

# Optical Waveguide Theory



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## Maxwell equations

SI, in matter, time domain, differential form:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} &= \rho_f, & \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t): \text{electric field,} \\
 \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\dot{\mathbf{B}}, & \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}, t): \text{(di-)electric displacement,} \\
 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0, & \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t): \text{magnetic induction (field, flux density),} \\
 \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \mathbf{J}_f + \dot{\mathbf{D}}, & \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t): \text{magnetic field (}. \dots), \\
 & & \rho_f(\mathbf{r}, t): \text{density of free charges,} \\
 & & \mathbf{J}_f(\mathbf{r}, t): \text{density of free currents,} \\
 \mathbf{D} &= \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}, & \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}, t): \text{polarization,} \\
 \mathbf{B} &= \mu_0 (\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M}). & \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}, t): \text{magnetization,} \\
 & & \epsilon_0: \text{free space permittivity,} \\
 & & \mu_0: \text{free space permeability.}
 \end{aligned}$$

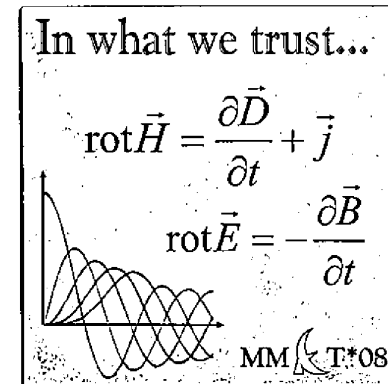
(+ constitutive relations)

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

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## Motto



MMET'08, Mathematical Methods in Electromagnetic Theory  
Odesa, Ukraine, June 29 – July 2, 2008

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## Course overview

### Optical waveguide theory

- A Photonics / integrated optics; theory, motto; phenomena, introductory examples.
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- E Normal modes of dielectric optical waveguides, mode interference.
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- G Waveguide discontinuities & circuits, scattering matrices, reciprocal circuits.
- H Bent optical waveguides; whispering gallery resonances; circular microresonators.
- I Coupled mode theory, perturbation theory.
  - Hybrid analytical / numerical coupled mode theory.
- J A touch of photonic crystals; a touch of plasmonics.
  - Oblique semi-guided waves: 2-D integrated optics.
  - Summary, concluding remarks.

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## Formalities

Organization of the course:

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

Related textbooks (examples):

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

## Optical waveguide “theory”

Task: solve

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\dot{\mathbf{B}}, & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} &= \rho_f, & \mathbf{D} &= \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}, \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \mathbf{J}_f + \dot{\mathbf{D}}, & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0, & \mathbf{B} &= \mu_0(\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M}), \quad (\& \dots).\end{aligned}$$

In this course:

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

## Optical waveguides: phenomena, examples

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

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## Vector calculus, keywords

Ingredients:

(here: Cartesian coordinates)

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

## Dirac delta

A linear functional

that extracts the value of a function at one point:



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

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

Implications: manifold.

## Vector calculus, keywords

Ingredients:

(here: Cartesian coordinates)

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

## Fourier transform, 1-D

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

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{f}(k) e^{ikx} dk, \quad \tilde{f}(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx.$$

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

## Fourier transform

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

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

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

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

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

## Directionally constant systems

A linear PDE in two unknowns

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

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

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

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

$$\hookrightarrow (B \partial_{yy} + (E + ikC) \partial_y + (F + ikD - k^2 A)) \tilde{\psi}(y) = 0,$$

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

(& boundary conditions, ...)

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

- write  $\psi$  as  $\psi(x, y) = \int \tilde{\psi}(k, y) e^{ikx} dk$ .

$$\hookrightarrow \int (B \partial_{yy} + (E + ikC) \partial_y + (F + ikD - k^2 A)) \tilde{\psi}(k, y) e^{ikx} dk = 0,$$

$$\hookrightarrow (B \partial_{yy} + (E + ikC) \partial_y + (F + ikD - k^2 A)) \tilde{\psi}(k, y) = 0, \text{ (for all } k),$$

... a set of DEs in one unknown.

## General solution of the wave equation

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

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

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

$$\hookrightarrow \tilde{\psi}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = a_f(\mathbf{k}) \delta(\omega - \omega_k) + a_b(\mathbf{k}) \delta(\omega + \omega_k), \quad \omega_k = c |\mathbf{k}|,$$

$$\hookrightarrow \psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int \left( a_f(\mathbf{k}) e^{i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega_k t)} + a_b(\mathbf{k}) e^{i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} + \omega_k t)} \right) d^3k,$$

- $\psi(\mathbf{r}, 0) = \psi_0(\mathbf{r}), \partial_t \psi(\mathbf{r}, 0) = \phi_0(\mathbf{r}) \rightsquigarrow \dots \rightsquigarrow a_f(\mathbf{k}), a_b(\mathbf{k})$ .

- **Functional:**  $\mathcal{L} : U \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C},$   
 $u \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}(u),$   
a map from a space  $U$  of functions to real / complex numbers.
- **Stationary functional:**  $\left. \frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{L}(u + s v) \right|_{s=0} = 0$  for all  $v$ ,  
the variation of  $\mathcal{L}$  at  $u$  vanishes for arbitrary directions  $v$ .
- **Restriction** of a functional:  
... to a parametrized family of functions;  
 $\longleftrightarrow$  extremization with respect to these parameters,  
 $\longleftrightarrow$  approximations of stationary points of the functional.

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### Example:

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

$$\mathcal{L} : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

$$\mathcal{L}(u) = \frac{\int_0^\pi (\partial_x u)^2 dx}{\int_0^\pi u^2 dx}.$$

( ... )

$\mathcal{L}$  stationary at  $u$ ,

$$\left. \frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{L}(u + s v) \right|_{s=0} = 0 \quad \forall v.$$



$u$  satisfies DE & b.c.,

$$\partial_x^2 u = -\lambda u, \quad \lambda = \mathcal{L}(u),$$

$$u(0) = u(\pi) = 0.$$



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

$L$  stationary at  $a$ ,  $\nabla_a L = 0$ .



Approximate solution  
of DE / eigenproblem.

## ... ?

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

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

...

( . ) ”

[ M. Hammer, A. Hildebrandt, J. Förstner, *Journal of Lightwave Technology* **34**(3), 997 (2016) ]

### Maxwell equations, Fourier transform

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

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

$$\begin{array}{l} \curvearrowright E(\mathbf{r}, t), D(\mathbf{r}, t), \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t), \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t), \rho_{\text{f}}(\mathbf{r}, t), \mathbf{J}_{\text{f}}(\mathbf{r}, t) \\ \longleftrightarrow \tilde{E}(\mathbf{r}, \omega), \tilde{D}(\mathbf{r}, \omega), \tilde{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega), \tilde{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega), \tilde{\rho}_{\text{f}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega), \tilde{\mathbf{J}}_{\text{f}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega), \end{array}$$

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

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

## Polarization

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

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

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

- Local dipoles induced by  $\tilde{E} \rightarrow \tilde{P}(\tilde{E})$ .

- Linear dielectrics:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{P}} &= \epsilon_0 \hat{\chi}_e \tilde{\mathbf{E}}, & \hat{\chi}_e: & \text{dielectric susceptibility, } [\hat{\chi}_e] = \hat{1}. \\ \tilde{\mathbf{D}} &= \epsilon_0 (\hat{1} + \hat{\chi}_e) \tilde{\mathbf{E}} = \epsilon_0 \hat{\epsilon} \tilde{\mathbf{E}}, & \hat{\epsilon}: & \text{relative permittivity, } [\hat{\epsilon}] = \hat{1}. \end{aligned}$$

- $\hat{\chi}_e(\mathbf{r}, \omega)$ ,  $\hat{\epsilon}(\mathbf{r}, \omega)$  are determined in the frequency domain.
- Complications:  $\text{Im } \epsilon$ ,  $\hat{\epsilon}(T)$ ,  $\hat{\epsilon}(\mathbf{F})$ ,  $\chi_{jkl}^{(2)} E_k E_l$ ,  $\chi_{jklm}^{(3)} E_k E_l E_m, \dots$
- Simpler cases:  $\hat{\epsilon}(\mathbf{r})$ ,  $\hat{\epsilon} = \epsilon \mathbf{1}$ .

### Maxwell equations, frequency domain

$$\nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{D}} = \tilde{\rho}_f, \quad \nabla \times \tilde{\mathbf{E}} = -i\omega \tilde{\mathbf{B}}, \quad \nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{B}} = 0, \quad \nabla \times \tilde{\mathbf{H}} = \tilde{\mathbf{J}}_f + i\omega \tilde{\mathbf{D}}.$$


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

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

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

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

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

  $\bar{E}(\mathbf{r}), \bar{D}(\mathbf{r}), \bar{B}(\mathbf{r}), \bar{H}(\mathbf{r}), \bar{\rho}_f(\mathbf{r}), \bar{\mathbf{J}}_f(\mathbf{r}), \sim \exp(i\omega_0 t).$

$$\nabla \cdot \bar{\mathbf{D}} = \bar{\rho}_f, \quad \nabla \times \bar{\mathbf{E}} = -i\omega_0 \bar{\mathbf{B}}, \quad \nabla \cdot \bar{\mathbf{B}} = 0, \quad \nabla \times \bar{\mathbf{H}} = \bar{\mathbf{J}}_f + i\omega_0 \bar{\mathbf{D}}.$$

Caution: Decorations  $\sim$ ,  $-$ ,  $\emptyset$  are usually omitted; context determines interpretation of symbols.

## Magnetization

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

$$\tilde{H} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \tilde{B} - \tilde{M}, \quad [\tilde{H}] = [\mathbf{M}] = \frac{A m^2}{m^3}, \quad [\tilde{B}] = T = \frac{V s}{m^2},$$

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

- Local dipoles induced by  $\tilde{H} \rightsquigarrow \tilde{M}(\tilde{H})$ .

- Linear magnetic media:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{M}} &= \hat{\chi}_m \tilde{\mathbf{H}}, & \hat{\chi}_m: \text{magnetic susceptibility, } [\hat{\chi}_m] &= \hat{1}. \\ \tilde{\mathbf{B}} &= \mu_0 (\hat{1} + \hat{\chi}_m) \tilde{\mathbf{H}} = \mu_0 \hat{\mu} \tilde{\mathbf{H}}, & \hat{\mu}: \text{relative permeability, } [\hat{\mu}] &= \hat{1}. \end{aligned}$$

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

## Maxwell equations, dispersion

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}, t) &= \epsilon_0 \int \hat{\epsilon}_{\text{TD}}(\mathbf{r}, t - t') \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t') dt', \\ \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) &= \mu_0 \int \hat{\mu}_{\text{TD}}(\mathbf{r}, t - t') \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t') dt'. \end{aligned}$$

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## Helmholtz equations

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

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} &= 0, \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -i\omega \mathbf{B}, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0, \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = i\omega \mathbf{D}, \\ \mathbf{D} &= \epsilon_0 \hat{\epsilon} \mathbf{E}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \hat{\mu} \mathbf{H}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -i\omega \mu_0 \hat{\mu} \mathbf{H}, \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = i\omega \epsilon_0 \hat{\epsilon} \mathbf{E}, \quad \nabla \cdot \hat{\epsilon} \mathbf{E} = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \hat{\mu} \mathbf{H} = 0. \\ \hookrightarrow \nabla \times (\hat{\mu}^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{E}) &= \omega^2 \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \hat{\epsilon} \mathbf{E} \quad \text{or} \quad \nabla \times (\hat{\epsilon}^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{H}) = \omega^2 \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \hat{\mu} \mathbf{H}. \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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## Plane harmonic waves

Where  $\hat{\epsilon} = \epsilon \hat{1}$ ,  $\nabla \epsilon = 0$ ,  $\hat{\mu} = \mu \hat{1}$ ,  $\nabla \mu = 0$ :  
Components of  $\mathbf{E}$ ,  $\mathbf{H}$  satisfy

$$\Delta \psi + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \epsilon \mu \psi = 0.$$

$$\hookrightarrow \psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \psi_0 e^{-i(\mathbf{k}_m \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)}, \quad -k_m^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \epsilon \mu = 0.$$

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

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

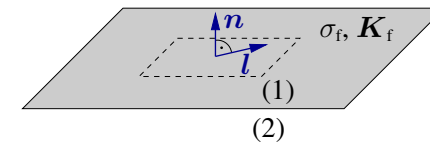
(Use of symbols depends highly on context.)

Electromagnetic spectrum ▶ ▶

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## Interface conditions



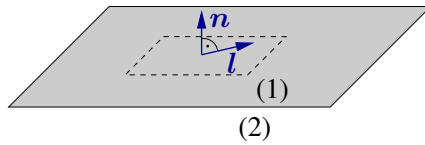
Surface between media (1) and (2), surface normal  $\mathbf{n}$ , tangents  $\mathbf{l}$ , surface charge density  $\sigma_f$ , surface current density  $\mathbf{K}_f$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{D}_1 - \mathbf{D}_2) &= \sigma_f, \quad \mathbf{l} \cdot (\mathbf{E}_1 - \mathbf{E}_2) = 0, \\ \mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{B}_1 - \mathbf{B}_2) &= 0, \quad \mathbf{l} \cdot (\mathbf{H}_1 - \mathbf{H}_2) = \mathbf{l} \cdot (\mathbf{K}_f \times \mathbf{n}). \end{aligned}$$

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## Interface conditions



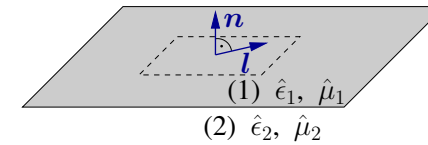
Surface between media (1) and (2), surface normal  $\mathbf{n}$ , tangents  $\mathbf{l}$ , surface without free charges or currents:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{D}_1 - \mathbf{D}_2) &= 0, & \mathbf{l} \cdot (\mathbf{E}_1 - \mathbf{E}_2) &= 0, \\ \mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{B}_1 - \mathbf{B}_2) &= 0, & \mathbf{l} \cdot (\mathbf{H}_1 - \mathbf{H}_2) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

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## Interface conditions



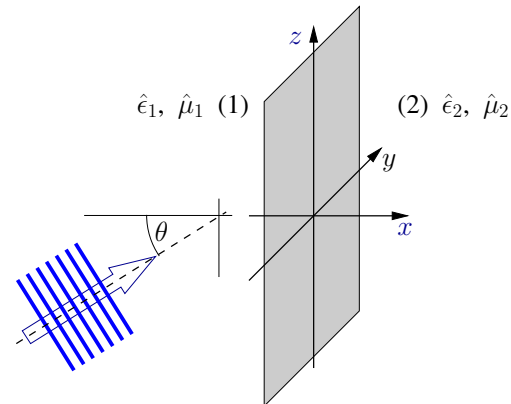
Surface between media (1) and (2), surface normal  $\mathbf{n}$ , tangents  $\mathbf{l}$ , linear media with permittivities  $\hat{\epsilon}_1, \hat{\epsilon}_2$ , and permeabilities  $\hat{\mu}_1, \hat{\mu}_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{n} \cdot (\hat{\epsilon}_1 \mathbf{E}_1 - \hat{\epsilon}_2 \mathbf{E}_2) &= 0, & \mathbf{l} \cdot (\mathbf{E}_1 - \mathbf{E}_2) &= 0, \\ \mathbf{n} \cdot (\hat{\mu}_1 \mathbf{H}_1 - \hat{\mu}_2 \mathbf{H}_2) &= 0, & \mathbf{l} \cdot (\mathbf{H}_1 - \mathbf{H}_2) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

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## Reflection and transmission of plane waves at dielectric interfaces



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

➡  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{E}'(x) e^{-i(k_y y + k_z z)}, \quad \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{H}'(x) e^{-i(k_y y + k_z z)}$

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

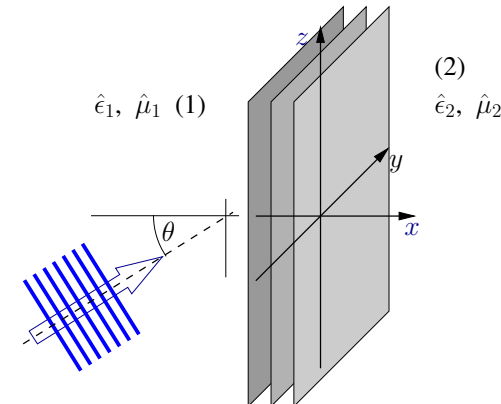
(incoming plane wave at angle  $\theta$ )  
(orient coordinates ( $k_y = 0$ ), plane of incidence, distinguish polarizations)  
(write ansatz functions for incoming, reflected, and transmitted waves)  
(interface conditions determine the amplitudes)

➡ Fresnel equations.

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## Dielectric multilayer structures



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

➡  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{E}'(x) e^{-i(k_y y + k_z z)}, \quad \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{H}'(x) e^{-i(k_y y + k_z z)}$

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

➡ Reflectance and transmittance properties. ▶

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## Energy of electromagnetic fields

(TD)

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

For a charge density  $\rho_f(\mathbf{r}, t)$ :

force density  $\mathbf{f} = \rho_f(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$ ,

power density  $\mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \rho_f \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{J}_f \cdot \mathbf{E}$ ,

total work per time unit done in  $\mathcal{V}$ :  $\frac{dW_{\mathcal{V}}}{dt} = \int_{\mathcal{V}} \mathbf{J}_f \cdot \mathbf{E} d\mathcal{V}$ .

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## Electromagnetic energy, frequency domain

Lossless uncharged nondispersive ( . . . ) linear media:

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

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \text{Re } \tilde{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\omega t}, \quad \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \text{Re } \tilde{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\omega t}$$

→  $\mathbf{S}, w$  oscillate in time.

Consider time-averaged quantities:  $\bar{f}(t) = \frac{1}{T} \int_t^{t+T} f(t') dt'$  (FD)

$$\bar{w} = \frac{1}{4} \text{Re} \left( \epsilon_0 \tilde{\mathbf{E}}^* \cdot \hat{\epsilon} \tilde{\mathbf{E}} + \mu_0 \tilde{\mathbf{H}}^* \cdot \hat{\mu} \tilde{\mathbf{H}} \right), \quad \bar{\mathbf{S}} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} \left( \tilde{\mathbf{E}}^* \times \tilde{\mathbf{H}} \right). \quad (\text{exercise})$$

$$\bar{\dot{w}} = \dot{\bar{w}} = 0, \quad \overline{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{S}} = \nabla \cdot \bar{\mathbf{S}} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \nabla \cdot \bar{\mathbf{S}} = 0, \quad \oint_{\mathcal{V}} \bar{\mathbf{S}} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = 0;$$

“power balance”, conservation of energy.

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## Power & energy density, Poynting theorem

(TD)

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}_f + \dot{\mathbf{D}}, \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\dot{\mathbf{B}}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} W_{\mathcal{V}}^{\text{mech}} = \int_{\mathcal{V}} \mathbf{J}_f \cdot \mathbf{E} d\mathcal{V} = - \int_{\mathcal{V}} (\mathbf{E} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{D}} + \mathbf{H} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{B}}) d\mathcal{V} - \int_{\mathcal{V}} \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}) d\mathcal{V},$$

- Poynting vector:  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}$ , (energy flux density, power density)
- energy density:  $w = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{B})$ ,  $W_{\mathcal{V}}^{\text{field}} = \int_{\mathcal{V}} w d\mathcal{V}$ ,
- $\hat{\epsilon}^\dagger = \hat{\epsilon}$ ,  $\hat{\epsilon}(\omega)$ ,  $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \hat{\epsilon} \mathbf{E}$ ,  $\hat{\mu}^\dagger = \hat{\mu}$ ,  $\hat{\mu}(\omega)$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \hat{\mu} \mathbf{H}$  (!)  
 $\rightsquigarrow \dot{w} = (\mathbf{E} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{D}} + \mathbf{H} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{B}})$

$$\rightarrow \dot{w} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{S} = -\mathbf{J}_f \cdot \mathbf{E}, \quad \frac{d}{dt} (W_{\mathcal{V}}^{\text{mech}} + W_{\mathcal{V}}^{\text{field}}) = - \oint_{\partial \mathcal{V}} \mathbf{S} \cdot d\mathbf{a}.$$

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## Wave propagation in attenuating media

Specifically: homogeneous isotropic conductors, linear media.

Electric field drives the free currents:

Ohm's law  $\mathbf{J}_f = \sigma \mathbf{E}$ ,  $\sigma$ : conductivity of the material.

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_f, \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\dot{\mathbf{B}}, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0, \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \sigma \mathbf{E} + \dot{\mathbf{D}}.$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{\rho}_f = -\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon} \rho_f, \quad \rho_f(\mathbf{r}, t) = \rho_f(\mathbf{r}, t_0) \exp \left( -\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon} (t - t_0) \right),$$

assume  $\rho_f(\mathbf{r}, t_0) = 0 \rightsquigarrow \rho_f(\mathbf{r}, t) = 0 \quad \forall t.$

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

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## Telegrapher equation

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

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

Telegrapher equation.

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

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

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

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

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

## Simulations in integrated optics

A typical setting:

- “uncharged dielectric medium”:  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0.$
- “linear medium”:  $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \hat{\epsilon} \mathbf{E}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \hat{\mu} \mathbf{H}.$
- “isotropic medium”:  $\hat{\epsilon} = \epsilon \hat{1}, \quad \hat{\mu} = \mu \hat{1}.$
- “nonmagnetic medium”:  $\hat{\mu} = \hat{1}.$
- “lossless medium”:  $\hat{\epsilon}^\dagger = \hat{\epsilon}, \quad \hat{\mu}^\dagger = \hat{\mu}, \quad (\epsilon, \mu \in \mathbb{R}).$
- “piecewise constant” → “dependent on position”.
- “electric and magnetic field”: eliminate  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ , retain  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}.$
- “governed by the curl equations”: divergence eqns. are satisfied.
- “frequency domain, time harmonic fields, frequency, wavelength”:  
... as discussed.

## Wave attenuation

$$\Delta \tilde{\mathbf{E}} + k^2 \bar{\epsilon} \mu \tilde{\mathbf{E}} = 0, \quad \bar{\epsilon} \in \mathbb{C}$$

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

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

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

damped plane wave solutions

↔ sign of  $n''$ , choice of  $\exp(\pm i\omega).$

Issues:

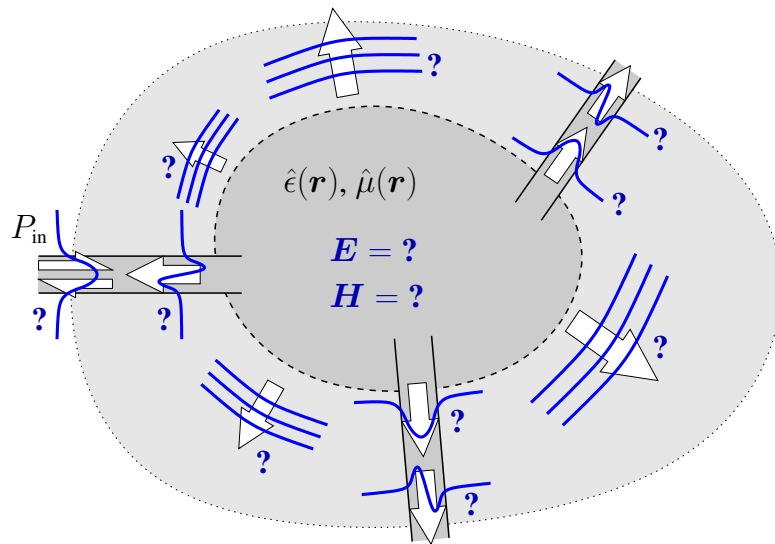
- penetration depth,
- $S$  and  $w$  decay with  $z$ ,
- still transverse waves,
- $\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}$  no longer in phase,
- notions of wavenumber, wavelength, phase velocity  $\in \mathbb{C}.$

## Course overview

### Optical waveguide theory

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

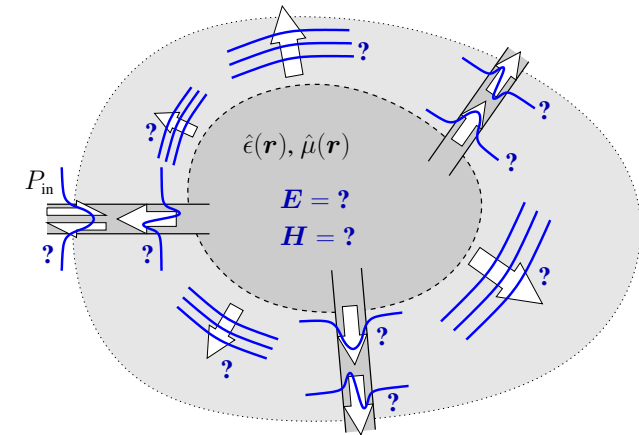
## Guided wave scattering problems, schematically



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## Guided wave scattering problems, schematically



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

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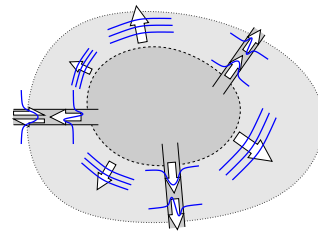
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## Scattering problems, time domain

(TD)

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

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



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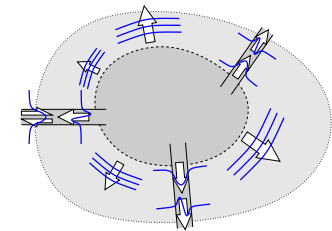
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## Scattering problems, frequency domain

(FD)

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

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



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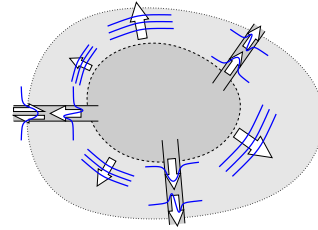
## Open problems

(TD & FD)

“Open” spatial computational domain

→ boundary conditions need to

- permit outgoing radiated fields & outgoing (reflected) guided modes to exit the domain,
  - launch the incoming external excitation.
- simulate a nonexistent boundary, an unlimited domain.



