

Microwave Engineering

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Lecture 3

"a study of microwave circuits provides a deeper physical insight into conventional circuit theory" R E Collin

Outline

- Transmission lines and waveguides (Ch3.1-3.5)
 - Summary of waves on transmission lines (Ch2)
 - Classification of waves (TE, TM, TEM)
 - Field analysis
 - Parallel plate
 - Hollow waveguides
 - Coaxial line

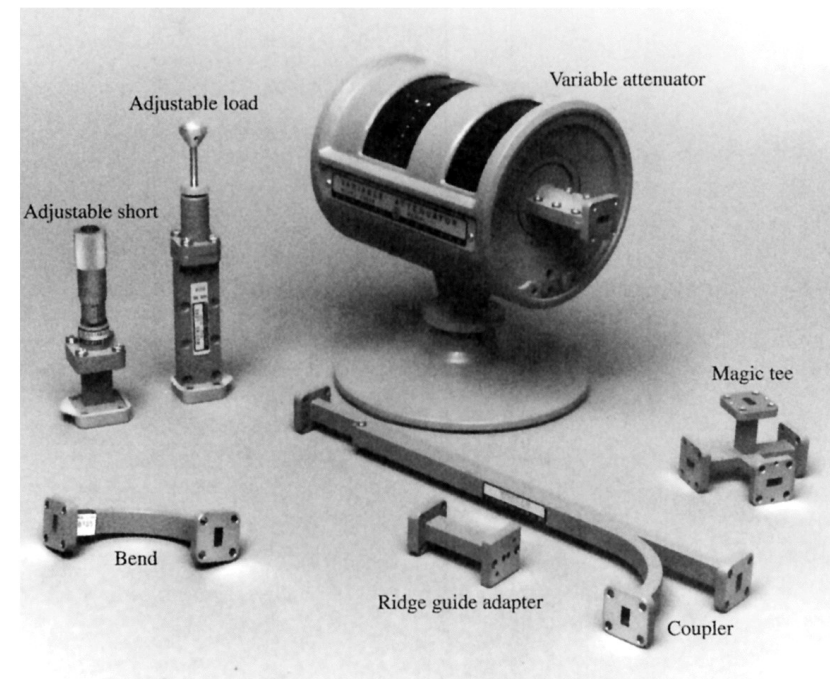


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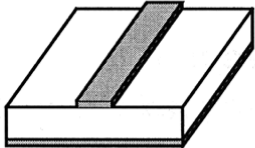
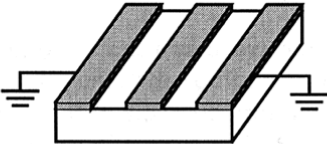
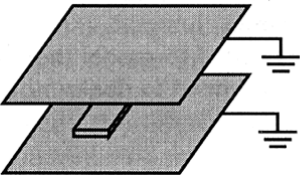
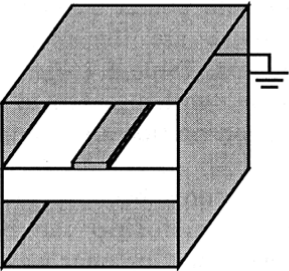
Objectives

On completion of this course unit you should be able to:

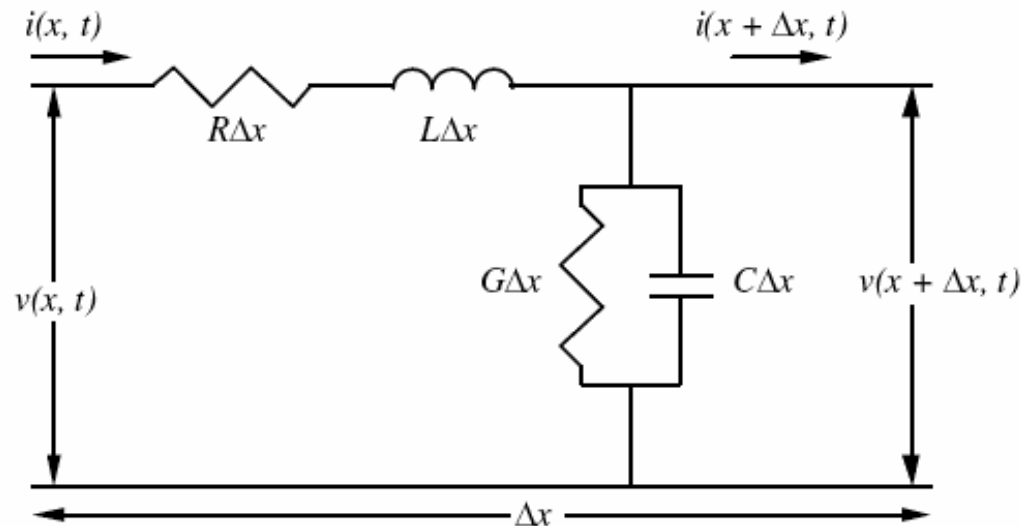
- 1) Analyse wave propagating properties of guided wave structures (TE, TM, TEM waves, microstrip, stripline, rectangular and circular waveguides, coupled lines)
- 2) Apply N-port representations for analysing microwave circuits
- 3) Apply the Smith chart to evaluate microwave networks
- 4) Design and evaluate impedance matching networks
- 5) Design, evaluate and characterise directional couplers and power dividers
- 6) Design and analyse attenuators, phase shifters and resonators
- 7) Explain basic properties of ferrite devices (circulators, isolators)

Distributed components

Transmission lines

| Transmission Line | Structure | Properties |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Microstrip |  | The most common type of transmission line, suitable for both hybrid and monolithic circuits. Moderately dispersive at high frequencies. See Section 1.3.3. |
| Coplanar waveguide (CPW) |  | Somewhat lossier and more dispersive than microstrip, but minimizes the parasitic inductance of ground connections. Good transition to coaxial lines. Spurious slotline and microstrip modes are possible. See Section 1.3.4. |
| Stripline |  | Does not allow convenient mounting of discrete circuit elements; best for passive components. Difficult to cascade with microstrip or other planar transmission lines. Low loss, TEM, good transition to coax. See Section 1.3.5. |
| Suspended-substrate stripline (SSSL) |  | Similar to stripline, but easier to fabricate in many types of circuits. Low loss, low effective dielectric constant, good transition to coax. Waveguide-like modes can be a problem. See Section 1.3.6. |

Telegrapher's equations



Distributed Element Model of a Transmission Line

TD

$$\frac{\partial v(z, t)}{\partial z} = -Ri(z, t) - L \frac{\partial i(z, t)}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial i(z, t)}{\partial z} = -Gv(z, t) - C \frac{\partial v(z, t)}{\partial t}$$

Wave equations

FD

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} - \gamma^2 V = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial z^2} - \gamma^2 I = 0$$

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = \sqrt{(R + j\omega L)(G + j\omega C)}$$

