

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

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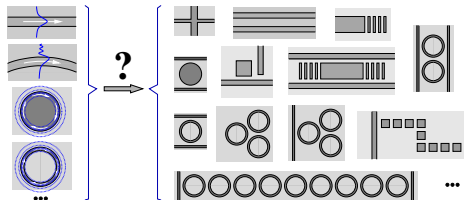
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- Basis fields
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- Hybrid coupled mode theory
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Frequency domain,

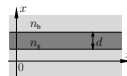
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mathbf{H} - i\omega\epsilon_0\epsilon\mathbf{E} &= 0, \\ -\nabla \times \mathbf{E} - i\omega\mu_0\mathbf{H} &= 0, \end{aligned} \right\}$$

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

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

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

## Straight dielectric waveguide

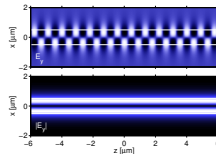
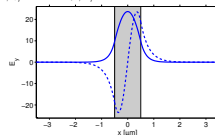


$\partial_z \epsilon = 0, \quad \omega$  given,  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$  eigenvalue,

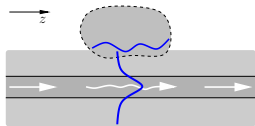
$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix}(x, z) = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{E}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{H}} \end{pmatrix}(x) e^{-i\beta z}.$$

$$\left\{ \beta_j, \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{E}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{H}} \end{pmatrix}_j \right\}$$

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



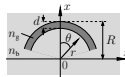
## Straight dielectric waveguide



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

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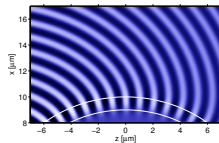
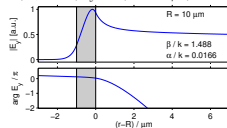
## Waveguide bend



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

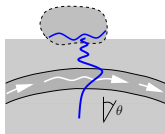
$$\begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(r, \theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} \\ \tilde{H} \end{pmatrix}(r) e^{-i\gamma R\theta} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \gamma_j, \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} \\ \tilde{H} \end{pmatrix}_j \right\} \end{array} \right.$$

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



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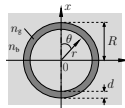
## Waveguide bend



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

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## Whispering gallery resonances



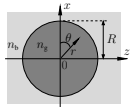
$\partial_\theta \epsilon = 0$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\omega^c \in \mathbb{C}$  eigenvalue,

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

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

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## Whispering gallery resonances

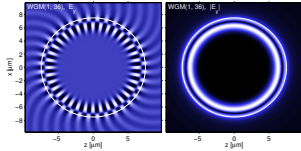


$$\partial_{\theta} \epsilon = 0, \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad \omega^c \in \mathbb{C} \text{ eigenvalue,}$$

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

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

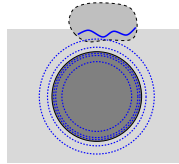
$$\left\{ \text{WGM}(l, m) \right\}$$



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

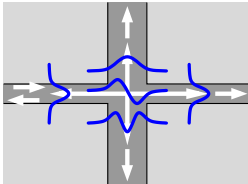
WGM(1,36):  
 $\lambda_c = 1.5367 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $Q = 2.2 \cdot 10^4$ ,  
 $\Delta\lambda = 7.0 \cdot 10^{-4} \mu\text{m}$ .

## Localized resonances



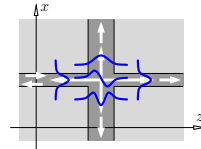
$$\begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(x, z) \approx c \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} \\ \tilde{H} \end{pmatrix}(x, z)$$

## A waveguide crossing



Coupled Mode Model ?

## Field ansatz



Basis elements:

- modes of the horizontal WG

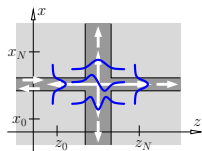
$$\psi^{\text{f,b}}(x, z) = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} \\ \tilde{H} \end{pmatrix}^{\text{f,b}}(x) e^{\mp i\beta^{\text{f,b}}z},$$

- modes of the vertical WG

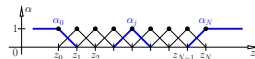
$$\psi_m^{\text{u,d}}(x, z) = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} \\ \tilde{H} \end{pmatrix}_m^{\text{u,d}}(z) e^{\mp i\beta_m^{\text{u,d}}x}$$

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

$f, b, u_m, d_m$ : ?



