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# NOMENCLATURE

$\mu, \kappa$	diagonal and off-diagonal elements of the Polder tensor [12]
$\kappa/\mu$	gyrotropy
$\epsilon_i, \mu_i$	permittivity and effective permeability of region $i$ ( $i = 1, 2$ )
$Y_e$	intrinsic wave admittance of region 1
$\beta_i, k_i$	depth and radial wave-numbers
$\Omega$	normalized frequency
$r, \phi, z$	cylindrical coordinates
$R_1, R_2$	disk and cavity radii
$K$	number of ports
$\gamma_i, \Gamma_i$	sectors of disk edge
$h$	magnetic substrate thickness
$t$	disk conductor thickness
$2\psi_i$	coupling angle at $i$ -th port
$J_n, Y_n$	Bessel functions of first and second kind and order $n$
$I_n, K_n$	special Bessel functions of first and second kind
$\sum_n$	summation over all integers
$\sum_m$	summation over all non-negative integers, unless otherwise specified
$R_1, R_2, \bar{t}$	normalized quantities, with respect to $h$
$H_i$	tangential magnetic field component at $i$ -th port



## ANALYSIS OF DISK NETWORKS ON MAGNETIC SUBSTRATE

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*ABSTRACT - The impedance matrix of a disk n-port on magnetic substrate is determined, fringing fields at the disk edge being included in the analysis. The theory lends itself well to computational implementation and numerical design, which is demonstrated for the synthesis of 4-port circulators. Classical results for the 3-port circulator are verified. Experimental evidence is presented through the construction of a broadband 4-port circulator.*

### I. INTRODUCTION

Planar network theory is becoming a powerful tool for the design of microwave integrated circuits. When compared to other physical structures, planar networks offer the designer considerable freedom, due not only to their size and shape, but also to the large variety of devices realizable from simple geometries.

A very simple shape, the disk, has already proven very useful for the realization of junction circulators and presents interesting possibilities for other devices.

The existing theories for planar networks [1] - [7] in general, do not

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include the fringing fields in the analysis, with consequent limitations on the frequency and power ranges of their applicability to numerical design techniques. With respect to this problem we quote Bosma [10]: "It is the unsolved problem of the fringing field that makes numerical design of circulators not yet very spectacular".

This paper presents a theory for the shielded disk n-port, which includes fringing fields, and is therefore appropriate for the design of classical as well as edge-guided wave circulators. The theory lends itself well to computational implementation and numerical synthesis since the eigenfunctions are computed independently of the number, positions and widths of the ports. Consequently, the search for optimum port parameters is performed by means of relatively simple algorithms.

## II. FORMULATION OF GEOMETRY AND BASIC HYPOTHESES

The planar network consists of a highly conducting disk placed between two disk-shaped magnetic substrates (Fig. 2), and coupled to K ports, arranged along its periphery in such a way that no two ports have any points in common (Fig. 3). The whole is confined within a concentric cylindrical cavity with perfectly conducting walls (Fig. 1). The magnetization is in the z-direction and is restricted to the region of the disk.

The ports are assumed to be coupled to TEM-mode striplines, each spanning an angle  $2\psi_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, K$ ) at the edge of the disk. The sector coupled to the i-th line is denoted by  $\gamma_i$ . The angular position of the center of the i-th port relative to port # 1, is  $\sigma_i$ . Due to the TEM-mode excitation only disk modes with r.f. magnetic fields parallel to the ground plates need be considered. Assuming that the operating frequency range is given by

$$f < 1/\left[2h(\mu_1\epsilon_1)^{1/2}\right] \quad (1)$$

the z-independent modes are dominant in the magnetized region (see Appendix).

### III. FORMAL SOLUTION OF THE FIELD PROBLEM

The general expression for the z-independent modes in the magnetized region are the well known expansions [1]:

$$E_z^{(1)}(r, \phi) = \sum_n M_n J_n(k_1 r) e^{-jn\phi} \quad (2)$$

$$H_\phi^{(1)}(r, \phi) = -j Y_e \sum_n M_n F_n(k_1 r, \kappa/\mu) e^{-jn\phi} \quad (3)$$

$$H_r^{(1)}(r, \phi) = Y_e \sum_n M_n \left[ \frac{n J_n(k_1 r)}{k_1 r} - \frac{\kappa}{\mu} J_n'(k_1 r) \right] e^{-jn\phi} \quad (4)$$

where

$$F_n(k_1 r, \kappa/\mu) = J_n'(k_1 r) - \frac{\kappa}{\mu} \cdot \frac{n J_n(k_1 r)}{k_1 r}$$

and  $0 \leq z \leq h$ . In the region  $h + t \leq z \leq 2h + t$ , the fields are obtained by symmetry. Time dependence  $e^{j\omega t}$  is understood.

The main steps in the derivation of the eigenfunctions for the outer fields are given in the Appendix. In terms of those functions, the fields between consecutive strips can be written as<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In order to write general expressions for the fields below and above cut-off the symbol  $C_n'$  here means derivative with respect to the variable  $r$ . For simplicity,  $k_2$  and  $\beta_2$  stand for  $k_{2m}$  and  $\beta_{2m}$ , respectively.

