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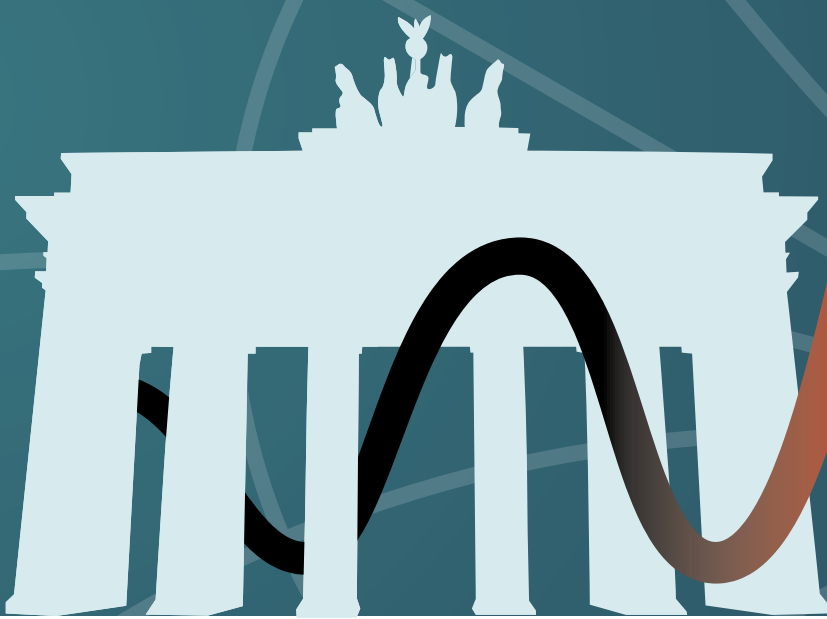


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Abstract — This paper presents detailed design methodology and the experimental validation of a nonreciprocal power divider ($|S_{21}| \neq |S_{12}|$ and $|S_{31}| \neq |S_{13}|$) using mixed static and time-modulated resonators. The nonreciprocal response is achieved by modulating its constituent resonators with a sinusoidal signal with progressive phase shift. The mixed static and time-modulated resonators are used to achieve a wider bandwidth for the reverse isolation ($|S_{12}|$ and $|S_{13}|$) while using fewer time-modulated resonators. The analytical spectral S -parameters of the nonreciprocal power divider have been derived to simplify the design method. General empirical design equations for the modulation parameters are derived from numerical simulations, which enable the proposed nonreciprocal power divider with the desired specifications. For experimental validation, a nonreciprocal filtering power divider with an equal power division ratio was designed and fabricated at center frequency of 1.45 GHz. The measured results confirmed the accuracy of the analytical design equations.

Keywords — Analytical spectral S -parameters, mixed static and time-modulated resonators, nonreciprocal filtering power divider, varactor diode.

I. INTRODUCTION

Next generation wireless communication systems demand a cost effective and multi-functional circuits to reduce the size of the RF front-end. As example of this trend is the RF filtering power divider that combines the function of filter and a power divider within the volume of a single RF component. However, conventional power dividers are reciprocal ($|S_{21}| = |S_{12}|$ and $|S_{31}| = |S_{13}|$) in nature [1]. Therefore, integrating the filtering power divider and isolator in a single circuit has been attracting significant interest for the next generation communication systems. Traditionally, nonreciprocal circuits such as isolators and circulators are designed using magnetic material such as ferrites, which are bulky and expensive [2].

In recent years, there has been a growing interest in the design of a nonreciprocal bandpass filter (NBPF) using time-modulated resonators that avoid the need of magnetic materials and allow transmission in single direction [3]-[7]. To achieve satisfactory forward insertion loss (IL), return loss (RL), and backward isolation (IX) with two nulls, most of the existing design concept use at least three time-modulated

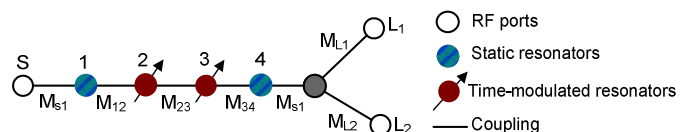


Fig. 1. Coupling diagram of proposed nonreciprocal filtering power divider.

resonators with a progressive phase shift, which increases circuit complexity of modulation signal network [3]-[6]. A recently proposed nonreciprocal filtering power divider [8] requires six time-modulated resonators, which further increases the complexity of modulation signal circuit. Additionally, no analytical spectral S -parameters are derived to simplify the design method.

