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We start considering different alternatives to implement

the TX/RX conditions in the context of the present FEM formulation coded in HOFEM

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#### FEM Formulation

• Formulation based on double curl vector wave equation (use of E or H).

$$\nabla \times (f_r^{-1}\nabla \times \mathbf{V}) - k_0^2 g_r \mathbf{V} = -jk_0 H_0 \mathbf{P} + \nabla \times f_r^{-1} \mathbf{L}$$

Table: Formulation magnitudes and parameters

	V	$V^d$	$\bar{\bar{f}}_r$	$ar{ar{g}}_r$	h	Р	L
Form. <b>E</b>	E	Н	$ar{ar{\mu_r}}$	$\bar{\epsilon}_r$	$\eta$	J	М
Form. <b>H</b>	н	E	$ar{\epsilon_r}$	$ar{ar{\mu_r}}$	$-\frac{1}{\eta}$	М	-J



## FEM Formulation (cont.)

• Use of **H**(curl) spaces:

$$\boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{curl})_0 = \{\boldsymbol{W} \in \boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{curl}), \ \boldsymbol{\hat{\boldsymbol{n}}} \times \boldsymbol{W} = 0 \ \ \text{on} \ \ \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_D\} \tag{1}$$

$$\mathbf{H}(\operatorname{curl}) = \{ \mathbf{W} \in L^2, \, \mathbf{\nabla} \times \mathbf{W} \in L^2 \}$$
 (2)

and Galerkin method leads to (with respect to the double-curl term only) to:

$$\int_{\Omega} (\mathbf{\nabla} \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot \left( \overline{f_r}^{-1} \mathbf{\nabla} \times \mathbf{V} \right) d\Omega + \underbrace{\int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \underbrace{(\overline{f_r}^{-1} \mathbf{\nabla} \times \mathbf{V})}_{-jk_0 h_0 \mathbf{V}^d}) d\Gamma}_{\text{"natural" b.c.}}$$

- More precisely

  - ► Form. **E**:  $\bar{\bar{f}}_r^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{V} = -jk_0\eta_0 \mathbf{H}$ ► Form. **H**:  $\bar{\bar{f}}_r^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{V} = +j\frac{k_0}{m_0} \mathbf{E}$

# FEM Formulation (cont.)

The integral boundary term 
$$\int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times (\bar{\bar{f}}_r^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{V})) d\Gamma$$

- Can be used to weakly impose some boundary conditions of the problem
- For instance, Neumann boundary condition

$$\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \left(\bar{\bar{f}}_r^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{V}\right) = \mathbf{\Psi}_{N}$$

$$\longrightarrow \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times (\bar{\bar{f}}_r^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{V})) d\Gamma = \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{\Psi}_{N} d\Gamma$$

• For instance, ABC boundary condition

$$\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \left(\bar{f}_r^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{V}\right) + \gamma \,\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{V} = \Psi_{\mathsf{C}}$$

$$\longrightarrow \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times (\bar{f}_r^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{V})) \, d\Gamma = \int_{\Gamma} \Psi_{\mathsf{C}} d\Gamma + \gamma \int_{\Gamma} (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{V}) \, d\Gamma_{\mathsf{C}}$$

## FEM Formulation (cont.)

- Note that the implementation of above boundary conditions is straightforward because
  - ► Either, the integrand of the boundary term was a known function
  - ▶ or, it can be expressed in terms of the primal unknown **V**
- At the end of the day, the contribution of the boundary term is translated into algebra as
  - ▶ extra contributions for the values of the matrix coefficients (related to the existing *g<sub>i</sub>* associated to the corresponding boundary).
  - ▶ I.e., no extra degrees of freedom  $g_i$  are needed

What does it happen when that is not the case?



