

Communication Electronics

Lecture 4:

Antennas and propagation of electromagnetic waves

Coordinate systems

Cartesian

$$3D = (x, y, z)$$

$$-\infty < x [m] < +\infty$$

$$-\infty < y [m] < +\infty$$

$$-\infty < z [m] < +\infty$$

Orthogonal

$$\vec{1}_x \perp \vec{1}_y \perp \vec{1}_z \perp \vec{1}_x$$

$$\vec{1}_r \perp \vec{1}_\Theta \perp \vec{1}_\Phi \perp \vec{1}_r$$

Spherical

$$3D = (r, \Theta, \Phi)$$

$$0 \leq r [m] < +\infty$$

$$0 \leq \Theta [rd] \leq \pi$$

$$0 \leq \Phi [rd] < 2\pi$$

Conversion $(r, \Theta, \Phi) \rightarrow (x, y, z)$

$$x = r \sin \Theta \cos \Phi$$

$$y = r \sin \Theta \sin \Phi$$

$$z = r \cos \Theta$$

$$\vec{1}_x = \vec{1}_r \sin \Theta \cos \Phi + \vec{1}_\Theta \cos \Theta \cos \Phi - \vec{1}_\Phi \sin \Phi$$

$$\vec{1}_y = \vec{1}_r \sin \Theta \sin \Phi + \vec{1}_\Theta \cos \Theta \sin \Phi + \vec{1}_\Phi \cos \Phi$$

$$\vec{1}_z = \vec{1}_r \cos \Theta - \vec{1}_\Theta \sin \Theta$$

$$0 \leq \Theta \leq \pi \rightarrow \sin \Theta \geq 0$$

Conversion $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (r, \Theta, \Phi)$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$\Theta = \arccos(z / \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2})$$

$$\Phi = \arctan(y/x) \quad (\text{quadrant?})$$

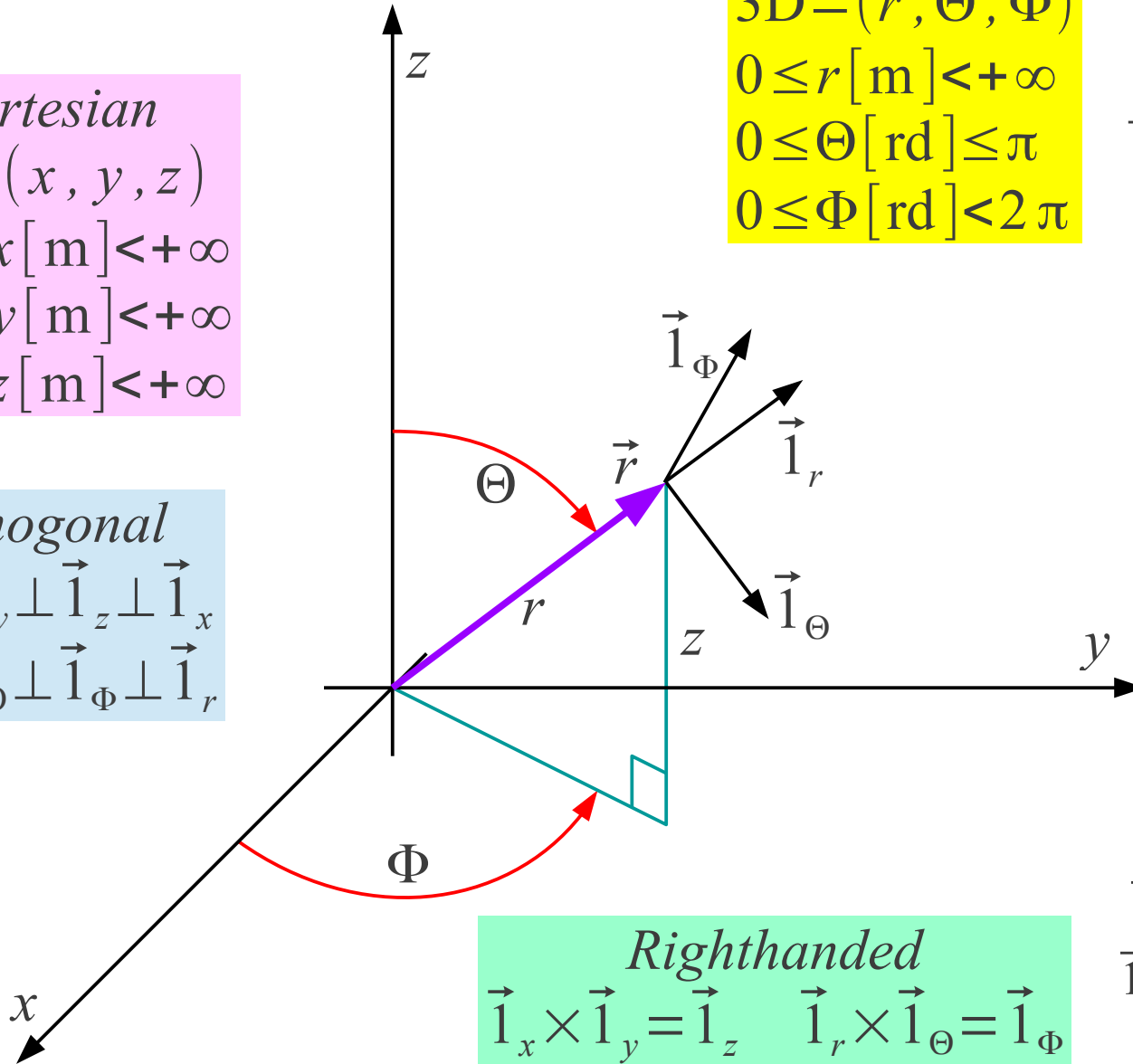
$$\vec{1}_r = \vec{1}_x \sin \Theta \cos \Phi + \vec{1}_y \sin \Theta \sin \Phi + \vec{1}_z \cos \Theta$$

$$\vec{1}_\Theta = \vec{1}_x \cos \Theta \cos \Phi + \vec{1}_y \cos \Theta \sin \Phi - \vec{1}_z \sin \Theta$$

$$\vec{1}_\Phi = -\vec{1}_x \sin \Phi + \vec{1}_y \cos \Phi$$

Righthanded

$$\vec{1}_x \times \vec{1}_y = \vec{1}_z \quad \vec{1}_r \times \vec{1}_\Theta = \vec{1}_\Phi$$



Maxwell equations

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ampère} \quad & \nabla \times \vec{H} = \vec{J} + j\omega \vec{D} \\ \text{Faraday} \quad & \nabla \times \vec{E} = -j\omega \vec{B} \\ \text{Gauss} \quad & \nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{B} [\text{Vs/m}^2] &\equiv \text{magnetic flux density} \\ \vec{D} [\text{As/m}^2] &\equiv \text{electric displacement field} \\ \vec{E} [\text{V/m}] &\equiv \text{electric field intensity} \\ \vec{H} [\text{A/m}] &\equiv \text{magnetic field intensity} \\ \vec{J} [\text{A/m}^2] &\equiv \text{conductive current density} \\ \rho [\text{As/m}^3] &\equiv \text{electric charge density} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Time-harmonic derivative} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} = j\omega$$

$$\text{Spatial derivatives} \quad \nabla = \vec{1}_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{1}_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{1}_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

Potentials

$$\begin{aligned} V [\text{V}] &\equiv \text{scalar potential} \\ \vec{A} [\text{Vs/m}] &\equiv \text{vector potential} \\ \vec{E} &= -j\omega \vec{A} - \nabla V \\ \vec{B} &= \nabla \times \vec{A} \end{aligned}$$

Wave equations (Lorenz gauge)

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \vec{A} + k^2 \vec{A} &= -\mu \vec{J} \\ \Delta V + k^2 V &= -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Matter} \\ \vec{D} &= \epsilon \vec{E} \\ \vec{B} &= \mu \vec{H} \\ \vec{J} &= \gamma \vec{E} \end{aligned}$$

Vector operations

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A} &= \vec{1}_x A_x + \vec{1}_y A_y + \vec{1}_z A_z \\ \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} &= A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z \\ \vec{A} \times \vec{B} &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{1}_x & \vec{1}_y & \vec{1}_z \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

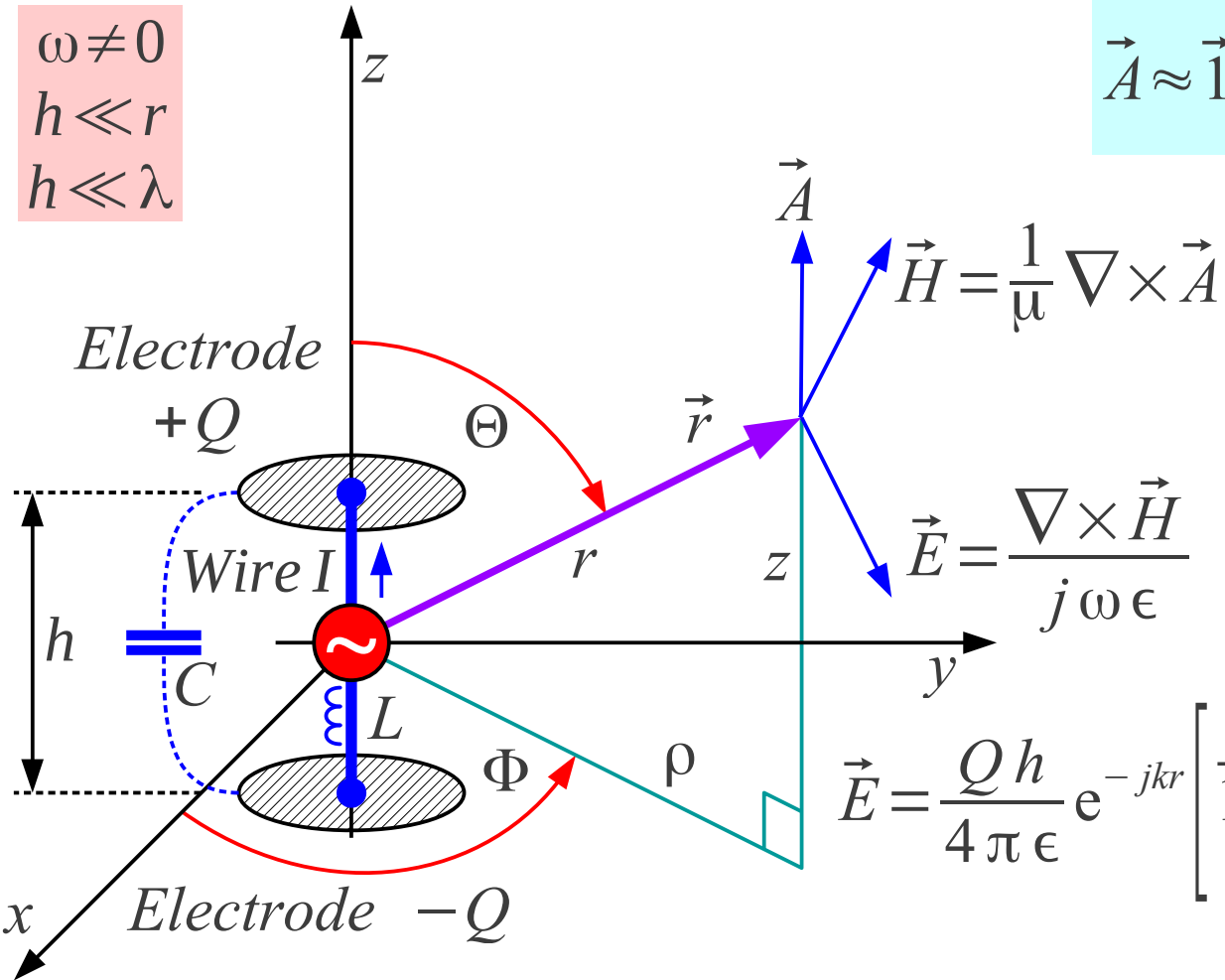
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Laplace} \quad \Delta &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \\ k &= \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \equiv \text{wavenumber} \end{aligned}$$

