



# Electromagnetic Band Gap Structures for Noise Mitigation in Printed Circuit Boards and Packages

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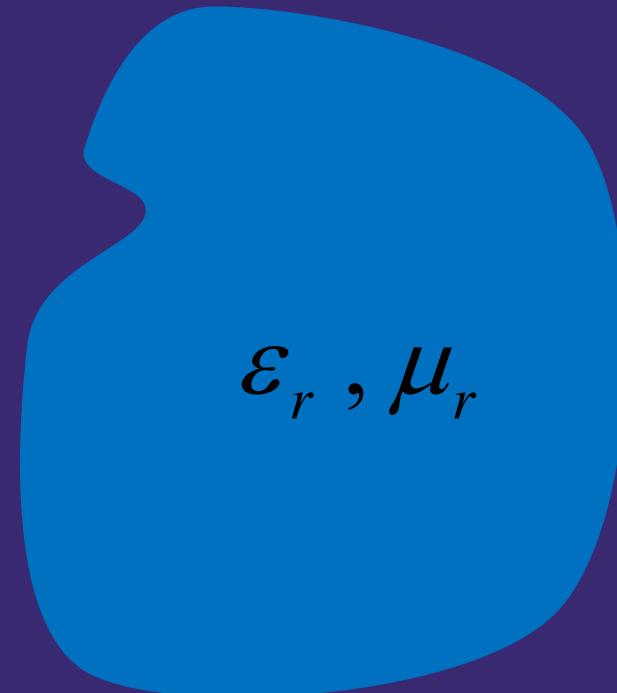
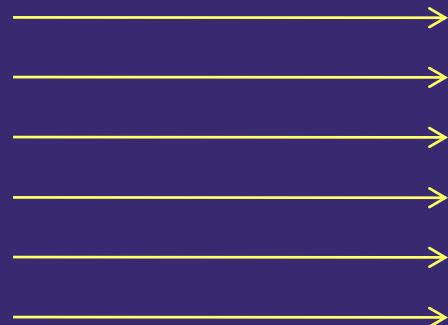
**gratitude... to many wonderful  
colleagues, friends and brilliant  
graduate students who are too  
many to mention**

...

**but too good to never forget!**

# Traditional Material!!

Electromagnetic  
Wave



The only properties an electromagnetic wave sees:

1. Electric permittivity,  $\epsilon$
2. Magnetic Permeability,  $\mu$

# Metamaterial and Bandgap Structures!!

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*But what if*

$$\varepsilon_r < 0, \mu_r < 0$$

*or*

$$\varepsilon_r < 0, \mu_r > 0$$

*or*

$$\varepsilon_r > 0, \mu_r < 0$$

*or even if*

$$\varepsilon_r \approx 0, \text{ or } \mu_r \approx 0$$

# Negative Index or Double Negative Media

## Maxwell Equations

$$\beta \times \mathbf{E} = \mu \mathbf{H}$$

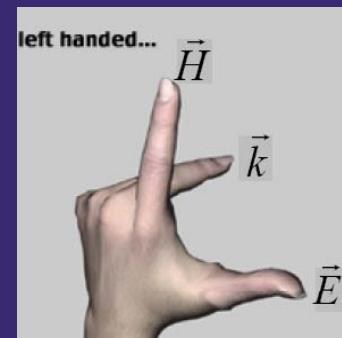
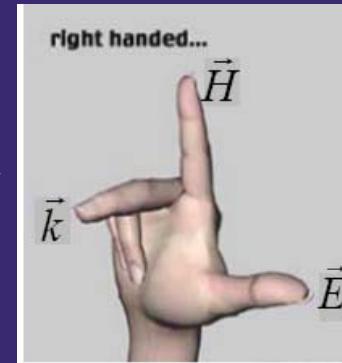
$$\beta \times \mathbf{H} = -\epsilon \mathbf{E}$$

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$$\beta \times \mathbf{H} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}$$

Positive media  
Or Right Handed

Negative media  
Or Left Handed



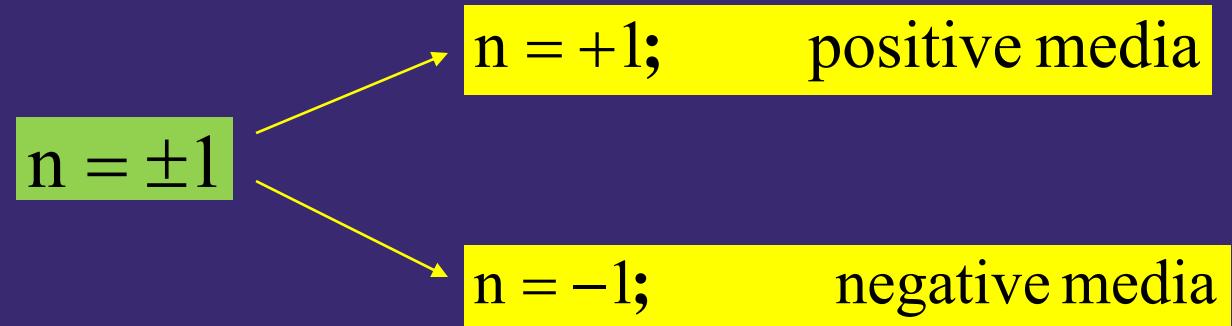
## Dispersion Relationship:

$$\omega^2 \epsilon \mu = \beta_x^2 + \beta_y^2 \quad ; \text{positive media}$$

$$\omega^2 \epsilon \mu = \beta_x^2 + \beta_y^2 \quad ; \text{negative media}$$

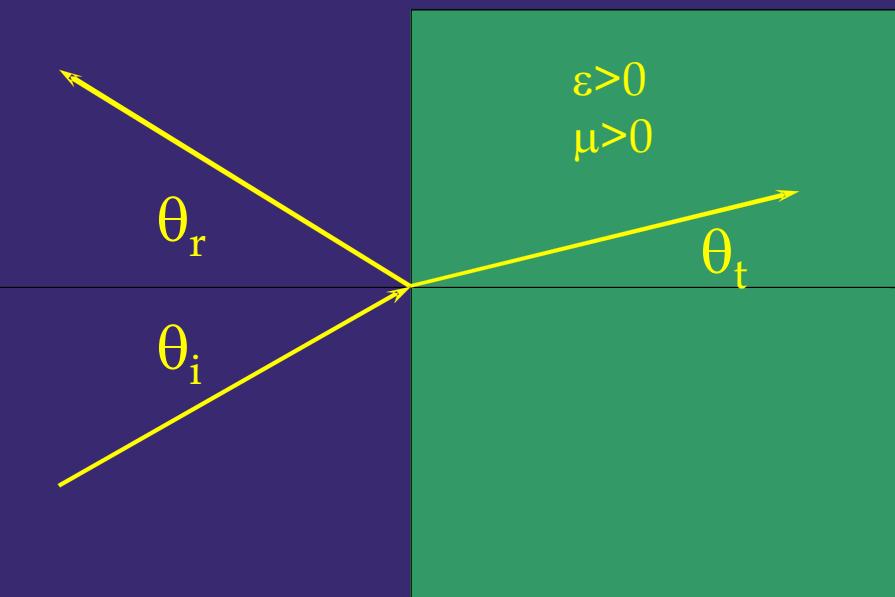
# Index of Refraction: Need Consistent Interpretation with ME

$$n^2 = \epsilon \mu$$

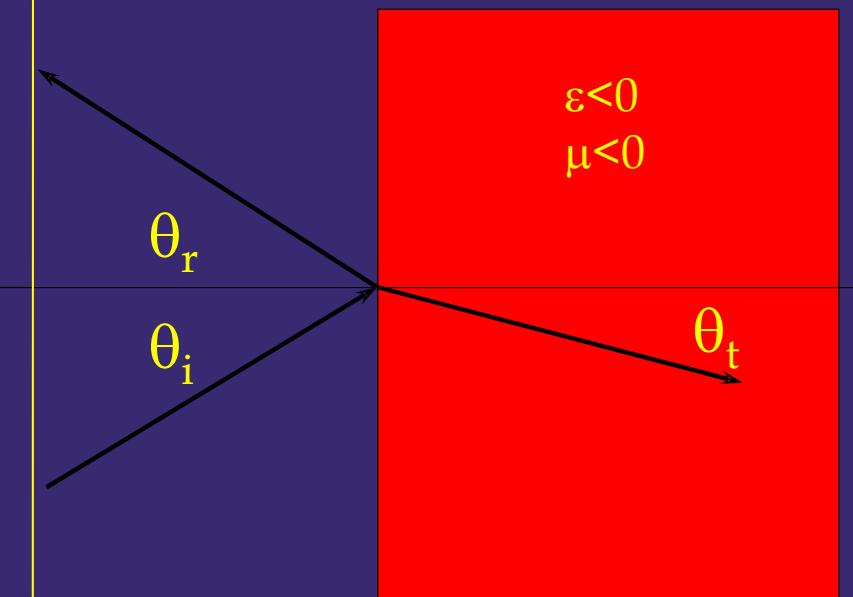


# The case of $\mu, \varepsilon < 0$

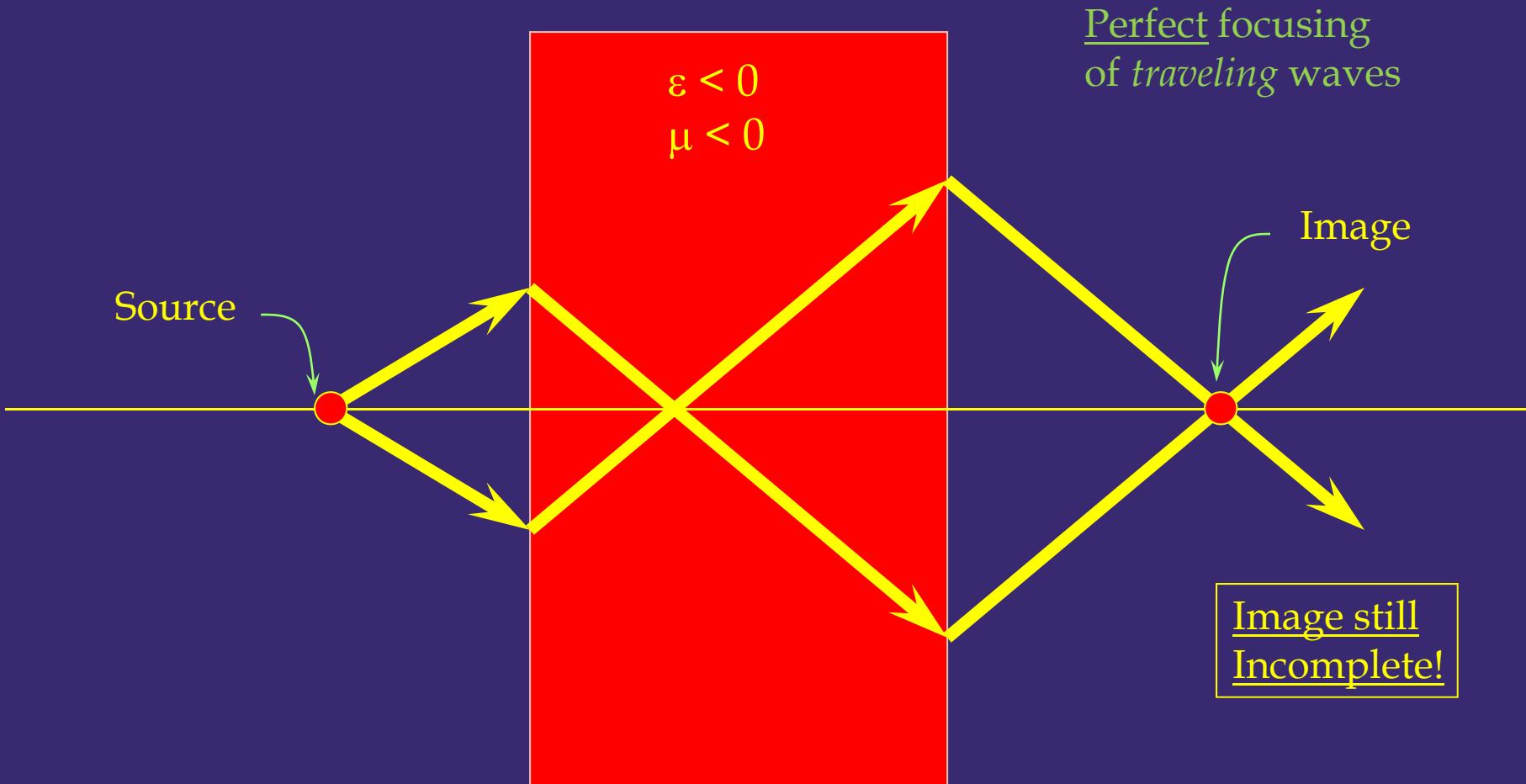
Positive Index Medium



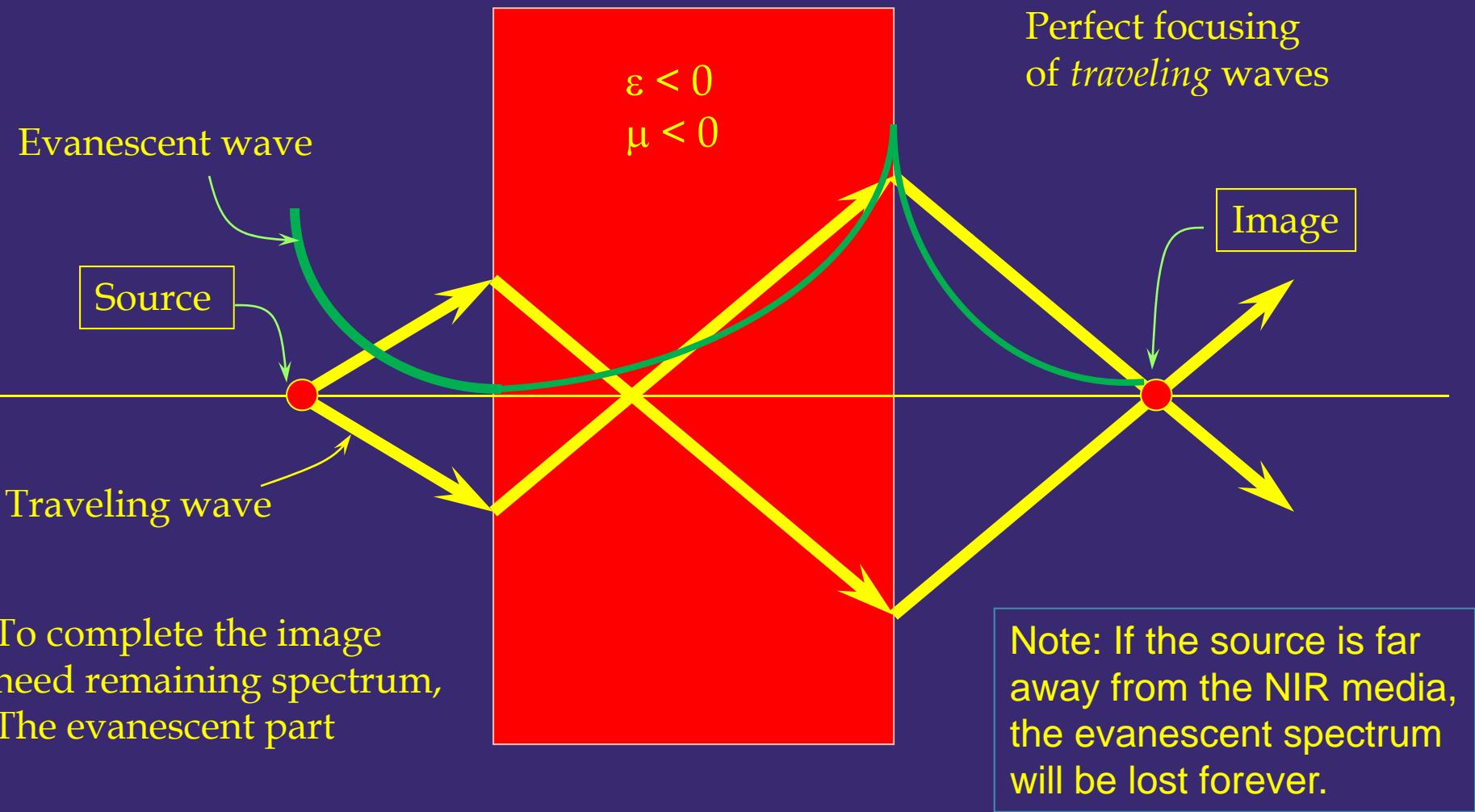
Negative Index Medium



# Flat Lens! (without optical axis!)

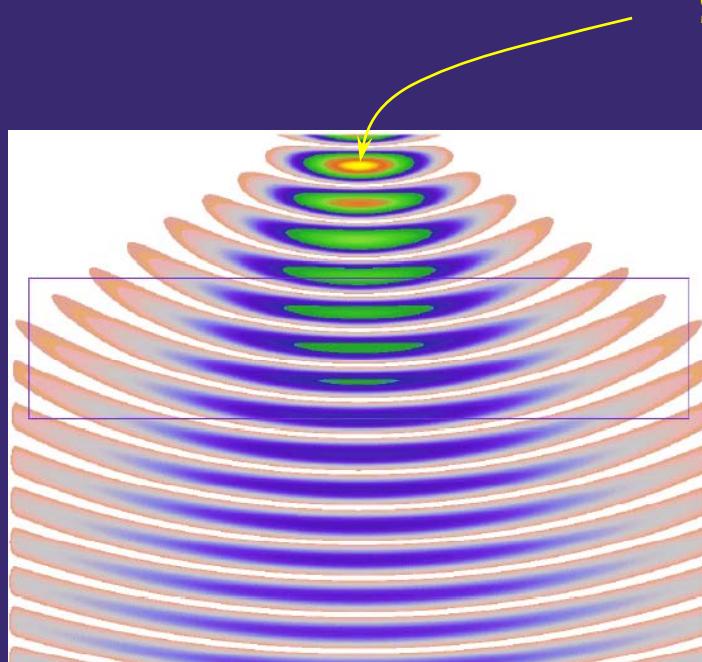


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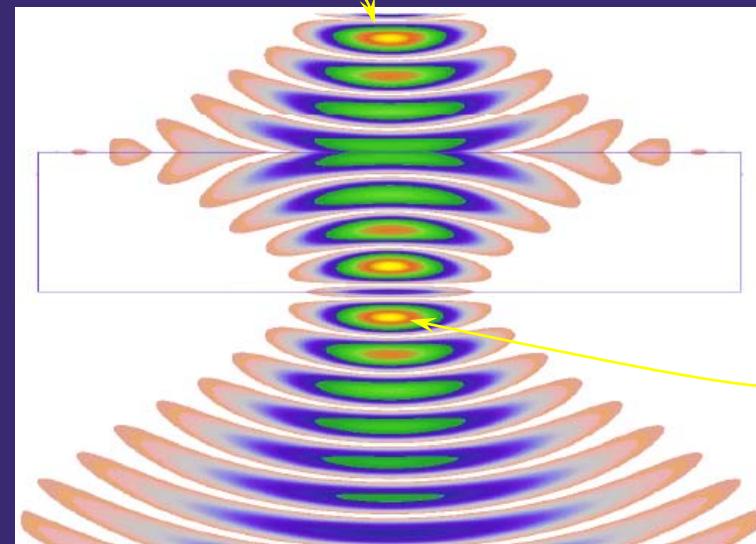
# Time-Domain Simulation

Right Handed medium



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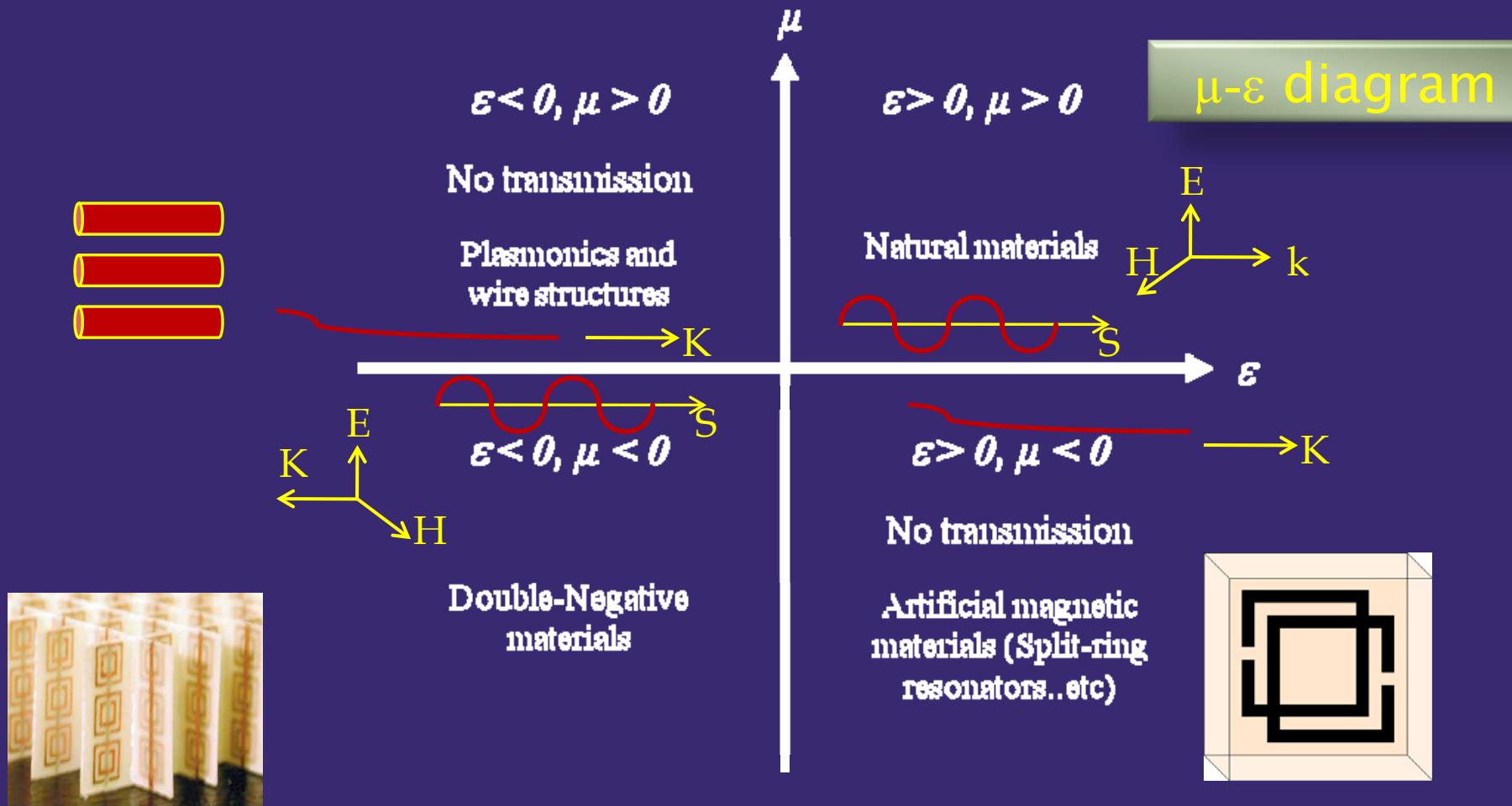
Left Handed medium



Image

Source: Zilkowski; Optics Express, April 2002

# More possibilities



# Epsilon near-zero materials!

# Metamaterial!!

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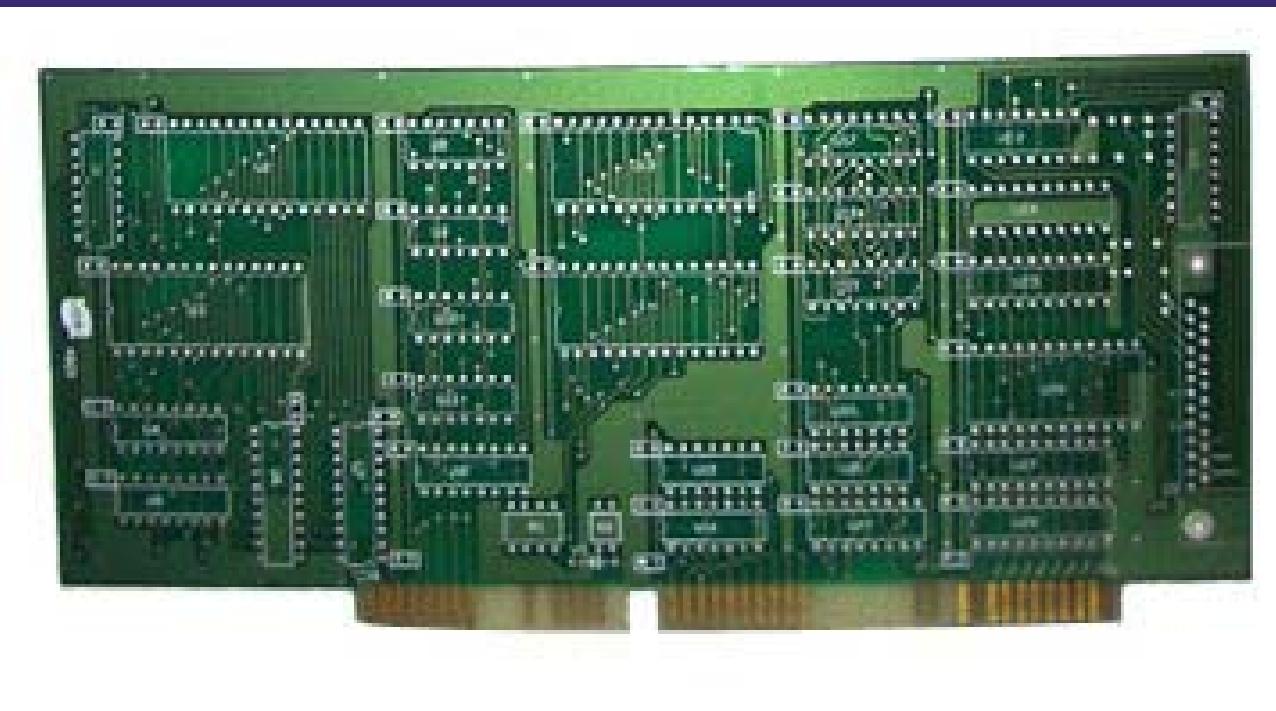
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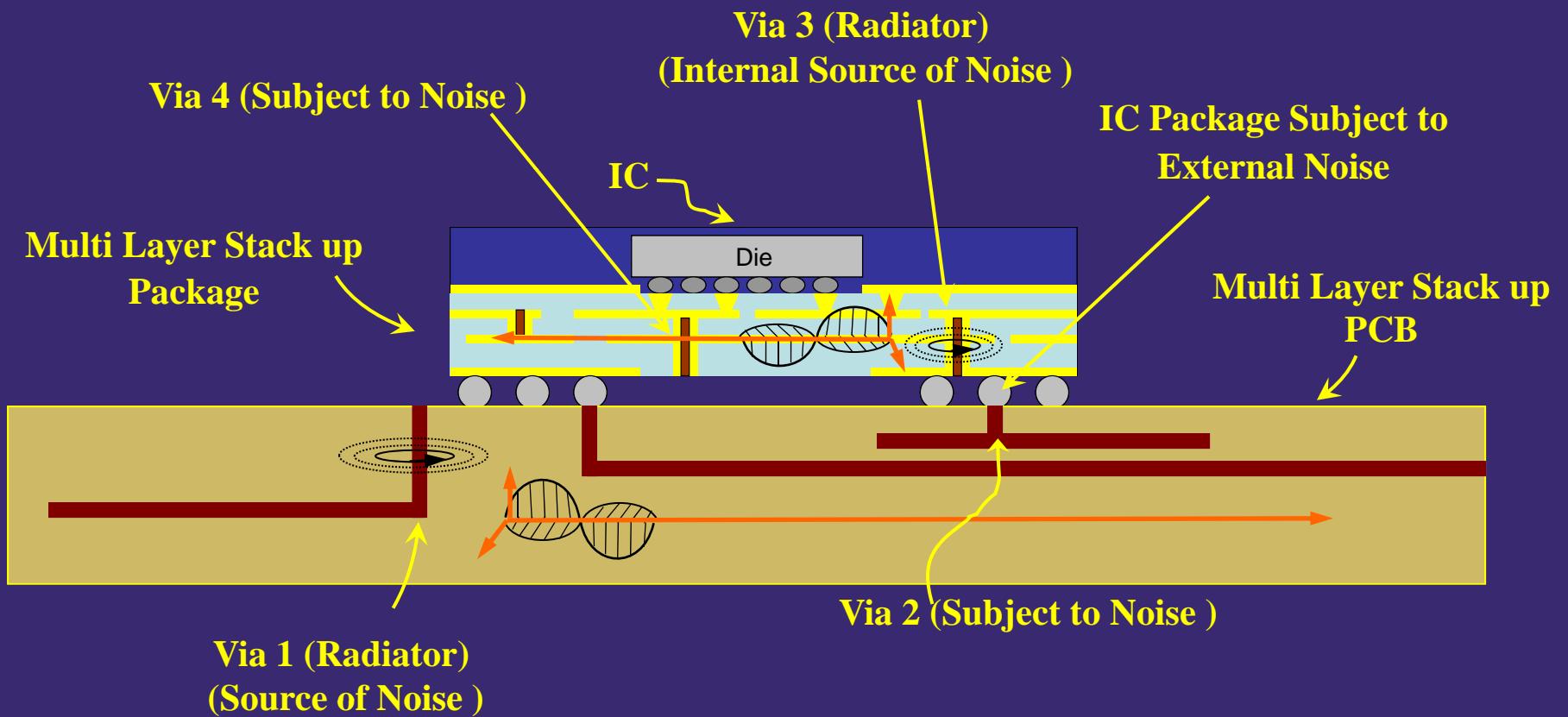


