

Spectral Domain Methods in Electromagnetics EE4620

Topic # 3

Dominant Spectral Contributions

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Topic 2

Far Field

Branch and Polar Singularities

Surface Waves

Leaky Waves

Learning Objectives

Identify the spectral singularities and relate to field contributions

Introduction to the Branch and polar singularities

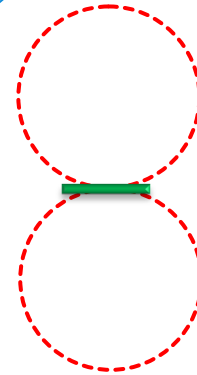
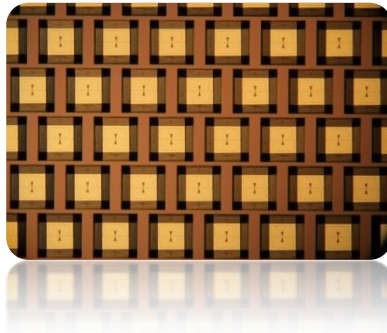
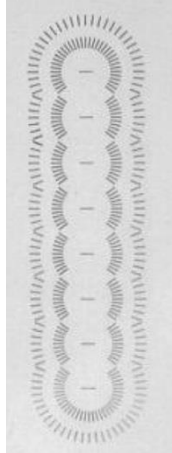
Far field asymptotic evolution

Integrated Antennas

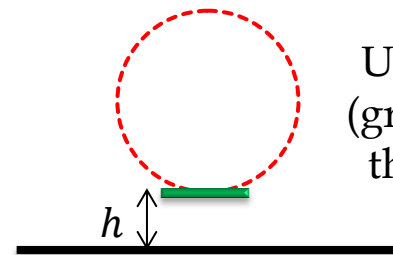
Radar, Space, Sensing applications...

The objective is to radiate the power into a certain direction

Dielectric allows using integrated technology (PCB, lithography)



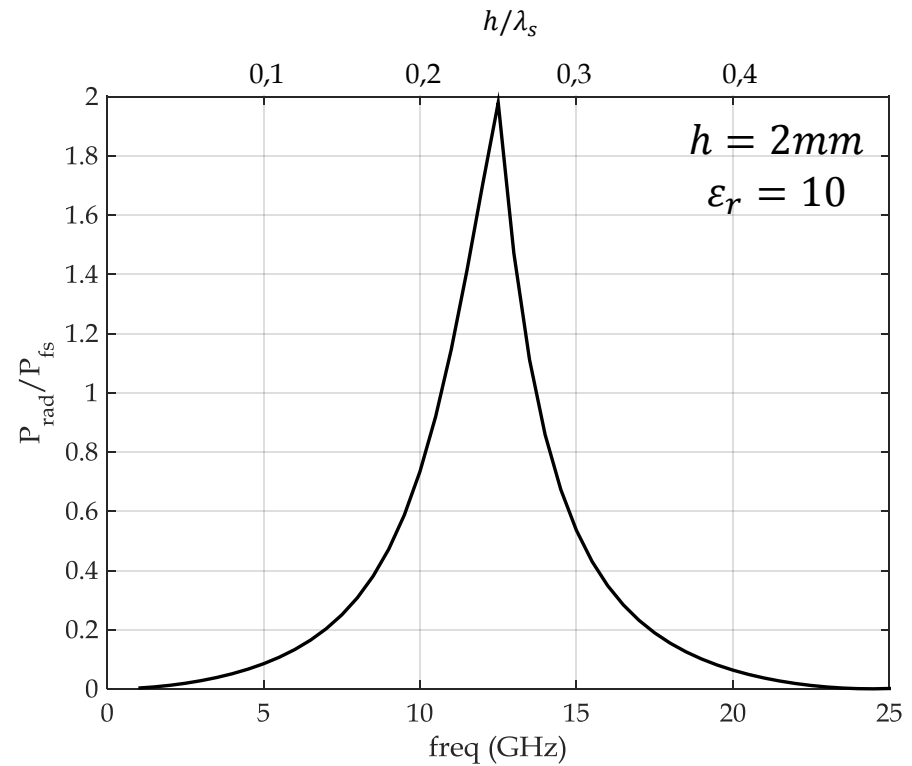
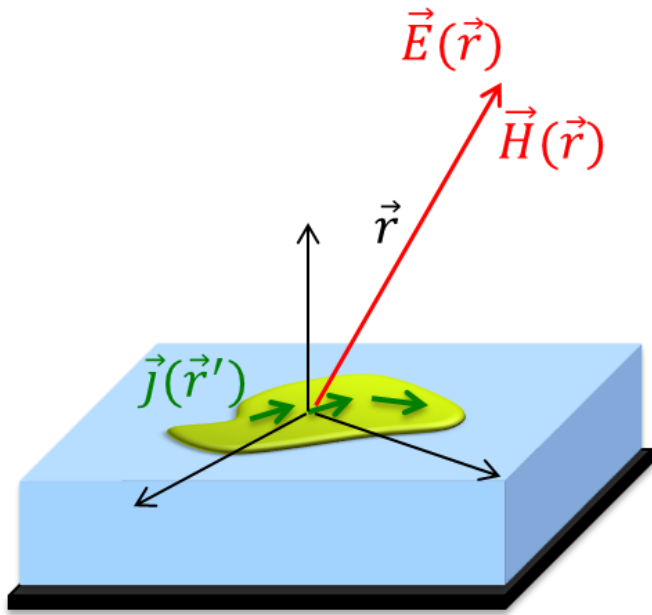
A dipole in free space radiates the same power in the upper and lower regions



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

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

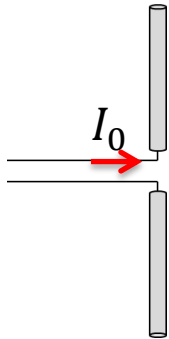
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Optimum radiation for $h_{\text{opt}} = \lambda_s/4$

Power Budget

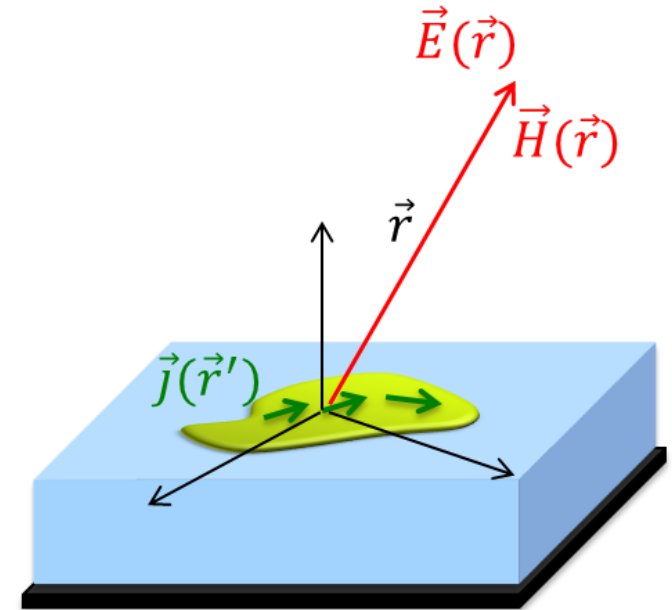
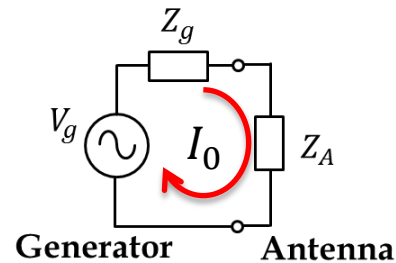
For antennas in free space
with no ohmic losses



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

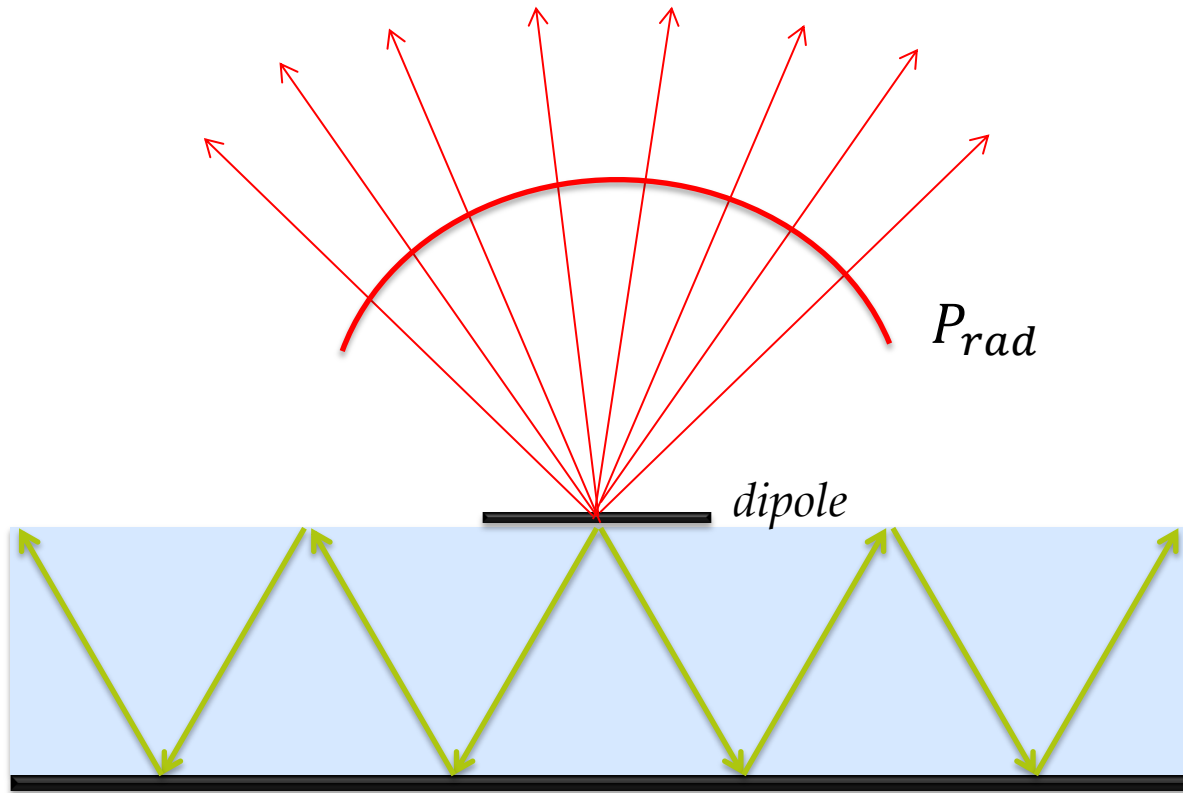


$$P_{rad} = \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} U(\theta, \phi) \sin \theta d\theta d\phi = P_A = \frac{1}{2} |I_0|^2 \text{Re}\{Z_A\}$$



What happens in antennas
radiating into infinitely
extended dielectrics?

Surface Waves

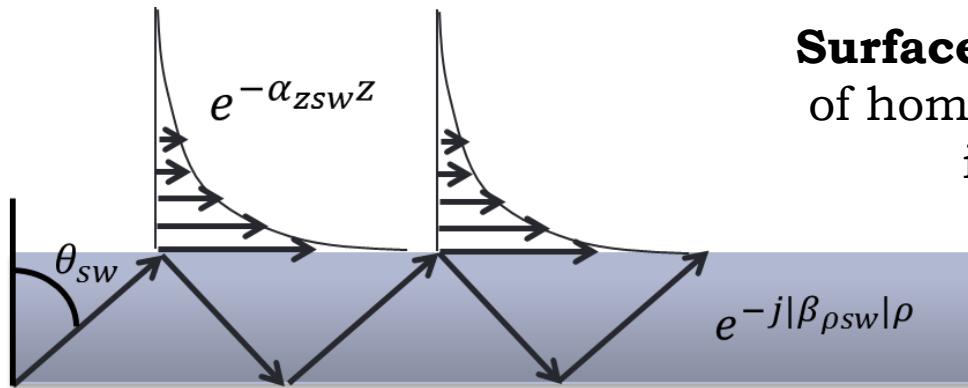


There is a part of the power delivered to the antenna that is radiated inside the dielectric!