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



## 2-D TE waves

$$k^2 = \omega^2/c^2 = \omega^2 \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \quad (\text{FD})$$

- Principal component  $E_y$ ,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 2-D problems

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

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

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

→ Two decoupled sets of equations:

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

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

(Applies also to the TD.)

## 2-D TM waves

$$k^2 = \omega^2/c^2 = \omega^2 \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \quad (\text{FD})$$

- Principal component  $H_y$ ,

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

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

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

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

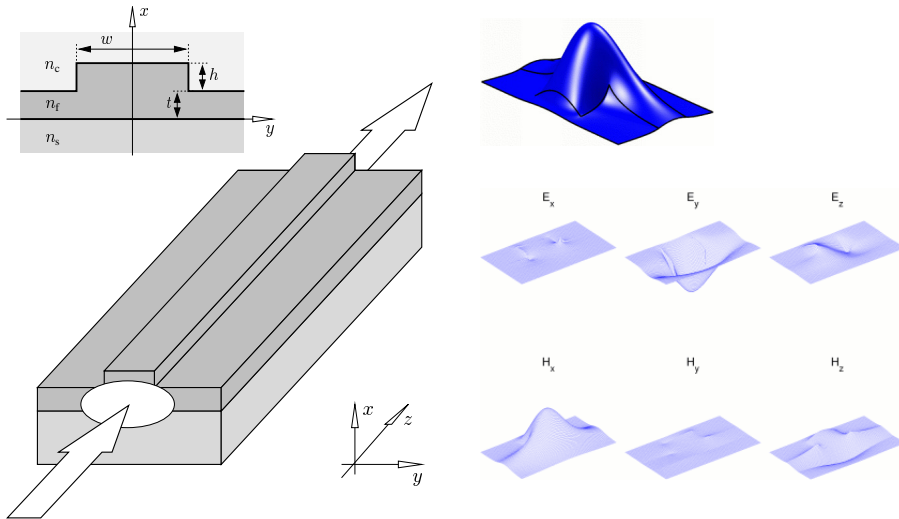
→ 
$$\partial_x \frac{1}{\epsilon} \partial_x H_y + \partial_z \frac{1}{\epsilon} \partial_z H_y + k^2 H_y = 0, \quad (**)$$

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

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

## Rib waveguide

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



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## Waveguides: Mode problems

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

- **Waveguide**: a system that is homogeneous along its **axis**  $z$ ,  
 $\partial_z \epsilon = 0, \partial_z \mu = 0, \partial_z n = 0$ .

- Look for solutions (**modes**) that vary harmonically with  $z$ :  
 $\mathbf{E}(x, y, z) = \bar{\mathbf{E}}(x, y) e^{-i\beta z}, \quad \mathbf{H}(x, y, z) = \bar{\mathbf{H}}(x, y) e^{-i\beta z},$   
**mode profile**  $\bar{\mathbf{E}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}$ , **propagation constant**  $\beta$ .

(drop -)

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

vectorial mode equations, variants. (...)

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## Waveguides: Mode equations

- Where  $\epsilon(\mathbf{r}), \mu(\mathbf{r})$ :  $\sim \exp(i\omega t) \quad (\text{FD})$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_x^2 \mathbf{E} + \partial_y^2 \mathbf{E} + (k^2 \epsilon \mu - \beta^2) \mathbf{E} &= 0, \\ \partial_x^2 \mathbf{H} + \partial_y^2 \mathbf{H} + (k^2 \epsilon \mu - \beta^2) \mathbf{H} &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

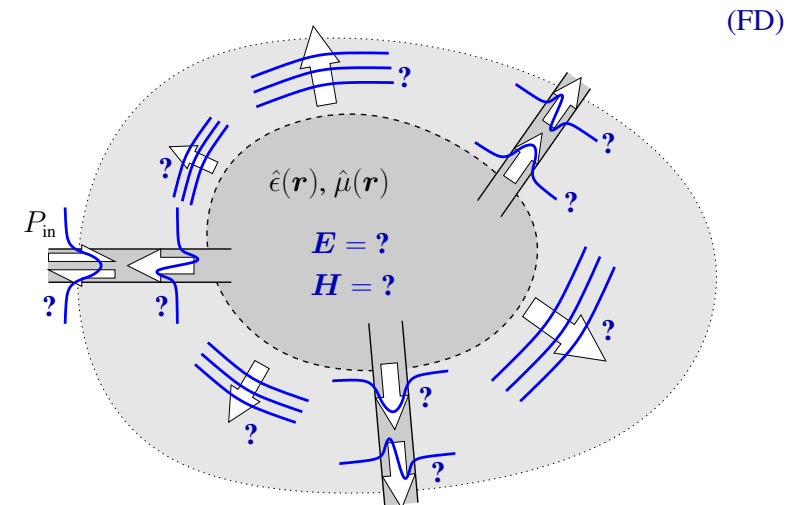
scalar **mode equation**, valid for all components of  $\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}$ ,  
to be supplemented by suitable **boundary** and **interface conditions**.

- **Eigenvalue** problem with eigenvalue  $\beta$ , eigenfunction  $\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}$ ,  
“ $\mathbf{M}(\beta)$  (profile) = 0”.

- **Guided modes**: discrete  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\iint S_z dx dz < \infty$ .
- **Radiation modes**: continuum of  $\beta^2 \in \mathbb{R}$ , oscillating external fields.
- **Leaky modes**: discrete  $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$ , outgoing wave boundary conditions.
- (...)

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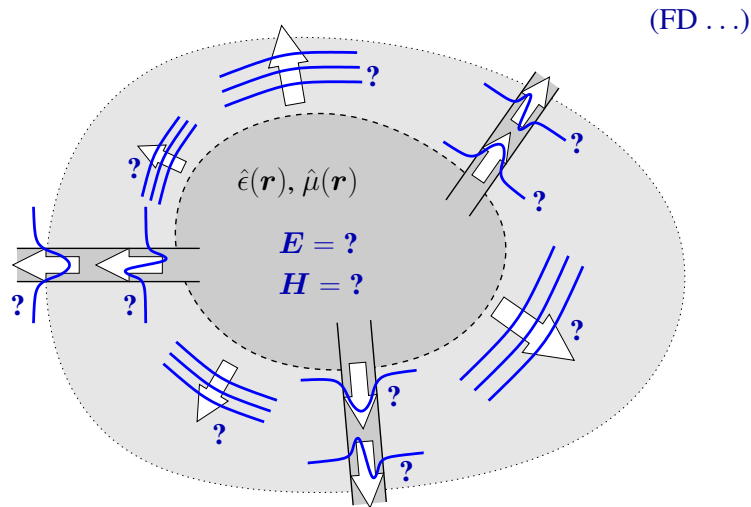
## Guided wave scattering problems



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

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## Resonance problems



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

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## Scalar approximation

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

A **scalar approximation** may be adequate,

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

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

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

satisfied by all components  $\psi$  of  $\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}$ .

(Applicable to basically all types of problems.)

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## Resonance problems

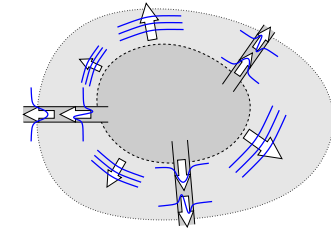
(FD ...)

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}), \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}), \sim \exp(i\omega t), \omega = ?$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -i\omega\mu_0\hat{\mu}\mathbf{H},$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = i\omega\epsilon_0\hat{\epsilon}\mathbf{E},$$

& outgoing wave boundary conditions.



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

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## Beam propagation method

- Starting point:  $\Delta \psi + k^2 \epsilon \psi = 0, \quad \sim \exp(i\omega t) \quad (\text{FD})$   
“small” changes in  $\epsilon = n^2$  along a propagation coordinate  $z$ .

- Ansatz:  $\psi(x, y, z) = \psi_0(x, y, z) e^{-ikn_r z}$ ,  
reference effective index  $n_r$ ,  
assume that  $\psi_0$  varies “slowly” along  $z$   $\longleftrightarrow$  neglect  $\partial_z^2 \psi_0$ .

$$\hookrightarrow -i2kn_r \partial_z \psi_0 + (\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2) \psi_0 + k^2 (\epsilon - n_r^2) \psi_0 = 0,$$

PDE of first order in  $z$ , solved as an initial value problem.

- Restriction to unidirectional propagation, reflections are neglected.
- Paraxial propagation, errors for waves with effective indices  $\neq n_r$ .

(Many variants (vectorial, wide-angle, bi-directional, ...) have been proposed.)

(Other ways of motivating the approximation exist.)

(Term “BPM” in use also for other types of methods.)

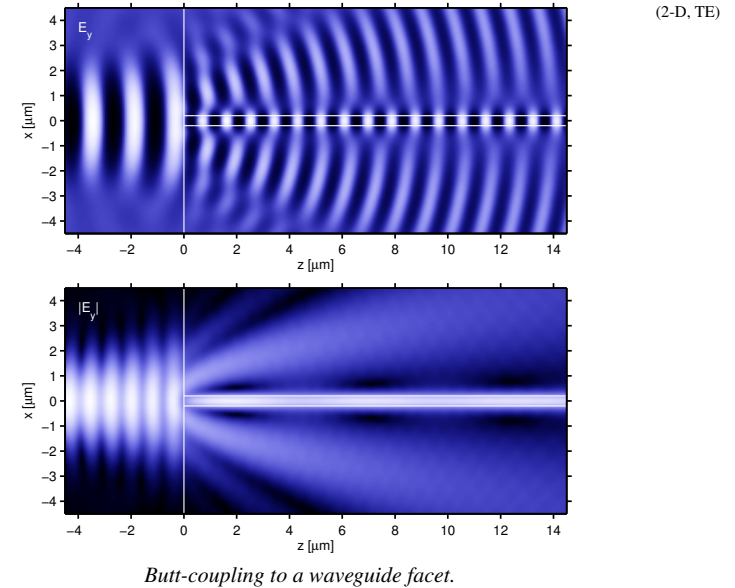
- Keywords: Paraxial approximation,  
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Beam propagation method (BPM).

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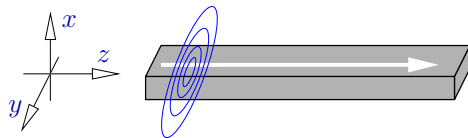
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## Optical waveguide theory

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



## Waveguides: Mode problems



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

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

- **Waveguide:** a system that is homogeneous along its axis  $z$ ,  
 $\partial_z \epsilon = 0, \partial_z n = 0$ .

- Look for solutions (**modes**) that vary harmonically with  $z$ :

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

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

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

- **Eigenvalue** problem with eigenvalue  $\beta$ , eigenfunction  $\bar{\mathbf{E}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}$ ,  
 “ $\mathbf{M}(\beta) (\overrightarrow{\text{profile}}) = 0$ ”.

## Mode equations

(drop  $\sim$ )

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

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

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

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

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

## Mode equations

(drop  $-$ )

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

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

$$\hookrightarrow (\dots).$$

( $E_x, E_y$  are discontinuous at specific interfaces.)

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## Plane mode profiles

- Modes are eigenfunctions  
 $\longleftrightarrow$  profiles are determined up to a complex constant only.

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

$$E_z := iE'_z, \quad H_z := iH'_z \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \text{real PDE for } E_x, E_y, E'_z, H_x, H_y, H'_z:$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial_y E'_z + \beta E_y \\ -\beta E_x - \partial_x E'_z \\ \partial_x E_y - \partial_y E_x \end{pmatrix} = -\omega\mu_0 \begin{pmatrix} H_x \\ H_y \\ -H'_z \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \partial_y H'_z + \beta H_y \\ -\beta H_x - \partial_x H'_z \\ \partial_x H_y - \partial_y H_x \end{pmatrix} = \omega\epsilon_0 \begin{pmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ -E'_z \end{pmatrix};$$

it is possible to choose a phase such that

$E_x, E_y, H_x, H_y$  are real,

$E_z, H_z$  are imaginary

$\longleftrightarrow$  plane mode profiles.

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

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## Mode equations

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

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

$$\hookrightarrow (\dots).$$

( $E_z, H_z$  are usually small components.)

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## Guided modes

- Guided modes: profiles located “around” the waveguide core

$$\longleftrightarrow \text{discrete } \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \iint S_z \, dx \, dy < \infty.$$

- In general: Hybrid modes, all six field components present.  
 Planar-like waveguides  $\rightsquigarrow$  adapt 2-D naming scheme;  
 “TE-like” / “TM-like” modes.

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

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

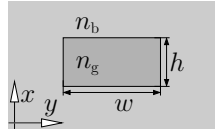
(Naming schemes are highly context dependent.)

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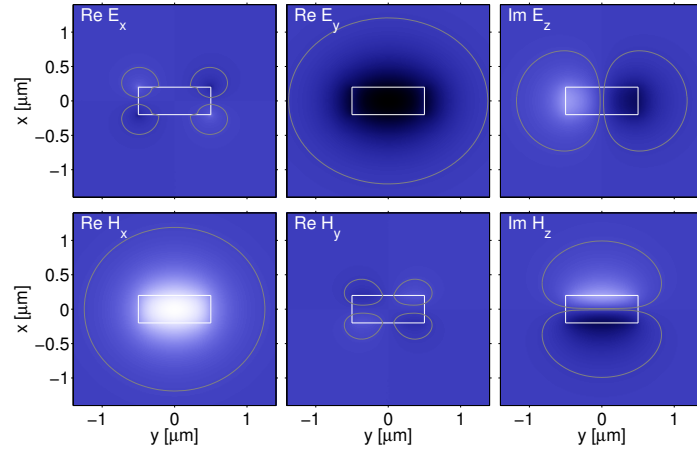
## A rectangular strip waveguide, fundamental mode profiles



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

$x \in [-2, 2] \mu\text{m}$ ,  
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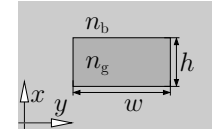
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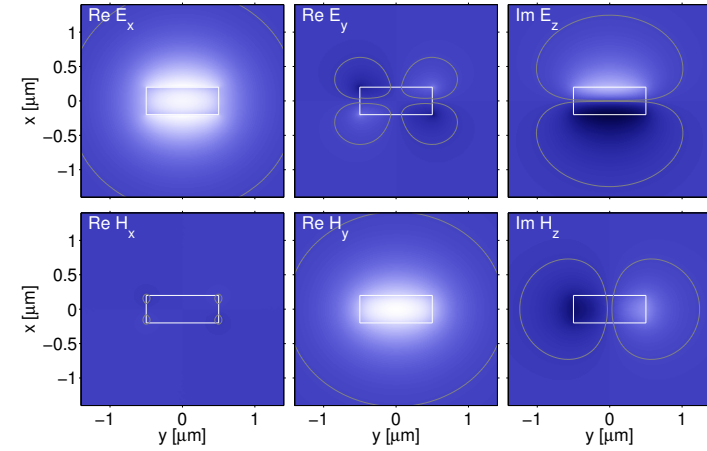
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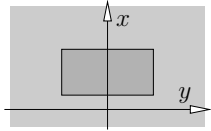
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## Symmetric waveguides

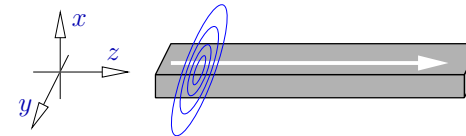


Waveguide with mirror symmetry  $y \rightarrow -y$ :  
 modes have a definite **parity**.

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

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

## Directional modes



(FD)  $\sim \exp(i\omega t)$

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

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

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

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

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## Modal power

- E.m. power density:  $S = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} (\mathbf{E}^* \times \mathbf{H})$ . (FD)  $\sim \exp(i\omega t)$
- $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix} (x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{E}} \\ \bar{\mathbf{H}} \end{pmatrix} (x, y) e^{-i\beta z}$ ,  $\begin{matrix} \bar{\mathbf{E}} = a(\bar{E}_x, \bar{E}_y, i\bar{E}_z'), \\ \bar{\mathbf{H}} = a(\bar{H}_x, \bar{H}_y, i\bar{H}_z'), \\ a \in \mathbb{C}, \bar{E}_x, \dots, \bar{H}_z' \in \mathbb{R}, \\ \text{a guided mode, } \beta \in \mathbb{R}. \end{matrix}$
- $\hookrightarrow S = \frac{|a|^2}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \bar{E}_x \bar{H}_y - \bar{E}_y \bar{H}_x \end{pmatrix}$ ,  
or  $S_x = 0, S_y = 0, S_z = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} (E_x^* H_y - E_y^* H_x)$ . ( $S_z(x, y)$ )

- Power carried by the mode:

$$P = \iint S_z dx dy = \frac{1}{4} \iint (E_x^* H_y - E_y^* H_x + E_x H_y^* - E_y H_x^*) dx dy.$$

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

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## Power transport by a mode superposition

- A set of guided modes of the same waveguide ( $\epsilon$ ):  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$
- $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E}_m \\ \mathbf{H}_m \end{pmatrix} (x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m \\ \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m \end{pmatrix} (x, y) e^{-i\beta_m z}$ ,  $P_m = (\mathbf{E}_m, \mathbf{H}_m; \mathbf{E}_m, \mathbf{H}_m)$ .
- Superposition with amplitudes  $a_m \in \mathbb{C}$ :  
 $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix} (x, y, z) = \sum_m a_m \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E}_m \\ \mathbf{H}_m \end{pmatrix} (x, y, z) = \sum_m a_m \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m \\ \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m \end{pmatrix} (x, y) e^{-i\beta_m z}$ .

Power flow along the waveguide:

$$\begin{aligned} \iint S_z dx dy &= (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}; \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) \\ &= \sum_l \sum_m a_l^* a_m (\mathbf{E}_l, \mathbf{H}_l; \mathbf{E}_m, \mathbf{H}_m) \\ &= \sum_m |a_m|^2 P_m. \end{aligned}$$

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

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## Mode orthogonality

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

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E}_m \\ \mathbf{H}_m \end{pmatrix} (x, y, z) &= \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m \\ \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m \end{pmatrix} (x, y) e^{-i\beta_m z}, & \begin{matrix} \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_m = -i\omega\mu_0 \mathbf{H}_m, \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H}_m = i\omega\epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}_m, \\ \beta_l \neq \beta_m, \text{ if } l \neq m. \end{matrix} \\ P_m &= \frac{1}{4} \iint (E_{mx}^* H_{my} - E_{my}^* H_{mx} + E_{mx} H_{my}^* - E_{my} H_{mx}^*) dx dy. \\ \mathbf{E}_m, \mathbf{H}_m &\rightarrow 0 \text{ for } x, y \rightarrow \pm\infty. \\ \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E}_l^* \times \mathbf{H}_m + \mathbf{E}_m \times \mathbf{H}_l^*) &= 0 \text{ for all } l, m \\ \hookrightarrow 0 &= i(\beta_l - \beta_m) \left\{ \iint (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_l^* \times \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m + \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m \times \bar{\mathbf{H}}_l^*)_z dx dy \right\} e^{i(\beta_l - \beta_m)z}, \\ (\mathbf{E}_1, \mathbf{H}_1; \mathbf{E}_2, \mathbf{H}_2) &:= \frac{1}{4} \iint (E_{1x}^* H_{2y} - E_{1y}^* H_{2x} + H_{1y}^* E_{2x} - H_{1x}^* E_{2y}) dx dy \end{aligned}$$

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

(The modes are “power orthogonal”.)  
(Statements hold for propagating guided modes.)  
( $(\cdot, \cdot; \cdot, \cdot)$  is frequently used for mode normalization.)

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## Mode interference

- Two modes  $m = 1, 2$ :  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E}_m \\ \mathbf{H}_m \end{pmatrix} (x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m \\ \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m \end{pmatrix} (x, y) e^{-i\beta_m z}$ .
- Superposition with amplitudes  $a_1, a_2$ :  
 $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix} (x, y, z) = a_1 \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{E}}_1 \\ \bar{\mathbf{H}}_1 \end{pmatrix} (x, y) e^{-i\beta_1 z} + a_2 \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{E}}_2 \\ \bar{\mathbf{H}}_2 \end{pmatrix} (x, y) e^{-i\beta_2 z}$ .
- Fix a position  $x, y$  and component  $F$ : Omit  $(x, y)$ .  
 $F(z) = a_1 \bar{F}_1 e^{-i\beta_1 z} + a_2 \bar{F}_2 e^{-i\beta_2 z}, \quad r e^{-i\phi} := a_1^* a_2 \bar{F}_1^* \bar{F}_2,$   
 $\hookrightarrow |F|^2(z) = |a_1|^2 |\bar{F}_1|^2 + |a_2|^2 |\bar{F}_2|^2 + 2r \cos((\beta_1 - \beta_2)z + \phi).$

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

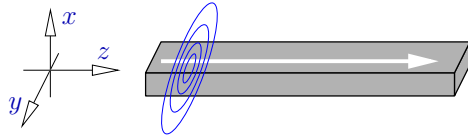
(Supermodes ■) (Evanescent coupling ■)

(“Coupling length”  $L_c$ .)

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## Polarization of a guided wave field



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

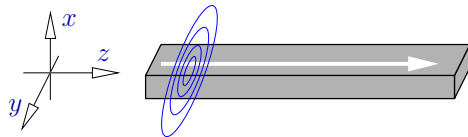
$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix}(x, y, z) = a_{\text{TE}} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{E}}_{\text{TE}} \\ \bar{\mathbf{H}}_{\text{TE}} \end{pmatrix}(x, y) e^{-i\beta_{\text{TE}}z} + a_{\text{TM}} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{E}}_{\text{TM}} \\ \bar{\mathbf{H}}_{\text{TM}} \end{pmatrix}(x,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

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

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

“Polarization” frequently indicates the presence of only one mode.

