

## 2.4 Reflection at Normal Incidence

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### Relating EM Wave Reflections with TL Equivalents

#### Transmission Line

$$V_s = V_0 e^{-jk_z z}$$

$$I_s = \frac{V_0}{Z_0} e^{-jk_z z}$$

$$Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} \quad V = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{Z_1 - Z_0}{Z_1 + Z_0}$$

VSWR

#### EM Waves

$$E_{x11}^+ = E_{x10}^+ e^{-jk_z z}$$

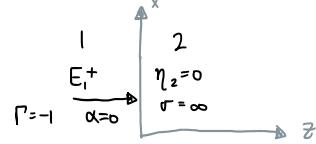
$$H_{y11}^+ = \frac{E_{x10}^+}{\eta_1} e^{-jk_z z}$$

$$\eta_1 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_1}{\epsilon_{\text{eff}}}} \quad V = \frac{\omega}{\beta}$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{\eta_2 - \eta_1}{\eta_2 + \eta_1}$$

SWR

A vacuum A perfect conductor



$$E_{x11}^+ = E_{x10}^+ e^{-jk_z z}$$

$$E_{x11}^- = (-1) E_{x10}^+ e^{-jk_z z}$$

$$E_{x11}^+ = E_{x10}^+ (e^{-jk_z z} - e^{+jk_z z})$$

$$= E_{x10}^+ (-2j) \sin(\beta z)$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{x1}(z, t) = \Re(e^{i\omega t} E_{x10}^+ (-2j) \sin(\beta z))$$

$$= 2E_{x10}^+ \sin(\beta z) \sin(\omega t)$$

Standing wave

Q1  $f(z, t) = \sin(\omega t - \beta z)$

Translational

Q2  $f(z, t) = \cos(\omega t) \cos(\beta z)$

Standing

Q3  $f(z, t) = \sin(\omega t) + \sin(\beta z)$

Standing

Q4 In the system described above, the normally incident EM wave, vibrating tangentially to the boundary, reaches the boundary between a vacuum and a perfect conductor and reflects.

$$\Gamma = -1 \text{ which means}$$

> The reflected E field has the opposite polarity to the incident E field

The reflected E field has the same polarity as the incident E field

There is no reflected E field as the E field is fully transmitted into the conductive medium

Q5 Continuing from Q4, the reflected E field takes on the behavior of the correct answer because:

> The perfect conductor acts like a short circuit, such that the reflected E field must take on the opposite polarity to cancel out the incident E field at the boundary

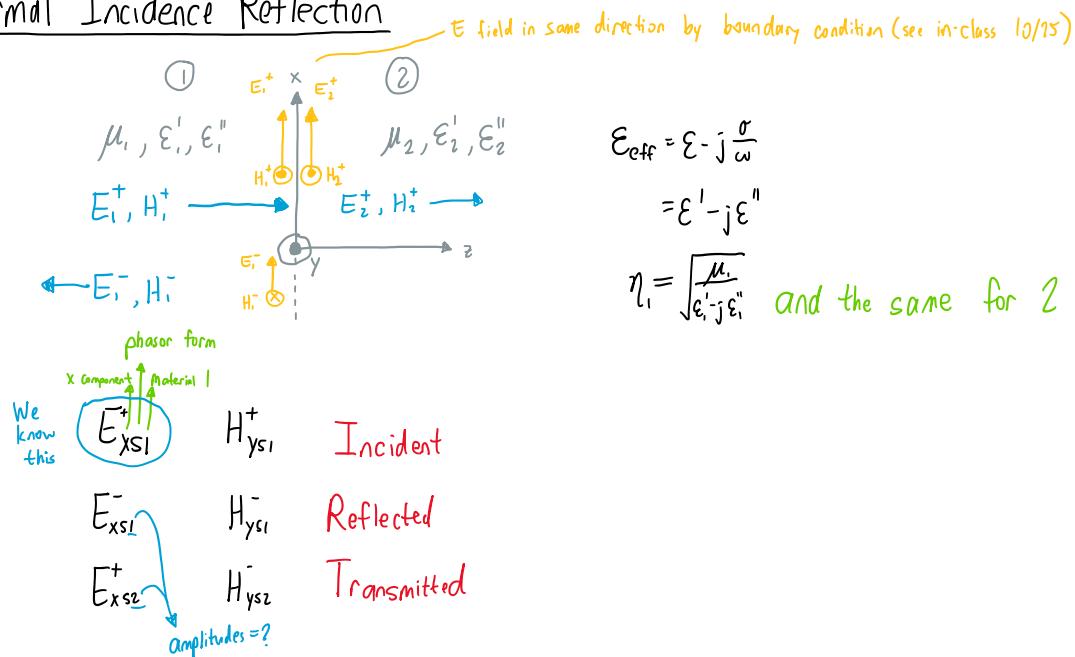
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The perfect conductor acts like an open circuit, such that the reflected E field must take on the same polarity as the incident E field

