

Shielding



Introduction

Concept of shielding

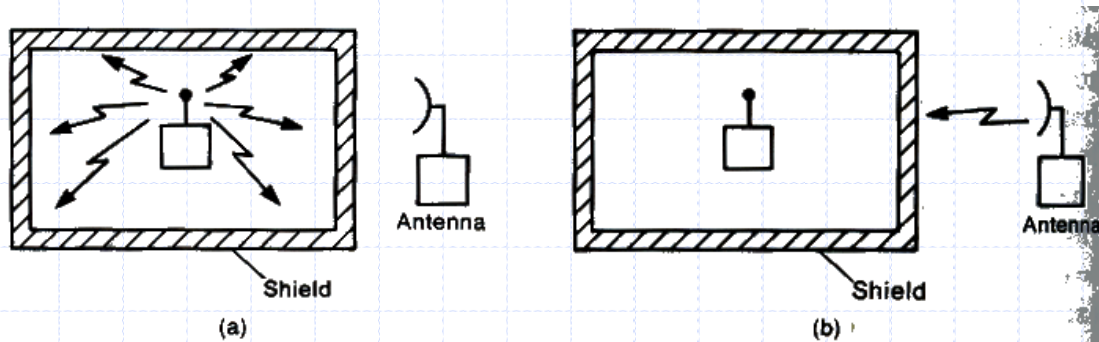


FIGURE 11.1 Illustration of the use of a shielded enclosure: (a) to contain radiated emissions and (b) to exclude radiated emissions.

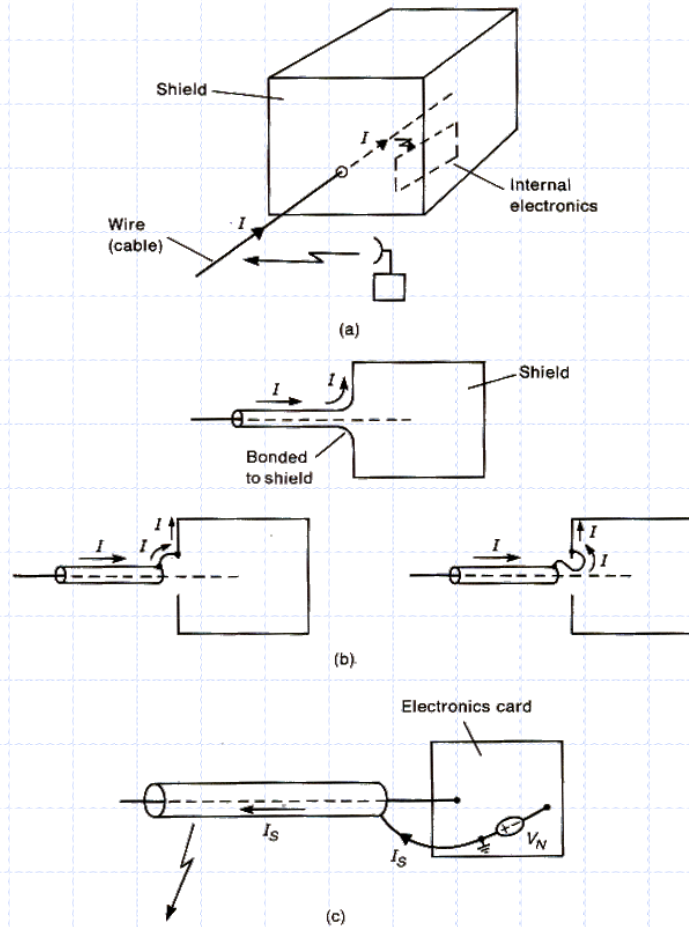
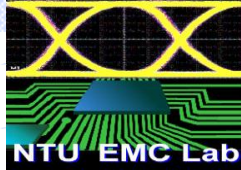


FIGURE 11.2 Important practical considerations that seriously degrade shielding effectiveness: (a) penetration of an enclosure by a cable allowing direct entry of external fields; (b) pigtail termination of a cable shield at the entry point to a shielded enclosure; (c) termination of a cable shield to a noisy point causing the shield to radiate.



Shielding of a metal shield (theory)

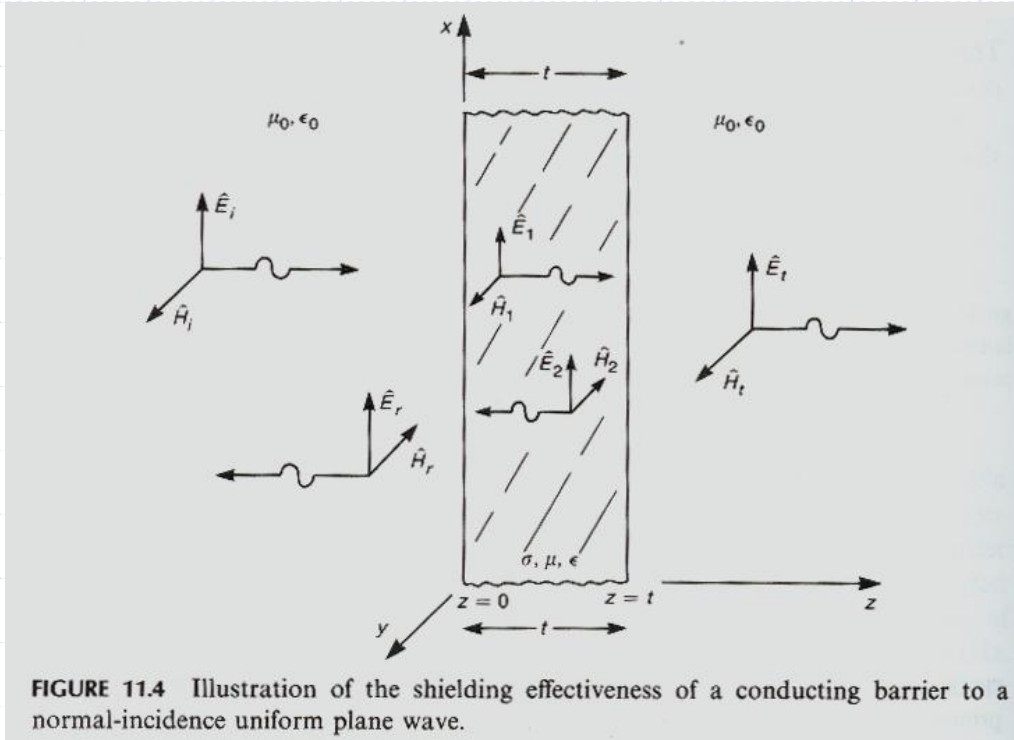


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For E field

$$S.E. = 20 \log \frac{|E_i|}{|E_t|}$$

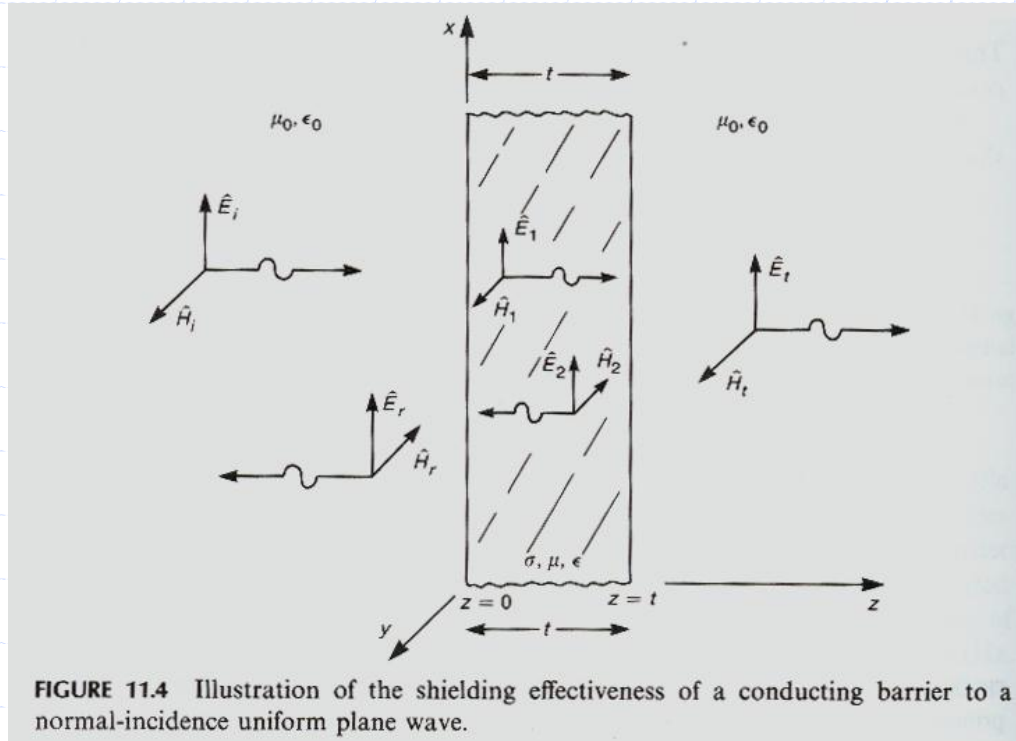
For H field

$$S.E. = 20 \log \frac{|H_i|}{|H_t|}$$

Do they be equal ?

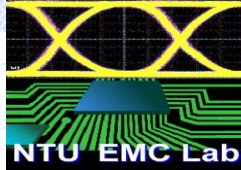


Shielding of a metal shield (theory)



It depends.

For plane wave, they are equal
But for near field, they are not.



