Optical Waveguide Theory

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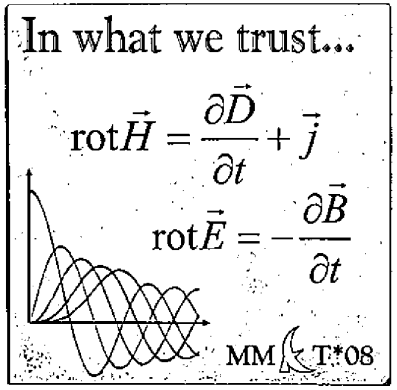
Motto



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Maxwell equations

SI, in matter, time domain, differential form:

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{D} &= \rho_\mathrm{f}, \\
\nabla \times \boldsymbol{E} &= -\dot{\boldsymbol{B}}, \\
\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{B} &= 0, \\
\nabla \times \boldsymbol{H} &= \boldsymbol{J}_\mathrm{f} + \dot{\boldsymbol{D}}, \\
\\
\boldsymbol{D} &= \epsilon_0 \boldsymbol{E} + \boldsymbol{P}, \\
\boldsymbol{B} &= \mu_0 (\boldsymbol{H} + \boldsymbol{M}).
\end{aligned}$$

(+ constitutive relations)

$\boldsymbol{E}(\boldsymbol{r},t)$: electric field,
$\boldsymbol{D}(\boldsymbol{r},t)$: (di-)electric displacement,
$\boldsymbol{B}(\boldsymbol{r},t)$: magnetic induction (field, flux density),
$\boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{r},t)$: magnetic field (...),
$\rho_\mathrm{f}(\boldsymbol{r},t)$: density of free charges,
$\boldsymbol{J}_\mathrm{f}(\boldsymbol{r},t)$: density of free currents,
$\boldsymbol{P}(\boldsymbol{r},t)$: polarization,
$\boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{r},t)$: magnetization,
ϵ_0: free space permittivity,
μ_0: free space permeability.

Valid for more than a century, firm basis for further considerations.

Course overview

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D Classes of simulation tasks: scattering problems, mode analysis, resonance problems.
E Normal modes of dielectric optical waveguides, mode interference.
F Examples for dielectric optical waveguides.
G Waveguide discontinuities & circuits, scattering matrices, reciprocal circuits.
H Bent optical waveguides; whispering gallery resonances; circular microresonators.
I Coupled mode theory, perturbation theory.
J A touch of photonic crystals; a touch of plasmonics.

- Hybrid analytical / numerical coupled mode theory.
- Oblique semi-guided waves: 2-D integrated optics.

Formalities

Organization of the course:

- Lectures ($\approx 14\times$)
- Homework ($7\times$)
- Tutorials, Exercises ($13\times$)
- Exam

Related textbooks (examples):

C. Vassallo, *Optical Waveguide Concepts*, Elsevier, Amsterdam (1991),
K. Okamoto, *Fundamentals of Optical Waveguides*, Academic Press, San Diego, USA (2000),
R. März, *Integrated Optics: Design and Modeling*, Artech House, Norwood, USA (1995),
A.W. Snyder, J.D. Love, *Optical Waveguide Theory*, Chapman and Hall, London, UK (1983);

& general introductory texts on classical electrodynamics.

Optical waveguides: phenomena, examples

- Beam propagation in free space
- Guided light propagation
- Waveguide end facet
- Crossing of two waveguides
- Modes of 1-D multilayer slab waveguides
- Modes of 2-D channel waveguides
- Circular step-index optical fibers
- Evanescent coupling between waveguides
- Bent waveguides
- Circular microring-resonator
- Microdisk resonator
- CROW
- Waveguide corner
- Photonic crystal waveguide
- Exciting TET !

Optical waveguide "theory"

Task: solve

$$\nabla \times \boldsymbol{E} = -\dot{\boldsymbol{B}}, \quad \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{D} = \rho_{\mathrm{f}}, \quad \boldsymbol{D} = \epsilon_0 \boldsymbol{E} + \boldsymbol{P},$$
$$\nabla \times \boldsymbol{H} = \boldsymbol{J}_{\mathrm{f}} + \dot{\boldsymbol{D}}, \quad \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{B} = 0, \quad \boldsymbol{B} = \mu_0(\boldsymbol{H} + \boldsymbol{M}), \quad (\& \ \ldots).$$

In this course:

- specialization to problems relevant for integrated optics,
- theoretical basis for the — mostly — numerical solution,
- approximate concepts,
- examples.

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Vector calculus, keywords

Ingredients: (here: Cartesian coordinates)

- Space and time coordinates: $\boldsymbol{r} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow (x, y, z),\ t.$
- Scalar and vector fields: $\phi(\boldsymbol{r}, t),\ \boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{r}, t), \qquad \boldsymbol{A} = \begin{pmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{pmatrix}.$
- Inner product: $\boldsymbol{A} \cdot \boldsymbol{B} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z.$
- Vector product: $\boldsymbol{A} \times \boldsymbol{B} = \begin{pmatrix} A_y B_z - A_z B_y \\ A_z B_x - A_x B_z \\ A_x B_y - A_y B_x \end{pmatrix}.$
- Time derivatives: $\dfrac{\partial \phi}{\partial t},\ \partial_t \phi,\ \dot{\phi},\ \cancel{\nabla_t \phi}.$

Vector calculus, keywords

Ingredients: (here: Cartesian coordinates)

- Del, nabla: $\boldsymbol{\nabla} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_x \\ \partial_y \\ \partial_z \end{pmatrix}.$
- Gradient: $\mathrm{grad}\phi = \boldsymbol{\nabla}\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_x \phi \\ \partial_y \phi \\ \partial_z \phi \end{pmatrix}.$
- Divergence: $\mathrm{div}\boldsymbol{A} = \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{A} = \partial_x A_x + \partial_y A_y + \partial_z A_z.$
- Curl: $\mathrm{curl}\boldsymbol{A} = \mathrm{rot}\boldsymbol{A} = \boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_y A_z - \partial_z A_y \\ \partial_z A_x - \partial_x A_z \\ \partial_x A_y - \partial_y A_x \end{pmatrix}.$
- Laplacian: $\Delta = \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} = \boldsymbol{\nabla}^2,$
  $\Delta\phi = \partial_x^2 \phi + \partial_y^2 \phi + \partial_x^2 \phi, \qquad \Delta\boldsymbol{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta A_x \\ \Delta A_y \\ \Delta A_z \end{pmatrix}.$

Dirac delta

A linear functional
that extracts the value of a function at one point:

1-D: $\displaystyle\int_a^b f(x)\,\delta(x - x_0)\,\mathrm{d}x = \begin{cases} f(x_0), & \text{if } a < x_0 < b, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$
$\delta(x - x_0) = 0,\ \text{if } x \neq x_0.$

3-D: $\displaystyle\int_{\mathcal{V}} f(\boldsymbol{r})\,\delta(\boldsymbol{r} - \boldsymbol{r}_0)\,\mathrm{d}\mathcal{V} = \begin{cases} f(\boldsymbol{r}_0), & \text{if } \boldsymbol{r}_0 \in \mathcal{V}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$
$\delta(\boldsymbol{r} - \boldsymbol{r}_0) = 0,\ \text{if } \boldsymbol{r} \neq \boldsymbol{r}_0.$

Implications: manifold.

Fourier transform, 1-D

1-D: A function $f(x) \in \mathbb{C}$ of one variable:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{f}(k)\ \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}kx}\mathrm{d}k, \qquad \tilde{f}(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}kx}\mathrm{d}x.$$

- Arbitrary: positioning of factors $1/\sqrt{2\pi}$, signs of exponents.
- $\widetilde{\alpha f_1 + \beta f_2} = \alpha \tilde{f}_1 + \beta \tilde{f}_2.$
- $f(x) = f(-x) \rightsquigarrow \tilde{f}(k) = \tilde{f}(-k).$
- $f(x) = -f(-x) \rightsquigarrow \tilde{f}(k) = -\tilde{f}(-k).$
- $f \in \mathbb{R} \rightsquigarrow \tilde{f}(-k) = \tilde{f}^*(k).$
- $\delta(x) = \dfrac{1}{2\pi} \displaystyle\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}kx}\mathrm{d}k.$

Fourier transform

3-D: A field $\phi(\boldsymbol{r})$:

$$\phi(\boldsymbol{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^3} \int \tilde{\phi}(\boldsymbol{k})\ \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{r}} \mathrm{d}^3k, \qquad \tilde{\phi}(\boldsymbol{k}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^3} \int \phi(\boldsymbol{r})\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{r}} \mathrm{d}^3r.$$

4-D: A field $\phi(\boldsymbol{r}, t)$:

$$\phi(\boldsymbol{r}, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^4} \iint \tilde{\phi}(\boldsymbol{k}, \omega)\ \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}(\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{r} - \omega t)} \mathrm{d}^3k\, \mathrm{d}\omega,$$

$$\tilde{\phi}(\boldsymbol{k}, \omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^4} \iint \phi(\boldsymbol{r}, t)\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}(\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{r} - \omega t)} \mathrm{d}^3r\, \mathrm{d}t.$$

Directionally constant systems

A linear PDE in two unknowns

$$(A\,\partial_{xx} + B\,\partial_{yy} + C\,\partial_{xy} + D\,\partial_x + E\,\partial_y + F)\,\psi(x,y) = 0,$$

coefficients $A(x,y), \ldots, F(x,y)$.

If the system is constant in x, $\partial_x A = \ldots = \partial_x F = 0$,

- write ψ as $\psi(x,y) = \int \tilde{\psi}(k,y)\ \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}kx} \mathrm{d}k$.

↳ $\int \big(B\,\partial_{yy} + (E + \mathrm{i}kC)\partial_y + (F + \mathrm{i}kD - k^2A)\big)\,\tilde{\psi}(k,y)\ \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}kx} \mathrm{d}k = 0,$

↳ $\big(B\,\partial_{yy} + (E + \mathrm{i}kC)\partial_y + (F + \mathrm{i}kD - k^2A)\big)\,\tilde{\psi}(k,y) = 0,$ (for all k),

. . . a set of DEs in one unknown.

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coefficients $A(x,y), \ldots, F(x,y)$.

If the system is constant in x, $\partial_x A = \ldots = \partial_x F = 0$,

- use an ansatz $\psi(x,y) = \tilde{\psi}(y)\ \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}kx}$.

↳ $\big(B\,\partial_{yy} + (E + \mathrm{i}kC)\partial_y + (F + \mathrm{i}kD - k^2A)\big)\,\tilde{\psi}(y) = 0,$

. . . a DE in one unknown, with parameter k.

(& boundary conditions, . . .)

General solution of the wave equation

$$\left(\Delta - \frac{1}{\mathrm{c}^2}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}\right)\psi(\boldsymbol{r},t) = 0, \quad \psi(\boldsymbol{r},0) = \psi_0(\boldsymbol{r}), \quad \partial_t\psi(\boldsymbol{r},0) = \phi_0(\boldsymbol{r}),$$

& $\psi(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \iint \tilde{\psi}(\boldsymbol{k},\omega)\,\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}(\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{r} - \omega t)}\,\mathrm{d}\omega\,\mathrm{d}^3k,$

↳ $\left(-\boldsymbol{k}^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{\mathrm{c}^2}\right)\tilde{\psi}(\boldsymbol{k},\omega) = 0,$

↳ $\tilde{\psi}(\boldsymbol{k},\omega) = a_{\mathrm{f}}(\boldsymbol{k})\,\delta(\omega - \omega_k) + a_{\mathrm{b}}(\boldsymbol{k})\,\delta(\omega + \omega_k), \qquad \omega_k = \mathrm{c}\,|\boldsymbol{k}|,$

↳ $\psi(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2}\int\left(a_{\mathrm{f}}(\boldsymbol{k})\,\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}(\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{r} - \omega_k t)} + a_{\mathrm{b}}(\boldsymbol{k})\,\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}(\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{r} + \omega_k t)}\right)\mathrm{d}^3k,$

- $\psi(\boldsymbol{r},0) = \psi_0(\boldsymbol{r})$, $\partial_t\psi(\boldsymbol{r},0) = \phi_0(\boldsymbol{r})$ ⇝ . . . ⇝ $a_{\mathrm{f}}(\boldsymbol{k}), a_{\mathrm{b}}(\boldsymbol{k})$.

A touch of variational calculus

- Functional: $\mathcal{L}: \begin{array}{ccc} U & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R},\mathbb{C}, \\ u & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{L}(u), \end{array}$

  a map from a space U of functions to real / complex numbers.

- Stationary functional: $\left.\dfrac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}s}\,\mathcal{L}(u+s\,v)\right|_{s=0} = 0 \quad \text{for all } v,$

  the variation of $\mathcal{L}$ at u vanishes for arbitrary directions v.

- Restriction of a functional:

  . . . to a parametrized family of functions;

  ⇜⇝ extremization with respect to these parameters,
  ⇜⇝ approximations of stationary points of the functional.

A touch of variational calculus

Example:

$U = \{u : [0,\pi] \to \mathbb{R} \mid u(0) = u(\pi) = 0\},$

$\mathcal{L} : U \to \mathbb{R},$ $\qquad \mathcal{L}(u) = \dfrac{\displaystyle\int_0^\pi (\partial_x u)^2 \mathrm{d}x}{\displaystyle\int_0^\pi u^2 \mathrm{d}x}.$

(. . .)

$\mathcal{L}$ stationary at u,
$\left.\dfrac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}s}\,\mathcal{L}(u+s\,v)\right|_{s=0} = 0 \quad \forall\, v.$ ⇜⇝ u satisfies DE & b.c.,
$\partial_x^2 u = -\lambda u, \quad \lambda = \mathcal{L}(u),$
$u(0) = u(\pi) = 0.$

↓ Restrict $\mathcal{L}$, $L(\boldsymbol{a}) = \mathcal{L}(u|_{\boldsymbol{a}})$.

L stationary at $\boldsymbol{a}$, $\boldsymbol{\nabla}_{\boldsymbol{a}} L = 0.$ ⇜⇝ Approximate solution of DE / eigenproblem.

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"This concerns time harmonic fields . . . with angular frequency . . . , for vacuum wavenumber . . . , speed of light . . . , and wavelength . . . ."

"The problem is governed by the Maxwell curl equations in the frequency domain for the electric field . . . and magnetic field . . . , for (lossless) uncharged dielectric, nonmagnetic linear (isotropic) media with (piecewise constant) relative permittivity . . . :

. . . (.) "

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Maxwell equations, Fourier transform

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{D} = \rho_\mathrm{f}, \quad \nabla \times \boldsymbol{E} = -\dot{\boldsymbol{B}}, \quad \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{B} = 0, \quad \nabla \times \boldsymbol{H} = \boldsymbol{J}_\mathrm{f} + \dot{\boldsymbol{D}}$$

$$\& \quad \boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int \tilde{\boldsymbol{F}}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega)\, \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\omega t} \mathrm{d}\omega, \quad \tilde{\boldsymbol{F}}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int \boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{r},t)\, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\omega t} \mathrm{d}t$$

$$\hookrightarrow \quad \boldsymbol{E}(\boldsymbol{r},t),\ \boldsymbol{D}(\boldsymbol{r},t),\ \boldsymbol{B}(\boldsymbol{r},t),\ \boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{r},t),\ \rho_\mathrm{f}(\boldsymbol{r},t),\ \boldsymbol{J}_\mathrm{f}(\boldsymbol{r},t)$$

$$\leftrightsquigarrow \quad \tilde{\boldsymbol{E}}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega),\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{D}}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega),\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{B}}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega),\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{H}}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega),\ \tilde{\rho}_\mathrm{f}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega),\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{J}}_\mathrm{f}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega),$$

$$\nabla \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{D}} = \tilde{\rho}_\mathrm{f}, \quad \nabla \times \tilde{\boldsymbol{E}} = -\mathrm{i}\omega\tilde{\boldsymbol{B}}, \quad \nabla \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{B}} = 0, \quad \nabla \times \tilde{\boldsymbol{H}} = \tilde{\boldsymbol{J}}_\mathrm{f} + \mathrm{i}\omega\tilde{\boldsymbol{D}}$$

(Caution: arbitrary choice of $\sim \exp(\pm\mathrm{i}\omega t)$!).

Maxwell equations, frequency domain

$$\nabla \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{D}} = \tilde{\rho}_\mathrm{f}, \quad \nabla \times \tilde{\boldsymbol{E}} = -\mathrm{i}\omega\tilde{\boldsymbol{B}}, \quad \nabla \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{B}} = 0, \quad \nabla \times \tilde{\boldsymbol{H}} = \tilde{\boldsymbol{J}}_\mathrm{f} + \mathrm{i}\omega\tilde{\boldsymbol{D}}.$$

$$\boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{r},t) \in \mathbb{R} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \tilde{\boldsymbol{F}}(\boldsymbol{r},-\omega) = (\tilde{\boldsymbol{F}}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega))^*$$

"at frequency ω_0": $\tilde{\boldsymbol{F}}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}\, \bar{\boldsymbol{F}}(\boldsymbol{r})\, \delta(\omega-\omega_0) + \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}\, \bar{\boldsymbol{F}}^*(\boldsymbol{r})\, \delta(\omega+\omega_0)$

$$\hookrightarrow \quad \boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \frac{1}{2}\left\{\bar{\boldsymbol{F}}(\boldsymbol{r})\, \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\omega_0 t} + \bar{\boldsymbol{F}}^*(\boldsymbol{r})\, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\omega_0 t}\right\},$$

$$\boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \mathrm{Re}\left\{\bar{\boldsymbol{F}}(\boldsymbol{r})\, \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\omega_0 t}\right\},$$

$$\text{“}\boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \frac{1}{2}\bar{\boldsymbol{F}}(\boldsymbol{r})\, \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\omega_0 t} + \mathrm{c.c.}\text{”}.$$

$$\hookrightarrow \quad \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}(\boldsymbol{r}),\ \bar{\boldsymbol{D}}(\boldsymbol{r}),\ \bar{\boldsymbol{B}}(\boldsymbol{r}),\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}(\boldsymbol{r}),\ \bar{\rho}_\mathrm{f}(\boldsymbol{r}),\ \bar{\boldsymbol{J}}_\mathrm{f}(\boldsymbol{r}),\ \sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega_0 t),$$

$$\nabla\cdot\bar{\boldsymbol{D}} = \bar{\rho}_\mathrm{f}, \quad \nabla\times\bar{\boldsymbol{E}} = -\mathrm{i}\omega_0\bar{\boldsymbol{B}}, \quad \nabla\cdot\bar{\boldsymbol{B}} = 0, \quad \nabla\times\bar{\boldsymbol{H}} = \bar{\boldsymbol{J}}_\mathrm{f} + \mathrm{i}\omega_0\bar{\boldsymbol{D}}.$$

Caution: Decorations $\tilde{}$, $\bar{}$, $_0$ are ususally omitted; context determines interpretation of symbols.

Polarization

$\tilde{\boldsymbol{P}}$: density of electric dipole moment (bound charges).

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{D}} = \epsilon_0\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}} + \tilde{\boldsymbol{P}}, \qquad [\tilde{\boldsymbol{D}}] = [\tilde{\boldsymbol{P}}] = \frac{\mathrm{As\,m}}{\mathrm{m}^3}, \ [\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}}] = \frac{\mathrm{V}}{\mathrm{m}},$$

vacuum permittivity $\epsilon_0 = 8.854187817\ldots\cdot 10^{-12}\left[\frac{\mathrm{F}}{\mathrm{m}} = \frac{\mathrm{As}}{\mathrm{Vm}}\right]$.

- Local dipoles induced by $\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}}$ $\rightsquigarrow$ $\tilde{\boldsymbol{P}}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}})$.
- Linear dielectrica:

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{P}} = \epsilon_0\hat{\chi}_\mathrm{e}\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}}, \qquad \hat{\chi}_\mathrm{e}\text{: dielectric susceptibility, } [\hat{\chi}_\mathrm{e}] = 1.$$

$$\hookrightarrow \quad \tilde{\boldsymbol{D}} = \epsilon_0(\hat{1}+\hat{\chi}_\mathrm{e})\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}} = \epsilon_0\hat{\epsilon}\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}}, \qquad \hat{\epsilon}\text{: relative permittivity, } [\hat{\epsilon}] = 1.$$

- $\hat{\chi}_\mathrm{e}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega)$, $\hat{\epsilon}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega)$ are determined in the frequency domain.
- Complications: $\mathrm{Im}\,\epsilon$, $\hat{\epsilon}(T)$, $\hat{\epsilon}(\boldsymbol{F})$, $\chi^{(2)}_{jkl}E_kE_l$, $\chi^{(3)}_{jklm}E_kE_lE_m$, ...
- Simpler cases: $\hat{\epsilon}(\boldsymbol{r})$, $\hat{\epsilon} = \epsilon\hat{1}$.

Magnetization

$\tilde{\boldsymbol{M}}$: density of magnetic dipole moments (bound currents).

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{H}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0}\tilde{\boldsymbol{B}} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{M}}, \qquad [\tilde{\boldsymbol{H}}] = [\boldsymbol{M}] = \frac{\mathrm{A\,m}^2}{\mathrm{m}^3}, \ [\tilde{\boldsymbol{B}}] = \mathrm{T} = \frac{\mathrm{Vs}}{\mathrm{m}^2},$$

vacuum permeability $\mu_0 = 4\pi\cdot 10^{-7}\left[\frac{\mathrm{N}}{\mathrm{A}^2} = \frac{\mathrm{Vs}}{\mathrm{Am}}\right]$.

- Local dipoles induced by $\tilde{\boldsymbol{H}}$ $\rightsquigarrow$ $\tilde{\boldsymbol{M}}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{H}})$.
- Linear magnetic media:

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{M}} = \hat{\chi}_\mathrm{m}\tilde{\boldsymbol{H}}, \qquad \hat{\chi}_\mathrm{m}\text{: magnetic susceptibility, } [\hat{\chi}_\mathrm{m}] = 1.$$

$$\hookrightarrow \quad \tilde{\boldsymbol{B}} = \mu_0(\hat{1}+\hat{\chi}_\mathrm{m})\tilde{\boldsymbol{H}} = \mu_0\hat{\mu}\tilde{\boldsymbol{H}}, \ \hat{\mu}\text{: relative permeability, } [\hat{\mu}] = 1.$$

- $\hat{\chi}_\mathrm{m}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega)$, $\hat{\mu}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega)$ are determined in the frequency domain.
- Complications: manifold.
- Traditional integrated optics (frequencies, media): $\hat{\mu}(\boldsymbol{r}) = \hat{1}$.

Maxwell equations, dispersion

(Material) dispersion: $\hat{\epsilon}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega)$, $\hat{\mu}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega)$ are frequency dependent.

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{D}}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega) = \epsilon_0 \hat{\epsilon}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega)\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega), \quad \tilde{\boldsymbol{B}}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega) = \mu_0 \hat{\mu}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega)\tilde{\boldsymbol{H}}(\boldsymbol{r},\omega)$$

$$\boldsymbol{D}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \epsilon_0 \int \hat{\epsilon}_{\mathrm{TD}}(\boldsymbol{r},t-t')\boldsymbol{E}(\boldsymbol{r},t')\,\mathrm{d}t',$$

$$\boldsymbol{B}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \mu_0 \int \hat{\mu}_{\mathrm{TD}}(\boldsymbol{r},t-t')\boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{r},t')\,\mathrm{d}t'.$$

Helmholtz equations

Linear dielectric media without free charges or currents,
time dependence $\sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t)$, fields $\boldsymbol{E}(\boldsymbol{r})$, $\boldsymbol{D}(\boldsymbol{r})$, $\boldsymbol{B}(\boldsymbol{r})$, $\boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{r})$,
material properties $\hat{\epsilon}(\boldsymbol{r})$, $\hat{\mu}(\boldsymbol{r})$:

$\boldsymbol{\nabla}\cdot\boldsymbol{D} = 0$, $\boldsymbol{\nabla}\times\boldsymbol{E} = -\mathrm{i}\omega\boldsymbol{B}$, $\boldsymbol{\nabla}\cdot\boldsymbol{B} = 0$, $\boldsymbol{\nabla}\times\boldsymbol{H} = \mathrm{i}\omega\boldsymbol{D}$,
$\boldsymbol{D} = \epsilon_0\hat{\epsilon}\boldsymbol{E}$, $\boldsymbol{B} = \mu_0\hat{\mu}\boldsymbol{H}$.

$$\boldsymbol{\nabla}\times\boldsymbol{E} = -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0\hat{\mu}\boldsymbol{H}, \quad \boldsymbol{\nabla}\times\boldsymbol{H} = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\hat{\epsilon}\boldsymbol{E}, \qquad \boldsymbol{\nabla}\cdot\hat{\epsilon}\boldsymbol{E} = 0, \quad \boldsymbol{\nabla}\cdot\hat{\mu}\boldsymbol{H} = 0.$$

$$\boldsymbol{\nabla}\times(\hat{\mu}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\nabla}\times\boldsymbol{E}) = \omega^2\epsilon_0\mu_0\hat{\epsilon}\boldsymbol{E} \quad \text{or} \quad \boldsymbol{\nabla}\times(\hat{\epsilon}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\nabla}\times\boldsymbol{H}) = \omega^2\epsilon_0\mu_0\hat{\mu}\boldsymbol{H}.$$

Where $\hat{\epsilon} = \epsilon\hat{1}$, $\boldsymbol{\nabla}\epsilon = 0$, $\hat{\mu} = \mu\hat{1}$, $\boldsymbol{\nabla}\mu = 0$: (!)

$$\Delta\boldsymbol{E} + \frac{\omega^2}{\mathrm{c}^2}\epsilon\mu\boldsymbol{E} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \Delta\boldsymbol{H} + \frac{\omega^2}{\mathrm{c}^2}\epsilon\mu\boldsymbol{H} = 0, \quad \mathrm{c} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0\mu_0}}.$$

Plane harmonic waves

Where $\hat{\epsilon} = \epsilon\hat{1}$, $\boldsymbol{\nabla}\epsilon = 0$, $\hat{\mu} = \mu\hat{1}$, $\boldsymbol{\nabla}\mu = 0$: (!)
Components of $\boldsymbol{E}$, $\boldsymbol{H}$ satisfy $\Delta\psi + \frac{\omega^2}{\mathrm{c}^2}\epsilon\mu\,\psi = 0.$

$$\psi(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \psi_0\,\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}(\boldsymbol{k}_{\mathrm{m}}\cdot\boldsymbol{r}-\omega t)}, \qquad -\boldsymbol{k}_{\mathrm{m}}^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{\mathrm{c}^2}\epsilon\mu = 0.$$

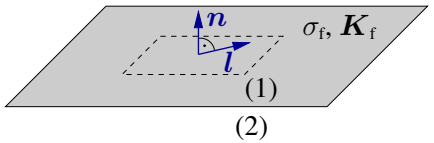
(Mixture of TD and FD expressions; $\tilde{}$, $\bar{}$, Re, $1/2$, c.c. omitted; sloppy, but common.)

- Medium: refractive index: $n = \sqrt{\epsilon\mu}$
- Periodicity in time: angular frequency: ω,
  frequency: $f = \omega/(2\pi)$,
  period: $T = 1/f = 2\pi/\omega$,
- Spatial periodicity: wave vector: $\boldsymbol{k}_{\mathrm{m}}$, $k_{\mathrm{m}} = |\boldsymbol{k}_{\mathrm{m}}|$,
  wavenumber: $k_{\mathrm{m}} = \omega/\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{m}} = (\omega/\mathrm{c})n = k\,n$,
  vacuum wavenumber: $k = \omega/\mathrm{c}$,
  vacuum wavelength: $\lambda = 2\pi/k = 2\pi\mathrm{c}/\omega$,
  wavelength in the medium: $\lambda_{\mathrm{m}} = 2\pi/k_{\mathrm{m}} = 2\pi/(kn) = \lambda/n$.
- Phase velocity: speed of light in vacuum: $\mathrm{c} = 1/\sqrt{\epsilon_0\mu_0} = \lambda f$,
  in the medium: $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{m}} = \mathrm{c}/n = \lambda_{\mathrm{m}} f$.

(Use of symbols depends highly on context.)

Electromagnetic spectrum

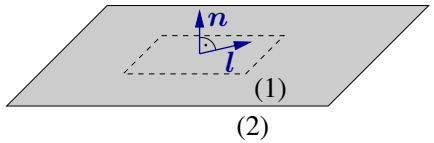
Interface conditions



Surface between media (1) and (2), surface normal $\boldsymbol{n}$, tangents $\boldsymbol{l}$,
surface charge density σ_{f}, surface current density $\boldsymbol{K}_{\mathrm{f}}$:

$$\boldsymbol{n}\cdot(\boldsymbol{D}_1 - \boldsymbol{D}_2) = \sigma_{\mathrm{f}}, \quad \boldsymbol{l}\cdot(\boldsymbol{E}_1 - \boldsymbol{E}_2) = 0,$$
$$\boldsymbol{n}\cdot(\boldsymbol{B}_1 - \boldsymbol{B}_2) = 0, \quad \boldsymbol{l}\cdot(\boldsymbol{H}_1 - \boldsymbol{H}_2) = \boldsymbol{l}\cdot(\boldsymbol{K}_{\mathrm{f}}\times\boldsymbol{n}).$$

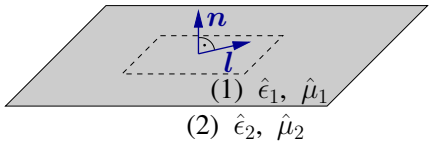
Interface conditions



Surface between media (1) and (2), surface normal $\boldsymbol{n}$, tangents $\boldsymbol{l}$, surface without free charges or currents:

$$\boldsymbol{n}\cdot(\boldsymbol{D}_1-\boldsymbol{D}_2)=0,\quad \boldsymbol{l}\cdot(\boldsymbol{E}_1-\boldsymbol{E}_2)=0,$$
$$\boldsymbol{n}\cdot(\boldsymbol{B}_1-\boldsymbol{B}_2)=0,\quad \boldsymbol{l}\cdot(\boldsymbol{H}_1-\boldsymbol{H}_2)=0\,.$$

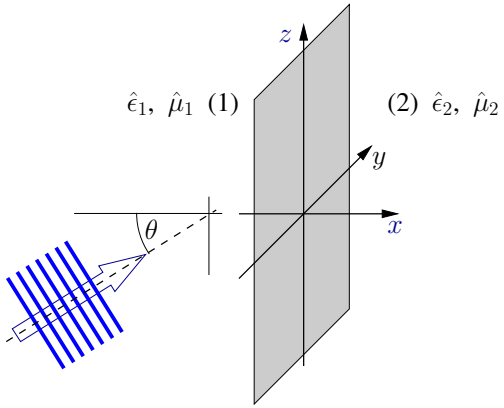
Interface conditions



Surface between media (1) and (2), surface normal $\boldsymbol{n}$, tangents $\boldsymbol{l}$, linear media with permittivities $\hat\epsilon_1$, $\hat\epsilon_2$, and permeabilities $\hat\mu_1$, $\hat\mu_2$:

$$\boldsymbol{n}\cdot(\hat\epsilon_1\boldsymbol{E}_1-\hat\epsilon_2\boldsymbol{E}_2)=0,\quad \boldsymbol{l}\cdot(\boldsymbol{E}_1-\boldsymbol{E}_2)=0,$$
$$\boldsymbol{n}\cdot(\hat\mu_1\boldsymbol{H}_1-\hat\mu_2\boldsymbol{H}_2)=0,\quad \boldsymbol{l}\cdot(\boldsymbol{H}_1-\boldsymbol{H}_2)=0.$$

Reflection and transmission of plane waves at dielectric interfaces



(FD)

- $\nabla\times\boldsymbol{E}=-\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0\hat\mu\boldsymbol{H}$, $\nabla\times\boldsymbol{H}=\mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\hat\epsilon\boldsymbol{E}$
- $\hat\epsilon(\boldsymbol{r})$ and $\hat\mu(\boldsymbol{r})$ are constant along y, z

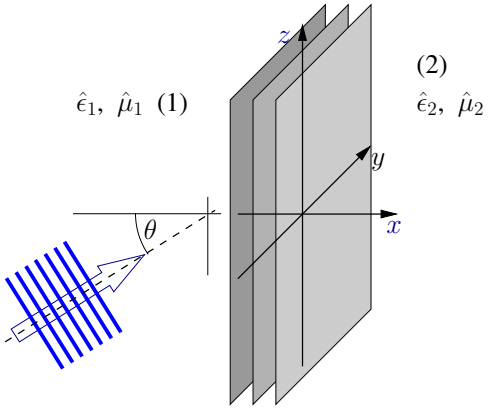
↳ $\boldsymbol{E}(\boldsymbol{r})=\boldsymbol{E}'(x)\,\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}(k_y y+k_z z)}$, $\boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{r})=\boldsymbol{H}'(x)\,\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}(k_y y+k_z z)}$

1-D problem for $\boldsymbol{E}'$, $\boldsymbol{H}'$.

(incoming plane wave at angle θ)
(orient coordinates ($k_y=0$), plane of incidence, distinguish polarizations)
(write ansatz functions for incoming, reflected, and transmitted waves)
(interface conditions determine the amplitudes)

↳ Fresnel equations.

Dielectric multilayer structures



(FD)

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1-D problem for $\boldsymbol{E}'$, $\boldsymbol{H}'$.

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↳ Reflectance and transmittance properties.

Energy of electromagnetic fields

(TD)

- Force on a particle with charge q, velocity $\boldsymbol{v}$, in a field $\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{B}$:
  $\boldsymbol{F} = q(\boldsymbol{E} + \boldsymbol{v} \times \boldsymbol{B})$,
- work for shifting the particle by $\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{r} = \boldsymbol{v}\,\mathrm{d}t$:
  $\mathrm{d}W = \boldsymbol{F} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{r} = q(\boldsymbol{E} + \boldsymbol{v} \times \boldsymbol{B}) \cdot \boldsymbol{v}\,\mathrm{d}t = q\boldsymbol{E} \cdot \boldsymbol{v}\,\mathrm{d}t$,
- respective power: $\dfrac{\mathrm{d}W}{\mathrm{d}t} = q\boldsymbol{E} \cdot \boldsymbol{v}$.

For a charge density $\rho_\mathrm{f}(\boldsymbol{r}, t)$:

force density $\boldsymbol{f} = \rho_\mathrm{f}(\boldsymbol{E} + \boldsymbol{v} \times \boldsymbol{B})$,

↪ power density $\boldsymbol{f} \cdot \boldsymbol{v} = \rho_\mathrm{f}\boldsymbol{E} \cdot \boldsymbol{v} = \boldsymbol{J}_\mathrm{f} \cdot \boldsymbol{E}$,

total work per time unit done in $\mathcal{V}$: $\dfrac{\mathrm{d}W_\mathcal{V}}{\mathrm{d}t} = \displaystyle\int_\mathcal{V} \boldsymbol{J}_\mathrm{f} \cdot \boldsymbol{E}\,\mathrm{d}\mathcal{V}$.

