

Lecture 3

Wave Nature of Light II

ECE 325
OPTOELECTRONICS



**Kasap–1.1B, 1.4, 1.7, 1.9
and 1.10**



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AR Coatings on Solar Cells

When light is incident on the surface of a semiconductor it becomes partially reflected.

The refractive index of Si is about 3.5 at wavelengths around 700 - 800 nm. Thus the reflectance with $n_1(\text{air}) = 1$ and $n_2(\text{Si}) \approx 3.5$ is

$$R = \left(\frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{1 - 3.5}{1 + 3.5} \right)^2 = 0.309$$

$\approx 31\%$ of the light is reflected and is not available for conversion to electrical energy; a considerable reduction in the efficiency of the solar cell.

AR Coatings on Solar Cells

We can coat the surface of the semiconductor device with a thin layer of a **dielectric material** such as Si_3N_4 (**silicon nitride**) that has an **intermediate** refractive index.

In this case
 $n_1(\text{air}) = 1$, $n_2(\text{coating}) \approx 1.9$ and
 $n_3(\text{Si}) = 3.5$

Light is first incident on the air/coating surface. Some of it becomes reflected as A in the figure.

Wave A has experienced a **180° phase change** on reflection because this is an **external reflection** ($n_2 > n_1$).

Wave B: reflected at the coating/semiconductor surface with phase change = 180° ($n_3 > n_2$)

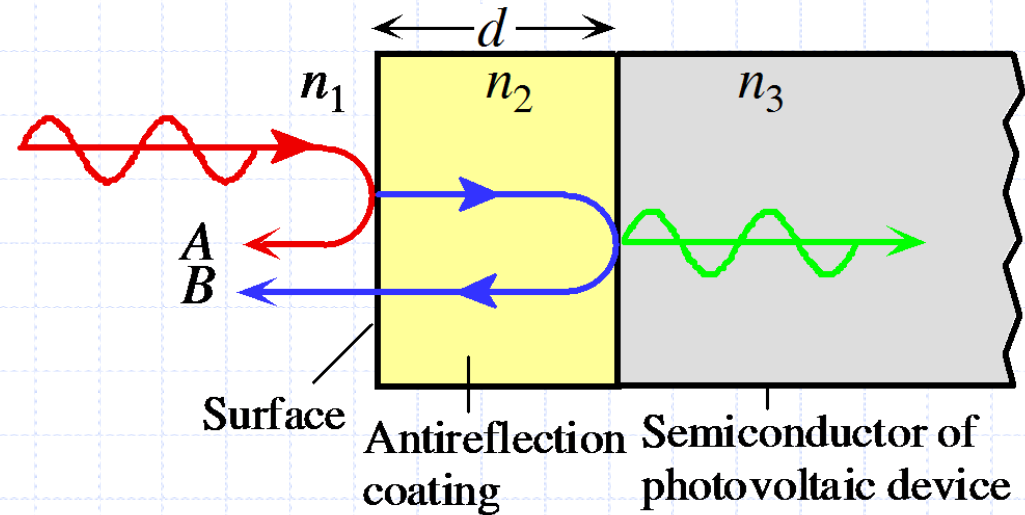
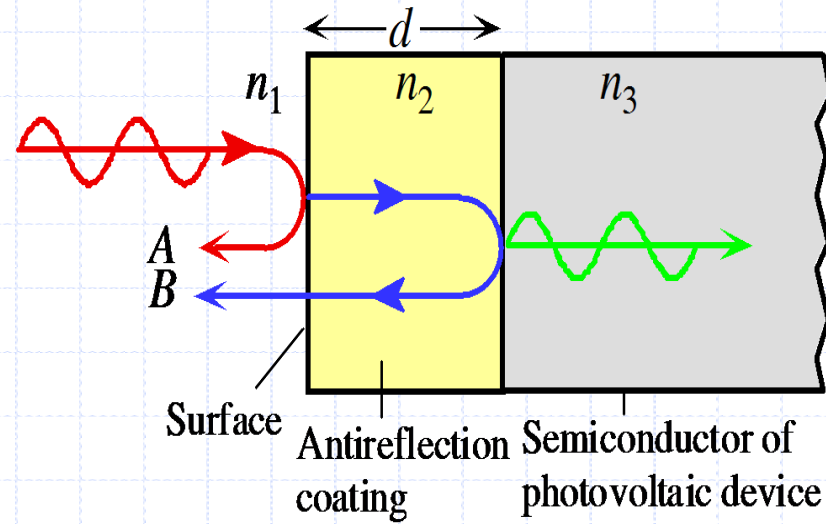


Illustration of how an antireflection coating reduces the reflected light intensity.

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When B reaches A , it has suffered a total delay of traversing the thickness d of the coating twice.



The **phase difference** is equivalent to

$$\Delta\phi = 2\pi \frac{2d}{\lambda_c} = k_c(2d) \quad (k_c = 2\pi / \lambda_c \text{ is the wave number in the coating})$$

$$\lambda_c = \lambda / n_2 \quad (\lambda_c \text{ is the wavelength in the coating})$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta\phi = (n_2 k)(2d) = \left(\frac{2\pi n_2}{\lambda}\right)(2d)$$

To reduce the reflected light, A and B **must interfere destructively**. This requires the **phase difference to be π or odd-multiples of π , $m\pi$** where **$m = 1, 3, 5, \dots$** is an odd-integer.

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Destructive interference requires

$$\text{Phase change} = \Delta\phi = (n_2 k)(2d) = m(\rho)$$

$m = 1, 3, 5 \dots$ odd integer

$$\left(\frac{2\pi n_2}{\lambda} \right) 2d = m\pi$$

or

$$d = m \left(\frac{\lambda}{4n_2} \right)$$

Thus, the thickness of the coating must be **odd multiples** of the quarter wavelength in the coating and depends on the wavelength

To obtain a good degree of destructive interference between waves A and B , the two amplitudes must be **comparable**.

We need **$n_2 = \sqrt{n_1 n_3}$**

AR Coatings on Solar Cells

For a Si solar cell, $\sqrt{3.5}$ or 1.87. Thus, Si_3N_4 is a good choice as an **antireflection coating material** on Si solar cells.

Taking the wavelength to be 700 nm,

$$d = (700 \text{ nm})/[4 (1.9)] = \mathbf{92.1 \text{ nm}}$$

or **odd-multiples** of d .

$$R_{\min} = \left(\frac{n_2^2 - n_1 n_3}{n_2^2 + n_1 n_3} \right)^2$$

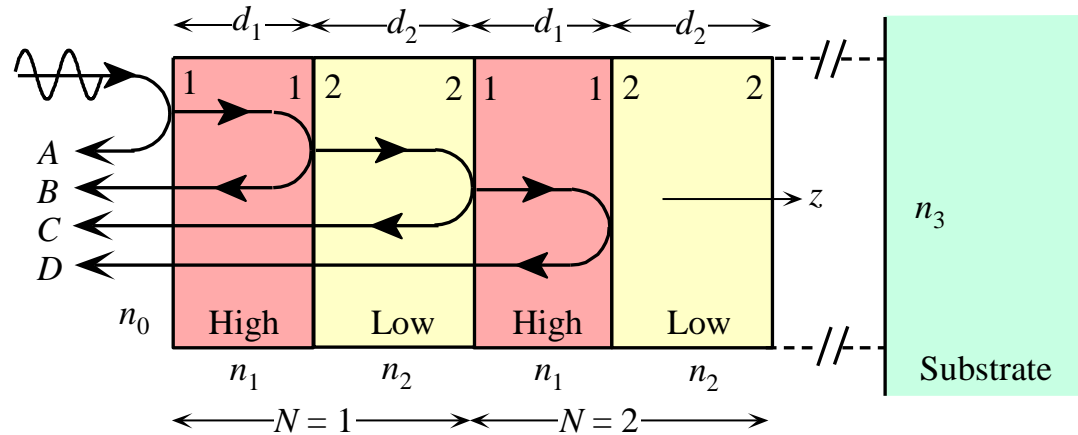
$$R_{\min} = \left(\frac{1.9^2 - (1)(3.5)}{1.9^2 + (1)(3.5)} \right)^2 = 0.00024 \text{ or } 0.24\%$$

Reflection is almost entirely extinguished
However, only at 700 nm.





Dielectric Mirror or Bragg Reflector



A **dielectric mirror** has a stack of dielectric layers of alternating refractive indices.

Let $n_1 (= n_H) > n_2 (N_L)$

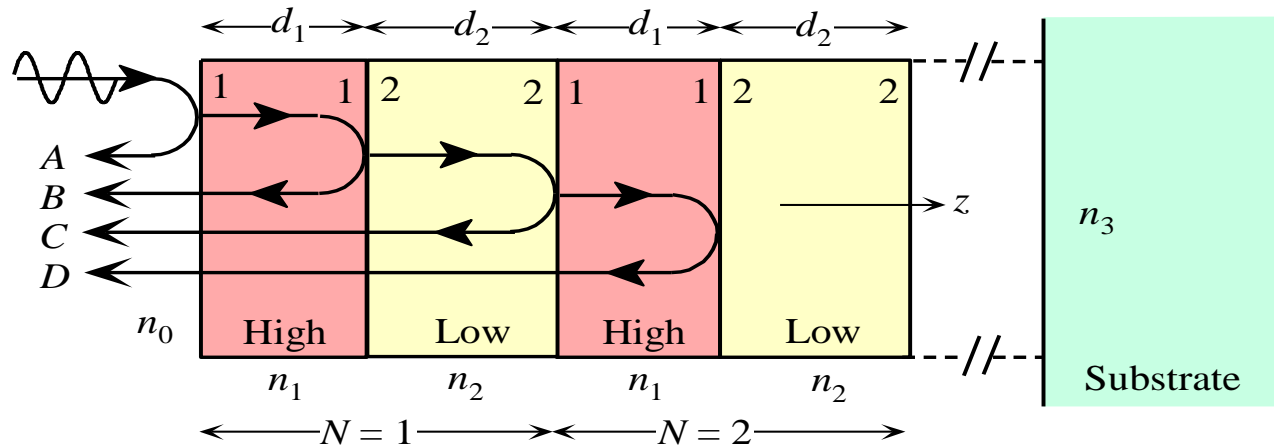
Layer thickness $d = \text{Quarter of wavelength or } \lambda_{\text{layer}}/4$

$\lambda_{\text{layer}} = \lambda_o/n$; λ_o is the free space wavelength at which the mirror is required to reflect the incident light, $n =$ refractive index of layer.

Reflected waves from the interfaces **interfere constructively** and give rise to a substantial reflected light.

If there are **sufficient number** of layers, the reflectance can approach unity at λ_o .

Dielectric Mirror or Bragg Reflector



r_{12} for light in layer 1 being reflected at the 1-2 boundary is $r_{12} = (n_1 - n_2)/(n_1 + n_2)$ and is a **positive number** indicating **no phase change**.

r_{21} for light in layer 2 being reflected at the 2-1 boundary is $r_{21} = (n_2 - n_1)/(n_2 + n_1)$ which is $-r_{12}$ (negative) indicating a **π phase change**.

