



Hetero Structure Channel Drop Filters using Photonic Crystal Ring Resonators

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ABSTRACT:In this paper, a channel drop filter based on photonic crystal ring resonators has been proposed in single and dual stage and investigated its properties by using the finite-difference time-domain (FDTD) method numerically. This structure consists of a 2-D square lattice with two waveguides and a ring resonator in single stage design. By changing the radius from 0.1 to 0.12nm the resonant wavelength is shifted. By closing the second bus waveguide the structure is acting like a stop band filter. 45 degree rotation of scattering rods are giving characteristics as BPF at port2. By changing the photonic crystal ring resonator from square to circular the wavelength is shifted. The resonators are located in two regions in dual ring structure with each region has a specific dielectric constant. At resonance of ring resonator, the power with certain wavelength transferred to one of the drop waveguides. Different types of application are presented different designs of channel drop filter.

KEYWORDS: FDTD, Photonic crystal, Hetero structure, Ring resonator.

1.INTRODUCTION

The optical add-drop filter (ADF) is one of the fundamental building blocks for optical add drop multiplexers (OADMs), reconfigurable OADMs, optical modulators, and optical switches needed for silicon photonics, photonic integrated circuits (PICs), and wavelength division multiplexed (WDM) optical communication systems [1-3]. Significant progress has been made on ADF based devices in the areas of compactness, high spectral selectivity, wide spectral tunability, fast switching, and low-power switching [4,5]. Photonic crystals (PCs), can exhibit frequency ranges in which the propagation of electromagnetic waves is prohibited known as photonic band gaps (PBG). These structures have many potential applications because of their ability to control light-wave propagation. By introducing crystal defects like point or line defects, photonic crystals exhibit resonant state inside the crystal. Insertion of line defects inside the photonic crystal optical waveguides in two dimensional lattice can be constructed. Channel drop filter consists of two parts as waveguiding elements and frequency-selective elements. The performance of such filters is based on the coupling between cavity modes of ring resonators and guiding modes of waveguides.

II. NUMERICAL ANALYSIS

There are many methods such as Transfer Matrix Method (TMM), Plane Wave Expansion (PWE) method, Finite Element Method (FEM), Finite Difference Time Domain (FDTD) method and etc., available to analyze the dispersion behaviour and transmission spectra of PCs. In our analysis, The Finite Difference Time Domain (FDTD) method is used to calculate the spectrum of power transmission. The FDTD mesh size and time step used in this study are $dx=dy=a/21$ and $dt=dx/(2*c)$, where c is speed of light in free space and a is lattice constant.

A Gaussian pulse is broadened sufficiently launched into input port and a detector is placed inside each waveguide channel of the filter. The detector is used to measure the time-varying electric and magnetic field. The Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) is used to compute power transmission spectrum of the fields which are calculated by FDTD and integrating the pointing vector over the output port cells. In this paper we use FDTD method to calculate the spectrum of the power transmission, in our MATLAB code during 30,000 timestep (about 240 min running time for final structure). The computer used in this simulation is P4 3.00 GHz and has 4 GB of RAM.

III. PHOTONIC CRYSTAL RING RESONATORS

A typical ring resonator is depicted in Fig.1. By removing a ring shape of columns from a square lattice of dielectric rods the ring resonator is obtained. Photonic crystal ring resonators are new kinds of cavity defects which their size is

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determined by the desired resonant wavelength, and the tradeoff between the cavity Q and the modal volume. Compared to point-defect cavities, ring resonators offer scalability in size, flexibility in mode design due to their multi-mode nature and adaptability in structure design because of numerous design parameters. These parameters can be the radius of the scatterers, coupling rods and the dielectric constant of the structure. The ring resonator side-coupled to a line defect waveguide traps photons at resonant frequency from the waveguide through evanescent coupling, and emits close to whole of them in the drop waveguide. Using this method, complete wavelength selective operation and perfect power transfer from the bus waveguide to the drop waveguide are obtained in our filter.

