

## Wave Interaction in Photonic Integrated Circuits: Hybrid Analytical/Numerical Coupled Mode Modeling

Manfred Hammer\*

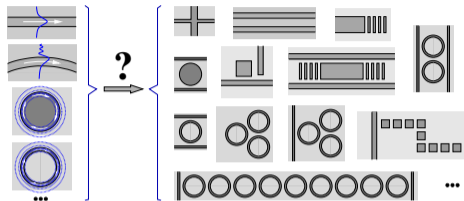
Theoretical Electrical Engineering  
Paderborn University, Germany

Graduate Lectures on Optoelectronics and Photonics — GRK 1464, Paderborn University, Germany — June 01, 2016

\* Theoretical Electrical Engineering, Paderborn University  
Warburger Straße 100, 33098 Paderborn, Germany

Phone: +49(0)5251/60-3560  
E-mail: manfred.hammer@uni-paderborn.de

## Wave interaction in photonic integrated circuits



## Wave interaction in photonic integrated circuits

- Basis fields
  - Straight channels
  - Curved waveguides
  - Localized resonances
- Hybrid coupled mode theory
  - Field templates
  - Amplitude discretization
  - Solution procedures
  - Supermode analysis
- Coupled straight waveguides
- Channel crossing
- Micro-ring circuits
- 3-D HCMT

Frequency domain,  $\sim \exp(i\omega t)$ ,

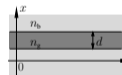
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mathbf{H} - i\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon\mathbf{E} &= 0, \\ -\nabla \times \mathbf{E} - i\omega\mu_0\mathbf{H} &= 0, \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$\omega = kc = 2\pi c/\lambda$  given,

$$\epsilon = n^2, \quad n(x, y, z),$$

2-D (3-D) formalism,  
2-D specifics & examples,  
3-D examples

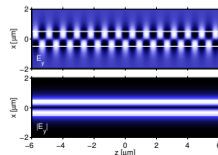
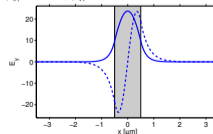
## Straight dielectric waveguide



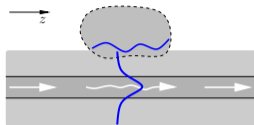
$\partial_z \epsilon = 0$ ,  $\omega$  given,  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$  eigenvalue,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix}(x, z) = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{E}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{H}} \end{pmatrix}(x) e^{-i\beta z}, \quad \left\{ \beta_j, \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{E}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{H}} \end{pmatrix}_j \right\}$$

TE,  $n_b = 1.5$ ,  $n_g = 2.0$ ,  $d = 1.0 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\lambda = 1.5 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $\beta_0/k = 1.924$ ,  $\beta_1/k = 1.697$ .



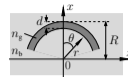
## Straight dielectric waveguide



$$\begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(x, z) \approx f(z) \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} \\ \tilde{H} \end{pmatrix}(x) e^{-i\beta z}$$

Navigation icons: back, forward, search, etc.

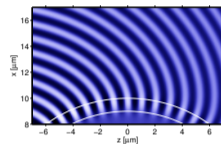
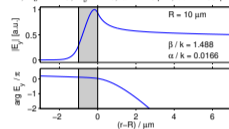
## Waveguide bend



$\partial_\theta \epsilon = 0$ ,  $\omega$  given,  $\gamma = \beta - i\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  eigenvalue,

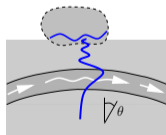
$$\begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(r, \theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} \\ \tilde{H} \end{pmatrix}(r) e^{-i\gamma R\theta} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \gamma_j, \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} \\ \tilde{H} \end{pmatrix}_j \right\} \end{array} \right.$$

TE,  $n_b = 1.45$ ,  $n_g = 1.6$ ,  $d = 1.0 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\lambda = 1.55 \mu\text{m}$ .



Navigation icons: back, forward, search, etc.

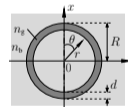
## Waveguide bend



$$\begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(r, \theta) \approx c(\theta) \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} \\ \tilde{H} \end{pmatrix}(r) e^{-i\gamma R\theta}$$

Navigation icons: back, forward, search, etc.

## Whispering gallery resonances



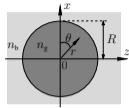
$\partial_\theta \epsilon = 0$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\omega^c \in \mathbb{C}$  eigenvalue,

$$\begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(r, \theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} \\ \tilde{H} \end{pmatrix}(r) e^{-im\theta} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \omega_j^c, \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} \\ \tilde{H} \end{pmatrix}_j \right\} \\ \left\{ \text{WGM}(l, m) \right\} \end{array} \right.$$

$$Q = \text{Re } \omega^c / (2 \text{Im } \omega^c), \quad \lambda_r = 2\pi c / \text{Re } \omega^c, \quad \text{outgoing radiation, FWHM: } \Delta\lambda = \lambda_r / Q.$$

Navigation icons: back, forward, search, etc.

## Whispering gallery resonances

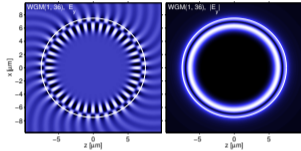


$$\partial_\theta \epsilon = 0, \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad \omega^c \in \mathbb{C} \text{ eigenvalue,}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(r, \theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} \\ \tilde{H} \end{pmatrix}(r) e^{-im\theta}.$$

$$\left\{ \omega_j^c, \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} \\ \tilde{H} \end{pmatrix}_j \right\}$$

$$\left\{ \text{WGM}(l, m) \right\}$$



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

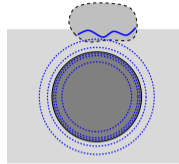
WGM(1,36):

$\lambda_r = 1.5367 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $Q = 2.2 \cdot 10^4$ ,  
 $\Delta\lambda = 7.0 \cdot 10^{-4} \mu\text{m}$ .

◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶

8

## Localized resonances

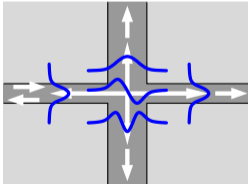


$$\begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(x, z) \approx c \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} \\ \tilde{H} \end{pmatrix}(x, z)$$

◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶

9

## A waveguide crossing

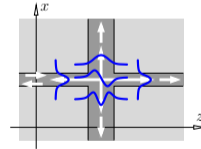


Coupled Mode Model ?

◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶

10

## Field ansatz



Basis elements:

- modes of the horizontal WG

$$\psi^{\text{f,b}}(x, z) = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} \\ \tilde{H} \end{pmatrix}^{\text{f,b}}(x) e^{\mp i \beta^{\text{f,b}} z},$$

- modes of the vertical WG

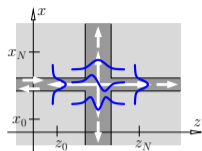
$$\psi_m^{\text{u,d}}(x, z) = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} \\ \tilde{H} \end{pmatrix}_m^{\text{u,d}}(z) e^{\mp i \beta_m^{\text{u,d}} x}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(x, z) = f(z) \psi^{\text{f}}(x, z) + b(z) \psi^{\text{b}}(x, z) + \sum_m u_m(x) \psi_m^{\text{u}}(x, z) + \sum_m d_m(x) \psi_m^{\text{d}}(x, z)$$

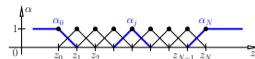
$f, b, u_m, d_m$ : ?

◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶

11



1-D linear finite elements



$$f(z) = \sum_{j=0}^N f_j \alpha_j(z),$$

$b(z), u_m(x), d_m(x)$  analogous.

$$\begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(x, z) = \sum_k a_k \left( \alpha(\cdot) \psi \right)(x, z) =: \sum_k a_k \begin{pmatrix} E_k \\ H_k \end{pmatrix}(x, z),$$

$k \in \{\text{waveguides, modes, elements}\}, \quad a_k \in \{f_j, b_j, u_{m,j}, d_{m,j}\},$

$a_k: ?$

## Galerkin procedure, continued

- Insert  $\begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix} = \sum_k a_k \begin{pmatrix} E_k \\ H_k \end{pmatrix},$
- select  $\{u\}$ : indices of unknown coefficients,  
 $\{g\}$ : given values related to prescribed influx,
- require  $\iint \mathcal{K}(E_l, H_l; E, H) \, dx \, dy \, dz = 0 \quad \text{for } l \in \{u\},$
- compute  $K_{lk} = \iint \mathcal{K}(E_l, H_l; E_k, H_k) \, dx \, dy \, dz.$

$$\sum_{k \in \{u, g\}} K_{lk} a_k = 0, \quad l \in \{u\}, \quad (K_{uu} \quad K_{ug}) \begin{pmatrix} a_u \\ a_g \end{pmatrix} = 0, \quad \text{or} \quad K_{uu} a_u = -K_{ug} a_g.$$

## Galerkin procedure

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times H - i\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon E &= 0 \\ -\nabla \times E - i\omega\mu_0 H &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \Bigg| \quad \cdot \begin{pmatrix} F \\ G \end{pmatrix}^*, \quad \iint \iint$$

$$\longleftrightarrow \iint \iint \mathcal{K}(F, G; E, H) \, dx \, dy \, dz = 0 \quad \text{for all } F, G,$$

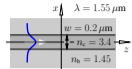
where

$$\mathcal{K}(F, G; E, H) = F^* \cdot (\nabla \times H) - G^* \cdot (\nabla \times E) - i\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon F^* \cdot E - i\omega\mu_0 G^* \cdot H.$$

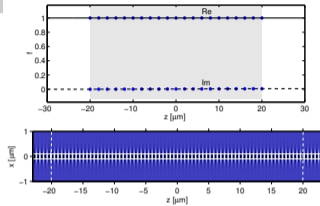
## Further issues

... plenty.

## Straight waveguide

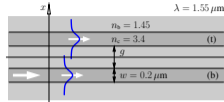


Basis element: forward  $TE_0$  mode,  $f_0 = 1$ ,  
FEM discretization  $z \in [-20, 20] \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\Delta z = 2 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
computational domain  $z \in [-20, 20] \mu\text{m}$ ,  $x \in [-3.0, 3.0] \mu\text{m}$ .



16

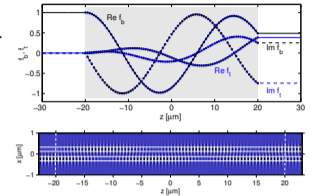
## Two coupled parallel cores



Basis:  
forward  $TE_0$  modes of the individual cores,  
input amplitude  $f_0 = 1$ ,

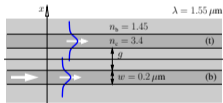
FEM discretization:  
 $z \in [-20, 20] \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\Delta z = 0.5 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
computational domain:  
 $z \in [-20, 20] \mu\text{m}$ ,  $x \in [-3.0, 3.0] \mu\text{m}$ .

