



Plasmonic Antenna Embedded Chalcogenide MZI Circuit for Ultra-high Density Up- and Downlink Transmission

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Abstract

A unique device is proposed for ultra-high density up- and downlink transmission. The device comprises of the chalcogenide Mach–Zehnder interferometer (MZI) and panda ring resonator with silver bars at the center microring at the upper and lower parts of the MZI. The device is operative based on the space–time function where the input space (soliton) via the input port multiplexes with time at the add port of the device with a wavelength bandwidth of 1.50–3.50 μm and the frequency bandwidth of 85–250 THz. The WGM is observed at the upper (uplink) and lower (downlink) center microring with suitable parameters. The silver bars at the center microring form the dipole oscillation, where the uplink and downlink plasmonic antennas have the directivity 18.68 and 13.27, and gain is 9.34 and 6.64, respectively. The light fidelity (LiFi uplink and downlink) employs the wavelength spectrum while the wireless fidelity (WiFi uplink and downlink) employs the frequency spectrum. The LiFi uplink and downlink have an optimum wavelength of 2.30 μm and 2.27 μm , respectively, while the WiFi uplink and downlink have an optimum frequency of 130 THz and 132 THz. For the transmission signal, the bit rate of 28 Pbits⁻¹ is achieved. The bit error rate (BER) value of 0.36 is obtained which indicates the system performance. Low BER value indicates high system performance. The device can be employed for the coverage of the light-wave and microwave wavelength link for 6G communication, where AI (artificial intelligence), 3D communication, code encryption, and secured transmission can be applied.

Keywords Plasmonic antenna · Spin-wave transmission · Mach–Zehnder · High-density flip-flop · 6G communication

Introduction

Communication involves sending information over various network channels, where the information transmission varies depending on the channel capacity. The greater the speed of transmitting this information, the better the

communication and wide application in human life. There are different types of networks such as the cellular networks (1G, 2G, 3G, 4G, and 5G) which transmit information. In the last 10 years, the 4G network is commercialized where the speed of transmitting information has greatly improved with wide application in various aspects of human life.

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Recently, the 5G network has been commercialized with an increase in the speed of transmitting information and very wide applications. The 5G network has led to the establishment of smart technologies where big data plays a big role. There is always a need to constantly develop the kind of network used in transmitting the information. The better the network in terms of the bandwidth, the wider the application in various aspects of human life. The 6G network is an active area of research where it is expected that the bandwidth will be increased and also increase the area of application as compared to the 5G network. The 5G network has a maximum bit rate of 35.46 Gbps while the 6G network is expected to have 100 Gbps and beyond [1–9]. Chen et al. [10] surveyed the importance of a 6G network over the 5G network highlighting the improvement in the area of application. The 6G network can be employed as a pervasive intelligent system. Lu and Zheng [11] surveyed the intended impact of the 6G network on various aspects of human life. The study also proposes some definitions and applications of the 6G network as well as the architecture. Wang et al. [12] surveyed the possible security and privacy issues that are involved in the 6G network. The 6G network has the potential to be the network that will drive the AI system to the next level where it will have a massive impact on human everyday life. The security and privacy issues such as communication, access control, and authentication are discussed in the study. Encryption and malicious behavior are also security and privacy issues that are also discussed in the study. Manogaran et al. [13] proposed a security measure that can be employed in a 6G network environment. The security measure that is integrated and based on block-chain is proposed to curtail the security and privacy issues that will arise in the 6G network environment. Ma et al. designed a 6G communication device. The device is an indoor terahertz communication device. The device consists of an intelligent reflecting surface (IRS) that is intended to improve indoor communication in the terahertz region of 0.1–10 THz. Khan et al. [14] proposed a power technique that will improve the performance of a multi-access system that is employed for the internet of things. The multiple access system employed in the study is the non-orthogonal multiple access. The power method employed did not affect the quality of service. Adeogun et al. [15] proposed a wireless 6G communication network system. The wireless system is based on isochronous real-time. The 6G wireless network system has a short range. The proposed wireless network can be employed in industry as production modules as well as robots. In this work, a chalcogenide MZI circuit is proposed for ultra-high density up- and downlink transmission. The chalcogenide MZI circuit has two panda ring resonators at the upper

