

# **Radiations from an Eccentric Coated Cylinder** with N Slots

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# ABSTRACT

The transverse magnetic (TM) radiation characteristics are investigated for a cylinder with N infinite axial slots of arbitrary opening size and location. The cylinder is a thin circular conductor and coated by an eccentric material. Fields are found by applying the boundary conditions to the cylindrical wave functions. The addition theorem of Bessel functions is used to obtain an infinite series solution in Fourier-Bessel series form. Results are computed by shrinking the generated infinite series to a finite number of terms and compared to other available data. Numerical results in graphical forms for different values are also developed and discussed for small eccentricities.

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### 1. Introduction

The problem of field characteristics from slotted cylindrical structures is an important study in electromagnetic field theory and has been the focus of a number of earlier researches [1-6]. Though, previous investigations did not determine possible effects to radiations of N arbitrary sited slots with diverse opening sizes and when the conducting cylinder and the coating material are both eccentric.

Silver and Saunders derived expressions for the external field produced by a slot of arbitrary shape in 1950. The far field was determined by applying the method of steepest decent to the Fourier integrals in the solution [1]. The results obtained were also applied by Bailinin 1955 to the cases of narrow-width hal-wavelength slots in infinite cylinders with large radii [2]. Hurd derived the radiation patterns of an axial slot in a dielectric coated circular cylinder and made some comparisons with experimental results in 1956 [3]. Additionally, Wait and Mientka presented the fields produced by an arbitrary slot on a circular cylinder with a cocentric dielectric coating in 1957. The far zone expressions were developed using a saddle-point method applied to the derived integrals [4]. In 2009, the transverse electric patterns are investigated for a cylinder with N axial slots of arbitrary opening size and position [5]. The transverse magnetic fields are then considered for a dielectric-coated metallic-cylinder with two arbitrary axial slots in 2010 [6].

#### 2. Mathematical Formulation

Electromagnetic problems with cylindrical structures are typically better solved in cylindrical coordinates. The problem stated in this paper is solved in the two dimensional circular cylindrical coordinate system with  $(r, \phi)$ . As illustrated in **Figure 1**, the global coordinate system  $(r, \phi)$  is defined at the center of the dielectric coating material and the local coordinate system  $(r_c, \phi_c)$  is defined at the center of the slotted metallic cylinder. The center of the local coordinate system is situated at x = d with respect to the global coordinate system.

In this paper, the transverse magnetic (TM) characteristics are found for N infinite axial slots in a circular metallic cylinder covered by a dielectric material as shown in **Figure 1**. The cylinder is assumed to be a thin perfect electric conductor with radius a and with infinite extent along the z-axis. On the cylinder surface N slots are axially opened with an angular apertures of  $2\theta_1$ ,  $2\theta_2$ ,  $2\theta_3$ ,  $\cdots$ ,  $2\theta_N$  located at  $\theta_{s1}, \theta_{s2}, \theta_{s3}, \cdots, \theta_{sN}$  respectively with respect to the x-axis. The cylinder is entirely covered by an eccentric dielectric layer with radius b and assumed to be homogenous, linear, and isotropic and characterized by permittivity  $\varepsilon$  and permeability  $\mu$ . The region out of the coating material for all r > b and  $0 \le \phi \le 2\pi$  is assumed to be free space with  $\varepsilon_0$  and  $\mu_0$ . As shown in **Figure 1**, the dielectric material and free space are considered as region I and region II respectively.

Formulation starts by solving the Helmholtz scalar

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Figure 1. Cross sectional view of the structure.

wave equation in the circular cylindrical coordinate system in r and  $\phi$ . Going after the separation of variables method, the solution is a Bessel or Hankel function in r multiplied by a complex exponential in  $\phi$ . The structure shown in **Figure 1** requires the electric field to be represented by a Fourier-Bessel exponential series. In region I, this is represented by a summation of a harmonic function multiplied by Bessel functions as [5,6]:

$$E_{z}^{I} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{in\phi} \left\{ \alpha_{n} J_{n} \left( kr \right) + \beta_{n} Y_{n} \left( kr \right) \right\} A_{n}$$
(1)

