

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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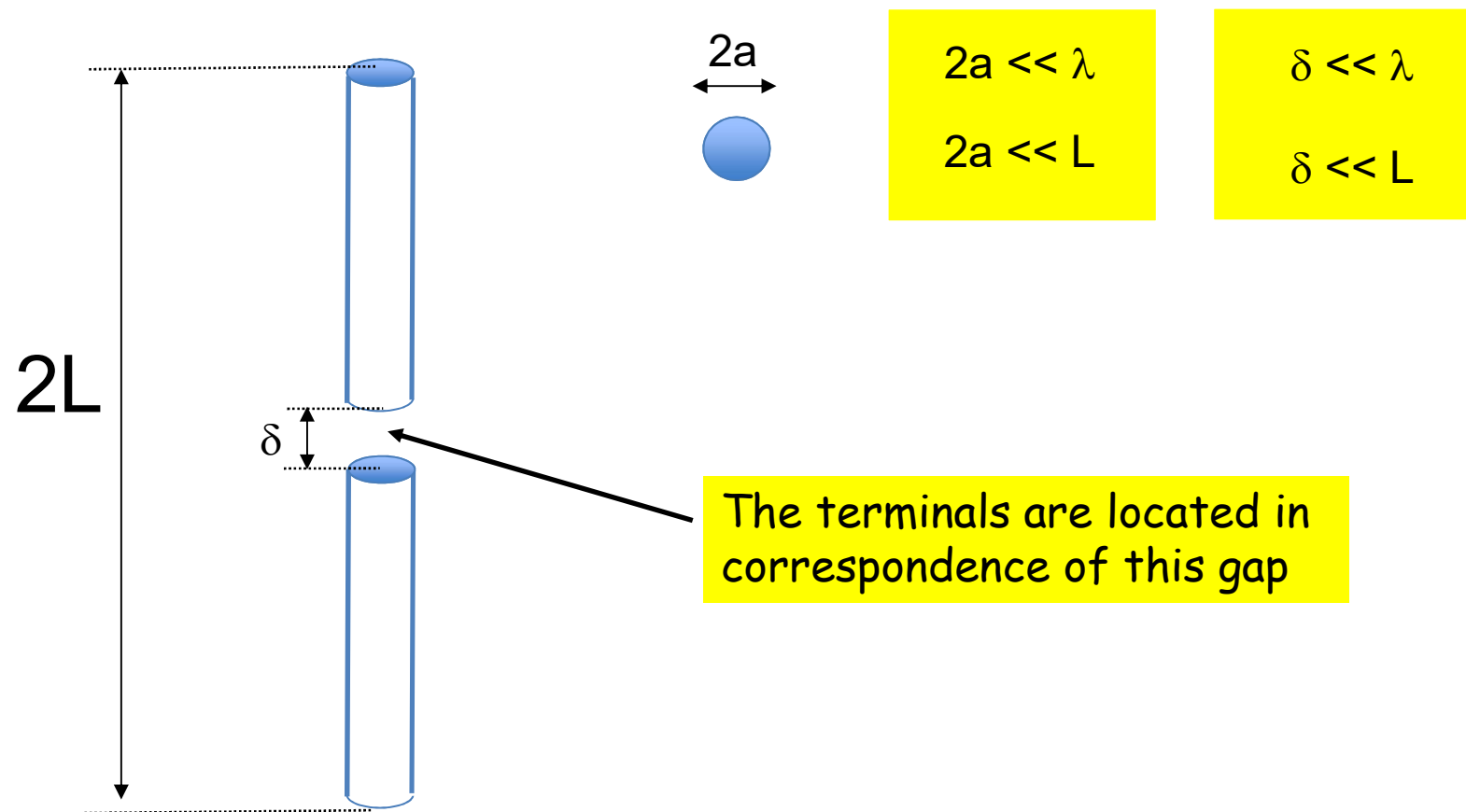
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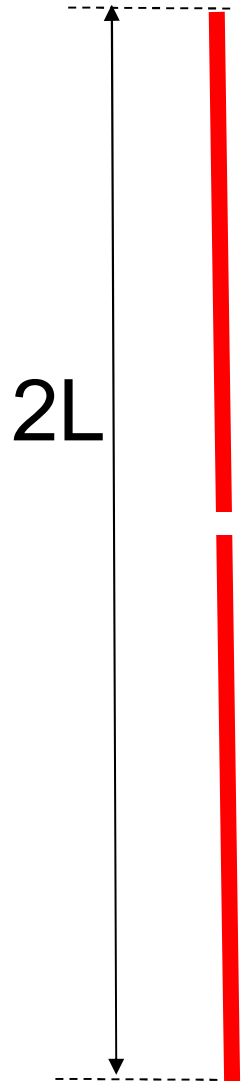
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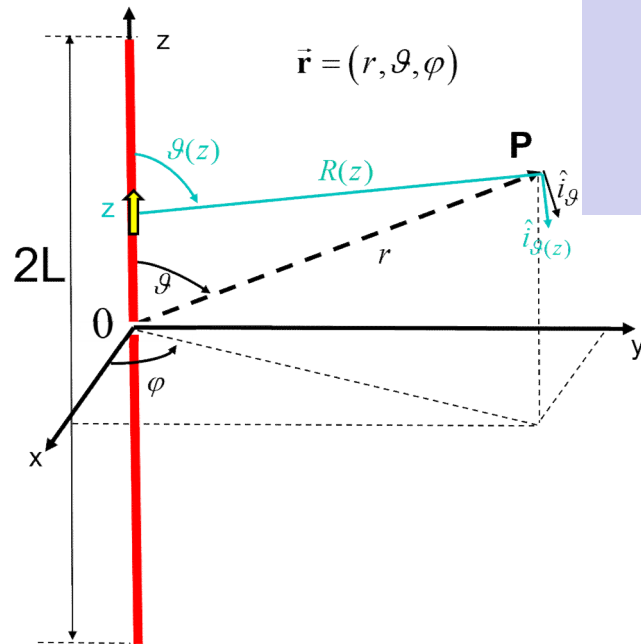
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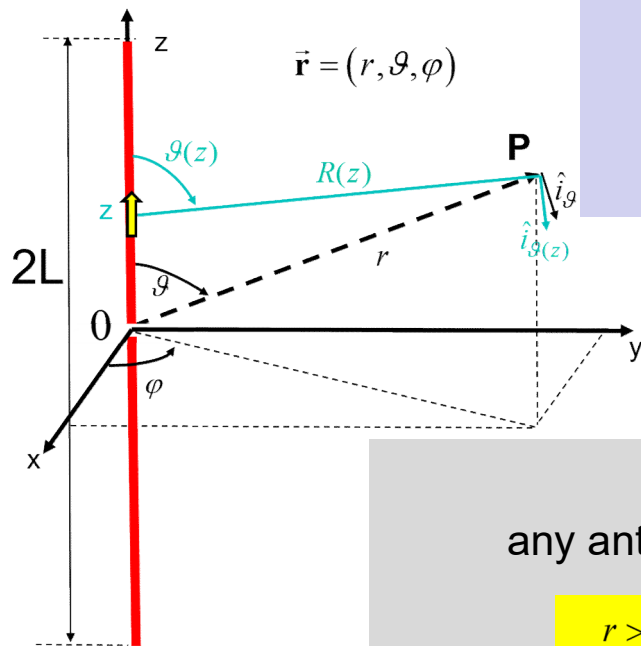


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Effective length of the wire antenna



.... Memo

any antenna, in the Fraunhofer region, behaves as follows

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

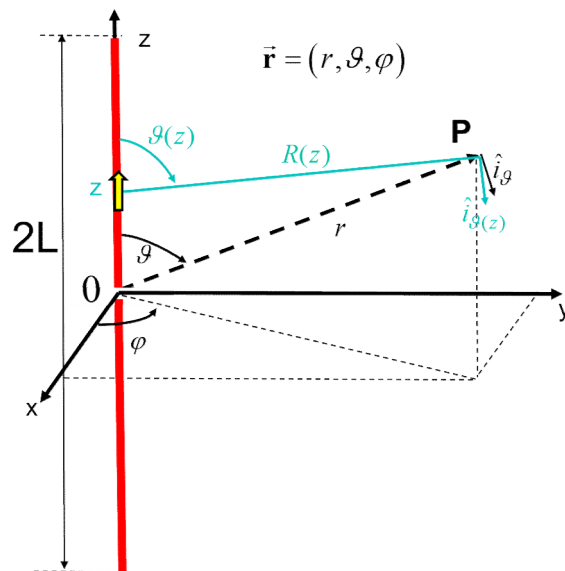
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{E}(\vec{r}) = \mathbf{E}(r, \vartheta, \varphi) = \frac{j\zeta I e^{-j\beta r}}{2\lambda r} \mathbf{I}(\vartheta, \varphi) \\ \zeta \mathbf{H} = \hat{i}_r \times \mathbf{E} \end{cases}$$

