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# Lecture 20 Outline

- Integrated Optics Simulation Approaches
- Transmission Matrix Method

Most popular numerical simulation approaches for optical waveguide devices

- Full solution of Maxwell's equations:
   Finite-Differences Time-Domain (FDTD) Method
- Approximate EM solution techniques for light propagation in slowly varying waveguides
   Beam Propagation Method
- Scattering formalism (Transmission Line) Transmission Matrix Method

### **Maxwell's Equation**

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\partial_t \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t),$$
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \partial_t \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}, t) + \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}, t),$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \rho(\mathbf{r}, t),$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = 0,$$

Simple case of linear, isotropic, and non-dispersive medium

$$\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r},t) = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},t),$$

 $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r},t) = \mu_0 \mu(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r},t).$ 



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- Components of the electric fields are defined in the middle of the edges of the cube
- Components of the magnetic field are defined in the centers of the cube faces
- Time discretization: leapfrog scheme with time step  $\delta t$

Electric Field 
$$\frac{E_i^{n+1/2} - E_i^{n-1/2}}{\delta t} = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_i} \frac{H_{i+1/2}^n - H_{i-1/2}^n}{h}.$$
$$E_i^{n+1/2} = E_i^{n-1/2} - \frac{\delta t}{h \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_i} (H_{i+1/2}^n - H_{i-1/2}^n).$$

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Magnetic Field

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$$\frac{H_{i+1/2}^{n+1/2} - H_{i+1/2}^{n}}{\delta t} = -\frac{1}{\mu_{0}\mu_{i+1/2}} \frac{E_{i+1/2}^{n+1/2} - E_{i}^{n+1/2}}{h},$$

$$H_{i+1/2}^{n+1} = H_{i+1/2}^{n} - \frac{\delta t}{h\mu_{0}\mu_{i+1/2}} \left(E_{i+1}^{n+1/2} - E_{i}^{n+1/2}\right).$$

$$t = \frac{t}{t_{n+1}} + \frac{E_{i+1/2}}{t_{n+1/2}} + \frac{E_{i+1/2}}{t_{n+1/2}}$$

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 $x_{i-1}$ 

 $x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$ 

 $x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$ 

 $x_{i+1}$ 

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$$E_{x}|_{i+1/2,j,k}^{n+1/2} = E_{x}|_{i+1/2,j,k}^{n-1/2} + \frac{\delta t}{\varepsilon_{0}\varepsilon_{i+1/2,j,k}} \times \left(\frac{H_{z}|_{i+1/2,j+1/2,k}^{n} - H_{z}|_{i+1/2,j-1/2,k}^{n}}{\delta y}\right)$$
$$- \frac{H_{y}|_{i+1/2,j,k+1/2}^{n} - H_{y}|_{i+1/2,j,k-1/2}^{n}}{\delta z}\right),$$

Similar discretization for y and z

$$\begin{aligned} H_x|_{i,j+1/2,k+1/2}^{n+1} &= H_x|_{i,j+1/2,k+1/2}^n + \frac{\delta t}{\mu_0 \mu_{i,j+1/2,k+1/2}} \\ & \times \left( \frac{E_y|_{i,j+1/2,k+1}^{n+1/2} - E_y|_{i,j+1/2,k}^{n+1/2}}{\delta z} - \frac{E_z|_{i,j+1,k+1/2}^{n+1/2} - E_z|_{i,j,k+1/2}^{n+1/2}}{\delta y} \right), \end{aligned}$$

