

Review of waveguide theory (from last time):

Assume $\begin{Bmatrix} \underline{E} \\ \underline{B} \end{Bmatrix} \propto e^{i(kz - \omega t)}$ (\hat{z} = axis of waveguide)

Then Ampere + Faraday \Rightarrow

$$\underline{E}_t = \frac{ik \nabla_t E_z - i\omega \hat{z} \times \nabla_t B_z}{\mu \epsilon \omega^2 - k^2} \quad (8.26a)$$

$$\underline{B}_t = \frac{i\omega \mu \epsilon \hat{z} \times \nabla_t E_z + ik \nabla_t B_z}{\mu \epsilon \omega^2 - k^2} \quad (8.26b)$$

And the wave equation becomes a 2-D eigenvalue equation

$$\left(\nabla_t^2 + \mu \epsilon \omega_\lambda^2 \right) \begin{Bmatrix} E_{z0} \\ B_{z0} \end{Bmatrix} = 0 \quad (8.34)$$

where $\omega_\lambda^2 = \omega^2 - \frac{k^2}{\mu \epsilon}$ are the eigenvalues determined by the boundary conditions

$$\begin{Bmatrix} E_{z0} \\ \frac{\partial B_{z0}}{\partial n} \end{Bmatrix} = 0 \text{ at surface of conductor,}$$

for $\begin{Bmatrix} \text{TM} \\ \text{TE} \end{Bmatrix}$ wave having $\begin{Bmatrix} B_{z0} \\ E_{z0} \end{Bmatrix} = 0$.

For a rectangular waveguide the eigenvalues are given by

$$\mu \epsilon \omega_\lambda^2 = \frac{m^2 \pi^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{b^2} \quad (m, n = \text{integers})$$



For a TM mode, $B_{z0} \equiv 0$ and $E_{z0} = E_0 \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right)$.

For a TE mode, $E_{z0} \equiv 0$ and $B_{z0} = B_0 \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right)$.

For TM mode, the cut-off frequency (lowest frequency for a nontrivial eigenfunction) is given by $n=m=1$, or $\mu\epsilon\omega_{11}^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{a^2} + \frac{\pi^2}{b^2}$.

For TE mode, can have n or m (not both) $= 0$, so cut-off frequency is given by $n=0, m=1$ (assuming $a > b$), or $\mu\epsilon\omega_{10}^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{a^2}$.

It is generally true (not just for rectangular geometry) that the TE mode has a lower cut-off frequency than the TM mode.

Example (rectangular waveguide with $a = 2b$, $n=m=1$)

TM mode: From (8.26), $\underline{E}_t = \frac{ik}{\mu\epsilon\omega^2} \nabla_t E_{z0}$

$$\underline{B}_t = \frac{\mu\epsilon\omega}{k} \hat{z} \times \underline{E}_t$$

$-E_{z0}(x,y)$ is a 2-D potential for \underline{E}_t , and \underline{B}_t follows lines of constant potential.

$$E_{z0} \propto \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{\pi y}{b} \Rightarrow$$

$$E_{-t} \propto \frac{\hat{x}}{a} \cos \frac{\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{\pi y}{b} + \frac{\hat{y}}{b} \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{\pi y}{b}$$