In this paper, we present a design of a nonreciprocal filtering power divider that combines filtering power divider and isolator functions into a single circuit, thereby reducing the number of required components. The static resonators are coupled with time-modulated resonators to create two nulls in the reverse isolation direction and decrease the number of the time-modulated resonators. To simplify design, analytical spectral S -parameters are derived and are presented in the next section.

II. DESIGN THEORY

A. Spectral S -parameters of Nonreciprocal Power Divider

Fig. 1 shows the coupling diagram of the proposed nonreciprocal filtering power divider, which consists of mixed static and time-modulators resonators. Resonators 2 and 3 are modulated with a sinusoidal signal with a progressive phase shift. To achieve a nonreciprocal response, the capacitor of resonator is modulated with a progressive phase shift sinusoidal [3] as follows:

$$C(t) = C_0 [1 + m \cos\{\omega_m t + \varphi_i\}], \quad \varphi_i = (i-1)\Delta\varphi, \quad (1)$$

where ω_m , $\Delta\varphi$, and m are modulation frequency, phase shift, and the modulation index, respectively. Likewise, C_0 is the nominal capacitance. The phase difference is the key mechanism that enables nonreciprocal response.

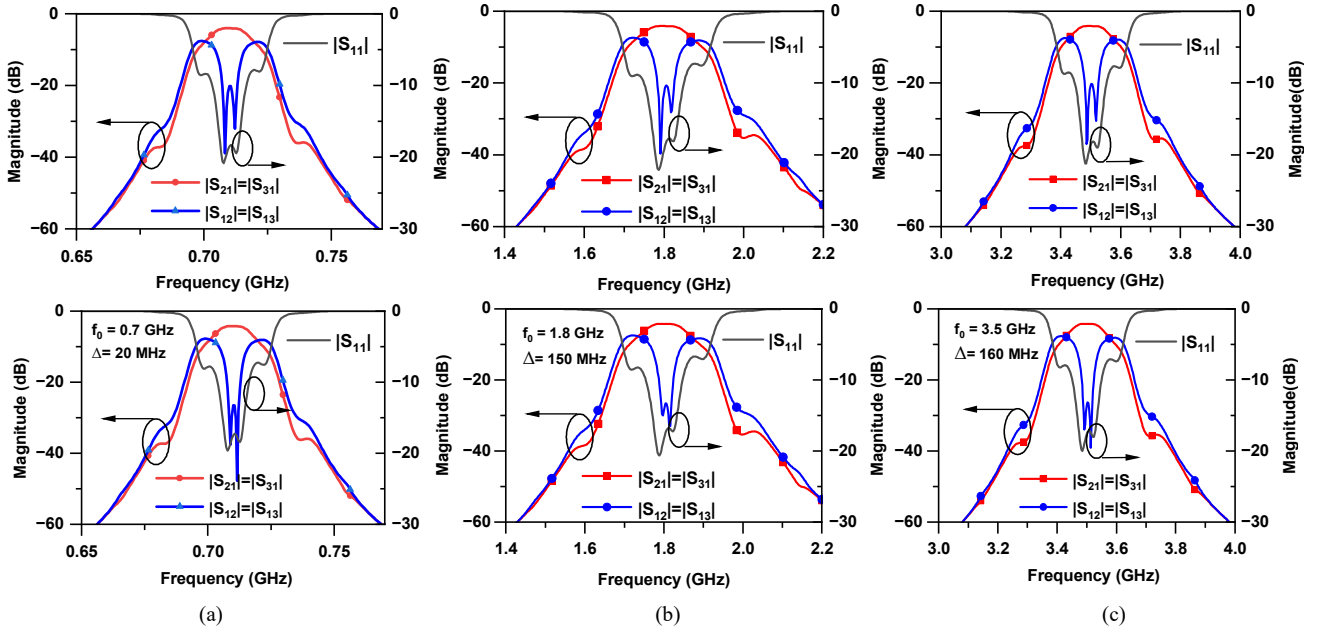


Fig. 2. Numerical simulation results of the proposed nonreciprocal filtering power divider: (a) $f_0 = 0.71$ GHz, $\Delta = 20$ MHz, (b) $f_0 = 1.8$ GHz, $\Delta = 150$ MHz, and (c) $f_0 = 3.5$ GHz, $\Delta = 150$ MHz.

