

A large satellite dish antenna is mounted on a tall metal tower. The dish is dark and pointed towards the upper right. The background is a sunset sky with warm orange and yellow hues near the horizon, transitioning to a darker blue at the top. The overall scene is slightly blurred, giving it a cinematic feel.

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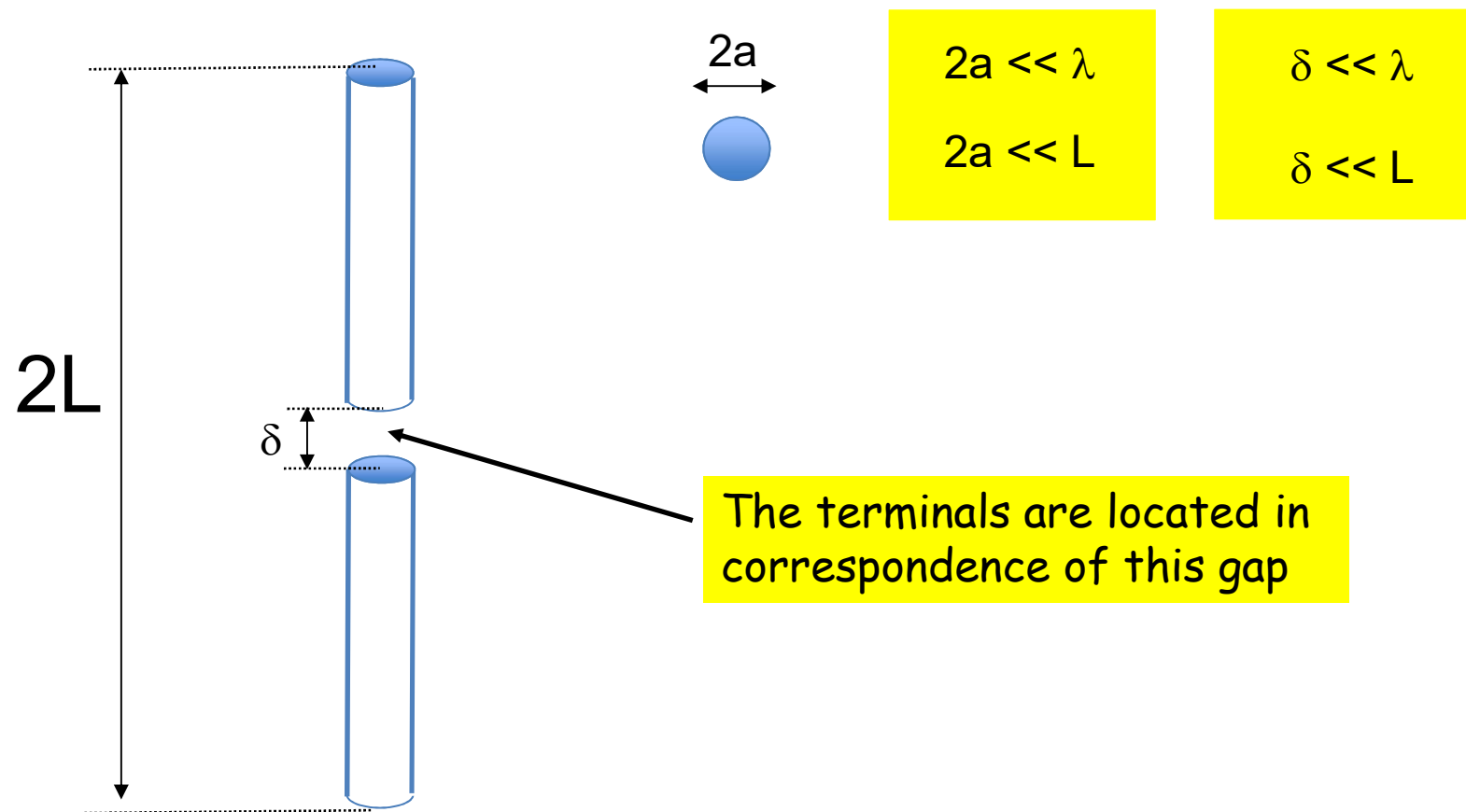
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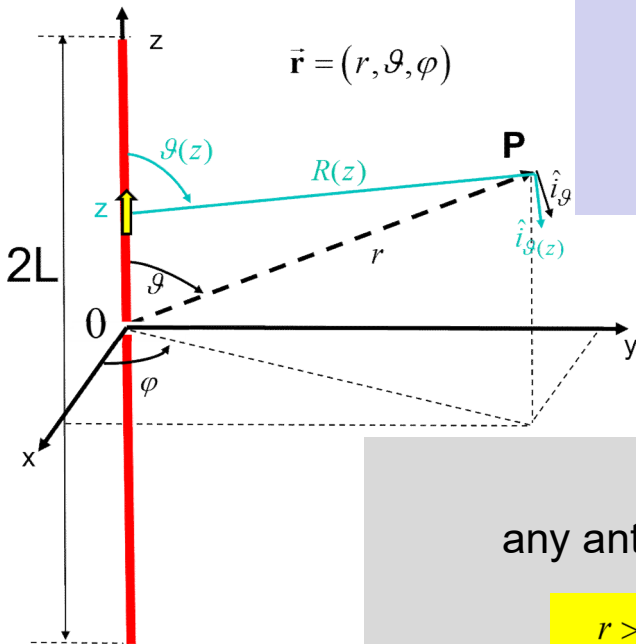


Wire antennas

In the Fraunhofer Region the expression of the radiated field simplifies as

$$\vec{E} = j \frac{\zeta}{2\lambda} I_0 \frac{\exp[-j\beta r]}{r} \sin \vartheta \left[\int_{-L}^L dz \frac{I(z)}{I_0} \exp(j\beta z \cos \vartheta) \right] \hat{i}_\vartheta$$

Effective length of the wire antenna



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any antenna, in the Fraunhofer region, behaves as follows

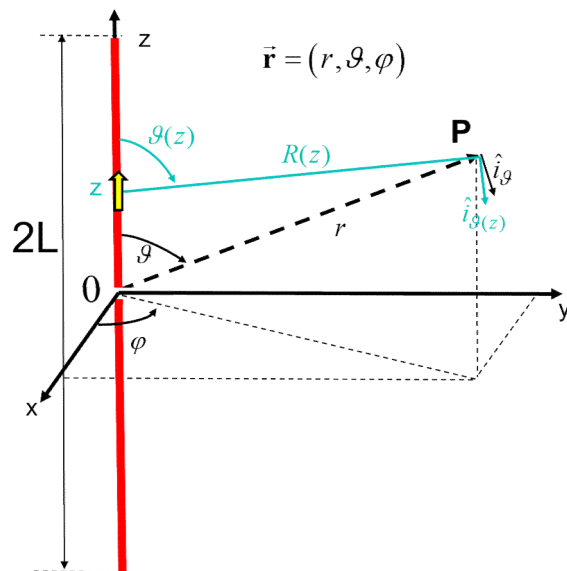
$$\begin{aligned} r &\gg D \\ r &> \frac{2D^2}{\lambda} \\ r &\gg \lambda \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{E}(\vec{r}) = \mathbf{E}(r, \vartheta, \varphi) = \frac{j\zeta I e^{-j\beta r}}{2\lambda r} \mathbf{I}(\vartheta, \varphi) \\ \zeta \mathbf{H} = \hat{i}_r \times \mathbf{E} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{I}(\vartheta, \varphi) = l_\vartheta(\vartheta, \varphi) \hat{i}_\vartheta + l_\varphi(\vartheta, \varphi) \hat{i}_\varphi \quad \text{Effective length}$$

