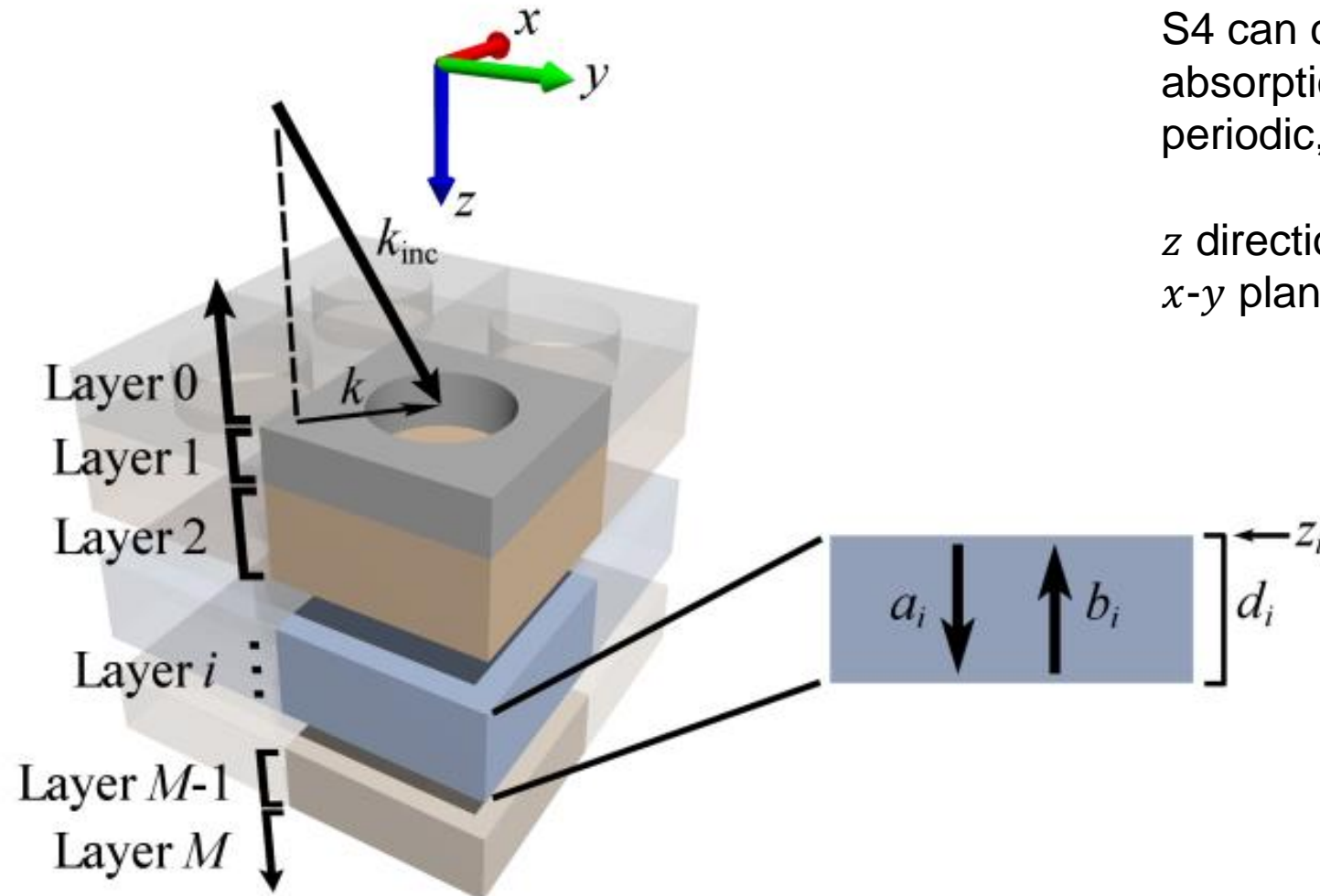


S4 Tutorial

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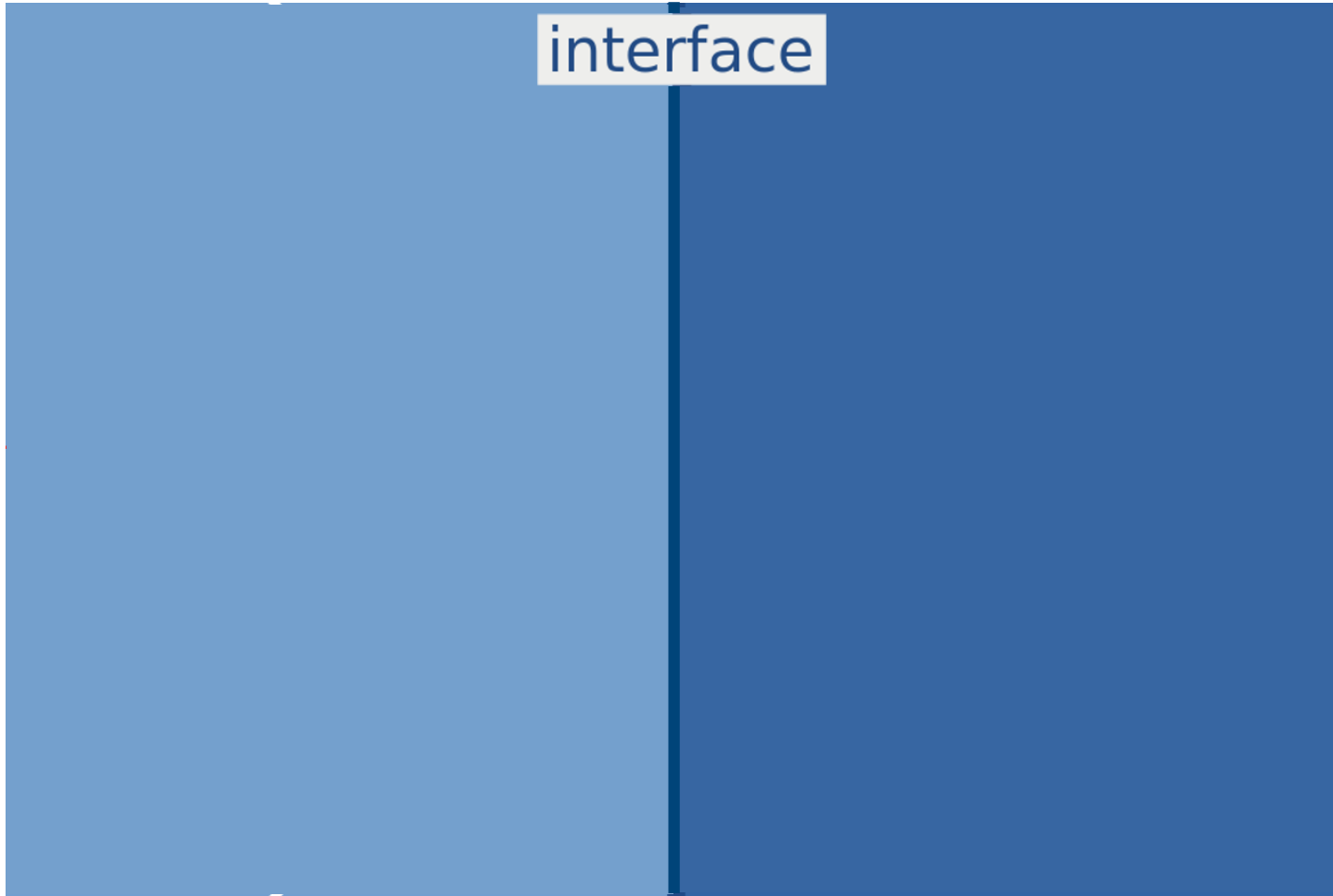
S4 – Stanford Stratified Structure Solver



