

# Finite-Difference Time-Domain (FDTD) modeling of metamaterial structures

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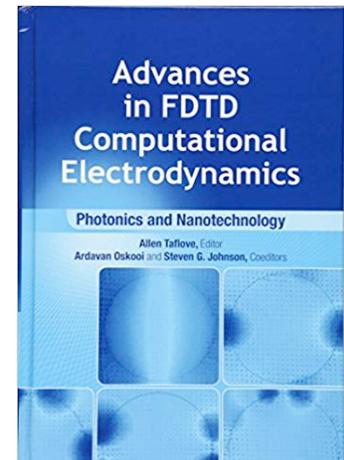
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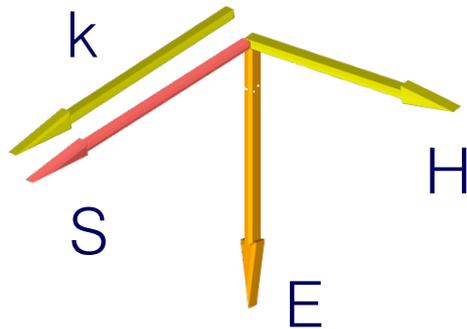
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# Overview

- Finite-Difference Time-Domain (FDTD) modeling of metamaterials:
  - Dispersive models of negative index media.
  - Periodic structures.
  - Plasmonic metamaterials.
  - Driven periodic structures.
- Transformation optics inspired numerical methods:
  - Low and high-order methods on implicitly defined conformal meshes.
  - Moving meshes.

# Negative Refractive Index (NRI) Media

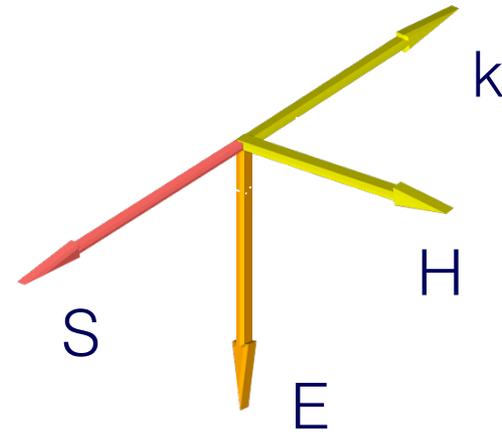
$$\epsilon > 0, \mu > 0$$



Right -Handed  
Media

$$n = \sqrt{\epsilon\mu}$$

$$\epsilon < 0, \mu < 0 \text{ [*]}$$



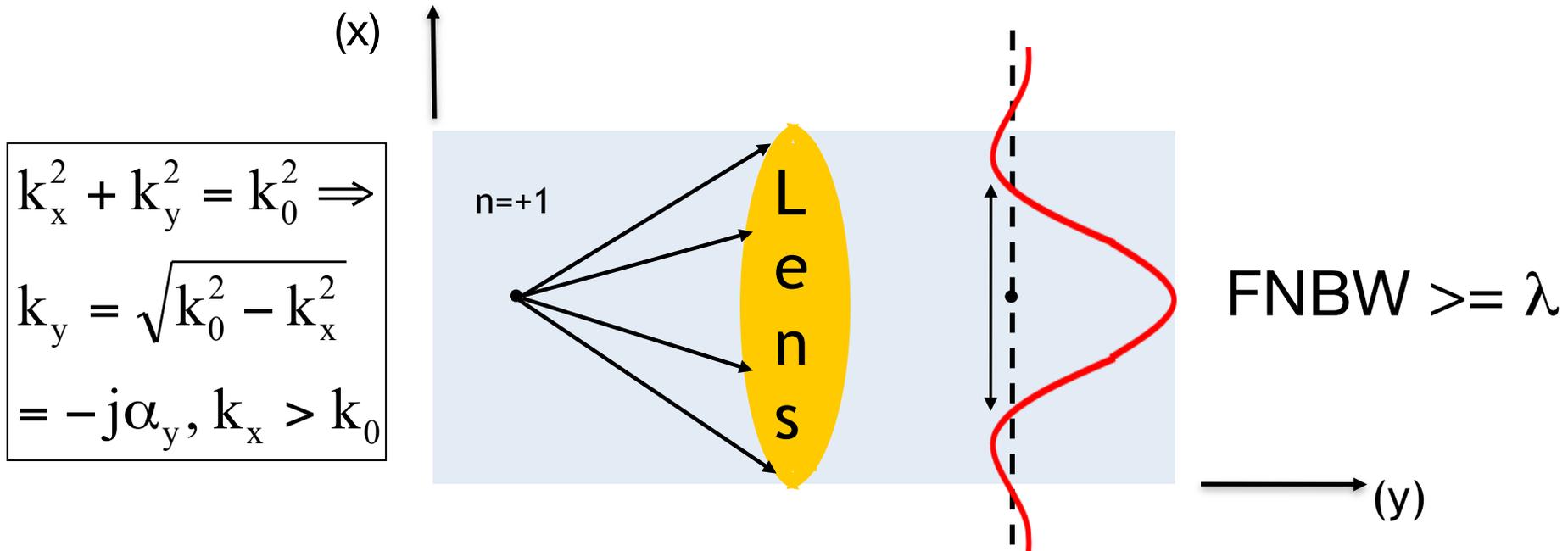
Left-Handed  
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$$n = -\sqrt{\epsilon\mu}$$

\* V. G. Veselago, "The electrodynamics of substances with simultaneously negative values of  $\epsilon$  and  $\mu$ ", Soviet Phys. USPEKHI, vol 10, 1968

# Veselago-Pendry Super-Lens

- Conventional lens:

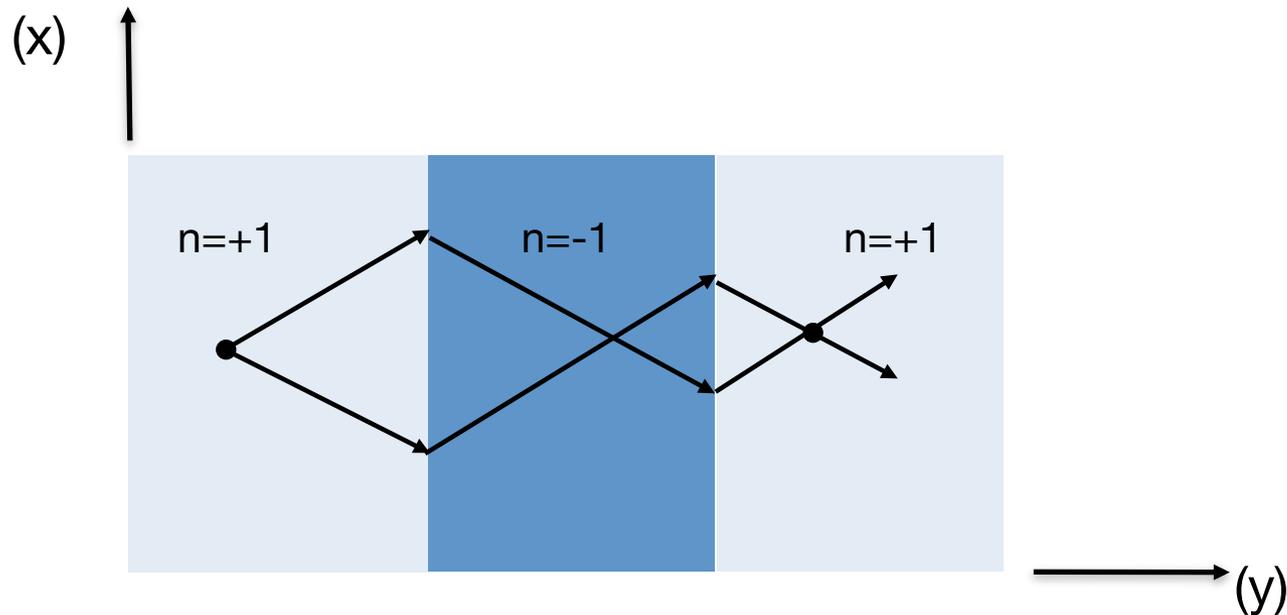


- First null beamwidth (FNBW) cannot be smaller than one wavelength of the source.
- Evanescent field components ( $k_x > k_0$ ), are absent from the image spectrum, even if the lens aperture is infinite.

• J.Pendry, "Negative index makes a perfect lens", PRL 85, 3966 (2000).

# Veselago-Pendry Super-Lens

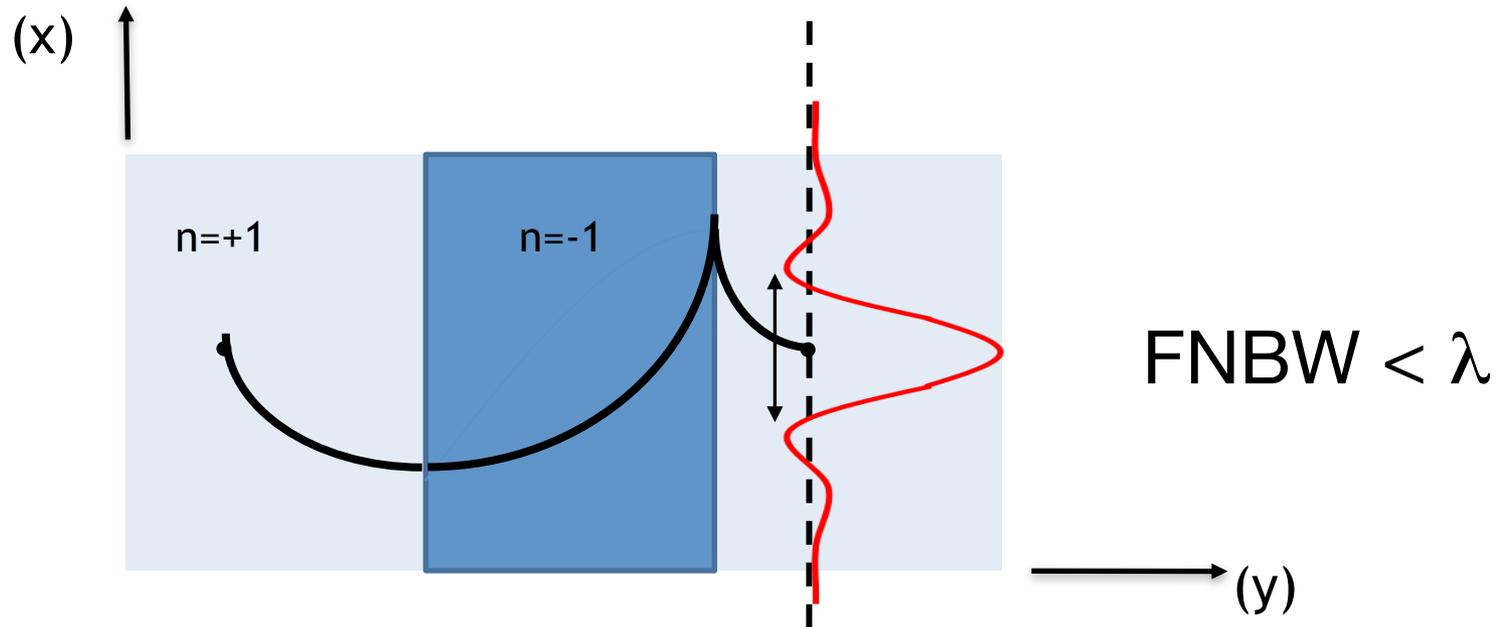
- Veselago's planar lens:



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# Veselago-Pendry Super-Lens

- A planar lens beyond the diffraction limit\*:



The negative index slab “amplifies” evanescent field components ( $k_x > k_0$ ), restoring the spectrum of the source at the image plane, to obtain sub-wavelength resolution.

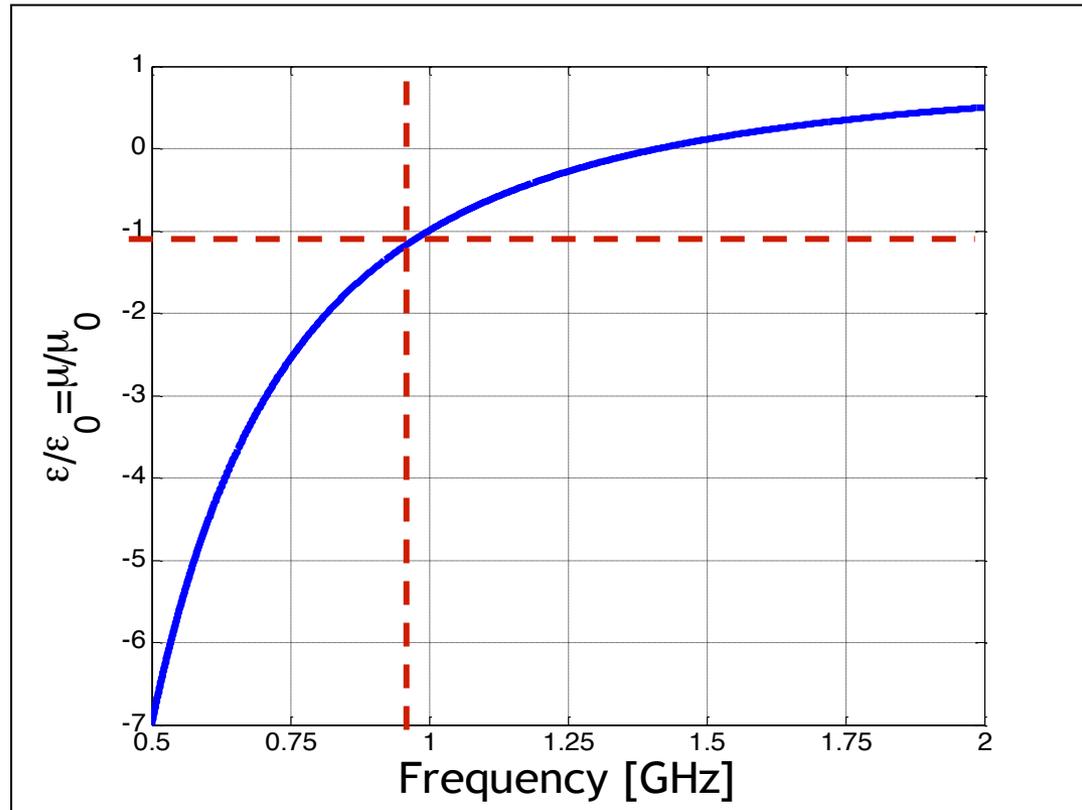
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# Super-Lens: FDTD Implementation

- Lorentz dispersion models for negative index media:

$$\epsilon_r = 1 - \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{\omega^2 - j\omega\nu_e}, \mu_r = 1 - \frac{\omega_{pm}^2}{\omega^2 - j\omega\nu_m}$$

Example: Perfect lens design at 1 GHz ( $\epsilon_r, \mu_r = -1$ ).



# Super-Lens: FDTD Implementation

- Electric and magnetic dispersion incorporated in electric/magnetic currents:

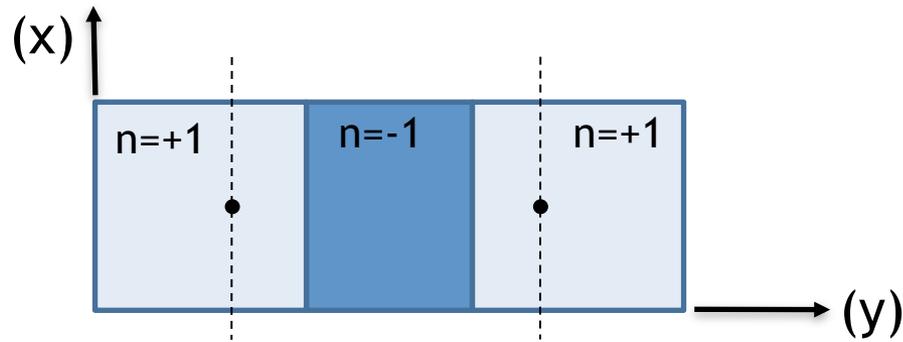
$$\nabla \times \bar{\mathbf{E}} = -\bar{\mathbf{M}} - j\omega\mu_0 \bar{\mathbf{H}}, \quad \bar{\mathbf{M}} = -j\omega\mu_0 \frac{\omega_{pm}^2}{\omega^2 - j\omega\nu_m} \bar{\mathbf{H}}$$

$$\nabla \times \bar{\mathbf{H}} = \bar{\mathbf{J}} + j\omega\varepsilon_0 \bar{\mathbf{E}}, \quad \bar{\mathbf{J}} = -j\omega\varepsilon_0 \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{\omega^2 - j\omega\nu_e} \bar{\mathbf{E}}$$

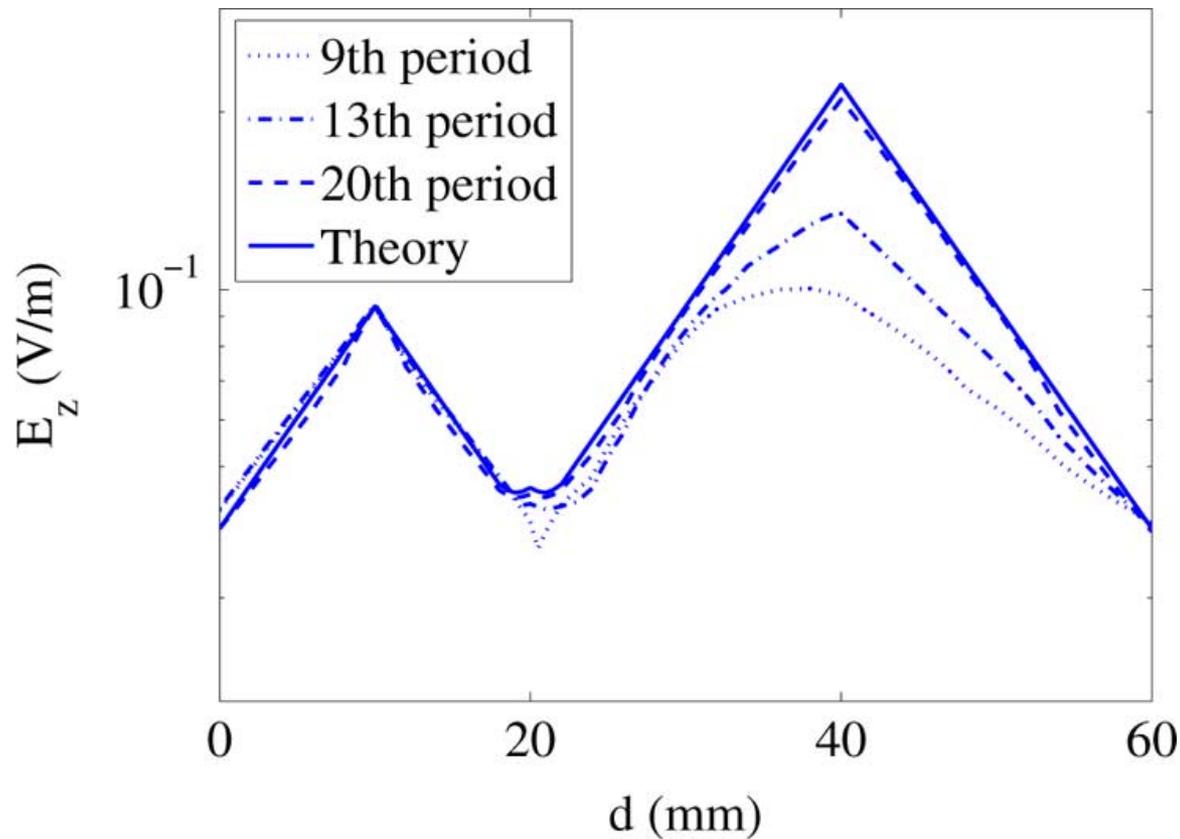
- Auxiliary differential equation for electric current:

$$\bar{\mathbf{J}}^{n+1} = \frac{4\bar{\mathbf{J}}^n + (\nu_e \Delta t - 2)\bar{\mathbf{J}}^{n-1} + \varepsilon_0 \omega_{pe}^2 \Delta t (\bar{\mathbf{E}}^{n+1} - \bar{\mathbf{E}}^n)}{\nu_e \Delta t + 2}$$

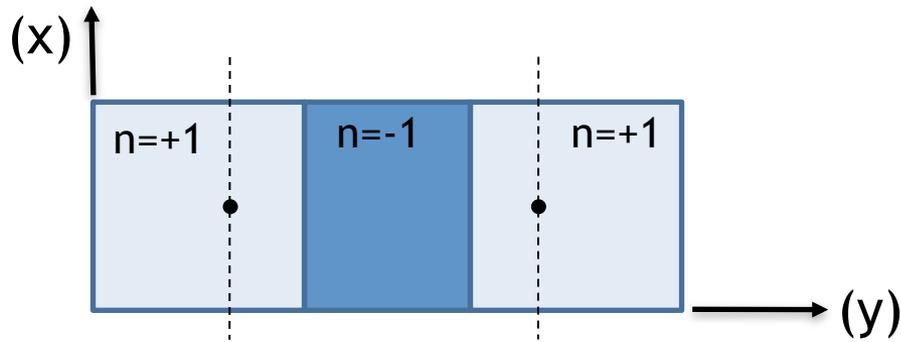
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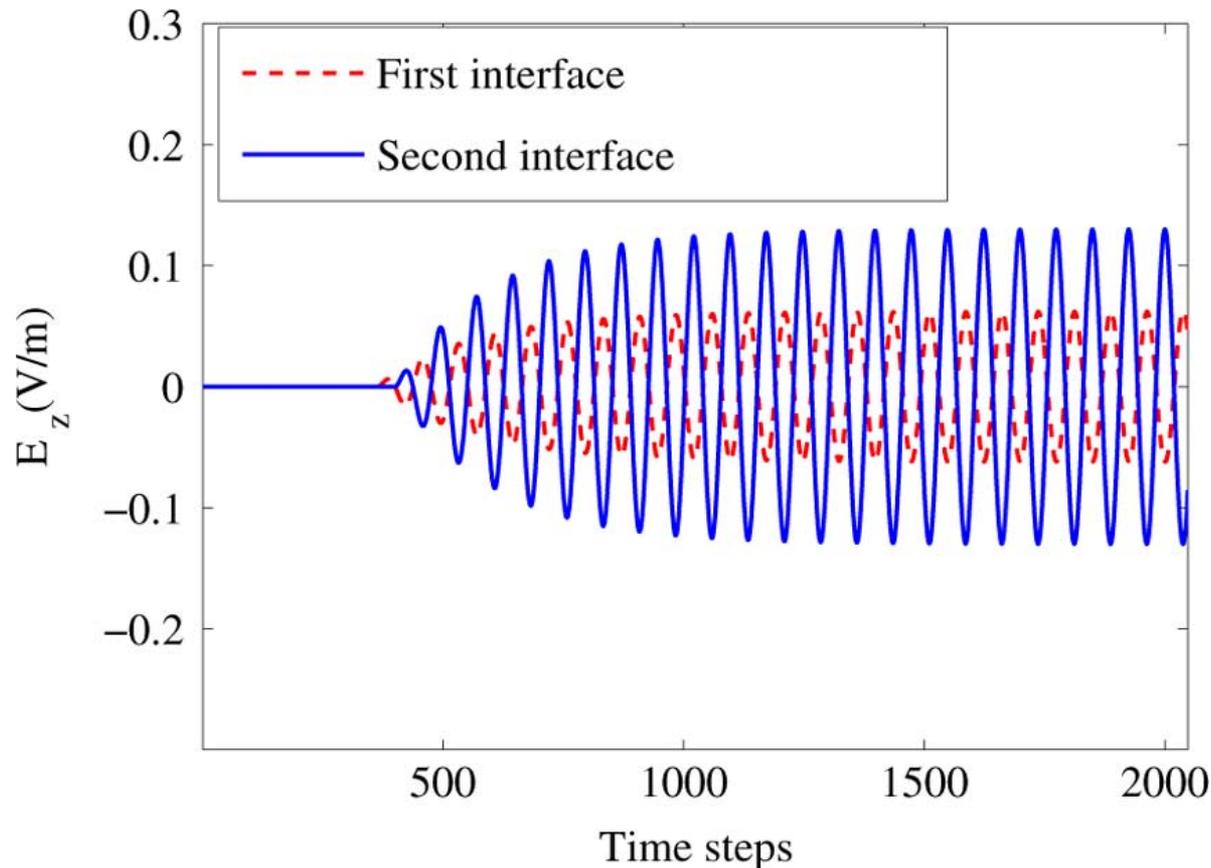
Negative index slab:  
Drude medium with  
index -1 at 1 GHz



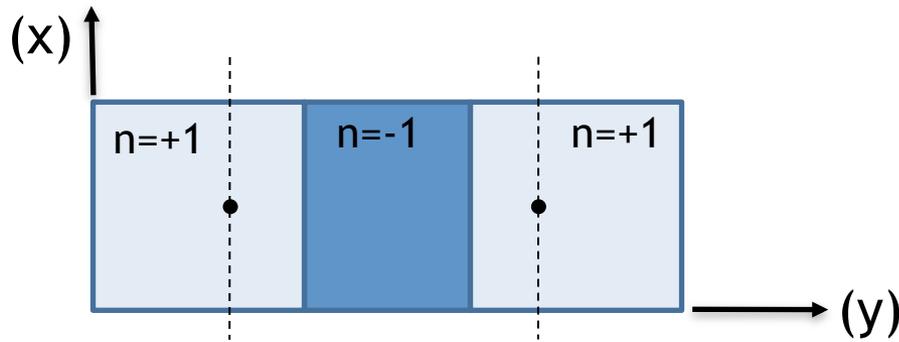
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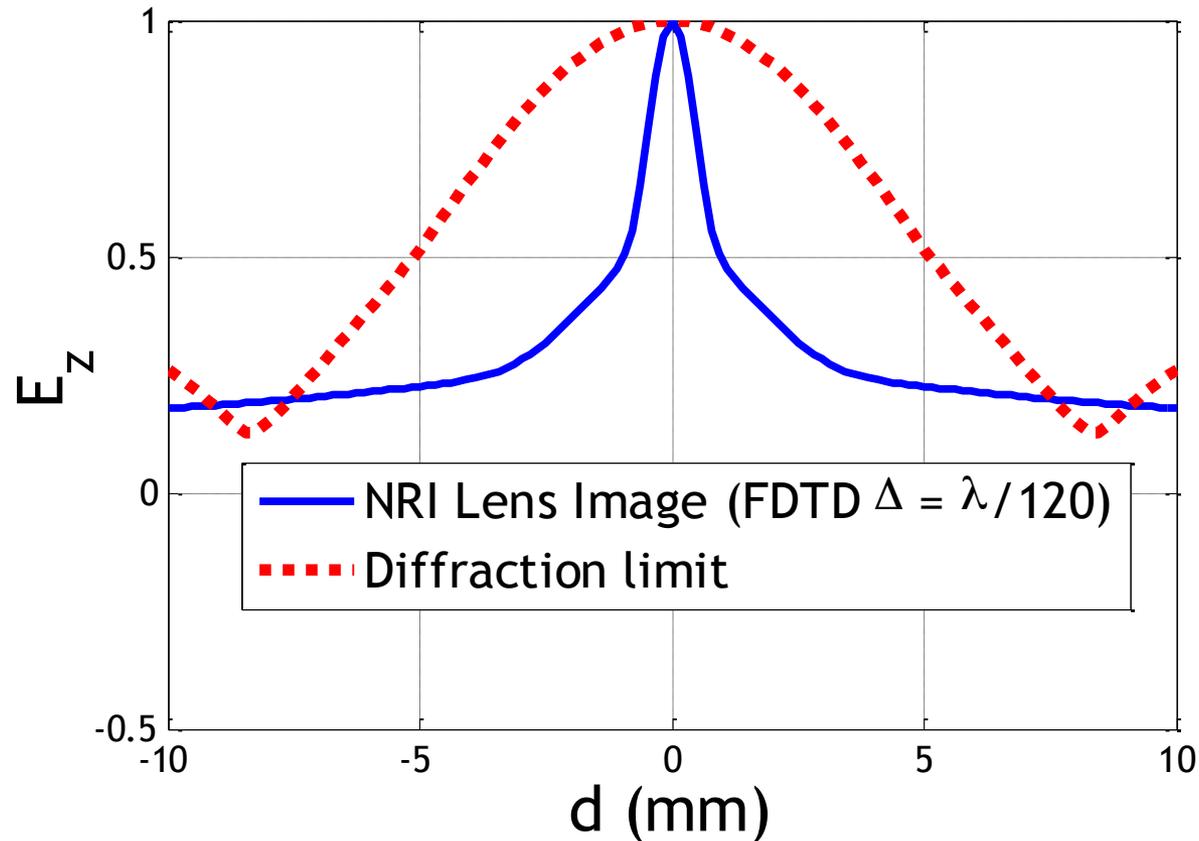
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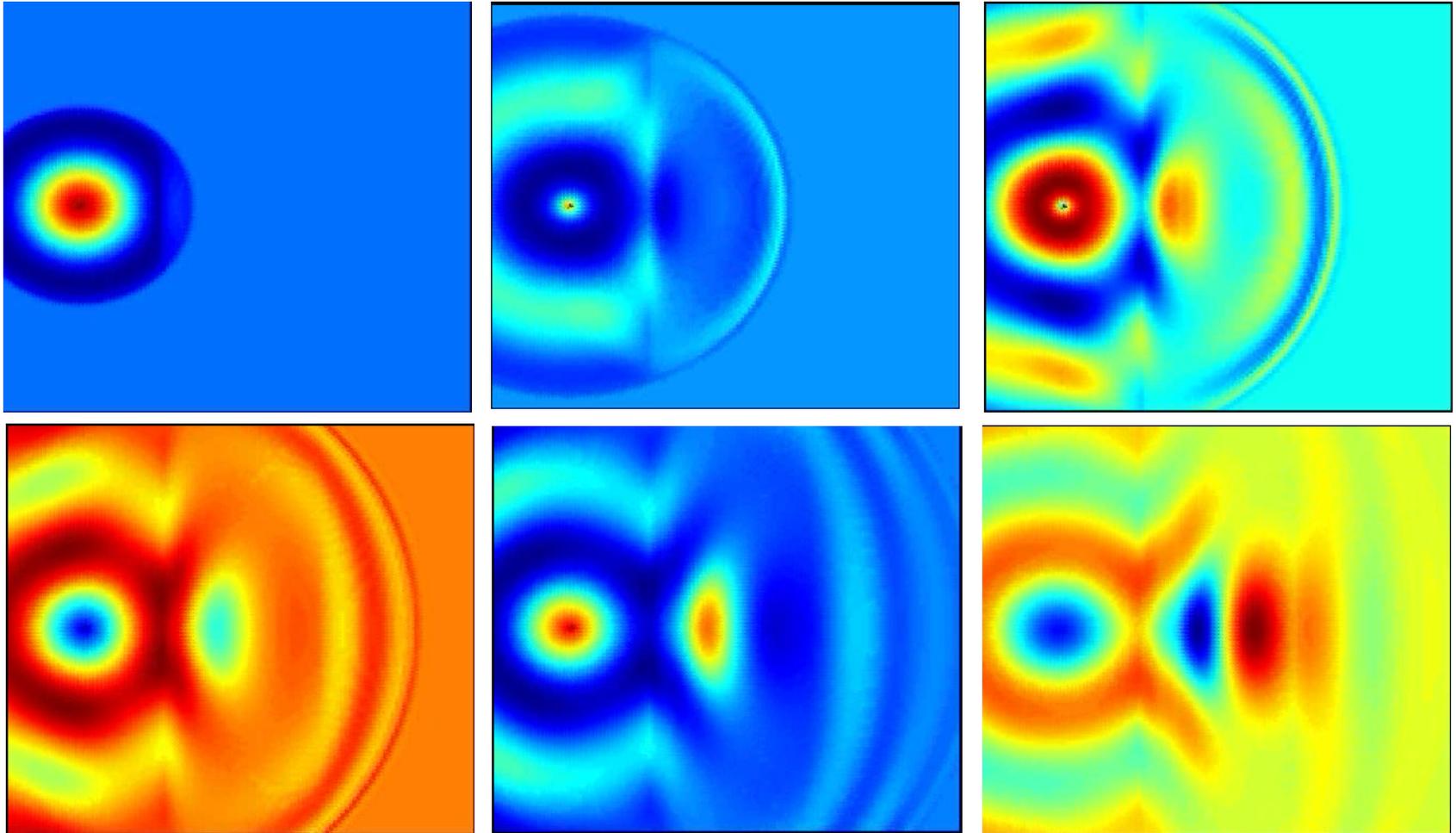


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# Veselago-Pendry Super-Lens: Results

- Temporal field evolution



# Numerical Dispersion Effects (1)

- Consider an inhomogeneous plane wave  $(k_x, k_y)$ , with:

$$\boxed{k_x^2 + k_y^2 = k^2 \Rightarrow k_y = \sqrt{k^2 - k_x^2} = -j\alpha_y}$$

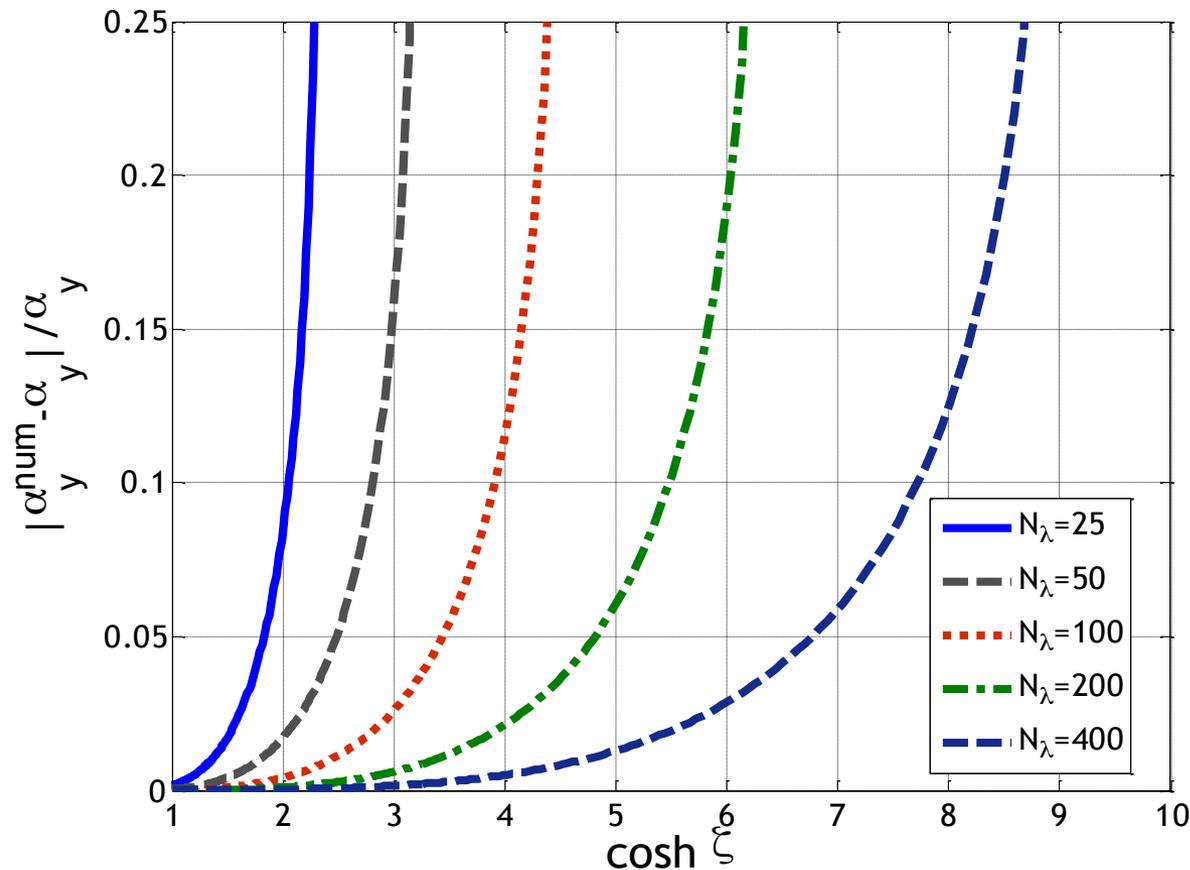
for  $k_x > k$ ; back-substituting:

$$\boxed{\sin^2 \frac{\omega\Delta t}{2} \tilde{\epsilon}_r \tilde{u}_r = \left\{ \frac{c\Delta t}{\Delta x} \sum_{p=0}^{L_s-1} \alpha(p) \sin \left( \tilde{k}_x \left( p + \frac{1}{2} \right) \Delta x \right) \right\}^2 - \left\{ \frac{c\Delta t}{\Delta y} \sum_{p=0}^{L_s-1} \alpha(p) \sinh \left( \tilde{\alpha}_y \left( p + \frac{1}{2} \right) \Delta y \right) \right\}^2}$$

Allows for the evaluation of the numerical dispersion of evanescent waves, for general FDTD and high-order FDTD schemes ( $\alpha$ 's are the stencil coefficients).

# Numerical Dispersion Effects (2)

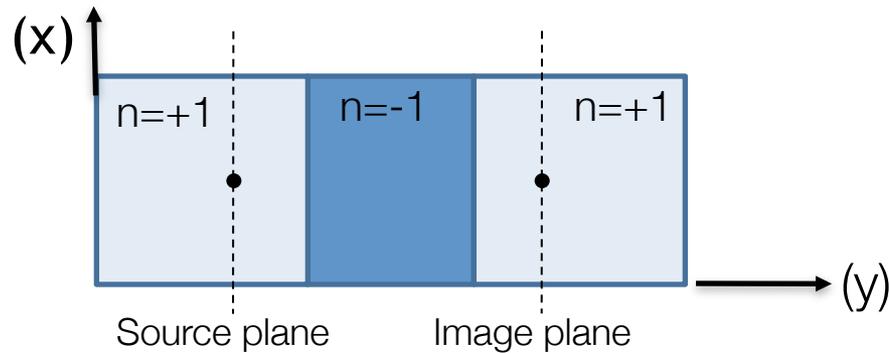
- To focus on the evanescent wave spectrum ( $k_x > k_0$ ), parameterize:  $k_x = k_0 \cosh \zeta$ ,  $\alpha_y = k_0 \sinh \zeta$ .



**FDTD:**

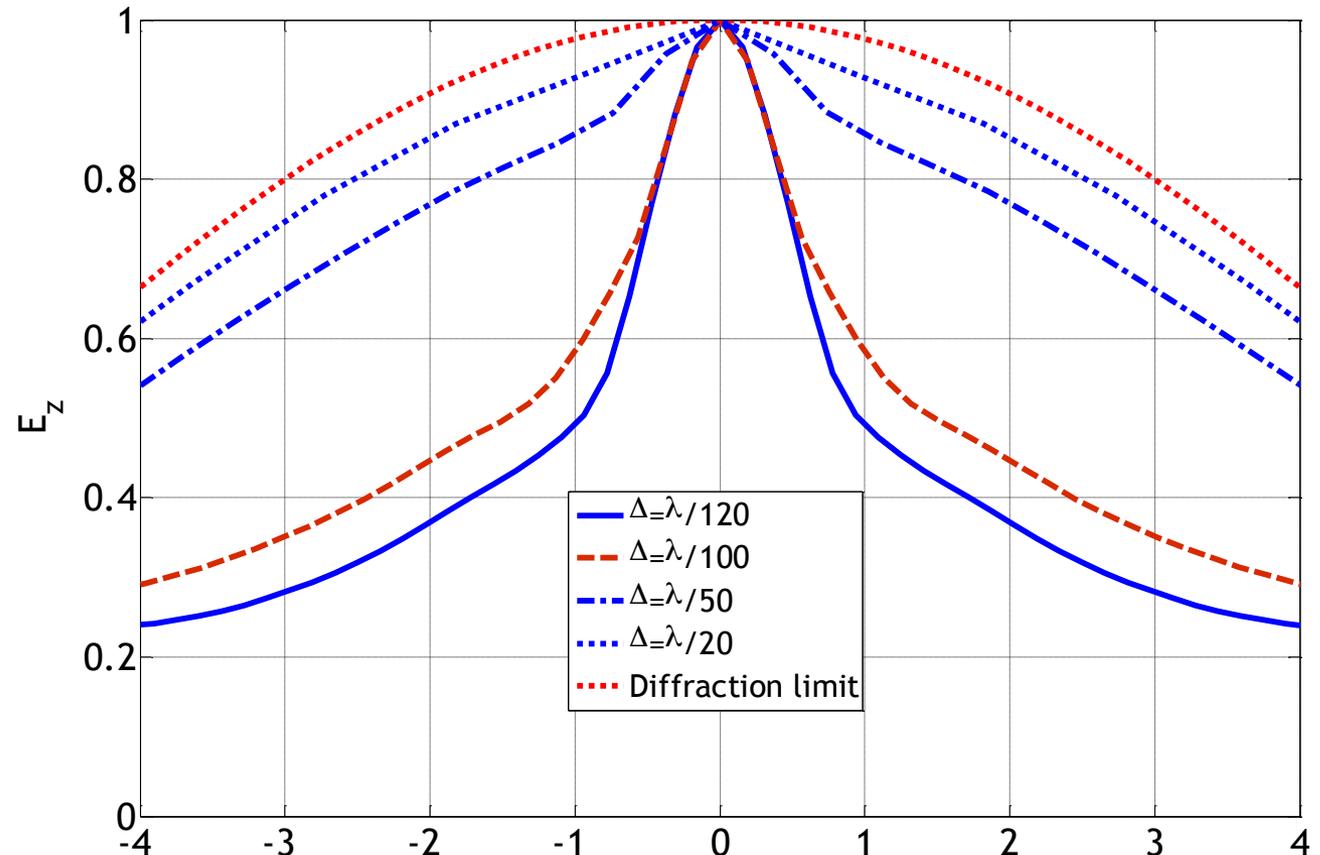
For evanescent wavenumber beyond 5 free space wavelengths, more than  $N_\lambda = 100$  ppw are needed.

# Numerical Dispersion Effects (3)



- Negative index slab: Drude medium with index -1 at 16 GHz
- 3-dB beamwidth found

- For the same medium, the resolution enhancement changes from 1.1 to 5.3, by changing the cell size.