Power & energy density, Poynting theorem

(TD)

$\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{H} = \boldsymbol{J}_\mathrm{f} + \dot{\boldsymbol{D}}, \quad \boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{E} = -\dot{\boldsymbol{B}}$

↪ $\dfrac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} W_\mathcal{V}^\mathrm{mech} = \displaystyle\int_\mathcal{V} \boldsymbol{J}_\mathrm{f} \cdot \boldsymbol{E}\,\mathrm{d}\mathcal{V} = -\int_\mathcal{V} (\boldsymbol{E} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{D}} + \boldsymbol{H} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{B}})\,\mathrm{d}\mathcal{V} - \int_\mathcal{V} \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot (\boldsymbol{E} \times \boldsymbol{H})\,\mathrm{d}\mathcal{V}$,

- Poynting vector: $\boldsymbol{S} = \boldsymbol{E} \times \boldsymbol{H}$, (energy flux density, power density)
- energy density: $w = \dfrac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{E} \cdot \boldsymbol{D} + \boldsymbol{H} \cdot \boldsymbol{B})$, $W_\mathcal{V}^\mathrm{field} = \displaystyle\int_\mathcal{V} w\,\mathrm{d}\mathcal{V}$,
- $\hat{\epsilon}^\mathsf{T} = \hat{\epsilon},\ \hat{\epsilon}\,\cancel{(\omega)},\ \boldsymbol{D} = \epsilon_0 \hat{\epsilon}\boldsymbol{E},\ \hat{\mu}^\mathsf{T} = \hat{\mu},\ \hat{\mu}\,\cancel{(\omega)},\ \boldsymbol{B} = \mu_0 \hat{\mu}\boldsymbol{H}$ (!)
  ⇝ $\dot{w} = (\boldsymbol{E} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{D}} + \boldsymbol{H} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{B}})$

↪ ($\mathcal{V}$ arbitrary) $\dot{w} + \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{S} = -\boldsymbol{J}_\mathrm{f} \cdot \boldsymbol{E}$, $\dfrac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\left(W_\mathcal{V}^\mathrm{mech} + W_\mathcal{V}^\mathrm{field}\right) = -\displaystyle\oint_{\partial\mathcal{V}} \boldsymbol{S} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{a}$.

Electromagnetic energy, frequency domain

Lossless uncharged nondispersive (...) linear media:

$w = \dfrac{1}{2}(\epsilon_0 \boldsymbol{E} \cdot \hat{\epsilon}\boldsymbol{E} + \mu_0 \boldsymbol{H} \cdot \hat{\mu}\boldsymbol{H})$, $\boldsymbol{S} = \boldsymbol{E} \times \boldsymbol{H}$, $\dot{w} + \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{S} = 0$,

$\boldsymbol{E}(\boldsymbol{r}, t) = \mathrm{Re}\,\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}}(\boldsymbol{r})\,\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\omega t}$, $\boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{r}, t) = \mathrm{Re}\,\tilde{\boldsymbol{H}}(\boldsymbol{r})\,\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\omega t}$

↪ $\boldsymbol{S}$, w oscillate in time.

(FD)

Consider time-averaged quantities: $\bar{f}(t) = \dfrac{1}{T}\displaystyle\int_t^{t+T} f(t')\,\mathrm{d}t'$

↪ (exercise) $\overline{w} = \dfrac{1}{4}\mathrm{Re}\left(\epsilon_0 \tilde{\boldsymbol{E}}^* \cdot \hat{\epsilon}\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}} + \mu_0 \tilde{\boldsymbol{H}}^* \cdot \hat{\mu}\tilde{\boldsymbol{H}}\right)$, $\overline{\boldsymbol{S}} = \dfrac{1}{2}\mathrm{Re}\left(\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}}^* \times \tilde{\boldsymbol{H}}\right)$.

$\dot{\overline{w}} = \overline{\dot{w}} = 0$, $\overline{\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{S}} = \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \overline{\boldsymbol{S}}$ ⇝ $\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \overline{\boldsymbol{S}} = 0$, $\displaystyle\oint_\mathcal{V} \overline{\boldsymbol{S}} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{a} = 0$;

"power balance", conservation of energy.

Wave propagation in attenuating media

Specifically: homogeneous isotropic conductors, linear media.

Electric field drives the free currents:

Ohm's law $\boldsymbol{J}_\mathrm{f} = \sigma\boldsymbol{E}$, σ: conductivity of the material.

$\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{D} = \rho_\mathrm{f}$, $\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{E} = -\dot{\boldsymbol{B}}$, $\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{B} = 0$, $\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{H} = \sigma\boldsymbol{E} + \dot{\boldsymbol{D}}$.

↪ $\dot{\rho}_\mathrm{f} = -\dfrac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0\epsilon}\rho_\mathrm{f}$, $\rho_\mathrm{f}(\boldsymbol{r}, t) = \rho_\mathrm{f}(\boldsymbol{r}, t_0)\exp\left(-\dfrac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0\epsilon}(t - t_0)\right)$,

assume $\rho_\mathrm{f}(\boldsymbol{r}, t_0) = 0$ ⇝ $\rho_\mathrm{f}(\boldsymbol{r}, t) = 0 \quad \forall t$.

$\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{E} = 0$, $\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{E} = -\mu_0\mu\dot{\boldsymbol{H}}$, $\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{H} = 0$, $\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{H} = \sigma\boldsymbol{E} + \epsilon_0\epsilon\dot{\boldsymbol{E}}$.

Telegrapher equation

$$\nabla\cdot\boldsymbol{E}=0,\quad \nabla\times\boldsymbol{E}=-\mu_0\mu\dot{\boldsymbol{H}},\quad \nabla\cdot\boldsymbol{H}=0,\quad \nabla\times\boldsymbol{H}=\sigma\boldsymbol{E}+\epsilon_0\epsilon\dot{\boldsymbol{E}}$$

$$\Delta\boldsymbol{E}-\epsilon_0\mu_0\epsilon\mu\ddot{\boldsymbol{E}}-\mu_0\mu\sigma\dot{\boldsymbol{E}}=0,\quad \Delta\boldsymbol{H}-\epsilon_0\mu_0\epsilon\mu\ddot{\boldsymbol{H}}-\mu_0\mu\sigma\dot{\boldsymbol{H}}=0,$$

Telegrapher equation.

Frequency domain: $\boldsymbol{E}(\boldsymbol{r},t)=\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}}(\boldsymbol{r})\,\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\omega t}$,

$$\Delta\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}}+\left(\frac{\omega^2}{\mathrm{c}^2}\epsilon\mu-\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0\mu\sigma\right)\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}}=0.$$

Nonconducting media $\sigma=0$, $\Delta\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}}+\left(\frac{\omega^2}{\mathrm{c}^2}\epsilon\mu\right)\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}}=0$.

Define $\bar{\epsilon}$ such that $\frac{\omega^2}{\mathrm{c}^2}\bar{\epsilon}\mu=\frac{\omega^2}{\mathrm{c}^2}\epsilon\mu-\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0\mu\sigma$, i.e. $\bar{\epsilon}=\epsilon-\mathrm{i}\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0\omega}$

$$\Delta\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}}+k^2\bar{\epsilon}\mu\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}}=0,\quad \text{Helmholtz equation, } \bar{\epsilon}\in\mathbb{C},\qquad k=\frac{\omega}{\mathrm{c}}.$$

For given σ, the choice of the FD time dependence $\sim \mathrm{e}^{\pm\mathrm{i}\omega t}$ determines the sign of Im $\bar{\epsilon}$. (!)

Wave attenuation

$$\Delta\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}}+k^2\bar{\epsilon}\mu\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}}=0,\quad \bar{\epsilon}\in\mathbb{C}\qquad \text{(FD, } \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t),\ \omega>0)$$

solutions $\sim \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}(\omega t-k\bar{n}z)}$ and $\sim \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}(\omega t+k\bar{n}z)}$

with refractive index $\bar{n}=n'-\mathrm{i}n''=\pm\sqrt{\bar{\epsilon}\mu}\in\mathbb{C}$, (!)

$$\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}(k\bar{n}z-\omega t)}=\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}(kn'z-\omega t)}\,\mathrm{e}^{-kn''z},$$

damped plane wave solutions for $n'>0$, $n''>0$.

($n'>0$: $\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}(kn'z-\omega t)}$ is a forward traveling wave.)

Issues:

- penetration depth,
- $\boldsymbol{S}$ and w decay with z,
- still transverse waves,
- $\boldsymbol{E}$, $\boldsymbol{H}$ no longer in phase,
- notions of wavenumber, wavelength, phase velocity $\in\mathbb{C}$.

$(\bar{\epsilon}\mu=\bar{n}^2=(n')^2-(n'')^2-\mathrm{i}2n'n'')$

(Modelling of gain: reverse the signs of n'', Im $\bar{\epsilon}$.)

(Choice of $\mathrm{e}^{\pm\mathrm{i}\omega t}$ $\leftrightsquigarrow$ signs of n'', Im $\bar{\epsilon}$ indicate loss/gain.)

Simulations in integrated optics

A typical setting:

- "uncharged dielectric medium": ~~q_f~~, ~~$\boldsymbol{J}_\mathrm{f}$~~.
- "linear medium": $\boldsymbol{D}=\epsilon_0\hat{\epsilon}\boldsymbol{E}$, $\boldsymbol{B}=\mu_0\hat{\mu}\boldsymbol{H}$.
- "isotropic medium": $\hat{\epsilon}=\epsilon\,\hat{1}$, $\hat{\mu}=\mu\,\hat{1}$.
- "nonmagnetic medium": $\hat{\mu}=\hat{1}$.
- "lossless medium": $\hat{\epsilon}^\dagger=\hat{\epsilon}$, $\hat{\mu}^\dagger=\hat{\mu}$, $(\epsilon,\mu\in\mathbb{R})$.
- "piecewise constant" $\rightarrow$ "dependent on position".
- "electric and magnetic field": eliminate $\boldsymbol{D}$ and $\boldsymbol{B}$, retain $\boldsymbol{E}$ and $\boldsymbol{H}$.
- "governed by the curl equations": divergence eqns. are satisfied.
- "frequency domain, time harmonic fields, frequency, wavelength": ... as discussed.

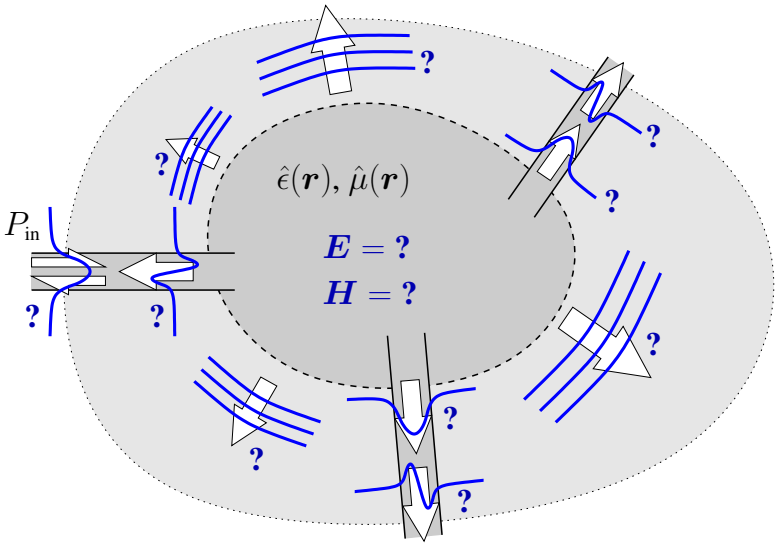
Course overview

Optical waveguide theory

A Photonics / integrated optics; theory, motto; phenomena, introductory examples.
B Brush up on mathematical tools.
C Maxwell equations, different formulations, interfaces, energy and power flow.
D Classes of simulation tasks: scattering problems, mode analysis, resonance problems.
E Normal modes of dielectric optical waveguides, mode interference.
F Examples for dielectric optical waveguides.
G Waveguide discontinuities & circuits, scattering matrices, reciprocal circuits.
H Bent optical waveguides; whispering gallery resonances; circular microresonators.
I Coupled mode theory, perturbation theory.
J A touch of photonic crystals; a touch of plasmonics.

- Hybrid analytical / numerical coupled mode theory.
- Oblique semi-guided waves: 2-D integrated optics.

Guided wave scattering problems, schematically



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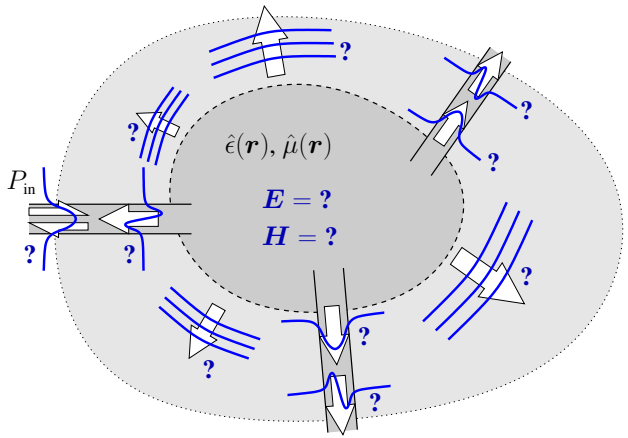
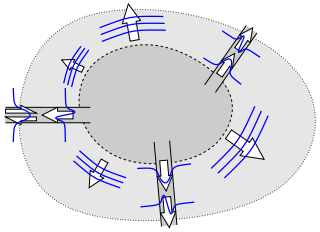


Given $\hat{\epsilon}(\boldsymbol{r}),\ \hat{\mu}(\boldsymbol{r})$ & external excitation (incoming guided mode),
determine $\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{H}$ within the computational domain
& determine the optical power carried by outgoing waves.

Scattering problems, time domain

(TD)

$\boldsymbol{E}(\boldsymbol{r},t),\ \boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{r},t),$
$\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{E} = -\mu_0 \hat{\mu} \dot{\boldsymbol{H}},$
$\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{H} = \epsilon_0 \hat{\epsilon} \dot{\boldsymbol{E}}.$

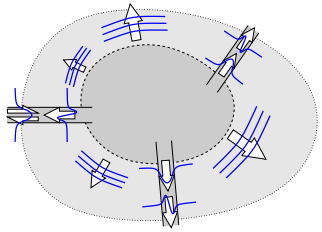


- $\begin{pmatrix} \text{3-D} \\ \text{2-D} \\ \text{1-D} \end{pmatrix}$ computational domain $\times$ time interval.
- Initial & boundary conditions $\longleftrightarrow$ incident waves.
- "Local" time-explicit iterative schemes possible (e.g. FDTD).
- Time evolution available; direct modeling of pulse propagation.
- Dispersion (. . . ?).
- Guided wave excitation (. . . ?).
- Fourier transform $\longrightarrow$ spectral information.

Scattering problems, frequency domain

(FD)

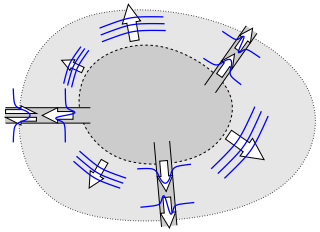
$\boldsymbol{E}(\boldsymbol{r}),\ \boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{r}),\ \sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t),$
$\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{E} = -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0 \hat{\mu} \boldsymbol{H},$
$\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{H} = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0 \hat{\epsilon} \boldsymbol{E}.$



- $\begin{pmatrix} \text{3-D} \\ \text{2-D} \\ \text{1-D} \end{pmatrix}$ computational domain.
- "$\mathsf{M}(\overrightarrow{\text{field}}) = (\overrightarrow{\text{excitation}})$";
  matrix needs to be determined, stored; system needs to be solved.
- Spectral information directly available.
- Dispersion — straightforward.
- Guided wave excitation — straightforward.
- Fourier transform $\longrightarrow$ time evolution / pulse propagation.

Open problems

(TD & FD)



"Open" spatial computational domain
↝ boundary conditions need to

- permit outgoing radiated fields
  & outgoing (reflected) guided modes to exit the domain,
- launch the incoming external excitation.

↜↝ simulate a nonexisting boundary, an unlimited domain.

Keywords:
- transparent-influx boundary conditions,
- absorbing boundary conditions,
- perfectly matched layers (PMLs).

2-D problems

$\hat{\epsilon} = \epsilon\hat{1},\ \hat{\mu} = \mu\hat{1},\ \sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t)$ (FD)

Assume $\partial_y\epsilon = 0,\ \partial_y\mu = 0;$ consider solutions $\partial_y \boldsymbol{E} = 0,\ \partial_y \boldsymbol{H} = 0:$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\partial_z E_y \\ \partial_z E_x - \partial_x E_z \\ \partial_x E_y \end{pmatrix} = -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0\mu \begin{pmatrix} H_x \\ H_y \\ H_z \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \begin{pmatrix} -\partial_z H_y \\ \partial_z H_x - \partial_x H_z \\ \partial_x H_y \end{pmatrix} = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon \begin{pmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{pmatrix}.$$

↳ Two decoupled sets of equations:

- $\{E_y, H_x, H_z\}$: transverse electric (TE) fields, $\boldsymbol{E} \perp$ x-z-plane.
- $\{H_y, E_x, E_z\}$: transverse magnetic (TM) fields, $\boldsymbol{H} \perp$ x-z-plane.

(Different conventions on the use of TE, TM.)

(Applies also to the TD.)

2-D TE waves

$k^2 = \omega^2/c^2 = \omega^2\epsilon_0\mu_0$ (FD)

- Principal component E_y,

$$H_x = \frac{-\mathrm{i}}{\omega\mu_0\mu}\partial_z E_y, \quad H_z = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{\omega\mu_0\mu}\partial_x E_y, \quad \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon E_y = \partial_z H_x - \partial_x H_z$$

↳ $$\partial_x \frac{1}{\mu}\partial_x E_y + \partial_z \frac{1}{\mu}\partial_z E_y + k^2\epsilon E_y = 0. \qquad (*)$$

- Continuity of $E_y,\ \frac{1}{\mu}\partial_n E_y$ required at interfaces with normal $\boldsymbol{n}$.

- If $\mu = 1$: $\epsilon(x,z)$ (!)

↳ $$\partial_x^2 E_y + \partial_z^2 E_y + k^2\epsilon E_y = 0, \qquad (**)$$

scalar 2-D (TE) Helmholtz equation ($E_y,\ \partial_n E_y$ continuous).

(Reflection / transmission problems: s-polarized waves satisfy $(*)$, $(**)$.)

2-D TM waves

$k^2 = \omega^2/c^2 = \omega^2\epsilon_0\mu_0$ (FD)

- Principal component H_y,

$$E_x = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon}\partial_z H_y, \quad E_z = \frac{-\mathrm{i}}{\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon}\partial_x H_y, \quad -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0\mu H_y = \partial_z E_x - \partial_x E_z$$

↳ $$\partial_x \frac{1}{\epsilon}\partial_x H_y + \partial_z \frac{1}{\epsilon}\partial_z H_y + k^2\mu H_y = 0. \qquad (*)$$

- Continuity of $H_y,\ \frac{1}{\epsilon}\partial_n H_y$ required at interfaces with normal $\boldsymbol{n}$.

- If $\mu = 1$: $\epsilon(x,z)$ (!)

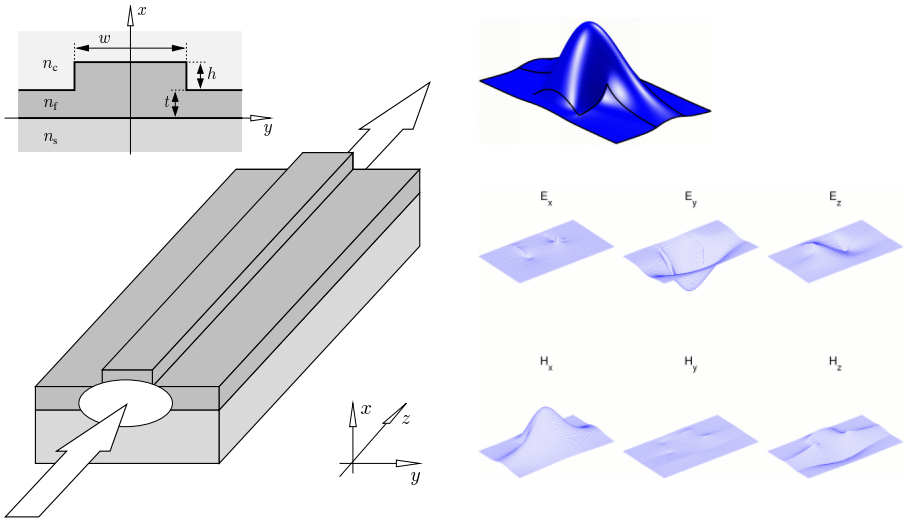
↳ $$\partial_x \frac{1}{\epsilon}\partial_x H_y + \partial_z \frac{1}{\epsilon}\partial_z H_y + k^2 H_y = 0, \qquad (**)$$

scalar 2-D (TM) Helmholtz equation ($H_y,\ \frac{1}{\epsilon}\partial_n H_y$ continuous).

(Reflection / transmission problems: p-polarized waves satisfy $(*)$, $(**)$.)

Rib waveguide

. . . variant of an integrated optical waveguide with 2-D confinement



Waveguides: Mode problems

$\nabla \times \boldsymbol{E} = -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0\mu\boldsymbol{H}, \quad \nabla \times \boldsymbol{H} = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon\boldsymbol{E}.$ $\sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t)$ (FD)

- Waveguide: a system that is homogeneous along its axis z,
  $\partial_z\epsilon = 0,\ \partial_z\mu = 0,\ \partial_z n = 0.$
- Look for solutions (modes) that vary harmonically with z:
  $\boldsymbol{E}(x,y,z) = \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}(x,y)\,\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta z}, \quad \boldsymbol{H}(x,y,z) = \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}(x,y)\,\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta z},$
  mode profile $\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}$, propagation constant β. (drop $^-$)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial_y E_z + \mathrm{i}\beta E_y \\ -\mathrm{i}\beta E_x - \partial_x E_z \\ \partial_x E_y - \partial_y E_x \end{pmatrix} = -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0\mu \begin{pmatrix} H_x \\ H_y \\ H_z \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \partial_y H_z + \mathrm{i}\beta H_y \\ -\mathrm{i}\beta H_x - \partial_x H_z \\ \partial_x H_y - \partial_y H_x \end{pmatrix} = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon \begin{pmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{pmatrix},$$

vectorial mode equations, variants. (. . .)

Waveguides: Mode equations

- Where $\epsilon\,(\boldsymbol{r})$, $\mu\,(\boldsymbol{r})$: $\sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t)$ (FD)

$$\Delta\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}} + k^2\epsilon\mu\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}} = 0, \quad \Delta\tilde{\boldsymbol{H}} + k^2\epsilon\mu\tilde{\boldsymbol{H}} = 0$$

$$\partial_x^2\boldsymbol{E} + \partial_y^2\boldsymbol{E} + (k^2\epsilon\mu - \beta^2)\boldsymbol{E} = 0,$$
$$\partial_x^2\boldsymbol{H} + \partial_y^2\boldsymbol{H} + (k^2\epsilon\mu - \beta^2)\boldsymbol{H} = 0,$$

scalar mode equation, valid for all components of $\boldsymbol{E}$, $\boldsymbol{H}$,
to be supplemented by suitable boundary and interface conditions.

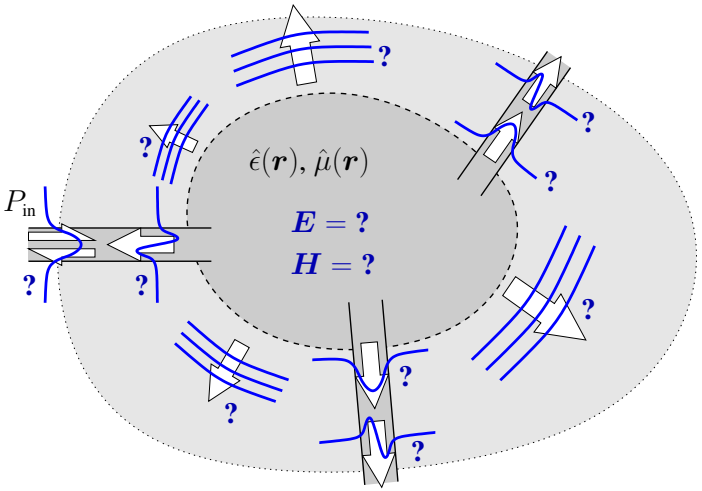
⟷ Eigenvalue problem with eigenvalue β, eigenfunction $\boldsymbol{E}$, $\boldsymbol{H}$,
"$\mathsf{M}(\beta)\,(\overrightarrow{\text{profile}}) = 0$".

- Guided modes: discrete $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$, $\iint S_z\,\mathrm{d}x\mathrm{d}z < \infty.$ $(\epsilon, \mu \in \mathbb{R})$

(Radiation modes: continuum of $\beta^2 \in \mathbb{R}$, oscillating external fields.)
(Leaky modes: discrete $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$, outgoing wave boundary conditions.)
(. . .)

Guided wave scattering problems

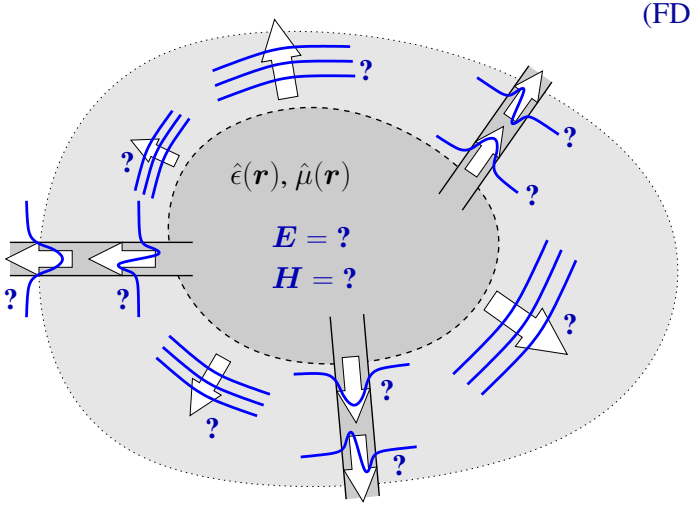
(FD)



Given external excitation $\sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t),\ \omega \in \mathbb{R}.$

Resonance problems

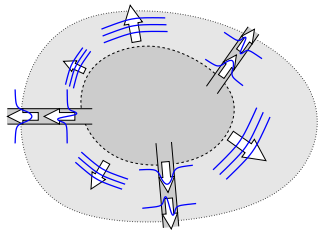
(FD . . .)



Omit excitation, look for nonzero solutions that decay in time.

Resonance problems

(FD . . .)



$\boldsymbol{E}(\boldsymbol{r})$, $\boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{r})$, $\sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t)$, $\omega = ?$
$\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{E} = -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0\hat{\mu}\boldsymbol{H}$,
$\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{H} = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\hat{\epsilon}\boldsymbol{E}$,
& outgoing wave boundary conditions.

- Look for nonzero solutions with $\omega \in \mathbb{C}$
  that oscillate and decay (slowly . . .) in time.
- "$\mathsf{M}(\omega)\,(\overrightarrow{\text{field}}) = 0$", eigenvalue problem.
- Solutions: discrete eigenfrequencies ω, resonant mode profiles.

Keyword: "Quasi-Normal-Modes", QNMs.

Scalar approximation

Linear, isotropic, nonmagnetic media, $\epsilon = n^2$;
a structure with "small" variations in ϵ :

A scalar approximation may be adequate,

$$\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot (\epsilon \boldsymbol{E}) \approx \epsilon \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{E}$$

$$\Delta\psi - \frac{1}{\mathrm{c}^2}\epsilon\ddot{\psi} = 0, \qquad \text{(TD)}$$

$$\Delta\psi + k^2\epsilon\,\psi = 0, \qquad \text{(FD)}$$

satisfied by all components ψ of $\boldsymbol{E}$, $\boldsymbol{H}$.

(Applicable to basically all types of problems.)

Beam propagation method

- Starting point: $\Delta\psi + k^2\epsilon\,\psi = 0$, $\quad \sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t)$ (FD)
  "small" changes in $\epsilon = n^2$ along a propagation coordinate z.
- Ansatz: $\psi(x,y,z) = \psi_0(x,y,z)\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}kn_\mathrm{r}z}$,
  reference effective index n_r,
  assume that ψ_0 varies "slowly" along z ⟷ neglect $\partial_z^2\psi_0$.
  $$-\mathrm{i}2kn_\mathrm{r}\partial_z\psi_0 + (\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2)\psi_0 + k^2(\epsilon - n_\mathrm{r}^2)\psi_0 = 0,$$
  PDE of first order in z, solved as an initial value problem.
- Restriction to unidirectional propagation, reflections are neglected.
- Paraxial propagation, errors for waves with effective indices $\neq n_\mathrm{r}$.

(Many variants (vectorial, wide-angle, bi-directional, ...) have been proposed.)
(Other ways of motivating the approximation exist.)
(Term "BPM" in use also for other types of methods.)

- Keywords: Paraxial approximation,
  Slowly-varying-envelope approximation (SVEA),
  Beam propagation method (BPM).

Course overview

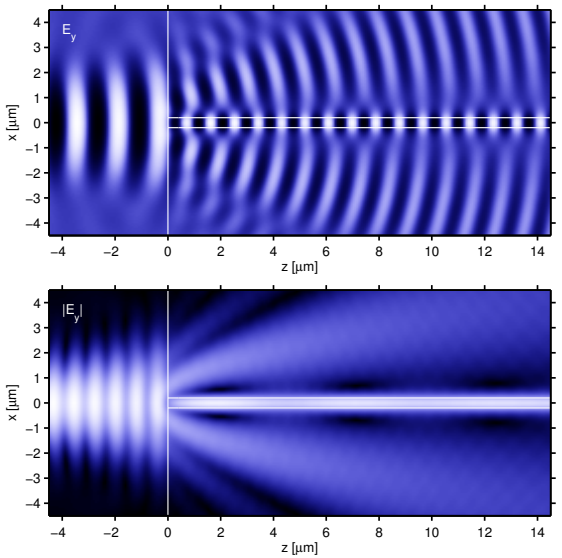
Optical waveguide theory

A Photonics / integrated optics; theory, motto; phenomena, introductory examples.
B Brush up on mathematical tools.
C Maxwell equations, different formulations, interfaces, energy and power flow.
D Classes of simulation tasks: scattering problems, mode analysis, resonance problems.
E Normal modes of dielectric optical waveguides, mode interference.
F Examples for dielectric optical waveguides.
G Waveguide discontinuities & circuits, scattering matrices, reciprocal circuits.
H Bent optical waveguides; whispering gallery resonances; circular microresonators.
I Coupled mode theory, perturbation theory.
J A touch of photonic crystals; a touch of plasmonics.

- Hybrid analytical / numerical coupled mode theory.
- Oblique semi-guided waves: 2-D integrated optics.

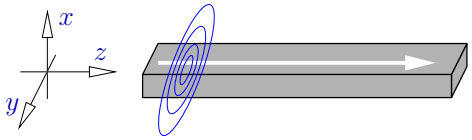
Context: Relevance of guided modes

(2-D, TE)



Butt-coupling to a waveguide facet.

Waveguides: Mode problems



$\mu = 1,\ \epsilon = n^2,\ \sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t)$ (FD)

$$\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{E} = -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0 \boldsymbol{H},$$
$$\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{H} = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon \boldsymbol{E}.$$

- Waveguide: a system that is homogeneous along its axis z,
  $\partial_z \epsilon = 0,\ \partial_z n = 0.$
- Look for solutions (modes) that vary harmonically with z:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}} \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}} \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta z},$$

mode profile $\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}$,
propagation constant β,
effective index $n_{\mathrm{eff}} = \beta/k$.

$\partial_z \longrightarrow -\mathrm{i}\beta,$ (& boundary conditions)

↭ Eigenvalue problem with eigenvalue β, eigenfunction $\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}$,
"$\mathsf{M}(\beta)\ (\overrightarrow{\text{profile}}) = 0$".

Mode equations

(drop $^-$)

$$\curvearrowright \begin{pmatrix} \partial_y E_z + \mathrm{i}\beta E_y \\ -\mathrm{i}\beta E_x - \partial_x E_z \\ \partial_x E_y - \partial_y E_x \end{pmatrix} = -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0 \begin{pmatrix} H_x \\ H_y \\ H_z \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \partial_y H_z + \mathrm{i}\beta H_y \\ -\mathrm{i}\beta H_x - \partial_x H_z \\ \partial_x H_y - \partial_y H_x \end{pmatrix} = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon \begin{pmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Express E_x, E_y, E_z, H_z through principal components H_x, H_y:

$$\curvearrowright \partial_x^2 H_x + \epsilon\partial_y \frac{1}{\epsilon}\partial_y H_x + \partial_{xy} H_y - \epsilon\partial_y \frac{1}{\epsilon}\partial_x H_y + (k^2\epsilon - \beta^2) H_x = 0\,,$$
$$\epsilon\partial_x \frac{1}{\epsilon}\partial_x H_y + \partial_y^2 H_y + \partial_{yx} H_x - \epsilon\partial_x \frac{1}{\epsilon}\partial_y H_x + (k^2\epsilon - \beta^2) H_y = 0\,,$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon} \begin{pmatrix} \beta H_y - \beta^{-1}(\partial_{yx} H_x + \partial_y^2 H_y) \\ -\beta H_x + \beta^{-1}(\partial_{xy} H_y + \partial_x^2 H_x) \\ -\mathrm{i}(\partial_x H_y - \partial_y H_x) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} H_x \\ H_y \\ H_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} H_x \\ H_y \\ -\mathrm{i}\beta^{-1}(\partial_x H_x + \partial_y H_y) \end{pmatrix}.$$

(H_x, H_y are continuous for all x, y.)

Mode equations

(drop $\bar{}$)

$$\left(\begin{array}{c}\partial_y E_z + \mathrm{i}\beta E_y \\ -\mathrm{i}\beta E_x - \partial_x E_z \\ \partial_x E_y - \partial_y E_x\end{array}\right) = -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0 \left(\begin{array}{c}H_x \\ H_y \\ H_z\end{array}\right), \quad \left(\begin{array}{c}\partial_y H_z + \mathrm{i}\beta H_y \\ -\mathrm{i}\beta H_x - \partial_x H_z \\ \partial_x H_y - \partial_y H_x\end{array}\right) = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon \left(\begin{array}{c}E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z\end{array}\right).$$

- Express H_x, H_y, H_z, E_z through principal components E_x, E_y:

(. . .).

(E_x, E_y are discontinuous at specific interfaces.)

Mode equations

(drop $\bar{}$)

$$\left(\begin{array}{c}\partial_y E_z + \mathrm{i}\beta E_y \\ -\mathrm{i}\beta E_x - \partial_x E_z \\ \partial_x E_y - \partial_y E_x\end{array}\right) = -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0 \left(\begin{array}{c}H_x \\ H_y \\ H_z\end{array}\right), \quad \left(\begin{array}{c}\partial_y H_z + \mathrm{i}\beta H_y \\ -\mathrm{i}\beta H_x - \partial_x H_z \\ \partial_x H_y - \partial_y H_x\end{array}\right) = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon \left(\begin{array}{c}E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z\end{array}\right).$$

- Express E_x, E_y, H_x, H_y through principal components E_z, H_z:

(. . .).

(E_z, H_z are usually small components.)

Plane mode profiles

- Modes are eigenfunctions
  ⇜⇝ profiles are determined up to a complex constant only.

- Propagating modes, $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$, lossless structures, $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$:

  $E_z := \mathrm{i}E'_z$, $H_z := \mathrm{i}H'_z$ ⇝ real PDE for $E_x, E_y, E'_z, H_x, H_y, H'_z$:

$$\left(\begin{array}{c}\partial_y E'_z + \beta E_y \\ -\beta E_x - \partial_x E'_z \\ \partial_x E_y - \partial_y E_x\end{array}\right) = -\omega\mu_0 \left(\begin{array}{c}H_x \\ H_y \\ -H'_z\end{array}\right), \quad \left(\begin{array}{c}\partial_y H'_z + \beta H_y \\ -\beta H_x - \partial_x H'_z \\ \partial_x H_y - \partial_y H_x\end{array}\right) = \omega\epsilon_0\epsilon \left(\begin{array}{c}E_x \\ E_y \\ -E'_z\end{array}\right);$$

  it is possible to choose a phase such that
  E_x, E_y, H_x, H_y are real,
  E_z, H_z are imaginary
  ⇜⇝ plane mode profiles.

