

# ELEC-E4130

## Lecture 18: Rectangular Waveguides

### Ch. 10



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# TE modes

# Recall from last time

## General Waveguide Equations

$$H_x = \frac{j}{k_c^2} (\omega\epsilon \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} - \beta \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x})$$

$$H_y = \frac{-j}{k_c^2} (\omega\epsilon \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} + \beta \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y})$$

$$E_x = \frac{-j}{k_c^2} (\omega\mu \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} + \beta \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x})$$

$$E_y = \frac{j}{k_c^2} (\omega\mu \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} - \beta \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y})$$

## Cutoff wavenumber

$$k_c^2 = k^2 - \beta^2$$

$$k_c^2 = k_x^2 + k_y^2$$

- Once we know the longitudinal components, we know everything else
- $k_c$ ,  $\beta$  need to be pre-determined
- We need to determine  $E_z$ ,  $H_z$ ,  $k_x$ , and  $k_y$ 
  - Boundary Conditions

# More on boundary conditions

Generalized on top of PEC

$$\text{B.C.} \begin{cases} E_{t1} = 0 \\ H_{n1} = 0 \\ \mathbf{i}_n \times \mathbf{H}_1 = \mathbf{J}_s \end{cases}$$

**Tangential**  
Components  
(u, v)

**Normal**  
Components  
(n)

The curl equation

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

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_u & \mathbf{a}_v & \mathbf{a}_n \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \\ H_u & H_v & H_n \end{vmatrix} = j\omega\epsilon(\mathbf{a}_u E_u + \mathbf{a}_v E_v + \mathbf{a}_n E_n)$$

Compare the tangential components (in u, v)

It yields

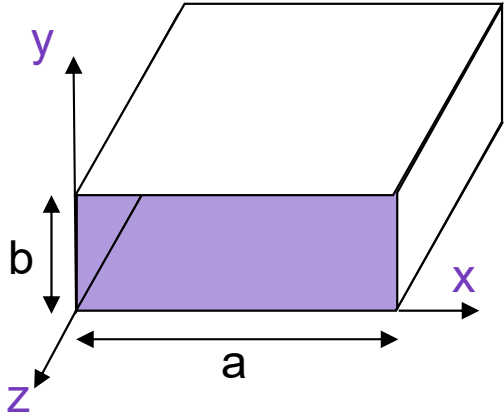
$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} H_v = j\omega\epsilon E_u = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial n} H_u = j\omega\epsilon E_v = 0 \end{cases}$$

Therefore  
we have on  
a PEC

$$\begin{cases} \boxed{\frac{\partial H_{t1}}{\partial n} = 0} \\ E_{t1} = 0 \end{cases}$$

(implicit B.C.)

# Rectangular Waveguide, TE modes



Which leads to,

$$\frac{d^2 f(x)}{dx^2} g(y) + f(x) \frac{d^2 g(y)}{dy^2} + k_c^2 f(x) g(y) = 0$$

Dividing by  $f(x)g(x)$  yields,

$$\frac{1}{f(x)} \frac{d^2 f(x)}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{g(y)} \frac{d^2 g(y)}{dy^2} + k_c^2 = 0$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{f(x)} \frac{d^2 f(x)}{dx^2}}_{-k_x^2} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{g(y)} \frac{d^2 g(y)}{dy^2}}_{-k_y^2} + k_c^2 = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad (k_c^2 = k_x^2 + k_y^2 = k^2 - \beta^2)$$

The Wave Equation for TE modes

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + k_c^2 \right) h_z(x, y) = 0$$

Separation of variables:

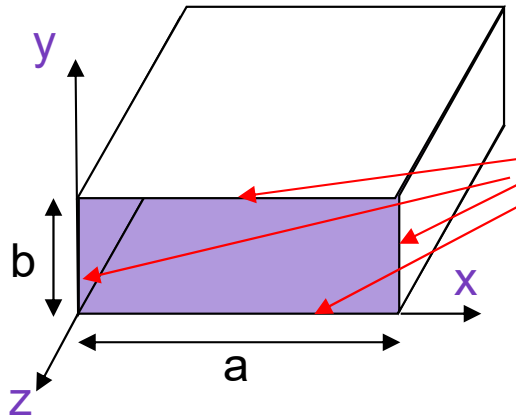
$$h_z(x, y) = f(x)g(y)$$

Decoupling to two 1-D wave equations

$$\left( \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + k_x^2 \right) f(x) = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{d^2}{dy^2} + k_y^2 \right) g(y) = 0$$

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$$\frac{\partial H_{t1}}{\partial n} = 0$$

Boundary conditions:

$$\frac{\partial h_z}{\partial x} = 0, @ x = 0, a$$

$$\frac{\partial h_z}{\partial y} = 0, @ y = 0, b$$

B.C. at the  $x = 0$  wall,  $y = 0$  floor

$$\left. \frac{\partial h_z(x, y)}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0} = 0 \rightarrow A = 0$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial h_z(x, y)}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} = 0 \rightarrow C = 0$$

General solutions of electric field:

$$f(x) = A \sin(k_x x) + B \cos(k_x x)$$

$$g(y) = C \sin(k_y y) + D \cos(k_y y)$$

Reduced equation

$$h_z(x, y) = B' \cos(k_x x) \cos(k_y y)$$

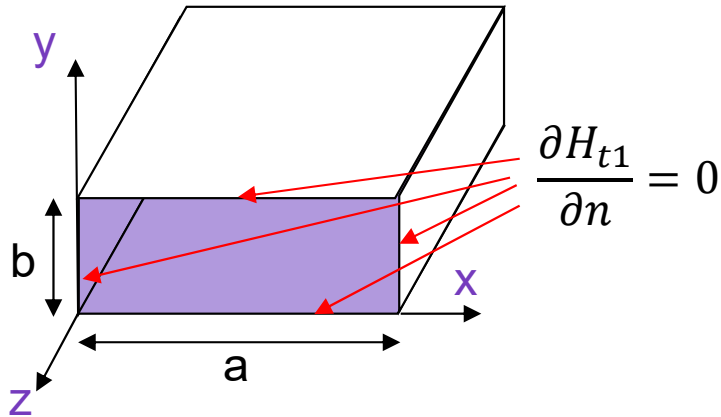
$$B' = BD$$

General solutions of electric field:

$$h_z(x, y) = f(x)g(y)$$

$$h_z(x, y) = (A \sin(k_x x) + B \cos(k_x x))(C \sin(k_y y) + D \cos(k_y y))$$

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Reduced equation

$$h_z(x, y) = B' \cos(k_x x) \cos(k_y y)$$

$$B' = BD$$

Boundary conditions at the  $x = a$  wall

$$\left. \frac{\partial h_z(x, y)}{\partial x} \right|_{x=a} = -A' k_x \sin(k_x a) \cos(k_y y) = 0$$