Table 1. Parameters of proposed nonreciprocal power divider

$M_{S1} = 1.0352, M_{12} = M_{34} = 0.9106, M_{23} = 0.6999, M_{L1} = M_{L2} = 0.7071$						
f_0 (GHz)	0.71		1.80		3.50	
Δ (MHz)	20		150		160	
f_m (MHz)	15.6		117		124.8	
$\Delta\phi$ (Deg)	70°					
m	0.038	0.04	0.1125	0.1183	0.0617	0.0649
IL (dB)	1.06	1.19	1.04	1.17	1.06	1.18
IX (dB)	20.25	26.46	20.68	26.69	20.22	26.28
RL (dB)	18.3	17.26	17.8	16.94	18.16	17.14

IL: Insertion loss of forward transmission ($|S_{21}| = |S_{31}|$) at f_0 excluding 3.01 dB power division. IX: Reverse isolation ($|S_{12}| = |S_{13}|$) at f_0

Using a $(N+2)$ coupling matrix, the spectral S -parameters of the proposed nonreciprocal filtering power divider are derived in (2).

$$S_{11} = U - \frac{2\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{M}_{23}^2\lambda_1 + \mathbf{M}_{12}^2\lambda_3) + j\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}}{\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{M}_{12}^2\lambda_3 + \mathbf{M}_{23}^2\lambda_1) - j\mathbf{M}_{23}^2\mathbf{Q}^2 + j\lambda_2\lambda_3\mathbf{Q}^2 + j\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{D}} \quad (2a)$$

$$S_{21} = S_{31} = \frac{2\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{M}_{12}^2\mathbf{M}_{23}\mathbf{M}_{L1}}{\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{M}_{12}^2\lambda_3 + \mathbf{M}_{23}^2\lambda_1) - j\mathbf{M}_{23}^2\mathbf{Q}^2 + j\lambda_2\lambda_3\mathbf{Q}^2 + j\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{D}} \quad (2b)$$

$$S_{12} = S_{13} = \frac{2\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{M}_{12}^2\mathbf{M}_{23}\mathbf{M}_{L1}}{\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{M}_{12}^2\lambda_3 + \mathbf{M}_{23}^2\lambda_1) - j\mathbf{M}_{23}^2\mathbf{Q}^2 + j\lambda_3\lambda_2\mathbf{Q}^2 + j\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{D}_1} \quad (2c)$$

where

$$\mathbf{A} = 4\mathbf{M}_{L1}^2(\mathbf{M}_{12}^2\lambda_1\lambda_2 + \mathbf{M}_{12}^2\lambda_3\lambda_4 + \mathbf{M}_{23}^2\lambda_1\lambda_4 - \mathbf{M}_{12}^4) \quad (3a)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = 2\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3\mathbf{M}_{L1}^2 + j4\mathbf{M}_{L1}^2\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3\lambda_4 \quad (3b)$$

$$\mathbf{C} = 2\mathbf{M}_{L1}^2(\mathbf{M}_{12}^2\lambda_1\lambda_2 - \mathbf{M}_{12}^4 + \mathbf{M}_{12}^2\lambda_3\lambda_4 + \mathbf{M}_{23}^2\lambda_1\lambda_4 - \lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3\lambda_4) \quad (3c)$$

$$\mathbf{D} = 2\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{M}_{L1}^2(\mathbf{M}_{12}^2\lambda_2 + \mathbf{M}_{23}^2\lambda_4) - \mathbf{Q}(\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3 + 2\mathbf{M}_{L1}^2\lambda_2\lambda_3\lambda_4) \quad (3d)$$

$$\mathbf{C}_1 = 2\mathbf{M}_{L1}^2(\mathbf{M}_{12}^2\lambda_2\lambda_1 - \mathbf{M}_{12}^4 + \mathbf{M}_{12}^2\lambda_4\lambda_3 + \mathbf{M}_{23}^2\lambda_1\lambda_4 - \lambda_4\lambda_3\lambda_2\lambda_1) \quad (3e)$$

$$\mathbf{D}_1 = 2\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{M}_{L1}^2(\mathbf{M}_{12}^2\lambda_2 + \mathbf{M}_{23}^2\lambda_4) - \mathbf{Q}(\lambda_3\lambda_2\lambda_1 + 2\mathbf{M}_{L1}^2\lambda_4\lambda_3\lambda_2) \quad (3f)$$