and lower arms. The silver metamaterial is embedded at the center microring which forms the plasmonic antenna. The plasmonic antenna can control light and have strong confinement where its tunability is high, making it suitable for terahertz applications [16]. This work aims to improve the operation bandwidth for 6G communication, where the transmission bandwidth and modes are the targets. The chalcogenide material is used as the MZI material because of its broad transmission bandwidth and has an ultra-wavelength range of 1–10 μm [17]. The resonant results of the integrated circuit are obtained, which is suitable for the connection between light (LiFi) and microwave (WiFi) wavelength region. The proposed circuit offers the advantage to be applied for 6G communication. The simulation of the system involves the Optiwave program where the whispering gallery mode (WGM) [18, 19] which is employed for wireless communication is observed at the center microring while the Matlab program employing the parameters extracted from the Optiwave simulation is used to plot the graphs and obtain other results.

Theoretical Background

Using the Drude model [20, 21], the electric dipole oscillation excited by the silver bars can be achieved. The silver bars are embedded at the center microring with the Mach–Zehnder interferometer, which forms the communication device, as shown in Fig. 1.

$$\epsilon(\omega) = 1 - \frac{ne^2}{\epsilon_0 m \omega^2} \tag{1}$$

where n is known as the electron density, m is known as the mass, ω is known as the angular frequency, ϵ_0 is known as the relative permittivity, and e is known as the electron charge. The plasma frequency (ω_p) at the resonance is obtained from the angular frequency, which is given by an Eq. (2).

$$\omega_p = \left[\frac{ne^2}{\epsilon_0 m} \right]^{-1/2} \tag{2}$$

the electron density becomes $n = \frac{\omega_p^2 \epsilon_0 m}{e^2}$ from Eq. (2).

The space–time modulation function is given as [22]:

$$B e^{-i(\omega t + \frac{E_n}{\hbar} t)} \tag{3}$$

where the input dark soliton is $B = \bar{B} \cdot \text{Tanh}\left(\frac{T}{T_0}\right) \exp\left(\frac{z}{2L_D}\right)$, $e^{i\omega t}$ is the time function, ωt is the phase term, and $\frac{E_n}{\hbar}$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ the spin number is $\pm \frac{\hbar}{2}$, spin-up matrix $\frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{vmatrix}$, spin-down matrix $\frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$, \hbar is the reduced