The perfect conductor is so favorable to E fields that all power in the incident wave are transmitted into the perfect conductor

Regardless of the conductivity of the 2nd material, the reflected E field must take on the opposite polarity

## Normal Incidence Reflection



### Math

$$E_{xS1}^+ = E_{x10}^+ e^{-jk_1 z}$$

$$K_1 = \omega \sqrt{\mu_1 \epsilon_{eff}}$$

$$E_{xS1}^- = E_{x10}^- e^{+jk_1 z}$$

$$= \omega \sqrt{\mu_1 (\epsilon_1' - j\epsilon_1'')}$$

$$E_{xS2}^+ = E_{x20}^+ e^{-jk_2 z}$$

2 unknowns, need 2 conditions → these give us reflection

$$H_{yS1}^+ = \frac{E_{x10}^+}{\eta_1} e^{-jk_1 z}$$

$$\eta_1 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_1}{\epsilon_1' - j\epsilon_1''}}$$

$$H_{yS1}^- = -\frac{E_{x10}^-}{\eta_1} e^{+jk_1 z}$$

$$H_{yS2}^+ = \frac{E_{x20}^+}{\eta_2} e^{-jk_2 z}$$

Q The reflected H field in the normal incidence system described above is expressed as  $H_{yS1}^- = -\frac{E_{x10}^-}{\eta_1} e^{+jk_1 z}$ .

Q The reflected  $H$  field in the normal incidence system described above is expressed as  $H_{ys}^- = -\frac{E_{x10}}{\eta_1} e^{jk_1 z}$ .

Why is there a negative sign?

> The direction of travel is now opposite, the direction of the reflected  $H$  field also has to be flipped to satisfy  $\vec{S} = \vec{E} \times \vec{H}$ .

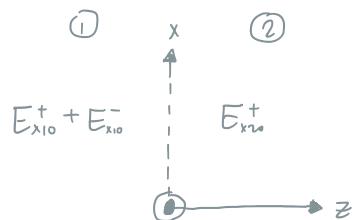
Due to specific choice of material properties

A source at the boundary drives the reflected  $H$  in the opposite polarity

► How do we calculate  $E_{x10}^-$  and  $E_{x10}^+$ ? (We know  $E_{x10}^+$ )

$$E_{x10}^+ + E_{x10}^- = E_{x20}^+ \quad (\text{tangential } E\text{'s are continuous at } z=0)$$

$$\frac{E_{x10}^+}{\eta_1} - \frac{E_{x10}^-}{\eta_1} = \frac{E_{x20}^+}{\eta_2} \quad (\text{tangential } H\text{'s are continuous at } z=0)$$



$$E_{x10}^+ + E_{x10}^- = \eta_2 \left( \frac{E_{x10}^+}{\eta_1} - \frac{E_{x10}^-}{\eta_1} \right)$$

$$E_{x10}^- \left( 1 + \frac{\eta_2}{\eta_1} \right) = E_{x10}^+ \left( \frac{\eta_2}{\eta_1} - 1 \right)$$

$$\eta_1 E_{x10}^- \left( 1 + \frac{\eta_2}{\eta_1} \right) = \eta_1 E_{x10}^+ \left( \frac{\eta_2}{\eta_1} - 1 \right)$$

$$E_{x10}^- (\eta_1 + \eta_2) = E_{x10}^+ (\eta_2 - \eta_1) \quad \text{reflection coefficient!}$$

$$E_{x10}^- = E_{x10}^+ \left( \frac{\eta_2 - \eta_1}{\eta_1 + \eta_2} \right) = E_{x10}^+ \Gamma$$

↓  
transmission coefficient

$$\Gamma = 1 + \Gamma = \frac{2\eta_2}{\eta_1 + \eta_2}$$

Consider an air-copper interface with an EM wave incident normally from the air. The copper has a conductivity of  $\sigma = 5.96 \times 10^7 \text{ S/m}$  and permeability of  $\mu_0$ .