S4 can compute transmission, reflection, or absorption spectra of structures composed of periodic, patterned, planar layers.

z direction: layered media
 x - y plane: periodic patterns

Example 1: Plane Wave Incident on Air-Glass Interface



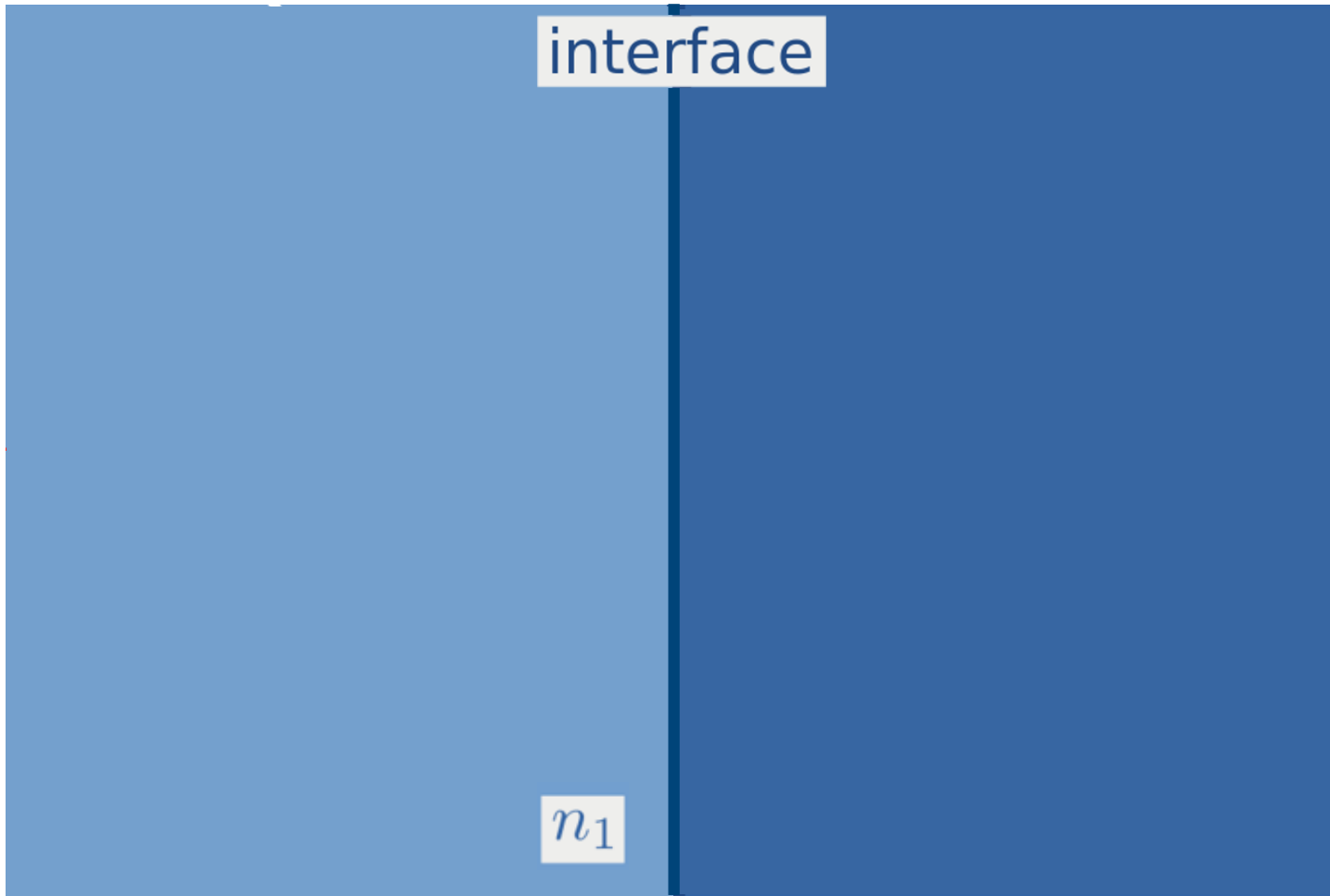
Reflectance R :

the fraction of the incident power that is reflected from the interface

Law of reflection

$$\theta_i = \theta_r,$$

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Transmittance T :

