

Computation of Resonant Frequencies of Cylindrical Ferrite Resonators Using GIBC's

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Abstract—A computational approach for resonant frequencies of cylindrical substrate-mounted resonators is presented in this paper. The resonator is made of ferrite material, which is magnetically anisotropic and characterized by a Hermitian tensor. It is mounted on top of a grounded dielectric substrate, and the entire assembly is covered with a tuning plate, leaving the sidewalls open. The generalized impedance boundary conditions (GIBC's) are derived for the ferrite material and are used to formulate the approximate solution to the boundary-value problem. The resulting transcendental equations are solved numerically, and variations of the resonant frequency with respect to bias field, magnetization, and dimensions of the structure are reported.

Index Terms—Cylindrical resonators, ferrites, GIBC's.

I. INTRODUCTION

Early microwave communication systems made wide use of metallic waveguides as filter elements. With the advent of microwave integrated circuit (MIC) technology, bulky waveguide filters were replaced with smaller microstrip-type circuit elements. Microwave characteristics of numerous microstrip-line integrated circuits (IC's) were studied extensively, even though they suffer from relatively low efficiency. Unlike MIC-type filters, dielectric resonators are commonly used to realize bandpass or band-reject filters at microwave frequencies with fairly high efficiency [1]. They are easy to manufacture, light weight, fairly small in size, and have high Q 's. All these properties make them popular in microwave applications.

Typical materials that are used to make many resonators are high dielectric-constant ceramics, which can exhibit uniaxial anisotropy. The analysis of isolated isotropic resonators or those placed in a practical circuit environment is fairly extensive, ranging from analytic to general numerical methods [2]–[8]. On the other hand, only a limited amount of work on anisotropic resonators has been reported to date [9], though the finite-difference time-domain (FDTD) approach presented in [8] can also be applied to electrically and magnetically biaxial materials.

This paper describes the analysis of cylindrical resonators that are made of ferrites, which are characterized by Hermitian permeability tensors [10]. It exploits generalized impedance boundary conditions (GIBC's) that were originally proposed in [11] and later implemented for isotropic dielectric resonators in [7]. GIBC's are used to simplify the boundary-value problem, making it possible to derive a transcendental equation for the axial dependence of the fields. The analysis is restricted to the approximate dominant quasi-TE mode of the cylindrical resonator, though this approach is valid for other modes as well. The radiation modes are neglected, since the structure is partially shielded and, hence, their contributions are small [7]. The proposed approach is validated for the same approximate quasi-TE modes of a ferrite post sandwiched between two infinitely large perfectly conducting planes. Numerical data are provided showing the dependence of the resonant frequency of the substrate-mounted

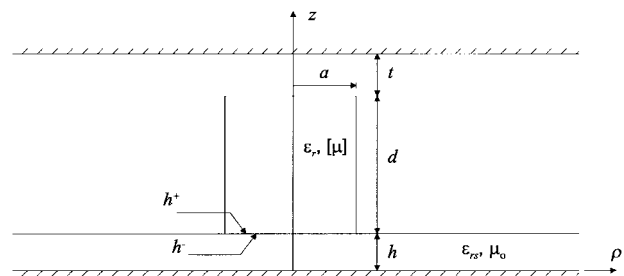


Fig. 1. Geometry of the substrate-mounted ferrite resonator.

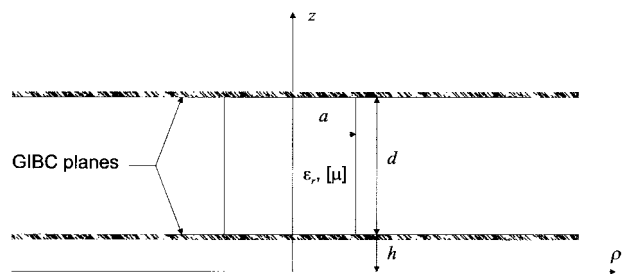


Fig. 2. Geometry of the equivalent boundary-value problem after application of GIBC's.

ferrite resonator as a function of applied biasing field, magnetization, and structural dimensions.