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

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

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

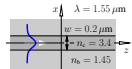
where

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

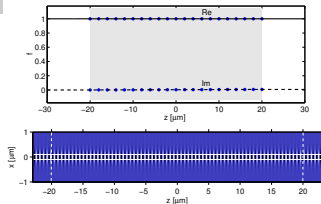
### Further issues

... plenty.

## Straight waveguide

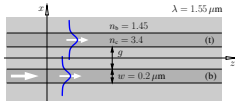


Basis element: forward  $TE_0$  mode,  $f_0 = 1$ ,  
FEM discretization  $z \in [-20, 20] \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\Delta z = 2 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
computational domain  $z \in [-20, 20] \mu\text{m}$ ,  $x \in [-3.0, 3.0] \mu\text{m}$ .



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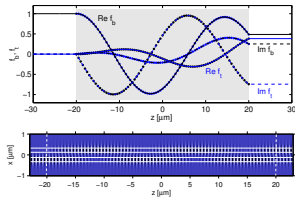
## Two coupled parallel cores



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

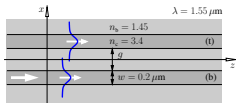
FEM discretization:  
 $z \in [-20, 20] \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\Delta z = 0.5 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
computational domain:  
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$g = 0.25 \mu\text{m}$ :



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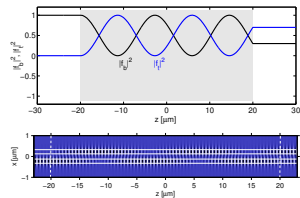
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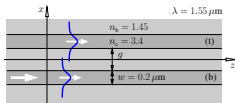
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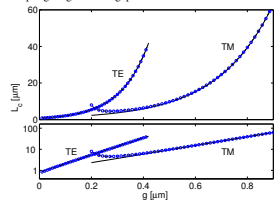
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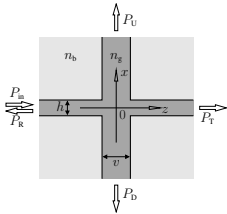
Coupling length versus gap:



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— exact  
- - - conv. CMT

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## 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:  
 directional guided modes  
 of the horizontal and vertical cores.

FEM discretization:

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

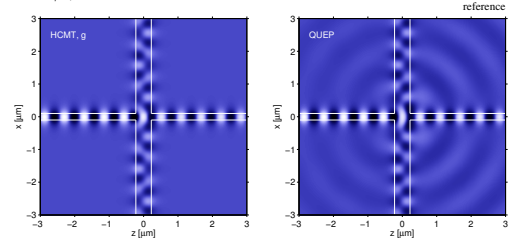
Computational window:

$z \in [-4 \mu\text{m}, 4 \mu\text{m}]$ ,  $x \in [-4 \mu\text{m}, 4 \mu\text{m}]$ .

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## Waveguide crossing, fields

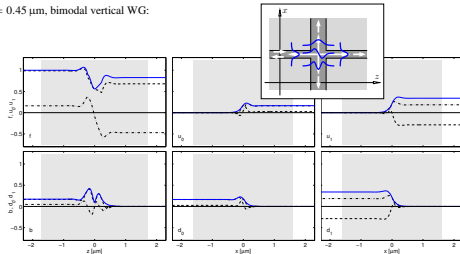
$v = 0.45 \mu\text{m}$ , bimodal vertical WG:



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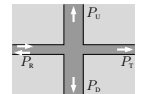
## Waveguide crossing, amplitude functions

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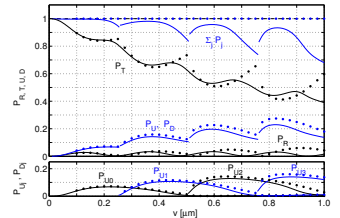


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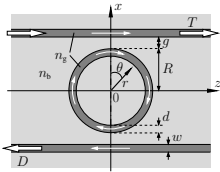
## Waveguide crossing, power transfer



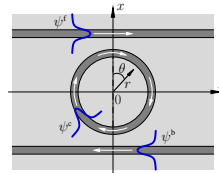
— QUEP, reference  
 ••••• HCMT



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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:  

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

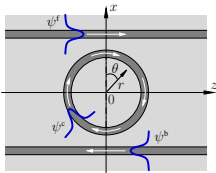
$$\psi^c(r, \theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} \\ \tilde{H} \end{pmatrix}^c(r) e^{-i \gamma R \theta},$$

