#### MMI – Multi mode interferometer

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#### Part 1

### Fundamental properties of vector modes

 Complete basis for the decomposition of the fields E and H:

$$\mathbf{E} = \sum_{j} \mathbf{E}_{j} + \mathbf{E}_{-j} + \mathbf{E}_{rad} \tag{1}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \sum_{j} \mathbf{H}_{j} + \mathbf{H}_{-j} + \mathbf{H}_{rad} \tag{2}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{j}(x,y,z) = \mathbf{e}_{j}(x,y) e^{i\beta_{j}z} = (\mathbf{e}_{tj} + \mathbf{\hat{z}}e_{zj}) e^{i\beta_{j}z}$$

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$$\tag{4}$$

## Propagation constant and phase velocity

• The *j*-th eigenvalue solution of the wave equation:

$$\beta_{j} = \frac{\frac{k}{2} \int_{A_{\infty}} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{\mu_{0}}{\varepsilon_{0}}} \mathbf{h}_{j}^{2} + \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_{0}}{\mu_{0}}} \left( n^{2} \right)^{*} \mathbf{e}_{j}^{2} \right] dA}{\int_{A_{\infty}} \mathbf{e}_{j} \times \mathbf{h}_{j} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} dA}$$
(1)

Each mode propagates with a phase velocity

$$v_{pj} = \frac{\omega}{\beta_i} \tag{1}$$

## Orthonormality of guided modes

 The general orthonormality relation of the forward and backward-propagating guided modes is

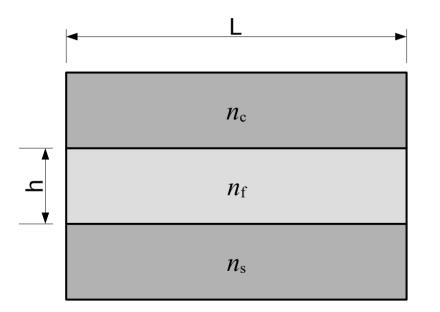
$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{A_{\infty}} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j \times \hat{\mathbf{h}}_k^* \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} \, \mathrm{d}A = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j = k, \\ 0 & \text{if } j \neq k. \end{cases}$$

where

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_j = \frac{\mathbf{e}_j}{\sqrt{N_j}}, \, \hat{\mathbf{h}}_j = \frac{\mathbf{h}_j}{\sqrt{N_j}} \text{ and } N_j = \frac{1}{2} \left| \int_{A_\infty} \mathbf{e}_j \times \mathbf{h}_j^* \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} \, \mathrm{d}A \right|$$

### Orthonormality of guided modes

Considering a symmetric dieletric waveguide:



$$\nabla^2 H + k^2 H = 0$$

TE modes 
$$H_z, E_y, H_x$$
 
$$\nabla_T^2 H_z + k_c^2 H_z = 0$$
 
$$\mathbf{H}_T = -j \frac{\beta}{k_c^2} \nabla_T H_z$$
 
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$$\mathbf{H}_T = \frac{1}{\eta_{\mathrm{TM}}} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \mathbf{E}_T.$$

Show the orthonormality of guided modes in this device.

# Poynting vector and power density

The general definition of the Poyting vector is

$$\mathbf{S} = rac{1}{2}\mathcal{R}\left(\mathbf{E} imes \mathbf{H}^*
ight)$$

• The power density o *j*-th mode is

$$S_{jz} = \mathbf{S}_j \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \frac{1}{2} |a_j|^2 \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j \times \hat{\mathbf{h}}_j^* \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \, \mathbf{e}_j = a_j \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j \text{ and } \mathbf{h}_j = a_j \hat{\mathbf{h}}_j$$

• The power carried by the mode *j* is given by the integration of

$$P_j = \frac{1}{2} |a_j|^2 \int_{A_\infty} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j \times \hat{\mathbf{h}}_j^* \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} \, dA = |a_j|^2$$

## Poynting vector and power density

 The total power carried by all guided and radiated modes is

$$P_{tot} = \underbrace{P_{gd}}_{\text{guided}} + \underbrace{P_{rad}}_{\text{radiated}}$$