# Super-Lens: Limitations

## Physical Limitations

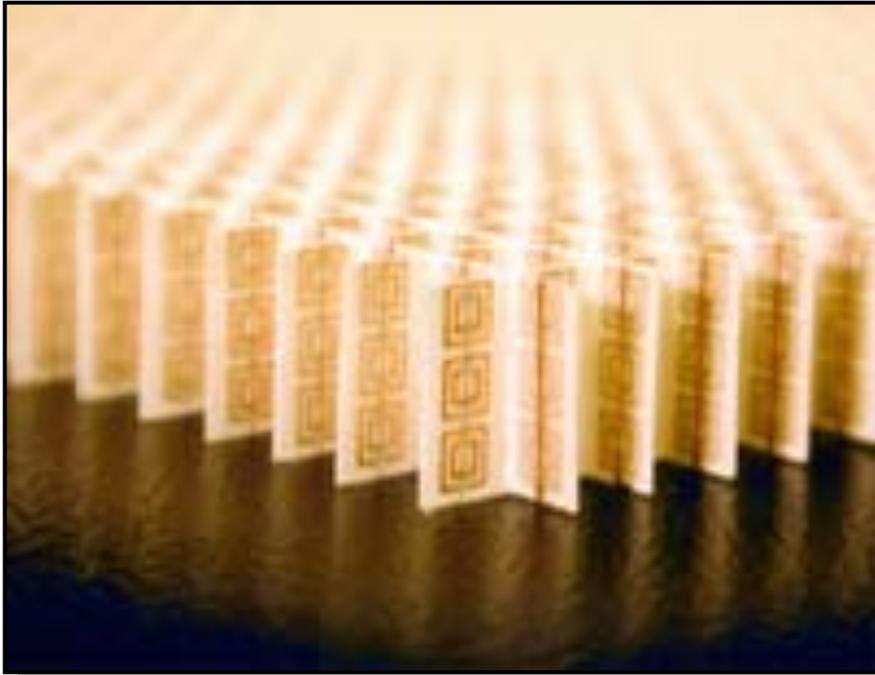
- Negative index slab index different from  $-1$  (design / fabrication issues).
- Losses (source spectral components attenuated).
- If periodic media are used to implement the lens, resolution is limited by periodicity.

## Numerical Limitations

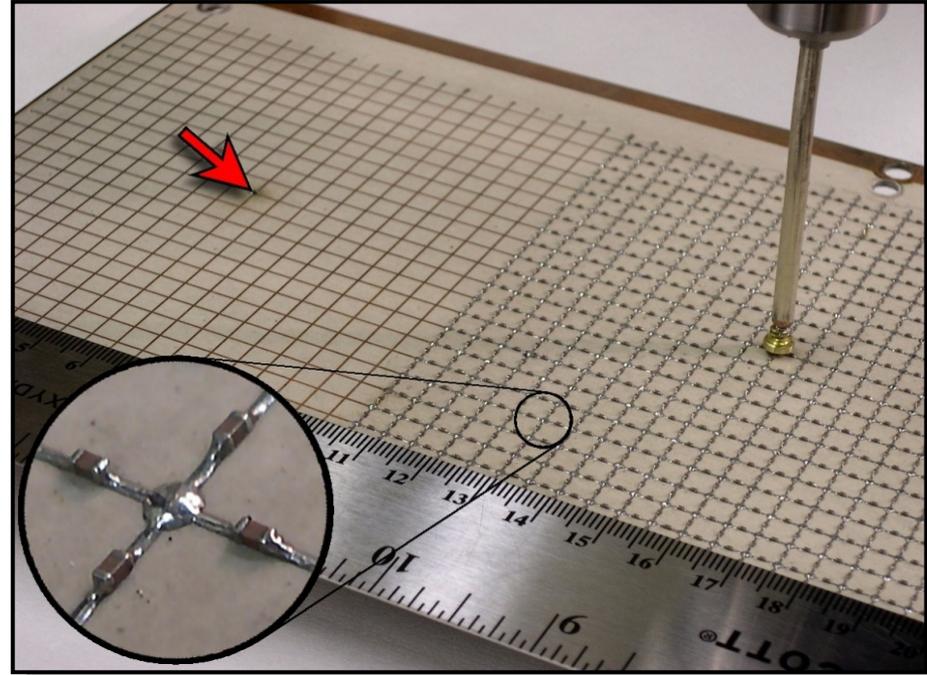
- Negative index slab index different from  $-1$  (numerical dispersion/ anisotropy).
- Dispersion of STRONGLY evanescent waves.
- Resolution limited by cell size.

\*D. R. Smith, D. Schurig, M. Rosenbluth, S. Schultz, S. A. Ramakrishna, J. B. Pendry, "Limitations on subdiffraction imaging with a negative refractive index slab", Appl. Phys. Lett. , 82, 1506 (2003).

# Microwave NRI Media

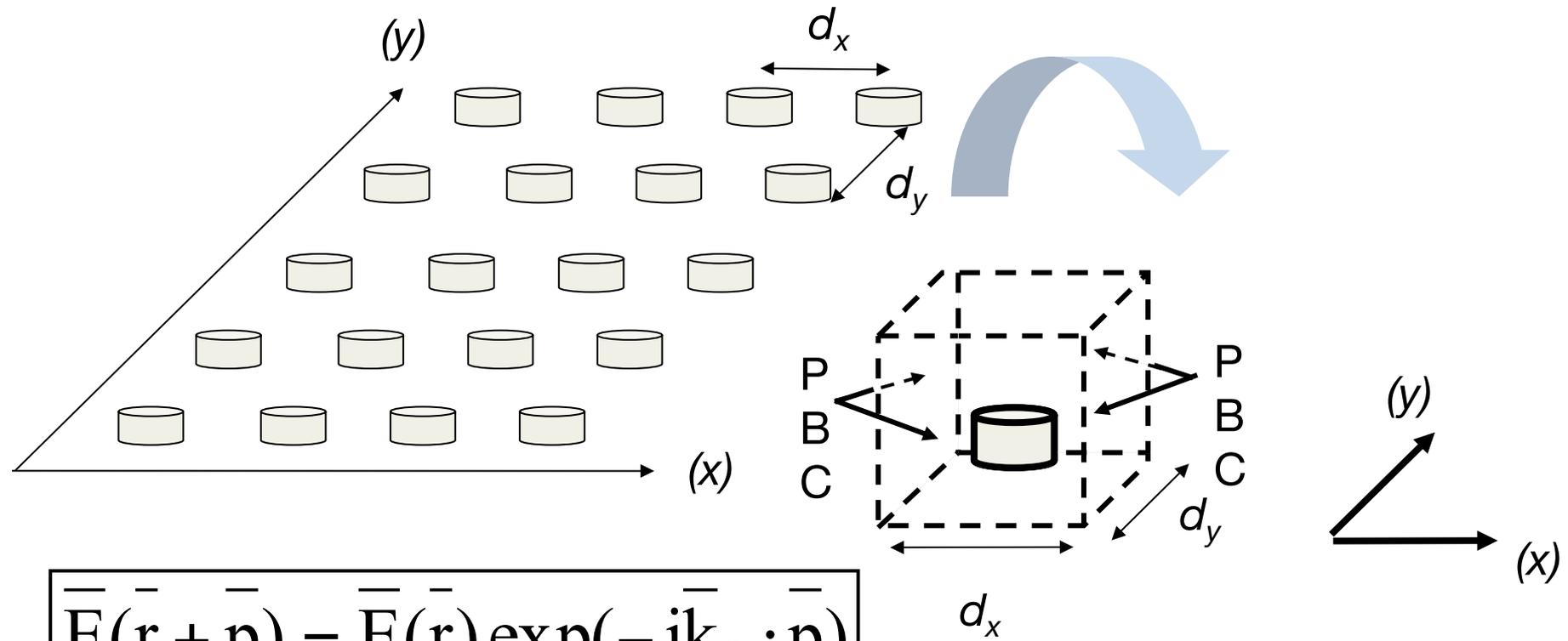


Split-Ring Resonators (SRR) and Straight Wires [D. R. Smith et al., Phys.Rev. Let. ,vol. 78, 2933, May 2000.]



2D Negative Refractive Index Transmission-Line (NRI-TL) Media [G.V.Eleftheriades et al., IEEE Trans. MTT, vol. 50, 2702, Dec. 2002]

# Periodic Boundary Conditions



$$\bar{\mathbf{E}}(\bar{\mathbf{r}} + \bar{\mathbf{p}}) = \bar{\mathbf{E}}(\bar{\mathbf{r}}) \exp(-j\bar{\mathbf{k}}_p \cdot \bar{\mathbf{p}})$$

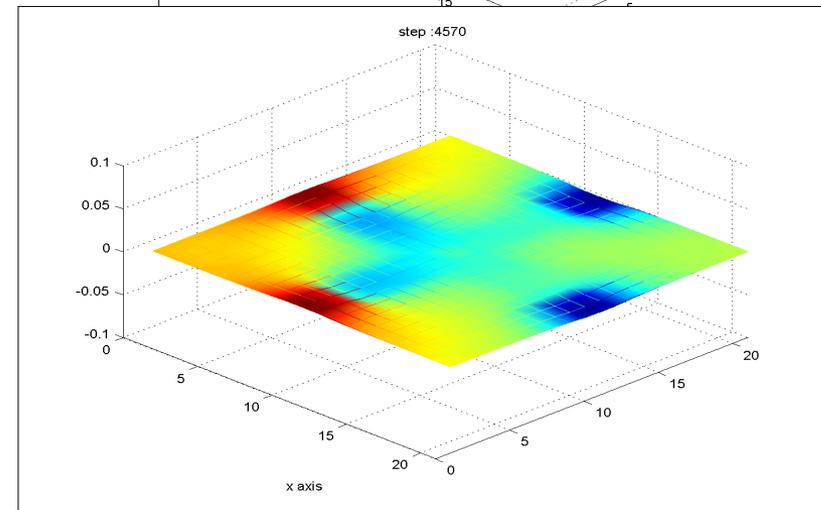
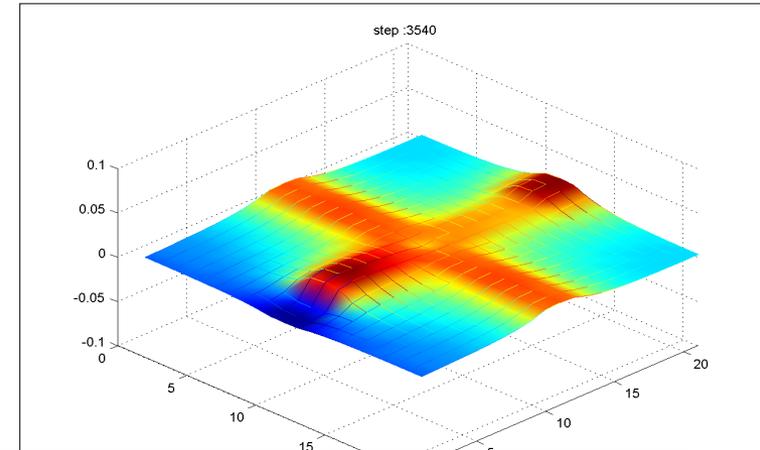
$$\bar{\mathbf{p}} = d_x \hat{\mathbf{x}} + d_y \hat{\mathbf{y}} \quad \text{Lattice vector}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{k}}_p = k_x \hat{\mathbf{x}} + k_y \hat{\mathbf{y}} \quad \text{Bloch wavevector}$$

# Periodic Boundary Conditions in FDTD

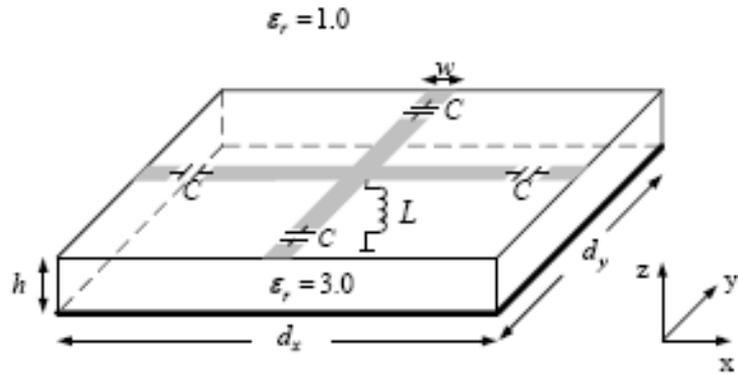
- Sine-cosine method [Harms, Mittra, Ko, IEEE T-AP, Sept. 1994 ], split-field [Roden et al, IEEE T-MTT, Apr. 1998].

- Basic process:
  - Enforce a Floquet wave vector  $k$  within the irreducible Brillouin zone.
  - Sample the field in the time-domain, find  $\omega(k)$  from spectral analysis.

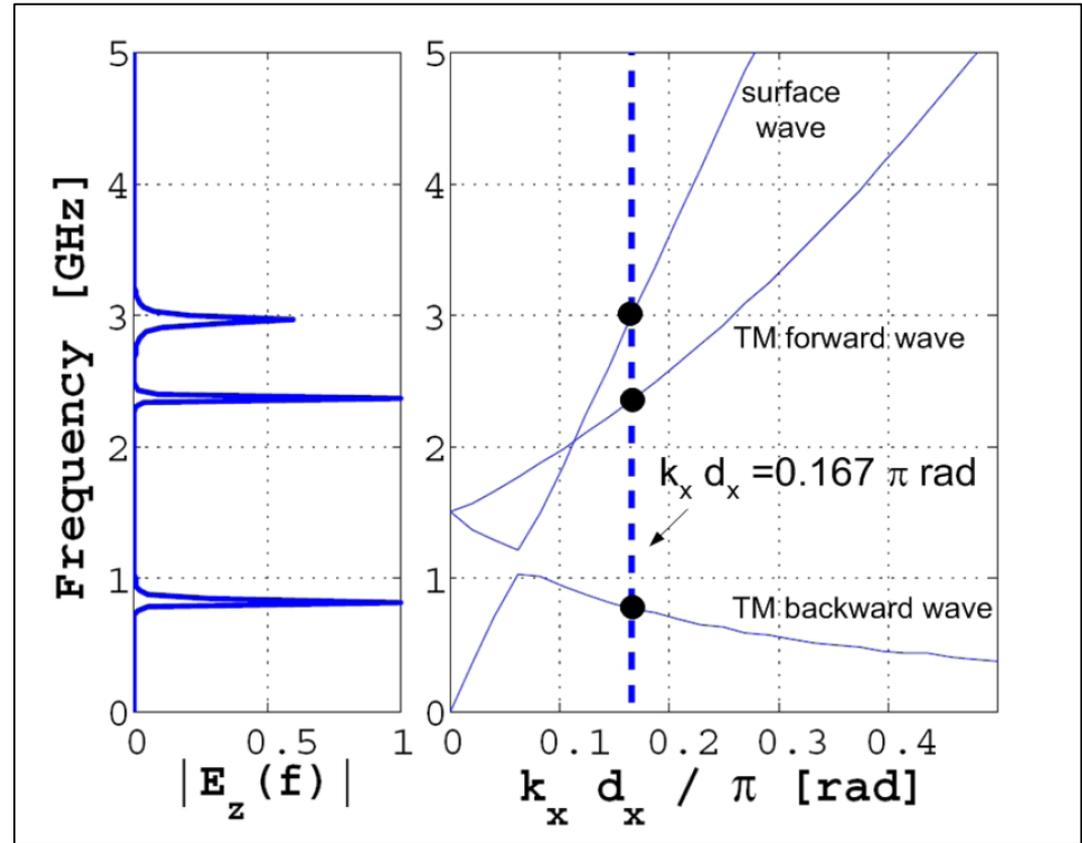


# Broadband Periodic FDTD Analysis (1)

Example: The NRI Transmission-Line Unit Cell



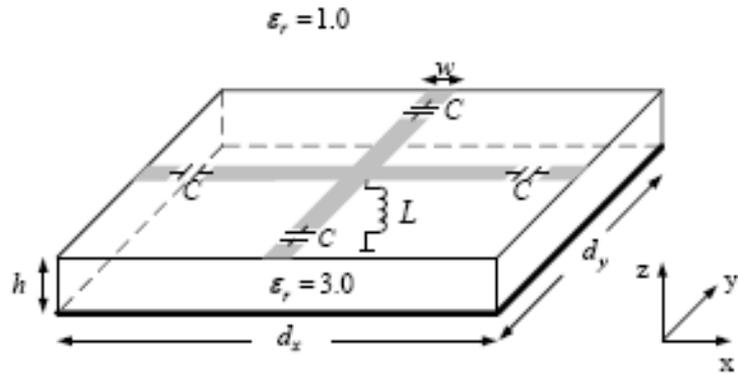
$$C = 3.34 \text{ pF}$$
$$L = 16.02 \text{ nH}$$



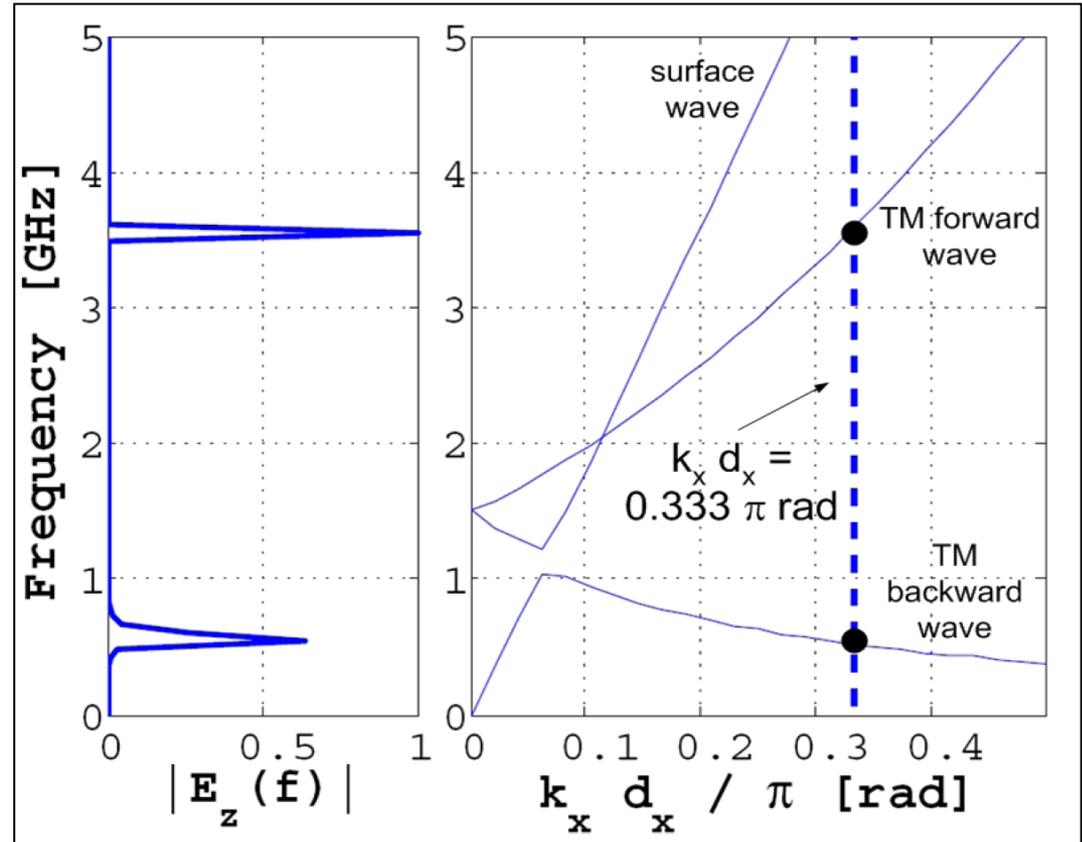
FDTD analysis based on a wideband pulse excitation (0.5-3 GHz)

# Broadband Periodic FDTD Analysis (2)

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FDTD analysis based on a wideband pulse excitation (0.5-3 GHz)

# Leaky-Wave Radiation from the NRI -TL

- Leaky-Wave Antennas:
  - Periodic structures supporting leaky-wave radiation.
  - Renewed interest stemming from recent advances in metamaterials.

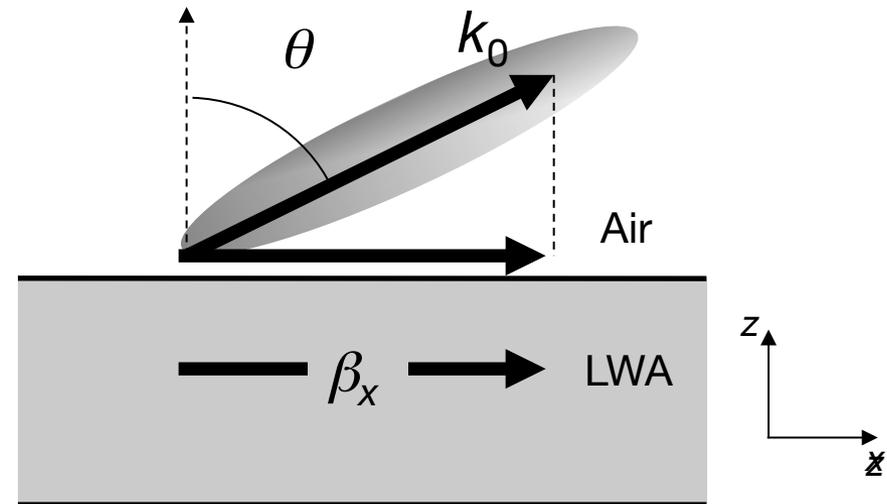
$$|\beta_x|/k_0 < 1:$$

Fast (leaky) waves  
emerging at angle  $\theta$ ,

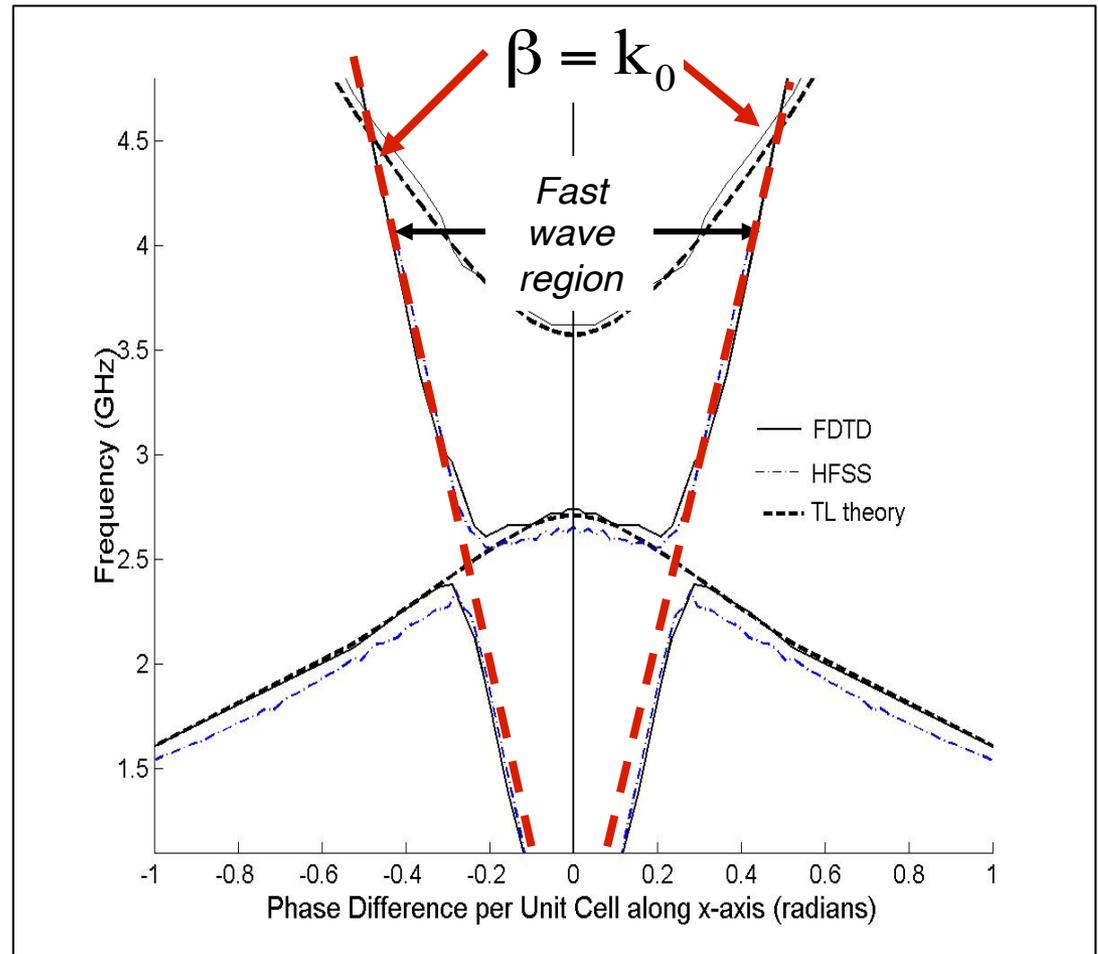
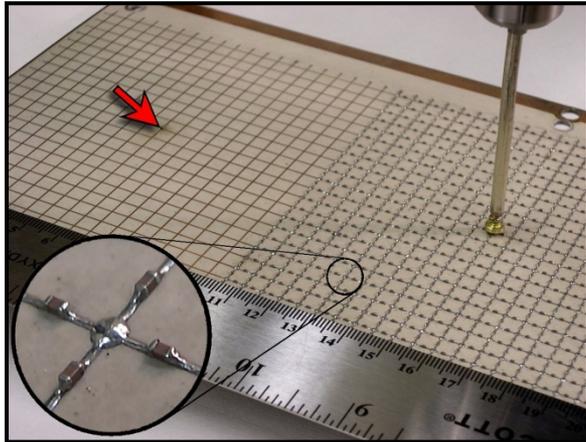
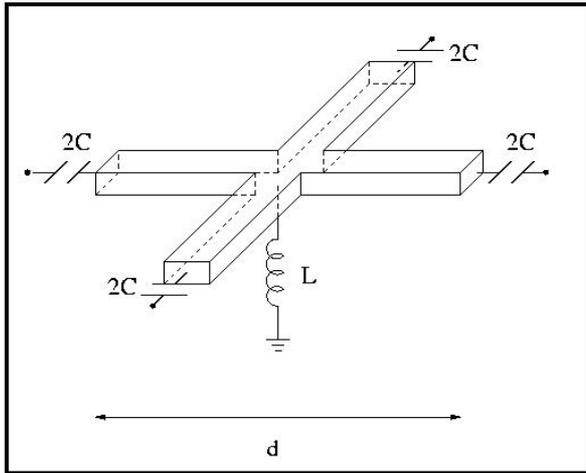
$$\sin \theta = \beta_x / k_0$$

Forward Endfire:  $\beta_x = k_0$

Broadside:  $\beta_x = 0$

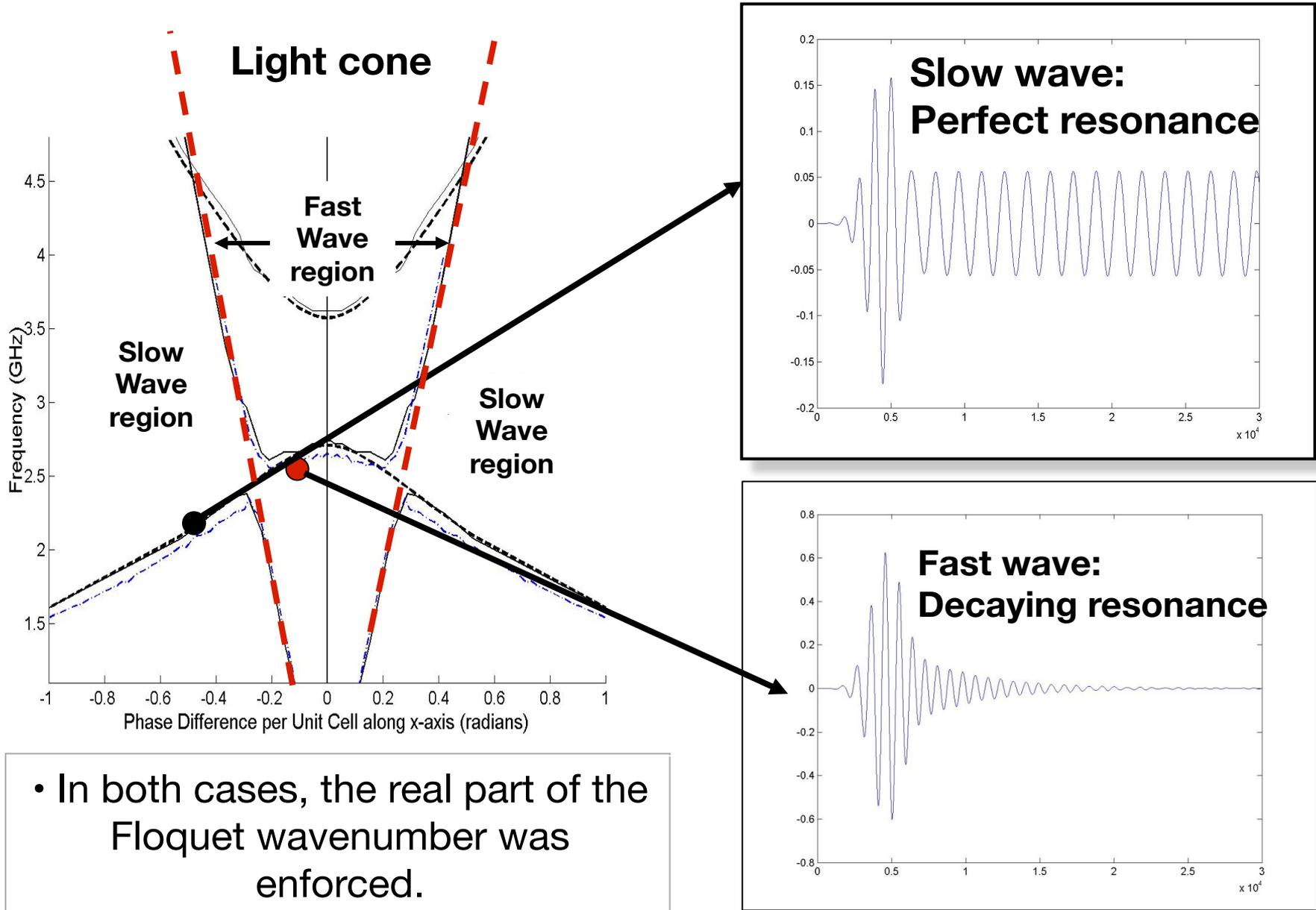


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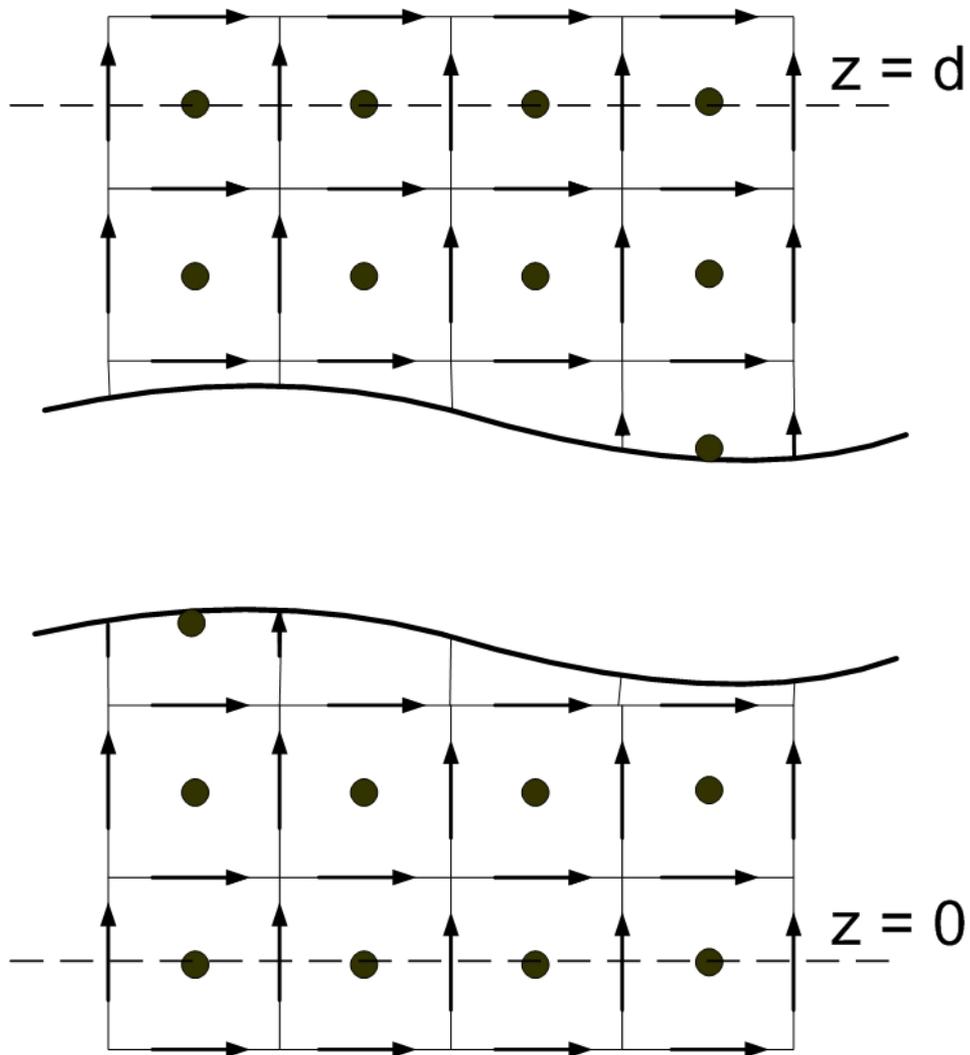
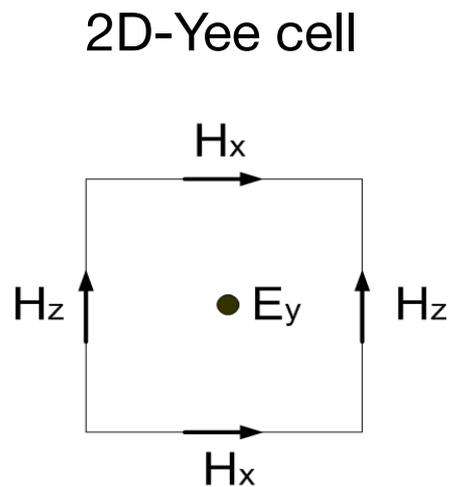


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# Fast and slow waves: resonances

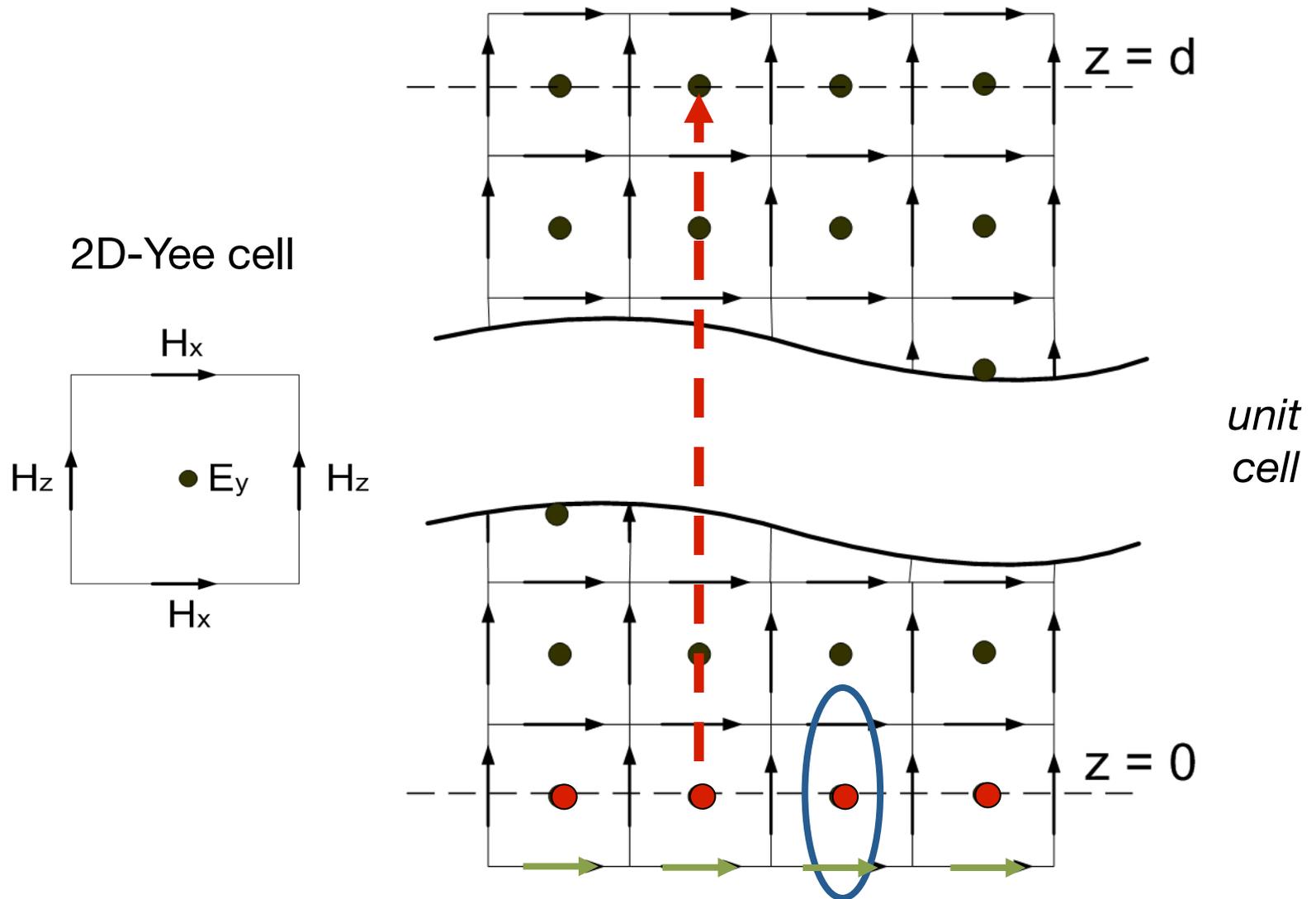


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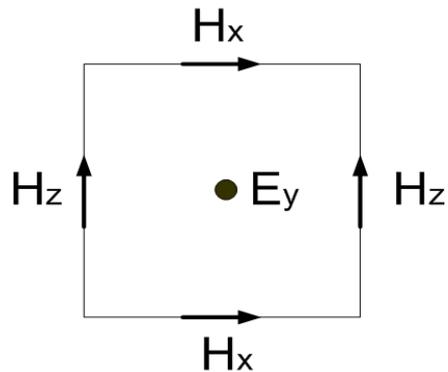


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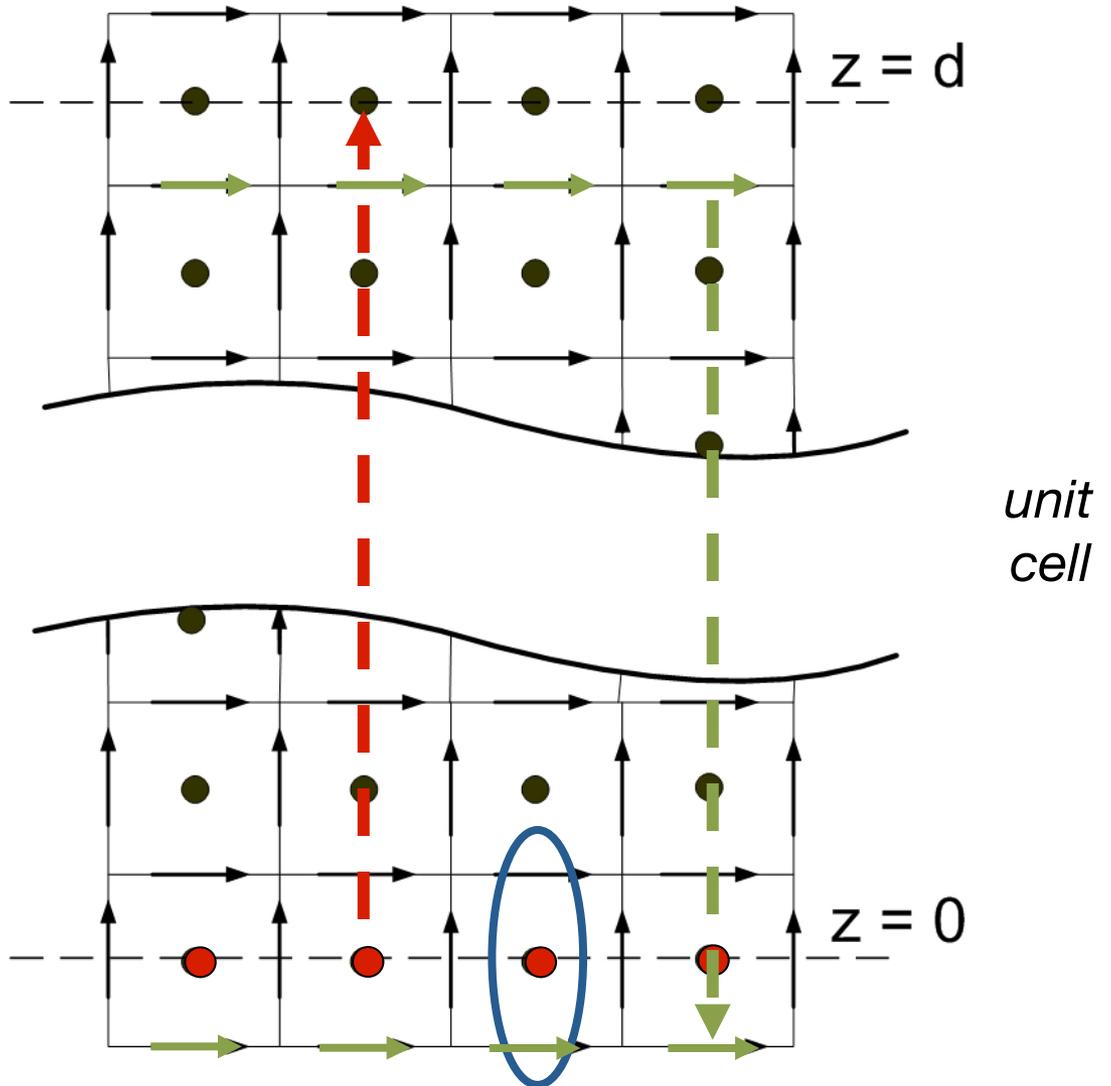


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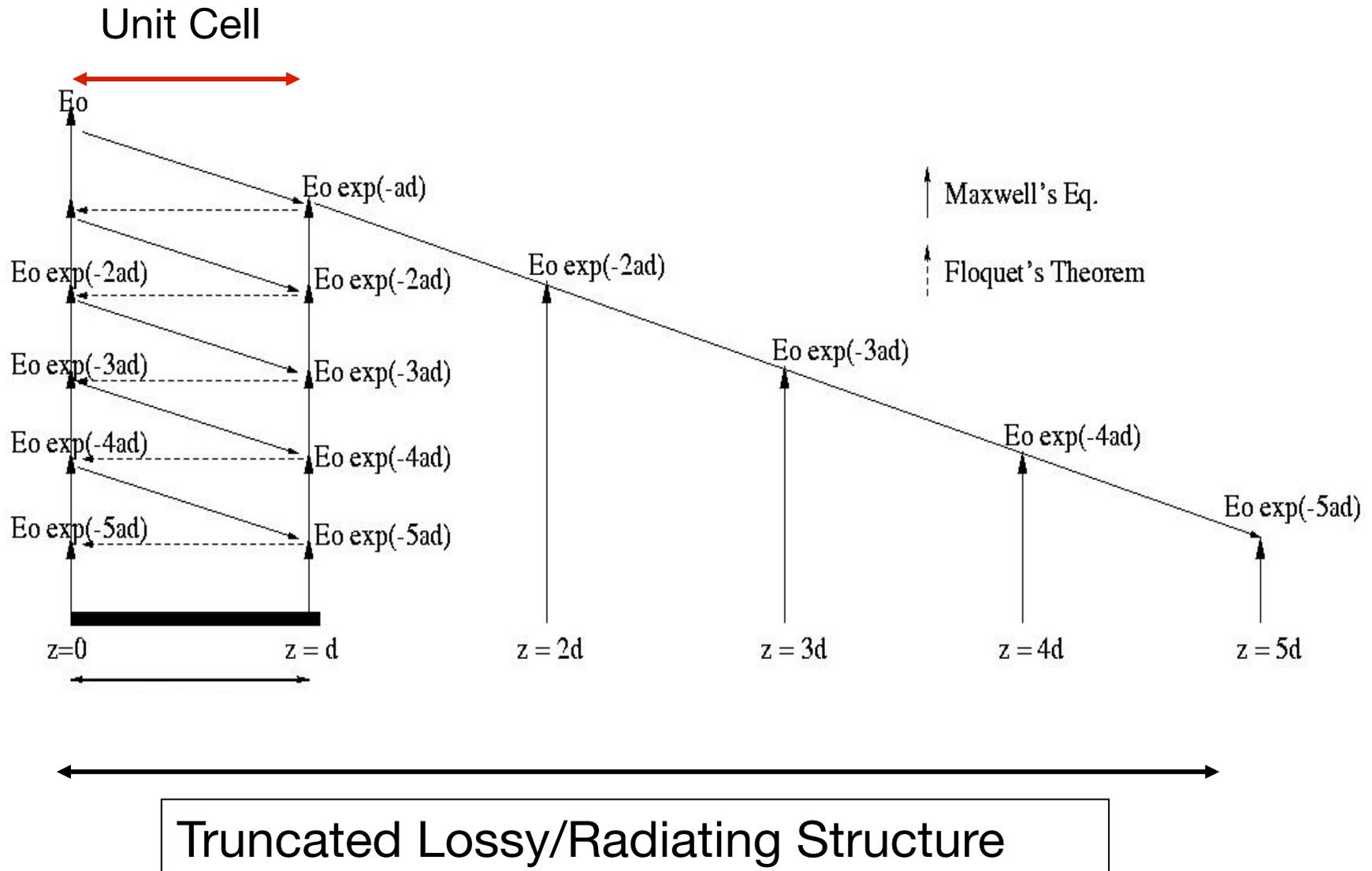
2D-Yee cell



PBC updates are  
bi-directional !