# Electromagnetic Compatibility in PCBs and Packages



# Noise... noise...noise ...

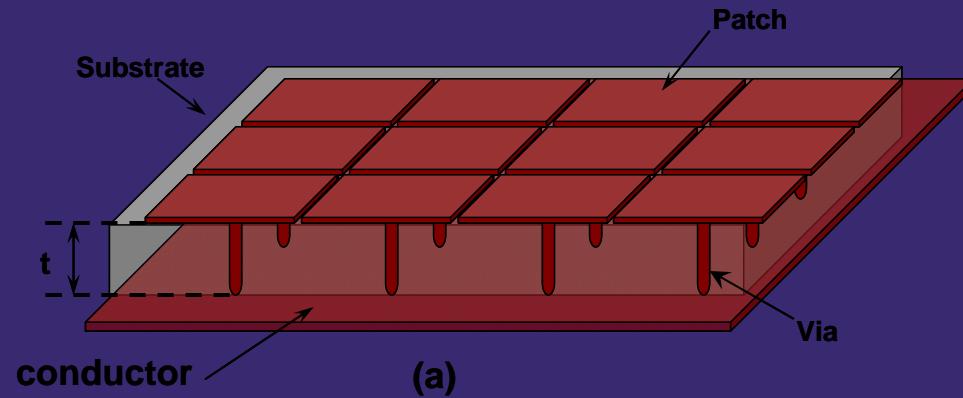
IC subject to Internal and External Noise



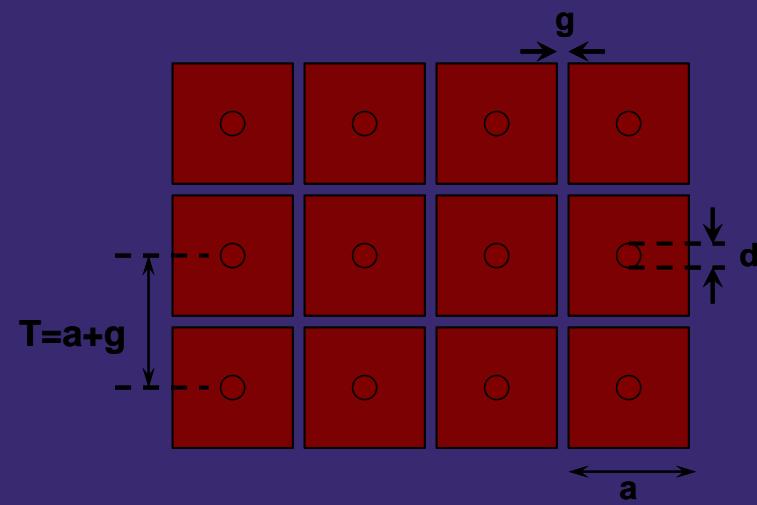
# Electromagnetic Band Gap Structures

In reality, a single negative  
media ...  
or **metamaterial!**

# EBGs Can Take Various Shapes



(a)

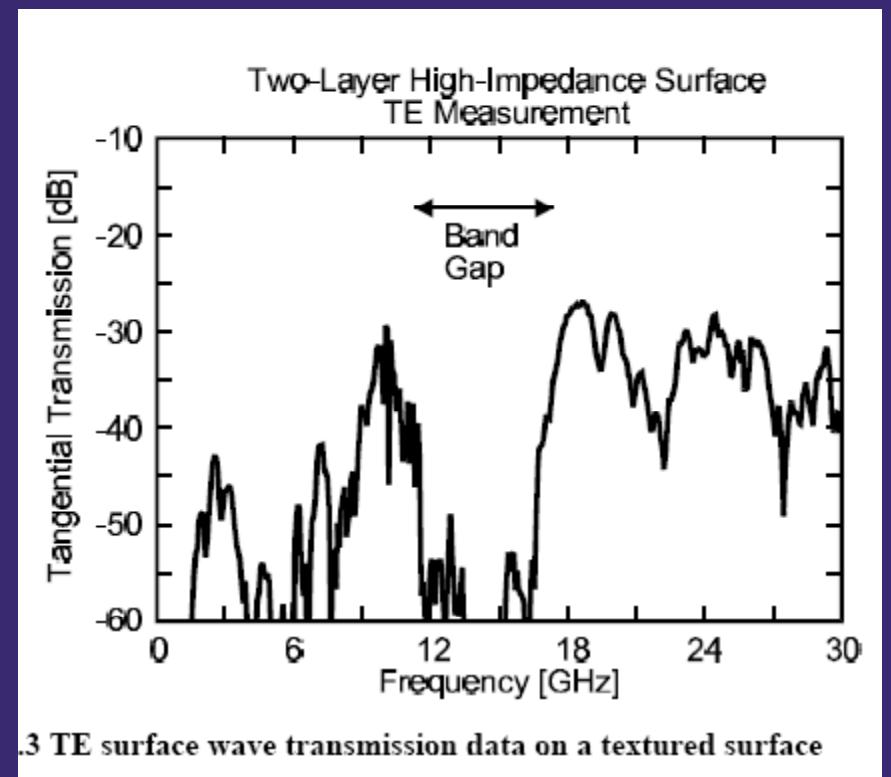
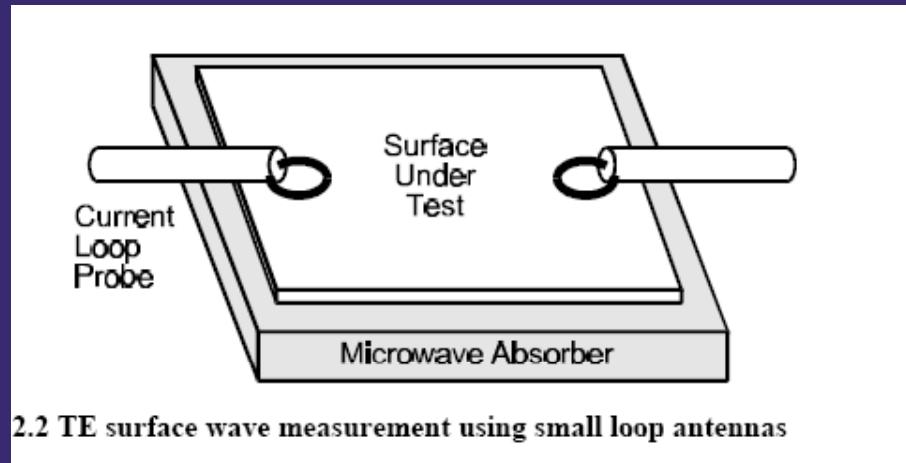


(b)

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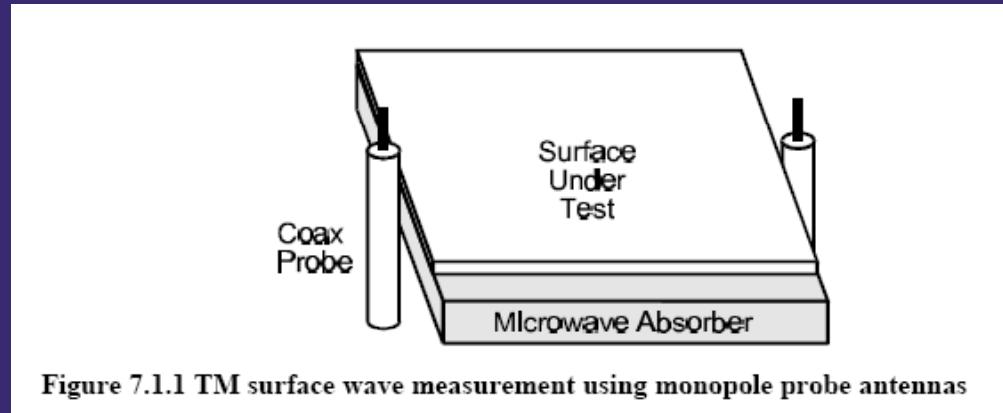


Figure 7.1.1 TM surface wave measurement using monopole probe antennas

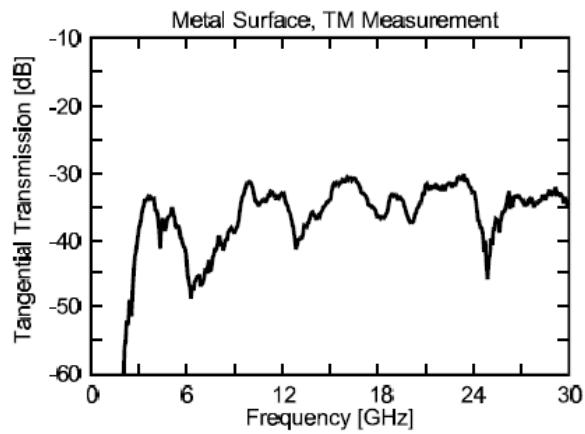


Figure 7.1.3 TM surface wave transmission data on a flat metal surface

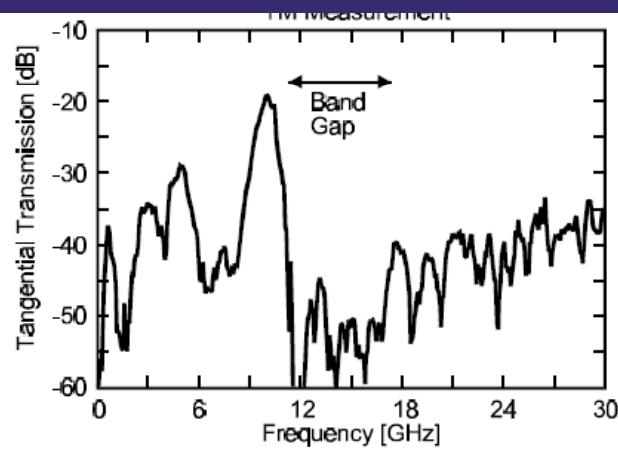
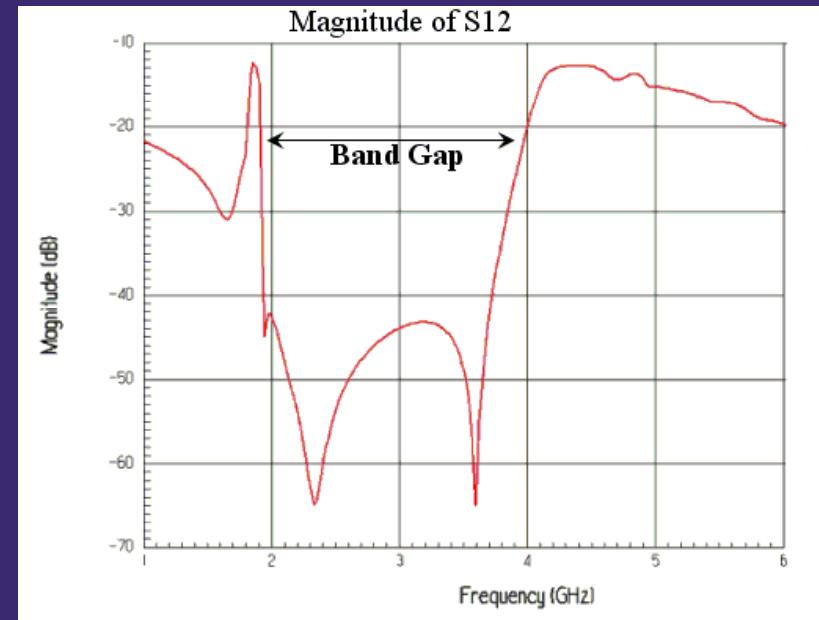
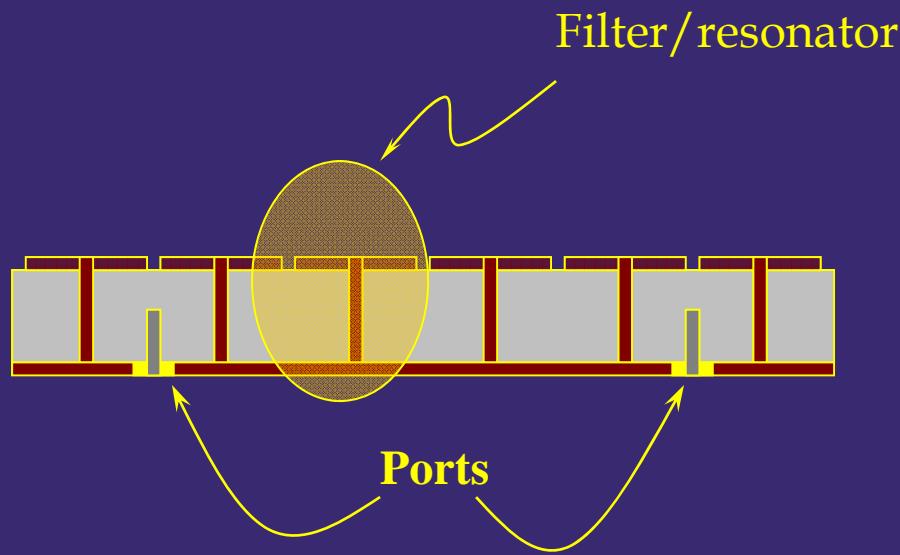


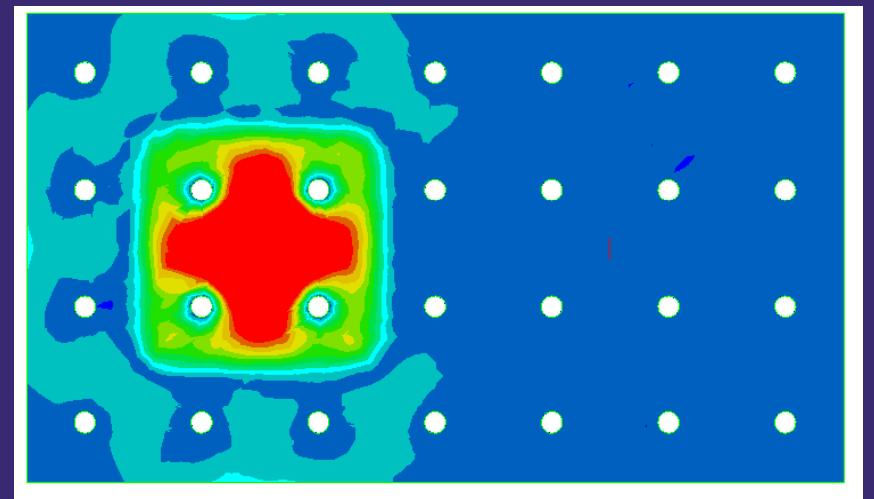
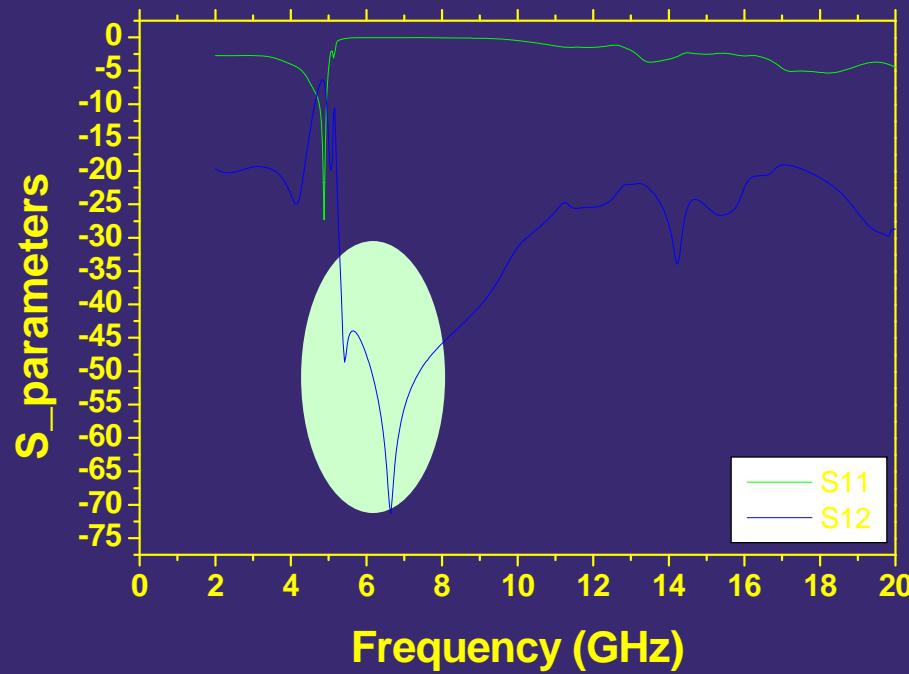
Figure 7.1.4 TM surface wave transmission data on a textured surface

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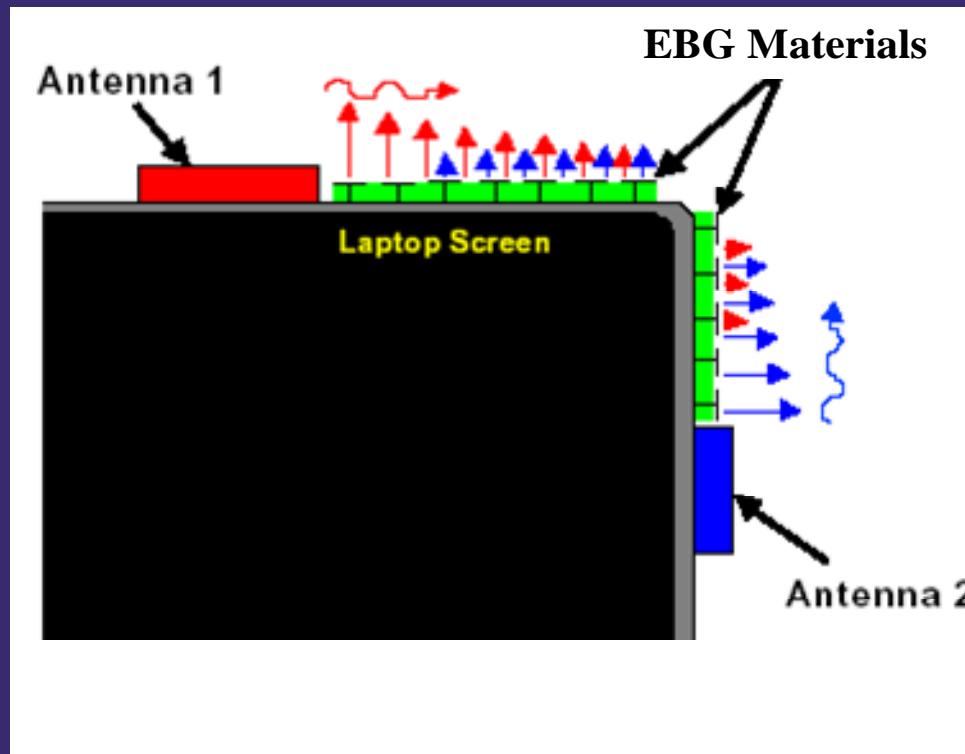
# Design of EBG structure using S-parameters simulation



# EBGs as an EM Wave Suppressor

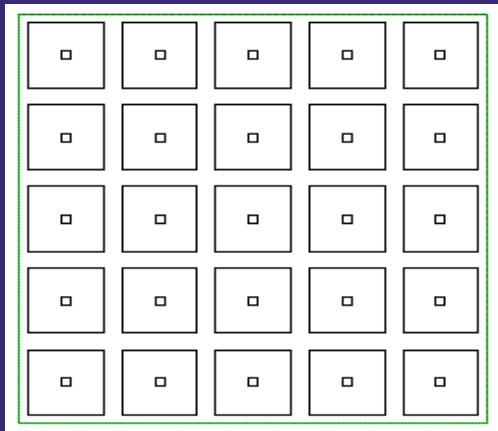


# Surface Wave Mitigation using EBG Materials

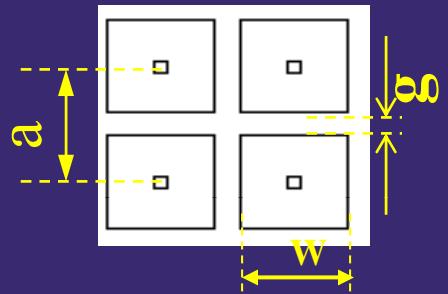
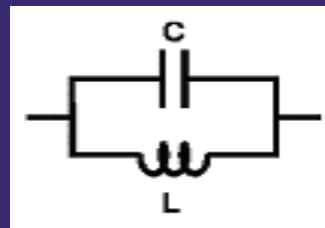
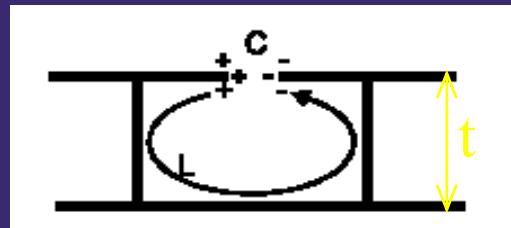


BUT... will the above work for any antenna?

# Interpretation and Analyses



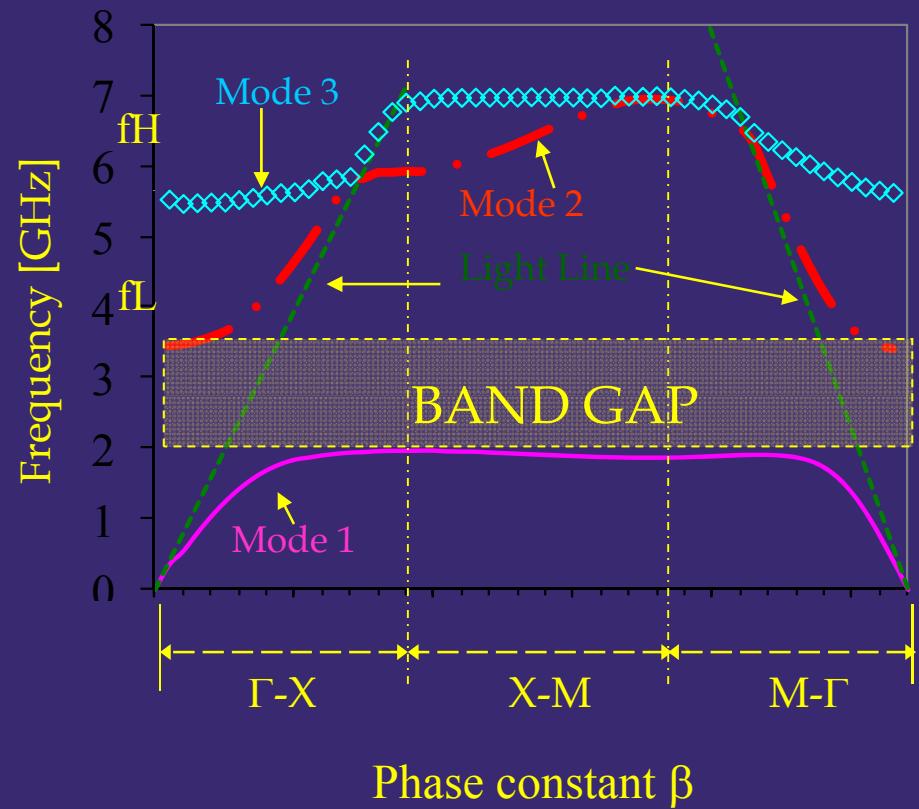
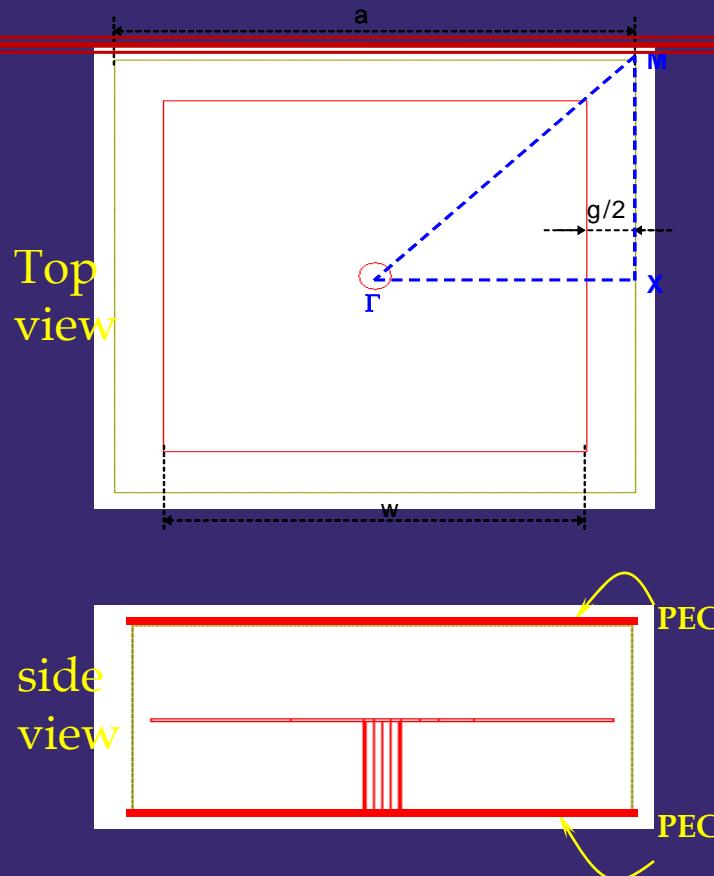
Top view of HIS with square patches



$$f_{res} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$$

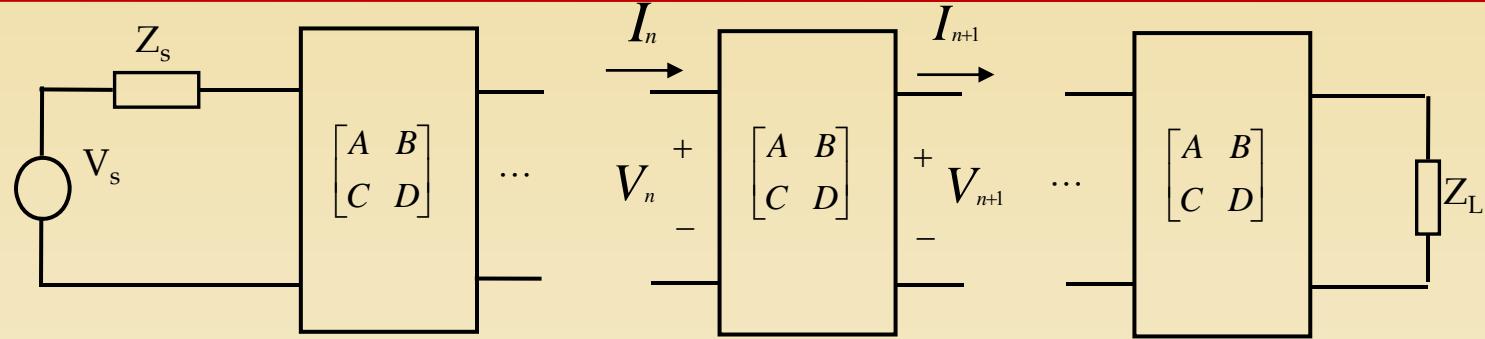
- Surface wave propagation
  - TM waves at low Freq.
  - No propagation around  $f_{res}$
  - TE waves at high Freq.
- Resonance comes from lumped behavior of vias and patches
- period must be much smaller than wavelength:

# Characterization using Dispersion diagrams



Analysis of a unit cell provides eigenmode solutions for Maxwell's equations

# Characterization using Dispersion Equations (approximate Analysis)



Floquet's theorem :

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_n \\ I_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_{n+1} \\ I_{n+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{n+1} \\ I_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = e^{-\gamma d} \begin{bmatrix} V_n \\ I_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\gamma = \alpha_n + j\beta_n$$

In order to have a solution

$$\begin{array}{c} \Rightarrow \\ \left| \begin{array}{cc} A - e^{\gamma d} & B \\ C & A - e^{\gamma d} \end{array} \right| = 0 \end{array}$$



$$\cosh(\gamma d) = \cos(\beta d) + j \frac{YZ_w}{2} \sin(\beta d)$$

# Transmission Line and Periodic Structure Theory (TLPS) Modeling

$$\cosh(\gamma d) = \cos(\beta d) + j \frac{YZ_w}{2} \sin(\beta d)$$

- For the first cell:

$$\cosh(\alpha_1 d) \cos(\beta_1 d) + j \sinh(\alpha_1 d) \sin(\beta_1 d) = \cos(\beta d) + j \frac{YZ_w}{2} \sin(\beta d)$$

- Case 1,  $\alpha_1 = 0$ : (outside the gap, wave propagation)

