# Spectral Domain Methods in Electromagnetics EE4620

Topic # 3

# Dominant Spectral Contributions

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#### **EE4580** Quasi Optical Systems

#### 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**

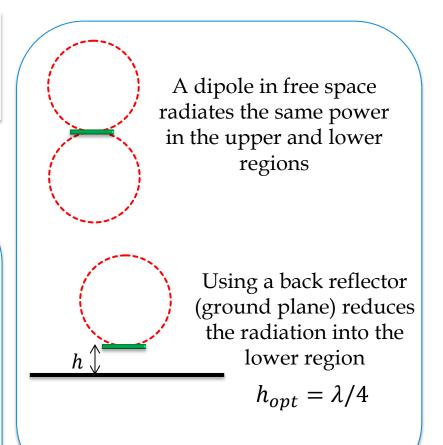
Radar, Space, Sensing applications...

The objective is to radiate the power into a certain direction

Dielectric allows using integrated technology (PCB, lithography)

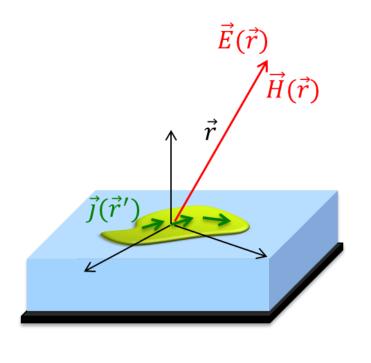


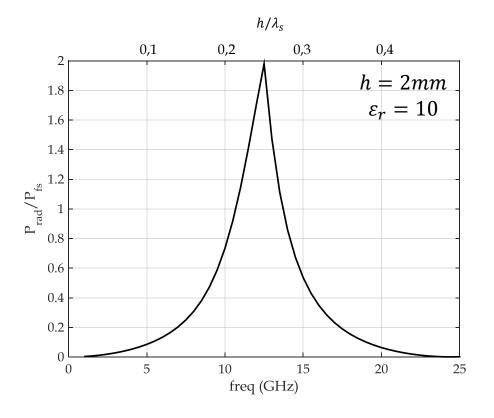






## **Integrated Antennas**

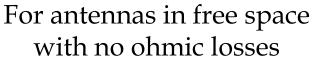


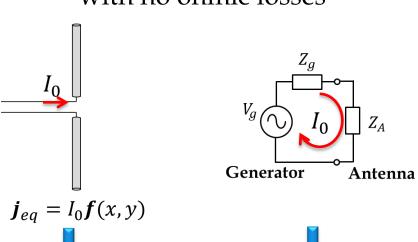


Optimum radiation for  $h_{opt} = \lambda_s/4$ 



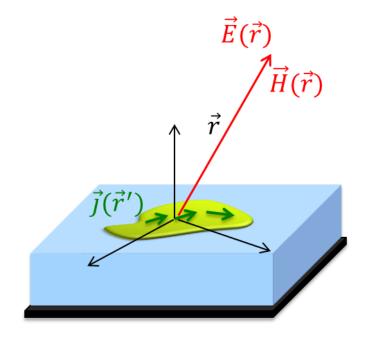
#### **Power Budget**





$$2\pi \quad \pi$$

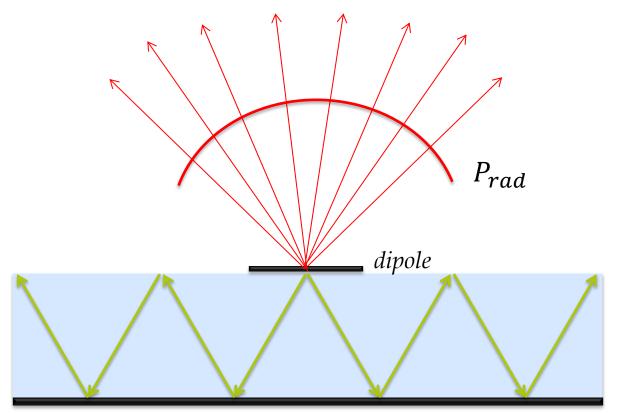
$$P_{rad} = \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} U(\theta, \phi) \sin \theta \, d\theta d\phi = P_A = \frac{1}{2} |I_0|^2 Re\{Z_A\}$$



What happens in antennas radiating into infinitely extended dielectrics?



#### **Surface Waves**



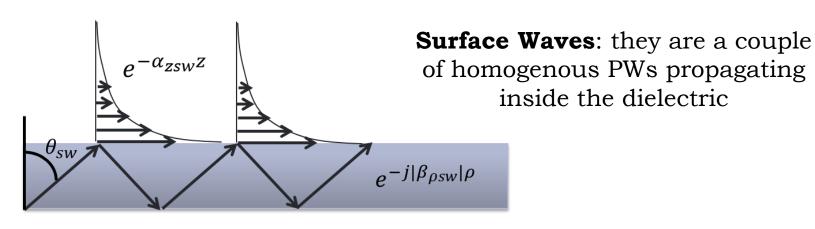
There is a part of the power delivered to the antenna that is radiated inside the dielectric!

