

Dielectric constant measurements of finite-size sheet at microwave frequencies by pseudo-Brewster's angle method

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Dielectric constant (ϵ_r) measurements for finite-size dielectric sheets (DS's) at centimeter wavelengths are presented using the method-of-measuring pseudo-Brewster's angle. This method is applied to measure ϵ_r of sheets of Plexiglas and window glass. In the experiment, two horn antennas are used to transmit and receive p-polarized waves. A dielectric sheet is located between the two antennas and rotated 180° , which produces two peaks in the transmittance curves. For a more accurate measurement of Brewster's angle, an optical spectrometer with 1-min accuracy is also used. By this method, ϵ_r of Plexiglas and window glass are obtained to be 2.55 ± 0.13 and 5.35 ± 0.1 , respectively. This method measures $|\epsilon_r|$, but the measurement is easy and nondestructive for DS's. Finally, an accurate method of error calculation is used to calculate the error in the measured values of ϵ_r .

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