Wire antennas: effective length

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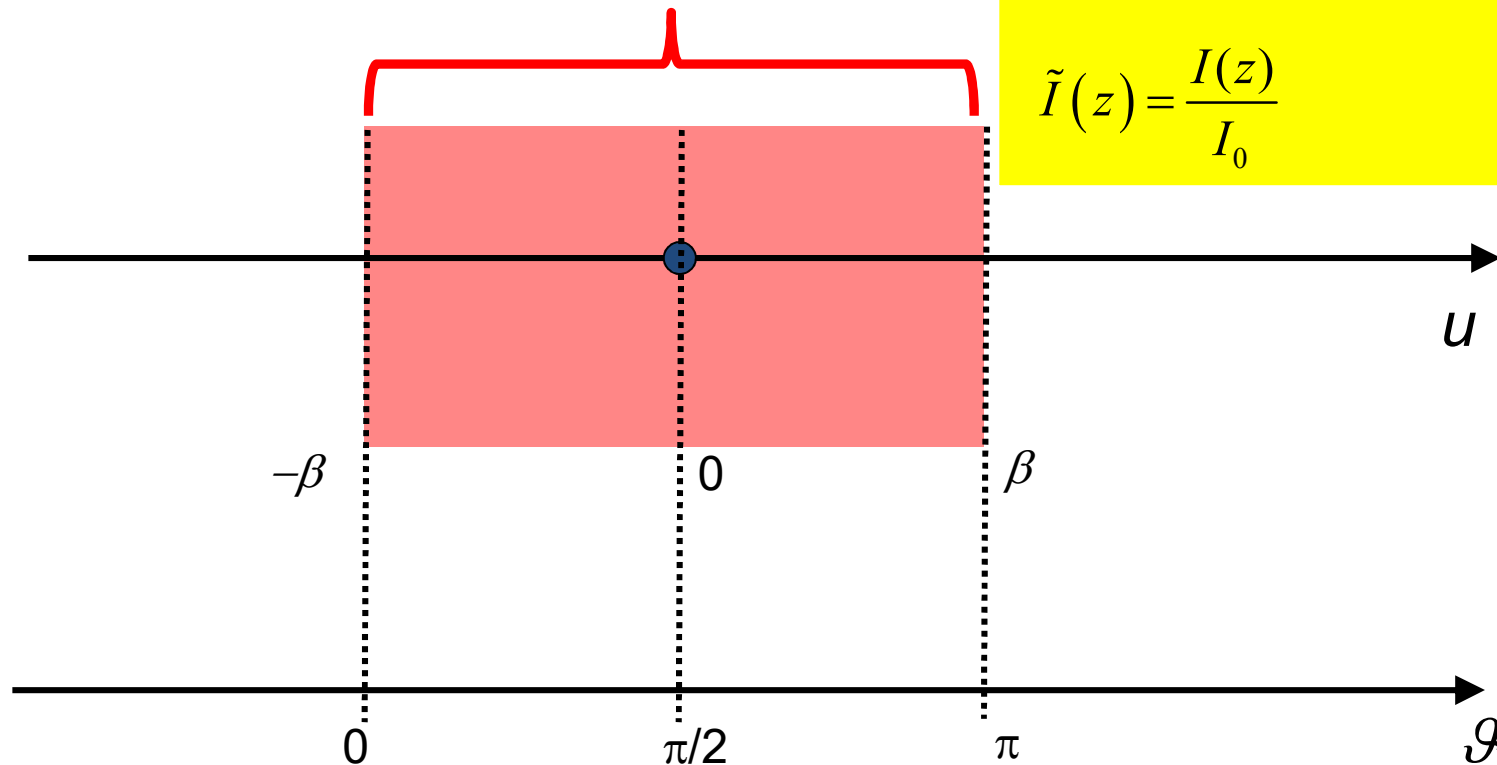
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Visible region of the spectrum



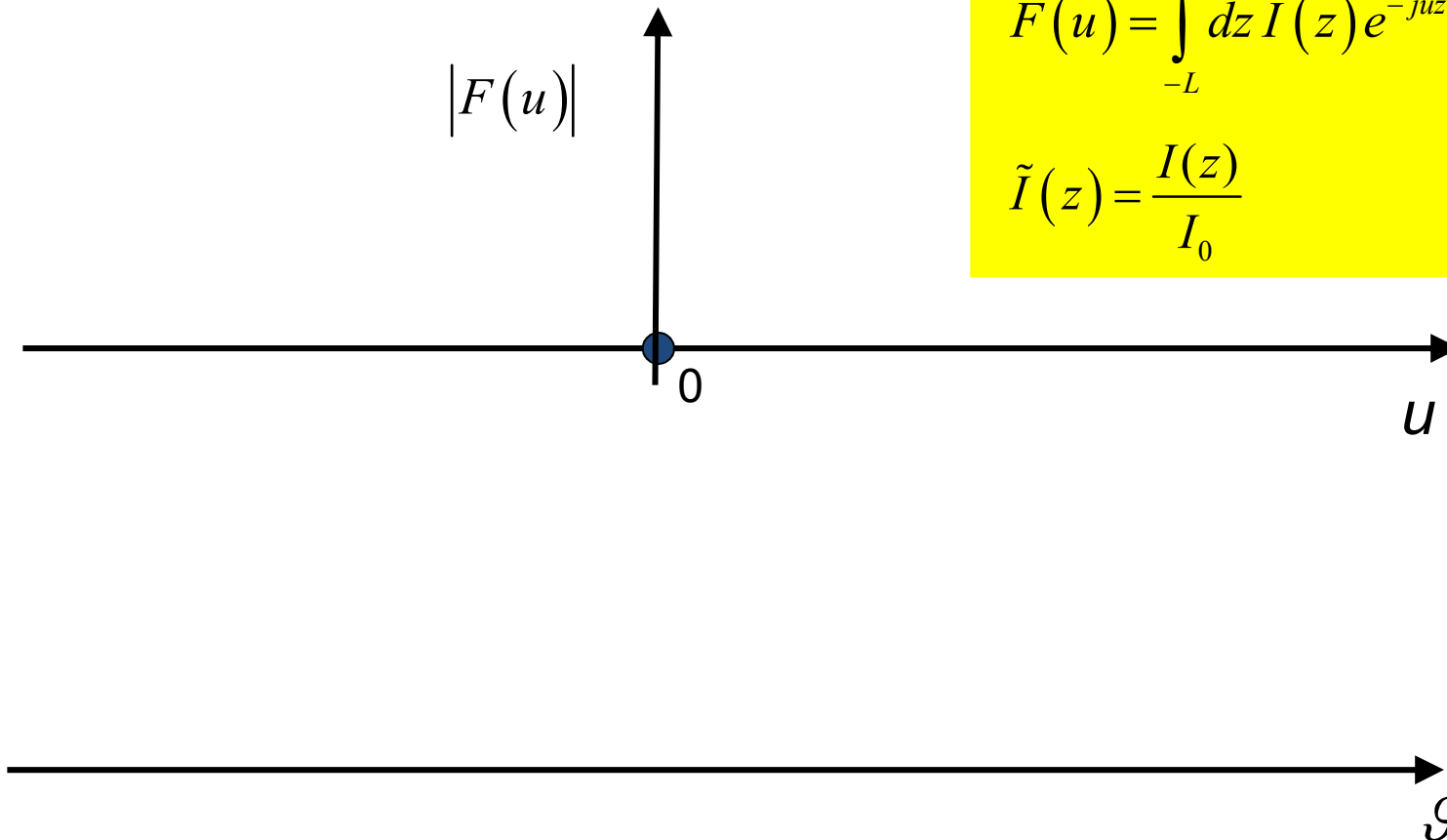
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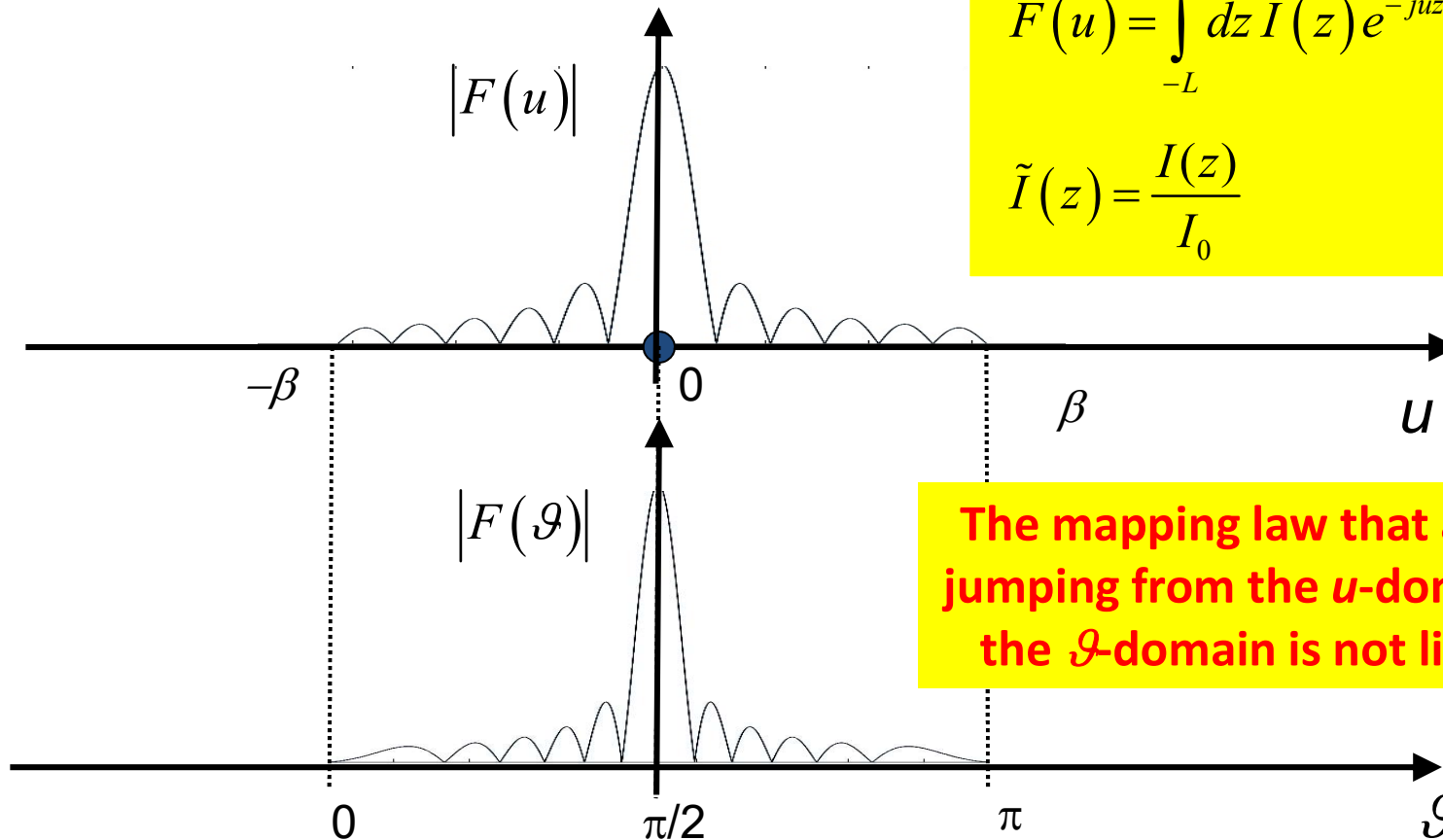
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The mapping law that allows jumping from the u -domain to the ϑ -domain is not linear!