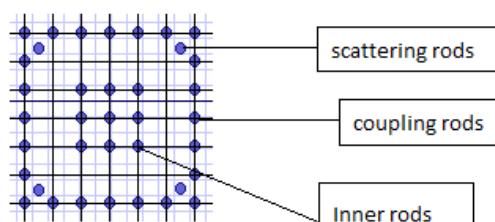


Fig 1. Photonic crystal ring resonator

IV. SINGLE STAGE PHOTONIC CRYSTAL CHANNEL DROP FILTER

First, in order to couple to the signal being sent in the waveguide formed by removing one row of rods, a basic requirement is that the resonator modes wavelengths lie in the bandgap of the photonic crystal structure and match that of a guided mode of the waveguide. As shown in Fig. 2(a), by putting waveguides next to the ring resonator, an add-drop filter is formed. In this structure, top waveguide can couple to the ring resonator at its resonant frequency to trap the electromagnetic energy which is propagating in the waveguide and localized it in the ring resonator.

In another word, the light is dropped from the top waveguide by ring resonator and it is sent to the bottom waveguide. This structure consists of an input waveguide labelled A, and three output channels labelled as B, C and D. In this structure, by choosing the refractive index of 3.46, the lattice constant (a) of 540 nm and the rods radii (r) of 99.9 nm, bandgap opens for the normalized frequency $a/\lambda = 0.31-0.46$ for TM polarization (electric field parallel to the rod axis), where λ is the wavelength in free space. The transmitted spectra in the top and bottom waveguide are shown in Fig 2(b). These were calculated by sending in a Gaussian pulse centered at the resonant frequency of the ring resonator modes and normalizing using the transmission of input waveguide. As seen, the transmission in the drop waveguide is about 98% at resonance and the transmitted flux in the bus waveguide is about 96%. Snapshots of time domain simulation are depicted in Fig. 2(a), 2(b), 2(c).

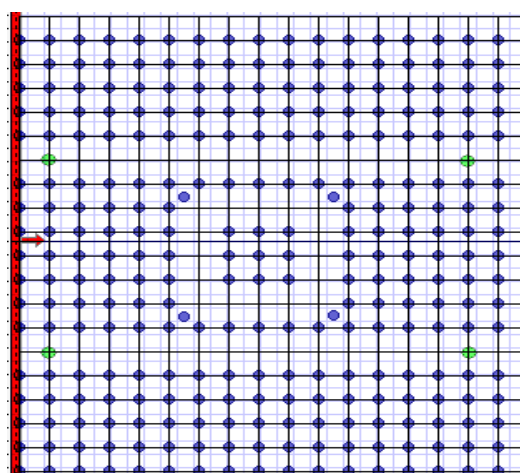


Fig 2(a) Single stage add drop filter design

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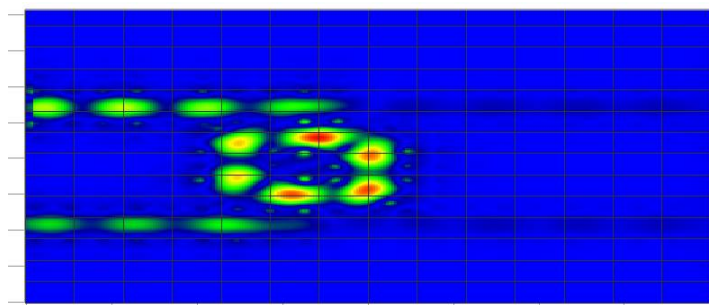


Fig 2(b) Electric field pattern of single channel drop filter at 1577nm.

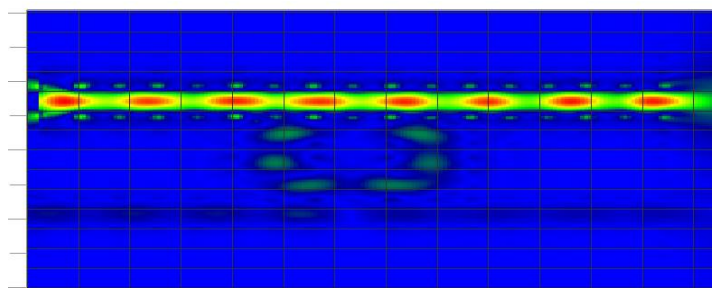


Fig2(c) Electric field pattern of single channel drop filter at 1500nm.

