

# Abstracts

## 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,  $r_{\text{eff}}$ , 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  $r_{\text{eff}}/ap \approx 0.2$  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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