$$\sin(k_x a) = 0 \rightarrow k_x a = m\pi$$

$$k_x = \frac{m\pi}{a} \quad \forall m \text{ integers}$$

Boundary conditions at the  $y = b$  ceiling

$$\left. \frac{\partial h_z(x, y)}{\partial y} \right|_{y=b} = -A' k_y \cos(k_x x) \sin(k_y b) = 0$$

$$\sin(k_y b) = 0 \rightarrow k_y b = n\pi$$

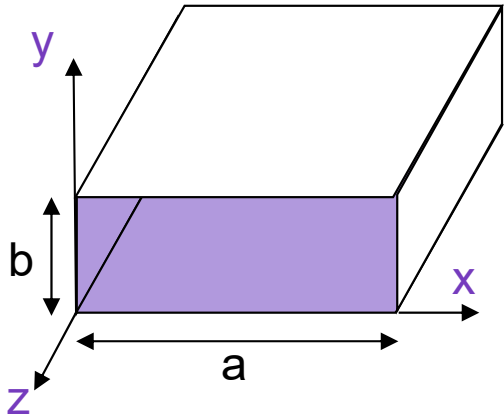
$$k_y = \frac{n\pi}{b} \quad \forall n \text{ integers}$$

Longitudinal component

$$h_z(x, y) = B_{mn} \cos\left(\frac{m\pi}{a} x\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{b} y\right)$$

$$B_{mn} = B'$$

# Rectangular Waveguide, TE modes



Longitudinal field

$$h_z(x, y) = B_{mn} \cos\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}x\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{b}y\right)$$

$$H_z(x, y, z) = h_z(x, y)e^{-j\beta z}$$

$$H_z(x, y, z) = B_{mn} \cos\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}x\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{b}y\right) e^{-j\beta z}$$

TE Wave Equations

$$H_x = \frac{-j\beta}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x}$$

$$H_y = \frac{-j\beta}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y}$$

$$E_x = \frac{-j\omega\mu}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y}$$

$$E_y = \frac{j\omega\mu}{k_c^2} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x}$$

- Now that the longitudinal field is fully characterized, we can compute all the transverse fields
- Propagation constant  $\beta$  is the same for TE and TM



# TE vs TM modes

## TM modes

$$E_z(x, y, z) = A_{mn} \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}x\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{b}y\right) e^{-j\beta z}$$

$$H_x(x, y, z) = \frac{j\omega\epsilon n\pi}{bk_c^2} A_{mn} \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) e^{-j\beta z}$$

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$$Z_{TM} = \frac{E_x}{H_y} = \frac{-E_y}{H_x} = \frac{\beta}{\omega\epsilon} = \frac{\beta\eta}{k}$$

## TE modes

$$H_z(x, y, z) = B_{mn} \cos\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}x\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{b}y\right) e^{-j\beta z}$$

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$$Z_{TE} = \frac{E_x}{H_y} = \frac{-E_y}{H_x} = \frac{\omega\mu}{\beta} = \frac{k\eta}{\beta}$$

# Cutoff Frequencies

# Mode numbers

## TM modes

$$E_z(x, y, z) = A_{mn} \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}x\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{b}y\right) e^{-j\beta z}$$

- If  $m = 0$  **or**  $n = 0$ ,  $E_z = 0$
- If  $E_z = 0$  then  $E_x$ ,  $E_y$ ,  $H_x$ , and  $H_y = 0$ .
  - No propagation of energy
- If  $m > 0$  **and**  $n > 0$ ,  $E_z \neq 0$ 
  - **YES** propagation of energy

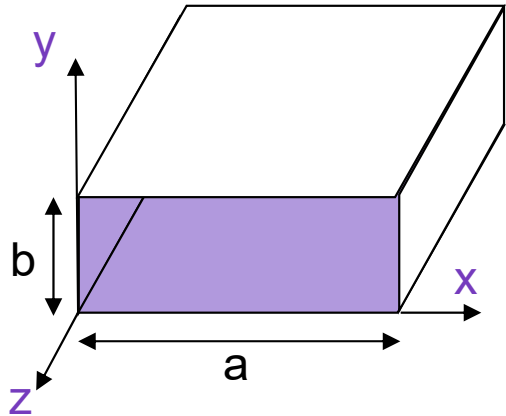
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## TE modes

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# Cutoff Frequency Analysis



$$k_c = \sqrt{\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2}$$

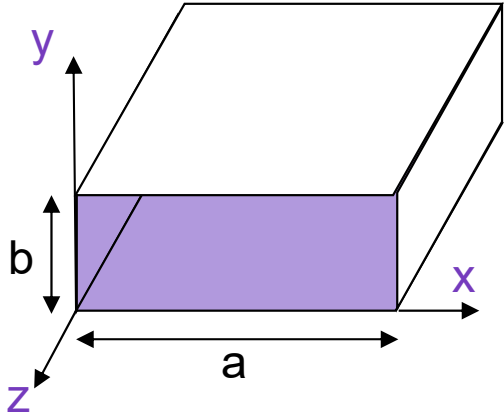
$$\beta = \sqrt{k^2 - k_c^2} = \sqrt{k^2 - \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2}$$

Two possibilities may happen

- 1  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} k > k_c, \quad \beta \text{ real,} \quad \text{wave propagating} \quad e^{-j\beta z} \\ \text{The longitudinal variation of field follows} \quad e^{-j\beta z} \\ \text{that is with constant amplitude} \end{array} \right.$
- 2  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} k < k_c, \quad \beta \text{ imaginary,} \quad \text{wave decays exponentially} \\ \text{(assuming } \beta = -j\alpha, \quad e^{-j\beta z} \Rightarrow e^{-\alpha z}) \end{array} \right.$

- $k < k_c \rightarrow f < f_c$  propagation constant has a 0 real part meaning NO traveling wave meaning no flow of energy
- Exponentially decaying wave is an evanescent wave

# Cutoff Frequency Analysis



Consider TM mode

$$Z_{\text{TM}} = \frac{-E_y}{H_x} = \frac{\beta}{\omega\epsilon} = \frac{\beta\eta}{k} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{real} & \text{for } f > f_c \\ \text{imaginary} & \text{for } f < f_c \end{array} \right.$$

The complex poynting vector:

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^* = \mathbf{a}_z \frac{|\mathbf{E}|^2}{Z_{\text{TM}}} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{real} & \text{for } f > f_c \\ \text{imaginary} & \text{for } f < f_c \end{array} \right.$$

- No power will be carried through under the cutoff frequency!