In region II, the electric field radiates from the structure and therefore the Hankel function is assumed and multiplied by a harmonic function as [7,8]:

$$E_{z}^{\mathrm{II}} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{in\phi} H_{n}^{(2)} \left( k_{0} r \right) A_{n}$$

$$\tag{2}$$

where  $\alpha_n$ ,  $\beta_n$  and  $A_n$  are unknown coefficients and  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . k and  $k_0$  are the dielectric coating and free space wave numbers respectively given by  $k = 2\pi/\lambda$  and  $\lambda$  is the wavelength.  $J_n(x)$  and  $Y_n(x)$  are Bessel functions of the first and the second type respectively with order nand argument x.  $H_n^{(2)}(x)$  is the outgoing Hankel function of the second type with order n and argument x.

#### 3. Analytical Solution

The boundary conditions are applied to find  $\alpha_n$ ,  $\beta_n$  and  $A_n$  coefficients. From the geometry of the structure shown in **Figure 1**, the boundary conditions with respect to the global coordinate are continuity of both tangential electric  $E_z$  and magnetic  $H_\phi$  fields for all  $\phi$  at r = b, that is:

$$E_z^{\mathrm{I}} = E_z^{\mathrm{II}} \text{ at } r = b \text{ and } 0 \le \phi \le 2\pi$$
(3)

$$H^{\mathrm{I}}_{\phi} = H^{\mathrm{II}}_{\phi} \text{ at } r = b \text{ and } 0 \le \phi \le 2\pi$$

$$\tag{4}$$

where  $H_{\phi}$  is derived from Maxwell's equations as  $H_{\phi} = (-i/\omega\mu)(\partial E_{\gamma}/\partial r)$  [5,6].

Equations (3) and (4) can be solved using the orthogonality of the complex exponential functions to get:

$$\alpha_n J_n(kb) + \beta_n Y_n(kb) = H_n^{(2)}(k_0 b)$$
<sup>(5)</sup>

$$\alpha_n J'_n(kb) + \beta_n Y'_n(kb) = e_r H_n^{(2)'}(k_0 b)$$
(6)

where  $e_r = \sqrt{\mu_r / \varepsilon_r}$  and the prime notation designates differentiation with respect to the argument.

Equations (5) and (6) are then solved to find  $\alpha_n$  and  $\beta_n$  as:

$$\alpha_{n} = \frac{\pi k b}{2} \begin{bmatrix} H_{n}^{(2)}(k_{0}b) Y_{n}^{\prime}(kb) \\ -e_{r} H_{n}^{(2)\prime}(k_{0}b) Y_{n}(kb) \end{bmatrix}$$
(7)

$$\beta_{n} = \frac{-\pi k b}{2} \begin{bmatrix} H_{n}^{(2)}(k_{0}b) J_{n}'(kb) \\ -e_{r} H_{n}^{(2)'}(k_{0}b) J_{n}(kb) \end{bmatrix}$$
(8)

The third boundary condition can be expressed in the local coordinate system. At  $r_c = a$  the tangential electric field vanishes in region I for all values of  $\phi_c$  except at the slots where it has a value of:

$$E_{z}^{I} = E_{oL} \cos\left(\frac{\pi(\phi_{c} - \theta_{sL})}{2\theta_{L}}\right)$$
(9)

for  $r_c = a$ ,  $|\phi_c - \theta_{sL}| < \theta_L$  and  $L = 1, \dots, N$ .

The addition theorem of Bessel functions is given by [9,10]:

$$T_{m}(kr)e^{im\varphi} = \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^{p} T_{m+p}(kr_{c}) J_{p}(kd) e^{i(m+p)\phi_{c}} \quad r_{c} > d \quad (10)$$
$$T_{m+p}(kd) J_{p}(kr_{c}) e^{-ip\phi_{c}} \quad r_{c} < d$$

where  $T_m(x)$  can be  $J_m(x)$  or  $Y_m(x)$  and *m* and *p* are integers.

