

Coupled Mode Modeling in Integrated Optics: a Variational, Hybrid Analytical-Numerical Approach

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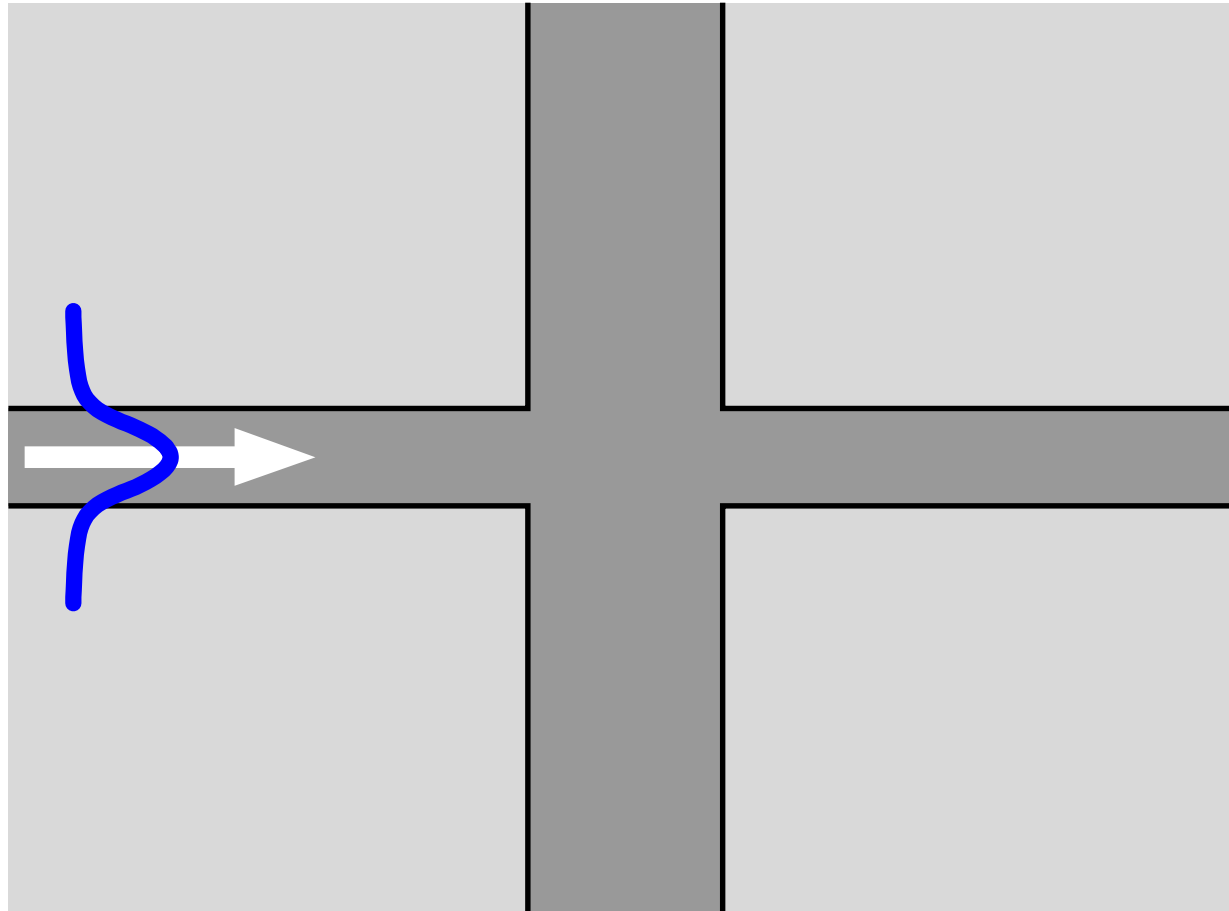
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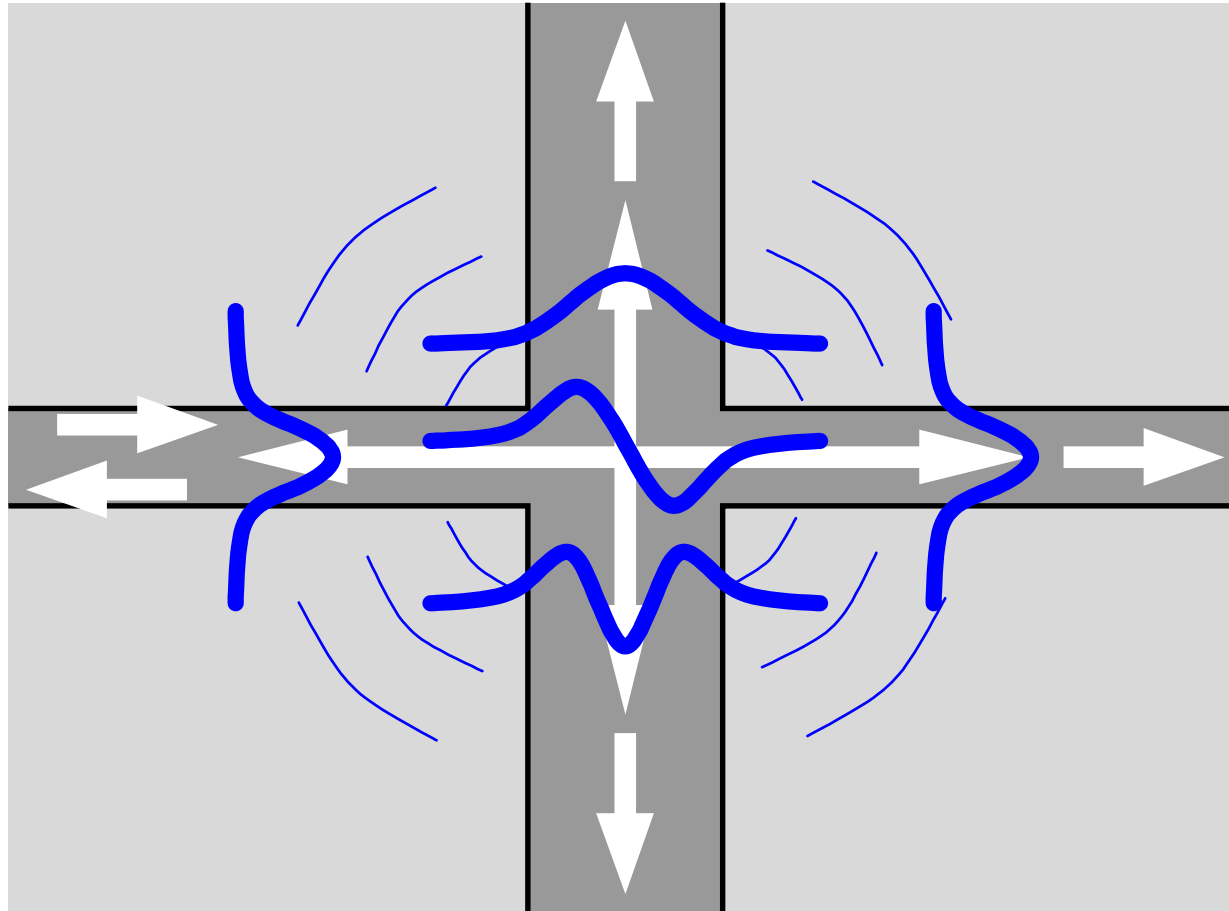
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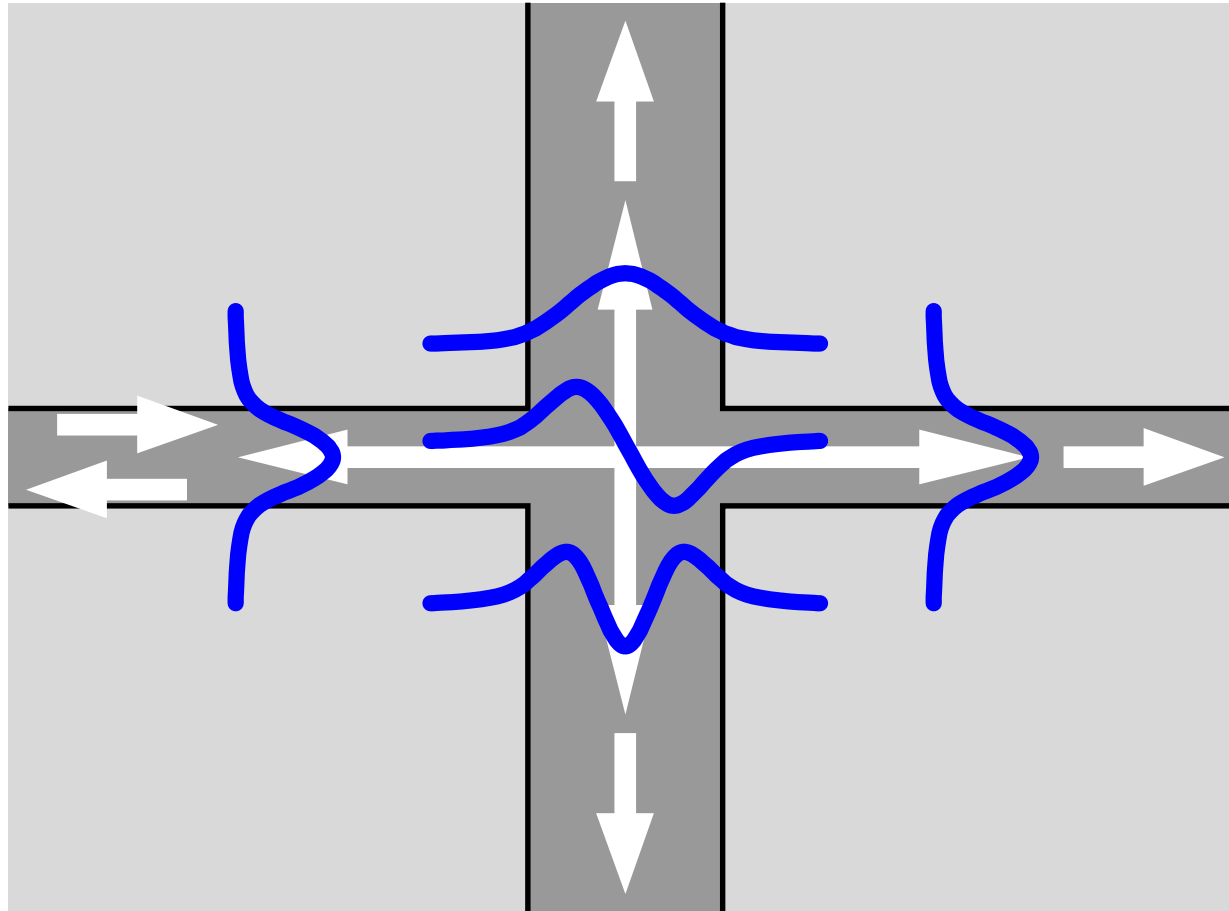
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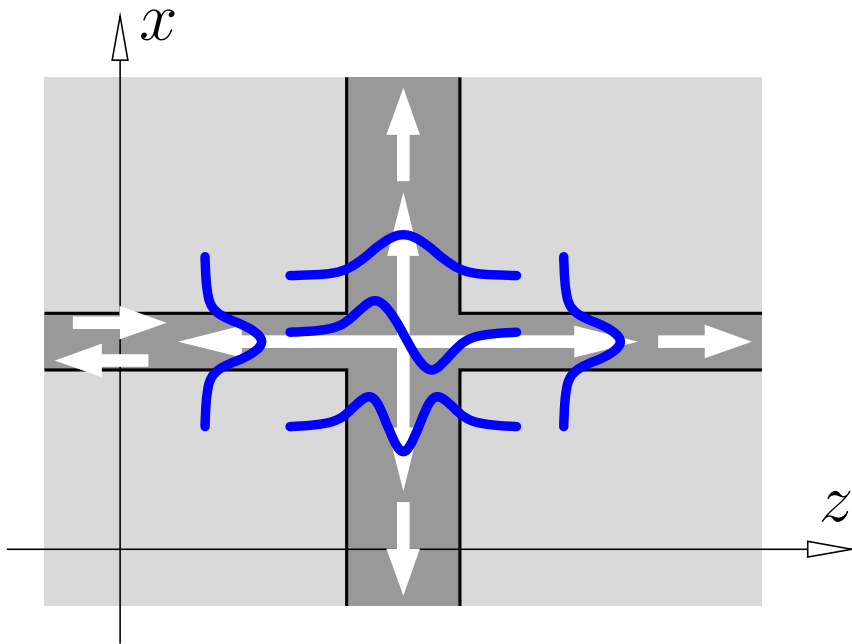
Coupled Mode Model ?

Outline

Hybrid analytical / numerical coupled-mode modeling

- CMT field ansatz
- Amplitude discretization, 1-D FEM
- Solution
 - Variational formulation
 - Galerkin procedure
- Examples
 - Straight waveguide
 - Two coupled cores
 - Waveguide crossing
 - Bragg grating & resonator
 - Chains of square resonators
 - Ringresonator circuits

Field ansatz



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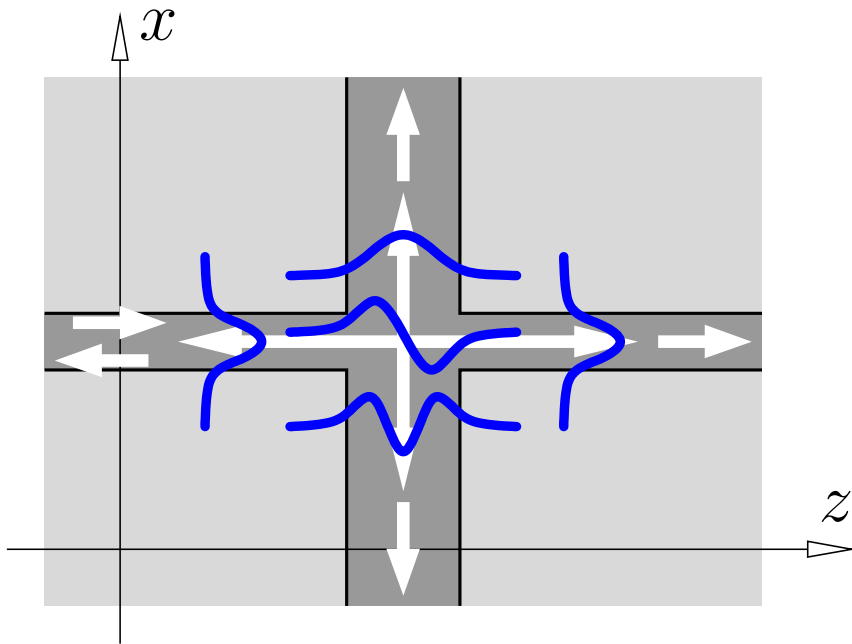
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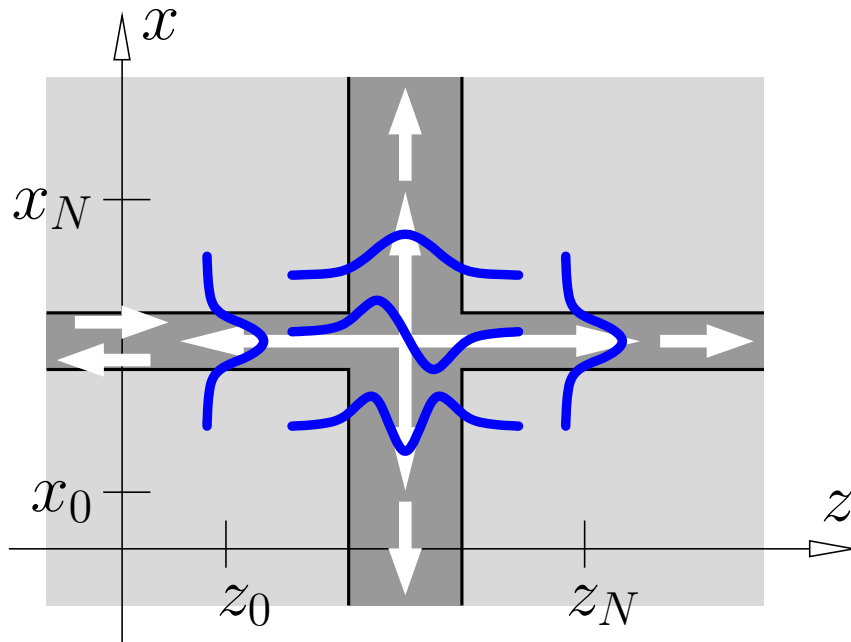
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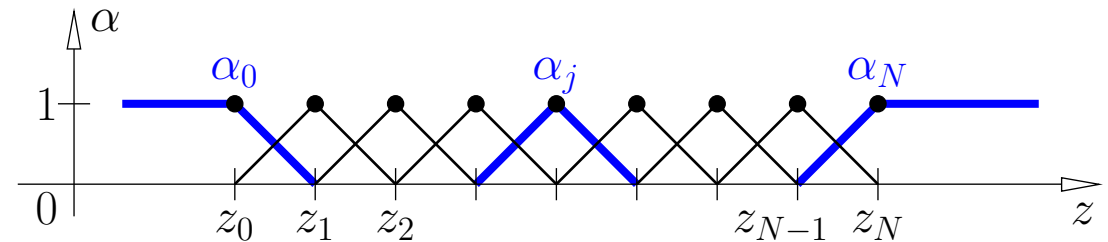
$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix}(x, z) = \sum_m f_m(z) \psi_m^{\text{f}}(x, z) + \sum_m b_m(z) \psi_m^{\text{b}}(x, z) \\ + \sum_m u_m(x) \psi_m^{\text{u}}(x, z) + \sum_m d_m(x) \psi_m^{\text{d}}(x, z) \quad f_m, b_m, u_m, d_m: ?$$

General: a reasonable superposition of known fields with amplitudes that are functions of suitable propagation coordinate(s).

Amplitude functions, discretization



1-D linear finite elements



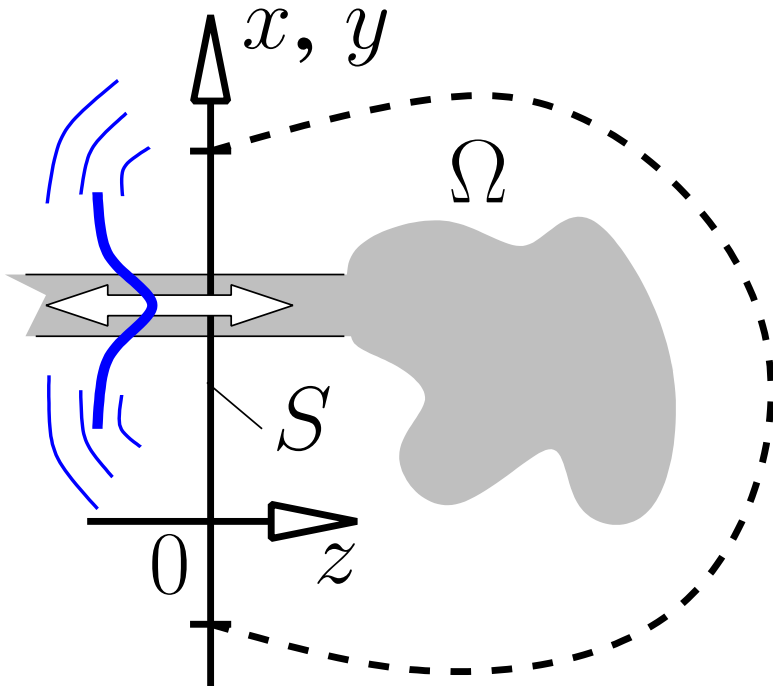
$$f_m(z) = \sum_{j=0}^N f_{m,j} \alpha_j(z),$$

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

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

$k \in \{\text{waveguides, modes, elements}\}, \quad a_k \in \{f_{m,j}, b_{m,j}, u_{m,j}, d_{m,j}\}, \quad a_k: ?$

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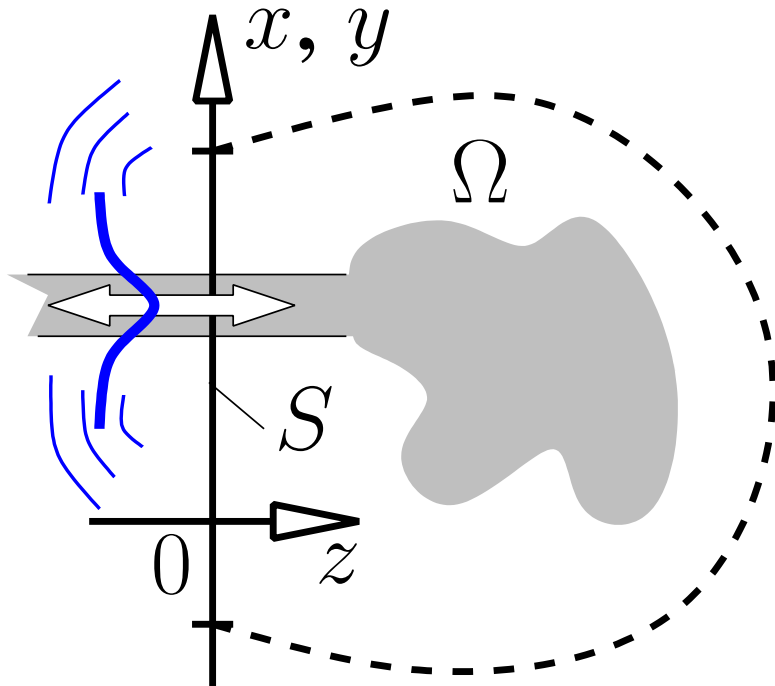
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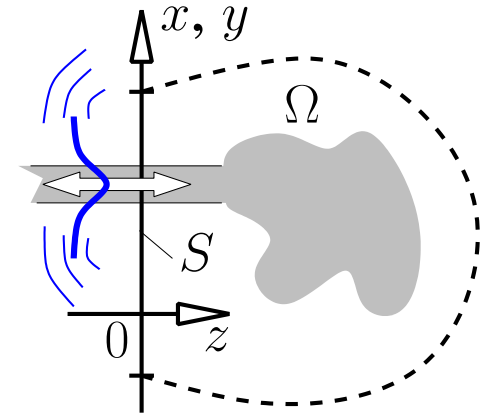
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Variational form including suitable boundary conditions ?

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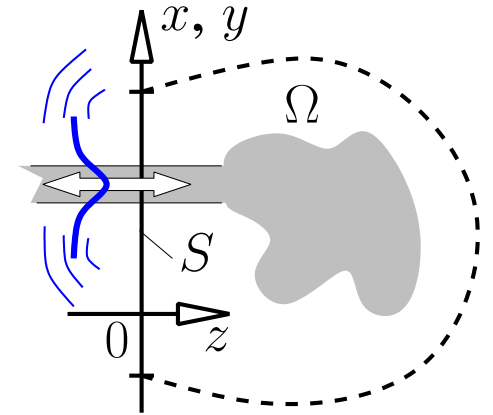
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(transverse components only).

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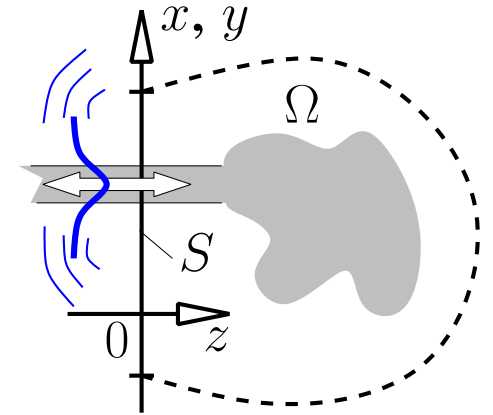
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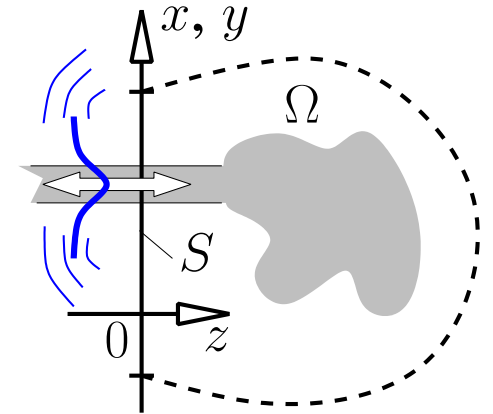
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$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix} = \sum_m f_m \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_m \\ \tilde{\mathbf{H}}_m \end{pmatrix} + \sum_m b_m \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_m \\ -\tilde{\mathbf{H}}_m \end{pmatrix}$$

the TIBCs require $f_m = F_m$, while b_m can be arbitrary.

Frequency domain Maxwell equations, variational form

Consider the functional

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) = \iiint_{\Omega} \{ \mathbf{E} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) + \mathbf{H} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) - i\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon \mathbf{E}^2 + i\omega\mu_0 \mathbf{H}^2 \} dx dy dz$$

(cf. e.g. C. Vassallo. *Optical Waveguide Concepts*. Elsevier, Amsterdam, 1991).