## FEM Continuity Conditions

• Assuming  $\mathbf{V} = \sum_i g_i \mathbf{N}_i \leftrightarrow \{g\}$ 

#### Between Neighbour Elements 1 and 2

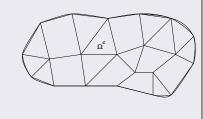
- Two continuity conditions:
  - ▶ Strong continuity of  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{V}$

$$\{g\}_1 = \{g\}_2$$

Weak continuity of  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{V}^d$ 

$$\int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}}_1 \times (\bar{f}_r^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{V}_1)) d\Gamma$$

$$+ \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}}_2 \times (\bar{\bar{f}}_r^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{V}_2)) d\Gamma = 0$$



We simply omit the term

Note that  $\hat{\textbf{n}} \times \textbf{F}_1 = \hat{\textbf{n}} \times \textbf{F}_2$  and that

$$\mathbf{F} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times (\bar{\bar{f}}_r^{-1} \mathbf{\nabla} \times \mathbf{V}) = (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times (\bar{\bar{f}}_r^{-1} \mathbf{\nabla} \times \mathbf{V})$$



# FEM Continuity Conditions (cont.)

#### Between Elements Simulating a Thin Sheet

- In general, we need to break continuity on
  - **n**  $\mathbf{\hat{n}} \times \mathbf{V}$  ⇒ Duplication of degrees of freedom:  $\{g\}_1, \{g\}_2$
  - $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{V}^d \Rightarrow \text{The integral boundary}$  term can not be omitted
- Two linearly independent equations involving four magnitudes E<sub>1</sub>, E<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>1</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>:

$$[]_{2\times 2} \{X\}_{2\times 1} = \{B\}_{2\times 1}$$

- Different possibilities depending on the magnitudes chosen as sources (right hand side B) and responses X
- Clear analogy with two-port network parameters of linear circuit analysis:

$$\mathbf{E} \leftrightarrow V \qquad \mathbf{H} \leftrightarrow I$$



 $\mathbf{E}_1 \, \mathbf{H}_1$   $\mathbf{E}_2 \, \mathbf{H}_2$ 



### The Immittance Approach

The Simplest (Least Invasive) Approach

• We express  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{V}^d$  for region 1 and region 2 in terms of  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{V}$  of region 1 and region 2, i.e.,

$$\begin{cases}
\mathbf{\hat{n}} \times \mathbf{V}_1^d \\
\mathbf{\hat{n}} \times \mathbf{V}_2^d
\end{cases} = \begin{bmatrix}
YZ_{11} & YZ_{12} \\
YZ_{21} & YZ_{22}
\end{bmatrix} \begin{cases}
\mathbf{\hat{n}} \times \mathbf{V}_1 \\
\mathbf{\hat{n}} \times \mathbf{V}_2
\end{cases}$$

- This is equivalent to an immitance characterization of the equivalent two-port network connecting upper and lower regions separated by the sheet.
  - \* Form. **E**: V = E,  $V^d = H$ , immittance  $\equiv$  admitance
  - ★ Form. **E**: V = E,  $V^d = H$ , immittance  $\equiv$  impedance
- We substitute  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{V}^d$  on the integral boundary terms corresponding to region 1 and region 2 by its linear combination of  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{V}_1$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{V}_2$ .

## The Immittance Approach (cont.)

The Simplest (Least Invasive) Approach

• For instance, with **E**-formulation we have

$$\int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F}_{1} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times (\bar{\mu}_{r}^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_{1})) d\Gamma =$$

$$y_{11} \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F}_{1} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{E}_{1})) d\Gamma + y_{12} \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F}_{1} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{E}_{2})) d\Gamma$$

$$\begin{split} \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F}_2 \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times (\bar{\bar{\mu_r}}^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_2)) d\Gamma = \\ y_{21} \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F}_2 \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{E}_1)) d\Gamma + y_{22} \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F}_2 \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{E}_2)) d\Gamma \end{split}$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{F}_1 = \hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{F}_2$  (conformal mesh above-below the sheet).

## The Immittance Approach (cont.)

The Simplest (Least Invasive) Approach

• Thus, the TX/RX continuity conditions imposed by the sheet are translated into algebra simply as extra contributions for the values of the matrix coefficients (related to the duplicated degrees of freedom  $\{g\}_1$ ,  $\{g\}_2$  associated to the sheet).