$g = 0.25 \mu\text{m}$ :



17

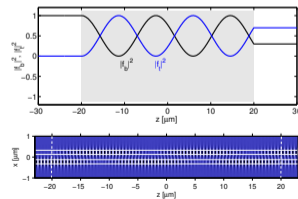
## Two coupled parallel cores



Basis:  
forward  $TE_0$  modes of the individual cores,  
input amplitude  $f_0 = 1$ ,

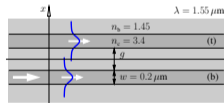
FEM discretization:  
 $z \in [-20, 20] \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\Delta z = 0.5 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
computational domain:  
 $z \in [-20, 20] \mu\text{m}$ ,  $x \in [-3.0, 3.0] \mu\text{m}$ .

$g = 0.25 \mu\text{m}$ :



18

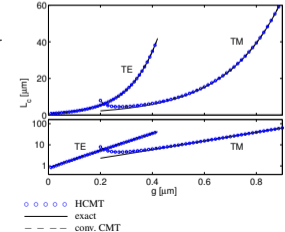
## Two coupled parallel cores



Basis:  
forward  $TE_0$  modes of the individual cores,  
input amplitude  $f_0 = 1$ ,

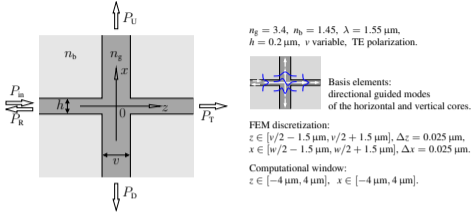
FEM discretization:  
 $z \in [-20, 20] \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\Delta z = 0.5 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
computational domain:  
 $z \in [-20, 20] \mu\text{m}$ ,  $x \in [-3.0, 3.0] \mu\text{m}$ .

Coupling length versus gap:



19

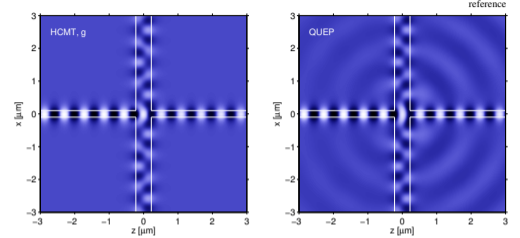
## Waveguide crossing



19

## Waveguide crossing, fields

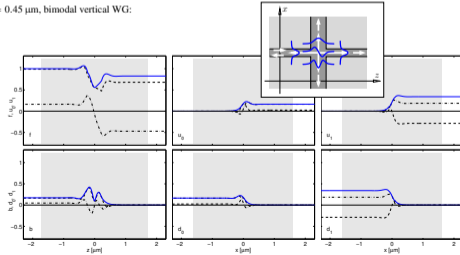
$v = 0.45 \mu\text{m}$ , bimodal vertical WG:



20

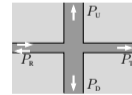
## Waveguide crossing, amplitude functions

$v = 0.45 \mu\text{m}$ , bimodal vertical WG:

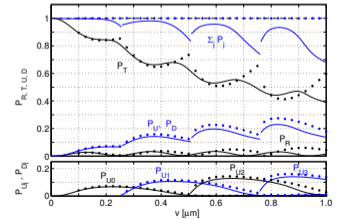


21

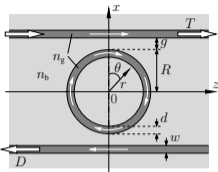
## Waveguide crossing, power transfer



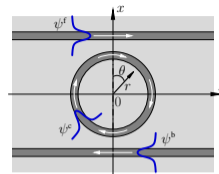
— QUEP, reference  
••••• HCMT



22



TE,  $R = 7.5 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $w = 0.6 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $d = 0.75 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $g = 0.3 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $n_g = 1.5$ ,  $n_b = 1.0$ ,  $\lambda \approx 1.55 \mu\text{m}$ .



Basis elements:

- bus WGs:  

$$\psi^{f,b}(x, z) = \left( \frac{\tilde{E}}{\tilde{H}} \right)^{f,b}(x) e^{\mp i \beta z},$$
- cavity:  

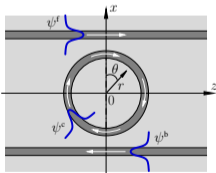
$$\psi^c(r, \theta) = \left( \frac{\tilde{E}}{\tilde{H}} \right)^c(r) e^{-i \gamma R \theta},$$

$$\gamma R \rightarrow \text{floor}(\text{Re} \gamma R + 1/2),$$
- & further terms.

$$\begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(x, z) = f(z) \psi^f(x, z) + b(z) \psi^b(x, z) + c(\theta) \psi^c(r, \theta),$$

$$r = r(x, z), \theta = \theta(x, z).$$

$f, b, c$ : ?



1-D FEM discretization:

$$f(z) \rightarrow \{f_j\},$$

$$b(z) \rightarrow \{b_j\},$$

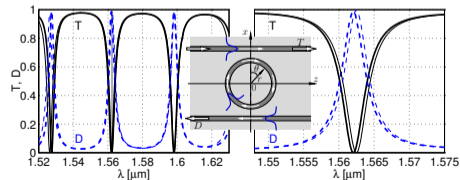
$$c(\theta) \rightarrow \{c_j\},$$

identify nodes 0 and  $N_\theta$ ,  
 $r \rightarrow r(x, z)$ ,  $\theta \rightarrow \theta(x, z)$ .

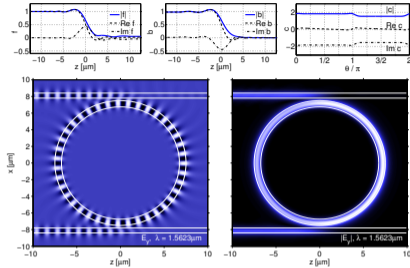
$$\begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(x, z) = \sum_k a_k \left( \alpha(\cdot) \psi \right)(x, z) =: \sum_k a_k \begin{pmatrix} E_k \\ H_k \end{pmatrix}(x, z),$$

$$k \in \{\text{channels, modes, elements}\}, \quad a_k \in \{f_j, b_j, c_j\}.$$

HCMT solution as before.