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Very important for the discussion

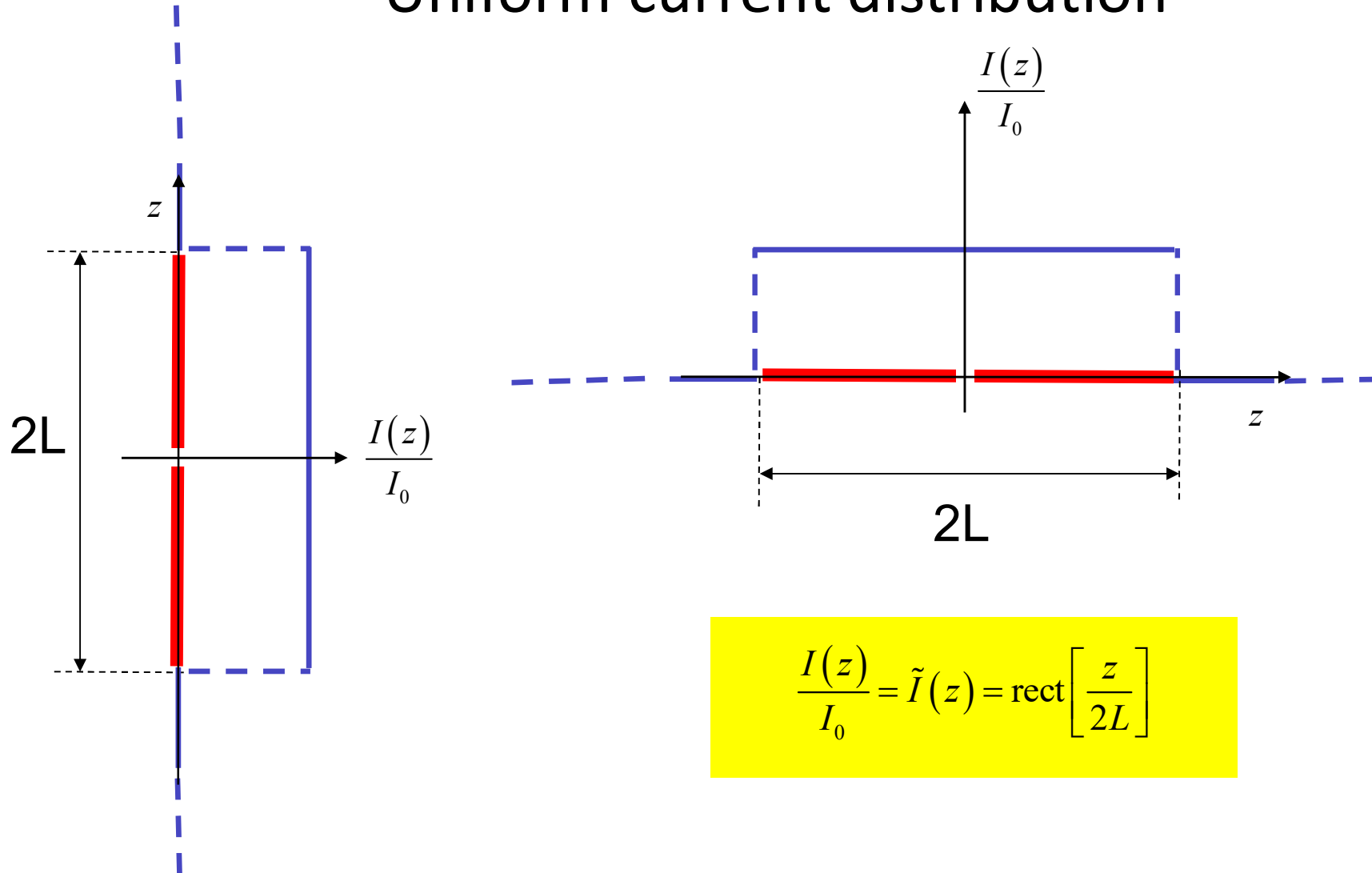
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Mathematical tools to be exploited

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Wire antennas: an ideal case

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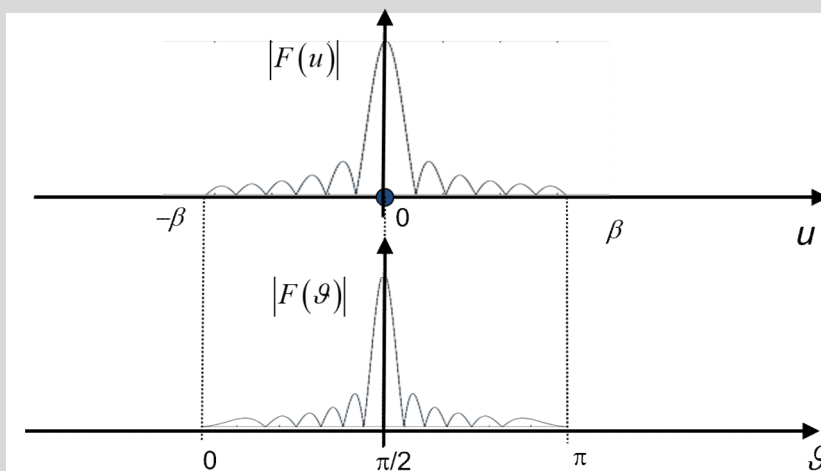
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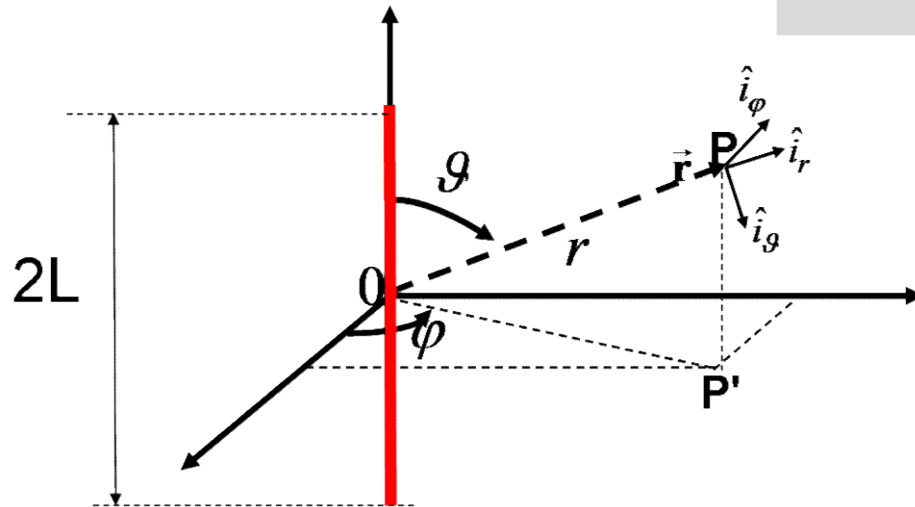
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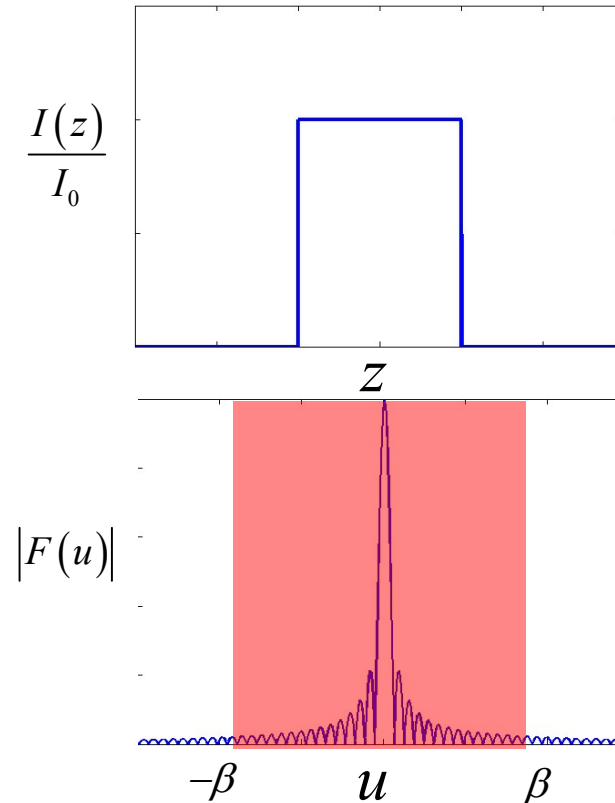
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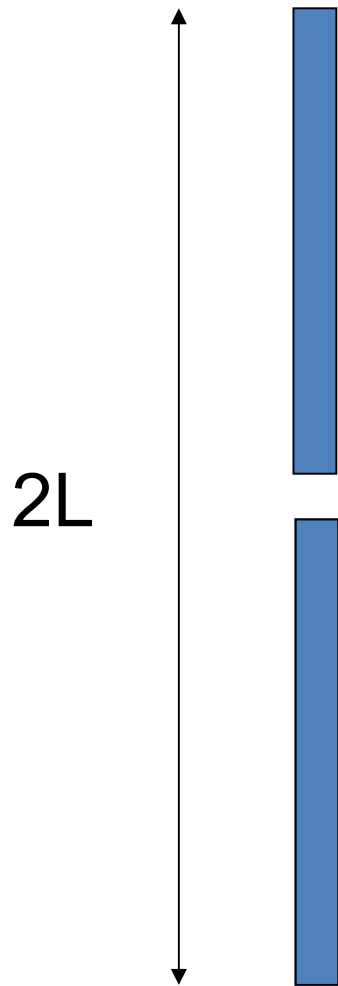


