

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \theta_2'' = 0 \\ k_2'' = k_2' \hat{z} \end{cases} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{attenuation factor for the transmitted} \\ \text{wave is } e^{-k_2 z} \end{array} \right.$$

$\Rightarrow$  planes of constant amplitude are always parallel to the interface no matter what the angle of incidence  $\theta_0$ .

Having found  $\theta_2''$  there are still three quantities we must yet find in order to characterize the transmitted wave. These are  $\theta_2'$ ,  $k_2'$ ,  $k_2''$ .

To solve for these we will need 3 equations

one is:  $k_0 \sin \theta_0 = k_2' \sin \theta_2'$  (1)  
 (from boundary condition)

where  $k_0 = \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} = \frac{\omega}{c} M_a$  dispersion relation in medium a

The other two come from equating the real and imaginary parts of the dispersion relation in medium b.

$$k_2'^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mu_b \epsilon_b = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mu_b (\epsilon_{b1} + i \epsilon_{b2})$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_2'^2 &= (\vec{k}_2' + i \vec{k}_2'') \cdot (\vec{k}_2' + i \vec{k}_2'') \\ &= (k_2')^2 - (k_2'')^2 + 2i \vec{k}_2' \cdot \vec{k}_2'' \end{aligned}$$

$$= (k_2')^2 - (k_2'')^2 + 2i k_2' k_2'' \cos \theta_2'$$

equate real and imaginary parts

$$(k_2')^2 - (k_2'')^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mu_b \epsilon_{b1} \quad (2)$$

$$2k_2' k_2'' \cos \theta_2' = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mu_b \epsilon_{b2} \quad (3)$$

use (2) and (3) to solve for  $k_2'$  and  $k_2''$  in terms of  $\theta_2'$

$$(2) \Rightarrow (k_2')^2 = (k_2'')^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mu_b \epsilon_{b1} \quad (4)$$

$$(3) \Rightarrow k_2'' = \frac{\omega^2 \mu_b \epsilon_{b2}}{2k_2' \cos \theta_2'} \quad (5)$$

plugging (5) into (4)

$$(k_2')^2 = \left( \frac{\omega^2 \mu_b \epsilon_{b2}}{2k_2' \cos \theta_2'} \right)^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mu_b \epsilon_{b1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (k_2')^4 - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mu_b \epsilon_{b1} (k_2')^2 - \frac{\omega^4}{c^4} \frac{\mu_b^2 \epsilon_{b2}^2}{4 \cos^2 \theta_2'} = 0$$

solve quadratic formula

$$(k_2')^2 = \frac{\omega^2 \mu_b \epsilon_{b1}}{2c^2} + \sqrt{\frac{\omega^4 \mu_b^2 \epsilon_{b1}^2}{4c^4} + \frac{\omega^4 \mu_b^2 \epsilon_{b2}^2}{4c^4 \cos^2 \theta_2'}}$$

↑

take (+) solution only since  $(k_2')^2$  must be positive

$$= \frac{\omega^2 \mu_b}{c^2} \left[ \frac{\epsilon_{b1}}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_{b1}^2}{\cos^2 \theta_2'} + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{\cos^2 \theta_2'}} \right]$$

(6)

$$k'_2 = \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\mu_b} \left[ \pm \epsilon_{bi} + \pm \sqrt{\epsilon_{bi}^2 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{\cos^2 \theta_2}} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Then get  $k''_2$  from (4)

$$(k''_2)^2 = (k'_2)^2 - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mu_b \epsilon_{bi}$$

(7)

$$k''_2 = \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\mu_b} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{bi} + \pm \sqrt{\epsilon_{bi}^2 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{\cos^2 \theta_2}} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Note, these reduce to what we found earlier for the real and imaginary parts of the wave vector for a plane wave in a medium with complex  $\epsilon$ , IF we take  $\theta'_2 = 0$ . We will have  $\theta'_2 = 0$  for normal incidence  $\theta_0 = 0$ .

Both  $k'_2$  and  $k''_2$  above still depend on the angle of refraction  $\theta'_2$ . We can close the set of equations by adding in Eq (1)

$$k_0 \sin \theta_0 = k'_2 \sin \theta'_2$$

(8)

$$\text{or } \frac{\omega}{c} m_a \sin \theta_0 = k'_2 \sin \theta'_2$$

$$\text{where } m_a = \frac{k_0 c}{\omega} = \sqrt{\mu_a \epsilon_a}$$

Since the pair of equations (6) and (8) only involve the unknowns  $k'_2$  and  $\theta'_2$  we can

use them to eliminate  $k_2'$  and get a final single equation that determines  $\theta_2'$

