

# Way to Electromagnetic (EM) waves

# Outline

- Last review of Maxwell's equations: How all terms fit together
- Orthogonality of  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  and transverse character of EM waves
- Travelling Electric and Magnetic fields: Plane wave
- Solving Maxwell's equations
- Poynting vector: Energy – Momentum
- Propagation, Polarization and incidence of EM waves on matter: conductor vs dielectric

## Summarizing

**Time independent**  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = 0\right)$   
**No current or steady**

**Time dependent**  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \neq 0\right)$   
**Acceleration**

### Electrostatics

$$\begin{array}{llll} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} & \longrightarrow & \text{Gauss's law} & \longrightarrow & \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}(t) = \frac{\rho(t)}{\epsilon_0} \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0 & \longrightarrow & \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} \varphi & \longrightarrow & \text{Poisson Equation} \\ & & & & \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}(t) = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}(t)}{\partial t} \longrightarrow \text{Faraday's law} \end{array}$$

### Magnetostatics

$$\begin{array}{llll} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Gauss's law} & \longrightarrow & \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}(t) = 0 \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} & \longrightarrow & \text{Ampere's law} & \longrightarrow & \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}(t) = \mu_0 \vec{J}(t) + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}(t)}{\partial t} \longrightarrow \text{Maxwell's law} \end{array}$$

## IN WHAT FOLLOWS

$$\begin{array}{cc} \rho(t) & \vec{E}(t) \\ \vec{j}(t) & \vec{B}(t) \end{array}$$

All these functions are time variable

But for a sake of simplicity the variable  $t$  is dropped

A special attention must be paid to the forth Maxwell's equation

*How the charge conservation law became sacred !*

Ampere's law  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J}$   Maxwell's questioning

$$\underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})}_{=0} = \mu_0 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{blue arrow}} \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = 0 \quad ! \quad \text{The flux of a current out of a closed surface is zero}$$

**COMMON SENSE:** The flux of a current out of a closed surface = the **DECREASE** of charge inside. So it cannot be in general zero

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$



Something is wrong with Ampere's law

Maxwell's correction  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$   $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) = \mu_0 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}}{\partial t}$

From Gauss law  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$   $\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) = \mu_0 \underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}}_{=0} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\epsilon_0 c^2} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}}_{=0} = 0$

$\frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \mu_0} = c^2$   $\Rightarrow$  Charge conservation law  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$

To date no one has found an experiment that disagrees with this statement

## Charge conservation

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

If charges are flowing out of closed surface it means that their density inside the volume bounded by this surface is decreasing **UNLESS** the difference is supplied by an external source (closed circuit)

### Reminder

- Differential forms of Maxwell's equations manipulate vectors
- Integral forms of Maxwell's equations manipulate scalars

Let's look at equation (1)  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$

What if things are varying with time ?

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} \Rightarrow \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} \Rightarrow \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = 0$$

Let's now take a look at equation (4)

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \cdot [c^2 \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}]}_{=0} = \frac{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}}{\epsilon_0} + \frac{\partial \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}}{\partial t} \Rightarrow \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = 0$$

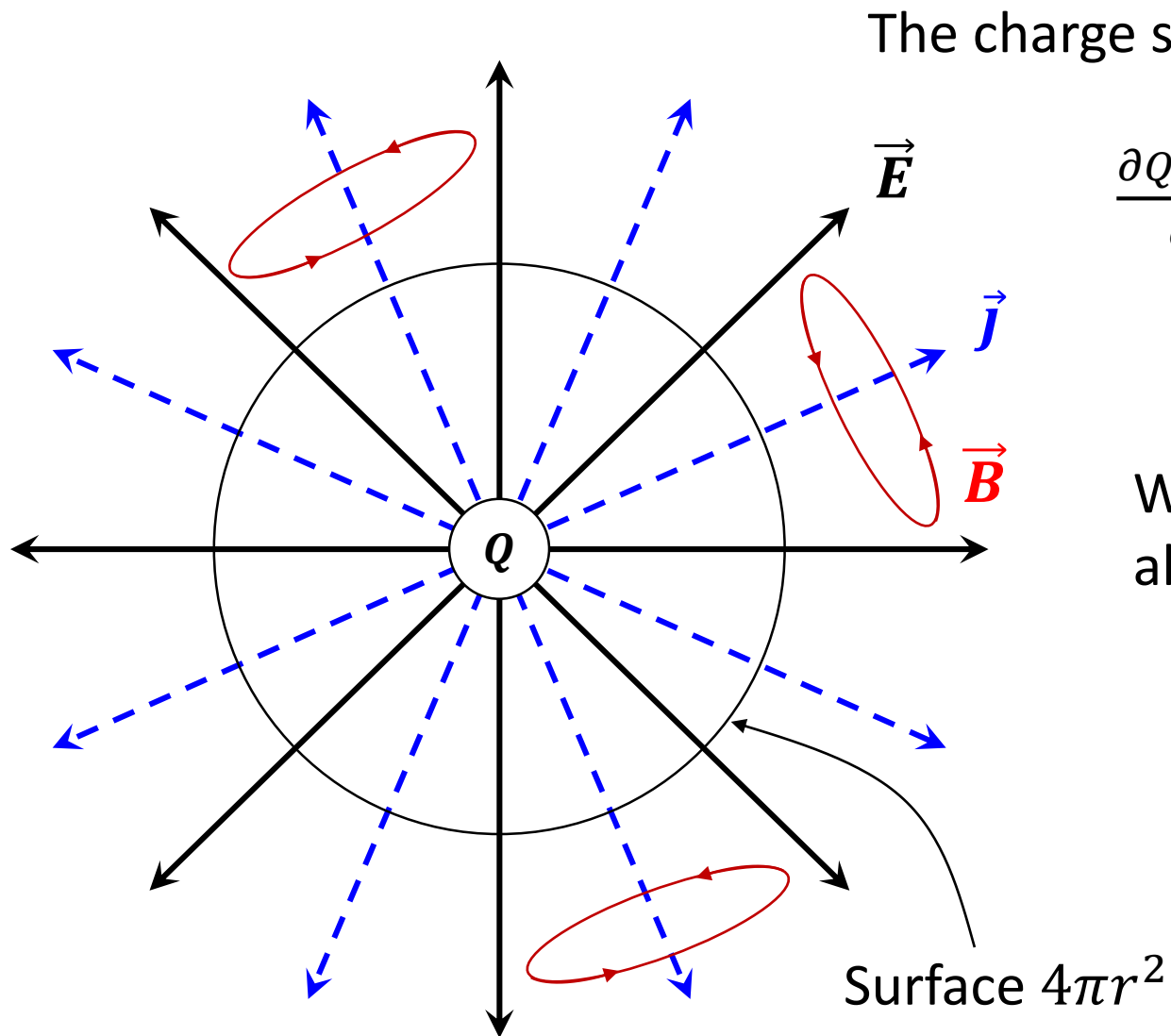
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$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \quad \text{Valid all the time}$$



# A beautiful experiment illustrating the pertinence of Maxwell's approach



The charge source  $Q(r, t)$  is leaky radially (symmetrically)

$$\frac{\partial Q(r, t)}{\partial t} = -4\pi r^2 j(r) \quad \text{Current is a scalar field}$$



We should expect a magnetic field circulating along a loop around the current density vectors



How can a field change direction ?

## Maxwell finding saves the situation

$$E(r, t) = \frac{Q(r, t)}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$



$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \frac{\partial Q(r, t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{j(r)}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$j(r) = \frac{I}{A}$$

$$A = 4\pi r^2$$

$$I = \frac{\partial Q(r, t)}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = \mu_0 \vec{J} - \frac{\vec{J}}{\epsilon_0 c^2} = \vec{0}$$



$$\vec{B} = \vec{0}$$

Fourth Maxwell's equation

No magnetic field

Two sources of magnetic fields cancel each other out  
 $\Rightarrow$  There can be no magnetic field

# Electromagnetic (EM) waves

Maxwell's theory

1865

$\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} \rightarrow$  Source of  $E(x, t)$   
 $\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} \rightarrow$  Source of  $B(x, t)$

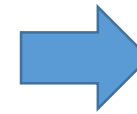
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Hertz's experiments

1888 (23 years later !)



EM waves



- Energy
- Momentum

Mechanical waves need medium to propagate

EM waves **do not** need any medium to propagate

**BUT** both are based on the same equations

# Maxwell equations and EM waves

Faraday's law  $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} \rightarrow$  Source of  $E(x, t)$  proved by emf induction

Ampere's and Maxwell's law  $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} \rightarrow$  Source of  $B(x, t)$  proved by displacement current

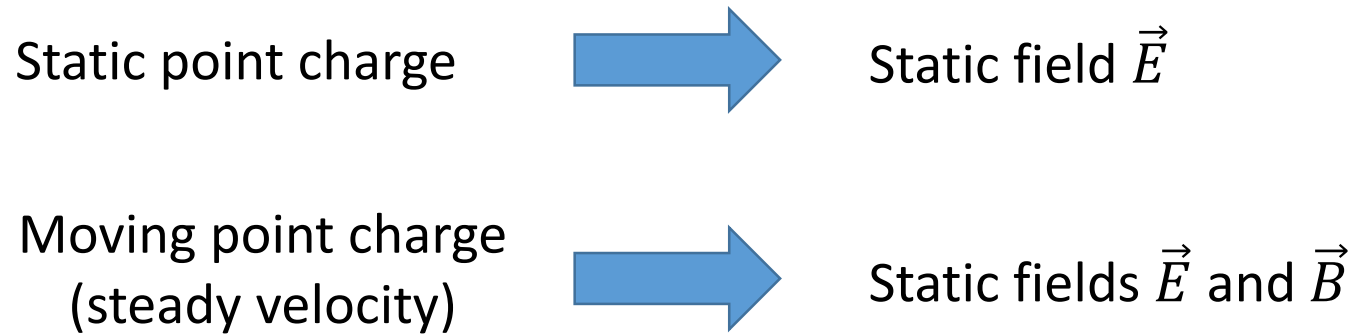
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} & \leftrightarrow & \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \underbrace{\epsilon_0 \quad \mu_0} & & \end{array}$$



$$\frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \mu_0} = c^2$$

*Maxwell motivation (1864) was to understand this extraordinary result*

Characteristics of the medium



To produce EM wave, the charge MUST accelerate

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} \leftrightarrow \frac{\partial B}{\partial t}$$

Every accelerated charge radiates EM energy

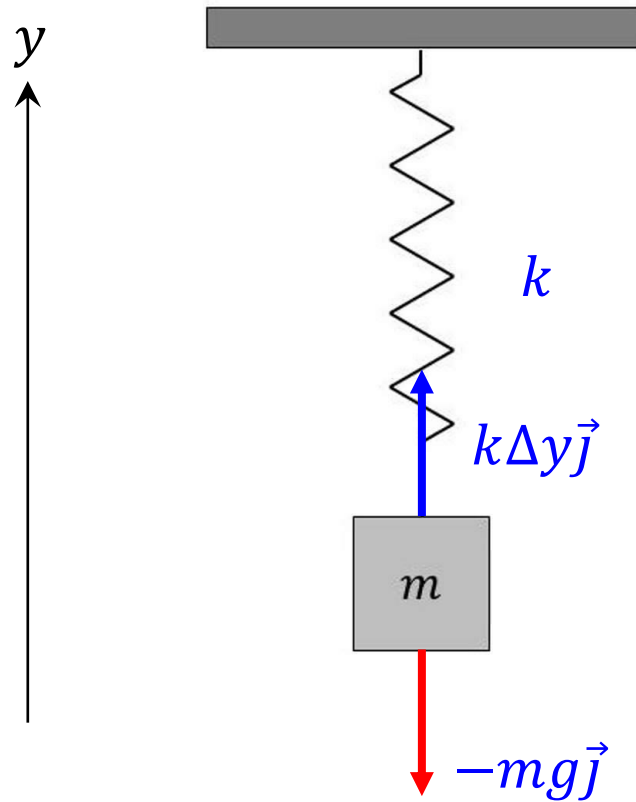


- This makes classical atom unstable
- The orbiting electron has a centripetal acceleration

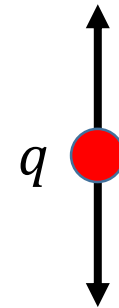
Quantum mechanics handles this issue

# How can we accelerate a charge ?

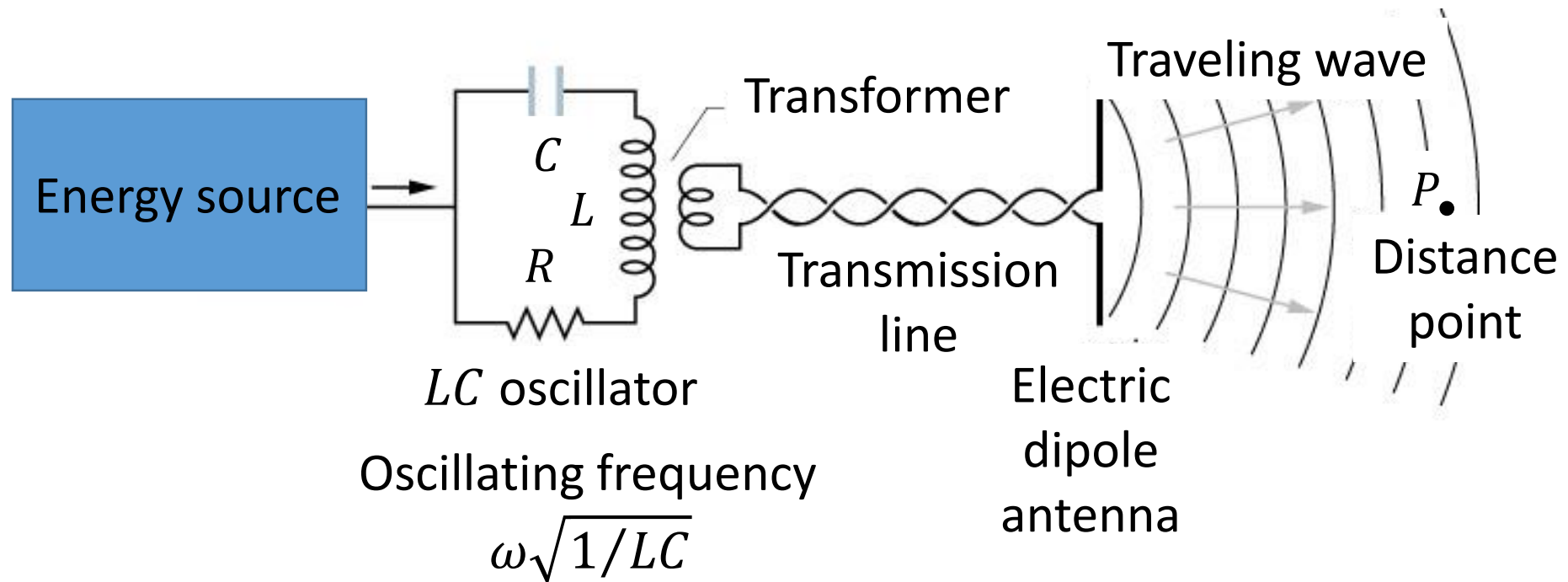
## Simple harmonic oscillation



The two systems are in permanent acceleration except when passing through the equilibrium position

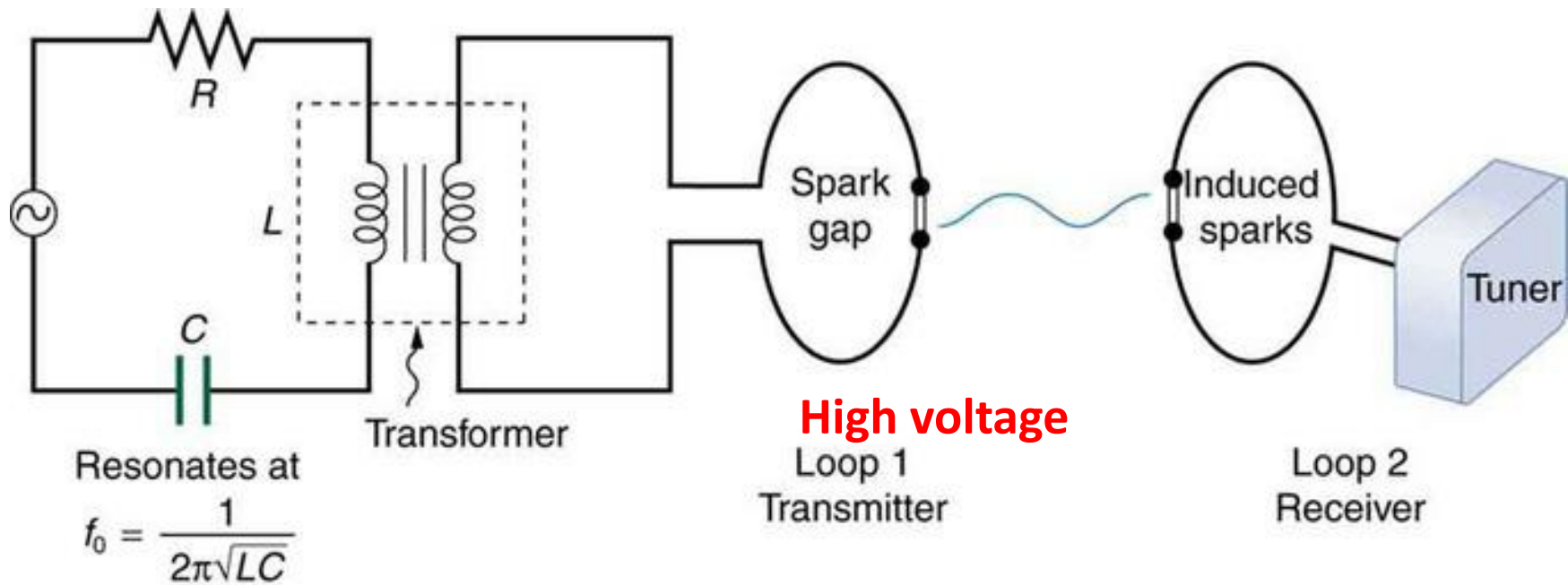


## Today's circuit

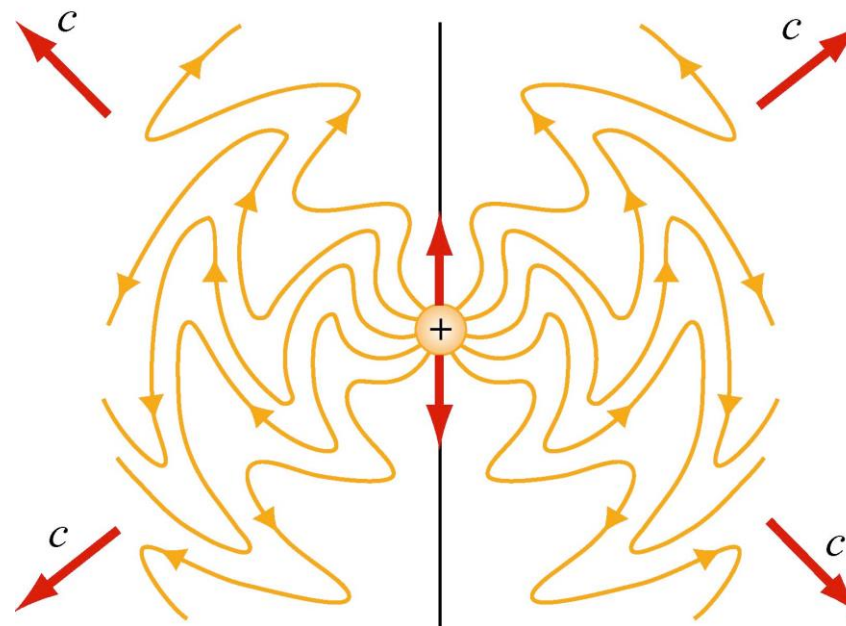
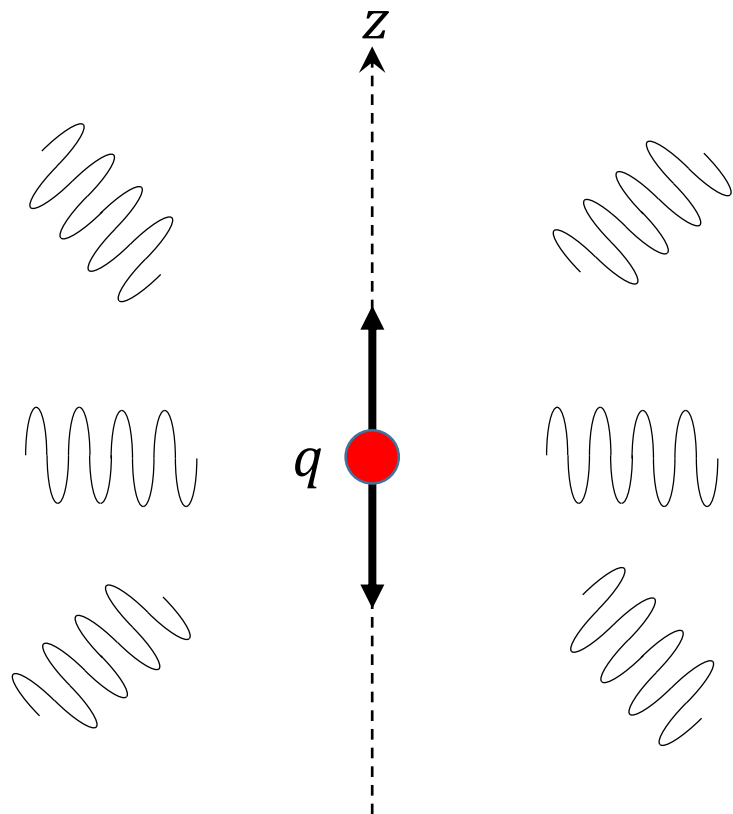




# Original Hertz experiment 1888



= ***RLC*** circuit that can be tuned to resonance

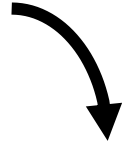


### Question:

- 1) Is it possible to have a purely Electric wave or Magnetic wave propagating through empty space ?
- 2) No wave along the  $z$  axis: Why?