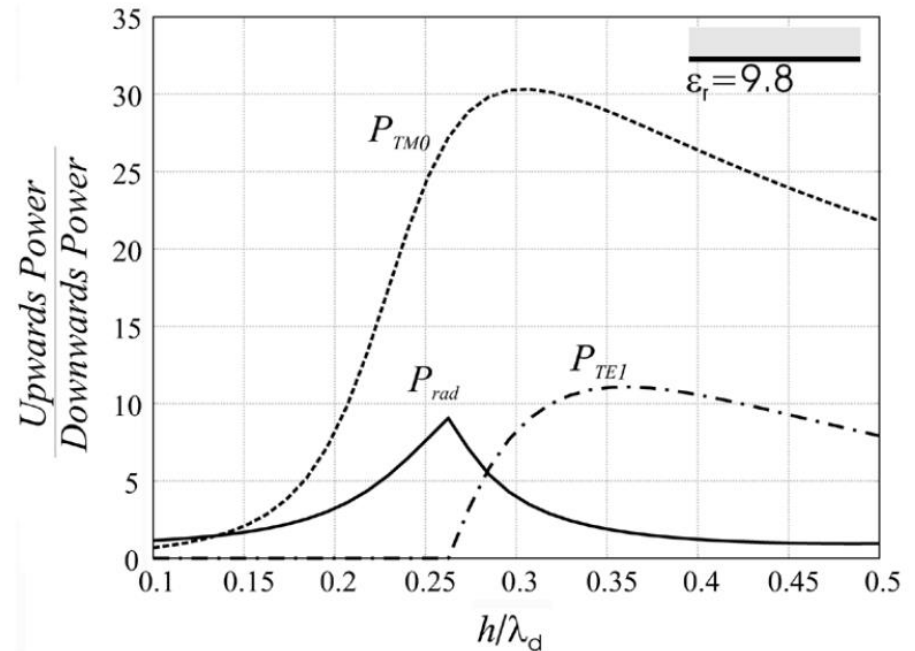
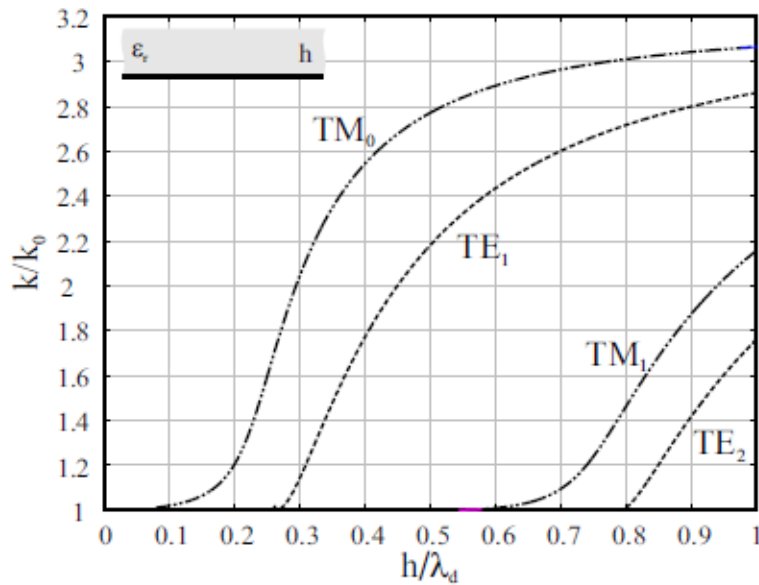
P_{sw}

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

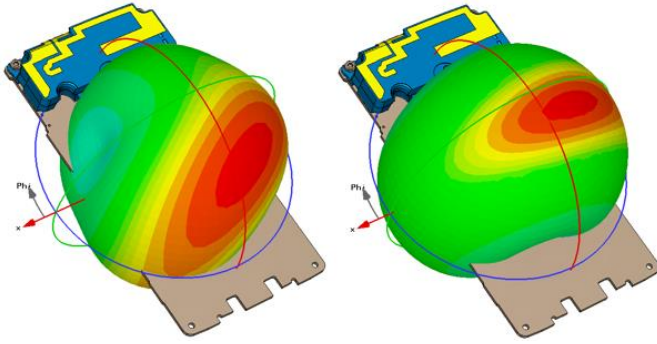
Surface Waves



Surface Waves: they are a couple of homogenous PWs propagating inside the dielectric



Integrated Antennas

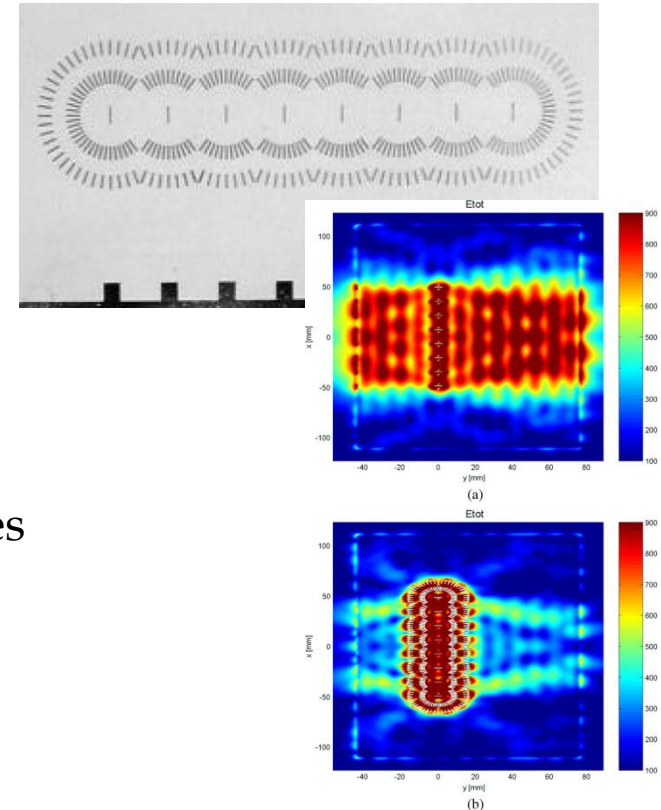


At low frequencies, the dielectrics are electrically very thin... you can design antennas as they were radiating in free space

At mm-wave frequencies, the dielectric thickness is electrically significant... significant power remains trapped in the substrates (surface waves)

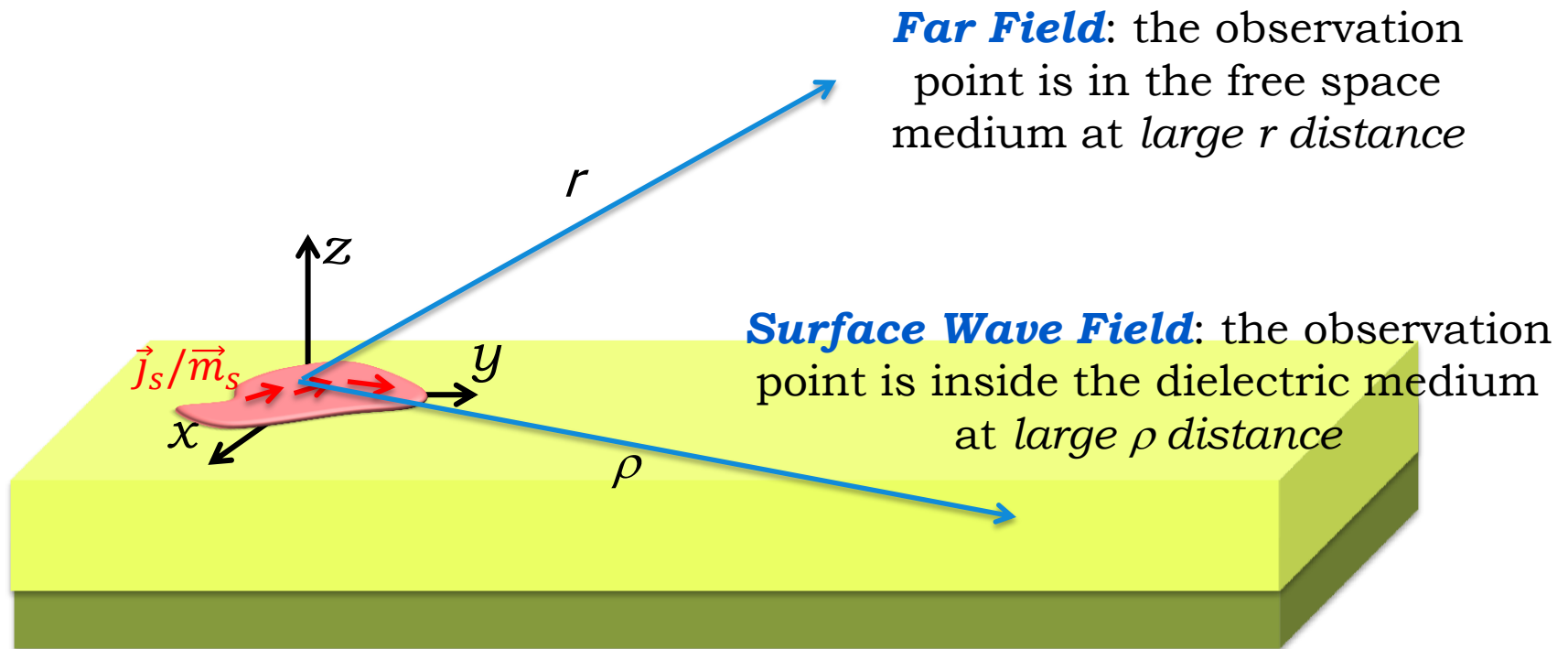


At THz frequencies, it is actually better to use lenses (quasi-optical antennas)



Fields Radiated by Printed Antennas

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

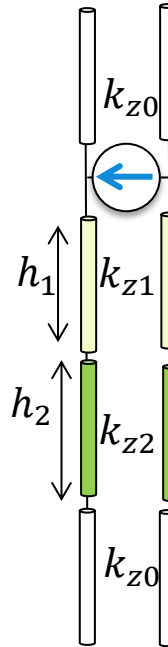
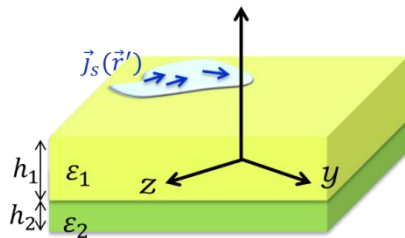


Dyadic Green's Function for Stratified Media

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

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

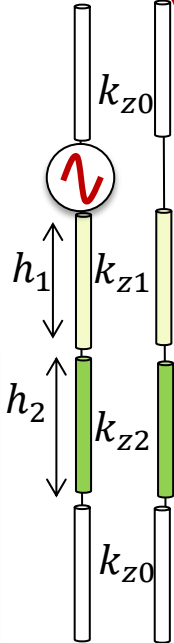
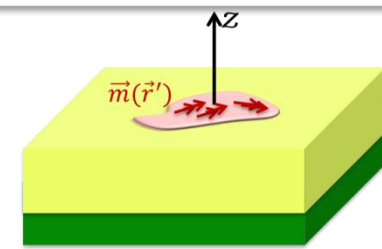
$$\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{hj} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{(i_{TM} - i_{TE})k_x k_y}{k_\rho^2} & \frac{i_{TE}k_x^2 + i_{TM}k_y^2}{k_\rho^2} \\ \frac{i_{TE}k_y^2 + i_{TM}k_x^2}{k_\rho^2} & \frac{(i_{TE} - i_{TM})k_x k_y}{k_\rho^2} \\ \frac{k_y}{\varsigma k} v_{TE} & \frac{k_x}{\varsigma k} v_{TE} \end{bmatrix}$$



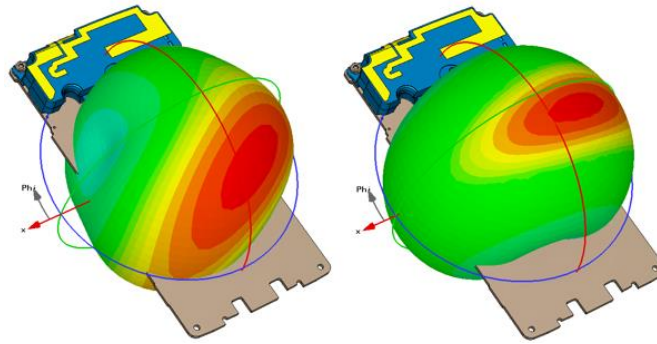
$$k_{zi} = \sqrt{k_i^2 - k_x^2 - k_y^2}$$

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

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



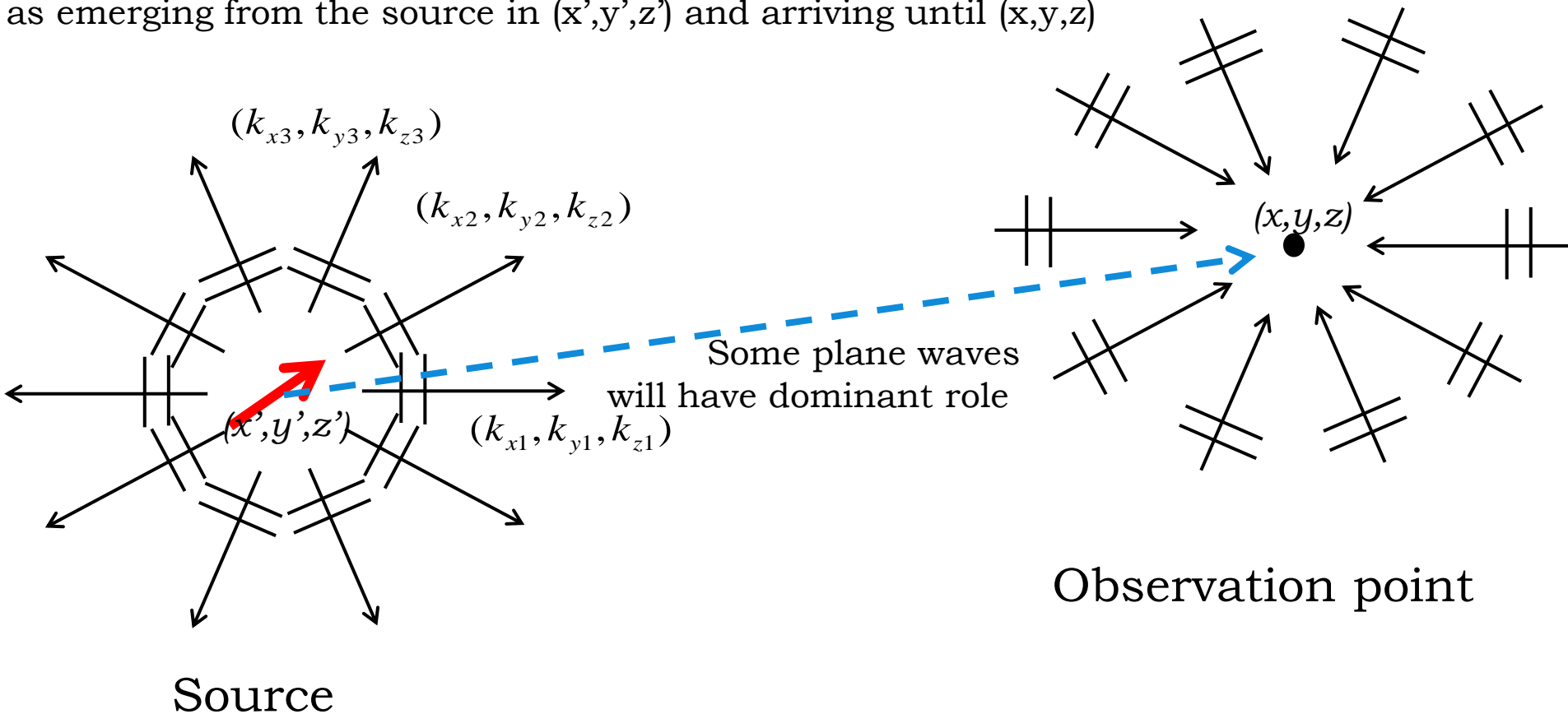
Fields radiated into free space (far field)



$$\bar{\bar{G}}^{fc}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \begin{bmatrix} G_{xx}(k_x, k_y, z, z') & G_{xy}(k_x, k_y, z, z') & G_{xz}(k_x, k_y, z, z') \\ G_{yx}(k_x, k_y, z, z') & G_{yy}(k_x, k_y, z, z') & G_{yz}(k_x, k_y, z, z') \\ G_{zx}(k_x, k_y, z, z') & G_{zy}(k_x, k_y, z, z') & G_{zz}(k_x, k_y, z, z') \end{bmatrix} e^{-jk_x(x-x')} e^{-jk_y(y-y')} dk_x dk_y$$

