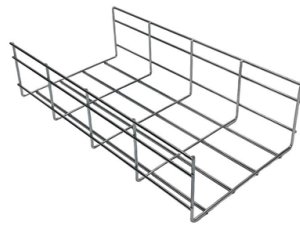


Optical Path System Diagram of the Beam Splitter



AI Overview

Beam splitters divide an incident light beam into transmitted and reflected paths, with design considerations including type, coating, polarization, and optical path geometry.

Types of Beam Splitters

- Cube Beam Splitters:** Constructed from two right-angle prisms cemented together, with a coated hypotenuse surface to achieve a specific reflection/transmission (R/T) ratio. Light is typically transmitted into the coated prism to avoid damaging the adhesive, and the cube design minimizes beam deviation and maintains alignment.
- Plate Beam Splitters:** Flat glass plates coated on one surface, often with anti-reflection coatings on the second surface to reduce unwanted reflections. They are usually set at a 45° angle of incidence (AOI) and can introduce a lateral beam shift, which must be accounted for in optical path design.
- Pellicle Beam Splitters:** Thin membranes that split light with minimal optical path distortion, ideal for high-speed or high-precision applications where beam displacement must be minimized.
- Polarizing Beam Splitters (PBS):** Use birefringent materials or thin-film coatings to separate light based on polarization. Variants include cube PBS, plate PBS, MacNeille PBS, and wire-grid polarizers, each optimized for specific polarization control and efficiency.
- Dichroic Beam Splitters:** Separate beams based on wavelength, commonly used in fluorescence microscopy and spectroscopy.

Optical Path Considerations

- Reflection and Transmission Ratios:** The design must specify the desired R/T ratio, which can vary from 50/50 to other ratios depending on application. Coatings, such as dielectric thin films, are used to achieve precise splitting while minimizing losses.
- Polarization Effects:** Non-polarizing beam splitters aim to maintain the polarization state, while polarizing beam splitters intentionally separate orthogonal polarizations. Polarization-dependent losses must...

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Within the interferometer, a beam-splitter directs one beam of light down a reference path, which has a number of optical elements including an ideally flat and smooth mirror from which the light is reflected.

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Schematic diagram of the optical path system used in the experiment. (PBS: polarizer beam splitter, SLM: spatial light modulator, PZT: PZT phase shifters, QWP: quarter-wave plate, L:...

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