 $P_{gd} = \sum_{j} (P_j + P_{-j}) = \sum_{j} |a_j|^2 - \sum_{j} |a_{-j}|^2$ 

# Expansion of the fields onto the basis of guided modes

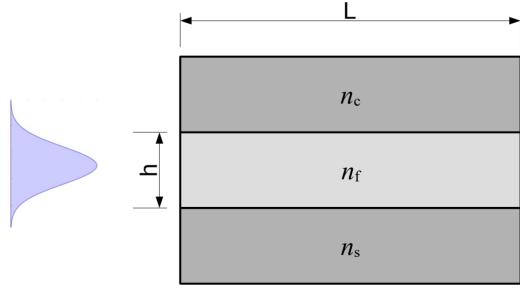
- Far from the excitation sources and waveguides perturbations;
- The guided fields can be decomposed on the finite orthonormal basis of forward and backwardpropagating guied modes:

$$\mathbf{E} = \sum_{i} a_{j} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{j} + a_{-j} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{-j} \rightarrow a_{j} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{A_{\infty}} \mathbf{E} \times \hat{\mathbf{h}}_{j}^{*} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} \, dA$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \sum_{j} a_{j} \hat{\mathbf{h}}_{j} + a_{-j} \hat{\mathbf{h}}_{-j} \rightarrow a_{-j} = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{A_{\infty}} \mathbf{E} \times \hat{\mathbf{h}}_{-j}^{*} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} \, dA$$

### Expansion of the fields

- Suppose that a Gaussian pulse is incident on a slab waveguide;
- A number of supported modes will be excited and propagated in the core region;



### Expansion of the fields

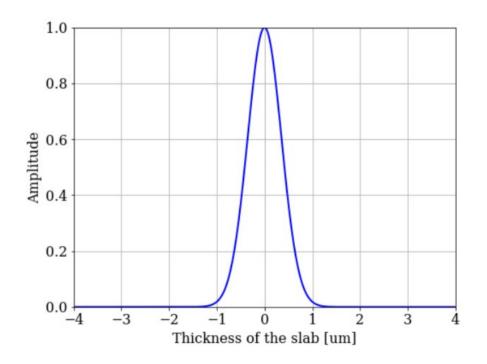
- Consider a slab waveguide with width of 1 um and  $n_s$  = 1.52,  $n_f$  = 1.674 and  $n_c$  = 1.0. The structure supports 2 modes at wavelength of 633 nm. Calculate the transmission of the **TE mode** at L = 633 nm.
  - 1) Calculate the field profile and propagation constant of each mode;
  - 2) Check the orthogonality and adjust the amplitude;
  - 3) Generate the Gaussian input pulse;
  - 4) Calculate the amplitude of the propagated pulse and generate the propagated output pulse;
  - 5) Calculate the transmission;

### Input signal – Gaussian pulse

$$\Psi\left(y\right) = e^{\left(\frac{y}{\omega_0}\right)^2}$$

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w_0 = W_m/2
phi_in = np.exp(-(x/w_0)**2)
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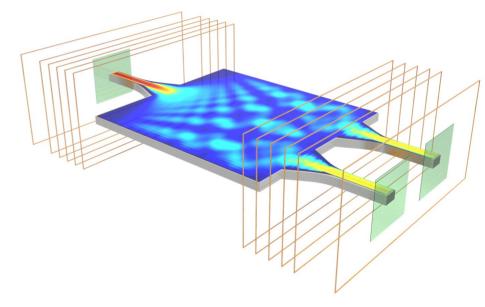
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plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
plt.plot(1e6*x, phi_in, linewidth = 2)
plt.grid(True)
plt.xlabel('Thickness of the slab [um]')
plt.ylabel('Amplitude')
plt.xlim([-4,4])
plt.ylim([0,1])
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#### Part 2

#### Multi-mode interference device

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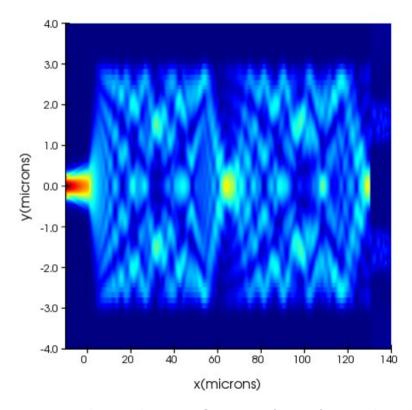


Multimode interference (MMI) coupler

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Multimode interference (MMI) coupler – simulated using Lumerical MODE.