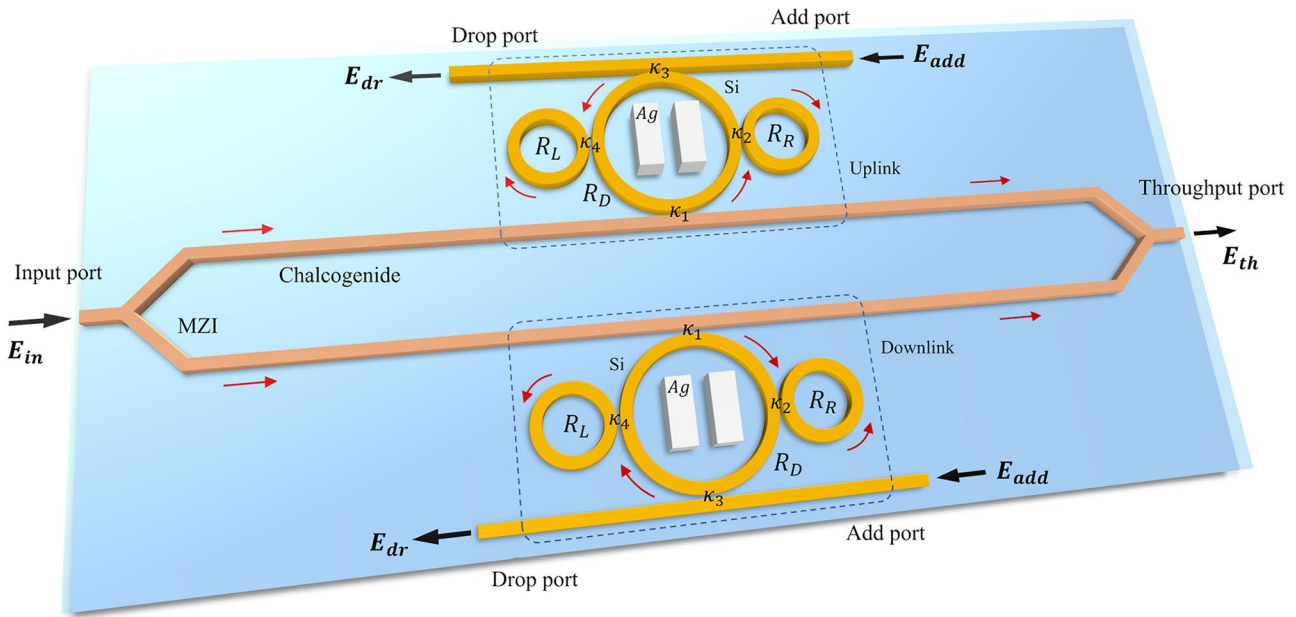


Fig. 1 The microring plasmonic circuits, where E_{in} , E_{add} , E_d , and E_{th} are input, add, drop, and throughput ports, respectively. Ag: silver bars, Si: silicon, PD; R , R_R , R_L are defined as the center ring radius, and two side ring radii, respectively. K_R , K_L are defined as the coupling constants

Planck’s constant, where $\hbar = \frac{h}{2\pi}$, and h is the Planck’s constant. \bar{B} and z are the soliton amplitude and propagation distance. T is the propagation time of the soliton, $L_D = \frac{T_0^2}{\beta}$, where T_0 is the initial propagation time. β is the propagation constant. The MZI output [23] is given in Eq. (4) and the output is normalized as given in Eqs. (5) and (6).

$$I = I_1 + I_2 + 2\sqrt{I_1 I_2} \cos\varphi \tag{4}$$

where $\varphi = \frac{2\pi\Delta n_{eff} L}{\lambda}$, L is the length of the stack layer, n_{eff} is the effective refractive index, and λ is the wavelength. I , I_1 , I_2 defined as the intensities.

$$\frac{I_{th}}{I_{in}} = \left[\frac{E_{th}}{E_{in}} \right]^2 \tag{5}$$

$$\frac{I_{drop}}{I_{in}} = \left[\frac{E_{drop}}{E_{in}} \right]^2 \tag{6}$$

The communication device consists of the MZI which divides the input soliton into two equal parts. The MZI functions as a 50:50 coupler. The two panda rings are attached to the MZI and act as the upper and lower parts. The center microring has two small rings. The input port is labelled as E_{in} , the output of the communication device are the drop port and throughput port labelled as E_{dr} , and

E_{th} while the add port is labelled as E_{add} which acts as the port for modulation or multiplexing. The silver bars at the center microring are metamaterials which can form the metamaterial antenna as explained in [24].

Results and Discussion

The communication device is designed with the Optiwave program (OptiFDTD) [25] where the mesh cell size of 218, 41, 861 (x , y , and z axes, respectively) is employed with the automatic implementation of the grid size by the program. The MZI is a chalcogenide material (AS_2Se_3) having the refractive index of 2.818, and the panda ring structure at the upper and lower parts of MZI is silicon material. The optimized parameters in this work are the realistic parameters that can be employed for the fabrication of the proposed circuit in Table 1. The WGM modes and spin waves are formed when the two-side rings are controlled when light travels around the center microrings with the optimized parameters. The polaritons are the electrons excited by plasmonic waves in the form of WGMs. The spin-waves are formed by the polarized electrons excited by the silver bars, where the transmission is formed by the dipole oscillation. The two side rings are known as the phase modulators, which induced the nonlinearity into the center ring. The

