

# Electromagnetic Fields (E2.3)

1. The Electromagnetic Spectrum
2. Maxwell's Equations
3. Waves and Transmission Lines
4. Transmission Line Devices
5. Electromagnetic Waves
6. Reflection and Refraction
7. Imaging
8. Radio and Radar
9. Microwaves
10. Guided Wave Optics

# Links to the Future

- Preparation for the following courses in the third and fourth year
  - Optoelectronics (E3.12)
  - Microwave Technology (E3.18)
  - Optical Communications (E4.06)
  - High Performance Analogue (E4.17)
  - Radio Frequency Electronics (E4.18)

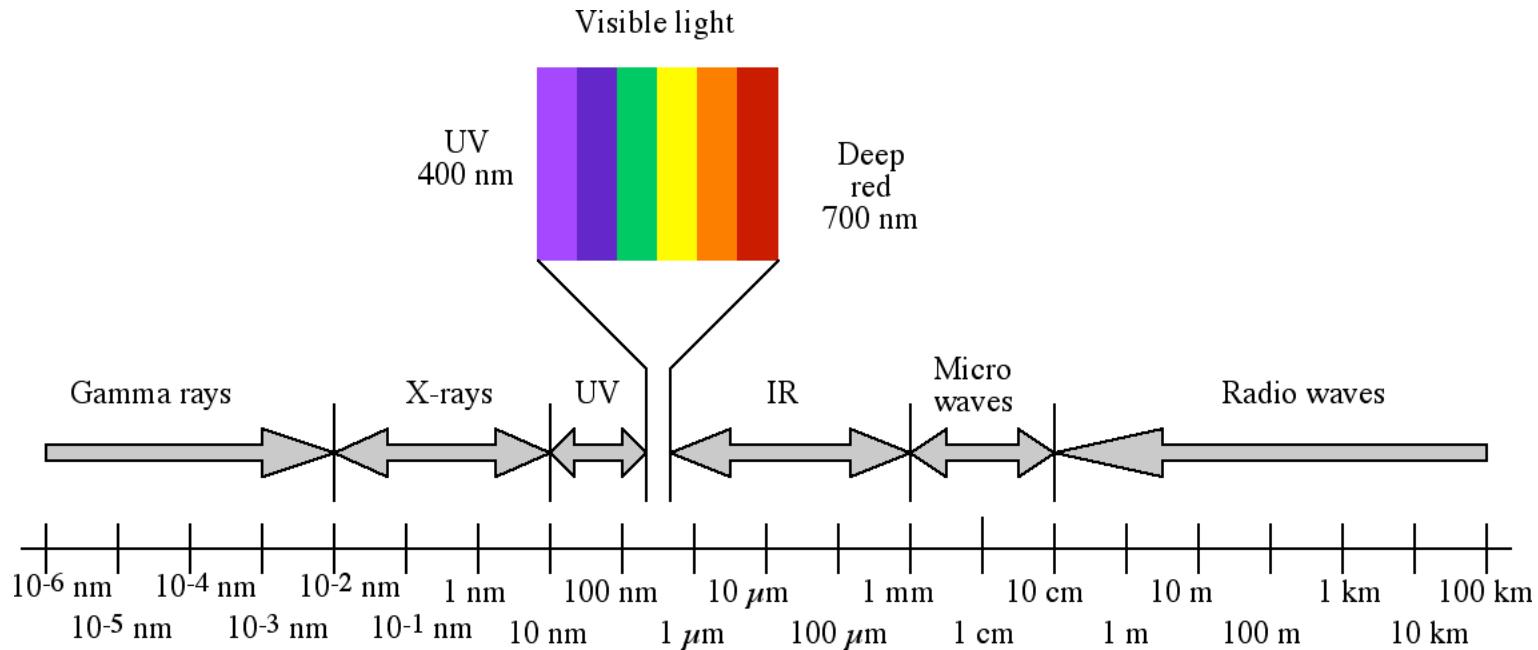
# Recommended Reading

- J.D. Krauss “Electromagnetics” McGraw-Hill International  
Comprehensive, clear, lots of useful diagrams
- F.T. Ulaby “Electromagnetics for engineers” Pearson  
Simpler, quite easy to understand
- L.Solymar “Lectures on electromagnetic theory” OUP  
Older, more elegant
- S. Ramo, J.R. Whinnery and T. Van Duzer “Fields and waves in communication electronics” John Wiley & Sons  
Very comprehensive, difficult in places

# 1: The Electromagnetic Spectrum

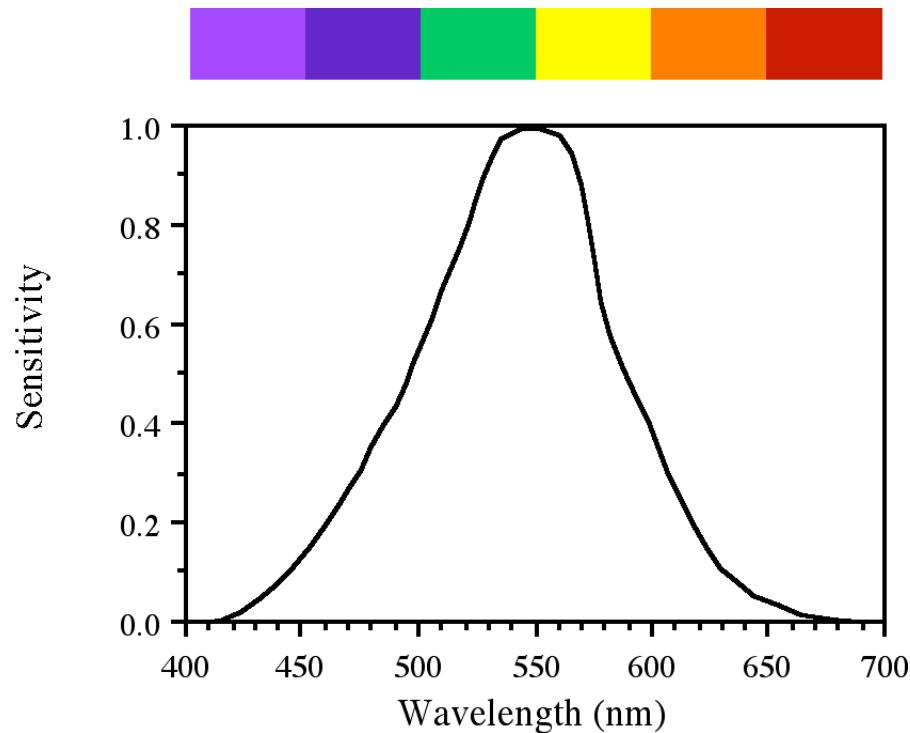
- Introduction
- The electromagnetic spectrum
- Key developments
- Applications for electromagnetic waves

# The Electromagnetic Spectrum



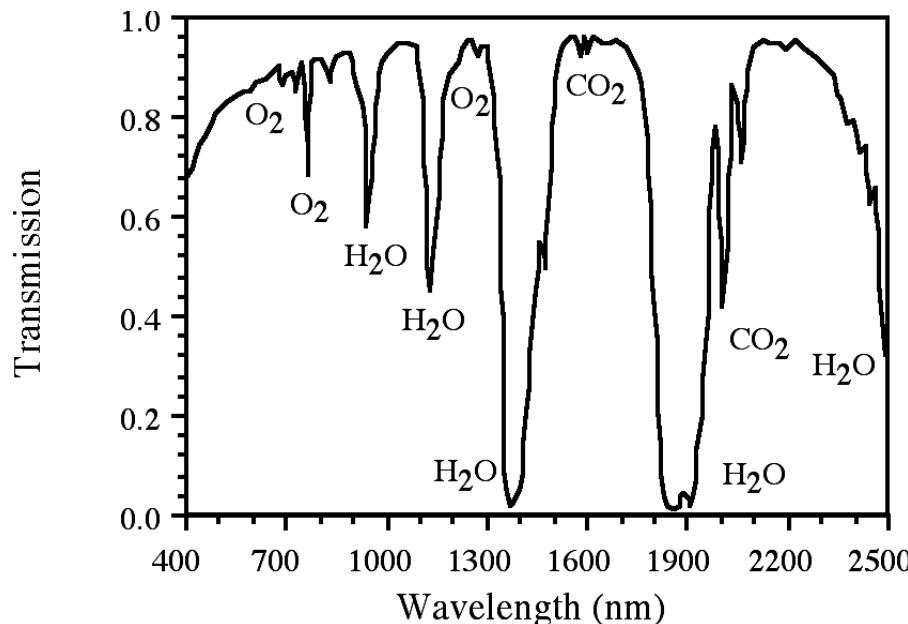
- The electromagnetic spectrum has enormous range; it includes:
  - Gamma rays, x-rays, ultraviolet and visible light
  - Infrared (heat waves), microwaves and radio waves

# What Can We See?



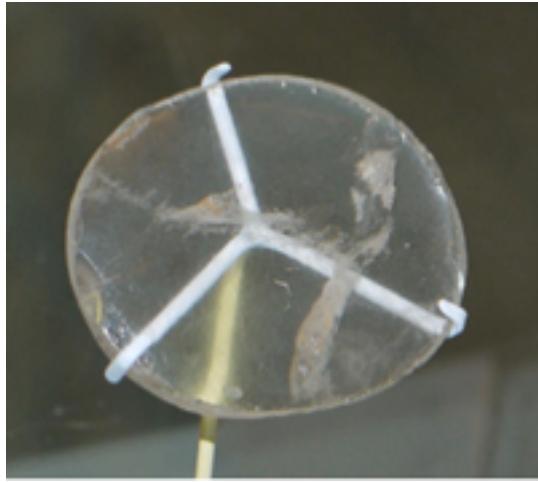
- Human eye sensitivity peaks at ca 550 nm - green light
  - Cannot see shorter than blue (UV) - strong absorption in atmosphere
  - Or longer than deep red (near IR) - too little energy for photochemistry

# What Could We See?



- Transmission very good for visible wavelengths
- Loss rises at short wavelengths (scattering and electronic absorption)  
UV propagation only possible in vacuum
- Losses high in infrared molecular ‘absorption bands’  
8 - 12  $\mu\text{m}$  waveband used for night vision

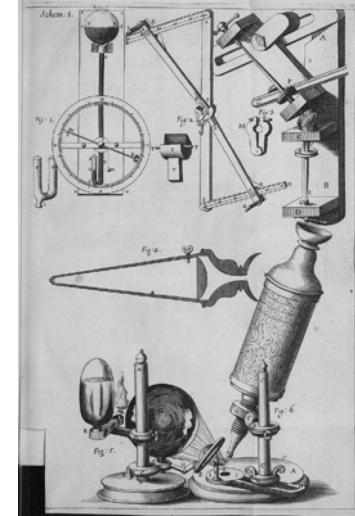
# Optical Instruments



The Nimrud Lens,  
750-710 BC



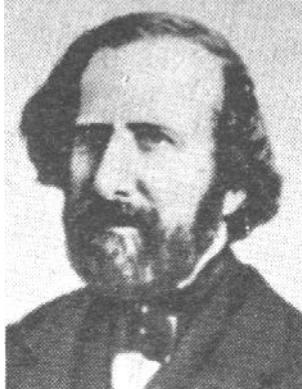
Willebrod Snell,  
(1591-1626)



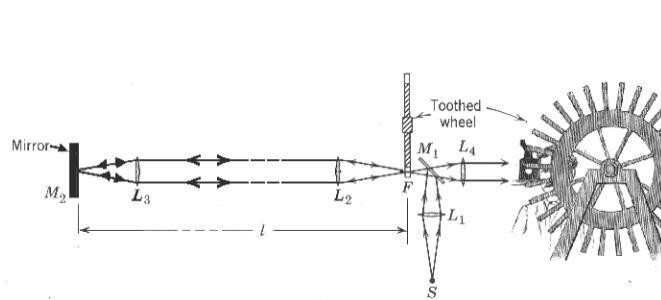
Robert Hooke's  
microscope

- Visible light most accessible part of the EM spectrum  
Lenses known since Ancient Assyrian times  
Refraction understood in 16<sup>th</sup> century  
Compound microscopes developed in 16th century

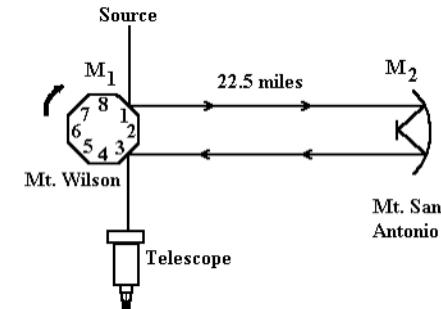
# The Velocity of Light



Armand Fizeau  
(1819-1896)



Fizeau's apparatus



Michelson's apparatus

- Velocity measured by Armand Fizeau in 1849
  - Used a beam of light reflected from a mirror 8 km away.
  - Beam passed through the gaps between the teeth of a rapidly rotating wheel
  - Speed increased until the returning light passed through the next gap
  - Then  $c$  was calculated to be 315,000 km/s.
  - Accuracy improved by Michelson in 1878 using longer path (22.5 miles)

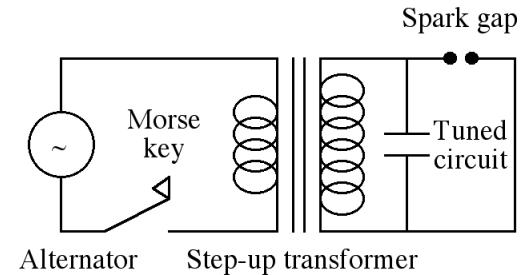
# Radio Waves



Heinrich Hertz  
(1857-1894)



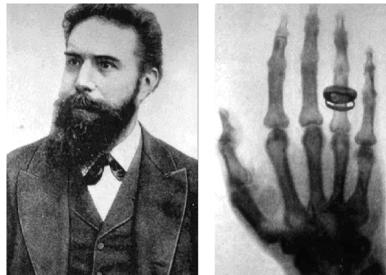
Hertz's transmitter  
and receiver coil



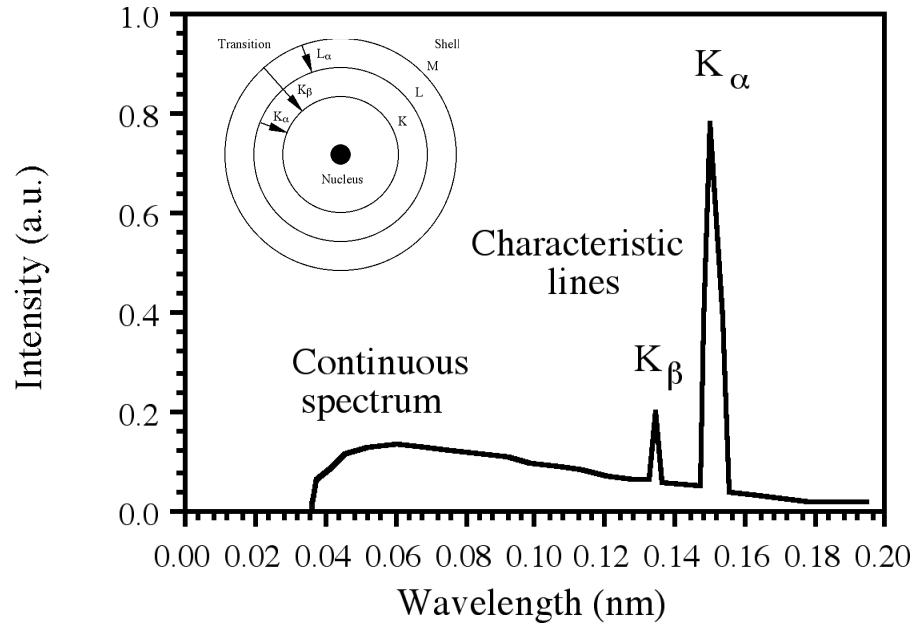
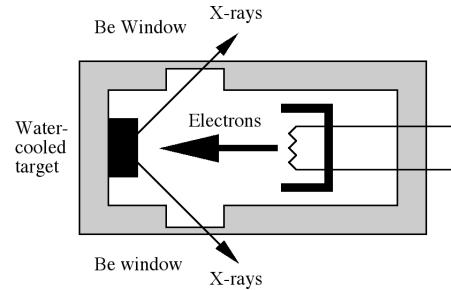
Transmitter with  
step-up transformer

- Discovered by Hertz in 1886
  - Loop transmitter connected to an induction coil and a battery via a switch.
  - When the switch was closed a spark appeared in the gap.
  - The receiver was placed on a bench nearby.
  - When the induction coil was activated, a small spark also appeared in the receiver.
  - Since there was no physical connection between the two this was something new.

# X-Rays



Wilhelm Roentgen



- Discovered by Roentgen in 1895

Produced when element is bombarded with electrons

K<sub>α</sub> and K<sub>β</sub> lines correspond to transitions back to the K-shell

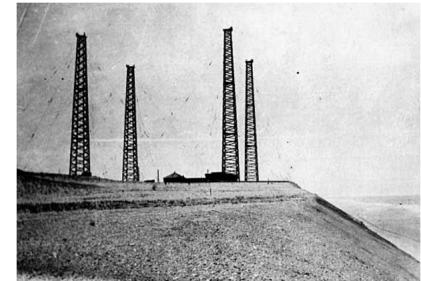
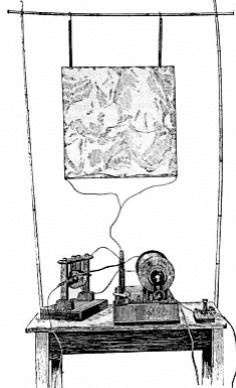
Many materials transparent to X-rays. Very difficult to form X-ray lenses.

Difference in absorption between bone, muscle and fat allows skeletal imaging.

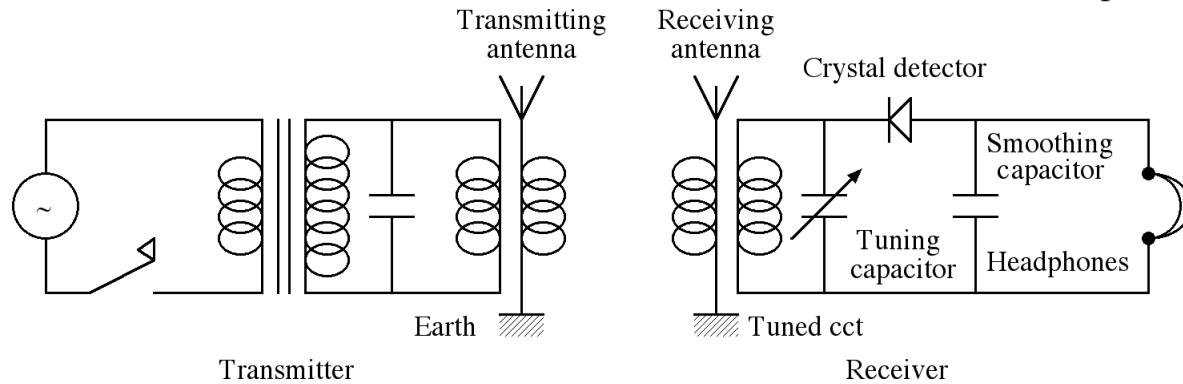
# Radio Communications



Guglielmo Marconi  
Nobel Prize 1909

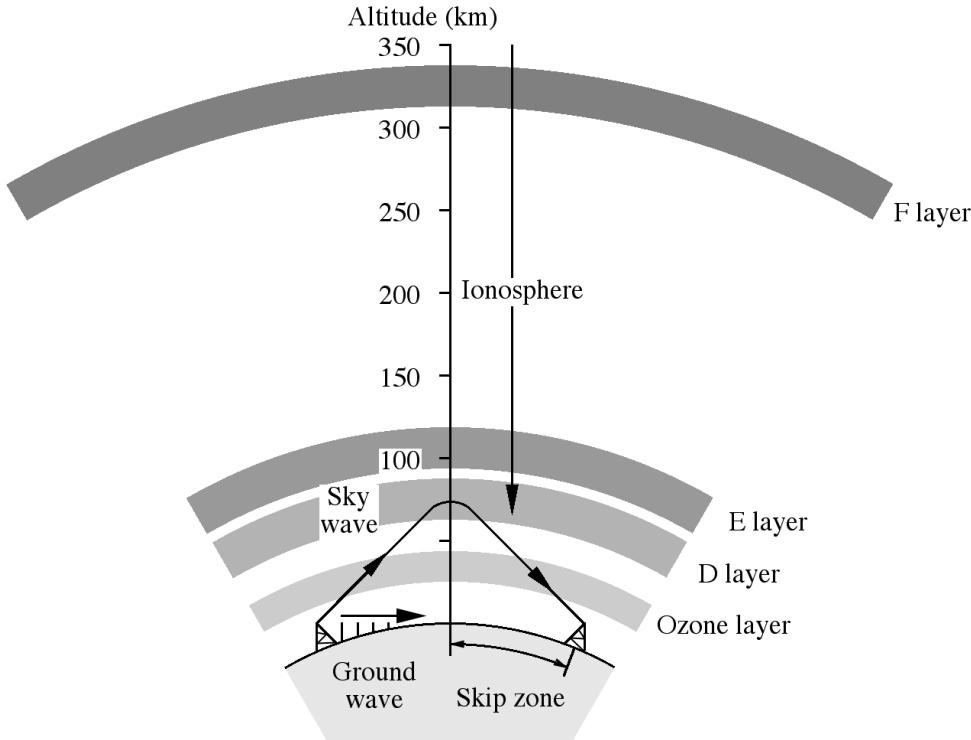


Marconi Wireless Station  
at Cape Cod



- Trans-Atlantic radio transmission achieved by Marconi in 1901  
Used antenna instead of spark gap, and simple envelope demodulator

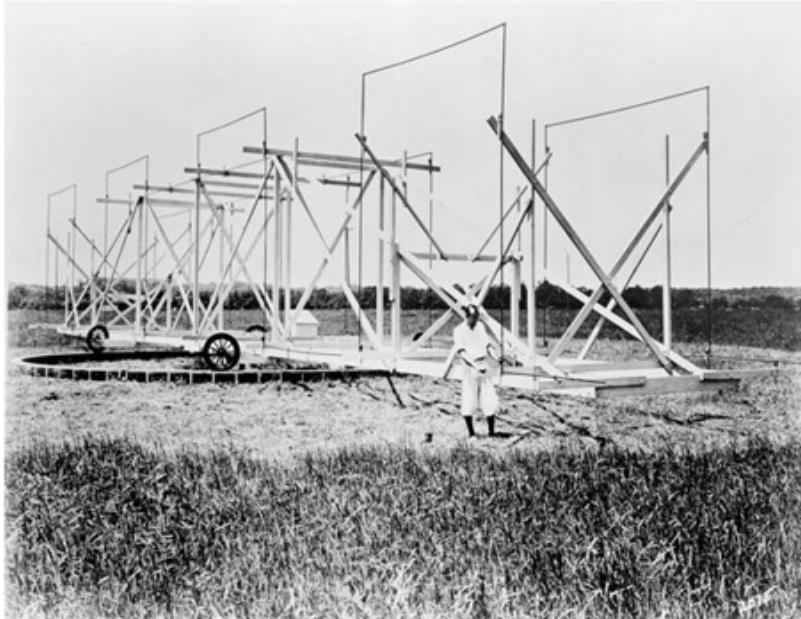
# The Ionosphere



Edward Appleton

- Discovered by Edward Appleton in 1924
  - Layers of ionized particles reflect low frequency radio waves
  - Ionosphere and sea provide propagation path round curved surface of the earth

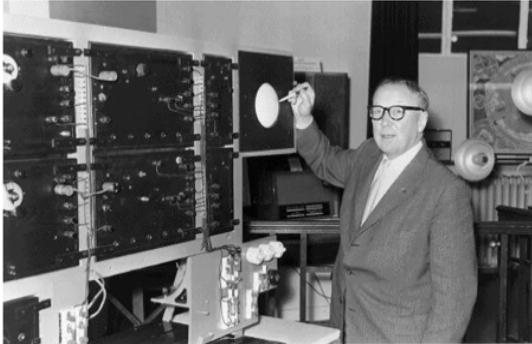
# Radio Astronomy



Karl Jansky

- Discovered accidentally by Karl Jansky in 1931  
Bell Labs Engineer, out testing equipment for interference  
Instead discovered radio waves from stars

# The Birth of Radar



Sir Robert Watson-Watt  
Pioneer of air defence radar



US SCR-584  
first gunlaying radar, 1942



German Lichtenstein airborne radar in Ju 88 night fighter

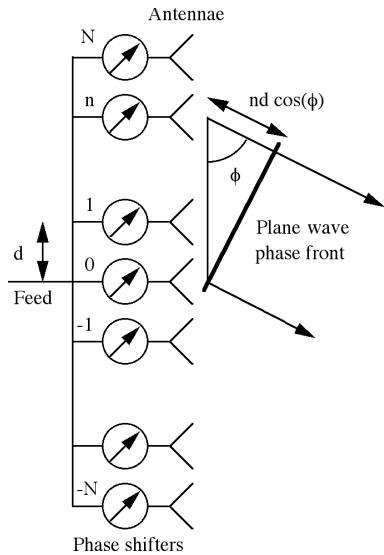
Note large antenna due to lack of high-power high frequency magnetron source

- War-winning weapon, developed in late 1930s
  - Objects detected by observing reflection of radio wave
  - Return time of pulse gives range, Doppler shift gives velocity
  - Signal reduces as  $1/r^4$  so high power transmitter needed for long range

# Phased Array Radar



Soviet R-36 MIRV ICBM



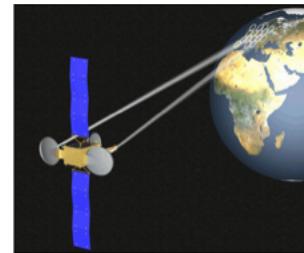
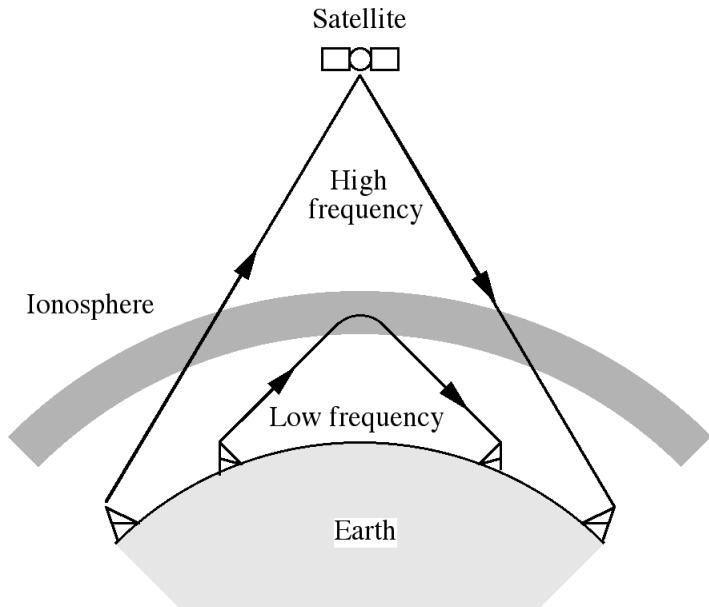
Phased Array Radar



Fylingdales Solid State Phased Array Radar, Yorkshire

- Radar that can be electronically steered in any direction
  - Uses array of antennae fed via phase shifters
- Early warning of nuclear strike during cold war

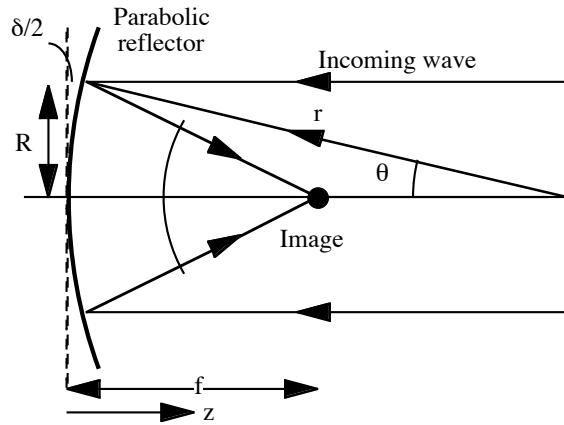
# SatComms



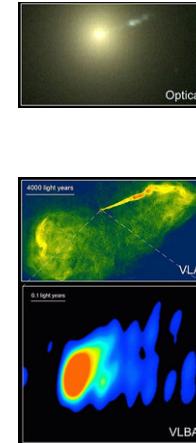
Arthur C. Clarke

- Proposed by Arthur C. Clarke in 1945
  - Ionosphere transparent to VHF waves; communication then via satellite
  - Made practical after WW2 due to development of rockets
  - Sputnik 1 launched 1957 by USSR; Echo 1 launched 1960 by USA

