

A large satellite dish antenna is mounted on a tall metal tower. The background is a sunset sky with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The dish is a complex structure of metal panels and supports, pointing towards the sky.

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Color legend

New formulas, important considerations,
important formulas, important concepts

Very important for the discussion

Memo

Mathematical tools to be exploited

Mathematics

Antenna Parameters

Parameters of the Tx Antenna

Parameters of the Rx Antenna

Parameters of the Tx Antenna

- Effective length
 - Radiation pattern
 - Radiation pattern lobes
 - Beamwidth
- Directivity
- Gain
- Radiation Resistance
- Equivalent circuit of the tx antenna
- Input Impedance and Input Resistance



Effective Length

$$r \gg D$$

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

$$r \gg \lambda$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) = \mathbf{E}(r, \vartheta, \varphi) = \frac{j\zeta I e^{-j\beta r}}{2\lambda r} \mathbf{l}(\vartheta, \varphi)$$

$$\zeta \mathbf{H}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) = \hat{i}_r \times \mathbf{E}(\vec{\mathbf{r}})$$

$$\mathbf{l}(\vartheta, \varphi) = l_\vartheta(\vartheta, \varphi) \hat{i}_\vartheta + l_\varphi(\vartheta, \varphi) \hat{i}_\varphi$$

$$\vec{\mathbf{S}} = \frac{1}{2\zeta} |\vec{\mathbf{E}}|^2 \hat{i}_r = \frac{\zeta}{2} |\vec{\mathbf{H}}|^2 \hat{i}_r$$

$$\mathbf{l}(\vartheta, \varphi) = l_\vartheta(\vartheta, \varphi) \hat{i}_\vartheta + l_\varphi(\vartheta, \varphi) \hat{i}_\varphi \quad \text{effective length of the antenna}$$

Antenna Parameters

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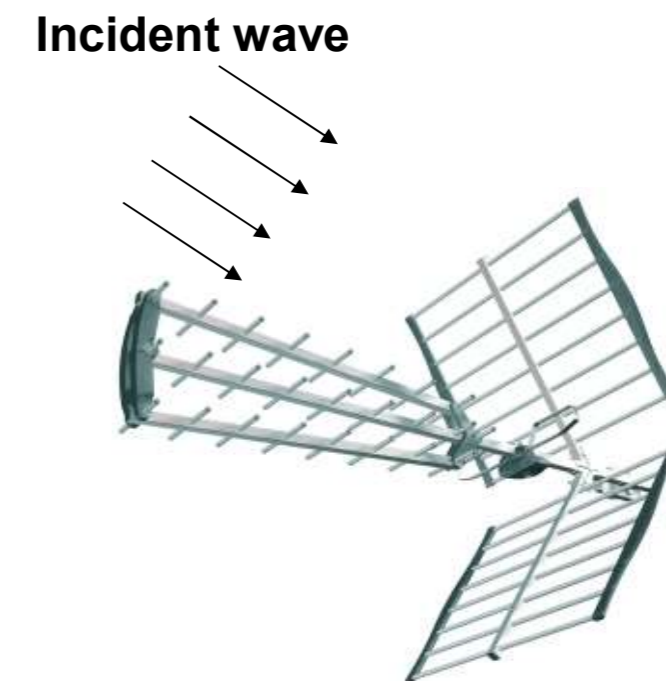
Receiving mode

When an antenna is operating as a receiving antenna, it extracts a certain amount of power from an incident electromagnetic wave.

Since an incident wave comes from a far distance may be thought of as a uniform (local) plane wave being intercepted by the antenna.

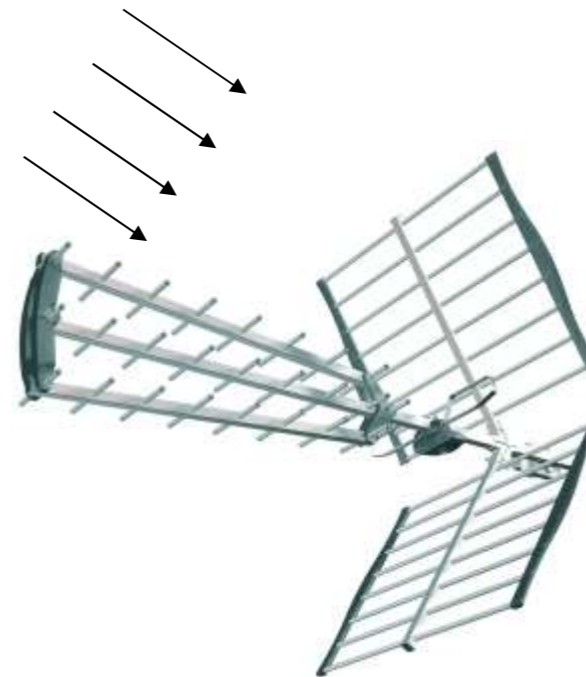
The use of the antenna in the receiving mode is shown in Figure.

The incident wave impinges upon the antenna, and it induces a voltage V_0 at the input terminals .



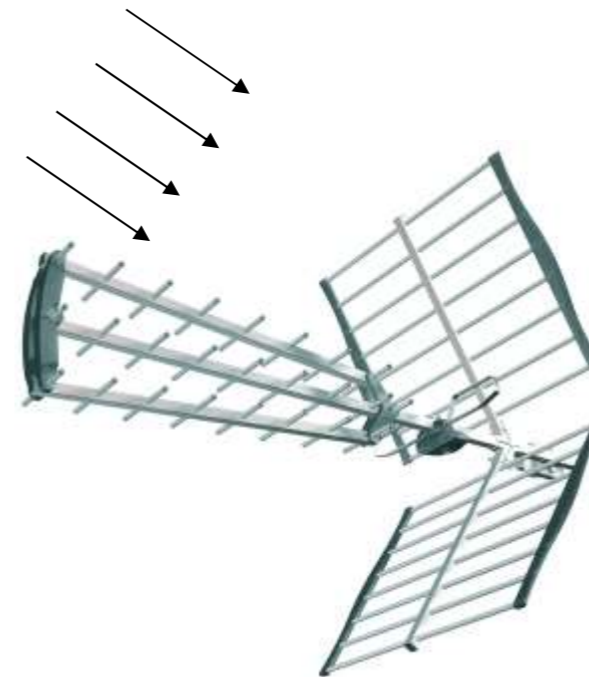
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Rx effective length

Tx effective length $\mathbf{l}(\vartheta, \varphi) = l_\vartheta(\vartheta, \varphi) \hat{i}_\vartheta + l_\varphi(\vartheta, \varphi) \hat{i}_\varphi$

Elementary electrical dipole $\mathbf{l}(\vartheta, \varphi) = \Delta z \sin \vartheta \hat{i}_\vartheta$

Small loop antenna $\mathbf{l}(\vartheta, \varphi) = -j\beta \Delta S \sin \vartheta \hat{i}_\varphi$

Fraunhofer region $\mathbf{E}(r, \vartheta, \varphi) = \frac{j\zeta I e^{-j\beta r}}{2\lambda r} \mathbf{l}(\vartheta, \varphi)$

It can be shown that **for an elementary electrical dipole or for a small loop antenna**, the following property is valid:

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\mathbf{l} is the tx antenna effective length

\mathbf{E}_i is the incident, locally plane, field

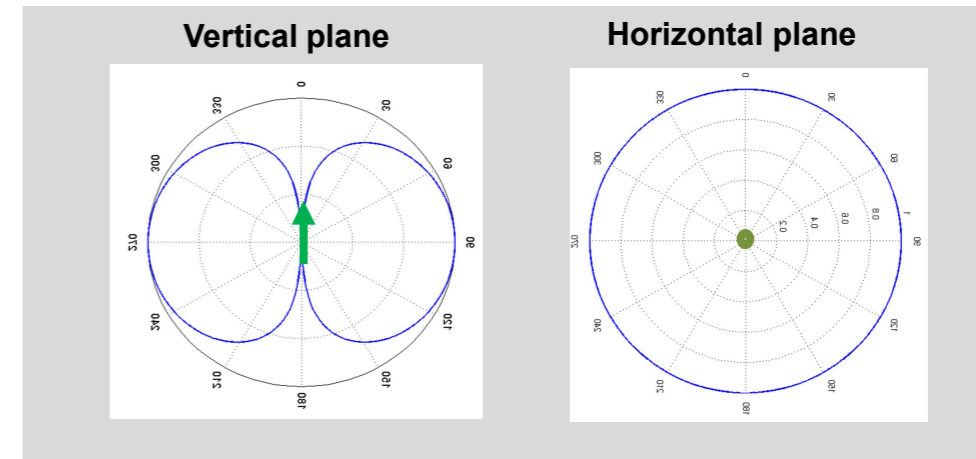
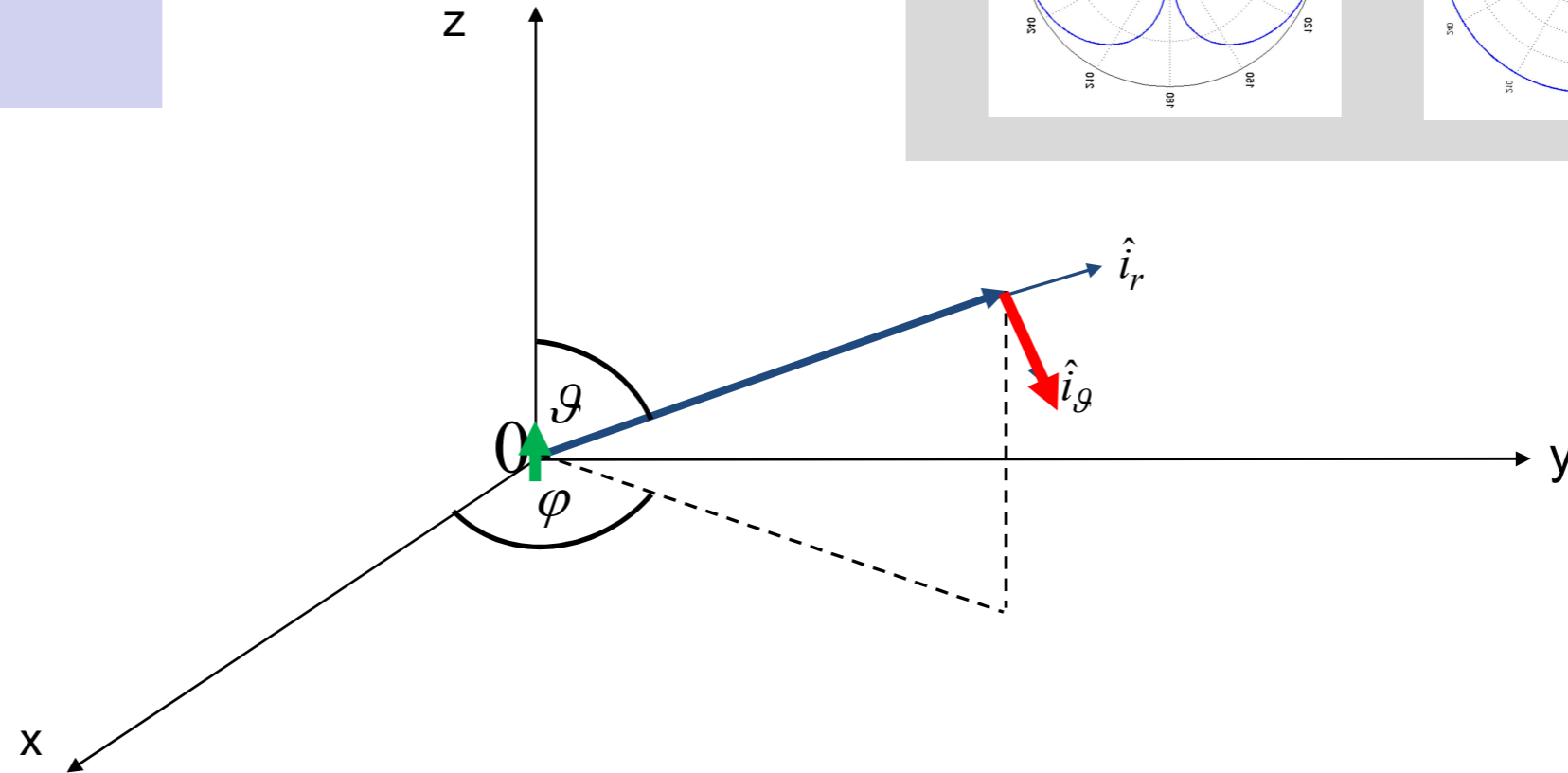
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Rx effective length