- Step-index multimode waveguide;
- Width  $W_M$ , refractive index  $n_r$  and cladding refractive index  $n_c$ ;

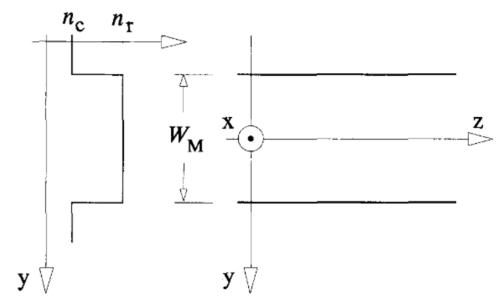


Fig. 1. Two-dimensional representation of a step-index multimode wave-guide; (effective) index lateral profile (left), and top view of ridge boundaries and coordinate system (right).

- Step-index multimode waveguide;
- Width  $W_M$ , refractive index  $n_r$  and cladding refractive index  $n_c$ ;
- Supports m lateral modes  $\upsilon=0,\,1,\,\ldots,\,(m\text{-}1)$  at free-space wavelength  $\lambda_0$ ;
- The wavenumber  $k_c$  and the propagation constant  $\beta_v$  are related with

$$k_c^2 + \beta_\nu^2 = k_0^2 n_r^2, k_0 = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_0}, k_c = \frac{(\nu+1)\pi}{W_{e\nu}}$$

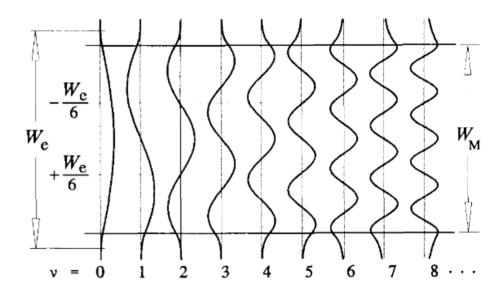


Fig. 2. Example of amplitude-normalized lateral field profiles  $\psi_{\nu}(y)$ , corresponding to the first 9 guided modes in a step-index multimode waveguide.

$$W_{e\nu} \simeq W_e = W_M + \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\pi}\right) \left(\frac{n_c}{n_r}\right)^{2\sigma} \left(n_r^2 - n_c^2\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

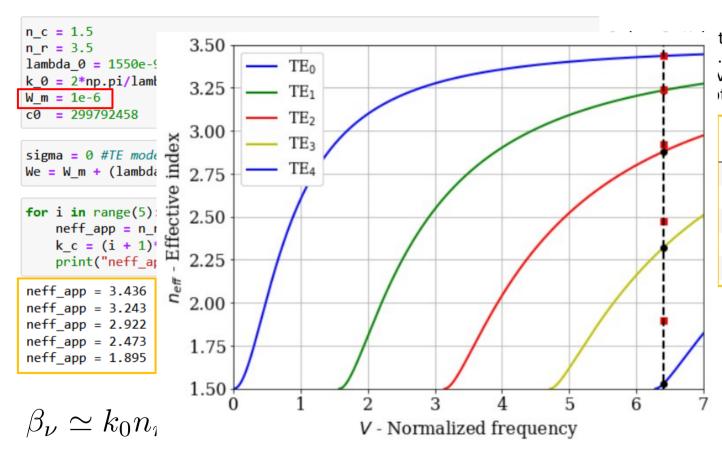
More details about  $W_{ev}$ , see Lucas & Erik [1].

