XIV. ELECTRODYNAMICS OF MEDIA

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1. ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES

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We have the following objectives in our studies of electromagnetic waves: examination of subsurface probing and communication with a dipole antenna, study of remote sensing of the Earth, and investigation of integrated optics and fiber optics as applied to optical communication systems.

Papers on research supported in 1976 by the Joint Services Electronics Program which have been published, accepted for publication, submitted for publication, or presented at meetings are listed in the references.¹⁻¹⁷ The advantages of using horizontal magnetic dipole antennas were explored in detail for both isotropic and anisotropic layered earth.¹⁻³ We compared field calculations and experimental results for a horizontal electric dipole submerged in lake water.⁴ In remote sensing we studied thermal microwave emission from random media and from media containing spherical scatterers.⁵⁻¹³ In applied optics we investigated electro-optical modulators and developed theories for spatially modulated periodic media.

In the study of geophysical subsurface probing and communication with dipole antennas, the theory for surface waves and subsurface waves arising from dipole images has been developed. The surface waves are proportional to inverse distance squared and the subsurface waves to inverse distance. We shall evaluate the image contributions to second order in inverse distance and hope to attain a compatible, rigorous theory. In remote sensing we are now incorporating the surface roughness and subsurface inhomogeneous temperature distributions. In integrated optics and fiber optics we are studying the diffraction and guidance of a Gaussian beam by a spatially modulated periodic medium. Mode coupling and conversion mechanisms in guided optical systems will be applied to both optical communication and solar energy collection studies.

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2. PASSIVE REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH WITH MICROWAVES

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In passive remote sensing of the earth we have studied microwave thermal emission from a layered random medium.¹⁻⁵ The model of a medium containing spherical scatterers has also been developed.⁶⁻¹⁰ These theoretical models have been applied to the solid earth, as well as to clouds and rainfall.⁹⁻¹⁰

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3. REMOTE SENSING WITH ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES

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Active sensing with dipole antennas has been studied with a horizontal magnetic dipole¹ and with a horizontal electric dipole.² Passive remote sensing of near-surface soil moistures and ice-covered land or water by using a model of a layered medium has been investigated.^{3, 4} The theory for thermal microwave emission from a bounded medium containing spherical scatterers has also been developed.⁵

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