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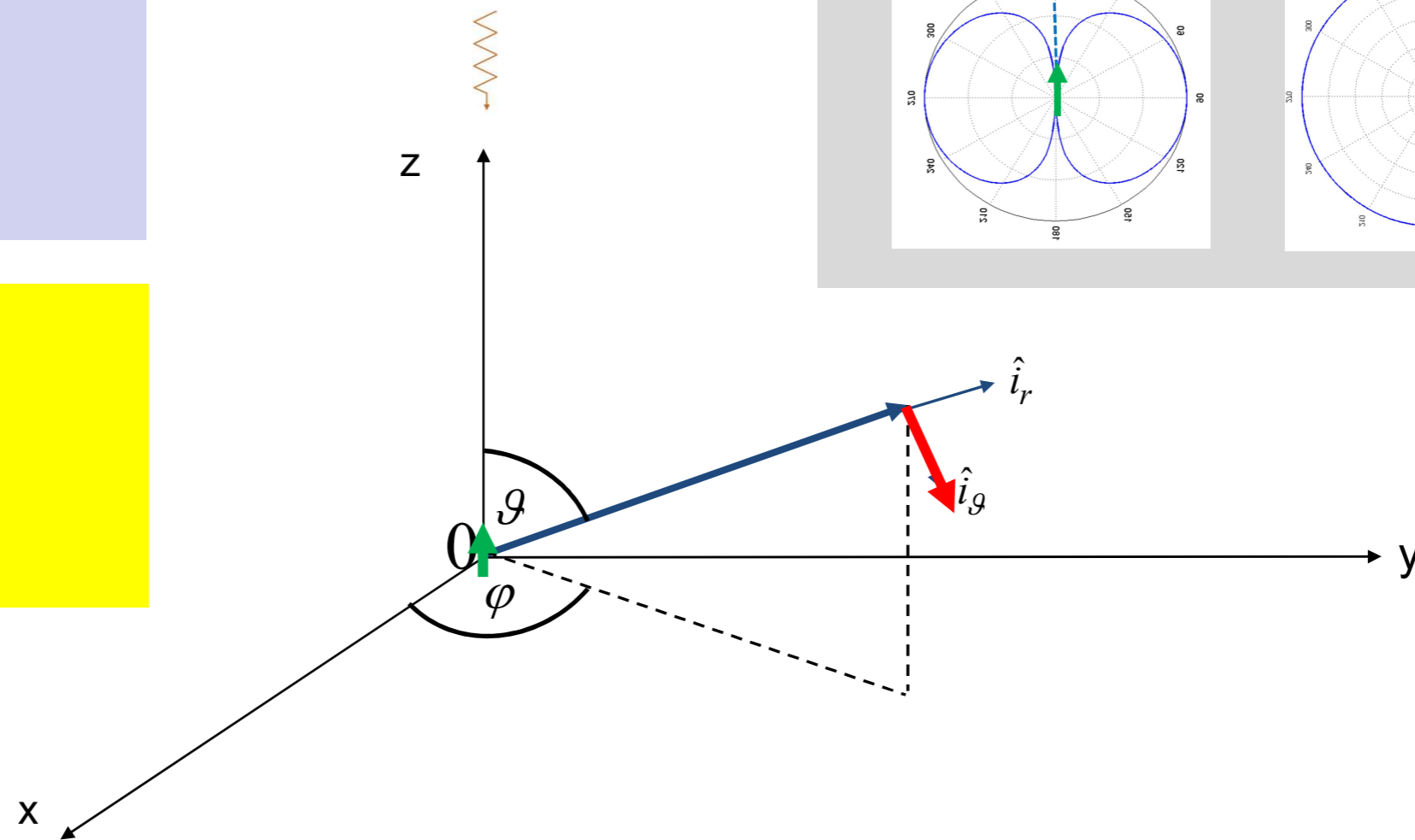
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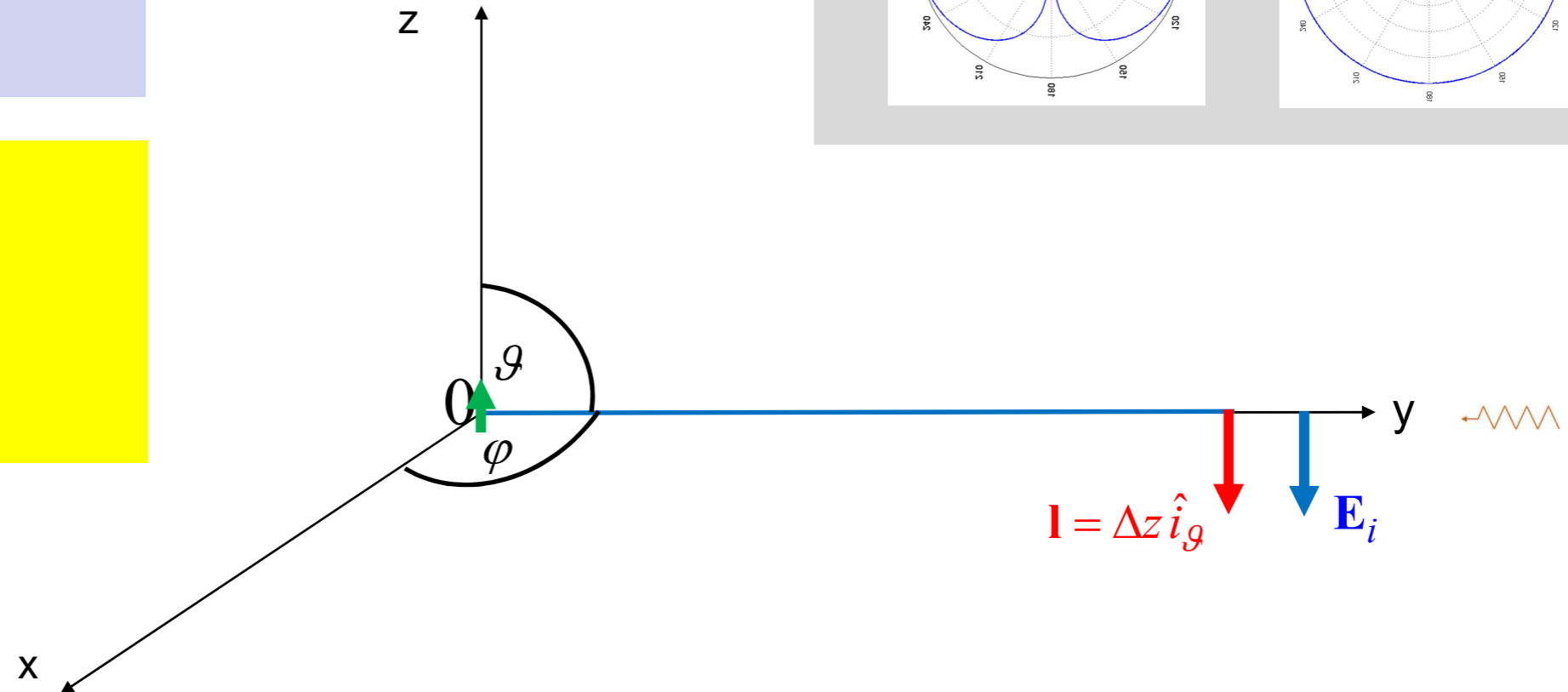
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Rx effective length