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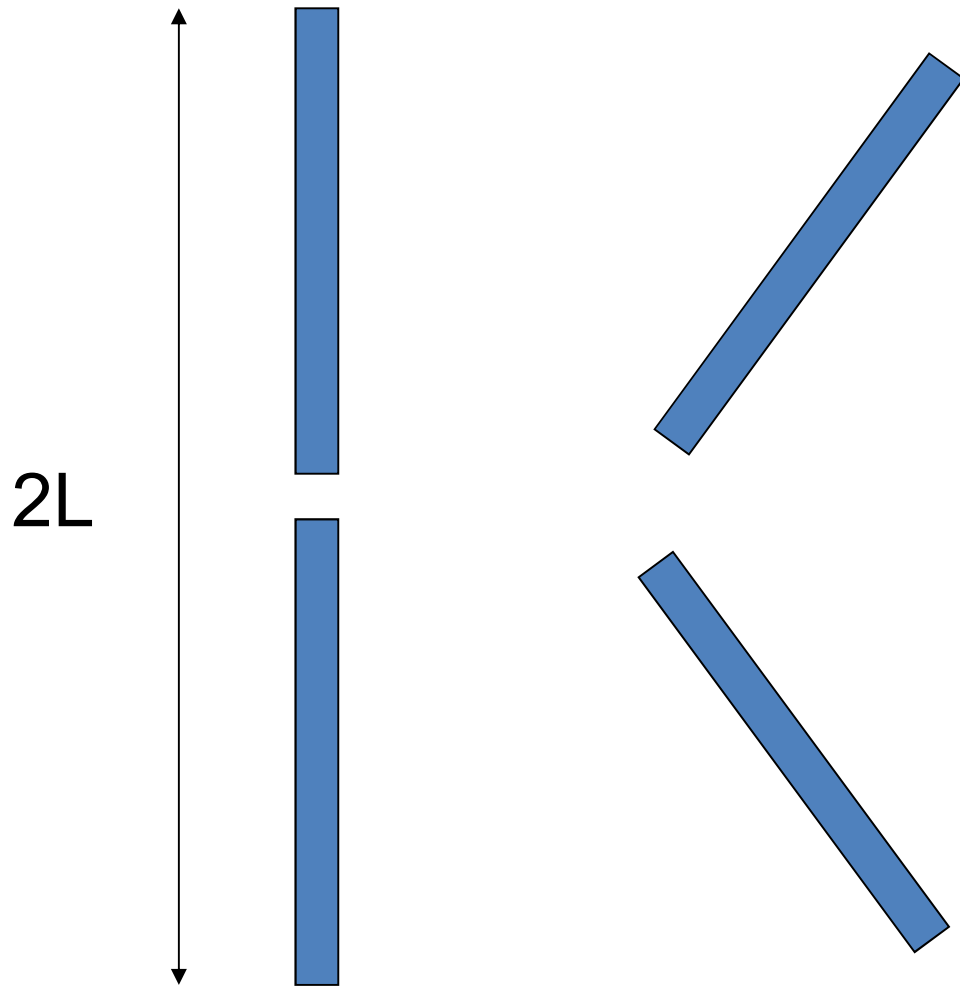
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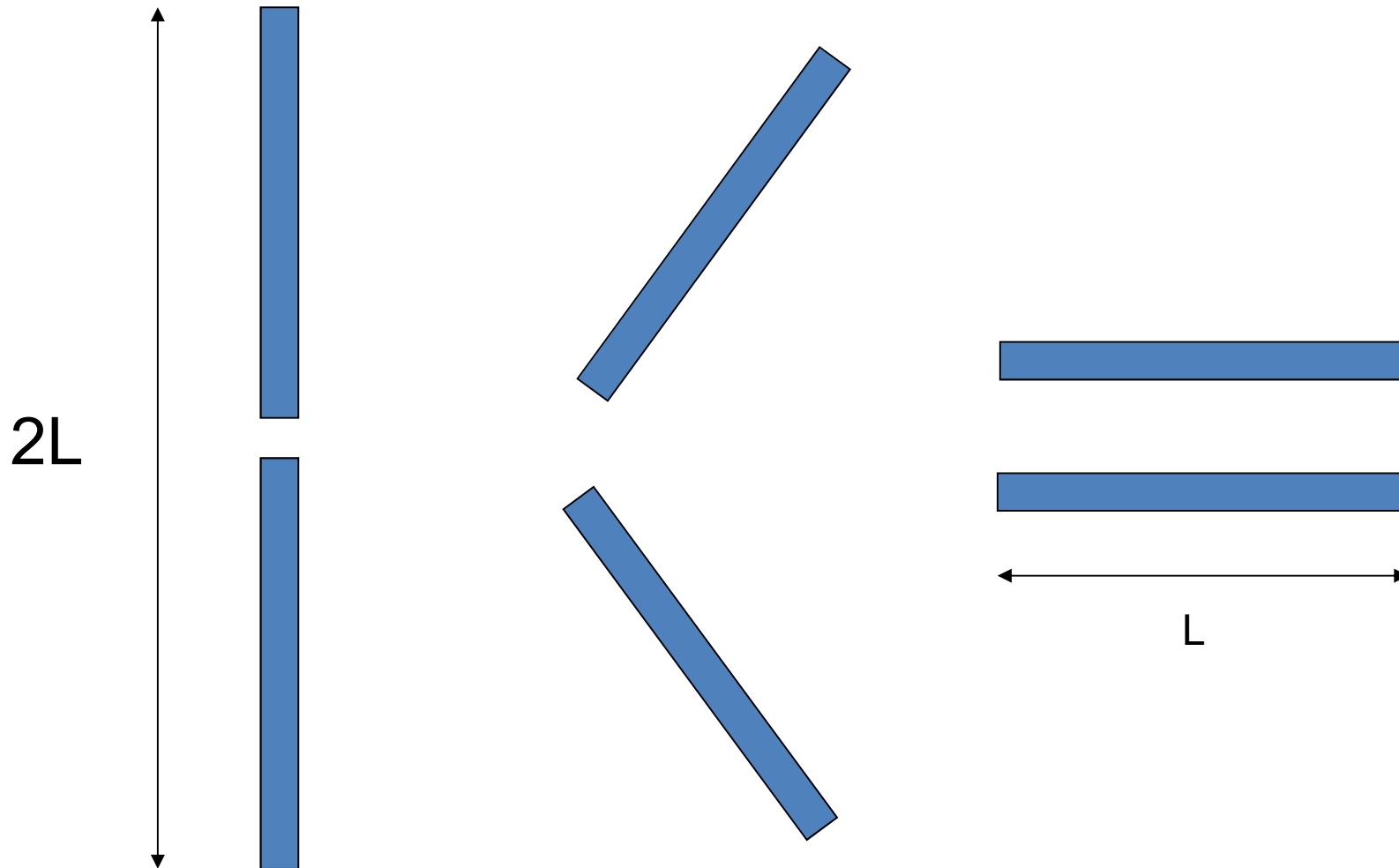
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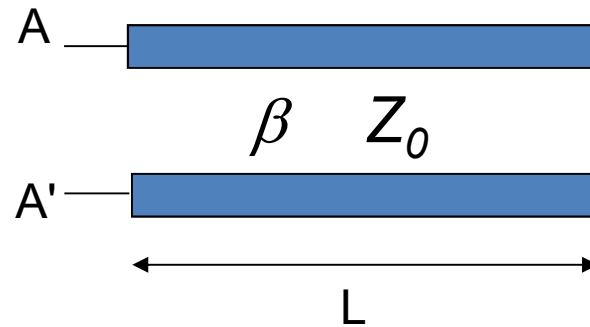
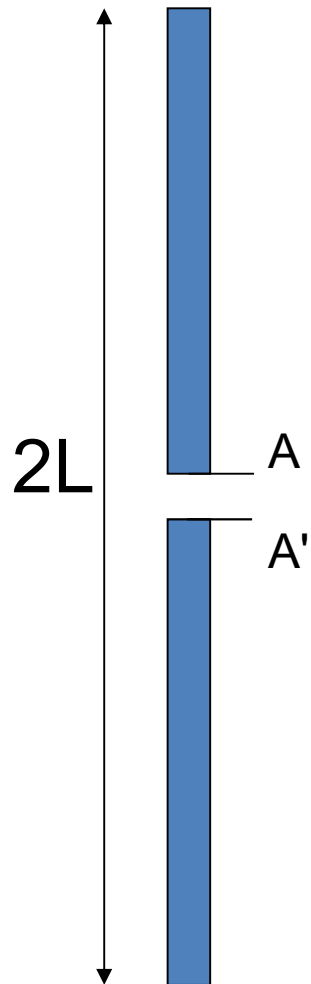
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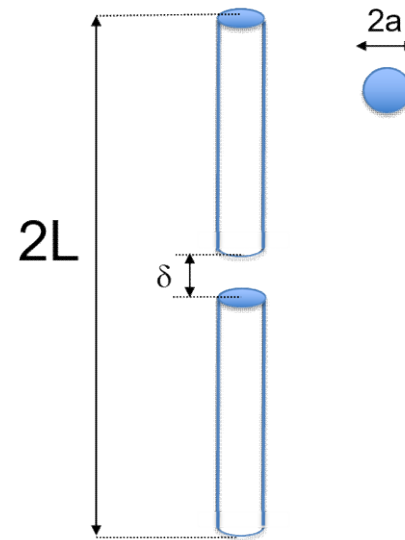
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$$\beta = 2\pi/\lambda$$