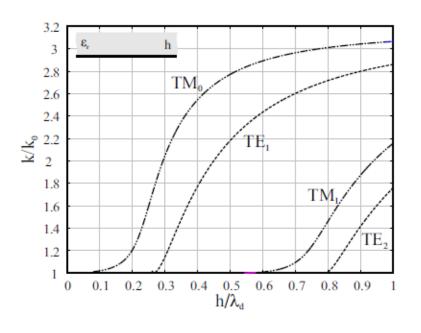
 $P_{sw}$ 

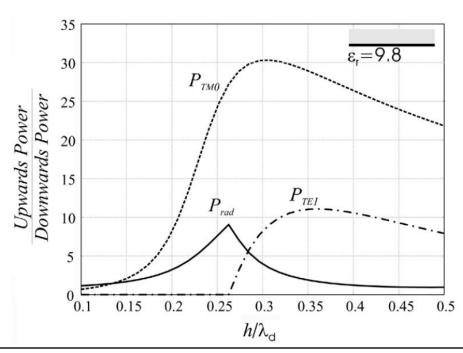
$$P_A = \frac{1}{2} |I_0|^2 Re\{Z_A\} = P_{rad} + P_{sw}$$



#### **Surface Waves**



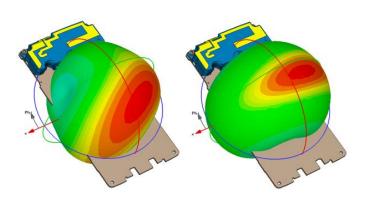




inside the dielectric



#### **Integrated Antennas**

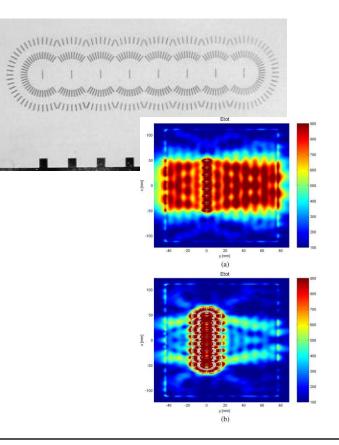


At low frequencies, the dielectrics are electrically very thin... you can design antennas as they were radiating in free space

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



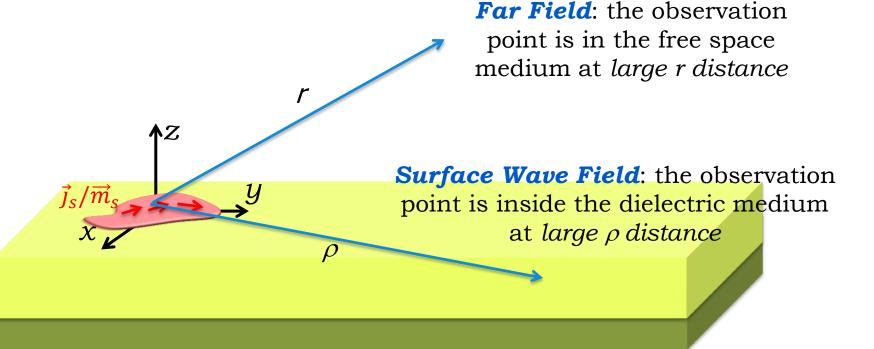
At THz frequencies, it is actually better to use lenses (quasi-optical antennas)





#### Fields Radiated by Printed Antennas

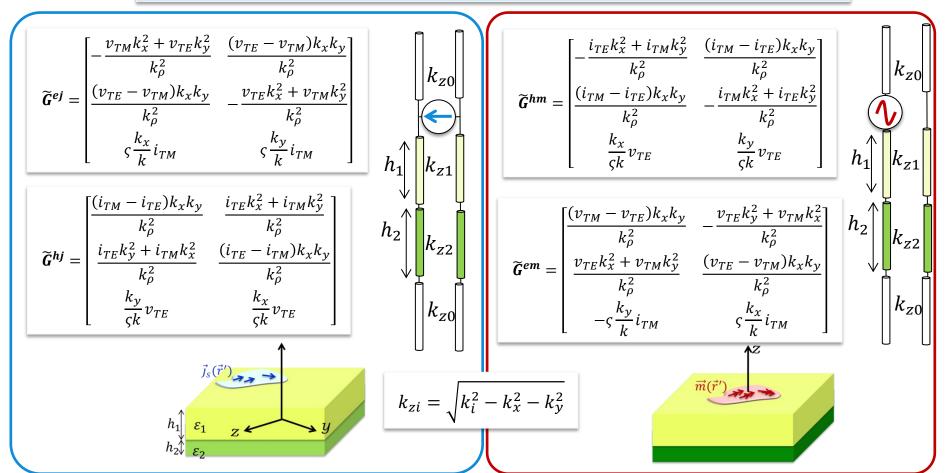
$$\vec{f}(x,y,z) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_x,k_y,z,z') \vec{\mathbf{C}}(k_x,k_y) e^{-jk_x x} e^{-jk_y y} dk_x dk_y$$





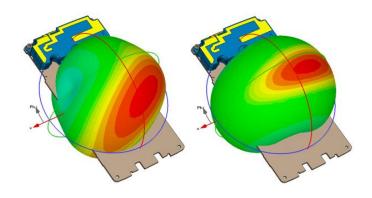
# **Dyadic Green's Function for Stratified Media**

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





#### Fields radiated into free space (far field)



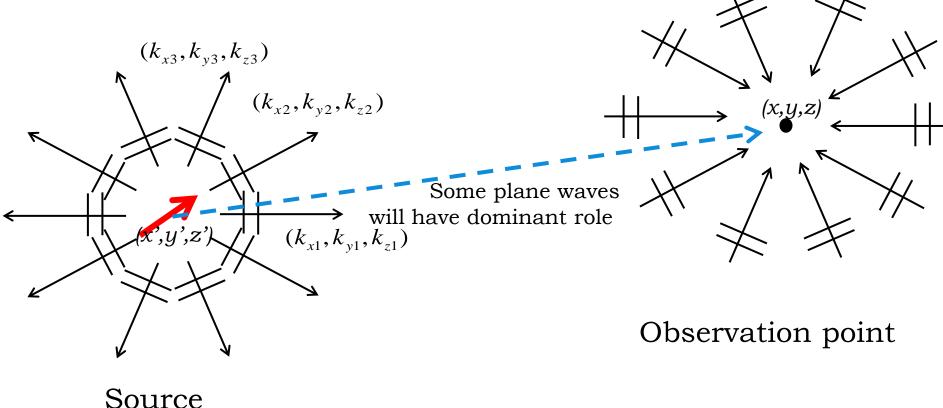
$$\begin{split} \bar{\bar{G}}^{fc}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') &= \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int\limits_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int\limits_{-\infty}^{\infty} \\ \left[ \begin{matrix} G_{xx}(k_x, k_y, z, z') & G_{xy}(k_x, k_y, z, z') & G_{xz}(k_x, k_y, z, z') \\ G_{yx}(k_x, k_y, z, z') & G_{yy}(k_x, k_y, z, z') & G_{yz}(k_x, k_y, z, z') \\ G_{zx}(k_x, k_y, z, z') & G_{zy}(k_x, k_y, z, z') & G_{zz}(k_x, k_y, z, z') \end{matrix} \right] e^{-jk_x(x-xt)} e^{-jk_y(y-yt)} dk_x dk_y \end{split}$$