Table 1 The optimized simulation parameters

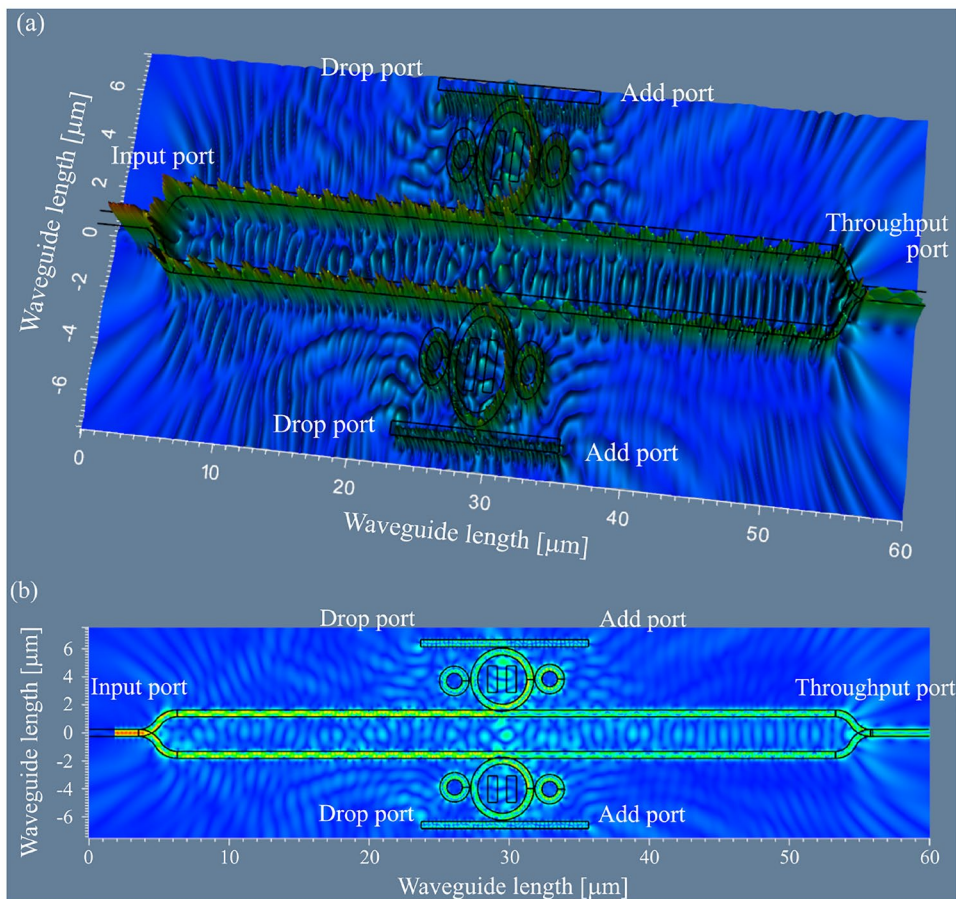
Parameters	Symbols	Values	Units
Input power	P	100–500	mW
Silicon center ring radius	R	2.0	μm
MZI length	L	60	μm
Si-small ring radius	R_L	0.8	μm
Si-small ring radius	R_R	0.8	μm
Dielectric constant Ag	ϵ_r	1.0	
Silver thickness	d	0.1	μm
Silver length	L	0.5	μm
refractive index of silver [32]	n_{Ag}	0.14	
Insertion loss	γ	0.01	
Chalcogenide refractive index [33]	n_{chg}	2.818	
Coupling coefficient	κ	0.50–0.70	
Refractive index Si [30]	n_{Si}	3.42	
Si nonlinear refractive index [34]	n_2	1.3×10^{-13}	$\text{m}^2 \text{W}^{-1}$
Wavelength bandwidth	λ_1	1.50–3.50	μm
Waveguide core effective [34]	A_{eff}	0.30	μm^2
Waveguide loss	α	0.50	$\text{dB} \cdot (\text{cm})^{-1}$
Plasma frequency [35]	ω_p	1.2990×10^{16}	rad s^{-1}
Electron mass	m	9.11×10^{-31}	kg
Electron charge	e	1.6×10^{-19}	Coulomb
Permittivity of free space	ϵ_o	8.85×10^{-12}	Fm^{-1}

nonlinearity makes the observation of the WGM possible when the input light enters the system through the input port. The WGM results from the light being trapped within the center ring due to the nonlinearity. The wavelength bandwidth in this work is in the range of 1.50–3.50 μm , and the frequency bandwidth is in the range of 85–250 THz. The simulation model boundary condition employed is the anisotropic perfect matched layer. The time-step of 20,000 is applied to obtain resonant results. The space–time function as given in Eq. (3) results from the input soliton multiplexing with time at the add port which excites the silver bars at the center ring and the behavior of the electron in the silver bars is described by Eq. (1). At the output of the system, normalization is applied as given in Eqs. (5) and (6). The WGM is observed at the upper and lower center rings after the simulation of 20,000 time-steps with the appropriate parameters as given in Table 1. The WGM results are shown in Fig. 2. Figure 2 a is the WGM result at the upper center ring, where the uplink and downlink can perform in either light or antenna operation. Figure 2 b shows the flow of plasmons within the device. The WGM formed at the two center rings is employed for LiFi and WiFi communication network. The LiFi is employed in the wavelength spectrum while the WiFi is employed in

