

New Equivalent Circuits for Inhomogeneous Coupled Lines with Synthesis Applications

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Previously published equivalent circuit representations of parallel-coupled lines in an inhomogeneous medium by Zysman and Johnson are very complicated, and quite unsuitable for application in distributed filter synthesis. This defect was remedied in a previous (1984) conference paper by resynthesizing the circuits in a new and physically meaningful form. The theory is now extended to give an approximate but highly accurate synthesis of a 3:1 bandwidth inhomogeneous distributed high-pass filter realized in suspended substrate stripline. The new procedure is almost purely analytic, and computer-aided design is required only for fine tuning adjustments. Theoretical feasibility of designing such filters for upper pass bandwidths of greater than 8:1 is demonstrated.

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