$$Z_0 = \frac{\zeta\Omega}{2\pi}$$

$$\Omega = 2 \ln\left(\frac{2L}{a}\right)$$



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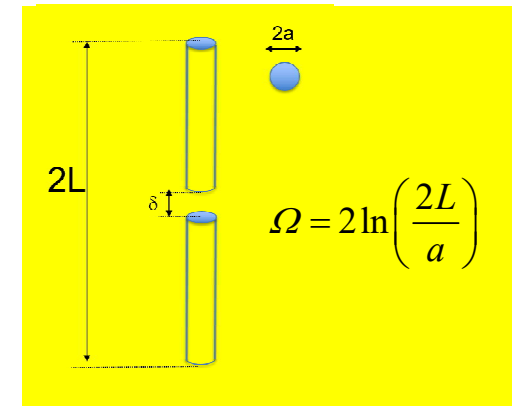
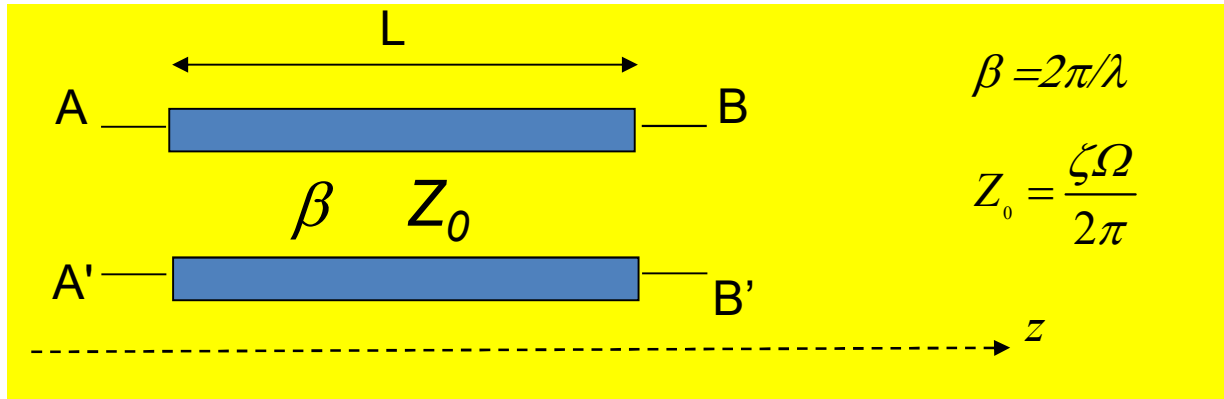
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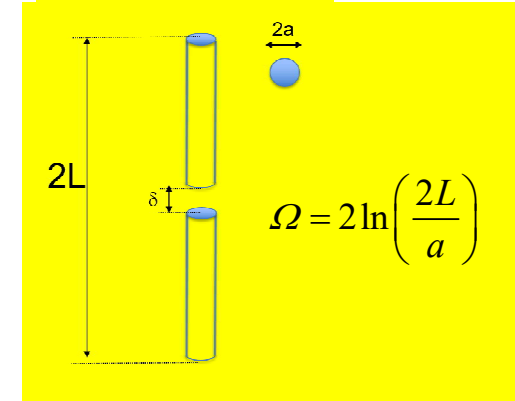
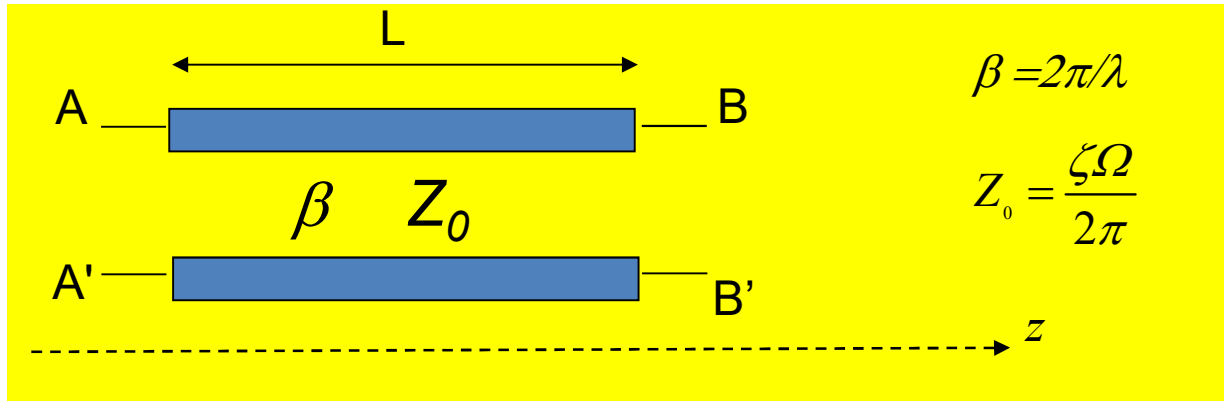
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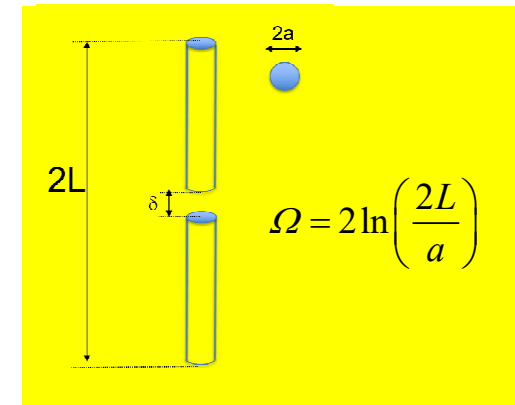
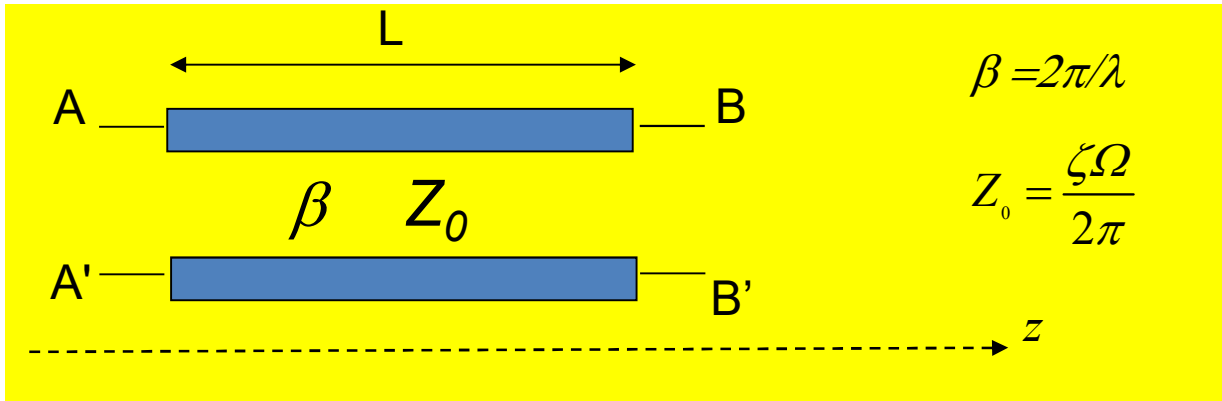


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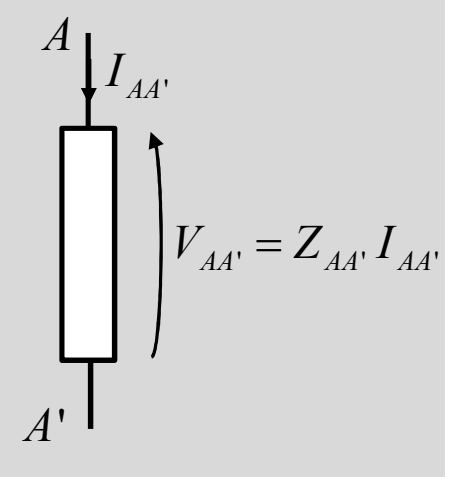


