

planes of constant phase are  $\perp$  to  $\vec{k}_{T1}$

Now we solve for  $k_{T1}$  and  $k_{T2}$  and  $\theta_{T1}$

Dispersion relation in medium 2:  $k_T^2 = \omega^2 \mu_b \epsilon_b$

$$\begin{aligned} k_T^2 &= (\vec{k}_{T1} + i\vec{k}_{T2})^2 = k_{T1}^2 - k_{T2}^2 + 2i\vec{k}_{T1} \cdot \vec{k}_{T2} \\ &= k_{T1}^2 - k_{T2}^2 + 2i k_{T1} k_{T2} \cos \theta_{T1} \quad (\text{since } \theta_{T2} = 0) \\ &= \omega^2 \mu_b (\epsilon_{b1} + i \epsilon_{b2}) \end{aligned}$$

equate real and imaginary parts of both sides

$$k_{T1}^2 - k_{T2}^2 = \omega^2 \mu_b \epsilon_{b1}$$

$$2 k_{T1} k_{T2} = \frac{\omega^2 \mu_b \epsilon_{b2}}{\cos \theta_{T1}}$$

} same equations as when we considered propagation in an infinite dielectric, only then  $\theta_{T1} = 0$

Consider the above as two equations for two unknowns  $k_{T1}$  and  $k_{T2}$ . Solve for  $k_{T1}$  and  $k_{T2}$  in terms of  $\cos \theta_{T1}$

$$k_{T1} = \omega \sqrt{\mu_b} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\epsilon_{b1}^2 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{\cos^2 \theta_{T1}}} + \frac{\epsilon_{b1}}{2} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$k_{T2} = \omega \sqrt{\mu_b} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\epsilon_{b1}^2 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{\cos^2 \theta_{T1}}} - \frac{\epsilon_{b1}}{2} \right]^{1/2}$$

If  $\theta_{T1} = 0$ , this is the same as our earlier result

Finally we use our boundary condition to determine  $\theta_{T1}$

$$k_{T1} \sin \theta_{T1} = k_I \sin \theta_I$$

$$k_I = \omega \sqrt{\mu_a \epsilon_a} = \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\frac{\mu_a \epsilon_a}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = \frac{\omega}{c} m_a$$

↑ index of refraction

$$k_{T1} = \frac{k_I \sin \theta_I}{\sin \theta_{T1}} = \frac{\omega m_a \sin \theta_I}{c \sin \theta_{T1}}$$

$$= \omega \sqrt{\mu_b} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\epsilon_{b1}^2 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{\cos^2 \theta_{T1}}} + \frac{\epsilon_{b1}}{2} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_a \sin \theta_I = c \sqrt{\mu_b} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\epsilon_{b1}^2 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{\cos^2 \theta_{T1}}} + \frac{\epsilon_{b1}}{2} \right]^{1/2} \sin \theta_{T1}$$

↑ determines angle of transmission  $\theta_{T1}$  in terms of angle of incidence  $\theta_I$  and the physical parameters  $m_a$ ,  $\mu_b$ ,  $\epsilon_{b1}$ ,  $\epsilon_{b2}$  of the two materials

Cases ① If material b is transparent, i.e.  $\epsilon_{b2} \ll \epsilon_{b1}$   
define  $m_b = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_b \epsilon_{b1}}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = \sqrt{\mu_b \epsilon_{b1}} c$

$$\text{then } m_a \sin \theta_I = m_b \sin \theta_{T1} \left[ \frac{1}{2 \epsilon_{b1}} \sqrt{\epsilon_{b1}^2 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{\cos^2 \theta_{T1}}} + \frac{1}{2} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= m_b \sin \theta_{T1} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{\epsilon_{b1}^2 \cos^2 \theta_{T1}}} + \frac{1}{2} \right]^{1/2}$$

expand the  $\sqrt{1+x} \approx 1 + \frac{x}{2}$

$$\approx m_b \sin \theta_{T1} \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{4 \epsilon_{b1}^2 \cos^2 \theta_{T1}} + \frac{1}{2} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= m_b \sin \theta_{T1} \left[ 1 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{4 \epsilon_{b1}^2 \cos^2 \theta_{T1}} \right]^{1/2}$$

expand the  $\sqrt{\quad}$

$$m_a \sin \theta_I \approx m_b \sin \theta_{T1} \left[ 1 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{8 \epsilon_{b1}^2 \cos^2 \theta_{T1}} \right]$$

when  $\frac{\epsilon_{b2}}{\epsilon_{b1}} \ll 1$ , we can  
solve above equation iteratively  
to get approximate result