$$E_z^{(2)}(r, \phi, z) = \sum_n \sum_m A_{nm} C_n(k_2 r) \cos \beta_2 z \cdot e^{-jn\phi} \quad (5.a)$$

$$E_r^{(2)}(r, \phi, z) = - \sum_n \sum_m A_{nm} \beta_2 k_2^{-2} C'_n(k_2 r) \sin \beta_2 z \cdot e^{-jn\phi} \quad (5.b)$$

$$E_\phi^{(2)}(r, \phi, z) = j \sum_n \sum_m A_{nm} \beta_2 (k_2 r)^{-1} C_n(k_2 r) \sin \beta_2 z \cdot e^{-jn\phi} \quad (5.c)$$

$$H_r^{(2)}(r, \phi, z) = \omega \epsilon_2 \sum_n \sum_m A_{nm} (k_2 r)^{-1} C_n(k_2 r) \cos \beta_2 z \cdot e^{-jn\phi} \quad (5.d)$$

$$H_\phi^{(2)}(r, \phi, z) = - j \omega \epsilon_2 \sum_n \sum_m A_{nm} k_2^{-2} C'_n(k_2 r) \cos \beta_2 z \cdot e^{-jn\phi} \quad (5.e)$$

where

$$C_n(k_2 r) = \begin{cases} J_n(k_2 r) - \frac{J_n(k_2 R)}{Y_n(k_2 R)} Y_n(k_2 r) & \text{for } \omega(\mu_2 \epsilon_2)^{1/2} > \beta_2 \\ K_n(jk_2 r) - \frac{K_n(jk_2 R)}{I_n(jk_2 R)} I_n(jk_2 r) & \text{for } \omega(\mu_2 \epsilon_2)^{1/2} < \beta_2 \end{cases}$$

and the expansions are valid in the whole interval  $0 \leq z \leq 2h + t$ .

In the regions below and above the striplines the fields will be assumed to be those of pure TEM-modes as in previous works [1], [2].

The fringing fields described by (5) will, of course, be perturbed in the neighborhood of the coupling lines, however this effect is negligible below cut-off, which is the case of most actual devices. The eigenfunctions necessary for operation above cut-off were introduced for completeness.



The relationship between the two sets of mode coefficients,  $M_n$  and  $A_{nm}$  is obtained from the continuity of  $E_z$  at the edge of the disk:

$$E_z^{(1)}(R_1, \phi) = E_z^{(2)}(R_1, \phi, z) \quad (6)$$

in  $0 < z < 2h + t$ ,  $\phi \in \Gamma_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, K$ ).

The symmetry of the structure allows the inner field to be expanded in a Fourier series in the  $z$  variable (See Fig. 4) as

$$E_z^{(1)}(R_1, \phi) = 2E_o(\phi) \sum_m \frac{(1 - \cos m\pi)}{m\pi} \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{2h+t}h\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi}{2h+t}z\right) \quad (7)$$

where

$$E_o(\phi) = \sum_n M_n J_n(k_1 R_1) e^{-jn\phi} \quad (8)$$

The boundary condition (6) permits the identification of expansions (5.a) and (7), which yields

$$A_{nm} = 0 \quad m \text{ even} \quad (9.a)$$

$$A_{nm} = \frac{4}{m\pi} \sin\left(\frac{m\pi h}{2h+t}\right) \frac{J_n(k_1 R_1)}{C_n(k_1 R_1)} M_n \quad m \text{ odd} \quad (9.b)$$

Equations (9) show how the outer fields in the sectors  $\Gamma_i$ , are completely determined by the inner fields.

The continuity of the tangential magnetic field component on the disk edge provides the relationship between the coefficients  $M_n$  and the port excitations.

We have

$$H_{\phi}^{(1)}(R_1, \phi) + (\text{higher order depth modes}) = H_{\phi}^{(2)}(R_1, \phi, z) \quad (10)$$

for  $0 \leq z \leq h$  and  $\phi \in \Gamma_i$ .

The integration of (10) along the disk depth yields

$$H_{\phi}^{(1)}(R_1, \phi) = \frac{1}{h} \int_0^h H_{\phi}^{(2)}(R_1, \phi, z) dz \quad (11)$$

since the contribution of the higher order depth modes, which vary as  $\cos(m\pi z/h)$  (See Appendix) is nihil.

The integration is performed using the expansion (5.e) by eliminating the coefficients  $A_{nm}$  through (9). The result is

$$H_{\phi}^{(1)}(R_1, \phi) = -2j\omega\epsilon_2 R_1 \sum_n M_n J_n(k_1 R_1) \Lambda_n e^{-jn\phi} \quad (12)$$

in which we define the fringing function of order  $n$  as

$$\Lambda_n \equiv \Lambda_n(\Omega, R_1, R_2, \bar{t}) = \frac{2}{2+\bar{t}} \sum_{m=1,3,\dots}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\sin \beta_2 h}{\beta_2 h} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\chi^2} \frac{C'_n(\chi)}{C_n(\chi)} \quad (13)$$

with

$$\Omega = \omega h (\mu_2 \epsilon_2)^{1/2}$$

$$\chi^2 = k_2^2 R_1^2 = \left[ \Omega^2 - \left( \frac{m\pi}{2+\bar{t}} \right)^2 \right] R_1^2$$

We point out that the tangential magnetic field component is given by (12) only in the sectors  $\Gamma_i$  and is defined at the inner end of the lines, on  $\gamma_i$ , by the port excitation  $H_i$ . The inversion of expansion (3) yields

$$M_p = j(2\pi Y_e F_p)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^K \left[ \int_{\gamma_i} H_i e^{jp\phi} d\phi + \int_{\Gamma_i} H_\phi^{(1)}(R_1, \phi) e^{jp\phi} d\phi \right] \quad (14)$$

$$p = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

Substituting (12) in this equation and defining

$$b_{pi} = \int_{-\psi_i}^{\psi_i} \exp \left[ jp(\phi + \sigma_i) \right] d\phi \quad (15)$$

$$T_{np} = \sum_{i=1}^K \int_{\Gamma_i} \exp \left[ j(p-n)\phi \right] d\phi \quad (16)$$

we obtain

$$F_p M_p - \frac{k_1 R_1}{\pi} \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} \sum_n \Lambda_n M_n T_{np} J_n(k_1 R_1) = \frac{j}{2\pi Y_e} \sum_{i=1}^K H_i b_{pi} \quad (17)$$

$$p = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

This set of equations, together with (9), completely solves the field problem for a TEM-coupled disk on a general magnetic substrate when the fringing fields are taken into account.

