

Rigorous field theory analysis of quasiplanar waveguides

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Abstract: An accurate field theory solution for calculating the hybrid eigenmodes of quasiplanar structures is introduced which includes both the influence of the finite strip thickness and waveguide housing grooves. Using the transverse resonance method the size of the characteristic matrix equation is kept constant even for an increasing number of discontinuities. Dispersion characteristics of various structures consisting of at least one isolated strip are presented. The fundamental EH_0 -modes mainly depend on the finite strip thickness, while increasing waveguide grooves lead to a significant reduction of higher-order-mode cutoff frequencies.

1 Introduction

Metallised substrates shielded by a rectangular waveguide have successfully been applied to millimetre-wave integrated circuits [1-4]. As numerous publications have been published dealing with dispersion characteristics of unilateral, bilateral and antipodal fin-lines, this paper is restricted to quasiplanar transmission-line configurations consisting of at least one isolated strip. Some of those cross-sections are shown in Fig. 1.

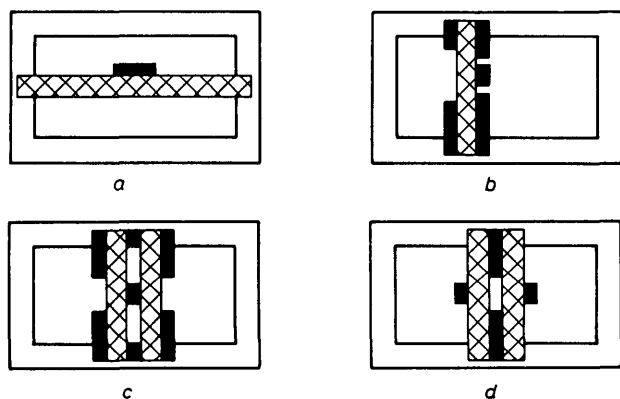


Fig. 1 Cross-sections of some quasiplanar waveguides

- a Suspended substrate-line
- b Shielded coplanar-slot-line
- c Bilateral fin-line with isolated strip-line
- d Two strips coupled through a fin-line slot

The most commonly used hybrid-mode analysis is the spectral domain method which, for instance, is described by Hofmann [5], Schmidt [6] and Jansen [7]. A modified finite-difference method demonstrated for the coplanar-line is presented by Schulz, Pregla [8], whose results agree well with those of Jansen [7].

Both theories neglect the influence of finite metallisation thickness and waveguide grooves to fix the substrate. The strip thickness plays a significant role in the design of microwave integrated circuits, as has been demonstrated for integrated millimetre-wave E-plane filters in References 9 and 10. Higher-order-mode cutoff frequencies are essentially reduced with increasing groove depths.

Finite strip thickness is approximately involved in Saad's and Schünemann's theory [11], but the approximation formula used becomes invalid for small slot widths together with a necessarily increasing number of eigenfunctions to be considered. The aim of this paper, therefore, is to describe an accurate hybrid-mode analysis which involves the influence of finite strip thickness and wave-

guide housing grooves on the dispersion characteristics. The theory utilises the transverse resonance method described in References 12, 13 and 14. The size of the characteristic matrix equation therefore does not depend on the number of discontinuities, as in classical wave propagation formulations, but is kept constant for a desired number of considered eigenfunctions. Thus, a relatively fast computer program is obtained, which calculates the normalised propagation constants for a given array of frequency sample points.

Using a superposition of electrical and magnetical vector potential functions the coupling between TE- and TM-waves is automatically involved, and so a hybrid mode generally consists of all six field components. Only in cases of homogeneous propagation media or at cutoff frequencies is the entire equation system divided into two independent systems for pure TE- and TM-modes, respectively.

2 Theory

Owing to the transverse resonance model used, the fundamental cross-section shown in Fig. 2 is regarded as a paral-

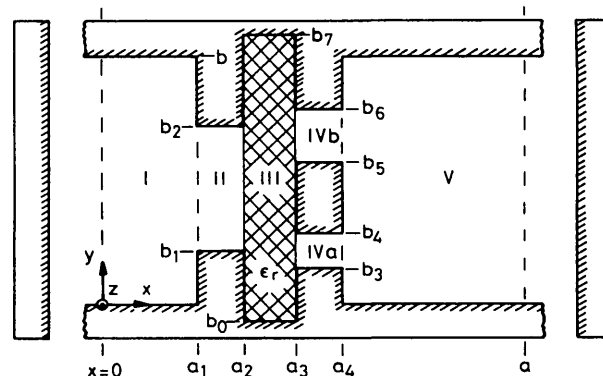


Fig. 2 Separation of basic cross-section into homogeneous subregions

lel plate line spaced by the metallised substrate. Assuming travelling waves in the $\pm x$ -direction the formulation of the eigenvalue problem of the shielded planar structure is reduced to a field matching problem at the common interfaces a_1 to a_4 , respectively.