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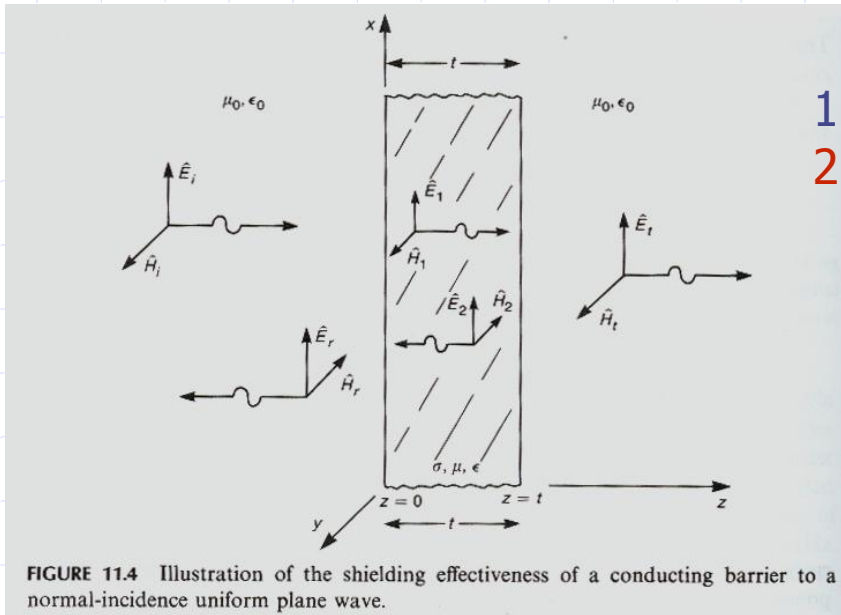


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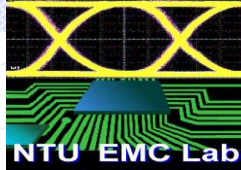
1. Plane wave assumption
2. Continuity of E and H at each boundary

$$\frac{E_i}{E_t} = \frac{(\eta_0 + \eta)^2}{4\eta_0\eta} \left[1 - \left(\frac{\eta_0 - \eta}{\eta_0 + \eta} \right) e^{-2t/\delta} e^{-j2\beta t} \right] e^{t/\delta} e^{j\beta t} e^{-j\beta_0 t}$$

How to derive?

where $\eta = \sqrt{\frac{j\omega\mu}{\sigma + j\omega\epsilon}}$

δ : Skin depth



11.1 Shielding effectiveness. (S.E.)

a. Definition

$$(1) \text{ for electric field: } S.E. = 20 \cdot \log \left| \frac{\hat{E}_i}{\hat{E}_t} \right|$$

$$(2) \text{ for magnetic field: } S.E. = 20 \cdot \log \left| \frac{\hat{H}_i}{\hat{H}_t} \right|$$

note:

1. If the incident field is an uniform plane wave, and the medium on each side of the barrier are identical, (1) and (2) definitions are identical.

2. For near fields and/or different medium, (1) and (2) are not equivalent.

3. Definition (1) (for \hat{E} field) is taken as standard for 2 case.



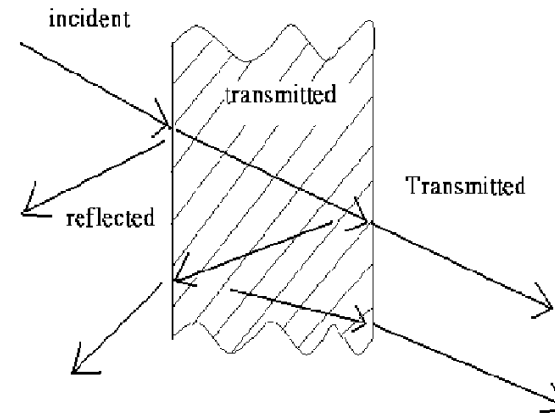
C. Causes of shield

(1) Reflection.

(2) Absorption: $e^{-\alpha z}$ (α : attenuation)

$$\alpha \propto \frac{1}{\delta}$$

(3) Multiple reflection



Note: (1) & (2) will increase the S.E. of the barrier, but (3) will decrease the S.E. of barrier.

$$S.E._{dB} = R_{dB} + A_{dB} + M_{dB}$$



11.2 Shielding effectiveness: far field sources

11.2.1. Exact solution

(1) For plane wave:

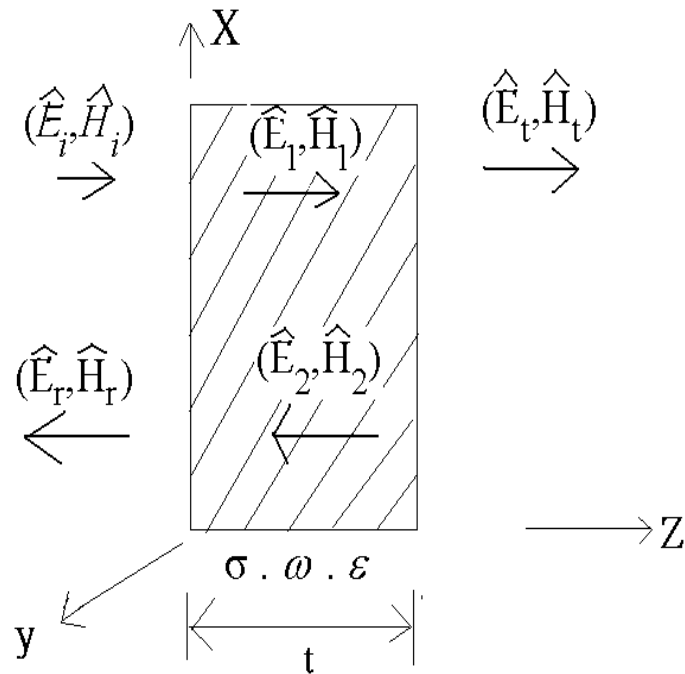
$$\vec{E}_i = \hat{E}_i e^{-j\beta_0 z} \hat{a}_x$$

$$\vec{H}_i = \frac{\hat{E}_i}{\eta_0} \times e^{-j\beta_0 z} \hat{a}_y$$

$$\vec{E}_r = \hat{E}_r e^{-j\beta_0 z} \hat{a}_x$$

$$\vec{H}_r = -\frac{\hat{E}_r}{\eta_0} \times e^{-j\beta_0 z} \hat{a}_y$$

$$\vec{E}_1 = \hat{E}_1 e^{-\gamma z} \hat{a}_x$$





$$\bar{H}_1 = \hat{E}_1 / \eta_0 \times e^{-\gamma z} \hat{a}_y$$

where

$$\bar{E}_2 = \hat{E}_2 e^{-\gamma z} \hat{a}_x$$

$$\bar{H}_2 = -\hat{E}_2 / \eta_0 \times e^{-\gamma z} \hat{a}_y$$

$$\bar{E}_t = \hat{E}_t e^{-j\beta_0 z} \hat{a}_x$$

$$\bar{H}_t = \hat{E}_t / \eta_0 \times e^{-j\beta_0 z} \hat{a}_y$$

$$\beta_0 = \omega_0 \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}$$

$$\eta_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}}$$

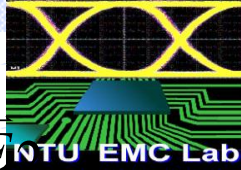
$$\hat{\gamma} = \sqrt{j\omega\mu(\sigma + j\omega\epsilon)} = \alpha + j\beta$$

$$\hat{\eta} = \sqrt{\frac{j\omega\mu}{\sigma + j\omega\epsilon}} = \eta \angle \theta_\eta$$

Exact solution

(2) \hat{E}_i is known, and to determine the remaining amplitudes.

$\hat{E}_r, \hat{E}_1, \hat{E}_2,$ and \hat{E}_t .



$$B.C. \Rightarrow \text{at } Z=0 \quad \bar{E}_i + \bar{E}_r = \bar{E}_1 + \bar{E}_2$$

$$\bar{E}_i + \bar{E}_r = \bar{E}_1 + \bar{E}_2$$

$$\bar{H}_i + \bar{H}_r = \bar{H}_1 + \bar{H}_2$$

$$\frac{\bar{E}_i}{\eta_0} + \frac{\bar{E}_r}{\eta_0} = \frac{\bar{E}_1}{\eta_0} + \frac{\bar{E}_2}{\eta_0}$$

$$\text{at } Z=t \quad \bar{E}_1 + \bar{E}_2 = \bar{E}_t$$

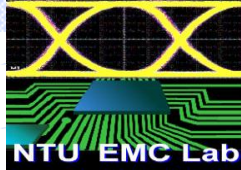
$$\bar{E}_1 e^{-\hat{\gamma} t} + \bar{E}_2 e^{-\hat{\gamma} t} = \bar{E}_t e^{-\hat{\gamma} t}$$

$$\bar{H}_1 + \bar{H}_2 = \bar{H}_t$$

$$\frac{\bar{E}_1}{\eta_0} e^{-\hat{\gamma} t} - \frac{\bar{E}_2}{\eta_0} e^{-\hat{\gamma} t} = \frac{\bar{E}_t}{\eta_0} e^{-\hat{\gamma} t}$$

$$(3). \therefore \frac{\left(\eta_0 + \hat{\eta}\right)^2}{4\eta_0 \hat{\eta}} \left[\frac{1 - \left(\frac{\eta_0 - \hat{\eta}}{\eta_0 + \hat{\eta}}\right)^2 e^{-2t/\delta} e^{-j2\beta t}}{\eta_0 + \hat{\eta}} \right] e^{t/\delta} e^{j\beta t} e^{-j\beta_0 t}$$

\Leftarrow exact solution. where $\delta = 1/\alpha$, $\alpha + j\beta = \hat{\gamma}$ in barrier metal.



(4) Simplifications:

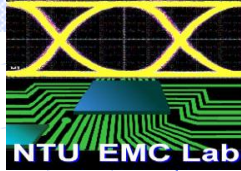
1. assume the barrier is a "good conductor".

$$\therefore \hat{\eta} \ll \eta_0 \Rightarrow \frac{\hat{\eta}_0 - \hat{\eta}}{\hat{\eta}_0 + \hat{\eta}} \cong 1.$$

2. skin depth $\delta \ll$ barrier thickness t .

$$\therefore e^{-\gamma t} = e^{-\alpha t} \cdot e^{-j\beta t} = e^{-t/\delta} e^{-j\beta t} \ll 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \therefore \left| \frac{\hat{E}_i}{\hat{E}_t} \right| \cong \left| \frac{\left(\hat{\eta}_0 + \hat{\eta} \right)^2}{4\hat{\eta}_0 \hat{\eta}} \right| e^{-t/\delta} \cong \left| \frac{\hat{\eta}_0}{4\hat{\eta}} \right| e^{-t/\delta}$$



$$(5) \dots S.E_{dB} \cong 20 \log_{10} \left| \frac{\hat{\eta}_0}{4\hat{\eta}} \right| + 20 \log_{10} e^{t/\delta} + M_{dB}$$

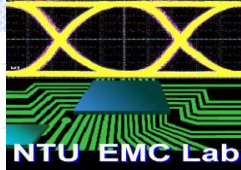
P.S.: $20 \log_{10} \left| \frac{\hat{\eta}_0}{4\hat{\eta}} \right| : R_{dB}, 20 \log_{10} e^{t/\delta} : A_{dB}$.

(6) The Multiple - reflection term is the middle term of (3).

$$M_{dB} = 20 \log \left| 1 - \left(\frac{\hat{\eta}_0 - \hat{\eta}}{\hat{\eta}_0 + \hat{\eta}} \right)^2 e^{-2t/\delta} e^{-j2\beta t} \right|$$

$$\cong 20 \log \left| 1 - e^{-2t/\delta} e^{-j2t/\delta} \right| \cong 0 \quad (\Leftarrow \text{if } t \gg \delta)$$

where $\alpha = \beta = \frac{1}{\delta}$ for good conductor.