By applying the theorem in Equation (10) to the boundary condition in Equation (9), the outcome can be simplified to be:

$$A_{n}(-1)^{m-n} \left\{ \alpha_{n} \frac{J_{m}(ka)}{J_{m-n}(kd)} + \beta_{n} \frac{Y_{m}(ka)}{Y_{m-n}(kd)} \right\}$$

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_{m-n}(kd) \quad a > d$$

$$J_{m}(ka) \quad a < d$$

$$= 2\sum_{L=1}^{N} \frac{E_{oL}\theta_{L}}{\pi^{2} - 4\theta_{L}^{2}m^{2}} \cos(m\theta_{L})e^{-im\theta_{sL}}$$
(11)

For small values of  $\theta_L$ ,  $\cos(m\theta_L) \approx 1$  and Equation (11) can be simplified to:

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$$A_{n}\left(-1\right)^{m-n} \left\{ \alpha_{n} \frac{J_{m}\left(ka\right)}{J_{m-n}\left(kd\right)} + \beta_{n} \frac{Y_{m}\left(ka\right)}{Y_{m-n}\left(kd\right)} \right\}$$

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_{m-n}\left(kd\right) \quad a > d$$

$$J_{m}\left(ka\right) \quad a < d$$

$$= 2\sum_{L=1}^{N} \frac{E_{oL}\theta_{L}}{\pi^{2} - 4\theta_{L}^{2}m^{2}} e^{-im\theta_{sL}}$$
(12)

For small values of *d* the summation quickly converges and thus Equation (12) can be further simplified if expressed in matrix form. Therefore, the coefficients  $A_n$  can be found as:

$$[A_n]_{n \times 1} = [Z_{n,m}]_{n \times m}^{-1} [f_m]_{m \times 1}$$
(13)

where  $Z_{n,m}$  is the second factor in the left side of Equation (12) and  $f_m$  is the right side of the same equation. The matrix  $[Z_{n,m}]_{m \times n}$  in Equation (13) is a non-singular square matrix.

The asymptotic expression of the Hankel function can be used in Equation (2). Hence, the radiated field can be estimated at a far point as [3,6]:

$$E_{z}^{II} = e^{-i(k_{0}r - \pi/4)} P(\phi) \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi k_{0}r}}$$
(14)

where  $P(\phi)$  is the far radiated field pattern given by:

$$P(\phi) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} i^n A_n e^{in\phi}$$
(15)

The antenna gain and the aperture conductance per unit length  $\lambda_0$  are two other major quantities in the study of the antenna characteristics. By Equations (13) and (15) both can be respectively found as in reference [11] to be:

$$G(\phi) = \frac{\pi \left| P(\phi) \right|^2}{2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| A_n \right|^2}$$
(16)

$$G_a / \lambda_0 = \frac{4 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |A_n|^2}{\left|\sum_{L=1}^{N} V_{oL}\right|^2}$$
(17)

where  $V_{oL}$  is the voltage across the slot equals  $E_{oL}$  as in Equation (9) [8,9].

#### 4. Numerical Analysis

It is essential to confirm the correctness of the expressions derived before obtaining the numerical results for the consequences of the slots' arbitrary sizes and locations. Several graphical results are computed and also judged against other curves in reference [11] for a slot size of  $\theta_0 = \pi/100$ . The results achieved are only calculated for values of n from -25 to 25 of the series produced in the solution due to the fast convergence of the summation. The produced field patterns are normalized to the curves of zero eccentricity to simplify investigations and recognize the variations that may happen when N axial slots of arbitrary size and position exist with eccentricity.

Equation (12) is expressed as a series over *n* from  $-\infty$  to  $+\infty$  which can produce infinite matrices in Equation (13). This series quickly converges for small values of *d* and can be numerically solved by reduction to develop finite matrices. In contrast, for larger values of *d* the physical size of the antenna structure shown in **Figure 1** is bigger and additional terms in the summation are required [12]. Therefore, the numerical evaluations are computed for small eccentricities in order to smooth the progress of the series expansion.