## Normal modes: real mode problems



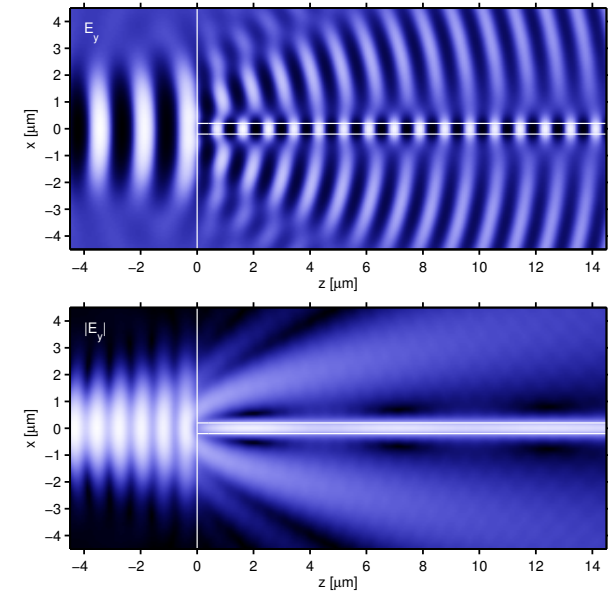
- lossless waveguide,  $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
- “real” boundary conditions at  $x, y$  “far away” from the core,
- “real” vectorial mode equations:

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

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

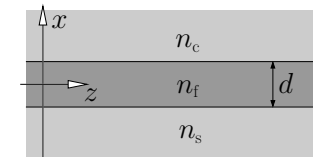
↪ real principal components  $H_x(x, y), H_y(x, y)$ ,  $\beta^2 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

## What about non-guided fields?



(2-D, TE)

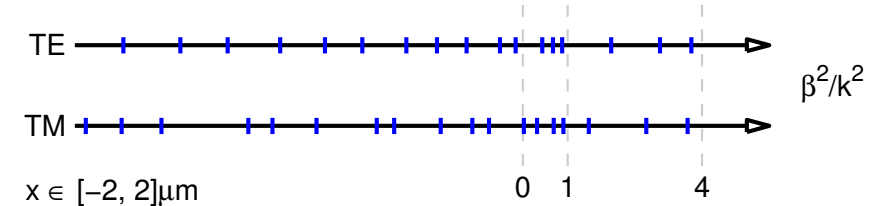
## 2-D slab waveguide, normal mode spectrum



$$n_s = n_c = 1.0, n_f = 2.0,$$

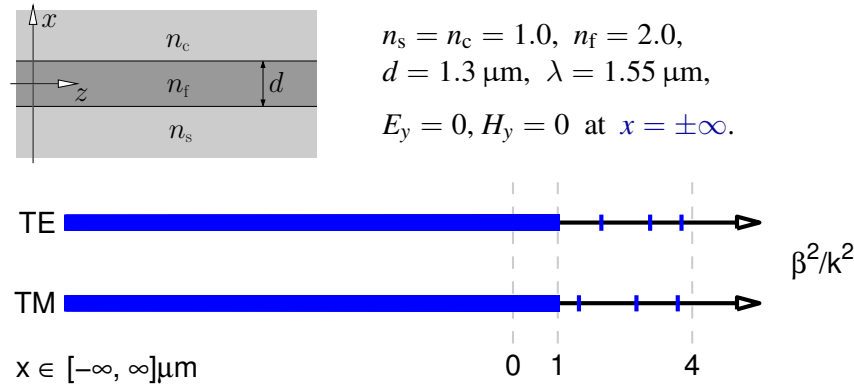
$$d = 1.3 \mu\text{m}, \lambda = 1.55 \mu\text{m},$$

$$E_y = 0, H_y = 0 \text{ at } x = \pm 2 \mu\text{m}.$$



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## Evanescent modes

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

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

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

- **Modal power**:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix} (x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{E}} \\ \bar{\mathbf{H}} \end{pmatrix} (x, y) e^{-\alpha z}, \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{\mathbf{E}} &= a(E'_x, E'_y, E'_z), \\ \bar{\mathbf{H}} &= ia(H'_x, H'_y, H'_z), \\ E'_x, \dots, H'_z &\in \mathbb{R}, \quad a \in \mathbb{C} \end{aligned}$$

$$\hookrightarrow S_z = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} (E_x^* H_y - E_y^* H_x) = 0, \quad \iint S_z dx dy = 0.$$

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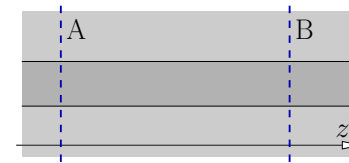
## Propagating & evanescent modes

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

- $\beta^2 > 0 \rightsquigarrow \beta = \sqrt{\beta^2}, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \beta > 0,$   
 $\sim e^{\mp i\beta z}$ , a forward / backward **propagating mode**.  
(Physical relevance of individual modes.)
- $\beta^2 < 0 \rightsquigarrow \beta = -i\sqrt{|\beta^2|} = -i\alpha, \alpha = \sqrt{|\beta^2|} \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha > 0,$   
 $\sim e^{\mp \alpha z}$ , a forward / backward traveling **evanescent mode**.  
 “forward”:  $\sim e^{-\alpha z}$ , field decays with  $z$ ,  
 “backward”:  $\sim e^{+\alpha z}$ , field grows with  $z$ .  
(Relevant for purposes of field expansions.)
- {forward & backward, propagating & evanescent modes}  
 = the set of **normal modes**.

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## Completeness of normal modes



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

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

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

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

(“Solution”: obvious; “general”: without proof.)

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## Completeness of normal modes

Stronger statement:

“any” transverse 2-component field on a cross sectional plane can be expanded into alternatively

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

## Orthogonality of normal modes

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

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

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

$$(\mathbf{E}_a, \mathbf{H}_a; \mathbf{E}_b, \mathbf{H}_b) := \frac{1}{4} \iint (E_{ax}^* H_{by} - E_{ay}^* H_{bx} + H_{ay}^* E_{bx} - H_{ax}^* E_{by}) dx dy$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E}_{1,2} \\ \mathbf{H}_{1,2} \end{pmatrix} (x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{E}}_{1,2} \\ \bar{\mathbf{H}}_{1,2} \end{pmatrix} (x, y) e^{-i\beta_{1,2} z}, \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_{1,2} &= -i\omega\mu_0 \mathbf{H}_{1,2}, \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H}_{1,2} &= i\omega\epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}_{1,2}, \\ \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E}_1^* \times \mathbf{H}_2 + \mathbf{E}_2 \times \mathbf{H}_1^*) &= 0 \rightsquigarrow 0 = (\beta_1^* - \beta_2) (\mathbf{E}_1, \mathbf{H}_1; \mathbf{E}_2, \mathbf{H}_2). \end{aligned}$$

← ...

## Orthogonality of normal modes

Nondegenerate directional normal modes of the same waveguide ( $\epsilon$ ):

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

- A propagating mode  $m$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^{\text{f}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^{\text{f}}; \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^{\text{f}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^{\text{f}}) &=: P_m, \quad (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^{\text{b}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^{\text{b}}; \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^{\text{b}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^{\text{b}}) = -P_m, \quad P_m \in \mathbb{R}, \\ (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^{\text{f}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^{\text{f}}; \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^{\text{b}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^{\text{b}}) &= (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^{\text{b}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^{\text{b}}; \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^{\text{f}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^{\text{f}}) = 0, \\ (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^{\text{d}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^{\text{d}}; \bar{\mathbf{E}}_l^{\text{r}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_l^{\text{r}}) &= (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_l^{\text{r}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_l^{\text{r}}; \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^{\text{d}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^{\text{d}}) = 0 \quad \text{for all } l \neq m, \text{ d,r = f,b.} \end{aligned}$$

- An evanescent mode  $m$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^{\text{f}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^{\text{f}}; \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^{\text{f}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^{\text{f}}) &= (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^{\text{b}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^{\text{b}}; \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^{\text{b}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^{\text{b}}) = 0, \\ (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^{\text{f}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^{\text{f}}; \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^{\text{b}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^{\text{b}}) &=: P_m, \quad (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^{\text{b}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^{\text{b}}; \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^{\text{f}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^{\text{f}}) = -P_m, \quad P_m \notin \mathbb{R}, \\ (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^{\text{d}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^{\text{d}}; \bar{\mathbf{E}}_l^{\text{r}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_l^{\text{r}}) &= (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_l^{\text{r}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_l^{\text{r}}; \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^{\text{d}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^{\text{d}}) = 0 \quad \text{for all } l \neq m, \text{ d,r = f,b.} \end{aligned}$$

(This implies orthogonality of propagating and evanescent modes.)

( $1/\sqrt{|P_m|}$  is frequently used for mode normalization.)

## Power flow associated with a normal mode expansion

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

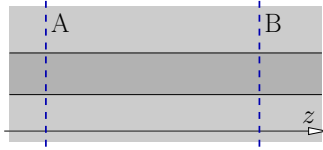
Power carried along  $z$ :

$$P = \iint S_z dx dy = (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}; \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H})$$

$$= \sum_{m \text{ propag.}} (|F_m|^2 - |B_m|^2) P_m + \sum_{m \text{ evanesc.}} (F_m^* B_m - B_m^* F_m) P_m.$$

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

## Projection onto normal modes



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

↪ Extract local mode amplitudes by **projection onto normal modes**:

- A propagating mode  $m$ ,  $\beta_m > 0$ :

$$(\bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^f, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^f; \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) = F_m P_m e^{-i\beta_m z}, \quad F_m e^{-i\beta_m z} = \frac{(\bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^f, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^f; \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H})}{(\bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^f, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^f; \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^f, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^f)}$$

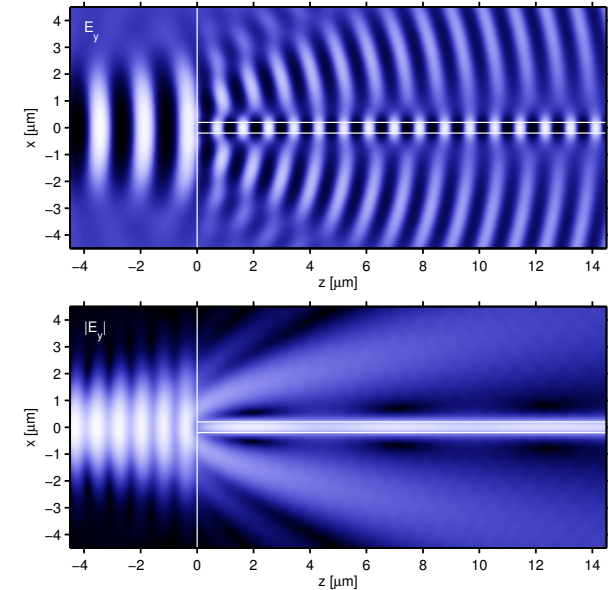
$$(\bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^b, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^b; \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) = -B_m P_m e^{i\beta_m z}.$$

- An evanescent mode  $m$ ,  $\beta_m = -i\alpha_m$ ,  $\alpha_m > 0$ :

$$(\bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^f, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^f; \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) = B_m P_m e^{\alpha_m z}, \quad (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_m^b, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m^b; \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) = -F_m P_m e^{-\alpha_m z}.$$

↪ **Ports** of a photonic integrated circuit.

## Waveguide facet: Port definition



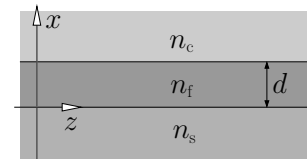
(2-D, TE)

## Course overview

### Optical waveguide theory

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

## 2-D waveguide configurations



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

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

$$\bullet \partial_y \epsilon = 0 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \partial_y \mathbf{E} = 0, \quad \partial_y \mathbf{H} = 0, \quad \text{2-D TE/TM setting.}$$

$$\bullet \partial_z \epsilon = 0 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \text{Modal solutions that vary harmonically with } z:$$

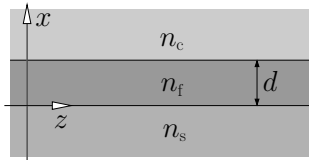
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$$\text{(TE): principal component } \bar{E}_y, \quad \partial_x^2 \bar{E}_y + (k^2 \epsilon - \beta^2) \bar{E}_y = 0,$$

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

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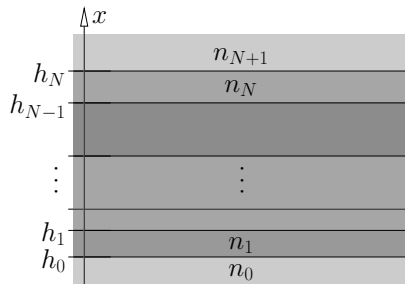
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(TM): principal component  $\bar{H}_y$ ,  $\epsilon \partial_x \frac{1}{\epsilon} \partial_x \bar{H}_y + (k^2 \epsilon - \beta^2) \bar{H}_y = 0$ ,  
 $\bar{E}_x = \frac{\beta}{\omega \epsilon_0 \epsilon} \bar{H}_y$ ,  $\bar{E}_y = 0$ ,  $\bar{E}_z = \frac{-i}{\omega \epsilon_0 \epsilon} \partial_x \bar{H}_y$ ,  $\bar{H}_x = 0$ ,  $\bar{H}_z = 0$ ,  
 $\bar{H}_y$  &  $\epsilon^{-1} \partial_x \bar{H}_y$  continuous at dielectric interfaces.

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## Dielectric multilayer slab waveguide



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

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

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

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

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## Guided 2-D TE/TM modes, orthogonality properties

( $\rightarrow$  Exercise.)

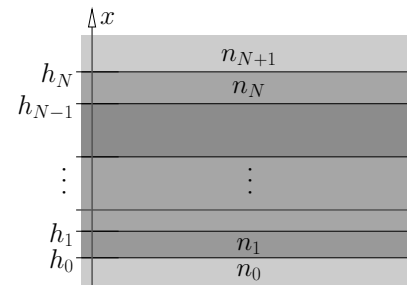
- A set (index  $m$ ) of guided modes of a 2-D waveguide ( $\epsilon$ ),  
 $\psi_m^p = (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_m, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m)$ ,  $p=\text{TE, TM}$  &  $\beta_m$ ,  $\beta_m \neq \beta_l$ , if  $l \neq m$ .
- $(\mathbf{E}_1, \mathbf{H}_1; \mathbf{E}_2, \mathbf{H}_2) := \frac{1}{4} \int (E_{1x}^* H_{2y} - E_{1y}^* H_{2x} + H_{1y}^* E_{2x} - H_{1x}^* E_{2y}) dx$ .
- Power  $P_m$  per lateral ( $y$ ) unit length carried by mode  $\psi_m^p, \beta_m$ :

$$P_m := \int S_z dx = (\psi_m^p; \psi_m^p) = \begin{cases} \frac{\beta_m}{2\omega\mu_0} \int |E_{m,y}|^2 dx, & \text{if } p = \text{TE}, \\ \frac{\beta_m}{2\omega\epsilon_0} \int \frac{1}{\epsilon} |H_{m,y}|^2 dx, & \text{if } p = \text{TM}. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\psi_l^{\text{TE}}; \psi_m^{\text{TM}}) &= 0, & (\psi_l^{\text{TE}}; \psi_m^{\text{TE}}) &= \frac{\beta_m}{2\omega\mu_0} \int E_{l,y}^* E_{m,y} dx = \delta_{lm} P_m, \\ (\psi_l^{\text{TM}}; \psi_m^{\text{TE}}) &= 0, & (\psi_l^{\text{TM}}; \psi_m^{\text{TM}}) &= \frac{\beta_m}{2\omega\epsilon_0} \int \frac{1}{\epsilon} H_{l,y}^* H_{m,y} dx = \delta_{lm} P_m. \end{aligned}$$

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## Dielectric multilayer slab waveguide



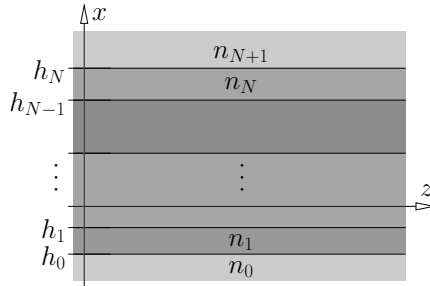
- Interior layer  $l$ ,  
 $h_{l-1} < x < h_l$ ,  
local refractive index  $n_l$ ,
- $\partial_x^2 \phi = (\beta^2 - k^2 n_l^2) \phi$ .
- Consider a trial value  $\beta^2 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- $\beta^2 < k^2 n_l^2 \implies \partial_x^2 \phi = -\kappa_l^2 \phi$ ,  $\kappa_l := \sqrt{k^2 n_l^2 - \beta^2}$ ,  
 $\phi(x) = A_l \sin(\kappa_l x) + B_l \cos(\kappa_l x)$ .
- $\beta^2 > k^2 n_l^2 \implies \partial_x^2 \phi = \kappa_l^2 \phi$ ,  $\kappa_l := \sqrt{\beta^2 - k^2 n_l^2}$ ,  
 $\phi(x) = A_l e^{\kappa_l x} + B_l e^{-\kappa_l x}$ .

- Unknowns  $A_l, B_l \in \mathbb{C}$ . (Local coordinate offsets required to cope with the exponentials.)

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## Dielectric multilayer slab waveguide, guided modes



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

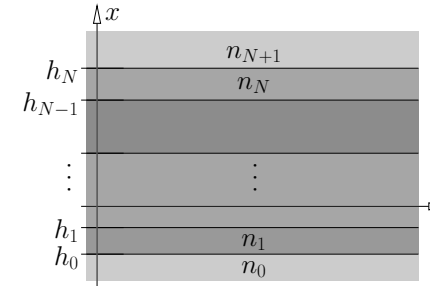
- $\beta^2 < k^2 n_0^2 \rightsquigarrow \partial_x^2 \phi = -\kappa_0^2 \phi$ ,  $\kappa_0 := \sqrt{k^2 n_0^2 - \beta^2}$ ,  
 $\phi(x) = A_0 \sin(\kappa_0 x) + B_0 \cos(-\kappa_0 x)$ .
- $\beta^2 > k^2 n_0^2 \rightsquigarrow \partial_x^2 \phi = \kappa_0^2 \phi$ ,  $\kappa_0 := \sqrt{\beta^2 - k^2 n_0^2}$ ,  
 $\phi(x) = A_0 e^{\kappa_0 x} + B_0 e^{-\kappa_0 x}$ .

- Unknown  $A_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Guided modes:  $n_{\text{eff}} = \beta/k > n_0$ .

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## Dielectric multilayer slab waveguide, guided modes



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

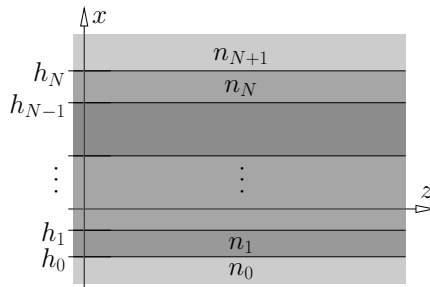
- $\beta^2 < k^2 n_{N+1}^2 \rightsquigarrow \partial_x^2 \phi = -\kappa_{N+1}^2 \phi$ ,  $\kappa_{N+1} := \sqrt{k^2 n_{N+1}^2 - \beta^2}$ ,  
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 $\phi(x) = A_{N+1} e^{\kappa_{N+1} x} + B_{N+1} e^{-\kappa_{N+1} x}$ .

- Unknown  $B_{N+1} \in \mathbb{C}$ . Guided modes:  $n_{\text{eff}} = \beta/k > n_{N+1}$ .

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## Dielectric multilayer slab waveguide



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

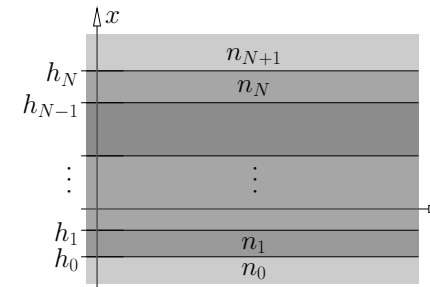
$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} B_{N+1} e^{-\kappa_{N+1} x}, & \text{for } h_N < x, \\ \begin{cases} A_l \sin(\kappa_l x) + B_l \cos(\kappa_l x), & \text{if } \beta^2 < k^2 n_l^2, \\ A_l e^{\kappa_l x} + B_l e^{-\kappa_l x}, & \text{if } \beta^2 > k^2 n_l^2, \end{cases} & \text{for } h_{l-1} < x < h_l, \\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

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

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- Arrange as linear system of equations  $\mathbf{M}(\beta^2) (A_0, \dots, B_{N+1})^T = 0$ .
- Identify propagation constants where  $\mathbf{M}(\beta^2)$  becomes singular.

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

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

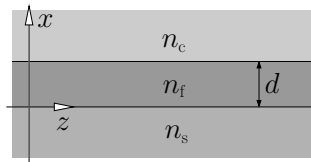
Guided modes  $\{\beta_m, (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_m, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m)\}$ .

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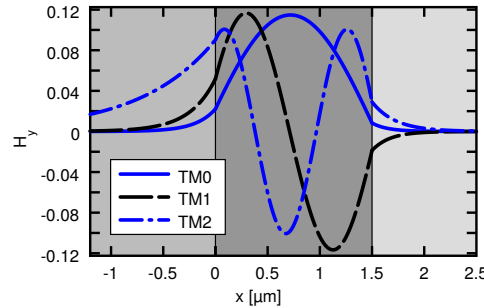
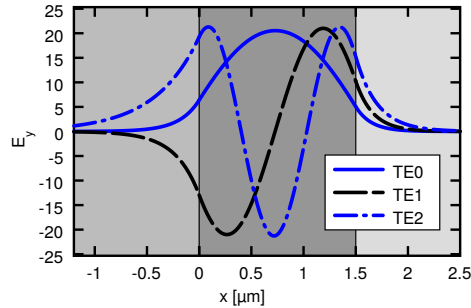


## A nonsymmetric 3-layer slab waveguide



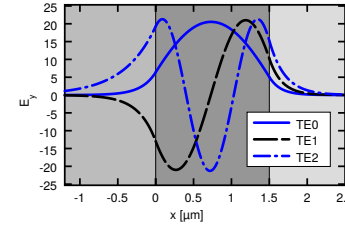
$$n_s = 1.45, n_f = 1.99, n_c = 1.0, \\ d = 1.5 \mu\text{m}, \lambda = 1.55 \mu\text{m}.$$

$$\text{TE}_0: n_{\text{eff}} = 1.944, \quad \text{TM}_0: n_{\text{eff}} = 1.933, \\ \text{TE}_1: n_{\text{eff}} = 1.804, \quad \text{TM}_1: n_{\text{eff}} = 1.759, \\ \text{TE}_2: n_{\text{eff}} = 1.562, \quad \text{TM}_2: n_{\text{eff}} = 1.490.$$



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## Dielectric multilayer slab waveguide, nodal properties



(Fixed polarization, TE/TM.)

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

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

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

- Guided modes with a growing number of nodes ( $x$  with  $\phi(x) = 0$ ) with decreasing effective indices

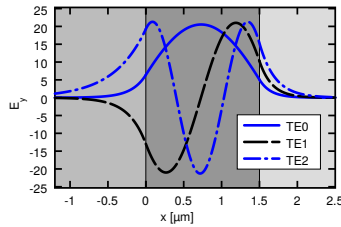
mode indices = number of nodes in  $\phi$ .

"Quantum numbers".

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

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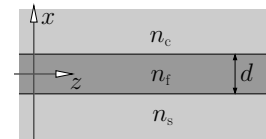
- A sign change of  $\partial_x \phi$  is required to form a guided mode
- There must be some region (layer) with  $k^2 n^2 - \beta^2 > 0$ .

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

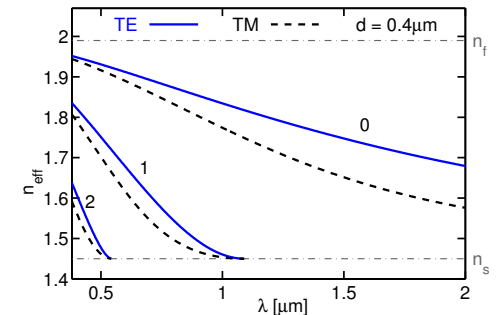
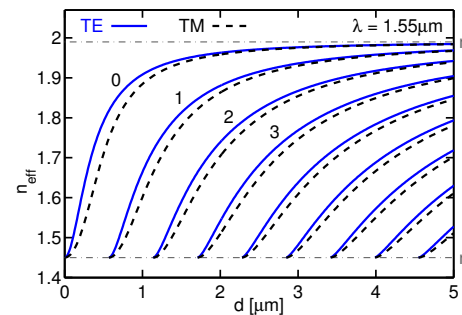
$$\max\{n_0, n_{N+1}\} < n_{\text{eff}} < \max\{n_l\}.$$

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## 3-layer slab waveguide, dispersion curves



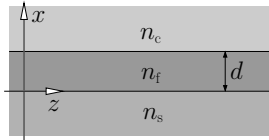
Symmetric waveguide,  
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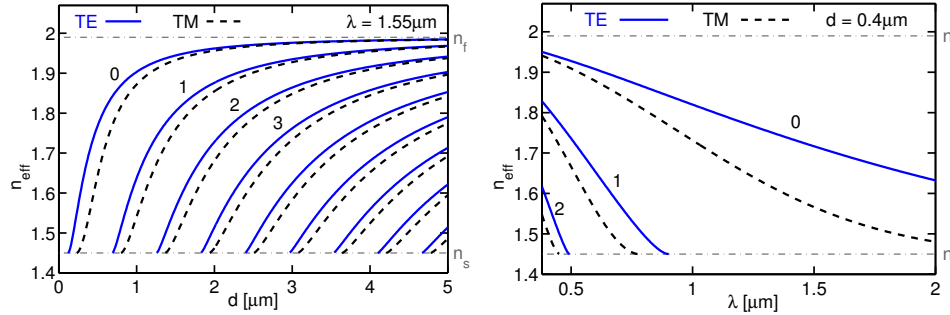
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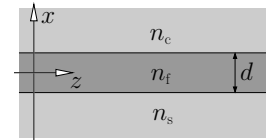


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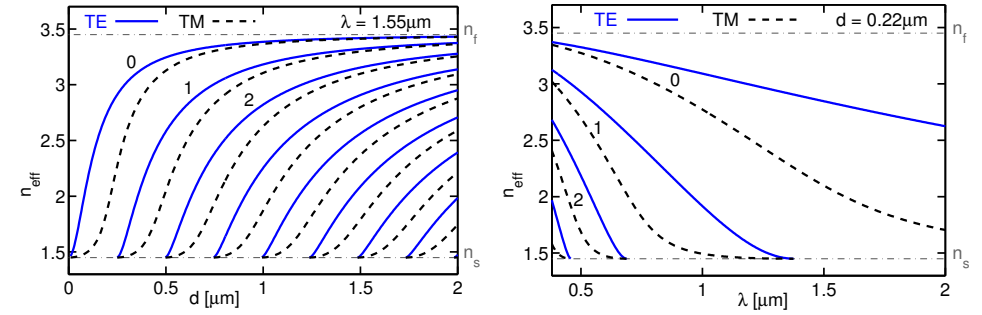
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### 3-layer slab waveguide, dispersion curves



Symmetric waveguide,  
high refractive index contrast,  
 $n_s = 1.45$ ,  $n_f = 3.45$ ,  $n_c = 1.45$ .