11.2.2 Approximate solution

Assumption: (1) $\hat{\eta} \ll \eta_0$ (a good conductor)

(2) $t \gg \delta$

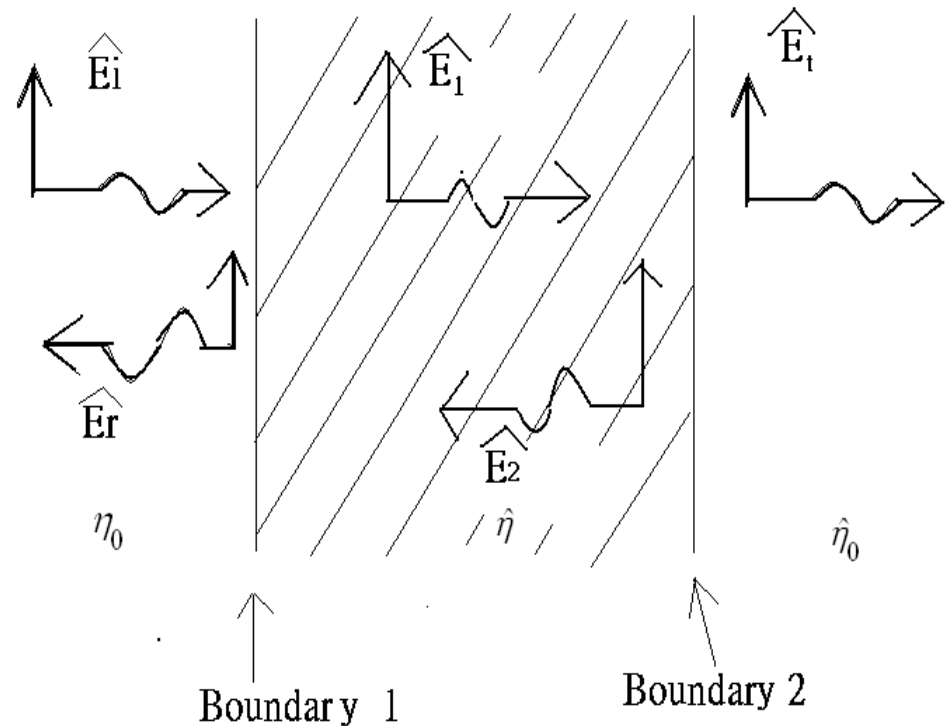
a. Reflection Loss (\bar{E} field)

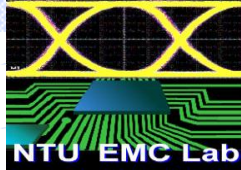
$\because t \gg \delta$

$\therefore \bar{E}_2 \rightarrow 0$.

$$(1) \frac{\hat{E}_1}{\hat{E}_i} \cong \frac{2\hat{\eta}}{\eta_0 + \hat{\eta}}$$

$$(2) \frac{\hat{E}_t}{\hat{E}_1} \cong \frac{2\eta_0}{\eta_0 + \hat{\eta}}$$





(3) *In the absence of attenuation*

$$\frac{\hat{E}_t}{\hat{E}_i} = \frac{\hat{E}_t}{\hat{E}_1} \cdot \frac{\hat{E}_1}{\hat{E}_i} = \frac{4\eta_0\hat{\eta}}{(\eta_0 + \hat{\eta})^2}$$

the same as exact solution.

$$(4) R_{dB} = 20 \log_{10} \left| \frac{\hat{E}_i}{\hat{E}_t} \right| = 20 \log_{10} \left| \frac{(\eta_0 + \hat{\eta})^2}{4\eta_0\hat{\eta}} \right| \cong 20 \log_{10} \left| \frac{\eta_0}{4\hat{\eta}} \right|$$

$\hat{\eta} \ll \eta_0$

Note: The transimission coefficient is very small

$\left(\frac{2\hat{\eta}}{\hat{\eta} + \eta_0} \rightarrow 0 \right)$ *at the Boundary 1, and is approximately 2*

at the Boundary 2.

∴ very little of \overline{E} field is transmitted through the B.1.



$$(1) \frac{\hat{H}_1}{\hat{H}_i} = \frac{\hat{E}_1 / \hat{\eta}}{\hat{E}_i / \eta_0} = \frac{\hat{E}_1}{\hat{E}_i} \cdot \frac{\eta_0}{\hat{\eta}} = \frac{2\eta_0}{\eta_0 + \hat{\eta}} \rightarrow 2$$

if $\hat{\eta} \ll \eta_0$

$$(2) \frac{\hat{H}_t}{\hat{H}_1} = \frac{\hat{E}_t / \eta_0}{\hat{E}_1 / \hat{\eta}} = \frac{\hat{E}_t}{\hat{E}_1} \cdot \frac{\hat{\eta}}{\eta_0} = \frac{2\hat{\eta}}{\eta_0 + \hat{\eta}} \rightarrow 0$$

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Note:

$$1. \frac{\hat{E}_t}{\hat{E}_i} = \frac{\hat{H}_t}{\hat{H}_i} = \frac{4\eta_0\hat{\eta}}{(\eta_0 + \hat{\eta})^2}$$

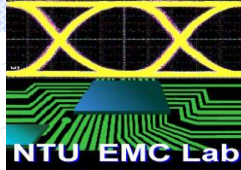
2. But primary transmission of \vec{H} field occurs at the boundary 1, whereas the primary transmission of the \vec{E} field occurs at the boundary 2.
3. It means that "thick" boundary has more effect on shielding against \vec{H} field than to the \vec{E} field.

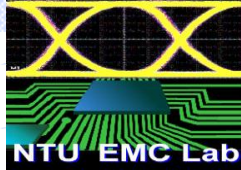
C. Absorption loss

\vec{E}_1 is attenuated in the conductor.

\therefore Absorption factor

$$A = e^{t/\delta} \Rightarrow A_{dB} = 20\log e^{t/\delta}$$

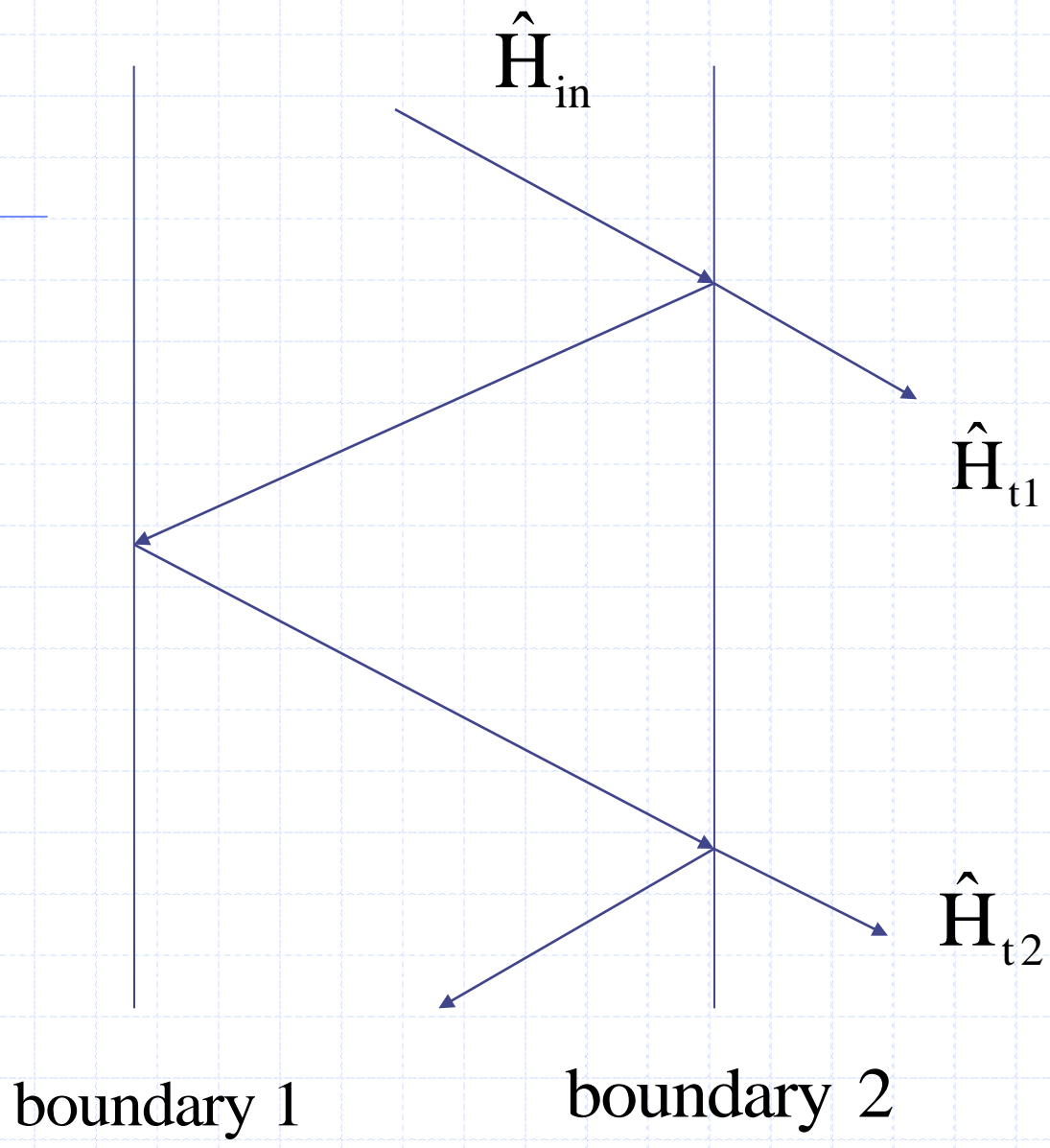
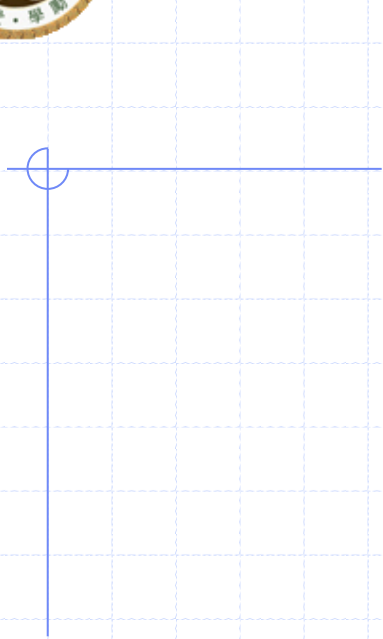
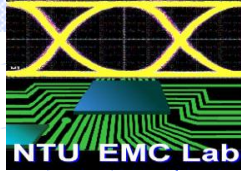


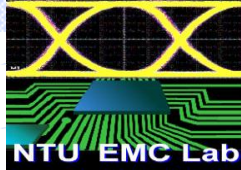


d. Multiple Reflection Loss

- ◆ When $t \gg \delta$ the multiple reflection loss may be important.
- ◆ (1) for magnetic field
1.