#### IV. NATURAL FREQUENCIES

In the uncoupled case,  $\psi_i = 0$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, K$ ), hence

$$T_{np} = \begin{cases} 0 & p \neq n \\ 2\pi & p = n \end{cases}$$

$$b_{pi} = 0 \quad \text{all } p, i.$$

Equation (17) then yields:

$$M_n \left[ F_n(k_1 R_1, \kappa/\mu) - 2k_1 R_1 (\epsilon_2/\epsilon_1) \Lambda_n(\Omega, R_1, R_2, \bar{t}) J_n(k_1 R_1) \right] = 0 \quad (18)$$

$$n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

If the ratio  $R_1/h$  is such that the fringing function is negligible (see Fig. 5), then the resonance condition coincides, as expected, with the classical one [1].

$$J'_n(k_1 R_1) - \frac{\kappa}{\mu} \cdot \frac{n J_n(k_1 R_1)}{k_1 R_1} = 0 \quad (19)$$

Let  $(\kappa/\mu)_{on}$  be the unperturbed value of the gyrotropy at resonance of mode  $n$ , found as a root of (19). From (18) we find that the effect of the fringing fields will be to shift this value to

$$(\kappa/\mu)_n = (\kappa/\mu)_{on} - \frac{2(k_1 R_1)^2 \epsilon_2}{n \epsilon_1} \Lambda_n \quad (20)$$

When the exterior modes are below cut-off the fringing function is positive (Figs. 5, 6), therefore the resonances of the positive modes ( $n > 0$ ) will be shifted to lower values of gyrotropy and the negative ones to higher values (Fig. 7). The isotropic resonances of the degenerate modes will then be shifted to lower frequencies, which is in agreement with the results found in [9] for the particular case of  $R_2 = \infty$ ,  $\bar{\epsilon} = 0$ ,  $\epsilon_2 = \epsilon_1$ ,  $\kappa/\mu = 0$ .

## V. IMPEDANCE MATRIX

In this section a relationship between the port voltages and currents at the disk reference planes is first derived followed by the determination of the impedance matrix of the K-port.

To this end we introduce the following matrices

$$\underline{m} = [M_{-N} \ M_{-N+1} \ \dots \ M_N]^t$$

$$\underline{\xi} = [H_1 \ H_2 \ \dots \ H_K]^t$$

$$\underline{v} = [V_1 \ V_2 \ \dots \ V_K]^t$$

$$\underline{i} = [I_1 \ I_2 \ \dots \ I_K]^t$$

$$\underline{\Lambda} = \text{diag} [\Lambda_{-N}, \Lambda_{-N+1} \ \dots \ \Lambda_N]$$

$$\underline{F} = \text{diag} [F_{-N}, F_{-N+1} \ \dots \ F_N]$$



$$\underline{\underline{J}} = \text{diag } |J_{-N}, J_{-N+1} \dots J_N|$$

$$\underline{\underline{\psi}} = \text{diag } |1/\psi_1, 1/\psi_2 \dots 1/\psi_K|$$

$$\underline{\underline{T}} = \left\| \begin{array}{c} T_{\ell j} \\ \ell = 1, 2, \dots 2N+1 \\ j = 1, 2, \dots 2N+1 \end{array} \right\|$$

$$\underline{\underline{B}} = \left\| \begin{array}{c} B_{\ell i} \\ i = 1, 2, \dots K \\ \ell = 1, 2, \dots 2N+1 \end{array} \right\|$$

The elements of  $\underline{\underline{B}}$  and  $\underline{\underline{T}}$  are defined by (15) and (16) respectively, and the actual indices are related to the previous ones by  $\ell = p + N + 1$ ,  $j = n + N + 1$ .

The linear system defined by (17) can be written in terms of these matrices if we neglect the contribution of modes with order greater than  $N$ , this assumption implying the truncation of the infinite series down to  $2N+1$  terms. This procedure allows the determination of the mode coefficient vector as

$$\underline{\underline{m}} = \frac{j}{2\pi Y_e} \left( \underline{\underline{F}} - \frac{\epsilon_2 k_1 R_1}{\pi \epsilon_1} \underline{\underline{J}} \underline{\underline{T}} \underline{\underline{\Lambda}} \right)^{-1} \underline{\underline{B}} \underline{\underline{\xi}} \quad (21)$$

Voltages and currents at the  $i$ -th disk reference plane are given by

$$V_{di} = - \frac{h}{2\psi_i} \int_{\gamma_i} E_2^{(1)}(R_1, \phi) d\phi \quad (22)$$

$$I_{di} = - 4R_1 \psi_i H_i \quad (23)$$

hence

$$\underline{v}_d = - \frac{h}{2} \underline{\Psi} \underline{B}^+ \underline{J} \underline{m}$$

$$\underline{\xi} = - \frac{1}{4R_1} \underline{\Psi} \underline{i}_d \quad (25)$$

By substituting (25) in (21) and the result in (24), the impedance matrix at the disk ports is obtained as

$$\underline{Z}_d = jZ_0 \underline{\Psi} \underline{B}^+ \underline{J} \left( \underline{F} - \frac{\epsilon_2 K_1 R_1}{\pi \epsilon_1} \underline{J} \underline{T} \underline{\Lambda} \right)^{-1} \underline{B} \underline{\Psi} \quad (26)$$

where

$$Z_0 = \frac{h}{16\pi R_1} (\mu_1/\epsilon_1)^{1/2}$$

We point out that the matrices containing the information about the number of ports, their positions and coupling angles, are completely frequency independent. This lends to (26) a great flexibility, which is useful for design purposes.

Describing the matching networks by their transfer parameters (Fig. 8), we readily obtain the impedance matrix at the K-port reference planes as

$$\underline{Z} = (\underline{\tau}_{11} \underline{Z}_d + \underline{\tau}_{12}) (\underline{\tau}_{21} \underline{Z}_d + \underline{\tau}_{22})^{-1} \quad (27)$$

where

$$\underline{\tau}_{ij} = \text{diag} [\tau_{ij1}, \tau_{ij2}, \dots, \tau_{ijk}] \quad i, j = 1, 2$$

## VI. CLASSICAL RESULTS

The classical expression for the input admittance of the three port circulator is derived using the fact that the input impedance of an ideal circulator [10] is given by

$$Z_{in} = Z_{11} - Z_{12}^2/Z_{13} \quad (28)$$

In order to arrive at the results existing in the literature [11], which were derived neglecting the fringing fields, we compute (26) retaining only the modes  $n = \pm 1$ , and neglecting the fringing function.