the frequency spectrum. The LiFi bandwidth is in the range of 1.50–3.50 μm while the WiFi bandwidth is in the range of 85–250 THz. The output signals are plotted by the Matlab program employing the parameters taken from the results of the OptiFDTD simulation. Figure 3 shows the output signals at the drop ports (upper and lower), throughput port, uplink, and downlink. The intensity at the throughput port is much higher than the other output ports. The throughput port forms the transmission signals where the signals been transmitted using the spin-wave. The output signals are plotted in the wavelength and frequency domains where broad spectral range and bandwidth are obtained, which are available for high capacity and security transmission for LiFi and WiFi links, respectively. The silver bars at the center microring forms the plasmonic antenna and the antenna profile is shown in Fig. 4. Figure 4 a and b is the uplink and downlink directivity. The directivity is dimensionless because no specific direction is considered as explained in [26]. The uplink directivity of 18.68 is higher than the downlink directivity of 13.27. Figure 4 c is the gain of the antenna where the optimum uplink gain is 9.34 and the optimum downlink gain is 6.64 when the input power is varied from 100 to 500 mW. The gain is directly proportional to the input power. The higher the input power the higher is the gain. The change in output gain can be applied for sensing applications, where the electro-optic sensors can be applied, where the sensor network can be linked, and real-time monitored and controlled. The LiFi and WiFi spectra are plotted in Fig. 5. Figure 5 a is the LiFi downlink and uplink. The downlink has a peak wavelength of 2.27 μm while the uplink has a peak wavelength of 2.30 μm . Figure 5 b is the WiFi downlink and uplink. The downlink has a peak frequency of 132 THz while the uplink has a peak frequency of 130 THz. The coverage wavelength and bandwidth are available for light and microwave transmission links, where the large bandwidth and spectral range are suitable for 6G communication. The spin waves of the uplink and downlink are plotted in Fig. 6 a and b.

Figure 6 a is the spin-wave plot of the LiFi uplink and downlink which are entangled zoomed from 2.40 to 3.00 μm for clarity while Fig. 6b is the spin-wave plot of the WiFi uplink and downlink which are entangled zoomed from 90 to 120 THz for clarity. The entanglement plot of the transmission signal is shown in Fig. 6c, d for the uplink and downlink where the flip-flop outputs have been obtained from the test nodes, which can be configured as the entanglement of quantum code transmission. Figure 6 e–f is the MZI output for the uplink and downlink where the spin projection is applied and at the throughput port, the spin is projected upwards to form the spin-up electrons while at the drop port, the spin is projected

Fig. 2 Graphical results of the multi-access system. **a** The WGMs are observed at the upper and lower center microring with the appropriate parameters in Table 1. **b** The flow of plasmons within the device



downwards to form the spin-down electrons. The electron spin results from the electron density that is formed by the oscillation of the electron cloud when the silver bars at the center ring are excited by the input space source (light). At the transmission port, the transmitted signal has a bit rate of 28 Pbits⁻¹ as shown in Fig. 7. The time sequence QCA (quantum cellular automata) [27] is applied in distinguishing the electron spins (spin-up and spin-down). The higher bit rates can be obtained by increasing

the number of up- and downlink antennas and more multiplexed input signals. The simulation is validated by testing the transmission between up and downlink, where the bit error rate is obtained and plotted. The BER value shows the effectiveness of a system and the capability of the system in transmitting signals or information. Figure 8 is the BER plot of the communication system where the AGWN communication channel (additive Gaussian white noise) is employed as explained in [28]. The BER value