#### Advantages

- Simple (non code invasing)
  - \* No new variational unknowns
  - No new equations but simply additional terms to the existing ones
  - lpha Only requires replication of uknonws on sheet:  $\{g\}_1 
    eq \{g\}_2$
- Reciprocity of the material  $(y_{12} = y_{21}) \Rightarrow$  symmetry of FEM matrix
- Short circuit (PEC) and open circuit (PMC) conditions naturally reproducible



## The Immittance Approach (cont.)

The Simplest (Least Invasive) Approach

#### Disadvantages

- ► Total transmission (sheet transparency) not reproducible
  - \* Singular system of equations
  - This situation must be either avoided or taken into account explicitly



# The Immittance Approach Special Cases

#### Short Circuit (PEC) Sheet

- We have  $y_{12} = y_{21} = 0$  and  $y_{11} = y_{22} = \infty$
- Thus, the equation associated to  $\{g\}_1$  has a dominant term

$$\ldots + y_{11} \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F}_1 \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{E}_1) d\Gamma + y_{12} \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F}_1 \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{E}_2) d\Gamma \approx \infty \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F}_1 \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{E}_1) d\Gamma$$

that corresponds to impose  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{E}_1 = 0$ , i.e., algebraically  $\{g\}_1 = 0$ 

 $\bullet$  Analogously, with equation associated to  $\{g\}_2$ 

$$\ldots + y_{21} \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F}_2 \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{E}_1) d\Gamma + y_{22} \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F}_2 \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{E}_2) d\Gamma \approx \infty \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F}_2 \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{E}_2) d\Gamma$$

that corresponds to impose  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{E}_2 = 0$ , i.e., algebraically  $\{g\}_2 = 0$ 

#### Open Circuit (PMC) Sheet

- We have  $y_{12} = y_{21} = 0$  and  $y_{11} = y_{22} = 0$
- Thus, the equation associated to  $\{g\}_1$  is equivalent to have

$$\int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F}_1 \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times (\bar{\bar{\mu}_r}^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_1)) d\Gamma = 0$$

that corresponds to weakly impose  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \bar{\mu_r}^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_1 = 0$  (Neumann b.c.) i.e.,  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{H}_1 = 0$ .

ullet Analogously, with equation associated to  $\{g\}_2$ 

$$\int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F}_2 \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times (\bar{\bar{\mu_r}}^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_2)) d\Gamma = 0$$

that corresponds to weakly impose  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \bar{\mu_r}^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_2 = 0$  (Neumann b.c.) i.e.,  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{H}_2 = 0$ .

#### Total Transmission (sheet transparency)

It is clear that from

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{\hat{n}} \times \mathbf{V}_1^d \\ \mathbf{\hat{n}} \times \mathbf{V}_2^d \end{cases} = \begin{bmatrix} YZ_{11} & YZ_{12} \\ YZ_{21} & YZ_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} \mathbf{\hat{n}} \times \mathbf{V}_1 \\ \mathbf{\hat{n}} \times \mathbf{V}_2 \end{cases}$$

is not possible to impose full continuity of  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{V}$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{V}^d$ , i.e.,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{\hat{n}} \times \mathbf{V}_1 \\ \mathbf{\hat{n}} \times \mathbf{V}_1^d \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{\hat{n}} \times \mathbf{V}_2 \\ \mathbf{\hat{n}} \times \mathbf{V}_2^d \end{array} \right\}$$

• Technically, we have  $y_{12} = y_{21} = \infty$  and  $y_{11} = y_{22} = \infty$ 

#### Total Transmission (sheet transparency)

ullet Thus, the equation associated to  $\{g\}_1$  has two dominant terms

$$\ldots + \infty \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F}_1 \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{E}_1) d\Gamma + \infty \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F}_1 \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{E}_2) d\Gamma$$

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$$\ldots + \infty \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F}_2 \cdot (\mathbf{\hat{n}} \times \mathbf{E}_1)) d\Gamma + \infty \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F}_2 \cdot (\mathbf{\hat{n}} \times \mathbf{E}_2)) d\Gamma$$

#### Total Transmission (sheet transparency)

- Both equations tends to be the same equation
  - ⇒ Singular FEM matrix

(I mush still check signs for  $y_{ij}$ ) Nevertheless, the above resulting equations can never impose continuity of  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{V}$ 

#### Workaround

- We must identify the case, i.e., when  $y_{ii}$  is "large enough"
- Then, we have two main possibilities:
  - Ignore TR/RX boundary conditions for that sheet, i.e., do nothing
    - \* Do not replicate degres of freedom  $\{g\}$
    - \* Do not alter FEM equations
  - Recover full continuity, i.e., continuity of  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{V}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{V}^d$  once replication of  $\{g\}$  has been performed
    - Several possibilities



How to Recover Full Continuity?