(It makes sense to prepare real plots of mode profile components.)
(That requires a suitable adjustment of the global phase.)

Guided modes

- Guided modes: profiles located "around" the waveguide core
  ⇜⇝ discrete $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$, $\iint S_z \,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y < \infty$.

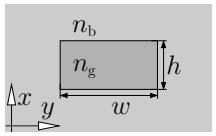
- In general: Hybrid modes, all six field components present.
  Planar-like waveguides ⇝ adapt 2-D naming scheme;
  "TE-like" / "TM-like" modes.

($\leftrightarrow$ 5-component semivectorial approximations, plane $\perp$ x-axis:
quasi-TE: tiny E_x, dominant E_y, small E_z; major H_x, small H_y, minor H_z,
quasi-TM: tiny H_x, dominant H_y, small H_z; major E_x, small E_y, minor E_z.)

- Mode indices mostly relate to numbers of nodal lines in the dominant electric or magnetic field component.

(Naming schemes are highly context dependent.)

A rectangular strip waveguide, fundamental mode profiles



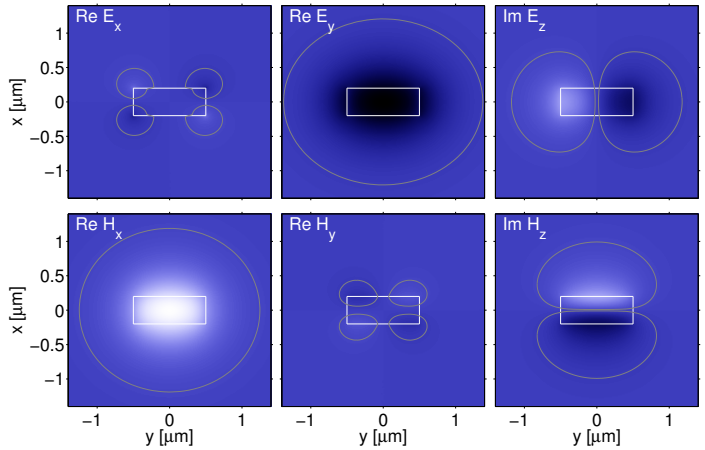
$\lambda = 1.55\ \mu\text{m}$,
$n_b = 1.45$,
$n_g = 1.99$,
$w = 1.0\ \mu\text{m}$,
$h = 0.4\ \mu\text{m}$;

(q-) TE_{00}

$x \in [-2, 2]\ \mu\text{m}$,
$y \in [-2, 2]\ \mu\text{m}$;

$n_{\text{eff}} = 1.63554$

[JCMwave].



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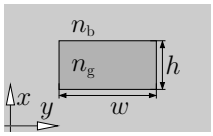

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(q-) TM_{00}

$x \in [-2, 2]\ \mu\text{m}$,
$y \in [-2, 2]\ \mu\text{m}$;

$n_{\text{eff}} = 1.56809$

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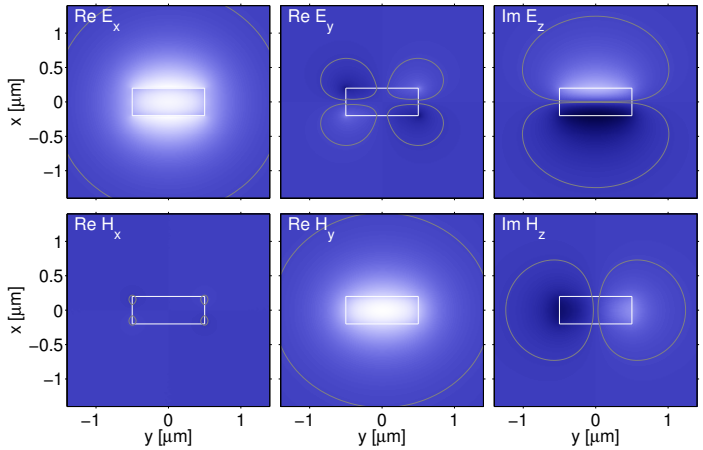
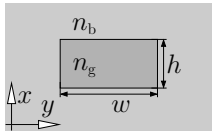


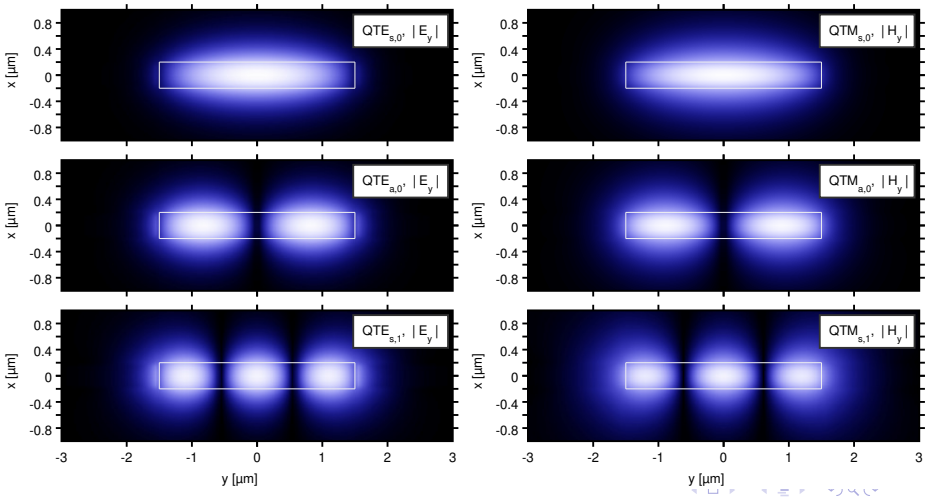
A rectangular strip waveguide, guided modes of higher order



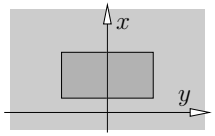
$\lambda = 1.55\ \mu\text{m}$,
$n_b = 1.45$,
$n_g = 1.99$,
$w = 3.0\ \mu\text{m}$,
$h = 0.4\ \mu\text{m}$;

[WMMS]

n_{eff}	QTE	QTM
$(0, 0)$	1.724	1.628
$(0, 1)$	1.676	1.585
$(0, 2)$	1.595	1.516



Symmetric waveguides

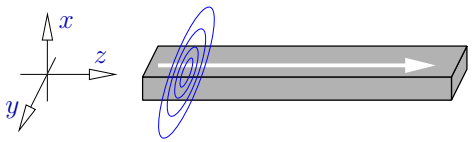


Waveguide with mirror symmetry $y \to -y$:
↭ modes have a definite parity.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial_y E_z + \mathrm{i}\beta E_y \\ -\mathrm{i}\beta E_x - \partial_x E_z \\ \partial_x E_y - \partial_y E_x \end{pmatrix} = -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0 \begin{pmatrix} H_x \\ H_y \\ H_z \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \partial_y H_z + \mathrm{i}\beta H_y \\ -\mathrm{i}\beta H_x - \partial_x H_z \\ \partial_x H_y - \partial_y H_x \end{pmatrix} = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon \begin{pmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{pmatrix}$$

↳ Equal parity of H_x, E_y, H_z, reversed parity of E_x, H_y, E_z.

Directional modes



(FD) $\sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t)$

Longitudinally homogeneous waveguide: mirror symmetry $z \to -z$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial_y E_z + \mathrm{i}\beta E_y \\ -\mathrm{i}\beta E_x - \partial_x E_z \\ \partial_x E_y - \partial_y E_x \end{pmatrix} = -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0 \begin{pmatrix} H_x \\ H_y \\ H_z \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \partial_y H_z + \mathrm{i}\beta H_y \\ -\mathrm{i}\beta H_x - \partial_x H_z \\ \partial_x H_y - \partial_y H_x \end{pmatrix} = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon \begin{pmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{pmatrix},$$

forward: $\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{f}} \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{f}} \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta z}, \quad \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{f}} = (E_x, E_y, E_z),\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{f}} = (H_x, H_y, H_z),$

$\leftrightarrow$

backward: $\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{b}} \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{b}} \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\ \mathrm{e}^{+\mathrm{i}\beta z}, \quad \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{b}} = (E_x, E_y, -E_z),\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{b}} = (-H_x, -H_y, H_z).$

Modal power

(FD) $\sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t)$

- E.m. power density: $\boldsymbol{S} = \frac{1}{2}\mathrm{Re}\ (\boldsymbol{E}^* \times \boldsymbol{H})$.
- $\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}} \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}} \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta z}$, $\quad \bar{\boldsymbol{E}} = a(\bar{E}_x, \bar{E}_y, \mathrm{i}\bar{E}_z{}'),\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}} = a(\bar{H}_x, \bar{H}_y, \mathrm{i}\bar{H}_z{}'),\ a \in \mathbb{C},\ \bar{E}_x, \ldots, \bar{H}_z' \in \mathbb{R},$ a guided mode, $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$.

  ↳ $\boldsymbol{S} = \frac{|a|^2}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \bar{E}_x \bar{H}_y - \bar{E}_y \bar{H}_x \end{pmatrix}$,

  or $S_x = 0,\ S_y = 0,\ S_z = \frac{1}{2}\mathrm{Re}\left(E_x^* H_y - E_y^* H_x\right)$. $(S_z(x,y))$
- Power carried by the mode:

$$P = \iint S_z\,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y = \frac{1}{4}\iint \left(E_x^* H_y - E_y^* H_x + E_x H_y^* - E_y H_x^*\right)\,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y.$$

(backward mode, $E_x \to E_x$, $E_y \to E_y$, $H_x \to -H_x$, $H_y \to -H_y$: $P \to -P$)

Mode orthogonality

- A set of guided modes of the same waveguide (ϵ): $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$

$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E}_m \\ \boldsymbol{H}_m \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_m \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_m \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta_m z}$, $\quad \boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{E}_m = -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0 \boldsymbol{H}_m,\ \boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{H}_m = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon \boldsymbol{E}_m,\ \beta_l \neq \beta_m,$ if $l \neq m$.

- $P_m = \frac{1}{4}\iint \left(E_{mx}^* H_{my} - E_{my}^* H_{mx} + E_{mx} H_{my}^* - E_{my} H_{mx}^*\right)\,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y$.
- $\boldsymbol{E}_m, \boldsymbol{H}_m \to 0$ for $x, y \to \pm\infty$.
- $\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot (\boldsymbol{E}_l^* \times \boldsymbol{H}_m + \boldsymbol{E}_m \times \boldsymbol{H}_l^*) = 0$ for all l, m

↳ $0 = \mathrm{i}(\beta_l - \beta_m)\left\{\iint \left(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_l^* \times \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_m + \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_m \times \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_l^*\right)_z \mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y\right\} \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}(\beta_l - \beta_m)z}$,

$$(\boldsymbol{E}_1, \boldsymbol{H}_1; \boldsymbol{E}_2, \boldsymbol{H}_2) := \frac{1}{4}\iint \left(E_{1x}^* H_{2y} - E_{1y}^* H_{2x} + H_{1y}^* E_{2x} - H_{1x}^* E_{2y}\right)\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y$$

$$(\boldsymbol{E}_l, \boldsymbol{H}_l; \boldsymbol{E}_m, \boldsymbol{H}_m) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } l \neq m, \\ P_m, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(The modes are "power orthogonal".)
(Statements hold for propagating guided modes.)
((.,.;.,.) is frequently used for mode normalization.)

Power transport by a mode superposition

- A set of guided modes of the same waveguide (ϵ): $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$

$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E}_m \\ \boldsymbol{H}_m \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_m \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_m \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta_m z}, \quad P_m = (\boldsymbol{E}_m, \boldsymbol{H}_m; \boldsymbol{E}_m, \boldsymbol{H}_m)$.

- Superposition with amplitudes $a_m \in \mathbb{C}$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \sum_m a_m \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E}_m \\ \boldsymbol{H}_m \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \sum_m a_m \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_m \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_m \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta_m z}.$$

Power flow along the waveguide:

$$\begin{aligned} \iint S_z\,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y &= (\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{H}; \boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{H}) \\ &= \sum_l \sum_m a_l^* a_m (\boldsymbol{E}_l, \boldsymbol{H}_l; \boldsymbol{E}_m, \boldsymbol{H}_m) \\ &= \sum_m |a_m|^2 P_m. \end{aligned}$$

(Forward / backward modes: $P \gtrless 0$.)

Mode interference

$\beta \in \mathbb{R}$

- Two modes $m = 1, 2$:
$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E}_m \\ \boldsymbol{H}_m \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_m \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_m \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta_m z}.$$

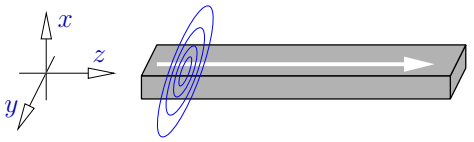
- Superposition with amplitudes a_1, a_2 :
$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = a_1 \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_1 \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_1 \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta_1 z} + a_2 \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_2 \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_2 \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta_2 z}.$$

- Fix a position x, y and component F: Omit (x, y).
$$F(z) = a_1 \bar{F}_1\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta_1 z} + a_2 \bar{F}_2\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta_2 z}, \qquad r\,\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\phi} := a_1^* a_2 \bar{F}_1^* \bar{F}_2,$$
$$\hookrightarrow\ |F|^2(z) = |a_1|^2|\bar{F}_1|^2 + |a_2|^2|\bar{F}_2|^2 + 2r\cos((\beta_1 - \beta_2)z + \phi).$$

Periodic beating pattern with half-beat-length $L_c = \dfrac{\pi}{|\beta_1 - \beta_2|}$.

(Supermodes) (Evanescent coupling) ("Coupling length" L_c.)

Polarization of a guided wave field



Unidirectional guided waves in a "long" dielectric channel that supports fundamental TE- and TM-like modes only:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = a_{\mathrm{TE}} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_{\mathrm{TE}} \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_{\mathrm{TE}} \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta_{\mathrm{TE}} z} + a_{\mathrm{TM}} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_{\mathrm{TM}} \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_{\mathrm{TM}} \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta_{\mathrm{TM}} z},$$

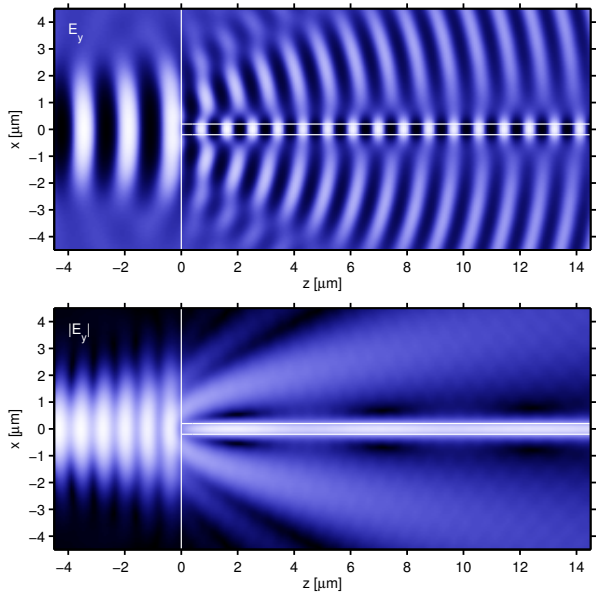
amplitudes $a_{\mathrm{TE}}, a_{\mathrm{TM}} \in \mathbb{C}$.

- $E_{\mathrm{TE}\,z} \neq 0,\ E_{\mathrm{TM}\,z} \neq 0.$
- $\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_{\mathrm{TE}}(x,y) \neq \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_{\mathrm{TM}}(x,y).$
- At (x,y): adjust $\boldsymbol{E}/|\boldsymbol{E}|$ via $a_{\mathrm{TE}}, a_{\mathrm{TM}}$.
- $a_{\mathrm{TE}}, a_{\mathrm{TM}}$ fixed: $(\boldsymbol{E}/|\boldsymbol{E}|)(x,y)$ varies.

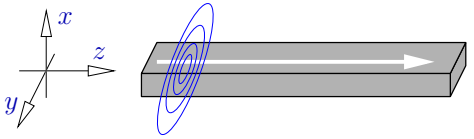
"Polarization" frequently indicates the presence of only one mode.

What about non-guided fields?

(2-D, TE)



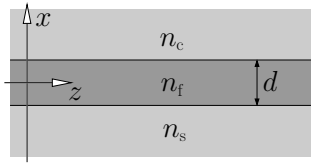
Normal modes: real mode problems



- lossless waveguide, $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$,
- "real" boundary conditions at x, y "far away" from the core,
- "real" vectorial mode equations:
$$\partial_x^2 H_x + \epsilon\partial_y \frac{1}{\epsilon}\partial_y H_x + \partial_{xy} H_y - \epsilon\partial_y \frac{1}{\epsilon}\partial_x H_y + (k^2\epsilon - \beta^2)H_x = 0\,,$$
$$\epsilon\partial_x \frac{1}{\epsilon}\partial_x H_y + \partial_y^2 H_y + \partial_{yx} H_x - \epsilon\partial_x \frac{1}{\epsilon}\partial_y H_x + (k^2\epsilon - \beta^2)H_y = 0\,,$$

$\hookrightarrow$ real principal components $H_x(x,y), H_y(x,y)\,,\ \beta^2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

2-D slab waveguide, normal mode spectrum



$n_s = n_c = 1.0,\ n_f = 2.0,$
$d = 1.3\ \mu\text{m},\ \lambda = 1.55\ \mu\text{m},$

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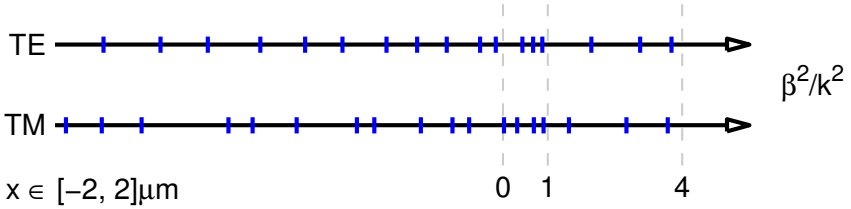

- $n_f^2 < \beta^2/k^2$: no modal solutions.
- $n_s^2 < \beta^2/k^2 < n_f^2$: guided modes.
- $0 < \beta^2/k^2 < n_s^2$: propagating radiation modes.
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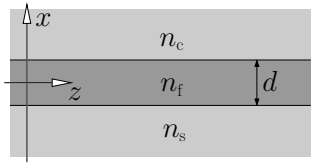

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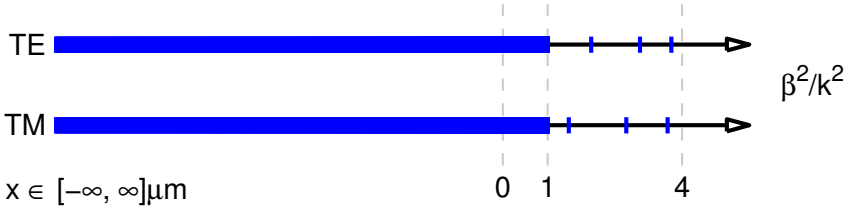

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- $\beta^2/k^2 < 0$: evanescent radiation modes (continuous spec.).

Propagating & evanescent modes

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{f,b}} \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{f,b}} \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\ \mathrm{e}^{\mp \mathrm{i}\beta z}. \qquad \sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t) \quad \text{(FD)}$$

- $\beta^2 > 0 \quad\rightsquigarrow\quad \beta = \sqrt{\beta^2},\ \beta \in \mathbb{R},\ \beta > 0,$
  $\sim \mathrm{e}^{\mp \mathrm{i}\beta z}$, a forward / backward propagating mode.
  (Physical relevance of individual modes.)
- $\beta^2 < 0 \quad\rightsquigarrow\quad \beta = -\mathrm{i}\sqrt{|\beta^2|} = -\mathrm{i}\alpha,\ \alpha = \sqrt{|\beta^2|} \in \mathbb{R},\ \alpha > 0,$
  $\sim \mathrm{e}^{\mp \alpha z}$, a forward / backward traveling evanescent mode.

  "forward": $\sim \mathrm{e}^{-\alpha z}$, field decays with z,
  "backward": $\sim \mathrm{e}^{+\alpha z}$, field grows with z.
  (Relevant for purposes of field expansions.)
- {forward & backward, propagating & evanescent modes}
  = the set of normal modes.

Evanescent modes

$\beta = -\mathrm{i}\alpha,\ \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ $\qquad\qquad$ $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial_y E_z + \alpha E_y \\ -\alpha E_x - \partial_x E_z \\ \partial_x E_y - \partial_y E_x \end{pmatrix} = -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0 \begin{pmatrix} H_x \\ H_y \\ H_z \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \partial_y H_z + \alpha H_y \\ -\alpha H_x - \partial_x H_z \\ \partial_x H_y - \partial_y H_x \end{pmatrix} = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon \begin{pmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{pmatrix}$$

- Plane mode profiles: real PDE for $E_x, E_y, E_z,\ \mathrm{i}H_x, \mathrm{i}H_y, \mathrm{i}H_z$;
  common phase with real E_x, E_y, E_z, imaginary H_x, H_y, H_z.
- Directional evanescent modes:
  $\{E_x, E_y, E_z, H_x, H_y, H_z; \alpha\}^{\mathrm{f}} \rightsquigarrow \{E_x, E_y, -E_z, -H_x, -H_y, H_z; -\alpha\}^{\mathrm{b}}.$
- Modal power:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}} \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}} \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\ \mathrm{e}^{-\alpha z}, \qquad \begin{aligned} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}} &= a(E_x', E_y', E_z'), \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}} &= \mathrm{i}a(H_x', H_y', H_z'), \\ E_x', \ldots, H_z' &\in \mathbb{R},\ a \in \mathbb{C} \end{aligned}$$

$$\hookrightarrow\ S_z = \frac{1}{2}\mathrm{Re}\left(E_x^* H_y - E_y^* H_x\right) = 0, \quad \iint S_z\,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y = 0.$$

Completeness of normal modes

$\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$, $\sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t)$ (FD)

A lossless, z-homogeneous waveguide configuration; general solution of the Maxwell equations between cross sectional planes A and B:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \sum_{m\in\mathcal{N}} F_m \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta_m z} + \sum_{m\in\mathcal{N}} B_m \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\, \mathrm{e}^{+\mathrm{i}\beta_m z}, \qquad \Sigma \to \not\Sigma$$

$\mathcal{N}$: the set of forward normal modes supported by the waveguide.

("Solution": obvious; "general": without proof.)

Completeness of normal modes

Stronger statement:
"any" transverse 2-component field on a cross sectional plane can be expanded into alternatively

- the transverse electric components of forward normal modes,
- the transverse magnetic components of forward normal modes,
- the transverse electric components of backward normal modes,
- the transverse magnetic components of backward normal modes.

Orthogonality of normal modes

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}} \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}} \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta z}. \qquad \sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t) \quad \text{(FD)}$$

	$\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}$	$\bar{\boldsymbol{H}}$	β
[prop., f]	$(E'_x, E'_y, \mathrm{i}E'_z)$	$(H'_x, H'_y, \mathrm{i}H'_z)$	$\beta > 0$
[prop., b]	$(E'_x, E'_y, -\mathrm{i}E'_z)$	$(-H'_x, -H'_y, \mathrm{i}H'_z)$	$\beta < 0$
[evan., f]	(E'_x, E'_y, E'_z)	$(\mathrm{i}H'_x, \mathrm{i}H'_y, \mathrm{i}H'_z)$	$\beta = -\mathrm{i}\alpha,\ \alpha > 0$
[evan., b]	$(E'_x, E'_y, -E'_z)$	$(-\mathrm{i}H'_x, -\mathrm{i}H'_y, \mathrm{i}H'_z)$	$\beta = \mathrm{i}\alpha,\ \alpha > 0$

individual $E'_x, \ldots H'_z \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$(\boldsymbol{E}_a, \boldsymbol{H}_a; \boldsymbol{E}_b, \boldsymbol{H}_b) := \frac{1}{4}\iint \left(E^*_{ax}H_{by} - E^*_{ay}H_{bx} + H^*_{ay}E_{bx} - H^*_{ax}E_{by}\right) \mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E}_{1,2} \\ \boldsymbol{H}_{1,2} \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_{1,2} \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_{1,2} \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta_{1,2} z}, \qquad \begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\nabla}\times\boldsymbol{E}_{1,2} &= -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0\boldsymbol{H}_{1,2}, \\ \boldsymbol{\nabla}\times\boldsymbol{H}_{1,2} &= \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon\boldsymbol{E}_{1,2}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\nabla}\cdot(\boldsymbol{E}^*_1\times\boldsymbol{H}_2 + \boldsymbol{E}_2\times\boldsymbol{H}^*_1) = 0 \rightsquigarrow 0 = (\beta^*_1 - \beta_2)\,(\boldsymbol{E}_1, \boldsymbol{H}_1; \boldsymbol{E}_2, \boldsymbol{H}_2).$$

…

Orthogonality of normal modes

Nondegenerate directional normal modes of the same waveguide (ϵ):

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E}^{\mathrm{f,b}}_m \\ \boldsymbol{H}^{\mathrm{f,b}}_m \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{f,b}}_m \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{f,b}}_m \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta^{\mathrm{f,b}}_m z}, \qquad \begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\nabla}\times\boldsymbol{E}_m &= -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0\boldsymbol{H}_m, \\ \boldsymbol{\nabla}\times\boldsymbol{H}_m &= \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon\boldsymbol{E}_m, \\ \beta_l \neq \beta_m,&\ \text{if } l \neq m. \end{aligned}$$

- A propagating mode m:
  $(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m; \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m) =: P_m,\ (\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m; \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m) = -P_m, \qquad P_m \in \mathbb{R},$
  $(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m; \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m) = (\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m; \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m) = 0,$
  $(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{d}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{d}}_m; \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{r}}_l, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{r}}_l) = (\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{r}}_l, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{r}}_l; \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{d}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{d}}_m) = 0$ for all $l \neq m$, d,r = f,b.
- An evanescent mode m:
  $(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m; \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m) = (\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m; \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m) = 0,$
  $(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m; \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m) =: P_m,\ (\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m; \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m) = -P_m, \qquad P_m \notin \mathbb{R},$
  $(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{d}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{d}}_m; \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{r}}_l, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{r}}_l) = (\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{r}}_l, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{r}}_l; \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{d}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{d}}_m) = 0$ for all $l \neq m$, d,r = f,b.

(This implies orthogonality of propagating and evanescent modes.)
($1/\sqrt{|P_m|}$ is frequently used for mode normalization.)

Power flow associated with a normal mode expansion

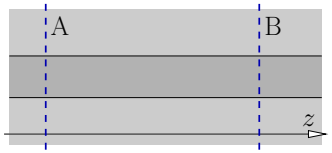
$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \sum_{m\in\mathcal{N}} \left\{ F_m \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta_m z} + B_m \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\ \mathrm{e}^{+\mathrm{i}\beta_m z} \right\}$$

Power carried along z:

$$P = \iint S_z \,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y = (\boldsymbol{E},\boldsymbol{H};\boldsymbol{E},\boldsymbol{H})$$
$$= \sum_{m \text{ propag.}} \left(|F_m|^2 - |B_m|^2\right) P_m \;+\; \sum_{m \text{ evanesc.}} \left(F_m^* B_m - B_m^* F_m\right) P_m\,.$$

- P is indepedent of z.
- Individual contributions from forward and backward propagating modes.
- Contributions from evanescent modes require forward and backward fields to be present.
- Unidirectional field (forward: $B_m = 0$ for all m): Only propagating modes carry power.

Projection onto normal modes



$\boldsymbol{E},\boldsymbol{H}$: a solution of the Maxwell equations for the z-homogeneous waveguide between two cross sectional planes A and B.

↳ Extract local mode amplitudes by projection onto normal modes:

- A propagating mode m, $\beta_m > 0$:
  $(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m; \boldsymbol{E},\boldsymbol{H}) = F_m P_m\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta z}$,
  $(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m; \boldsymbol{E},\boldsymbol{H}) = -B_m P_m\ \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\beta z}$.
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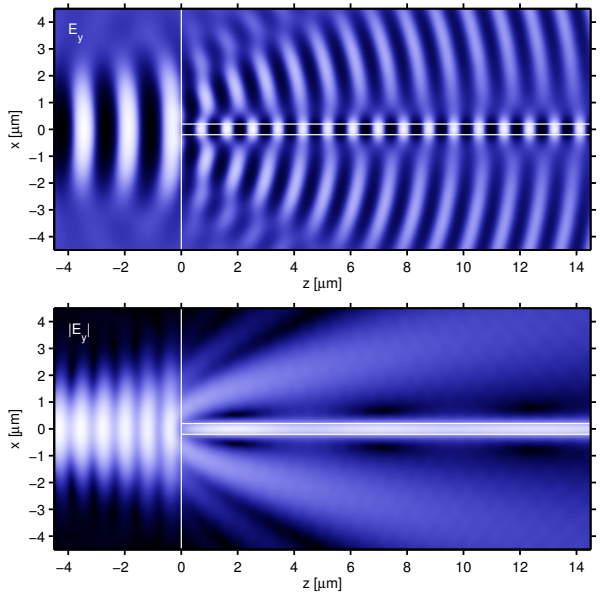
- An evanescent mode m, $\beta_m = -\mathrm{i}\alpha_m$, $\alpha_m > 0$:
  $(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{f}}_m; \boldsymbol{E},\boldsymbol{H}) = B_m P_m\ \mathrm{e}^{\alpha z}$, $(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}^{\mathrm{b}}_m; \boldsymbol{E},\boldsymbol{H}) = -F_m P_m\ \mathrm{e}^{-\alpha z}$.

↔ Ports of a photonic integrated circuit.

Waveguide facet: Port definition

(2-D, TE)



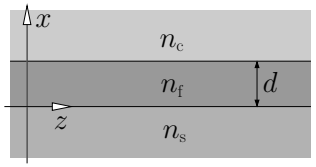
Course overview

Optical waveguide theory

A Photonics / integrated optics; theory, motto; phenomena, introductory examples.
B Brush up on mathematical tools.
C Maxwell equations, different formulations, interfaces, energy and power flow.
D Classes of simulation tasks: scattering problems, mode analysis, resonance problems.
E Normal modes of dielectric optical waveguides, mode interference.
F Examples for dielectric optical waveguides.
G Waveguide discontinuities & circuits, scattering matrices, reciprocal circuits.
H Bent optical waveguides; whispering gallery resonances; circular microresonators.
I Coupled mode theory, perturbation theory.
J A touch of photonic crystals; a touch of plasmonics.
- Hybrid analytical / numerical coupled mode theory.
- Oblique semi-guided waves: 2-D integrated optics.

2-D waveguide configurations

$\epsilon \in \mathbb{R},\ \mu = 1,\ \sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t)$ (FD)



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- Permittivity $\epsilon = n^2$, refractive index $n(x)$. (1-D waveguide)

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- $\partial_z \epsilon = 0$ ⟷ Modal solutions that vary harmonically with z:

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mode profile $\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}$,
propagation constant β,
effective index $n_{\mathrm{eff}} = \beta/k$.

(TE): principal component $\bar{E}_y$, $\partial_x^2 \bar{E}_y + (k^2\epsilon - \beta^2)\bar{E}_y = 0$,

$$\bar{E}_x = 0,\quad \bar{E}_z = 0,\quad \bar{H}_x = \frac{-\beta}{\omega\mu_0}\bar{E}_y,\quad \bar{H}_y = 0,\quad \bar{H}_z = \frac{\mathrm{i}}{\omega\mu_0}\partial_x \bar{E}_y,$$

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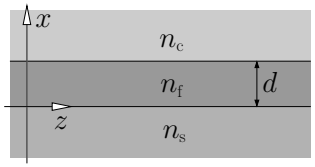

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(TM): principal component $\bar{H}_y$, $\epsilon\partial_x \frac{1}{\epsilon}\partial_x \bar{H}_y + (k^2\epsilon - \beta^2)\bar{H}_y = 0$,

$$\bar{E}_x = \frac{\beta}{\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon}\bar{H}_y,\quad \bar{E}_y = 0,\quad \bar{E}_z = \frac{-\mathrm{i}}{\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon}\partial_x \bar{H}_y,\quad \bar{H}_x = 0,\quad \bar{H}_z = 0,$$

$\bar{H}_y$ & $\epsilon^{-1}\partial_x \bar{H}_y$ continuous at dielectric interfaces.

Guided 2-D TE / TM modes, orthogonality properties

- A set (index m) of guided modes of a 2-D waveguide (ϵ), (→ *Exercise.*)
  $\boldsymbol{\psi}_m^{\mathrm{p}} = (\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_m)$, $^{\mathrm{p=TE,TM}}$ & β_m, $\beta_m \neq \beta_l$, if $l \neq m$.
- $(\boldsymbol{E}_1, \boldsymbol{H}_1; \boldsymbol{E}_2, \boldsymbol{H}_2) := \frac{1}{4}\int \left(E_{1x}^* H_{2y} - E_{1y}^* H_{2x} + H_{1y}^* E_{2x} - H_{1x}^* E_{2y}\right) \mathrm{d}x\,.$
- Power P_m per lateral (y) unit length carried by mode $\boldsymbol{\psi}_m^{\mathrm{p}}, \beta_m$:

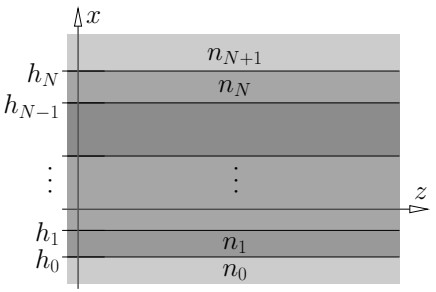
$$P_m := \int S_z\,\mathrm{d}x = (\boldsymbol{\psi}_m^{\mathrm{p}}; \boldsymbol{\psi}_m^{\mathrm{p}}) = \begin{cases} \dfrac{\beta_m}{2\omega\mu_0}\displaystyle\int |E_{m,y}|^2\,\mathrm{d}x, & \text{if p = TE,} \\ \dfrac{\beta_m}{2\omega\epsilon_0}\displaystyle\int \frac{1}{\epsilon}\,|H_{m,y}|^2\,\mathrm{d}x, & \text{if p = TM.} \end{cases}$$

$$(\boldsymbol{\psi}_l^{\mathrm{TE}}; \boldsymbol{\psi}_m^{\mathrm{TM}}) = 0\,,\qquad (\boldsymbol{\psi}_l^{\mathrm{TE}}; \boldsymbol{\psi}_m^{\mathrm{TE}}) = \frac{\beta_m}{2\omega\mu_0}\int E_{l,y}^*\, E_{m,y}\,\mathrm{d}x = \delta_{lm} P_m\,,$$

$$(\boldsymbol{\psi}_l^{\mathrm{TM}}; \boldsymbol{\psi}_m^{\mathrm{TE}}) = 0\,,\qquad (\boldsymbol{\psi}_l^{\mathrm{TM}}; \boldsymbol{\psi}_m^{\mathrm{TM}}) = \frac{\beta_m}{2\omega\epsilon_0}\int \frac{1}{\epsilon}\,H_{l,y}^*\, H_{m,y}\,\mathrm{d}x = \delta_{lm} P_m\,.$$

Dielectric multilayer slab waveguide

$\epsilon \in \mathbb{R},\ \mu = 1,\ \sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t)$ (2-D, FD)

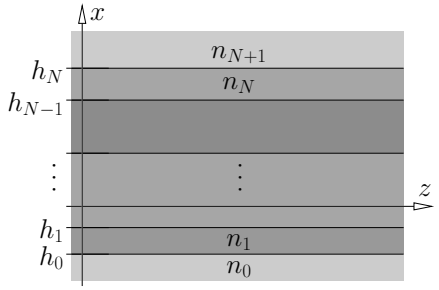


- N interior layers, piecewise constant $\epsilon = n^2$:

$$n(x) = \begin{cases} n_{N+1} & \text{if } h_N < x, \\ n_l & \text{if } h_{l-1} < x < h_l, \\ n_0 & \text{if } x < h_0. \end{cases}$$

- Principal component $\phi(x)$ (TE: $\phi = \bar{E}_y$, TM: $\phi = \bar{H}_y$).
- $\partial_x^2 \phi + (k^2 n_l^2 - \beta^2)\phi = 0,\quad x \in \text{layer } l,\quad l = 0, \ldots, N+1$
  (Half-infinte substrate ($l = 0$) and cover ($l = N+1$) layers.)
- ϕ & $\eta\partial_x \phi$ continuous at $x = h_l$, (TE: $\eta = 1$, TM: $\eta = n^{-2}$).