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n c = 1.5
n r = 3.5
lambda 0 = 1550e-9
k 0 = 2*np.pi/lambda 0
W m = 1e-6
c0 = 299792458
sigma = 0 #TE mode
We = W m + (lambda \ 0/np.pi)*((n \ c/n \ r)**(2*sigma))*(n \ r**2 - n \ c**2)**(-0.5)
for i in range(5):
    neff_app = n_r - ((i+1)**2 * np.pi * lambda 0)/(We**2*4*n r*k 0)
    k c = (i + 1)*np.pi/We
    print("neff app = %4.3f" %(neff app))
neff app = 3.436
neff app = 3.243
neff app = 2.922
neff app = 2.473
neff app = 1.895
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	beta	neff	kf	als	alc
TE					
0	1.391856e+07	3.433571	2.751090e+06	1.252013e+07	1.252013e+07
1	1.310526e+07	3.232939	5.435704e+06	1.160928e+07	1.160928e+07
2	1.166455e+07	2.877530	8.076693e+06	9.954359e+06	9.954359e+06
3	9.409787e+06	2.321302	1.061841e+07	7.181337e+06	7.181337e+06
4	6.204527e+06	1.530596	1.275926e+07	1.234361e+06	1.234361e+06

$$\beta_{\nu} \simeq k_0 n_r - \frac{(\nu+1)^2 \pi \lambda_0}{4n_r W_e^2}, \text{ if } k_c^2 \ll (k_0 n_r)^2$$



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neff app = 3.497
neff app = 3.487
neff app = 3.471
neff app = 3.448
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1	1.413541e+07	3.487067	1.218556e+06	1.276077e+07	1.276077e+07
2	1.406962e+07	3.470836	1.827728e+06	1.268785e+07	1.268785e+07
3	1.397701e+07	3.447992	2.436771e+06	1.258509e+07	1.258509e+07
4	1.385709e+07	3.418407	3.045639e+06	1.245176e+07	1.245176e+07
5	1.370916e+07	3.381914	3.654279e+06	1.228692e+07	1.228692e+07
6	1.353236e+07	3.338299	4.262636e+06	1.208934e+07	1.208934e+07
7	1.332560e+07	3.287294	4.870647e+06	1.185745e+07	1.185745e+07
8	1.308754e+07	3.228567	5.478239e+06	1.158927e+07	1.158927e+07
9	1.281653e+07	3.161713	6.085328e+06	1.128233e+07	1.128233e+07
10	1.251057e+07	3.086235	6.691812e+06	1.093352e+07	1.093352e+07

## Input signal

• A input field profile imposed at z=0 and totally contained within  $W_e$  will be decomposed into the modal field distributions of all modes (including guided as well as radiative modes):

$$\underbrace{\Psi(y,0)}_{\text{input field}} = \sum_{\nu} c_{\nu} \underbrace{\psi_{\nu}(y)}_{\text{modal field}} \rightarrow \Psi(y,0) = \sum_{\nu=0}^{m-1} c_{\nu} \psi_{\nu}(y)$$

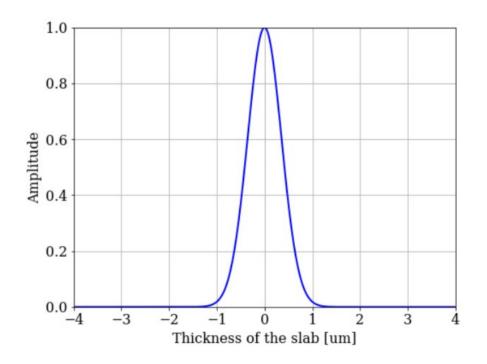
$$c_{\nu} = \int \Psi(y,0) \psi_{\nu}(y) dy$$

### Input signal – example: gaussian pulse

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### Field profile

• The field profile at z can be written as a superposition

$$\Psi(y,z) = \sum_{\nu=0}^{m-1} c_{\nu} \psi_{\nu}(y) \exp \left[ j \left( \omega t - \beta_{\nu} z \right) \right]$$

$$= \sum_{\nu=0}^{m-1} c_{\nu} \psi_{\nu}(y) \exp \left[ j \left( \beta_{0} - \beta_{\nu} \right) z \right]$$

$$\Psi(y,L) = \sum_{\nu=0}^{m-1} c_{\nu} \psi_{\nu}(y) \exp \left[ j \frac{\nu(\nu+2)\pi}{3L_{\pi}} L \right]$$

All depends on the modal excitation  $c_v$  and the properties of the mode phase factor.