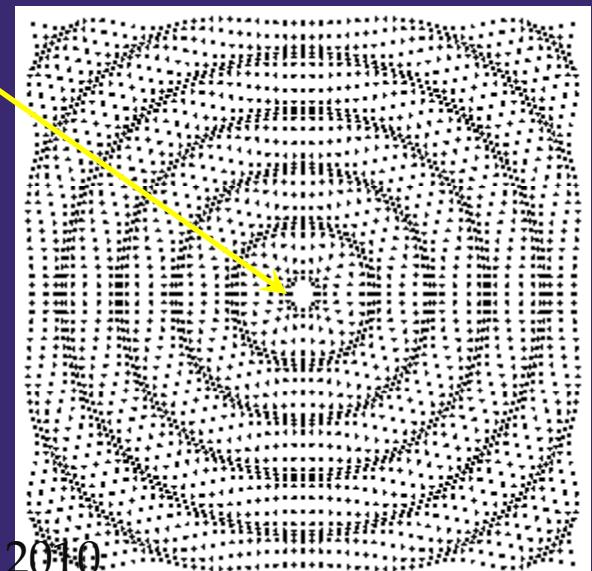
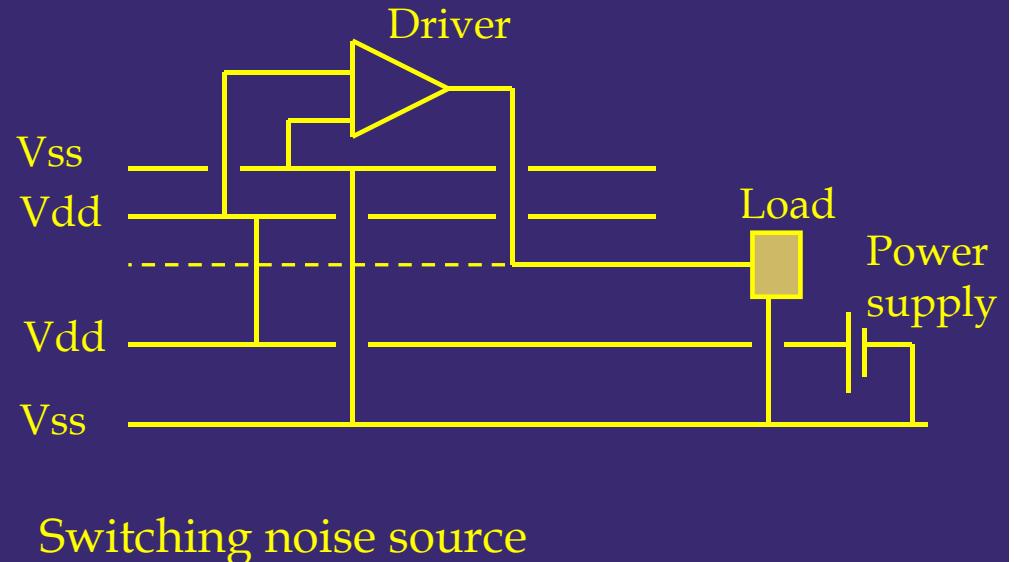
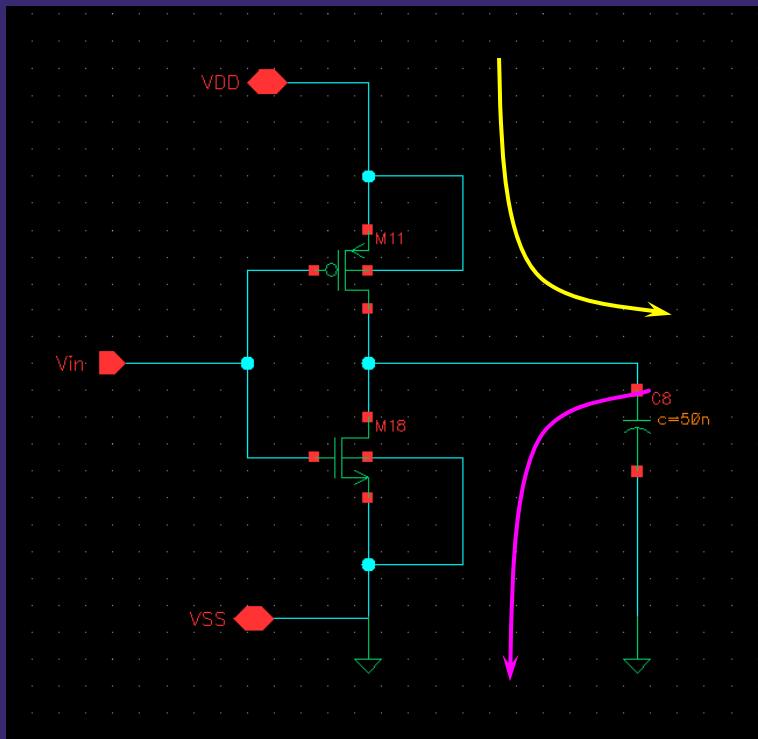
$$\cos(\beta_1 d) = \cos(\beta d) + j \frac{YZ_w}{2} \sin(\beta d)$$

- Case 2,  $\alpha_1 \neq 0$  and  $\beta_1 = 0$  or  $\pi$ : (inside the gap, amplitude decay)

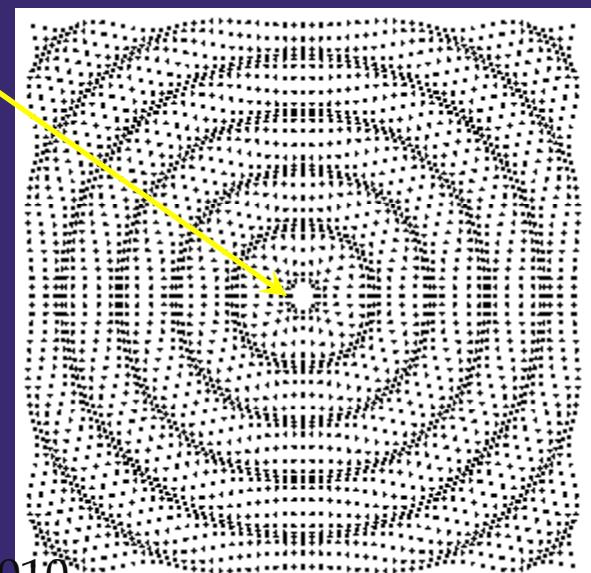
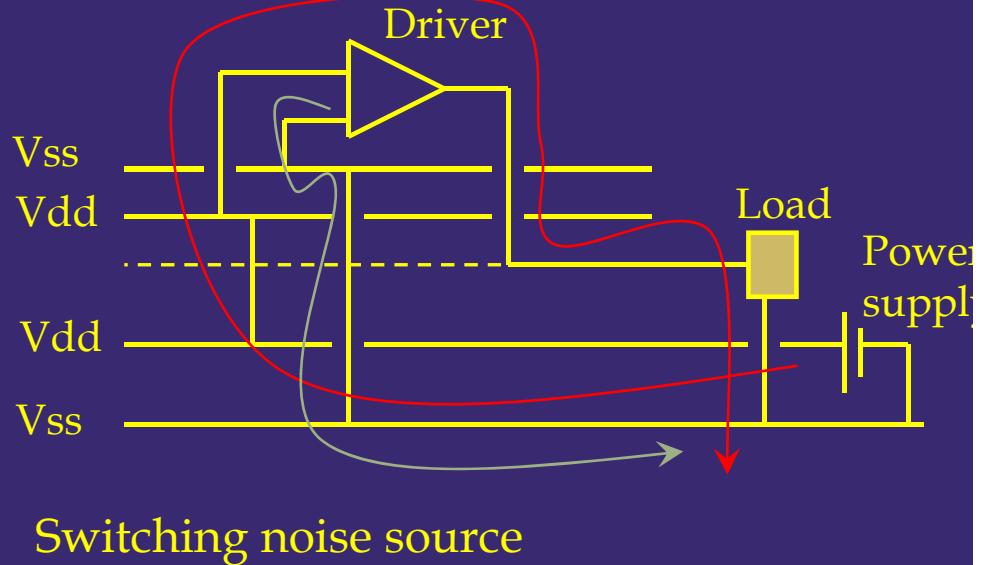
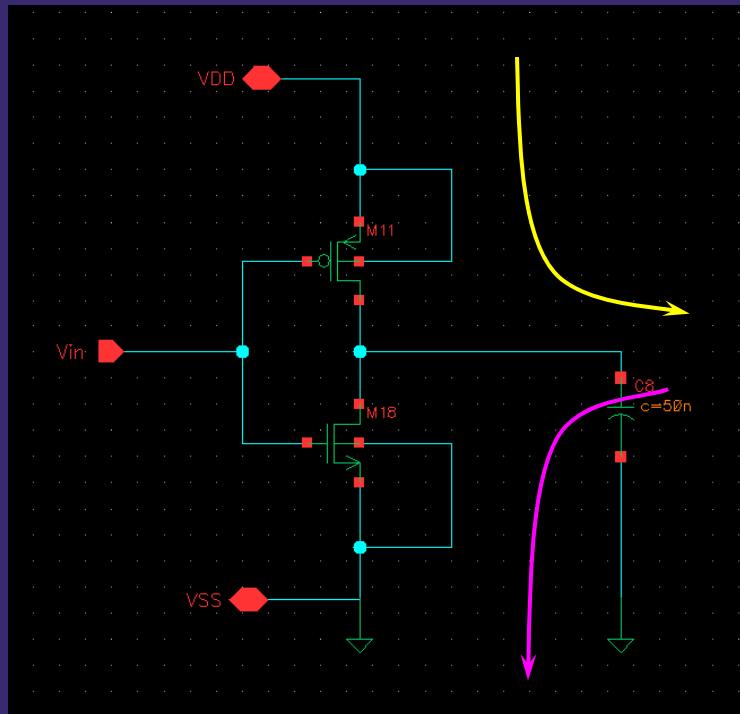
$$\cosh(\alpha_1 d) \cos(\beta_1 d) = \cos(\beta d) + j \frac{YZ_w}{2} \sin(\beta d)$$

# EBGs for Switching Noise Suppression

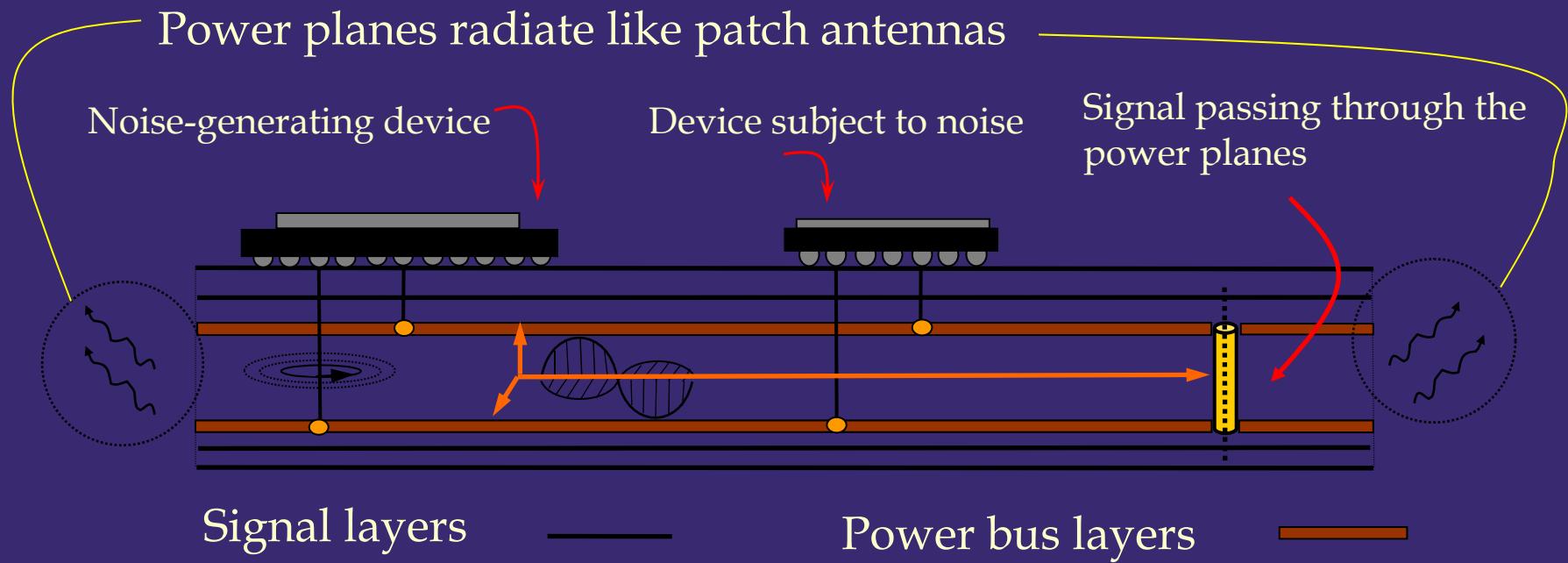
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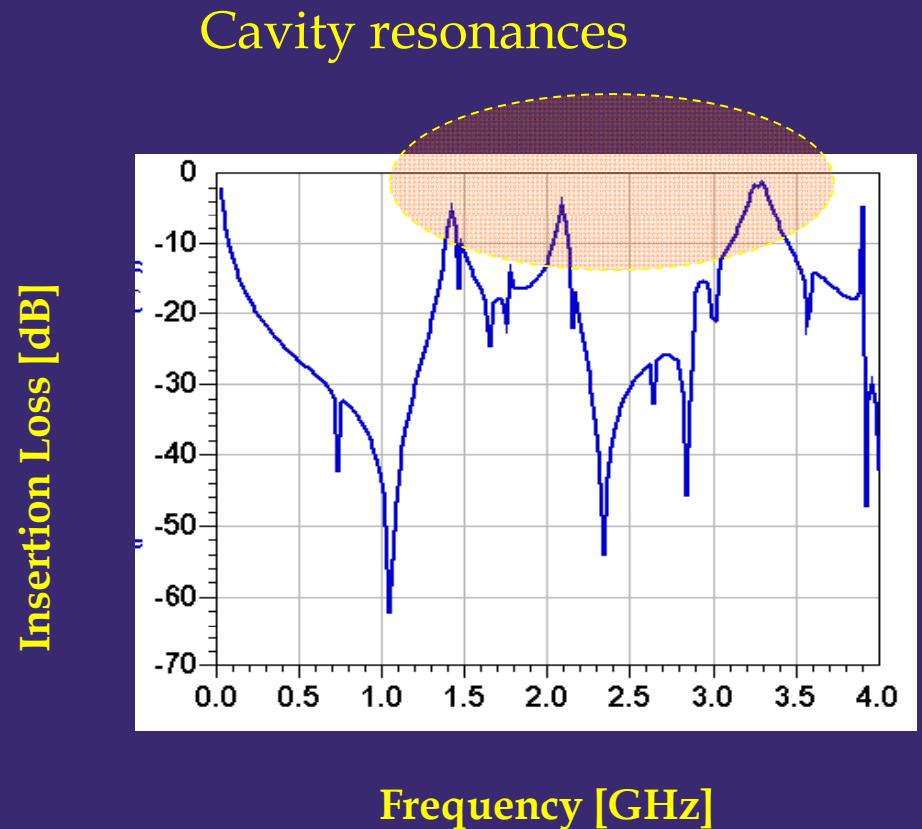
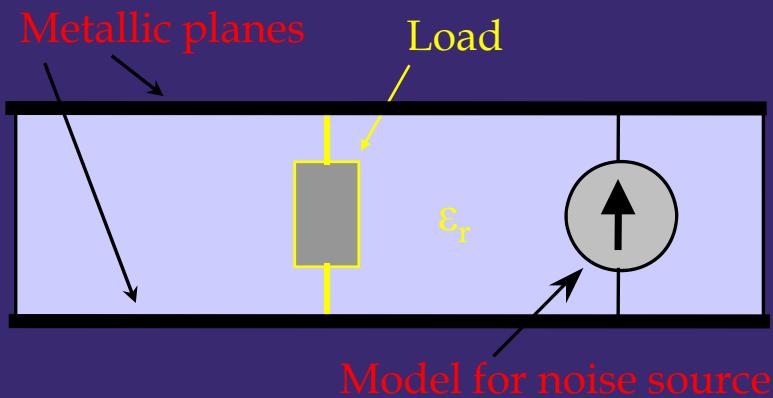
# Switching and switching noise



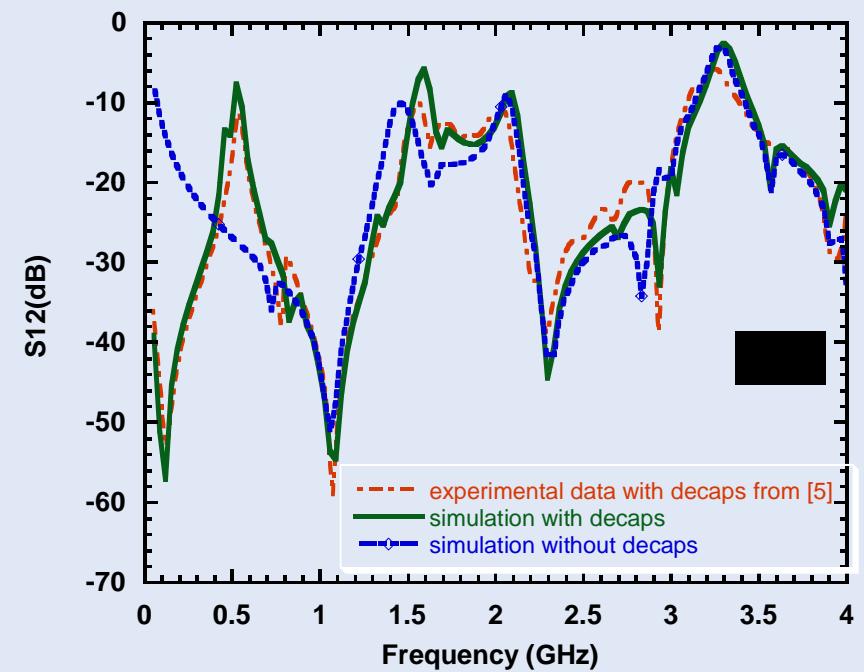
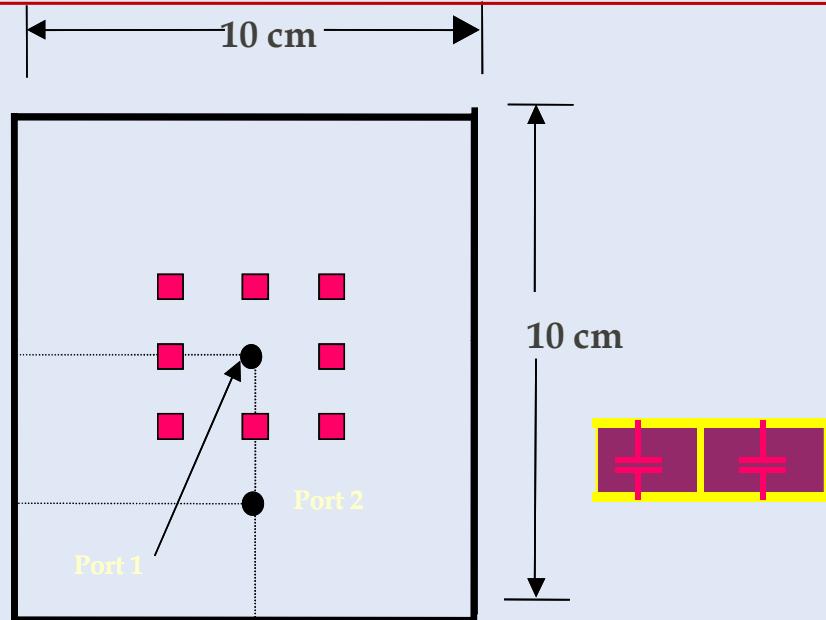
# Switching noise: Propagation point of view



# Model for Power Plane Analysis

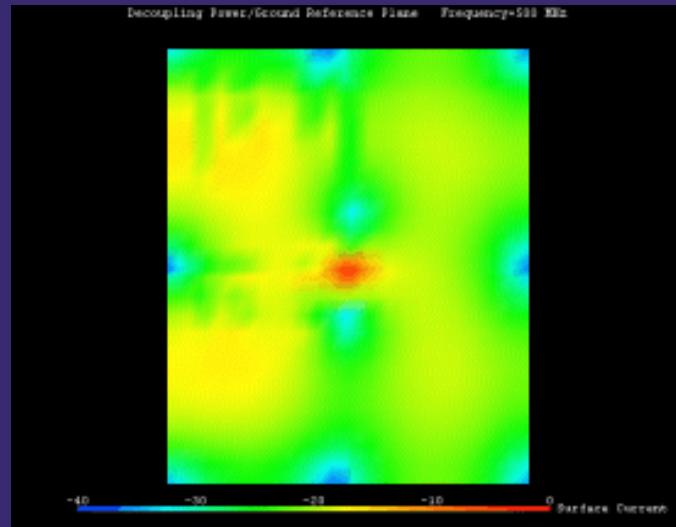


# Noise mitigation with decoupling capacitors around noise source

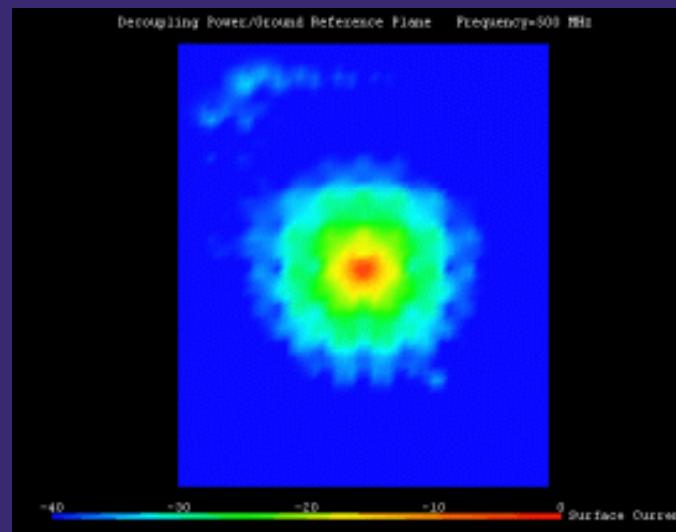


$$Z_{cap} = \frac{1}{j\omega C} + R + j\omega L$$

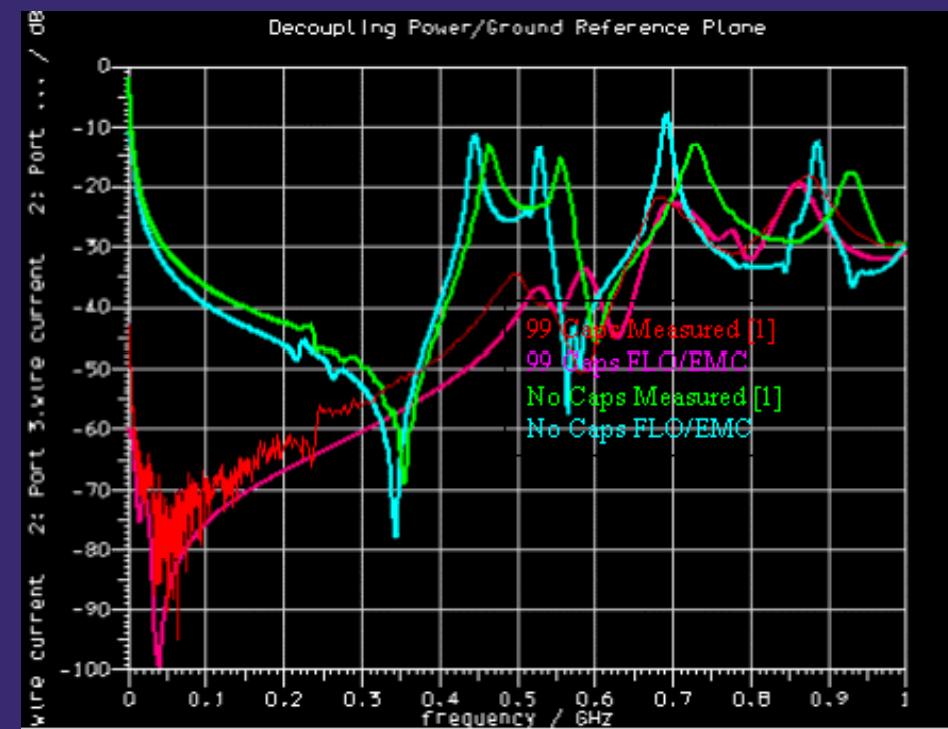
# Noise mitigation with decoupling capacitors around noise source



Surface Current on Ground Plane (No Capacitors)



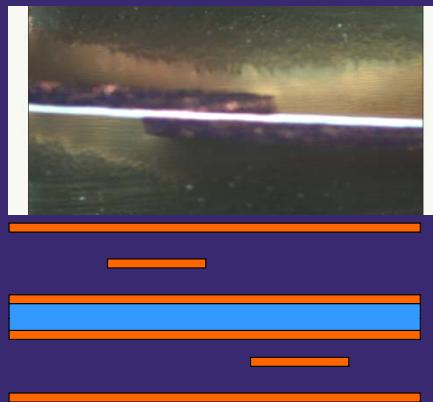
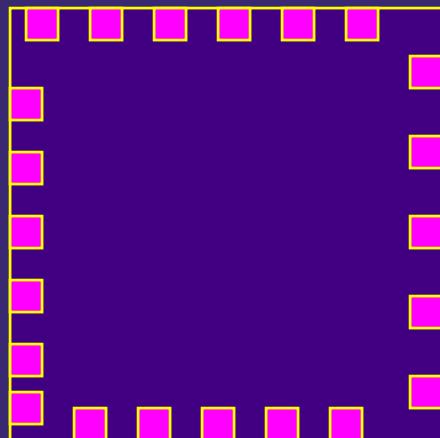
Surface Current on Ground Plane (99 Capacitors)



# Previous work: Other SSN mitigation techniques

## RC dissipative edge termination

- Mitigates low frequency
- Does not address parallel-plate resonance



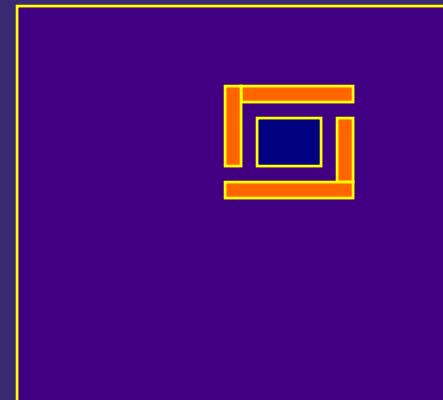
## Embedded capacitance

- Does not remove parallel-plate resonance
- Worsens reliability of board (fragile)

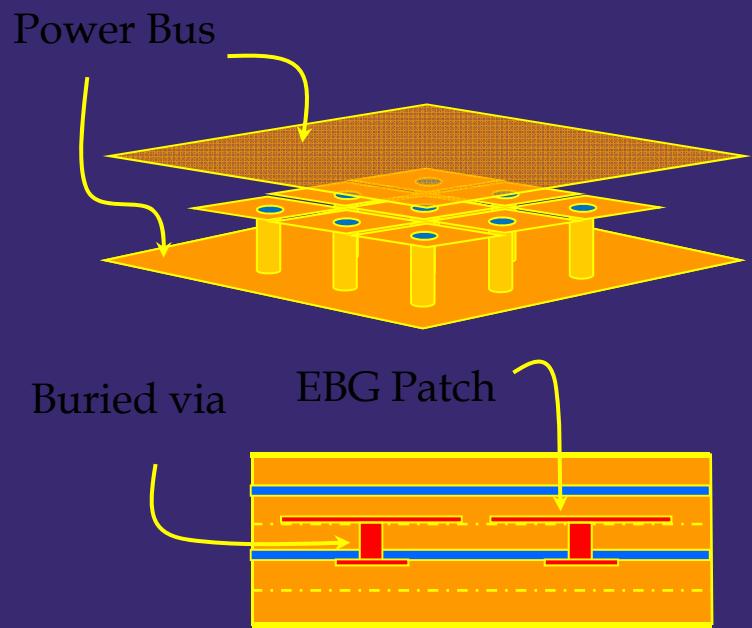
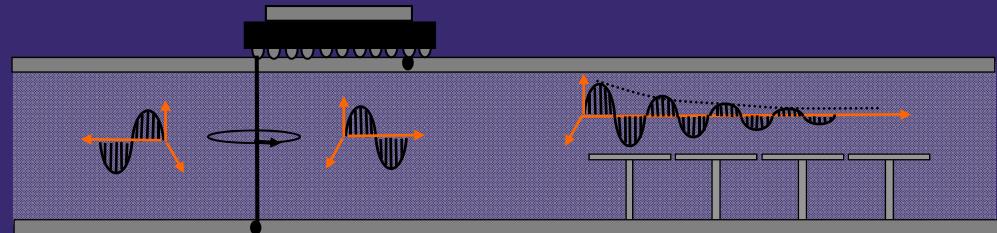


