

TABLE I
THE MEDIUM OF DIELECTRIC FILM AND THE INSERTION LOSS

DIELECTRIC MEDIUM	REFRACTIVE INDEX <i>n</i>	INSERTION LOSS dB
H ₂ O	1.33	-0.73
Si-OIL	1.40	-0.56
CH ₂ I ₂	1.74	-1.19

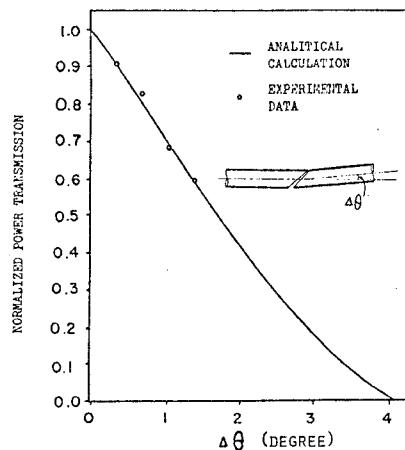


Fig. 4. Decrease of power transmission caused by angular misalignment $\Delta\theta$.

of the reflected and transmitted wave is given by

$$\frac{R}{T} = \frac{|r_{||}|^2 \cos^2 \phi + |r_{\perp}|^2 \sin^2 \phi}{|t_{||}|^2 \cos^2 \phi + |t_{\perp}|^2 \sin^2 \phi} \quad (1)$$

where r and t are, respectively, the reflection and transmission coefficients of the film for an incident plane wave [2], where the symbols $||$, \perp indicate the direction of the polarization to the plane of incidence, and ϕ is the angle between the polarization of the incident wave and the plane of incidence. (See Fig. 2.)

The coupling coefficient is calculated from the ratio R/T of (1), and the measured coupling coefficient for the wave of the electric field polarized normal to the plane of incidence is shown in Fig. 3 with the analytical results. Several kinds of liquids, H₂O ($n = 1.33$), Si-oil ($n = 1.40$), CH₂I₂ ($n = 1.74$), are used for the dielectric film medium.

The analytical results of reflectivity for the wave of parallel polarization become very small because the angle of the film is close to the Brewster angle, and the resulting output is a scattered light which is about 10 dB larger than the analytically expected coupled power.

The insertion loss is obtained from the ratio of the power of port 1 and port 2. The measured insertion losses of the directional coupler by using respective dielectric films are tabulated in Table I.

If two fibers are not aligned in a straight line, the transmitted power decreases with the angular misalignment $\Delta\theta$ (Fig. 4). The analytical result is derived from a common area in the spatial frequency domain of the input and output light which is determined by the acceptance angle of the two fibers. Experimental data reasonably agree with the theoretical results. Directivity is obtained from the ratio of the output light power from port 3 and port 4 and is measured to -20.4 dB.

The experimental directional coupler has the advantages of relatively large coupling coefficient and small size in an optical fiber applications. By choosing an adequate inserting medium, a 3-dB coupler for optical transmission system can be obtained.

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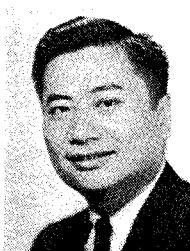
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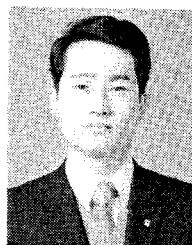


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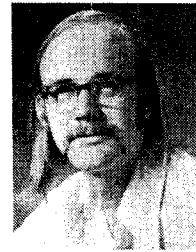
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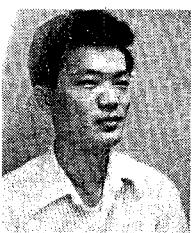
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