II. FORMULATION OF THE BOUNDARY-VALUE PROBLEM

Consider a cylindrical resonator (shown in Fig. 1), which is mounted on a grounded dielectric substrate and is covered with a metallic tuning plate. The resonator is composed of ferrite, which is characterized by a Hermitian permeability tensor ($[\mu]$) and a scalar dielectric constant (ϵ_r). The biasing field is assumed to be z -directed, which leads to the presence of xy - yx off-diagonal elements in $[\mu]$. Though this structure is highly symmetric and conforms well to the cylindrical coordinate system, exact analytical solution of this problem is very difficult. The difficulties stem from the need to enforce the boundary conditions at $z = h$ and $h + d$ in the radial plane of the geometry.

If well-defined boundary conditions at these two planes were known (e.g., for a resonating post placed between two metallic planes), then the analytical solution to this problem would become straightforward. The use of GIBC's permits a reduction of a complex problem (shown in Fig. 1) to a simpler problem (shown in Fig. 2). GIBC's provide for the boundary conditions at $z = h$ and $h + d$, which take into account the presence of the grounded substrate and tuning plate. Note that the boundary conditions are only needed for the axial components of the fields (E_z, H_z) since the transverse components can be expressed in terms of E_z and H_z . As it is well known that a dominant mode of operation for the circular resonator is of the quasi-TE type ($E_z \approx 0$) [12], all subsequent analyses will be restricted to only this field distribution. In addition, unlike the work on GIBC's for isotropic dielectrics presented in [7], the procedure for deriving them for ferrites is presently unavailable and, hence, will be presented below.

To that end, the boundary conditions on H_z at the end caps of the resonator must be obtained first. This can be achieved by

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expanding the tangential components of the E -field at the surface of the metal in Taylor series and relating them to H_z at $z = h^-$ and $z = (h + d)^+$. As shown in [7], E_x and E_y , which are zero at $z = 0$ and $z = (h + d + t)$, can be expanded in terms of Taylor series. The odd and even derivatives in this expansion are kept separately since the procedure for obtaining them is not the same.

The boundary condition for the odd derivatives of H_z at $z = h$ can be obtained from the x - and y -components of Faraday's law as follows:

$$\left(\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} \right) \Big|_{h^+} = -j\omega \left\{ \begin{matrix} (\mu_0 H_x)_{h^-} \\ (\mu H_x + j\kappa H_y)_h \end{matrix} \right\} \quad (1)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} \right) \Big|_{h^+} = -j\omega \left\{ \begin{matrix} (\mu_0 H_y)_{h^-} \\ -j\kappa H_x + \mu H_y \end{matrix} \right\}_h. \quad (2)$$

In the above equations, the permeability tensor $[\mu]$ has the following form:

$$[\mu] = \begin{bmatrix} \mu & j\kappa & 0 \\ -j\kappa & \mu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mu_0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

whose elements and a way to measure them are given in [10] and [13], respectively.

The next step is to express the z -derivatives of E_x and E_y just within the substrate ($z = h^-$) in terms of fields just within the resonator ($z = h^+$). This is accomplished by taking into account the fact that for the quasi-TE mode $E_z \approx 0$, and that H_x and H_y must be continuous at $z = h$ (or $z = h^\pm$). With this information, (1) and (2) can be rearranged, leading to

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} \end{matrix} \right\}_{h^-} \approx \frac{\mu_0}{\mu} \left\{ \begin{matrix} \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} + \omega\kappa H_x \\ \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} + \omega\kappa H_y \end{matrix} \right\}_{h^+}. \quad (4)$$

Note that the above expressions are only approximate equalities due to the assumed quasi-TE modal field distribution. However, for the sake of clarity, they will be replaced with equalities in a subsequent discussion.

To complete the derivation of the relationship between the odd derivatives of H_z at the substrate-resonator boundary, the following combination of derivative operations must be performed:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \cdot (4a) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \cdot (4b) \quad (5)$$

which, after changes in the order of differentiation, leads to

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} \right) \right\}_{h^-} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{\mu} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} \right) + \omega\kappa \left(\frac{\partial H_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial x} \right) \right\}_{h^+}. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

The terms in parentheses can be replaced with the axial components of the fields, as they are proportional to the z -components of Faraday's and Ampere's laws, yielding

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial z} \right\}_{h^-} = \frac{\mu_0}{\mu} \left\{ \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial z} \right\}_{h^+} \quad (7)$$

where, once again, $E_z \approx 0$ was taken into account. It is important to add that the same result cannot be obtained by differentiating the boundary condition on B_z at $z = h$. The reason for this being that B_z and $\partial B_z / \partial z$ is continuous at the boundary. It should be emphasized that the relationship stated in (7) was derived from the tangential components of the E -field and contains information on their behavior (by way of the Taylor-series expansion) at the surface of the metallic ground plane.

