

# EE4620 - Spectral Domain Methods in Electromagnetics

Topic # 4

## Surface Waves

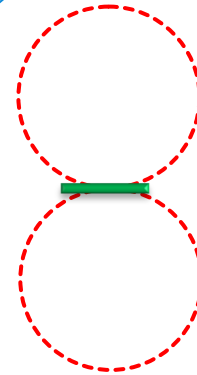
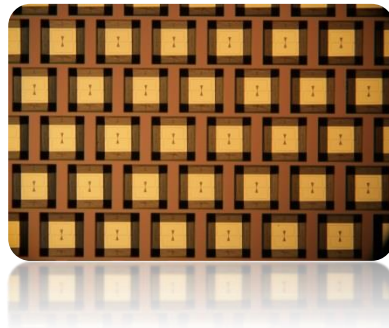
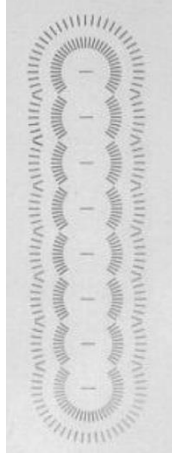
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# Integrated Antennas

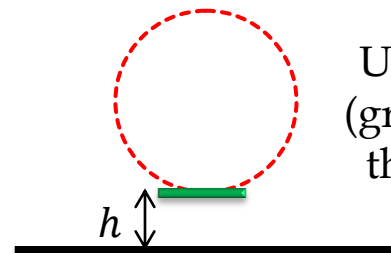
Radar, Space, Sensing applications...

The objective is to radiate the power into a certain direction

Dielectric allows using integrated technology (PCB, lithography)



A dipole in free space radiates the same power in the upper and lower regions

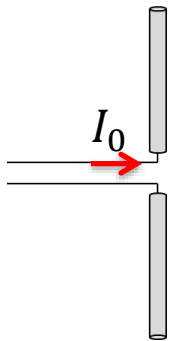


Using a back reflector (ground plane) reduces the radiation into the lower region

$$h_{opt} = \lambda/4$$

# Power Budget

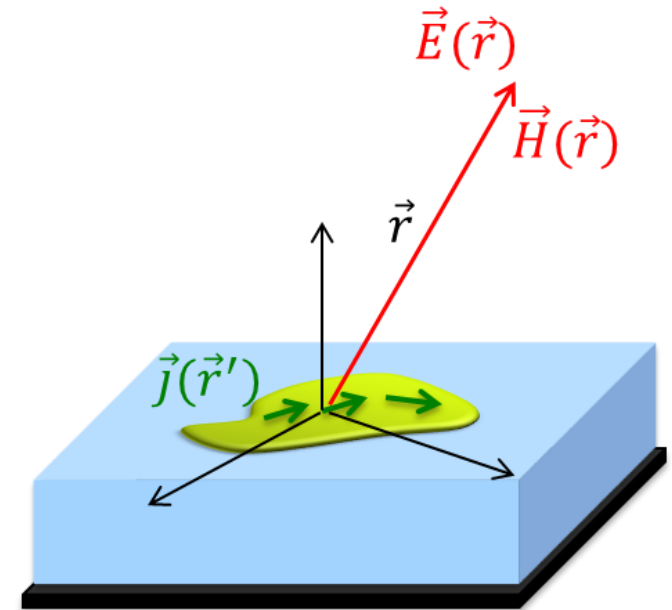
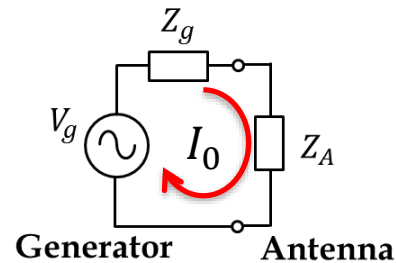
For antennas in free space  
with no ohmic losses



$$\mathbf{j}_{eq} = I_0 \mathbf{f}(x, y)$$

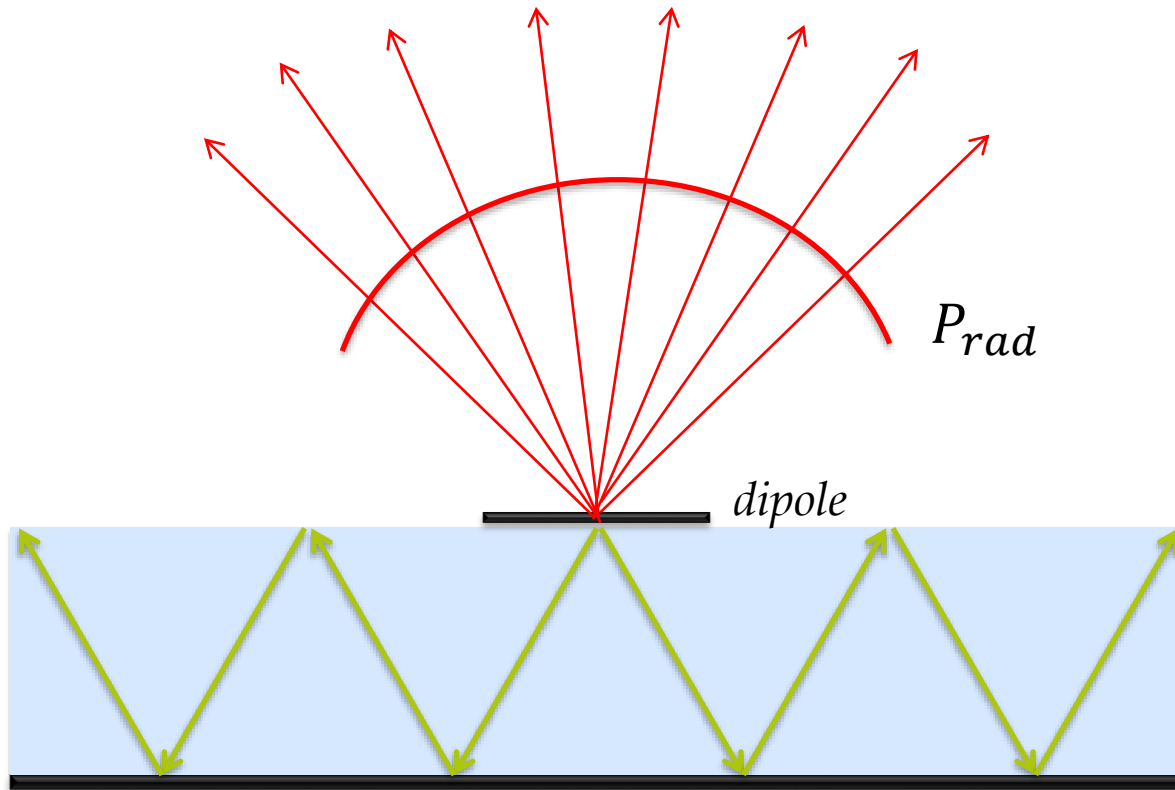


$$P_{rad} = \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} U(\theta, \phi) \sin \theta d\theta d\phi = P_{Z_A} = \frac{1}{2} |I_0|^2 \text{Re}\{Z_A\}$$



What happens in antennas  
radiating into infinitely  
extended dielectrics?

# Surface Waves



There is a part of the power delivered to the antenna that is radiated inside the dielectric!

$P_{sw}$

Today, we will focus on how to characterize the power launched into SWs!

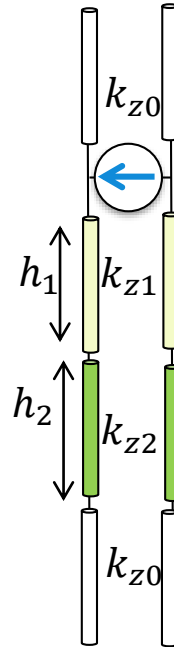
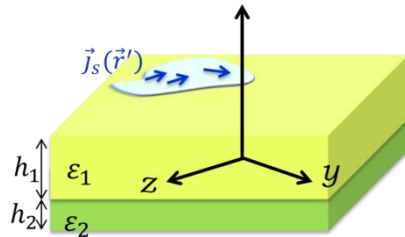
$$P_{Z_A} = \frac{1}{2} |I_0|^2 \operatorname{Re}\{Z_A\} = P_{rad} + P_{sw}$$

# Dyadic Green's Function for Stratified Media

$$\mathbf{f}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_x, k_y, z, z') \mathbf{C}_s(k_x, k_y) e^{-jk_x x} e^{-jk_y y} dk_x dk_y$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{ej} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{v_{TM}k_x^2 + v_{TE}k_y^2}{k_\rho^2} & \frac{(v_{TE} - v_{TM})k_x k_y}{k_\rho^2} \\ \frac{(v_{TE} - v_{TM})k_x k_y}{k_\rho^2} & -\frac{v_{TE}k_x^2 + v_{TM}k_y^2}{k_\rho^2} \\ \varsigma \frac{k_x}{k} i_{TM} & \varsigma \frac{k_y}{k} i_{TM} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{hj} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{(i_{TM} - i_{TE})k_x k_y}{k_\rho^2} & \frac{i_{TE}k_x^2 + i_{TM}k_y^2}{k_\rho^2} \\ \frac{i_{TE}k_y^2 + i_{TM}k_x^2}{k_\rho^2} & \frac{(i_{TE} - i_{TM})k_x k_y}{k_\rho^2} \\ \frac{k_y}{\varsigma k} v_{TE} & \frac{k_x}{\varsigma k} v_{TE} \end{bmatrix}$$



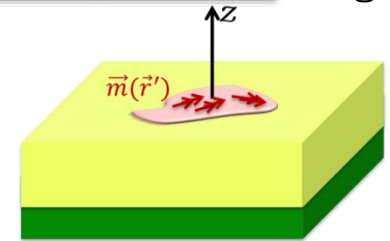
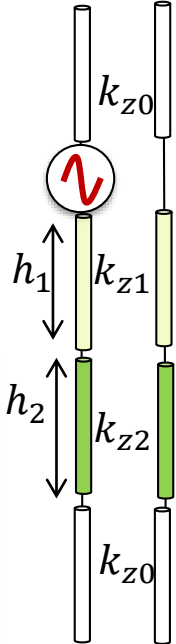
$$k_{zi} = \sqrt{k_i^2 - k_x^2 - k_y^2}$$

$$Z_{TMi} = \varsigma_i k_{zi} / k_i$$

$$Z_{TEi} = \varsigma_i k_i / k_{zi}$$

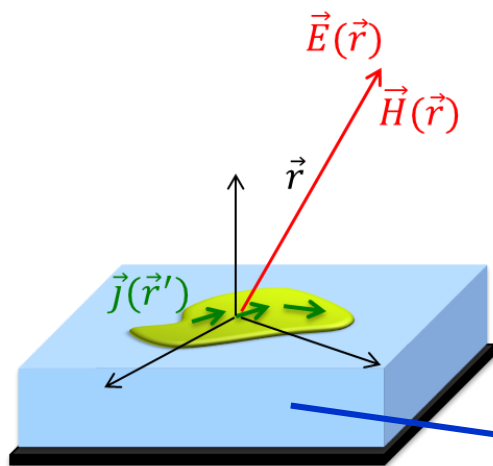
$$\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{hm} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{i_{TE}k_x^2 + i_{TM}k_y^2}{k_\rho^2} & \frac{(i_{TM} - i_{TE})k_x k_y}{k_\rho^2} \\ \frac{(i_{TM} - i_{TE})k_x k_y}{k_\rho^2} & -\frac{i_{TM}k_x^2 + i_{TE}k_y^2}{k_\rho^2} \\ \frac{k_x}{\varsigma k} v_{TE} & \frac{k_y}{\varsigma k} v_{TE} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{em} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{(v_{TM} - v_{TE})k_x k_y}{k_\rho^2} & -\frac{v_{TE}k_y^2 + v_{TM}k_x^2}{k_\rho^2} \\ \frac{v_{TE}k_x^2 + v_{TM}k_y^2}{k_\rho^2} & \frac{(v_{TE} - v_{TM})k_x k_y}{k_\rho^2} \\ -\varsigma \frac{k_y}{k} i_{TM} & \varsigma \frac{k_x}{k} i_{TM} \end{bmatrix}$$



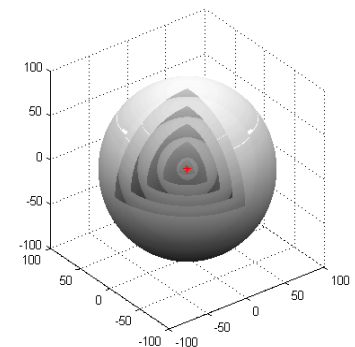
# Fields Radiated by Printed Antennas

$$f(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{G}^{fc}(k_x, k_y, z, z') \mathcal{C}_s(k_x, k_y) e^{-jk_x x} e^{-jk_y y} dk_x dk_y$$



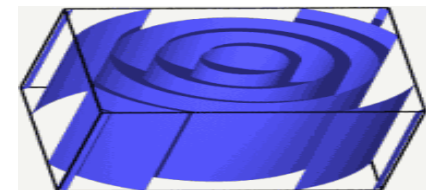
**Far field: Spherical wave** is emerging when the observation point is in the infinite medium

$$\frac{e^{-jk_0 r}}{r}$$



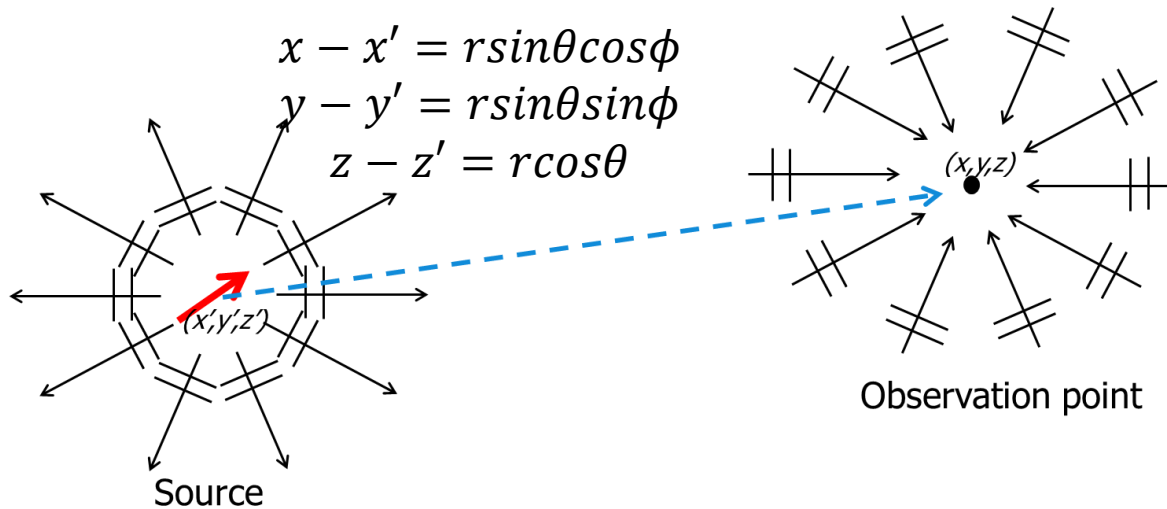
**Surface wave: Cylindrical wave** is emerging when the observation point is inside a dielectric substrate with finite thickness

$$\frac{e^{-jk_{sw} \rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}}$$



# Dominant PW in the Far Field

$$\vec{f}^{far}(\vec{r}) = jk_{zs} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_{xs}, k_{ys}, z, z') \vec{\mathbf{C}}(k_{xs}, k_{ys}) e^{jk_{zs}|z-z'|} \frac{e^{-jkr}}{2\pi r}$$



**The plane wave with the dominant role is the one given by the direct ray**

$$k_{xs} = k_0 \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

$$k_{ys} = k_0 \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$k_{zs} = k_0 \cos \theta$$

