

Properties of a TEM Transmission Line Used in Microwave Integrated Circuit Applications (Correspondence)

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A somewhat unusual TEM transmission line configuration that is useful in certain microwave integrated circuit realizations, consists of a strip-line center conductor on a dielectric substrate coaxial with a cylindrical outer conductor, as shown in Fig. 1(a). The cylindrical outer conductor is perturbed slightly by slots that support the dielectric substrate. Due to the irregular conductor geometry and the presence of the dielectric substrate, exact closed-form theoretical solutions for the characteristic impedance Z_0 and the effective dielectric constant ϵ_{eff} of this transmission line have heretofore not been obtained.

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