

FEC Considerations for 10Gbps EPON System

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FEC concept

- FEC codes with low latency and low cost are preferable to codes with high gain.
 - High coding gain codes \rightarrow long frame (G.975.1: 100K \sim 500Kbits), large latency (especially in decoding process), high cost
 - Burst transmission (upstream): BER curve of burst signal is steeper than curve of continuous signal (bit synchronization error, bias error, ...etc.)

 \Rightarrow Coding gain is smaller in burst transmission than in AWGN* simulation

Flexibility

- Scalability and robustness for future
- Effective utilization of bandwidth

Other factors

- Backward compatibility with GEPON standards
- Decoder cost is higher than encoder cost

 $(\rightarrow$ Simple decoder for ONU)



FEC plan

Downstream: Option

- OLT with high launch power (> +5dBm) can be expected
- RS (Reed-Solomon) code may be applied (Option) Scalability and robustness for future
- ONU cost is priority issue
 - ⇒ Simple decoder

Upstream: Mandatory

- ONU with high launch power is difficult in consideration of cost
 - \Rightarrow FEC code should be applied

BER curve of burst signal is steeper than that of continuous signal

⇒ FEC codes with high coding gain as like some G.975.1 codes seem both too long and complex. RS codes or their short concatenated codes would be good choices.



Redundancy



* RS(255,239)+BCH(127,120) result from a KDDI draft at 802.3 plenary meeting, July 2006

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Frame length



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Flexibility

Rate Compatible FEC seems to be able to make PON systems more flexible.

(a) standard – low redundancy FEC



Issues of Optical Amplifier for OLT Receiver

Optical amplifier has some issues

SNR:

• OLT could not be applied narrow band pass filter because signal wavelength from uncooled LD widely distribute (e.g. up to 40 nm: gain bandwidth).

 \breve{O} Large ASE noise will degrade SNR in receiving signal.

PDG (polarization depending gain) **in SOA**:

- PDG in SOA depend on signal wavelength.
- Achieving polarization independent characteristics over wide wavelength range seems to be difficult?

 \varnothing It might potentially increase dynamic range of arrival frame.

Gain un-stability (depending on carrier relaxation time):

• When receiving different optical amplitude frame from previous one, gain will fluctuate for a while.

 \emptyset Controlling receiver threshold to follow the fluctuation is difficult.

Cost:

• Silicon can be expected less expensive than optical components. \varnothing FEC might be better solution for expanding power budget?



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