Therefore, the finite strip thickness as well as the waveguide grooves can be considered in the calculations.

By subdividing the inhomogeneous cross-section according to Fig. 2 the electromagnetic fields in each homogeneous region $i = \text{I, II, III, IVa, IVb, V}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}^i &= \nabla \times \mathbf{A}_{hz}^i + \frac{1}{j\omega\epsilon^i} \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A}_{ez}^i \\ \mathbf{H}^i &= \nabla \times \mathbf{A}_{ez}^i - \frac{1}{j\omega\mu} \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A}_{hz}^i \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

are derived from the z-components of vector potentials A_h^i , A_e^i which can be separated into pure cross-section functions $T_{h,e}^i(x, y)$ and the common propagation term $e^{-jk_z x}$

$$A_{h,e}^i = T_{h,e}^i(x, y)e^{-jk_z x} \quad (2)$$

with

$$T_h^i = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Q_{hn}^i(x)c_n^i(y) \quad (3)$$

$$T_e^i = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{en}^i(x)s_n^i(y)$$

The functions $c_n^i(y)$ and $s_n^i(y)$ are determined by the boundary conditions in y-direction yielding

$$c_n^i(y) = \frac{\cos\{f_n^i(y)\}}{\sqrt{1 + \delta_{on}}} \quad (4)$$

$$s_n^i(y) = \sin\{f_n^i(y)\} \quad \delta_{on} = \text{Kronecker delta}$$

with

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_n^I(y) \\ f_n^{II}(y) \\ f_n^{III}(y) \\ f_n^{IVa}(y) \\ f_n^{IVb}(y) \\ f_n^V(y) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_{yn}^I y \\ k_{yn}^{II}(y - b_1) \\ k_{yn}^{III}(y - b_0) \\ k_{yn}^{IVa}(y - b_3) \\ k_{yn}^{IVb}(y - b_5) \\ k_{yn}^V y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{n\pi}{b} y \\ \frac{n\pi}{b_2 - b_1} (y - b_1) \\ \frac{n\pi}{b_7 - b_0} (y - b_0) \\ \frac{n\pi}{b_4 - b_3} (y - b_3) \\ \frac{n\pi}{b_6 - b_5} (y - b_5) \\ \frac{n\pi}{b} y \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

The assumed wave propagation in the $\pm x$ -direction leads to the following expressions for the functions Q_{hn}^i , P_{en}^i and their derivations:

$$Q_{hn}^i(x) = A_n^i e^{+jk_{xn}^i x} + B_n^i e^{-jk_{xn}^i x} \quad (6)$$

$$P_{hn}^i(x) = \frac{d}{dx} Q_{hn}^i(x) = jk_{xn}^i (A_n^i e^{+jk_{xn}^i x} - B_n^i e^{-jk_{xn}^i x})$$

$$P_{en}^i(x) = \frac{1}{jk_{xn}^i} (C_n^i e^{+jk_{xn}^i x} - D_n^i e^{-jk_{xn}^i x}) \quad (7)$$

$$Q_{en}^i(x) = \frac{d}{dx} P_{en}^i(x) = C_n^i e^{+jk_{xn}^i x} + D_n^i e^{-jk_{xn}^i x}$$

The still unknown coefficients A_n^i , B_n^i , C_n^i , D_n^i are eliminated by inserting the upper ($x = x_u^i$) and the lower ($x = x_l^i$) boundary values in eqns. 6 and 7. Thus the generalised transmission matrix \underline{T}^i for each subregion is obtained.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{P}_h^i \\ \underline{P}_e^i \\ \underline{Q}_h^i \\ \underline{Q}_e^i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{T}_c^i & \underline{0} & \underline{T}_{c'}^i & \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} & \underline{T}_c^i & \underline{0} & \underline{T}_s^i \\ \underline{T}_s^i & \underline{0} & \underline{T}_c^i & \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} & \underline{T}_{c'}^i & \underline{0} & \underline{T}_c^i \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \underline{P}_h^i \\ \underline{P}_e^i \\ \underline{Q}_h^i \\ \underline{Q}_e^i \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

