

# *EM Reflection & Transmission in Layered Media*

*Reading - Shen and Kong - Ch. 4*

## Outline

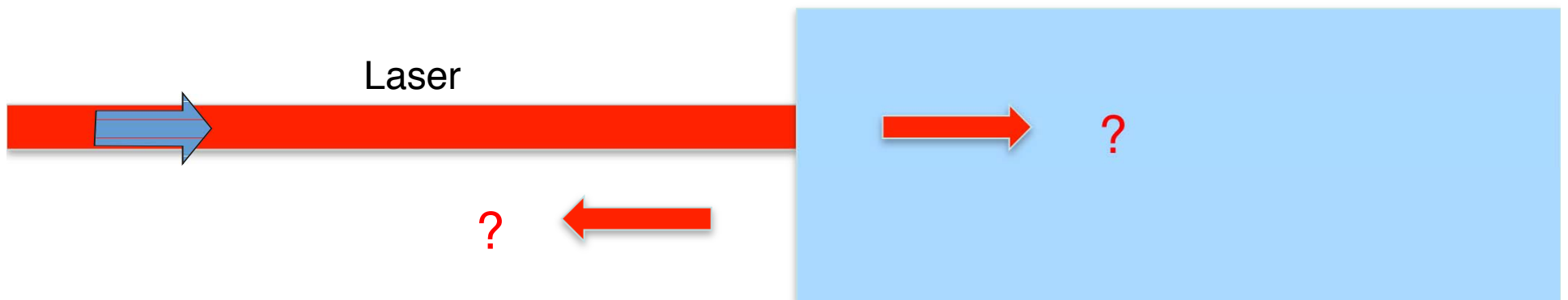
- Review of Reflection and Transmission
- Reflection and Transmission in Layered Media
- Anti-Reflection Coatings
- Optical Resonators
- Use of Gain

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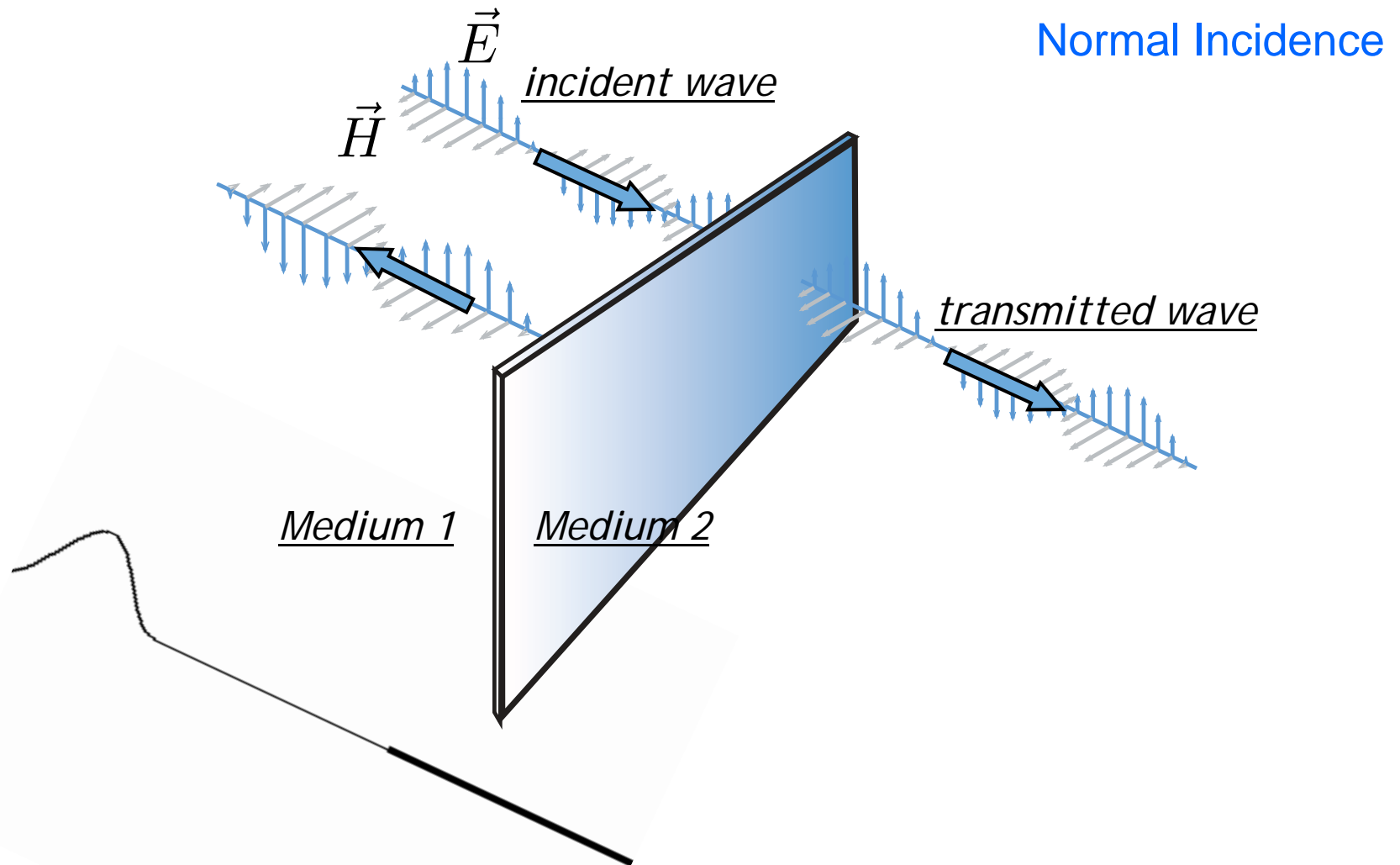
$$r = \frac{E_o^r}{E_o^i} = \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2}$$

$$t = \frac{E_o^t}{E_o^i} = \frac{2n_1}{n_1 + n_2}$$

1. The refractive index of glass is approximately  $n = 1.5$  for visible frequencies. If we shine a 1 mW laser on glass, more than 0.5 mW of the light will be transmitted.



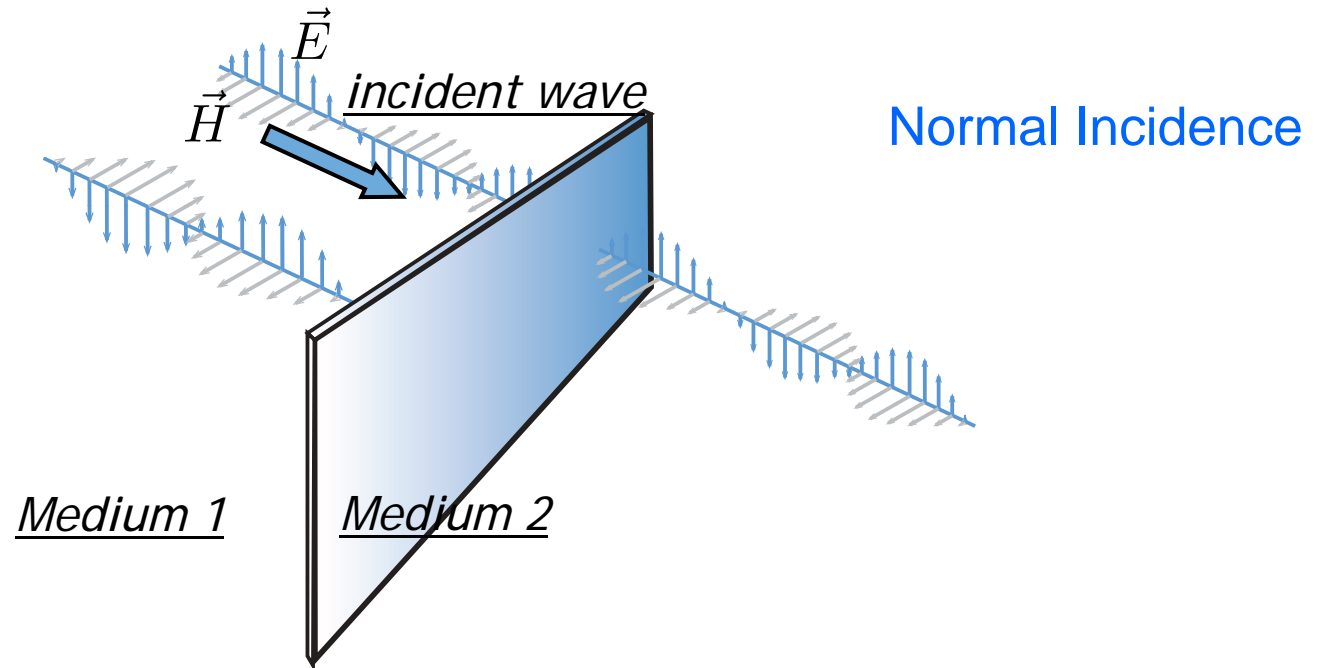
# Reflection & Transmission of EM Waves at Boundaries