The reflection coefficient alternates in sign through the mirror

The **phase difference between A and B** is

$$0 + \pi + 2k_1 d_1 = 0 + \pi + 2(2\pi n_1 / \lambda_0)(\lambda_0 / 4n_1) = 2\pi$$

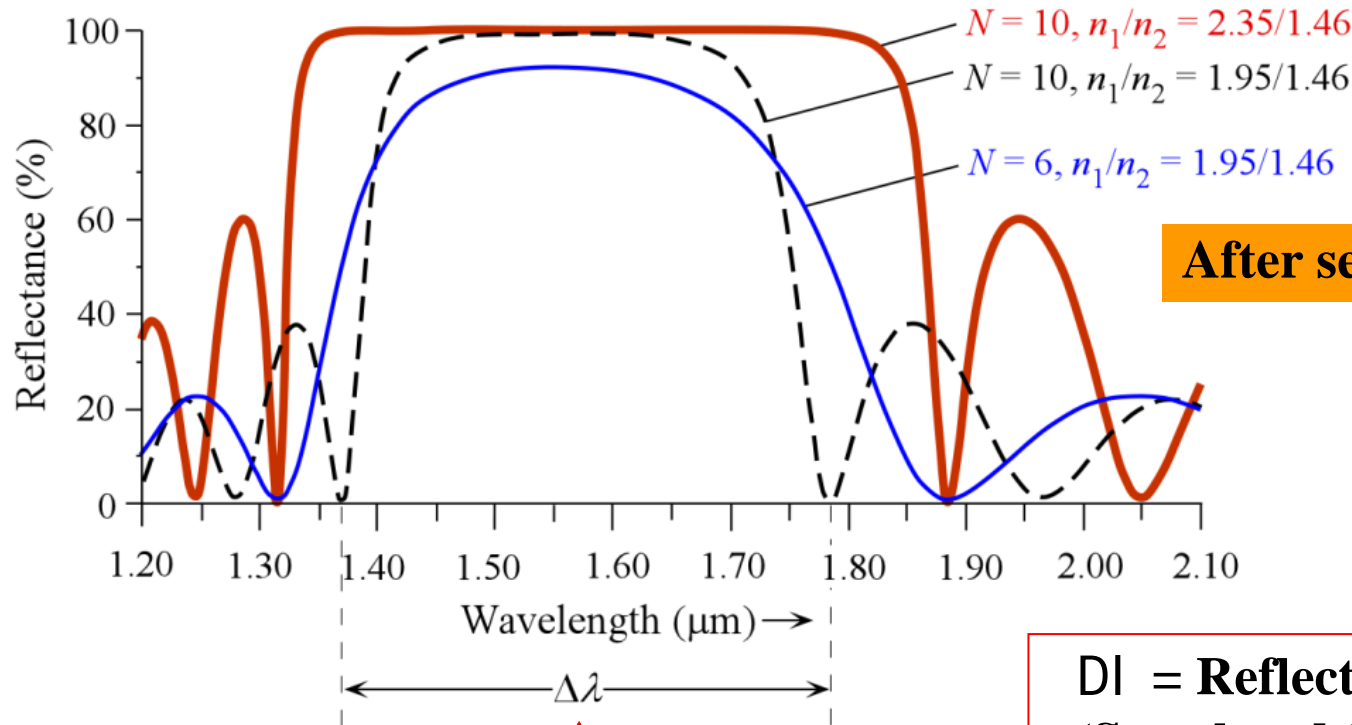
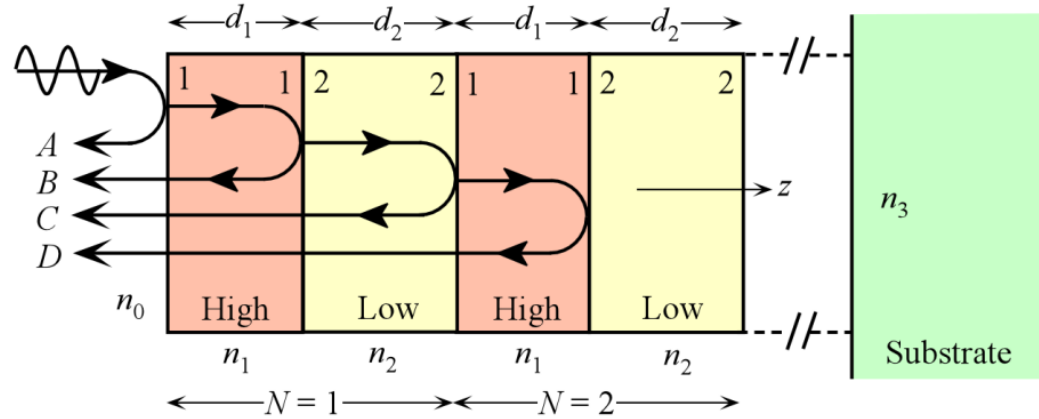
due to reflections
at different boundaries

due to wave B travels
an additional distance

Thus, waves A and B are in phase and **interfere constructively**.

Dielectric mirrors are widely used in modern vertical cavity surface emitting semiconductor lasers.

Dielectric Mirror or Bragg Reflector

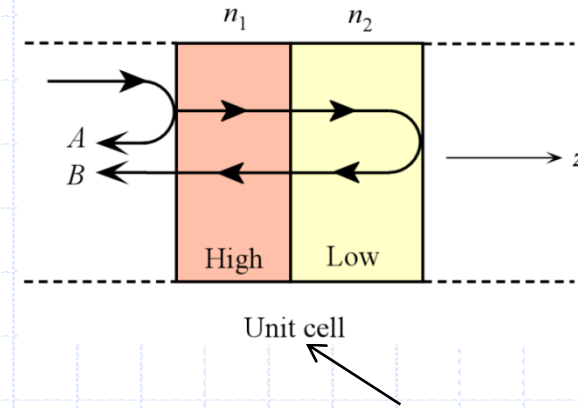
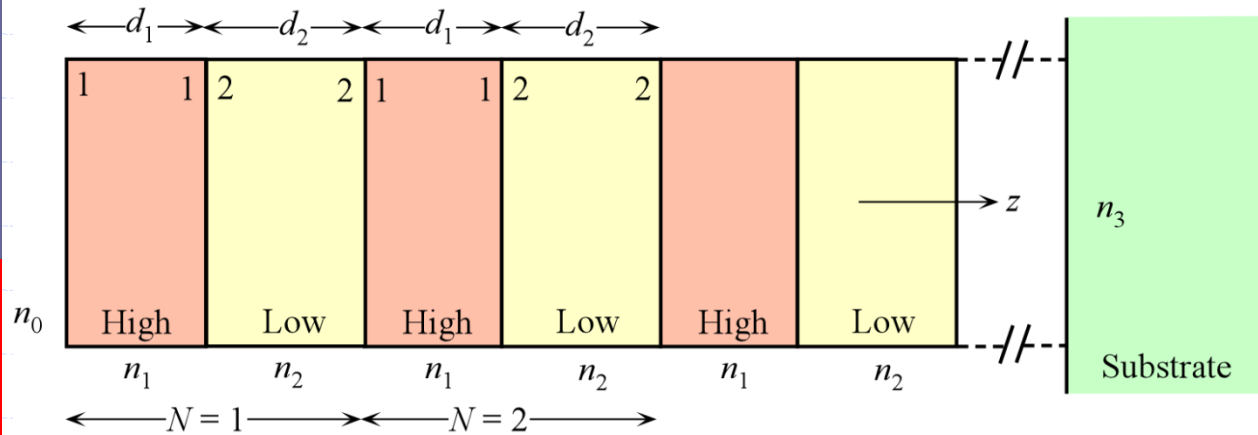


After several layers, $R \approx 1$.

**DI = Reflectance bandwidth
(Stop-band for transmittance)**

Dielectric Mirror or Bragg Reflector

Consider an “infinite stack”

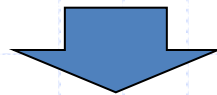


This is a “unit cell”

For reflection, the **phase difference between A and B** must be

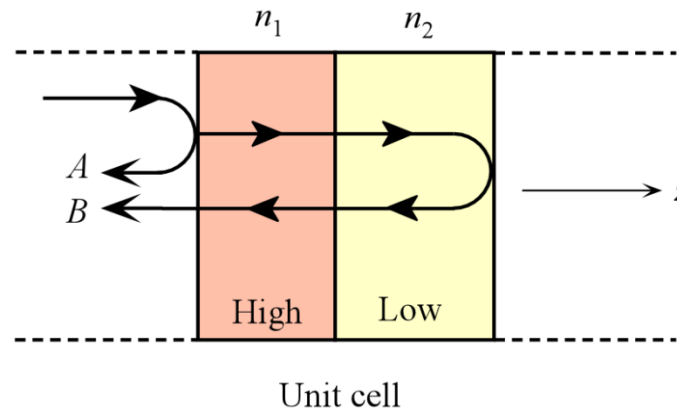
$$2k_1d_1 + 2k_2d_2 = m(2\pi)$$

$$2(2\pi n_1/\lambda)d_1 + 2(2\pi n_2/\lambda)d_2 = m(2\pi)$$



$$n_1d_1 + n_2d_2 = m/\lambda$$

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$$n_1 d_1 + n_2 d_2 = \lambda / 2$$