## Electrostatic

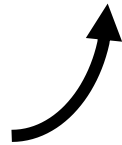
$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \vec{e}_r$$



Both perpendicular to each other but **NOT ALWAYS**  
whether the charges are static or in uniform motion

## Magnetostatic

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{q}{r^2} \vec{v} \times \vec{e}_r$$



Maxwell's equations require **ORTHOGONALITY ALL THE TIME**



**ONLY ONE SOLUTION: THE CHARGES MUST ACCELERATE**

Orthogonality of  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  and transverse character of EM waves

Expressing the traveling  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  in complex exponential forms

$$\vec{E} = \sum_1^3 E_{0m} \vec{u} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$\vec{B} = \sum_1^3 B_{0m} \vec{u} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$m = (x, y, z)$$

$$\vec{u} = (\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k})$$

$$\vec{E} = (E_{0x}\vec{i} + E_{0y}\vec{j} + E_{0z}\vec{k}) e^{i(k_x x + k_y y + k_z z - \omega t)}$$

$$\vec{B} = (B_{0x}\vec{i} + B_{0y}\vec{j} + B_{0z}\vec{k}) e^{i(k_x x + k_y y + k_z z - \omega t)}$$

$$\vec{k} = k_x \vec{i} + k_y \vec{j} + k_z \vec{k}$$

**$\vec{k}$  direction of propagation)**

$$\vec{r} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}$$



$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} = k_x x + k_y y + k_z z$$

## Orthogonality of $\vec{E}$ and $\vec{B}$ : Demonstration based on Faraday's and Maxwell's laws

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

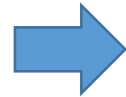
From Faraday's law

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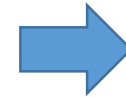
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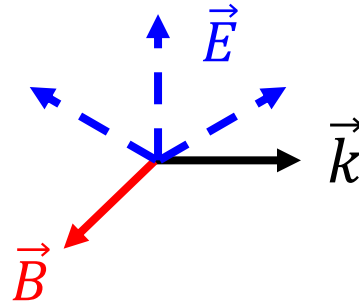
$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$



$$\vec{k} \times \vec{E} = \omega \vec{B}$$



$$\vec{B} \perp \vec{k} \text{ and } \vec{B} \perp \vec{E}$$



$\vec{k}$  indicate the direction of propagation

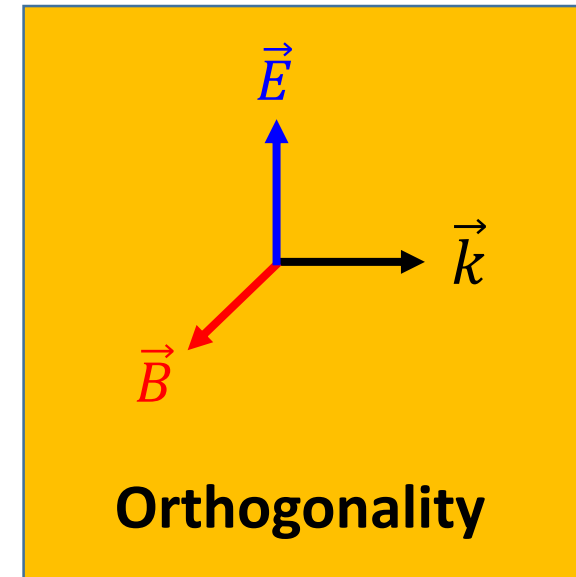
**What about  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{k}$  ?**

## From Maxwell's (Ampere's corrected) law

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{in free space} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

The same treatment as in previous slide

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{k} \times \vec{B} &= -\frac{\omega}{c^2} \vec{E} \\ \vec{k} \times \vec{E} &= \omega \vec{B} \end{aligned}$$






## Transverse character of the EM wave: Demonstration based on Gauss's laws

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

From Gauss's law in a space charge free

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$$


$$\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} = 0$$



$$i(k_x E_x + k_y E_y + k_z E_z) = 0$$



**EM waves are Orthogonal and Transverse**

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$$

The electric field  $\vec{E}$  is orthogonal to the direction of propagation

From Gauss's law applied to  $\vec{B}$



$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

The magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  is orthogonal to the direction of propagation

## Consequence on the relation between $E$ and $B$

$$\vec{k} \times \vec{E} = \omega \vec{B}$$



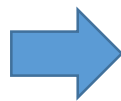
$$kE = \omega B$$



$$E = \frac{\omega}{k} B$$



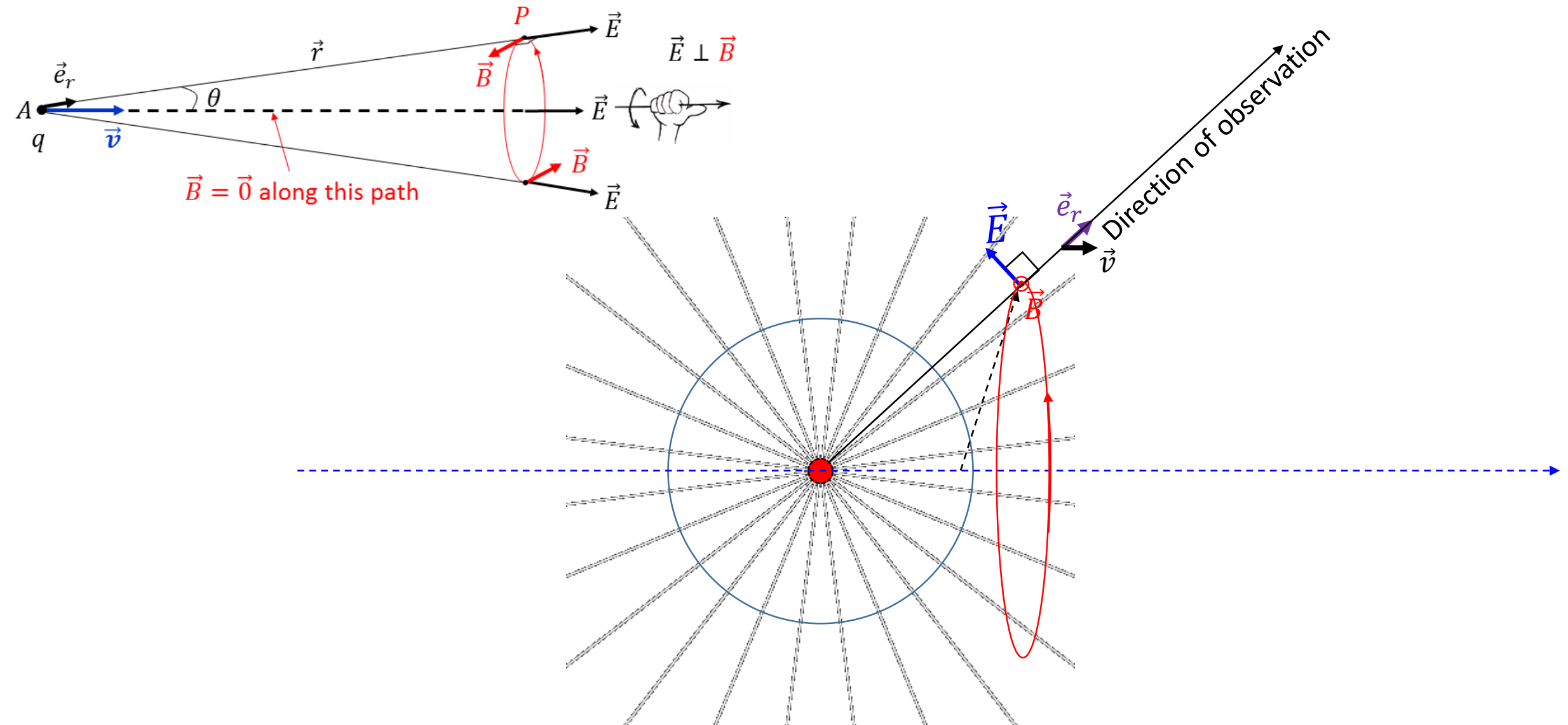
$$E = cB$$



$$B \ll E$$

**In most practical cases it is  $E$  that matters**

# Acceleration creates a transverse wave



## Remark on vectors

In general a vector has 3 components and each component depends on four variables  $(x, y, z, t)$

$$\vec{V} = V_x(x, y, z, t)\vec{i} + V_y(x, y, z, t)\vec{j} + V_z(x, y, z, t)\vec{k}$$


If the vector has only one single component  $\vec{V} = V_y(x, y, z, t)\vec{j}$

**BUT**

Still this component can be function of the four variables

# Plane wave

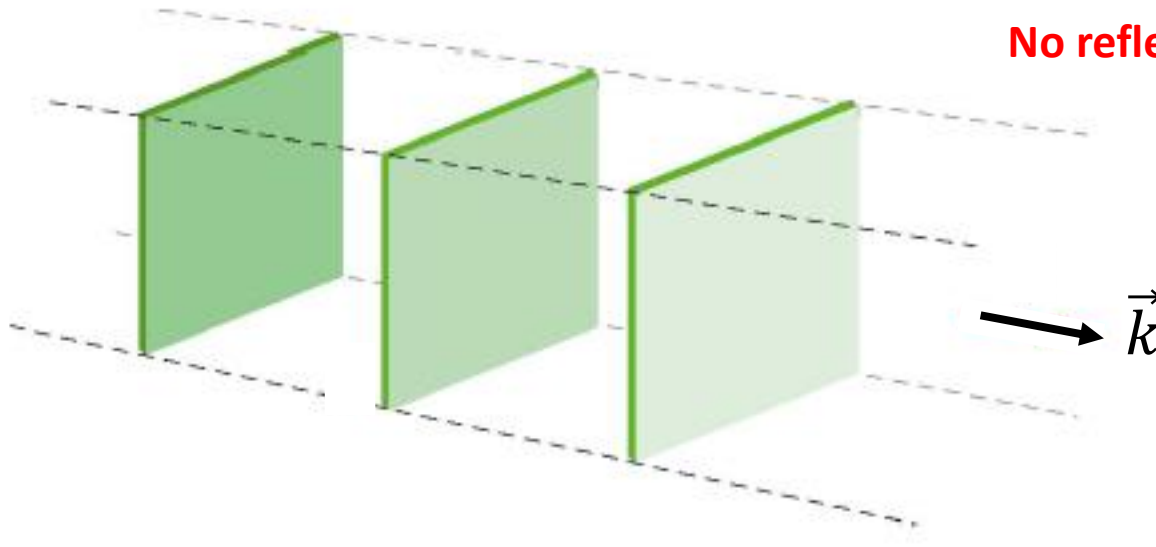
## Assumptions

- **Homogeneous** unbounded medium (vacuum):  No **absorption** and no **reflection**
- Source of EM wave consists of **an infinite plan perpendicular** to the direction of propagation  
On every plane,  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  keep the **same direction, same magnitude and same phase**

No reflection

No absorption

Homogeneous



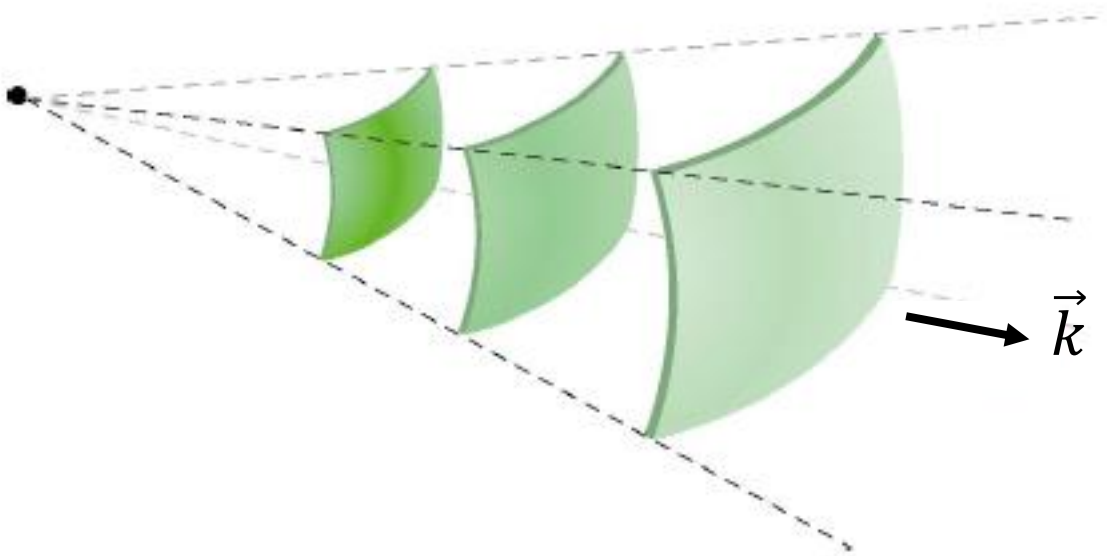
Plane wave

Not realistic because it  
assumes an infinite source

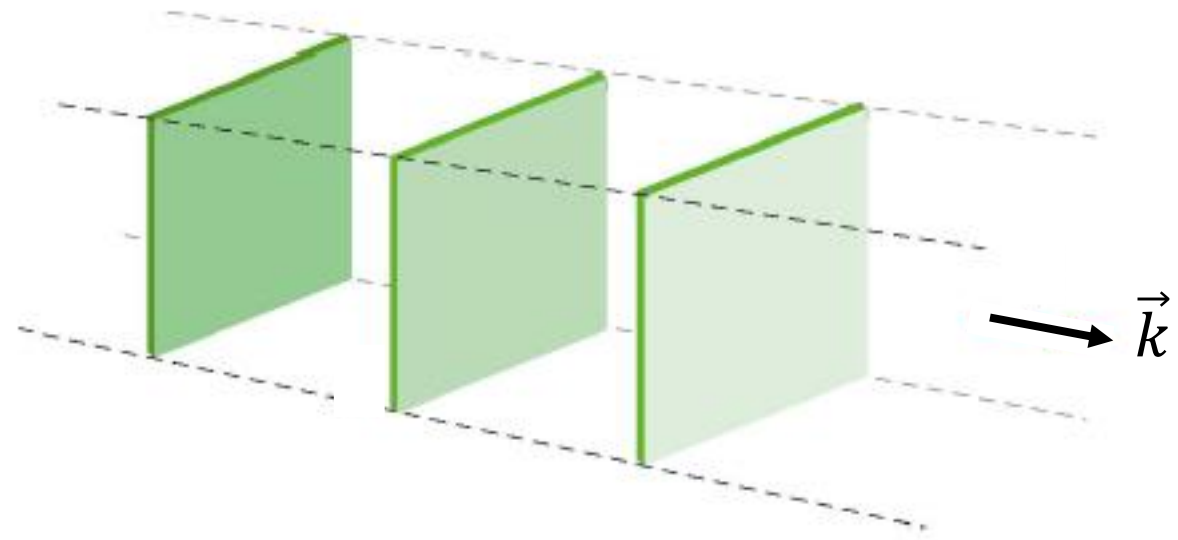
## A more realistic approach to the plane wave

Away from a spatially limited source, a spherical wave is more realistic...

Spherical wave



Plane wave

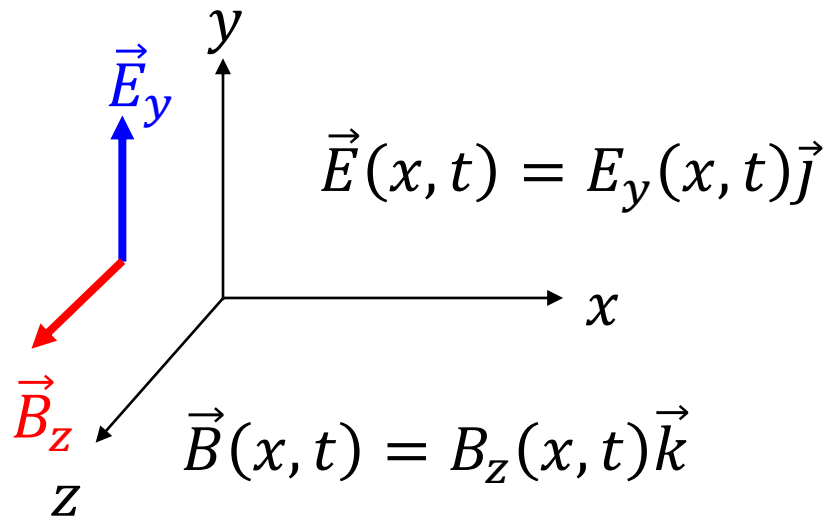


... And very far away from the source it may look like a plane wave...

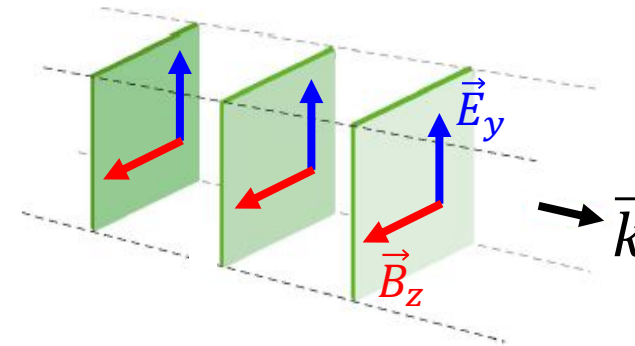
# Plane wave

## Assumptions

- For a plane wave each field has one component which depends on only two variables  $(x, t)$

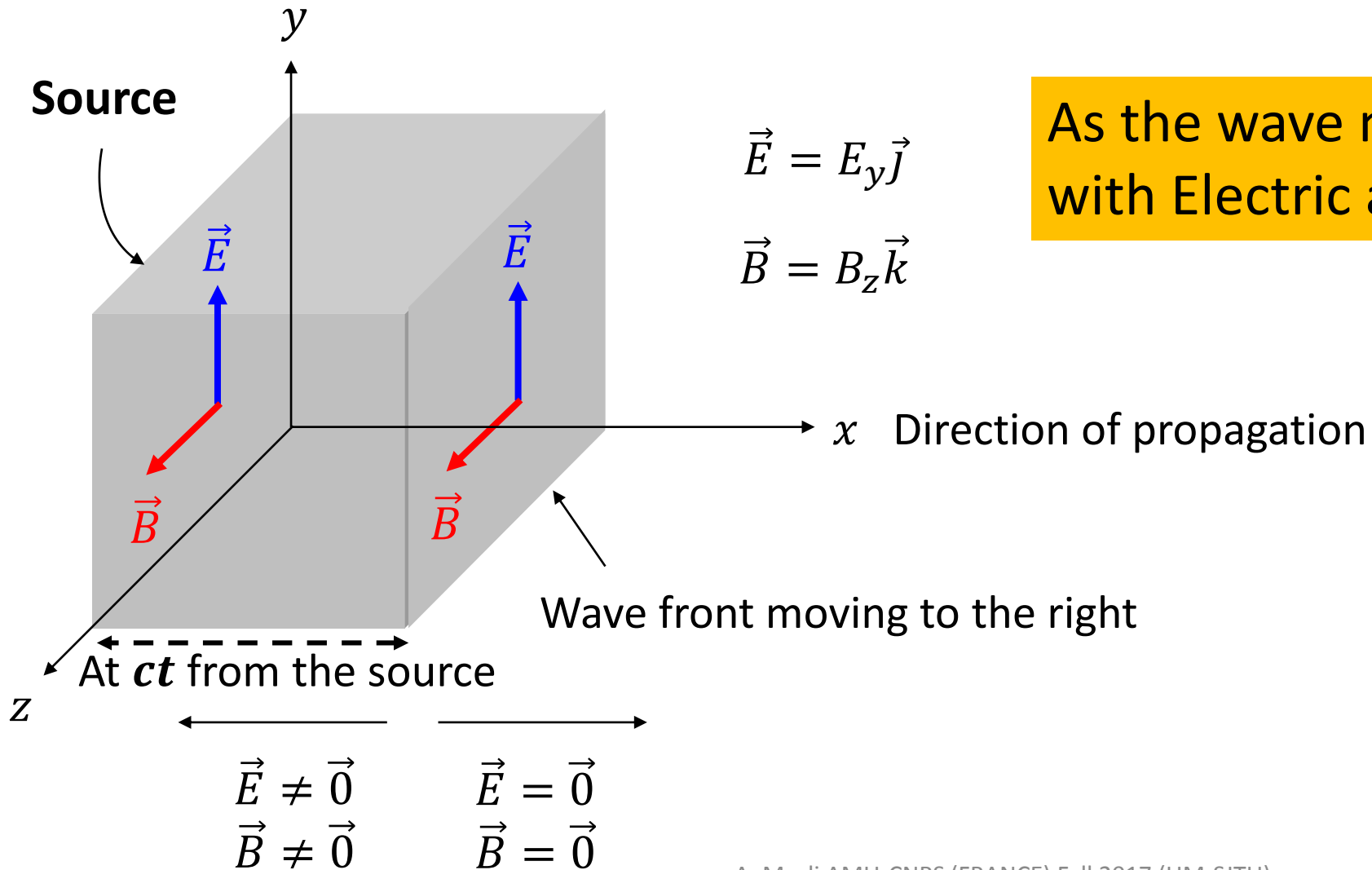


$$\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} = 0$$





# Plane EM wave and the relation $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}}$



As the wave moves the space is filled with Electric and magnetic field

## Postulating a configuration for a Plane wave

- $E_y$  and  $B_z$  are constant in every point in a **given plane at a given position  $x$**
- Both fields move together in the  $+x$ -direction with a speed  $c$  (unknown)

Is this configuration of a plane wave  
consistent with the four Maxwell's equations ?

Could  $\vec{E}$  or  $\vec{B}$  have an  $x$  – component ?

## A) Gauss's law: Flux of the fields

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$  when no net charges inside the Gaussian surface

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{E} = E_y \vec{j}$$

$$\underbrace{E_z = 0}_{\vec{E} \perp \vec{B}}$$

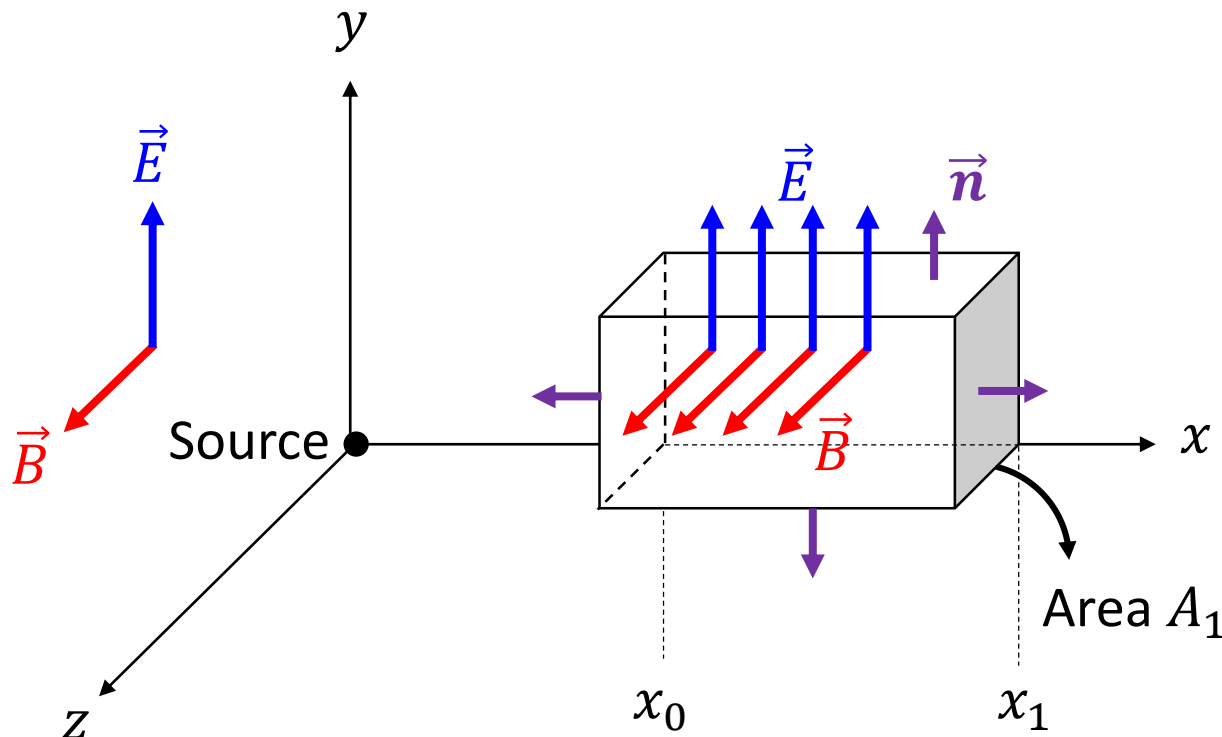
$$\vec{E} \perp \vec{B}$$

$$\vec{B} = B_z \vec{k}$$

$$\underbrace{B_y = 0}_{\vec{E} \perp \vec{B}}$$

$$\vec{E} \perp \vec{B}$$

What about  $E_x$  and  $B_x$  ?