small correction to  
Snell's law

$$m_a \sin \theta_I = m_b \sin \theta_{T1} [1 + \text{small}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta_{T1} \approx \frac{m_a}{m_b} \sin \theta_I \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta_{T1} \approx 1 - \frac{m_a^2 \sin^2 \theta_I}{m_b^2}$$

so to next order

$$m_b \sin \theta_{T1} \approx \frac{m_a \sin \theta_I}{1 + \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{\epsilon_{b2}}{\epsilon_{b1}} \right)^2 \left[ \frac{1}{1 - \frac{m_a^2 \sin^2 \theta_I}{m_b^2}} \right]}$$

$$\approx m_a \sin \theta_I \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{\epsilon_{b2}}{\epsilon_{b1}} \right)^2 \frac{1}{1 - \frac{m_a^2 \sin^2 \theta_I}{m_b^2}} \right]$$

this term is  $> 0$  so...

$$\leq m_a \sin \theta_I$$

Result is that  $\theta_{T1}$  is smaller than one  
would predict from Snell's law.

the correction is of order  $O\left(\frac{\epsilon_{b2}}{\epsilon_{b1}}\right)^2$ .

medium b is a

Case (2)

good conductor or a region of resonant absorption of a dielectric

$$\text{so } \epsilon_{b2} \gg \epsilon_{b1}$$

Now, to lowest order we will approx  $\epsilon_{b1} \approx 0$   
then

$$n_a \sin \theta_I = c \sqrt{\mu_b} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_{b2}}{\cos \theta_{T1}} \right]^{1/2} \sin \theta_{T1}$$

$$\boxed{n_a \sin \theta_I = c \sqrt{\frac{\mu_b \epsilon_{b2}}{2}} \frac{\sin \theta_{T1}}{\sqrt{\cos \theta_{T1}}}}$$

determines  $\theta_{T1}$  in terms of  $\theta_I$

In this case our result for  $\theta_{T1}$  looks  
nothing like Snell's law.

⇒ Snell's law only holds if both media  
are transparent at the frequency of interest

So far, all our results come from the requirement that the phases of the incident, reflected, and transmitted waves all match at the interface. This is enough to determine the directions, wavelengths, attenuation, and frequencies of the waves. These results hold for any type of wave, not just electromagnetic waves.

Now want to solve for amplitudes of transmitted and reflected waves.

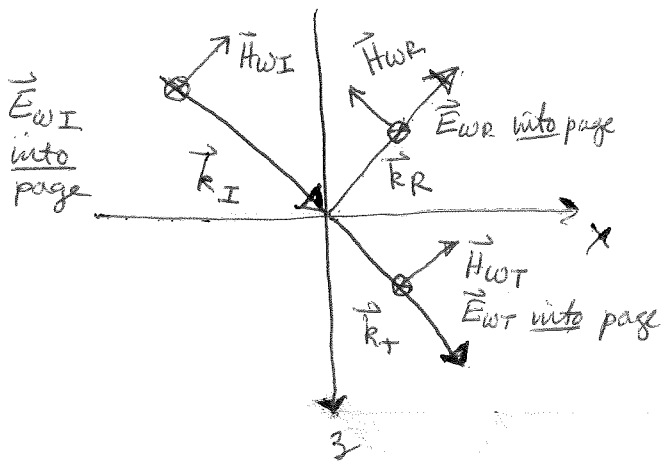
two cases: "plane of incidence" = plane spanned by the wavevector  $\vec{k}_I$ , ~~the wavevector~~ and the normal to the interface, — in our case, the  $xz$  plane

①  $\vec{E}_\omega$  is  $\perp$  to the plane of incidence

②  $\vec{E}_\omega$  is  $\parallel$  to the plane of incidence

The most general case is a linear superposition of these two, so treating these two cases separately also gives the general solution.

$E_0 \perp$  plane of incidence



( $H_{WI}$  in plane of incidence)

all the  $\vec{E}$ 's are along  $\hat{y}$

(1)  $E_I + E_R = E_T$

or  $\vec{E}_{WI} = E_I \hat{y}$  etc.

Continuity of  $\hat{y}$  components of  $\vec{E}$

all the  $\vec{H}$ 's are along  $\hat{y}$

(1)  $H_I + H_R = H_T$

where  $\vec{H}_{WI} = H_I \hat{y}$  etc.

continuity of  $\hat{x}$  components of  $\vec{H}$

$H_{Ix} + H_{Rx} = H_{Tx}$

Faraday  $H_x = \frac{k_z}{\omega\mu} E_y$   
 $\mu\omega\vec{H} = i\vec{k} \times \vec{E}$

