

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 orange and yellow hues near the horizon, transitioning to a darker blue at the top. The overall image has a blue tint.

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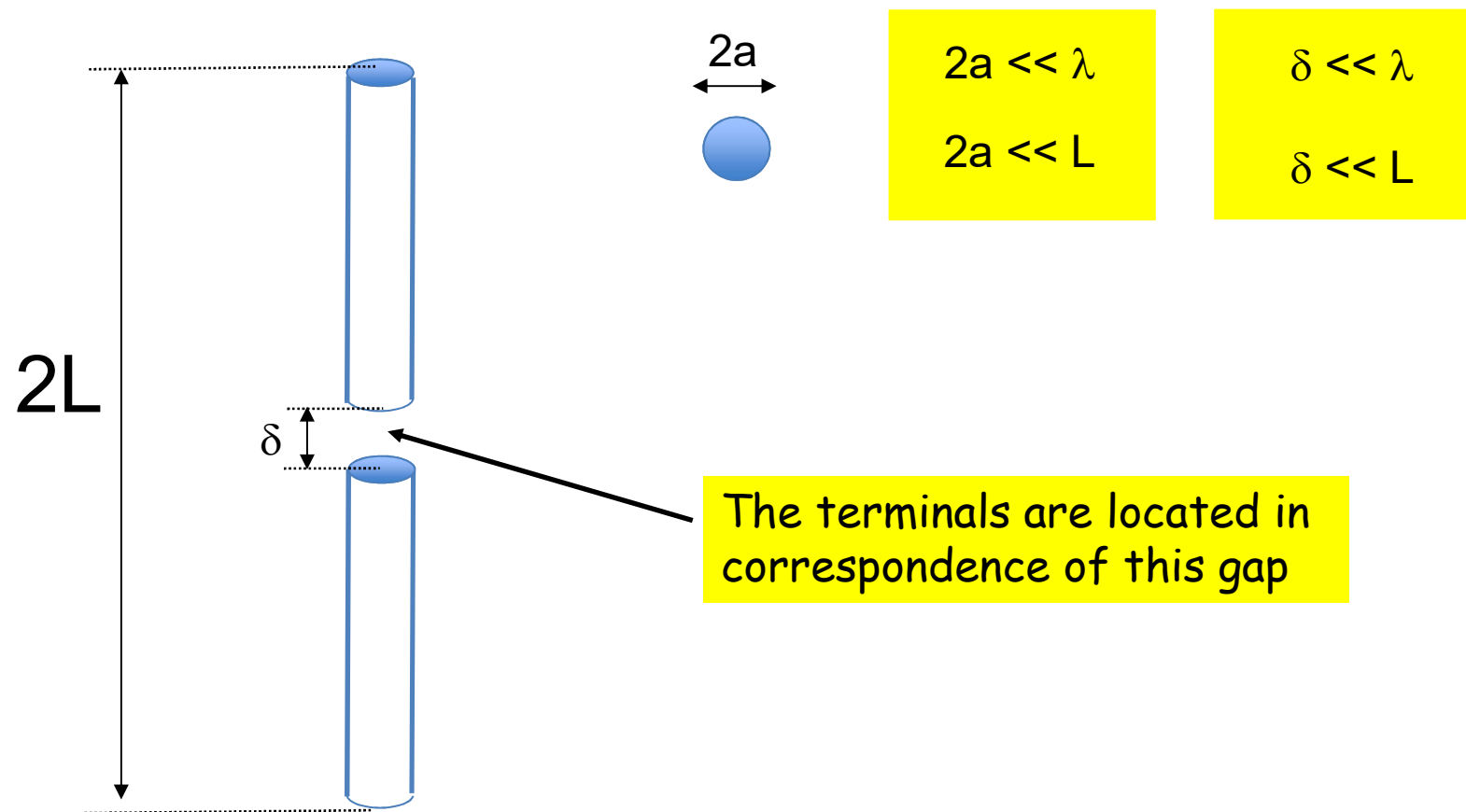
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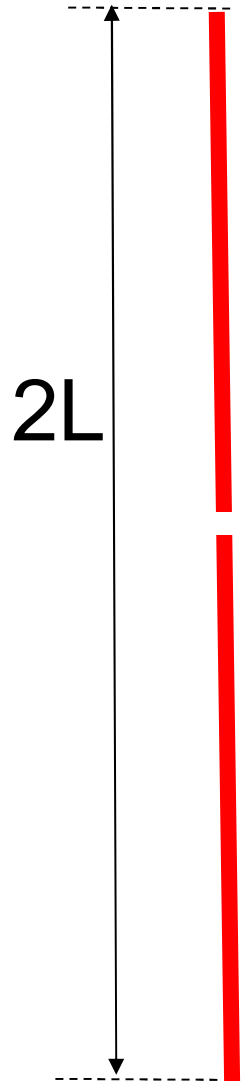
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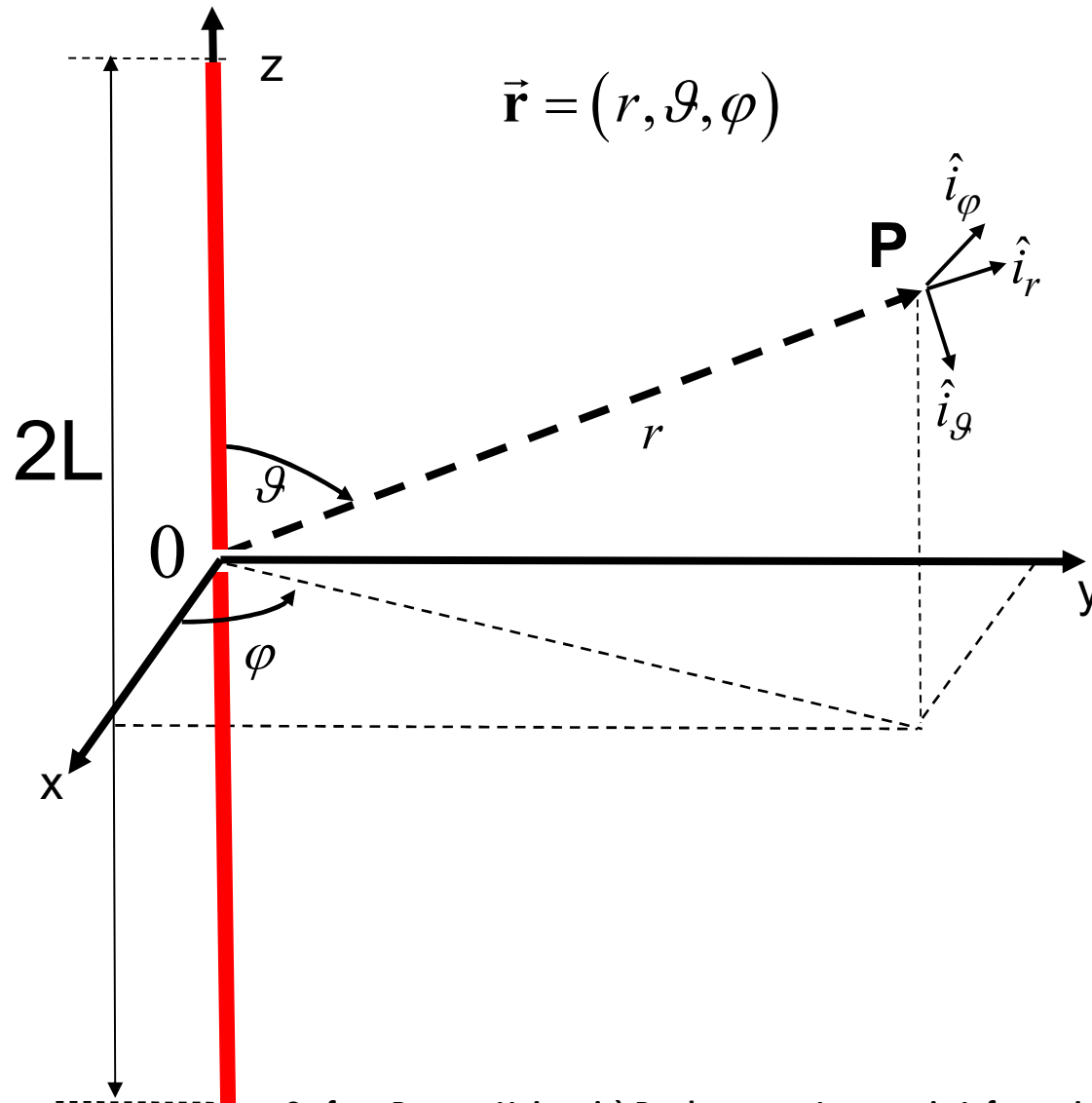
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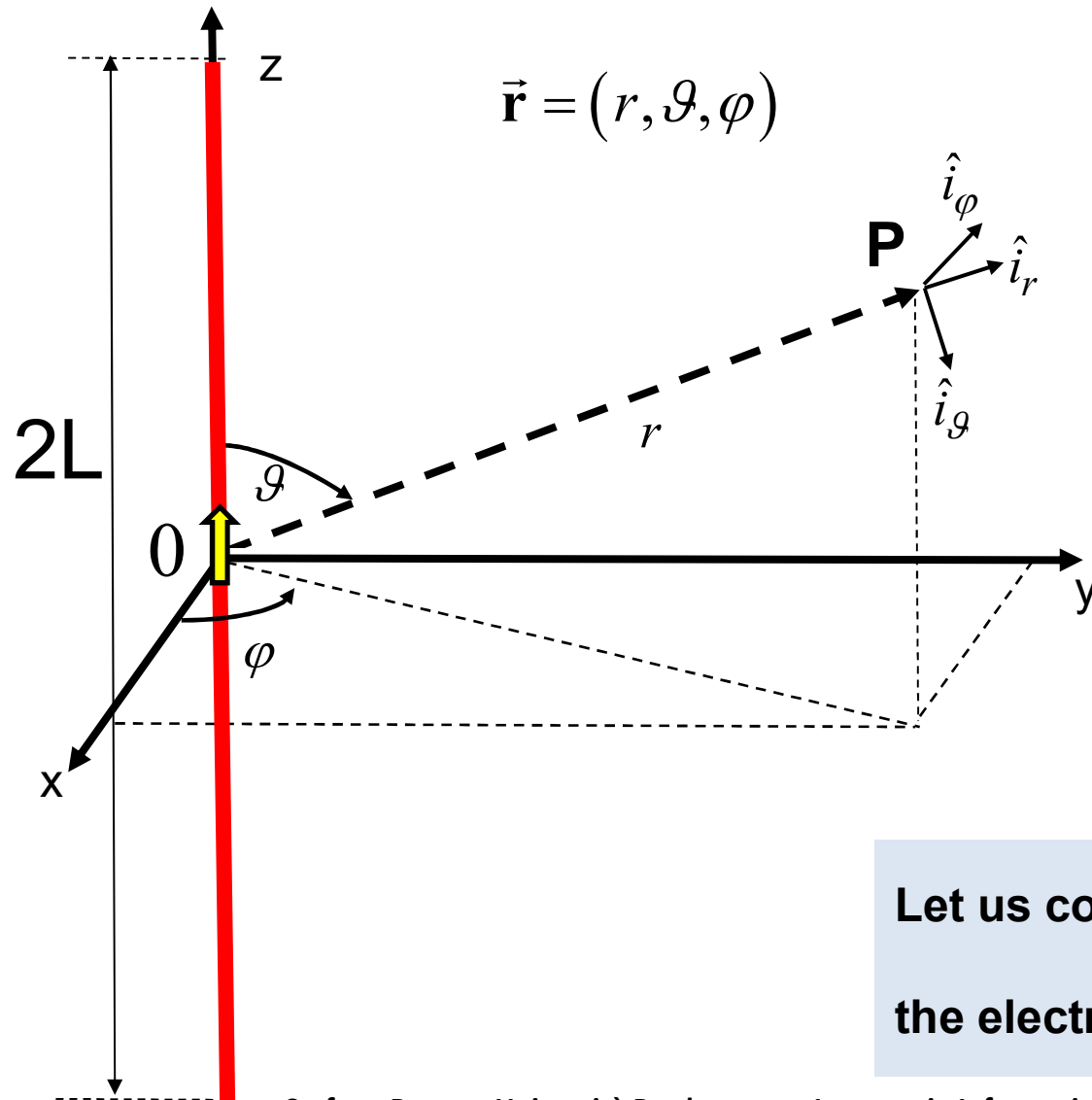
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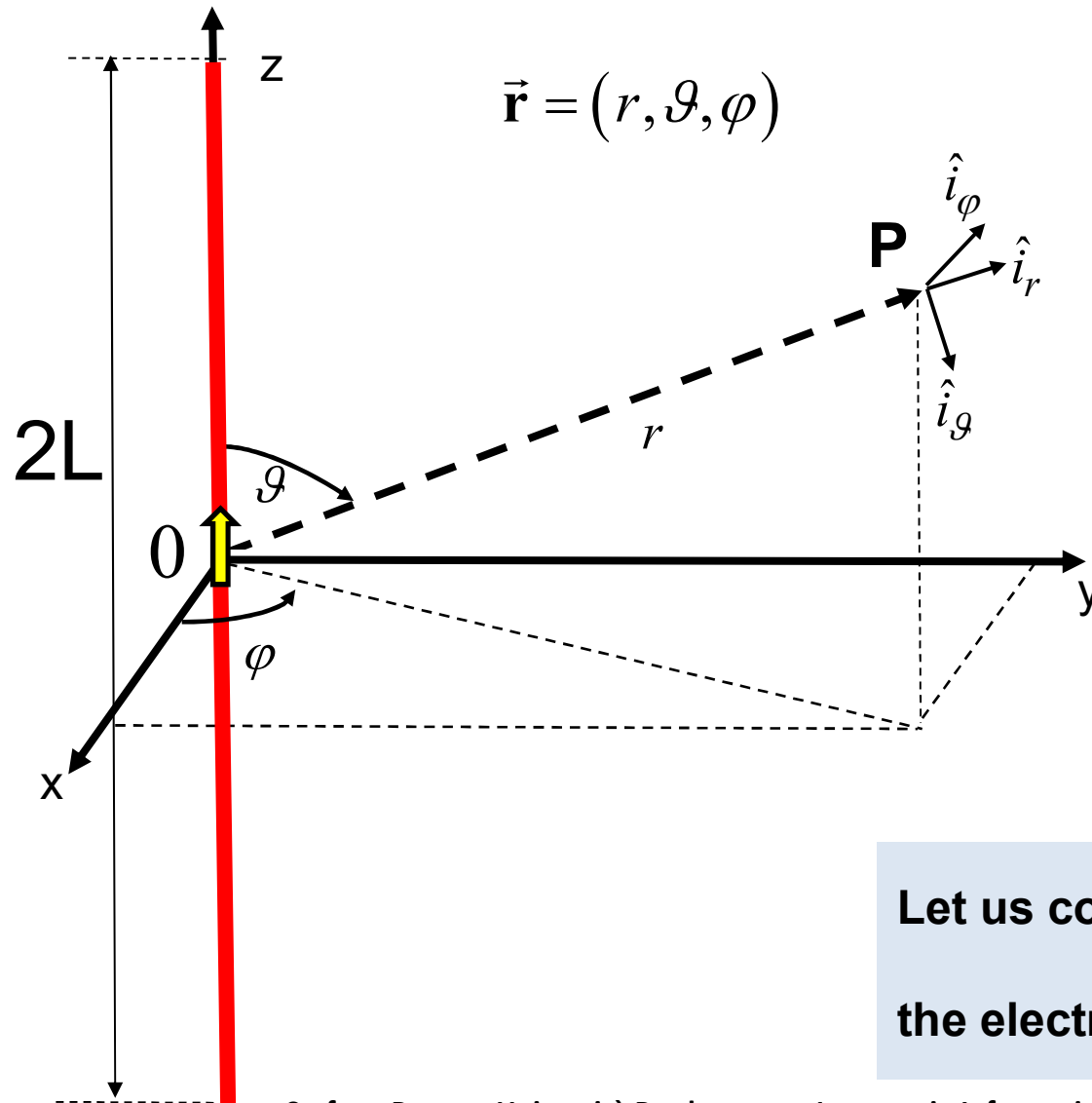