After some manipulations, we obtain

$$Z_d = j Z_0 \left( \frac{2 \sin \psi}{\psi} \right) J_1(k_1 R_1) \begin{bmatrix} z_1 & z_2 & z_3 \\ z_3 & z_1 & z_2 \\ z_2 & z_3 & z_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (29)$$

where

$$z_1 = 1/F_1 - 1/F_{-1}$$

$$z_2 = \exp(j2\pi/3)/F_1 - \exp(-j2\pi/3)/F_{-1}$$

$$z_3 = z_2^*$$

With the help of (29) and (28) we obtain for the input admittance

$$Y_{in} = (3Z_0) \left( \frac{\psi}{2 \sin \psi} \right)^2 \left[ \sqrt{3} \frac{\kappa/\mu}{k_1 R_1} - j \frac{J_1^2(k_1 R_1)}{J_1(k_1 R_1)} \right] \quad (30)$$

Expanding the Bessel functions around  $k_1 R_1 = 1.84$  it is possible to compare (30) to the input admittance of a shunt loaded resonator near its center frequency  $\omega_0$  [11]

$$Y = G(1 + j2\delta Q_L) \quad (31)$$

where

$$\delta = (\omega - \omega_0)/\omega_0$$

and  $Q_L$  is the loaded Q of the circuit.

Matching (30) to (31) we obtain

$$G = \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{R_1}{h} \frac{\sqrt{\epsilon_1}}{\sqrt{\mu_1}} \left( \frac{\psi}{\sin\psi} \right)^2 \left| \frac{\kappa}{\mu} \right| \quad (32)$$

$$Q_L = 0.69 \left| \kappa/\mu \right|^{-1} \quad (33)$$

Equations (32) and (33) coincide with the revised treatment of Fay-Comstock [2] given by von Aulock-Fay [11]. It is interesting to remark that their results were obtained through an independent method based on the stored energy in the cavity. The only missing term in their expression is  $(\psi/\sin\psi)^2$  since the actual coupling to the lines was not considered.

## VII. CIRCULATOR SYNTHESIS

In this section a numerical method for the synthesis of a K-port circulator in a symmetrical cavity is presented.

The first step is to determine the scattering matrix at the disk reference planes with the help of (26). The normalization impedance at these planes must be taken as the ideal circulating impedance,

$$Z_c = Z_{in}^*$$

where  $Z_{in}$  is given by (28). In order to obtain the circulation locus in the plane  $(k_1 R_1, \kappa/\mu)$  we must find the points where  $s_{11}$ ,  $s_{31}$ , ...,  $s_{K1}$  are essentially zero.

The next step is to synthesize the matching networks which transform the circulating impedance into the reference impedance at the K-port planes. The impedance matrix can then be computed from (27) and the overall behavior can be numerically optimized. In order to illustrate the above procedure the circulation locus for a 4-port junction was determined (Fig. 9). On the same figure, we also show the locus computed neglecting the fringing fields. A comparison of the two loci shows a shift in the circulation frequencies which is of the order of 20%. A remarkable feature of this locus is the existence of a double branch for low values of  $k_1 R_1$ , which is an ideal condition for the synthesis of a broad band device. Circulation in the upper range was earlier reported [7], [8], but as expected, only within narrow bandwidths.



In order to test the feasibility of broadband performance, a prototype was designed at the center frequency operating parameters

$$k_1 R_1 = 2.1$$

$$\kappa/\mu = 0.5$$

The input impedance computed via (28) was transformed to 50  $\Omega$  with the aid of two sections of transmission line. Experimental results and prototype parameters are shown in Fig. 10.

#### VIII. CONCLUSION

A self consistent theory for the analysis of an anisotropic disk n-port, which includes the fringing fields has been developed. Classical results for 3-port circulators are easily derived as a particular case and agree with previously published work. Applicability to numerical design is exemplified with the synthesis of a broad band 4-port circulator. Based on the results when compared with those provided by the magnetic wall assumption, we believe that the inclusion of the fringing fields has resulted in a more accurate theory.

# APPENDIX

The symmetry of the structure, together with Maxwell's equations and separation of variables leads to the following form for the fields in both regions

$$\underline{E}^{(i)}(r, \phi, z) = \underline{E}_t^{(i)}(r, \phi) \sin \beta_i z + E_{zt}^{(i)}(r, \phi) \cos \beta_i z \quad (A.1)$$

$$\underline{H}^{(i)}(r, \phi, z) = \underline{H}_t^{(i)}(r, \phi) \cos \beta_i z \quad (i = 1, 2) \quad (A.2)$$

where  $\underline{E}_t$  and  $\underline{H}_t$  are parallel to the ground plane. Only the modes without r.f. magnetic field in the z direction are being considered.

Substitution of (A.1) and (A.2) into Maxwell's equations leads to Helmholtz's homogeneous equation for  $E_{zt}$

$$(\nabla^2 + k_i^2) E_{zt}^{(i)}(r, \phi) = 0 \quad (A.3)$$

with

$$k_i^2 = \omega^2 \mu_i \epsilon_i - \beta_i^2 \quad (i = 1, 2) \quad (A.4)$$

In cylindrical coordinates (A.3) yields the eigenfunctions

$$J_n(k_1 r) e^{-jn\phi} \quad \text{for } r \leq R_1$$

$$J_n(k_2 r) e^{-jn\phi}, \quad Y_n(k_2 r) e^{-jn\phi} \quad \text{for } R_1 \leq r \leq R_2$$

The depth wave number  $\beta_i$ , determined by the boundary conditions

$$\underline{E}^{(1)}(r, \phi, h) \times \hat{z} = \underline{E}^{(2)}(r, \phi, 2h+t) \times \hat{z} = 0$$

are

$$\beta_{1m} = m\pi/h \quad (A.5)$$

$$\beta_{2m} = m\pi/(2h+t) \quad m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \quad (A.6)$$

