

Nano-Optic Broadband Power Splitter Design via Cycle-Consistent Adversarial Deep Learning



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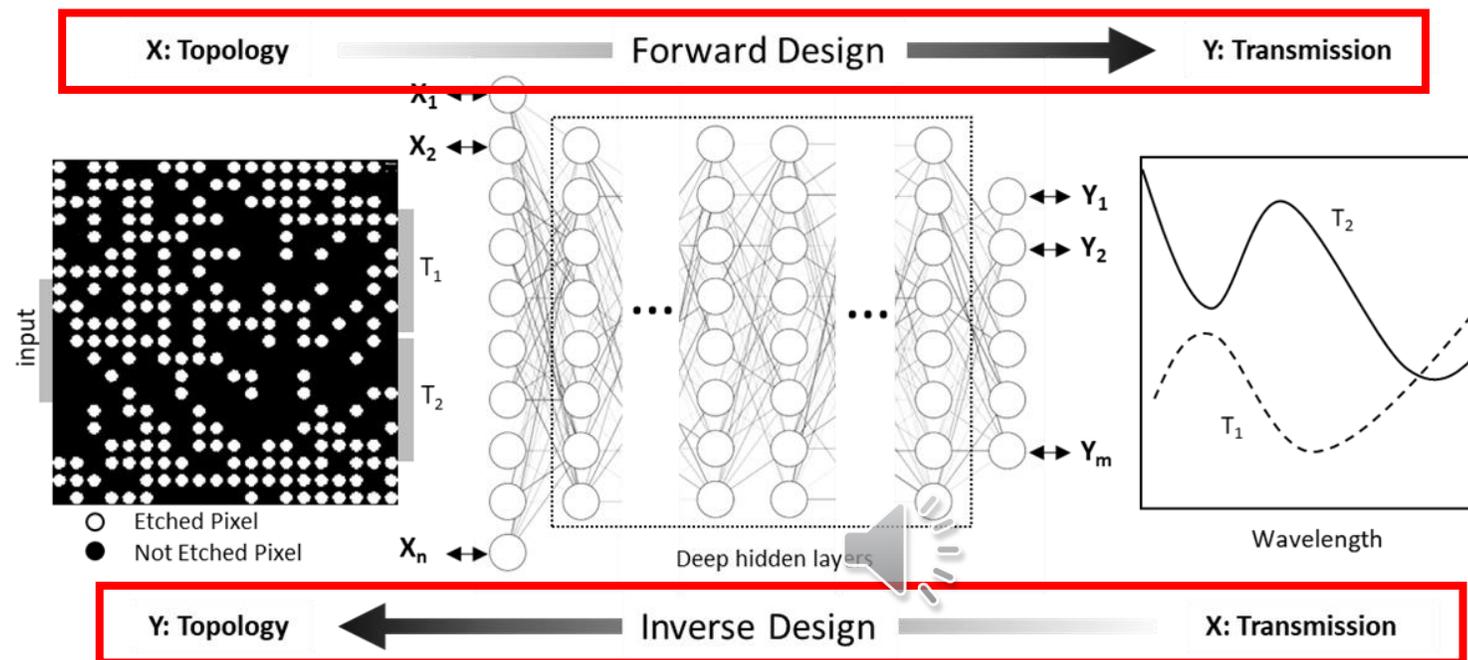
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Introduction



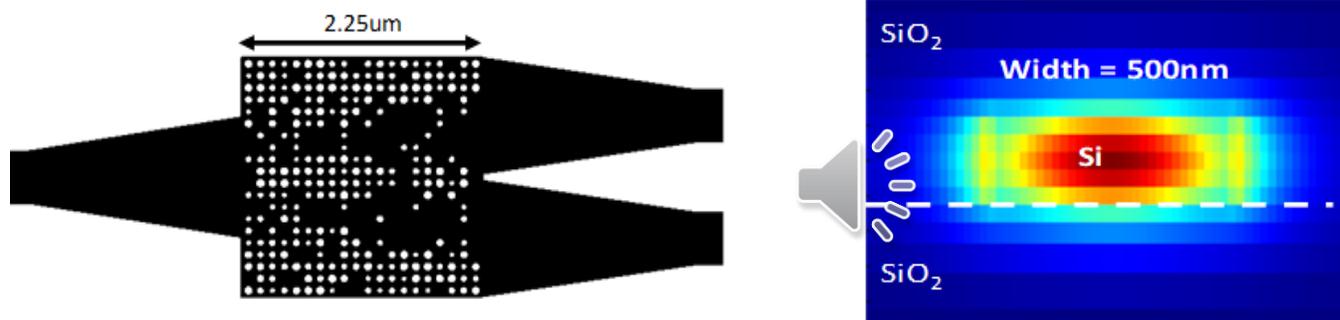
- We want to use the neural network to accelerate the design process for the photonic devices.
- Previously we have created the forward and inverse network.
- The inverse network still has room for further improvement.
- Alternatively, generative modeling, such as conditional variational autoencoders (CVAE) or a generative adversarial network (GAN) can generate improved designs.