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## Incident EM Waves at Boundaries



Incident Wave Known

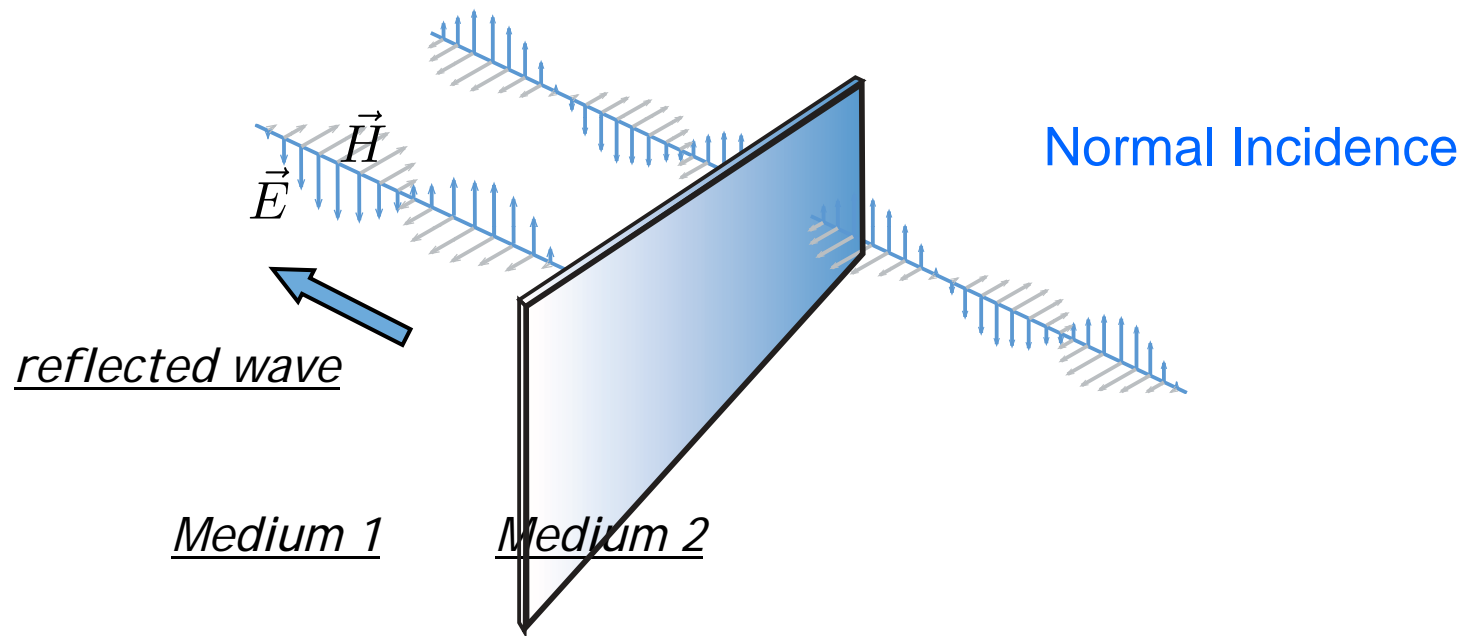
$$\vec{E}_i = \hat{x} E_o^i e^{-jk_1 z}$$

$$\vec{H}_i = \frac{1}{\eta_1} \hat{z} \times \vec{E}_i = \hat{y} \frac{1}{\eta_1} E_o^i e^{-jk_1 z}$$

$$k_1 = \omega \sqrt{\epsilon_1 \mu_1}$$

$$\eta_1 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_1}{\epsilon_1}}$$

## Reflected EM Waves at Boundaries



Reflected Wave

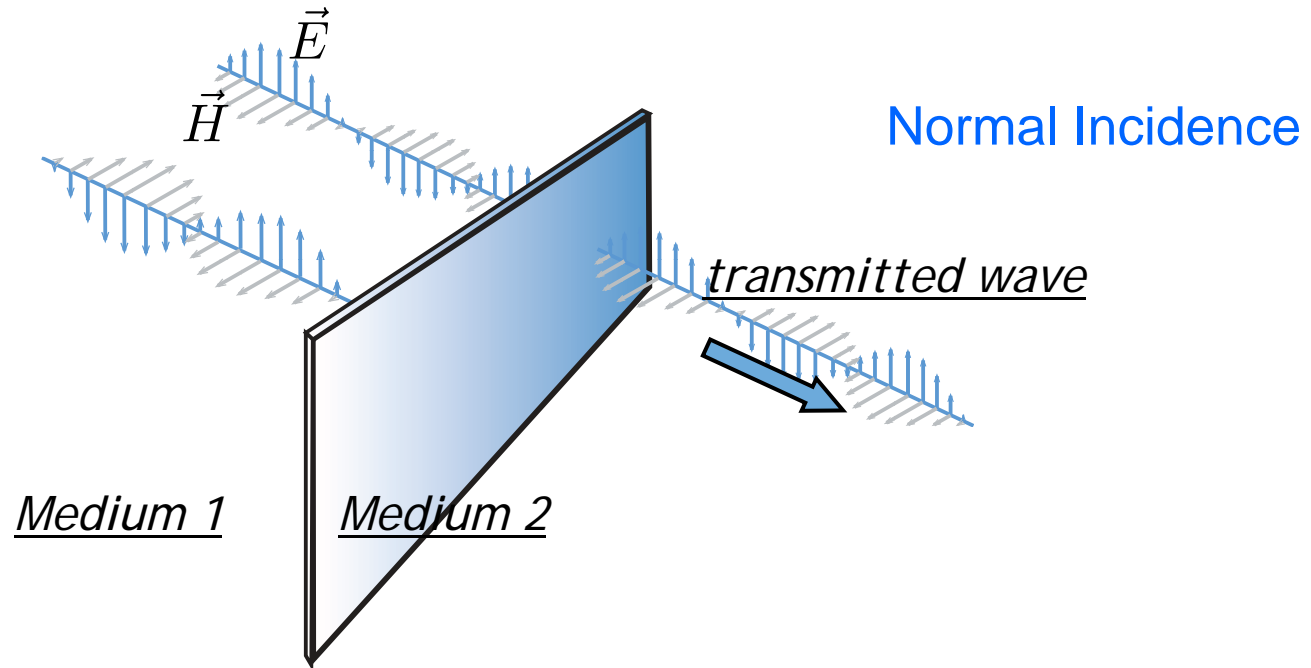
Unknown

DEFINE REFLECTION  
COEFFICIENT AS  $r = \frac{E_o^r}{E_o^i}$

$$\vec{E}_r = \hat{x} E_o^r e^{+jk_1 z}$$

$$\vec{H}_r = \frac{1}{\eta_1} (-\hat{z}) \times \vec{E}_r = -\hat{y} \frac{E_o^r}{\eta_1} e^{+jk_1 z}$$

