

SCATTERING BY A DIELECTRIC-LOADED CONDUCTING WEDGE WITH CONCAVED EDGE: TE CASE

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Abstract—The rigorous numerical formulation for TE-scattering from a conducting wedge with concaved edge is presented and numerical computations for scattered fields are shown. The radial mode matching technique is used to obtain the scattering field in a series form. The accuracy of the present method is checked with existing solutions of a semi-circular channel and sharp wedge, which are special case of the general geometry of a conducting wedge with concaved edge.

1. INTRODUCTION

The scattering by a H-polarized electromagnetic plane wave incident on a conducting wedge is well known and may be evaluated asymptotically as the sum of a geometrical optics term plus an edge-diffracted term as postulated by Keller [1]. Also, the effects of a physical edge (not perfectly sharp) have been extensively studied. Weiner and Borison [2] have divided an actual cone tip into ball-point tip, rounded tip and concaved tip to calculate RCS (radar cross section) of the cone tip. Similarly, physical wedge edge may be divided into cylinder-tip edge, rounded edge, and concaved edge. Scattering by a half plane with cylinder-tip edge has been investigated by Pozar [3] and many others, and scattering by a wedge with rounded edge has been studied by Ross and Hamid [4]. We investigated the behavior of a wedge with concaved edge for TM case [5].

The scattering by a semi-circular channel in a ground plane, which is the special case of the wedge with concaved edge, is of an interest to

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many investigators [6–12]. This is due to the fact that this local guiding structure may excited internal resonances and it sometimes yield scattering contribution. The behavior of electromagnetic scattering from a semi-circularly-shaped crack in a conducting plane was first studied by Schdava for low-frequency scattering regime, was later studied numerically with the dual-eigenfunction series approach, and numerically with the Fourier-series expansion technique.

Most of previous work deals with scattering problem when the plane of incidence perpendicular to the wedge axis. Hence, the scattering behavior is not well understood when the plane of the incidence is at an arbitrary angle with respect to the wedge axis (three dimensional oblique incidence case). In this paper, a simple series solution for oblique scattering by a wedge with concaved edge or a semi-circular channel shown in Fig. 1 is investigated by using radial mode matching technique.

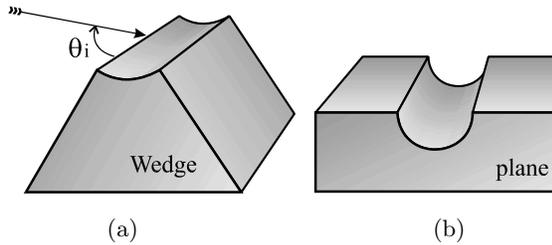


Figure 1. (a) The perfectly conducting wedge with concaved edge, (b) a semi-circular channel.

2. FORMULATION OF MAGNETIC LINE-SOURCE SCATTERING

2.1. Field Representations

Assume that a magnetic line source is incident upon a wedge with concaved edge, as is shown in Fig. 2. Throughout the work, $e^{j\omega t}$ time harmonic factor is suppressed. In region (I) ($\rho > a$, $0 < \phi < \phi_o$) which satisfy the boundary condition $E_{tan} = 0$ on the wedge and the

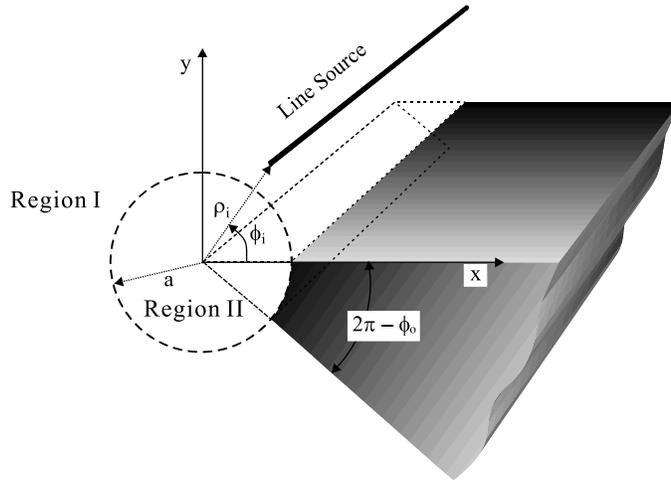


Figure 2. Magnetic line source scattering by a dielectric-loaded wedge with concaved edge.