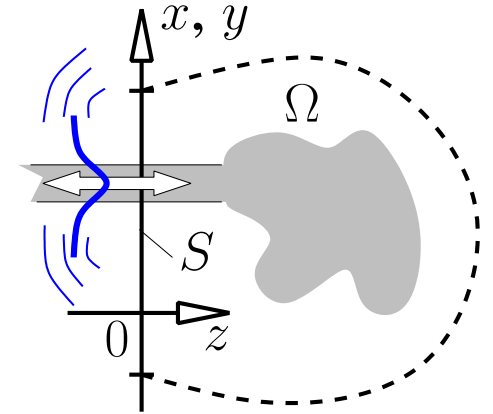
First variation:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}; \delta\mathbf{E}, \delta\mathbf{H}) &= \iiint_{\Omega} \{ 2\delta\mathbf{E} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{H} - i\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon \mathbf{E}) \\ &\quad + 2\delta\mathbf{H} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{E} + i\omega\mu_0 \mathbf{H}) \} dx dy dz \\ &\quad - \iint_{\partial\Omega} \{ (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E}) \cdot \delta\mathbf{H} + (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{H}) \cdot \delta\mathbf{E} \} dA. \end{aligned}$$

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Variational form of the scattering problem

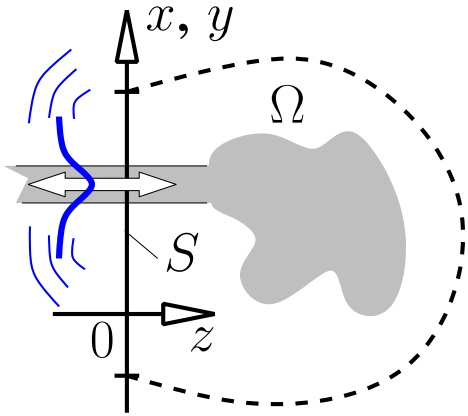


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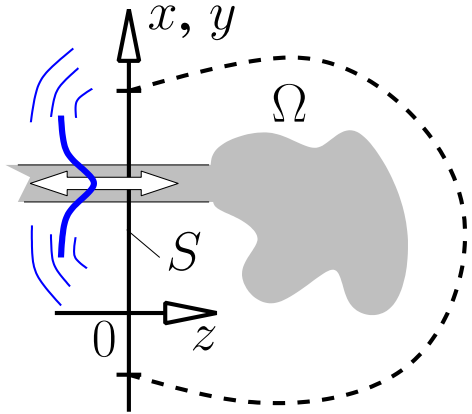
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) = & \iiint_{\Omega} \{ \mathbf{E} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) + \mathbf{H} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) - i\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon \mathbf{E}^2 + i\omega\mu_0 \mathbf{H}^2 \} dx dy dz \\ & - \sum_m 2F_m \left\{ \langle \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_m, \mathbf{H} \rangle - \langle \mathbf{E}, \tilde{\mathbf{H}}_m \rangle \right\} \\ & + \sum_m \frac{1}{2N_m} \left\{ \langle \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_m, \mathbf{H} \rangle^2 - \langle \mathbf{E}, \tilde{\mathbf{H}}_m \rangle^2 \right\}\end{aligned}$$

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$$F_{lk} = \iiint_{\Omega} \left\{ \mathbf{E}_l \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}_k) + \mathbf{H}_l \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}_k) - i\omega\epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}_l \cdot \mathbf{E}_k + i\omega\mu_0 \mathbf{H}_l \cdot \mathbf{H}_k \right\} dx dy dz ,$$

$$R_l = - \sum_m 2F_m \left\{ \langle \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_m, \mathbf{H}_l \rangle - \langle \mathbf{E}_l, \tilde{\mathbf{H}}_m \rangle \right\} ,$$

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+ contributions R, B from other port planes.

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Require $\delta \mathcal{F}_r = \delta \mathbf{a} \cdot \left((\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{M}^\top) \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{R} \right) = 0$ for all $\delta \mathbf{a}$,

$$(\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{M}^\top) \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{R} = 0,$$

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Galerkin procedure

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \nabla \times \mathbf{H} - \mathrm{i}\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon\mathbf{E} = 0 \\ -\nabla \times \mathbf{E} - \mathrm{i}\omega\mu_0\mathbf{H} = 0 \end{array} \quad \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{F} \\ \mathbf{G} \end{pmatrix}^*, \quad \iiint_{\text{comp. domain}}$$

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

where

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

Galerkin procedure, continued

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

$$\sum_{k \in \{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{g}\}} K_{lk} a_k = 0, \quad l \in \{\mathbf{u}\},$$
$$(K_{\mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}} \quad K_{\mathbf{u} \mathbf{g}}) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{u}} \\ \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{g}} \end{pmatrix} = 0, \quad \text{or} \quad K_{\mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}} \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{u}} = -K_{\mathbf{u} \mathbf{g}} \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{g}} .$$

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Comments

HCMT scheme based on the variational form of the guided wave scattering problem:

- Expansions at the TIBC ports reduce to single terms due to modal orthogonality.
- Bidirectional basis fields are required for all channels in the field templates.

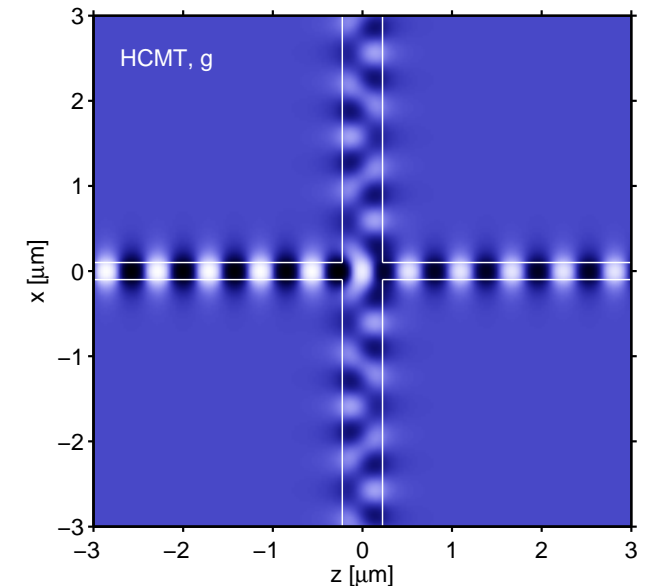
Alternative functional:

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) = \iiint_{\Omega} \left\{ \mathbf{E}^* \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) - \mathbf{H}^* \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) - i\omega\epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}^* \cdot \mathbf{E} + i\omega\mu_0 \mathbf{H}^* \cdot \mathbf{H} \right\} dx dy dz.$$

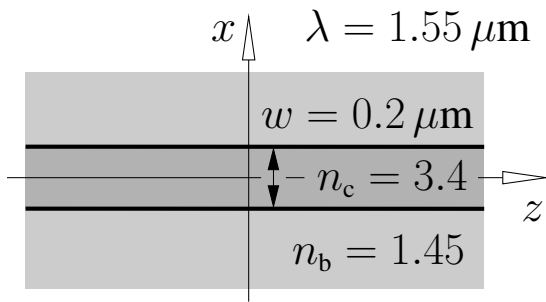
Extend \mathcal{C} by boundary integrals such that



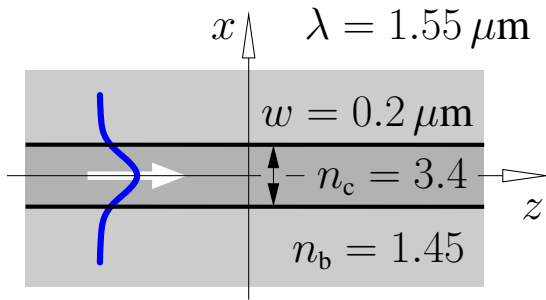
- the boundary terms in $\delta\mathcal{C}$ cancel \longleftrightarrow the Galerkin scheme could be viewed as a variational restriction of \mathcal{C} .
- TIBCs are satisfied as natural boundary conditions if \mathcal{C} becomes stationary \longleftrightarrow variational scheme with complex conjugate fields.



Straight waveguide



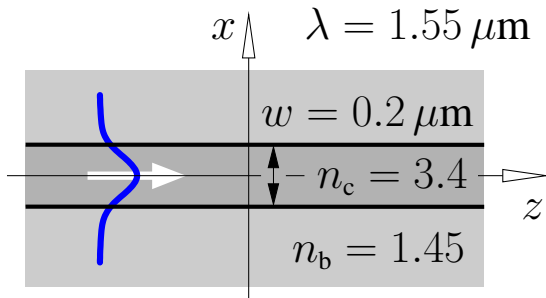
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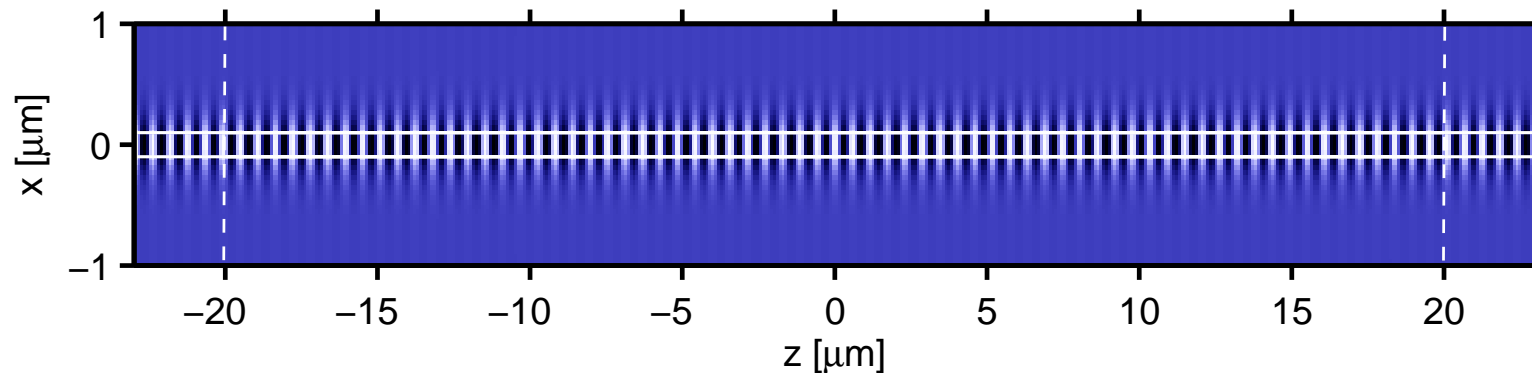
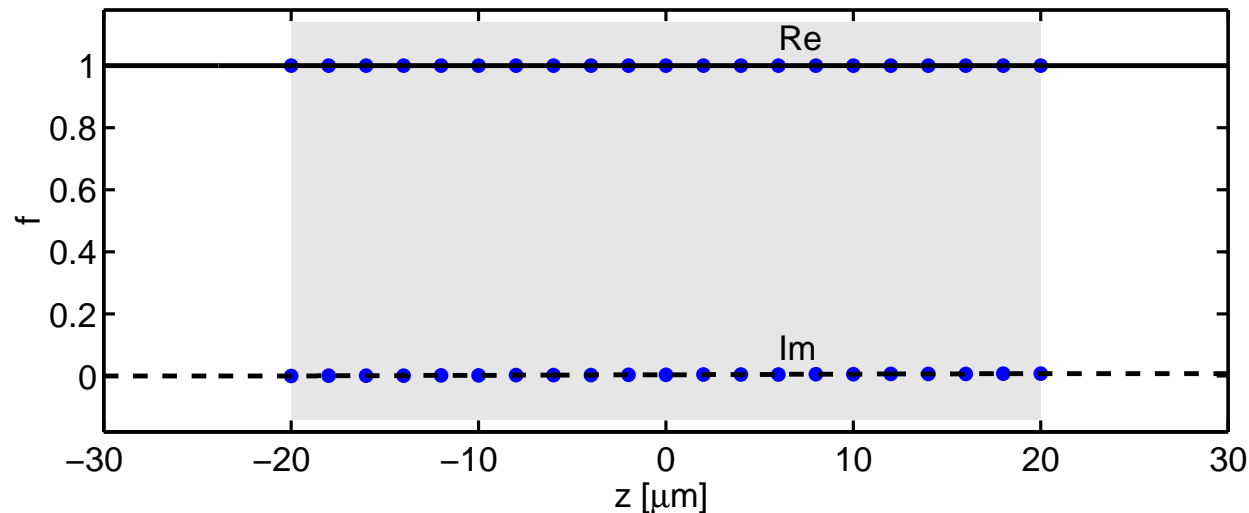
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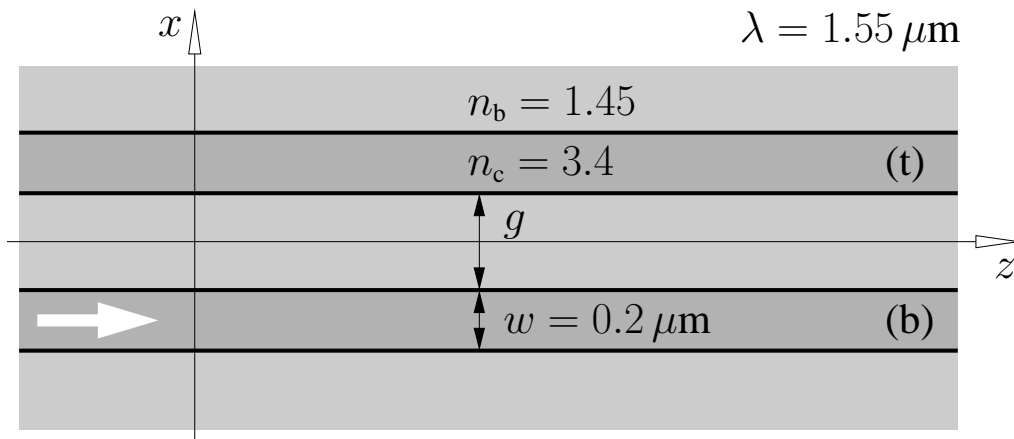


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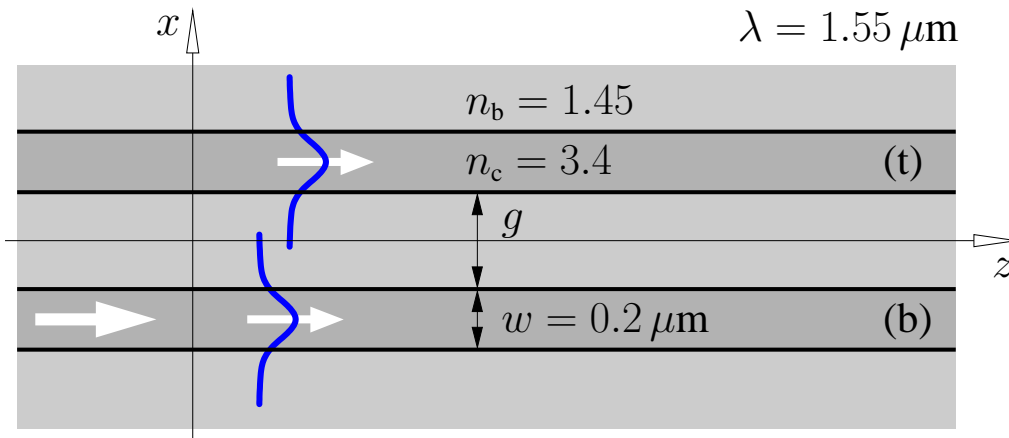
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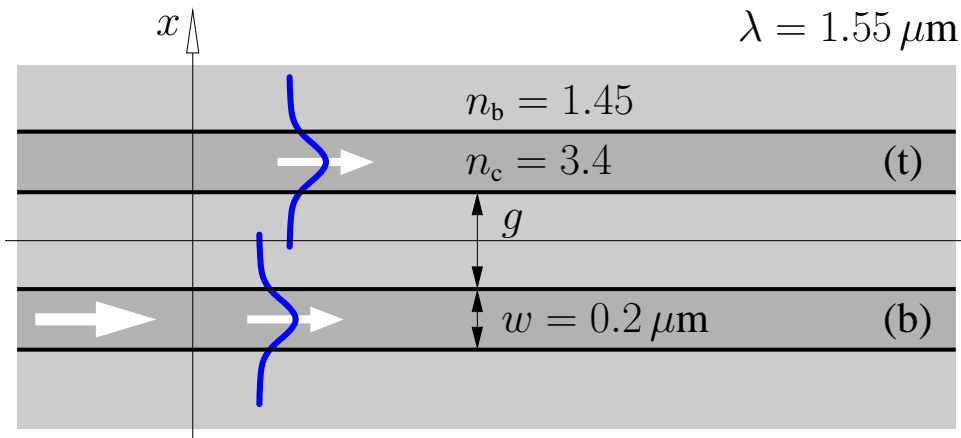


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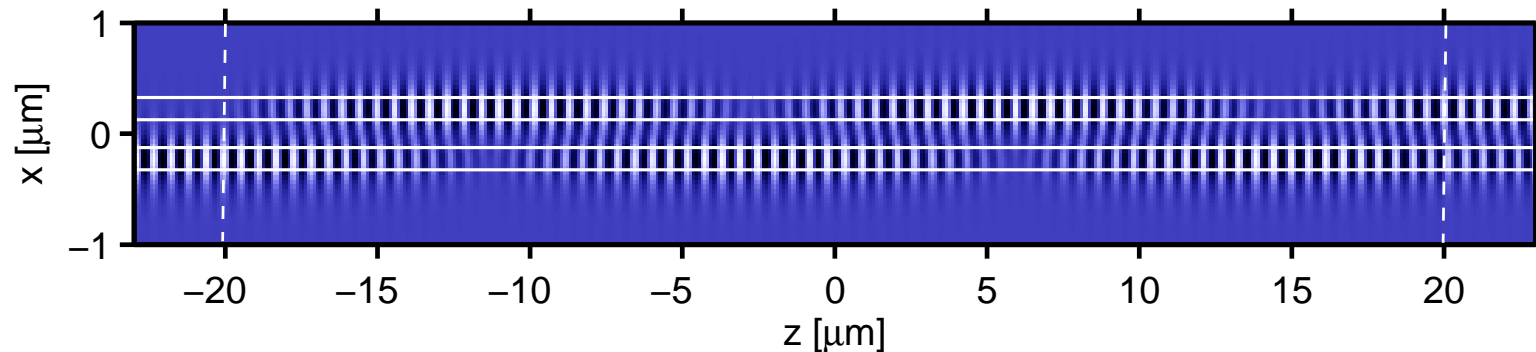
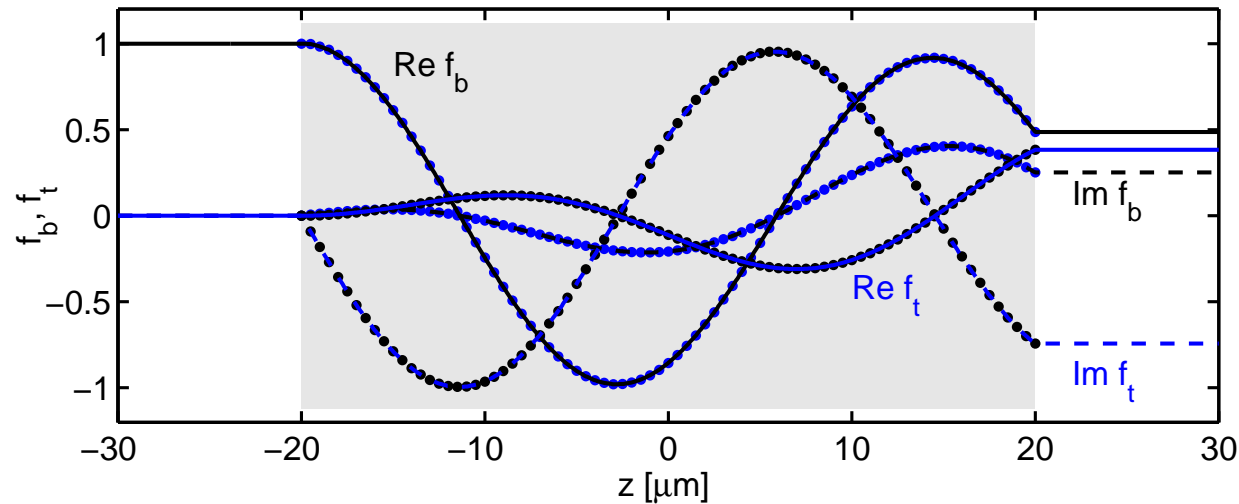


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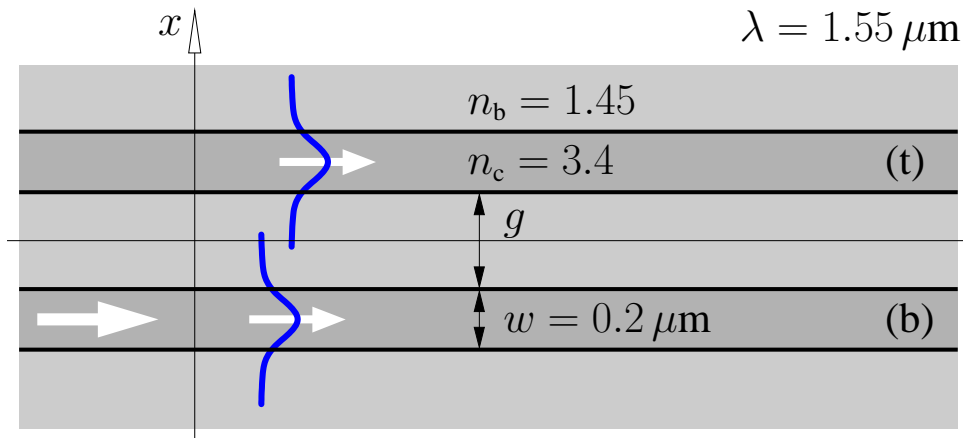
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$g = 0.25 \mu\text{m}$:



Two coupled parallel cores, modal power

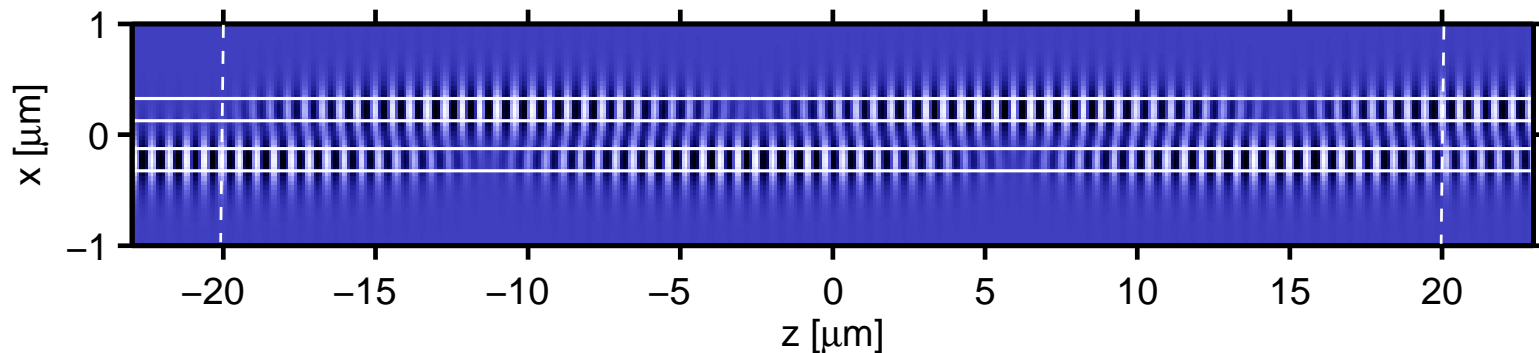
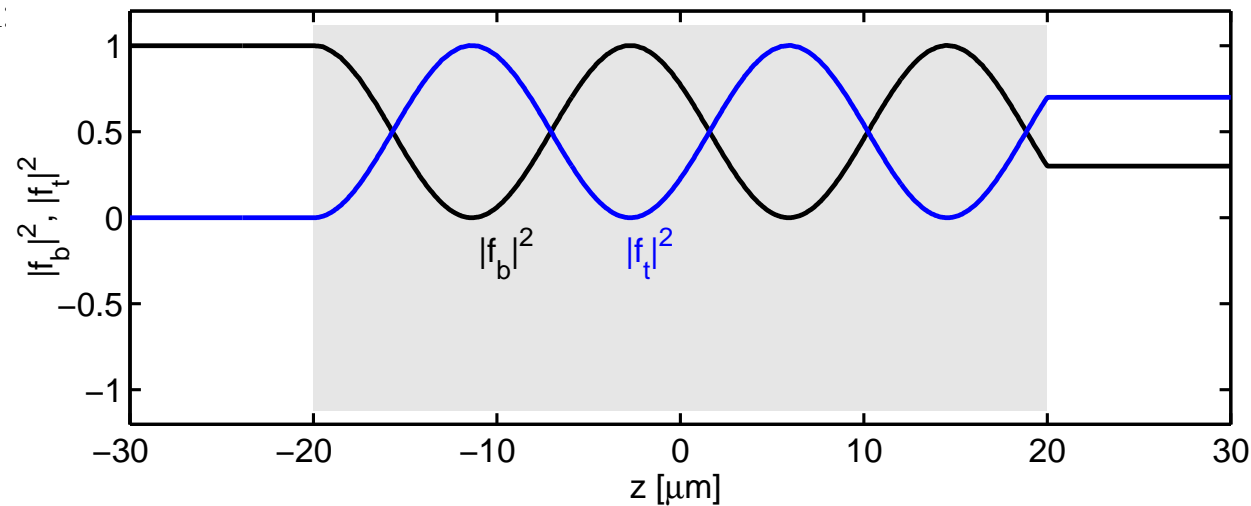


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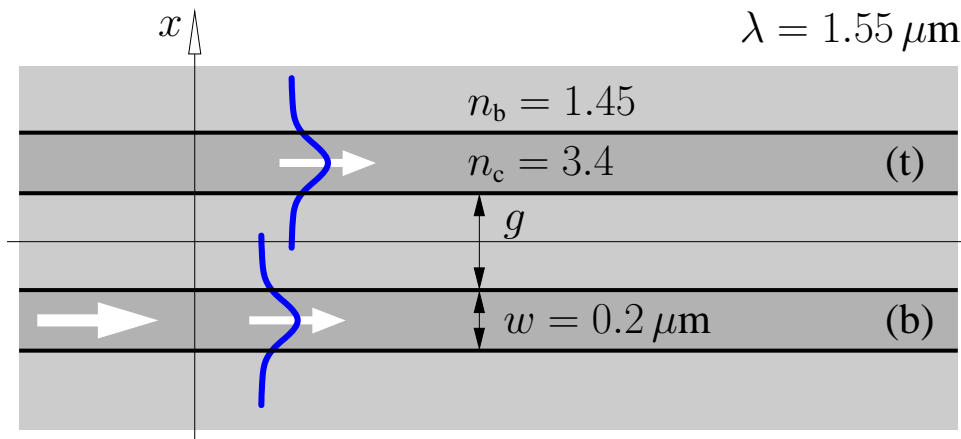
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Two coupled parallel cores, coupling length



