

Effects of optical modulation on continuously variable millimeter-wave delay lines based on optical fiber gratings

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The performance of a continuously variable millimeter-wave true time delay unit based on one chirped fiber grating is analyzed. Different optical modulations schemes (DSB+C, SSB+C, self-heterodyne) are studied and the main limitations introduced. Microwave signal level influence on time delay and amplitude ripple on detected signal is analyzed. The theoretical results have been confirmed with measurements on a 4 nm bandwidth chirped fiber grating.

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