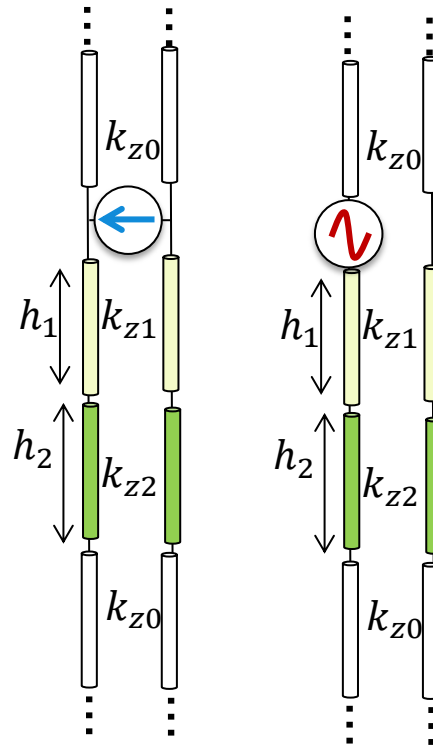
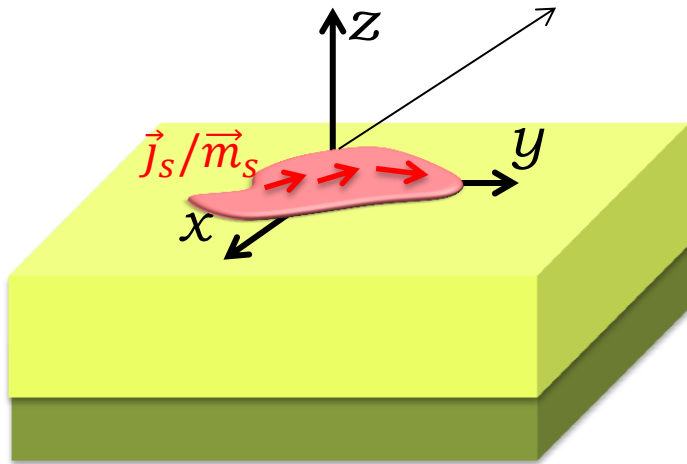
Plane Wave expansion

Plane waves are defined over the entire space.
Plane wave expansion represents the total radiated fields
as emerging from the source in (x',y',z') and arriving until (x,y,z)



Printed Antennas

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



Far Field: the observation point is in the infinitely extended transmission lines. Therefore

$$\tilde{G}^{fc}(k_x, k_y, z, z') \propto e^{-jk_{z0}z}$$

Far Field Radiation

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



$$\vec{f}(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{(\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_x, k_y, z, z') \vec{\mathbf{C}}(k_x, k_y) k_{z0} e^{jk_{z0}|z-z'|})}_{\text{slow varying function in the surrounding of the stationary phase point } k_{xs}, k_{ys}, k_{zs}} \frac{e^{-jk_{z0}|z-z'|}}{k_{z0}} e^{-jk_x x} e^{-jk_y y} dk_x dk_y$$

We know the solution of this integral



slow varying function in the surrounding of the **stationary phase point** k_{xs}, k_{ys}, k_{zs}

$$\vec{f}^{far}(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_{xs}, k_{ys}, z, z') \vec{\mathbf{C}}(k_{xs}, k_{ys}) k_{zs} e^{jk_{zs}|z-z'|} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-jk_{z0}|z-z'|}}{k_{z0}} e^{-jk_x x} e^{-jk_y y} dk_x dk_y$$

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

Stationary Phase Asymptotic Evaluation

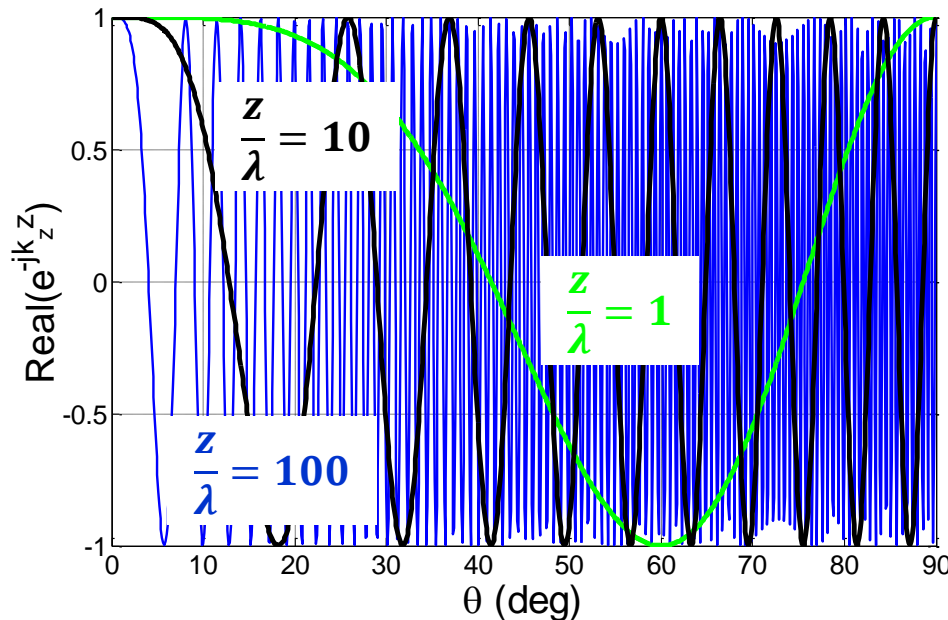
- The original integration domain is infinite $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}$
- In the far field, we can assume that the distance is much larger than the wavelength.

For instance if z is large:

$$e^{-jk_z z} = e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \cos\theta z}$$



It is a highly oscillating function!



The integral can be calculated using an asymptotic evaluation



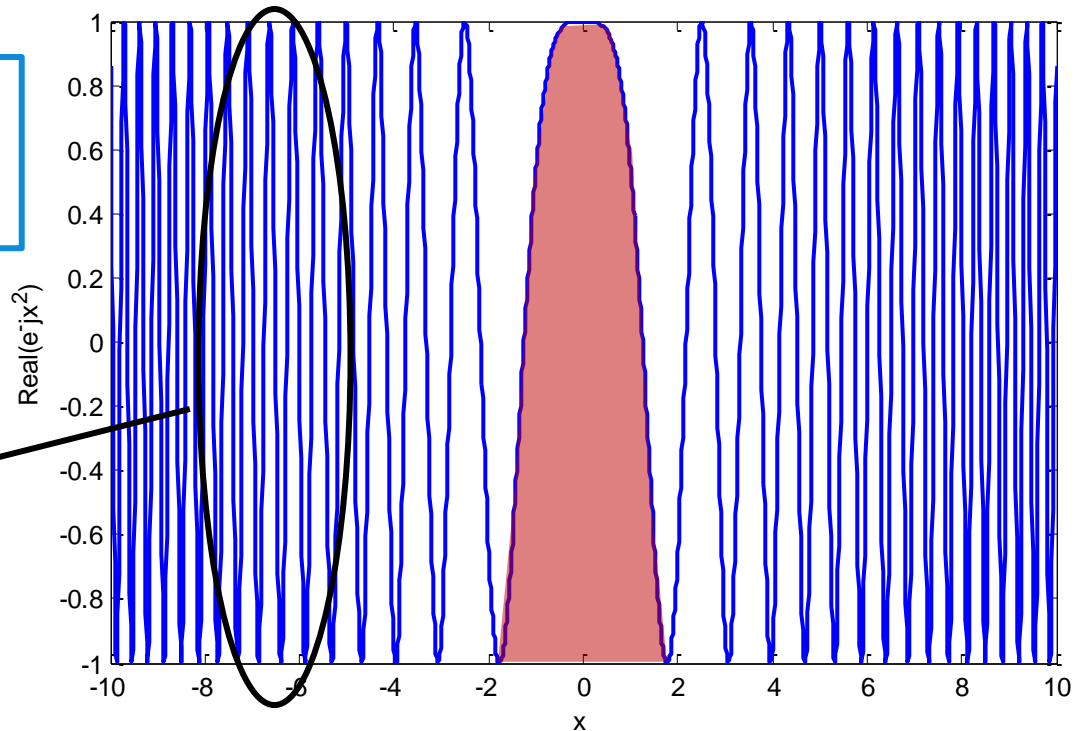
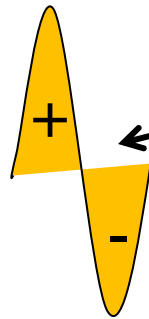
The stationary phase method

Oscillating function

Identity

$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-j\Omega x^2} dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{|\Omega|}} e^{\mp j\pi/4}$$

$\mp: \Omega > / < 0$



$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-|\Omega|x^2} dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{|\Omega|}}$$

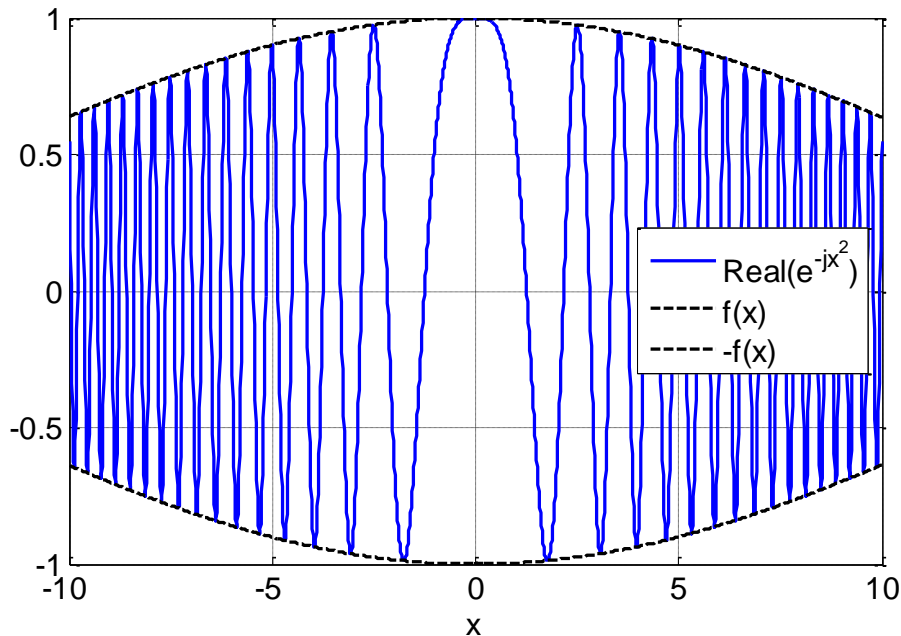


The integral of this function is dominated by the area of the portion of the function closed to the origin. Indeed, the portion far from the origin oscillates rapidly and leads to destructive contributions

Slow varying function

$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-j\Omega x^2} dx \approx \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\Omega}} f(0) e^{\mp j\pi/4}$$

Where f is a function slow varying function that changes negligibly over a cycle of variation $\cos(\Omega x^2)$



Demonstration

1) Taylor approximation around the origin

$$f(x) \approx f(0) + xf'(0) + x^2 \frac{1}{2} f''(0) + \dots$$

2) Place it into the integral. **The odd exponents are zero.**

$$I \approx f(0) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-j\Omega x^2} dx + f''(0) \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-j\Omega x^2} dx + f''''(0) \frac{1}{4!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^4 e^{-j\Omega x^2} dx + \dots =$$

3) Using $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-j\Omega x^2} dx = j \frac{\delta}{\delta \Omega} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-j\Omega x^2} dx$

$$I \approx f(0) \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{j\Omega}} + \frac{1}{2} f''(0) \frac{1}{2j\Omega} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{j\Omega}} + \frac{1}{4!} f''''(0) j \frac{3}{4-\Omega^2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{j\Omega}} + \dots$$

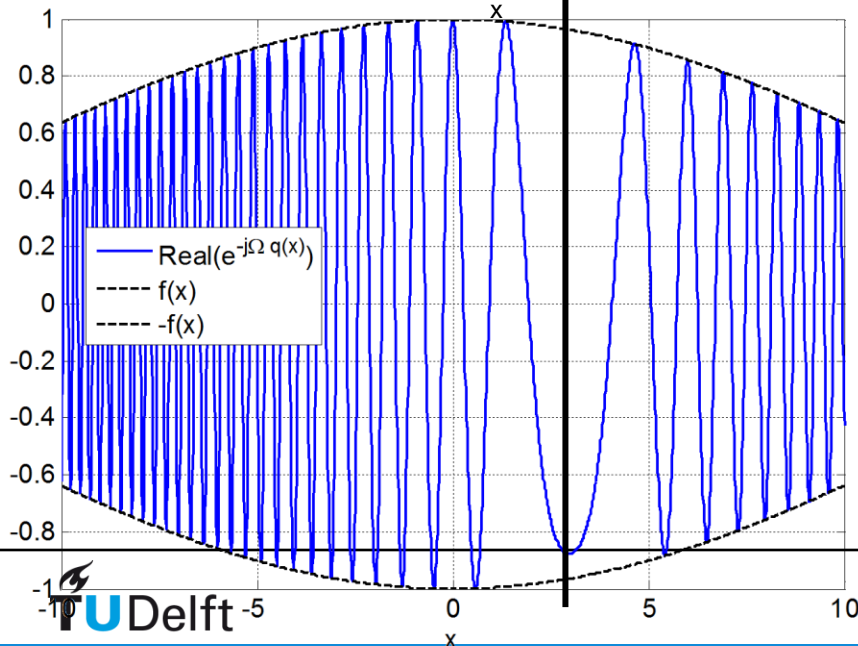
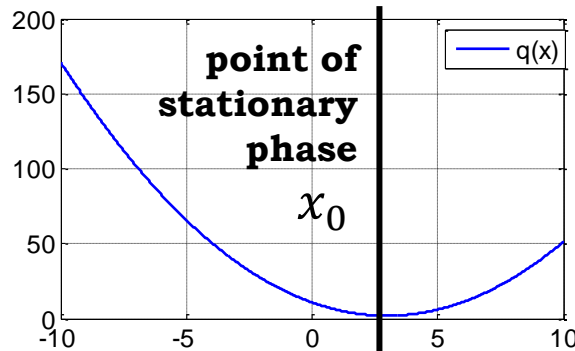
For large Ω , only the first term is significant