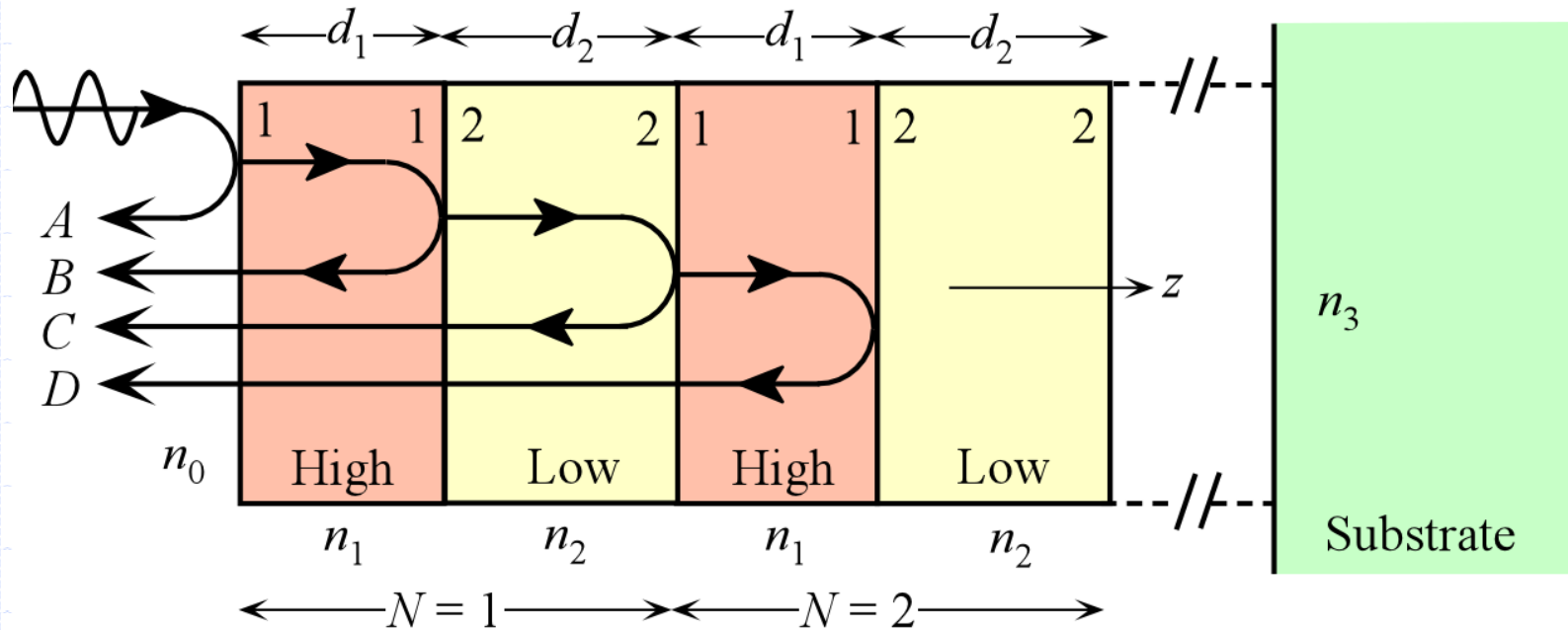
$$d_1 = \lambda / 4 n_1$$

$$d_2 = \lambda / 4 n_2$$

Quarter-Wave Stack

$$d_1 = \lambda / 4 n_1 \text{ and } d_2 = \lambda / 4 n_2$$

Dielectric Mirror or Bragg Reflector



$$R_N = \left[\frac{n_1^{2N} - (n_0 / n_3) n_2^{2N}}{n_1^{2N} + (n_0 / n_3) n_2^{2N}} \right]^2$$

$$\frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda_o} \approx (4 / \pi) \arcsin \left(\frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2} \right)$$

Example: Dielectric Mirror

A dielectric mirror has quarter wave layers consisting of Ta_2O_5 with $n_H = 1.78$ and SiO_2 with $n_L = 1.55$ both at **850 nm**, the central wavelength at which the mirror reflects light. The substrate is Pyrex glass with an index $n_s = 1.47$ and the outside medium is air with $n_0 = 1$. Calculate the maximum reflectance of the mirror when the number N of double layers is **4** and **12**. What would happen if you use TiO_2 with $n_H = 2.49$, instead of Ta_2O_5 ? Consider the $N = 12$ mirror. What is the bandwidth and what happens to the reflectance if you **interchange the high and low index layers**? Suppose we use a Si wafer as the substrate, what happens to the maximum reflectance?

Solution

$n_0 = 1$ for air, $n_1 = n_H = 1.78$, $n_2 = n_L = 1.55$, $n_3 = n_s = 1.47$, $N = 4$. For 4 pairs of layers, the maximum reflectance R_4 is

$$R_4 = \left[\frac{(1.78)^{2(4)} - (1/1.47)(1.55)^{2(4)}}{(1.78)^{2(4)} + (1/1.47)(1.55)^{2(4)}} \right]^2 = 0.4 \text{ or } 40\%$$

Solution

$N = 12$. For 12 pairs of layers, the maximum reflectance R_{12} is

$$R_{12} = \left[\frac{(1.78)^{2(12)} - (1/1.47)(1.55)^{2(12)}}{(1.78)^{2(12)} + (1/1.47)(1.55)^{2(12)}} \right]^2 = 0.906 \text{ or } 90.6\%$$

Now use TiO_2 for the high- n layer with $n_1 = n_H = 2.49$,
 $R_4 = 94.0\%$ and $R_{12} = 100\%$ (to two decimal places).

The refractive index contrast is important. For the TiO_2 - SiO_2 stack we only need 4 double layers to get roughly the same reflectance as from 12 pairs of layers of Ta_2O_5 - SiO_2 . If we **interchange n_H and n_L** in the 12-pair stack, *i.e.* $n_1 = n_L$ and $n_2 = n_H$, the Ta_2O_5 - SiO_2 reflectance falls to 80.8% but the TiO_2 - SiO_2 stack is unaffected since it is already reflecting nearly all the light.

Solution

We can only compare bandwidths $\Delta\lambda$ for "infinite" stacks (those with $R \approx 100\%$) For the TiO_2 - SiO_2 stack

$$\Delta\lambda \approx \lambda_o (4 / \pi) \arcsin\left(\frac{n_2 - n_1}{n_2 + n_1}\right)$$

$$\Delta\lambda \approx (850 \text{ nm})(4 / \pi) \arcsin\left(\frac{2.49 - 1.55}{2.49 + 1.55}\right) = 254 \text{ nm}$$

For the Ta_2O_5 - SiO_2 infinite stack, we get $D/ = 74.8 \text{ nm}$

As expected $D/$ is narrower for the smaller contrast stack

MAGNETIC FIELD, IRRADIANCE AND POYNTING VECTOR

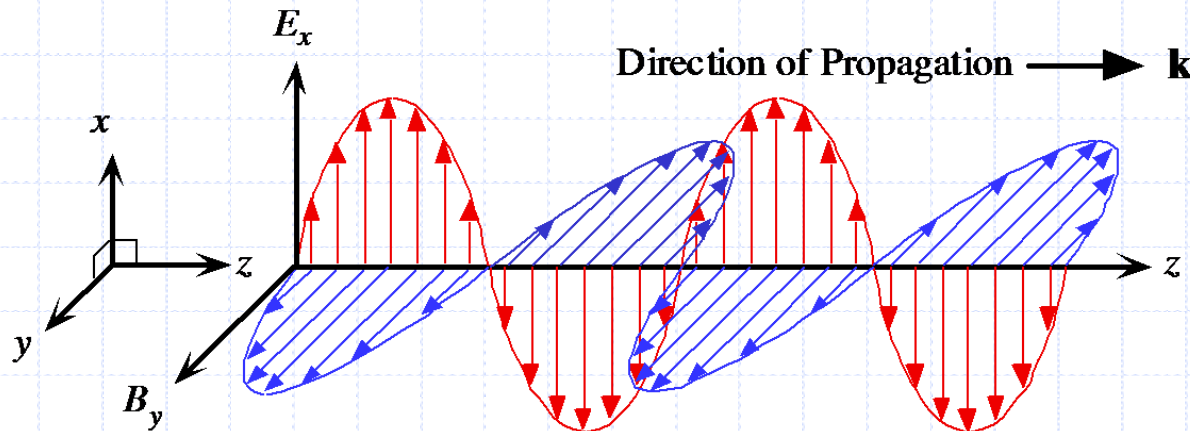
Magnetic field

- The magnetic field (magnetic induction) component B_y always accompanies E_x in an EM wave propagation.
- For an EM wave in an isotropic dielectric medium

$$E_x = vB_y = \frac{c}{n} B_y$$

where $v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \mu_0}}$ phase velocity

$n = \sqrt{\epsilon_r}$ refractive index



Energy density

- Energy density (energy per unit volume) in the E_x field

$$u_E = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r E_x^2$$

- Energy density in the B_y field

$$u_M = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} B_y^2$$

- The energy densities are the same

$$\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r E_x^2 = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r (vB_y)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \mu_0}} B_y \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_y^2$$

- Total energy density in the wave

$$u_{EM} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r E_x^2$$

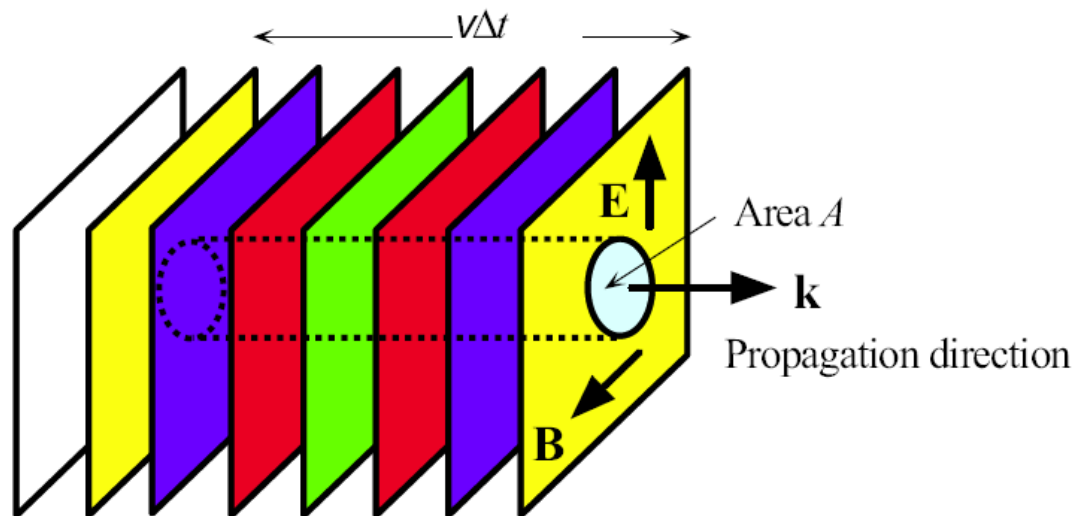
Poynting Vector and EM Power Flow

- As the EM wave propagates in the direction of \mathbf{k} , there is an energy flow in this direction. The wave brings with it EM energy.
- If S is the EM power flow per unit area, then

$$S = \text{Energy flow per unit time per unit area}$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{(A v \Delta t)(\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r E_x^2)}{A \Delta t} = v \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r E_x^2 = v^2 \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r E_x B_y$$

$E_x = v B_y$



A plane EM wave traveling along \mathbf{k} crosses an area A at right angles to the direction of propagation. In time Δt , the energy in the cylindrical volume $A v \Delta t$ (shown dashed) flows through A .

Poynting Vector and Irradiance

- In an isotropic medium, the energy flow is in the direction of wave propagation. If we use the vectors \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{B} to represent the electric and magnetic fields in the EM wave, then $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$ is in a direction of wave propagation.
- The EM power flow per unit area:

$$\mathbf{S} = v^2 \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$$


- \mathbf{S} , called the **Poyntin vector**, represents the energy flow per unit time per unit area in a direction determined by $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$ (direction of propagation).
- Its magnitude, power flow per unit area, is called the **irradiance (instantaneous irradiance, or intensity)**.
- $S = |v^2 \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}| = v^2 \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r E_x B_y = v \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r E_x^2$.

Average Irradiance (Intensity)

If $E_x = E_0 \sin(\omega t)$

$$\langle E_x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (E_0 \sin(\omega t))^2 dt = \frac{1}{2} E_0^2$$

$$S = v \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r E_x^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad I = S_{\text{average}} = \frac{1}{2} v \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r E_0^2$$

 S_{average} is called the **average irradiance (intensity)**.

$$I = S_{\text{average}} \propto E_0^2$$

Since $v = c/n$ and $\epsilon_r = n^2$ we can write

$$c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}, \quad \epsilon_0 = 8.85419 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2,$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} c \epsilon_0 = 1.328 \times 10^{-3} \text{ C}^2/\text{J} \cdot \text{s},$$

in N/C (or V/m)

$$\Rightarrow I = S_{\text{average}} = (1.33 \times 10^{-3}) n \vec{E}_0^2 \quad \text{Watt/m}^2$$

Instantaneous Irradiance and Average Irradiance

$$S = v\epsilon_0\epsilon_r E_x^2 = v\epsilon_0\epsilon_r E_0^2 \cos^2(\omega t) \quad (\text{instantaneous irradiance})$$

$$I = S_{\text{average}} = \frac{1}{2} v\epsilon_0\epsilon_r E_0^2 \quad (\text{average irradiance})$$

- The instantaneous irradiance can only be measured if the power meter can respond more quickly than the oscillations of the electric field.
- Optical frequency $\sim 10^{14}$ Hz.
- ☐ All detectors have a response rate much slower than the frequency of the wave.
- ☐ All practical measurements yield the average irradiance S_{average} .

