

Measurement and Analysis of Periodic Coupling in Silicon-Clad Planar Waveguides

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Computer modeling studies indicate that planar dielectric waveguides clad with silicon exhibit a damped periodic oscillation in their attenuation and phase characteristics. The effect is due to a periodic coupling between the lossy, guided modes in the silicon film and the TE/sub 0/ mode of the dielectric waveguide. Experimental confirmation of the periodic coupling for a wavelength of 632.8 nm is presented. Propagation characteristics for a wavelength of 1150 nm were investigated for application in integrated optical modulators. Frequency filtering properties, of silicon-clad waveguides are also examined and it is shown that the silicon thickness controls the filter response curve.

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