

Low-Loss Ti: LiNbO₃ Waveguide Bends at $\lambda = 1.3 \mu\text{m}$

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Low-loss waveguide bends are necessary for many proposed integrated optical circuits. The bend loss associated with an S-shaped transition connecting offset $6 \mu\text{m}$ wide titanium-indiffused lithium niobate strip waveguides has been measured as a function of transition length and initial Ti metal thickness for $1.3 \mu\text{m}$ wavelength. Losses as low as $0.2 \pm 0.2 \text{ dB}$ have been achieved for a transition between offset parallel waveguides with a 0.1 mm lateral and 3.25 mm longitudinal separation. The bend loss is shown to be strongly dependent on the mode confinement and less sensitive to the shape of the transition curve.

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