# Radio Telescopes



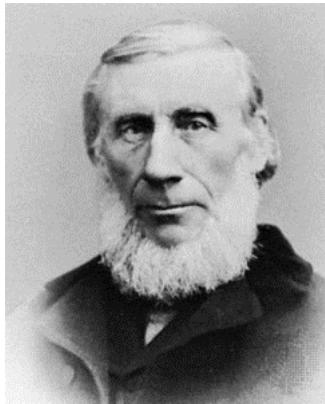
Taffy Bowen with the Parkes radio telescope



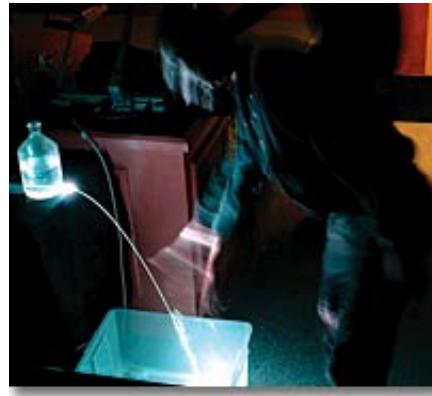
Optical and radio images of galaxy M87

- Wartime radar developers constructed first large radio telescopes using surplus equipment (e.g. the Parkes telescope, 1961)  
Radio astronomical images completely different from optical

# Guiding of Light



John Tyndall  
(1820-1893)



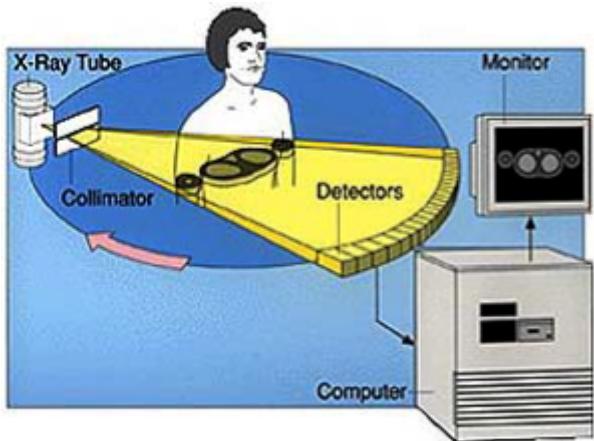
Guiding of light by water jet



Charles Kao  
(1933-)

- Guiding in water jet first demonstrated by Tyndall in 1870  
Continuous guidance of light possible by total internal reflection
- Optical fibre communication proposed by Kao and Hockham in 1966  
Allows low loss over long distances

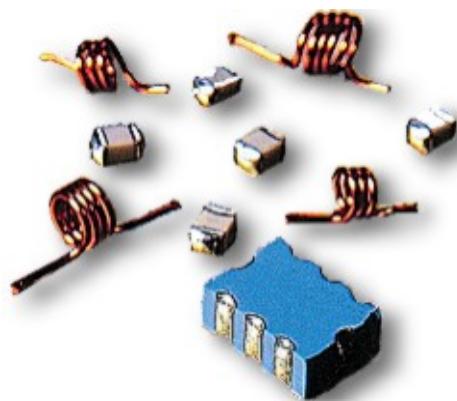
# CAT Scanners



Godfrey Hounsfield  
Nobel Prize 1979

- Invented at EMI in 1972
- Method of X-ray imaging that avoids the need for a lens
  - Operates by measuring absorption instead
  - Absorption measured over many different sight-lines
  - Simultaneous equations solve to determine absorber distribution

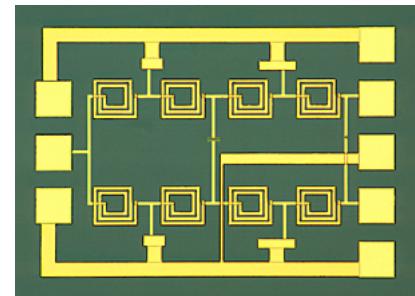
# Applications (1)



Passive  
components



Transmission  
lines



MMICs

- DC to RF

# Applications (2)



Radio, mobile comms



TV

- Radio waves



Radio astronomy

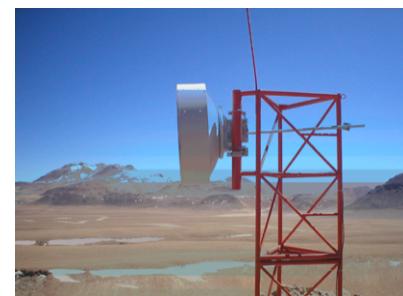
# Applications (3)



Radar



Microwave oven



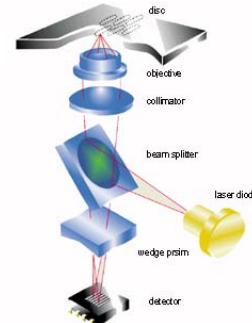
Microwave link

- Microwaves

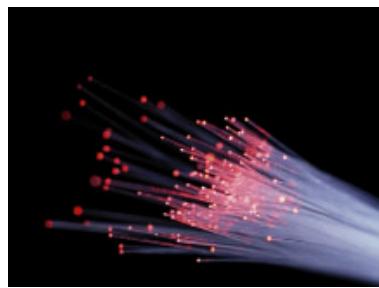
# Applications (4)



FLIR system



CD player, CD ROM



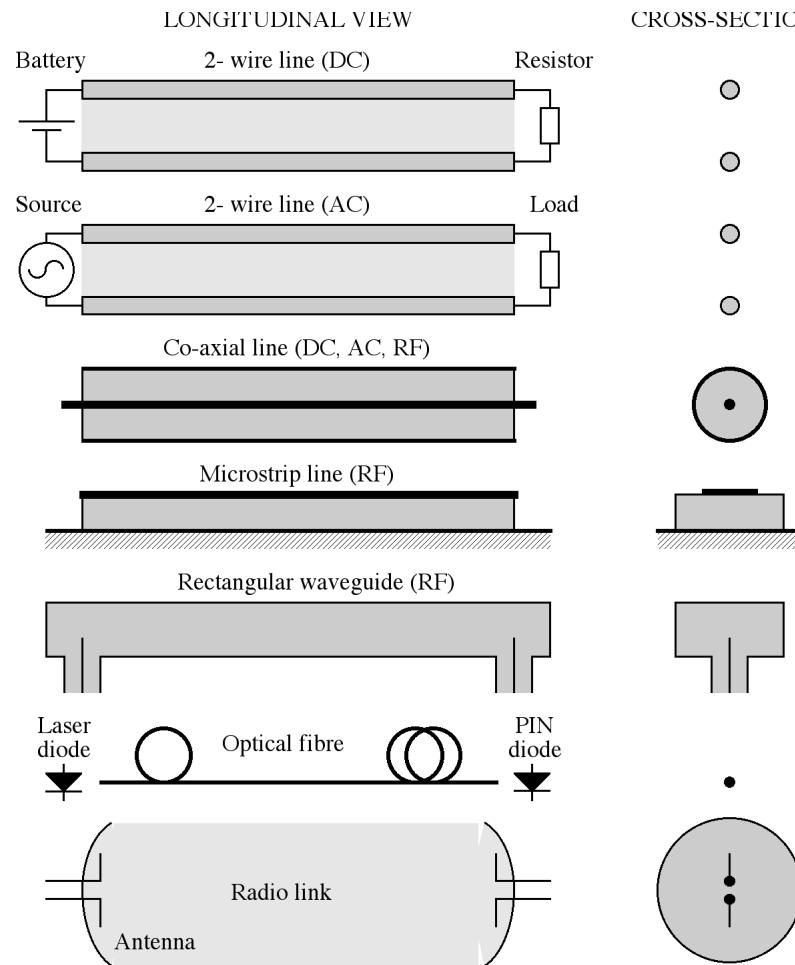
Optical fibre



X-ray CAT scanner

- Infra-red and visible optics; X-rays

# Transmission Links



# Limitations

- Line of sight comms limited by three mechanisms:
- Absorption

Excitation of electronic transitions in the molecules of the earth's atmosphere at visible/UV wavelengths, and molecular vibrational transitions at infrared wavelengths. Losses are concentrated in bands.
- Scattering

Rayleigh scattering, due to inhomogeneities (soot particles) and small-scale fluctuations in the molecular arrangement of the atmosphere.  
Scattering losses rise rapidly at short wavelengths (rising as  $1/\lambda^4$ )
- Diffraction

Spreading of a bounded beam as it propagates. Diffraction increases rapidly as the beam dimensions approach that of the wavelength. Avoided using guided waves.

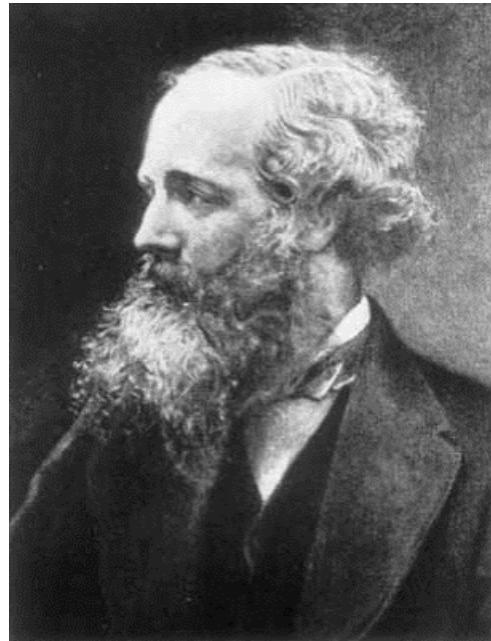
# Other Links

- Radio system - one source communicates with many
- Radio telescope - radio star communicates with earth
- Radar system - communicates with itself via an aeroplane
- CD ROM - communicates with itself via a disk
- Microwave oven - communicates with food?

# 2: Maxwell's Equations

- Maxwell's Equations
- Gauss' Law
- Capacitance of a co-ax cable
- Ampere's Law
- Inductance of a coax cable

# The Unifier of EM Theory



James Clerk Maxwell (1831 - 1879)  
Added term to DC theory  
and predicted the speed of light

# EM Fields

- Electromagnetic fields are described by the quantities:

E = Electric field strength

J = Current density

D = Electric flux density

H = Magnetic field strength

B = Magnetic flux density

Bold underlined = time- and space-varying vector

In Cartesian co-ordinates

$$\underline{\underline{E}}(x, y, z, t) = [ E_x(x, y, z, t), E_y(x, y, z, t), E_z(x, y, z, t) ] \quad \text{etc.}$$

- Often, time-variation is harmonic, so:

$$\underline{\underline{E}}(x, y, z, t) = \underline{\underline{E}}(x, y, z) \exp(j\omega t)$$

Plain underlined = space-varying vector

$$\underline{\underline{E}}(x, y, z) = [ E_x(x, y, z), E_y(x, y, z), E_z(x, y, z) ]$$

# Maxwell's Equations

- Gauss' Law  $\iint_A \underline{D} \cdot d\underline{a} = \iiint_V \rho \, dv$   
( $\rho$  = charge density)
- Magnetic equivalent  $\iint_A \underline{B} \cdot d\underline{a} = 0$   
(no magnetic monopoles)
- Ampere's Law  $\oint_L \underline{H} \cdot d\underline{L} = \iint_A [\underline{J} + \partial \underline{D}/\partial t] \cdot d\underline{a}$   
(as modified by Maxwell)
- Faraday's Law  $\oint_L \underline{E} \cdot d\underline{L} = - \iint_A \partial \underline{B}/\partial t \cdot d\underline{a}$

# Constitutive Equations

- $\mathbf{J} = \sigma \underline{\mathbf{E}}$   
 $\sigma$  is the conductivity
- $\underline{\mathbf{D}} = \epsilon \underline{\mathbf{E}}$   
 $\epsilon$  is the permittivity, or  $\epsilon = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r$  where  
 $\epsilon_0 = (1/36\pi) \times 10^{-9} = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F m}^{-1}$  is the permittivity of free space  
 $\epsilon_r$  is the relative permittivity
- $\underline{\mathbf{B}} = \mu \underline{\mathbf{H}}$   
 $\mu$  is the permeability, or  $\mu = \mu_0 \mu_r$  where  
 $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H m}^{-1}$  is the permeability of free space  
 $\mu_r$  is the relative permeability

# Gauss

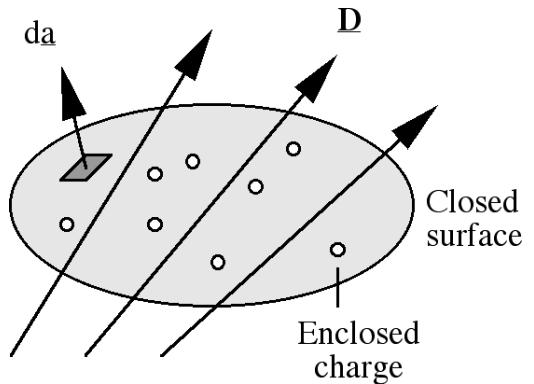


Johann Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777 – 1855)

Prime number theory; normal distribution, the Gaussian function,  
Electrostatics, magnetism, the theory of imaging

# Gauss's Law (1) : Definition

- In a few words:  
“Flux out = charge enclosed”
- In a few more words:  
“Integral over closed surface of normal component of flux =  
integral over enclosed volume of charge contained therein”

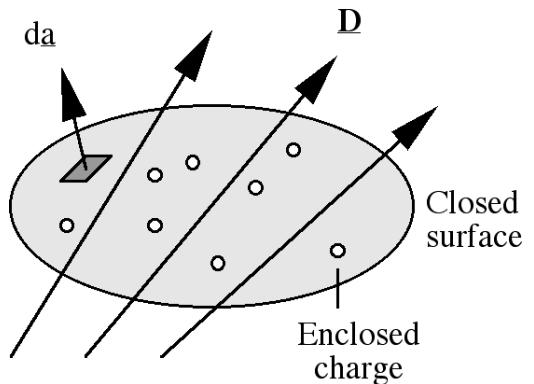


- In vectorial notation  
 $\iint_A \underline{D} \cdot d\underline{a} = \iiint_V \rho dv$

# Gauss' Law (2) : Revisited

- Consider flux out of surface enclosing charges

- Gauss' Law is  $\iint_A \underline{D} \cdot d\underline{a} = \iiint_V \rho dv$   
 $d\underline{a}$  is a vector representing a small area  
The modulus of  $d\underline{a}$  is the size of the area  
The direction of  $d\underline{a}$  is the normal to the area

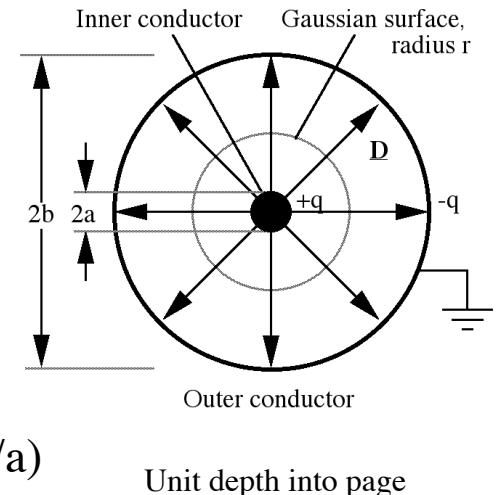


$\underline{D} \cdot d\underline{a}$  is the amount of flux normal to the small area  
 $\iint_A \underline{D} \cdot d\underline{a}$  is sum over the surface A, i.e. total flux out  
 $\iiint_V \rho dv$  is the integral of the charge over the volume V

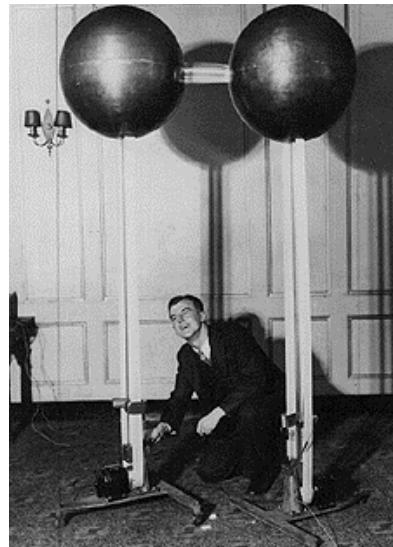
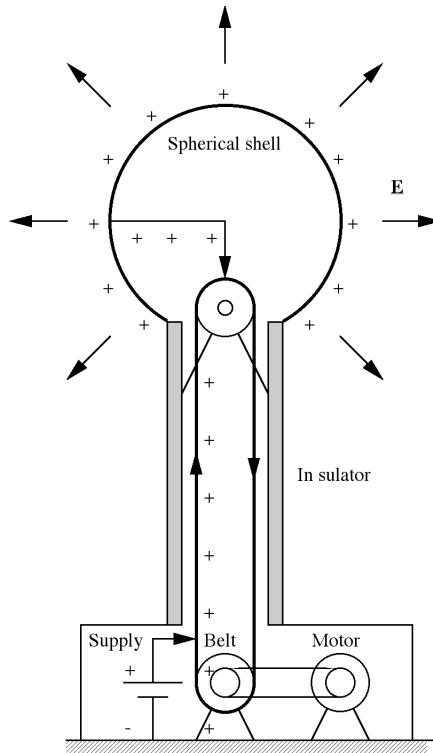
- Flux out = charge enclosed

# Application: Co-ax Cable

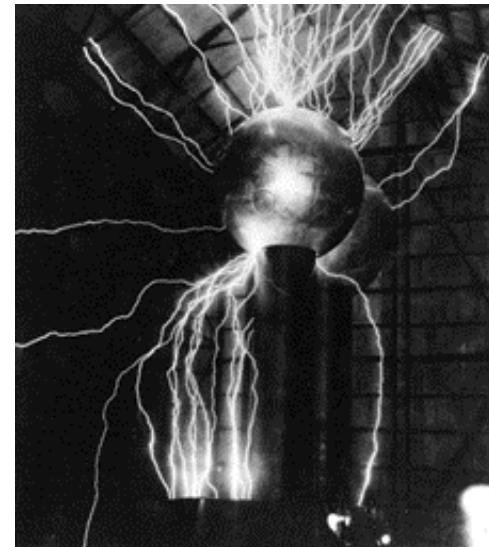
- Assume line charge  $q$  per unit length  
Flux  $\underline{D}$  is radial by symmetry
- Assume Gaussian surface at radius  $r$   
NB Surface is cylinder of unit depth  
Gauss' law gives:  $2\pi r \times 1 \times D_r = 2\pi r \epsilon \times 1 \times E_r = q \times 1$   
Consequently  $E_r = q/2\pi r \epsilon$
- Potential  $V$  found from  $E_r = -dV/dr$   
Hence  $V(b) - V(a) = - \int_a^b (q/2\pi r \epsilon) dr = -(q/2\pi \epsilon) \log_e(b/a)$   
If outer conductor is grounded,  $V(a) = (q/2\pi \epsilon) \log_e(b/a)$
- Capacitance per unit length (p.u.l.) is  
 $C_p = q/V = (2\pi \epsilon) \div \log_e(b/a) F/m$



# Van de Graaf Generator



Robert J. Van de Graaff



Let's break something

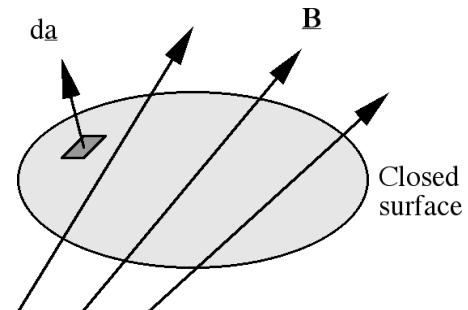
- Method of obtaining high voltage by pumping charge onto surface  
Charges transferred onto and off moving belt by friction  
High charge causes high electric field, which can create a discharge

# Magnetic Version of Gauss' Law

- EM theory has many analogies between electric and magnetic behaviour; however, these are not exact
- There are isolated electric charges, but no magnetic monopoles.
- Cut a bar magnet in half, and you get two small magnets, not a North pole and a South pole

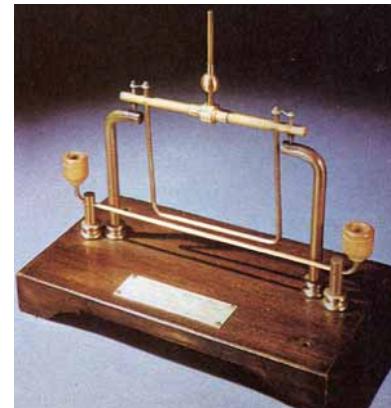
- Magnetic equivalent of Gauss' law is:

$$\iint_A \underline{B} \cdot d\underline{a} = 0$$



- The RHS is zero because of the lack of monopoles

# Ampere



Ampere's current balance

André Marie Ampère (1775 - 1836)  
Mathematics, Chemistry (discovered fluorine),  
Magnetism (invented solenoid)

# Ampere's Law (1): Definition

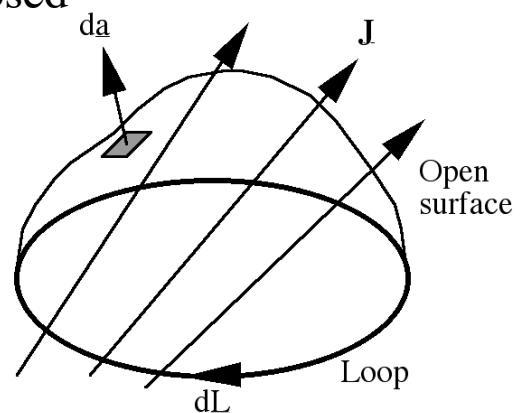
- In a few words:

“Integral of magnetic field round path = current enclosed”

- In vectorial notation

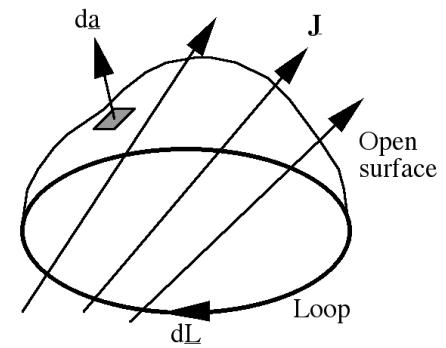
$$\oint_L \underline{\mathbf{H}} \cdot d\underline{L} = \iint_A \mathbf{J} \cdot da$$

- Moving charges imply a circulating magnetic field



# Ampere's Law (2): Revisited

- Ampere's law is  $\int_L \underline{\mathbf{H}} \cdot d\underline{L} = \iint_A \underline{\mathbf{J}} \cdot da$   
 $d\underline{L}$  is a short element of path  
Modulus of  $d\underline{L}$  is size of element  
Direction of  $d\underline{L}$  is direction of element  
 $\underline{\mathbf{H}} \cdot d\underline{L}$  is component of field parallel to element  
 $\int_L \underline{\mathbf{H}} \cdot d\underline{L}$  is integral of this component round path
- LHS is integral round a path of component of magnetic field parallel to that path
- RHS is integral over surface of current density passing through, i.e. total current



# Application: Co-ax cable

- Assume central conductor carries current  $I$  into paper  
Magnetic field  $\underline{H}$  circumferential by symmetry

- Assume circular path, of radius  $r$   
 $d\underline{L}$  is always parallel to magnetic field  
Ampere's law gives  $2\pi r H_\phi = I$ ,  
Hence  $H_\phi = I/2\pi r$

- Flux linked between conductors per unit length is:

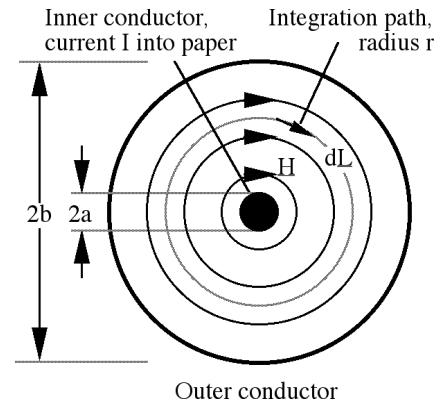
$$\Phi = \int_a^b B_\phi dr = \int_a^b \mu_0 H_\phi dr$$

$$\Phi = \int_a^b (\mu_0 I/2\pi r) dr = (\mu_0 I/2\pi) \log_e(b/a)$$

- Inductance per unit length is:

$$L_p = \Phi/I$$

$$L_p = (\mu_0/2\pi) \log_e(b/a)$$



# Maxwell's Modification

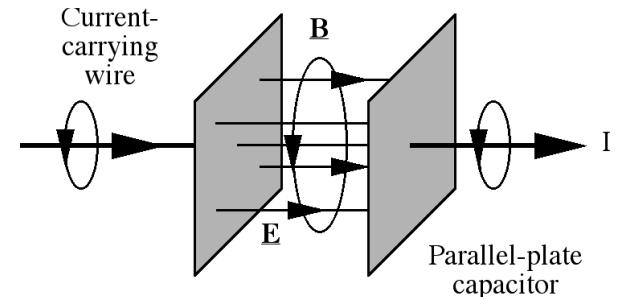
- How is current continuous in circuit with capacitor?
- By Gauss' law, electric field between plates is:  
 $\text{Flux p.u.a} = \text{charge p.u.a. so } \epsilon E = Q/A$

- Maxwell noticed that  
 $\epsilon dE/dt = dD/dt = I/A$  is a current density

He called it the displacement current, and added it to Ampere's law

$$\oint_L \underline{\mathbf{H}} \cdot d\underline{\mathbf{L}} = \iint_A [\underline{\mathbf{J}} + \partial \underline{\mathbf{D}} / \partial t] \cdot d\underline{\mathbf{a}}$$

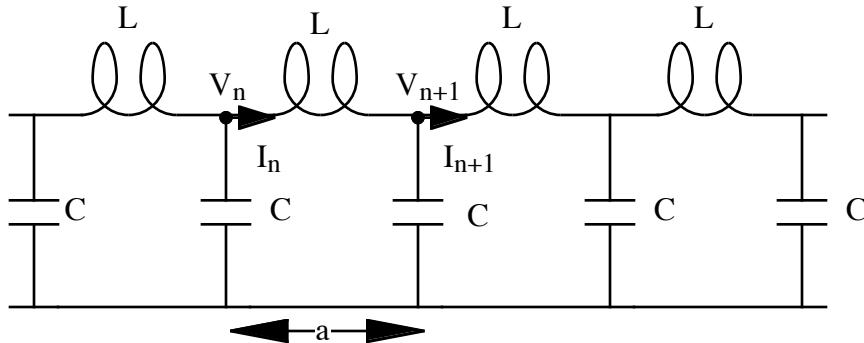
- At low frequency,  $\underline{\mathbf{J}}$  dominates; at high frequency  $\partial \underline{\mathbf{D}} / \partial t$  dominates.  
At a stroke, Maxwell unified the theory.