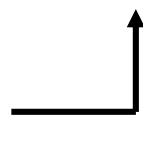
Gauss's law would be violated if  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  had each a  $x$  – component. **Why ?**

Gauss law requires that

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} = 0$$

$\parallel$        $\parallel$        $\parallel$   
 $0$        $0$        $0$

$E_x$  MUST be either constant or  $= 0$



$$\vec{E} \perp \vec{B} \Rightarrow E_z = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} = 0$$

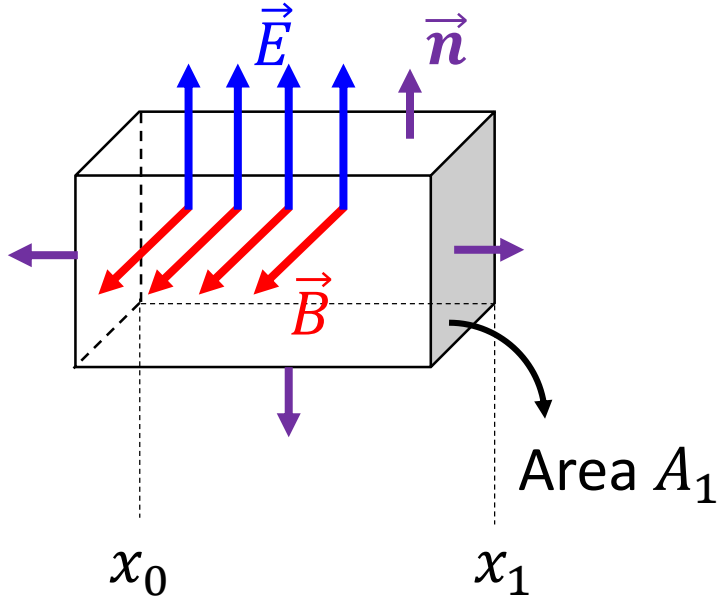
$E_y$  MUST be constant  
in the whole  $yz$  plane  
 $\vec{E}(x, t) = E_y(x, t)\vec{j}$



**See slide #32**

If  $E_x$  exists and because it must be constant  $\Rightarrow$

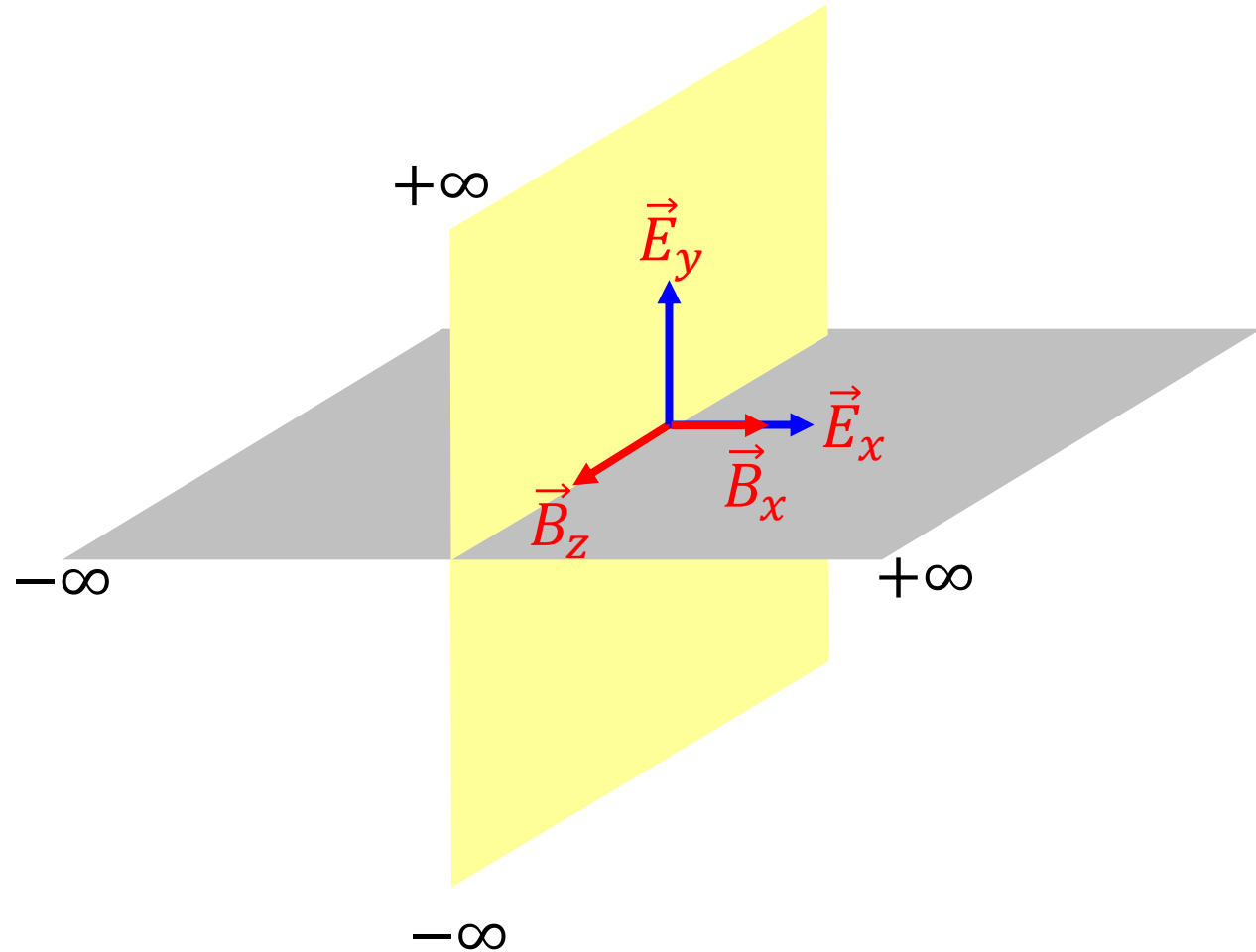
$$\oint_A \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = E_x(x_1)A_1 - E_x(x_0)A_1 = 0 \text{ (No charge enclosed)}$$

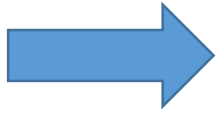


$$E_x(x_1) = E_x(x_0)$$

For all values of  $x_1$  and  $x_0$  !

The problem is that constant fields store **infinite energy** !





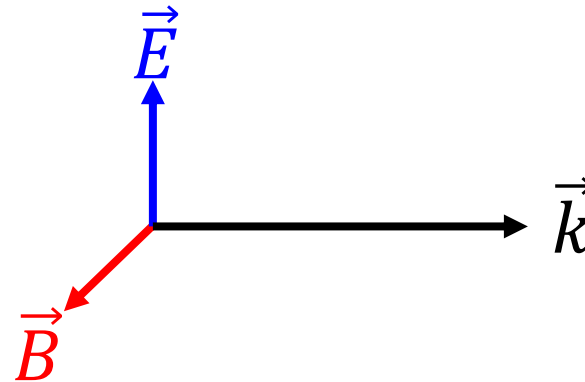
$$E_x = 0$$

$\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  MUST be perpendicular to each other  
**AND** perpendicular to the direction of propagation

The same result holds for magnetic field

$$B_x = 0$$

EM waves are transverse

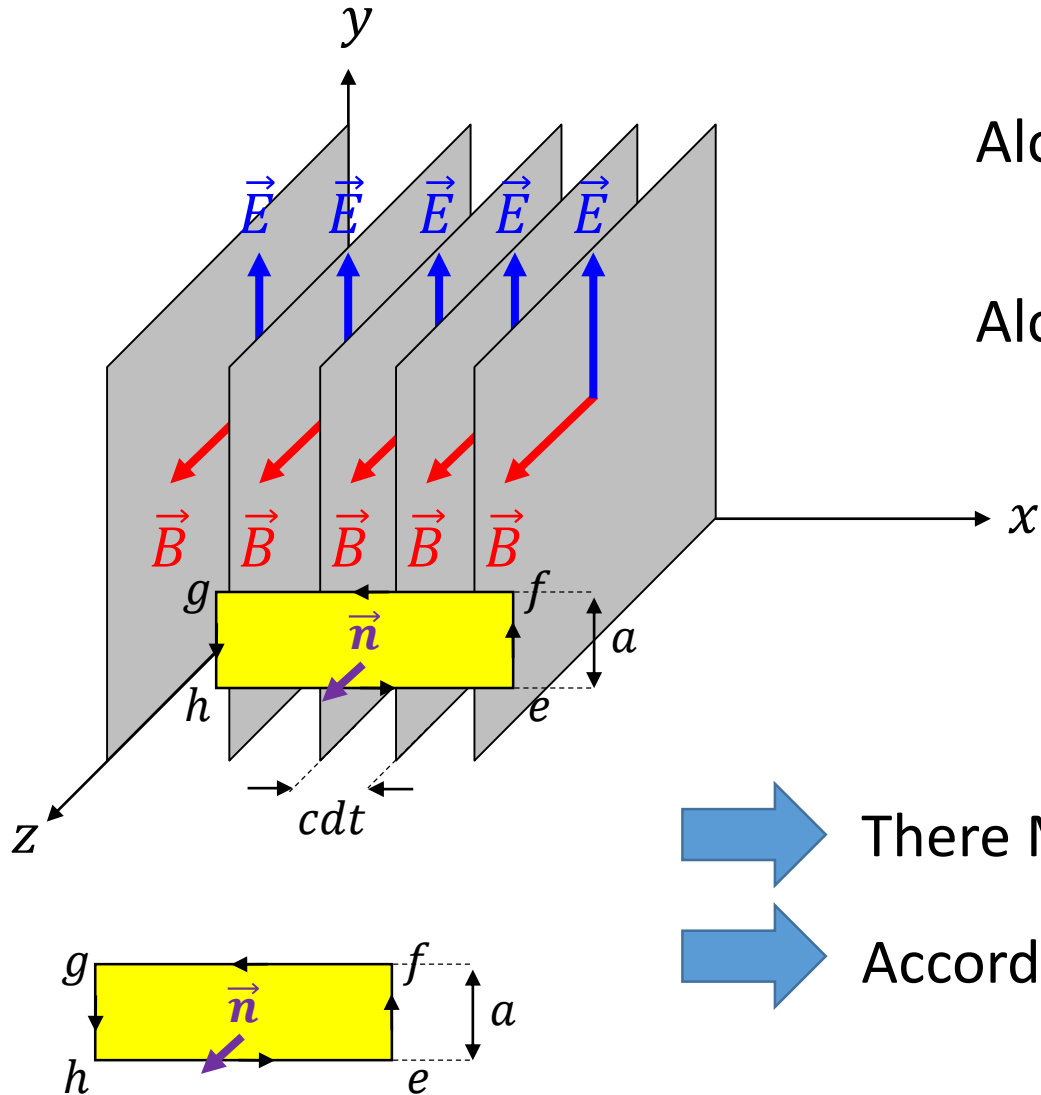


Direction of propagation

Other major properties of the fields  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$   
resulting from Maxwell's equations

## B) Faraday's law: circulation of the $\vec{E}$ field

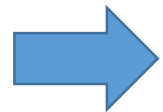
$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$$



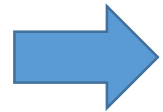
Along  $ef$ : the wave front still did not reach  $\Rightarrow \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$

Along  $fg$  and  $he$ :  $\vec{E} \perp d\vec{l} \Rightarrow \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$

$$\text{Along } gh: \int_g^h \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -Ea$$



There MUST be a magnetic flux  $\Phi_B$  through the rectangle



According to right hand rule  $\vec{B}$  must be along  $+z$  axis and  $\perp \vec{E}$



$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -Ea = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$$

During time  $d\mathbf{t}$  the front wave moves  $c d\mathbf{t}$

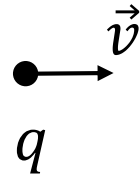
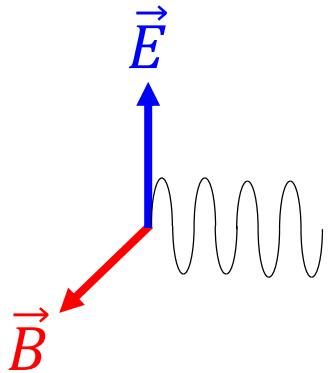
Area changes by  $a c d\mathbf{t}$   $\longrightarrow \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt} = B a c$

$$E = cB$$

Required by  
Faraday's law

Consequence of  $E = Bc$

Consider a free charge interacting with an electromagnetic wave



$$\vec{F} = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\frac{F_B}{F_E} = \frac{vB}{E} = \frac{v}{c}$$

Unless the charge is relativistic  $F_B \ll F_E$

In most situations electromagnetic waves are essentially an **electric phenomenon**

### C) Ampere's law: circulation of the $\vec{B}$ field (Maxwell's part)

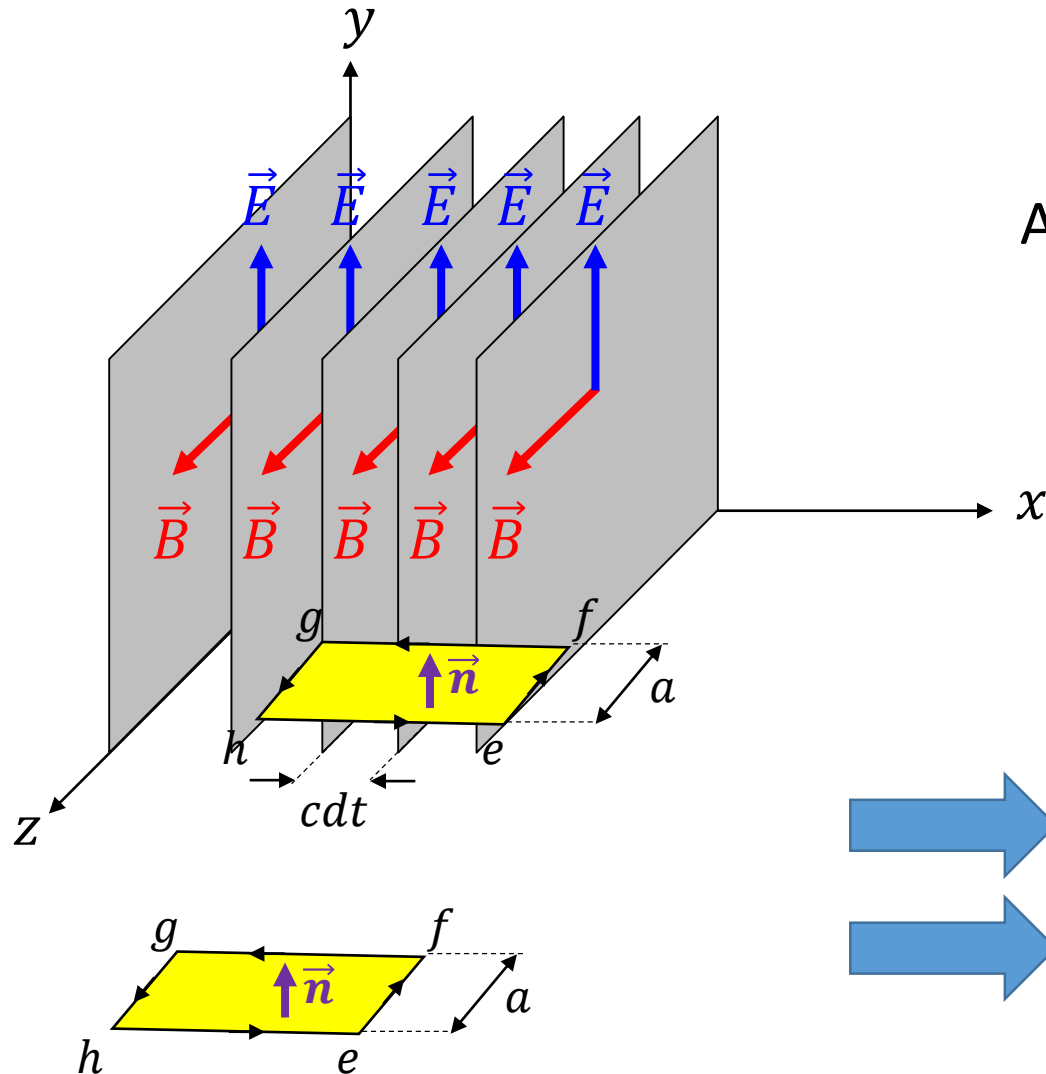
$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt}$$

There is no current  $\vec{J} = \vec{0}$

Along  $ef$ : the wave front still did not reach  $\Rightarrow \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$

Along  $fg$  and  $he$ :  $\vec{E} \perp d\vec{l} \Rightarrow \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$

$$\text{Along } gh: \int_g^h \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = Ba$$



There MUST be a electric flux  $\Phi_E$  through the rectangle



According to right hand rule  $\vec{E}$  must be along  $+y$  axis

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = Ba = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt}$$

During time  $dt$  the front wave moves  $c dt$

Area changes by  $a c dt$



$$\frac{d\Phi_E}{dt} = E a c$$

$$B = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 c E$$

Required by  
Maxwell's law

Faraday's law

and

Maxwell's law

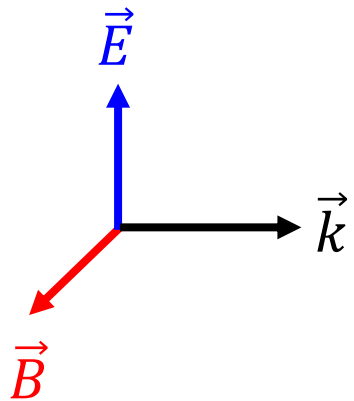
$$E = c B$$

$$B = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 c E$$

$$c = \frac{1}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0 c}$$



$$c \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$$



Direction of  
propagation

$\vec{E}(x, t)$  **AND**  $\vec{B}(x, t)$  **MUST** be in phase in space and time

- Unlike all the other types of waves, EM waves require **NO MEDIUM** through/along which to travel. **EM waves can travel through empty space (vacuum)!**
- Speed of light is independent of speed of observer! We could be heading toward a light beam at the speed of light, but we would still measure  $c$  as the speed of the beam!

**Not intuitive at all !**

$$c = 299\,792\,458 \text{ m/s}$$

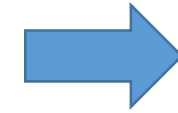
## Summary

Time depended Maxwell's equations

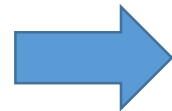
$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} &= \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} &= -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} &= \mu_0 \vec{J} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}\end{aligned}$$

Charge conservation

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$



Concept of flow of charge



EM wave generation

$$m = (x, y, z) \quad \vec{u} = (\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k})$$

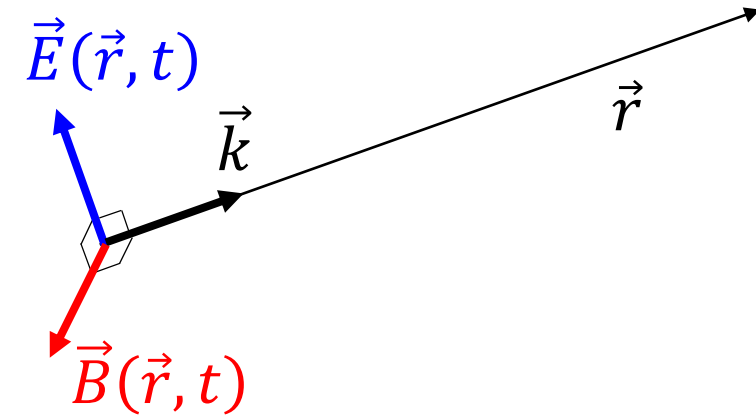
$$\left\{ \begin{aligned}\vec{E} &= \sum_1^3 E_{0m} \vec{u} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \\ \vec{B} &= \sum_1^3 B_{0m} \vec{u} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}\end{aligned}\right.$$

Solution not necessarily a ***sin wave***

$$f(\vec{r}, t) = g(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t) + h(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)$$

$$\vec{k} \times \vec{B} = -\frac{\omega}{c^2} \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{k} \times \vec{E} = \omega \vec{B}$$



**Transverse waves**

$$B = \frac{E}{c}$$

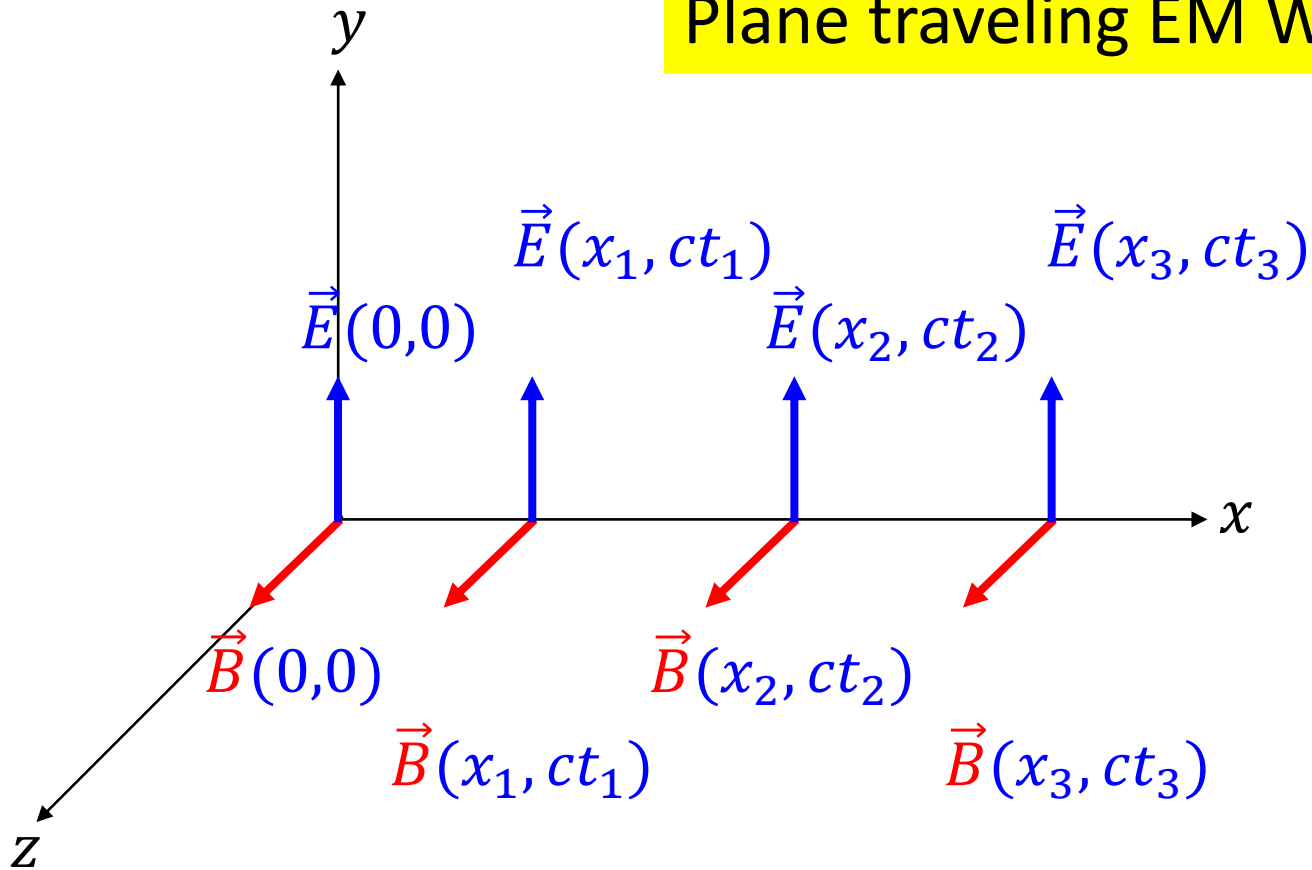
$$B = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 c E$$



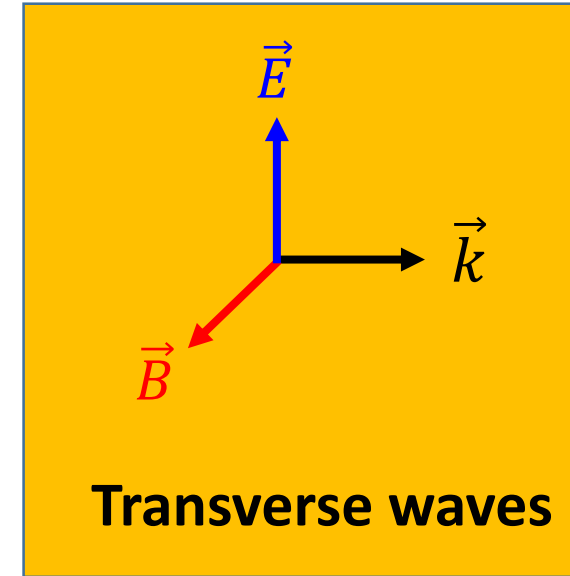
$$\frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \mu_0} = c^2$$

With these we are now ready to obtain the wave equations !