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

Effective length

# Wire antennas: effective length

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■ The effective length is independent of  $\varphi$

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■ The effective length depends by the current distribution  $I(z)$

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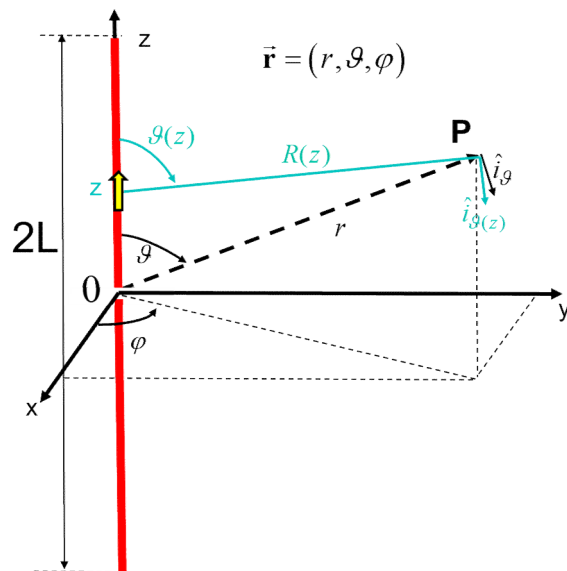
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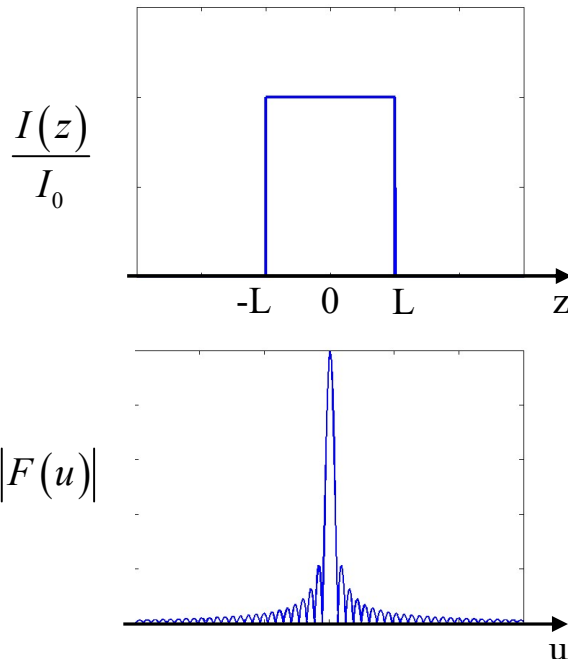
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The properties of the Fourier Transformation suggest some interesting considerations

- Antenna's size and beamwidth
- Scanning of the pattern
- Synthesis of the pattern

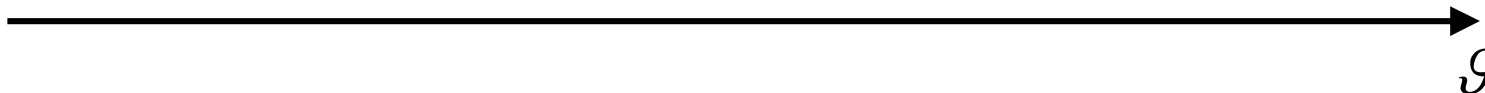
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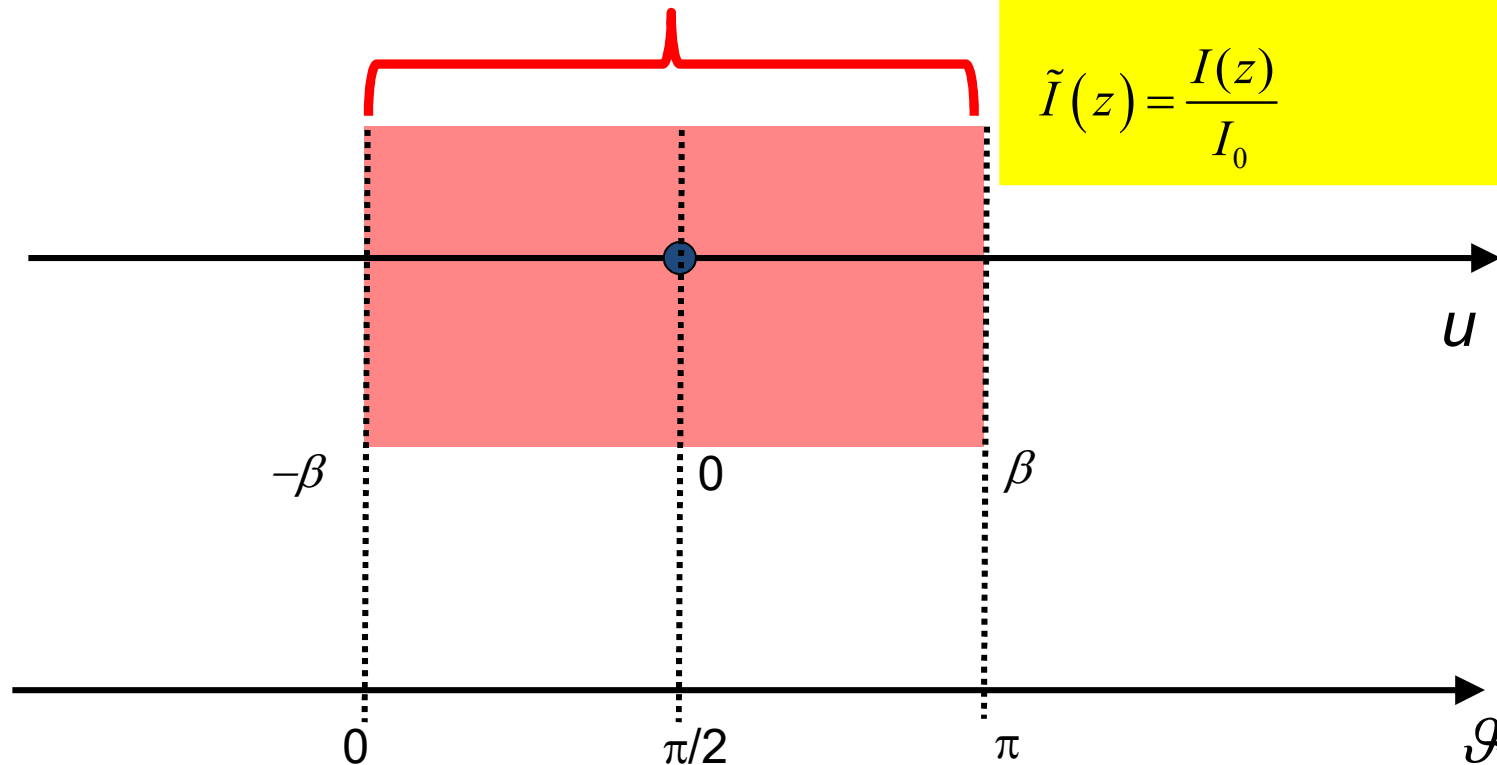
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Visible region of the spectrum