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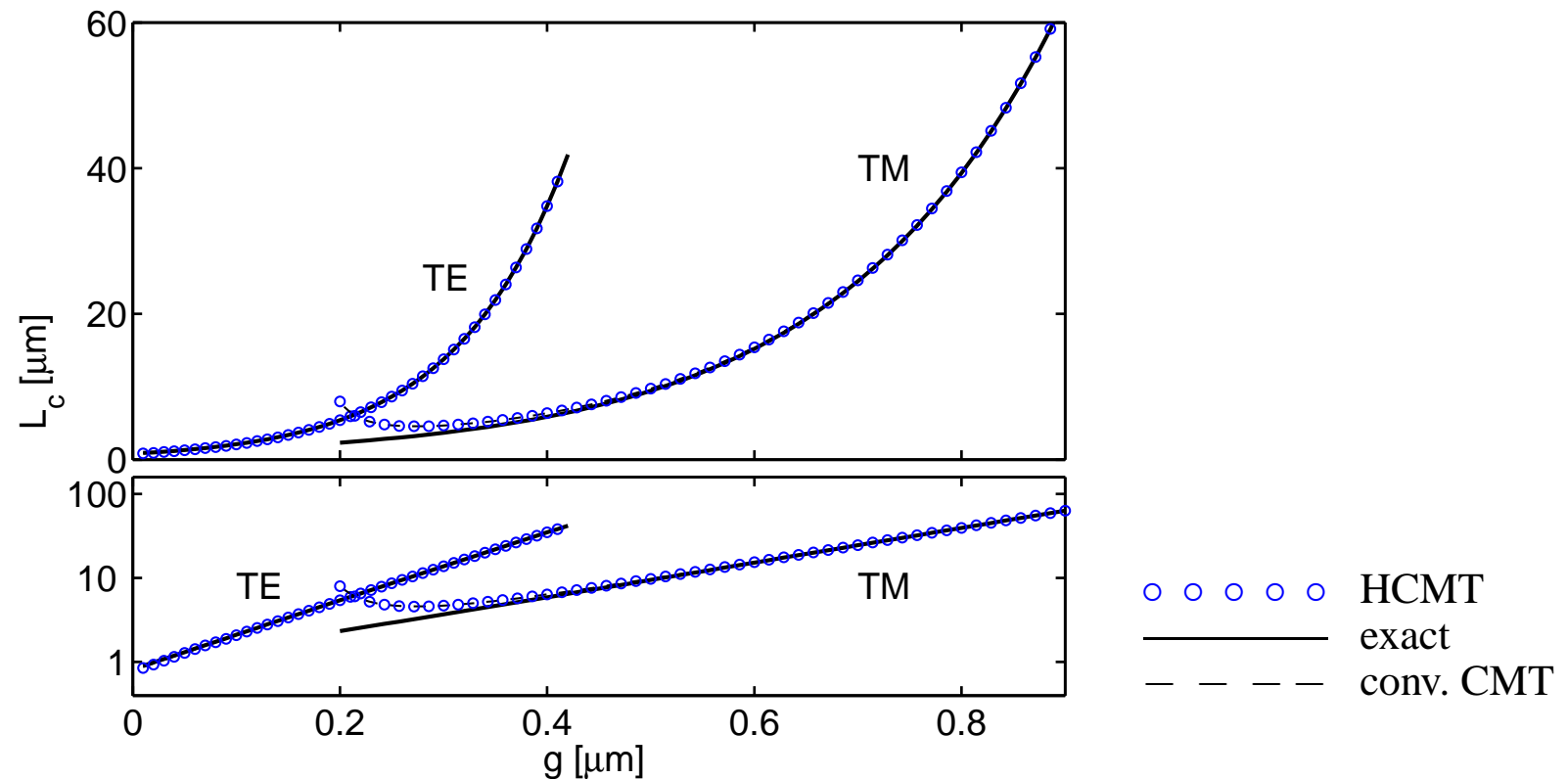
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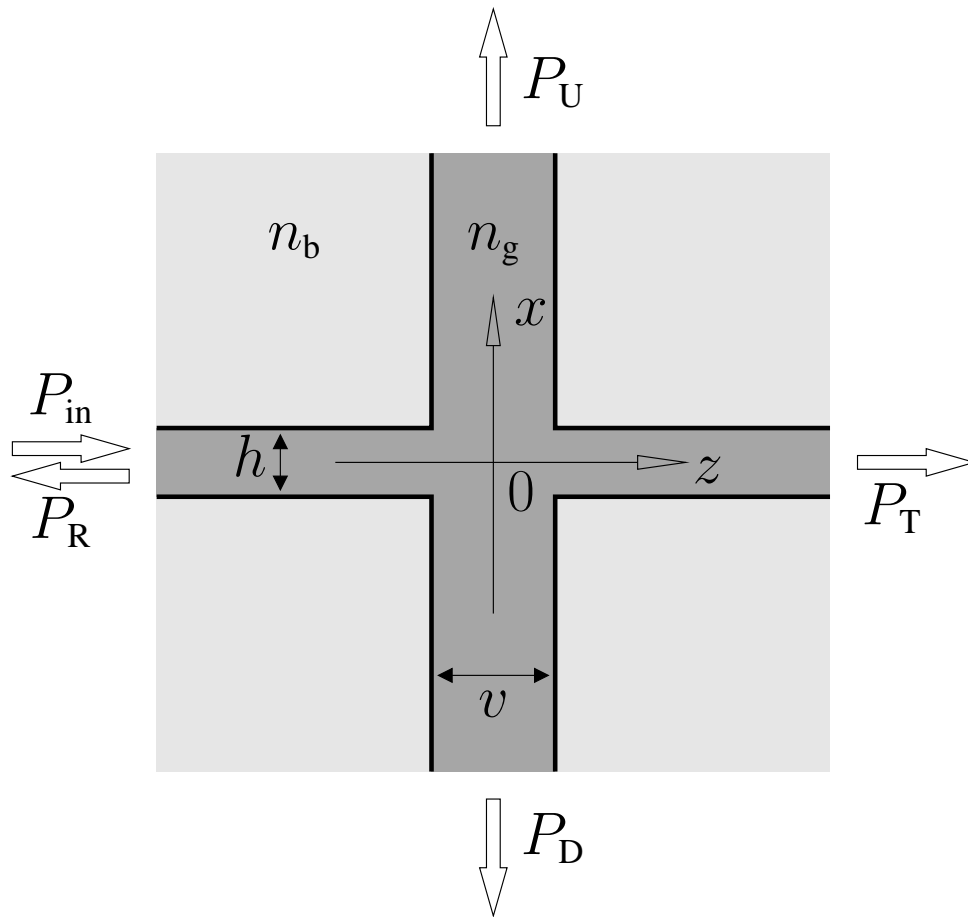
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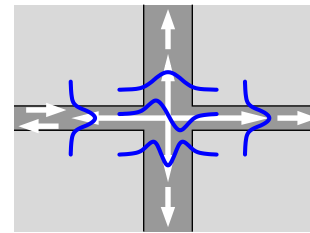
Coupling length:



Waveguide crossing



$n_g = 3.4$, $n_b = 1.45$, $\lambda = 1.55 \mu\text{m}$,
 $h = 0.2 \mu\text{m}$, v variable, TE polarization.



Basis elements:
 guided modes of the horizontal
 and vertical cores
 (directional variants).

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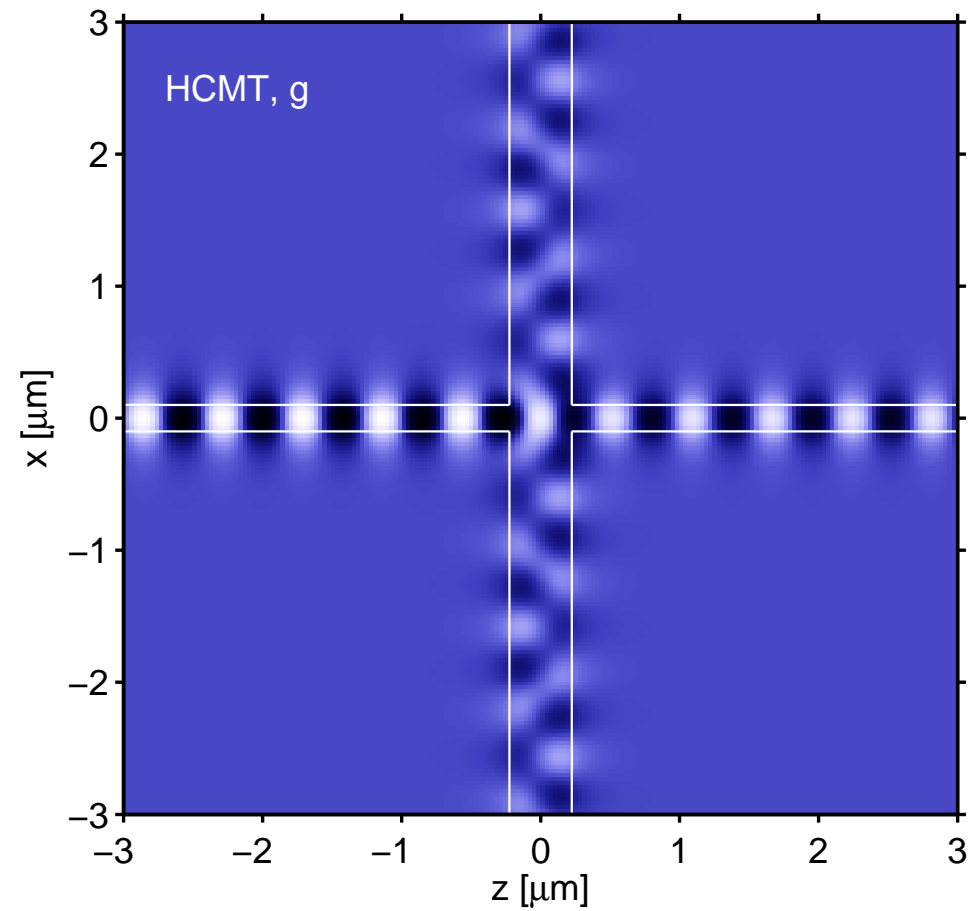
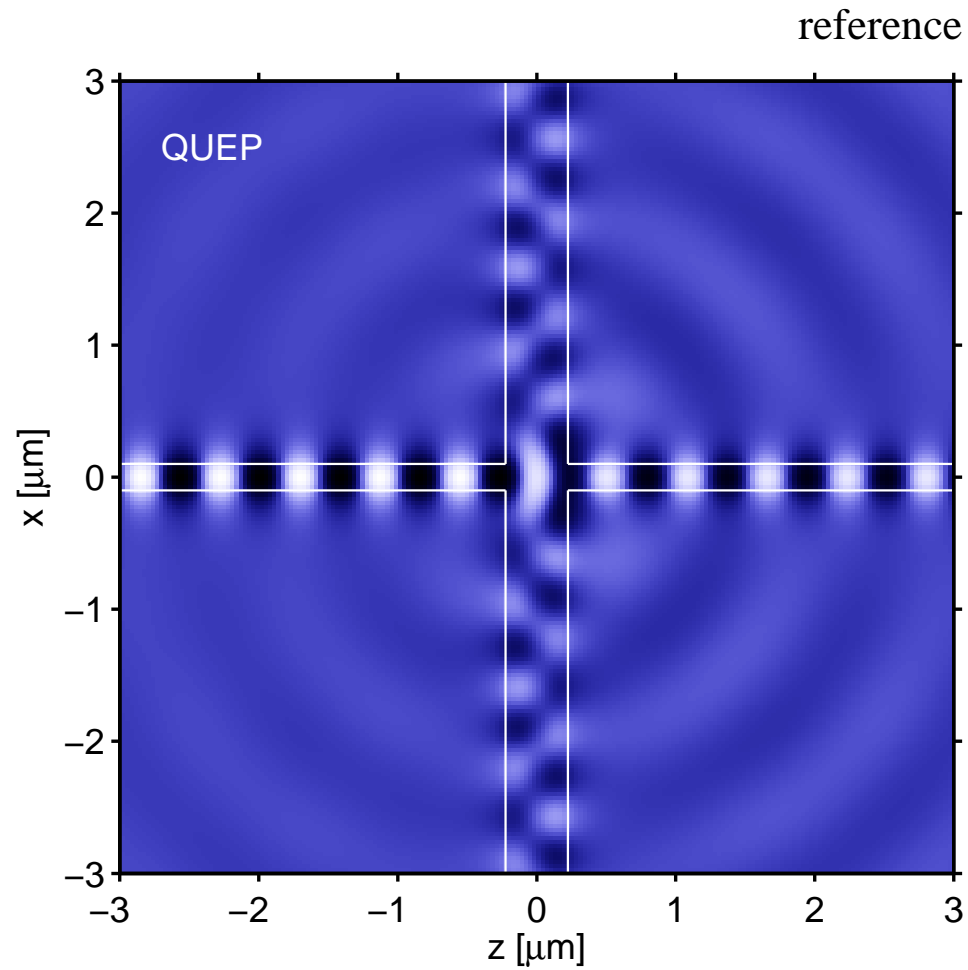
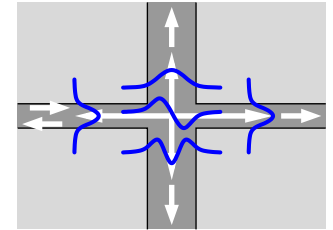
$z \in [v/2 - 1.5 \mu\text{m}, v/2 + 1.5 \mu\text{m}]$, $\Delta x = 0.025 \mu\text{m}$,
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Computational window:

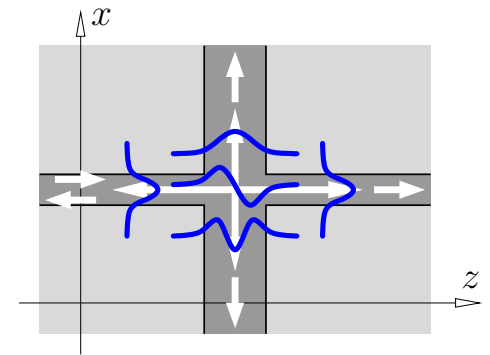
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Waveguide crossing, fields (I)

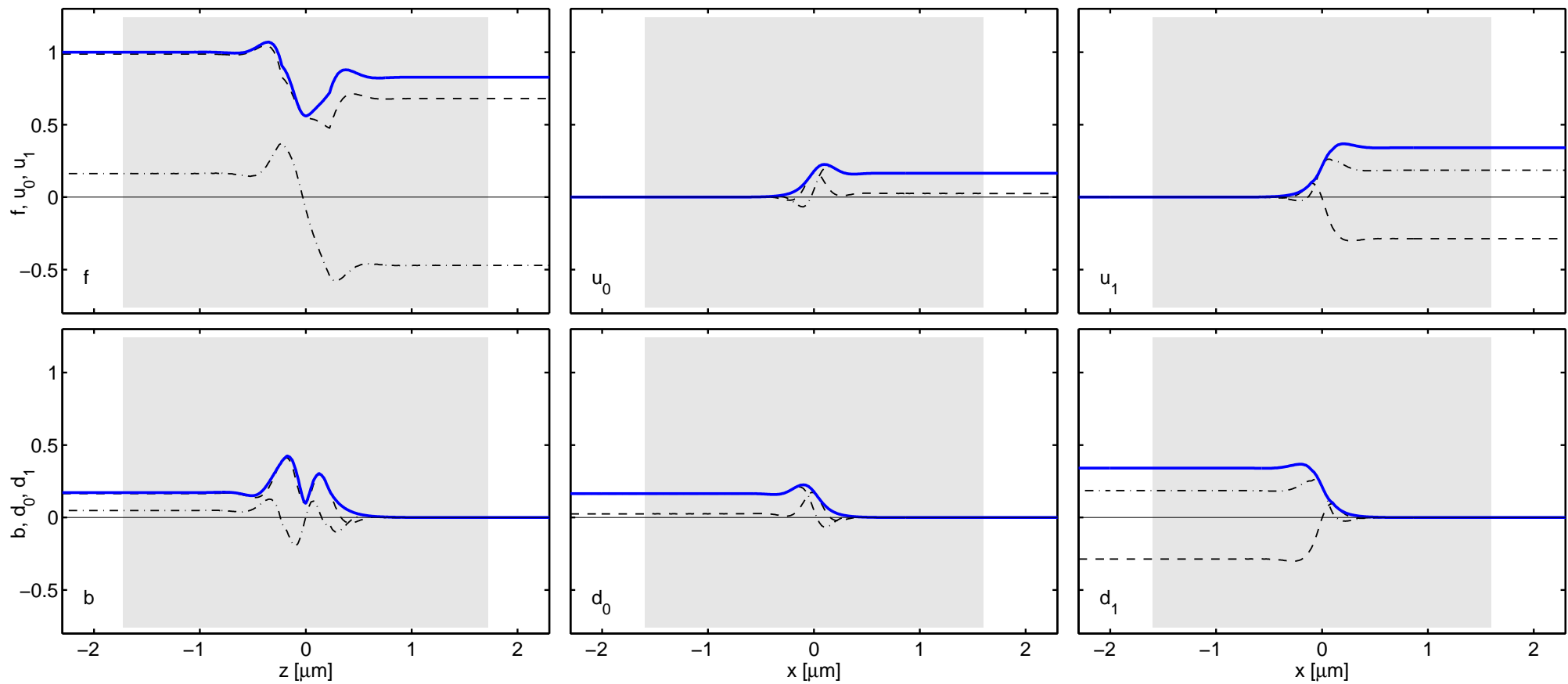
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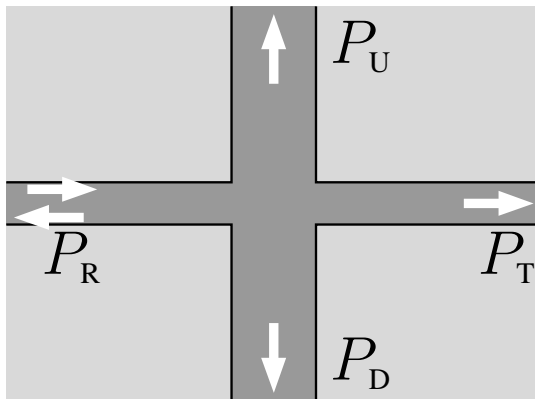
Waveguide crossing, amplitude functions



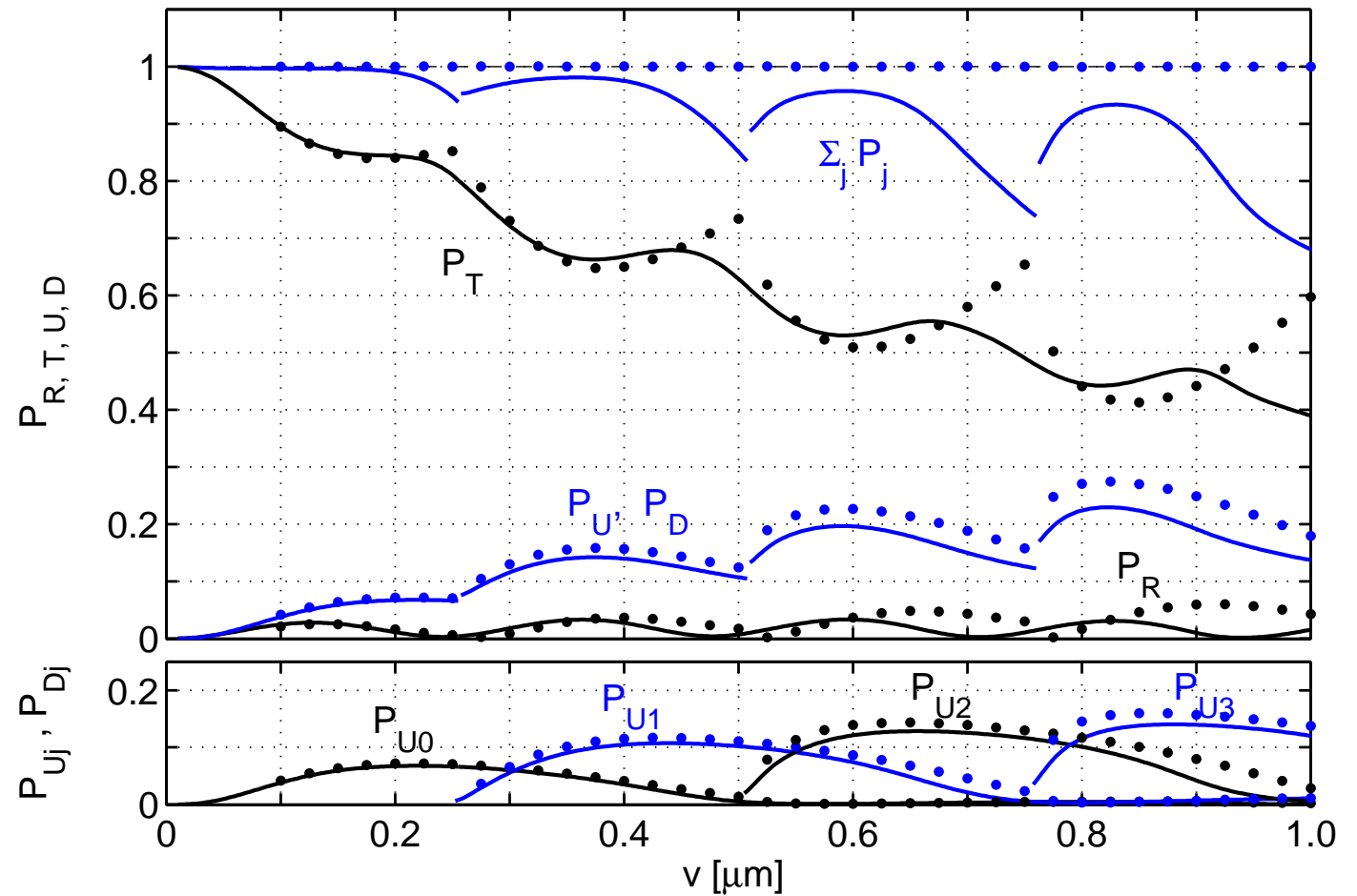
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Waveguide crossing, power transfer (I)

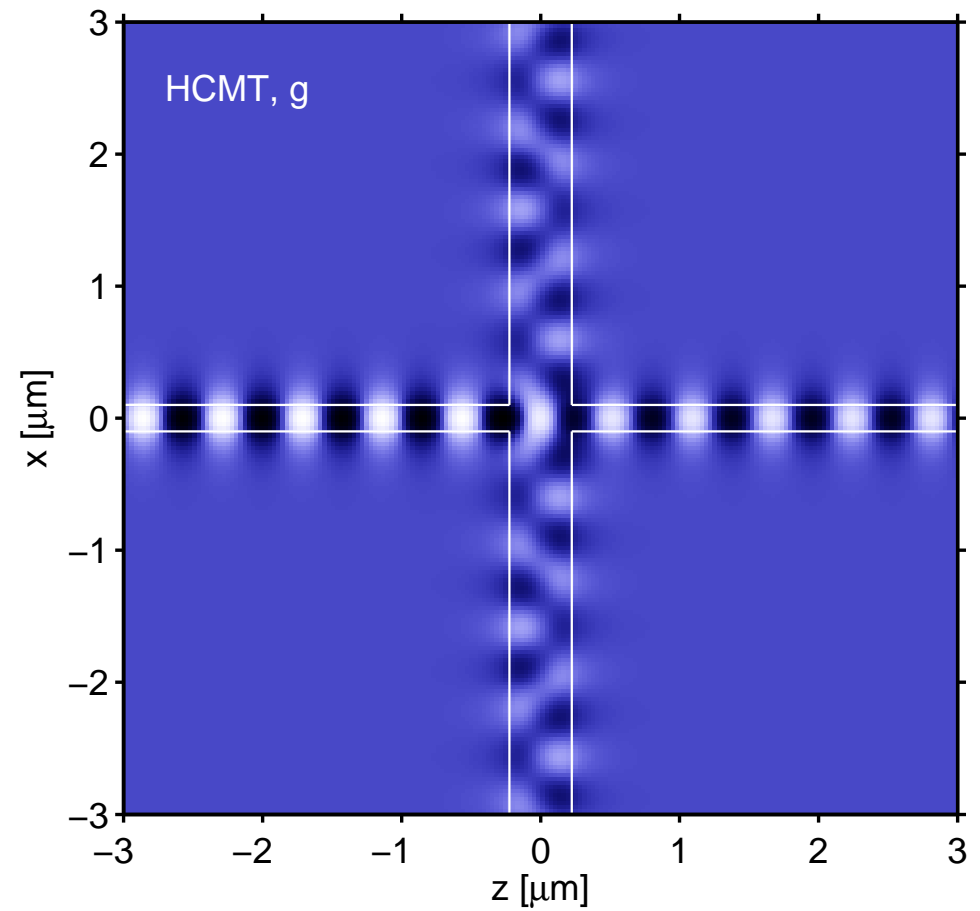
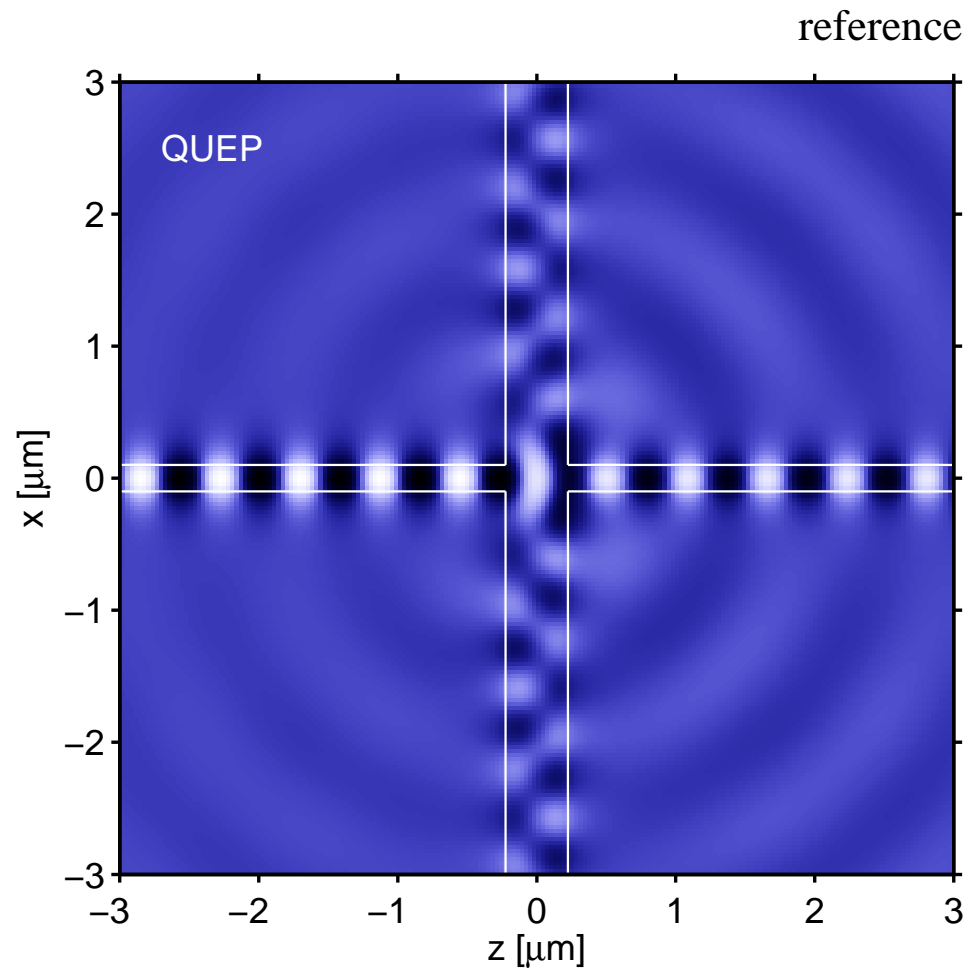
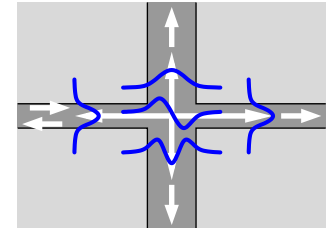