# Plane Wave expansion

Plane waves are defined over the entire space.

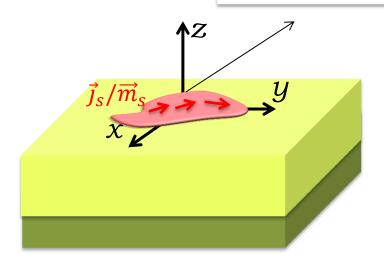
Plane wave expansion represents the total radiated fields as emerging from the source in (x',y',z') and arriving until (x,y,z)

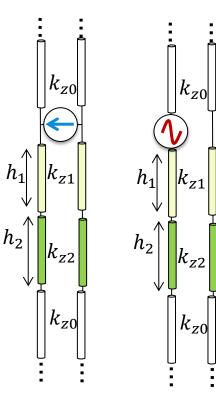




#### **Printed Antennas**

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





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

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



#### **Far Field Radiation**

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



We know the solution of this integral

$$\vec{f}(x,y,z) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \widetilde{\boldsymbol{G}}^{fc}(k_x,k_y,z,z') \overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{C}}(k_x,k_y) k_{z0} e^{jk_{z0}|z-z'|} \right) \frac{e^{-jk_{z0}|z-z'|}}{k_{z0}} e^{-jk_x x} e^{-jk_y y} dk_x dk_y$$



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

$$\vec{\boldsymbol{f}}^{far}(x,y,z) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \widetilde{\boldsymbol{G}}^{fc}(k_{xs},k_{ys},z,z') \vec{\boldsymbol{C}}(k_{xs},k_{ys}) k_{zs} e^{jk_{zs}|z-z'|} \int\limits_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int\limits_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-jk_{z0}|z-z'|}}{k_{z0}} e^{-jk_{x}x} e^{-jk_{y}y} dk_{x} dk_{y}$$

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



# **Stationary Phase Asymptotic Evaluation**

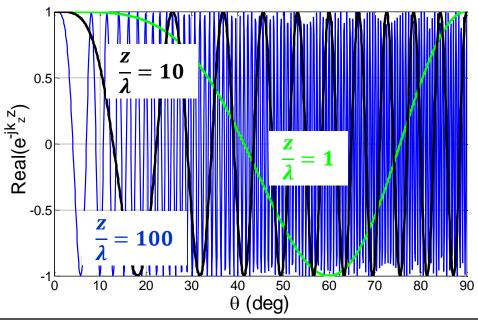
- The original integration domain is infinite  $\int$
- In the far field, we can assume that the distance is much larger than the wavelength.

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!



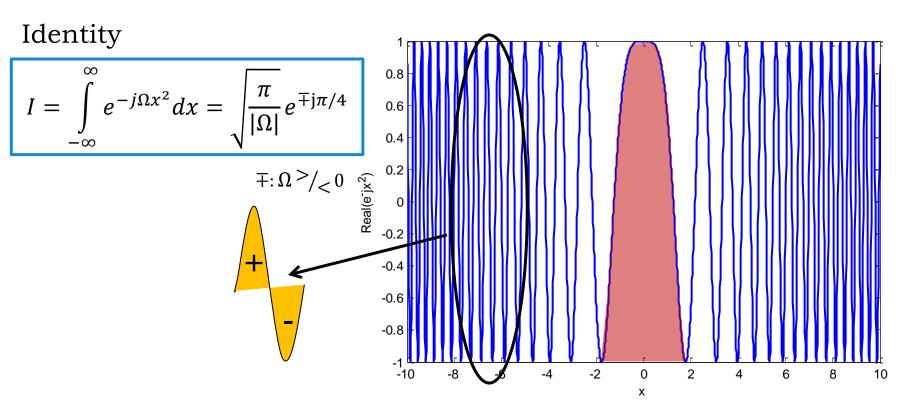
The integral can be calculated using an asymptotic evaluation



The stationary phase method



## Oscillating function



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

The integral of this function is dominated by the area of the portion of the function closed to the origin.

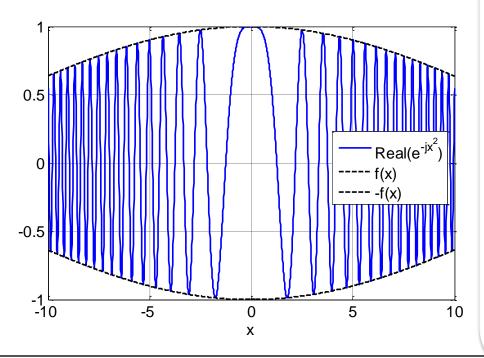
Indeed, the portion far from the origin oscillates rapidly and leads to destructive contributions