- We keep the integral boundary term  $\int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times (\bar{f}_r^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{V})) d\Gamma$  for region 1 and region 2
- We add two equations to recover continuity of  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{V}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{V}^d$

#### Continuity of $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{V}$

We add one strong condition equation

$$\{g\}_1 = \{g\}_2$$

- Performed at the algebraic level, i.e., operating in the matrix by fixing all coefficients on the corresponding row to zero except the two being related (paired)
- The above operation is simple, trivial I would say.
- However, if I am not wrong, it introduces asymmetry in the FEM matrix

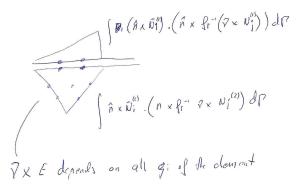


# Continuity of $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{V}^d$ , i.e., of $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times (\bar{\bar{f}}_r^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{V})$

• We add a equation to weakly force continuity of the dual variable

$$\int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F}_{1} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times (\bar{\bar{\mu}_{r}}^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_{1})) d\Gamma = \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F}_{2} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times (\bar{\bar{\mu}_{r}}^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_{2})) d\Gamma$$
(3)

- Note that the above equation after discretization introduces asymmetry in the matrix
  - Although,  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{F}_1 = \hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{F}_2$  due to conformity of the mesh
  - the discretization of  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E}$  involves all basis functions of the finite element, i.e., not only basis functions on the common boundary (sheet)





The [g], [h], [ABCD] Approaches



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We describe the implementation of the TX/RX conditions uisng the characterization of the material sheet in terms of

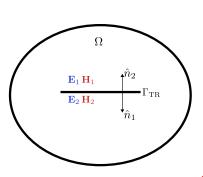
its immittance (impedance/admittance) matrix

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#### Formulation



$$\begin{split} \hat{n}_1 \times \left(\mu_r^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_1\right) - \frac{jk_0}{\eta} y_{11} \hat{n}_1 \times \left(\hat{n}_1 \times \mathbf{E}_1\right) - \\ - \frac{jk_0}{\eta} y_{12} \hat{n}_2 \times \left(\hat{n}_2 \times \mathbf{E}_2\right) = 0, \\ \hat{n}_2 \times \left(\mu_r^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_2\right) - \frac{jk_0}{\eta} y_{21} \hat{n}_1 \times \left(\hat{n}_1 \times \mathbf{E}_1\right) - \end{split}$$

$$\hat{n}_2 \times (\mu_r^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_2) - \frac{jk_0}{\eta} y_{21} \hat{n}_1 \times (\hat{n}_1 \times \mathbf{E}_1) - \frac{jk_0}{\eta} y_{22} \hat{n}_2 \times (\hat{n}_2 \times \mathbf{E}_2) = 0,$$

Note that  $y_{xx}$  are relative to the vacuum admittance.

# Formulation (cont.)

Find  $\mathbf{E} \in \mathbf{H}_0(\operatorname{curl},\Omega)$  such that

$$\begin{split} &\left(\nabla\times\mathbf{w},\mu_{r}^{-1}\nabla\times\mathbf{E}\right)_{\Omega}-k_{0}^{2}\left(\mathbf{w},\varepsilon_{r}\mathbf{E}\right)_{\Omega}+jk_{0}\left\langle \hat{n}\times\mathbf{w},\hat{n}\times\mathbf{w}\right\rangle _{\Gamma_{C}}=\\ &\left(\mathbf{w},\mathbf{F}\right)_{\Omega}-\left\langle \hat{n}\times\left(\mathbf{w}\times\hat{n}\right),\mathbf{\Psi}_{N}\right\rangle _{\Gamma_{N}}-\left\langle \hat{n}\times\left(\mathbf{w}\times\hat{n}\right),\mathbf{\Psi}_{C}\right\rangle _{\Gamma_{C}}\quad\forall\,\mathbf{w}\in\mathbf{H}_{0}(\operatorname{curl},\Omega). \end{split}$$

with

$$\begin{split} \left(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}\right)_{\Omega} &= \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{w}^* \cdot \mathbf{v} d\Omega, \\ \left\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v} \right\rangle_{\Gamma} &= \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{w}^* \cdot \mathbf{v} d\Gamma. \end{split}$$



