

Full-duplex fiber-optic RF subcarrier transmission using a dual-function modulator/photodetector

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An electroabsorption waveguide device is presented as a dual-function modulator/photodetector for application as a cost-effective full-duplex transceiver in radio-frequency (RF) fiber-optic links. The spectral modulation and detection properties of the dual-function transceiver are characterized experimentally. Extinction ratio, insertion loss, and responsivity are 12 dB, 7 dB, and 0.8 A/W, respectively. Modulation and detection bandwidths are both in excess of 17 GHz. By employing a dual-lightwave technique, optimum modulation and detection performance is simultaneously achieved. Furthermore, full-duplex error-free optical transmission of RF subcarrier-multiplexed signals over 10 km nondispersion shifted single-mode fiber is demonstrated and a point-to-multipoint optical ring architecture is proposed.

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