## Transmitted EM Waves at Boundaries



Transmitted Wave      Unknown

DEFINE TRANSMISSION  
COEFFICIENT AS  $t = \frac{E_o^t}{E_o^i}$

$$\vec{E}_t = \hat{x} E_o^t e^{-jk_2 z}$$

$$\vec{H}_t = \frac{1}{\eta_2} \hat{z} \times \vec{E}_t = \hat{y} \frac{E_o^t}{\eta_2} e^{-jk_2 z}$$

$$k_2 = \omega \sqrt{\epsilon_2 \mu_2}$$

$$\eta_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_2}{\epsilon_2}}$$

## Reflection & Transmission of EM Waves at Boundaries

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{E}_1 &= \vec{E}_i + \vec{E}_r \\ &= \hat{x} \left( E_o^i e^{-jk_1 z} + E_o^r e^{+jk_1 z} \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{E}_2 &= \vec{E}_t \\ &= \hat{x} E_o^t e^{-jk_2 z}\end{aligned}$$

Medium 1

Medium 2

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{H}_1 &= \vec{H}_i + \vec{H}_r \\ &= \hat{y} \left( \frac{E_o^i}{\eta_1} e^{-jk_1 z} - \frac{E_o^r}{\eta_1} e^{+jk_1 z} \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{H}_2 &= \vec{H}_t \\ &= \hat{y} \frac{E_o^t}{\eta_2} e^{-jk_2 z}\end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{E}_1(z=0) = \bar{E}_2(z=0)$$

$$\bar{H}_1(z=0) = \bar{H}_2(z=0)$$

## Reflectivity & Transmissivity of Waves

- Define the *reflection coefficient* as

$$r = \frac{E_o^r}{E_o^i} = \frac{\eta_2 - \eta_1}{\eta_2 + \eta_1} = \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2}$$

- Define the *transmission coefficient* as

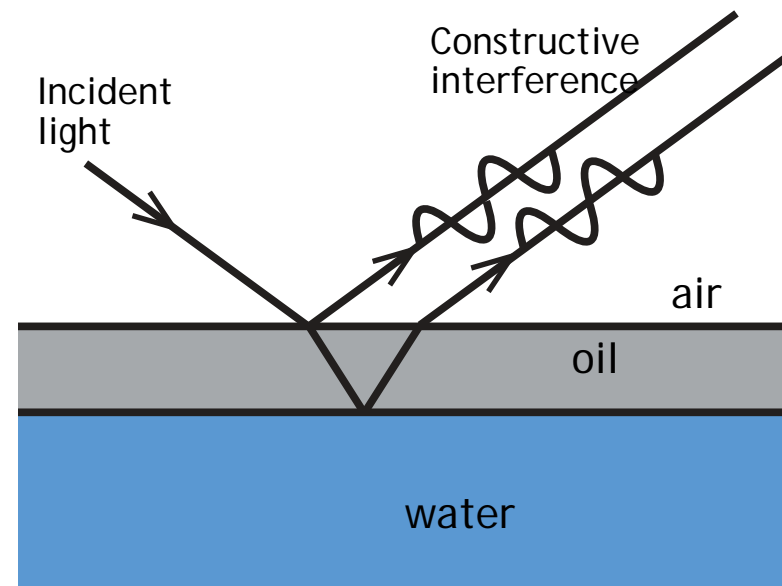
$$t = \frac{E_o^t}{E_o^i} = \frac{2\eta_2}{\eta_2 + \eta_1} = \frac{2n_1}{n_1 + n_2}$$



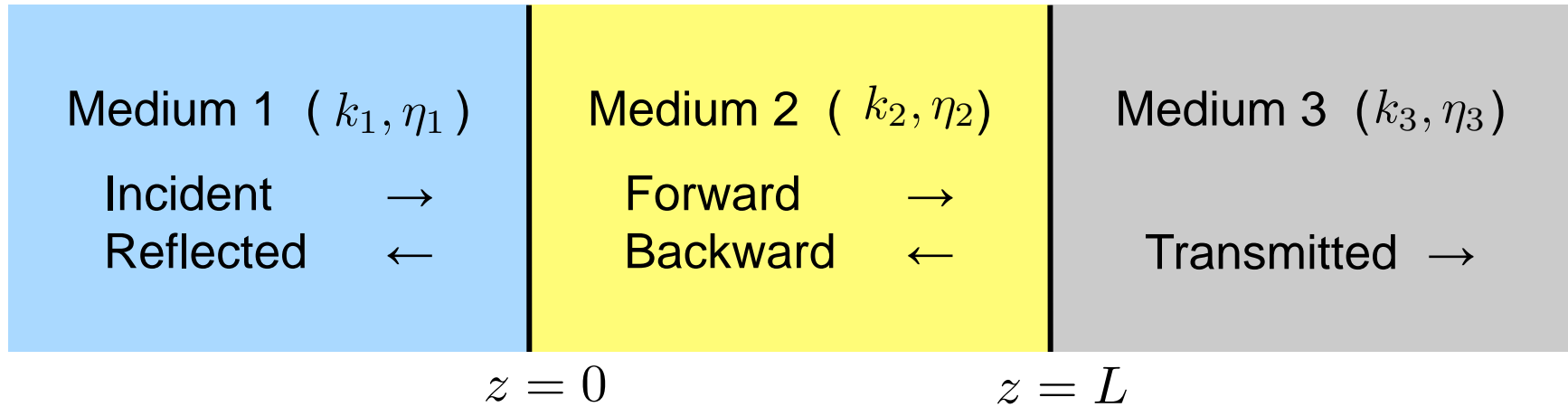
## Thin Film Interference



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## Reflection & Transmission in Layered Media