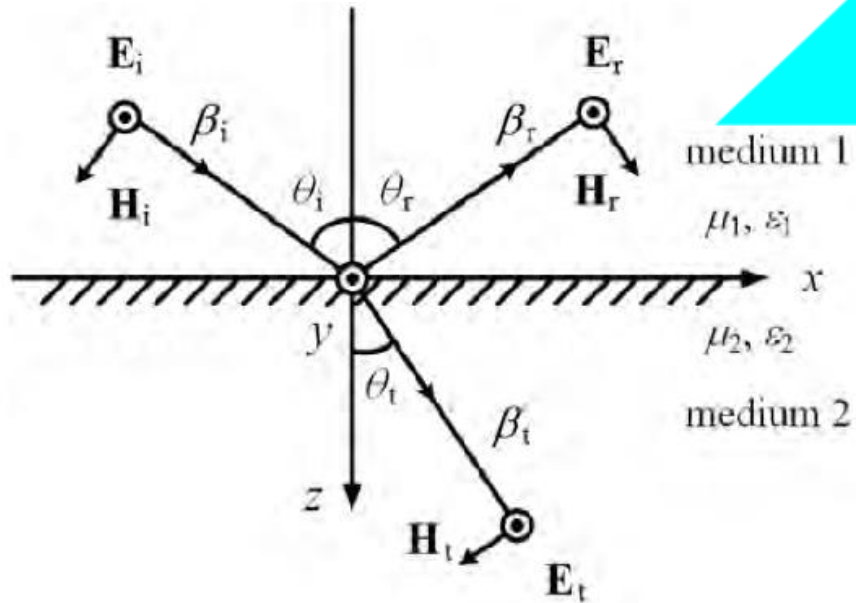
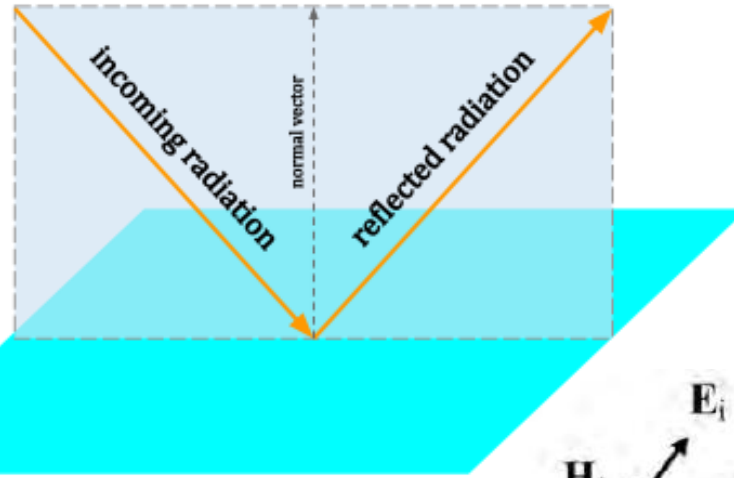
the fraction of the incident power that is refracted into the second medium

Snell's law

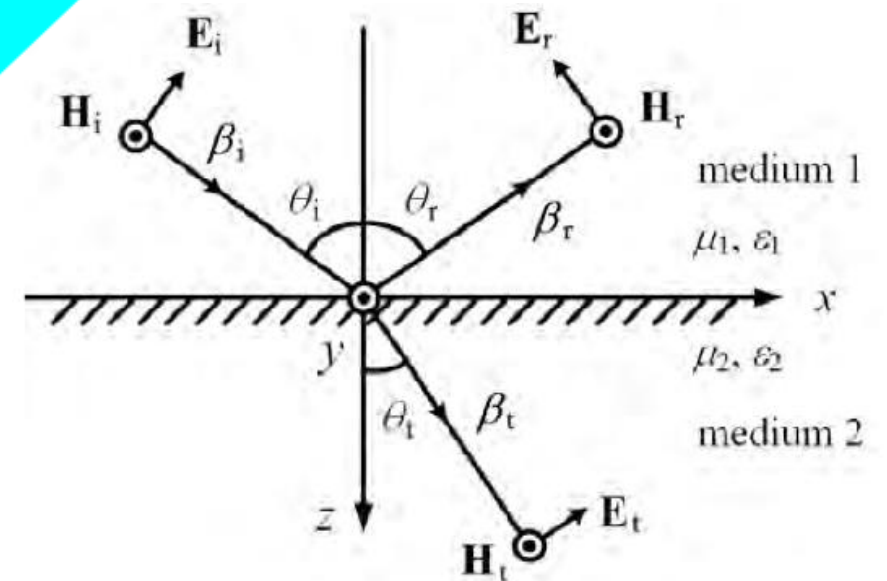
$$n_1 \sin \theta_i = n_2 \sin \theta_t.$$