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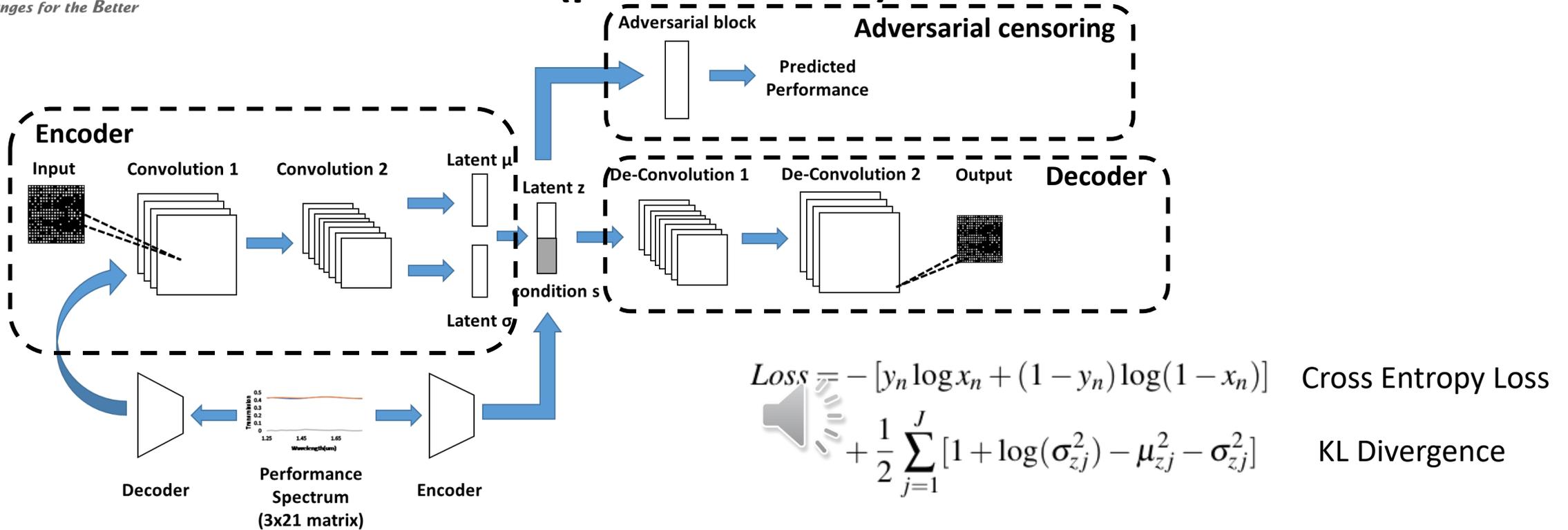
Target Devices: Power splitters

- Arbitrary splitting ratio
- Low Excess loss and low reflection
- Very compact device footprint



220 nm-thick SOI with SiO₂ cladding
40-72 nm-diameter holes etched into Si and filled with SiO₂
113 nm pitch: subwavelength region
Lumerical FDTD: 3D FDTD simulations

The ACVAE model (previous work)