The antenna gain in Equation (16) compared to reference [9] is shown in **Figure 2(a)** versus the coating thickness at  $\phi = 0$  for N = 1,  $E_{o1} = 1$ ,  $\theta_{s1} = 0$ ,  $2\theta_1 = \theta_0$ ,  $d = 0.001\lambda_0$ ,  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 4$ ,  $\mu/\mu_0 = 1$  and  $a = 2\lambda_0$ . In addition, the aperture conductance per unit length  $\lambda_0$  in Equation (17) is shown in **Figure 2(b)** versus the coating thickness for N = 1,  $E_{o1} = 1$ ,  $\theta_{s1} = 0$ ,  $2\theta_1 = \theta_0$ ,  $d = 0.001\lambda_0$ ,  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 4$ ,  $\mu/\mu_0 = 1$  and  $a = 2\lambda_0$  assessed against the same results in reference [11]. As expected, the curves establish perfect agreements and the calculated results confirm every indication of accuracy. Additionally, convergence tests clarify that a sufficient number of terms in the infinite series is applied.

The far radiated patterns are better investigated in polar coordinates due to the general shape of the proposed structure shown in **Figure 1**. As in most references, the cylinder radius and the coating thickness are assumed to be  $a = 0.358\lambda_0$  and  $b = 0.4217\lambda_0$  respectively. Besides, the number of slots considered in all patterns computations is N = 3 with three values of eccentricities as d = $0\lambda_0$ ,  $0.02\lambda_0$  and  $0.06\lambda_0$  respectively. Also, the voltages across all slots are assumed as  $E_{oL} = 1$  where L is the slot number. All calculated radiation patterns are normalized to the maximum value of the zero eccentric case, d = 0.

#### 5. Results and Discussions

**Figure 3** illustrates the radiation patterns for  $\theta_{s1} = 0$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = \pi/2$ ,  $\theta_{s3} = \pi$  and  $2\theta_1 = 2\theta_2 = 2\theta_3 = \theta_0$ . In **Figure 3(a)**, the fields are computed for  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 2.56$  and  $\mu/\mu_0 = 1$ . Field patterns are symmetric around the y-axis for  $d = 0\lambda_0$  but new lobes may appear as eccentricity increases as seen for  $d = 0.06\lambda_0$ . **Figure 3(b)** shows the radiation patterns for  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 1$  and  $\mu/\mu_0 = 4$ . Symmetry is also noticed for d = 0 around the y-axis and different lobes are produced when *d* is changed.

Additionally, Figure 4 shows the radiation patterns for



Figure 2. (a) Antenna gain in dB versus coating thickness for  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 4$ ,  $\mu/\mu_0 = 1$  and  $a = 2\lambda_0$ , —— reference [9], - - - calculated at  $\phi = 0$  for  $E_{o1} = 1$ , N = 1,  $\theta_{s1} = 0$ ,  $2\theta_1 = \theta_0$ , and  $d = 0.001\lambda_0$ ; (b) Aperture conductance in millisiemens versus coating thickness for  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 4$ ,  $\mu/\mu_0 = 1$  and  $a = 2\lambda_0$ , —— reference [9], - - - calculated for  $E_{o1} = 1$ , N = 1,  $\theta_{s1} = 0$ ,  $2\theta_1 = \theta_0$ , and  $d = 0.001\lambda_0$ ; (b) Aperture conductance in millisiemens versus coating thickness for  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 4$ ,  $\mu/\mu_0 = 1$  and  $a = 2\lambda_0$ , —— reference [9], - - - calculated for  $E_{o1} = 1$ , N = 1,  $\theta_{s1} = 0$ ,  $2\theta_1 = \theta_0$ , and  $d = 0.001\lambda_0$ .



Figure 3. Radiation patterns for N = 3,  $\theta_{s1} = 0$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = \pi/2$ ,  $\theta_{s3} = \pi$ ,  $2\theta_1 = 2\theta_2 = 2\theta_3 = \theta_0$ ,  $a = 0.358\lambda_0$  and  $b = 0.4217\lambda_0 - d = 0\lambda_0$ , .....  $d = 0.02\lambda_0$ ,  $--d = 0.06\lambda_0$ . (a)  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 2.56$ ,  $\mu/\mu_0 = 1$ ; (b)  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 1$ ,  $\mu/\mu_0 = 4$ .

 $\theta_{s1} = 0$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = \pi/2$ ,  $\theta_{s3} = \pi$  and  $2\theta_1 = \theta_0$ ,  $2\theta_2 = 2\theta_0$  and  $2\theta_3 = 3\theta_0$ . In **Figure 4(a)**, the fields are computed for  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 2.56$  and  $\mu/\mu_0 = 1$ . Lobes on the left side are greater due to the larger size of the slot at that location where they may also increase as eccentricity increases. The same understanding can be accepted for the radiation patterns shown in **Figure 4(b)** for  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 1$  and  $\mu/\mu_0 = 4$ .