The corresponding boundary conditions between even derivatives of H_z (with respect to z) at $z = h$ can be derived with the help of the vector-wave equation for \vec{E} and $\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = 0$, keeping in mind that under the quasi-TE mode assumption, $E_z \approx 0$. As a result, within the ferrite resonator, the coupled-wave equations for E_x and E_y are given by

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 E_{x,y}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_{x,y}}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\mu\mu_0}{\mu_e} \frac{\partial^2 E_{x,y}}{\partial z^2} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{(-,+)\kappa\mu_0}{\mu_e} \frac{\partial^2 E_{y,x}}{\partial z^2} + k_0^2 \epsilon_r E_{x,y} \right\}_{h^+} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where $\mu_e = \mu^2 - \kappa^2$. On the other hand, inside the isotropic dielectric substrate, the wave equations for E_x and E_y are not coupled and have the following simple forms:

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial^2 E_{x,y}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_{x,y}}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E_{x,y}}{\partial z^2} + k_0^2 \epsilon_{rs} E_{x,y} \right\}_{h^-} = 0. \quad (9)$$

At this point, the derivatives of E_x and E_y with respect to x and y can be eliminated from (8) and (9) by recognizing that at $z = h$, both E_x and E_y are continuous, as are their transverse derivatives. As a result, the explicit relationships between the z -derivatives of E_x and E_y at the boundary can be found in (10), shown at the bottom of this page.

Next, the same set of operations as given in (5) [but with (4) replaced with (10)] are repeated to obtain (11), shown at the bottom of this page. However, since $E_z = 0$, the second term (more specifically, its derivative with respect to z) on the right-hand side of (11) vanishes. The remaining terms in the parentheses should be recognized as being proportional to H_z , which allows for rewriting (11) as

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial^2 H_z}{\partial z^2} \right\}_{h^-} = \left\{ \frac{\mu\mu_0}{\mu_e} \frac{\partial^2 H_z}{\partial z^2} - k_0^2 (\epsilon_{rs} - \epsilon_r) H_z \right\}_{h^+}. \quad (12)$$

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial^2 E_{x,y}}{\partial z^2} \right\}_{h^-} = \left\{ \frac{\mu\mu_0}{\mu_e} \frac{\partial^2 E_{x,y}}{\partial z^2} + \frac{(-,+)\kappa\mu_0}{\mu_e} \frac{\partial^2 E_{y,x}}{\partial z^2} - k_0^2 (\epsilon_{rs} - \epsilon_r) E_{x,y} \right\}_{h^+} \quad (10)$$

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \left(\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} \right) \right\}_{h^-} = \left\{ \frac{\mu\mu_0}{\mu_e} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \left(\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{j\kappa\mu_0}{\mu_e} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \left(\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} \right) - k_0^2 (\epsilon_{rs} - \epsilon_r) \left(\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} \right) \right\}_{h^+} \quad (11)$$