## Separation of Vdd plane

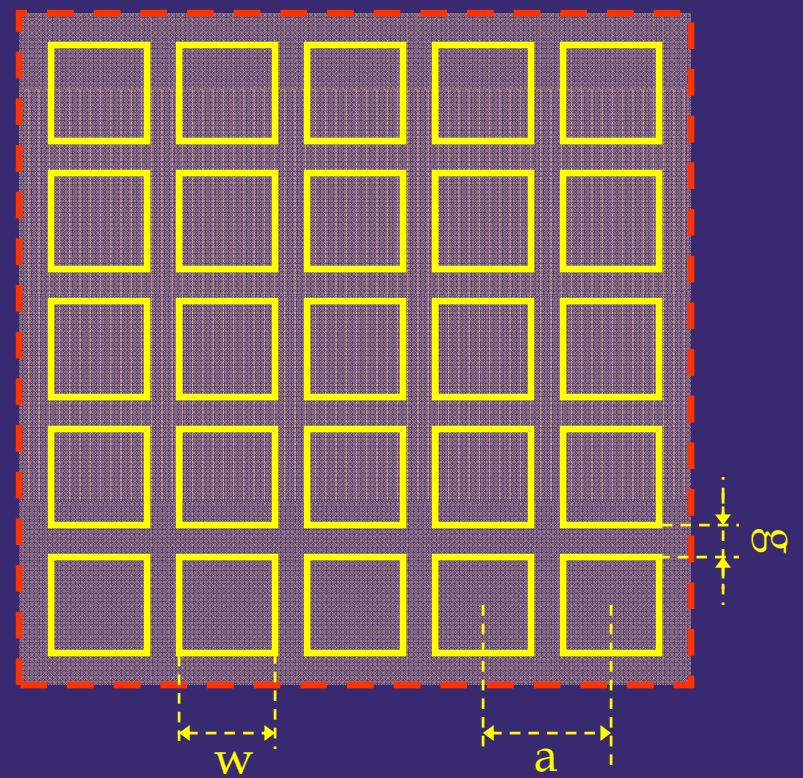
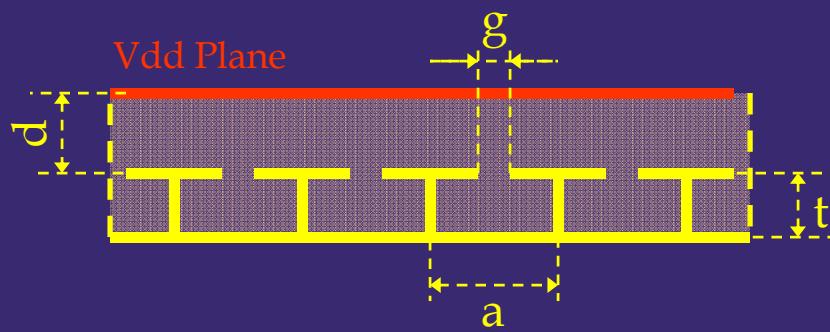
- Stops parallel-plate propagation to and from sensitive devices
- localized solution



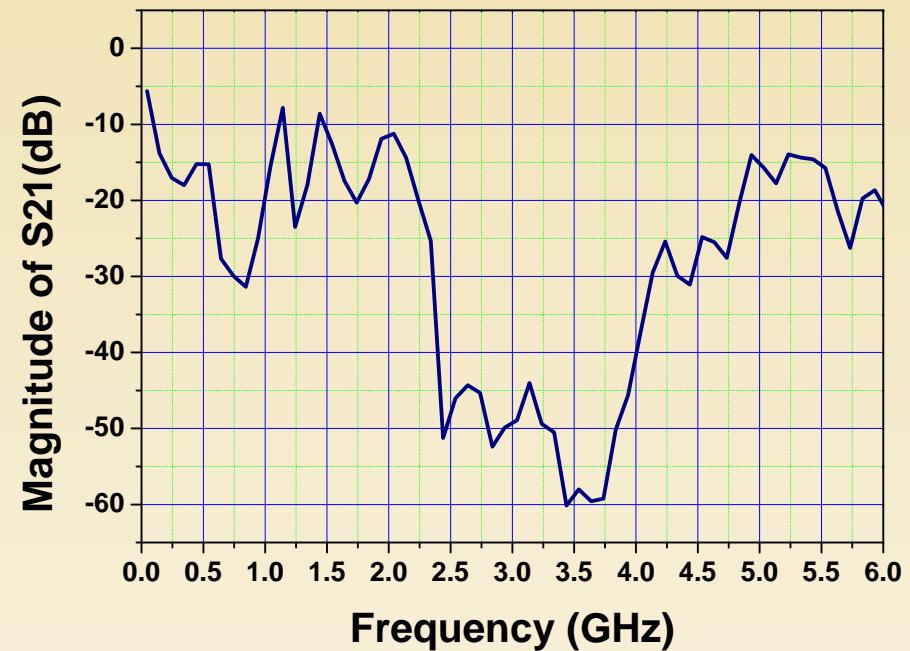
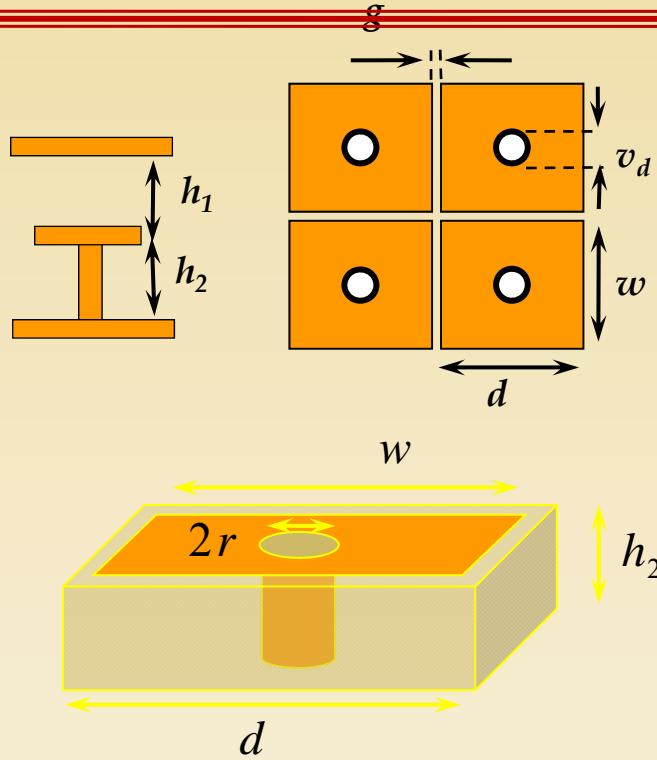
# Switching noise suppression in the presence of EEBG structures



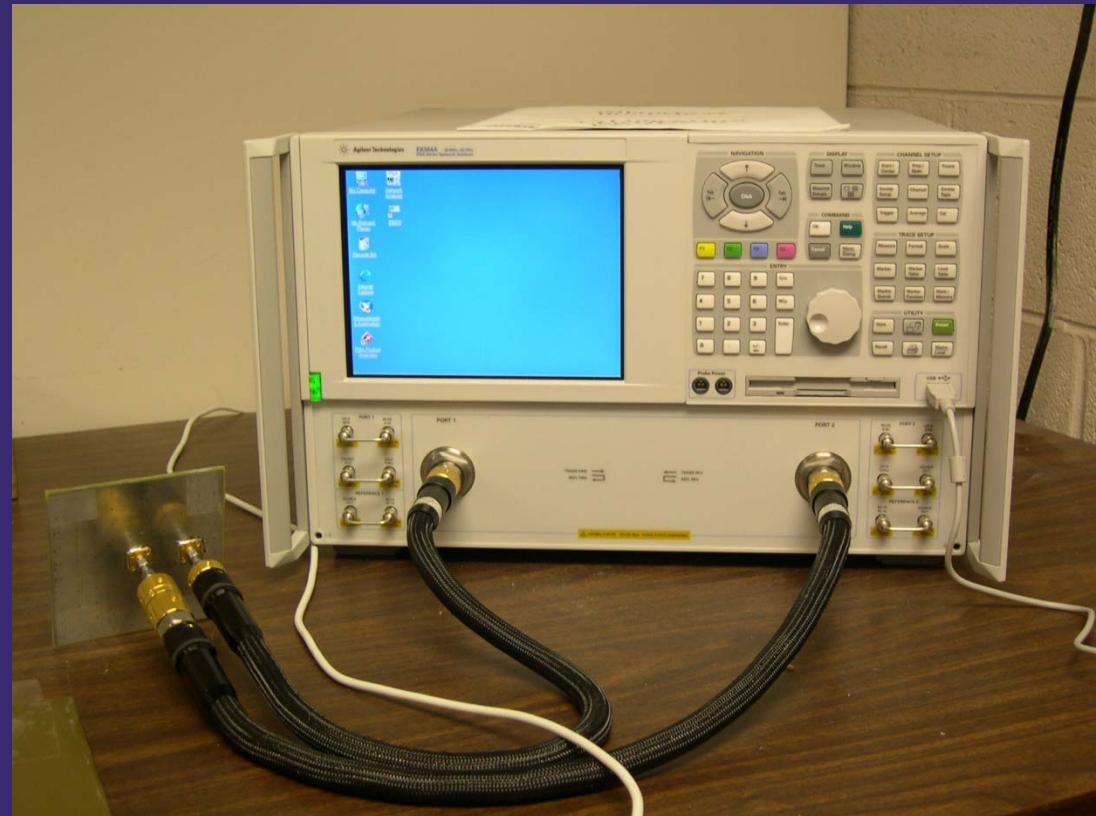
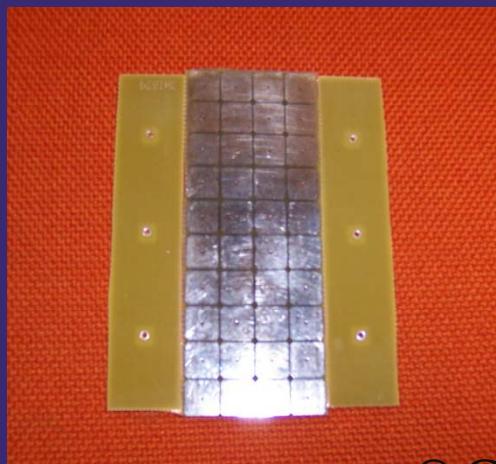
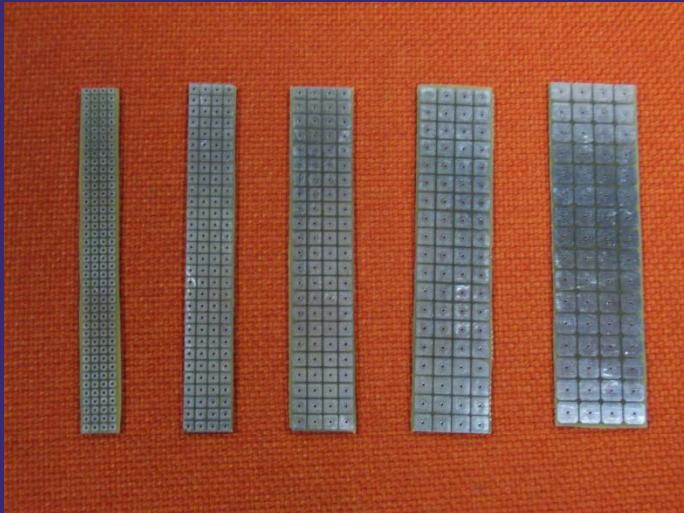
# Power plane with EBGs



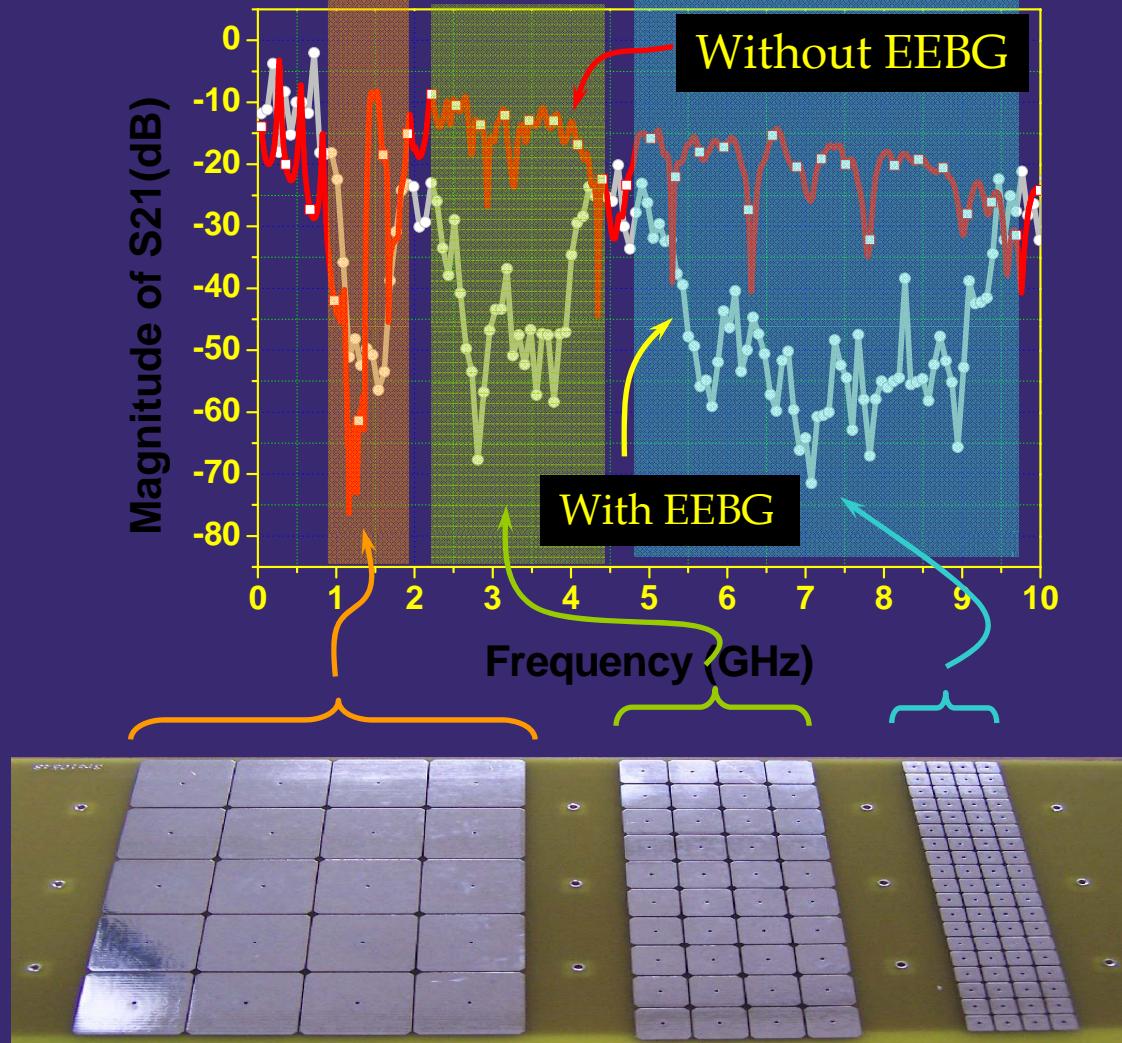
# What is the result of using them?



# Experimental setup

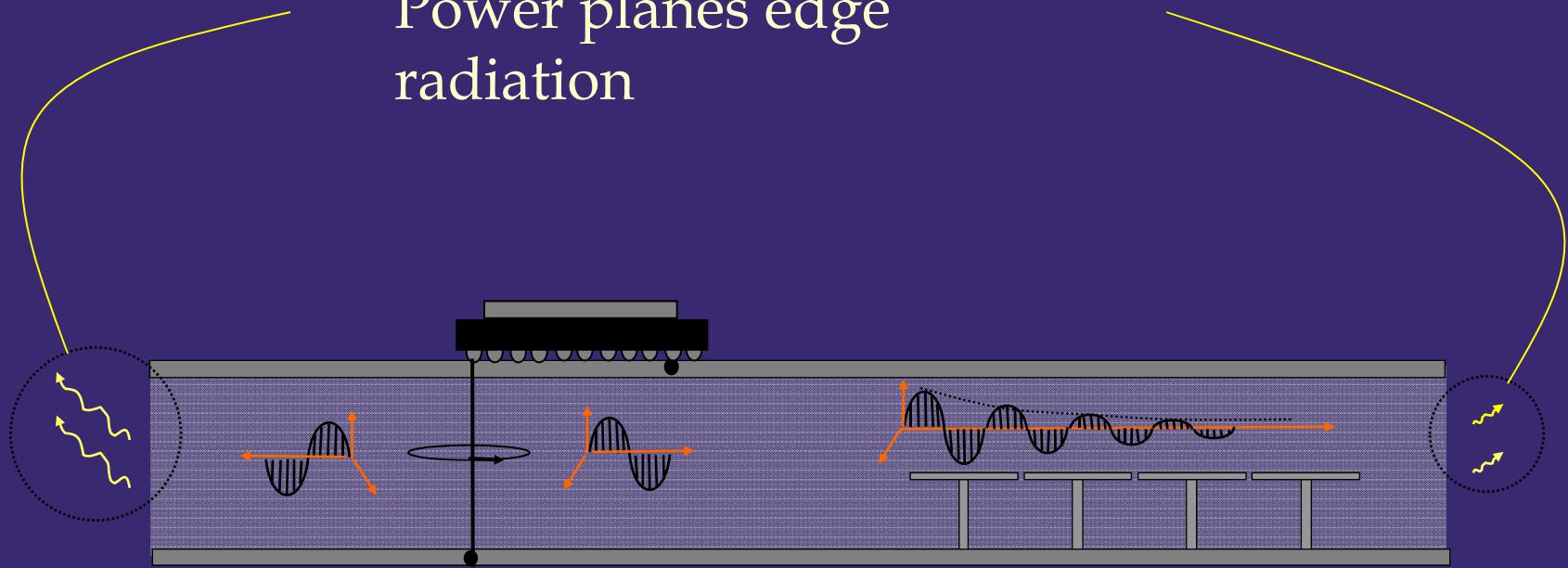


# Wide Band Noise Mitigation



# EMI suppression

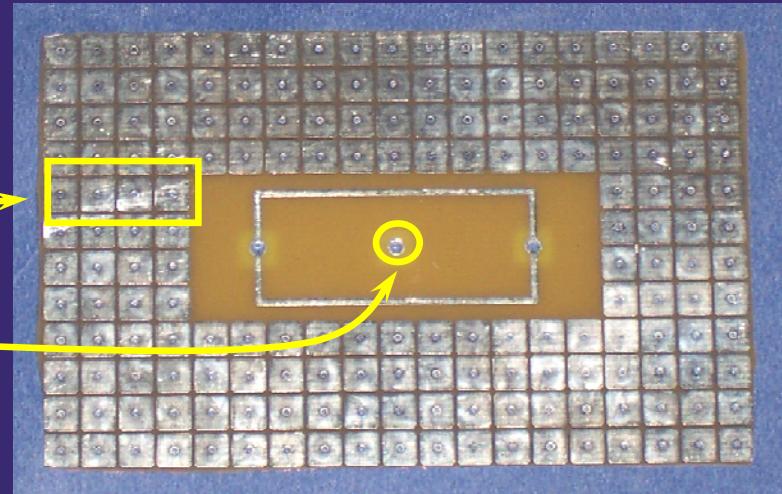
Power planes edge  
radiation



# EMI reduction: Experiment setup

Board under test (6.5 cm x 10 cm) fabricated on commercial FR4.

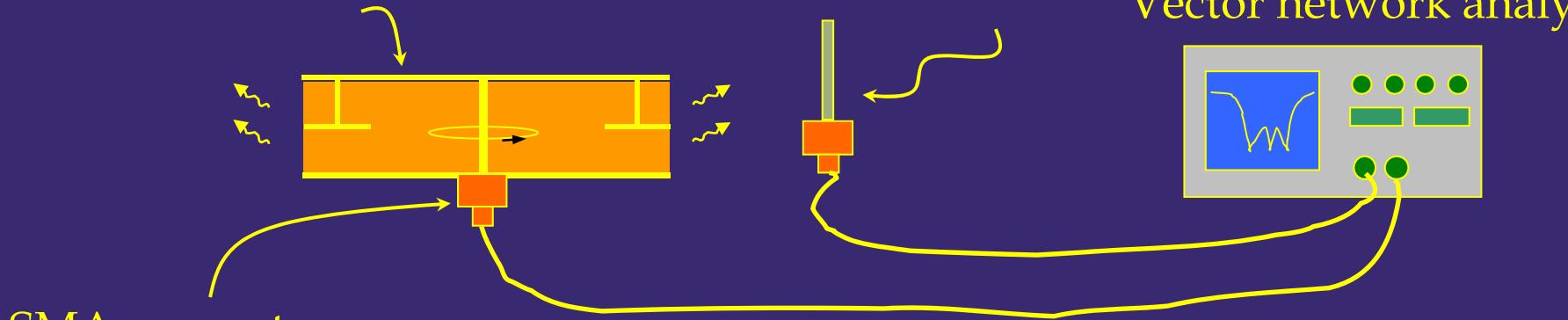
Four Rows of 5mm EEBG



Board under test

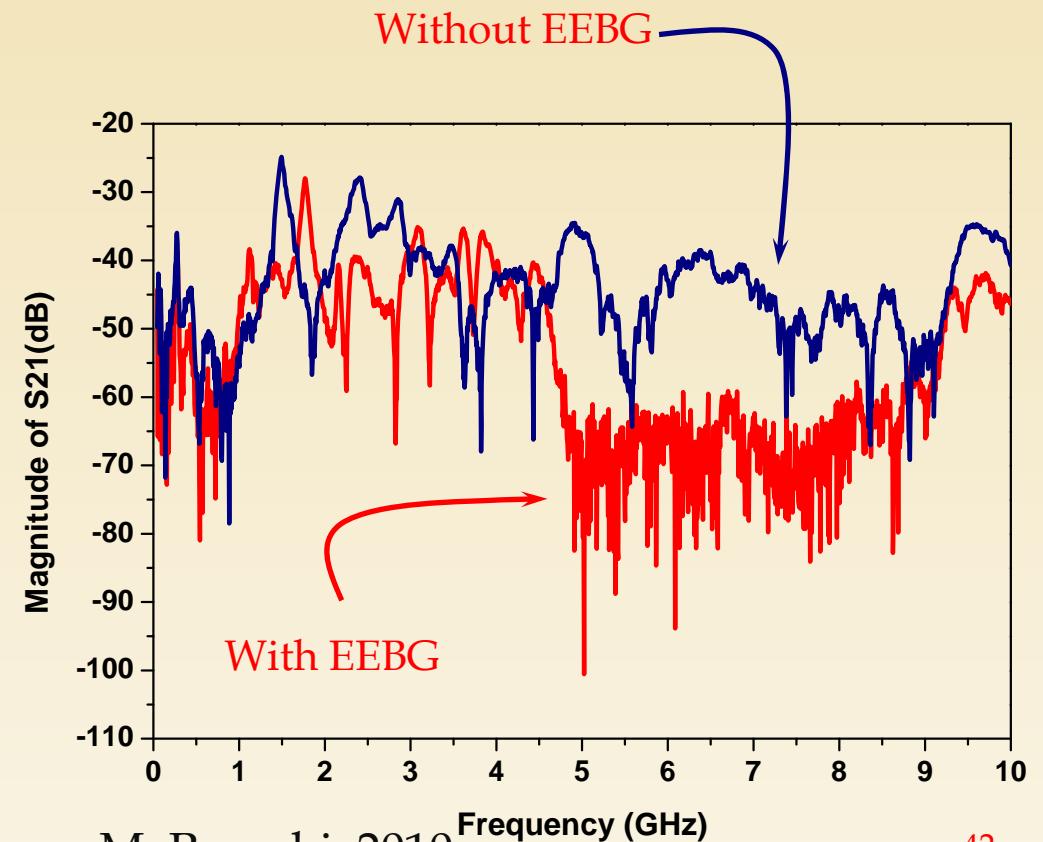
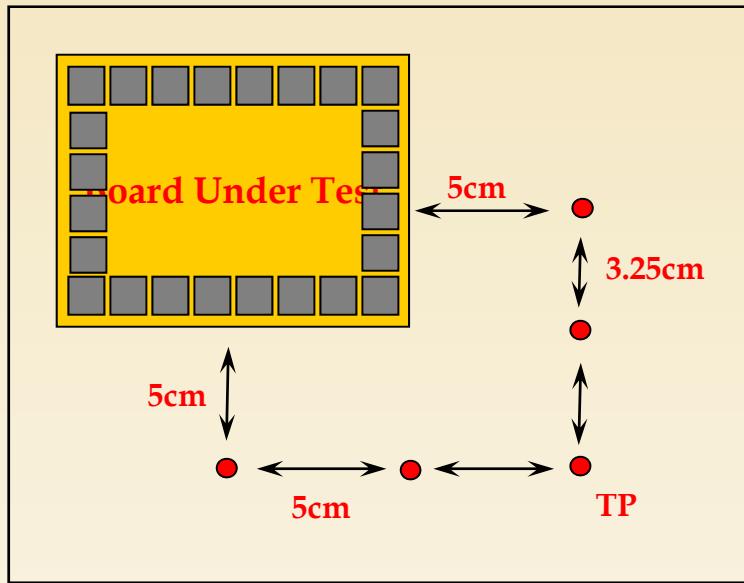
Monopole Antenna

Vector network analyzer

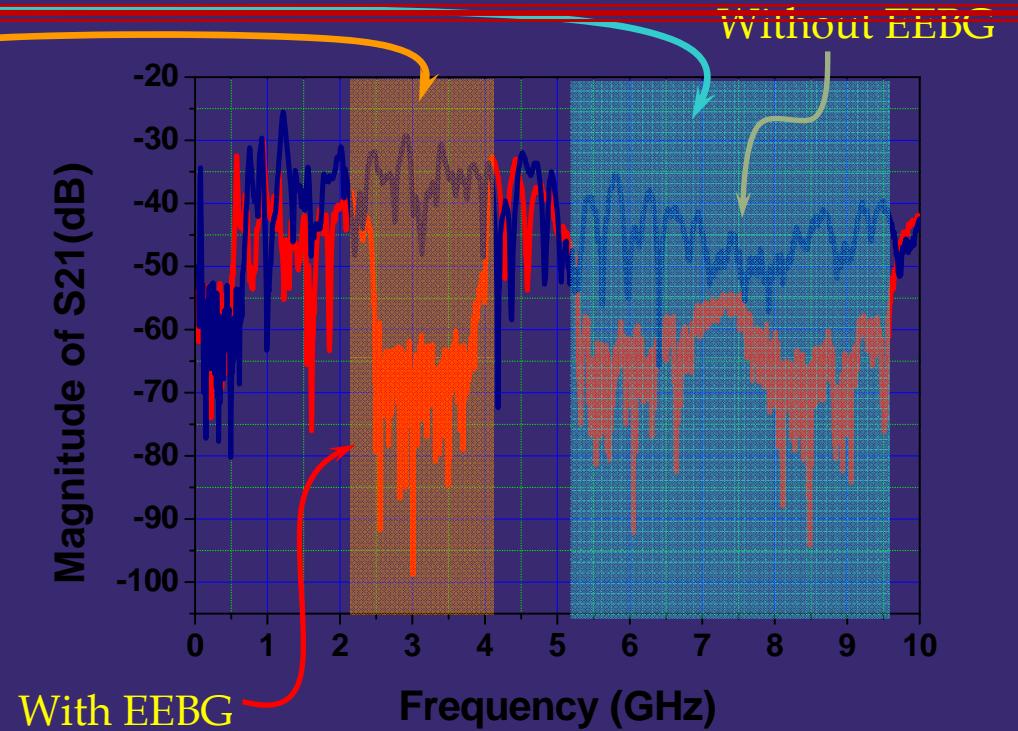
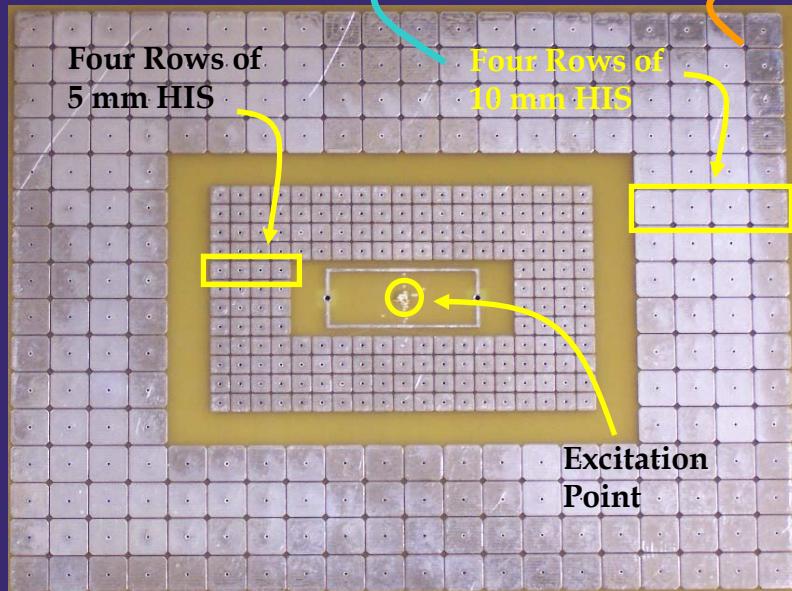


# EMI reduction: Experiment results

- EMI suppression is omni-directional
- Results at different test points are similar