The integer  $m$  defines the order of the depth mode. The cut-off frequency  $\omega_{im}$  of the  $m$ -th depth mode in region  $i$  is, from (A.4),

$$\omega_{im} = \beta_{im} (\mu_i \epsilon_i)^{-1/2}$$

The sign of  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  for the modes below cut-off must be chosen so that the respective eigenfunctions correspond to a decaying field in the radial direction (inwards in medium 1 and outwards in medium 2). This condition leads to the choice of

$$k_i = -j(\beta_i^2 - \omega^2 \mu_i \epsilon_i)^{1/2} \quad \text{when} \quad \omega < \beta_i (\mu_i \epsilon_i)^{-1/2}$$

The knowledge of the  $E_{zt}$  function allows the determination of the field components through the application of Maxwell's equations to (A.1) and (A.2). The eigenfunctions of the zero-th order depth mode of region 1 were determined in [1] and are displayed in Section I of this work. For the outer region we obtain

$$E_{rnm}^{(2)} = \beta_{2m} k_2^{-2} \frac{\partial E_{zt}^{(2)}}{\partial r} \sin \beta_{2m} z$$

$$E_{\phi nm}^{(2)} = \beta_{2m} k_2^{-2} \frac{\partial E_{zt}^{(2)}}{r \phi \partial} \sin \beta_{2m} z$$

$$H_{rnm}^{(2)} = -j\omega\epsilon_2 (\beta_{2m} \tan \beta_{2m} z)^{-1} E_{\phi nm}^{(2)}$$

$$H_{\phi nm}^{(2)} = j\omega\epsilon_2 (\beta_{2m} \tan \beta_{2m} z)^{-1} E_{rnm}^{(2)}$$

where the  $E_{zt}^{(2)}(r, \phi)$  are chosen as

$$E_{zt}^{(2)}(r, \phi) = \left[ J_n(k_2 r) - \frac{J_n(k_2 R_2)}{Y_n(k_2 R_2)} Y_n(k_2 r) \right] e^{-jn\phi}$$

in order to satisfy the boundary condition

$$E_z^{(2)}(R_2, \phi, z) = E_\phi^{(2)}(R_2, \phi, z) = 0$$

When the radial wave number  $k_2$  is imaginary, it is more convenient for numerical purposes, to compute the special Bessel functions instead of Bessel functions of imaginary argument. Therefore, for the modes below cut-off we have

$$E_{zt}^{(2)}(r, \phi) = \left[ K_n(j k_2 r) - \frac{K_n(j k_2 R_2)}{I_n(j k_2 R_2)} I_n(j k_2 r) \right] e^{-jn\phi}$$

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## FIGURE CAPTIONS

- Fig. 1 - Schematic of general 4-port network, launchers and top cover removed.
- Fig. 2 - Cross section of cavity.
- Fig. 3 - Conductor disk geometry and reference planes.
- Fig. 4 - Behaviour of the  $z$  component of electric field at the disk edge (first depth mode only).
- Fig. 5 - Variation of fringing functions up to second order with normalized frequency and normalized radius as parameter.
- Fig. 6 - Variation of fringing function of first order with normalized radius, and normalized frequency as parameter.
- Fig. 7 - General behaviour of first resonances of mode  $\pm n$  (— magnetic wall [1], --- Eq. (20),  $J'(x_n) = 0$ ).
- Fig. 8 - Transmission parameters of the matching network at  $i$ -th port.
- Fig. 9 - Circulation locus of symmetric 4-port anisotropic networks (— magnetic wall assumption, --- fringing fields included, for  $\bar{R}_1 = 3.5$ ,  $\bar{R}_2 = 15$ ).

Fig. 10 - Experimental results obtained with prototype 4-port circulator.