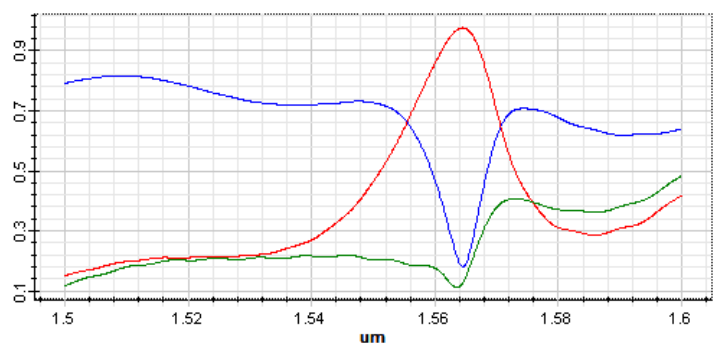


Fig 2(d) Normalized transmission of single stage design.

In the above structure, when input is applied in waveguide, only wavelength that match rectangular PCRR is passed through structure, while others are blocked. In favour of wavelength 1577nm applied signal is completely attached by circular PCRR moreover wavelength appears at output port “D”. Regarding the wavelength 1500nm applied signal do not paired by rectangular PCRR moreover signal reflect to the opposite side.

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V. PROPOSED DESIGNS

A. MODIFYING THE RODS RADIUS

By changing the radius from 0.1 to 0.12 the wavelength is shifted from 1570nm to 1593nm as shown in Fig4.

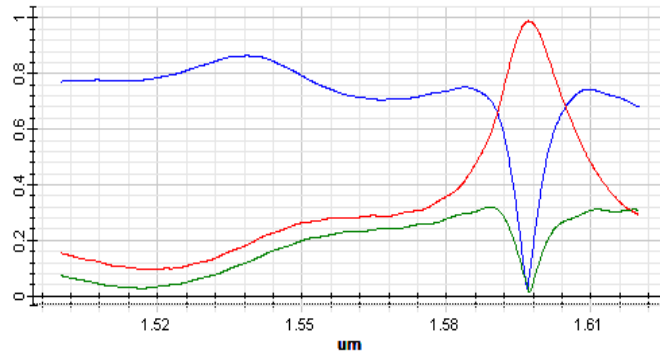


Fig 4 Normalized transmission for channel drop filter with radius 0.12.

B. BAND STOP FILTER DESIGN

By using a single bus waveguide and ring resonator the structure is acting like a band stop filter. Whenever the signal transmitted from input port the signal energy is coupled through the ring resonator and sent back through the input port, so that output will not receive energy. If the energy rotates in the clock wise direction in the ring resonator, energy is transferred through the output. But we are interested in anti clockwise, in this energy is sent back through the input port. The structure is shown in fig below

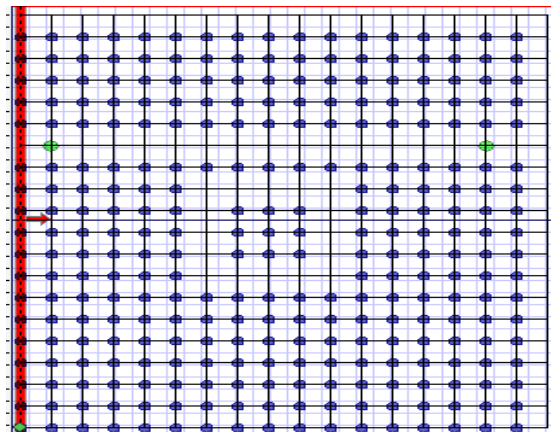


Fig 5.7 Band stop filter

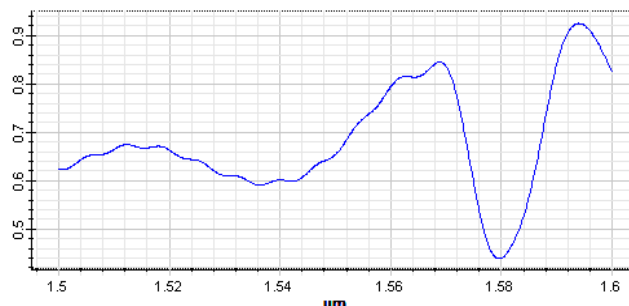


Fig.5(b) Normalized transmission in band stop filter at 1580nm.

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By placing the ring resonator 2 rods apart from the waveguide in the above structure the stop band will be narrower which is used to select finer wavelengths effectively.