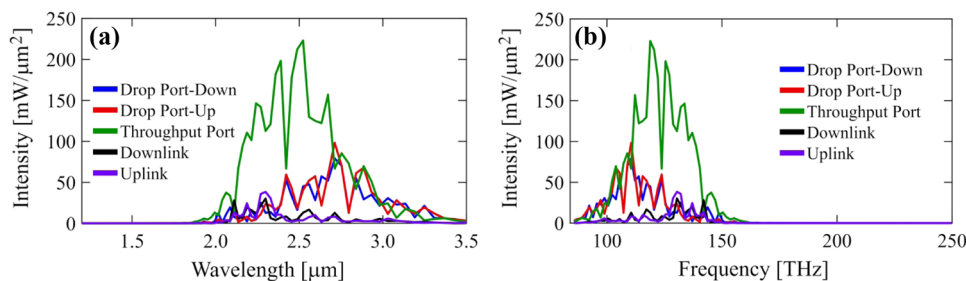
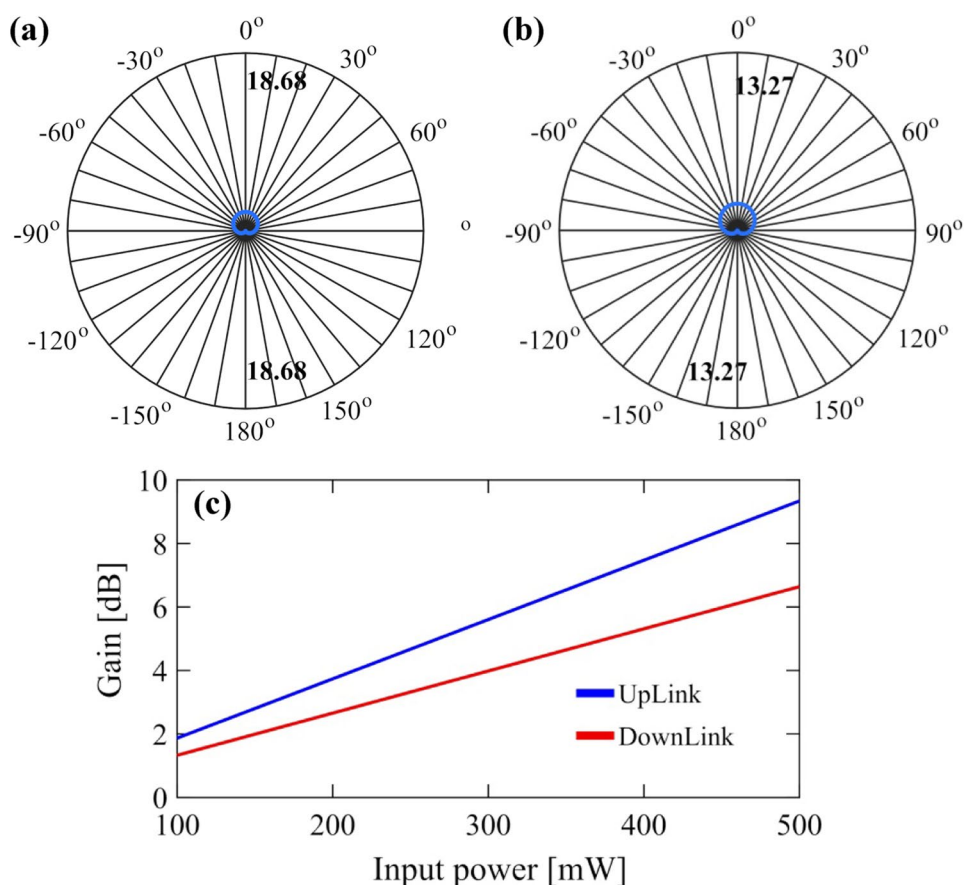


Fig. 3 Plot of output signals with the uplink and downlink in the **a** wavelength domain and **b** frequency domain. Broad spectral range and bandwidth are obtained, which are available for high capacity and

security transmission. Besides, the link between light and microwave is available using LiFi and WiFi links, respectively

Fig. 4 Plot of the plasmonic antenna outputs. **a, b** Uplink and downlink directivity. **c** Uplink and downlink gain. The change in output gain can be applied for sensing applications. The electro-optic sensors can be applied, in which the sensor network can be linked and real-time monitored and controlled



of 0.36 is obtained. The lower the BER value, the higher the system performance and vice versa. From Fig. 1, more nodes can be applied for big data transmission where the transmission signal at the throughput port can be multiplexed to obtain bit rates of 40 Pbits⁻¹ and more [28]. It can be applied for 3D and quantum transmission as well as for brain sensors [29, 30]. It can also be applied for security networks and surveillance systems

[31]. The achieved frequency bandwidth in this work is ranged between 85 and 250 THz, which is compared to [3] and [37], achieved 0.1–10 THz and 0.06–10 THz, respectively. The advantages of optical solution over rf (radiofrequency) are as follows: the frequency spectrum (THz) is higher, the security of data transmission is higher, the power consumption is low, the data rate is higher and more advantages as explained in [36].

