

High-T/_c/ Superconducting Coupled Coplanar Transmission Lines: A 3D-Transmission Line Matrix Analysis

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The application of the three dimensional transmission line matrix (3D-TLM) approach to straight high-T/_c/ super-conducting coupled coplanar waveguide (CCPW) structures, suitable for high-speed interconnects, is presented. We have investigated CCPW's fabricated from laser ablated YBa/₂/Cu/₃/O/₇/ (YBCO) thin-films on lanthanum aluminate (LaAlO/₃/) substrates with 0.5 mm thickness. To represent three dimensional space, we use the symmetrical condensed TLM node and a non-uniform discretization scheme. The surface impedance of the high-T/_c/ superconducting film is described by London theory and modeled as a thin TLM network loaded with resistive and inductive stubs. The losses of the substrate are represented by additional conductance connected in parallel. CCPW line-to-line coupling is evaluated. Preliminary experimental results with fold CCPW's on LaAlO/₃/ are discussed. The work arose from a requirement of an accurate analysis of the line-to-line coupling of bent (meander line) long length coplanar waveguides (CPW's) on a 20x20 mm² LaAlO/₃/ substrate.

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