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*Let's go back and review a couple of topics ...*

## **Skin depth; and Attenuation in a wave guide**

From Chapter 5, Section 5.18:

“Quasi static magnetic fields in conductors, eddy currents, and magnetic diffusion”

Start with these field equations

$$\nabla \times \vec{H} = \vec{J} \quad (\text{neglect displacement current!})$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \text{ and } \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$$

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$$\blacksquare \vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A} \text{ and } \vec{E} = -\nabla \Phi - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t}$$

$$\text{and } \nabla \cdot \vec{A} = 0.$$

■ If there is no free charge then we can set  $\Phi = 0$ .

$$\blacksquare \nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu \vec{J} = \mu \sigma \vec{E}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{A} &= \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A} \\ &= \mu \sigma \left(-\frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$\implies$  the diffusion equation

$$\nabla^2 \vec{A} = \mu \sigma \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t}$$

The potential (and  $\therefore$  the fields) diffuse into the conductor by a distance  $L$  during the time  $\tau$ , where

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Assume there is a tangential magnetic field

$$H_x = H_0 \cos \omega t$$

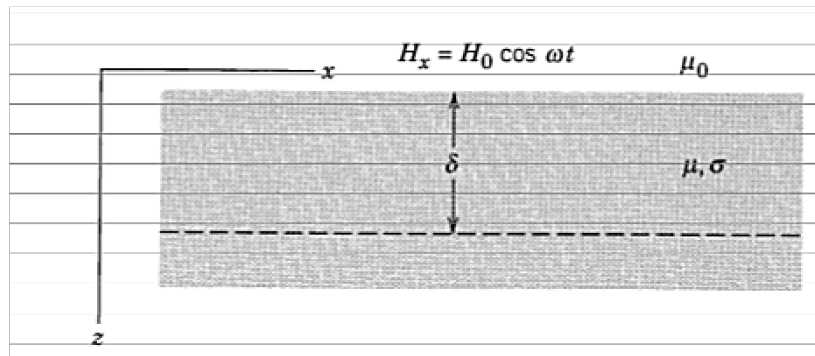
at the surface of a conductor.

Then what is the field inside the conductor?

We could guess that the field is in a thin layer of width  $L$  with

$$L = O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\sigma}} \frac{2\pi}{\omega}\right).$$

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Let's derive it...

We have a boundary value problem,

$$H_x(z,t) = h(z) e^{-i\omega t} \quad (\text{real part understood})$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2}{dz^2} + i\mu\sigma\omega\right) h(z) = 0$$

$$h(z) = e^{ikz}$$

$$k^2 = i\mu\sigma\omega \implies k = \pm(1+i) \sqrt{\frac{\mu\sigma\omega}{2}}$$

$$h(z) = e^{i z/\delta} e^{-z/\delta} \text{ where } \delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\mu\sigma\omega}}$$

i.e.,  $H_x(z) = H_0 e^{-z/\delta} \cos(z/\delta - \omega t)$

a damped wave with decay length  $\delta$  and wavelength  $2\pi/\delta$ .

- propagating but damped in the  $z$  direction
- polarized in the  $x$  direction
- an associated  $\vec{E} = E_y \hat{e}_y$

Example: Copper at room temperature,  
 $\sigma = (1.68 \times 10^{-8} \Omega\text{m})^{-1}$

$$\delta = 0.0652 \text{ m} \sqrt{\frac{(2\pi \text{ Hz})}{\omega}} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega}}$$

### ■ Resistive heating

Power per unit volume  
 $= \langle \sigma E^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \mu\omega H_0^2 e^{-2z/\delta}$

## Waveguides

### -boundary conditions (Section 8.1)

To a first approximation, we treat the conducting walls as perfect conductors to calculate the fields in the interior.

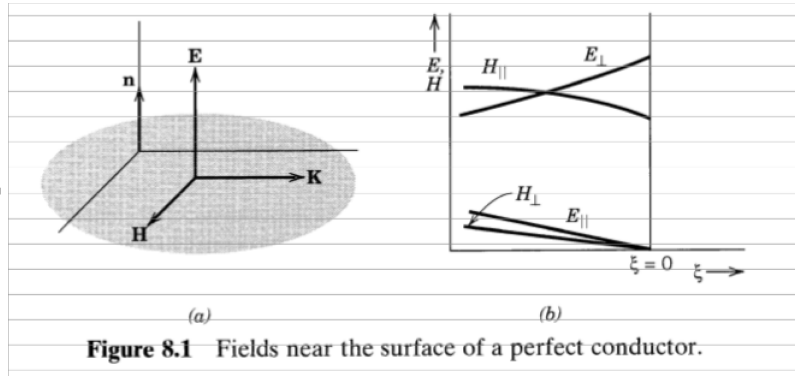
For real metals ...