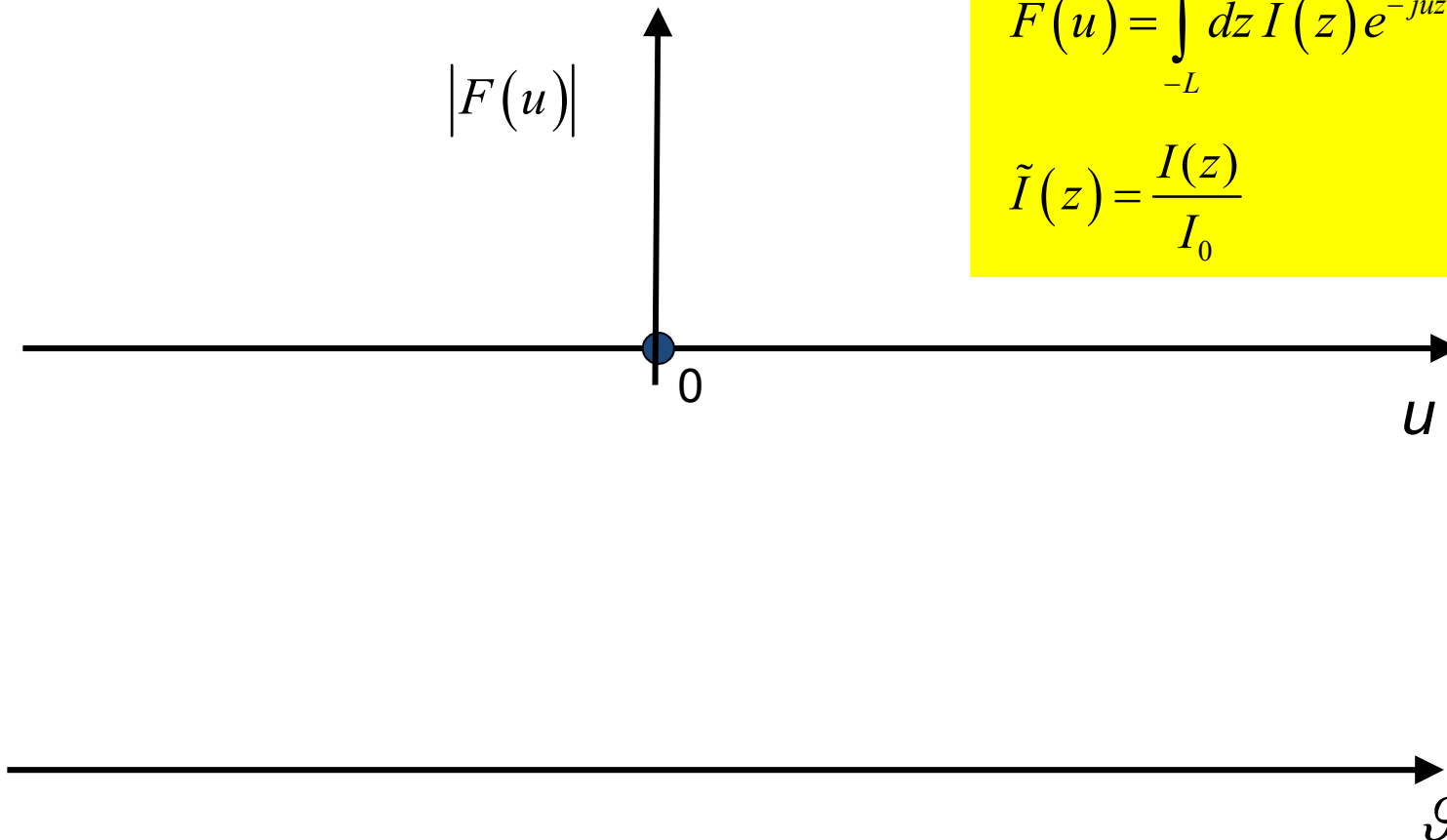
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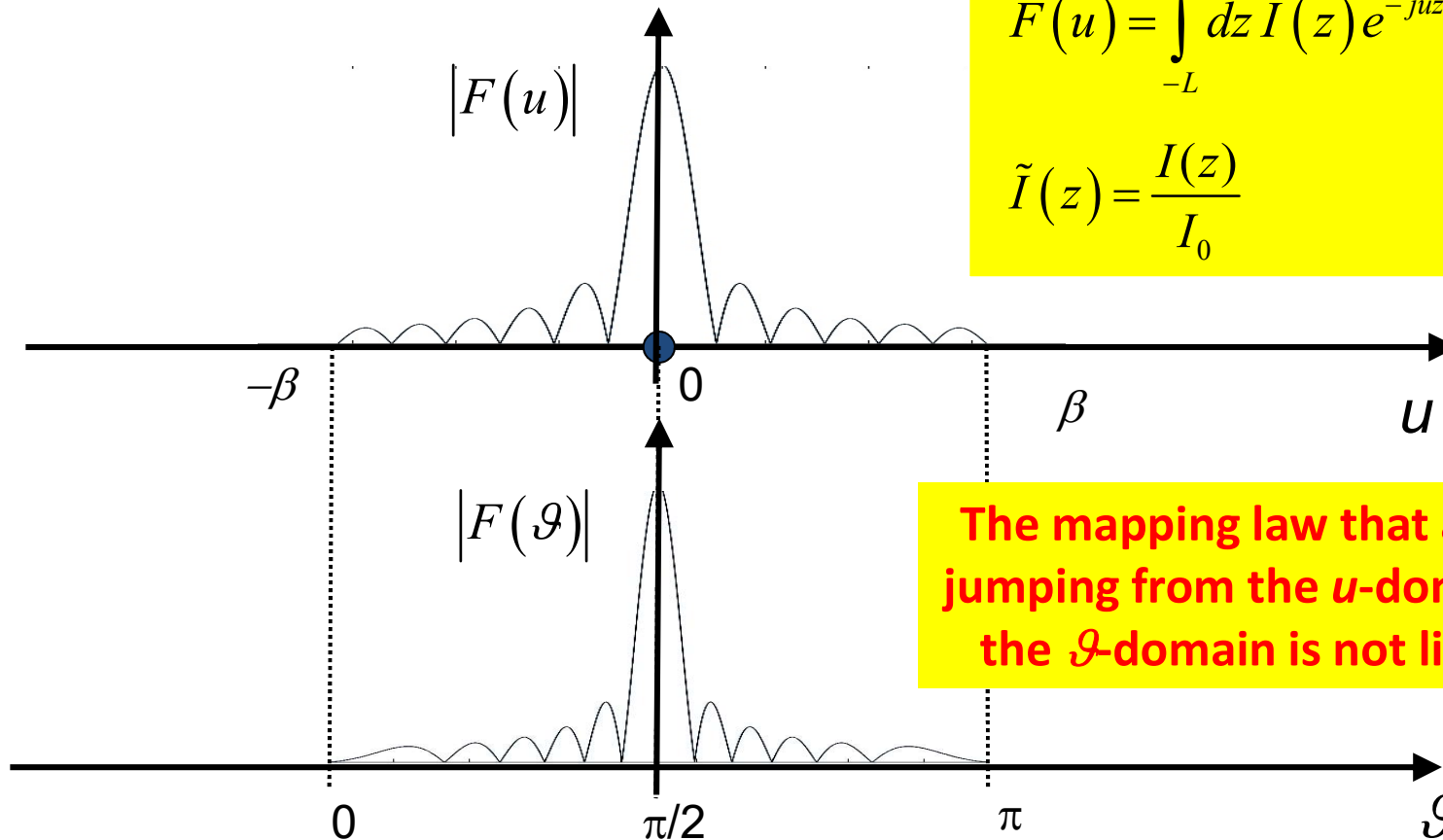
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The mapping law that allows jumping from the  $u$ -domain to the  $\vartheta$ -domain is not linear!