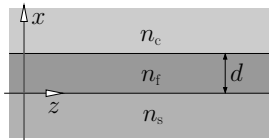


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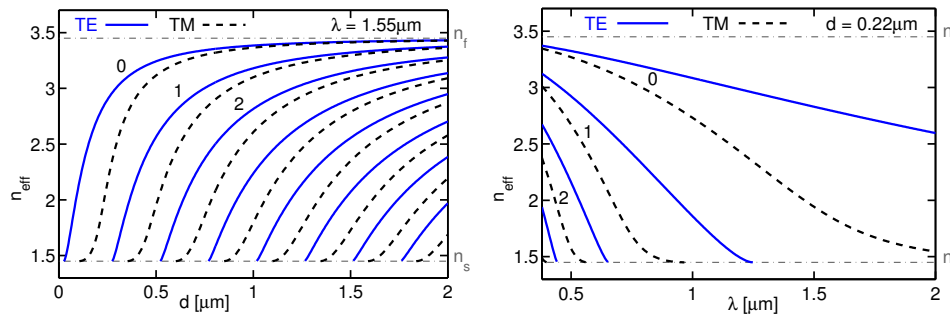
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### 3-layer slab waveguide, dispersion curves

Remarks / observations:

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

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

- Cutoff thicknesses at fixed wavelength.

Nonsymmetric 3-layer waveguide  $n_s \neq n_c$ : There exist cutoff thicknesses for all modes.  
Symmetric 3-layer waveguide  $n_s = n_c$ : Cutoff thicknesses exist for all modes of order  $\geq 1$ ,  
no cutoff thickness for the fundamental TE/TM modes.

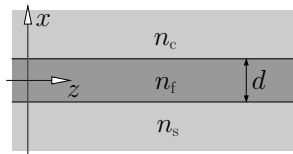
- $\lambda$  is the “length-defining” quantity; wavelength scaling, factor  $a$ :  
 $n_{\text{eff}}(\lambda, d) = n_{\text{eff}}(a\lambda, ad)$ ,  $\beta(\lambda, d) = a^{-1} \beta(a\lambda, ad)$ .
- Cutoff wavelengths for waveguides with fixed thickness.

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

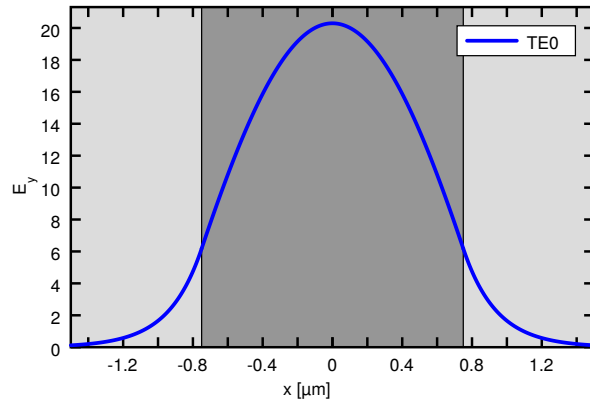
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### 3-layer slab waveguide, mode confinement



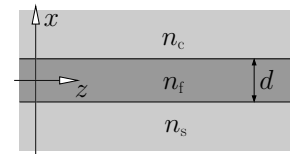
Symmetric waveguide,  
moderate refractive index contrast,  
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 $d = 1.50 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\text{TE}_0$ :  $n_{\text{eff}} = 1.946$ .



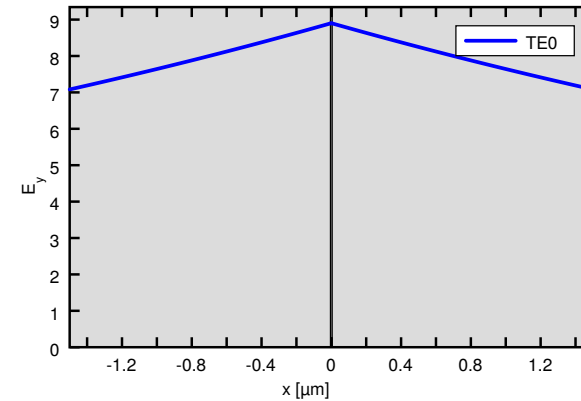
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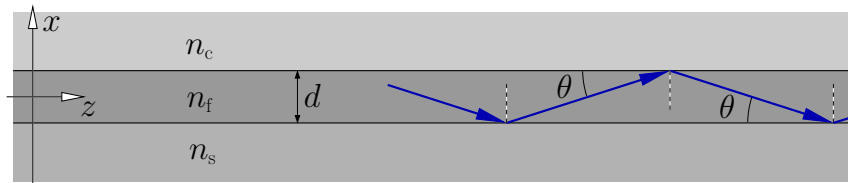
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 $d = 0.01 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\text{TE}_0$ :  $n_{\text{eff}} = 1.450$ .



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### 3-layer slab waveguide, ray model



Field in the core:

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

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



Guided mode formation:

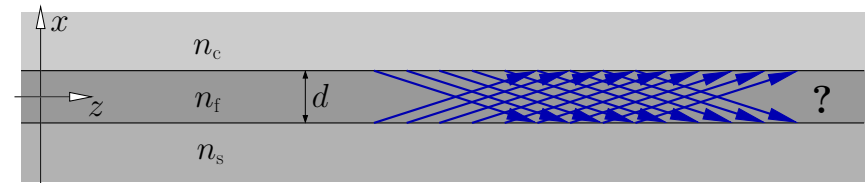
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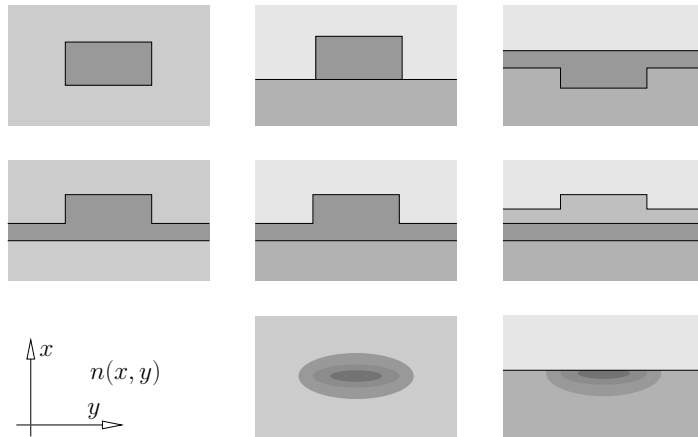
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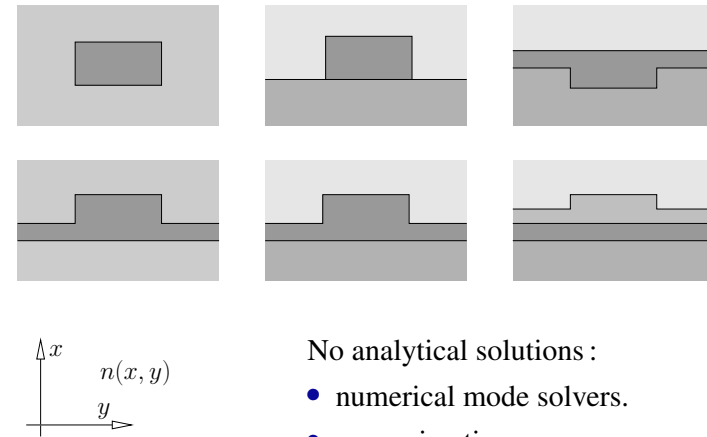
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### 3-D waveguides



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

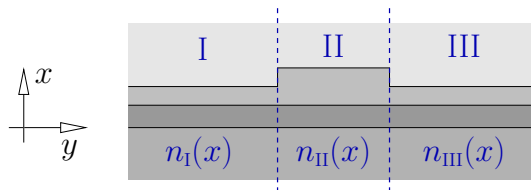
### 3-D rectangular waveguides



No analytical solutions :

- numerical mode solvers.
- approximations.

### Effective index method



Outline:

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

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

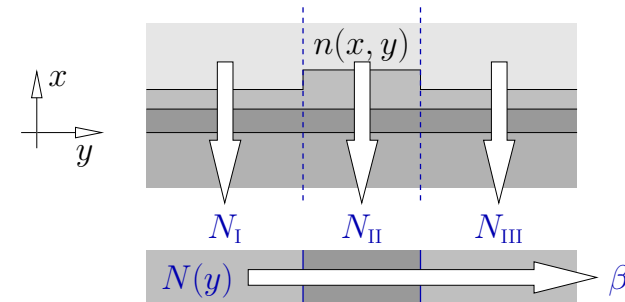
- Ansatz:  $\Psi(x, y) = X_\rho(x) Y(y)$ , if  $y \in \text{slice } \rho$ ; require continuity of  $Y$  and  $Y'$ .
- **Effective index profile:**  $N(y) := N_\rho$ , if  $y \in \text{slice } \rho$ .

↪  $Y'' + (k^2 N^2 - \beta^2)Y = 0,$

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

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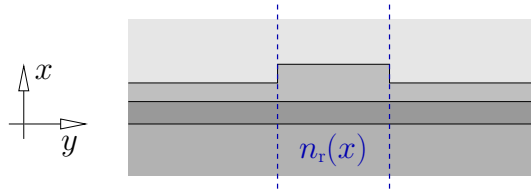
### Effective index method, schematically



Remarks / issues:

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

## Variational effective index method



Outline:

- Identify a reference slice, refractive index profile  $n_r(x)$ .
- Compute polarized guided slab modes  $(\bar{\mathbf{E}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}})_r$ ,  $\beta_r$  for the reference slice.
- For each reference slab mode: ...
- Choose an ansatz:

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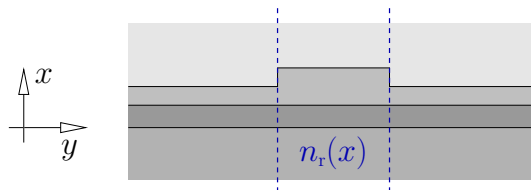
$$\begin{pmatrix} E_x, E_y, E_z \\ H_x, H_y, H_z \end{pmatrix}(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} 0, & \bar{E}_{r,y}(x)Y^{E_y}(y), & \bar{E}_{r,y}(x)Y^{E_z}(y) \\ \bar{H}_{r,x}(x)Y^{H_x}(y), & \bar{H}_{r,z}(x)Y^{H_y}(y), & \bar{H}_{r,z}(x)Y^{H_z}(y) \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{TE})$$

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↪  $Y^\cdot(y) = ?$

(VEIM)

## Variational effective index method



Outline, continued:

- Restrict  $\mathcal{B}$  to the VEIM ansatz, require stationarity with respect to the  $\{Y^\cdot\}$ .

↪ 1-D mode ("like") equations for principal unknowns  $Y^{H_x}$  (TE) and  $Y^{E_x}$  (TM)

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

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## A functional for guided modes of 3-D dielectric waveguides

(→ Exercise.)

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix}(x, y, z) &= \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{E}} \\ \bar{\mathbf{H}} \end{pmatrix}(x, y) e^{-i\beta z}, & \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \\ & \bar{\mathbf{E}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}} \rightarrow 0 \text{ for } x, y \rightarrow \pm\infty. \end{aligned}$$

$$\bullet \quad (\mathbf{C} + i\beta\mathbf{R})\bar{\mathbf{E}} = -i\omega\mu_0\bar{\mathbf{H}}, \quad (\mathbf{C} + i\beta\mathbf{R})\bar{\mathbf{H}} = i\omega\epsilon_0\bar{\mathbf{E}},$$

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

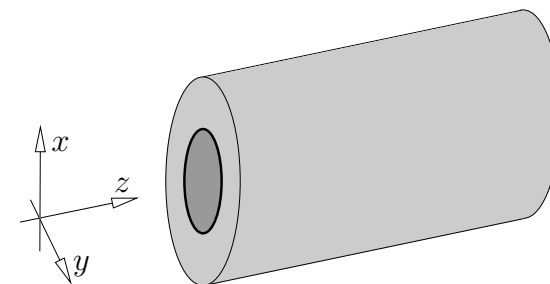
$$\bullet \quad \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) := \frac{\omega\epsilon_0\langle \mathbf{E}, \epsilon \mathbf{E} \rangle + \omega\mu_0\langle \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{H} \rangle + i\langle \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{C}\mathbf{H} \rangle - i\langle \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{C}\mathbf{E} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{R}\mathbf{H} \rangle - \langle \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{R}\mathbf{E} \rangle},$$

$$\langle \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G} \rangle = \iint \mathbf{F}^* \cdot \mathbf{G} \, dx \, dy.$$

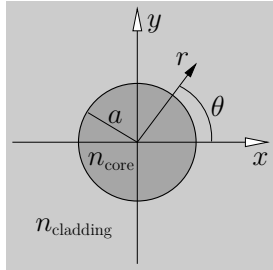
$$\mathcal{B}(\bar{\mathbf{E}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}) = \beta, \quad \left. \frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{B}(\bar{\mathbf{E}} + s\delta\bar{\mathbf{E}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}} + s\delta\bar{\mathbf{H}}) \right|_{s=0} = 0$$

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

## Optical fibers



[ Optical Communication A-D ]



(FD)

Circular symmetry

↔ cylindrical coordinates  $r, \theta, z$ .

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

Circular and axial symmetry:

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

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

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

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

(An ODE of Bessel type.)

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

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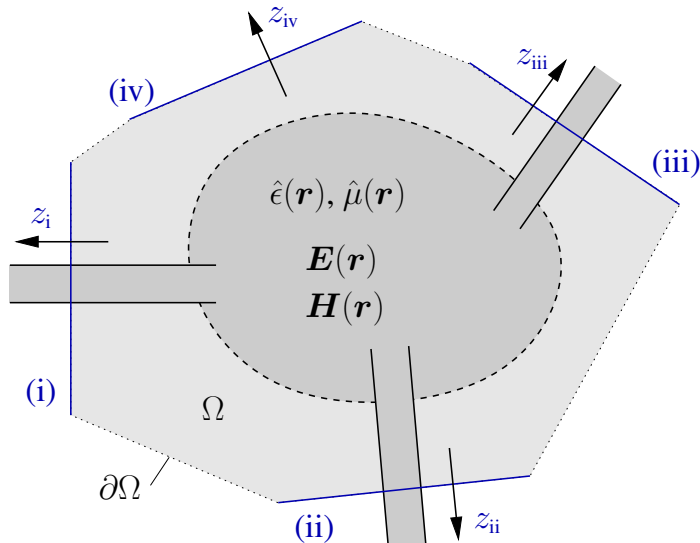
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## PICs, OICs, scattering matrices



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### Optical waveguide theory

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

### Scattering matrices, prerequisites

$\sim \exp(i\omega t)$  (FD)

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

↪ Field on port plane  $p$  and “outside”:

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

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## Scattering matrices

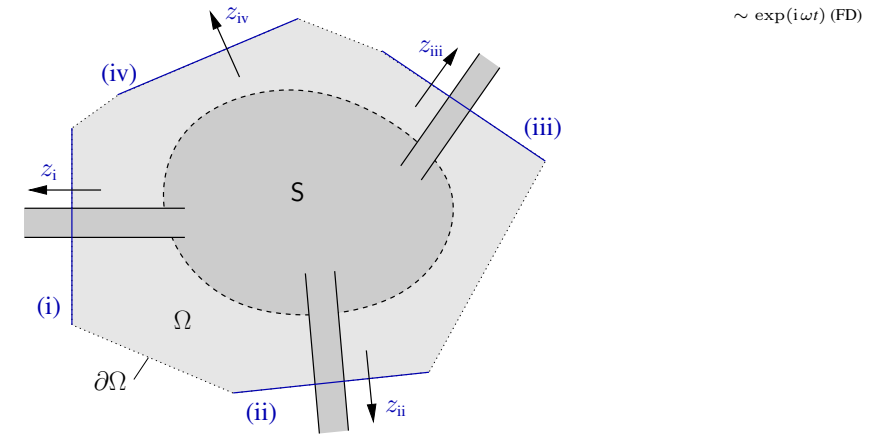
- Merge all mode indices  $\{m\}$  and port IDs  $\{p\}$  into one set of mode identifiers  $\{\nu\}$ ,  $\mathcal{N} = \cup_p \mathcal{N}_p$ .  $\sim \exp(i\omega t)$  (FD)
- Assert that  $\psi_{p,\cdot}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$  for all  $\mathbf{r} \in \partial\Omega$ ,  $\mathbf{r} \notin \text{port } p$ .
- Field on  $\partial\Omega$ :  $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{\nu \in \mathcal{N}} \{F_\nu \psi_\nu^f + B_\nu \psi_\nu^b\}$ . (Position arguments omitted.)
- $B_\nu$ :  $\sim$  incident modes, traveling towards the interior of  $\Omega$ .  
 $F_\nu$ :  $\sim$  outgoing modes, traveling towards the exterior of  $\Omega$ .  
 Combine into amplitude vectors  $\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{F}$ .

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

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

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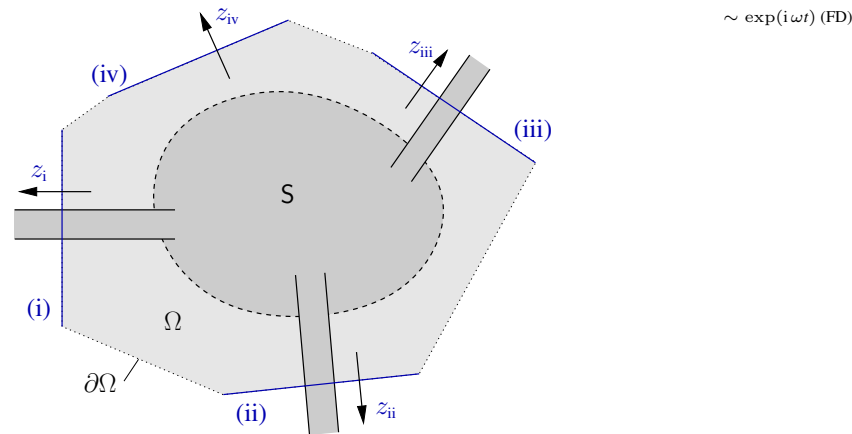
## PICs, OICs, scattering matrices, scenarios



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

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## PICs, OICs, scattering matrices, scenarios

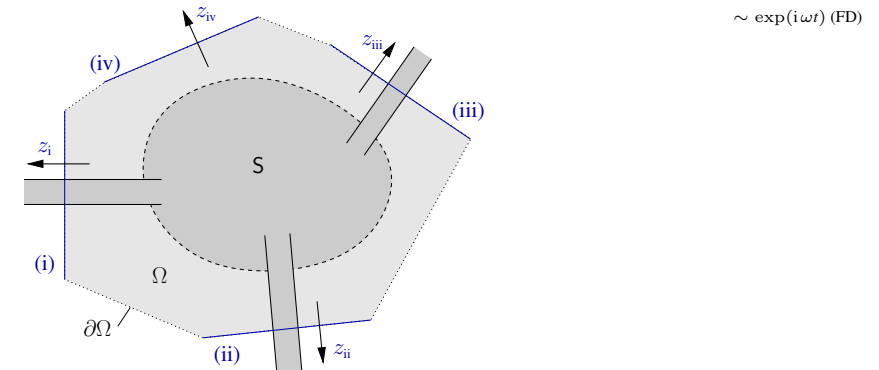


- Scenario: Restrict to a specific set of (guided) modes, or:  
 Only a small set of guided modes are relevant:  
 small  $\dim \mathbf{S} = N \times N \leftrightarrow$  an  $N$ -port circuit, a  $2N$ -pole.

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

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## Scattering matrices, port plane positions



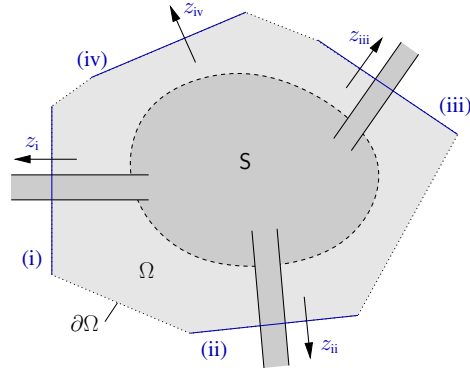
- Shift port plane of mode  $\nu$  by  $\Delta z_\nu$ :  $F_\nu \rightarrow F'_\nu = F_\nu e^{-i\beta_\nu \Delta z_\nu}$ ,  
 Shift port plane of mode  $\mu$  by  $\Delta z_\mu$ :  $B_\mu \rightarrow B'_\mu = B_\mu e^{i\beta_\mu \Delta z_\mu}$ ,  
 $\hookrightarrow F'_\nu = S'_{\nu\mu} B'_\mu$ ,  $S'_{\nu\mu} = S_{\nu\mu} e^{-i(\beta_\nu \Delta z_\nu + \beta_\mu \Delta z_\mu)}$ .

(Moving port planes  $\leftrightarrow$  Phase change in reflection/transmission coefficients.)

(Moving port planes  $\leftrightarrow$  No effect on reflectances/transmittances.)

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## Scattering matrices, port mode orthogonality



$\sim \exp(i\omega t)$  (FD)

- Orthogonality relations on port plane  $p$ :

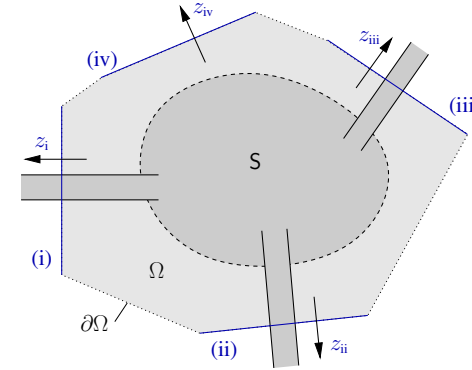
$$(E_a, H_a; E_b, H_b) = \frac{1}{4} \iint_p (E_{ax}^* H_{by} - E_{ay}^* H_{bx} + H_{ay}^* E_{bx} - H_{ax}^* E_{by}) dx_p dy_p$$

$$(\psi_{p,i}^d; \psi_{p,m}^r) = \pm \delta_{dr} \delta_{lm} P_{p,m}. \quad (\text{Things restricted to propagating modes.})$$

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## Scattering matrices, port mode orthogonality



$\sim \exp(i\omega t)$  (FD)

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

$$(E_a, H_a; E_b, H_b) := \frac{1}{4} \int_{\partial\Omega} (E_a^* \times H_b + E_b \times H_a^*) \cdot da$$

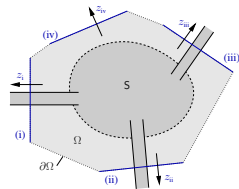
$$\hookrightarrow (\psi_{p,i}^d; \psi_{q,m}^r) = \pm \delta_{dr} \delta_{pq} \delta_{lm} P_{p,m} \quad \text{or} \quad (\psi_\nu^d; \psi_\mu^r) = \pm \delta_{dr} \delta_{\nu\mu} P_\nu.$$

(Modes belonging to different ports are mutually orthogonal.)

