such as call waiting, conference calling, voicemail, message waiting indication, caller ID and calling name ID. Voice over IP (VoIP) is a form of voice telephony service. See [b-ITU-T H.323].
3	High-quality video telephony	High-quality video telephony is full-duplex, realtime audiovisual communication between or among end users. It may be provided as a complement of traditional voice telephony service. See [b-ITU-T H.100], [b-ITU-T F.703], [b-ITU-T F.724].
4	Video conference	Video conference is full-duplex, realtime audiovisual communication between or among end users. See [b-ITU-T H.140], [b-ITU-T F.702], [b-ITU-T F.733].
5	Internet browsing	Internet browsing is accessing Internet pages to get information. It mainly involves communication between UE and an information server/content provider.
6	Interactive gaming	Interactive gaming services mainly involve data transferred between multiple users that are connected to a server, or directly between the equipment of multiple users. Realtime communication with low delay and low jitter may be required for interactive gaming.
7	File transfer/download	File transfer/download is the act of transferring a file electronically from one network element to another.
8	Multimedia	Multimedia is media that uses multiple forms of information content and information processing (e.g., text, audio, graphics, animation, video, interactivity) to inform or entertain the audience (user). Multimedia communication is an essential element of various application services described in this section which are to be supported by IMT. See [b-ITU-T F.700], [b-ITU-T F.701], [b-ITU-T F.741].
9	Mobile broadcasting/multic asting	Mobile broadcasting is one to many transmission of multimedia content (e.g., text, audio and video) over the mobile networks. This includes mobile instant and interactive content/TV is the ability to interact with an audio/video programme by exchanging multimedia information.

#### Table V.1 – Examples of current and future mobile services supported by RoF systems

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No.	Service	Remarks
10	IoT (Internet of Things)	Every object is being and will be connected through wired or wireless internet technologies. These connected "things" can be smart phones, sensors, actuators, cameras, vehicles, etc., ranging from low-complexity devices to highly complex and advanced devices. A significant number of connected devices are expected to use IMT systems. Smart energy distribution grid system, agriculture, healthcare, vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-road infrastructure communication are generally viewed as potential fields for further growth of the IoT.
11	Mobile commerce	Mobile commerce is buying and selling of goods and services through wireless handheld devices, such as cellular telephone and personal digital assistants. It mainly involves data transferred between UE and financial servers connected with secured databases. This service also enables the realtime sharing and management of information on products, inventory, availability, etc. This service requires a high level of reliability.
12	Public alerting	Public alerting enables emergency management officers to quickly notify all residents and emergency response teams, within a defined area of hazardous situations, such as chemical spills, power outages, weather warnings and other potential life-threatening events. Location, device screen characteristics and a feedback mechanism may be required as an enhanced public alerting service.
13	Priority service	Priority service provides qualified users with priority access to radio resources and network resources to help increase call completion rates, especially during periods of congestion or emergency.
14	Location-based services	Location-based services, which depend on the present location of a user, enable users to find other people, vehicles, resources, services or machines.

RoF systems also have the potential to support various fixed network services to provide compatibility with existing PON systems such as GPON, 10-Gigabit-capable passive optical network (XG-PON) and NG-PON2. Table V.2 summarizes examples of fixed network services supported by RoF systems.

No.	Service		Remarks
1	Telephony	VoIP	
2		Plain old telephone service (POTS)	Mean signal transfer delay time between T-V (or (a)-V) should be less than 1.5 ms. If echo cancellation is used in the network, the mean signal transfer delay time between T-V (or (a)-V) on the PON-based system may be longer, provided end-to-end transfer delay requirements are met. 8 kHz reference has to be provided. Signal on the T reference point and V reference point must be continuous. Emulation and/or simulation, as defined in [b-ITU-T Y.2201], is assumed. E.g., packetized voice at ONU.
3	TV (realtime)	Internet protocol TV (IPTV)	To be transported using IP multicast/unicast
		Digital TV broadcasting	Transported using RF-video overlay. See [b-ITU-T G.983.3], [b-ITU-T J.185] and [b-ITU-T J.186].
4	Leased line	T1	Bearer rate is 1.544 Mbit/s. Mean signal transfer delay time between T-V (or (a)-V) should be less than 1.5 ms. Emulation is assumed primarily.
5		E1	Bearer rate is 2.048 Mbit/s. Mean signal transfer delay time between T-V (or (a)-V) should be less than 1.5 ms. Emulation is assumed primarily.
6	High speed Internet access		UNI is typically Gigabit Ethernet. See [b-IEEE 802.3].
7	Mobile backhaul		Accurate frequency/phase/time synchronization should be supported. See [b-ITU-T G.810], [b-ITU-T G.813], [b-ITU-T G.8261], [b-ITU-T G.703], and [b-ITU-T G.8262].
8	L2 virtual private network (VPN) services		Services such as Ethernet services, with latest metro Ethernet forum (MEF) carrier Ethernet 2.0 extension, etc. See [b-MEF 6.1].
9	IP services		Services such as L3 VPN, and VoIP, etc.