**It corresponds to a stationary phase point**

The far field of any source is proportional to  $\frac{e^{-jkr}}{r}$  *Spherical Wave*

The region of the spectrum that impacts the far field is

$$k_\rho < k_0$$

# Can we simplify the integration?

$$\vec{f}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{G}^{fc}(k_\rho, \alpha, z, z') \vec{C}(k_\rho, \alpha) e^{-j\vec{k}_\rho \cdot \vec{\rho}} k_\rho dk_\rho d\alpha$$

If we want to calculate the field at a *relatively large distance* from the source:

- Far field
- Surface wave contribution

Apart from space waves, the integral is dominated by the singularities (critical spectral points) of the SGF

The current is slow varying function at a critical points ( $k_{\rho c}$ ), and saddle points therefore it can be extracted from the integral

$$\vec{f}_c(\vec{r}) \approx \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{G}^{fc}(k_\rho, \alpha, z, z') e^{-j\vec{k}_\rho \cdot \vec{\rho}} k_\rho dk_\rho d\alpha \vec{C}(k_{\rho c}, \alpha_{cs})$$

critical point  
In  $k_\rho$

Saddle point  
in  $\alpha$

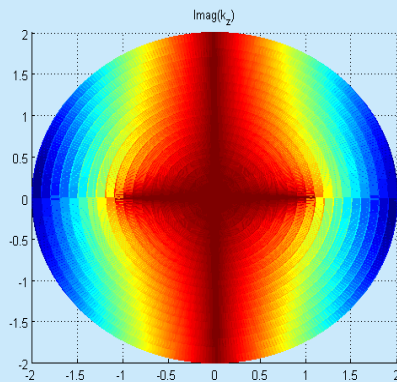


# Preferred Branch Convention

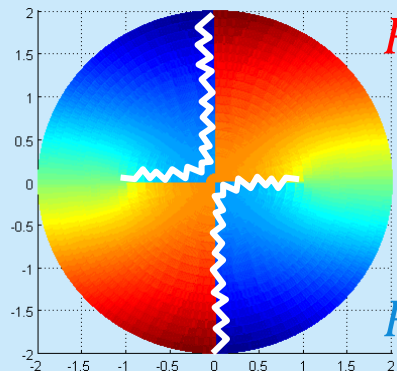
Selection of square root multivalues on the Riemann sheets to obtain a **unique specification of the integrand in the complex plane**

$$k_z = -j \sqrt{-(k^2 - k_\rho^2)}$$

Top Riemann Sheet:



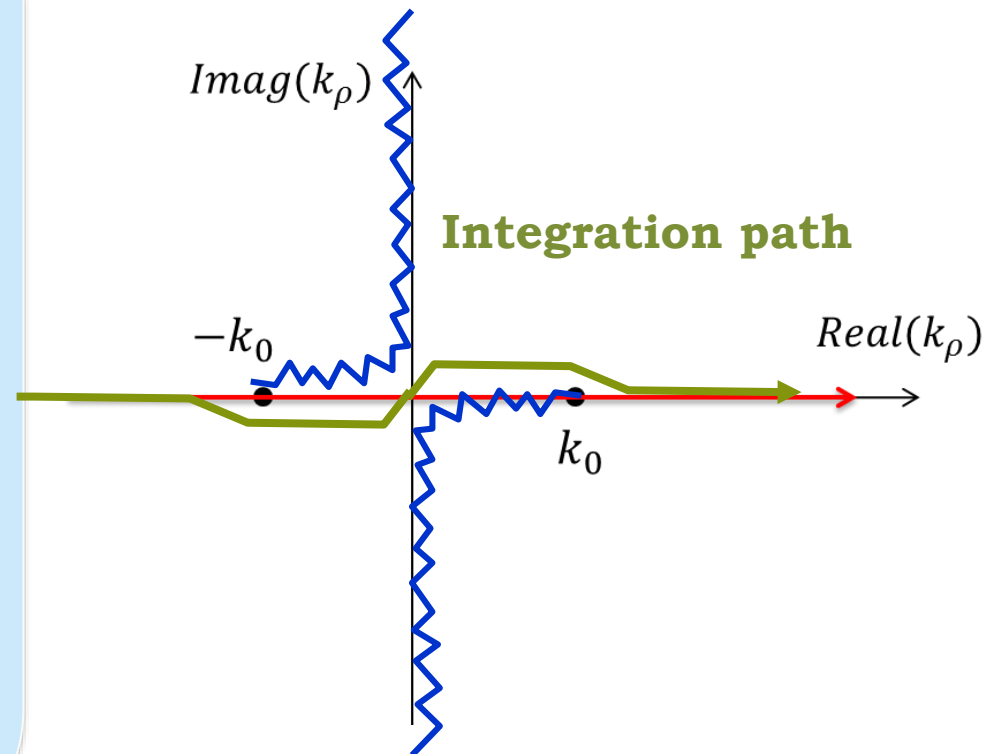
$$\text{Imag}(k_z) < 0$$



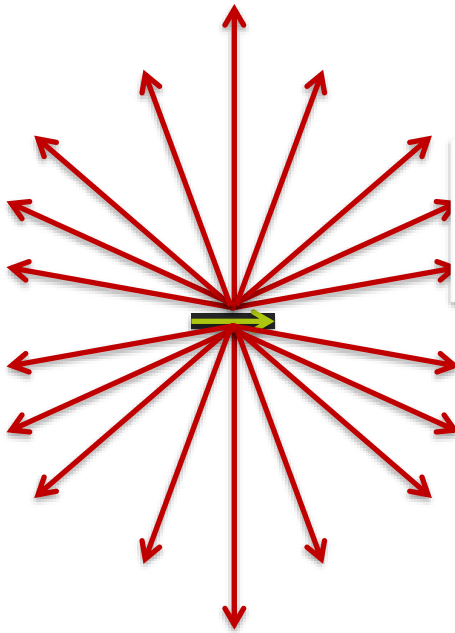
$$\text{Real}(k_z) > 0$$

$$\text{Real}(k_z) < 0$$

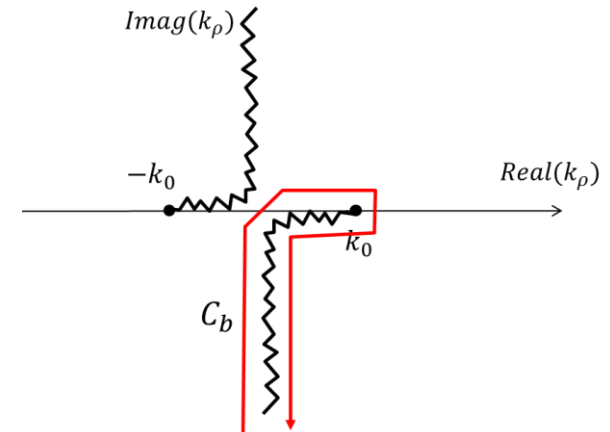
Branch cuts



# Space Wave



$$I_b = \int_{C_b} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_\rho, z, z') e^{-j\vec{k}_\rho \cdot \vec{\rho}} k_\rho dk_\rho$$



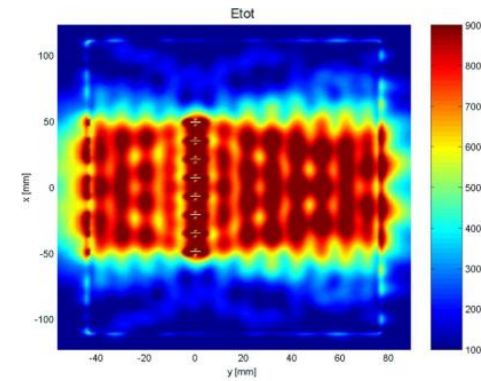
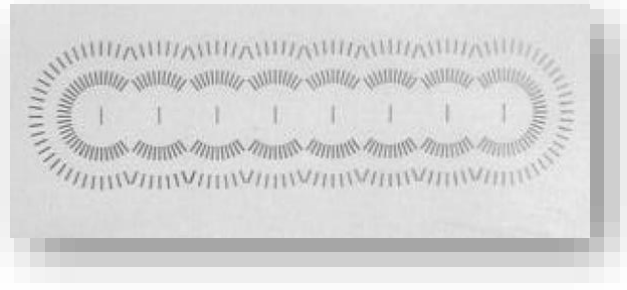
The field associated has a decay of **1/r**

The far field is a space wave evaluated at large observation distances

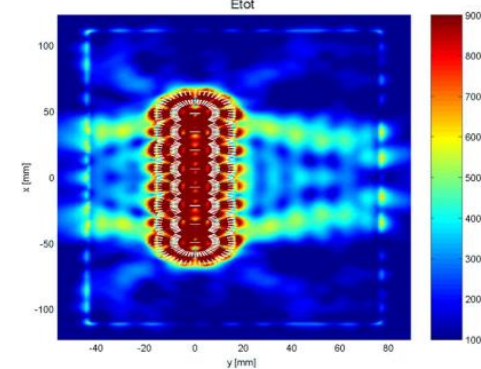
$$\vec{f}^{far}(\vec{r}) = jk_{zs} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_{xs}, k_{ys}, z, z') \vec{\mathcal{C}}(k_{xs}, k_{ys}) e^{jk_{zs}|z-z'|} \frac{e^{-jkr}}{2\pi r}$$

$$k_\rho < k_0$$

## Fields radiated into the dielectric (surface wave)



(a)



(b)

# General Stratification

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{G}^{fc}(k_{\rho}, \alpha, z, z') e^{-j\vec{k}_{\rho} \cdot \vec{\rho}} k_{\rho} dk_{\rho}$$

For n-dielectric layers, we have n different square roots

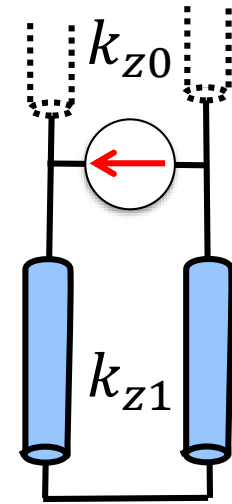
$$k_{zi} = \pm \sqrt{k_i^2 - k_{\rho}^2}$$

The dependency of  $\tilde{G}^{fc}(k_{\rho}, \alpha, z, z')$  on  $k_{zi}$  is always even except for infinite mediums