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## Scattering matrices, power balance



$\sim \exp(i\omega t)$  (FD)

- Net power outflow across the border of the circuit:

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

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

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

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

$$|S_{\nu\mu}|^2 \frac{P_\nu}{P_\mu} = \frac{|F_\nu|^2 P_\nu}{|B_\mu|^2 P_\mu}, \quad \mu \neq \nu: \text{ power transmittance } \mu \rightarrow \nu,$$

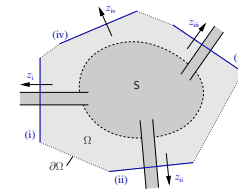
$$\mu = \nu: \text{ power reflectance for mode } \nu.$$

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

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## Scattering matrices, power balance



$\sim \exp(i\omega t)$  (FD)

- Net power outflow across the border of the circuit:

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

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

- Lossless circuit  $\longleftrightarrow \int_{\partial\Omega} \mathbf{S} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = 0 \longleftrightarrow \mathbf{S}^\dagger \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{1}$ ,  
the scattering matrix of a lossless circuit is unitary.

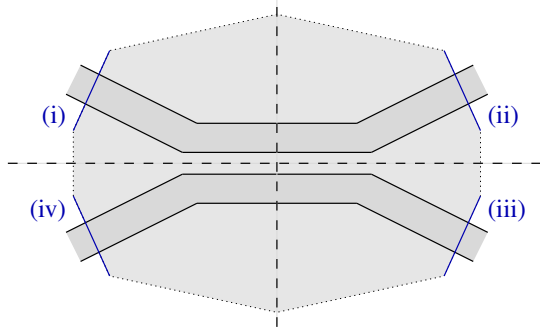
- Lossy circuit  $\longleftrightarrow \int_{\partial\Omega} \mathbf{S} \cdot d\mathbf{a} \leq 0 \rightsquigarrow \mathbf{B}^* \cdot \mathbf{S}^\dagger \mathbf{S} \mathbf{B} \leq \mathbf{B}^* \mathbf{B}$ ,  
 $\sum_\nu |S_{\nu\mu}|^2 \leq 1$  for all  $\mu$ . (The sum of transmittances mode  $\mu$  to all other modes  $\nu$  is less than one.)  
(Interior lossy media, or radiative losses: outgoing propagating modes not taken into account.)

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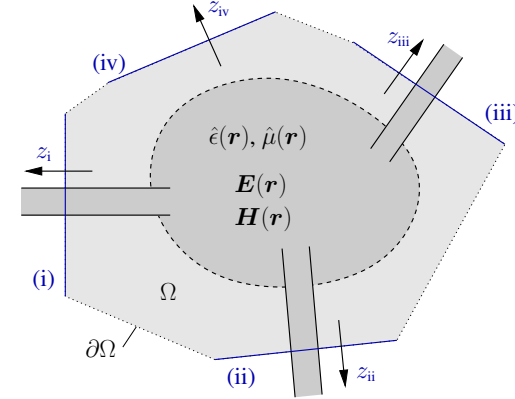
## Scattering matrices, symmetry



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

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

## Scattering matrices, reciprocity



$\sim \exp(i\omega t)$  (FD)

Circuit properties  
for reversed  
wave propagation?  
 $S_{\nu\mu} \longleftrightarrow S_{\mu\nu}$ ?

- $E_1, H_1$  and  $E_2, H_2$  solve  $\nabla \times E = -i\omega\mu_0\hat{\mu}H$ ,  $\nabla \times H = i\omega\epsilon_0\hat{\epsilon}E$ .  
↪  $\nabla \cdot (E_1 \times H_2 + H_1 \times E_2) = 0$ , if  $\hat{\epsilon}$  and  $\hat{\mu}$  are symmetric.  
(i.e. if  $\hat{\epsilon}^T = \hat{\epsilon}$ ,  $\hat{\mu}^T = \hat{\mu}$ .)  
(Note: order of factors, no complex conjugates.)

## Scattering matrices, reciprocity

- $E_1, H_1$  and  $E_2, H_2$  solve  $\nabla \times E = -i\omega\mu_0\hat{\mu}H$ ,  $\nabla \times H = i\omega\epsilon_0\hat{\epsilon}E$

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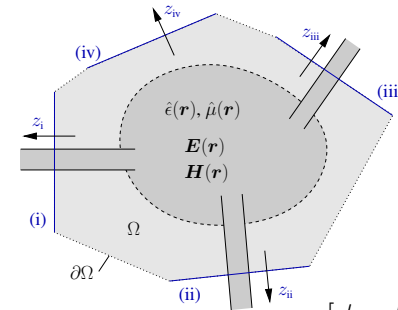
↪  $0 = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot (E_1 \times H_2 + H_1 \times E_2) d^3r = \int_{\partial\Omega} (E_1 \times H_2 + H_1 \times E_2) \cdot da.$

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

$$[\psi_a; \psi_b] := \int_{\partial\Omega} (E_a \times H_b + H_a \times E_b) \cdot da,$$

↪  $0 = \sum_{\nu} \sum_{\mu} \left( \begin{aligned} &F_{1,\nu}F_{2,\mu}[\psi_{\nu}^f; \psi_{\mu}^f] + F_{1,\nu}B_{2,\mu}[\psi_{\nu}^f; \psi_{\mu}^b] \\ &+ B_{1,\nu}F_{2,\mu}[\psi_{\nu}^b; \psi_{\mu}^f] + B_{1,\nu}B_{2,\mu}[\psi_{\nu}^b; \psi_{\mu}^b] \end{aligned} \right).$

## Scattering matrices, reciprocity



$\sim \exp(i\omega t)$  (FD)

$$[\psi_a; \psi_b] := \int_{\partial\Omega} (E_a \times H_b + H_a \times E_b) \cdot da.$$

- $[\psi_{\nu}; \psi_{\mu}] = 0$ , if  $\nu$  and  $\mu$  relate to different ports.
- If  $\nu$  and  $\mu$  relate to the same port plane  $p$ :  
$$[\psi_{\nu}^r; \psi_{\mu}^d] = \iint_p (E_{\nu x}^r H_{\mu y}^d - E_{\nu y}^r H_{\mu x}^d - H_{\nu y}^r E_{\mu x}^d + H_{\nu x}^r E_{\mu y}^d) dx dy_p.$$

## Scattering matrices, reciprocity

- If  $\nu$  and  $\mu$  relate to the same port plane  $p$ :

$$[\psi_\nu^r; \psi_\mu^d] = \iint_p (E_{\nu x}^r H_{\mu y}^d - E_{\nu y}^r H_{\mu x}^d - H_{\nu y}^r E_{\mu x}^d + H_{\nu x}^r E_{\mu y}^d) dx_p dy_p.$$

- Compare with the modal orthogonality relations on port plane  $p$ , for propagating modes with real transverse components:

$$(\psi_\nu^r; \psi_\mu^d) = \frac{1}{4} \iint_p (E_{\nu x}^r H_{\mu y}^d - E_{\nu y}^r H_{\mu x}^d + H_{\nu y}^r E_{\mu x}^d - H_{\nu x}^r E_{\mu y}^d) dx_p dy_p,$$

$$(\psi_\nu^f; \psi_\mu^f) = \delta_{\nu\mu} P_\nu, \quad (\psi_\nu^b; \psi_\mu^b) = -\delta_{\nu\mu} P_\nu, \quad (\psi_\nu^f; \psi_\mu^b) = (\psi_\nu^b; \psi_\mu^f) = 0.$$

- $$\begin{aligned} \psi^f &= (E_x, E_y, iE_z, H_x, H_y, iH_z)^\top \\ \psi^b &= (E_x, E_y, -iE_z, -H_x, -H_y, iH_z)^\top. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{Real components}).$$

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

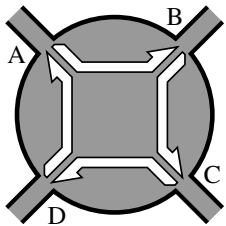
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## Nonreciprocal devices



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



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

Required: nonreciprocal media with  $\hat{\epsilon} \neq \hat{\epsilon}^\top$ ,  
↺↻ magnetooptic media, Faraday effect.

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## Scattering matrices, reciprocity

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow 0 &= \sum_\nu 4P_\nu (B_{1,\nu} F_{2,\nu} - F_{1,\nu} B_{2,\nu}), \\ &\text{uniform normalization } P_\nu = P_0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\hookrightarrow 0 = \sum_\nu (B_{1,\nu} F_{2,\nu} - F_{1,\nu} B_{2,\nu}),$$

$$\hookrightarrow 0 = \mathbf{B}_1 \cdot \mathbf{F}_2 - \mathbf{F}_1 \cdot \mathbf{B}_2,$$

$$\mathbf{F}_j = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{B}_j,$$

$$\hookrightarrow 0 = \mathbf{B}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S} \mathbf{B}_2 - (\mathbf{S} \mathbf{B}_1) \cdot \mathbf{B}_2,$$

$$\hookrightarrow 0 = \mathbf{B}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S} \mathbf{B}_2 - \mathbf{B}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}^\top \mathbf{B}_2,$$

$$\hookrightarrow 0 = \mathbf{B}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{S}^\top) \mathbf{B}_2 \text{ for all } \mathbf{B}_1, \mathbf{B}_2.$$

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

The scattering matrix of a *reciprocal circuit* is *symmetric*.

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

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## Nonreciprocal devices

What about, for example,

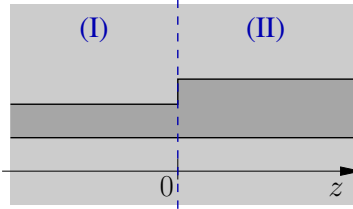
- a long, “adiabatic” Y-junction ?
- a junction between a single mode core and a wider multimode waveguide ?



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## Waveguide discontinuities



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

- Expand into local normal modes  
 $\{\psi_{s,m}^d, \beta_{s,m}\}$ ,  $m \in \mathcal{N}_s$ ,  $s = \text{I, II}$ :  
Transverse boundary conditions  $\longleftrightarrow$  discrete sets.

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

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

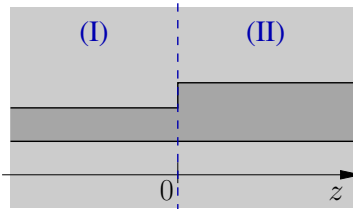
$\hookrightarrow (E, H)_{\text{I,II}}$  are solutions for  $z < 0$  and  $z > 0$ .

- Continuity of the tangential components of  $E, H$  at the interface  
 $\longleftrightarrow$  formally equate expressions for  $(E, H)_{\text{I,II}}$  at  $z = 0$ .  
(Only equality of  $E_x, E_y, H_x, H_y$  will be relevant.)
- Project on  $\psi_{s,l}^d$  to extract coefficients ...

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## Waveguide discontinuities, overlap model



Most simplified variant:  
Unidirectional **overlap model**.

- (I): Incoming guided mode  $\psi_{\text{I}}$ , reflections & radiation neglected.  
(II): Outgoing guided modes  $\psi_{\text{II},m}$ , radiation neglected.
- $f_{\text{I}} \psi_{\text{I}} \approx \sum_m f_{\text{II},m} \psi_{\text{II},m}$  at  $z = 0$ .

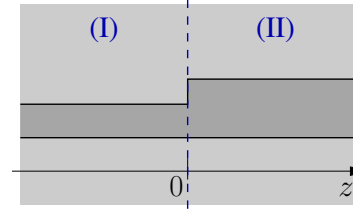
$$\hookrightarrow f_{\text{II},m} = \frac{(\psi_{\text{II},m}; \psi_{\text{I}})}{(\psi_{\text{II},m}; \psi_{\text{II},m})} f_{\text{I}}, \quad \text{or} \quad f_{\text{II},m} = \frac{1}{P_{\text{II},m}} (\psi_{\text{II},m}; \psi_{\text{I}}) f_{\text{I}}.$$

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

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## Waveguide discontinuities, scattering matrix



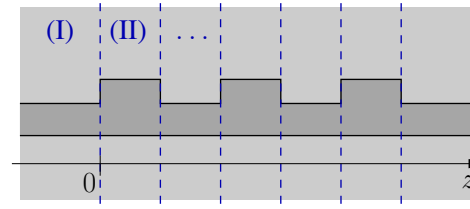
(Global coordinate  $z \neq$  former local coordinate on port I.)  
(One variant of a projection procedure.)

- $(\psi_{\text{I},l}^b; \cdot = \cdot)$ ,  $l \in \mathcal{N}_{\text{I}}$ :  
 $\sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{\text{I}}} [f_{\text{I},m}(\psi_{\text{I},l}^b; \psi_{\text{I},m}^f) + b_{\text{I},m}(\psi_{\text{I},l}^b; \psi_{\text{I},m}^b)] = \sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{\text{II}}} [f_{\text{II},m}(\psi_{\text{I},l}^b; \psi_{\text{II},m}^f) + b_{\text{II},m}(\psi_{\text{I},l}^b; \psi_{\text{II},m}^b)],$
  - $(\psi_{\text{II},l}^f; \cdot = \cdot)$ ,  $l \in \mathcal{N}_{\text{II}}$ :  
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- $$\hookrightarrow \dots \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} b_{\text{I}} \\ f_{\text{II}} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{S} \begin{pmatrix} f_{\text{I}} \\ b_{\text{II}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} S_{\text{I,I}} & S_{\text{I,II}} \\ S_{\text{II,I}} & S_{\text{II,II}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_{\text{I}} \\ b_{\text{II}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

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## A sequence of waveguide discontinuities



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

$\hookrightarrow$  Linear system of equations for all local mode amplitudes.

$\hookrightarrow$  Solve  $(\dots) \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(x, y, z).$

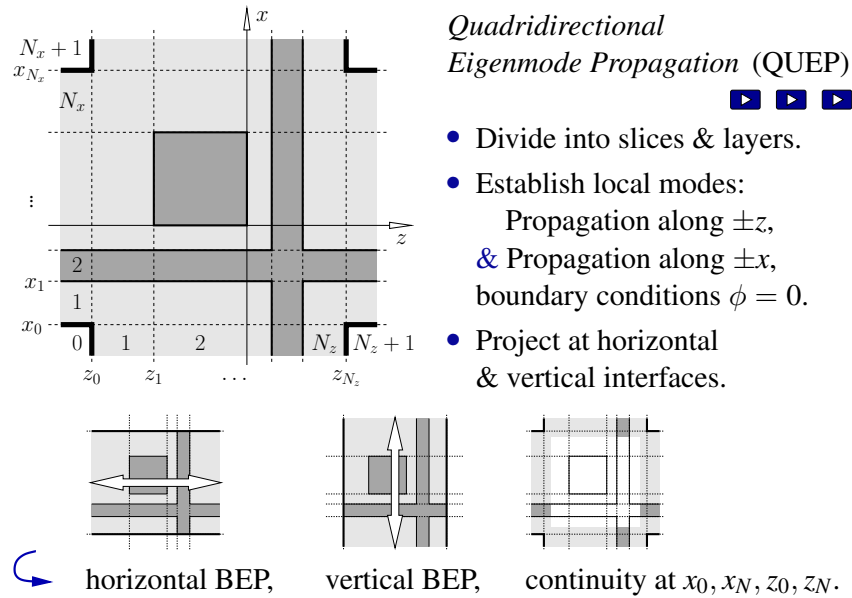
*Bidirectional eigenmode propagation* (BEP),  
*Eigenmode expansion method* (EME),  
...

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

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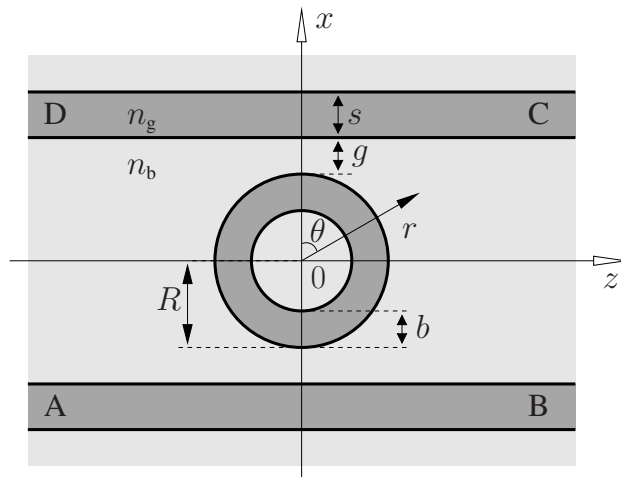
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## Rectangular 2-D circuits



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## Circular traveling wave resonators



Integrated optical **micro-ring** or **micro-disk resonators**.

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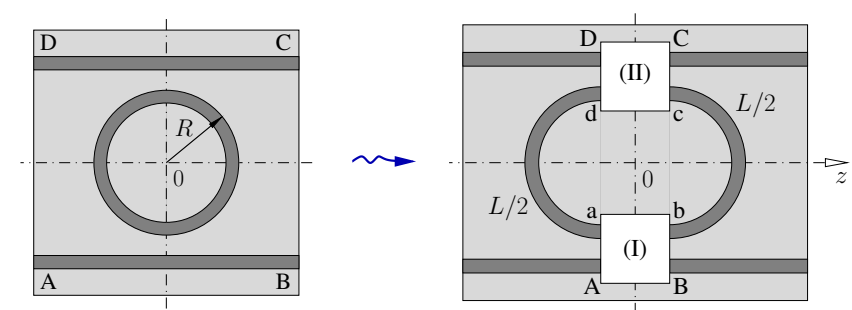
## Course overview

### Optical waveguide theory

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

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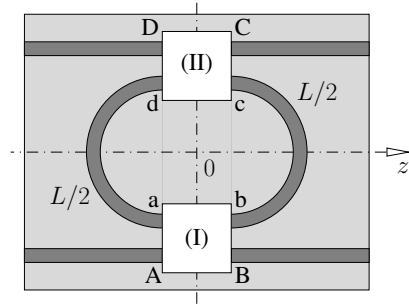
### Ringresonator: Abstract model



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

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## Couplers: Scattering matrices



- Uniform polarization, single mode waveguides.
- Linear, nonmagnetic (attenuating) elements.
- Backreflections are negligible.
- Interaction restricted to the couplers  $\leftrightarrow$  “port” definition.

→ Symmetric coupler scattering matrices :

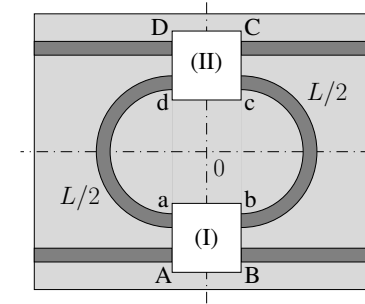
$$\begin{pmatrix} A_- \\ a_- \\ B_+ \\ b_+ \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \rho & \kappa \\ 0 & 0 & \chi & \tau \\ \rho & \chi & 0 & 0 \\ \kappa & \tau & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_+ \\ a_+ \\ B_- \\ b_- \end{pmatrix}$$

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

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## Coupler symmetries



Symmetry  $z \rightarrow -z$  :

$$A_+ \rightarrow b_+ \stackrel{!}{=} B_- \rightarrow a_-$$

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

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

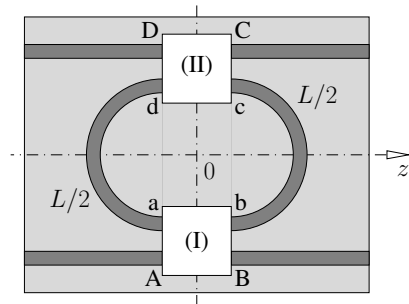
Symmetry  $x \rightarrow -x$ , (I) = (II) :

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

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## Cavity segments



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

$$\gamma = \beta - i\alpha,$$

$\beta$  : phase propagation constant,  
 $\alpha$  : attenuation constant.

( $\leftrightarrow$  bend modes, to come.)

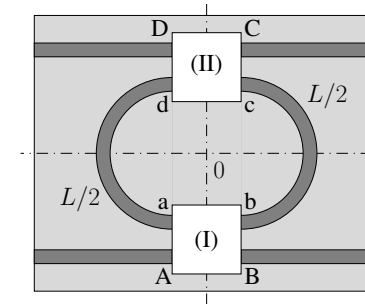
→ Relations of amplitudes at the ends of the cavity segments :

$$\begin{aligned} c_- &= b_+ e^{-i\beta L/2} e^{-\alpha L/2}, & a_+ &= d_- e^{-i\beta L/2} e^{-\alpha L/2}, \\ b_- &= c_+ e^{-i\beta L/2} e^{-\alpha L/2}, & d_+ &= a_- e^{-i\beta L/2} e^{-\alpha L/2}. \end{aligned}$$

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## Output amplitudes



Coupler scattering matrices

+ Cavity field evolution

+ External input amplitudes

$$A_+ = \sqrt{P_{\text{in}}},$$

$$B_- = C_- = D_+ = 0$$

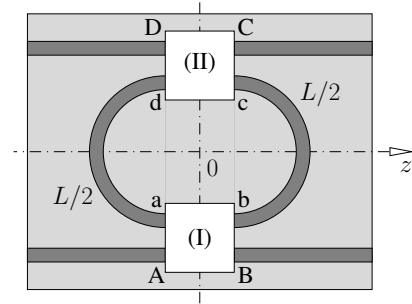
External output amplitudes :

$$\begin{aligned} A_- &= 0, & C_+ &= 0, & D_- &= \frac{\kappa^2 p}{1 - \tau^2 p^2} A_+, & B_+ &= \left( \rho + \frac{\kappa^2 \tau p^2}{1 - \tau^2 p^2} \right) A_+, \\ p &= e^{-i\beta L/2} e^{-\alpha L/2}. \end{aligned}$$

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## Power transfer



Power drop:  $P_D = |D_-|^2$ ,  
 Transmission:  $P_T = |B_+|^2$ .

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

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

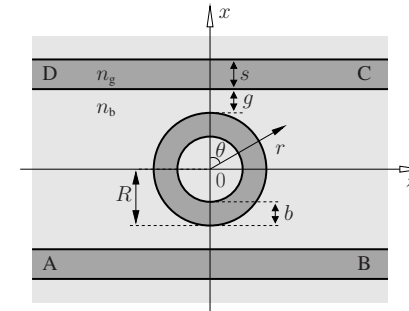
$$\tau =: |\tau| e^{i\varphi}, \quad d e^{i\psi} := \tau - \kappa^2/\rho, \quad L \neq 2\pi R.$$

## Resonances

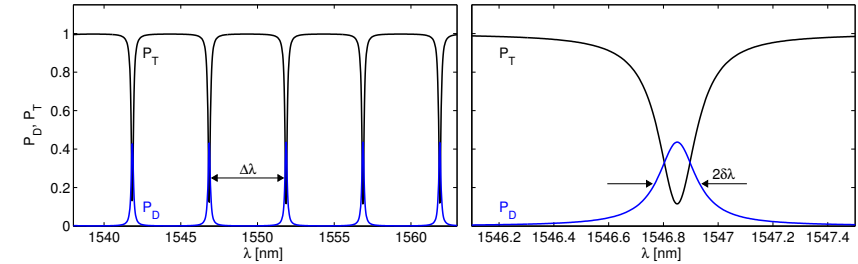
$$P_D = P_{in} \frac{|\kappa|^4 e^{-\alpha L}}{1 + |\tau|^4 e^{-2\alpha L} - 2|\tau|^2 e^{-\alpha L} \cos(\beta L - 2\varphi)} (\lambda)$$

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

## Spectral response



$R = 50 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $b = s = 1.0 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $g = 0.9 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $n_b = 1.45$ ,  $n_g = 1.60$ ; 2-D, TE.  
 $\Delta\lambda = 5.0 \text{ nm}$ ,  $2\delta\lambda = 0.17 \text{ nm}$ ,  
 $F = 30$ ,  $Q = 9400$ ,  $P_{D,\text{res}} = 0.44$ .