# 3: Waves & Transmission Lines

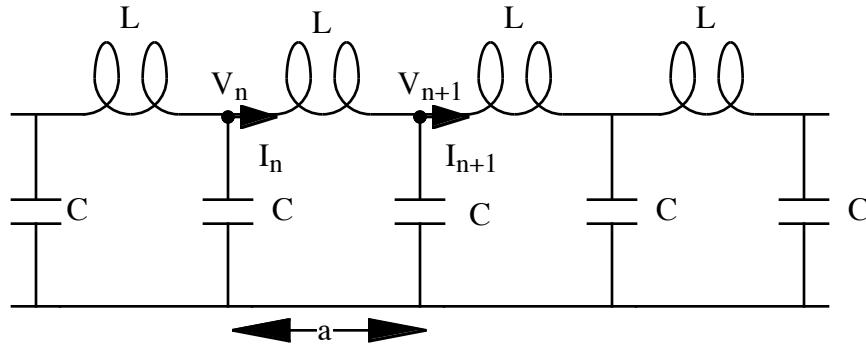
- Ladder networks
- Dispersion diagrams, phase and group velocity
- Transmission lines
- The Ionosphere

# Ladder Networks (1)



- Periodic circuits used as the basis of many filters  
NOT the same as transmission line, but similar
- For  $n^{\text{th}}$  section of circuit above, Kirchhoff's laws give
$$V_{n+1} = V_n - j\omega L I_n$$
$$I_{n+1} = I_n - j\omega C V_{n+1}$$
- Assume wave solutions  $V_n = V_0 \exp(-jnka)$ ,  $I_n = I_0 \exp(-jnka)$ :
$$V_0 \exp\{-jk(n+1)a\} = V_0 \exp(-jkna) - j\omega L I_0 \exp(-jnka)$$
$$I_0 \exp\{-jk(n+1)a\} = I_0 \exp(-jkna) - j\omega C V_0 \exp\{-jk(n+1)a\}$$

# Ladder Networks (2)



- Cancel the terms  $\exp(-jka)$  on both sides:

$$V_0 \exp(-jka) = V_0 - j\omega L I_0$$

$$I_0 \exp(-jka) = I_0 - j\omega C V_0 \exp(-jka)$$

- Re-arrange:

$$\{\exp(-jka) - 1\}V_0 + j\omega L I_0 = 0$$

$$j\omega C \exp(-jka)V_0 + \{\exp(-jka) - 1\}I_0 = 0$$

- Simultaneous equations for  $V_0$  and  $I_0$ . Solution exists if:

$$\{\exp(-jka) - 1\}\{\exp(-jka) - 1\} + \omega^2 LC \exp(-jka) = 0 \quad \text{NB independent of } I_0, V_0!$$

# Dispersion Characteristic (1)

- Need to solve:

$$\{\exp(-jka) - 1\}\{\exp(-jka) - 1\} + \omega^2 LC \exp(-jka) = 0$$

- Multiply out:

$$\exp(-j2ka) - 2 \exp(-jka) + 1 + \omega^2 LC \exp(-jka) = 0$$

- Cancel one  $\exp(-jka)$  term:

$$\exp(-jka) - 2 + \exp(+jka) + \omega^2 LC = 0$$

$$2 \cos(ka) - 2 + \omega^2 LC = 0$$

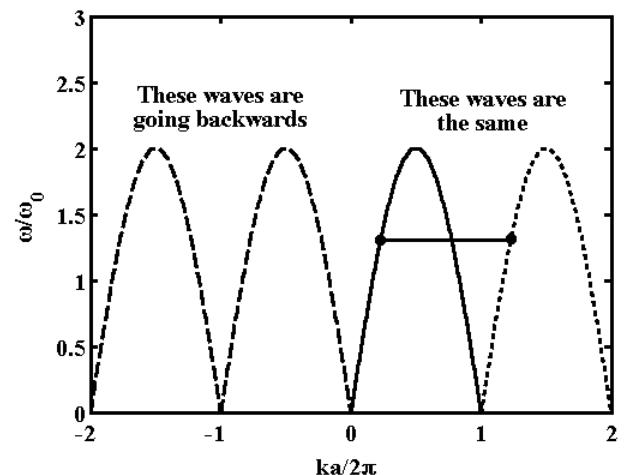
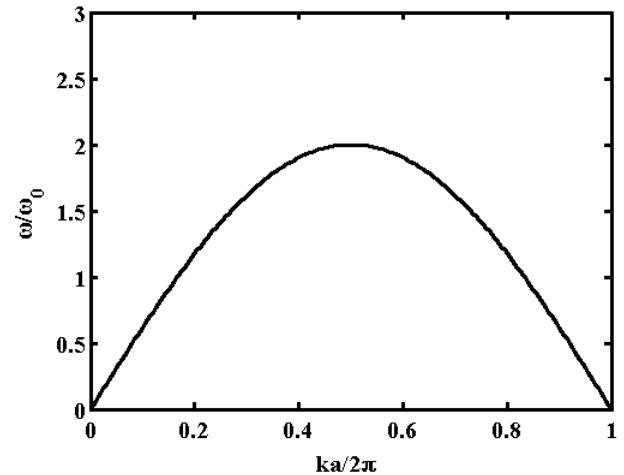
- Defining  $\omega_0^2 = 1/LC$ , we get:

$$\omega^2/\omega_0^2 = 2 - 2 \cos(ka), \text{ or}$$

$$\omega/\omega_0 = 2 \sin(ka/2) \quad \text{This is the dispersion relation}$$

# Dispersion Characteristic (2)

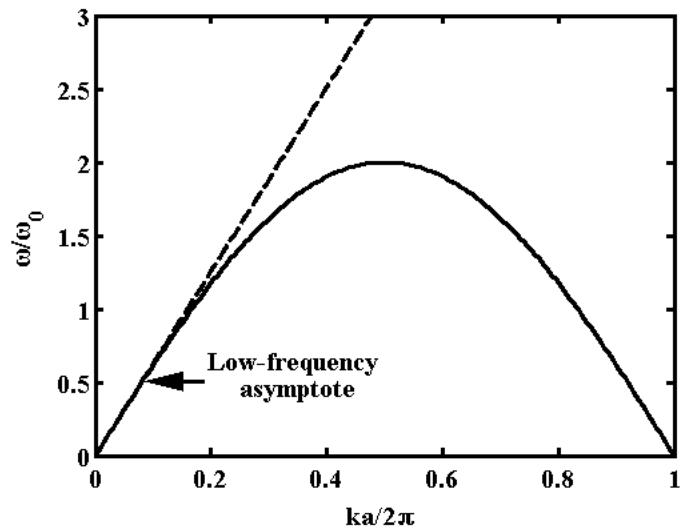
- Dispersion relation is  $\omega/\omega_0 = 2 \sin(ka/2)$   
k is the propagation constant  
ka is the phase shift per section
- Plot of  $\omega$  vs k is dispersion diagram  
Standard way of representing behaviour  
All waves have a dispersion characteristic
- Here, characteristic is a sinusoid  
For periodic structures,  
Only range  $0 \leq ka \leq \pi$  significant



# Phase Velocity

- Phase velocity is  $v_{ph} = f \lambda = \omega/k$   
Velocity of single wave  
Cannot describe information or power transfer

- Generally,  $v_{ph}$  is not constant
- Here,  $\omega/\omega_0 = 2 \sin(ka/2)$   
At low frequency,  $\omega/\omega_0 \approx 2 \times ka/2 \approx ka$   
Hence  $\omega/k \approx a\omega_0$   
So  $v_{ph} \approx (a^2/LC)^{1/2}$   
Dispersion plot approximates to straight line



# Cutoff

- Need to evaluate  $ka = 2 \sin^{-1}(\omega/2\omega_0)$

Real solutions only up to  $\omega = 2\omega_0$

This value is the ‘cutoff’ frequency

- If  $y = \sin(x)$ , and  $y > 1$

Put  $x = \pi/2 - jz$

$$y = \sin(\pi/2) \cos(-jz) + \cos(\pi/2) \sin(-jz)$$

$$y = \cos(-jz) = \cosh(z)$$

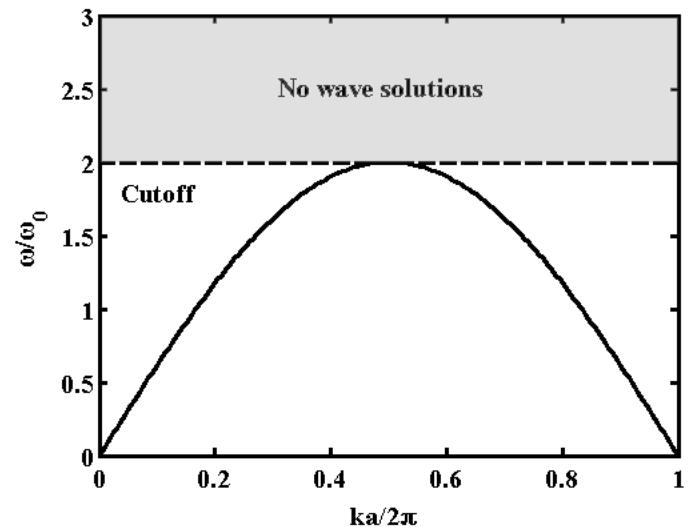
$$\text{So } x = \pi/2 - j \cosh^{-1}(y)$$

- So  $ka = \pi - 2j \cosh^{-1}(\omega/2\omega_0)$  above cutoff

$k$  is complex, and  $k = k' - jk''$

$$\text{Hence } V_0 \exp(-jnka) = V_0 \exp(-jnk'a) \exp(-nk''a)$$

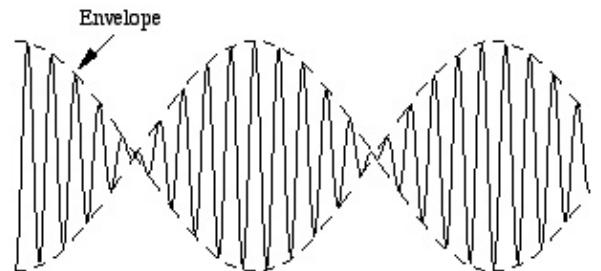
Wave decays exponentially, and network is low-pass filter



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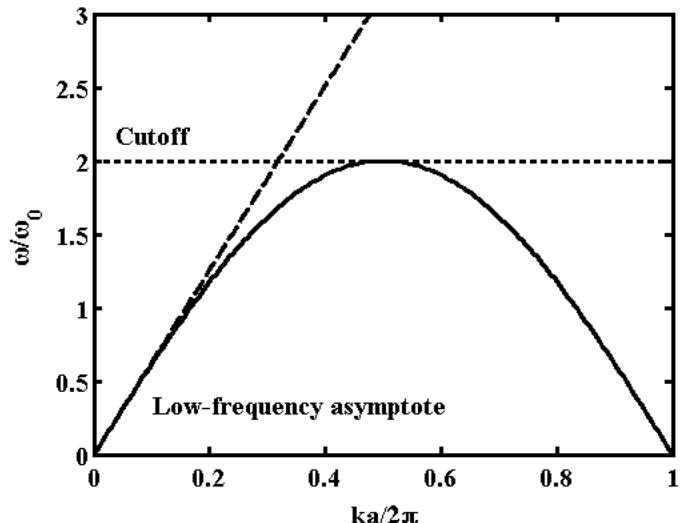
# Group Velocity (1)

- Consider signal with two components, at  $\omega + d\omega$  and  $\omega - d\omega$   
Corresponding k-values are  $k + dk$  and  $k - dk$
- For equal amplitudes, voltage wave is:  
$$V = V_0 [\exp\{j((\omega + d\omega)t - (k + dk)z)\} + \exp\{j((\omega - d\omega)t - (k - dk)z)\}]$$
  
Or  $V = 2V_0 \exp\{j(\omega t - kz)\} \cos\{d\omega t - dk z\}$   
Hence, wave is amplitude-modulated carrier
- Velocity of envelope is group velocity  
 $v_g = d\omega/dk$   
Envelope represents information-content (carrier has none!)
- For low signal distortion,  $v_g$  should be constant

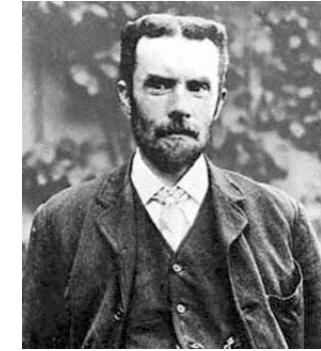
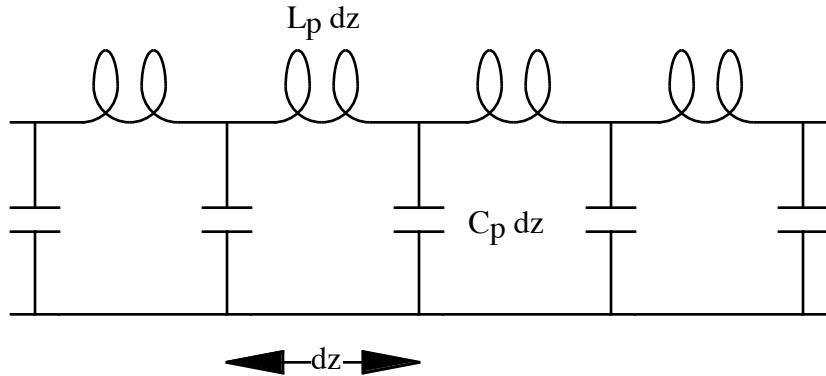


# Group Velocity (2)

- $v_g$  describes information and power flow
- Example:  $v_g$  for ladder network
  - When  $\omega \approx 0$   
 $d\omega/dk \approx \omega/k$   
 $v_g \approx v_{ph}$
  - When  $\omega \approx 2\omega_0$   
 $d\omega/dk \approx 0$   
 $v_g \approx 0$
  - Group velocity is zero at cutoff  
Information does not propagate; neither does power



# Co-axial Transmission Line



Oliver Heaviside (1850-1925)  
Transmission lines; Heaviside layer

- Ladder network model of continuous transmission line  
Model due to Oliver Heaviside  
Main difference from previous ladder is that sections are very small
- Co-ax cable has capacitance  $C_p$  and inductance  $L_p$  per unit length  
Line is divided into sections of length  $dz$   
Each has inductance  $L_p dz$  and capacitance  $C_p dz$

# Transmission Line Equations (1)

- Assign nodal voltages  $V$ ,  $V'$  and line currents  $I$ ,  $I'$
- At frequency  $\omega$ , we get

$$V' = V - j\omega L_p dz I$$

$$I' = I - j\omega C_p dz V' \approx I - j\omega C_p dz V$$

NB: This approximation is good enough if  $V$  and  $V'$  are close, i.e. if  $V$  varies slowly

- Continuous system would have

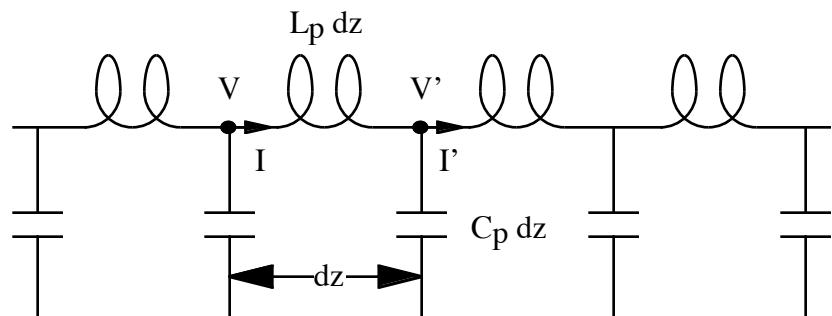
$$V' = V + (dV/dz) dz$$

$$I' = I + (dI/dz) dz$$

- Comparison shows that:

$$dV/dz = -j\omega L_p I$$

$$dI/dz = -j\omega C_p V$$



# Transmission Line Equations (2)

- Coupled equations are:

$$dV/dz = -j\omega L_p I$$

$$dI/dz = -j\omega C_p V$$

- Differentiating, we get:

$$d^2V/dz^2 = -j\omega L_p dI/dz$$

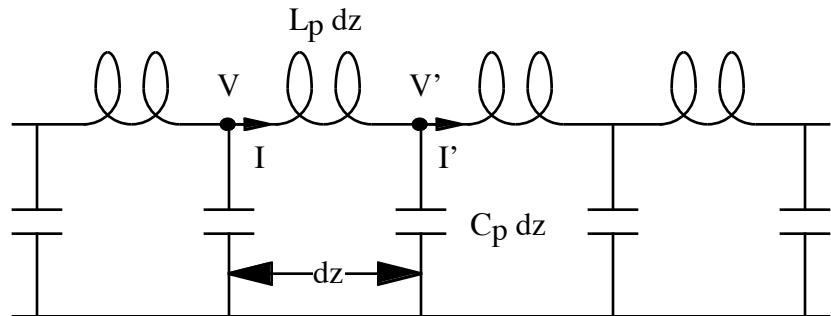
- Substituting for  $dI/dz$  we get:

$$d^2V/dz^2 = -\omega^2 L_p C_p V$$

- Similarly, we could have:

$$d^2I/dz^2 = -\omega^2 L_p C_p I$$

- These are the transmission line equations



# Wave Solutions

- Transmission line equation for voltage is:

$$d^2V/dz^2 = -\omega^2 L_p C_p V$$

- Guess solution  $V(z) = V_0 \exp(-jkz)$

$$dV/dz = -jkV$$

$$d^2V/dz^2 = (-jk)^2 V = -k^2 V$$

- Solution valid if

$$-k^2 V = -\omega^2 L_p C_p V \text{ or if}$$

$$k = \omega(L_p C_p)^{1/2}$$

- Full solution  $V(z, t) = V(z) \exp(j\omega t) = V_0 \exp\{j(\omega t - kz)\}$

Result is travelling wave, with linked voltage and current

$$I(z) = I_0 \exp(-jkz) \text{ also solution of } d^2I/dz^2 = -\omega^2 L_p C_p I$$

# Velocity of an EM Wave

- Solutions  $\mathbf{V} = V_0 \exp\{j(\omega t - kz)\}$ ,  $\mathbf{I} = I_0 \exp\{j(\omega t - kz)\}$

Here  $\omega = 2\pi f = 2\pi/T$ , where  $T$  is time period

And  $k = 2\pi/\lambda$ , where  $\lambda$  is spatial wavelength

$k$  is the propagation constant

- Phase velocity is:

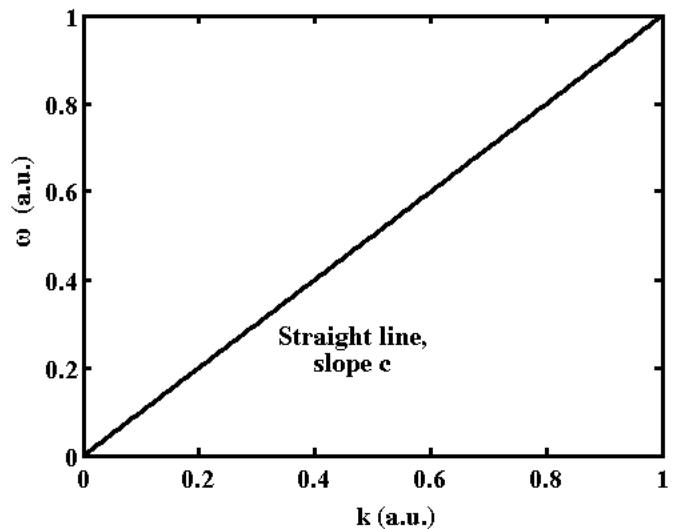
$$v = f \lambda = \omega/k = 1/(L_p C_p)^{1/2}$$

- For co-ax cable:

$$L_p = (\mu_0/2\pi) \log_e(b/a)$$

$$C_p = (2\pi\epsilon) \div \log_e(b/a)$$

$$\text{Hence } L_p C_p = \mu_0 \epsilon \text{ and } v = 1/(\mu_0 \epsilon)^{1/2}$$



- This is speed of light in medium of permeability  $\mu_0$  and permittivity  $\epsilon$

# The Ionosphere (1)

- Ionosphere contains charged particles

- Dispersion relation is

$$\omega^2 = \omega_p^2 + c^2 k^2$$

Where  $\omega_p$  is the plasma frequency

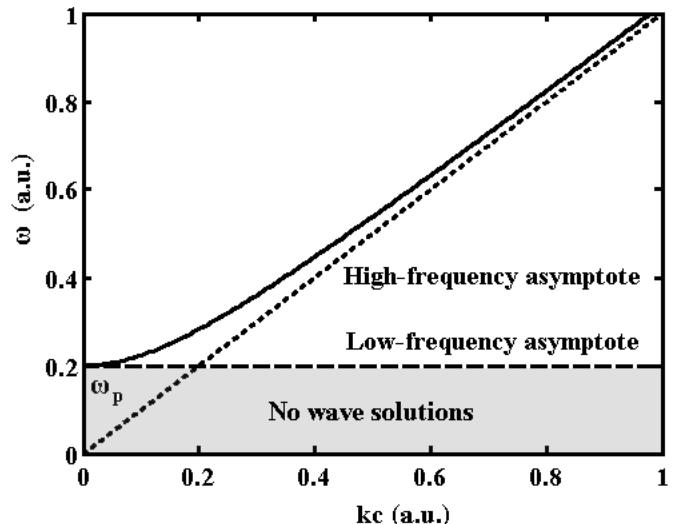
- When  $k \approx 0$ ,  $\omega \approx \omega_p$

- When  $k \gg 0$ ,  $\omega \approx ck$

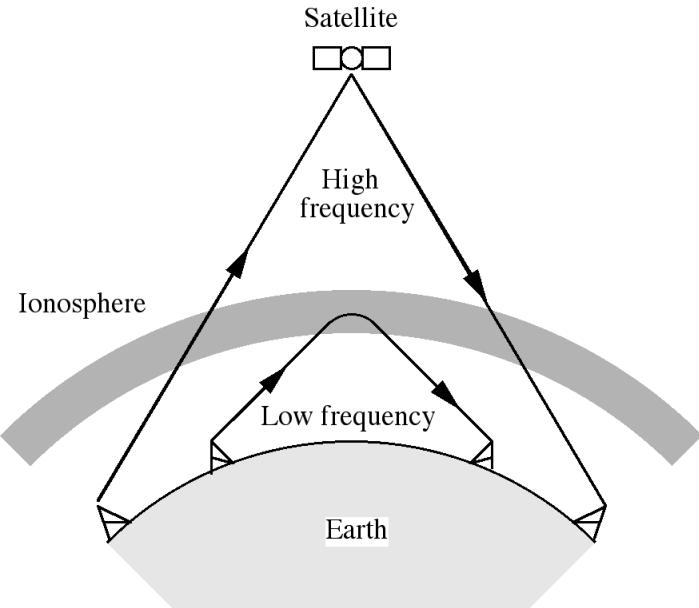
- $k = (1/c) (\omega^2 - \omega_p^2)^{1/2}$

Imaginary solutions for  $\omega < \omega_p$

Ionosphere is high-pass filter



# The Ionosphere (2)



- Atmosphere broadly transparent to radio waves
- Ionosphere reflects at low frequency - allows over-the horizon communication
- Ionosphere transparent at high frequency - allows communication via satellite

# 4: Transmission Line Devices

- Characteristic impedance
- Lossy lines
- Reflection and transmission at junctions
- Input impedance
- Splitters and matching sections

# Transmission Line Equations

- Consider ladder model of transmission line again
- At frequency  $\omega$ , we get

$$V' = V - j\omega L_p dz I$$

$$I' = I - j\omega C_p dz V$$

- Continuous system would have

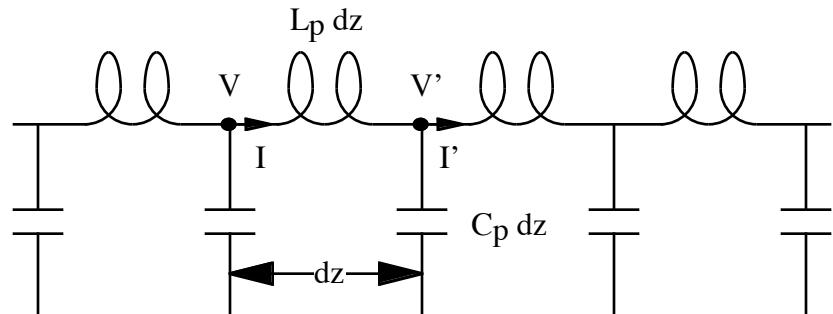
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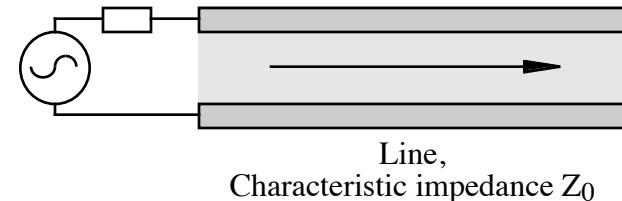
$$dI/dz = -j\omega C_p V$$



# Characteristic Impedance

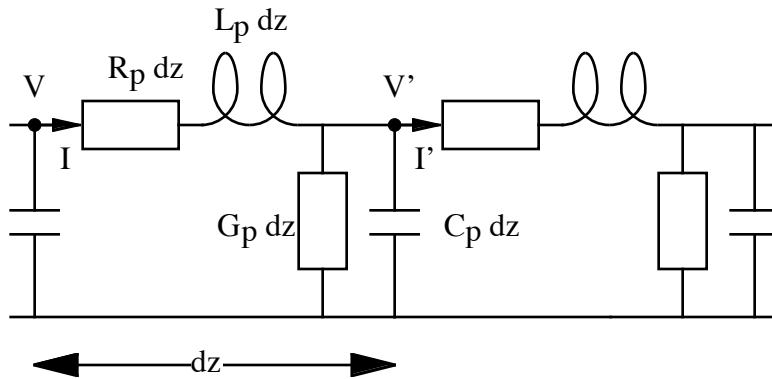
- Wave solutions are  $V = V_0 \exp(-jkz)$ ,  $I = I_0 \exp(-jkz)$   
But  $dV/dz = -j\omega L_p I$   
So  $-jkV = -j\omega L_p I$  and  $-jkV_0 = -j\omega L_p I_0$

- Hence  $V_0/I_0 = \omega L_p/k = (L_p/C_p)^{1/2}$   
Result has dimensions of Ohms



- Ratio is called the characteristic impedance  $Z_0$
- Why is  $Z_0$  real?  
Signal injected into infinite line never emerges, and is effectively lost  
NB Impedance of finite line is not the same!