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial^{2n+1} H_z}{\frac{\partial z^{2n+1}}{\partial z^{2n}}} \right\}_{h^-} = (-1)^n \left\{ \sqrt{k_0^2 (\varepsilon_{rs} - \varepsilon_r) - \frac{\mu \mu_0}{\mu_e} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}} \left(\frac{\partial H_z}{\partial z} \right) \right\}_{h^+}. \quad (13)$$
$$\left\{ \cos \left(h \sqrt{k_0^2 (\varepsilon_{rs} - \varepsilon_r) - \frac{\mu_0 \mu}{\mu_e} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}} \right) - h \frac{\mu}{\mu_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\sin \left(h \sqrt{k_0^2 (\varepsilon_{rs} - \varepsilon_r) - \frac{\mu_0 \mu}{\mu_e} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}} \right)}{h \sqrt{k_0^2 (\varepsilon_{rs} - \varepsilon_r) - \frac{\mu_0 \mu}{\mu_e} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}}} \right\} \{H_z\}_h = 0. \quad (14)$$
$$\frac{\partial^2 H_z}{\partial \rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial \rho} + \left(k_0^2 \varepsilon_r - \frac{\mu_0}{\mu} \beta^2 \right) H_z = 0. \quad (15)$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} H_{z1}(\rho) \\ H_{z2}(\rho) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} J_0(\gamma\rho) \\ K_0(\alpha\rho) \end{pmatrix} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{-j\beta(z-h)} + \begin{pmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{+j\beta(z-h)} \right\} \quad (16)$$
$$\frac{J'_0(\gamma a)}{\gamma J_0(\gamma a)} + \frac{K'_0(\alpha a)}{\alpha K_0(\alpha a)} = 0. \quad (17)$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} G_{\text{serh}}^+ & (G_{\text{serh}}^+)^* \\ G_{\text{serd}}^+ e^{-j\beta d} & (G_{\text{serd}}^+ e^{-j\beta d})^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ B_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (18)$$

TABLE I
VALIDATION DATA FOR THREE DIFFERENT RESONATORS.
(*NUMBERS IN PARENTHESES CORRESPOND TO GIBC APPROACH)

	a (mm)	d (mm)	f_o @ 500 Oe	f_o @ 1000 Oe	f_o @ 2000 Oe
Case 1	7.49	7.48	6.15 (6.16)*	6.50 (6.51)	6.77 (6.78)
Case 2	7.00	6.95	6.60 (6.61)	6.98 (6.98)	7.26 (7.27)
Case 3	3.85	3.41	12.63 (12.64)	13.45 (13.46)	14.07 (14.08)

$$\left\{ \cos \delta_1 \cos \delta_2 - h \beta^2 t \frac{\mu^2 \sin \delta_1 \sin \delta_2}{\mu_0^2 \delta_1 \delta_2} \right\} \sin \beta d + \frac{\beta \mu}{\mu_0} \left\{ \frac{t \cos \delta_1 \sin \delta_2}{\delta_2} + \frac{h \cos \delta_2 \sin \delta_1}{\delta_1} \right\} \cos \beta d = 0 \quad (19)$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} \delta_1 \\ \delta_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} h \sqrt{k_0^2(\varepsilon_{rs} - \varepsilon_r) + \frac{\mu_0 \mu}{\mu_e} \beta^2} \\ t \sqrt{k_0^2(1 - \varepsilon_r) + \frac{\mu_0 \mu}{\mu_e} \beta^2} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (20)$$

III. NUMERICAL RESULTS

To illustrate the resonant behavior of ferrite substrate-mounted resonators, the resonant frequencies were calculated and plotted in Figs. 3–5 for all three resonators (cases 1–3 with $h, t = 0.7, 0.72, 0.7, 1.25$, and $0.254, 5.0$ mm, respectively) as functions of the bias field for different values of the saturation magnetization $4\pi M_s$. Note that the most rapid variation in the resonant frequency occurs at low values of the biasing field, gradually approaching asymptotic values

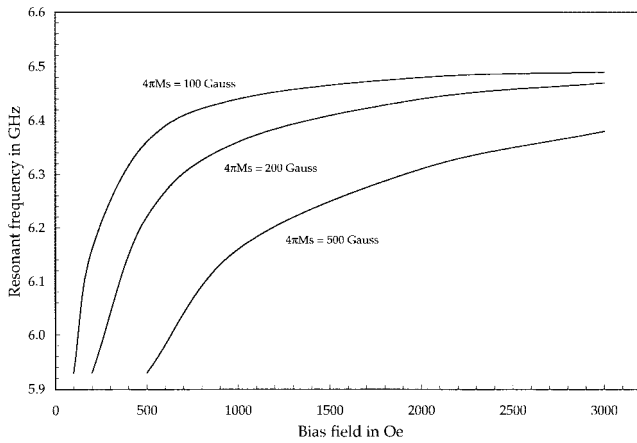


Fig. 3. Resonant frequency of the first resonator (case 1) as a function of applied bias field.