— QUEP, reference
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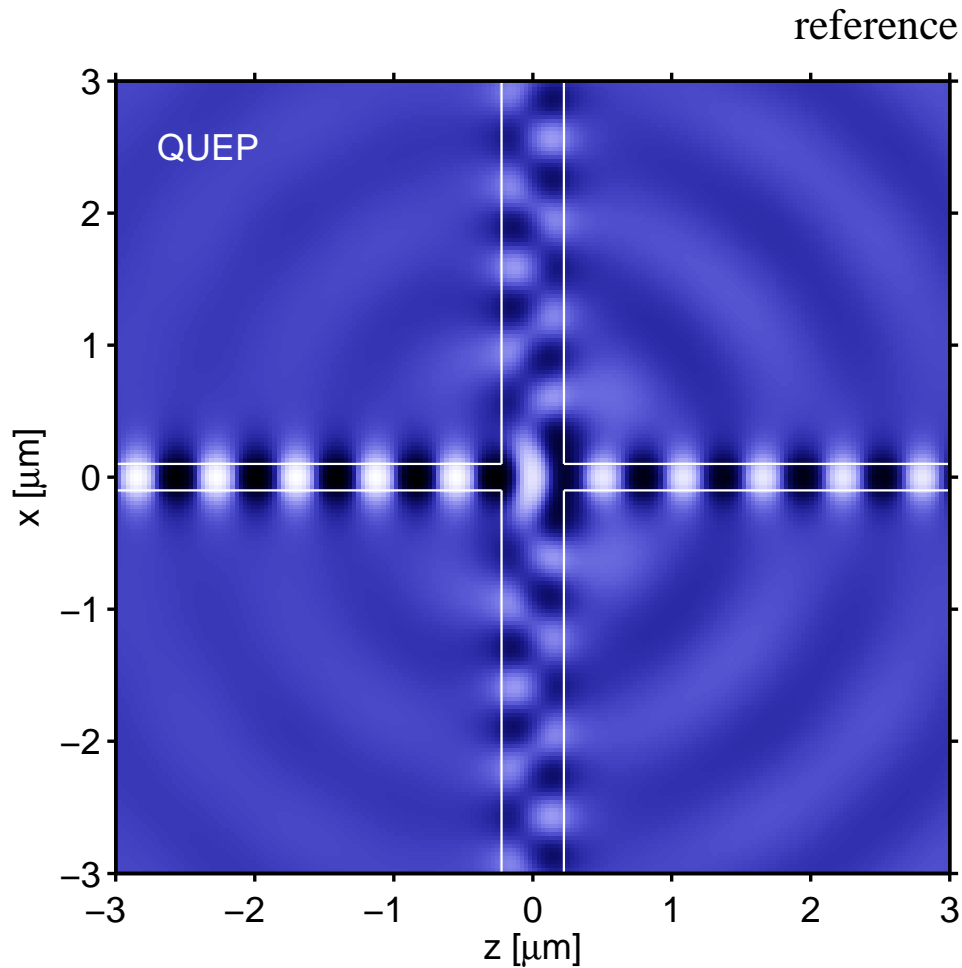
Waveguide crossing, fields (II)

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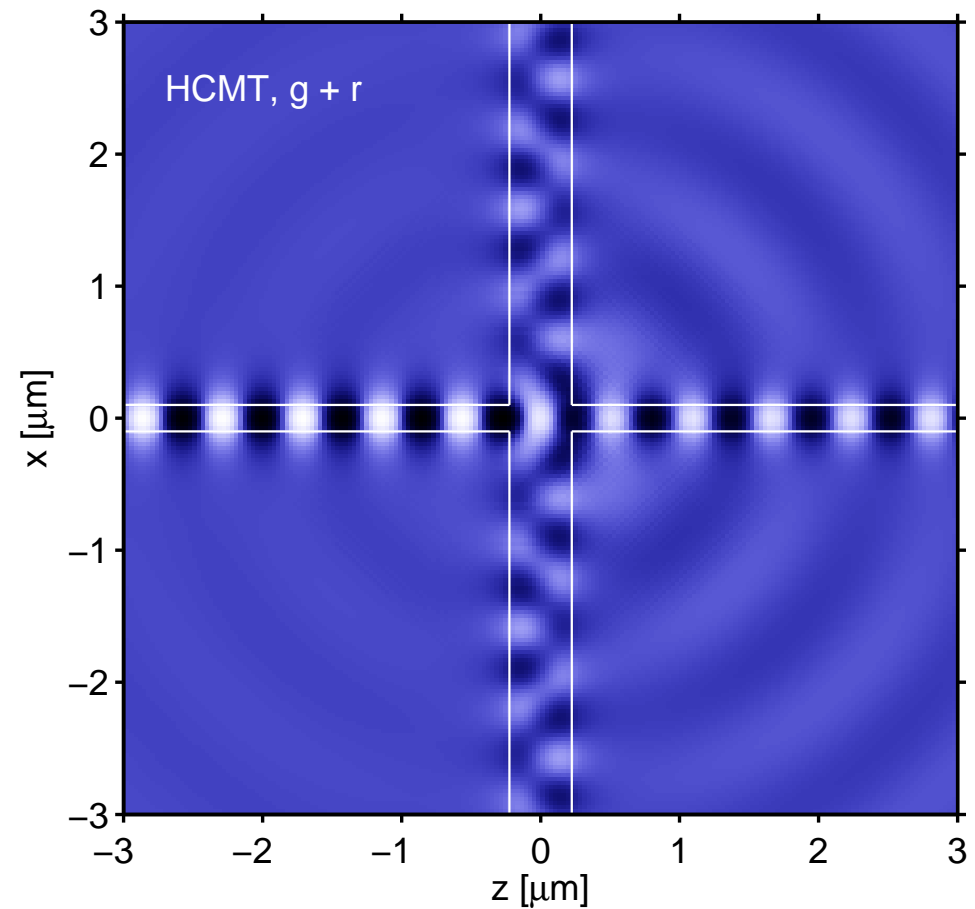
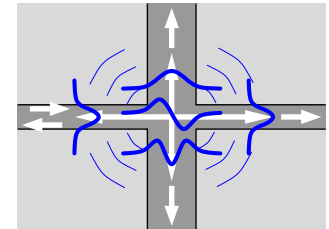


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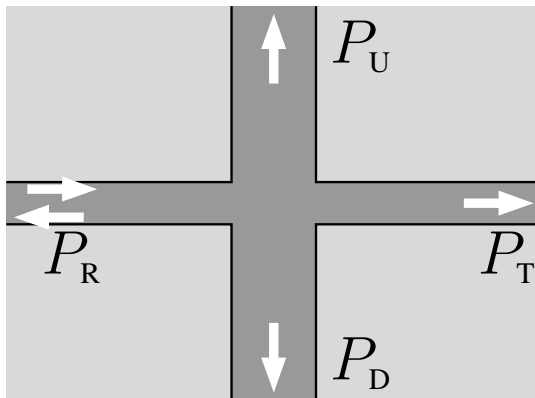
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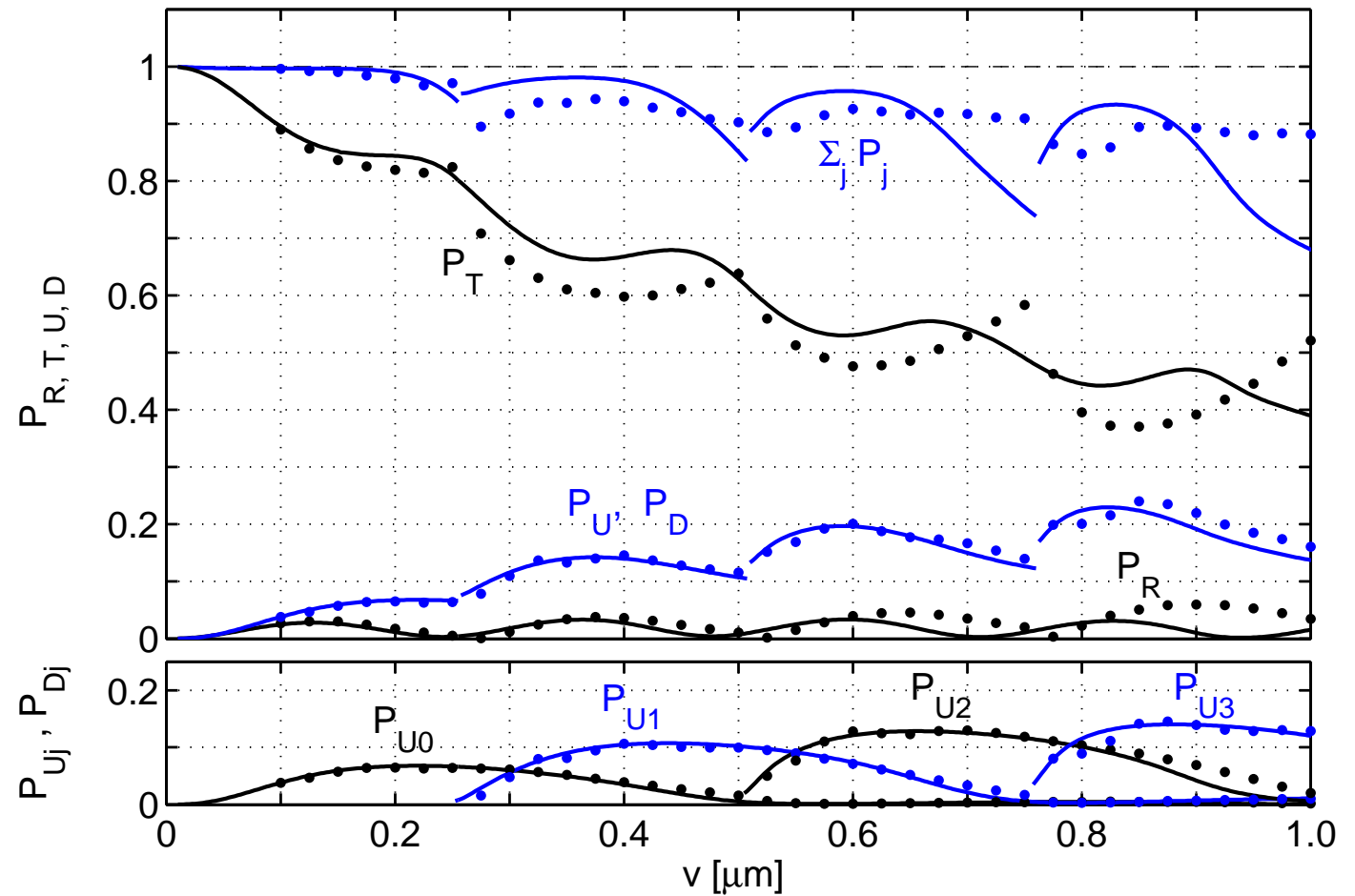
HCMT basis fields:
guided modes
+ 4 Gaussian beams,
outgoing along the diagonals.



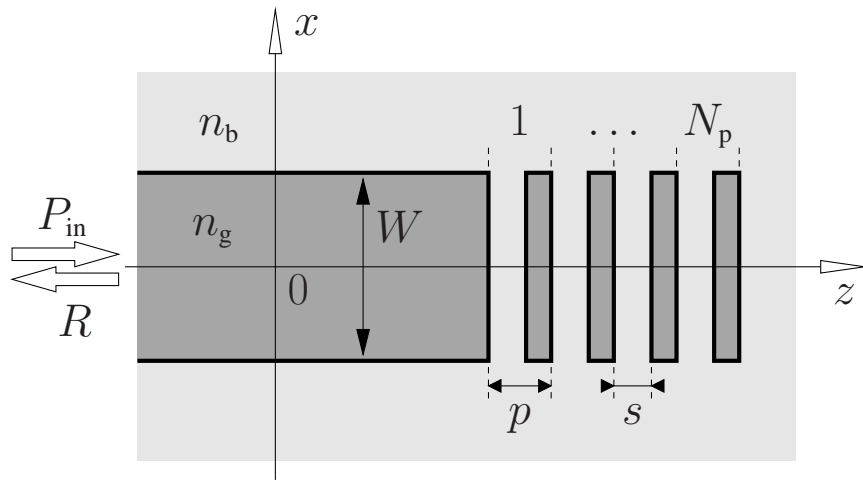
Waveguide crossing, power transfer (II)



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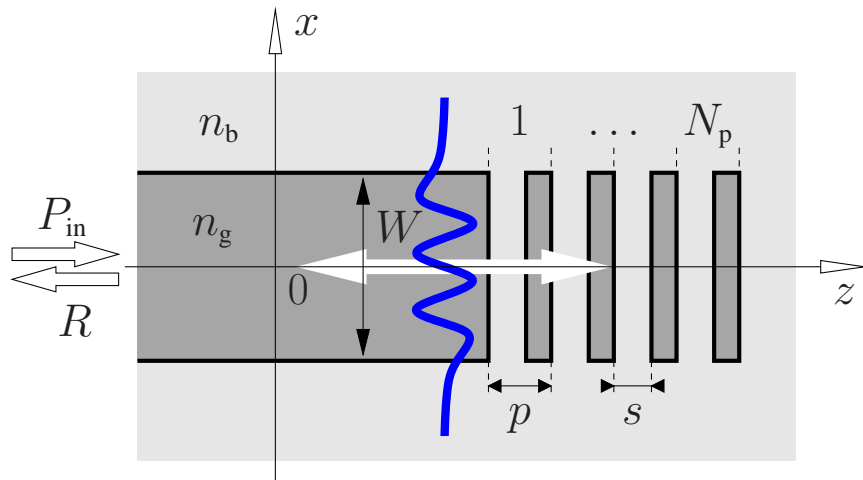


Waveguide Bragg reflector



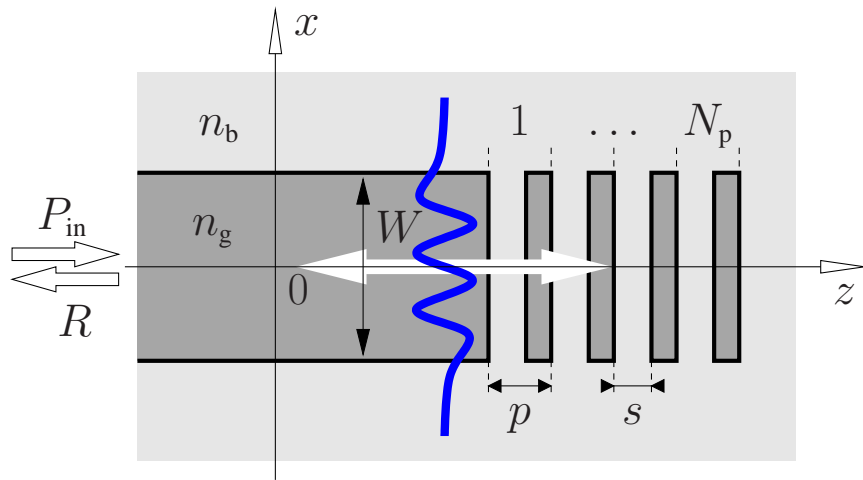
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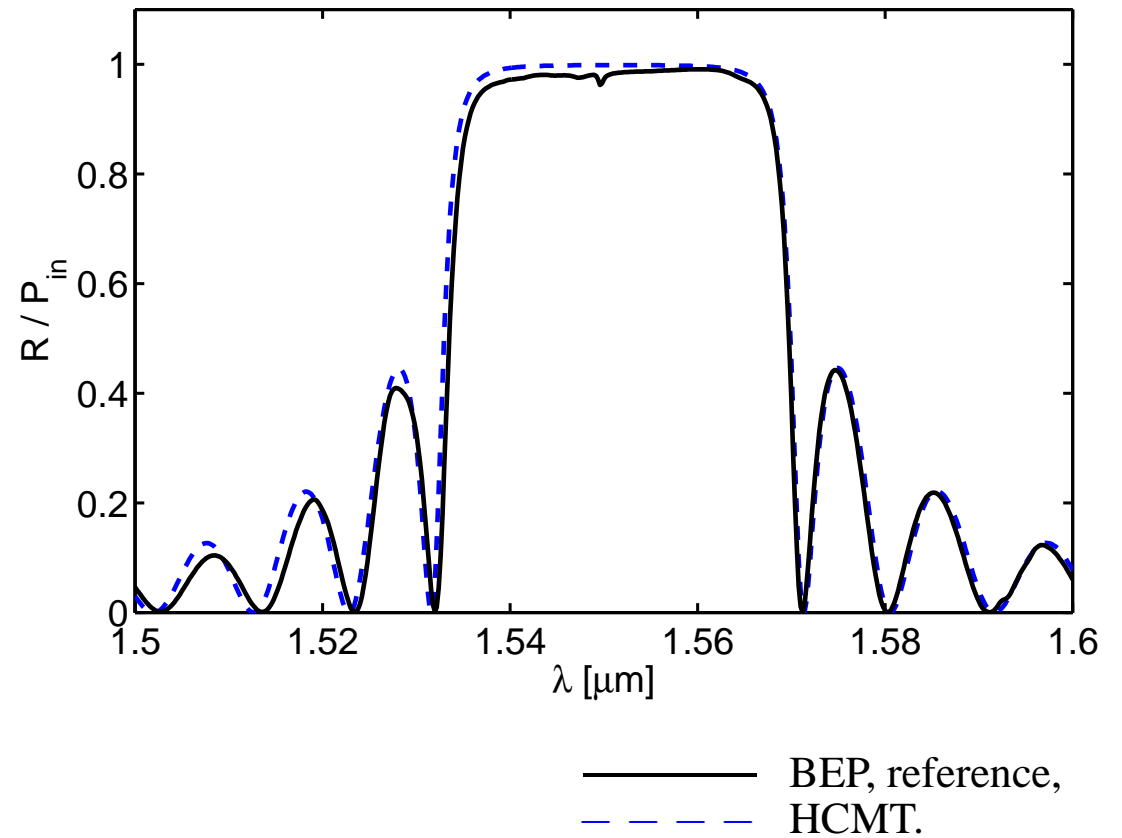


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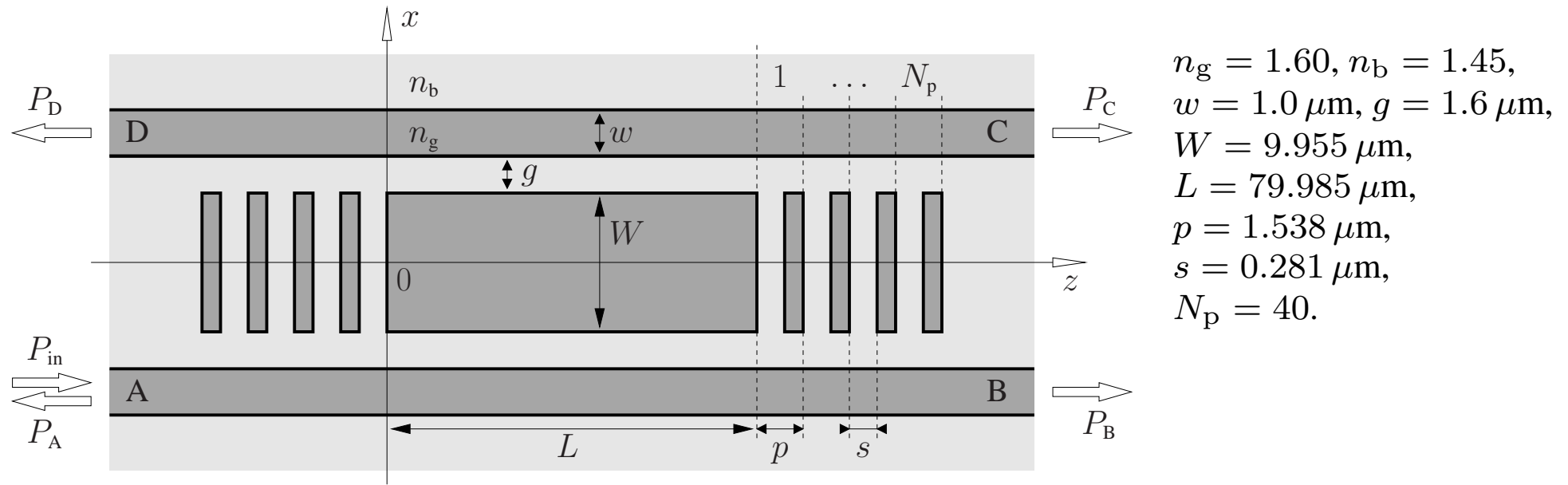
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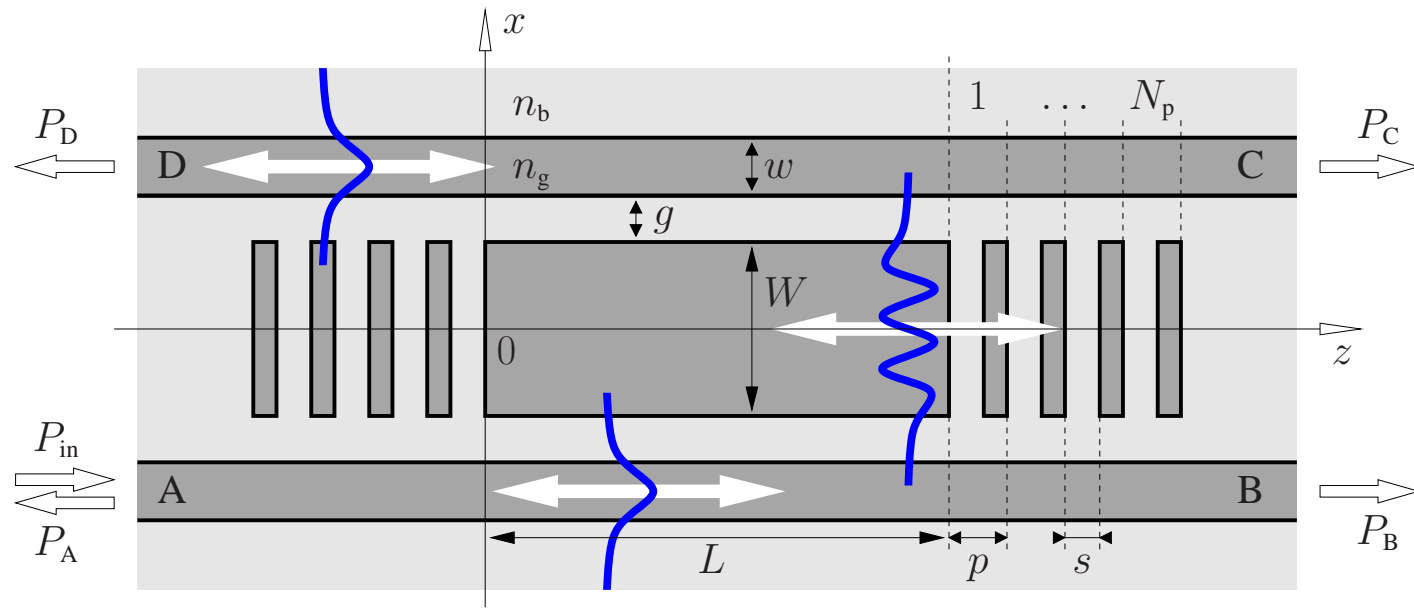
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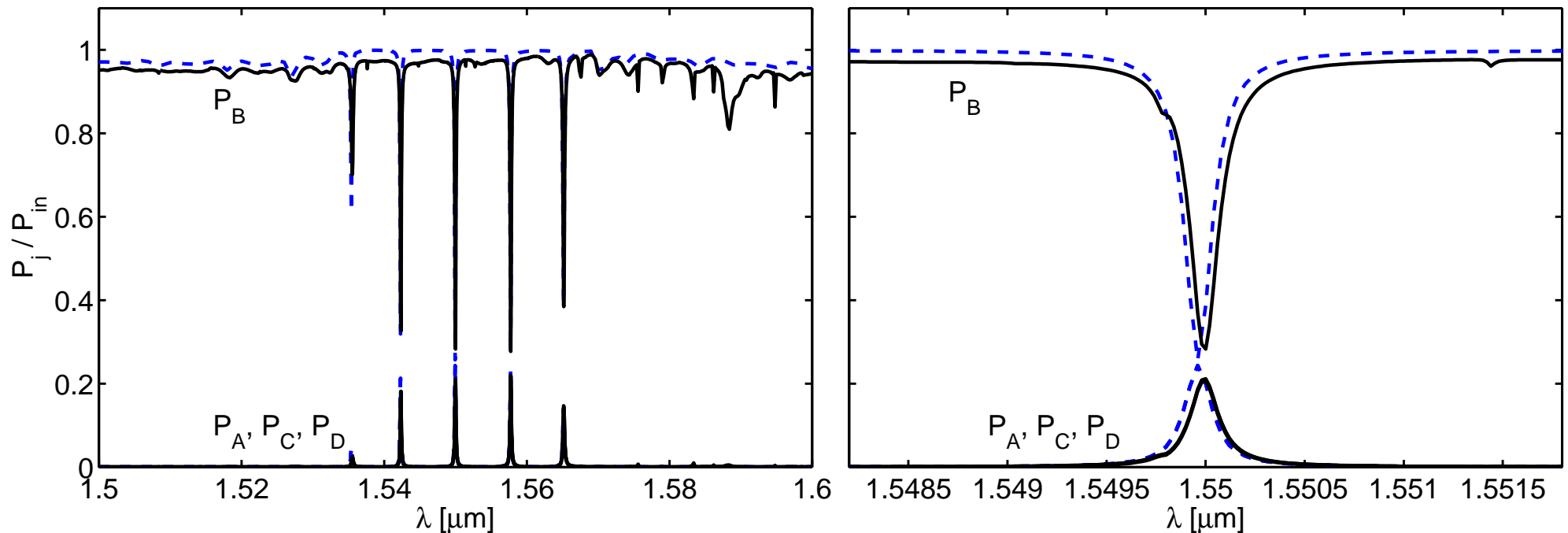
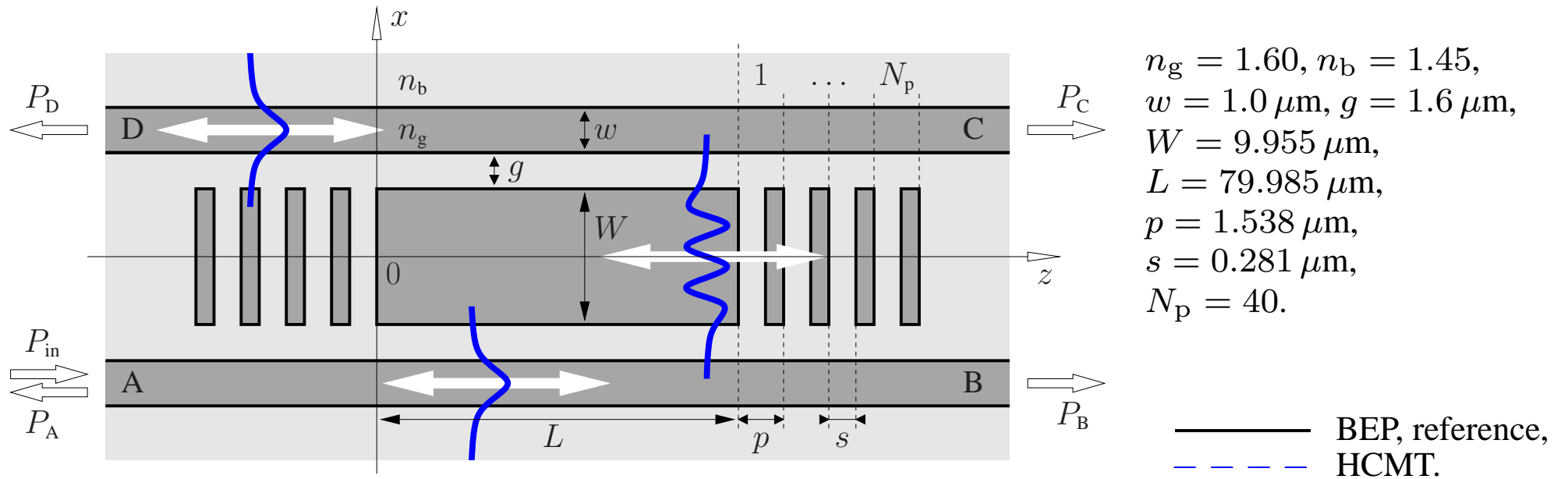