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{H}_{t1} &= \hat{T}_H \cdot \hat{H}_{in} = \frac{\hat{\eta}}{\eta_0} \hat{T}_E \cdot \hat{H}_{in} \\ &= \left(\frac{2\hat{\eta}}{\hat{\eta} + \eta_0} \right) \hat{H}_{in}\end{aligned}$$



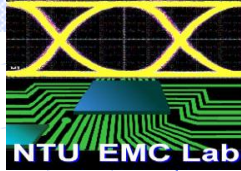


2. The reflected wave is

$$\begin{aligned} & -\Gamma_E e^{-rt} \hat{H}_{in} \leftarrow \text{at boundary 1} \\ & = -\left(\frac{\eta_0 - \hat{\eta}}{\eta_0 + \hat{\eta}} \right) e^{-rt} \hat{H}_{in} \\ & \Gamma_E^2 e^{-2rt} \hat{H}_{in} \leftarrow \text{at boundary 2} \end{aligned}$$

3.

$$\hat{H}_{t2} = \hat{T}_H \cdot \Gamma_E^2 e^{-2rt} \hat{H}_{in}$$

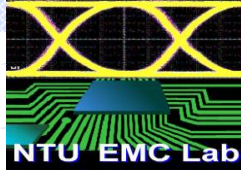


4.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \hat{H}_t &= \hat{H}_{t1} + \hat{H}_{t2} + \hat{H}_{t3} + \dots \\ &= \hat{H}_{t1} \left(1 + \left(\Gamma_E e^{-rt} \right)^2 + \left(\Gamma_E e^{-rt} \right)^4 + \dots \right) \quad \text{let } \left(\Gamma_E e^{-rt} \right) = \Delta \\ &= \hat{H}_{t1} / (1 - \Delta^2), \quad (\Delta < 1) \end{aligned}$$

5.

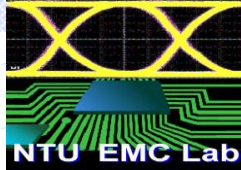
$$(SE)_{dB} = -20 \log \left| \frac{\hat{H}_t}{\hat{H}_i} \right| = -20 \log \left| \frac{\hat{H}_{t1}}{\hat{H}_i} \right| - 20 \log \left| 1 + \Delta^2 + \Delta^4 + \dots \right|$$



6.

$$M_{dB} = 20 \log \left| 1 - \left(\frac{\eta_0 - \hat{\eta}}{\eta_0 + \hat{\eta}} \right)^2 e^{-2\gamma t} \right|$$
$$\cong 20 \log \left| 1 - \left(\frac{\eta_0 - \hat{\eta}}{\eta_0 + \hat{\eta}} \right)^2 e^{-2t/\zeta} \cdot e^{-j2t\beta} \right|$$

same as exact solution



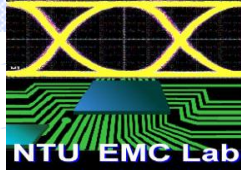
§11.3 Shielding effectiveness - near field sources

a. In the far field:

(1) E_θ and H_ϕ are orthogonal

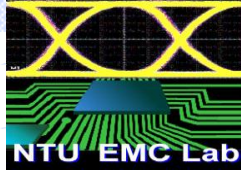
$$(2) \frac{E_\theta}{H_\phi} = \eta_0$$

$$(3) d > 3\lambda_0$$



◆ b. Near field for Hertzian dipole
(1)

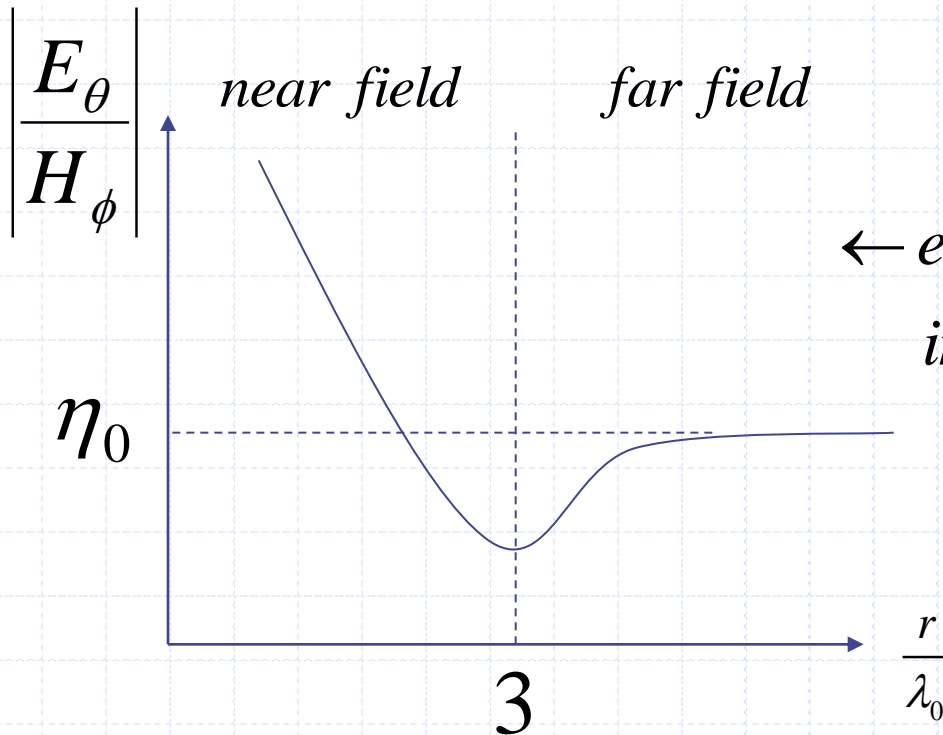
$$\hat{Z}_w = \frac{\hat{E}_\theta}{\hat{H}_\phi} = \eta_0 \frac{j/\beta_0 r + j/(\beta_0 r)^2 - j/(\beta_0 r)^3}{j/\beta_0 r + 1/(\beta_0 r)^2}$$
$$\cong \eta_0 \frac{-j/(\beta_0 r)^3}{1/(\beta_0 r)^2} = \frac{\eta_0}{\beta_0 r} \angle -90^\circ$$



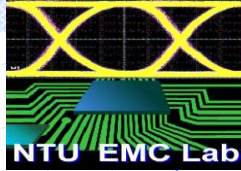
(2)

$$\left| \hat{Z}_w \right|_e = \frac{\eta_0}{\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda_0} \right) r} = 60 \frac{\lambda_0}{r}$$

(3)



← electric dipole is a high impedance source



◆ c. Near field for magnetic dipole (loop)
(1)

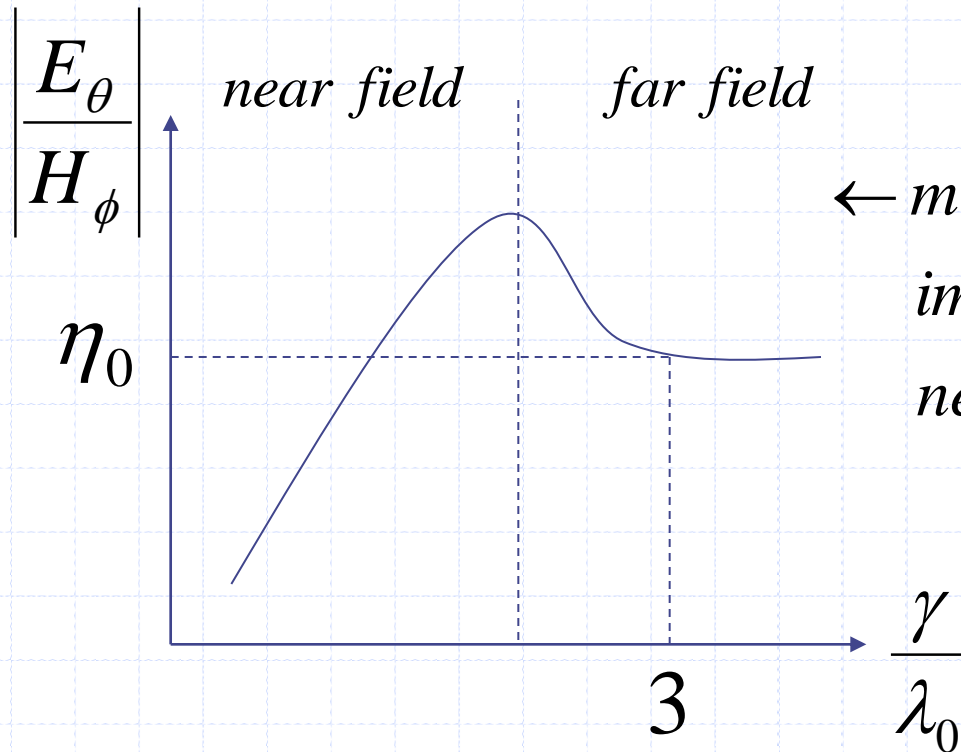
$$\hat{Z}_w = \frac{\hat{E}_\phi}{\hat{H}_\theta} = -\eta_0 \frac{j/\beta_0 r + 1/(\beta_0 r)^2}{1/\beta_0 r + 1/(\beta_0 r)^2 - j/(\beta_0 r)^3}$$
$$= \eta_0 \beta_0 r \angle -90^\circ$$



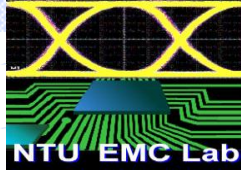
(2)

$$|\hat{Z}_w|_m = 2\pi f\mu_0\gamma = 2369 \frac{\gamma}{\lambda_0}$$

(3)



← magnetic dipole is a low impedance source in the near field



d. Reflection loss for Electric source

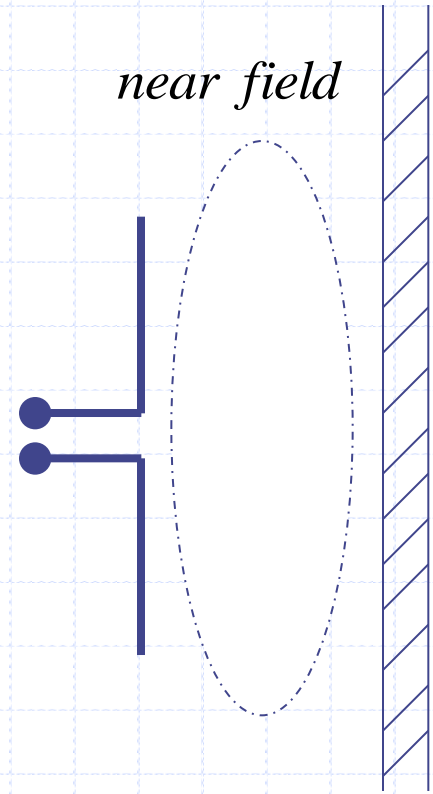
(1) we know for plane wave

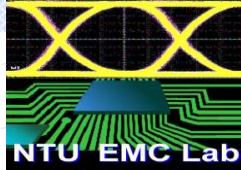
$$R_{dB} = 20 \log \left| \frac{\hat{E}_i}{\hat{E}_t} \right|$$

$$(2) = 20 \log \left| \frac{(\eta_0 + \hat{\eta})^2}{4\eta_0 \hat{\eta}} \right| \cong 20 \log \left| \frac{\eta_0}{4\hat{\eta}} \right|$$

using $\hat{Z}_w \cong -j \frac{\eta_0}{\beta_0 r} \rightarrow \eta_0$

$$\therefore R_{dB} \cong 20 \log \left| \frac{\hat{Z}_w}{4\hat{\eta}} \right| \cong 322 + 10 \log \left(\frac{\sigma_r}{\mu_r f^3 r^2} \right)$$