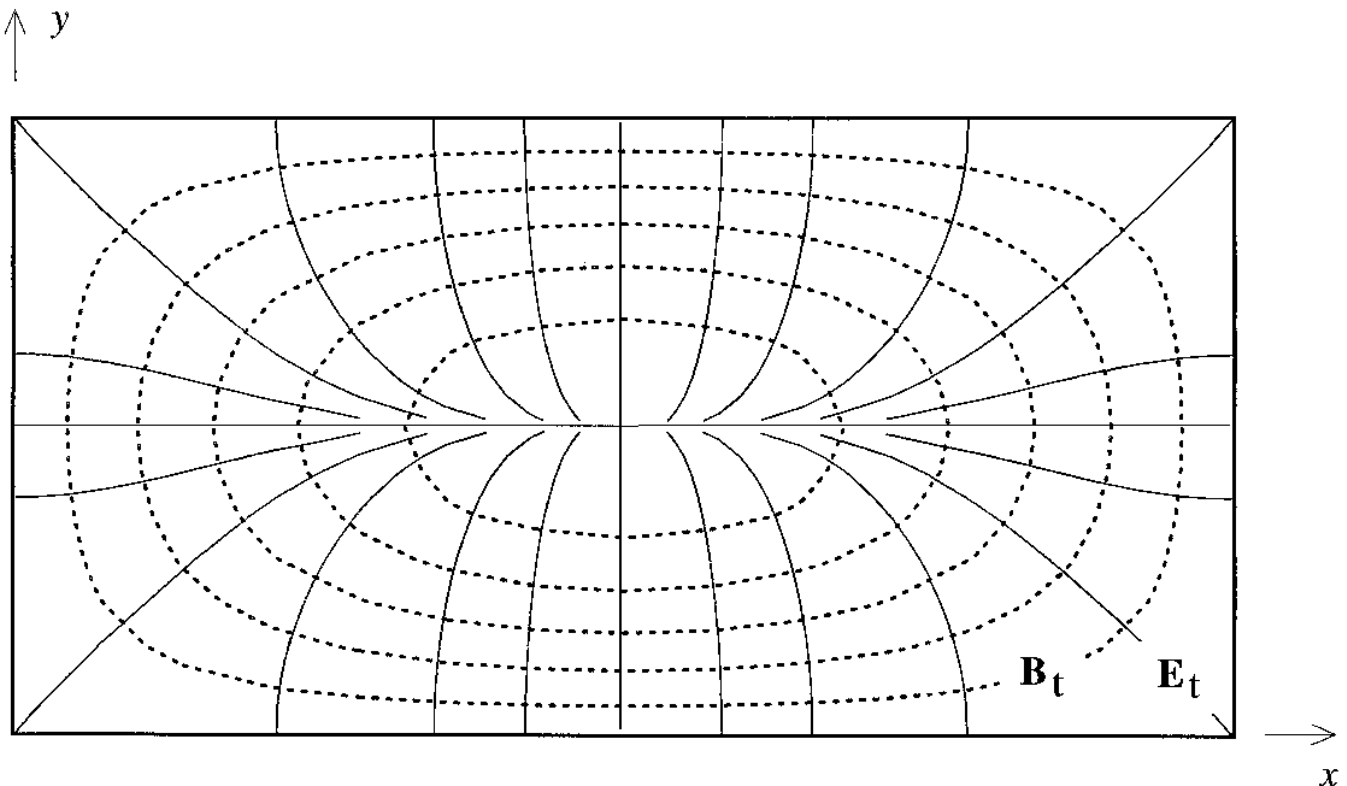
$$\text{Lines of } E_{-t} \text{ given by } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{E_{ty}}{E_{tx}} = \frac{a \tan \frac{\pi x}{a}}{b \tan \frac{\pi y}{b}}$$

$$\text{or } \tan\left(\frac{\pi y}{b}\right) \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{a}{b} \tan \frac{\pi x}{a}$$

which can be integrated to give

$$\log\left[\cos\left(\frac{\pi y}{b}\right)\right] = \frac{a^2}{b^2} \log\left[\cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right)\right] + \text{const.}$$

These lines of E_{-t} are plotted as solid lines below.
Dashed lines are lines of B_{-t} = lines of const. E_{z0} .



TM (1,1) mode ($a/b = 2$)

TE mode: From (8.26), $\underline{B}_t = \frac{ik}{\mu\epsilon\omega^2} \nabla_t B_{z0}$

$$\underline{E}_t = -\frac{\omega}{k} \hat{z} \times \underline{B}_t$$

Now $B_{z0}(x,y)$ is a 2-D scalar potential for \underline{B}_t , and \underline{E}_t follows lines of constant (magnetic) potential.