radiation condition given by

$$H_z^I(\rho, \phi) = H_o^l \begin{cases} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \left\{ s_p H_{\mu}^{(2)}(k_o \rho_i) J_{\mu}(k_o \rho) + B_p H_{\mu}^{(2)}(k_o \rho) \right\} \cos \mu \phi, & a < \rho < \rho_i \\ \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \left\{ s_p J_{\mu}(k_o \rho_i) H_{\mu}^{(2)}(k_o \rho) + B_p H_{\mu}^{(2)}(k_o \rho) \right\} \cos \mu \phi, & \rho > \rho_i \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where

$$H_o^l = -\frac{k_o I_m}{4\eta_o}$$

$$s_p = \begin{cases} 2\pi/\phi_o \cos \mu \phi_i, & p = 0 \\ 4\pi/\phi_o \cos \mu \phi_i, & p \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\mu = \frac{p\pi}{\phi_o}, p = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

In above expressions, I_m is the strength of the magnetic current filament. Since $E_{\phi} = 1/(j\omega\epsilon)\partial H_z(\rho, \phi)/\partial\rho$, the corresponding ϕ

components of the E-field in region (I) are

$$E_{\phi}^I(\rho, \phi) = \frac{H_o^l k_o}{j\omega\epsilon_o} \begin{cases} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \left\{ s_p H_{\mu}^{(2)}(k_o \rho_i) J'_{\mu}(k_o \rho) + B_p H_{\mu}^{(2)'}(k_o \rho) \right\} \cos \mu \phi, & a < \rho < \rho_i \\ \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \left\{ s_p J_{\mu}(k_o \rho_i) H_{\mu}^{(2)'}(k_o \rho) + B_p H_{\mu}^{(2)'}(k_o \rho) \right\} \cos \mu \phi, & \rho > \rho_i \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

In region (II) of wave number $k_1 (= \omega \sqrt{\mu_o \epsilon_o \epsilon_r})$ ($\rho < a$, $0 < \phi < 2\pi$), the transmitted field inside the dielectric cylinder may be represented as

$$H_z^{II}(\rho, \phi) = H_o^l \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} A_n J_n(k_1 \rho) e^{jn\phi} \quad (3)$$

The corresponding electric field is

$$E_{\phi}^{II}(\rho, \phi) = \frac{H_o^l k_1}{j\omega\epsilon_o \epsilon_r} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} A_n J'_n(k_1 \rho) e^{jn\phi} \quad (4)$$

2.2. Matching Boundary Conditions ($\rho = a$)

To determine unknown coefficients A_n and B_p , it is necessary to match the boundary conditions of tangential E- and H-field continuities at $\rho = a$.

First, the boundary condition at $\rho = a$ of the tangential H-field continuity across the aperture circular ($0 < \phi < \phi_o$) become

$$\sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \left\{ s_p H_{\mu}^{(2)}(k_o \rho_i) J_{\mu}(k_o a) + B_p H_{\mu}^{(2)}(k_o a) \right\} \cos \mu \phi = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} A_k^{TE} J_k(k_1 a) e^{jk\phi} \quad (5)$$

In above equation, applying orthogonality condition of cosine function with respect to ϕ from 0 to ϕ_o , we obtain

$$s_q H_{\nu}^{(2)}(k_o \rho_i) J_{\nu}(k_o a) + B_q H_{\nu}^{(2)}(k_o a) = \frac{2}{\phi_o} \epsilon_q \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} A_k J_k(k_1 a) g_{k\nu} \quad (6)$$

where

$$g_{k\nu} = \int_0^{\phi_o} e^{jk\phi} \cos \nu\phi d\phi$$

$$\epsilon_q = \begin{cases} 0.5, & q = 0 \\ 1, & q \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