# 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

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

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

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

For large  $\Omega$ , only the first term is significant

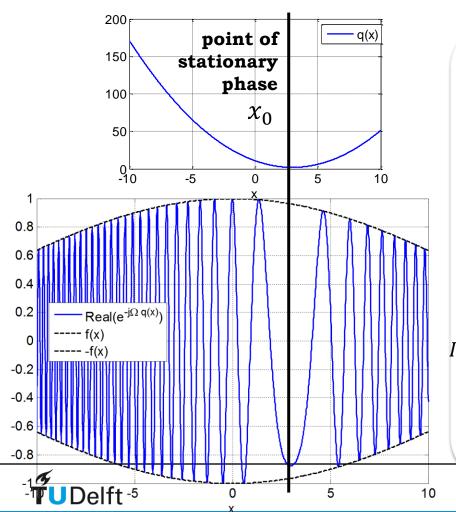


### Stationary phase method

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

$$\Omega > 0 \quad \mp q''(x_0)^{>}/_{<}0 \quad \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\Omega|q''(x_0)|}$$

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  $x_0$ 

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

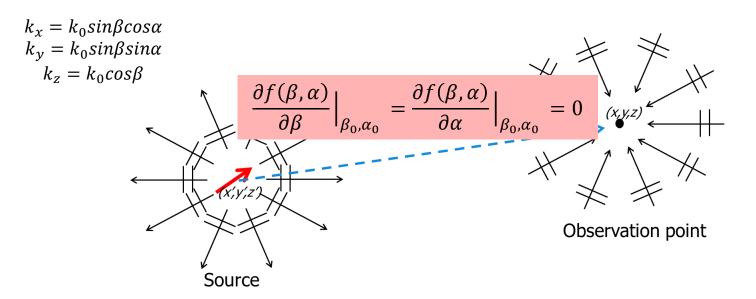
3) Asymptotic evaluation

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

### Far Field Calculation: Stationary Phase Point

$$\vec{\boldsymbol{f}}(x,y,z) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \iint\limits_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{G}}}^{fc}(k_x,k_y,z,z') e^{jk_z|z-z'|} \vec{\boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{C}}}(k_x,k_y) e^{-jk_xx} e^{-jk_yx} e^{-jk_z|z-z'|} dk_x dk_y$$

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 The observation points are defined by  $x = rsin\theta cos\phi$  $y = rsin\theta sin\phi$  $|z - z'| = rcos\theta$ 





#### Far Field Calculation: Stationary Phase Point

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

 $\vec{F}(k_{xs}, k_{ys}, z, z') = k_{zs} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_{xs}, k_{ys}, z, z') \vec{\mathbf{C}}(k_{xs}, k_{ys}) e^{jk_{zs}|z-z'|}$  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  $x = rsin\theta cos\phi$   $y = ksin\theta sin\phi$ 

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



# **Stationary Phase Points**

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

There are two stationary phase points

$$k_{xs1}, k_{ys1}$$
  $k_{xs2}, k_{ys2}$ 

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} f(\beta, \alpha) = -k_0 r sin\beta sin\theta sin(\alpha - \phi) = 0$$

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

$$f(\beta, \alpha_1) = k_0 r \left( sin\beta sin\theta + cos\beta cos\theta \right) \qquad f(\beta, \alpha_2) = k_0 r \left( -sin\beta sin\theta + cos\beta cos\theta \right)$$

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

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

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

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



# **Stationary Phase Points**

#### There are two stationary phase points

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

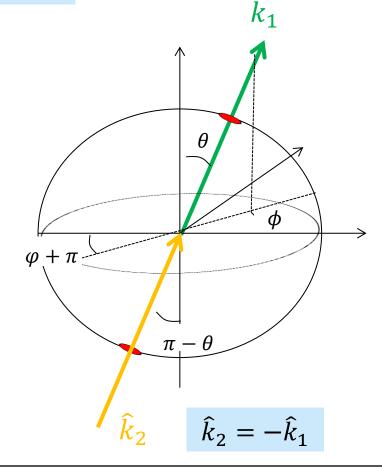
$$\beta_1 = \theta$$
  $\beta_2 = \pi - \theta$ 

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

$$k_{xs1} = ksin\beta_1 cos\alpha_1 = ksin\theta cos\phi$$
  
 $k_{ys1} = ksin\beta_1 sin\alpha_1 = ksin\theta sin\phi$   
 $k_{zs1} = kcos\beta_1 = kcos\theta$ 

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

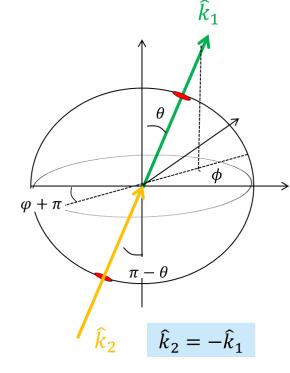
$$\begin{aligned} k_{xs2} &= k sin \beta_2 cos \alpha_2 = -k sin \theta cos \phi \\ k_{ys2} &= k sin \beta_1 sin \alpha_1 = -k sin \theta sin \phi \\ k_{zs2} &= k cos \beta_1 = -k cos \theta \end{aligned}$$





# **Stationary Phase Points**

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



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

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

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

Outward propagating field

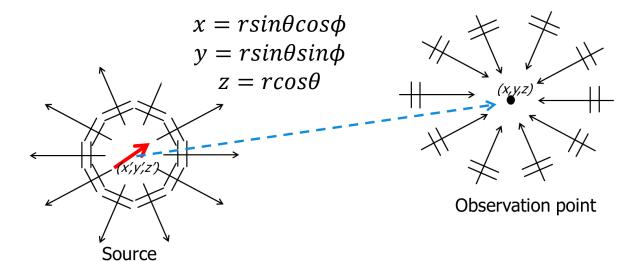
$$\vec{f}^{far}(\vec{r}) = -\vec{F}\left(-\hat{k}_1\right) \frac{je^{jkr}}{2\pi r}$$