s-/p- polarization

plane of incidence



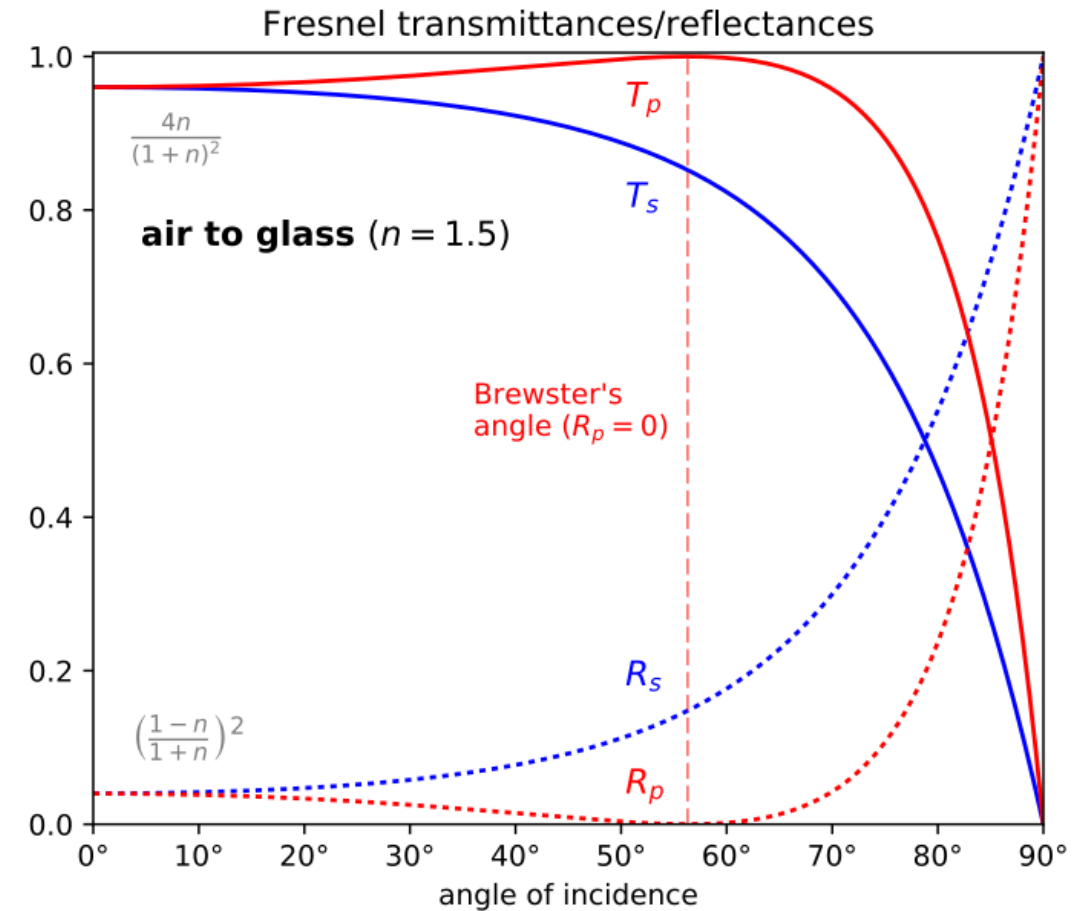
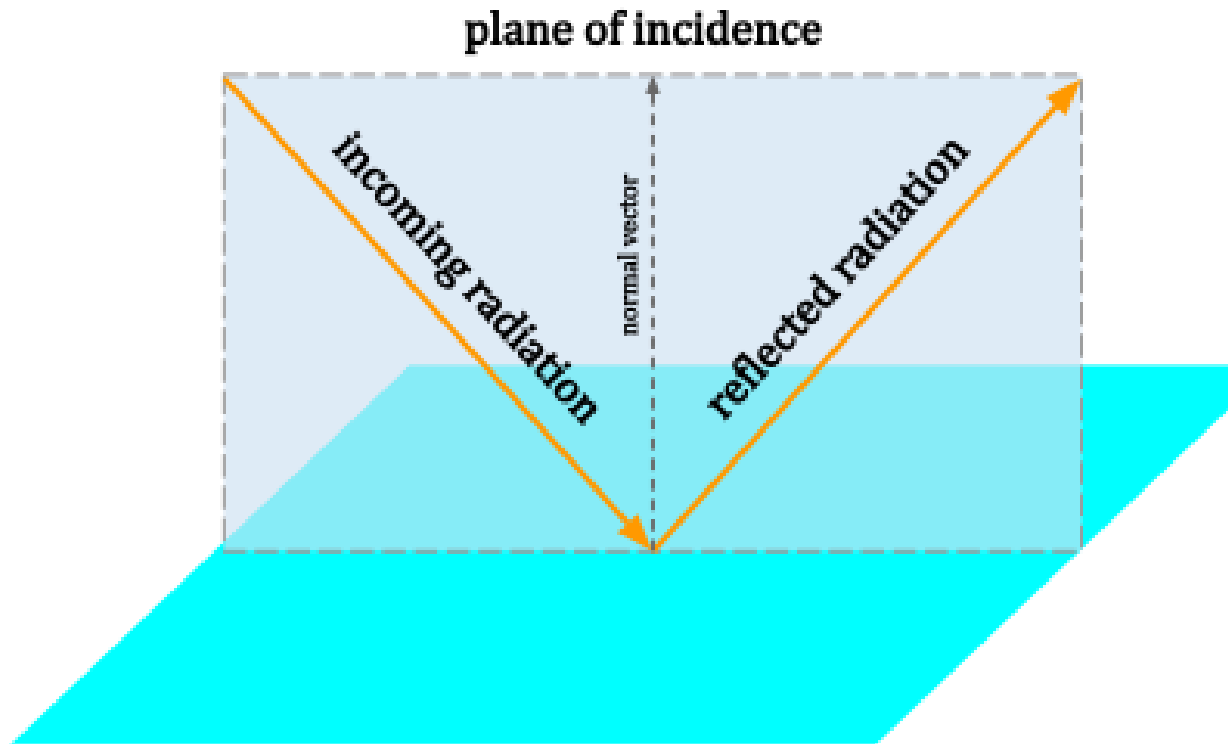
s polarization (TE):
electric field is perpendicular to the plane of incidence



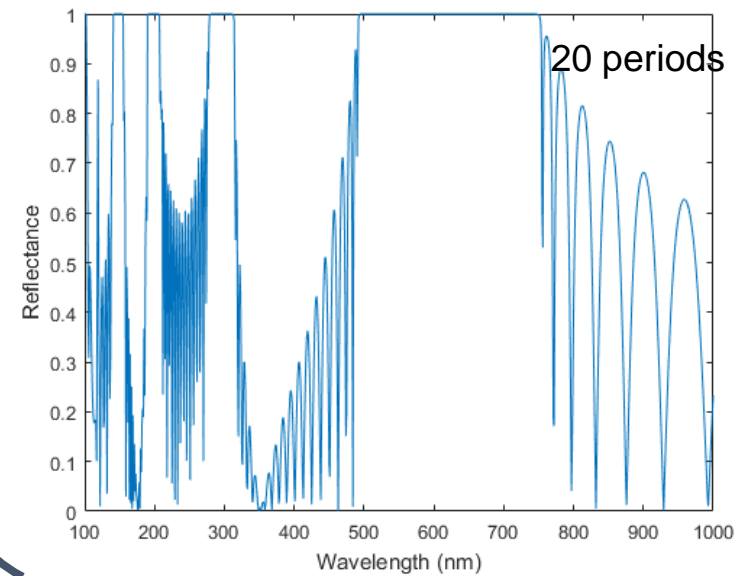
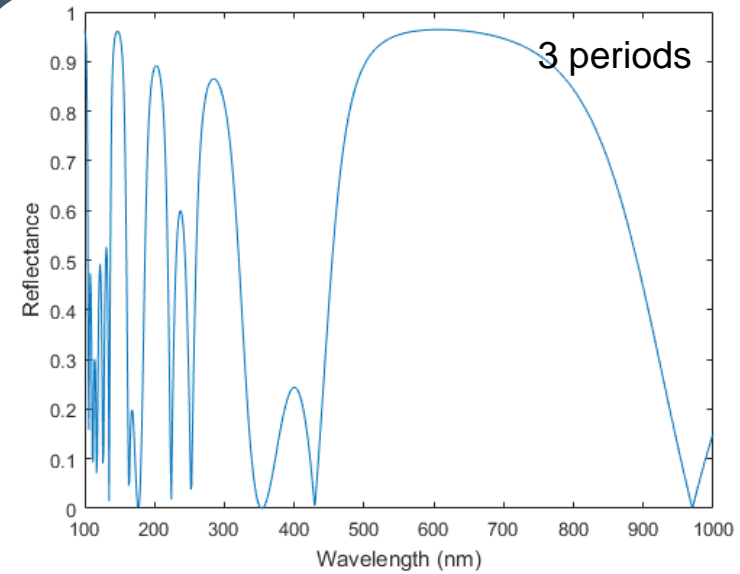
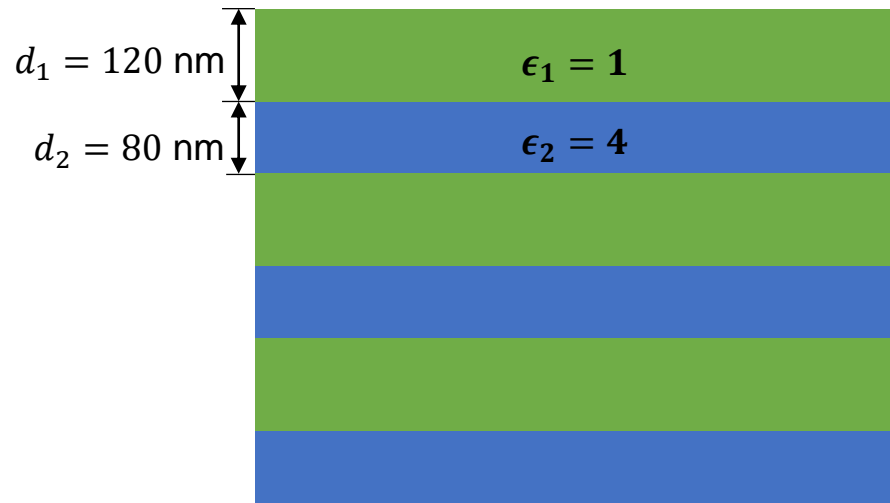
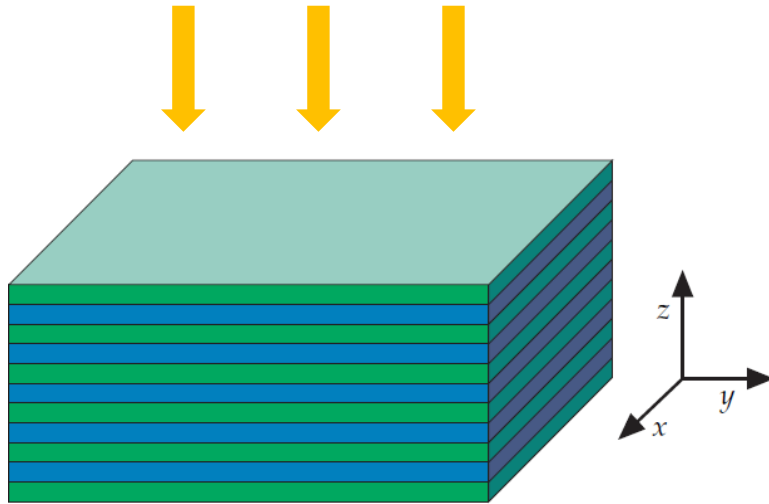
p polarization (TM):
electric field is parallel to the plane of incidence

