

# Fabrication of Fiber Couplers Using the Fusion Taper Method



## Overview

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**Summary** This. Fused biconic taper (FBT) couplers are essential elements in any fibre-optic communications network. We describe two prototype manufacturing process that produces low-loss fibre tapers and fused FBT coupler devices using CO<sub>2</sub> lasers as the heat source instead of a flame, as is the norm in modern. A known low loss fused biconical taper fiber optic coupler is fabricating by heating and pulling a plurality of fused optical fibers which may be twisted to provide a minimum biconical taper region. As a result of the pointlike heat source and the versatility associated with scanning, tapers of any transition shape and uniform taper waist can be. We report the development of a fiber taper and fused-fiber coupler fabrication rig that uses a scanning, focused, CO<sub>2</sub> laser beam as the heat source.

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An optimum approach for fabrication of low loss fused

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## Fiber Optic Couplers: Fused Biconical Taper Process

Learn how fused fiber optic couplers work using the FBT process. Understand energy transfer, bi-directionality, and WDM. Physics/Optics, College level.

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Several published articles have described the fabrication of relatively low loss fused biconical taper (FBT) fiber optic couplers.

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The fibers are bound together about 1 cm apart. An oxy-propane torch is used to heat the fibers so that they fuse together. At the same time, the two relatively movable translational stages to

An efficient taper shape model for fused optical fiber

Using this fabrication method, we propose in this paper a precise model for predicting the shape of thermally tapered fibers and for analyzing the

Methodology for the fabrication of novel mode selective fiber couplers ...

The aim of this proposal is to investigate the manufacturing method for a novel mode selective fibre optic fusion coupler. The coupling concept is based on a single-mode fibre comprising a grating structure

Efficient fabrication of fused-fiber biconical taper structures by a ...

The fabrication of fused-fiber coupler-based components has been studied extensively, and Pal et al.<sup>1</sup> recently presented an overview of the technology. However, most studies have been based on ...

Experimental measurement and numerical analysis of fused taper

For the light-wave guide, fused taper shape of fiber coupler has a significant influence on its optical performance. In the fabrication process, fibers are heated and fused by flame or other heating

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Fiber tapers of arbitrary shape can be obtained by use of this rig when the method prescribed in the published theory is followed.<sup>2</sup> Because the theory predicts the taper diameter at any point along ...

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Analysis and Fabrication of Fused Fiber Optic Couplers for ...

The study confirms that torch head positions do not affect WDM coupler insertion loss. Triangular 1 x 3 monolithic star couplers can achieve equal output couplings with the Intertwined Method. Channel

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5: fabrication of fused coupler: the basic fuse-pull-taper

The fiber-pair is simultaneously pulled at a slow pace along their length to form a uniform, smooth and slow taper, which is referred in the literature as a biconical, tapered structure. The fabrication process

Ultra-compact fiber tapering: plasmonics and structural ...

Fabrication of optical fiber tapers is realized with a combination of plasmonic microheaters and specially designed structural bending of optical bers, which provide the necessary elements of ...

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Optimum approach for fabrication of low loss fused fiber couplers

An optimum approach for the fabrication of low loss fused biconical taper couplers (FBTCs) is presented. The results show that the taper angle of the device parameter is strongly

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