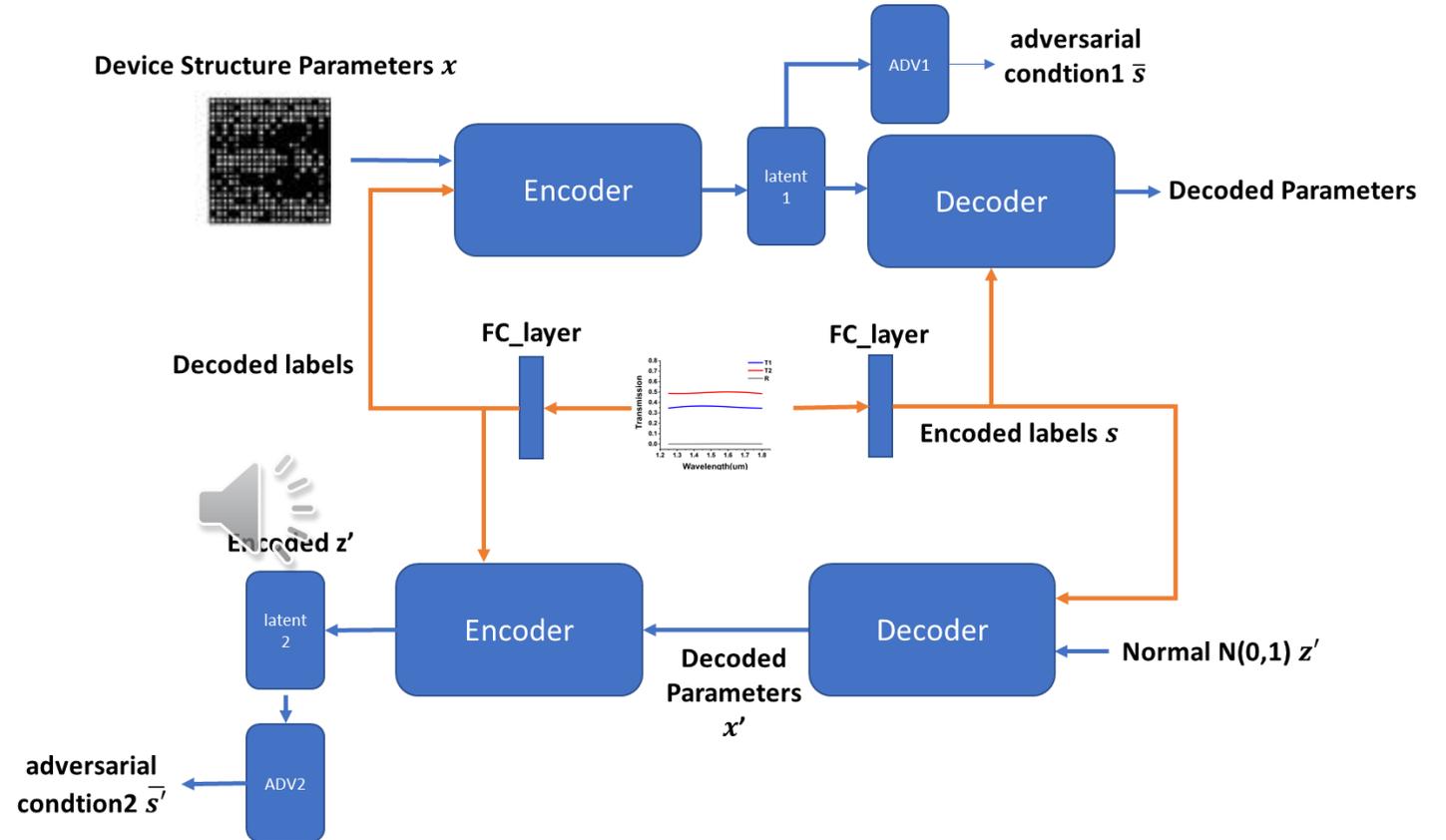


- Previously, we used the Adversarial Conditional Variational Autoencoder (A-CVAE) structure to create a generative network for the power splitters with different splitting ratio.
- The adversarial block reduces the leakage of condition information to the latent variables.
- The model can be used to generate the splitters with arbitrary splitting ratio without further optimization process
- We want to further improve the generated device performance (total transmission and splitting ratio) with limited data (especially for the 8:2 device).

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The ACVAE model with cycle consistency

- In addition to the encoder-decoder structure for forward construction, the reversed-order decoder-encoder pipeline is also trained for latent space consistency.
- We hope to apply the cycle-consistency idea to further reduce leakage of information associated with specified factors of latent variation.
- ~16000 training data (including both binary(~15000) and variable hole size (~1000) HV)
- Update frequency between CAVE blocks and adversarial blocks is (3:1)



$$Loss = a \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i, \bar{x}_i)^2 + b \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^J [1 + \log(\sigma_{zj}^2)^2 - \mu_{zj}^2 - \sigma_{zj}^2] \\ + \alpha \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (s_i, \bar{s}_i)^2 + \gamma \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i, \bar{z}_i)^2 + \beta \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (s'_i, \bar{s}'_i)^2$$

The ACVAE model with cycle consistency

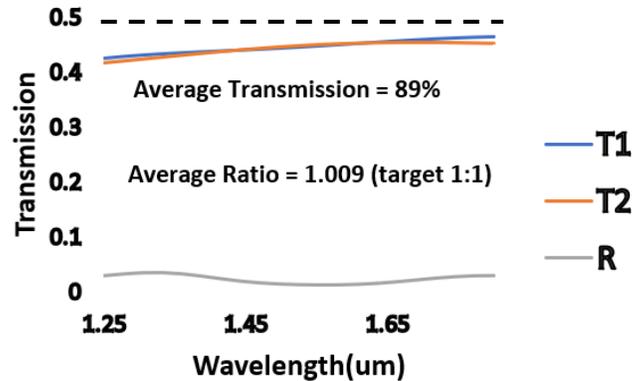
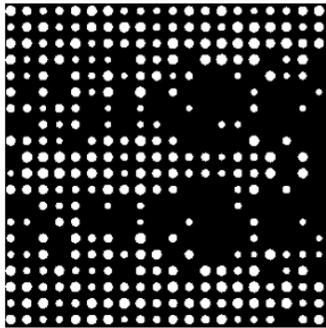
- Detail network parameters for the Encoders and Decodes