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

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

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

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

It corresponds to a stationary phase point

The far field of any source is proportional to

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

Spherical Wave

$$\beta_1 = \theta$$

 $\alpha_1 = \varphi$ 

The region of the spectrum that impacts the far field is

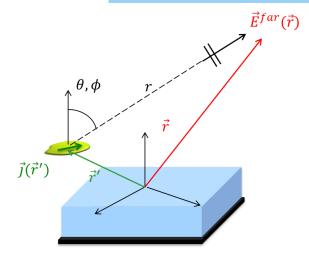
$$k_{\rho s} < k_0$$



#### When this approximation is valid?

**Direct PW** 

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

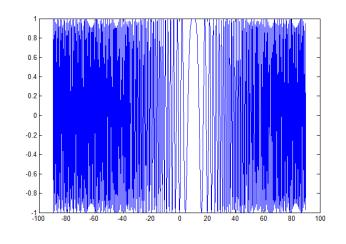


$$k_{xs} = k_0 sin\theta cos\phi$$
  $k_{ys} = k_0 sin\theta sin\phi$ 

 $k_0r\gg 1$ Highly oscilalting phase

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

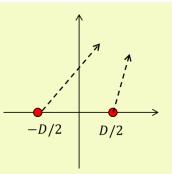
$$\frac{2D^2}{\lambda} < r$$



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

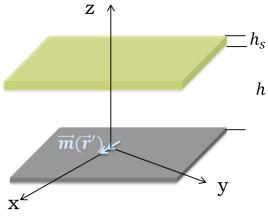
$$C(k_x) = Dsinc\left(\frac{k_x D}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{e^{jk_x D/2} - e^{-jk_x D/2}}{jk_x}$$



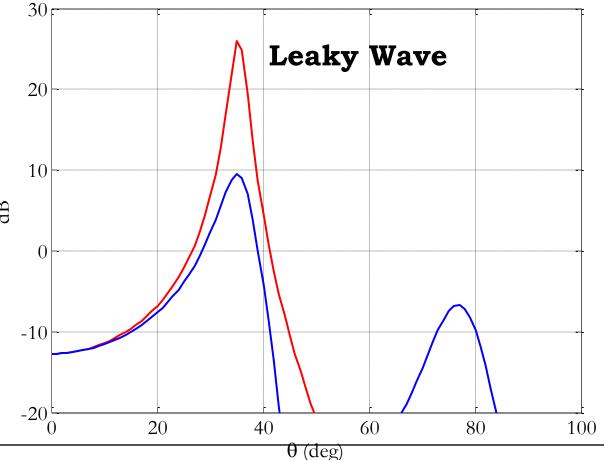


# Example 2: Slot in a dielectric stratification



The far field of the small source is proportional to the SGF region defined by  $k_{\rho} \leq k_{0}$ 

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





#### Properties of the spectral GF integral

$$\bar{\bar{G}}^{fc}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ G_{xx}(k_x, k_y, z, z') - G_{xy}(k_x, k_y, z, z') - G_{xz}(k_x, k_y, z, z') - G_{xz}(k_x, k_y, z, z') \right] e^{-jk_x(x-x')} e^{-jk_y(y-y')} dk_x dk_y \left[ G_{zx}(k_x, k_y, z, z') - G_{zy}(k_x, k_y, z, z') - G_{zz}(k_x, k_y, z, z') \right] e^{-jk_x(x-x')} e^{-jk_y(y-y')} dk_x dk_y$$



# **Changing the Integration Domain**

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

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

The solution of the transmission line does not depend on  $\alpha$ 

$$i_{TE} = i_{TE}(k_{\rho}),$$
 $i_{TM} = i_{TM}(k_{\rho})$ 
 $k_{zi} = \sqrt{k_i^2 - k_{\rho}^2}$ 

Change integration domain into cylindrical coordinates:

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

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

$$f(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{0}^{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widetilde{\mathbf{G}}^{fc}(k_{\rho}, \alpha, z, z') \mathbf{C}_{s}(k_{\rho}, \alpha) e^{-j\vec{k}_{\rho} \cdot \vec{\rho}} k_{\rho} dk_{\rho} d\alpha$$

## Can we simplify the integration?

$$\vec{f}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{0}^{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \vec{G}^{fc}(k_{\rho}, \alpha, z, z') \vec{C}(k_{\rho}, \alpha) e^{-j\vec{k}_{\rho}\cdot\vec{\rho}} k_{\rho} dk_{\rho} d\alpha$$

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



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



# Properties of the $k_{ ho}$ -integral

$$\vec{\boldsymbol{f}}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{0}^{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widetilde{\boldsymbol{G}}^{fc}(k_{\rho}, \alpha, z, z') e^{-j\vec{\boldsymbol{k}}_{\rho} \cdot \vec{\boldsymbol{\rho}}} k_{\rho} dk_{\rho} d\alpha \vec{\boldsymbol{C}}(k_{\rho_S}, \alpha_S)$$

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

$$v_{TM}(k_{\rho}, z, z') = \frac{\varsigma_0 k_{z0}}{2k_0} e^{-jk_{z0}|z-z'|}$$

$$v_{TE}(k_{\rho}, z, z') = \frac{\varsigma_0 k_0}{2k_{z0}} e^{-jk_{z0}|z-z'|}$$



# $k_{ ho}$ - Integration Path

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

$$v_{TE}(k_{\rho}, z, z') = \frac{\varsigma_0 k_0}{2k_{z0}} e^{-jk_{z0}|z-z'|}$$

**Radiation condition**: the integral should converge at infinity.

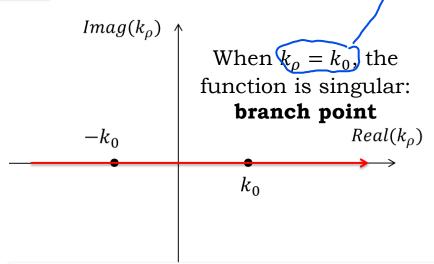
A propagating solution is required for |z-z'| from 0 to infinity