## Plane traveling EM Wave equation



Field amplitudes are **constant** in the same plane  
**BUT**  
may **change** from plane to plane



$$\vec{E}(x, t) = E_y(x, t)\vec{j}$$

$$\vec{B}(x, t) = B_z(x, t)\vec{k}$$

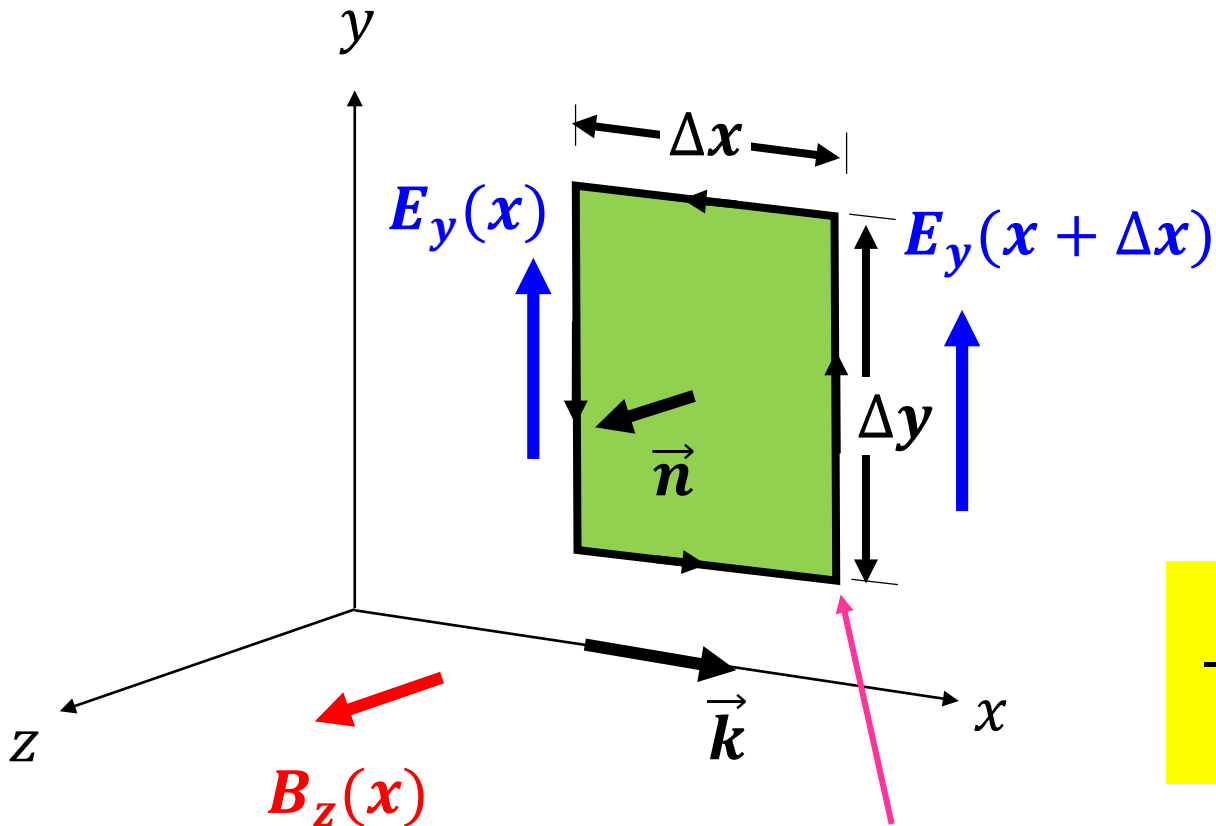
## **WAVE EQUATIONS**

...From integral forms of Maxwell's equation...



# Faraday's law: circulation of the $\vec{E}$ field

## Stokes' vs Gauss's theorem



$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{d}{dt} \iint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = E_y(x + \Delta x)\Delta y - E_y(x)\Delta y$$

$$E_y(x + \Delta x) = E_y(x) + \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} \Delta x + \dots$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} \Delta x \Delta y$$

$$-\frac{d}{dt} \iint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} = -\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial t} \Delta x \Delta y$$

We start here and go counterclockwise

$$\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial t}$$

# Ampere's law: circulation of the $\vec{B}$ field (Maxwell's part)

Again Stokes' vs Gauss's theorem

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt} \iint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

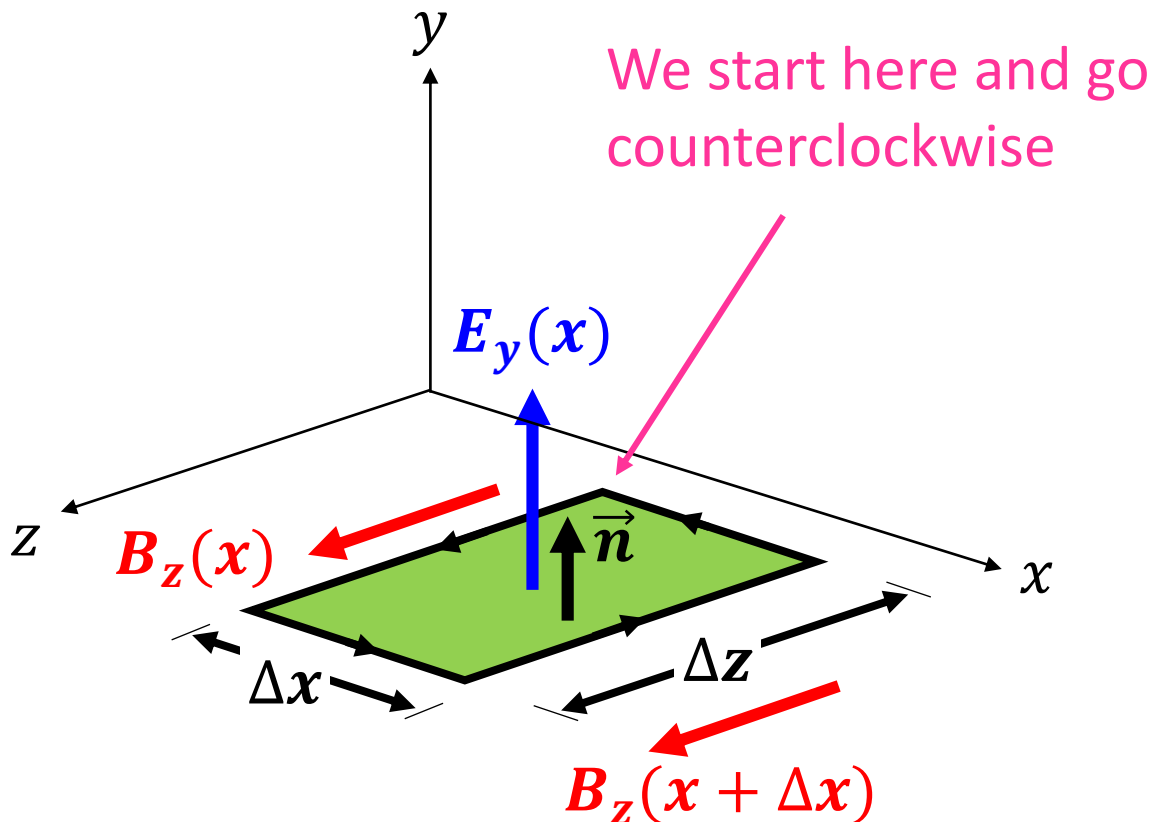
$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = B_z(x) \Delta z - B_z(x + \Delta x) \Delta z$$

$$B_z(x + \Delta x) = B_z(x) + \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} \Delta x + \dots$$

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} \Delta x \Delta z$$

$$\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt} \iint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial t} \Delta x \Delta y$$

$$-\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial t}$$



# Plane traveling EM Wave equation

$$\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial t}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial x^2} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial t} \right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} \right) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} \right) &= -\frac{\partial^2 B_z}{\partial t^2} \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\mu_0 \epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{c^2}$$

$$-\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial t}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} -\frac{\partial^2 B_z}{\partial x^2} &= \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial t} \right) = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} \right) \\ -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} \right) &= \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial t^2} \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 B_z}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 B_z}{\partial t^2}$$


Compare these wave equations to a mechanical wave equation

Electromagnetic wave

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 B_z}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 B_z}{\partial t^2}$$



$$E = E_y(x, t)$$


$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_y(\vec{r}, t)$$

Mechanical wave

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2}$$


$$B = B_z(x, t)$$


$$\vec{B} = \vec{B}_z(\vec{r}, t)$$

For more complex waves



Superposition principle applies

Superposing many waves



Superposing many  $\vec{E}'$ 's and  $\vec{B}'$ 's

$$\vec{E} = \sum \vec{E}'_s \quad \vec{B} = \sum \vec{B}'_s$$

## Remark:

- The wave equation is dispersionless. Thus any function of the form  $f(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)$  satisfies the equation provided Maxwell's constraints apply (**cross products between  $\vec{k}$ ,  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$** )

$$\vec{k} \times \vec{B} = -\frac{\omega}{c^2} \vec{E} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{k} \times \vec{E} = \omega \vec{B}$$

- $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  waves do not have to be sinusoidal. As the wave equation is linear the solution could be any linear combination of sinusoidal function by Fourier transform

# Energy and momentum in electromagnetic waves

## The Poynting vector $\vec{S}$

We already know that both  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  fields carry energy

Waves contain energy

- Microwave ovens
- Radio transmitters
- Laser for eye surgery
- Etc...



From electro and magnetostatic

$u$  = Total energy density

$$u = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} B^2$$

$$B = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 c E$$

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The energy density due to  $\vec{E}$  is equal to the energy density due to  $\vec{B}$  field

$$u = \epsilon_0 E^2 = \frac{B^2}{\mu_0}$$



As both  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  fields vary in space and time,  $\mathbf{u}$  also depends on space and time



Concept of flow of energy and momentum  $\equiv$  flow of charges  $\equiv$  flow of heat



Poynting vector and Poynting theorem

# Electromagnetic energy flow and the Poynting vector

Energy transferred / unit time / unit area = power transferred / unit area

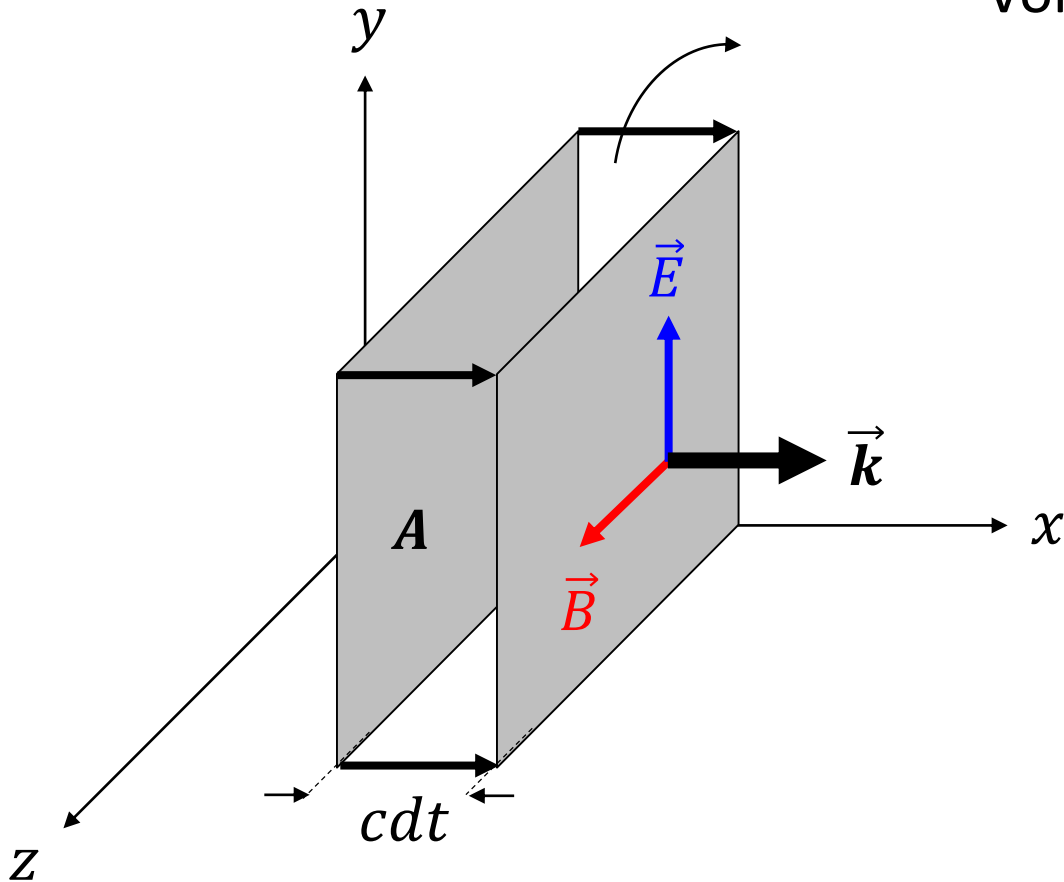
$$\text{Volume } dV = Acdt$$

The energy contained in this volume after the wave has traveled the distance  $cdt$

$$dW = u dV = (\epsilon_0 E^2)(Acdt)$$

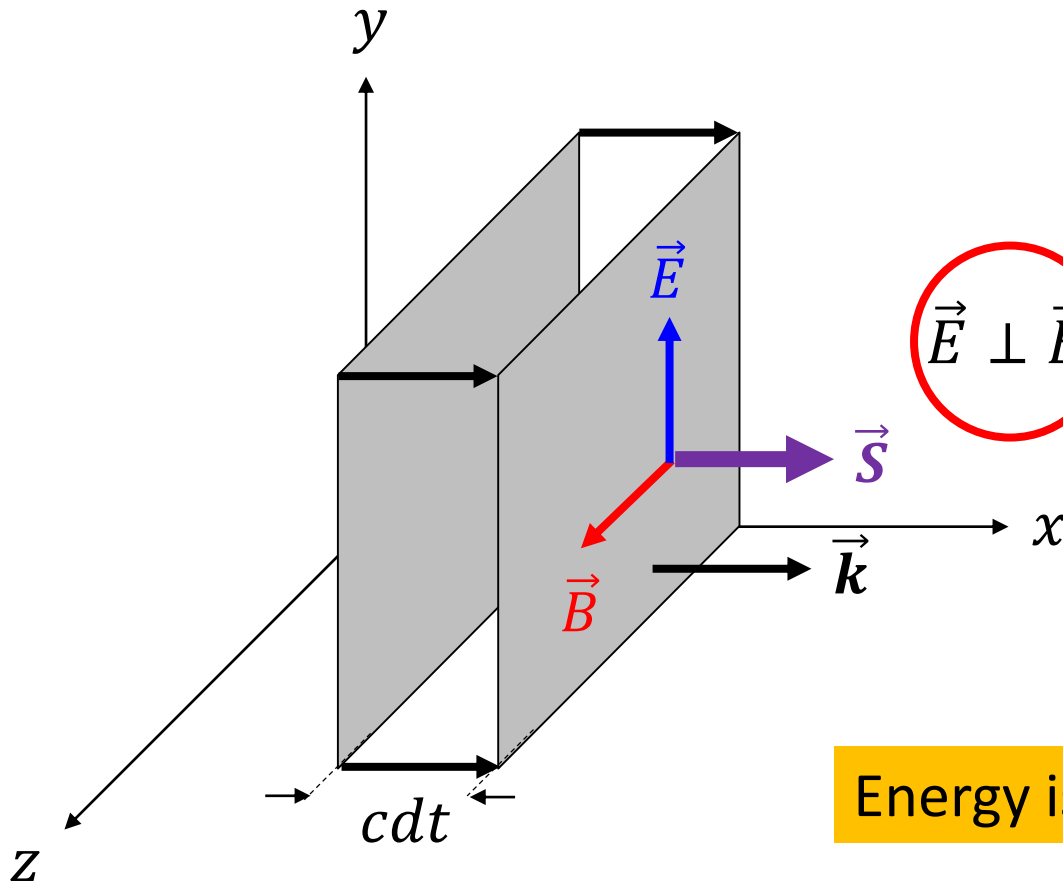
**Energy flow** / unit area / unit time  
or power transferred / unit area

$$S = \frac{1}{A} \frac{dW}{dt} = \epsilon_0 c E^2$$



# Concept of flow of energy

$$S = \frac{1}{A} \frac{dW}{dt} = \epsilon_0 c E^2 = \epsilon_0 (cE) E = \epsilon_0 (c\mathbf{E}) c \frac{\mathbf{E}}{c} = \epsilon_0 (c\mathbf{E}) c \mathbf{B} = \epsilon_0 c^2 \mathbf{E} \mathbf{B}$$

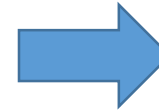


CROSS PRODUCT

$$\vec{E} \perp \vec{B}$$

and

$$\epsilon_0 c^2 = \frac{1}{\mu_0}$$



$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$$

Poynting vector

Energy is **SCALAR BUT** the **FLOW** of energy is a **VECTOR**

$$\vec{S}(x, t) = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E}(x, t) \times \vec{B}(x, t) = \frac{1}{\mu_0} [\vec{j} E_{max} \cos(kx - \omega t)] \times [\vec{k} B_{max} \cos(kx - \omega t)]$$

$$S_x(x, t) = \frac{E_{max} B_{max}}{\mu_0} \cos^2(kx - \omega t) = \frac{E_{max} B_{max}}{2\mu_0} [1 + \cos 2(kx - \omega t)]$$



$$\vec{S}_{av} = S_{av} \vec{l}$$

$$S_{av} = \frac{E_{max} B_{max}}{2\mu_0}$$

This expresses the intensity of sinusoidal EM wave in vacuum

$$I = S_{av} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 c E_{max}^2$$

**Question:** The Poynting vector **does** vary with time. Why our eyes do not see this variation when hit by light coming from a bulb?

**Answer:** Because the oscillation frequency is too high !  $5 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$

What about waves propagating in a dielectric?

Vacuum

$$u = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} B^2 = u_E + u_B$$

$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$$

$$I = S_{av} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 c E_{max}^2$$

Dielectric

$$\epsilon_0 \rightarrow \epsilon = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r$$

$$\mu_0 \rightarrow \mu = \mu_0 \mu_r$$

$$c \rightarrow v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon\mu}} \quad E = vB \quad B = \epsilon\mu vE$$

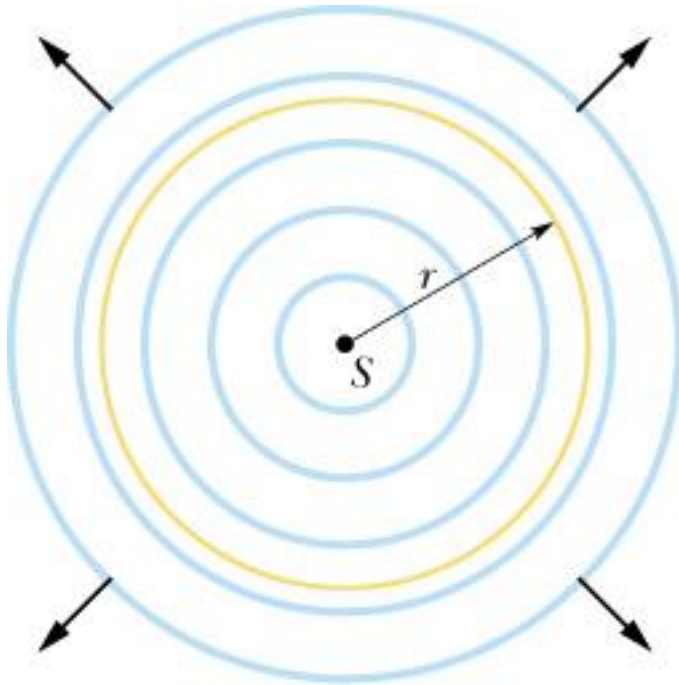
In vacuum  $u_E^0 = u_B^0$



In Dielectric  $u_E^D = u_B^D$

**Question:** How does the intensity (power/area) change with distance  $r$ ?

Consider a point source  $S$  that is emitting EM waves isotropically (equally in all directions) at a rate  $P_S$ . Assume energy of waves is conserved as they spread from source.



$$I = \frac{\text{Power}}{\text{Area}} = \frac{P_S}{4\pi r^2}$$

Ex:  $E_0 = 100\text{V/m}$   
(visible light)