In a similar fashion, the boundary conditions at $\rho = a$ of zero tangential E-field on the crack ($\phi_o < \phi < 2\pi$) and continuous fields across the aperture circular ($0 < \phi < \phi_o$) become

$$\sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \left\{ s_p H_{\mu}^{(2)}(k_o \rho_i) J'_{\mu}(k_o a) + B_p H_{\mu}^{\prime(2)}(k_o a) \right\} \cos \mu\phi U_I$$

$$= \frac{k_o}{k_1} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} A_n J'_n(k_1 a) e^{jn\phi} \quad (7)$$

where $U_I = 1$ for $0 < \phi < \phi_o$ and zero elsewhere. In above equation, applying orthogonality condition of exponential function with respect to ϕ from 0 to 2π , we obtain

$$2\pi A_k J'_k(k_1 a) = \frac{k_1}{k_o} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \left\{ s_p H_{\mu}^{(2)}(k_o \rho_i) J'_{\mu}(k_o a) + B_p H_{\mu}^{\prime(2)}(k_o a) \right\} \hat{g}_{\mu k} \quad (8)$$

where

$$\hat{g}_{\mu k} = \int_0^{\phi_o} e^{-jk\phi} \cos \mu\phi d\phi$$

In order to determine the coefficient B_p , substituting (8) into (6), applying the Wronskian of the Bessel function, and rearranging this, we have

$$\sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \left\{ s_p H_{\mu}^{(2)}(k_o \rho_i) J_{\mu}(k_o a) + B_p H_{\mu}^{(2)}(k_o a) \right\} \left\{ \delta_{qp} - \frac{H_{\mu}^{(2)\prime}(k_o a)}{H_{\mu}^{(2)}(k_o a)} I_{qp} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{2j}{\pi k_o a} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{s_p H_{\mu}^{(2)}(k_o \rho_i)}{H_{\mu}^{(2)}(k_o a)} I_{qp} \quad (9)$$

where δ_{qp} is the Kronecker delta, and

$$I_{qp} = \frac{\epsilon_q}{\pi \phi_o} \frac{k_1}{k_o} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{J_k(k_1 a)}{J'_k(k_1 a)} g_{\nu k} \hat{g}_{\mu k}$$

Equation (9) can be solved numerically to obtain the constants B_p . The infinite series involved in the solution is convergent (which is illustrated in the Table 1), therefore it will be truncated after a certain number of terms which depend on the largest argument of the Bessel function (i.e., ka). Once B_p is determined, it is possible to evaluate the coefficient A_n .

Table 1. Convergence behavior of B_p versus p ($ka = 5, 10$, $\phi_i = \phi = 105^\circ$ and $\phi_o = 210^\circ$) ($B_1 = B_3 = B_5 = B_7 = \dots = 0.0$).

B_p		
p	$ka = 5$	$ka = 10$
0	$-1.8593 - j1.6314$	$-0.0050 + j0.4414$
2	$-2.5460 + j1.5338$	$-0.2484 + j1.7388$
4	$-0.5822 + j2.2346$	$-0.2034 - j0.1842$
6	$-0.0288 + j0.8006$	$+1.5196 + j1.5915$
8	$+0.0104 + j0.1503$	$+2.4664 + j2.7850$
10	$+0.0025 + j0.0191$	$+1.6500 + j1.8575$
12	$+0.0003 + j0.0017$	$+0.6631 + j0.7333$
14		$+0.1846 + j0.1999$
16		$+0.0384 + j0.0407$
18		$+0.0062 + j0.0065$

2.3. Scattered Field Computation

2.3.1. Plane Wave Scattering

The analysis has been done for the line source excitation. Plane wave excitation is obtained by letting the line source recede to infinity. When the source is placed at far distances ($k_o\rho \gg 1$ and $\rho_i > \rho$) and the observations are made at any point, then total magnetic field of Equation (1) can be written, by replacing the Hankel function $H_\mu^{(2)}(k\rho_i)$ by its asymptotic form, as

$$H_z^I(\rho, \phi) \stackrel{k_o\rho_i \rightarrow \infty}{\simeq} H_o^I \sqrt{\frac{2j}{\pi k_o}} \frac{e^{-jk_o\rho_i}}{\sqrt{\rho_i}} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \left\{ s_p j^\mu J_\mu(k_o\rho) + B_p H_\mu^{(2)}(k_o\rho) \right\} \cos \mu\phi \quad (10)$$