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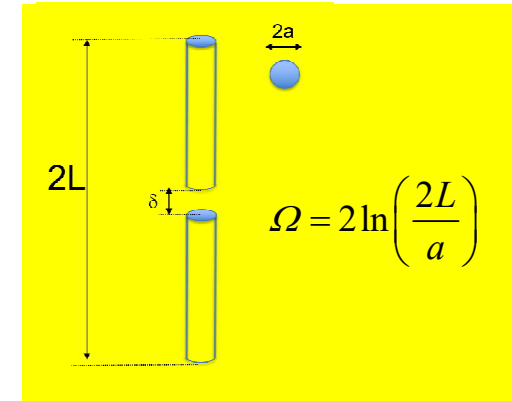
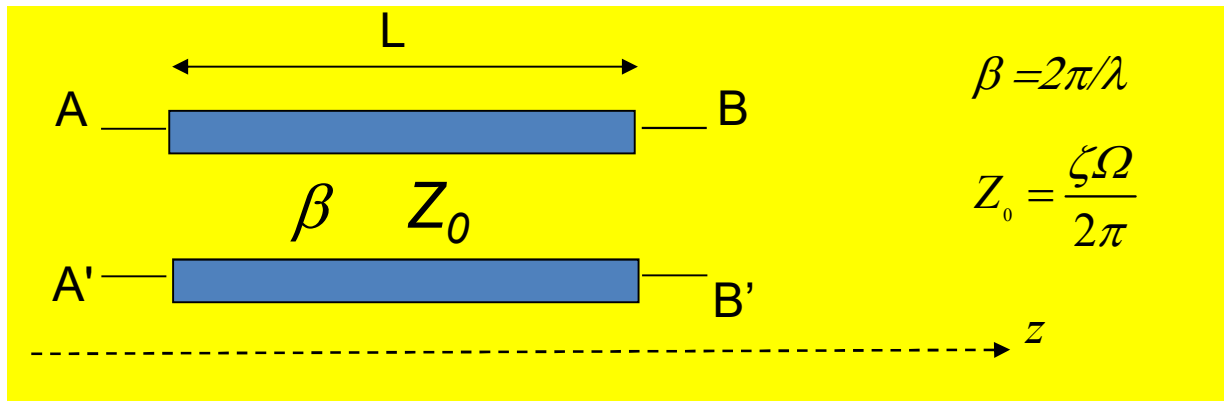
$$Z_{AA'} = Z_0 \frac{Z_{BB'} + jZ_0 \operatorname{tg}(\beta L)}{Z_0 + jZ_{BB'} \operatorname{tg}(\beta L)}$$

$$Z_{BB'} \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow Z_{AA'} = \frac{Z_0}{j \operatorname{tg}(\beta L)} = -jZ_0 \operatorname{ctg}(\beta L)$$

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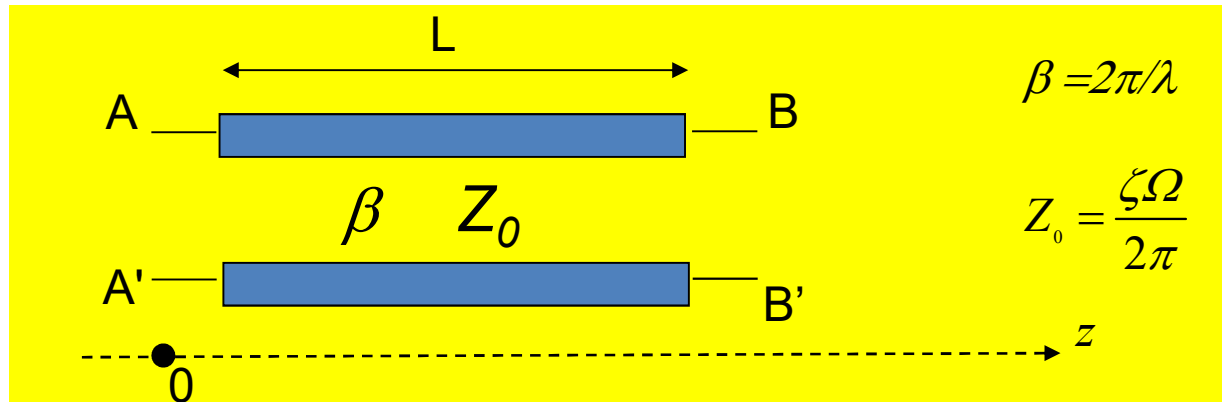
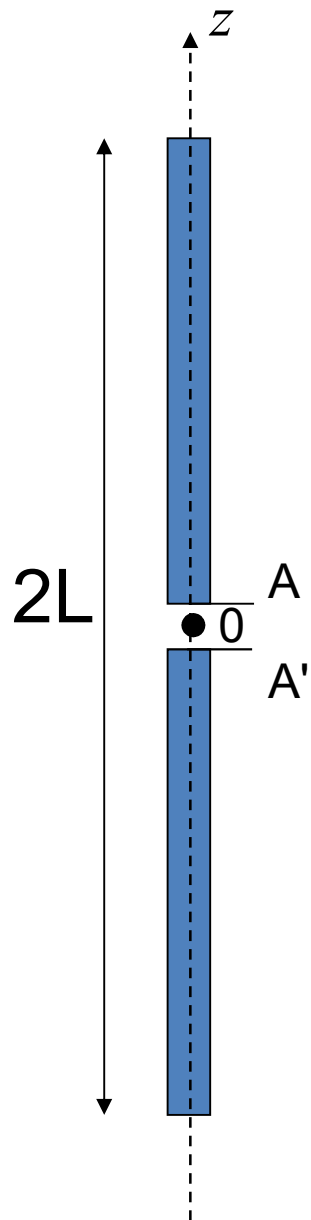
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$$= \frac{I_{AA'}}{\sin(\beta L)} \left[\sin(\beta L) \cos(\beta z) - \cos(\beta L) \sin(\beta z) \right] = \frac{I_{AA'}}{\sin(\beta L)} \sin(\beta L - \beta z)$$

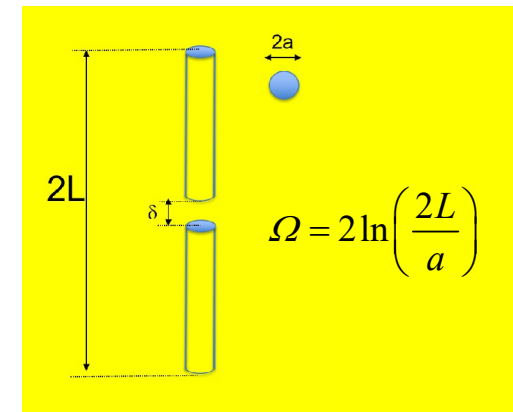
$$\sin(\alpha - \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta - \cos \alpha \sin \beta$$

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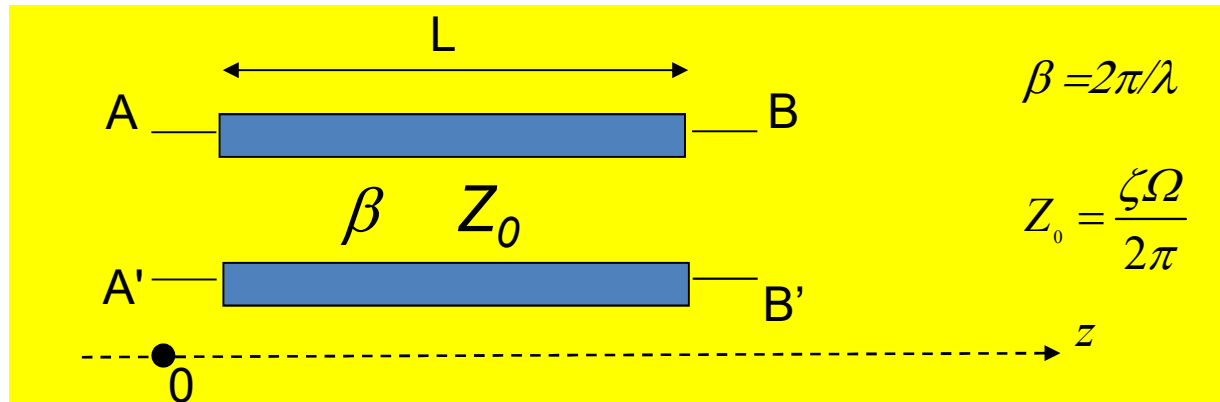
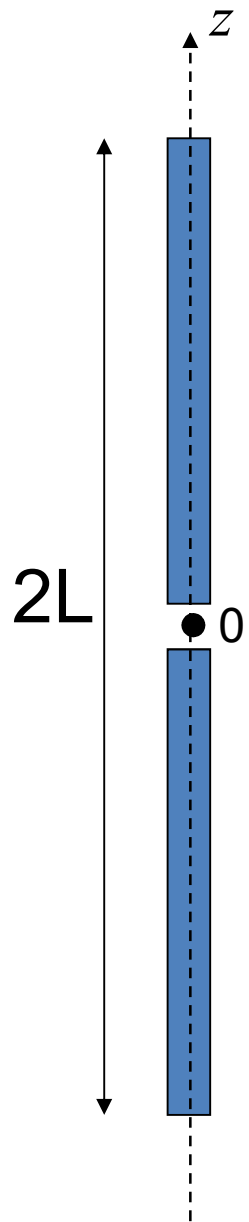


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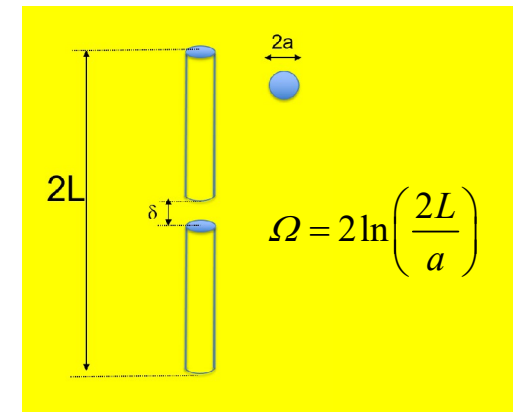