The average power density:

$$\mathbf{S}_{av} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}[\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^*] = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}\{\mathbf{S}\} = 0$$

# Propagation constant parameters (1/2)

## Cutoff wavenumber

$$k_c^2 = k_x^2 + k_y^2 = \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2$$

$$k_c = \sqrt{\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2}$$

## Cutoff frequency

$$f_c = \frac{k_c}{2\pi\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} = \frac{c}{2\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} \sqrt{\left(\frac{m}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^2}$$

## Cutoff wavelength

$$\lambda_c = \frac{2\pi}{k_c} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{m}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^2}}$$

## Propagation constant

$$\beta = \sqrt{k^2 - k_c^2} = \sqrt{k^2 - \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2}$$

## Wave impedance

$$Z_{TE} = \frac{\omega\mu}{\beta} = \frac{k\eta}{\beta} = \frac{k}{\sqrt{k^2 - k_c^2}}\eta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (f_c/f)^2}} \frac{\eta_0}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}$$

$$Z_{TM} = \frac{\beta}{\omega\epsilon} = \frac{\beta\eta}{k} = \frac{\sqrt{k^2 - k_c^2}}{k}\eta = \sqrt{1 - (f_c/f)^2} \frac{\eta_0}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}$$

## Wavenumber in medium

$$k = \omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$$

# Propagation constant parameters (2/2)

## Phase velocity

$$\frac{1}{u_p} = \frac{\beta}{\omega} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\beta}{k}$$

$$u_p = f\lambda_g = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{k^2 - k_c^2}} = \frac{c/\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}{\sqrt{1 - (f_c/f)^2}}$$

## Group velocity

$$\frac{1}{u_g} = \frac{d\beta}{d\omega} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{d\beta}{dk}$$

$$\frac{d\beta}{dk} = \frac{k}{\sqrt{k^2 - k_c^2}}$$

$$u_g = (c/\sqrt{\epsilon_r}) \cdot \sqrt{1 - (f_c/f)^2}$$

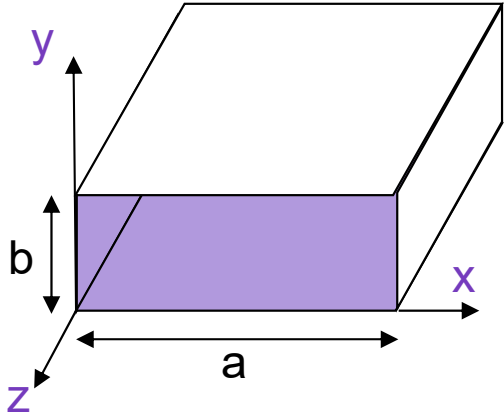
## Guide wavelength

$$\lambda_g = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{k^2 - k_c^2}} = \frac{2\pi}{k\sqrt{1 - (f_c/f)^2}} = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{1 - (f_c/f)^2}}$$

## Relation

$$u_p u_g = \frac{c^2}{\epsilon_r}$$

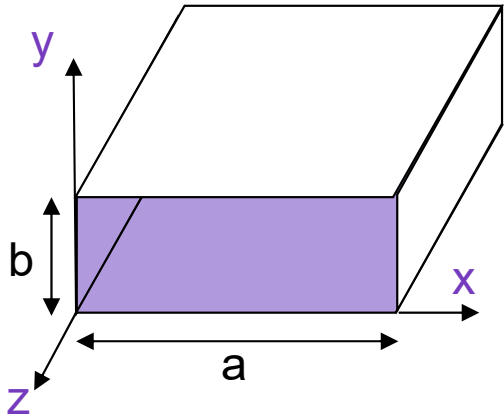
# In class exercise: Cutoff Frequencies



- For an air-filled rectangular waveguide with inner dimensions 0.9 in by 0.4in.
- (1) calculate the cutoff frequencies for the  $TE_{10}$ ,  $TE_{01}$ ,  $TE_{20}$ ,  $TE_{11}$  and  $TM_{11}$  modes.
- (2) Recalculate the cutoff frequencies for the  $TE_{10}$ ,  $TE_{01}$ ,  $TE_{20}$ ,  $TE_{11}$  and  $TM_{11}$  modes if the same guide is filled with polystyrene ( $\epsilon_r=2.55$ ).



# In class exercise: Cutoff Frequencies



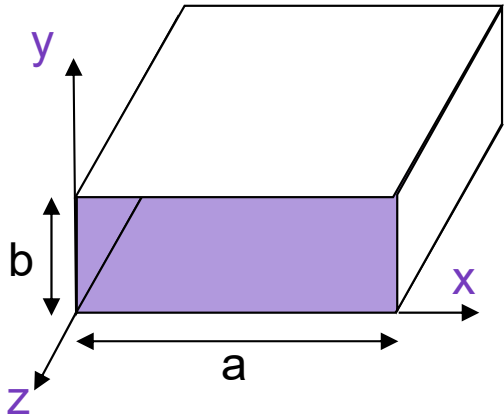
- For an air-filled rectangular waveguide with inner dimensions **0.9 in by 0.45 in**.
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$$k_c^2 = \left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2$$

$$f_c = \frac{\omega_c}{2\pi}, \quad \omega_c = \frac{k_c c}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}$$

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$$\epsilon_r = 1.0$$

$TE_{10}$ ,

$$\frac{3 \cdot 10^8}{2\pi} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\pi}{0.9 \cdot 0.0254}\right)^2} = 6.56 \text{ GHz}$$

$TE_{01}$ ,

$$\frac{3 \cdot 10^8}{2\pi} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\pi}{0.45 \cdot 0.0254}\right)^2} = 13.14 \text{ GHz}$$

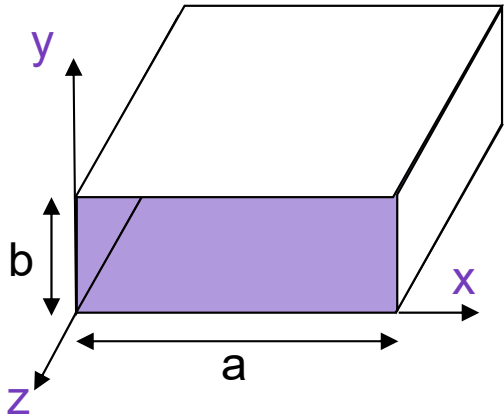
$TE_{20}$ ,

$$\frac{3 \cdot 10^8}{2\pi} \sqrt{\left(\frac{2\pi}{0.9 \cdot 0.0254}\right)^2} = 13.14 \text{ GHz}$$

$TE_{11}$  &  $TM_{11}$

$$\frac{3 \cdot 10^8}{2\pi} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\pi}{0.9 \cdot 0.0254}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\pi}{0.45 \cdot 0.0254}\right)^2} = 14.62 \text{ GHz}$$

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$TE_{10}$ ,

$$\frac{3 \cdot 10^8 / \sqrt{2.55}}{2\pi} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\pi}{0.9 \cdot 0.0254}\right)^2} = 4.37 \text{ GHz}$$

