

On the Analysis of Single- and Multiple-Step Discontinuities for a Shielded Three-Layer Coplanar Waveguide

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Single- and multiple-step discontinuities for a shielded three-layer coplanar waveguide (CPW) are studied. The mode matching procedure is employed to obtain the scattering (S) parameters of the discontinuities. The analysis is validated through a comparison of the calculated S-parameters of a single step discontinuity for a shielded single-layer CPW and those published previously. Calculated S-parameters for various single, double, and triple step discontinuities are presented. Effect of the modal orthogonality criterion on the discontinuity S-parameters is given. Extensive investigation of the numerical convergence of the S-parameters is also described.

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