Also, **Figure 5** illustrates the radiation patterns for  $\theta_{s1} = 0$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = 2\pi/3$ ,  $\theta_{s3} = 4\pi/3$  and  $2\theta_1 = 2\theta_2 = 2\theta_3 = \theta_0$ . In **Figure 5(a)**, the fields are computed for  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 2.56$  and  $\mu/\mu_0 = 1$ . Symmetry is very clear around the x-axis for all values of *d* with the maximum lobe at  $\phi = \pi$ . **Figure 5(b)** 

shows the radiation patterns for  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 1$  and  $\mu/\mu_0 = 4$ . Symmetry is also noticed around the x-axis but with larger lobes at  $\phi = 0$  as *d* increases.

The last computed radiation patterns are shown in **Figure 6** for  $\theta_{s1} = 0$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = 2\pi/3$ ,  $\theta_{s3} = 4\pi/3$  and  $2\theta_1 = \theta_0$ ,  $2\theta_2 = 2\theta_0$  and  $2\theta_3 = 3\theta_0$ . In **Figure 6(a)**, the fields are plotted for  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 2.56$  and  $\mu/\mu_0 = 1$ . No symmetry is noticed due to the different sizes of the slots. **Figure 6(b)** shows the radiation patterns for  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 1$  and  $\mu/\mu_0 = 4$  where the larger lobes are in the place of larger slots.

From the above, symmetry of the radiation patterns and size of the lobes are greatly affected by the location



Figure 4. Radiation patterns for N = 3,  $\theta_{s1} = 0$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = \pi/2$ ,  $\theta_{s3} = \pi$ ,  $2\theta_1 = \theta_0$ ,  $2\theta_2 = 2\theta_0$ ,  $2\theta_3 = 3\theta_0$ ,  $a = 0.358\lambda_0$  and  $b = 0.4217\lambda_0$ ,  $---d = 0.02\lambda_0$ ,  $---d = 0.06\lambda_0$ . (a)  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 156$ ,  $\mu/\mu_0 = 156$ ,  $\mu/\mu_0 = 166$ .



Figure 5. Radiation patterns for N = 3,  $\theta_{s1} = 0$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = 2\pi/3$ ,  $\theta_{s3} = 4\pi/3$ ,  $2\theta_1 = 2\theta_2 = 2\theta_3 = \theta_0$ ,  $a = 0.358\lambda_0$  and  $b = 0.4217\lambda_0$ ,  $--d = 0\lambda_0$ ,  $\cdots d = 0.02\lambda_0$ ,  $--d = 0.06\lambda_0$ . (a)  $e/e_0 = 2.56$ ,  $\mu/\mu_0 = 1$ ; (b)  $e/e_0 = 1$ ,  $\mu/\mu_0 = 4$ .

and the size of each slot and the eccentricity of the coating.

Moreover, the gain in dB at  $\phi = 0$  is plotted in **Figure** 7 for N = 3,  $\theta_{s1} = 0$ ,  $2\theta_1 = \theta_0$ ,  $2\theta_2 = 2\theta_0$  and  $2\theta_3 = 3\theta_0$ . **Figure 7(a)** shows the gain versus the coating thickness for  $a = 2\lambda_0$ ,  $d = 0\lambda_0$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = \pi/2$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = \pi$ ,  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 4$ ,  $\mu/\mu_0 = 1$ ,  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 1$  and  $\mu/\mu_0 = 4$  and also for  $\theta_{s2} = 2\pi/3$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = 4\pi/3$ ,  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 4$ ,  $\mu/\mu_0 = 1$ ,  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 1$  and  $\mu/\mu_0 = 4$ . As noticed, the gain is almost constant at less than 0.9 up to  $b = 2.15\lambda_0$ but greatly changed for larger coating thickness values. The gain versus eccentricity is also plotted in **Figure 7(b)** for  $a = 0.9\lambda_0$ ,  $b = 2.1\lambda_0$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = \pi/2$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = \pi$ ,  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 4$ ,  $\mu/\mu_0 = 1$ ,  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 1$  and  $\mu/\mu_0 = 4$  and also for  $\theta_{s2} = 2\pi/3$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = 4\pi/3$ ,  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 4$ ,  $\mu/\mu_0 = 1$ ,  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 1$  and  $\mu/\mu_0 = 4$ . The gain does not change much for eccentricities of  $0 \le d \le 0.6$  but different peaks may occur for  $d = 0.75\lambda_0$  and  $d = 1\lambda_0$ .