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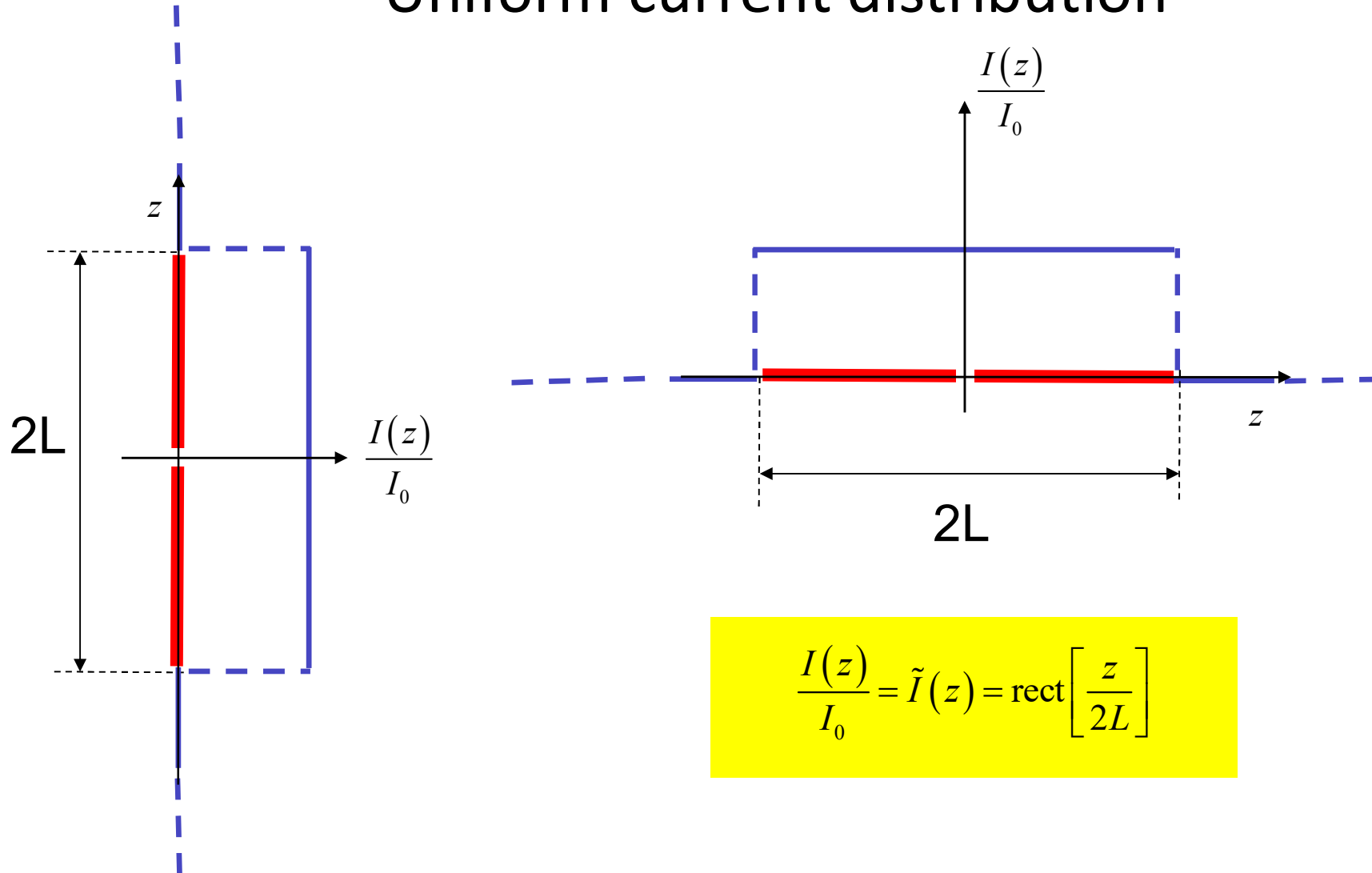
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Mathematics

# Wire antennas: an ideal case

Uniform current distribution



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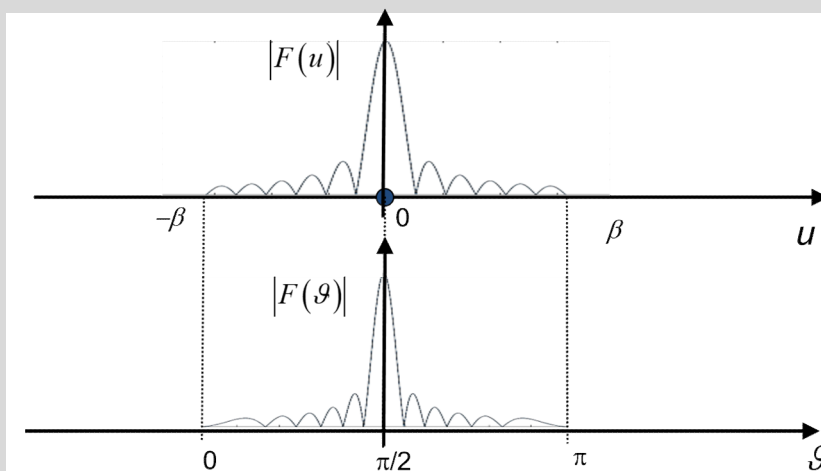
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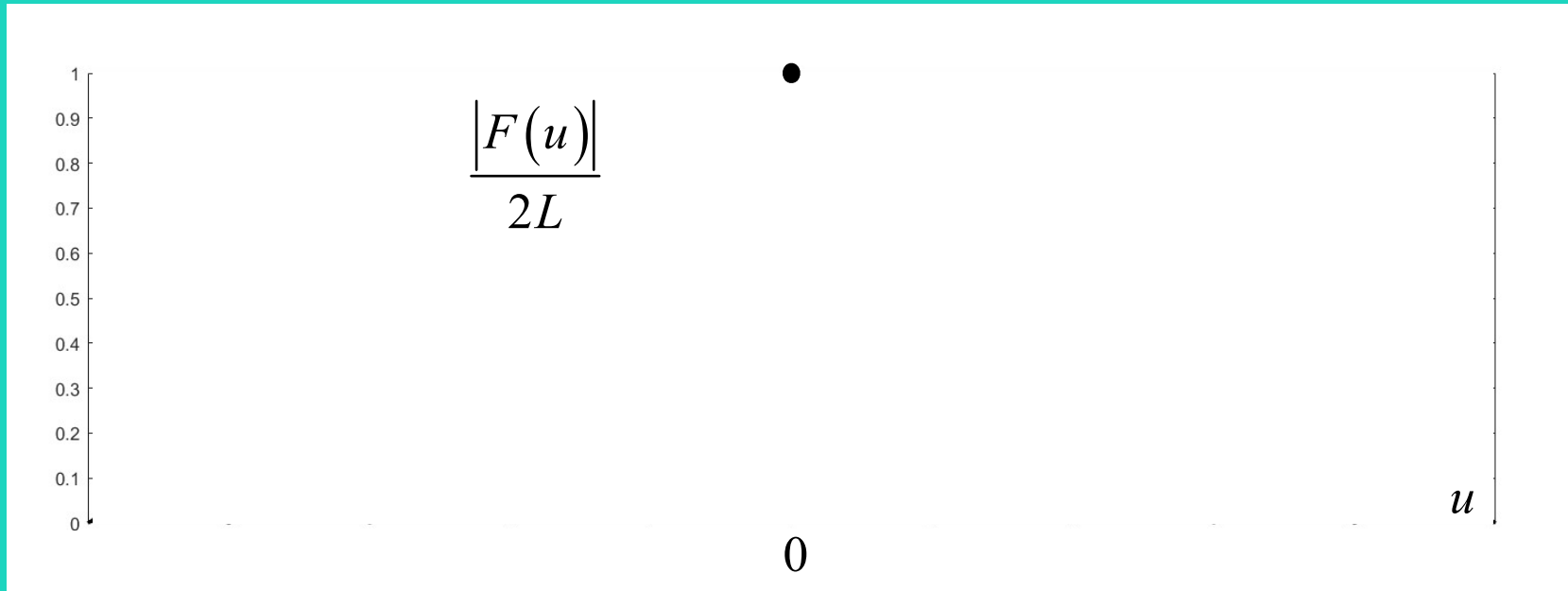
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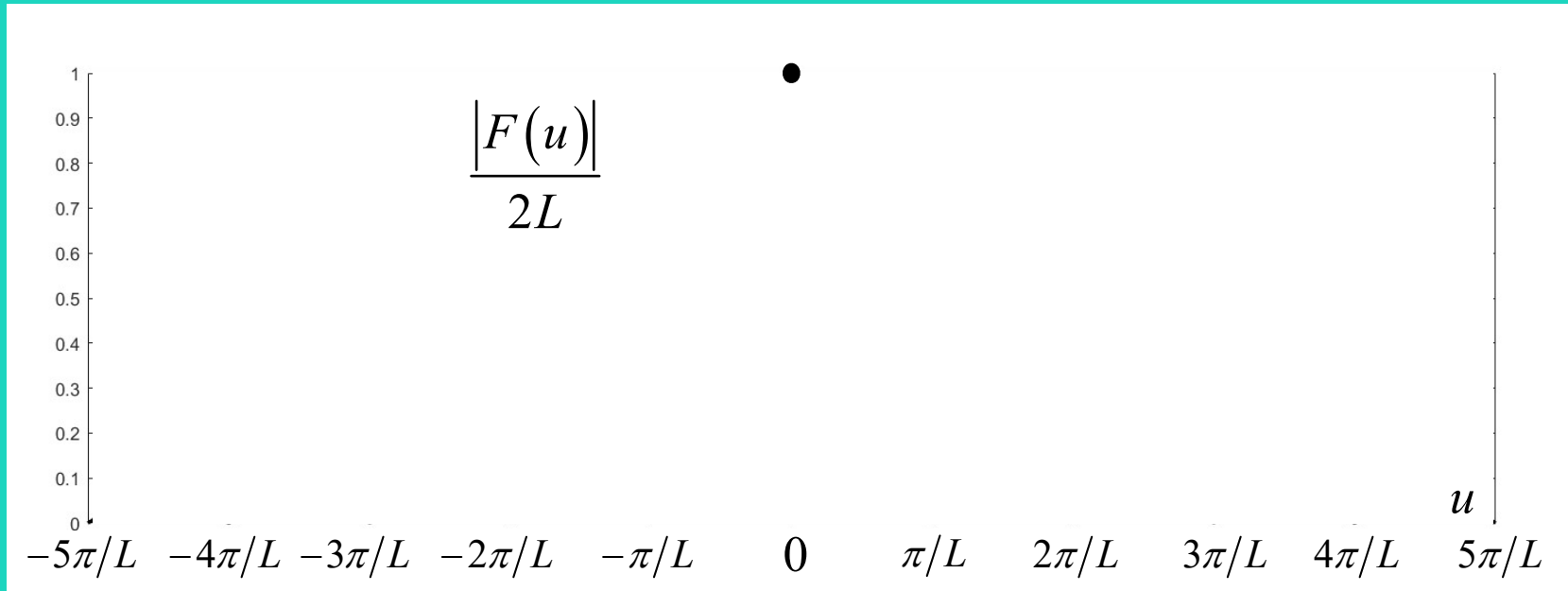
$u = 0 \Rightarrow F(0) = \frac{0}{0}$  ... application of the de l'Hopital rule leads to  $F(0) = 2L$