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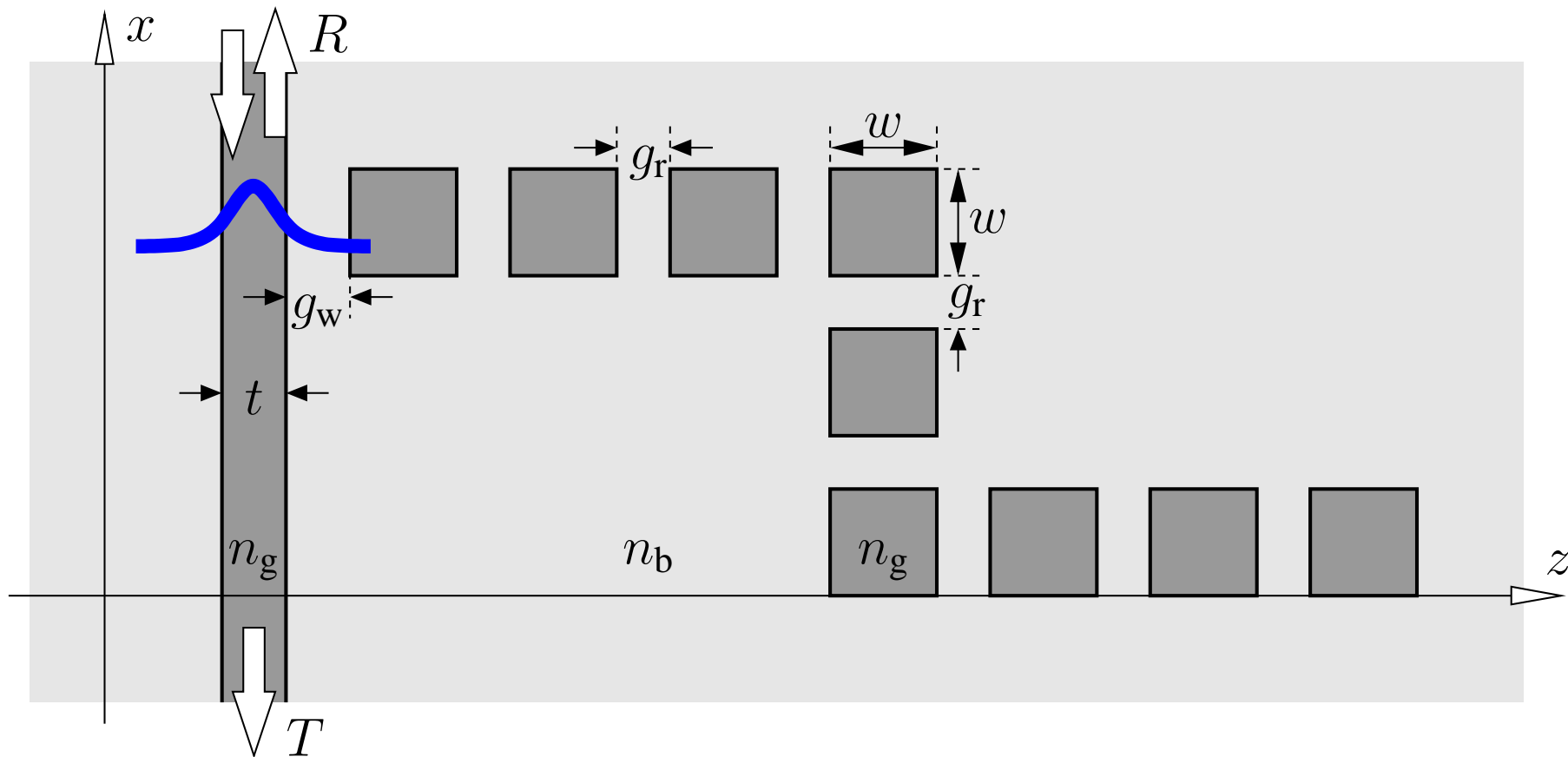


$$\begin{aligned}
 n_g &= 1.60, n_b = 1.45, \\
 w &= 1.0 \mu\text{m}, g = 1.6 \mu\text{m}, \\
 W &= 9.955 \mu\text{m}, \\
 L &= 79.985 \mu\text{m}, \\
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 N_p &= 40.
 \end{aligned}$$

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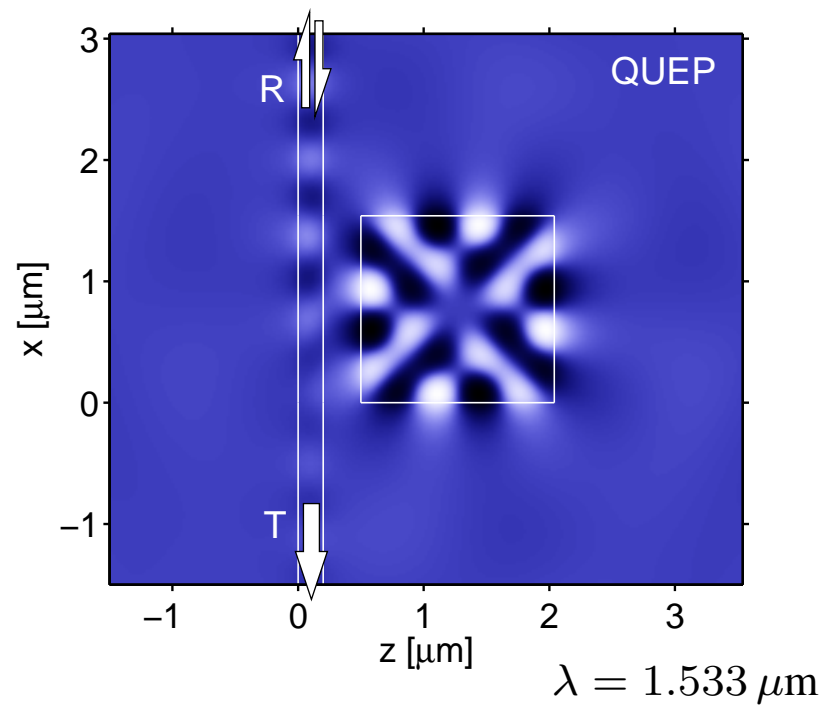
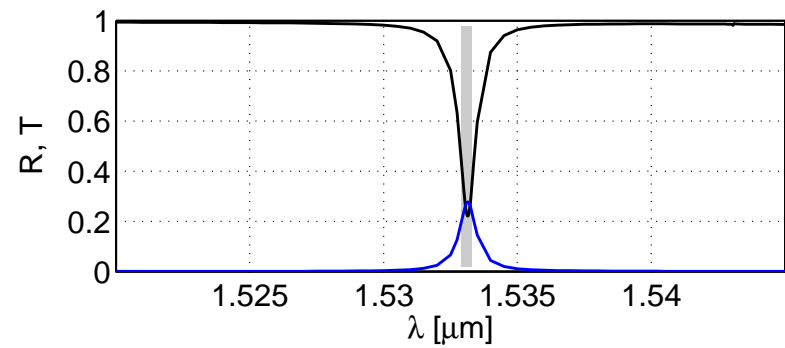


Chains of square microcavities

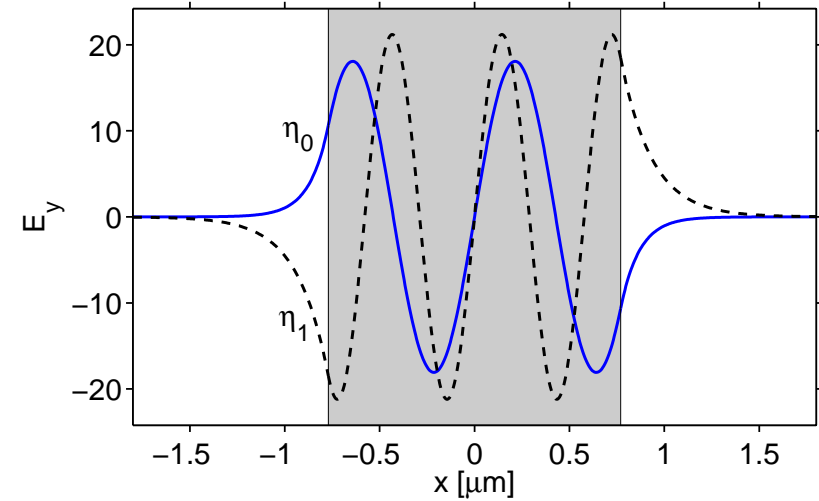
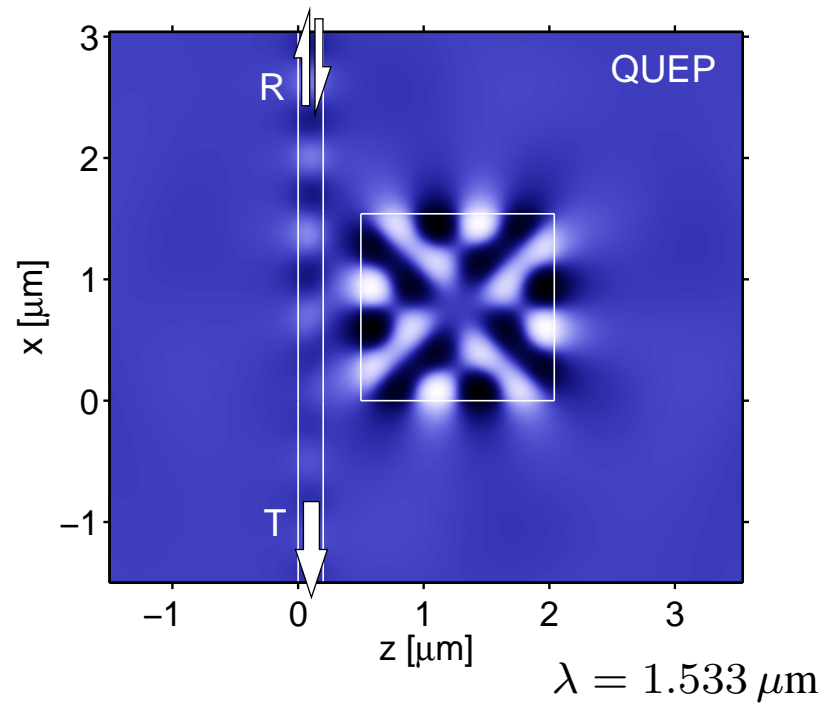
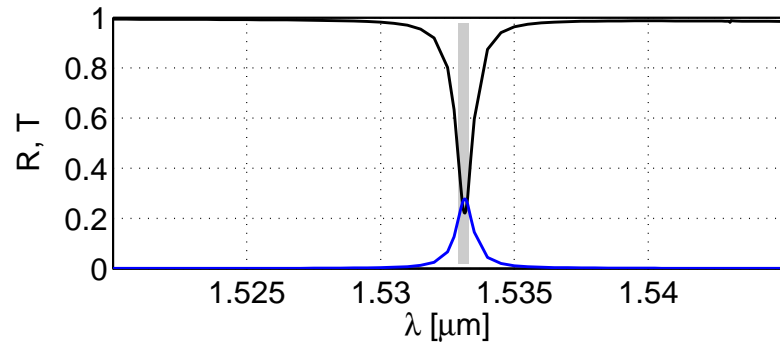


TE, $n_b = 1.0$, $n_g = 3.2$, $w = 1.54 \mu\text{m}$, $g_r = 0.39 \mu\text{m}$, $g_w = 0.3 \mu\text{m}$, $t = 0.2 \mu\text{m}$; $\lambda_0 = 1.532 \mu\text{m}$.

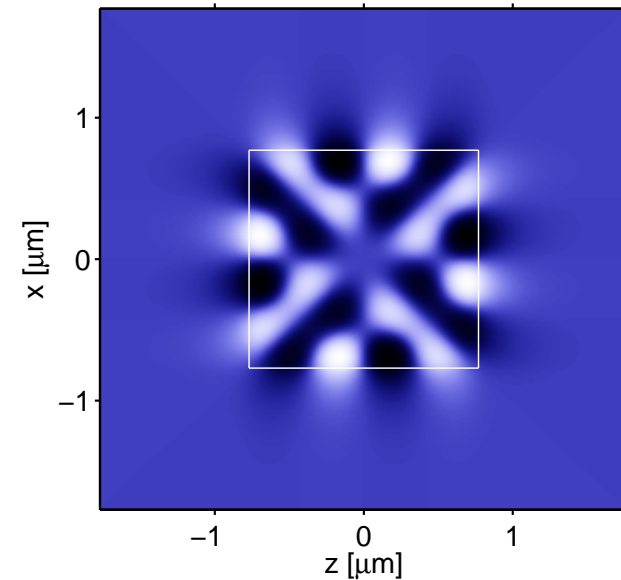
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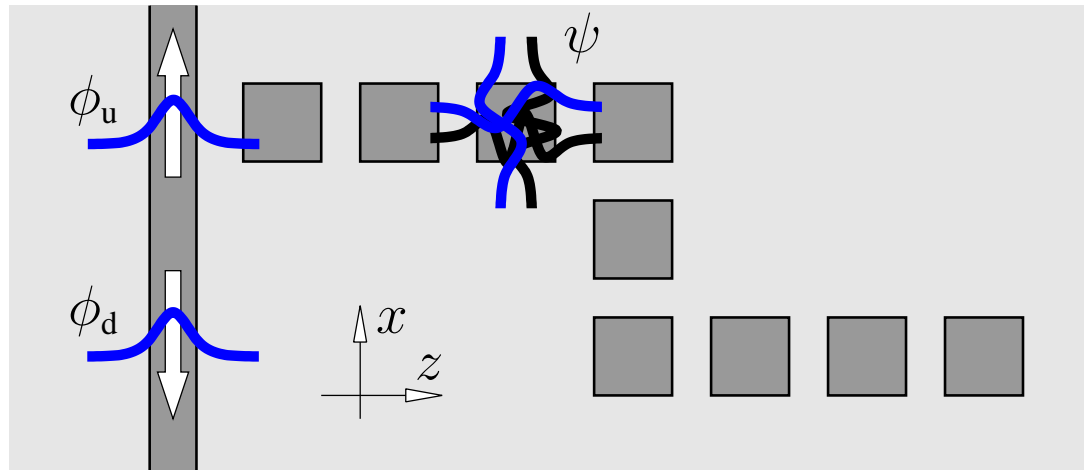
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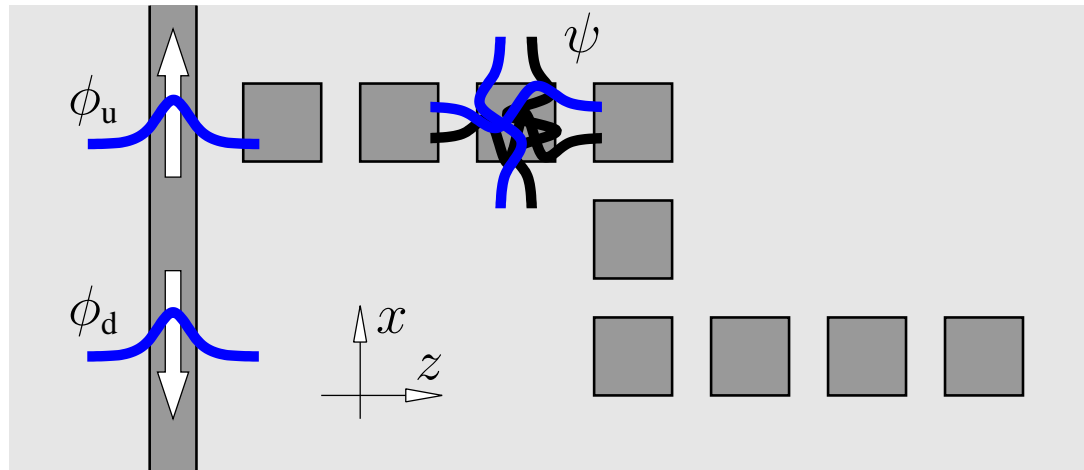
Resonator chain, HCMT model



$$\begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(x, z) = u(x) \phi_u(x, z) + d(x) \phi_d(x, z) + \sum_{j=0}^8 r_j \psi_j(x, z)$$

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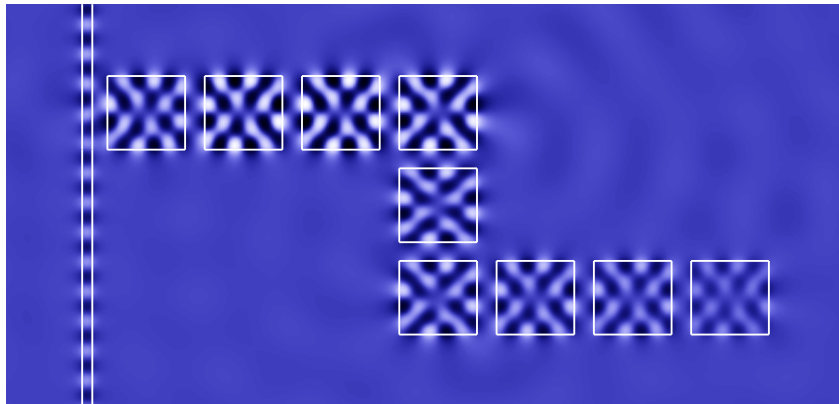
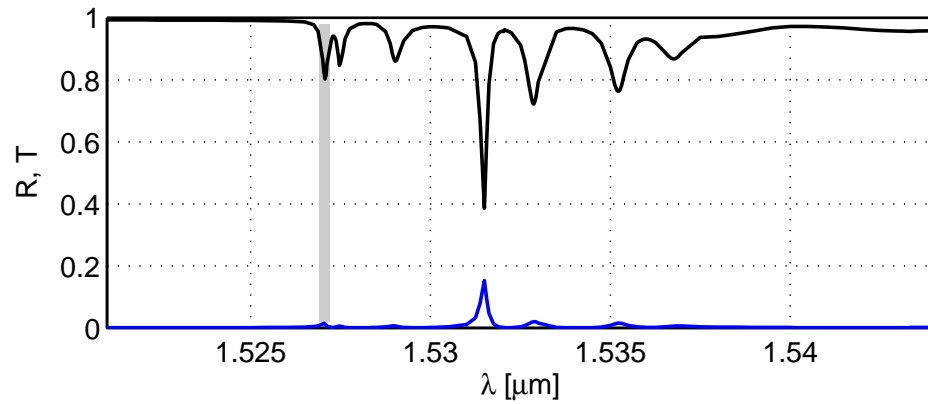
1-D FEM discretization $u \rightarrow \{u_l\}$ and $d \rightarrow \{d_l\}$: $r_0 - r_8, u, d$: ?

$$\begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(x, z) = \sum_k a_k \chi_k(x, z), \quad a_k \in \{u_l, d_l, r_j\}, \quad a_k: ?$$

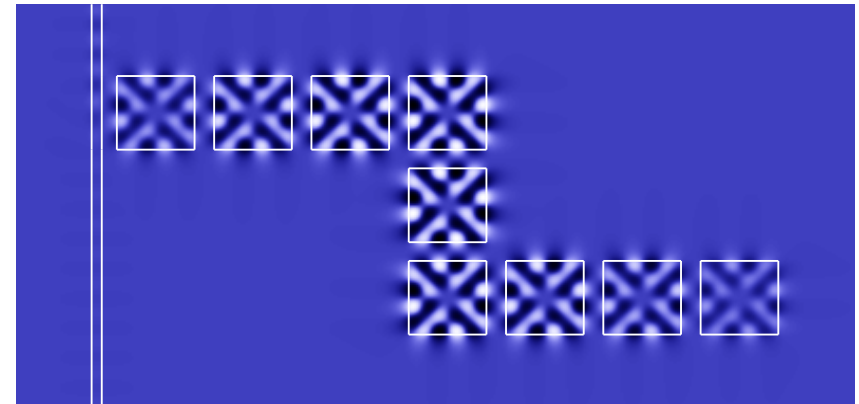
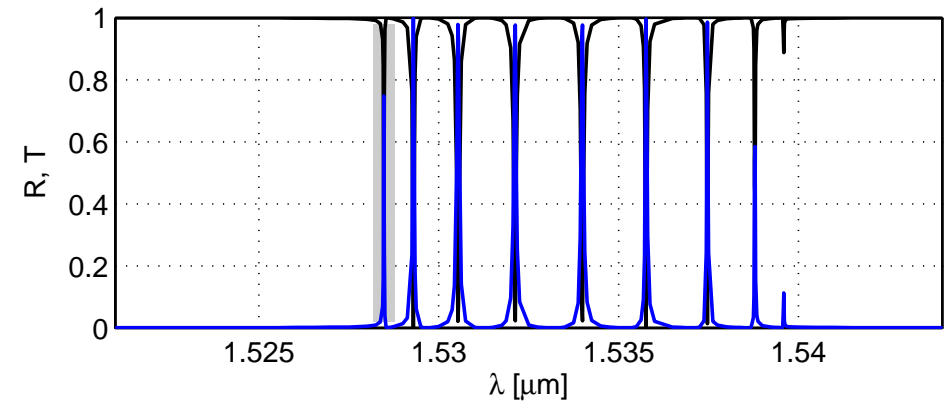
HCMT procedure as before.