Similar discretization for y and z

**Example of discretization** 

$$\begin{split} E_{x;ij,k}^{n+1} &= E_{x;ij,k}^{n} + \frac{Q}{\varepsilon_{ij,k}} \left( H_{z;ij,k}^{n} - H_{z;ij-1,k}^{n} - H_{y;ij,k}^{n} + H_{y;ij,k-1}^{n} \right), \\ E_{y;ij,k}^{n+1} &= E_{y;ij,k}^{n} + \frac{Q}{\varepsilon_{ij,k}} \left( H_{x;ij,k}^{n} - H_{x;ij,k-1}^{n} - H_{z;ij,k}^{n} + H_{z;i-1,j,k}^{n} \right), \\ E_{z;ij,k}^{n+1} &= E_{z;ij,k}^{n} + \frac{Q}{\varepsilon_{ij,k}} \left( H_{y;ij,k}^{n} - H_{y;i-1,j,k}^{n} - H_{x;ij,k}^{n} + H_{x;ij-1,k}^{n} \right), \\ H_{x;ij,k}^{n+1} &= H_{x;ij,k}^{n} + \frac{Q}{\mu_{ij,k}} \left( E_{y;ij,k+1}^{n+1} - E_{y;ij,k}^{n+1} - E_{z;ij,k+1}^{n+1} + E_{z;ij,k}^{n+1} \right), \\ H_{y;ij,k}^{n+1} &= H_{y;ij,k}^{n} + \frac{Q}{\mu_{ij,k}} \left( E_{z;i+1,j,k}^{n+1} - E_{z;ij,k}^{n+1} - E_{x;ij,k+1}^{n+1} + E_{x;ij,k}^{n+1} \right), \\ H_{z;ij,k}^{n+1} &= H_{y;ij,k}^{n} + \frac{Q}{\mu_{ij,k}} \left( E_{z;i+1,j,k}^{n+1} - E_{z;ij,k}^{n+1} - E_{x;ij,k+1}^{n+1} + E_{x;ij,k}^{n+1} \right), \\ H_{z;ij,k}^{n+1} &= H_{z;ij,k}^{n} + \frac{Q}{\mu_{ij,k}} \left( E_{z;i+1,j,k}^{n+1} - E_{z;ij,k}^{n+1} - E_{x;ij,k+1}^{n+1} + E_{x;ij,k}^{n+1} \right), \end{split}$$

Scaling  $\hat{E} = \frac{E}{\eta_0}$  Uniform mesh  $(\delta x = \delta y = \delta z = h)$   $Q = \frac{c_0 \delta t}{h}$ 

Approximate simulation technique for light propagation in slowly varying optical waveguides



Assuming weakly guiding condition

$$(n^2 - n_0^2) \cong 2 n_0 (n - n_0)$$



### The two terms are applied separately



- The electric field  $\varphi(x, z)$  is first propagated freely in index  $n_0$  over a distance h/2.
- Phase retardation of the entire length *h* is taken into account at the center of the interval
- The resulting electric field is propagated again freely in index  $n_0$  for another distance h/2 to obtain  $\varphi(x, z + h)$

An extensive theoretical reference for BPM is Chapter 7 of

K. Okamoto, "Fundamentals of Optical Waveguides" Elsevier (2006)

(Available for download from the digital library)

Some representative examples follow



S-shaped bent waveguide without offset.





Figure 7.12 BPM simulation of the light propagation in an S-bend waveguide consisting of a fixed radius of curvature without offset.



Figure 7.13 S-shaped bent waveguide with a waveguide offset.



Figure 7.14 BPM simulation of the light propagation in an S-bend waveguide having an offset of  $O_f = 1.4 \,\mu\text{m}$ .



**Figure 7.15** Schematic configuration of a Y-combiner consisting of single-mode waveguides.

**Figure 7.16** BPM analysis of single-mode Y-combiner when when light is coupled into one of the two waveguides.



Figure 2: Refractive index profile of a fiber coupler.

https://www.rp-photonics.com/passive\_fiber\_optics8.html



Figure 3: Amplitude distribution in a fiber coupler, obtained with a numerical simulation of beam propagation, done with the software **RP Fiber Power**.

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# **Transfer Matrix Method**

Sections 3.1-3.5 in Coldren, Corzine and Mašanović

## **Definition of the Scattering Matrix**

Linear Networks S allows you to find outputs from inputs

Inputs:  $a_n$  **b** = **Sa** Outputs:  $b_n$   $b_i = \sum_j S_{ij} a_j$ Can measure  $S_{ij}$  by setting  $a_k = 0$  for  $k \neq j$ and measuring  $b_i$ 

$$\mathcal{E}(x, y, z, t) = \hat{e}E_0 U(x, y)e^{j(\omega t - \tilde{\beta}z)}$$

$$a_j = \frac{E_0}{\sqrt{2\eta_j}}e^{-j\tilde{\beta}z} \text{ where } \eta_j = \frac{377\Omega}{\tilde{n}_j}$$
For  $\int |U|^2 dx dy = 1$  we have  $a_j a_j^* = P_j^+$   
The net power flowing into the port is
 $P_j = a_j a_j^* - b_j b_j^*$ 

