

Optoelectronic Measurements of Picosecond Electrical Pulse Propagation in Coplanar Waveguide Transmission Lines

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We present our observations of the effects of coplanar wave-guide transmission lines on the propagation of picosecond electrical pulses using an optoelectronic time-domain measurement technique. Effects of various test structure design factors in optoelectronic transmission lines such as substrate thickness, thickness of transmission line metallization, discontinuity spacing, ground plane width, pulser/sampler line length, and pulser/sampler geometry on picosecond electrical pulse propagation in microwave/millimeter wave coplanar waveguide transmission lines are discussed and schemes for minimizing the adverse effects of each of the above factors are provided.

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