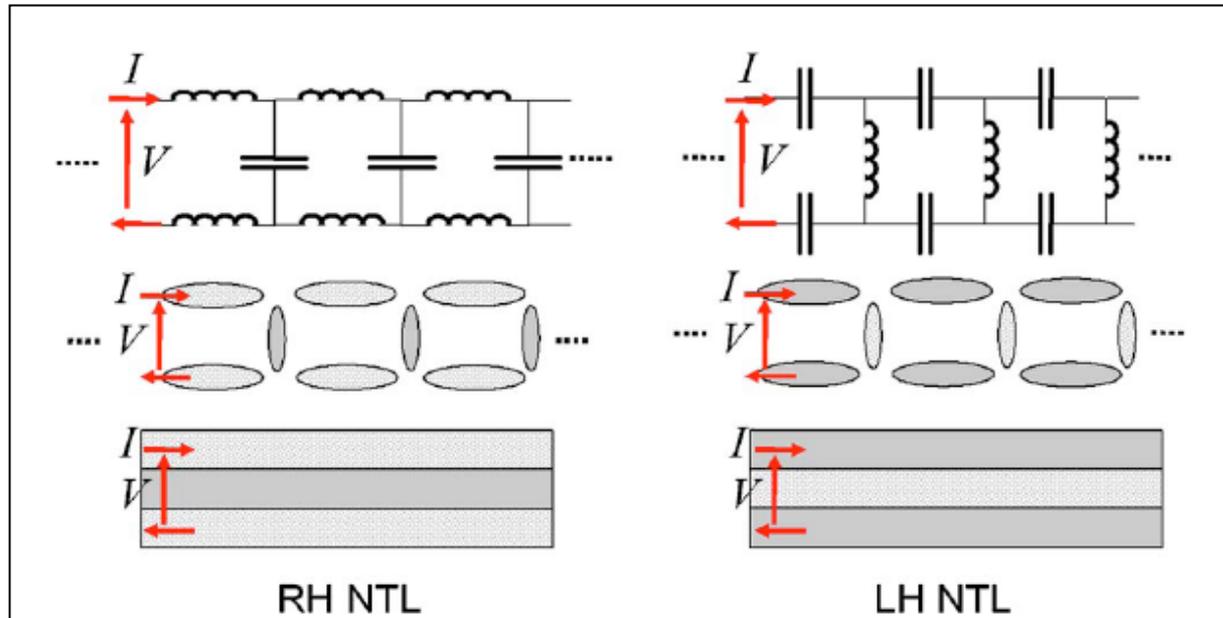


# Leaky-waves and PBCs



# NRI-TL at Optical Frequencies

- Lattices of plasmonic noble metal nanorods/spheres may provide optical analogs to NRI-TLs

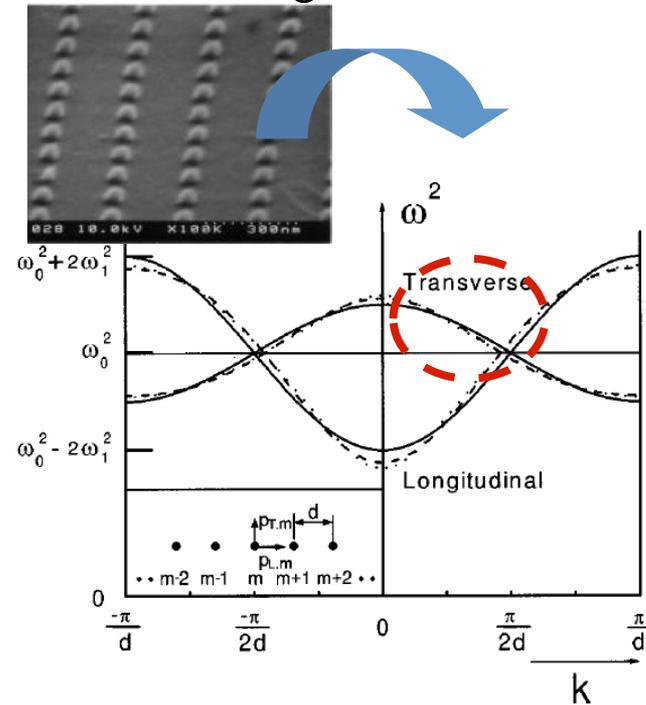


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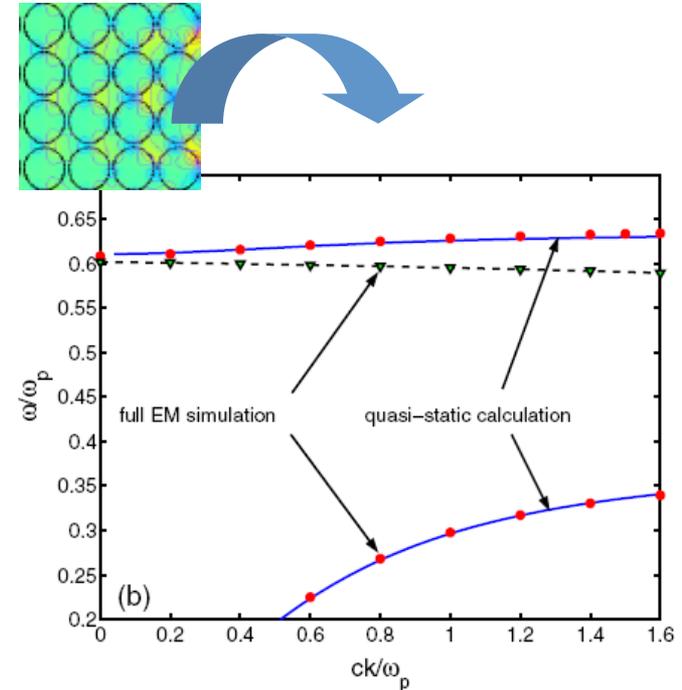
# NRI-TL at Optical Frequencies (cont-d)

## Backward waves in plasmonic nanosphere lattices

### Silver nanoparticle waveguides



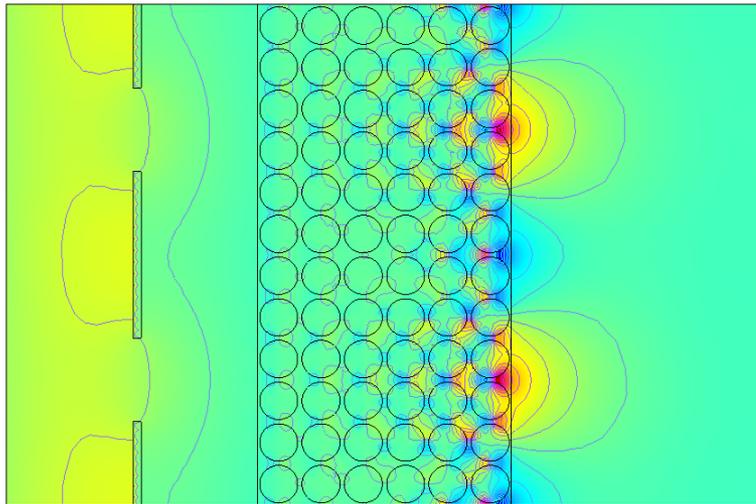
### Sub-wavelength Photonic Crystals (SPC)



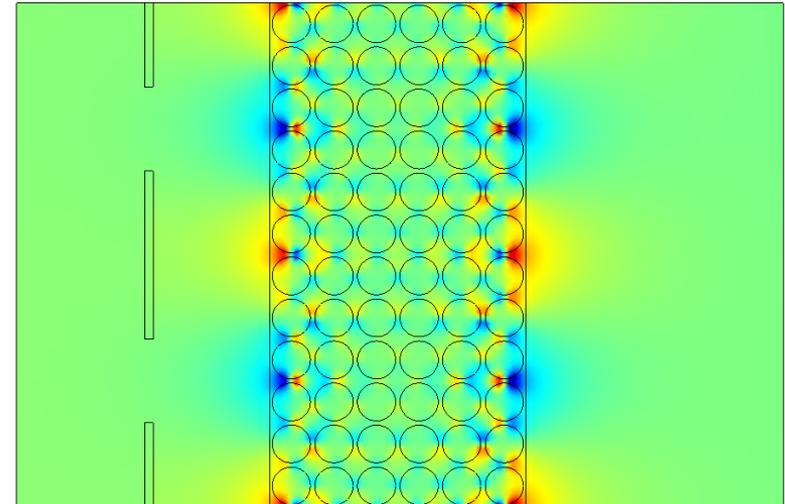
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# SPC Lattice as a “Perfect Lens”



$$\omega/\omega_p=0.5988$$



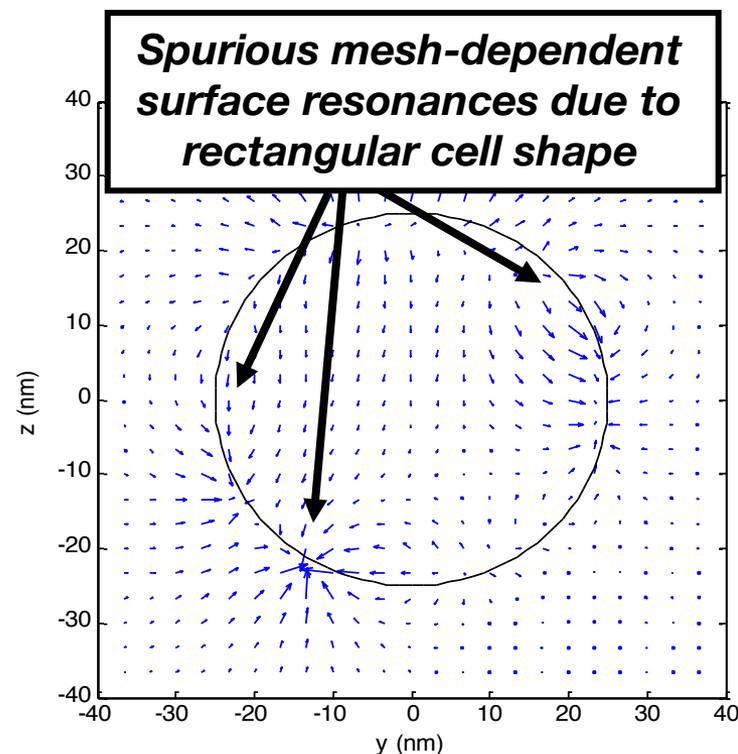
$$\omega/\omega_p=0.599$$

An SPC slab was successfully used to image two slits at a sub-wavelength distance ( $0.4\lambda$ ); yet, this behavior was very narrowband ( $\sim 0.01\%$  bandwidth).

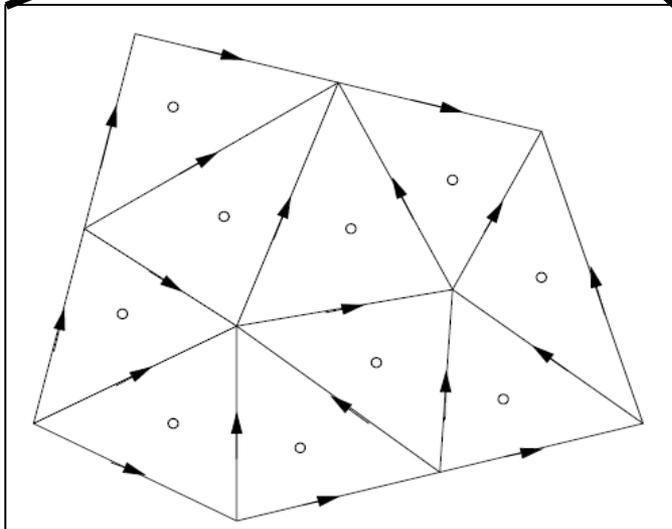
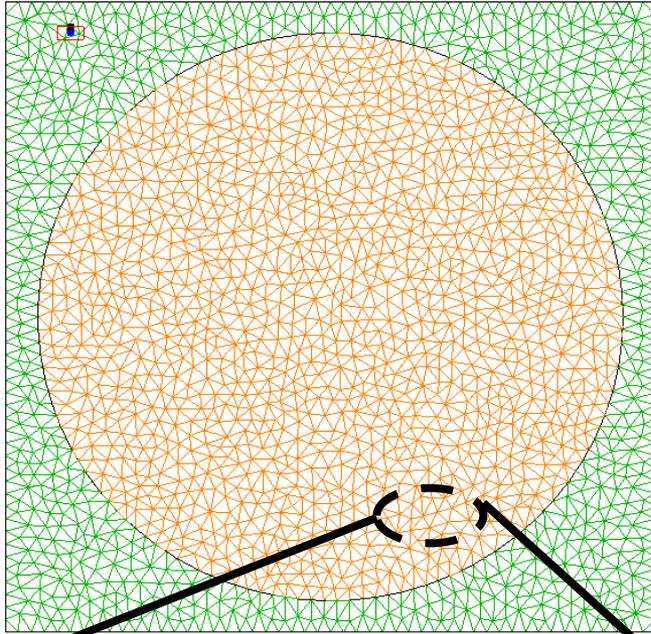
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# FDTD analysis of Plasmonic Metamaterials

- ❖ The use of a cartesian mesh induces dispersion errors that become significant when plasmonic resonances are considered.
- ❖ Example: Electric field in a silver sphere at 385 THz.



# Triangular Mesh FDTD

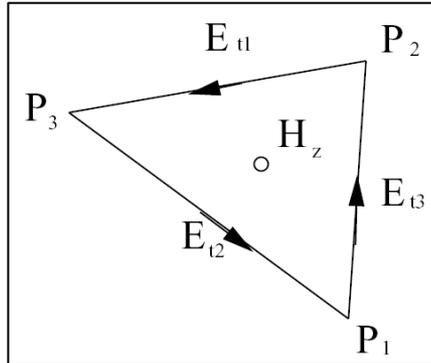


- The computational domain is meshed in triangular elements.
- Tangential electric field components are sampled at edge centers.
- Magnetic field components are sampled at the barycenter of each triangle.

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# Triangular Mesh FDTD: Update Equations

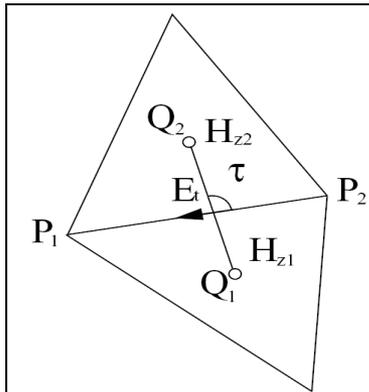
## Magnetic Field Components



$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Delta} \mu \bar{H} \cdot d\bar{s} = \oint_{\Delta} \bar{E} \cdot d\bar{l}$$

$$\mu \frac{H_z^{n+1} - H_z^n}{\Delta t} A = E_{t1} |\overline{P_2 P_3}| + E_{t2} |\overline{P_3 P_1}| + E_{t3} |\overline{P_1 P_2}|$$

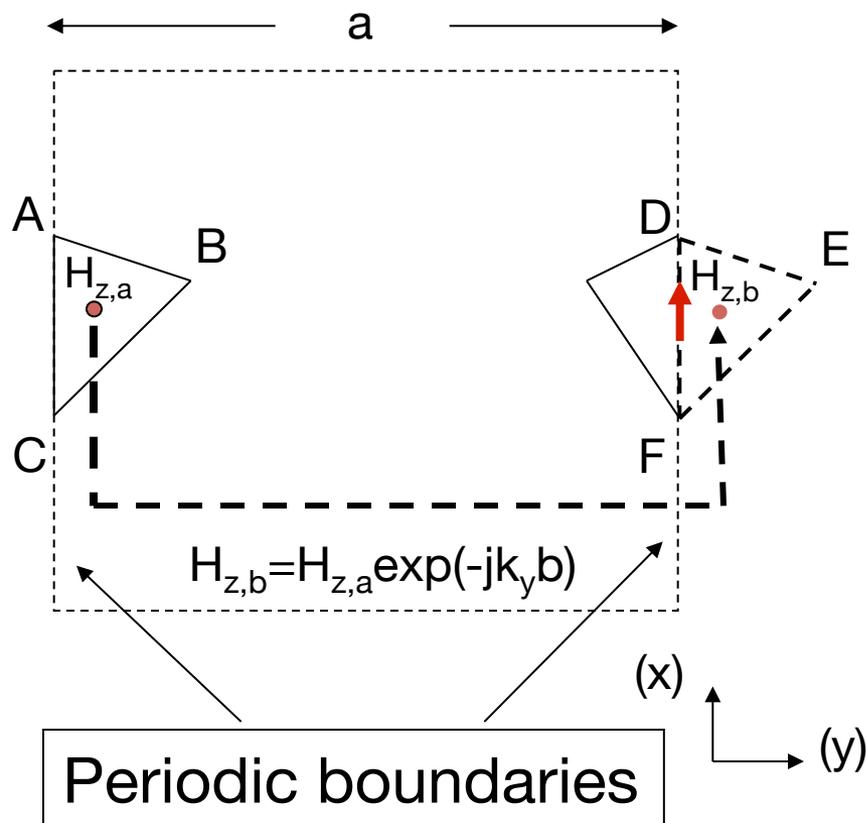
## Electric Field Components



$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_S \epsilon \bar{E} \cdot d\bar{s} = \oint_S \bar{H} \cdot d\bar{l}$$

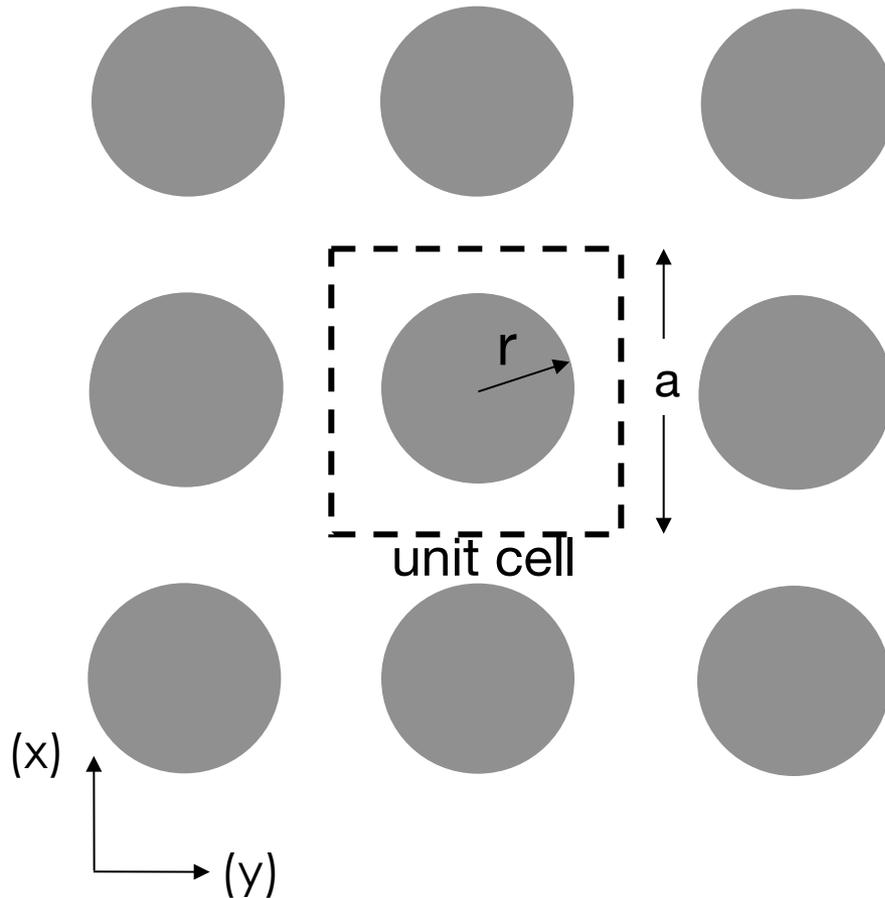
$$\epsilon \frac{E_t^{n+1} - E_t^n}{\Delta t} |\overline{Q_1 Q_2}| \sin \tau = H_{z1} - H_{z2}$$

# Triangular Mesh FDTD: PBCs



- The periodic boundaries are discretized in the same way (e.g. triangle ABC is identical to DEF).
- Periodic boundary conditions (PBCs) are implemented with the sine-cosine method.
- Boundary electric fields are updated after PBC updates.

# Periodic FDTD analysis of 2-D SPC

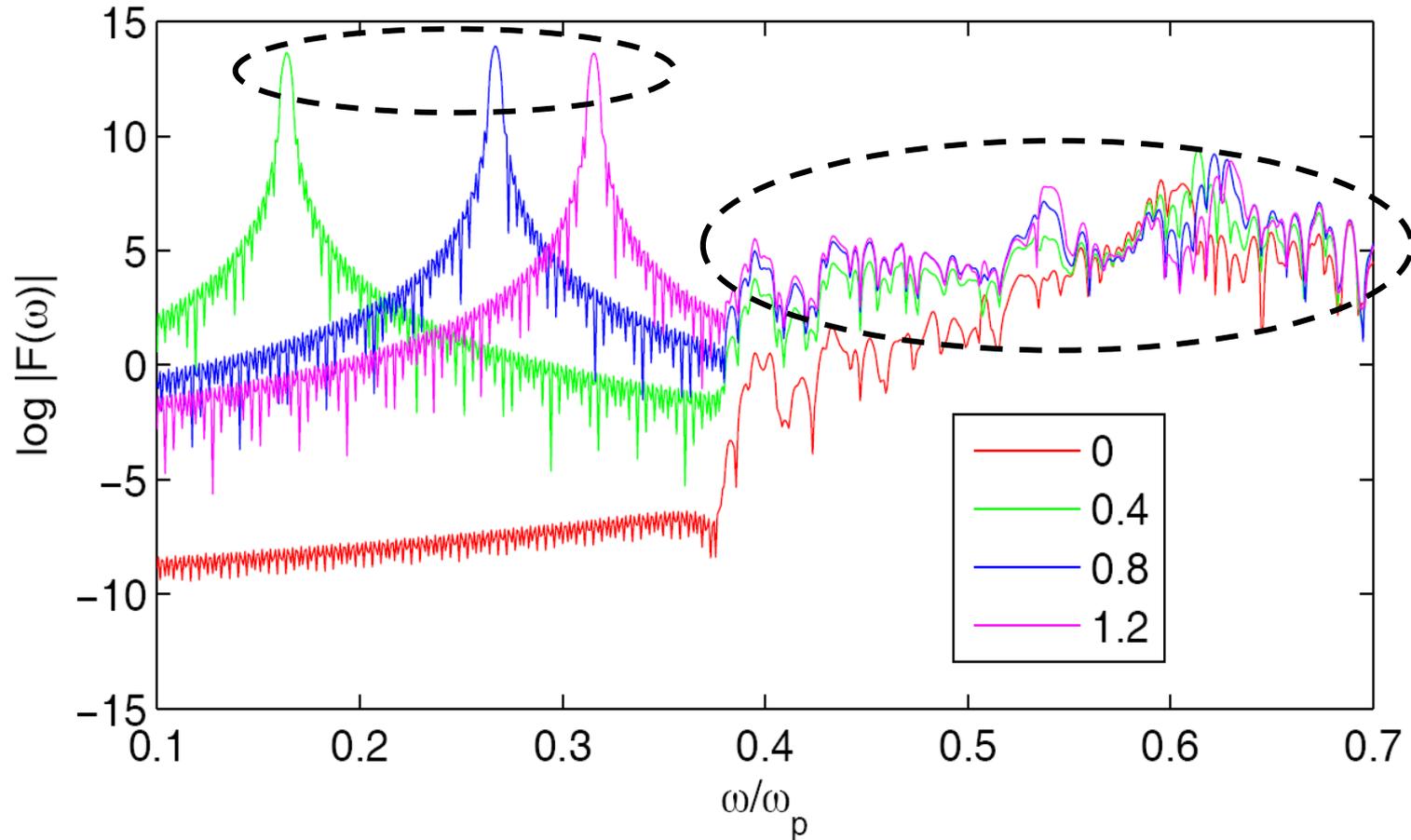


- ❖ Infinite rectangular array of plasmonic rods.
- ❖  $r/a=0.45$ ,  $a=c/\omega_p$
- ❖  $\epsilon(\omega)=1-(\omega_p/\omega)^2$
- ❖ Surrounding medium is air
- ❖ TE case (Hz,  $E_x$ ,  $E_y$ ) is considered.

For each wavevector in the Brillouin zone, field resonances indicate the corresponding mode frequencies.

# 2-D SPC Resonant Frequencies (0-0.4 PHz)

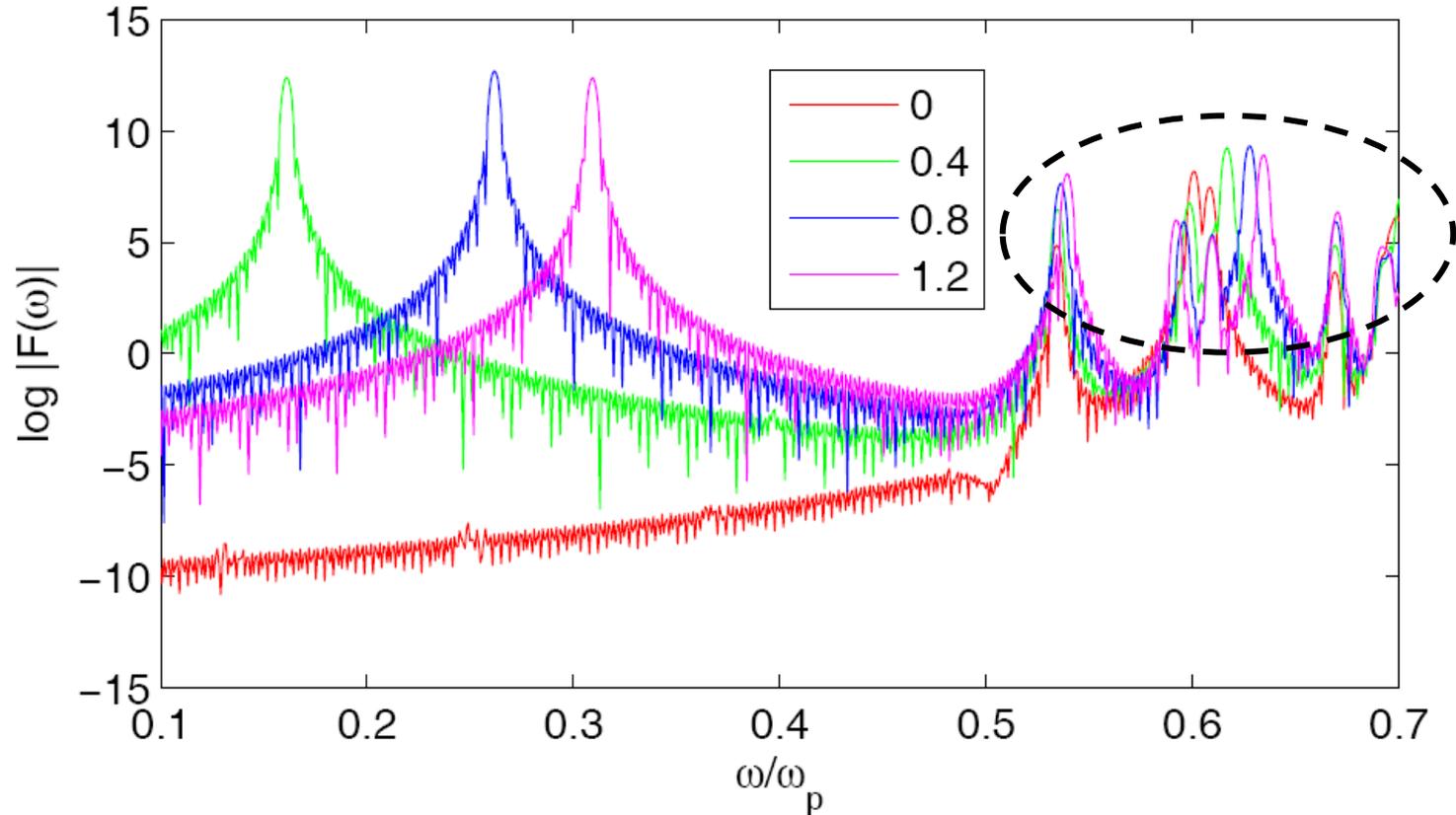
Rectangular FDTD Mesh



Poor convergence of higher order mode frequencies,  
Lower order mode resonances clearly determined  
despite mesh refinement

# 2-D SPC Resonant Frequencies (0-0.4 PHz)

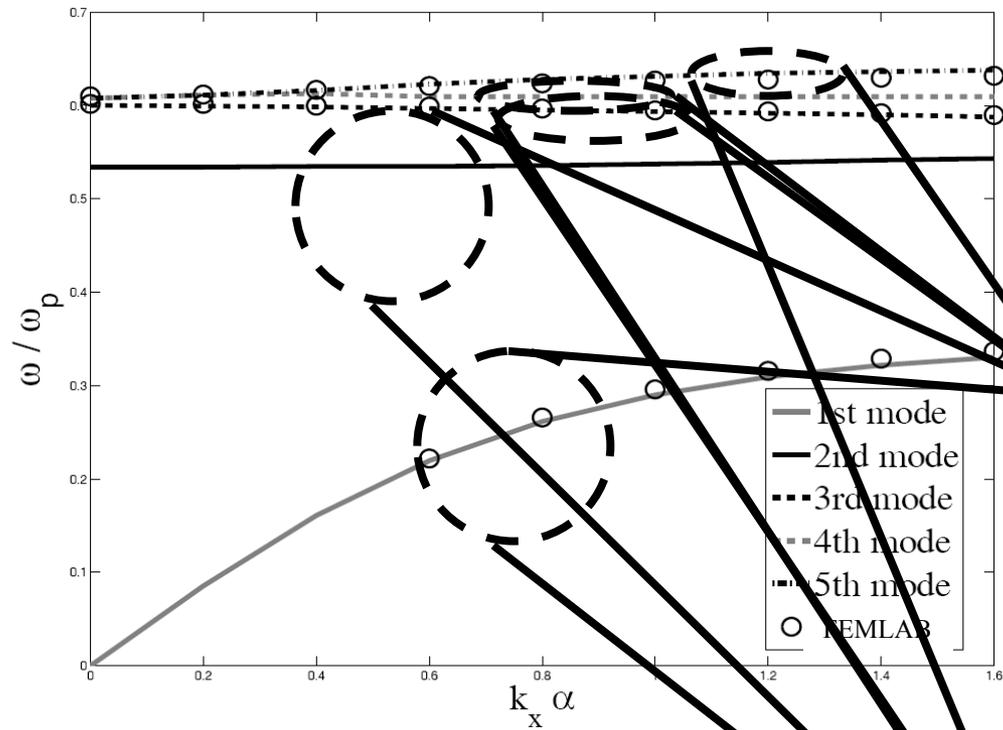
Triangular FDTD Mesh



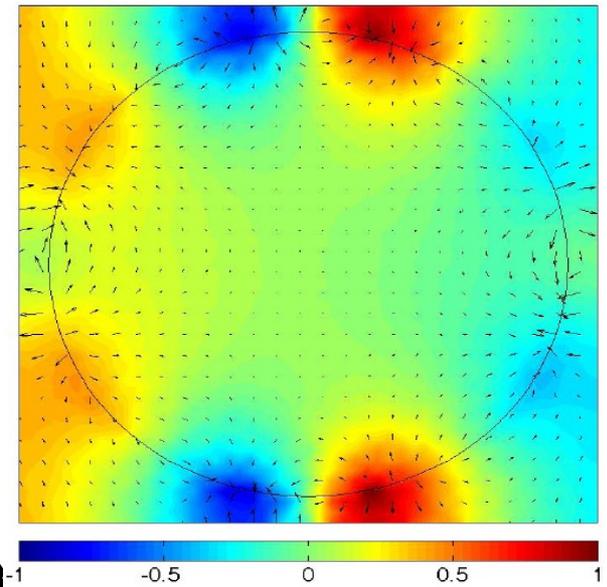
Dramatically improved convergence for higher order mode frequencies; even coarse mesh FDTD is reasonably accurate

Triangle size  $\sim a/200$

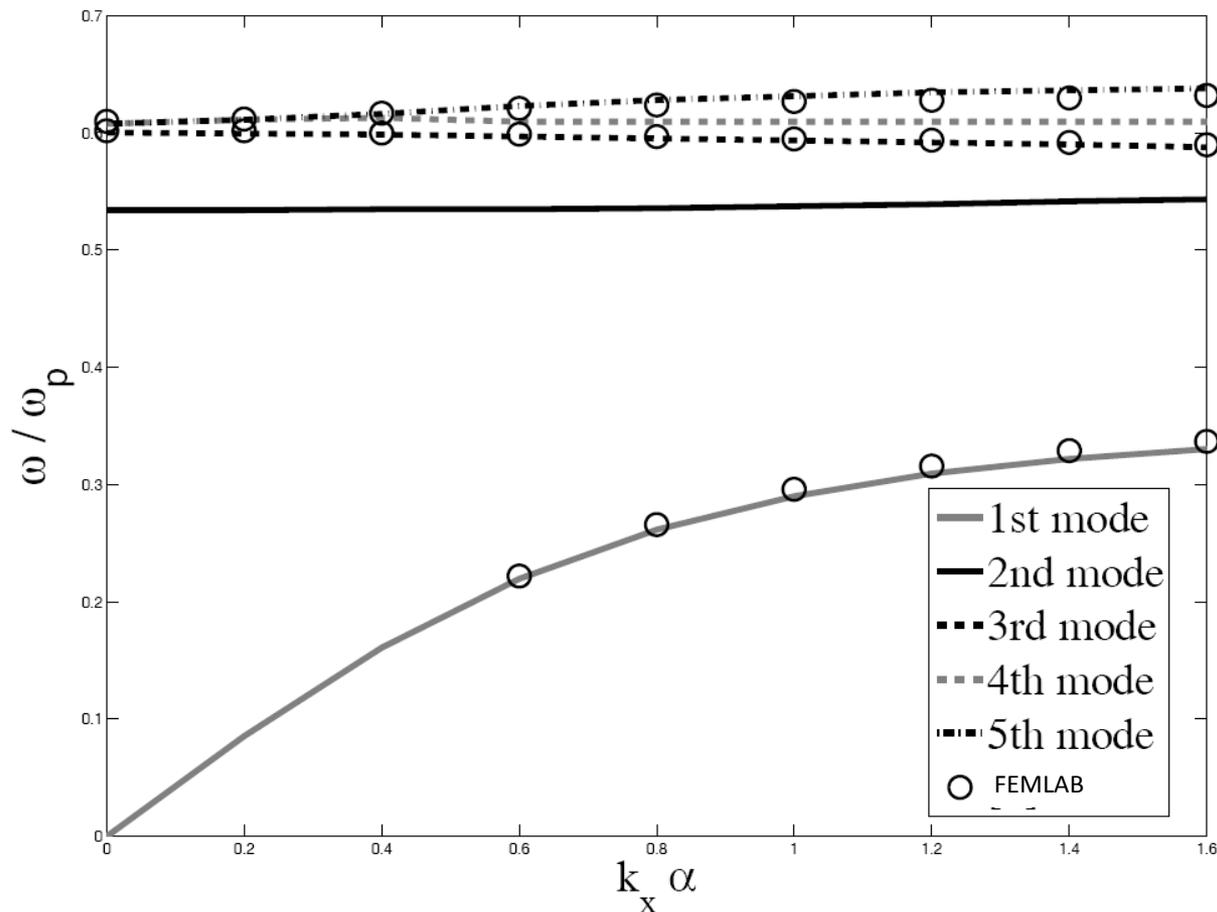
# Modal Field Patterns



**5<sup>th</sup> band: forward wave**

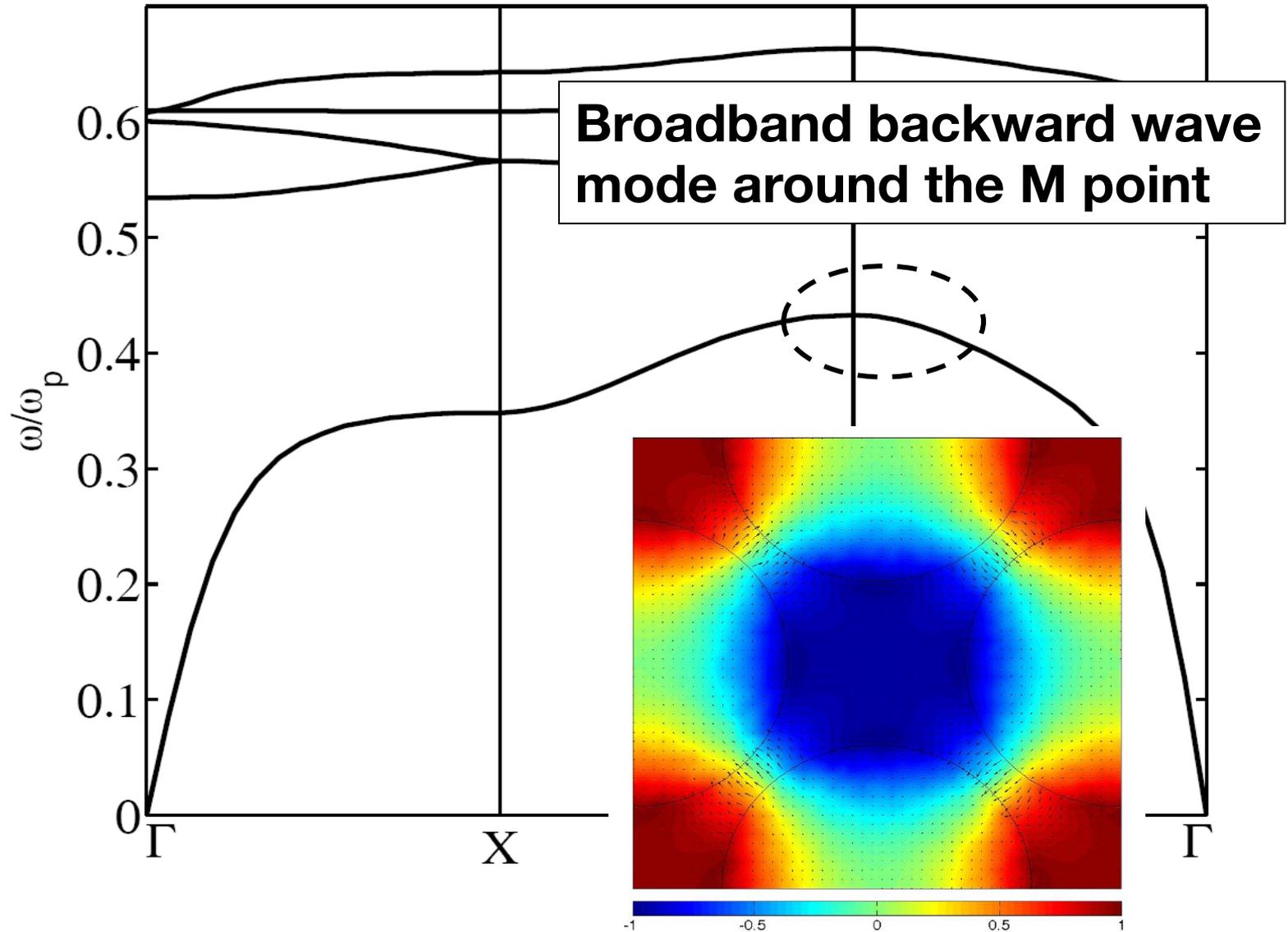


# Brillouin Diagram ( $\Gamma-X$ ) for the 2D-SPC lattice

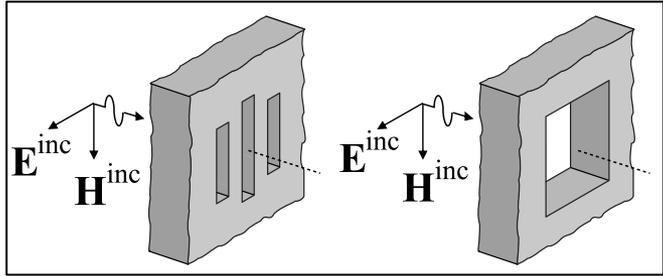


- This rich band structure explains the very narrowband behavior of the SPC lattice as a “perfect lens”.

