

Experimental Study of Dielectric Waveguide Y-Junctions for Millimeter-Wave Integrated Circuits

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Symmetric and asymmetric Y-junctions have been fabricated from rectangular dielectric image line, and the transmission and reflection characteristics have been measured in the 20-26-GHz range. The tested symmetric Y-junction operates as a near 3-dB power divider for the junction half-angle below $\sim 20^\circ$. The maximum allowable junction angle of the symmetric Y-junction is discussed, which is very important for millimeter-wave integrated-circuit applications. It is shown that the asymmetric Y-junction can be used as a directional coupler because of the controllable splitting ratio and high isolation. The results for the asymmetric Y-junction with a gap are also presented.

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