# Ultra Wide-Band EMI Reduction

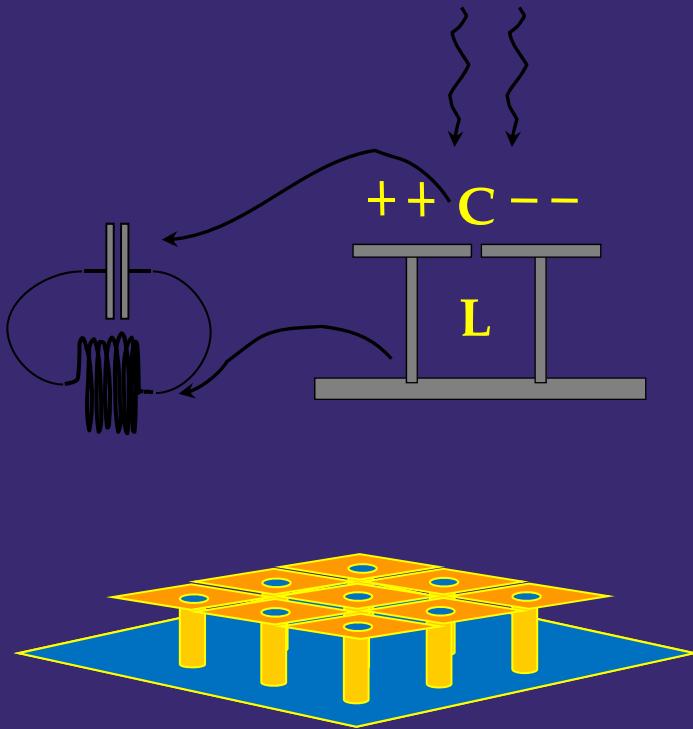


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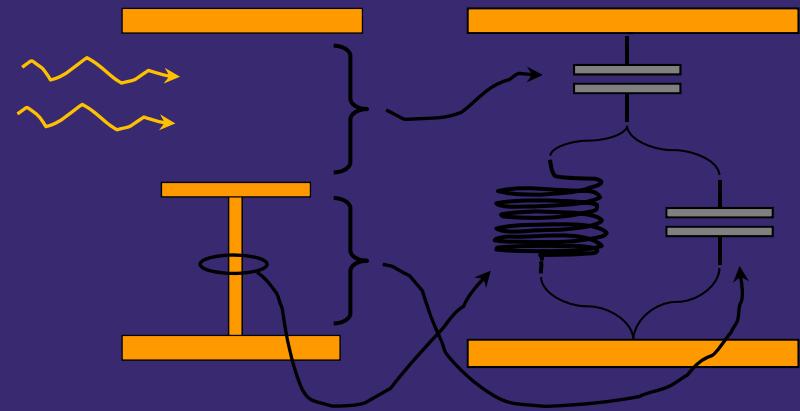
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# Developing methodologies for studying EEBG structures

# The Challenge of Modeling



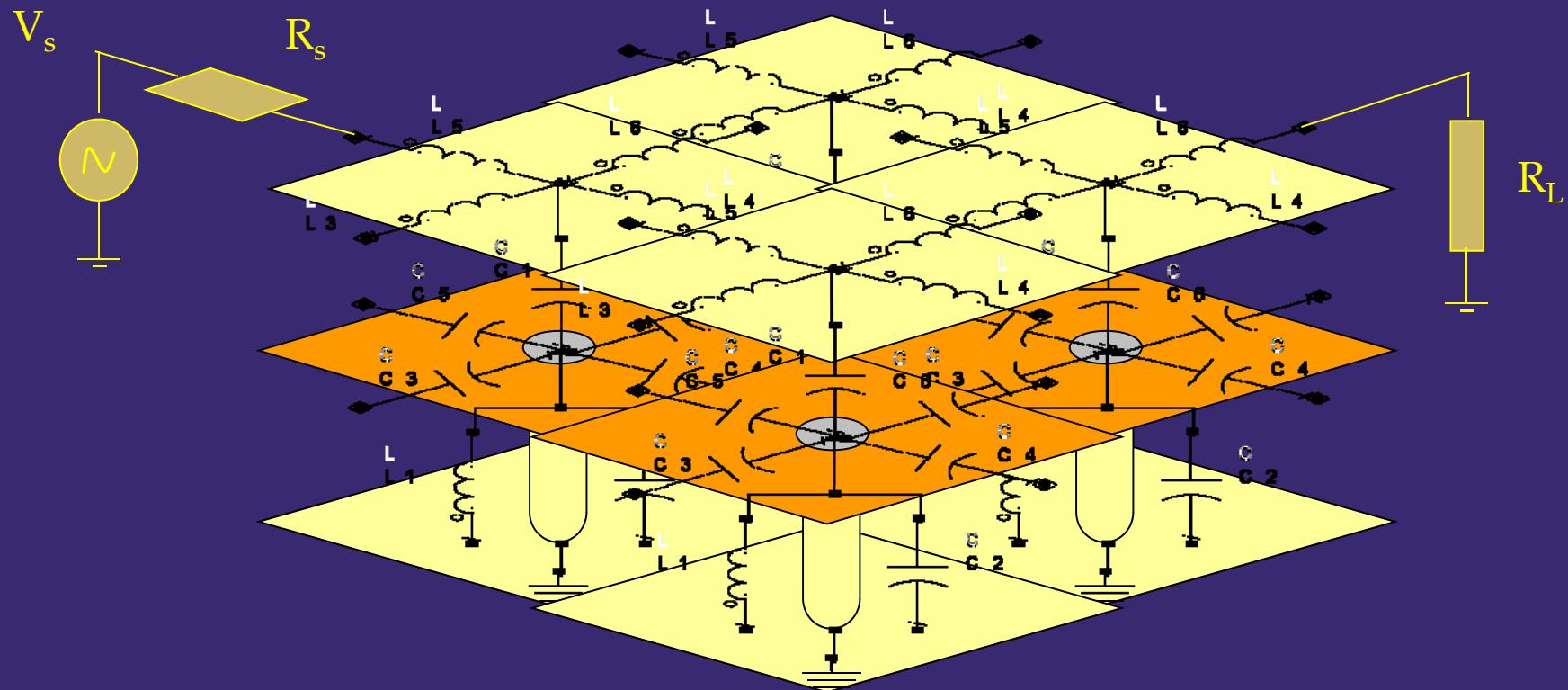
$$Z_{LC} = \frac{jL\omega}{1 - LC\omega^2}$$



$$f_{res} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L(C_1 + C_2)}}$$

# 2D Model based on new unit cell

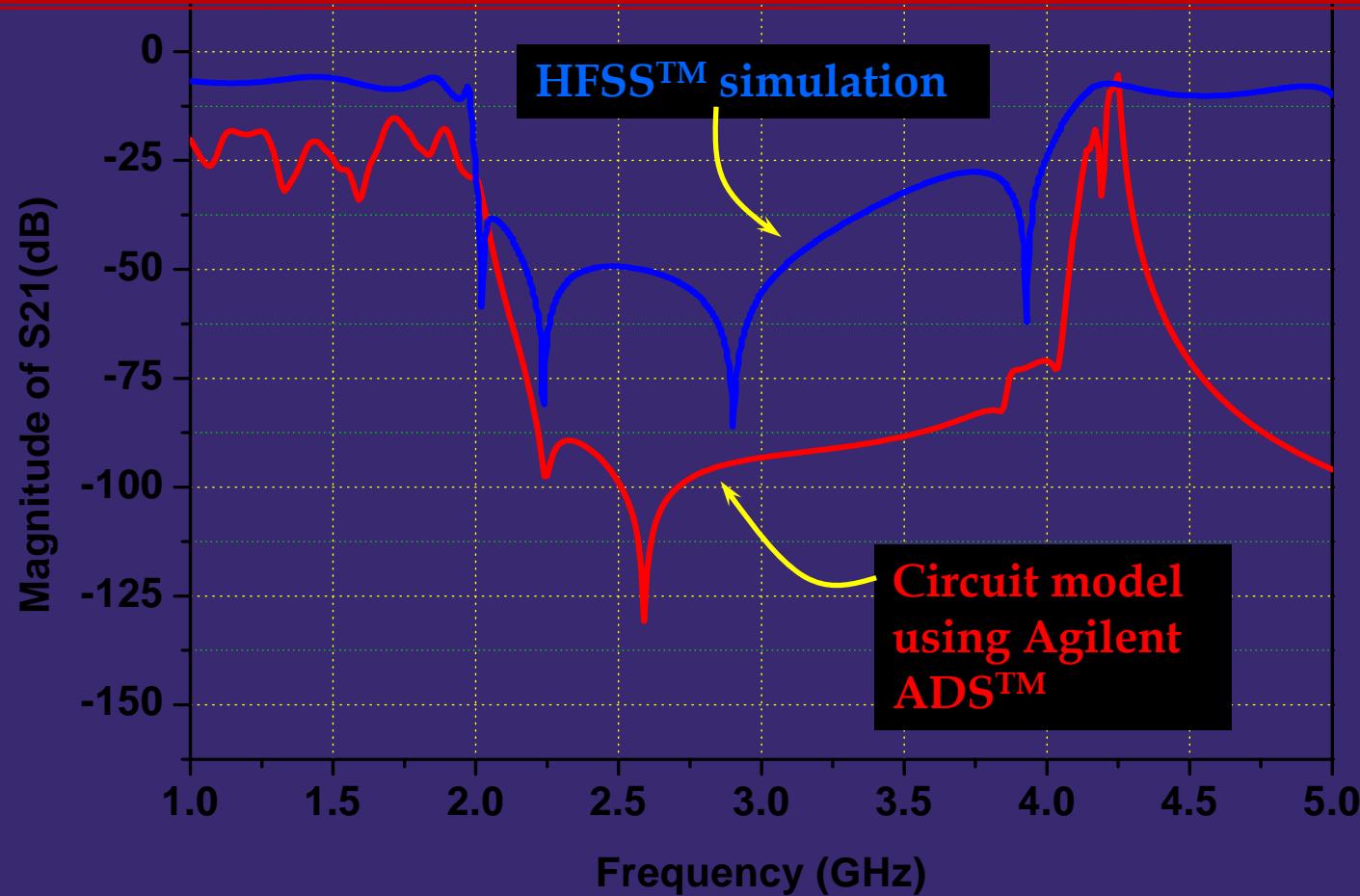
Model based on TEM-transmission-line model combined with the LIS model



$$C_{3-6} = 2 \frac{w(\epsilon_{r1} + \epsilon_{r2})\epsilon_0}{\pi} \cosh^{-1}(d/g)$$

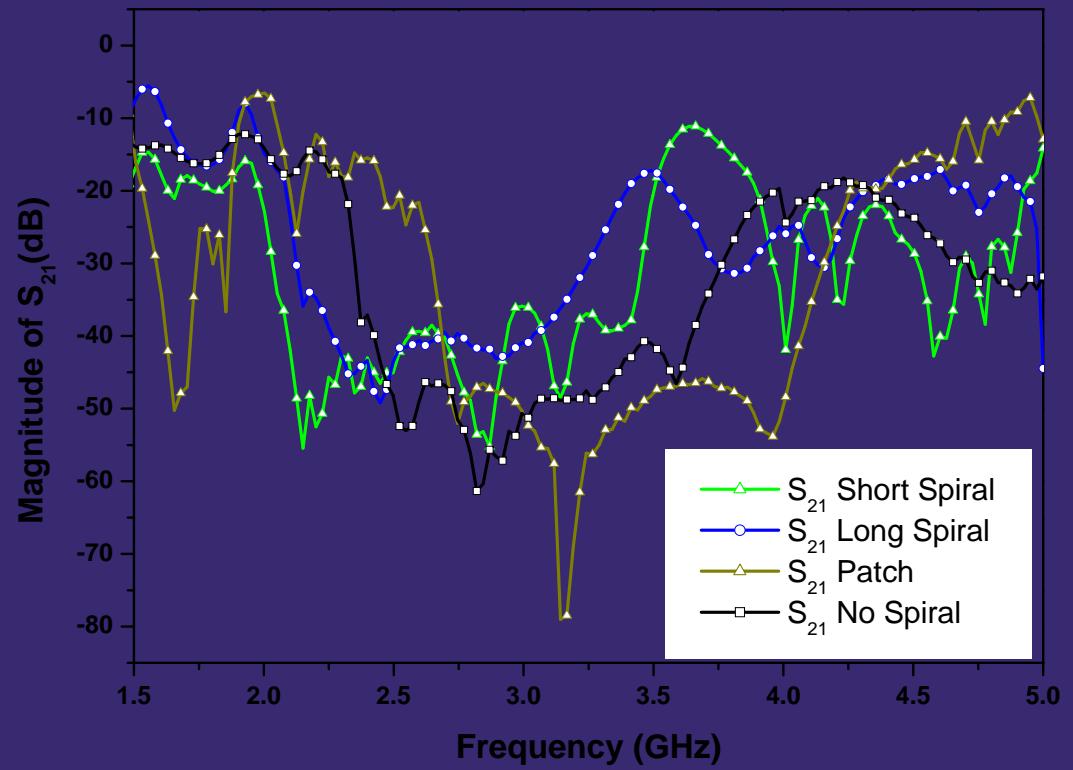
$$L_{3-6} = \frac{\mu_0}{2} h$$

# 2D Model based on new unit cell



Accuracy limited to low frequencies

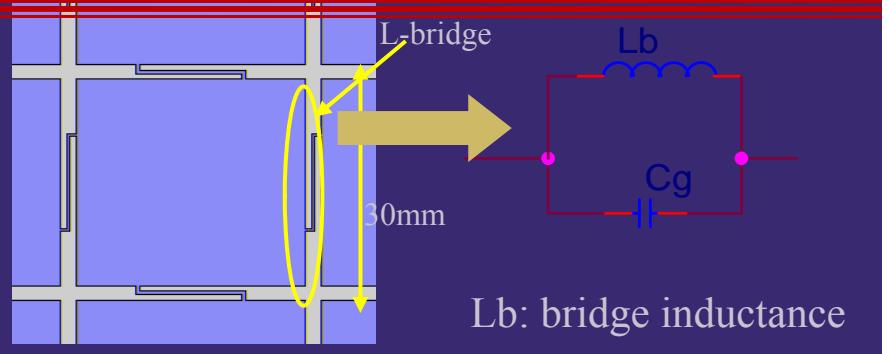
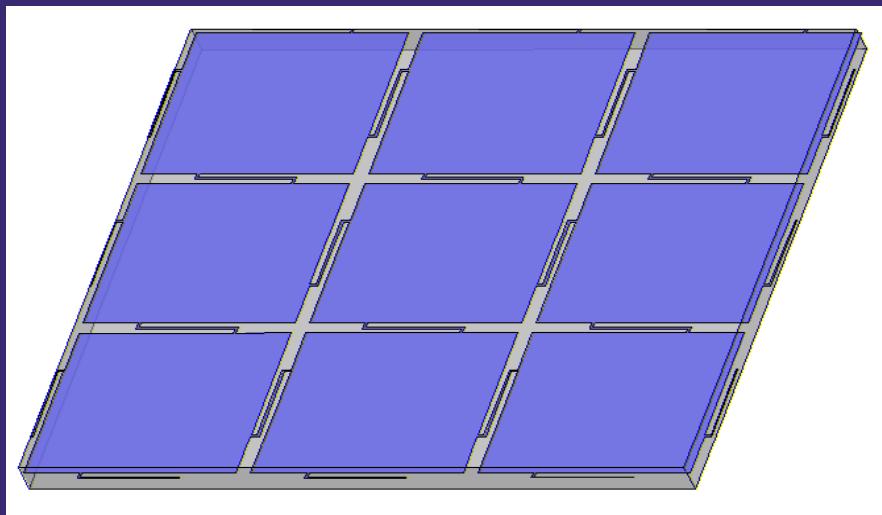
# Modeling Complex EBG Structures!



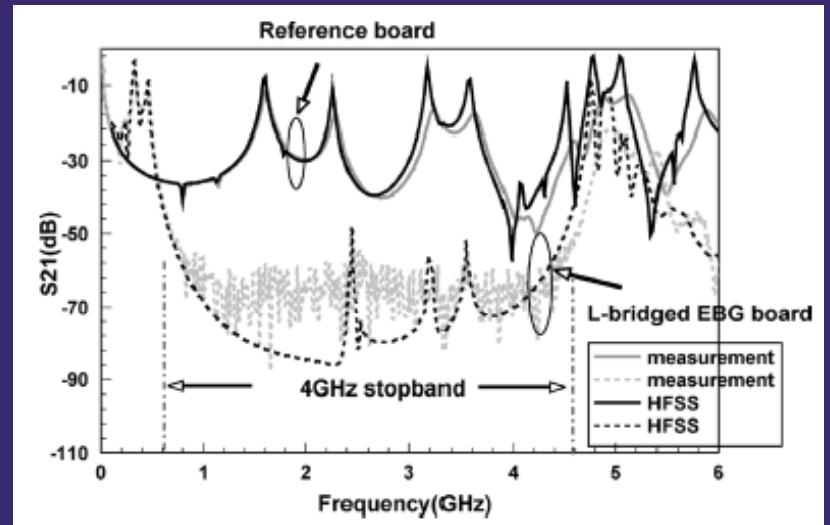
## Planar EBG Structures

Patches of different shapes without vias!

# Planar EBG Structure



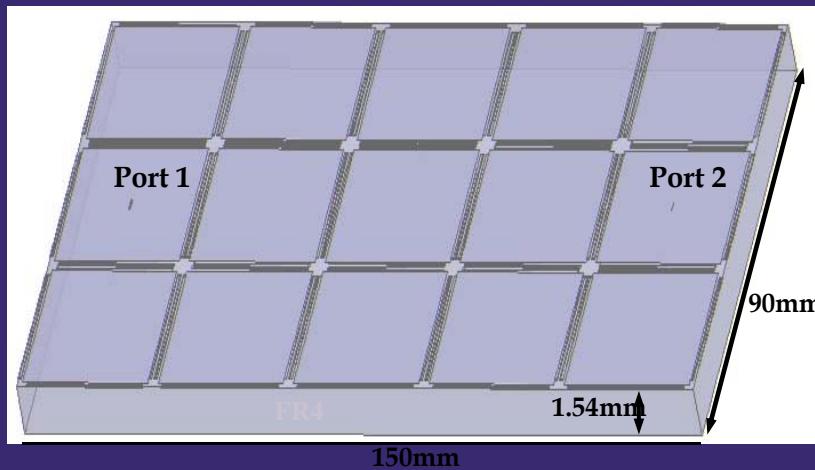
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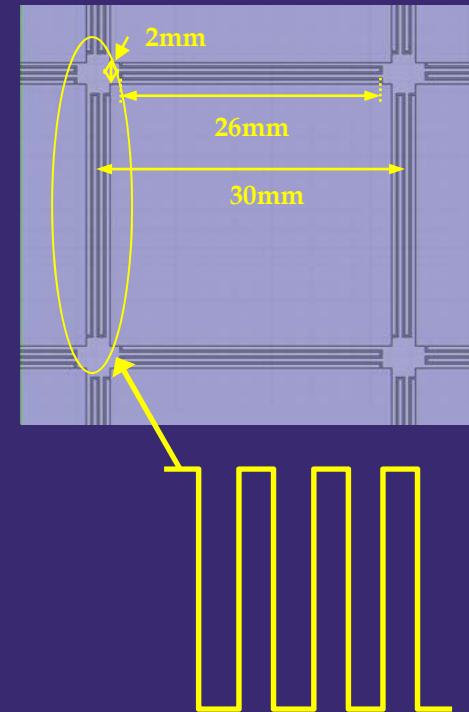
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# Meander Line EBG Structure

Top View



Unit Cell



# Fabrication and Test Board

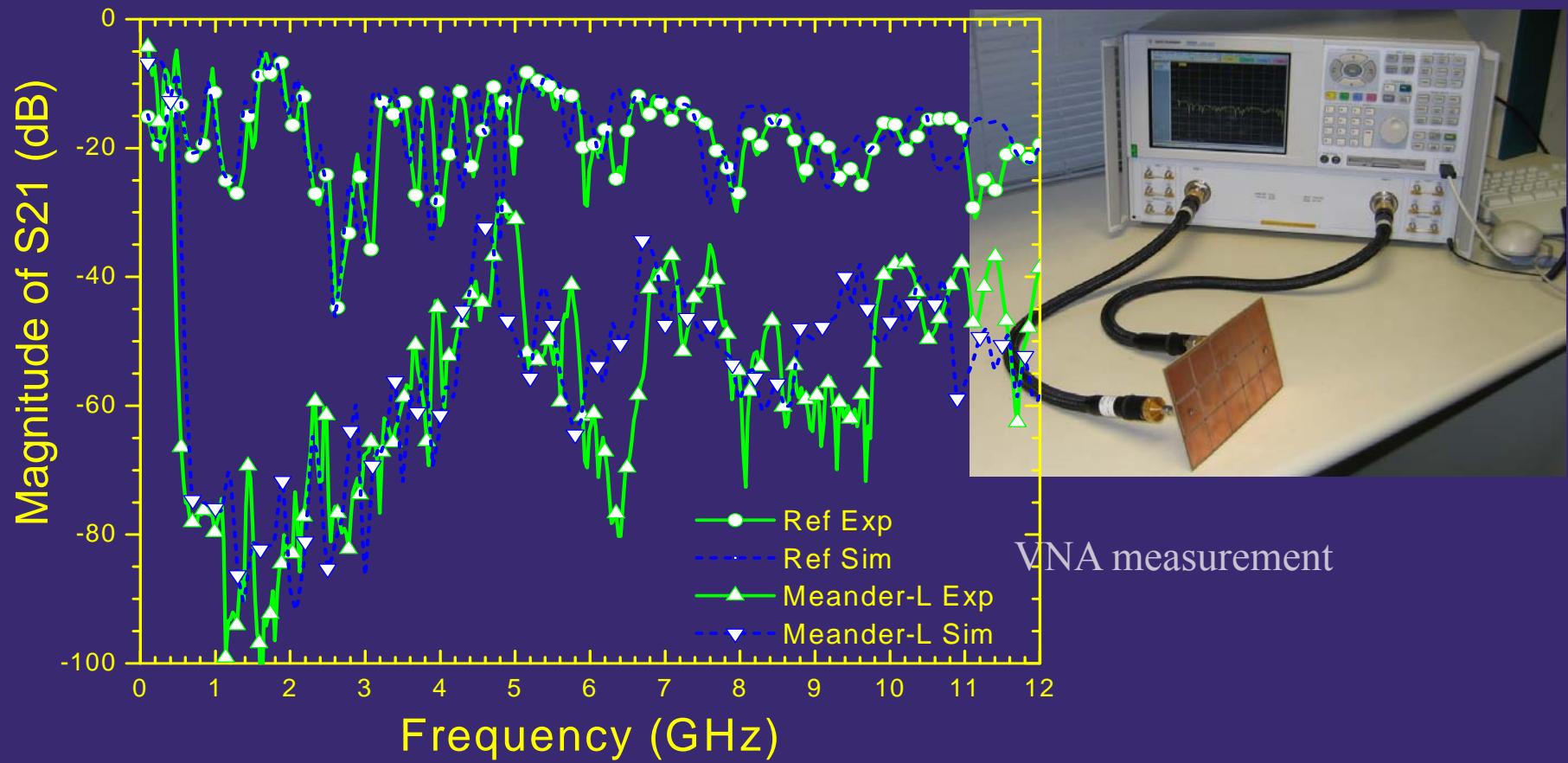


LPKF ProtoMat C100/HF  
circuit plotter



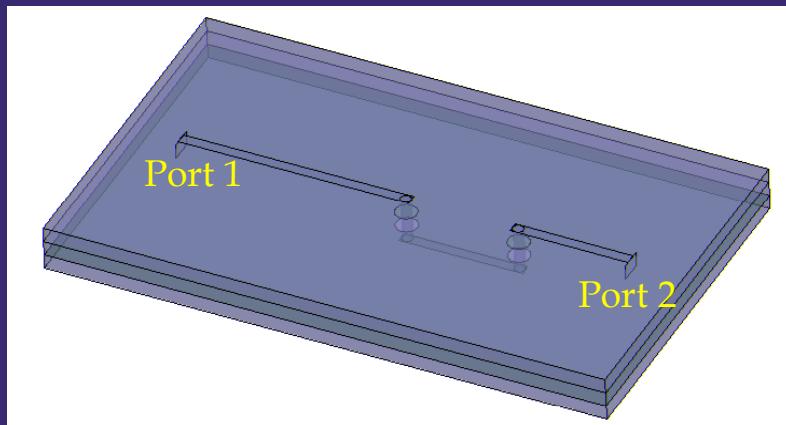
Physical size of board: 3x5 unit  
cells ( 90x150mm)

# Simulation and Measurement

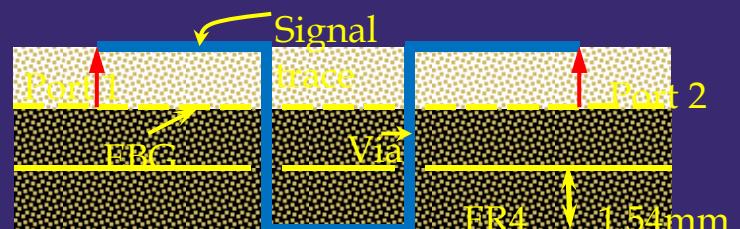
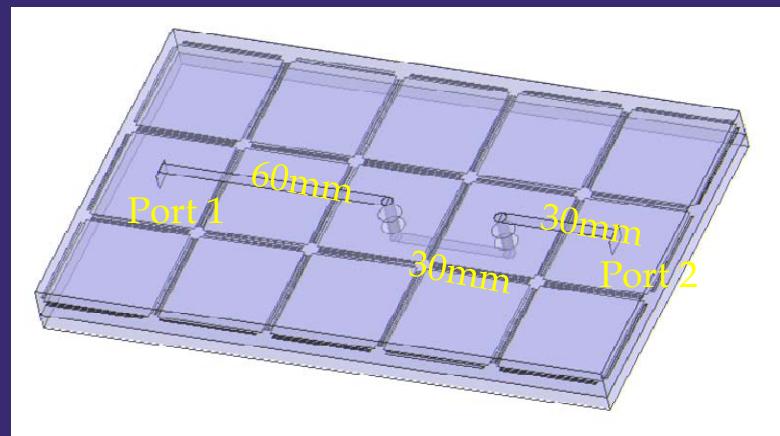


# What about Signal Integrity?

Structure A:



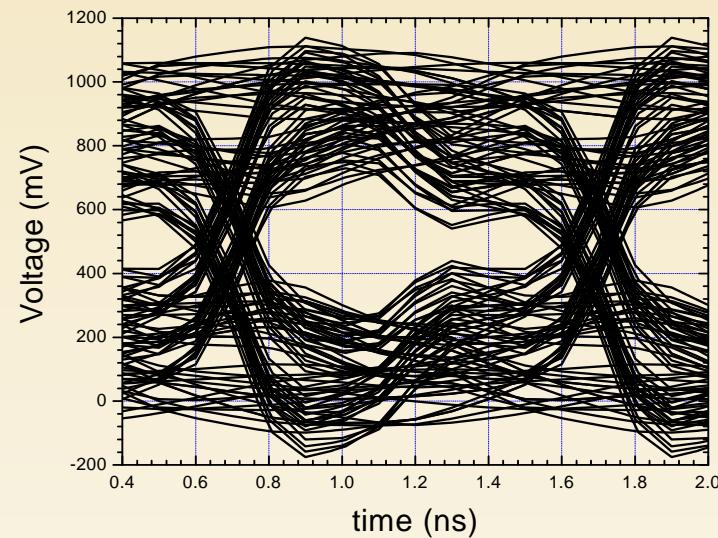
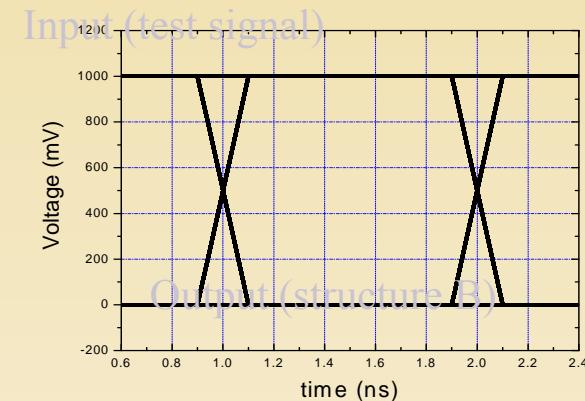
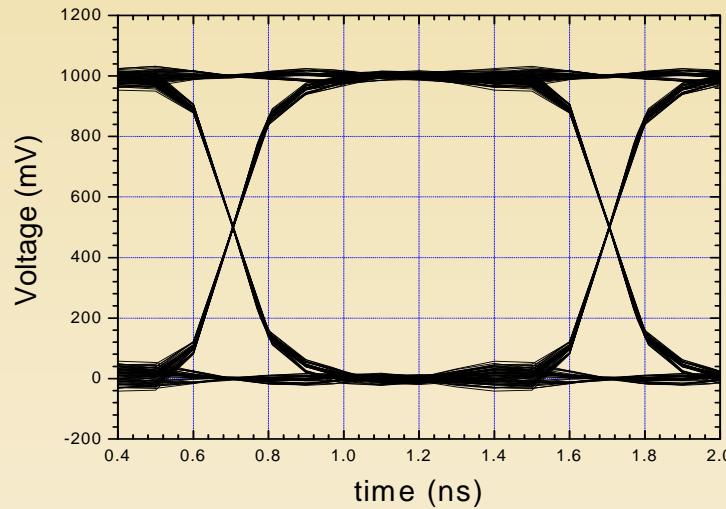
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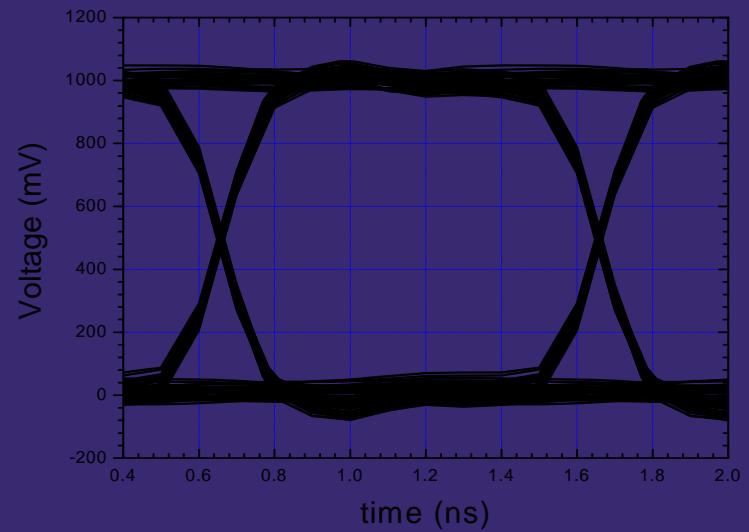
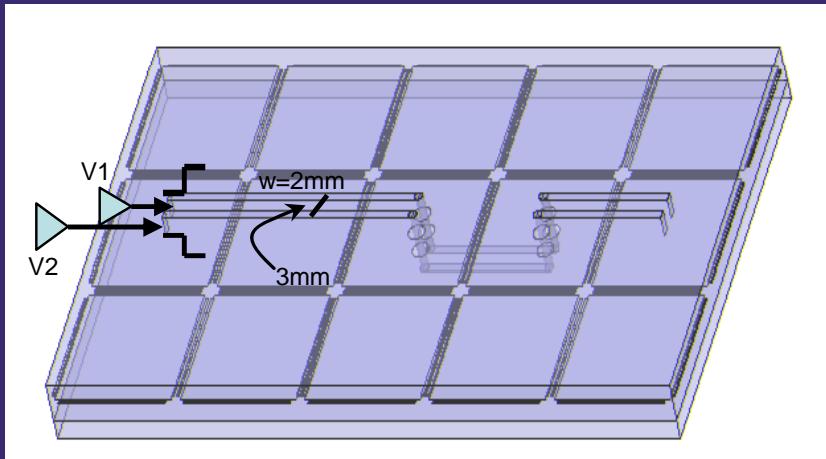
Side view