Incident:  $E_i e^{-jk_1 z}$

Reflected:  $E_r e^{+jk_1 z}$

Forward:  $E_f e^{-jk_2 z}$

Backward:  $E_b e^{+jk_2(z-L)}$

Transmitted:  $E_t e^{-jk_3(z-L)}$

Omit  $e^{j\omega t}$

$$H_{\pm} = \pm E_{\pm} / \eta$$

$$k \equiv \omega \sqrt{\epsilon \mu}$$

$$\eta \equiv \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}}$$

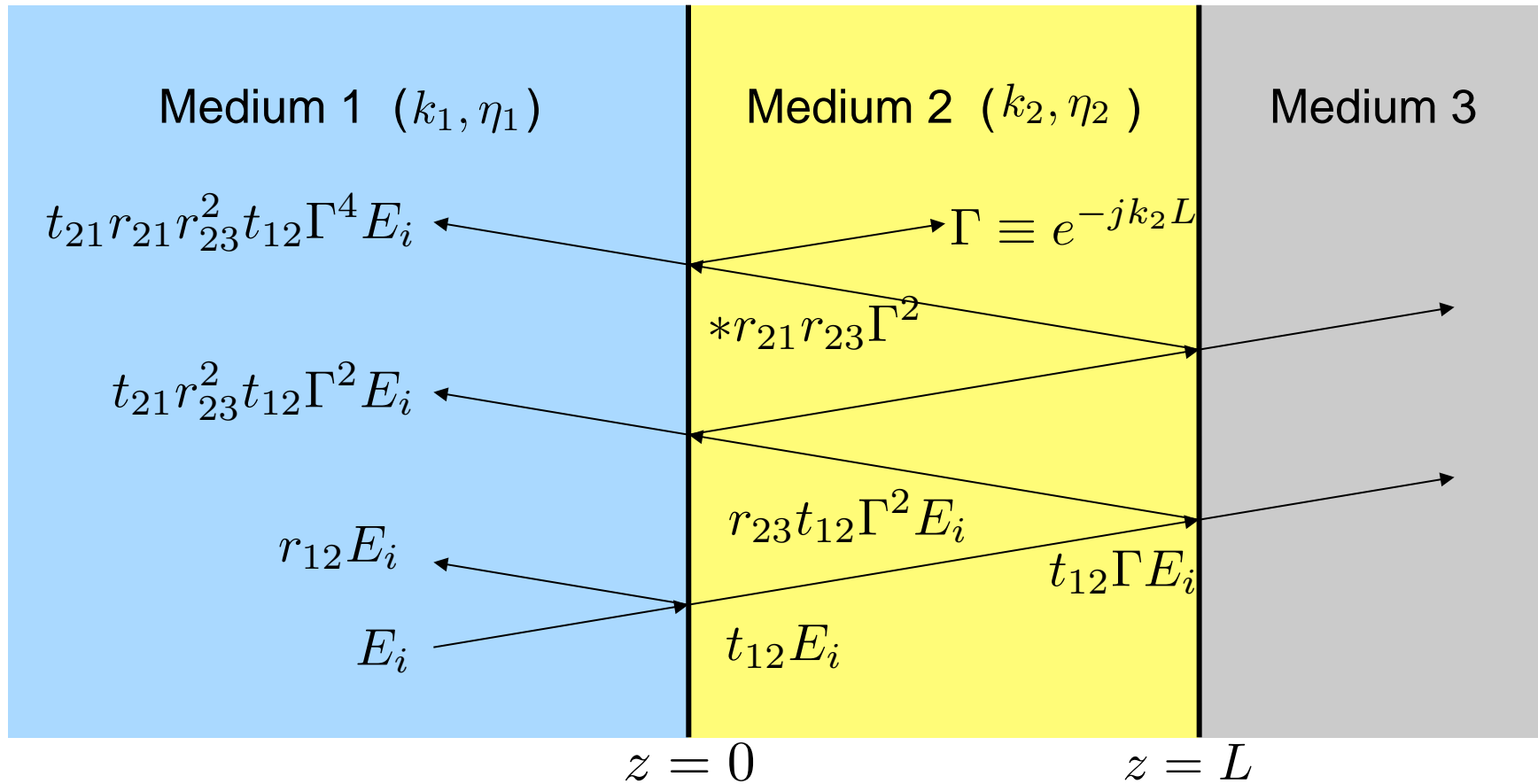
## Reflection & Transmission in Layered Media

Apply boundary conditions ...

- $E$  at  $z = 0 \rightarrow E_i + E_r = E_f + E_b$
- $H$  at  $z = 0 \rightarrow E_i/\eta_1 - E_r/\eta_1 = E_f/\eta_2 - E_b/\eta_2$
- $E$  at  $z = L \rightarrow E_f e^{-jk_2 L} + E_b e^{+jk_2 L} = E_t e^{-jk_3 L}$
- $H$  at  $z = L \rightarrow E_f e^{-jk_2 L} / \eta_2 - E_b e^{+jk_2 L} / \eta_2 = E_t e^{-jk_3 L} / \eta_3$
- ... and solve for  $E_r$ ,  $E_f$ ,  $E_b$  and  $E_t$  as functions of  $E_i$ .

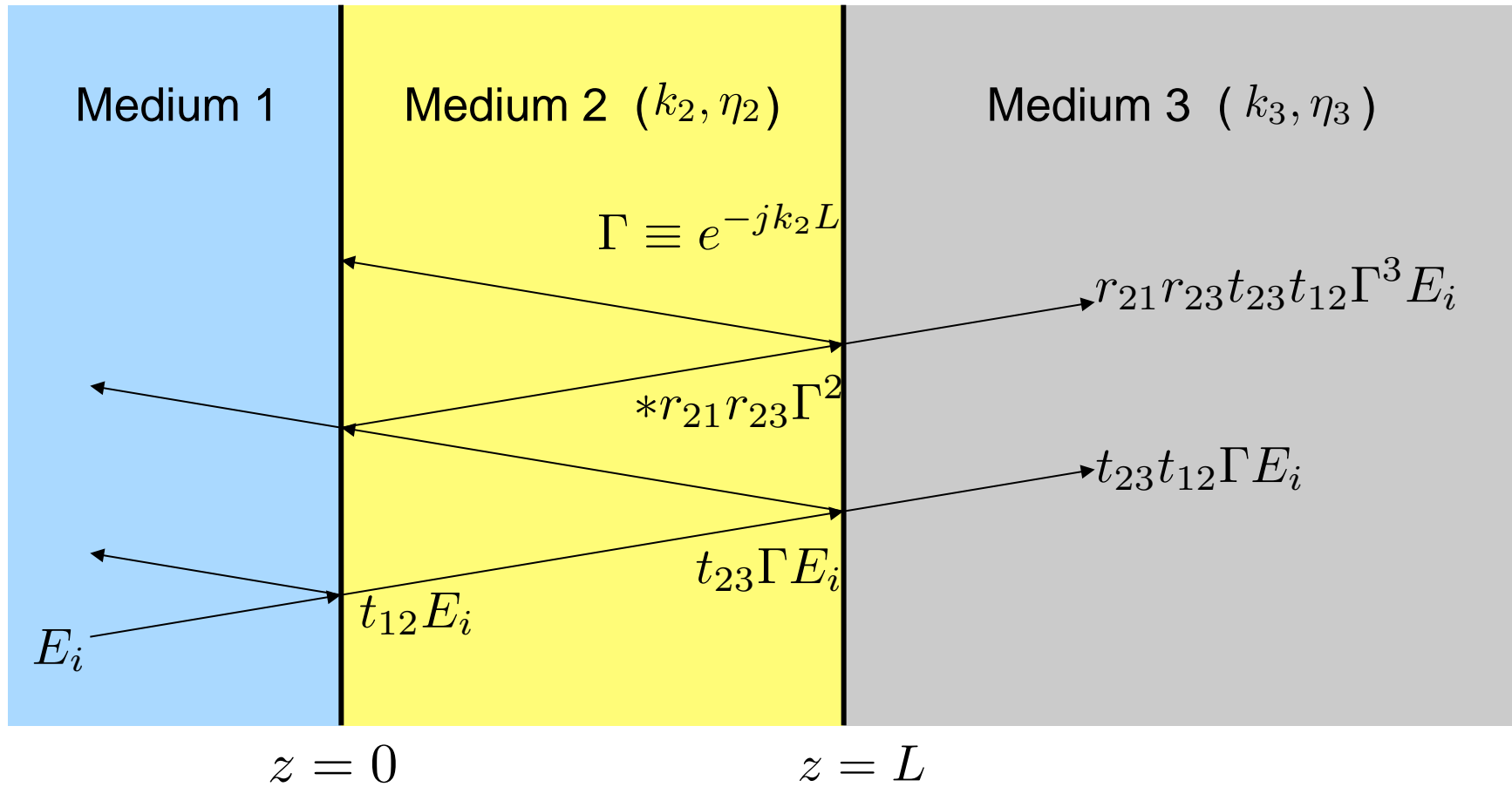
Could “easily” be extended to more layers.