$$x = x_l^i \quad \quad \quad x = x_u^i$$

with the diagonal matrices

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{T}_c^i &= \text{Diag} \{ \cos(k_{xn}^i d^i) \} \\ \underline{T}_{c'}^i &= \text{Diag} \{ -k_{xn}^i \sin(k_{xn}^i d^i) \} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

$$\underline{T}_s^i = \text{Diag} \left\{ \frac{1}{k_{xn}^i} \sin(k_{xn}^i d^i) \right\} \quad d^i = x_l^i - x_u^i$$

and the propagation constants k_{xn}^i for which the relationship

$$\begin{aligned} (k_{xn}^i)^2 &= k_0^2 \epsilon_r^i - (k_{yn}^i)^2 - (k_z)^2 \\ k_0^2 &= \omega^2 \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

holds.

It should be noticed that the wave amplitudes P_h , P_e , Q_h and Q_e in eqn. 8 are directly proportional to the field components E_y , E_z , H_z and H_y , respectively. Matching the tangential field components of regions i , $i+1$ at the common interface a_i

$$E_{y,z}^i = E_{y,z}^{i+1}, H_{y,z}^i = H_{y,z}^{i+1} \quad (x, y \in \{a_i\}) \quad (11)$$

and applying eqns. 1 and 2, eqn. 11 reads as follows:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} T_h^i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} T_h^{i+1} + \frac{k_z}{\omega \epsilon_0} \frac{\epsilon_r^i / \epsilon_r^{i+1} - 1}{\epsilon_r^i - (k_z/k_0)^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} T_e^{i+1} \quad (12)$$

$$T_e^i = \frac{\epsilon_r^i}{\epsilon_r^{i+1}} \frac{\epsilon_r^{i+1} - (k_z/k_0)^2}{\epsilon_r^i - (k_z/k_0)^2} T_e^{i+1} \quad (13)$$

$$T_h^i = \frac{\epsilon_r^{i+1} - (k_z/k_0)^2}{\epsilon_r^i - (k_z/k_0)^2} T_h^{i+1} \quad (14)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} T_e^i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} T_e^{i+1} + \frac{k_z}{\omega \mu_0} \frac{\epsilon_r^i - \epsilon_r^{i+1}}{\epsilon_r^i - (k_z/k_0)^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} T_h^{i+1} \quad (15)$$

The second terms in eqns. 12 and 15 denote the coupling between TE- and TM-modes. It is remarkable that the coupling vanishes in cases of homogeneous propagation media ($\epsilon_r^{i+1} = \epsilon_r^i$) and at the cutoff frequencies of the hybrid modes ($k_z = 0$).

As $c_n^i(y)$ and $s_n^i(y)$ constitute systems of orthogonal functions, eqns. 12–15 can be expressed in terms of the wave amplitude vectors according to eqn. 8. This procedure provides coupling matrices $\underline{K}^{i,i+1}$ which are explained in the Appendix.

Finally the multiplicative combination of transmission and coupling matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{P}_h^I \\ \underline{P}_e^I \\ \underline{Q}_h^I \\ \underline{Q}_e^I \end{bmatrix}_{x=0} = \underline{T}^I \prod_{i=II}^V \underline{K}^{i-1,i} \underline{T}^i \begin{bmatrix} \underline{P}_h^V \\ \underline{P}_e^V \\ \underline{Q}_h^V \\ \underline{Q}_e^V \end{bmatrix}_{x=a} \quad (16)$$

and the still missing boundary conditions at the metallic surfaces ($\underline{P}_h^i = \underline{0}$ at $x = 0, a$), lead to the characteristic matrix which is the upper right quarter of the matrix product in eqn. 16 and which has to be solved numerically for the zeros of its determinant. For the computer calculations consideration of the first eighteen terms of the infinite series in eqn. 3 is sufficient.

3 Results

Fig. 3a shows the dispersion characteristics of the first eight propagating eigenmodes on a suspended substrate configuration. Considering a low strip thickness of $t = 5 \mu\text{m}$ the values calculated are in agreement with those presented by Hofmann [5] for $t = 0$ and the fundamental (EH₀) mode. Increasing the strip thickness, however, leads to decreasing propagation constants (Fig. 3b), because the electromagnetic field is mainly concentrated between the strip and the upper waveguide wall as the substrate is kept at middle waveguide height. The effects of this parameter

on higher-order-mode cutoff frequencies are within -4.9% and $+4.4\%$ for HE- and EH-modes, respectively.

