# 2012-1: Transmission Lines and Antennas



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Electromagnetic VHF 7-13 VHF 2-6 Spectrum Frequency (Hz) Wavelength Microwave band designation Frequency 700 nm 600 nm 500 nm 500-1,000 MHz 1-2 GHz 2-3 GHz 3-4 GHz 4-6 GHz 6-8 GHz 8-10 GHz VHF L S C C X Ku Microwaves find application in communications, radar, remôte 10-12.4 GHz 12.4-18 GHz 18-20 GHz 20-26.5 GHz sensing and medical systems. 26.5-40 GHz

# **Prerequisites**

- Vector algebra
- Coordinate transformations
- Vector calculus
- Maxwell's equations
- Mathematical software (MATLAB, OCTAVE, SCILAB, etc)

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# Intro - phasors

Phasors provide a compact way to represent and operate with time-harmonic quantities

'In-phase" (I) "quadrature" (Q)

=complex n.

="Phasor"

#### Intro – Maxwell's equations

Description of electromagnetic phenomena at the microscopic level: linear dimensions and charge magnitudes are large compared to that of single atoms.

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho \tag{1}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \tag{2}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega \mathbf{B}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = j\omega \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{J}$$

 $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E} \\
\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H}$ 

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = -j\omega \rho$$

Constitutive relations and continuity equation

Frequency-domain Maxwell's equations (differential form)

Not independent: (3) and (4) suffice

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10 - 12 \text{F/m}$$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{H/m}$$

#### Intro – Maxwell's equations (2)

Presence of material media modify constitutive relations (isotropic case considered). Electric and magnetic susceptibilities affect fields.

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}_e = \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi_e) \mathbf{E} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}$$

$$\epsilon = \epsilon' - j\epsilon'' = \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi_e)$$
Dielectric media

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \left( 1 + \chi_m \right) \mathbf{H} = \mu \mathbf{H}$$

$$\mu = \mu' - j\mu'' = \mu_0 \left( 1 + \chi_m \right)$$
Magnetic media

Conducting media

$$\frac{1}{\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E}}$$

For dielectric conducting media Ampère-Maxwell equation becomes

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = j\omega \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{J}$$

$$= j\omega \epsilon \mathbf{E} + \sigma \mathbf{E}$$

$$= j\omega \epsilon' \mathbf{E} + (\omega \epsilon'' + \sigma) \mathbf{E}$$

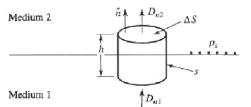
$$= j\omega \left(\epsilon' - j\epsilon'' - j\frac{\sigma}{\omega}\right) \mathbf{E}$$

$$\tan \delta = \frac{\omega \epsilon'' + \sigma}{\omega \epsilon'}$$

Loss is described by the loss tangent (frequency dependent

# Intro - field at interfaces

Integral form of Maxwell's equations can be used to obtain boundary conditions at media interfaces:



$$E_{i2} \qquad \uparrow \hat{n} \qquad \uparrow \qquad \downarrow \qquad S \qquad \qquad \text{Medium 2}$$

$$E_{i1} \qquad \uparrow \qquad \downarrow \qquad C \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad Medium 1$$

$$Medium 1$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot (\mathbf{D}_2 - \mathbf{D}_1) = \rho_s$$
  
 $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{B}_2 = \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{B}_1$ 

$$\mathbf{E}_2 imes \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{E}_1 imes \hat{\mathbf{n}}$$
  
 $\hat{\mathbf{n}} imes (\mathbf{H}_2 - \mathbf{H}_1) = \mathbf{J}_s$ 

$$\mathbf{\hat{n}} \cdot \mathbf{D}_2 = \mathbf{\hat{n}} \cdot \mathbf{D}_1$$
tric  $\mathbf{\hat{n}} \cdot \mathbf{B}_2 = \mathbf{\hat{n}} \cdot \mathbf{B}_1$ 

$$\hat{\mathbf{n}}\cdot\mathbf{D}=$$
 At PEC (perfect  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}\cdot\mathbf{B}=$ 

electric conductor)  $\mathbf{E} \times \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{0}$  surfaces:  $\mathbf{E} \times \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{0}$ 

$$\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{H}_2 = \hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{H}_1$$

 $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}_s$ 

# Intro - The wave equation

Consider Maxwell's curl equations in a source-free medium

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega \mu \mathbf{H}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = j\omega \epsilon \mathbf{E}$$