There are not two different values associated to the  $\pm$

$$Z_d = jZ_s \tan(k_{zs}h)$$



**Branch cuts are only present in infinite open mediums. They give rise to the space wave field.**

**Pole singularities in  $k_{\rho}$  arise in dielectric stratifications.**

# Pole Singularities

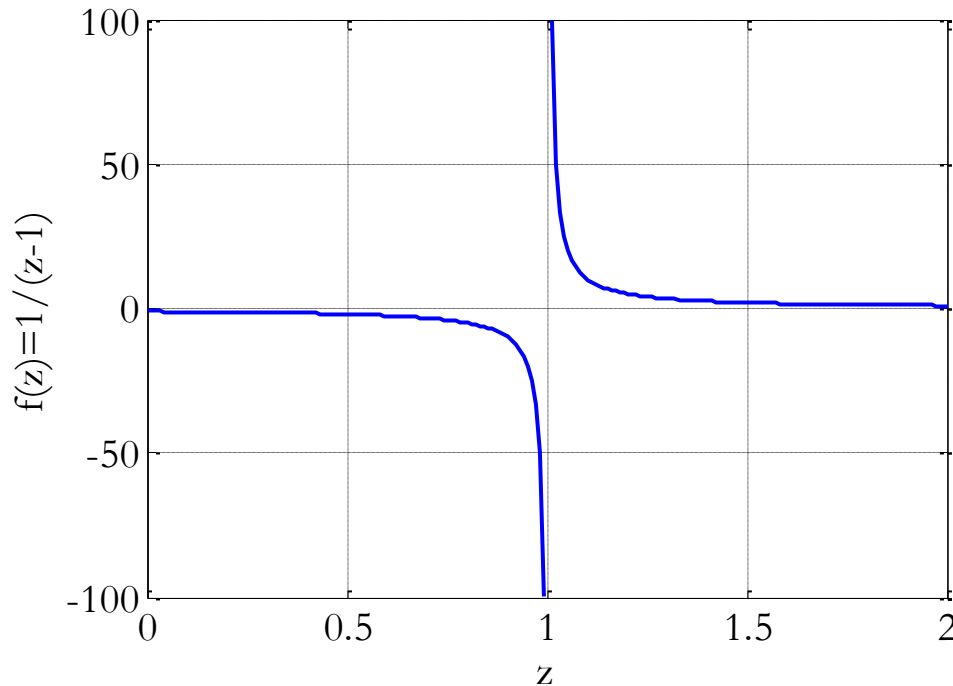
$$f(z) = \frac{g(z)}{(z-a)^n}$$



$$f(z) = \frac{1}{h(z)}$$

$a$  is a pole of  $f(z)$  of order  $n$   
provided that  $g(a) \neq 0$

The zeros of  $h(z)$   
are the poles of  $f(z)$

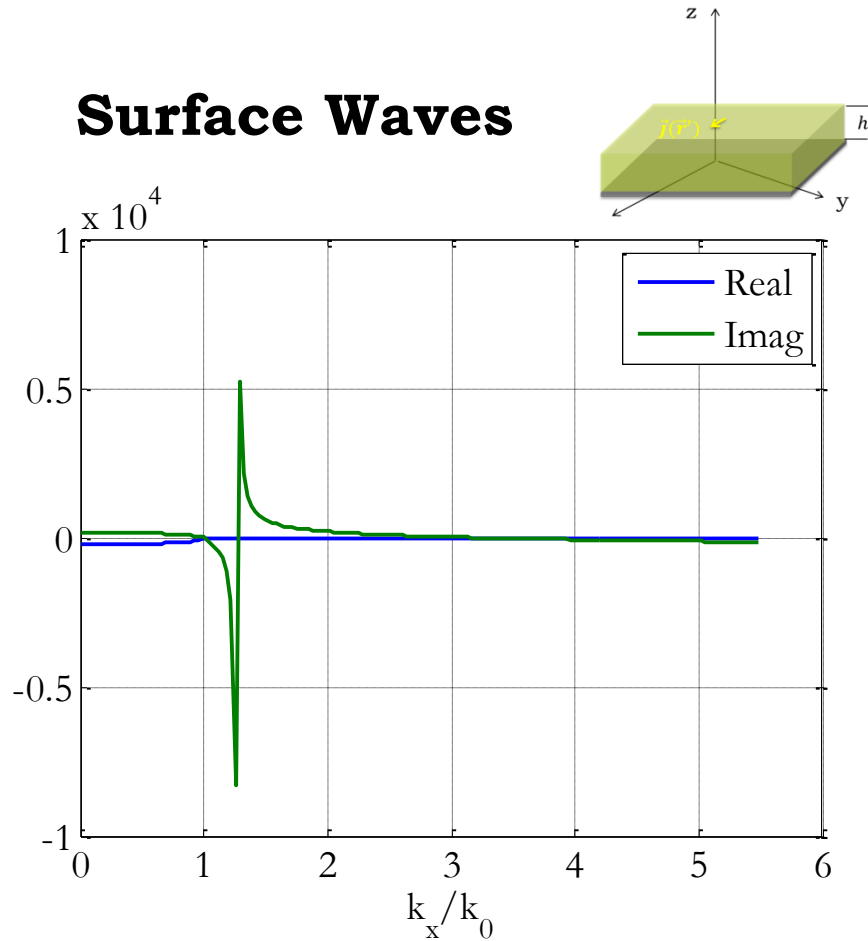


$$h(z) = 0$$

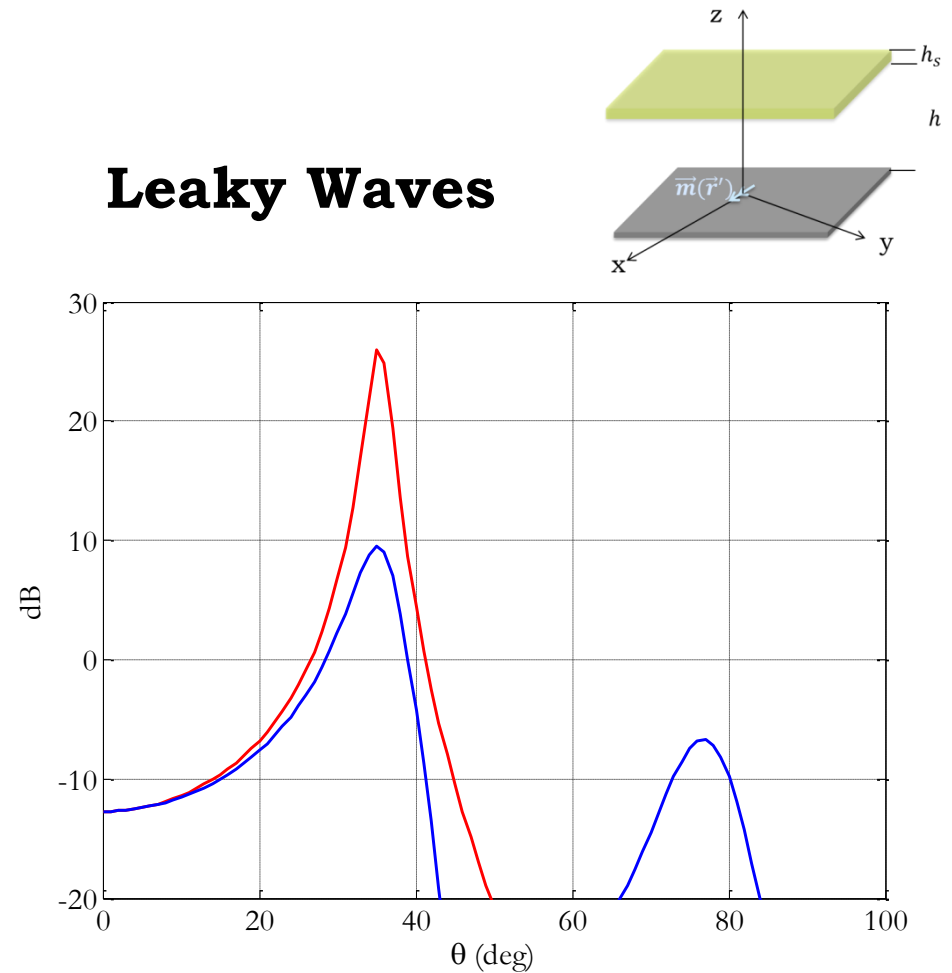
**Dispersion equation** to find  
the pole singularities

# Examples

## Surface Waves



## Leaky Waves



# Pole Singularities in the Trx Line Representation

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_{\rho}, \alpha, z, z') e^{-j\vec{k}_{\rho} \cdot \vec{\rho}} k_{\rho} dk_{\rho}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{ej} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{v_{TM}k_x^2 + v_{TE}k_y^2}{k_{\rho}^2} & \frac{(v_{TE} - v_{TM})k_x k_y}{k_{\rho}^2} \\ \frac{(v_{TE} - v_{TM})k_x k_y}{k_{\rho}^2} & -\frac{v_{TE}k_x^2 + v_{TM}k_y^2}{k_{\rho}^2} \\ \varsigma \frac{k_x}{k} i_{TM} & \varsigma \frac{k_y}{k} i_{TM} \end{bmatrix}$$

- The pole singularities come from the transmission line solution:

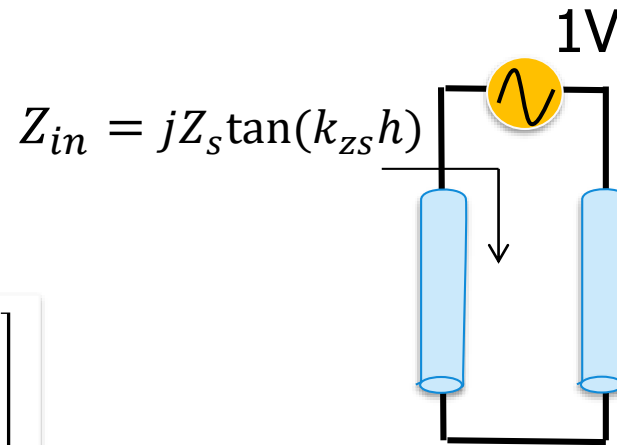
$$v_{TM/TE}(k_{\rho}, z, z') \text{ \& } i_{TM/TE}(k_{\rho}, z, z')$$

- They arise from the zeros of the denominator

$$v_{TM/TE}(k_{\rho}, z, z') = \frac{N_{TM/TE}(k_{\rho}, z, z')}{D_{TM/TE}(k_{\rho})} \quad i_{TM/TE}(k_{\rho}, z, z') = \frac{F_{TM/TE}(k_{\rho}, z, z')}{D_{TM/TE}(k_{\rho})}$$

- Two type of poles can be found: TE and TM associated to the two types of transmission lines
- Different type of sources (J/M) on the same stratification will be characterized by the same surface waves (pole singularities)

# Example: Parallel Plate Waveguide



$$\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{hm} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{i_{TE}k_x^2 + i_{TM}k_y^2}{k_\rho^2} & \frac{(i_{TM} - i_{TE})k_x k_y}{k_\rho^2} \\ \frac{(i_{TM} - i_{TE})k_x k_y}{k_\rho^2} & -\frac{i_{TM}k_x^2 + i_{TE}k_y^2}{k_\rho^2} \\ \frac{k_x}{\zeta k} v_{TE} & \frac{k_y}{\zeta k} v_{TE} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$i(z = z_s) = Y_{in} = \frac{1}{jZ_s \tan(k_{zs}h)}$$



The poles in the transversal complex plane- $k_\rho$  can be found solving the following **dispersion equation**

$$D(k_\rho) = jZ_s \tan(k_{zs}h) = 0$$



# Example: Parallel Plate Waveguide

$$Z_{TMi} = \zeta_i k_{zi} / k_i$$

$$D(k_\rho) = jZ_s \tan(k_{zs}h) = 0$$

$$Z_{TEi} = \zeta_i k_i / k_{zi}$$

for TM  $k_{zs} \tan(k_{zs}h) = 0$

$$k_{zs} = 0 \quad \tan(k_{zs}h) = 0$$

$$k_{\rho_0} = k \quad k_{zs}h = n\pi$$

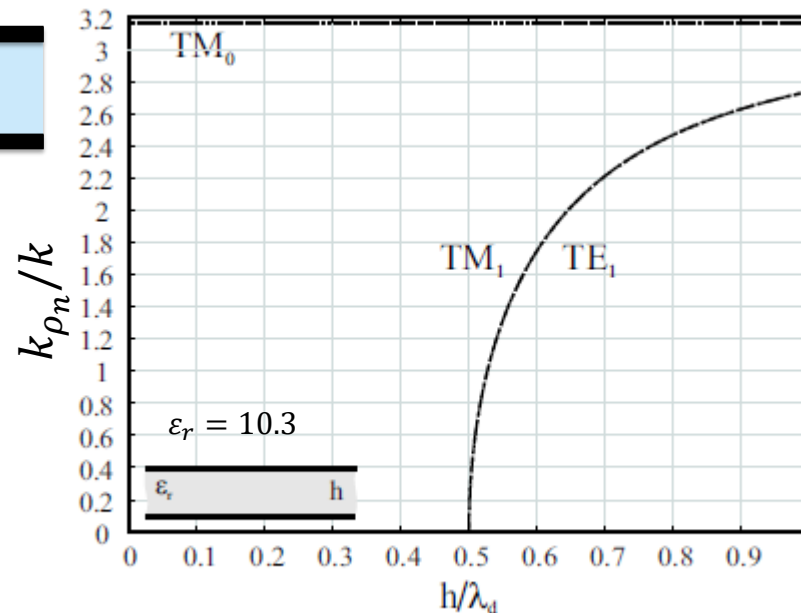
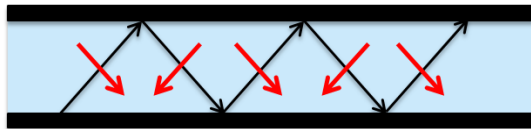
$$k_{\rho_n} = \sqrt{k^2 - \left(\frac{n\pi}{h}\right)^2}$$

for TE  $\tan(k_{zs}h) = 0$

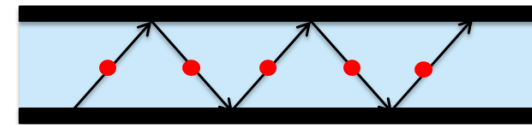
$$k_{zs}h = n\pi$$

$$k_{\rho_n} = \sqrt{k^2 - \left(\frac{n\pi}{h}\right)^2}$$

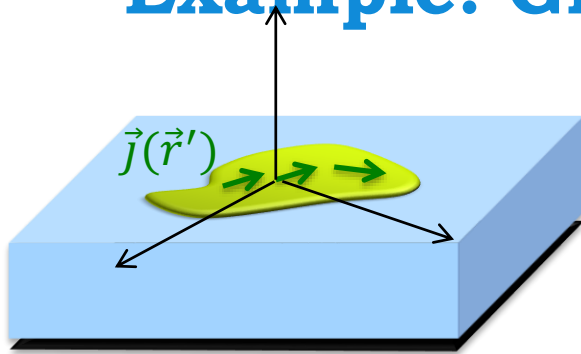
TM Wave



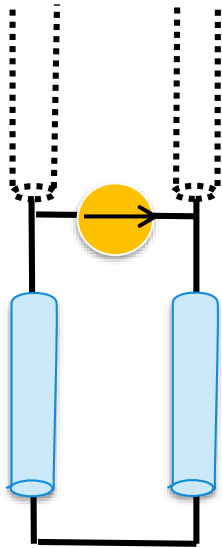
TE Wave



# Example: Grounded Dielectric Substrate



$$Z_{in} = \frac{Z_u Z_d}{Z_u + Z_d} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Z_u = Z_0 \\ Z_d = jZ_s \tan(k_{zs}h) \end{array} \right.$$



$$v(z = z_s) = Z_{in}$$



All the voltage and current solutions at any  $z$ -quote are expressed as a function of this voltage

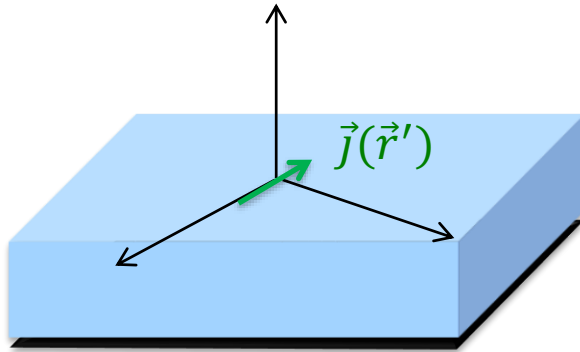


The poles in the complex plane can be found solving the following **dispersion equation**

$$D(k_\rho) = Z_u + Z_d = 0$$

for TE and TM

# Example: Grounded Dielectric Substrate



All the voltage and current solutions at any z-quote are expressed as a function of the same denominator,  $D(k_\rho)$

Voltage in the slab:

$$V_s = \frac{Z_u Z_d \sin(k_{zs} z)}{Z_u + Z_d \sin(k_{zs} h)} = \frac{Z_u Z_d \sin(k_{zs} z)}{D(k_\rho) \sin(k_{zs} h)}$$

Current in the slab:

$$I_s = \frac{1}{Z_s} \frac{Z_u Z_d j \cos(k_{zs} z)}{D(k_\rho) \sin(k_{zs} h)}$$

Voltage in the air:

$$V_0 = \frac{Z_u Z_d}{D(k_\rho)} e^{jk_{z0} h} e^{-jk_{z0} z}$$

Current in the air:

$$I_0 = \frac{1}{Z_0} \frac{Z_u Z_d}{D(k_\rho)} e^{jk_{z0} h} e^{-jk_{z0} z}$$

# Solving Dispersion Equations

***If we know a good guess of the solution,  $k_\rho^g$***

1) One can expand the denominator around this point using the Taylor's series:

$$D(k_\rho) \approx D(k_\rho^g) + D'(k_\rho^g)(k_\rho - k_\rho^g)$$

2) Evaluating this expansion in the actual zero,  $k_{\rho 0}$  :

$$D(k_{\rho 0}) \approx D(k_\rho^g) + D'(k_\rho^g)(k_{\rho 0} - k_\rho^g) = 0$$

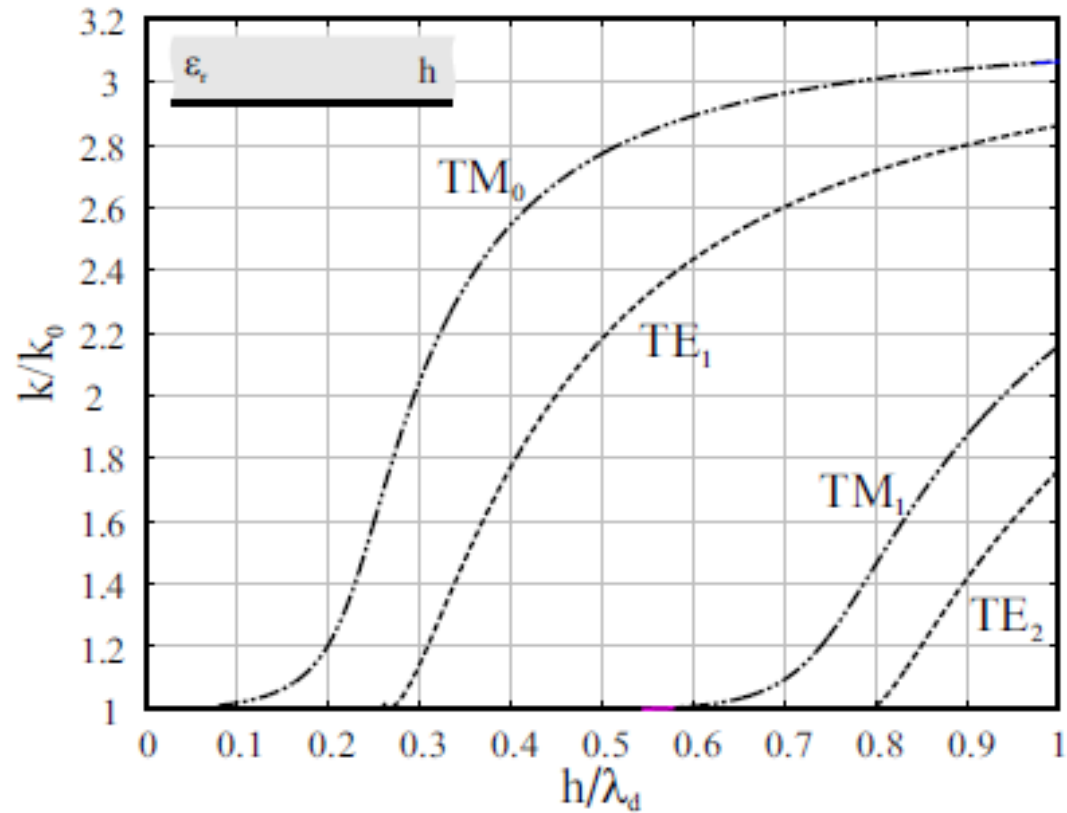


The derivative can be done numerically

$$k_{\rho 0} = k_\rho^g - \frac{D(k_\rho^g)}{D'(k_\rho^g)}$$

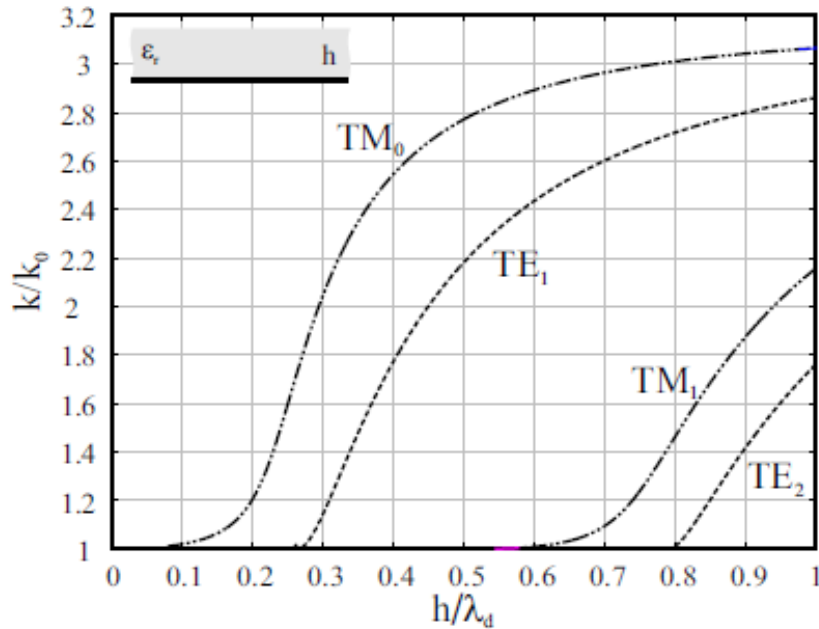
$$D'(k_\rho^g) \approx \frac{D(k_\rho^g + \Delta k/2) - D(k_\rho^g - \Delta k/2)}{\Delta k} \quad \Delta k = k_0/500$$