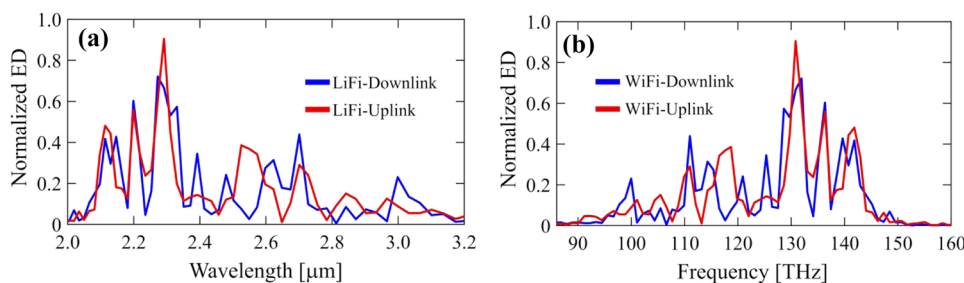
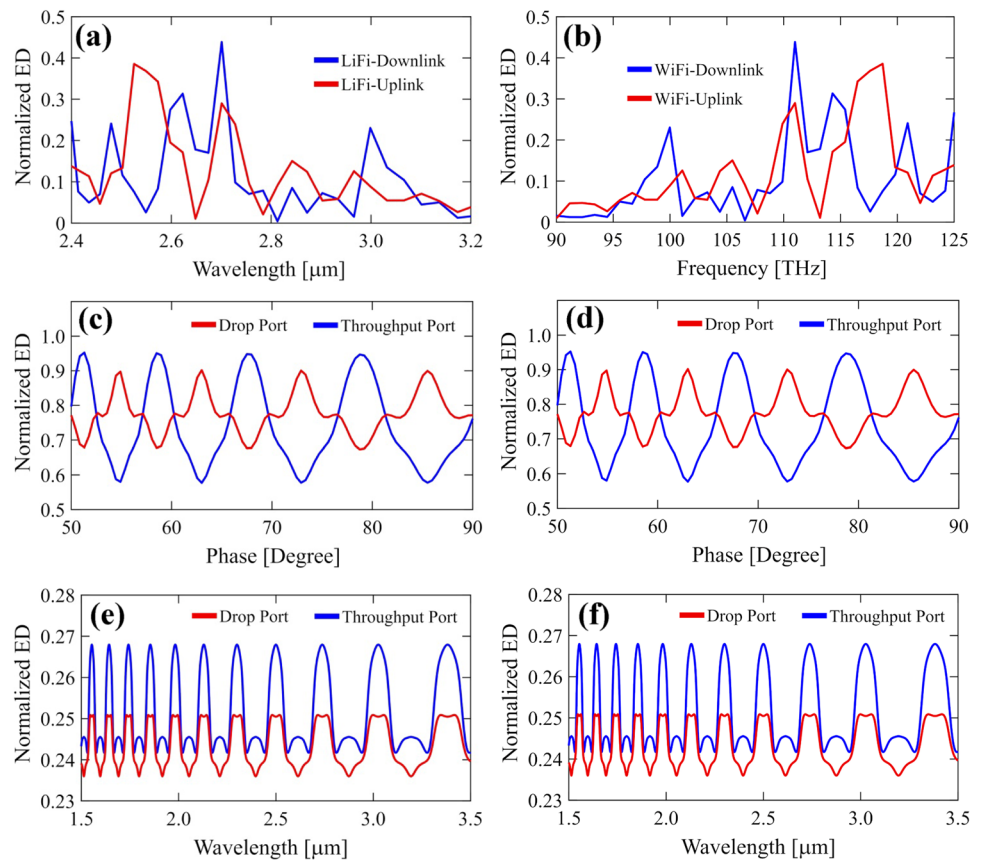