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = 13\text{W/m}^2$$

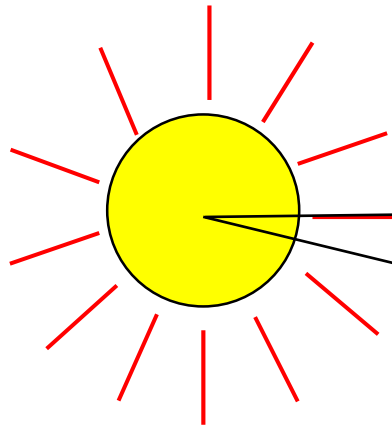


This is not harmful

Ex:  $E_0 = 1000V/m$

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = 1.3kW/m^2$$

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \frac{3.9 \times 10^{26}W}{(150 \times 10^9)^2 m^2}$$



$$3.9 \times 10^{26} W$$

$$150 \times 10^6 km/s$$

$$1m^2$$

Human body

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = 1.4kW/m^2$$

Exposing to sun rays could be very dangerous

## Propagation, Polarization and incidence of EM waves on matter: conductor vs dielectric

To avoid confusion between

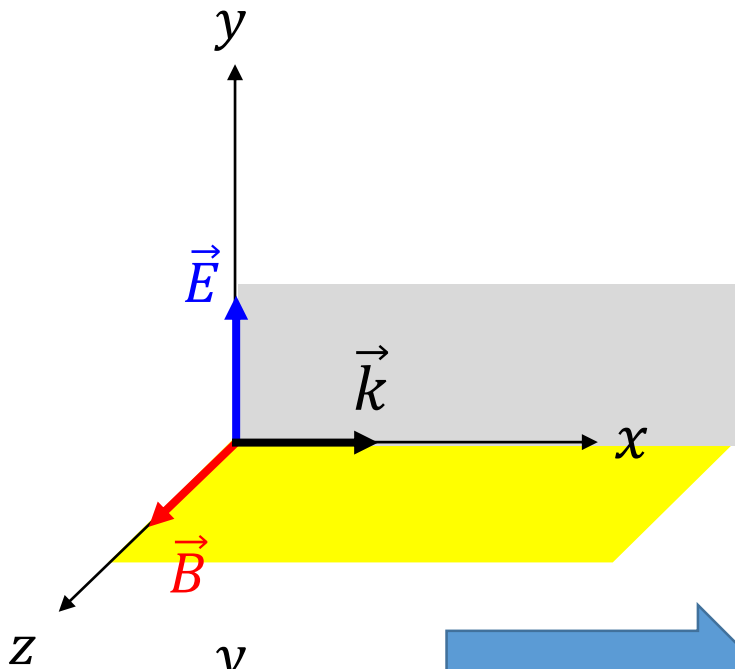
$\vec{k}$  as a wave number vector

$\hat{k}$  as a unit vector along  $z$  -axis

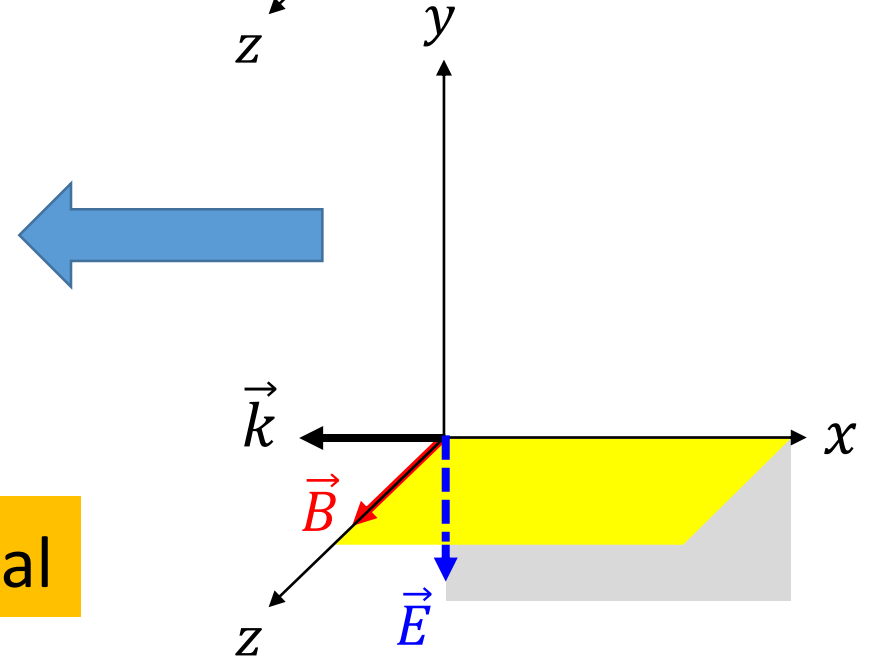
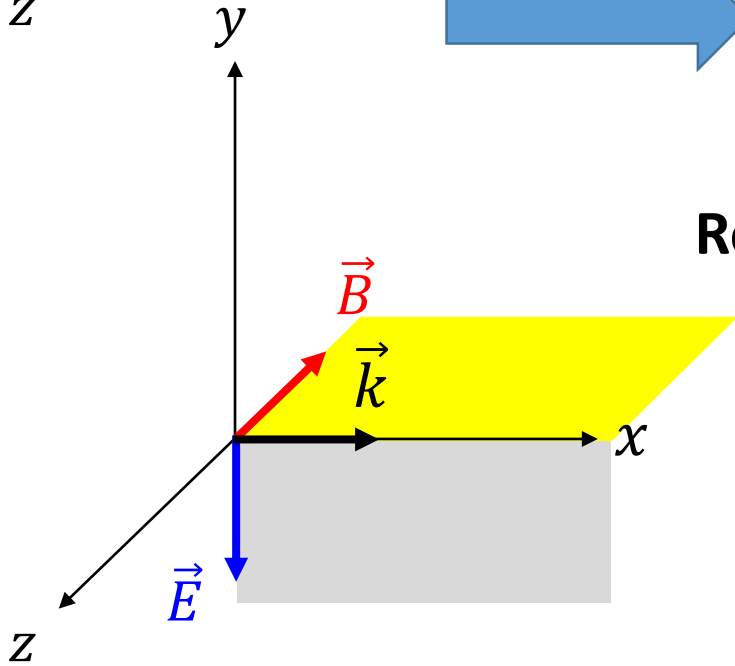
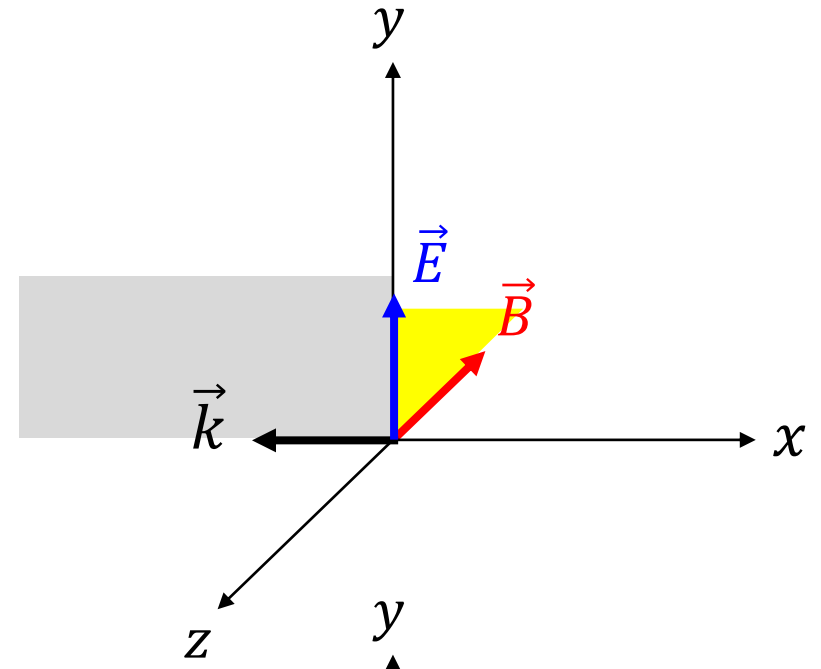


$$(\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}, ) \rightarrow (\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k})$$





$$\begin{aligned}\vec{k} \cdot \vec{E} &= 0 & \vec{k} \times \vec{E} &= \omega \vec{B} \\ \vec{k} \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 & \vec{k} \times \vec{B} &= -\frac{\omega}{c^2} \vec{E}\end{aligned}$$

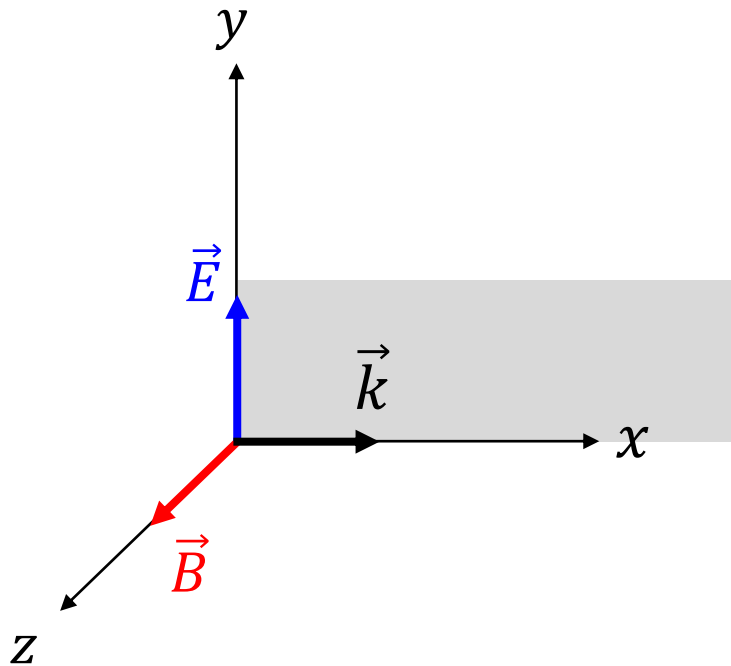


Two opposite directions  
of propagation  
**Rotation =  $\pi$  around the  $y$  –axis**

In all four cases  $\vec{E}$  is vertical

## Definition of polarization

The direction of the linear polarization = The axis along which the  $\vec{E}$  field points



The polarization plane is defined by the two vectors

$\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{k}$

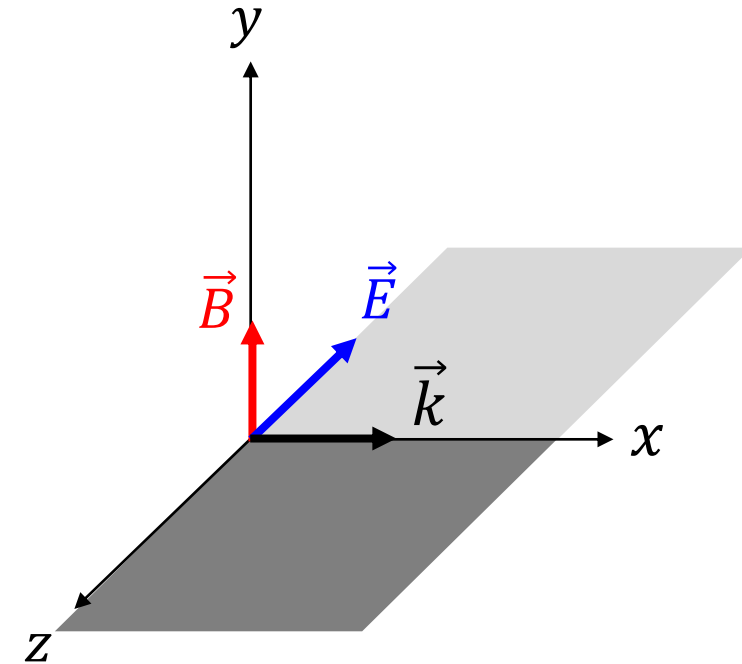
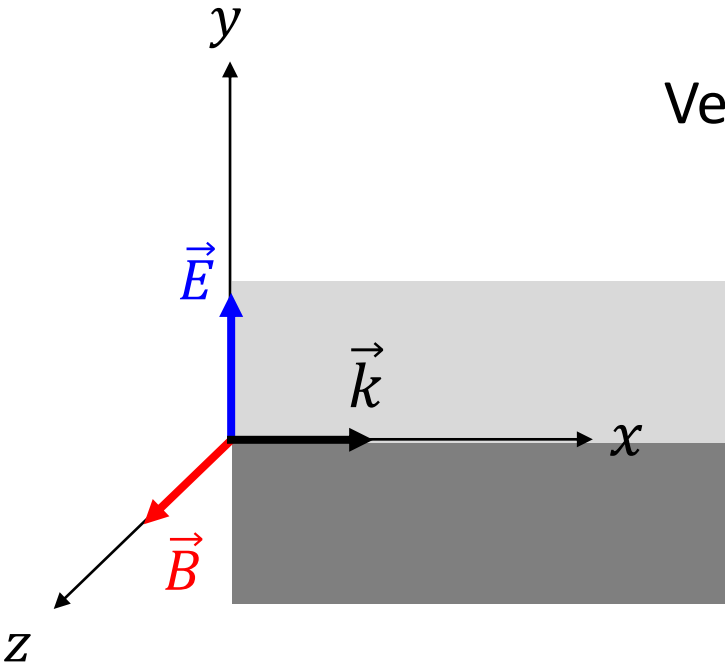
This is a linear vertical polarization

## Two particular types of linear polarization

Vertical

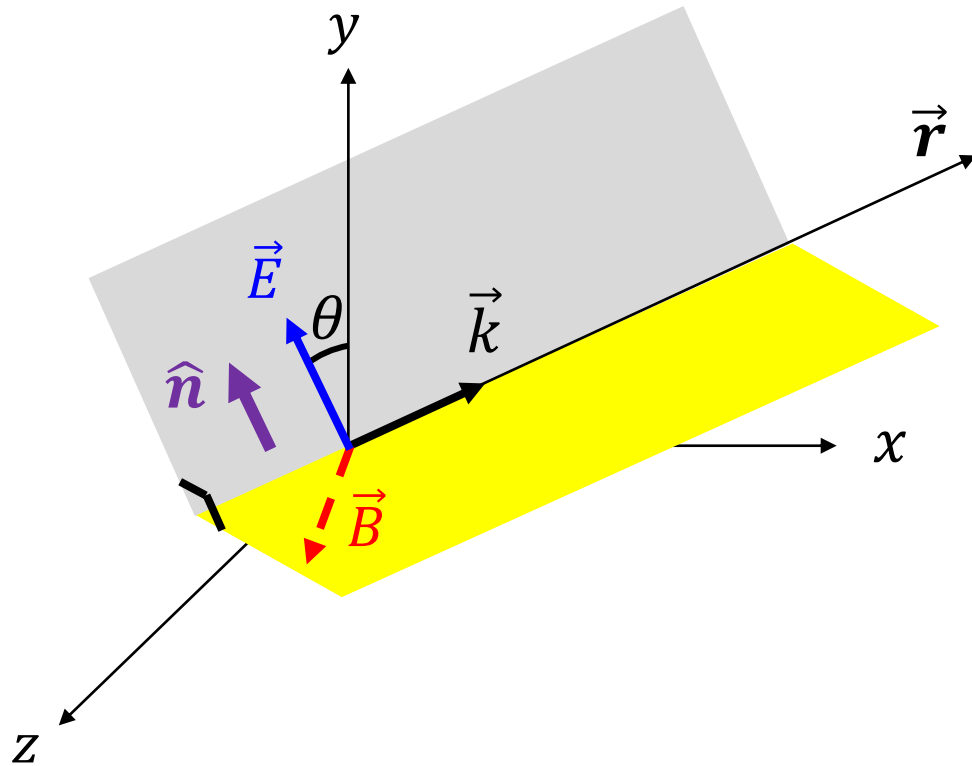
Horizontal

Propagation along  $x$ -axis  
**Rotation =  $\pi/2$  around the  $x$ -axis**



Two distinct and  $\perp$  planes of  $\vec{E}$  vibration

## Polarization along any arbitrary direction



$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{k} = 0$$

and

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$$

$\hat{n}$  and  $\vec{k}$  define the plane of vibration of  $\vec{E}$

$$\hat{n} = \cos\theta \hat{j} + \sin\theta \hat{k}$$



$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = E_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \hat{n}$$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) = B_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} (\vec{k} \times \hat{n})$$

$$\boxed{E = cB} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{E_0}{c} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} (\vec{k} \times \hat{n}) = \frac{1}{c} \vec{k} \times \vec{E}$$

## $\vec{E}$ field along any direction in the $xy$ – plane

$\vec{E} \perp \vec{B} \Rightarrow$  and both fields have two components.

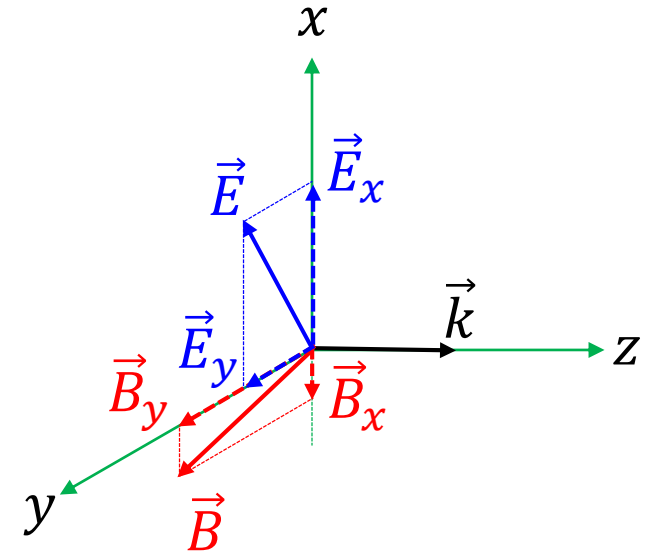
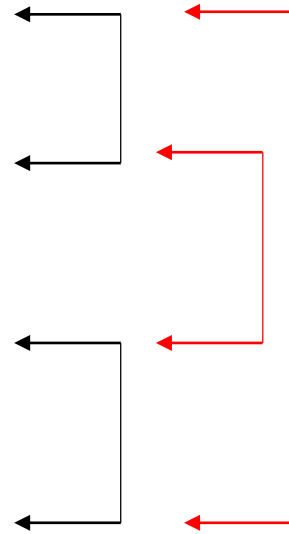
Linear combination:  $\vec{E} = E_x \hat{i} + E_y \hat{j}$  and  $\vec{B} = B_x \hat{i} + B_y \hat{j}$  is also a solution of Maxwell's equation

$$\vec{E}_x = E_{0x} \cos(\omega t - kz) \hat{i}$$

$$\vec{E}_y = E_{0y} \cos(\omega t - kz + \delta) \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{B}_x = -\frac{1}{c} E_{0x} \cos(\omega t - kz + \delta) \hat{i}$$

$$\vec{B}_y = \frac{1}{c} E_{0y} \cos(\omega t - kz) \hat{j}$$



$(\vec{E}_x$  and  $\vec{B}_y)$  or  $(\vec{E}_y$  and  $\vec{B}_x)$  fields are in phase

The two components of the **SAME** field are not necessarily in phase

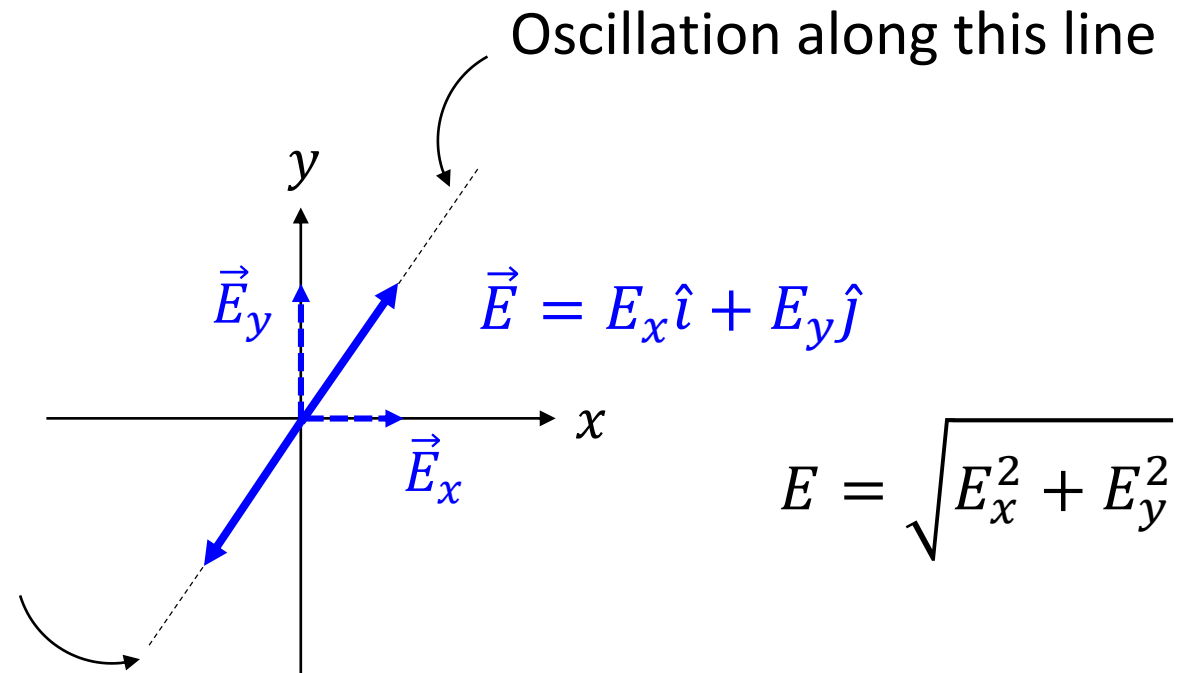
$(\vec{E}_x$  and  $\vec{E}_y)$  or  $(\vec{B}_x$  and  $\vec{B}_y)$

## Special case #1

$x - y$  plane

$\delta = 0$  no dephasing between  $\vec{E}_x$  and  $\vec{E}_y$   
**both reach max and min at the same time**

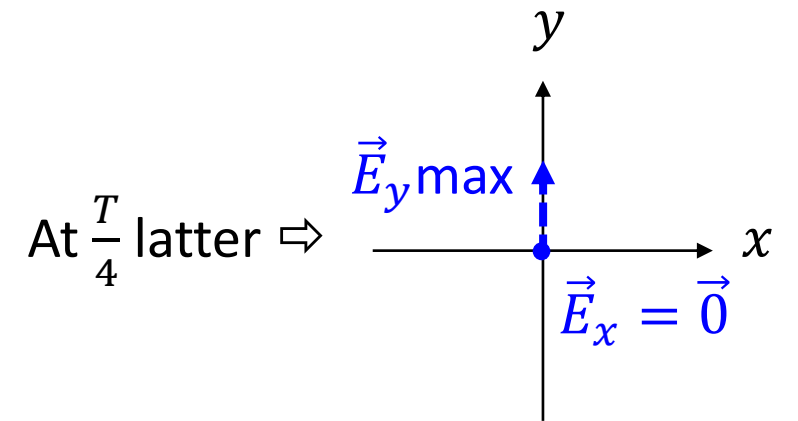
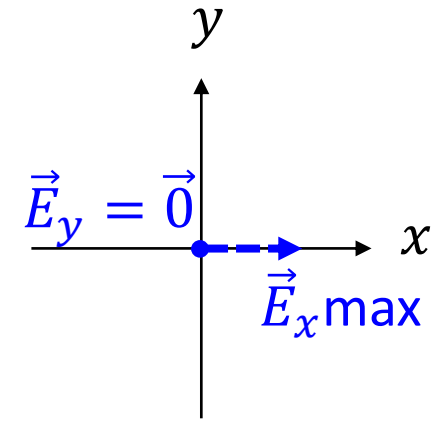
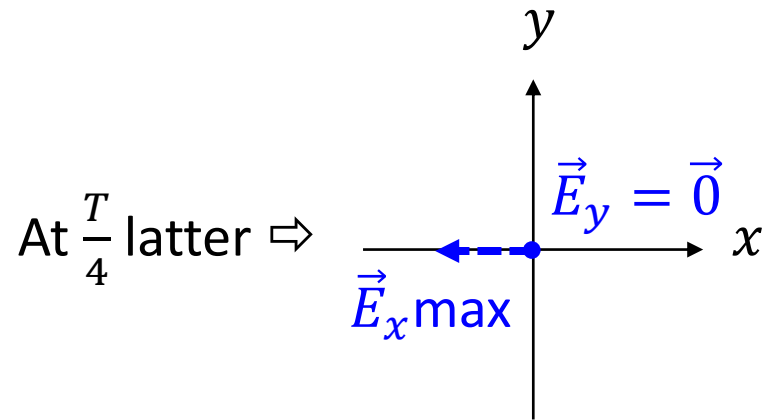
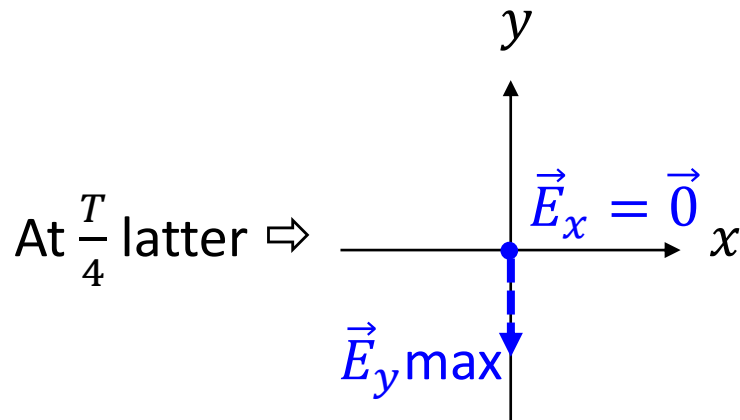
$\vec{E}$  is linearly polarized in the this direction



## Special case #2

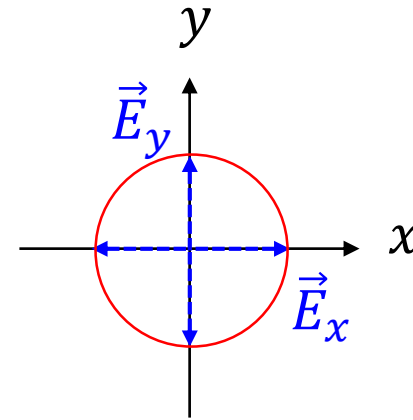
$\delta = \frac{\pi}{2}$  quadrature of phase between  $\vec{E}_x$  and  $\vec{E}_y$

