

Optical Multi-Format Transmitter

IQ Modulator Reference Transmitter

Feature Overview

- ✓ High-bandwidth single & dual-pol optical IQ modulation up to 60GHz E/O Bandwidth
- ✓ Ultra-Precise Automated BIAS Control
 - No dependency on applied modulation format and RF amplitude
 - ✓ No user tweaking required
 - ✓ Zero noise feature
- ✓ Supports fast and simple switching between modulation formats applied by signal source
- ✓ Built-in or external laser source
- Add-on to electrical AWG
- device specific calibration files enable software-based pre-distortion
- ✓ USB & Ethernet interface for remote control
- ✓ SCPI style remote control command set, LabView® drivers supplied
- ✓ Local Touch Panel display
- Built-in Web Server for instant access from any browser enabled device

Applications

- ✓ Generation of advanced optical modulation formats (e.g. QPSK, 16-QAM, ...)
- ✓ Reference transmitter
- ✓ Testing coherent optical receivers
- Multi-channel transmission experiments for system design tests



The Optical Multi-Format Transmitter (OMFT) is a fully integrated optical frontend instrument that converts differential electrical RF signals into an IQ modulated optical signal.

This device provides excellent quality and matched channels optimized for next generation multi-level transmission formats at very high symbol rates. It is suitable as reference transmitter for receiver characterization or transmitter reference setup. The unit comprises a Mach Zehnder based optical modulator, RF amplifiers for connecting to Arbitrary Waveform Generators (AWG) or Pulse Pattern Generators (PPG).

The unique RF amplitude / modulation format independent automated BIAS control allows users to apply customized RF input signals without requiring manual tweaking of parameters and guaranteeing operation at the optimal operating point. This enables long-term stable operation and automated switching between modulation formats.

A zero noise feature allows to achieve optimal and repeatable performance.

A local touch Panel Display provides easy-to-use direct access to the unit.

Remote control is possible via a built-in Webserver eliminating the need for software installation on a remote PC and enabling any handheld device to access the unit via browser.

A SCPI based programming API allows straightforward implementation of automated test scripting.

Key Features

Automatic BIAS control independent of RF input signals

Unlike other solutions, our unique BIAS control does not rely RF feedback signals derived from the data signal to control the phase electrode in IQ Mach-Zehnder structures. Instead, it uses internally generated feedback signals to identify and track the optimal BIAS setting, which provides a number of advantages

- The control is stable and independent of the RF input signal; supports all modulation formats
- · Operates without any RF signal applied to the modulator data inputs
- · No manual tweaking by user of control loop parameters such as offset values required
- Almost zero average quadrature error of constellation

Zero noise feature

This feature will mute signals used for the automatic BIAS control and freeze its current status achieving optimum performance. Once disabled again, the automatic control will continue optimizing.

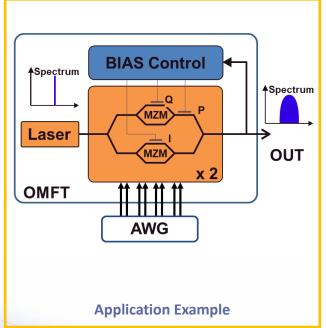
• High-end full digital signal processing (DSP)

All feedback extraction and processing is done using digital DSP Technologies ensuring maximum of performance possible close to theoretical limits. Customized algorithms can be easily implemented by Software changes. A locking status indicator gives users certainty about current status of the control.

Easy to use graphical user interface (GUI) and Remote control

A comprehensive GUI allows setting up, control and monitoring the unit within minutes. Remote control via Ethernet or USB gives a maximum of flexibility connecting to the board. Configurations can be stored locally on the unit which are still available after a reboot.

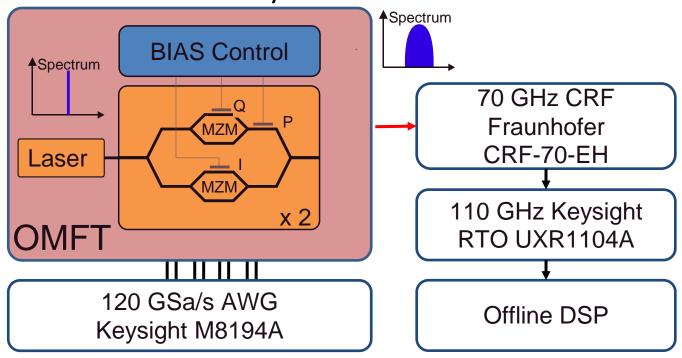
The SCPI style interface allows to easily implement custom remote control software. LabView® drivers are provided.

