

The determination of the effective radius of a filamentary source in the FDTD mesh

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This paper proposes a rigorous method for determining the effective radius, r_{eff} , of a single axial field component, E_x or H_x , in a two-dimensional (2-D) TM_x or TE_x FDTD grid, respectively. The method is based upon matching FDTD results for a filamentary field source with the analytical Green's function in two dimensions. We find that $r_{\text{eff}} \approx 0.2$ grid cells over a wide range of grid resolutions. Further, our findings vividly demonstrate the nondissipative nature of the Yee algorithm even for very coarse grid resolutions.

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