$TE_{01}$ ,

$$\frac{3 \cdot 10^8 / \sqrt{2.55}}{2\pi} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\pi}{0.45 \cdot 0.0254}\right)^2} = 8.74 \text{ GHz}$$

$TE_{20}$ ,

$$\frac{3 \cdot 10^8 / \sqrt{2.55}}{2\pi} \sqrt{\left(\frac{2\pi}{0.9 \cdot 0.0254}\right)^2} = 8.74 \text{ GHz}$$

$TE_{11}$  &  $TM_{11}$

$$\frac{3 \cdot 10^8 / \sqrt{2.55}}{2\pi} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\pi}{0.9 \cdot 0.0254}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\pi}{0.45 \cdot 0.0254}\right)^2} = 9.77 \text{ GHz}$$

$\epsilon_r = 2.55$

Dominant  $TE_{10}$  mode

# Lambdas

## Wavelength in a vacuum

$$\lambda_0 = \frac{c_0}{f}$$

- Wavelength in a vacuum corresponding to the waveguide operational frequency. **Remember that time is fixed.**

## Wavelength in media

$$\lambda = \frac{\lambda_0}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}$$

- Wavelength in the waveguide fill medium

## Guide wavelength

$$\lambda_g = \frac{2\pi}{\beta}$$

- Peak-to-peak distance for propagating energy
  - **Dependent** on waveguide fill permittivity

## Cutoff wavelength

$$\lambda_c = \frac{2\pi}{k_c}$$

- Cutoff wavelength corresponding to cutoff wavenumber
  - **Independent** of waveguide fill permittivity

# Guide wavelength vs guide velocity

Propagation constant

$$\beta = \sqrt{k^2 - k_c^2} \rightarrow \beta < k$$

Frequency

$$\frac{u_p}{\lambda_g} = \frac{\frac{\omega}{\beta}}{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}} = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} = f$$

Wavelength

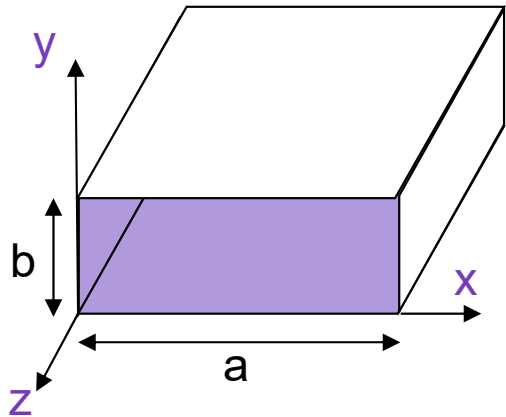
$$\lambda_g = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} > \frac{2\pi}{k} \rightarrow \lambda_g > \lambda$$

Phase velocity

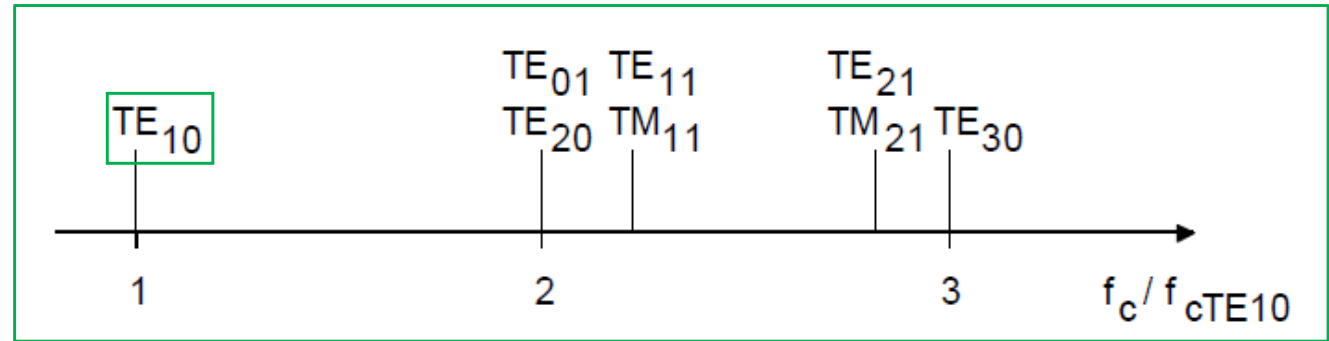
$$u_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta} > \frac{\omega}{k} \rightarrow u_p > c$$

- The wavelength of a propagating mode inside the waveguide of some frequency  $f$  is always larger than the wavelength of a TEM mode of the same frequency
- The phase velocity of a propagating mode inside the waveguide of some frequency  $f$  is always larger than the phase velocity of a TEM mode of the same frequency
  - $u_p > c$

# Dominant TE<sub>10</sub> mode



$$\lambda_{c,mn} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{m}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^2}}$$



For TE<sub>10</sub>:  $\lambda_c = 2a$

For TE<sub>01</sub>:  $\lambda_c = 2b$

For TE<sub>11</sub> & TM<sub>11</sub>:  $\lambda_c = \frac{2ab}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$

Therefore,

$$\lambda_{c,10} > \lambda_{c,01} > \lambda_{c,11}$$

**(when a>b)**

For rectangular waveguides, when  $a > b$ , the longest  $\lambda_c$  and the lowest cutoff frequency exist for TE<sub>10</sub> mode!!!

**The dominant mode!**

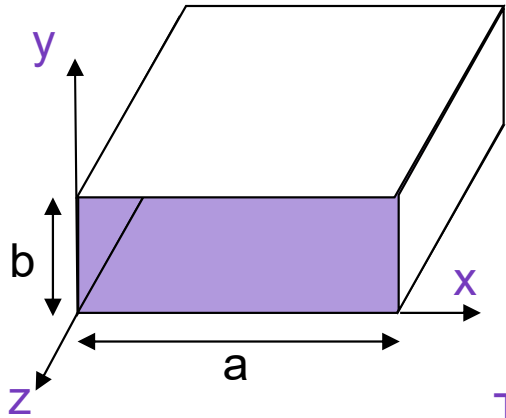
Single mode operation:

$$\lambda_{c,01} < \lambda < \lambda_{c,10} \Rightarrow 2b < \lambda < 2a$$

Only the dominant TE<sub>10</sub> mode is supported!

Minimum  
mode  
dispersion!