The aperture conductance is shown in **Figure 8** for N = 3,  $\theta_{s1} = 0$ ,  $2\theta_1 = \theta_0$ ,  $2\theta_2 = 2\theta_0$  and  $2\theta_3 = 3\theta_0$ . **Figure 8(a)** shows the aperture conductance versus the coating thickness for  $a = 2\lambda_0$ ,  $d = 0\lambda_0$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = \pi/2$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = \pi$ ,  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 4$ ,

 $\mu/\mu_0 = 1$ ,  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 1$  and  $\mu/\mu_0 = 4$  and also for  $\theta_{s2} = 2\pi/3$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = 4\pi/3$ ,  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 4$ ,  $\mu/\mu_0 = 1$ ,  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 1$  and  $\mu/\mu_0 = 4$ . The conductance shows several peaks for  $b > 2.2\lambda_0$ . The aperture conductance versus eccentricity is also plotted in **Figure 8(b)** for  $a = 0.9\lambda_0$ ,  $b = 2.1\lambda_0$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = \pi/2$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = \pi$ ,  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 4$ ,  $\mu/\mu_0 = 1$ ,  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 1$  and  $\mu/\mu_0 = 4$  and also for  $\theta_{s2} = 2\pi/3$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = 4\pi/3$ ,  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 4$ ,  $\mu/\mu_0 = 1$ ,  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 1$  and  $\mu/\mu_0 = 4$ . The conductance is nearly less than 1 millisiemens up to  $d = 0.7\lambda_0$  but different peak values appear for larger ec-

centricities.

#### 6. Conclusions

An analytical solution was derived for the problem of N infinite axial slots in a circular cylinder covered with an eccentric dielectric coating material. The TM case was considered based on the boundary value method and the radiated fields were represented in terms of an infinite series of cylindrical waves. The solution explained the



Figure 6. Radiation patterns for N = 3,  $\theta_{s1} = 0$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = 2\pi/3$ ,  $\theta_{s3} = 4\pi/3$ ,  $2\theta_1 = \theta_0$ ,  $2\theta_2 = 2\theta_0$ ,  $2\theta_3 = 3\theta_0$ ,  $a = 0.358\lambda_0$  and  $b = 0.4217\lambda_0$ ,  $---d = 0\lambda_0$ ,  $---d = 0.02\lambda_0$ ,  $---d = 0.06\lambda_0$ . (a)  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 2.56$ ,  $\mu/\mu_0 = 1$ ; (b)  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 1$ ,  $\mu/\mu_0 = 4$ .



Figure 7. Antenna gain in dB versus coating thickness at  $\phi = 0$  for N = 3,  $\theta_{s1} = 0$ ,  $2\theta_1 = \theta_0$ ,  $2\theta_2 = 2\theta_0$  and  $2\theta_3 = 3\theta_0$ . (a)  $a = 2\lambda_0$ ,  $d = 0\lambda_0$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = \pi/2$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = \pi/3$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = 4\pi/3$ ,  $(- - \varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 4, \mu/\mu_0 = 1)$ ,  $(- - \varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 4, \mu/\mu_0 = 1)$ ,  $(- - \varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 4, \mu/\mu_0 = 4)$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = 2\pi/3$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = 4\pi/3$ ,  $(- - \varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 4, \mu/\mu_0 = 4)$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = 2\pi/3$ ,  $\theta_{s2} = \pi/3$ ,  $\theta_{s2} =$ 

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effects of the proposed additional slots in arbitrary locations with eccentricity to the far field patterns. Possible influences that can take place to the antenna gain and the aperture conductance were presented and discussed.

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