Example 1: Plane Wave Incident on Air-Glass Interface

$$R_s = \left| \frac{n_1 \cos \theta_i - n_2 \cos \theta_t}{n_1 \cos \theta_i + n_2 \cos \theta_t} \right|^2 \quad R_p = \left| \frac{n_1 \cos \theta_t - n_2 \cos \theta_i}{n_1 \cos \theta_t + n_2 \cos \theta_i} \right|^2$$



Example 2: 1D Photonic Crystal



Graphical Interface vs. Control File

Obtain a new simulation object.
Set the lattice and number of basis functions.

```
coordinate of the first lattice base vector: (x1= 270 nm, y1= 0 nm)
coordinate of the second lattice base vector: (x2= 0 nm, y2= 270 nm)
```

Materials | Layers | Simulation |

Max Fourier expansion orders: 50

```
1 S = S4.NewSimulation() -- create new simulation object
2 S:SetLattice({3.000000,0.000000}, -- lattice basis vector (x1,y1)
3           {0.000000,3.000000}) -- lattice basis vector (x2,y2)
4 S:SetNumG(50) -- number of basis functions
```

Define all materials.

Materials | Layers | Simulation |

Select the Number of Materials: 2

Material #1 | Material #2 |

Category: vacuum

vacuum

Symbol: vacuum
Description: vacuum has the relative permittivity with real part = 1 and imaginary part = 0 for all wavelength.
Range (nm): 1 ~ 3000

```
6 S:AddMaterial("vacuum", -- material name
7           {1.000000,0.000000}) -- real and imag parts of permittivity
8 S:AddMaterial("material_2", {4.000000,0.000000})
```

Materials | Layers | Simulation |

Select the Number of Materials: 2

Material #1 | Material #2 |

Category: Set the this material manually

Set maaterial manually

Relative Permittivity: (real = 4 , imag = 0)

Graphical Interface vs. Control File

Create array before sweeping over all frequencies.

The wavelength range is: min= 100nm , max= 1000nm , step= 2nm

```
32 frequency = {0.900000, 0.882353, 0.865385, 0.849057, 0.833333, 0.818182, 0.803571, 0.789474, 0.775862, 0.762712,...}
33 real_eps_1 = {1.000000, 1.000000, 1.000000, 1.000000, 1.000000, 1.000000, 1.000000, 1.000000, 1.000000, 1.000000,...}
34 imag_eps_1 = {0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000,...}
35
36 real_eps_2 = {4.000000, 4.000000, 4.000000, 4.000000, 4.000000, 4.000000, 4.000000, 4.000000, 4.000000, 4.000000,...}
37 imag_eps_2 = {0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000,...}
```

```
39 for i = 1, 451 do
40     freq = frequency[i];
41     S:SetFrequency(freq)
42
43     S:SetMaterial('vacuum', {real_eps_1[i], imag_eps_1[i]});
44     S:SetMaterial('material_2', {real_eps_2[i], imag_eps_2[i]});
45
46     incidence_flux, reflection_flux_vacuum = S:GetPoyntingFlux('Layer_Above', -- layer in which to get Poynting flux
47     0.000000) -- z-offset
48     reflection_flux_vacuum = (-1) * reflection_flux_vacuum / incidence_flux; -- normalize reflection flux by incidence flux
49
50     transmission_flux = S:GetPoyntingFlux('Layer_Below', 0.000000)
51     transmission_flux_vacuum = transmission_flux / incidence_flux; -- normalize transmission flux by incidence flux
52
53     incidence_flux_vacuum = incidence_flux / incidence_flux; -- normalize incidence flux itself
54
55     print(freq .. '\t' .. incidence_flux_vacuum .. '\t' .. reflection_flux_vacuum .. '\t' .. transmission_flux_vacuum);
56 end
```