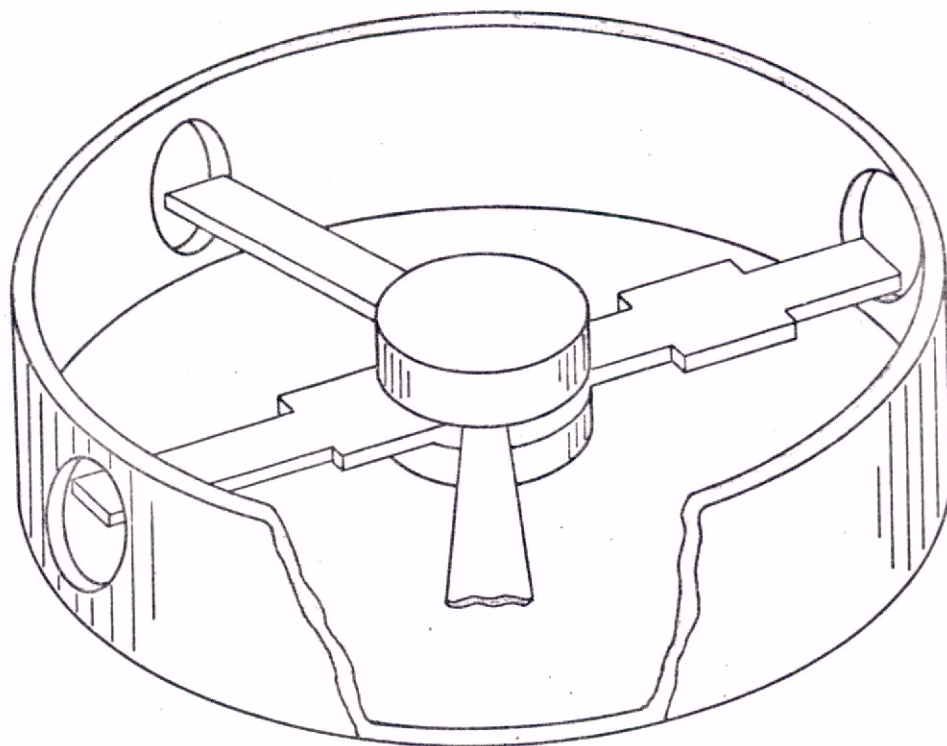


Figure 1



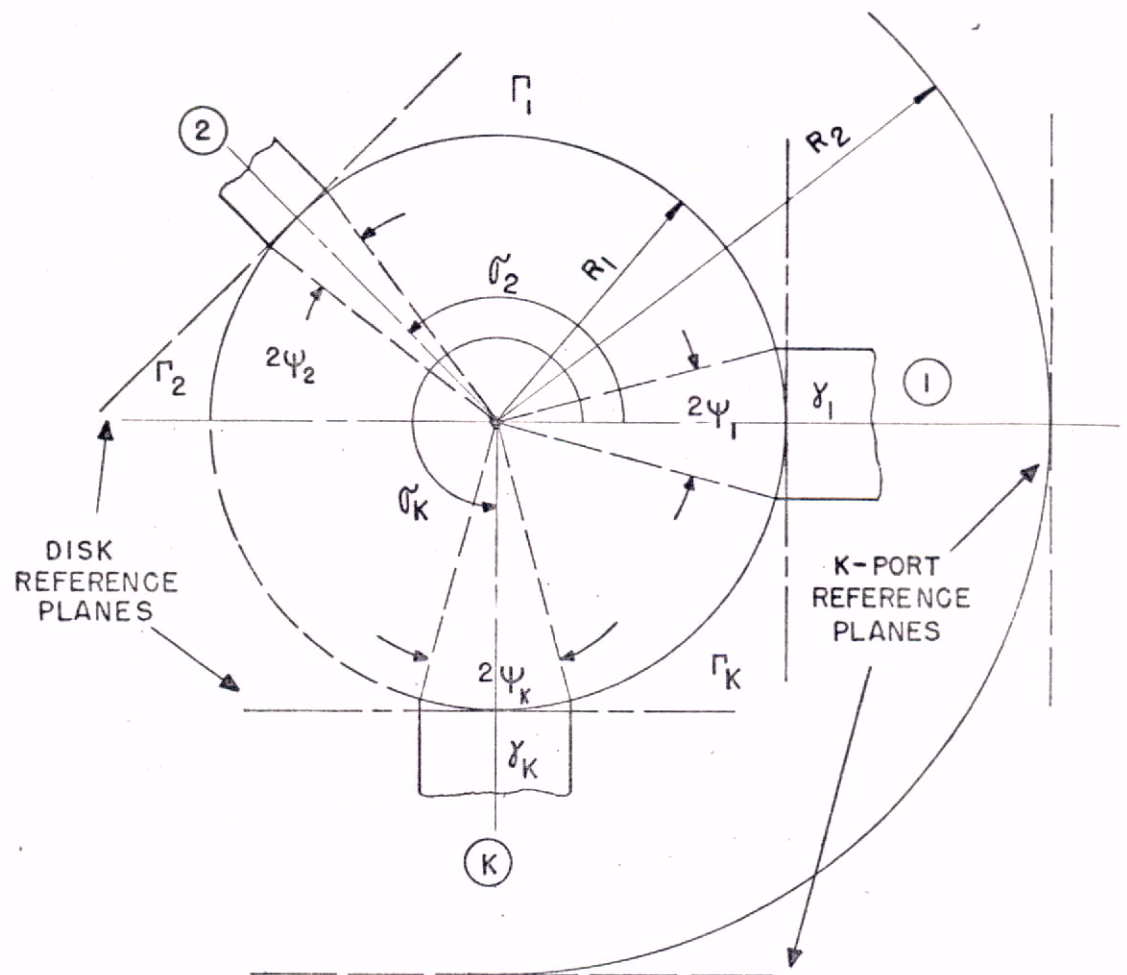


Figure 3





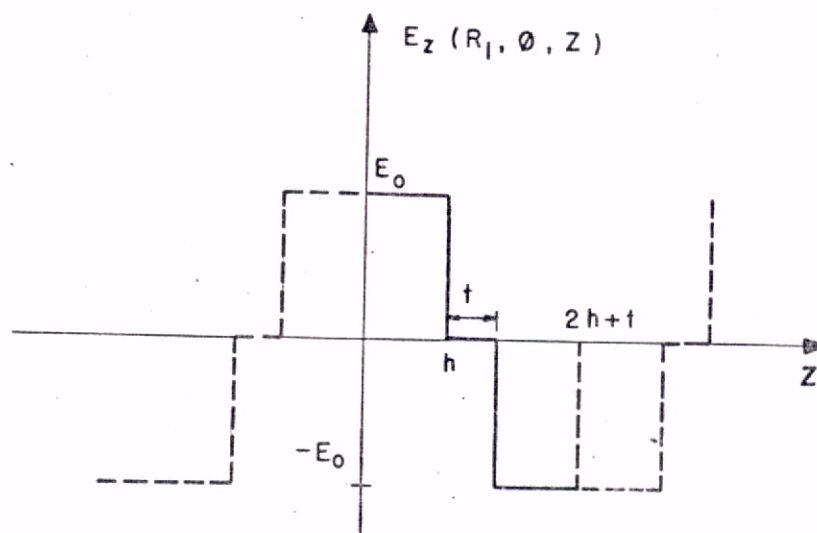


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