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

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

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

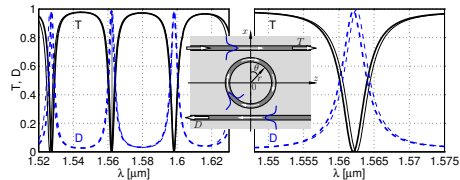
$$c(\theta) \rightarrow \{c_j\},$$

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

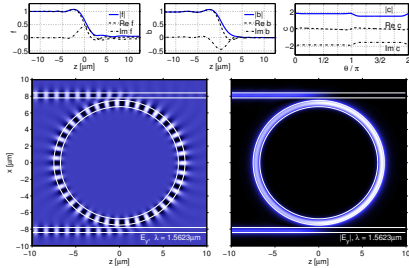
$$\begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(x, z) = \sum_k a_k \left( \alpha(\cdot) \psi^{\cdot} \right)(x, z) =: \sum_k a_k \begin{pmatrix} E_k \\ H_k \end{pmatrix}(x, z),$$

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

HCMT solution as before.

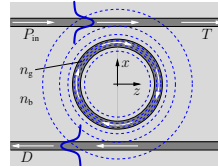


## Single ring filter, resonance



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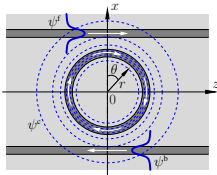
## Excitation of whispering gallery resonances



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

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## Ringresonator, field template



- Frequency  $\omega$  given,  $\sim \exp(i\omega t)$ ,
- bus channels:  

$$\psi^{\text{f,b}}(x, z) = \left( \bar{\mathbf{E}} \right)^{\text{f,b}}(x) e^{\mp i\beta z},$$
- cavity, WGMs:  

$$\psi_j^c(r, \theta) = \left( \bar{\mathbf{E}} \right)_j^c(r) e^{-im_j\theta}, \quad m_j \in \mathbb{Z}.$$
- & further terms.

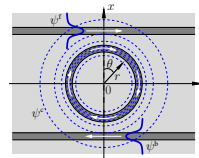
$$\left( \bar{\mathbf{E}} \right)(x, z) = f(z) \psi^f(x, z) + b(z) \psi^b(x, z) + \sum_j c_j \psi_j^c(r, \theta),$$

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

$f, b, c_j$ : ?

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## Ringresonator, HCMT procedure



Channels: 1-D FEM discretization,

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

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

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

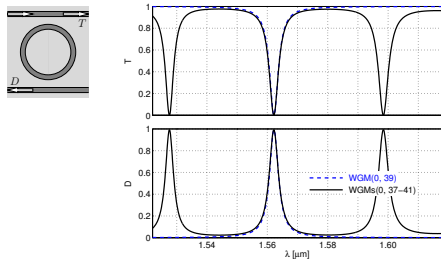
$$=: \sum_k a_k \left( \bar{\mathbf{E}}_k \right)(x, z), \quad a_k \in \{f_j, b_j, c_j\}.$$

HCMT solution as before.

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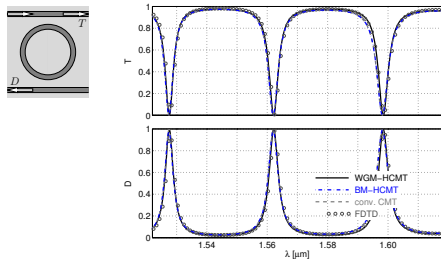


## Single ring filter, spectral response



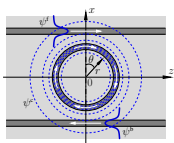
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## Single ring filter, benchmark

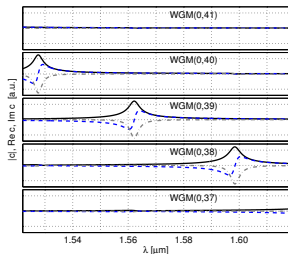


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## Single ring filter, WGM amplitudes

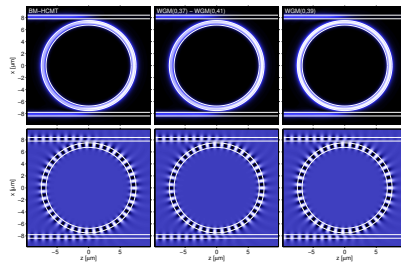


$$\begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(x, z) = f(z) \psi^f(x, z) + b(z) \psi^b(x, z) + \sum_j c_j \psi_j^c(x, z)$$