Retarded potentials

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A}(\vec{r}) &= \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int_{V'} \vec{J}(\vec{r}') \frac{e^{-jk|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|}}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} dV' \\ V(\vec{r}) &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int_{V'} \rho(\vec{r}') \frac{e^{-jk|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|}}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} dV' \end{aligned}$$

$\omega \neq 0$
 $h \ll r$
 $h \ll \lambda$

$$\vec{A} \approx \vec{1}_z \frac{\mu I h e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} = (\vec{1}_r \cos \Theta - \vec{1}_\Theta \sin \Theta) \frac{\mu I h e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r}$$



$$\vec{H} = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \vec{A}$$

$$\vec{H} = \vec{1}_\Phi \frac{I h}{4\pi} e^{-jkr} \left(\frac{jk}{r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \sin \Theta$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\nabla \times \vec{H}}{j\omega \epsilon}$$

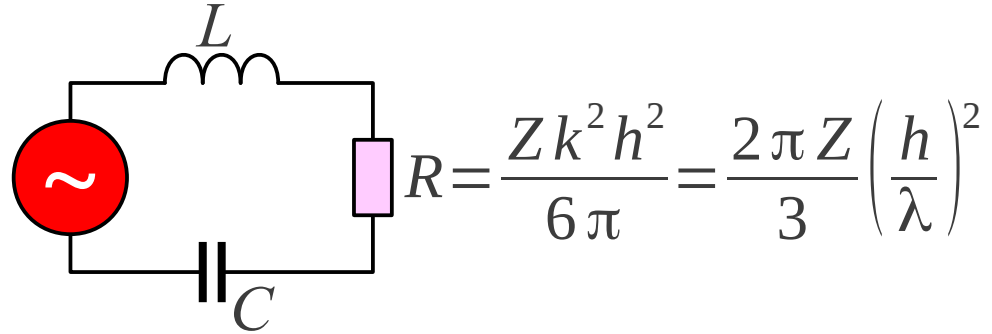
Continuity
 $I = j\omega Q$

Radiation

$$\vec{E} = \frac{Q h}{4\pi \epsilon} e^{-jkr} \left[\vec{1}_r \left(\frac{jk}{r^2} + \frac{1}{r^3} \right) 2\cos \Theta + \vec{1}_\Theta \left(-\frac{k^2}{r} + \frac{jk}{r^2} + \frac{1}{r^3} \right) \sin \Theta \right]$$

$$\text{Re}[\vec{S}] = \text{Re} \left[\frac{1}{2} \vec{E} \times \vec{H}^* \right] = \vec{1}_r \frac{Z k^2}{32\pi^2} |I|^2 h^2 \frac{\sin^2 \Theta}{r^2}$$

Small electric dipole



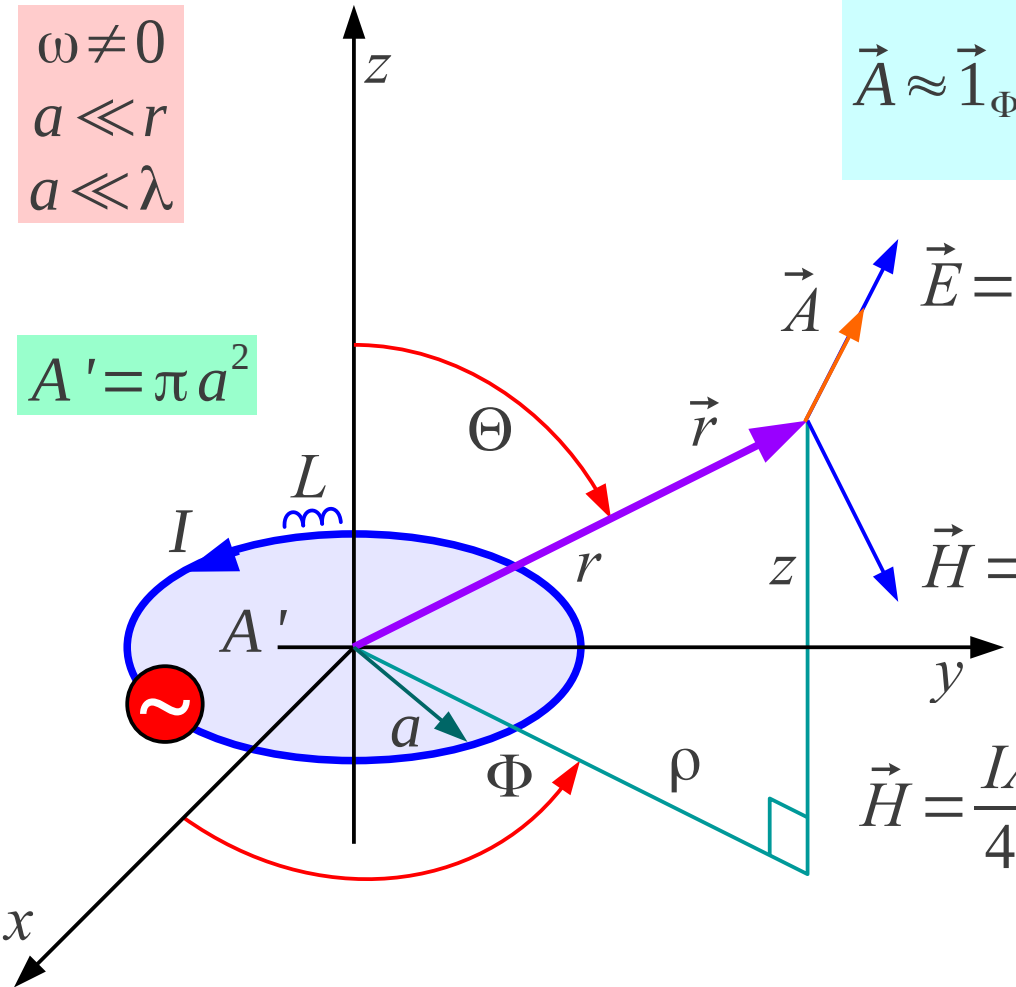
$$R = \frac{Z k^2 h^2}{6\pi} = \frac{2\pi Z}{3} \left(\frac{h}{\lambda} \right)^2$$

$\omega \neq 0$
 $a \ll r$
 $a \ll \lambda$

$$\vec{A} \approx \vec{1}_\Phi \frac{\mu I (\pi a^2)}{4\pi} e^{-jkr} \left(\frac{jk}{r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \sin \Theta$$

$Q=0 \rightarrow V=0$

$A' = \pi a^2$



$$\vec{E} = -j\omega \vec{A} - \nabla V = \vec{1}_\Phi \frac{Z I A'}{4\pi} e^{-jkr} \left(\frac{k^2}{r} - \frac{jk}{r^2} \right) \sin \Theta$$

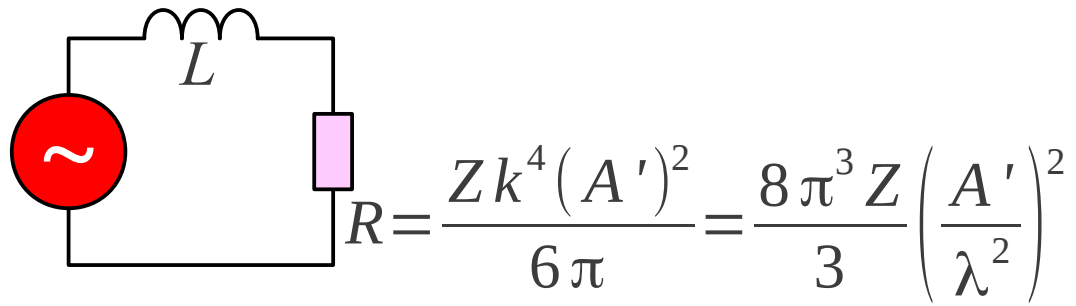
$$\vec{H} = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \vec{A}$$

Radiation

$$\vec{H} = \frac{I A'}{4\pi} e^{-jkr} \left[\vec{1}_r \left(\frac{jk}{r^2} + \frac{1}{r^3} \right) 2 \cos \Theta + \vec{1}_\Theta \left(-\frac{k^2}{r} + \frac{jk}{r^2} + \frac{1}{r^3} \right) \sin \Theta \right]$$

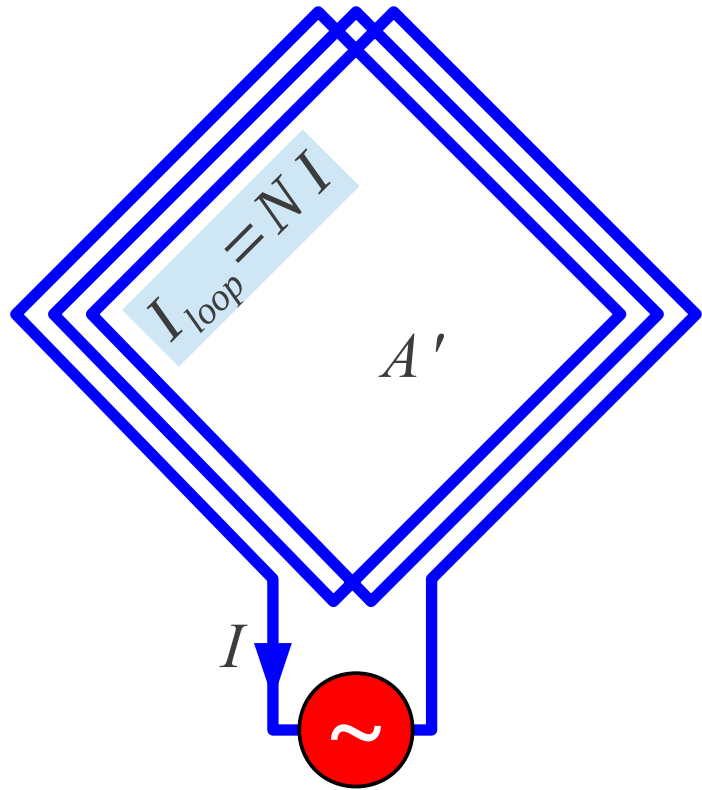
$$\text{Re}[\vec{S}] = \text{Re} \left[\frac{1}{2} \vec{E} \times \vec{H}^* \right] = \vec{1}_r \frac{Z k^4}{32 \pi^2} |I|^2 (A')^2 \frac{\sin^2 \Theta}{r^2}$$