Layer	Encoder	Decoder
1	Convolution (channel= 16, kernel = 3, stride = 1, padding =1)	MLP((60 + 9) -> 800)
2	Batchnorm(16)	Convolution (channel= 32, kernel = 3, stride = 2, padding =1)
3	Relu + Maxpooling	Batchnorm(32)
4	Convolution (channel= 32, kernel = 3, stride = 1, padding =1)	Convolution (channel= 16, kernel = 3, stride = 2, padding =1)
5	Batchnorm(32)	Batchnorm(16)
6	Relu + Maxpooling	Sigmoid
7	MLP (800 -> 60) + Relu	

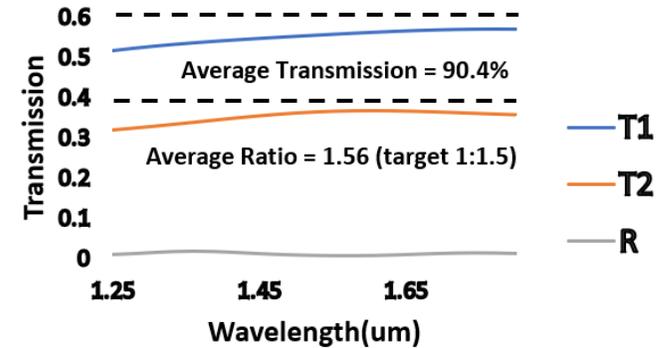
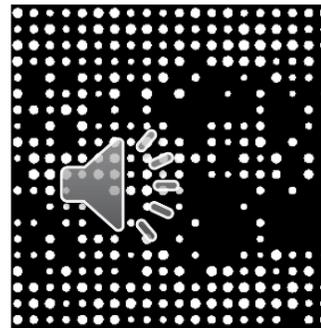
Result (power splitter)

- Four different types of devices are generated with the splitting ratio of 5:5, 6:4, 7:3, 8:2
- The overall total transmission is $\sim 90\%$ across the large bandwidth (550nm), the actual splitting ratio is very close to the target.

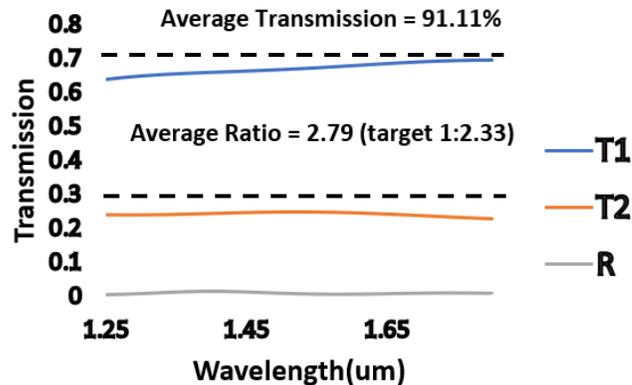
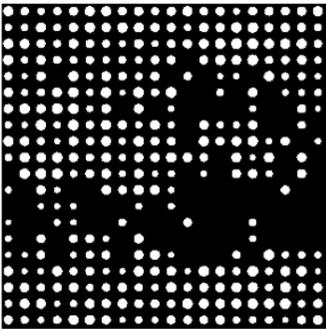
a.5:5



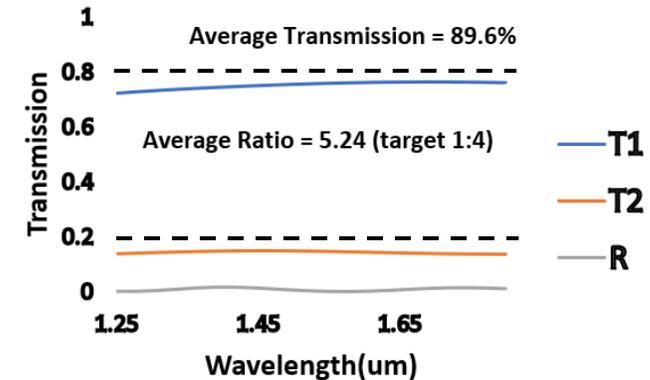
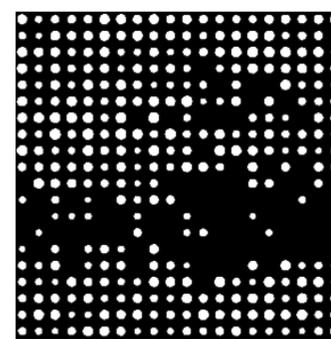
b.6:4