Stationary phase method

$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-j\Omega q(x)} dx \approx f(x_0) e^{-j\Omega q(x_0)} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\frac{1}{2}\Omega |q''(x_0)|}} e^{\mp j\pi/4}$$

$\Omega > 0 \quad \mp q''(x_0) > / < 0$

Where $q(x)$ is a function with a minimum/maximum in x_0
 $q'(x_0) = 0$



Demonstration

1) Taylor approximation of the phase

$$q(x) \approx q(x_0) + \frac{1}{2} q''(x_0)(x - x_0)^2$$

2) The integral is now dominated by the area around x_0

$$I \approx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-j\Omega q(x_0)} e^{-j\Omega \frac{1}{2} q''(x_0)(x - x_0)^2} dx$$

3) Asymptotic evaluation

$$I \approx f(x_0) e^{-j\Omega q(x_0)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-j\Omega \frac{1}{2} q''(x_0)(x - x_0)^2} dx$$

$$= f(x_0) e^{-j\Omega q(x_0)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-j\Omega \frac{1}{2} q''(x_0) x'^2} dx'$$

Far Field Calculation: Stationary Phase Point

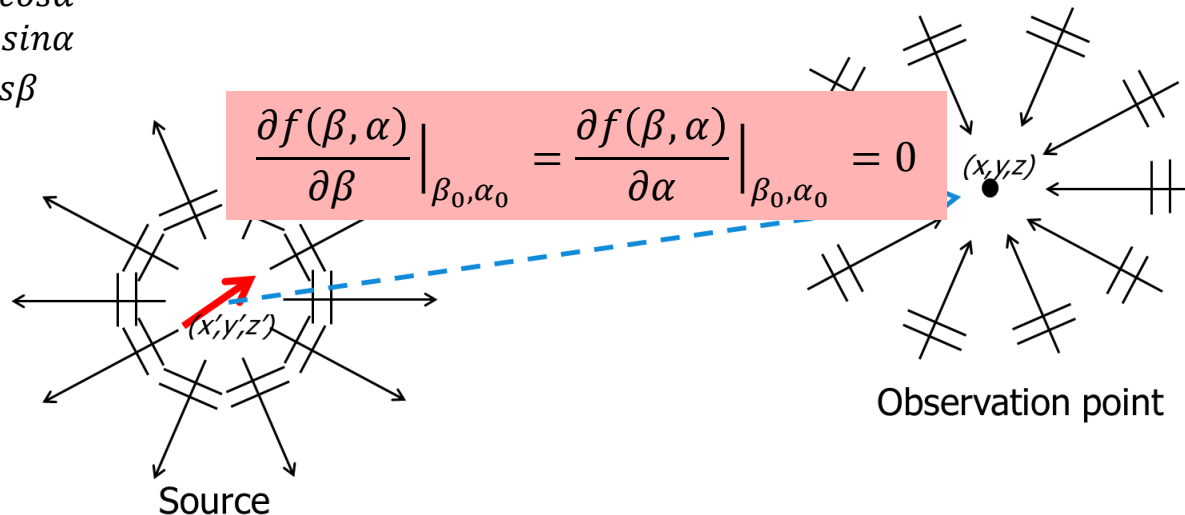
$$\vec{f}(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\vec{G}}^{fc}(k_x, k_y, z, z') e^{jk_z|z-z'|} \vec{C}(k_x, k_y) e^{-jk_x x} e^{-jk_y y} e^{-jk_z|z-z'|} dk_x dk_y$$

In order to find a stationary phase point, it is simpler to the spectral integral into cylindrical integration domain by applying the following change of variables

$$\begin{aligned} k_x &= k_0 \sin\beta \cos\alpha \\ k_y &= k_0 \sin\beta \sin\alpha \\ k_z &= k_0 \cos\beta \end{aligned}$$

The observation points are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \sin\theta \cos\phi \\ y &= r \sin\theta \sin\phi \\ |z - z'| &= r \cos\theta \end{aligned}$$



Far Field Calculation: Stationary Phase Point

$$\vec{f}(x, y, z) \approx \frac{\vec{F}(k_{xs}, k_{ys}, z, z')}{(2\pi)^2} \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-jf(k_x, k_y, k_z, x, y, z, z')}}{k_z} dk_x dk_y$$

k_{xs}, k_{ys}
 β_s, α_s are the saddle points defined by the oscillating phase function f

Change integration domain $k_x = k \sin \beta \cos \alpha$ $k_y = k \sin \beta \sin \alpha$

$$\vec{f}(x, y, z) \approx \frac{\vec{F}(\beta_s, \alpha_s)}{(2\pi)^2} \iint_{\beta, \alpha} e^{-jf(\beta, \alpha; \theta, \phi, r)} k^2 \sin \beta d\beta d\alpha$$

Change observation points $x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$ $y = k \sin \theta \sin \phi$

$$f(\beta, \alpha) = k_0 r (\sin \beta \cos \alpha \sin \theta \cos \phi + \sin \beta \sin \alpha \sin \theta \sin \phi + \cos \beta \cos \theta) = k_0 r (\sin \beta \sin \theta \cos(\alpha - \phi) + \cos \beta \cos \theta)$$

Stationary Phase Points

$$f(\beta, \alpha) = k_0 r (\sin\beta \sin\theta \cos(\alpha - \phi) + \cos\beta \cos\theta)$$

There are two stationary phase points k_{xs1}, k_{ys1} k_{xs2}, k_{ys2}

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} f(\beta, \alpha) = -k_0 r \sin\beta \sin\theta \sin(\alpha - \phi) = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \boxed{\alpha_1 = \phi, \alpha_2 = \phi + \pi}$$

$$f(\beta, \alpha_1) = k_0 r (\sin\beta \sin\theta + \cos\beta \cos\theta)$$

$$f(\beta, \alpha_2) = k_0 r (-\sin\beta \sin\theta + \cos\beta \cos\theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} f(\beta, \alpha_1) = k_0 r (\cos\beta \sin\theta - \sin\beta \cos\theta) = k_0 r \sin(\beta - \theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} f(\beta, \alpha_2) = k_0 r (-\cos\beta \sin\theta - \sin\beta \cos\theta) = k_0 r \sin(\beta + \theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} f(\beta, \alpha_1) = k_0 r \sin(\beta - \theta) = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \beta_1 = \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} f(\beta, \alpha_2) = k_0 r \sin(\beta + \theta) = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \beta_2 = \pi - \theta$$

Stationary Phase Points

There are two stationary phase points

$$\alpha_1 = \phi, \alpha_2 = \phi + \pi$$

$$\beta_1 = \theta \quad \beta_2 = \pi - \theta$$

$$\hat{k}_1 = k_{xs1}\hat{x} + k_{ys1}\hat{y} + k_{zs1}\hat{z}$$

$$k_{xs1} = k \sin \beta_1 \cos \alpha_1 = k \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

$$k_{ys1} = k \sin \beta_1 \sin \alpha_1 = k \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

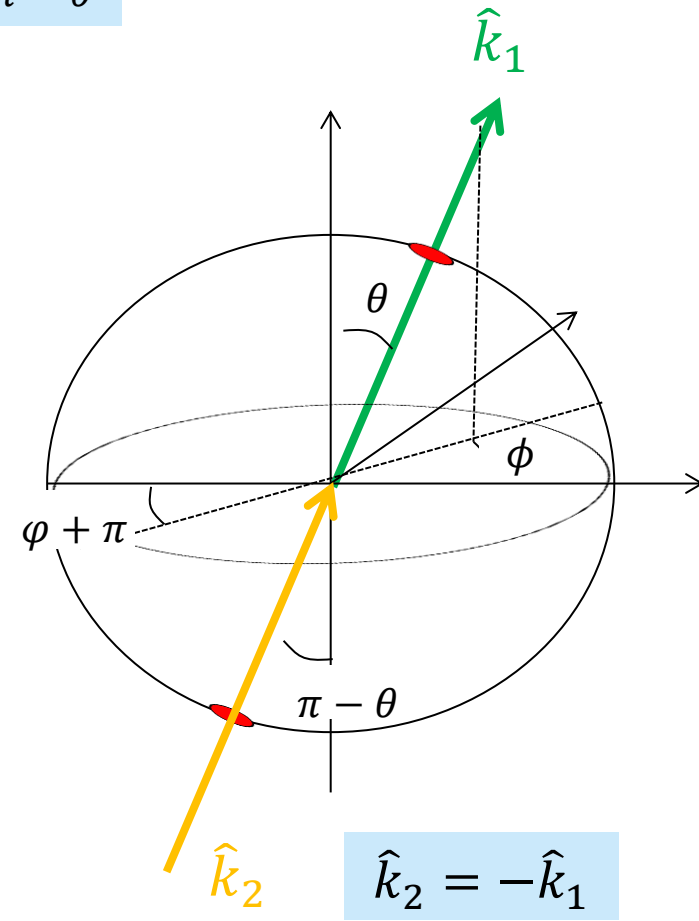
$$k_{zs1} = k \cos \beta_1 = k \cos \theta$$

$$\hat{k}_2 = k_{xs2}\hat{x} + k_{ys2}\hat{y} + k_{zs2}\hat{z}$$

$$k_{xs2} = k \sin \beta_2 \cos \alpha_2 = -k \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

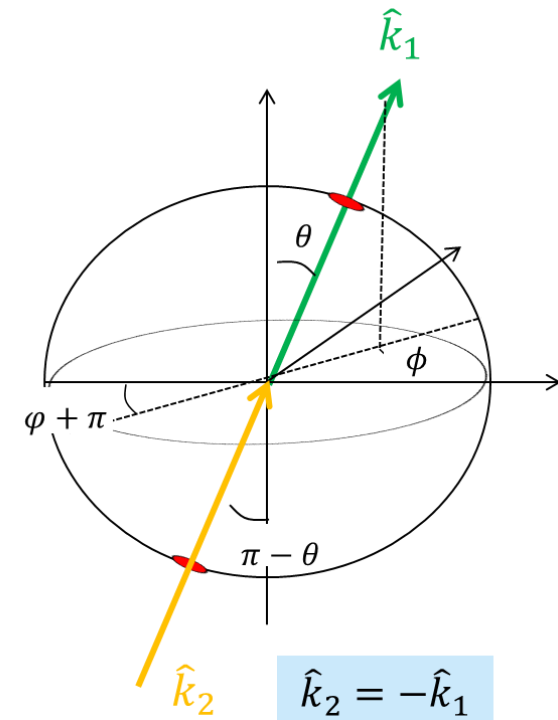
$$k_{ys2} = k \sin \beta_2 \sin \alpha_2 = -k \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$k_{zs2} = k \cos \beta_2 = -k \cos \theta$$



Stationary Phase Points

$$\vec{f}(x, y, z) = \frac{\vec{F}(\beta_s, \alpha_s)}{(2\pi)^2} \iint_{\beta, \alpha} e^{-jf(\beta, \alpha; \theta, \phi, r)} k^2 \sin \beta d\beta d\alpha$$



$$f(\beta_1 = \theta, \alpha_1 = \phi) = k_0 r (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) = k_0 r$$

$$f(\beta_2 = \pi - \theta, \alpha_2 = \phi + \pi) = -k_0 r$$

$$\vec{f}^{far}(\vec{r}) = \vec{F}(\hat{k}_1) \frac{je^{-jkr}}{2\pi r}$$

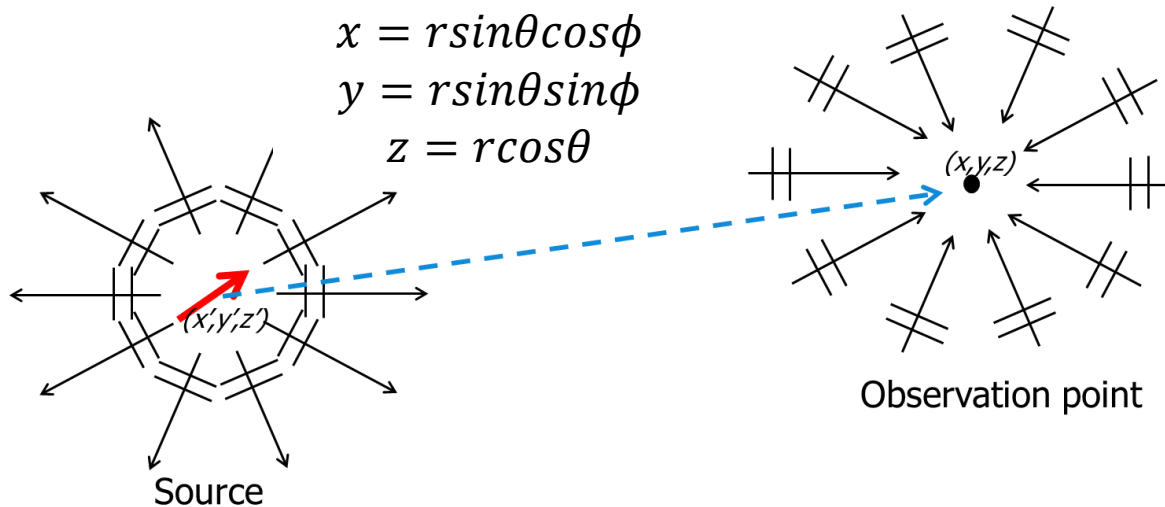
Outward propagating field

$$\vec{f}^{far}(\vec{r}) = -\vec{F}(-\hat{k}_1) \frac{je^{jkr}}{2\pi r}$$

Inward propagating field,
we exclude it

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

$$k_{\rho s} < k_0$$

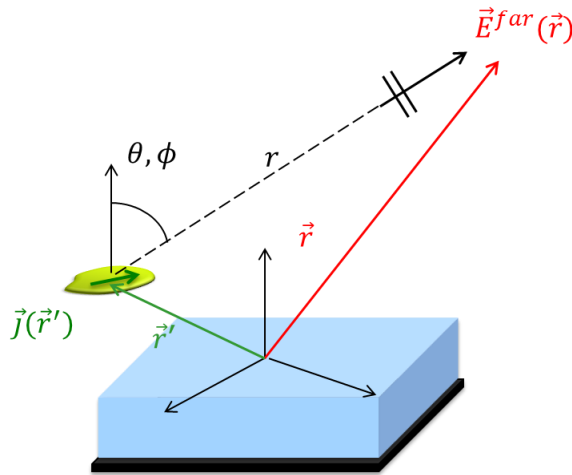
$$\alpha_1 = \phi$$

$$\beta_1 = \theta$$

When this approximation is valid?