Small magnetic dipole



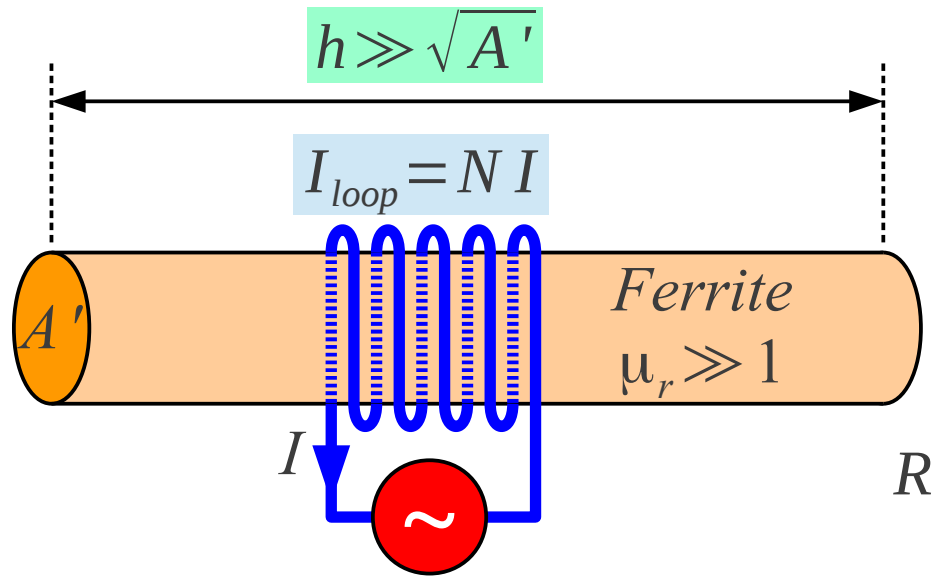
$$R = \frac{Z k^4 (N A')^2}{6 \pi} = \frac{8 \pi^3 Z}{3} \left(\frac{N A'}{\lambda^2} \right)^2$$

Loop antenna ~ 1920



$f \approx 300\text{kHz}$
 $A' \approx 1\text{m}^2$
 $N \approx 10$
 $Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} \approx 377\ \Omega$
 $\lambda = c_0 / f = 1\text{km}$
 $R_s \approx 3.1\ \mu\Omega$

Ferrite antenna ~ 1970



$$R = \frac{Z k^4 (\mu_r N A')^2}{6 \pi} = \frac{8 \pi^3 Z}{3} \left(\frac{\mu_r N A'}{\lambda^2} \right)^2$$

$f \approx 1\text{MHz}$
 $A' \approx 1\text{cm}^2$
 $h \approx 20\text{cm}$
 $\mu_r \approx 100$
 $N \approx 30$
 $Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} \approx 377\ \Omega$
 $\lambda = c_0 / f = 300\text{m}$
 $R \approx 0.35\ \mu\Omega$

$$D = \frac{4\pi}{\Omega} \equiv \text{directivity}$$

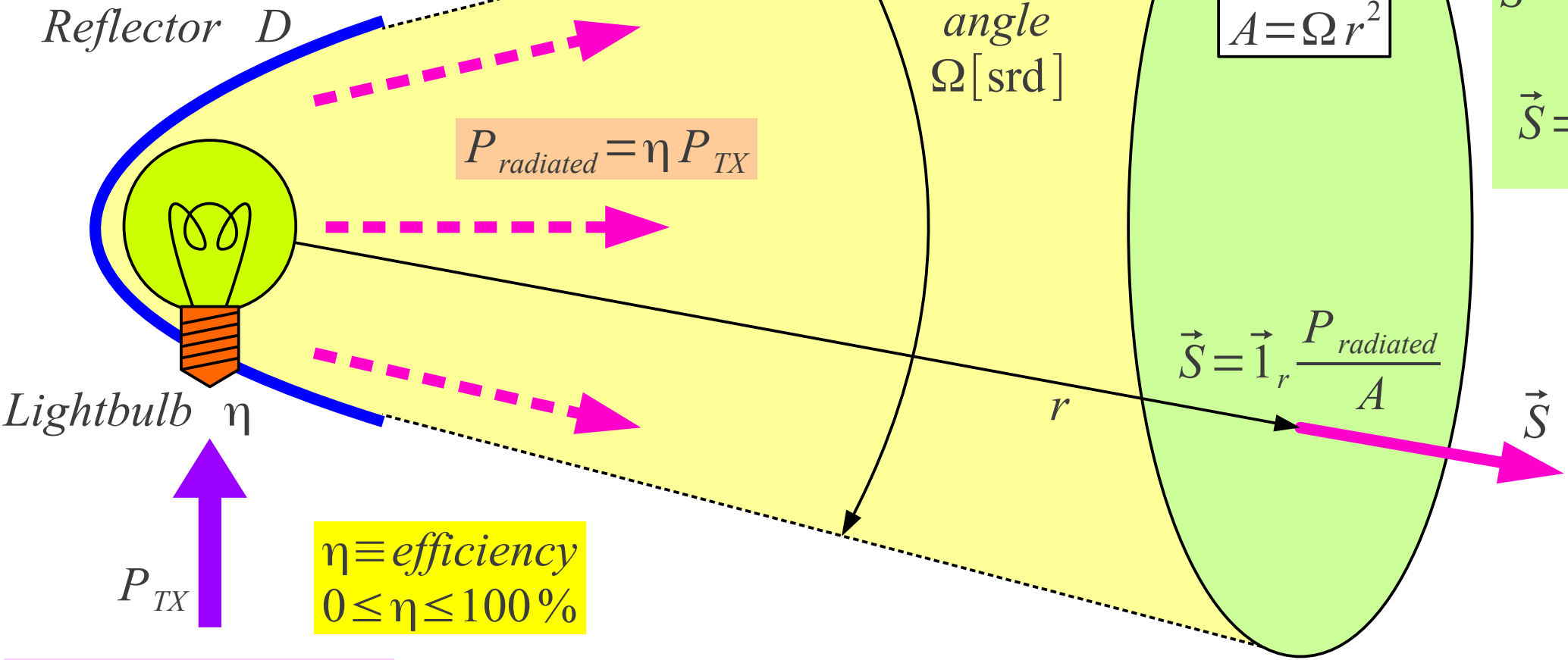
$$D[\text{dBi}] = 10 \log_{10} D$$

Free space
 $\mu_0 \quad \epsilon_0$
 loss-less!

