

Reduced Invasiveness of Noncontact Electrooptic Probes in Millimeter-Wave Optoelectronic Characterization (Short Papers)

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We report time-resolved measurements of the invasiveness of LiTaO₃/sub 3/ external probes in millimeter-wave electrooptic sampling. Using external probe tips at varying distances from a coplanar stripline, we show that invasiveness can be reduced in a noncontact configuration at the expense of measurement sensitivity. In the contact configuration, the risetime can be significantly lengthened by dispersion and signal reflection caused by the probe tip.

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