# Dominant TE<sub>10</sub> mode



The cutoff wave number is,  $k_{c,10} = \frac{\pi}{a}$

The phase constant is thus given by,

$$\beta_{10} = \sqrt{k^2 - k_{c,10}^2} = \sqrt{k^2 - \left(\frac{\pi}{a}\right)^2} = k \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{2a}\right)^2}$$

The cutoff wavelength is,  $\lambda_{c,10} = \frac{2\pi}{k_c} = \frac{2\pi}{\pi/a} = 2a$

(the waveguide has to be at least greater than half of the wavelength in order for the wave to propagate)

The cutoff frequency is thus:  $f_{c,10} = \frac{c/\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}{\lambda_{c,10}} = \frac{c/\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}{2a} = \frac{1}{2a\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}}$

The guide wavelength:

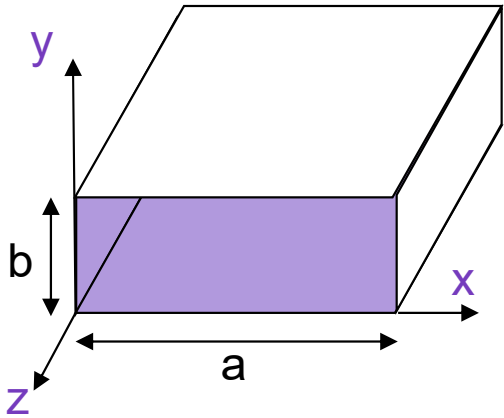
$$\lambda_g = \frac{2\pi}{\beta_{10}} = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{2a}\right)^2}},$$

The phase velocity:

$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta_{10}} = \frac{c/\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{2a}\right)^2}} = \frac{c/\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{f_c}{f}\right)^2}},$$

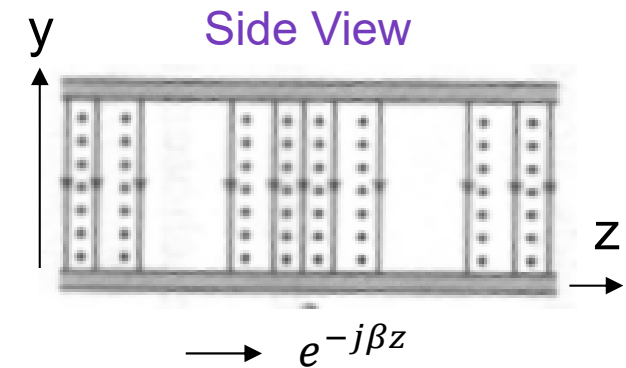
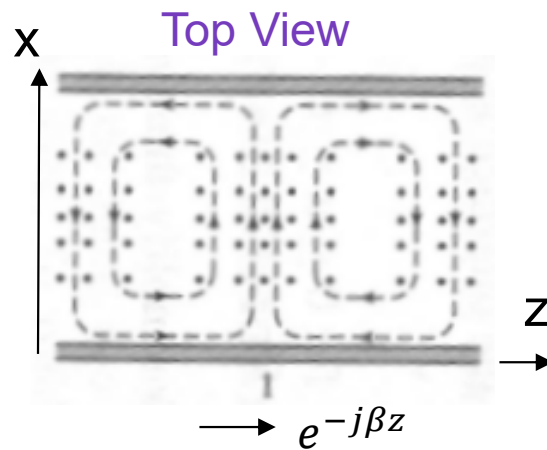
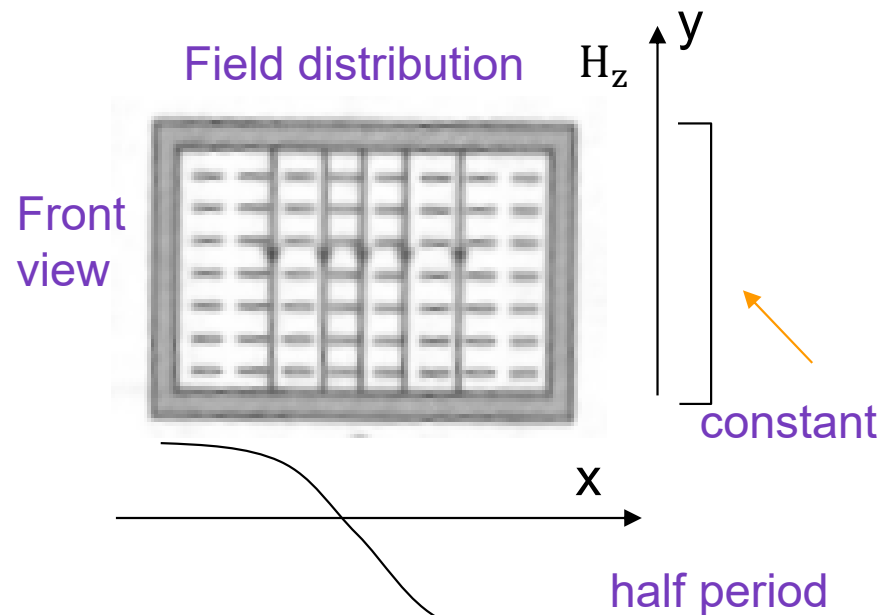


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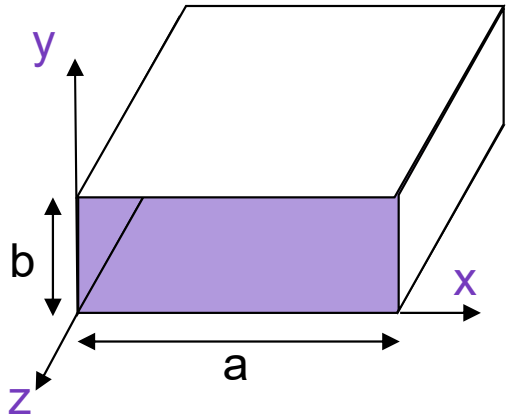