# SWs in a Grounded Slab



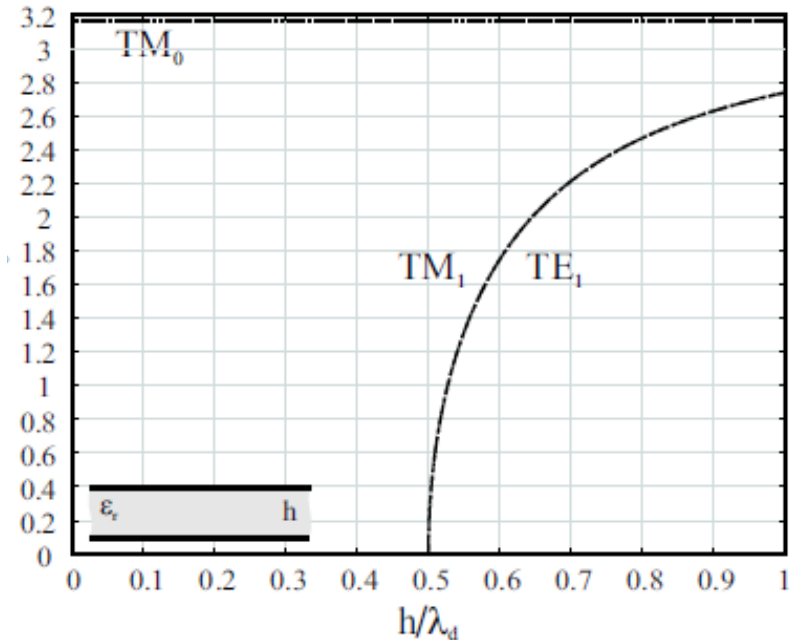
# Grounded Slab vs PPW

## Grounded Slab



Not a TEM (propagation constant goes from  $k_0$  to  $kd$ )  
 $TE_1$  starts propagation at  $\lambda_d/4$

## PPW



Fundamental mode, no cut-off  
 TEM mode with  $kd$  propagation constant  
 $TE_1/TM_1$  starts propagation at  $\lambda_d/2$

# Surface Waves

Real transverse propagation constant

$$k_{\rho sw} \equiv \beta_{sw} > k_0$$

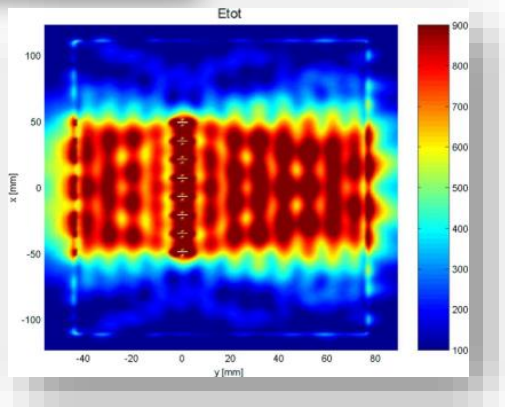
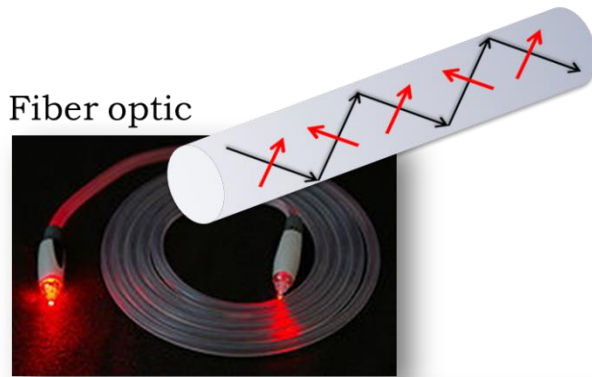
Waves that propagate in the transverse direction without attenuation:  $e^{-jk_{\rho sw}\rho}$



They correspond to *guided waves* inside the dielectric substrates



- They can be used as a dielectric waveguides
- They constitute a loss of power in antennas



# Surface Waves

$$k_{\rho}^{sw} = \beta^{sw} = k_0 \sqrt{\epsilon_r^{sw}}$$

$$k_0 < k_{\rho}^{sw} < k_d$$

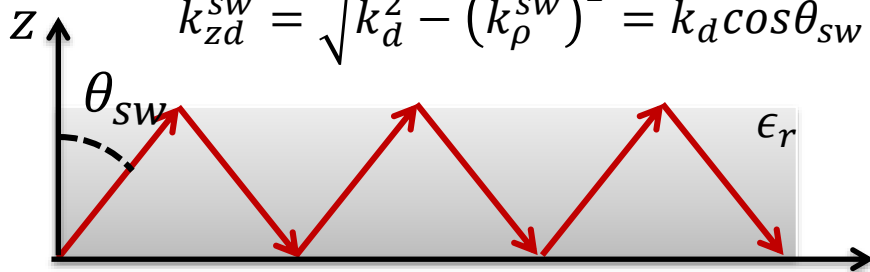
They are also referred as  
**slow waves**

$$k_{\rho}^{sw} = \frac{2\pi f}{v_{sw}} > k_0 \quad v_{sw} < v_0$$

It can be seen as a couple of **homogenous waves propagating inside the dielectric** with a direction characterized by a real angle  $\pm\theta_{sw}$ :

$$\beta^{sw} = k_d \sin\theta_{sw} < k_d \quad \sin\theta_{sw} = \frac{\sqrt{\epsilon_r^{sw}}}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}$$

$$k_{zd}^{sw} = \sqrt{k_d^2 - (k_{\rho}^{sw})^2} = k_d \cos\theta_{sw}$$



There is no attenuation, therefore the energy carried by the surface wave will reach *infinity* in  $\rho$

It is an **inhomogeneous wave** in the air region:

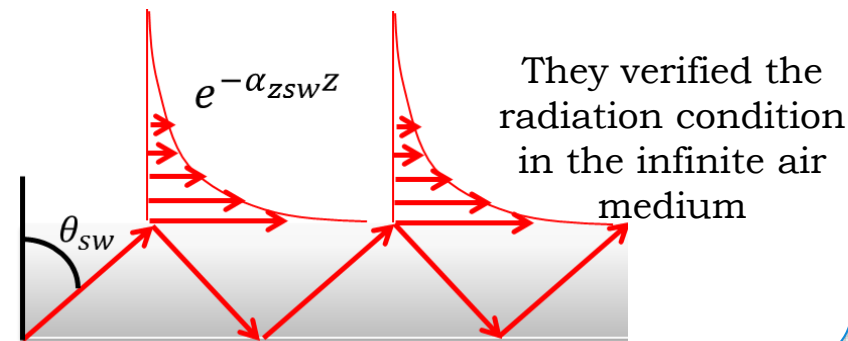
$$k_{z0sw} = -j\sqrt{-(k_0^2 - (k_{\rho}^{sw})^2)} = -j\alpha_{zsw}$$

The sw angle is above the critical angle

$$\sqrt{\epsilon_r} \sin\theta_{sw} = \sin\theta_0$$

$$\sqrt{\epsilon_r^{sw}} = \sin\theta_0$$

Therefore  $\theta_0$  is imaginary





# Asymptotic Evaluation of the SW Fields

How does the EM field of the SW depends on the observation point and on the excitation current shape?

$$\mathbf{f}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_\rho, \alpha, z, z') \mathbf{C}_s(k_\rho, \alpha) e^{-jk_\rho \rho \cos(\alpha - \phi)} k_\rho dk_\rho d\alpha$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_x &= k_\rho \cos \alpha & k_y &= k_\rho \sin \alpha \\ x &= \rho \cos \phi & y &= \rho \sin \phi \end{aligned}$$



The function  $\mathbf{C}_s(k_\rho, \alpha)$  does not contain any singularity, and we assume that that this function is slowly varying function of  $k_\rho$  and  $\alpha$  **for large observation points**.

$$\vec{f}_i^{sw}(\vec{r}) \approx \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_\rho, \alpha, z, z') e^{-jk_\rho \rho \cos(\alpha - \phi)} k_\rho dk_\rho d\alpha \mathbf{C}_s(k_{\rho swi}, \alpha_s)$$

Note  $\mathbf{C}_s(k_\rho, \alpha)$ :  $k_\rho$  in surface wave pole,  $\alpha$  in saddle point

# Cauchy's theorem

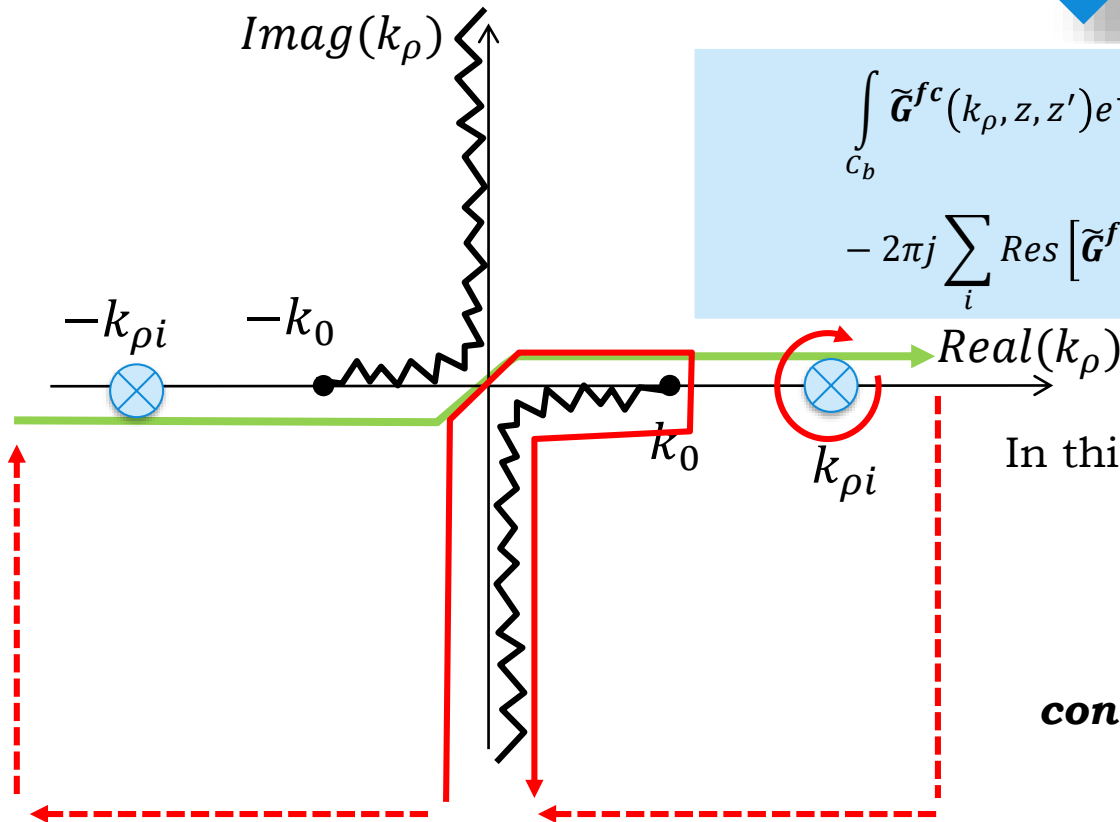
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_{\rho}, \alpha, z, z') e^{-j\vec{k}_{\rho} \cdot \vec{\rho}} k_{\rho} dk_{\rho}$$

$$\int_R f(k_{\rho}) dk_{\rho} = \int_{C_b} f(k_{\rho}) dk_{\rho} - 2\pi j \sum_i \text{Res}[k_{\rho i}]$$



The field is divided into a space wave and a **surface wave contribution**

$$\int_{C_b} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_{\rho}, z, z') e^{-j\vec{k}_{\rho} \cdot \vec{\rho}} k_{\rho} dk_{\rho} - 2\pi j \sum_i \text{Res} \left[ \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_{\rho}, z, z') e^{-j\vec{k}_{\rho} \cdot \vec{\rho}} k_{\rho} \right] \Big|_{k_{\rho}=k_{\rho i}}$$



In this deformation path, only poles in the top Riemann sheet are captured

**Poles gives rise to discrete contributions to the field in the form of waves**

# SW Fields

Evaluating current in the spectral critical point

$$\vec{f}_c(\vec{r}) \approx \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^\pi \int_{-\infty}^\infty \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_\rho, \alpha, z, z') e^{-j\vec{k}_\rho \cdot \vec{\rho}} k_\rho dk_\rho d\alpha \vec{\mathbf{C}}(k_{\rho c}, \alpha_{cs})$$

$\alpha_{cs}$  = Saddle point in  $\alpha$



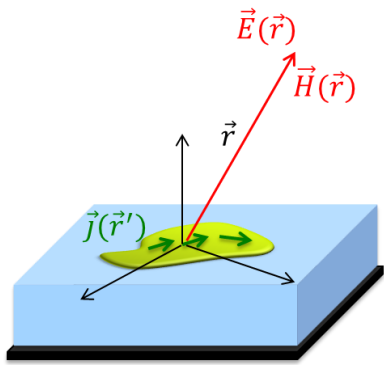
*Residue  
theorem*

$$-2\pi j \sum_i \text{Res} \left[ \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_\rho, z, z') e^{-j\vec{k}_\rho \cdot \vec{\rho}} k_\rho \right] \Big|_{k_\rho = k_{\rho i}}$$

$$\vec{f}_i^{sw}(\vec{r}) \approx \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^\pi \left( -2\pi j \text{Res} \left[ \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_\rho, z, z') \right] \Big|_{k_\rho = k_{\rho i}} k_{\rho i} e^{-j\vec{k}_{\rho i} \cdot \vec{\rho}} \right) d\alpha \vec{\mathbf{C}}(k_{\rho i}, \alpha_{cs})$$