Important case (2-port junction):

 $\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix}$ 



If network is reciprocal,  $\mathbf{S}_t = \mathbf{S}$ If network is lossless,  $\mathbf{S}$  is unitary:  $\mathbf{S}_t^* \mathbf{S} = 1$ 

### **Definition of the Transmission Matrix**

T allows you to cascade networks





Left side:  $A_{1} = a_{1}, B_{1} = b_{1}$ Right side:  $A_{2} = b_{2}, B_{2} = a_{2}$   $\begin{bmatrix} A_{1} \\ B_{1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_{2} \\ B_{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_{2} \\ B_{2} \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} A_{1} \\ B_{1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_{2} \\ B_{2} \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} I_{11} = \frac{1}{S_{21}} & T_{12} = -\frac{S_{22}}{S_{12}}$   $\begin{bmatrix} b_{1} \\ b_{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{1} \\ a_{2} \end{bmatrix}$  $\begin{bmatrix} b_{1} \\ b_{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{1} \\ a_{2} \end{bmatrix}$ 

If network is reciprocal, scattering matrix is symmetric and det T = 1If network is lossless, **S** is unitary:  $S_{+}^{*}S = 1$ 



#### TABLE 3.1: Relations Between Scattering and Transmission Matrices

Relation to T-Matrix . . m] · Em

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{T_{11}} \begin{bmatrix} T_{21} & \det \mathbf{T} \\ 1 & -T_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

Relation to S-Matrix

$$T = \frac{1}{S_{21}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -S_{22} \\ S_{11} & -\det S \end{bmatrix}$$

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S and T

#### TABLE 3.2: Network Properties and Their Consequences on the Matrix Coefficients

### **Network Properties**

Reciprocal Network (valid for normalized fields with and without loss)

$$S_{t} = S \rightarrow \frac{S_{12} = S_{21}}{\det T = 1}$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{21} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{T_{11}} \begin{bmatrix} T_{21} & 1 \\ 1 & -T_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} \\ T_{21} & (T_{12}T_{21} + 1)/T_{11} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{S_{21}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -S_{22} \\ S_{11} & S_{21}^{2} - S_{11}S_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Lossless Reciprocal Network$$
$$|S_{11}|^{2} + |S_{21}|^{2} = 1 \qquad |T_{21}|^{2} + 1 = |T_{11}|^{2}$$
$$\mathbf{S}_{t}^{*}\mathbf{S} = 1 \rightarrow |S_{12}|^{2} + |S_{22}|^{2} = 1 \rightarrow 1 + |T_{12}|^{2} = |T_{11}|^{2}$$
$$S_{11}^{*}S_{12} + S_{21}^{*}S_{22} = 0 \qquad T_{21}^{*} - T_{12} = 0$$
$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{21} \\ S_{21} & -S_{11}^{*}(S_{21}/S_{21}^{*}) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{T_{11}} \begin{bmatrix} T_{21} & 1 \\ 1 & -T_{21}^{*} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{21}^{*} \\ T_{21} & T_{11}^{*} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/S_{21} & S_{11}^{*}/S_{21}^{*} \\ S_{11}/S_{21} & 1/S_{21}^{*} \end{bmatrix}$$

Lossless Reciprocal Network with r and t Phase Shifts of 0 or  $\pi$ 

$$S_{22} = -S_{11}$$

$$S_{11} = S_{11}^{*} \rightarrow \det \mathbf{S} = -1$$

$$T_{22} = T_{11}, \quad T_{12} = T_{21}$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{21} \\ S_{21} & -S_{11} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{T_{11}} \begin{bmatrix} T_{21} & 1 \\ 1 & -T_{21} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{21} \\ T_{21} & T_{11} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{S_{21}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & S_{11} \\ S_{11} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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### **Dielectric Interface**



$$S_{11} = \frac{b_1}{a_1}\Big|_{a_2=0} = -r_1 = \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2}$$