**When  $\vec{E}_x$  is max,  $\vec{E}_y$  is zero and vice versa**



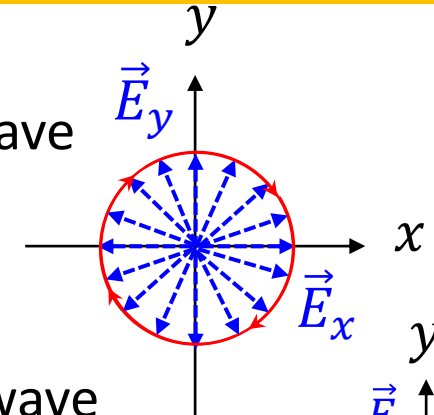
$$\vec{E} = E_{0x} \cos(\omega t - kz) \hat{i} + E_{0y} \cos\left(\omega t - kz + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{B} = -B_{0x} \cos\left(\omega t - kz + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \hat{i} + B_{0y} \cos(\omega t - kz) \hat{j}$$

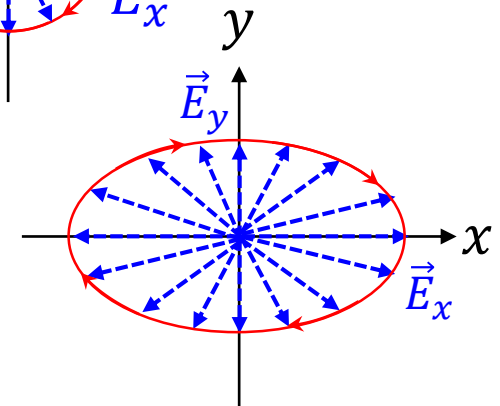


Although  $\vec{E}_x$  or  $\vec{E}_y$  may be zero at any moment, they are never zero at the same time  $\vec{E}$  is never zero

$E_{0x} = E_{0y}$  and  $B_{0x} = B_{0y}$   Clockwise circularly polarized EM wave

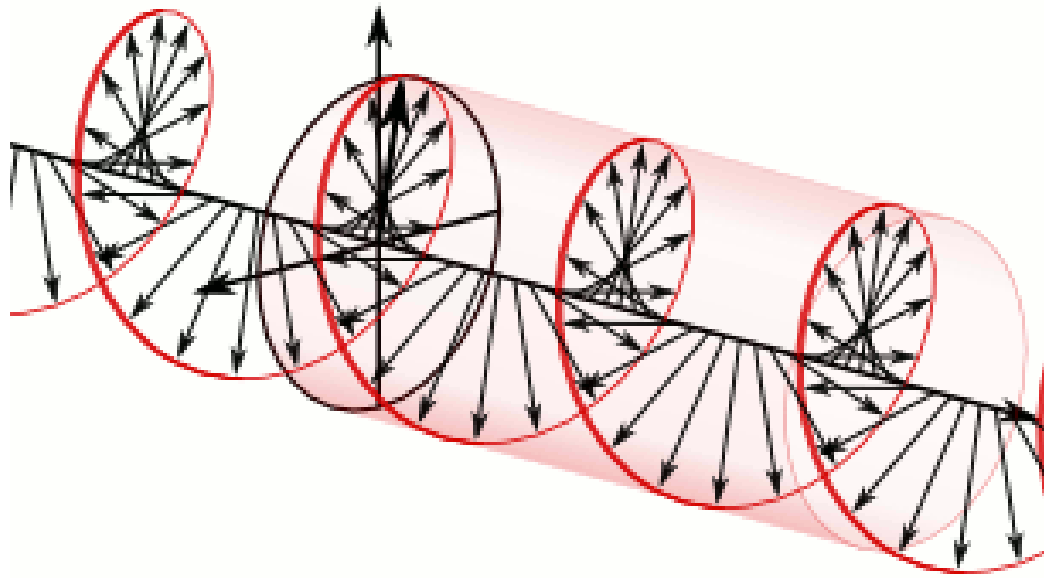


$E_{0x} \neq E_{0y}$  and  $B_{0x} \neq B_{0y}$   Clockwise elliptically polarized EM wave



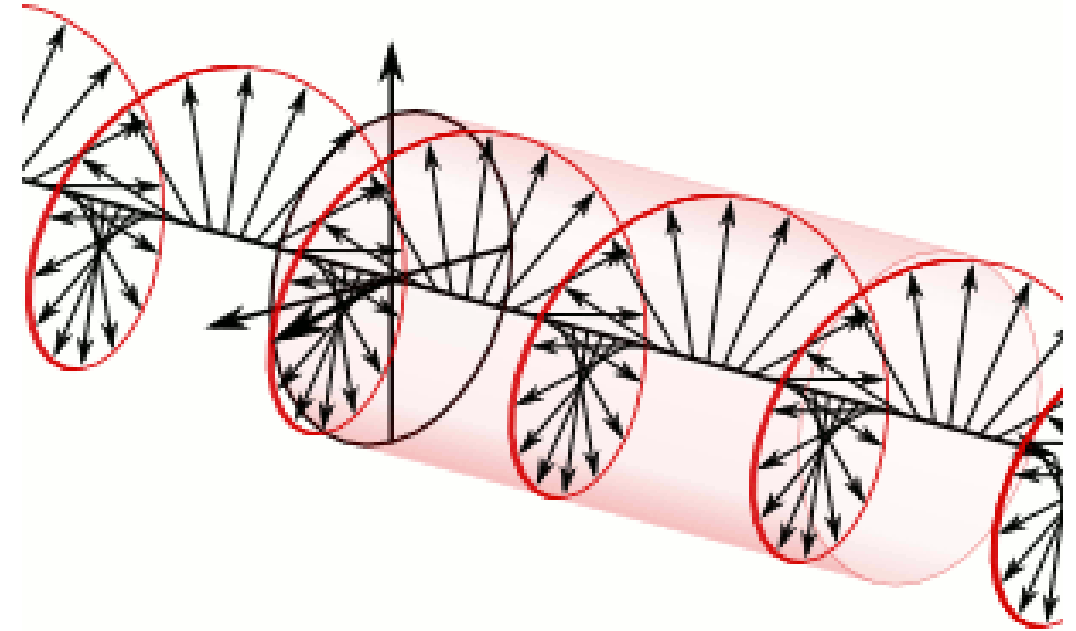
$\delta = -\frac{\pi}{2}$   Polarization counterclockwise





**From the source:** left-handed / anti-clockwise circularly polarized wave.

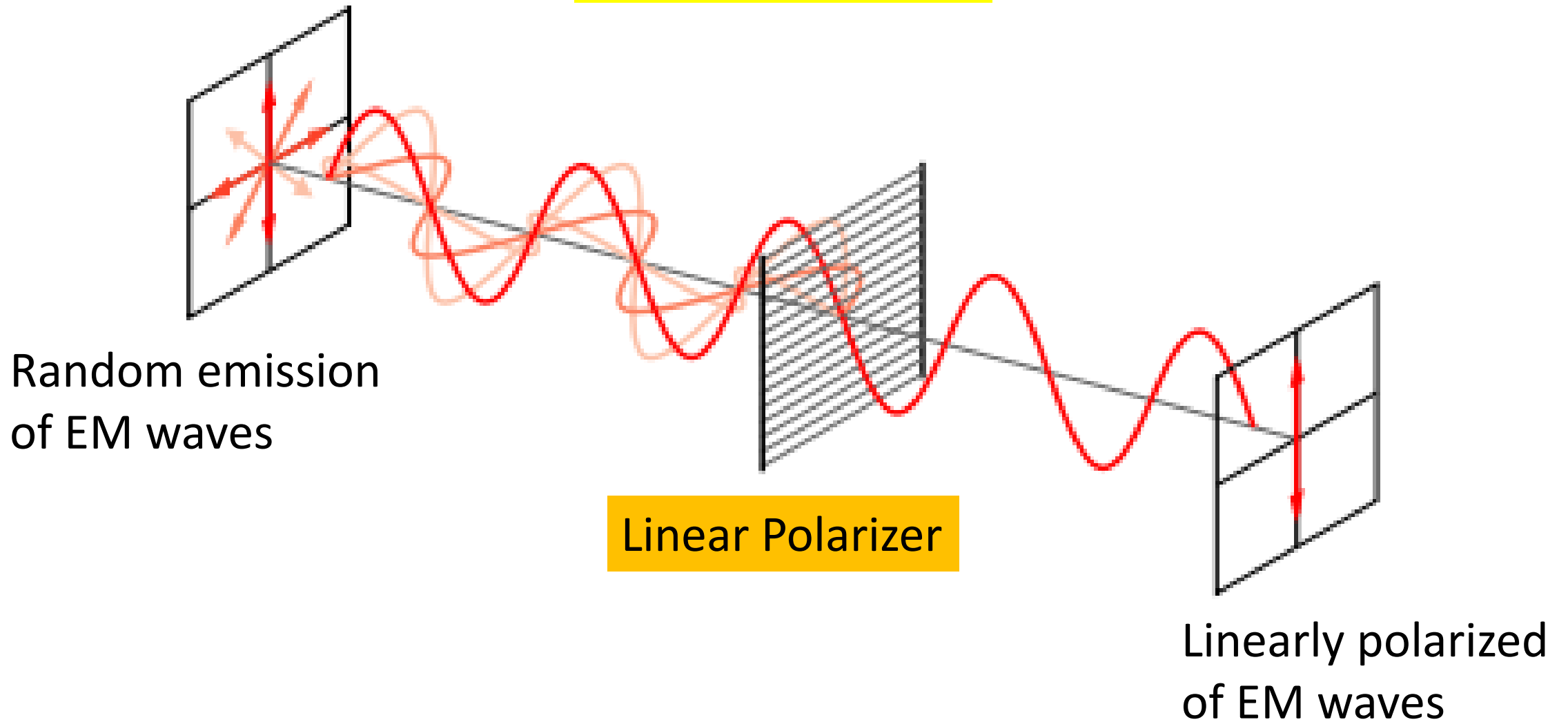
**From the receiver:** right-handed / clockwise circularly polarized wave



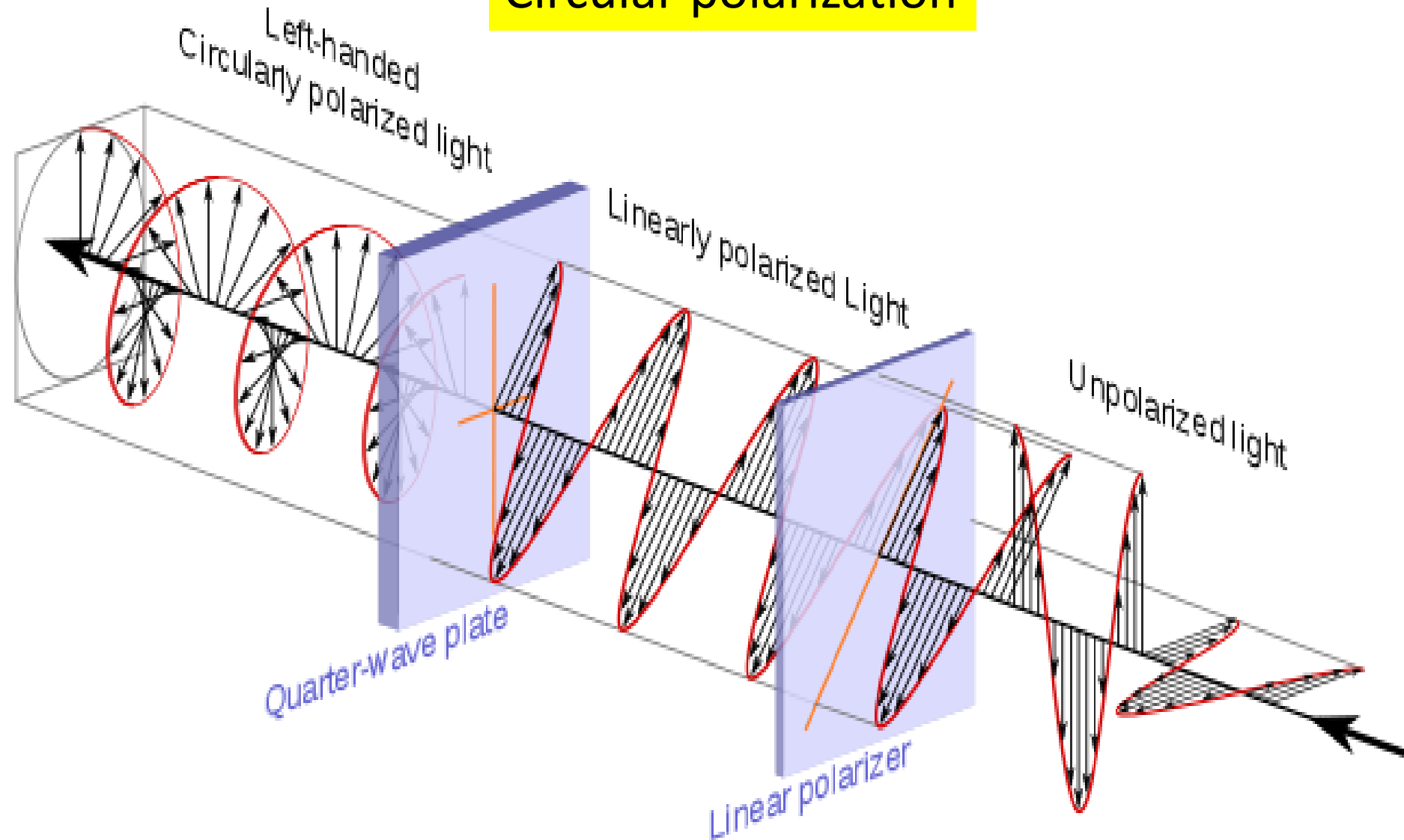
**From the source:** right-handed / clockwise circularly polarized wave.

**From the receiver:** left-handed / anti-clockwise circularly polarized wave

## Linear polarization



# Circular polarization



## Propagation and incidence of EM waves on conductors and dielectric

# Normal incidence of an EM wave: The case vacuum/matter

Vacuum / Conductor

Vacuum / Dielectric

Given an EM wave propagating  
along a given direction

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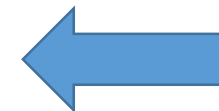
Interpose a medium along  
the direction of propagation

Boundary condition  
at the surface

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AND

Full description of the interaction

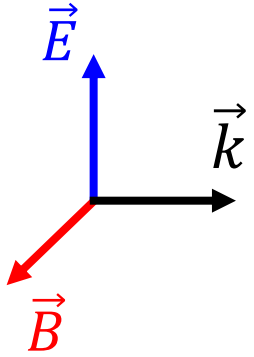


$$\vec{k} \times \vec{B} = -\frac{\omega}{c^2} \vec{E}$$

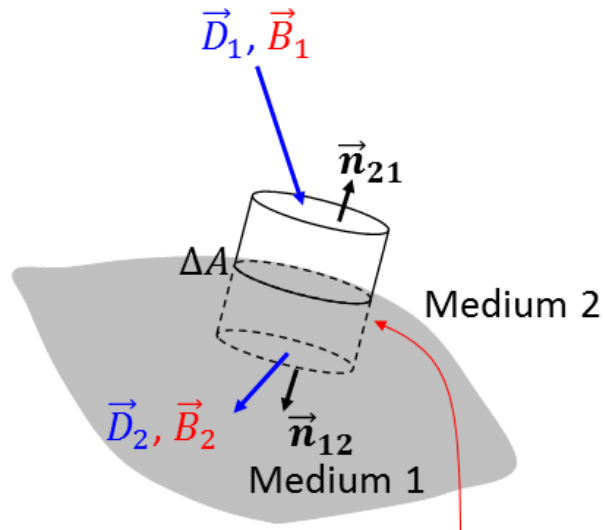
$$\vec{k} \times \vec{E} = \omega \vec{B}$$

# A vertical EM wave propagating along the $x$ -direction

Boundary conditions at the surface



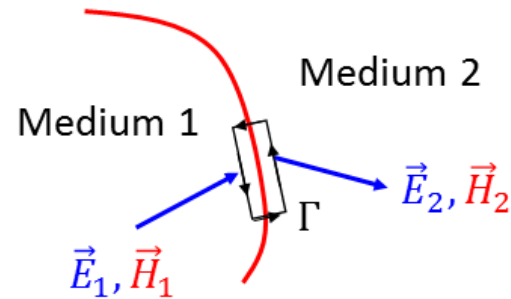
For Normal components  
we use Gauss theorem



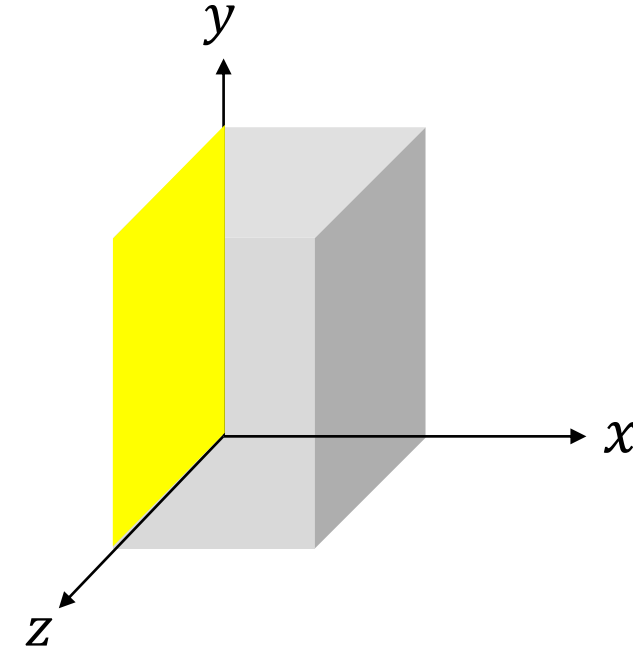
Gaussian surface = Pillbox

$$D = \epsilon E$$

For Tangential components  
we use Stokes theorem



$$H = \frac{B}{\mu}$$



## Boundary conditions at the surface

No free charges ( $\rho_{free} = 0$ ) and no current  $J_{free} = 0$

For electric field  $D = \epsilon E$

Gauss theorem  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = 0$   
(deals with the normal components)

Stokes theorem  $\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$   
(deals with the tangential components)

For magnetic field  $H = \frac{B}{\mu}$

Gauss theorem  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$

Stokes theorem

$$D_1^\perp = D_2^\perp$$

$$H_1^\parallel = H_2^\parallel$$

Reminder  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_{free}$

$$\epsilon_1 E_1^\perp = \epsilon_2 E_2^\perp$$

$$E_1^\parallel = E_2^\parallel$$

Reminder  $\oint \frac{\vec{B}}{\mu} \cdot d\vec{l} = J_{free}$

$$B_1^\perp = B_2^\perp$$

$$\frac{B_1^\parallel}{\mu_1} = \frac{B_2^\parallel}{\mu_2}$$

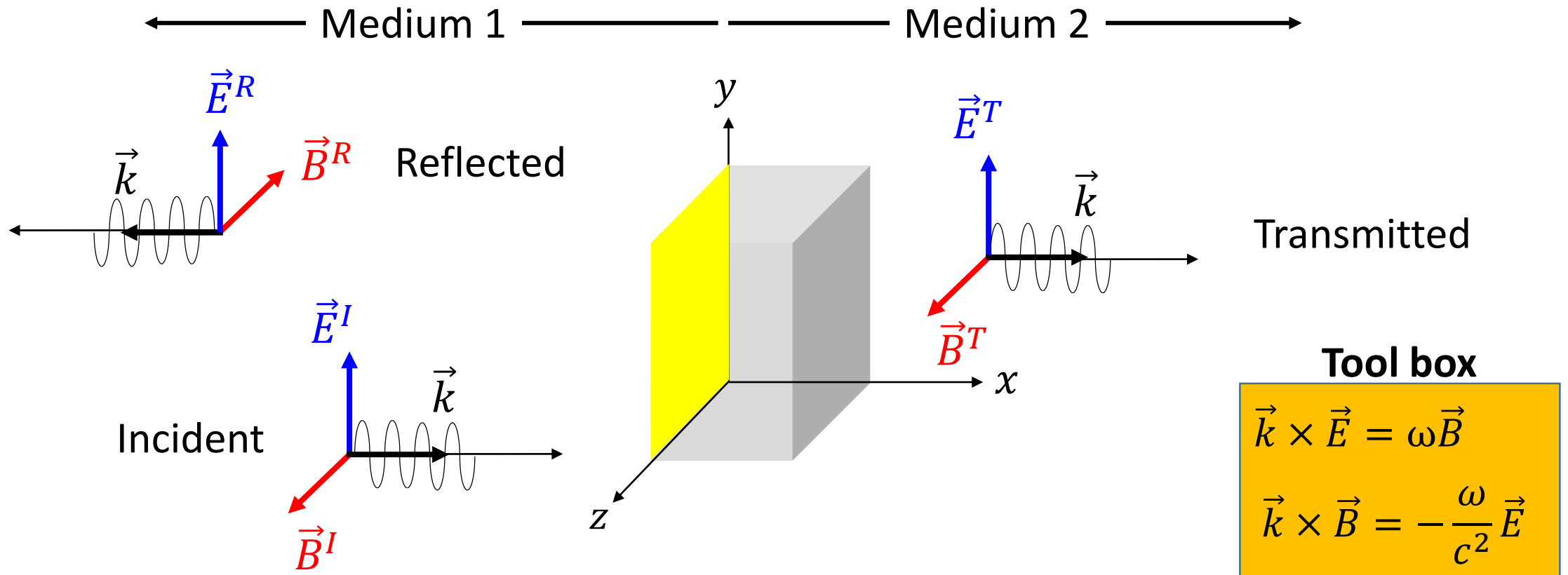
Normal incidence of a linear polarized EM wave:  
Reflection and Transmission

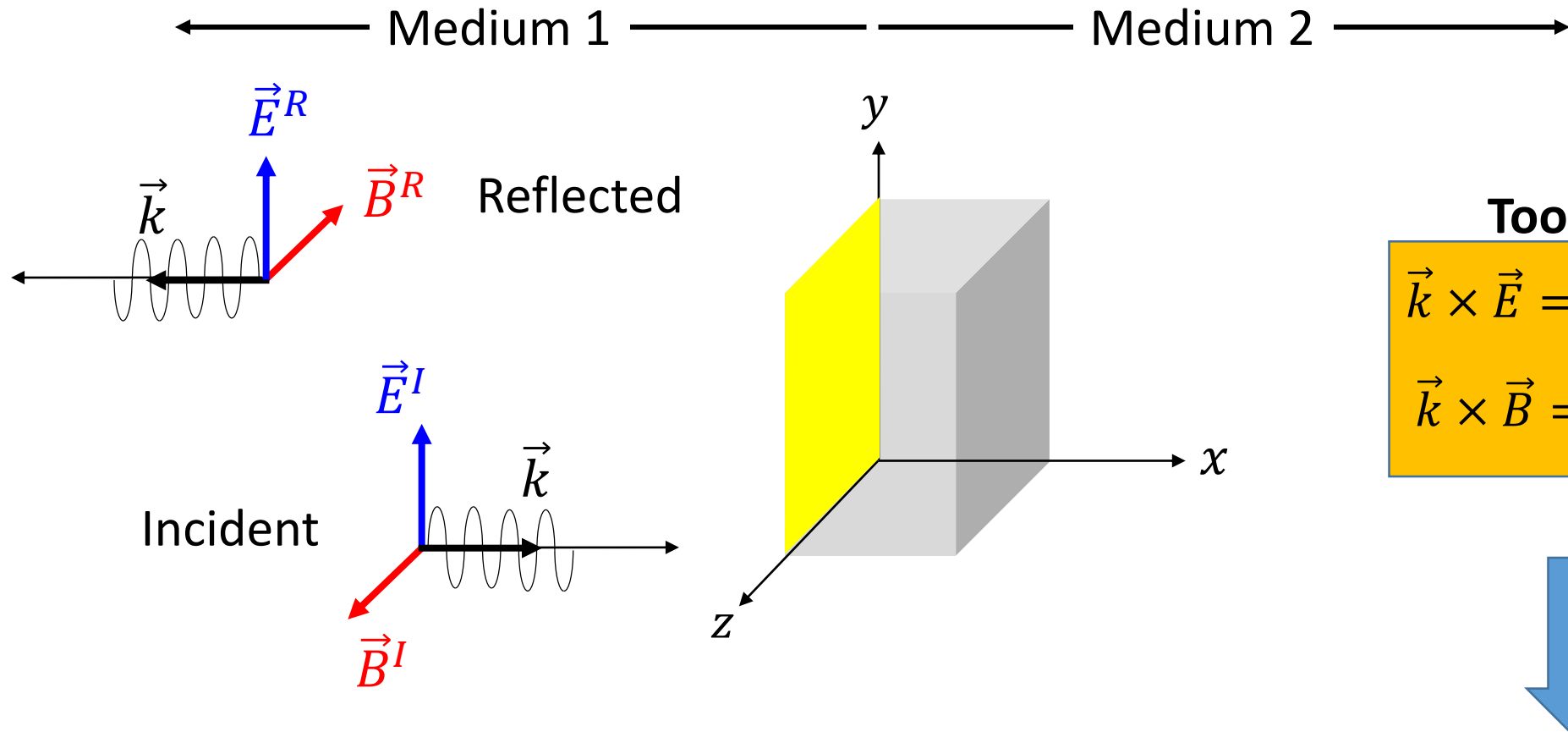


# Normal incidence of a linear polarized EM wave: Reflection and Transmission

Do conductor and dielectric behave similarly ?

