

A Novel Coupling Method for Dual-Mode Dielectric Resonators and Waveguide Filters

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A new method for coupling dual-mode waveguide or dielectric resonator cavities is described and analyzed. The method has the advantages of providing a practical, flexible, economic means of replacing irises, of offering easy tunability of the coupling over a wide range of coupling values, and of reducing the length of the coupling structure. Calculation of the resonator's coupling parameters using the mode-matching method yields accurate results and is verified by measurements. Experimental four-pole dual-mode elliptic function filters using the new coupling method for empty cavities and dielectric-resonator-loaded cavities were constructed and tested. The test results showed excellent agreement with theoretical analysis.

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