# Lossy lines (1)



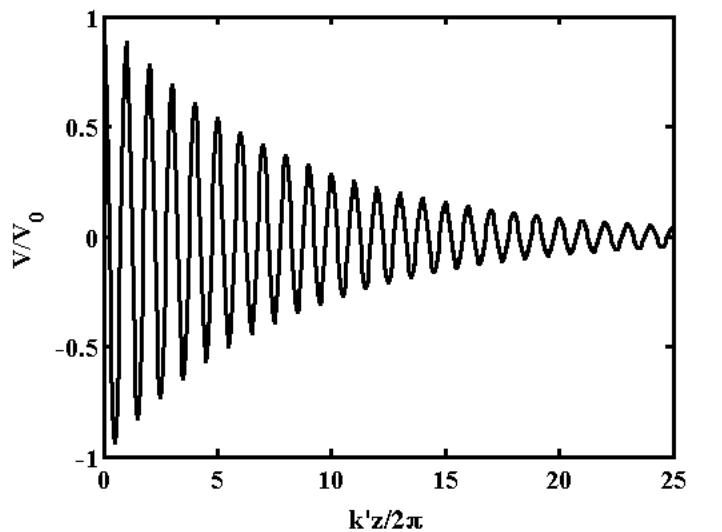
- Model loss in inductor by series resistance  $R_p$
- Model loss in capacitor by shunt conductance  $G_p$
- Transmission line equations become:
$$dV/dz = -(R_p + j\omega L_p)I$$
$$dI/dz = -(G_p + j\omega C_p)V$$
$$d^2V/dz^2 = (R_p + j\omega L_p)(G_p + j\omega C_p) V = -k^2V$$

# Lossy lines (2)

- If  $-k^2 = (R_p + j\omega L_p)(G_p + j\omega C_p)$   
Then  $k^2 = \omega^2 L_p C_p - j\omega C_p R_p - j\omega L_p G_p + R_p G_p$
- If losses are small, neglect  $R_p G_p$  term and rewrite as:  
$$k^2 \approx \omega^2 L_p C_p \times \{1 - j(\omega C_p R_p + \omega L_p G_p) / \omega^2 L_p C_p\}$$
- Hence:  
$$k \approx \omega(L_p C_p)^{1/2} \times \{1 - j(C_p R_p + L_p G_p) / \omega L_p C_p\}^{1/2}$$
- Now use binomial approximation  $(1 + x)^{1/2} \approx 1 + x/2$ :  
$$k \approx \omega(L_p C_p)^{1/2} \times \{1 - j(C_p R_p + L_p G_p) / 2\omega L_p C_p\}$$
- So  $k = k' - jk''$  with  $k' = \omega(L_p C_p)^{1/2}$  and  $k'' = (C_p R_p + L_p G_p) / 2(L_p C_p)^{1/2}$

# Lossy lines (3)

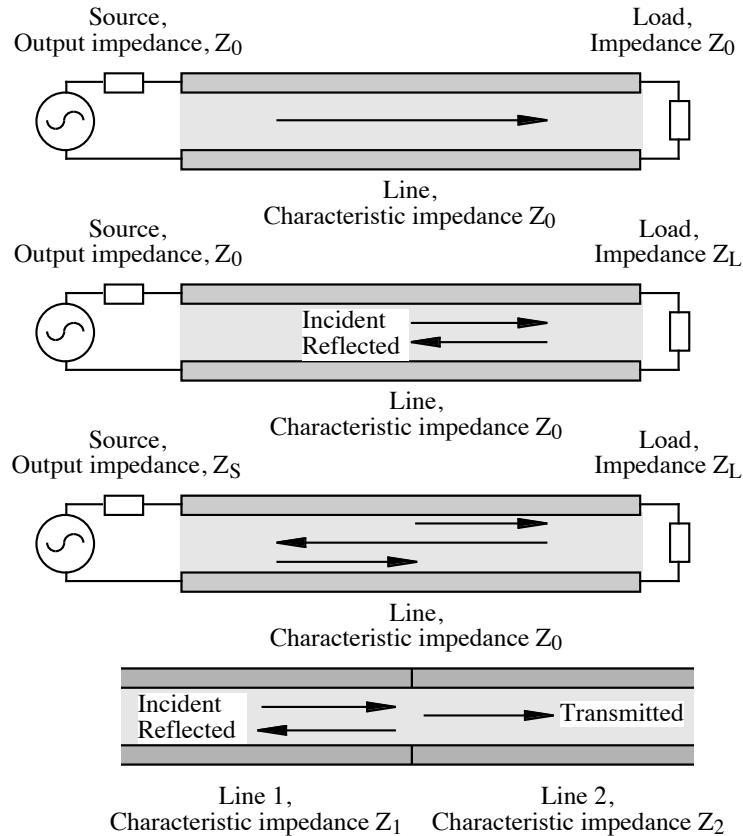
- Effect of complex  $k$  found as follows:
- Generally  $V = V_0 \exp(-jkz)$
- If  $k = k' - jk''$  then  
$$V = V_0 \exp(-jk'z) \exp(-k''z)$$
- Wave attenuates as it propagates  
For good performance, need  $k'' \ll k'$
- $k''/k'$  known as ‘ $\tan \delta$ ’ or loss tangent  
More expensive cables have lower  $\tan \delta$



# Backward-going Waves

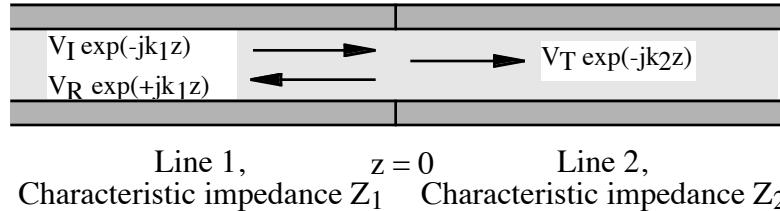
- By convention, forward-going waves are written:  
 $V(z) = V_0 \exp(-jkz)$  and  $I(z) = I_0 \exp(-jkz)$  i.e. negative sign in exponential
- For backward-going voltage wave, assume:  
 $V(z) = V_0 \exp(+jkz)$  and  $I(z) = I_0 \exp(+jkz)$  i.e. positive sign
- If  $dV/dz = -j\omega L_p I$ , then
  - $I = (-1/j\omega L_p) dV/dz$  or
  - $I = (-1/j\omega L_p) \times (+jk) V_0 \exp(+jkz)$ , or
  - $I = -(k/\omega L_p) \exp(+jkz)$
- This means that  
 $I(z) = I_0 \exp(+jkz)$  where  $I_0 = -V_0/Z_0$   
NB: Note minus sign in definition of  $I_0$ !

# Reflected Waves



- Any transmission line discontinuity will cause reflections  
Ideally, impedances should all be matched

# Reflection and Transmission (1)



- Consider discontinuity between two lines with  $(Z_1, k_1)$  and  $(Z_2, k_2)$
- Assume incident and reflected waves on LHS:
$$V_1 = V_I \exp(-jk_1 z) + V_R \exp(+jk_1 z)$$
$$I_1 = (V_I/Z_1) \exp(-jk_1 z) - (V_R/Z_1) \exp(+jk_1 z)$$
- Assume transmitted wave on RHS:
$$V_2 = V_T \exp(-jk_2 z)$$
$$I_2 = (V_T/Z_2) \exp(-jk_2 z)$$
- If junction is at  $z = 0$ , boundary conditions are easy to apply

# Reflection and Transmission (2)

- Match voltages and currents on boundary ( $z = 0$ ) to get

$$V_I + V_R = V_T$$

$$(V_I - V_R)/Z_1 = V_T/Z_2$$

- Substitute upper equation in lower:

$$(V_I - V_R)/Z_1 = (V_I + V_R)/Z_2$$

- Re-arrange:

$$(V_I - V_R)Z_2 = (V_I + V_R)Z_1$$

$$V_I(Z_2 - Z_1) = V_R(Z_2 + Z_1)$$

- Express reflected and transmitted voltages as ratios:

$$V_R/V_I = (Z_2 - Z_1)/(Z_2 + Z_1) \quad \text{Reflection coefficient, } R_V$$

$$V_T/V_I = 2Z_2/(Z_2 + Z_1) = 1 + R_V \quad \text{Transmission coefficient, } T_V$$

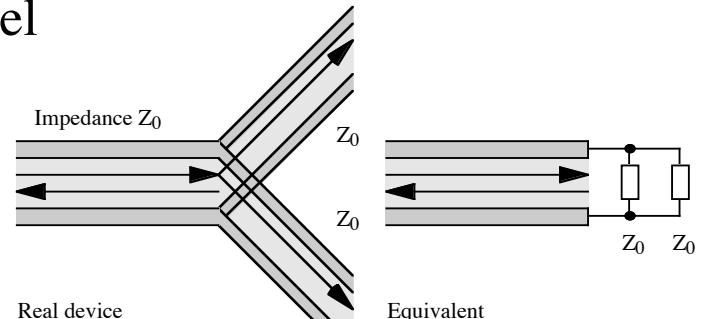
# Matched Splitter

- Simple splitter has two outputs in parallel

So  $Z_1 = Z_0$  and  $Z_2 = Z_0/2$

$$\text{So } R_V = (Z_0/2 - Z_0)/(Z_0/2 + Z_0) = -1/3$$

Hence reflection always occurs



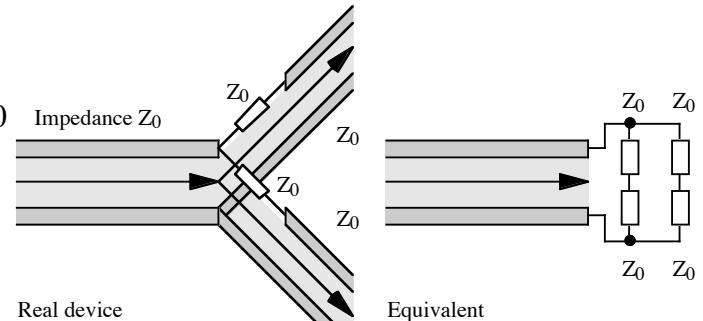
- How to form a reflection-less splitter?

Insert series resistors equal to  $Z_0$

Output lines now each have impedance  $2Z_0$

Since these are in parallel, we get  $Z_2 = Z_0$

Splitter is matched at all frequencies



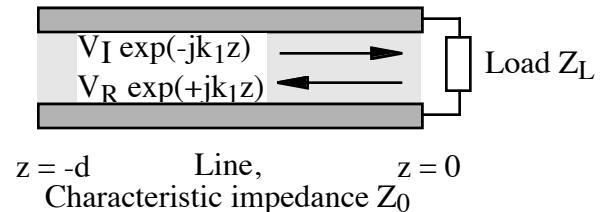
- Device is not perfect

Because of resistors, device consumes power

# Input Impedance (1)

- Need to find impedance of line with terminating load  $Z_L$   
Line has length  $d$  impedance  $Z_0$  and propagation constant  $k$   
There must be a reflection at mismatched load

- At  $z = -d$ , voltage and current are:  
 $V = V_I \exp(+jkd) + V_R \exp(-jkd)$   
 $I = (V_I/Z_0) \exp(+jkd) - (V_R/Z_0) \exp(-jkd)$



- Now, the input impedance is  $Z_{in} = V(-d)/I(-d)$
- We know  $V_R/V_I = R_V = (Z_L - Z_0)/(Z_L + Z_0)$ , so  
 $V(-d) = V_I \{ \exp(+jkd) + \exp(-jkd) (Z_L - Z_0)/(Z_L + Z_0) \}$   
 $I(-d) = (V_I/Z_0) \{ \exp(+jkd) - \exp(-jkd) (Z_L - Z_0)/(Z_L + Z_0) \}$

# Input Impedance (2)

- If  $V(-d) = V_I \{ \exp(+jkd) + \exp(-jkd) \} (Z_L - Z_0)/(Z_L + Z_0) \}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} V(-d) (Z_L + Z_0) &= V_I \{ (Z_L + Z_0) \exp(+jkd) + (Z_L - Z_0) \exp(-jkd) \} \\ &= V_I \{ Z_L[\exp(+jkd) + \exp(-jkd)] + Z_0[\exp(+jkd) - \exp(-jkd)] \} \\ &= 2V_I \{ Z_L \cos(kd) + jZ_0 \sin(kd) \} \end{aligned}$$

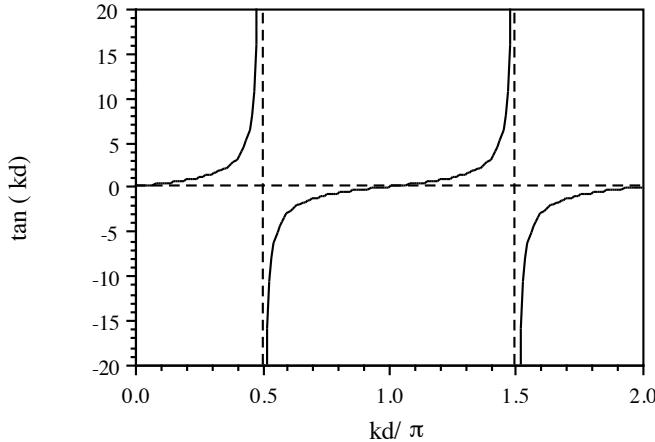
- If  $I(-d) = (V_I/Z_0) \{ \exp(+jkd) - \exp(-jkd) \} (Z_L - Z_0)/(Z_L + Z_0) \}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} I(-d) (Z_L + Z_0) &= (V_I/Z_0) \{ (Z_L + Z_0) \exp(+jkd) - (Z_L - Z_0) \exp(-jkd) \} \\ &= (V_I/Z_0) \{ Z_L[\exp(+jkd) - \exp(-jkd)] + Z_0[\exp(+jkd) + \exp(-jkd)] \} \\ &= 2(V_I/Z_0) \{ jZ_L \sin(kd) + Z_0 \cos(kd) \} \end{aligned}$$

- Input impedance  $Z_{in} = V(-d)/I(-d)$  then found by division as:

$$Z_{in} = Z_0 \{ Z_L \cos(kd) + jZ_0 \sin(kd) \} / \{ Z_0 \cos(kd) + jZ_L \sin(kd) \}$$

# Special Cases



- General input impedance is:

$$Z_{in} = Z_0 \{Z_L \cos(kd) + jZ_0 \sin(kd)\} / \{Z_0 \cos(kd) + jZ_L \sin(kd)\}, \text{ or}$$

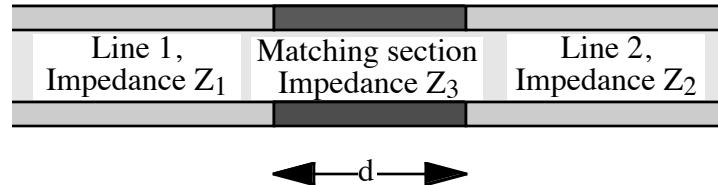
$$Z_{in} = Z_0 \{Z_L + jZ_0 \tan(kd)\} / \{Z_0 + jZ_L \tan(kd)\}$$

- If line is short circuited ( $Z_L = 0$ )

$Z_{in} = jZ_0 \tan(kd)$  so  $Z_{in}$  can look like capacitor or inductor, depending on  $d$

Method of making inductors when wound components no longer work

# Quarter-Wave Transformer

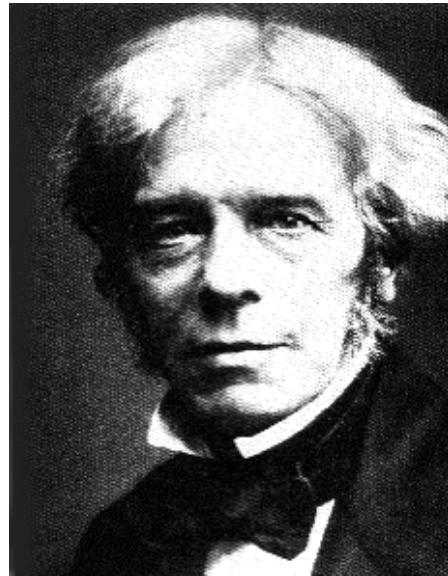


- Need to match together two lines of impedance  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$   
Insert short section of line of length  $d = \lambda/4$  so  $k_3d = \pi/2$
- Input impedance of Line 3 and Line 2 together is:  
$$Z_{in} = Z_3 \{Z_2 + jZ_3 \tan(k_3d)\} / \{Z_3 + jZ_2 \tan(k_3d)\}$$
$$Z_{in} = Z_3 \{Z_2 + jZ_3 \tan(\pi/2)\} / \{Z_3 + jZ_2 \tan(\pi/2)\}$$
- Since tan function goes to infinity,  $Z_{in} = Z_3^2/Z_2$
- $Z_{in}$  presents matched load to Line 1 if  $Z_1 = Z_3^2/Z_2$   
Hence  $Z_3$  should be geometric mean of  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$   
Simple device, but only works well at one frequency

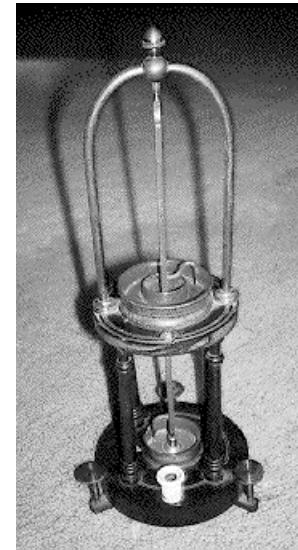
# 5: Electromagnetic Waves

- Faraday's Law
- The wave equation
- Electromagnetic waves

# Faraday



Michael Faraday (1791 - 1867)  
Electro-magnetic induction,  
the magneto-optical effect,  
diamagnetism, field theory



An early Faraday motor

# Faraday's Law

- Consider time-varying magnetic flux  $\underline{B}$  passing through closed loop L, defining rim of open surface

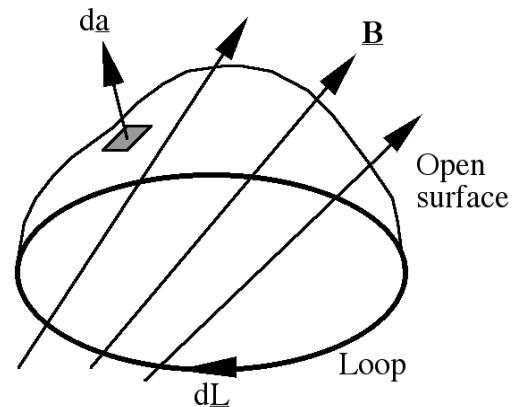
Flux of magnetic induction  $\psi_B$  through surface is:

$$\psi_B = \iint_A \underline{B} \cdot d\underline{a}$$

- EMF  $E$  induced round loop is:

$$E = -\frac{\partial \psi_B}{\partial t}$$

Induced voltage related to field by  $E = \int_L \underline{E} \cdot d\underline{L}$



- Combining the above we obtain Faraday's law:

$$\int_L \underline{E} \cdot d\underline{L} = - \iint_A \frac{\partial \underline{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\underline{a}$$

- Time-varying magnetic field has associated electric field

# Problems with Maxwell

- So far, Maxwell's equations are integral equations
  - We don't know how to solve integral equations
  - We do know how to solve differential equations
- We can transform integral equations into differential ones
  - Need extra maths: Gauss' Theorem and Stokes Theorem
- Can show how this works for Gauss' and Faraday's Law

# Gauss Theorem, Gauss' Law

- Remember Gauss' Law:

$$\iint_A \underline{D} \cdot d\underline{a} = \iiint_V \rho \, dv$$

- Gauss' Theorem states that:

$$\iint_A \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{a} = \iiint_V \text{div}(\underline{F}) \, dv$$

NB Don't muddle up Gauss' Law and Gauss' Theorem!

- Apply to Gauss' Law:

$$\iint_A \underline{D} \cdot d\underline{a} = \iiint_V \text{div}(\underline{D}) \, dv = \iiint_V \rho \, dv$$

- Since integration region V is undefined, we must have:

$$\text{div}(\underline{D}) = \rho \quad (\text{This is the desired differential form})$$

# Stokes' Theorem, Faraday's Law

- Remember Faraday's Law:

$$\oint_L \underline{E} \cdot d\underline{L} = - \iint_A \partial \underline{B} / \partial t \cdot d\underline{a}$$

- Stokes' Theorem states that:

$$\oint_L \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{L} = \iint_A \text{curl}(\underline{F}) \cdot d\underline{a}$$

- Apply to Faraday's Law:

$$\oint_L \underline{E} \cdot d\underline{L} = \iint_A \text{curl}(\underline{E}) \cdot d\underline{a} = - \iint_A \partial \underline{B} / \partial t \cdot d\underline{a}$$

- Since integration region A is undefined, we must have:

$$\text{curl}(\underline{E}) = -\partial \underline{B} / \partial t \quad (\text{This is the desired differential form})$$

# All the Equations Together

- Using Gauss' Theorem and Stokes Theorem, we can transform the magnetic equivalent of Gauss' Law and Ampere's Law into differential forms.
- The equations together then look like this:
$$\text{div}(\underline{\mathbf{D}}) = \rho$$
$$\text{div}(\underline{\mathbf{B}}) = 0$$
$$\text{curl}(\underline{\mathbf{E}}) = -\partial \underline{\mathbf{B}} / \partial t$$
$$\text{curl}(\underline{\mathbf{H}}) = \underline{\mathbf{J}} + \partial \underline{\mathbf{D}} / \partial t$$
- And again we need the constitutive equations
$$\underline{\mathbf{J}} = \sigma \underline{\mathbf{E}} ; \underline{\mathbf{D}} = \epsilon \underline{\mathbf{E}} ; \underline{\mathbf{B}} = \mu \underline{\mathbf{H}}$$

# The Wave Equation (1)

- We now create a wave equation for electromagnetic waves

Assume non-magnetic materials (so  $\mu = \mu_0$  and  $\underline{\mathbf{B}} = \mu_0 \underline{\mathbf{H}}$ )

Assume dielectric materials (so  $\underline{\mathbf{D}} = \epsilon \underline{\mathbf{E}}$ )

Assume no charges (so  $\rho = 0$ )

Assume no conductivity (so  $\sigma = 0$  and  $\underline{\mathbf{J}} = 0$ )

- Equations to be solved are:

$$\operatorname{div}(\underline{\mathbf{D}}) = 0 \quad (1) \qquad \text{NB: If } \epsilon \text{ is constant, } \operatorname{div}(\underline{\mathbf{E}}) = 0$$

$$\operatorname{div}(\underline{\mathbf{B}}) = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\operatorname{curl}(\underline{\mathbf{E}}) = -\partial \underline{\mathbf{B}} / \partial t \quad (3)$$

$$\operatorname{curl}(\underline{\mathbf{H}}) = \partial \underline{\mathbf{D}} / \partial t \quad (4)$$

- Nice and symmetric!

# The Wave Equation (2)

- Take curl of Equation 3:

$$\text{curl} [\text{curl}(\underline{\mathbf{E}})] = - \text{curl} [ \partial \underline{\mathbf{B}} / \partial t ]$$

- Substitute for B:

$$\text{curl} [\text{curl}(\underline{\mathbf{E}})] = - \mu_0 \text{curl} [ \partial \underline{\mathbf{H}} / \partial t ]$$

- Re-arrange:

$$\text{curl} [\text{curl}(\underline{\mathbf{E}})] = - \mu_0 \partial [ \text{curl}(\underline{\mathbf{H}}) / \partial t ]$$

- Substitute for D in Equation 4:

$$\text{curl}(\underline{\mathbf{H}}) = \epsilon \partial \underline{\mathbf{E}} / \partial t$$

- Use the result to eliminate H:

$$\text{curl} [ \text{curl}(\underline{\mathbf{E}}) ] = - \mu_0 \epsilon \partial^2 \underline{\mathbf{E}} / \partial t^2$$

Actually this is already a wave equation  
But we don't know what curl curl means ...

# The Wave Equation (3)

- Start with

$$\text{curl} [\text{curl}(\underline{\mathbf{E}})] = -\mu_0 \epsilon \partial^2 \underline{\mathbf{E}} / \partial t^2$$

- Use standard vector identity

$$\text{curl} [\text{curl}(\underline{\mathbf{F}})] = \text{grad} [\text{div}(\underline{\mathbf{F}})] - \nabla^2 \underline{\mathbf{F}}$$

- Hence

$$\text{grad} [\text{div}(\underline{\mathbf{E}})] - \nabla^2 \underline{\mathbf{E}} = -\mu_0 \partial^2 (\epsilon \underline{\mathbf{E}}) / \partial t^2$$

- With no charges  $\text{div}(\underline{\mathbf{D}}) = 0$  so

$$\text{div}(\underline{\mathbf{E}}) = 0 \text{ if } \epsilon \text{ is constant}$$

- Hence

$$\nabla^2 \underline{\mathbf{E}} = \mu_0 \epsilon \partial^2 \underline{\mathbf{E}} / \partial t^2$$

This is the vector wave equation for light!

# Time-Independent Wave Eqn

- Vector wave equation is  $\nabla^2 \underline{\mathbf{E}} = \mu_0 \epsilon \partial^2 \underline{\mathbf{E}} / \partial t^2$   
Assume fields vary harmonically as  $\underline{\mathbf{E}}(x, y, z, t) = \underline{\mathbf{E}}(x, y, z) \exp(j\omega t)$
- So
  - $\partial \underline{\mathbf{E}} / \partial t = j\omega \underline{\mathbf{E}}$
  - $\partial^2 \underline{\mathbf{E}} / \partial t^2 = -\omega^2 \underline{\mathbf{E}}$
- The vector wave equation reduces to  
$$\nabla^2 \underline{\mathbf{E}} = -\omega^2 \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \underline{\mathbf{E}}$$
- This is a time-independent vector wave equation

# Scalar Wave Equation

- The time-independent vector wave equation is:

$$\nabla^2 \underline{E} = -\omega^2 \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \underline{E}$$

- Can write separate equation for each co-ordinate

- For  $E_x$ , we get:

$$\nabla^2 E_x = -\omega^2 \mu_0 \epsilon E_x$$

This is the scalar wave equation

- In long-hand:

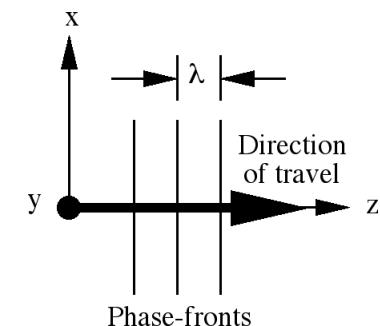
$$\partial^2 E_x / \partial x^2 + \partial^2 E_x / \partial y^2 + \partial^2 E_x / \partial z^2 = -\omega^2 \mu_0 \epsilon E_x$$

# Plane Wave Solutions

- E-field indicates direction of polarization
- Wave with a single component of  $\underline{E}$  is linearly polarized  
If  $\underline{E} = E_x \hat{i}$ , wave is x-polarized
- Plane waves have uniform amplitude and planes of constant phase perpendicular to travel  
For a z-going wave,  $\partial\underline{E}/\partial x = \partial\underline{E}/\partial y = 0$

- Time-independent scalar wave equation is:

$$d^2E_x/dz^2 = -\omega^2\mu_0\epsilon E_x$$



- Guess solution  $E_x = E_0 \exp(-jkz)$

$$dE_x/dz = -jkE_x ; d^2E_x/dz^2 = -k^2E_x$$

Solution viable if  $k^2 = \omega^2\mu_0\epsilon$

# Velocity of Light

- Time independent solution:

$$\underline{E}(z) = E_0 \exp(-jkz) \hat{i}$$

- Whole solution is travelling wave:

$$\underline{E}(z, t) = \underline{E} \exp(j\omega t) = E_0 \exp\{j(\omega t - kz)\} \hat{i}$$

$$\omega = 2\pi/T = 2\pi f \quad \text{where } f \text{ is temporal frequency}$$

$$k = 2\pi/\lambda \quad \text{where } \lambda \text{ is wavelength}$$

- Phase velocity is:

$$v_{ph} = f\lambda = \omega/k = 1/\sqrt(\mu_0\epsilon)$$

- In vacuum:

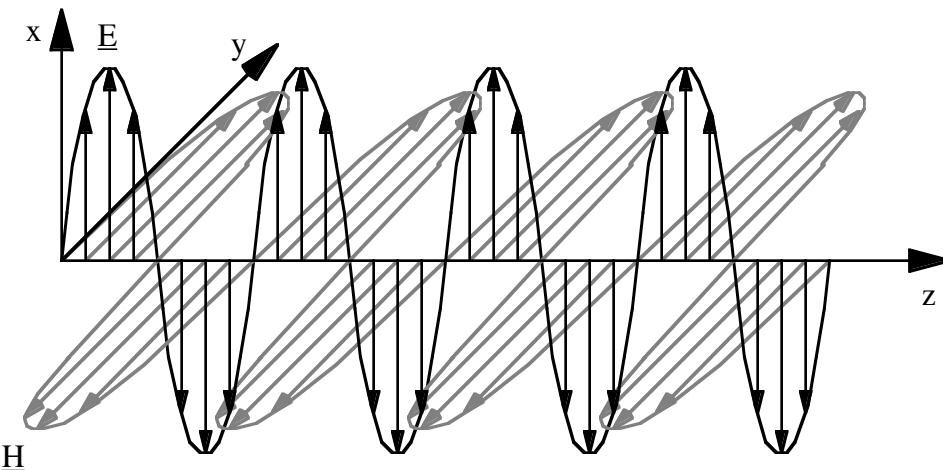
$$\epsilon = \epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ s}^2\text{C}^2/\text{m}^3\text{kg}; \mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ m kg/C}^2$$

$$\text{Hence } v = 2.99 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s!}$$

# Refractive Index

- In the presence of matter,  $\epsilon_r \neq 1$   
Velocity is then  $v_{ph} = 1/\sqrt{(\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r)}$   
This can be written  $v_{ph} = c/\sqrt{\epsilon_r}$   
Here,  $n = \sqrt{\epsilon_r}$  is the refractive index
- Waves generally travel slower in matter
- Other quantities scale with  $n$ :  
Wavelength:  $\lambda = \lambda_0/n$   
Propagation constant:  $k = nk_0$   
Here the subscript zero means “vacuum value”

# The Nature of EM Waves



- We know that  $\underline{E} = E_0 \exp(-jkz) \hat{i}$  : What is  $\underline{H}$ ?
- For time-independent fields,  $\text{curl}(\underline{E}) = -j\omega\mu_0 \underline{H}$   
Apply to solution;  $\text{curl}(\underline{E}) = -jk E_0 \exp(-jkz) \hat{j}$   
Hence  $\underline{H}$  must have the form  $\underline{H} = H_0 \exp(-jkz) \hat{j}$   
With a field amplitude of  $H_0 = (k/\omega\mu_0) E_0$   
Total field is transverse electric and magnetic (TEM) wave