EXAMPLE: Electric and Magnetic Fields in Light

- Laser beam from a He-Ne laser
Intensity (average irradiance) $I = 1 \text{ mW/cm}^2$
- $E_0 = ?$, $B_0 = ?$ in air
- $E_0 = ?$, $B_0 = ?$ in a glass ($n = 1.45$)
- **Solution**
The intensity (average irradiance)

$$I = S_{\text{average}} = \frac{1}{2} c \epsilon_0 n E_0^2 \Rightarrow E_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2I}{c \epsilon_0 n}}$$

EXAMPLE: Electric and Magnetic Fields in Light

- In air, $n = 1$

$$E_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times (1 \times 10^{-3} \times 10^4 \text{ Wm}^{-2})}{(3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})(8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ Fm}^{-1})(1)}}$$
$$= 87 \text{ Vm}^{-1} \text{ or } 0.87 \text{ Vcm}^{-1}$$

$$B_0 = E_0 / c = (87 \text{ Vm}^{-1}) / (3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}) = 0.29 \mu\text{T}$$

(recall $E_0 = vB_0$)

- In a glass medium, $n = 1.45$

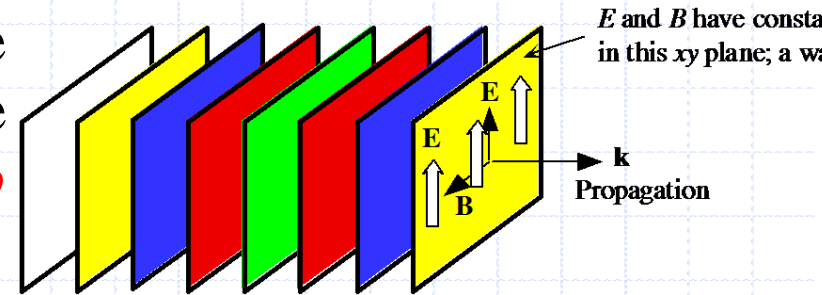
$$E_0(\text{medium}) = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times (1 \times 10^{-3} \times 10^4 \text{ Wm}^{-2})}{(3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})(8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ Fm}^{-1})(1.45)}}$$
$$= 72 \text{ Vm}^{-1}$$

$$B_0(\text{medium}) = E_0 / v = nE_0 / c = (1.45)(72 \text{ Vm}^{-1}) / (3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})$$
$$= 0.35 \mu\text{T}$$

Maxwell's Wave Equation and Diverging Waves

Plane Wave is an Idealization

- The propagation vectors everywhere are all parallel and the plane wave propagates without the wave diverging. (*plane wave has no divergence*).



- Amplitude E_0 is the same at all points on a given plane perpendicular to k .

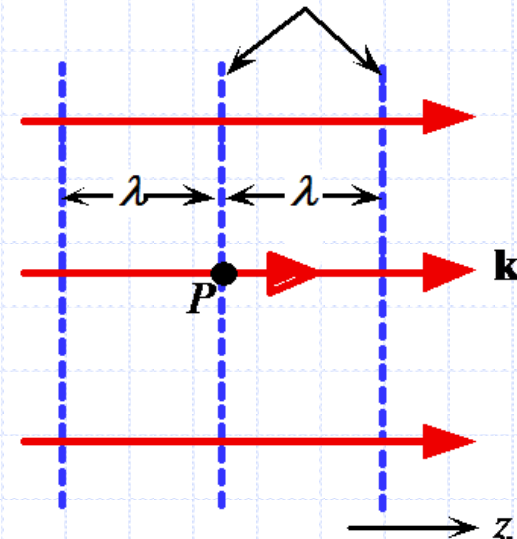
- Planes extend to ∞ *energy* $\rightarrow \infty$

- We need an infinite large EM source to generate a perfect plane wave!

- In reality, the E in a plane at right angles to k does not extend to ∞ since the light beam would have a *finite cross sectional area* and finite power.

- A plane is *an idealization* that is useful in analyzing many phenomena.

Wave fronts
(constant phase surfaces)



A perfect plane wave

Possible waves that satisfy Maxwell's EM wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial z^2} = \epsilon_o \epsilon_r \mu_o \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial t^2}$$

- To find the time and space dependence of the field, we must solve Maxwell's wave equation. in conjunction with the **initial and boundary conditions**.
- There are many possible waves that satisfy Maxwell's wave equation:
 - ➡ Plane wave
 - ➡ Spherical wave
 - ➡ Cylindrical wave
 - ➡ ...

Spherical wave

- A spherical wave is described by a traveling field that emerges from a **point EM source**:

$$E = \frac{A}{r} \cos(\omega t - kr) \quad (6)$$

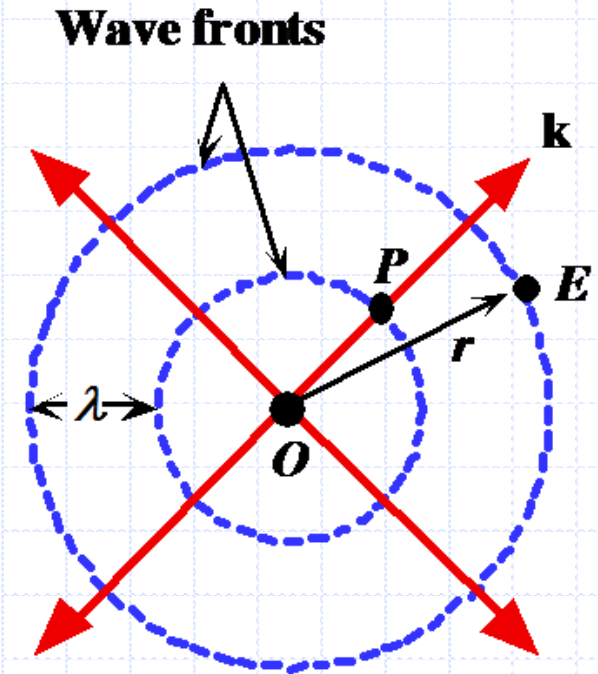
A : a constant.

- The **wavefronts are spheres** centered at the point source O .

- Amplitude decays with distance r from the source:

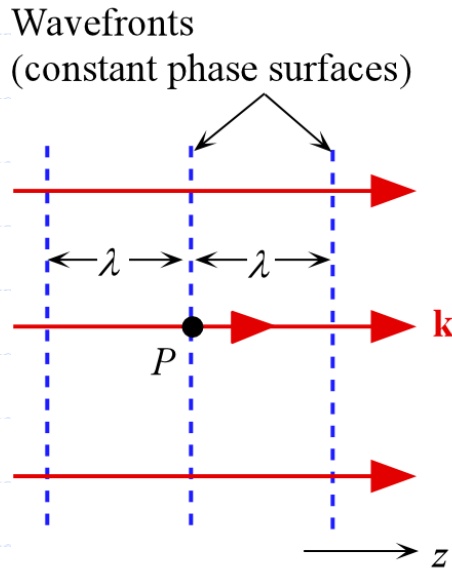
$$A/r \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

- \mathbf{k} wavevectors **diverge out** and, as the wave propagates, the constant surfaces becomes **larger**.

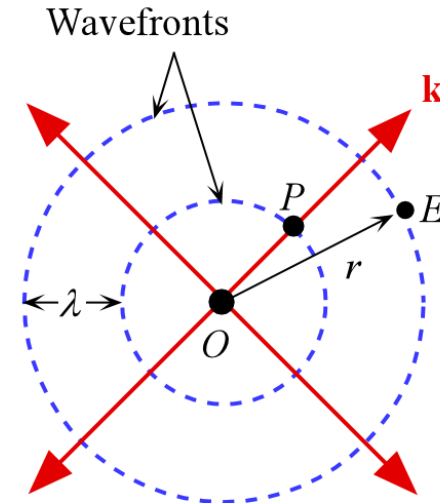


A perfect spherical wave

Optical Divergence



A perfect plane wave



A perfect spherical wave

■ Optical divergence

➡ refers to the angular separation of wavevectors on a given wavefront.

■ Spherical wave

➡ 360° divergence (fully diverging wavevectors)

■ Plane wave

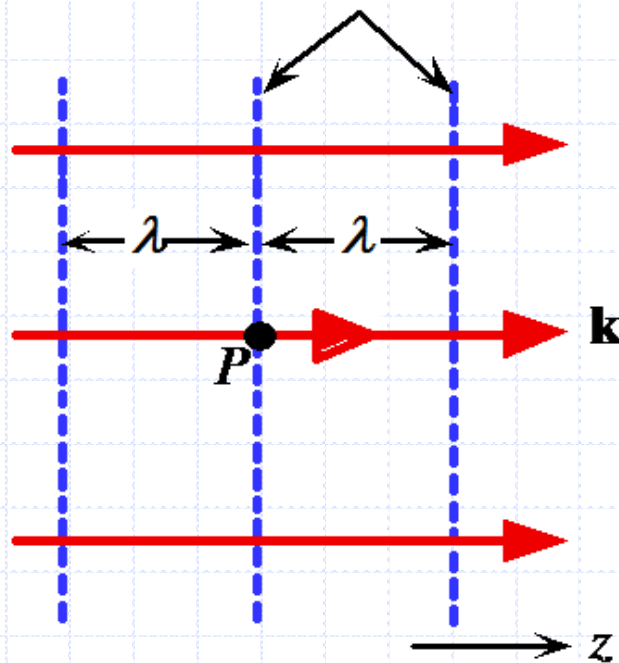
➡ 0° divergence (perfectly parallel wave vectors)

Waves from ideal EM sources

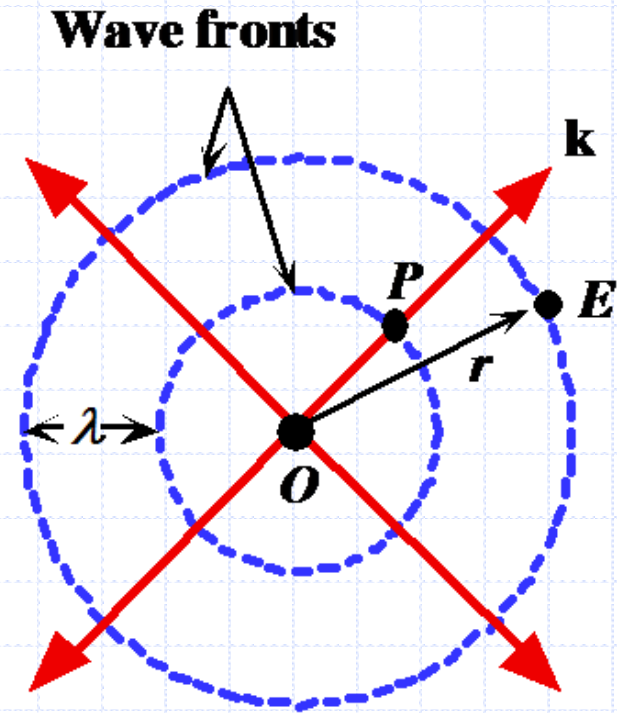
■ Infinitely large source
produces plane wave