## Formulation (cont.)

For *upper* elements on  $\Gamma_{\rm TR}$  (side 1), we have

 $LHS_1$ 

$$+ j \frac{k_0}{\eta} \left\langle \hat{\boldsymbol{n}} \times (\mathbf{w}_1 \times \hat{\boldsymbol{n}}), y_{11} \hat{\boldsymbol{n}} \times (\mathbf{w}_1 \times \hat{\boldsymbol{n}}) \right\rangle_{\Gamma_{TR}} + j \frac{k_0}{\eta} \left\langle \hat{\boldsymbol{n}} \times (\mathbf{w}_1 \times \hat{\boldsymbol{n}}), y_{12} \hat{\boldsymbol{n}} \times (\mathbf{w}_2 \times \hat{\boldsymbol{n}}) \right\rangle_{\Gamma_{TR}} = RHS_1,$$

whereas for lower elements (side 2), we get

$$+j\frac{k_0}{\eta}\Big\langle \hat{n} \times (\mathbf{w}_2 \times \hat{n}), y_{21}\hat{n} \times (\mathbf{w}_1 \times \hat{n})\Big\rangle_{\Gamma_{\mathsf{TR}}} + j\frac{k_0}{\eta}\Big\langle \hat{n} \times (\mathbf{w}_2 \times \hat{n}), y_{22}\hat{n} \times (\mathbf{w}_2 \times \hat{n})\Big\rangle_{\Gamma_{\mathsf{TR}}} = \mathrm{RHS}_2,$$

#### FEM implementation

- The DOFs will be doubled for the faces and the interior edges.
- The exterior edges of  $\Gamma_{\rm TR}$  are not doubled.
  - Identified by code: the edges associated to two faces are interior.
  - $\blacktriangleright$  If the boundaries of the sheet belong to PBC, the edges of  $\Gamma_{\rm TR}$  are also doubled

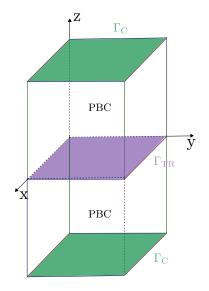


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#### Problem to be solved



Simulation of an infinite medium with transmission/reflection sheet that divides the space into two halves.

 Γ<sub>TR</sub>: Transmission/reflection sheet defined with

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_{11} & y_{12} \\ y_{21} & y_{22} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- $\Gamma_C$ : ABC with excitation with polarization  $E_y$
- The vertical faces are set to PBC

#### **Testbench**

- $\mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ : sanity check, we should get same result as the two halves with a PMC.
- $\bullet$   $\mathbf{Y}=\mathbb{I}:$  sanity check, we should get same result as the two halves with an ABC.
- ullet Change lower  $\Gamma_C$  by PEC and solve analytic problem with four media: final test.
  - ▶ Obtain parameters for **Y** of the equivalent problem.
  - ▶ Get same solutions for the electric field.
  - ► Transparent? Puede ser que aproximar con 1e6. Quizás con ABCD.



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#### **HOFEM** implementation

- New boundary condition: TRBC.
  - ▶ We define a normal,  $\hat{n}_{TRBC}$  to detect lower and upper side. Upper side is the closer to  $\hat{n}_{TRBC}$ .
  - ► Definition of y<sub>11</sub>, y<sub>12</sub>, y<sub>21</sub>, and y<sub>22</sub> as relative values with respect to vacuum admittance.
- Two options for implementation
  - ▶ Integers defined in tetrahedra\_element.
  - Allocatable array of 1 × N<sub>elem,TR</sub> where the two positions (stored in boundary conditions module, accessible from mesh\_reordering\_module and elementary\_terms\_3D):
    - **1** 10× Neighbor element identifier (to couple  $\mathbf{w}_2$  and  $\mathbf{w}_1$ ).
    - ② Integer 1,2 (side) (to extract the values of  $y_{11}, y_{12}, y_{21}$ , and  $y_{22}$ ).
- Significant methods involved:
  - ► Postprocessing over reordering\_DOF\_algorithm\_3D.
  - calc\_boundary\_3D\_nxNi\_nxNi\_term\_of\_this\_element.
  - Construction of the MUMPS-related matrix: different number of non-zeros per element, assembly of coupled elements (now single-element assembly).

