

Metals

Note Title

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We have previously derived permittivity of metal (3.11b)

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon &= \epsilon_0 - \frac{e^2 N}{m} \frac{1}{\omega^2 + i\gamma\omega} = \epsilon_0 - \frac{e^2 N}{m\omega} \frac{\omega - i\gamma}{\omega^2 + \gamma^2} = \\ &= \epsilon_0 - \frac{e^2 N}{m(\omega^2 + \gamma^2)} + i \frac{e^2 N \gamma}{m\omega(\omega^2 + \gamma^2)} \approx\end{aligned}$$

$$(5.1) \quad \epsilon = \epsilon_0 \left[1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2 + \gamma^2} + i \frac{\omega_p^2 \gamma}{\omega(\omega^2 + \gamma^2)} \right]$$

with $\omega_p^2 = \frac{e^2 N}{m\epsilon_0}$ - plasma freq (squared)

Two limits are of practical interest:

(1) $\gamma \ll \omega \lesssim \omega_p$ [visible - IR for noble metals]

(2) $\omega \approx 0$ ($\omega \ll \gamma$) [THz & below for NM]

$$(5.2a) \quad \text{limit (1)} \quad \epsilon \approx \epsilon_0 \left[1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} + i \frac{\gamma \omega_p^2}{\omega^3} \right] \approx \\ \approx \epsilon_0 \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \left[-1 + i \frac{\gamma}{\omega} \right]$$

permittivity is (large) negative with small imag part

$$(5.2b) \quad \text{limit (2)} \quad \epsilon \approx \epsilon_0 \left[1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\gamma^2} + i \frac{\omega_p^2 \gamma}{\omega \gamma^2} \right] \approx \epsilon_0 \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega \gamma} i$$

$\sigma = i\omega\epsilon\epsilon_0$

permittivity is large and imaginary

In both cases, waves do not propagate inside the metal.

In fact, waves that do penetrate the metal have the dependence:

$$(5.3) \quad H, E \propto e^{ik_z z}, \text{ with } k_z = \sqrt{\epsilon_r \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - k_w^2} \approx \sqrt{\epsilon_r} \frac{\omega}{c} \gg k_w$$

In limit (1) $k_z \approx \sqrt{-\frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}} \frac{\omega}{c} \approx \frac{\omega_p}{c} \delta \approx \frac{1}{\delta} \left[H, E \propto e^{-\frac{z}{\delta}} \right]$

In limit (2) $k_z \approx \sqrt{i \frac{\omega_p^2 \omega}{\epsilon_0 c^2}} = \frac{\omega_p \sqrt{\omega}}{c \sqrt{2}} (1+i) \left[H, E \propto e^{-\frac{z}{\delta}(1+i)} \right]$
 $\frac{\omega_p \sqrt{\omega}}{c \sqrt{2}} \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} \left[H, E \propto e^{-\frac{z}{\delta}} \right]$

Note that in both cases the amplitudes of E & H are related to each other via

$$k \times H_0 = -\epsilon_0 \omega E_0$$

Consider, for now a TM-polarized wave:

$$E_0 = \begin{bmatrix} E_{0x} \\ 0 \\ E_{0z} \end{bmatrix}; \quad H_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ H_0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_0 = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \omega} k \times H = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \omega} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ k_x & 0 & k_z \\ 0 & H_0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = +\frac{H_0}{\epsilon_0 \omega} \begin{bmatrix} k_z \\ 0 \\ -k_x \end{bmatrix} \approx \frac{H_0 c}{\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\epsilon_r}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= H_0 \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

normal into metal

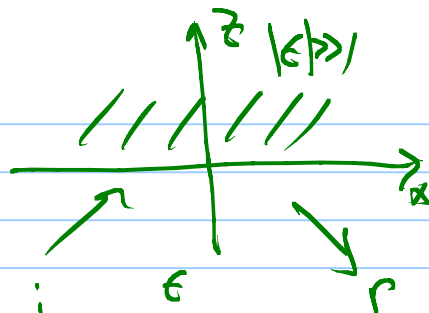
$$(5.4) \quad \vec{E}_T = \left[H_0 \hat{y} \times \hat{n} \right] \cdot \mathcal{J} \leftarrow \text{the relationship is valid for TE waves as well.}$$

$$\mathcal{J} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \quad \text{surface impedance} \ll \mathcal{J}_0 \approx 376 \Omega$$

Eq (5.4) can be used as a boundary condition to calculate reflection!
 (for simplicity, use isotropic medium, TM wave)

(5.5)

$$E_{inc} = \frac{H_i}{\epsilon_0 c \omega} \begin{bmatrix} k_z \\ 0 \\ -k_x \end{bmatrix} e^{-i\omega t + ik_x x} e^{-ik_z z}$$



$$E_r = \frac{H_r}{\epsilon_0 c \omega} \begin{bmatrix} -k_z \\ 0 \\ -k_x \end{bmatrix} e^{-i\omega t + ik_x x - ik_z z}$$

$$E(z=0) = e^{-i\omega t + ik_x x} \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 c \omega} \begin{bmatrix} k_z(H_i - H_r) \\ 0 \\ k_x(H_i + H_r) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H(z=0) = e^{-i\omega t + ik_x x} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ H_i + H_r \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(5.4) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 c \omega} k_z(H_i - H_r) = (H_i + H_r)$$

$$r = \frac{H_r}{H_i} = \frac{k_z - \sqrt{\epsilon_0 \epsilon \omega}}{k_z + \sqrt{\epsilon_0 \epsilon \omega}} = \frac{k_z - \frac{c}{v} \sqrt{\epsilon_0 \epsilon}}{k_z + \frac{c}{v} \sqrt{\epsilon_0 \epsilon}}$$

(5.6)

$$r = \frac{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \epsilon} \cos \theta - \sqrt{\epsilon}}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \epsilon} \cos \theta + \sqrt{\epsilon}}$$

$$R = |r|^2 = \left| \frac{k_z - \sqrt{\epsilon_0 \epsilon \omega}}{k_z + \sqrt{\epsilon_0 \epsilon \omega}} \right|^2$$

For reflective materials, $R=1$ = A-absorption