Dielectric multilayer slab waveguide

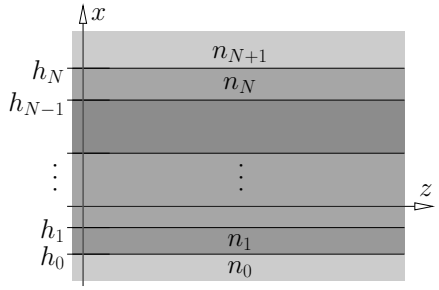


- Interior layer l,
  $h_{l-1} < x < h_l$,
  local refractive index n_l,
- $\partial_x^2 \phi = (\beta^2 - k^2\, n_l^2)\phi$.
- Consider a trial value $\beta^2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

- $\beta^2 < k^2\, n_l^2 \rightsquigarrow \partial_x^2 \phi = -\kappa_l^2\, \phi, \quad \kappa_l := \sqrt{k^2\, n_l^2 - \beta^2},$
  $\phi(x) = A_l \sin(\kappa_l\, x) + B_l \cos(\kappa_l\, x).$
- $\beta^2 > k^2\, n_l^2 \rightsquigarrow \partial_x^2 \phi = \kappa_l^2\, \phi, \quad \kappa_l := \sqrt{\beta^2 - k^2\, n_l^2},$
  $\phi(x) = A_l\, \mathrm{e}^{\kappa_l\, x} + B_l\, \mathrm{e}^{-\kappa_l\, x}.$
- Unknowns $A_l, B_l \in \mathbb{C}$.

(Local coordinate offsets required to cope with the exponentials.)

Dielectric multilayer slab waveguide, guided modes



- Substrate region,
  $x < h_0$,
  local refractive index n_0,
- $\partial_x^2 \phi = (\beta^2 - k^2\, n_0^2)\phi$.
- Consider a trial value $\beta^2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

- $\beta^2 < k^2\, n_0^2 \rightsquigarrow \partial_x^2 \phi = -\kappa_0^2\, \phi, \quad \kappa_0 := \sqrt{k^2\, n_0^2 - \beta^2},$
  ~~$\phi(x) = A_0 \sin(\kappa_0\, x) + B_0 \cos(-\kappa_0\, x)$~~.
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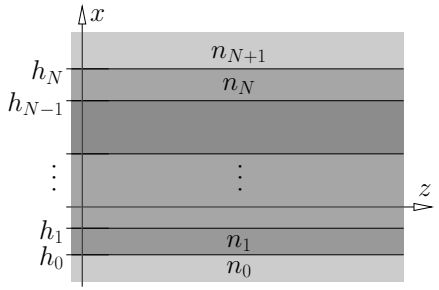
  $\phi(x) = A_0\, \mathrm{e}^{\kappa_0\, x} + $ ~~$B_0\, \mathrm{e}^{-\kappa_0\, x}$~~.
- Unknown $A_0 \in \mathbb{C}$.

Guided modes: $n_{\mathrm{eff}} = \beta/k > n_0$.

Dielectric multilayer slab waveguide, guided modes

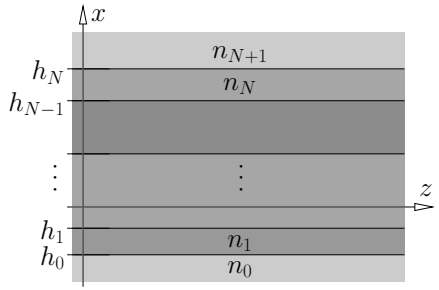


- Cover region,
  $h_N < x$,
  local refractive index n_{N+1},
- $\partial_x^2 \phi = (\beta^2 - k^2\, n_{N+1}^2)\phi$.
- Consider a trial value $\beta^2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

- $\beta^2 < k^2\, n_{N+1}^2 \rightsquigarrow \partial_x^2 \phi = -\kappa_{N+1}^2\, \phi, \quad \kappa_{N+1} := \sqrt{k^2\, n_{N+1}^2 - \beta^2},$
  ~~$\phi(x) = A_{N+1} \sin(\kappa_{N+1}\, x) + B_{N+1} \cos(-\kappa_{N+1}\, x)$~~.
- $\beta^2 > k^2\, n_{N+1}^2 \rightsquigarrow \partial_x^2 \phi = \kappa_{N+1}^2\, \phi, \quad \kappa_{N+1} := \sqrt{\beta^2 - k^2\, n_{N+1}^2},$
  $\phi(x) =$ ~~$A_{N+1}\, \mathrm{e}^{\kappa_{N+1}\, x}$~~ $+ B_{N+1}\, \mathrm{e}^{-\kappa_{N+1}\, x}.$
- Unknown $B_{N+1} \in \mathbb{C}$.

Guided modes: $n_{\mathrm{eff}} = \beta/k > n_{N+1}$.

Dielectric multilayer slab waveguide

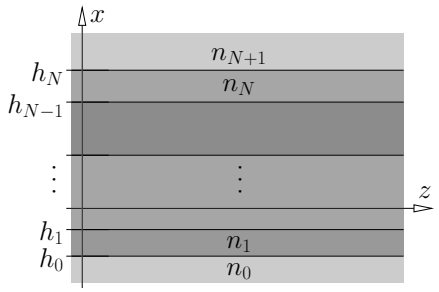


Trial value $\beta^2 \in \mathbb{R}$,
$\beta/k > n_0, n_{N+1}$,
$\rightsquigarrow \quad \kappa_l, \quad l = 0, \ldots, N+1.$

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} B_{N+1}\, \mathrm{e}^{-\kappa_{N+1}\, x}, & \text{for } h_N < x, \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} A_l \sin(\kappa_l\, x) + B_l \cos(\kappa_l\, x), & \text{if } \beta^2 < k^2 n_l^2, \\ A_l\, \mathrm{e}^{\kappa_l\, x} + B_l\, \mathrm{e}^{-\kappa_l\, x}, & \text{if } \beta^2 > k^2 n_l^2, \end{array} \right\} & \text{for } h_{l-1} < x < h_l, \\ A_0\, \mathrm{e}^{\kappa_0\, x}, & \text{for } x < h_0. \end{cases}$$

- $2N+2$ unknowns $A_0, A_1, B_1, \ldots, A_N, B_N, B_{N+1}$.
- Continuity of $\phi, \eta \partial_x \phi$ at $N+1$ interfaces $\rightsquigarrow$ $2N+2$ equations.

Dielectric multilayer slab waveguide



Trial value $\beta^2 \in \mathbb{R}$,
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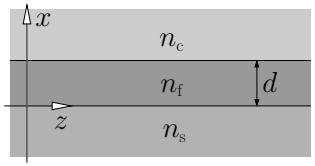
- $2N+2$ unknowns $A_0, A_1, B_1, \ldots, A_N, B_N, B_{N+1}$.
- Continuity of $\phi, \eta\partial_x\phi$ at $N+1$ interfaces ⇝ $2N+2$ equations.
- Arrange as linear system of equations $\mathsf{M}(\beta^2)\,(A_0, \ldots, B_{N+1})^{\mathsf{T}} = 0$.
- Identify propagation constants where $\mathsf{M}(\beta^2)$ becomes singular.

(Equations relate to the series of interfaces ↔ A transfer-matrix technique can be applied.)

- Choose e.g. $A_0 = 1$, fill $A_1, \ldots, B_{N+1}$, normalize. (. , . ; . , .)

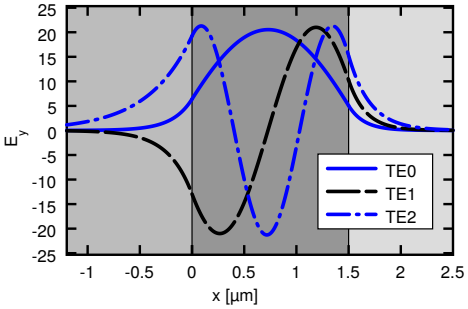
Guided modes $\{\beta_m,\ (\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_m)\}$.

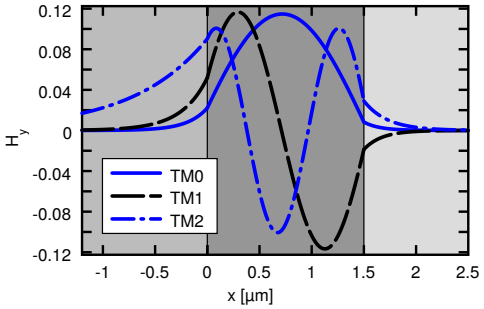
A nonsymmetric 3-layer slab waveguide



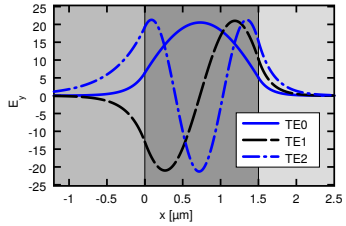
$n_s = 1.45$, $n_f = 1.99$, $n_c = 1.0$,
$d = 1.5\,\mu\text{m}$, $\lambda = 1.55\,\mu\text{m}$.

TE_0: $n_{\text{eff}} = 1.944$, TM_0: $n_{\text{eff}} = 1.933$,
TE_1: $n_{\text{eff}} = 1.804$, TM_1: $n_{\text{eff}} = 1.759$,
TE_2: $n_{\text{eff}} = 1.562$, TM_2: $n_{\text{eff}} = 1.490$.





Dielectric multilayer slab waveguide, nodal properties



(Fixed polarization, TE / TM.)

$$\partial_x(\partial_x\phi) = -(k^2 n^2 - \beta^2)\phi.$$

$k^2n^2 - \beta^2$ determines the rate of change of the slope of ϕ.

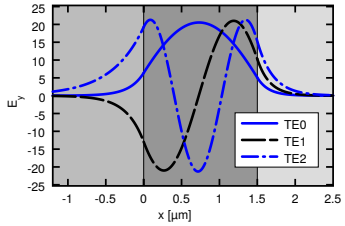
Imagine a numerical ODE algorithm of "shooting-type".

- Guided modes with a growing number of nodes (x with $\phi(x) = 0$) with decreasing effective indices
  ⇜⇝ mode indices = number of nodes in ϕ.

"Quantum numbers".

- A fundamental mode with zero nodes and highest effective index.
- Modes of the same polarization are non-degenerate.

Dielectric multilayer slab waveguide, nodal properties



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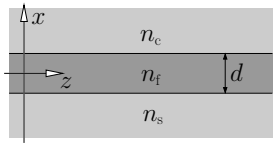
Imagine a numerical ODE algorithm of "shooting-type".

- A sign change of $\partial_x\phi$ is required to form a guided mode
  ⇝ There must be some region (layer) with $k^2n^2 - \beta^2 > 0$.

Interval for effective indices n_{eff} of guided modes:

$$\max\{n_0, n_{N+1}\} < n_{\text{eff}} < \max_l\{n_l\}.$$

3-layer slab waveguide, dispersion curves



Symmetric waveguide,
moderate refractive index contrast,
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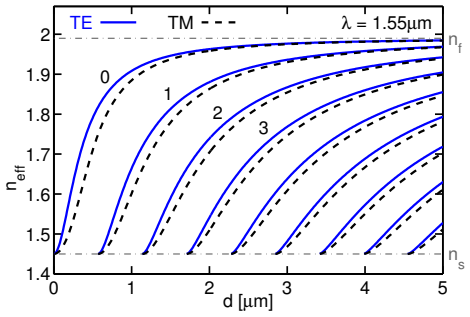

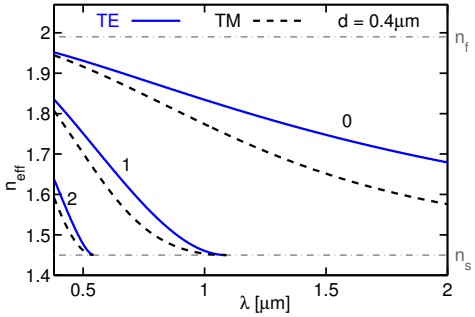

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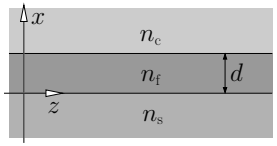
3-layer slab waveguide, dispersion curves



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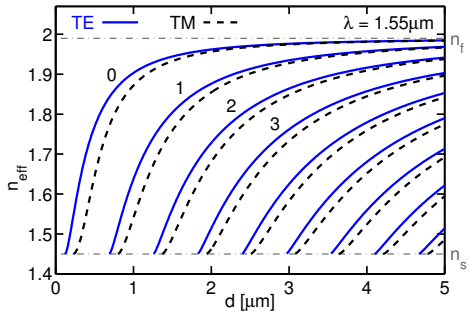

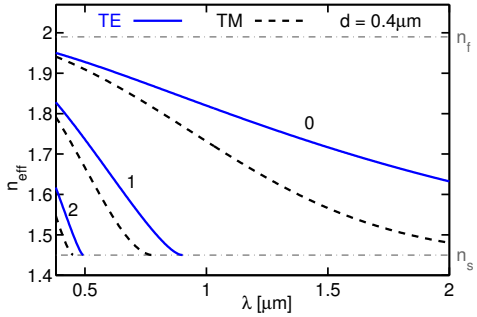

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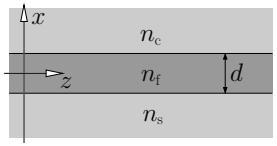

Symmetric waveguide,
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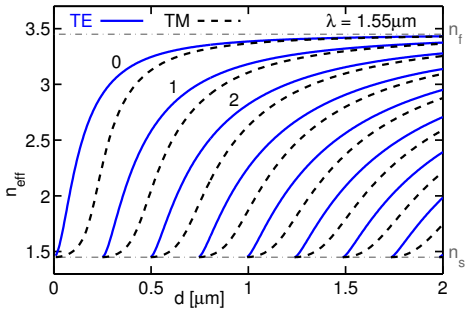

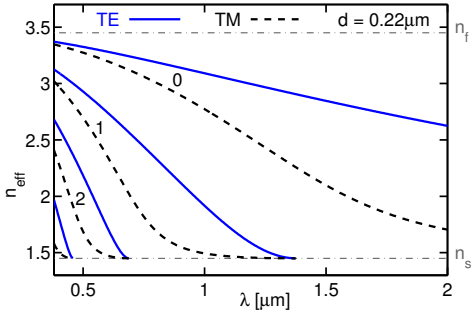

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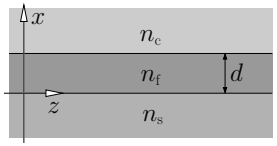

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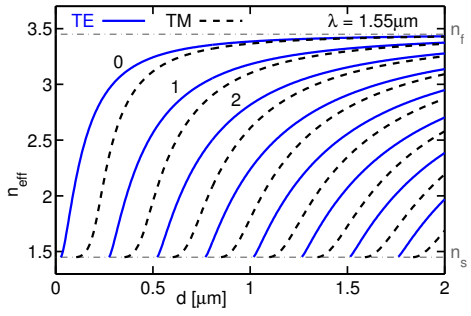

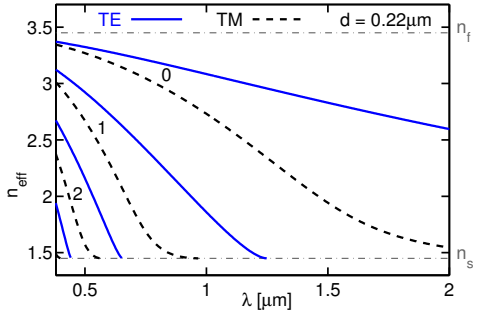

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3-layer slab waveguide, dispersion curves

Remarks / observations:

- At large core thicknesses, or short wavelengths, for all modes: n_{eff} approaches the level n_{f} of bulk waves in the core material.
- Modes of higher order at the same n_{eff} supported by waveguides with thickness increased by specific distances.

  Guided mode, layer l with $\kappa_l^2 = (k^2 n^2 - \beta^2) > 0$, field $\phi(x) \sim \cos(\kappa_l x + \chi)$ for $x \in$ layer l;
  increase layer thickness by $\Delta x = \pi/\kappa_l$, such that $\kappa_l(x + \Delta x) = \kappa_l x + \pi$
  $\longrightarrow$ the thicker waveguide supports a mode of order $+1$ with the same propagation constant.

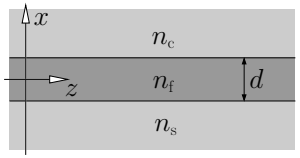
- Cutoff thicknesses at fixed wavelength.

  Nonsymmetric 3-layer waveguide $n_{\text{s}} \neq n_{\text{c}}$: There exist cutoff thicknesses for all modes.
  Symmetric 3-layer waveguide $n_{\text{s}} = n_{\text{c}}$: Cutoff thicknesses exist for all modes of order ≥ 1,
  no cutoff thickness for the fundamental TE/TM modes.

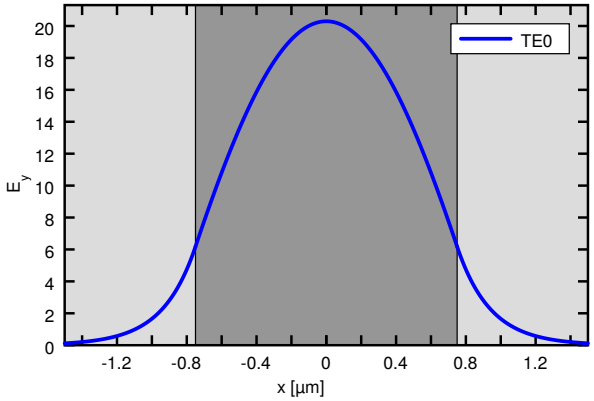
- λ is the "length-defining" quantity; wavelength scaling, factor a :
  $n_{\text{eff}}(a\lambda, ad) = n_{\text{eff}}(\lambda, d), \quad \beta(a\lambda, ad) = a^{-1}\,\beta(\lambda, d).$
- Cutoff wavelengths for waveguides with fixed thickness.

  For all modes; exception: no cutoff wavelength for the fundamental TE/TM modes in a symmetric 3-layer waveguide.

3-layer slab waveguide, mode confinement



Symmetric waveguide,
moderate refractive index contrast,
$n_{\text{s}} = 1.45,\ n_{\text{f}} = 1.99,\ n_{\text{c}} = 1.45,\ \lambda = 1.55\,\mu\text{m}$,
$d = 1.50\,\mu\text{m}$, TE_0: $n_{\text{eff}} = 1.946$.



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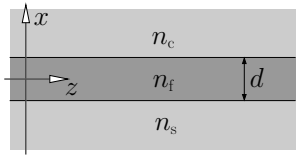

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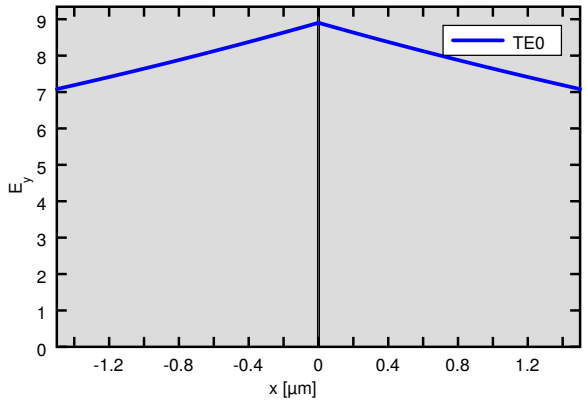
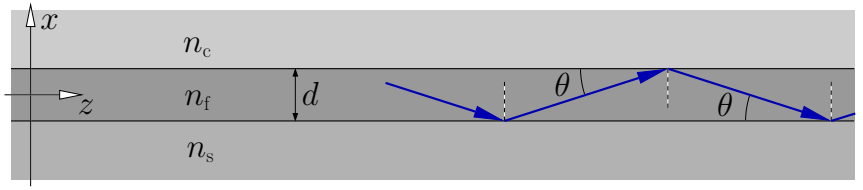
$n_{\text{s}} = 1.45,\ n_{\text{f}} = 1.99,\ n_{\text{c}} = 1.45,\ \lambda = 1.55\,\mu\text{m}$,
$d = 0.01\,\mu\text{m}$, TE_0: $n_{\text{eff}} = 1.450$.



3-layer slab waveguide, ray model



Field in the core:

$$\sim a_{\text{u}}\, e^{-i(\kappa x + \beta z)} + a_{\text{d}}\, e^{-i(-\kappa x + \beta z)}, \qquad k^2 n_{\text{f}}^2 = \beta^2 + \kappa^2$$

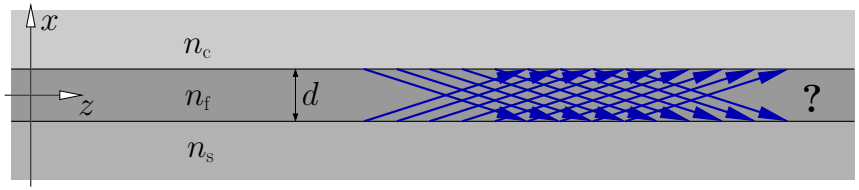
$\longleftrightarrow$ propagation angle θ with $\beta = k n_{\text{f}} \cos\theta, \quad \kappa = k n_{\text{f}} \sin\theta.$

Guided mode formation:

- Repleated total internal reflection of waves in the core at upper and lower interfaces
- Calculate optical phase gain, including phase jumps for reflection at interfaces (polarization dependent).
- Phase gain of 2π for one "round trip", "transverse resonance condition" $\longleftrightarrow$ constructive interference of waves.

(A frequently encountered intuitive model . . . of very limited applicability.)

3-layer slab waveguide, ray model



Field in the core:

$$\sim a_u\, e^{-i(\kappa x + \beta z)} + a_d\, e^{-i(-\kappa x + \beta z)}, \qquad k^2 n_f^2 = \beta^2 + \kappa^2$$

↭ propagation angle θ with $\beta = k n_f \cos\theta$, $\kappa = k n_f \sin\theta$.

Guided mode formation:
- Repleated total internal reflection of waves in the core at upper and lower interfaces
- Calculate optical phase gain, including phase jumps for reflection at interfaces (polarization dependent).
- Phase gain of 2π for one "round trip", "transverse resonance condition" ⟷ constructive interference of waves.

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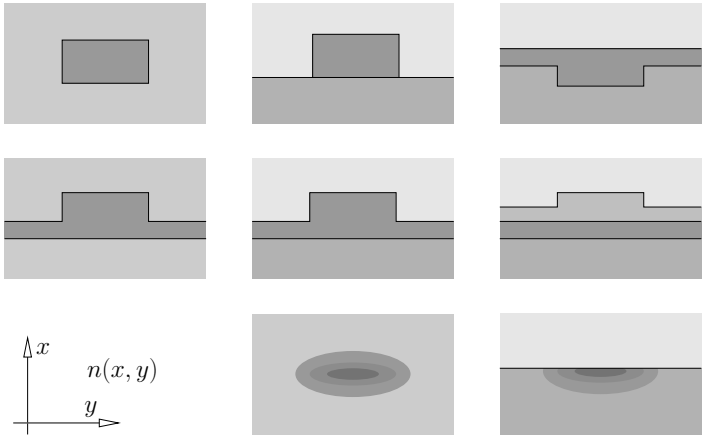
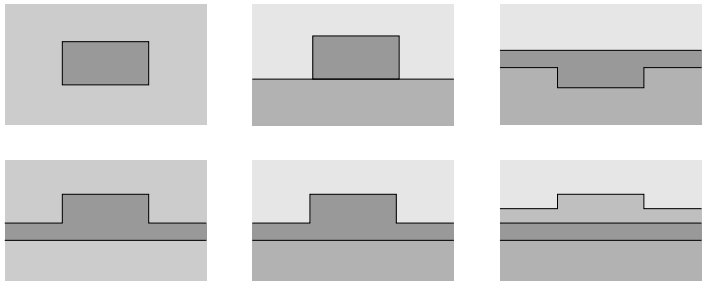
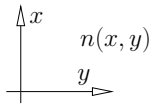
3-D waveguides



Cross sections (2-D) of typical integrated-optical waveguides.

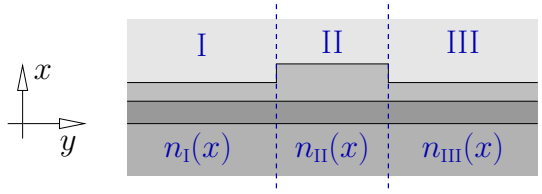
3-D rectangular waveguides





No analytical solutions :
- numerical mode solvers.
- approximations.

Effective index method



Outline: (!)
- Divide into slices ρ = I, II, III : $n(x,y) = n_\rho(x)$, if $y \in$ slice ρ.
- Compute polarized modes $X_\rho(x), \beta_\rho$, $X_\rho'' + (k^2 n_\rho^2 - \beta_\rho^2) X_\rho = 0$, $N_\rho = \beta_\rho / k$.
- Consider a scalar mode equation for the principal component Ψ of the 3-D waveguide

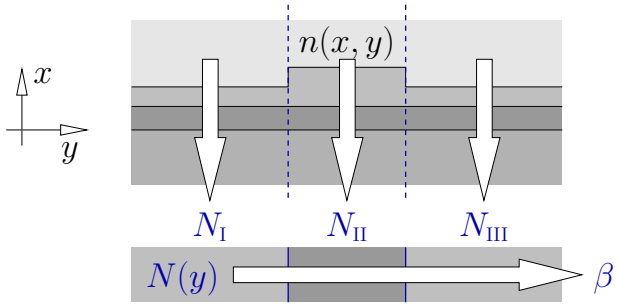
$$\partial_x^2 \Psi + \partial_y^2 \Psi + (k^2 n^2 - \beta^2)\Psi = 0, \qquad \Psi = E_y \text{ (TE)}, \ \Psi = H_y \text{ (TM)}.$$

- Ansatz: $\Psi(x,y) = X_\rho(x)\, Y(y)$, if $y \in$ slice ρ; require continuity of Y and Y'.
- Effective index profile: $N(y) := N_\rho$, if $y \in$ slice ρ.

↳ $Y'' + (k^2 N^2 - \beta^2) Y = 0$,

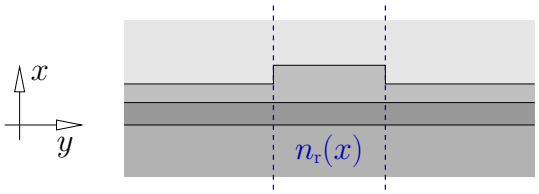
a 1-D mode equation for Y, β with the effective index profile N in place of the refractive indices.

Effective index method, schematically



Remarks / issues:
- A popular, quite intuitive method.
- Frequently an (often informal) basis for discussion of waveguide properties.
- ↔ Relevance of the slab waveguide model.
- Manifold variants / ways of improvements exist.
- What if a slice does not support a guided slab mode?
- What about higher order modes?
- How to evaluate modal fields? What about other than principal components?
- . . .

Variational effective index method



Outline: (!)
- Identify a reference slice, refractive index profile $n_\mathrm{r}(x)$.
- Compute polarized guided slab modes $(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}})_\mathrm{r}$, β_r for the reference slice.
- For each each reference slab mode : . . .
- Choose an ansatz: (VEIM)

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_x, E_y, E_z \\ H_x, H_y, H_z \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \begin{pmatrix} 0, & \bar{E}_{\mathrm{r},y}(x) Y^{E_y}(y), & \bar{E}_{\mathrm{r},y}(x) Y^{E_z}(y) \\ \bar{H}_{\mathrm{r},x}(x) Y^{H_x}(y), & \bar{H}_{\mathrm{r},z}(x) Y^{H_y}(y), & \bar{H}_{\mathrm{r},z}(x) Y^{H_z}(y) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{(TE)}$$

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↳ $Y^{\cdot}(y) = ?$

A functional for guided modes of 3-D dielectric waveguides

(→ Exercise.)

- $\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}} \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}} \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta z}, \qquad \beta \in \mathbb{R},$
  $\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}} \to 0 \text{ for } x, y \to \pm\infty.$
- $(\mathsf{C} + \mathrm{i}\beta\mathsf{R})\bar{\boldsymbol{E}} = -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0\bar{\boldsymbol{H}}, \quad (\mathsf{C} + \mathrm{i}\beta\mathsf{R})\bar{\boldsymbol{H}} = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon\bar{\boldsymbol{E}},$

$$\mathsf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathsf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \partial_y \\ 0 & 0 & -\partial_x \\ -\partial_y & \partial_x & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

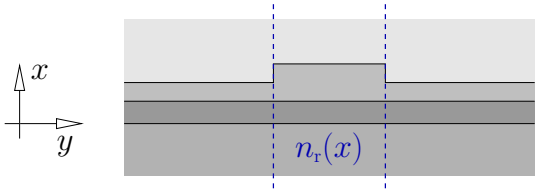
- $\mathcal{B}(\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{H}) := \dfrac{\omega\epsilon_0\langle \boldsymbol{E}, \epsilon\boldsymbol{E}\rangle + \omega\mu_0\langle \boldsymbol{H}, \boldsymbol{H}\rangle + \mathrm{i}\langle \boldsymbol{E}, \mathsf{C}\boldsymbol{H}\rangle - \mathrm{i}\langle \boldsymbol{H}, \mathsf{C}\boldsymbol{E}\rangle}{\langle \boldsymbol{E}, \mathsf{R}\boldsymbol{H}\rangle - \langle \boldsymbol{H}, \mathsf{R}\boldsymbol{E}\rangle},$

$$\langle \boldsymbol{F}, \boldsymbol{G}\rangle = \iint \boldsymbol{F}^* \cdot \boldsymbol{G}\, \mathrm{d}x\, \mathrm{d}y.$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}) = \beta, \qquad \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}s}\mathcal{B}(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}} + s\,\delta\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}} + s\,\delta\bar{\boldsymbol{H}})\Big|_{s=0} = 0$$

at valid mode fields $\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}$, for arbitrary $\delta\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}$, $\delta\bar{\boldsymbol{H}}$.

Variational effective index method

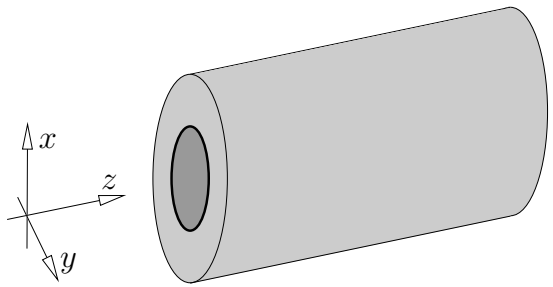


Outline, continued: (!)
- Restrict $\mathcal{B}$ to the VEIM ansatz, require stationarity with respect to the $\{Y^{\cdot}\}$.

↳ 1-D mode (“-like”) equations for principal unknowns Y^{H_x} (TE) and Y^{E_x} (TM)

with effective quantities in place of refractive indices, all other $Y^{\cdot}$ can be computed.

Optical fibers



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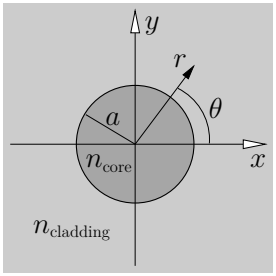
Circular step index optical fibers



(FD)

Circular symmetry

⇝ cylindrical coordinates r, θ, z.

$$\epsilon = n^2, \quad n(r) = \begin{cases} n_{\text{core}}, & r \le a, \\ n_{\text{cladding}}, & r > a. \end{cases}$$

Circular and axial symmetry:

$$\hookrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(r,\theta,z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}} \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}} \end{pmatrix}(r)\, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}l\theta - \mathrm{i}\beta z}, \qquad l \in \mathbb{Z},\ \beta \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$(E_r, E_\theta, E_z, H_r, H_\theta, H_z)$

Where $\partial\epsilon = 0$: $\quad \Delta\psi + k^2 n^2 \psi = 0, \quad \psi \in \{E_r, \dots H_z\}.$

$$\hookrightarrow \partial_r^2\phi + \frac{1}{r}\partial_r\phi + (k^2 n^2 - \beta^2 - \frac{l^2}{r^2})\phi = 0, \quad \phi \in \{\bar{E}_r, \dots \bar{H}_z\}$$

(An ODE of Bessel type.)

& vectorial interface conditions at $r = a$. (Alternatively: Scalar theory, LP modes.)

(. . .)

"Complex" waveguides

$\sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t)$ (FD)

Attenuating / gain media, leakage

⇝ Mode amplitudes change along propagation distance.

$\partial_z\epsilon = 0$, $\partial_z n = 0$, mode ansatz with complex propagation constant:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}} \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}} \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\gamma z},$$

$\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}$: mode profile,

$\gamma = \beta - \mathrm{i}\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$: propagation constant, $\qquad n_{\text{eff}} = \gamma/k \in \mathbb{C}$,

$\beta \in \mathbb{R}$: phase constant,

$\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$: attenuation constant,

$$\psi(z) \sim \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\gamma z} = \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta z}\mathrm{e}^{-\alpha z}, \quad |\psi(z)|^2 \sim \mathrm{e}^{-2\alpha z},$$

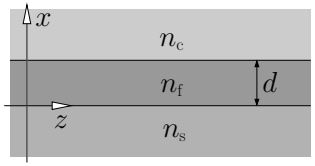
if $\alpha > 0$.

$$L_{\text{p}} = \frac{1}{2\alpha}: \text{ propagation length},$$

Applies to all former examples.

$\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$: Entire theory needs to be reconsidered, in principle.

"Complex" waveguides, loss



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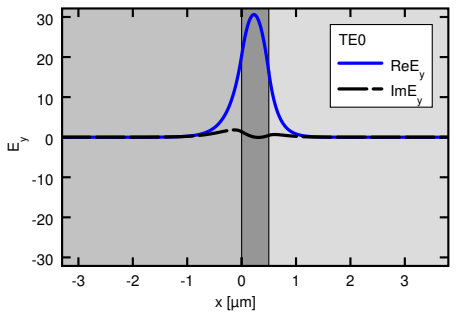
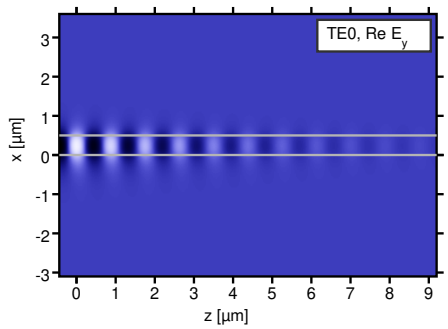
$d = 0.5\,\mu\text{m}$, $\lambda = 1.55\,\mu\text{m}$.

Bound modes:
TE_0: $n_{\text{eff}} = 1.767 - \mathrm{i}0.093$, $\quad L_{\text{p}} = 1.32\,\mu\text{m}$.