$$\vec{S} = \vec{1}_r \frac{\eta P_{TX}}{\Omega r^2}$$

$$\vec{S} = \vec{1}_r \frac{\eta D P_{TX}}{4\pi r^2}$$

$$\vec{S} = \vec{1}_r \frac{G P_{TX}}{4\pi r^2}$$

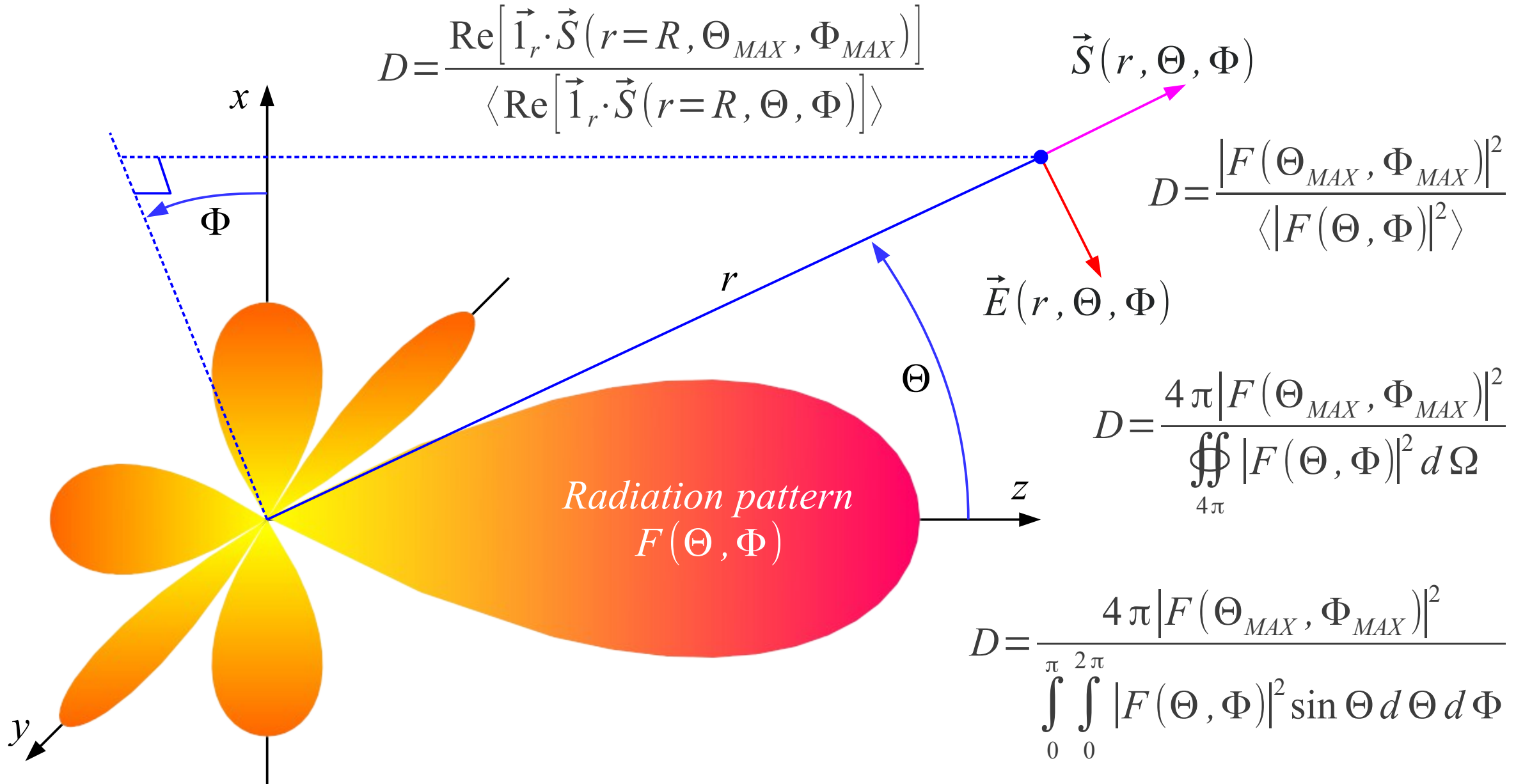


$$G = \eta D \equiv \text{gain}$$

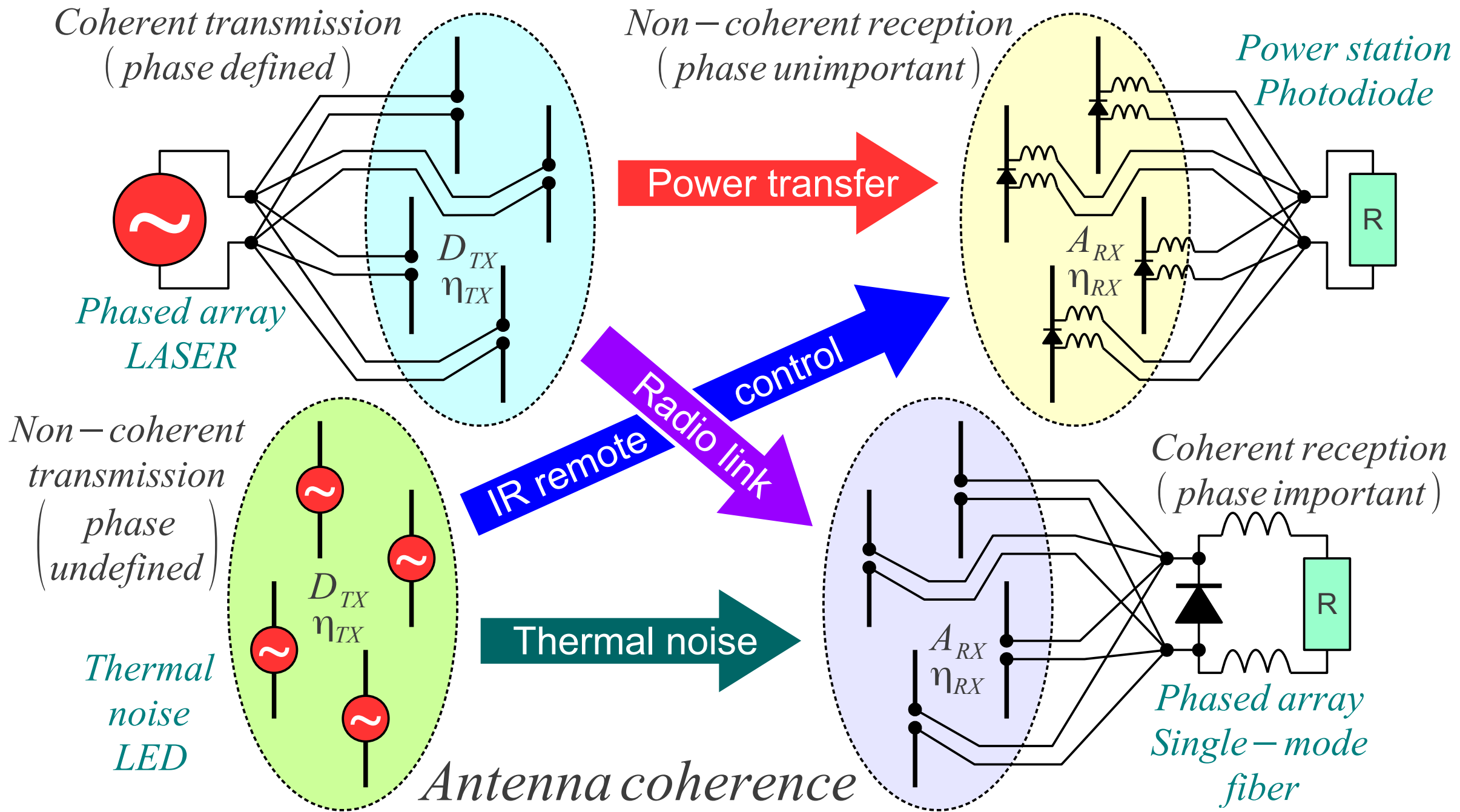
$$G[\text{dBi}] = 10 \log_{10} G$$

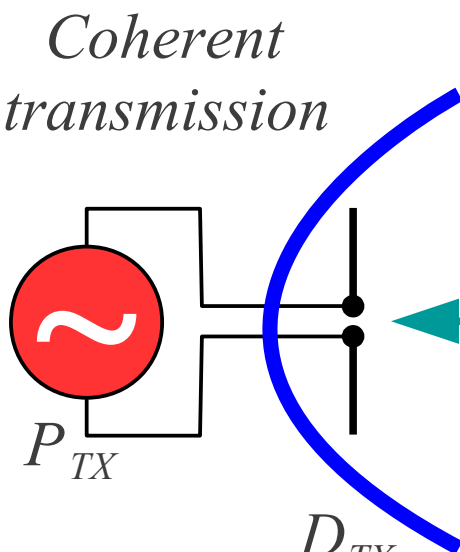
$$EIRP = D P_{\text{radiated}} = G P_{TX}$$

Directional transmitter



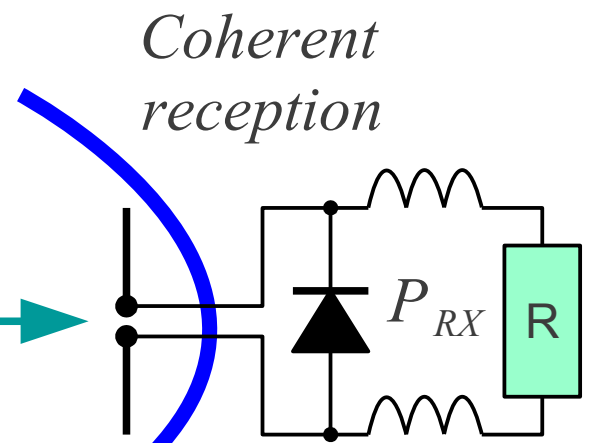
Directivity for arbitrary radiation patterns





Free space
 $\mu_0 \quad \epsilon_0$
loss-less!

r (*far field?*)



Harald Friis 1945

D_{TX}
 η_{TX}
 (G_{TX})
 (A_{effTX})

A_{effRX}
 η_{RX}
 (D_{RX})
 (G_{RX})

$$P_{RX} = P_{TX} \frac{\eta_{TX} D_{TX} A_{effRX} \eta_{RX}}{4 \pi r^2}$$

Antenna gains: $P_{RX} = P_{TX} G_{TX} G_{RX} \left(\frac{\lambda}{4 \pi r} \right)^2$

Antenna sizes: $P_{RX} = P_{TX} \frac{\eta_{TX} A_{effTX} A_{effRX} \eta_{RX}}{\lambda^2 r^2}$

Coherent antenna

$$D = \frac{4 \pi}{\lambda^2} A_{eff}$$

$$G = \frac{4 \pi}{\lambda^2} \eta A_{eff}$$

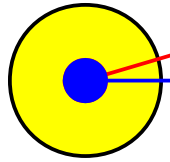
Reciprocity!

Friis equation

$$\Delta l = \sqrt{r^2 + (d/2)^2} - r \approx d^2/8r$$

$$\Delta \phi = k \Delta l$$

Point source

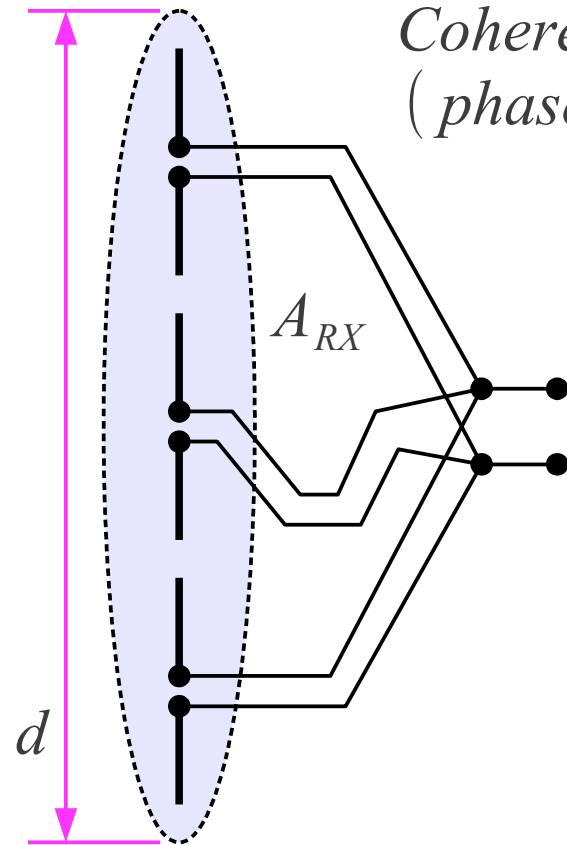
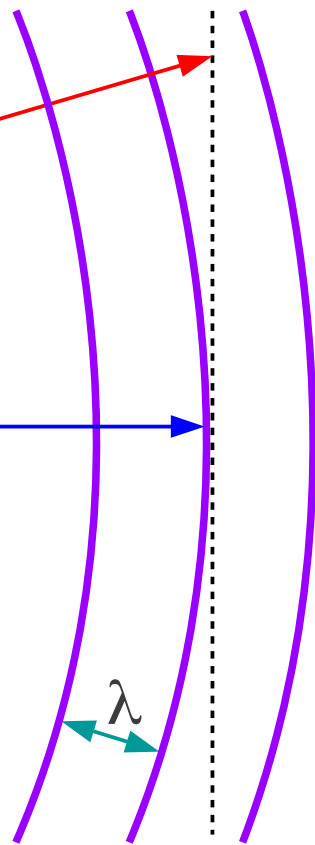


$r + \Delta l$

$r \gg d$

Phase tighter than magnitude $A_{RX} < \Omega_{TX} r^2$

$$\Delta P_{dB} \approx 20 \log_{10} \left| \frac{\sin(\Delta \phi/2)}{\Delta \phi/2} \right|$$