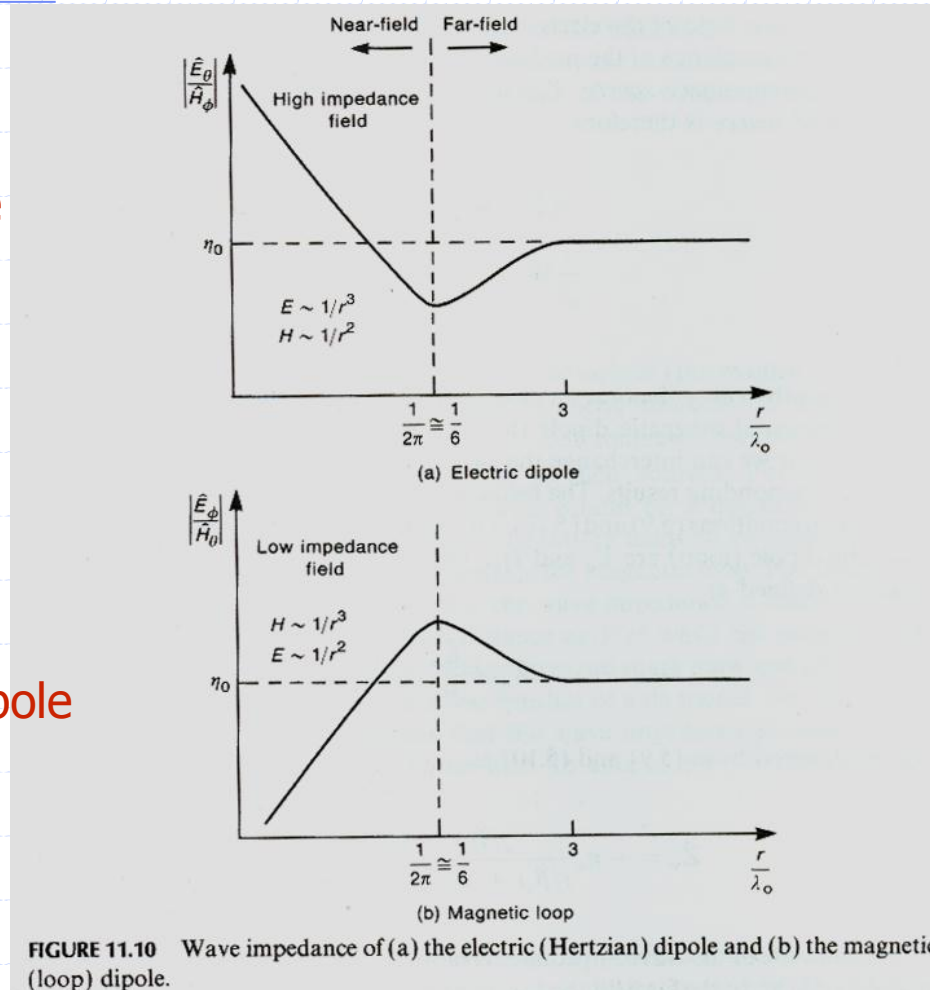




Shielding of a metal shield (Near Field)

Electric dipole

Magnetic dipole



$$Z_w = 60 \frac{\lambda_0}{r}$$

$$Z_w = 2369 \frac{r}{\lambda_0}$$



Shielding of a metal shield (Near Field)

For electric dipole

$$R_e = 322 + 10 \log \left(\frac{\sigma_r}{\mu_r f^3 r^2} \right)$$

For magnetic dipole

$$R_m = 14.57 + 10 \log \left(\frac{f r^2 \sigma_r}{\mu_r} \right)$$

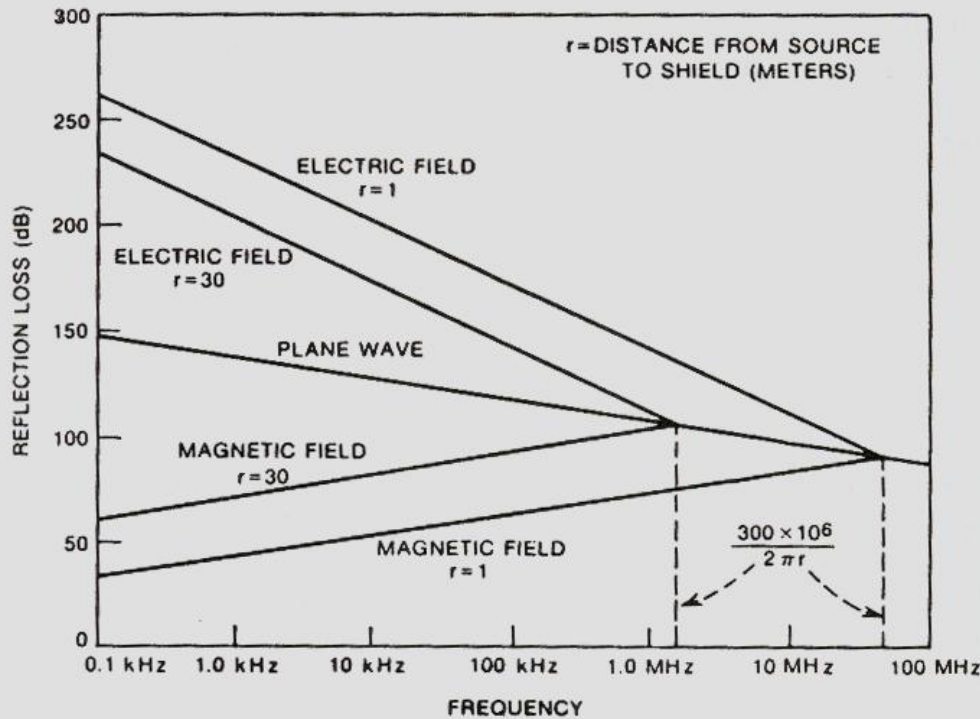
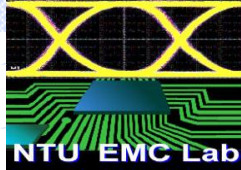
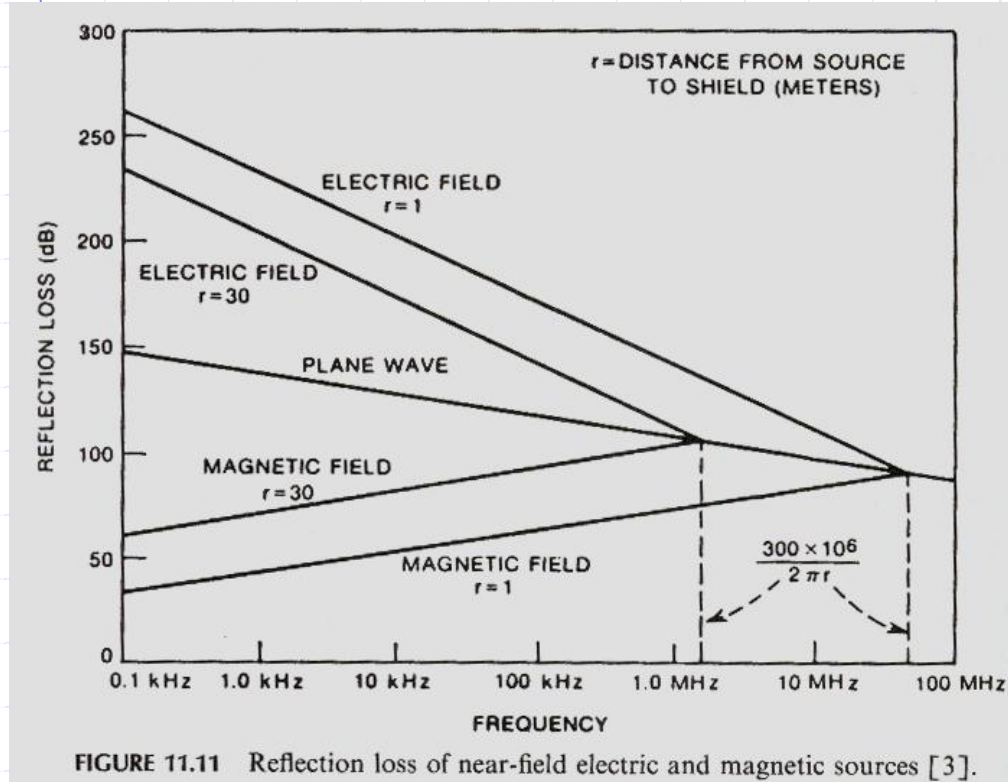


FIGURE 11.11 Reflection loss of near-field electric and magnetic sources [3].



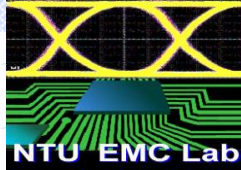
Shielding of a metal shield (Near Field)



1. Reflection Loss increase as frequency decrease for **E field**
2. Reflection Loss decrease as frequency decrease for **H field**

Note: The **Absorption loss** also Decrease as frequency decrease for **H-field**.

How to solve the SE of magnetic field?