Fig. 5 The plot of the LiFi uplink and downlink of the system are shown in Fig. 1. **a** A peak wavelength at 2.30 μm and 2.27 μm. **b** A peak frequency at 130 THz and 132 THz, where the coverage wave-

length and bandwidth are available for light and microwave transmission links, and the large bandwidth and spectral range are suitable for 6G communication

Fig. 6 The spin-wave outputs for both **a, b** LiFi and WiFi uplink and downlink, respectively. **c, d** The flip-flop outputs obtained from the test nodes, which can be configured as the entanglement of quantum code transmission. **e, f** The MZI output for the uplink and downlink



Conclusion

A plasmonic antenna circuit of ultra-high density is proposed for up- and downlink transmission. The plasmonic antenna circuit consists of the chalcogenide MZI and two panda rings (upper and lower) with silver bars at the center microring, which form the uplink and downlink plasmonic antenna. The proposed device has a wavelength bandwidth of 1.50–3.50 μm while the frequency bandwidth is in the range of 85–250 THz. The uplink and downlink

antennas have a directivity of 18.68 and 13.27, respectively. The uplink and downlink antenna gains are 9.34 and 6.64, respectively. The LiFi uplink and downlink have peak wavelengths of 2.30 μm and 2.27 μm , respectively, while the WiFi uplink and downlink have peak frequencies of 130 THz and 132 THz, respectively. The bit rate of 28 Pbits⁻¹ is achieved. The BER value of 0.36 is obtained. In application, the device can be employed for 6G communication, quantum transmission, big data analytics, and information encryption.

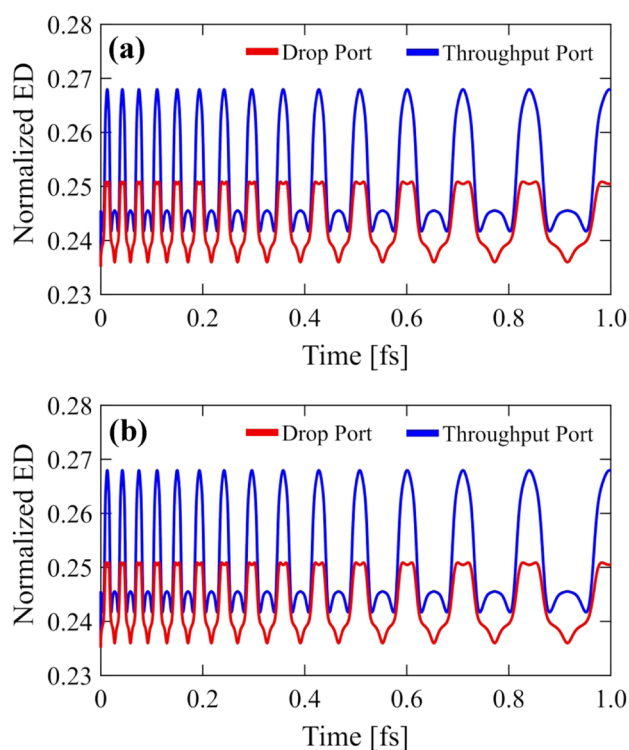


Fig. 7 The plot of the transmission signals **a** uplink and **b** downlink with a bit rate of 28 Pbits^{-1} is obtained, where the higher bit rates can be obtained by increasing the number of up- and downlink antennas and more multiplexed input signals

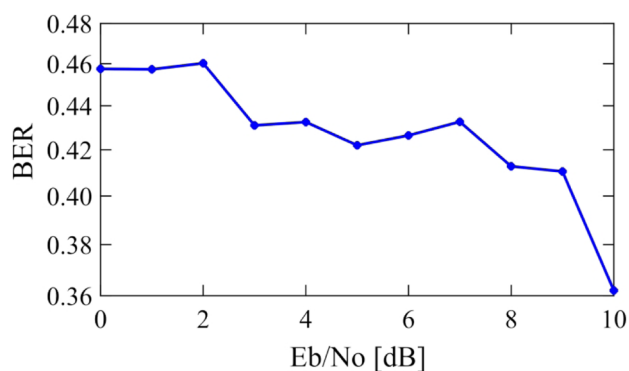


Fig. 8 The plot of the test bit error rate between the up- and downlink nodes where the BER value of 0.36 has been obtained, which is acceptable for transmission

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