

Modal analysis of waveguide antennas with arbitrary cross sections

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An approach is given to analyze the modal coupling of open-ended waveguides with arbitrary cross sections located in a conducting screen. The presented theory enables the determination of reflection characteristics of a single waveguide, as well as the analysis of mutual coupling between elements in waveguide antenna arrays. The field inside each waveguide is expressed as a sum of the transverse-electric and transverse-magnetic modes and expressions for the mutual admittances of modes excited at the aperture are obtained using a direct integration method. From these expressions, the mode reflection and conversion coefficients are determined. Computed and measured results are presented. Furthermore, this approach has been used to design a new type of horn antenna with high return loss and equal radiation patterns in the two principle planes.

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