TE<sub>10</sub> fields

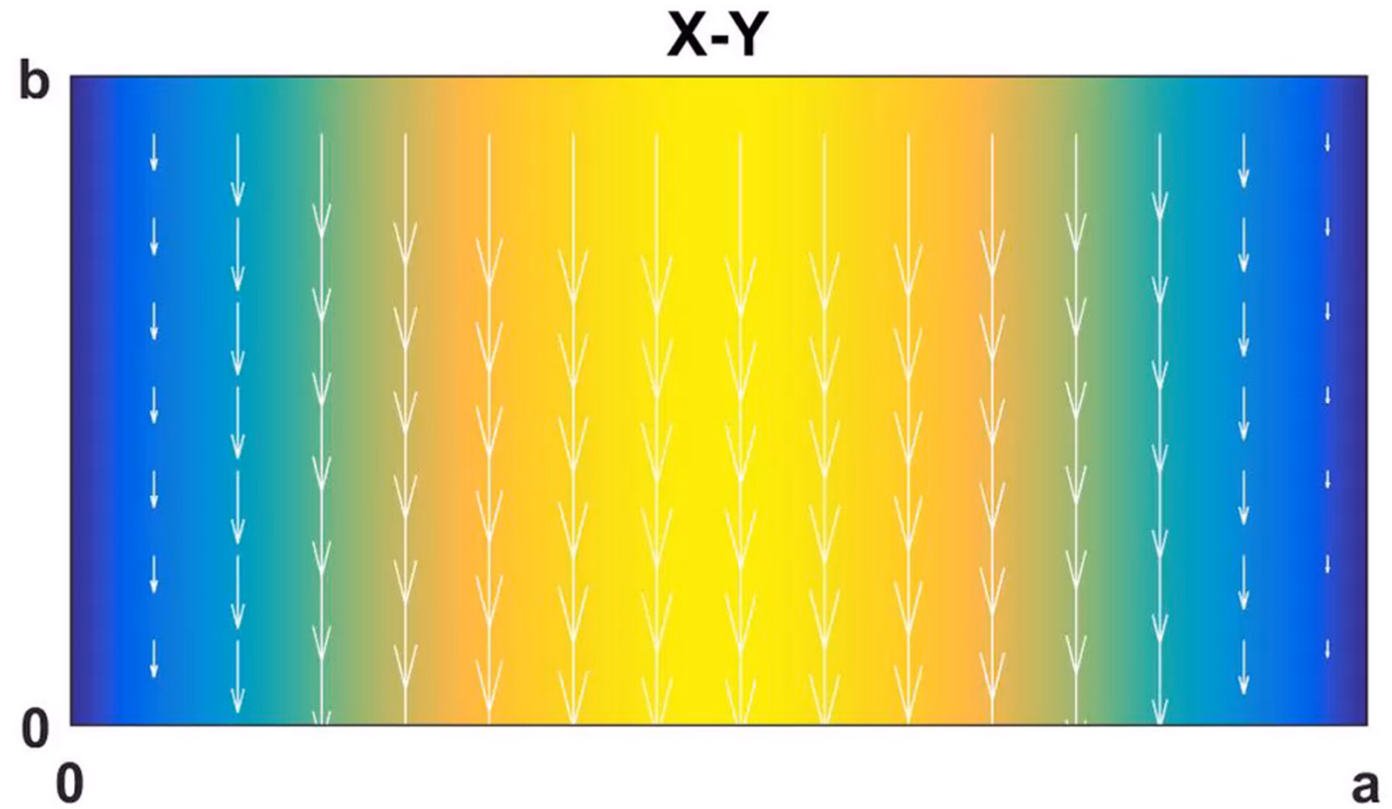
$$\begin{cases} E_y = \frac{-j\omega\mu a}{\pi} B_{10} \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} e^{-j\beta z} \\ H_x = \frac{j\beta a}{\pi} B_{10} \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} e^{-j\beta z} \\ H_z = B_{10} \cos \frac{\pi x}{a} e^{-j\beta z} \\ E_z = E_x = H_y = 0 \end{cases}$$



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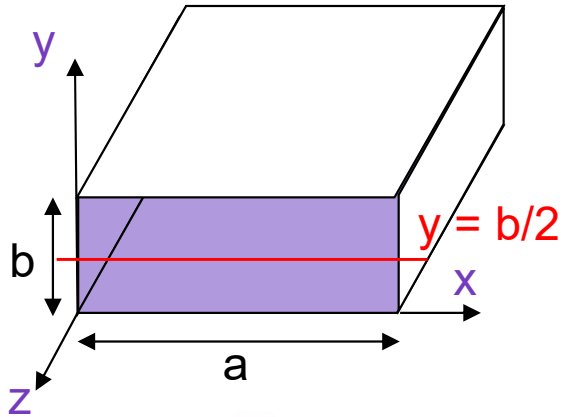


- E field modulus and vector field components
- $Z = 0$
- Electric field in the along horizontal axis is  $\frac{1}{2}$  period which corresponds to  $n = 1$

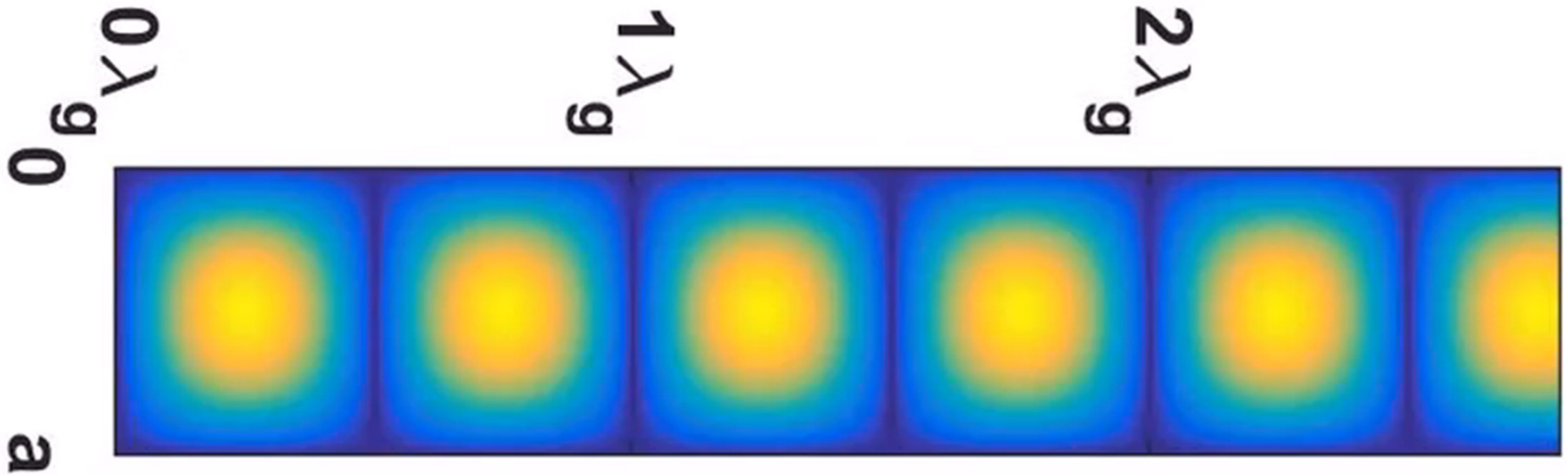


- Electric field in the vertical axis is constant which corresponds to  $m = 0$  (not sinusoid)