# 6: Reflection and Refraction

- Impedance and power
- Boundary matching
- Reflection and refraction
- Total internal reflection

# Wave Impedance

- For z-going wave, assume:

$$\underline{E} = E_0 \exp(-jkz) \mathbf{i} \text{ and } \underline{H} = H_0 \exp(-jkz) \mathbf{j}$$

Maxwell curl equation implies that  $H_0 = (k/\omega\mu_0) E_0$

Since  $k = \omega(\mu_0\epsilon)^{1/2}$  we must have  $E_0/H_0 = (\mu_0/\epsilon)^{1/2}$

Hence, the two amplitudes are linked

- The ratio  $E_0/H_0$  has dimensions of Ohms

It is called the wave impedance,  $Z_0$

- For free space:

$$Z_0 = \{4\pi \times 10^{-7} / (1/36\pi) \times 10^{-9}\}^{1/2} = 120\pi = 377 \Omega$$

To launch a wave into space, we must match to this value

For medium of refractive index  $n$ ,  $Z = Z_0/n$

# Power Flow (1)

- Poynting vector is  $\underline{S} = \underline{E} \times \underline{H}$  - gives instantaneous power  
 $\underline{S}$  is difficult to measure, since it contains components at  $2\omega$   
More useful is the irradiance  $\underline{S} = (1/T) \int_T \underline{S} dt$
- Because only real parts are important, we can write:  
$$\underline{S} = (1/T) \int_T \text{Re}\{ \underline{E} \exp(j\omega t) \} \times \text{Re}\{ \underline{H} \exp(j\omega t) \} dt$$
  
Now  $\text{Re}(z) = (z + z^*)/2$ , so  
$$\underline{S} = (1/4T) \int_T \{ \underline{E} \exp(j\omega t) + \underline{E}^* \exp(-j\omega t) \} \times \{ \underline{H} \exp(j\omega t) + \underline{H}^* \exp(-j\omega t) \} dt$$
- Product of first and third terms varies as  $\exp(j2\omega t)$
- Product of second and forth terms varies as  $\exp(-j2\omega t)$
- Both average to zero. Hence:  
$$\underline{S} = (1/4T) \int_T \{ \underline{E} \times \underline{H}^* + \underline{E}^* \times \underline{H} \} dt$$
  
$$\underline{S} = \{ \underline{E} \times \underline{H}^* + \underline{E}^* \times \underline{H} \} / 4 \quad \text{or} \quad \underline{S} = 1/2 \text{ Re} \{ \underline{E} \times \underline{H}^* \}$$

# Power Flow (2)

- Time-averaged power flow is:

$$\underline{S} = 1/2 \operatorname{Re} \{\underline{E} \times \underline{H}^*\}$$

- Example: z-going plane wave

Assume:

$$\underline{E} = E_0 \exp(-jkz) \mathbf{i}$$

$$\underline{H} = (k/\omega\mu_0) E_0 \exp(-jkz) \mathbf{j}$$

- In this case:

$$\underline{S} = (k/2\omega\mu_0) E_0^2 \underline{k}$$

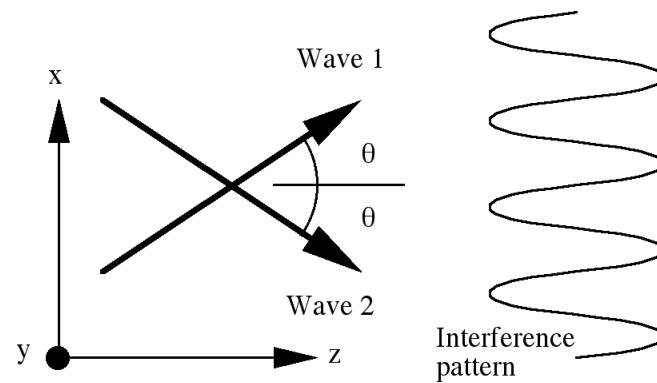
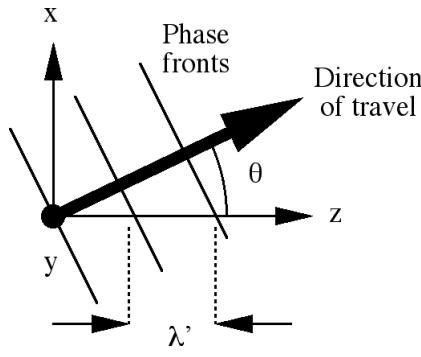
$$\underline{S} = (1/2Z_0) E_0^2 \underline{k}$$

- Power flows in direction of travel
- Power density is proportional to electric field squared

# Waves in Lossy Dielectrics

- Wave equation for x-polarization is  $d^2E_x/dz^2 = -\omega^2\mu_0\epsilon E_x$   
In a lossy dielectric,  $\epsilon_r$  is complex-valued, so  $\epsilon_r = \epsilon_r' - j\epsilon_r''$
- Wave equation now  $d^2E_x/dz^2 + \omega^2\mu_0\epsilon_0(\epsilon_r' - j\epsilon_r'')E_x = 0$   
Assume travelling wave solution  $E_x = E_0 \exp(-jkz)$   
Hence  $k = \omega \sqrt{(\mu_0\epsilon_0\epsilon_r')} \sqrt{(1 - j\epsilon_r''/\epsilon_r')}$
- If loss is small, so  $\epsilon_r'' \ll \epsilon_r'$ , we can use binomial approximation:  
 $k = \omega \sqrt{(\mu_0\epsilon_0\epsilon_r')} (1 - j\epsilon_r''/2\epsilon_r')$ , or:  
 $k = k' - jk''$ , where  $k' = \omega \sqrt{(\mu_0\epsilon_0\epsilon_r')}$ , and  $k'' = k'\epsilon_r''/2\epsilon_r'$   
Wave therefore propagates as  $E_x = E_0 \exp(-k''z) \exp(-jk'z)$
- This is a plane wave with exponential decay

# Oblique Waves



- For y-polarized, oblique wave in the x-z plane:  

$$\underline{E} = j E_y \exp\{-j(kx \sin(\theta) + kz \cos(\theta))\}$$
- If two oblique waves cross, sum their fields as:  

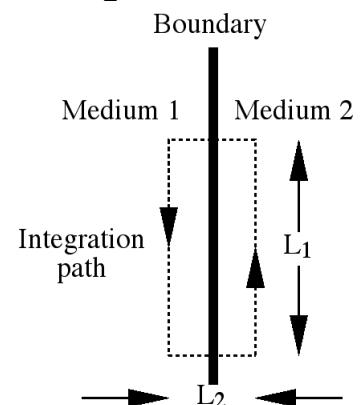
$$\underline{E} = j E_y \{\exp[-jk_0(z \cos(\theta) + x \sin(\theta))] + \exp[-jk_0(z \cos(\theta) - x \sin(\theta))]\}$$
- We can write this alternatively as  

$$\underline{E} = j 2E_y \exp[-jk_0 z \cos(\theta)] \cos[k_0 x \sin(\theta)]$$
  
 This is a sinusoidal interference pattern

# Boundary Matching (1)

- Boundary conditions must be satisfied at junctions between media
- Apply Maxwell's equations at junction between media.  
Medium 1 has time-dependent field  $\underline{E}_1$ , and Medium 2 has field  $\underline{E}_2$

- Faraday's law says  $\oint_L \underline{E} \cdot d\underline{L} = - \iint_A \partial \underline{B} / \partial t \cdot da$   
Perform line integration round rectangular path  
If  $L_2$  tends to zero, RHS must tend to zero.  
 $\oint_L \underline{E} \cdot d\underline{L} = (E_{t1} - E_{t2}) L_1 = 0$  so  $E_{t1} - E_{t2} = 0$



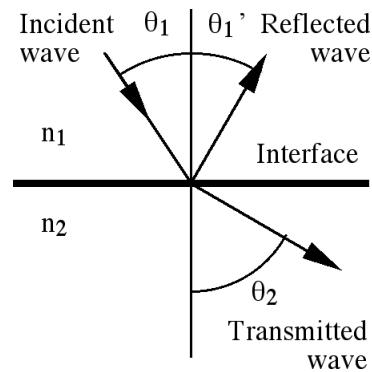
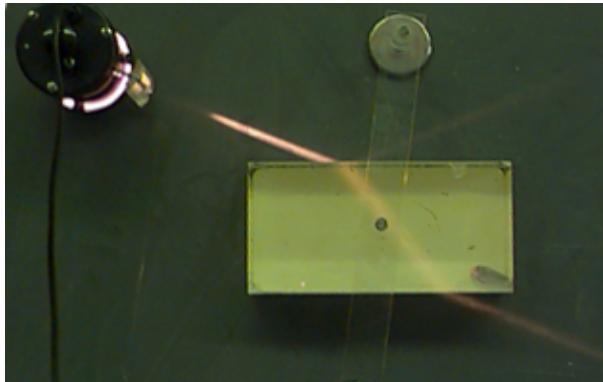
- Tangential components of  $\underline{E}$  must match across boundary

# Boundary Matching (2)

- Similar calculation can be done for all field quantities
- Full set of boundary conditions is then:
  - Tangential components of  $\underline{E}$  and  $\underline{H}$  must match on a boundary
  - Normal components of  $\underline{D}$  and  $\underline{B}$  must match on a boundary\*
- Or in vector form:
$$\underline{n} \times (\underline{E}_2 - \underline{E}_1) = 0 \quad \underline{n} \times (\underline{H}_2 - \underline{H}_1) = \underline{K}$$
$$\underline{n} \cdot (\underline{D}_2 - \underline{D}_1) = \rho_s \quad \underline{n} \cdot (\underline{B}_2 - \underline{B}_1) = 0$$

Here  $\underline{K}$  = surface current,  $\rho_s$  = surface charge (often zero)

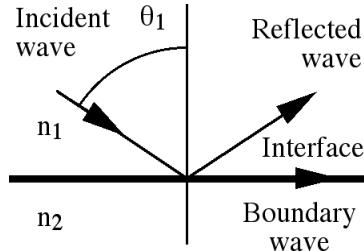
# Reflection and Refraction



Snell, 1591-1626

- A plane light wave strikes a dielectric interface.  
For near-normal incidence (small  $\theta_1$ ) there will be a plane reflected wave in Medium 1, and a transmitted beam in Medium 2.
- Reflected wave angle is equal and opposite to angle of incidence.  
This is Alhazen's Law,  $\theta_1' = \theta_1$
- Transmitted wave angle is defined by Snell's law:  
$$n_1 \sin(\theta_1) = n_2 \sin(\theta_2)$$

# Total Internal Reflection



- Snell's law says  $n_1 \sin(\theta_1) = n_2 \sin(\theta_2)$   
For  $\theta_1 = \theta_C = \sin^{-1}(n_2/n_1)$ , we get  $\theta_2 = \pi/2$   
Transmitted wave now parallel to the interface  
For  $\theta_1 > \theta_c$ , no real solution for  $\theta_2$ ; total internal reflection occurs
- This angle of incidence is the critical angle  
Example: For glass/air interface ( $n_1 = 1.5$  and  $n_2 = 1.0$ ),  $\theta_c = 41.8^\circ$ .
- For total internal reflection, we must have  $n_2 < n_1$   
Incidence must be from the high index side

# EM Solution: Matching $\underline{E}$

- Assume  $\underline{E}$  is y-polarised:

$$E_{y1} = E_I \exp[-jk_0 n_1 (z \sin(\theta_1) - x \cos(\theta_1))] + E_R \exp[-jk_0 n_1 (z \sin(\theta_1') + x \cos(\theta_1'))]$$

$$E_{y2} = E_T \exp[-jk_0 n_2 (z \sin(\theta_2) - x \cos(\theta_2))]$$

- Tangential components of  $\underline{E}$  must match

Since  $\underline{E}$  is tangential,  $E_{y1} = E_{y2}$  on  $x = 0$ :

$$E_I \exp[-jk_0 n_1 z \sin(\theta_1)] + E_R \exp[-jk_0 n_1 z \sin(\theta_1')] = E_T \exp[-jk_0 n_2 z \sin(\theta_2)]$$

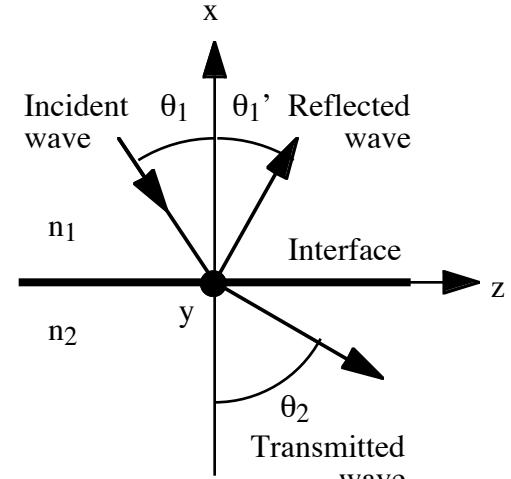
- Equation only satisfied for all z if:

$$n_1 \sin(\theta_1) = n_1 \sin(\theta_1') = n_2 \sin(\theta_2)$$

Thus,  $\theta_1 = \theta_1'$  (Alhazen's law)

And  $n_1 \sin(\theta_1) = n_1 \sin(\theta_1') = n_2 \sin(\theta_2)$  (Snell's law)

And  $E_I + E_R = E_T$



# EM Solution: Matching H

- Tangential components of H must also match

- Find H from curl relation

Since  $E_x = E_z = 0$ ,  $H_x = (-j/\omega\mu_0) \partial E_y / \partial z$ ;  $H_y = 0$ ;  $H_z = (j/\omega\mu_0) \partial E_y / \partial x$

The only tangential component is  $H_z$ , so  $\partial E_{y1} / \partial x = \partial E_{y2} / \partial x$  on  $x = 0$

- Differentiating and putting  $x = 0$  we get:

$$jk_0 n_1 \cos(\theta_1) E_I \exp[-jk_0 n_1 z \sin(\theta_1)]$$

$$-jk_0 n_1 \cos(\theta_1) E_R \exp[-jk_0 n_1 z \sin(\theta_1)]$$

$$= jk_0 n_2 \cos(\theta_2) E_T \exp[-jk_0 n_2 z \sin(\theta_2)]$$

- Cancel the exponential terms as before to get:

$$n_1 \cos(\theta_1) E_I - n_1 \cos(\theta_1) E_R = n_2 \cos(\theta_2) E_T$$

# Fresnel Coefficients

- We now have 2 simultaneous equations:

$$E_I + E_R = E_T$$

$$n_1 \cos(\theta_1) E_I - n_1 \cos(\theta_1) E_R = n_2 \cos(\theta_2) E_T$$

- Substitute upper equation into lower:

$$n_1 \cos(\theta_1) E_I - n_1 \cos(\theta_1) E_R = n_2 \cos(\theta_2) (E_I + E_R)$$

$$[n_1 \cos(\theta_1) - n_2 \cos(\theta_2)] E_I = [n_2 \cos(\theta_2) + n_1 \cos(\theta_1)] E_R$$

- Write results as  $\Gamma_E = E_R/E_I$  and  $T_E = E_T/E_I$ :

$$\Gamma_E = [n_1 \cos(\theta_1) - n_2 \cos(\theta_2)] / [n_1 \cos(\theta_1) + n_2 \cos(\theta_2)]$$

$$T_E = E_T/E_I = 2n_1 \cos(\theta_1) / [n_1 \cos(\theta_1) + n_2 \cos(\theta_2)]$$

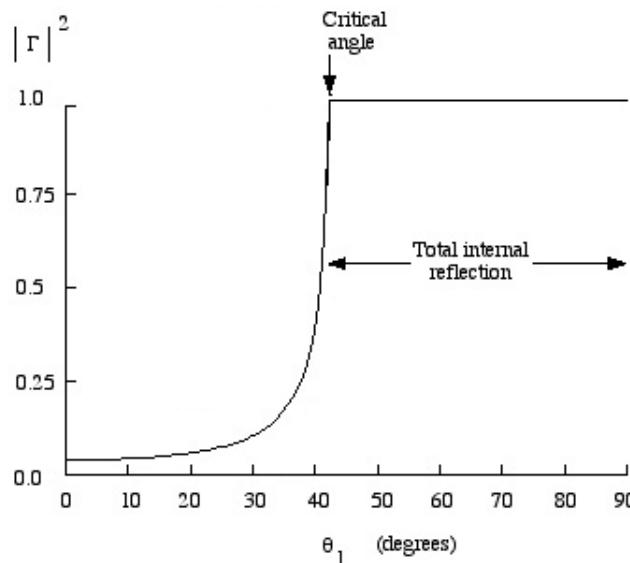
- These are called Fresnel coefficients

$$\text{At normal incidence, } \Gamma_E = (n_1 - n_2) / (n_1 + n_2)$$

# Total Internal Reflection

- Snell's law says  $n_1 \sin(\theta_1) = n_2 \sin(\theta_2)$   
For  $\theta_1 = \theta_C = \sin^{-1}(n_2/n_1)$ , we get  $\theta_2 = \pi/2$
- What happens when  $\theta_1 > \theta_C$  ?  
 $\sin(\theta_2) = (n_1/n_2) \sin(\theta_1)$  (now greater than one)  
 $\cos(\theta_2) = \{1 - (n_1^2/n_2^2) \sin^2(\theta_1)\}^{1/2}$   
 $\cos(\theta_2) = \pm j\{(n_1^2/n_2^2) \sin^2(\theta_1) - 1\}^{1/2}$   
Hence we may put  $\cos(\theta_2) = \pm j\alpha$
- Fresnel reflection coefficient is:  
 $\Gamma_E = \{n_1 \cos(\theta_1) - n_2 \cos(\theta_2)\} / \{n_1 \cos(\theta_1) + n_2 \cos(\theta_2)\}$   
For  $\theta_1 > \theta_C$ ,  $\Gamma_E = \{n_1 \cos(\theta_1) - j\alpha n_2\} / \{n_1 \cos(\theta_1) + j\alpha n_2\}$   
Power reflectivity is  $\Gamma_E \Gamma_E^* = 1$  so all power is now reflected

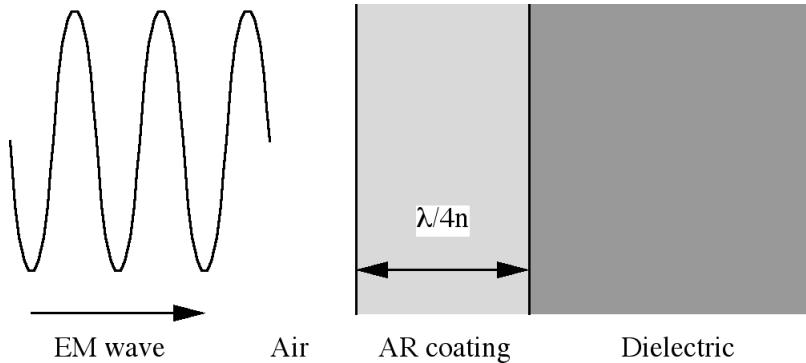
# Angular Variation of Reflectivity



Augustin Jean Fresnel  
1788 - 1827

- Variation of reflection coefficient for glass/air interface
  - Incidence is from glass side
  - At normal incidence,  $\Gamma_E = (1.5 - 1) / (1.5 + 1) = 0.2$ ;  $|\Gamma_E|^2 = 0.04$
  - Reflectivity initially low, then rises to 100% at critical angle

# Anti-Reflection Coating



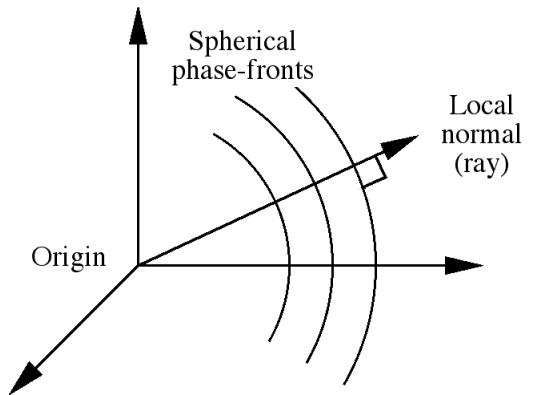
- Used to suppress reflection at air/dielectric interface
  - Operation identical to quarter wave transformer
  - Quarter-wave thickness of material used as intermediate coating
  - Chose  $\lambda \sim 0.5 \mu\text{m}$  - peak eye sensitivity
- Impedance of coating is geometric mean of air and dielectric values
  - Impedance of medium with index  $n$  is  $Z_0/n$ , hence  $n_{\text{coating}} = (n_{\text{air}} n_{\text{dielectric}})^{1/2}$
  - For plastics ( $n_{\text{dielectric}} \sim 1.6$ ), need  $n_{\text{coat}} \sim 1.3$  (MgF suitable)
  - Only works properly at normal incidence - strong reflection otherwise

# 7: Imaging

- Spherical waves
- Paraxial waves
- Lenses and mirrors
- Image formation
- Optical imaging systems

# Spherical Waves (1)

- Scalar wave equation is  $\nabla^2 E + \omega^2 \mu_0 \epsilon_0 E = 0$   
Symmetric solutions have  $E(x, y, z) = E(r)$  only  
Need to find  $\nabla^2 E$  in radial co-ordinates
- Now the chain rule gives  
 $\partial E / \partial x = dE/dr \partial r / \partial x$  and  
 $\partial^2 E / \partial x^2 = d^2 E / dr^2 (\partial r / \partial x)^2 + dE/dr \partial^2 r / \partial x^2$
- Since  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ ,  
 $\partial r / \partial x = x/r$  and  
 $\partial^2 r / \partial x^2 = (1/r) + x \partial(1/r) / \partial x = (1/r)(1 - x^2/r^2)$  and  
 $\partial^2 E / \partial x^2 = (x^2/r^2) d^2 E / dr^2 + (1/r)(1 - x^2/r^2) dE/dr$



# Spherical Waves (2)

- If:

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial x^2} = \left(\frac{x^2}{r^2}\right) \frac{d^2 E}{dr^2} + \left(\frac{1}{r}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{r^2}\right) \frac{dE}{dr}$$

- Then by inspection:

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial y^2} = \left(\frac{y^2}{r^2}\right) \frac{d^2 E}{dr^2} + \left(\frac{1}{r}\right) \left(1 - \frac{y^2}{r^2}\right) \frac{dE}{dr}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial z^2} = \left(\frac{z^2}{r^2}\right) \frac{d^2 E}{dr^2} + \left(\frac{1}{r}\right) \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{r^2}\right) \frac{dE}{dr}$$

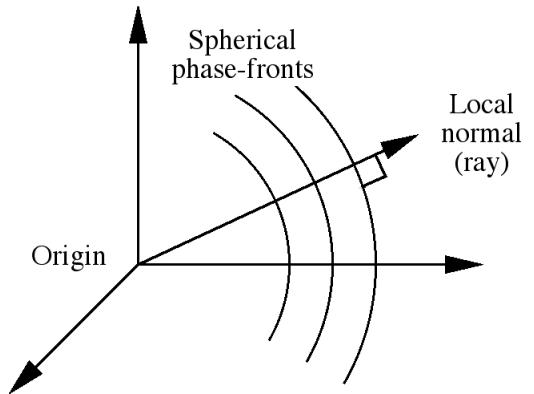
- Now:

$$\nabla^2 E = \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial z^2}$$

- Adding all three terms together:

$$\nabla^2 E = \frac{d^2 E}{dr^2} + \left(\frac{1}{r}\right) \left\{3 - \left(\frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{r^2}\right)\right\} \frac{dE}{dr} \text{ or}$$

$$\nabla^2 E = \frac{d^2 E}{dr^2} + \left(\frac{2}{r}\right) \frac{dE}{dr}$$



# Spherical Waves (3)

- Scalar wave equation reduces to:

$$\frac{d^2E}{dr^2} + \left(\frac{2}{r}\right) \frac{dE}{dr} + \omega^2 \mu_0 \epsilon_0 E = 0$$

- Define variable  $F(r) = r E(r)$

$$\frac{dF}{dr} = r \frac{dE}{dr} + E \quad \text{and}$$

$$\frac{d^2F}{dr^2} = r \frac{d^2E}{dr^2} + 2 \frac{dE}{dr}$$

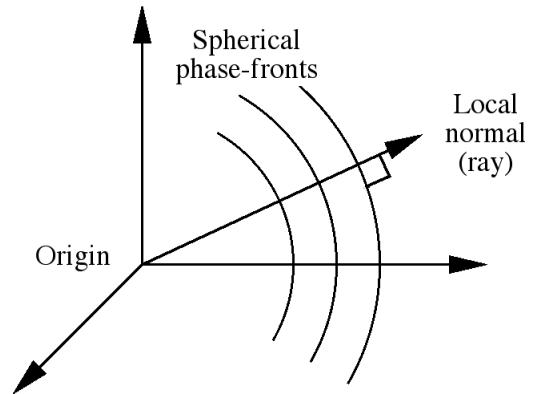
- Scalar wave equation now

$$\frac{d^2F}{dr^2} + \omega^2 \mu_0 \epsilon_0 F = 0$$

So  $F(r) = E_0 \exp(-jk_0 r)$  by inspection

And  $E(r) = (E_0/r) \exp(-jk_0 r)$  - spherical wave

- Need an approximation for small distance from optical axis



# Paraxial Waves

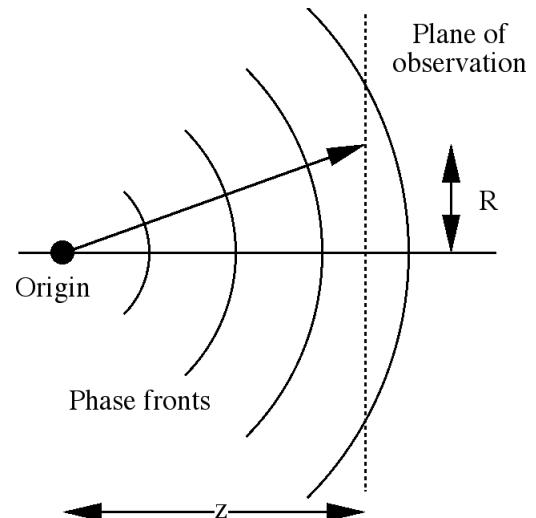
- Spherical wave is  $E(r) = E_0/r \exp(-jk_0r)$   
At distance  $z$ ,  $r^2 = z^2 + R^2$  where  $R^2 = x^2 + y^2$   
For small  $R$ ,  $r = z (1 + R^2/z^2)^{1/2} \approx z + R^2/2z$

- Approximate phase by:  
 $\exp(-jk_0r) \approx \exp(-jk_0z) \cdot \exp(-jk_0R^2/2z)$
- Approximate amplitude by  $E_0/r \approx E_0/z$
- Paraxial wave is:

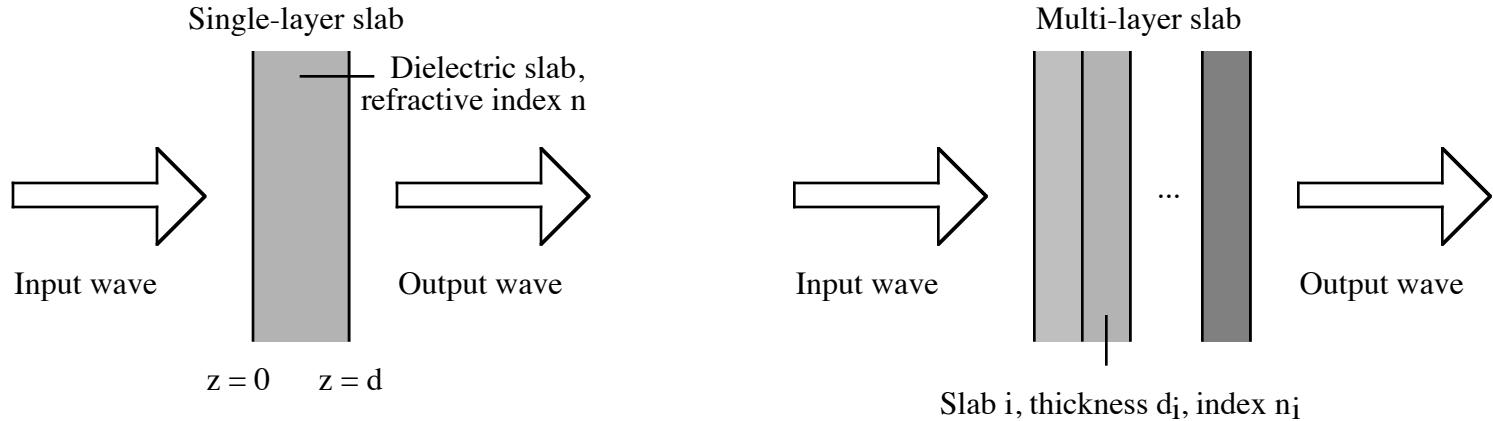
$$E = E_0/z \exp(-jk_0R^2/2z) \cdot \exp(-jk_0z)$$
$$E \approx A(z) \exp(-jk_0R^2/2z)$$

