Mode Solver Informative session

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The Mode solver performs optical mode calculations on the 2D device structure *or* 2D/1D cross-section of 3D/2D device structures. These structures are assumed to be the cross-sections of waveguides.

Salient features -

- Materials with constant / wavelength dependent real and complex permittivity.
- *Scalar* or *vectorial* mode-equation can be selected.
- Any of the *power method* or *ARPAK routines* can be used for mode calculation.
- Calculates multiple modes near the given *effective index*.
- Stores normalized electric and magnetic field vectors in hdf file + creates an xdmf file for visualization in paraview.
- Supports reflective BC at the boundaries

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File:
  Device = "modeSiWG str.cfg";
  Out = "SiWG":
Solver:
  Polarization = "TM"; // applicable for scalar equations only
  Equation = "Vectorial";
  Wavelength = 1.; // in Micrometer
  EffectiveIndex = 3.07:
  DecayConstant = 0.;
  CoordinateCut = 0.0; // in Micrometer
  MaximumModes = 1;
  SolverSettings =
   "UsePowerMethod".
   "WavelengthDepIndex",
//"YCutDevice"
   1;
  PowerMethodTol = 1E-8;
  PowerMethodMaxIter = 40:
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Figure: Structure of the cross-section of a waveguide

- Include a new device structure.
- Define various solver settings, such as-
 - Scalar **or** Vectorial
 - Polarization (TM or TE).
 - Target effective index
- Specify if mode of the *entire device* or *a cross-section* is calculated.

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Figure: E_y and H_z of the calculated mode normalized such that the modal power is unity.

- Quantities to be saved.
- Saves an *xdmf* script for visualization in *paraview*.

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