The coupling matrix values are defined as: $\mathbf{Q} = M_{S1}U$, $\mathbf{M}_{12} = M_{12}U = M_{34}U$, $\mathbf{M}_{23} = M_{23}U$, $\mathbf{M}_{L1} = M_{L1}U = M_{L2}U$. Similarly, U is an identity matrix. It should be noted that each resonator generates a number of nonlinear harmonics, which are coupled by time-modulated capacitors. For simplicity, we consider only two nonlinear harmonics, and the spectral admittance matrix of time-modulated resonator is given in (4).

$$\lambda_i = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega_{-2} & \frac{x_{-2}m}{2\omega_0\Delta} e^{-j\phi_i} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{x_{-1}m}{2\omega_0\Delta} e^{j\phi_i} & \Omega_{-1} & \frac{x_{-1}m}{2\omega_0\Delta} e^{-j\phi_i} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{x_0m}{2\omega_0\Delta} e^{j\phi_i} & \Omega_0 & \frac{x_0m}{2\omega_0\Delta} e^{-j\phi_i} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{x_1m}{2\omega_0\Delta} e^{-j\phi_i} & \Omega_{+1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{x_{+2}m}{2\omega_0\Delta} e^{j\phi_i} & \Omega_{+2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (4)$$

where

$$\Omega_n = \frac{\omega_0}{\Delta} \left(\frac{x_n}{\omega_0} - \omega_0 \right), \quad (5a)$$

$$x_n = \omega + n\omega_m, \quad n = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2 \quad (5b)$$

Similarly Δ and ω_0 are the bandwidth and the center angular frequency of filtering power divider. As seen from (2), it should be noted that spectral S -parameters are generated with an order equal to the order of harmonics components to achieve nonreciprocal response. The nonreciprocal response is achieved due to the difference between (2b) and (2c), which is owed to the generation of intermodulation (IM) products resulting from the modulation of resonators with a progressive phase shift sinusoidal signal.

For equal power division ratio, the values of M_{L1} and M_{L2} are given in (6).

$$M_{L1} = M_{L2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (6)$$

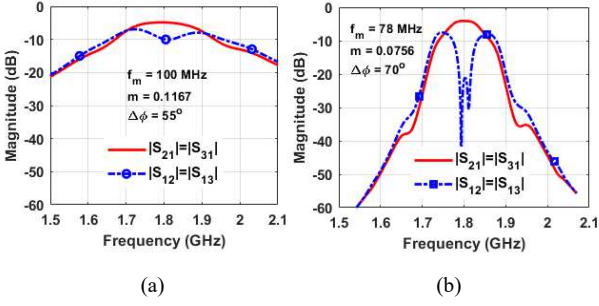


Fig. 3. Numerical simulation results of nonreciprocal filtering power divider: (a) without static resonators and (b) with static resonators.

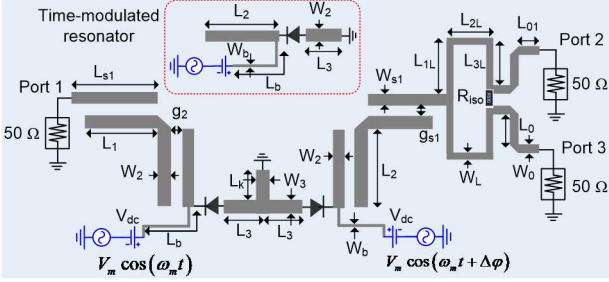


Fig. 4. Microstrip line implementation of the proposed nonreciprocal power divider. Physical dimensions: $W_0 = 2.40$, $W_{s1} = 1.34$, $W_2 = 2.5$, $W_3 = 2.27$, $g_{s1} = 0.2$, $g_2 = 0.56$, $L_{s1} = 47$, $L_1 = 44$, $L_2 = 29.4$, $L_3 = 11.2$, $L_k = 1.94$, $L_{1L} = 20.2$, $L_{2L} = 6.3$, $L_{3L} = 17.4$, $L_0 = 10$, $L_{01} = 2$, $W_b = 1$, $L_b = 22$. Unit: millimeter (mm). Varactor: SMV1233-079LF from Skyworks and $R_{iso} = 100 \Omega$.