Wave diverges in  $z$ -direction, with a parabolic phase front

- Converging wave is  $E'(R, z) \approx A(z)' \exp(+jk_0R^2/2z)$

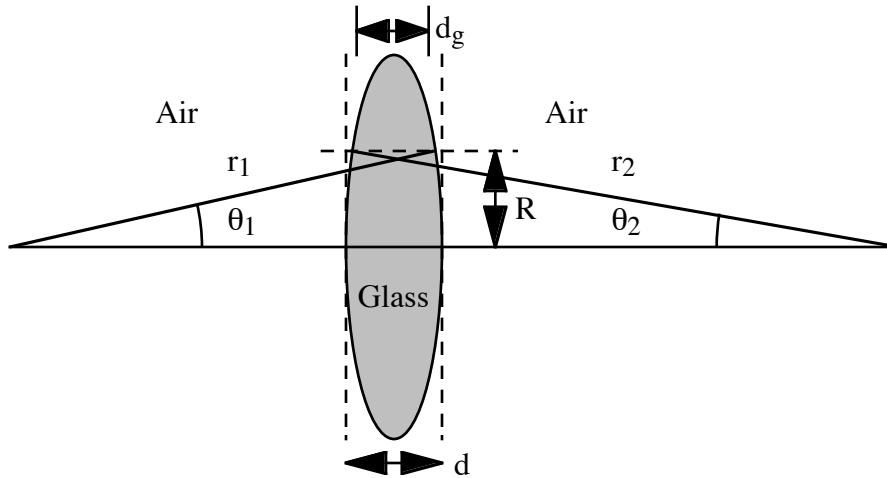


# Optical Transfer Function



- For parallel-sided slab of thickness  $d$ :  
$$E_{\text{out}} = E_{\text{in}} \exp(-jk_0nd)$$
- If we write  $E_{\text{out}} = E_{\text{in}} \tau_s$ , transfer function is:  
$$\tau_s = \exp(-jk_0nd)$$
- Optical thickness is  $\delta = nd$
- For multilayer slab,  $\delta = \sum n_i d_i$

# Lenses (1)



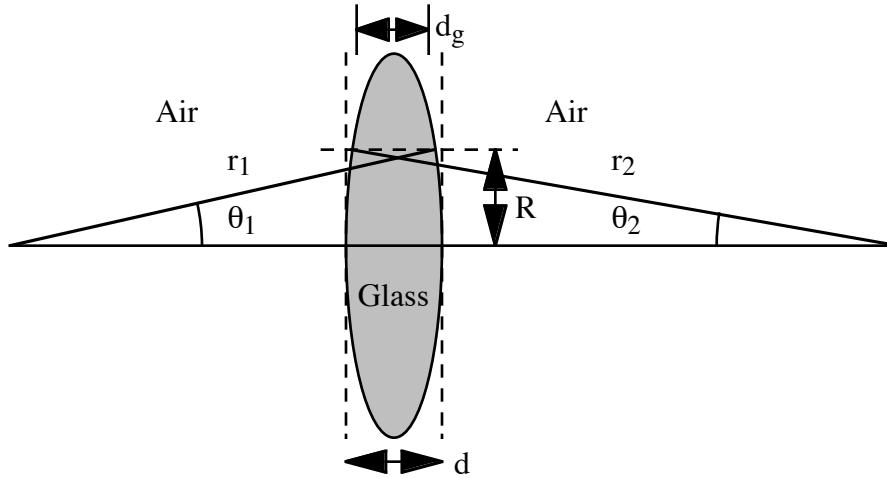
- Lens has spherical surfaces with radii  $r_1$  and  $r_2$   
Need to find transfer function  $\tau_s = \exp(-jk_0n\delta)$  with  $\delta = \sum n_i d_i$
- Thickness of glass at radial distance  $R$  is:  

$$d_g = d - \{r_1 [1 - \cos(\theta_1)] + r_2 [1 - \cos(\theta_2)]\}$$

Since  $\cos(\theta) \approx 1 - \theta^2/2$                        $d_g \approx d - \{r_1 \theta_1^2/2 + r_2 \theta_2^2/2\}$

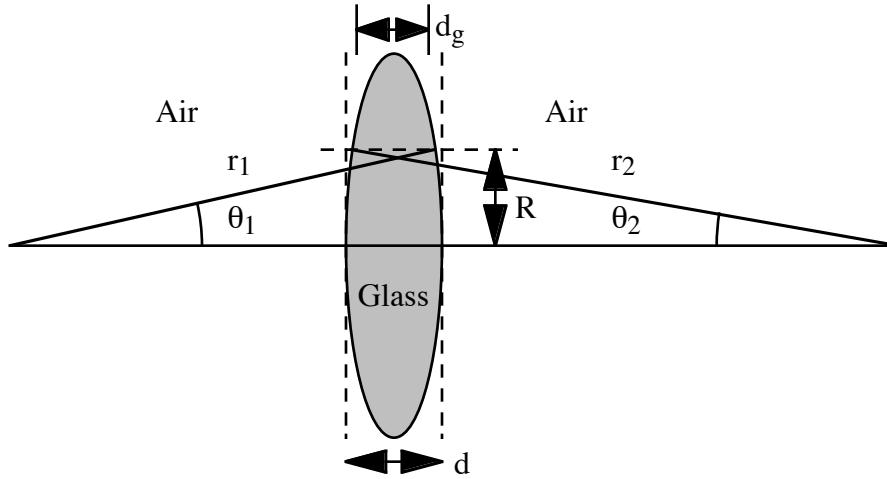
Since  $\theta_1 \approx R/r_1$  &  $\theta_2 \approx R/r_2$                        $d_g \approx d - (R^2/2) (1/r_1 + 1/r_2)$

# Lenses (2)



- Optical thickness found by adding paths in glass and air (with  $n = 1$ ):  
$$\delta = n \times d_g + 1 \times (d - d_g)$$
- Thickness of glass at radial distance  $R$  is:  
$$d_g \approx d - (R^2/2) (1/r_1 + 1/r_2)$$
- Hence, optical thickness is:  
$$\delta \approx nd - (n - 1) (R^2/2) (1/r_1 + 1/r_2)$$

# Lenses (3)



- Hence, transfer function is:

$$\tau_L = \exp(-jk_0\delta) \text{ or}$$

$$\tau_L = \exp(-jk_0nd) \exp\{+jk_0(n - 1)(R^2/2)(1/r_1 + 1/r_2)\}$$

- Write this as:

$$\tau_L = \tau_S \exp(+jk_0R^2/2f)$$

$$\text{where } 1/f = (n - 1)(1/r_1 + 1/r_2)$$

where  $f$  is the focal length

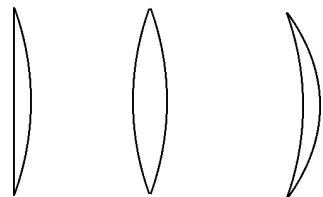
the lens-maker's formula

# Lens Types

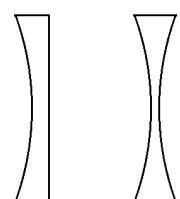
- Lens maker's formula  
Focal length is  $1/f = (n - 1) (1/r_1 + 1/r_2)$
- Value of  $f$  is governed by  $r_1$  and  $r_2$   
Convex surface has +ve radius  
Concave surface has -ve radius
- Focal length can be positive or negative  
Positive  $f$  gives converging lens  
Negative  $f$  gives diverging lens



Converging lenses



Diverging lenses



# Imaging

- How do lenses form images?
- Assume paraxial wave input:

$$E_{in} = A(u) \exp(-jk_0 R^2/2u)$$

- Output found by multiplying by  $\tau_L$ :

$$E_{out} = \tau_L E_{in} = A(u) \tau_S \exp(+jk_0 R^2/2f) \exp(-jk_0 R^2/2u)$$

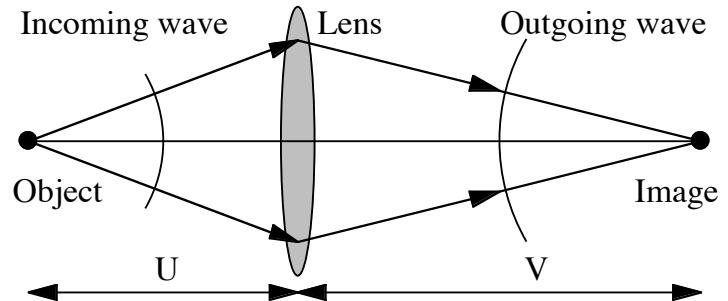
Since this contains  $R^2$ , it is also paraxial wave

- Combining the exponentials, the output can be written as:

$$E_{out} = A'(u) \exp(+jk_0 R^2/2v) \text{ where } A'(u) = A(u) \tau_S$$

And  $v$  satisfies  $1/u + 1/v = 1/f$  - the imaging equation

- Knowing object position  $u$  and focal length  $f$ ,  
we can find image position  $v$ . The magnification is  $v/u$ .



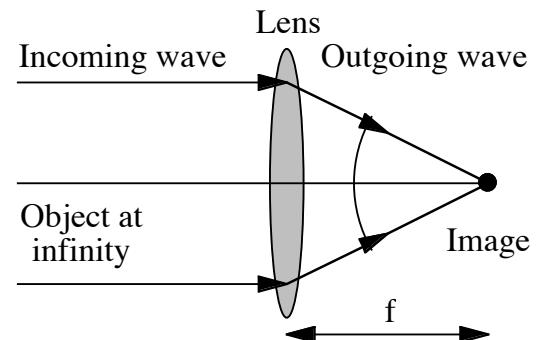
# Imaging Examples

- Imaging equation is:

$$1/u + 1/v = 1/f$$

- If  $u$  is infinite (parallel beam incident):

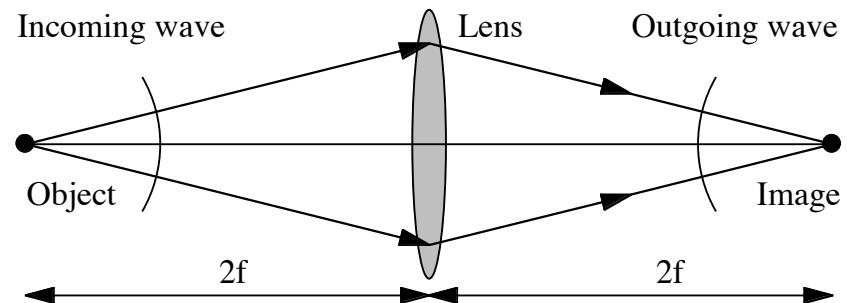
$1/v = 1/f$  so beam is focussed  $f$  from lens



- If  $u = 2f$  then  $v = 2f$

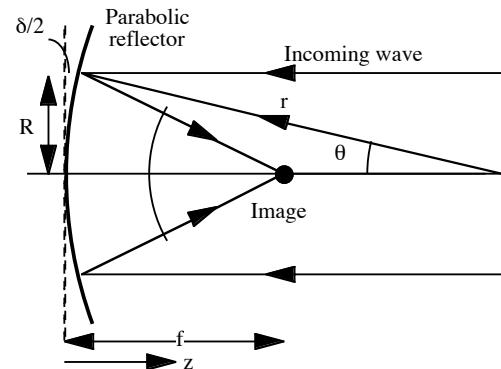
Image is formed  $2f$  from lens

Magnification is unity

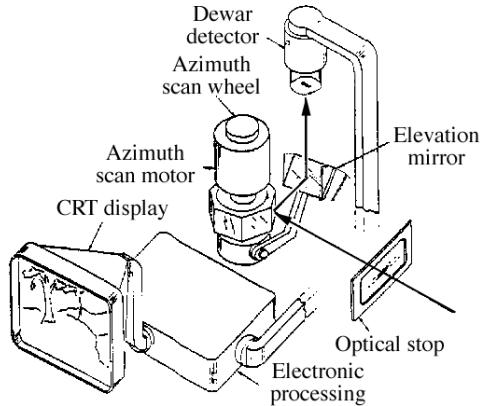


# Parabolic Reflectors

- Reflective equivalent of lens
  - Used when no transparent material available
  - Non-dispersive, so no chromatic aberrations
  - Lightweight - important for large telescopes
- Variation of phase shift across aperture:  
 $\delta/2 = r\{1 - \cos(\theta)\}$  where  $r$  is radius of curvature  
 $\delta/2 \sim r\theta^2/2$  for small angles so  $\delta \sim R^2/r$
- If input wave is  $E_0 \exp(+jk_0z)$ , then output is:  
 $E_0' \exp(-jk_0z) \exp(jk_0\delta) = E_0' \exp(-jk_0z) \exp(+jk_0R^2/r)$   
Wave converges to a focus  $r/2$  away
- Focal length is half radius of curvature

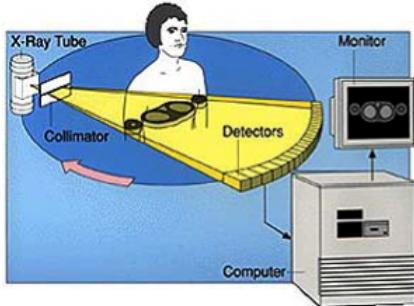


# Imaging by Scanning



- Sometimes it is impossible to detect a parallel image  
Construction of full focal plane detector array may be too difficult
- Example is forward looking infrared (FLIR) system  
Detects photons with long wavelength and low energy (night vision)  
Uses low bandgap CdHgTe detector - requires cooling to reduce noise  
Image created by scanning image over single detector or linear array

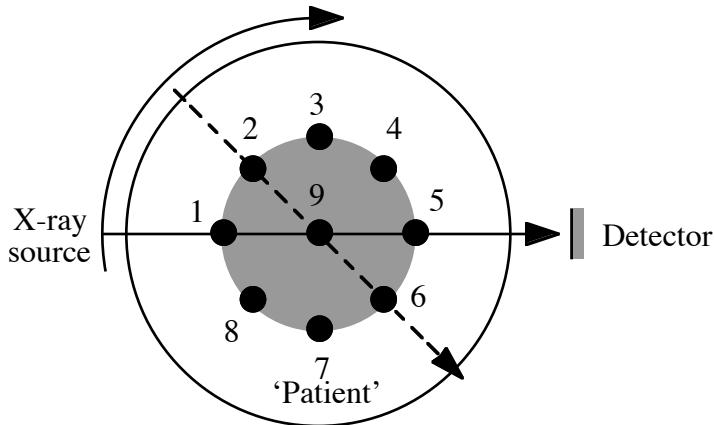
# Imaging by Reconstruction (1)



Godfrey Hounsfield  
Nobel Prize 1979

- Sometimes a true optical image cannot be formed  
Example is X-ray imaging  
All materials have  $n \approx 1$  at X-ray wavelengths - can't build a lens!
- Computer aided tomography (CAT) operates by measuring absorption  
Many different absorbing paths are measured  
Each path contains contributions from many absorbing points  
Image formed by solving simultaneous equations to find absorber values

# Imaging by Reconstruction (2)



- Consider the system above, where the patient is modelled as 9 absorbers.
  - Absorption  $A_1$  along the full line is 
$$A_1 = a_1 + a_5 + a_9$$
  - Absorption  $A_2$  along the dashed line is 
$$A_2 = a_2 + a_6 + a_9$$
- Rotating the source and detector together we can form eight equations, one fewer than needed to find the nine unknowns  $a_1, a_2 \dots a_9$ .
- However additional equations can be provided using additional detectors.
- A matrix equation is then set up and solved to find the unknown absorber values and build up a picture of the patient.

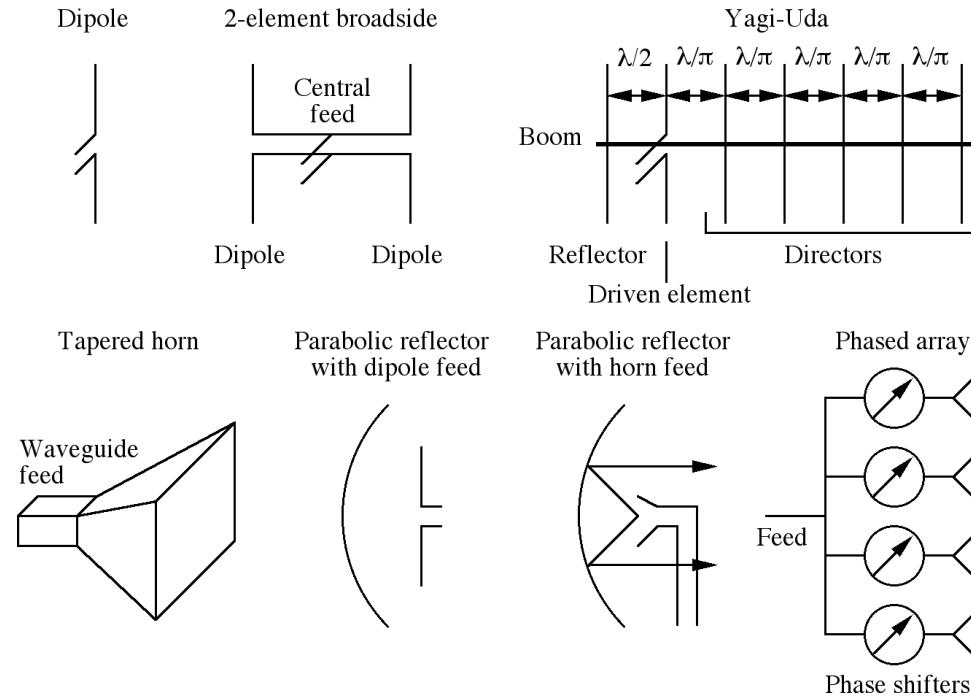
# 8: Radio and Radar

- Antenna types
- Antenna properties
- Radio and the Friis transmission equation
- Radar and the radar equation

# Radio System

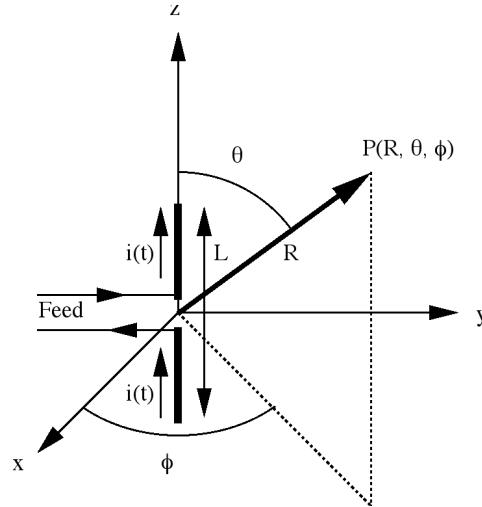
- Signals carried from transmitter to receiver by EM wave
- Consider simple amplitude modulated signal:  
Signal amplitude  $A_S$ , signal and carrier at  $\omega_S$  and  $\omega_C$   
$$A(t) = \cos(\omega_C t) \{1 + m A_S \cos(\omega_S t)\}$$
  
$$A(t) = \cos(\omega_C t) + m A_S \{\cos[(\omega_C + \omega_S)t] + \cos[(\omega_C - \omega_S)t]\} / 2$$
  
Signal up-shifted in frequency:  $\omega_S$  has become  $\omega_C + \omega_S$
- Consequences:
  - Wavelength reduced so wave can be launched from small antenna
  - Frequency variation reduced, so antenna can be narrow-band
  - Different carriers can be used so system can be frequency multiplexed
- Signal falls off as  $1/r^2$  so is weak at large distance  
Main function of antenna is to overcome this problem

# Antenna Types



- Antenna improves directivity (signal gain in a particular direction)
  - Directivity is the same in transmission and reception
  - High directivity is easy if many elements are driven, but expensive
  - Yagi-Uda array allows directivity with single connection - very cheap!

# Short Dipole Antenna



- Elementary antenna to excite EM waves by electrical feed  
Assume dipole of length L and uniform current  $I(t) = I_0 \cos(\omega t)$
- In far field ( $R \gg \lambda$ ), both field components decay as  $1/R$ :  
$$E_\theta = j (I_0 L k Z_0 \sin(\theta) / 4\pi R) \exp(-jkR)$$
$$H_\phi = E_\theta / Z_0$$
Hence antenna radiates approximately spherical wave

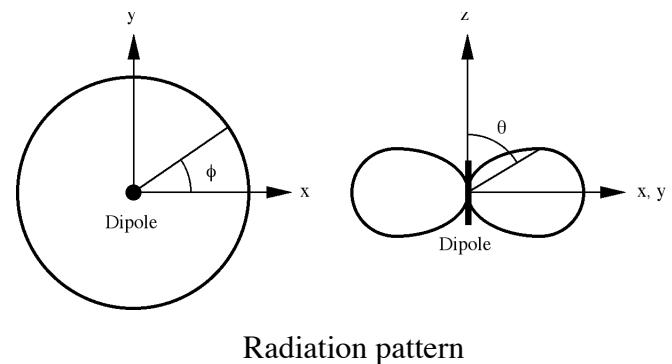
# Radiation Pattern

- Polar diagram of power density is called radiation pattern
- Power density is  $\underline{S} = 1/2 \operatorname{Re} (\underline{E} \times \underline{H}^*)$

- Example: for short dipole

$$\underline{E}_\theta = j (I_0 L k Z_0 \sin(\theta) / 4\pi R) \exp(-jkR)$$

$$\underline{H}_\phi = \underline{E}_\theta / Z_0$$



- In this case we get

$$\underline{S} = S(R, \theta) \underline{r} = (I_0^2 L^2 k^2 Z_0 / 32\pi^2 R^2) \sin^2(\theta) \underline{r}$$

- Radiation pattern isotropic in (x, y) plane, doughnut shaped otherwise

# Antenna Directivity (1)

- Normalized radiation pattern is  $F(\theta, \phi) = S(R, \theta, \phi) / S_{\max}$   
Where  $S_{\max}$  = maximum  $S$  at given  $R$
- Directivity  $D$  is ratio of maximum of  $F$  to average of  $F$   
Maximum of  $F$  is unity
- Average of  $F$  is  $1/4\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} F(\theta, \phi) \sin(\theta) d\theta d\phi$   
Hence  $D = 1 / \{1/4\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} F(\theta, \phi) \sin(\theta) d\theta d\phi\}$   
Generally hard to evaluate integral, but can be done

# Antenna Directivity (2)

- Directivity is  $D = 1 / \{1/4\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} F(\theta, \phi) \sin(\theta) d\theta d\phi\}$
- Example: for short dipole  
 $S(R, \theta) = (I_0^2 L^2 k^2 Z_0 / 32\pi^2 R^2) \sin^2(\theta)$   
Hence  $F = S/S_{\max} = \sin^2(\theta)$
- Hence  $D = 1 / \{1/4\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin^3(\theta) d\theta d\phi\}$   
Or  $D = 1 / \{1/2 \int_0^{\pi} \sin^3(\theta) d\theta\}$   
Or  $D = 1 / \{1/2 [-\cos(\theta) + \cos^3(\theta)/3]_0^{\pi}\}$   
Or  $D = (1/2 \cdot 4/3)^{-1} = 1.5$
- Short dipole almost same as isotropic antenna ( $D = 1$ ): not much use!