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

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

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

$$\alpha < 0$$
 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:

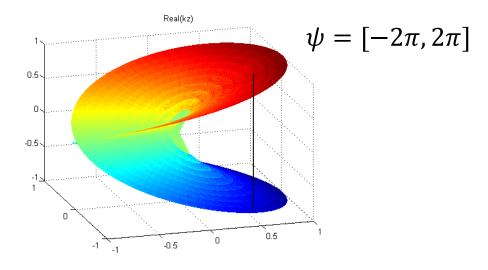
$$k_z = \pm \sqrt{k^2 - k_\rho^2}$$

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

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

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

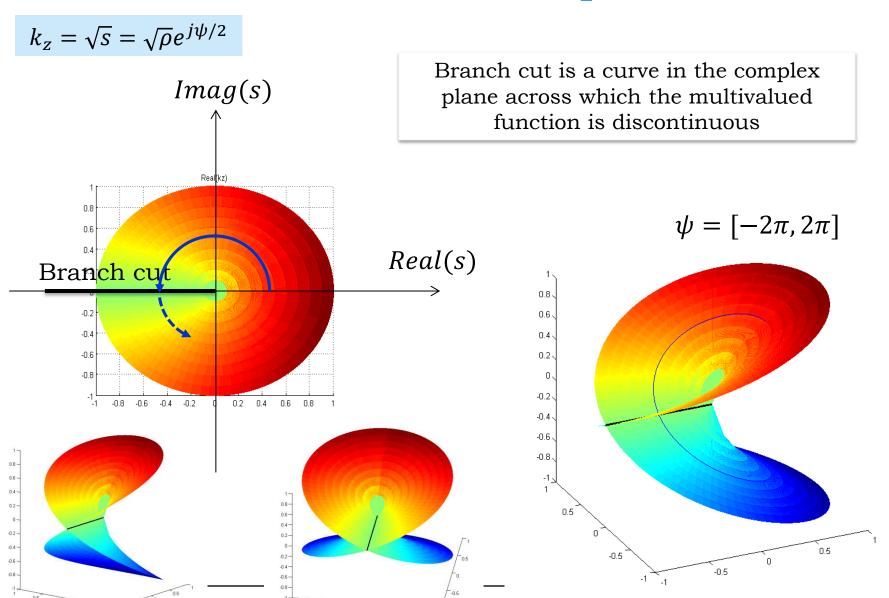


$$\rho = 0.5, \psi = \pi$$
$$k_z = j/\sqrt{2}$$

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

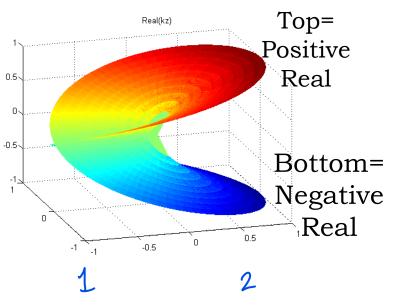


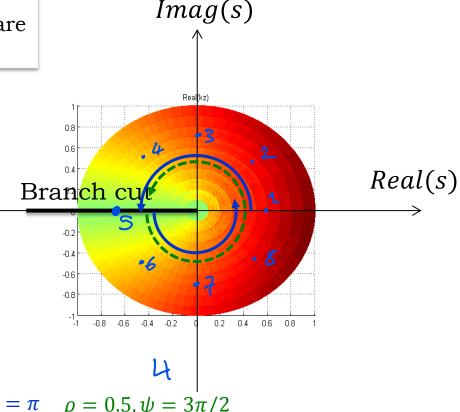
# **Branch Cuts in the Complex Plane**



#### **Riemann Surfaces**

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





$$\rho = 0.5, \psi = 0 \qquad \rho = 0.5, \psi = \pi/2 \qquad \rho = 0.5, \psi = \pi \qquad \rho = 0.5, \psi = 3\pi/2$$

$$k_z = 1/\sqrt{2} \qquad k_z = (1+j)/2 \qquad k_z = j/\sqrt{2} \qquad k_z = (-1+j)/2$$

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

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

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

$$\rho = 0.5, \psi = 2\pi \quad \rho = 0.5, \psi = 5\pi/2 \quad \rho = 0.5, \psi = 3\pi \quad \rho = 0.5, \psi = 7\pi/2$$

$$k_z = -1/\sqrt{2} \qquad k_z = -(1+j)/2 \qquad k_z = -j/\sqrt{2} \qquad k_z = (1-j)/2$$