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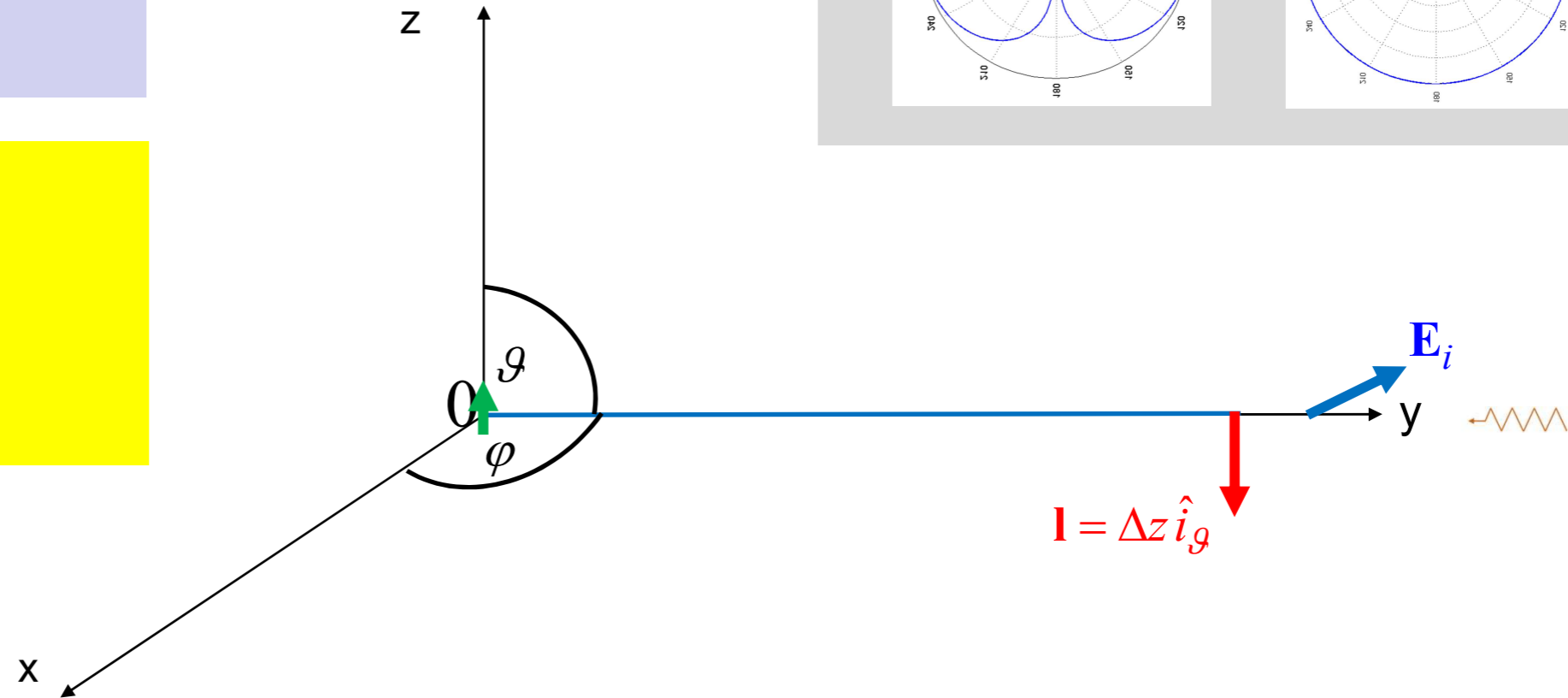
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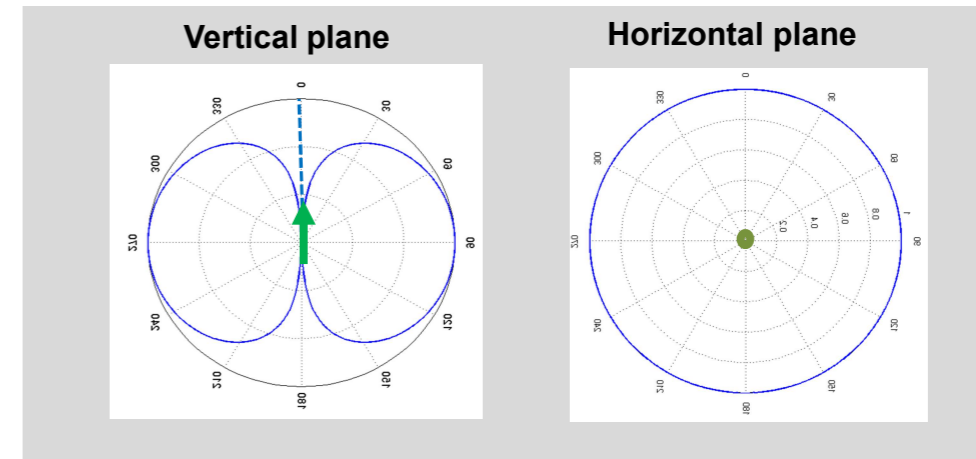
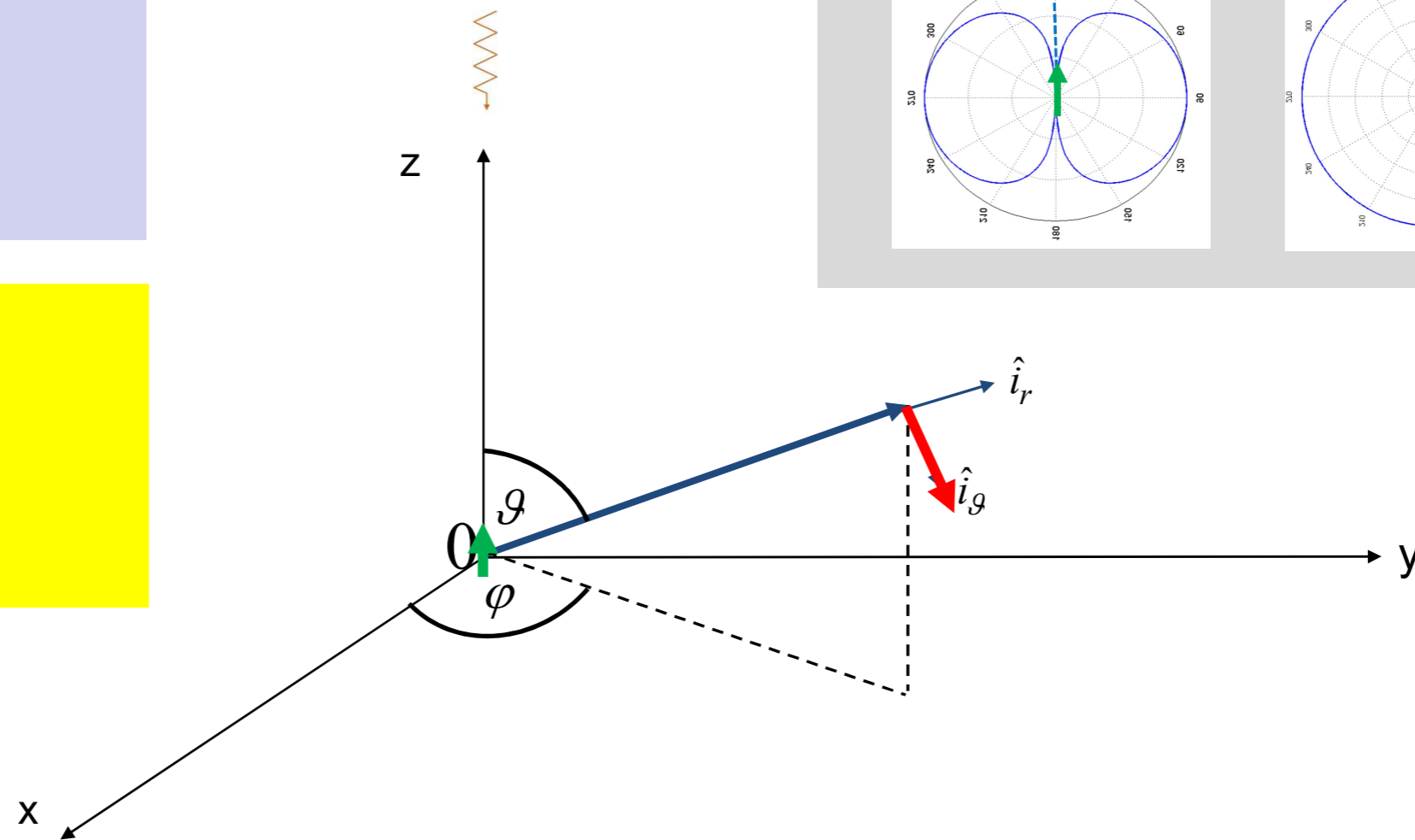
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Interestingly, this result can be extended to ALL the antennas by applying the **RECIPROCITY THEOREM**

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Rx effective length

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$\mathbf{l}(\vartheta, \varphi) = l_\vartheta(\vartheta, \varphi)\hat{i}_\vartheta + l_\varphi(\vartheta, \varphi)\hat{i}_\varphi$ can be referred to as receiving effective length of the antenna (and not only transmitting effective length)

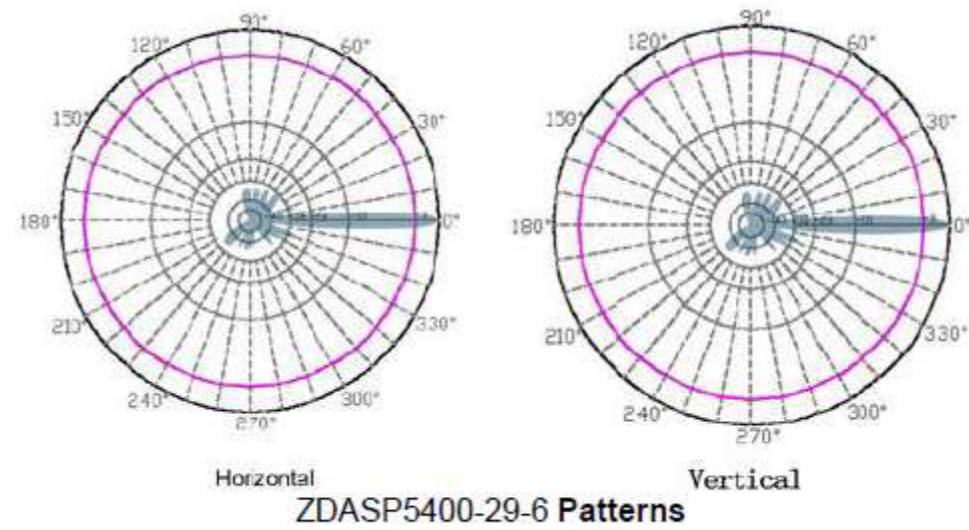
Note that this means that the behavior of an antenna when transmitting and when receiving are related.

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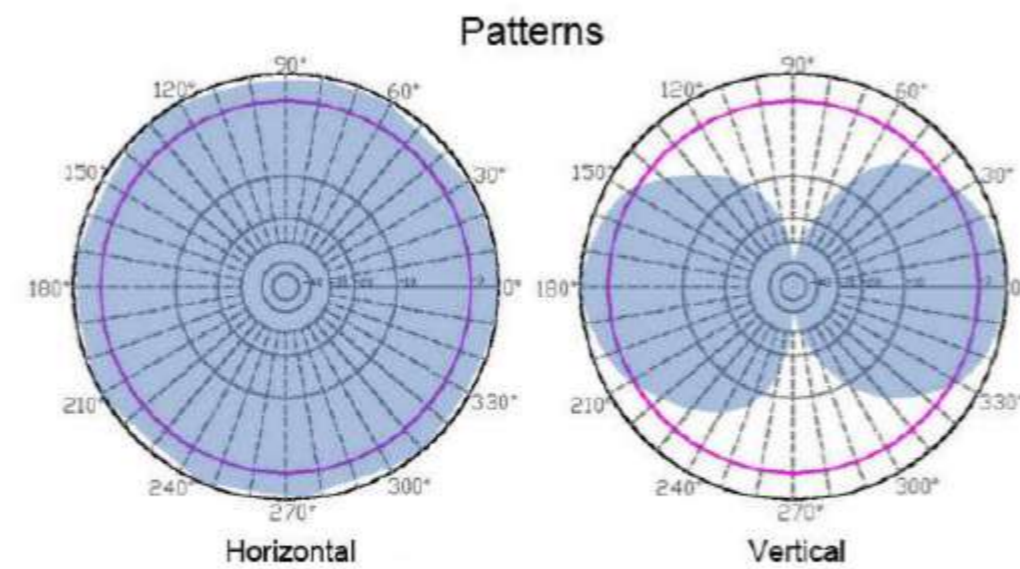
three examples from the real life



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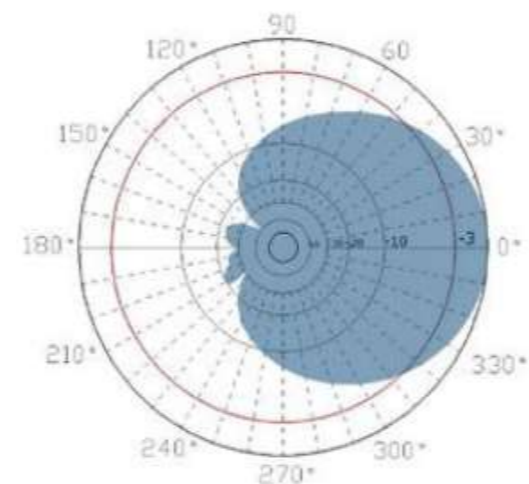


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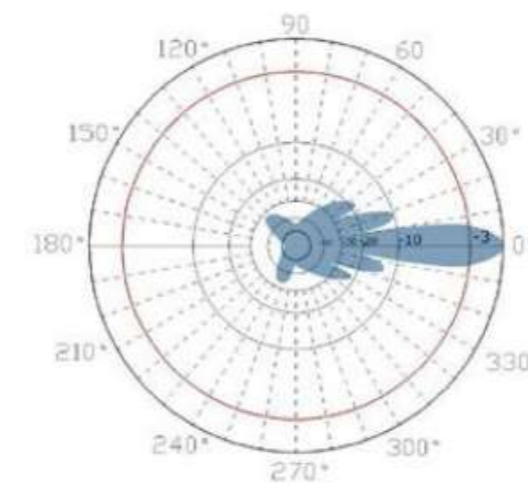