Taking the phase of the fundamental mode as a common factor out of the sum, dropping it and assuming the time dependence  $\exp(jwt)$  implicit hereafter.

$$z = L$$

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$$= \sum_{\nu=0}^{m-1} c_{\nu} \psi_{\nu}(y) \exp\left[j\left(\beta_{0} - \beta_{\nu}\right) z\right] \qquad \psi_{\nu}(-y) = \begin{cases} \psi_{\nu}(y) & \text{for } \nu \text{ even} \\ -\psi_{\nu}(y) & \text{for } \nu \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

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- General interference: independent of the modal excitation (all modes):
  - Single images;
  - Multiples images;
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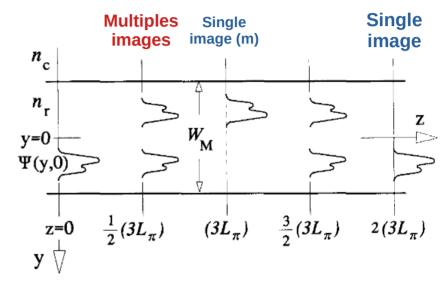


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$$\exp\left[j\frac{\nu(\nu+2)\pi}{3L_{\pi}}L\right] = 1 \text{ or } (-1)^{\nu}$$

Phase changes of all modes must differ by integer multiples of 2π Phase changes must be alternatively even and odd multiples of π (mirrored)

Solution:

$$L = p(3L_{\pi})$$
 with  $p = 0, 1, 2, ...$ 

For p even (single image) and p odd (single image mirrored);

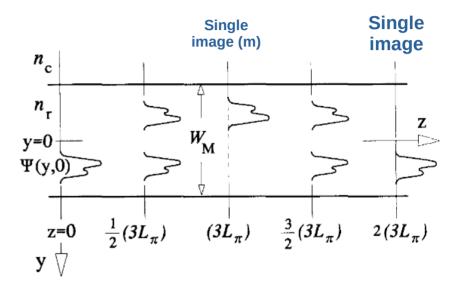


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$$L = \frac{p}{2} (3L_{\pi})$$
 with  $p = 1, 3, 5, \dots$ 

The total field at these lengths is

$$\Psi\left(y, \frac{p}{2} 3L_{\pi}\right) = \sum_{\nu=0}^{m-1} c_{\nu} \psi_{\nu}(y) \exp\left[j\nu(\nu+2)p\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)L\right] 
= \sum_{\nu \text{ even}} c_{\nu} \psi_{\nu}(y) + \sum_{\nu \text{ odd}} (-j)^{p} c_{\nu} \psi_{\nu}(y) 
= \frac{1 + (-j)^{p}}{2} \Psi(y, 0) + \frac{1 - (-j)^{p}}{2} \Psi(-y, 0)$$

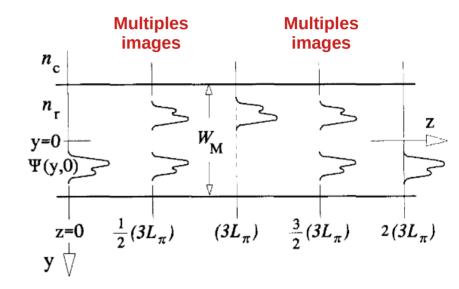


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#### **General interference**

In general, at

$$L = \frac{p}{N} (3L_{\pi}), p \geq 0 \text{ and } N \geq 0 \text{ (integers with no common divisor)}$$

The field will be

$$\Psi(y,L) = \frac{1}{C} \sum_{q=0}^{N-1} \Psi_{in}(y-y_q) \exp(j\varphi_q) \text{ with } y_q = p(2q-N) \frac{W_e}{N} \text{ and } \varphi_q = p(N-q) q\left(\frac{\pi}{N}\right)$$

- Where C is a complex normalization constant ( $|C| = \sqrt{N}$ ), p indicates the imaging periodicity along z, and q refers to each of the N images along y;
- The above equations show that: at distances z=L, N images are formed of the extended field  $\Psi_{\rm in}\left(y\right)$ , located at the positions  $y_q$ , each wih amplitude  $1/\sqrt{N}$  and phase  $\varphi_q$  (p=1 shortest devices).
- For example, N = 2 and p = 1;

