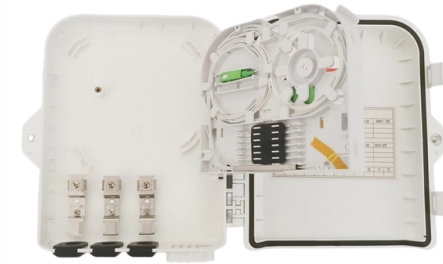


New Austrian Optical Directional Coupler for Field Operations



AI Overview

A New Austrian Optical Directional Coupler is a robust, broadband optical device that transfers light between closely spaced waveguides, designed for reliable field deployment with high coupling efficiency and environmental tolerance. Operational Principle Directional couplers consist of two parallel optical waveguides brought close enough for their evanescent fields to overlap, allowing light to transfer from one waveguide to the other as it propagates. The amount of light coupled depends on the waveguide geometry, gap, and coupling length, which can be engineered to achieve specific splitting ratios such as 50/50 or 90/10. Coupling is determined by the even and odd supermodes of the system, with the difference in their effective refractive indices controlling the power transfer. Design Considerations for Field Use For field operations, couplers must be broadband, fabrication-tolerant, and environmentally stable: Broadband operation ensures consistent splitting across a wide wavelength range, which is critical for variable light sources in outdoor or mobile applications. Fabrication tolerance is essential to maintain performance despite small variations in waveguide width or gap, which can occur during mass production or in rugged environments. Material choice such as silicon nitride (SiN) allows high transmittance in visible and near-infrared ranges while maintaining low propagation losses and CMOS compatibility. Practical Features Splitting ratio control: Adjustable via coupling length and waveguide geometry, enabling precise power distribution for sensors, communication links, or optical switches. Polarization handling: Designs can support both TE- and TM-like modes, ensuring reliable operation under varying input polarizations. Compact footprint: Advanced designs, including Mach-Zehnder interferometer (MZI) configurations, allow compact, field-d...

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The evanescent field that exists outside the high index region is very useful in realizing many integrated photonic components. One such very important device is the optical directional coupler. The

Directional Coupler

A directional coupler is defined as a device that couples only to waves traveling in a specific direction, allowing for the measurement of forward and reverse power levels in transmission

Mode Conversion Trimming in Asymmetric Directional Couplers

An on-chip asymmetric directional coupler (DC) can convert fundamental modes to higher-order modes and is one of the core components of mode-division multiplexing (MDM)

Optical Directional Couplers and their Applications

This chapter contains sections titled: Introduction Qualitative Description of the Operation of Directional Couplers Marcatili's Improved Coupled-Mode Equations Directional Couplers with Unif...

A fixed phase tunable directional coupler based on coupling tuning

In this study, we introduce a design of a TDC based on coupling constant tuning in the thin film Lithium Niobate platform and present an optimized design. Our optimized TDC design

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GDSFactory has a function that enables users to find the supermodes in a directional coupler, given the gap and permittivity of the waveguide core and

Optical Coupler

An optical directional coupler is one of the most basic inline fiber-optic components, often used to split and combine optical signals, or tap-off a small portion of the optical power for monitoring.

Study of directional couplers for optical qubit quantum operations

Micrograph of a directional coupler, including: a— general view of the structure, b— enlarged image of the central part of the directional coupler acquired using a scanning electron microscope ...

Robust Characterization of Integrated Photonics Directional Couplers

Consequently, the variability in coupling location and efficiency can greatly influence measurement accuracy, making it difficult to isolate and quantify the true performance of the optical

Multi-Octave All-Dielectric Directional Coupler Using

The realization of this directional coupler necessitated the development of an integrated quasi-optical substrateless silicon platform that is

The nonlinear directional coupler: an analytic solution

Linear and nonlinear directional couplers are currently used in fiber optics communications. They may also play a role in multiphoton approaches to quantum information

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This chapter presents a detailed discussion of optical directional couplers, which is one of the important components of integrated quantum photonic circuits. Coupled mode theory is used to analyze two

Robust Geometrical Dimensions in Uniform Directional Couplers

In this work, we identify and analyze stationary geometrical dimensions of directional couplers that enhance tolerance to such variations. Through theoretical predictions and experimental

Optical Coupler

A directional optical coupler can be made by simply fusing fibers together for a certain length known as fused fiber coupler, or using coupled ridge optical waveguides on a PLC.

Schematic diagram of the all-optical switch based on a

In this paper all-optical switching in a new photonic crystal directional coupler is performed. The structure of the switch consists of a directional coupler and a

Robust Characterization of Integrated Photonics Directional Couplers

To address these challenges, we propose a novel direct measurement technique that offers greater robustness to variations in optical interfaces, while by-passing extinction ratio

Design Directional Couplers For High-Power Applications

Directional couplers are invaluable components for measuring the power levels of signals in microwave systems. Especially when high power levels are involved, a properly designed directional coupler

Photonic crystal directional coupler for all-optical

ABSTRACT In this paper, we introduce a new configuration based on the combination of photonic crystal directional coupler and nonlinear

Highly efficient and selective integrated directional couplers for ...

The design and fabrication of a compact, low-loss, broadband directional coupler (DC) based duplexer operating in the near-infrared (NIR) region are demonstrated.

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Abstract In this work, nanophotonic circuits with directional couplers are studied, which, along with phase shifters, are one of the main elements for creating circuits of a linear optical

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Such a directional coupler that allows the transfer of light from one channel to another is one of the building blocks of optical integrated circuits. We shall describe below the first operation of such a

Accurate Modeling of Directional Couplers with Oxide Cladding:

Abstract Directional couplers are a fundamental building block in integrated photonics, particularly in quantum applications and optimization-based design where precision is critical.

A fixed phase tunable directional coupler based on

Our work contributes to developing high-performance photonic integrated circuits with implications for various fields, including optical

Variable Ratio Fiber-Optic Couplers

The F-CPL Series Variable Ratio Couplers are an all fiber, polished directional coupler with variable coupling ratio. These devices can be used to divide or

A Review of Optical Coupler Theory, Techniques, and

a) Top and cross-sectional views of the Si-wire directional coupler. b) Simulated results for E-field profiles for gaps of $d = 0.3 \mu\text{m}$ and $d = 0.2 \mu\text{m}$. c)

Multi-functional all-optical photonic crystal logic gate using ...

In this paper, an all-optical photonic crystal multi-functional logic block is proposed based on the nonlinear directional couplers. This structure provides XOR/Majority and XNOR/Minority logic

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