Propagation constant

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} - \gamma^2 V = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial z^2} - \gamma^2 I = 0$$

$$\underline{\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = \sqrt{(R + j\omega L)(G + j\omega C)}}$$

$$V(z) = V^+ e^{-\gamma z} + V^- e^{\gamma z}$$

$$I(z) = I^+ e^{-\gamma z} + I^- e^{\gamma z}$$

Phase velocity: $v_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta}$

Maxwell's equations

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_f \quad \text{Gauss's law}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \quad \text{Faraday's law}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}_f + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \quad \text{Ampere's law with Maxwell's correction}$$



Guided waves

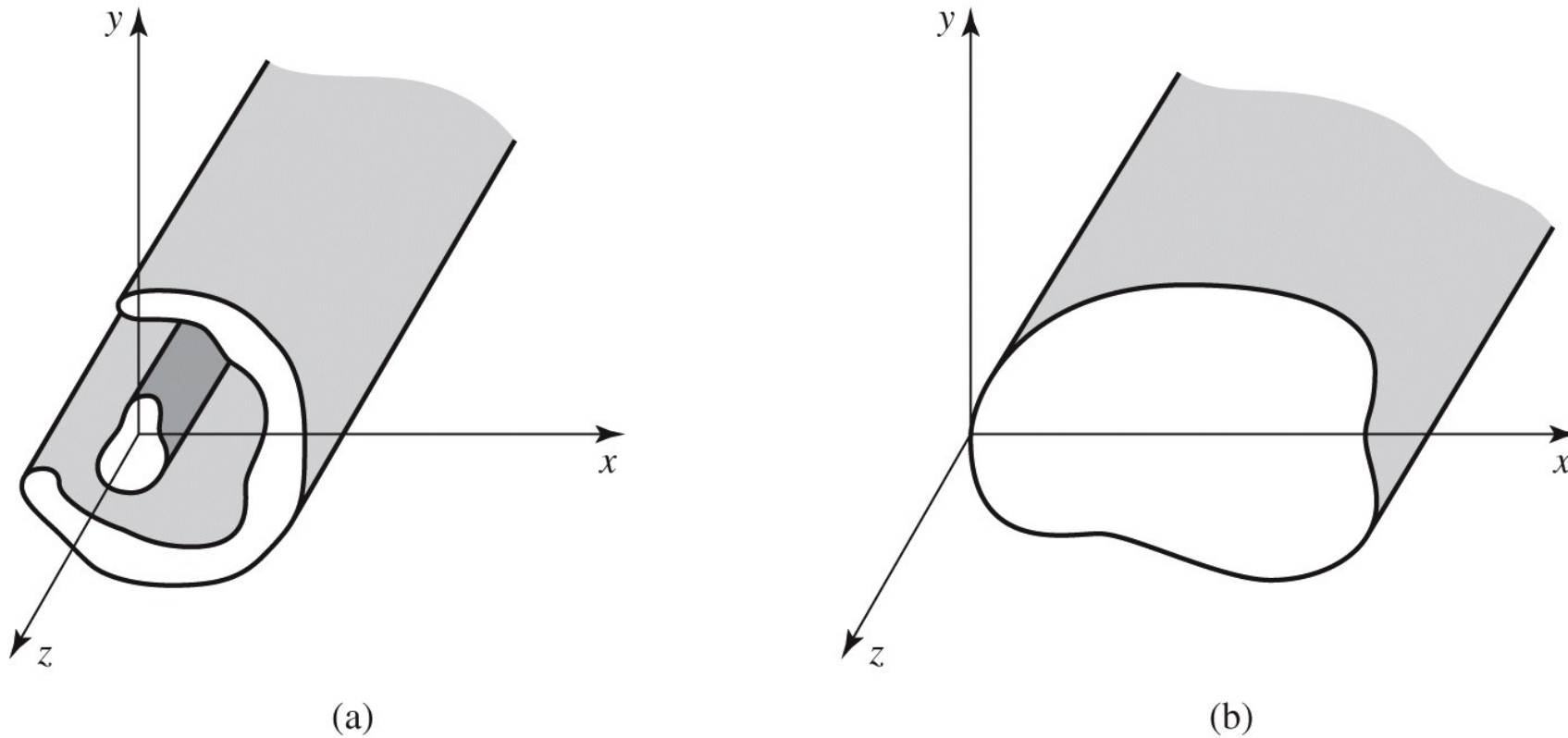


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Helmholtz equation

- Assume no sources:

$$\nabla^2 \bar{E} + k_0^2 \bar{E} = 0$$

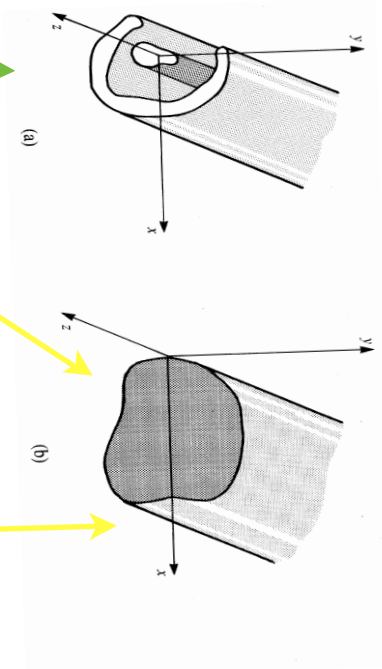
$$\nabla^2 \bar{H} + k_0^2 \bar{H} = 0$$

$$k = \omega \sqrt{\epsilon \mu}$$

- Cross section or electrical properties do not vary along z-axis (axial uniformity)
- Separable: assume solution $f(z)g(x,y)$

Classification of waves

- **TEM**-Transverse Electromagnetic: no longitudinal field components
- **TE**-Transverse Electric, or H modes: longitudinal magnetic field component
- **TM**-Transverse Magnetic, or E modes: longitudinal electric field component



- *On white board: Maxwell equations for TE, TM and TEM waves.*

Summary of modes

- TEM waves

$$E_z = H_z = 0$$

Field is a solution to a transverse gradient of a scalar function $\Phi(x,y)$, which is a solution of a two-dimensional Laplace equation

- TE waves, H modes

$$e_z = 0$$

All field components are derived from h_z

- TM waves, E modes

$$h_z = 0$$

All field components are derived from e_z

- TE and TM

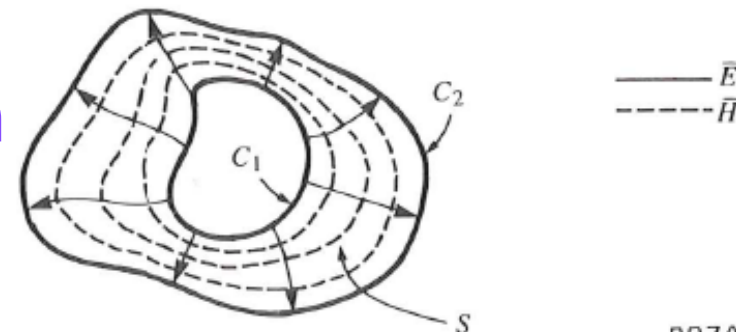
Lossless transmission lines

- Two or more parallel conductors
 - Surrounded by a uniform dielectric
- ➡ TEM as principal wave
- Microstrip and other planar lines do not have the dielectric medium completely surrounded
- ➡ quasi-TEM waves (low frequency limit)