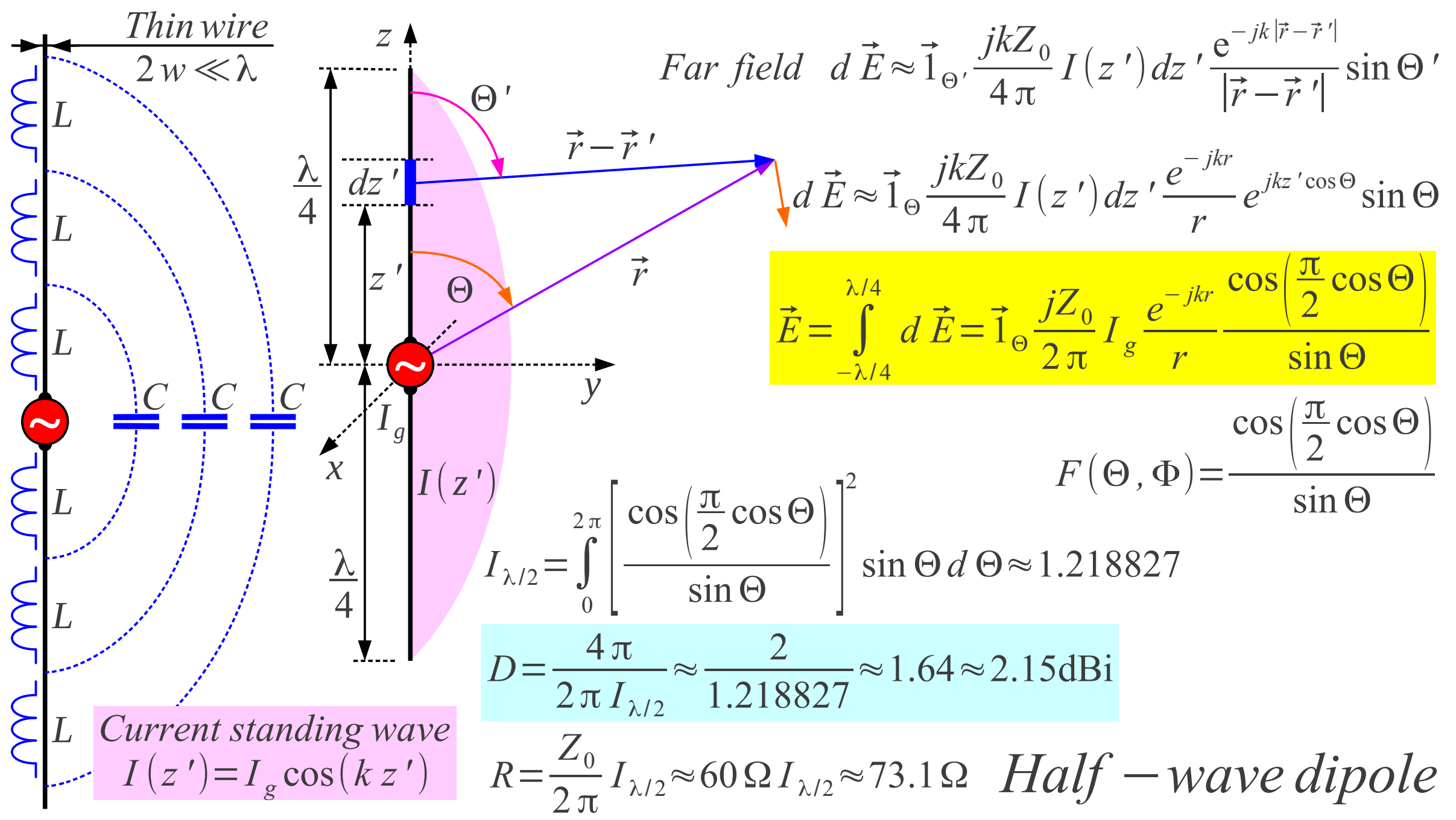
Coherent reception
(phase important)

Antenna far field
 $r \geq \frac{2d^2}{\lambda}$
 $F(\Theta, \Phi)$
 $D \quad G$

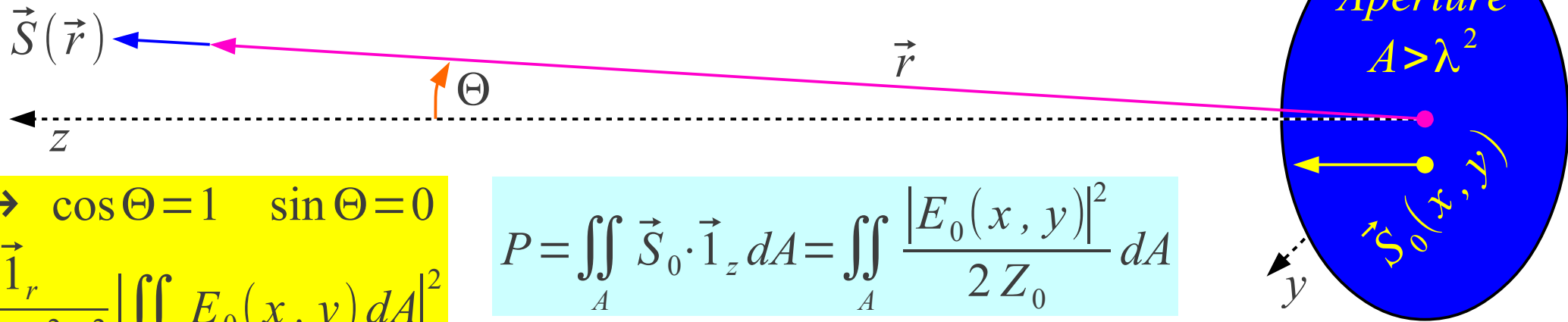
Δl	$\Delta \phi$ [rd]	ΔP [dB]	$r \geq$	Usage
$\lambda/2$	π	-3.922	$d^2/4\lambda$	Photo depth of field
$\lambda/4$	$\pi/2$	-0.912	$d^2/2\lambda$	Lord Rayleigh 1891
$\lambda/8$	$\pi/4$	-0.224	d^2/λ	
$\lambda/16$	$\pi/8$	-0.056	$2d^2/\lambda$	Antenna measurements

Example photo camera
 Lens $\equiv d = 2\text{mm}$
 $\lambda = 0.5 \mu\text{m}$
 $DoF \equiv d^2/4\lambda = 2\text{m}$

Rayleigh distance



$$\vec{S} = \vec{1}_r \frac{|E|^2}{2Z_0} = \vec{1}_r \frac{(1 + \cos \Theta)^2}{8Z_0 \lambda^2 r^2} \left| \iint_A E_0(x, y) e^{jkx \sin \Theta \cos \Phi} e^{jky \sin \Theta \sin \Phi} dA \right|^2$$



$$\Theta_{MAX} = 0 \rightarrow \cos \Theta = 1 \quad \sin \Theta = 0$$

$$\vec{S}_{MAX} = \frac{\vec{1}_r}{2Z_0 \lambda^2 r^2} \left| \iint_A E_0(x, y) dA \right|^2$$

$$P = \iint_A \vec{S}_0 \cdot \vec{1}_z dA = \iint_A \frac{|E_0(x, y)|^2}{2Z_0} dA$$

$A_{eff} = \eta_0 A \equiv$ effective area

$$D = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda^2} A_{eff} = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda^2} \eta_0 A$$

$$A_{eff} = \frac{\left| \iint_A E_0(x, y) dA \right|^2}{\iint_A |E_0(x, y)|^2 dA}$$

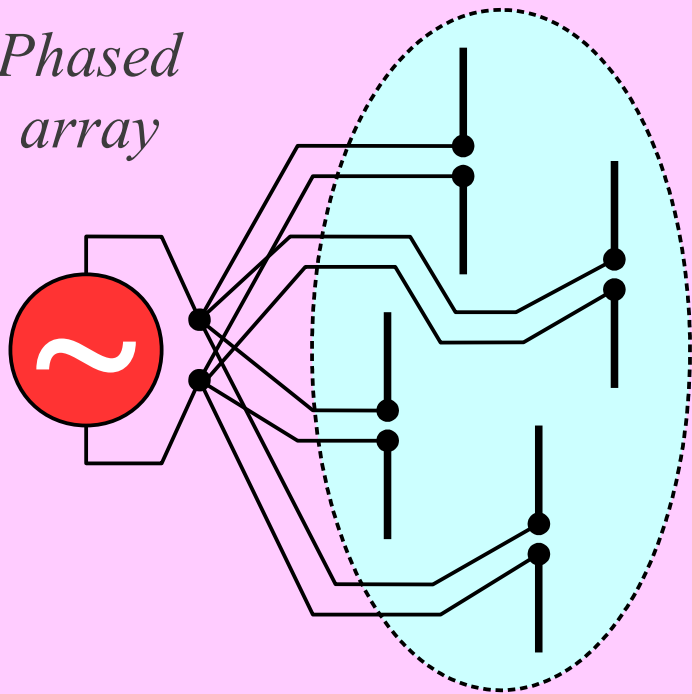
$$D = \frac{|\vec{S}_{MAX}|}{P/(4\pi r^2)} = \frac{4\pi \left| \iint_A E_0(x, y) dA \right|^2}{\lambda^2 \iint_A |E_0(x, y)|^2 dA}$$

Example $E_0(x, y) = const. \rightarrow D = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda^2} A$

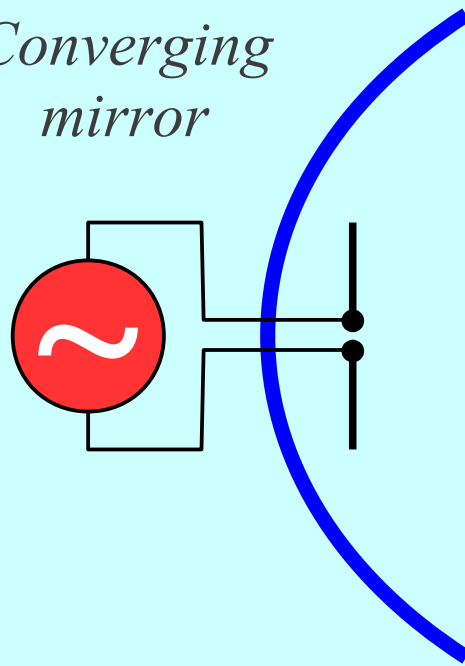
$$\eta_0 = \frac{\left| \iint_A E_0(x, y) dA \right|^2}{A \iint_A |E_0(x, y)|^2 dA} \equiv \text{illumination efficiency}$$