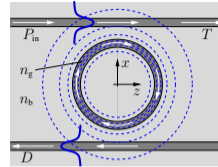
## Single ring filter, resonance



◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶

27

## Excitation of whispering gallery resonances

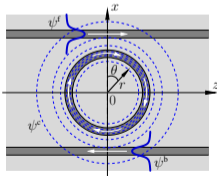


$$\left\{ \omega_j^c, \left( \frac{\bar{E}}{\bar{H}} \right)_j^c(x, z) \right\}, \quad P_{\text{in}}(\omega) \text{ given: } T(\omega), D(\omega) = ?$$

◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶

28

## Ringresonator, field template



- Frequency  $\omega$  given,  $\sim \exp(i\omega t)$ ,
- bus channels:  
 $\psi^{\text{f,b}}(x, z) = \left( \frac{\bar{E}}{\bar{H}} \right)^{\text{f,b}}(x) e^{\mp i\beta z}$ ,
- cavity, WGMs:  
 $\psi_j^c(r, \theta) = \left( \frac{\bar{E}}{\bar{H}} \right)_j^c(r) e^{-im_j\theta}, \quad m_j \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- & further terms.

$$\left( \frac{\bar{E}}{\bar{H}} \right)(x, z) = f(z) \psi^{\text{f}}(x, z) + b(z) \psi^{\text{b}}(x, z) + \sum_j c_j \psi_j^c(r, \theta),$$

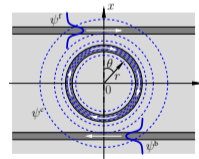
$$r = r(x, z), \quad \theta = \theta(x, z).$$

$f, b, c_j$ : ?

◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶

29

## Ringresonator, HCMT procedure



Channels: 1-D FEM discretization,

$$f(z) \rightarrow \{f_j\},$$

$$b(z) \rightarrow \{b_j\}.$$

$$\left( \frac{\bar{E}}{\bar{H}} \right)(x, z) = \sum_j f_j(\alpha_j \psi_j^{\text{f}})(x, z) + \sum_j b_j(\alpha_j \psi_j^{\text{b}})(x, z) + \sum_j c_j \psi_j^c(x, z)$$

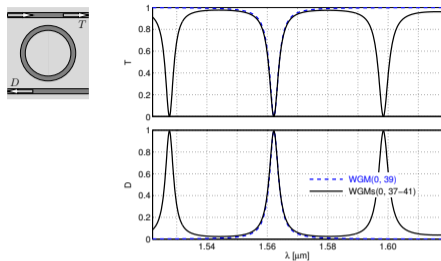
$$=: \sum_k a_k \left( \frac{\bar{E}_k}{\bar{H}_k} \right)(x, z), \quad a_k \in \{f_j, b_j, c_j\}.$$

HCMT solution as before.

◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶

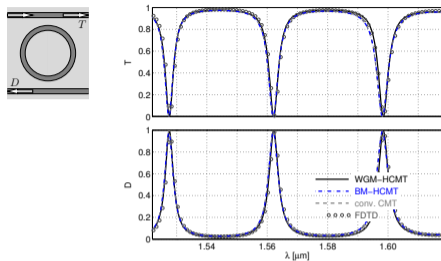
30

## Single ring filter, spectral response



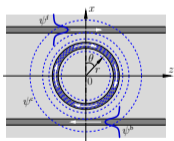
31

## Single ring filter, benchmark

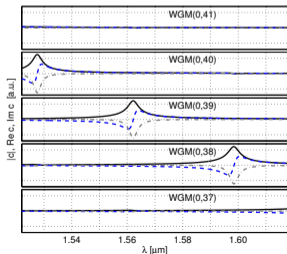


32

## Single ring filter, WGM amplitudes

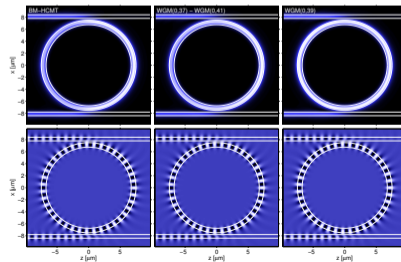


$$\begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(x, z) = f(z) \psi^f(x, z) + b(z) \psi^b(x, z) + \sum_j c_j \psi_j^c(x, z)$$



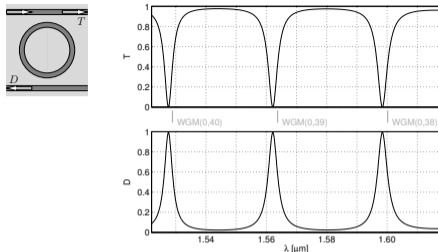
33

## Single ring filter, transmission resonance



34

## Single ring filter, resonance positions



◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶

35

## HCMT supermode analysis

- Insert  $\begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix} = \sum_k a_k \begin{pmatrix} E_k \\ H_k \end{pmatrix}$ ,
- require  $\iiint \mathcal{A}(E_l, H_l; E, H) dx dy dz - \omega^s \iiint \mathcal{B}(E_l, H_l; E, H) dx dy dz = 0$   
for all  $l$ ,
- compute  $A_{lk} = \iiint \mathcal{A}(E_l, H_l; E_k, H_k) dx dy dz$ ,  
 $B_{lk} = \iiint \mathcal{B}(E_l, H_l; E_k, H_k) dx dy dz$ .

$$\sum_k A_{lk} a_k - \omega^s B_{lk} a_k = 0 \text{ for all } l, \text{ or } \mathbf{Aa} = \omega^s \mathbf{Ba}.$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \left\{ \omega, \lambda_r, Q, \Delta\lambda; (E, H) \right\}^s.$$

◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶

37

## Supermodes

Look for  $\omega^s \in \mathbb{C}$  where the system

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \times \mathbf{H} - i\omega^s \epsilon_0 \epsilon \mathbf{E} = 0 \\ -\nabla \times \mathbf{E} - i\omega^s \mu_0 \mathbf{H} = 0 \end{cases} \text{ \& boundary conditions: "outgoing waves" }$$

permits nontrivial solutions  $\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}$ .