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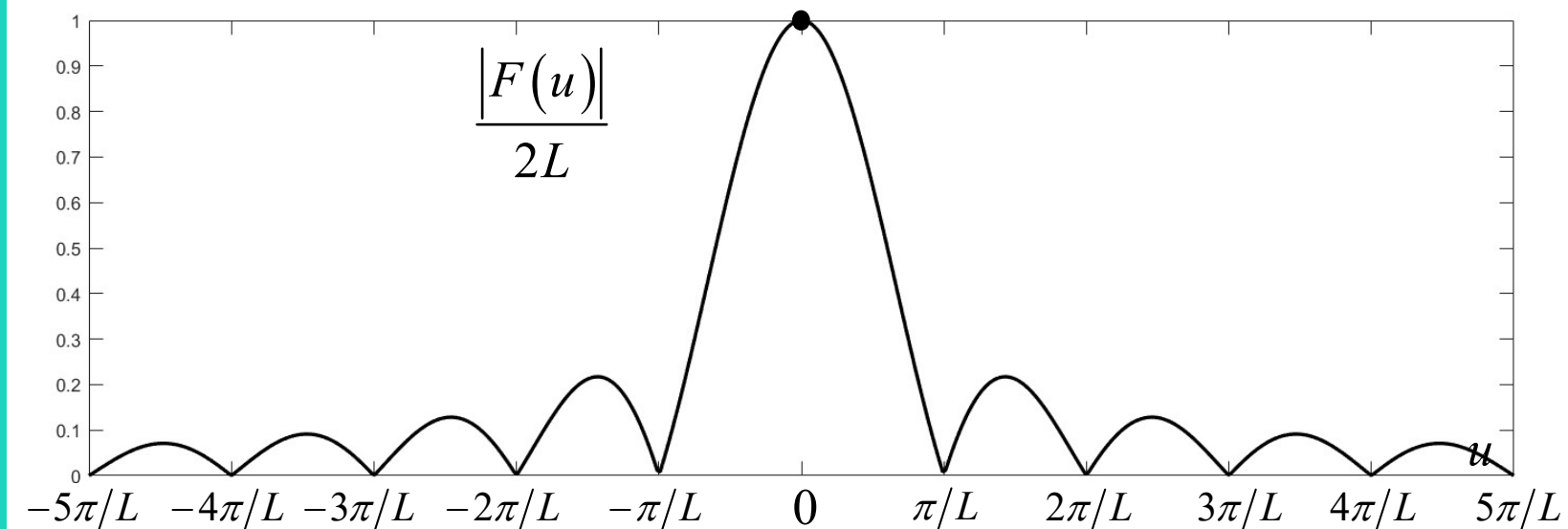
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**Zeroes:**  $\sin(uL) = 0 \Rightarrow uL = k\pi \quad (k \neq 0) \Rightarrow u = \frac{k\pi}{L} \quad (k \neq 0)$



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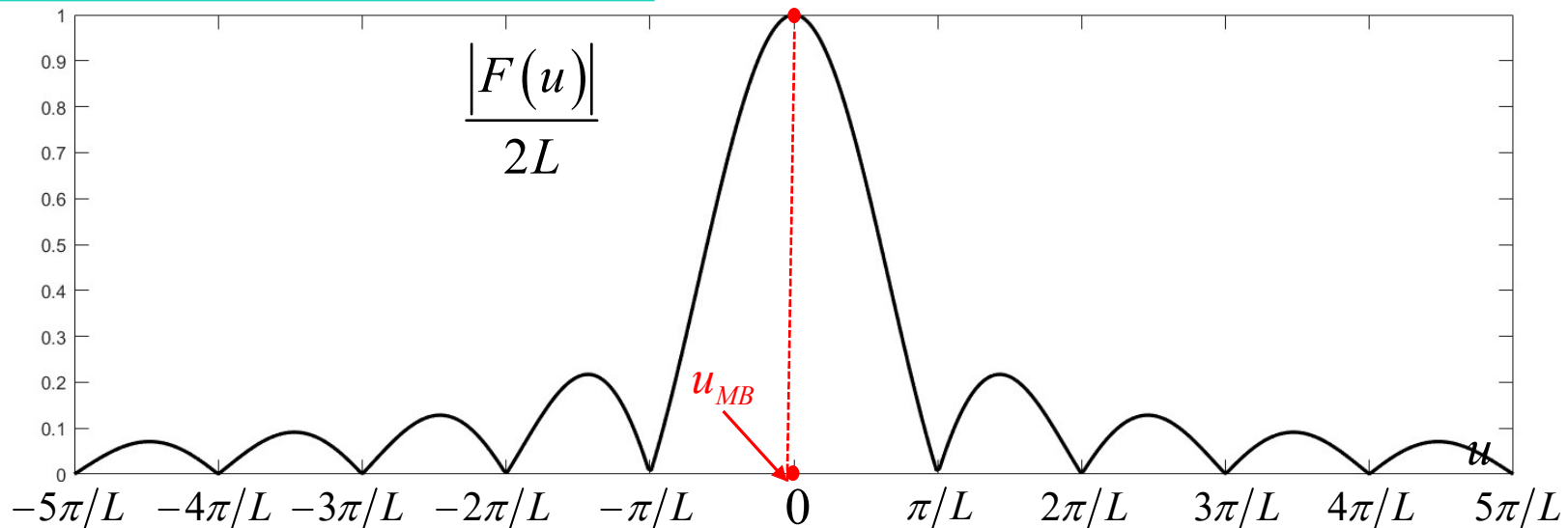
$$u_{MB} = 0$$

**$\mathcal{G}$ -domain**

$$u = -\beta \cos \mathcal{G}$$

$$u_{MB} = -\beta \cos \mathcal{G}_{MB} \quad \longrightarrow \quad 0 = -\beta \cos \mathcal{G}_{MB}$$