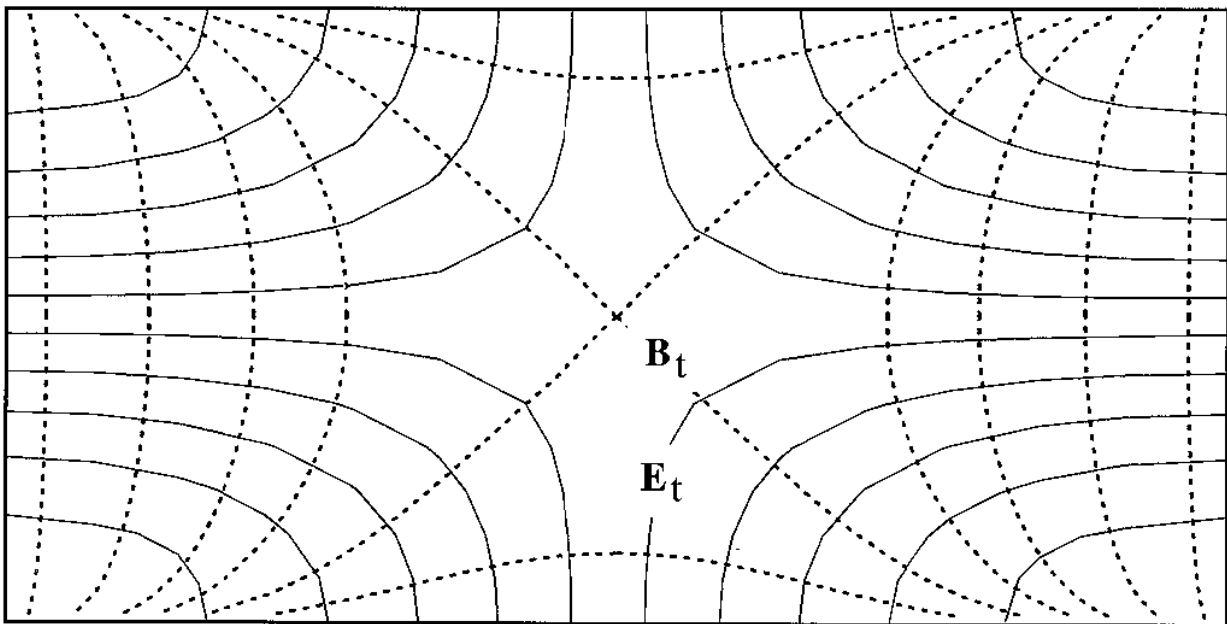
$$B_{z0} \propto \cos \frac{\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{\pi y}{b} \Rightarrow$$

$$\underline{B}_t \propto \frac{\hat{x}}{a} \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} \cos \frac{\pi y}{b} + \frac{\hat{y}}{b} \cos \frac{\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{\pi y}{b}$$

Lines of \underline{B}_t plotted as dashed lines below.

Solid lines are lines of \underline{E}_t = lines of constant B_{z0} .

↑ y



TE (1,1) mode ($a/b = 2$)

x

8.5 Energy Flow and Attenuation in Waveguides

Power transmitted down the tube is $P = \int S_z da$ where $\underline{S} =$ Poynting vector, and the integral is over the cross-sectional area of tube.

$$S_z = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} (\underline{E}^* \times \underline{H})_z = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} [\underline{E}_t^* \times \underline{H}_t] \cdot \hat{z}$$

For a TM mode, using (8.26) with $B_{z0} = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} S_z &= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{-ik \nabla_t E_{z0}^*}{\mu \epsilon \omega_\lambda^2} \times \frac{i\omega \hat{z} \times \nabla_t E_{z0}}{\mu \epsilon \omega_\lambda^2} \right] \cdot \hat{z} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega k}{\mu^2 \epsilon \omega_\lambda^4} |\nabla_t E_{z0}|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (x8.16)$$

For a TE mode, using (8.26) with $E_{z0} = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} S_z &= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{i\omega \hat{z} \times \nabla_t B_{z0}}{\mu \epsilon \omega_\lambda^2} \times \frac{ik \nabla_t B_{z0}}{\mu^2 \epsilon \omega_\lambda^2} \right] \cdot \hat{z} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega k}{\mu^3 \epsilon \omega_\lambda^4} |\nabla_t B_{z0}|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (x8.17)$$