■ Point source
produces spherical wave

**Wave fronts
(constant phase surfaces)**



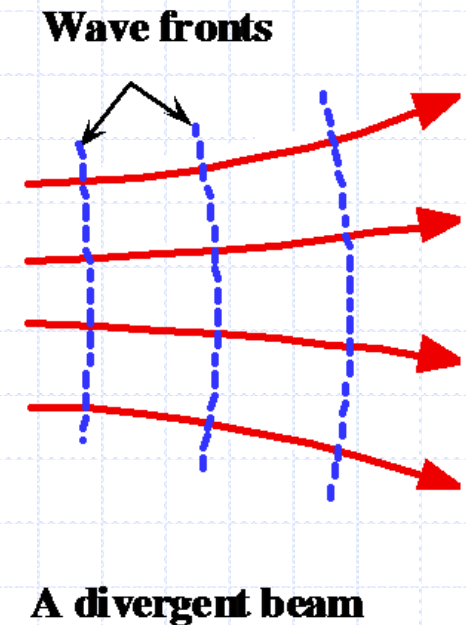
A perfect plane wave



A perfect spherical wave

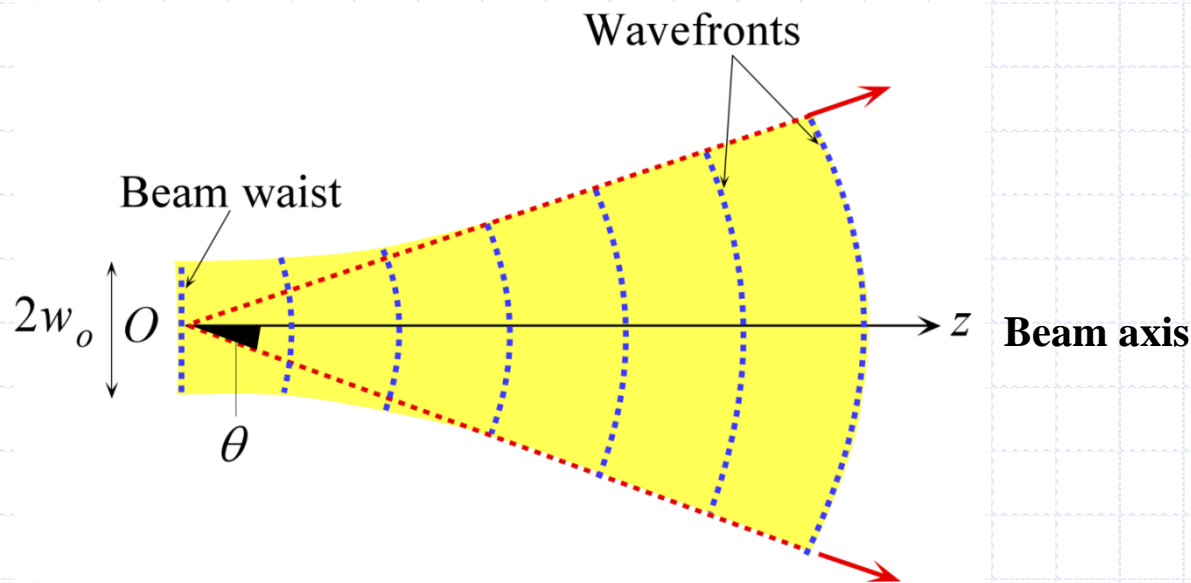
Wave from a practical EM source

- In reality, an EM source would have a **finite size and finite power**.
- The light beam exhibits some **inevitable divergence** while propagating.
- The **wavefronts are slowly bent away** thereby spreading the wave.
- Light rays **slowly diverge away** from each other.



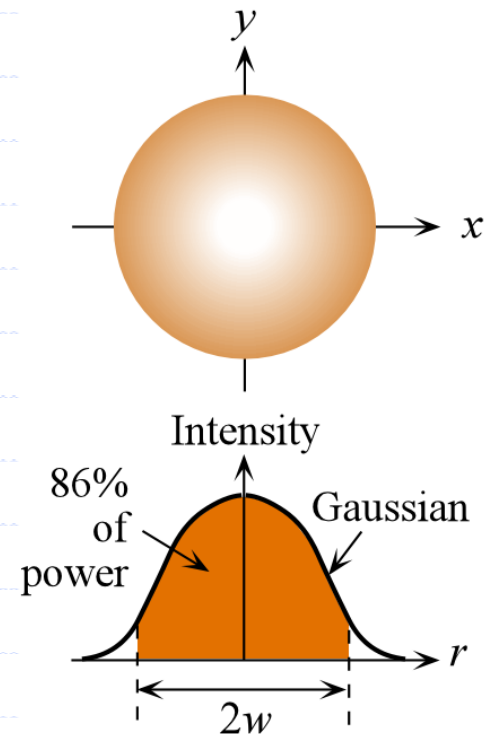
Gaussian beams

- Many light beams can be described by assuming that they are **Gaussian beams**.
 - Ex. The output from a **laser**
- It is a result of radiation **from a source of finite extent**
- Properties:
 - Still **$\exp j(\omega t - kz)$** dependence
 - Amplitude varies spatially** away from the axis and also along the axis.
 - Slow diverges**
 - Intensity distribution** across the beam cross-section is **Gaussian**.



Wavefronts of a Gaussian light beam

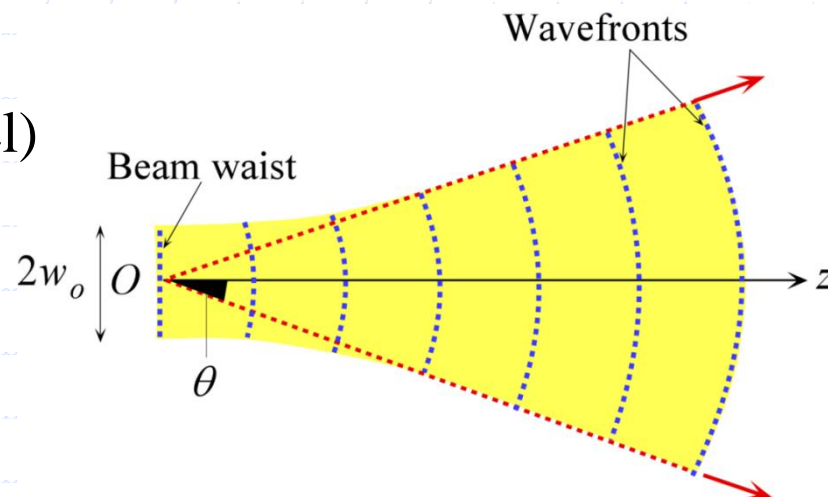
$$I(r, z) = I_0 \exp(-2r^2/w^2)$$



Gaussian beam

- It starts from O with a finite width $2w_0$ where the wavefronts are parallel and then the beam slowly diverges as the wavefronts curve out during propagation along z .

- waist: $2w_0$
(where the wavefronts are parallel)
- waist radius: w_0
- spot size: $2w_0$
- beam divergence: 2θ



- The increase in beam diameter $2w$ with z makes an angle 2θ at O which is called the **beam divergence**.

$$2\theta = \frac{4\lambda}{\pi(2w_0)} \Rightarrow \theta \propto \frac{1}{w_0}$$

- The greater the waist, the narrower the divergence.

EXAMPLE: A diverging laser beam

- Consider a He-Ne laser beam at 633 nm with spot size of 1 mm. Assuming a Gaussian beam, what is the divergence of the beam?

Solution

- HeNe laser

➡ $\lambda = 633 \text{ nm} = 633 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$

- Spot size $2w_0 = 1 \text{ mm} = 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$

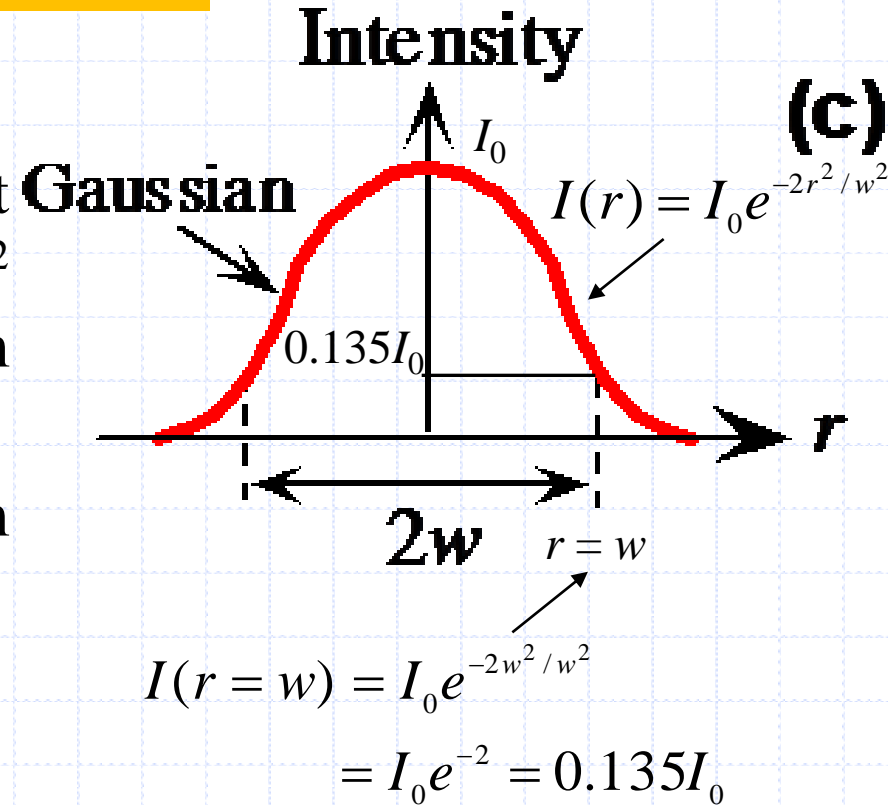
$$\begin{aligned} 2\theta &= \frac{4\lambda}{\pi(2w_0)} = \frac{4 \times (633 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m})}{\pi \times (1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m})} \\ &= 8.06 \times 10^{-5} \text{ rad} = 0.0046^\circ \end{aligned}$$

Gaussian distribution

$$I(r) = I_0 \exp[-2(r/w)^2]$$

■ Beam diameter $2w$

- ➡ It is defined in such way that the cross sectional area πw^2 contains 85% of the beam power.
- ➡ It increases as the beam traveling along z .