$k_{\rho i}$  = surface wave propagation constant

# SW Field Contribution

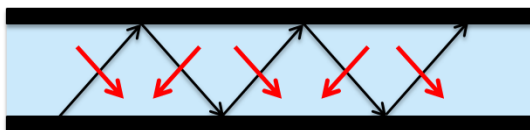


**Poles gives rise to discrete contributions to the field in the form of waves**

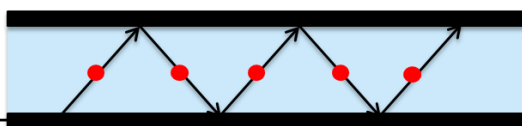
$$\vec{f}_i^{sw}(\vec{r}) \approx \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^\pi \left( -2\pi j \operatorname{Res} \left[ \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_\rho, z, z') \right] \Big|_{k_\rho = k_{\rho i}} k_{\rho i} e^{-j\vec{k}_{\rho i} \cdot \vec{\rho}} \right) d\alpha \vec{\mathcal{C}}(k_{\rho i}, \alpha_s)$$

There is two kind of surface waves depending on the field polarization, related to the two transmission line field representation

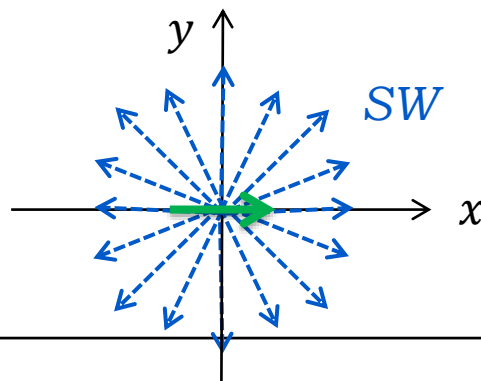
TM Wave



TE Wave



The surface waves propagate in radial direction ( $\vec{\rho}$ ) with a propagation constant given by the pole spectral location,  $k_{\rho i}$

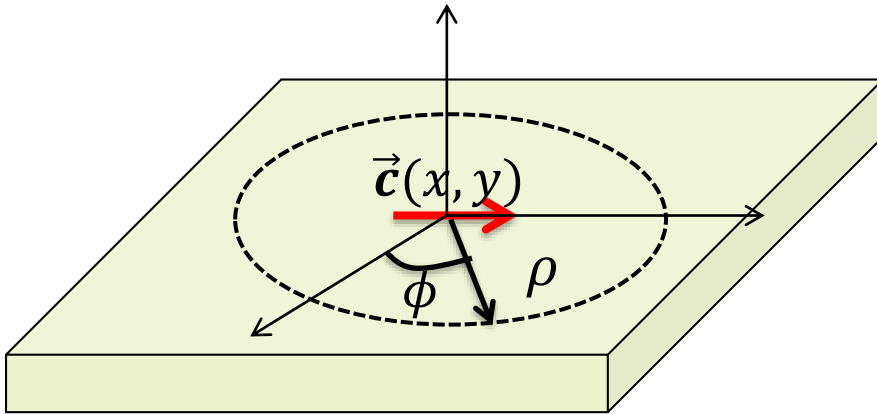


The amount of energy launched into the surface wave and its spatial distribution will also depend on the shape current via its FT

# $\alpha$ -Integral

Since SWs do not attenuate in the dielectric (real propagation constant), for large distances, we can approximate the  $\alpha$ -integrands similar to what we did for the far field, via a **saddle points**

$$\vec{f}_i^{sw}(\vec{r}) \approx \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^\pi \left( -2\pi j \operatorname{Res} \left[ \tilde{\mathcal{G}}^{fc}(k_\rho, z, z') \right] \Big|_{k_\rho=k_{\rho i}} k_{\rho i} e^{-j\vec{k}_{\rho i} \cdot \vec{\rho}} \right) d\alpha \vec{\mathcal{C}}(k_{\rho i}, \alpha_s)$$



The Integral in  $\alpha$  will be evaluated asymptotically

$$\vec{f}_i^{sw}(\vec{r}) \approx \frac{-jk_{\rho i}}{2\pi} \operatorname{Res} \left[ \tilde{\mathcal{G}}^{fc}(k_\rho, z, z') \right] \Big|_{k_\rho=k_{\rho i}} \vec{\mathcal{C}}(k_{\rho i}, \alpha_s) \int_0^\pi e^{-j\vec{k}_{\rho i} \cdot \vec{\rho}} d\alpha$$

# Pole-Residue

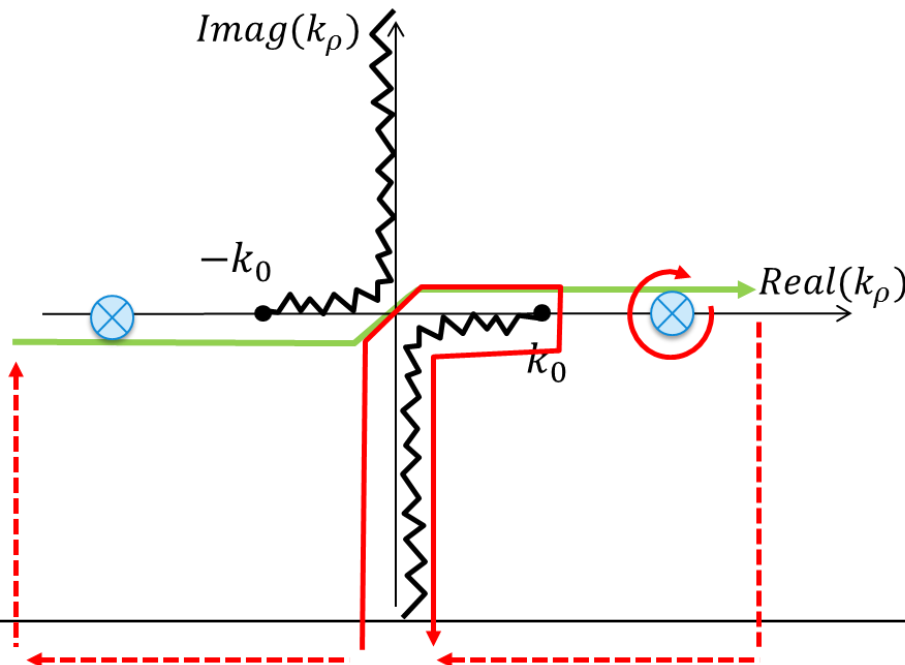
$$\int_0^{\pi} e^{-j\vec{k}_{\rho i} \cdot \vec{\rho}} d\alpha$$

$$e^{-j\vec{k}_{\rho i} \cdot \vec{\rho}} = e^{-jk_{\rho i} \rho \cos(\alpha - \phi)}$$

Let us consider:

$$\vec{k}_{\rho i} \cdot \vec{\rho} > 0 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad k_{\rho i} \rho \cos(\alpha - \phi) > 0 \quad \cos(\alpha - \phi) > 0$$

the poles with positive ksw are captured



We are now left with this integral

$$\int_0^{\pi} e^{-jk_{\rho i} \rho \cos(\alpha - \phi)} d\alpha$$

# Stationary phase method

$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-j\Omega q(x)} dx \quad \longrightarrow \quad I \approx f(x_s) e^{-j\Omega q(x_s)} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\frac{1}{2}\Omega |q''(x_s)|}} e^{\mp j\pi/4}$$

Where  $q(x)$  is a function with a minimum/ maximum in  $x_s$

$$q'(x_s) = 0$$

$$\Omega > 0 \quad \mp q''(x_s) > / < 0$$

$$I = \int_0^{\pi} e^{-jk_{\rho i} \rho \cos(\alpha - \phi)} d\alpha \quad \longrightarrow$$

$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\alpha) e^{-j\Omega q(\alpha)} d\alpha$$

$$k_{\rho i} \rho = \Omega$$

$$q(\alpha) = \cos(\alpha - \phi)$$

$$f(\alpha) = 1$$

Saddle point  $q'(\alpha) = -\sin(\alpha - \phi) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \alpha = \phi$

# Stationary phase method

$$I = \int_0^{\pi} e^{-jk_{\rho i} \rho \cos(\alpha - \phi)} d\alpha$$

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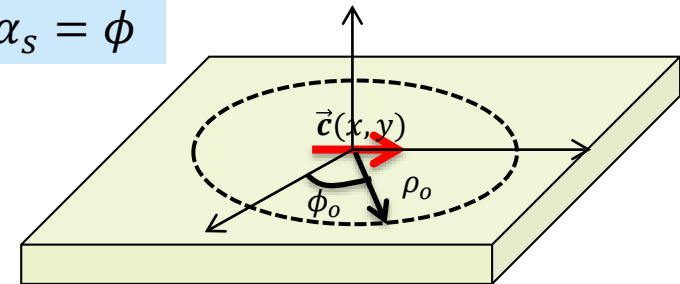
$$I \approx f(\alpha_s) e^{-j\Omega q(\alpha_s)} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\frac{1}{2}\Omega |q''(\alpha_s)|}} e^{j\pi/4}$$

$$q''(\alpha_s) = -\cos(\alpha_s - \phi) = -1$$



$$I \approx \frac{e^{-jk_{\rho i} \rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\frac{1}{2}k_{\rho i}}} e^{j\pi/4} \right]$$

$$\alpha_s = \phi$$





# SW Field Contribution

$$\vec{f}_i^{sw}(\vec{r}) \approx \frac{-jk_{\rho i}}{2\pi} \text{Res} \left[ \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_{\rho}, z, z') \right] \Big|_{k_{\rho}=k_{\rho i}} \vec{\mathcal{C}}(k_{\rho i}, \alpha_s) \int_0^{\pi} e^{-j\vec{k}_{\rho i} \cdot \vec{\rho}} d\alpha$$

$$\alpha_s = \phi$$



$$\int_0^{\pi} e^{-j\vec{k}_{\rho i} \cdot \vec{\rho}} d\alpha = \frac{e^{-jk_{\rho i}\rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{j\pi/4} \right]$$

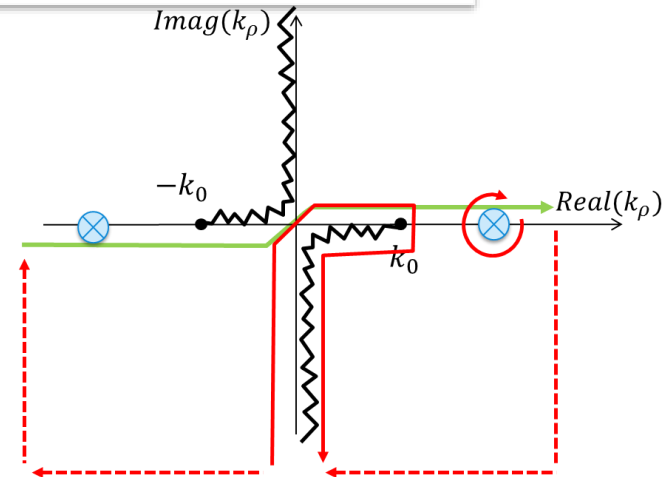
$$\vec{f}_i^{sw}(\vec{r}) \approx \frac{-jk_{\rho i}}{2\pi} \text{Res} \left[ \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_{\rho}, z, z') \right] \Big|_{k_{\rho}=k_{\rho i}} \vec{\mathcal{C}}(k_{\rho i}, \phi) \frac{e^{-jk_{\rho i}\rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{j\pi/4} \right]$$

$$\vec{f}_i^{sw}(\vec{r}) \approx -je^{j\pi/4} \sqrt{\frac{k_{\rho i}}{2\pi}} \text{Res} \left[ \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_{\rho}, z, z') \right] \Big|_{k_{\rho}=k_{\rho i}} \vec{\mathcal{C}}(k_{\rho i}, \phi) \frac{e^{-jk_{\rho i}\rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}}$$

# SW Field Contribution

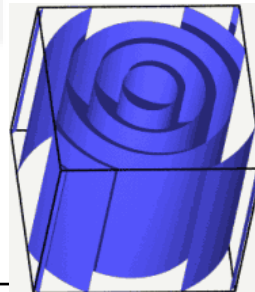
$$\mathbf{f}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_\rho, \alpha, z, z') \mathbf{C}_s(k_\rho, \alpha) e^{-jk_\rho \rho \cos(\alpha - \phi)} k_\rho dk_\rho d\alpha$$

*Pole singularities:*  
Discrete field contributions  
in the form of waves



$$\vec{f}_i^{sw}(\vec{r}) \approx -je^{j\pi/4} \sqrt{\frac{k_{\rho i}}{2\pi}} \text{Res} \left[ \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_\rho, z, z') \right] \Big|_{k_\rho = k_{\rho i}} \vec{\mathbf{C}}(k_{\rho i}, \phi) \frac{e^{-jk_{\rho i} \rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}}$$

$$\frac{e^{-jk_{sw}\rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}}$$



# Residue

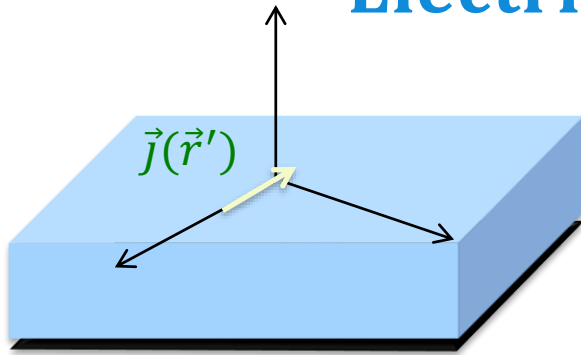
$$f(z) = \frac{g(z)}{z - a} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Res}(f(z)) = g(a)$$

$$f(z) = \frac{g(z)}{h(z)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Res}(f(z)) = \frac{g(a)}{h'(a)}$$

$$v_{TM}(k_\rho, z, z') = \frac{N(k_\rho)}{D(k_\rho)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Res}[v_{TM}(k_\rho, z, z')]\Big|_{k_{\rho i}} = \frac{N(k_{\rho i})}{D'(k_{\rho i})}$$

$$D'(k_\rho^g) \approx \frac{D(k_\rho^g + \Delta k/2) - D(k_\rho^g - \Delta k/2)}{\Delta k}$$

# Electric current oriented along x



$$\vec{f}_i^{sw}(\vec{r}) \approx \text{Res} \left[ \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fj}(k_\rho, z, z') \right] \Big|_{k_\rho=k_{\rho i}} \vec{J}(k_{\rho i}, \phi) \frac{C e^{-jk_{\rho i} \rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}} \quad C = j \sqrt{\frac{k_{\rho i}}{2\pi}} e^{j\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{ej} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{v_{TM} k_x^2 + v_{TE} k_y^2}{k_\rho^2} & \frac{(v_{TE} - v_{TM}) k_x k_y}{k_\rho^2} \\ \frac{(v_{TE} - v_{TM}) k_x k_y}{k_\rho^2} & -\frac{v_{TE} k_x^2 + v_{TM} k_y^2}{k_\rho^2} \\ \zeta \frac{k_x}{k} i_{TM} & \zeta \frac{k_y}{k} i_{TM} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_x &= k_\rho \cos \phi \\ k_y &= k_\rho \sin \phi \end{aligned}$$

## TM Wave

$$E_x(\rho, z) \approx \text{Res}[v_{TM}(k_\rho, z, z')] \Big|_{k_{\rho i}} J_x(k_{\rho i}, \phi) \frac{C e^{-jk_{\rho i} \rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}} \cos^2 \phi$$

$$E_y(\rho, z) \approx \text{Res}[v_{TM}(k_\rho, z, z')] \Big|_{k_{\rho i}} J_x(k_{\rho i}, \phi) \frac{C e^{-jk_{\rho i} \rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}} \cos \phi \sin \phi$$

$$E_z(\rho, z) \approx -\frac{\zeta k_{\rho i}}{k} \text{Res}[i_{TM}(k_\rho, z, z')] \Big|_{k_{\rho i}} J_x(k_{\rho i}, \phi) \frac{C e^{-jk_{\rho i} \rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}} \cos \phi$$

