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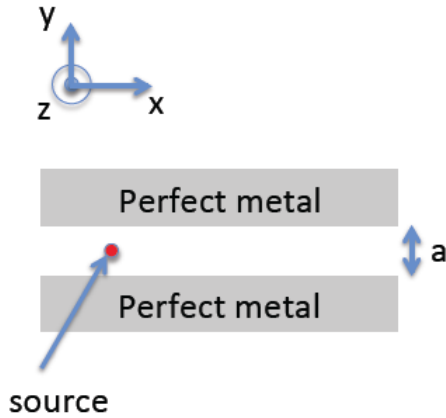


Figure 1

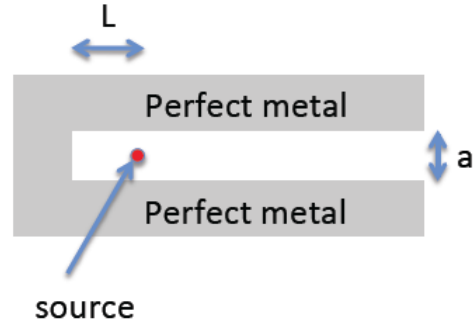


Figure 2

Consider a parallel-plate waveguide, with PEC (perfect electric conductor) sidewalls and air in between. The width of the waveguide is a . We consider two-dimensional system. (i.e. the fields and the structures are uniform in the z -direction).

- (1) Sketch the ω - k relation for the lowest-order TE mode (with E-field polarized along the z -direction), and for the lowest-order TM mode (with E-field polarized along the y -direction).
- (2) Suppose we put in an oscillating line source as indicated in Figure 1. The source oscillates at a frequency ω_0 . How does the power radiated into the waveguide changes as a function of ω_0 ? Consider both cases, the TE case with the line source polarized along the z -direction, and the TM case with the line source polarized along the y -direction.
- (3) Suppose we truncate the waveguide with a perfect electric conductor at the end as shown in Figure 2. For the TM case, suppose we choose $\omega_0 = 0.1 \frac{2\pi c}{a}$, how does the power radiated into the waveguide vary as a function of the distance L between the source and the truncation?