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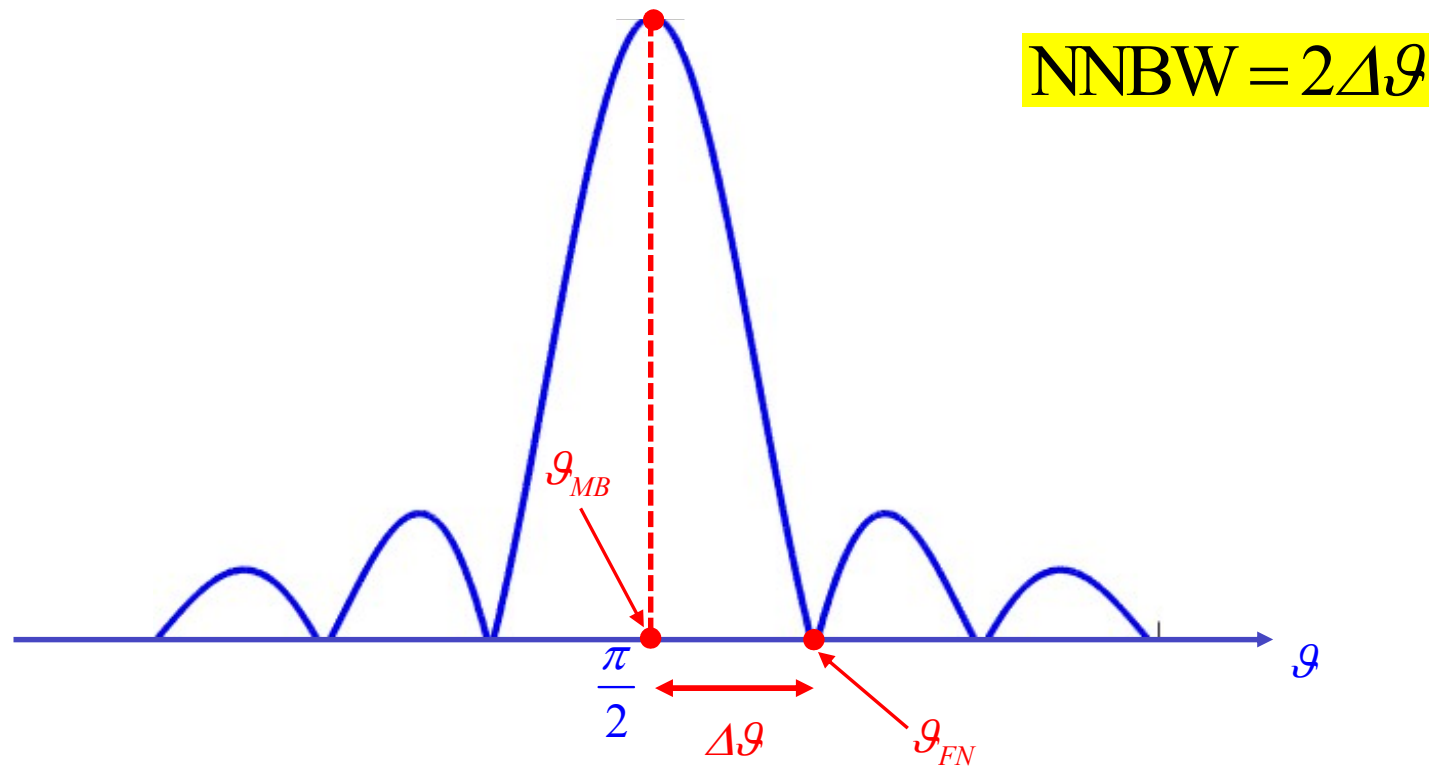
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# Main lobe and Beamwidth (NNBW)

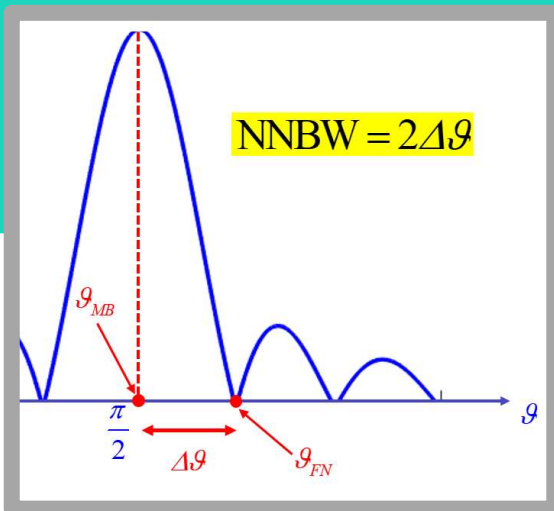


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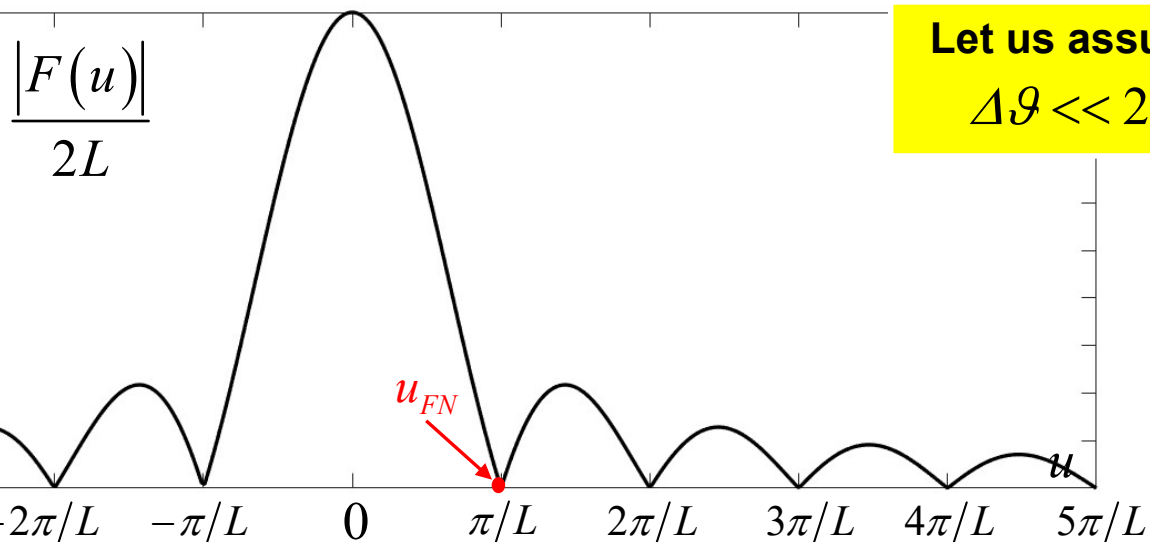
$\vartheta$ -domain

$$u = -\beta \cos \vartheta$$

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$$\frac{\pi}{L} \approx \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \Delta\vartheta \quad \rightarrow \quad \Delta\vartheta \approx \frac{\lambda}{2L} \quad \rightarrow \quad NNBW = 2\Delta\vartheta \approx \frac{\lambda}{L}$$



Let us assume  
 $\Delta\vartheta \ll 2\pi$

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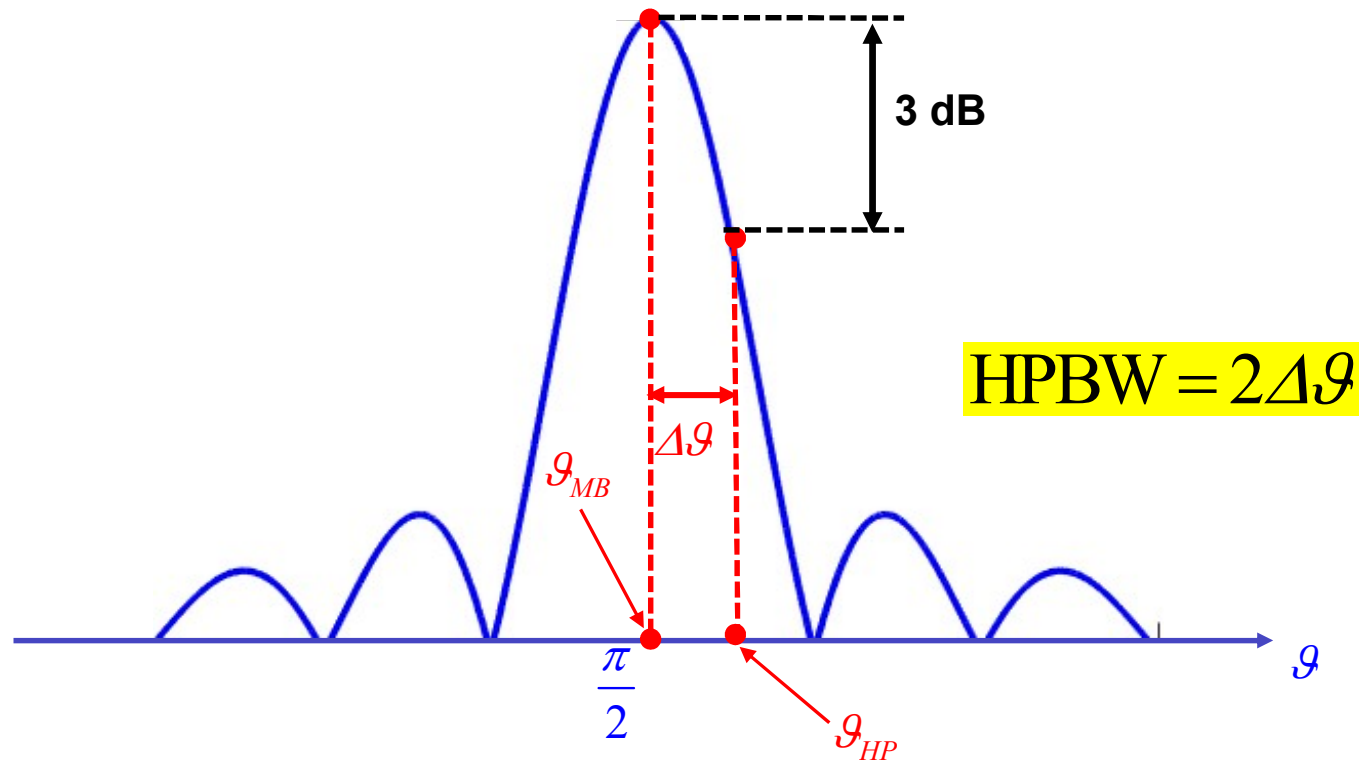
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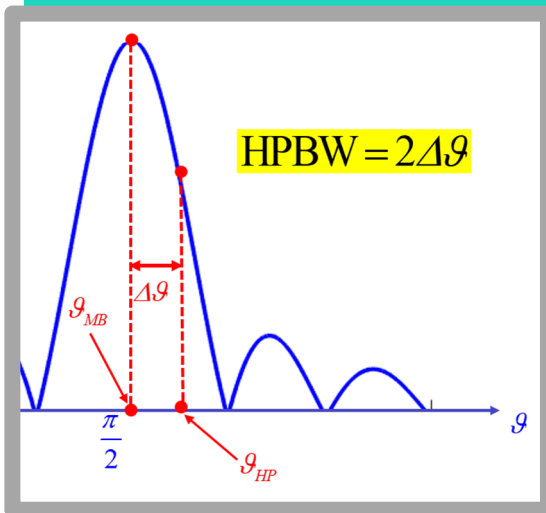