Define index of refraction in medium b

$$n_b = \sqrt{\mu_b \epsilon_b}$$

Then

$$\frac{\omega}{c} n_a \sin \theta_0 = \frac{\omega}{c} n_b \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{\epsilon_{b1}^2 \cos^2 \theta_2'}} \right]^{1/2} \sin \theta_2'$$

or

$$n_a \sin \theta_0 = n_b \sin \theta_2' \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{\epsilon_{b1}^2 \cos^2 \theta_2'}} \right]^{1/2}$$

This is the analog of Snell's law for propagation into a medium with complex dielectric function  $\epsilon$

Cases

- ① For a nearly transparent material with  $\epsilon_{b2} \ll \epsilon_{b1}$  we can expand in  $\frac{\epsilon_{b2}}{\epsilon_{b1}}$  to get

$$m_a \sin \theta_0 = m_b \sin \theta'_2 \left[ 1 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{4 \epsilon_{b1}^2 \cos^2 \theta'_2} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\approx m_b \sin \theta'_2 \left[ 1 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{8 \epsilon_{b1}^2 \cos^2 \theta'_2} \right]$$

↑  
small correction to  
Snell's law

for  $\frac{\epsilon_{b2}}{\epsilon_{b1}} \ll 1$  can solve iteratively

$$\text{to lowest order: } m_a \sin \theta_0 \approx m_b \sin \theta'_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta'_2 = 1 - \sin^2 \theta'_2 = 1 - \left( \frac{m_a \sin \theta_0}{m_b} \right)^2$$

so to next order

$$m_a \sin \theta_0 \approx m_b \sin \theta'_2 \left[ 1 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{8 \epsilon_{b1}^2 \left( 1 - \frac{m_a^2}{m_b^2} \sin^2 \theta_0 \right)} \right]$$

$$\text{or } \sin \theta'_2 \approx \frac{m_a \sin \theta_0}{m_b} \underbrace{1}_{\left[ 1 + \frac{\epsilon_{b2}^2}{8 \epsilon_{b1}^2 / \left( 1 - \frac{m_a^2}{m_b^2} \sin^2 \theta_0 \right)} \right]}$$

$$\leq \frac{m_a \sin \theta_0}{m_b}$$

result is that  $\theta'_2$  is smaller than Snell's law would predict.

(2) for a good conductor, or absorbing region of a dielectric,  $\epsilon_{b2} \gg \epsilon_{b1}$ ,

to lowest order

$$n_a \sin \theta_0 = \sqrt{\mu_b \epsilon_{b1}} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_{b2}}{\epsilon_{b1} \cos \theta_2'} \right]^{1/2} \sin \theta_2'$$

$$n_a \sin \theta_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_b \epsilon_{b2}}{2}} \frac{\sin \theta_2'}{\sqrt{\cos \theta_2'}} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{very different from Snell's Law!}}$$

Snell's law only holds if both media are transparent

$$\Rightarrow n_a^2 \sin^2 \theta_0 = \frac{\mu_b \epsilon_{b2}}{2} \frac{\sin^2 \theta_2'}{\cos \theta_2'} = \frac{\mu_b \epsilon_{b2}}{2} \frac{1 - \cos^2 \theta_2'}{\cos \theta_2'}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta_2' + \left( \frac{\mu_b \epsilon_{b2}}{2} \right) (n_a^2 \sin^2 \theta_0) \cos \theta_2' - 1 = 0$$

solve quadratic equation in  $\cos \theta_2'$  to determine  $\cos \theta_2'$ . Then can use flat in expressions for  $k_x'$  and  $k_z'$  to determine those. We will have in this  $\epsilon_{b2} \gg \epsilon_{b1}$  case that  $k_x' \approx k_z'$

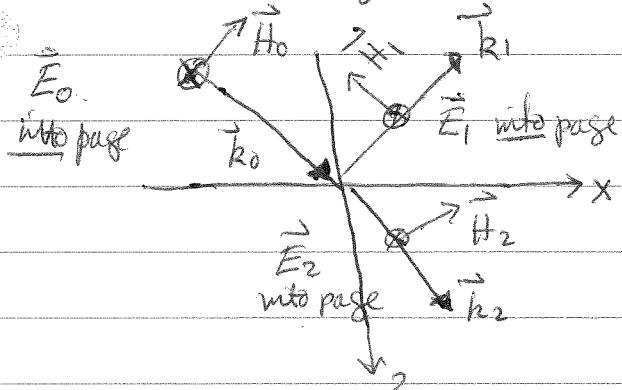
## Reflection coefficients

Now we compute the amplitude of the reflected wave to determine how much of incident wave is reflected and how much is transmitted.