The influence of the waveguide grooves is demonstrated

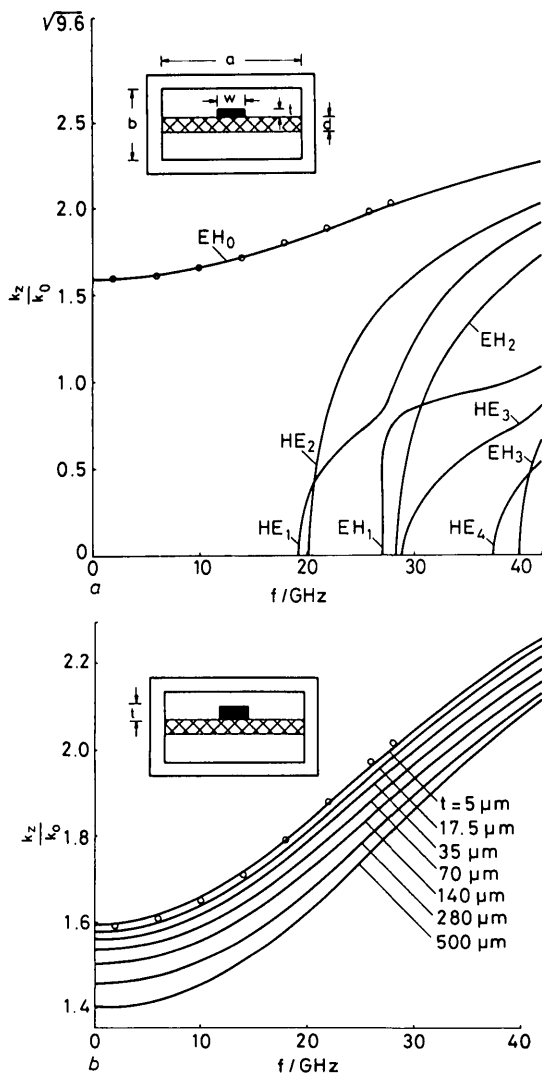


Fig. 3 Suspended substrate dispersion behaviour calculated by authors' method and by Hofmann's method [5]

a Dispersion characteristics

$a = 2b = 7.112$ mm
 $d = 635$ μ m, $t = 5$ μ m
 $w = 1$ mm, $\epsilon_r = 9.6$

b Influence of strip thickness on fundamental EH_0 -mode propagation constant

— Authors method ($t = 5$ μ m)
 ○○ Hoffmann's method [5] ($t = 0$)

in Figs. 4. As long as the groove depth is neglected the calculated dispersion characteristics (dashed lines in Fig. 4a) agree well with investigations by Schmidt [6]. Increasing the groove depths, however, leads to decreasing higher-order-mode cutoff-frequencies, especially of the HE_2 - and HE_3 -modes, as shown in Fig. 4a (solid lines) and Fig. 4b. If a TE_{10} -wave of an equivalent empty waveguide (WR 12) is incident, the first hybrid modes to be excited are HE_1 and HE_3 , for reasons of symmetry [3, 6], whereas the EH_0 - and HE_2 -modes are excited by a TE_{01} -wave. Therefore, the applicable bandwidths of modes EH_0 and HE_1 are significantly reduced by the HE_2 - and HE_3 -mode cutoff frequencies, respectively, which are influenced by the groove depth. The influence of this real structure parameter on the EH_0 - and HE_1 -propagation constants is inessential (Fig. 4a), which is in accordance with fin-line results presented in Reference 14 and which is in contrast to investigations by Beyer [15], who calculated a deviation of up to -5% related to the effective dielectric constant of the fundamental HE_1 -mode of an unilateral fin-line. For the small slot

widths considered in Figs. 4 the electromagnetic fields of both modes are mainly concentrated within the slot areas. Therefore, it is evident that their propagation constants cannot depend essentially on the groove depth.