Note  $r_1$  is a positive real number if  $n_2 > n_1$ .

$$S_{22} = \frac{b_2}{a_2}\Big|_{a_1=0} = r_2 = -(-r_1) = r_1$$

using EM wave impedances  $\implies$ 

$$\frac{\eta_L - \eta_0}{\eta_L + \eta_0} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\varepsilon_2}} - \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\varepsilon_1}}}{\sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\varepsilon_1}} + \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\varepsilon_2}}} = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_1}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_1}}}$$

$$=\frac{\frac{1}{n_2}-\frac{1}{n_1}}{\frac{1}{n_2}+\frac{1}{n_1}}=\frac{\frac{n_1-n_2}{n_1n_2}}{\frac{n_1+n_2}{n_1+n_2}}=\frac{n_1-n_2}{n_1+n_2}$$

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Note  $r_2$  is a negative real number if  $n_2 > n_1$  ( $\pi$ -phase shift).  $S_{12} = S_{21} = t = \sqrt{1 - r_1^2}$ 





$$\begin{split} b_2 &= a_1 e^{-j\tilde{\beta}L}; \quad a_2 = b_1 e^{+j\tilde{\beta}L} \\ \tilde{\beta} &= \beta + j\beta_i \end{split}$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & e^{-j\tilde{\beta}L} \\ e^{-j\tilde{\beta}L} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{j\tilde{\beta}L} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-j\tilde{\beta}L} \end{bmatrix}$$

## **Summary of Building Blocks for S and T**

TABLE 3.3: Summary of S- and T-matrices for Simple "Building-Block" Components



### **Fabry-Perot Cavity**



### We can write these relations

$$b_{1} = -a_{1}r_{1} + a'_{1}t_{1},$$
  

$$b'_{1} = a_{1}t_{1} + a'_{1}r_{1},$$
  

$$b_{2} = a'_{2}t_{2},$$
  

$$b'_{2} = a'_{2}r_{2}.$$

$$a'_1 = b'_2 e^{-j\tilde{\beta}L}, \ a'_2 = b'_1 e^{-j\tilde{\beta}L}.$$

### Solve for

$$S_{11} = b_1/a_1$$
  $S_{21} = b_2/a_1$ 



$$a_2 = 0$$

 $a_1 = 0$ 

$$S_{11} = -r_1 + \frac{t_1^2 r_2 e^{-2j\tilde{\beta}L}}{1 - r_1 r_2 e^{-2j\tilde{\beta}L}},$$
  
$$S_{21} = \frac{t_1 t_2 e^{-j\tilde{\beta}L}}{1 - r_1 r_2 e^{-2j\tilde{\beta}L}}.$$

$$S_{22} = -r_2 + \frac{t_2^2 r_1 e^{-2j\tilde{\beta}L}}{1 - r_1 r_2 e^{-2j\tilde{\beta}L}},$$

 $S_{12} = S_{21}$ .

### Fabry-Perot Cavity



The Transmission Matrix for the cavity can be obtained from the Scattering Matrix or by multiplication of elementary Transmission Matrices for the interfaces and the transmission line

$$a_{2} = 0$$

$$a_{1} = 0$$

$$T_{11} = \frac{1}{t_{1}t_{2}} [e^{j\tilde{\beta}L} - r_{1}r_{2}e^{-j\tilde{\beta}L}],$$

$$T_{12} = -\frac{1}{t_{1}t_{2}} [r_{1}e^{-j\tilde{\beta}L} - r_{2}e^{j\tilde{\beta}L}].$$

$$T_{21} = -\frac{1}{t_{1}t_{2}} [r_{1}e^{j\tilde{\beta}L} - r_{2}e^{-j\tilde{\beta}L}].$$

$$T_{22} = \frac{1}{t_{1}t_{2}} [e^{-j\tilde{\beta}L} - r_{1}r_{2}e^{j\tilde{\beta}L}],$$

$$T_{32} = \frac{1}{t_{1}t_{2}} [e^{-j\tilde{\beta}L} - r_{1}r_{2}e^{j\tilde{\beta}L}].$$

### **Lossless Fabry-Perot Cavity Spectra for S**



### **Transmission Line – Interface – Transmission Line**

(Example 3.1 in Coldren, Corzine and Mašanović)



