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Coupling efficiency to the m-th mode

$$\eta_m = \frac{P_m}{P_{in}}$$

Coupling loss (dB)

$$L = 10 \log \frac{P_{in}}{P_m}$$

Transverse Coupling



$$\eta_{\rm cm} = \frac{\left[\int A(x)B_m^*(x)dx\right]^2}{\int A(x)A^*(x)dx\int B_{\rm m}(x)B_{\rm m}^*(\dot{x})dx},$$

A(x,y) = Field Distribution of Incident Beam $B_m(x,y)$ = Field Distribution of the m-th mode

End-Butt Coupling



Fig. 7.2 Parallel end-butt coupling of a laser diode and thin-film waveguide

$$\eta_{m} = \frac{64}{(m+1)^{2} \pi^{2}} \cdot \frac{n_{L} n_{g}}{(n_{L} + n_{g})^{2}} \cdot \cos^{2} \left(\frac{\pi t_{g}}{2t_{L}}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\left[1 - \left(\frac{t_{g}}{(m+1)t_{L}}\right)^{2}\right]^{2}} \cdot \frac{t_{g}}{t_{L}} \cdot \cos^{2} \left(\frac{m\pi}{2}\right)$$

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Prism Coupling



$$\kappa L = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

 κ: Coupling coefficient (depending on overlap integral between the prism mode and the waveguide mode)

$$L = \frac{W}{\cos \theta_m} = \frac{\pi}{2\kappa}$$



For a given L, the coupling coefficient required for complete coupling:



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Grating Coupling



Waveguides Tapers



Fig. 7.12 a–g Lateral taper designs. **a** Lateral down-tapered buried waveguide. **b** Lateral uptapered buried waveguide. **c** Single lateral taper transition from a ridge waveguide to a fibermatched waveguide. **d** Multisection taper transition from a ridge waveguide to a fiber-matched waveguide. **e** Dual lateral overlapping buried waveguide taper. **f** Dual lateral overlapping ridge waveguide taper. **g** Nested waveguide taper transition from a ridge waveguide to a fiber-matched waveguide [26] ©1997 IEEE