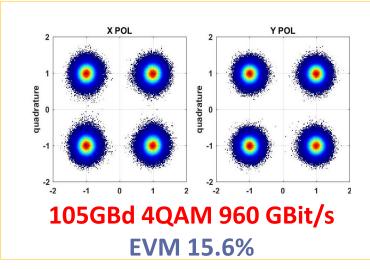


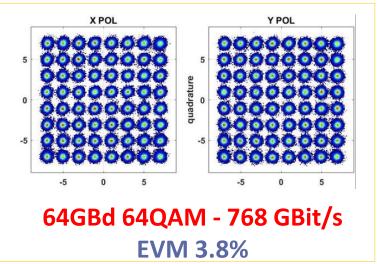


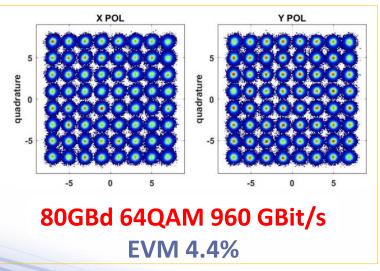
Application Example – Class 60

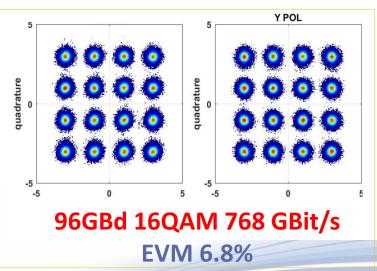
Performance limited by AWG RF source



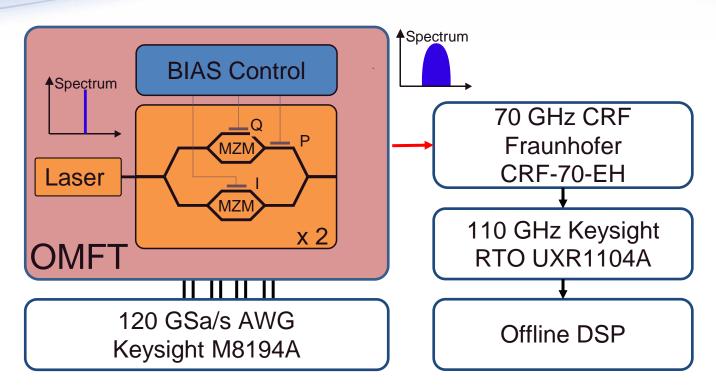


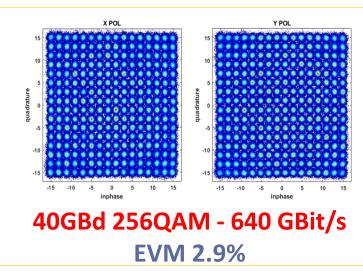


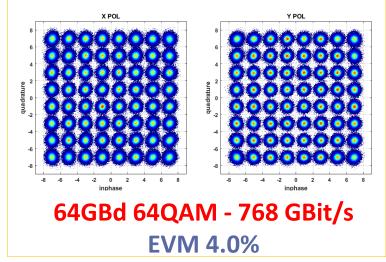


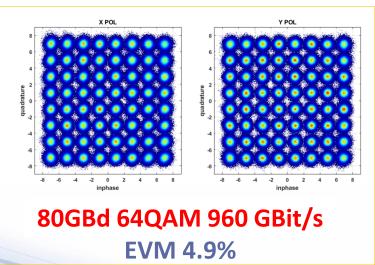


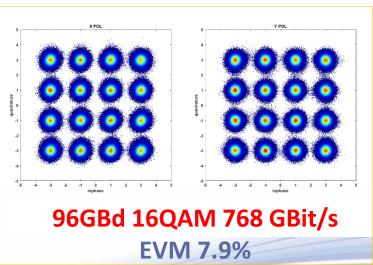
Application Example – Class 40











Key Specifications

Parameter	Specification
Wavelength Range [nm] [THz]	1525 – 1570 191.1 – 196.25
XY Polarization Imbalance [dB]	<1
Gain Imbalance [dB]	<1
DC Extinction Ratio [dB]	> 18
IQ Offset [dB]	< -20
Electrical RF Connectors	1.85mm, female, differential
Insertion Loss [dB] (maximum transmission point setting, no RF modulation)	< 15.5dB
E/O Bandwidth [GHz], 6dB Class 40 Class 60	40, Typical: 45 55, Typical: 60
Input Power Range [dBm]	8 – 19
Maximum Ambient Temperature Gradient [K/hr]	+/- 1
Output Connector	FC/APC
Optical Fiber (MOD IN)	Polarization - maintaining PANDA type Fiber, PER > 20dB, 25typ.

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Mechanical	& electrical Para	ameter
Operating Temperature	+10 to +35°C	non-condensing
Size of Device (H x W x D)	483 x 90 x 275mm 19 x 3.6 x 10.9 inch (depth w/o handles)	
Power Supply	100-240 VAC, 1A, 50/60Hz	