Loop over all frequencies

Specify the operating frequency

Reset material properties (for dispersive media)

Obtain desired output

Print output

FAQ: Reduced Unit

In S4, the speed of light is assumed to be 1. Then $f = 1/\lambda$.

```
reduced units -> period: default
                        type in a number or the word "default".
                        Default means to set the period to 0.9 * wavelength_min.
                        If you set it to 1, the frequency will have a unit of c/nm, where c is the speed of light.
```

By setting “default”, normalization constant = $0.9 \times \lambda_{min} = 0.9 \times 100nm = 90nm$

Wavelength = $100nm, 102nm, 104nm, \dots, 998nm, 1000nm$

Wavelength in reduced unit = $\frac{100}{90}, \frac{102}{90}, \frac{104}{90}, \dots, \frac{998}{90}, \frac{1000}{90}$

Frequency in reduced unit = $\frac{90}{100}, \frac{90}{102}, \frac{90}{104}, \dots, \frac{90}{998}, \frac{90}{1000}$

frequency = {0.900000, 0.882353, 0.865385, 0.849057, 0.833333, 0.818182, 0.803571, 0.789474, 0.775862, 0.762712, ...}

FAQ: Reduced Unit

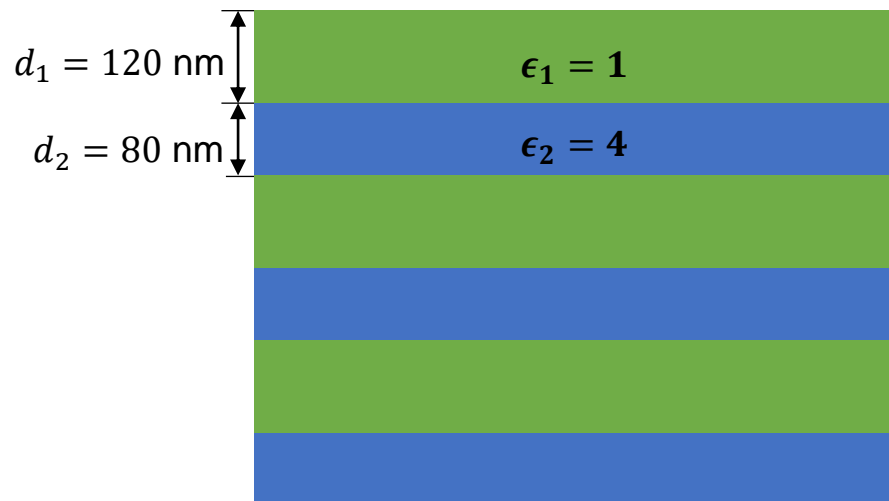
$$\text{Basis vector coordinate } \frac{270\text{nm}}{90\text{nm}} = 3$$

```
coordinate of the first lattice base vector: (x1= 270 nm, y1= 0 nm)  
coordinate of the second lattice base vector: (x2= 0 nm, y2= 270 nm)
```

```
S:SetLattice({3.000000,0.000000},{0.000000,3.000000})
```

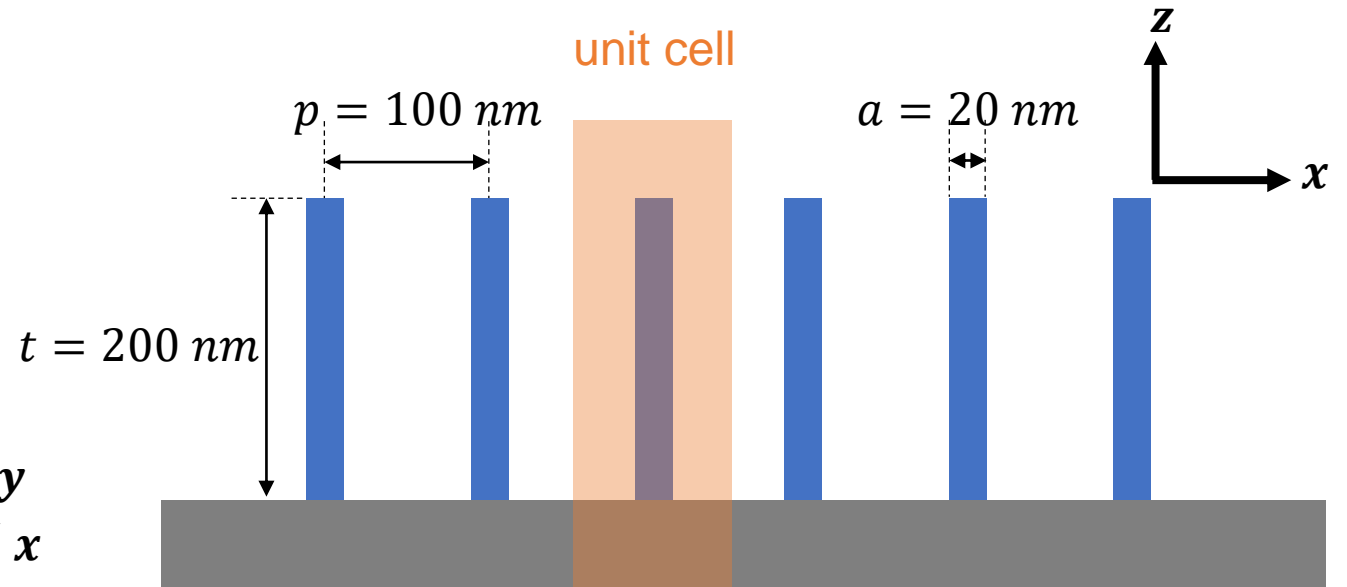
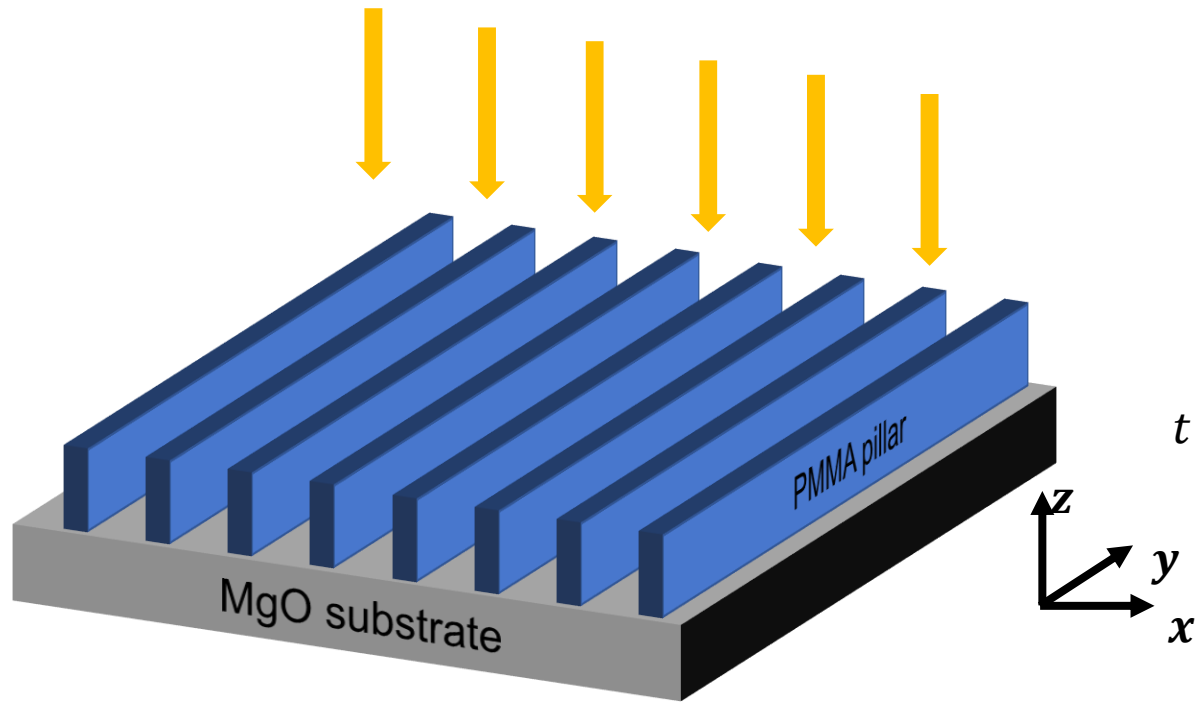
Layer thickness: $d_1 = 120\text{nm}$, $d_2 = 80\text{nm}$