Intuitive vs deductive approaches





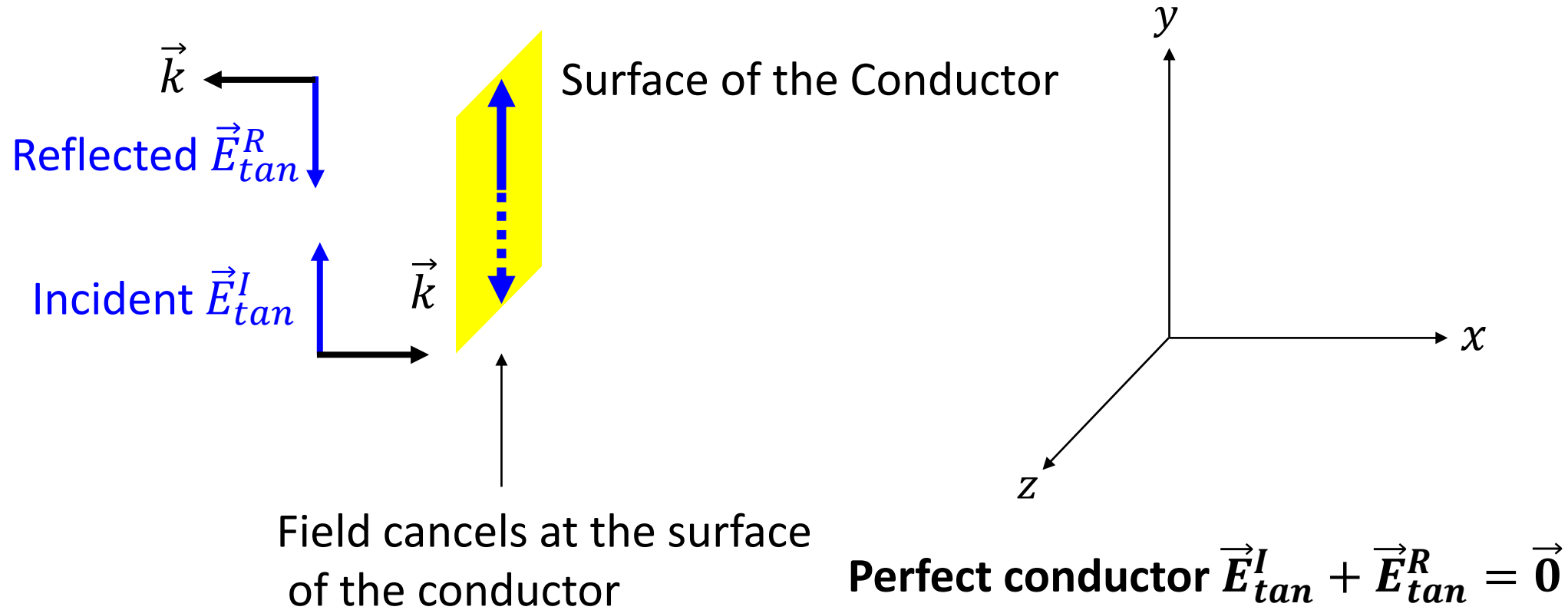
Is it the only possibility ?



$$\vec{E}^R // \vec{E}^I$$

## Intuitive approach

The superposition principle applied to an incident and a reflected wave



$$|\vec{E}_{tan}^I| = |\vec{E}_{tan}^R|$$

**Question:** What produces the reflected Electric and magnetic field?

**Answer:**

The surface currents that must be present to make  $\vec{E}$  exactly zero at the surface is the source of the magnetic field.

# Deductive approach

## Incidence

$$\vec{E}^I(x, t) = E_0^I e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{B}^I(x, t) = B_0^I e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{k} = \frac{E_0^I}{\underset{\textcolor{red}{v}_1}{v_1}} e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{k}$$

## Transmission

$$\vec{E}^T(x, t) = E_0^T e^{i(k_2 x - \omega t)} \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{B}^T(x, t) = B_0^T e^{i(k_2 x - \omega t)} \hat{k} = \frac{E_0^T}{\underset{\textcolor{red}{v}_2}{v_2}} e^{i(k_2 x - \omega t)} \hat{k}$$

To avoid confusion between  
 $\vec{k}$  as a wave number vector  
 $\vec{k}$  as a unit vector along  $z$  -axis

$$(\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}, ) \rightarrow (\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k})$$

If medium 1 = vacuum  $\textcolor{red}{v}_1 = c$

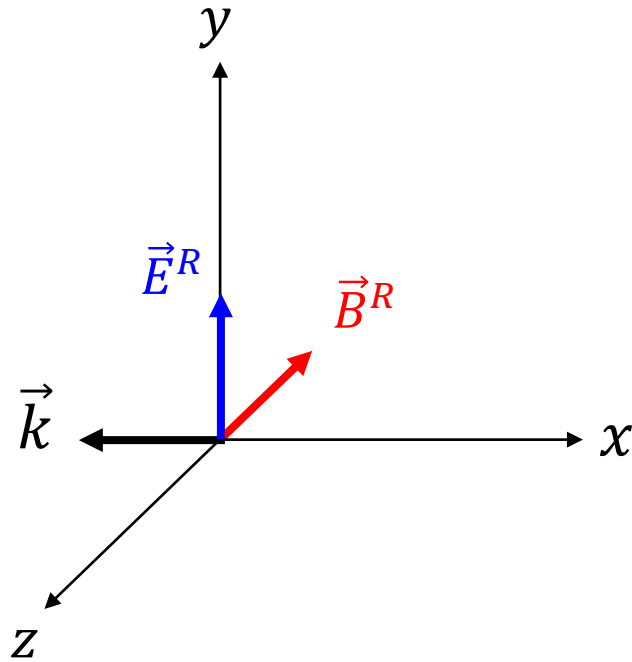
If medium 2 = conductor  $\textcolor{red}{v}_2 = 0$



Why ?

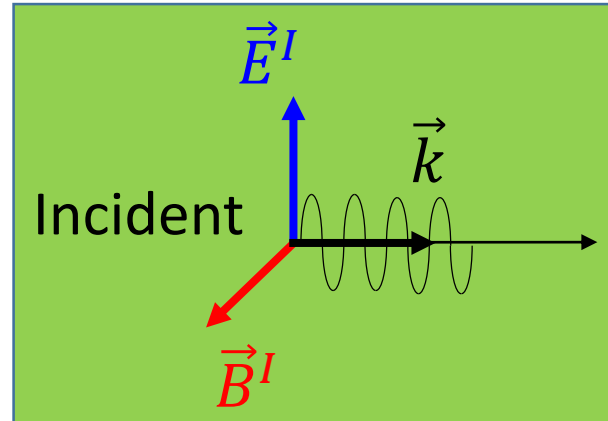
# Reflection

The wave number vector  $\vec{k}$  changes to opposite direction



$$\vec{E}^R(x, t) = E_0^R e^{i(-k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{j}$$

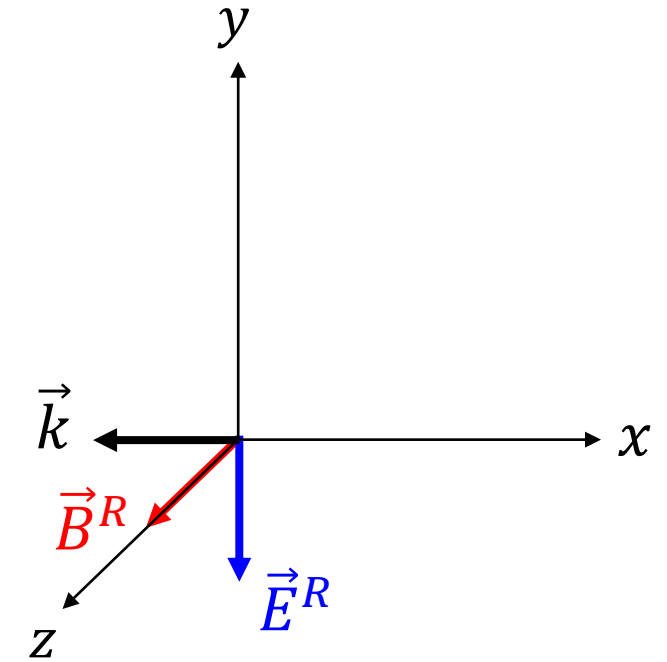
$$\vec{B}^R(x, t) = -\frac{E_0^R}{v_1} e^{i(-k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{k}$$



two possible configurations

$$\vec{k} \times \vec{E} = \omega \vec{B}$$

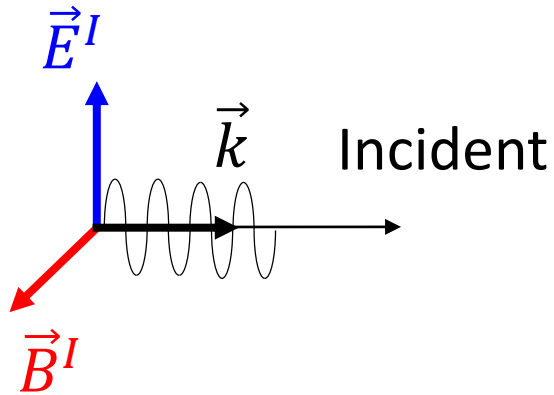
$$\vec{k} \times \vec{B} = -\frac{\omega}{c^2} \vec{E}$$



$$\vec{E}^R(x, t) = -E_0^R e^{i(-k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{B}^R(x, t) = \frac{E_0^R}{v_1} e^{i(-k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{k}$$

Which one of the two reflection configurations holds for a conductor and for a dielectric?



$$\vec{E}^I(x, t) = E_0^I e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{y}$$

$$\vec{B}^I(x, t) = \frac{E_0^I}{\underset{\textcolor{red}{v}_1}{v_1}} e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{z}$$

### Tool box

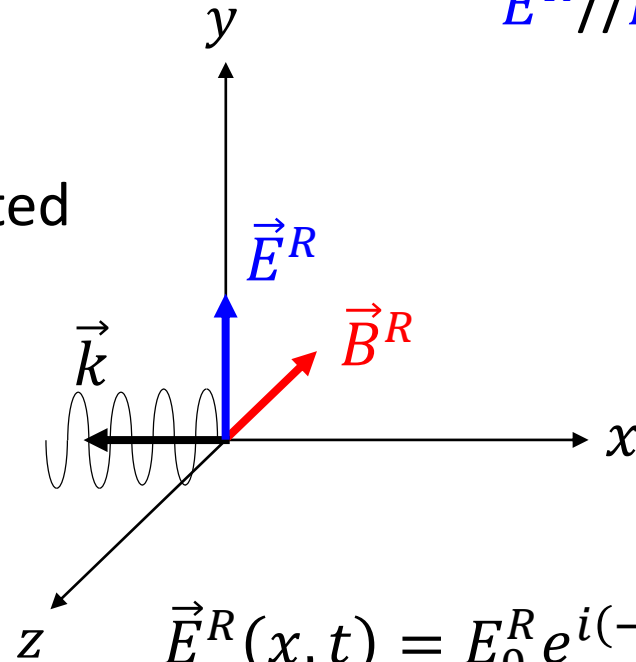
$$\vec{k} \times \vec{E} = \omega \vec{B}$$

$$\vec{k} \times \vec{B} = -\frac{\omega}{c^2} \vec{E}$$

Let's take the first configuration

$$\vec{E}^R // \vec{E}^I$$

Reflected



$$\vec{E}^R(x, t) = E_0^R e^{i(-k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{y}$$

$$\vec{B}^R(x, t) = -\frac{E_0^R}{\textcolor{red}{v}_1} e^{i(-k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{z}$$

Which one of the two reflection configurations holds for a conductor and for a dielectric

## Boundary conditions

*In normal incidence, only tangential components matter*

$$\vec{E}^I(\perp) = \vec{E}^R(\perp) = \vec{E}^T(\perp) = \vec{0}$$

$$\vec{B}^I(\perp) = \vec{B}^R(\perp) = \vec{B}^T(\perp) = \vec{0}$$



$$\vec{E}^R(x, t) = E_0^R e^{i(-k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

$$\vec{B}^R(x, t) = -\frac{E_0^R}{\textcolor{red}{v}_1} e^{i(-k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

$$\vec{E}^I + \vec{E}^R = \vec{E}^T \quad \Rightarrow \quad E^I + E^R = E^T$$

$$\vec{H}^I + \vec{H}^R = \vec{H}^T \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{\mu_1} \left( \frac{E_0^I}{\textcolor{red}{v}_1} \right) - \frac{1}{\mu_1} \left( \frac{E_0^R}{\textcolor{red}{v}_1} \right) = \frac{1}{\mu_2} \left( \frac{E_0^T}{\textcolor{red}{v}_2} \right)$$

Solving for  $E^R$  and  $E^T$



## Reflection

$$\vec{E}^R(x, t) = \left( \frac{1 - \beta}{1 + \beta} \right) E_0^I e^{i(-k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{j}} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{B}^R(x, t) = -\frac{1}{\mathbf{v}_1} \left( \frac{1 - \beta}{1 + \beta} \right) E_0^I e^{i(-k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\vec{B}^R(x, t) = -\left( \frac{1 - \beta}{1 + \beta} \right) B_0^I e^{i(-k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\beta = \frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2}$$

## Transmission

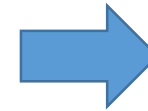
$$\vec{E}^T(x, t) = \left( \frac{2}{1 + \beta} \right) E_0^I e^{i(k_2 x - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{j}} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{B}^T(x, t) = B_0^T e^{i(k_2 x - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{E_0^T}{\mathbf{v}_2} e^{i(k_2 x - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\vec{B}^T(x, t) = \frac{\mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_2} \left( \frac{2}{1 + \beta} \right) B_0^I e^{i(k_2 x - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

## Case of vacuum / conductor

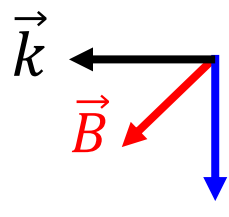
$$\beta = \frac{\mu_0 c}{\mu_2 v_2}$$

$v_2 = 0$  wave does not penetrate the conductor

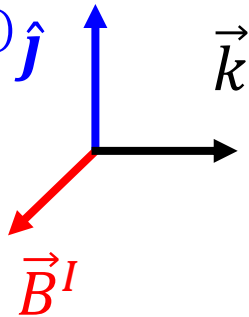


$$\beta = \infty$$

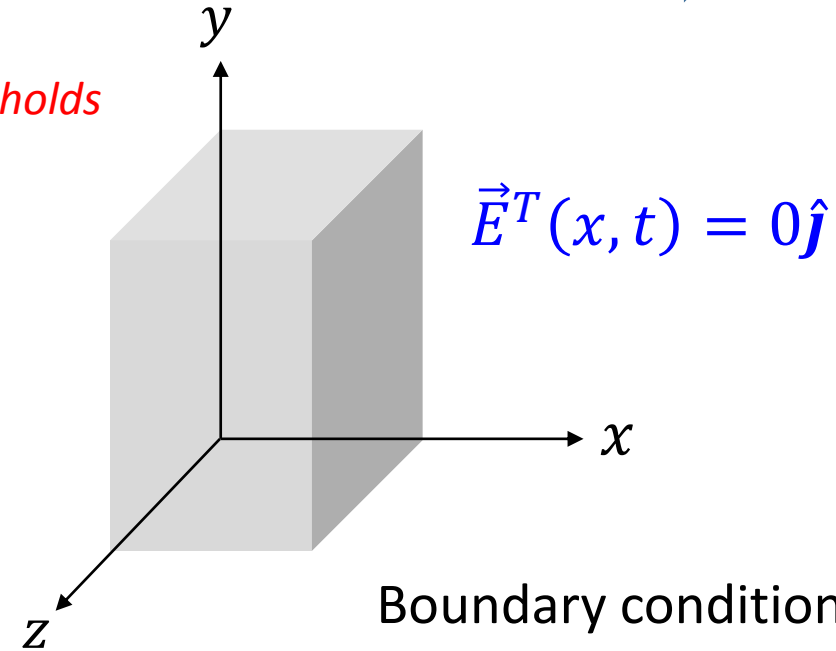
*It is the second configuration of slide#85 that holds*



$$\vec{E}^R(x, t) = -E_0^I e^{i(-k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{j}$$



$$\vec{E}^I(x, t) = E_0^I e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{j}$$



Boundary conditions are necessary

The tool box


$$\vec{k} \times \vec{E} = \omega \vec{B}$$

$$\vec{k} \times \vec{B} = -\frac{\omega}{c^2} \vec{E}$$

is not enough

At the surface of the **conductor** the electric field cancels as expected from electrostatic and from the intuitive approach  
 $\Rightarrow$  **The reflected electric field must be inverted**

# What fraction of the incident energy is reflected and what fraction is transmitted

Poynting vector  $\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$    $I = S_{av} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon v E_{max}^2$

$$R = \frac{I_R}{I_I} = \left( \frac{E_0^R}{E_0^I} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{1 - \beta}{1 + \beta} \right)^2$$

$$T = \frac{I_T}{I_I} = \frac{\epsilon_2 v_2}{\epsilon_1 v_1} \left( \frac{E_0^T}{E_0^I} \right)^2 = \frac{\epsilon_2 v_2}{\epsilon_1 v_1} \left( \frac{2}{1 + \beta} \right)^2$$

$$R + T = 1$$

Energy conservation

$$\beta = \infty$$



$$T = 0$$



$$R = 1$$

Metal is a good reflector

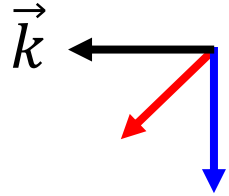
What happens to the magnetic field at the surface of the conductor?

$$\beta = \frac{\mu_0 c}{\mu_2 v_2}$$

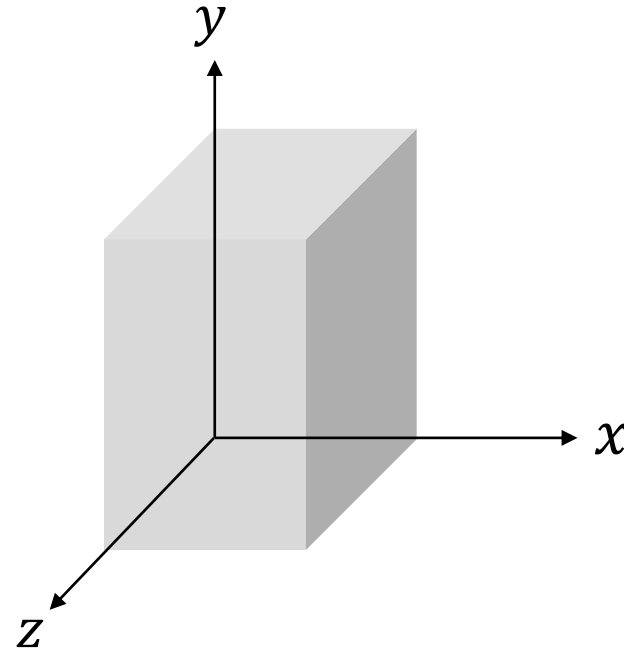
$v_2 = 0$  does not penetrate the conductor



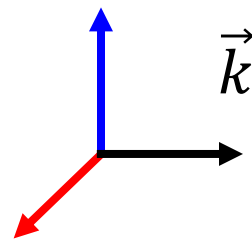
$$\beta = \infty$$



$$\vec{B}^R(x, t) = B_0^I e^{i(-k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{k}$$



$$\vec{B}^T(x, t) = 0 \hat{k}$$

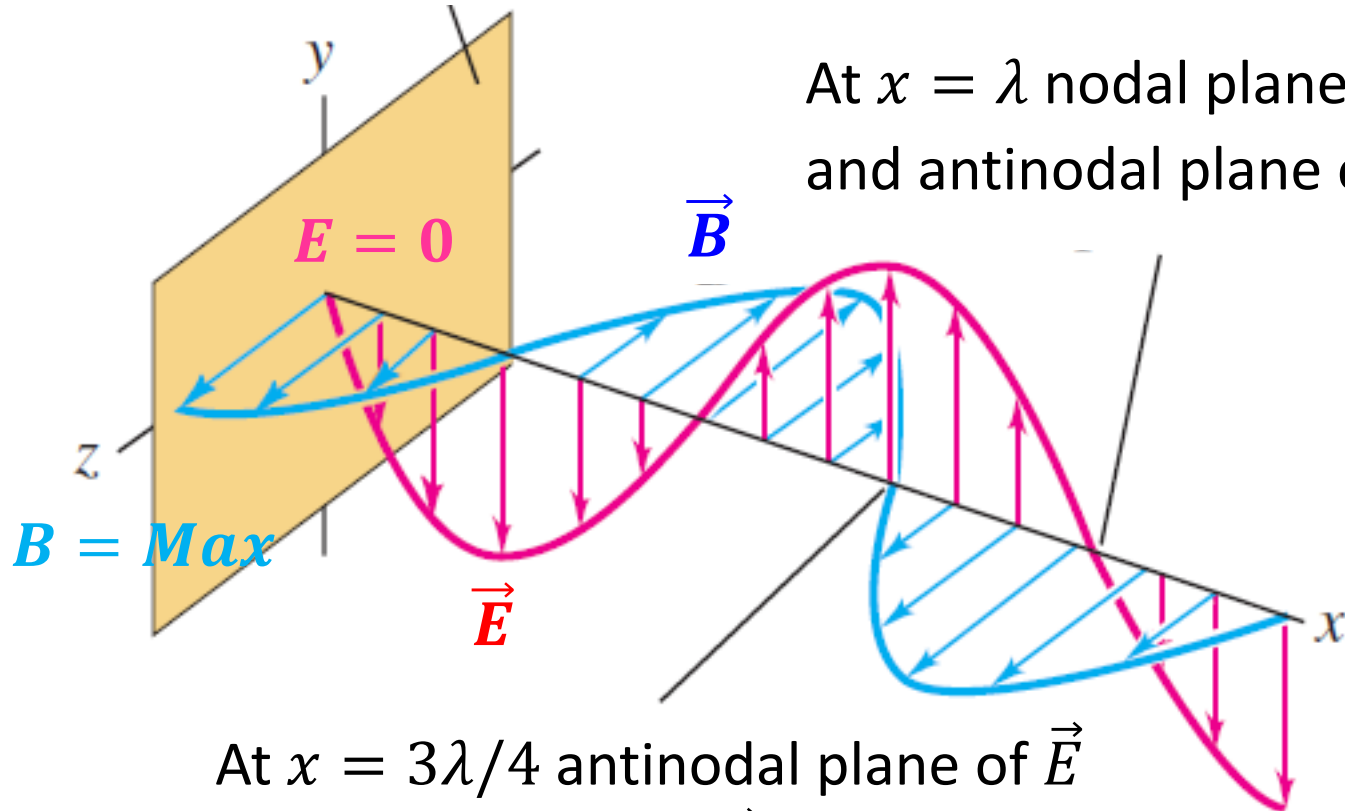
$$\vec{B}^I(x, t) = B_0^I e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{k}$$