TRANSMISSION LINE PARAMETERS

- L = magnetic flux / total current
- C = total charge per unit length/voltage difference between conductors
- G = total shunt current / voltage difference between conductors

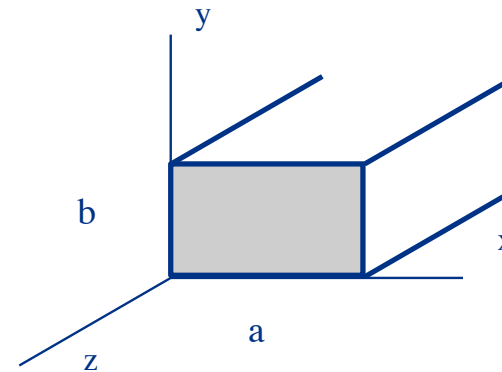
TEM=> electrostatic solution
equivalent circuit parameters



Hollow waveguides

\bar{e} exists if \bar{h}_z exists (TE wave, H mode)
 \bar{h} exists if \bar{e}_z exists (TM wave, E mode)

$TE_{n,m}$ and $TM_{n,m}$ modes



The integers n and m pertain to the number of standing-wave interference maxima occurring in the field solutions that describe the variation of the fields along the two transverse coordinates

$f_{c, nm}$ corresponds to cut-off frequency below which the mode does not propagate; it is a geometrical parameter dependent on the waveguide cross-sectional configuration

Propagation factor β

$$\beta = \sqrt{k_0^2 - k_c^2}$$

$$k_0 = 2\pi f \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon}, k_c = 2\pi f_c \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon}$$

- *In Pozar's book! Read and derive solutions for waves in a rectangular WG.*

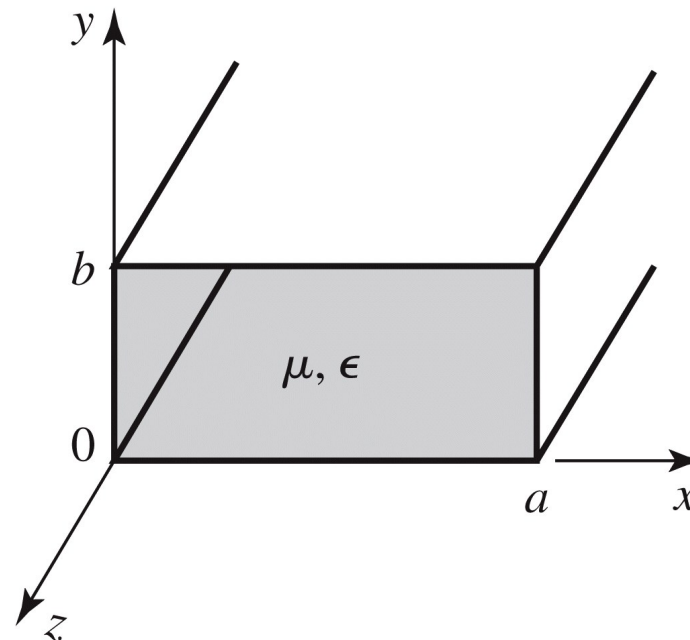


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Rectangular WG: TE_{nm} modes

$$H_z = A_{nm} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{m\pi y}{b} e^{\mp j\beta_{nm}z}$$

$$H_x = \pm j \frac{\beta_{nm}}{k_{c, nm}^2} A_{nm} \frac{n\pi}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{m\pi y}{b} e^{\mp j\beta_{nm}z}$$

$$H_y = \pm j \frac{\beta_{nm}}{k_{c, nm}^2} A_{nm} \frac{m\pi}{b} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{m\pi y}{b} e^{\mp j\beta_{nm}z}$$

$$E_x = Z_{h, nm} A_{nm} j \frac{\beta_{nm}}{k_{c, nm}^2} \frac{m\pi}{b} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{m\pi y}{b} e^{\mp j\beta_{nm}z}$$

$$E_y = -Z_{h, nm} A_{nm} j \frac{\beta_{nm}}{k_{c, nm}^2} \frac{n\pi}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{m\pi y}{b} e^{\mp j\beta_{nm}z}$$