2.3.2. Far-Zone Field

When the observations are made in the far zone ($k_o\rho \gg 1$, $\rho > \rho_i$), the scattered field by plane wave and line source can be written, by replacing the Hankel function $H_\mu^{(2)}(k_o\rho)$ by its asymptotic expression, as

$$H_z^{far} = H_o^l \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi k_o \rho}} e^{-j(k_o\rho - \pi/4)} P_h(\phi) \quad (11)$$

where

$$P_h(\phi) = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} j^\mu B_p \cos \mu\phi \quad (12)$$

The scattering properties of two-dimensional bodies of infinite length are conveniently described in terms of the echo width, i.e.

$$W(\phi) = \frac{4}{k_o} |P_h(\phi)|^2 \quad (13)$$

2.3.3. Diffraction Coefficient

To obtain the total magnetic field of a TE_z plane wave incident in the far zone, the asymptotic expansion of the Hankel function for a large argument is employed together with the well-known approximation for the field diffracted by a sharp wedge. The total scattered field may be expressed as

$$\frac{H_z^s}{H_z^i} \sim \frac{e^{-j(k\rho + \pi/4)}}{\sqrt{2\pi k\rho}} \left\{ \frac{\sin(\pi/n)}{n} \left[\frac{1}{\cos(\pi/n) - \cos((\phi - \phi_i)/n)} + \frac{1}{\cos(\pi/n) - \cos((\phi + \phi_i)/n)} \right] + 2j \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} j^\mu B_p \cos \mu\phi \right\} \quad (14)$$

where $n = \phi_o/\pi$.

In Equation (14), the first term is the field by a sharp wedge (H_z^w/H_z^i) and the second term represents a perturbation term (H_z^p/H_z^i) for concaved edge. Furthermore, if ka is not too large compared to unity, the geometrical optics component of perturbation term can be neglected and the concaved edge may also regarded as simply modifying the diffraction properties of the edge. Under this condition, the field of perturbation term may be expressed as the product of the

incident field times diffraction coefficient D_h by concaved edge, i.e.,

$$H_z^p = H_z^i D_h(ka, \phi_o, \phi, \phi_i) \frac{e^{-jk\rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}} \quad (15)$$

where

$$D_h(ka, \phi_o, \phi, \phi_i) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi k}} e^{j\pi/4} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} j^\mu B_p^{TE} \cos \mu\phi \quad (16)$$

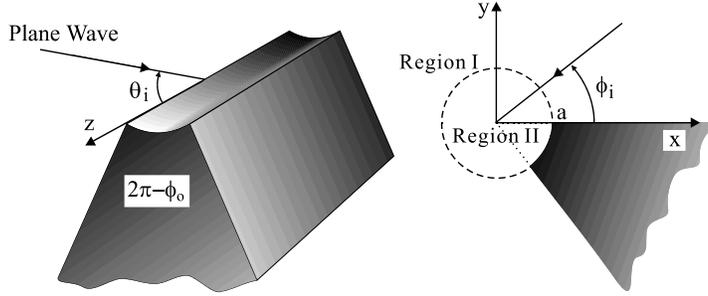


Figure 3. Oblique incidence plane wave scattering of a conducting wedge with concaved edge.

3. FORMULATION OF OBLIQUE INCIDENCE PLANE WAVE SCATTERING

3.1. Field Representations

Consider a TE_z plane wave at $\phi = \phi_i$ and $\theta = \theta_i$ illuminating an infinite, perfectly conducting wedge with concaved edge as shown in Fig. 3. The expression for the total magnetic field in region I ($\rho > a, 0 < \phi < \phi_o$) which satisfy the boundary condition $E_{tan} = 0$ on the wedge and the radiation condition is given by

$$H_z^I(\rho, \phi) = F(\theta_i) \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \{s_p j^\mu J_\mu(\kappa\rho) + B_p H_\mu^{(2)}(\kappa\rho)\} \cos \mu\phi \quad (17)$$

where

$$s_p = \frac{4\varepsilon_p \pi}{\phi_o} \cos \mu\phi_i, \mu = \frac{p\pi}{\phi_o}$$

$$F(\theta_i) = \sin \theta_i e^{jkz \cos \theta_i}$$

$$\kappa = k \sin \theta_i$$

and k is a wave number of free space ($= w\sqrt{\mu_o\epsilon_o}$) and $\epsilon_p = 0.5$ for $p = 0$ and 1 for $p \neq 0$. J_μ and $H_\mu^{(2)}$ are Bessel function of μ th order and the first kind and Hankel function of μ th order and the second kind, respectively. In region II ($\rho < a$) of wave number k , the total magnetic field may be represented as a summation of radial waveguide modes, i.e.,

$$H_z^{II}(\rho, \phi) = F(\theta_i) \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} A_n J_n(\kappa\rho) e^{jn\phi} \quad (18)$$

