

A Broad-Band Uniplanar Slotline Hybrid Ring Coupler with Over One Octave Bandwidth

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This paper presents a new uniplanar hybrid ring coupler using coplanar waveguide (CPW) and slotline. The coupler provides substantially improved amplitude and phase characteristics over a broad bandwidth compared to the conventional microstrip hybrid ring couplers. Experimental results show that the new coupler has a bandwidth of one octave from 2 GHz to 4 GHz with ± 0.25 dB power dividing balance and $\pm 1^\circ$ phase balance.

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