Power contained in the area of πw^2

Area of a circular thin strip (annulus) with radius r is $2\pi r dr$. Power passing through this strip is proportional to $I(r) (2\pi r) dr$

■ Total power

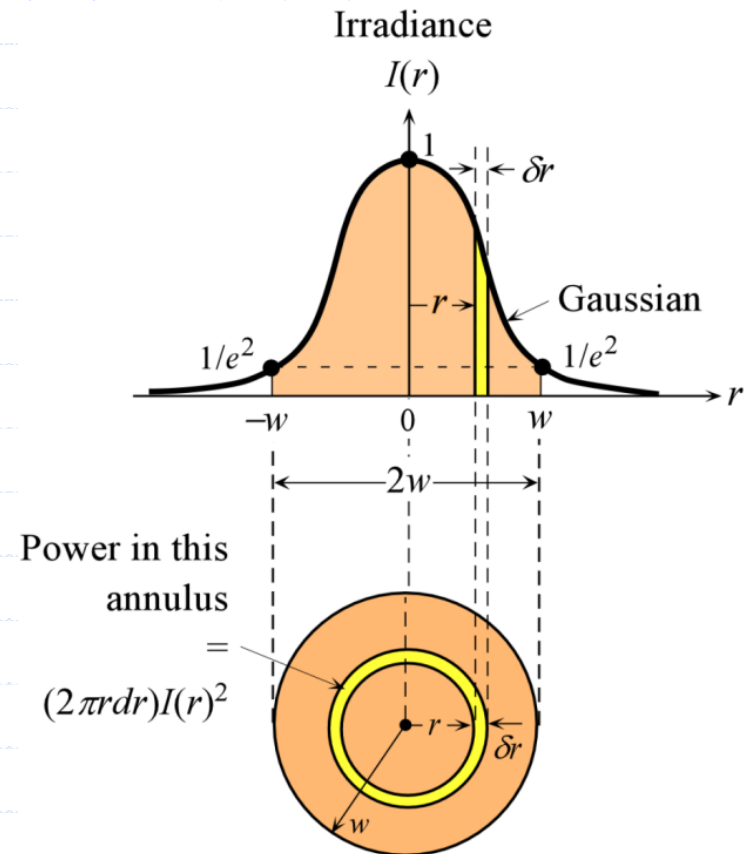
$$P_{total} = \int_0^\infty \int_0^{2\pi} I(r) r dr d\theta$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^\infty I_0 e^{-2r^2/w^2} r dr = \frac{1}{2} \pi w^2 I_0$$

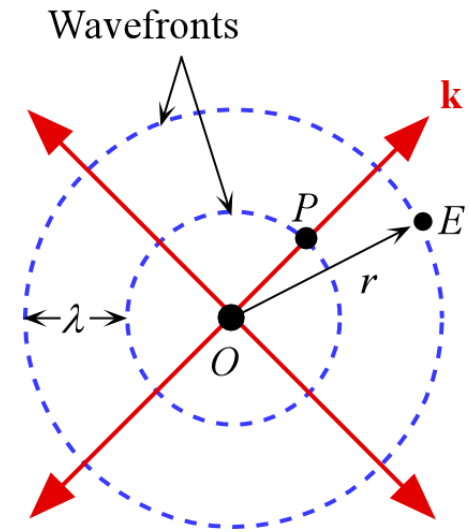
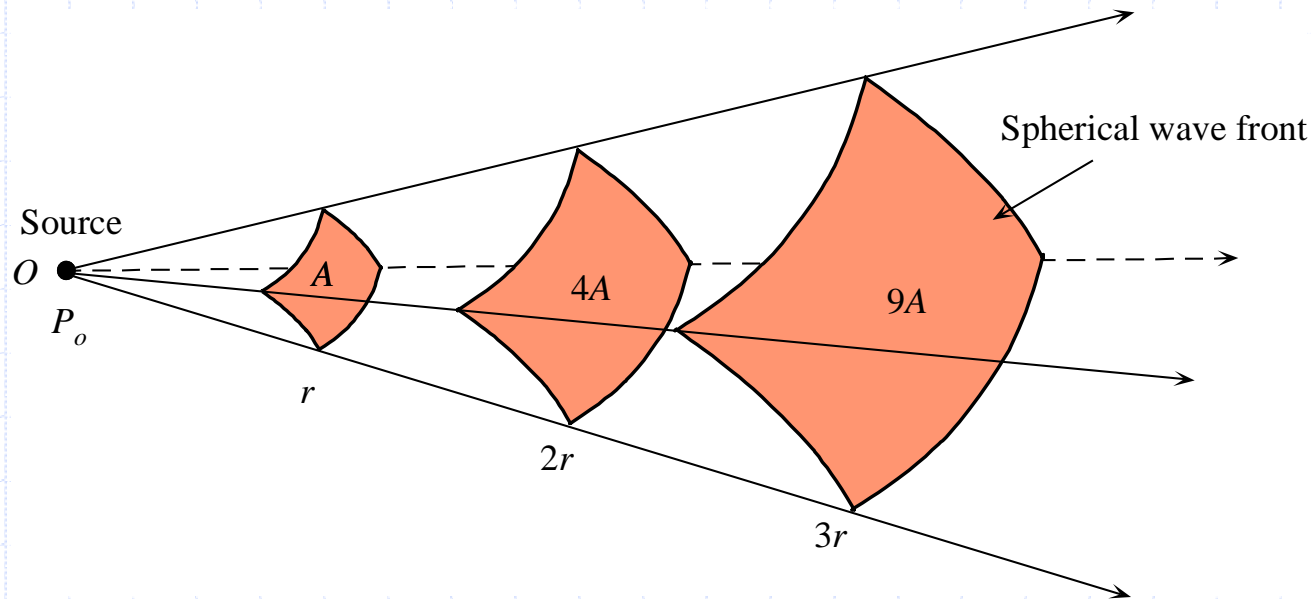
■ Power contained in the area of πw^2

$$P_{area} = \int_0^w \int_0^{2\pi} I(r) r dr d\theta = 2\pi \int_0^w I_0 e^{-2r^2/w^2} r dr = \frac{1}{2} \pi w^2 I_0 (1 - e^{-2})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P_{area}}{P_{total}} = (1 - e^{-2}) = 0.865$$



Irradiance of a Spherical Wave

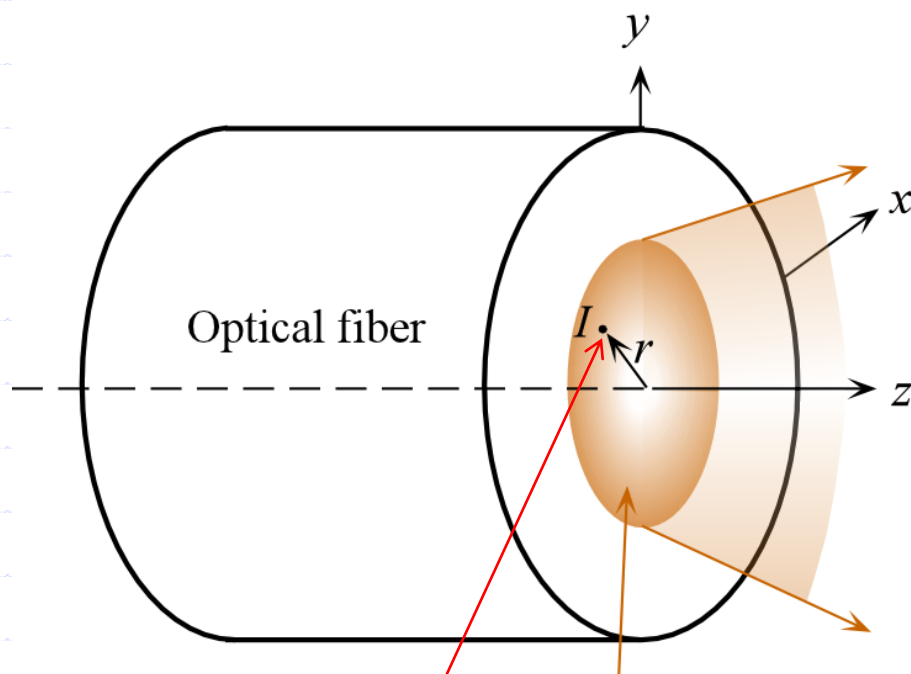


Perfect spherical wave

$$I = \frac{P_o}{4\pi r^2}$$

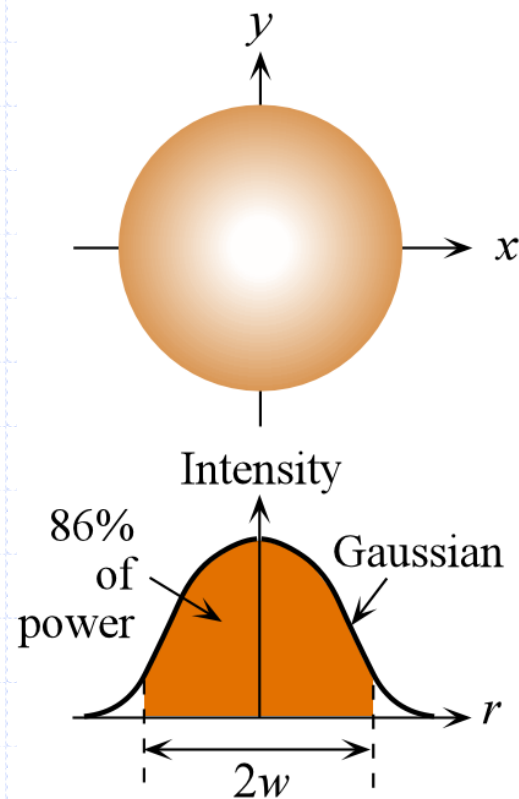
The Gaussian Intensity Distribution is Not Unusual

The Gaussian intensity distribution is also used in fiber optics
The fundamental mode in single mode fibers can be approximated with a Gaussian intensity distribution across the fiber core