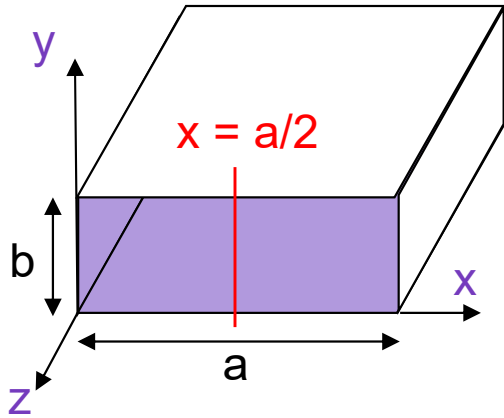
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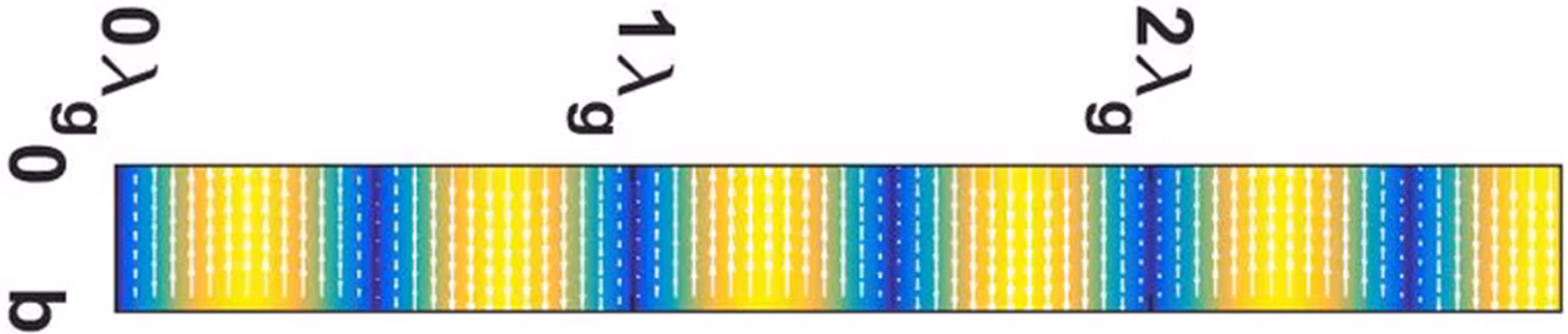
- E field modulus and vector field components
- Cross sectional view at  $y = b/2$
- Oscillating Vector components not visible as they are aligned orthogonal to the page



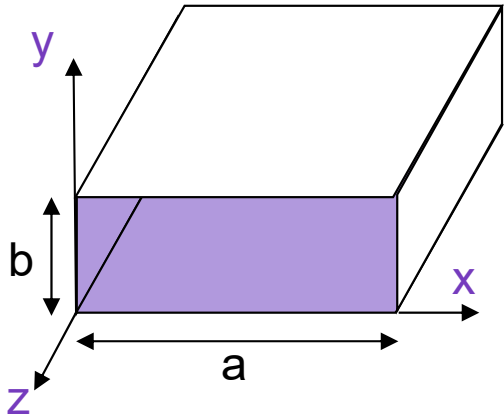
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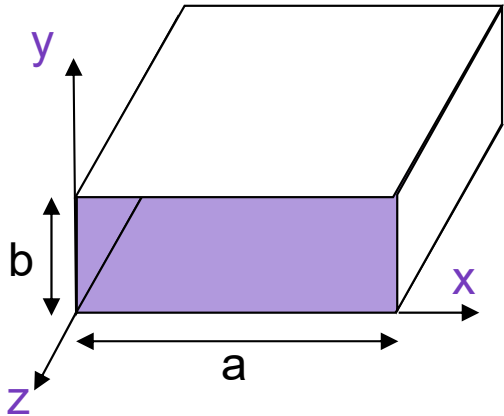


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$$Z_{TM} = \frac{\beta}{\omega\epsilon} = \frac{\beta\eta}{k} = \frac{\sqrt{k^2 - k_c^2}}{k} \eta = \sqrt{1 - (f_c/f)^2} \frac{\eta_0}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}$$

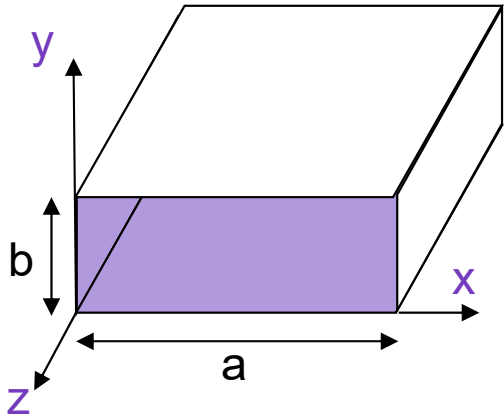
$$\lambda_g = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{k^2 - k_c^2}} = \frac{2\pi}{k\sqrt{1 - (f_c/f)^2}} = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{1 - (f_c/f)^2}}$$

$$f_c = \frac{k_c}{2\pi\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} = \frac{c}{2\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} \sqrt{\left(\frac{m}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^2}$$

$$v_p = f\lambda_g = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{k^2 - k_c^2}} = \frac{c/\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}{\sqrt{1 - (f_c/f)^2}}$$

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$$f_c(TE_{10}) = 6.55 \text{ GHz}$$

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$$Z(TE_{10}) = 550.38 \Omega$$

$$Z(TE_{01}) = 0.00 - j355.70 \Omega$$

$$Z(TE_{20}) = 0.00 - j355.70 \Omega$$

$$Z(TE_{11}) = 0.00 - j292.92 \Omega$$

$$Z(TM_{11}) = 0.00 - j292.92 \Omega$$

## Part (2)

$$\lambda_0 = 33.3 \text{ mm}$$

$$\lambda_g = 48.6 \text{ mm}$$

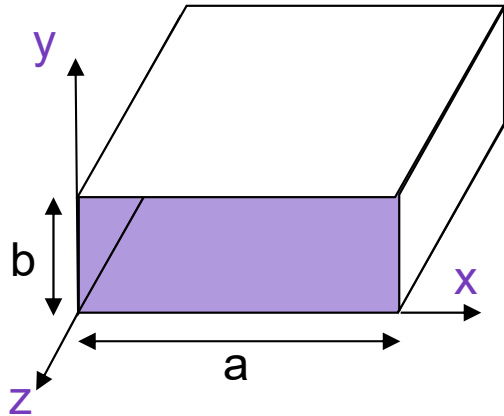
$$u_p = 4.38 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$u_g = 2.05 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

# Conclusions



# Real WG



Some standard waveguide specs.