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \times \mathbf{H} - i\omega^s \epsilon_0 \epsilon \mathbf{E} = 0 \\ -\nabla \times \mathbf{E} - i\omega^s \mu_0 \mathbf{H} = 0 \end{cases} \quad \left| \quad \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{F} \\ \mathbf{G} \end{pmatrix}^*, \quad \iiint$$

$$\hookrightarrow \iiint \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}; \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) dx dy dz - \omega^s \iiint \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}; \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) dx dy dz = 0 \text{ for all } \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G},$$

$$\text{where } \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}; \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) = \mathbf{F}^* \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) - \mathbf{G}^* \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}),$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}; \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) = i\epsilon_0 \epsilon \mathbf{F}^* \cdot \mathbf{E} + i\mu_0 \mathbf{G}^* \cdot \mathbf{H}.$$

◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶

36

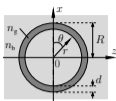
## Further issues

... plenty.

◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶ ◀ ◻ ▶

38

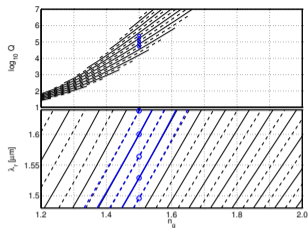
## WGMs, small uniform perturbations



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

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_m & \leftrightarrow \text{WGM}(\omega_m; E_m, H_m), \\ \epsilon_m + \Delta\epsilon & \leftrightarrow \text{WGM}(\omega_m + \Delta\omega; E_m, H_m), \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta\omega = - \frac{\omega_m \epsilon_0 \iiint \Delta\epsilon |E_m|^2 dx dy dz}{\iiint (\epsilon_m \epsilon_0 |E_m|^2 + \mu_0 |H_m|^2) dx dy dz}.$$



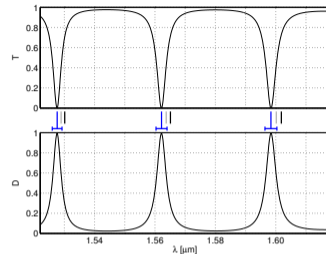
## Single ring filter, resonance positions



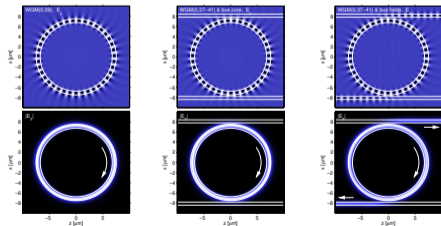
WGMs only

WGMs  
& bus cores

WGMs  
& bus fields



## Single ring filter, unidirectional supermodes

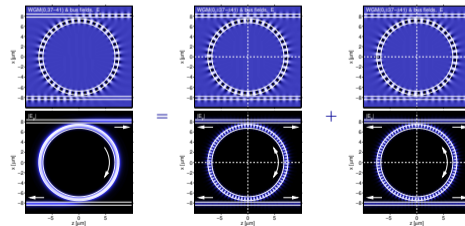


$\lambda_r = 1.5637 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $Q = 1.1 \cdot 10^5$ ,  
 $\Delta\lambda = 1.4 \cdot 10^{-5} \mu\text{m}$ .

$\lambda_r = 1.5651 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $Q = 1.1 \cdot 10^5$ ,  
 $\Delta\lambda = 1.4 \cdot 10^{-5} \mu\text{m}$ .

$\lambda_r = 1.5622 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $Q = 4.3 \cdot 10^2$ ,  
 $\Delta\lambda = 3.7 \cdot 10^{-3} \mu\text{m}$ .

## Single ring filter, bidirectional supermodes

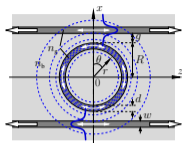


$\lambda_r = 1.56219 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $Q = 4.3 \cdot 10^2$ ,  
 $\Delta\lambda = 3.7 \cdot 10^{-3} \mu\text{m}$ .

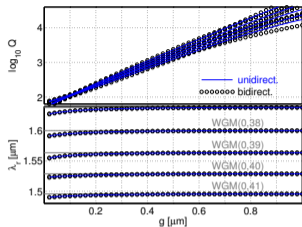
$\lambda_r = 1.56223 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $Q = 4.4 \cdot 10^2$ ,  
 $\Delta\lambda = 3.5 \cdot 10^{-3} \mu\text{m}$ .

$\lambda_r = 1.56215 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $Q = 4.0 \cdot 10^2$ ,  
 $\Delta\lambda = 3.9 \cdot 10^{-3} \mu\text{m}$ .

## Single ring filter, supermodes versus gap

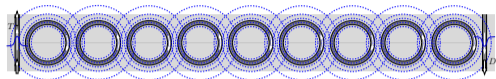


TE,  
 $R = 7.5 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $d = 0.75 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $w = 0.6 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $n_g = 1.5$ ,  $n_0 = 1.0$ .