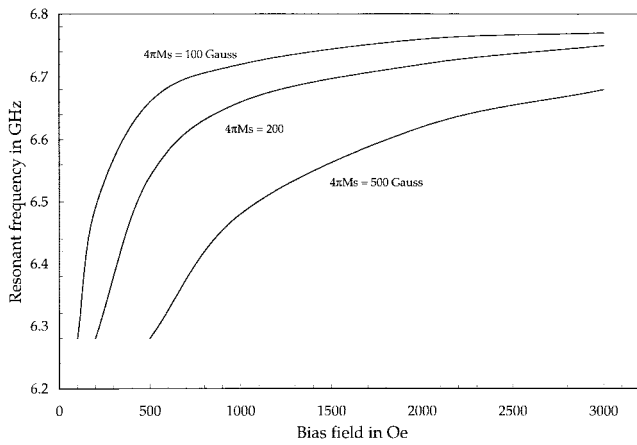


Fig. 4. Resonant frequency of the second resonator (case 2) as a function of applied bias field.

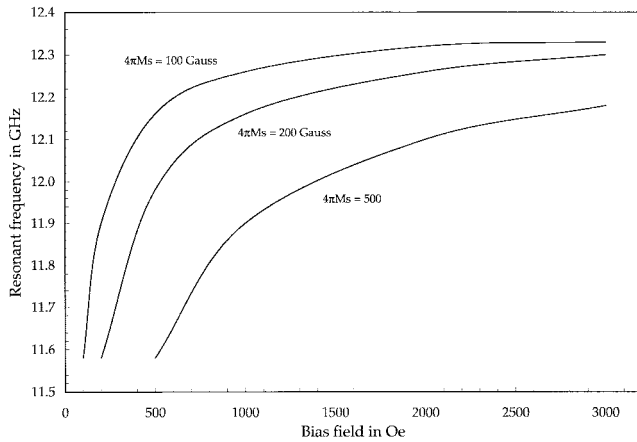


Fig. 5. Resonant frequency for the third resonator (case 3) as a function of applied bias field.

with the increasing field. In addition, the highest resonant frequencies are associated with the lowest values of $4\pi M_s$.

Next, a study was performed to assess what happens as the aspect ratio of radius-to-resonator height (a/d) changes. Fig. 6 shows the variation of the resonant frequency for the first resonator (case 1), for which the substrate thickness and displacement of the tuning plate are

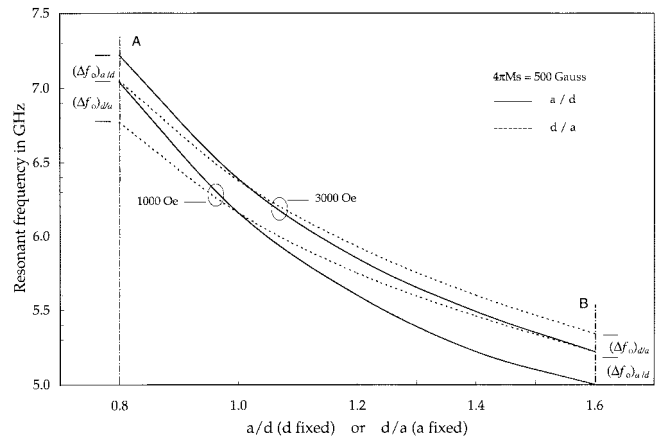


Fig. 6. Resonant frequency of the first resonator as a function of aspect ratio.

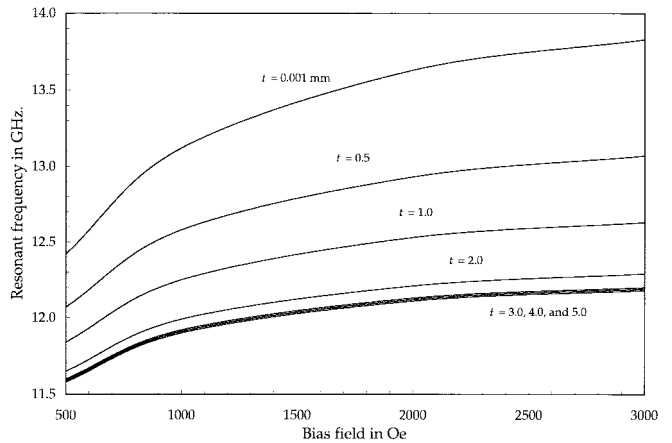


Fig. 7. Resonant frequency for the third resonator as a function of tuning plate location.