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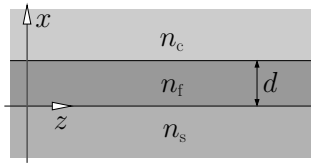

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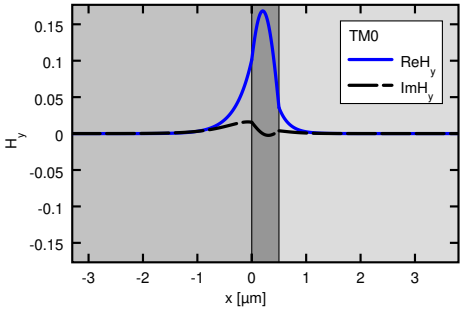

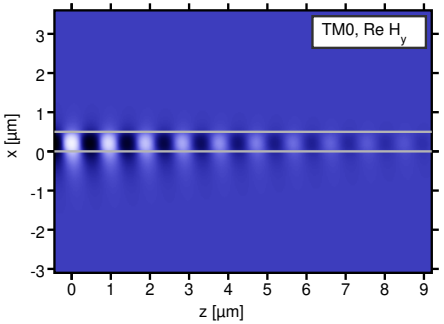

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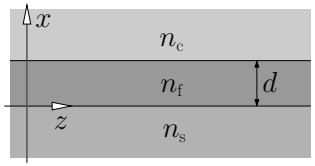

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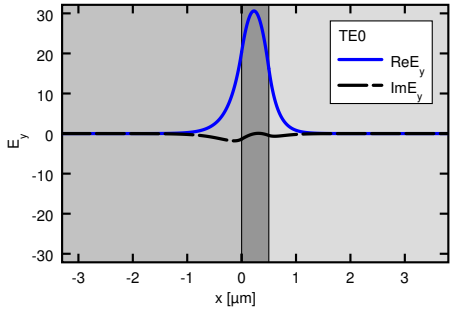

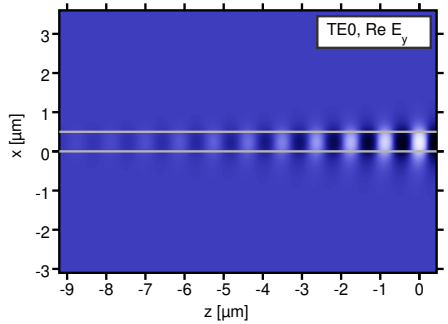

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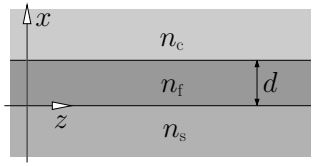

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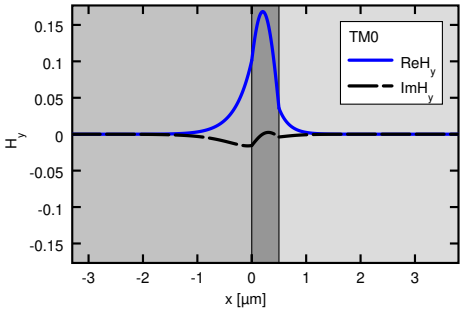

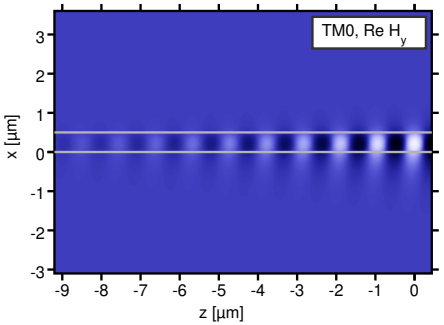

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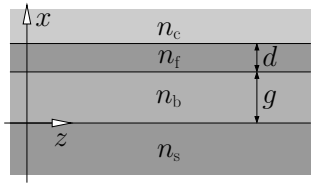

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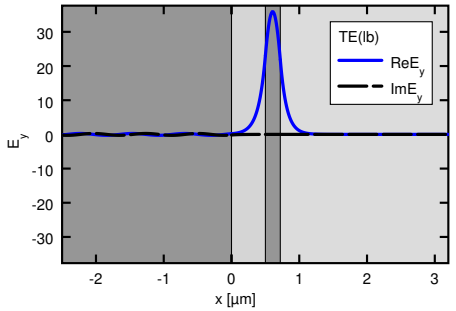
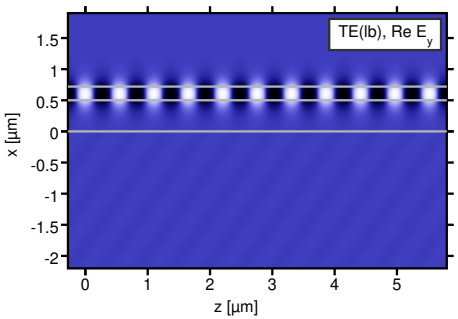
Leaky modes:
TE_0: $n_{eff} = 2.805 - i2.432 \cdot 10^{-5}$, $L_p = 5073\,\mu m$.





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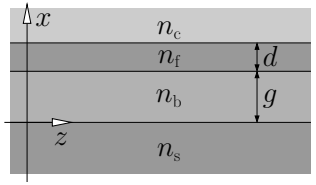

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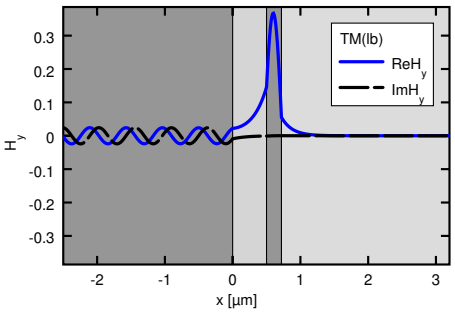
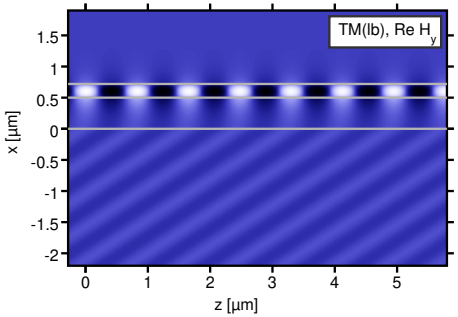
TM_0: $n_{\text{eff}} = 1.878 - \text{i}3.203\cdot 10^{-3}$, $L_p = 38.51\,\mu\text{m}$.





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Course overview

Optical waveguide theory

A Photonics / integrated optics; theory, motto; phenomena, introductory examples.
B Brush up on mathematical tools.
C Maxwell equations, different formulations, interfaces, energy and power flow.
D Classes of simulation tasks: scattering problems, mode analysis, resonance problems.
E Normal modes of dielectric optical waveguides, mode interference.
F Examples for dielectric optical waveguides.
G Waveguide discontinuities & circuits, scattering matrices, reciprocal circuits.
H Bent optical waveguides; whispering gallery resonances; circular microresonators.
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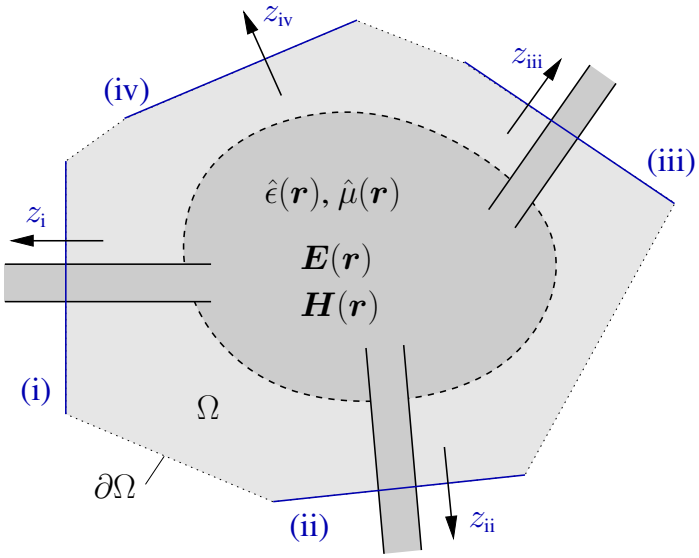
- Oblique semi-guided waves: 2-D integrated optics.

PICs, OICs, scattering matrices



Scattering matrices, prerequisites

- Passive, linear circuit. $\sim \exp(\text{i}\omega t)$ (FD)
- (Computational) domain of interest Ω, its boundary $\partial\Omega$.
- Connecting channels: lossless waveguides (or "half-spaces").
- Physical ports $p = \text{i}, \text{ii}, \ldots$: waveguide cross-section planes, local coordinates x_p, y_p, z_p; local axis z_p oriented outwards of Ω.
- Establish sets $\mathcal{N}_p$ of *propagating* directional normal modes $\{\psi^d_{p,m} := (\boldsymbol{E}^d_{p,m}, \boldsymbol{H}^d_{p,m}),\ \beta_{p,m};\ d = \text{f,b}\}$ on each port p.
  (Restriction to propagating fields: a condition on port positioning / a model assumption.)
- Ports & modes are such that all mode fields vanish on all "other" port planes, and on $\partial\Omega$ outside the ports.

↳ Field on port plane p and "outside":

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(x_p, y_p, z_p) = \sum_{m\in\mathcal{N}_p} F_{p,m}\psi^{\text{f}}_{p,m}(x_p, y_p)\ \text{e}^{-\text{i}\beta_{p,m}z_p} + B_{p,m}\psi^{\text{b}}_{p,m}(x_p, y_p)\ \text{e}^{\text{i}\beta_{p,m}z_p}.$$

Scattering matrices

$\sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\,\omega t)$ (FD)

- Merge all mode indices $\{m\}$ and port IDs $\{p\}$ into one set of mode identifiers $\{\nu\}$, $\mathcal{N} = \cup_p \mathcal{N}_p$.
- Assert that $\boldsymbol{\psi}^{\cdot}_{p,\cdot}(\boldsymbol{r}) = 0$ for all $\boldsymbol{r} \in \partial\Omega$, $\boldsymbol{r} \notin$ port p.
- Field on $\partial\Omega$: $\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{\nu\in\mathcal{N}} \{F_\nu \boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{f}}_\nu + B_\nu \boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{b}}_\nu\}$.

(Position arguments omitted.)

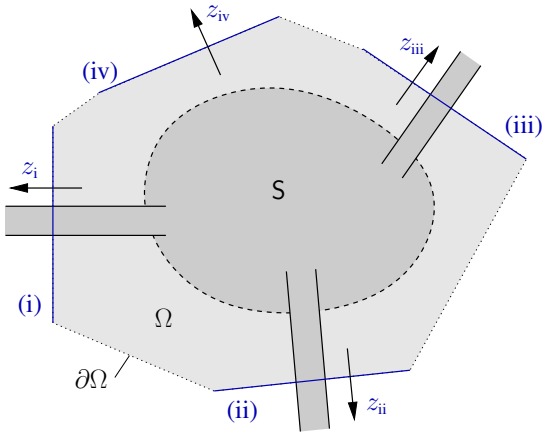
- B_ν: $\sim$ incident modes, traveling towards the interior of Ω.
  F_ν: $\sim$ outgoing modes, traveling towards the exterior of Ω.
  Combine into amplitude vectors $\boldsymbol{B}, \boldsymbol{F}$.

Linear circuit ⟷ linear dependence of $\boldsymbol{F}$ on $\boldsymbol{B}$,
Scattering matrix S of the circuit: $\boldsymbol{F} = \mathsf{S}\boldsymbol{B}$, $\mathsf{S} = (S_{\nu\mu})$.

- $S_{\nu\nu}$: $\sim (\nu, \mathrm{b}) \to (\nu, \mathrm{f})$, reflection coefficient for mode ν.
- $S_{\nu\mu}$: $\sim (\mu, \mathrm{b}) \to (\nu, \mathrm{f})$, transmission coefficient for modes μ, ν.

PICs, OICs, scattering matrices, scenarios

$\sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\,\omega t)$ (FD)



- Scenario: Full matrix S, including guided and radiation modes, large $\dim \mathsf{S}$ ↔ theoretical results.

PICs, OICs, scattering matrices, scenarios

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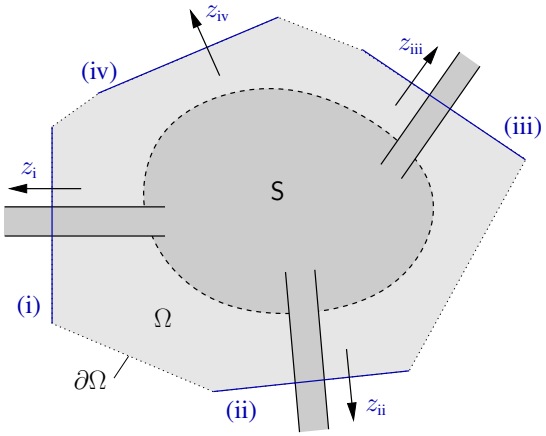

- Scenario: Restrict to a specific set of (guided) modes, or:
  Only a small set of guided modes are relevant:
  small $\dim \mathsf{S} = N \times N$ ↔ an N-port circuit, a 2-N-pole.

(N: the total number of relevant modes, not the number of ports.)

Scattering matrices, port plane positions

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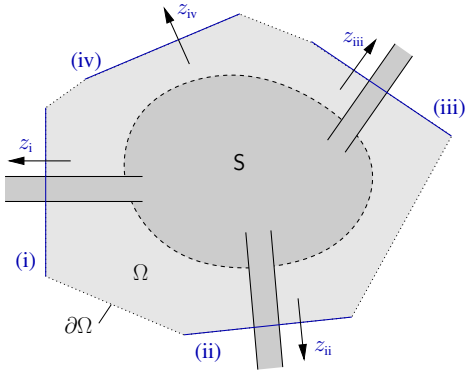
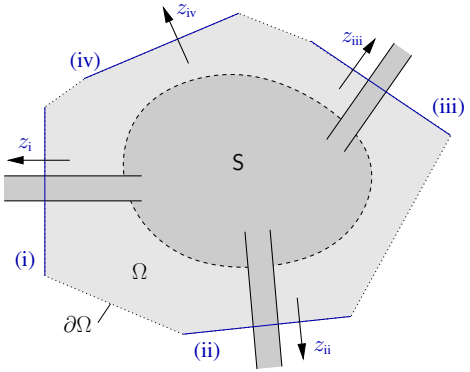


- Shift port plane of mode ν by Δz_ν: $F_\nu \to F'_\nu = F_\nu\, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta_\nu \Delta z_\nu}$,
  Shift port plane of mode μ by Δz_μ: $B_\mu \to B'_\mu = B_\mu\, \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\beta_\mu \Delta z_\mu}$,
  ↳ $F'_\nu = S'_{\nu\mu} B'_\mu$, $S'_{\nu\mu} = S_{\nu\mu}\, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}(\beta_\nu \Delta z_\nu + \beta_\mu \Delta z_\mu)}$.

(Moving port planes ↔ Phase change in reflection / transmission coefficients.)
(Moving port planes ↔ No effect on reflectances / transmittances.)

Scattering matrices, port mode orthogonality



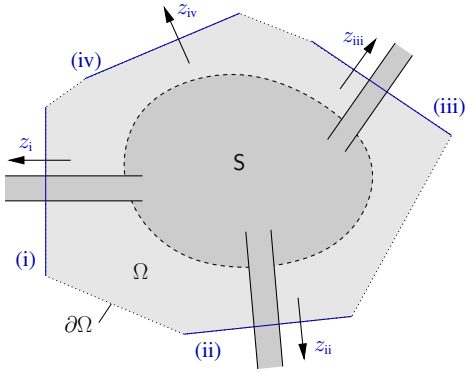
$\sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\,\omega t)$ (FD)

- Orthogonality relations on port plane p:

$$(\boldsymbol{E}_a, \boldsymbol{H}_a; \boldsymbol{E}_b, \boldsymbol{H}_b) = \frac{1}{4}\iint_p \left(E^*_{ax}H_{by} - E^*_{ay}H_{bx} + H^*_{ay}E_{bx} - H^*_{ax}E_{by}\right) \mathrm{d}x_p\,\mathrm{d}y_p$$

$$(\psi^d_{p,l}; \psi^r_{p,m}) = \pm\delta_{dr}\delta_{lm}P_{p,m}.$$ (Things restricted to propagating modes.)

Scattering matrices, port mode orthogonality



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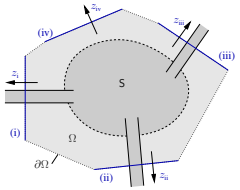
- Extend to the full boundary $\partial\Omega$:

$$(\boldsymbol{E}_a, \boldsymbol{H}_a; \boldsymbol{E}_b, \boldsymbol{H}_b) := \frac{1}{4}\int_{\partial\Omega} (\boldsymbol{E}^*_a \times \boldsymbol{H}_b + \boldsymbol{E}_b \times \boldsymbol{H}^*_a)\cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{a}$$

$$\hookrightarrow\quad (\psi^d_{p,l}; \psi^r_{q,m}) = \pm\delta_{dr}\delta_{pq}\delta_{lm}P_{p,m} \quad \text{or} \quad (\psi^d_{\nu}; \psi^r_{\mu}) = \pm\delta_{dr}\delta_{\nu\mu}P_{\nu}.$$

(Modes belonging to different ports are mutually orthogonal.)

Scattering matrices, power balance



$\sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\,\omega t)$ (FD)

- Net power outflow across the border of the circuit:

$$P = \int_{\partial\Omega} \boldsymbol{S}\cdot\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{a} = (\boldsymbol{E},\boldsymbol{H};\boldsymbol{E},\boldsymbol{H}) = \sum_p \sum_{m\in\mathcal{N}_p} \left(|F_{p,m}|^2 - |B_{p,m}|^2\right) P_{p,m}$$

$$= \sum_{\nu\in\mathcal{N}} \left(|F_\nu|^2 - |B_\nu|^2\right) P_\nu\,,$$

$(B_\xi = 0\ \ \forall \xi \neq \mu)$

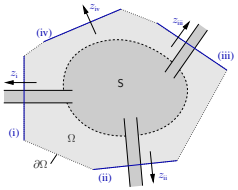
$|B_\mu|^2 P_\mu$: incident power carried by mode μ,

$|F_\nu|^2 P_\nu$: outgoing power carried by mode ν, $\qquad F_\nu = S_{\nu\mu}\,B_\mu.$

$$|S_{\nu\mu}|^2 \frac{P_\nu}{P_\mu} = \frac{|F_\nu|^2 P_\nu}{|B_\mu|^2 P_\mu}, \quad \begin{cases} \mu \neq \nu: & \text{power transmittance } \mu \to \nu, \\ \mu = \nu: & \text{power reflectance for mode } \nu. \end{cases}$$

(Uniform normalized modes, $P_\nu = P_\mu$: transmittances are directly given by elements of the scattering matrix).

Scattering matrices, power balance



$\sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\,\omega t)$ (FD)

- Net power outflow across the border of the circuit:

$$P = \int_{\partial\Omega} \boldsymbol{S}\cdot\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{a} = (\boldsymbol{E},\boldsymbol{H};\boldsymbol{E},\boldsymbol{H}) = P_0\left(\boldsymbol{B}^*\cdot(\mathsf{S}^\dagger\mathsf{S}-1)\boldsymbol{B}\right),$$

uniform normalization, $P_\nu = P_0$ for all ν.

- Lossless circuit $\quad\leftrightsquigarrow\quad \int_{\partial\Omega} \boldsymbol{S}\cdot\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{a} = 0 \quad\leftrightsquigarrow\quad \mathsf{S}^\dagger\mathsf{S} = 1,$

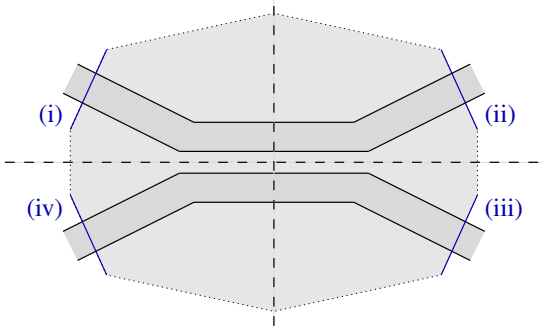
the scattering matrix of a lossless circuit is unitary.

- Lossy circuit $\quad\leftrightsquigarrow\quad \int_{\partial\Omega} \boldsymbol{S}\cdot\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{a} \leq 0 \quad\rightsquigarrow\quad \boldsymbol{B}^*\cdot\mathsf{S}^\dagger\mathsf{S}\,\boldsymbol{B} \leq \boldsymbol{B}^*\boldsymbol{B},$

$\sum_\nu |S_{\nu\mu}|^2 \leq 1$ for all μ. (The sum of transmittances mode μ to all other modes ν is less than one.)

(Interior lossy media, or radiative losses: outgoing propagating modes not taken into account.)

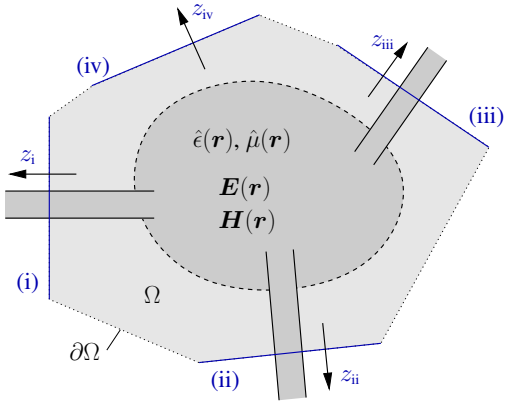
Scattering matrices, symmetry



Circuit with specific spatial symmetry
& symmetrical setting of the port planes

↳ respective symmetry in related coefficients of S,
symmetric power transmission properties.

Scattering matrices, reciprocity



$\sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t)$ (FD)

Circuit properties
for reversed
wave propagation ?

$S_{\nu\mu} \leftrightarrow S_{\mu\nu}$?

- $\boldsymbol{E}_1, \boldsymbol{H}_1$ and $\boldsymbol{E}_2, \boldsymbol{H}_2$ solve $\boldsymbol{\nabla}\times\boldsymbol{E} = -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0\hat\mu\boldsymbol{H}$, $\boldsymbol{\nabla}\times\boldsymbol{H} = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\hat\epsilon\boldsymbol{E}$.

↳ $\boldsymbol{\nabla}\cdot(\boldsymbol{E}_1\times\boldsymbol{H}_2 + \boldsymbol{H}_1\times\boldsymbol{E}_2) = 0$, if $\hat\epsilon$ and $\hat\mu$ are symmetric.

(i.e. if $\hat\epsilon^{\mathsf{T}} = \hat\epsilon$, $\hat\mu^{\mathsf{T}} = \hat\mu$.)
(Note: order of factors, no complex conjugates.)

Scattering matrices, reciprocity

- $\boldsymbol{E}_1, \boldsymbol{H}_1$ and $\boldsymbol{E}_2, \boldsymbol{H}_2$ solve $\boldsymbol{\nabla}\times\boldsymbol{E} = -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0\hat\mu\boldsymbol{H}$, $\boldsymbol{\nabla}\times\boldsymbol{H} = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\hat\epsilon\boldsymbol{E}$

↳ $\boldsymbol{\nabla}\cdot(\boldsymbol{E}_1\times\boldsymbol{H}_2 + \boldsymbol{H}_1\times\boldsymbol{E}_2) = 0$, if $\hat\epsilon$ and $\hat\mu$ are symmetric,

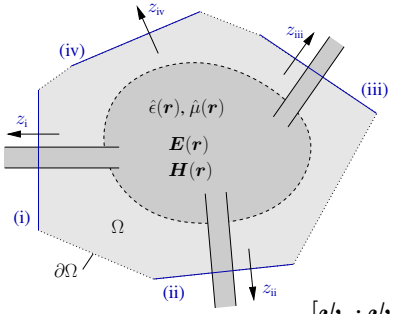
↳ $0 = \int_\Omega \boldsymbol{\nabla}\cdot(\boldsymbol{E}_1\times\boldsymbol{H}_2 + \boldsymbol{H}_1\times\boldsymbol{E}_2)\,\mathrm{d}^3 r = \int_{\partial\Omega}(\boldsymbol{E}_1\times\boldsymbol{H}_2 + \boldsymbol{H}_1\times\boldsymbol{E}_2)\cdot\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{a}.$

- Fields on $\partial\Omega$: $\begin{pmatrix}\boldsymbol{E}\\ \boldsymbol{H}\end{pmatrix}_j = \sum_{\nu\in\mathcal{N}}\{F_{j,\nu}\psi^{\mathrm{f}}_\nu + B_{j,\nu}\psi^{\mathrm{b}}_\nu\}, \qquad j = 1,2,$

$[\psi_a;\psi_b] := \int_{\partial\Omega}(\boldsymbol{E}_a\times\boldsymbol{H}_b + \boldsymbol{H}_a\times\boldsymbol{E}_b)\cdot\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{a},$

↳ $0 = \sum_\nu\sum_\mu\big(\;F_{1,\nu}F_{2,\mu}[\psi^{\mathrm{f}}_\nu;\psi^{\mathrm{f}}_\mu] + F_{1,\nu}B_{2,\mu}[\psi^{\mathrm{f}}_\nu;\psi^{\mathrm{b}}_\mu]$
$+ B_{1,\nu}F_{2,\mu}[\psi^{\mathrm{b}}_\nu;\psi^{\mathrm{f}}_\mu] + B_{1,\nu}B_{2,\mu}[\psi^{\mathrm{b}}_\nu;\psi^{\mathrm{b}}_\mu]\big).$

Scattering matrices, reciprocity



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$[\psi_a;\psi_b] := \int_{\partial\Omega}(\boldsymbol{E}_a\times\boldsymbol{H}_b + \boldsymbol{H}_a\times\boldsymbol{E}_b)\cdot\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{a}.$

- $[\psi^{\cdot}_\nu;\psi^{\cdot}_\mu] = 0$, if ν and μ relate to different ports.
- If ν and μ relate to the same port plane p:
$[\psi^r_\nu;\psi^d_\mu] = \iint_p\big(E^r_{\nu x}H^d_{\mu y} - E^r_{\nu y}H^d_{\mu x} - H^r_{\nu y}E^d_{\mu x} + H^r_{\nu x}E^d_{\mu y}\big)\,\mathrm{d}x_p\,\mathrm{d}y_p.$

Scattering matrices, reciprocity

- If ν and μ relate to the same port plane p:
  $$[\psi^r_\nu;\psi^d_\mu] = \iint_p \left(E^r_{\nu x}H^d_{\mu y} - E^r_{\nu y}H^d_{\mu x} - H^r_{\nu y}E^d_{\mu x} + H^r_{\nu x}E^d_{\mu y}\right)\mathrm{d}x_p\,\mathrm{d}y_p.$$

- Compare with the modal orthogonality relations on port plane p,
  for propagating modes with real transverse components:
  $$(\psi^r_\nu;\psi^d_\mu) = \frac{1}{4}\iint_p \left(E^r_{\nu x}H^d_{\mu y} - E^r_{\nu y}H^d_{\mu x} + H^r_{\nu y}E^d_{\mu x} - H^r_{\nu x}E^d_{\mu y}\right)\mathrm{d}x_p\,\mathrm{d}y_p,$$
  $$(\psi^{\mathrm{f}}_\nu;\psi^{\mathrm{f}}_\mu) = \delta_{\nu\mu}P_\nu,\quad (\psi^{\mathrm{b}}_\nu;\psi^{\mathrm{b}}_\mu) = -\delta_{\nu\mu}P_\nu,\quad (\psi^{\mathrm{f}}_\nu;\psi^{\mathrm{b}}_\mu) = (\psi^{\mathrm{b}}_\nu;\psi^{\mathrm{f}}_\mu) = 0.$$

- $\psi^{\mathrm{f}} = (E_x, E_y,\ \mathrm{i}E_z,\ H_x,\ H_y, \mathrm{i}H_z)^{\mathsf{T}}$
  $\psi^{\mathrm{b}} = (E_x, E_y, -\mathrm{i}E_z,\ -H_x, -H_y, \mathrm{i}H_z)^{\mathsf{T}}$. (Real components).

$$[\psi^{\mathrm{f}}_\nu;\psi^{\mathrm{f}}_\mu] = [\psi^{\mathrm{b}}_\nu;\psi^{\mathrm{b}}_\mu] = 0,\quad [\psi^{\mathrm{f}}_\nu;\psi^{\mathrm{b}}_\mu] = -\delta_{\nu\mu}4P_\nu,\quad [\psi^{\mathrm{b}}_\nu;\psi^{\mathrm{f}}_\mu] = \delta_{\nu\mu}4P_\nu.$$

Scattering matrices, reciprocity

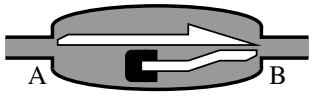
$$0 = \sum_\nu 4P_\nu\left(B_{1,\nu}F_{2,\nu} - F_{1,\nu}B_{2,\nu}\right),$$
uniform normalization $P_\nu = P_0$,
$$0 = \sum_\nu \left(B_{1,\nu}F_{2,\nu} - F_{1,\nu}B_{2,\nu}\right),$$
$$0 = \boldsymbol{B}_1\cdot\boldsymbol{F}_2 - \boldsymbol{F}_1\cdot\boldsymbol{B}_2,\qquad \boldsymbol{F}_j = \mathsf{S}\boldsymbol{B}_j,$$
$$0 = \boldsymbol{B}_1\cdot\mathsf{S}\boldsymbol{B}_2 - (\mathsf{S}\boldsymbol{B}_1)\cdot\boldsymbol{B}_2,$$
$$0 = \boldsymbol{B}_1\cdot\mathsf{S}\boldsymbol{B}_2 - \boldsymbol{B}_1\cdot\mathsf{S}^{\mathsf{T}}\boldsymbol{B}_2,$$
$$0 = \boldsymbol{B}_1\cdot\left(\mathsf{S} - \mathsf{S}^{\mathsf{T}}\right)\boldsymbol{B}_2 \quad \text{for all } \boldsymbol{B}_1, \boldsymbol{B}_2.$$

$$\mathsf{S} = \mathsf{S}^{\mathsf{T}},\quad S_{\nu\mu} = S_{\mu\nu} \text{ for all } \nu, \mu.$$

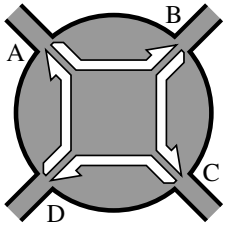
The scattering matrix of a reciprocal circuit is symmetric.

Reciprocal circuit: made of reciprocal media, with $\hat{\epsilon} = \hat{\epsilon}^{\mathsf{T}}$, $\hat{\mu} = \hat{\mu}^{\mathsf{T}}$.

Nonreciprocal devices



Isolator:
unidirectional transmission,
$S_{\mathrm{BA}} = 1,\quad S_{\mathrm{AB}} = 0.$



Circulator:
transmission cycle,
$S_{\mathrm{BA}} = 1,\quad S_{\mathrm{CB}} = 1,\quad S_{\mathrm{DC}} = 1,\quad S_{\mathrm{AD}} = 1,$
$S_{..} = 0$ otherwise.

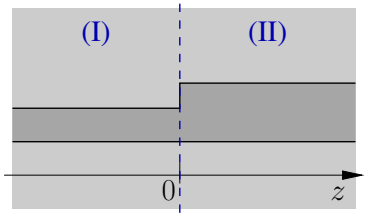
Required: nonreciprocal media with $\hat{\epsilon} \neq \hat{\epsilon}^{\mathsf{T}}$,
magnetooptic media, Faraday effect.

Nonreciprocal devices

What about, for example,

- a long, "adiabatic" Y-junction ?
- a junction between a single mode core and a wider multimode waveguide ?

Waveguide discontinuities



Half-infinite waveguides (I), (II), discontinuity at $z = 0$.

- Expand into local normal modes $\{\boldsymbol{\psi}^d_{s,m}, \beta_{s,m}\}$, $m \in \mathcal{N}_s$, $s = \mathrm{I}, \mathrm{II}$:

  Transverse boundary conditions ◂▸ discrete sets.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}_s (x,y,z) = \sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}_s} \left\{ f_{s,m} \boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{f}}_{s,m}(x,y)\, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta_{s,m} z} + b_{s,m} \boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{b}}_{s,m}(x,y)\, \mathrm{e}^{+\mathrm{i}\beta_{s,m} z} \right\},$$

$z < 0$: $s = \mathrm{I}$, $f_{\mathrm{I},m}$ given influx, $b_{\mathrm{I},m}$ unknown,
$z > 0$: $s = \mathrm{II}$, $f_{\mathrm{II},m}$ unknown, $b_{\mathrm{II},m}$ given influx.

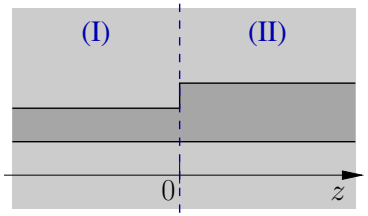
↳ $(\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{H})_{\mathrm{I,II}}$ are solutions for $z < 0$ and $z > 0$.

- Continuity of the tangential components of $\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{H}$ at the interface
  ◂▸ formally equate expressions for $(\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{H})_{\mathrm{I,II}}$ at $z = 0$.

  (Only equality of E_x, E_y, H_x, H_y will be relevant.)

- Project on $\boldsymbol{\psi}^d_{s,l}$ to extract coefficients ...

Waveguide discontinuities, scattering matrix



(Global coordinate $z \neq$ former local coordinate on port I.)
(One variant of a projection procedure.)

- $(\boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{b}}_{\mathrm{I},l};\ \cdot = \cdot\,)$, $l \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathrm{I}}$:

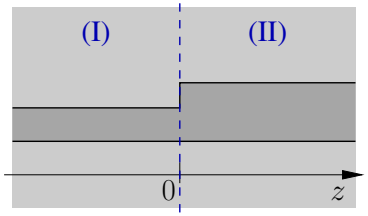
$$\sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathrm{I}}} \left[f_{\mathrm{I},m}(\boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{b}}_{\mathrm{I},l}; \boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{f}}_{\mathrm{I},m}) + b_{\mathrm{I},m}(\boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{b}}_{\mathrm{I},l}; \boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{b}}_{\mathrm{I},m}) \right] = \sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathrm{II}}} \left[f_{\mathrm{II},m}(\boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{b}}_{\mathrm{I},l}; \boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{f}}_{\mathrm{II},m}) + b_{\mathrm{II},m}(\boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{b}}_{\mathrm{I},l}; \boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{b}}_{\mathrm{II},m}) \right],$$

- $(\boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{f}}_{\mathrm{II},l};\ \cdot = \cdot\,)$, $l \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathrm{II}}$:

$$\sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathrm{I}}} \left[f_{\mathrm{I},m}(\boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{f}}_{\mathrm{II},l}; \boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{f}}_{\mathrm{I},m}) + b_{\mathrm{I},m}(\boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{f}}_{\mathrm{II},l}; \boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{b}}_{\mathrm{I},m}) \right] = \sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathrm{II}}} \left[f_{\mathrm{II},m}(\boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{f}}_{\mathrm{II},l}; \boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{f}}_{\mathrm{II},m}) + b_{\mathrm{II},m}(\boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{f}}_{\mathrm{II},l}; \boldsymbol{\psi}^{\mathrm{b}}_{\mathrm{II},m}) \right],$$

↳ ... ⇝ $$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{b}_{\mathrm{I}} \\ \boldsymbol{f}_{\mathrm{II}} \end{pmatrix} = \mathsf{S} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{f}_{\mathrm{I}} \\ \boldsymbol{b}_{\mathrm{II}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathsf{S}_{\mathrm{I,I}} & \mathsf{S}_{\mathrm{I,II}} \\ \mathsf{S}_{\mathrm{II,I}} & \mathsf{S}_{\mathrm{II,II}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{f}_{\mathrm{I}} \\ \boldsymbol{b}_{\mathrm{II}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Waveguide discontinuities, overlap model



Most simplified variant:
Unidirectional overlap model.

