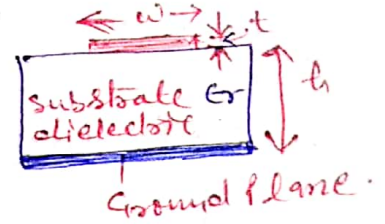


# Microstrip line.

- ① Microstrip line is an unsymmetrical that is nothing but a parallel plate transmission line having dielectric substrate, <sup>whose</sup> one face is ground and other (top face) has a thin conducting strip of certain width  $w$  and thickness  $t$ .
- ② Top ground plane is not present in microstrip as compared to stripline.
- ③ Some times a coverplate is used for shielding purpose but it is kept much farther away than the ground plane so as not to affect the microstrip field lines.

## Advantages

- ① Fabrication costs would be lower than stripline, waveguide, coaxial.
- ② Due to planar nature of microstrip structure, both packaged/unpackaged semiconductor chips can be attached to the microstrip elements.
- ③ Easy access to top surface to mount active and passive devices and also for minor adjustment.



Formulas -  $\begin{cases} \text{Width} \\ \text{Length} \\ \text{Loss} \end{cases}$   
 Given data  $\epsilon_r, \epsilon_0, \epsilon_1$

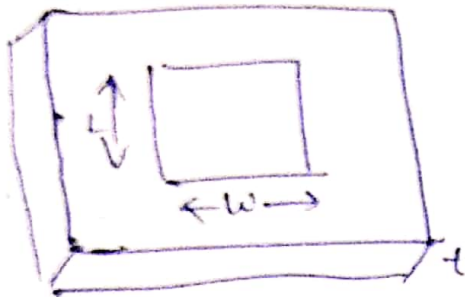
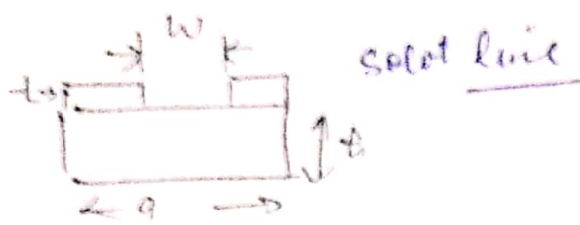
## Limitations

- ① Due to openness of the microstrip structure they have higher radiation loss or interference due to near by conductor. can be reduced by thin substrate with high dielectric constants.

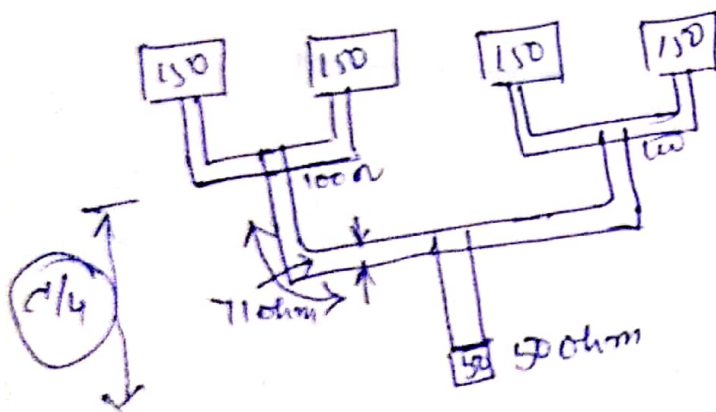
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Feed - Direct - microstrip line feed, coaxial feed.  
 - Non Direct - Proximity feed, aperture coupled.

RT Duroid  
 Ferrite  
 Alumina



- ① Biggest Adv. of Microstrip Antenna is the impedance matching, Power division and Power Combination and easy to implement. Can be used in Array antennas.



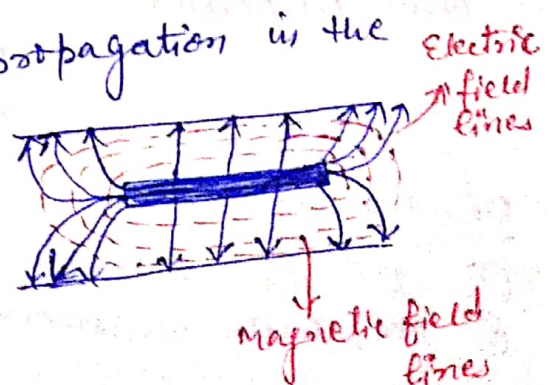
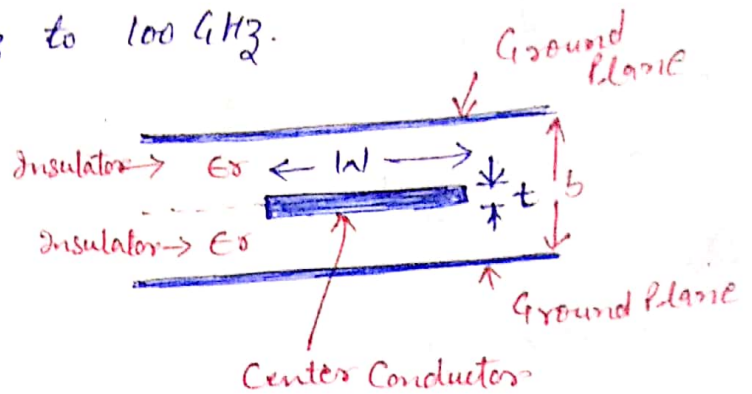
$$Z_0 = \sqrt{100 \times 50} = 71 \text{ ohm}$$

$$\text{then } Z_0 = \sqrt{150 \times 100} = 122 \text{ ohm}$$

- ② Another imp. adv. is that it can produce circular polarization.