ZDAEW1900-3 Patterns

Rx effective length



Horizontal

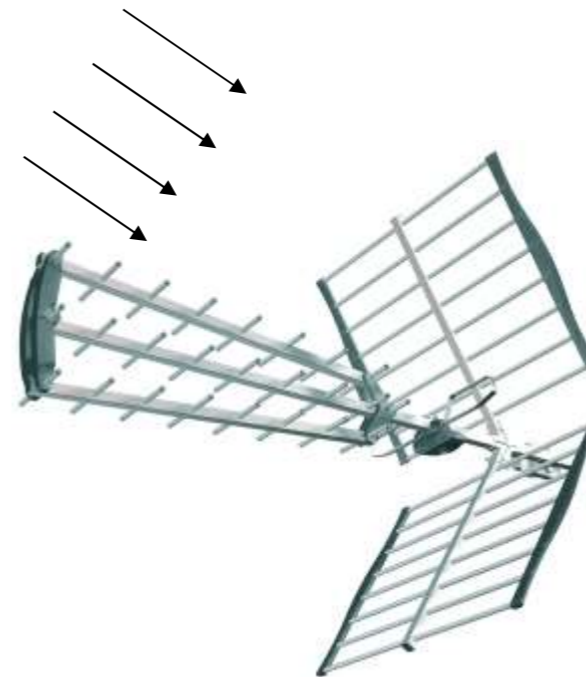


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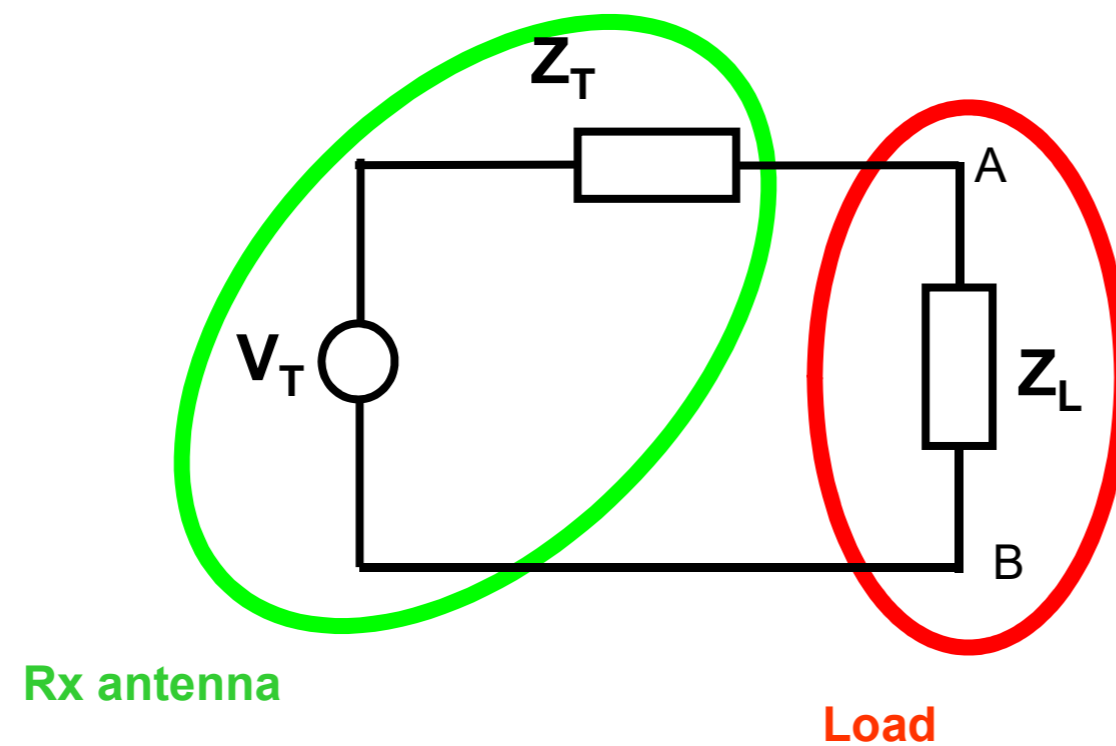
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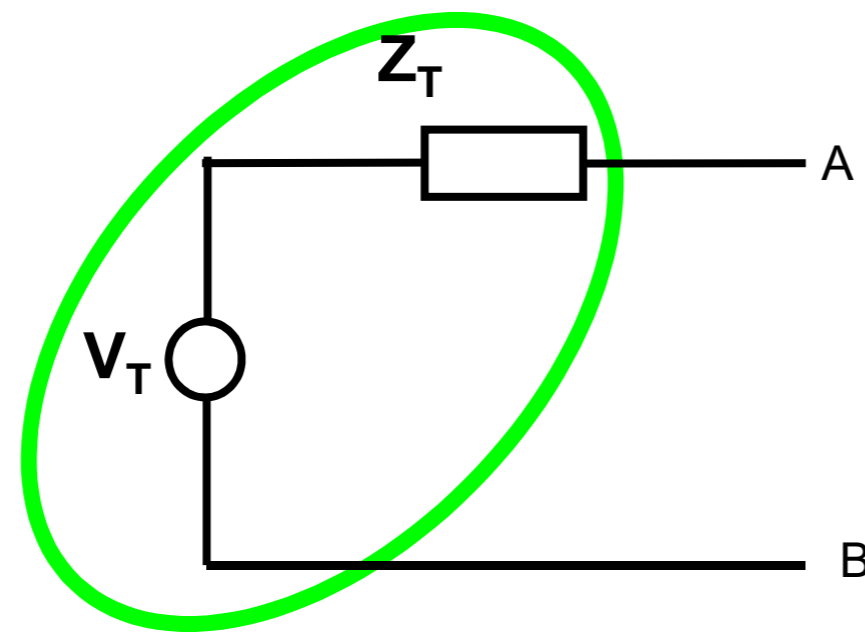
Equivalent circuit of the Rx antenna



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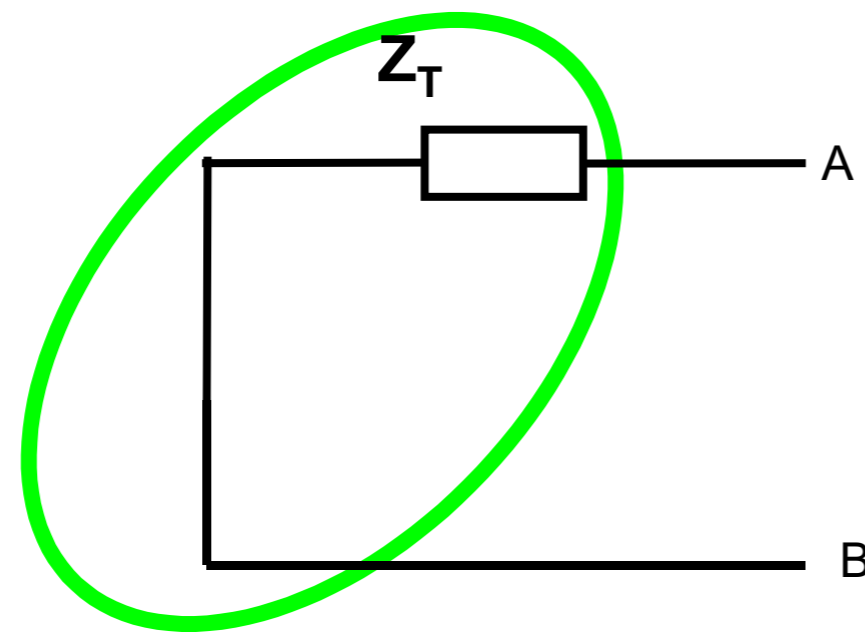
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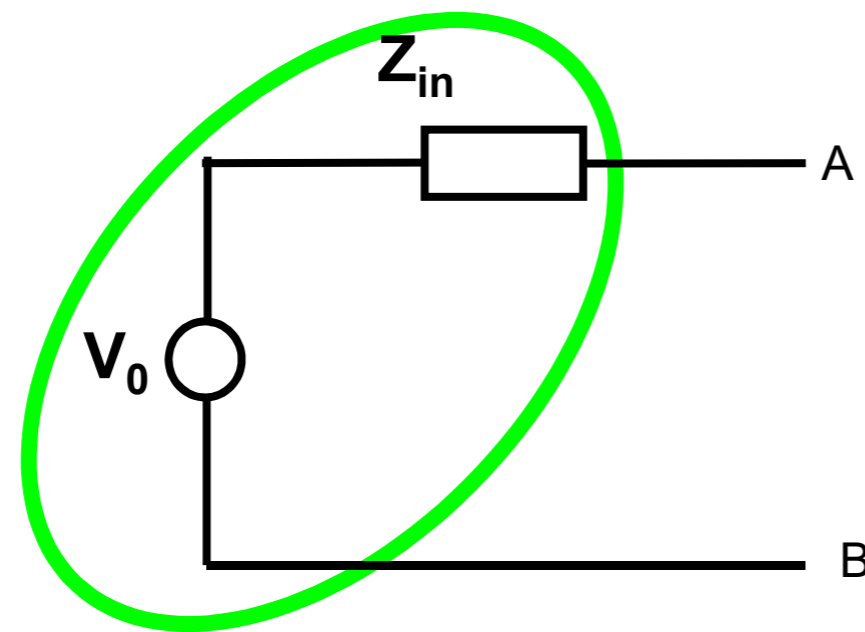
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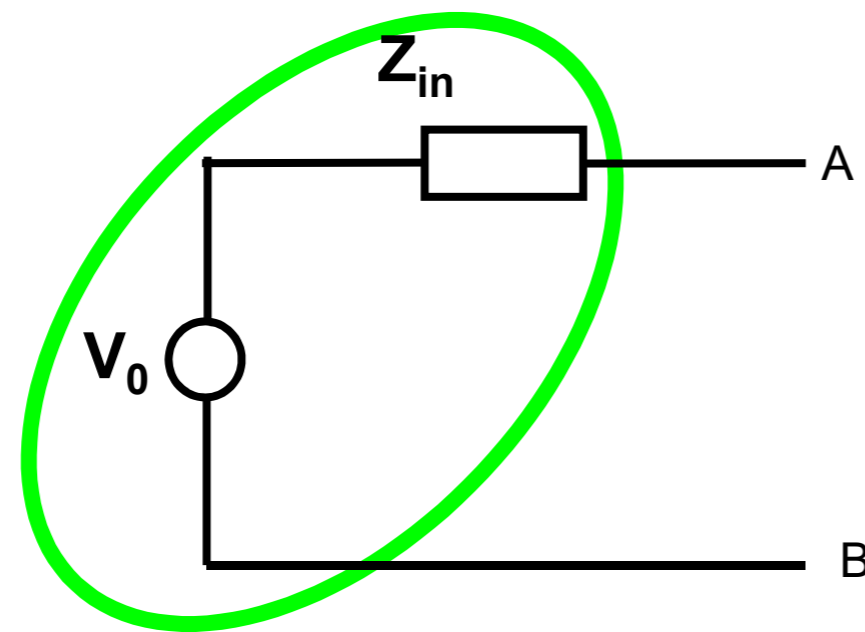
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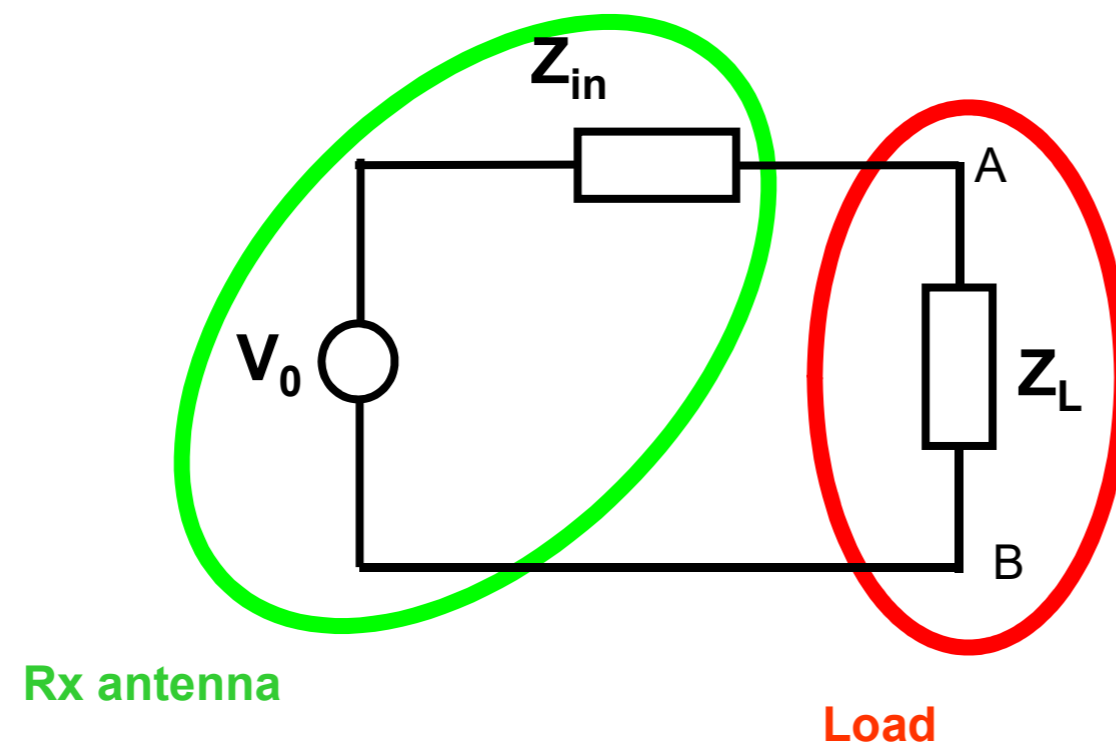
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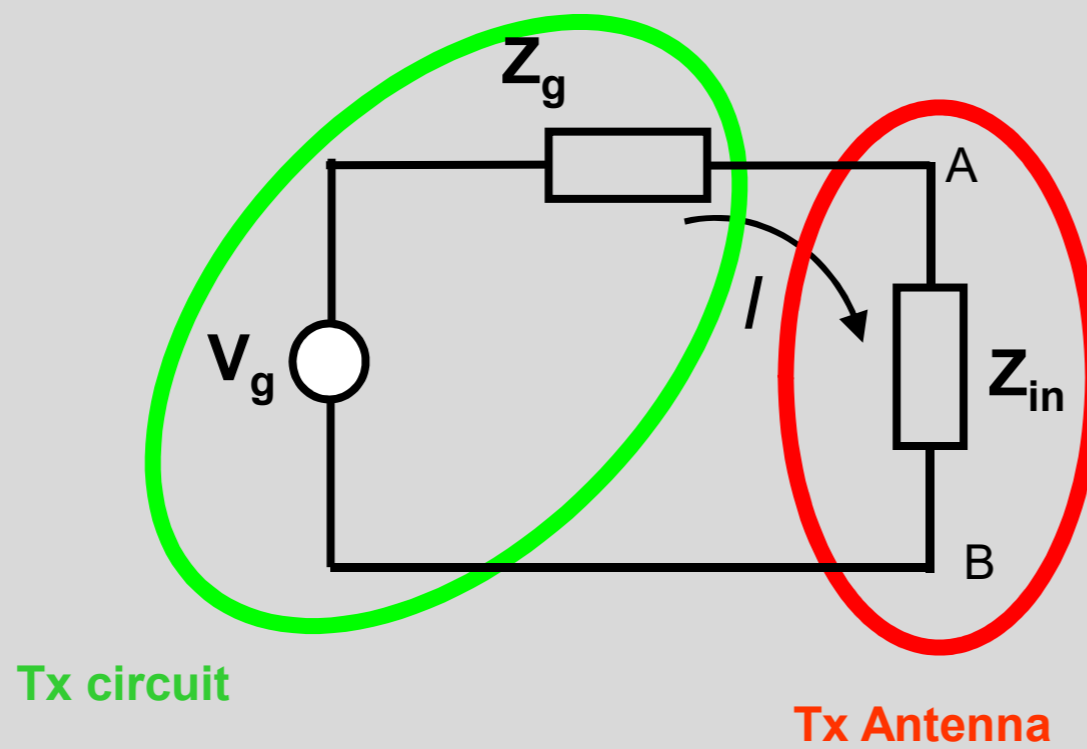
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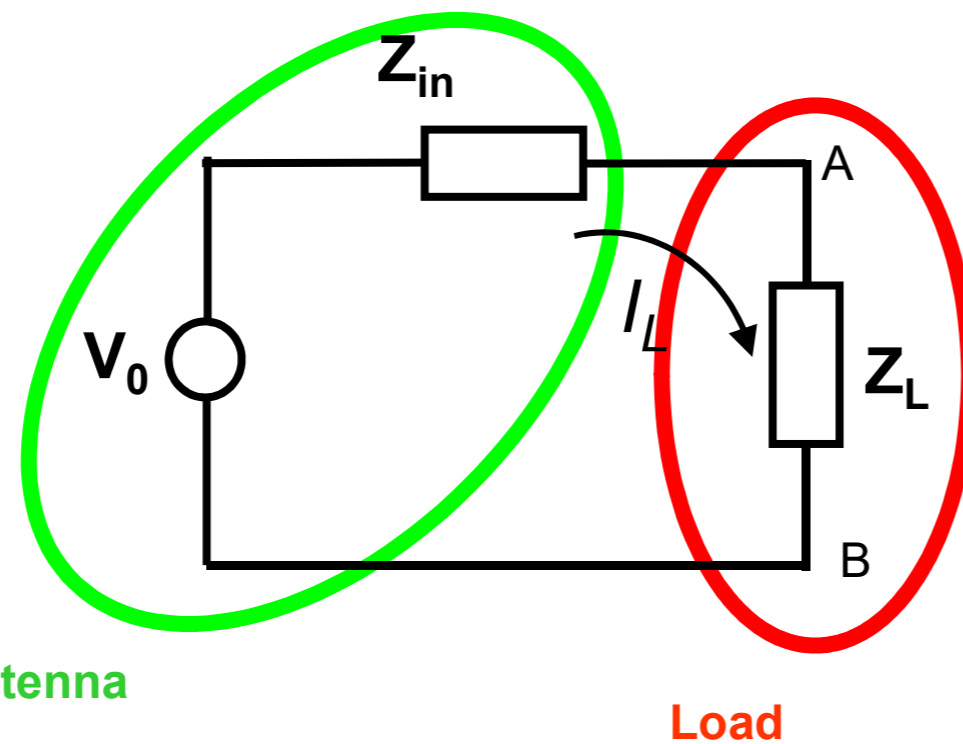
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Equivalent circuit of the Tx antenna