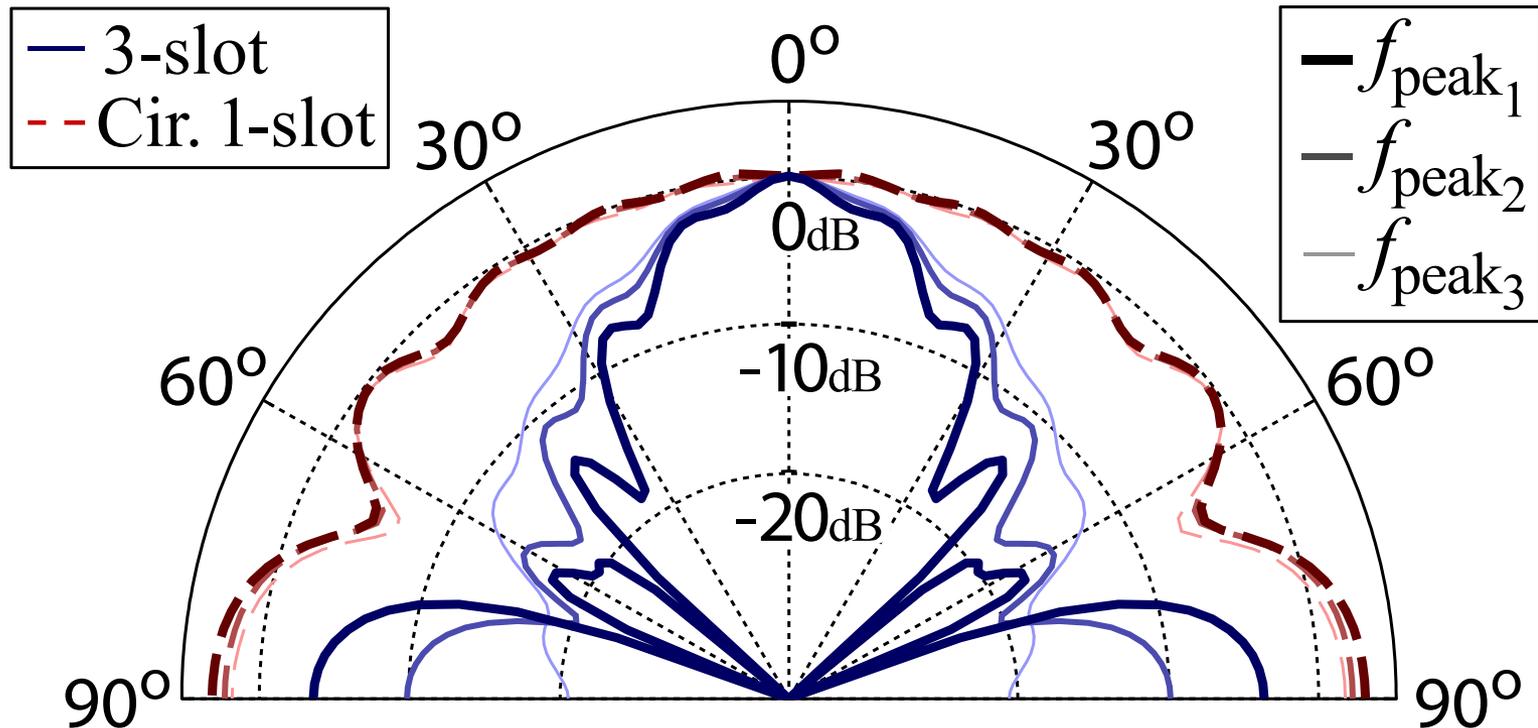
# Full Brillouin Diagram of the 2D-SPC lattice



# Super-directive Plasmonic Slot Antenna Array

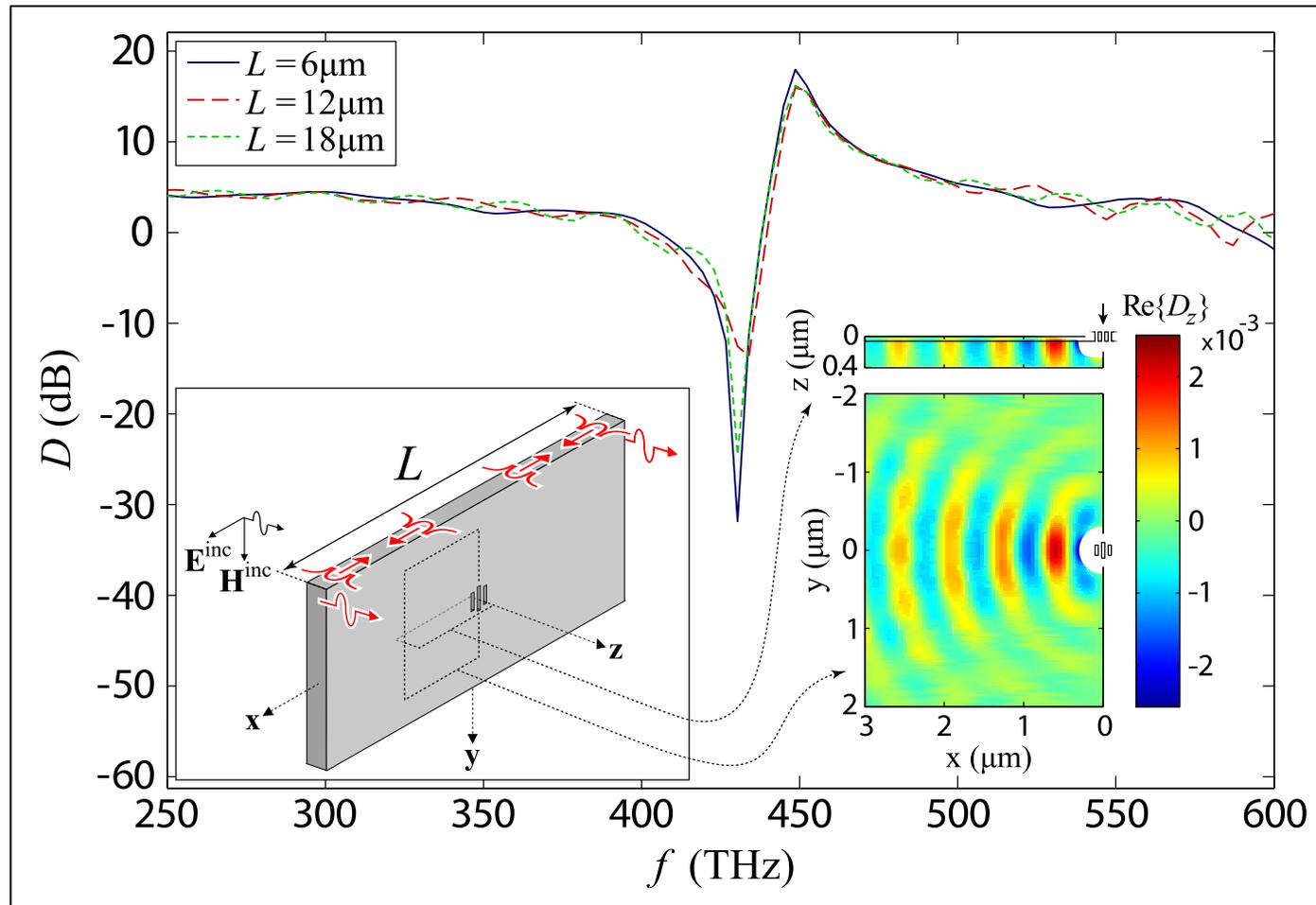


- Goal: Use a combination of three slots on a silver slab to achieve antenna directivity that surpasses that of a single slot occupying the same area.



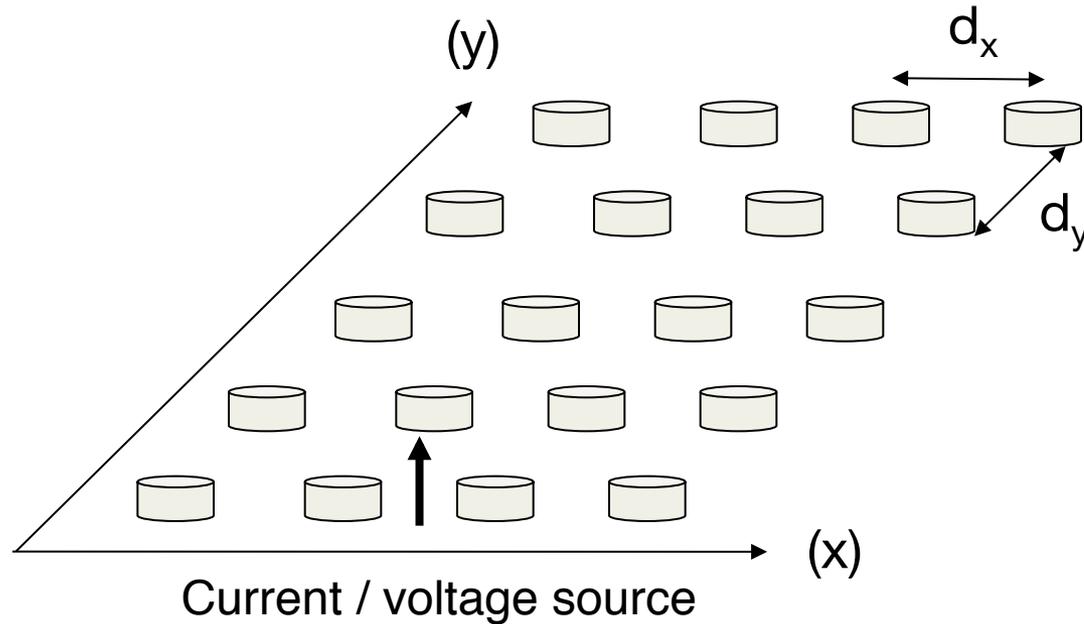
A. Ludwig, C.D. Sarris, G.V. Eleftheriades, "Metascreen-Based Superdirective Antenna in the Optical Frequency Regime", PRL, Nov. 2012.

# Super-directive Plasmonic Slot Antenna Array



- Multiscale problem
- Strong lateral waves impinging on the PML right at the frequency of superdirectivity.

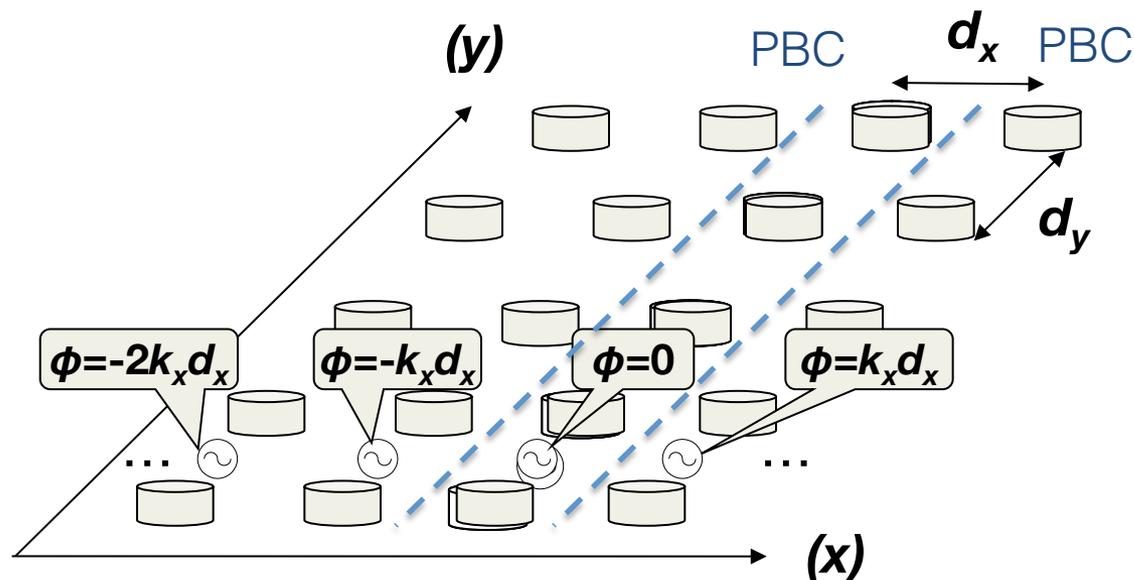
# Modeling of Driven Periodic Structures



- **Objective**

- Obtain driven periodic structure response using periodic FDTD analysis

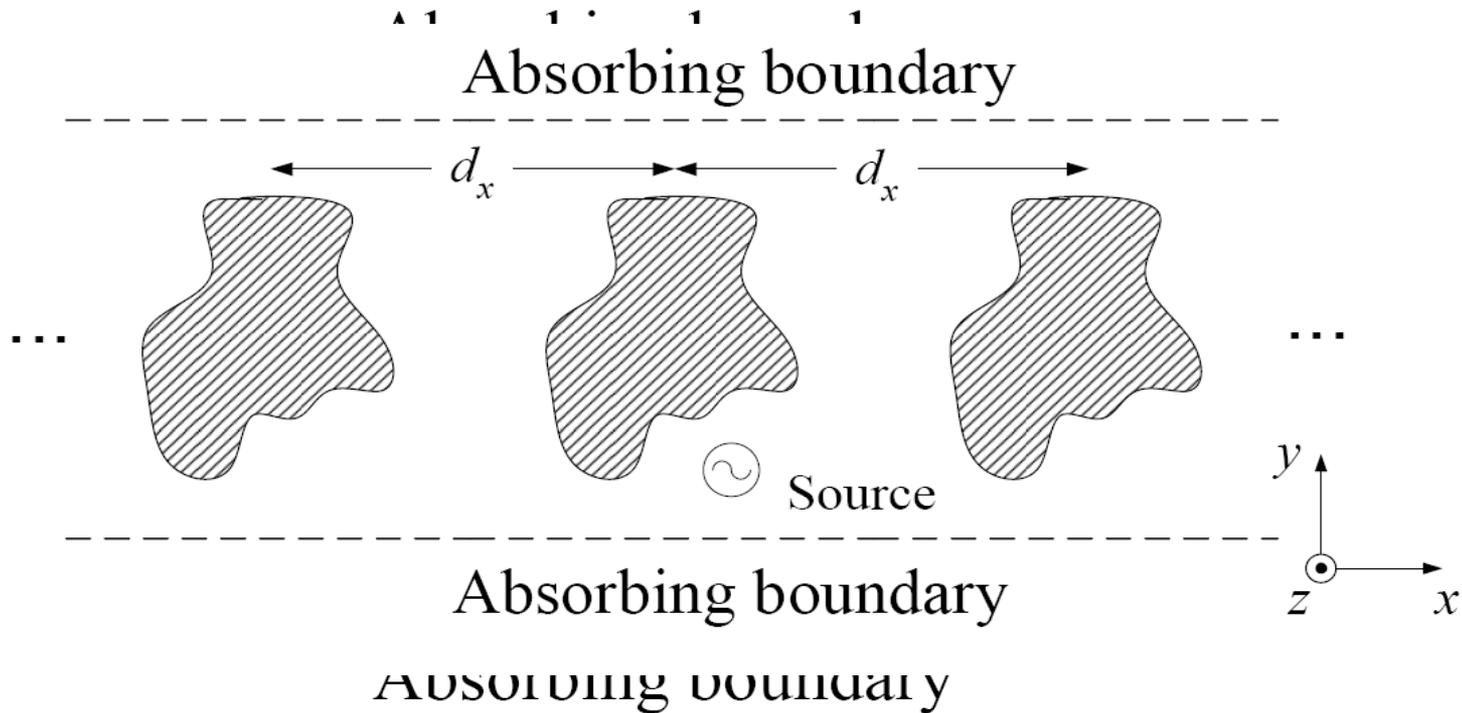
# Modeling of Driven Periodic Structures



- Problem: Periodic boundary conditions implicitly convert the source to an array of sources.
- Solution: The **Array Scanning method** [Munk and Burrell, *IEEE T-AP*, 1979] isolates the effect of the original source.

# Periodic FDTD with Array Scanning (1)

- Example: 1-D periodic Structure along x-axis, with periodicity  $d_x$



Computational domain for sine-cosine method, applied for N wave-numbers  $-\pi/d_x < k_x < \pi/d_x$

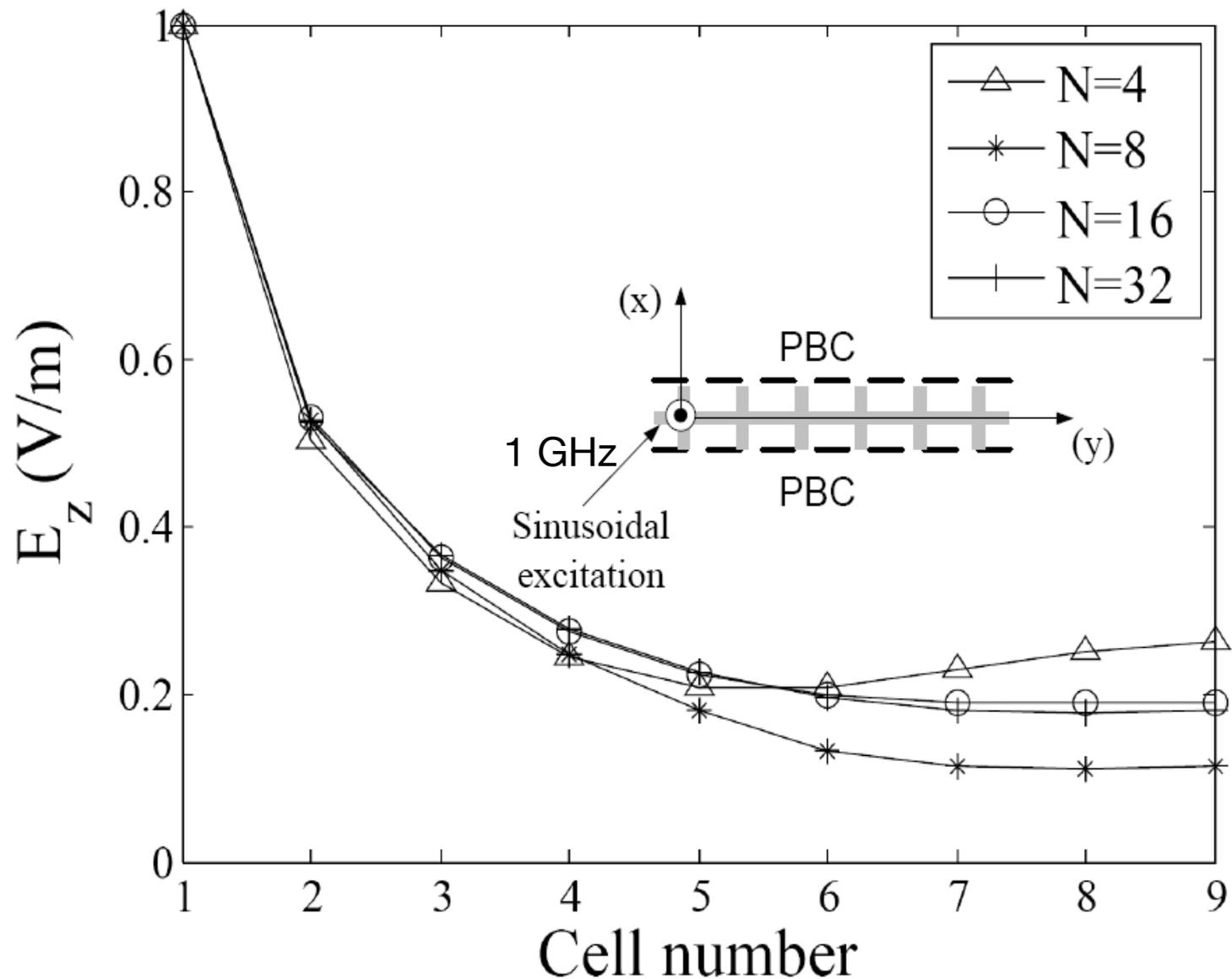
# Periodic FDTD with Array Scanning (2)

- Let  $\bar{\mathbf{E}}_{\text{array}}(\bar{\mathbf{r}}_0, \mathbf{k}_x, t)$  be the electric field determined by the sine-cosine method at  $\bar{\mathbf{r}}_0$  inside the unit cell for a certain  $\mathbf{k}_x$ . Enforced via PBCs.
- Then, the field excited by the source in the infinite structure is:

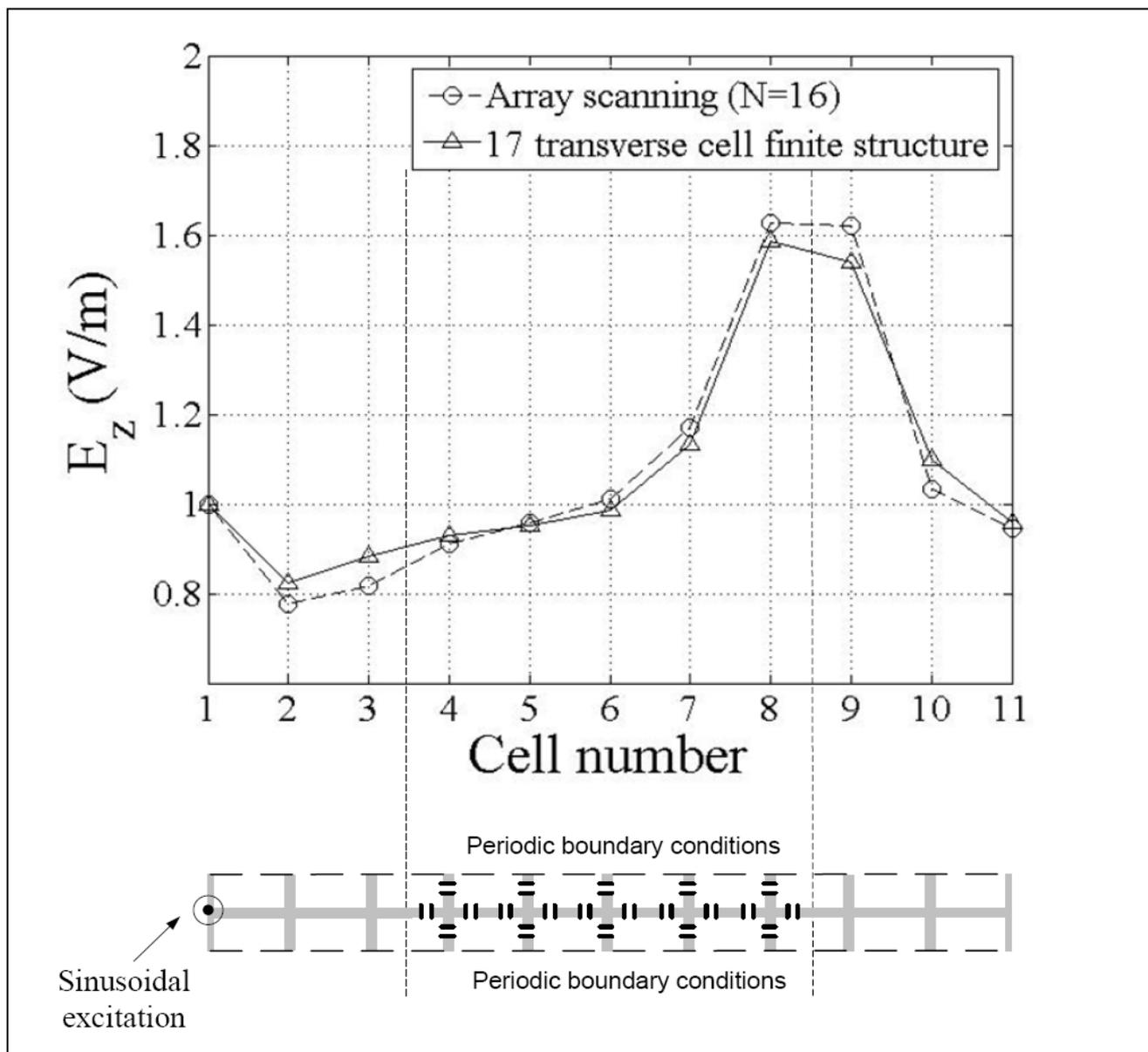
$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\mathbf{E}}(\bar{\mathbf{r}}_0, t) &= \frac{d_x}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi/d_x}^{\pi/d_x} \bar{\mathbf{E}}_{\text{array}}(\bar{\mathbf{r}}_0, \mathbf{k}_x, t) d\mathbf{k}_x \\ &\approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=-\frac{N}{2}}^{\frac{N}{2}} \bar{\mathbf{E}}_{\text{array}}\left(\bar{\mathbf{r}}_0, \frac{2\pi n}{Nd_x}, t\right)\end{aligned}$$

N=10-20 points  
typically needed  
for convergence

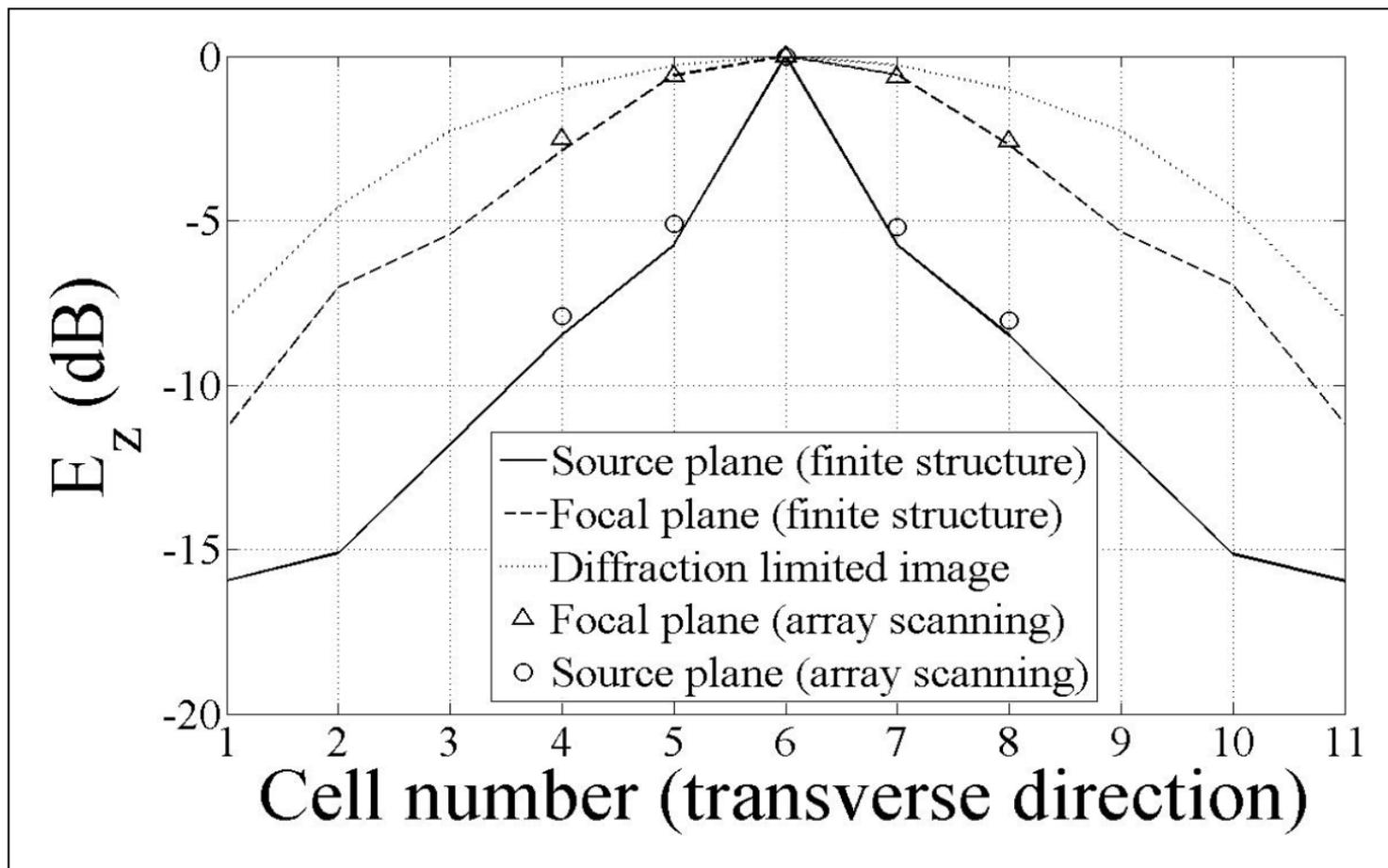
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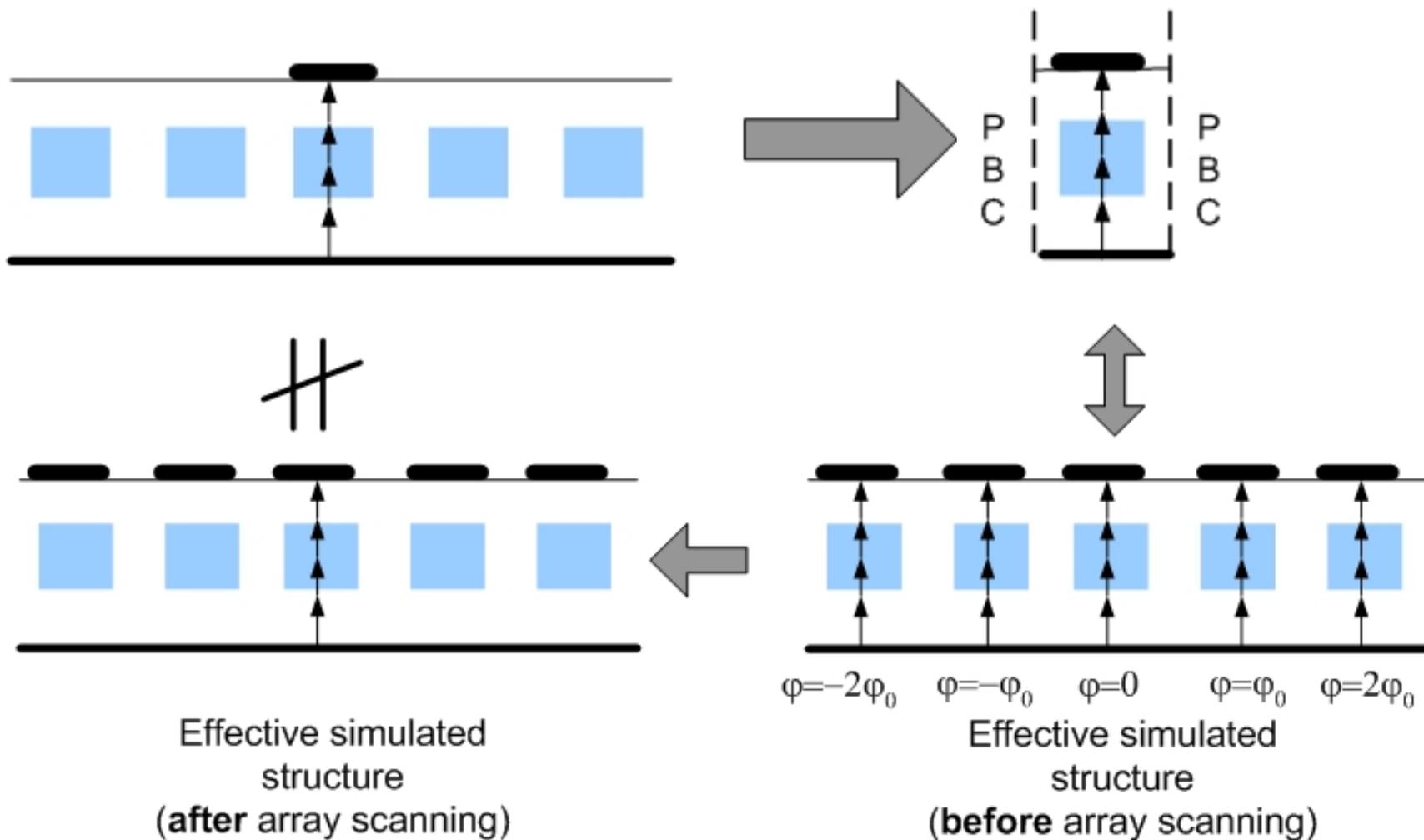


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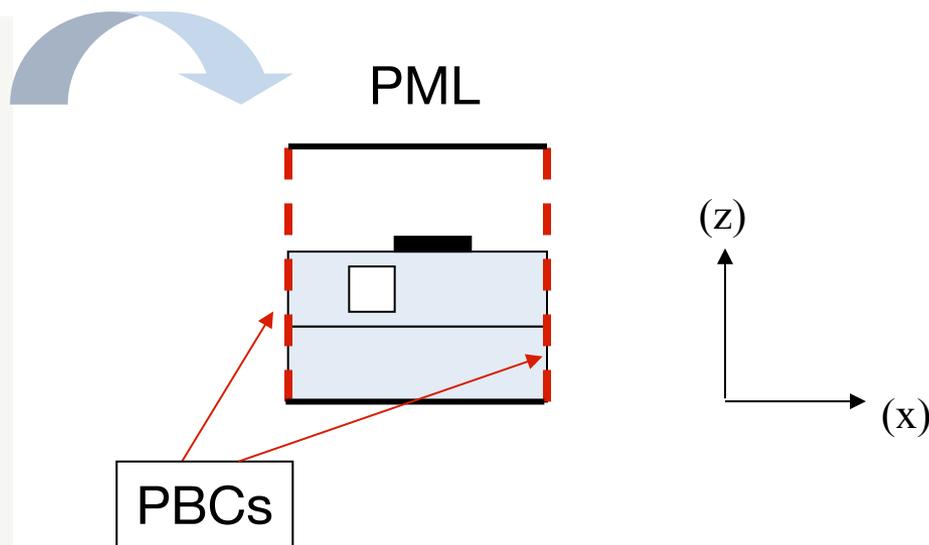
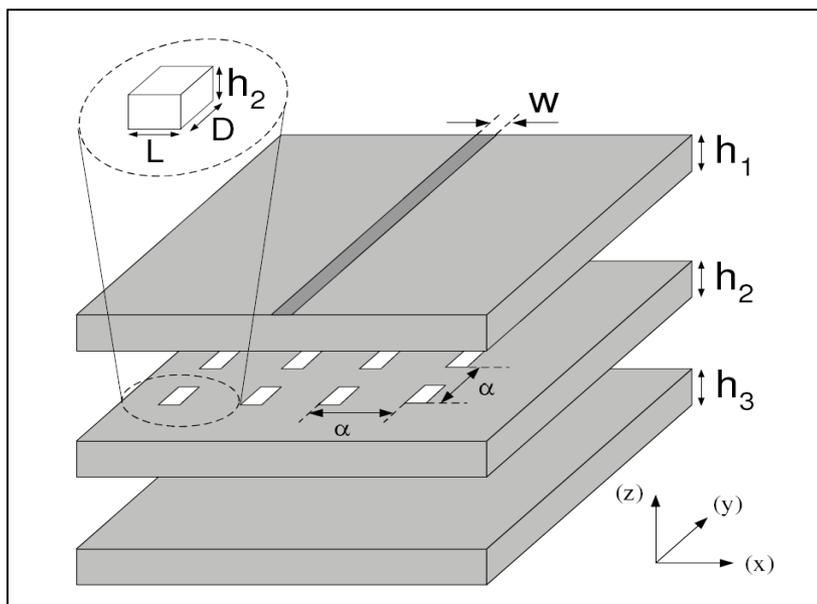


Finite structure simulation time: 20,513 sec  
Array-scanning FDTD with PBCs: 2,454 sec

# Non-periodic structures on periodic substrates



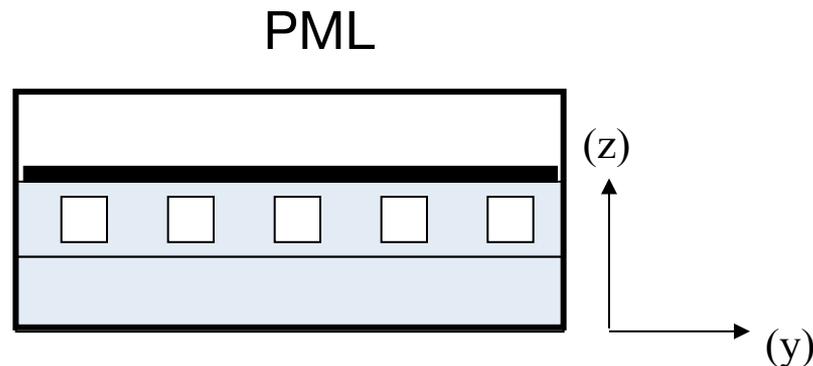
# Non-periodic structures on periodic substrates



$$h_1 = h_2 = h_3 = 0.635 \text{ mm}, w = 3 \text{ mm}, \alpha = 14 \text{ mm}$$

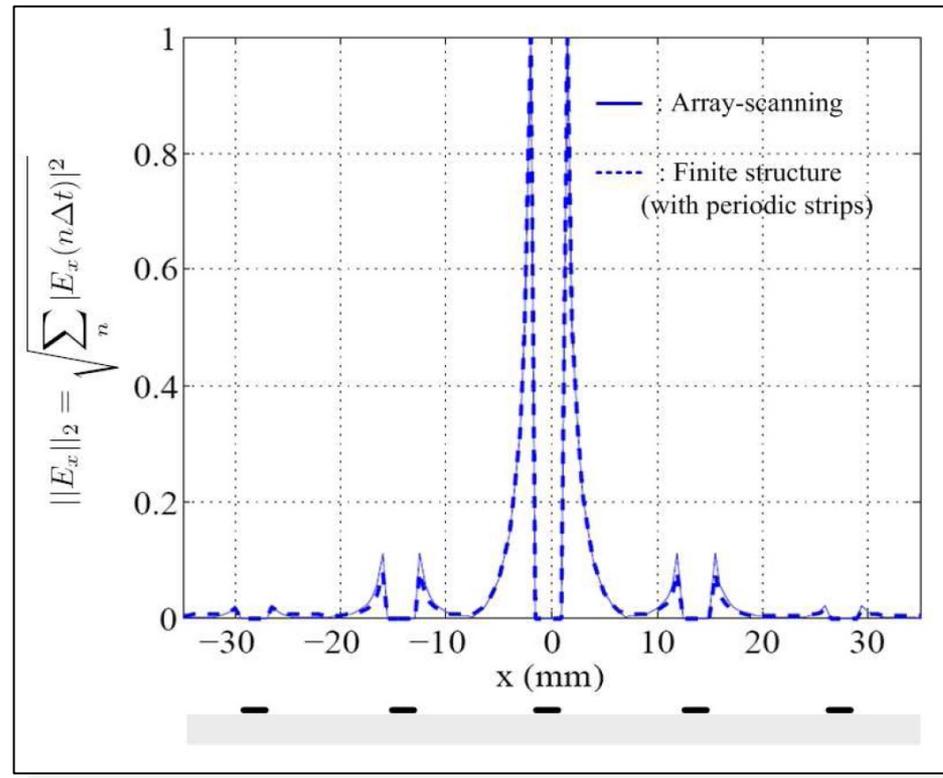
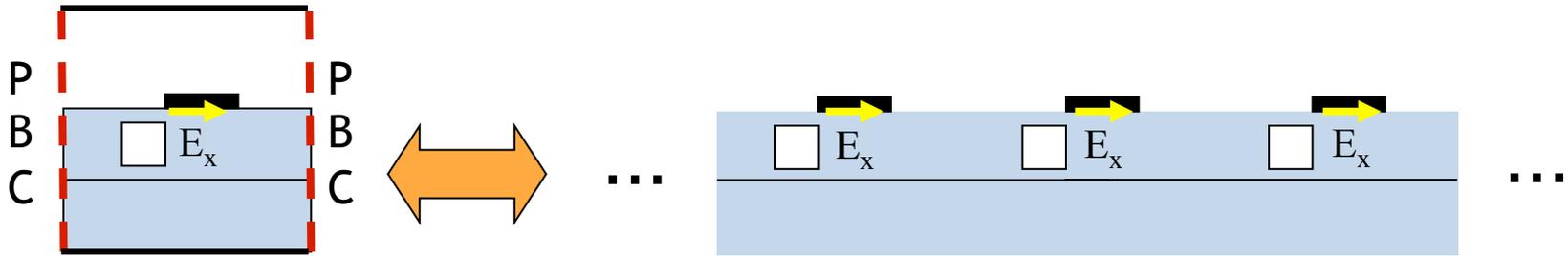
$$\epsilon_{r,1} = \epsilon_{r,3} = 9.8; \epsilon_{r,2} = 3.2$$

$$L = D = 6.5 \text{ mm}$$



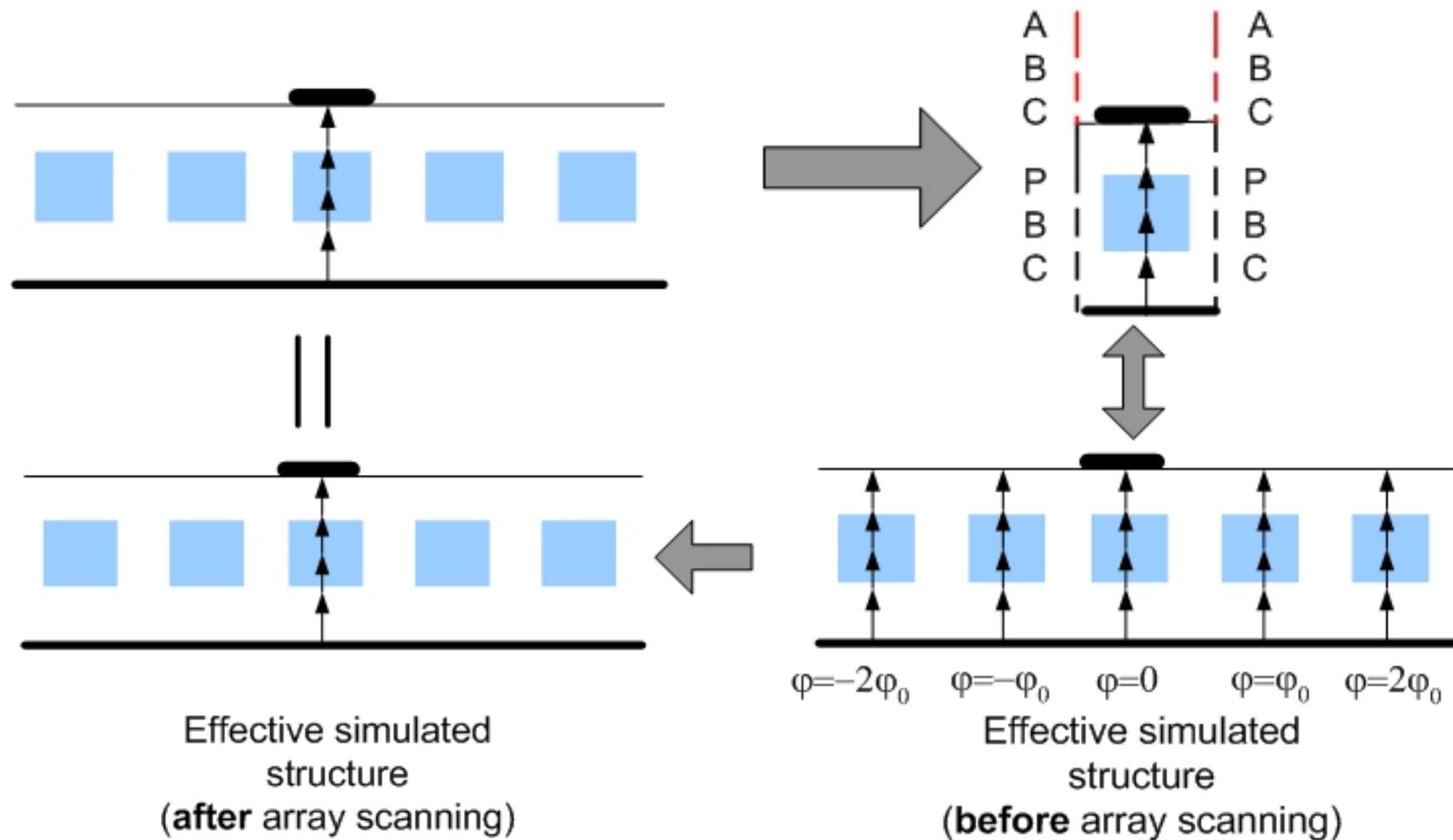
\*H.-Y. D. Yang, "Theory of microstrip lines on artificial periodic substrates," *IEEE Trans. Microwave Theory Tech.*, vol. 47, no. 5, pp. 629-635, May 1999.

