

An EM wave passes from air to metal, what happens to the wave in the metal?

- A. It will be amplified because of free electrons
- B. It will die out over some distance
- C. It will be blocked right at the interface because there's no E field in a metal
- D. Not sure

We found a traveling wave solution for the conductor situation,

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \widetilde{\mathbf{E}}_0 e^{i(\widetilde{k}z - \omega t)}$$

$$\text{where } \widetilde{k} = \omega^2 \mu \varepsilon + i(\omega \mu \sigma)$$

True (A) or False (B): This traveling wave is transverse.

(C) I'm not sure.

The magnetic field amplitude in a metal associated with a linearly polarized electric EM wave is:

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{B}}_0 = \left( \frac{k_R + ik_I}{\omega} \right) \widetilde{\mathbf{E}}_0$$

True (A) or False (B): The B field is in phase with the E field.

(C) It depends!

The magnetic field amplitude in a highly conductive metal ( $\sigma \gg \epsilon\omega$ ) associated with a linearly polarized electric EM wave is

$$\widetilde{B}_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu\sigma}{\omega}} \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} \widetilde{E}_0$$
$$\widetilde{B}_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0\omega}} \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\widetilde{E}_0}{c}$$

True (A) or False (B): The B field is in phase with the E field.

(C) It depends!