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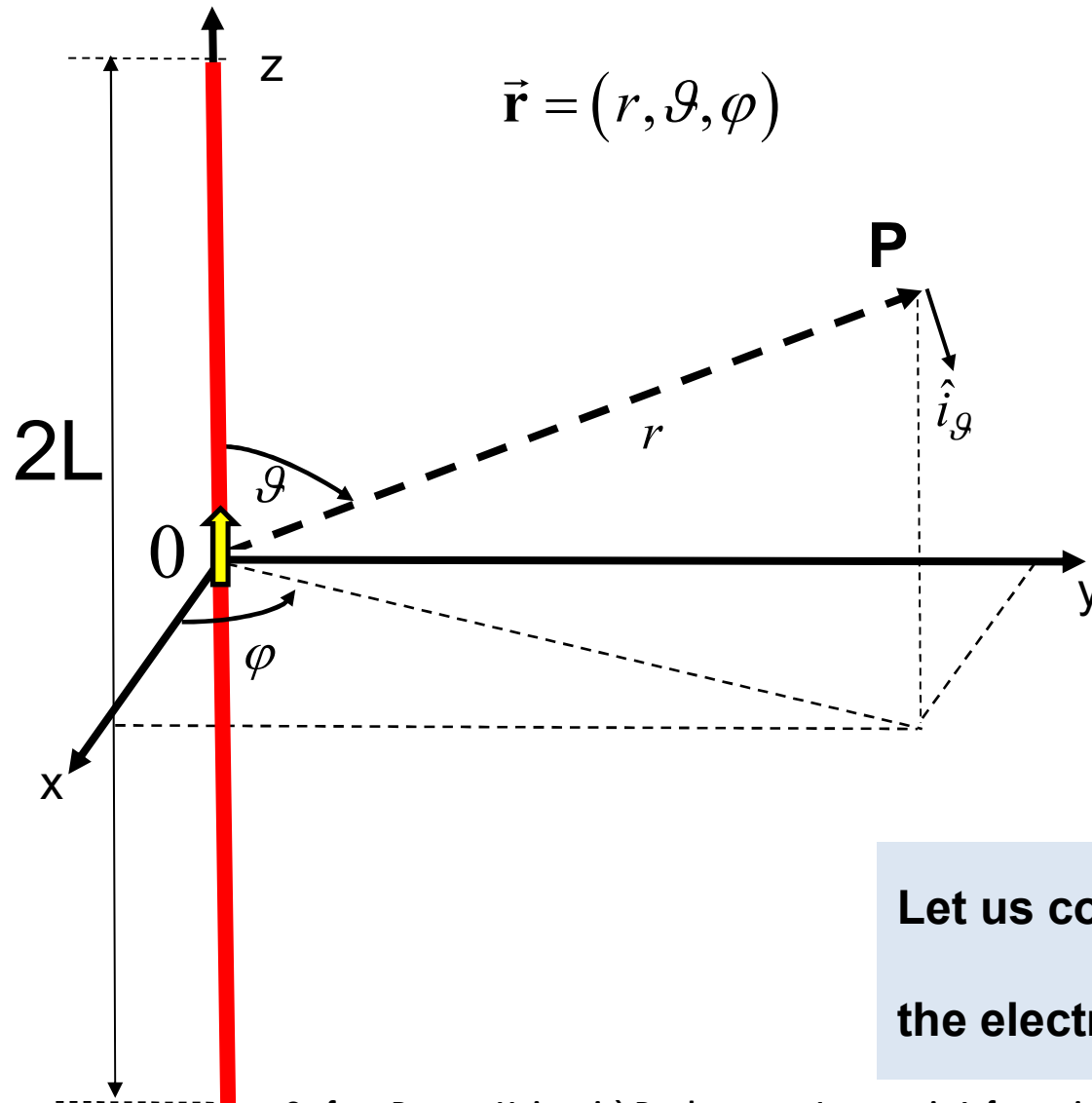
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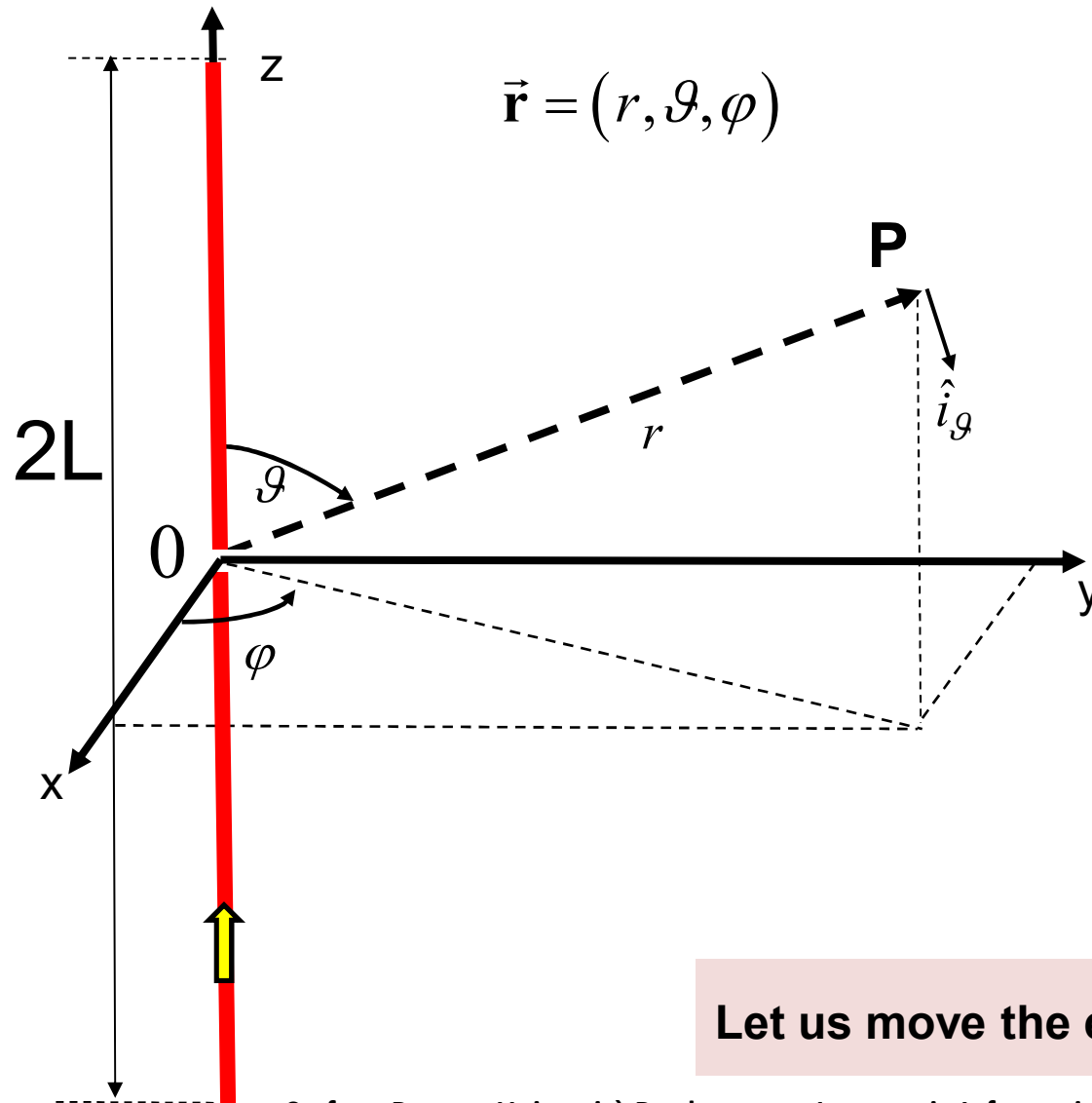
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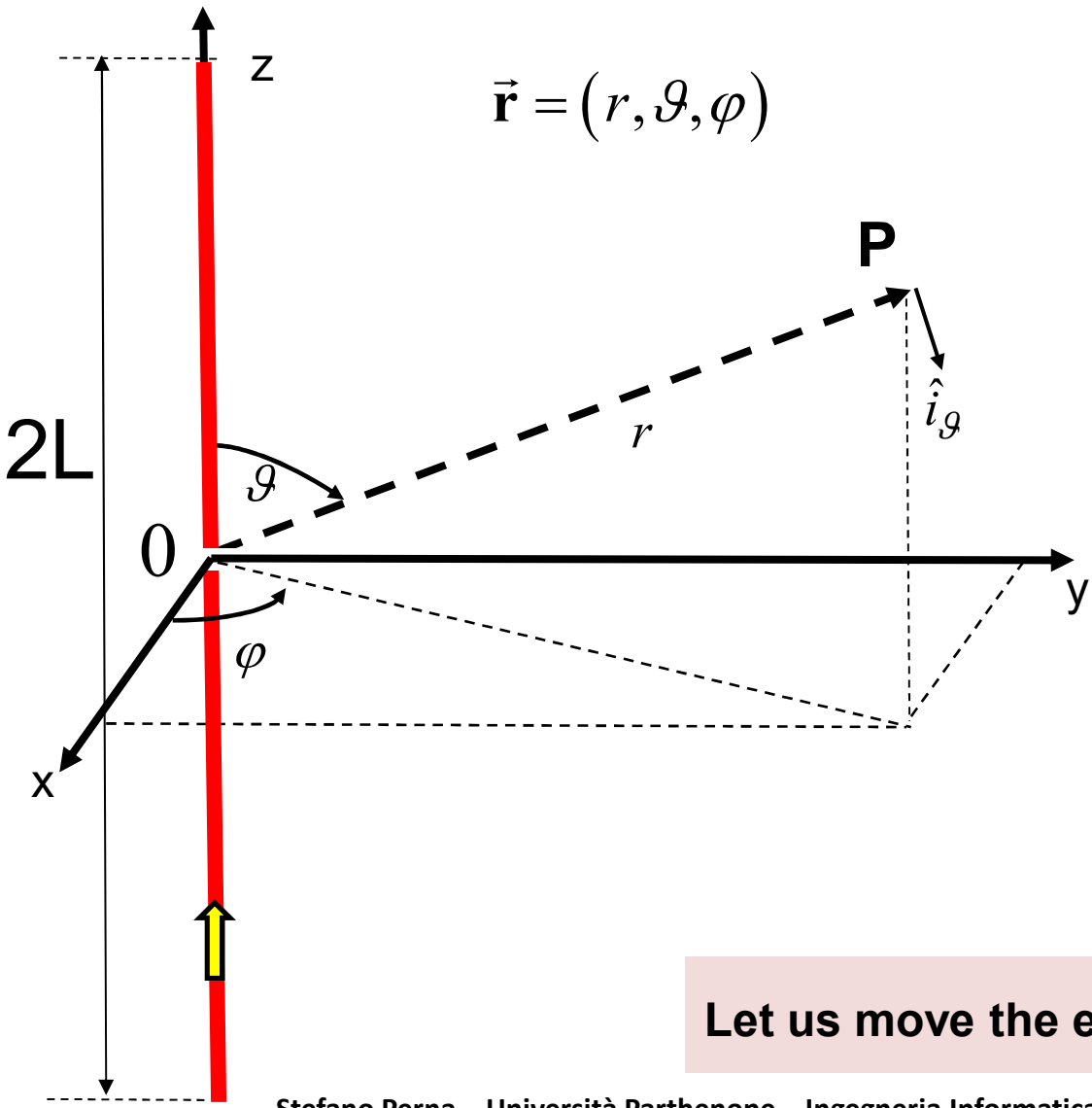
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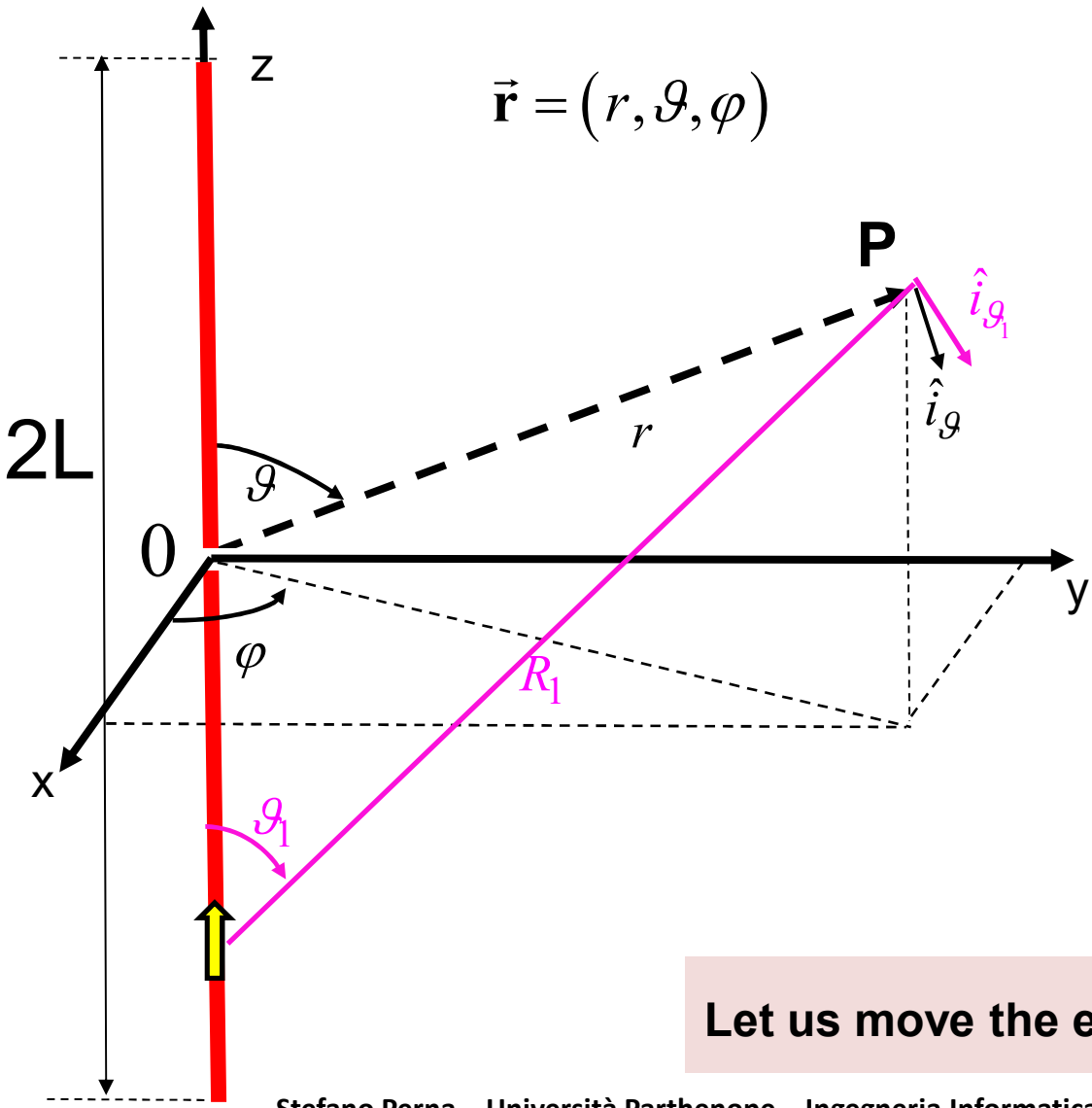
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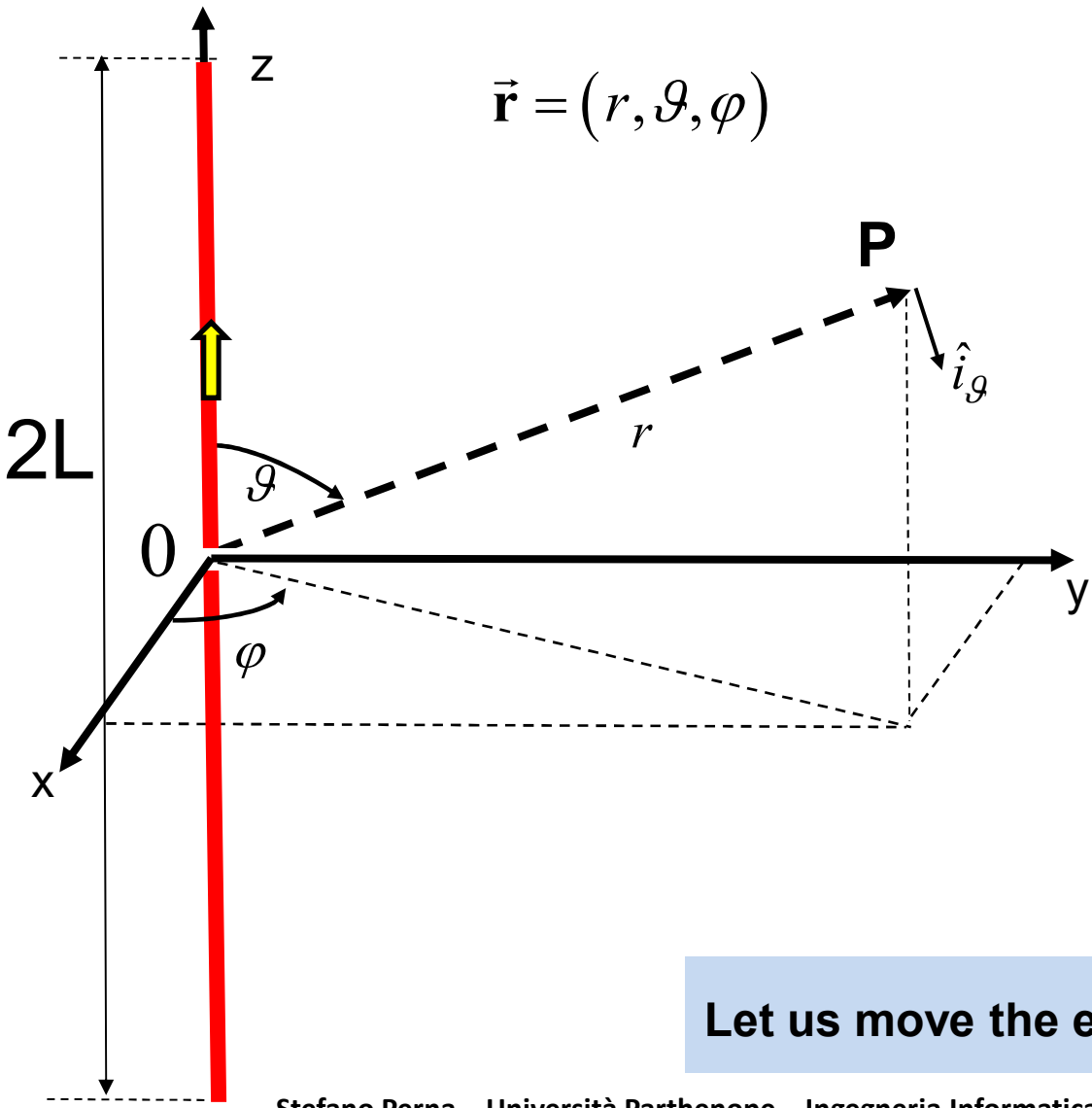