$$Z_{h, nm} = \frac{k_0}{\beta_{nm}} Z_0$$

Different modes in rectangular WG

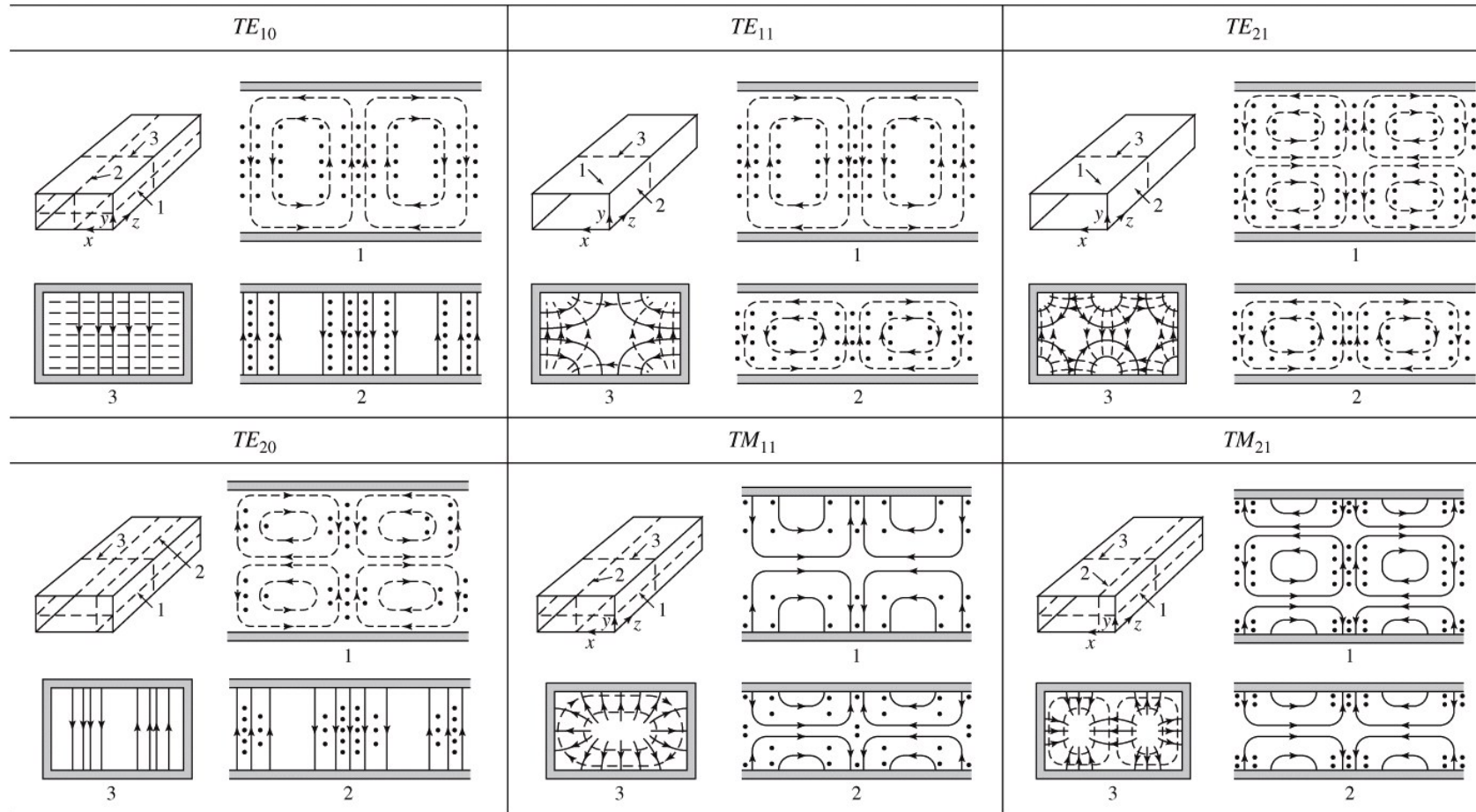
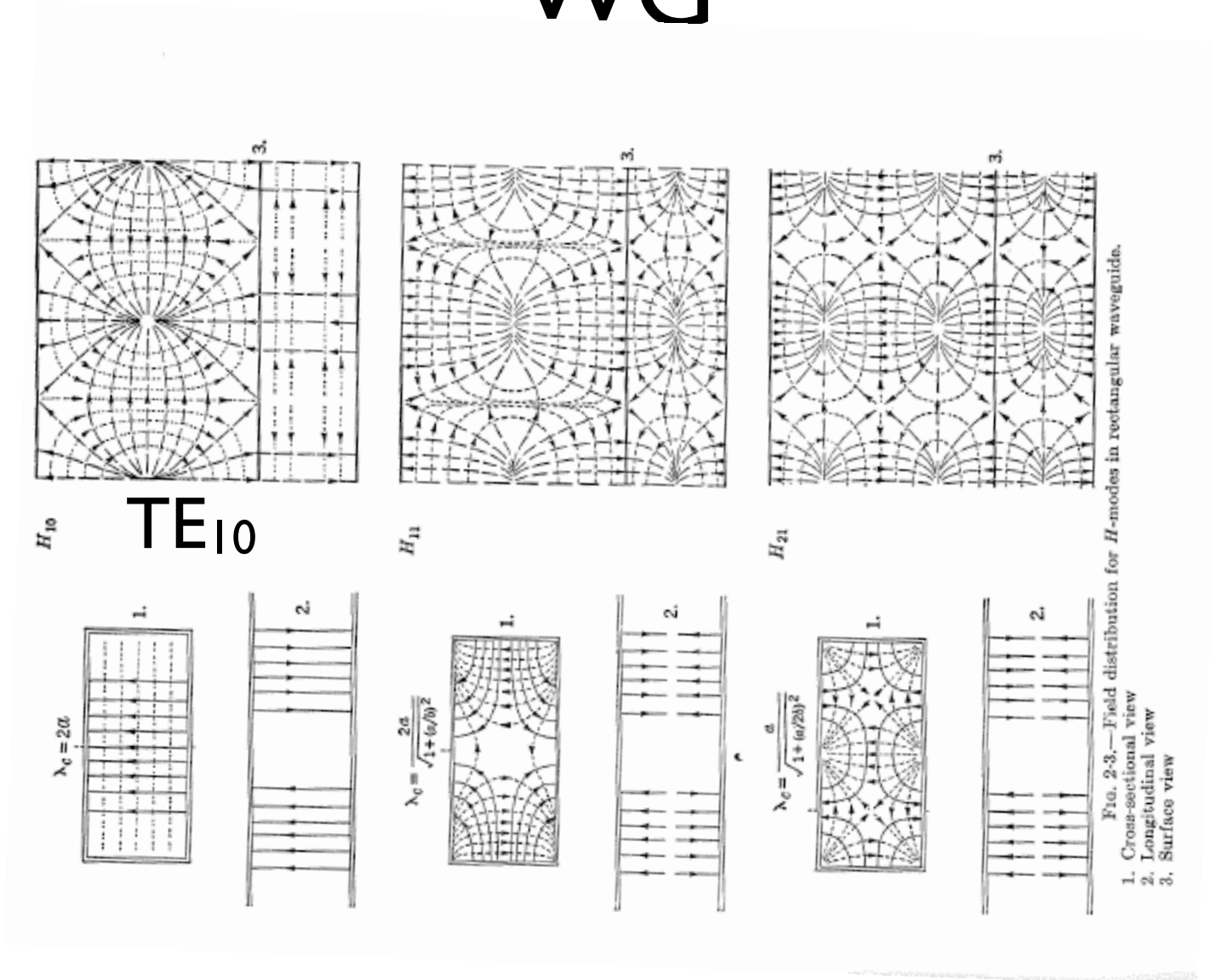


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Surface current in rectangular WG



Waves in WGs

- Standard rectangular WG: $a=2b$
- Single mode bandwidth: one octave bandwidth ($c/2a < f < c/a$), usually a bit less due to dispersion
- Propagating modes
 - exhibit different propagation constants
- Evanescent modes
 - Important for discontinuities (reactive energy)