An example of S.E. for copper plate

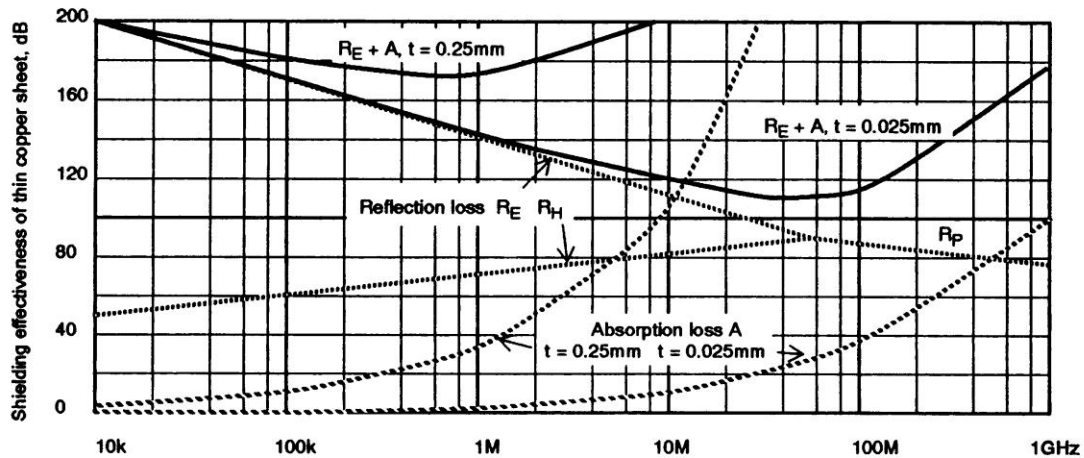
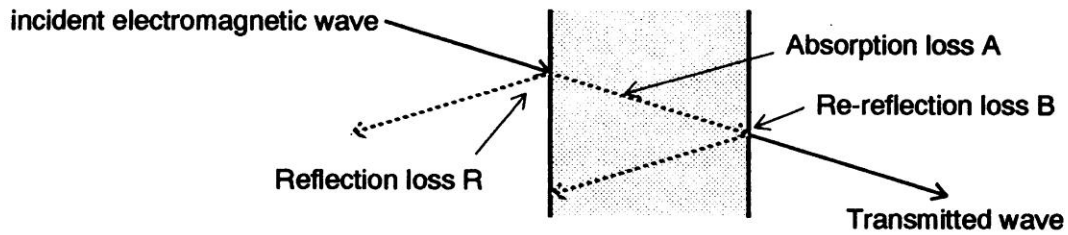


Figure 7.33 Shielding effectiveness versus frequency for copper sheet



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Two approaches

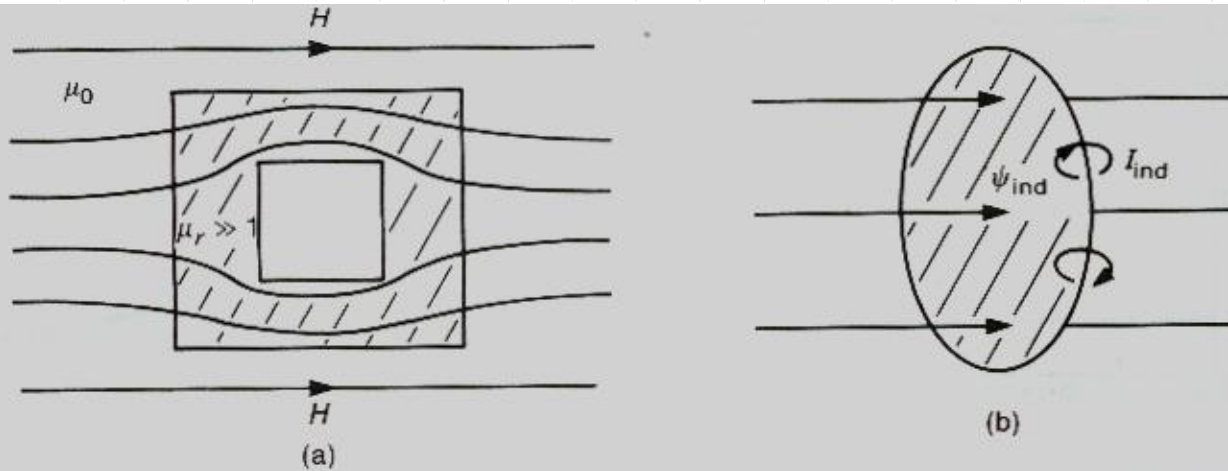
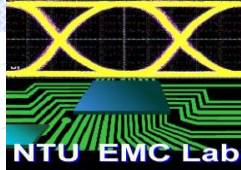
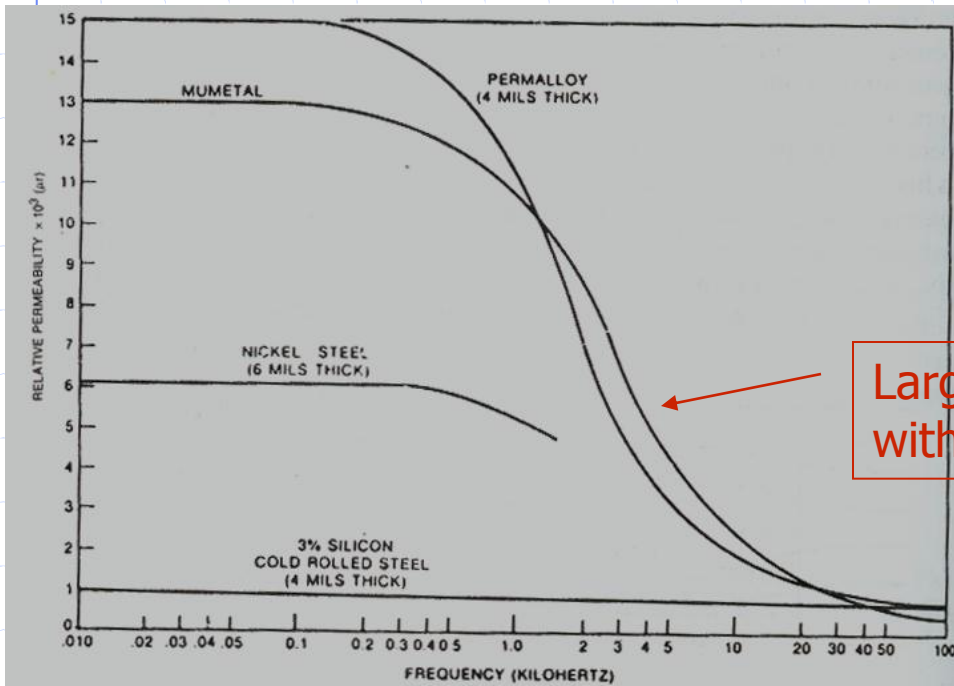


FIGURE 11.12 Two important methods of shielding against low-frequency magnetic fields: (a) using a highly permeable ferromagnetic material to divert the magnetic field; (b) using “bands” to generate an opposing magnetic field.



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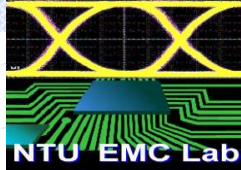
Two factors that may degrade the ferromagnetic material:

1. Increasing frequency.
2. Increasing the field strength.

Larger than 4KHz, the μ is the same with the steel

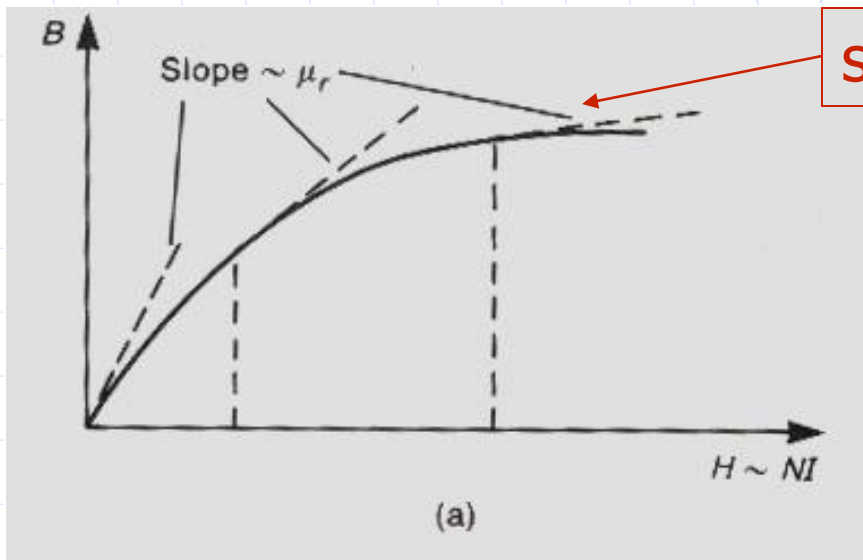
That's why we use the steel as The magnetic shielding material for Switch-mode Power Supply (20-100KHz)

FIGURE 11.13 Illustration of the frequency dependence of various ferromagnetic materials [3].



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Phenomenon of the **saturation of ferromagnetic materials**

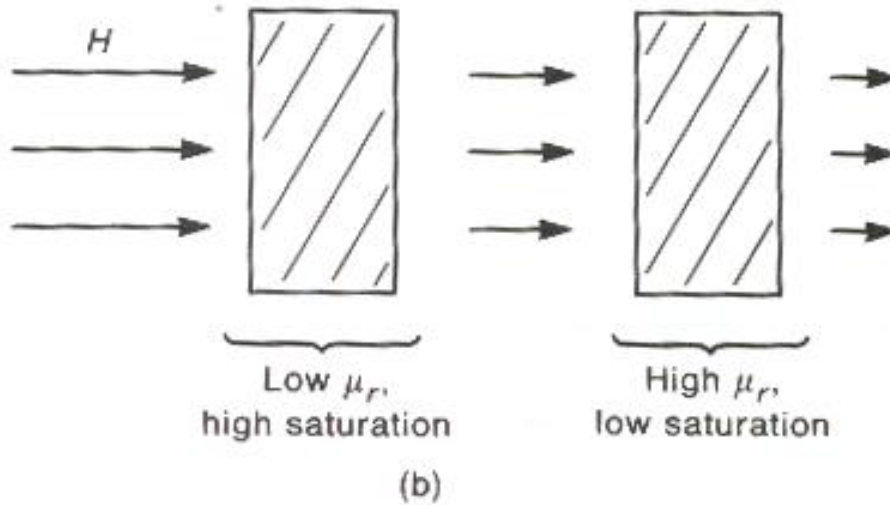


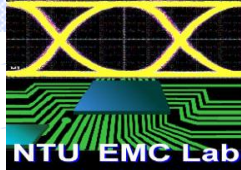
When increase the H-field



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Solution: Using multi-layer to reduce the effect of the saturation





The effect of aperture

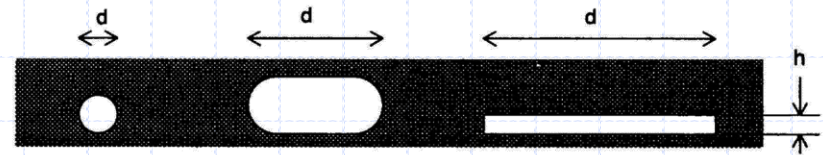
In practice, the S.E. is limited by the necessary apertures and discontinuities.