Direct PW

$$\vec{f}^{far}(\vec{r}) = jk_{zs} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_{xs}, k_{ys}, z, z_s) \vec{\mathcal{C}}_0(k_{xs}, k_{ys}) e^{jk_{zs}|z-z_s|} \frac{e^{-jkr}}{2\pi r}$$

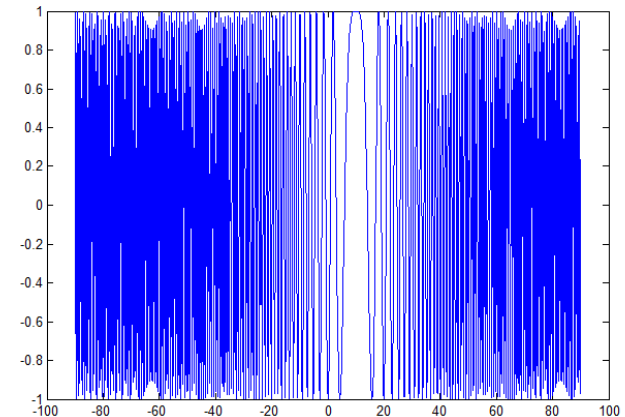


$$k_{xs} = k_0 \sin\theta \cos\phi \quad k_{ys} = k_0 \sin\theta \sin\phi$$

$k_0 r \gg 1$
Highly oscillating
phase

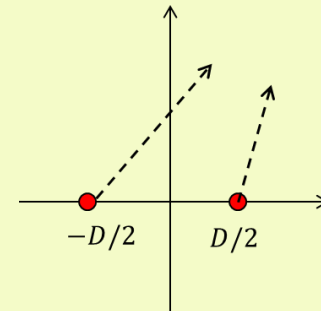
$\vec{\mathcal{C}}_0$ has to be
slowly varying

$$\frac{2D^2}{\lambda} < r$$

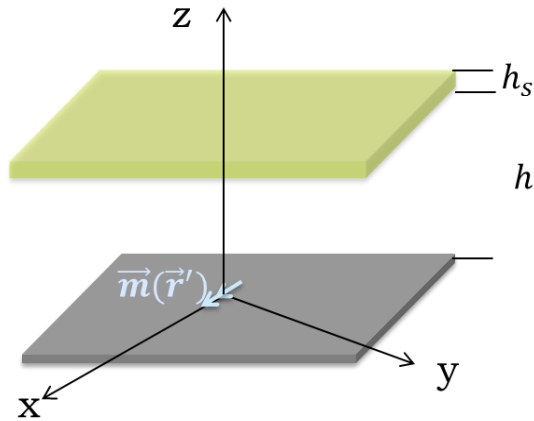


One could extend the region of applicability by *identifying the oscillating terms of the current and performing an asymptotic evaluation for each of them:*

$$C(k_x) = D \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{k_x D}{2}\right) = \frac{e^{jk_x D/2} - e^{-jk_x D/2}}{jk_x}$$



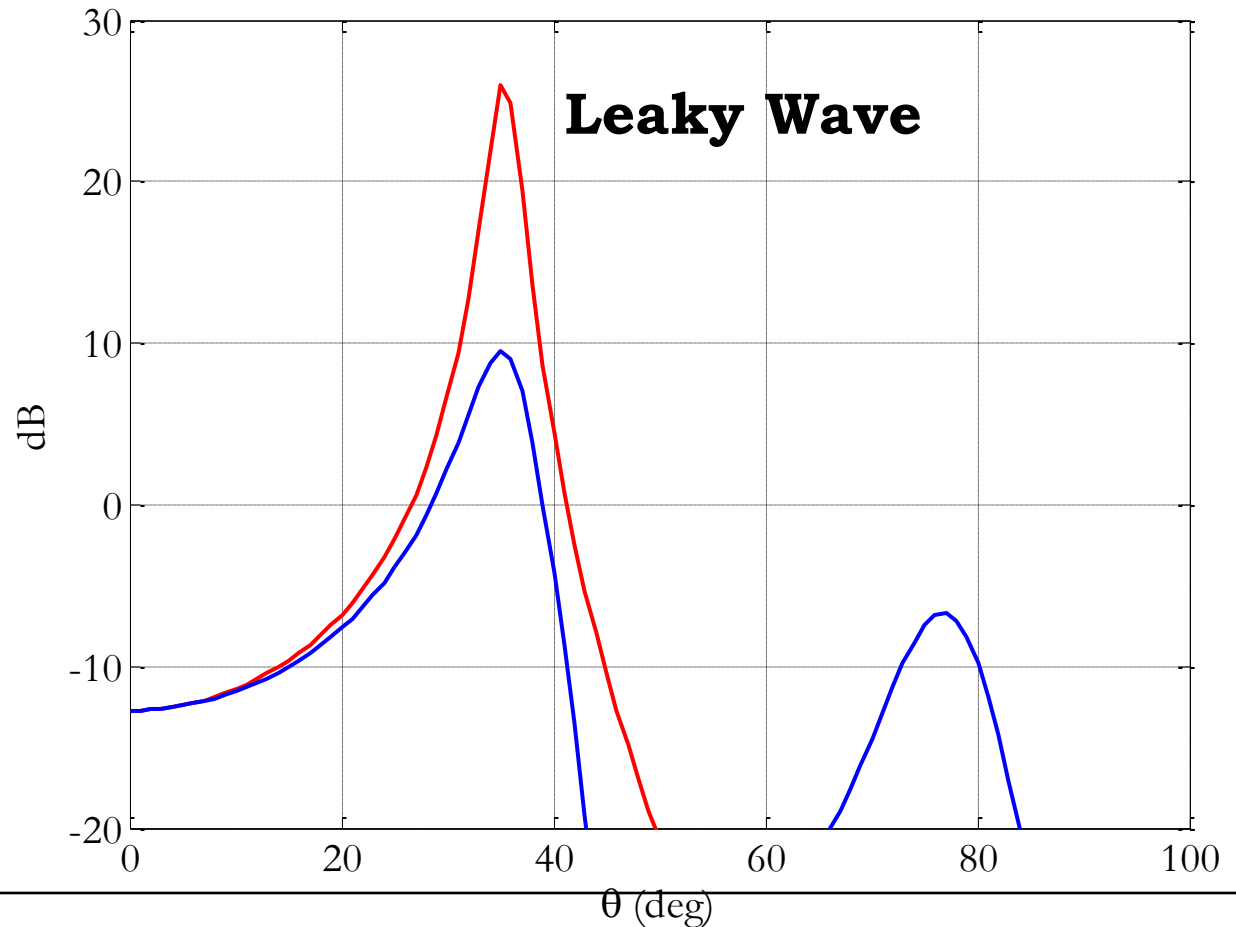
Example 2: Slot in a dielectric stratification



$$\vec{E}^{far}(\vec{r}) = jk_{zs} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{ej}(k_{xs}, k_{ys}, z, 0) \vec{J}_{eq}(k_{xs}, k_{ys}) e^{jk_{zs}|z|} \frac{e^{-jkr}}{2\pi r}$$

The far field of the small source is proportional to the SGF region defined by

$$k_{\rho} \leq k_0$$



Properties of the spectral GF integral

$$\bar{\bar{G}}^{fc}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \begin{bmatrix} G_{xx}(k_x, k_y, z, z') & G_{xy}(k_x, k_y, z, z') & G_{xz}(k_x, k_y, z, z') \\ G_{yx}(k_x, k_y, z, z') & G_{yy}(k_x, k_y, z, z') & G_{yz}(k_x, k_y, z, z') \\ G_{zx}(k_x, k_y, z, z') & G_{zy}(k_x, k_y, z, z') & G_{zz}(k_x, k_y, z, z') \end{bmatrix} e^{-jk_x(x-x')} e^{-jk_y(y-y')} dk_x dk_y$$

Changing the Integration Domain

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

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

The solution of the transmission line does not depend on α

$$i_{TE} = i_{TE}(k_\rho),$$

$$i_{TM} = i_{TM}(k_\rho)$$

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

Change integration domain into cylindrical coordinates:

$$k_x = k_\rho \cos \alpha \quad k_y = k_\rho \sin \alpha \quad \vec{k}_\rho = k_x \hat{x} + k_y \hat{y}$$

$$x = \rho \cos \phi \quad y = \rho \sin \phi \quad \vec{\rho} = x \hat{x} + y \hat{y}$$



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

Can we simplify the integration?

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

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

- Far field
- Surface wave contribution

The integral will be dominated by the oscillating terms (exponentials) or/and by the singularities (critical spectral points) of the SGF

The current can be considered a slow varying function at a critical point of the spectrum $(k_{\rho c}, \alpha_c)$, i.e. a stationary point or singularity, and therefore it can be extracted from the integral



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

Properties of the k_ρ -integral

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

While $\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_\rho, \alpha, z, z')$ depends on the nature of the z -stratification, and position of source and observation in z , general **asymptotic properties of the field** can be inferred from the analytic behaviour of this integrand by looking into its critical points:

- Stationary points
- **Branch points**
- **Poles**

Let us begin by looking into the integrand of the free space case

$$v_{TM}(k_\rho, z, z') = \frac{\zeta_0 k_{z0}}{2k_0} e^{-jk_{z0}|z-z'|}$$

$$v_{TE}(k_\rho, z, z') = \frac{\zeta_0 k_0}{2k_{z0}} e^{-jk_{z0}|z-z'|}$$

k_ρ - Integration Path

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

$$v_{TE}(k_\rho, z, z') = \frac{\zeta_0 k_0}{2k_{z0}} e^{-jk_{z0}|z-z'|}$$

Radiation condition: the integral should converge at infinity.

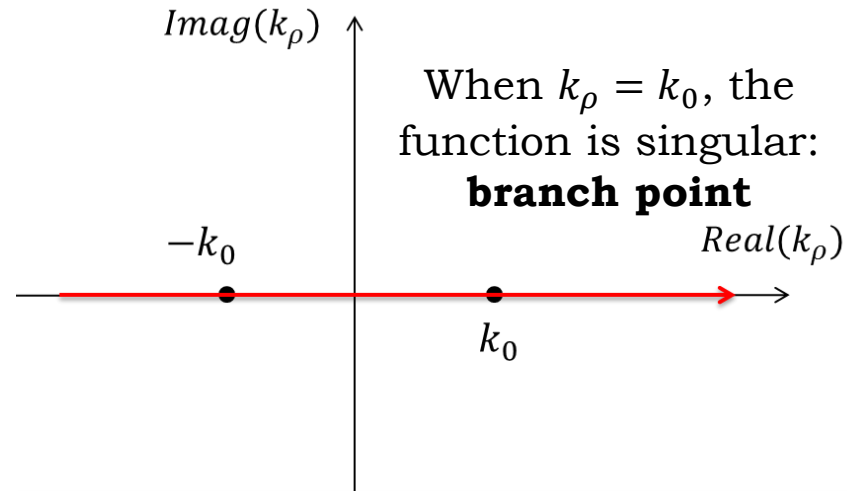
A propagating solution is required for $|z-z'|$ from 0 to infinity

$$k_z = \beta + j\alpha$$

$$e^{-jk_z|z-z'|} = e^{-j\beta|z-z'|} e^{\alpha|z-z'|}$$

$$\beta > 0 \text{ for } |k_\rho| < k_0$$

$$\alpha < 0 \text{ for } |k_\rho| > k_0$$



One cannot integrate over the real axis.