Standard WGs

| Internal Band Designation | EIA Band Designation | Internal Dimensions (mils) | Internal Dimensions (mm) | Frequency Range (GHz) | TE(10) Cutoff (GHz) | WG Loss Low - High ¹ (dB/mm) | Flange Designation | Description | Letter Desig. |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---|--------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| WR- 51.0 | WR- 51 | 510 x 255 | 12.954 x 6.477 | 15.0 - 22.0 | 11.8 | 0.0005 - 0.0004 | | | |
| WR- 42.0 | WR- 42 | 420 x 170 | 10.668 x 4.318 | 17.5 - 26.5 | 14.0 | 0.0008 - 0.0006 | | | K |
| WR- 34.0 | WR- 34 | 340 x 170 | 8.638 x 4.318 | 22.0 - 33.0 | 17.4 | 0.001 - 0.0007 | | | |
| WR- 28.0 | WR- 28 | 280 x 140 | 7.112 x 3.556 | 26.5 - 40.0 | 21.1 | 0.0013 - 0.0009 | UG-599/U | Square, Four hole fixing | Ka |
| WR- 22.4 | WR- 22 | 224 x 112 | 5.690 x 2.845 | 33.0 - 50.5 | 26.3 | 0.0019 - 0.0013 | UG-383/U | Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled | Q |
| WR- 18.8 | WR- 19 | 188 x 94 | 4.775 x 2.388 | 40.0 - 60.0 | 31.4 | 0.0023 - 0.0016 | UG-383/UM | Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled | U |
| WR- 14.8 | WR- 15 | 148 x 74 | 3.759 x 1.880 | 50.5 - 75.0 | 39.9 | 0.0034 - 0.0024 | UG-385/U | Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled | V |
| WR- 12.2 | WR- 12 | 122 x 61 | 3.099 x 1.549 | 60.0 - 90.0 | 48.4 | 0.0047 - 0.0032 | UG-387/U | Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled | E |
| WR- 10.0 | WR- 10 | 100 x 50 | 2.540 x 1.270 | 75.0 - 110.0 | 59.0 | 0.0061 - 0.0043 | UG-387/UM | Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled | W |
| WR- 8.0 | WR- 8 | 80 x 40 | 2.032 x 1.016 | 90.0 - 140.0 | 73.8 | 0.0092 - 0.0059 | UG-387/UM | Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled | F |
| WR- 6.5 | WR- 6 | 65 x 32.5 | 1.651 x 0.826 | 110.0 - 170.0 | 90.8 | 0.0128 - 0.0081 | UG-387/UM | Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled | D |
| WR- 5.1 | WR- 5 | 51 x 25.5 | 1.295 x 0.648 | 140.0 - 220.0 | 116 | 0.0185 - 0.0117 | UG-387/UM | Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled | G |
| WR- 4.3 | WR- 4 | 43 x 21.5 | 1.092 x 0.548 | 170.0 - 260.0 | 137 | 0.0227 - 0.0151 | UG-387/UM | Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled | |
| WR- 3.4 | WR- 3 | 34 x 17 | 0.864 x 0.432 | 220.0 - 330.0 | 174 | 0.0308 - 0.0214 | UG-387/UM | Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled | |
| WR- 2.8 | n/a | 28 x 14 | 0.711 x 0.356 | 260.0 - 400.0 | 211 | 0.0436 - 0.0287 | UG-387/UM | Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled | |
| WR- 2.2 | n/a | 22 x 11 | 0.559 x 0.279 | 330.0 - 500.0 | 268 | 0.063 - 0.041 | UG-387/UM | Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled | |
| WR- 1.9 | n/a | 19 x 9.5 | 0.483 x 0.241 | 400.0 - 600.0 | 311 | 0.072 - 0.051 | UG-387/UM | Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled | |
| WR- 1.5 | n/a | 15 x 7.5 | 0.381 x 0.191 | 500.0 - 750.0 | 393 | 0.105 - 0.073 | UG-387/UM | Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled | |
| WR- 1.2 | n/a | 12 x 6 | 0.305 x 0.152 | 600.0 - 900.0 | 492 | 0.159 - 0.104 | UG-387/UM | Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled | |
| WR- 1.0 | n/a | 10 x 5 | 0.254 x 0.127 | 750.0 - 1100.0 | 590 | 0.192 - 0.135 | n/a | | |
| WR- 0.8 | n/a | 8 x 4 | 0.203 x 0.102 | 900.0 - 1400.0 | 738 | 0.292 - 0.188 | n/a | | |
| WR- 0.65 | n/a | 6.5 x 3.25 | 0.165 x 0.083 | 1100.0 - 1700.0 | 908 | 0.406 - 0.258 | n/a | | |
| WR- 0.51 | n/a | 5.1 x 2.55 | 0.130 x 0.065 | 1400.0 - 2200.0 | 1157 | 0.586 - 0.369 | n/a | | |

1) The waveguide loss is calculated assuming the conductivity of Gold, and a surface roughness factor of 1.5. The two values listed represent the loss at the low end and high end of the frequency range.

from <http://www.vadiodes.com/VDI/pdf/waveguidechart200908.pdf>

The concept of impedance

The term impedance was first used by Oliver Heaviside in the 19th century to describe the complex ratio V/I in AC circuits. In the 1930's Schelkunoff extended this concept to electromagnetic fields and noted that impedance should be regarded as characteristic of the type of field, as well as medium. The impedance may also be dependent on the direction of the propagating wave. The concept of impedance is an important link between field theory and transmission line theory.

- Intrinsic impedance of the medium,

$$Z_0 = \eta = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}}$$

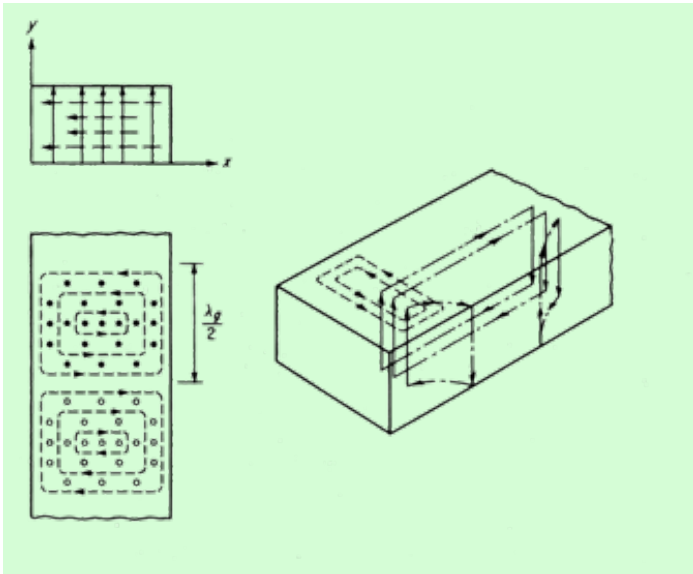
- Wave impedance; this impedance is a characteristic of the particular type of wave. TEM, TE, TM waves each have different wave impedances; they may depend on the type of the line or guide, the material, and frequency,

$$Z_w = E/H$$

- Characteristic impedance is the ratio of voltage to current for a travelling wave; voltage and current are uniquely defined only for a TEM wave; TE and TM waves do not have uniquely defined voltage and current, so the characteristic impedance for such waves may be defined in various ways.

$$Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$$

Dominant TE₁₀ mode



$$H_{z,10} = A \cos \frac{\pi x}{a} e^{-j\beta z}$$

$$H_{x,10} = A \frac{j\beta}{k_c} \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} e^{-j\beta z}$$

$$E_{y,10} = -AZ_{h,10} \frac{j\beta}{k_c} \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} e^{-j\beta z}$$

$$k_{c,10} = \frac{\pi}{a}, \beta_{10} = \sqrt{k_0^2 - \left(\frac{\pi}{a}\right)^2}$$

$$Z_{h,10} = -\frac{E_y}{H_x} = \frac{k_0}{\beta} Z_0$$

$$\lambda_g = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \frac{\lambda_0}{\sqrt{1 - (\lambda_0/2a)^2}}$$

$$v_p = \frac{\lambda_g}{\lambda_0} c, v_g = \frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_g} c$$

