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Abstract:The year 2012 marks the 100th volume of Proceedings of the IEEE, as well as the second year for IEEE Transactions on Terahertz Science and Technology. THz signals required cumbersome, expensive, and power-hungry devices for generation and detection, they suffered significant attenuation as they traveled through air, and there was no compelling need for the huge bandwidth offered by the band. It is predicted that the traffic from wireless devices may exceed that from wired devices by 2015. In order for THz-based devices to capture that market, one would need transmitter and receiver components that are small, power efficient, and, last but not least, relatively inexpensive. Researchers from the Tokyo Institute of Technology demonstrated a 3 Gb/s data transfer rate over a 542 GHz wireless connection, thereby doubling the previous record of 1.5 Gb/s reported by chipmaker Rohm in November 2011.

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