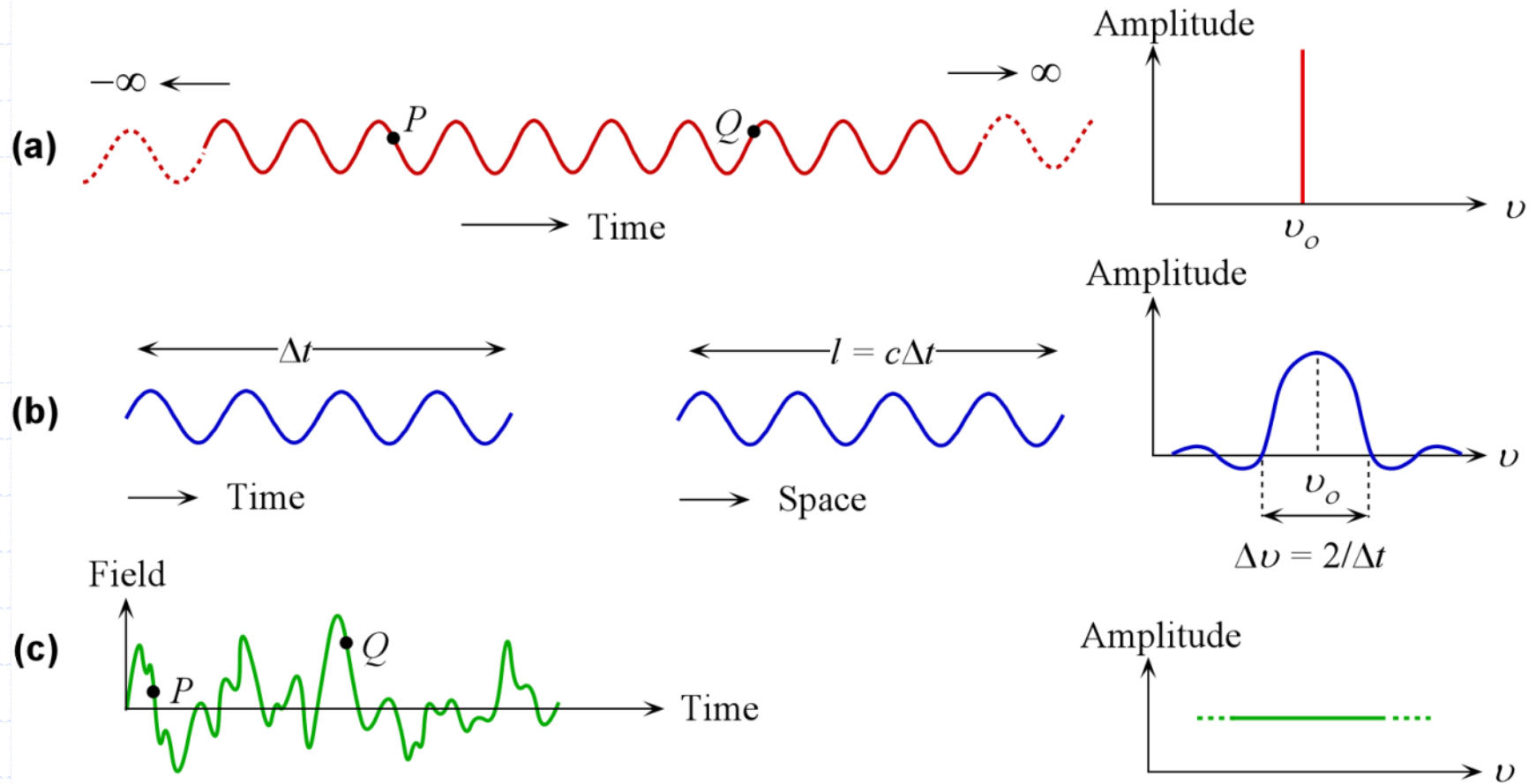


Intensity in the
fundamental mode

$$I(r) = I_0 \exp(-2r^2/w^2)$$

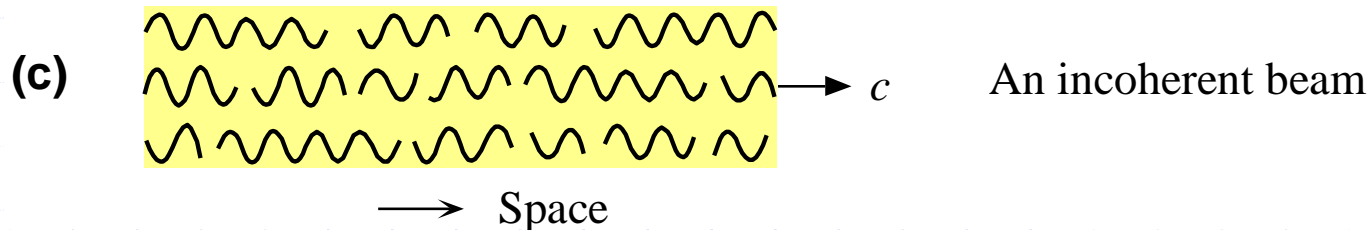
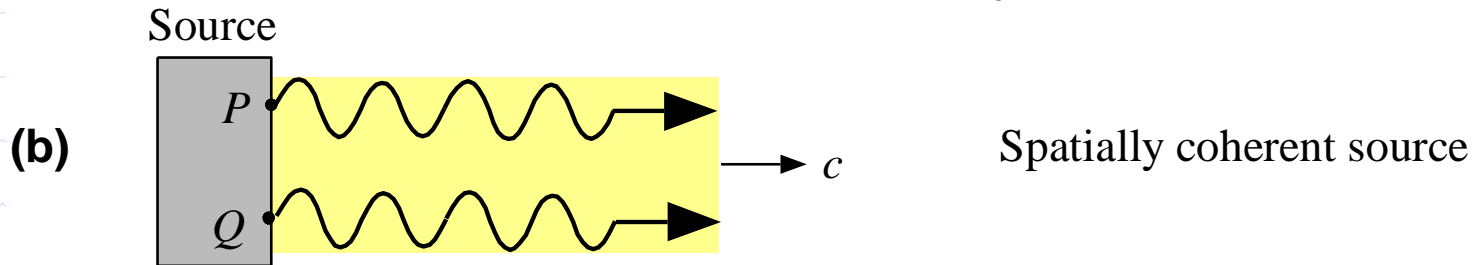
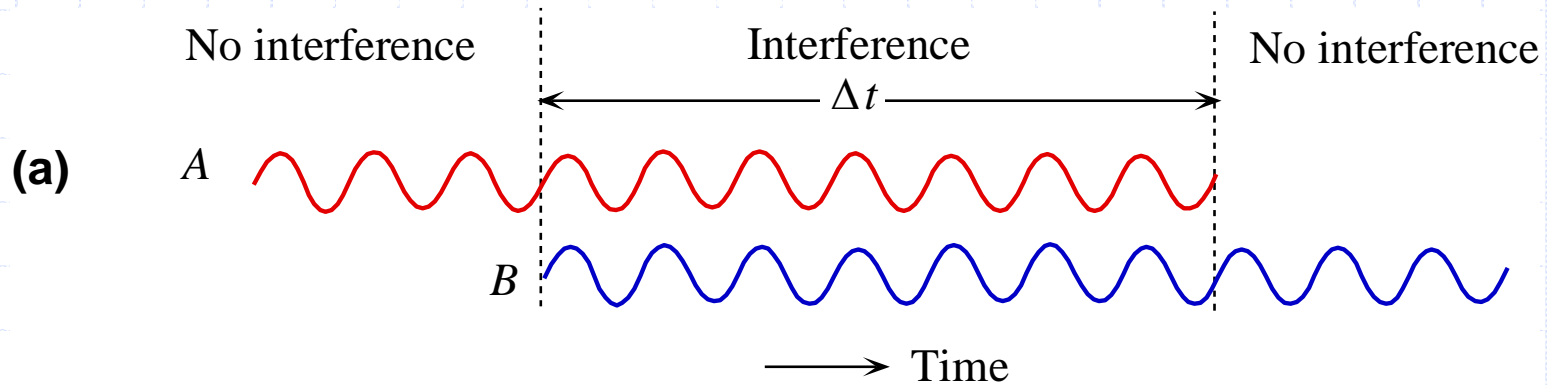


Temporal and Spatial Coherence



(a) A sine wave is perfectly coherent and contains a well-defined frequency ν_0 . (b) A finite wave train lasts for a duration Δt and has a length l . Its frequency spectrum extends over $\Delta\nu = 2/\Delta t$. It has a coherence time Δt and a coherence length l . (c) White light exhibits practically no coherence.

Temporal and Spatial Coherence



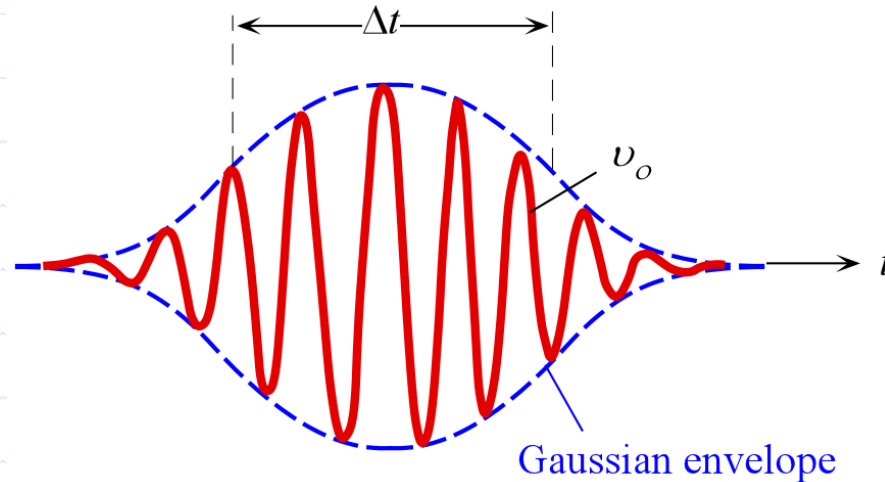
(a) Two waves can only interfere over the time interval Δt . (b) Spatial coherence involves comparing the coherence of waves emitted from different locations on the source. (c) An incoherent beam

Temporal and Spatial Coherence

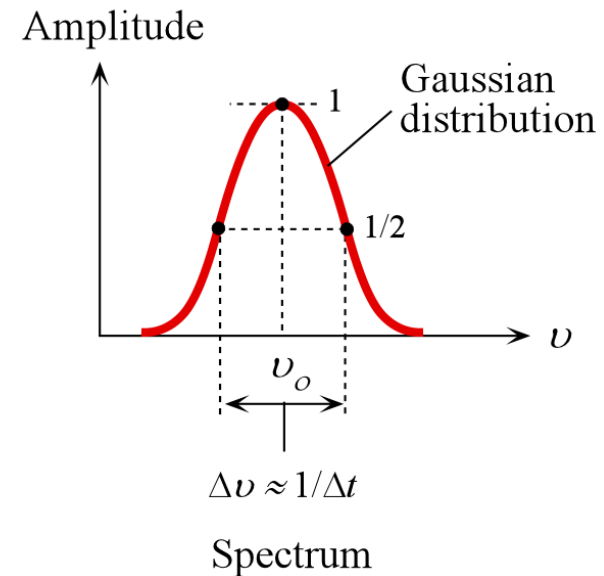
$\Delta t = \text{coherence time}$

$l = c\Delta t = \text{coherence length}$

For a Gaussian light pulse



Gaussian wave packet



Spectrum

$$\Delta \nu \approx \frac{1}{\Delta t}$$

FWHM spreads

Spectral width

Pulse duration

Temporal and Spatial Coherence

Dt = coherence time

$l = cDt$ = coherence length

$$\Delta\nu \approx \frac{1}{\Delta t}$$

Na lamp, orange radiation at 589 nm has spectral width $D\nu \approx 5 \times 10^{11}$ Hz.