#### **General** interference

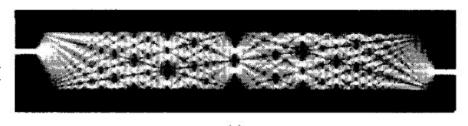
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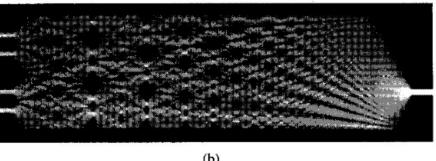


Fig. 5. Theoretical light intensity patterns corresponding to general or paired interference mechanisms in two multimode waveguides, leading to a mirrored single image (a), and a 4-fold image (b). Note also the multi-fold images at intermediate distances, non-equally spaced along the lateral axis. Reproduced For example, N = 1 by kind permission of J. M. Heaton, ©British Crown Copyright DRA 1992.

divisor)

$$= p\left(N - q\right) q\left(\frac{\pi}{N}\right)$$

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#### **Restricted interference - paired**

- Only some guided modes in the multimode waveguide are excited by the input fields;
- By lauching an even symmetric input field  $\Psi(y,0)$  (e.g. a Gaussian beam) at  $y=\pm W_e$ , the modes v=2, 5, 8, ... present a zero with odd symmetry and  $c_v=0$ ;
- By the same token, two-fold images are

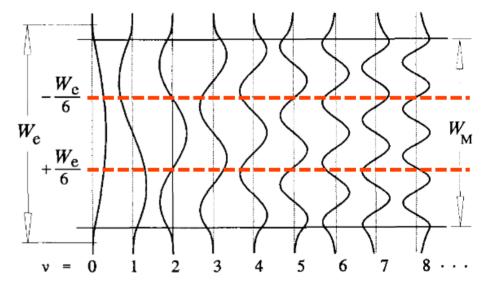


Fig. 2. Example of amplitude-normalized lateral field profiles  $\psi_{\nu}(y)$ , corresponding to the first 9 guided modes in a step-index multimode waveguide.

$$L = p(L_{\pi})$$
 with  $p = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  (single imagens - direct and inverted)

$$L = \frac{p}{N}(L_{\pi})$$
 with  $p = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  (N-fold images where  $p \ge 0$  and  $N \ge 0$ )

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#### **Restricted interference - symmetric**

- Exciting only the even symmetric modes;
- For the modes  $v = 1, 3, 5, ..., c_v = 0$ ;
- 1xN beam splitters can be realized with multimode waveguides four times shorter;
- In general, N-fold images are obtained at distances

$$L = \frac{p}{N} \left( \frac{3L_{\pi}}{4} \right)$$

with N images of the input field, symmetrically located along the y-axis with equal spaceings  $W_e/N$ .

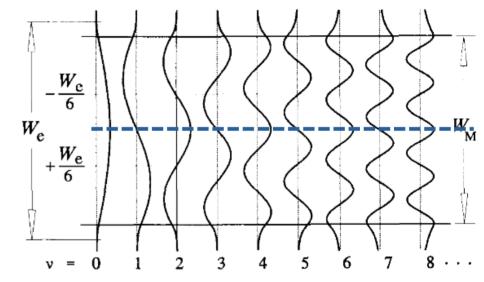


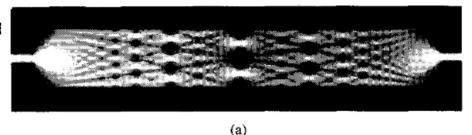
Fig. 2. Example of amplitude-normalized lateral field profiles  $\psi_{\nu}(y)$ , corresponding to the first 9 guided modes in a step-index multimode waveguide.

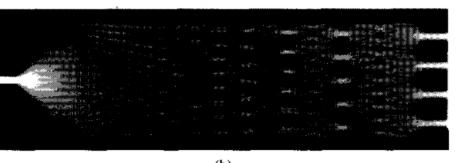
#### **Restricted interference - symmetric**

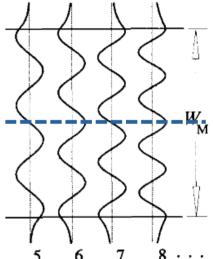
- Exciting only the modes;
- For the modes v = 1, 3
- 1xN beam splitters with multimode waveç shorter;
- In general, N-fold ima at distances

$$L = \frac{p}{N} \left( \frac{3L_{\pi}}{4} \right)$$

with N images of symmetrically located with equal spaceings







1 lateral field profiles  $\psi_{\nu}(y)$ , correspondex multimode waveguide.