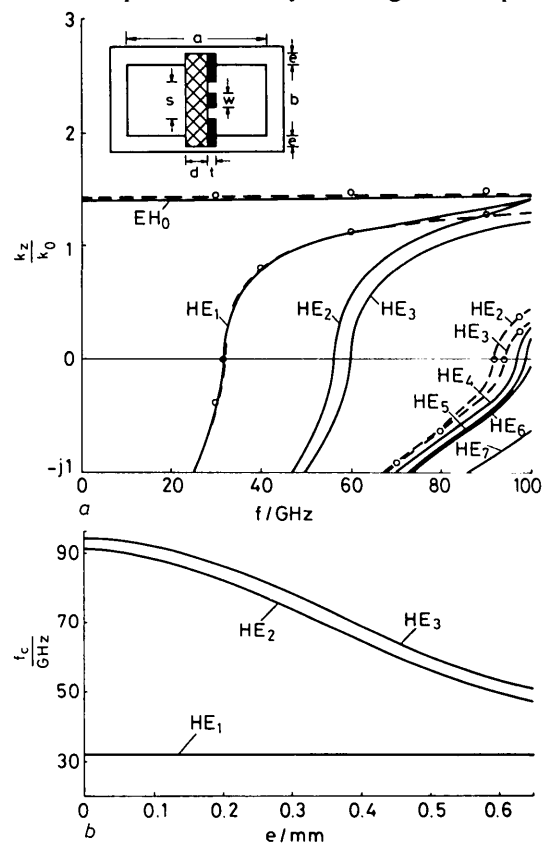


Fig. 4 Coplanar waveguide dispersion characteristics calculated by this method and by Schmidt's method [6]

a Dispersion characteristics

--- $e = 0$, this method
 — $e = 0.5$ mm, this method

○ ○ $e = t = 0$, Schmidt's method (graphical reproduction from Reference 6)

$a = 2b = 3.1$ mm

$d = 220$ μ m, $t = 5$ μ m

$w = 0.2$ mm, $s = 0.6$ mm

$\epsilon_r = 3.75$

b Influence of waveguide groove depth on higher-order-mode cutoff frequencies

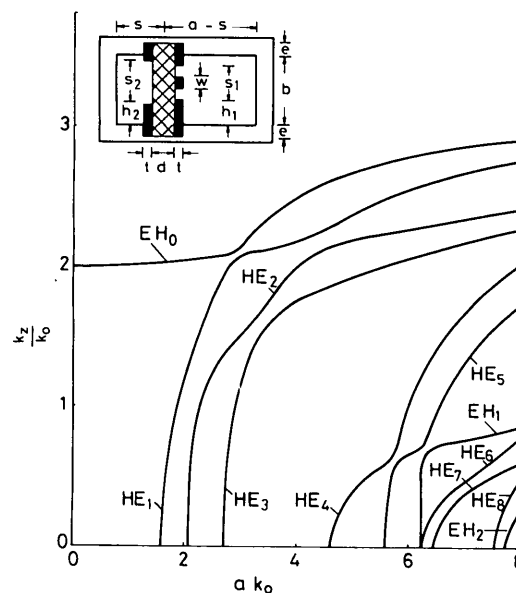


Fig. 5 Normalised propagation constants k_z/k_0 of the first eleven propagating hybrid eigenmodes on an unsymmetrical shielded coplanar-slot-line against normalised frequency ak_0

$b/a = 0.5$, $d/a = e/a = 0.1$

$t/a = 0.01$, $w/a = \frac{1}{12}$

$s/a = 0.25$, $\epsilon_r = 10$

$h_1/a = 1/6$, $s_1/a = \frac{1}{12}$

$h_2/a = \frac{1}{8}$, $s_2/a = \frac{1}{12}$

The efficiency of the transverse resonance method is demonstrated in Fig. 5 for an unsymmetrical cross-section. There appears to be a mutual influence of the hybrid eigenmodes resulting in nontypical dispersion curves, whereas this behaviour is not observed in symmetrical structures as shown in Fig. 6.

Fig. 7 shows the dispersion characteristics of two strips

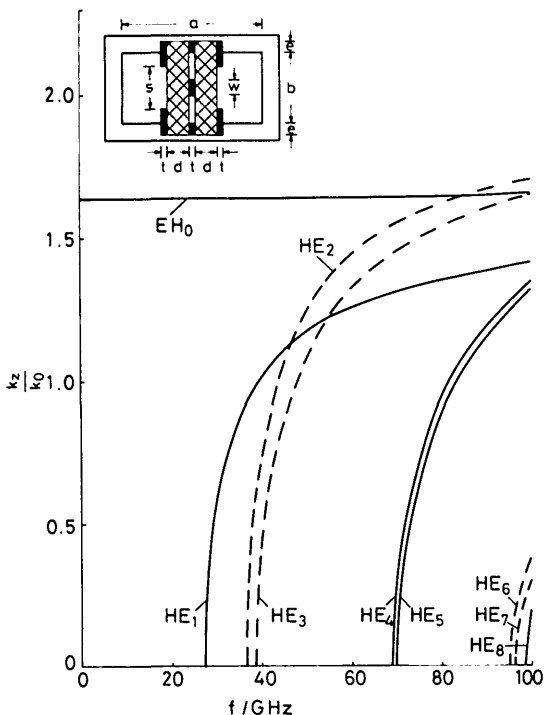


Fig. 6 Dispersion characteristics of the first nine propagating hybrid eigenmodes on a bilateral fin-line with isolated strip-line