Q1 What is the intrinsic impedance of the copper material,  $\eta_{\text{copper}}$ , for a 1 GHz wave?

Q2 What is the reflection coefficient of the boundary?

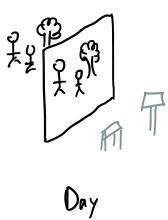
$$\eta_{\text{copper}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_{\text{copper}}}{\epsilon_{\text{eff}}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\omega \mu}{2\sigma} + j \sqrt{\frac{\omega \mu}{2\sigma}}} = \sqrt{\frac{(2\pi \cdot 1 \times 10^9)(4\pi \times 10^{-7})}{2(5.96 \times 10^7)}} + j \sqrt{\frac{(2\pi \cdot 1 \times 10^9)(4\pi \times 10^{-7})}{2(5.96 \times 10^7)}}$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{\eta_2 - \eta_1}{\eta_2 + \eta_1} = \frac{\eta_{\text{copper}} - \eta_{\text{air}}}{\eta_{\text{copper}} + \eta_{\text{air}}}$$

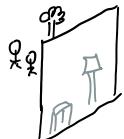
$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sqrt{\frac{(2\pi \cdot 1 \times 10^9)(4\pi \times 10^{-9})}{2(5.96 \times 10^9)}} + j \sqrt{\frac{(2\pi \cdot 1 \times 10^9)(4\pi \times 10^{-9})}{2(5.96 \times 10^9)}} \\
 &= 8.139E-3 + j 8.139E-3 \\
 &= \underline{0.0115 \angle 45^\circ} \quad \text{Upper air}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= -0.9996$$

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Day



Night

- > At night, there's no interference. Physics says the window is not fully transparent. The difference is in material properties, so the waves traveling in one material hits the boundary. The two materials have a difference in impedance — resulting in reflection and refraction
- > In optics, glass is an insulator

Prof's PACMAN analogy

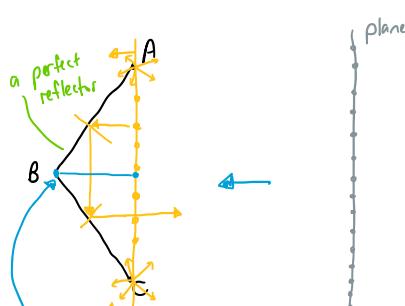
$$\vec{\nabla} = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$$

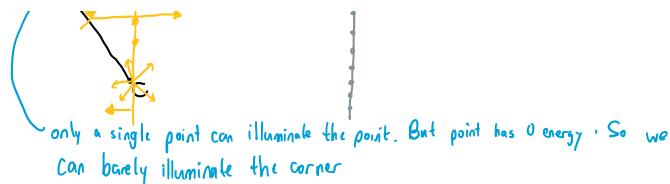
$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \right)$

- > Need boundary conditions for Maxwell's equations
- > If you have two materials together, we think of this as "welded" although it's more complex in reality
- > The boundary conditions used for this class:

tangential components of  $\vec{E}$  has to be continuous across the boundary

||      ||      ||       $\vec{H}$       ||      ||      ||      ||      ||      ||





> We have enough to do this, but not the edges (A, C)

> Gauss' Law is based on Coulomb's law

> If you sprinkle charges on perfect conductor, they'll disappear

$$\vec{E} = 0$$

### Quiz

An incident wave reaching the boundary between free space and a perfect conductor would be perfectly reflected

Expressions for reflection & transmission coefficients for normally incident EM waves on an interface b/w 2 different media :

> continuity of tangential components of  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{H}$

3) E, F eliminated — standing wave

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{E} &= E_{x0}^+ (e^{-j\beta z} - e^{j\beta z}) \rightarrow -2j \sin \beta z \\ \sin \beta z &= \frac{e^{j\beta z} - e^{-j\beta z}}{2j} = (-2j \sin \beta z) e^{j\omega t} \\ -\sin \beta z &= \frac{e^{j\beta z} - e^{-j\beta z}}{2j} \quad \downarrow \\ &\quad (\cos \omega t + j \sin \omega t) \\ R_e( ) &= \textcircled{D}\end{aligned}$$