Jackson :

*“A good conductor behaves effectively like a perfect conductor, with the idealized surface current replaced by an equivalent surface current, which is actually distributed throughout a small thickness at the surface.”*

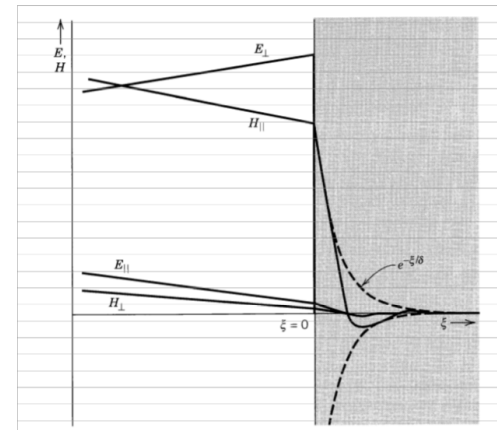
Read Jackson Section 8.1: “Fields at the surface of and inside a conductor”

## Perfect conductor



The shaded region is a small area on the conductor surface;  $\hat{n}$  = unit normal;  
 $\vec{K}$  = surface current density;  
 $\vec{E} = 0$  and  $\vec{H} = 0$  in the perfect conductor,  
 so  $\vec{E}$  is normal and  $\vec{H}$  is tangential at the outer surface.

For a real metal, the conductivity  $\sigma$  is large but finite; so the skin depth  $\delta = \sqrt{2/(\mu_0 \omega \sigma)}$  is small .



■ The energy loss from electrical resistance is calculated from these equations:

$$\vec{H}_c = \vec{H}_{||} e^{-\xi/\delta} e^{i\xi/\delta},$$

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where  $\xi$  = distance inside the conductor,  
 and  $\vec{H}_{||}$  = tangential field at the surface

$$\vec{E}_c = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_c \omega}{2\sigma}} (1-i)(\hat{n} \times \vec{H}_{\parallel}) e^{-\xi/\delta} e^{i\xi/\delta};$$

this follows from

$$\nabla \times \vec{H}_c = \sigma \vec{E}_c = -\hat{n} \times \frac{\partial \vec{H}_c}{\partial \xi}$$

### ■ Power loss

The guided wave loses energy; and the power loss = the power flowing into the surface of the conductor.

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{dP_{\text{loss}}}{da} \right\rangle &= -\frac{1}{2} \text{Re} \{ \hat{n} \cdot \vec{E} \times (\vec{H})^* \} \\ &= \frac{\mu_c \omega \delta}{4} |\vec{H}_{\parallel}|^2 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\langle \dots \rangle$  means time averaged.

$$\left\langle \frac{dP_{\text{loss}}}{da} \right\rangle = \frac{\mu_c \omega \delta}{4} |\vec{H}_{\parallel}|^2$$

Or,  $\mu\omega\delta = \frac{2}{\sigma\delta}$

■ For a waveguide,  $P(z) = P_0 e^{-2\beta z}$  ;

$$\beta = \frac{-1}{2P} \frac{dP}{dz}$$

$$P = \int_A \frac{1}{2} (\vec{E} \times \vec{H}^*) \cdot \hat{e}_z da$$

$$-\frac{dP}{dz} = \frac{1}{2\sigma\delta} \oint_C |\hat{n} \times \vec{H}|^2 dl$$

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■ For a resonant cavity,  $\frac{\omega_0}{Q} = \frac{-dU/dt}{U}$  ;

$$U = \frac{d}{4} \left\{ \frac{\epsilon}{\mu} \right\} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{p\pi}{\gamma_\lambda d} \right)^2 \right] \int_A |\psi|^2 da \quad (8.92)$$

$$P_{\text{loss}} = \frac{1}{2\sigma\delta} \left[ \oint_C dl \int_0^d dz |\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{H}|_{\text{sides}}^2 + 2 \int_A da |\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{H}|_{\text{ends}}^2 \right] \quad (8.93)$$

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