$$Z_{in} = R_{in} + jX_{in}$$
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Equivalent circuit of the Rx antenna



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$$V_0 = (Z_{in} + Z_L)I_L \Rightarrow |I_L|^2 = \frac{|V_0|^2}{|Z_{in} + Z_L|^2}$$

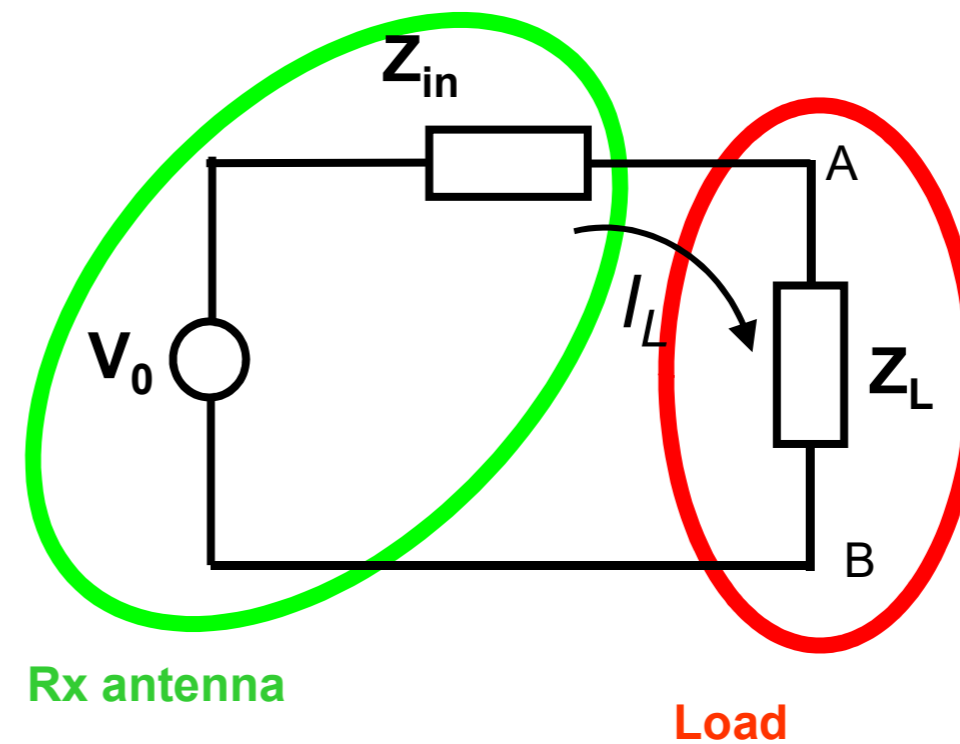
$$P_L = \frac{1}{2} R_L |I_L|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{R_L}{|Z_{in} + Z_L|^2} |V_0|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{R_L}{|Z_{in} + Z_L|^2} |\mathbf{E}_i \cdot \mathbf{l}|^2$$

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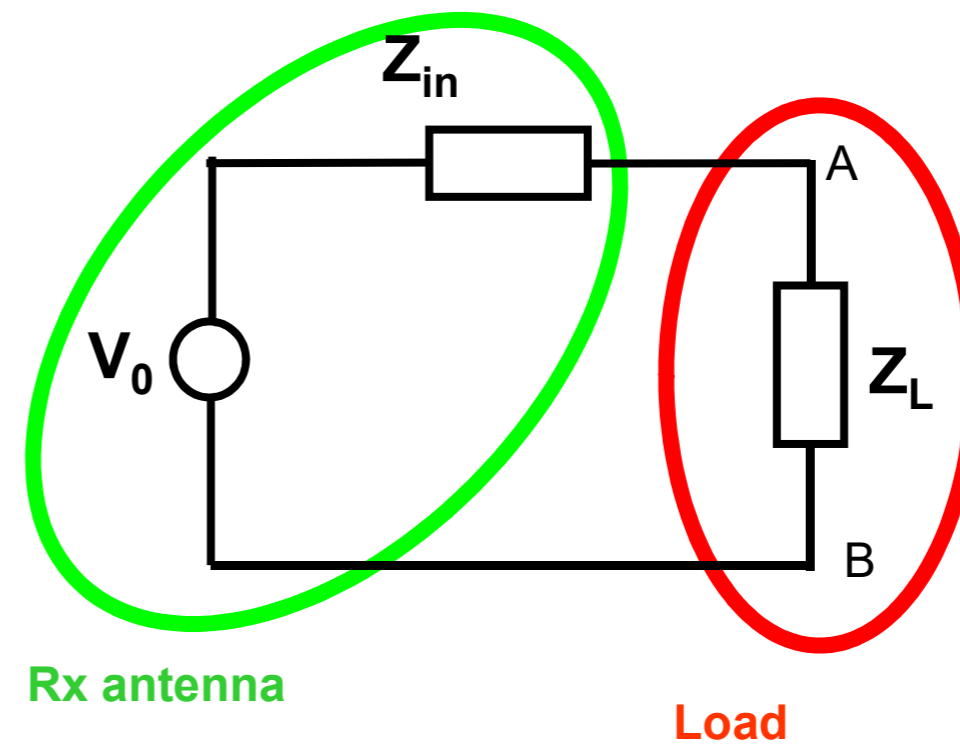


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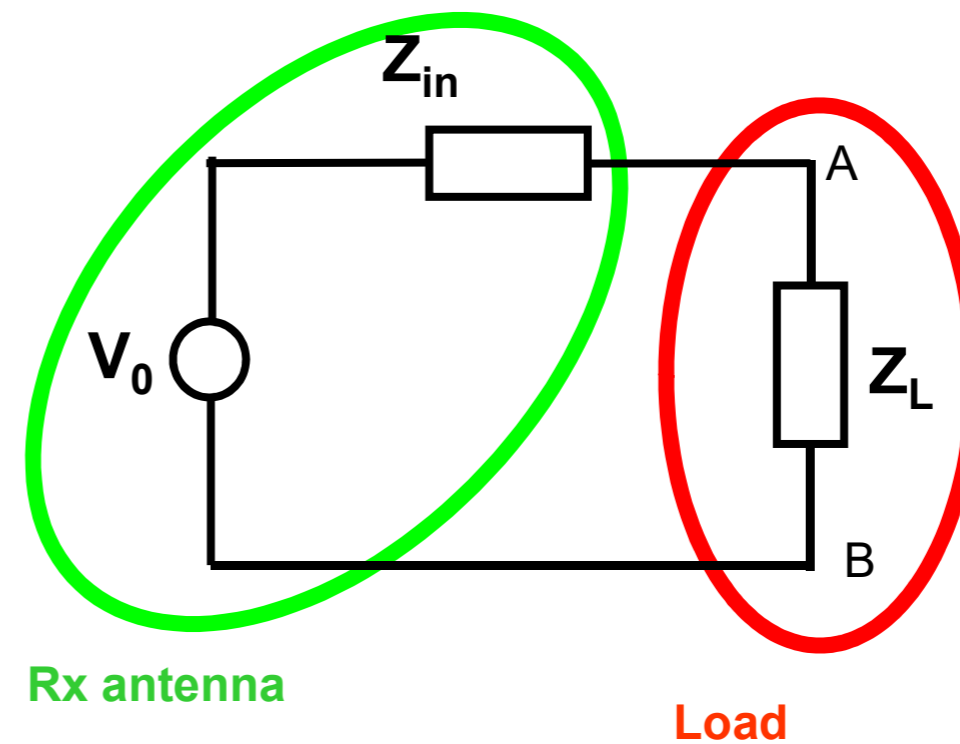
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2) Power matching