# Table V.2 – Examples of fixed network services supported by RoF systems

# Appendix VI

# Examples of frequency bands for radiocommunication systems

(This appendix does not form an integral part of this Recommendation.)

# VI.1 Frequency bands for IMT systems

# VI.1.1 Frequency bands defined in [b-ITU-R M.1036-5]

- 450-470 MHz
- 698-960 MHz
- 1,710-2,025 MHz
- 2,110-2,200 MHz
- 2,300-2,400 MHz
- 2,500-2,690 MHz
- 3,400-3,600 MHz

# VI.2 Frequency bands for IEEE 802.11ac systems

– 5,800 MHz

# VI.3 Frequency bands for last-mile wireless connectivity

- Ku-band:
  - 14-16 GHz
- Local multipoint distribution system (LMDS) / K-band:
  - 27.5-28.35 GHz
  - 29.1-29.25 GHz
  - 31-31.075 GHz
  - 31.075-31.225 GHz
  - 31.225-31.3 GHz
- V-band:
  - 57-65 GHz
- Other millimeter-wave bands:
  - 66-76 GHz
  - 81-86 GHz
- VI.4 Frequency bands for radiolocation systems (candidate)
- 92-100 GHz

# VI.5 Frequency bands for railway radiocommunication systems (candidate)

- 92-94 GHz
- 94.1-100 GHz
- 102-109.5 GHz

# Appendix VII

# Example system interface specifications for Annex A

(This appendix does not form an integral part of this Recommendation.)

Figure VII.1 illustrates the RoF system configuration supporting international mobile telecommunication (IMT) system ODN. This configuration is based on the A.1.2 Reference architecture.



**Figure VII.1 – RoF system configuration supporting IMT system over ODN** 

System interfaces and signal flows inside the RoF system are also depicted in Figure VII.1. At the SNI and UNI interfaces, three types of signals are transmitted. They are the electrical mobile data signal with IF carrier, the reference clock signal (10 MHz), and the OAM data signal. At the S/R and R/S interfaces, wavelength or frequency multiplexed optical signals with mobile data are transmitted over ODN. The physical layer requirements are shown in Table VII.1.

Itoma	Specifications		
Items	Downlink	Uplink	
Input carrier frequency @ SNI & UNI (intermediate frequency)	150,170,270,290,390,410,510,530,630,650,750,770 MHz (12IF)		
Output carrier frequency @ SNI & UNI (intermediate frequency)	150,170,270,290,390,410,510,530,630,650,750,770 MHz (12IF)		
Each carrier bandwidth @ SNI & UNI	1.4, 3, 5, 1	0, 20 MHz	
Reference frequency for up/down conversion @ SNI & UNI	n 10 MHz		
OAM channel frequency @ SNI & UNI	IBelow 100 MHz (ex: 26.88 MHz downlink frequency-shift keying (FSK), 29.88 MHz uplink FSK)		
System input level (total power) @ SNI & UNI	-10 dBm	-10 dBm	
System output level (total power) @ SNI & UNI	-10 dBm -10 dBm		
Gain (from SNI to UNI or vice versa)	0 dB	0 dB	
Optical modulation index (OMI) per channel @ S/R or R/S	~ 0.1	(typ.)	

<b>Fable VII.1</b> –	Example	system	interface	specification
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Items		Specifications		
		Downlink	Uplink	
Ripple @ SNI & UNI		±1.0 dl	±1.0 dB Max.	
Optic wavelength @ S/R	DL0	1550 nm ±7.5 nm		
or R/S	DL1	1570 nm	1570 nm ±7.5 nm	
(support for multi operator or multi	UL0	1510 nm ±7.5 nm		
service)	UL1	1530 nm ±7.5 nm		
Optic link loss between S/	R and R/S	0 ~ 10 dB		
Operating temp		-20 ~	−20 ~ +60°C	
Gain variation with temp @ SNI & UNI		3 dBp-p@-20~+60°C		
Optical power/channel @ S/R or R/S		+5 dBm ± 1.5dB (Typ)		
TX↔RX isolation @ SNI & UNI		Above 50 dBc/max gain		
Noise floor @ SNI & UNI		-130 d	Bm/Hz	
Transmission medium		Optical fibre described in [ITU-T G.989.2]		

Table VII.1 – Example system interface specification

For better understanding the parameters and specifications shown in Table VII.1, the internal system interfaces of RoF OLT and RoF ONU are shown in Figure VII.2. The RoF OLT and RoF ONU employ dual wavelength up- and downstream transmission system to accommodate multi operators or multi services. This simultaneously offers RoF system provisioning. For frequency up-/down conversion at the RRH, a reference clock signal of 10 MHz is transmitted from the RoF OLT to the RoF ONU. For the purpose of OAM, FSK modems are equipped in an RoF OLT and RoF ONU. IF carrier with OAM data for up- and downlink is set to 26.88 MHz, and 29.88 MHz, respectively.