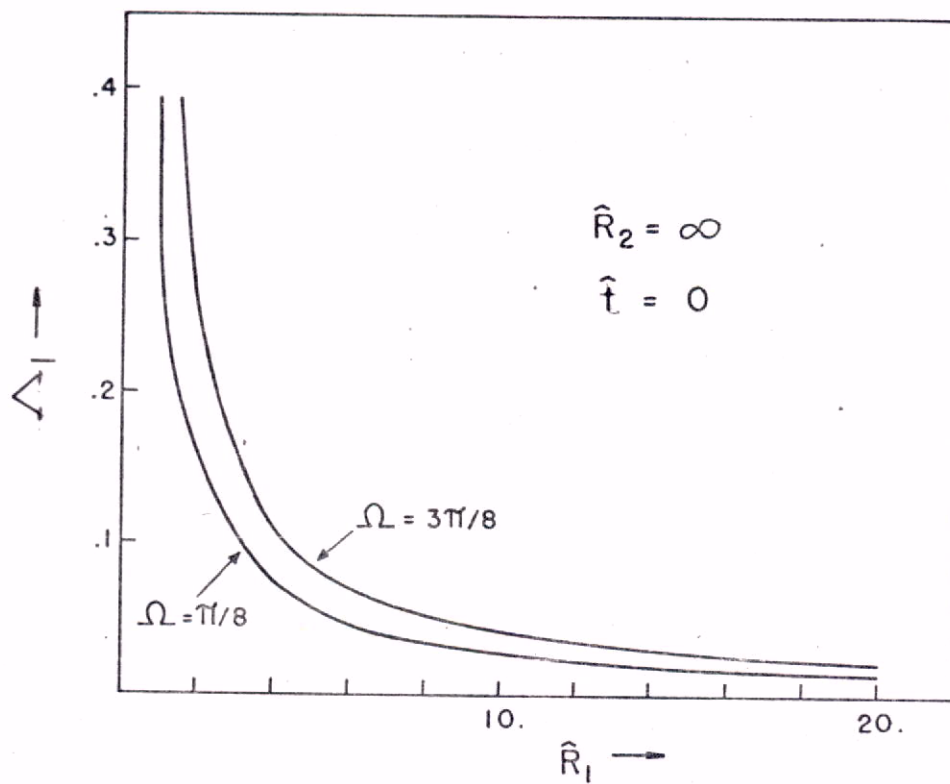


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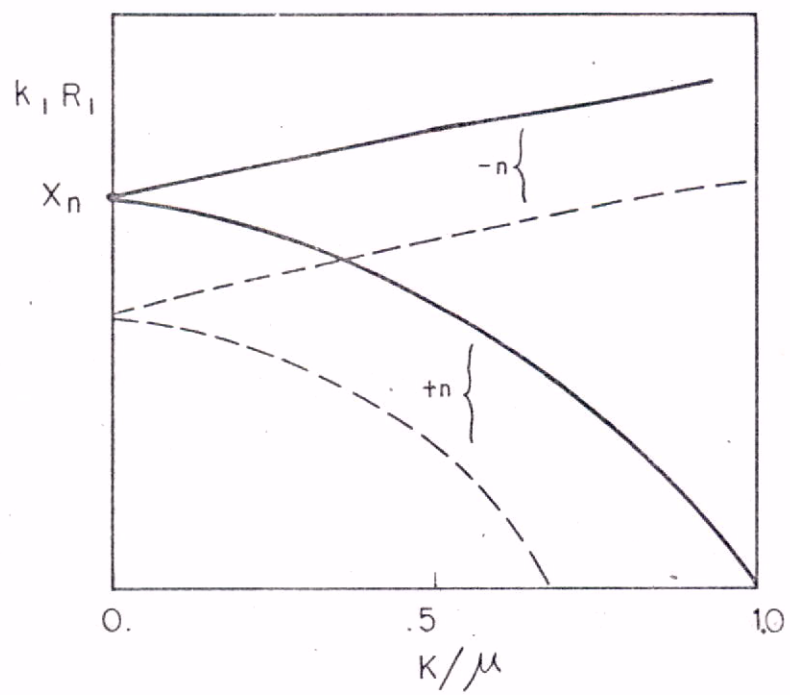
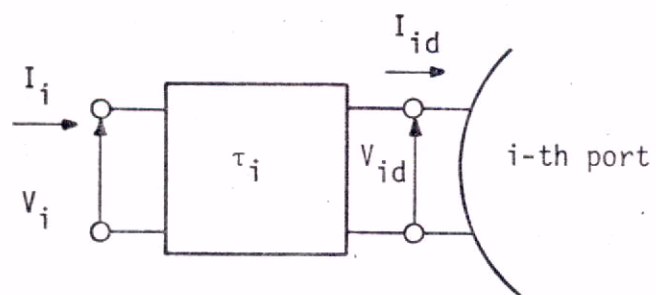