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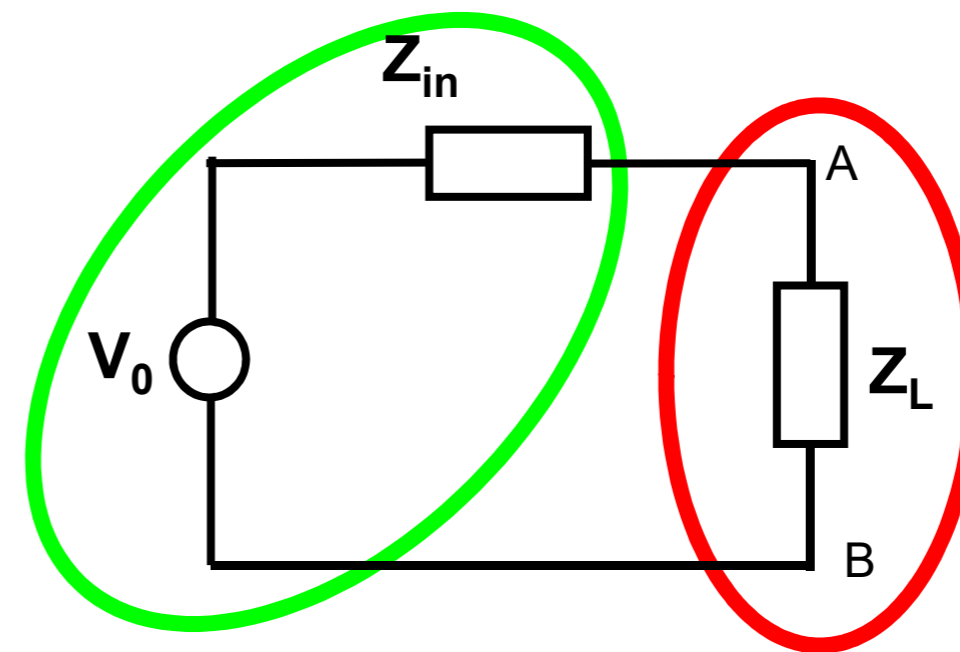
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Rx antenna

Load

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$$\Rightarrow P_{Lmax} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4R_{in}} |\mathbf{E}_i|^2 |\mathbf{l}|^2 = \frac{\zeta}{\zeta} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4R_{in}} |\mathbf{E}_i|^2 |\mathbf{l}|^2$$

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Effective Area
 $A_{eff}(\vartheta, \varphi)$

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Effective area

In general, the aperture of an antenna is not directly related to its physical size.

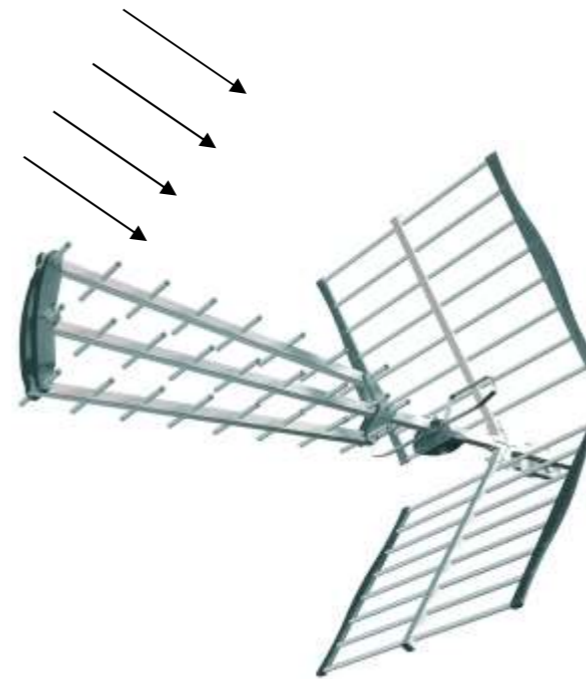
However some types of antennas, for example parabolic dishes and horns, have a physical aperture (opening) which collects the radio waves. In these aperture antennas, the physical aperture A_{phys}

Provides a good approximation of the effective area A .

In any case, the effective aperture A is always less than the area of the antenna's physical aperture A_{phys} .

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Gain and Effective Area

Gain

$$G(\vartheta, \varphi) = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \frac{|\mathbf{E}|^2}{\zeta}}{\frac{1}{4\pi r^2} P_{in}}$$

$$P_{in} = \frac{1}{2} R_{in} |I|^2$$

$$\mathbf{E}(r, \vartheta, \varphi) = \frac{j\zeta l}{2\lambda} \frac{e^{-j\beta r}}{r} \mathbf{I}(\vartheta, \varphi)$$

Effective Area

$$A_{eff}(\vartheta, \varphi) = \frac{\zeta |\mathbf{I}(\vartheta, \varphi)|^2}{4R_{in}}$$

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Effective Area

three examples from the real life



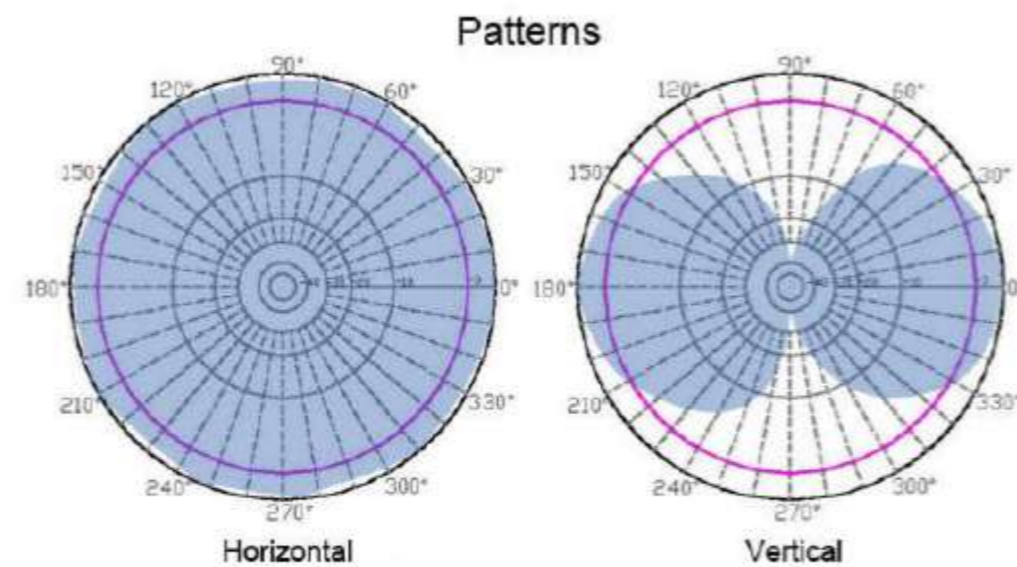
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(maximum) Gain = 3 dB

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ZDAEW1900-3 Patterns

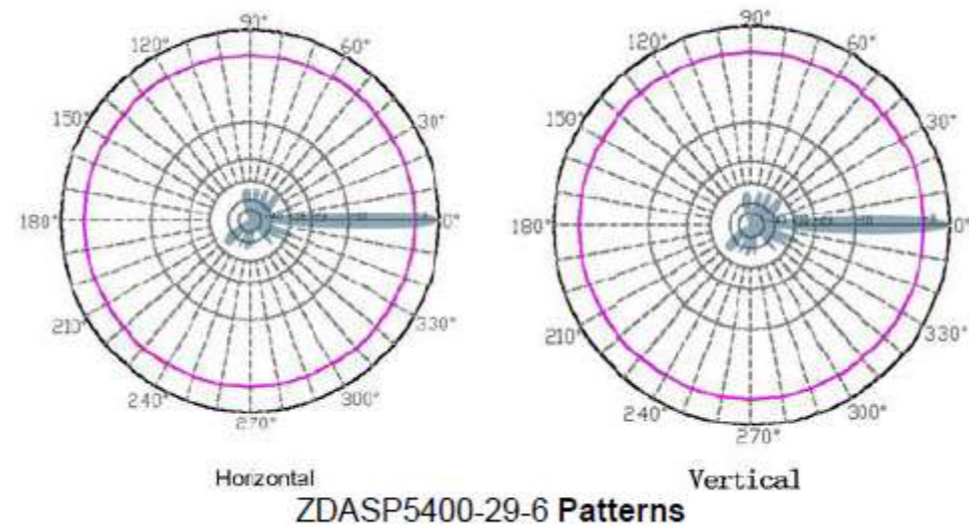
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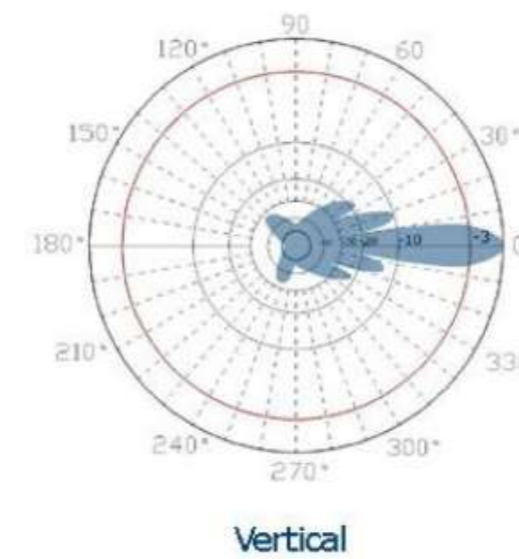
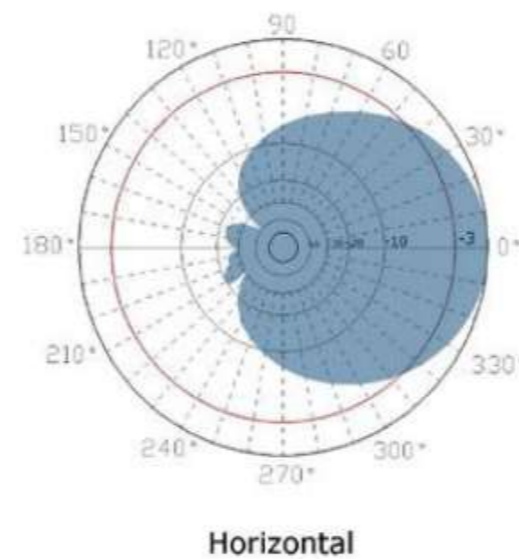
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(maximum) Gain = 13 dB

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ZDADJ800-13-90 Patterns

Equivalent circuit of the Rx antenna

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Maximum power transfer to the load is achieved when the two following conditions are simultaneously verified:

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$$\Rightarrow |\mathbf{E}_i \cdot \mathbf{l}| = |\mathbf{E}_i| |\mathbf{l}|$$