In reduced unit: $\frac{d_1}{90\text{nm}} = 1.333$, $\frac{d_2}{90\text{nm}} = 0.88889$



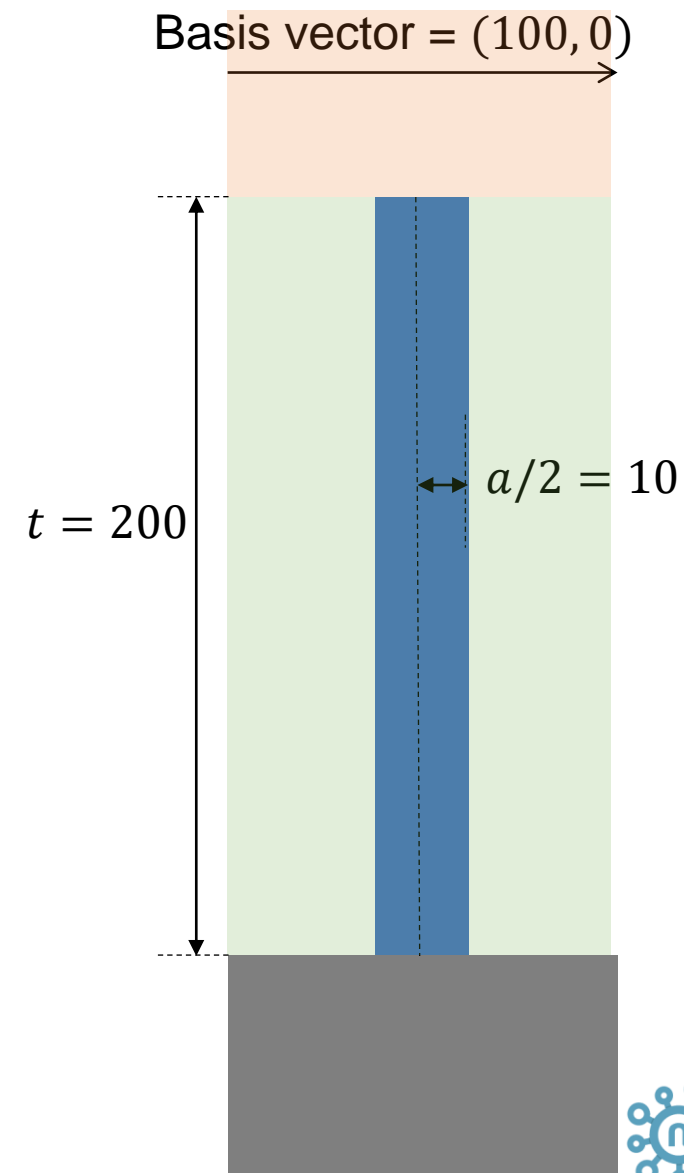
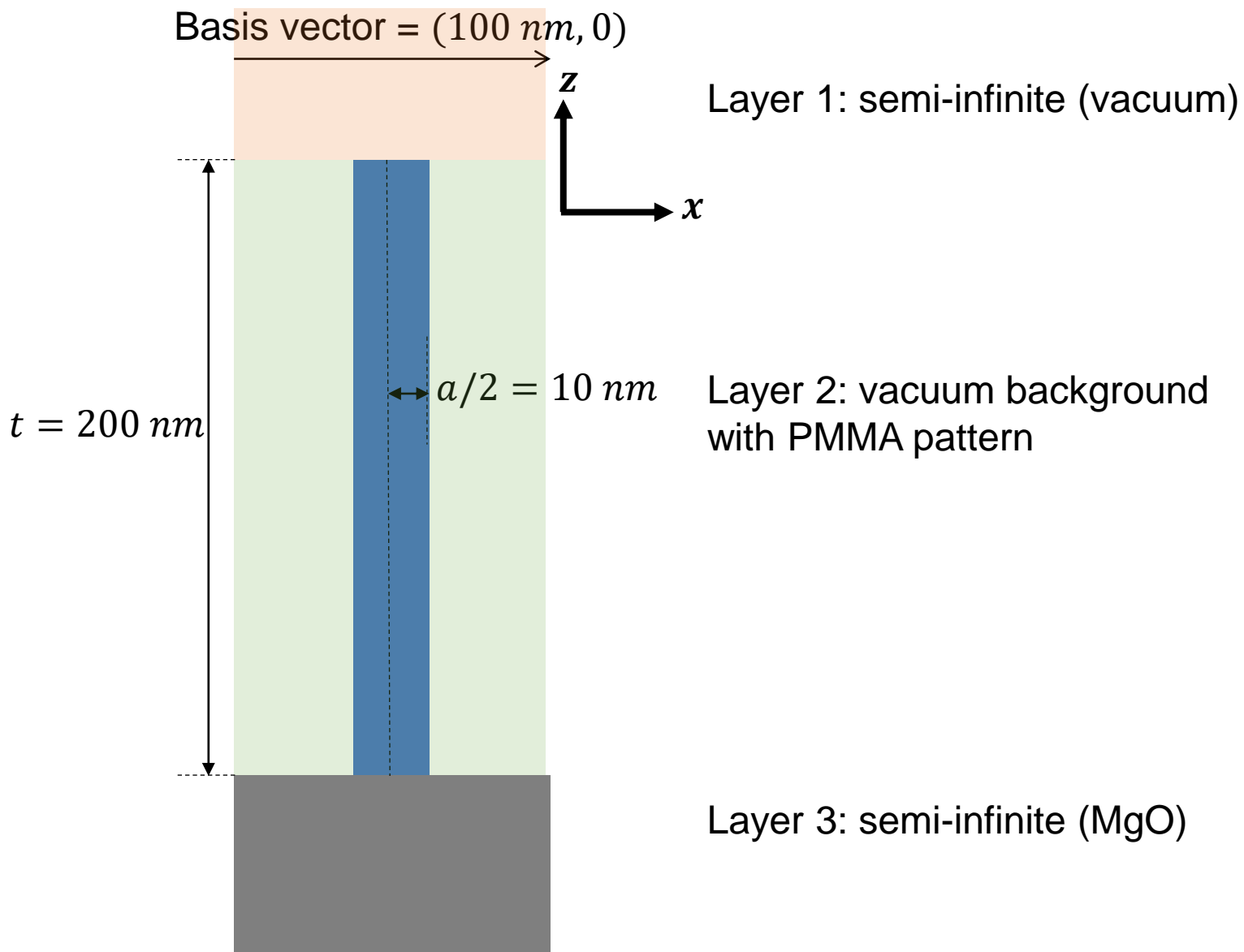
```
S:AddLayer('Layer_Above', 0.000000, 'vacuum')  
S:AddLayer('layer_1', 1.333333, 'vacuum')  
S:AddLayer('layer_2', 0.888889, 'material_2')  
S:AddLayer('layer_3', 1.333333, 'vacuum')  
S:AddLayer('layer_4', 0.888889, 'material_2')  
S:AddLayer('layer_5', 1.333333, 'vacuum')  
S:AddLayer('layer_6', 0.888889, 'material_2')  
S:AddLayerCopy('Layer_Below', 0.000000, 'Layer_Above')
```