Since $E_\phi(\rho, \phi) = 1/(jw\epsilon_o)\partial H_z(\rho, \phi)/\partial\rho$, the corresponding ϕ components of the E-field are

$$E_\phi^I(\rho, \phi) = \frac{\kappa F(\theta_i)}{jw\epsilon_o} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \{s_p j^\mu J'_\mu(\kappa\rho) + B_p H_\mu^{(2)'}(\kappa\rho)\} \cos \mu\phi \quad (19)$$

$$E_\phi^{II}(\rho, \phi) = \frac{\kappa F(\theta_i)}{jw\epsilon_o} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} A_n J'_n(\kappa\rho) e^{jn\phi} \quad (20)$$

To determine the unknown coefficients A_n and B_p , it is necessary to match the boundary conditions of tangential E- and H-field continuities at $\rho = a$. The boundary conditions of the zero tangential electric field at $\rho = a$ and on the conductor and continuous fields (i.e., H_z and E_ϕ) across the aperture are applied to obtain

$$\sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \{s_p j^\mu J_\mu(\kappa a) + B_p H_\mu^{(2)}(\kappa a)\} \left\{ \delta_{qp} - \frac{H_\mu^{(2)'}(\kappa a)}{H_\mu^{(2)}(\kappa a)} \right\} I_{qp} = \frac{2j}{\pi\kappa a} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{s_p j^\mu}{H_\mu^{(2)}(\kappa a)} I_{qp} \quad (21)$$

$$A_n J'_n(\kappa a) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \{s_p j^\mu J'_\mu(\kappa a) + B_p H_\mu^{(2)'}(\kappa a)\} \hat{g}_{\mu n} \quad (22)$$

where δ_{qp} is the Kronecker delta and

$$I_{qp} = \frac{\epsilon_q}{\pi\phi_o} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{J_n(\kappa a)}{J'_n(\kappa a)} g_{\nu n} \hat{g}_{\mu n}$$

$$g_{\nu n} = \int_0^{\phi_o} e^{jn\phi} \cos \nu\phi d\phi$$

$$\hat{g}_{\mu n} = \int_0^{\phi_o} e^{-jn\phi} \cos \mu\phi d\phi$$

where $\nu = q\pi/\phi_o$, $q = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, and $\varepsilon_q = 0.5$ for $q = 0$ and 1 for $q \neq 0$.

Equation (21) can be solved numerically to obtain the coefficients B_p . The infinite series involved in the solution are highly convergent, therefore it will be truncated after a certain number of terms.

3.2. Scattered Field Computation

3.2.1. Diffraction Coefficient

To obtain the scattered field for TE_z plane wave, asymptotic expansion of the Hankel function for a large argument is employed together with the well-known approximation for the field diffracted by a sharp wedge. The total scattered field may be expressed as

$$\frac{H_z^s}{H_z^i} \sim \frac{e^{-j(k\rho+\pi/4)}}{\sqrt{2\pi k\rho} \sin\theta_i} \left\{ \frac{\sin(\pi/n)}{n} \left[\frac{1}{\cos(\pi/n) - \cos((\phi - \phi_i)/n)} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \frac{1}{\cos(\pi/n) - \cos((\phi + \phi_i)/n)} \right] + 2j \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} j^\mu B_p \cos \mu\phi \right\} \quad (23)$$

where $n = \phi_o/\pi$.