## Reflection by Infinite Series



$$\begin{aligned}
 E_r &= E_i (r_{21} + t_{21} r_{23} t_{12} \Gamma^2 (1 + r_{21} r_{23} \Gamma^2 + r_{21}^2 r_{23}^2 \Gamma^4 \dots)) \\
 &= E_i (r_{21} + t_{21} r_{23} t_{12} \Gamma^2 / (1 - r_{21} r_{23} \Gamma^2))
 \end{aligned}$$

## Transmission by Infinite Series



$$\begin{aligned}
 E_t &= E_i(t_{23}t_{12}\Gamma(1 + r_{21}r_{23}\Gamma^2 + r_{21}^2r_{23}^2\Gamma^4 \dots)) \\
 &= E_it_{23}t_{21}\Gamma/(1 - r_{21}r_{23}\Gamma^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

## *Is Zero Reflection Possible?*

One could solve for conditions under which ...

- $E_r = 0$  ... no reflected wave
- $|E_t|^2/\eta_3 = |E_i|^2/\eta_1$  ... transmitted wave carries incident power

and then determine conditions on  $L$  and  $\eta_2$  for which there is no reflection, for example. This would yield the design of an anti-reflection coating.

Or, one could use generalized impedances ...



# Today's Culture Moment

## GPS

The Global Positioning System (GPS) is a constellation of 24 Earth-orbiting satellites. The orbits are arranged so that at any time, anywhere on Earth, there are at least four satellites "visible" in the sky. GPS operations depend on a very accurate time reference; each GPS satellite has atomic clocks on board.



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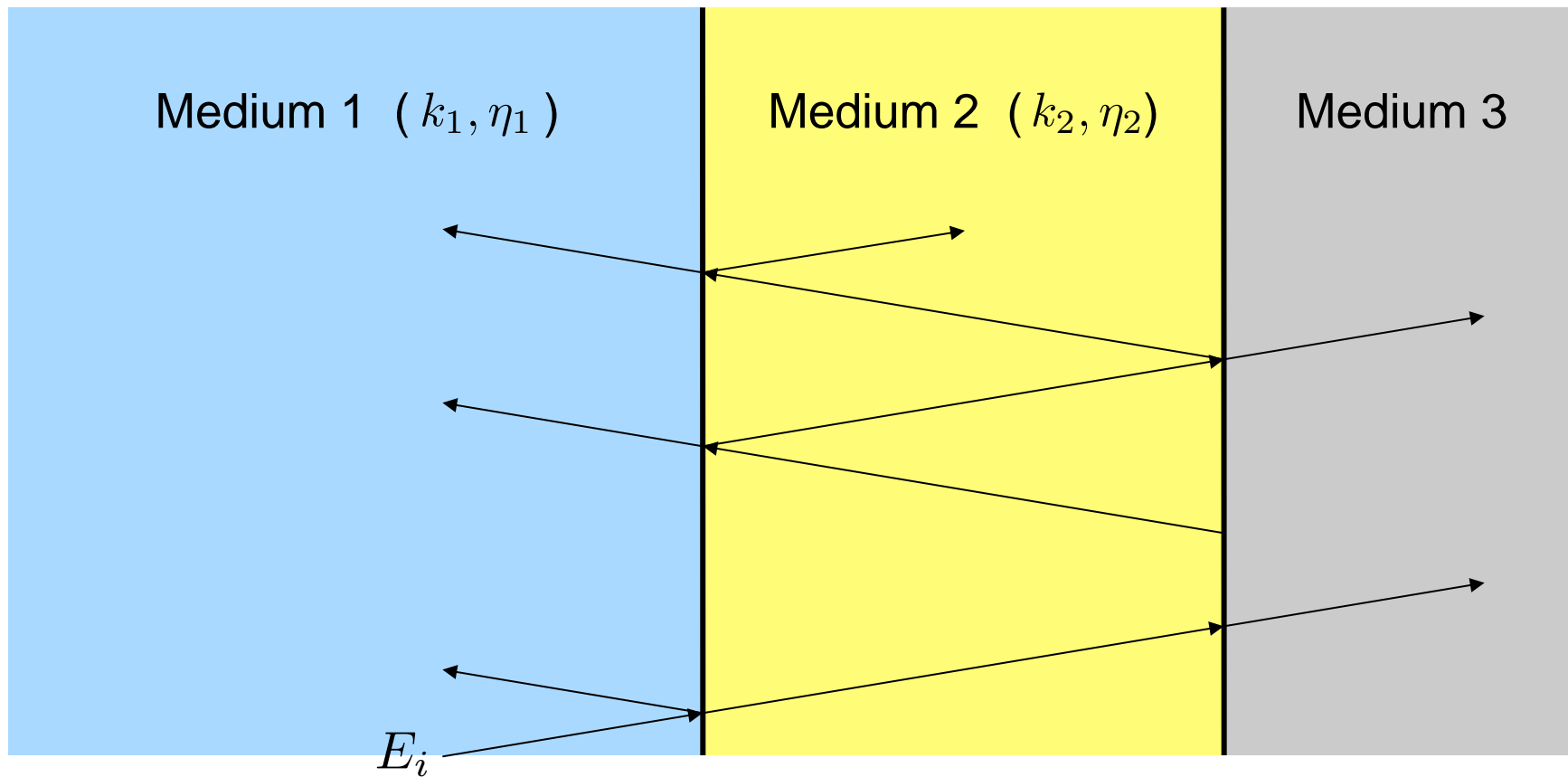
**Galileo** - a global system being developed by the European Union and other partner countries, planned to be operational by 2014

**Beidou** - People's Republic of China's regional system, covering Asia and the West Pacific

**COMPASS** - People's Republic of China's global system, planned to be operational by 2020

**GLONASS** - Russia's global navigation system

# Reflection and Transmission by an Infinite Series



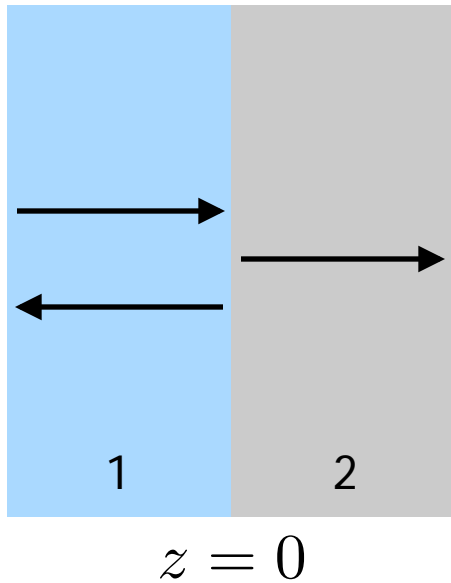
$$E_r = E_i(r_{12} + t_{21}r_{23}t_{12}\Gamma^2/(1 - r_{21}r_{23}\Gamma^2)) \quad \Gamma \equiv e^{-jk_2L}$$

$$E_t = E_i(t_{23}t_{12}\Gamma/(1 - r_{21}r_{23}\Gamma^2))$$

How do we get zero reflection?