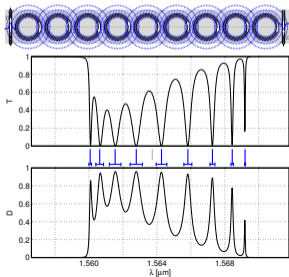
43

## Coupled resonator optical waveguide



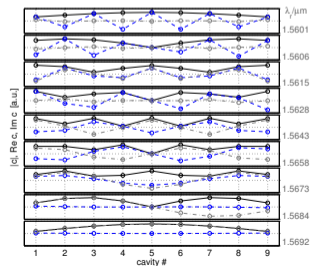
44

## CROW, spectral response



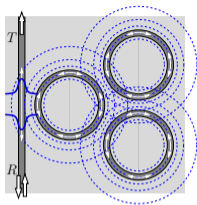
45

## CROW, supermode pattern



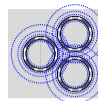
46

### Three-ring molecule



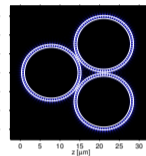
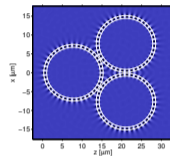
47

### Three-ring molecule, supermodes



Template:  $3 \times \text{WGM}(0, \pm 39) \rightsquigarrow 6$  supermodes.

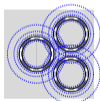
Symmetries: 



$\lambda_e = 1.56946 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $Q = 1.3 \cdot 10^5$ ,  
 $\Delta\lambda = 1.1 \cdot 10^{-5} \mu\text{m}$ .

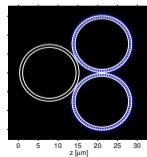
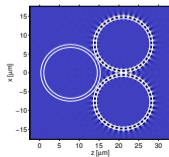
48

### Three-ring molecule, supermodes



Template:  $3 \times \text{WGM}(0, \pm 39) \rightsquigarrow 6$  supermodes.

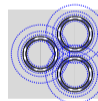
Symmetries: 



$\lambda_e = 1.56715 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $Q = 1.2 \cdot 10^5$ ,  
 $\Delta\lambda = 1.3 \cdot 10^{-5} \mu\text{m}$ .

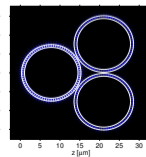
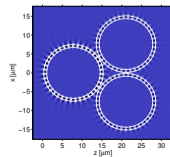
49

### Three-ring molecule, supermodes



Template:  $3 \times \text{WGM}(0, \pm 39) \rightsquigarrow 6$  supermodes.

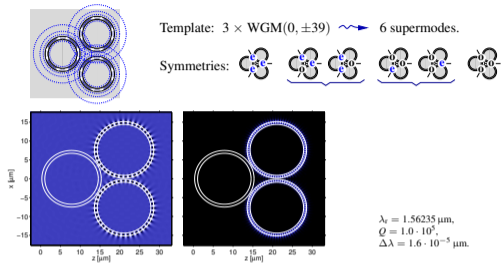
Symmetries: 



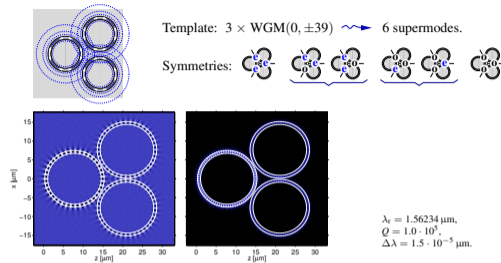
$\lambda_e = 1.56714 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $Q = 0.9 \cdot 10^5$ ,  
 $\Delta\lambda = 1.7 \cdot 10^{-5} \mu\text{m}$ .

50

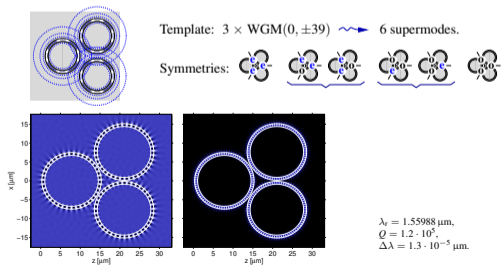
### Three-ring molecule, supermodes



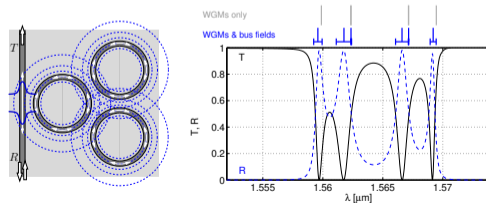
### Three-ring molecule, supermodes

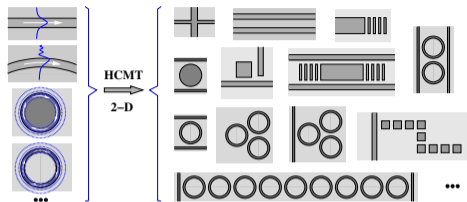


### Three-ring molecule, supermodes

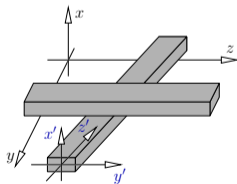


### Three-ring molecule, excitation

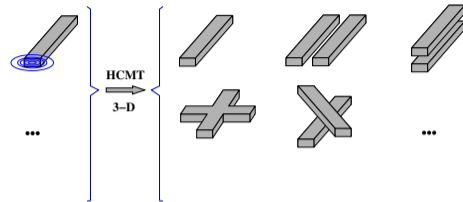




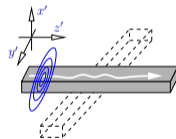
### A waveguide crossing



... local coordinates  $x', y', z'$ , per channel, per mode.