Similarly, the remaining coupling matrix values (M_{S1} , M_{12} , M_{23} and M_{34}) can be synthesized with Chebyshev equiripple or Butterworth response. To improve the isolation ($|S_{23}|$) between the output ports, a 100Ω resistor needs to be connected.

B. Numerical Simulation Results and Discussion

The analytical design equations derived in the previous sections can be directly used to compute the nonreciprocal response of the proposed power divider. It should be noted that only resonators 2 and 3 are modulated, while resonators 1 and 4 are static and no modulation is signal applied to them. The static resonators are used to achieve two nulls in reverse isolation without increasing the number of modulated resonators.

Numerical simulations have been carried out using the equations for different center frequency and bandwidth, and the results are shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The coupling matrix values are synthesized using the Chebyshev response with an equiripple of 0.043 dB. Table 1 summarizes the numerical simulation results. As observed from these figures, the proposed power divider provides a nonreciprocal response with two nulls in the reverse isolation. These numerical simulation results reveal $IL < 1.2$ dB, $RL > 17$ dB, and IX ($|S_{12}|=|S_{13}|$) < 20.2 dB and < 26.5 dB within the passband.

Based on these numerical simulation results, an interesting relationship among the modulation parameters (f_m , m , and $\Delta\phi$), f_0 , and Δ of the proposed nonreciprocal power divider can be set out empirically as (7).

$$f_m = 0.78 \times \Delta, \quad m = \frac{1.35 \times \Delta}{f_0}, \quad 65^\circ \leq \Delta\phi \leq 70^\circ \quad (7)$$

It should be noted that (7) provides design relationships for achieving a reverse isolation of 20 dB at the center frequency by defining f_0 and Δ of the proposed filtering power divider. The modulation frequency is proportional to Δ of the nonreciprocal filtering power divider, whereas the modulation index depends on f_0 and Δ . Furthermore, these empirical relations given in (7) provides an optimization-free design method of the proposed nonreciprocal filtering power divider.

Fig. 3 shows the simulation results of the nonreciprocal filtering power divider with and without static resonators. Two distinct nulls in IX are observed for the case of mixed static and time-modulated resonators, providing wideband and high reverse isolation without increasing the number of modulation signals.

III. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

To experimentally validate the proposed structure, a nonreciprocal filtering power divider was designed and fabricated on a Taconic substrate with a dielectric constant of 2.2 and a thickness of 0.787 mm, at center frequency of $f_0 = 1.46$ GHz and an equiripple bandwidth of $\Delta = 160$ MHz. The goal was to achieve $IX > 20$ dB at f_0 . As described in previous section, the modulation parameters of nonreciprocal filter are estimated using (7) as $f_m = 124.8$ MHz, $m = 0.1479$, and $\Delta\phi = 70^\circ$.

Fig. 4 shows the microstrip line implementation of the proposed nonreciprocal power divider. The time-modulated resonators 2 and 3 are implemented using transmission line (TL) loaded with varactor, whereas static resonators are implemented with half-wavelength TL [6]. The coupling between time-modulated resonators 2 and 3 is realized through short-circuited shunt stub with physical parameter W_3 and L_k . Similarly, coupling between static and time-modulated resonators (1 and 2, 3 and 4) are implemented by controlling the physical parameter W_2 , L_2 , and g_2 . Likewise, the coupling between the input RF ports, and resonators 1 and 4 are controlled through the physical parameters L_{s1} , W_{s1} , and g_{s1} . The time-varying capacitors are implemented by the modulating varactor SMV-1233-079LF from Skyworks Inc. In this work, modulation signal is applied to time-varying resonators through TL with physical parameters W_b and L_b for simplifying the modulation circuit. The simulation was performed using ANSYS high frequency structure simulator (HFSS) and PathWave Advanced Design System (ADS) in conjunction with a large signal scattering analysis module. The physical dimensions of the fabricated circuit are shown in Fig. 4.