Fig. 7. Theoretical light intensity patterns corresponding to (single-input) symmetric interference mechanisms in a  $20-\mu$ m-wide multimode waveguide, showing "1 × 1" imaging (a); and in a  $40-\mu$ m-wide multimode waveguide, showing 1-to-4 way splitting (b). Note also the multi-fold images at intermediate distances, equally spaced along the lateral axis. Reproduced by kind permission of J. M. Heaton *et al.* [34]. ©British Crown Copyright DRA 1992.

- General interference: independent of the modal excitation (all modes):
  - Single images;
  - Multiples images;
- Restricted interference: obtained by exciting certain modes alone:
  - Paired interference;
  - Symmetric interference;

TABLE I
SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS OF THE GENERAL,
PAIRED. AND SYMMETRIC INTERFERENCE MECHANSIMS

Interference mechanism	General	Paired	Symmetric
Inputs × Outputs	$N \times N$	$2\times N$	1×N
First single image distance	$(3 L_{\pi})$	$(L_{\pi})$	$(3 L_{\pi})/4$
First N-fold image distance	$(3 L_{\pi})/N$	$(L_{\pi})/N$	$(3 L_{\pi})/4 N$
Excitation	none	$c_{\nu}=0$	$c_{\nu}=0$
requirements		for $\nu = 2, 5, 8$	for $\nu = 1, 3, 5 \dots$
Input(s) location(s)	any	$y = \pm W_{\rm e}/6$	y = 0

### Example

#### MMI:

- Si core (3.47@1550 nm)
- SiO2 cladding (1.444@1550 nm)
- $-W_{d} = 5 \text{ um}$

```
n_c = 1.444

n_r = 3.470

lambda_0 = 1550e-9

k_0 = 2*np.pi/lambda_0

W_m = 5e-6

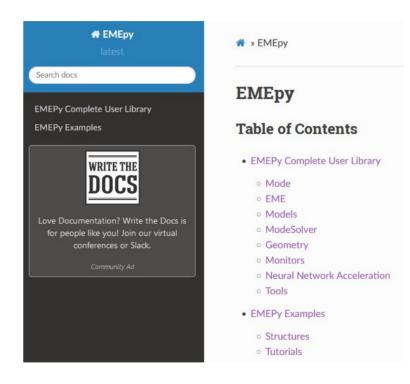
c0 = 299792458

sigma = 0 #TE mode
```

```
sigma = 0 #TE mode
We = W_m + (lambda_0/np.pi)*((n_c/n_r)**(2*sigma))*(n_r**2 - n_c**2)**(-0.5)
print(We)
```

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#### Example

- MMI:
  - Si core (3.47@1550 nm)
  - SiO2 cladding (1.444@1550 nm)
  - $W_d = 5 \text{ um}$
  - Heigth = 220 nm

```
n_c = 1.444

n_r = 3.470

lambda_0 = 1550e-9

k_0 = 2*np.pi/lambda_0

W_m = 5e-6

c0 = 299792458
```

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sigma = 0 #TE mode
We = W_m + (lambda_0/np.pi)*((n_c/n_r)**(2*sigma))*(n_r**2 - n_c**2)**(-0.5)
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#### **CAMFR**

Forked from Sourceforge project for maintenance.

Originally written by Peter Bienstman at Ghent University, Belgium.

#### Introduction

CAMFR (CAvity Modelling FRamework) is a Python module providing a fast, flexible, full-vectorial Maxwell solver for electromagnetics simulations. Its main focus is on applications in the field of nanophotonics, like

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#### References

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# Optical Multi-Mode Interference Devices Based on Self-Imaging: Principles and Applications

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Invited Paper

# Overlapping-image multimode interference couplers with a reduced number of self-images for uniform and nonuniform power splitting

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#### **Integrated Power Splitters for Mode-Multiplexed Signals**

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Abstract: An on-chip non-center-feed MMI power splitter for mode-multiplexed signals is proposed and experimentally demonstrated for the first time.

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