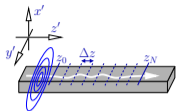


### Field template, local



Guided mode with profile  $(\tilde{\mathbf{E}}, \tilde{\mathbf{H}})$ ,  
propagation constant  $\beta = k n_{\text{eff}}$ :

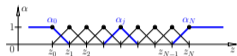
$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix}(x', y', z') \approx a(z') \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{E}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{H}} \end{pmatrix}(x', y') e^{-i\beta z'}, \quad a = ?$$



Guided mode with profile  $(\vec{E}, \vec{H})$ ,  
propagation constant  $\beta = k n_{\text{eff}}$ :

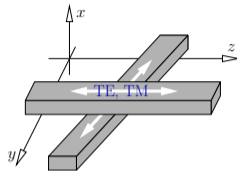
$$\begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(x', y', z') \approx a(z') \begin{pmatrix} \vec{E} \\ \vec{H} \end{pmatrix}(x', y') e^{-i\beta z'}, \quad a = ?$$

$$a(z') = \sum_{j=0}^N a_j \alpha_j(z'),$$



$$\hookrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(x', y', z') = \sum_j a_j \left( \alpha_j(z') \begin{pmatrix} \vec{E} \\ \vec{H} \end{pmatrix}(x', y') e^{-i\beta z'} \right) =: \sum_j a_j \begin{pmatrix} E_j \\ H_j \end{pmatrix}(x', y', z'), \quad a_j = ?$$

... as before, in principle.



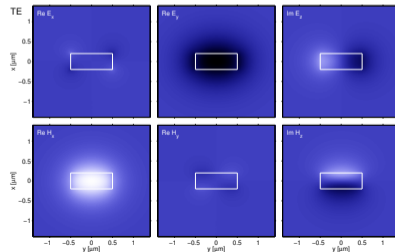
- Local ansatz for all channels, modes,
- $(x', y', z') \rightsquigarrow (x, y, z)$ ,
- $\sum$  (local contributions)

$$\hookrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(x, y, z) = \sum_k a_k \begin{pmatrix} E_k \\ H_k \end{pmatrix}(x, y, z), \quad a_k = ?$$



$\lambda = 1.55 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $n_b = 1.45$ ,  
 $n_g = 1.99$ ,  
 $w = 1.0 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $h = 0.4 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $x \in [-2, 2] \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $y \in [-2, 2] \mu\text{m}$ ;

$n_{\text{eff,TE}} = 1.63554$   
[JCMwave].



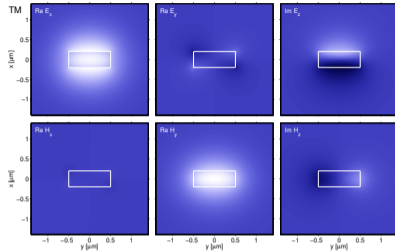
## Basis modes



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

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

$n_{\text{eff,TM}} = 1.56809$   
**[JCMwave]**.



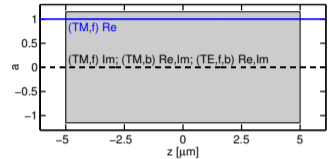
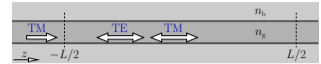
Navigation icons

55

## A single channel



$z \in [-5, 5] \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $\Delta z = 0.5 \mu\text{m}$ .



Navigation icons

56

## A single channel

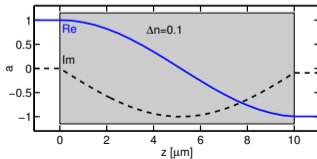


$z \in [0, 10] \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $\Delta z = 0.5 \mu\text{m}$ .

$$e^{-ikn_{\text{eff}}^p z} = a(z) e^{-ikn_{\text{eff}}^0 z},$$

$$a(z) \rightsquigarrow \Delta n_{\text{eff}} = n_{\text{eff}}^p - n_{\text{eff}}^0.$$

TE, $\Delta n = 0.1$	$\Delta n_{\text{eff}}$
HCMT	0.075
JCMwave	0.078



Navigation icons

56

## A single channel

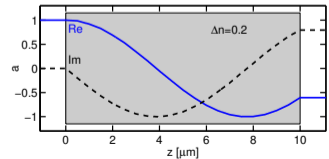


$z \in [0, 10] \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $\Delta z = 0.5 \mu\text{m}$ .

$$e^{-ikn_{\text{eff}}^p z} = a(z) e^{-ikn_{\text{eff}}^0 z},$$

$$a(z) \rightsquigarrow \Delta n_{\text{eff}} = n_{\text{eff}}^p - n_{\text{eff}}^0.$$

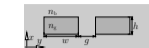
TM, $\Delta n = 0.2$	$\Delta n_{\text{eff}}$
HCMT	0.100
JCMwave	0.110



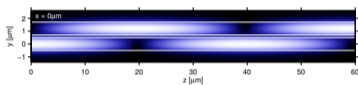
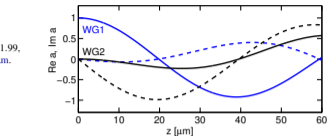
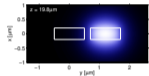
Navigation icons

56

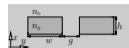
## Parallel channels, horizontal coupling



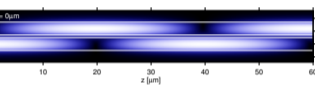
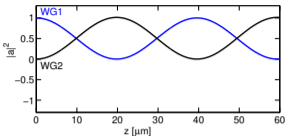
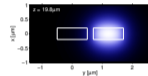
TE,  $\lambda = 1.55 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $n_b = 1.45$ ,  $n_g = 1.99$ ,  
 $w = 1.0 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $h = 0.4 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $g = 0.2 \mu\text{m}$ .