Aperture radiation

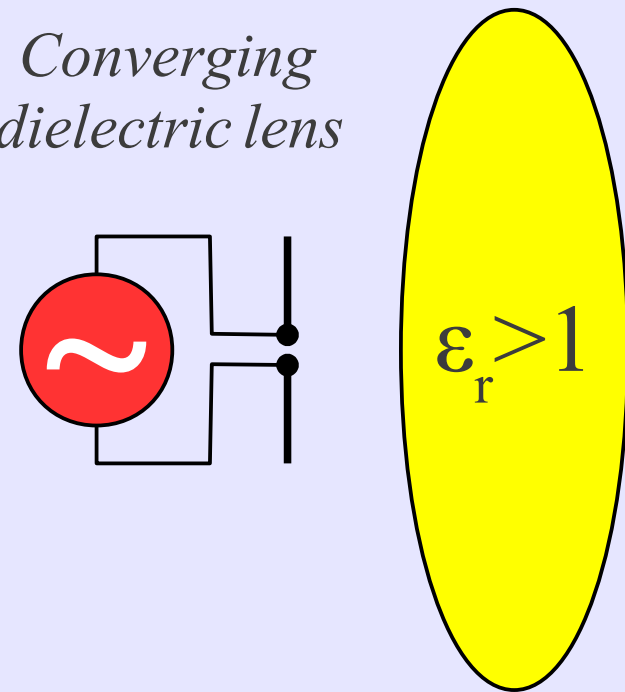
Phased array



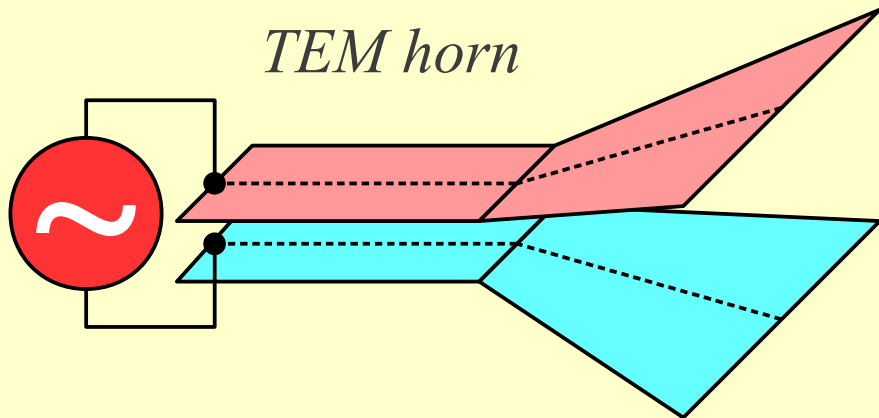
Converging mirror



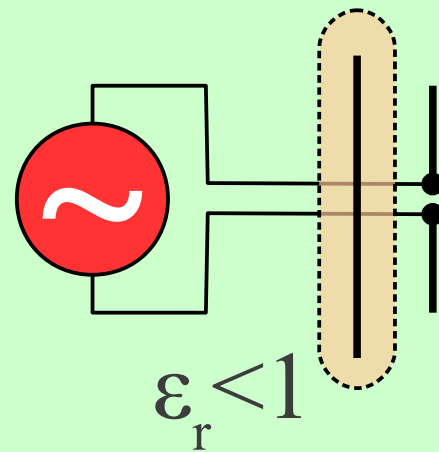
Converging dielectric lens



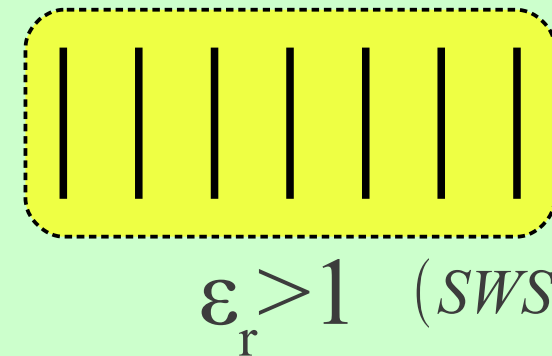
TEM horn



Diverging lens

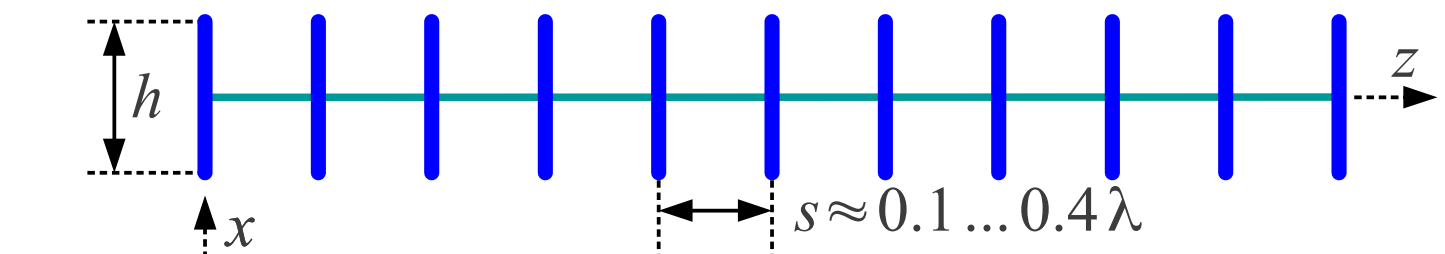


Artificial dielectric converging lens

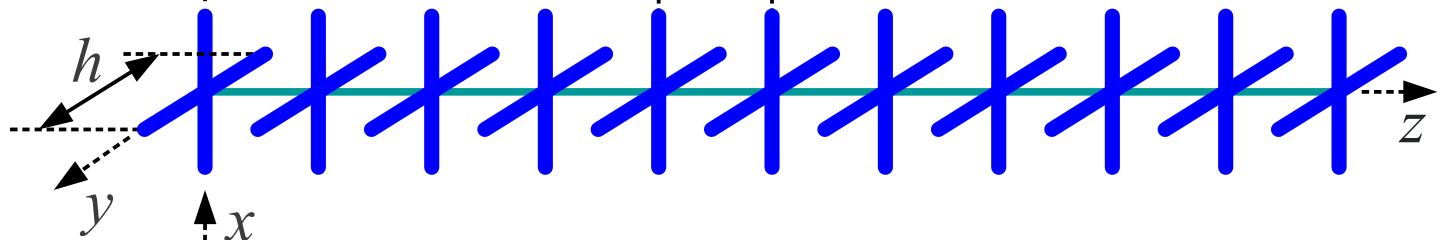


Aperture directional antennas

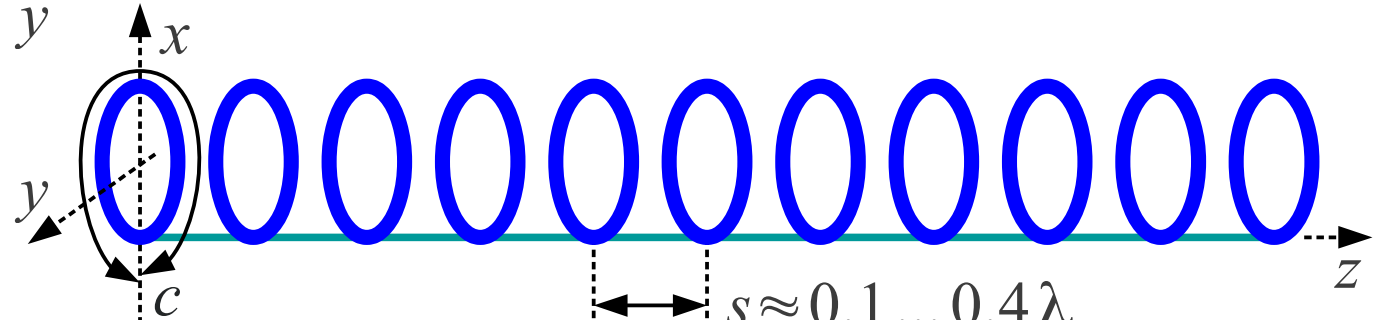
Metal rods $h \approx 0.45 \lambda$
(*Shintaro Uda* 1926)



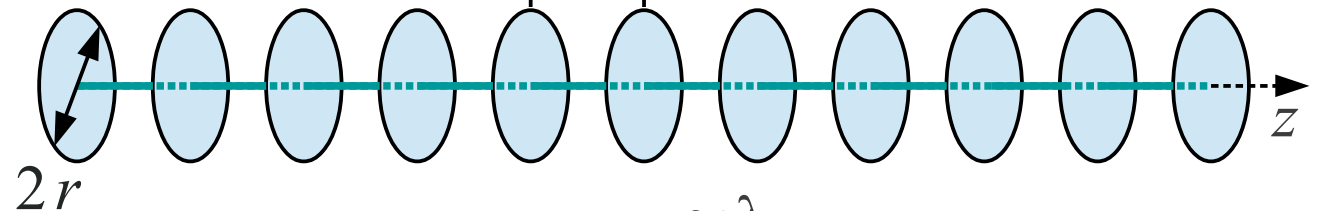
Crossed metal rods
(*both polarizations*)



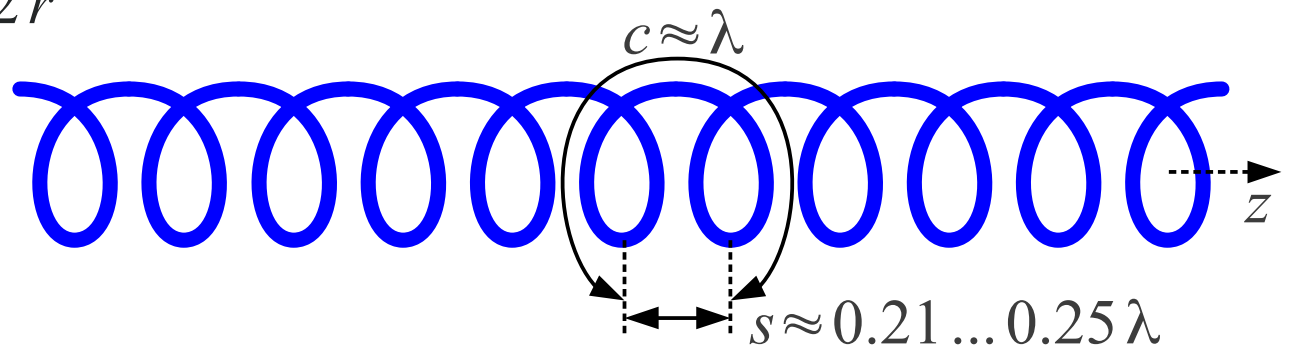
Wire loops $c \approx 0.9 \lambda$
(*different shapes, loop - Yagi*)



Metal disks $2r \approx 0.3 \lambda$
(*both polarizations, disk - Yagi*)
(*J.C.Simon & G.Weil* 1953)

