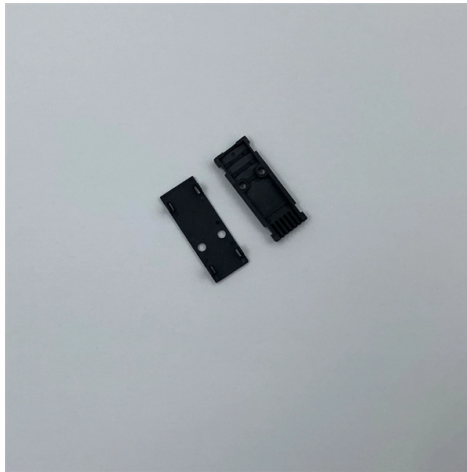


Comparison of the intelligence and performance selection of optical isolators



AI Overview

Optical isolators vary in intelligence and performance, with magneto-optic devices offering high isolation and reliability, while electro-optic and acousto-optic isolators provide tunability, integration potential, and lower power consumption.

Types and Mechanisms

Magneto-Optic (MO) Isolators MO isolators rely on the Faraday effect, where a magnetic field rotates the polarization of light non-reciprocally, allowing unidirectional transmission and blocking back-reflections. They are widely used due to high isolation ratios (typically >25 dB), low insertion loss, and robustness in laser systems. However, they require magnetic biasing, have chromatic dependence, and are challenging to integrate into photonic circuits due to material constraints.

Electro-Optic (EO) and Acousto-Optic (AO) Isolators EO and AO isolators achieve non-reciprocity through spatio-temporal modulation of the refractive index, creating a traveling-wave effect that directs light preferentially. EO isolators, particularly those using thin-film lithium niobate, can achieve high isolation figures of merit (>32 dB per dB insertion loss), linear operation, and THz-scale tunability, while consuming significantly less power than traditional MO devices. AO isolators offer similar advantages but may face challenges with sideband suppression and bandwidth limitations.

Performance Metrics

Metric	MO Isolators	EO/AO Isolators
Isolation	High (25–40 dB)	High, tunable (>30 dB)
Insertion Loss	Low (1–4 dB)	Moderate to high (up to 30 dB)

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The performance of an optical isolator is primarily characterized by two key parameters: the isolation ratio and insertion loss. These metrics quantify the device's ability to block backward-propagating

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To specify the performance of an optical isolator, the important parameters include isolation, insertion loss, PDL, polarization-mode dispersion (PMD), and return loss.

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These devices do not require precise control of the electrical stimuli, as the non-reciprocity is determined by the availability of specific optical modes and not through interference

Types of Digital Isolators

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We will then discuss how to design an optical isolator based on this system, concluding with an analysis of design parameters and the impact of propagation loss on the device's performance.

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