Need to look for an *appropriate* integration path

This path will depend on how the square root in k_{z0} is calculated

Multivalued function in the Complex Plane

The square root is a multivalued function:

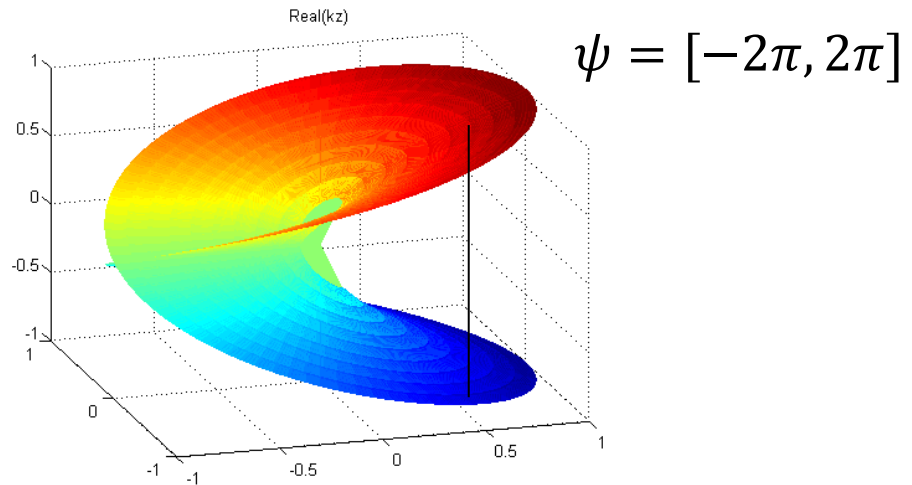
$$k_z = \pm \sqrt{k^2 - k_\rho^2}$$

We can still use a unique value (e.g. the positive sign)

However **this choice will not make the function continuous over the whole complex plane**

$$s = \rho e^{j\psi} \quad k_z = \sqrt{s} = \sqrt{\rho} e^{j\psi/2}$$

$$s = \rho e^{j(\psi+2\pi)} \quad k_z = \sqrt{s} = \sqrt{\rho} e^{j(\frac{\psi}{2}+\pi)}$$



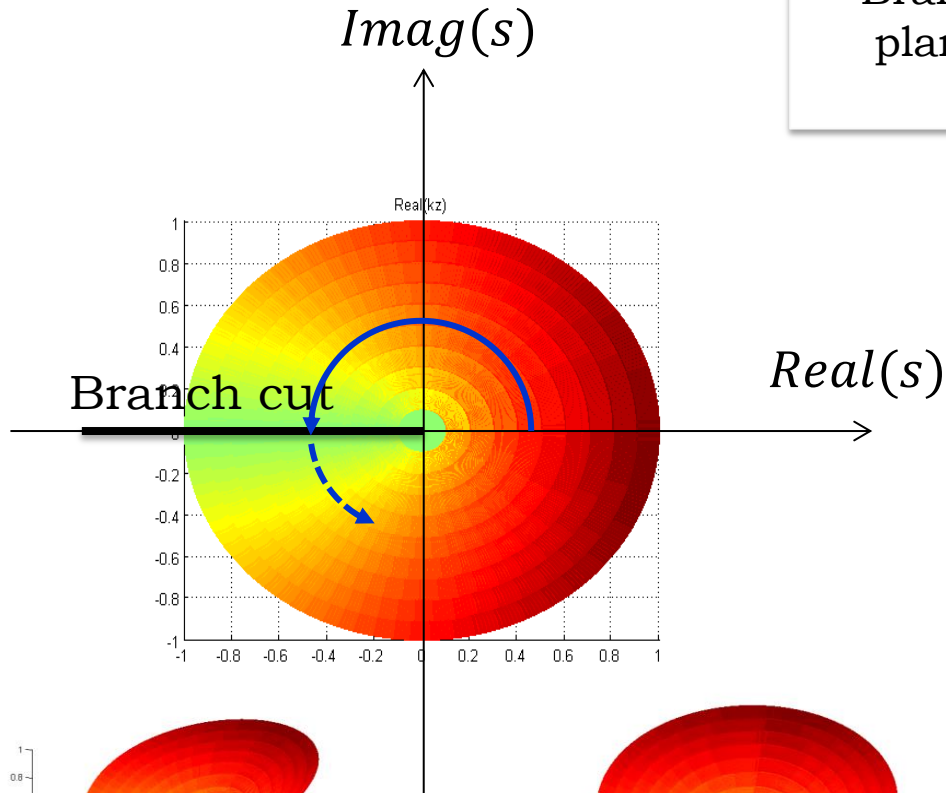
$$\rho = 0.5, \psi = \pi \\ k_z = j/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\rho = 0.5, \psi = -\pi \\ k_z = -j/\sqrt{2}$$

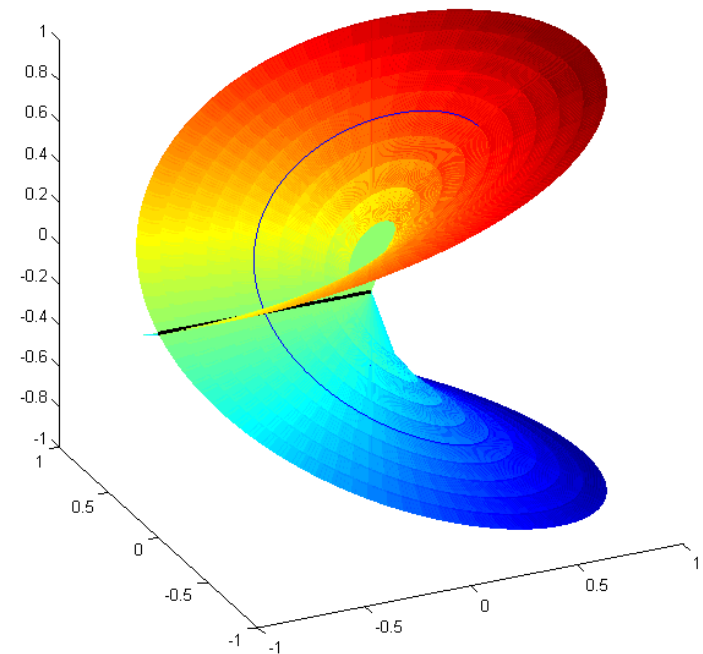
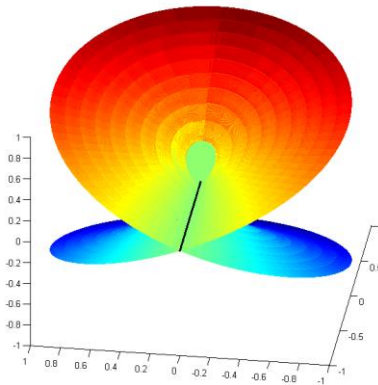
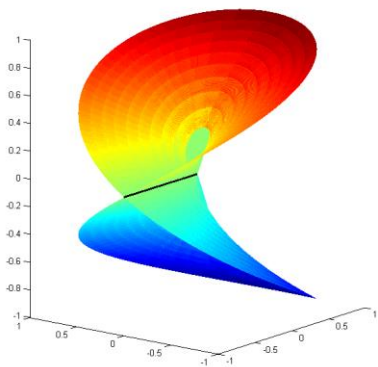
Branch Cuts in the Complex Plane

$$k_z = \sqrt{s} = \sqrt{\rho} e^{j\psi/2}$$

Branch cut is a curve in the complex plane across which the multivalued function is discontinuous

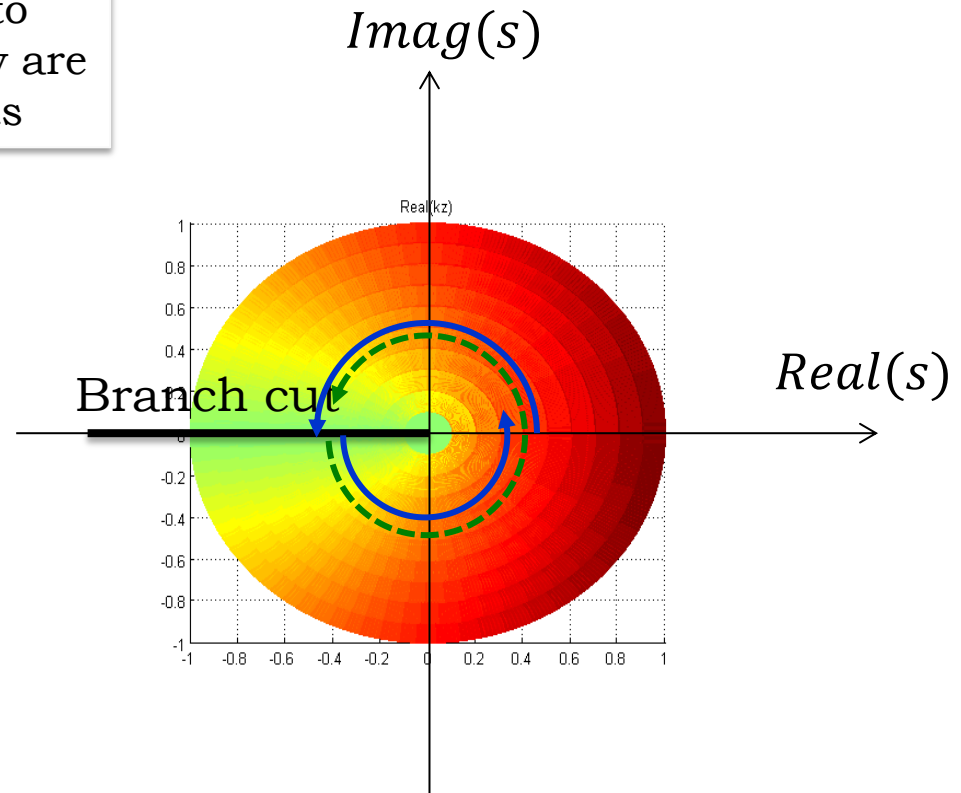
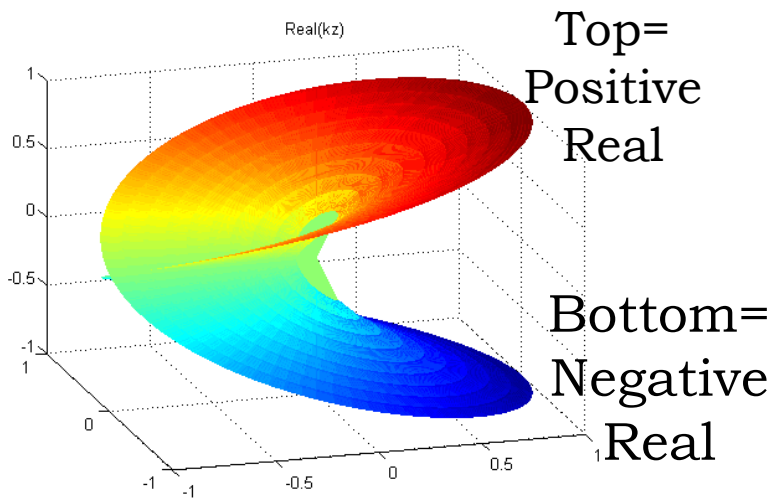


$$\psi = [-2\pi, 2\pi]$$



Riemann Surfaces

Riemann surfaces is another way to represent multi-value functions. They are connected through the branch cuts



$$\rho = 0.5, \psi = 0$$

$$k_z = 1/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\rho = 0.5, \psi = \pi/2$$

$$k_z = (1 + j)/2$$

$$\rho = 0.5, \psi = \pi$$

$$k_z = j/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\rho = 0.5, \psi = 3\pi/2$$

$$k_z = (-1 + j)/2$$

$$\rho = 0.5, \psi = 2\pi$$

$$k_z = -1/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\rho = 0.5, \psi = 5\pi/2$$

$$k_z = -(1 + j)/2$$

$$\rho = 0.5, \psi = 3\pi$$

$$k_z = -j/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\rho = 0.5, \psi = 7\pi/2$$

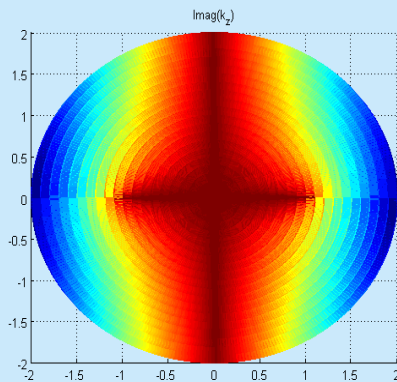
$$k_z = (1 - j)/2$$

Preferred Convention

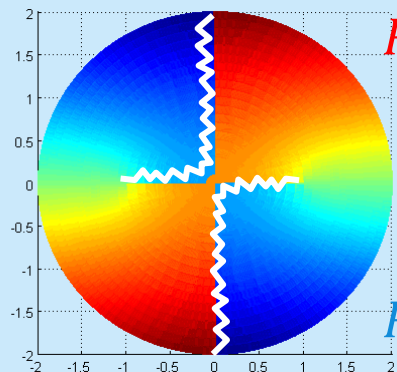
Selection of square root multivalues on the Riemann sheets to obtain a **unique specification of the integrand in the complex plane**

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

Top Riemann Sheet:



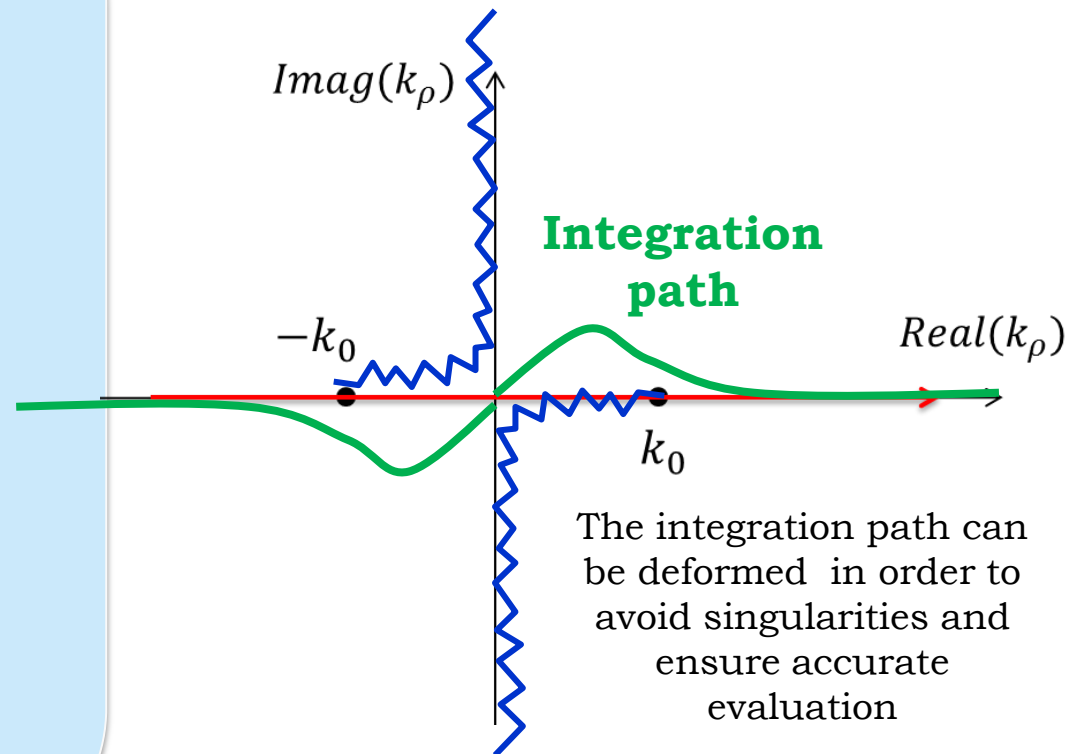
$$\text{Imag}(k_z) < 0$$



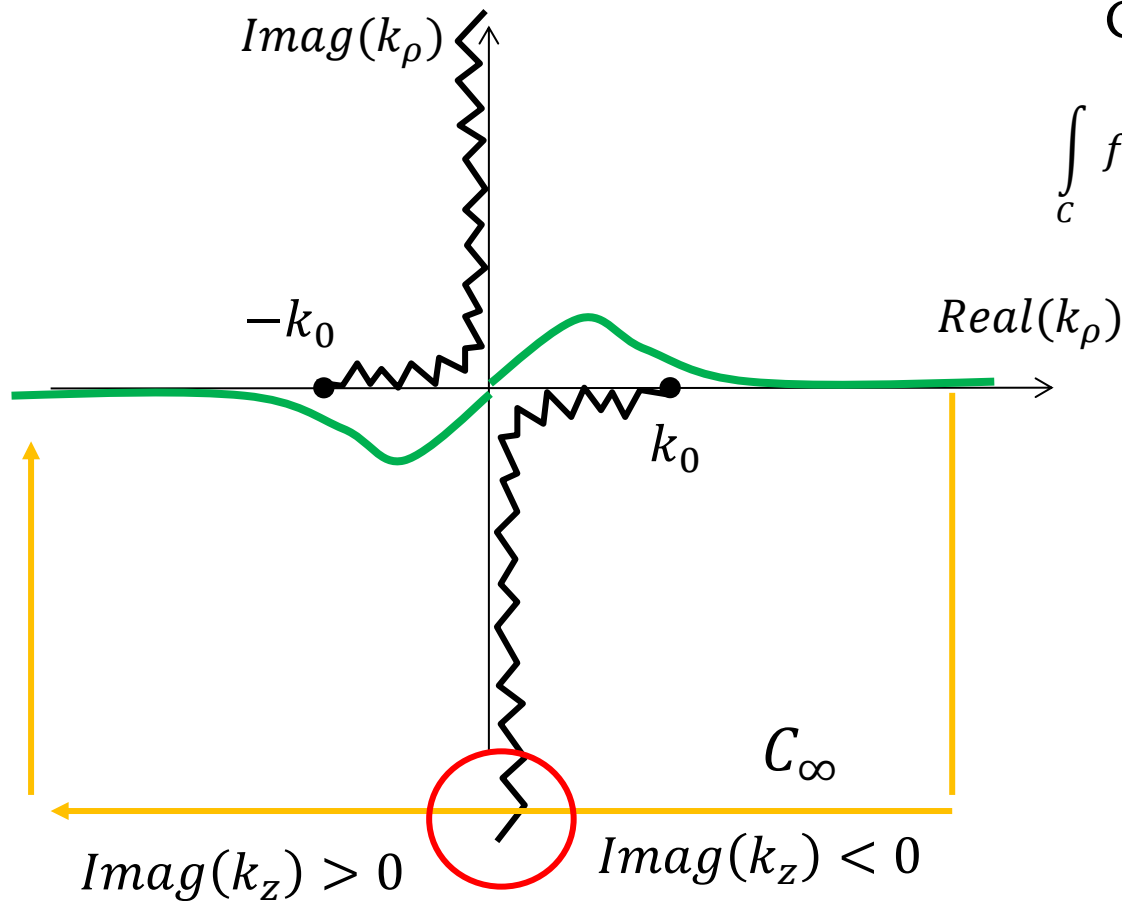
$$\text{Real}(k_z) > 0$$

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

Branch cuts



Changing integration domain



Crossing the branch

Cauchy's theorem:

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

In free space, there is no pole singularities:

$$\int_C f(k_\rho) dk_\rho =$$

$$\int_R f(k_\rho) dk_\rho + \int_{C_\infty} f(k_\rho) dk_\rho = 0$$

Integration around the branch

The integration path can be deformed in order to avoid crossing the branch

$$\int_R f(k_\rho) dk_\rho + \int_{C_\infty} f(k_\rho) dk_\rho - \int_{C_b} f(k_\rho) dk_\rho = 0$$

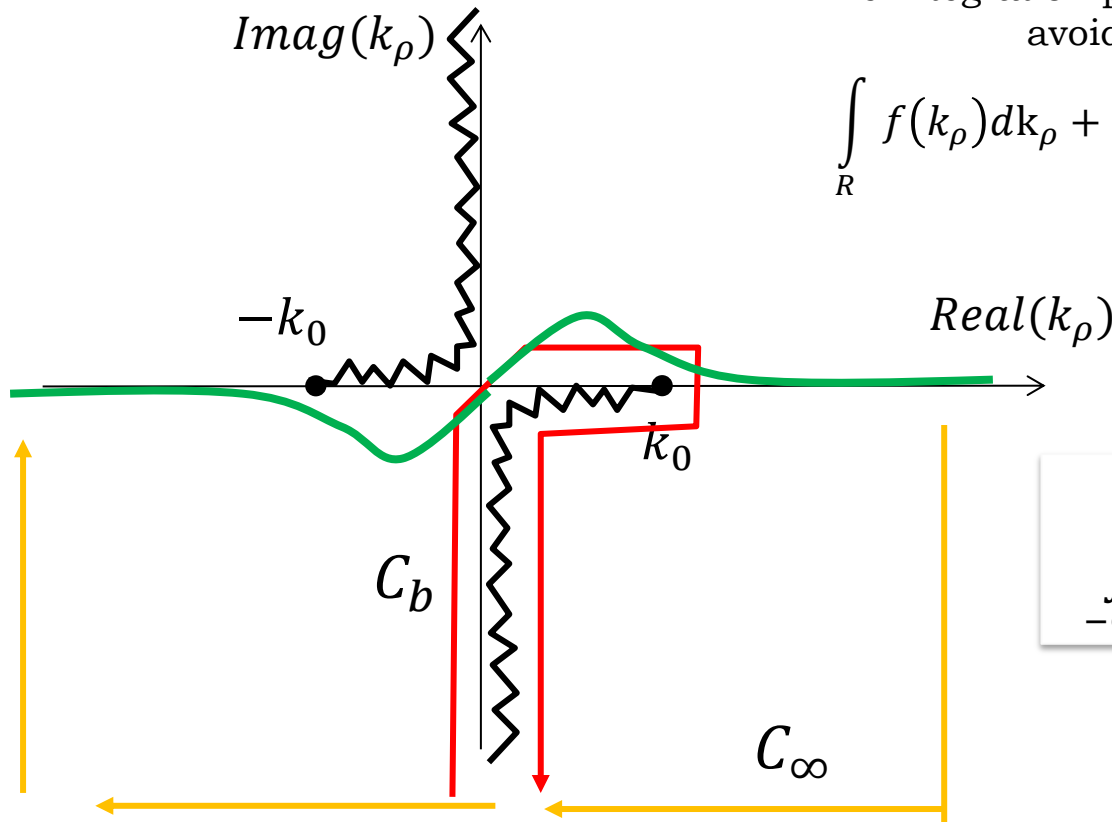
$$\int_R f(k_\rho) dk_\rho = \int_{C_b} f(k_\rho) dk_\rho$$

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



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

The integration along the branch cut gives the radiated field
(Space Wave)

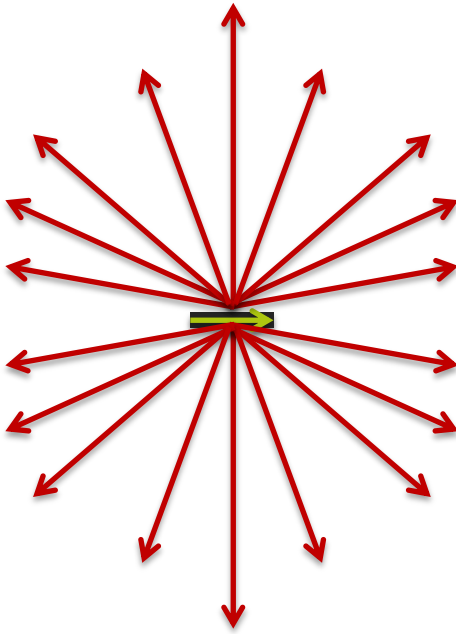


$$e^{-jk_z z} = e^{-\alpha z}$$

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

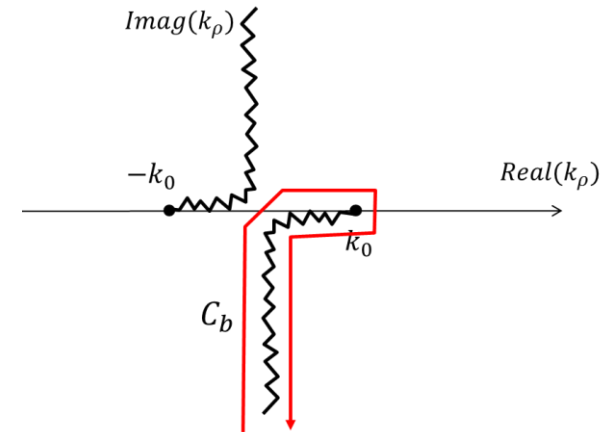
$$\int_{C_\infty} f(k_\rho) dk_\rho = 0$$

Space Wave



In free space:

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



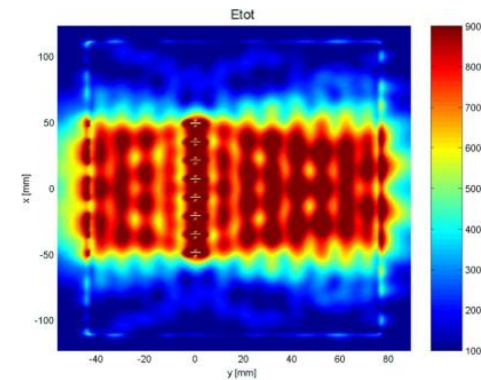
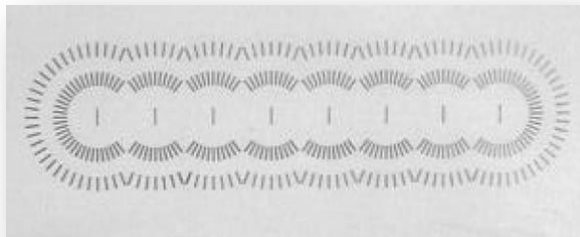
The space wave integral is proportional to the free space scalar potential

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

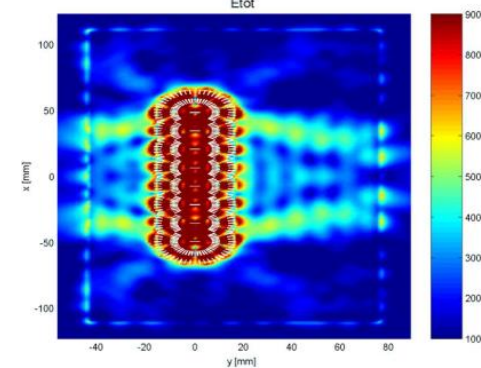
It can be demonstrated using the GF derived from a potential parallel to the source

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

Fields radiated into the dielectric (surface wave)



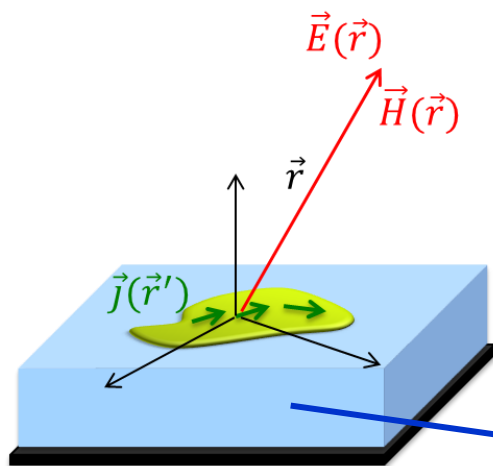
(a)



(b)

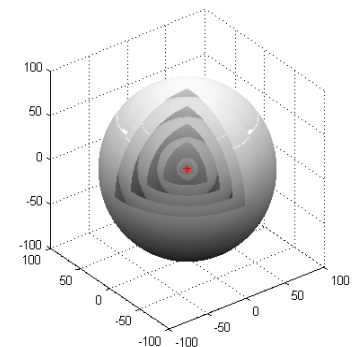
Fields Radiated by Printed Antennas

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



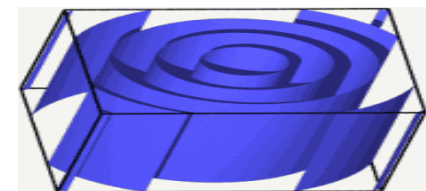
Far field: Spherical wave is emerging when the observation point is in the infinite medium

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



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

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



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

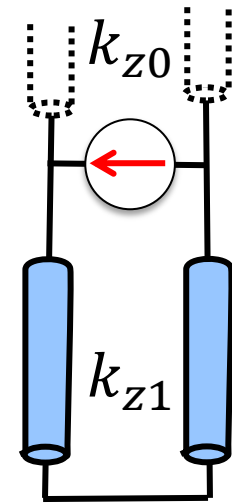
$$k_{zi} = \pm \sqrt{k_i^2 - k_{\rho}^2}$$

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_{ρ} arise in dielectric stratifications.