# Half-wave Dipole Antenna

- Practical antenna to excite EM waves by electrical feed  
Resonant system, so current is much larger  
Non-uniform current  $I(t) = I_0 \cos(\omega t) \cos(kz)$  in length  $L = \lambda/2$

- In far field, only two significant components:

$$E_\theta = j 60I_0 \{ \cos[(\pi/2) \cos(\theta)] / R \sin(\theta) \} \exp(-jkR)$$

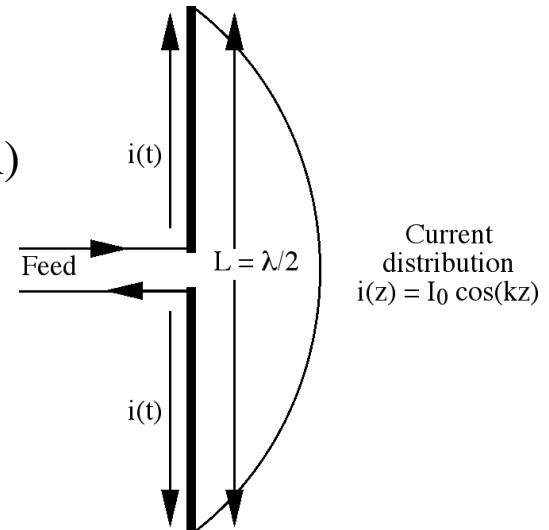
$$H_\phi = E_\theta / Z_0$$

- Hence

$$F(\theta, \phi) = \{ \cos[(\pi/2) \cos(\theta)] / \sin(\theta) \}^2$$

- More of the radiation now confined near  $\theta = 0$

Antenna more directive ( $D = 1.64$ ), but still isotropic in  $(x, y)$  plane



# Antenna Arrays

- Dipoles are not directive
  - Good for broadcasting signals
  - Bad for receiving signals
- Sensitivity requires directivity
  - But antenna must be pointed in right direction
- How to improve directivity?
  - Use arrays of half-wave dipoles
- Array elements can be driven or undriven
  - Common variant is Yagi-Uda array (only 1 driven)
  - Used for many domestic TV receivers



Hidetsugu Yagi



TV aerial

# 2-Element Broadside Array

- Simplest array, constructed from two dipoles

- Two signals received in far field:

Relative phase delay is  $\psi = kd \cos(\phi)$

- If individual antenna field is  $E(\phi)$ :

Array gives  $E'(\phi) = E(\phi) \{1 + \exp(-j\psi)\}$

Or  $E'(\phi) = E(\phi) \exp(-j\psi/2) \{\exp(+j\psi/2) + \exp(-j\psi/2)\}$

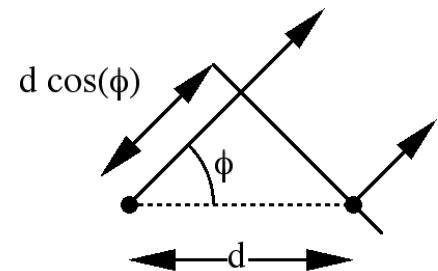
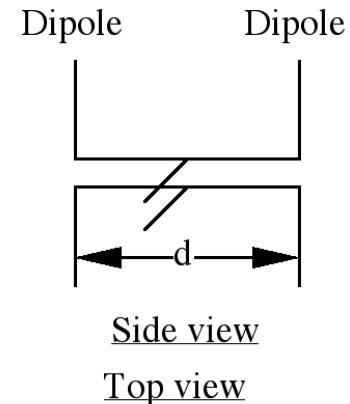
Or  $E'(\phi) = 2E(\phi) \exp(-j\psi/2) \cos(\psi/2)$

- Since  $E(\phi) = 1$ :

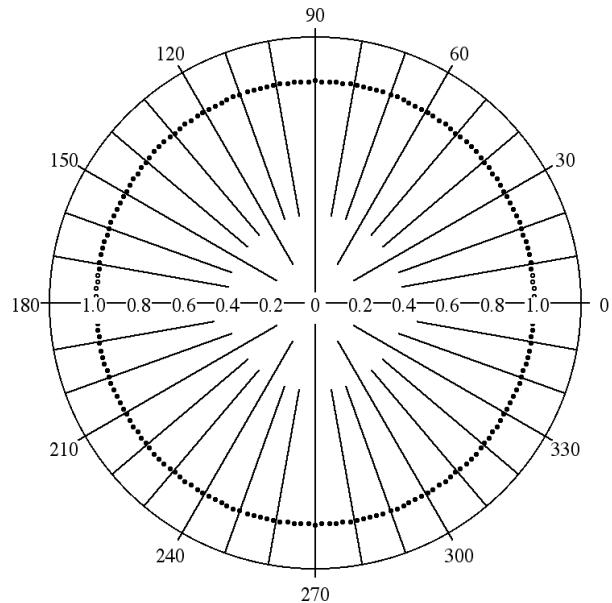
$$S'(\phi) = 4 \cos^2(\psi/2)$$

$$F'(\phi) = \cos^2(\psi/2) = \cos^2\{kd \cos(\phi)/2\}$$

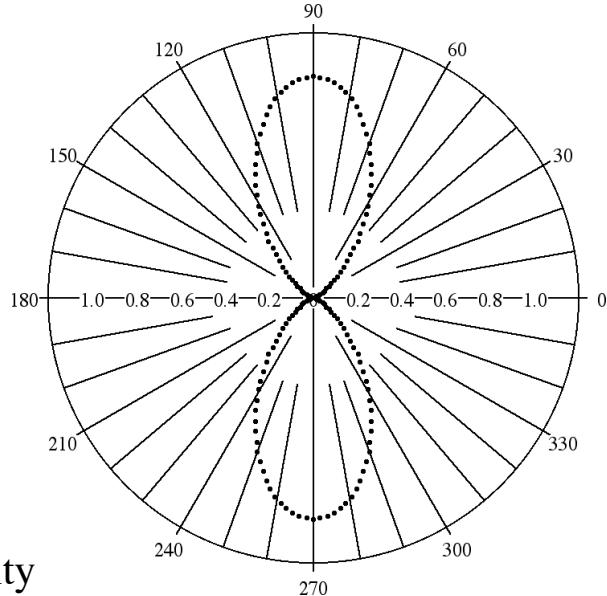
Now potentially directive since  $F'$  depends on  $\phi$



# Array Radiation Pattern



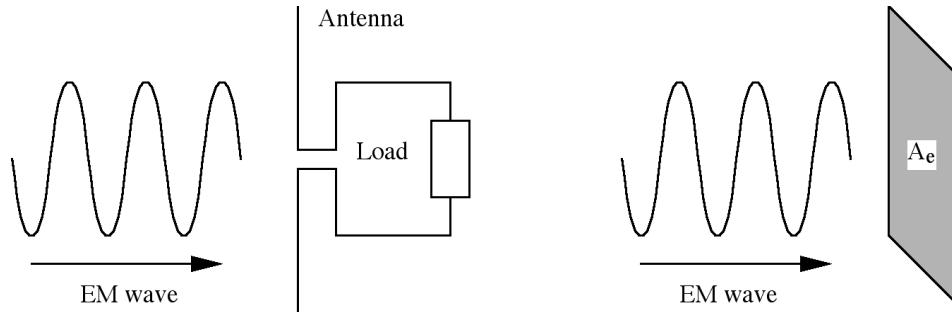
$d \ll \lambda$ ;  
no directivity



$d = \lambda/2$ ;  
directivity

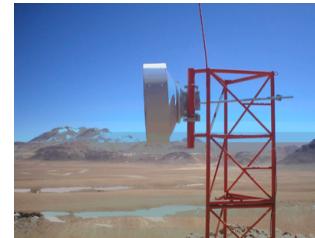
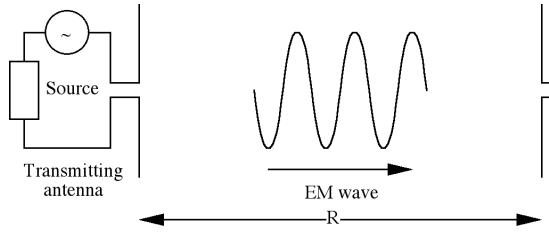
- $F'(\phi) = \cos^2(\psi/2) = \cos^2\{\text{kd} \cos(\phi)/2\}$   
 $F'(\phi) = 1$  when  $\phi = \pi/2$   
If  $d = \lambda/2$ ,  $F'(\phi) = 0$  when  $\phi = 0$
- Radiation pattern has broadside gain (think of old battleships)

# Antenna Gain and Effective Area



- Real antenna are not 100% efficient  
If the radiation efficiency is  $\eta$ , the antenna gain is  $G = \eta D$
- The effective area  $A_e$  is the equivalent area from which antenna can gather power, and deliver it to matched load
- Effective area is related to directivity and gain by  
$$A_e = \lambda^2 D / 4\pi = \lambda^2 G / 4\pi\eta$$
- Example: For short dipole,  
$$D = 3/2 \text{ so } A_e = 3\lambda^2/8\pi$$

# Friis Transmission Equation



- Gives received power  $P_R$ , assuming transmit power  $P_T$
- Four-step calculation
  - 1) Assume transmitting antenna is isotropic and loss-less:  
Ideal power density at receive antenna is  $S_{ISO} = P_T / 4\pi R^2$
  - 2) Now note that real antennae are neither isotropic nor loss-less:  
Real power density is  $S_{REAL} = \eta_T D_T S_{ISO}$  or  
 $S_{REAL} = \eta_T (4\pi A_T / \lambda^2) S_{ISO}$  so  
 $S_{REAL} = P_T (\eta_T A_T / R^2 \lambda^2)$

# Friis Transmission Equation

- Now use effective area to find intercepted power
  - 3) First assume intercepted by receive antenna is ideal

$$P_{INT} = S_{REAL} A_R$$

$$\text{Or } P_T (\eta_T A_T A_R / R^2 \lambda^2)$$

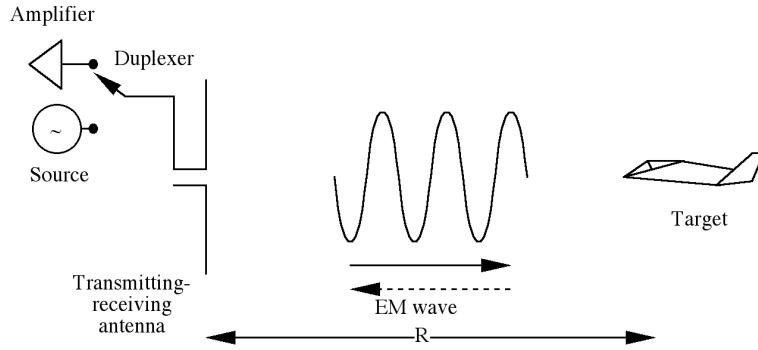
- Now assume receive antenna is not ideal either
  - 4) Power at receiver is then:

$$P_R = \eta_R P_{INT}, \text{ or}$$

$$P_R = P_T (\eta_T \eta_R A_T A_R / R^2 \lambda^2)$$

- Finally, note that result can be written alternatively as
$$P_R = P_T G_T G_R (\lambda / 4\pi R)^2$$
- Receive power falls off as  $1/r^2$ ; high antenna gains needed

# Radar Range Equation



- Radar equation gives the received power in a radar system
  - Same antenna used for transmission and reception
  - Switching between transmitter and receiver carried out by duplexer
  - Care needed to avoid blowing up receiver
- Power calculation involves variant of Friis equation
  - Two-step process: radar-to-target, then target-to-radar
  - Received power determines effective range of radar

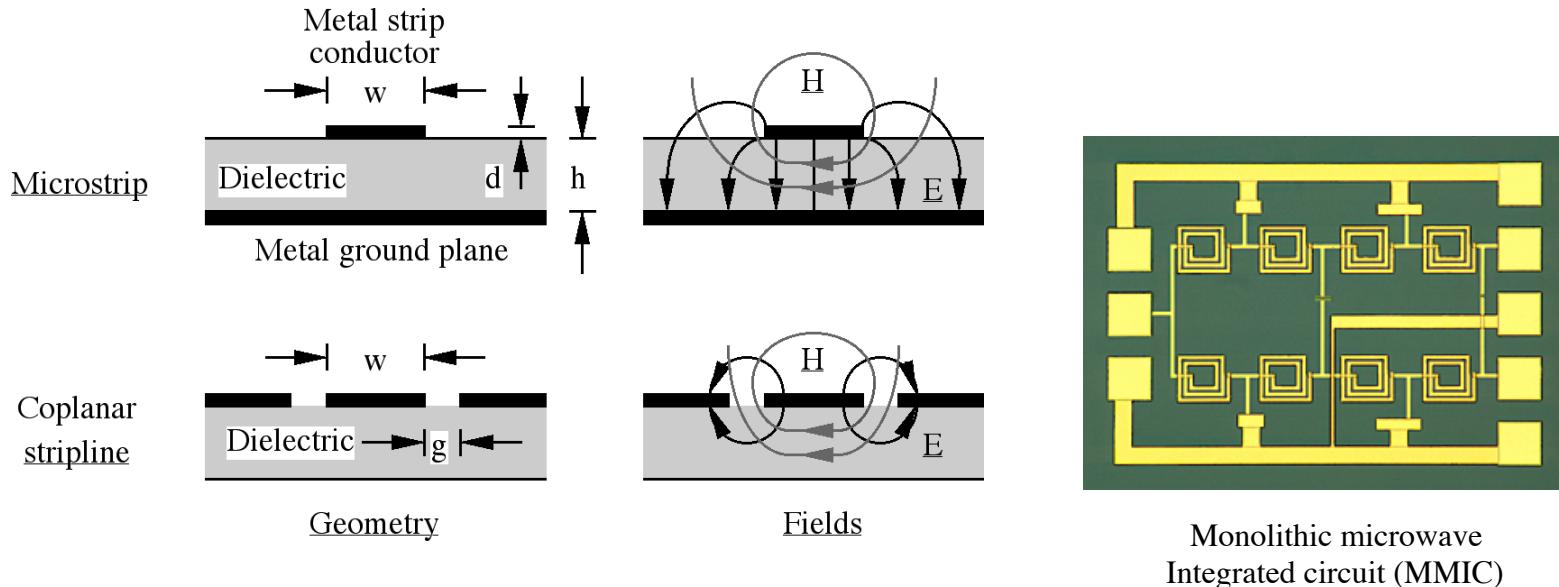
# Radar Range Equation

- From Friis formula (3), intercepted power at range R is  
$$P_{INT} = P_T (\eta_T A_T A_R / R^2 \lambda^2)$$
- In radar system,  $A_R$  is called  $\sigma$ , the target's radar cross-section, so  
$$P_{INT} = P_T (\eta_T A_T \sigma / \lambda^2 R^2)$$
- Assume intercepted power is scattered as a spherical wave  
Perform second Friis-type calculation
- Power received back at transmit antenna is:  
$$P_R = P_{INT} \times (\eta_T A_T / 4\pi R^2), \text{ or}$$
$$P_R = P_T (\eta_T^2 A_T^2 \sigma / 4\pi R^4 \lambda^2)$$
- For given sensitivity  $P_R$ , range R is proportional to  $P_T^{1/4}$   
High power transmitter and high value of  $A_T$  essential

# 9: Microwaves

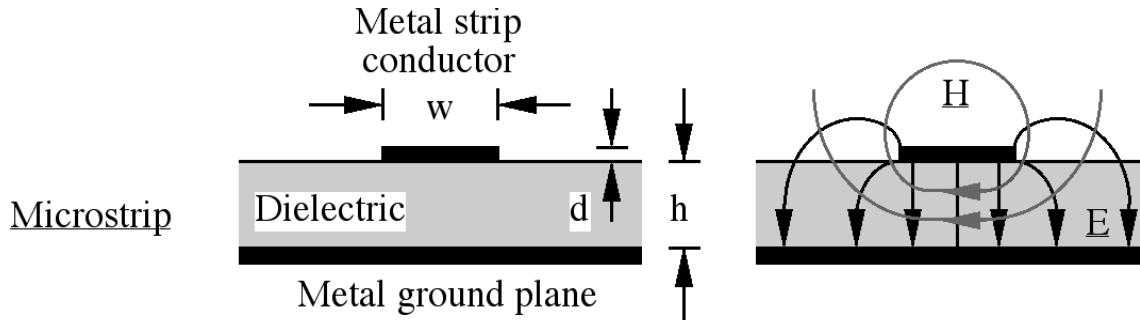
- Microstrip waveguides
- Waves in metals
- Waveguides and guided modes
- Resonators

# Waveguides (1)



- At mm wavelengths, metal strips used to form circuits
- Two common forms, microstrip and coplanar strip
- Microstrip requires rear ground plane

# Waveguides (2)



- Characteristic impedance of microstrip found as follows:  
Parallel plate capacitor between strip and ground:  $C_P \approx \epsilon w/h$   
Including fringing field (spreads  $h$  on either side):  $C_P \approx \epsilon(w + 2h)/h$
- By Ampere's law, magnetic field is  $Hw \approx I$ , so  $B = \mu_0 I/w$   
Linked flux is  $\Phi_P = Bh = \mu_0 I h/w$   
Inductance is  $L_P = \Phi_{\text{pul}}/I = \mu_0 h/w$
- Hence  $Z_0 = (L_P/C_P)^{1/2} \approx \{\mu_0 h/\epsilon w(2 + w/h)\}^{1/2}$  - adjustable to value

# Waves in Metals (1)

- In metals,  $\sigma$  and  $\underline{J}$  are both non-zero  
In Ampere's law, need  $\text{curl}(\underline{\mathbf{H}}) = \underline{\mathbf{J}} + \partial \underline{\mathbf{D}} / \partial t$ , not just  $\partial \underline{\mathbf{D}} / \partial t$

- Derive wave equation with

$$\text{curl}(\underline{\mathbf{E}}) = -\partial \underline{\mathbf{B}} / \partial t$$

$$\text{curl}(\underline{\mathbf{H}}) = \underline{\mathbf{J}} + \partial \underline{\mathbf{D}} / \partial t$$

From material equations

$$\text{curl}(\underline{\mathbf{E}}) = -\mu_0 \partial \underline{\mathbf{H}} / \partial t$$

$$\text{curl}(\underline{\mathbf{H}}) = \sigma \underline{\mathbf{E}} + \epsilon \partial \underline{\mathbf{E}} / \partial t$$

- Assuming  $\underline{\mathbf{E}} = \underline{\mathbf{E}} \exp(j\omega t)$ ,  $\underline{\mathbf{H}} = \underline{\mathbf{H}} \exp(j\omega t)$

$$\text{curl}(\underline{\mathbf{E}}) = -j\omega \mu_0 \underline{\mathbf{H}}$$

$$\text{curl}(\underline{\mathbf{H}}) = (\sigma + j\omega \epsilon) \underline{\mathbf{E}} = j\omega \epsilon (1 + \sigma/j\omega \epsilon) \underline{\mathbf{E}}$$

- Hence can replace  $\epsilon$  with  $\epsilon(1 + \sigma/j\omega \epsilon)$  or  $\sigma/j\omega$  if  $\sigma$  is very large

# Waves in Metals (2)

- For z-going plane waves, time-independent scalar wave equation is:

$$d^2E_x/dz^2 = -\omega^2 \mu_0 \epsilon E_x$$

Need to find  $(1/j)^{1/2}$

- Propagation constant is

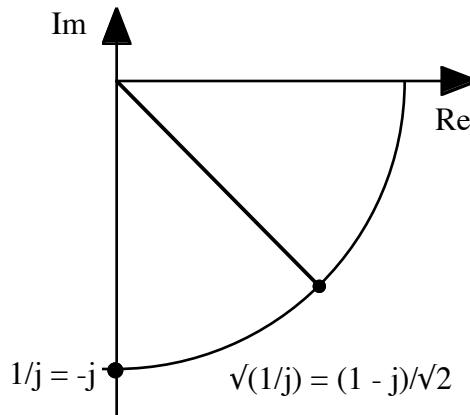
$$k = \omega(\mu_0 \epsilon)^{1/2}$$

- If  $\epsilon = \sigma/j\omega$

$$k = \omega(\mu_0 \sigma/j\omega)^{1/2}$$

$$\text{Hence } k = (1 - j) (\omega \mu_0 \sigma/2)^{1/2}$$

$$\text{So } k = k' - jk''$$



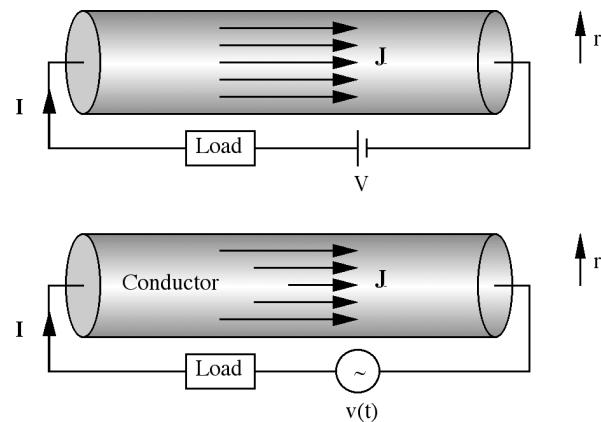
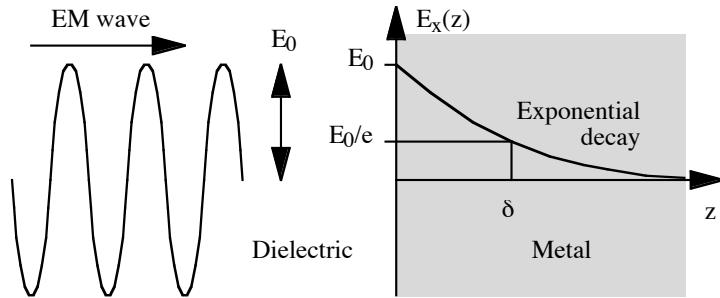
- Since  $E = E_0 \exp(-jkz) = E_0 \exp(-jk'z) \exp(-k''z)$

Once again, wave decays as it propagates

Decay to  $1/e$  of original amplitude when  $z = 1/k'' = (1/\pi f \mu_0 \sigma)^{1/2}$

This distance known as the skin depth  $\delta$

# Consequences of Skin Effect



- EM wave decays as it travels into metal  
Current confined near conductor surface at RF frequency
- For cylinder; need to solve wave equation in cylindrical polar co-ords  
In wire, current contained in annular strip of area  $2\pi r \delta$   
Wire resistance increases, from  $R_p = 1/\sigma \pi r^2$  to  $R_p = 1/\sigma 2\pi r \delta$   
Inductors don't work at high frequency due to high loss

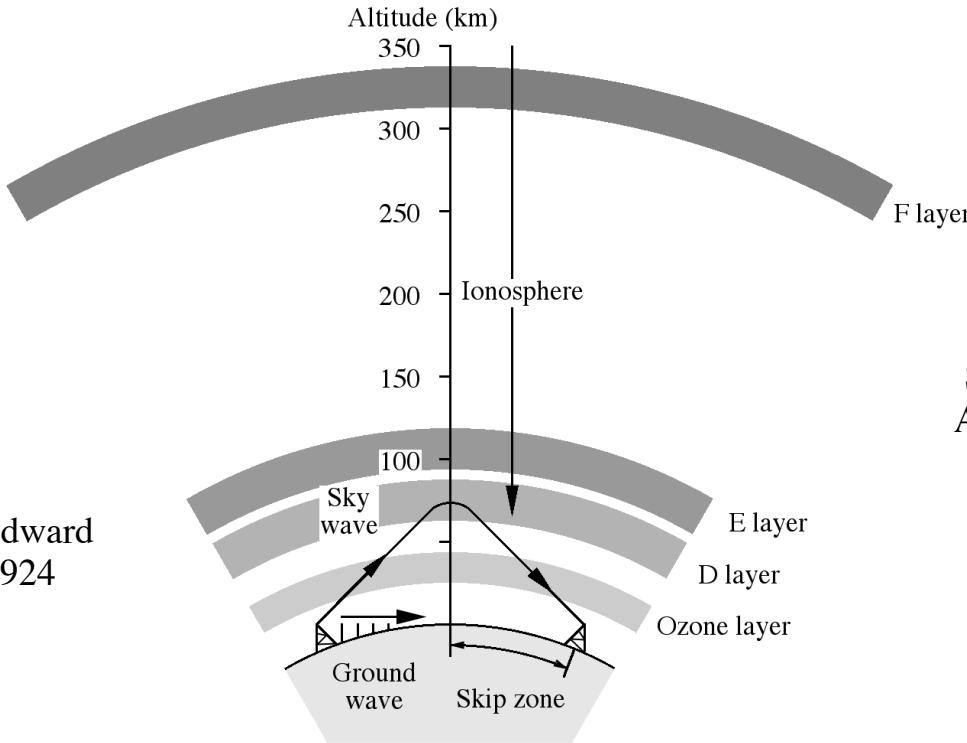
# Reflectivity of Metals

- At high frequencies ( $\mu$ wave to optical)  $\sigma$  no longer real  
Can be shown (not here!) that  $\sigma \sim Ne^2/jm^*\omega$   
Here N is electron density and  $m^*$  effective mass
- Propagation constant now  $k^2 \sim -j\omega\mu_0\sigma \sim -\mu_0 Ne^2/m^*$   
Generally,  $k^2 = \epsilon_r k_0^2$  so  $\epsilon_r$  must be large and negative  
Refractive index is  $n = \epsilon_r^{1/2}$  so n must be imaginary (say,  $n = jn'$ )
- Reflection coefficient for dielectric interface is  
$$\Gamma_E = (n_1 - n_2) / (n_1 + n_2)$$
- For dielectric/metal interface we then get:  
$$\Gamma_E = (n_1 - jn') / (n_1 + jn')$$
  
As  $n'$  becomes large,  $\Gamma_E$  tends to -1, so electric field is zero in metal

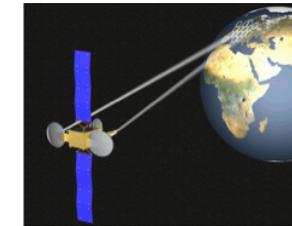
# The Ionosphere



Discovered by Edward Appleton in 1924



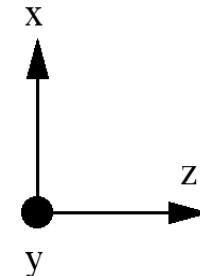
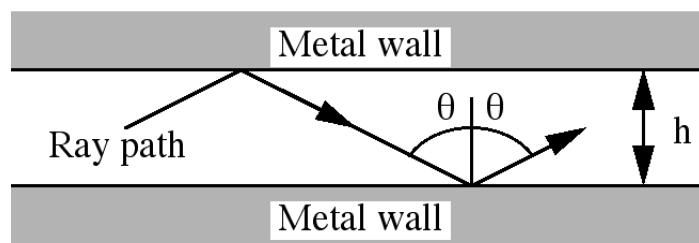
- Energetic particles create ions in upper atmosphere  
Layers of ionized particles reflect low frequency radio waves  
Provides propagation path round curved surface of the earth  
Ionosphere transparent to VHF waves; communication then via satellite



Satcomms proposed by Arthur C. Clarke in 1945



# Metal-walled Waveguides



- Useful at microwave frequencies  
Assume field is sum of upward- and downward-going waves:  
$$E_y = E_+ \exp\{-jk_0[z \sin(\theta) + x \cos(\theta)]\} + E_- \exp\{-jk_0[z \sin(\theta) - x \cos(\theta)]\}$$
- Boundary condition 1:  
$$E_y = 0 \text{ on } x = 0 \text{ satisfied if } E_- = -E_+ \text{ so}$$
  
$$E_y = E_+ (\exp\{-jk_0[z \sin(\theta) + x \cos(\theta)]\} - \exp\{-jk_0[z \sin(\theta) - x \cos(\theta)]\})$$
  
$$E_y = E \sin\{k_0 x \cos(\theta)\} \exp\{-jk_0 z \sin(\theta)\}$$

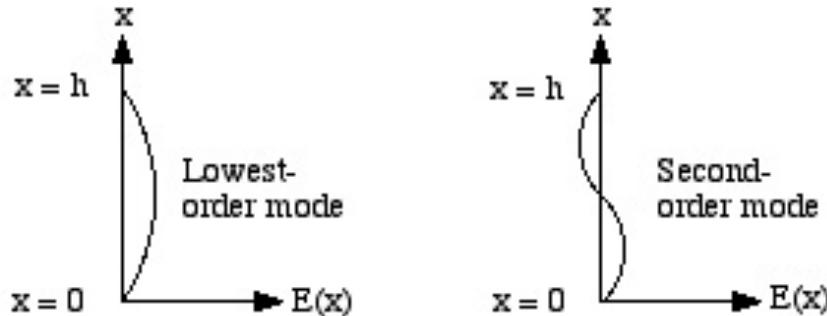
# The Eigenvalue Equation

- Assume  $E_y = E \sin\{k_0 x \cos(\theta)\} \exp\{-jk_0 z \sin(\theta)\}$
- Boundary condition 2
  - $E_y = 0$  on  $x = h$   
Satisfied if  $\sin\{k_0 h \cos(\theta)\} = 0$  so  
 $k_0 h \cos(\theta) = v\pi$  (where  $v = 1, 2, \dots$  etc.)
- This is the eigenvalue equation.  
Each solution corresponds to a mode, defined by the mode index  $v$
- Field can be written as  $E_y = E(x) \exp(-j\beta z)$   
Here  $E(x) = E \sin\{k_0 x \cos(\theta)\}$  is the transverse field  
And  $\beta = k_0 \sin(\theta)$  is the propagation constant  
Since  $k_0 h \cos(\theta) = v\pi$ ,  $\beta = k_0 \sqrt{1 - (v\pi/k_0 h)^2}$

# Guided Modes

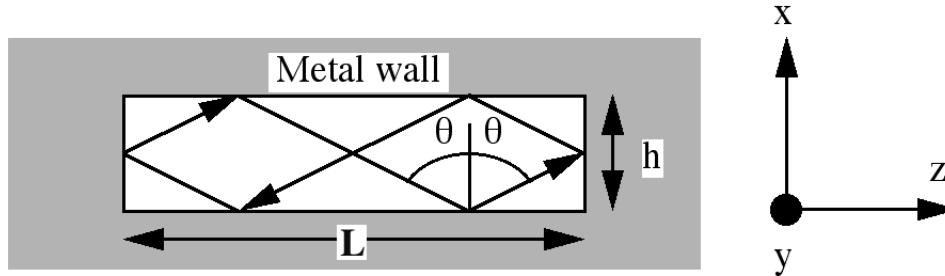
- Since  $\beta = k_0 \{1 - (\nu\pi/k_0 h)^2\}^{1/2}$
- Only fixed number of modes can propagate
  - If  $\nu\pi/k_0 h > 1$ , there is no solution
  - Mode of order  $\nu$  only exists if  $h > \nu\pi/k_0$
- If guide width  $h$  is too small, no modes are supported.
  - This occurs when  $h < \pi/k_0$  or  $h < \lambda_0/2$
  - If  $h$  slightly bigger, one mode is supported (single-mode guide)
  - If  $h$  bigger still, more modes are supported (multi-mode guide)
  - Any mode that cannot propagate is cut off
- The higher the mode number, the smaller the value of  $\theta$ .
  - At cut-off, the ray angle is zero, so the rays bounce up and down between the walls, making no forward progress.