Guide	Size (inch)	Rec. (GHz)	$f_c$ (GHz)	Band	(GHz)
WR650	6.500 × 3.250	1.12 - 1.70	0.91	<i>L</i>	( 1.0 - 2.0)
WR284	2.840 × 1.340	2.60 - 3.95	2.08	<i>S</i>	( 2.0 - 4.0)
WR187	1.872 × 0.872	3.95 - 5.85	3.15	<i>C</i>	( 4.0 - 8.0)
WR90	0.900 × 0.400	8.20 - 12.40	6.56	<i>X</i>	( 8.0 - 12.0)
WR62	0.622 × 0.311	12.40 - 18.00	9.49	<i>Ku</i>	(12.0 - 18.0)
WR42	0.420 × 0.170	18.00 - 26.50	14.05	<i>K</i>	(18.0 - 27.0)
WR28	0.280 × 0.140	26.50 - 40.00	21.08	<i>Ka</i>	(27.0 - 40.0)

$a$

$b$

$f_c(\text{TE}_{10})$

$< f_c(\text{TE}_{20})$

- All the above waveguides are  $a \sim 2b$
- They are all intended to operate in the  $\text{TE}_{10}$  (lowest order mode)
- Recommended operating range provides buffer above the  $\text{TE}_{10}$  cutoff frequency and below the  $\text{TE}_{20}$  and  $\text{TE}_{01}$  cutoff frequencies
- $a \sim 2b \rightarrow f_c(\text{TE}_{20}) \sim f_c(\text{TE}_{01})$

# Real WG

## Virginia Diodes Inc. Waveguide Band Designations

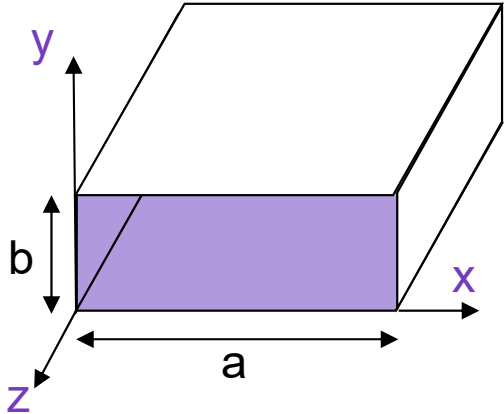
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Internal Band Designation	EIA Band Designation	Internal Dimensions (mils)	Internal Dimensions (mm)	Frequency Range (GHz)	TE(10) Cutoff (GHz)	WG Loss Low - High <sup>1</sup> (dB/mm)	Flange Designation	Description	Letter Desig.
WR- 51.0	WR- 51	510 x 255	12.954 x 6.477	15.0 - 22.0	11.6	0.0005 - 0.0004			
WR- 42.0	WR- 42	420 x 170	10.668 x 4.318	17.5 - 26.5	14.0	0.0008 - 0.0006			K
WR- 34.0	WR- 34	340 x 170	8.636 x 4.318	22.0 - 33.0	17.4	0.001 - 0.0007			
WR- 28.0	WR- 28	280 x 140	7.112 x 3.556	26.5 - 40.0	21.1	0.0013 - 0.0009	UG-599/U	Square, Four hole fixing	Ka
WR- 22.4	WR- 22	224 x 112	5.690 x 2.845	33.0 - 50.5	26.3	0.0019 - 0.0013	UG-383/U	Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled	Q
WR- 18.8	WR- 19	188 x 94	4.775 x 2.388	40.0 - 60.0	31.4	0.0023 - 0.0016	UG-383/UM	Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled	U
WR- 14.8	WR- 15	148 x 74	3.759 x 1.880	50.5 - 75.0	39.9	0.0034 - 0.0024	UG-385/U	Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled	V
WR- 12.2	WR- 12	122 x 61	3.099 x 1.549	60.0 - 90.0	48.4	0.0047 - 0.0032	UG-387/U	Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled	E
WR- 10.0	WR- 10	100 x 50	2.540 x 1.270	75.0 - 110.0	59.0	0.0061 - 0.0043	UG-387/UM	Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled	W
WR- 8.0	WR- 8	80 x 40	2.032 x 1.016	90.0 - 140.0	73.8	0.0092 - 0.0059	UG-387/UM	Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled	F
WR- 6.5	WR- 6	65 x 32.5	1.651 x 0.826	110.0 - 170.0	90.8	0.0128 - 0.0081	UG-387/UM	Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled	D
WR- 5.1	WR- 5	51 x 25.5	1.295 x 0.648	140.0 - 220.0	116	0.0185 - 0.0117	UG-387/UM	Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled	G
WR- 4.3	WR- 4	43 x 21.5	1.092 x 0.546	170.0 - 260.0	137	0.0227 - 0.0151	UG-387/UM	Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled	
WR- 3.4	WR- 3	34 x 17	0.864 x 0.432	220.0 - 330.0	174	0.0308 - 0.0214	UG-387/UM	Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled	
WR- 2.8	n/a	28 x 14	0.711 x 0.356	260.0 - 400.0	211	0.0436 - 0.0287	UG-387/UM	Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled	
WR- 2.2	n/a	22 x 11	0.559 x 0.279	330.0 - 500.0	268	0.063 - 0.041	UG-387/UM	Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled	
WR- 1.9	n/a	19 x 9.5	0.483 x 0.241	400.0 - 600.0	311	0.072 - 0.051	UG-387/UM	Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled	
WR- 1.5	n/a	15 x 7.5	0.381 x 0.191	500.0 - 750.0	393	0.105 - 0.073	UG-387/UM	Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled	
WR- 1.2	n/a	12 x 6	0.305 x 0.152	600.0 - 900.0	492	0.159 - 0.104	UG-387/UM	Circular, Four hole fixing/doweled	
WR- 1.0	n/a	10 x 5	0.254 x 0.127	750.0 - 1100.0	590	0.192 - 0.135	n/a		
WR- 0.8	n/a	8 x 4	0.203 x 0.102	900.0 - 1400.0	738	0.292 - 0.188	n/a		
WR- 0.65	n/a	6.5 x 3.25	0.165 x 0.083	1100.0 - 1700.0	908	0.406 - 0.258	n/a		
WR- 0.51	n/a	5.1 x 2.55	0.130 x 0.065	1400.0 - 2200.0	1157	0.586 - 0.369	n/a		

1) The waveguide loss is calculated assuming the conductivity of Gold, and a surface roughness factor of 1.5.  
The two values listed represent the loss at the low end and high end of the frequency range.

# Propagation



$$\beta \neq k$$

- The one conductor geometry supports TE/TM operation
- The longitudinal phase variation of a TE/TM is not equal to the free space (plane wave) TEM phase variation
  - $\beta \rightarrow$  rectangular waveguide longitudinal phase variation
  - $k \rightarrow$  free space longitudinal phase variation
- $\beta$  is a strong function of frequency and geometry

# Conclusions and Next time

- TE and TM modes derived in the same manner
- TE mode uses implicit boundary conditions
- If the frequency of operation is below the so called cutoff frequency, propagation down the waveguide is not supported
  - No power will flow
  - “Cut-on” frequency, the waveguide is a high pass filter
- Analysis of cutoff frequencies for and mode numbers indicates the TE<sub>10</sub> mode has the lowest cutoff frequency
- TE<sub>10</sub> mode is the dominant mode
- Next time we'll go more in depth on group and phase velocity and compute the surface current densities on the walls in support of waveguide propagation loss calculations