— magnetic wall, - - - electric wall at $a/2$
 $a = 2b = 3.1$ mm
 $d = 220$ μ m, $t = 5$ μ m
 $w = 0.2$ mm, $s = 0.6$ mm
 $e = 0.5$ mm, $\epsilon_r = 3.75$

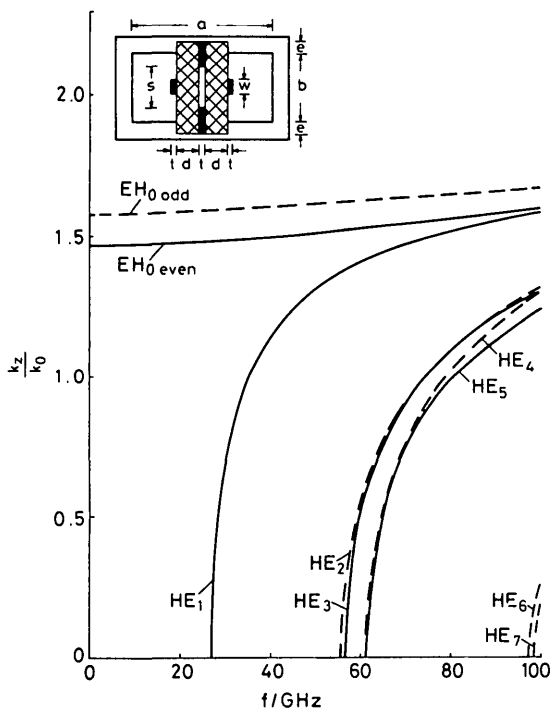


Fig. 7 Dispersion characteristics of two strips coupled through the slot of a fin-line

— magnetic wall, - - - electric wall at $a/2$
 $a = 2b = 3.1$ mm
 $d = 220$ μ m, $t = 5$ μ m
 $w = 0.2$ mm, $s = 0.6$ mm
 $e = 0.5$ mm, $\epsilon_r = 3.75$

coupled through the slot of a fin-line. These structures are applicable to integrated directional couplers below HE_1 -cutoff. They may be used as codirectional couplers if a significant difference in the even and odd fundamental-mode phase velocities occurs, which is achieved by increasing the slot width (Fig. 8).

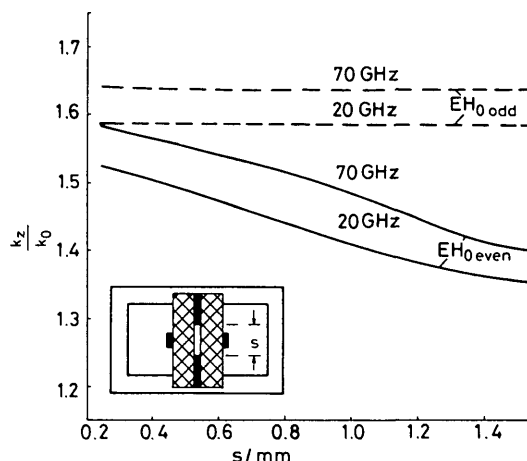


Fig. 8 Even and odd fundamental mode normalized propagation constants against slot width s

$a = 2b = 3.1$ mm
 $d = 220$ μ m, $t = 5$ μ m
 $w = 0.2$ mm
 $e = 0.5$ mm, $\epsilon_r = 3.75$

Contradirectional coupling is only possible at small deviations of the related phase velocities so that the structure can be regarded as nearly homogeneous. Indeed, this is obtained by horizontally separating the strips (Fig. 9),