In both cases, S_z is proportional to

$$J \equiv \int |\nabla_t \psi|^2 da \quad \text{where}$$

$$\psi = \begin{cases} E_{z0} \\ B_{z0} \end{cases} \quad \text{for} \quad \begin{cases} \text{TM} \\ \text{TE} \end{cases} \quad \text{mode.}$$

In general,
$$J = \int \nabla_t \psi^* \cdot \nabla_t \psi \, da$$

$$= \int \nabla_t \cdot (\psi^* \nabla_t \psi) \, da - \int \psi^* \nabla_t^2 \psi \, da$$

$$= \oint \hat{n} \cdot (\psi^* \nabla_t \psi) \, ds - \int \psi^* \nabla_t^2 \psi \, da \quad (x8.18)$$

↙ around circumference of waveguide,
by Green's first identity (1.34).

For a TM mode, $\psi = E_{z0}$ vanishes on C .

For a TE mode, $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n} = \frac{\partial B_{z0}}{\partial n} = 0$ on C .

∴ First term in (x8.18) vanishes for both, and

$$J = - \int \psi^* \nabla_t^2 \psi \, da$$

Wave equation (8.19) gives $\nabla_t^2 \psi = (k^2 - \mu \epsilon \omega^2) \psi$
 $= -\mu \epsilon \omega_\lambda^2 \psi$

so
$$J = \mu \epsilon \omega_\lambda^2 \int \psi^* \psi \, da$$

$$= \mu \epsilon \omega_\lambda^2 \int |\psi|^2 \, da$$

Using this in (8.16) and (8.17) gives

$$P = \frac{\omega k}{2\mu \omega_\lambda^2} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \int |E_{z0}|^2 \, da \quad \text{TM mode} \\ \int \frac{1}{\mu \epsilon} |B_{z0}|^2 \, da \quad \text{TE mode} \end{array} \right\}$$

From the definition $\omega_\lambda^2 = \omega^2 - \frac{k^2}{\mu\epsilon}$ (p.1),

$$k = \sqrt{\mu\epsilon} (\omega^2 - \omega_\lambda^2)^{1/2} = \sqrt{\mu\epsilon} \omega \left(1 - \frac{\omega_\lambda^2}{\omega^2}\right)^{1/2}$$

and

$$(8.51) \quad P = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_\lambda}\right)^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega_\lambda^2}{\omega^2}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \int \frac{\epsilon}{2} |E_{z0}|^2 da \quad \text{TM} \\ \int \frac{1}{2\mu} |B_{z0}|^2 da \quad \text{TE} \end{array} \right\}$$

which is \propto Energy density in $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} E_{z0} \\ B_{z0} \end{array} \right\}$
for $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{TM} \\ \text{TE} \end{array} \right\}$ wave.

According to Jackson (8.52) it is straight forward to show that the energy density (per unit z) is

$$U = \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_\lambda}\right)^2 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \int \frac{\epsilon}{2} |E_{z0}|^2 da \quad \text{TM} \\ \int \frac{1}{2\mu} |B_{z0}|^2 da \quad \text{TE} \end{array} \right\}$$

So the ratio of energy flux to energy density is

$$\frac{P}{U} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega_\lambda^2}{\omega^2}} = \frac{d\omega}{dk} = v_g \quad (8.53)$$

($v_g =$ group speed)

Note that $v_{ph} v_g = \frac{\omega}{k} \frac{d\omega}{dk} = \frac{1}{\mu\epsilon} \quad (8.54)$

The group speed is always $< \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}}$ and
 $\rightarrow 0$ as $\omega \rightarrow \omega_c$.

The power flow P is attenuated as a function of z by Ohmic dissipation in the walls of the waveguide, which is a constant rate of dissipation per unit length:

$$P(z) = P_0 e^{-2\beta_a z} \quad (8.56)$$

The attenuation length is $\frac{1}{2\beta_a} \propto \sigma \delta(\omega_c)$ (8.63)
 where $\delta(\omega_c)$ is the conductor skin depth at $\omega = \omega_c$:

$$\delta(\omega_c) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\mu_c \omega_c \sigma}} \quad (8.8)$$

Thus attenuation length $\propto \sqrt{\sigma/\omega_c}$

Efficiency \Rightarrow large σ , small ω_c .