c.7:3



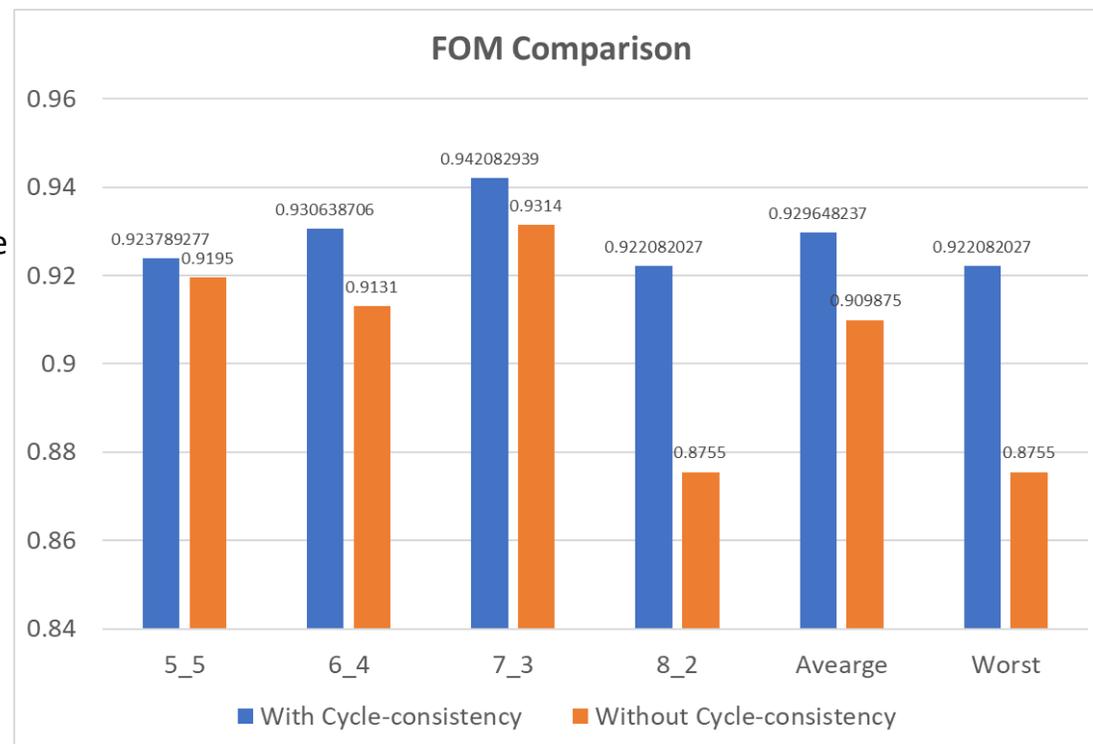
d.8:2



Result (power splitter)

- We introduce the Figure of Merit(FOM) to better describe the device optical performance
- The FOM comparison between the Adversarial CVAE with/without the cycle-consistency
- Generate 50 devices for each type of splitter(5_5, 6_4, 7_3 and 8_2)
- Running FDTD simulation and calculate the average FOM for each type of devices and the overall FOM
- The comparison of FOM shows decent improvement using the new model (with cycle consistency)

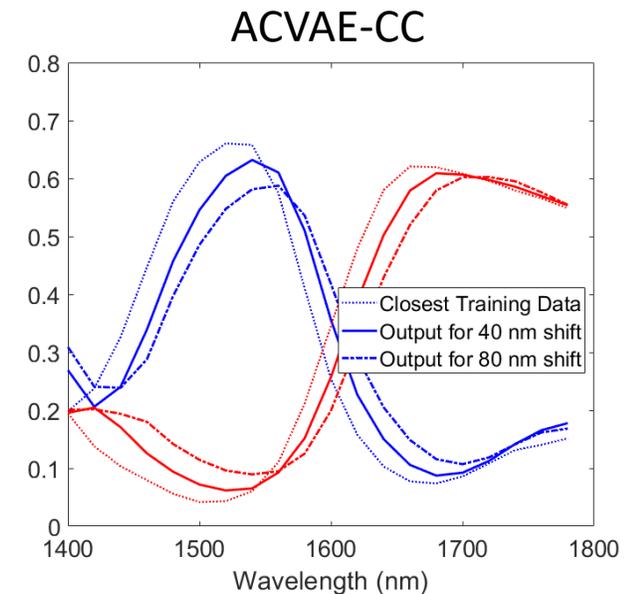
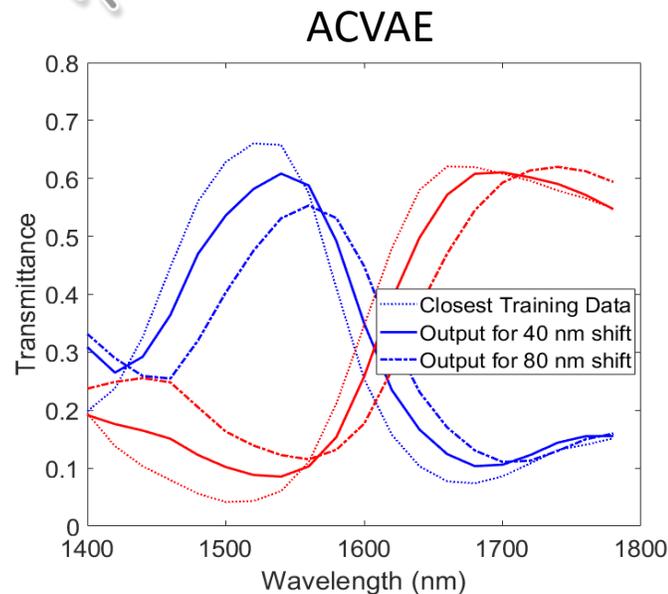
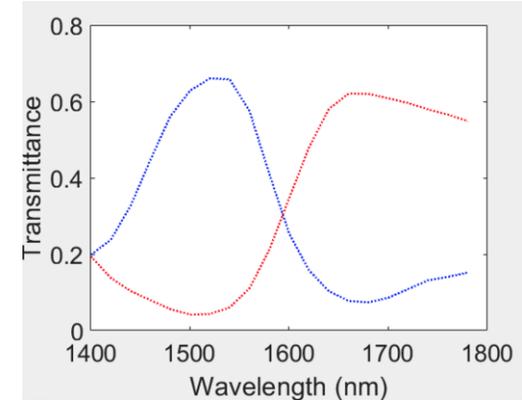
$$FOM = 1 - 10 * \left[\underbrace{\int_a^b [T_1(\lambda) - T_1^*(\lambda)]^2 d\lambda}_{\text{Transmission difference of Output Port 1}} + \underbrace{\int_a^b [T_2(\lambda) - T_2^*(\lambda)]^2 d\lambda}_{\text{Transmission difference of Output Port 2}} + \alpha \underbrace{\int_a^b R(\lambda)^2 d\lambda}_{\text{Reflection difference of Input Port}} \right]$$