Attenuation

- Attenuation due to dielectric loss α_d
- Attenuation due to conductor loss, α_c
- Total attenuation: $\alpha = \alpha_c + \alpha_d$

Attenuation due to dielectric loss: homogenous filling

- Propagation constant

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma &= \alpha_d + j\beta = \sqrt{k_c^2 - k^2} = \sqrt{k_c^2 - \omega^2 \mu_o \epsilon_o \epsilon_r (1 - j \tan \delta)} = \sqrt{k_c^2 - k^2 + jk^2 \tan \delta} \approx \\ &\approx \sqrt{k_c^2 - k^2} + \frac{jk^2 \tan \delta}{2\sqrt{k_c^2 - k^2}} = j\beta + \frac{k^2 \tan \delta}{2\beta}\end{aligned}$$

- for TE and TM (Np/m).

$$\alpha_d = \frac{k^2 \tan \delta}{2\beta}$$

- TEM waves (Np/m) => $\alpha_d = \frac{k \tan \delta}{2}$

Perturbation method to calculate loss

- Assumes that field distribution in lossy line is not different from lossless line.
- Derive method to calculate loss...

$$P(z) = P_o e^{-2\alpha z}$$

$$p_l = \frac{-\partial P}{\partial z} = 2\alpha P(z) \text{ "power loss per unit length"}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{p_l(z)}{2P(z)} = \frac{p_l(z=0)}{2P_o}$$

Circular waveguide

| TM_{01} | TM_{02} | TM_{11} | TE_{01} | TE_{11} |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | | |
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TE modes

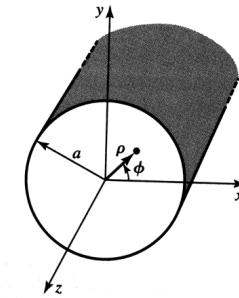
$$e_z = 0, \quad h_z \neq 0$$

$$\nabla_t^2 h_z + k_c^2 h_z = 0$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial h_z}{\partial r} \right|_{r=a} = 0$$

$$h_z(r, \phi) = (B_1 \cos n\phi + B_2 \sin n\phi) J_n(k_c r)$$

$$\left. \frac{dJ_n(k_c r)}{dr} \right|_{r=a} = 0; \quad k_{c, nm} = \frac{p'_{nm}}{a}$$



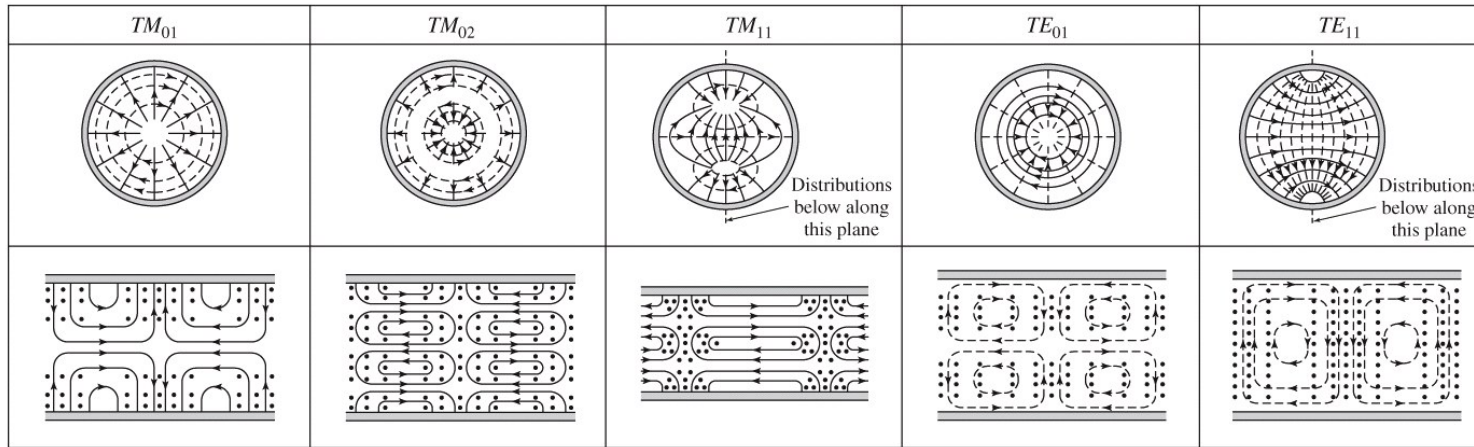
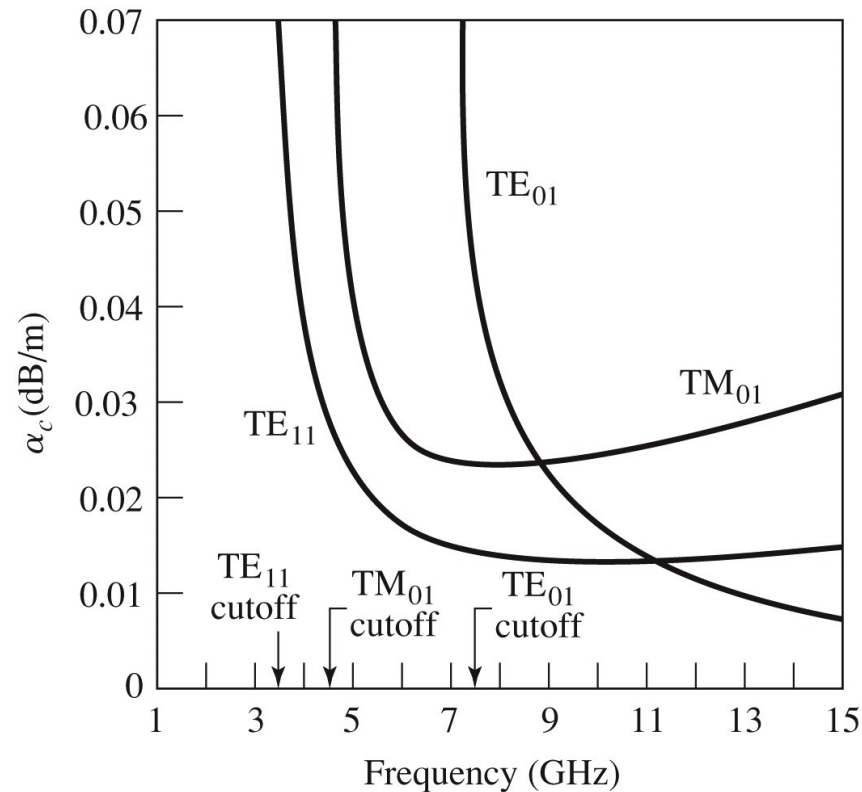