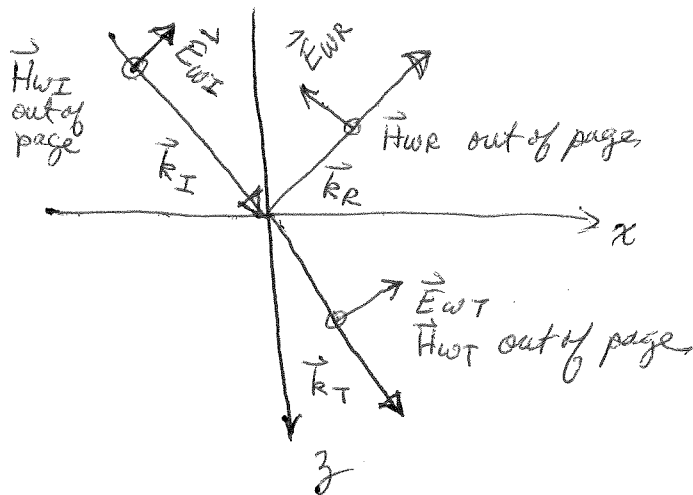
plug in above and use  $k_{Iz} = -k_{Rz}$

$\Rightarrow$

(2)  $\frac{k_{Iz}}{\mu a} (E_I - E_R) = \frac{k_{Tz}}{\mu b} E_T$

solve equation (1) and (2) for  $E_R$  and  $E_T$  in terms of  $E_I$

$E_0 \parallel$  plane of incidence



( $H_{WI} \perp$  to plane of incidence)

all the  $\vec{H}$ 's are along  $\hat{y}$

(1)  $H_I + H_R = H_T$

where  $\vec{H}_{WI} = H_I \hat{y}$  etc.

continuity of  $\hat{x}$  components of  $\vec{E}$

$E_{Ix} + E_{Rx} = E_{Tx}$

Ampere  $E_x = \frac{-k_z}{\omega\epsilon} H_y$   
 $-i\omega\epsilon\vec{E} = i\vec{k} \times \vec{H}$

plug in above and use  $k_{Iz} = -k_{Rz}$

$\Rightarrow$

(2)  $\frac{k_{Iz}}{\epsilon a} (H_I - H_R) = \frac{k_{Tz}}{\epsilon b} H_T$

solve equations (1) and (2) for  $H_R$  and  $H_T$  in terms of  $H_I$

$$E_R = \frac{\mu_b k_{Iz} - \mu_a k_{Tz}}{\mu_b k_{Iz} + \mu_a k_{Tz}} E_I$$

$$H_R = \frac{\epsilon_b k_{Iz} - \epsilon_a k_{Tz}}{\epsilon_b k_{Iz} + \epsilon_a k_{Tz}} H_I$$

$$E_T = \frac{2\mu_b k_{Iz}}{\mu_a k_{Tz} + \mu_b k_{Iz}} E_I$$

$$H_T = \frac{2\epsilon_b k_{Iz}}{\epsilon_a k_{Tz} + \epsilon_b k_{Iz}} H_I$$

We can now define the reflection and transmission coefficients.

These are defined in terms of the transported energy.

Since the energy flux is  $\sim |\vec{E}|^2 \sim |\vec{H}|^2$ , we have

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### Reflection coefficient

①  $E_0 \perp$  to plane of incidence

$$R_{\perp} = \frac{|E_R|^2}{|E_I|^2} = \left| \frac{\mu_b k_{Iz} - \mu_a k_{Tz}}{\mu_b k_{Iz} + \mu_a k_{Tz}} \right|^2$$

②  $E_0 \parallel$  to plane of incidence

$$R_{\parallel} = \frac{|H_R|^2}{|H_I|^2} = \left| \frac{\epsilon_b k_{Iz} - \epsilon_a k_{Tz}}{\epsilon_b k_{Iz} + \epsilon_a k_{Tz}} \right|^2$$

For region of "total reflection" in material b,  $\text{Im} \epsilon_b \approx 0$ ,  $\text{Re} \epsilon_b < 0$

$\Rightarrow \vec{k}_T \equiv i \bar{k}_T$  where  $\bar{k}_T$  is real ( $\vec{k}_T$  is pure imaginary)

$$\Rightarrow R_{\perp} = \left| \frac{\mu_b k_{Iz} - i \mu_a \bar{k}_{Tz}}{\mu_b k_{Iz} + i \mu_a \bar{k}_{Tz}} \right|^2$$

$$R_{\parallel} = \left| \frac{\epsilon_b k_{Iz} - i \epsilon_a \bar{k}_{Tz}}{\epsilon_b k_{Iz} + i \epsilon_a \bar{k}_{Tz}} \right|^2$$

both are of the form

$$\left| \frac{a - ib}{a + ib} \right|^2 = 1$$

when a, b  
both real

# Additional notes on Reflection & Transmission Coefficients

For a transparent medium, the energy current can be written as (see text 9-3.1)