## Strip lines

- ① Strip lines are modification of two wire transmission lines and Coaxial lines.
- ② widely used at freq. 100 MHz to 100 GHz.
- ③ Strip line consists of a central thin conducting strip of width  $W$  which is greater than its thickness  $t$ .
- ④ Placed inside the low-loss dielectric ( $\epsilon_s$ ) substrate of thickness  $b/2$  b/w two wide ground plates.
- ⑤ usually the thickness of the metallic central conductor and the metallic ground planes are the same.
- ⑥ Dominant mode for stripline is a TEM mode and field are confined within the transmission line with no radiation losses.
- ⑦ The width of the ground planes is at least five times greater than the spacing b/w the plates thereby avoiding any vertical side walls at the two transverse ends.
- ⑧ Practically no fringing effect after a certain distance from the edge of the center conductor.
- ⑨ for  $b < d/2$  there will be no propagation in the transverse direction.





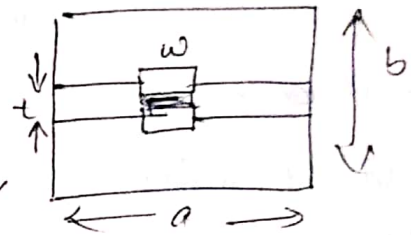
## Fringing effects:

- ① Because dimension of patch are finite along the length and width, the fields at the edges of the patch undergo fringing.
- ② The amount of fringing is a fx of dimension of patch and height of the substrate.

③

## Stripline types

- 2 types — ① suspended stripline  
② offset stripline



Suspended stripline — when central conductor is ~~at~~ exact at half of the distance b/w two plates <sub>grounds.</sub>  
or may vary. (updown)

offset stripline — when central conductor is not exactly at mid of the width of the ground plane [Left right].

## Advantages

⇒ TEM Tx. line media.

⇒ Better B.W.

⇒ No lower cut off freq. as w/g.

⇒ Non Dispersive — At different freq. if there is different behaviour then it is called dispersive. But strip line is non dispersive. so it is advantages.

## Disadvantage

① 2nd Ground plane.

② strip width narrows for given  $Z_0$ .

ckt is not accessible during development for adjustment and tuning and difficult to mount discrete and active components (like transistor, diode, circulator, chip resistor and capacitor).

④ Design Eq<sup>n</sup> are divided into high impedance region and low impedance region determined by the ratio of  $w$  to  $(b-t)$ .

The impedance of a stripline is inversely proportional to the ratio of the width  $w$  of the inner conductor to the distance  $b$  between the ground planes.

High impedance region.

$$\frac{w}{b-t} \leq 0.35 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{t}{b} \leq 0.25$$

then 
$$Z_0 = \frac{60}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} \ln \left[ \frac{4b}{\pi d} \right] \Omega$$

$d$  - diameter of the circular conductor Eq. to the rectangular conductor of the strip line with width  $w$  and thickness  $t$

$$d = \frac{w}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{t \left[ 1 + \ln \left( \frac{4\pi w}{t} \right) + 0.51\pi \left( \frac{t}{w} \right)^2 \right]}{\pi w} \right]$$

Low Impedance Region

$$\frac{w}{b-t} > 0.35$$

$$Z_0 = \frac{94.15}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r} \left( \frac{w}{bA} + B \right)} \Omega$$

where  $A = 1 - \frac{t}{b}$  and

$$B = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{2}{A} \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{A} \right) - \left( \frac{1-A}{A} \right) \ln \left( \frac{1-A}{A} \right) \right]$$

velocity of propagation for the strip line

$$v = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} \text{ m/s.}$$

⇒ and wavelength of the EM signal on the strip line

$$\lambda = \frac{v}{f} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r} \cdot f} \text{ m.}$$

The  $v/c$  ( $1/\sqrt{\epsilon_r}$ ) ratio is used for determining the width of the conductor.

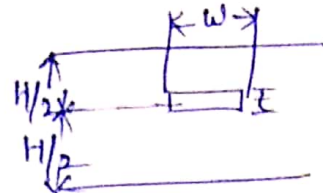
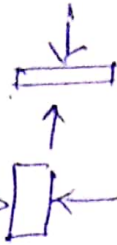
Applications: Aircraft, spacecraft, satellite and missile applications.  
where size, cost, weight, performance, easy of installation



## Strip line

In Short

Suspended strip line — exactly at half offset  
off set      )) — Not exactly



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E.g. for impedance.

$$Z_0 = \frac{60}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} \ln \left[ \frac{4H}{0.67\pi w (0.8 + t/D)} \right]$$

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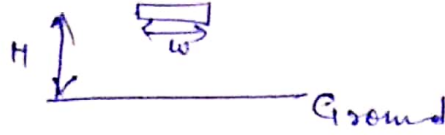
## Microstrip line

— upper Ground plane is not there.

Planar Tr. line.

TEM not exist

TEM  $\rightarrow$  quasi TEM



$$\epsilon_e = \frac{\epsilon_r + 1}{2} + \frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{2} \left[ \left( 1 + 12 \left( \frac{H}{w} \right) \right)^{-1/2} + 0.04 \left( 1 - \left( \frac{w}{H} \right)^2 \right) \right]$$

Two cases.  $\frac{w}{H} < 1$   $\uparrow$

$\frac{w}{H} > 1$

$$\epsilon_e = \frac{\epsilon_r + 1}{2} + \frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{2} \left( 1 + 12 \left( \frac{H}{w} \right) \right)^{-1/2} \text{ for } \frac{w}{H} > 1$$

$$Z_0 = \frac{60}{\sqrt{\epsilon_{eff}}} \ln \left( 8 \frac{H}{w} + 0.25 \frac{w}{H} \right) \quad \left[ \frac{w}{H} < 1 \right]$$

$$Z_0 = 120 \pi$$