## Generalized Impedance



Define a spatially-dependent impedance

$$\eta(z) = -\frac{E(z)}{H(z)}$$

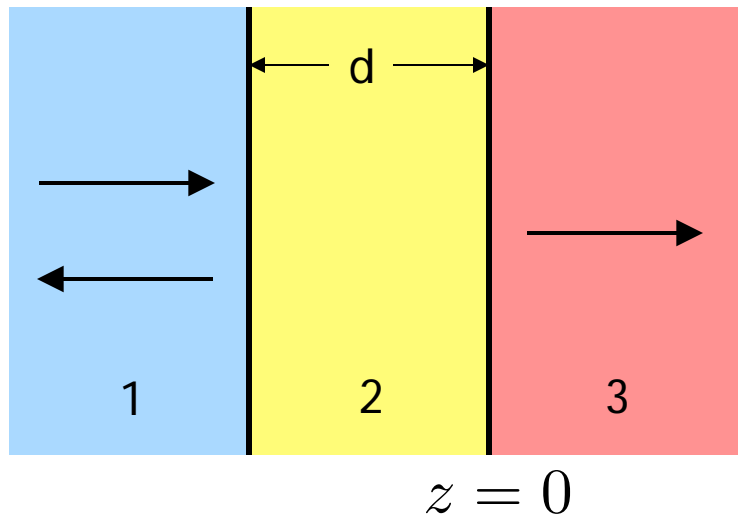
In region 1 ( $z < 0$ ) we have

$$\eta_1(z) = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_1}{\epsilon_1} \frac{e^{-jkz} + re^{jkz}}{e^{-jkz} - re^{jkz}}}$$

In region 2 ( $z > 0$ ) we have

$$\eta_2(z) = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_2}{\epsilon_2}}$$

## Generalized Impedance



The incident wave in region 1 now sees an impedance of regions 2 and 3:

$$\eta(-d) = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_2}{\epsilon_2} \frac{e^{jk_2 d} + r_{23} e^{-jk_2 d}}{e^{jk_2 d} - r_{23} e^{-jk_2 d}}}$$

Reflection of incident wave can be eliminated if we match impedance

$$\eta(-d) = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_1}{\epsilon_1}}$$

## Matching Impedances

We need

$$\sqrt{\frac{\mu_1}{\epsilon_1}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_2}{\epsilon_2} \frac{e^{jk_2d} + r_{23}e^{-jk_2d}}{e^{jk_2d} - r_{23}e^{-jk_2d}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_2}{\epsilon_2} \frac{1 + r_{23}e^{-2jk_2d}}{1 - r_{23}e^{-2jk_2d}}}$$

For lossless material,  $\epsilon$  and  $\mu$  are real, so only choices are

$$e^{2jk_2d} = \pm 1$$

Choose -1 and obtain ... requires  $d = \lambda/4n_2$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\mu_1}{\epsilon_1}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_2}{\epsilon_2} \frac{1 - r_{23}}{1 + r_{23}}}$$

## Matching Impedances

Consider impedance at  $z = 0$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\mu_2}{\epsilon_2} \frac{1+r_{23}}{1-r_{23}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_3}{\epsilon_3}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1+r_{23}}{1-r_{23}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_3}{\epsilon_3}} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_2}{\mu_2}}$$

So, we can eliminate the reflection as long as

$$\sqrt{\frac{\mu_1}{\epsilon_1}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_2}{\epsilon_2}} \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu_2}{\epsilon_2}} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_3}{\mu_3}} \right) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\mu_2}{\epsilon_2} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_1 \mu_3}{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_3}}$$

$$\eta_2 \cdot \eta_2 = \eta_1 \cdot \eta_3$$

$$(n_2)^2 = n_1 n_3$$

# Anti-reflection Coating

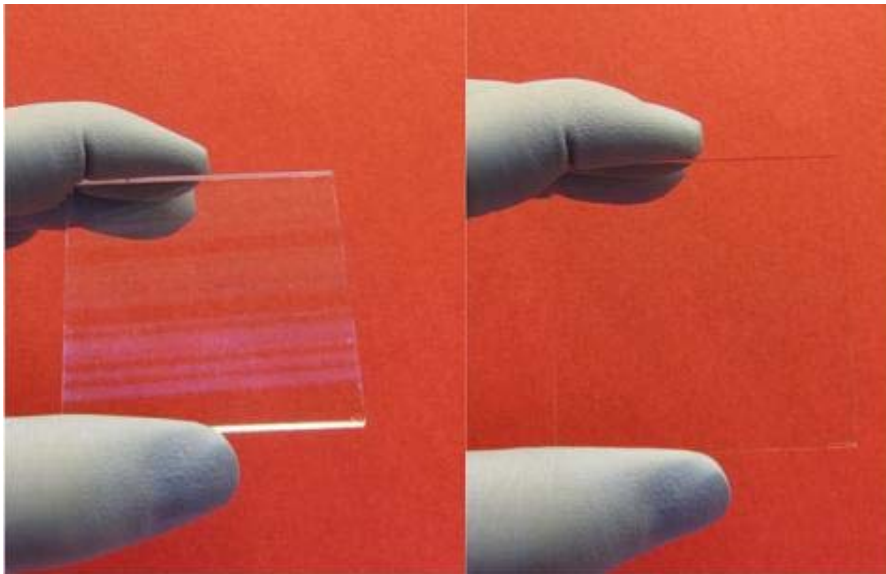
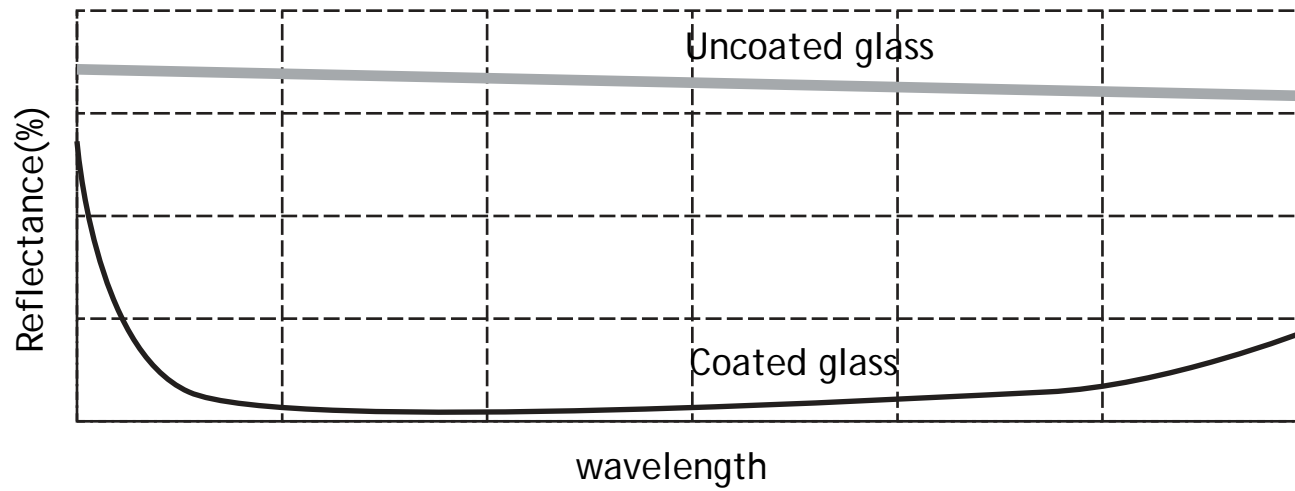
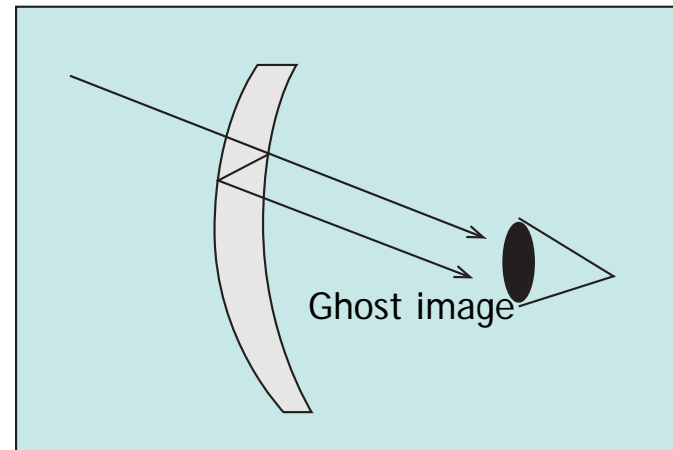
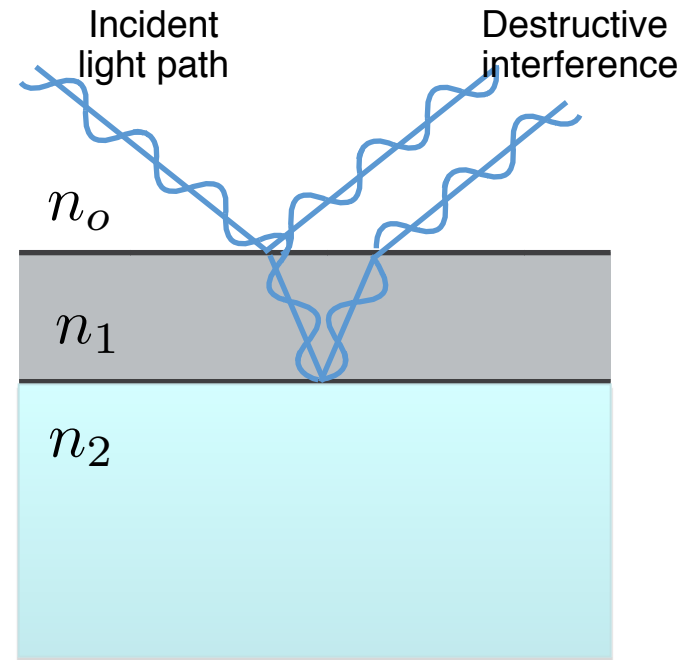
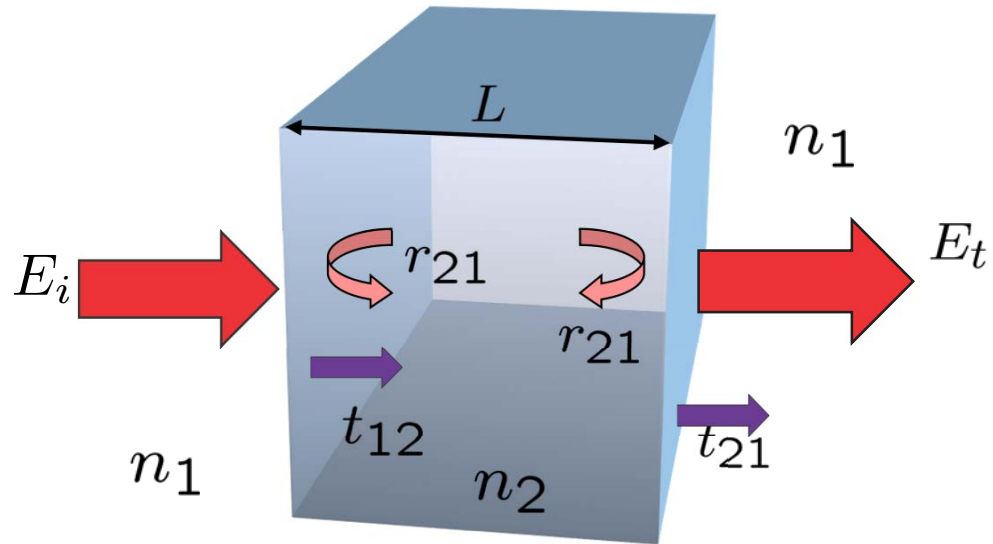


