



Structures Exhibiting Left-Handed Properties in Microwave Range

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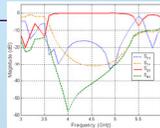


Outline

- Investigations on new distributed multilayer microstrip structures based on Stepped Impedance Resonators (SIR) pairs are presented;
- The periodic structures show left-handed properties in a frequency band near to resonance;
- The equally distanced via holes produces an effective negative permittivity in microwaves;
- The resonator pairs behave similarly to the split ring resonators (SRR) leading to a negative magnetic permeability.

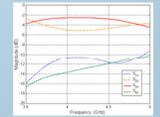
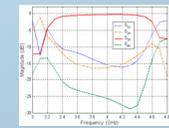


Nonresonant implementation of a left-handed material



0 dB symmetric coupler

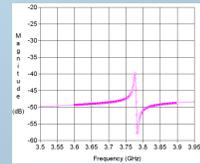
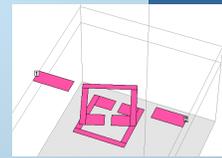
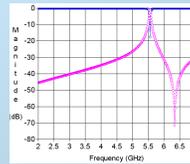
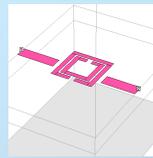
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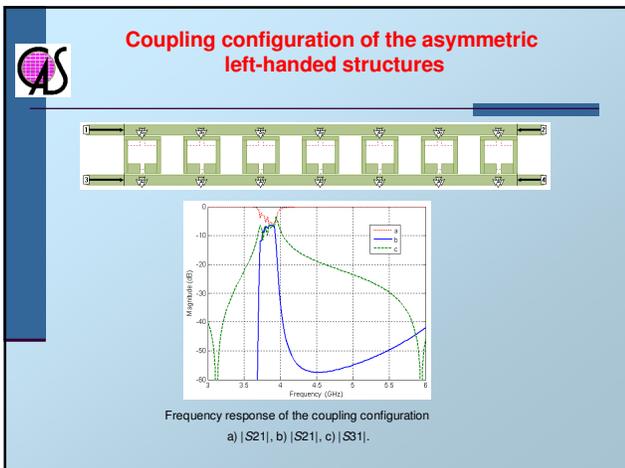
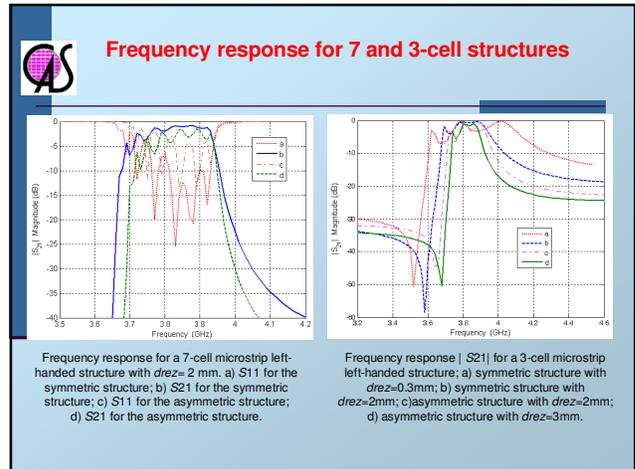
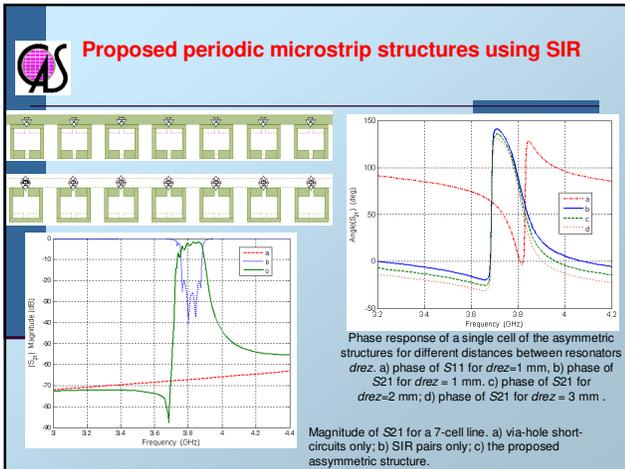


3 dB symmetric coupler



SIR versus SRR





- ### Conclusions
- Due to the compactness of the Stepped Impedance Resonators (SIR), the proposed structures are more compact than those which use Split Ring Resonators (SRR).
 - The amplitude and phase responses of the proposed structures can be easily controlled by changing the geometrical parameters.
 - For a small gap between SIR and the microstrip line, the frequency response does not show a significant dependence with the coupling gap to the line or with the number of cells. However, the in-band reflections decreases with the decreasing of the coupling between resonators belonging to different cells, or by increasing the thickness of the bottom dielectric substrate between the ground-plane and the middle microstrip plane.
 - The developed effective medium theory was applied to multilayer microstrip structures. The proposed CRLH structures exhibit negative values of the refractive index n only in a narrow frequency band.