$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}_{1} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{2} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{3} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{j\phi_{1}} & 0\\ 0 & e^{-j\phi_{1}} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{t_{12}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -r_{12}\\ -r_{12} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} e^{j\phi_{2}} & 0\\ 0 & e^{-j\phi_{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{1}{t_{12}} \begin{bmatrix} e^{j(\phi_{1}+\phi_{2})} & -r_{12}e^{j(\phi_{1}-\phi_{2})}\\ -r_{12}e^{j(\phi_{2}-\phi_{1})} & e^{-j(\phi_{1}+\phi_{2})} \end{bmatrix}.$$

### **Application to Gratings (Distributed Bragg Reflectors)**



- At the Bragg frequency, the period of the grating is half of the average optical wavelength in the medium.
- For each period, multiply 4 simple T-Matrices together

## Period of a uniform grating structure



Add one matrix to the previous case to account for the additional interface

### **T-matrix for the complete grating structure**



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### **Application to Gratings (Distributed Bragg Reflectors)**



### **Application to Gratings (Distributed Bragg Reflectors)**

At the Bragg condition, elements for the T-matrix of one period are

$$\begin{split} T_{11} &= \frac{1}{t^2} [e^{j\phi +} - r^2 e^{-j\phi -}] \to -\frac{1+r^2}{t^2}, \\ T_{21} &= \frac{r}{t^2} [e^{j\phi +} - e^{-j\phi -}] \to -\frac{2r}{t^2}, \\ T_{12} &= \frac{r}{t^2} [e^{-j\phi +} - e^{j\phi -}] \to -\frac{2r}{t^2}, \\ T_{22} &= \frac{1}{t^2} [e^{-j\phi +} - r^2 e^{j\phi -}] \to -\frac{1+r^2}{t^2}, \end{split}$$

 $\phi_{\pm} \equiv \tilde{\beta}_1 L_1 \pm \tilde{\beta}_2 L_2$  becomes either  $\pi$  or 0 at the Bragg condition.

## **Reflected Amplitude/Phase for Gratings**

Example with m = 20 and r = 0.1, 0.025, 0.01



 $\delta \equiv \beta - \beta_0$  = detuning parameter  $\beta$  is the average propagation constant of the grating  $L_g$  is the grating length

$$\beta = \frac{\beta_1/n_1 + \beta_2/n_2}{1/n_1 + 1/n_2}$$

the phase delay of each layer is  $\beta_1 L_1 = \beta_2 L_2 = \pi/2$ ,

## **Reflected Amplitude for Gratings**



## **Reflected Phase for Gratings**



### **Reading Assignments:**

• Section 10.5 of Chuang's book

- Sections 3.1-3.5 in Coldren, Corzine and Mašanović
- Section 8.2.5 in Coldren, Corzine and Mašanović

### Next time: Gratings Structure with Coupled Modes Theory

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$$\begin{array}{c} \varepsilon_{1} \\ \varepsilon_{2} \\ \varepsilon_{2} \\ \varepsilon_{3} \\ \varepsilon_{3} \\ \varepsilon_{3} \\ \varepsilon_{3} \\ \varepsilon_{2} \\ \varepsilon_{2} \\ \varepsilon_{2} \\ \varepsilon_{3} \\ \varepsilon_{4} \\ \varepsilon_{5} \\ \varepsilon$$

A grating structure can be considered as a perturbation on a uniform slab waveguide:  $\varepsilon(x,z) = \varepsilon^{(0)}(x) + \Delta \varepsilon(x,z)$ 

For the unperturbed slab waveguide  $TE_0$  mode Forward:  $A_0 e^{i\beta_0 z}$  Backward:  $B_0 e^{-i\beta_0 z}$ 

(a)



$$\varepsilon(x,z)$$
 is periodic in z  
Fourier transform:  
 $\Delta \varepsilon(x,z) = \varepsilon_0 \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \Delta \varepsilon_p(x) e^{ip \frac{2\pi}{\Lambda} z}$ 

For a lossless structure:

$$\Delta \varepsilon_p^*(x) = \Delta \varepsilon_{-p}(x)$$
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