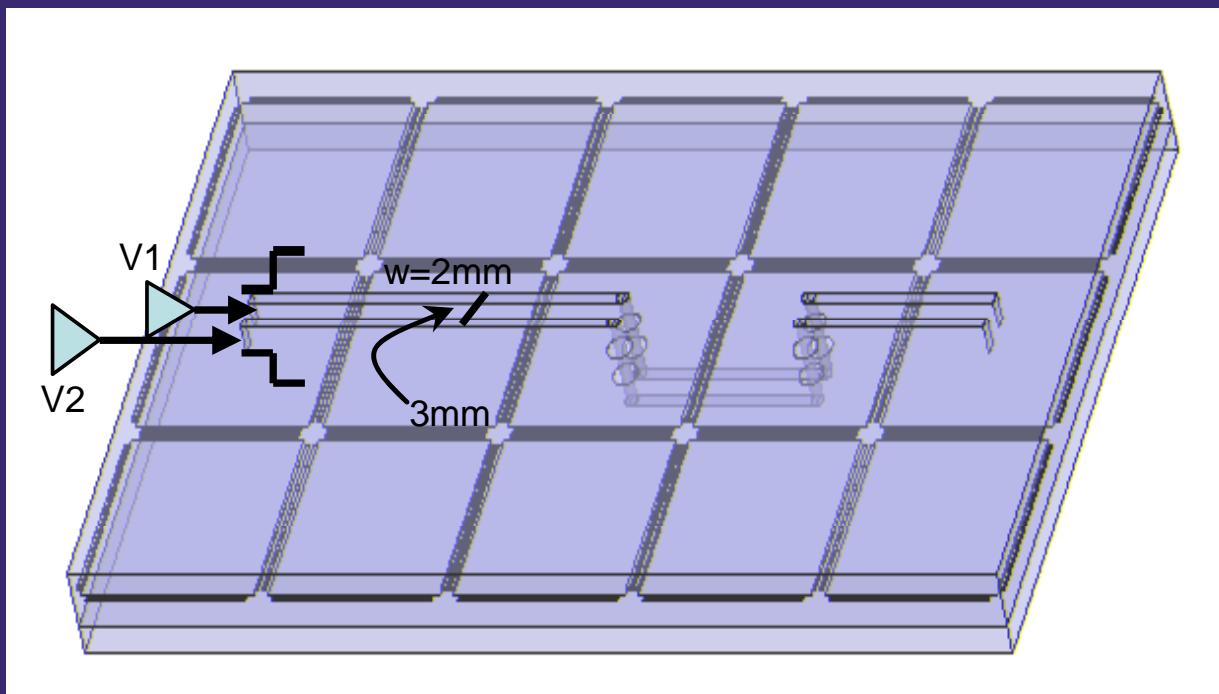
# Eye Diagrams



# Differential Signaling



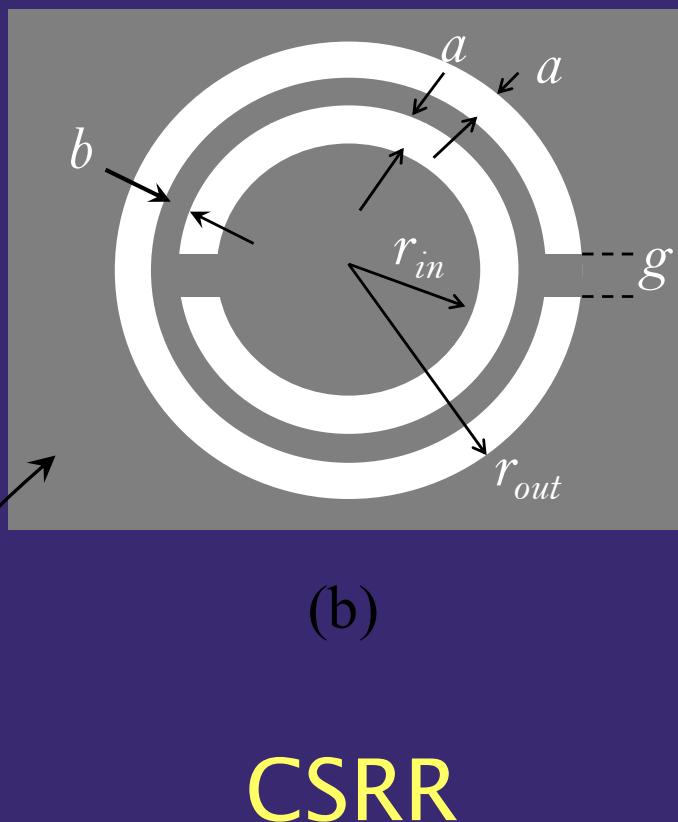
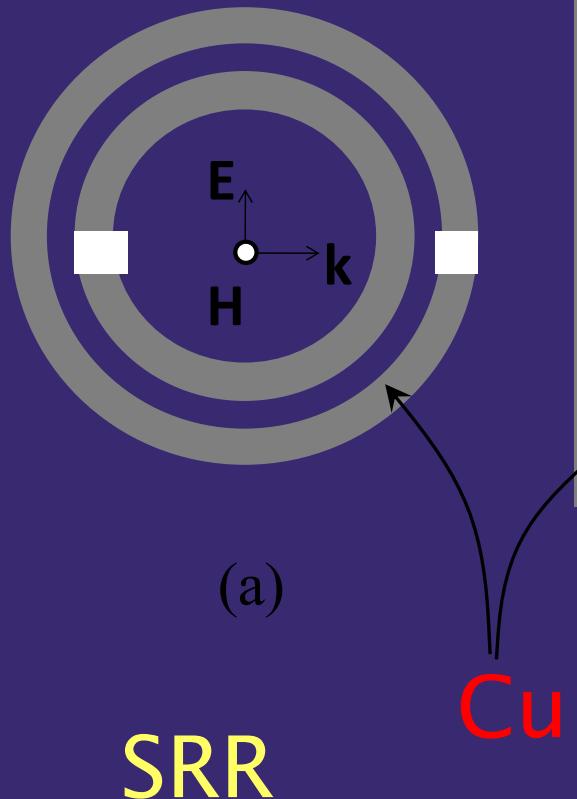
# Filtering of Common Mode Currents!



# Different Varieties of Metamaterials

## Complementary Structures!

# Split-Ring Resonator and Complementary Split Ring Reson.

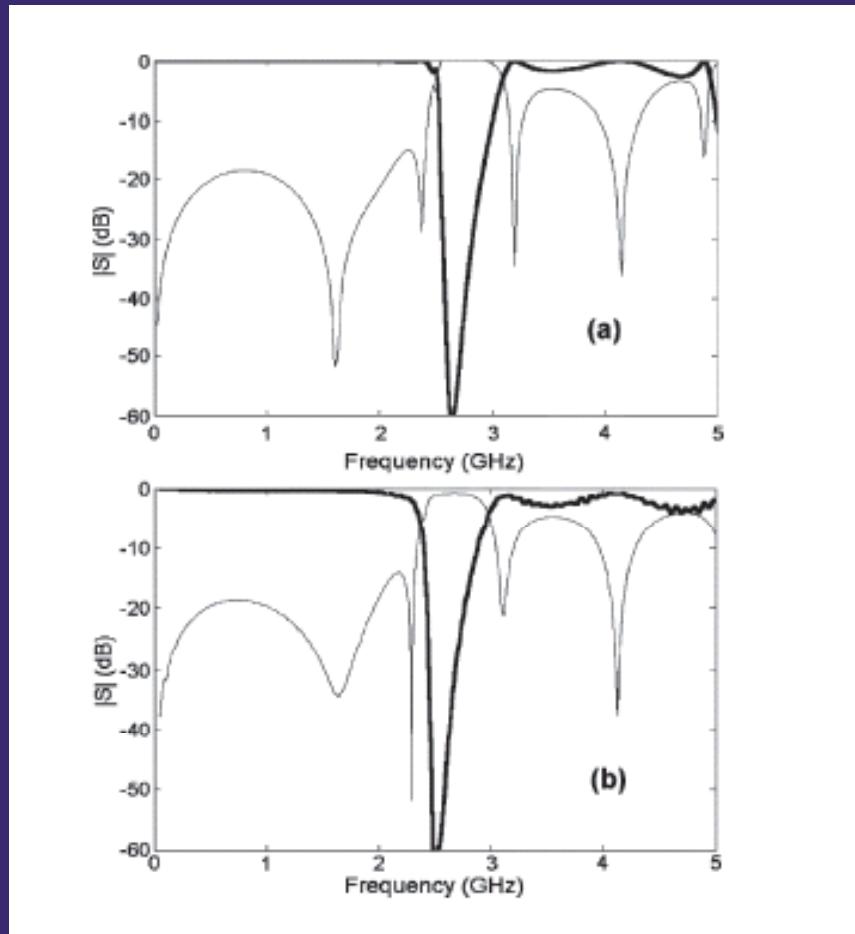




# Excellent very small filter!



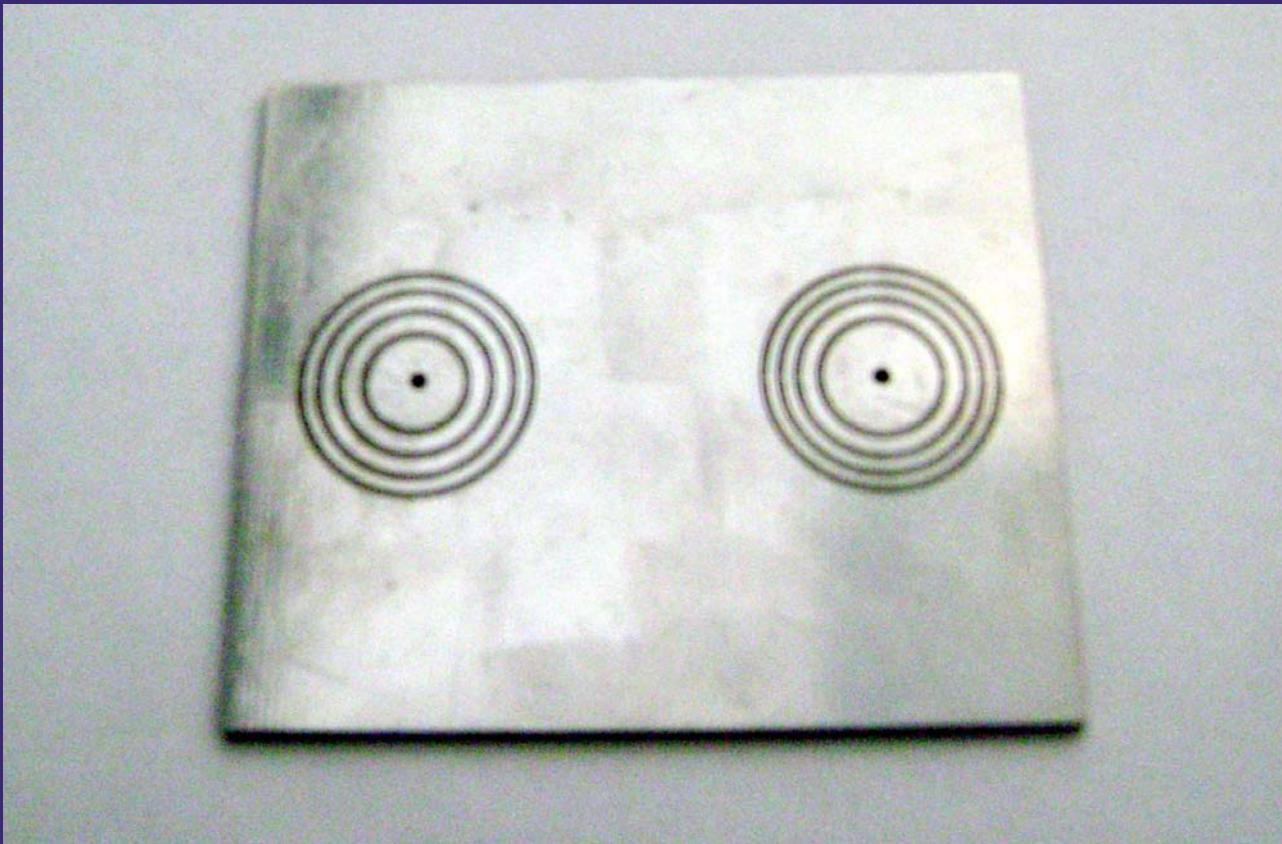
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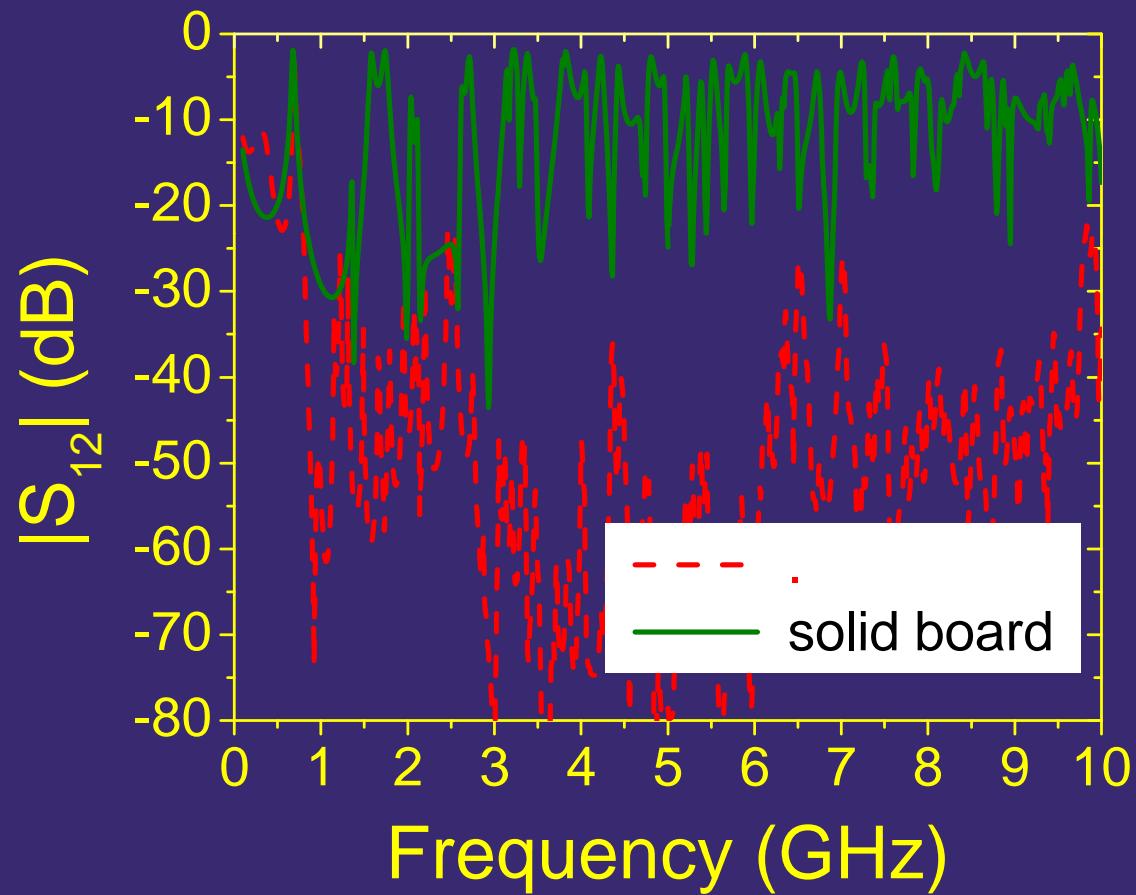
# Design of PCBs using Split-Ring Resonators (Negative media)

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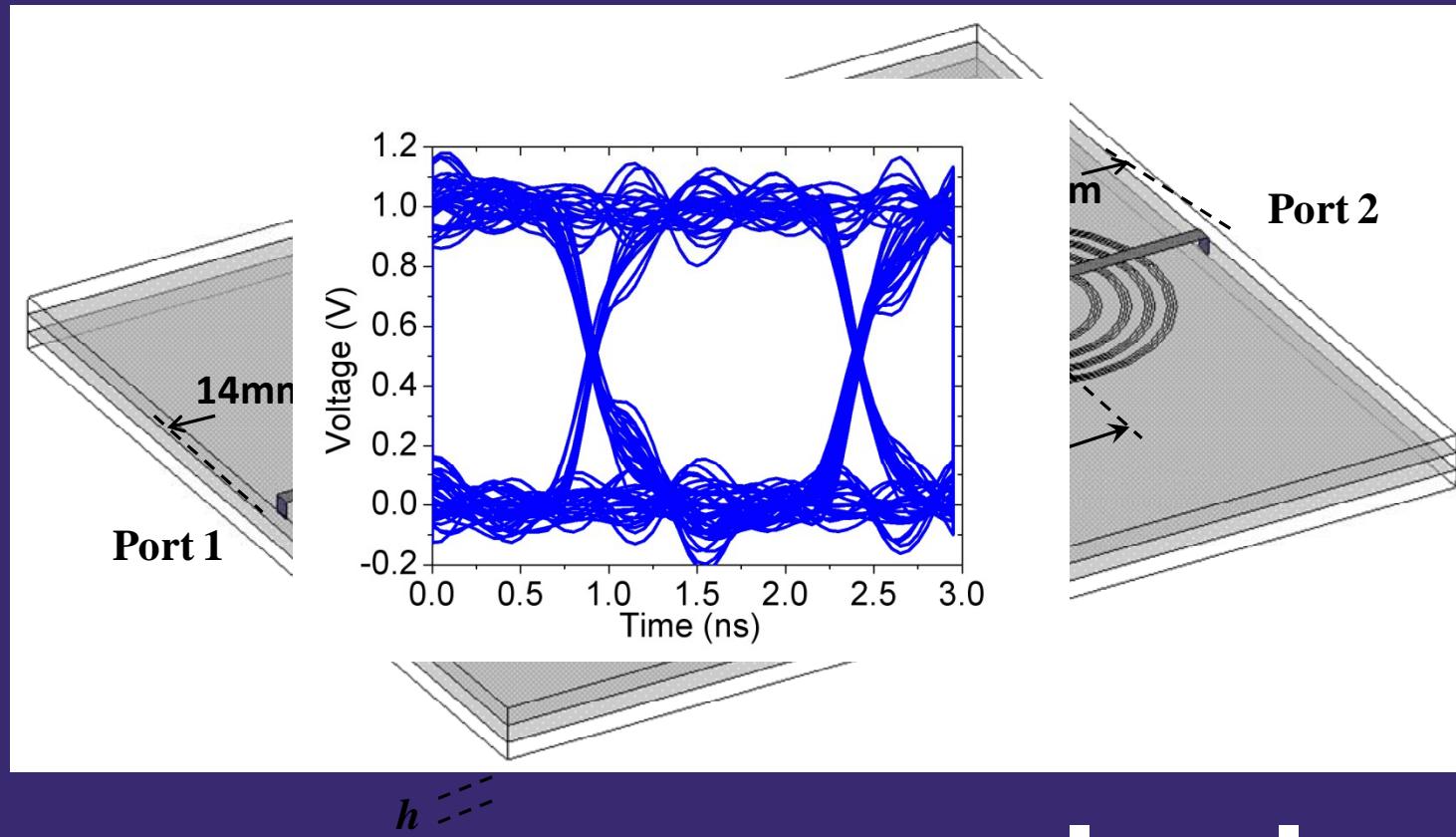
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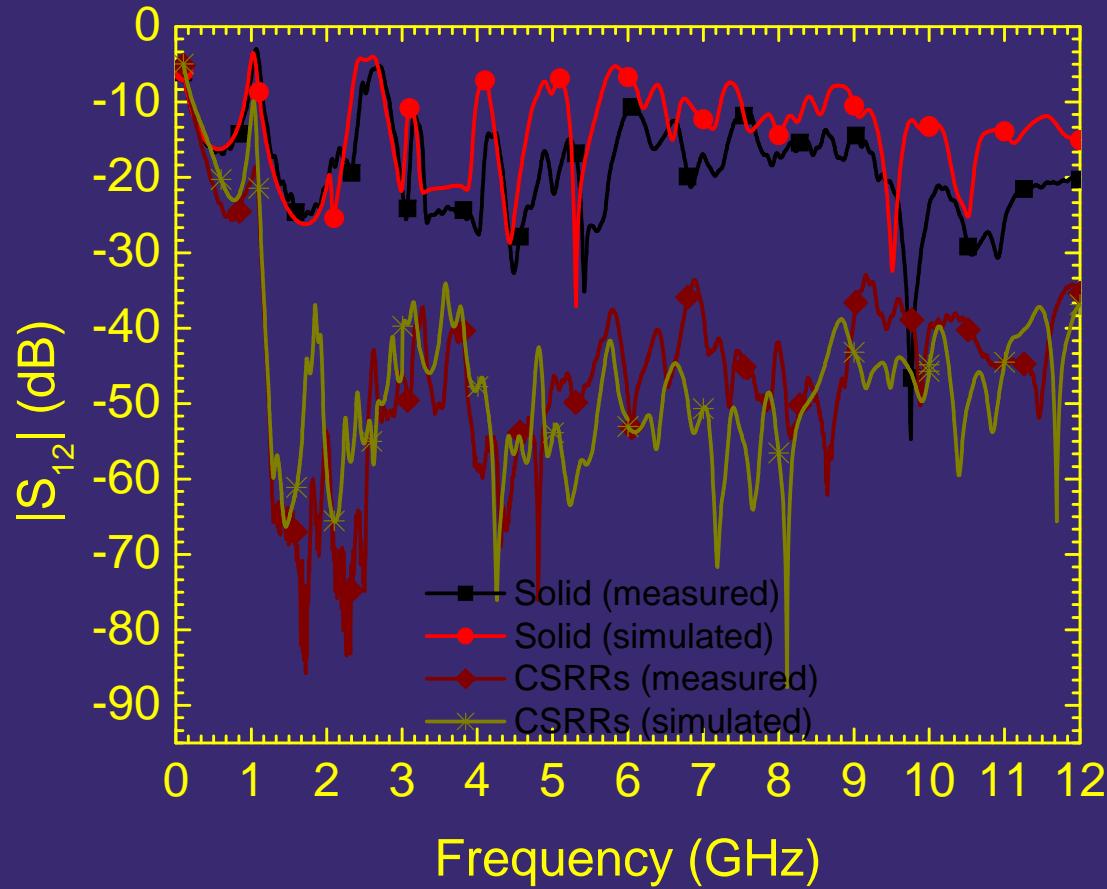
# Experiment with Rogers Board



# Split-Ring Resonator and Complementary Split Ring Reson.

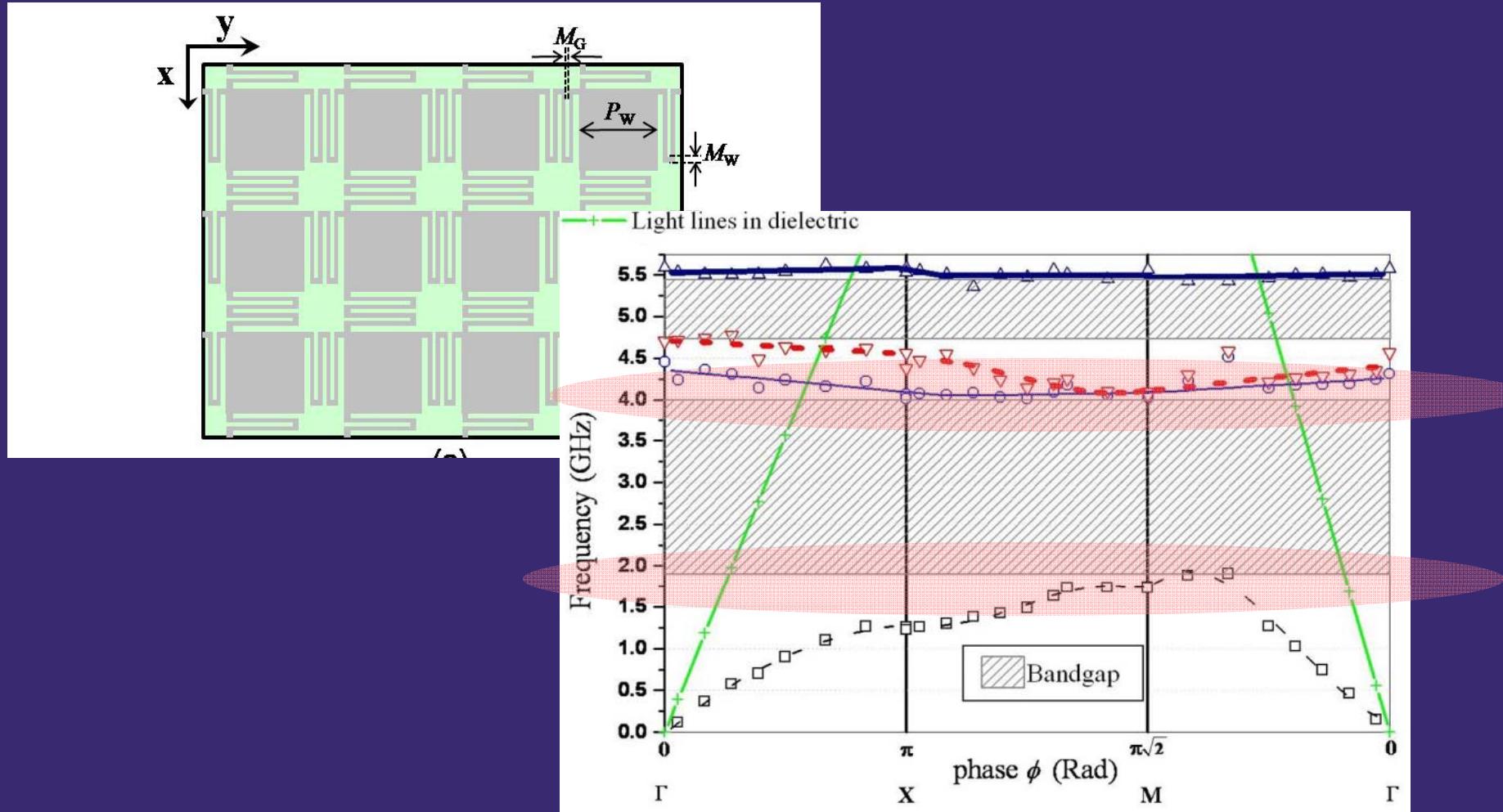


# Experiment with FR4

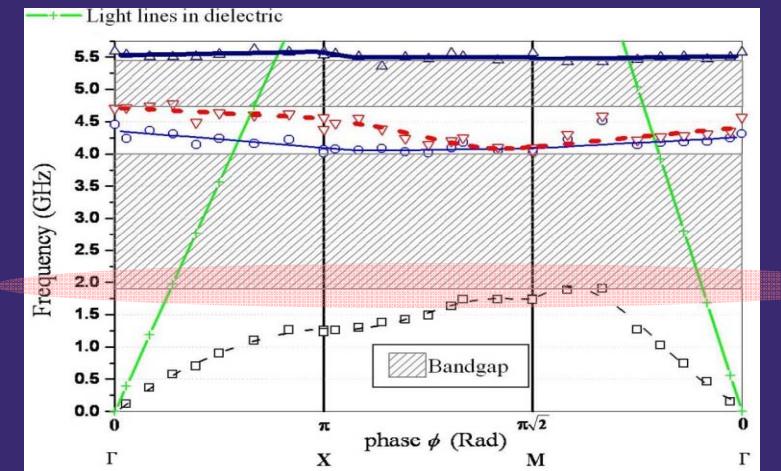
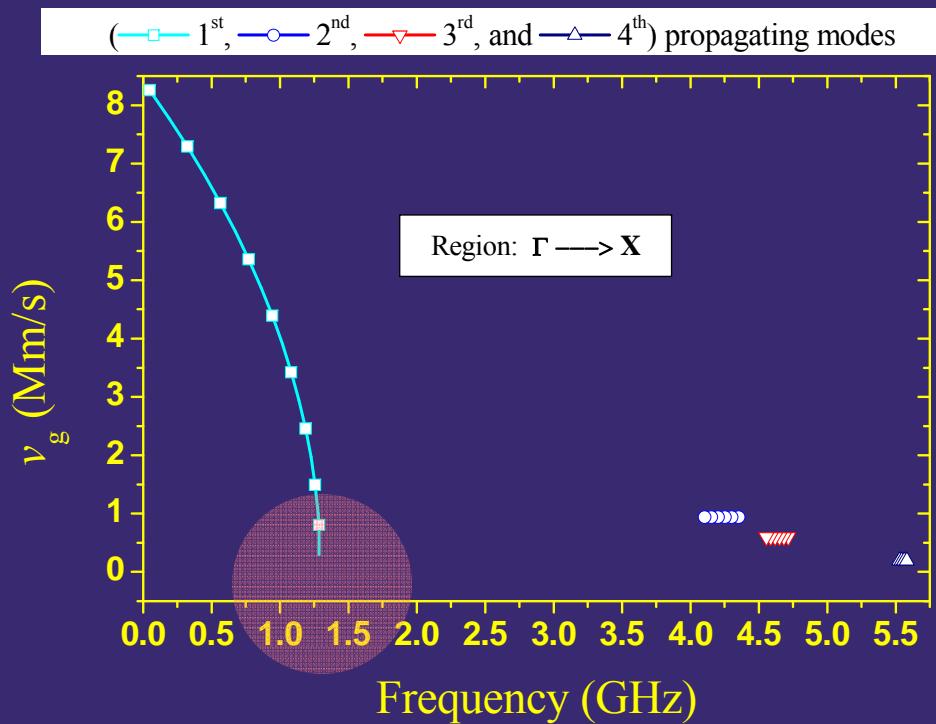