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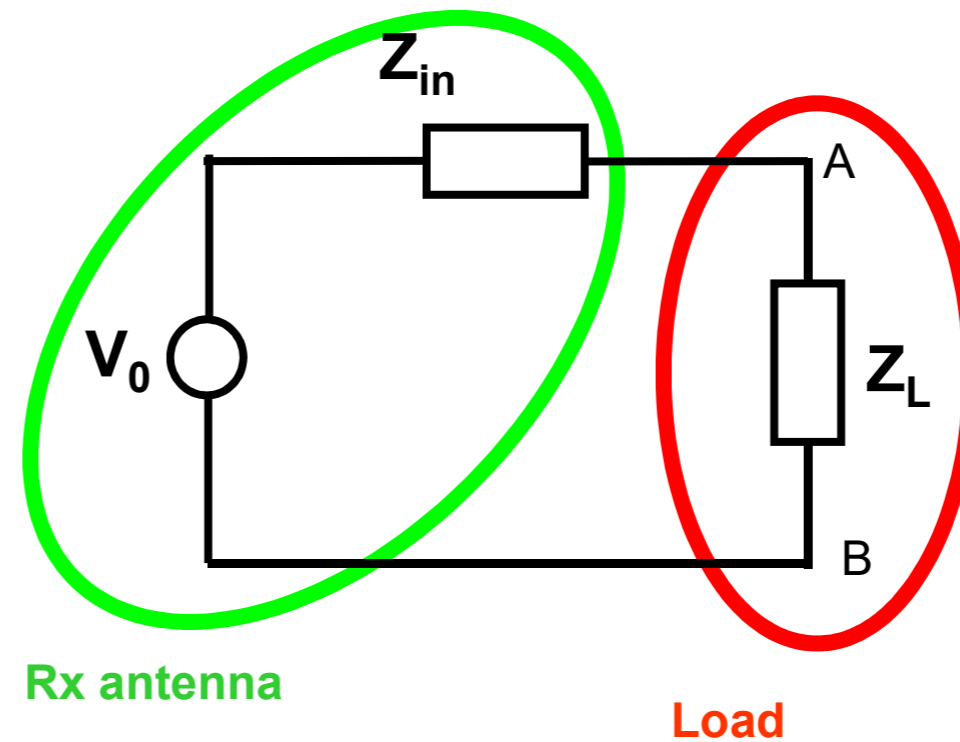
$$P_L = \frac{1}{2} \frac{R_L}{|Z_{in} + Z_L|^2} |\mathbf{E}_i \cdot \mathbf{l}|^2 = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \frac{|\mathbf{E}_i|^2 |\mathbf{l}|^2}{4R_{in}}}_{P_{Lmax}} \underbrace{\frac{|\mathbf{E}_i \cdot \mathbf{l}|^2}{|\mathbf{E}_i|^2 |\mathbf{l}|^2}}_{\eta_A} \underbrace{\frac{4R_{in} R_L}{|Z_{in} + Z_L|^2}}_{\eta_B}$$

$$P_L = \eta_A \eta_B P_{Lmax}$$

Equivalent circuit of the Rx antenna

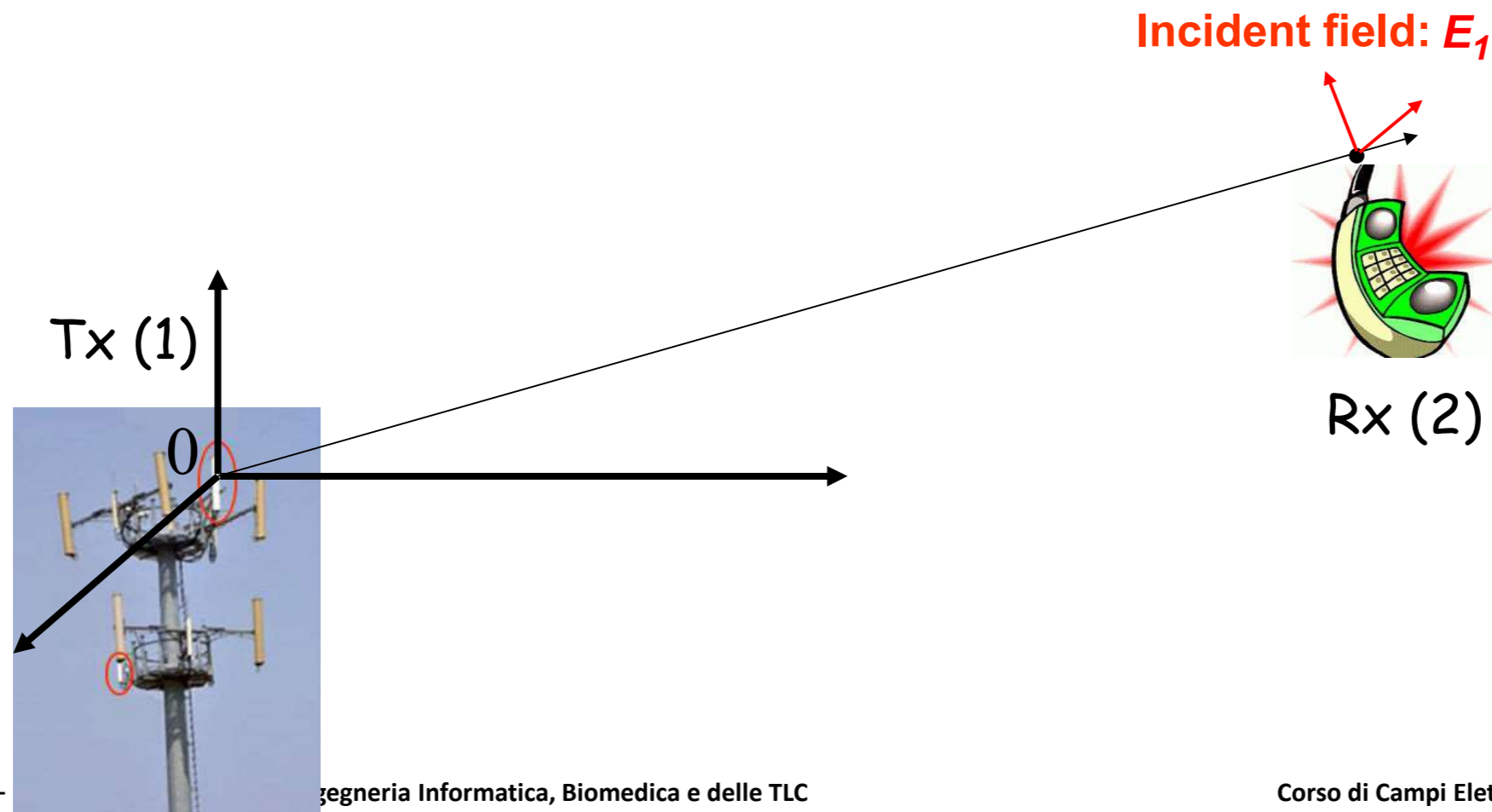
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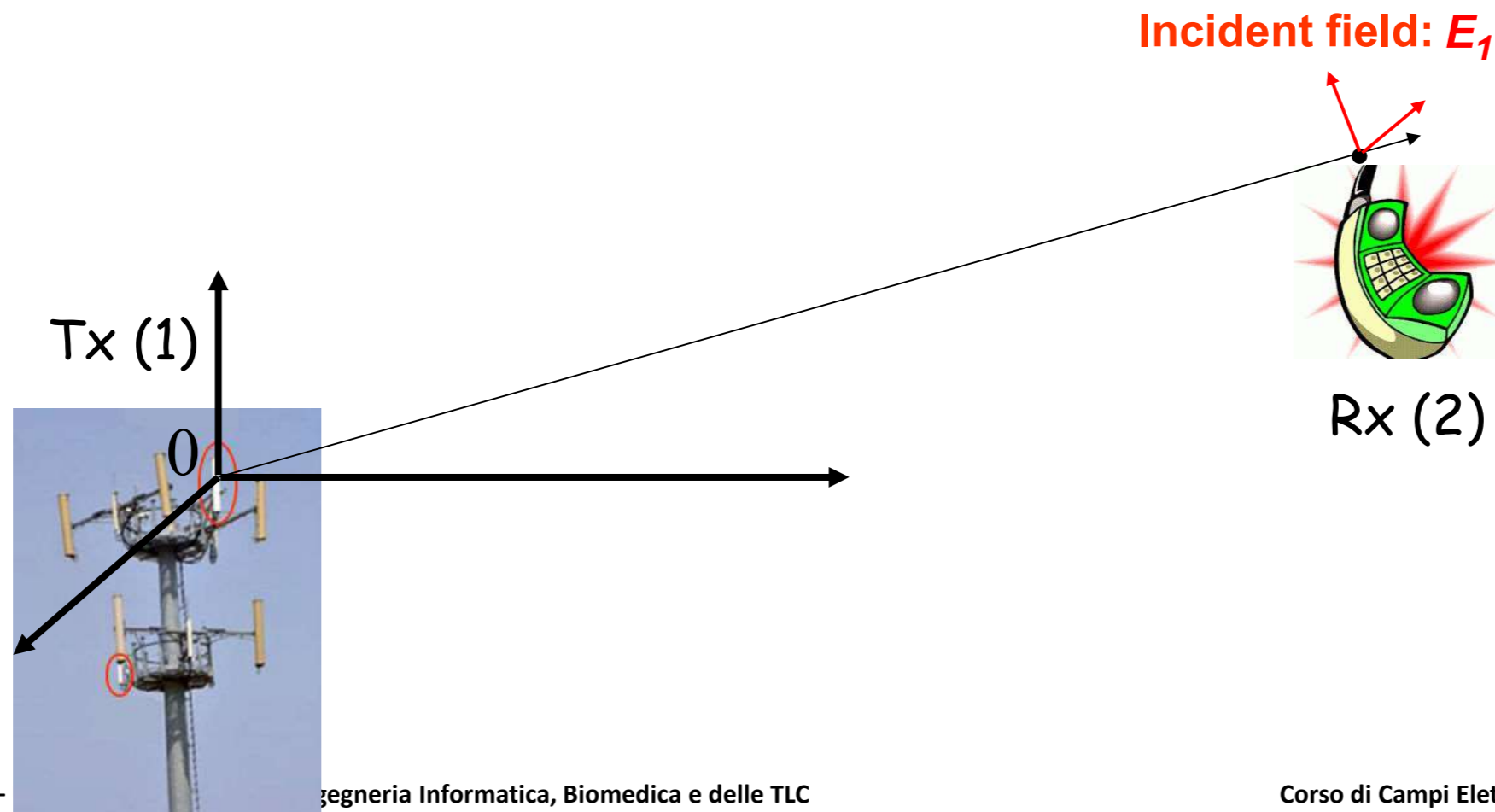
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Radio link equation



