

Cascaded External Optical Modulation Link for Radio Distribution

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This paper proposes a fiber optic link configuration for radio distribution networks using cascaded radio base stations. The fiber optic link consists of cascaded external optical modulators (EOMs) that are intensity modulated by radio frequencies from user terminals. The EOMs are connected through fiber cables in series. The link is experimentally investigated at microwave frequencies. The 1.7-GHz QPSK MODEM is connected to the fiber optic link and the transmission characteristics are evaluated using interference signals.

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