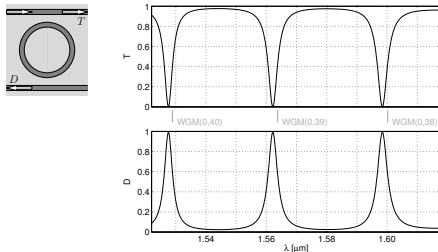
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## Single ring filter, transmission resonance



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## Single ring filter, resonance positions



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## 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  $A_{lk} = \iiint \mathcal{A}(E_l, H_l; E_k, H_k) \, dx \, dy \, dz$ ,  
 $B_{lk} = \iiint \mathcal{B}(E_l, H_l; E_k, H_k) \, dx \, dy \, dz$ .

$$\sum_k A_{lk} a_k - \omega^s B_{lk} a_k = 0 \quad \text{for all } l, \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{A} \mathbf{a} = \omega^s \mathbf{B} \mathbf{a}.$$

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

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## Supermodes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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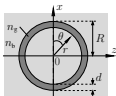
## Further issues

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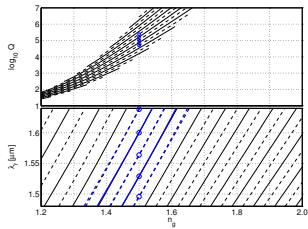
## WGMs, small uniform perturbations



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

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_m & \longleftrightarrow \text{WGM}(\omega_m; \mathbf{E}_m, \mathbf{H}_m), \\ \epsilon_m + \Delta\epsilon & \longleftrightarrow \text{WGM}(\omega_m + \Delta\omega; \mathbf{E}_m, \mathbf{H}_m), \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta\omega = - \frac{\omega_m \epsilon_0 \iint \Delta\epsilon |\mathbf{E}_m|^2 dx dy dz}{\iint (\epsilon_m \epsilon_0 |\mathbf{E}_m|^2 + \mu_0 |\mathbf{H}_m|^2) dx dy dz}.$$



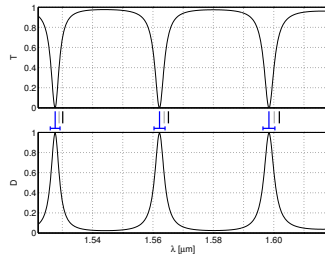
## Single ring filter, resonance positions



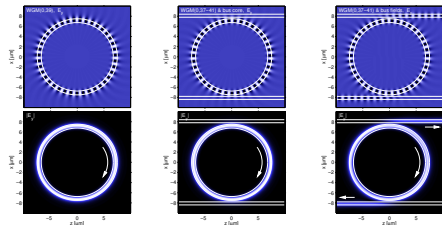
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WGMs  
& bus cores

WGMs  
& bus fields



## Single ring filter, unidirectional supermodes

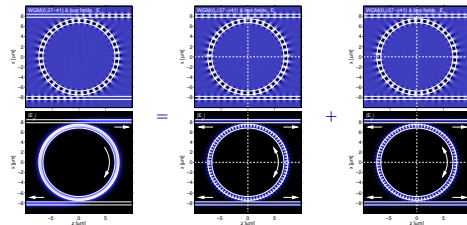


$\lambda_r = 1.5637 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $Q = 1.1 \cdot 10^5$ ,  
 $\Delta\lambda = 1.4 \cdot 10^{-5} \mu\text{m}$ .

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

$\lambda_r = 1.5622 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $Q = 4.3 \cdot 10^5$ ,  
 $\Delta\lambda = 3.7 \cdot 10^{-3} \mu\text{m}$ .

## Single ring filter, bidirectional supermodes

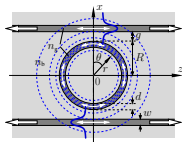


$\lambda_r = 1.56219 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $Q = 4.3 \cdot 10^5$ ,  
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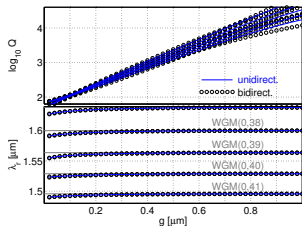
$\lambda_r = 1.56223 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $Q = 4.4 \cdot 10^5$ ,  
 $\Delta\lambda = 3.5 \cdot 10^{-3} \mu\text{m}$ .

$\lambda_r = 1.56215 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $Q = 4.0 \cdot 10^5$ ,  
 $\Delta\lambda = 3.9 \cdot 10^{-3} \mu\text{m}$ .