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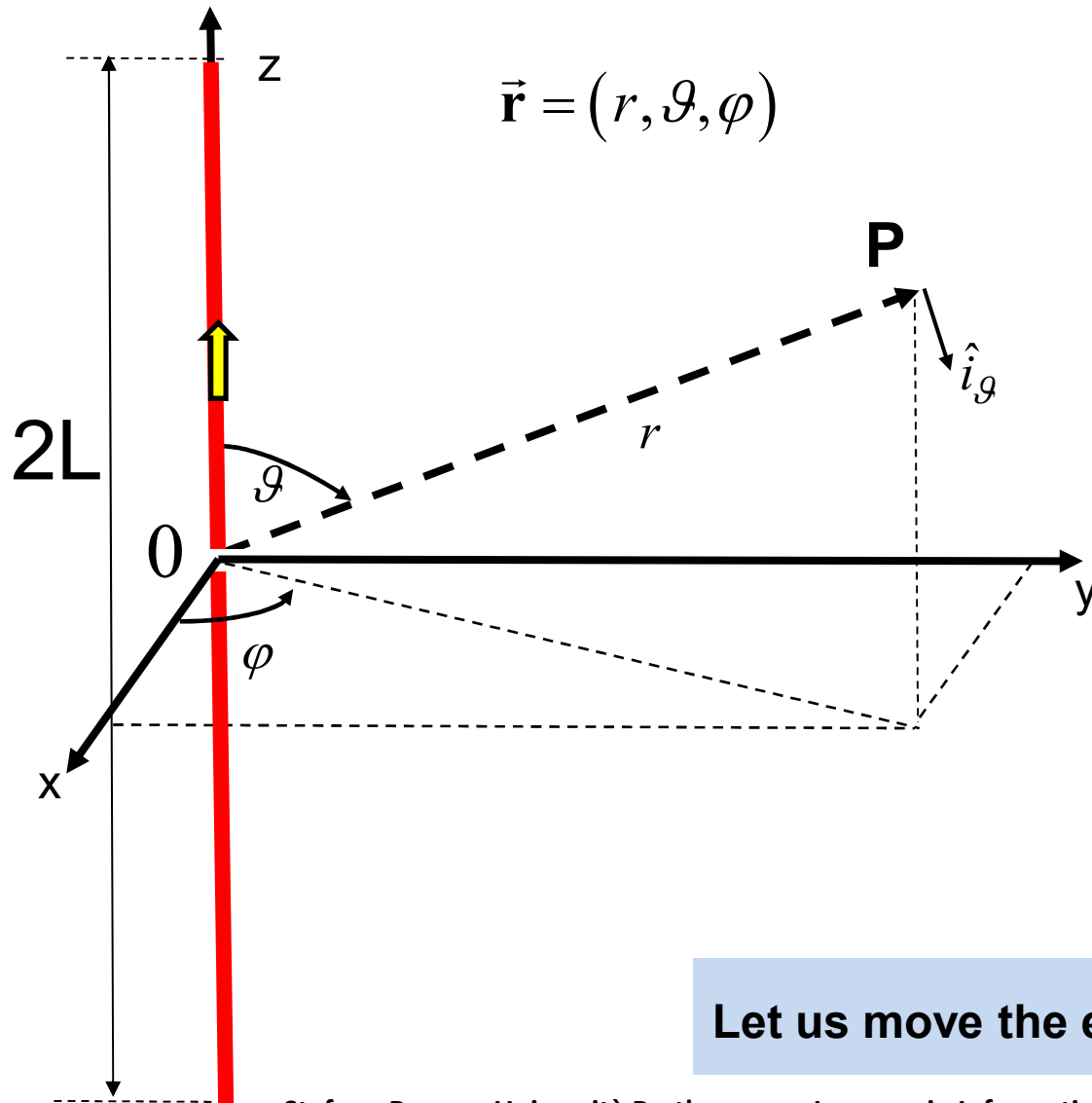
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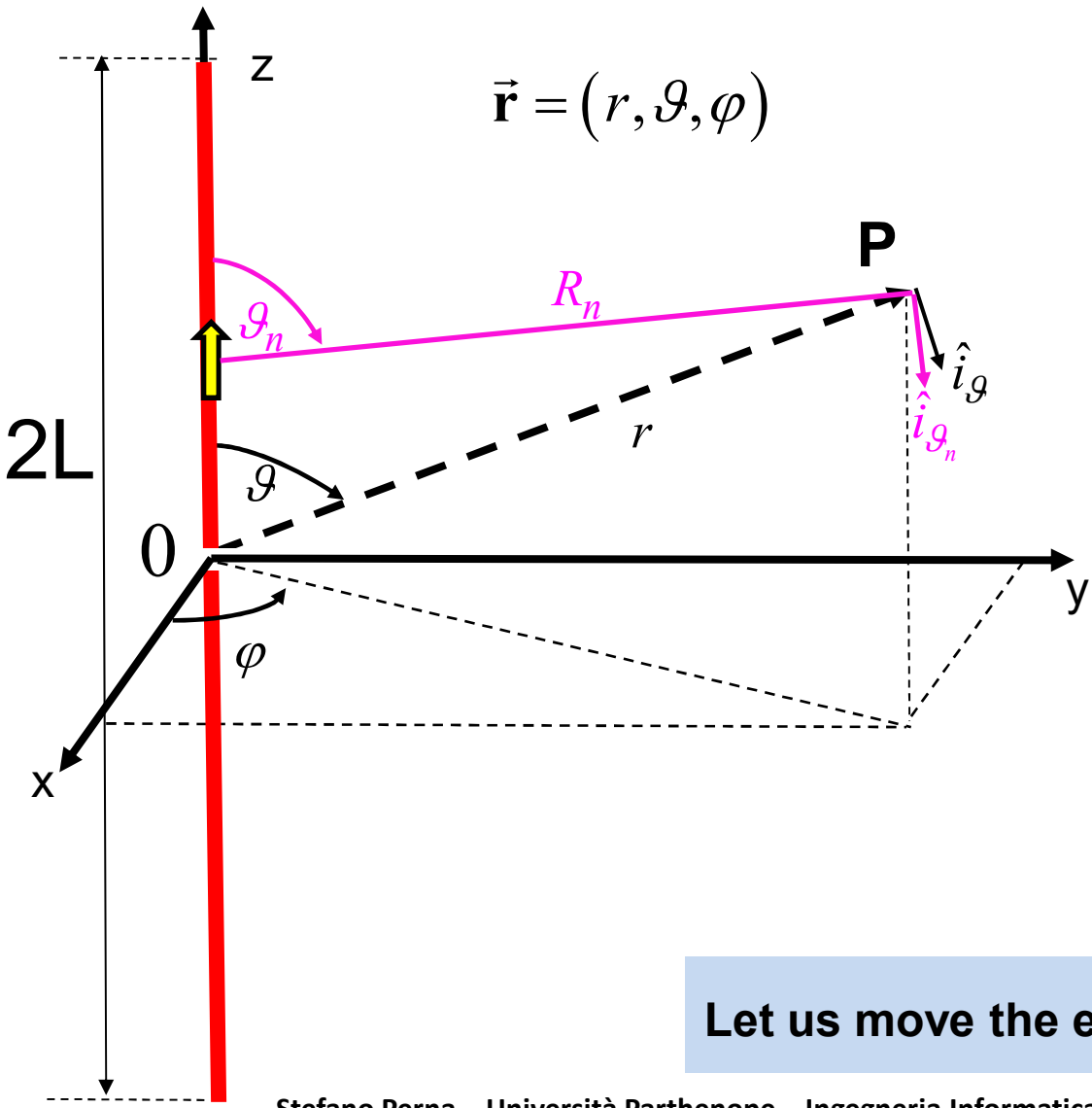
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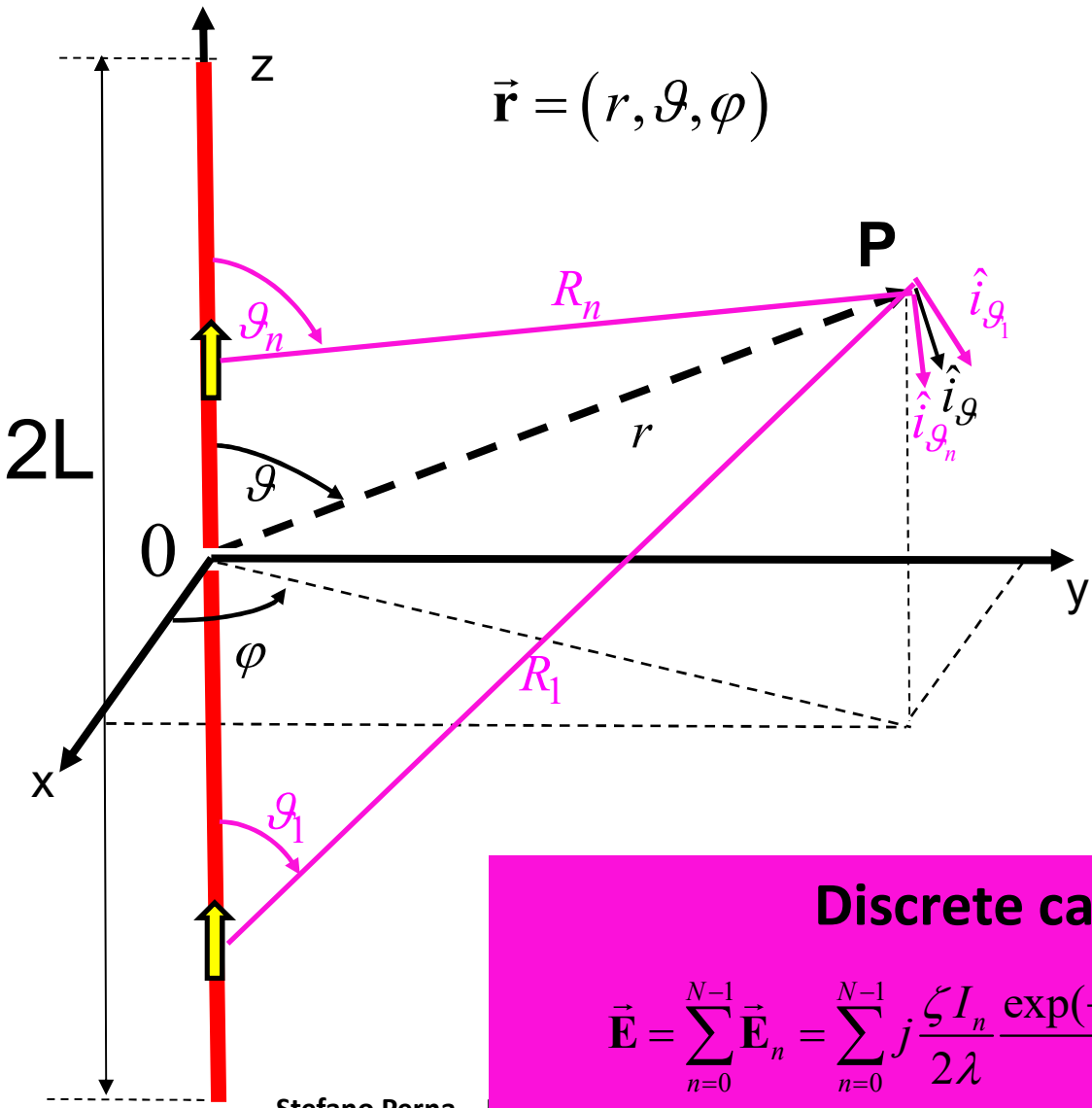
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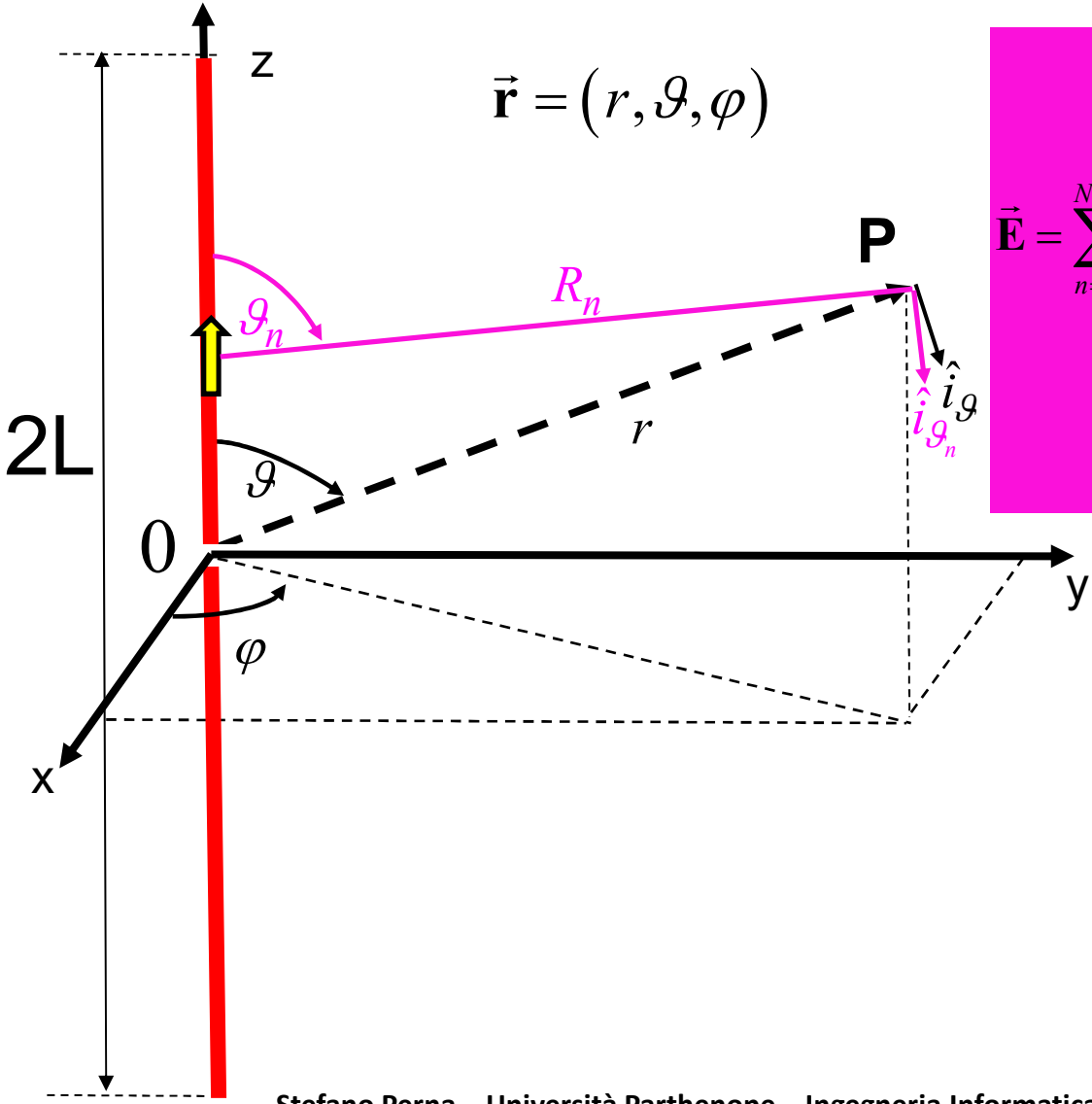