# Next challenges:

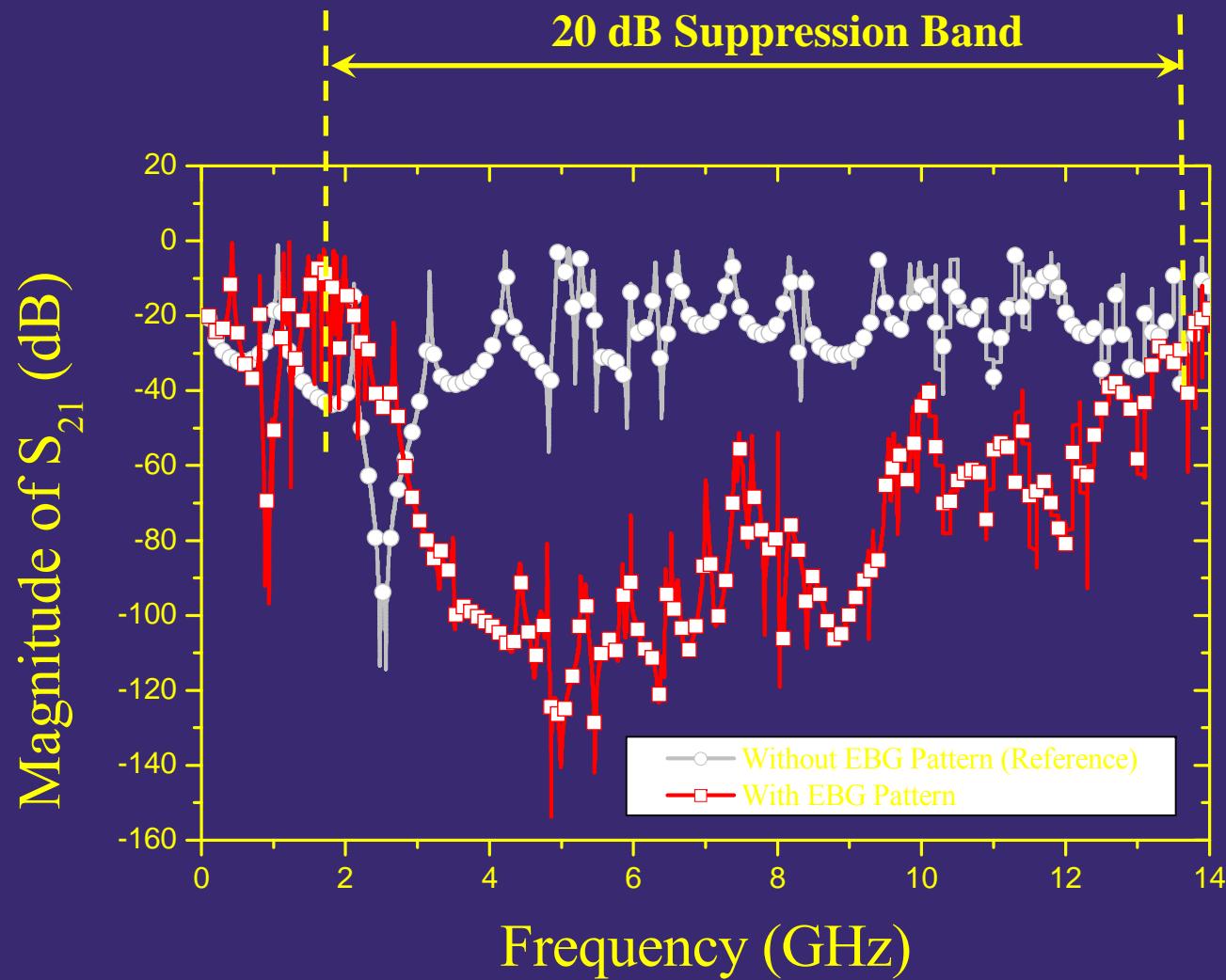
# EBG or ?



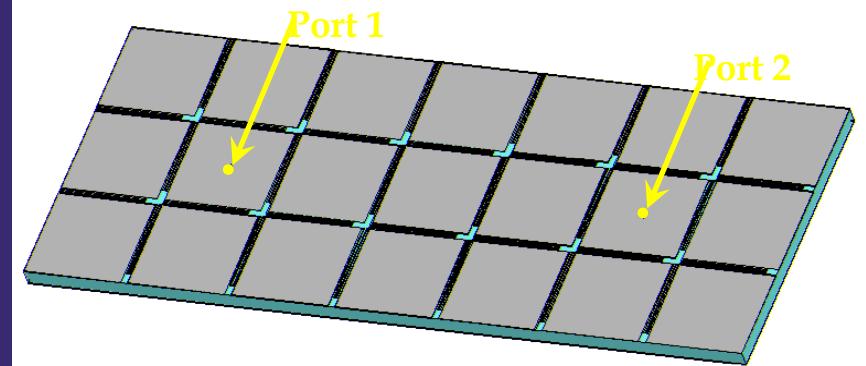
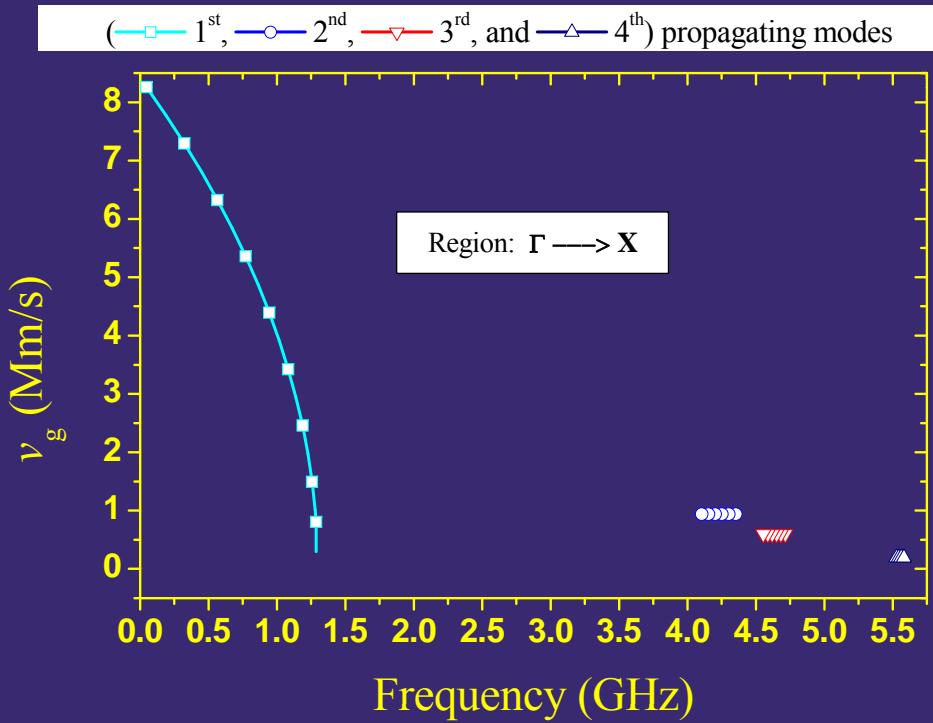
# Dispersion Diagram.. How important?



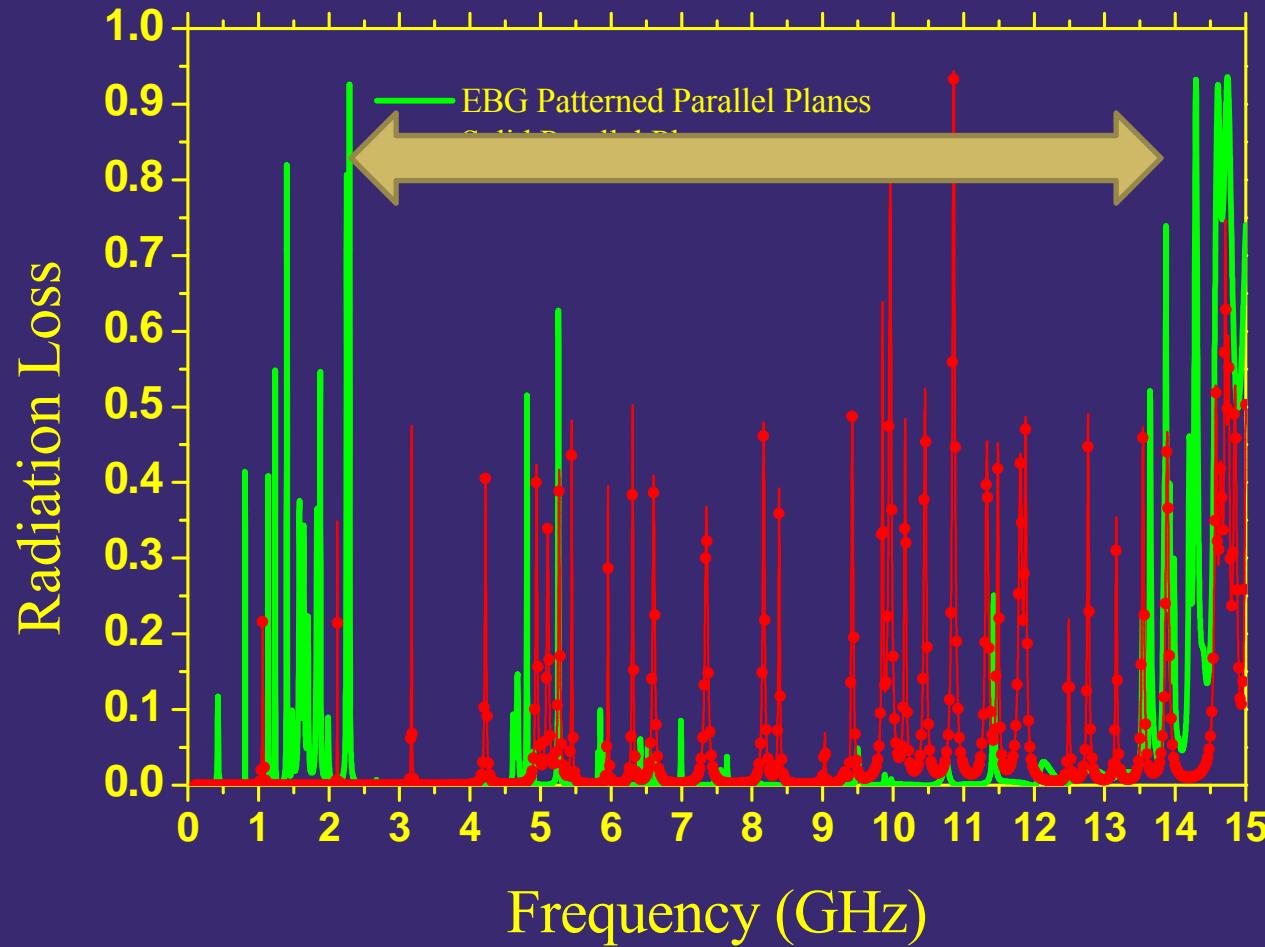
# Suppression Bandwidth



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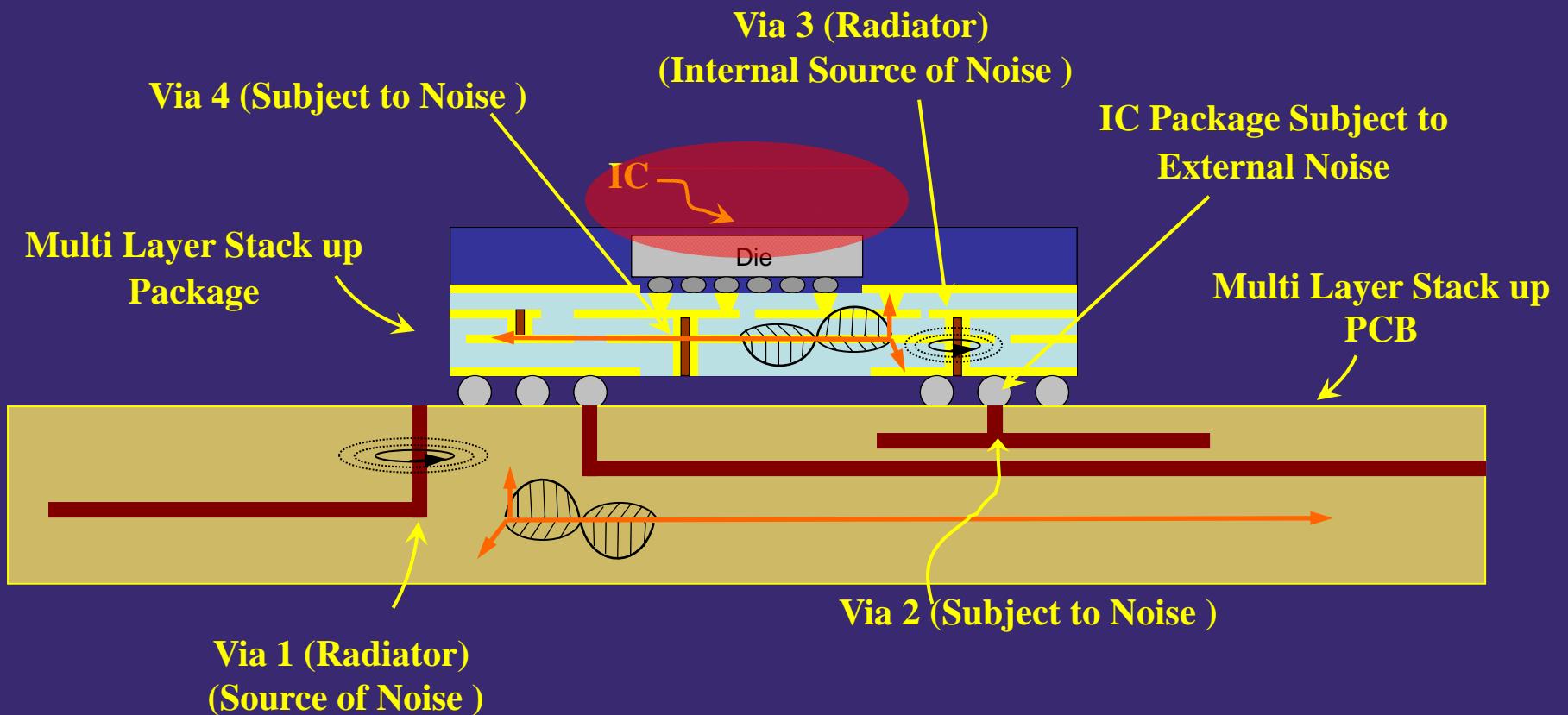


# Suppression Bandwidth vs. Bandgap



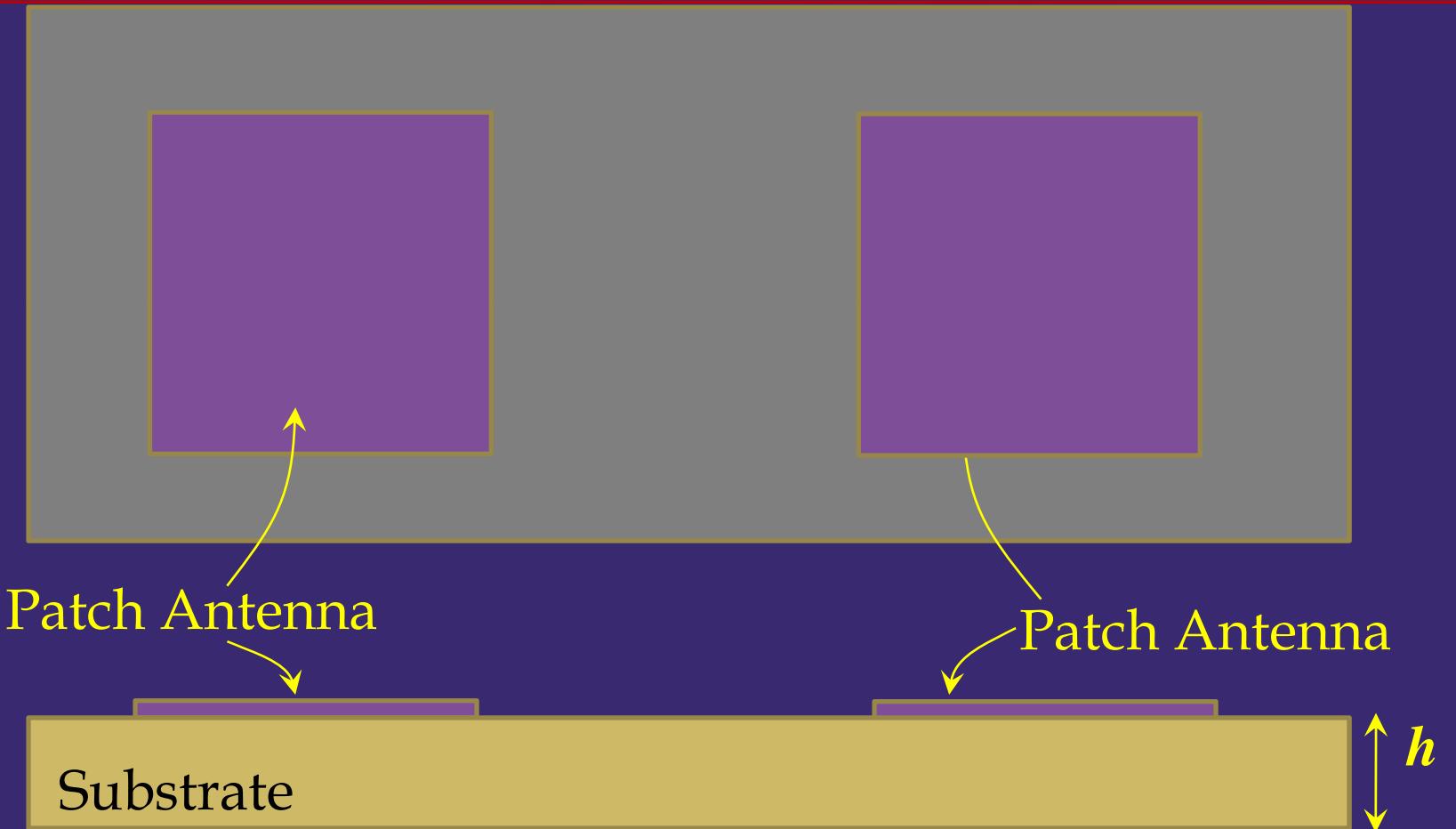
# Noise... noise...noise ...

IC subject to Internal and External Noise

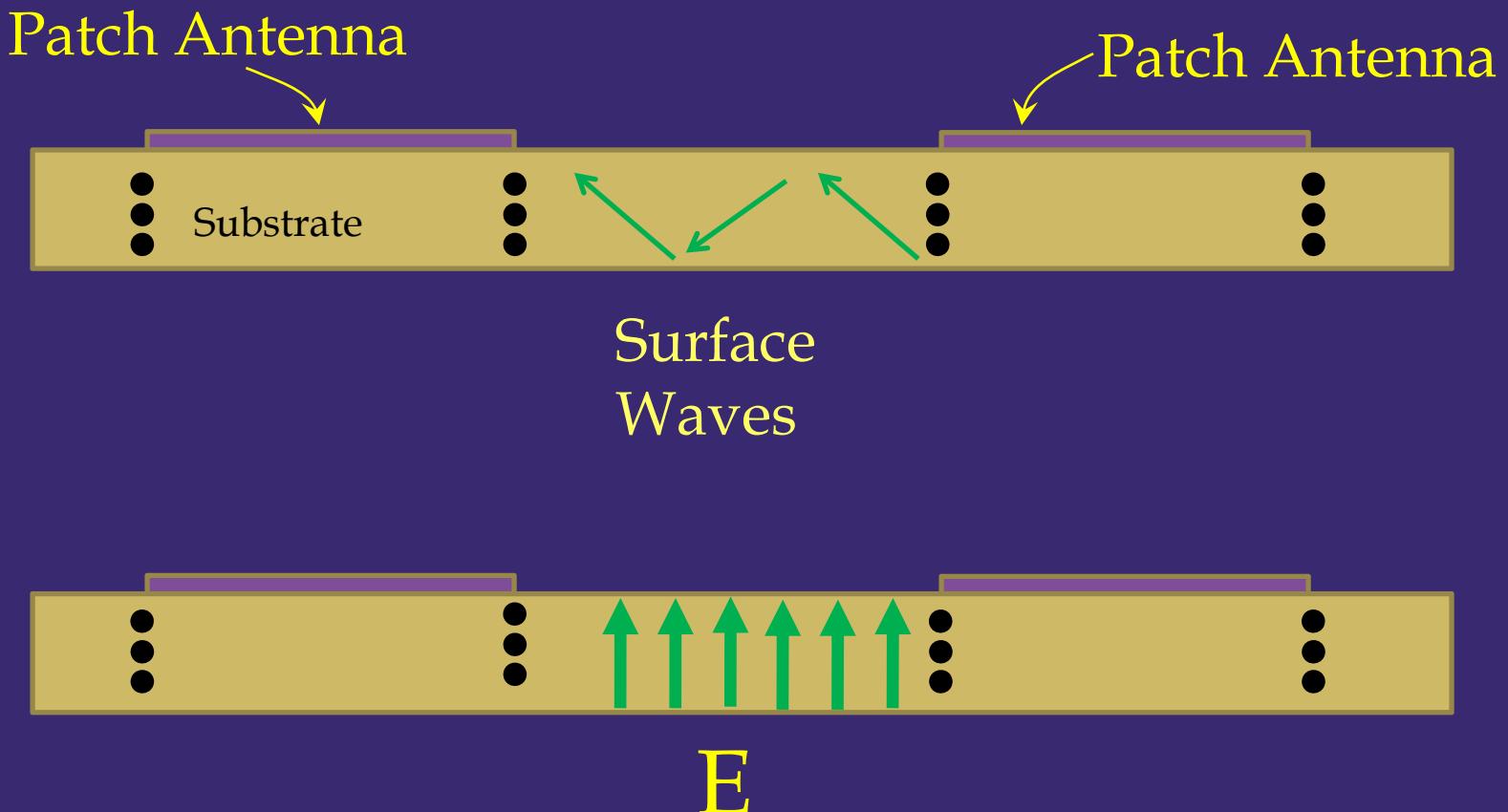


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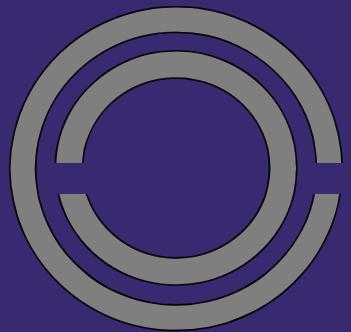


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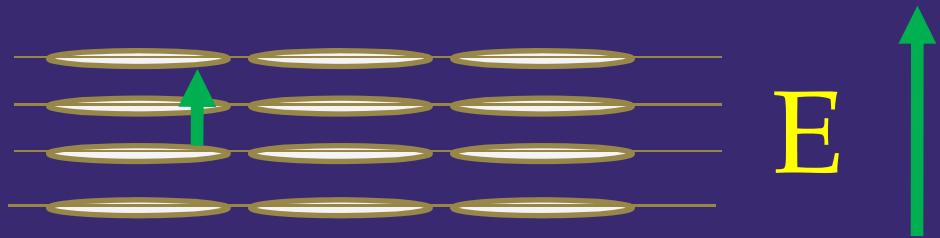
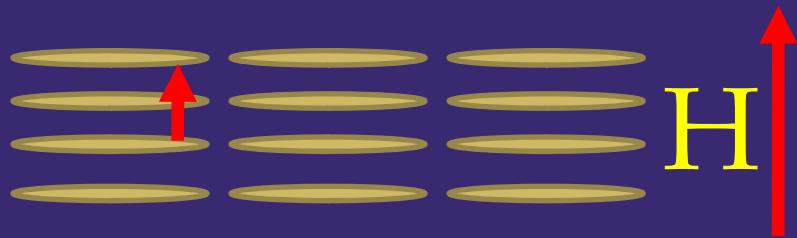
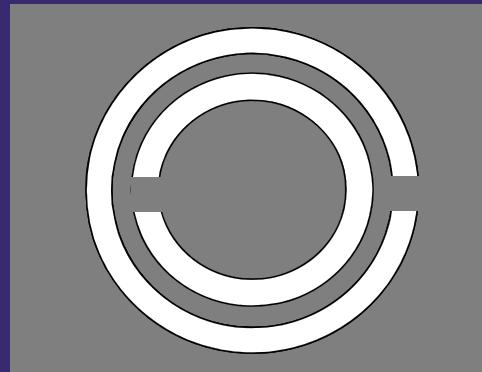