Pole Singularities

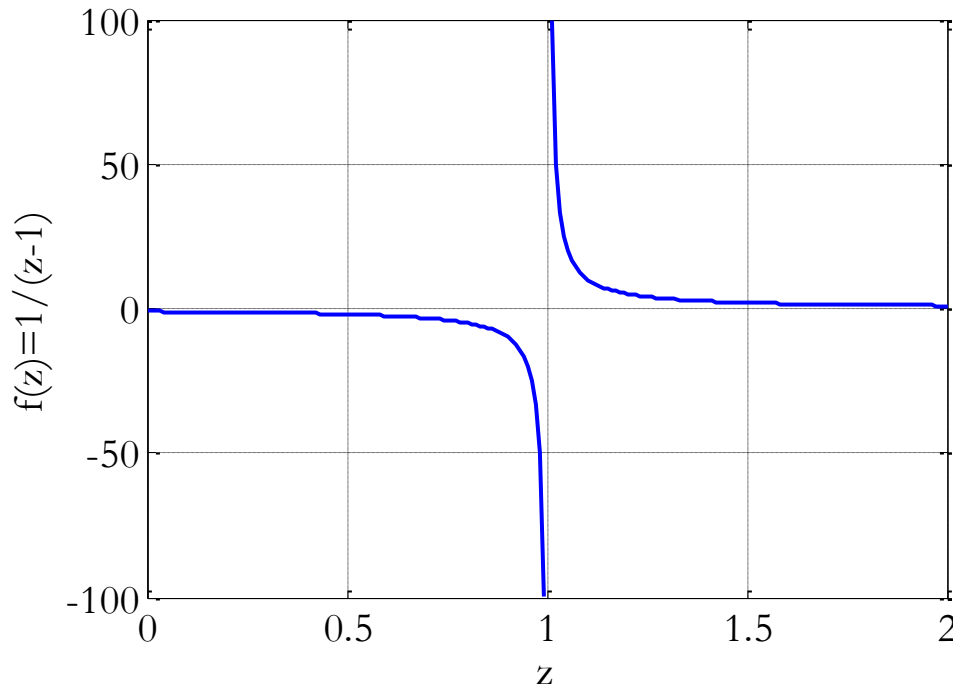
$$f(z) = \frac{g(z)}{(z-a)^n}$$



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

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 $f(z)$

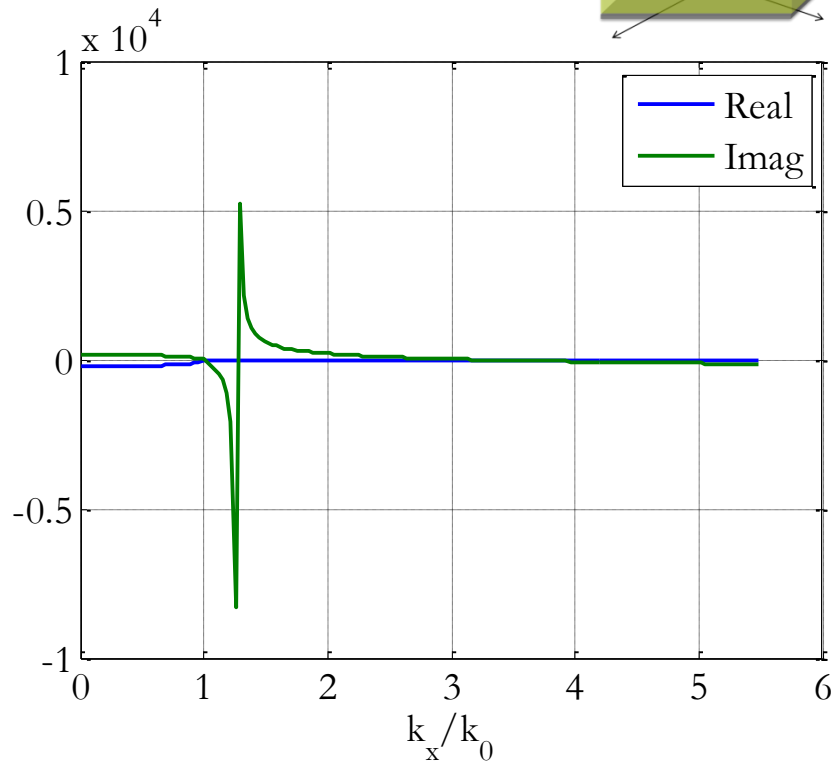
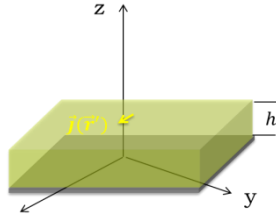


$$h(z) = 0$$

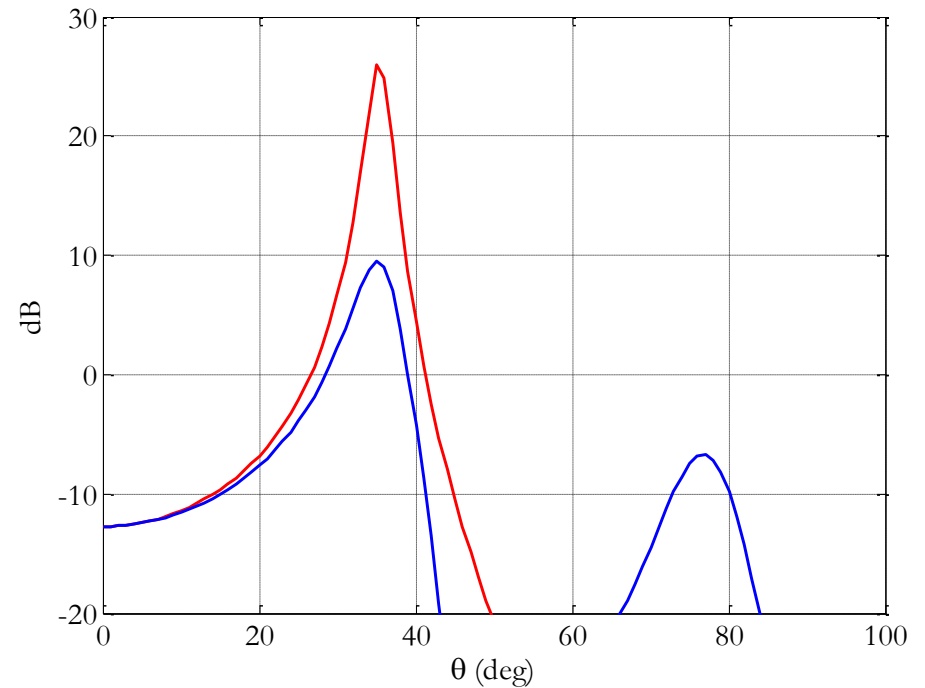
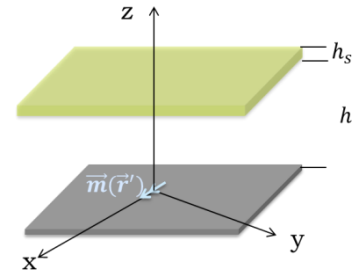
Dispersion equation to find
the pole singularities

Examples

Surface Waves



Leaky Waves

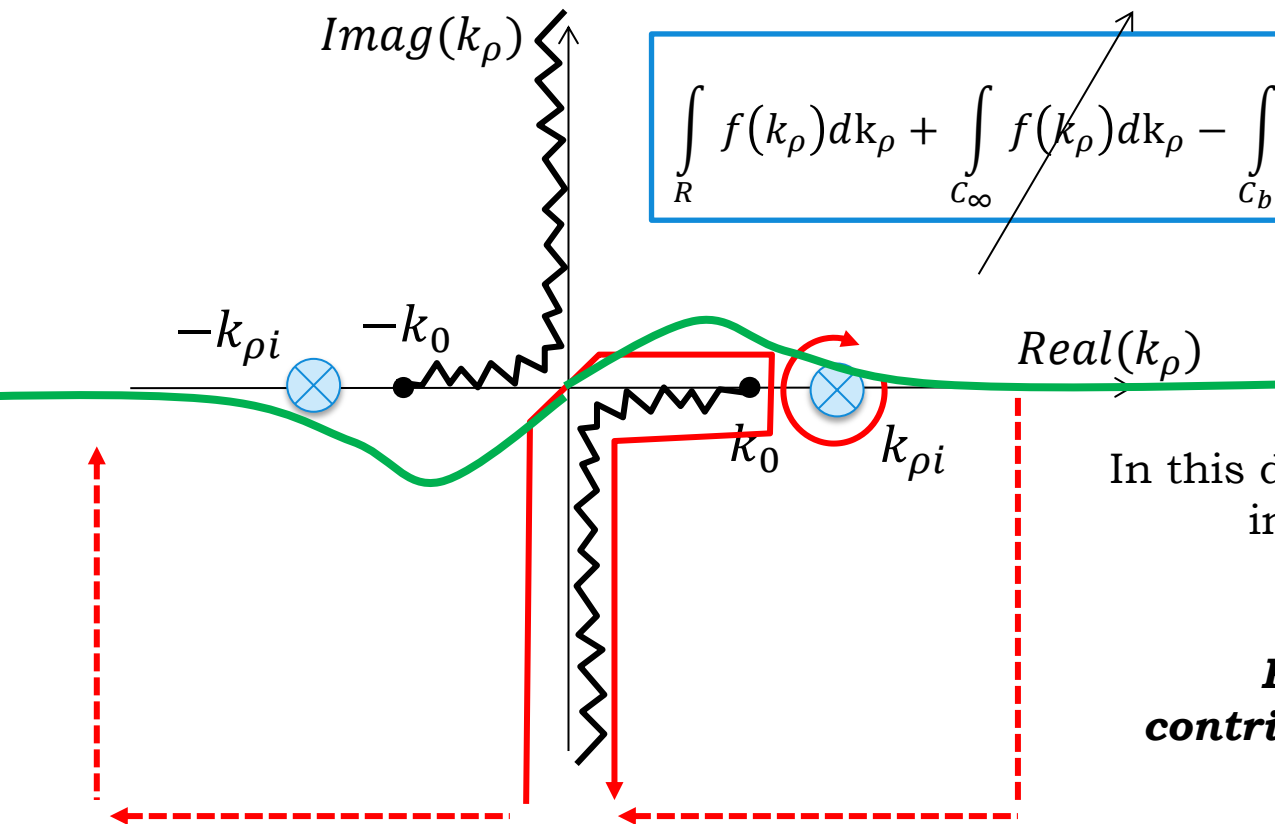


SW Field Contribution

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

In dielectric stratifications there is also pole singularities:

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



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

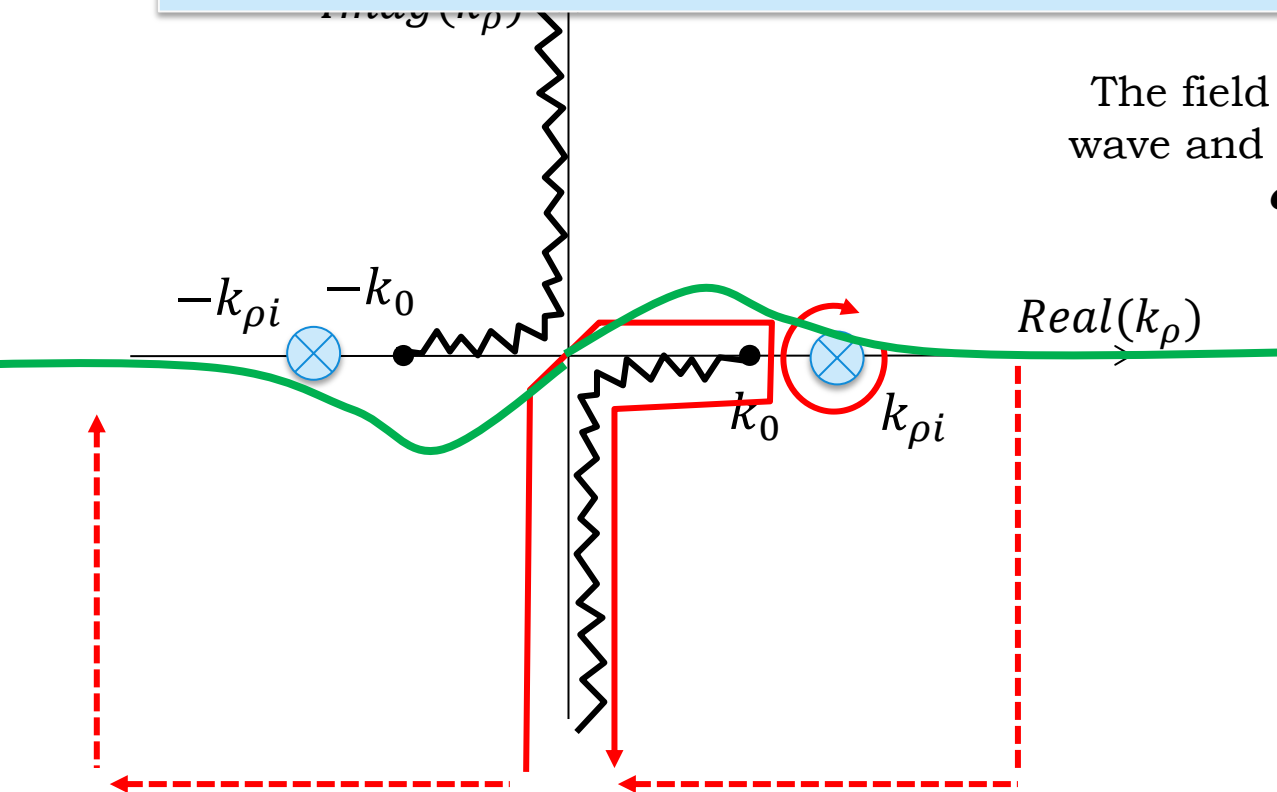
Poles gives rise to discrete contributions to the field in the form of waves

SW Field Contribution

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

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

The field is divided into a space wave and **surface wave discrete contributions**



Important Points

- The SGF has two **main singularities**: branch points and poles
- Depending on the observation point, the spectral Green's function has different critical points: stationary phase (far field), branch (space wave), poles (surface wave field)
- **Branch cuts** are defined depending on the *sign of the square root* in an infinite medium. This sign is related to the radiation condition.
- The **integration path** is deformed to avoid these singularities and achieve best convergence.
- The integration around the branch gives the **space wave**
- The **stationary phase points** give the field at large distances. For instance the far field as a single plane wave contribution in each observation point
- **Real pole singularities** give rise to surface wave *discrete* field contributions