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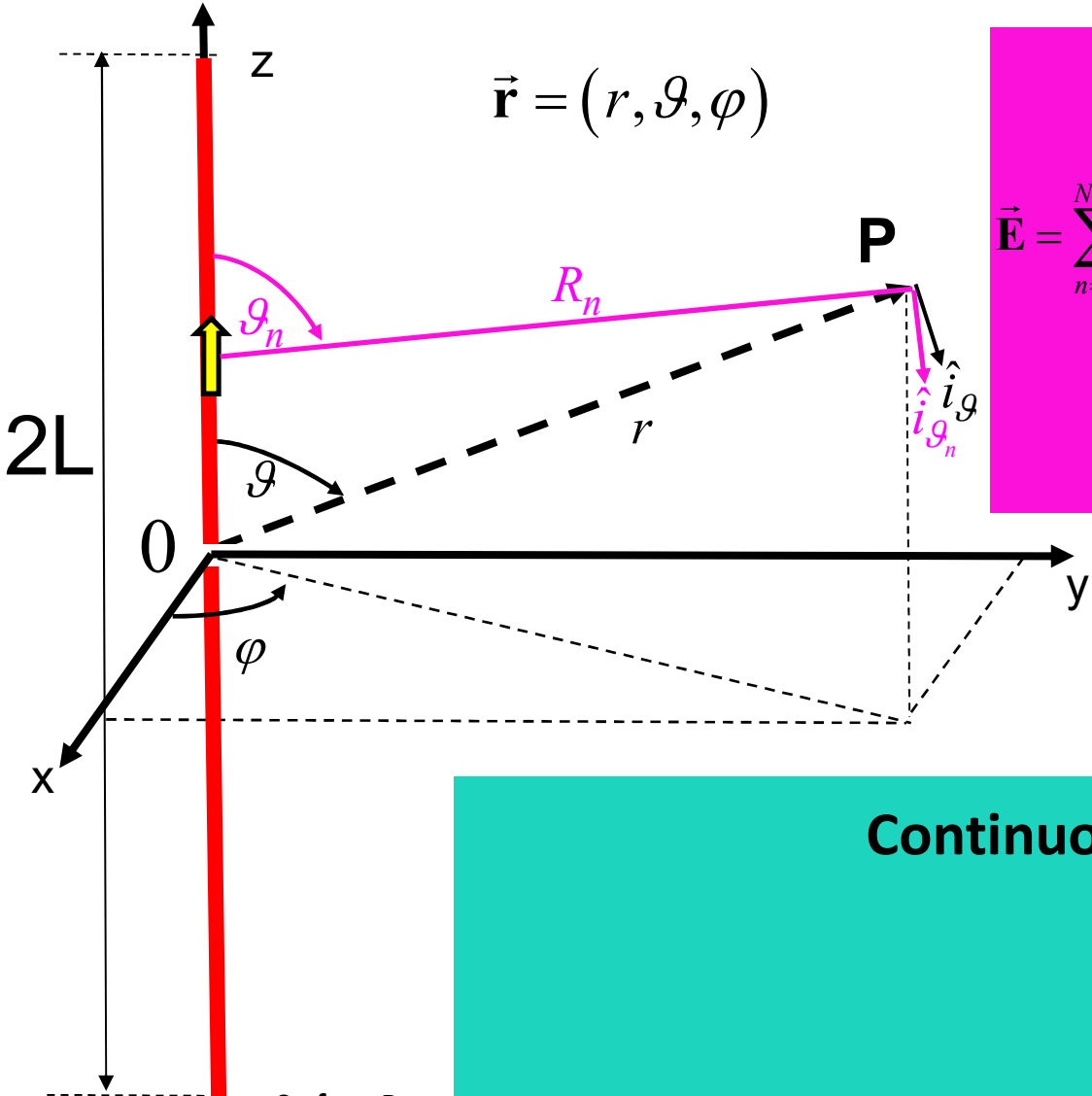
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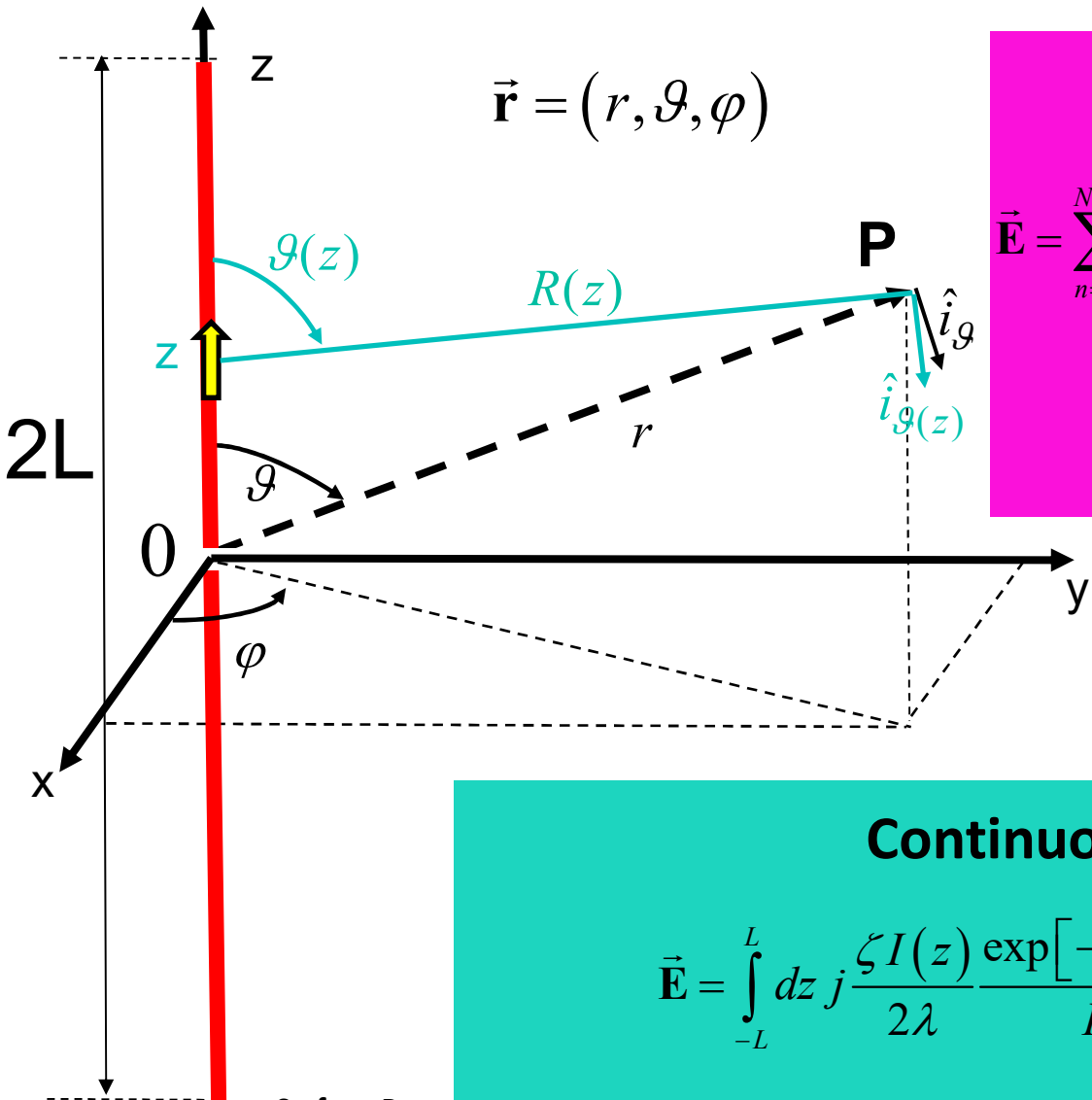
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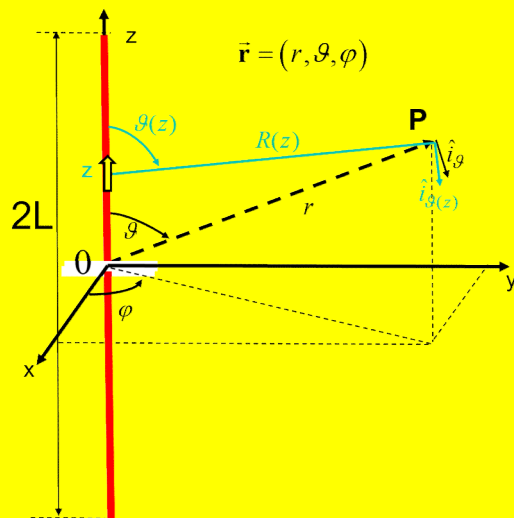
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Let us suppose that P is located in the **Fraunhofer Region** relevant to the considered wire antenna