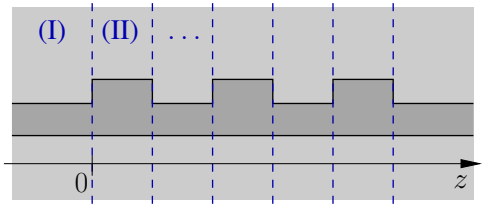
- (I): Incoming guided mode $\boldsymbol{\psi}_{\mathrm{I}}$, reflections & radiation neglected.
  (II): Outgoing guided modes $\boldsymbol{\psi}_{\mathrm{II},m}$, radiation neglected.

- $f_{\mathrm{I}}\, \boldsymbol{\psi}_{\mathrm{I}} \approx \sum_m f_{\mathrm{II},m}\, \boldsymbol{\psi}_{\mathrm{II},m}$ at $z = 0$.

↳ $$f_{\mathrm{II},m} = \frac{(\boldsymbol{\psi}_{\mathrm{II},m}; \boldsymbol{\psi}_{\mathrm{I}})}{(\boldsymbol{\psi}_{\mathrm{II},m}; \boldsymbol{\psi}_{\mathrm{II},m})}\, f_{\mathrm{I}}, \quad \text{or} \quad f_{\mathrm{II},m} = \frac{1}{P_{\mathrm{II},m}} (\boldsymbol{\psi}_{\mathrm{II},m}; \boldsymbol{\psi}_{\mathrm{I}})\, f_{\mathrm{I}}.$$

(Transmission is given directly by the "overlaps" ◂▸ Relevance of the mode products $(\,\cdot\,;\,\cdot\,)$.)
(Cf. explicit expressions for overlaps of 2-D modes, involving only principal mode profile components.)

A sequence of waveguide discontinuities



- Divide into segments.
- Establish local normal mode expansions.
- Project on local modes.

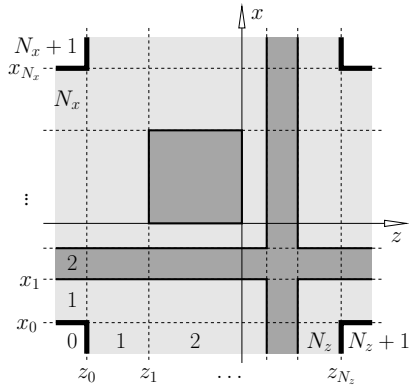
↳ Linear system of equations for all local mode amplitudes.

↳ Solve $(\ldots)$ ⇝ $\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z)$.

Bidirectional eigenmode propagation (BEP),
Eigenmode expansion method (EME),
... .

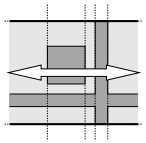
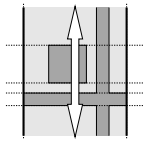
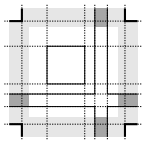
(Radiated outgoing fields: Open boundary conditions required (PMLs) ◂▸ Complex eigenmodes.)
(2-D: ok. 3-D: ?)

Rectangular 2-D circuits



Quadridirectional Eigenmode Propagation (QUEP)

- Divide into slices & layers.
- Establish local modes:
  Propagation along $\pm z$,
  & Propagation along $\pm x$,
  boundary conditions $\phi = 0$.
- Project at horizontal & vertical interfaces.

↳ horizontal BEP, vertical BEP, continuity at x_0, x_N, z_0, z_N.

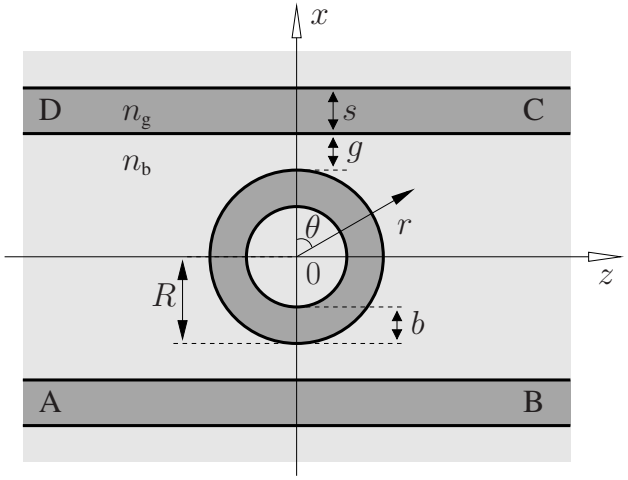
Course overview

Optical waveguide theory

A Photonics / integrated optics; theory, motto; phenomena, introductory examples.
B Brush up on mathematical tools.
C Maxwell equations, different formulations, interfaces, energy and power flow.
D Classes of simulation tasks: scattering problems, mode analysis, resonance problems.
E Normal modes of dielectric optical waveguides, mode interference.
F Examples for dielectric optical waveguides.
G Waveguide discontinuities & circuits, scattering matrices, reciprocal circuits.
H Bent optical waveguides; whispering gallery resonances; circular microresonators.
I Coupled mode theory, perturbation theory.
J A touch of photonic crystals; a touch of plasmonics.

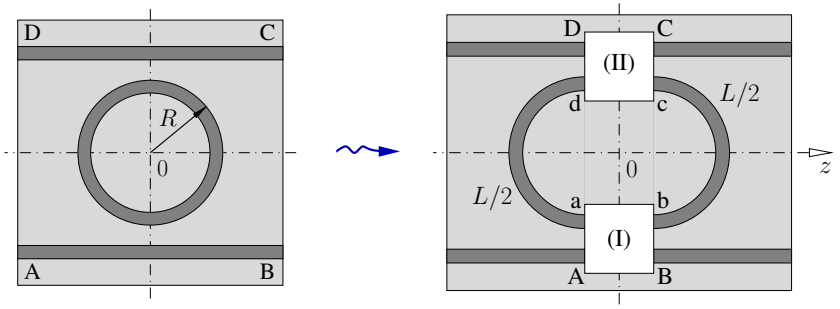
- Hybrid analytical / numerical coupled mode theory.
- Oblique semi-guided waves: 2-D integrated optics.

Circular traveling wave resonators



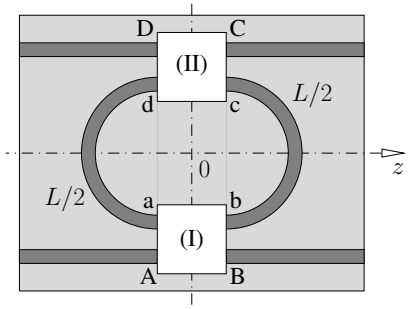
Integrated optical micro-ring or micro-disk resonators.

Ringresonator: Abstract model



- Ringresonator $\approx$ 2 couplers + 2 cavity segments
- CW description: $\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{H} \sim \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\omega t}$, $\omega = k\,\mathrm{c}$, $k = 2\pi/\lambda$.

Couplers: Scattering matrices



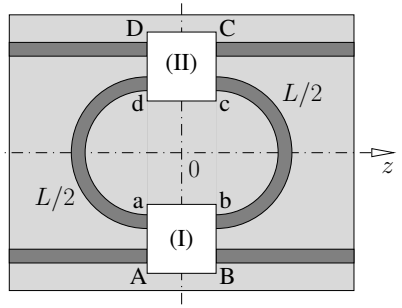
- Uniform polarization, single mode waveguides.
- Linear, nonmagnetic (attenuating) elements.
- Backreflections are negligible.
- Interaction restricted to the couplers ↔ "port" definition.

↳ *Symmetric* coupler scattering matrices :

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_- \\ a_- \\ B_+ \\ b_+ \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \rho & \kappa \\ 0 & 0 & \chi & \tau \\ \rho & \chi & 0 & 0 \\ \kappa & \tau & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_+ \\ a_+ \\ B_- \\ b_- \end{pmatrix}$$

$A_\pm$, $B_\pm$, $a_\pm$, $b_\pm$: Amplitudes of waves traveling in $\pm z$-direction.

Coupler symmetries



Symmetry $z \to -z$:

$A_+ \to b_+ \overset{!}{=} B_- \to a_-$

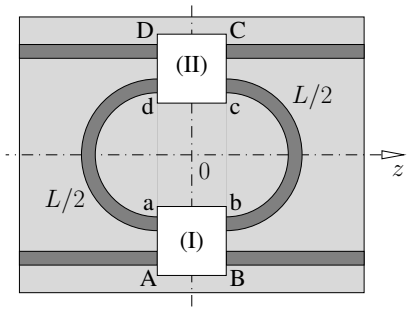
$$\begin{pmatrix} A_- \\ a_- \\ B_+ \\ b_+ \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \rho & \kappa \\ 0 & 0 & \kappa & \tau \\ \rho & \kappa & 0 & 0 \\ \kappa & \tau & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_+ \\ a_+ \\ B_- \\ b_- \end{pmatrix}$$

↳ $\begin{pmatrix} A_- \\ a_- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho & \kappa \\ \kappa & \tau \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B_- \\ b_- \end{pmatrix}$, $\qquad \begin{pmatrix} B_+ \\ b_+ \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho & \kappa \\ \kappa & \tau \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_+ \\ a_+ \end{pmatrix}$.

Symmetry $x \to -x$, (I) = (II) :

↳ $\begin{pmatrix} D_- \\ d_- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho & \kappa \\ \kappa & \tau \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C_- \\ c_- \end{pmatrix}$, $\qquad \begin{pmatrix} C_+ \\ c_+ \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho & \kappa \\ \kappa & \tau \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D_+ \\ d_+ \end{pmatrix}$.

Cavity segments



Field evolution $\sim \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\gamma s}$ along the cavity core, propagation distance s.

$\gamma = \beta - \mathrm{i}\alpha$,

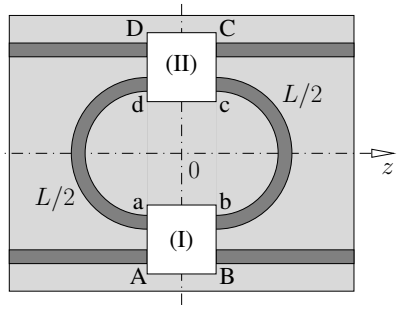
β : phase propagation constant,
α : attenuation constant.

(↔ bend modes, to come.)

↳ Relations of amplitudes at the ends of the cavity segments :

$$c_- = b_+ \, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta L/2} \; \mathrm{e}^{-\alpha L/2}, \qquad a_+ = d_- \, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta L/2} \; \mathrm{e}^{-\alpha L/2},$$
$$b_- = c_+ \, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta L/2} \; \mathrm{e}^{-\alpha L/2}, \qquad d_+ = a_- \, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta L/2} \; \mathrm{e}^{-\alpha L/2}.$$

Output amplitudes



Coupler scattering matrices
+ Cavity field evolution
+ External input amplitudes

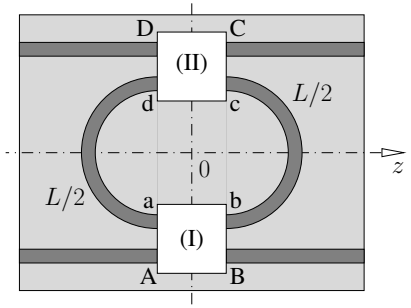
$A_+ = \sqrt{P_{\mathrm{in}}}$,
$B_- = C_- = D_+ = 0$

External output amplitudes :

$$A_- = 0, \quad C_+ = 0, \quad D_- = \frac{\kappa^2 p}{1 - \tau^2 p^2} A_+, \quad B_+ = \left(\rho + \frac{\kappa^2 \tau p^2}{1 - \tau^2 p^2} \right) A_+,$$

$p = \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta L/2} \; \mathrm{e}^{-\alpha L/2}$.

Power transfer



Power drop : $P_{\rm D} = |D_-|^2$,

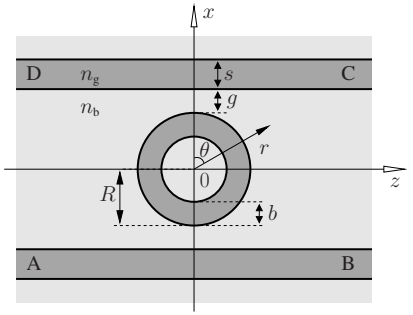
Transmission : $P_{\rm T} = |B_+|^2$.

$$P_{\rm D} = P_{\rm in}\frac{|\kappa|^4\,{\rm e}^{-\alpha L}}{1+|\tau|^4\,{\rm e}^{-2\alpha L}-2|\tau|^2\,{\rm e}^{-\alpha L}\,\cos(\beta L-2\varphi)}$$

$$P_{\rm T} = P_{\rm in}\frac{|\rho|^2(1+|\tau|^2 d^2\,{\rm e}^{-2\alpha L}-2|\tau| d\,{\rm e}^{-\alpha L}\,\cos(\beta L-\varphi-\psi))}{1+|\tau|^4\,{\rm e}^{-2\alpha L}-2|\tau|^2\,{\rm e}^{-\alpha L}\,\cos(\beta L-2\varphi)}$$

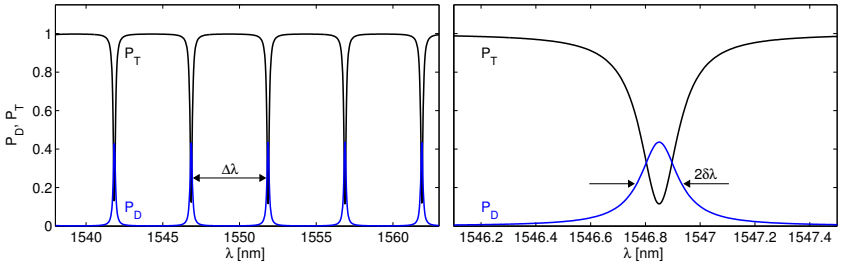
$\tau =: |\tau|\,{\rm e}^{{\rm i}\varphi}$, $d\,{\rm e}^{{\rm i}\psi} := \tau - \kappa^2/\rho$, $L \neq 2\pi R$.

Spectral response



$R = 50\,\mu$m, $b = s = 1.0\,\mu$m, $g = 0.9\,\mu$m,
$n_{\rm b} = 1.45$, $n_{\rm g} = 1.60$; 2-D, TE.

$\Delta\lambda = 5.0\,$nm, $2\delta\lambda = 0.17\,$nm,
$F = 30$, $Q = 9400$, $P_{\rm D,res} = 0.44$.



Resonances

$$P_{\rm D} = P_{\rm in}\frac{|\kappa|^4\,{\rm e}^{-\alpha L}}{1+|\tau|^4\,{\rm e}^{-2\alpha L}-2|\tau|^2\,{\rm e}^{-\alpha L}\,\cos(\beta L-2\varphi)}\;(\lambda)$$

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- Resonances :
  $\approx$ Singularities in the denominators of $P_{\rm D}$, $P_{\rm T}$, origin : $\beta(\lambda)$.
- Correction for finite coupler length l :
  $\beta L - 2\varphi = \beta L_{\rm cav} - \phi$, $\phi = 2\beta l + 2\varphi$, $L_{\rm cav} = 2\pi R$, $\partial_\lambda \phi \approx 0$.
- Resonance condition : $\cos(\beta L_{\rm cav} - \phi) = 1$, or

$$\beta = \frac{2m\pi+\phi}{L_{\rm cav}} =: \beta_m \quad \text{integer } m; \qquad P_{\rm D}|_{\beta=\beta_m} = P_{\rm in}\frac{|\kappa|^4\,{\rm e}^{-\alpha L}}{(1-|\tau|^2\,{\rm e}^{-\alpha L})^2}\,.$$

Free spectral range

- Resonance next to β_m :

$$\beta_{m-1} = \frac{2(m-1)\pi + \phi}{L_{\text{cav}}} = \beta_m - \frac{2\pi}{L_{\text{cav}}} \approx \beta_m + \left.\frac{\partial\beta}{\partial\lambda}\right|_m \Delta\lambda$$

- $\partial_\lambda \beta = ?$
  q_j : waveguide parameters with dimension length,
  $\beta(a\lambda, aq_j) = \beta(\lambda, q_j)/a, \quad \partial_a\,|_{a=1}$
  $\hookrightarrow \quad \dfrac{\partial\beta}{\partial\lambda} = -\dfrac{1}{\lambda}\left(\beta + \sum_j q_j \dfrac{\partial\beta}{\partial q_j}\right) \approx -\dfrac{\beta}{\lambda}\,.$

FSR : $\quad \Delta\lambda = -\dfrac{2\pi}{L_{\text{cav}}}\left(\left.\dfrac{\partial\beta}{\partial\lambda}\right|_m\right)^{-1} \approx \left.\dfrac{\lambda^2}{n_{\text{eff}} L_{\text{cav}}}\right|_m, \qquad n_{\text{eff}} = \beta/k.$

(Free spectral range, the spectral distance (here: wavelength) between the drop peaks / the transmission dips).)

Spectral width of the resonances

- $P_{\text{D}} = P_{\text{in}} \dfrac{|\kappa|^4\, \mathrm{e}^{-\alpha L}}{1 + |\tau|^4\, \mathrm{e}^{-2\alpha L} - 2|\tau|^2\, \mathrm{e}^{-\alpha L} \cos(\beta L_{\text{cav}} - \phi)}\,,$
  $P_{\text{D}}|_{\beta_m} = P_{\text{D,res}}\,.$
- $P_{\text{D}}|_{\beta_m + \delta\beta} = P_{\text{D,res}}/2\,. \qquad \delta\beta = ?$
- Expansion of cos-terms
  $\hookrightarrow \quad \delta\beta = \pm\dfrac{1}{L_{\text{cav}}}\left(\dfrac{1}{|\tau|}\,\mathrm{e}^{\alpha L/2} - |\tau|\,\mathrm{e}^{-\alpha L/2}\right) \approx -\dfrac{\beta_m}{\lambda}\,\delta\lambda$

FWHM : $\quad 2\delta\lambda = \left.\dfrac{\lambda^2}{\pi L_{\text{cav}} n_{\text{eff}}}\right|_m \left(\dfrac{1}{|\tau|}\,\mathrm{e}^{\alpha L/2} - |\tau|\,\mathrm{e}^{-\alpha L/2}\right).$

(Full width at half maximum of the spectral drop peaks / the transmission dips (wavelength).)

Finesse & Q-factor

Finesse : $\quad F = \dfrac{\Delta\lambda}{2\delta\lambda} = \pi \dfrac{|\tau|\,\mathrm{e}^{-\alpha L/2}}{1 - |\tau|^2\,\mathrm{e}^{-\alpha L}}\,.$

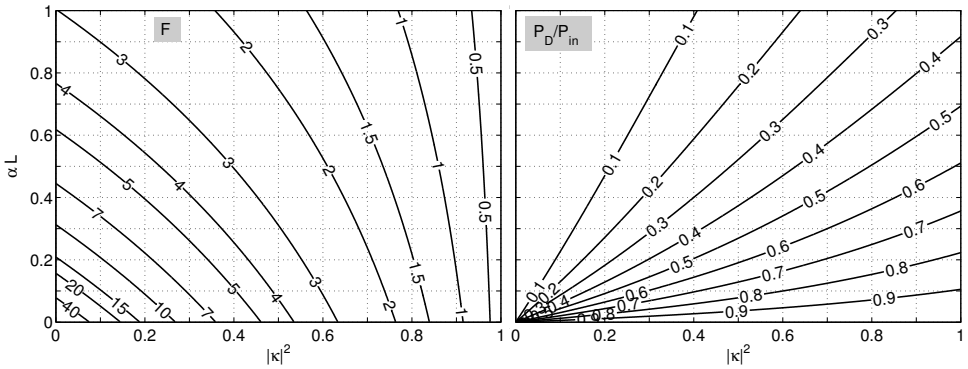
Q-factor : $\quad Q = \dfrac{\lambda}{2\delta\lambda} = \pi \dfrac{n_{\text{eff}} L_{\text{cav}}}{\lambda} \dfrac{|\tau|\,\mathrm{e}^{-\alpha L/2}}{1 - |\tau|^2\,\mathrm{e}^{-\alpha L}} = \dfrac{n_{\text{eff}} L_{\text{cav}}}{\lambda} F\,.$

or $\quad Q = kRn_{\text{eff}}F \quad$ for $\quad L_{\text{cav}} = 2\pi R\,.$

Performance versus coupling strength & losses

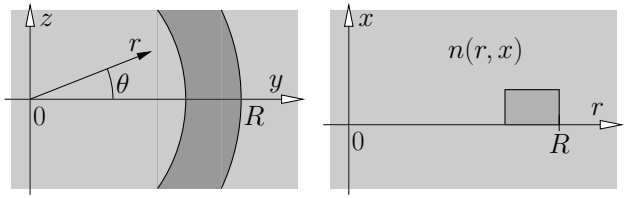
Assumption : Lossless coupler elements, $|\rho|^2 = |\tau|^2 = 1 - |\kappa|^2$.

$$F = \pi \frac{(\sqrt{1-|\kappa|^2})\,\mathrm{e}^{-\alpha L/2}}{1 - (1-|\kappa|^2)\,\mathrm{e}^{-\alpha L}}\,, \qquad P_{\text{D}}|_{\text{res}} = P_{\text{in}} \frac{|\kappa|^4\,\mathrm{e}^{-\alpha L}}{(1 - (1-|\kappa|^2)\,\mathrm{e}^{-\alpha L})^2}\,.$$



$\alpha, \kappa = ?$

Modes of bent waveguides



~ exp(iωt) (FD)

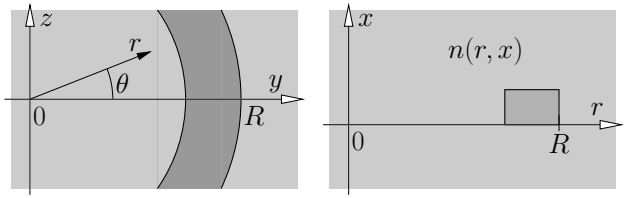
- Constant curvature ⟷ cylindrical coordinates r, θ, x.
- Bend radius R, $\partial_\theta \epsilon = 0$, $\partial_\theta n = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(r,\theta,x) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}} \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}} \end{pmatrix}(r,x)\, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\gamma R\theta}, \quad \text{bend modes,}$$

$\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}$: bend mode profile, components $\bar{E}_r, \bar{E}_\theta, \bar{E}_x, \bar{H}_r, \bar{H}_\theta, \bar{H}_x$,
$\gamma = \beta - \mathrm{i}\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$: propagation constant,
$\beta \in \mathbb{R}$: phase constant,
$\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$: attenuation constant.

(Exponent $\mathrm{i}\gamma R\theta$: a convention, "propagation distance" $R\theta$.)

Modes of bent waveguides



~ exp(iωt) (FD)

- Piecewise constant $n(r,x)$, $\psi \in \{\bar{E}_r, \bar{E}_\theta, \bar{E}_x, \bar{H}_r, \bar{H}_\theta, \bar{H}_x\}$,

$$\frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial r} + \left(k^2 n^2 - \frac{\gamma^2 R^2}{r^2}\right)\psi = 0, \qquad \text{where } \partial n = 0,$$

& continuity conditions at interfaces (cylindrical coordinates),

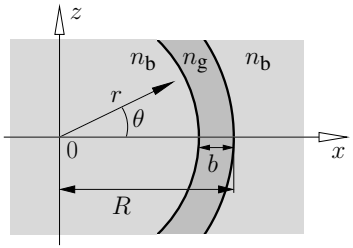
& boundary conditions:
regularity at $r = 0$, outgoing waves at $r = \infty$, $x = \pm\infty$.

(or: normalizability versus x.)

Vectorial 3-D bend mode eigenvalue problem.

(Practical setting: computational domain $r_\mathrm{i} < r < r_\mathrm{o}$, $x_\mathrm{b} < x < x_\mathrm{t}$, PML boundary conditions / $\psi = 0$ at $r = r_\mathrm{i}$.)

Modes of bent slab waveguides



~ exp(iωt) (FD)

2-D TE / TM, cylind. coord. r, θ, y,
$\partial_y n = \partial_\theta n = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(r,\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}} \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}} \end{pmatrix}(r)\, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\gamma R\theta},$$

bent slab mode $\{\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}, \gamma = \beta - \mathrm{i}\alpha\}$.

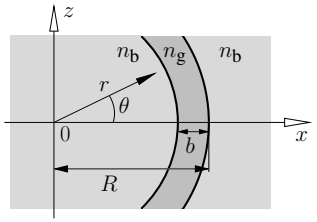
- Piecewise constant $n(r)$, $\phi = \bar{E}_y$ (TE), $\phi = \bar{H}_y$ (TM)

$$\frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial r} + \left(k^2 n^2 - \frac{\gamma^2 R^2}{r^2}\right)\phi = 0\,,$$

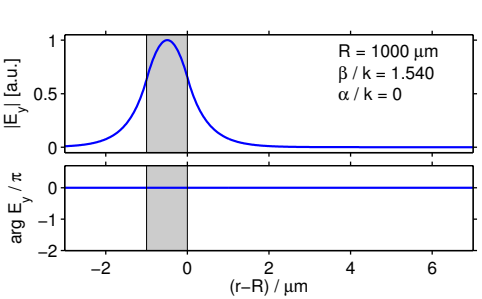
(Bessel differential equation with (complex) order γR.)

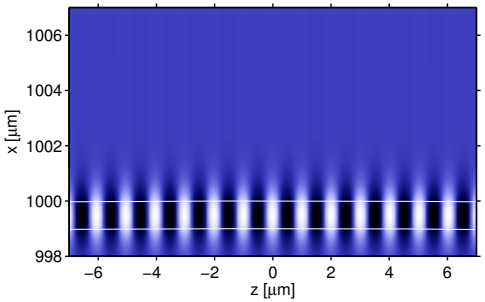
- Nonzero solutions,
- bounded at the origin, $\sim J_{\gamma R}(nkr)$ for $r < R - b$,
- outgoing exterior fields, $\sim H^{(2)}_{\gamma R}(nkr)$ for $r > R$, ($\sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t)$),
- continuity at interfaces: $\phi, \partial_r\phi$ (TE), $\phi, (\partial_r\phi)/n^2$ (TM).

Bend modes, 2-D examples



2-D, TE,
$n_\mathrm{b} = 1.45$, $n_\mathrm{g} = 1.60$, $b = 1.0\,\mu\mathrm{m}$, $\lambda = 1.55\,\mu\mathrm{m}$,
$R = 1000\,\mu\mathrm{m}$.





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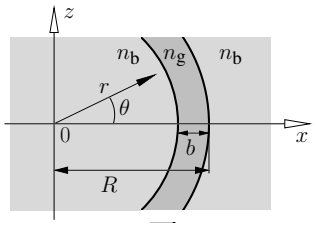
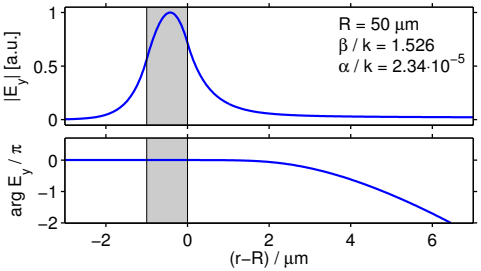
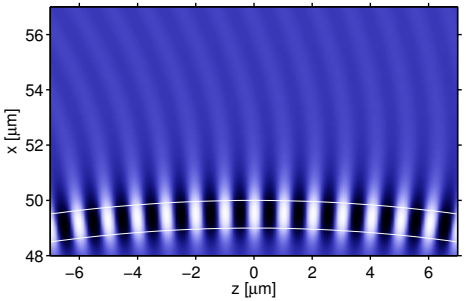


2-D, TE,
$n_b = 1.45$, $n_g = 1.60$, $b = 1.0\,\mu m$, $\lambda = 1.55\,\mu m$,
$R = 50\,\mu m$.





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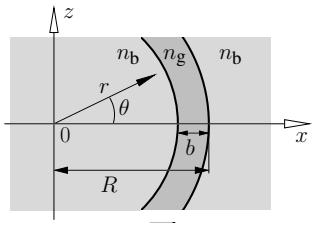
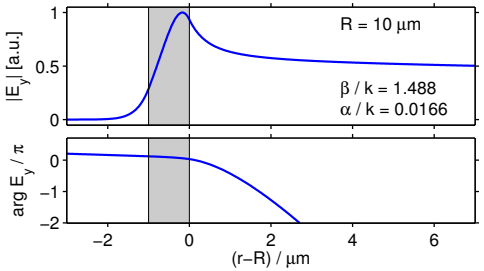
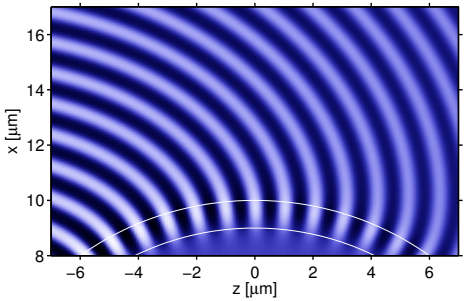
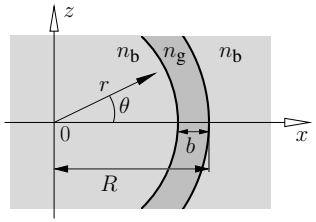


2-D, TE,
$n_b = 1.45$, $n_g = 1.60$, $b = 1.0\,\mu m$, $\lambda = 1.55\,\mu m$,
$R = 10\,\mu m$.

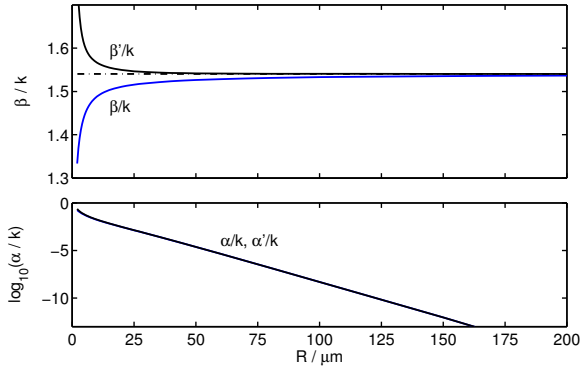




Propagation constant vs. bend radius



2-D, TE,
$n_b = 1.45$, $n_g = 1.60$, $b = 1.0\,\mu m$, $\lambda = 1.55\,\mu m$,
$R \in [2, 200]\,\mu m$.

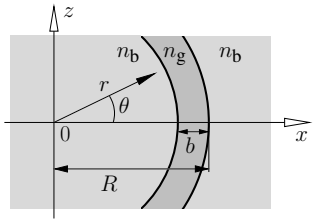


Alternative definition :
$R' = R - b/2$.

Identical physical fields

$$\gamma' R' = \gamma R,$$
$$\gamma' = \gamma \frac{R}{R - b/2}.$$

Power & orthogonality



2-D TE / TM bend modes:

- Power flow: $S_r \neq 0, \quad S_r, S_\theta \sim \mathrm{e}^{-2\alpha R\theta}, \quad S_\theta \sim |\phi|^2/r$

  $\hookrightarrow \int_0^\infty S_\theta(r)\,\mathrm{d}r < \infty \quad \leftrightsquigarrow$ power normalization.

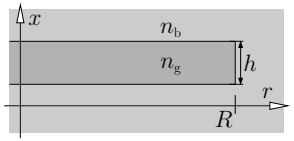
- Orthogonality of nondegenerate bend modes, product

$$[\boldsymbol{E}_1, \boldsymbol{H}_1; \boldsymbol{E}_2, \boldsymbol{H}_2] = \int_0^\infty (\boldsymbol{E}_1 \times \boldsymbol{H}_2 + \boldsymbol{E}_2 \times \boldsymbol{H}_1) \cdot \boldsymbol{e}_\theta \,\mathrm{d}r.$$

(Here [, ; ,] is complex valued.)

(Expressions $\sim \phi^2/r \leftrightsquigarrow$ convergence of the integrals.)

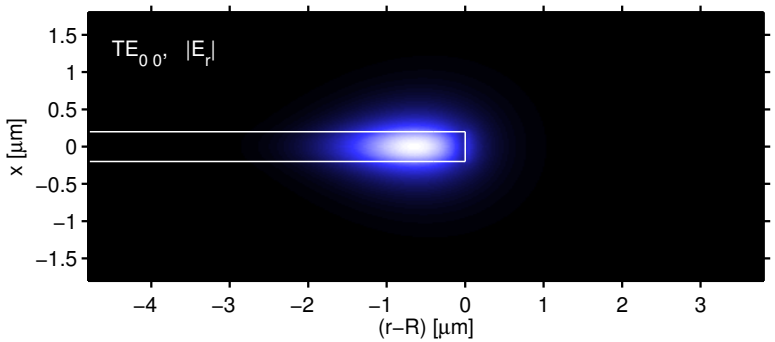
Bend modes supported by an angular disc segment



$\lambda = 1.55\,\mu m$,
$n_b = 1.45$,
$n_g = 1.99$,
$h = 0.4\,\mu m$,
$R = 20\,\mu m$;

$x \in [-3, 3]\,\mu m$,
$(r - R) \in [-8, 4]\,\mu m$;

$TE_{0\,0}$
$\beta/k = 1.634$
$\alpha/k = 3.1 \cdot 10^{-8}$
[JCMwave].



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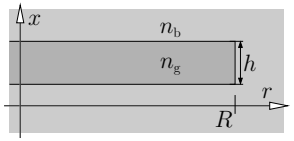

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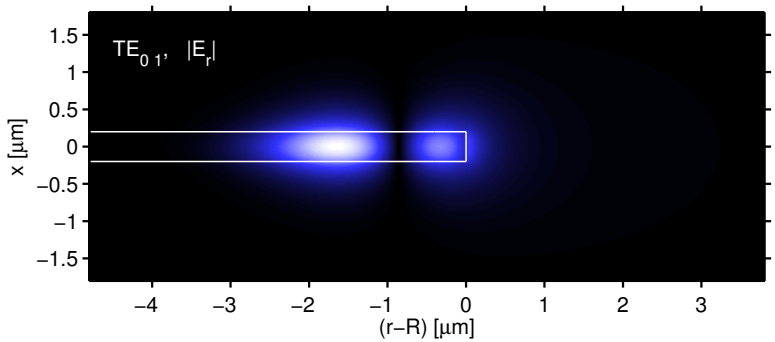

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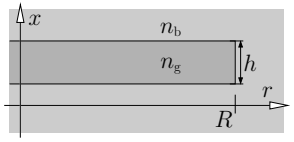

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$R = 20\,\mu m$;

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$TE_{0\,2}$
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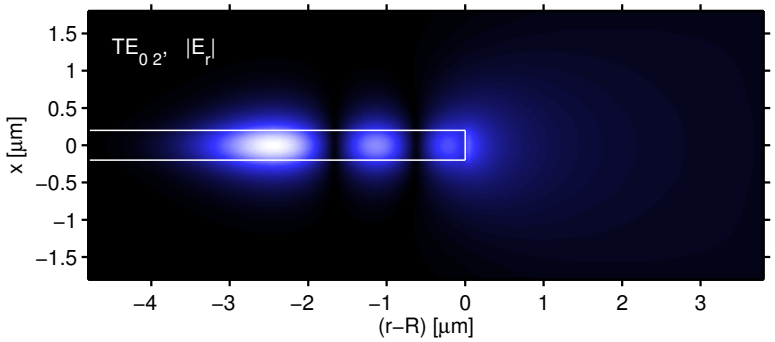
[JCMwave].