Result (WDM splitter)

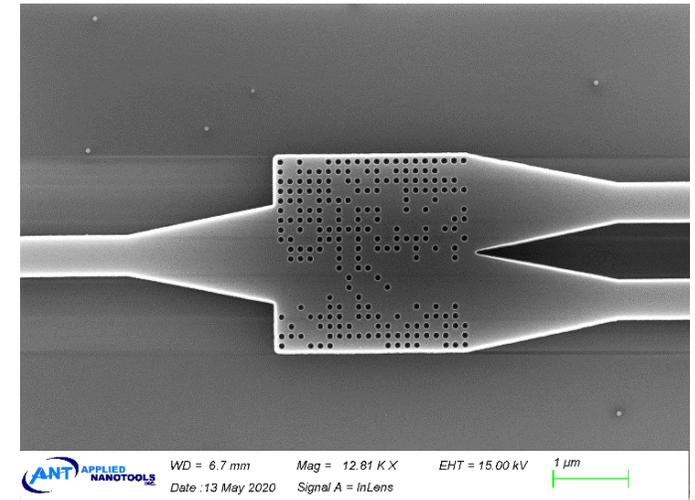
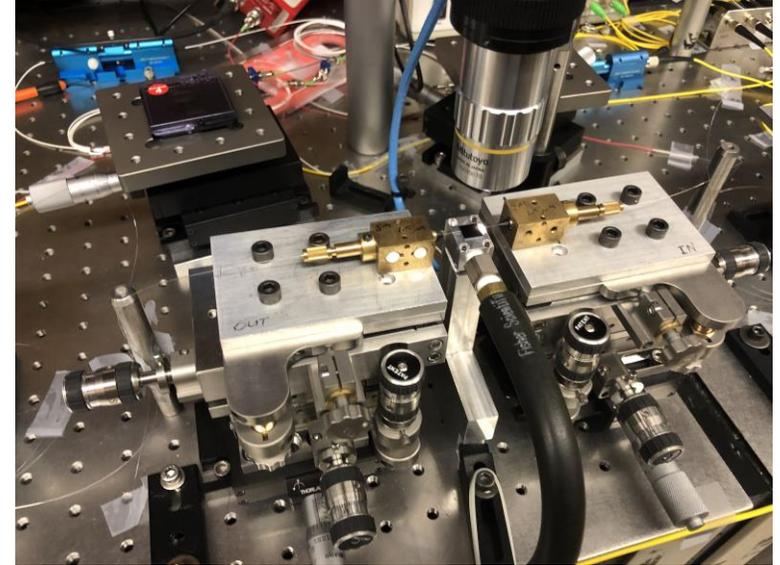
- Using the same platform, we generated WDM filters targeting different wavelengths.
- 16 optimization runs are conducted targeting different wavelengths.
- Total of 21,530 the training data.
- We tried ACVAE with and without cycle consistency.
- We picked the WDM splitter with the longest wavelength and tried to generate new devices with +40nm and +80nm shifted targets (extrapolation).
- ACVAE-CC gives better splitter performances
 - Less change in the transmittance peak/bottom

Training data example



Result (beam splitter measurement result)