## Resonances

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

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

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

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

## Free spectral range

- Resonance next to  $\beta_m$ :

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

- $\partial_\lambda \beta = ?$

$q_j$ : waveguide parameters with dimension length,

$$\beta(a\lambda, aq_j) = \beta(\lambda, q_j)/a, \quad \partial_a \big|_{a=1}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial \lambda} = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \left( \beta + \sum_j q_j \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial q_j} \right) \approx -\frac{\beta}{\lambda}.$$

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

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

## Finesse & Q-factor

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

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

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

## Spectral width of the resonances

$$P_D = P_{\text{in}} \frac{|\kappa|^4 e^{-\alpha L}}{1 + |\tau|^4 e^{-2\alpha L} - 2|\tau|^2 e^{-\alpha L} \cos(\beta L_{\text{cav}} - \phi)},$$

$$P_D|_{\beta_m} = P_{D,\text{res}}.$$

$$P_D|_{\beta_m + \delta \beta} = P_{D,\text{res}}/2. \quad \delta \beta = ?$$

- Expansion of cos-terms

$$\hookrightarrow \delta \beta = \pm \frac{1}{L_{\text{cav}}} \left( \frac{1}{|\tau|} e^{\alpha L/2} - |\tau| e^{-\alpha L/2} \right) \approx -\frac{\beta_m}{\lambda} \delta \lambda$$

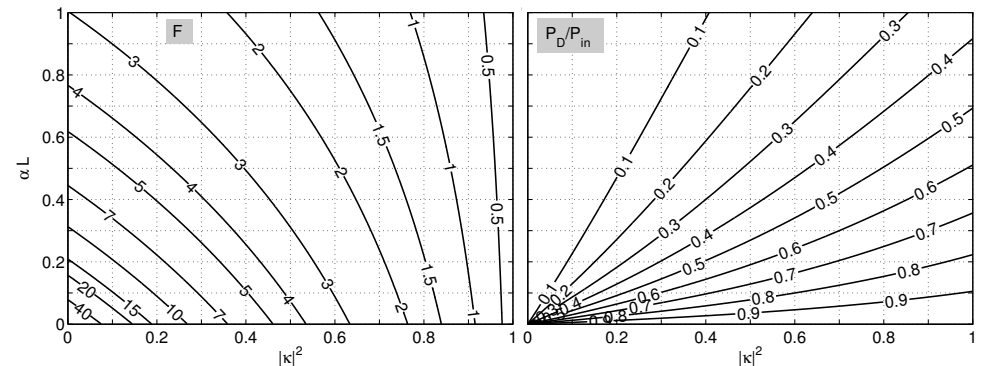
$$\text{FWHM:} \quad 2\delta \lambda = \frac{\lambda^2}{\pi L_{\text{cav}} n_{\text{eff}}} \bigg|_m \left( \frac{1}{|\tau|} e^{\alpha L/2} - |\tau| e^{-\alpha L/2} \right).$$

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

## Performance versus coupling strength & losses

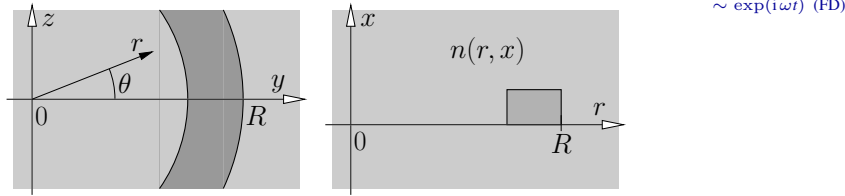
Assumption: Lossless coupler elements,  $|\rho|^2 = |\tau|^2 = 1 - |\kappa|^2$ .

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



$\alpha, \kappa = ?$

## Modes of bent waveguides



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

$$\left( \begin{matrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{matrix} \right) (r, \theta, x) = \left( \begin{matrix} \bar{\mathbf{E}} \\ \bar{\mathbf{H}} \end{matrix} \right) (r, x) e^{-i\gamma R\theta}, \quad \text{bend modes,}$$

$\bar{\mathbf{E}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}$ : bend mode profile, components  $\bar{E}_r, \bar{E}_\theta, \bar{E}_x, \bar{H}_r, \bar{H}_\theta, \bar{H}_x$ ,

$\gamma = \beta - i\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ : propagation constant,

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

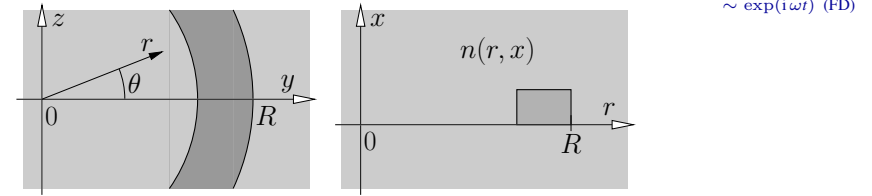
$\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ : attenuation constant.

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



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## Modes of bent waveguides



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

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

& continuity conditions at interfaces (cylindrical coordinates),

& boundary conditions:

regularity at  $r = 0$ , outgoing waves at  $x = \pm\infty$ ,  $r = \infty$ .

(or: normalizability versus  $x$ .)

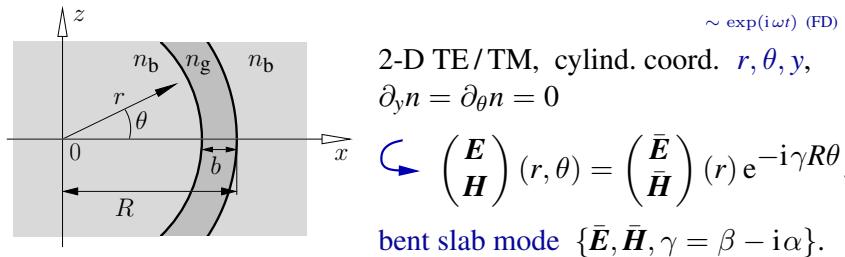
Vectorial 3-D bend mode eigenvalue problem.

(Practical setting: computational domain  $r_1 < r < r_0$ ,  $x_b < x < x_t$ , PML boundary conditions /  $\psi = 0$  at  $r = r_1$ .)



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## Modes of bent slab waveguides



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

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

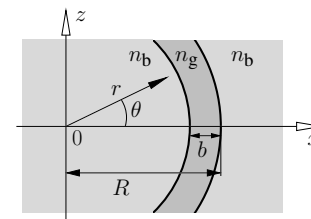
(Bessel differential equation with (complex) order  $\gamma R$ .)

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

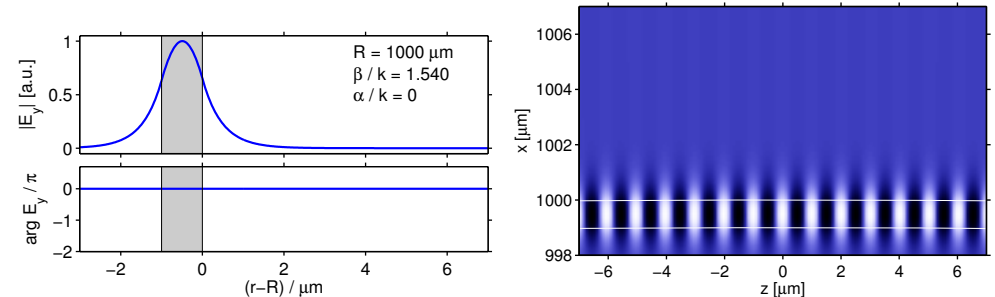


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## Bend modes, 2-D examples



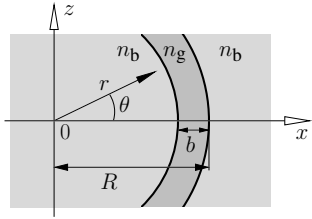
2-D, TE,  
 $n_b = 1.45$ ,  $n_g = 1.60$ ,  $b = 1.0 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\lambda = 1.55 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $R = 1000 \mu\text{m}$ .



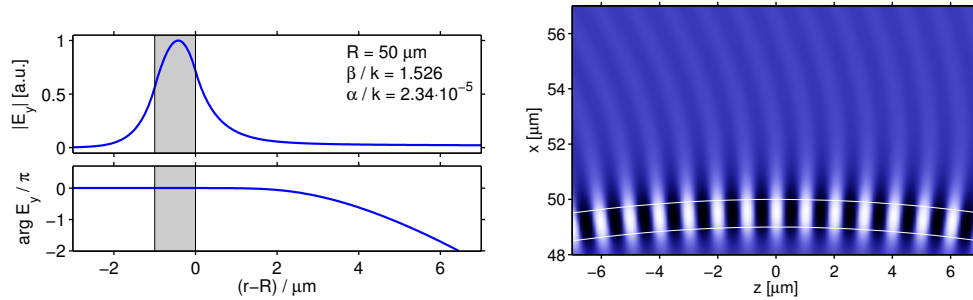
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## Bend modes, 2-D examples

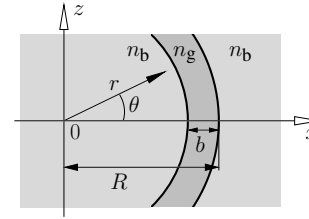


2-D, TE,  
 $n_b = 1.45$ ,  $n_g = 1.60$ ,  $b = 1.0 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\lambda = 1.55 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $R = 50 \mu\text{m}$ .

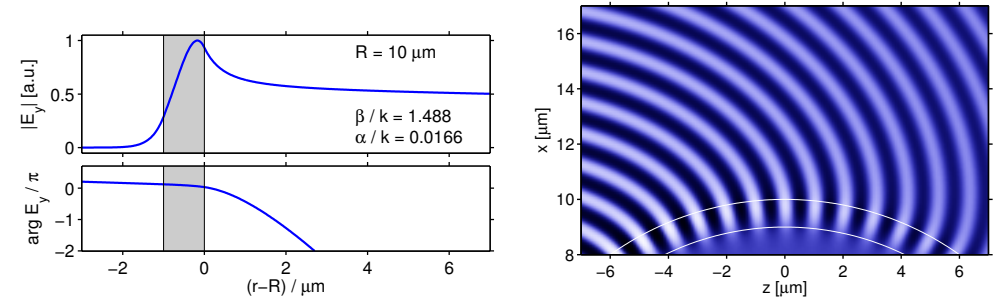


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## Bend modes, 2-D examples

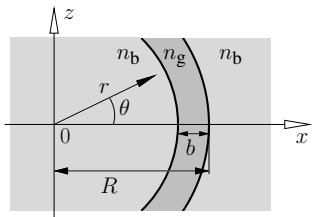


2-D, TE,  
 $n_b = 1.45$ ,  $n_g = 1.60$ ,  $b = 1.0 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\lambda = 1.55 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $R = 10 \mu\text{m}$ .

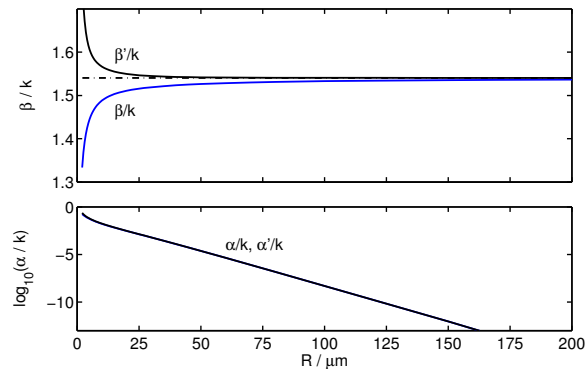


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## Propagation constant vs. bend radius



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



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

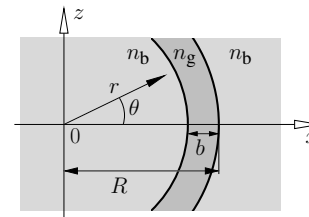
Identical physical fields

$$\gamma' R' = \gamma R,$$

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

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## Power & orthogonality



2-D TE/TM bend modes:

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

$$\int_0^\infty S_\theta(r) dr < \infty \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \text{power normalization.}$$

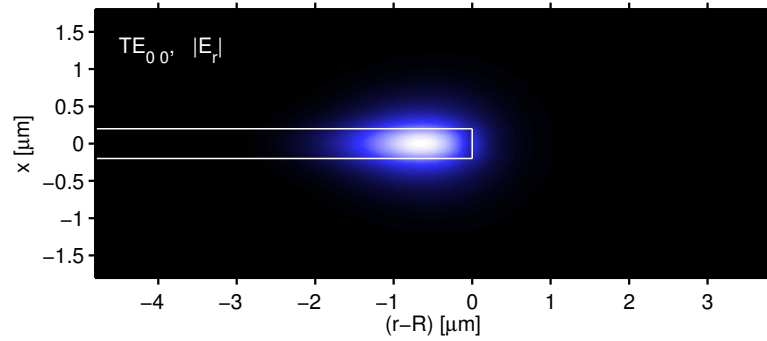
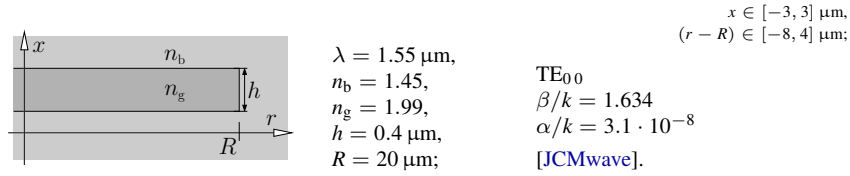
- Orthogonality of nondegenerate bend modes, product

$$[E_1, H_1; E_2, H_2] = \int_0^\infty (E_1 \times H_2 + E_2 \times H_1) \cdot e_\theta dr.$$

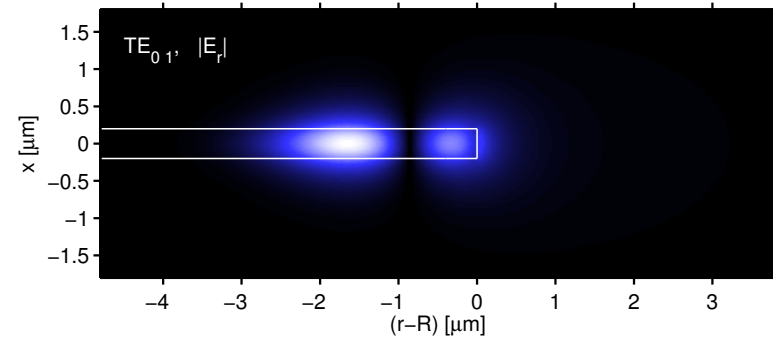
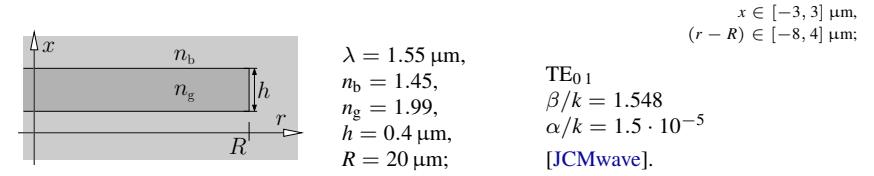
(Here  $[\cdot, \cdot, \cdot]$  is complex valued.)  
 (Expressions  $\sim \phi^2/r \longleftrightarrow$  convergence of the integrals.)

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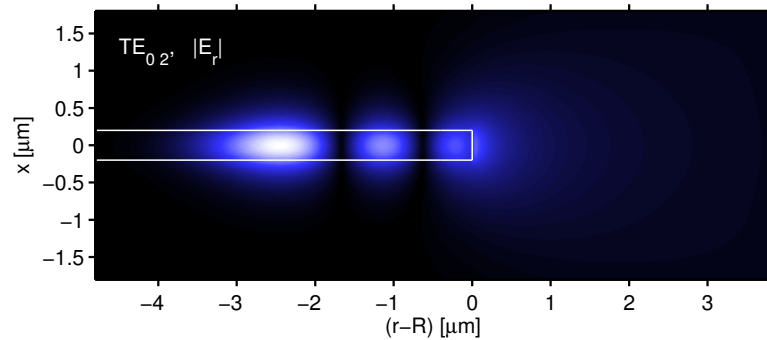
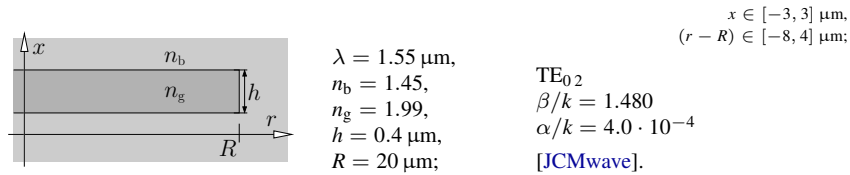
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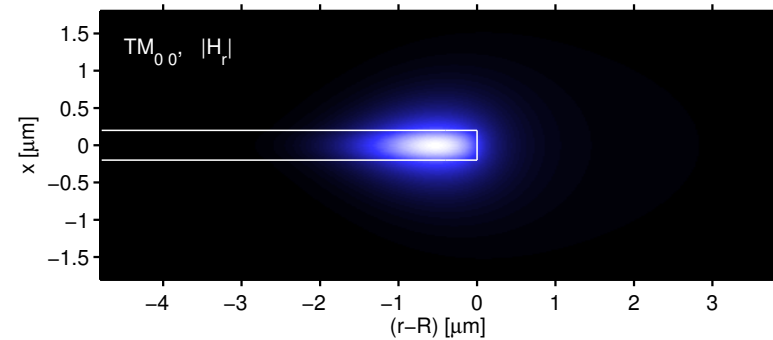
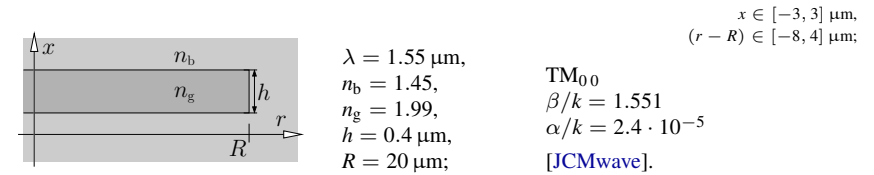
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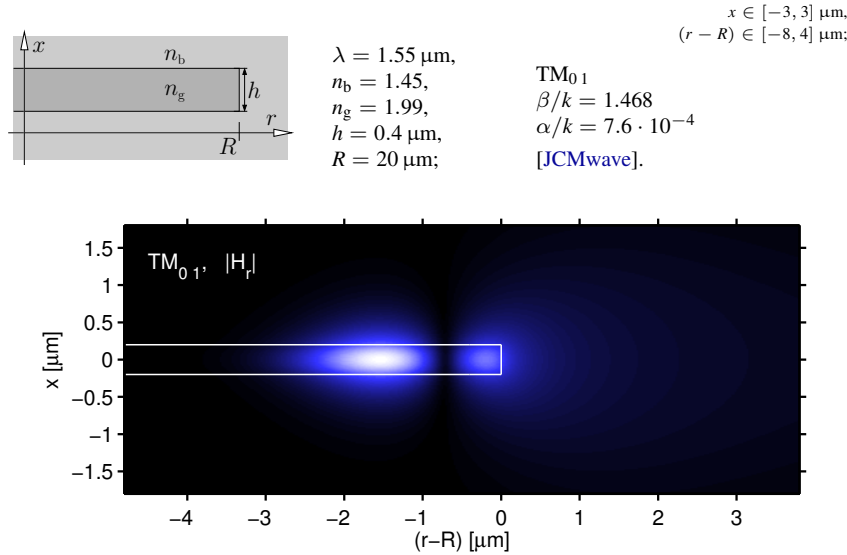
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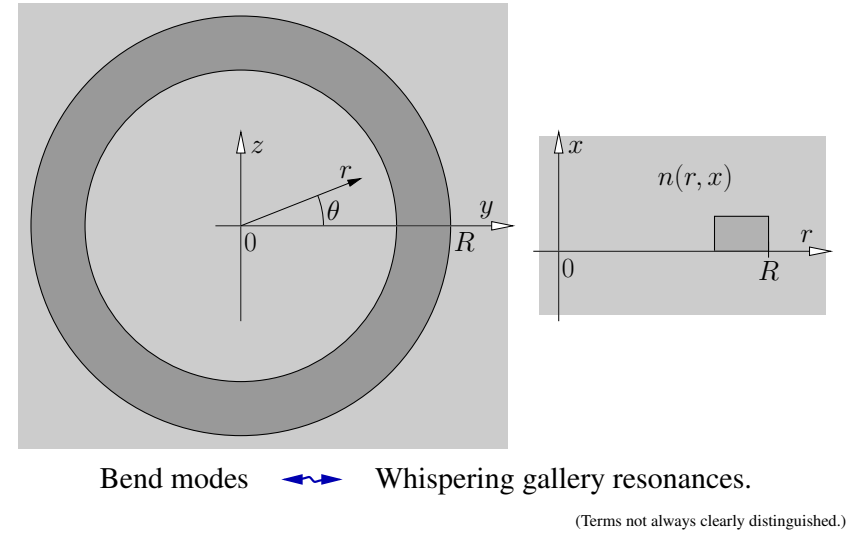


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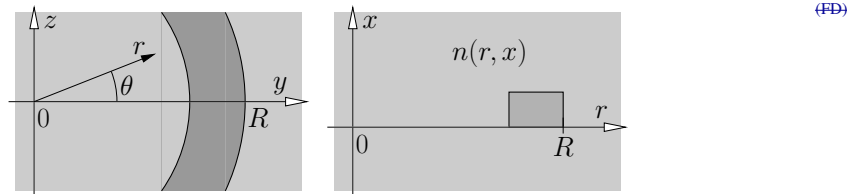
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## Circular microcavity



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## Whispering gallery resonances



(FD)

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

$$\left( \begin{matrix} E \\ H \end{matrix} \right) (r, \theta, x, t) = \left( \begin{matrix} \tilde{E} \\ \tilde{H} \end{matrix} \right) (r, x) e^{i\omega_c t - im\theta}, \quad +c.c.$$

$\tilde{E}, \tilde{H}$ : **WGM profile**, components  $\tilde{E}_r, \tilde{E}_\theta, \tilde{E}_x, \tilde{H}_r, \tilde{H}_\theta, \tilde{H}_x$ ,

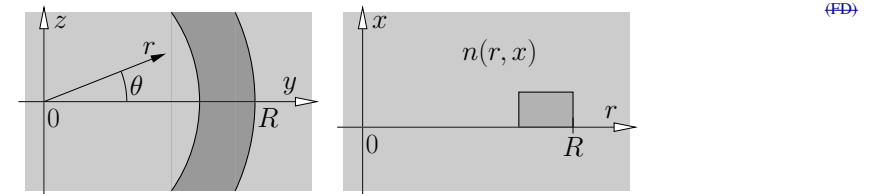
$m \in \mathbb{Z}$ : **angular order**,

$\omega_c = \omega'_c + i\omega''_c \in \mathbb{C}$ : **eigenfrequency**,  $\omega'_c, \omega''_c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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

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## Whispering gallery resonances



(FD)

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

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

& continuity conditions at interfaces (cylindrical coordinates),

& boundary conditions:

regularity at  $r = 0$ , outgoing waves at  $x = \pm\infty$ ,  $r = \infty$ .

(or: normalizability versus  $x$ .)

**Vectorial eigenproblem for whispering gallery resonances.**

(Practical setting: computational domain  $r_1 < r < r_0$ ,  $x_b < x < x_t$ , PML boundary conditions /  $\psi = 0$  at  $r = r_1$ .)

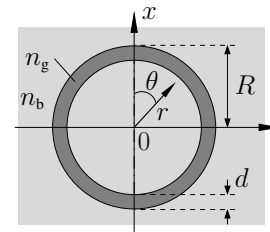
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## 2-D whispering gallery resonances

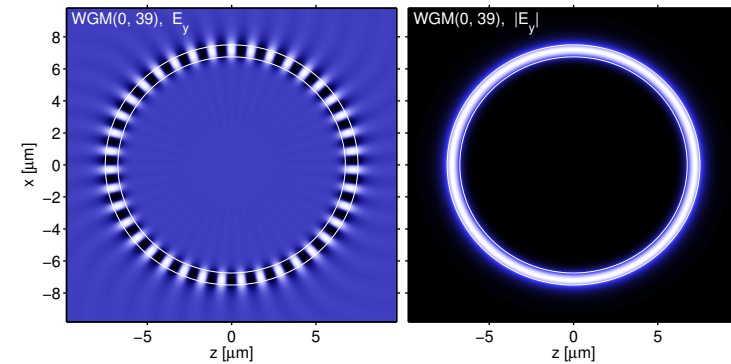
... as discussed for the 2-D TE/TM bend modes.

(WGMs: Bessel differential equation of integer order.)  
(Notation:  $\text{WGM}(\rho, m)$  — mode of radial order  $\rho$  and angular order  $m$ .)