Example 3: 1D Grating



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Set normalization constant = 1 nm



Example 3: 1D Grating

```
S = S4.NewSimulation()  
S:SetLattice({100,0}, {0,0}) -- 1D lattice  
S:SetNumG(50)
```

Obtain a new simulation object.
Set the lattice and number of basis functions.

```
-- Material definition  
S:AddMaterial("Vacuum", {1,0}) -- real and imag parts  
S:AddMaterial("PMMA", {2.25,0})  
S:AddMaterial("MgO", {3,0})
```

Define materials.

```
-- Layer definition  
S:AddLayer(  
    'AirAbove', --name  
    0,          --thickness  
    'Vacuum')  --background material
```

Add layers.

```
S:AddLayer('Middle', 200, 'Vacuum')  
S:SetLayerPatternRectangle('Middle',  
    'PMMA',          -- which layer to alter  
    {0,0},           -- material in rectangle  
    0,               -- center  
    0,              -- tilt angle (degrees)  
    {10, 0})        -- half-widths
```

Modify patterns.

```
S:AddLayer(  
    'MgOBelow', --name  
    0,          --thickness  
    'MgO')     --background material
```

Example 3: 1D Grating

```
-- Excitation
S:SetExcitationPlanewave(
    {0,0}, -- incidence angles (spherical coordinates: phi in [0,180], theta in [0,360])
    {1,0}, -- s-polarization amplitude and phase (in degrees)
    {1,0}) -- p-polarization amplitude and phase
```

Specify the excitation mechanism.

```
-- Sweep frequency
for freq=0.001,0.01,0.0005 do
    S:SetFrequency(freq)

    incidence_flux, reflection_flux = S:GetPoyntingFlux('AirAbove', 0)
    reflection_flux = (-1) * reflection_flux / incidence_flux;

    transmission_flux, back_incidence_flux = S:GetPoyntingFlux('MgOBelow', 0)
    transmission_flux = transmission_flux / incidence_flux

    print(freq .. '\t' .. reflection_flux .. '\t' .. transmission_flux);
end
```

Sweep over all frequencies.
Obtain and output results.

Wavelength = $100\text{nm} \sim 1000\text{nm}$

Wavelength in reduced unit = $100 \sim 1000$

Frequency in reduced unit = $0.01 \sim 0.001$

Additional Examples

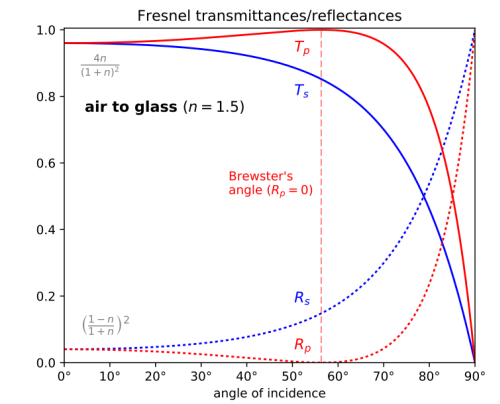
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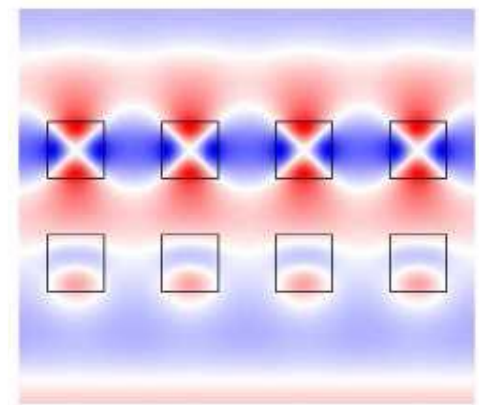
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