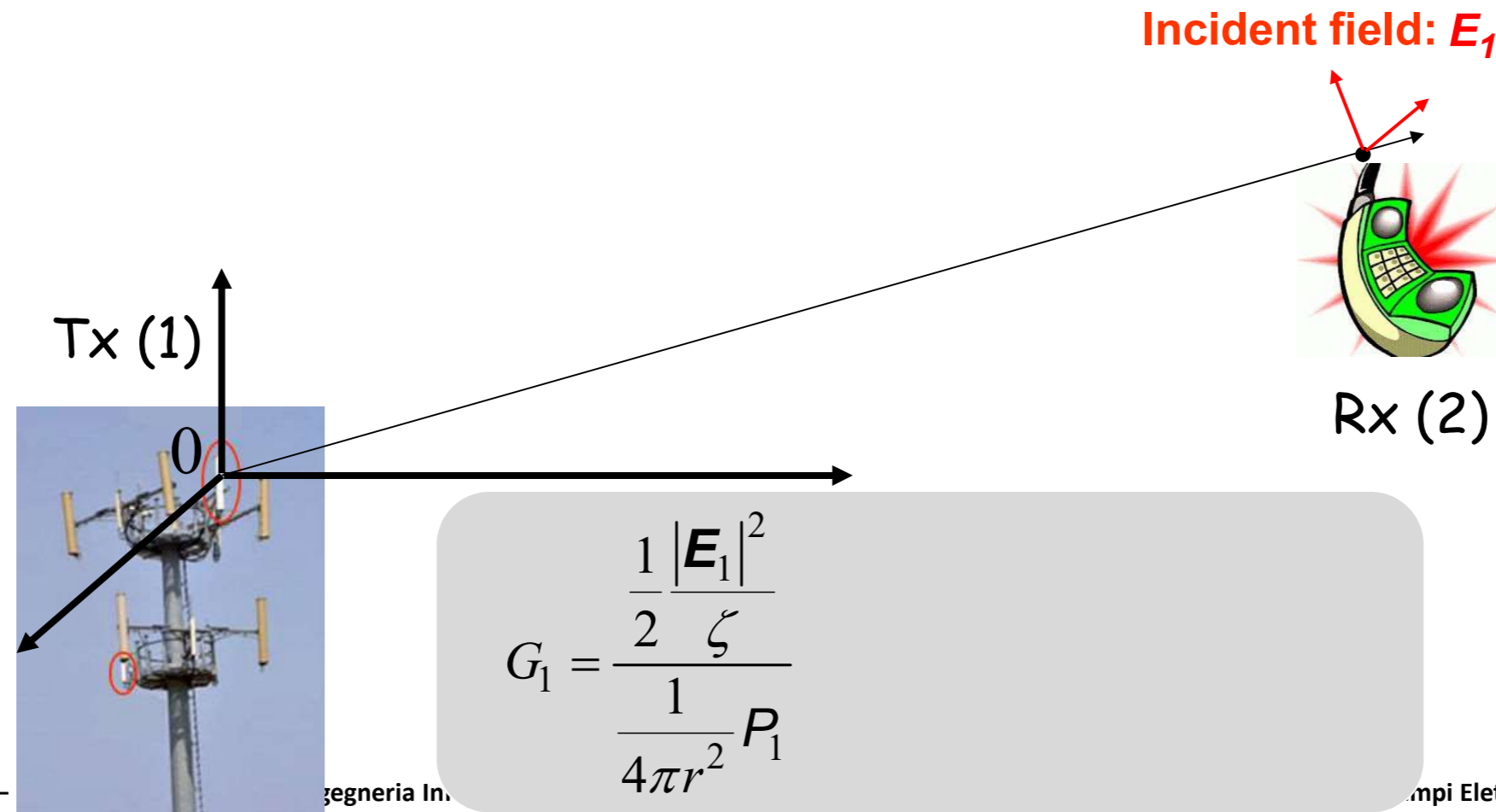
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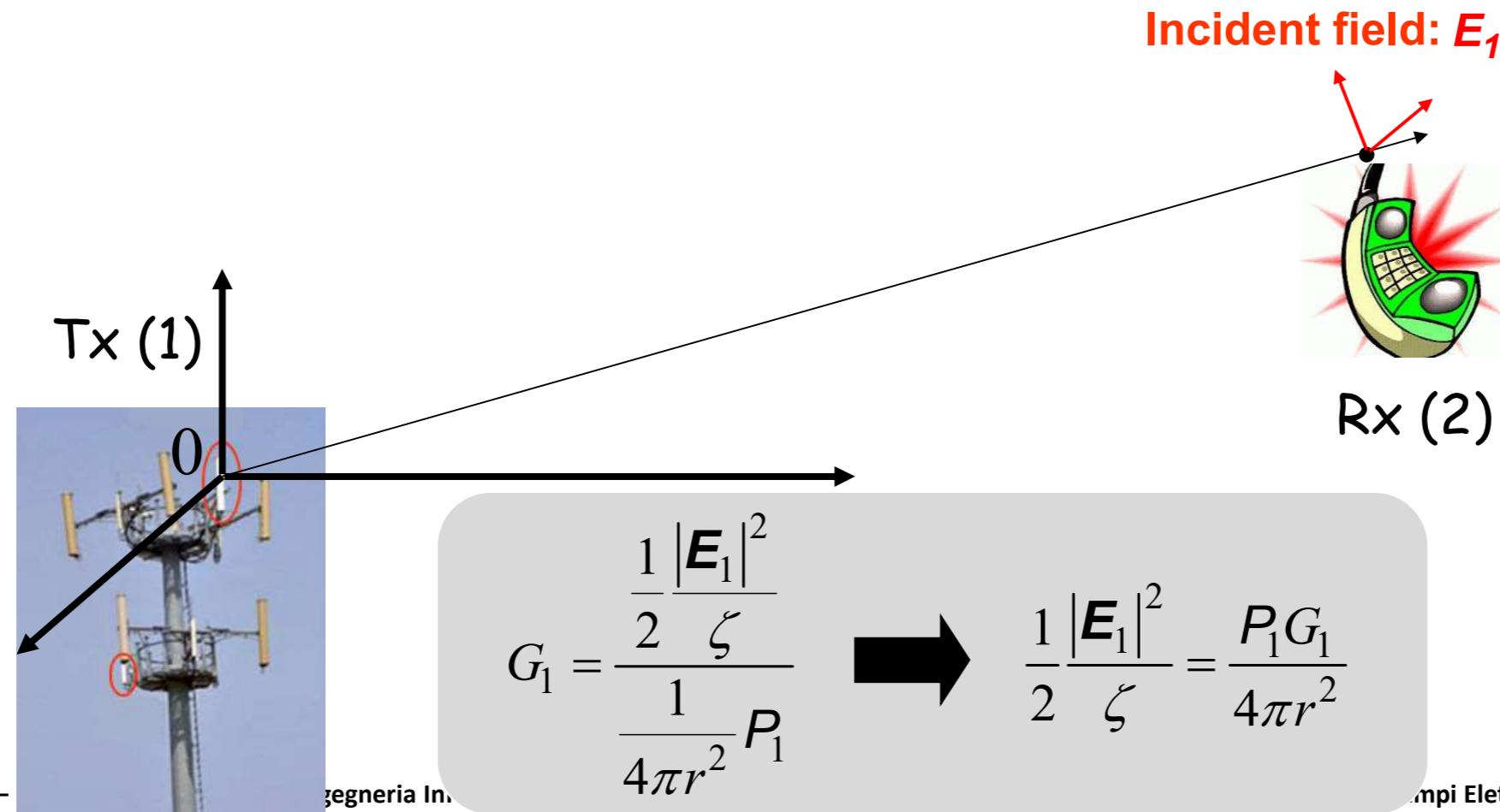
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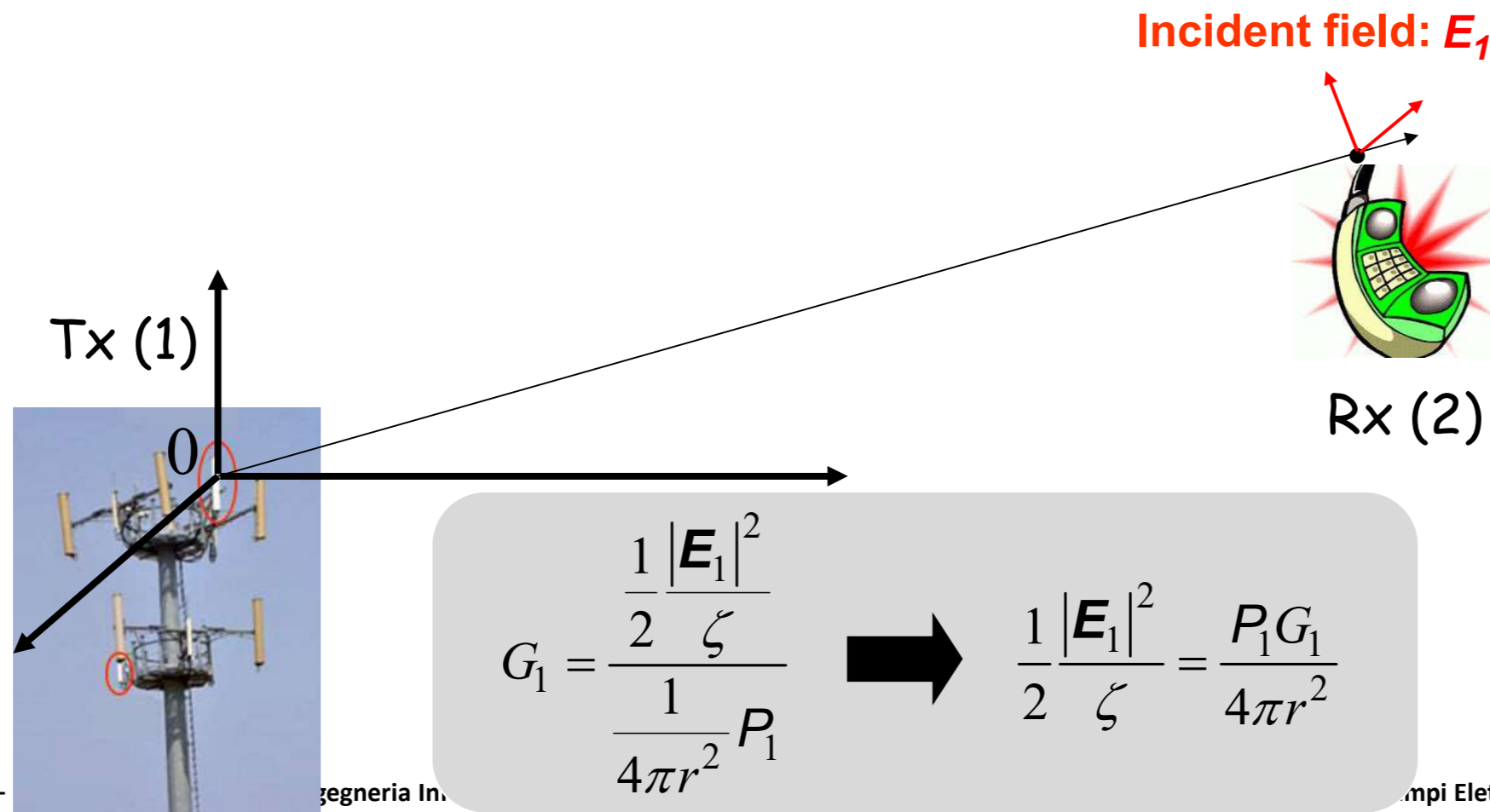
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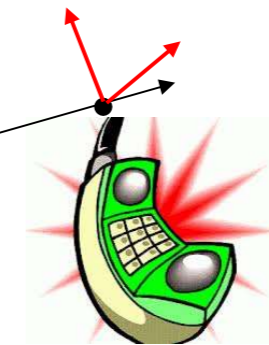


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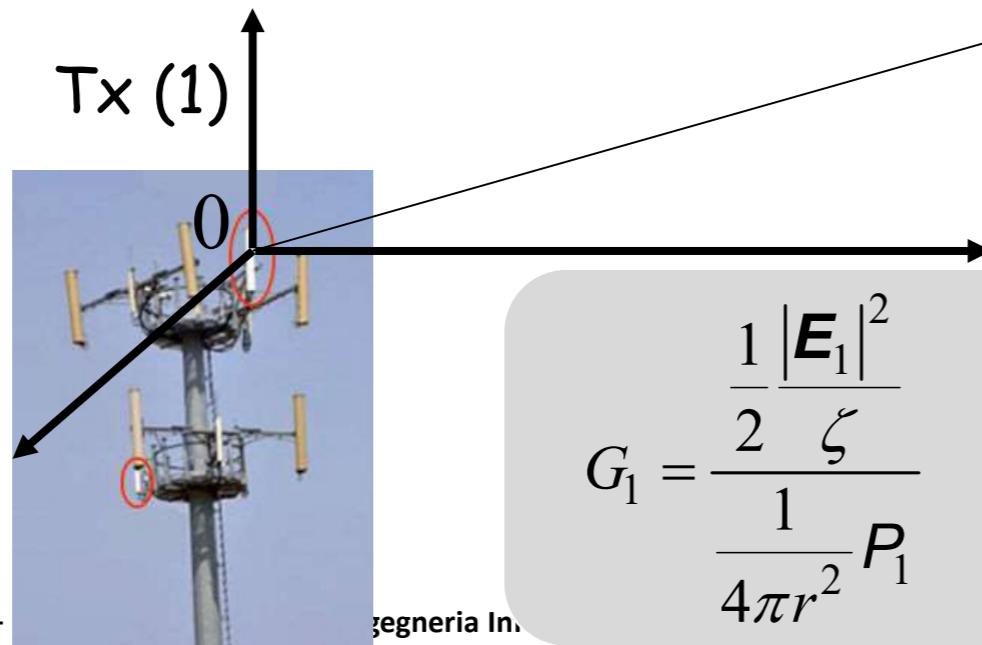
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Incident field: \mathbf{E}_1



Rx (2)



$$G_1 = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \frac{|\mathbf{E}_1|^2}{\zeta}}{\frac{1}{4\pi r^2} P_1} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{1}{2} \frac{|\mathbf{E}_1|^2}{\zeta} = \frac{P_1 G_1}{4\pi r^2}$$

Radio link equation (Friis equation)

$$P_2 = P_1 G_1 A_{eff2} \left(\frac{1}{4\pi r^2} \right) \eta_A \eta_B$$