$$p = 0.5, \psi = 5\pi/2$$
  
 $k_z = -(1+i)/2$ 

$$\rho = 0.5, \psi = 3$$
$$k_z = -j/\sqrt{2}$$

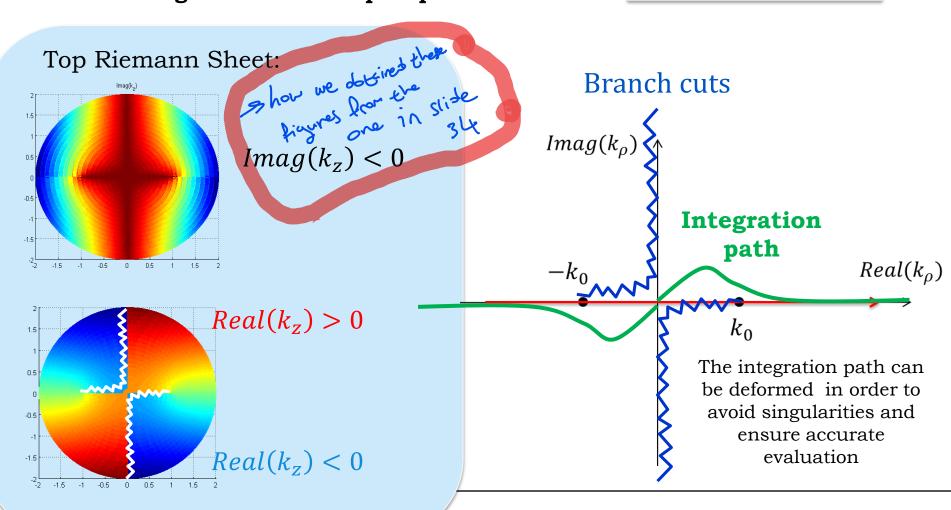
$$\rho = 0.5, \psi = 2\pi$$
  $\rho = 0.5, \psi = 5\pi/2$   $\rho = 0.5, \psi = 3\pi$   $\rho = 0.5, \psi = 7\pi/2$   
 $k_z = -1/\sqrt{2}$   $k_z = -(1+i)/2$   $k_z = -i/\sqrt{2}$   $k_z = (1-i)/2$ 



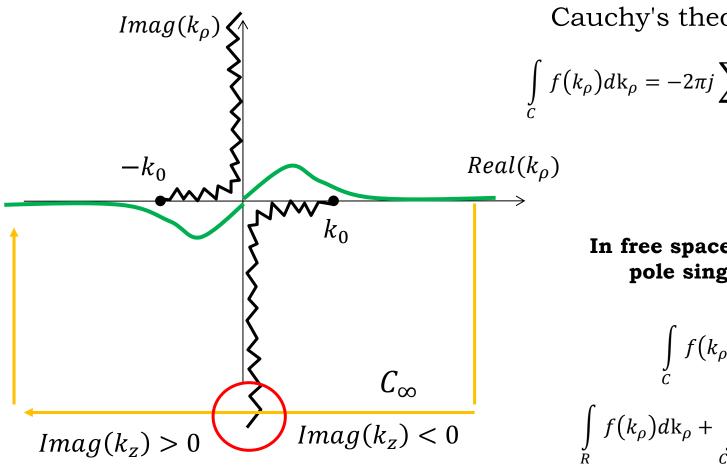
#### **Preferred Convention**

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

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



#### Changing integration domain



Crossing the branch

Cauchy's theorem:

$$\int_{C} f(k_{\rho}) dk_{\rho} = -2\pi j \sum_{i} Res[k_{\rho i}]$$

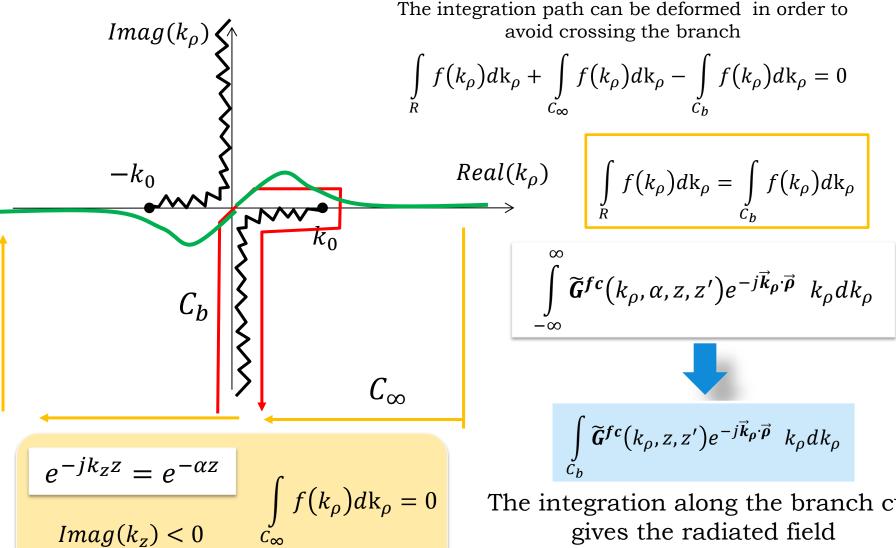
In free space, there is no pole singularities:

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

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



#### Integration around the branch



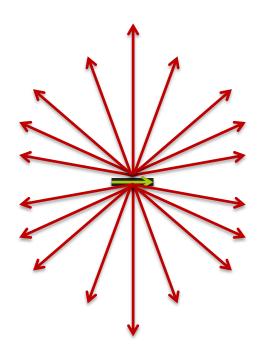
The integration along the branch cut gives the radiated field

(Space Wave)



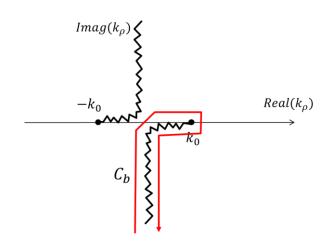
 $Imag(k_z) < 0$ 

# **Space Wave**



In free space:

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



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

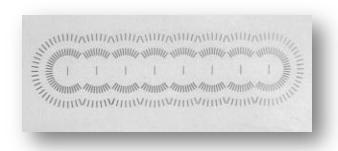
The field associated has a decay of 1/r

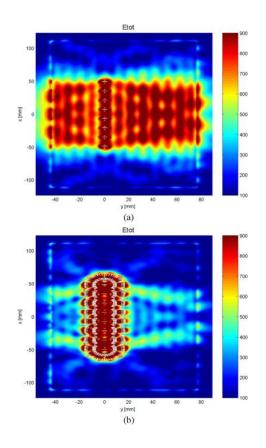
It can be demonstrated using the GF derived from a potential parallel to the source

