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Electrooptic Phase Tracking of Microwave Signals Beyond 18.5 GHz Using an Integrated Electrooptic Modulator as an Optoelectronic Harmonic Mixer in a Phase Lock Loop

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We demonstrate electrooptic phase tracking of microwave signals beyond 18.5 GHz using a gain-switched laser diode as the optical clock. The key element of this system is a fiber-pigtailed integrated-optic Mach-Zehnder Modulator (IOM). The IOM functions as an optoelectronic harmonic mixer in a phase lock loop. The conversion loss of the OEHM is 66dB. The phase error and the single sideband phase noise density of the phase-locked 18.5 GHz signal is 5.6×10^{-5} rad/sqrt/Hz and -54 dBc/Hz, respectively.

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