0.7 and 0.72 mm, respectively. As can be seen, the resonant frequency is more sensitive to the changes in the geometry at lower bias field values and, in general, f_o decreases as either d/a or a/d increase. It is interesting to note that the biasing field affects the change in frequency (Δf_o) differently at high and low values of the a/d and d/a ratios (see points A and B in Fig. 6).

Finally, the effect of the tuning plate on the resonator was considered. This time, the resonant frequencies of the ferrite post with smallest dimensions (case 3) were calculated as a function of the applied bias field, while the tuning plate was gradually moved further away from the resonator. The results are summarized in Fig. 7, showing that, as expected, most of the interaction between the resonator and tuning plate occurs while both are in close proximity. In addition, it is also evident that the greatest variation in f_o is associated with low values of the biasing field.

IV. CONCLUSION

A semianalytical approach was presented for the analysis of substrate-mounted cylindrical ferrite resonators. The use of GIBC's was utilized in problems involving magnetically anisotropic media. The approach was validated for a special geometry, having an approximate analytical solution. Numerous data were presented for ferrite resonators as function of the applied biasing field, changing geometrical dimensions, and location of the tuning plate.

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Analysis of Propagation Characteristics and Field Images for Printed Transmission Lines on Anisotropic Substrates Using a 2-D-FDTD Method

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Abstract—In this paper, we apply an efficient two-dimensional (2-D) finite-difference time-domain (FDTD) algorithm onto an analysis of uniform transmission lines printed on various anisotropic substrates. By investigating the transverse resonant properties of the structures, we obtain their propagation characteristics, as well as the field images at specified frequencies. To eliminate the Gibbs phenomenon generated by a sudden time-stepping termination, we employ the Blackman–Harris window (BHW) function to truncate and modulate the entire time-domain fields, which leads to a significant time saving by comparing the conventional time-stepping termination.

I. INTRODUCTION

The finite-difference time-domain (FDTD) method is a very powerful technique in solving the Maxwell's equations related to boundary-value problems, especially the transmission-line problems, conventionally by using three-dimensional (3-D) techniques [1]–[3]. One commonly known disadvantage of the conventional FDTD is that it requires large amounts of computer central processing unit (CPU) time and memory space to discretize all fields and medium parameters in the entire 3-D computation domain, and to iterate the FDTD algorithm until the fields stabilize. Recently, Xiao and Vahldieck presented a two-dimensional (2-D) FDTD algorithm to analyze microstrip lines, and Hofschien and Wolff improved the algorithm by using a time-domain series technique [4], [5]. Similarly, Chen and Mittra introduced the concept of transverse resonance to the FDTD for transmission-line analysis, and presented a one-dimensional (1-D) FDTD algorithm for analyzing axisymmetric waveguides [6]. In principle, these FDTD techniques are more accurate than the 3-D FDTD scheme for analyzing transmission lines since they take an advantage of the analytical nature of solutions along the longitudinal direction.

In this paper, following a similar approach used in [4]–[6], we apply an efficient 2-D FDTD algorithm onto an analysis of various transmission lines printed on anisotropic substrates. By investigating the transverse resonant properties of the structures, we obtain their propagation characteristics, as well as the field images at specified frequencies. For efficiency and accuracy, we employ the Blackman–Harris window (BHW) function to truncate and modulate the entire time-domain fields rather than following the conventional rectangular windowing time-stepping termination, which leads to a significant time saving by reducing the total number of iterations.

II. FDTD ALGORITHM AND IMPLEMENTATION

To ensure that the Maxwell's equations to be discretized are in the form of the FDTD algorithm which contains only real variables, we represent the field quantities in the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) \\ \vec{H}(\vec{r}, t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} [jE_x(x, y, t), jE_y(x, y, t), E_z(x, y, t)] \\ [H_x(x, y, t), H_y(x, y, t), jH_z(x, y, t)] \end{Bmatrix} \cdot e^{-j\beta z} \quad (1)$$

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