$$\blacksquare R(z) \approx r - \vec{r}' \cdot \hat{i}_r = r - z \hat{i}_z \cdot \hat{i}_r = r - z \cos \vartheta$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\exp[-j\beta R(z)]}{R(z)} \approx \frac{\exp[-j\beta r] \exp[j\beta z \cos \vartheta]}{r}$$

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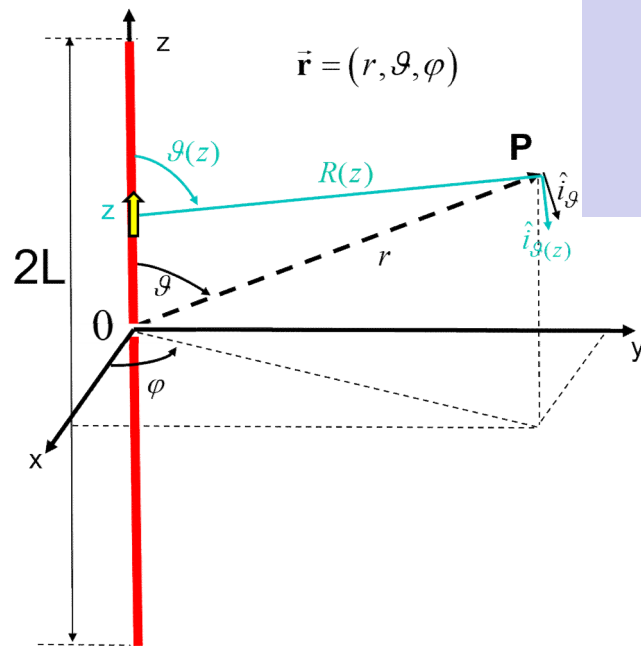
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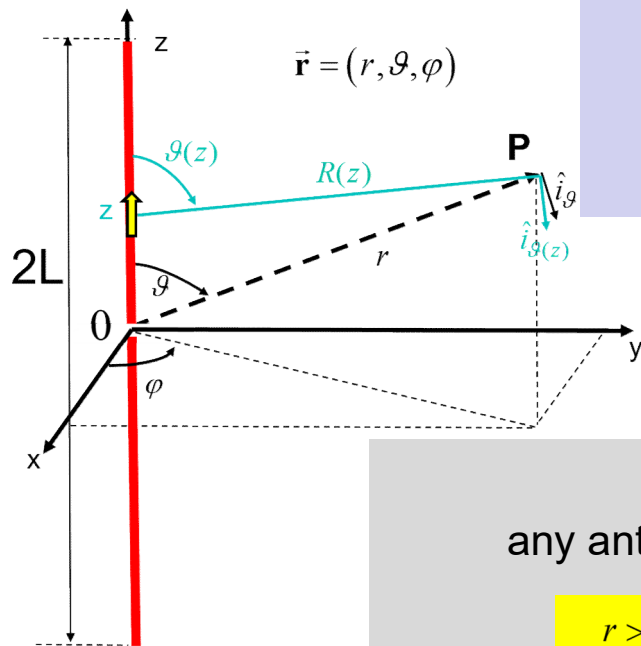
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Effective length of the wire antenna