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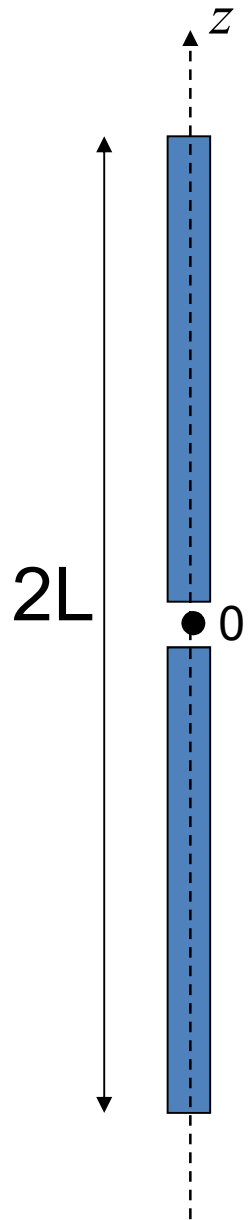


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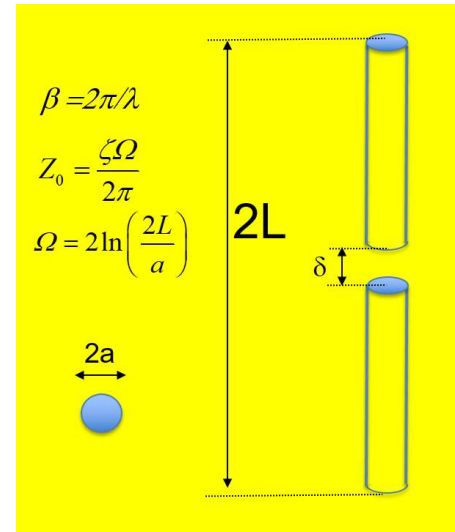


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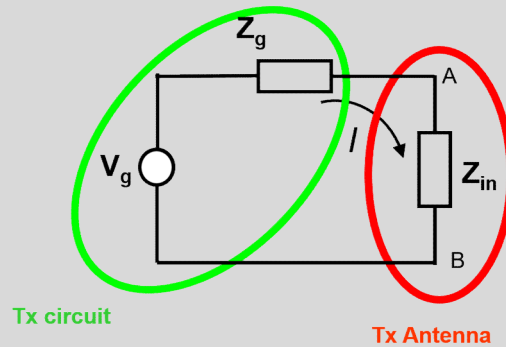
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Equivalent circuit of the Tx antenna



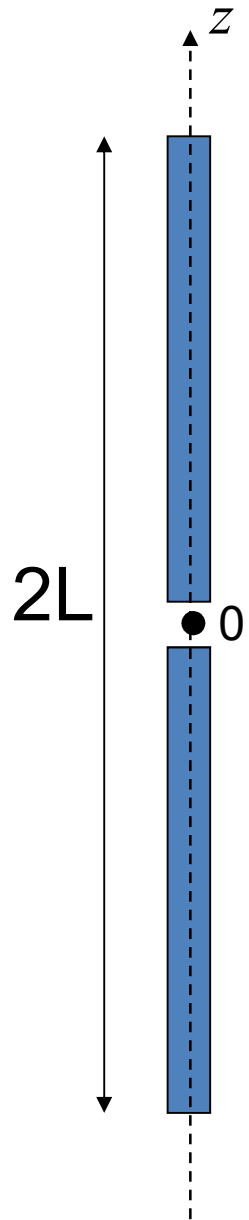
$$Z_{in} = R_{in} + jX_{in}$$

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

This antenna does NOT radiate!

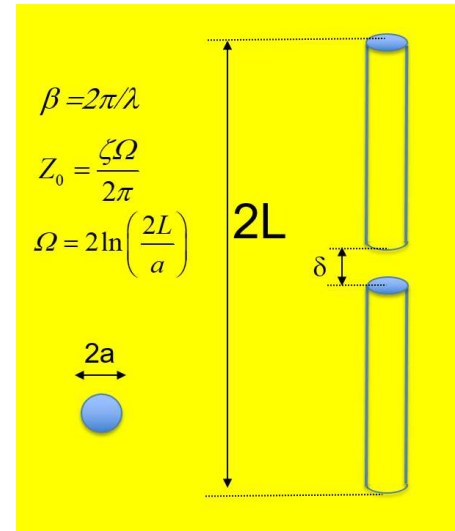


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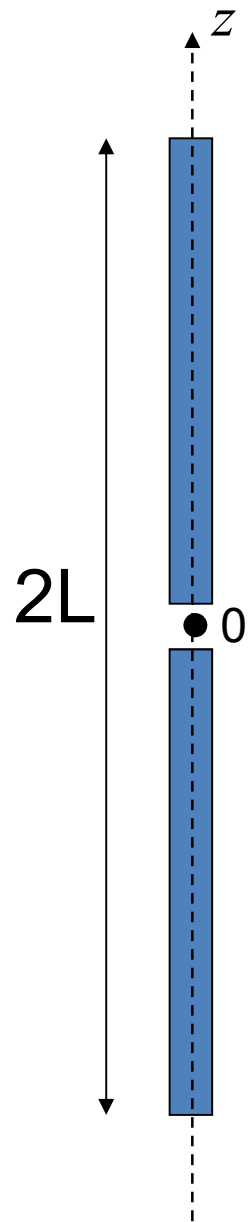


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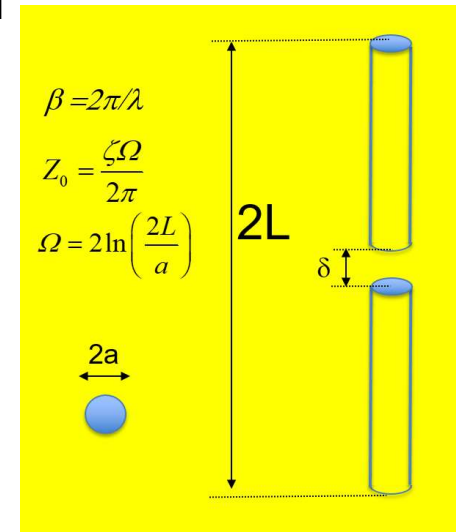


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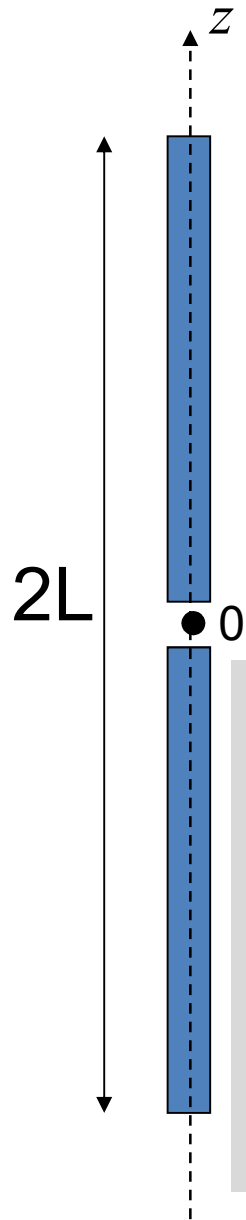
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Measurements carried out in laboratory show also that the far field obtained by employing the expression $I(z)$ provided by the Hallen model is very accurate.

This antenna radiates!

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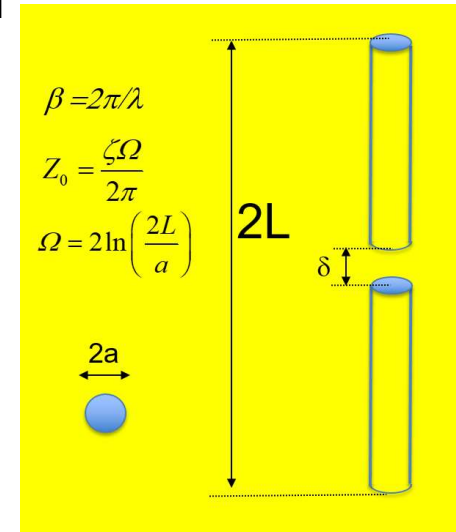
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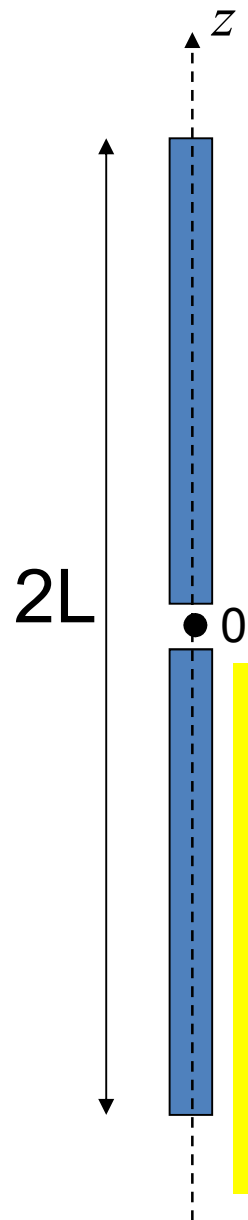
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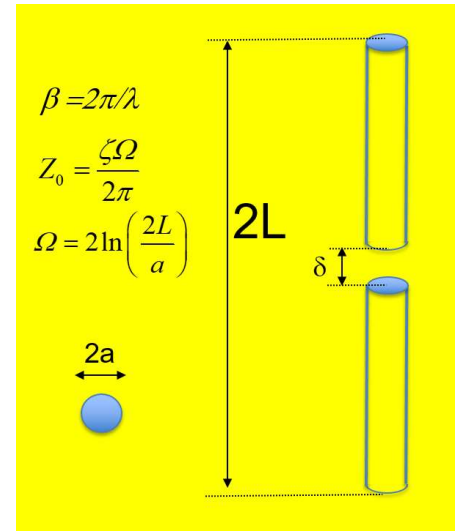