In Equation (23), the first term is the field by a sharp wedge (H_z^w/H_z^i) and the second term represents a perturbation term (H_z^p/H_z^i) for the concaved edge. Furthermore, if κa is not too large compare to unity, the geometrical optics component of perturbation term may be expressed as the product of the incident field times diffraction coefficient D_h , i.e.,

$$H_z^p = H_z^i D_h(\kappa a, \phi_o, \phi, \phi_i, \theta_i) \frac{e^{-jk\rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}} \quad (24)$$

where

$$D_h(\kappa a, \phi_o, \phi, \phi_i, \theta_i) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi k}} \frac{e^{j\pi/4}}{\sin\theta_i} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} j^\mu B_p \cos \mu\phi \quad (25)$$

and D_h is a diffraction coefficient of the concaved edge in the case of oblique incidence.

4. NUMERICAL RESULTS

To check the accuracy of our calculations, the special case of a semi-circular channel in a ground plane is introduced. In this case the

aperture angle ϕ_o in our geometry is set to π . The magnitude of the normalized backscattered field pattern $|P_h|$ is calculated and plotted versus ka at different values of ϕ_o as shown in Fig. 4. Comparison between our results and their correspondence in [10] showed an excellent agreement.

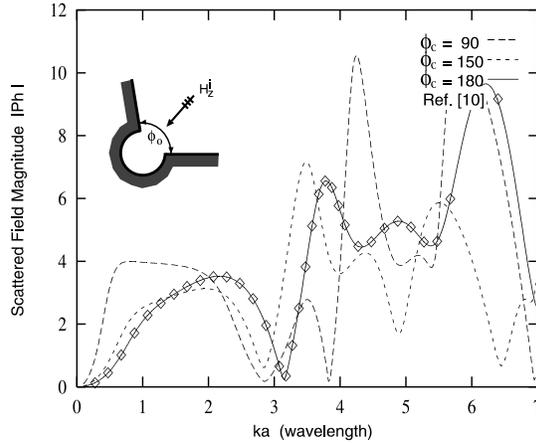


Figure 4. The backscattered field magnitude $|P_h(\phi)|$ versus ka for three different aperture angles ($\phi_o = 90^\circ, 150^\circ, 180^\circ$) and $\phi_i = \phi = \phi_o/2$.

Figure 5 shows the behavior of the normalized backscattered field magnitude $|P_h|$ versus ka for the three different aperture angles ($\phi_o = 90^\circ, 150^\circ, 180^\circ$) at normal incidence ($\phi_i = \phi_o/2$) when $\epsilon_r = 3.0$. In view of Figs. 4 and 5, it is also seen that a presence of the dielectric loading tends to decrease a period of the resonance versus ka , and also seen that narrowing the angle of aperture enhances the resonant scattering pattern.

Figure 6 shows the behavior of the backscattered field magnitude $|P_h|$ versus ka for the semi-circular crack at three different oblique incidence. Three curves are shown corresponding to normal incidence ($\phi_i = 90^\circ, \theta_i = 90^\circ$) and oblique incidences ($\phi_i = 90^\circ, \theta_i = 60^\circ$ and $\phi_i = 60^\circ, \theta_i = 60^\circ$).

Figure 7 shows normalized backscattered field of H_z^s/H_z^i versus ϕ as a function of ka for a 90° wedge. It is note that the numerical data for $ka = 0$ case agrees well with 90° sharp wedge backscattered field pattern. An increase in ka causes an increase in the pattern. Phase data presented in radians are continuous except for a of π radians at $\phi = \pi/2$ and π , which originates in the singular behavior of the asymptotic results for the sharp wedge.

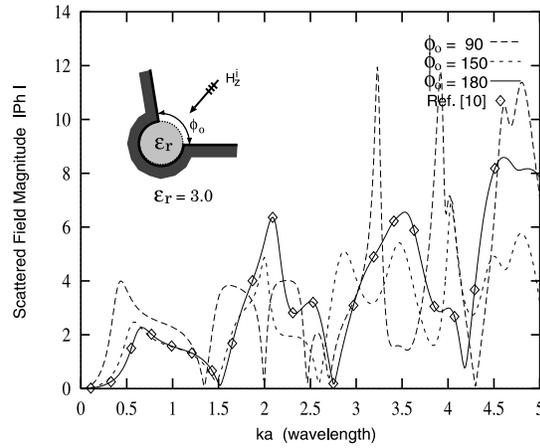


Figure 5. Normalized backscattered field of H_z^s/H_z^i versus ϕ as a function of ka for a 90° wedge.