## Parallel channels, horizontal coupling



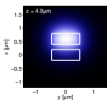
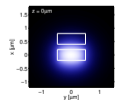
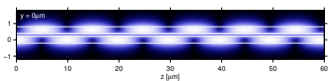
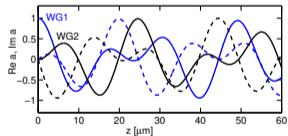
TE,  $\lambda = 1.55 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $n_b = 1.45$ ,  $n_g = 1.99$ ,  
 $w = 1.0 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $h = 0.4 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $g = 0.2 \mu\text{m}$ .



## Parallel channels, vertical coupling



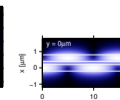
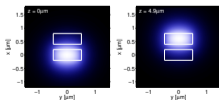
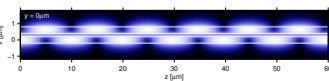
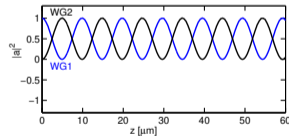
TE,  
 $\lambda = 1.55 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $n_b = 1.45$ ,  
 $n_g = 1.99$ ,  
 $w = 1.0 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $h = 0.4 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $s = 0.2 \mu\text{m}$ .



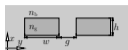
## Parallel channels, vertical coupling



TE,  
 $\lambda = 1.55 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $n_b = 1.45$ ,  
 $n_g = 1.99$ ,  
 $w = 1.0 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $h = 0.4 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $s = 0.2 \mu\text{m}$ .



## Parallel channels, coupling length



$L_c / \mu\text{m}$	$g = 0.2 \mu\text{m}$		$g = 0.3 \mu\text{m}$		$g = 0.4 \mu\text{m}$	
	TE	TM	TE	TM	TE	TM
HCMT	19.8	16.8	28.2	22.8	39.5	30.4
JCMwave	19.5	16.9	28.2	22.5	40.4	29.8

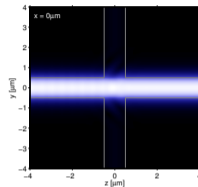
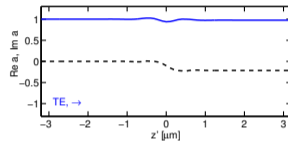
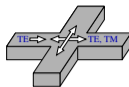


$L_c / \mu\text{m}$	$s = 0.2 \mu\text{m}$		$s = 0.4 \mu\text{m}$		$s = 0.6 \mu\text{m}$		$s = 0.8 \mu\text{m}$	
	TE	TM	TE	TM	TE	TM	TE	TM
HCMT	4.9	4.9	10.5	8.2	21.4	14.4	42.7	25.2
JCMwave	5.1	5.0	10.6	8.4	21.4	14.8	42.5	25.8

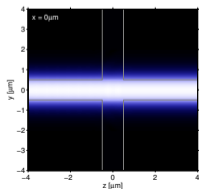
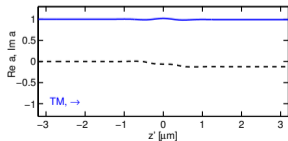
HCMT:  $a(z) \rightsquigarrow L_c$ ,

JCMwave:  $L_c = \pi / |\beta_s - \beta_a|$ .

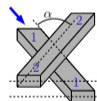
## Waveguide crossing, perpendicular



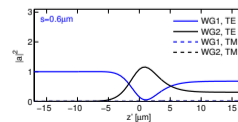
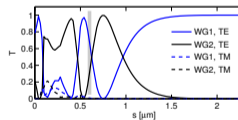
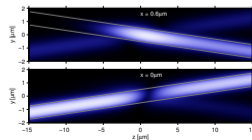
## Waveguide crossing, perpendicular



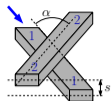
## Waveguide crossing, oblique



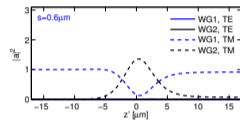
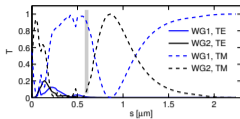
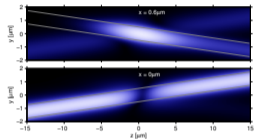
$\alpha = 9.44^\circ$ ,  
TE input,  
 $s = 0.6 \mu\text{m}$ .



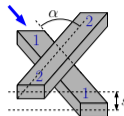
## Waveguide crossing, oblique



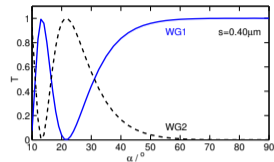
$\alpha = 9.44^\circ$ ,  
TM input,  
 $s = 0.6 \mu\text{m}$ .



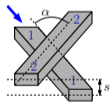
## Waveguide crossing, oblique



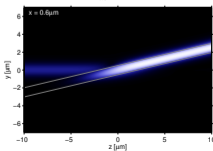
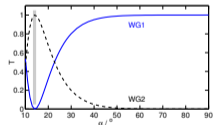
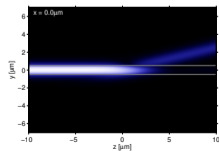
TE input.



## Waveguide crossing, oblique



TE,  
 $s = 0.6 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $\alpha = 14^\circ$ .



## Concluding remarks

### Hybrid Coupled Mode Theory:

- an ab-initio, quantitative, quite general CMT variant, very close to common ways of reasoning in integrated optics,
- alternatively: a numerical (FEM) approach with highly specialized base functions,
- implementation in 3-D possible, numerical basis fields, still moderate effort (in progress),