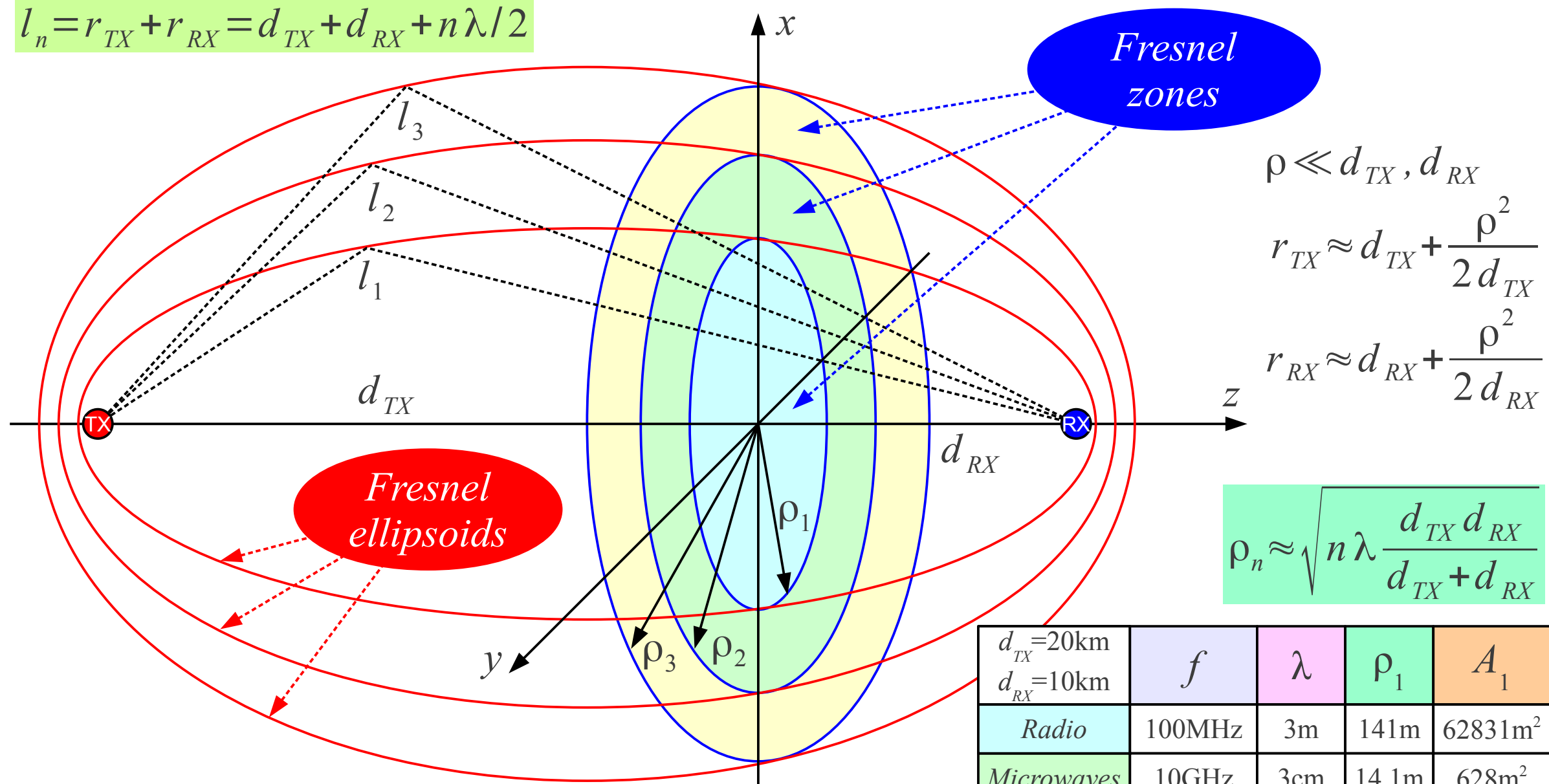


Helix $0.75 \lambda < c < 1.33 \lambda$
(*circular polarization, J.Kraus* 1946)



Slow - wave structures

$$l_n = r_{TX} + r_{RX} = d_{TX} + d_{RX} + n\lambda/2$$



Fresnel zones

Fresnel ellipsoids

$$\rho \ll d_{TX}, d_{RX}$$

$$r_{TX} \approx d_{TX} + \frac{\rho^2}{2d_{TX}}$$

$$r_{RX} \approx d_{RX} + \frac{\rho^2}{2d_{RX}}$$

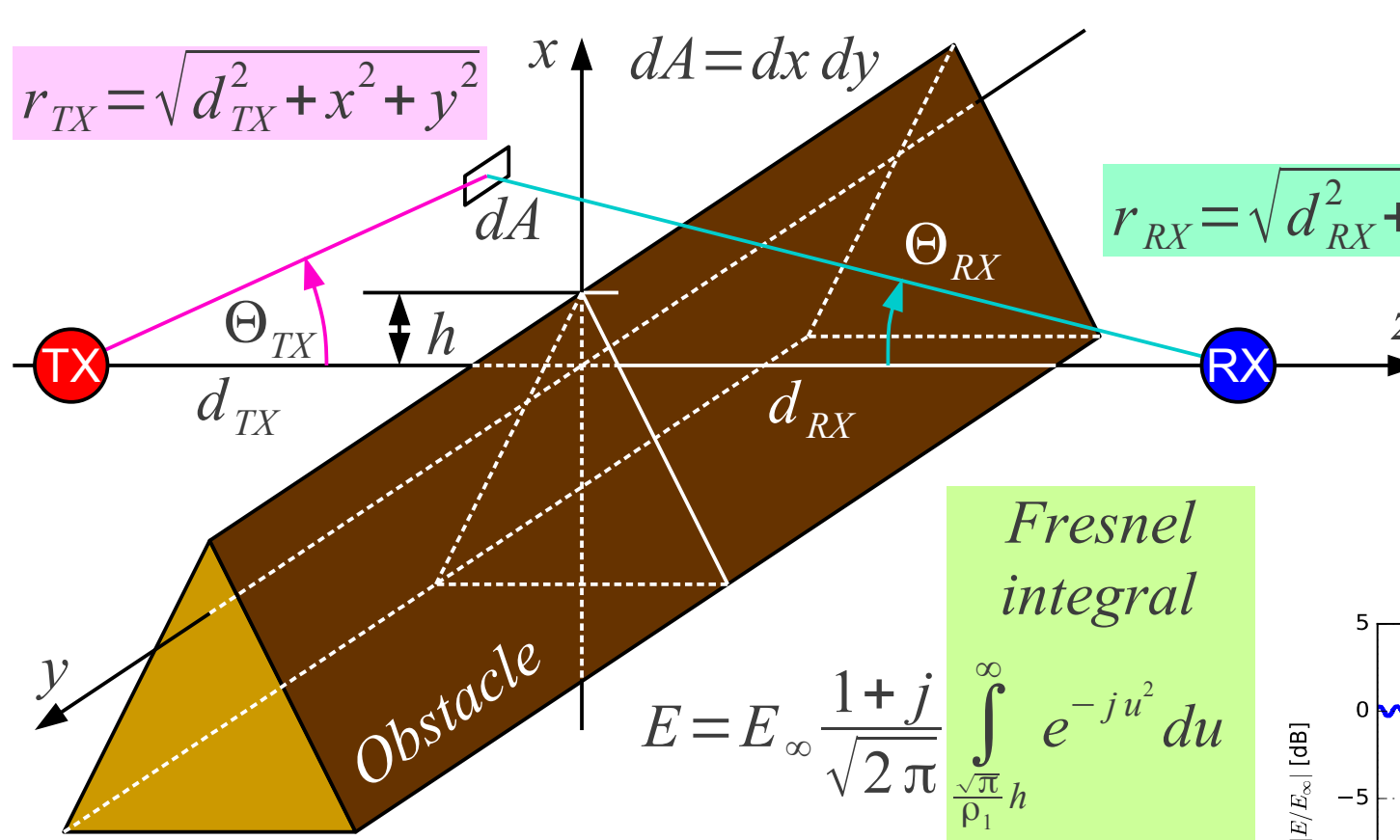
$$\rho_n \approx \sqrt{n\lambda \frac{d_{TX} d_{RX}}{d_{TX} + d_{RX}}}$$

Fresnel ellipsoids

$$A_n \approx A_1 \approx \pi \rho_1^2$$

$d_{TX} = 20\text{km}$ $d_{RX} = 10\text{km}$	f	λ	ρ_1	A_1
Radio	100MHz	3m	141m	62831m ²
Microwaves	10GHz	3cm	14.1m	628m ²
Light	600THz	0.5μm	5.8cm	0.0105m ²

Knife-edge diffraction



$$\rho_1 \approx \sqrt{\lambda \frac{d_{TX} d_{RX}}{d_{TX} + d_{RX}}}$$

$$E = E_\infty \frac{j}{\rho_1} \int_h^\infty e^{-j\pi \frac{x^2}{\rho_1^2}} dx \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-j\pi \frac{y^2}{\rho_1^2}} dy$$

Fresnel integral

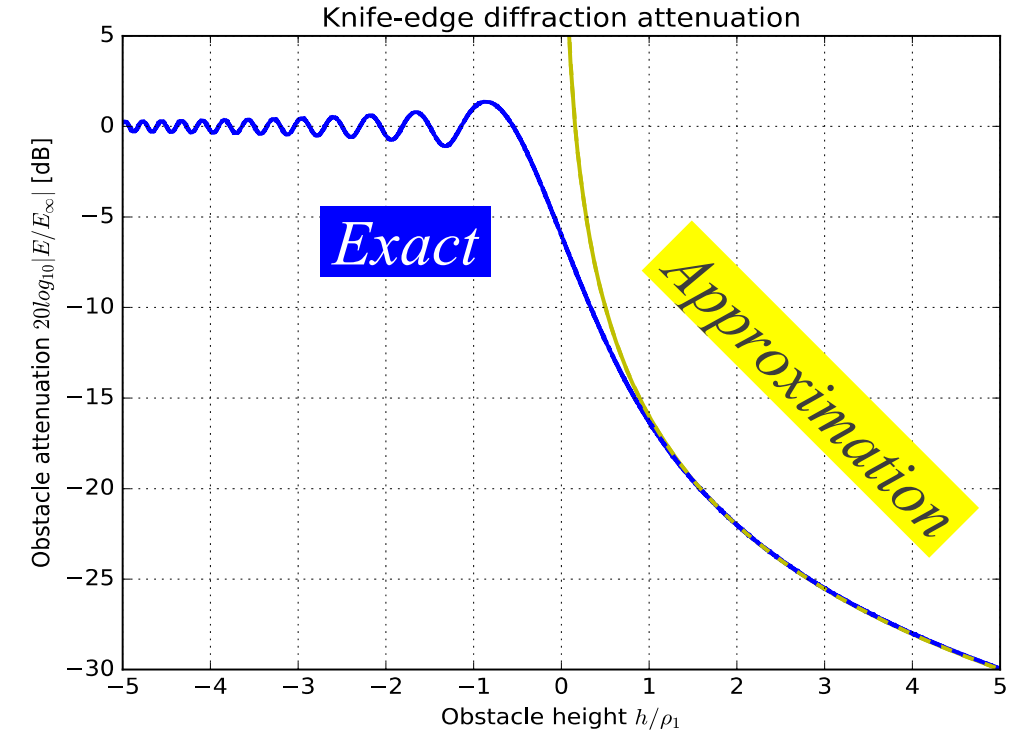
$$E = E_\infty \frac{1+j}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\rho_1} h}^\infty e^{-ju^2} du$$

