

Modal block-LU-decomposition technique for the efficient CAD of ridged waveguide filters

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A mode-matching/block-LU-decomposition (MMLU) technique is presented for the fast calculation of the modal S-parameters of and the fields in waveguide components composed of step discontinuities and homogeneous sections. The MMLU approach leads to a numerically efficient block-tridiagonal matrix structure. Arbitrary cross-sections are included by the combination with the fast and flexible 2D FE method. The efficiency of the method is demonstrated at the CAD of advanced broadband higher-order mode suppression ridged waveguide filters. Excellent agreement with measurements verifies the theory.

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