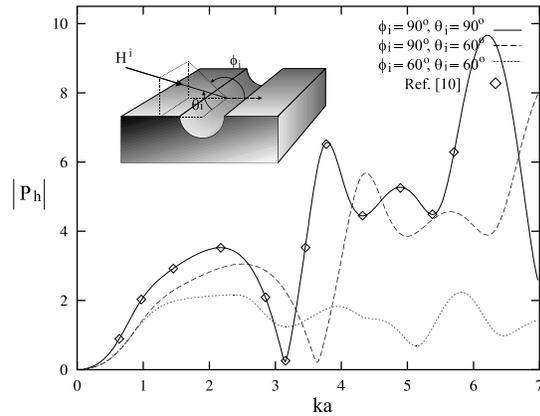


Figure 6. The backscattered field magnitude $|P_h|$ versus ka for the semi-circular crack at three different oblique incidence.

Figure 8 shows normalized backscattered field of H_p^s/H_z^i versus ϕ as a function of ka of a 90° wedge. Fig. 9 shows normalized backscattered field of H_z^s/H_z^i versus ϕ as a function of ϵ_r for a dielectric cylinder loaded wedge with concaved edge of $ka = 0.5$ and $\phi_o = 270^\circ$. It is show that the cylindrical dielectric cylinder cap leads to significant variations in the diffraction pattern of the wedge. Fig. 10 shows a normalized field pattern for the wedge with concaved edge of $\phi_o = 270^\circ, \phi_i = 225^\circ$ and $2a = 1\lambda$ in the case of three different oblique

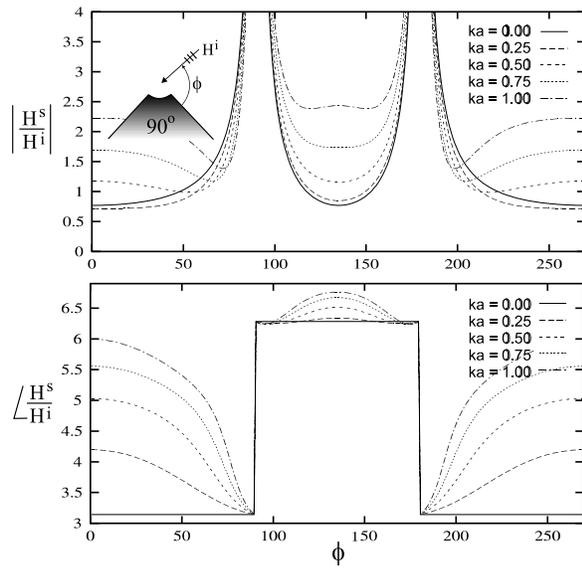


Figure 7. Normalized backscattered field of H_z^s/H_z^i versus ϕ as a function of ka for a 90° wedge.

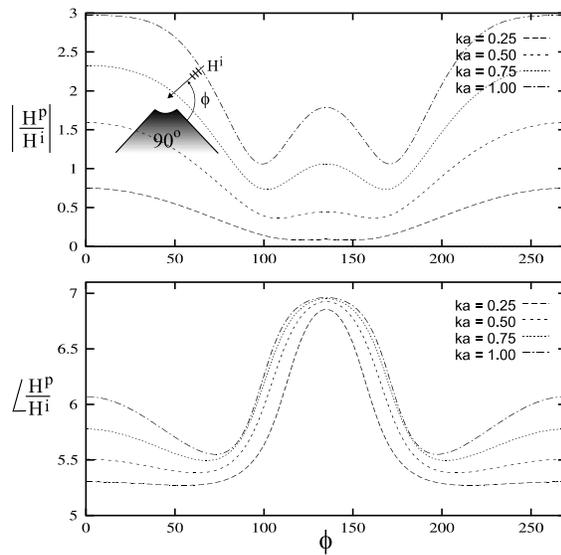


Figure 8. Normalized backscattered field of H_z^p/H_z^i versus ϕ as a function of ka for a 90° wedge.