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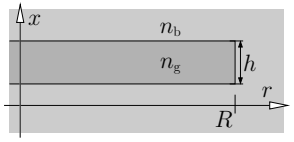

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$TM_{0\,0}$
$\beta/k = 1.551$
$\alpha/k = 2.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$
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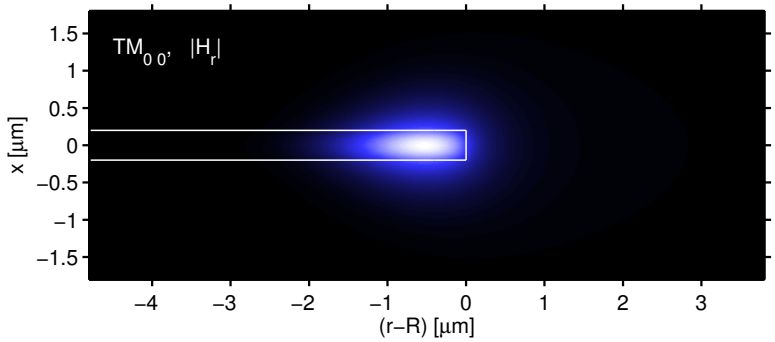

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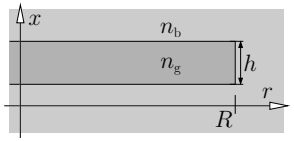

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$\text{TM}_{0\,1}$
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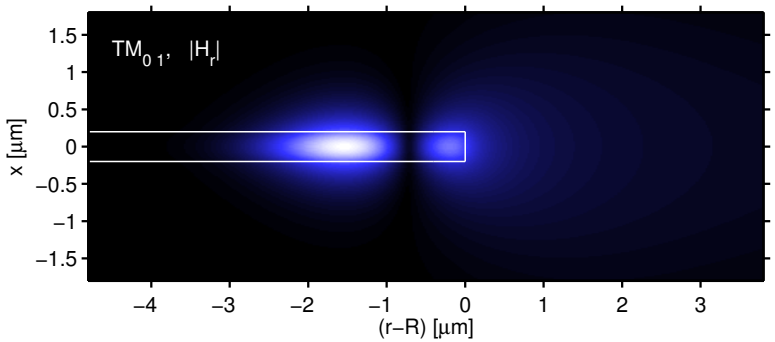
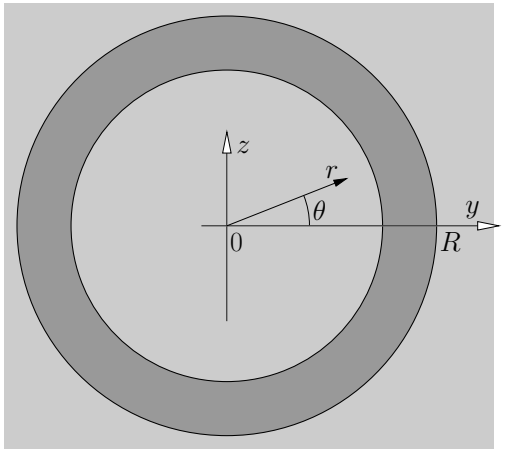
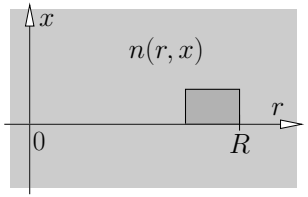


Circular microcavity





Bend modes ⟷ Whispering gallery resonances.

(Terms not always clearly distinguished.)

Whispering gallery resonances

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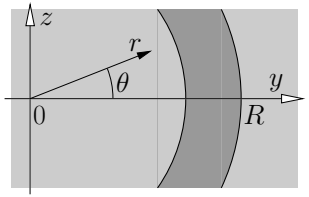

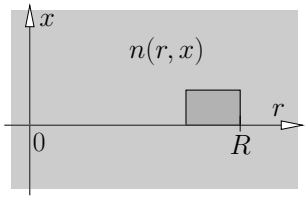

- Full cavity, $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$:
  Look for resonances in the form of whispering gallery modes

↳ $$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(r, \theta, x, t) = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\boldsymbol{E}} \\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{H}} \end{pmatrix}(r, x)\, \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\omega_c t - \mathrm{i}m\theta}, \quad +\text{c.c.}$$

Quasi-Normal-Modes, QNMs

$\tilde{\boldsymbol{E}}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{H}}$: WGM profile, components $\tilde{E}_r, \tilde{E}_\theta, \tilde{E}_x, \tilde{H}_r, \tilde{H}_\theta, \tilde{H}_x$,
$m \in \mathbb{Z}$: angular order,
$\omega_c = \omega_c' + \mathrm{i}\omega_c'' \in \mathbb{C}$: eigenfrequency, $\omega_c', \omega_c'' \in \mathbb{R}$.

Q-factor $Q = \omega_c'/(2\omega_c'')$, resonance wavelength $\lambda_r = 2\pi c/\omega_c'$, outgoing radiation, FWHM: $2\delta\lambda = \lambda_r/Q$.

Whispering gallery resonances

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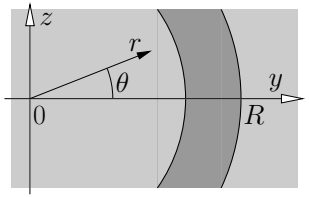
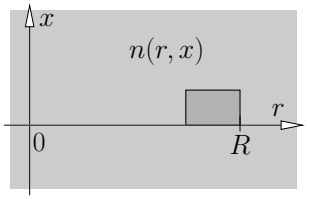




- Piecewise constant $n(r, x)$, $\psi \in \{\tilde{E}_r, \tilde{E}_\theta, \tilde{E}_x, \tilde{H}_r, \tilde{H}_\theta, \tilde{H}_x\}$,

(Dispersion ?)

↳ $$\frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial r} + \left(\frac{\omega_c^2}{c^2}n^2 - \frac{m^2}{r^2}\right)\psi = 0, \qquad \text{where } \partial n = 0,$$

& continuity conditions at interfaces (cylindrical coordinates),

& boundary conditions:
regularity at $r = 0$, outgoing waves at $r = \infty$, $x = \pm\infty$.

(or: normalizability versus x.)

Vectorial eigenproblem for whispering gallery resonances.

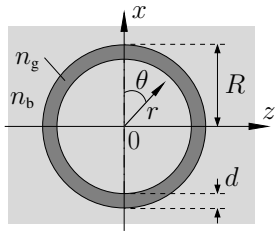
(Practical setting: computational domain $r_i < r < r_o$, $x_b < x < x_t$, PML boundary conditions / $\psi = 0$ at $r = r_i$.)

2-D whispering gallery resonances

. . . as discussed for the 2-D TE / TM bend modes.

(WGMs: Bessel differential equation of integer order.)
(Notation: WGM(ρ, m) — mode of radial order ρ and angular order m.)

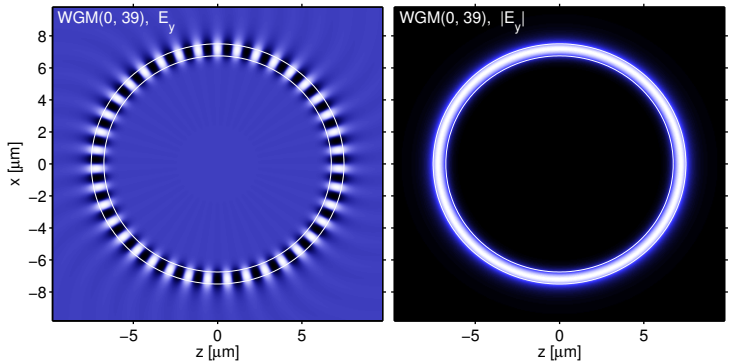
2-D whispering gallery resonances



TE, $R = 7.5\,\mu\text{m}$, $d = 0.75\,\mu\text{m}$, $n_g = 1.5$, $n_b = 1.0$.

WGM(0, 39):

$\lambda_r = 1.5637\,\mu\text{m}$, $Q = 1.1 \cdot 10^5$, $2\delta\lambda = 1.4 \cdot 10^{-5}\,\mu\text{m}$.



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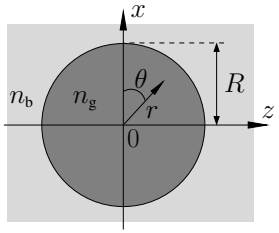

TE, $R = 7.5\,\mu\text{m}$, $n_g = 1.5$, $n_b = 1.0$.

WGM(0, 39):

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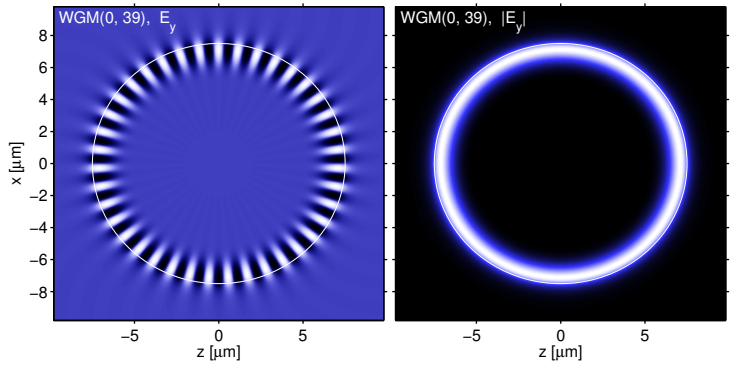

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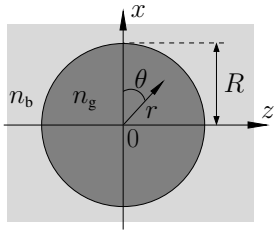

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WGM(1, 36):

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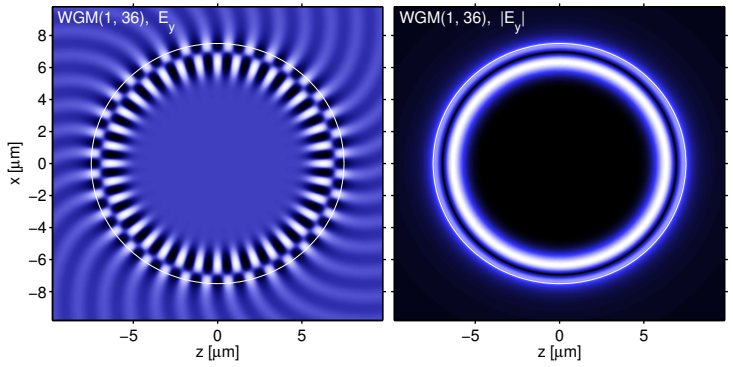
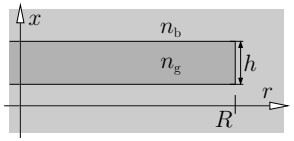


WGMs supported by a circular slab disc



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WGM(TE, 0, 0, 132)
$\lambda_r = 1.555\,\mu m$
$Q = 6.9 \cdot 10^6$
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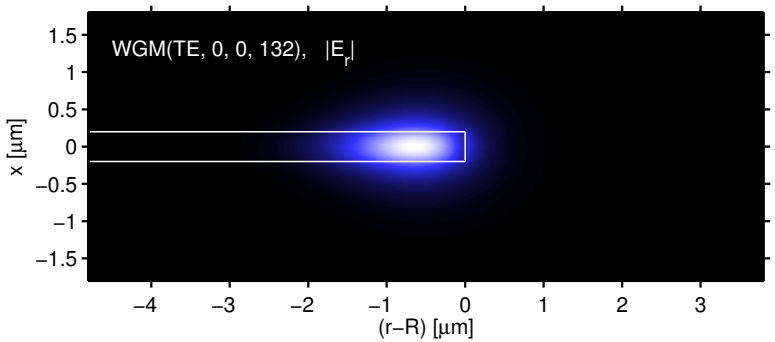

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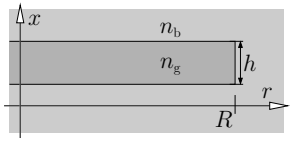

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WGM(TE, 0, 1, 126)
$\lambda_r = 1.545\,\mu m$
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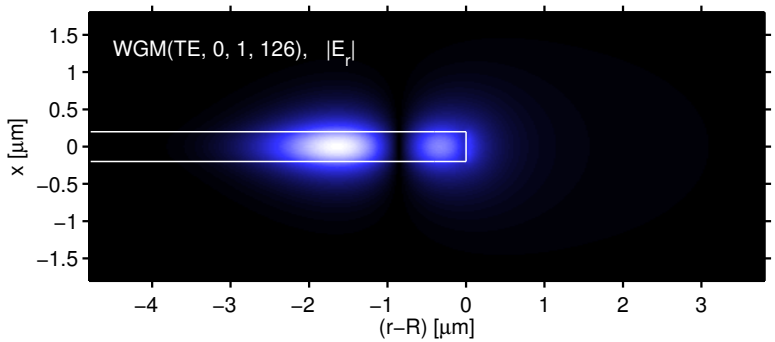

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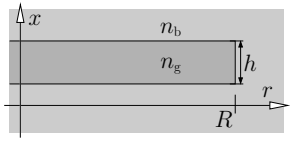

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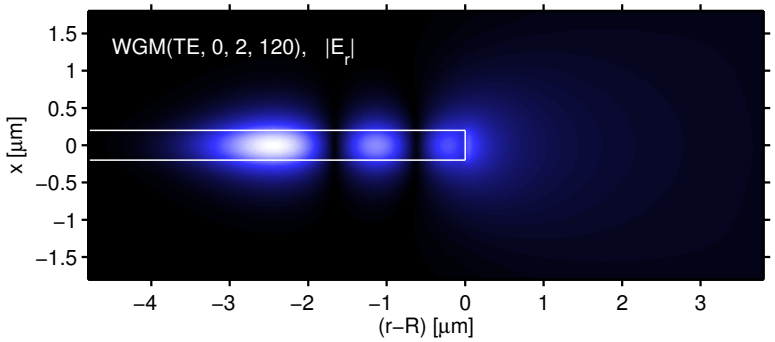
WGM(TE, 0, 2, 120)
$\lambda_r = 1.550\,\mu m$
$Q = 5.7 \cdot 10^2$
[JCMwave].



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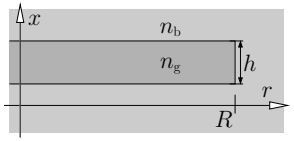

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WGM(TM, 0, 0, 126)
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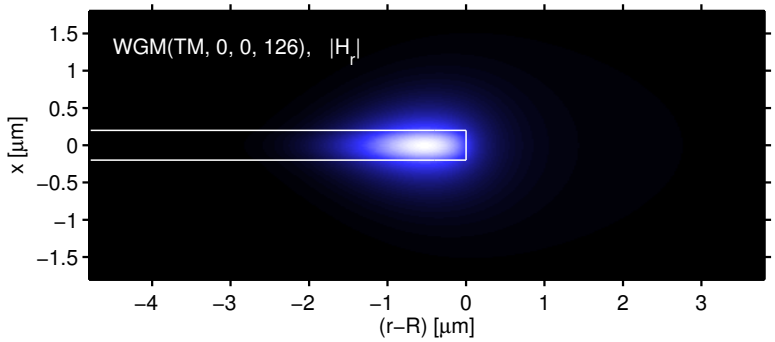

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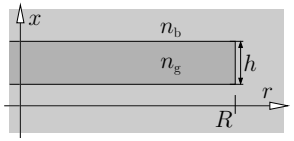

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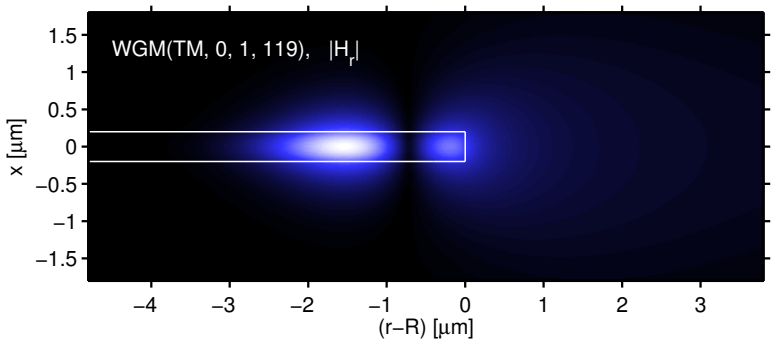


Bend modes versus whispering gallery resonances

(Field supported by a full circular cavity.)
(Incompatible models, in principle.)

[BWG] $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$ given, $\gamma = \beta - \mathrm{i}\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ eigenvalue,

$$\Phi(r, \theta, t) = \phi(r)\ \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\omega t - \mathrm{i}\beta R\theta}\ \mathrm{e}^{-\alpha R\theta}.$$

[WGM] $\omega_c = \omega_c + \mathrm{i}\omega_c'' \in \mathbb{C}$ eigenvalue, $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ given,

$$\Psi(r, \theta, t) = \psi(r)\ \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\omega_c' t - \mathrm{i}m\theta}\ \mathrm{e}^{-\omega_c'' t}.$$

Look at a resonant low-loss configuration:

- Translate $\omega \approx \omega_c'$, $m \approx \beta R$.
- Equate the power loss during one time period $T = 2\pi/\omega \approx 2\pi/\omega_c'$
  ⇝ $\beta/\alpha \approx \omega_c'/\omega_c'' = 2\,Q$.

Course overview

Optical waveguide theory

A Photonics / integrated optics; theory, motto; phenomena, introductory examples.
B Brush up on mathematical tools.
C Maxwell equations, different formulations, interfaces, energy and power flow.
D Classes of simulation tasks: scattering problems, mode analysis, resonance problems.
E Normal modes of dielectric optical waveguides, mode interference.
F Examples for dielectric optical waveguides.
G Waveguide discontinuities & circuits, scattering matrices, reciprocal circuits.
H Bent optical waveguides; whispering gallery resonances; circular microresonators.
I Coupled mode theory, perturbation theory.
J A touch of photonic crystals; a touch of plasmonics.

- Hybrid analytical / numerical coupled mode theory.
- Oblique semi-guided waves: 2-D integrated optics.

Perturbations of single modes

$\sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t)$ (FD)

$\lambda,\ \hat{\epsilon}(x, y)$
$\beta,$
$\bar{\boldsymbol{E}},\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}$

⇝

$\lambda,\ \hat{\epsilon}(x, y) + \delta\hat{\epsilon}(x, y)$
$\beta + \delta\beta,$
$\bar{\boldsymbol{E}} + \delta\bar{\boldsymbol{E}},\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}} + \delta\bar{\boldsymbol{H}}$

A functional for guided modes of 3-D dielectric waveguides

- $\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}} \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}} \end{pmatrix}(x,y)\, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta z}, \qquad \beta \in \mathbb{R},$
  $\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}} \to 0 \text{ for } x, y \to \pm\infty.$ (→ Exercise.)

- $(\mathsf{C} + \mathrm{i}\beta\mathsf{R})\bar{\boldsymbol{E}} = -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0\bar{\boldsymbol{H}}, \quad (\mathsf{C} + \mathrm{i}\beta\mathsf{R})\bar{\boldsymbol{H}} = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\hat{\epsilon}\bar{\boldsymbol{E}},$
  $\mathsf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathsf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \partial_y \\ 0 & 0 & -\partial_x \\ -\partial_y & \partial_x & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$

- $\mathcal{B}_{\hat{\epsilon}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}) := \dfrac{\omega\epsilon_0\langle\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \hat{\epsilon}\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}\rangle + \omega\mu_0\langle\bar{\boldsymbol{H}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}\rangle + \mathrm{i}\langle\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \mathsf{C}\bar{\boldsymbol{H}}\rangle - \mathrm{i}\langle\bar{\boldsymbol{H}}, \mathsf{C}\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}\rangle}{\langle\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \mathsf{R}\bar{\boldsymbol{H}}\rangle - \langle\bar{\boldsymbol{H}}, \mathsf{R}\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}\rangle},$
  $\langle\bar{\boldsymbol{F}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{G}}\rangle = \iint \bar{\boldsymbol{F}}^* \cdot \bar{\boldsymbol{G}}\, \mathrm{d}x\, \mathrm{d}y.$

$\mathcal{B}_{\hat{\epsilon}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}) = \beta$ (∗), $\qquad \dfrac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}s}\mathcal{B}_{\hat{\epsilon}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}} + s\bar{\boldsymbol{F}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}} + s\bar{\boldsymbol{G}})\Big|_{s=0} = 0$ (∗∗)

at valid mode fields $\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}$, for arbitrary $\bar{\boldsymbol{F}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{G}}$.

(∗): "arbitrary" $\hat{\epsilon}$.
(∗∗): Hermitian $\hat{\epsilon}$.

Perturbations of single modes

- Available: Mode $\beta, \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}$ for parameters λ, $\hat{\epsilon}$; ($\hat{\epsilon} = \hat{\epsilon}^\dagger$)
  $\mathcal{B}_{\hat{\epsilon}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}) = \beta$, $\mathcal{B}_{\hat{\epsilon}}$ stationary at $\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}$.

- Investigate parameters λ, $\hat{\epsilon} + \delta\hat{\epsilon}$, for a "small" change $\delta\hat{\epsilon}$:
  $\mathcal{B}_{\hat{\epsilon}+\delta\hat{\epsilon}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}} + \delta\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}} + \delta\bar{\boldsymbol{H}}) = \beta + \delta\beta$

↳ … $\qquad \mathcal{B}_{\hat{\epsilon}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}} + \delta\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}} + \delta\bar{\boldsymbol{H}}) \approx \mathcal{B}_{\hat{\epsilon}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}) = \beta$

↳ … $\qquad \cancel{\delta(\cdot)\,\delta(\cdot)}$

↳ $\delta\beta = \dfrac{\omega\epsilon_0\langle\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \delta\hat{\epsilon}\,\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}\rangle}{\langle\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \mathsf{R}\bar{\boldsymbol{H}}\rangle - \langle\bar{\boldsymbol{H}}, \mathsf{R}\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}\rangle}$, or $\delta\beta = \dfrac{\omega\epsilon_0 \iint \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^* \cdot \delta\hat{\epsilon}\,\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}\, \mathrm{d}x\, \mathrm{d}y}{2\,\mathrm{Re}\iint \left(\bar{E}_x^*\bar{H}_y - \bar{E}_y^*\bar{H}_x\right) \mathrm{d}x\, \mathrm{d}y}.$

(Valid for *small* perturbations: The original mode profiles are good approximations of the true fields in the modified structure.)

Small uniform change in refractive index

- $n \longrightarrow n + \delta n$ on $\square$, $n, \delta n$ constant on $\square$

↳ $\beta \longrightarrow \beta + \delta\beta, \quad \delta\beta = \dfrac{\omega\epsilon_0\, n \iint_\square |\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}|^2\, \mathrm{d}x\, \mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{Re}\iint \left(\bar{E}_x^*\bar{H}_y - \bar{E}_y^*\bar{H}_x\right) \mathrm{d}x\, \mathrm{d}y}\, \delta n\,.$

($\delta\epsilon = 2n\delta n$.)
(Plausible: $\delta\beta \sim \delta n$, $\delta\beta \sim |\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}|^2|_\square$.)

Small attenuation

- $n \longrightarrow n - \mathrm{i}n''$ on $\square$, n, n'' constant on $\square$, $n, n'' \in \mathbb{R}$

↳ $\beta \longrightarrow \beta + \delta\beta, \quad \delta\beta = \dfrac{-\mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\, n \iint_\square |\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}|^2\, \mathrm{d}x\, \mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{Re}\iint \left(\bar{E}_x^*\bar{H}_y - \bar{E}_y^*\bar{H}_x\right) \mathrm{d}x\, \mathrm{d}y}\, n''\,.$

($\delta\epsilon = -\mathrm{i}2nn''$.)
(Different attenuation for each mode.)
(Damping, power, plane wave: $\sim \exp(-2kn''z)$, mode: $\not\sim \exp(-2kn''z)$.)

Small anisotropy

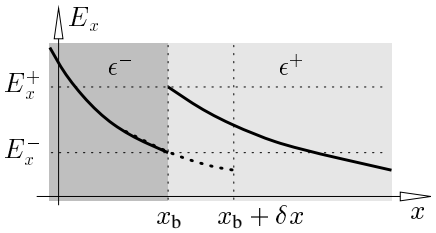
- $\epsilon\hat{1} \longrightarrow \epsilon\hat{1} + \delta\hat{\epsilon}$ on $\square$, $\epsilon, \delta\hat{\epsilon}$ constant on $\square$

↳ $\beta \longrightarrow \beta + \delta\beta$, $\delta\beta = \dfrac{\omega\epsilon_0 \iint_\square \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^* \cdot \delta\hat{\epsilon}\,\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}\,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y}{2\,\mathrm{Re}\iint \left(\bar{E}_x^*\bar{H}_y - \bar{E}_y^*\bar{H}_x\right)\,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y}$.

(Phase shifts due to anisotropic contributions to the permittivity.)
(Polarization coupling might occur for modes with "close" propagation constants ◂▸ CMT.)

Small displacements of dielectric interfaces

Interface displacement ◂▸ Locally *strong* thin layer perturbation.
Field discontinuity ⇝ Previous expressions are not directly applicable.



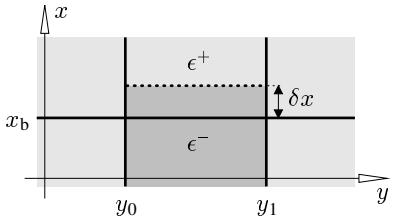
- $\epsilon^- \neq \epsilon^+$, shift of interface $x_\mathrm{b} \to x_\mathrm{b} + \delta x$.
- Reposition discontinuity in field: $E_x \to E_x + \delta E_x$,

$$\delta E_x(x,y) = \begin{cases} \dfrac{\epsilon^+ - \epsilon^-}{\epsilon^-} E_x(x,y), & \text{for } x_\mathrm{b} < x < x_\mathrm{b} + \delta x, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- Use functional with locally modified field

↳ ... (omitted) ... ⇝

Small displacements of dielectric interfaces

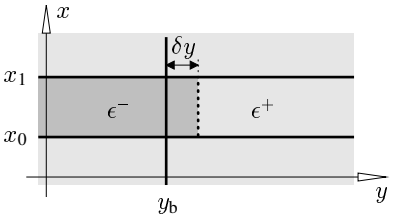


- Displacement of the interface at x_b between y_0 and y_1 by δx:

↳ $\beta \longrightarrow \beta + \delta\beta$,

$$\delta\beta = \frac{\omega\epsilon_0}{2} \frac{(\epsilon^- - \epsilon^+)\displaystyle\int_{y_0}^{y_1} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^-\epsilon^+}|\epsilon\bar{E}_x|^2 + |\bar{E}_y|^2 + |\bar{E}_z|^2\right)(x_\mathrm{b}, y)\,\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{Re}\displaystyle\iint \left(\bar{E}_x^*\bar{H}_y - \bar{E}_y^*\bar{H}_x\right)\,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y}\,\delta x\,.$$

Small displacements of dielectric interfaces



- Displacement of the interface at y_b between x_0 and x_1 by δy:

↳ $\beta \longrightarrow \beta + \delta\beta$,

$$\delta\beta = \frac{\omega\epsilon_0}{2} \frac{(\epsilon^- - \epsilon^+)\displaystyle\int_{x_0}^{x_1} \left(|\bar{E}_x|^2 + \frac{1}{\epsilon^-\epsilon^+}|\epsilon\bar{E}_y|^2 + |\bar{E}_z|^2\right)(x, y_\mathrm{b})\,\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{Re}\displaystyle\iint \left(\bar{E}_x^*\bar{H}_y - \bar{E}_y^*\bar{H}_x\right)\,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y}\,\delta y\,.$$

Perturbations of single modes

$\lambda,\ \hat\epsilon(x,y)$

$\beta,$
$\bar{\boldsymbol{E}},\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}$

$\lambda,\ \hat\epsilon(x,y) + \delta\hat\epsilon(x,y)$

$\beta + \delta\beta,$
$\approx \bar{\boldsymbol{E}},\ \approx \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}$

- View $\frac{\delta\beta}{\delta p}$ as $\frac{\partial\beta}{\partial p}$: slope of the dispersion curves β vs. p.
- Depending on the parametrization, change of a parameter value might require several perturbations.
- First order theory: In case of multiple pertubations, add the effects of the individual expressions.
- Estimation of fabrication tolerances: The phase shifts $\delta\beta$ enter into respective scattering matrix models.
- Wavelength shifts . . . ?

Small shift of frequency or vacuum wavelength

$(*)$: Explicit frequency dependence of $\mathcal{B}$ & dependence through $\hat\epsilon$.
$(**)$: Frequency dependence of $\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}$.

$$\beta(\omega) = \mathcal{B}_{\hat\epsilon}(\omega;\ \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}(\omega),\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}(\omega))$$

$$\frac{\partial\beta}{\partial\omega} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial\mathcal{B}_{\hat\epsilon}}{\partial\omega}}_{(*)} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial s}\mathcal{B}_{\hat\epsilon}\Big(\omega;\ \bar{\boldsymbol{E}} + s\frac{\partial\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}}{\partial\omega},\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}\Big)\Big|_{s=0}}_{(**)} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial s}\mathcal{B}_{\hat\epsilon}\Big(\omega;\ \bar{\boldsymbol{E}},\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}} + s\frac{\partial\bar{\boldsymbol{H}}}{\partial\omega}\Big)\Big|_{s=0}}_{(**)} = \frac{\partial\mathcal{B}_{\hat\epsilon}}{\partial\omega},$$

(Stationarity of $\mathcal{B}$ at $\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}$.)

$$\frac{\partial\beta}{\partial\omega} = \frac{\iint\Big(\epsilon_0\,\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^*\cdot\frac{\partial(\omega\hat\epsilon)}{\partial\omega}\,\bar{\boldsymbol{E}} + \mu_0\,|\bar{\boldsymbol{H}}|^2\Big)\,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y}{2\,\mathrm{Re}\iint\big(\bar{E}_x^*\bar{H}_y - \bar{E}_y^*\bar{H}_x\big)\,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y}.$$

Small shift of frequency or vacuum wavelength

If dispersion can be neglected, $\partial_\omega\hat\epsilon = 0$:

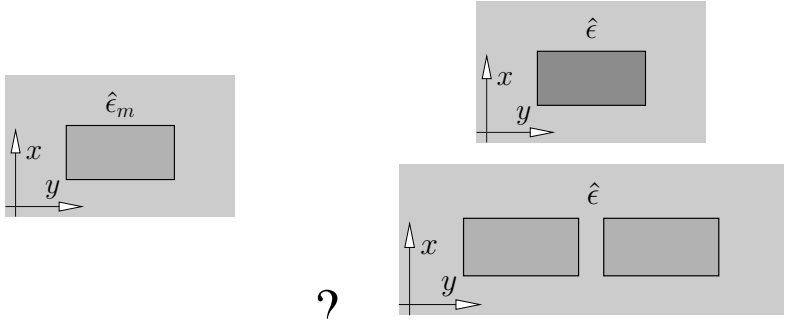
$$\frac{\partial\beta}{\partial\omega} = \frac{\iint\Big(\epsilon_0\,\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^*\cdot\hat\epsilon\,\bar{\boldsymbol{E}} + \mu_0\,|\bar{\boldsymbol{H}}|^2\Big)\,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y}{2\,\mathrm{Re}\iint\big(\bar{E}_x^*\bar{H}_y - \bar{E}_y^*\bar{H}_x\big)\,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y},$$

$$\frac{\partial\beta}{\partial\lambda} = -\frac{\pi\mathrm{c}}{\lambda^2}\,\frac{\iint\Big(\epsilon_0\,\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}^*\cdot\hat\epsilon\,\bar{\boldsymbol{E}} + \mu_0\,|\bar{\boldsymbol{H}}|^2\Big)\,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{Re}\iint\big(\bar{E}_x^*\bar{H}_y - \bar{E}_y^*\bar{H}_x\big)\,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y}.$$

$(\omega = 2\pi\mathrm{c}/\lambda \quad\leftrightsquigarrow\quad \partial_\lambda\omega = -2\pi\mathrm{c}/\lambda^2)$
(Compare with expression based on homogeneity, H, 12.)

Coupled mode theory (CMT)

$\sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\,\omega t)$ (FD)



$\big\{\hat\epsilon_m;\ \beta_m, (\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_m)\big\}$ $\rightsquigarrow$ $\begin{pmatrix}\boldsymbol{E}\\ \boldsymbol{H}\end{pmatrix}(x,y,z)$

(Next: One of many variants of approaches to CMT.)
(Propagation & interaction of basis fields along a common propagation coordinate.)
[D.G. Hall, B.J. Thompson, *Selected papers on Coupled-Mode Theory in Guided-Wave Optics*, SPIE Milestone series MS 84 (1993)]
(Codirectional coupling (here), versus contradirectional coupling, coupling to radiation modes, nonlinear coupling.)
(Hybrid variant (HCMT): separate lecture.)

Coupled mode theory (CMT)

- Investigate a permittivity $\hat{\epsilon}$, look for fields $\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{H}$ with
  $\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{E} = -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0 \boldsymbol{H}, \quad \boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{H} = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0 \hat{\epsilon} \boldsymbol{E}.$
  ($\hat{\epsilon}(x, y, z)$, in general.)

- Available: A set of fields $\{\boldsymbol{E}_m, \boldsymbol{H}_m\}$ for permittivities $\hat{\epsilon}_m = \hat{\epsilon}_m^\dagger$;
  $\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{E}_m = -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0 \boldsymbol{H}_m, \quad \boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{H}_m = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0 \hat{\epsilon}_m \boldsymbol{E}_m.$
  (Not necessarily "modes".)

- Assume that $(\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{H})$ can be well approximated by
  $$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(x, y, z) \approx \sum_m C_m(z) \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E}_m \\ \boldsymbol{H}_m \end{pmatrix}(x, y, z),$$
  C_m: unknown amplitudes, common propagation coordinate z.
  (Choose $\hat{\epsilon}_m$ as close as possible to $\hat{\epsilon}$.)

Coupled mode theory (CMT)

(Starting point: a "reciprocity identity".)

$$\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot (\boldsymbol{H} \times \boldsymbol{E}_l^* - \boldsymbol{E} \times \boldsymbol{H}_l^*) = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0 \boldsymbol{E}_l^* \cdot (\hat{\epsilon} - \hat{\epsilon}_l)\boldsymbol{E}.$$

(Insert CMT ansatz for $\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{H}$.)

↳ ...

($\iint \mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y$, assume $\boldsymbol{E}_m, \boldsymbol{H}_m \to 0$ for $x, y \to \pm\infty$.)

↳ ...

(Apply identity $\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot (\boldsymbol{H}_m \times \boldsymbol{E}_l^* - \boldsymbol{E}_m \times \boldsymbol{H}_l^*) = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0 \boldsymbol{E}_l^* \cdot (\hat{\epsilon}_m - \hat{\epsilon}_l)\boldsymbol{E}_m$.)

↳ ...

($\iint \mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y$, assume $\boldsymbol{E}_m, \boldsymbol{H}_m \to 0$ for $x, y \to \pm\infty$.)

↳ ...

(Manipulate, arrange terms, tidy up.)

$$\sum_m o_{lm}\, \partial_z C_m = -\mathrm{i} \sum_m k_{lm}\, C_m \quad \forall\, l, \qquad \text{coupled mode equations.}$$

$$o_{lm} = \frac{1}{4} \iint (\boldsymbol{E}_l^* \times \boldsymbol{H}_m - \boldsymbol{H}_l^* \times \boldsymbol{E}_m)_z \,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y = (\boldsymbol{E}_l, \boldsymbol{H}_l; \boldsymbol{E}_m, \boldsymbol{H}_m),$$

$$k_{lm} = \frac{\omega\epsilon_0}{4} \iint \boldsymbol{E}_l^* \cdot (\hat{\epsilon} - \hat{\epsilon}_m)\boldsymbol{E}_m \,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y.$$

Coupled mode theory (CMT)

(Starting point: a "reciprocity identity".)

$$\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot (\boldsymbol{H} \times \boldsymbol{E}_l^* - \boldsymbol{E} \times \boldsymbol{H}_l^*) = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0 \boldsymbol{E}_l^* \cdot (\hat{\epsilon} - \hat{\epsilon}_l)\boldsymbol{E}.$$

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↳ ...