Resonator chain, spectral results

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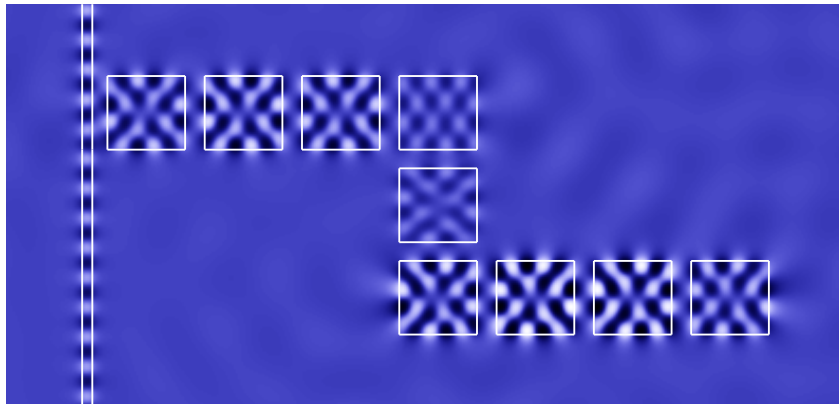
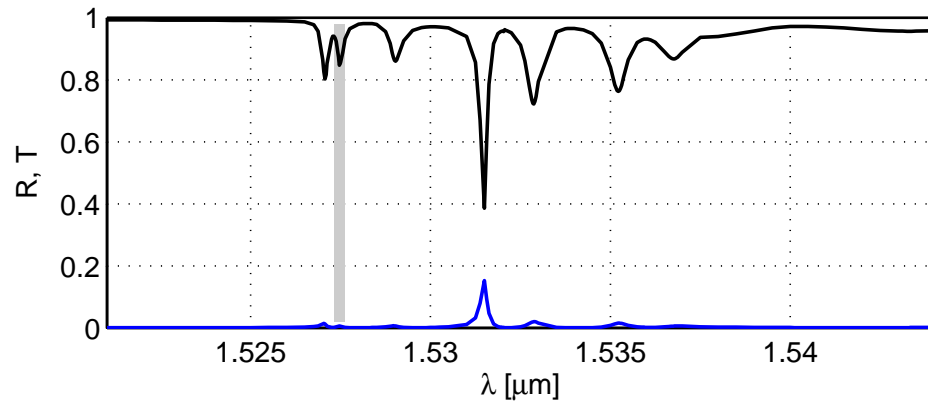


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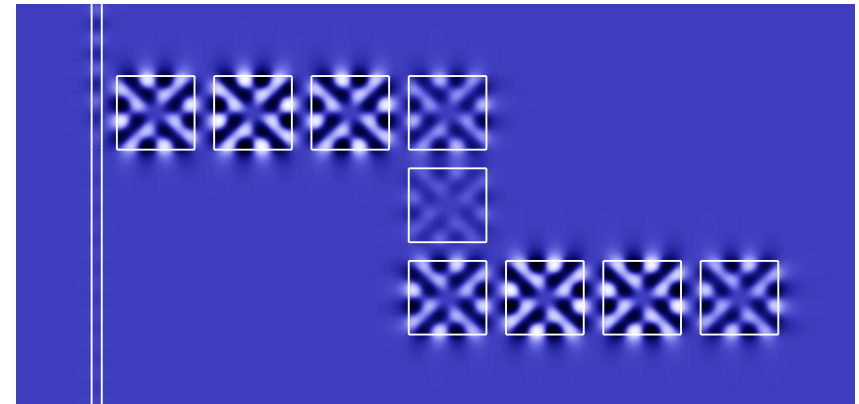
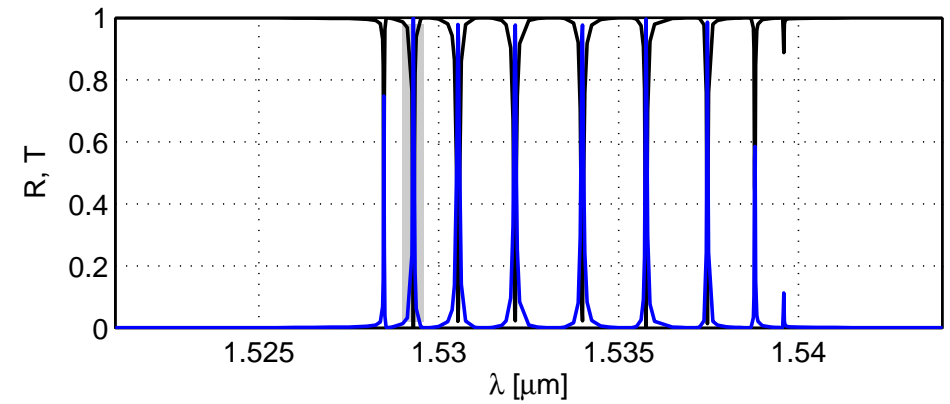


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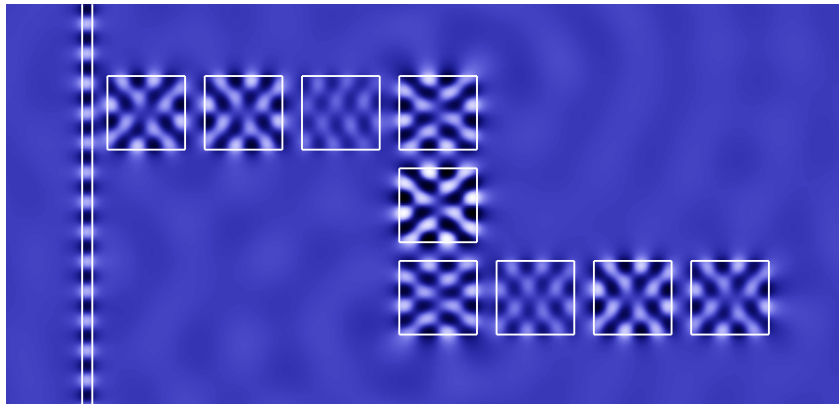
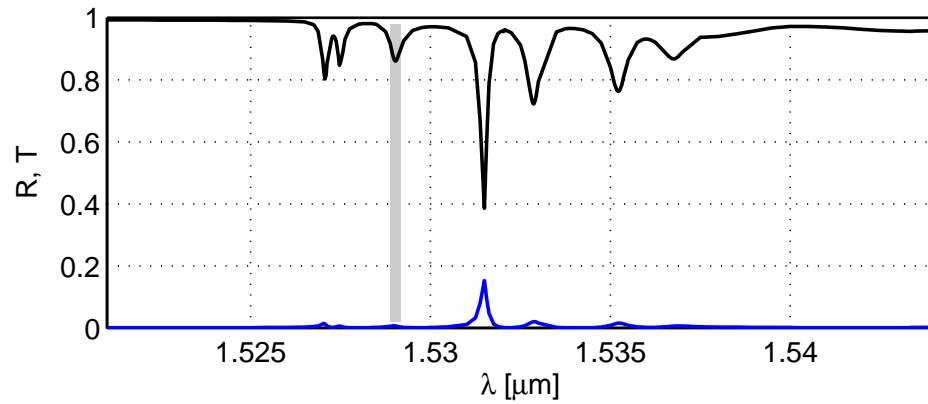


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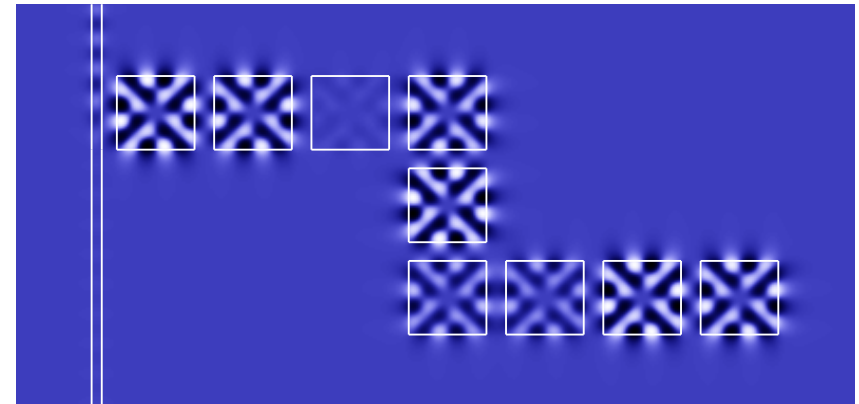
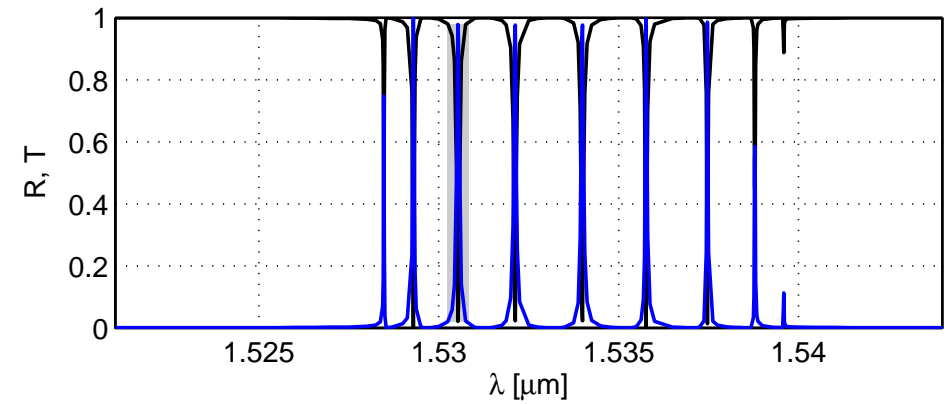


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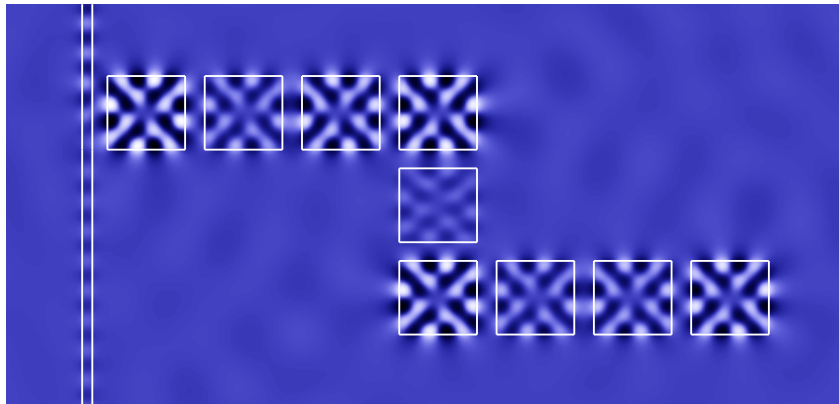
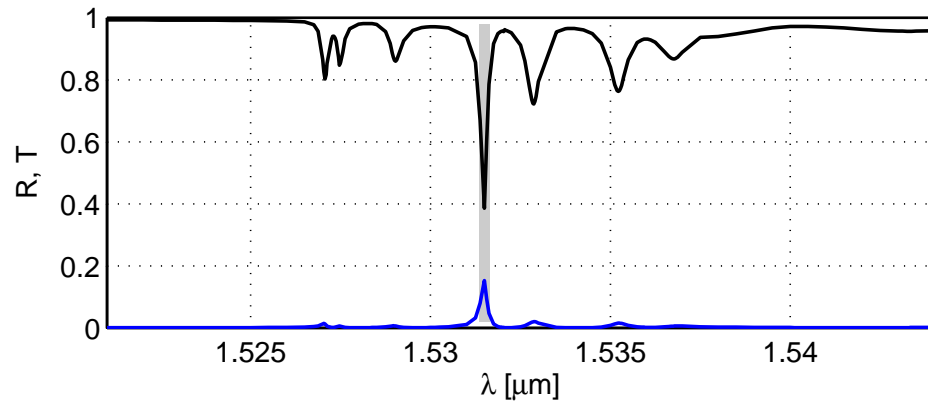


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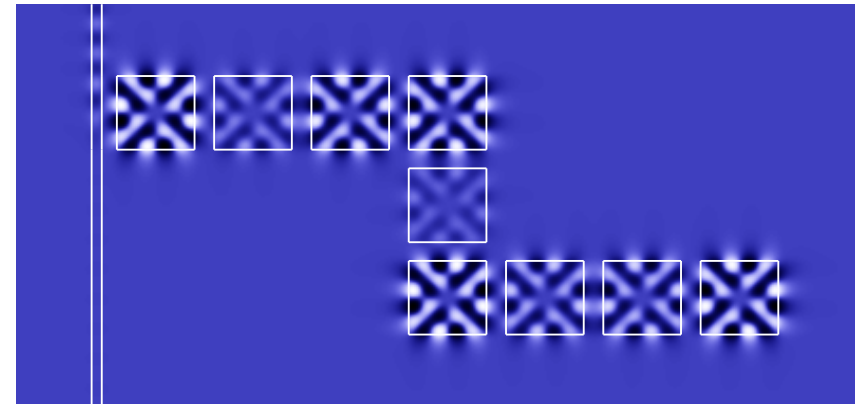
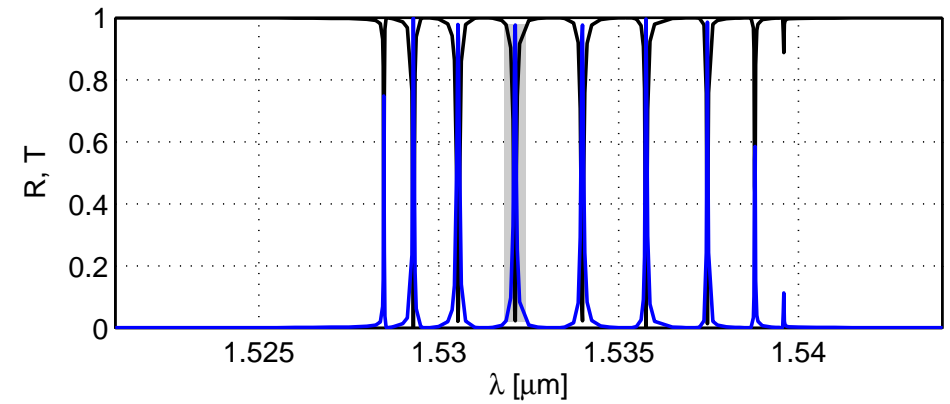


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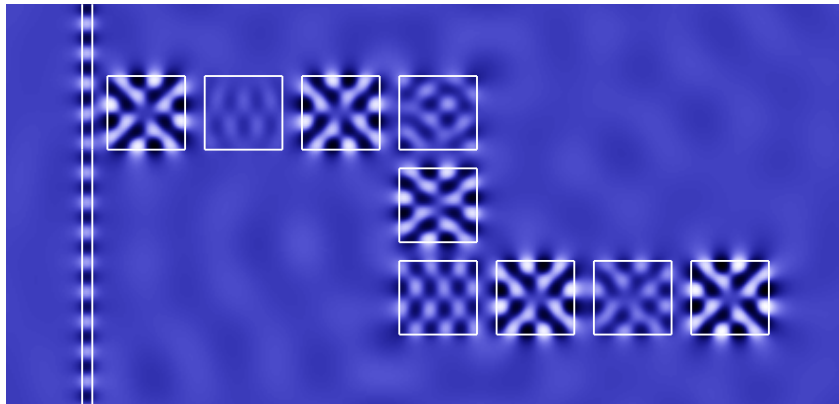
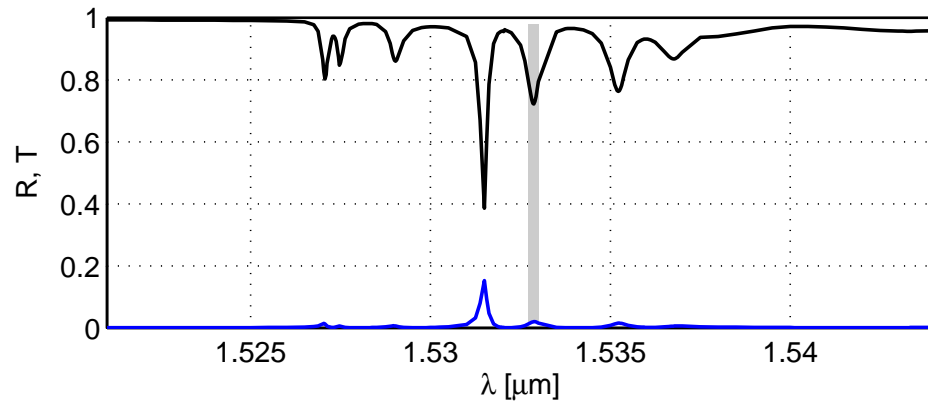


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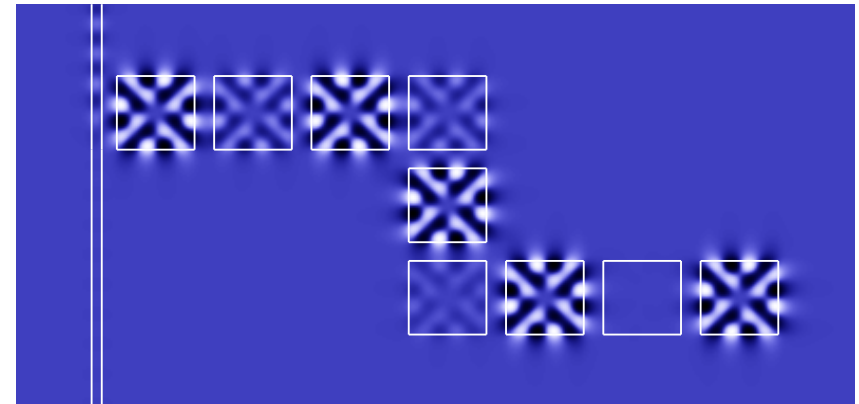
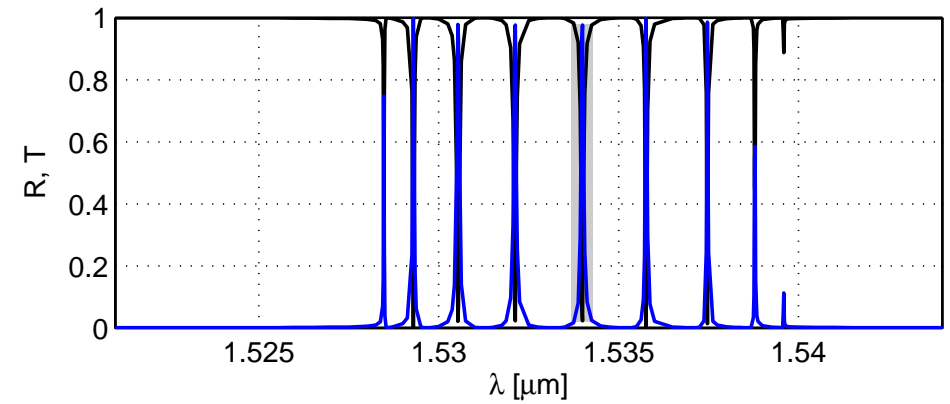


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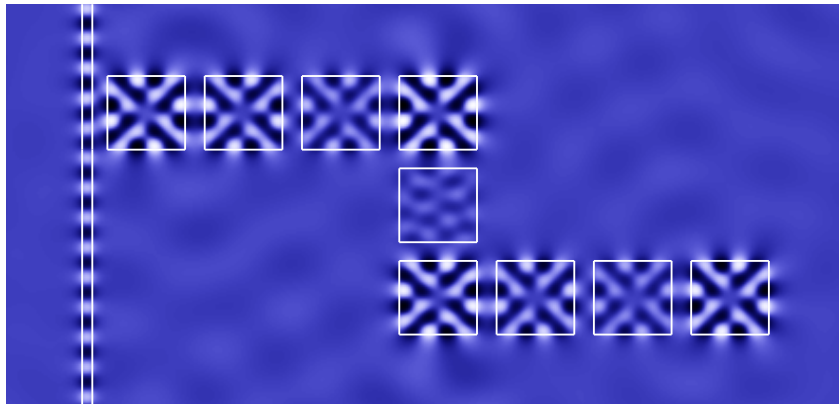
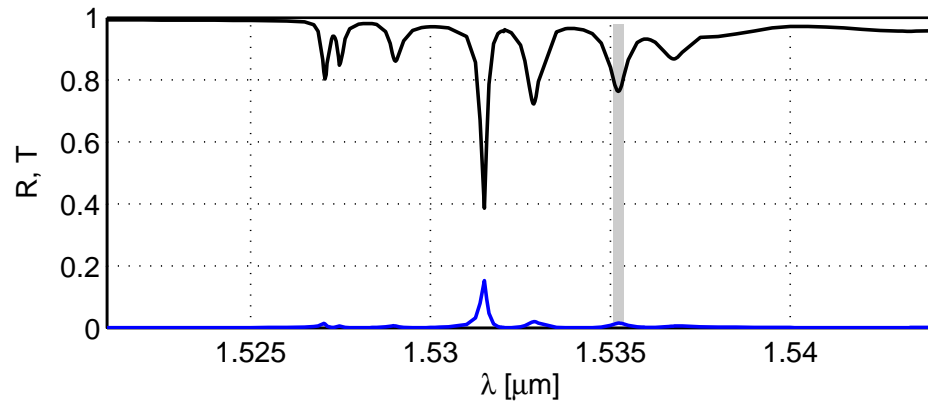


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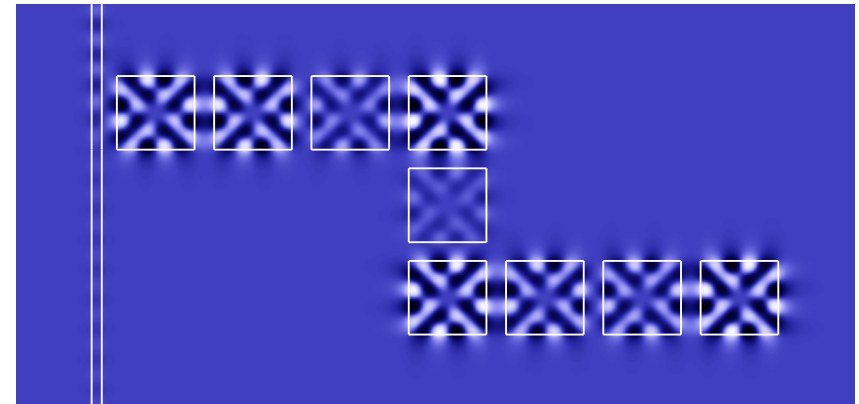
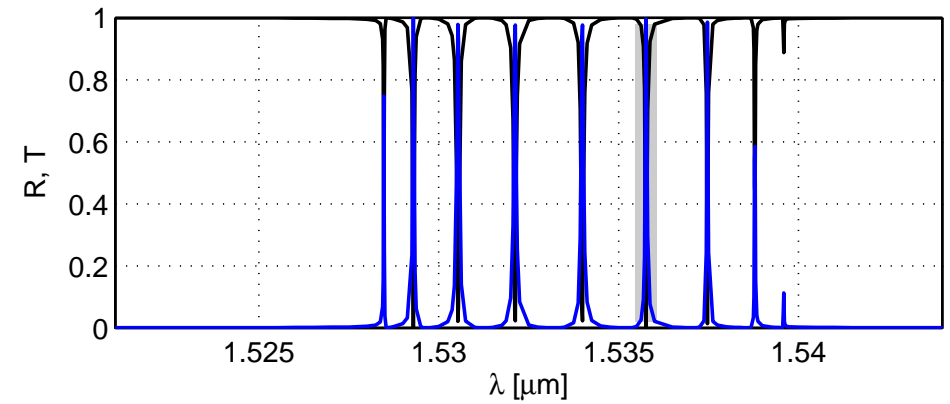


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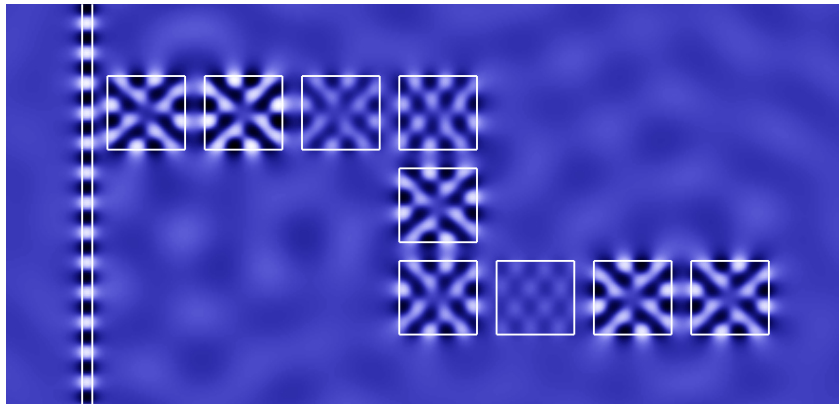
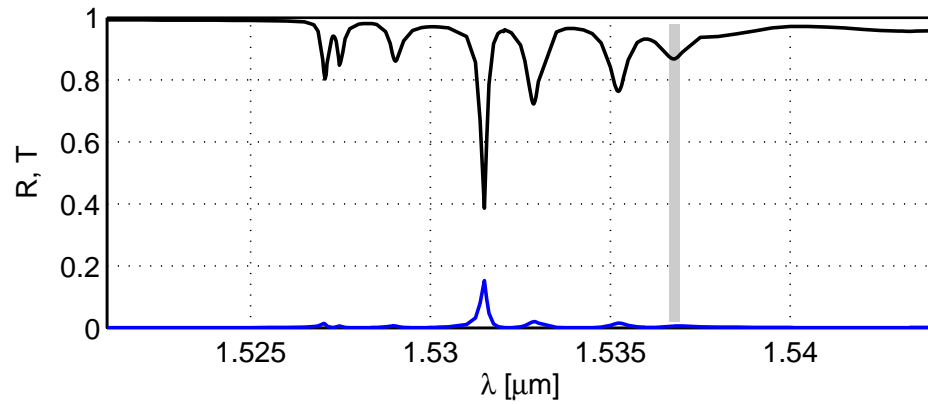