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$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mu\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \omega^2\mu\epsilon\mathbf{E}$$

Using identity:  $\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \nabla \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} - \nabla^2 \mathbf{A}$ 

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} + \omega^2 \mu \epsilon \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}$$

This is the Helmholtz equation, that describes wave propagation in linear isotropic and source-free media. Note that an identical equation may be obtained for H

#### Intro – Plane waves

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial z^2} + k^2 E_x = 0 \qquad k = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon}$$

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$$E_x(z) = E^+ e^{-jkz} + E^- e^{jkz}$$

#### Intro – Plane waves in lossless media

$$\mathcal{E}_x(z,t) = \mathcal{E}^+ \cos(\omega t - kz) + \mathcal{E}^- \cos(\omega t + kz)$$

$$v_p = \frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\omega t - constant}{k} \right) = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}}$$

$$v_p = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = 2.998 \times 10^8 \text{m/s}$$

#### Intro – plane waves in lossless media (2)

• Wavelength: distance between two successive minima for fixed t (can use maxima or any other phase reference)

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k} = \frac{2\pi v_p}{\omega} = \frac{v_p}{f}$$

 Maxwell's curl equation (Faraday's law) gives magnetic field intensity H:

$$H_y = \frac{1}{\eta} \left( E^+ e^{-jkz} - E^- e^{jkz} \right)$$

$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}}$$

• Both E and H are perpendicular to the direction of propagation: TEM wave. E and H are related by the wave impedance η.

#### Intro - plane waves in lossy media

• Form of solution is the same as above with the difference that the wave number is complex.

$$E_x\left(z\right) = E^+ e^{-\gamma z} + E^- e^{\gamma z}$$

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = j\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}\sqrt{1 - j\frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon}}$$
material

$$\gamma = j\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} = jk = j\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon'\left(1-j an\delta
ight)}$$

• Time-domain form is modified accordingly:

$$e^{-\gamma z} = e^{-\alpha z} e^{-j\beta z}$$
  $e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z)$ 

#### Intro – plane waves in lossy media (2)

Magnetic vector can be computed as before

$$H_y = \frac{1}{\eta} \left( E^+ e^{-\gamma z} - E^- e^{\gamma z} \right)$$

For a good conductor:

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta \simeq j\omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}\sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{j\omega\epsilon}} = (1+j)\sqrt{\frac{\omega\mu\sigma}{2}}$$

Skin depth tells the distance at which wave amplitude has decreased to 37% (power to 13%)

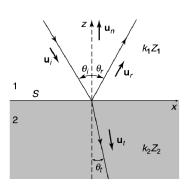
$$\delta_s = \frac{1}{\alpha} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\mu\sigma}}$$

Wave impedance

$$\eta = \frac{j\omega\mu}{\gamma} \simeq (1+j)\sqrt{\frac{\omega\mu}{2\sigma}} = (1+j)\frac{1}{\sigma\delta_s}$$

#### Wave Interaction with Matter

Reflection/transmission: occurs in presence of large material discontinuities.



- For plane waves/interfaces, the Fresnel coefficients relate Et, Er with Ei.
- According to interface roughness, reflection may be specular or diffuse.

$$\theta_r = \theta_i$$

$$\sin \theta_t = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2}} \sin \theta_i$$

#### Reflection/Transmission (Smooth Interface)

- Reflected wave amplitude depends on:
  - Incidence angle
  - Media impedance  $Z = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}}$
- Separate cases for analysis: TE (perpendicular) and TM (parallel)

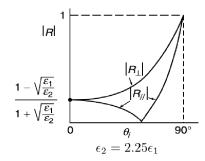
$$\left(\frac{E_r}{E_i}\right)_{||} = \frac{Z_2 cos\theta_t - Z_1 cos\theta_i}{Z_2 cos\theta_t + Z_1 cos\theta_i}$$

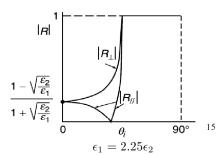
$$\left(\frac{E_t}{E_i}\right)_{||} = \frac{2Z_2 cos\theta_i}{Z_1 cos\theta_i + Z_2 cos\theta_t}$$

$$\left(\frac{E_r}{E_i}\right)_{\perp} = \frac{Z_2 cos\theta_i - Z_1 cos\theta_t}{Z_2 cos\theta_i + Z_1 cos\theta_t}$$

$$\left(\frac{E_t}{E_i}\right)_{\perp} = \frac{2Z_2 cos\theta_i}{Z_2 cos\theta_i + Z_1 cos\theta_t}$$