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any antenna, in the Fraunhofer region, behaves as follows

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

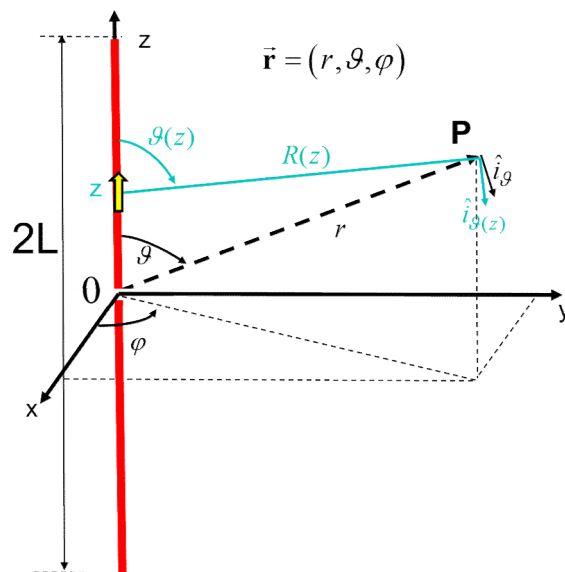
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{E}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) = \mathbf{E}(r, \vartheta, \varphi) = \frac{j\zeta I e^{-j\beta r}}{2\lambda r} \mathbf{I}(\vartheta, \varphi) \\ \zeta \mathbf{H} = \hat{i}_r \times \mathbf{E} \end{cases}$$