## 2-D whispering gallery resonances

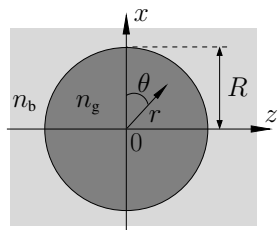


TE,  $R = 7.5 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $d = 0.75 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $n_g = 1.5$ ,  $n_b = 1.0$ .  
WGM(0, 39):  
 $\lambda_r = 1.5637 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $Q = 1.1 \cdot 10^5$ ,  $2\delta\lambda = 1.4 \cdot 10^{-5} \mu\text{m}$ .

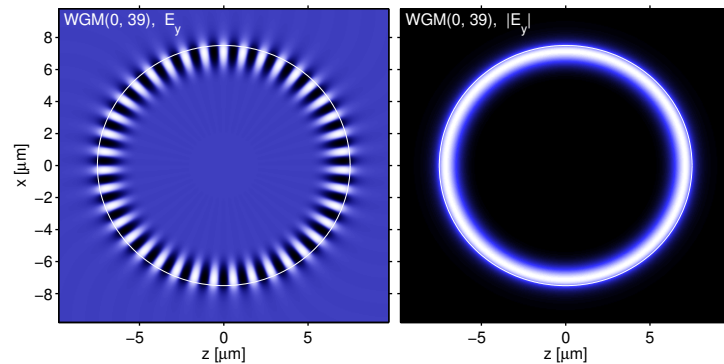


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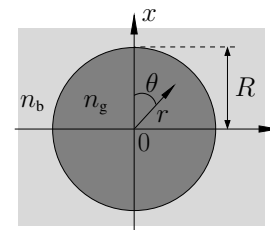


TE,  $R = 7.5 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $n_g = 1.5$ ,  $n_b = 1.0$ .  
WGM(0, 39):  
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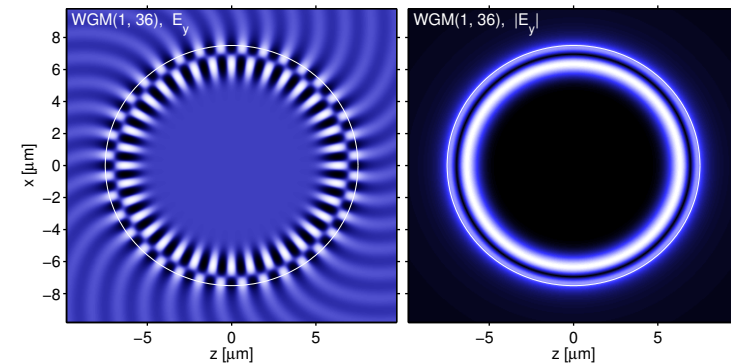


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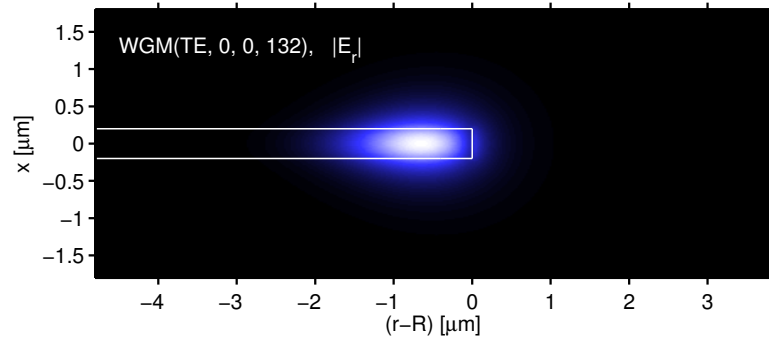
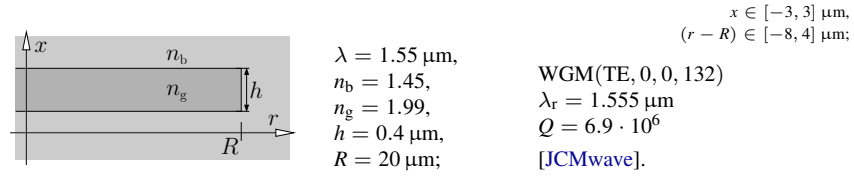


TE,  $R = 7.5 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $n_g = 1.5$ ,  $n_b = 1.0$ .  
WGM(1, 36):  
 $\lambda_r = 1.5367 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $Q = 2.2 \cdot 10^3$ ,  $2\delta\lambda = 7.0 \cdot 10^{-4} \mu\text{m}$ .

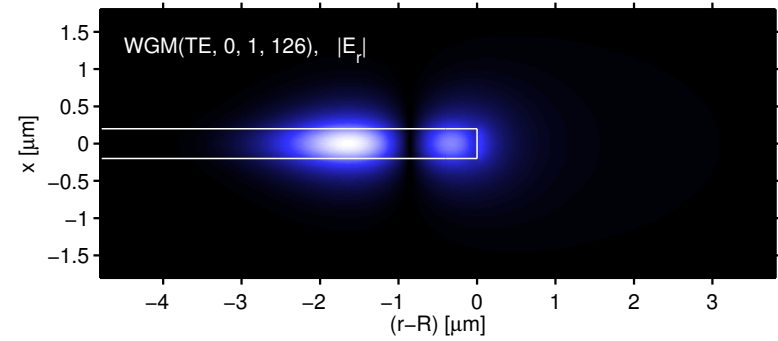
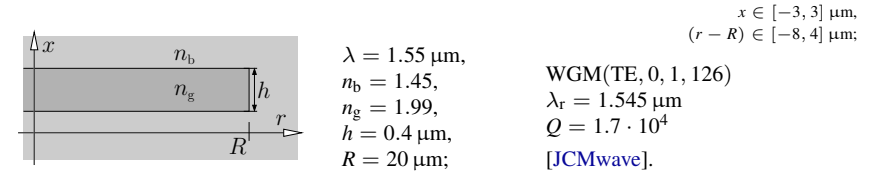


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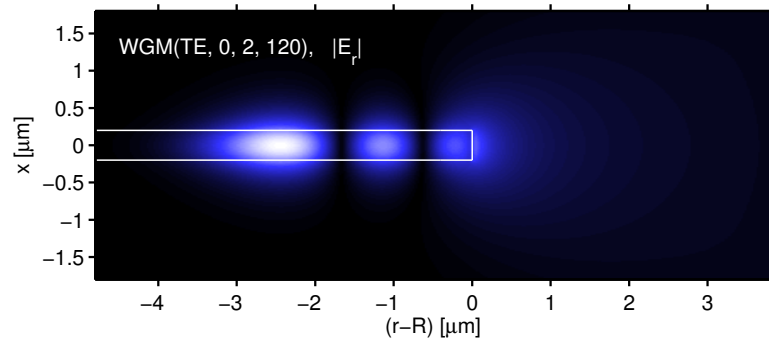
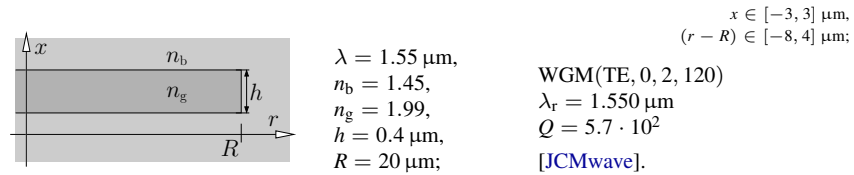
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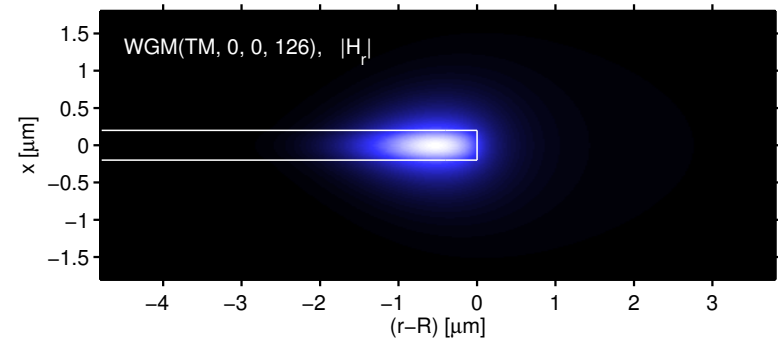
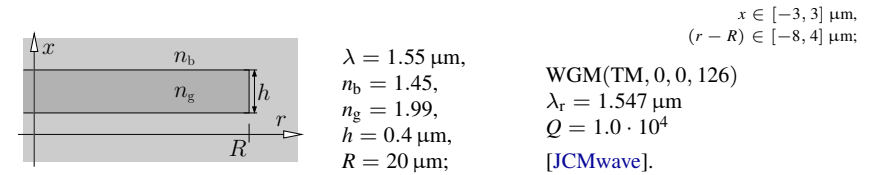
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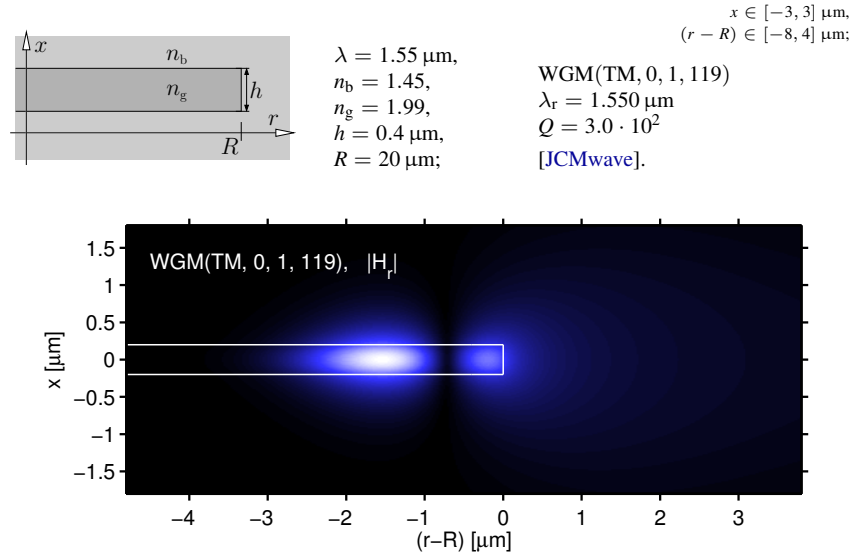
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## WGMs supported by a circular slab disc



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## Bend modes versus whispering gallery resonances

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

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

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

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

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

Look at a resonant low-loss configuration:

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

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## Course overview

### Optical waveguide theory

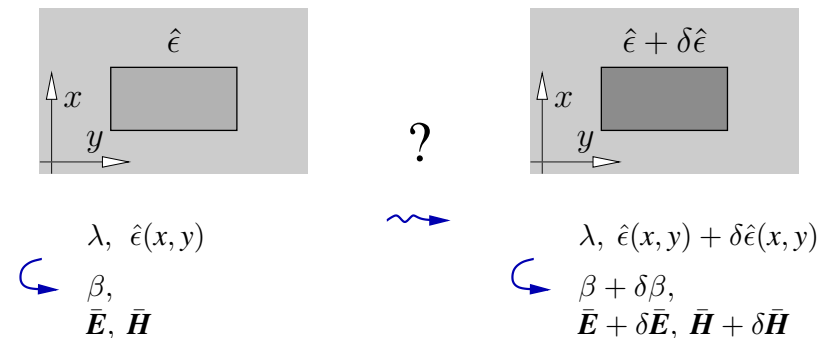
- A Photonics / integrated optics; theory, motto; phenomena, introductory examples.
- B Brush up on mathematical tools.
- C Maxwell equations, different formulations, interfaces, energy and power flow.
- D Classes of simulation tasks: scattering problems, mode analysis, resonance problems.
- E Normal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

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## Perturbations of single modes

$\sim \exp(i\omega t)$  (FD)



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## A functional for guided modes of 3-D dielectric waveguides

(→ Exercise.)

- $$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix}(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{E}} \\ \bar{\mathbf{H}} \end{pmatrix}(x, y) e^{-i\beta z}, \quad \beta \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{E}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}} \rightarrow 0 \text{ for } x, y \rightarrow \pm\infty.$$

- $$(\mathbf{C} + i\beta\mathbf{R})\bar{\mathbf{E}} = -i\omega\mu_0\bar{\mathbf{H}}, \quad (\mathbf{C} + i\beta\mathbf{R})\bar{\mathbf{H}} = i\omega\epsilon_0\bar{\mathbf{E}},$$

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

- $$\mathcal{B}_{\hat{\epsilon}}(\bar{\mathbf{E}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}) := \frac{\omega\epsilon_0\langle\bar{\mathbf{E}}, \hat{\epsilon}\bar{\mathbf{E}}\rangle + \omega\mu_0\langle\bar{\mathbf{H}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}\rangle + i\langle\bar{\mathbf{E}}, \mathbf{C}\bar{\mathbf{H}}\rangle - i\langle\bar{\mathbf{H}}, \mathbf{C}\bar{\mathbf{E}}\rangle}{\langle\bar{\mathbf{E}}, \mathbf{R}\bar{\mathbf{H}}\rangle - \langle\bar{\mathbf{H}}, \mathbf{R}\bar{\mathbf{E}}\rangle},$$

$$\langle\bar{\mathbf{F}}, \bar{\mathbf{G}}\rangle = \iint \bar{\mathbf{F}}^* \cdot \bar{\mathbf{G}} \, dx \, dy.$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{\hat{\epsilon}}(\bar{\mathbf{E}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}) = \beta \quad (*), \quad \left. \frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{B}_{\hat{\epsilon}}(\bar{\mathbf{E}} + s\bar{\mathbf{F}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}} + s\bar{\mathbf{G}}) \right|_{s=0} = 0 \quad (**)$$

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

(\*): “arbitrary”  $\hat{\epsilon}$ .  
(\*\*): Hermitian  $\hat{\epsilon}$ .

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## Small uniform change in refractive index



- $$n \longrightarrow n + \delta n \text{ on } \square, \quad n, \delta n \text{ constant on } \square$$

$$\beta \longrightarrow \beta + \delta\beta, \quad \delta\beta = \frac{\omega\epsilon_0 n \iint_{\square} |\bar{\mathbf{E}}|^2 \, dx \, dy}{\operatorname{Re} \iint_{\square} (\bar{E}_x^* \bar{H}_y - \bar{E}_y^* \bar{H}_x) \, dx \, dy} \delta n.$$

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

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## Perturbations of single modes

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

- Investigate parameters  $\lambda, \hat{\epsilon} + \delta\hat{\epsilon}$ , for a “small” change  $\delta\hat{\epsilon}$ :

$$\mathcal{B}_{\hat{\epsilon} + \delta\hat{\epsilon}}(\bar{\mathbf{E}} + \delta\bar{\mathbf{E}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}} + \delta\bar{\mathbf{H}}) = \beta + \delta\beta$$

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

$$\delta(\cdot)\delta(\cdot)$$

$$\delta\beta = \frac{\omega\epsilon_0\langle\bar{\mathbf{E}}, \delta\hat{\epsilon}\bar{\mathbf{E}}\rangle}{\langle\bar{\mathbf{E}}, \mathbf{R}\bar{\mathbf{H}}\rangle - \langle\bar{\mathbf{H}}, \mathbf{R}\bar{\mathbf{E}}\rangle}, \quad \text{or} \quad \delta\beta = \frac{\omega\epsilon_0 \iint \bar{\mathbf{E}}^* \cdot \delta\hat{\epsilon} \bar{\mathbf{E}} \, dx \, dy}{2 \operatorname{Re} \iint (\bar{E}_x^* \bar{H}_y - \bar{E}_y^* \bar{H}_x) \, dx \, dy}.$$

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

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## Small attenuation



- $$n \longrightarrow n - in'' \text{ on } \square, \quad n, n'' \text{ constant on } \square, n, n'' \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\beta \longrightarrow \beta + \delta\beta, \quad \delta\beta = \frac{-i\omega\epsilon_0 n \iint_{\square} |\bar{\mathbf{E}}|^2 \, dx \, dy}{\operatorname{Re} \iint_{\square} (\bar{E}_x^* \bar{H}_y - \bar{E}_y^* \bar{H}_x) \, dx \, dy} n''.$$

( $\delta\epsilon = -i2nn''$ ).  
(Different attenuation for each mode.)  
(Damping, power, plane wave:  $\sim \exp(-2kn''z)$ , mode:  $\not\sim \exp(-2kn''z)$ .)

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## Small anisotropy



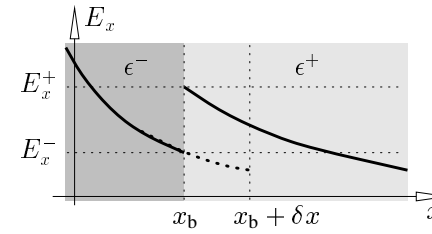
- $\epsilon\hat{1} \rightarrow \epsilon\hat{1} + \delta\epsilon\hat{1}$  on  $\square$ ,  $\epsilon, \delta\epsilon$  constant on  $\square$

$$\beta \rightarrow \beta + \delta\beta, \quad \delta\beta = \frac{\omega\epsilon_0 \iint_{\square} \bar{\mathbf{E}}^* \cdot \delta\epsilon \bar{\mathbf{E}} \, dx \, dy}{2 \operatorname{Re} \iint_{\square} (\bar{E}_x^* \bar{H}_y - \bar{E}_y^* \bar{H}_x) \, dx \, dy}.$$

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

## Small displacements of dielectric interfaces

Interface displacement  $\leftrightarrow$  Locally *strong* thin layer perturbation.  
Field discontinuity  $\rightarrow$  Previous expressions are not directly applicable.



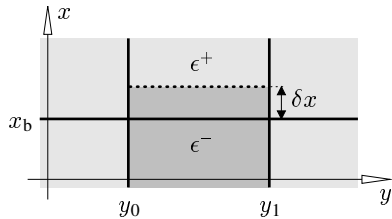
- $\epsilon^- \neq \epsilon^+$ ,  
shift of interface  
 $x_b \rightarrow x_b + \delta x$ .

- Reposition discontinuity in field:  $E_x \rightarrow E_x + \delta E_x$ ,  
$$\delta E_x(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\epsilon^+ - \epsilon^-}{\epsilon^-} E_x(x, y), & \text{for } x_b < x < x_b + \delta x, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- Use functional with locally modified field

$\dots$  (omitted)  $\dots$

## Small displacements of dielectric interfaces

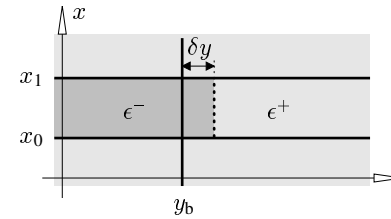


- Displacement of the interface at  $x_b$  between  $y_0$  and  $y_1$  by  $\delta x$ :

$$\beta \rightarrow \beta + \delta\beta,$$

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

## Small displacements of dielectric interfaces



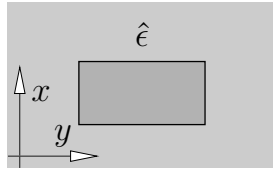
- Displacement of the interface at  $y_b$  between  $x_0$  and  $x_1$  by  $\delta y$ :

$$\beta \rightarrow \beta + \delta\beta,$$

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

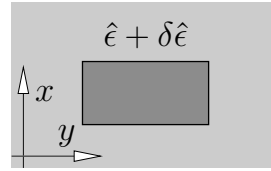


## Perturbations of single modes



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

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



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

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

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

## Small shift of frequency or vacuum wavelength

(\*) : Explicit frequency dependence of  $\mathcal{B}$  & dependence through  $\hat{\epsilon}$ .

(\*\*) : Frequency dependence of  $\bar{\mathbf{E}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}$ .

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

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial\beta}{\partial\omega} &= \frac{\partial\mathcal{B}_{\hat{\epsilon}}}{\partial\omega} (*) + \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \mathcal{B}_{\hat{\epsilon}}\left(\omega; \bar{\mathbf{E}} + s \frac{\partial\bar{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial\omega}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}\right) \Big|_{s=0} (**) \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \mathcal{B}_{\hat{\epsilon}}\left(\omega; \bar{\mathbf{E}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}} + s \frac{\partial\bar{\mathbf{H}}}{\partial\omega}\right) \Big|_{s=0} (**) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\partial\mathcal{B}_{\hat{\epsilon}}}{\partial\omega},$$

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

$$\frac{\partial\beta}{\partial\omega} = \frac{\iint (\epsilon_0 \bar{\mathbf{E}}^* \cdot \frac{\partial(\omega\hat{\epsilon})}{\partial\omega} \bar{\mathbf{E}} + \mu_0 |\bar{\mathbf{H}}|^2) dx dy}{2 \operatorname{Re} \iint (\bar{E}_x^* \bar{H}_y - \bar{E}_y^* \bar{H}_x) dx dy}.$$

## Small shift of frequency or vacuum wavelength

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

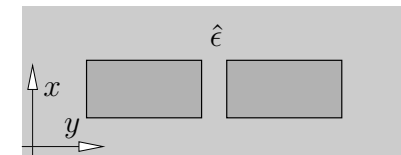
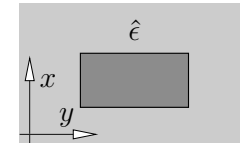
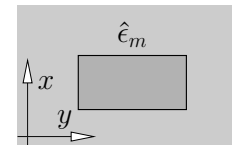
$$\frac{\partial\beta}{\partial\omega} = \frac{\iint (\epsilon_0 \bar{\mathbf{E}}^* \cdot \hat{\epsilon} \bar{\mathbf{E}} + \mu_0 |\bar{\mathbf{H}}|^2) dx dy}{2 \operatorname{Re} \iint (\bar{E}_x^* \bar{H}_y - \bar{E}_y^* \bar{H}_x) dx dy},$$

$$\frac{\partial\beta}{\partial\lambda} = -\frac{\pi c}{\lambda^2} \frac{\iint (\epsilon_0 \bar{\mathbf{E}}^* \cdot \hat{\epsilon} \bar{\mathbf{E}} + \mu_0 |\bar{\mathbf{H}}|^2) dx dy}{\operatorname{Re} \iint (\bar{E}_x^* \bar{H}_y - \bar{E}_y^* \bar{H}_x) dx dy}.$$

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

## Coupled mode theory (CMT)

$\sim \exp(i\omega t)$  (FD)



$$\{\hat{\epsilon}_m; \beta_m, (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_m, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m)\}$$

?

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix} (x, y, z)$$

(Next: One of many variants of approaches to CMT.)

(Propagation & interaction of basis fields along a common propagation coordinate.)

[D.G. Hall, B.J. Thompson, *Selected papers on Coupled-Mode Theory in Guided-Wave Optics*, SPIE Milestone series MS 84 (1993)]

(Codirectional coupling (here), versus contradirectional coupling, coupling to radiation modes, nonlinear coupling.)

(Hybrid variant (HCMT): separate lecture.)

## Coupled mode theory (CMT)

- Investigate a permittivity  $\hat{\epsilon}$ , look for fields  $\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}$  with  

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -i\omega\mu_0\mathbf{H}, \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = i\omega\epsilon_0\hat{\epsilon}\mathbf{E}.$$

( $\hat{\epsilon}(x, y, z)$ , in general.)
- Available: A set of fields  $\{\mathbf{E}_m, \mathbf{H}_m\}$  for permittivities  $\hat{\epsilon}_m = \hat{\epsilon}_m^\dagger$ ;  

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E}_m = -i\omega\mu_0\mathbf{H}_m, \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{H}_m = i\omega\epsilon_0\hat{\epsilon}_m\mathbf{E}_m.$$

(Not necessarily “modes”.)
- Assume that  $(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H})$  can be well approximated by  

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix}(x, y, z) \approx \sum_m C_m(z) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E}_m \\ \mathbf{H}_m \end{pmatrix}(x, y, z),$$

$C_m$ : unknown amplitudes, common propagation coordinate  $z$ .  
(Choose  $\hat{\epsilon}_m$  as close as possible to  $\hat{\epsilon}$ .)

