

Ridge Coplanar Waveguide for Optical Amplitude Modulation

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A novel structure called ridge coplanar waveguide is proposed for Mach-Zhender optical modulator. Numerical modeling using a two-dimensional finite-difference time-domain (2D-FDTD) algorithm has shown that a ridge coplanar waveguide on Y-cut LiNbO₃ substrate without SiO₂ buffer layer yields very high efficiency of modulation over a wide frequency bandwidth.

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