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Serious attempts
to utilise TE_{01}
for long distance
communication

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Elliptical waveguide

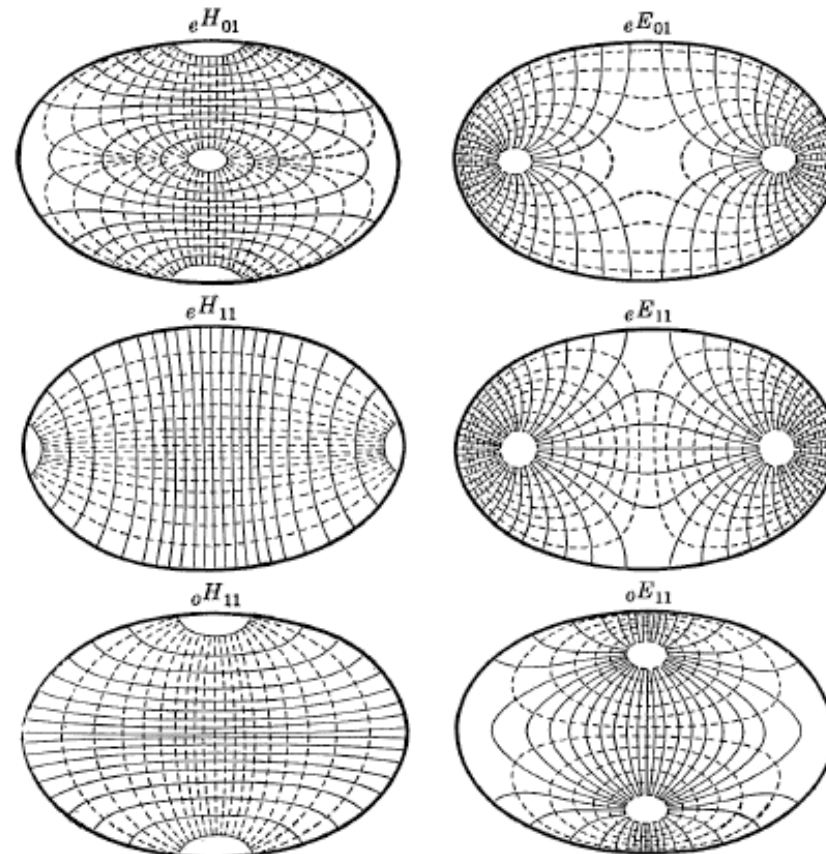
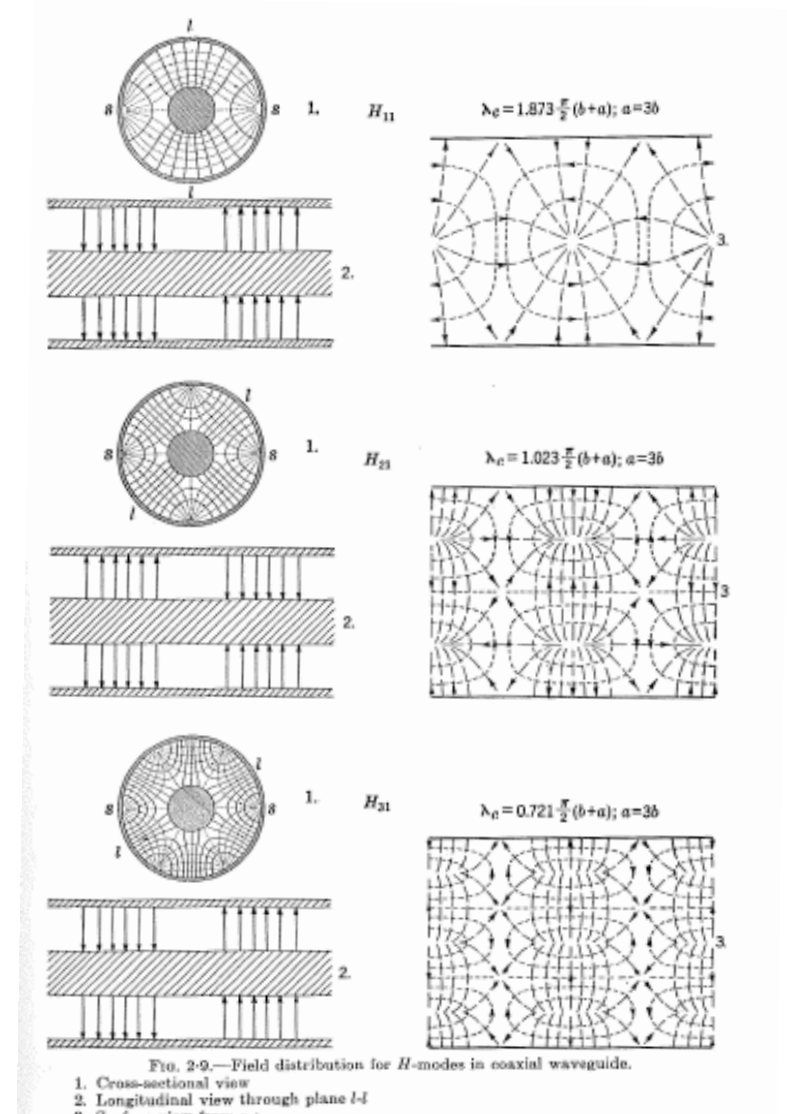
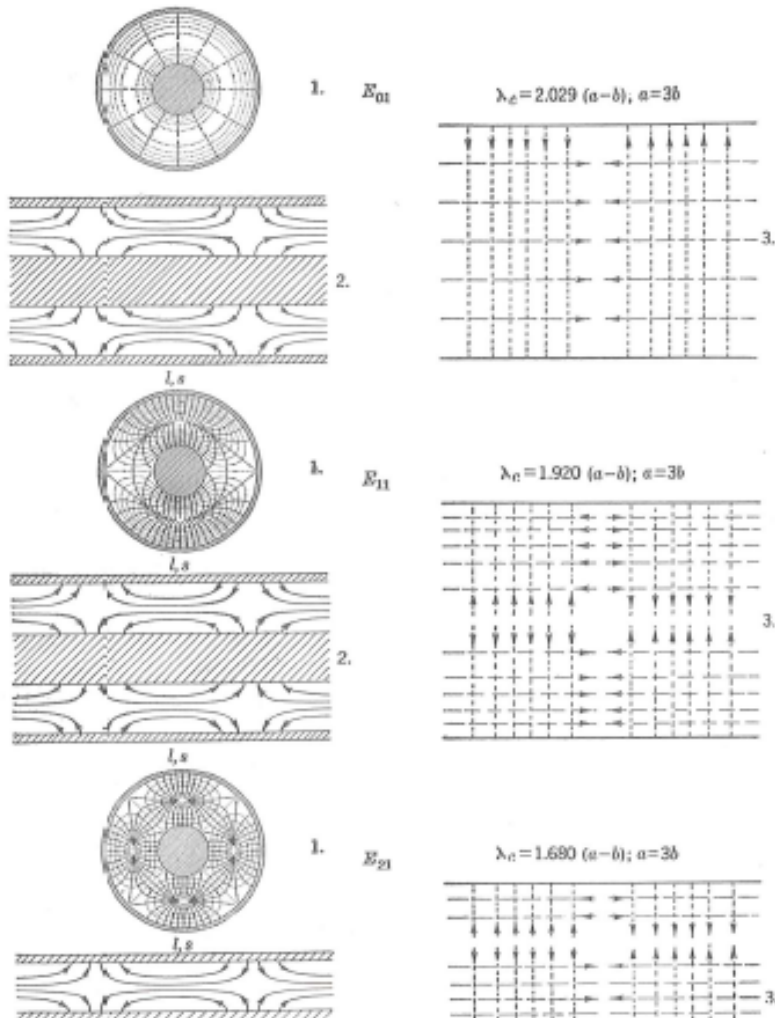