Figs. 5 and 6 show the EM simulation and the RF measured results of the nonreciprocal filtering power divider. The modulation parameters of $f_m = 125$ MHz, $\Delta\phi = 70^\circ$, and $V_m = 1.2$ V are applied to achieve nonreciprocal response. The measurement results are well agreed with simulations. At f_0 of 1.45 GHz, the measured forward transmission magnitudes are $|S_{21}| = -5.93$ dB and $|S_{31}| = -5.96$ dB, with a forward transmission 3-dB bandwidth of 150 MHz. The measured IX at f_0 are $|S_{12}| = -28.77$ dB and $|S_{13}| = -29.05$ dB and 18 dB

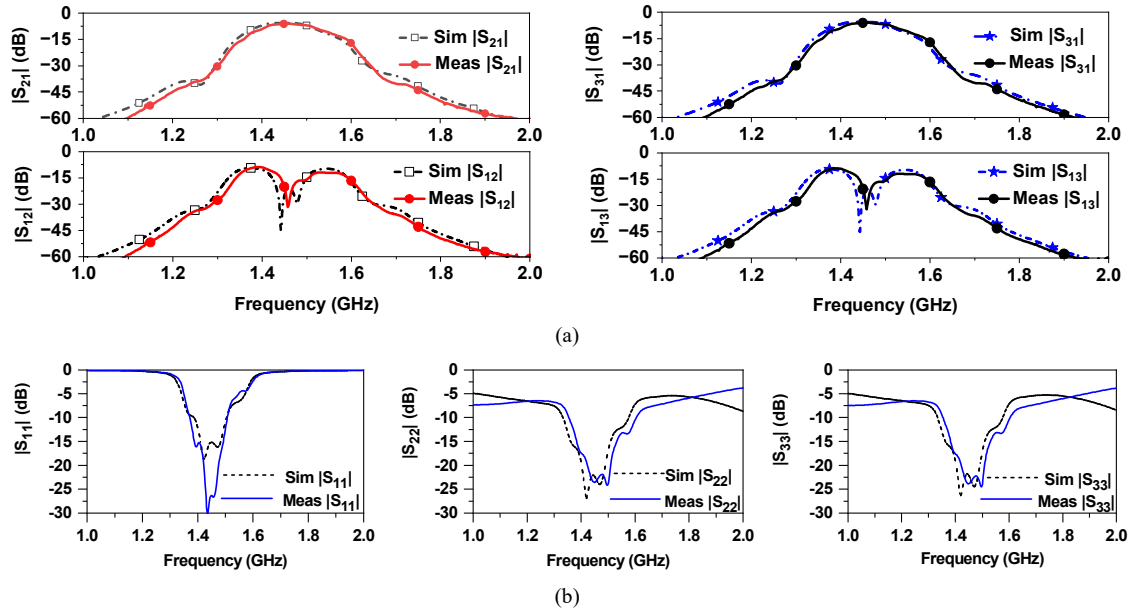


Fig. 5. EM simulated and RF measured S -parameters of the nonreciprocal filtering power divider: (a) forward transmission/reverse isolation and (b) return losses.

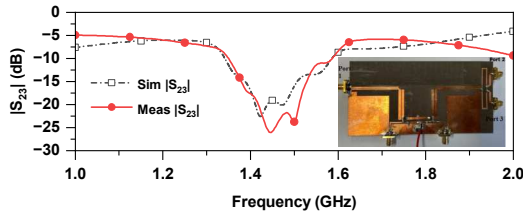


Fig. 6. EM simulated and RF measured isolation between the output ports.

Table 2. Comparison between proposed work with state of arts

	f_0 (GHz)	NTR	IL (dB)	IX@ f_0 (dB)	IX nulls
[3]	0.19	3*	1.50	20.2	2
[4]	0.143	3*	3.70	34.8	1
[8]	2.40	6**	3.92	27.82	1
This work	1.46	2	2.94	28.77	2

NTR: number of time-modulated resonators, *: NBPF, **: nonreciprocal power divider, IL: insertion loss excluding 3.01 dB power division.

reverse isolation bandwidth is 40 MHz, shaped by two distinct isolation nulls.

The input and output return loss are better than 20 dB at f_0 . The isolation between output ports is higher than 20 dB at 1.46 GHz. The photograph of manufactured circuit is shown in Fig. 6. Table 2 shows the performance comparison of the proposed nonreciprocal filtering divider with the state-of-arts. As seen from table 2, the proposed nonreciprocal power divider provides high and wider bandwidth IX having two nulls with a fewer number of time-modulated resonators.

IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we demonstrated a nonreciprocal filtering power divider using static and time-modulated resonators. By coupling static resonators with time-modulated resonators, two nulls in the reverse isolation are created, which allows for a reduction in the number of time-modulated resonators and

simplifies the modulation signal circuit. Analytical spectral S -parameters are derived in this work, which facilitates the determination of optimum modulation parameters easily.

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