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



#### Fields radiated into the dielectric (surface wave)

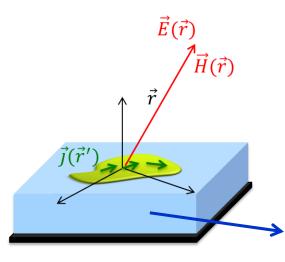






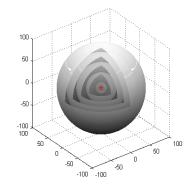
### Fields Radiated by Printed Antennas

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



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

$$\frac{e^{-jk_0r}}{r}$$



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

$$\sqrt{
ho}$$



#### **General Stratification**

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

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

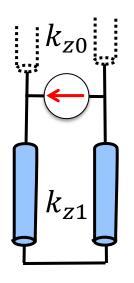
$$k_{zi} = \pm \sqrt{k_i^2 - k_\rho^2}$$

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 ±

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



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**

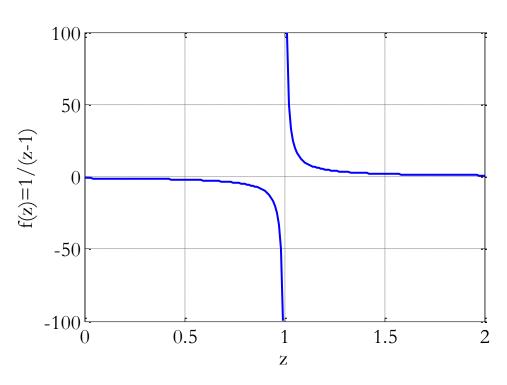
$$f(z) = \frac{g(z)}{(z-a)^n}$$



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

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)

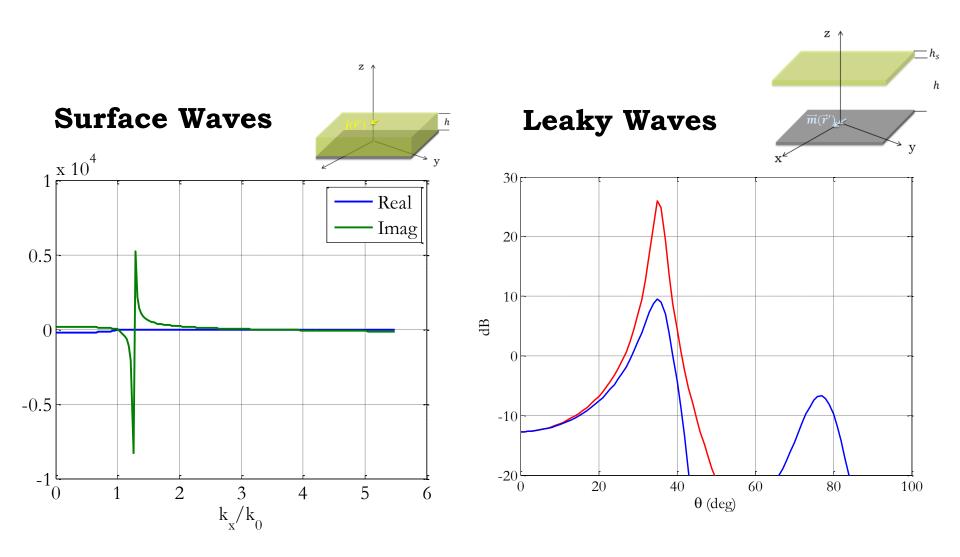


$$h(z) = 0$$

**Dispersion equation** to find the pole singularities

>use of dispersion egaction to find
2 pole singularities

# **Examples**

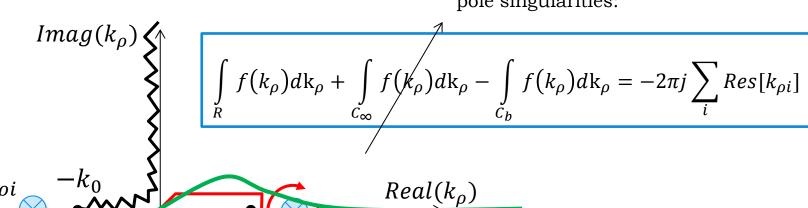




#### **SW Field Contribution**

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

In dielectric stratifications there is also pole singularities:

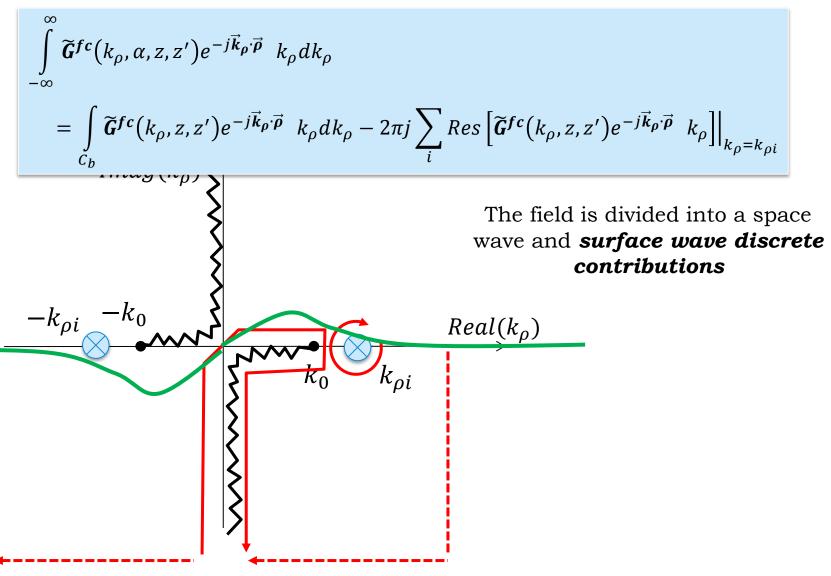


In this deformation path, only poles in the top Riemann sheet are captured

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



#### **SW Field Contribution**





### **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