The simplest formula

$$SE = 20 \log \frac{\lambda}{2d}$$

The modified formula

Ex: 20dB SE for 1GHz
then, $d < 1.6\text{cm}$



$$SE(\text{dB}) = 100 - 20 \log[d_{\text{mm}} \cdot F_{\text{MHz}}] + 20 \log[1 + \ln(d/h)] \quad (\text{for } d \leq \lambda/2, \gg \text{thickness})$$

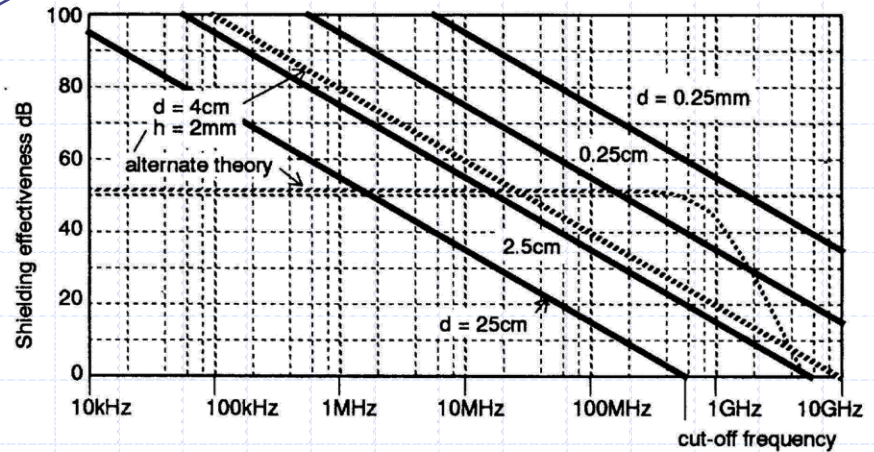
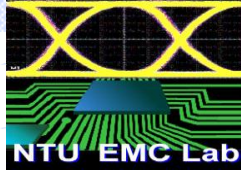
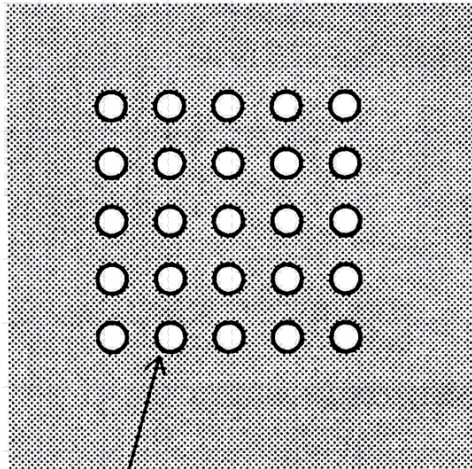


Figure 7.34 Shielding effectiveness degradation due to apertures

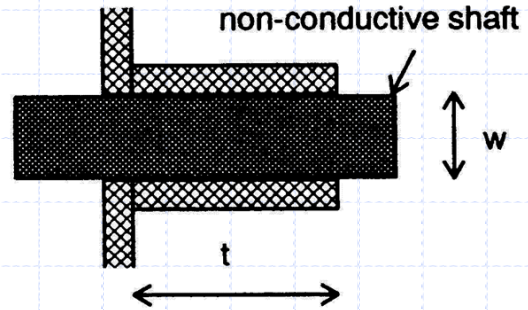


The effect of mesh and Honeycomb



$$A = 20\log(\lambda/2d) - 20\log \sqrt{n}$$

for edge-to-edge spacing $< \lambda/2, > t$



SE can reach 100dB

Why ?

waveguides below cut-off
 $t/w \geq 4$

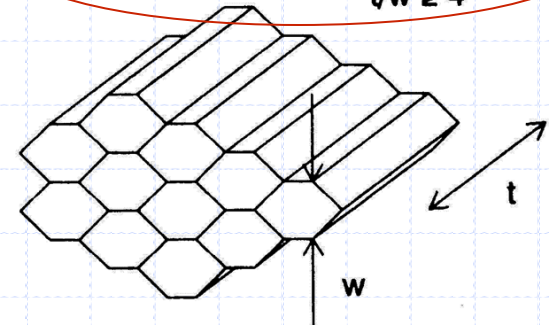
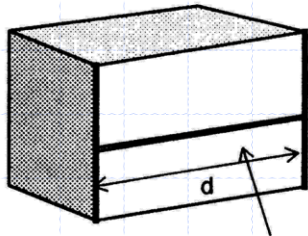


Figure 7.37 Mesh panels and the waveguide below cut-off



The effect of Seams

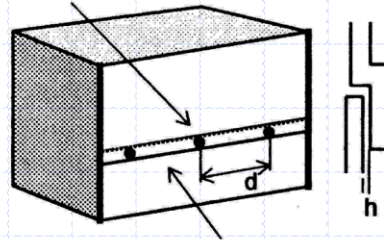
Poor



No electrical contact across butt-joint

Dimension "d" determines shielding effectiveness, modified by seam gap "h"

fasteners make electrical contact



poor contact along seam between fasteners

Better



Best

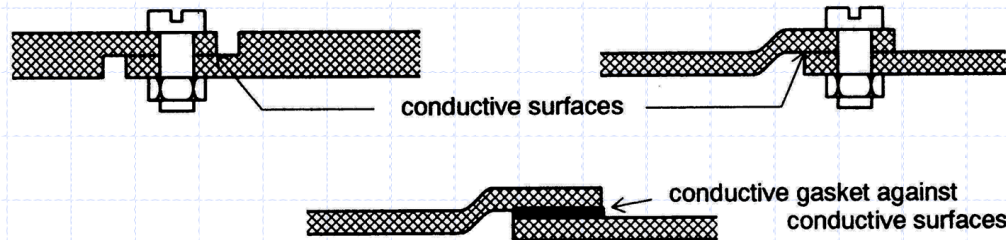


Figure 7.39 Cross sections of joints for good conductivity



The effect of aperture orientation

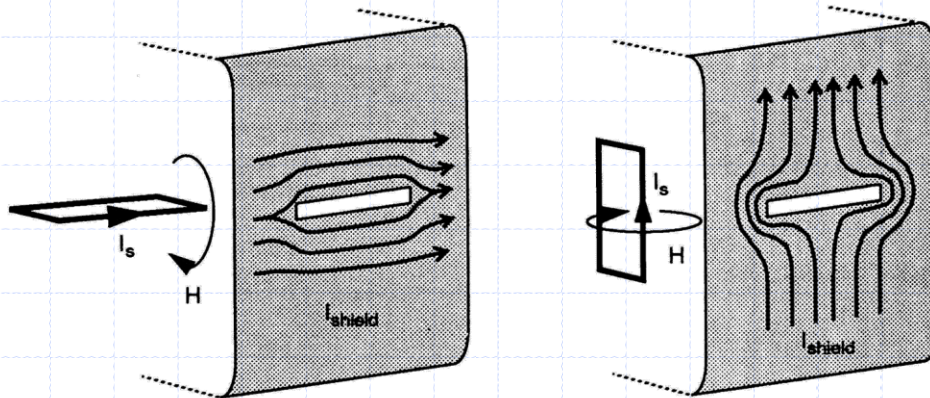


Figure 7.40 Current loop versus aperture orientation

Which one is better?

By this trick, the SE can be improved up to 10dB



The effect of image plane

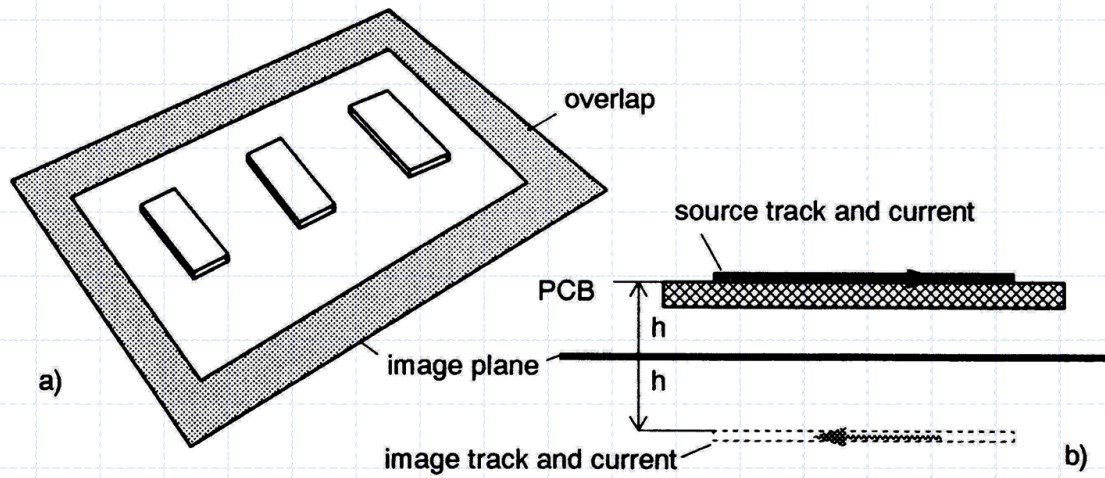
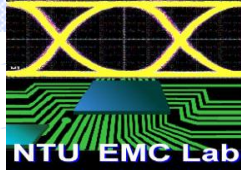