$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) = \vec{E} \times \vec{H} \quad (\text{in a vacuum } \mu = \mu_0)$$

For a plane wave  $\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{E}_0 \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)$   $\vec{E}_0 \perp \vec{k}$

From lecture 13 we have

$$\vec{H}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)}{\mu} = \frac{(\hat{k} \times \vec{E}_0) |\vec{k}| \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}{\omega \mu}$$

(since the medium is transparent,  $k$  is real and  $k_2 = 0$ ,  $\delta = \arctan \frac{k_2}{k_1} = 0$ )

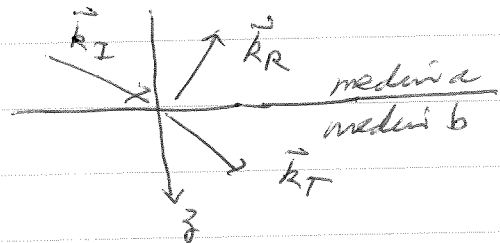
$$\Rightarrow \vec{S} = \vec{E} \times \vec{H} = \frac{|\vec{k}|}{\omega \mu} \underbrace{\vec{E}_0 \times (\hat{k} \times \vec{E}_0)}_{= |\vec{E}_0|^2 \hat{k} \text{ since } \hat{k} \perp \vec{E}_0} \cos^2(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)$$

so

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \frac{|\vec{k}|}{2\omega \mu} |\vec{E}_0|^2 \hat{k}$$

$$\text{as } \langle \cos^2(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t) \rangle = \frac{1}{2}$$

The energy flux of the incident wave going into medium b is



$$\langle \vec{S}_I \rangle \cdot \hat{z} = \frac{|k_I|}{2\omega \mu_a} |\vec{E}_{I0}|^2 (\hat{k}_I \cdot \hat{z}) = \frac{|k_I|}{2\omega \mu_a} |\vec{E}_{I0}|^2 \cos \theta_I$$

The energy flux of the reflected wave is

$$\text{we } \theta_I = \theta_R$$

$$\langle \vec{S}_R \rangle \cdot \hat{z} = \frac{|k_R|}{2\omega \mu_a} |\vec{E}_{R0}|^2 (\hat{k}_R \cdot \hat{z}) = \frac{|k_R|}{2\omega \mu_a} |\vec{E}_{R0}|^2 (-\cos \theta_I)$$

↑  
became reflected back

The energy flux of the transmitted wave is

$$\langle \vec{S}_T \rangle \cdot \hat{z} = \frac{|k_T|}{2\omega \mu_b} |\vec{E}_{T0}|^2 (\hat{k}_T \cdot \hat{z}) = \frac{|k_T|}{2\omega \mu_b} |\vec{E}_{T0}|^2 \cos \theta_T$$



Energy in = Energy out

$$\Rightarrow \langle \vec{S}_I \rangle \cdot \hat{z} + \langle \vec{S}_R \rangle \cdot \hat{z} = \langle \vec{S}_T \rangle \cdot \hat{z}$$

$$\langle \vec{S}_I \rangle \cdot \hat{z} = \langle \vec{S}_T \rangle \cdot \hat{z} - \langle \vec{S}_R \rangle \cdot \hat{z}$$

$\uparrow$  This term is  $> 0$                        $\uparrow$  This term is  $< 0$

$$|\langle \vec{S}_I \rangle \cdot \hat{z}| = |\langle \vec{S}_T \rangle \cdot \hat{z}| + |\langle \vec{S}_R \rangle \cdot \hat{z}|$$

If we define  $R = \frac{|\langle \vec{S}_R \rangle \cdot \hat{z}|}{|\langle \vec{S}_I \rangle \cdot \hat{z}|}$ ,  $T = \frac{|\langle \vec{S}_T \rangle \cdot \hat{z}|}{|\langle \vec{S}_I \rangle \cdot \hat{z}|}$

Then we get

$$1 = T + R$$

Also

$$R = \frac{\frac{|k_R|}{2\omega\mu_0} |\vec{E}_R\omega|^2 \cos\theta_R}{\frac{|k_I|}{2\omega\mu_0} |\vec{E}_I\omega|^2 \cos\theta_I} = \frac{|\vec{E}_R\omega|^2}{|\vec{E}_I\omega|^2} \quad \text{since } |k_I| = |k_R|$$

But

$$T = \frac{\frac{|k_T|}{2\omega\mu_0} |\vec{E}_T\omega|^2 \cos\theta_T}{\frac{|k_I|}{2\omega\mu_0} |\vec{E}_I\omega|^2 \cos\theta_I} \neq \frac{|\vec{E}_T\omega|^2}{|\vec{E}_I\omega|^2}$$