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u-domain

$$F(u) = 2L \frac{\sin(uL)}{uL}$$

$$u_{HP} = 0.88 \frac{\pi}{2L}$$



g-domain

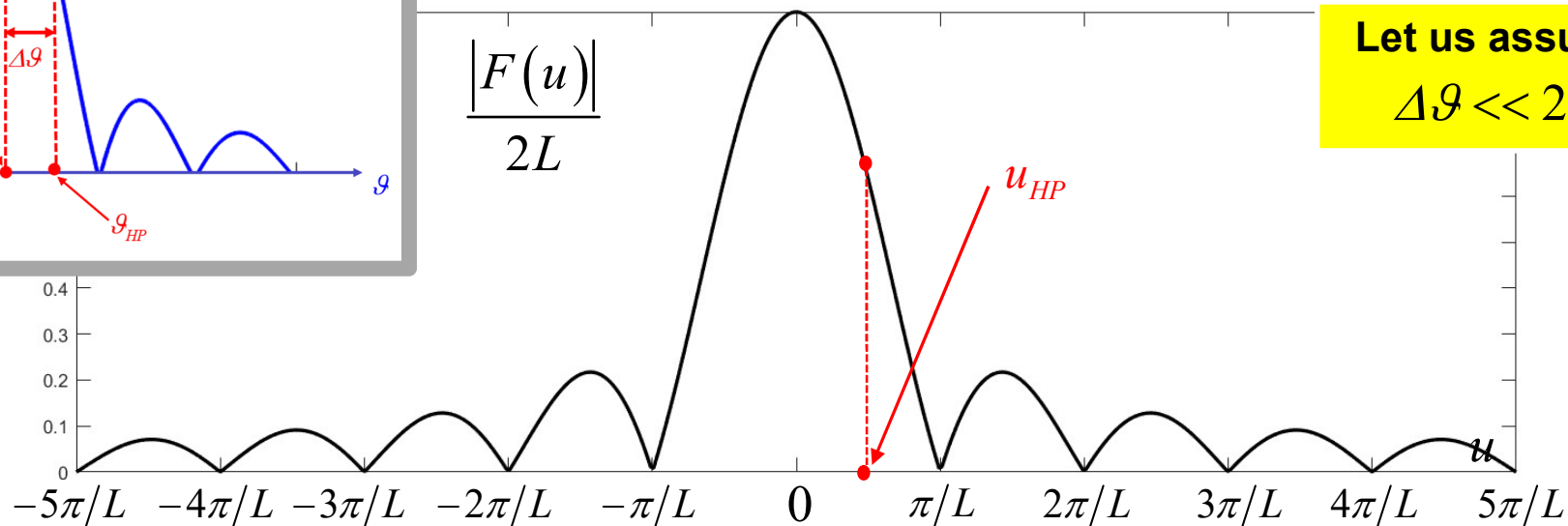
$$u = -\beta \cos \vartheta$$

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$$0.88 \frac{\pi}{2L} = -\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \Delta \vartheta\right) = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \sin(\Delta \vartheta) \approx \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \Delta \vartheta$$

$$\rightarrow \Delta \vartheta \approx 0.88 \frac{\lambda}{4L} \quad \rightarrow \text{HPBW} = 2\Delta \vartheta \approx 0.88 \frac{\lambda}{2L}$$

$$\frac{|F(u)|}{2L}$$



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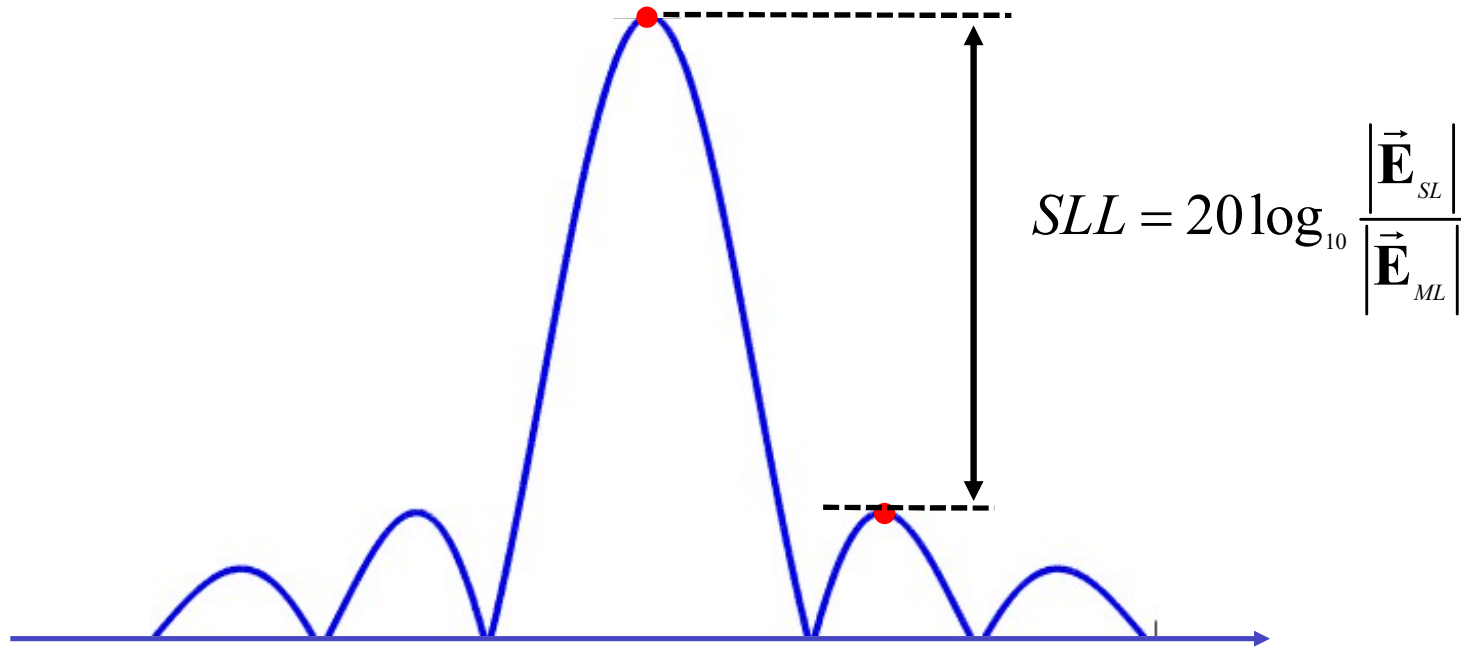
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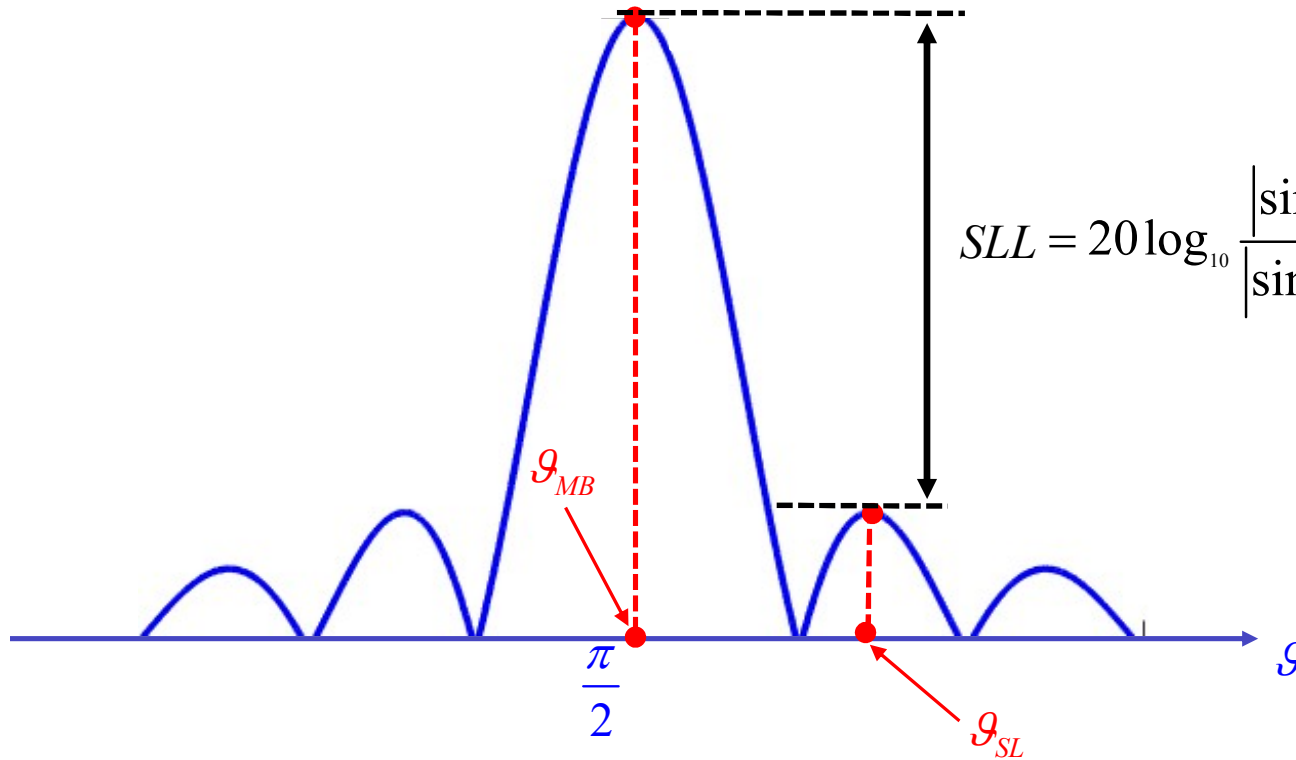
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$$SLL = 20 \log_{10} \frac{|\sin(\vartheta_{SL}) F(\vartheta_{SL})|}{|\sin(\vartheta_{MB}) F(\vartheta_{MB})|} \approx 20 \log_{10} \frac{|F(\vartheta_{SL})|}{|F(\vartheta_{MB})|}$$