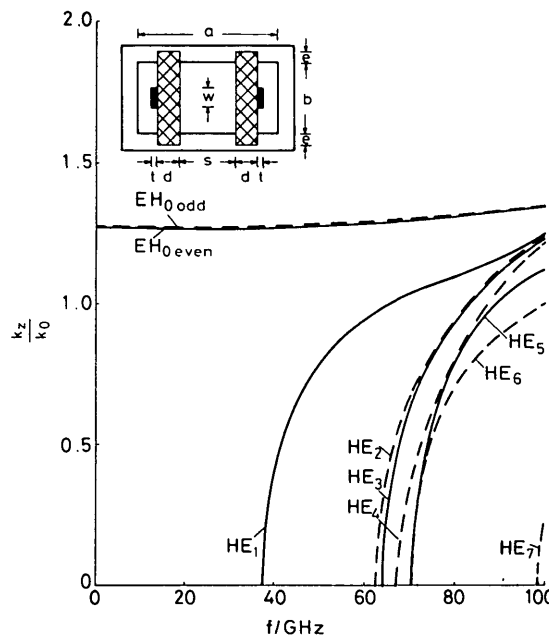


Fig. 9 Dispersion characteristics of two E-plane suspended substrate-lines

— magnetic wall, - - - electric wall at $a/2$
 $a = 2b = 3.1$ mm
 $d = 220$ μ m, $t = 5$ μ m
 $w = 0.5$ mm, $s = a/2 - d$
 $e = 0.5$ mm, $\epsilon_r = 3.75$

but the coupling is then also reduced. Pure contradirectional couplers in shielded broadside coupled-strip technology, therefore, are applicable if extremely loose coupling is desired.

4 Conclusion

A rigorous hybrid-mode dispersion analysis is described for quasiplanar waveguides. The transverse resonance

method used exhibits the advantage of keeping the size of the characteristic matrix equation constant, even for an increasing number of discontinuities. Real structure parameters, such as finite metallisation thickness and groove depths needed to fix the substrate, may be investigated by this method as well as symmetrical structures which follow from the basic configuration of a shielded coplanar-slot-line.

Dispersion characteristics of various structures consisting of at least one isolated strip are presented. The propagation constants of the fundamental EH_0 -modes are decreased by the finite strip thickness, while increasing waveguide grooves lead to a limitation of monomode bandwidths since higher-order-mode cutoff frequencies are significantly reduced.

To avoid atypical dispersion behaviour (e.g. see Fig. 5) symmetrical configurations should be preferred for practical application, if possible. Broadside coupled strips in a rectangular waveguide housing are applicable in integrated microwave directional couplers below HE_1 -cutoff. Codirectional (quasi-TEM-wave) couplers should, however, be used if extremely loose coupling is desired.

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6 Appendix

The coupling matrices $\underline{K}^{I,II}$ and $\underline{K}^{II,III}$ in eqn. 16 read as follows

$$\underline{K}^{I,II} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{b} \underline{J}_c^{I,II} & \underline{0} & \underline{0} & \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} & \frac{2}{b} \underline{J}_s^{I,II} & \underline{0} & \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} & \underline{0} & \frac{b_2 - b_1}{2} (\underline{J}_c^{I,III})^{-1} & \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} & \underline{0} & \underline{0} & \frac{b_2 - b_1}{2} (\underline{J}_s^{I,III})^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{K}^{II,III} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{b_7 - b_0}{2} (\underline{J}_c^{II,III})^{-1} & e_5 (\underline{J}_c^{II,III})^{-1} \underline{D} & \underline{0} & \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} & \frac{b_7 - b_0}{2e_2} (\underline{J}_s^{II,III})^{-1} & \underline{0} & \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} & \underline{0} & \frac{2e_3}{b_2 - b_1} \underline{J}_c^{II,III} & \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} & \underline{0} & \frac{-2e_4}{b_2 - b_1} \underline{J}_s^{II,III} \underline{D}^{III} & \frac{2}{b_2 - b_1} \underline{J}_s^{II,III} \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the entire number of modes in subregions IV equals the number of modes in regions III and V ($N^{IVa} + N^{IVb} = N^{III} = N^V$) $\underline{K}^{III,IV}$ and $\underline{K}^{IV,V}$ are determined by submatrices

$$\underline{K}^{III,IV} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{E}^{III,IV} & \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} & (\underline{H}^{III,IV})^{-1} \end{bmatrix}; \quad \underline{K}^{IV,V} = \begin{bmatrix} (\underline{E}^{IV,V})^{-1} & \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} & \underline{H}^{IV,V} \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\underline{E}^{III,IV} = \frac{2}{b_7 - b_0} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{J}_c^{III,IVa} & \underline{J}_c^{III,IVb} & e_1 \underline{J}_c^{III,IVa} \underline{D}^{IVa} & e_1 \underline{J}_c^{III,IVb} \underline{D}^{IVb} \\ \underline{0} & \underline{0} & e_2 \underline{J}_s^{III,IVa} & e_2 \underline{J}_s^{III,IVb} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{H}^{\text{III, IV}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2e_3}{b_4 - b_3} (\underline{J}_c^{\text{III, IVa}})^T & \underline{0} \\ \frac{2e_3}{b_6 - b_5} (\underline{J}_c^{\text{III, IVb}})^T & \underline{0} \\ \frac{-2e_4}{b_4 - b_3} (\underline{J}_s^{\text{III, IVa}})^T \underline{D}^{\text{III}} & \frac{2}{b_4 - b_3} (\underline{J}_s^{\text{III, IVa}})^T \\ \frac{-2e_4}{b_6 - b_5} (\underline{J}_s^{\text{III, IVb}})^T \underline{D}^{\text{III}} & \frac{2}{b_6 - b_5} (\underline{J}_s^{\text{III, IVb}})^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{E}^{\text{IV, V}} = \frac{b}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{J}_c^{\text{IVa, V}} & \underline{J}_c^{\text{IVb, V}} & \underline{0} & \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} & \underline{0} & \underline{J}_s^{\text{IVa, V}} & \underline{J}_s^{\text{IVb, V}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{H}^{\text{IV, V}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{b_4 - b_3}{2} (\underline{J}_c^{\text{IVa, V}})^T & \underline{0} \\ \frac{b_6 - b_5}{2} (\underline{J}_c^{\text{IVb, V}})^T & \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} & \frac{b_4 - b_3}{2} (\underline{J}_s^{\text{IVa, V}})^T \\ \underline{0} & \frac{b_6 - b_5}{2} (\underline{J}_s^{\text{IVb, V}})^T \end{bmatrix}$$

The abbreviations e_1 to e_5 are

$$e_1 = \frac{k_z}{\omega \varepsilon_0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon_r - (k_z/k_0)^2} \quad e_2 = \varepsilon_r \frac{1 - (k_z/k_0)^2}{\varepsilon_r - (k_z/k_0)^2}$$

$$e_3 = \frac{\varepsilon_r - (k_z/k_0)^2}{1 - (k_z/k_0)^2} \quad e_4 = \frac{k_z}{\omega \mu_0} \frac{\varepsilon_r - 1}{1 - (k_z/k_0)^2}$$

$$e_5 = \frac{k_z}{\omega \varepsilon_0} \frac{1/\varepsilon_r - 1}{1 - (k_z/k_0)^2}$$

Diagonal matrices

$$\underline{D} = \text{Diag} \left(\frac{n\pi}{2} \right) \quad \underline{D}^{\text{III}} = \text{Diag} \left(\frac{n\pi}{b_7 - b_0} \right)$$

$$\underline{D}^{\text{IVa}} = \text{Diag} \left(\frac{n\pi}{b_4 - b_3} \right) \quad \underline{D}^{\text{IVb}} = \text{Diag} \left(\frac{n\pi}{b_6 - b_5} \right)$$

Coupling integrals

$$(\underline{J}_c^{\text{I, II}})_{nk} = \int_{b_1}^{b_2} c_n^{\text{I}}(y) c_k^{\text{II}}(y) dy$$

$$(\underline{J}_c^{\text{II, III}})_{nk} = \int_{b_1}^{b_2} c_n^{\text{II}}(y) c_k^{\text{III}}(y) dy$$

$$(\underline{J}_c^{\text{III, IVa}})_{nk} = \int_{b_3}^{b_4} c_n^{\text{III}}(y) c_k^{\text{IVa}}(y) dy$$

$$(\underline{J}_c^{\text{III, IVb}})_{nk} = \int_{b_5}^{b_6} c_n^{\text{III}}(y) c_k^{\text{IVb}}(y) dy$$

$$(\underline{J}_c^{\text{IVa, V}})_{nk} = \int_{b_3}^{b_4} c_n^{\text{IVa}}(y) c_k^{\text{V}}(y) dy$$

$$(\underline{J}_c^{\text{IVb, V}})_{nk} = \int_{b_5}^{b_6} c_n^{\text{IVb}}(y) c_k^{\text{V}}(y) dy$$

For coupling integrals \underline{J}_s , replace $c_n(y)$ by $s_n(y)$.