**At the surface the direction of the magnetic field remains unchanged**

## The conductor induces a quadrature phase shift

Perfect conductor ( $\sigma_e = \infty, \rho_e = 0$ )

At  $x = \lambda$  nodal plane of  $\vec{E}$   
and antinodal plane of  $\vec{B}$



At  $x = 3\lambda/4$  antinodal plane of  $\vec{E}$   
and nodal plane of  $\vec{B}$

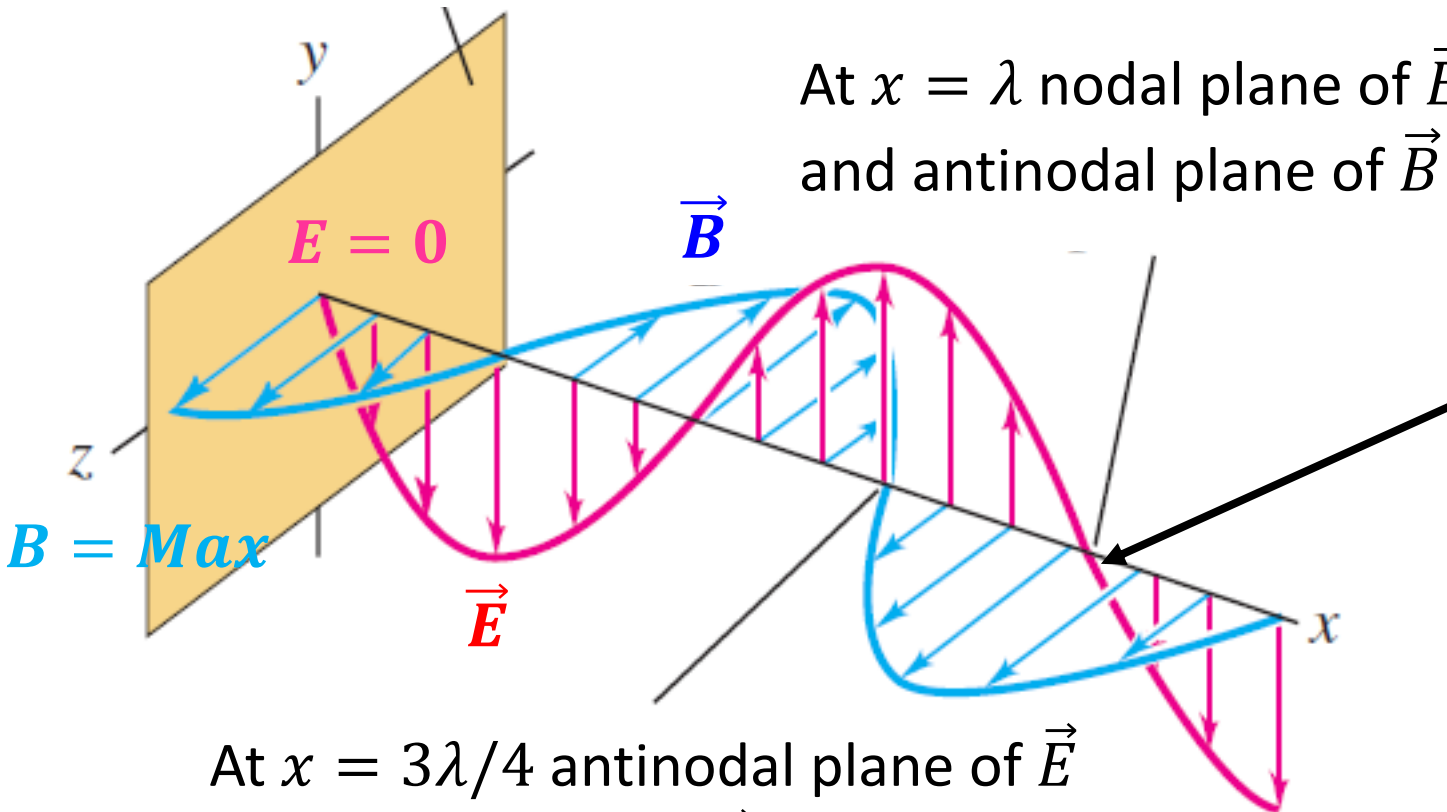
Perfect conductor  $\Rightarrow \vec{E}_{tan} = \vec{0}$

Dephasing  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

## The conductor induces a quadrature phase shift

Perfect conductor ( $\sigma_e = \infty, \rho_e = 0$ )

At  $x = \lambda$  nodal plane of  $\vec{E}$   
and antinodal plane of  $\vec{B}$



To obtain standing waves the second conductor **MUST** be placed at a **nodal** plane of  $\vec{E}$  like this one and parallel to the first conductor

At  $x = 3\lambda/4$  antinodal plane of  $\vec{E}$   
and nodal plane of  $\vec{B}$

**Question:** What is the energy contained in a standing wave?

## What is the intensity in a standing wave?

$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B} \quad + \quad \begin{aligned} E_y(x, t) &= +2E_{max} \sin kx \sin \omega t \\ B_z(x, t) &= +2B_{max} \cos kx \cos \omega t \end{aligned}$$

$$S_x = \frac{E_{max} B_{max} \sin 2kx \sin 2\omega t}{\mu_0}$$

As expected from two equal waves traveling in opposite directions, each transporting energy

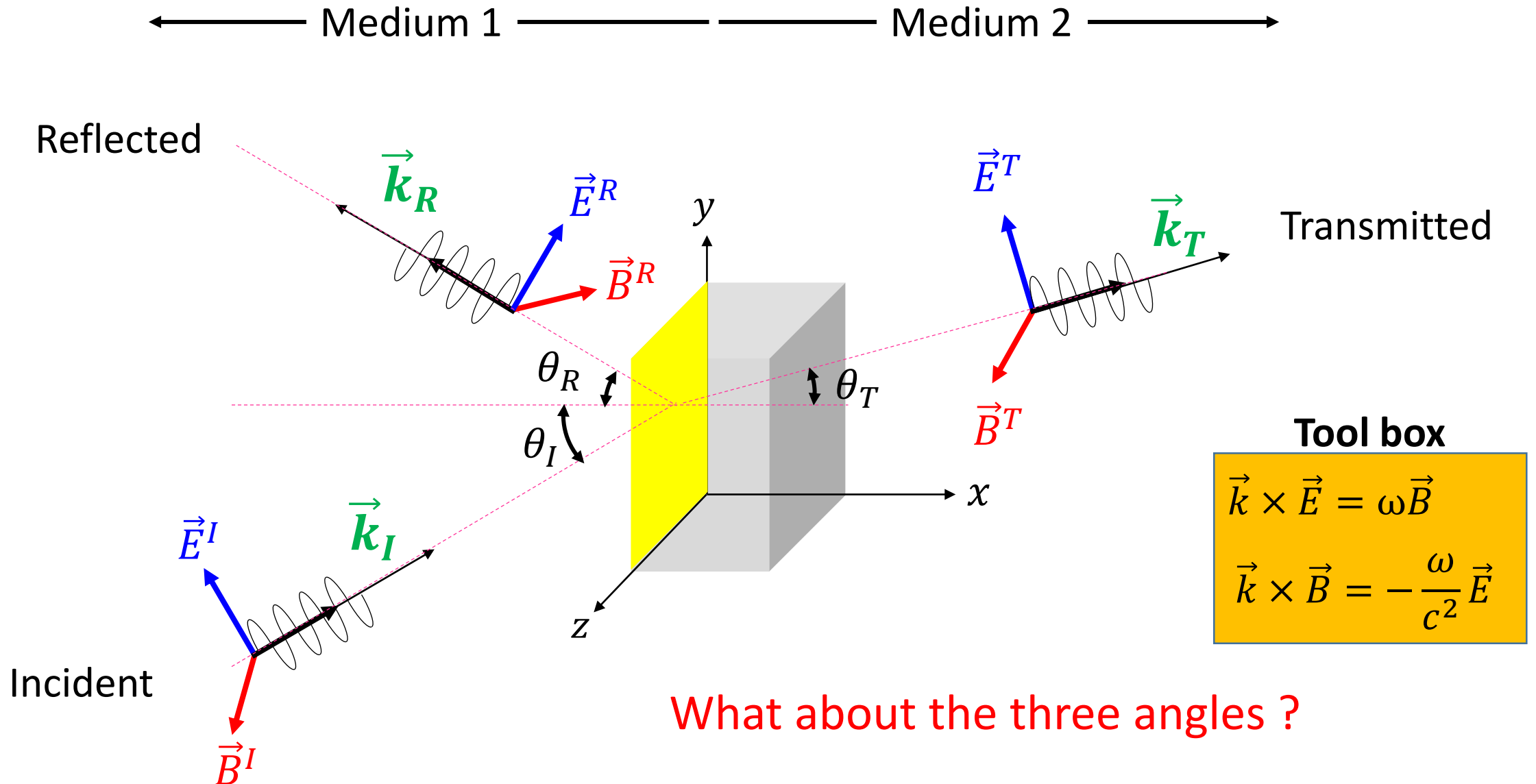
$$I = S_{av} = \langle S_x \rangle_t = 0$$

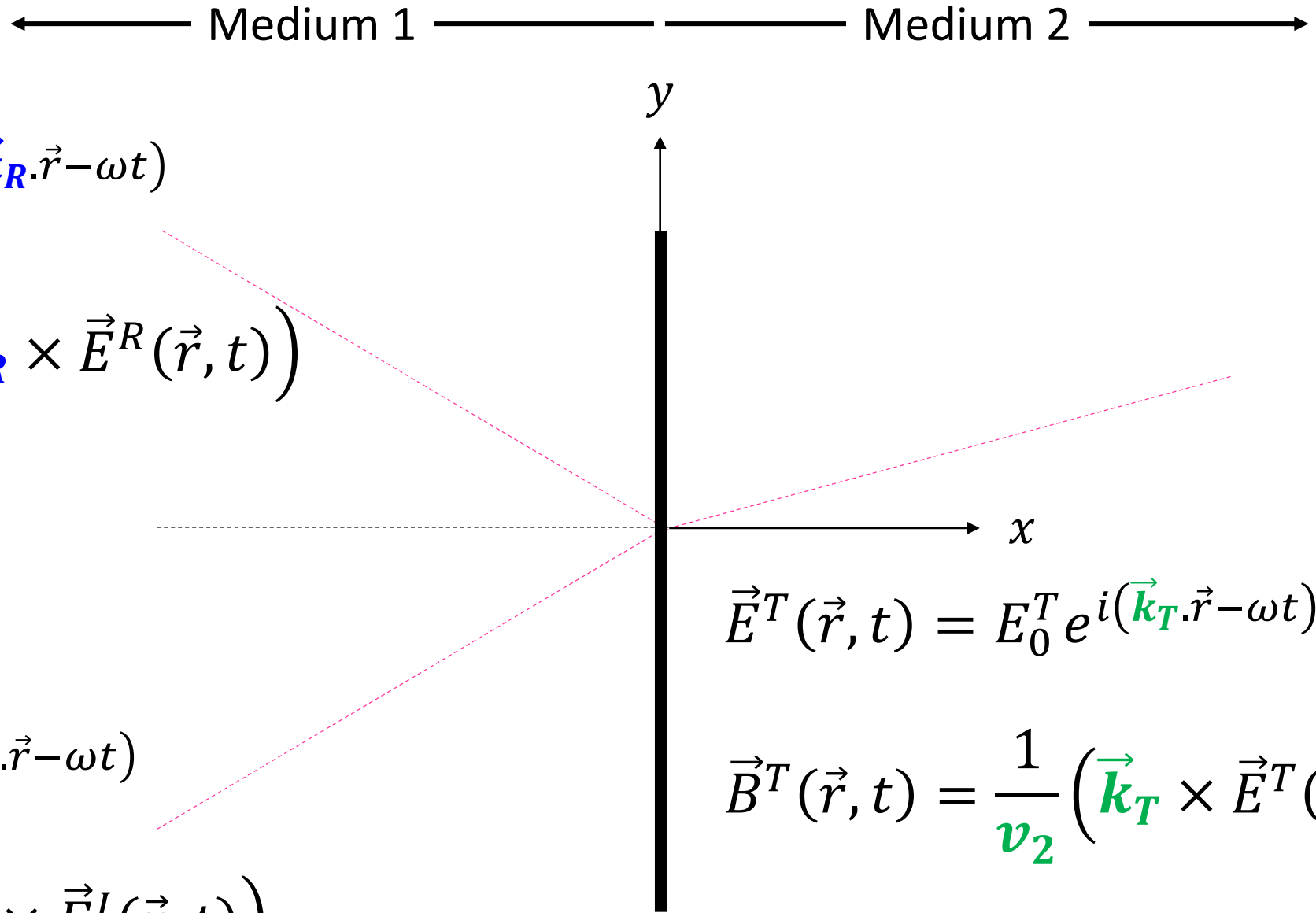
$$\vec{S}^I + \vec{S}^R = \vec{0}$$

***While using waves to transmit power, it is important to avoid reflections that give rise to standing waves***



Oblique incidence of a linear polarized EM wave:  
Reflection and Transmission





$$\vec{E}^R(\vec{r}, t) = E_0^R e^{i(\vec{k}_R \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$



$$\vec{B}^R(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{v_1} (\vec{k}_R \times \vec{E}^R(\vec{r}, t))$$

$$\vec{E}^I(\vec{r}, t) = E_0^I e^{i(\vec{k}_I \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$\vec{B}^I(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{v_1} (\vec{k}_I \times \vec{E}^I(\vec{r}, t))$$

$$\vec{E}^T(\vec{r}, t) = E_0^T e^{i(\vec{k}_T \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$\vec{B}^T(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{v_2} (\vec{k}_T \times \vec{E}^T(\vec{r}, t))$$

Monochromatic wave   $\omega = k v$  is the same for all three waves 

$$k_I \cdot v_1 = k_R \cdot v_1 = k_T \cdot v_2 \quad \img alt="blue arrow pointing right" data-bbox="388 226 472 298" \quad k_I = k_R = \frac{v_2}{v_1} k_T = \frac{n_1}{n_2}$$

$$n_i = \text{index of refraction of medium } i = \frac{c}{v_i}$$

Boundary conditions at the plane of separation

$$\vec{E}^I(\vec{r}, t) + \vec{E}^R(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$\vec{E}^T(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$\vec{B}^I(\vec{r}, t) + \vec{B}^R(\vec{r}, t)$$

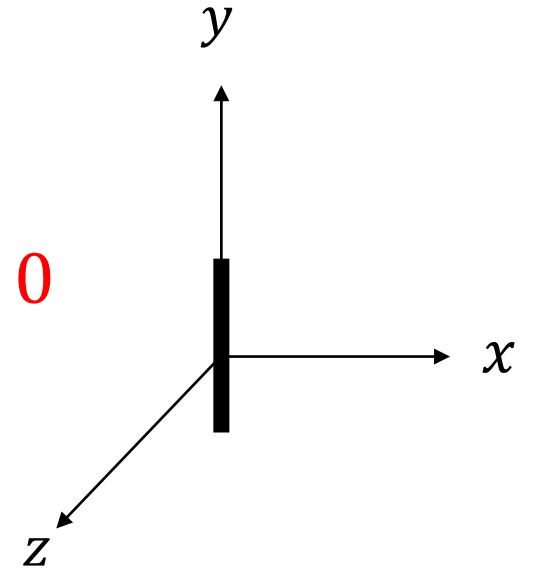
$$\vec{B}^T(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$E_0^I e^{i(\vec{k}_I \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} + E_0^R e^{i(\vec{k}_R \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} = E_0^T e^{i(\vec{k}_T \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

Boundary

At  $x = 0$

$$\vec{k}_I \cdot \vec{r} = \vec{k}_R \cdot \vec{r} = \vec{k}_T \cdot \vec{r}$$



$$y \cdot k_{Iy} + z \cdot k_{Iz} = y \cdot k_{Ry} + z \cdot k_{Rz} = y \cdot k_{Ty} + z \cdot k_{Tz}$$

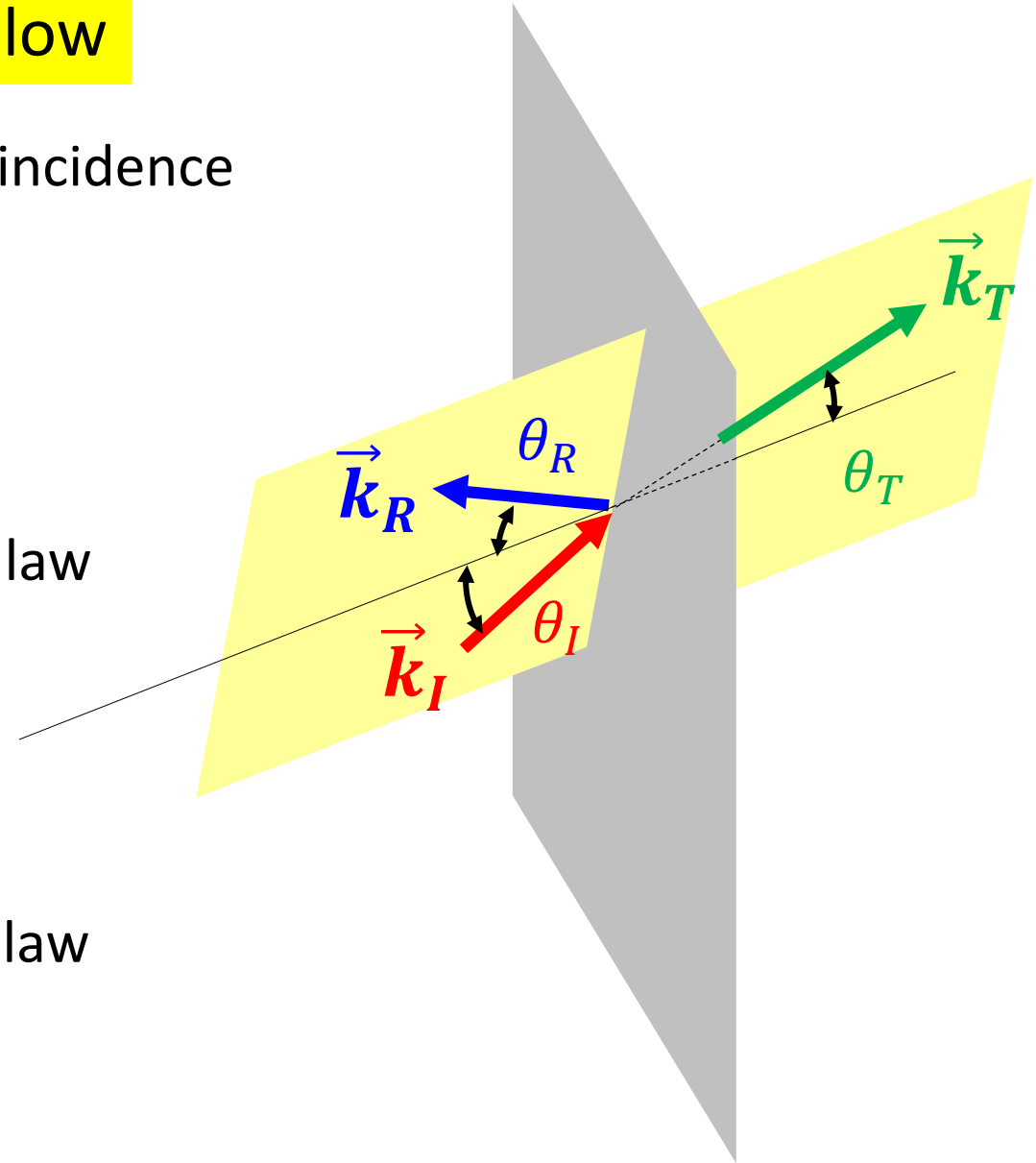
$$\begin{aligned} k_{Iy} &= k_{Ry} = k_{Ty} \\ k_{Iz} &= k_{Rz} = k_{Tz} \end{aligned}$$

## Three laws follow

1)  $\vec{k}_I, \vec{k}_R$  and  $\vec{k}_T$  form a single plane: plane of incidence

2)  $\theta_I = \theta_R$  Law of reflection or Fermat's law

3)  $\frac{\sin \theta_T}{\sin \theta_I} = \frac{n_1}{n_2}$  Law of refraction or Snell's law



$$\vec{k}_I \cdot \vec{r} = \vec{k}_R \cdot \vec{r} = \vec{k}_T \cdot \vec{r} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \left. \begin{aligned} \vec{E}^I(\vec{r}, t) &= E_0^I e^{i(\vec{k}_I \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \\ \vec{E}^R(\vec{r}, t) &= E_0^R e^{i(\vec{k}_R \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \\ \vec{E}^T(\vec{r}, t) &= E_0^T e^{i(\vec{k}_T \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Exponent factors are all equal}$$

Boundary conditions (slide #79)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \varepsilon_1(E_0^I + E_0^R)_x &= \varepsilon_2(E_0^T)_x \\ (B_0^I + B_0^R)_x &= (B_0^T)_x \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Normal components at the interface}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (E_0^I + E_0^R)_{y,z} &= (E_0^T)_{y,z} \\ \frac{1}{\mu_1}(B_0^I + B_0^R)_{y,z} &= \frac{1}{\mu_2}(B_0^T)_{y,z} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Tangential components at the interface}$$

## Reflection

$$\vec{E}^R(x, t) = \left( \frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha + \beta} \right) E_0^I e^{i(-k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{j}} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{B}^R(x, t) = -\frac{1}{v_1} \left( \frac{1 - \beta}{1 + \beta} \right) E_0^I e^{i(-k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

$$\vec{B}^R(x, t) = -\left( \frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha + \beta} \right) B_0^I e^{i(-k_1 x - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\cos \theta_T}{\cos \theta_I}$$

Normal incidence

## Transmission

$$\beta = \frac{\mu_1 v_1}{\mu_2 v_2}$$

$$\alpha = 1$$

$$\vec{E}^T(x, t) = \left( \frac{2}{\alpha + \beta} \right) E_0^I e^{i(k_2 x - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{j}} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{B}^T(x, t) = B_0^T e^{i(k_2 x - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{E_0^T}{v_2} e^{i(k_2 x - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\vec{B}^T(x, t) = \frac{v_1}{v_2} \left( \frac{2}{\alpha + \beta} \right) B_0^I e^{i(k_2 x - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$