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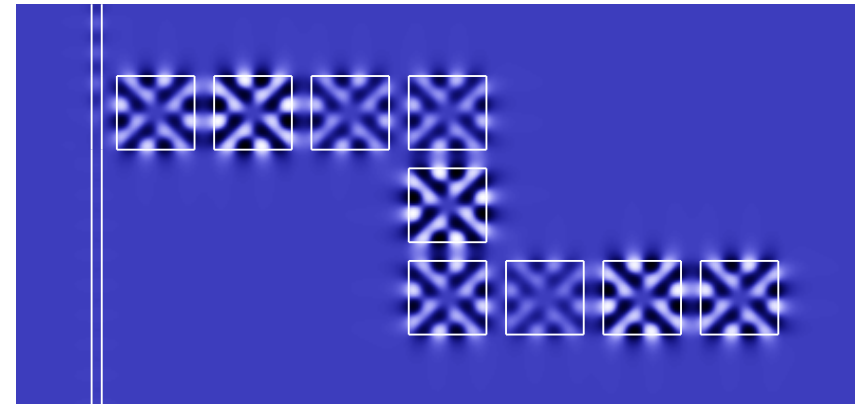
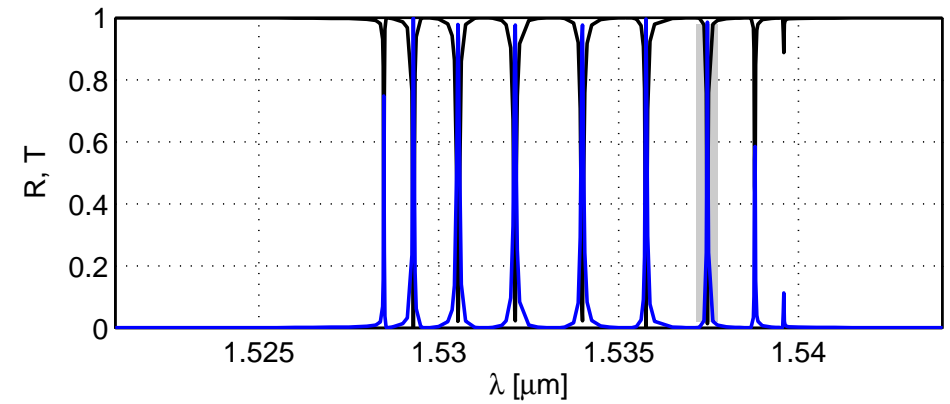


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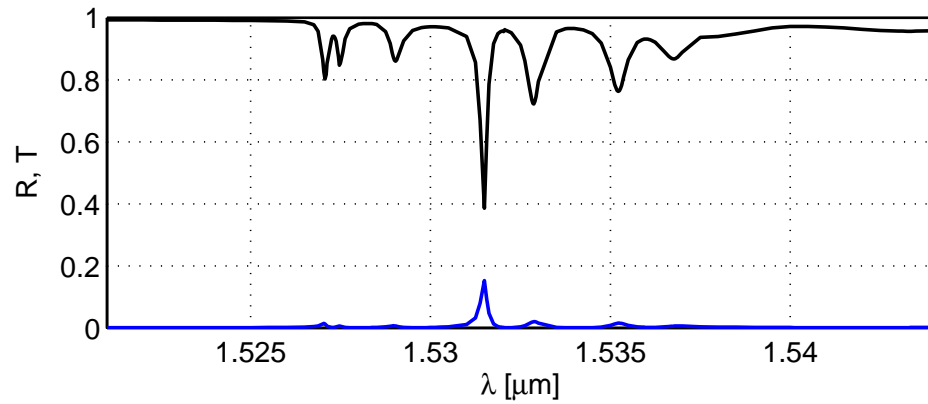


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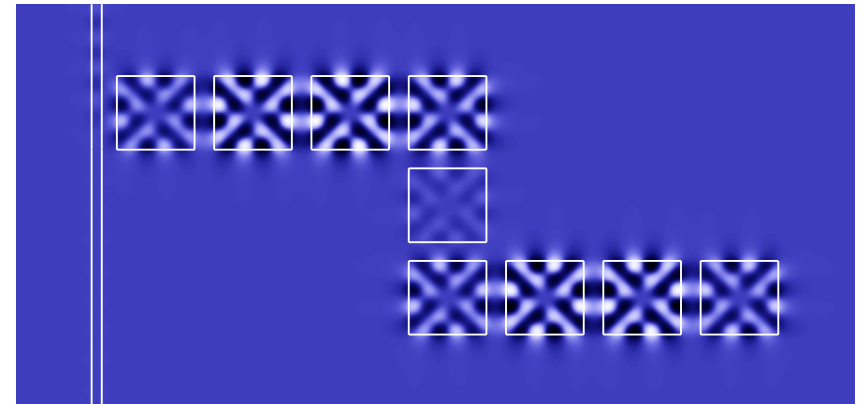
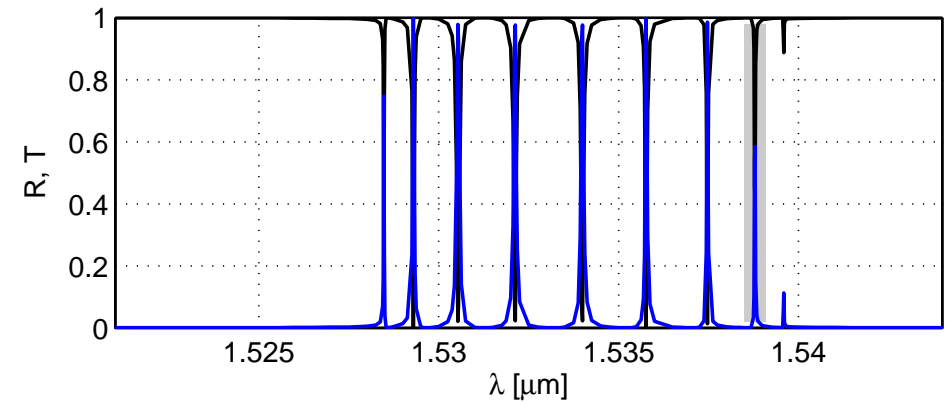


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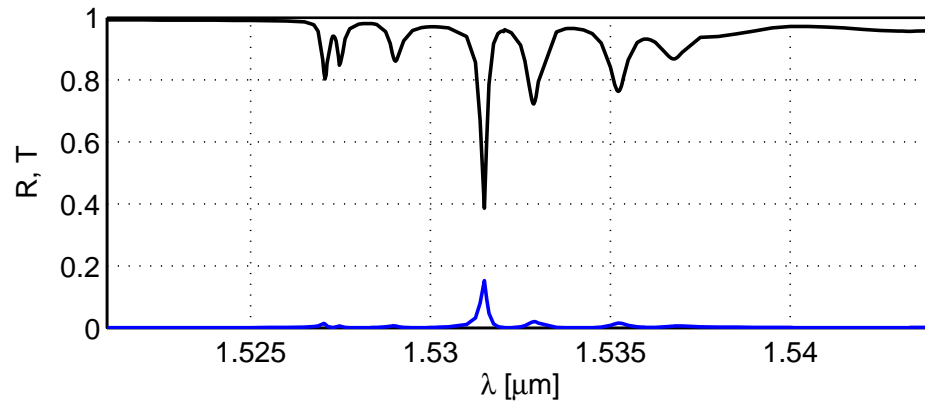


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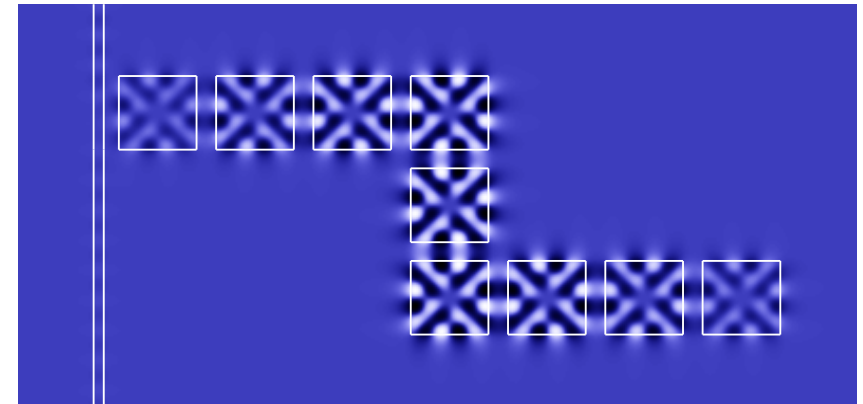
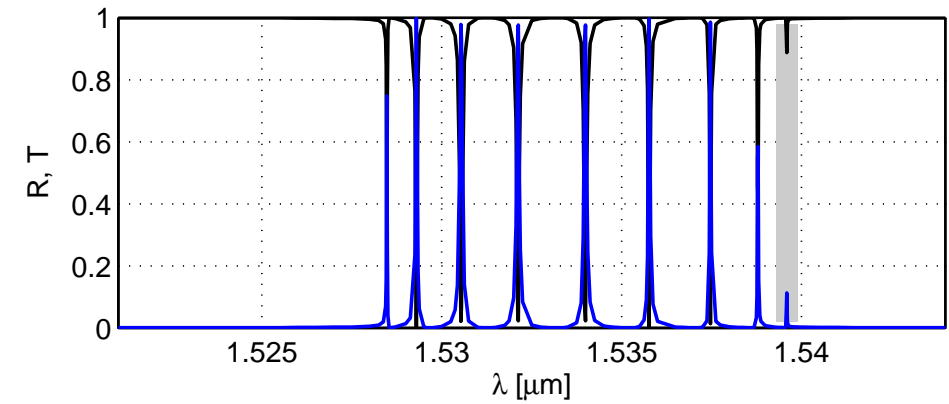


Resonator chain, spectral results

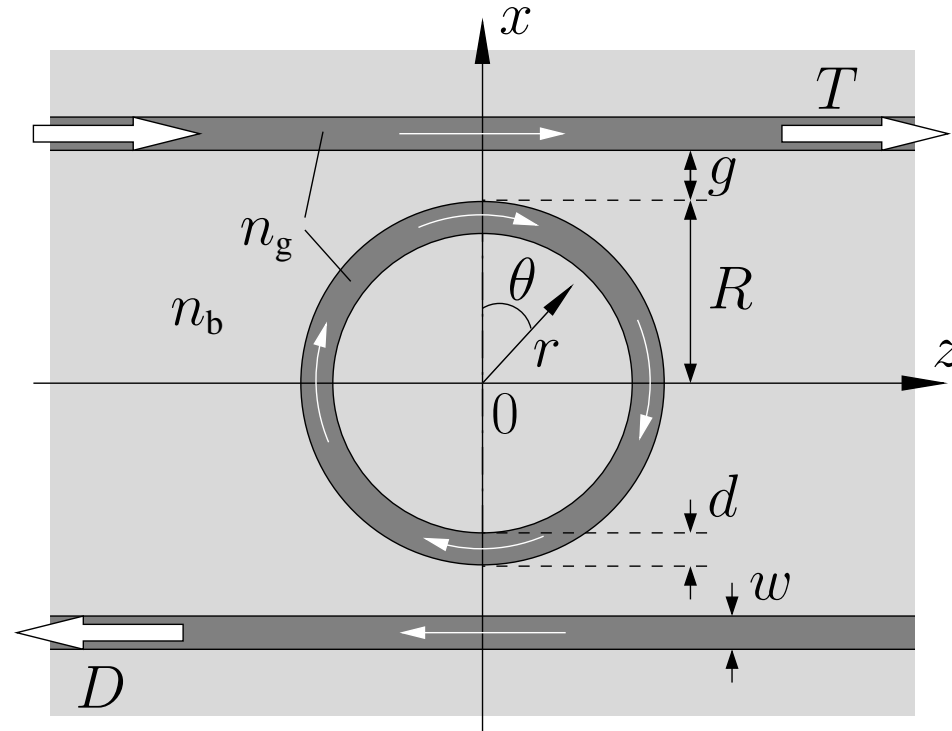
QUEP (reference)



HCMT

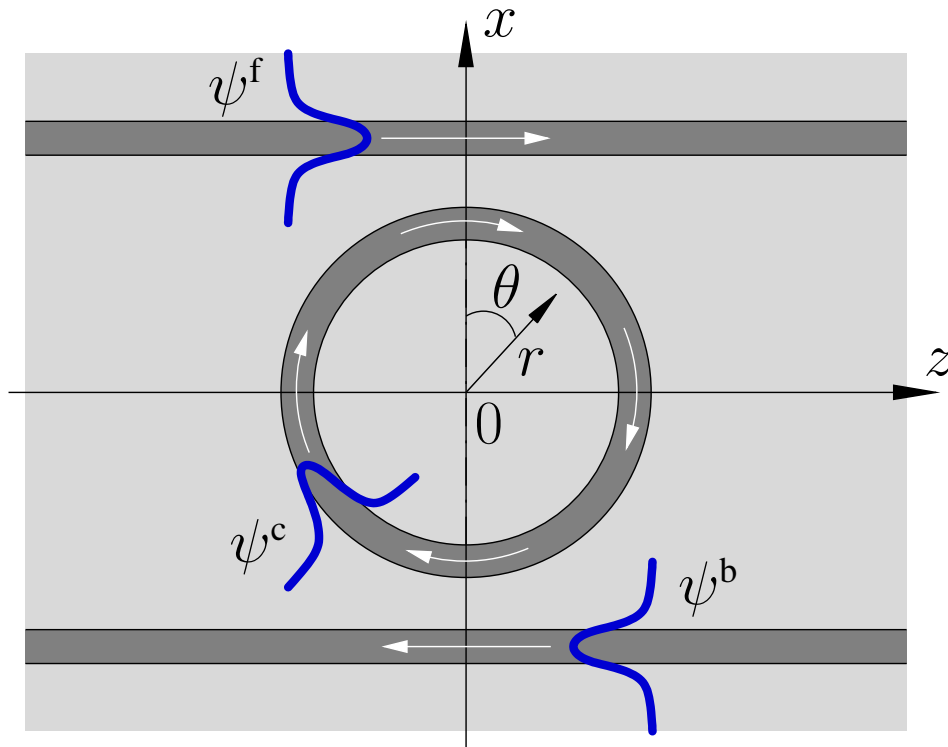


Ringresonator circuits



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

Ringresonator, field template



Basis elements:

- bus WGs:

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

- cavity:

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

$$\gamma R \rightarrow \text{floor}(\text{Re} \gamma R + 1/2),$$

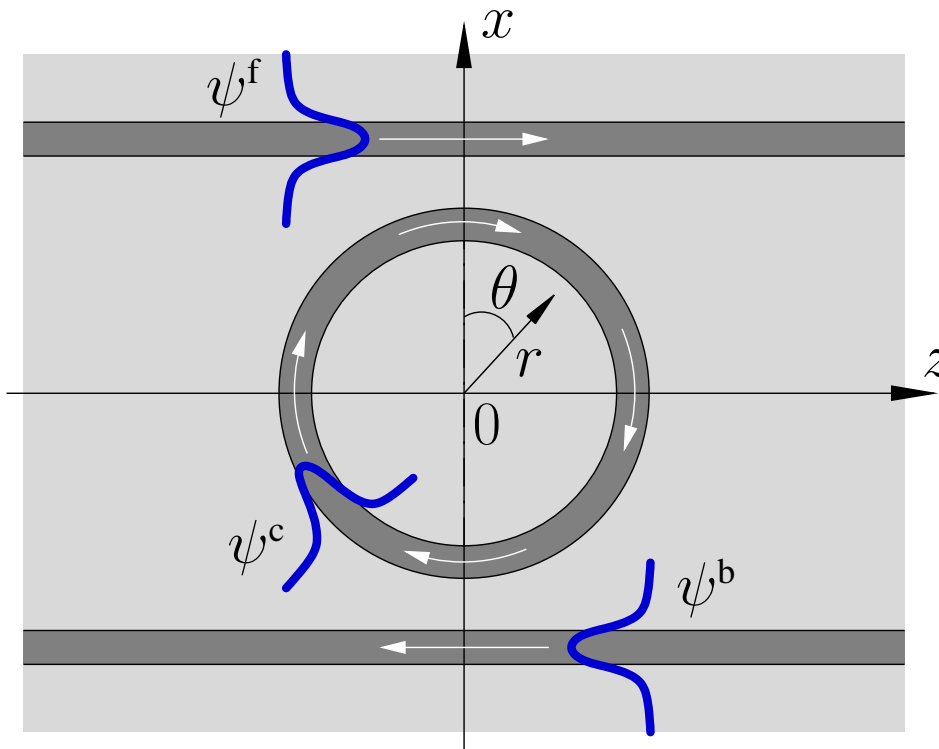
- further terms:

bidirectional propagation, higher order modes, other channels, etc..

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

$$r = r(x, z), \theta = \theta(x, z). \quad f, b, c: ?$$

Ringresonator, HCMT procedure



1-D FEM discretization:

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

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

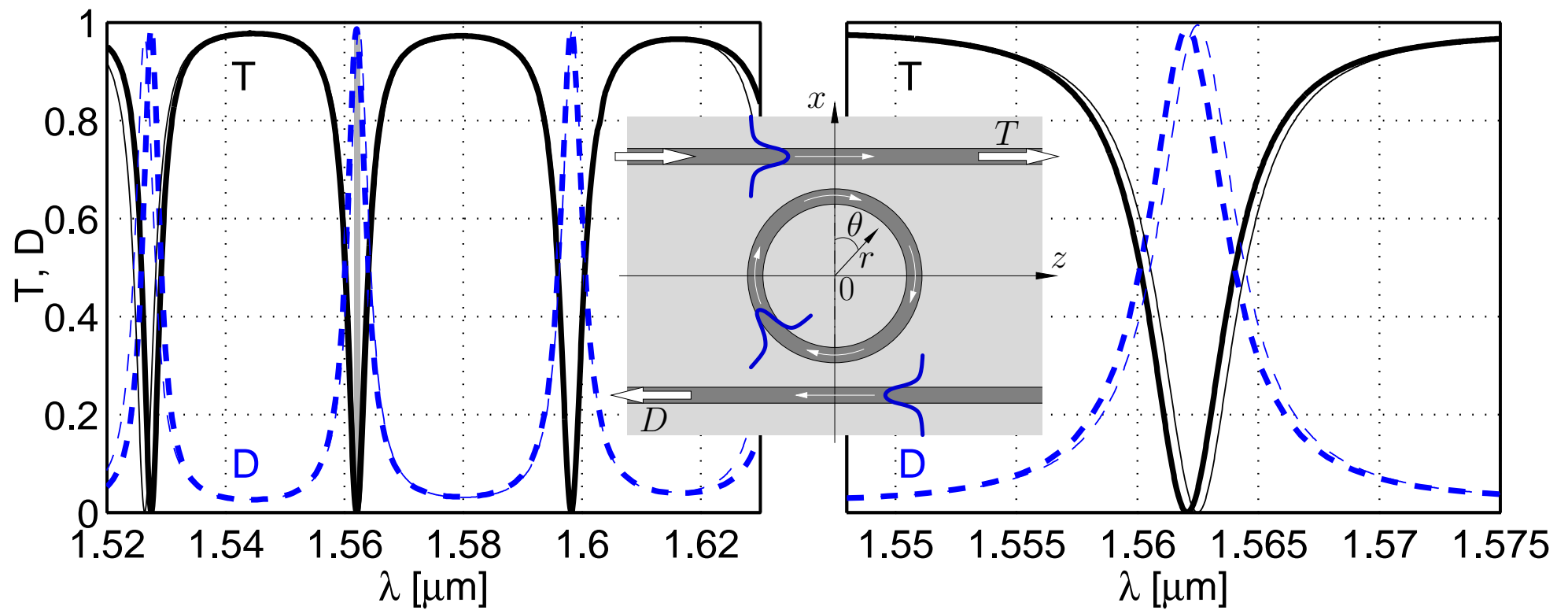
$$c(\theta) \rightarrow \{c_j\}, \quad \text{identify nodes } 0 \text{ and } N_\theta,$$

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

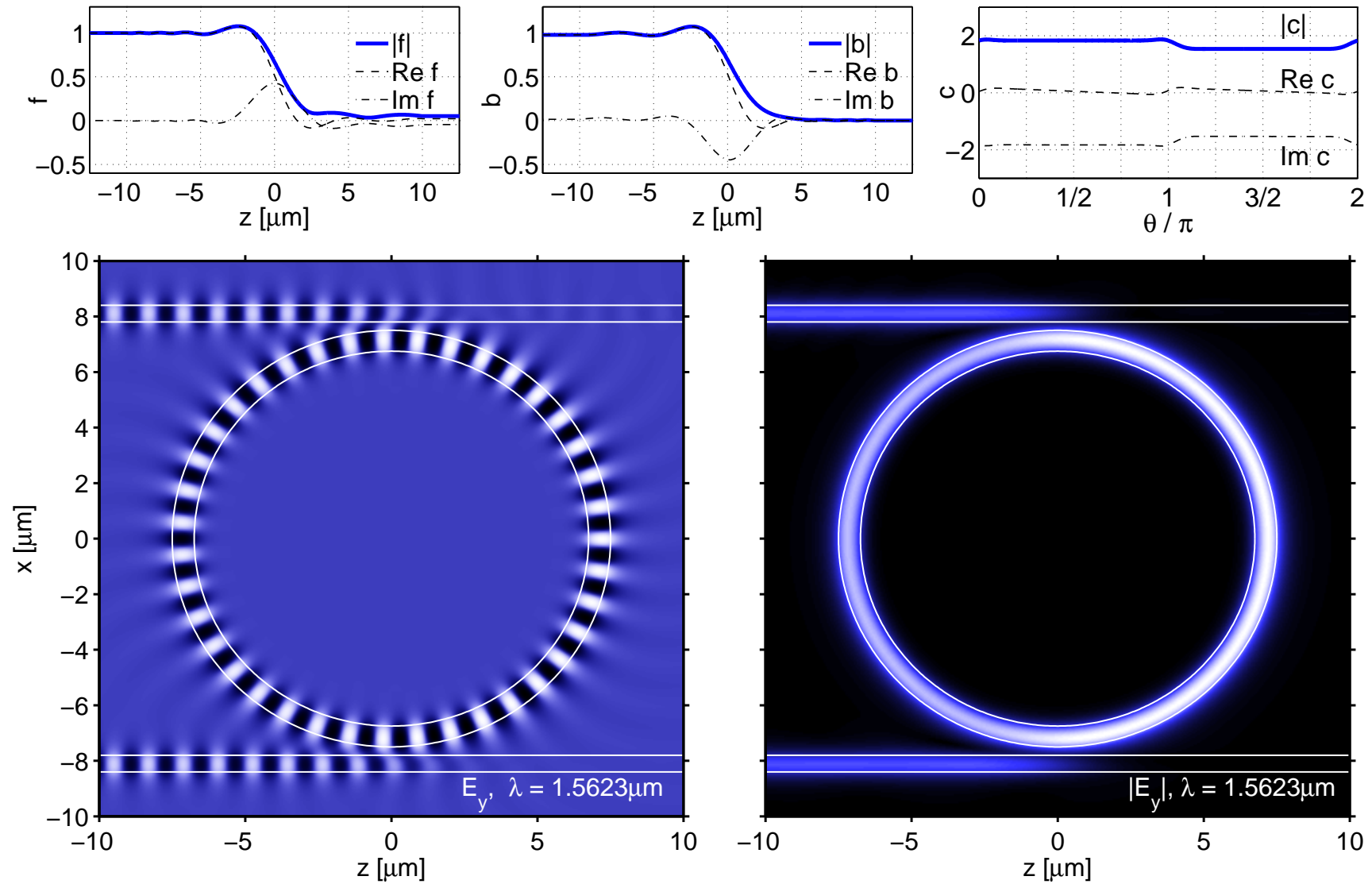
$$\begin{aligned} \left(\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{array} \right)(x, z) &= \sum_k a_k \left(\alpha.(\cdot) \psi.(\cdot)(x, z) \right) =: \sum_k a_k \left(\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{E}_k \\ \mathbf{H}_k \end{array} \right)(x, z), \\ k &\in \{\text{channels, modes, elements}\}, \quad a_k \in \{f_j, b_j, c_j\}. \end{aligned}$$

HCMT solution as before.