$$Dt \approx 1/D\nu = 2 \times 10^{-12} \text{ s or } 2 \text{ ps,}$$

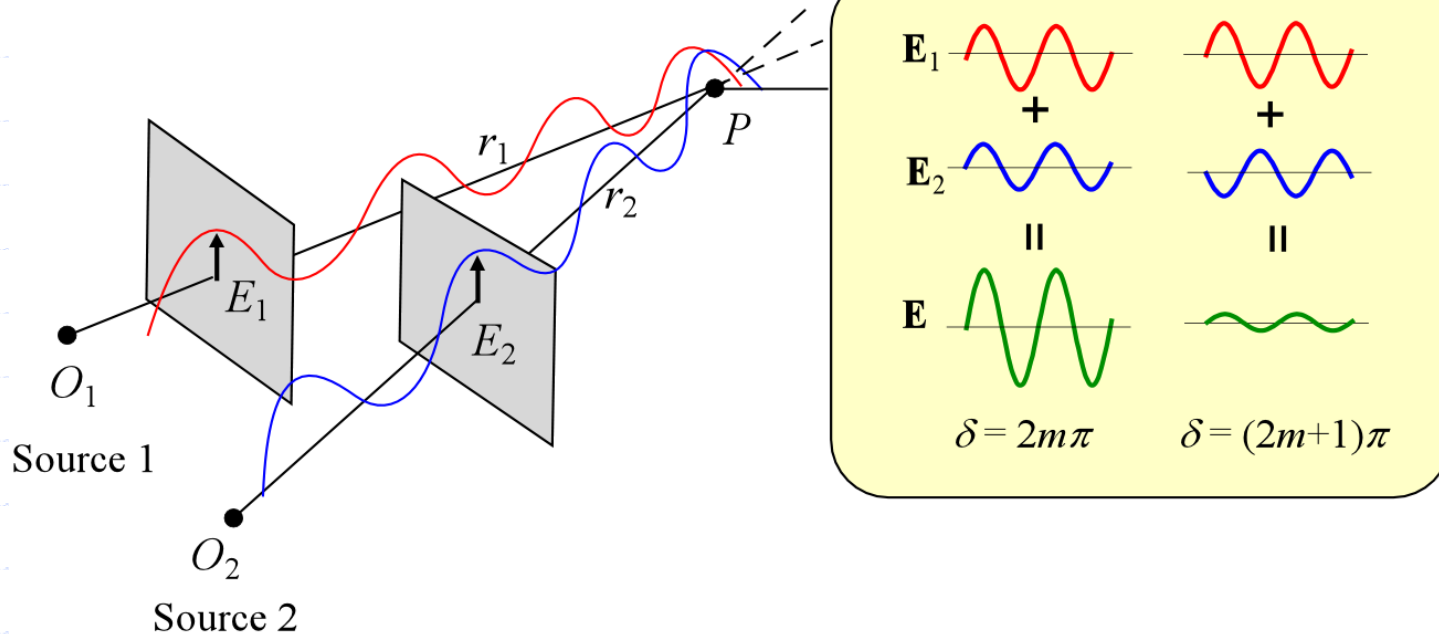
and its coherence length $l = cDt$,

$$l = 6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m or } 0.60 \text{ mm.}$$

He-Ne laser operating in multimode has a spectral width around 1.5×10^9 Hz, $Dt \approx 1/D\nu = 1/(1.5 \times 10^9) \text{ s or } 0.67 \text{ ns}$

$$l = cDt = 0.20 \text{ m or } 200 \text{ mm.}$$

Interference



$$E_1 = E_{o1} \sin(\omega t - kr_1 - f_1)$$

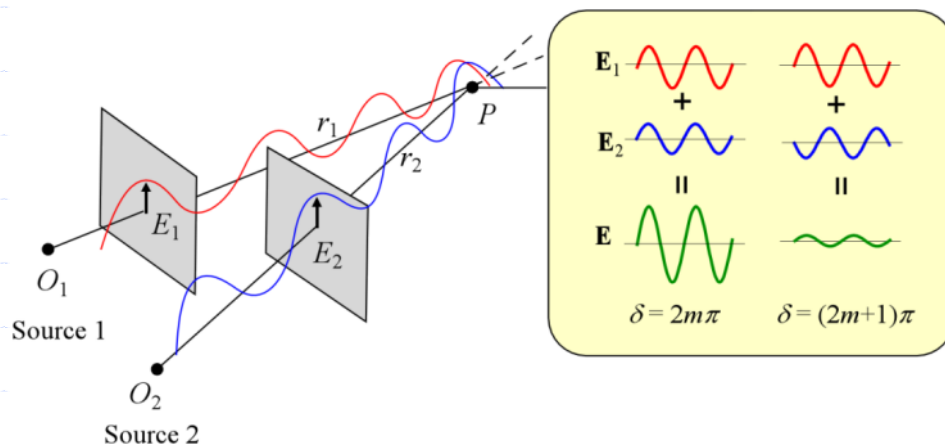
and

$$E_2 = E_{o2} \sin(\omega t - kr_2 - f_2)$$

Interference results in $E = E_1 + E_2$

$$\overline{E \cdot E} = \overline{(E_1 + E_2) \cdot (E_1 + E_2)} = \overline{E_1^2} + \overline{E_2^2} + 2\overline{E_1 E_2}$$

Interference



Resultant intensity I is

$$I = I_1 + I_2 + 2(I_1 I_2)^{1/2} \cos d$$

$$d = k(r_2 - r_1) + (f_2 - f_1)$$

Phase difference due to optical path difference

Constructive interference

$$I_{\max} = I_1 + I_2 + 2(I_1 I_2)^{1/2} \quad \text{and} \quad I_{\min} = I_1 + I_2 - 2(I_1 I_2)^{1/2}$$

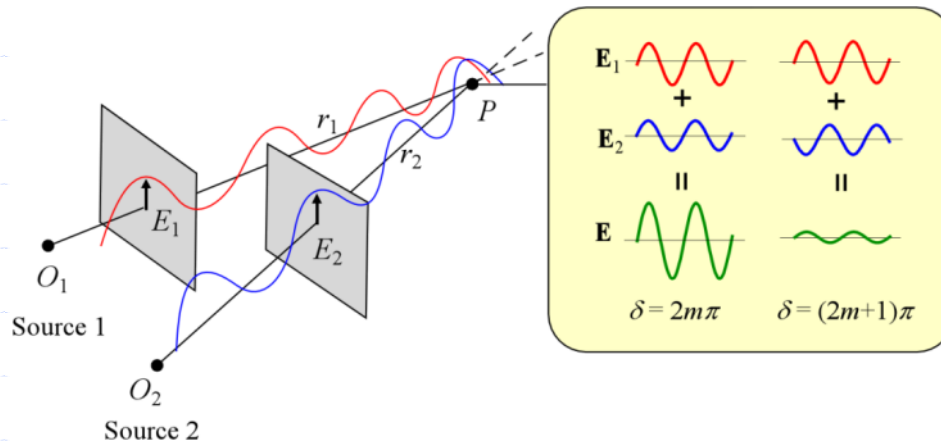
Destructive interference

If the interfering beams have equal irradiances, then

$$I_{\max} = 4I_1$$

$$I_{\min} = 0$$

Interference between **coherent** waves



Resultant intensity I is

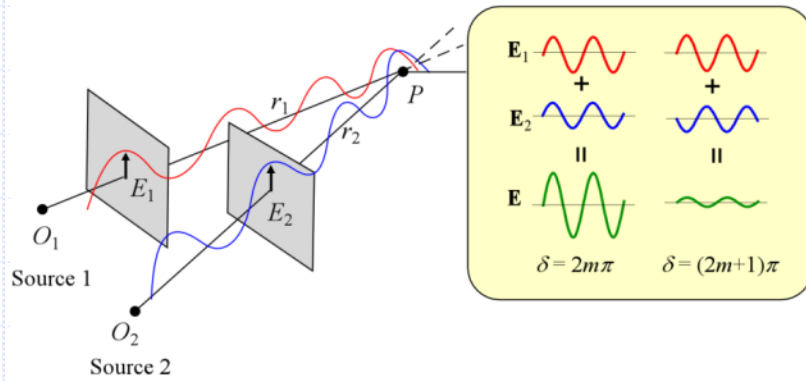
$$I = I_1 + I_2 + 2(I_1 I_2)^{1/2} \cos d$$

$$d = k(r_2 - r_1) + (f_2 - f_1)$$

Interference between **incoherent** waves

$$I = I_1 + I_2$$

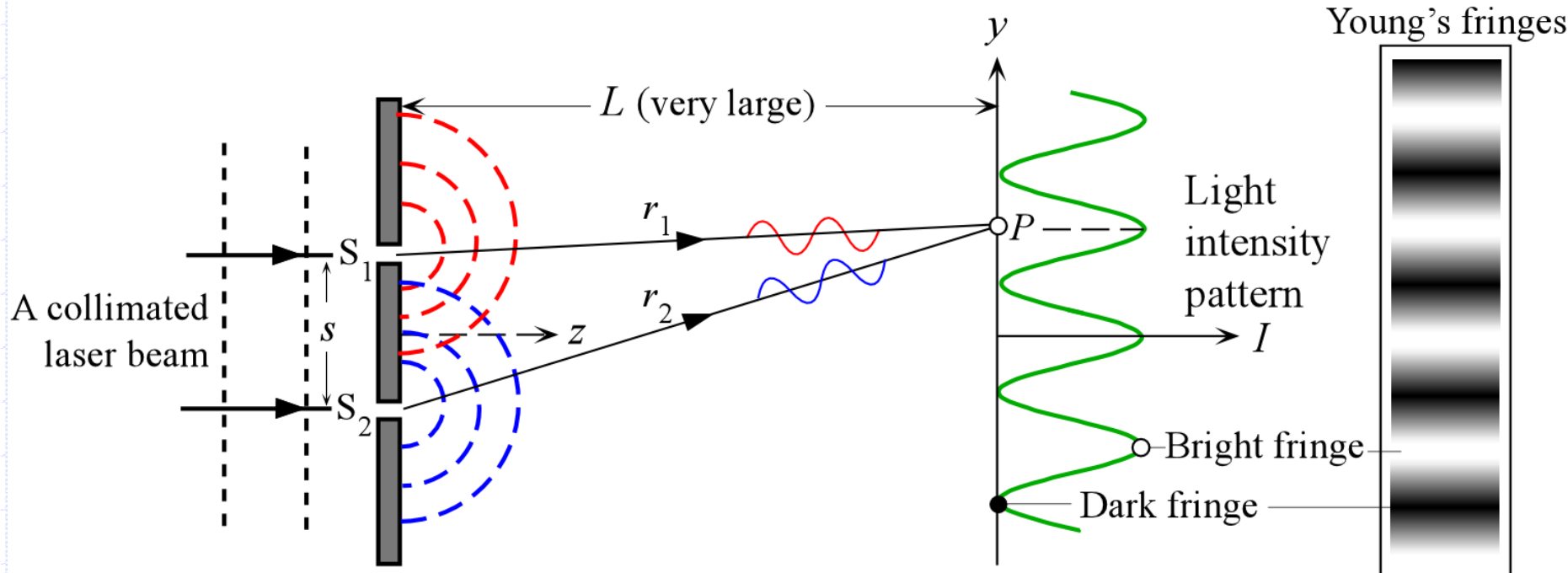
Interference between **coherent** waves



Resultant intensity I is

$$I = I_1 + I_2 + 2(I_1 I_2)^{1/2} \cos d$$

$$d = k(r_2 - r_1) + (f_2 - f_1)$$



Thank you



Have a nice day!