($\iint \mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y$, assume $\boldsymbol{E}_m, \boldsymbol{H}_m \to 0$ for $x, y \to \pm\infty$.)

↳ ...

(Manipulate, arrange terms, tidy up.)

$$\mathsf{O}\, \partial_z \boldsymbol{C} = -\mathrm{i}\mathsf{K}\boldsymbol{C}, \qquad \text{coupled mode equations.}$$

$\boldsymbol{C} = (C_m)$, $\mathsf{O} = (o_{lm})$, $\mathsf{K} = (k_{lm})$.

$$o_{lm} = \frac{1}{4} \iint (\boldsymbol{E}_l^* \times \boldsymbol{H}_m - \boldsymbol{H}_l^* \times \boldsymbol{E}_m)_z \,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y = (\boldsymbol{E}_l, \boldsymbol{H}_l; \boldsymbol{E}_m, \boldsymbol{H}_m),$$

$$k_{lm} = \frac{\omega\epsilon_0}{4} \iint \boldsymbol{E}_l^* \cdot (\hat{\epsilon} - \hat{\epsilon}_m)\boldsymbol{E}_m \,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y.$$

Coupled mode theory (CMT)

(Variational derivation of CMT equations.)

$$\mathcal{F}(\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{H}) = \iiint \Big\{ \boldsymbol{H}^* \cdot (\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{E}) - \boldsymbol{E}^* \cdot (\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{H}) + \mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0 \boldsymbol{H}^* \cdot \boldsymbol{H} + \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0 \boldsymbol{E}^* \cdot \hat{\epsilon}\boldsymbol{E} \Big\} \,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y\,\mathrm{d}z,$$

$$\delta\mathcal{F} = 0 \;\; \forall\, \delta\boldsymbol{E}, \delta\boldsymbol{H} \quad \leftrightsquigarrow \quad \boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{E} = -\mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0 \boldsymbol{H}, \quad \boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{H} = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0 \hat{\epsilon}\boldsymbol{E}.$$

(Restrict $\mathcal{F}$ to the CMT ansatz for $\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{H}$ $\rightsquigarrow$ $\mathcal{F}_\mathrm{c}(\boldsymbol{C})$, require $\delta\mathcal{F}_\mathrm{c} = 0$ $\forall \delta\boldsymbol{C}$.)

↳ ...

($\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot (\boldsymbol{H}_m \times \boldsymbol{E}_l^* - \boldsymbol{E}_m \times \boldsymbol{H}_l^*) = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0 \boldsymbol{E}_l^* \cdot (\hat{\epsilon}_m - \hat{\epsilon}_l)\boldsymbol{E}_m$, $\iint \mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y$, $\boldsymbol{E}_m, \boldsymbol{H}_m \to 0$ for $x, y \to \pm\infty$.)

↳ ...

(Manipulate, arrange terms, tidy up.)

$$\mathsf{O}\, \partial_z \boldsymbol{C} = -\mathrm{i}\mathsf{K}\boldsymbol{C}, \qquad \text{coupled mode equations.}$$

$\boldsymbol{C} = (C_m)$, $\mathsf{O} = (o_{lm})$, $\mathsf{K} = (k_{lm})$.

$$o_{lm} = \frac{1}{4} \iint (\boldsymbol{E}_l^* \times \boldsymbol{H}_m - \boldsymbol{H}_l^* \times \boldsymbol{E}_m)_z \,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y = (\boldsymbol{E}_l, \boldsymbol{H}_l; \boldsymbol{E}_m, \boldsymbol{H}_m),$$

$$k_{lm} = \frac{\omega\epsilon_0}{4} \iint \boldsymbol{E}_l^* \cdot (\hat{\epsilon} - \hat{\epsilon}_m)\boldsymbol{E}_m \,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y.$$

Coupled mode equations

...

$\hookrightarrow \quad \mathsf{O}\,\partial_z \boldsymbol{C} = -\mathrm{i}\mathsf{K}\boldsymbol{C}, \qquad \boldsymbol{C} = (C_m),\ \mathsf{O} = (o_{lm}),\ \mathsf{K} = (k_{lm}).$

$$o_{lm} = \frac{1}{4}\iint (\boldsymbol{E}_l^* \times \boldsymbol{H}_m - \boldsymbol{H}_l^* \times \boldsymbol{E}_m)_z \,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y = (\boldsymbol{E}_l, \boldsymbol{H}_l; \boldsymbol{E}_m, \boldsymbol{H}_m),$$

$$k_{lm} = \frac{\omega\epsilon_0}{4}\iint \boldsymbol{E}_l^* \cdot (\hat{\epsilon} - \hat{\epsilon}_m)\boldsymbol{E}_m \,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y.$$

- A set of coupled *ordinary* linear differential equations, of first order. (Here.)
- o_{lm} : power coupling coefficients (field overlaps). (No reason to assume $o_{lm} = \delta_{lm}$, in general.)
- k_{lm} : coupling coefficients.
- z-dependence of $\hat{\epsilon}, \hat{\epsilon}_m, \boldsymbol{E}_m, \boldsymbol{H}_m \rightsquigarrow o_{lm}(z),\ k_{lm}(z),\ \mathsf{O}(z),\ \mathsf{K}(z)$. (Compare the bend-straight couplers, Lecture H.)

... to be solved by numerical procedures. (In general.)

CMT for longitudinally homogeneous structures

$\partial_z\hat{\epsilon} = 0,\ \partial_z\hat{\epsilon}_m = 0,$

basis: guided modes $\begin{pmatrix}\boldsymbol{E}_m\\ \boldsymbol{H}_m\end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \begin{pmatrix}\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_m\\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_m\end{pmatrix}(x,y)\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta_m z},$

$$\begin{pmatrix}\boldsymbol{E}\\ \boldsymbol{H}\end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \sum_m C_m(z)\begin{pmatrix}\boldsymbol{E}_m\\ \boldsymbol{H}_m\end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \sum_m c_m(z)\begin{pmatrix}\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_m\\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_m\end{pmatrix}(x,y).$$

($c_m(z) = C_m(z)\exp(-\mathrm{i}\beta_m z)$, rewrite CMT equations for $c_m(z)$.)

$\hookrightarrow$ ...

($\nabla\cdot(\boldsymbol{H}_m \times \boldsymbol{E}_l^* - \boldsymbol{E}_m \times \boldsymbol{H}_l^*) = \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0 \boldsymbol{E}_l^* \cdot (\hat{\epsilon}_m - \hat{\epsilon}_l)\boldsymbol{E}_m$, integrate, rewrite for $\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_m$.)

$\hookrightarrow$ ...

(Symmetrize coefficients.)

$$\sum_m \sigma_{lm}\,\partial_z c_m = -\mathrm{i}\sum_m (b_{lm} + \kappa_{lm})\,c_m \quad \forall\, l,$$

$$\sigma_{lm} = \frac{1}{4}\iint (\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_l^* \times \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_m - \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_l^* \times \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_m)_z \,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y = (\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_l, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_l; \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_m),$$

$$\kappa_{lm} = \frac{\omega\epsilon_0}{8}\iint \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_l^* \cdot (\delta\hat{\epsilon}_l + \delta\hat{\epsilon}_m)\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_m \,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y, \qquad b_{lm} = \sigma_{lm}\frac{\beta_l + \beta_m}{2}.$$
$$\delta\hat{\epsilon}_m = \hat{\epsilon} - \hat{\epsilon}_m,$$

Longitudinally constant structures, coupled mode equations

... ($\partial_z\hat{\epsilon} = \partial_z\hat{\epsilon}_m = 0$)

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- A set of coupled *ordinary* linear differential equations, of first order (Here.)
- σ_{lm} : power coupling coefficients (field overlaps). (No reason to assume $\sigma_{lm} = \delta_{lm}$, in general.)
- κ_{lm} : coupling coefficients.
- $\partial_z\hat{\epsilon} = \partial_z\hat{\epsilon}_m = 0 \rightsquigarrow \partial_z\sigma_{lm} = \partial_z b_{lm} = \partial_z\kappa_{lm} = 0.$ (ODEs with constant coefficents.)

... quasi-analytical solutions.

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- $\sigma_{ml}^* = \sigma_{lm}, \quad b_{ml}^* = b_{lm}; \quad \kappa_{ml}^* = \kappa_{lm}$, if $\hat{\epsilon}^\dagger = \hat{\epsilon},\ \hat{\epsilon}_m^\dagger = \hat{\epsilon}_m$, $\mathsf{S}^\dagger = \mathsf{S}, \quad \mathsf{B}^\dagger = \mathsf{B}; \quad \mathsf{Q}^\dagger = \mathsf{Q}$, if $\hat{\epsilon}^\dagger = \hat{\epsilon},\ \hat{\epsilon}_m^\dagger = \hat{\epsilon}_m$.
- Power: $P = (\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{H}; \boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{H}) = \sum_{l,m} c_l^*(\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_l, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_l; \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_m)c_m = \boldsymbol{c}^* \cdot \mathsf{S}\boldsymbol{c}$

$\hookrightarrow \quad \partial_z P = \mathrm{i}\boldsymbol{c}^* \cdot \big((\mathsf{B}+\mathsf{Q})^\dagger - (\mathsf{B}+\mathsf{Q})\big)\boldsymbol{c}, \quad \partial_z P = 0$ for $\mathsf{B}^\dagger = \mathsf{B},\ \mathsf{Q}^\dagger = \mathsf{Q}.$

(For lossless waveguides the scheme is power conservative.)

Longitudinally constant structures, formal solution

$$\mathsf{S}\,\partial_z \boldsymbol{c} = -\mathrm{i}\,(\mathsf{B}+\mathsf{Q})\boldsymbol{c}, \qquad \partial_z \mathsf{S} = \partial_z \mathsf{B} = \partial_z \mathsf{Q} = 0.$$

Ansatz: $\boldsymbol{c}(z) = \boldsymbol{a}\,\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}bz}$, $\boldsymbol{a}, b$ constants.

↳ $(\mathsf{B}+\mathsf{Q})\boldsymbol{a} = b\,\mathsf{S}\boldsymbol{a}$, a generalized eigenvalue problem.

(Dimension: number of basis modes included.)

Solutions: $\{\boldsymbol{a}, b\}$,

⇝ "supermodes" $\begin{pmatrix}\boldsymbol{E}\\ \boldsymbol{H}\end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = \left(\sum_m a_m \begin{pmatrix}\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_m\\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_m\end{pmatrix}(x,y)\right)\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}bz}.$

(Superpositions of the original mode profiles with constant coefficients.)
(As many supermodes as there are basis modes.)
(Formalism can be continued: power / orthogonality of supermodes . . .)

Longitudinally constant structures, two coupled modes

Two *orthogonal* coupled modes $(\boldsymbol{E}_1, \boldsymbol{H}_1)$, $(\boldsymbol{E}_2, \boldsymbol{H}_2)$:

(Example: two modes supported by the same isotropic waveguide ($\hat{\epsilon}_1 = \hat{\epsilon}_2$); interaction due to small anisotropy ($\hat{\epsilon}$).)
(Or: non-orthogonality neglected as a further approximation.)

$\sigma_{lm} = (\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_l, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_l; \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_m, \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_m) = \delta_{lm} P_0.$ (Orthogonal modes, uniform normalization $P_m = P_0$.)
(Or: apply inverse of S to CM equations, continue with redefined expressions for β_m, κ_{lm}.)

↳ $\begin{pmatrix}\partial_z c_1\\ \partial_z c_2\end{pmatrix} = -\mathrm{i}\begin{pmatrix}\beta_1' & \kappa\\ \kappa^* & \beta_2'\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}c_1\\ c_2\end{pmatrix}$, $\beta_l' = \beta_l + \kappa_{ll}/P_0$, $\kappa = \kappa_{12}/P_0$.

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↳ $\begin{pmatrix}c_1\\ c_2\end{pmatrix}(z) = \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\frac{(\beta_1'+\beta_2')}{2}z}\begin{pmatrix}\cos\rho z - \mathrm{i}\dfrac{\Delta\beta'}{2\rho}\sin\rho z & -\mathrm{i}\dfrac{\kappa}{\rho}\sin\rho z\\ -\mathrm{i}\dfrac{\kappa^*}{\rho}\sin\rho z & \cos\rho z + \mathrm{i}\dfrac{\Delta\beta'}{2\rho}\sin\rho z\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}c_{10}\\ c_{20}\end{pmatrix},$

$\Delta\beta' = \beta_1' - \beta_2', \quad \rho = \sqrt{\left(\dfrac{\Delta\beta'}{2}\right)^2 + |\kappa|^2}.$

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- $c_{20} = 0$ ⇝ $\left|\dfrac{c_2(z)}{c_1(0)}\right|^2 = \eta_{\max}\,\sin^2(\rho z), \quad \eta_{\max} = \dfrac{|\kappa|^2}{|\kappa|^2 + (\Delta\beta'/2)^2}.$
- Maximum conversion $\eta_{\max}$ at $z = L_\mathrm{c}$ with $\rho L_\mathrm{c} = \pi/2$,
  coupling length $L_\mathrm{c} = \dfrac{\pi}{\sqrt{(\Delta\beta')^2 + 4|\kappa|^2}}$, (Conversion length, half-beat length.)
- In case of phase matching $\Delta\beta' = \beta_1' - \beta_2' = 0$: $\eta_{\max} = 1$, $L_\mathrm{c} = \dfrac{\pi}{2|\kappa|}$.

(Here the *phase-shifted* propagation constants are relevant.)
(Small interaction (small maximum conversion) for out-of-phase modes, i.e. for $|\Delta\beta'|^2 \gg |\kappa|^2$).)

Longitudinally constant structures, one "coupled" mode

CMT with one basis mode: $\begin{pmatrix}\boldsymbol{E}\\ \boldsymbol{H}\end{pmatrix}(x,y,z) = c_1(z)\begin{pmatrix}\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_1\\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}}_1\end{pmatrix}(x,y)$

↳ $\partial_z c_1 = -\mathrm{i}\dfrac{b_{11}+\kappa_{11}}{\sigma_{11}}c_1,$

$\dfrac{b_{11}}{\sigma_{11}} = \beta_1, \quad \dfrac{\kappa_{11}}{\sigma_{11}} = \dfrac{\omega\epsilon_0 \iint \bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_1^* \cdot (\hat{\epsilon} - \hat{\epsilon}_1)\bar{\boldsymbol{E}}_1\,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y}{2\,\mathrm{Re}\iint \left(\bar{E}_{1x}^* \bar{H}_{1y} - \bar{E}_{1y}^* \bar{H}_{1x}\right)\,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y} =: \delta\beta_1,$

↳ $\partial_z c_1 = -\mathrm{i}(\beta_1 + \delta\beta_1)c_1,$

↳ $c_1(z) = c_1(0)\,\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}(\beta_1+\delta\beta_1)z}.$

⇜⇝ Theory of single mode perturbations.

Course overview

Optical waveguide theory

A Photonics / integrated optics; theory, motto; phenomena, introductory examples.
B Brush up on mathematical tools.
C Maxwell equations, different formulations, interfaces, energy and power flow.
D Classes of simulation tasks: scattering problems, mode analysis, resonance problems.
E Normal modes of dielectric optical waveguides, mode interference.
F Examples for dielectric optical waveguides.
G Waveguide discontinuities & circuits, scattering matrices, reciprocal circuits.
H Bent optical waveguides; whispering gallery resonances; circular microresonators.
I Coupled mode theory, perturbation theory.
J A touch of photonic crystals; a touch of plasmonics.
- Hybrid analytical / numerical coupled mode theory.
- Oblique semi-guided waves: 2-D integrated optics.

A touch of photonic crystals

"Photonic crystals": ?

Keywords:
- A branch of photonics.
- Optics involving strcutures with (1-D, 2-D, 3-D) spatial periodicity.
- 1-D periodicity: Multilayer stacks / coatings, gratings, corrugated waveguides.
- 2-D periodicity: Corrugated dielectric slabs, membranes, gratings.
- 3-D periodicity: Bulk photonic crystals.
- "Molding the flow of light" ◂▸ tunability, degrees of freedom in design.
- Defect cavities & defect waveguides in photonic crystals.
- Phenomena & fundamental research.
- Photonic crystal fibers.

Context of this lecture:
- Problems of general classical electromagnetics & methods as discussed; different emphasis.
- Periodicity: Restrict computations to unit cells.

Structures with spatial periodicity

$\sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t)$ (FD)

Infinite system with periodic permittivity:

$$\epsilon(\boldsymbol{r}+\boldsymbol{g}) = \epsilon(\boldsymbol{r}) \quad \text{for all lattice vectors } \boldsymbol{g}.$$

↳ Consider Floquet-Bloch waves

(Floquet: 1-D, context of mechanics; Bloch: context of solid state physics.)

$$\begin{pmatrix}\boldsymbol{E}\\ \boldsymbol{H}\end{pmatrix}(\boldsymbol{r}) = \boldsymbol{U}_{\boldsymbol{k}}(\boldsymbol{r})\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{r}},$$

$\boldsymbol{k}$: wavevector of the FB wave,
$\boldsymbol{U}_{\boldsymbol{k}}$: a periodic function, $\boldsymbol{U}_{\boldsymbol{k}}(\boldsymbol{r}+\boldsymbol{g}) = \boldsymbol{U}_{\boldsymbol{k}}(\boldsymbol{r})$.

(A plane wave, modulated by a periodic function.)

{FB waves}: A complete basis for the periodic system.

(Bloch theorem: any solution can be written as a superposition of FB waves.)
(Background: Hilbert space theory, self-adjoint operators; familiar from quantum theory.)
(Hermitian Hamiltonian and translation operators commute; Bloch waves are a simultaneous eigenbasis of these operators.)
(Required: Hermitian "Hamiltonian" ◂▸ Hermitian $\hat{\epsilon}$.)

($\boldsymbol{U}_k$ =?, but $\boldsymbol{U}_k$ satisfies different equations than $\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{H}$ . . .)

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$\boldsymbol{g}$: a lattice vector, such that $\epsilon(\boldsymbol{r}+\boldsymbol{g}) = \epsilon(\boldsymbol{r})$

↳ $$\begin{pmatrix}\boldsymbol{E}\\ \boldsymbol{H}\end{pmatrix}(\boldsymbol{r}+\boldsymbol{g}) = \begin{pmatrix}\boldsymbol{E}\\ \boldsymbol{H}\end{pmatrix}(\boldsymbol{r})\ \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{g}}.$$ (QPBC)

(. . . if $\boldsymbol{g}$ connects the boundaries of a unit cell.)

FB-wave eigenproblem:
Given a wavevector $\boldsymbol{k}$, look for frequencies $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$, such that there exist nonzero solutions $(\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{H})$ on a unit cell domain, with quasi-periodic boundary conditions (QPBC).

- Outcome:
  $\exists\,\omega$ with $(\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{H}) \neq 0$: $(\boldsymbol{k}, \omega) \in$ a frequency band, or
  $\nexists\,\omega$ with $(\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{H}) \neq 0$: $\omega \in$ a bandgap region.
  ◂▸ "Bandstructure" calculations.
- QPBC for $\boldsymbol{k}$ are the same as for $\boldsymbol{k}+\boldsymbol{K}$, if $\boldsymbol{K}\cdot\boldsymbol{g} = m\,2\pi$, $m \in \mathbb{Z}$.
  ⇝ Restrict $\boldsymbol{k}$ to the first Brillouin zone.

(Exclude $\boldsymbol{k}+\boldsymbol{K}$ $\forall \boldsymbol{g}, m \neq 0$.)
($\boldsymbol{K}$: A vector of the reciprocal lattice.)

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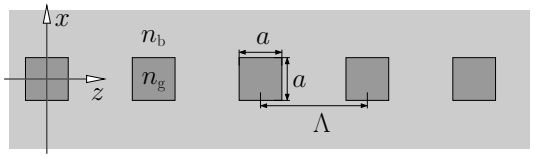
(Include this in the list of computational problems of lecture D.)
(Bandstructure calculations: Information on inifinite periodic strctures.)
(Calculations on a (small) unit cell domain, typically computationally cheap.)
(Finite structures, (most) defects, external excitation, etc.: scattering solvers (FD, TD) or resonance solvers required, on the full system domain.)

A sequence of dielectric rods



$a = 0.4\,\mu\mathrm{m}$, $\Lambda = 1\,\mu\mathrm{m}$,
$n_\mathrm{b} = 1.0$, $n_\mathrm{g} = \sqrt{12}$.
[Joannopoulos, Johnson, Winn, Meade, *Photonic Crystals: Molding the Flow of Light*, 2nd edition, Princeton, 2008.]

- 1-D periodicity, $\epsilon(x,z) = \epsilon(x,z+\Lambda)$.
- 2-D TE setting, $E_y(x,z) = ?$, $(\partial_x^2 + \partial_z^2 + k^2\epsilon)E_y = 0.$ $(*)$
- Look for FB waves $E_y(x,z) = u(x,z)\,\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta z}$.
  (β: the FB wavenumber, $u(x,z) = u(x,z+\Lambda)\ \forall z$.)
- $E_y(x,z+\Lambda) = u(x,z+\Lambda)\,\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta(z+\Lambda)} = E_y(x,z)\,\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta\Lambda}$
  - Restrict $(*)$ to $z \in [0,\Lambda]$ with boundary conditions
    $E_y(x,\Lambda) = \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta\Lambda}E_y(x,0)$, $\partial_z E_y(x,\Lambda) = \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\beta\Lambda}\partial_z E_y(x,0)$.
- Brillouin zone: $K\Lambda = \pm m\,2\pi$ ⇝ $\beta \in [-\pi/\Lambda, \pi/\Lambda]$.

(BEP simulations (Lecture G.24), ω given, β determined from an eigenvalue problem.)
(Shaded region: above the "light line", $\omega^2 n_\mathrm{b}^2/\mathrm{c}^2 > k_z^2$, potentially leaky solutions.)

Defect waveguides

(At a frequency in the bandgap of a photonic crystal: ∃ "forbidden" regions ⇝ The waves travel elsewhere . . .)

Line defects in a square lattice of dielectric rods,
excitation through conventional waveguides, 2-D QUEP simulations.

- A straight defect waveguide.
- 90° corner in a defect waveguide.

A touch of plasmonics

"Plasmonics": ?

Keywords:
- A branch of photonics.
- Optics involving metals and metal surfaces.
- Interaction between the electromagnetic field and free electrons in the metal / at the surface.
- Strong field confinement, "beyond the diffraction limit".
- "Strong" local fields, near field enhancement (nonlinearity).
- "Small" structures: Nano . . . .
- Applications: Sensing, focusing ("antennas", microscopy), communication (short-range), chemistry, art.

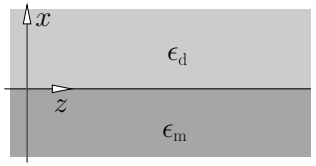
Context of this lecture:
- Problems of general classical electromagnetics & methods as discussed; different emphasis.
- Presence of metals: complex (negative) permittivity, strong dispersion, losses; some concepts do not apply.
- Among the phenomena not encountered so far: Surface plasmon polaritions (SPPs).

Surface plasmon polaritons

(Surface waves,
"plasmon": oscillations of the free electron plasma,
"polariton": strong interaction of the optical e.m. field with polarizable matter; here discussed merely as . . .)

Optical waves confined at a metal / dielectric interface.

(. . . accepting the permittivities as given, disregarding any processes in the metal or dielectric that lead to this permittivity.)

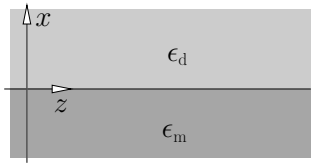


$x > 0$: dielectric, $\epsilon_\mathrm{d} = n_\mathrm{d}^2 \in \mathbb{R}$.
$x < 0$: metal, $\epsilon_\mathrm{m} \in \mathbb{C}$.

(Coordinates in line with the previous discussion in this lecture, but different from literature "standard".)

Surface plasmon polaritons

$\sim \exp(\mathrm{i}\omega t)$ (FD)



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2-D TE / TM waves.

- Look for fields $\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{E} \\ \boldsymbol{H} \end{pmatrix}(x,z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{E}} \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{H}} \end{pmatrix}(x)\, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\gamma z}$,
  $\gamma = \beta - \mathrm{i}\alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \quad \beta, \alpha \geq 0.$

- Principal component $\phi = \bar{E}_y$ (TE) and $\phi = \bar{H}_y$ (TM),
  continuity of ϕ, $\eta \partial_x \phi$ at the interface, $\eta = 1$ (TE), $\eta = 1/\epsilon$ (TM),
  $$\partial_x^2 \phi + (k^2 \epsilon - \gamma^2)\phi = 0 \qquad \text{for } x < 0 \text{ and } x > 0.$$

- Ansatz:
  $$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} \phi_0\, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}k_\mathrm{d} x}, & x > 0, \\ \phi_0\, \mathrm{e}^{\,\mathrm{i}k_\mathrm{m} x}, & x < 0, \end{cases} \qquad \begin{aligned} k_\mathrm{d} &= \chi_\mathrm{d} - \mathrm{i}\kappa_\mathrm{d}, & \kappa_\mathrm{d} &> 0, \\ k_\mathrm{m} &= \chi_\mathrm{m} - \mathrm{i}\kappa_\mathrm{m}, & \kappa_\mathrm{m} &> 0. \end{aligned}$$

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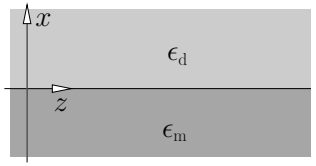

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$x < 0$: metal, $\epsilon_\mathrm{m} \in \mathbb{C}$.

- $x > 0$: $k^2 \epsilon_\mathrm{d} - k_\mathrm{d}^2 - \gamma^2 = 0$,
  $x < 0$: $k^2 \epsilon_\mathrm{m} - k_\mathrm{m}^2 - \gamma^2 = 0$.

- $x = 0$: Continuity of ϕ. (Ansatz.)
  $x = 0$: Continuity of $\eta \partial_x \phi$ $\rightsquigarrow$ $-k_\mathrm{d}\eta_\mathrm{d} = k_\mathrm{m}\eta_\mathrm{m}$.

  (TE): $-k_\mathrm{d} = k_\mathrm{m}$ $\rightsquigarrow$ No TE solution. (Required: $\kappa_\mathrm{d} > 0$ & $\kappa_\mathrm{m} > 0$.)

  (TM): $-\dfrac{k_\mathrm{d}}{\epsilon_\mathrm{d}} = \dfrac{k_\mathrm{m}}{\epsilon_\mathrm{m}}$. (OK, if $\mathrm{Re}\,\epsilon_\mathrm{m} < 0$.)
  (No solution for an interface between pure dielectrics.)

↳ $\gamma = \dfrac{\omega}{c}\sqrt{\dfrac{\epsilon_\mathrm{d}\epsilon_\mathrm{m}}{\epsilon_\mathrm{d} + \epsilon_\mathrm{m}}}$, the dispersion equation for SPPs.
(Note that, in general, $\epsilon_\mathrm{m}(\omega)$.)

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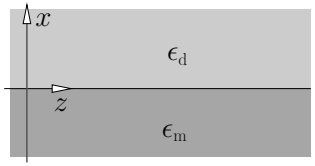

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Characteristic lengths:

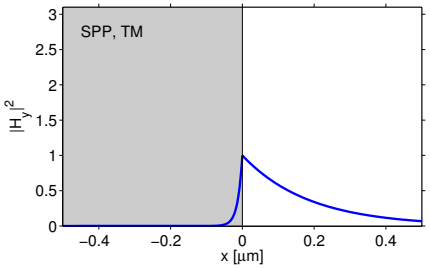
- $x > 0$: $|\phi(x)|^2 \sim \mathrm{e}^{-2\kappa_\mathrm{d} x}$ $\rightsquigarrow$ $d_\mathrm{d} = \dfrac{1}{2\kappa_\mathrm{d}}$. (Penetration depth, dielectric.)

- $x < 0$: $|\phi(x)|^2 \sim \mathrm{e}^{2\kappa_\mathrm{m} x}$ $\rightsquigarrow$ $d_\mathrm{m} = \dfrac{1}{2\kappa_\mathrm{m}}$. (Penetration depth, metal.)

- $|E.|^2 \sim \mathrm{e}^{-2\alpha z}$ $\rightsquigarrow$ $L_\mathrm{p} = \dfrac{1}{2\alpha}$, the SPP propagation length.

Field profiles

SPP, Ag / air, $\lambda = 0.633\,\mu\text{m}$,
$\epsilon_\text{m} = -14.5 - 1.2\text{i}$, $\epsilon_\text{d} = 1.0$



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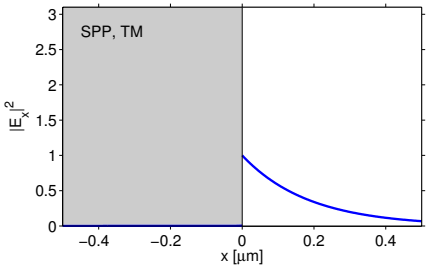

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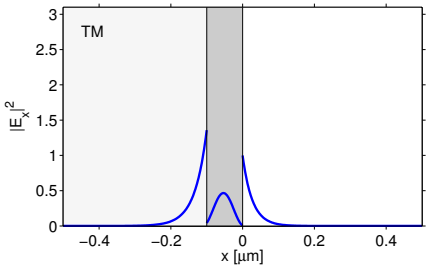
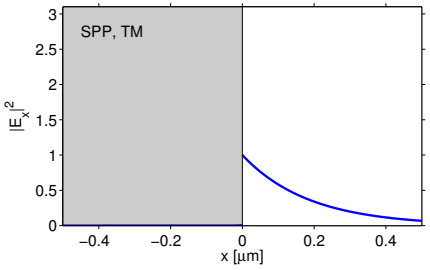
SiO_2 / Si(100 nm) / air, $\lambda = 0.633\,\mu\text{m}$,
$\epsilon = 1.45^2 : 3.45^2 : 1.0$



$L_\text{p} = \infty$,
$n_\text{eff} = 2.106$,
$d_\text{air} = 27\,\text{nm}$.

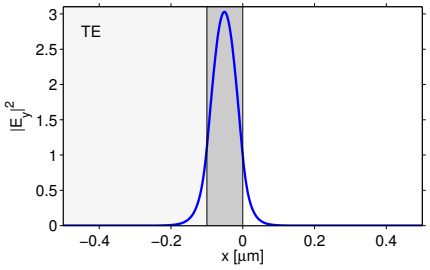
Field profiles

SPP, Ag / air, $\lambda = 0.633\,\mu\text{m}$,
$\epsilon_\text{m} = -14.5 - 1.2\text{i}$, $\epsilon_\text{d} = 1.0$



$L_\text{p} = 16\,\mu\text{m}$,
$\beta/k = 1.036$,
$d_\text{d} = 190\,\text{nm}$,
$d_\text{m} = 12\,\text{nm}$.

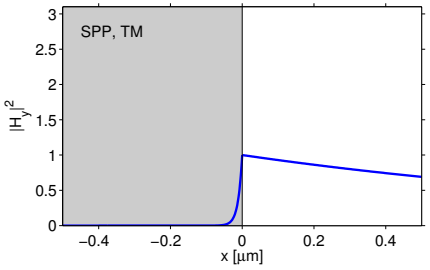
SiO_2 / Si(100 nm) / air, $\lambda = 0.633\,\mu\text{m}$,
$\epsilon = 1.45^2 : 3.45^2 : 1.0$



$L_\text{p} = \infty$,
$n_\text{eff} = 2.883$,
$d_\text{air} = 19\,\text{nm}$.

Field profiles

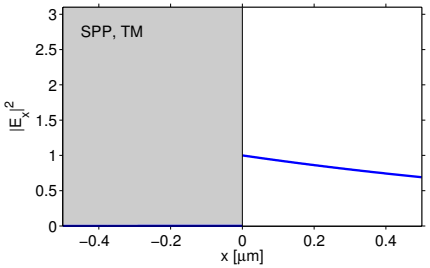
SPP, Ag / air, $\lambda = 1.550\,\mu\text{m}$,
$\epsilon_\text{m} = -121 - 4.4\text{i}$, $\epsilon_\text{d} = 1.0$



$L_\text{p} = 812\,\mu\text{m}$,
$\beta/k = 1.0042$,
$d_\text{d} = 1350\,\text{nm}$,
$d_\text{m} = 11\,\text{nm}$.

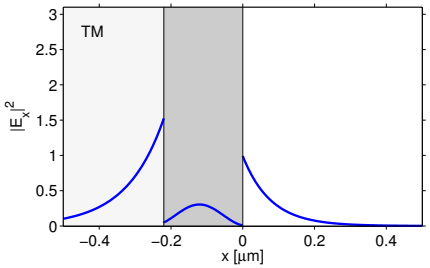
Field profiles

SPP, Ag / air, $\lambda = 1.550\,\mu\text{m}$,
$\epsilon_\text{m} = -121 - 4.4\text{i}$, $\epsilon_\text{d} = 1.0$



$L_\text{p} = 812\,\mu\text{m}$,
$\beta/k = 1.0042$,
$d_\text{d} = 1350\,\text{nm}$,
$d_\text{m} = 11\,\text{nm}$.

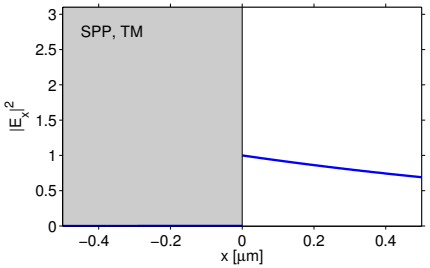
SiO_2 / Si(220 nm) / air, $\lambda = 1.550\,\mu\text{m}$,
$\epsilon = 1.45^2 : 3.45^2 : 1.0$



$L_\text{p} = \infty$,
$n_\text{eff} = 1.874$,
$d_\text{air} = 78\,\text{nm}$.

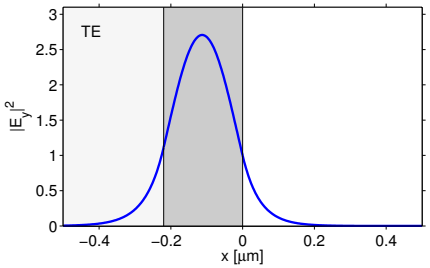
Field profiles

SPP, Ag / air, $\lambda = 1.550\,\mu\text{m}$,
$\epsilon_\text{m} = -121 - 4.4\text{i}$, $\epsilon_\text{d} = 1.0$



$L_\text{p} = 812\,\mu\text{m}$,
$\beta/k = 1.0042$,
$d_\text{d} = 1350\,\text{nm}$,
$d_\text{m} = 11\,\text{nm}$.

SiO_2 / Si(220 nm) / air, $\lambda = 1.550\,\mu\text{m}$,
$\epsilon = 1.45^2 : 3.45^2 : 1.0$



$L_\text{p} = \infty$,
$n_\text{eff} = 2.805$,
$d_\text{air} = 47\,\text{nm}$.

Upcoming

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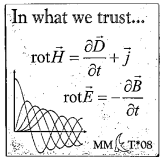
- Hybrid analytical / numerical coupled mode theory.
- Oblique semi-guided waves: 2-D integrated optics.