Single ring filter, spectral response



Single ring filter, resonance



Fast evaluation of spectral properties

Time consuming: evaluation of modal “overlaps” K_{lk} in \mathbf{K} :

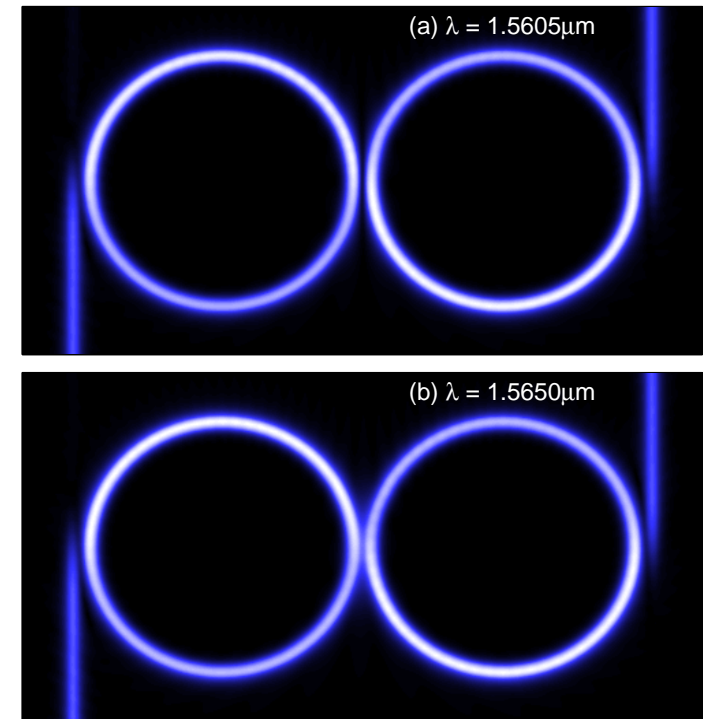
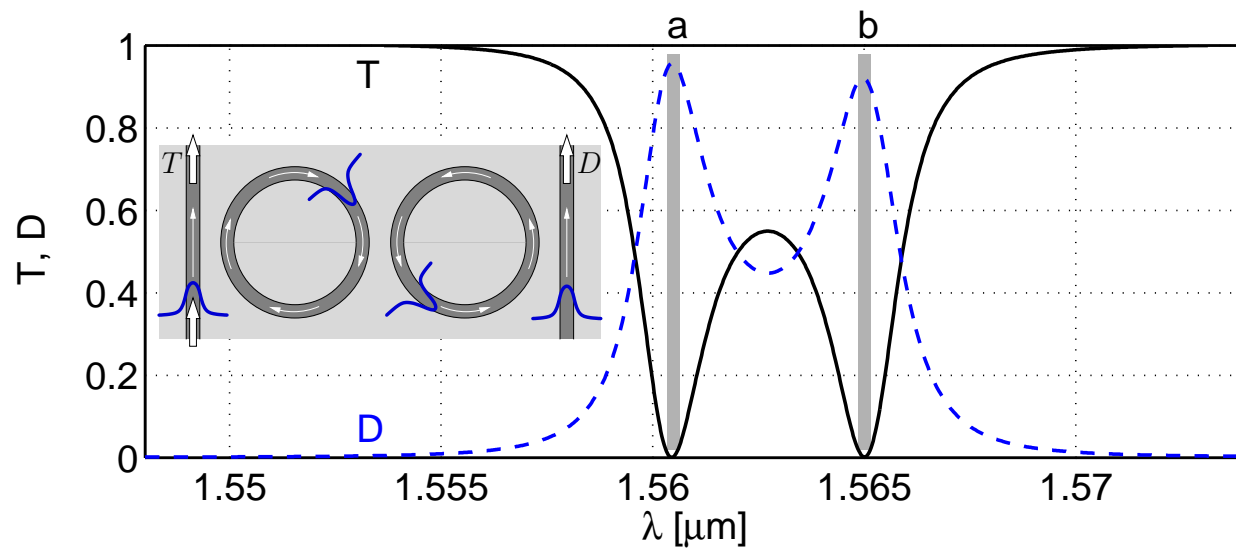
$$K_{lk} = \iiint \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{E}_l, \mathbf{H}_l; \mathbf{E}_k, \mathbf{H}_k) dx dy dz.$$

All properties of the modal basis fields change but slowly with λ ;
rapid spectral variations are due to the *solution* of the linear system involving \mathbf{K} .

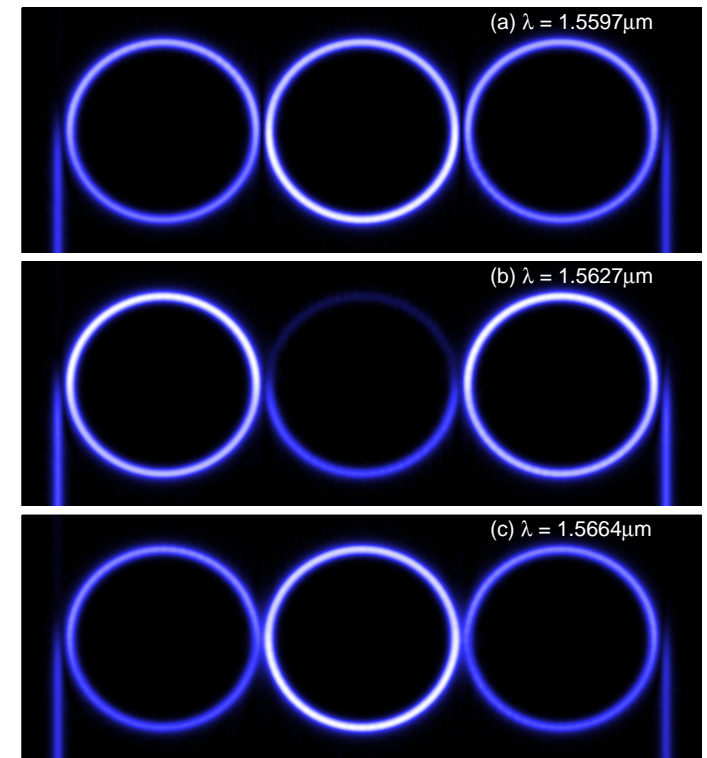
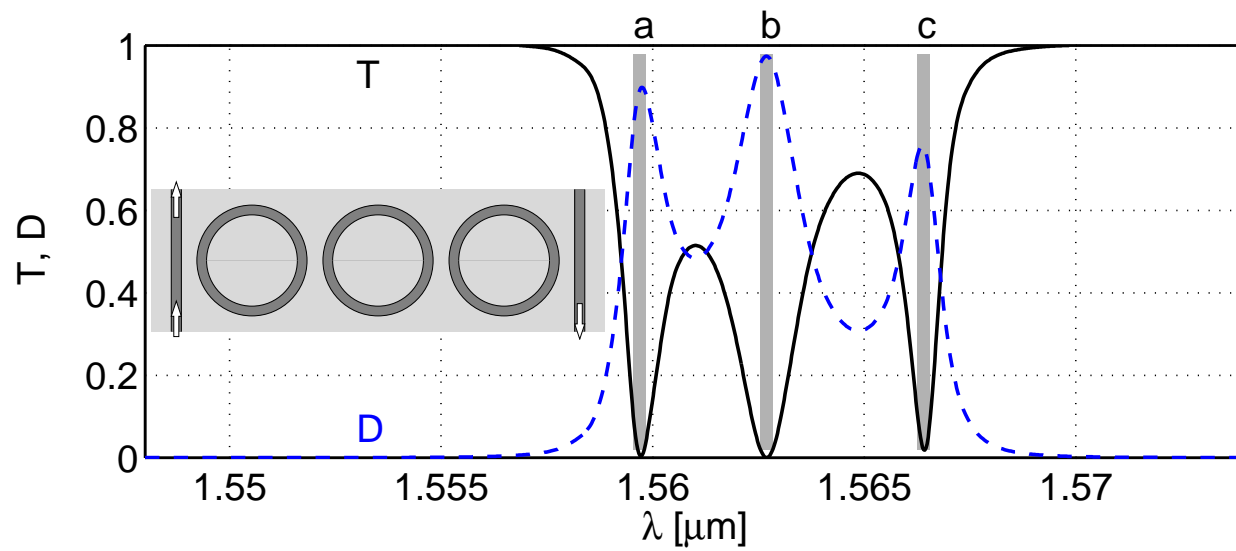
~> Interpolate $\mathbf{K}(\lambda)$:

- Interval of interest $\lambda \in [\lambda_a, \lambda_b]$, $\lambda_0 := \frac{3}{4}\lambda_a + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_b$, $\lambda_1 := \frac{1}{4}\lambda_a + \frac{3}{4}\lambda_b$,
- compute only $\mathbf{K}_0 = \mathbf{K}(\lambda_0)$ and $\mathbf{K}_1 = \mathbf{K}(\lambda_1)$ directly,
- interpolate $\mathbf{K}_i(\lambda) = \mathbf{K}_0 + \frac{\lambda - \lambda_0}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_0} (\mathbf{K}_1 - \mathbf{K}_0)$,
- solve for $\mathbf{a}(\lambda)$ with $\mathbf{K}_i(\lambda)$.

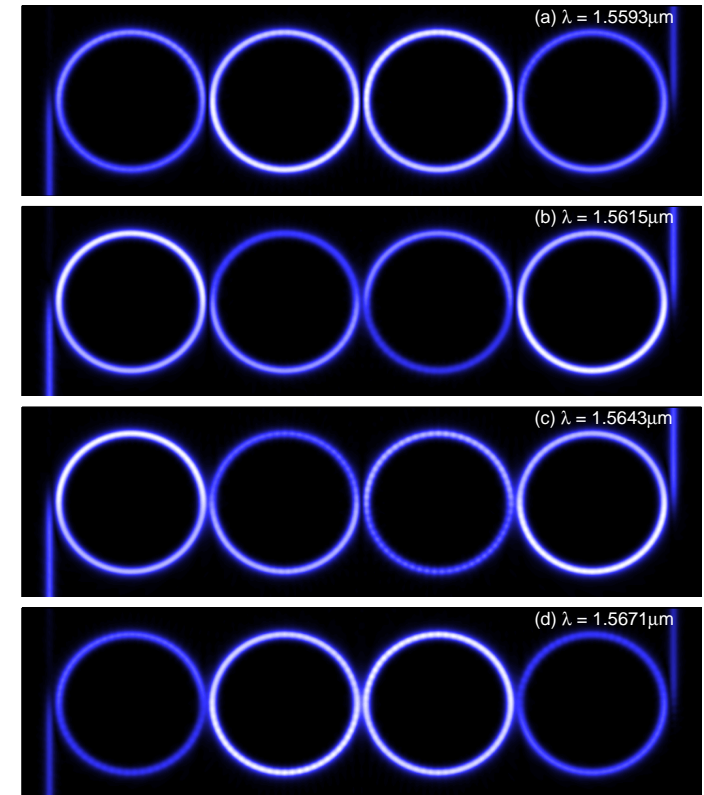
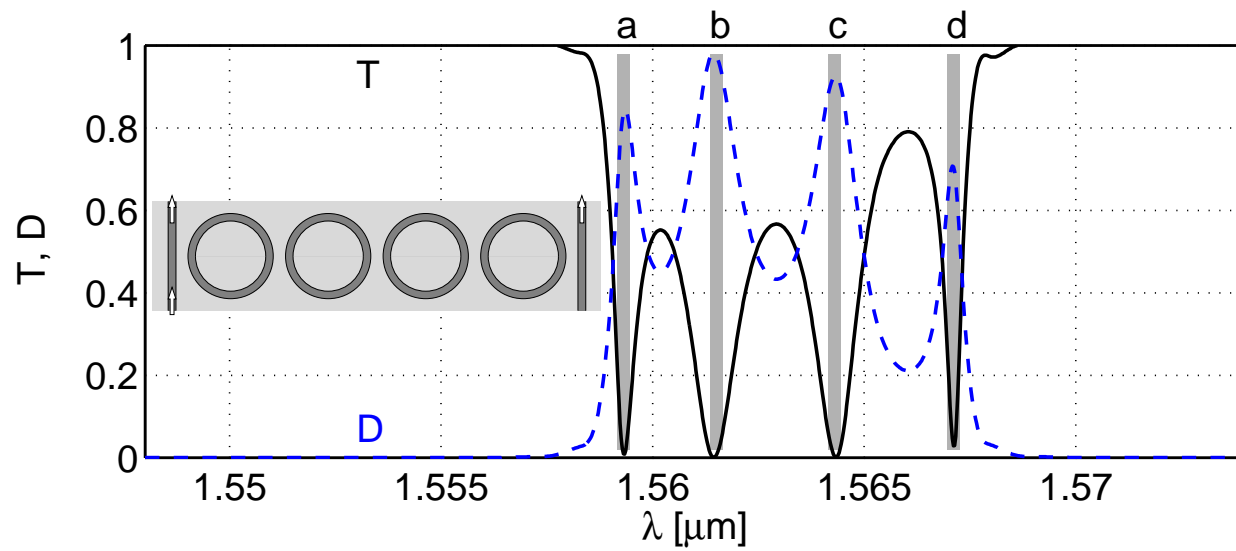
Coupled resonator optical waveguides, CROWs



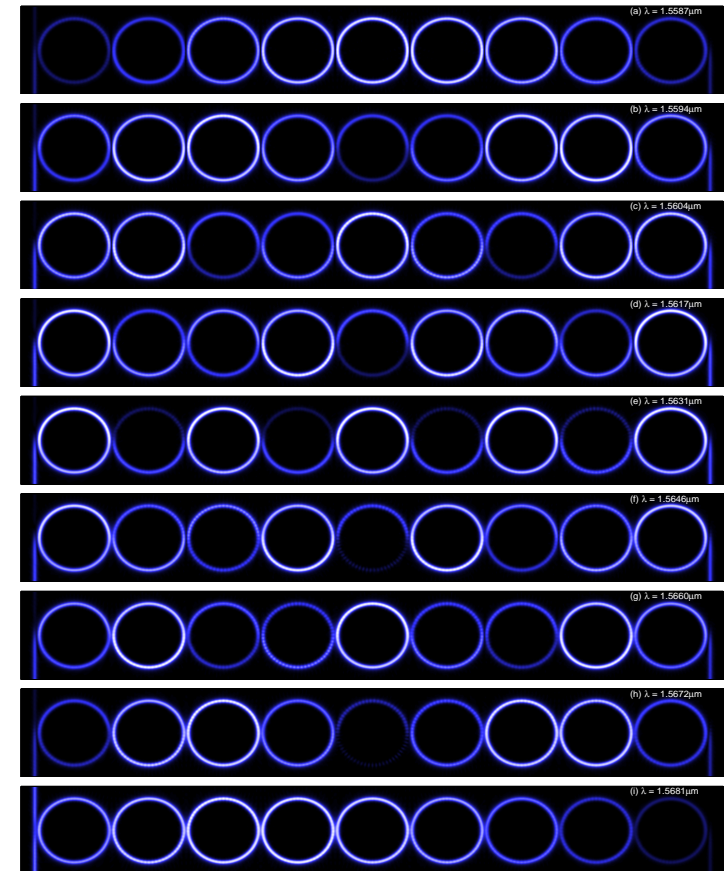
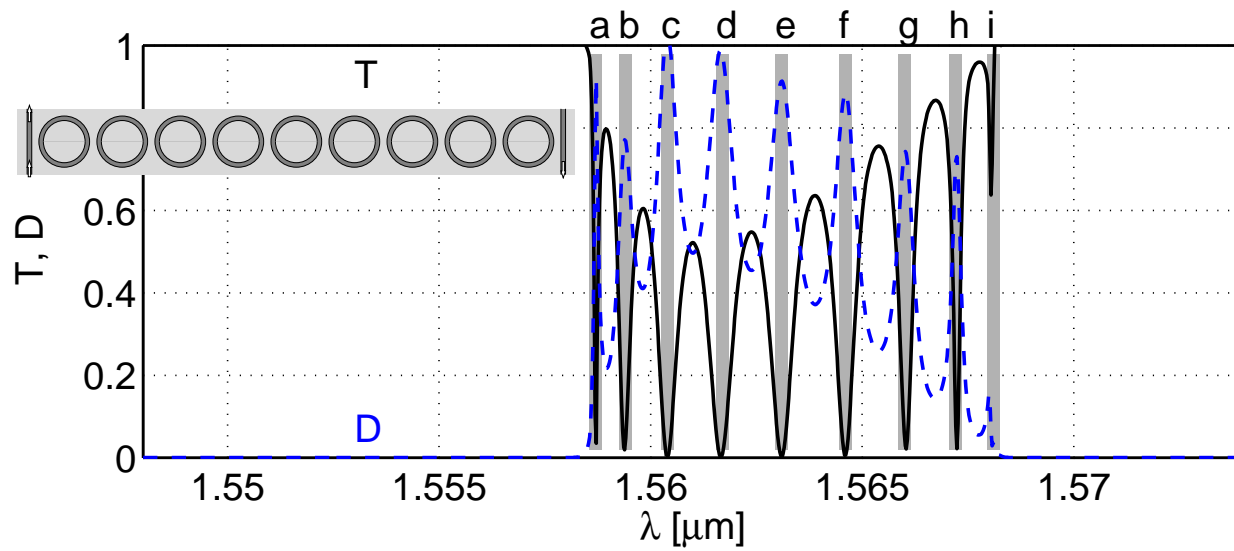
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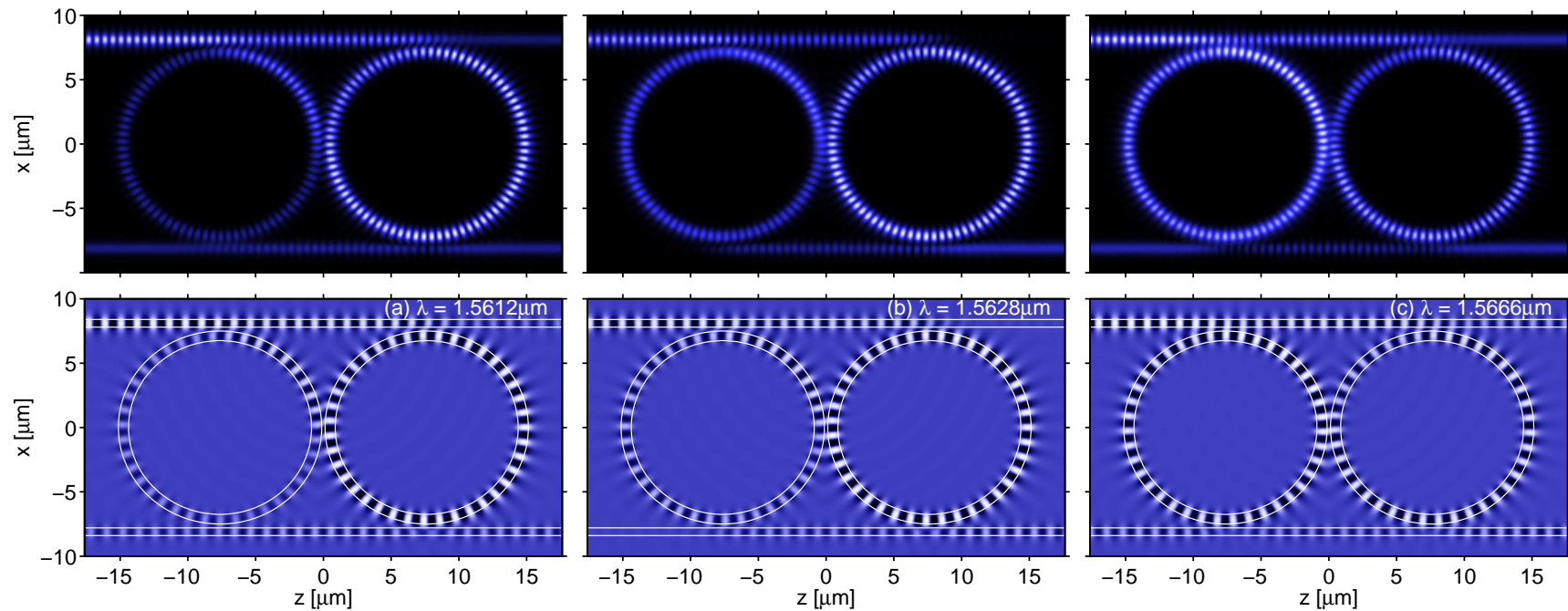
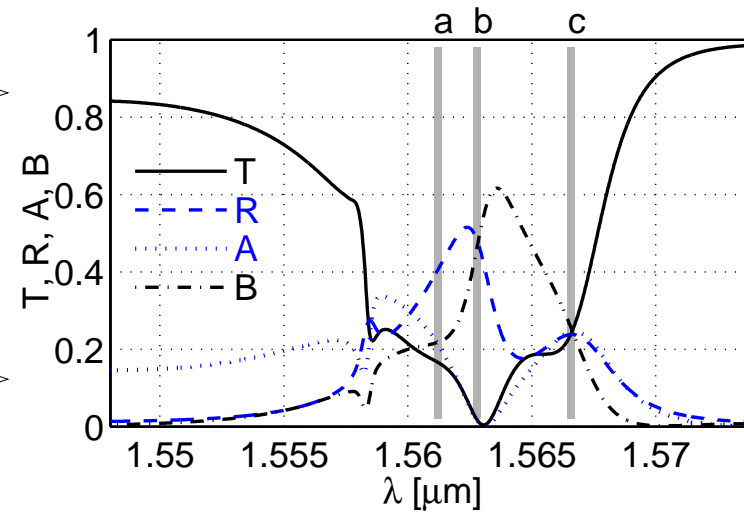
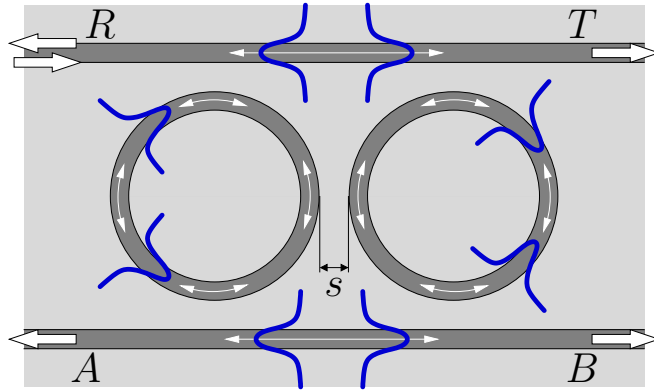
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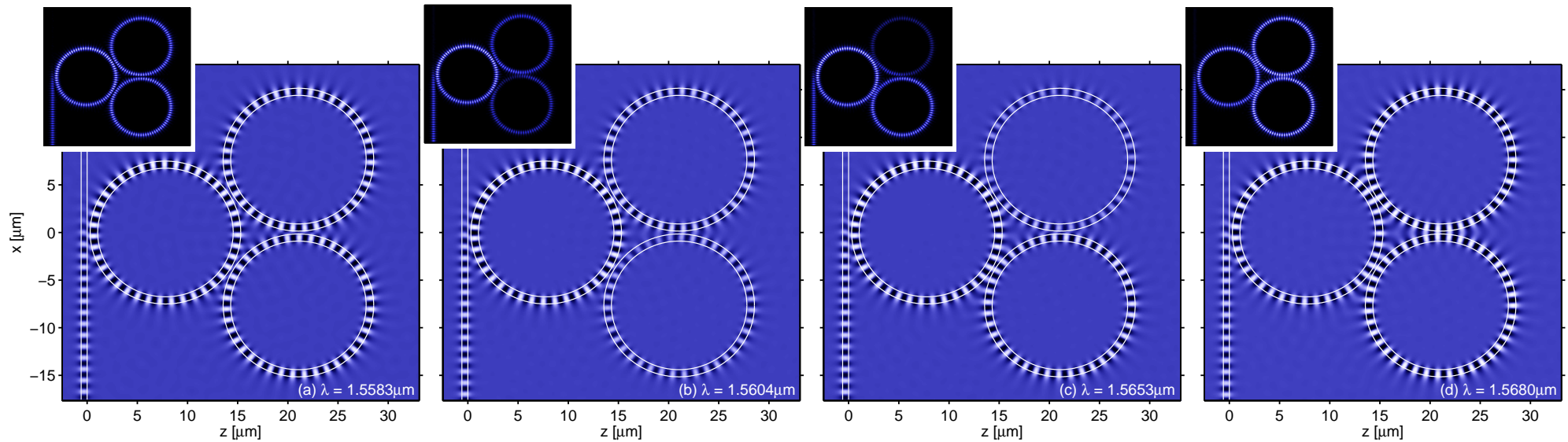
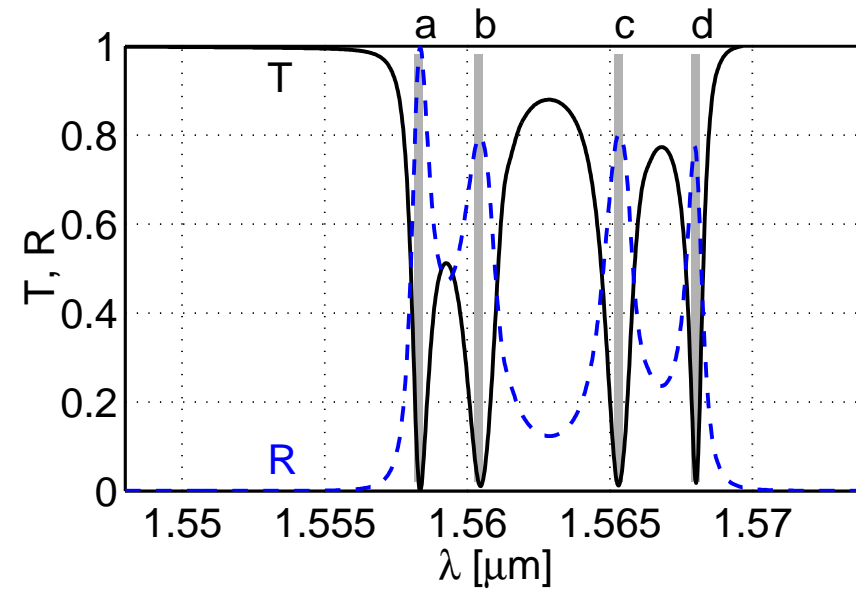
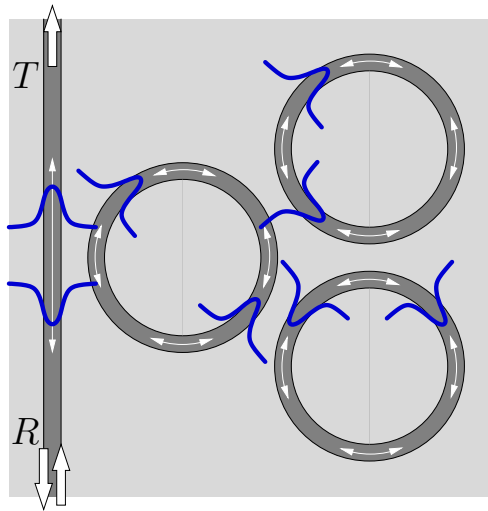
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Rings coupled in parallel



R3 resonator



Hybrid analytical / numerical coupled mode modeling

HCMT:

- an ab-initio, quantitative, quite general CMT variant, alternatively
- a numerical (FEM) approach with highly specialized base functions,
- extension to 3-D ([todo](#)): numerical basis fields, still moderate effort,
- reasonably versatile:

