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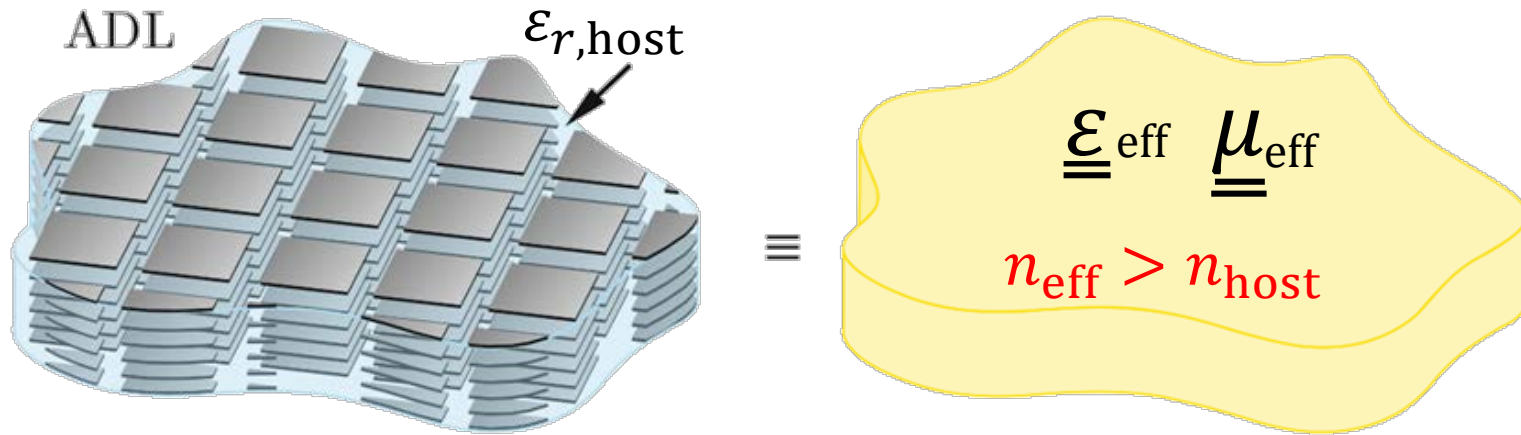
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Artificial Dielectric Layers



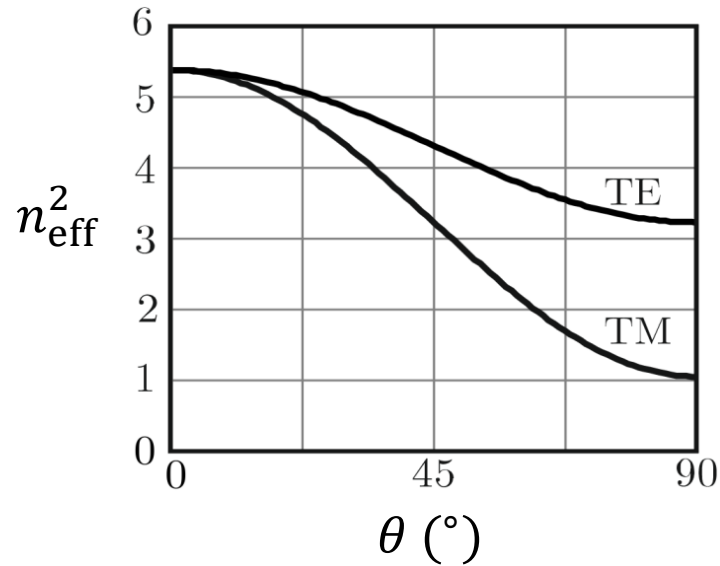
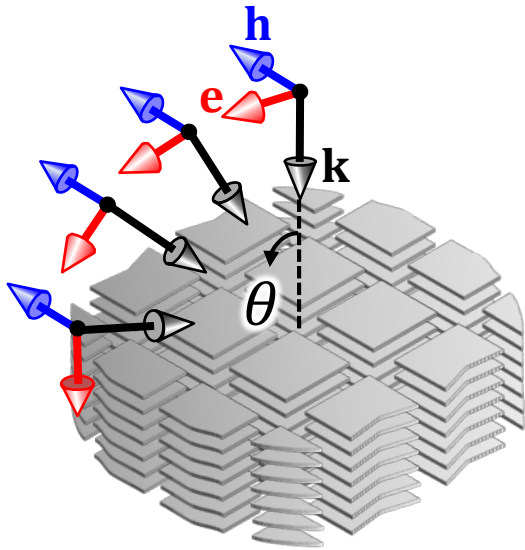
Sub-wavelength patches

$n_{eff}(\hat{\mathbf{p}}, \theta)$

- $\hat{\mathbf{p}}$: polarization of the incident plane wave (TE/TM)
- θ : angle of incidence

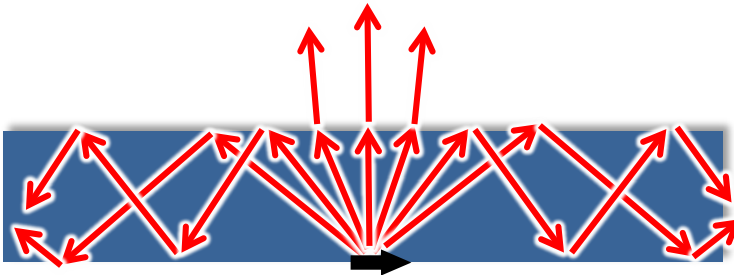
Anisotropy is a key property to avoid surface waves

Solution to surface waves



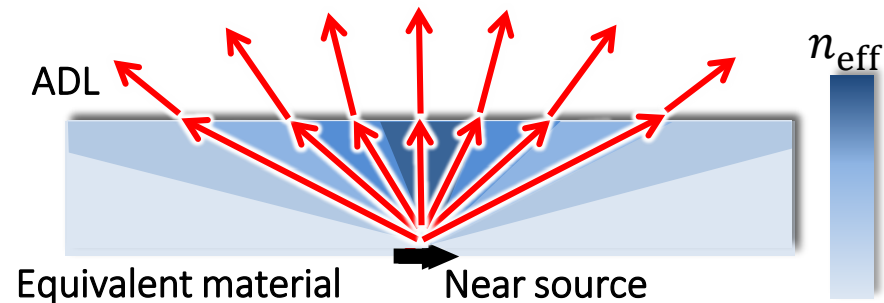
n_{eff} decreases with angle

Homogeneous dielectric



- ☺ High front-to-back ratio
- ☹ Surface waves

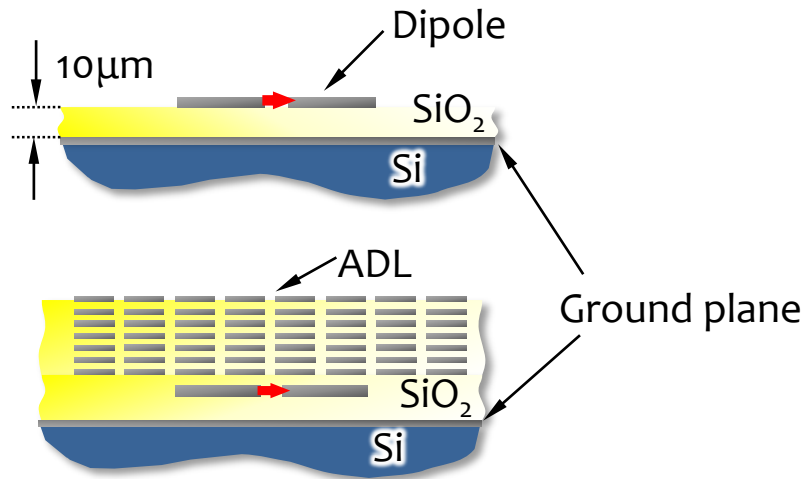
Artificial dielectric



- ☺ High front-to-back ratio
- ☺ No surface wave

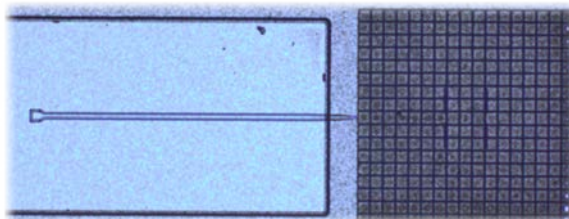
Applications for antennas

Improve efficiency of on-chip antennas

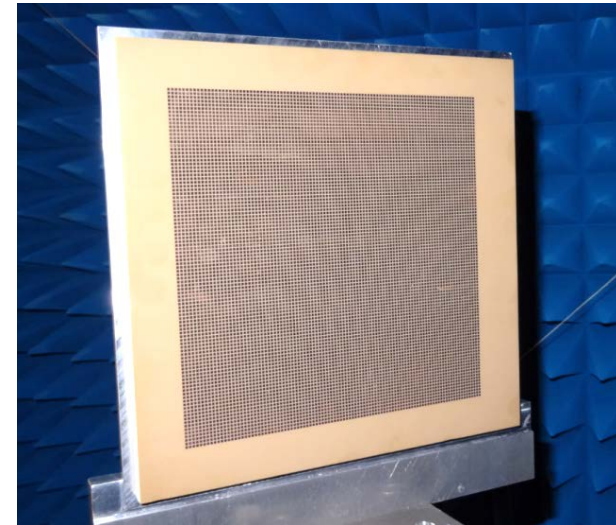


	Dipole alone	With ADL
Input resistance	0.16Ω	10Ω
Bandwidth	1%	10%
Efficiency	36%	87%

300 GHz prototype



Wide-band wide-scan phased array



6 -15 GHz

No surface waves

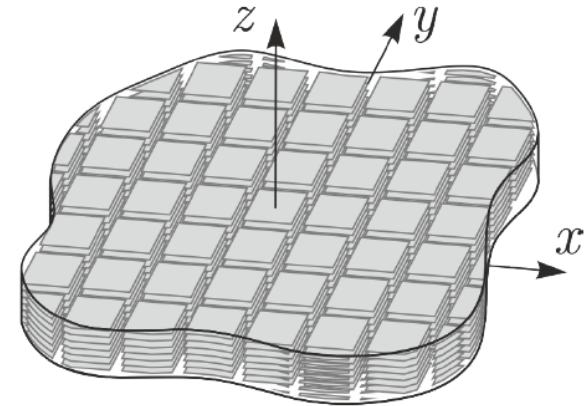
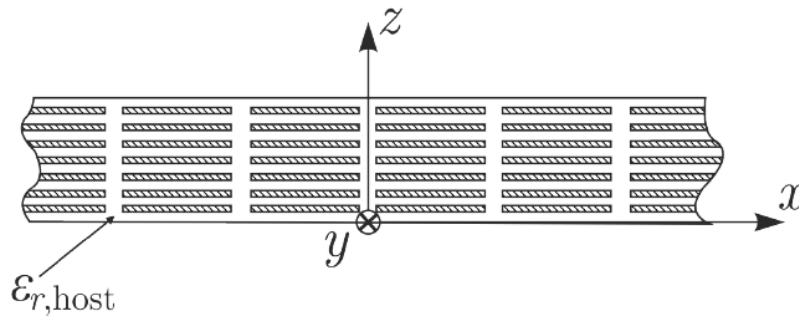
Scan to 60 deg. on H-plane and 80 deg. on E-plane with no **scan blindness**

Analysis of ADL

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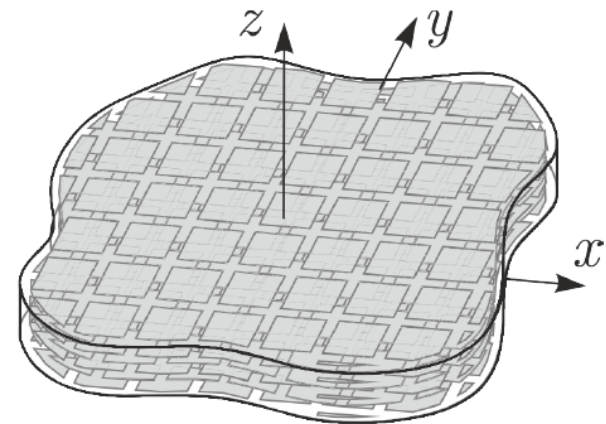
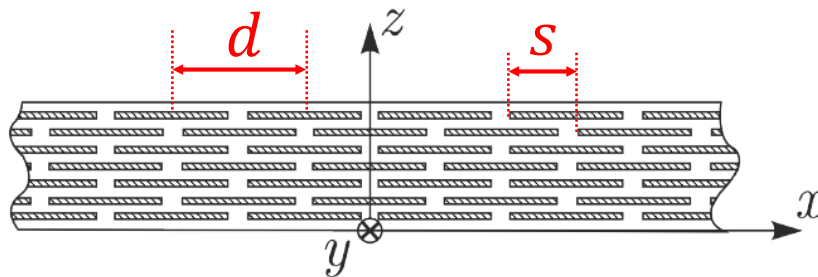
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Closed-form expression for **aligned layers**



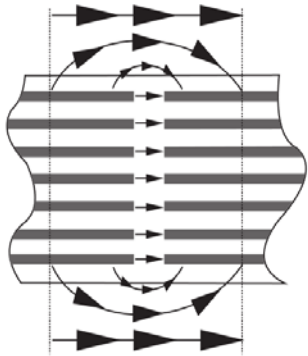
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Generalization: **alternatively shifted layers**

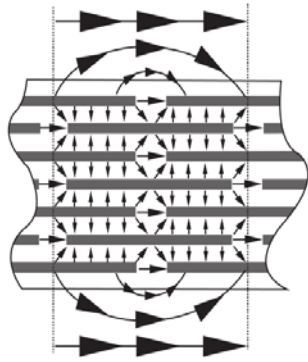


Shift between layers

Aligned layers

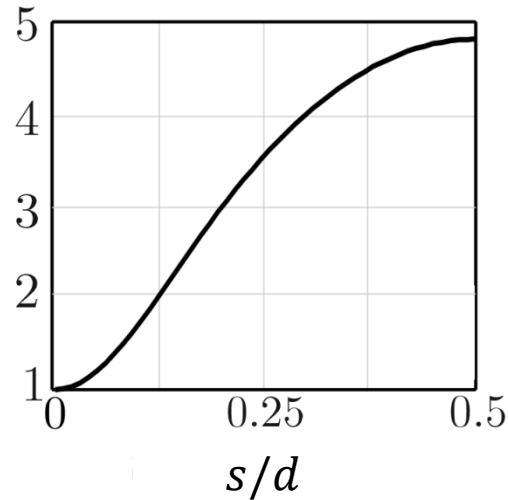


Shifted layers

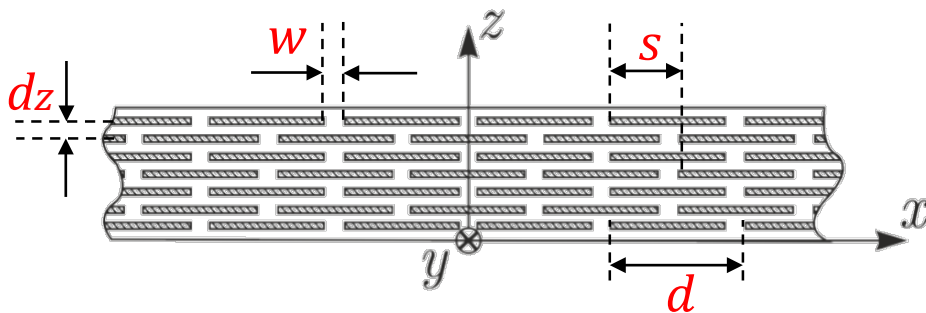


→ Electric field distribution

$$n_{\text{eff(shifted)}}^2 / n_{\text{eff(aligned)}}^2$$



Much higher equivalent permittivity with shift



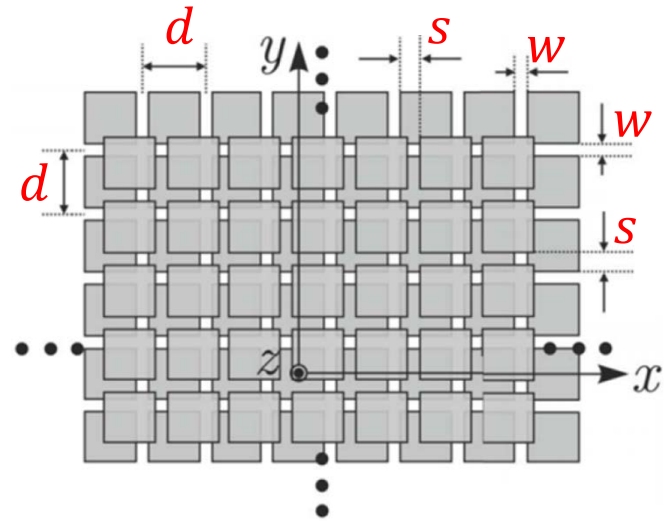
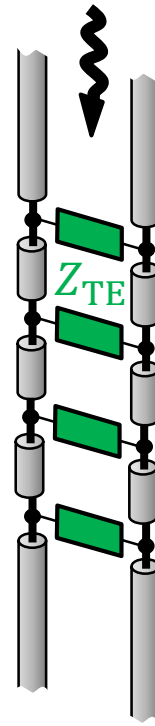
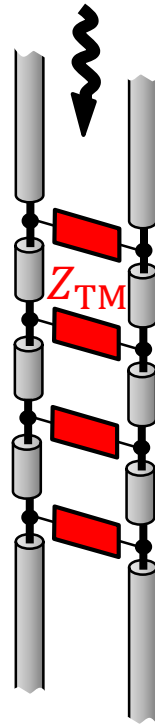
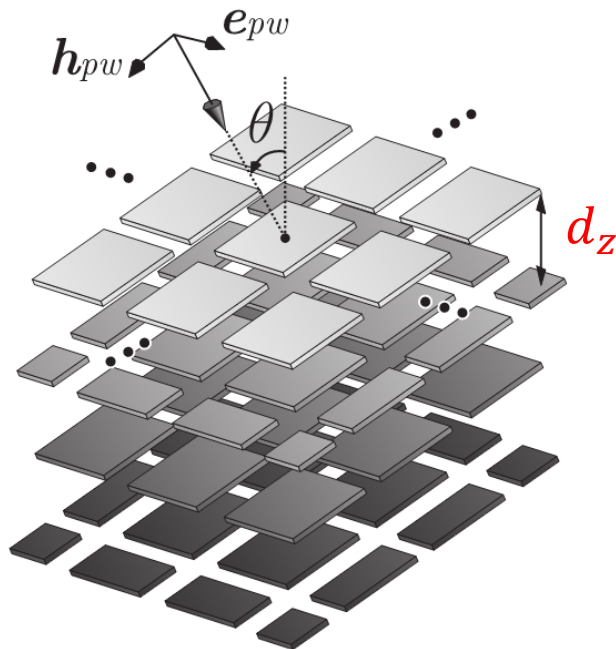
$$n_{\text{eff}} = f(d, w, d_z, s)$$

Shift s (key parameter)

- **More flexible design**
 - Reduced number of layers
 - Reduced overall thickness
- **Extended range of desired permittivity**

Equivalent circuit

TM component TE component



$$Z_{TM} = -\frac{j}{B_\infty} \quad Z_{TE} = -\frac{j}{B_\infty} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{2}}$$

Susceptance B

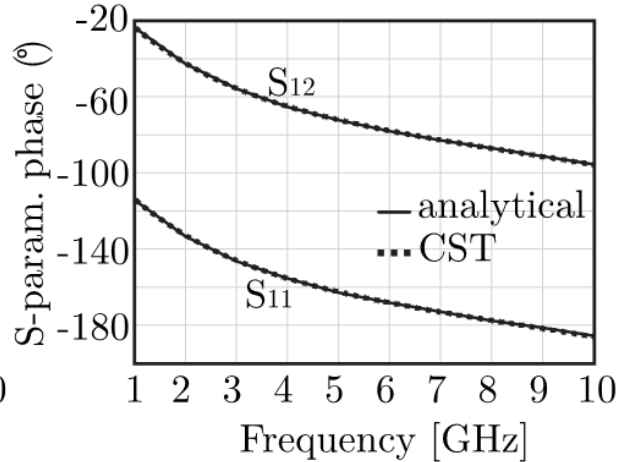
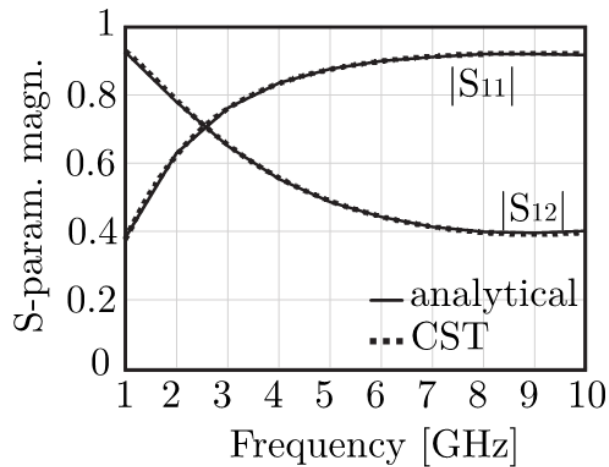
$$B_\infty \approx \underbrace{j \frac{k_0 d}{\zeta_0 \pi} \sum_{m \neq 0} \frac{|\text{sinc}(\pi m w / d)|^2}{|m|}}_{\text{Reactance of single layer}} \underbrace{\left(-\cot\left(\frac{-j2\pi|m|d_z}{d}\right) + e^{j2\pi m s/d} \text{csc}\left(\frac{-j2\pi|m|d_z}{d}\right) \right)}_{\text{Inter-layer reactive coupling}}$$

Reactance of single layer

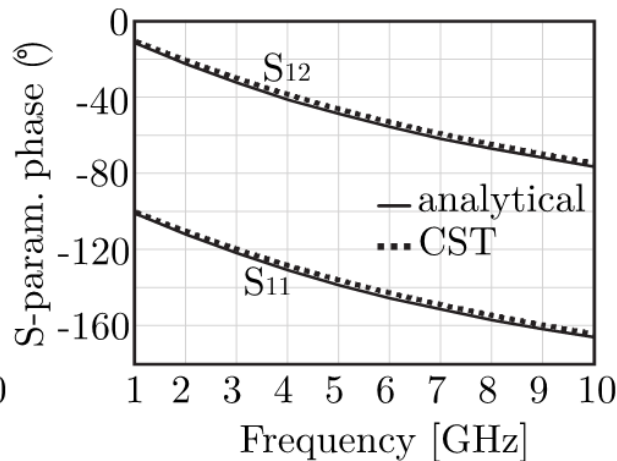
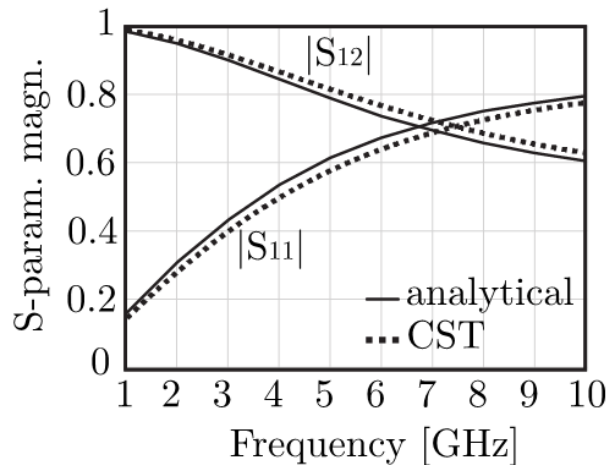
Inter-layer reactive coupling

Validation formulas

TE incidence, $\theta = 60^\circ$

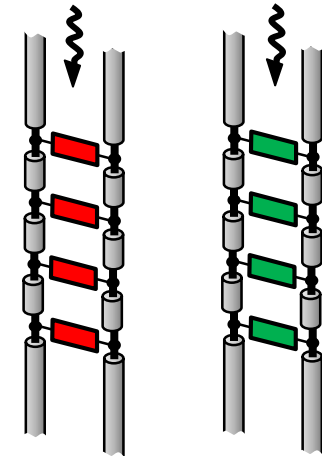


TM incidence, $\theta = 60^\circ$



Plane wave incidence
5 layers

$$s_x = s_y = 0.25d_x$$



Equivalent circuit
provides S-parameters

- Generic plane wave incidence
- Arbitrary small distance
- Arbitrary number of layers

Ohmic losses in ADLs

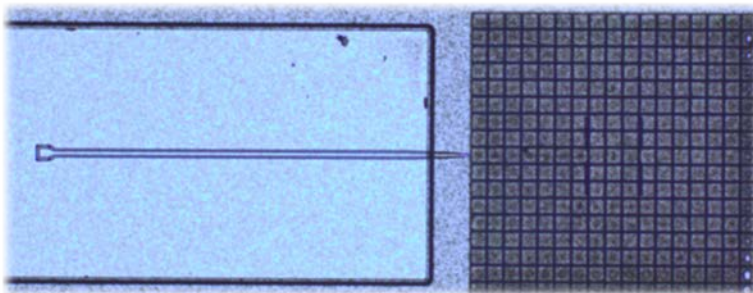


Most frequent question: **losses?**

Answer: very low because the patches are sub-wavelength

More quantitative answer: **0.8 dB losses at 300 GHz**

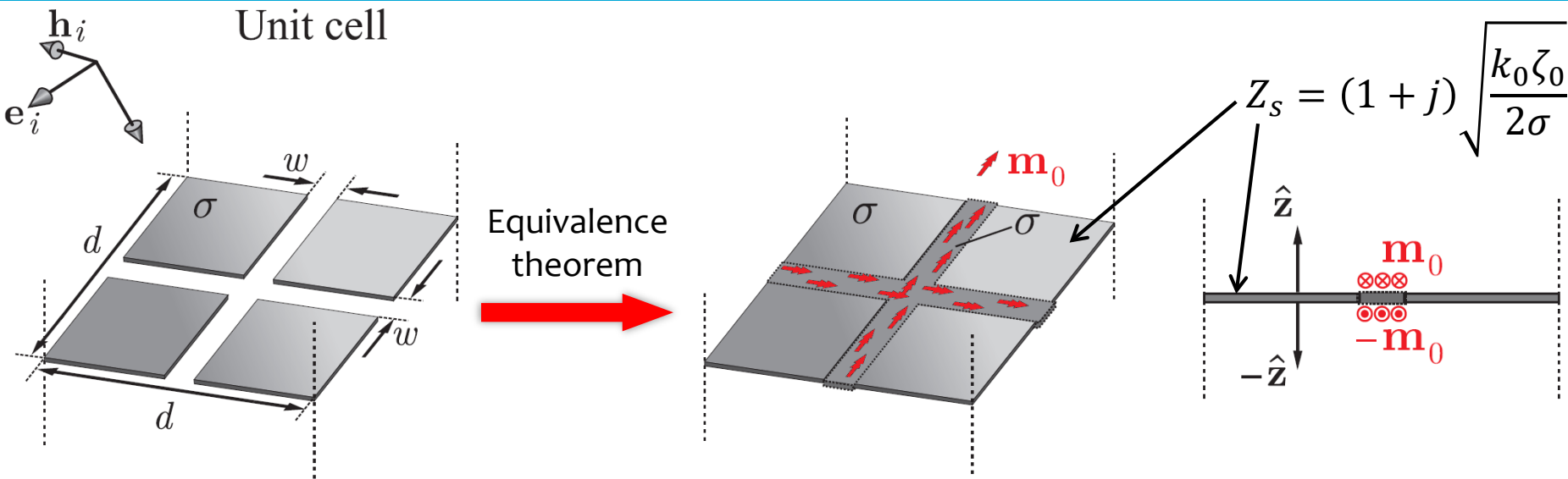
300 GHz prototype



- **However, losses depends on**
 - How the ADL is illuminated
e.g. **plane wave** or **near source**
 - **Polarization** and **direction** of the incident field

Goal: quantify analytically the losses due to finite conductivity

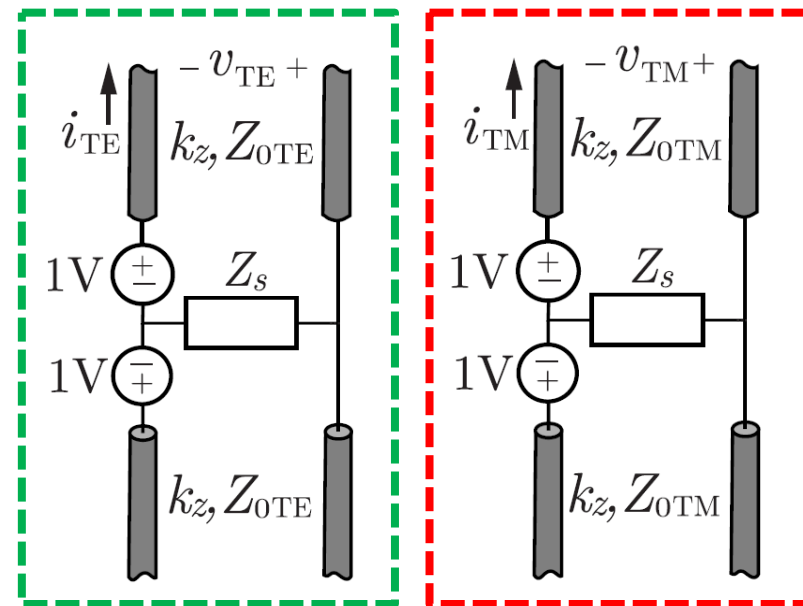
Generalization to lossy metal



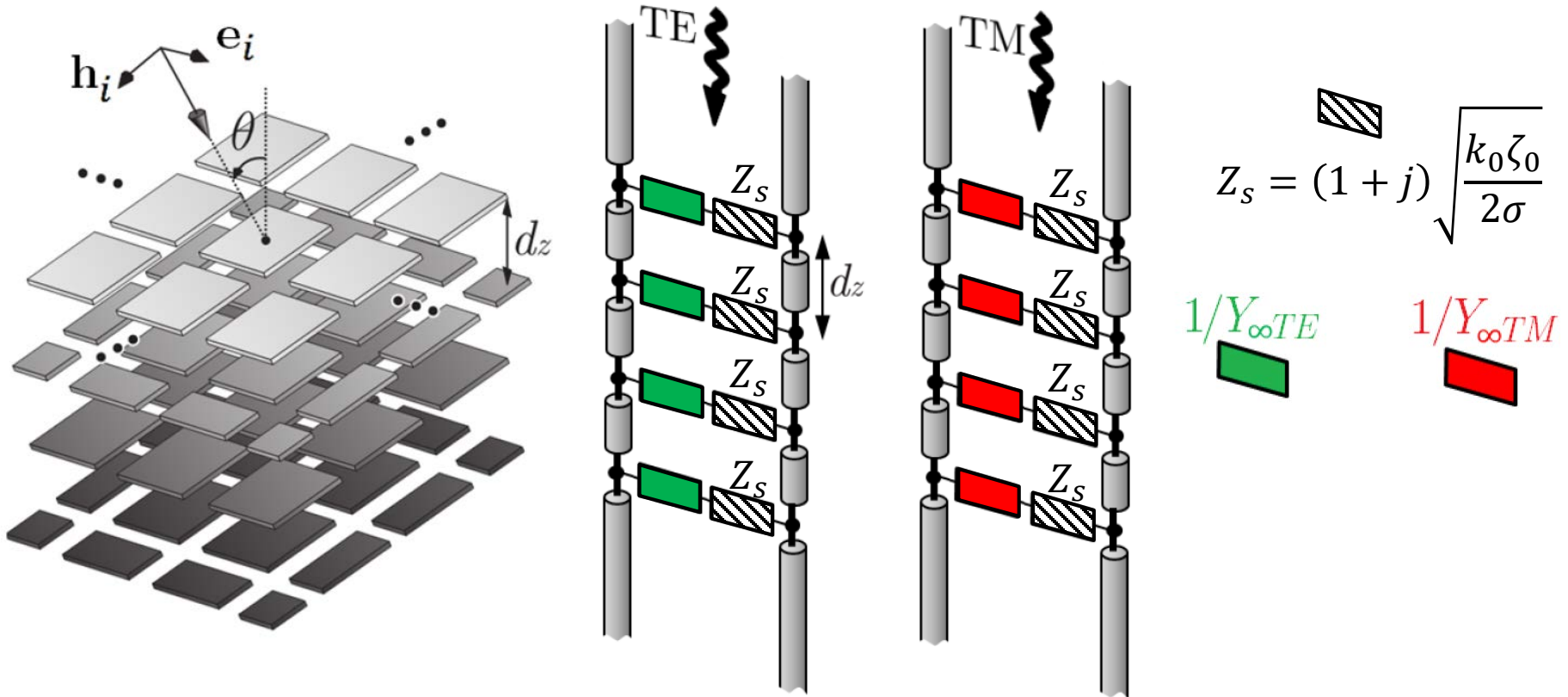
Integral Equation

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 2\mathbf{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\rho}') \mathbf{g}_{Z_s}(\boldsymbol{\rho} - \boldsymbol{\rho}') d\boldsymbol{\rho}' = -(1 + \Gamma)\mathbf{h}_i$$

Equivalent z-transmission lines of the spectral Green's function



Equivalent circuit for lossy metal



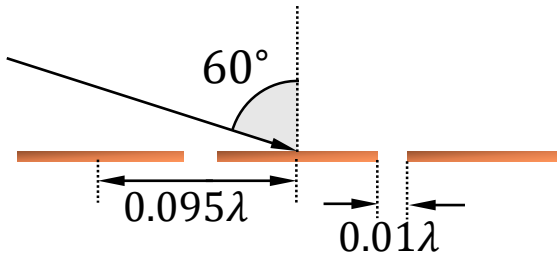
Equivalent layer impedances are in the form

$$Y_{\infty TE} \approx 2 \sum_{m_y \neq 0} |\text{sinc}(k_{ym}w/2)|^2 S_{\infty} \left(\frac{k_{x0}^2}{2k_{ym}^2} \left(\frac{\zeta_0 k_0}{k_{zm}} + 2Z_s S_{\infty} \right)^{-1} + \left(\frac{\zeta_0 k_{zm}}{k_0} + 2Z_s S_{\infty} \right)^{-1} \right)$$

$$S_{\infty} = -j \cot\left(\frac{-j2\pi|m|d_z}{d}\right) + j e^{j2\pi m \frac{s}{d}} \csc\left(\frac{-j2\pi|m|d_z}{d}\right)$$

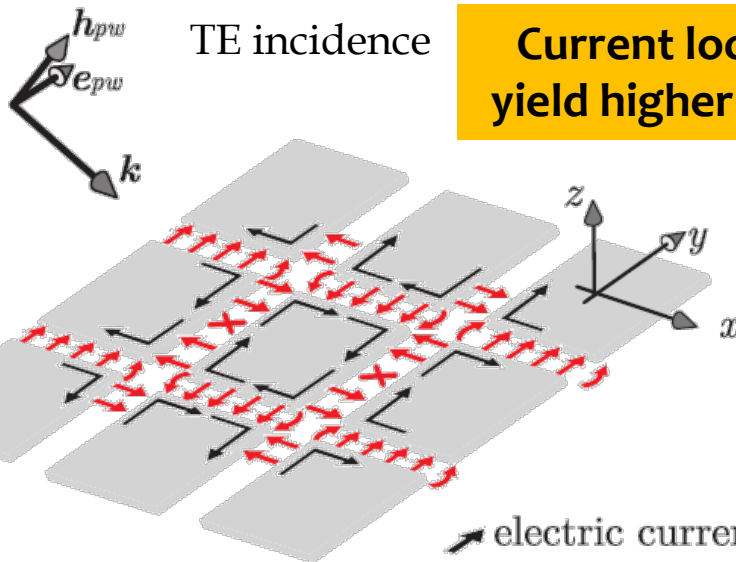
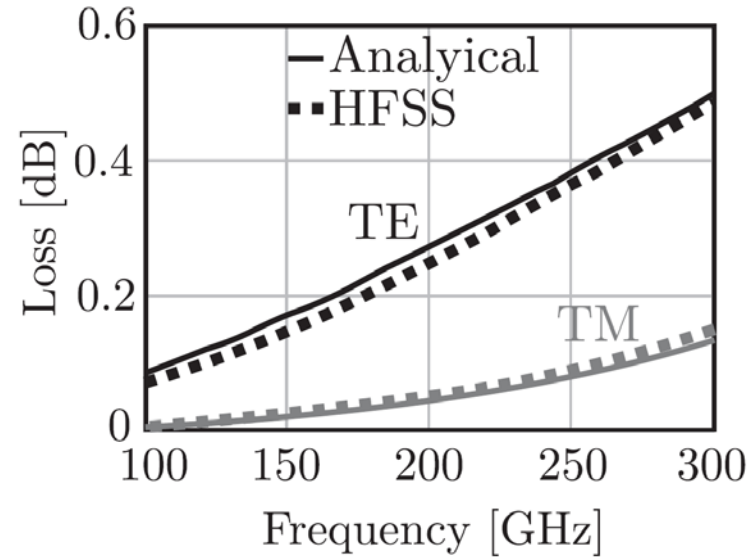
Single layer: losses

Example



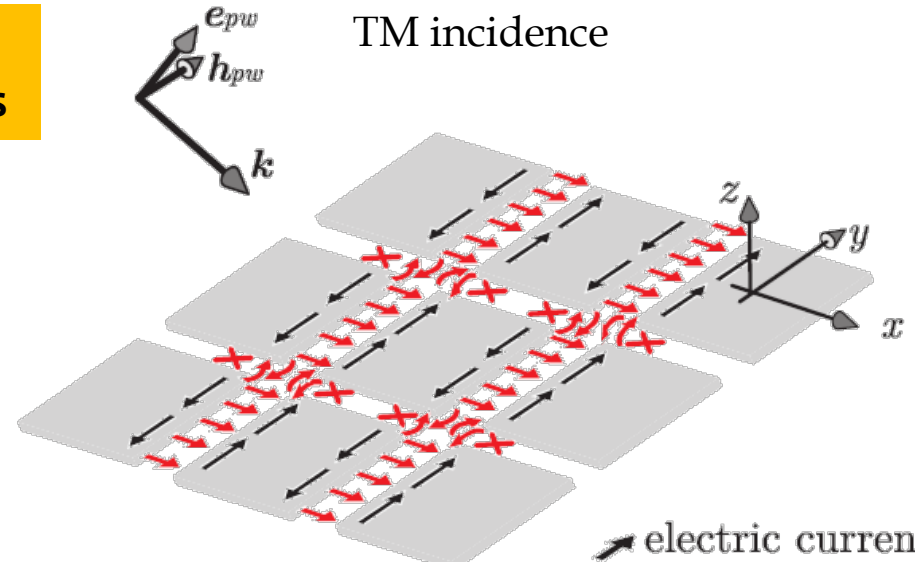
$\lambda@300\text{GHz}$

$$\sigma = 1000 \frac{\text{S}}{\text{m}}$$



**Current loops
yield higher loss**

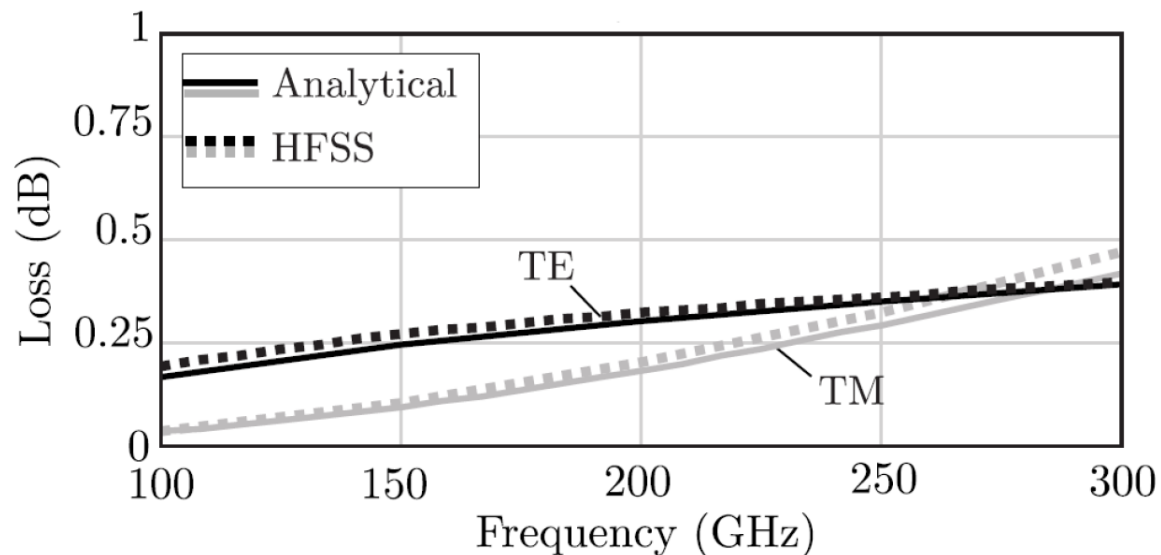
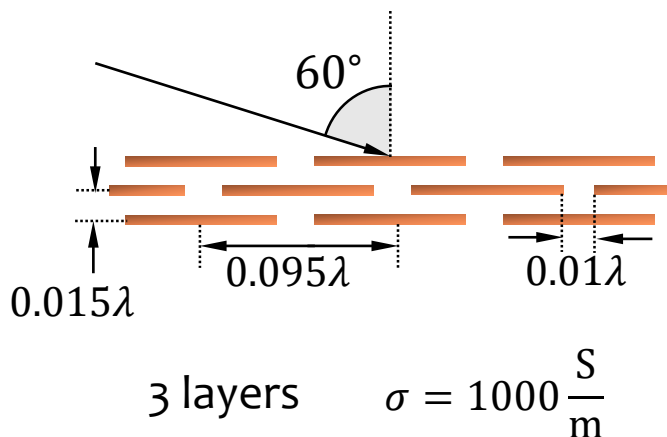
↗ electric currents
↗ electric field



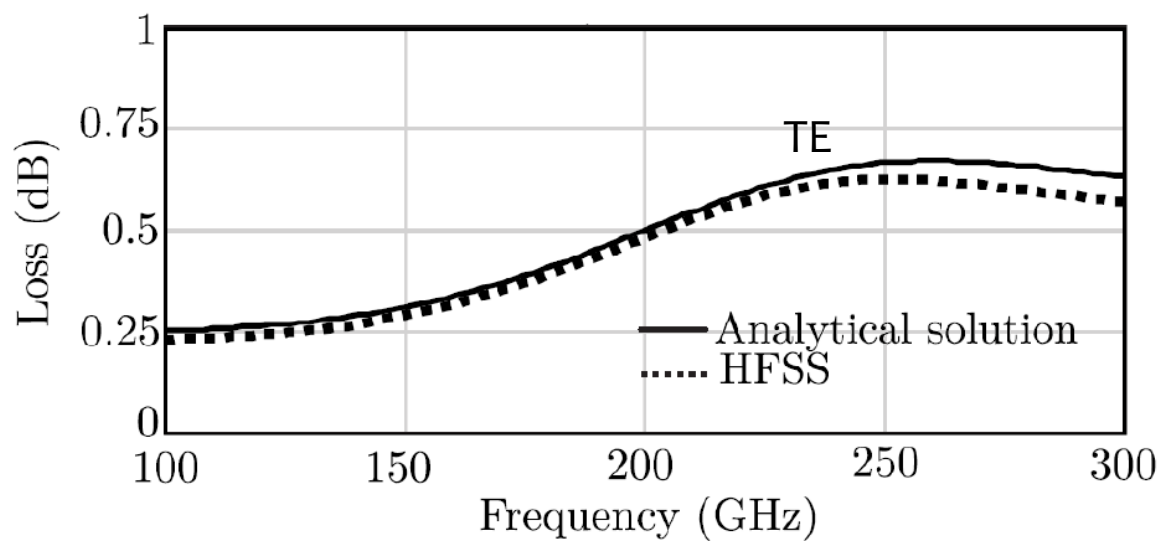
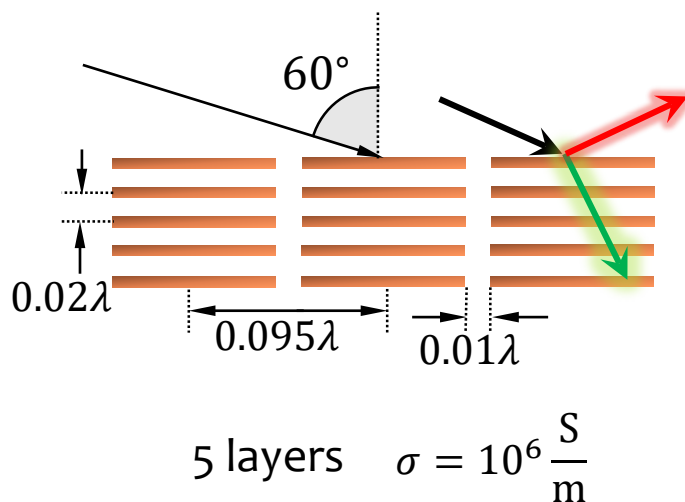
↗ electric currents
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Validation

Example 1



Example 2

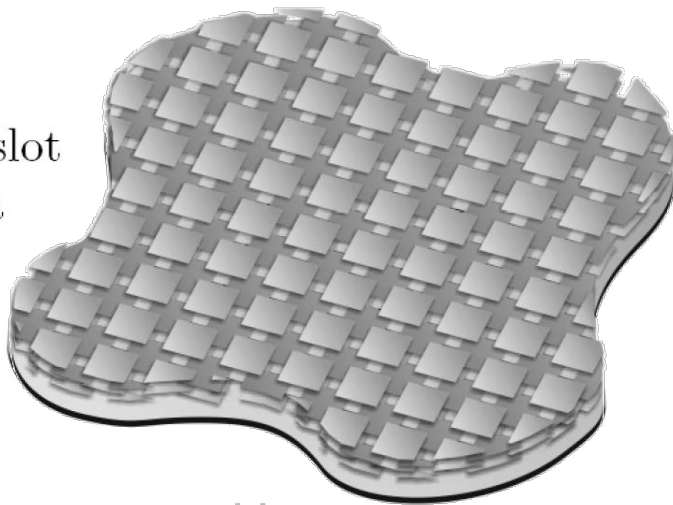


Near source excitation

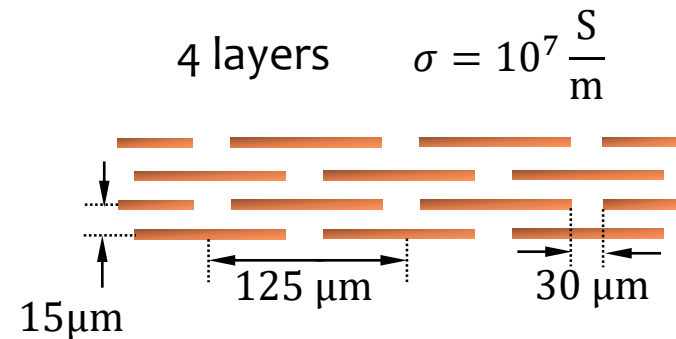
What are the losses for near source illumination?



Double slot antenna

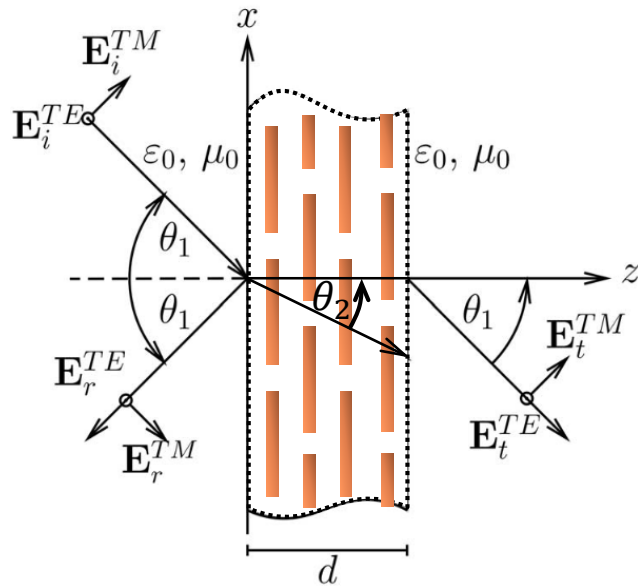


$$\begin{aligned}
 l_{\text{slot}} &= d_{\text{slot}} = 750 \mu\text{m} & \delta_{\text{slot}} &= 100 \mu\text{m} \\
 w_{\text{slot}} &= 50 \mu\text{m} & h &= 50 \mu\text{m}
 \end{aligned}$$



Effective constitutive parameters

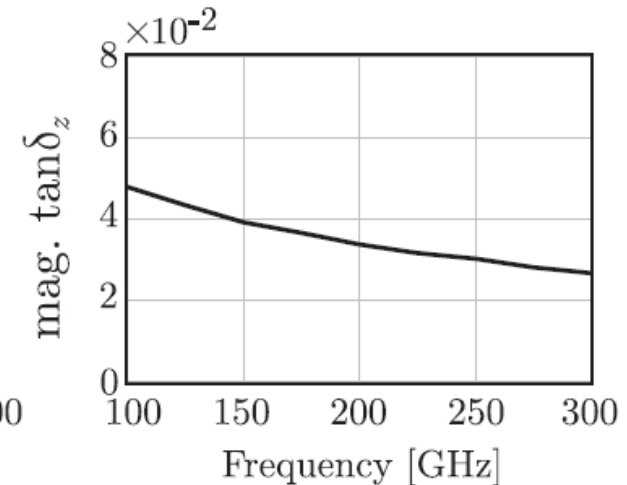
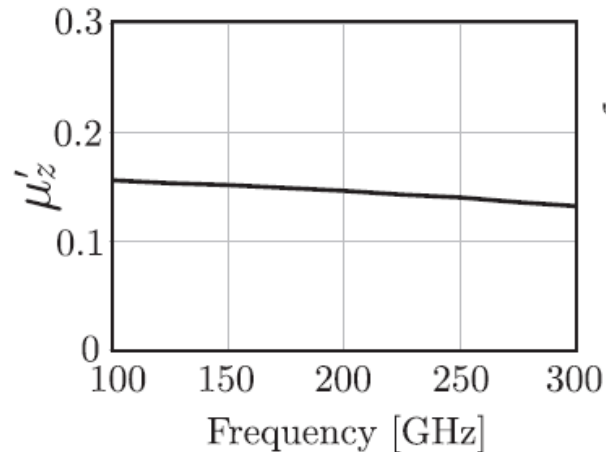
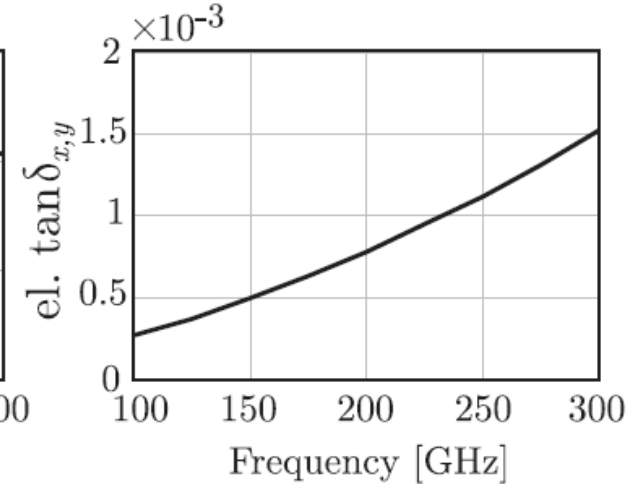
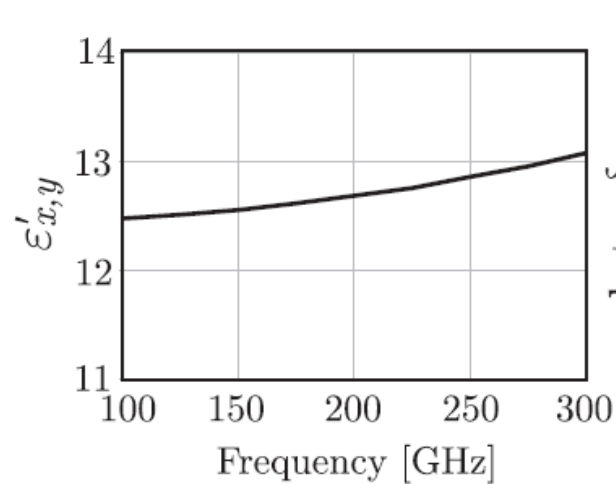
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S-parameters

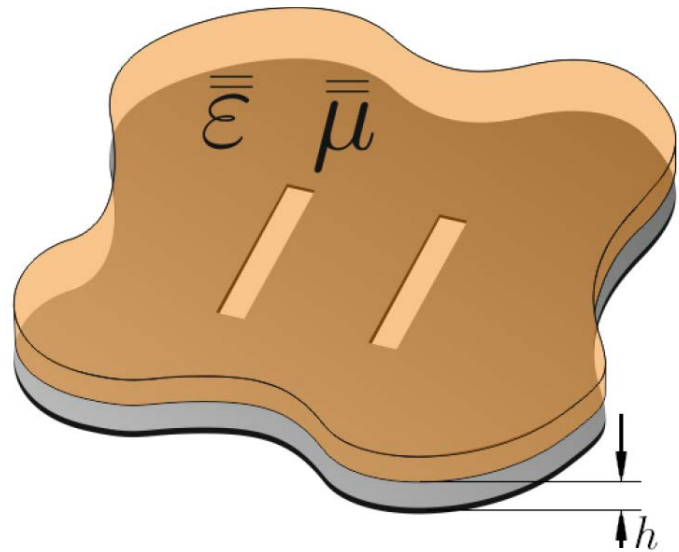
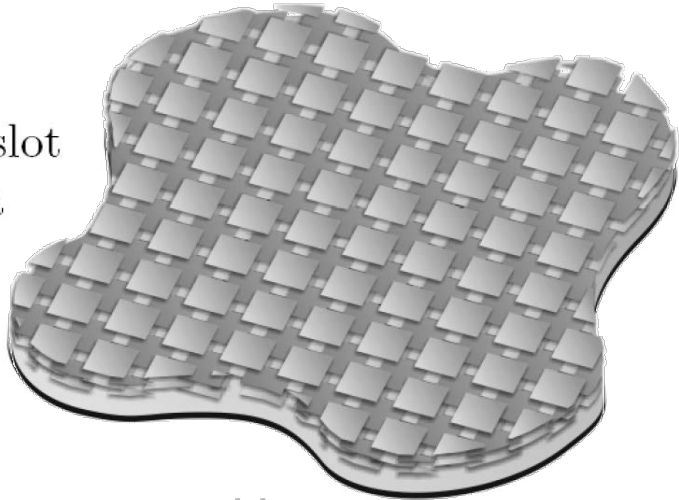


$$\underline{\underline{\epsilon}}_{\text{eff}} \quad \underline{\underline{\mu}}_{\text{eff}}$$