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

Effective length

Wire antennas: effective length

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

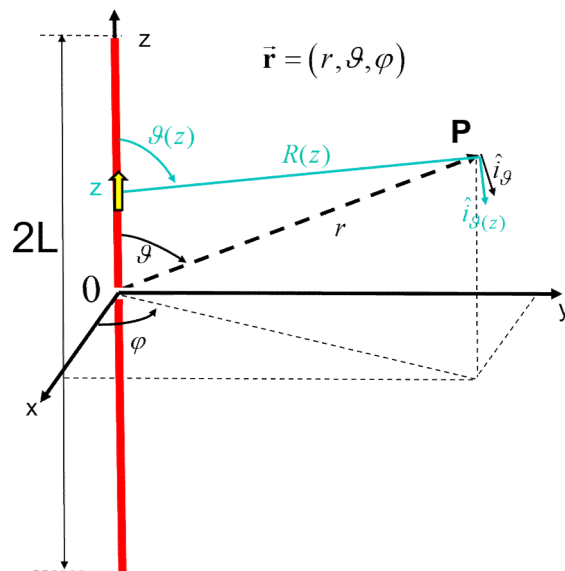


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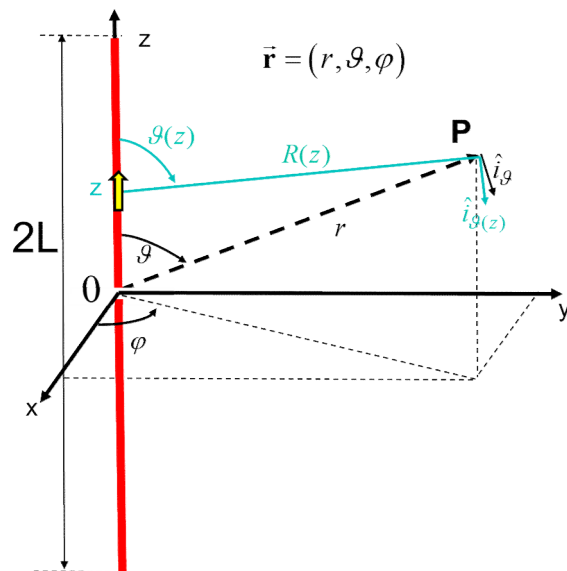
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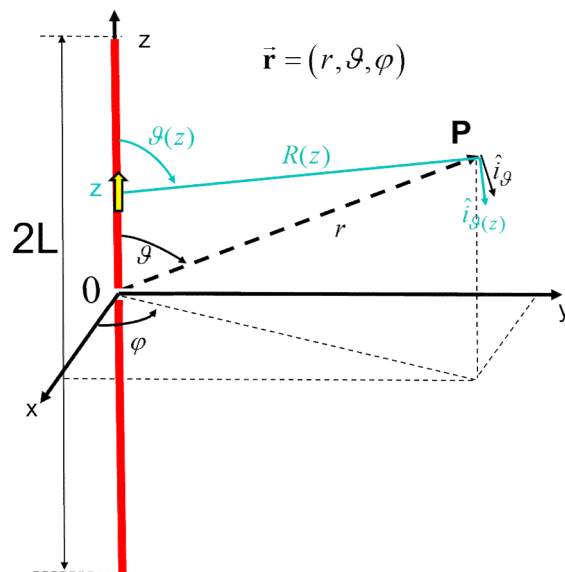
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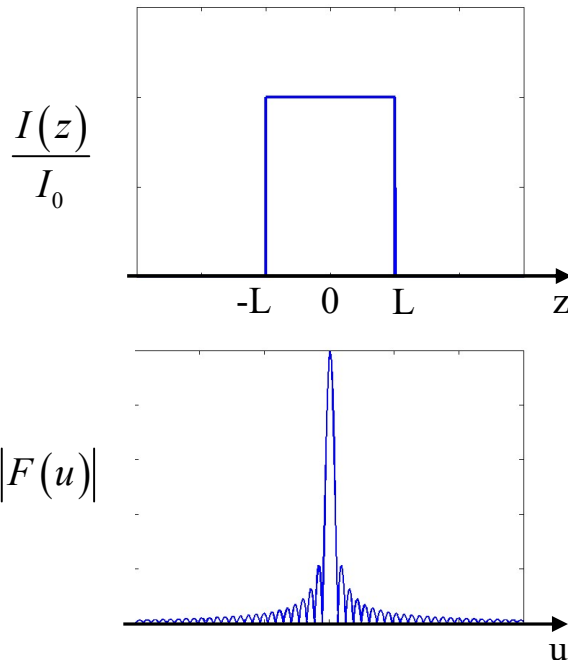
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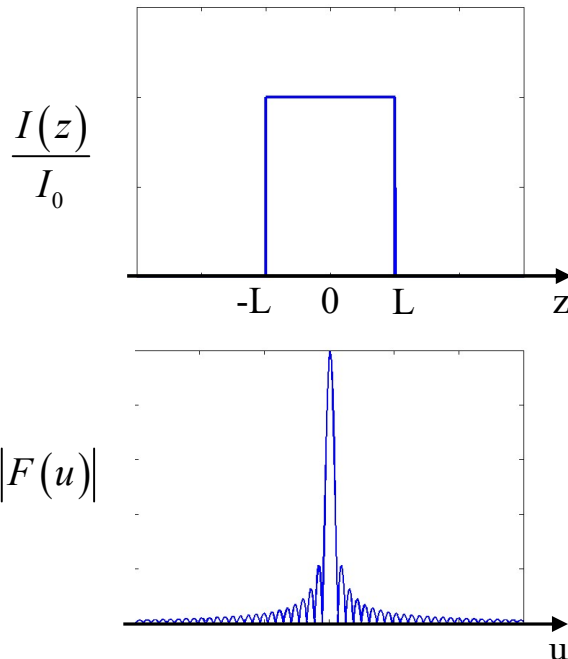
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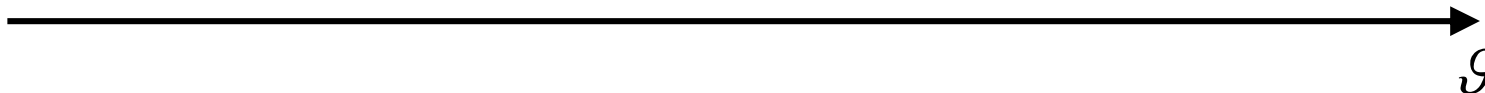
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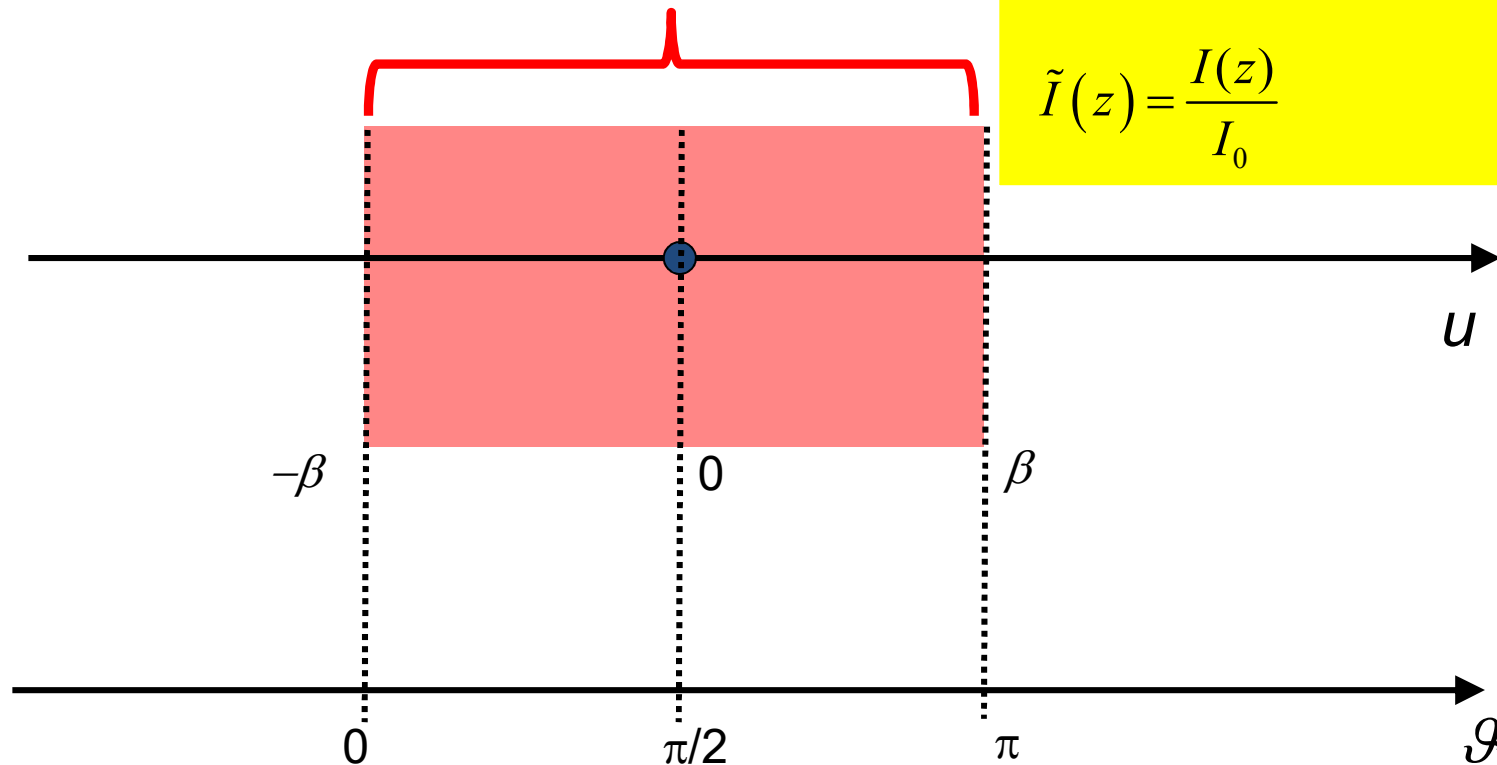
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Visible region of the spectrum