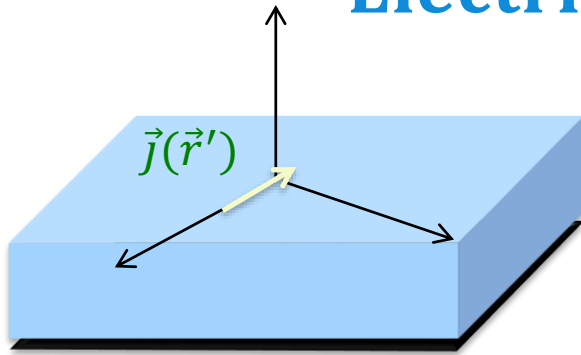
## TE Wave

$$E_x(\rho, z) \approx \text{Res}[v_{TE}(k_\rho, z, z')] \Big|_{k_{\rho i}} J_x(k_{\rho i}, \phi) \frac{C e^{-jk_{\rho i} \rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}} \sin^2 \phi$$

$$E_y(\rho, z) \approx -\text{Res}[v_{TE}(k_\rho, z, z')] \Big|_{k_{\rho i}} J_x(k_{\rho i}, \phi) \frac{C e^{-jk_{\rho i} \rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}} \cos \phi \sin \phi$$

$$E_z(\rho, z) \approx 0$$

# Electric current oriented along x



$$f_\rho = f_x \cos \phi + f_y \sin \phi$$

Cylindrical  
field  
components

$$f_\phi = -f_x \sin \phi + f_y \cos \phi$$

## TM Wave

$$E_\rho(\rho, z) \approx \text{Res}[v_{TM}(k_\rho, z, z')] \Big|_{k_{\rho i}} J_x(k_{\rho i}, \phi) \frac{C \cos \phi e^{-jk_{\rho i} \rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}}$$

$$E_z(\rho, z) \approx -\frac{\zeta k_{\rho i}}{k} \text{Res}[i_{TM}(k_\rho, z, z')] \Big|_{k_{\rho i}} J_x(k_{\rho i}, \phi) \frac{C \cos \phi e^{-jk_{\rho i} \rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}}$$

$$H_\phi(\rho, z) \approx \text{Res}[i_{TM}(k_\rho, z, z')] \Big|_{k_{\rho i}} J_x(k_{\rho i}, \phi) \frac{C \cos \phi e^{-jk_{\rho i} \rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}}$$

## TE Wave

$$E_\phi(\rho, z) \approx -\text{Res}[v_{TE}(k_\rho, z, z')] \Big|_{k_{\rho i}} J_x(k_{\rho i}, \phi) \frac{C \sin \phi e^{-jk_{\rho i} \rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}}$$

$$H_\rho(\rho, z) \approx \text{Res}[i_{TE}(k_\rho, z, z')] \Big|_{k_{\rho i}} J_x(k_{\rho i}, \phi) \frac{C \sin \phi e^{-jk_{\rho i} \rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}}$$

$$H_z(\rho, z) \approx -\frac{k_{\rho i}}{k \zeta} \text{Res}[v_{TE}(k_\rho, z, z')] \Big|_{k_{\rho i}} J_x(k_{\rho i}, \phi) \frac{C \sin \phi e^{-jk_{\rho i} \rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}}$$

# Cylindrical TE/TM Surface Waves

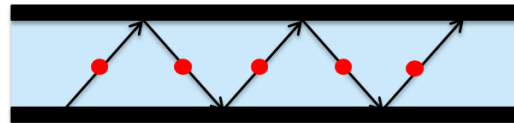
## TE Wave

Electric field oriented in the azimuthal direction

Maximum in the Hplane of the antenna

$$E_\phi(\rho, z) \approx -\text{Res}[v_{TE}(k_\rho, z, z')]\Big|_{k_{\rho i}} j_x(k_{\rho i}, \phi) \frac{C \sin \phi e^{-jk_{\rho i} \rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}}$$

TE Wave



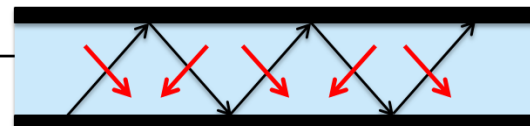
## TM Wave

Electric field oriented in the radial and z direction  
Maximum in the Eplane of the antenna

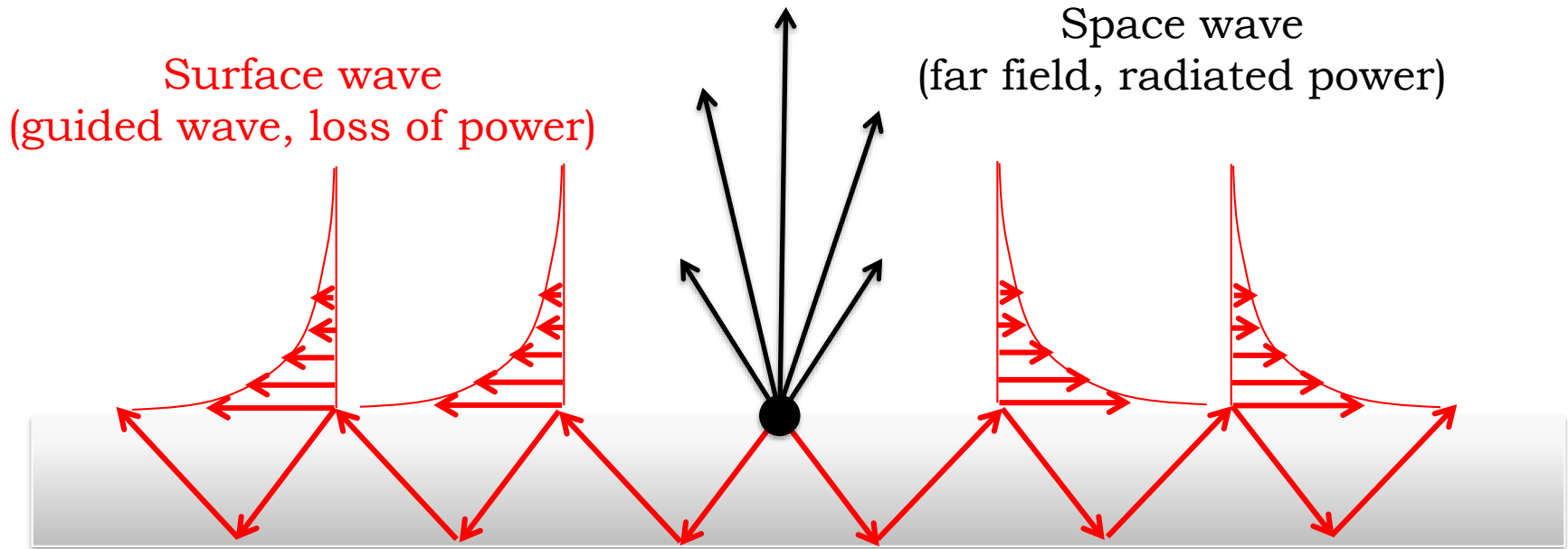
$$E_\rho(\rho, z) \approx \text{Res}[v_{TM}(k_\rho, z, z')]\Big|_{k_{\rho i}} j_x(k_{\rho i}, \phi) \frac{C \cos \phi e^{-jk_{\rho i} \rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}}$$

$$E_z(\rho, z) \approx -\frac{\zeta k_{\rho i}}{k} \text{Res}[i_{TM}(k_\rho, z, z')]\Big|_{k_{\rho i}} j_x(k_{\rho i}, \phi) \frac{C \cos \phi e^{-jk_{\rho i} \rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}}$$

TM Wave

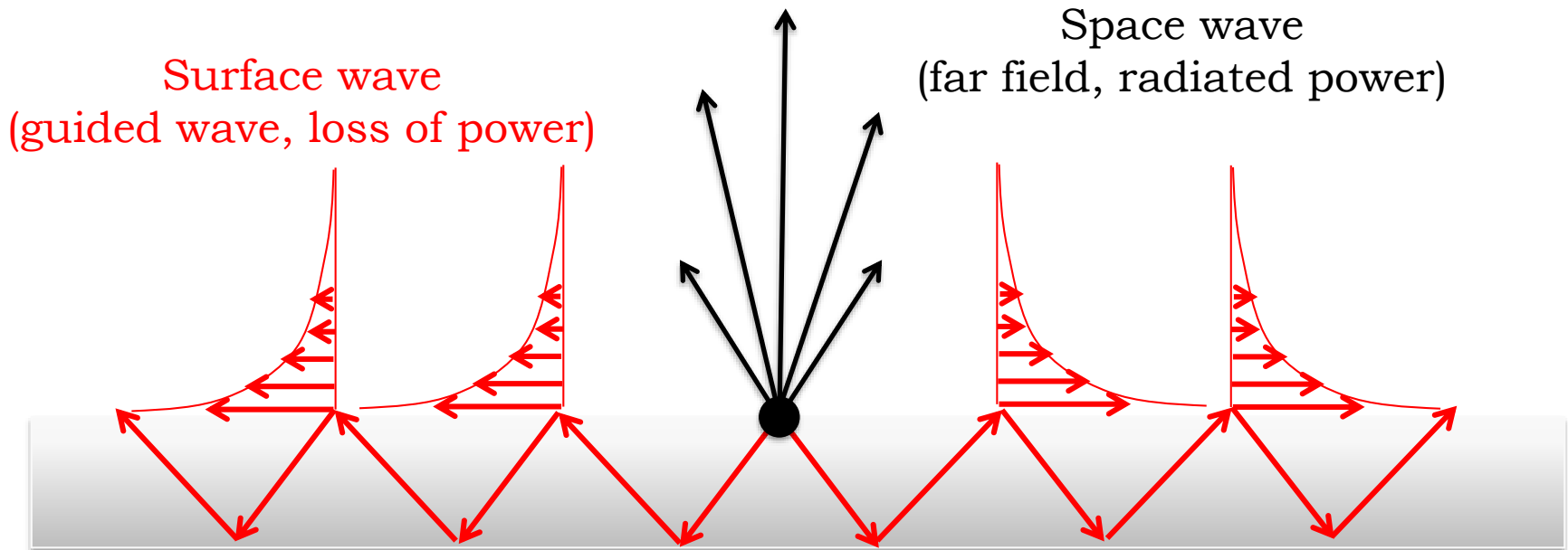


# SW Characterization



- 1) Find the SW propagation constant (**dispersion equation**)
- 2) Calculate the EM fields associated to a surface wave (**Residue**)
- 3) Power launched into the SW (**Poynting vector**)

# Antenna SW Efficiency



We are going to characterize the loss of efficiency into SW:

1. Find the SW propagation constant (dispersion equation)
2. Calculate the SW fields (Residue)
3. Power into SW vs radiated power

$$\eta_{sw} = \frac{P_{rad}}{P_{rad} + P_{sw}}$$



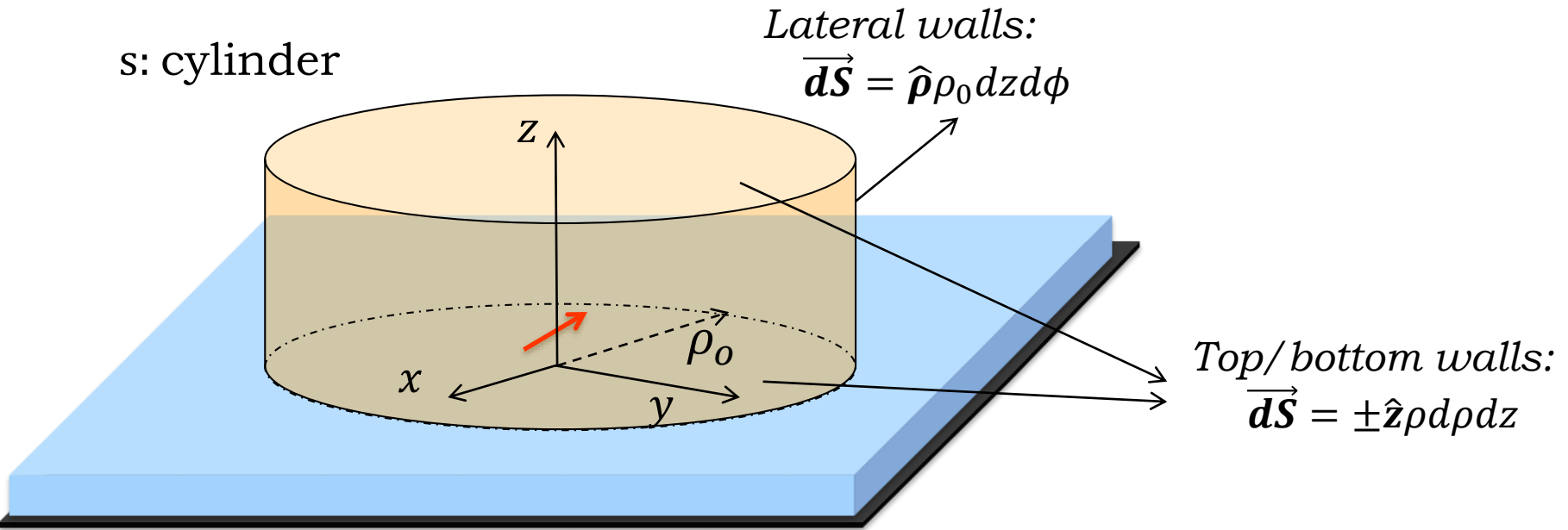
# SW Power

We need to characterize the power launched into surface waves

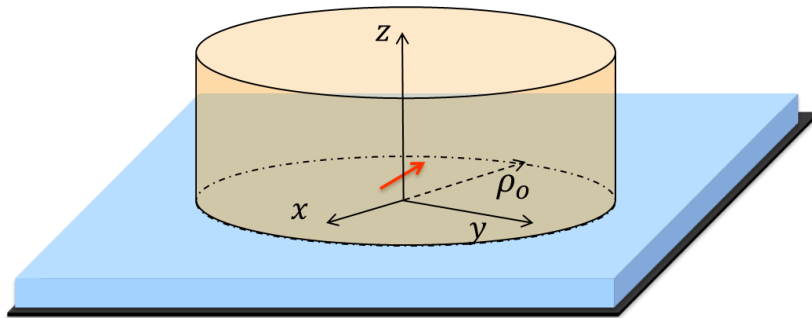
By integrating the Poynting vector around a closed surface surrounding the antenna

$$P_{sw} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \iint_s \operatorname{Re} [\vec{E}_{sw_i} \times \vec{H}_{sw_i}^*] \cdot d\vec{s}$$

s: cylinder



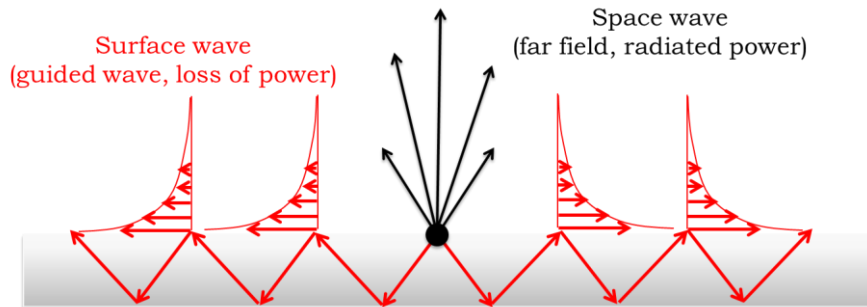
# SW Poynting's Vector



$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{2}(E_{\rho}H_{\phi}^* - E_{\phi}H_{\rho}^*)\hat{z} + \frac{1}{2}(E_{\phi}H_z^* - E_zH_{\phi}^*)\hat{\rho}$$



$\vec{S} \cdot \hat{n} = 0$  at top/bottom walls:



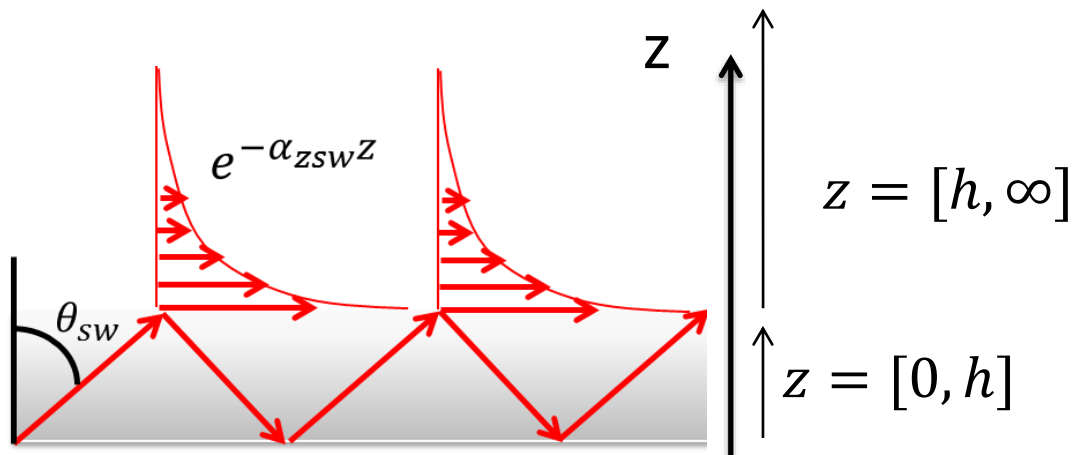
$$P_{sw}^{TM} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \text{Re}[-E_z H_{\phi}^*] \rho_s dz d\phi$$

$$P_{sw}^{TE} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \text{Re}[E_{\phi} H_z^*] \rho_s dz d\phi$$

# SW Power

The integral along  $z$  is performed for every dielectric layer individually since the fields solutions of the trx line changes

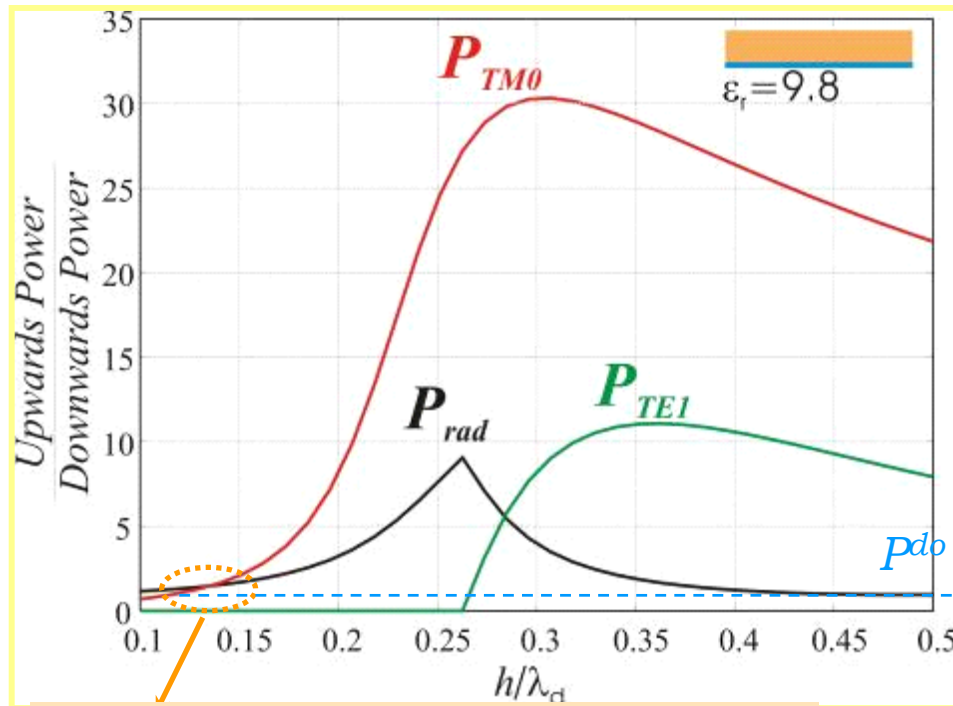
$$P_{SW}^{TM} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \text{Re}[-E_z H_{\phi}^*] \rho_s dz d\phi$$



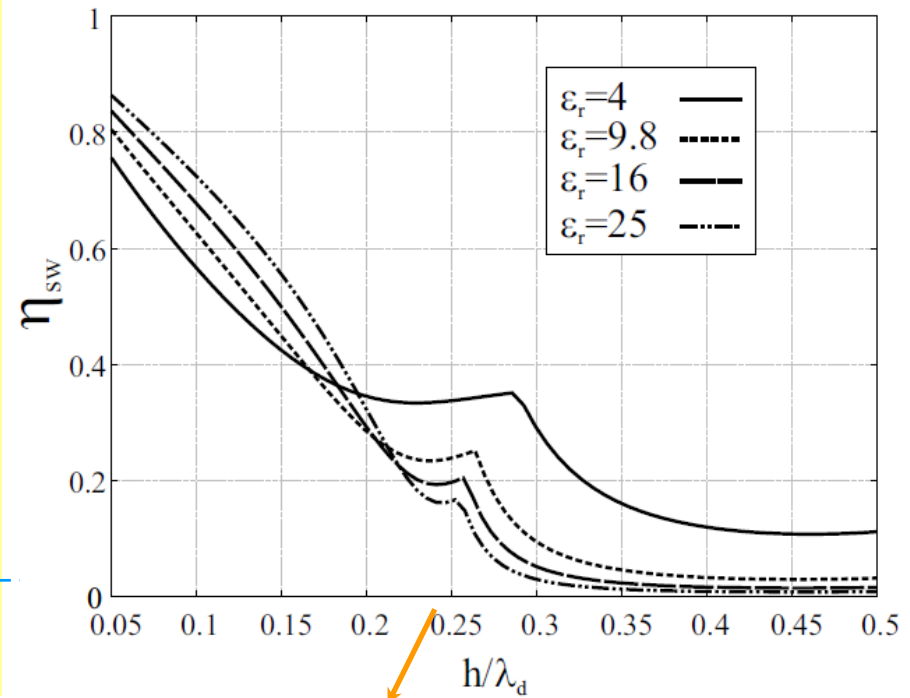
# SWs in Integrated Antennas

$$P_{Z_A} = \frac{1}{2} |I_0|^2 \text{Re}\{Z_A\} = P_{rad} + P_{sw}$$

Radiation from elementary slot

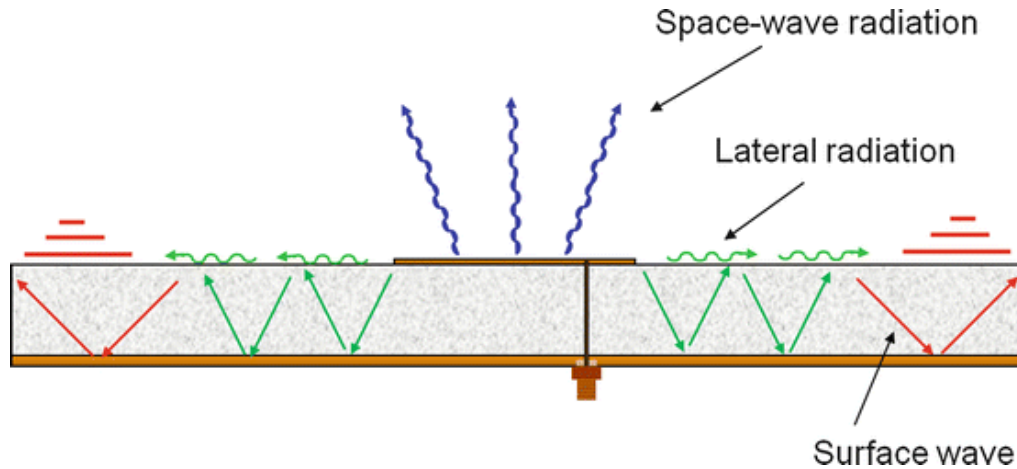


Standard antenna  
Designs, poor front to back  
small bandwidths (<10%)



Optimum front to back  
Poor surface efficiency

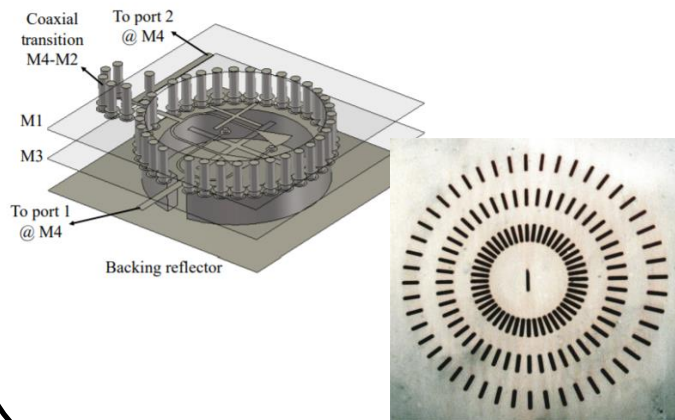
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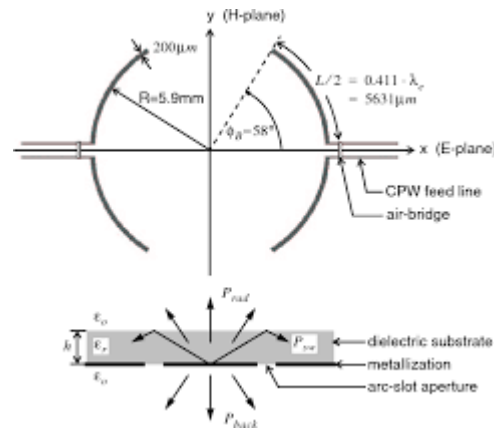
Edge Radiation

## Ways to suppress surface waves

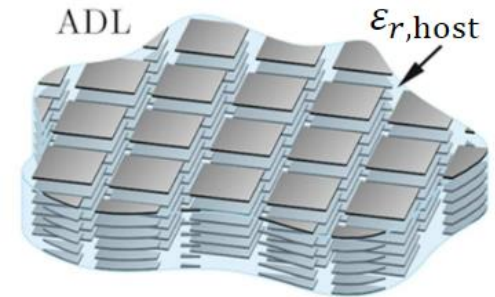
1) Cavity via vias/EBGs



2) Double arc slot



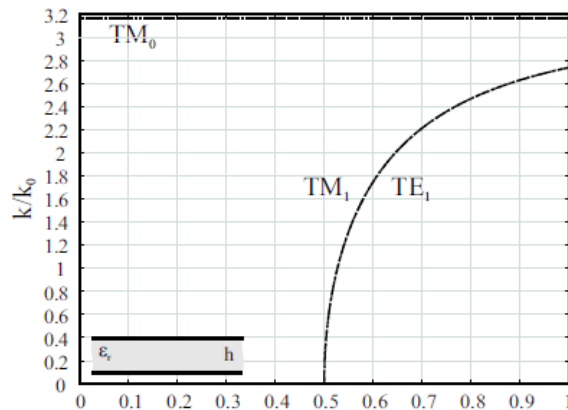
3) Artificial dielectrics



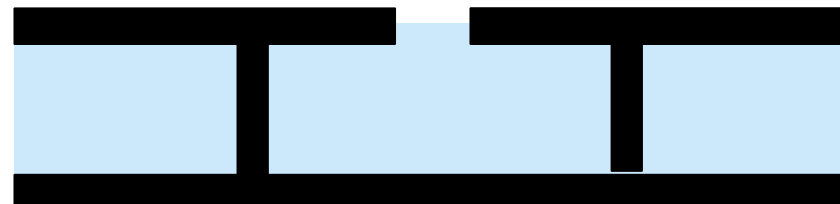
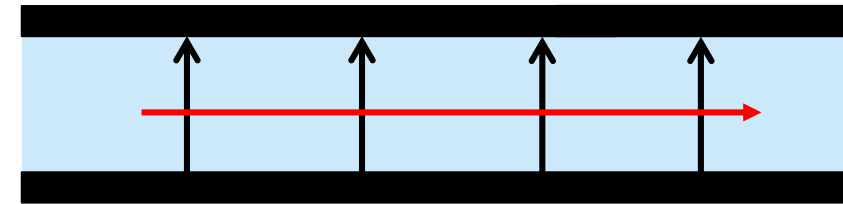
# Controlling SW in thick dielectrics

## 1) Vertical vias

Suppression of the TM<sub>0</sub> mode in a PPW



TM<sub>0</sub>



Vertical pins will block the TM surface

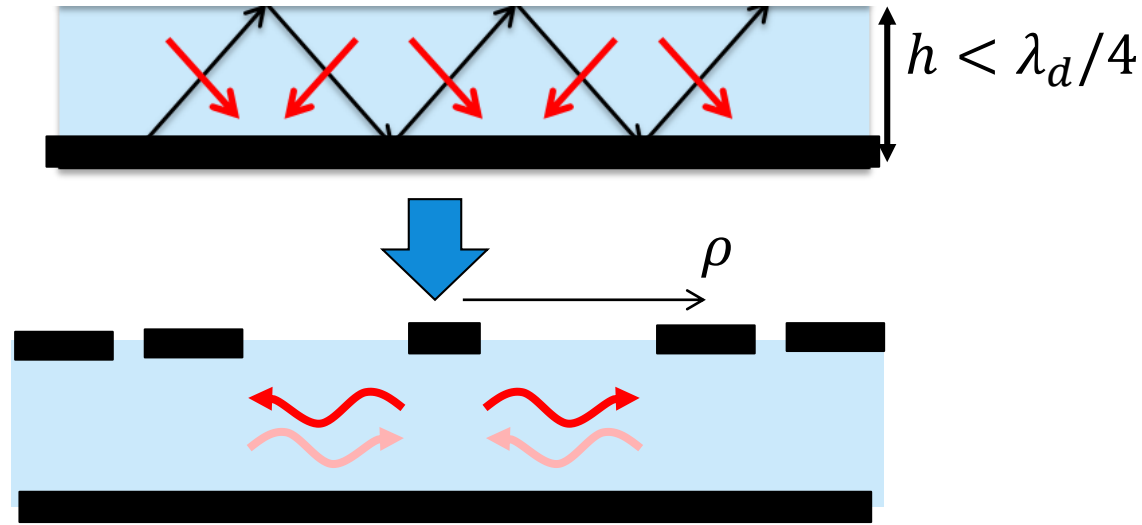
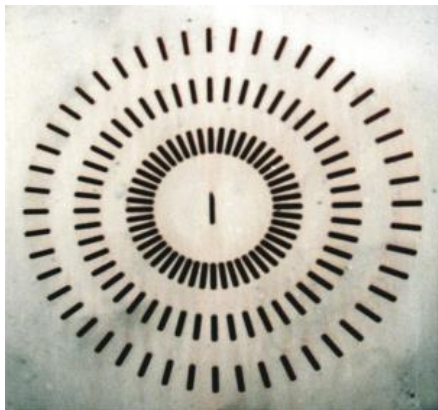
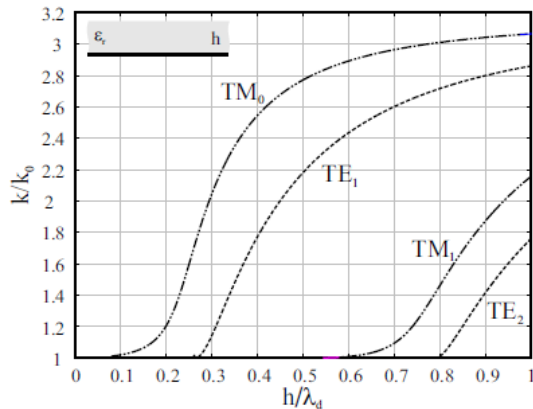
Power reflected into the antenna

Resonant cavity (bandwidths of about 20%)