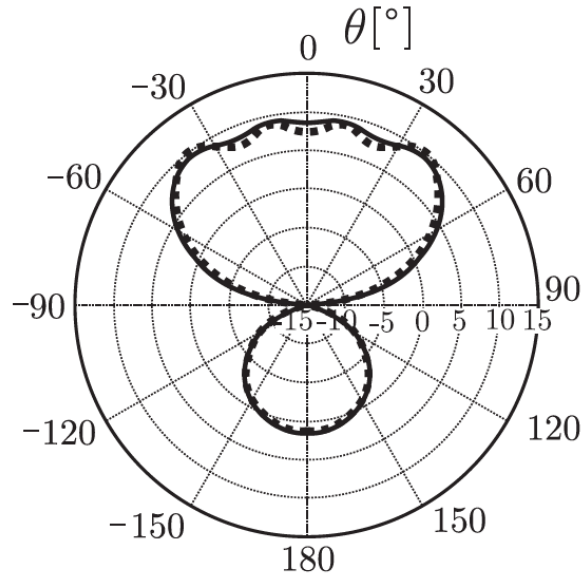
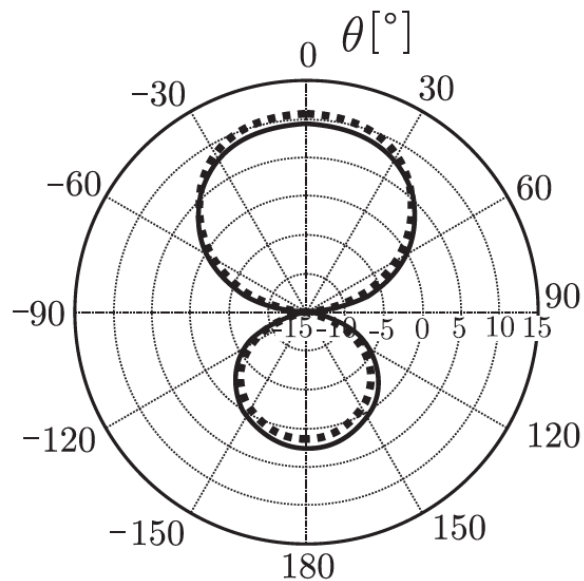
Double slot with ADLs

Double slot antenna



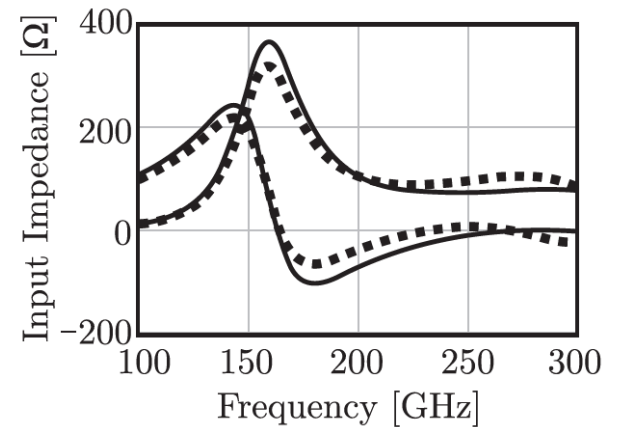
200 GHz

250 GHz

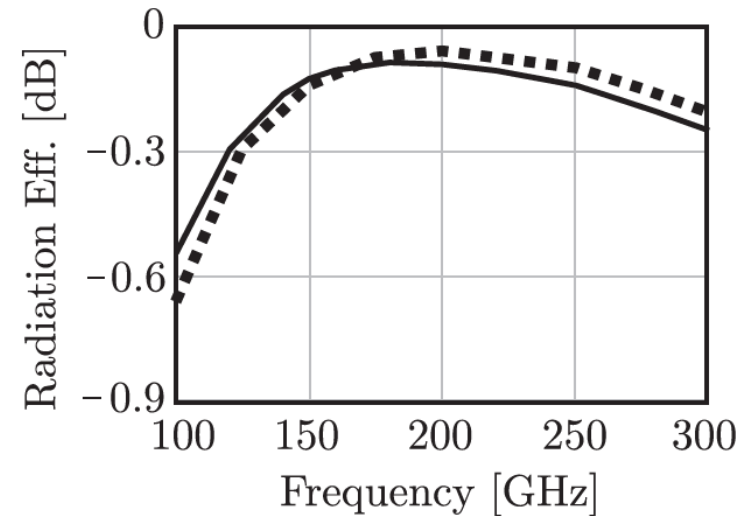
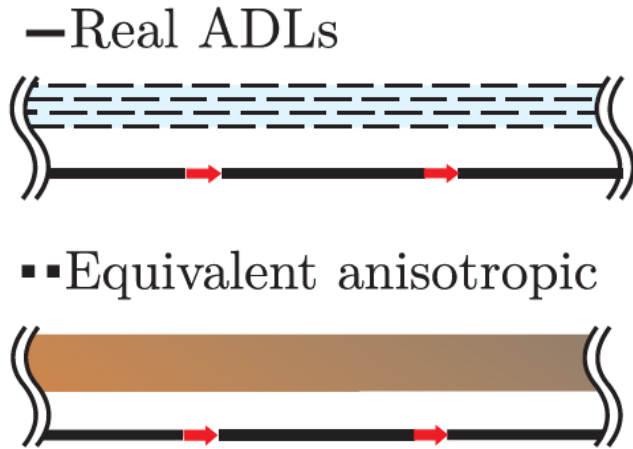


— Real ADLs

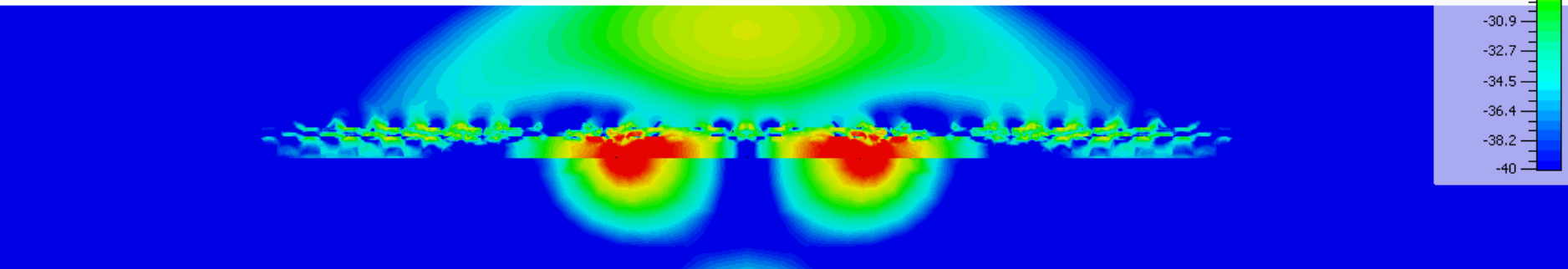
- - - Equivalent anisotropic



Efficiency of 200GHz antenna



- No TM surface wave propagates in the structure
- TE modes, responsible for magnetic losses, are below cutoff
- Higher losses if ADLs used for guiding waves, when TE modes propagate



Conclusions

ANALYTICAL SPECTRUM OF ARTIFICIAL DIELECTRIC LAYERS (FINITE σ)



- Analytical description of the dissipation losses
- Effective **electric and magnetic $\tan \delta$** can be retrieved

3 MAIN MESSAGES

- 1) Magnetic losses much higher than electric one (current loops)
- 2) Magnetic losses are excited by TE mode propagating in the structure
- 3) Our applications of ADLs does not involve TE modes (very high efficiency)