- The chip and the mask is designed at MERL and is fabricated through external foundry(Applied Nanotools).
- Edge coupling measurement of the power splitter is conducted in Purdue (total transmission and power splitting ratio).
- For the first version of the devices, we put devices with constant hole size as well to increase the chance of success

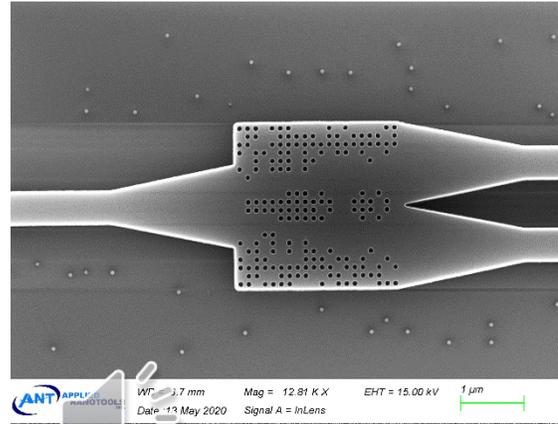


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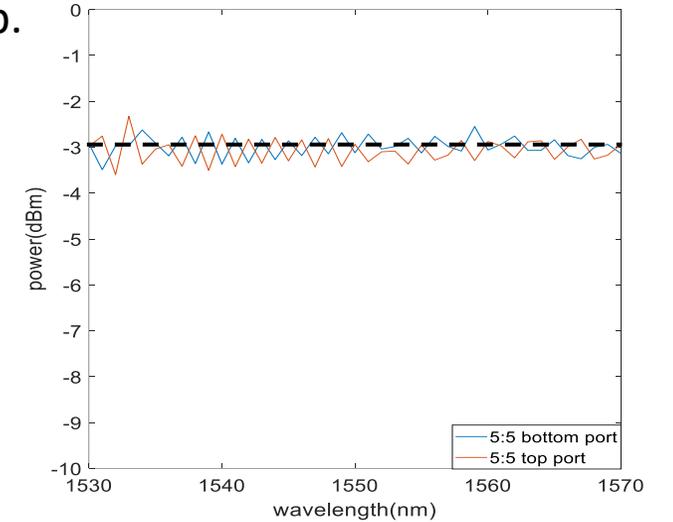
- Overall, 5:5 and 6:4 device have shown good performance with small loss.
- For 5:5 device, the splitting ratio is close to 1 and the insertion loss is $\sim -0.5\text{dB}$
- For 6:4 device, the splitting ratio is ranging from 0.708 to 0.631 (target:0.67) and the insertion loss is $\sim -0.3\text{dB}$

Device (5:5)

a.

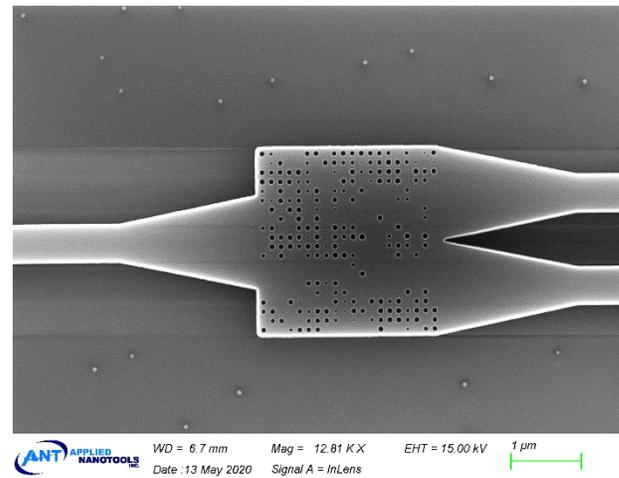


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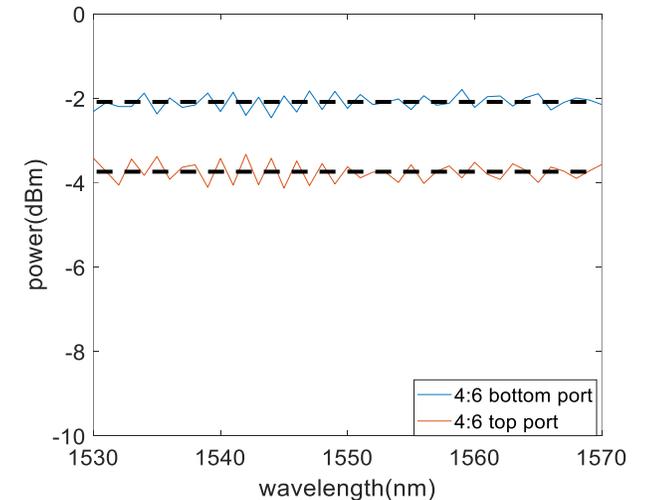


Device (6:4)