## Coupled mode theory (CMT)

- (Starting point: a “reciprocity identity”.)
- $$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{H} \times \mathbf{E}_l^* - \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}_l^*) = i\omega\epsilon_0\mathbf{E}_l^* \cdot (\hat{\epsilon} - \hat{\epsilon}_l)\mathbf{E}.$$
- (Insert CMT ansatz for  $\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}$ .)
- ...
- ( $\iint dx dy$ , assume  $\mathbf{E}_m, \mathbf{H}_m \rightarrow 0$  for  $x, y \rightarrow \pm\infty$ .)
- ...
- (Apply identity  $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{H}_m \times \mathbf{E}_l^* - \mathbf{E}_m \times \mathbf{H}_l^*) = i\omega\epsilon_0\mathbf{E}_l^* \cdot (\hat{\epsilon}_m - \hat{\epsilon}_l)\mathbf{E}_m$ .)
- ...
- ( $\iint dx dy$ , assume  $\mathbf{E}_m, \mathbf{H}_m \rightarrow 0$  for  $x, y \rightarrow \pm\infty$ .)
- ...
- (Manipulate, arrange terms, tidy up.)

$$\mathbf{O} \partial_z \mathbf{C} = -i\mathbf{K}\mathbf{C}, \quad \text{coupled mode equations.}$$

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

$$o_{lm} = \frac{1}{4} \iint (\mathbf{E}_l^* \times \mathbf{H}_m - \mathbf{H}_l^* \times \mathbf{E}_m)_z dx dy = (\mathbf{E}_l, \mathbf{H}_l; \mathbf{E}_m, \mathbf{H}_m),$$

$$k_{lm} = \frac{\omega\epsilon_0}{4} \iint \mathbf{E}_l \cdot (\hat{\epsilon} - \hat{\epsilon}_m)\mathbf{E}_m dx dy.$$

## Coupled mode theory (CMT)

- (Starting point: a “reciprocity identity”.)
- $$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{H} \times \mathbf{E}_l^* - \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}_l^*) = i\omega\epsilon_0\mathbf{E}_l^* \cdot (\hat{\epsilon} - \hat{\epsilon}_l)\mathbf{E}.$$
- (Insert CMT ansatz for  $\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}$ .)
- ...
- ( $\iint dx dy$ , assume  $\mathbf{E}_m, \mathbf{H}_m \rightarrow 0$  for  $x, y \rightarrow \pm\infty$ .)
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- ...
- (Manipulate, arrange terms, tidy up.)

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

$$o_{lm} = \frac{1}{4} \iint (\mathbf{E}_l^* \times \mathbf{H}_m - \mathbf{H}_l^* \times \mathbf{E}_m)_z dx dy = (\mathbf{E}_l, \mathbf{H}_l; \mathbf{E}_m, \mathbf{H}_m),$$

$$k_{lm} = \frac{\omega\epsilon_0}{4} \iint \mathbf{E}_l \cdot (\hat{\epsilon} - \hat{\epsilon}_m)\mathbf{E}_m dx dy.$$

## Coupled mode theory (CMT)

- (Variational derivation of CMT equations.)
- $$\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) = \iiint \left\{ \mathbf{H}^* \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) - \mathbf{E}^* \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) + i\omega\mu_0\mathbf{H}^* \cdot \mathbf{H} + i\omega\epsilon_0\mathbf{E}^* \cdot \hat{\epsilon}\mathbf{E} \right\} dx dy dz,$$
- $$\delta\mathcal{F} = 0 \quad \forall \delta\mathbf{E}, \delta\mathbf{H} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -i\omega\mu_0\mathbf{H}, \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = i\omega\epsilon_0\hat{\epsilon}\mathbf{E}.$$
- (Restrict  $\mathcal{F}$  to the CMT ansatz for  $\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H} \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{F}_c(\mathbf{C})$ , require  $\delta\mathcal{F}_c = 0 \quad \forall \delta\mathbf{C}$ .)
- ...
- ( $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{H}_m \times \mathbf{E}_l^* - \mathbf{E}_m \times \mathbf{H}_l^*) = i\omega\epsilon_0\mathbf{E}_l^* \cdot (\hat{\epsilon}_m - \hat{\epsilon}_l)\mathbf{E}_m$ ,  $\iint dx dy$ ,  $\mathbf{E}_m, \mathbf{H}_m \rightarrow 0$  for  $x, y \rightarrow \pm\infty$ .)
- ...
- (Manipulate, arrange terms, tidy up.)

$$\mathbf{O} \partial_z \mathbf{C} = -i\mathbf{K}\mathbf{C}, \quad \text{coupled mode equations.}$$

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

$$o_{lm} = \frac{1}{4} \iint (\mathbf{E}_l^* \times \mathbf{H}_m - \mathbf{H}_l^* \times \mathbf{E}_m)_z dx dy = (\mathbf{E}_l, \mathbf{H}_l; \mathbf{E}_m, \mathbf{H}_m),$$

$$k_{lm} = \frac{\omega\epsilon_0}{4} \iint \mathbf{E}_l \cdot (\hat{\epsilon} - \hat{\epsilon}_m)\mathbf{E}_m dx dy.$$

## Coupled mode equations

$$\dots$$

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

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

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## Longitudinally constant structures, coupled mode equations

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

$$\hookrightarrow \mathbf{S} \partial_z \mathbf{c} = -i(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{Q}) \mathbf{c}, \quad \mathbf{c} = (c_m), \quad \mathbf{S} = (\sigma_{lm}), \quad \mathbf{B} = (b_{lm}), \quad \mathbf{Q} = (\kappa_{lm}).$$

$$\sigma_{lm} = \frac{1}{4} \iint (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_l^* \times \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m - \bar{\mathbf{H}}_l^* \times \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m)_z dx dy = (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_l, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_l; \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m),$$

$$\kappa_{lm} = \frac{\omega \epsilon_0}{8} \iint \bar{\mathbf{E}}_l \cdot (\delta \hat{\epsilon}_l + \delta \hat{\epsilon}_m) \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m dx dy, \quad b_{lm} = \sigma_{lm} \frac{\beta_l + \beta_m}{2},$$

$$\delta \hat{\epsilon}_m = \hat{\epsilon} - \hat{\epsilon}_m,$$

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- $\kappa_{lm}$ : **coupling coefficients**.
- $\partial_z \hat{\epsilon} = \partial_z \hat{\epsilon}_m = 0 \rightsquigarrow \partial_z \sigma_{lm} = \partial_z b_{lm} = \partial_z \kappa_{lm} = 0$ .

(ODEs with constant coefficients.)

... quasi-analytical solutions.

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## CMT for longitudinally homogeneous structures

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

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

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

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

$$\hookrightarrow \dots$$

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

(Symmetrize coefficients.)

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

$$\sigma_{lm} = \frac{1}{4} \iint (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_l^* \times \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m - \bar{\mathbf{H}}_l^* \times \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m)_z dx dy = (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_l, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_l; \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m),$$

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$$\delta \hat{\epsilon}_m = \hat{\epsilon} - \hat{\epsilon}_m,$$

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## Longitudinally constant structures, coupled mode equations

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$$\delta \hat{\epsilon}_m = \hat{\epsilon} - \hat{\epsilon}_m,$$

- $\sigma_{ml}^* = \sigma_{lm}, \quad b_{ml}^* = b_{lm}; \quad \kappa_{ml}^* = \kappa_{lm}, \quad \text{if } \hat{\epsilon}^\dagger = \hat{\epsilon}, \quad \hat{\epsilon}_m^\dagger = \hat{\epsilon}_m,$   
 $\mathbf{S}^\dagger = \mathbf{S}, \quad \mathbf{B}^\dagger = \mathbf{B}; \quad \mathbf{Q}^\dagger = \mathbf{Q}, \quad \text{if } \hat{\epsilon}^\dagger = \hat{\epsilon}, \quad \hat{\epsilon}_m^\dagger = \hat{\epsilon}_m.$

- Power:  $P = (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}; \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}) = \sum_{l,m} c_l^* (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_l, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_l; \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m) c_m = \mathbf{c}^* \cdot \mathbf{S} \mathbf{c}$

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

(For lossless waveguides the scheme is power conservative.)

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## Longitudinally constant structures, formal solution

$$S \partial_z \mathbf{c} = -i(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{Q})\mathbf{c}, \quad \partial_z \mathbf{S} = \partial_z \mathbf{B} = \partial_z \mathbf{Q} = 0.$$

Ansatz:  $\mathbf{c}(z) = \mathbf{a} e^{-ibz}$ ,  $\mathbf{a}, b$  constants.

↪  $(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{Q})\mathbf{a} = b \mathbf{S} \mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{a}$  generalized eigenvalue problem.  
(Dimension: number of basis modes included.)

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

↪ “supermodes”  $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix}(x, y, z) = \left( \sum_m a_m \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m \\ \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m \end{pmatrix}(x, y) \right) e^{-ibz}$ .  
(Superpositions of the original mode profiles with constant coefficients.)  
(As many supermodes as there are basis modes.)  
(Formalism can be continued: power/orthogonality of supermodes...)

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## Longitudinally constant structures, two coupled modes

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

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

$$\sigma_{lm} = (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_l, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_l; \bar{\mathbf{E}}_m, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_m) = \delta_{lm} P_0. \quad (\text{Orthogonal modes, uniform normalization } P_m = P_0.)$$

(Or: apply inverse of S to CM equations, continue with redefined expressions for  $\beta_m, \kappa_{lm}$ .)

↪  $\begin{pmatrix} \partial_z c_1 \\ \partial_z c_2 \end{pmatrix} = -i \begin{pmatrix} \beta'_1 & \kappa \\ \kappa^* & \beta'_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \beta'_l = \beta_l + \kappa_{ll}/P_0, \quad \kappa = \kappa_{12}/P_0.$

•  $c_{20} = 0 \rightsquigarrow \left| \frac{c_2(z)}{c_1(0)} \right|^2 = \eta_{\max} \sin^2(\rho z), \quad \eta_{\max} = \frac{|\kappa|^2}{|\kappa|^2 + (\Delta\beta'/2)^2}.$

• Maximum conversion  $\eta_{\max}$  at  $z = L_c$  with  $\rho L_c = \pi/2$ ,

coupling length  $L_c = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{(\Delta\beta')^2 + 4|\kappa|^2}},$  (Conversion length, half-beat length.)

• In case of **phase matching**  $\Delta\beta' = \beta'_1 - \beta'_2 = 0$ :  $\eta_{\max} = 1, \quad L_c = \frac{\pi}{2|\kappa|}.$

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

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↪  $\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}(z) = e^{-i \frac{(\beta'_1 + \beta'_2)}{2} z} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \rho z - i \frac{\Delta\beta'}{2\rho} \sin \rho z & -i \frac{\kappa}{\rho} \sin \rho z \\ -i \frac{\kappa^*}{\rho} \sin \rho z & \cos \rho z + i \frac{\Delta\beta'}{2\rho} \sin \rho z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{10} \\ c_{20} \end{pmatrix},$

$$\Delta\beta' = \beta'_1 - \beta'_2, \quad \rho = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta\beta'}{2}\right)^2 + |\kappa|^2}.$$

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## Longitudinally constant structures, one “coupled” mode

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

↪  $\partial_z c_1 = -i \frac{b_{11} + \kappa_{11}}{\sigma_{11}} c_1,$

$$\frac{b_{11}}{\sigma_{11}} = \beta_1, \quad \frac{\kappa_{11}}{\sigma_{11}} = \frac{\omega \epsilon_0 \iint \bar{\mathbf{E}}_1^* \cdot (\hat{\epsilon} - \hat{\epsilon}_1) \bar{\mathbf{E}}_1 \, dx \, dy}{2 \operatorname{Re} \iint (\bar{\mathbf{E}}_{1x}^* \bar{\mathbf{H}}_{1y} - \bar{\mathbf{E}}_{1y}^* \bar{\mathbf{H}}_{1x}) \, dx \, dy} =: \delta\beta_1,$$

↪  $\partial_z c_1 = -i(\beta_1 + \delta\beta_1) c_1,$

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

↔ Theory of single mode perturbations.

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## Optical waveguide theory

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

## Structures with spatial periodicity

Infinite system with periodic permittivity:

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

➡ Consider Floquet-Bloch waves

$$\begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(\mathbf{r}) = U_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}},$$

$\mathbf{k}$ : wavevector of the FB wave,

$U_{\mathbf{k}}$ : a periodic function,  $U_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{g}) = U_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$ .

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

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

(Bloch theorem: any solution can be written as a superposition of FB waves.)

(Background: Hilbert space theory, self-adjoint operators; familiar from Quantum theory.)

(Hermitian Hamiltonian and translation operators commute; Bloch waves are a simultaneous eigenbasis of these operators.)

(Required: Hermitian “Hamiltonian”  $\longleftrightarrow$  Hermitian  $\hat{\epsilon}$ .)

( $U_{\mathbf{k}} = ?$ , but  $U_{\mathbf{k}}$  satisfies different equations than  $E, H \dots$ )

## “Photonic crystals”: ?

Keywords:

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

Context of this lecture:

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

## Structures with spatial periodicity

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

$\sim \exp(i\omega t)$  (FD)

$$\curvearrowright \begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{g}) = \begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}(\mathbf{r}) e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{g}}. \quad (\text{QPBC})$$

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

### FB-wave eigenproblem:

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

• Outcome:

$\exists \omega$  with  $(E, H) \neq 0$ :  $(\mathbf{k}, \omega) \in$  a frequency band, or

$\nexists \omega$  with  $(E, H) \neq 0$ :  $\omega \in$  a bandgap region.

$\longleftrightarrow$  “Bandstructure” calculations.

• QPBC for  $\mathbf{k}$  are the same as for  $\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{K}$ , if  $\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{g} = m 2\pi$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$\rightsquigarrow$  Restrict  $\mathbf{k}$  to the first Brillouin zone.

(Exclude  $\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{K} \forall \mathbf{g}, m$ .)

( $\mathbf{K}$ : A vector of the reciprocal lattice.)

## Structures with spatial periodicity

$\mathbf{g}$ : a lattice vector, such that  $\epsilon(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{g}) = \epsilon(\mathbf{r})$   $\sim \exp(i\omega t)$  (FD)

$$\left( \begin{matrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{matrix} \right)(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{g}) = \left( \begin{matrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{matrix} \right)(\mathbf{r}) e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{g}}. \quad (\text{QPBC})$$

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

### FB-wave eigenproblem:

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

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

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## Defect waveguides

(At a frequency in the bandgap of a photonic crystal:  $\exists$  “forbidden” regions  $\rightsquigarrow$  The waves travel elsewhere . . .)

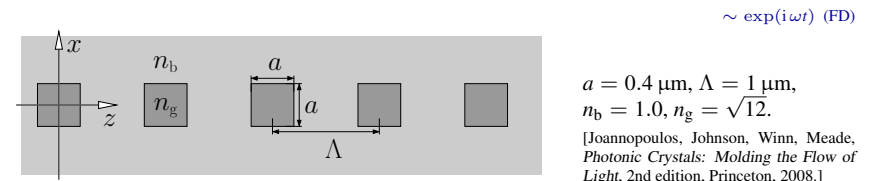
Line defects in a square lattice of dielectric rods, excitation through conventional waveguides, 2-D QWEP simulations.

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

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## A sequence of dielectric rods



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



(BEP simulations (Lecture G.24),  $\omega$  given,  $\beta$  determined from an eigenvalue problem.)  
 (Shaded region: above the “light line”,  $\omega^2 n_b^2 / c^2 > k_z^2$ , potentially leaky solutions.)

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## A touch of plasmonics

“Plasmonics”: ?

Keywords:

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

Context of this lecture:

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

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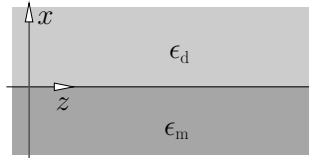
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## Surface plasmon polaritons

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

Optical waves confined at a metal / dielectric interface.

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



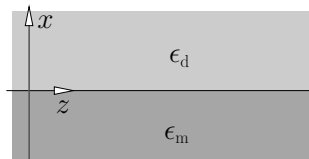
$x > 0$ : dielectric,  $\epsilon_d = n_d^2 \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
 $x < 0$ : metal,  $\epsilon_m \in \mathbb{C}$ .

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

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## Surface plasmon polaritons



$x > 0$ : dielectric,  $\epsilon_d = n_d^2 \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
 $x < 0$ : metal,  $\epsilon_m \in \mathbb{C}$ .

- $x > 0$ :  $k^2 \epsilon_d - k_d^2 - \gamma^2 = 0$ ,  
 $x < 0$ :  $k^2 \epsilon_m - k_m^2 - \gamma^2 = 0$ .

- $x = 0$ : Continuity of  $\phi$ .  
 $x = 0$ : Continuity of  $\eta \partial_x \phi \rightsquigarrow -k_d \eta_d = k_m \eta_m$ . (Ansatz.)

(TE):  $-k_d = k_m \rightsquigarrow$  No TE solution. (Required:  $\kappa_d > 0$  &  $\kappa_m > 0$ .)

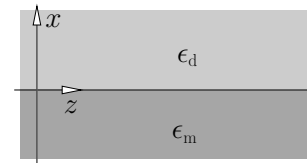
(TM):  $-\frac{k_d}{\epsilon_d} = \frac{k_m}{\epsilon_m}$ . (OK, if  $\text{Re } \epsilon_m < 0$ .)  
 (No solution for an interface between pure dielectrics.)

↪  $\gamma = \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_d \epsilon_m}{\epsilon_d + \epsilon_m}}$ , the dispersion equation for SPPs.  
 (Note that, in general,  $\epsilon_m(\omega)$ .)

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## Surface plasmon polaritons



$x > 0$ : dielectric,  $\epsilon_d = n_d^2 \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
 $x < 0$ : metal,  $\epsilon_m \in \mathbb{C}$ .

2-D TE / TM waves.

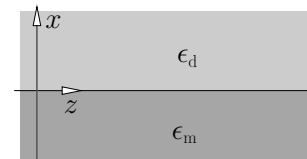
- Look for fields  $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix}(x, z) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{E}} \\ \bar{\mathbf{H}} \end{pmatrix}(x) e^{-i\gamma z}$ ,  
 $\gamma = \beta - i\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\beta, \alpha \geq 0$ .
- Principal component  $\phi = \bar{E}_y$  (TE) and  $\phi = \bar{H}_y$  (TM),  
 continuity of  $\phi$ ,  $\eta \partial_x \phi$  at the interface,  $\eta = 1$  (TE),  $\eta = 1/\epsilon$  (TM),  
 $\partial_x^2 \phi + (k^2 \epsilon - \gamma^2) \phi = 0$  for  $x < 0$  and  $x > 0$ .
- Ansatz:  

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} \phi_0 e^{-i k_d x}, & x > 0, \\ \phi_0 e^{i k_m x}, & x < 0, \end{cases} \quad \begin{aligned} k_d &= \chi_d - i \kappa_d, & \kappa_d > 0, \\ k_m &= \chi_m - i \kappa_m, & \kappa_m > 0. \end{aligned}$$

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## Surface plasmon polaritons



$x > 0$ : dielectric,  $\epsilon_d = n_d^2 \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
 $x < 0$ : metal,  $\epsilon_m \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Characteristic lengths:

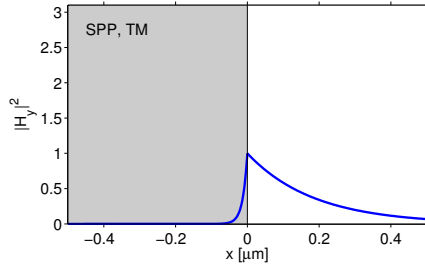
- $x > 0$ :  $|\phi(x)|^2 \sim e^{-2\kappa_d x} \rightsquigarrow d_d = \frac{1}{2\kappa_d}$ . (Penetration depth, dielectric.)
- $x < 0$ :  $|\phi(x)|^2 \sim e^{2\kappa_m x} \rightsquigarrow d_m = \frac{1}{2\kappa_m}$ . (Penetration depth, metal.)
- $|E|^2 \sim e^{-2\alpha z} \rightsquigarrow L_p = \frac{1}{2\alpha}$ , the SPP propagation length.

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## Field profiles

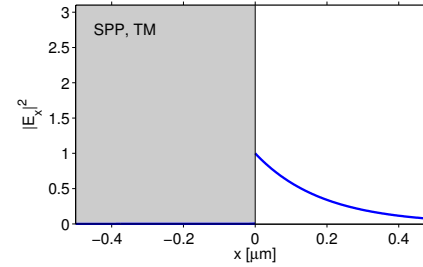
SPP, Ag/air,  $\lambda = 0.633 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $\epsilon_m = -14.5 - 1.2i$ ,  $\epsilon_d = 1.0$



$L_p = 16 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $\beta/k = 1.036$ ,  
 $d_d = 190 \text{ nm}$ ,  
 $d_m = 12 \text{ nm}$ .

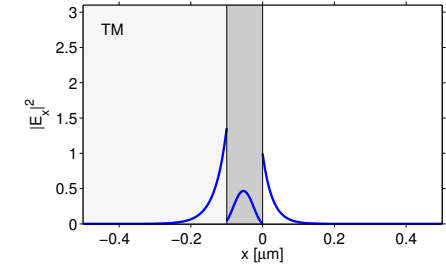
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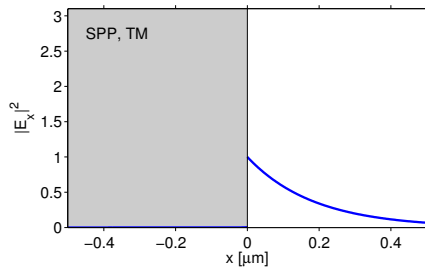
SiO<sub>2</sub>/Si(100 nm)/air,  $\lambda = 0.633 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $\epsilon = 1.45^2 : 3.45^2 : 1.0$



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

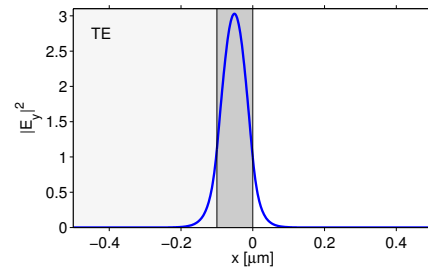
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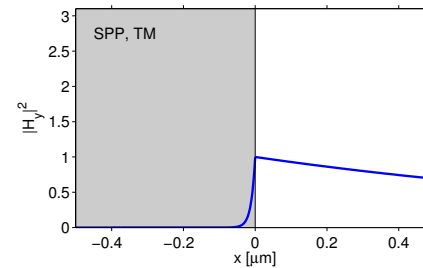
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$L_p = \infty$ ,  
 $n_{\text{eff}} = 2.883$ ,  
 $d_{\text{air}} = 19 \text{ nm}$ .

## Field profiles

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

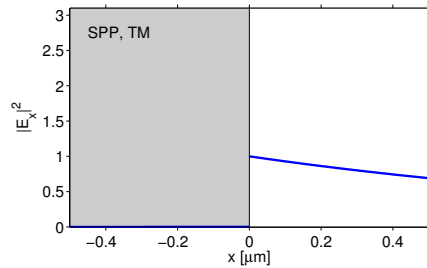


$L_p = 812 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $\beta/k = 1.0042$ ,  
 $d_d = 1350 \text{ nm}$ ,  
 $d_m = 11 \text{ nm}$ .



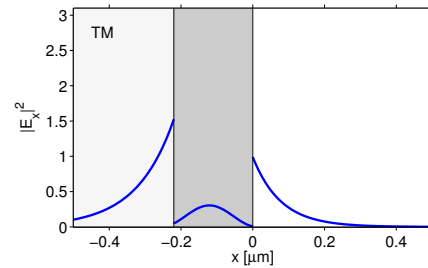
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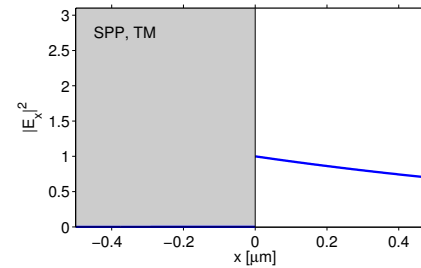
$\text{SiO}_2 / \text{Si}(220 \text{ nm}) / \text{air}$ ,  $\lambda = 1.550 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $\epsilon = 1.45^2 : 3.45^2 : 1.0$



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

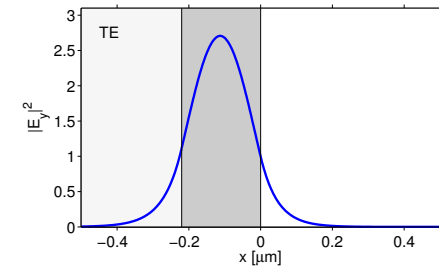
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$L_p = \infty$ ,  
 $n_{\text{eff}} = 2.805$ ,  
 $d_{\text{air}} = 47 \text{ nm}$ .

## Upcoming

Next lectures:

- Oblique semi-guided waves: 2-D integrated optics.
- Summary, concluding remarks.