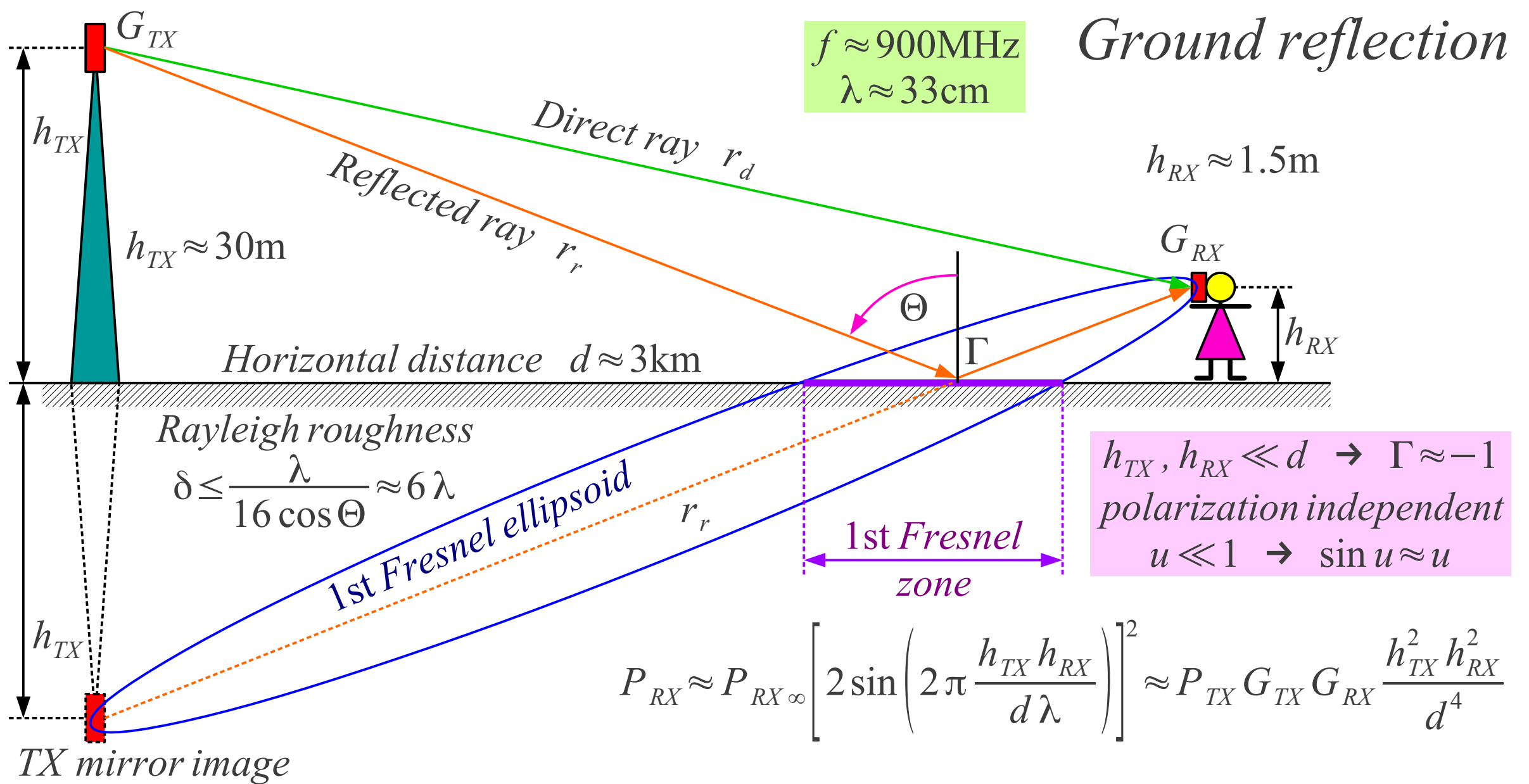
$x, y \ll d_{TX}, d_{RX}$
 $\cos \Theta_{TX} \approx 1$
 $\cos \Theta_{RX} \approx 1$

$$a_{dB} = 20 \log_{10} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left| \int_{\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\rho_1} h}^\infty e^{-ju^2} du \right|$$

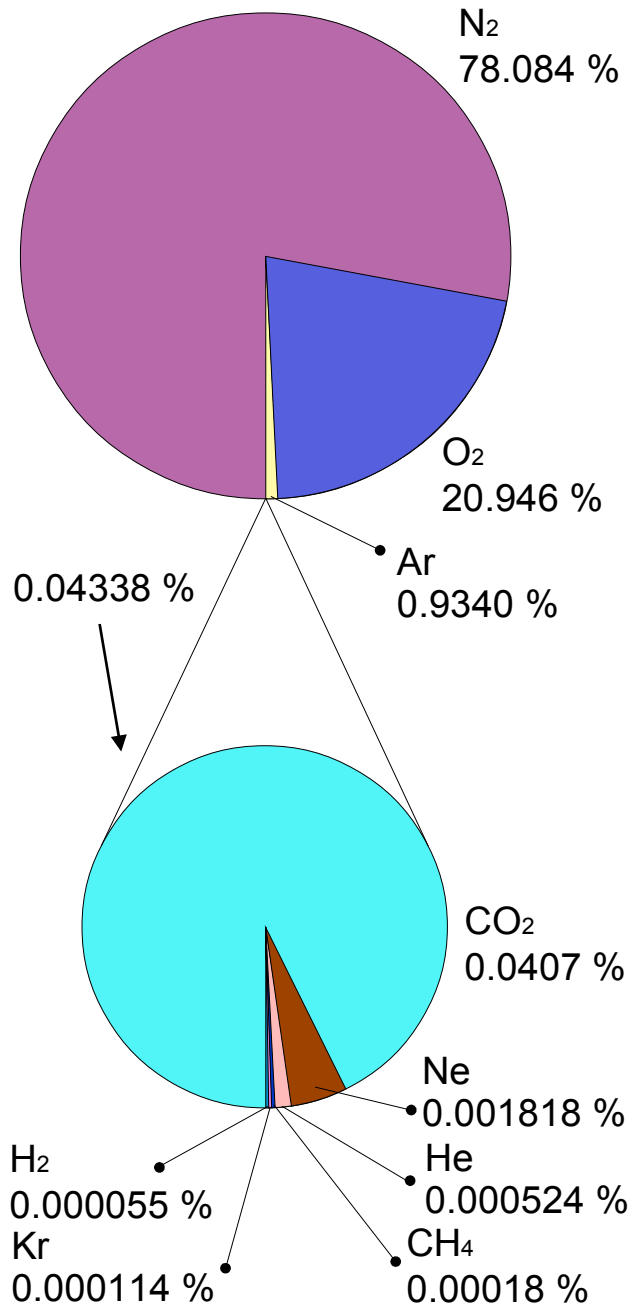
Approximation $h \geq \rho_1$

$$a_{dB} \approx -16 - 20 \log_{10} \frac{h}{\rho_1}$$

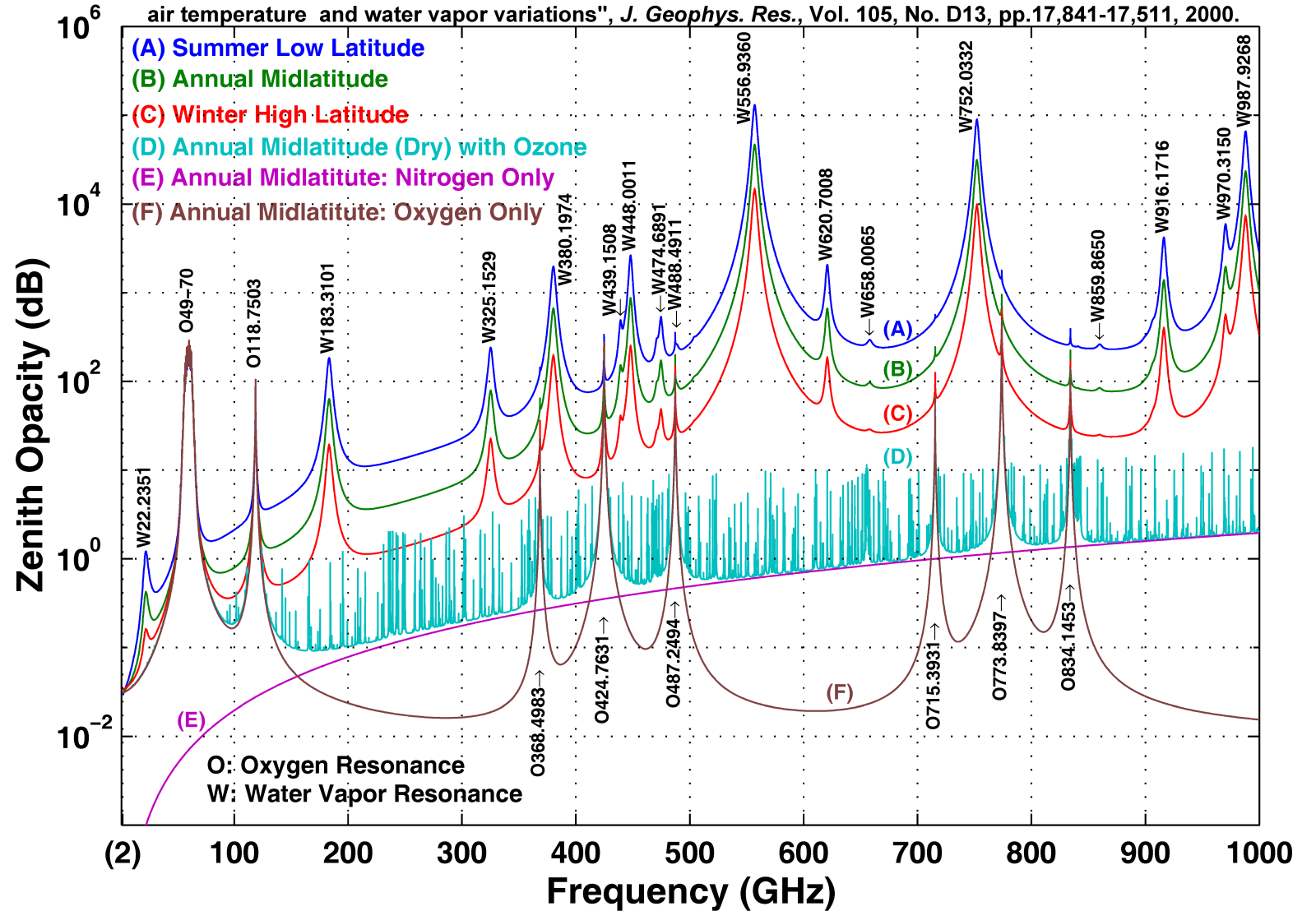




Atmospheric attenuation



Klein, M., A.J. Gasiewski: "Nadir sensitivity of passive millimeter and submillimeter wave channels to clear air temperature and water vapor variations", *J. Geophys. Res.*, Vol. 105, No. D13, pp.17,841-17,511, 2000.



*Drawing
not to scale*

Warm air \rightarrow low n

*Additional
attenuation*

Interference

Refraction

Refraction

*Total
reflection*

*Fog
high n*

*Cold
air*

Sea level

Temperature inversion