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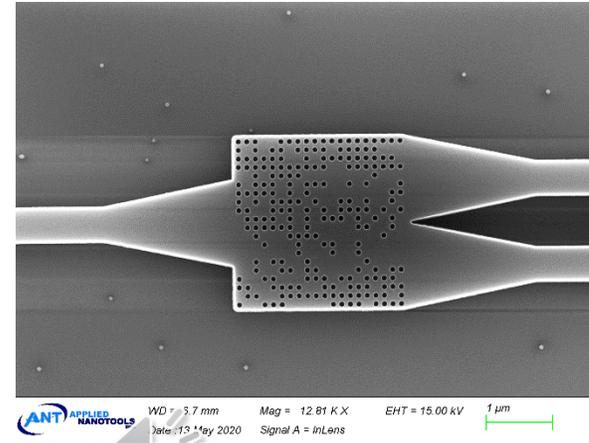


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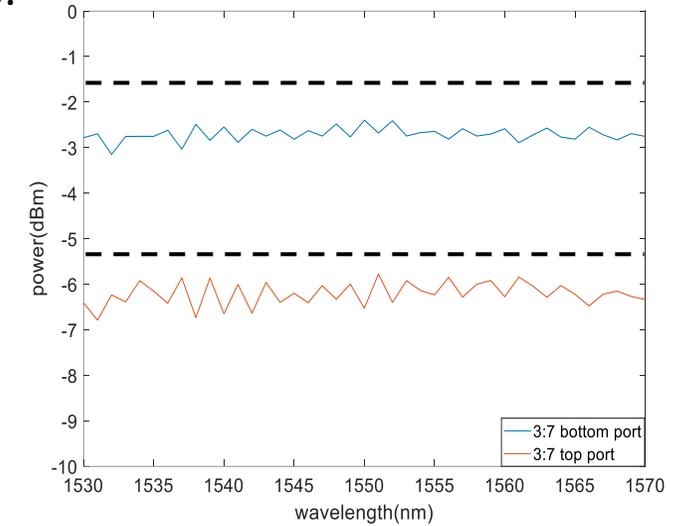
- The insertion loss for the 7:3 and 8:2 devices are larger.
- For 7:3 device, the splitting ratio is ranging from 0.51 to 0.38 (target:0.43) with insertion loss to be -2.5dB
- For 8:2 device, the splitting ratio is ranging from 0.32 to 0.26 (target :0.25) with insertion loss to be -1dB

Device (7:3)

a.

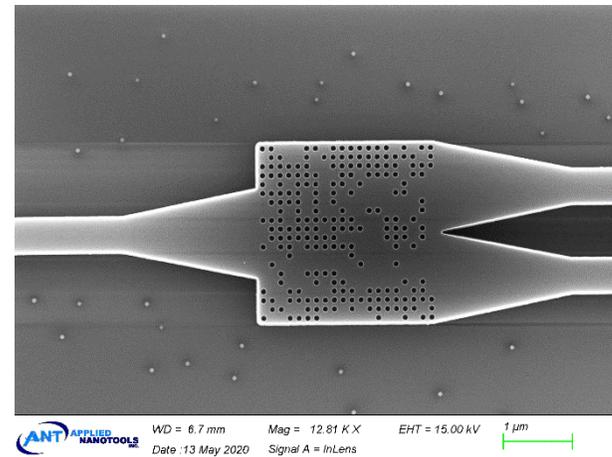


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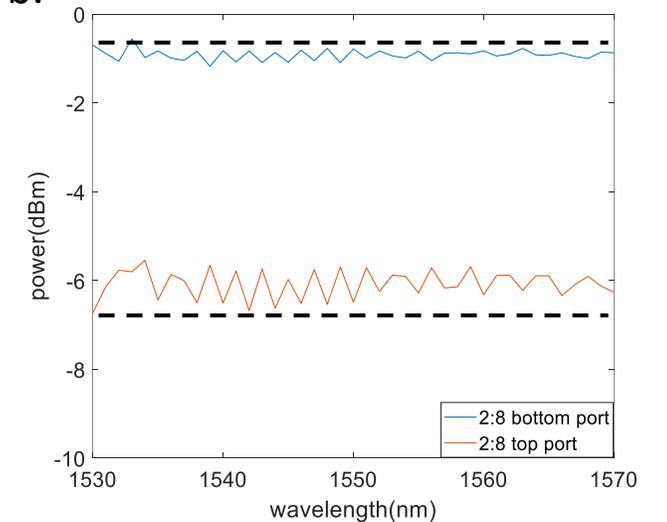


Device (8:2)

a.



b.



Summary

- We further improved the ACVAE model by applying the cycle consistency concept to it.
- The model can be used to generate the splitters with arbitrary splitting ratio without further optimization process
- The final generated devices can reach over 90% transmission across a wide bandwidth (1250nm – 1800nm)
- The ACVAE model with cycle consistency also shows decent improvement from our previous ACVAE model in terms of Figure of Merit (FOM).
- Some measurements have been performed to experimentally prove our model-generated devices are functioning properly.



Thank you