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# Everyday Anti-Reflection Coatings



## Transmission Again

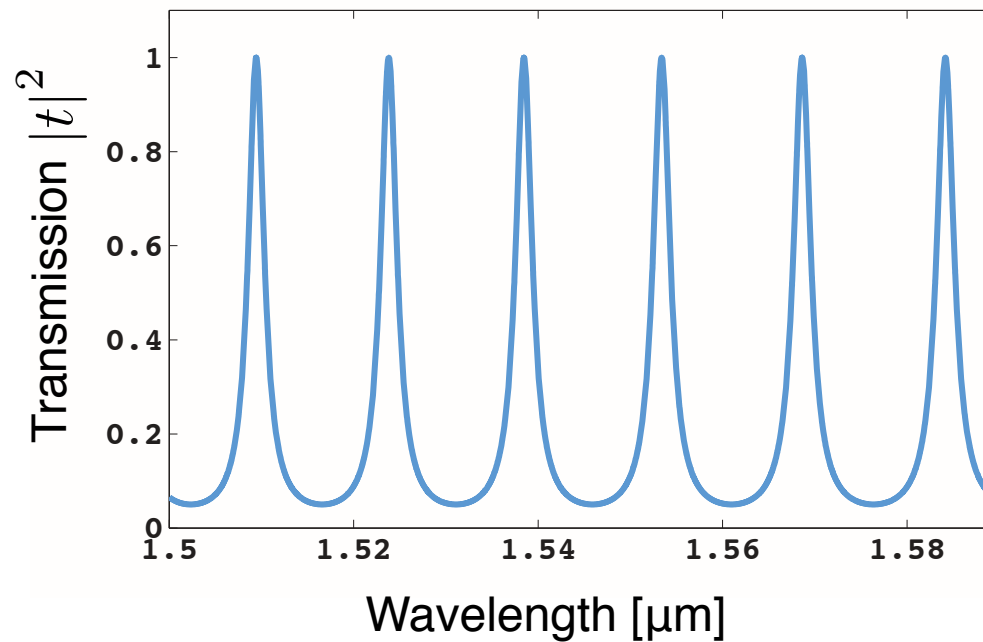


Transmitted Wave from a few slides ago

$$E_t = \frac{E_i t_{21} t_{12} e^{-jk_2 L}}{1 - r_{21} r_{21} e^{-j2k_2 L}}$$

## Fabry-Perot Resonance

$$t = \frac{t_{12}t_{21} e^{-jkL}}{1 - r_{12}r_{21} e^{-2jkL}}$$



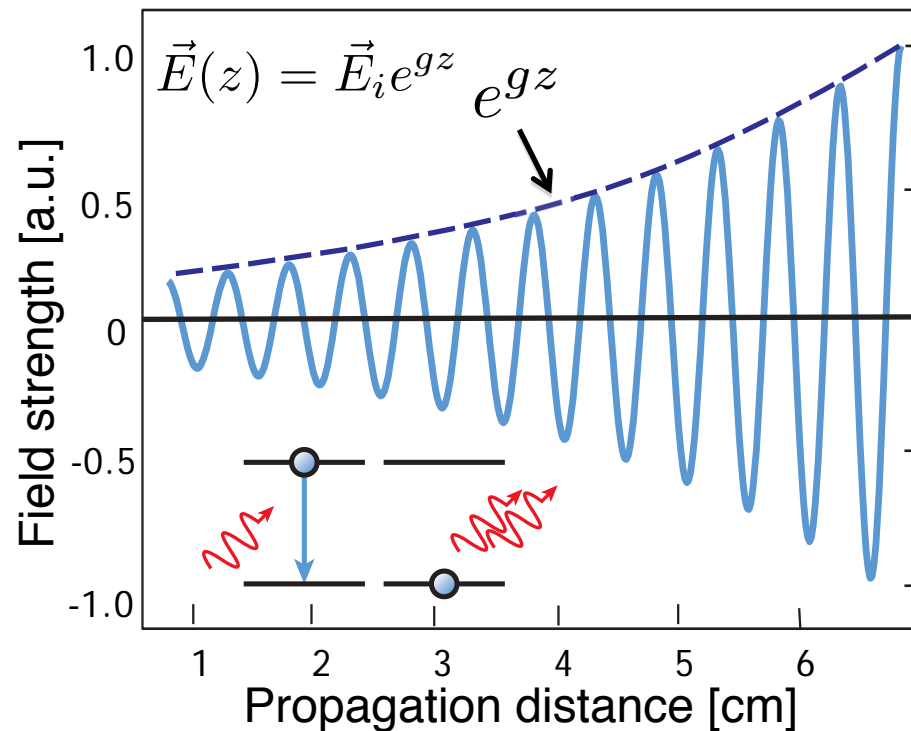
Fabry-Perot Resonance:  $e^{-2jk_2L} = 1$  maximum transmission