# Controlling SW in thick dielectrics

## 2) Periodic planar structures (EBG)

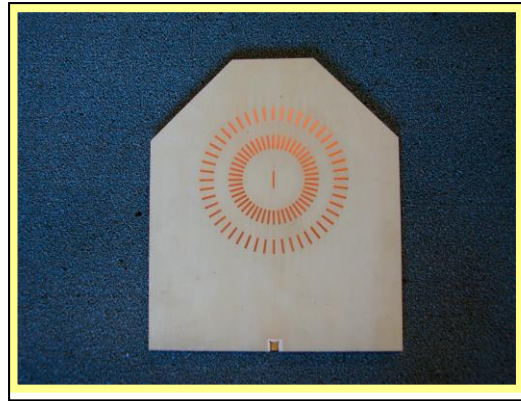
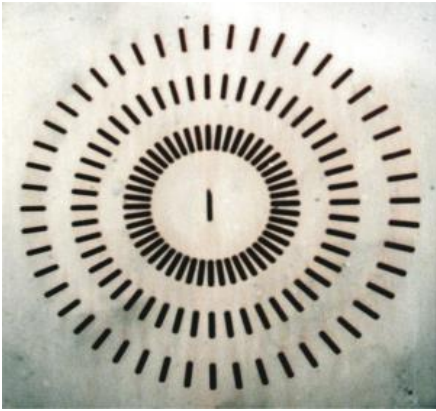
Suppression of the TM<sub>0</sub> mode in a grounded slab



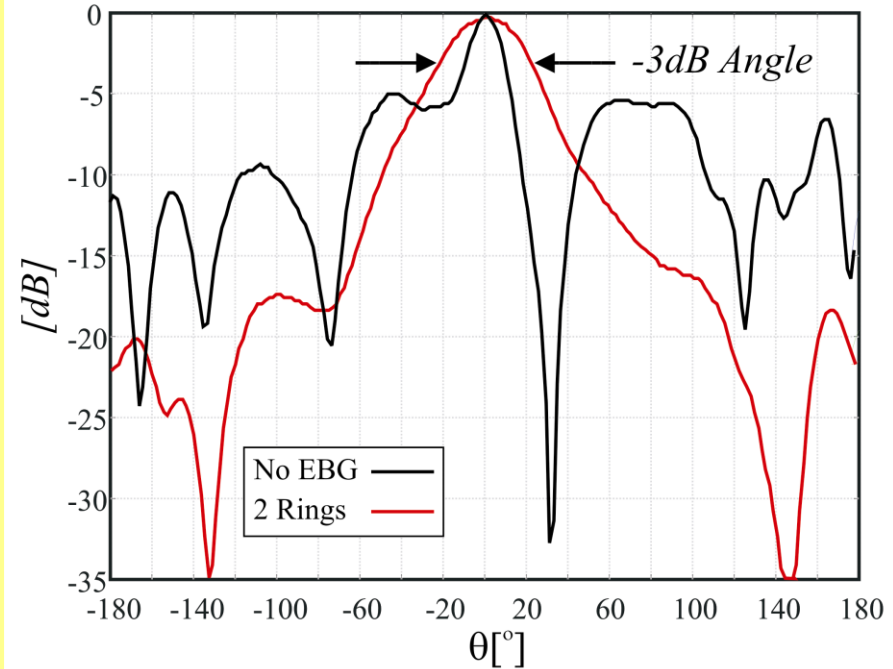
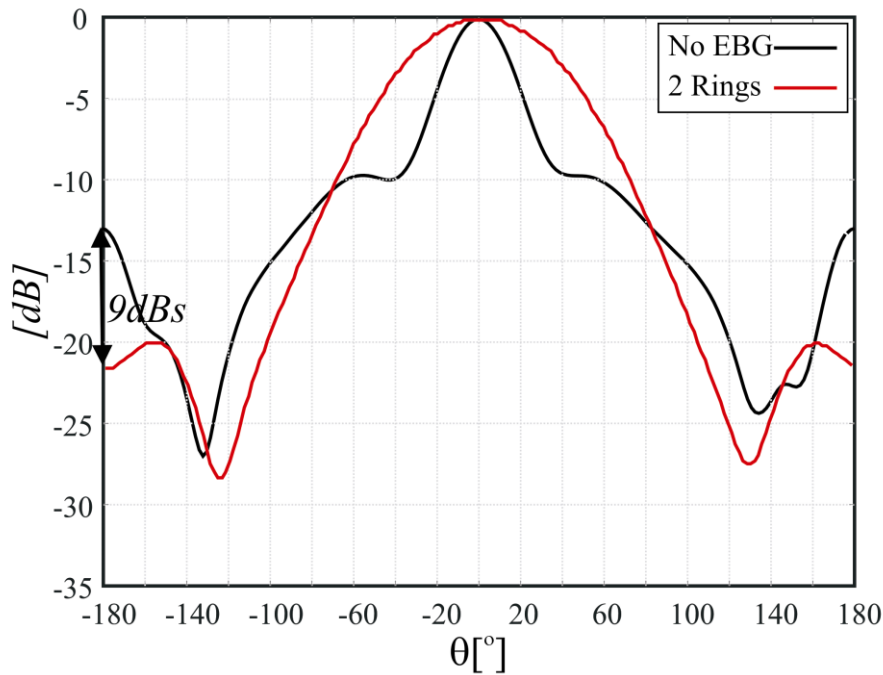
Resonant cavity (bandwidths of about 20%)  
Optimum radius is  $\lambda_{sw}/2$

In this situation the wave reflected from the EBG cancels out the outgoing waves emanated by the source so all the power delivered to the slot is then radiated.

# Example



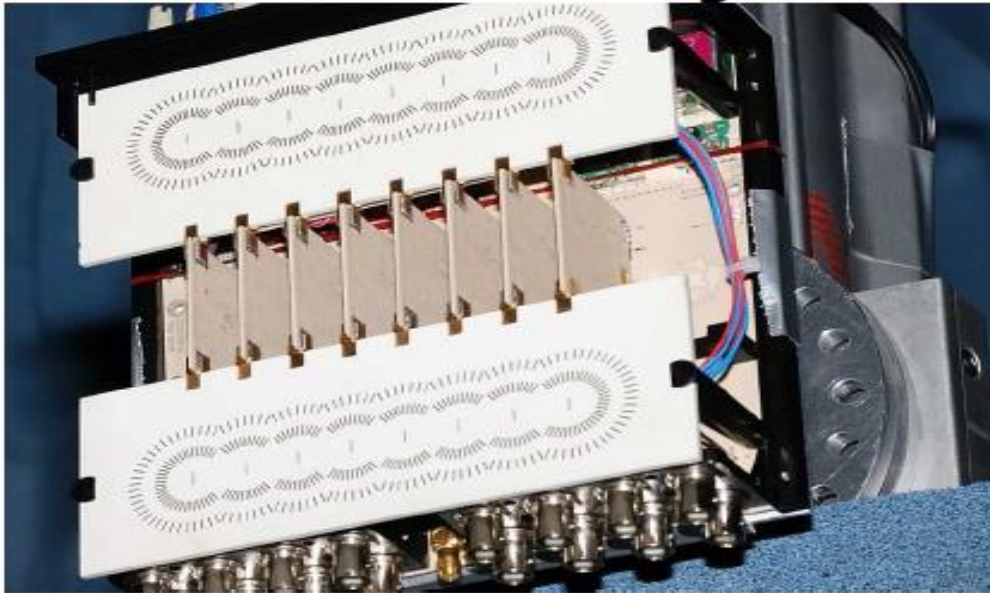
The on-blocked SW power arrives to the substrate edges and gets diffracted



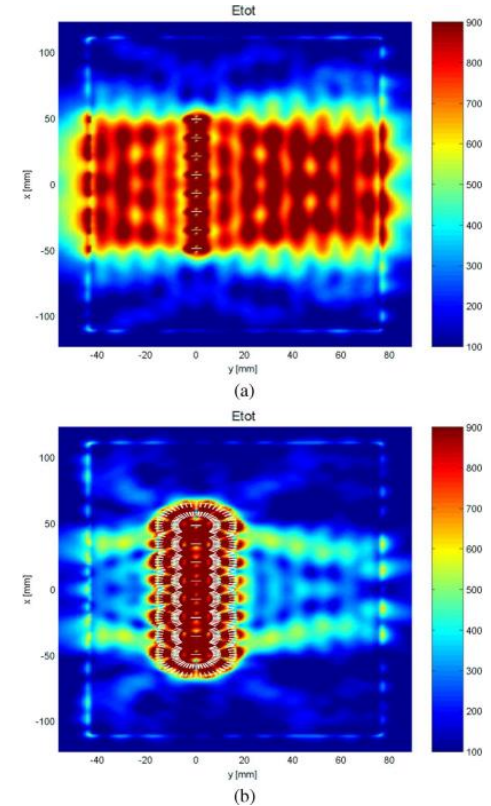


# Example

## 1D Phased Array, TNO



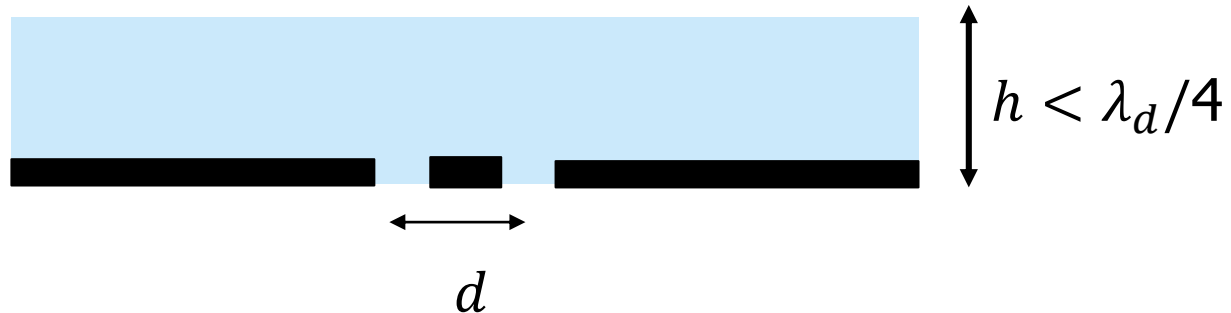
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# Controlling SW in thick dielectrics

## 3) Double slot

Suppression of the TM<sub>0</sub> mode in a grounded slab



Fourier transform of the current

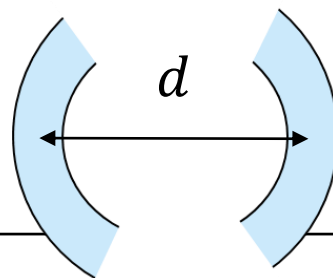
$$e^{-jk_x d/2} + e^{jk_x d/2} = 2 \cos\left(\frac{k_x d}{2}\right) \quad \rightarrow$$

Cancelling the sw

$$\cos\left(\frac{k_{xsw} d}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$\frac{k_{xsw} d}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Cancellation  
in all  
planes:

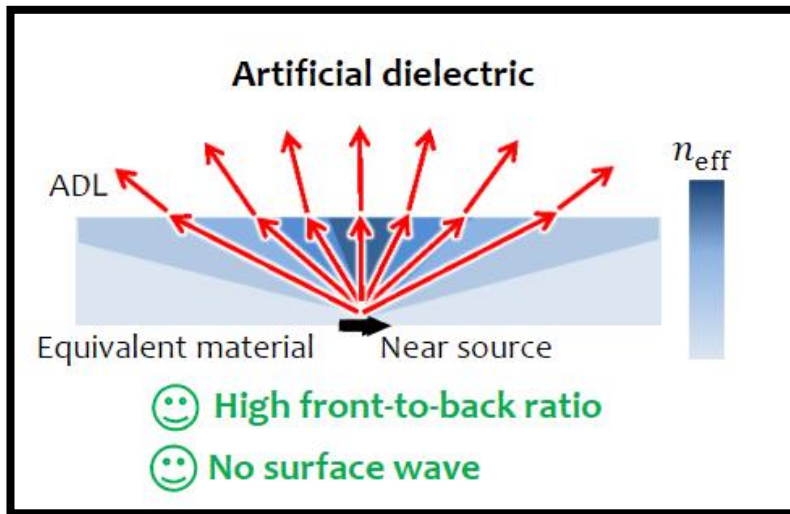
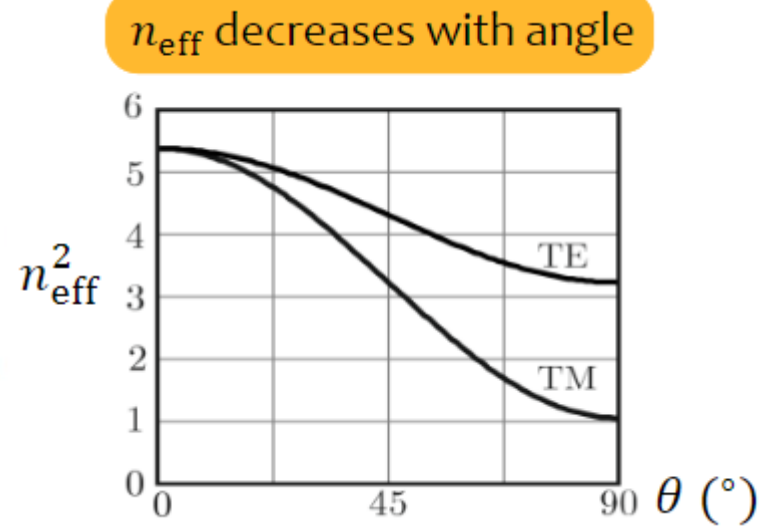
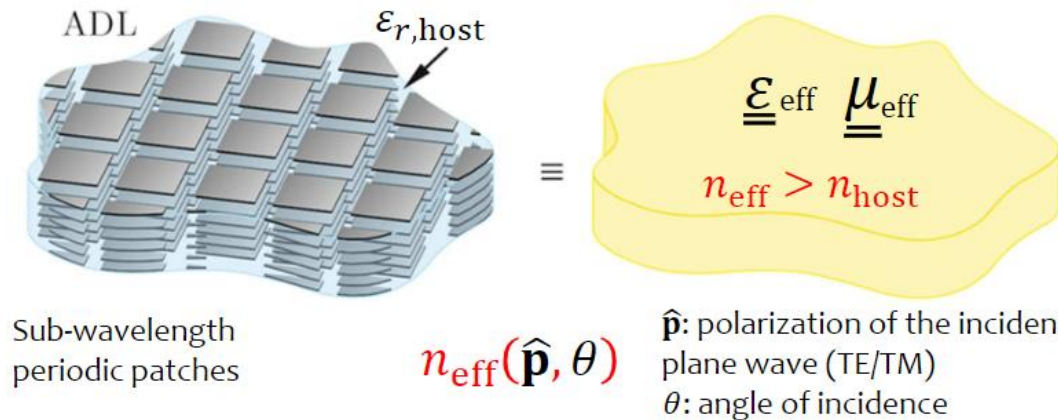


Only possible  
over narrow band

$$d = \frac{\lambda_{sw}}{2}$$

# Controlling SW in *thick* dielectrics

## 4) Artificial dielectrics



Reduce the amount of energy radiated into surface waves by using a thin and low permittivity dielectric  
Enhance the front-to-back in the broadside direction with the ADL

Wideband option (>20%)

# Important Points

- The spectral Green's function has two **main singularities**: branch points and poles
- **Real pole singularities** give rise to surface waves.
- **Surface waves** are slow waves that remain close to surface.
- At large distance from the antenna, the surface waves are **cylindrical waves** travelling inside the dielectric
- They constitute a **loss of efficiency (or pattern quality)** in printed antennas since the power carried by the surface wave is uncontrolled (reaches edges of the substrate, introduce coupling between antennas, etc)

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