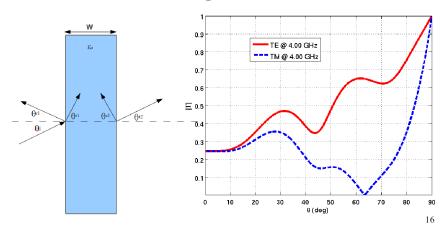
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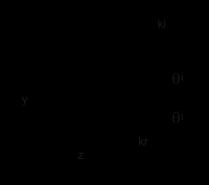
# **Example**

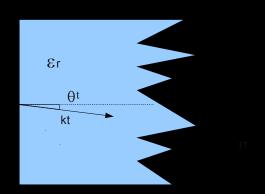
• Reflection from a lossy brick wall (epsr=4-j0.1) with 30cm thickness @ 4GHz



# Example

• A TE wave with amplitude 1V/m going through free-space impinges on a dielectric interface with theta\_i = 20°. The dielectric half space has epsilon\_r = 3- j0.2. Compute the power lost per unit area.





#### Solution

Using Snell's law:

$$\sin(\text{theta t}) = 0.1971 + 0.0066i$$

why is this complex? In medium 2, phase increase and attenuation must occur in different directions in order to satisfy the boundary conditions, see k later.

 Using 4<sup>th</sup> eq in slide 15 (note that cos<sup>2</sup>+sin<sup>2</sup>=1 works also in the complex field):

$$Et = 0.7119 + 0.0159i$$

This has only x component (TE wave)

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{v} \wedge \mathbf{F} \mathbf{t}$$



• Compute wave vector (complex):

$$\mathbf{k} = \text{wsqrt}(\mu \varepsilon)(-\mathbf{y} \sin(\theta t) + \mathbf{z}\cos(\theta t))$$

$$\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k}0[-\hat{\mathbf{y}}\ 0.34 + \hat{\mathbf{z}}\ (1.7 - \mathbf{j}5.9e-2)]$$

Compute real part of Poynting vector:

$$\mathbf{Sr} = \operatorname{re}(\mathbf{E} \times (-\mathbf{E}^* \times \mathbf{k}^*) / (\omega \mu))$$

$$Sr = re(\mathbf{k}^*) |Et|^2/(\omega \mu)$$

$$Sr = [-\hat{\mathbf{v}} \ 0 \ 34 + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \ 1 \ 7] [Et]^2 / (120\pi)$$

- Integrate on a convenient surface, a slanted cylinder with 1m<sup>2</sup> cross section. Only integral on front cap (on interface) is non-zero: sides are tangent to Sr, while attenuation makes it negligible on back cap. 18
- $dP/dA = \langle Sr | \hat{z} \rangle / 2 = 1.1 \text{mW/m}^2$

# Intro - Wave polarization

- Polarization expresses the time behavior of the electric field vector at a fixed point in space. According to the curve described by the E arrow tip it may be:
  - Linear
  - Elliptical (general case), may be LH or RH
  - Circular, may be LH or RH
- A general E field in the frequency domain is expressed in terms of a complex vector:

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_r + j\mathbf{E}_i$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathbf{E}_r \cos(\omega t) - \mathbf{E}_i \sin(\omega t)$$

#### Poynting Theorem - Poynting Vector

$$-\frac{1}{2}\int_{V}\left(\mathbf{E}\cdot\mathbf{J_{s}}^{*}+\mathbf{H}^{*}\cdot\mathbf{M_{s}}\right)=\text{Sources}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\oint_{\partial V}\left(\mathbf{E}\times\mathbf{H}^{*}\right)\cdot d\mathbf{s}+\text{Outwards power flow}$$

$$\frac{\sigma}{2}\int_{V}E^{2}dv+\frac{\omega}{2}\int_{V}\left(\epsilon''E^{2}+\mu''H^{2}\right)dv+\text{Loss}$$

$$j\frac{\omega}{2}\int_{V}\left(\mu'H^{2}-\epsilon'E^{2}\right)dv \text{Reactive storage}$$

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

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