

An EM wave passes from air to metal, what does **your intuition** say happens to the wave in the metal?

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- 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

An EM wave passes from air to metal, which do you think is **most likely** the physics will give us?

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- C. It will be blocked right at the interface because there's no E field in a metal
- D. Not sure

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Quiz 5 (this Friday, DC out of town)
  - Construct the expression for plane wave given a description
    - Both complex and real expressions
  - Combine two plane waves and describe the resulting superposed wave
- HW 10 posted tomorrow AM

Suppose I stick some charge  $\rho_f$  down somewhere in a metal (with conductivity  $\sigma$ ). What does  $\rho(t)$  look like if we can invoke Ohm's law ( $\mathbf{J} = \sigma\mathbf{E}$ )? *Hint: Think about charge conservation.*

- A.  $\rho(t) = \rho_f \sin(\sigma t/\epsilon_0)$
- B.  $\rho(t) = \rho_f \cos(\sigma t/\epsilon_0)$
- C.  $\rho(t) = \rho_f e^{-\sigma t/\epsilon_0}$
- D.  $\rho(t) = \rho_f e^{-\epsilon_0 t/\sigma}$
- E. Something else

Consider a good conductor ( $\sigma \sim 10^8$  S/m), how long roughly does it take for free charge to dissipate ( $t \sim \epsilon_0/\sigma$ )?

- A.  $10^{-19}$  s
- B.  $10^{-12}$  s
- C.  $10^{-8}$  s
- D.  $10^{12}$  s
- E. Something else

What does this ansatz attempt (i.e., using  $\sim e^{(kz-i\omega t)}$ ) remind you for this?

- A. Solving the simple harmonic oscillator
- B. Solving the damped harmonic oscillator
- C. Solving the driven harmonic oscillator
- D. Some other set up

Given our estimates of collision times ( $10^{-14}$  s), for what kinds of light is our analysis not so great for?

- A. X-Rays ( $\sim 10^{18}$  Hz)
- B. Visible light ( $\sim 10^{15}$  Hz)
- C. IR ( $\sim 10^{13}$  Hz)
- D. Radio ( $\sim 10^8$  Hz)
- E. More than one of these

With the proposed solution,  $\widetilde{\mathbf{E}} = \widetilde{\mathbf{E}}_0 e^{i(kz-\omega t)}$ , what equation does  $k$  satisfy?

Think about the wave equation:  $\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = \mu\sigma \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2}$

- A.  $k^2 = i\omega\mu\sigma + \omega^2\sigma\epsilon$
- B.  $k^2 = \omega\mu\sigma + i\omega^2\sigma\epsilon$
- C.  $k = \omega\mu\sigma + i\omega^2\sigma\epsilon$
- D.  $k = i\omega\mu\sigma + \omega^2\sigma\epsilon$
- E. Something else

What is the  $\sqrt{i}$ ?

A.  $-i$

B.  $\frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}}$

C.  $-1$

D.  $e^{i\pi/4}$

E. None or more than one of these