# Non-periodic structures on periodic substrates



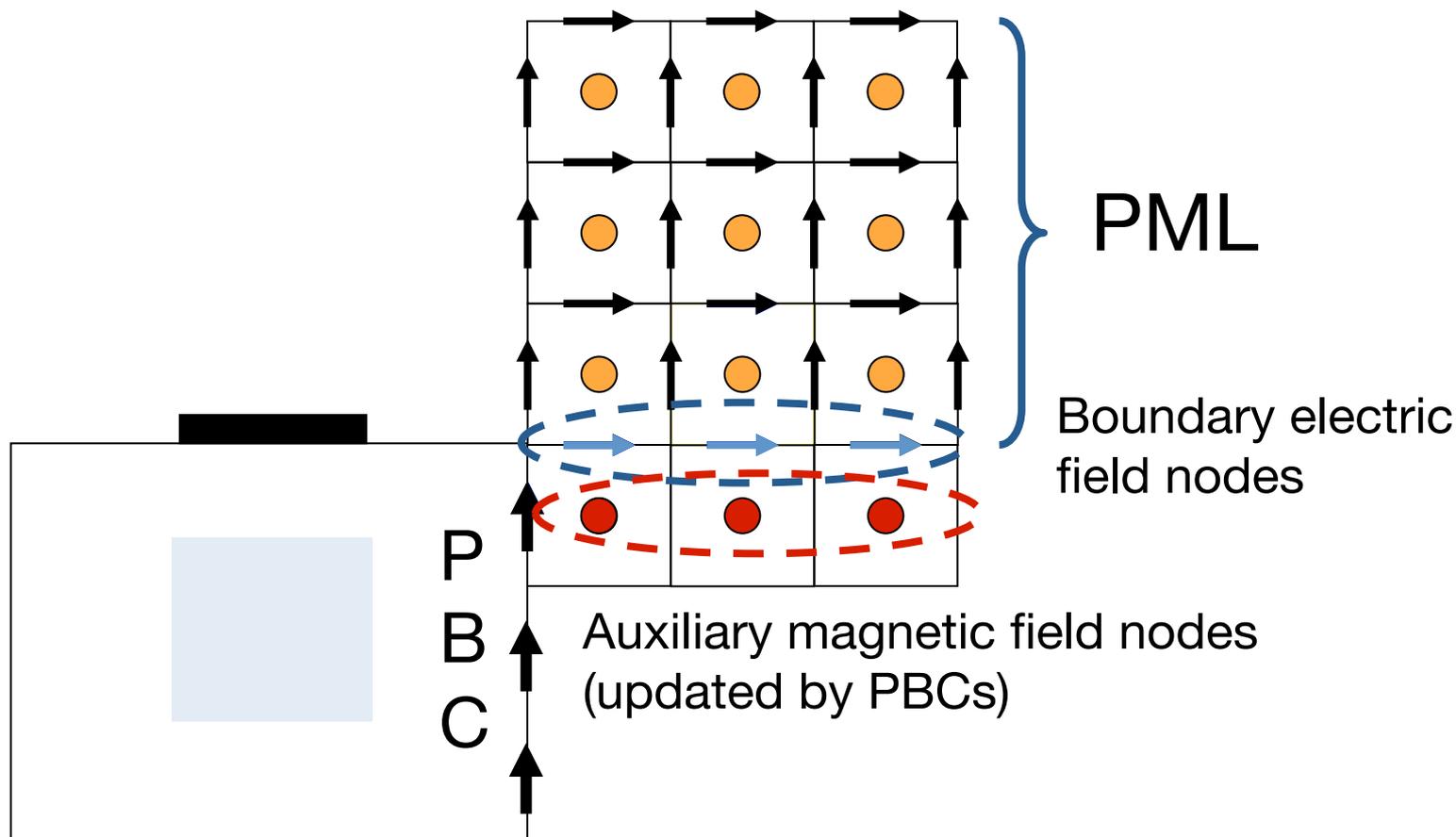
Simulated geometry is equivalent to an array of microstrips

# Mixed periodic/absorbing boundaries

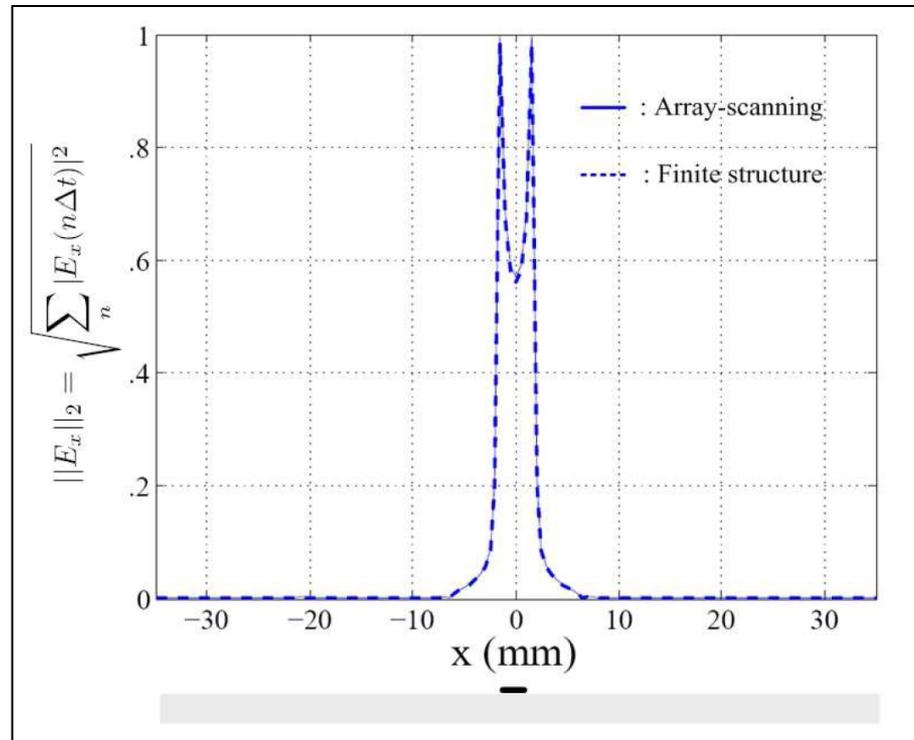
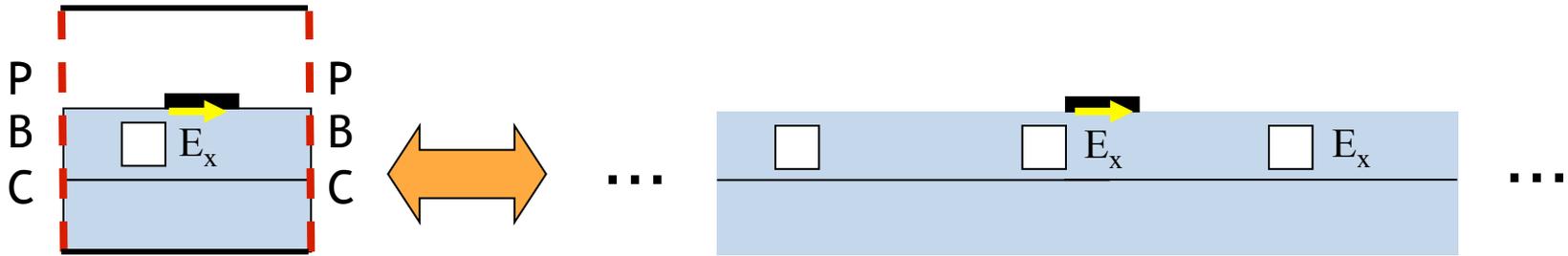


# Mixed periodic/absorbing boundaries: Updates

## Updates at the PML/PBC interface

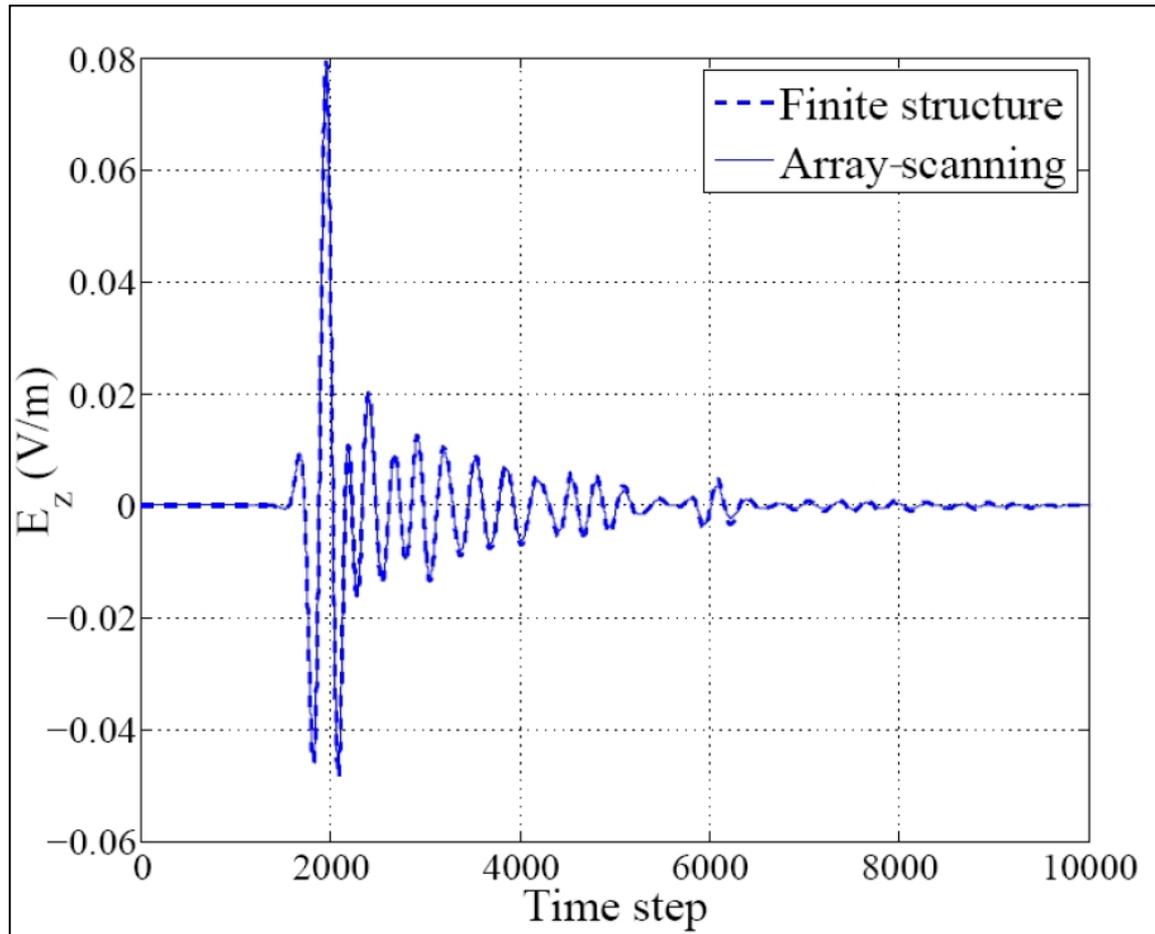


# Mixed periodic/absorbing boundaries: Results



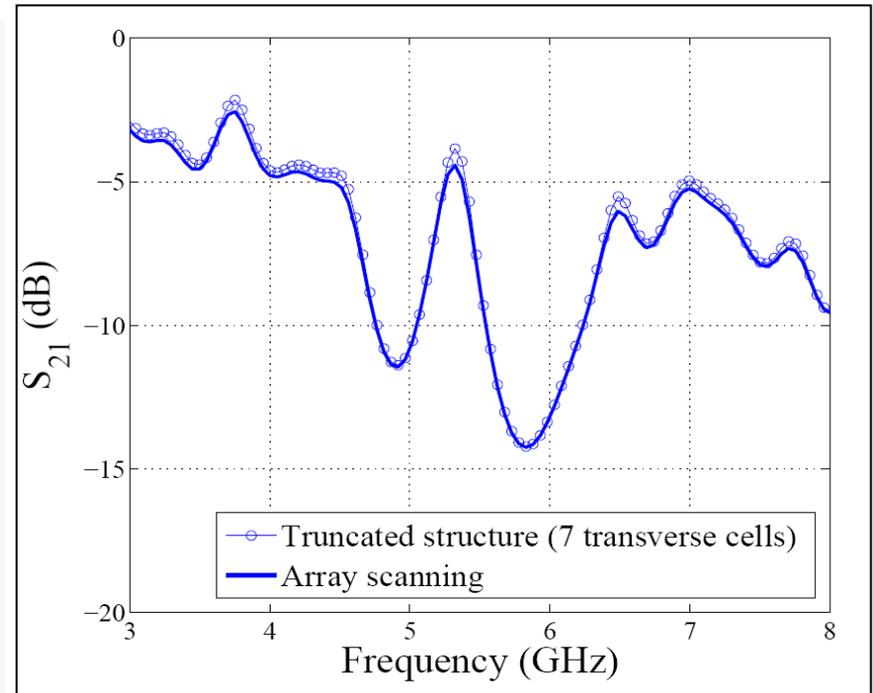
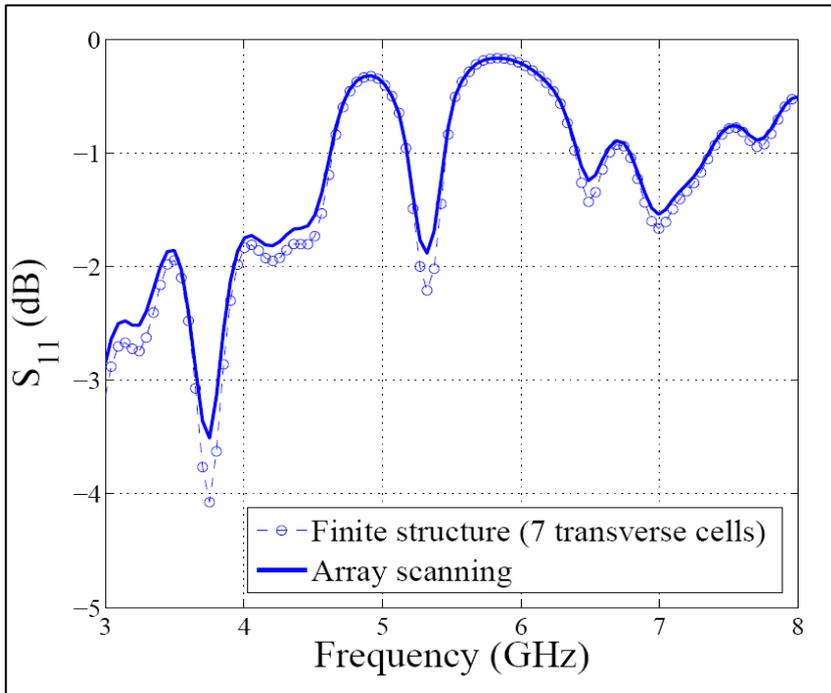
The spurious presence of periodic strips has been eliminated.

# Mixed periodic/absorbing boundaries: Results



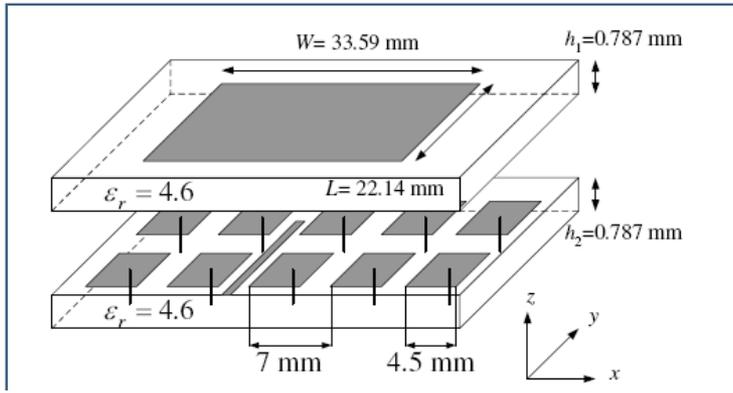
Vertical field component below the microstrip, five cells along the direction of propagation.

# Mixed periodic/absorbing boundaries: Results

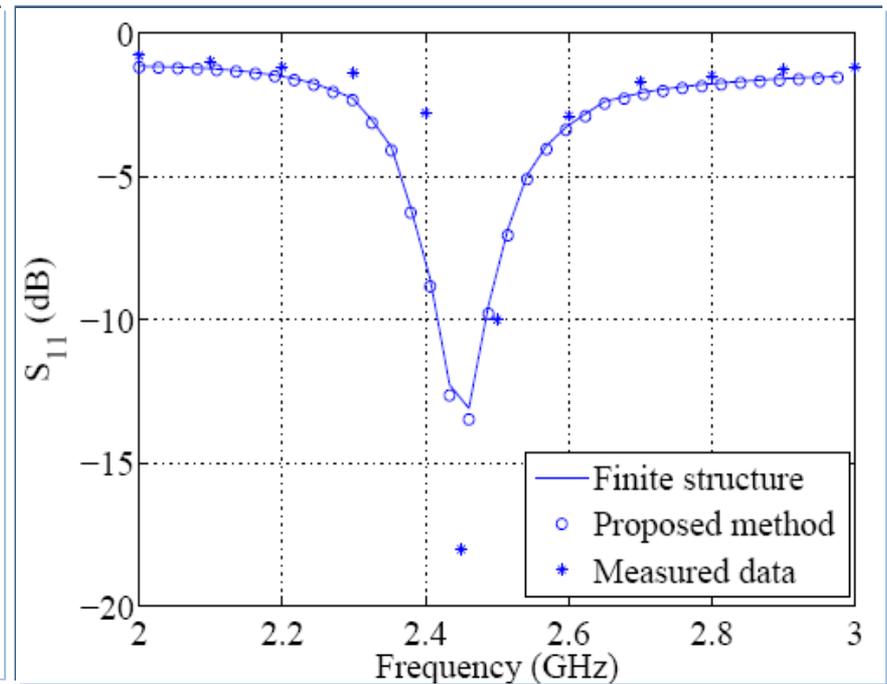
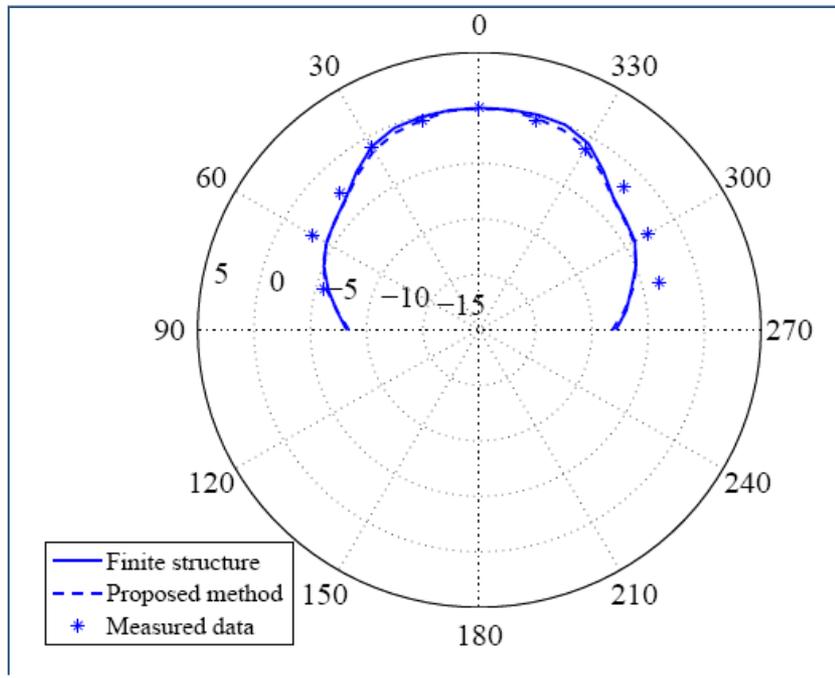


Execution time: 863 sec (proposed method, 16 k-points)  
vs. 4017 (conventional FDTD, 7 transverse cells)

# Mixed periodic/absorbing boundaries: Results



- $S_{11}$ , radiation pattern at 2.5 GHz (32 kx-points); 38.35 mins
- Finite structure (6x8 unit cells); 374.63 mins

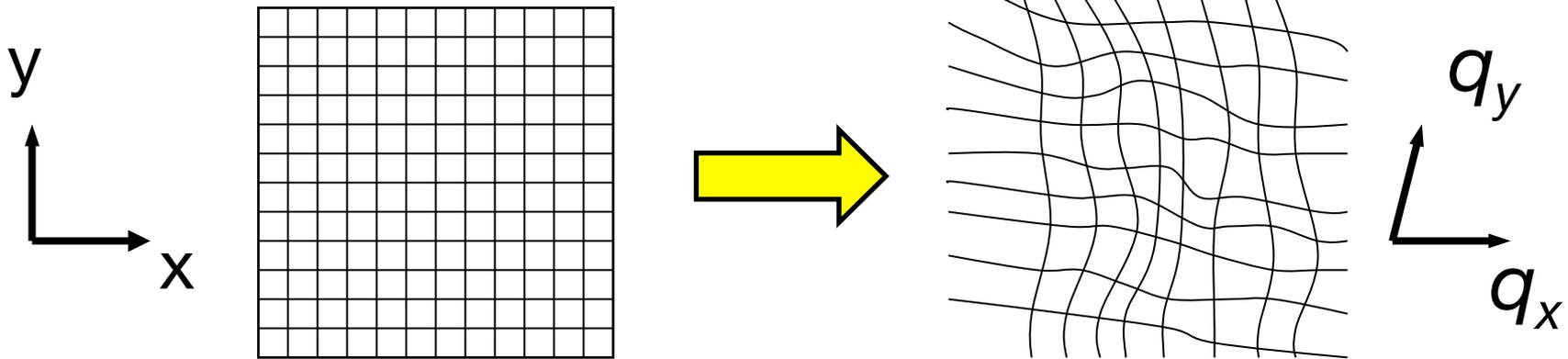


\* J. Liang and H.-Y. D. Yang, "Radiation characteristics of a microstrip patch over an EBG surface," *IEEE Trans. Microwave Theory Tech.*, vol. 55, no. 6, pp. 1691–1697, June 2007.

# Transformation optics

- Consider a coordinate transformation

$$q_x = q_x(x, y, z), \quad q_y = q_y(x, y, z):$$



- In the new coordinate system, free-space Maxwell's equations become:

$$\nabla_q \times \bar{\mathbf{E}}_q = -\mu_0 \bar{\boldsymbol{\mu}} \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{H}}_q}{\partial t} \quad \nabla_q \times \bar{\mathbf{H}}_q = \varepsilon_0 \bar{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{E}}_q}{\partial t}$$

**Metric invariance**

# Pendry's Cloak

- Idea: explore a coordinate transformation that compresses the interior of a sphere  $R < R_1$  into a region  $R_1 < R < R_2$ , in order to create a “cloak” in  $R < R_1$ .

$$r' = R_1 + r(R_2 - R_1)/R_2$$

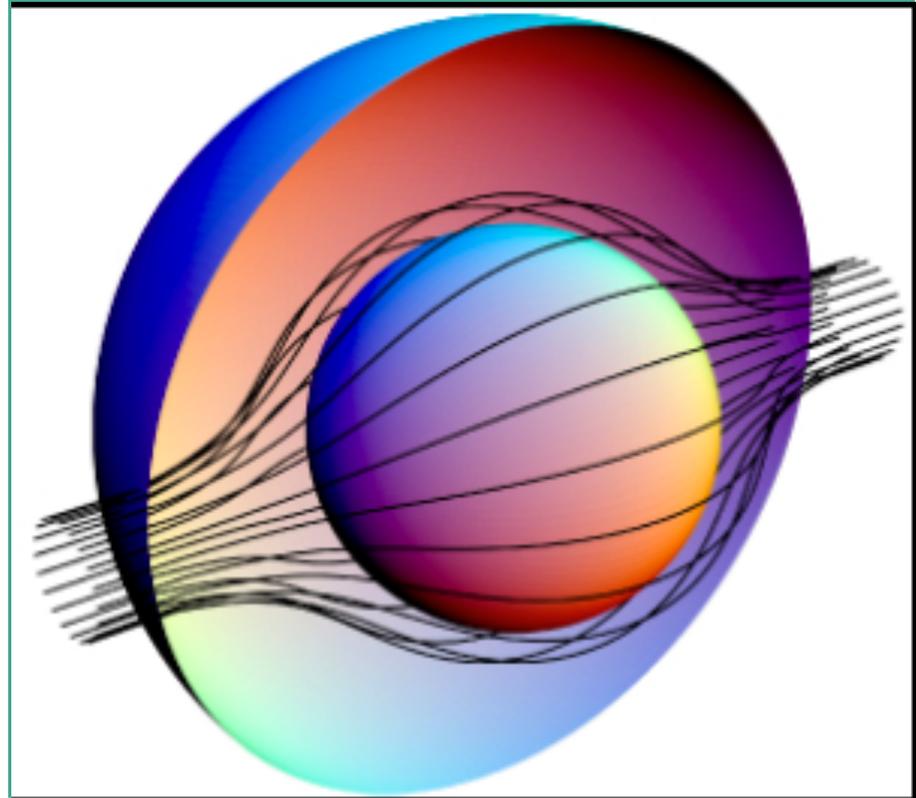
$$\theta' = \theta,$$

$$\phi' = \phi$$

$$\varepsilon'_{r'} = \mu'_{r'} = \frac{R_2}{R_2 - R_1} \frac{(r' - R_1)^2}{r'^2}$$

$$\varepsilon'_{\theta'} = \mu'_{\theta'} = \frac{R_2}{R_2 - R_1},$$

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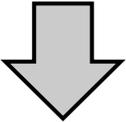


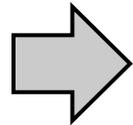
\*J.B. Pendry, D. Schurig, D.R. Smith, “Controlling Electromagnetic Fields”, *Science*, May 2006.

# Maxwell's equations: Metric Invariance

Cartesian coordinates:  $x^i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

General curvilinear coordinates:  $u^j$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ .


$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{J} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \\ \mathbf{E} &= \boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}^{-1} \mathbf{D} \\ \mathbf{H} &= \boldsymbol{\mathcal{M}}^{-1} \mathbf{B}\end{aligned}$$



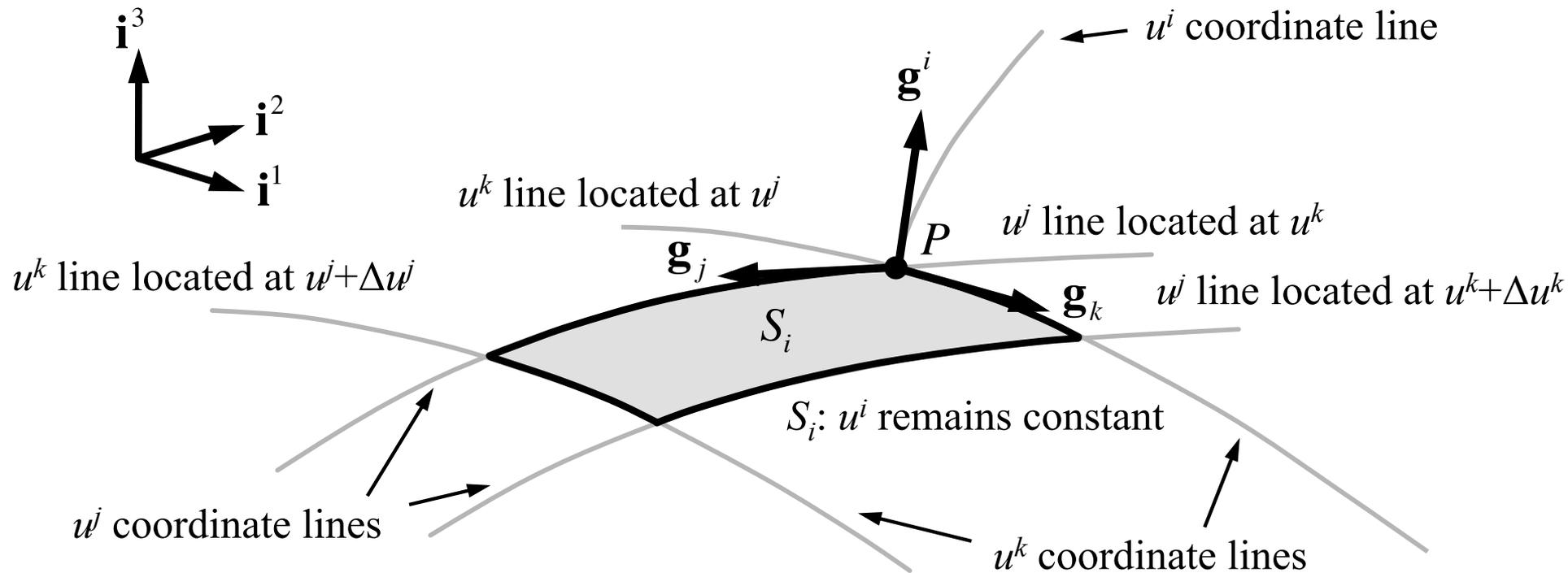
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \left( \frac{\partial h_k}{\partial u^j} - \frac{\partial h_j}{\partial u^k} \right) &= \frac{\partial d^i}{\partial t} + j^i \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \left( \frac{\partial e_k}{\partial u^j} - \frac{\partial e_j}{\partial u^k} \right) &= -\frac{\partial b^i}{\partial t} \\ e_j &= \sum_{s=1}^3 \varepsilon_{js}^{-1} d^s \\ h_j &= \sum_{s=1}^3 \mu_{js}^{-1} b^s\end{aligned}$$

$$\{i, j, k\} \begin{cases} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\} \\ \rightarrow \{3, 1, 2\} \\ \rightarrow \{2, 3, 1\} \end{cases}$$

# Maxwell's equations: Metric Invariance

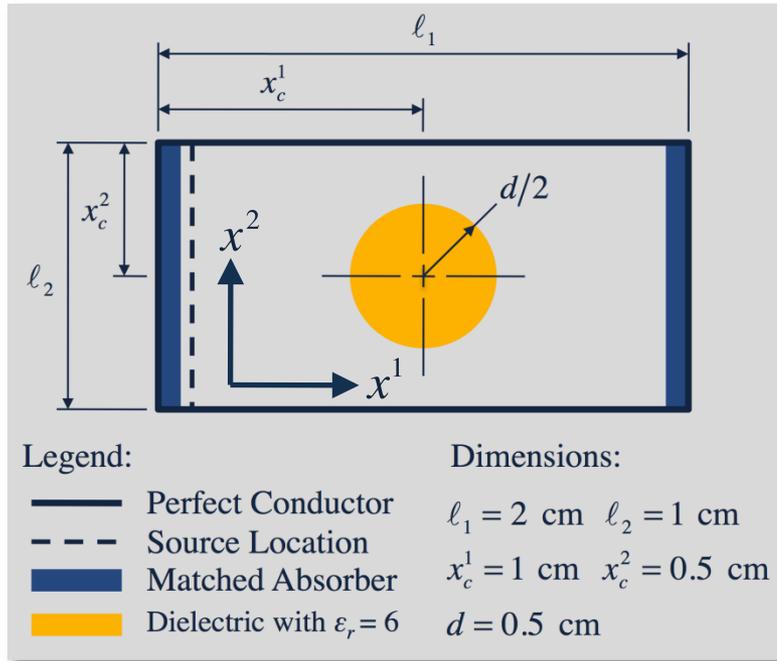
The coordinate system is customized so that all the material interfaces of the problem are described by coordinate surfaces:

$$u^i = \text{constant} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, 3.$$



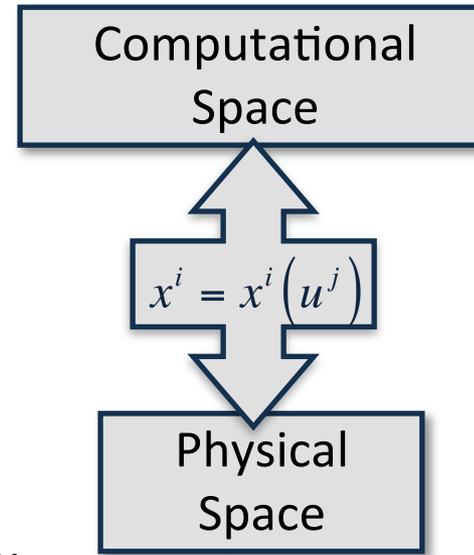
# From transformation optics to FDTD

To illustrate the proposed procedure, consider the following 2-D waveguide structure:



Problem Geometry in Physical Space

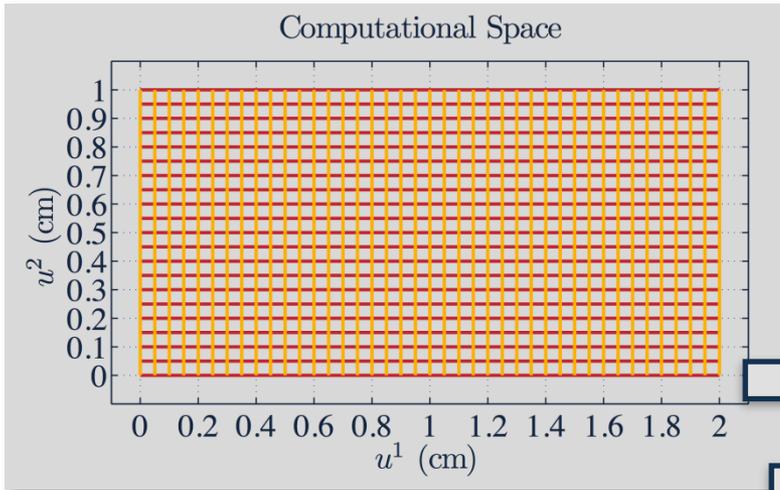
To implement the proposed method two spatial domains must be clearly defined:



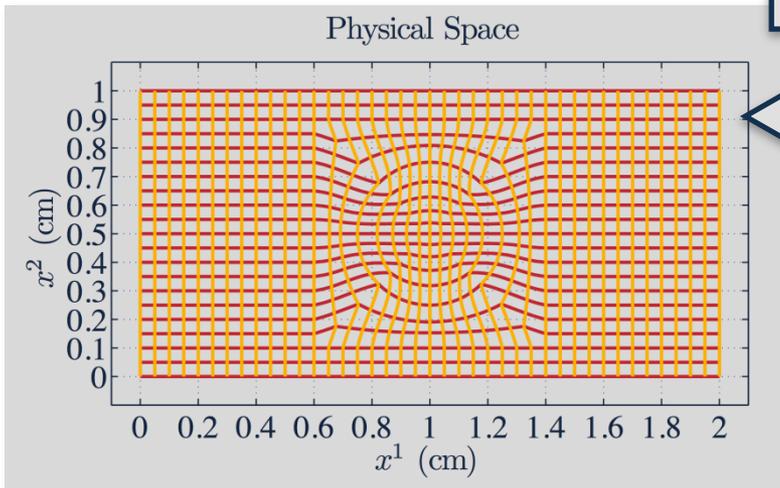
Notation:

- $u^j$  represents curvilinear coordinates, which determine position in computational space
- $x^i$  represents Cartesian coordinates, which determine position in physical space

# From transformation optics to FDTD (II)

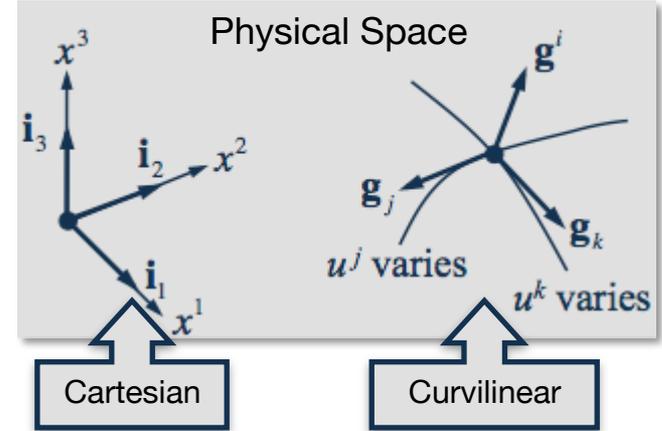


$$x^i = x^i(u^j)$$

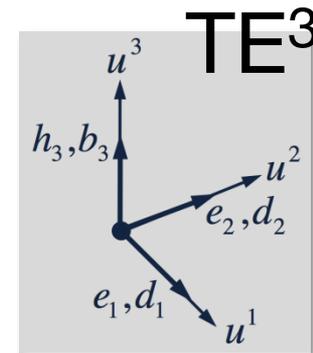


Coordinate lines:  
 $u^1$  lines are in red  
 $u^2$  lines are in yellow

Maxwell's equations must be projected into computational space using curvilinear basis vectors:

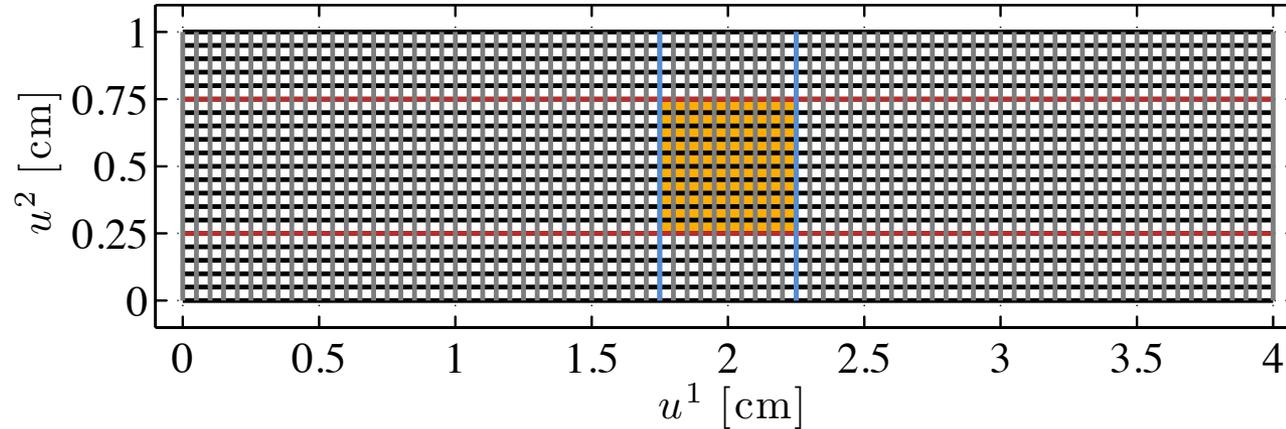


If nothing varies along the  $u^3$ -axis, Maxwell's equations split into two sets:  $TE^3$  and  $TM^3$ . The  $TE^3$  set was used to compute results:

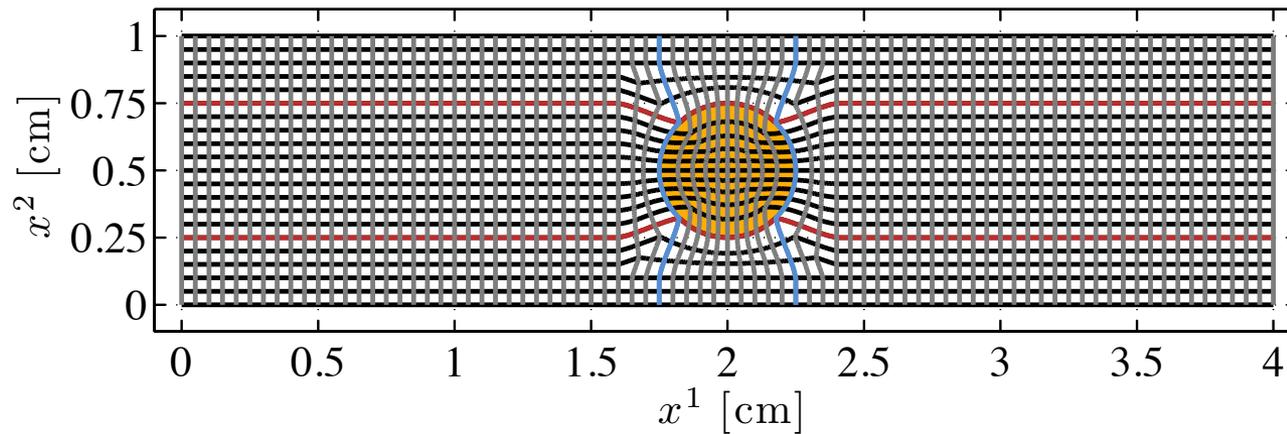


# From transformation optics to FDTD (II)

## Computational Coordinate System

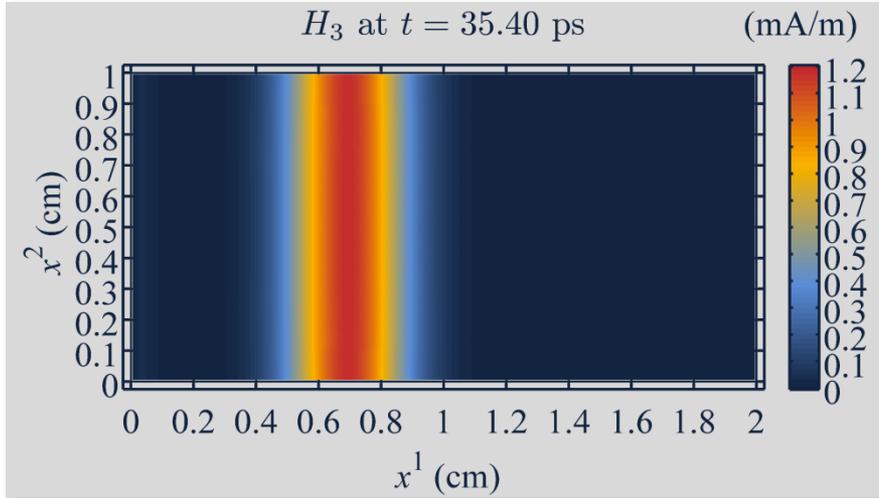


## Cartesian Coordinate System

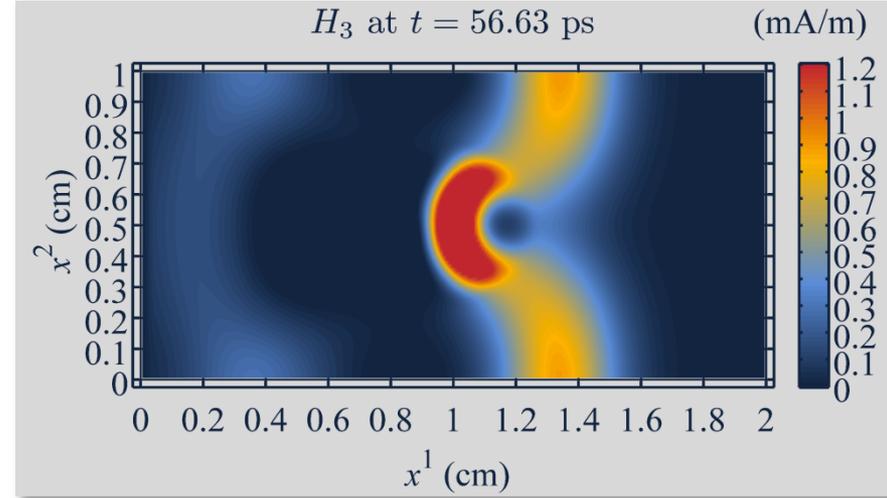
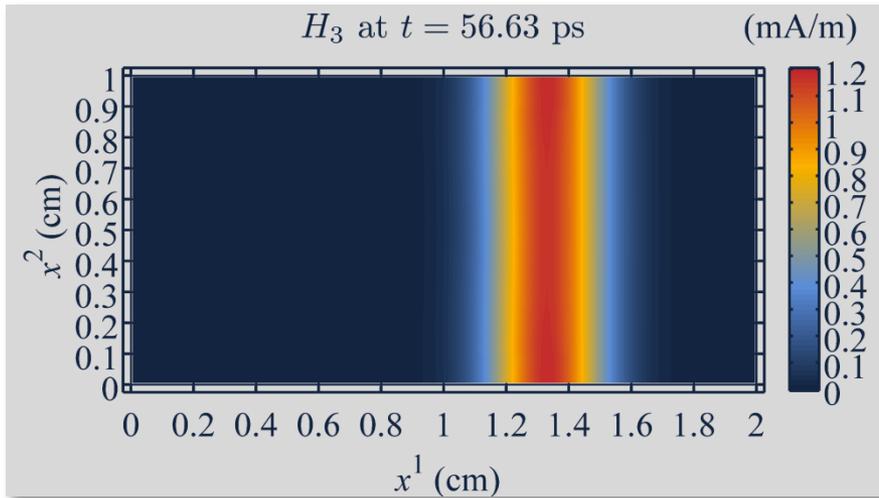
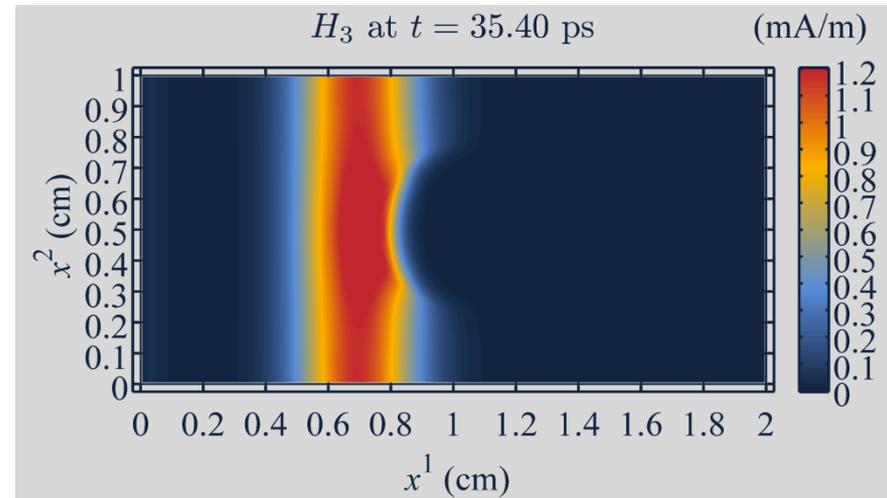


# From transformation optics to FDTD (III)

## Incident Field



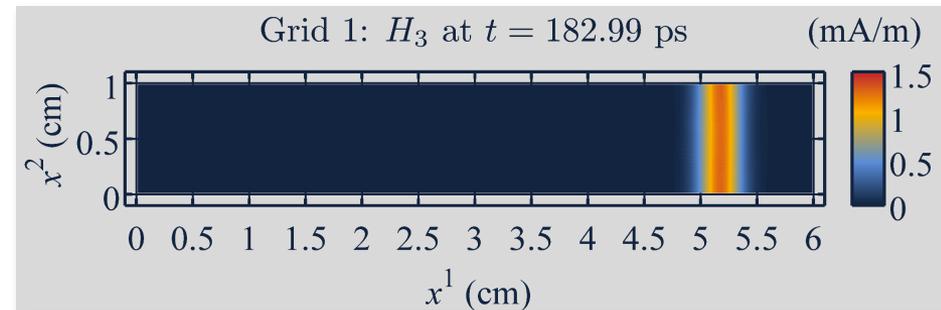
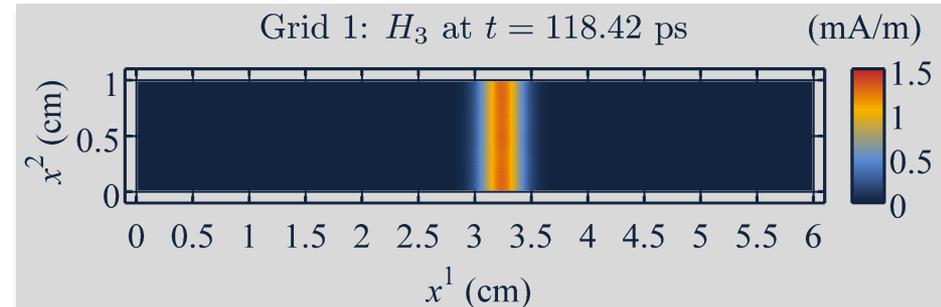
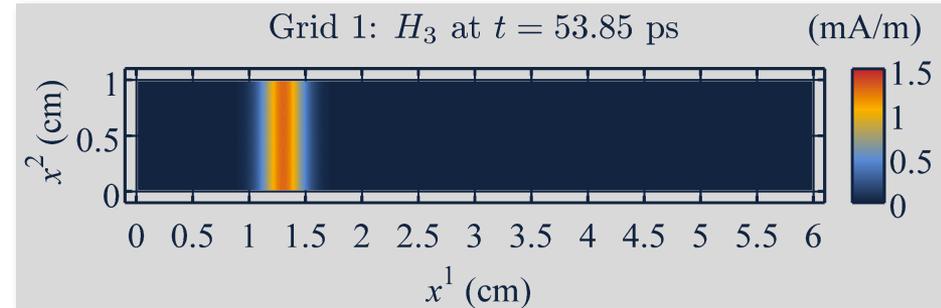
## Total Field



# Why high order finite differences ?

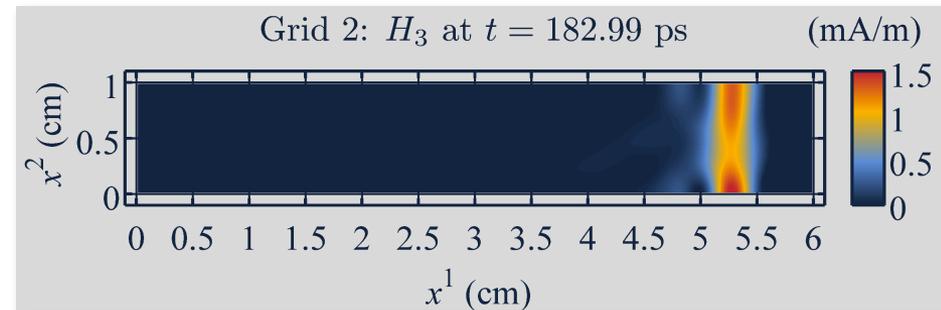
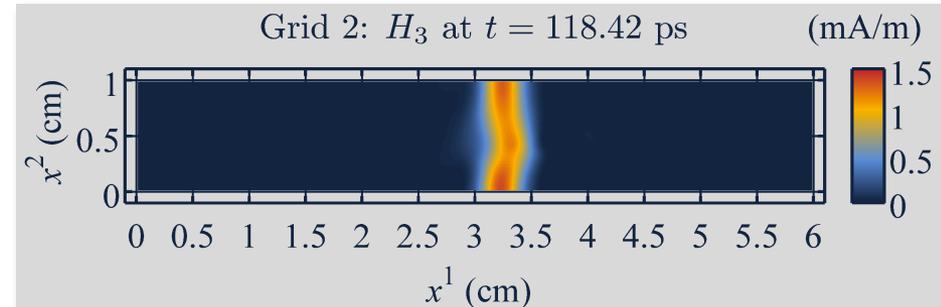
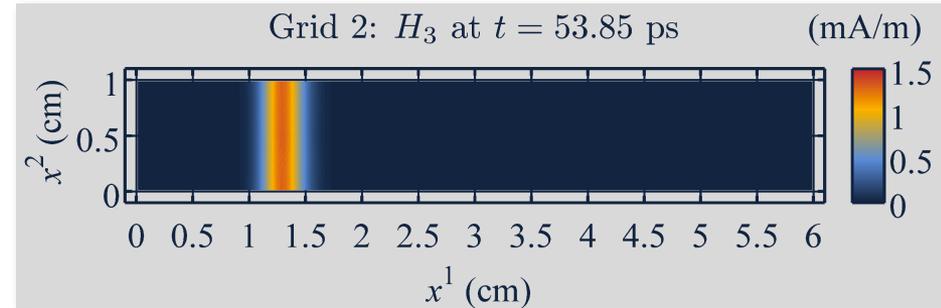
Three different discretizations were used to analyze this problem:

| Parameter         | Grid 1    | Grid 2   | Grid 3   |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Order of Accuracy | 10        | 2        | 2        |
| # of Cells        | 180 x 30  | 180 x 30 | 360 x 60 |
| # of Time Steps   | 10000     | 10000    | 20000    |
| CPU Time          | 175.44 s  | 21.34 s  | 169.58 s |
| Resolution        | Excellent | Poor     | Poor     |



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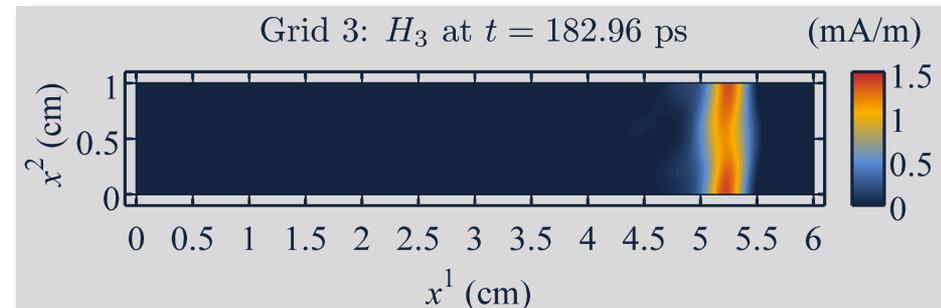
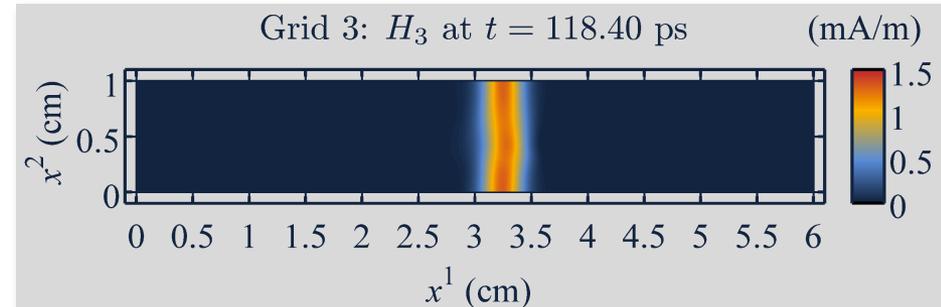
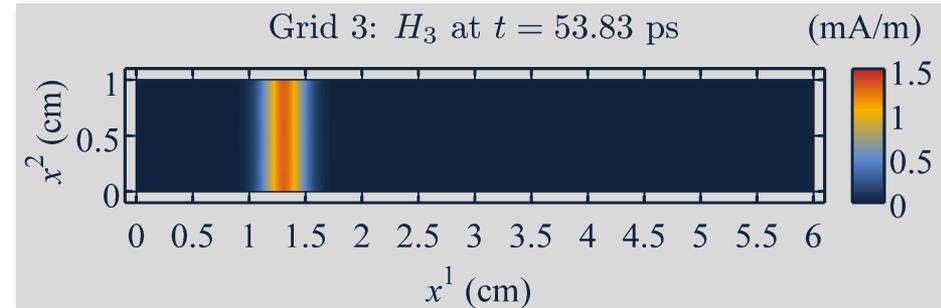
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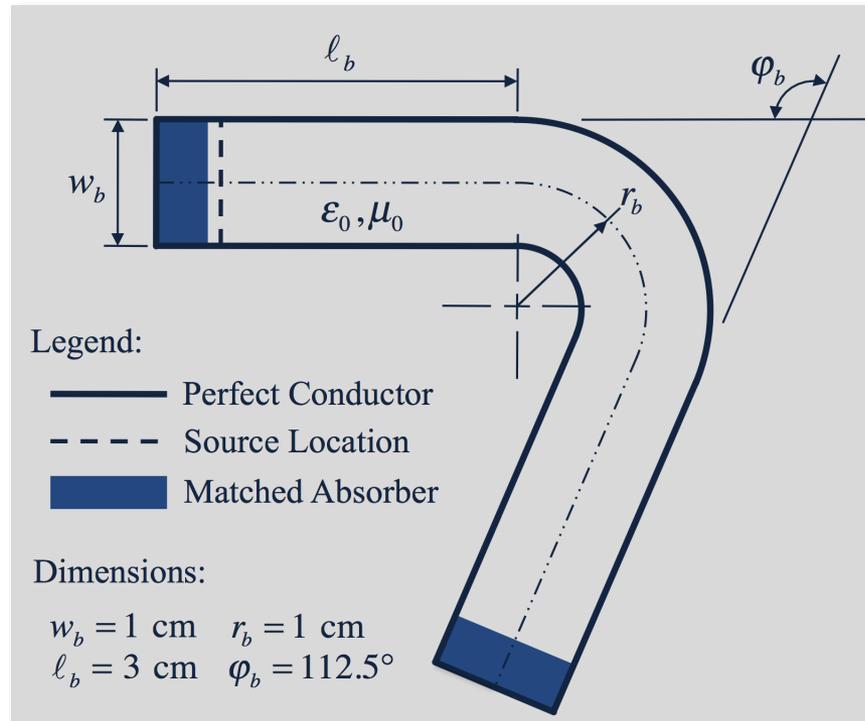
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These results demonstrate that, to produce an optimal solution in the presence of a highly nonorthogonal grid, one must often resort to high-order finite differences.



# Interrelations with the design of artificial materials

The use of coordinate transformations is closely related to the design of artificial materials. To illustrate this, consider the following 2-D waveguide bend:

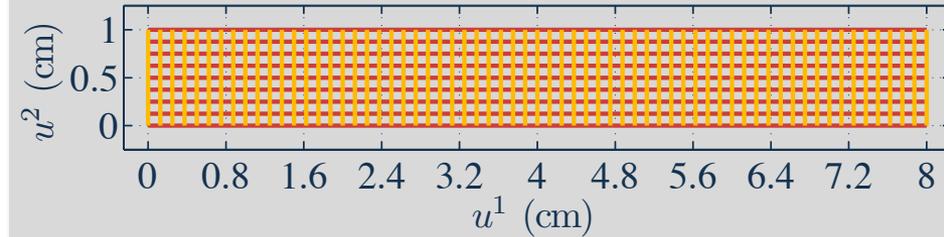


A suitable coordinate transformation for modeling this structure can be found in:

B. Donderici and F. L. Teixeira, "Metamaterial Blueprints for Reflectionless Waveguide Bends," *IEEE Microw. Wireless Compon. Lett.*, vol. 18, no. 4, pp. 233-235, April 2008.

# Interrelations with the design of artificial materials

Computational Space



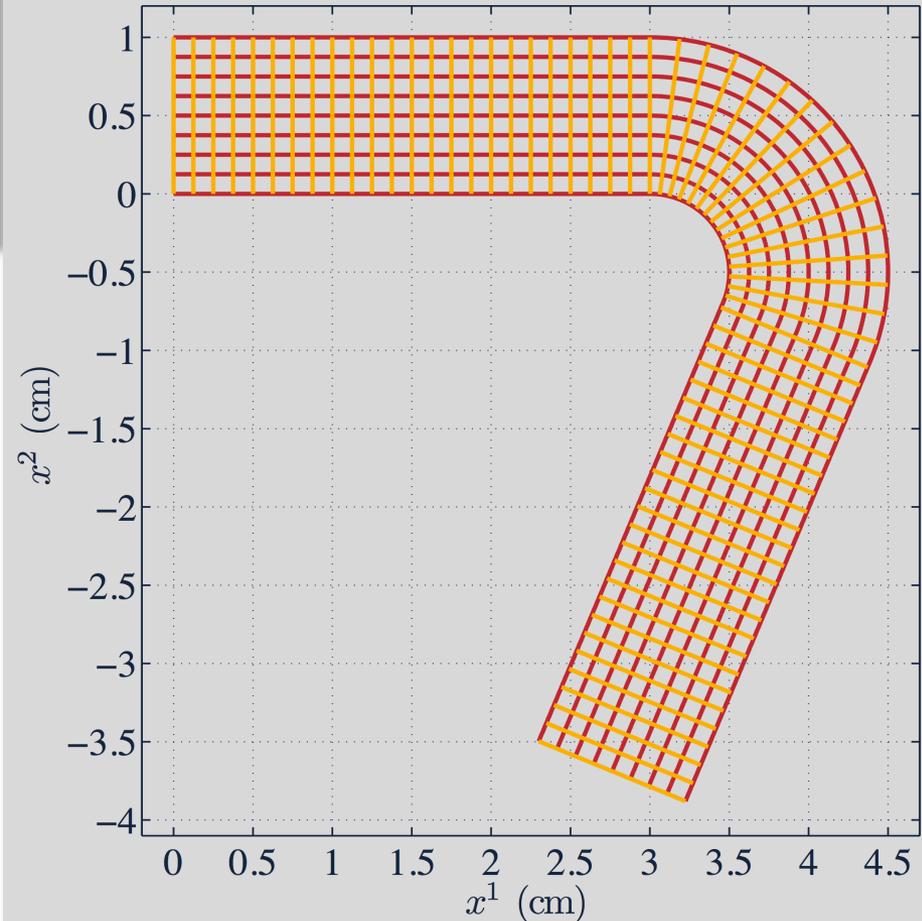
Observe that, to obtain a device that is reflectionless and distortionless, waves must travel undisturbed in computational space. The conditions to attain this are simply

$$\mathcal{M}_{is} = \frac{\partial x^q}{\partial u^i} \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial u^s} \mu_{qj} = \mu_0 g_{is}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{is} = \frac{\partial x^q}{\partial u^i} \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial u^s} \varepsilon_{qj} = \varepsilon_0 g_{is}$$

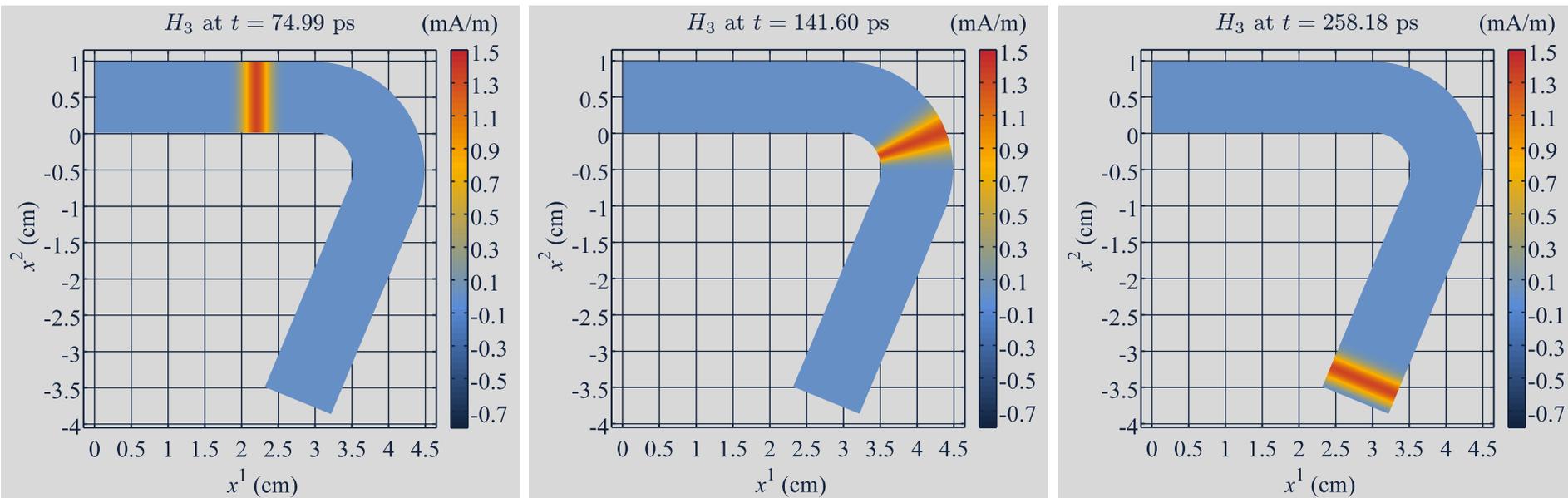
The components of the metric tensor  $g_{is}$  are combinations of the partial derivatives of the shown coordinate transformation.

Physical Space



# Interrelations with the design of artificial materials

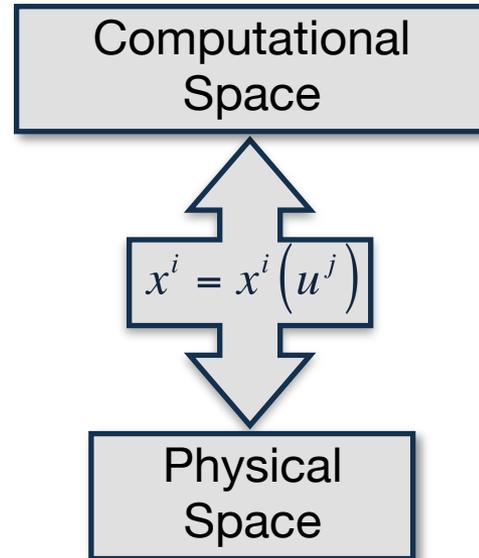
Using the proposed numerical procedure, it is very easy to examine the response of the device in the presence of the artificial material:



The use of coordinate transformations to design this type of artificial material is now being called transformation electromagnetics.

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- 1** **Operating principle:** a coordinate transformation is used to map an arbitrary non-orthogonal structured grid onto a uniform rectangular grid.

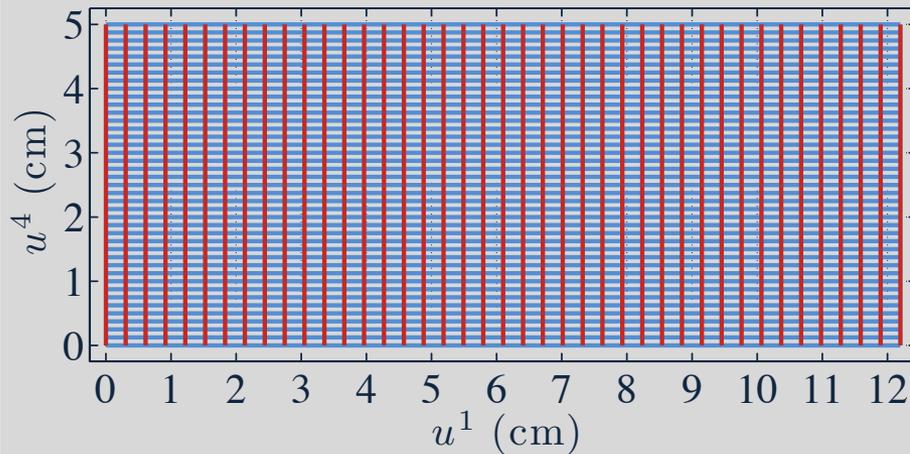


- 2** The use of **high-order** finite differences is clearly justified when a highly nonorthogonal coordinate transformation is being used.
- 3** Coordinate transformations can have a dual purpose: designing an artificial material and introducing a structured nonorthogonal grid.

# Time Dependent Coordinate Transformations

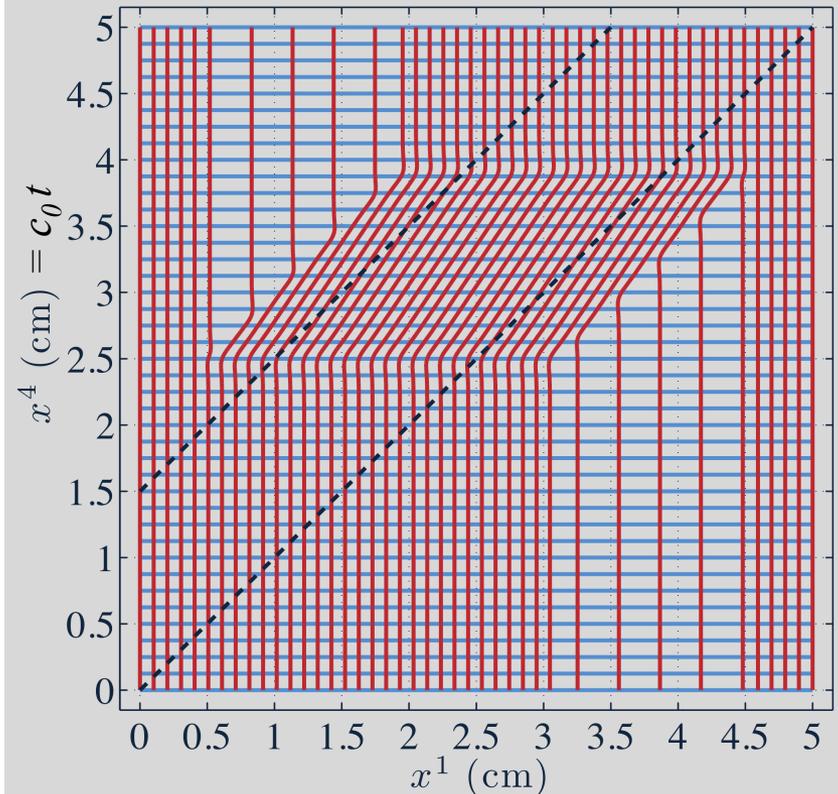
The following mapping was created to generate a moving grid that tracks a pulse propagating in vacuum along  $x^1$ :

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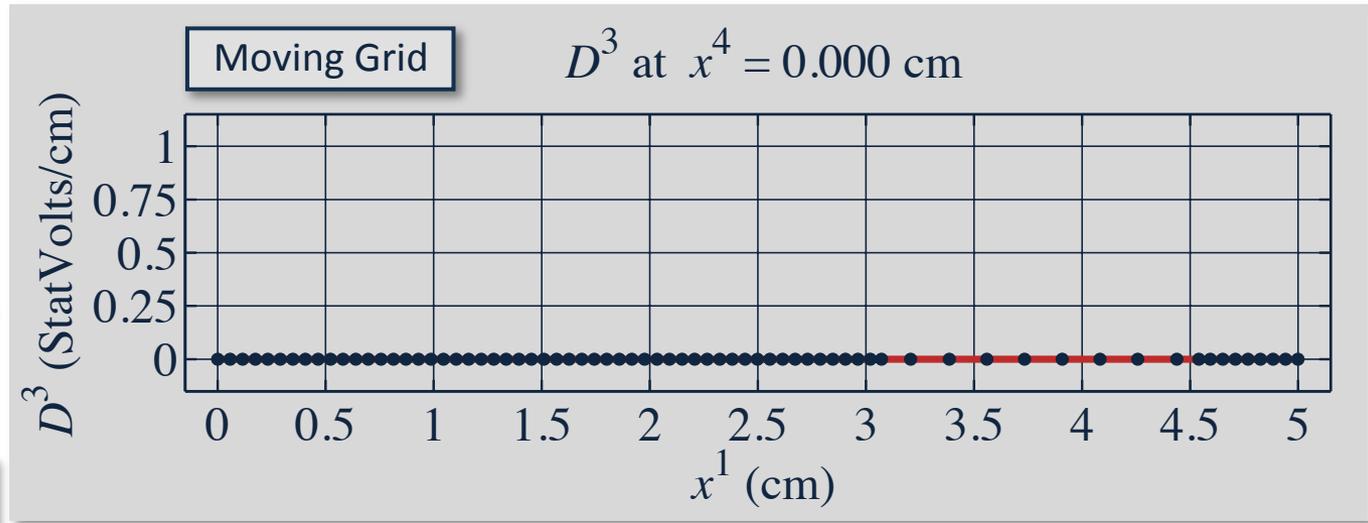
Coordinate  $u^4$  can advance you in both time and space.

(b) Cartesian Reference Frame

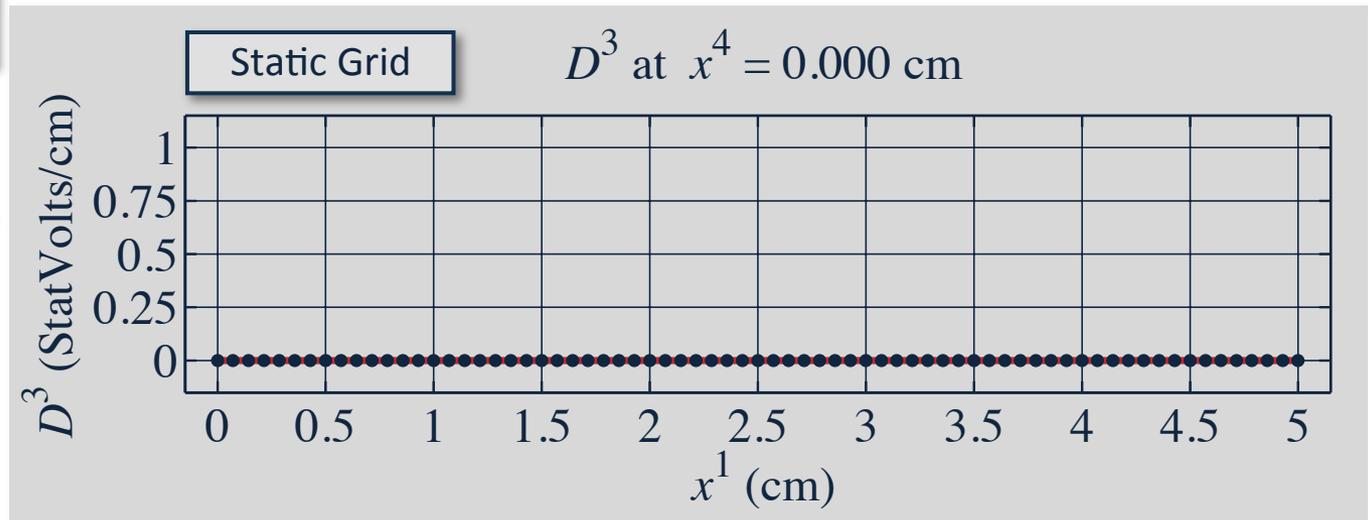


This type of coordinate transformation is not time orthogonal and is needed to introduce moving grids.

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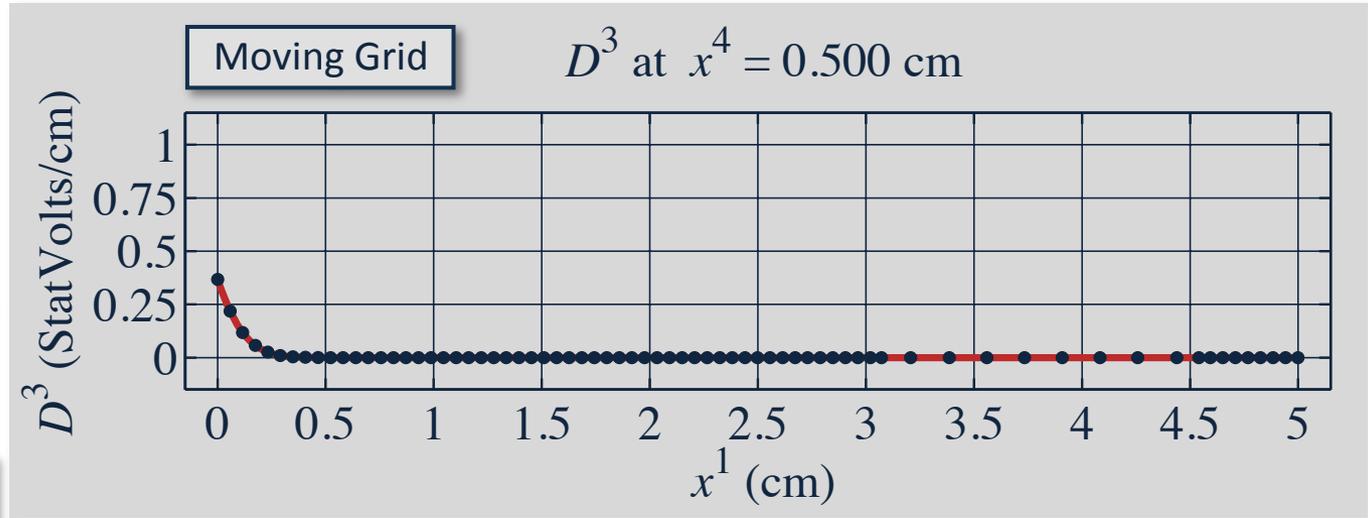


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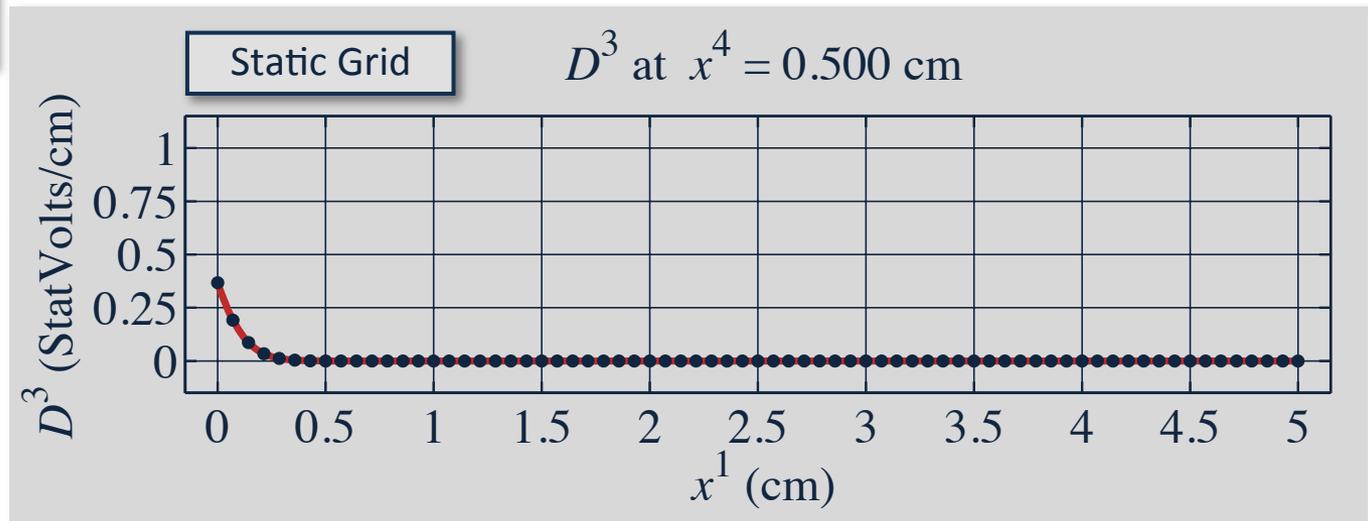


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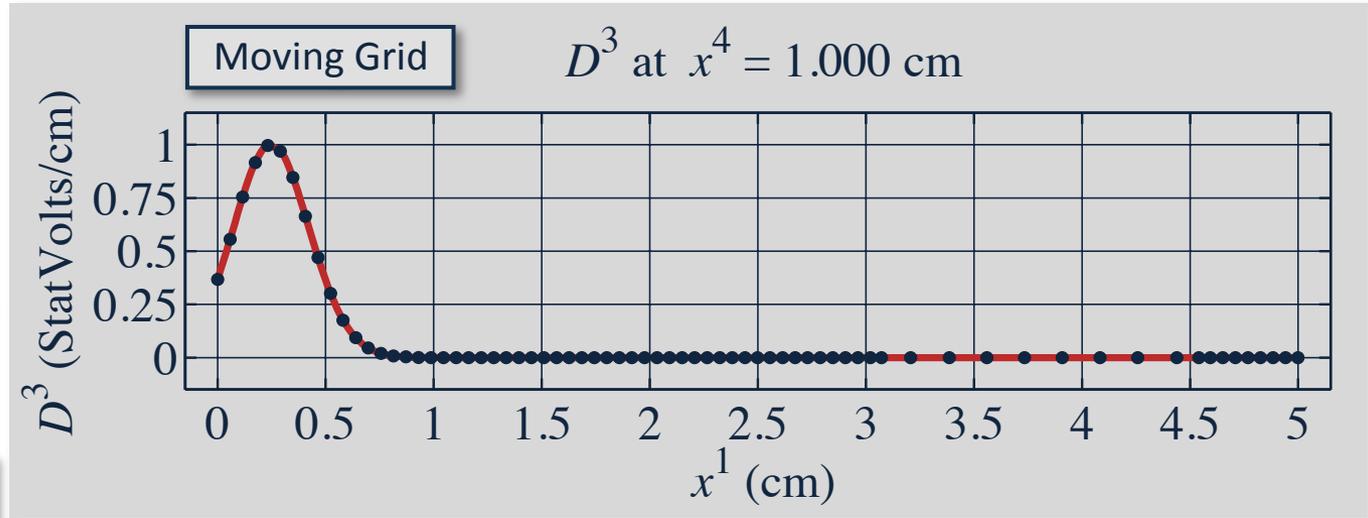


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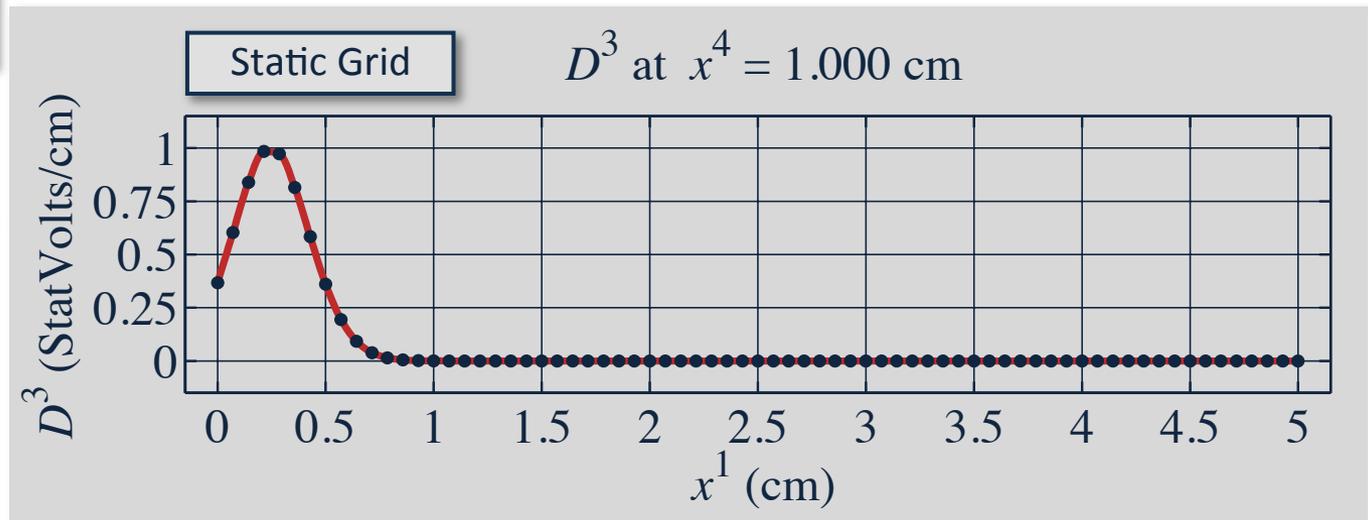