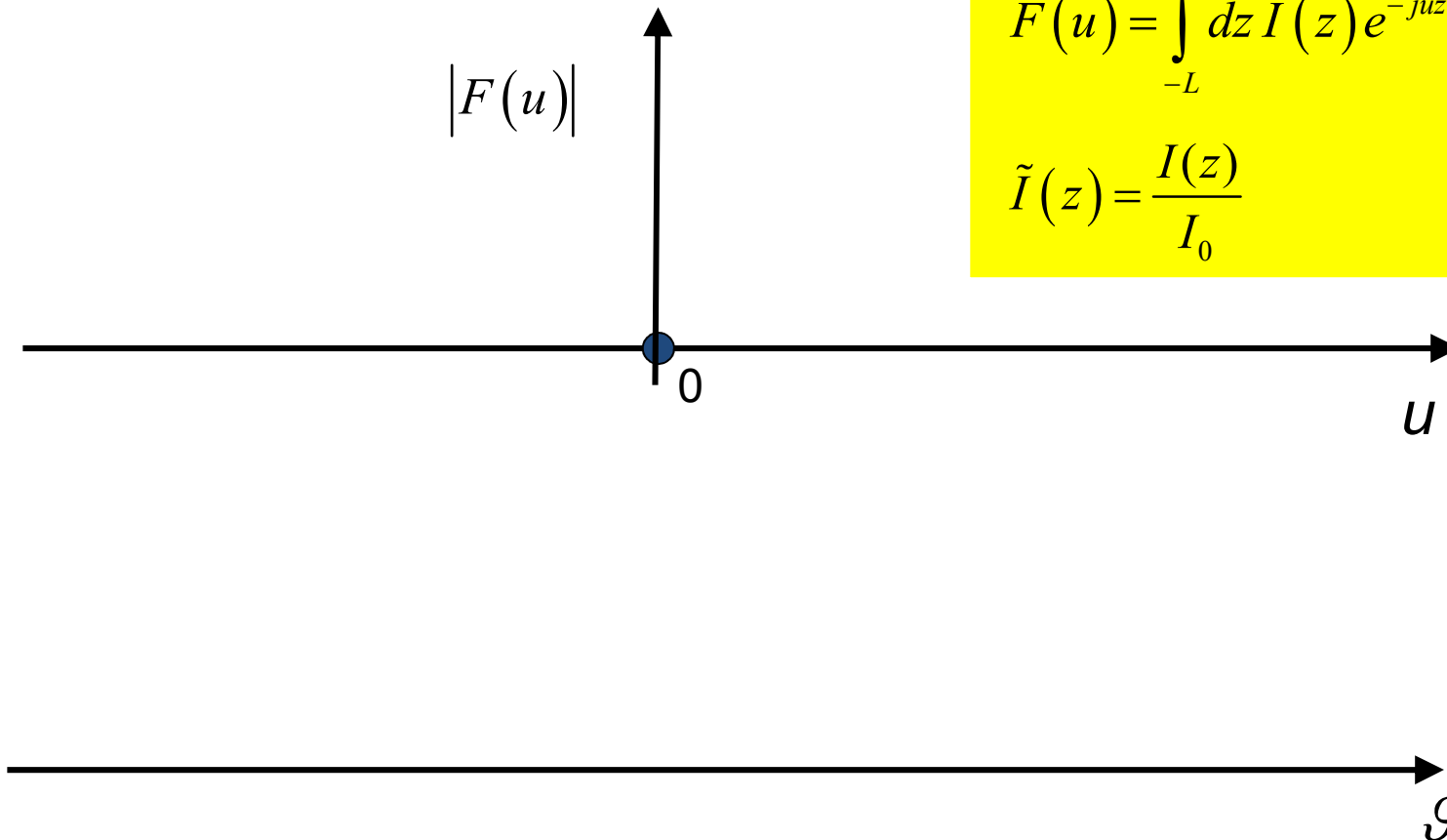
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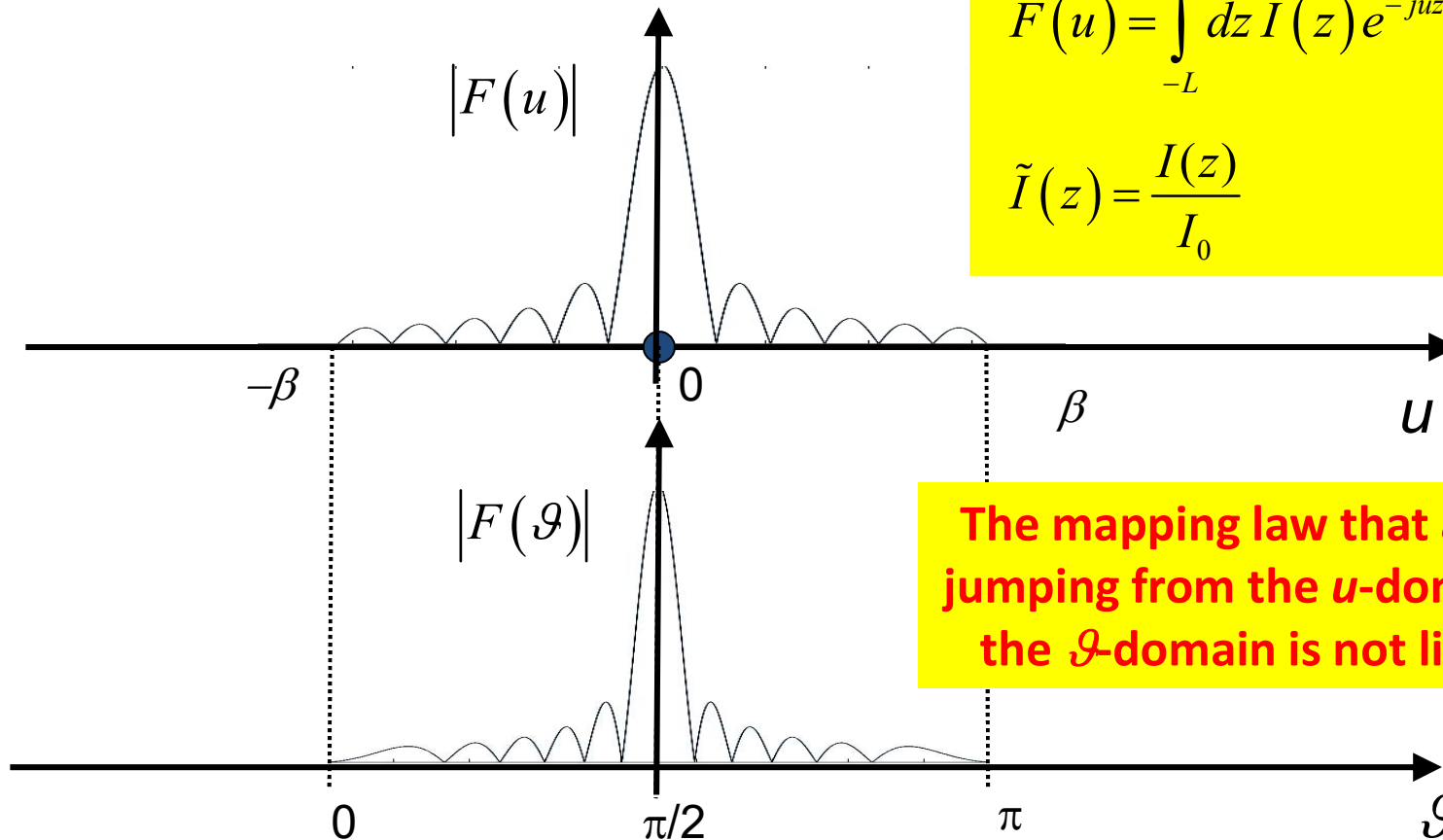
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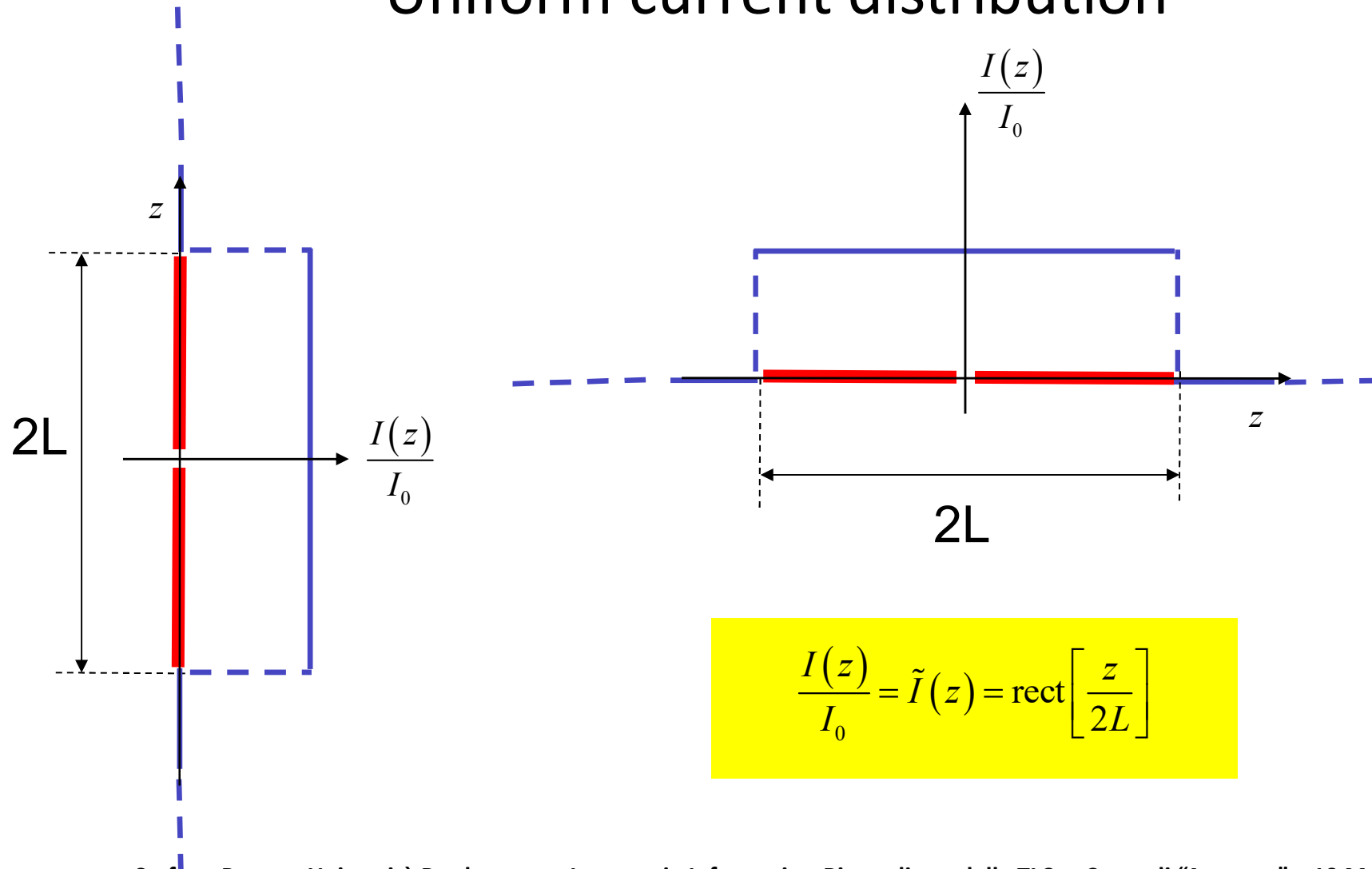
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Wire antennas: an ideal case

Uniform current distribution



$$\frac{I(z)}{I_0} = \tilde{I}(z) = \text{rect}\left[\frac{z}{2L}\right]$$