# About Versawave

Versawave provides modulation components for high-speed data and high bandwidth optical communication applications. Versawave's proprietary GaAs-based designs provide system manufacturers with cost effective solutions that offer design flexibility, small footprints and power efficiency. Used for either polarization or amplitude modulation applications, these designs are fully compatible with commercial foundries for chip manufacture and packaging. In addition, Versawave utilizes its advanced prototyping facility to design custom components and provide fabrication services to the optical networking industry. Versawave is a privately held company based in Vancouver, British Columbia.

# 40 Gb/s Polarization Modulator Electro-Optic Mode Converter

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# **APPLICATIONS:**

- Polarization shift keying
- Polarization multiplexing and de-multiplexing
- High-speed polarization sweeping
- High-speed test equipment

#### FEATURES:

- High modulation bandwidth
- Low drive voltage
- Low residual amplitude modulation
- Low differential group delay
- Small footprint
- Covers C and L bands
- GaAs technology

#### **DESCRIPTION:**



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The Versawave 40 Gb/s Electro-Optic Polarization Modulator is capable of changing the state of polarization (SOP) of light at ultra-high speeds. Functioning as a high speed, electrically variable wave plate, the modulator is able to change the SOP of linearly polarized laser light to an orthogonal linear polarization, passing through elliptical and circular polarization states in between. The range and degree of the change in the SOP can be varied by adjusting the magnitude of the DC bias and RF drive voltage.

Unlike designs based on lithium niobate, the Versawave Polarization Modulator has very low birefringence and subsequently, low differential group delay – giving system designers flexibility to use polarization modulation or multiplexing in transmission systems. In addition, the polarization modulator has the same class-leading performance benefits of Versawave's Amplitude Modulator including low drive voltage, ultra-wide bandwidth, and small footprint.



# SMALL SIGNAL RESPONSE:

# PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS:



# PACKAGE DIMENSIONS:



All above dimensions are in mm. Figures in parentheses indicate dimensions for the 3V model.

# **ORDERING INFORMATION:**



A Drive Voltage	B RF Conn	nector	C Input	Optical Connector	D Out	put Optical Connector
3	V V	/	FCP	FC/UPC with PMF	FCU	FC/UPC with SMF-28
5	VP V	/P	FAP	FC/APC with PMF	FCA	FC/APC with SMF-28
	GP (	GPPO			FCP	FC/UPC with PMF
					FAP	FC/APC with PMF

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### Poincaré Sphere Representation of Polarization Modulation:



# PARAMETERS

#### **OPTICAL**

S21 Electro-Optic Bandwidth	
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- Polarization Extinction Ratio
- Residual Amplitude Modulation
- Differential Group Delay
- Wavelength Range
- **Optical Return Loss**
- Insertion Loss

# ELECTRICAL

PRBS Drive Voltage	40 Gb/s (3V	option)*

Return Loss (0-40 GHz)

Impedance

# **CONNECTORS AND FIBER OPTIONS**

Input Fiber	PMF
Output Fiber	SMF-28 or PMF
RF Connection	V, VP or GPPO
Bias Connection	Pins

# PACKAGE

Epoxy sealed, hermetic package available upon request

MIN	TYPICAL	MAX
	40 GHz	
20 dB		
	-18 dB	
		100 fs
1530 nm		1610 nm
30 dB		
	3.5 dB	

5.3 (3.5) V	
10 dB	
50 Ω	