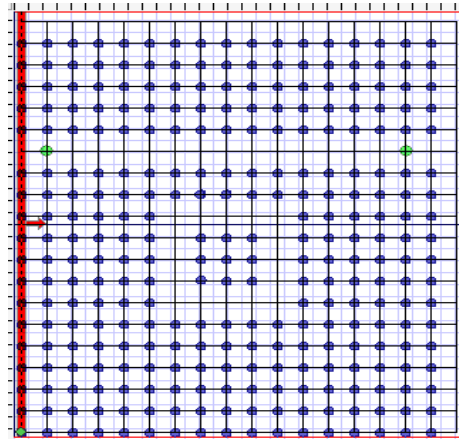


Fig 6(a) Modified band stop filter design

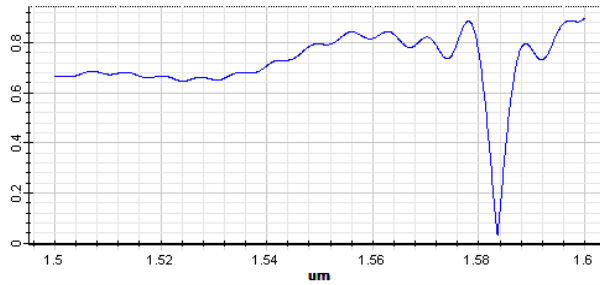


Fig 6(b) Normalized transmission for modified band stop filter

VI. DUAL STAGE RING RESONATOR

The dual ring add drop filter structure is as shown in fig below with the transmission profile as below

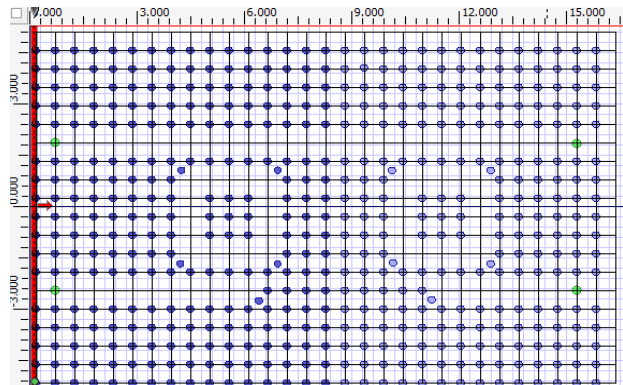


Fig 7(a). Two rings hetero structure photonic crystal channel drop filter.

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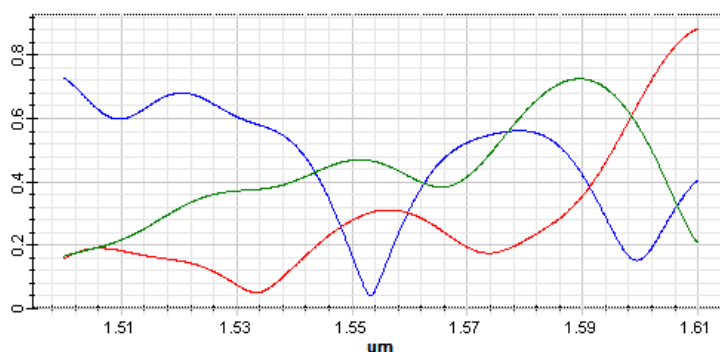


Fig7(b). Normalized transmission of dual ring structure.

The above fig shows the normalized transmission of multi channel drop filter. The structure consists of two regions, one with a refractive index of 3.8 and other with a refractive index of 3.34. It consists of two photonic band gap regions. The overlapping of regions depends upon dielectric constant and r/a value. The structure consists of two photonic crystal ring resonators. One of them is in region 1 and second one is in region 2. Six dielectric rods are placed between the two ring resonators. The bottom waveguide performance can be improved by placing scattering rods. The scattering rods lattice constant is shifted by 25% from the original position. The structure consists of four ports. The output efficiencies are over 87%, 82% and 91% at the frequencies 1500nm, 1550nm and 1593nm.

VI. CONCLUSION

The single channel drop filter is designed by using photonic crystal ring resonator for 1570nm wavelength. By changing the radius of rods from 0.09 to 0.12 the wavelength is shifted from 1570 to 1595nm. By changing the photonic crystal ring resonator shape from square to circular the structure is acting like a band pass filter. By using single bus waveguide and photonic crystal ring resonator it is acting like band stop filter for 1580nm wavelength. By placing the photonic crystal ring resonator two rods apart from the bus waveguide the stop band become narrower. The multi channel drop filter is designed by using photonic crystal ring resonator. The hetero structure is designed on 2-D photonic crystal structure by using two different refractive indices. The structure consists of three output ports. The output consists of three different wavelengths in the third communication window with transmissions are above 81%.

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