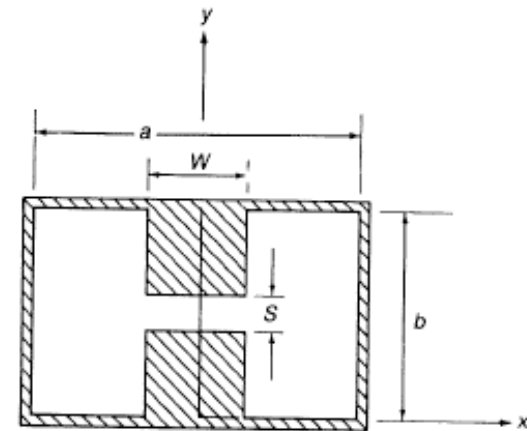
FIG. 2-12.—Field distribution of modes in elliptical waveguide. Cross-sectional view.

Coaxial waveguides



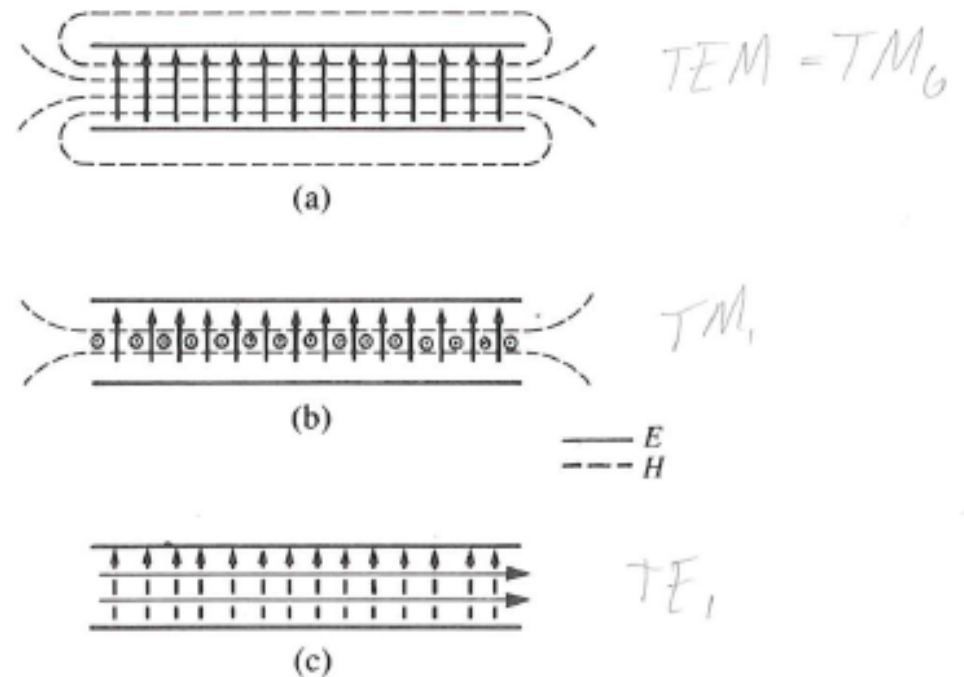
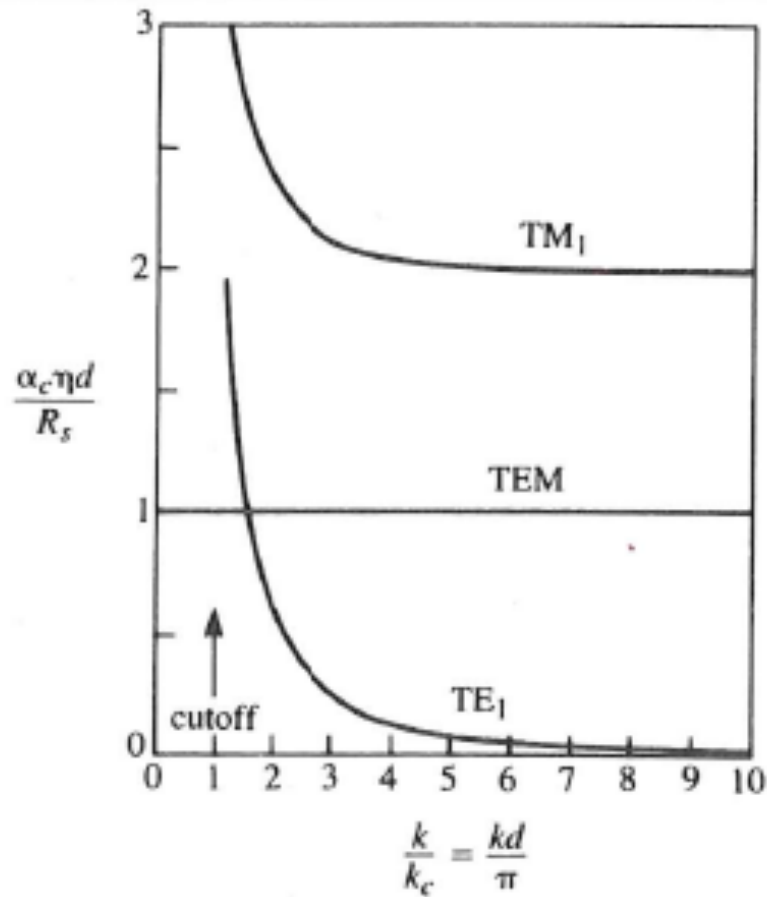
Ridge waveguide

- Better single mode bandwidth



- *On white board: in-homogenous filled parallel plate waveguide.*

Parallel plate waveguide



Summary of lecture 3

- Read chapter 3 (3.1-3.5).
 - TEM, TE, and TM modes
 - Hollow waveguides (TE and TM modes)
 - Field analysis on transmission lines
 - Dispersion, characteristic impedance
- Next: Planar transmission lines such as microstrip, stripline and coplanar lines