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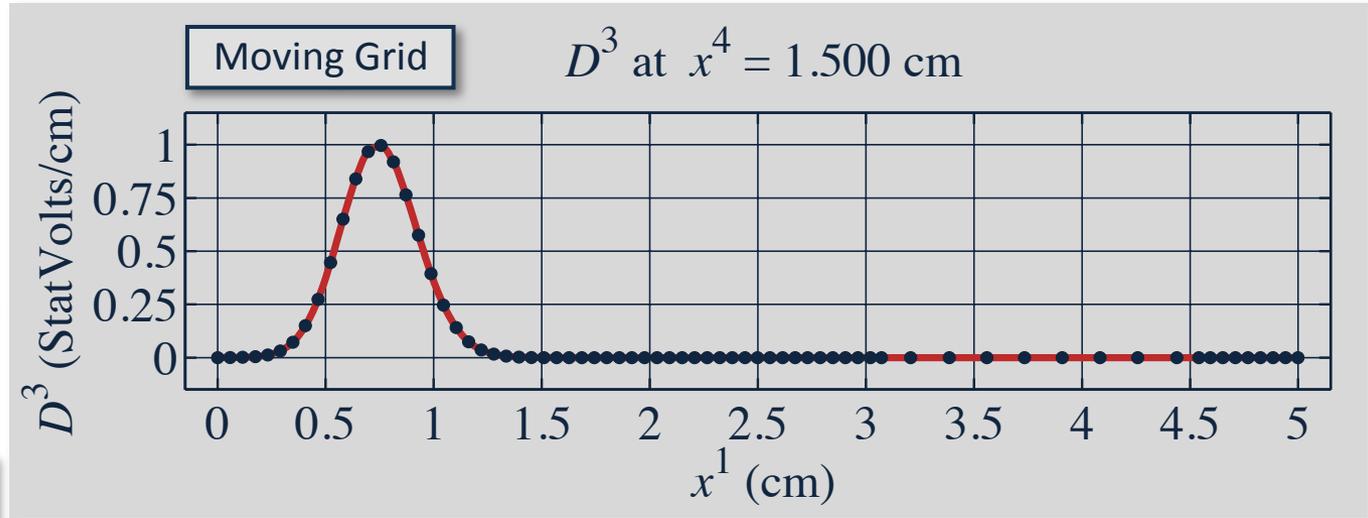


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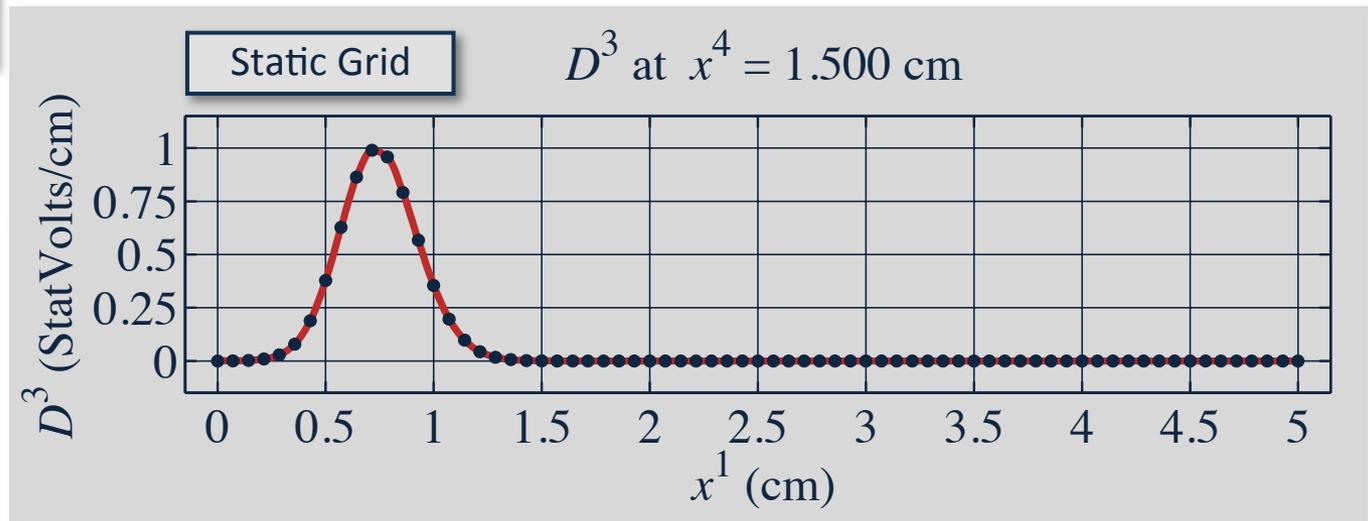


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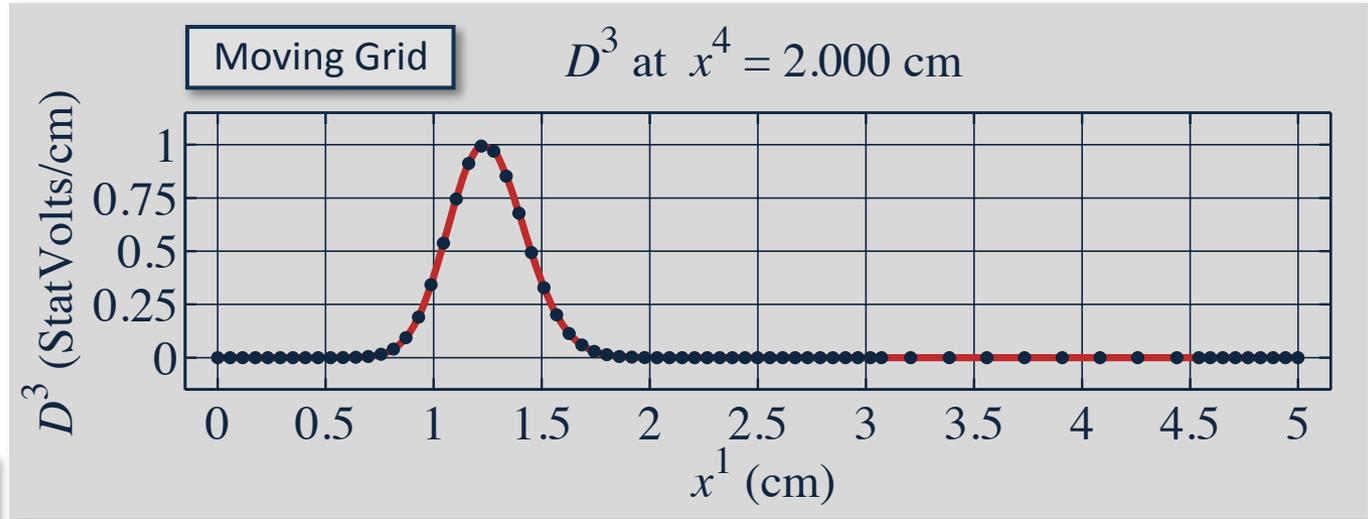


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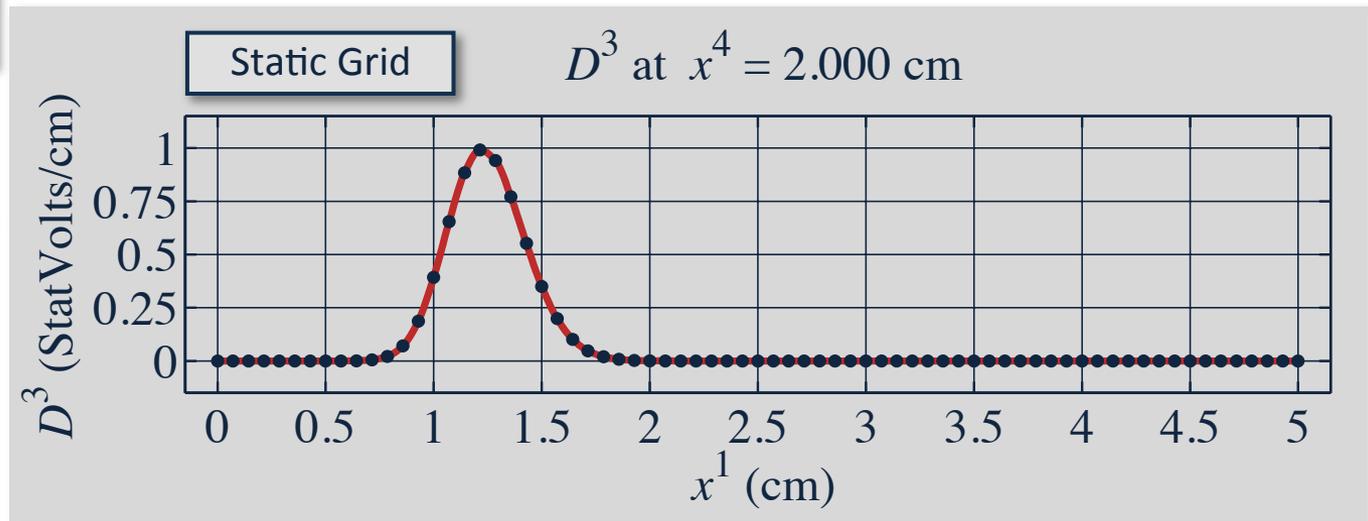


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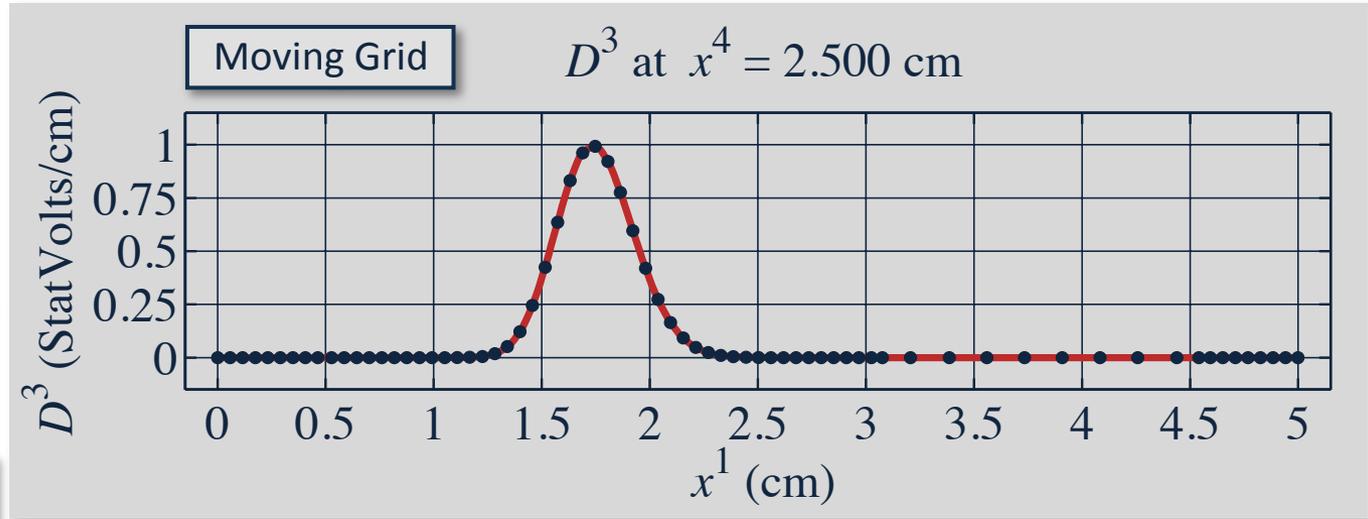


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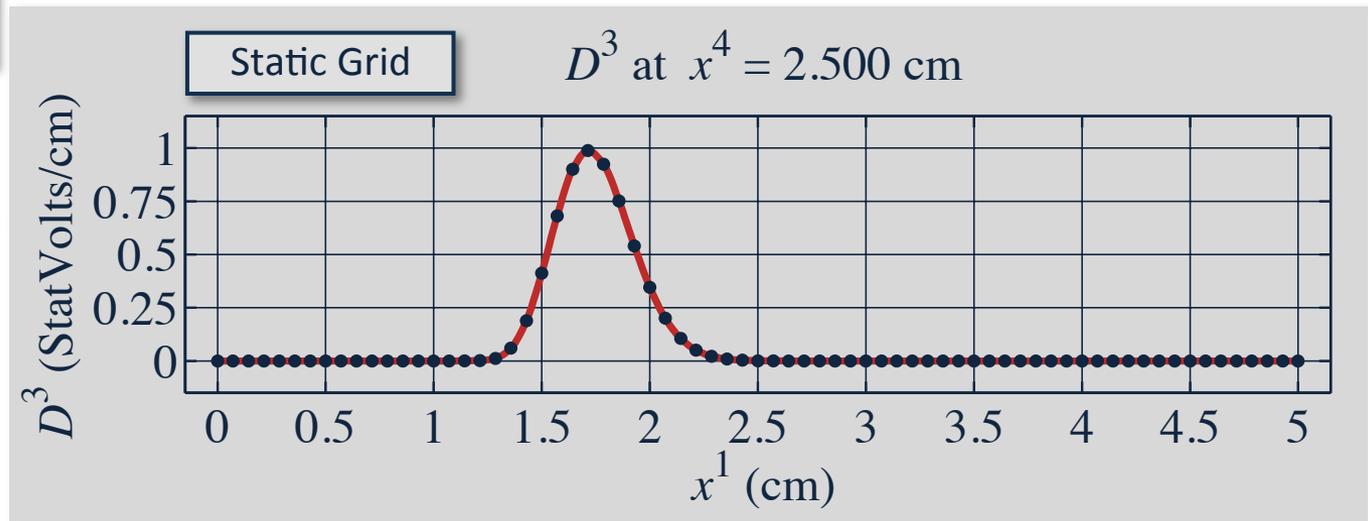


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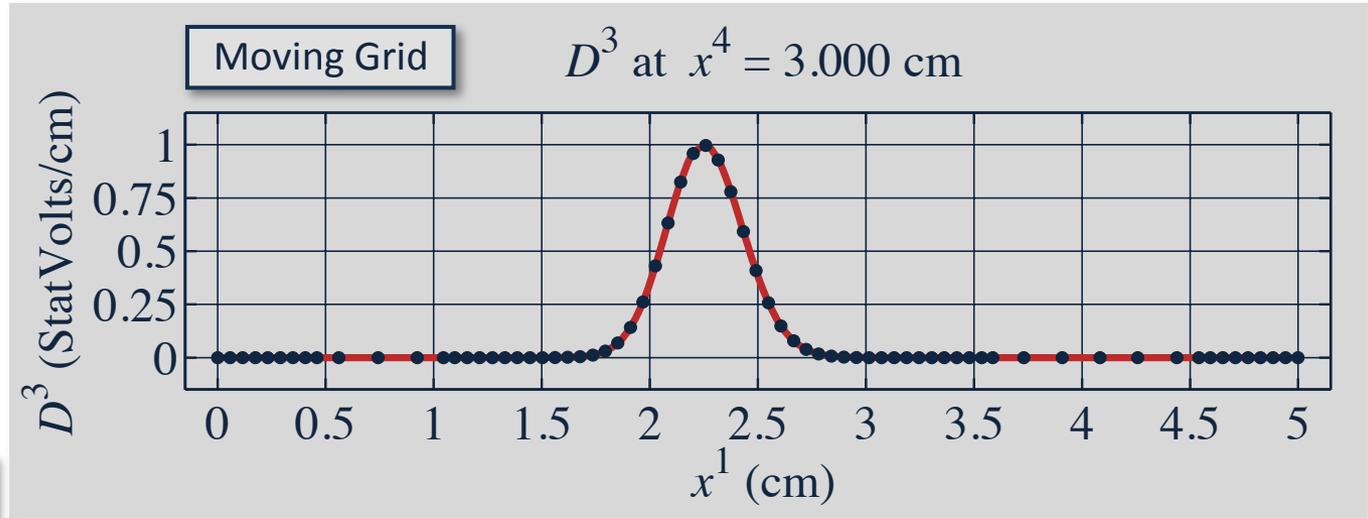


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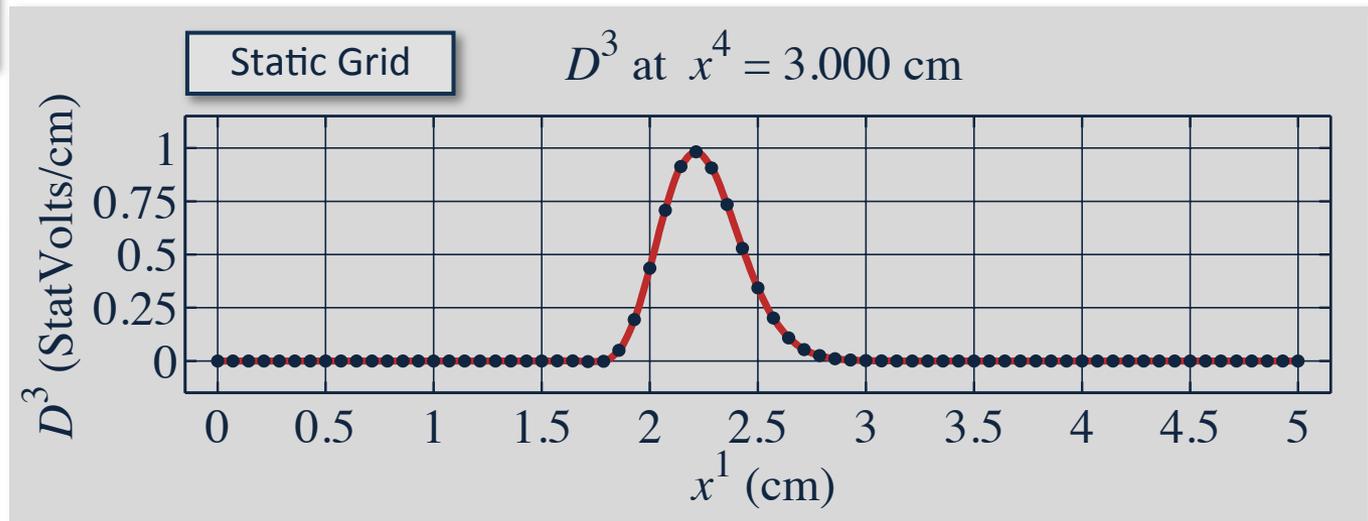


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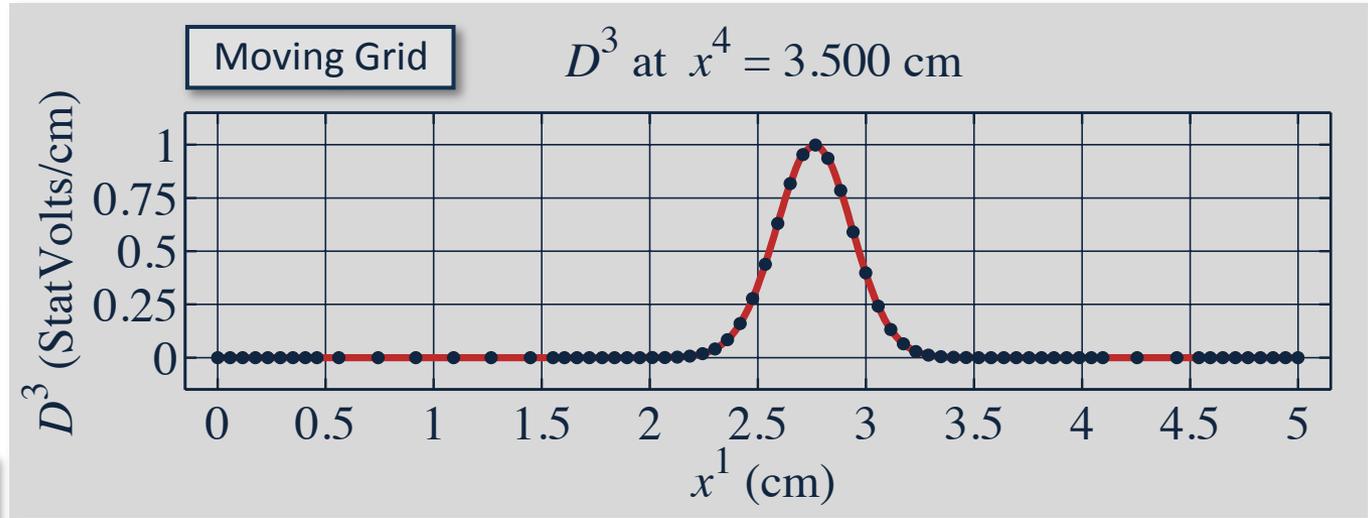


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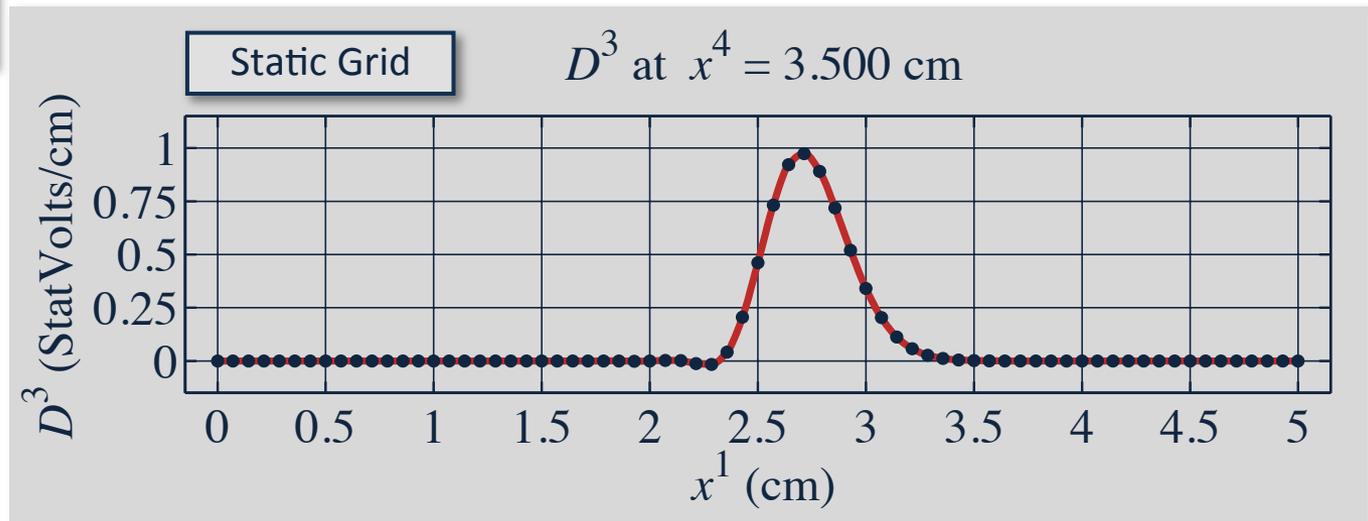


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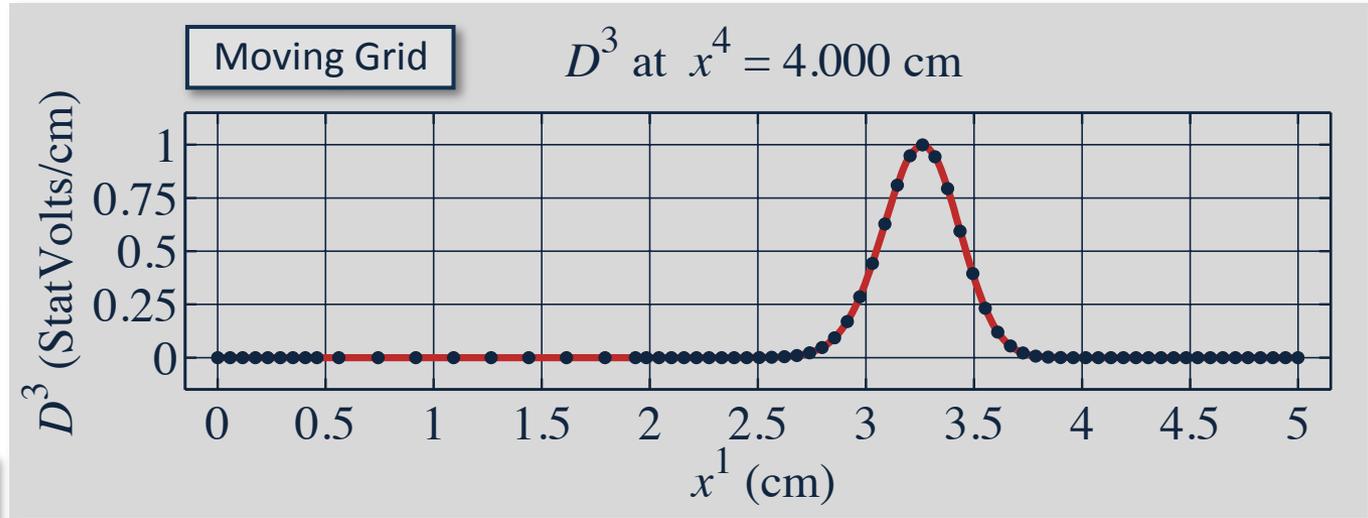


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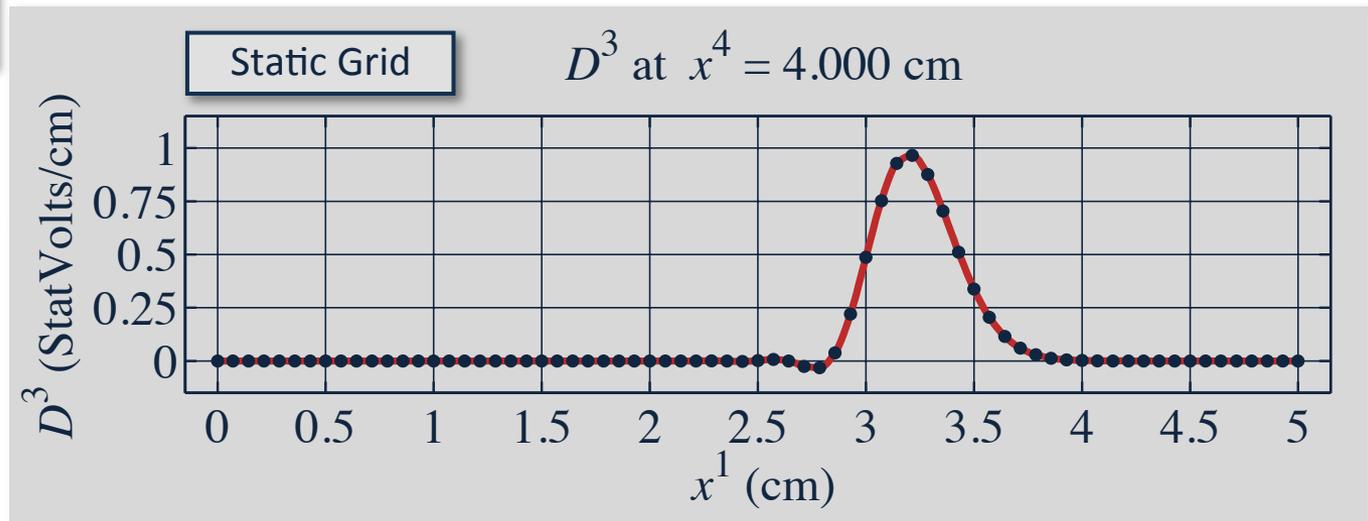


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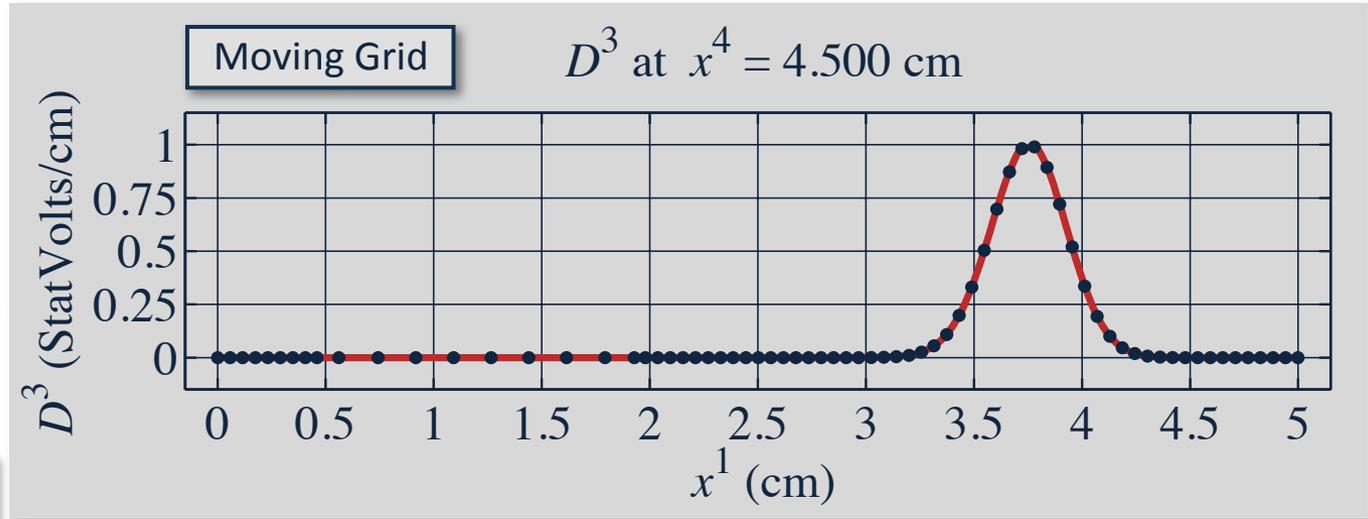


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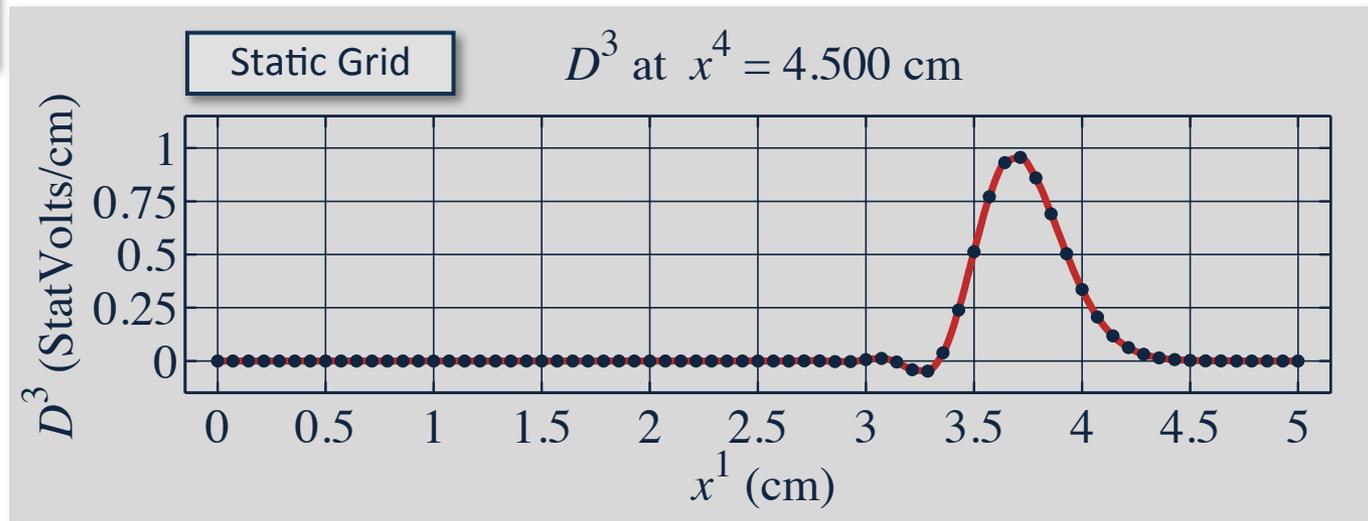


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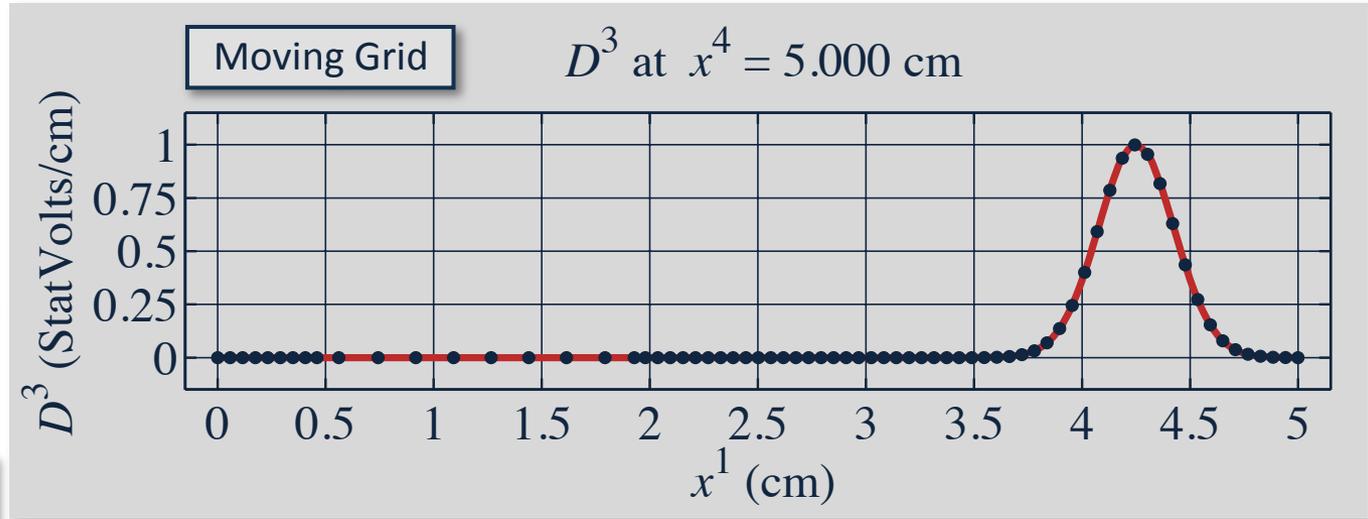


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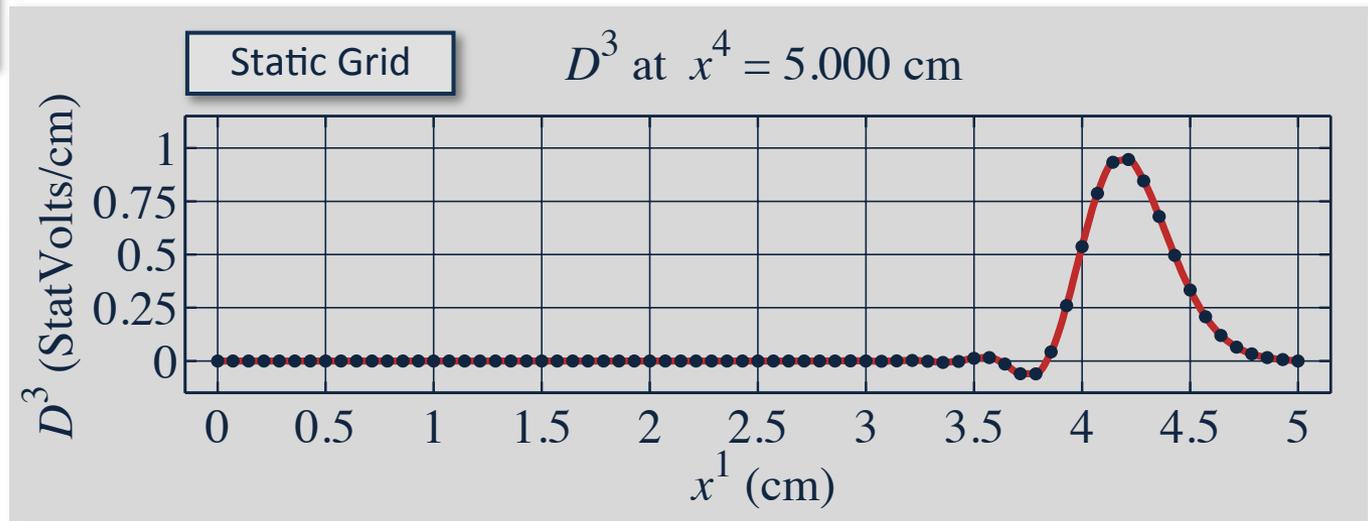


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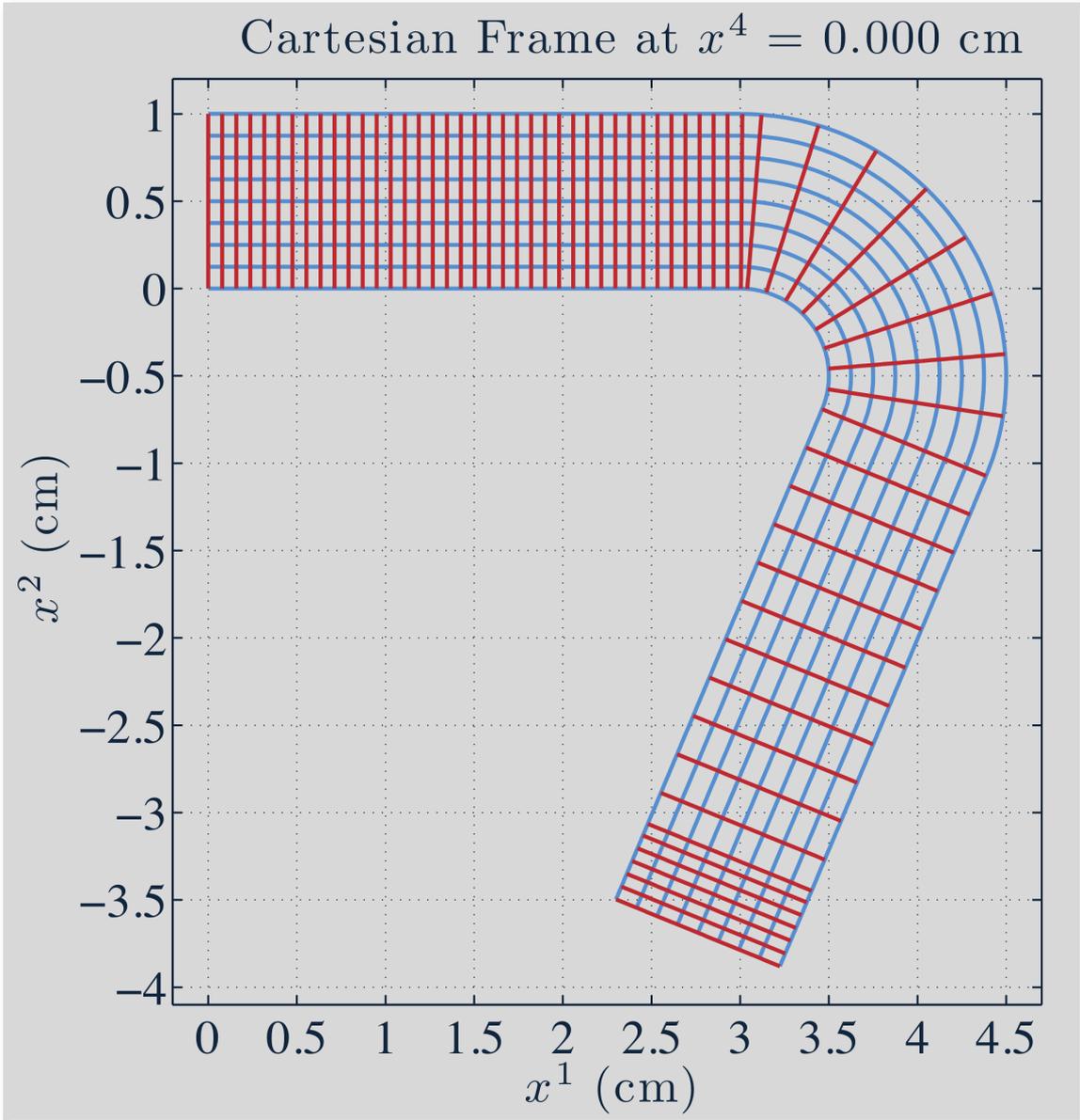


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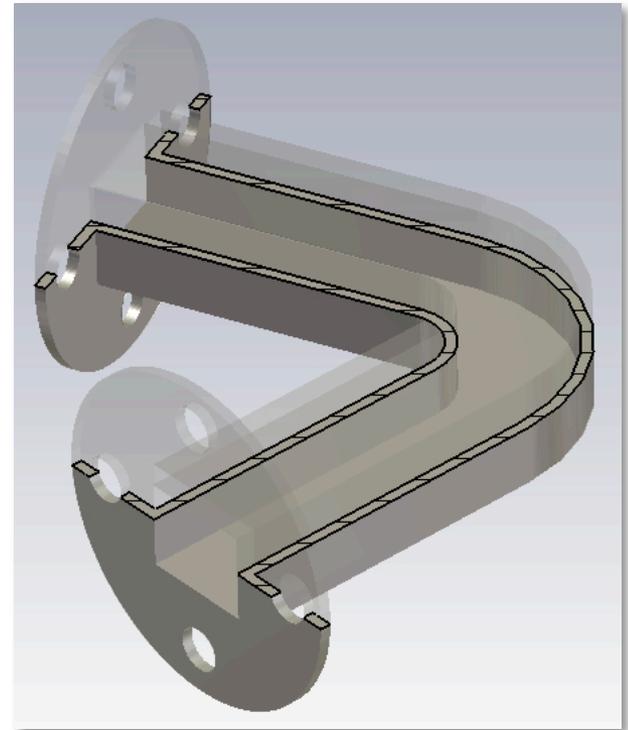