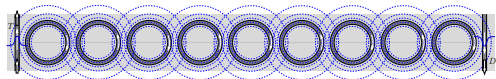
## Single ring filter, supermodes versus gap



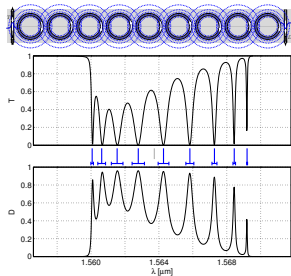
TE,  
 $R = 7.5 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $d = 0.75 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $w = 0.6 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $n_g = 1.5$ ,  $n_b = 1.0$ .



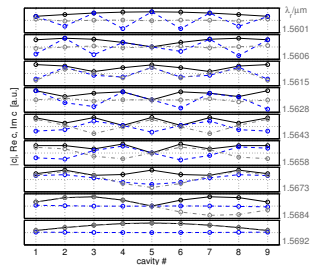
## Coupled resonator optical waveguide



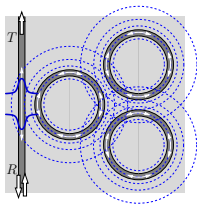
## CROW, spectral response



## CROW, supermode pattern

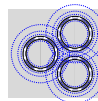


### Three-ring molecule




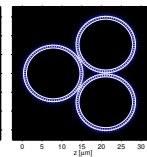
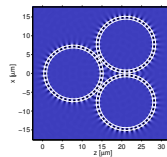
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### Three-ring molecule, supermodes



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

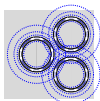
Symmetries: 




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

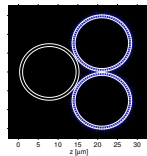
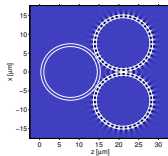
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### Three-ring molecule, supermodes



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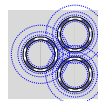
Symmetries: 



$\lambda_r = 1.56715 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
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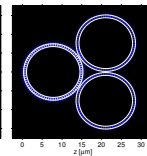
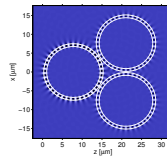
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### Three-ring molecule, supermodes



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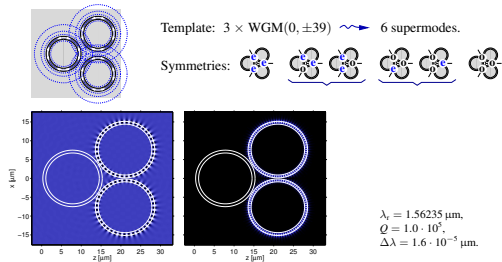
Symmetries: 



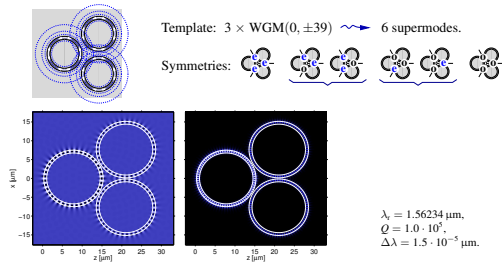
$\lambda_r = 1.56714 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $Q = 0.9 \cdot 10^5$ ,  
 $\Delta\lambda = 1.7 \cdot 10^{-5} \mu\text{m}$ .

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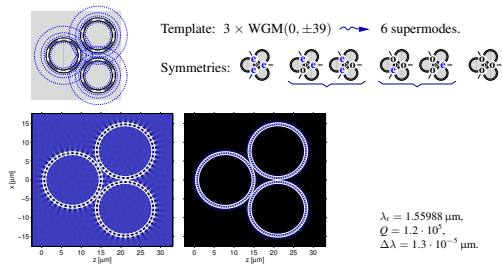
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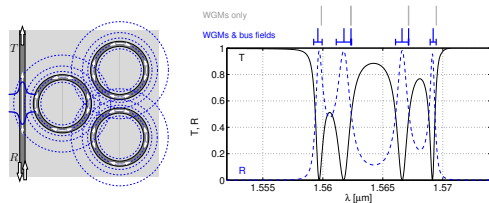
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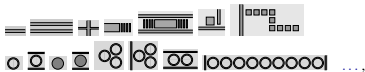


### Three-ring molecule, excitation



### 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,
- reasonably versatile:



- extension to 3-D: numerical basis fields, still moderate effort expected ([in progress](#)).