$e^{-2jk_2L} = -1$  minimum reflection



## Resonators with Internal Gain

What if it was possible to make a material with “negative absorption” so the field grew in magnitude as it passed through a material?



$$\frac{E_t}{E_i} = \frac{\tilde{t}_1 \tilde{t}_2 e^{-jkL}}{1 - \tilde{r}_1 \tilde{r}_2 e^{-2jkL}} = \frac{\tilde{t}_1 \tilde{t}_2 e^{-jk_r L} e^{-gL}}{1 - \tilde{r}_1 \tilde{r}_2 e^{-2jk_r L} e^{-2gL}}$$

Resonance:  
 $e^{2jkL} = 1$

## Laser Using Fabre-Perot Cavity

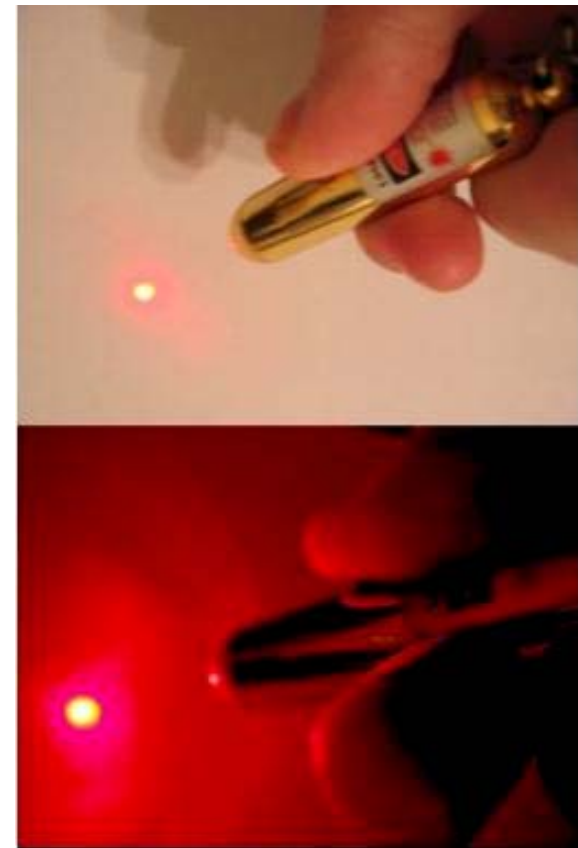
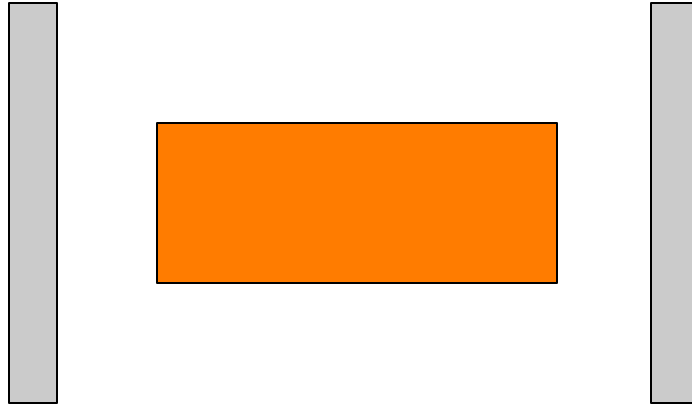
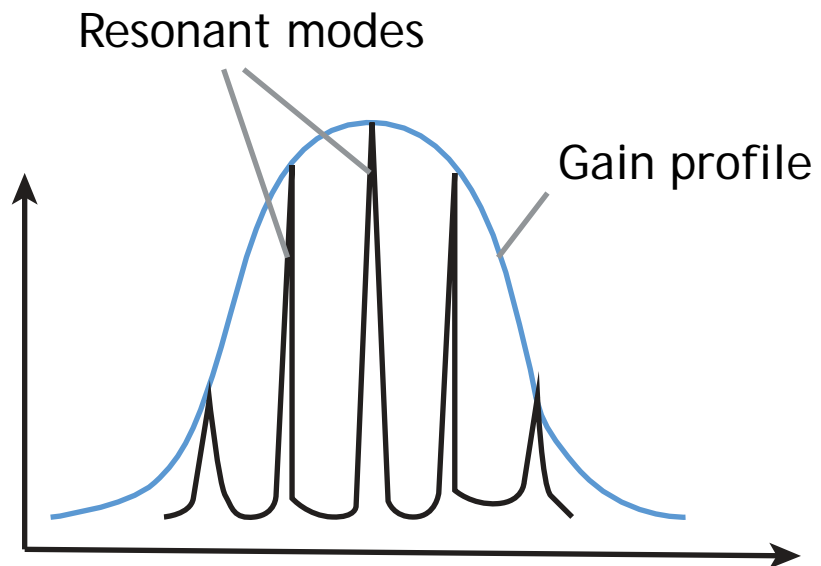


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# Key Takeaways

Reflection and Transmission by an Infinite Series

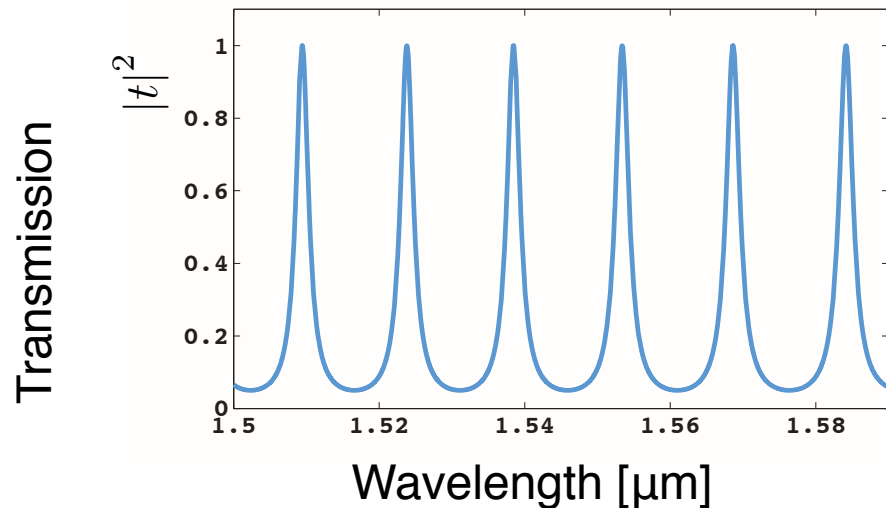
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Anti-reflective coatings by impedance matching:

$$d = \lambda/4n_2$$

$$(n_2)^2 = n_1n_3$$



Fabry-Perot Resonance

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