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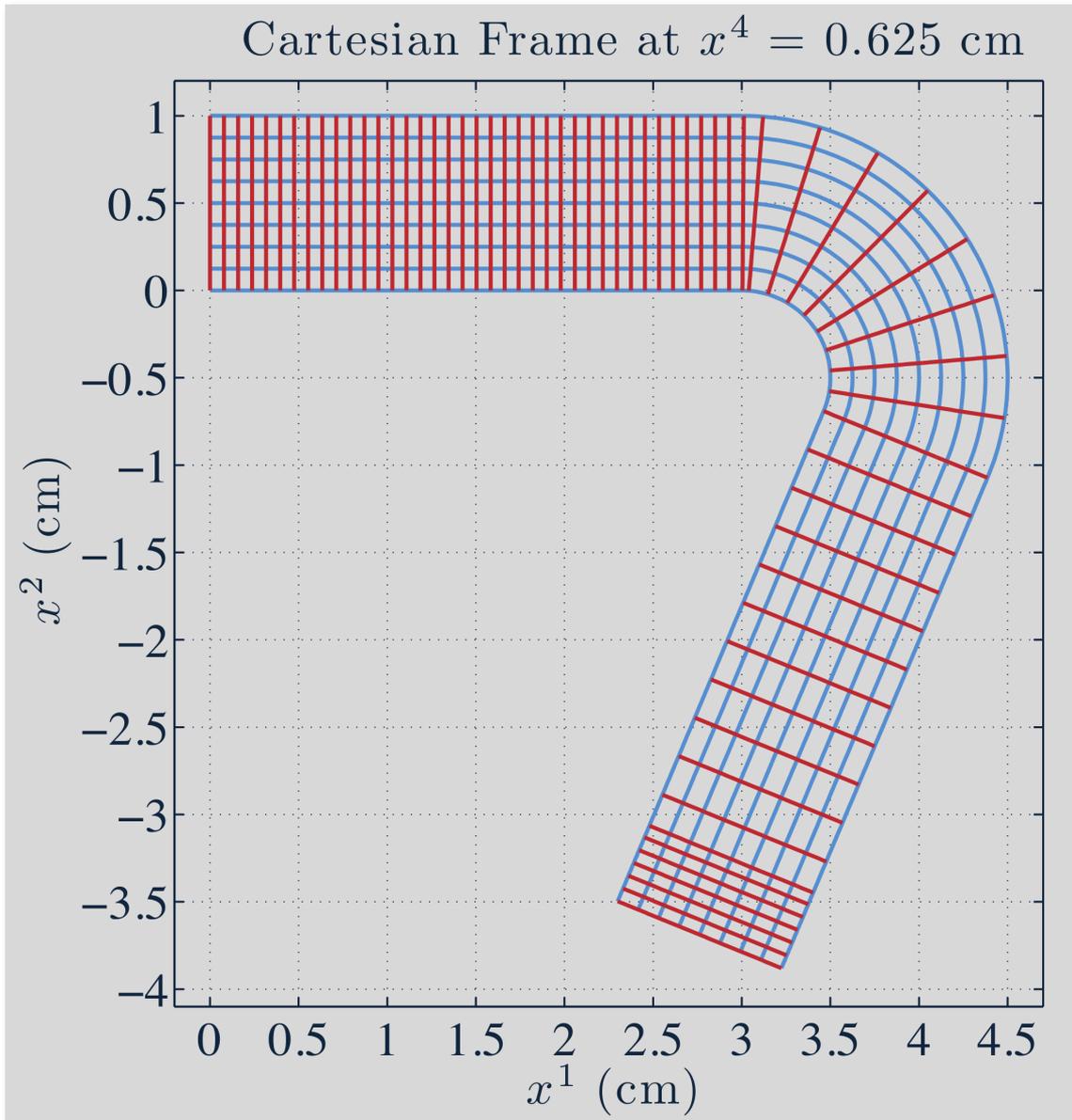
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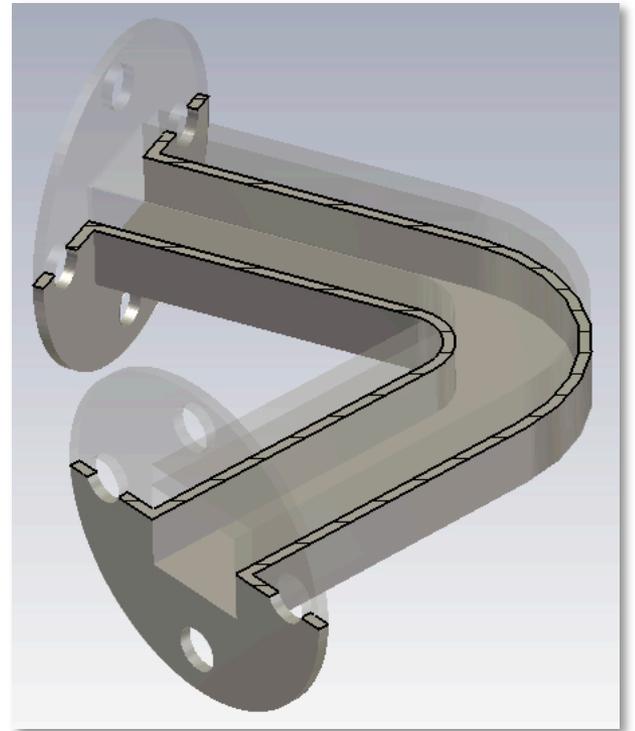
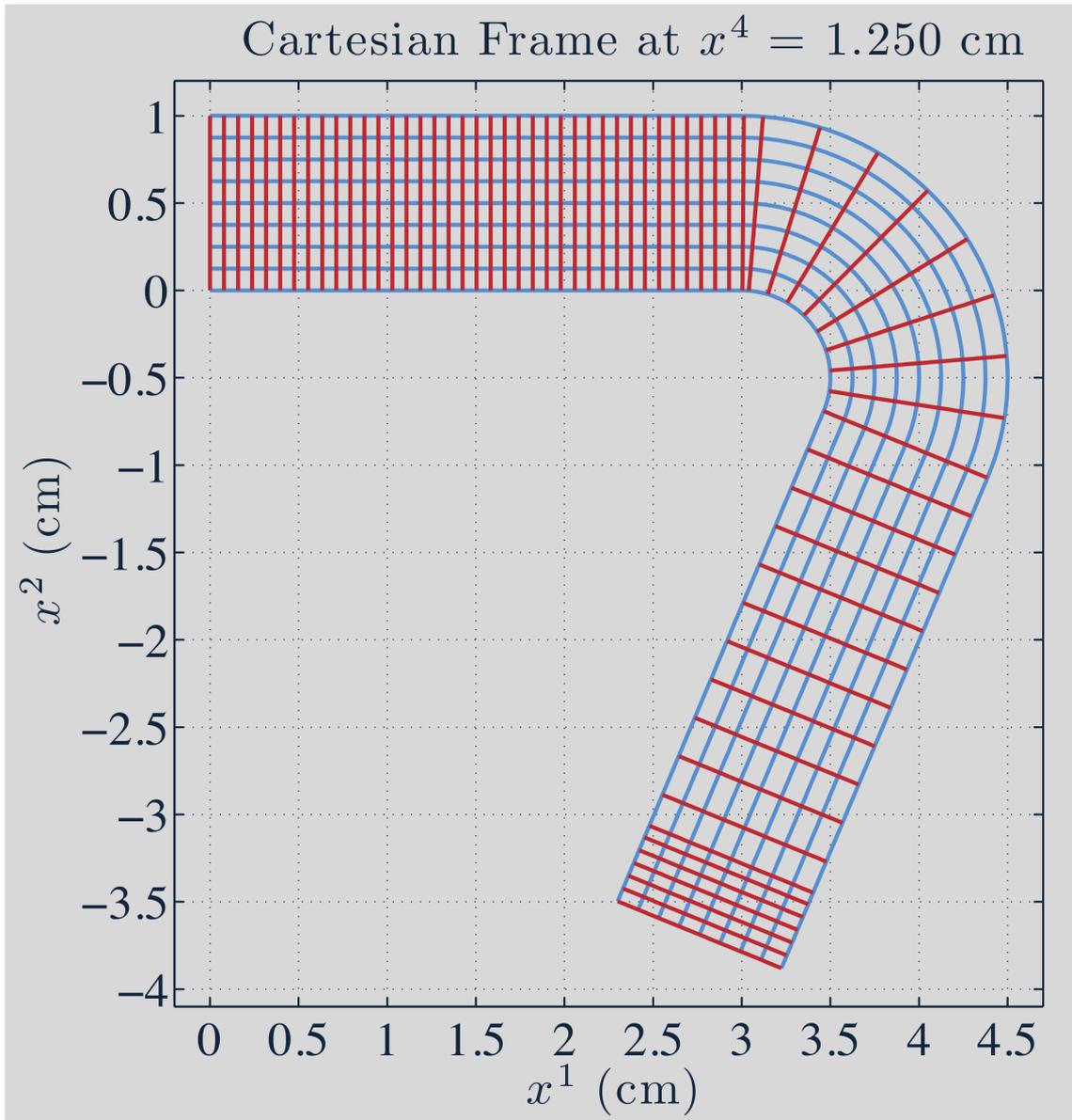
Going back to the example of a waveguide bend. A moving grid for this example was generated by putting together the two coordinate mappings presented thus far. v



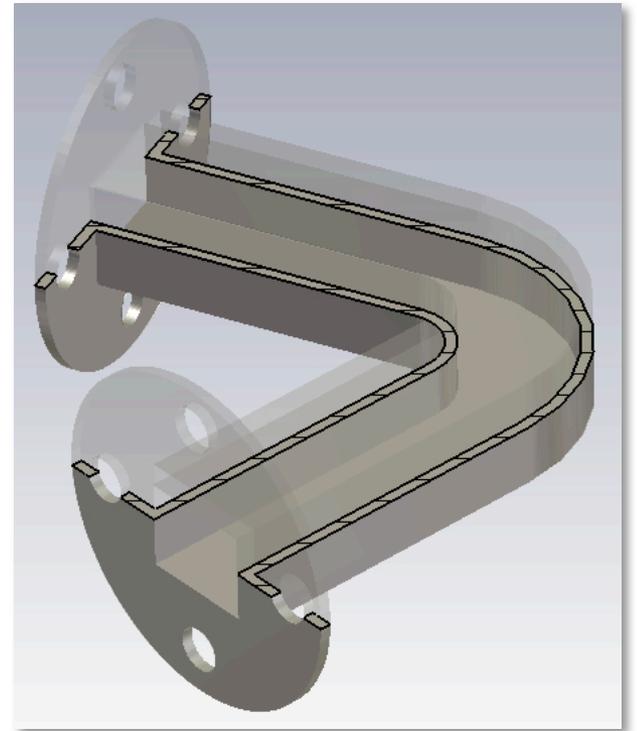
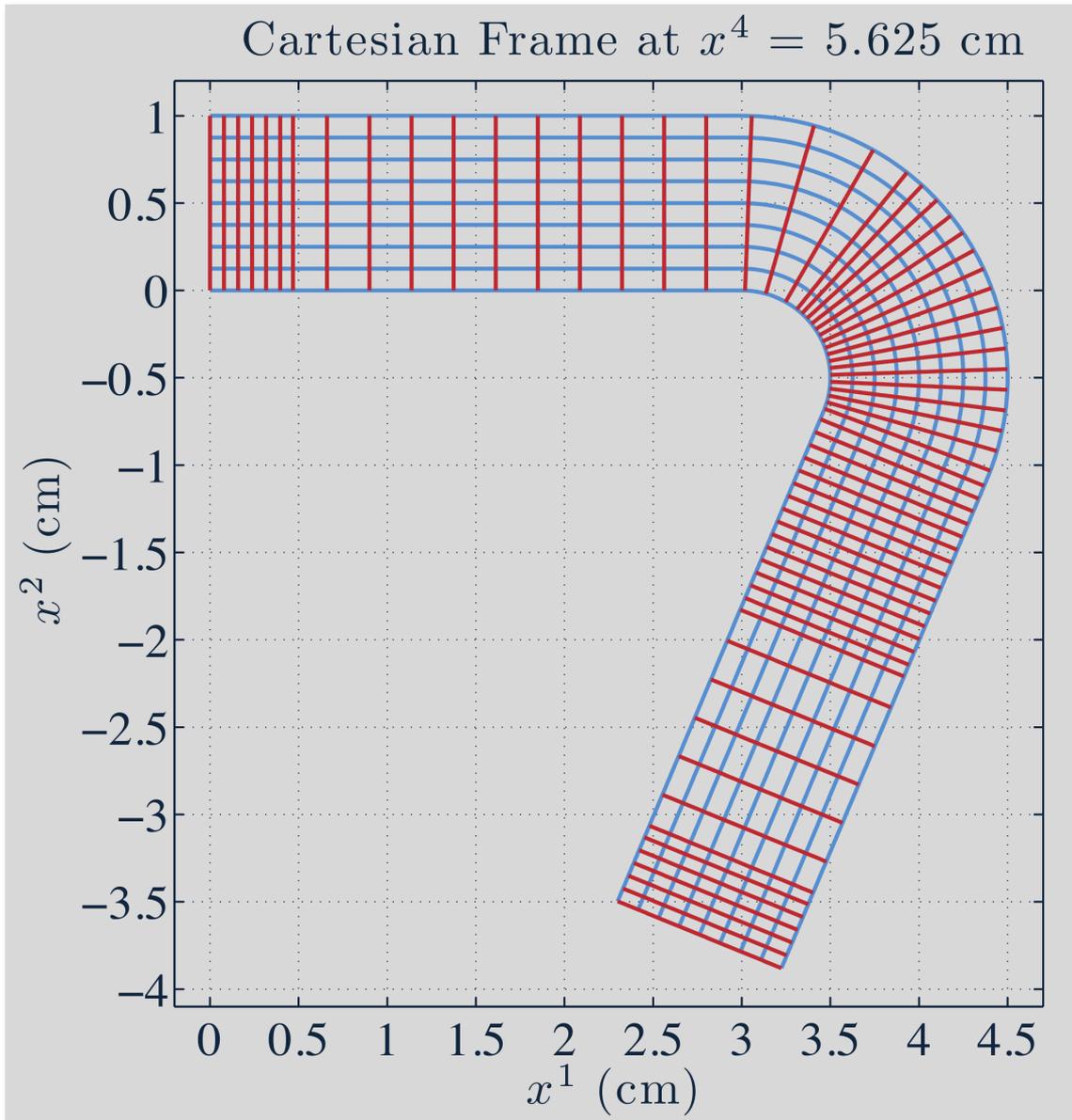
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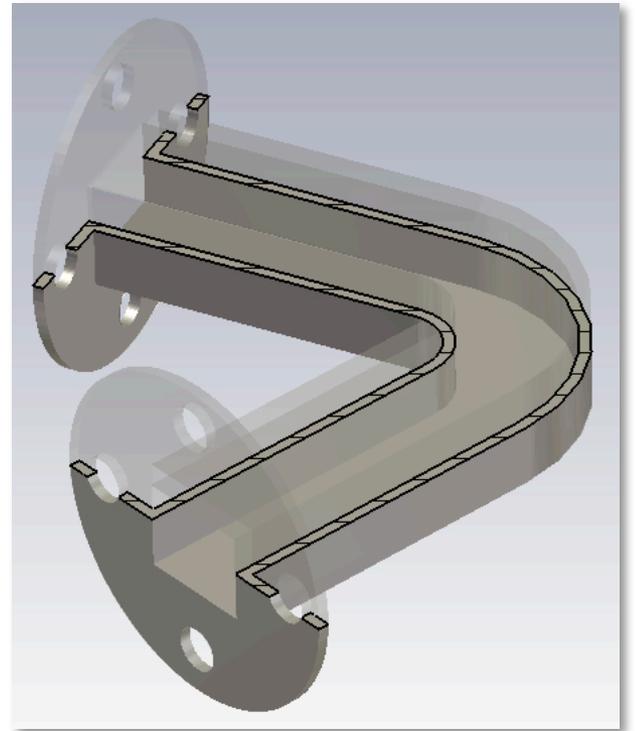
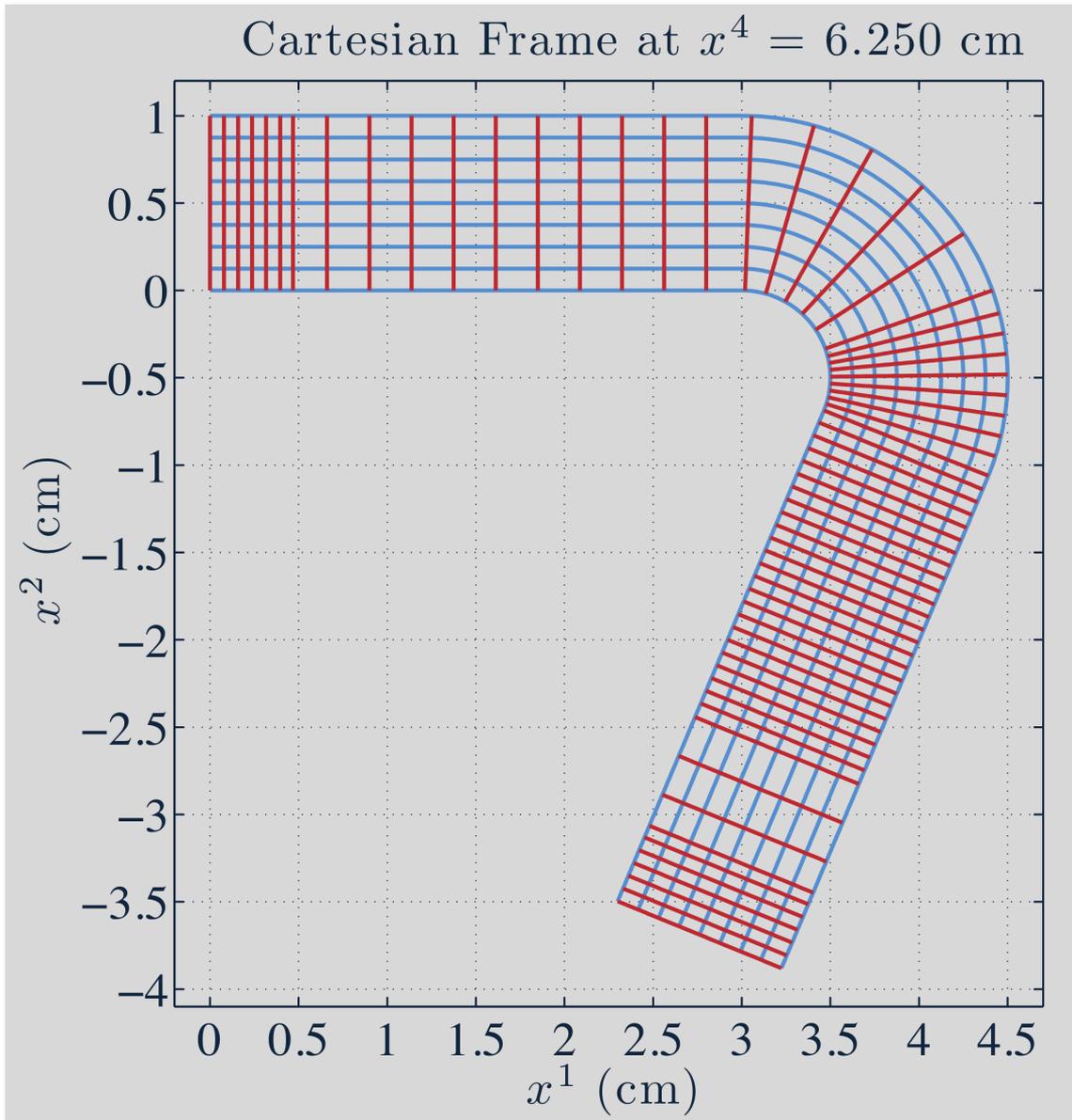
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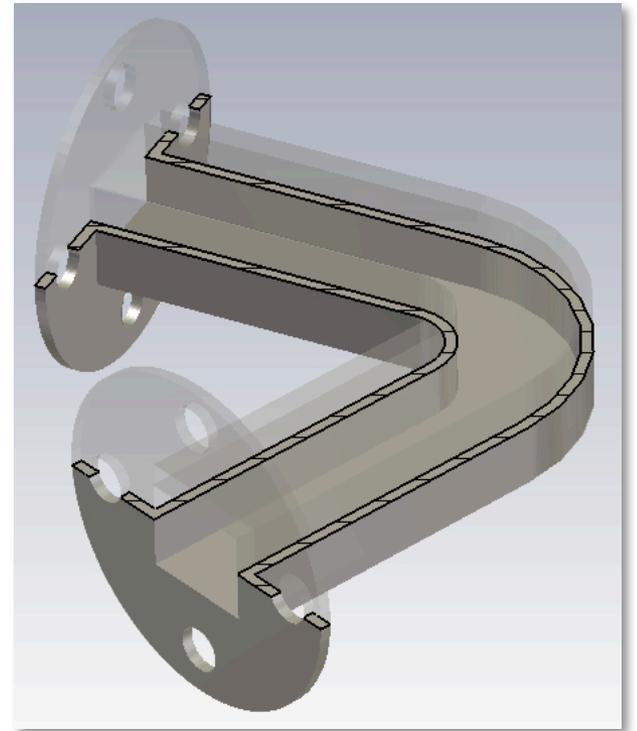
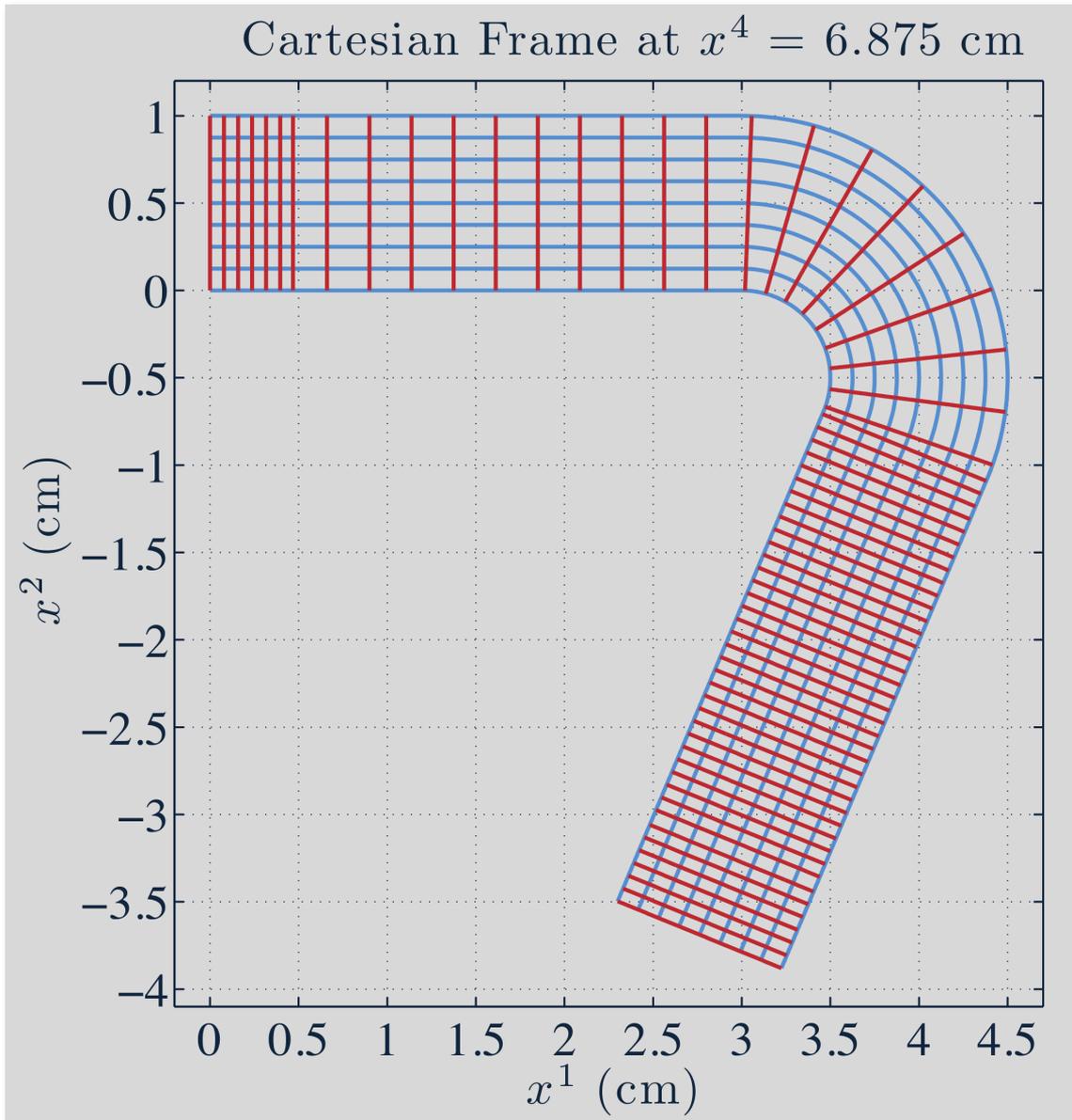
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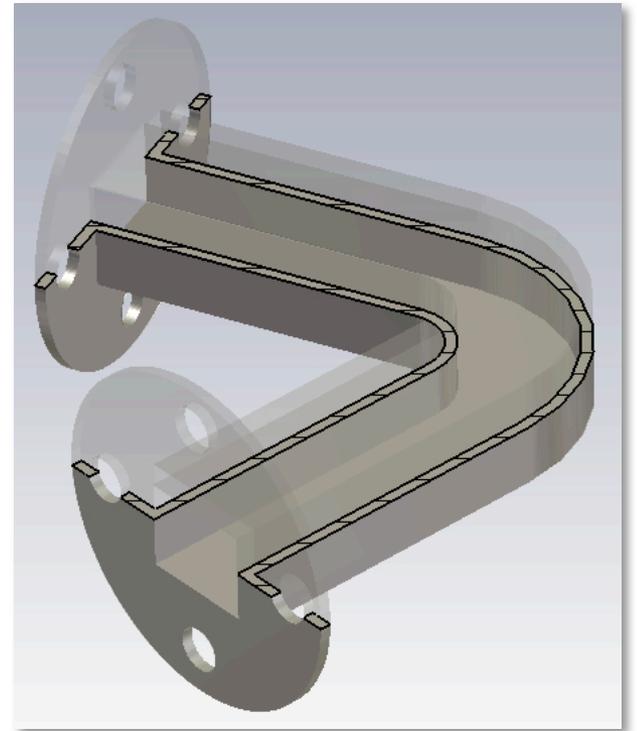
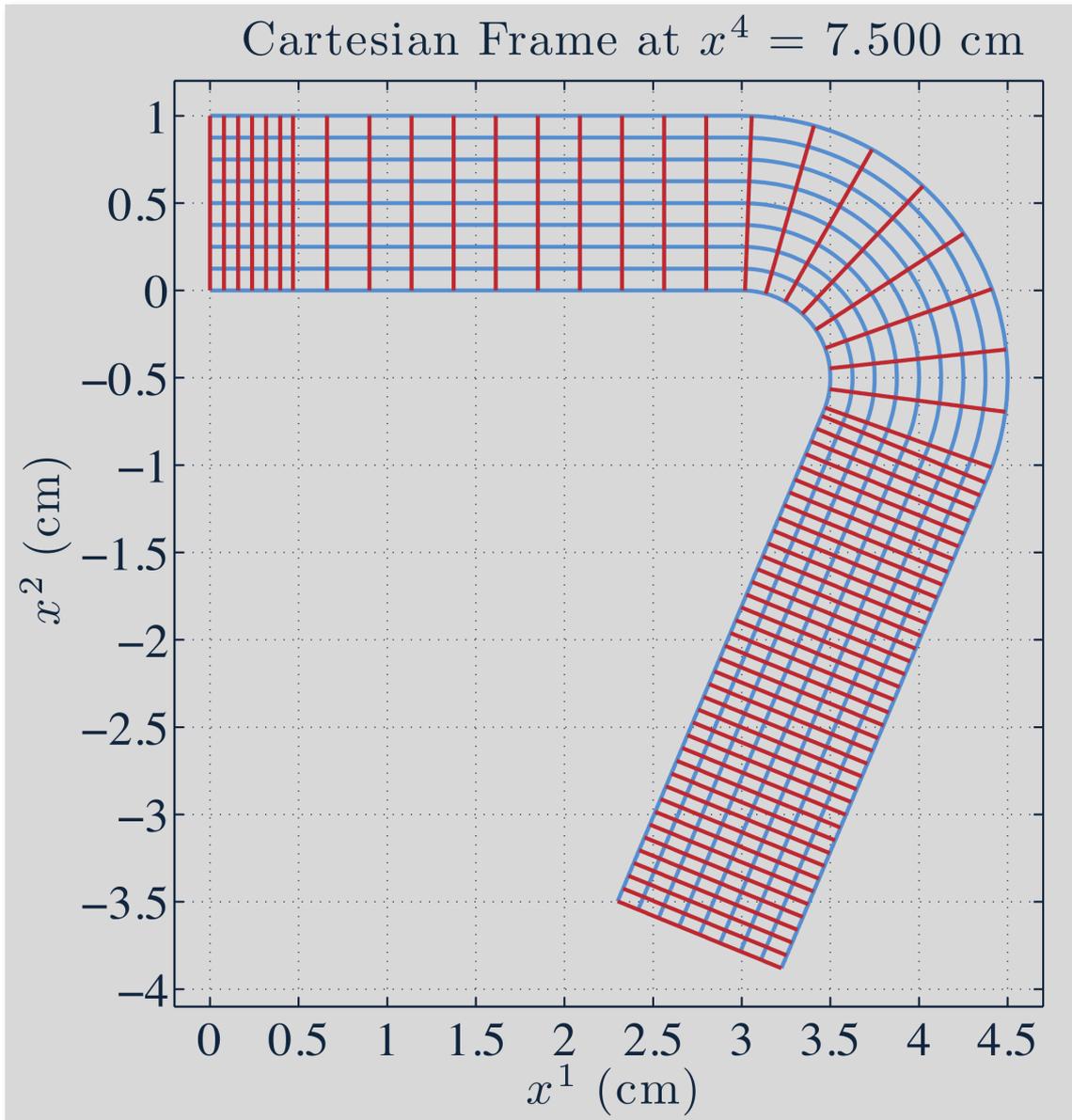
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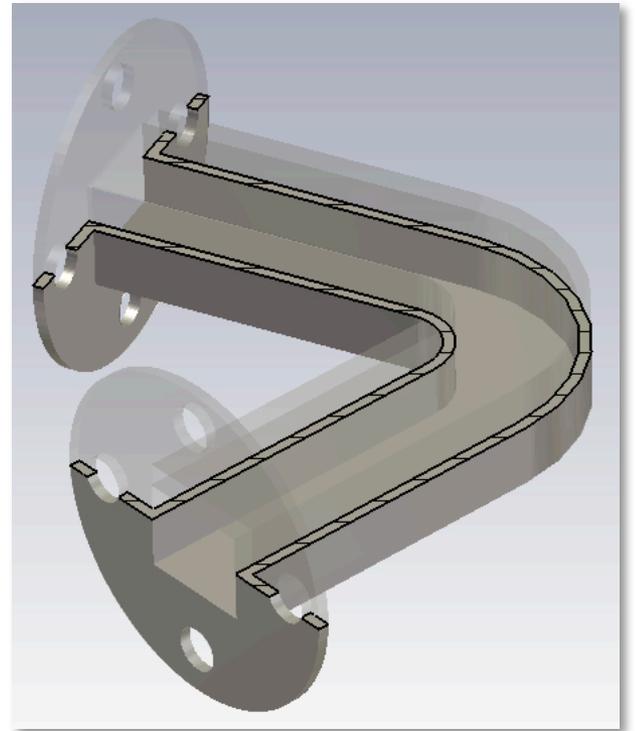
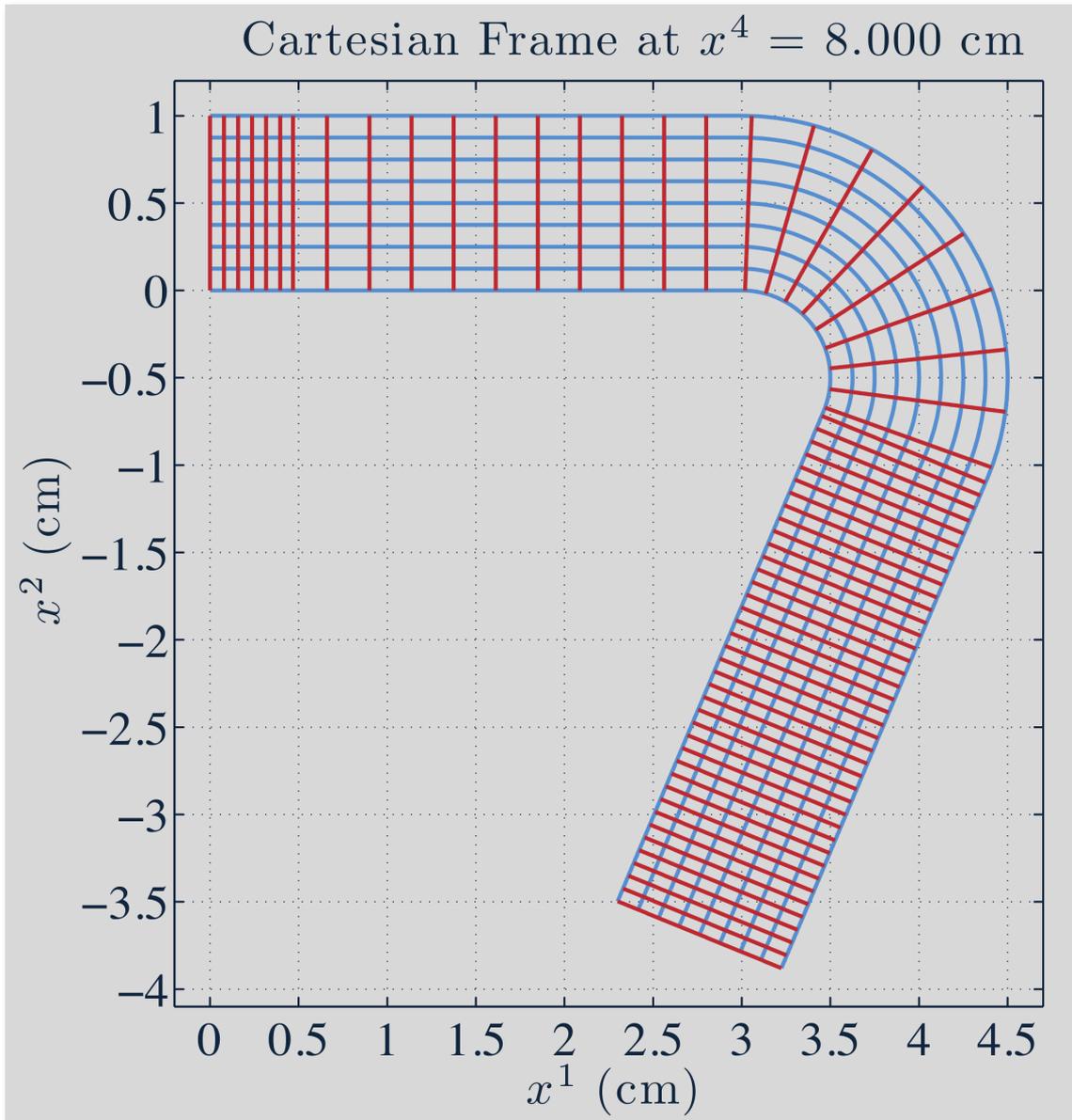
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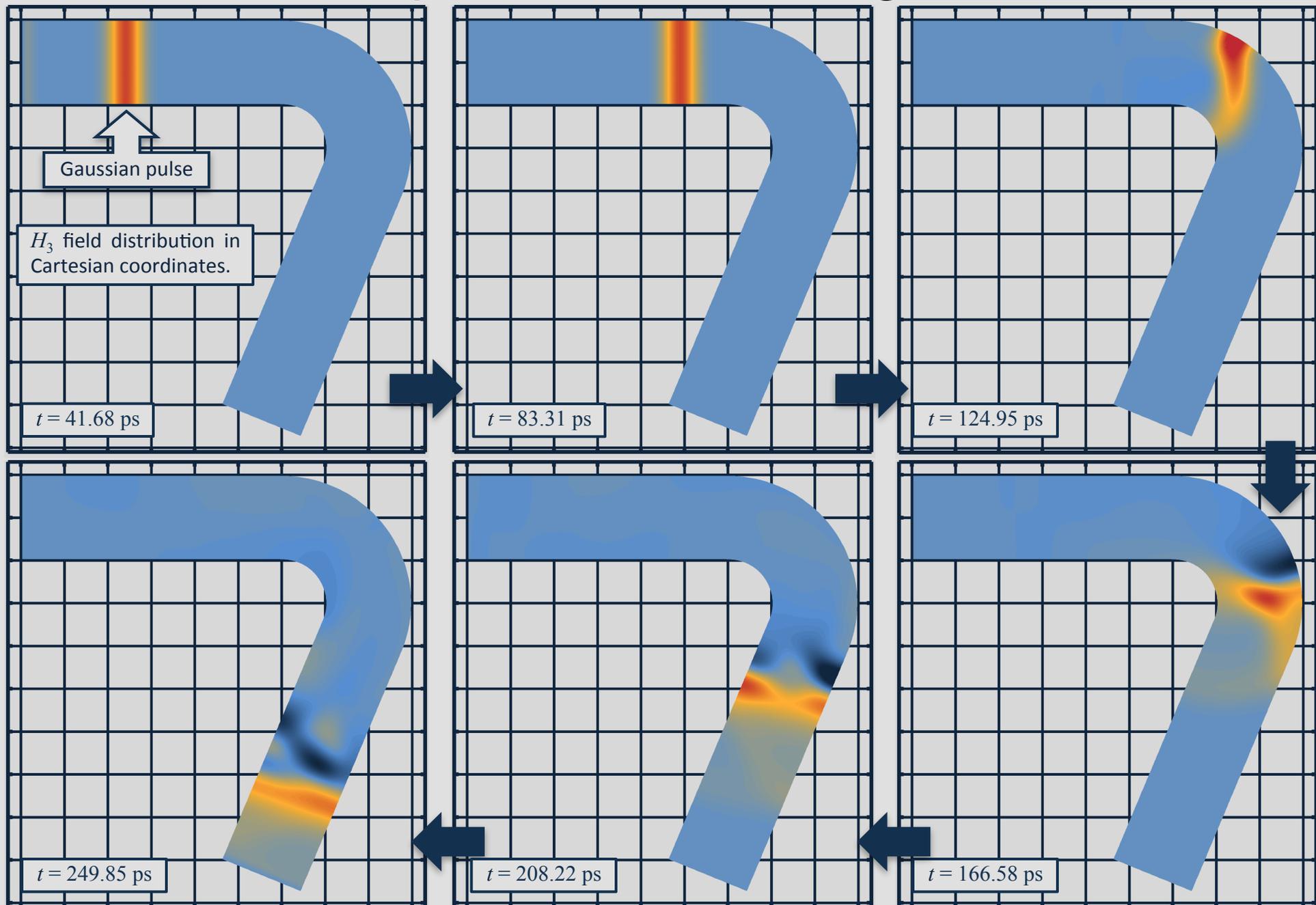
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The relativistic formulation of Maxwell's equations can be used to introduce moving grids through time dependent coordinate transformations in a manner not permitted by the classical formulation.

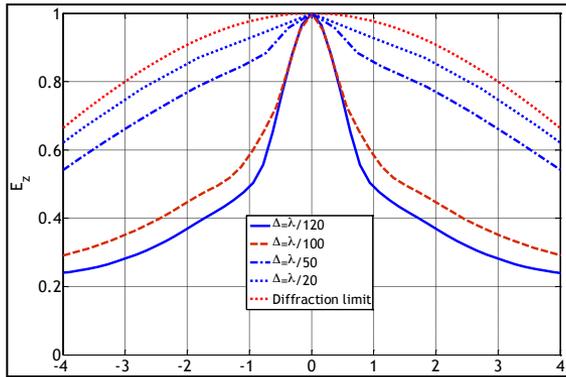
Potential advantages of this approach:

- ① Stable: always leads to stable update equations.
- ② General: works regardless of what discretization
- ③ scheme is used.

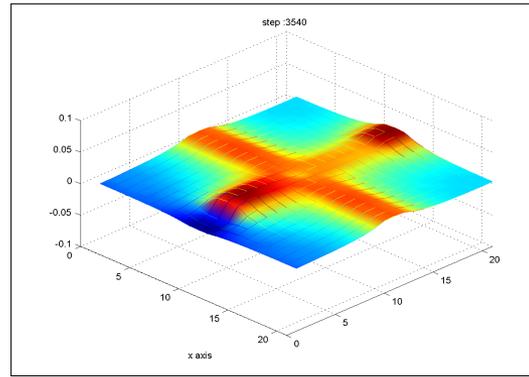
Any type of material boundary shape can be accommodated.

# Summary

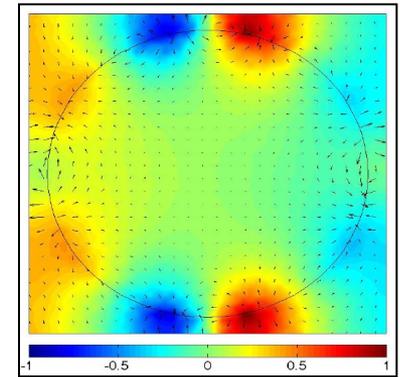
FDTD Analysis  
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Dispersive models

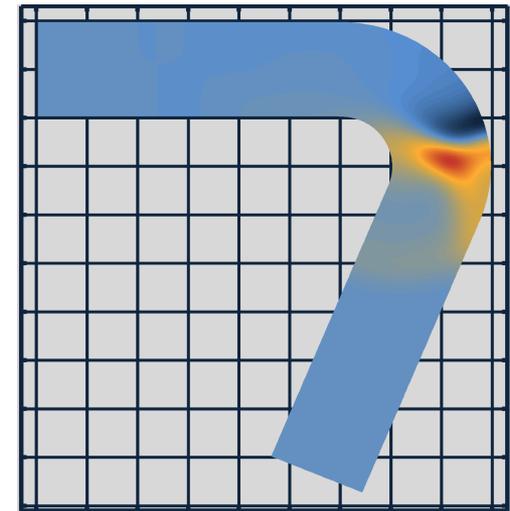
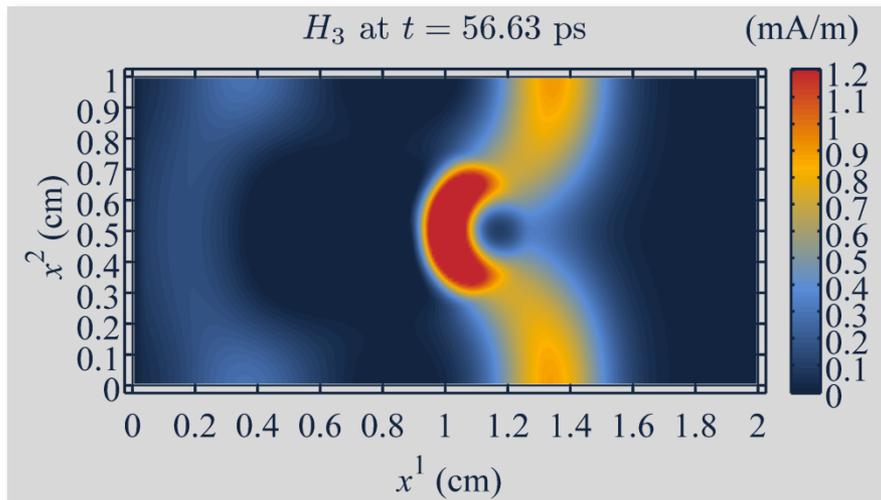


Periodic boundary  
conditions



Plasmonic  
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Methods inspired  
from transformation  
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Space-time coordinate transformations

# Questions ?

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