# Modal Transverse Fields



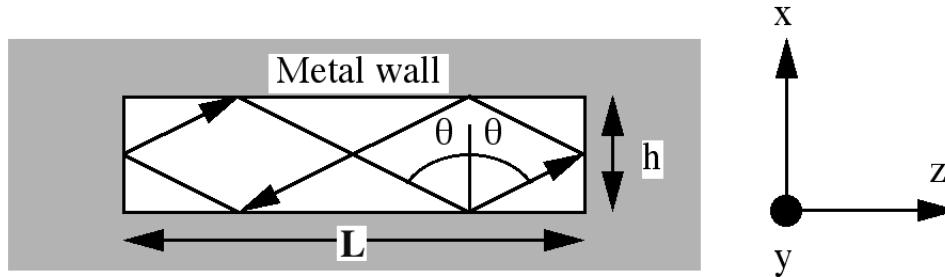
- Transverse variation of field is  $E(x) = E \sin\{k_0 x \cos(\theta)\}$   
Or  $E_v = E \sin(v\pi x/h)$
- Modal fields are sinusoidal standing wave patterns  
The higher the mode number the higher the periodicity
- Different modes have different phase and group velocities  
Only single-mode guides are good for transmission

# Cavity Resonators (1)



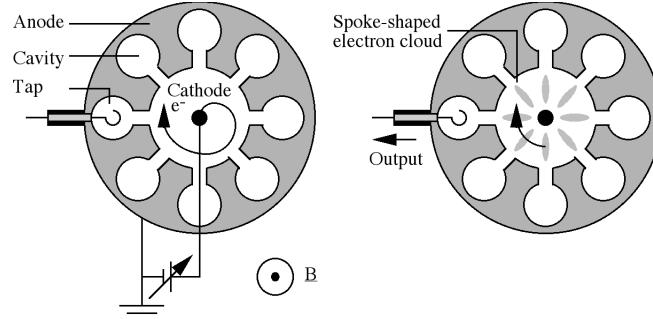
- 2D resonator constructed using extra metal walls at end of guide  
These act as mirrors, reflecting the guided mode
- Field now sum of forward- and backward-going modes  
$$E_y = E \sin(\nu\pi x/h) \{A \exp(-j\beta z) + B \exp(+j\beta z)\}$$
- Boundary condition 1  
 $E_y$  must be zero at  $z = 0$  so  $B = -A$ , and  
$$E_y = E \sin(\nu\pi x/h) \{\exp(-j\beta z) - \exp(+j\beta z)\}$$
$$E_y = E' \sin(\nu\pi x/h) \sin(\beta z)$$

# Cavity Resonators (2)



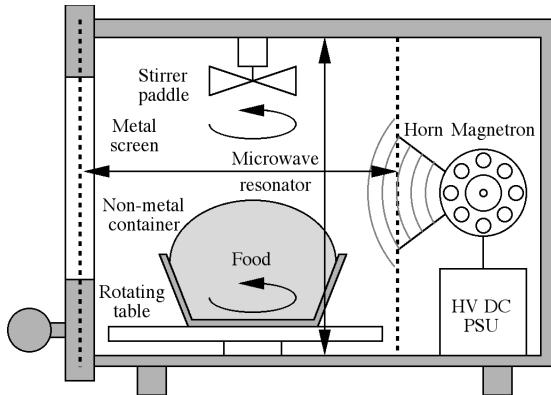
- Assume  $E_y = E' \sin(v\pi x/h) \sin(\beta z)$
- Boundary condition 2  
 $E_y$  must be zero at  $z = L$  so  $\sin(\beta L) = 0$  and  $\beta = \mu\pi/L$   
Hence  $E_{v,\mu} = E' \sin(v\pi x/h) \sin(\mu\pi z/L)$
- From waveguide analysis,  $\beta = k_0 \{1 - (v\pi/k_0 h)^2\}^{1/2}$   
Hence  $(v\pi/k_0 h)^2 + (\mu\pi/k_0 L)^2 = 1$   
Only satisfied for one  $k_0 = 2\pi/\lambda$  so mode exists only at one wavelength  
Cavity resonator is frequency-selective filter

# The Cavity Magnetron



- High power oscillator at microwave frequencies
- Allowed long-range radar and compact antennae
  - Machined copper anode containing cathode in evacuated enclosure
  - High voltage extracts electrons from cathode
  - Magnetic field makes electrons spiral round cathode
  - Electrons bunch into spoke shaped clouds
  - Rotating cloud excites coupled cavities into resonance
  - Power extracted by tap in one cavity; water cooling allows high power
- Secret weapon of WW2

# Microwave Oven

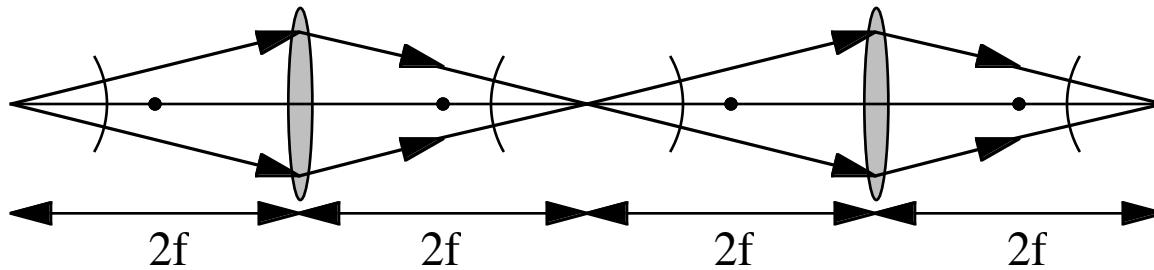


- Cooks (wet) food by absorption of microwave energy
- Magnetron used to generate high power (700 W) at 2.45 GHz
  - Energy coupled into cooking chamber by tapered waveguide horn
  - Standing wave pattern set up inside chamber
  - Pattern ‘stirred’ using metal paddle to avoid cold spots
  - Food placed in non-metal container and rotated on table
  - Energy absorbed by water molecules realigning dipoles

# 10: Guided Wave Optics

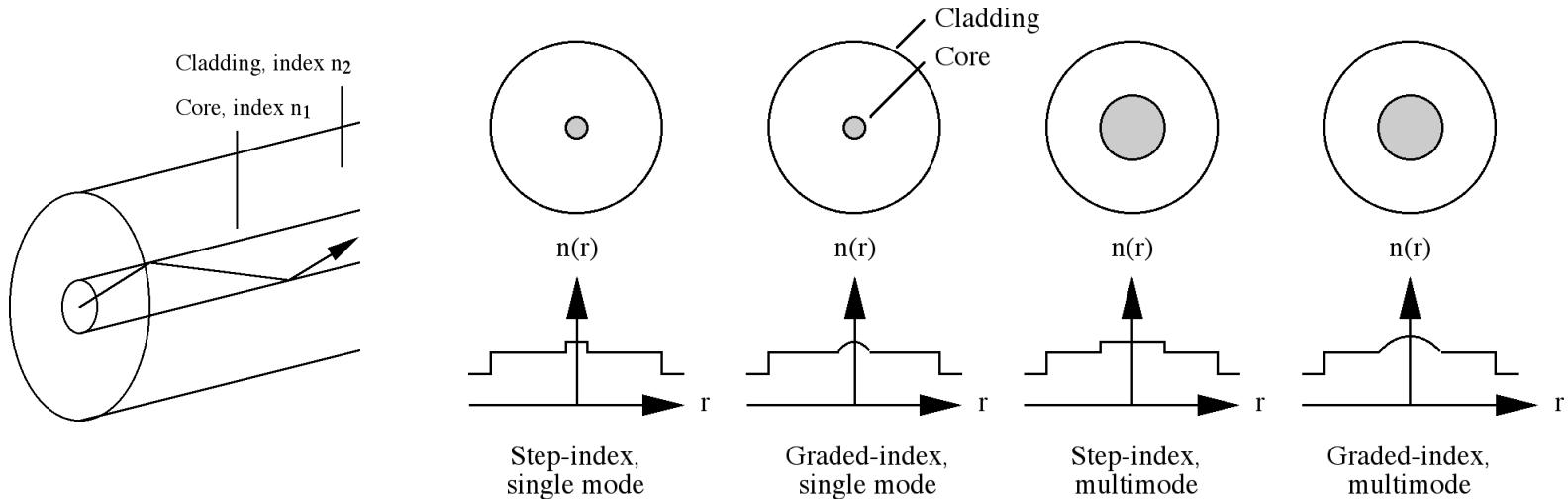
- Lens waveguides
- Optical fibres and fibre fabrication
- Step-index fibre
- Parabolic index fibre
- The laser

# Lens Waveguide



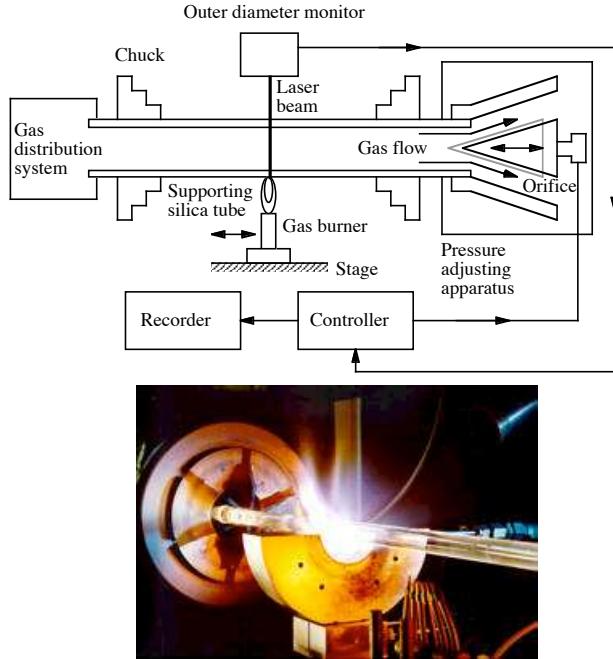
- Imaging equation is
$$\frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{f}$$
If  $u = v$ ,  $\frac{2}{u} = \frac{1}{f}$  so  $u = 2f$
- Chain of lenses  $4f$  apart forms guiding structure
  - Early optical waveguide developed at Bell Labs
  - Propagation length limited by misalignment and scattering
  - Cumbersome; not all chains form stable guide

# Optical Fibre Types

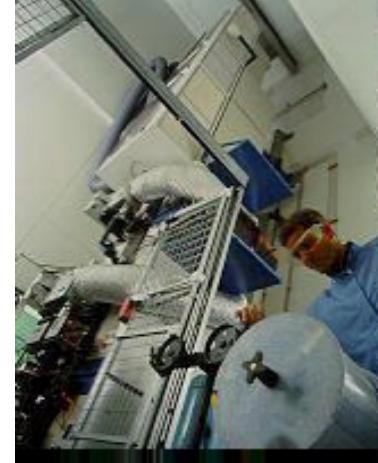
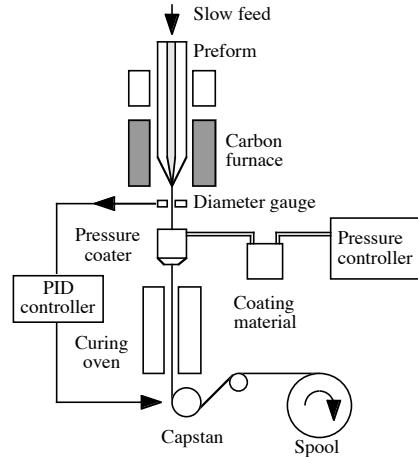


- Cylindrical core inside cylindrical cladding
  - Stable guiding structure; classified by core size and shape
  - Small core -single mode, large core - multi-mode
  - Graded-index core offers lowest dispersion
- Materials
  - Glasses (low loss;  $\text{SiO}_2$  -  $\text{GeO}_2$  best) and plastics (higher loss)

# Optical Fibre Fabrication



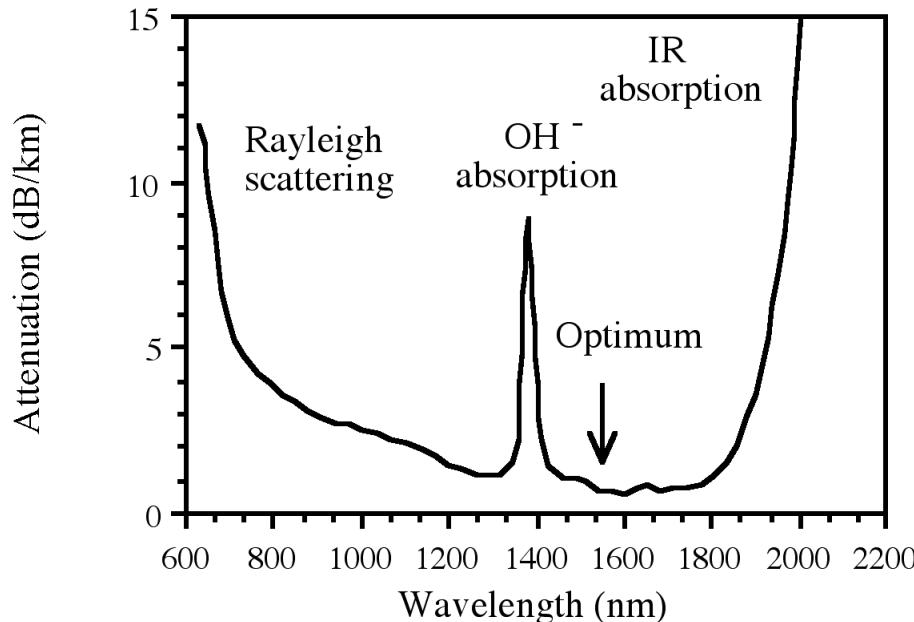
Preform fabrication



Fibre pulling

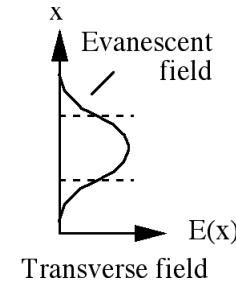
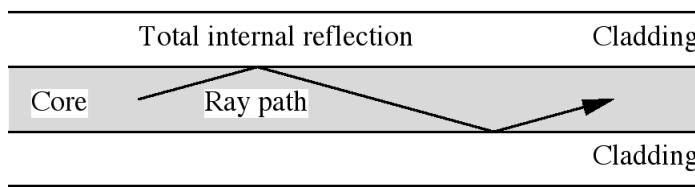
- Two-step process
  - Preform with refractive index variation formed by gaseous deposition
  - Fibre formed by pulling strand from molten end of preform

# Optical Fibre Attenuation



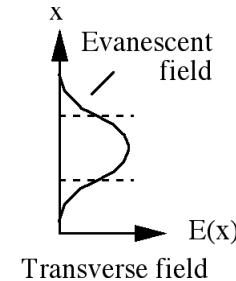
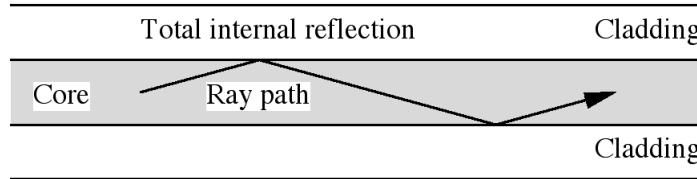
- Attenuation in silica fibre
  - Increases at short wavelength due to Rayleigh scattering (rises as  $1/\lambda^4$ )
  - Increases at long wavelength because of mid-IR absorption bands
  - Generally has peak near  $\lambda = 1.4 \mu\text{m}$  because of OH<sup>-</sup> absorption
  - Is lowest near  $\lambda = 1.55 \mu\text{m}$  (0.2 dB/km)

# Step-index Fibre (1)



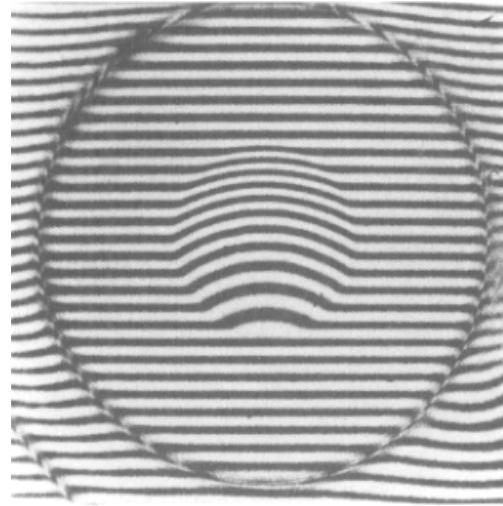
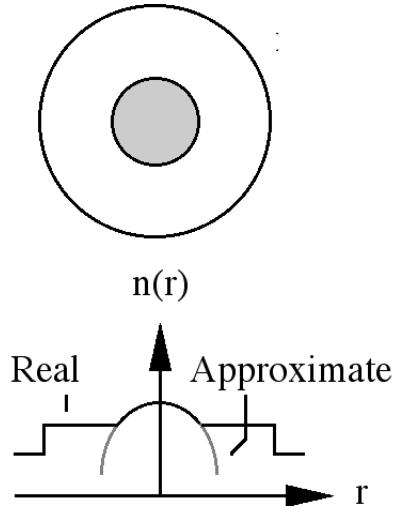
- In step-index fibre, propagation is by repeated TIR
- Guided mode contains evanescent field outside the core
  - Well confined modes have effective index  $n_{\text{core}}$
  - Modes near cutoff have effective index  $n_{\text{clad}}$
- For multimode fibre, mode index ranges from  $n_{\text{core}}$  to  $n_{\text{clad}}$ 
  - Different modes therefore have different speeds
  - Phase velocities range from  $v_{\text{core}} = c/n_{\text{core}}$  to  $v_{\text{clad}} = c/n_{\text{clad}}$

# Step-index Fibre (2)



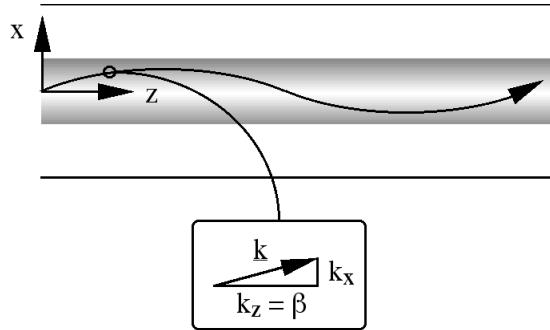
- Phase velocities range from  $c/n_{\text{core}}$  to  $c/n_{\text{clad}}$   
In distance  $L$ , arrival times range from  $L/v_{\text{core}}$  to  $L/v_{\text{clad}}$   
Time spread of a pulse is  $\Delta t = (L/c) (n_{\text{core}} - n_{\text{clad}})$
- Adjacent pulses of width  $T$  overlap when  $T = \Delta t$   
Maximum bit rate is therefore  $B = 1/(2\Delta t)$
- Bit-rate: length product is  $BL = c/\{2(n_{\text{core}} - n_{\text{clad}})\}$   
If  $n_{\text{core}} - n_{\text{clad}} = 0.01$ , and  $L = 1 \text{ km}$ ,  $B = 15 \text{ MB/s}$   
If  $n_{\text{core}} - n_{\text{clad}} = 0.01$ , and  $L = 10 \text{ km}$ ,  $B = 1.5 \text{ MB/s}$

# Parabolic Index Fibre (1)



- Parabolic index fibre guides by continuous refraction  
Refractive index profile is  $n(r) = n_0 \sqrt{1 - (r/r_0)^2}$   
Ignore fact that index can become imaginary -  $r$  usually small
- In two dimensions  
 $n(x) = n_0 \sqrt{1 - (x/x_0)^2}$

# Ray Trajectory Equation (1)



- Local ray direction given by  $dx/dz = k_x/k_z$   
Where  $k_z = \beta$ , and  $\beta$  is the modal propagation constant.  
Squaring and rearranging, we get  $k_z^2 (dx/dz)^2 = k_x^2$
- Since  $k_x^2 + k_z^2 = |\underline{k}|^2$  and  $|\underline{k}| = k_0 n$  we can write:  
 $k_x^2 = k_0^2 n^2 - \beta^2$ , or  
 $k_x^2 = (k_0^2 n_0^2 - \beta^2) - k_0^2 n_0^2 (x/x_0)^2$
- Hence, equation for ray trajectory is:  
$$\beta^2 (dx/dz)^2 = (k_0^2 n_0^2 - \beta^2) - k_0^2 n_0^2 (x/x_0)^2$$

# Ray Trajectory Equation (2)

- Trajectory equation is:

$$\beta^2 (dx/dz)^2 = (k_0^2 n_0^2 - \beta^2) - k_0^2 n_0^2 (x/x_0)^2$$

Nonlinear differential equation - impossible to solve?

- Guess solution  $x = A \sin(Bz + \psi)$

Trajectory is a sinusoid

- Differentiate:

$$dx/dz = AB \cos(Bz + \psi)$$

- Substitute:

$$\beta^2 A^2 B^2 \cos^2(Bz + \psi) = (k_0^2 n_0^2 - \beta^2) - (k_0^2 n_0^2 A^2 / x_0^2) \sin^2(Bz + \psi)$$

- Re-arrange to get

$$(k_0^2 n_0^2 - \beta^2) - (k_0^2 n_0^2 A^2 / x_0^2) \sin^2(Bz + \psi) - \beta^2 A^2 B^2 \cos^2(Bz + \psi) = 0$$

# Ray Trajectory Equation (3)

- Trajectory equation is:

$$(k_0^2 n_0^2 - \beta^2) - (k_0^2 n_0^2 A^2 / x_0^2) \sin^2(Bz + \psi) - \beta^2 A^2 B^2 \cos^2(Bz + \psi) = 0$$

- Solution possible if  $\sin^2$  and  $\cos^2$  terms add to give a constant

$$\text{Hence } (k_0^2 n_0^2 A^2 / x_0^2) = \beta^2 A^2 B^2$$

$$\text{So } B = k_0 n_0 / \beta x_0$$

- Remaining equation is

$$(k_0^2 n_0^2 - \beta^2) - (k_0^2 n_0^2 A^2 / x_0^2) = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } A = x_0 \sqrt{1 - \beta^2 / k_0^2 n_0^2}$$

- Final solution is

$$x = x_0 \sqrt{1 - \beta^2 / k_0^2 n_0^2} \sin\{(k_0 n_0 / \beta x_0) z + \psi\}$$

- For weak guides (when  $\beta \approx k_0 n_0$ ),  $x \approx A \sin(2\pi z/P + \psi)$   
where the trajectory period  $P = 2\pi x_0$  is independent of  $\beta$

# Parabolic Index Fibre (2)

- For weak guides, trajectory is

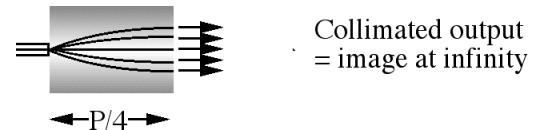
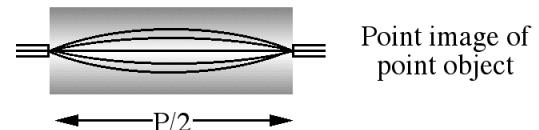
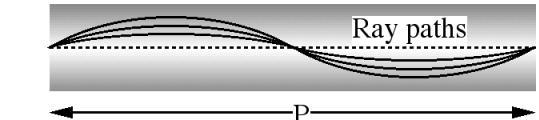
$$x \approx A \sin(2\pi z/P + \psi)$$

$$\text{where } A = x_0 \sqrt{(1 - \beta^2/k_0^2 n_0^2)}$$

$$\text{and } P = 2\pi x_0$$

- Pitch  $P$  independent of amplitude  $A$

Rays starting from a point end on a point



- Fibre can carry out imaging operations

Short length known as Gradient Index Rod (GRIN) lens

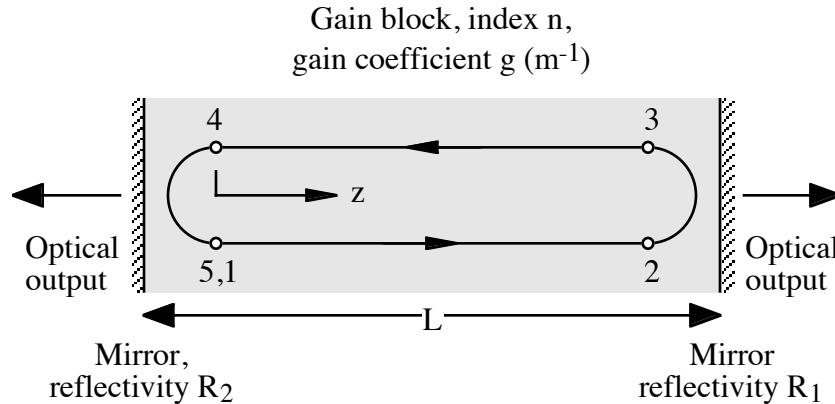
- Quarter-pitch GRIN lens can collimate a point source

# Parabolic Index Fibre (3)

- Can show all modes have similar group velocity  
Intermodal dispersion then almost zero in MM fibre  
Parabolic fibre bit rate: length product much higher than step index
- Improved performance using SM fibre  
Intermodal dispersion then eliminated
- Shape of graded core used to cancel material dispersion  
Very high bit-rate : length product (10 GB/s x 100 km) then possible

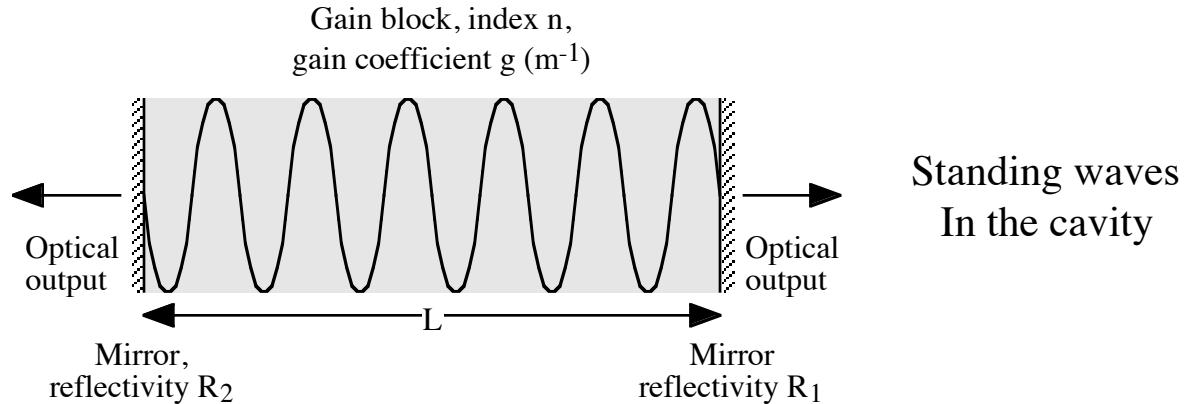


# Lasers (1)



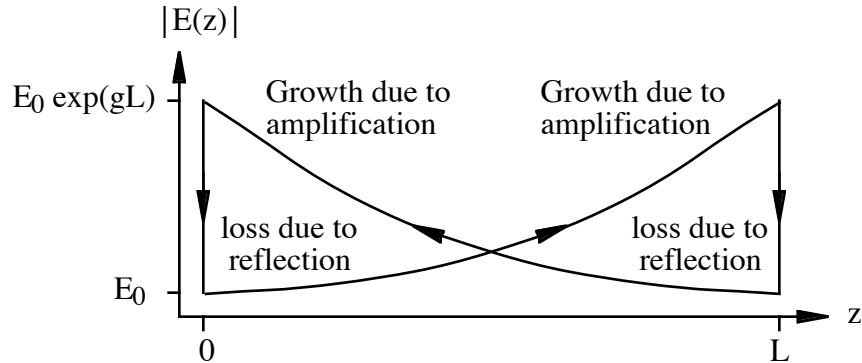
- Optical waveguide with gain  $g$  and end mirrors  $R_1, R_2$   
Assume field at 1 is  $E_1 = E_0$   
Field at 2 is  $E_2 = E_0 \exp(-j\beta L) \exp(gL)$   
Field at 3 is  $E_3 = E_0 \exp(-j\beta L) \exp(gL) R_1$   
Field at 4 is  $E_4 = E_0 \exp(-j2\beta L) \exp(2gL) R_1$   
Field at 5 is  $E_5 = E_0 \exp(-j2\beta L) \exp(2gL) R_1 R_2$   
Laser oscillates if  $E_5 = E_1$

# Lasers (2)



- If  $\exp(-j2\beta L) \exp(2gL) R_1 R_2 = 1$   
LHS must be real since RHS is real
- Hence
  - $\exp(-j2\beta L) = 1$  Phase condition
  - $2\beta L = 2v\pi$  Where  $v$  is an integer
  - $2(2\pi n/\lambda)L = 2v\pi$
  - $\lambda = (2nL/v)$  Only particular wavelengths oscillate

# Lasers (3)



- If  $\exp(-j2\beta L) \exp(2gL) R_1 R_2 = 1$   
LHS must be unity since RHS is unity
- Hence
  - $\exp(2gL) R_1 R_2 = 1$                               Gain condition
  - $g = (1/2L) \log_e(1/R_1 R_2)$
  - Gain must exceed mirror losses for laser to oscillate
  - Need a high-gain optical medium