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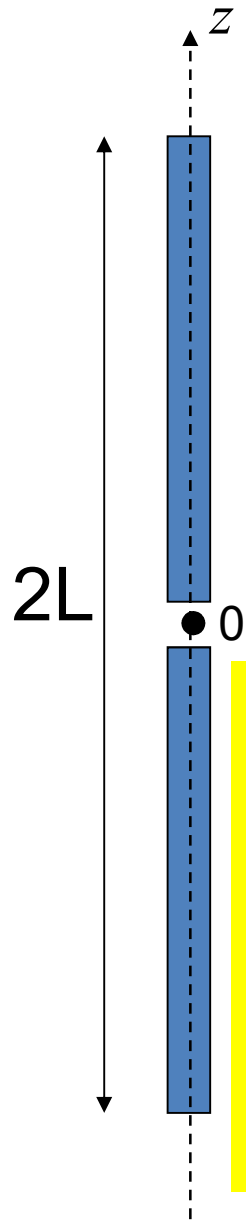
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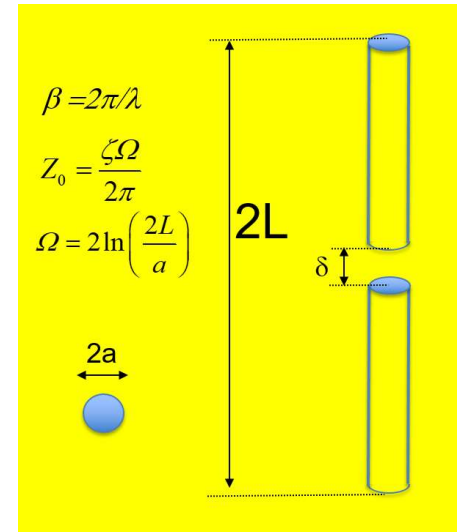
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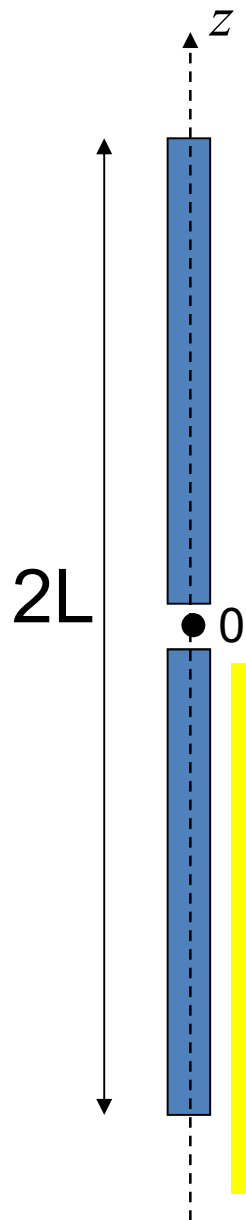
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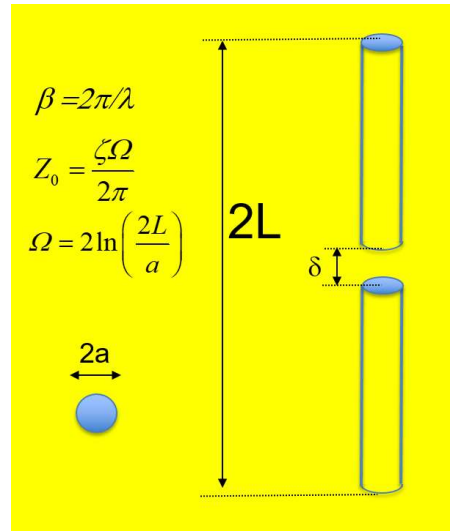


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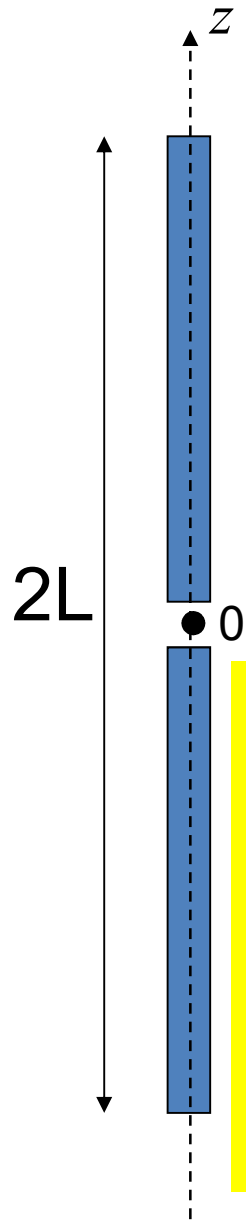
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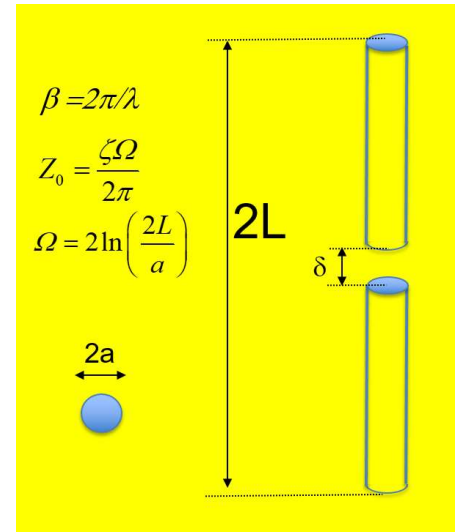


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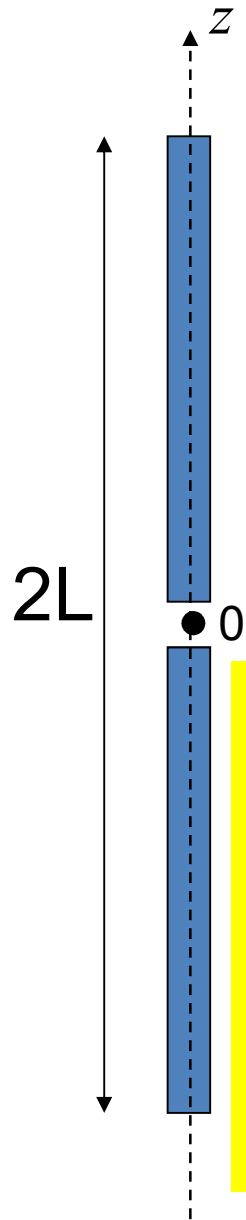
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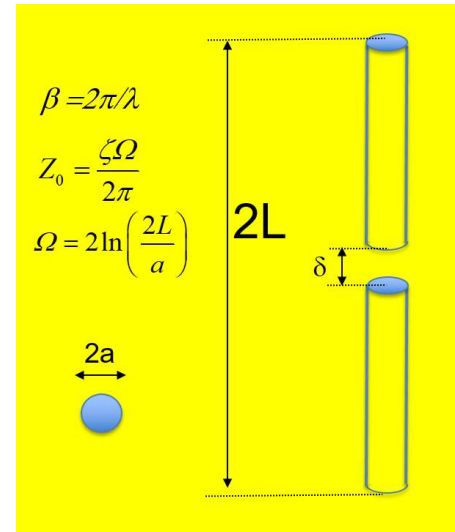


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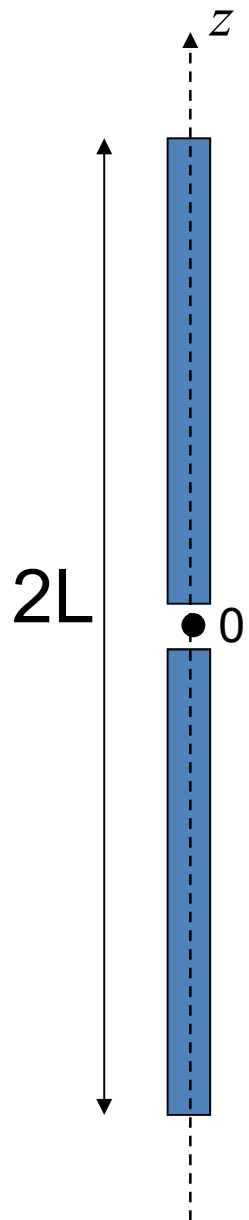
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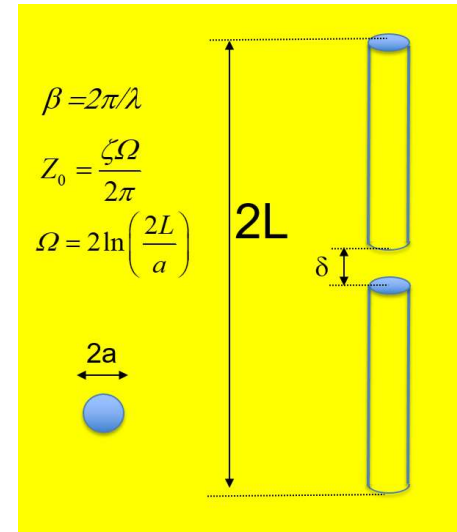


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The Hallen model provides a wrong value of the input resistance R_{in} , due to the employed approximations

Notwithstanding, measurements carried out in laboratory show that the input reactance X_{in} provided by the Hallen model is quite accurate.

Measurements carried out in laboratory show also that the far field obtained by employing the expression $I(z)$ provided by the Hallen model is very accurate.

From the analytical expression of the far field obtained by employing the expression $I(z)$ provided by the Hallen model, we can obtain a quite accurate value of the radiation resistance R_{rad} (and thus a sound estimate of the input resistance R_{in}).