Let us assume

$$|\vartheta_{SL} - \vartheta_{MB}| \ll 2\pi$$

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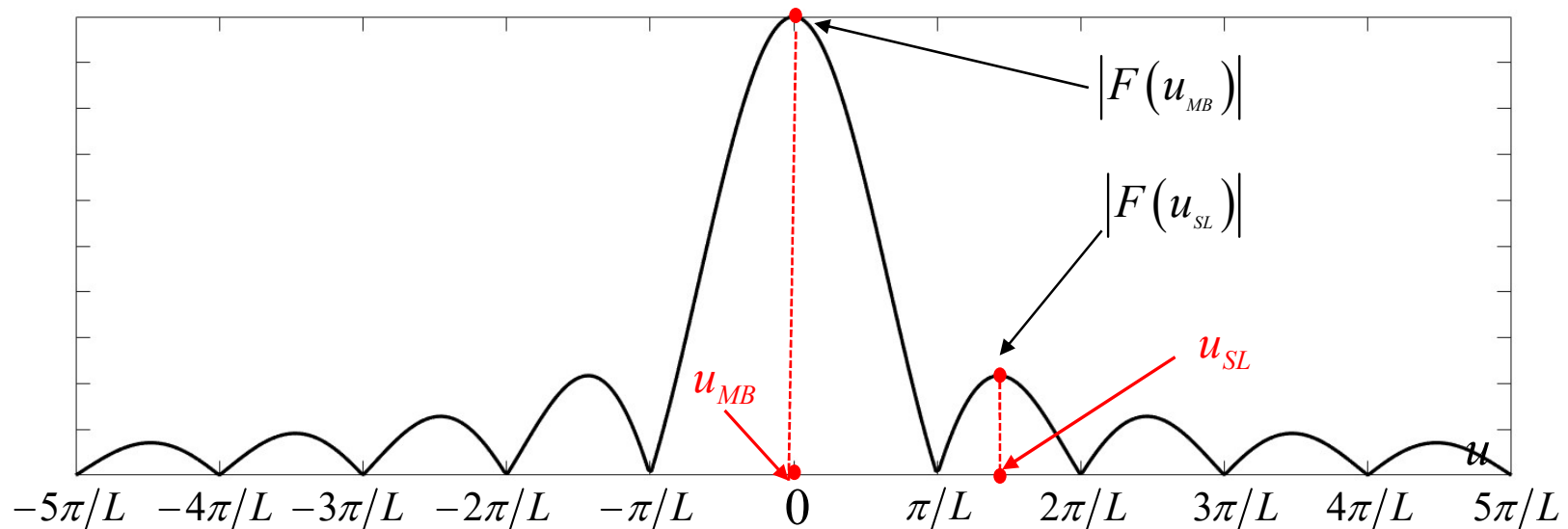
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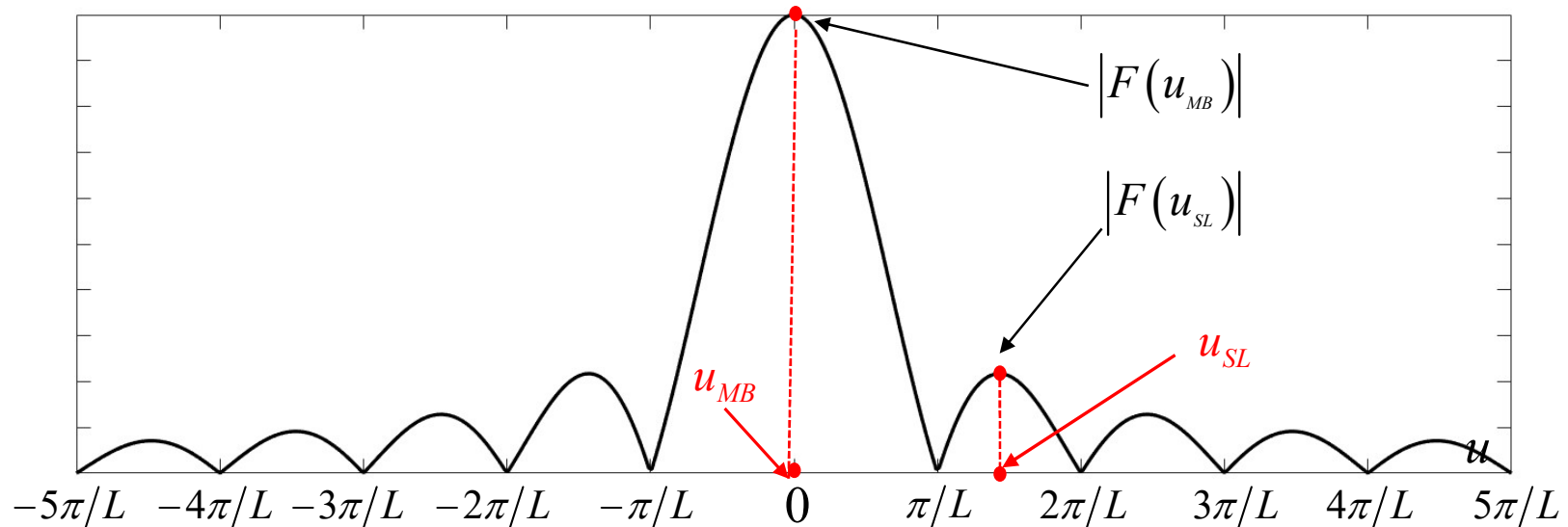
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$$\Rightarrow SLL \approx 20 \log_{10} \frac{|2|}{|3\pi|} = -13.46 \text{ dB}$$

$$u_{MB} = 0 \Rightarrow F(u_{MB}) = 2L$$



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