Figure 7







$$V_i = \tau_{11i} V_{id} + \tau_{12i} I_{id}$$

$$I_i = \tau_{21i} V_{id} + \tau_{22i} I_{id}$$

Figure 8



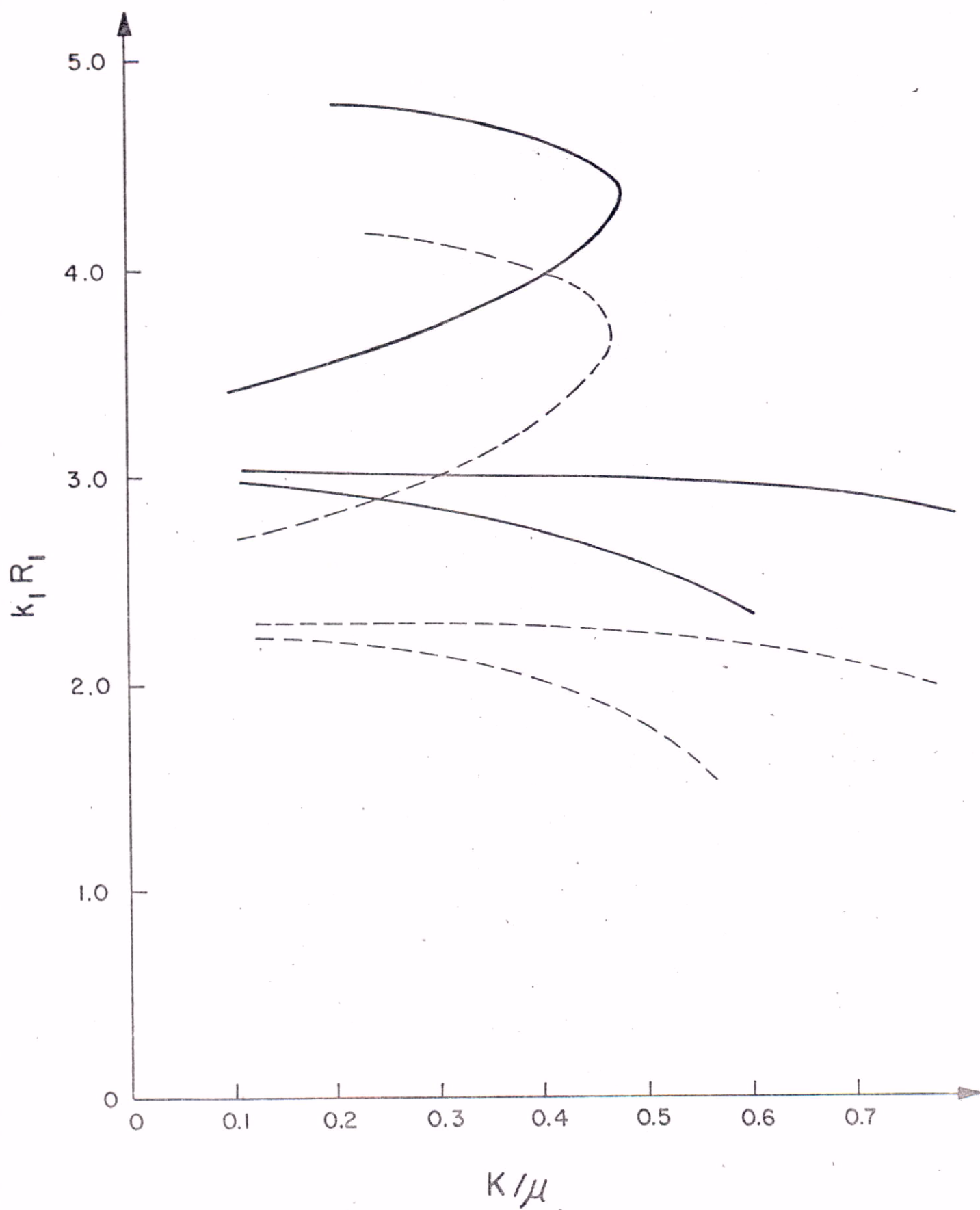


Figure 9



# FREQUENCY (GHz)

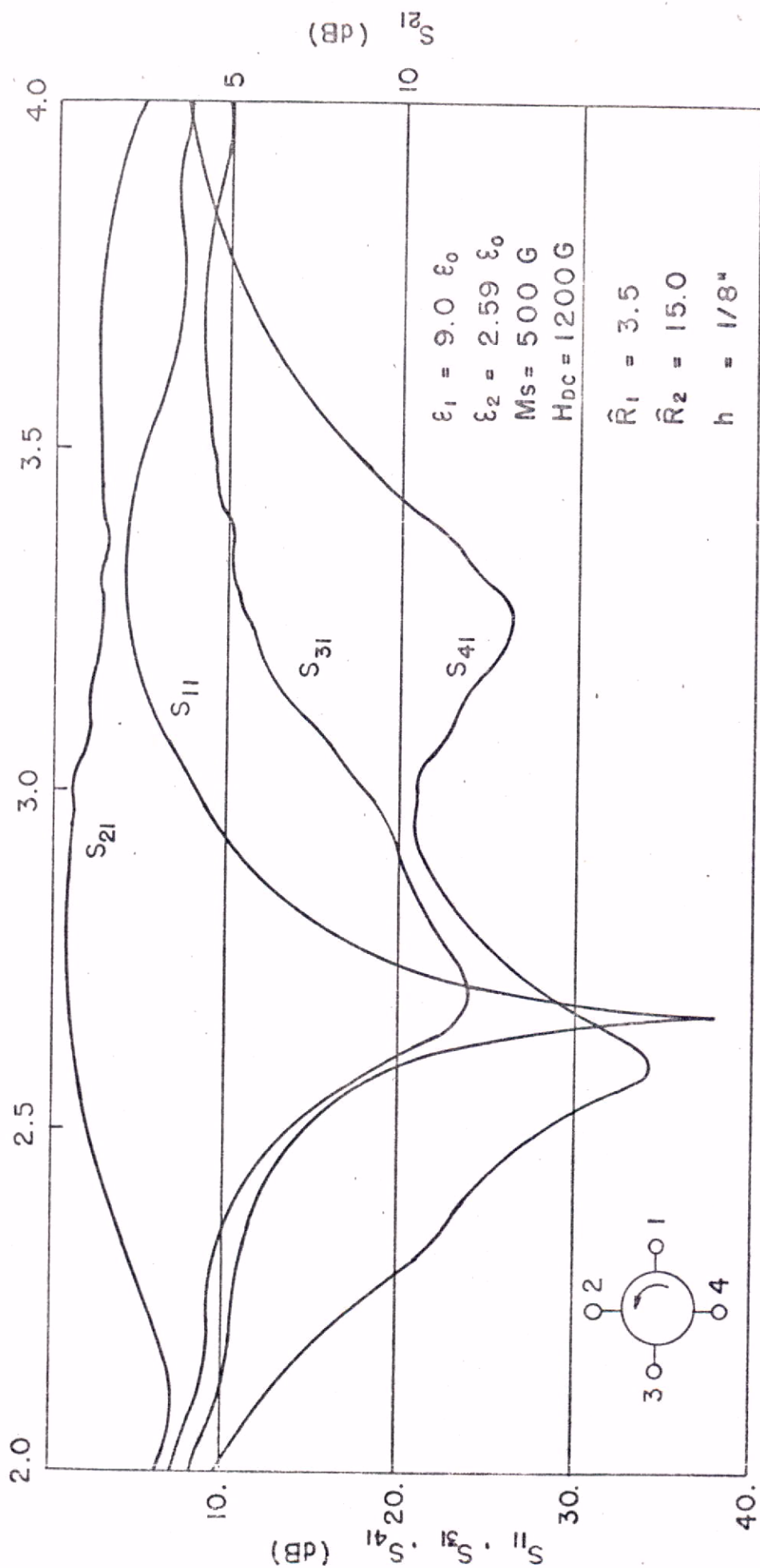


Figure 10