# Complementary Split Ring Resonator

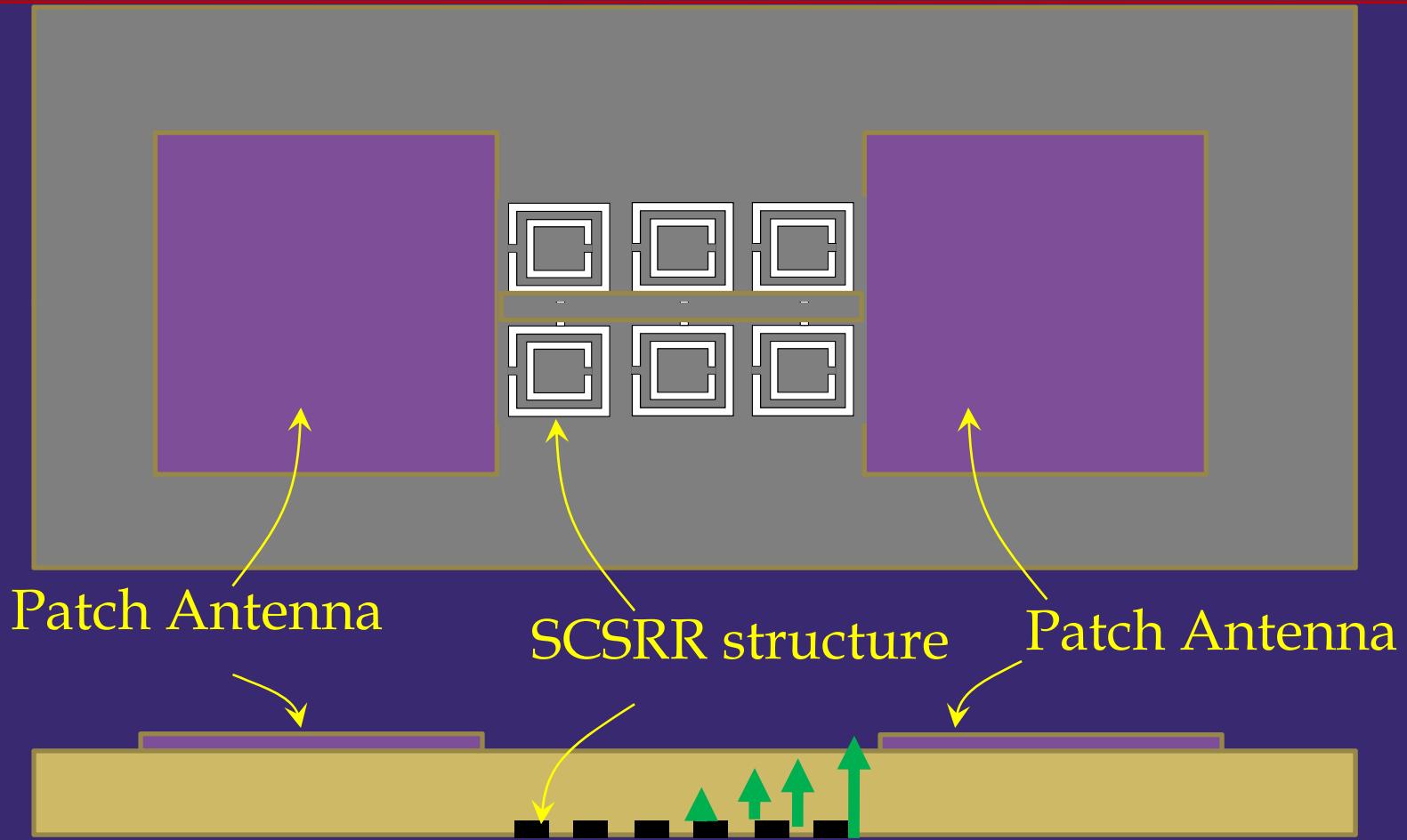
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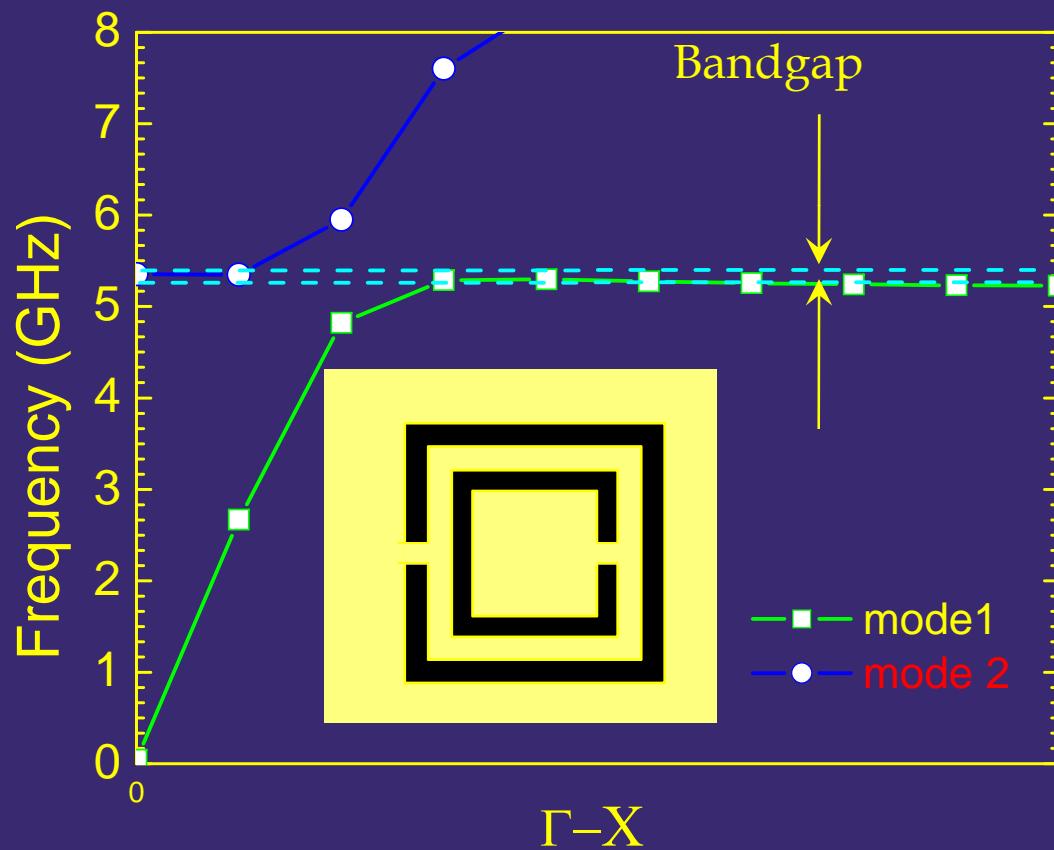


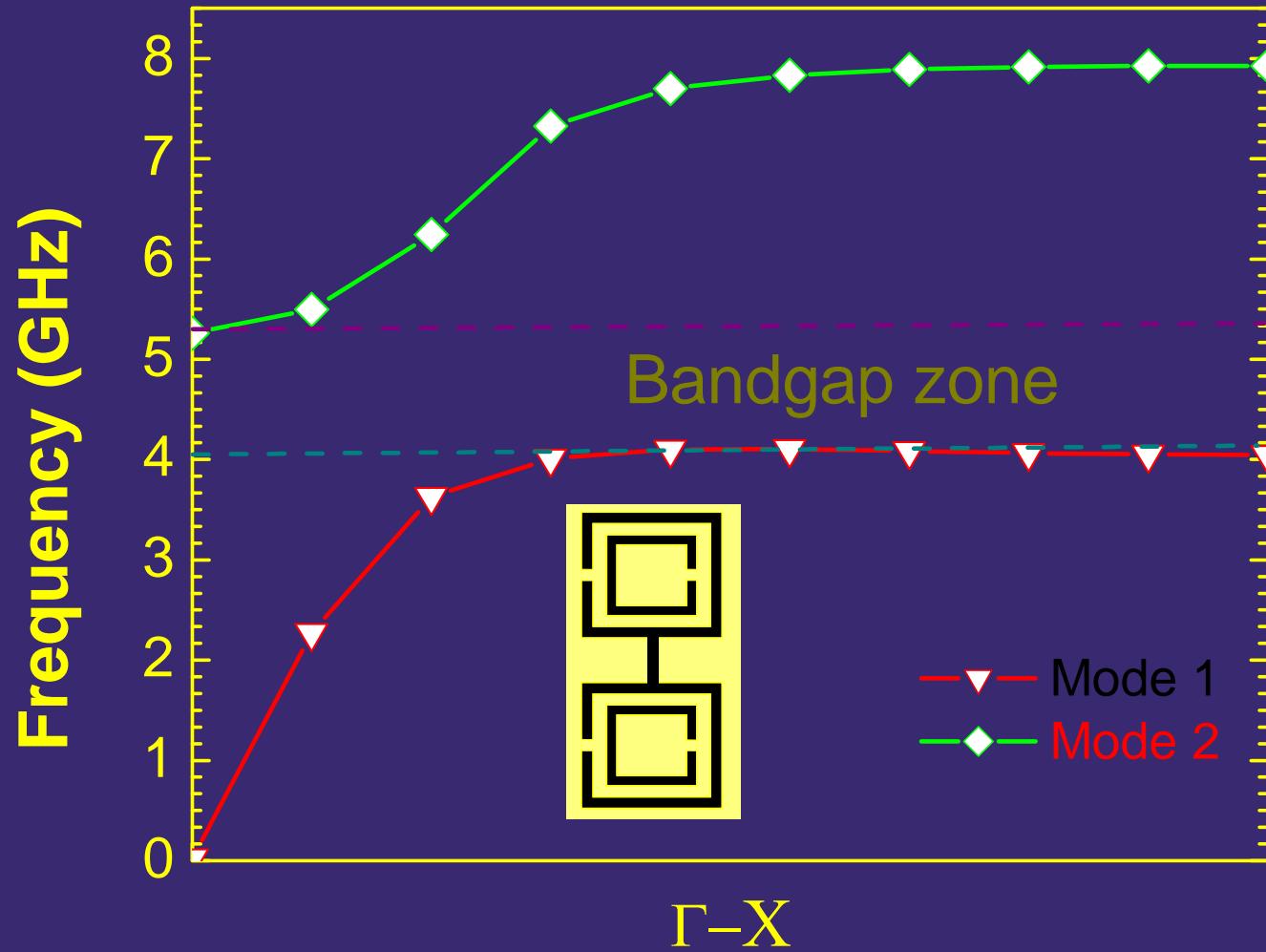
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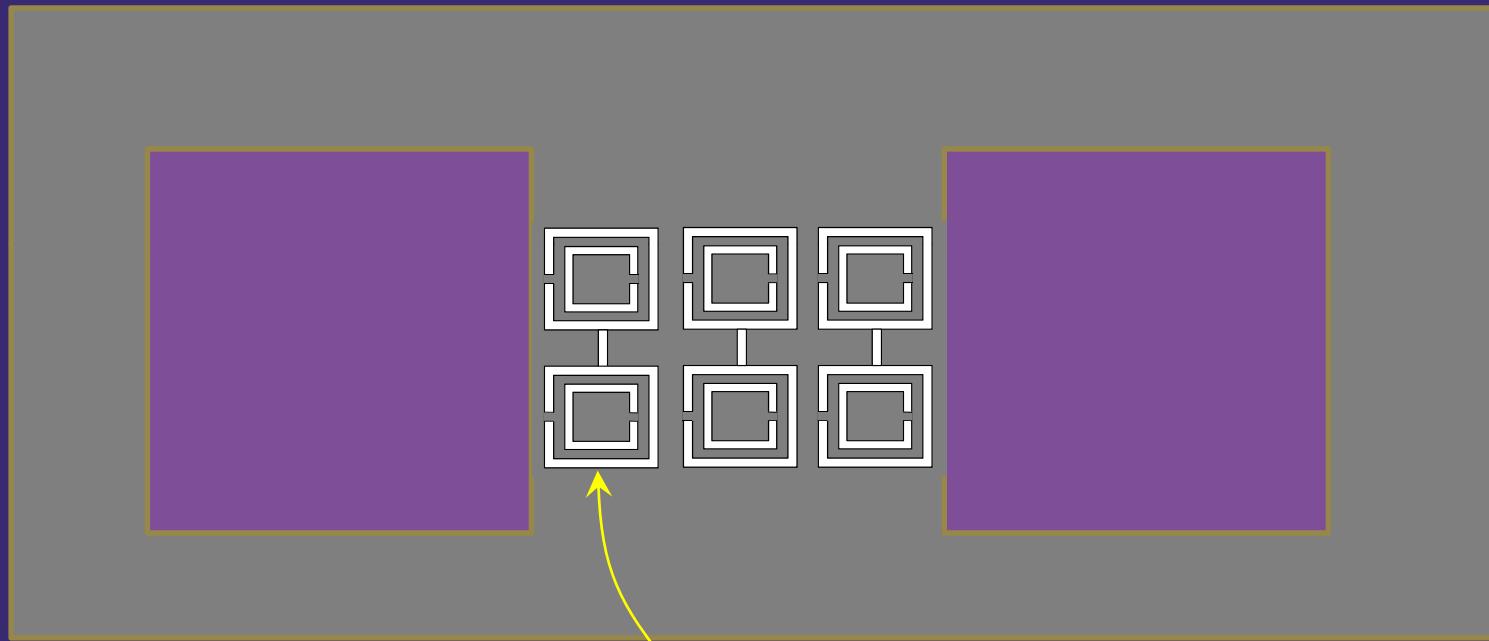
# Design of PCBs using Complementary Split-Ring Resonators





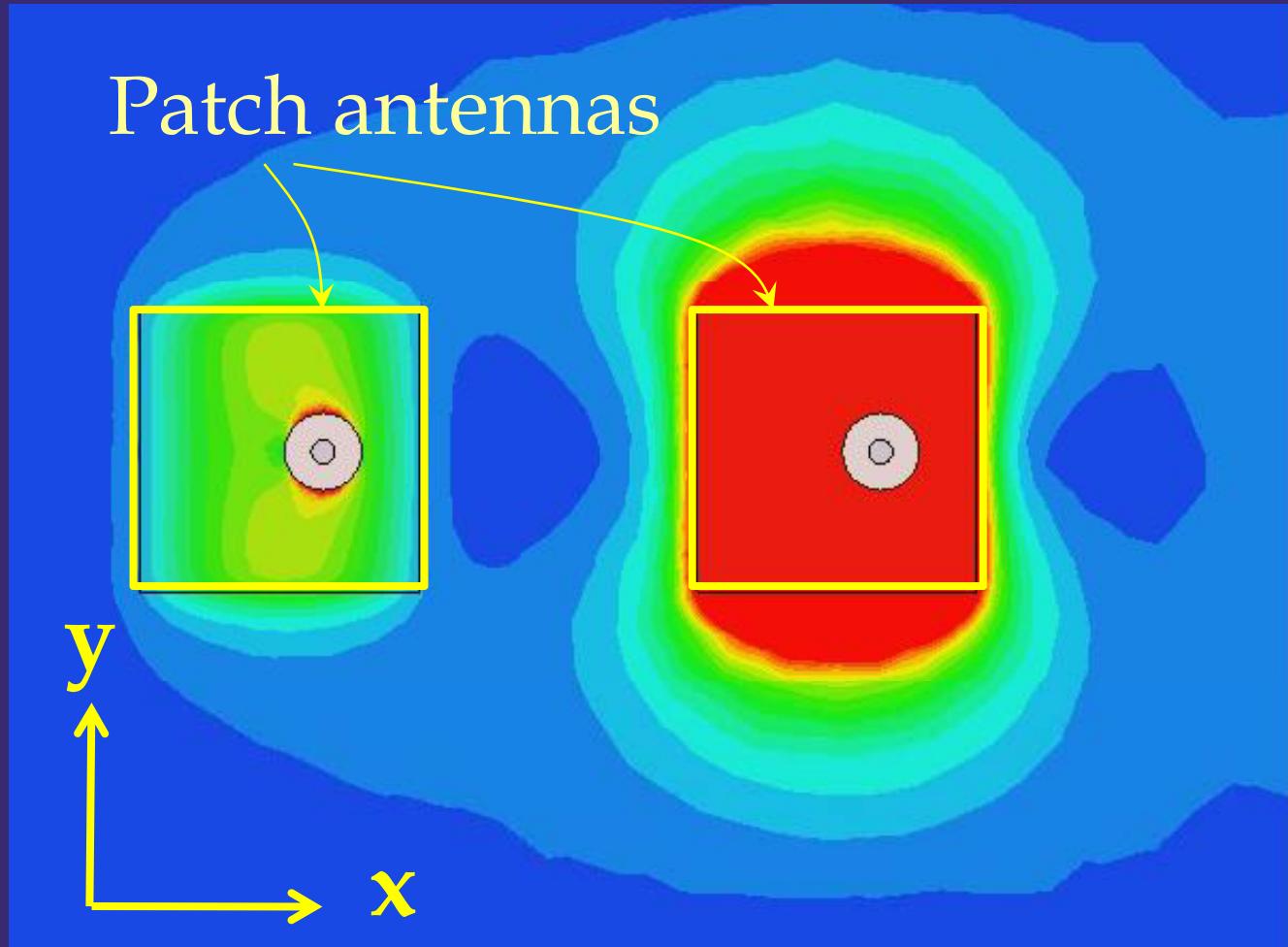


# SCSRR

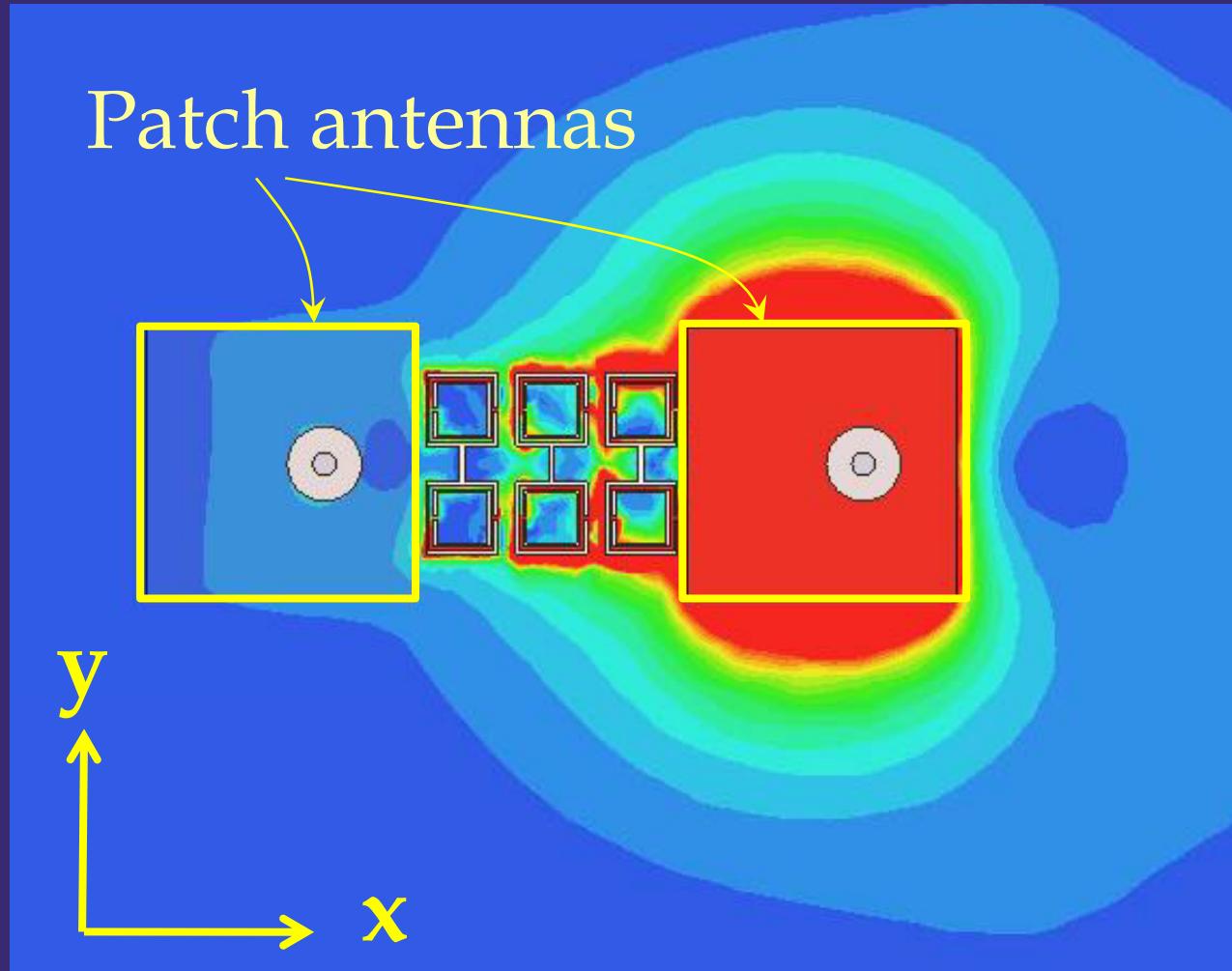


SCSRR structure

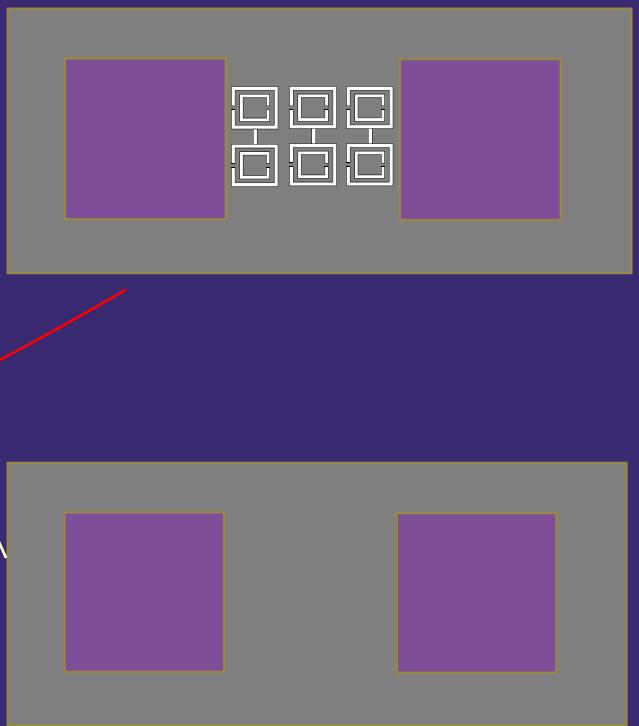
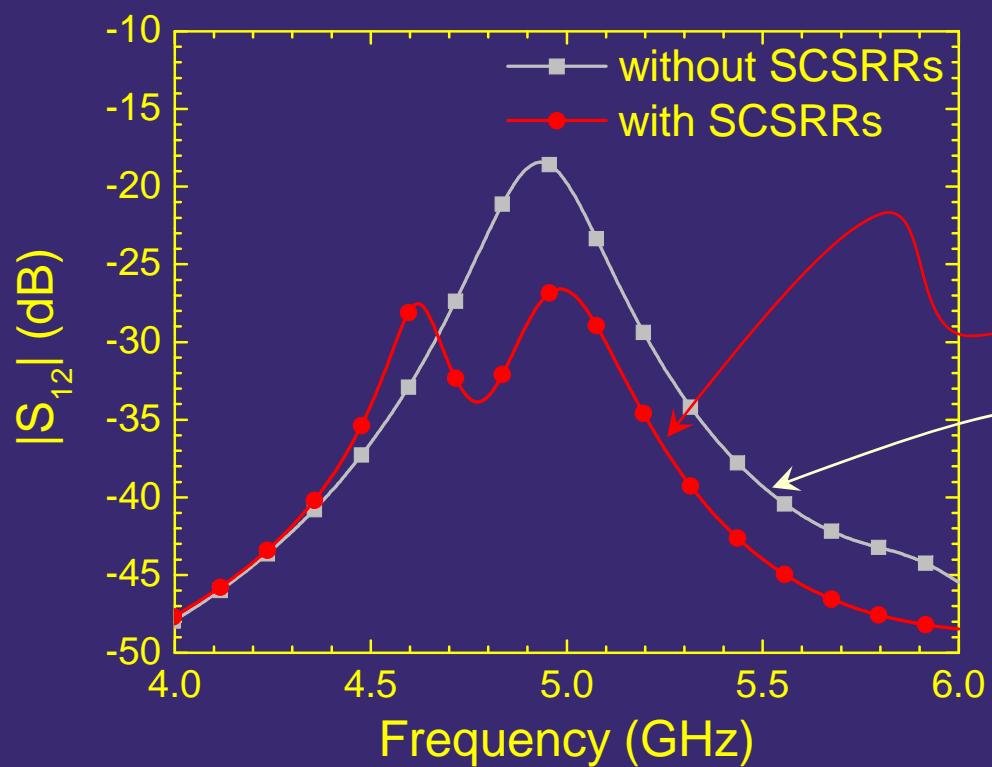
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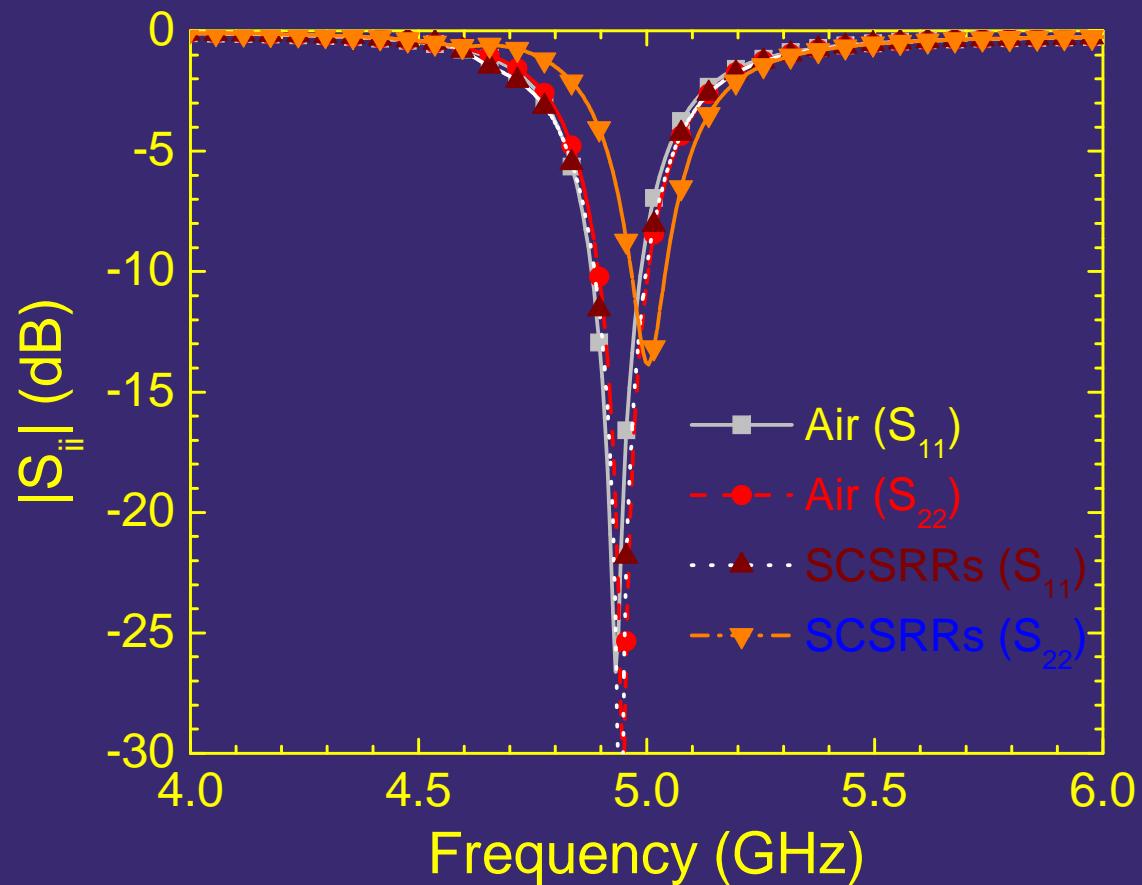
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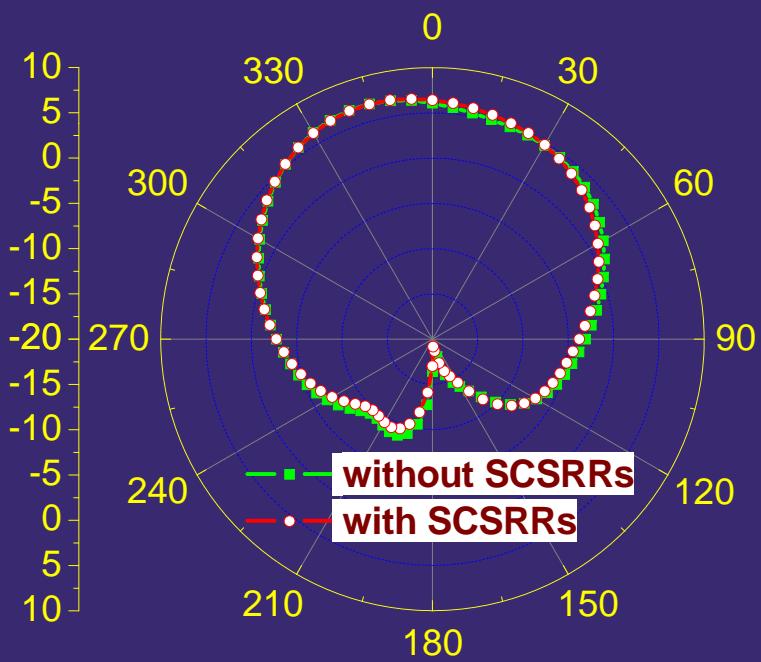
# Performance of SCSRR



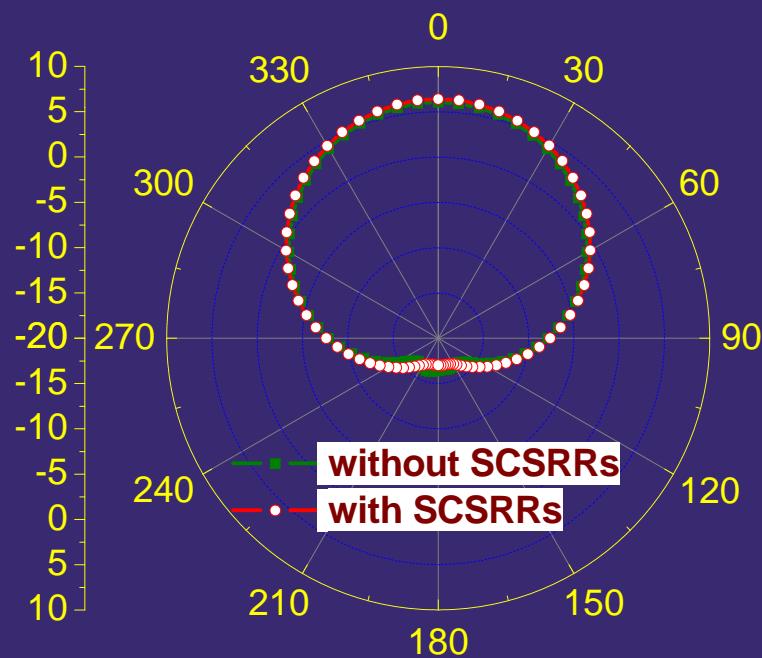
# Antennas Matching Practically not affected!



# Radiation Patterns



H-plane



E-plane

# In summary ...

EBGs...

Perhaps has the most  
important application in  
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