Figure VII.2 – Internal system interface of RoF OLT and RoF ONU

The IF frequency plan is shown in Figure VII.3. The adjacent two IF carriers are employed for supporting two carrier aggregation (CA). Four IF carriers are utilized for the 2x2 MIMO configuration. The three sectors are configured by four IF carriers.



Figure VII.3 – IF frequency plan for specific example of RoF system supporting IMT system over ODN

For physical layer OAM purpose, some OAM parameters, their functions and their appropriate ranges are described in Table VII.2. In order to deploy and operate the RoF system supporting IMT system over ODN, it is proposed to refer these physical OAM parameters, their functions and their appropriate ranges.

# Table VII.2 – OAM parameters, their function descriptions and their ranges for RoF OLT & RoF ONU

Physical layer OAM parameters and their appropriate ranges for RoF OLT & RoF ONU				
Parameter	Function	Ranges	Unit	Comment
System input level (total RF power) control	control	0~30	dB	electrical attenuation level
System output level (total RF power) control	control	0~30	dB	electrical attenuation level
System input level (total RF power) monitor	monitor	-30~0	dBm	electrical power monitor
System output level (total RF power) monitor	monitor	-30~0	dBm	electrical power monitor
Optical output power/channel control	control	+3~+7	dBm	optical power control
Optical output power/channel monitor	monitor	-3~+7	dBm	optical power monitor
Optical output power/channel alarm	alarm	<+3	dBm	optical power alarm
Optical input power/channel monitor	monitor	-3~-13	dBm	optical power monitor
Optical input power/channel alarm	alarm	<-5	dBm	optical power alarm
LD enable	control	-	_	enable/disable
PD enable	control	_	_	enable/disable
DC power failure	alarm	-	_	failure alarm
FSK modem enable	control	-	-	enable/disable
FSK modem alarm	alarm	below received signal strength indication (RSSI) threshold value	V	failure alarm

# **Appendix VIII**

# Example system configuration and interface specifications for Annex B

(This appendix does not form an integral part of this Recommendation.)

# VIII.1 Typical system configuration

A typical block diagram of an RoF system implemented in an FOD detection system is shown in Figure VIII.1. The RoF system consists of an RoF transmitter and multiple RoF receivers. They are connected by an optical fibre network including an optical splitter. The RoF transmitter typically consists of a laser diode, an optical modulator, an optical amplifier, and an optical bandpass filter. In the RoF transmitter, a driving signal from a radar signal synthesizer is put into the optical modulator and an FM-CW RoF signal is generated as an output of the optical bandpass filter. The RoF receiver typically consists of a photoreceiver, where a received FM-CW RoF signal is converted to an electrical FM-CW signal, and put into an RF front end. Here, when the RF front end has a frequency multiplier function, the output of RoF receiver may be a frequency-divided FM-CW signal.



Figure VIII.1 – Typical block diagram of RoF link for FOD detection system

#### VIII.2 Functional specification

The RoF system supporting the FOD detection system generating the FM-CW signal with a sweeping range of 92 to 100 GHz is specified as a radiolocation service in the ITU Radio Regulations [b-ITU-R RR]. The required functional specifications are summarized in Table VIII.1.  $m_{ele}$  and  $m_{opt}$  represent the frequency multiplication factor of a frequency multiplier set in the RF front end after iRoF<sub>RXout</sub> interface and a frequency multiplication factor in an optical domain, respectively. For instance, typical  $m_{ele}$  and  $m_{opt}$  under a simple double-sideband suppressed-carrier modulation scheme with sidebands of first order modulation components are 3 and 2, respectively.

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Parameter	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Umt
Operating wavelength range	1535		1565	nm
Gain from iRoF <sub>TXin</sub> to iRoF <sub>RXout</sub>	-30	-10	0	dB
	Transmitte	r		
System input level at iRoF <sub>TXin</sub>	10	15	20	dBm
System output level at iRoF-o	-10	3	10	dBm
Input frequency range at iRoF <sub>TXin</sub>	$92/(m_{opt} \times m_{ele})$		$100/(m_{opt} \times m_{ele})$	GHz
Signal bandwidth at iRoF <sub>TXin</sub>			$8/(m_{opt} \times m_{ele})$	GHz
Optical spurious suppression ratio	30			dB
Optical carrier suppression ratio	40			dB
Optical sideband amplitude imbalance		±1		dB
Frequency response		±1		dB
Receiver				
System input level at iRoF-o	-10	-3	0	dBm
System output level at iRoF <sub>RXout</sub>	-20	-10		dBm
Output frequency range at iRoF <sub>RXout</sub>	$92/m_{ele}$		100/m <sub>ele</sub>	GHz

# Table VIII.1 – Functional specification

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