**(a)** Measured and calculated transmission for two different sets of parameters:
- Measured: \( \Delta L_{bp} = 1 \text{ dB} \)
- \( \varepsilon_r = 3.44, \tan \delta = 0.015, d = 4.53 \text{ mm} \)
- \( \varepsilon_r = 3.80, \tan \delta = 0.017, d = 4.84 \text{ mm} \)


**(b)** Measured transmission variation with bellypod thickness:
- \( \Delta d = 0.31 \text{ mm} \)