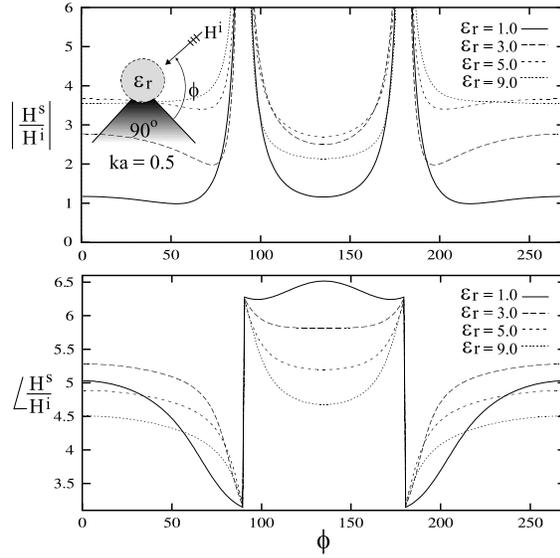


Figure 9. Normalized backscattered field of H_z^s/H_z^i versus ϕ as a function of ϵ_r for a 90° wedge with dielectric cylinder of $ka = 0.5$.

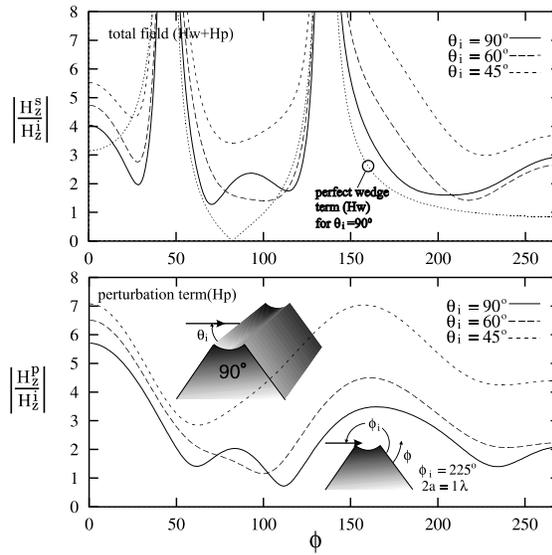


Figure 10. Normalized field pattern for the wedge with concaved edge of $\phi_o = 270^\circ$, $\phi_i = 225^\circ$, and $\phi_i = 225^\circ$ and $2a = 1\lambda$ in the case of four different oblique incidence of $\theta_i = 30^\circ, 45^\circ, 60^\circ$ and 90° .

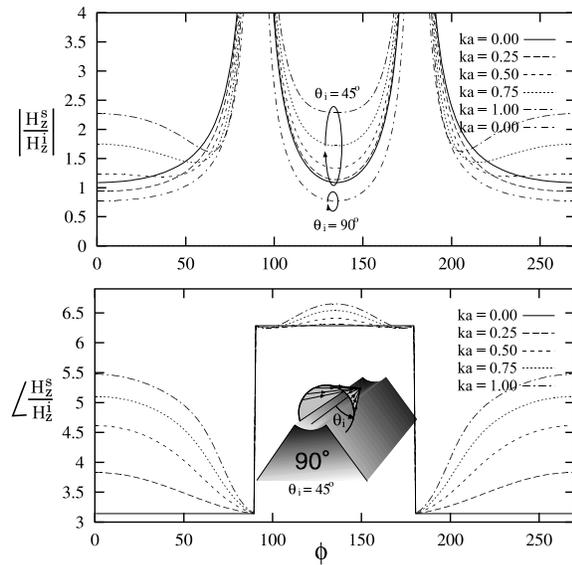


Figure 11. Normalized backscattered field of H_z^s/H_z^i versus ϕ for different ka of a 90° wedge in the case of oblique incidence ($\theta_i = 45^\circ$).

incidence of $\theta_i = 45^\circ, 60^\circ$ and 90° . As θ_i decrease, the level of the total field pattern increase as shown in figure. Normalized backscattered field of H_z^s/H_z^i versus ϕ is shown in Fig. 11 for different ka of a 90° wedge in the case of oblique incidence ($\theta_i = 45^\circ$).

5. CONCLUSIONS

The mathematical formulation for TE-scattering from a wedge with concaved edge is presented and numerical computations for scattered fields are shown. The formulation is simple to used so that it may not only help us understand the oblique scattering behaviors from a wedge with concaved edge and a semi-circular channel, but also provide a means to crosscheck with other arbitrarily-shaped wedge and channel scattering results.

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