Figure 7.41 Image plane under a PCB



Enclosure resonance

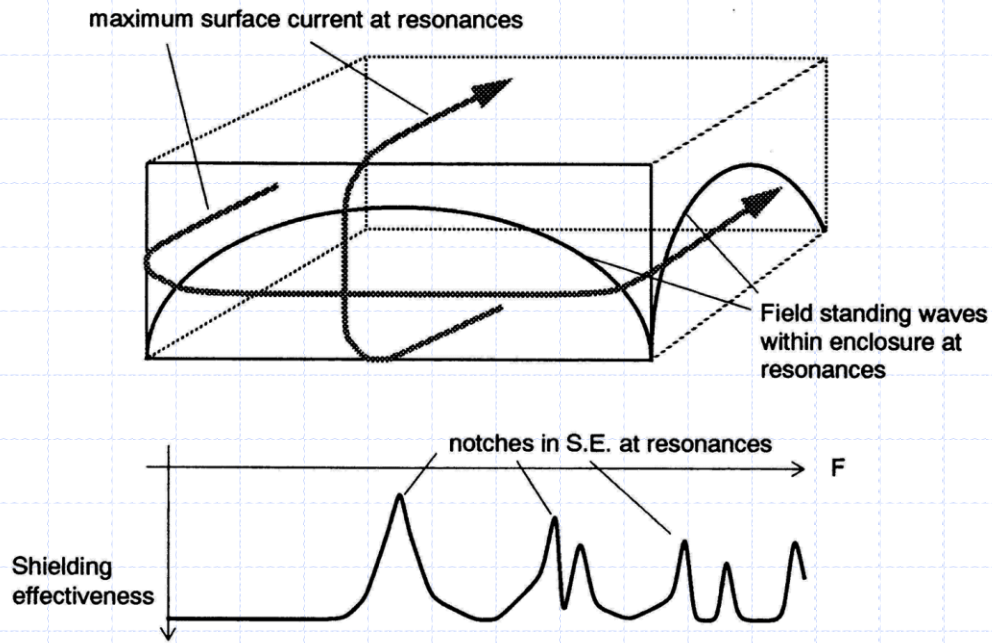


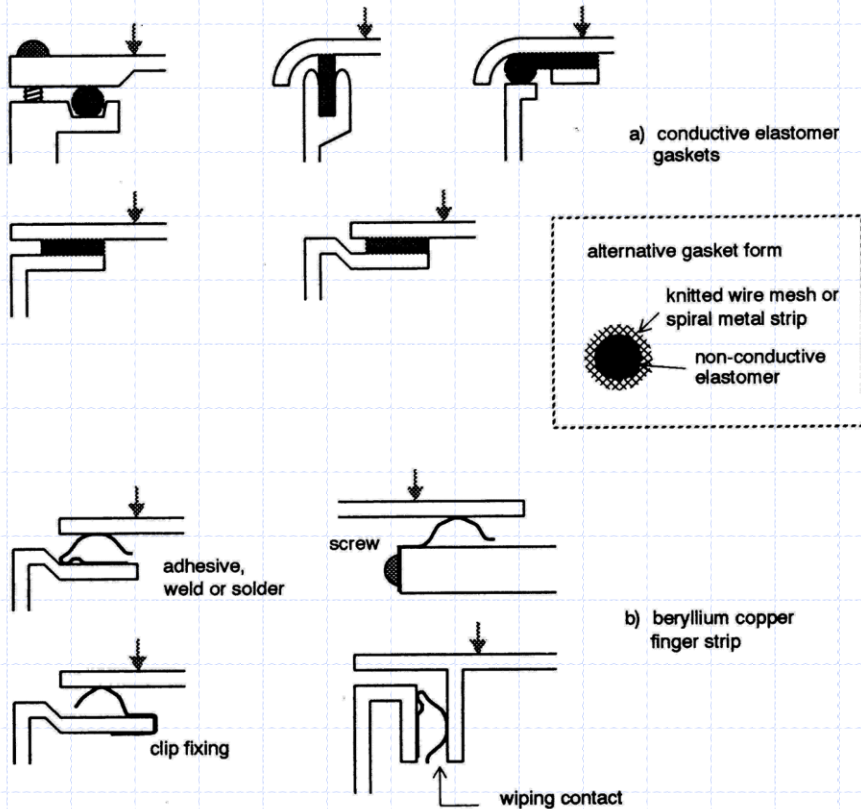
Figure 7.42 Resonances degrade shielding effectiveness

$$F = 150\sqrt{(k/l)^2 + (m/h)^2 + (n/w)^2} \text{ MHz}$$

$F \sim 212/l \sim 212/h \sim 212/w$ for equal square enclosure

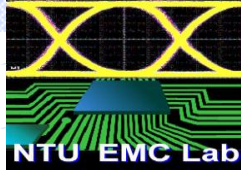


Gasket and Contact Strip



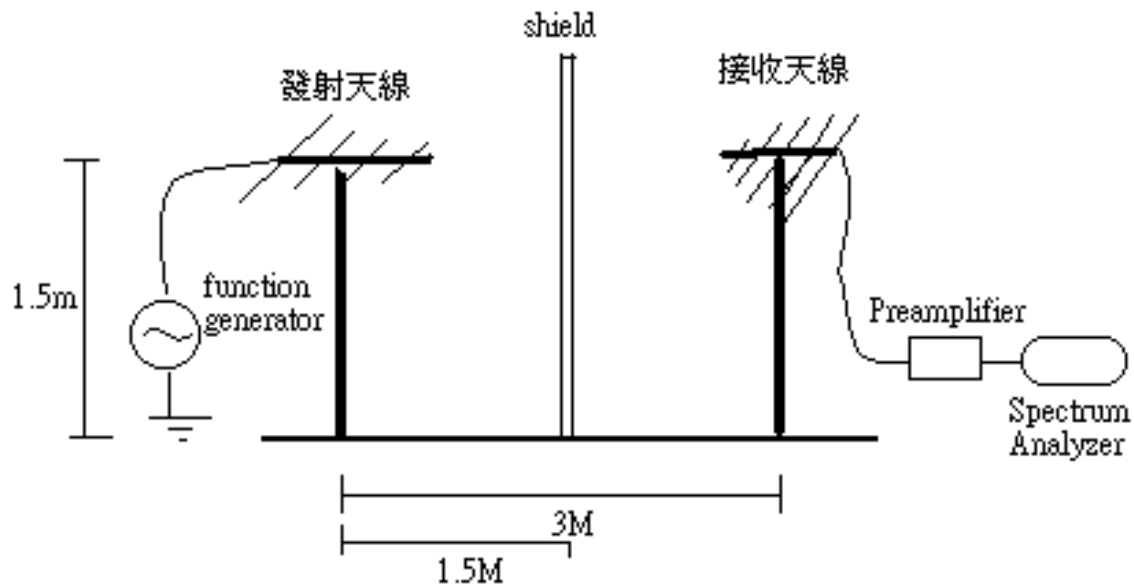
- Choosing concern:
1. Conductivity
 2. Ease of mounting

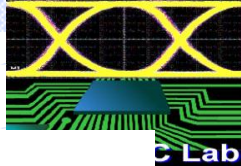
Figure 7.43 Usage of gaskets and finger strip



Measurement of SE

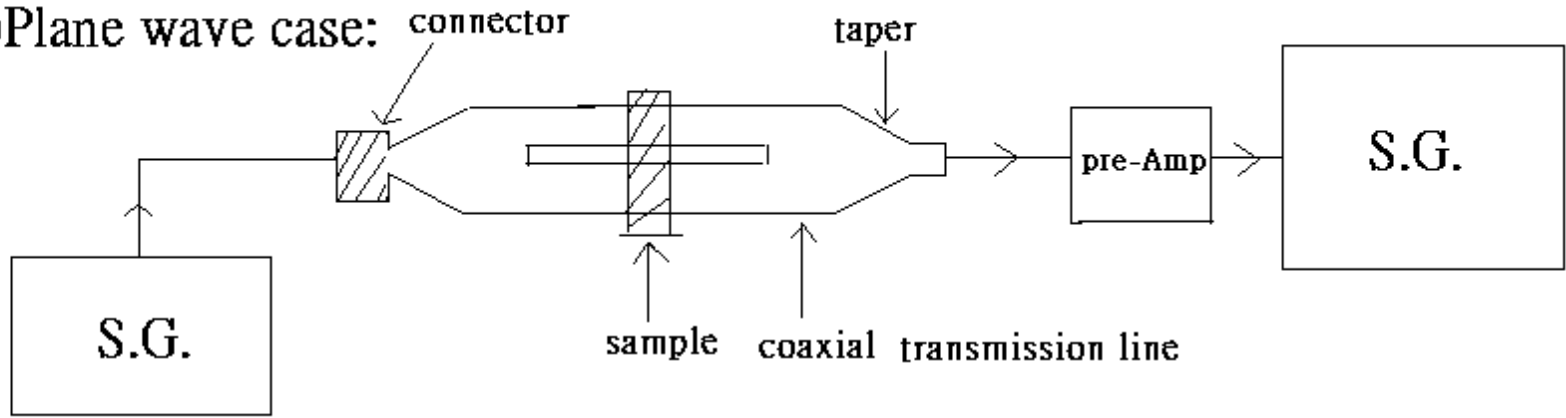
Method 1: EN50147-1





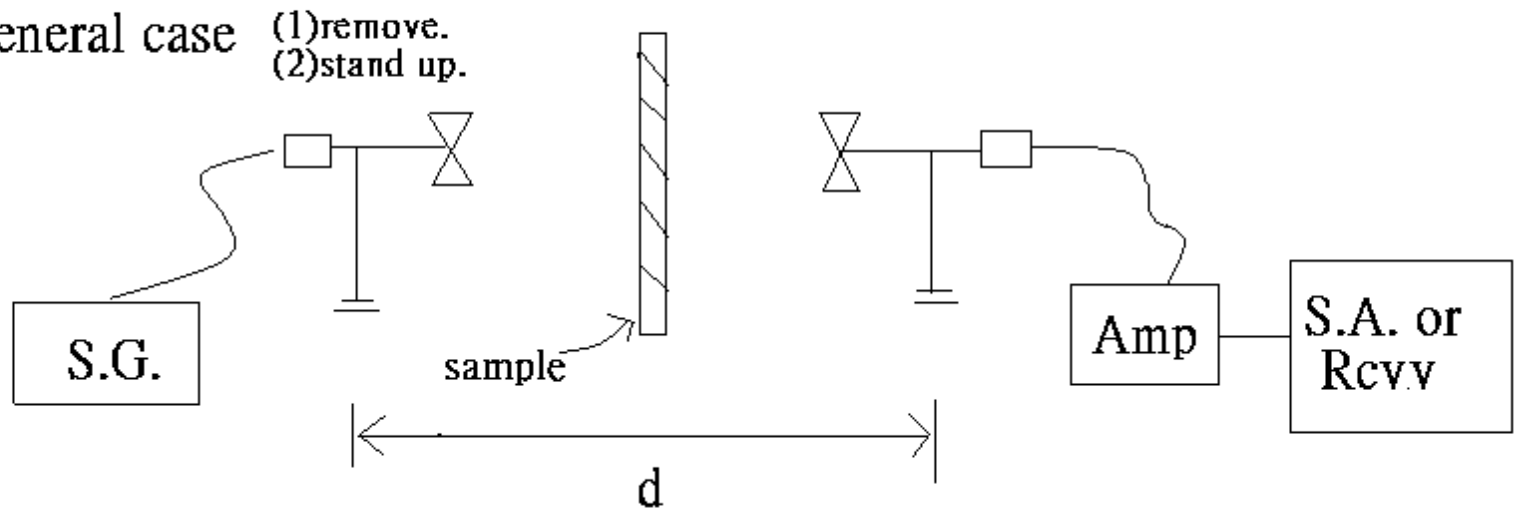
b. Measurement of S.E.

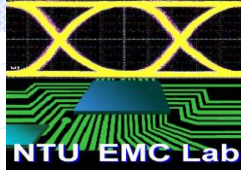
(1) Plane wave case:



$$S.E. = 20 \log \left| \frac{V_{ref}}{V_{sample}} \right|$$

(2) General case





Measurement of SE

Method two: Coaxial transmission line model

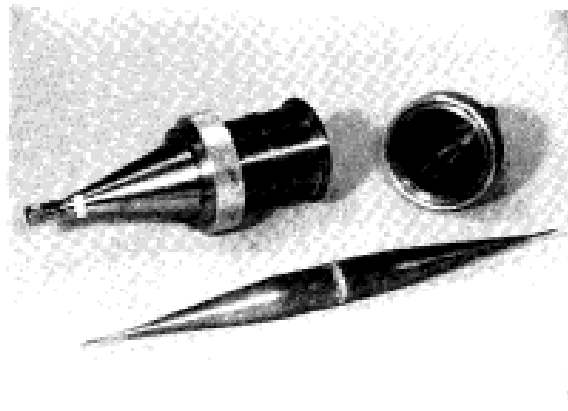


Fig. 2. Continuous-conductor coaxial transmission-line holder.