Consider two cases ①  $\vec{E}_0$  is  $\perp$  plane of incidence  
 ②  $\vec{E}_0$  lies in the plane of incidence

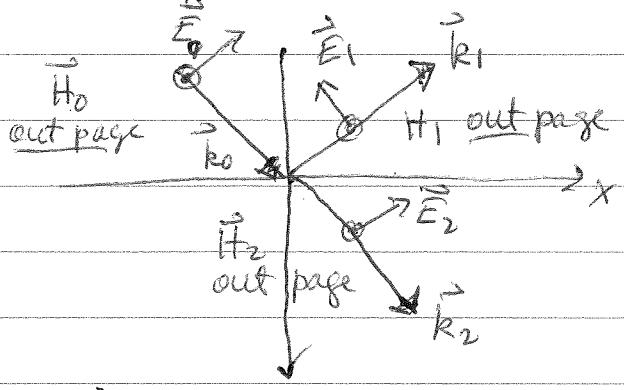
"plane of incidence" is the plane spanned by the wave vector  $\vec{k}_0$  and the normal to the interface -  
 in our case it is the  $xz$  plane

①  $\vec{E}_0 \perp$  plane of incidence



$\Rightarrow \vec{H}_0$  in plane of incidence  
 all  $\vec{E}$ 's are in  $\hat{y}$  direction

②  $\vec{E}_0 \parallel$  plane of incidence



$\Rightarrow \vec{E}_0$  in plane of incidence  
 all the  $\vec{H}$ 's are in  $\hat{y}$  direction

continuity of  $y$  components

$$i) E_0 + E_1 = E_2$$

$$i) H_0 + H_1 = H_2$$

continuity of  $x$  components

$$H_{0x} + H_{1x} = H_{2x}$$

$$E_{0x} + E_{1x} = E_{2x}$$

Faraday

$$\frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} = i\vec{k} \times \vec{E} \Rightarrow H_x = \frac{k_3 c}{\omega \mu} E_y$$

Ampere

$$-\frac{i\omega \epsilon}{c} \vec{E} = i\vec{k} \times \vec{H} \Rightarrow E_x = -\frac{k_3 c}{\omega \epsilon} H_y$$

$$2) \frac{k_{0z}}{\mu_a} (E_0 - E_1) = \frac{k_{2z}}{\mu_b} E_2$$

$$2) \frac{k_{0z}}{\epsilon_a} (H_0 - H_1) = \frac{k_{2z}}{\epsilon_b} H_2$$

Solve (1) and (2) for

$E_1$  and  $E_2$  in terms of  $E_0$

$$E_1 = \frac{\mu_b k_{0z} - \mu_a k_{2z}}{\mu_b k_{0z} + \mu_a k_{2z}} E_0$$

$$E_2 = \frac{z \mu_b k_{0z}}{\mu_a k_{2z} + \mu_b k_{0z}} E_0$$

Solve (1) and (2) for

$H_1$  and  $H_2$  in terms of  $H_0$

$$H_1 = \frac{\epsilon_b k_{0z} - \epsilon_a k_{2z}}{\epsilon_b k_{0z} + \epsilon_a k_{2z}} H_0$$

$$H_2 = \frac{z \epsilon_b k_{0z}}{\epsilon_a k_{2z} + \epsilon_b k_{0z}} H_0$$

Define reflection coefficient in terms of the transported energy  $R = \frac{|E_1|^2}{|E_0|^2} = \frac{|H_1|^2}{|H_0|^2}$

### Reflection coefficients

①  $\vec{E}_0 \perp$  plane incidence

$$R_{\perp} = \frac{|E_1|^2}{|E_0|^2} = \left| \frac{\mu_b k_{0z} - \mu_a k_{2z}}{\mu_b k_{0z} + \mu_a k_{2z}} \right|^2$$

②  $\vec{E}_0 \parallel$  plane incidence

$$R_{\parallel} = \frac{|H_1|^2}{|H_0|^2} = \left| \frac{\epsilon_b k_{0z} - \epsilon_a k_{2z}}{\epsilon_b k_{0z} + \epsilon_a k_{2z}} \right|^2$$

Note: above are correct for an arbitrary medium B

i) Consider region of "total reflection"

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \operatorname{Im} \epsilon_b &= \epsilon_{b2} \approx 0 \\ \operatorname{Re} \epsilon_b &= \epsilon_{b1} < 0 \end{aligned} \quad \left\{ \Rightarrow \vec{k}_2 = i \vec{k}_2 \text{ where } \vec{k}_2 \text{ is real} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \text{i.e. } k_2 \text{ pure imaginary} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{\perp} = \frac{\mu_b k_{0z} - i \mu_a k_{2z}}{\mu_b k_{0z} + i \mu_a k_{2z}} / 2$$

$$R_{\parallel} = \frac{\epsilon_b k_{0z} - i \epsilon_a k_{2z}}{\epsilon_b k_{0z} + i \epsilon_a k_{2z}} / 2$$

both are of the form  $\left| \frac{a - cb}{a + cb} \right|^2 = 1$  when  $a, b$  real

$$\Rightarrow R_{\perp} = R_{\parallel} = 1$$

Confirms that the material is completely reflecting

ii) Next consider when medium B is transparent

$\epsilon_b$  is real and  $\epsilon_b > 0$

$$k_{0z} = \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\mu_a \epsilon_a} \cos \theta_0 = \frac{\omega}{c} \mu_a \cos \theta_0$$

$$k_{2z} = \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\mu_b \epsilon_b} \cos \theta_2 = \frac{\omega}{c} \mu_b \cos \theta_2$$

Snell's law holds so  $n_a \sin \theta_0 = n_b \sin \theta_2$

can write  $R_{\perp}$  and  $R_{\parallel}$  as functions of  $\theta_0$   
for simplicity take  $\mu_a = \mu_b = 1$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad R_{\perp} = \left[ \frac{m_a \cos \theta_0 - m_b \cos \theta_2}{m_a \cos \theta_0 + m_b \cos \theta_2} \right]^2 = \left( \frac{\cos \theta_0 - \left( \frac{\sin \theta_0}{\sin \theta_2} \right) \cos \theta_2}{\cos \theta_0 + \left( \frac{\sin \theta_0}{\sin \theta_2} \right) \cos \theta_2} \right)^2$$

$$= \left( \frac{\sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_0 - \sin \theta_0 \cos \theta_2}{\sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_0 + \sin \theta_0 \cos \theta_2} \right)^2$$

$$R_{\perp} = \left( \frac{\sin(\theta_0 - \theta_2)}{\sin(\theta_0 + \theta_2)} \right)^2$$

for  $\theta_0 = 0$ , i.e. normal incidence,  $\theta_2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow R_{\perp} = \left( \frac{m_a - m_b}{m_a + m_b} \right)^2 \quad \text{if } m_a = m_b, \text{ no reflection!}$$

(not surprising!)

$$\textcircled{2} \quad R_{\parallel} = \left( \frac{\epsilon_b m_a \cos \theta_0 - \epsilon_a m_b \cos \theta_2}{\epsilon_b m_a \cos \theta_0 + \epsilon_a m_b \cos \theta_2} \right)^2 \quad \text{use } \sqrt{\epsilon_b} = M_b$$

$$= \left( \frac{M_b \cos \theta_0 - M_a \cos \theta_2}{M_b \cos \theta_0 + M_a \cos \theta_2} \right)^2$$

$$= \left( \frac{\cos \theta_0 - \left( \frac{\sin \theta_2}{\sin \theta_0} \right) \cos \theta_2}{\cos \theta_0 + \left( \frac{\sin \theta_2}{\sin \theta_0} \right) \cos \theta_2} \right)^2$$

$$= \left( \frac{\sin \theta_0 \cos \theta_0 - \sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_2}{\sin \theta_0 \cos \theta_0 + \sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_2} \right)^2$$

$$R_{\parallel} = \left( \frac{\tan(\theta_0 - \theta_2)}{\tan(\theta_0 + \theta_2)} \right)^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{after some algebra!}$$

for  $\theta_0 = 0$ , then  $\theta_2 = 0$

$$R_{\parallel} = \left( \frac{\epsilon_b M_a - \epsilon_a M_b}{\epsilon_b M_a + \epsilon_a M_b} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{M_b - M_a}{M_b + M_a} \right)^2 \text{ same as } R_{\perp}$$

So for  $\theta_0 = 0$ ,  $R_{\parallel} = R_{\perp}$  — this must be so since for  $\theta_0 = 0$  there is no distinction between the  $\perp$  and  $\parallel$  cases.

If  $M_b = M_a$ ,  $R_{\perp} = R_{\parallel} = 0$  no reflective wave

When  $\theta_0 + \theta_2 = \pi/2$ , then  $\tan(\theta_0 + \theta_2) \rightarrow \infty$   
and  $R_{\parallel} = 0$

This occurs at an angle of incidence known as

Brewster's angle  $\theta_B$ , determined by

$$n_a \sin \theta_B = n_b \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_B \right) = n_b \cos \theta_B$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta_B = \frac{n_b}{n_a}$$

For incident wave at  $\theta_B$ , reflected wave always has  $\vec{E}_1 \perp$  plane of incidence, since  $R_{\parallel} = 0$ . If incoming wave has  $\vec{E}_0 \parallel$  plane of incidence, then it gets completely transmitted. If  $\vec{E}_0$  in general direction, reflected wave is always linearly polarized with  $\vec{E}_1 \perp$  plane of incidence. — This is one method to create polarized light wave.