

Reflection and refraction when $n_1/n_2 = 1/1.5$, for example, when light falls on a glass of $n = 1.5$. The E field is *normal* to the plane of incidence.

$$\left(\frac{E_r}{E_i}\right)_\perp = \frac{\frac{n_1}{n_2} \cos \theta_i - \cos \theta_t}{\frac{n_1}{n_2} \cos \theta_i + \cos \theta_t} = -\frac{\sin(\theta_i - \theta_t)}{\sin(\theta_i + \theta_t)}$$

$$\left(\frac{E_t}{E_i}\right)_\perp = \frac{2 \frac{n_1}{n_2} \cos \theta_i}{\frac{n_1}{n_2} \cos \theta_i + \cos \theta_t} = \frac{2 \cos \theta_i \sin \theta_t}{\sin(\theta_i + \theta_t)}$$

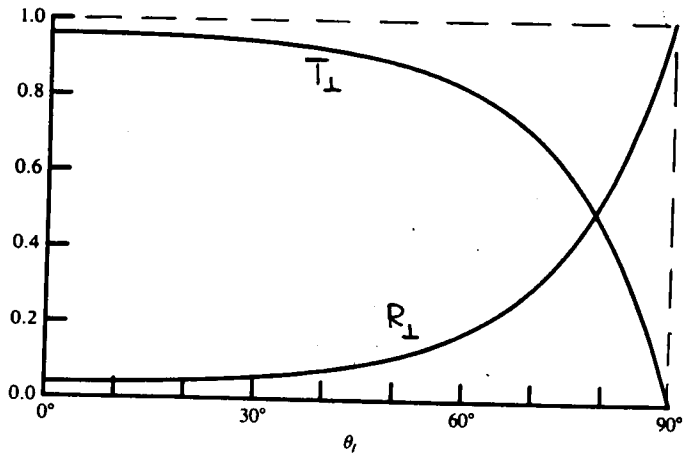
$$R_\perp = \left| \frac{\langle \vec{S}_r \rangle \cdot \hat{n}}{\langle \vec{S}_i \rangle \cdot \hat{n}} \right| = \left(\frac{E_r}{E_i}\right)_\perp^2$$

$$T_\perp = \left| \frac{\langle \vec{S}_t \rangle \cdot \hat{n}}{\langle \vec{S}_i \rangle \cdot \hat{n}} \right| = \frac{n_2}{n_1} \left(\frac{E_t}{E_i}\right)_\perp^2 \frac{\cos \theta_t}{\cos \theta_i}$$

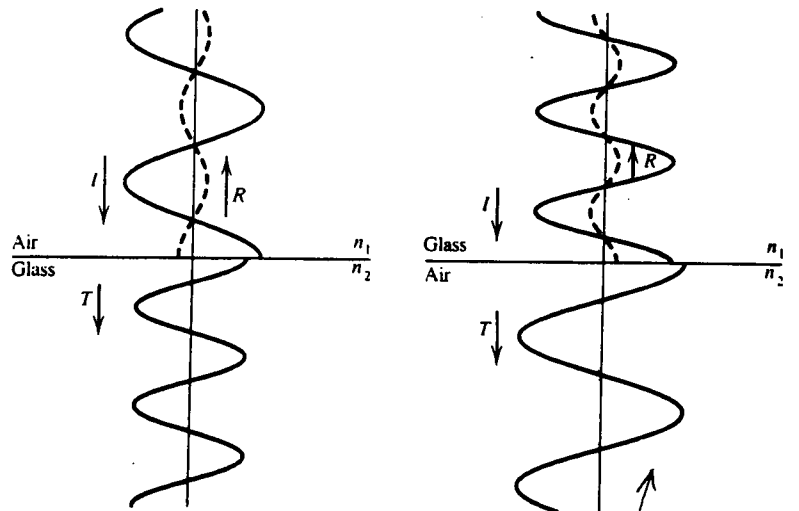
For normal incidence:

$$\left(\frac{E_r}{E_i}\right)_\perp = -\left(\frac{n_2 - n_1}{n_2 + n_1}\right) \quad \left(\frac{E_t}{E_i}\right)_\perp = \frac{2n_1}{n_2 + n_1}$$

$$R_\perp = \left(\frac{n_2 - n_1}{n_2 + n_1}\right)^2 \quad T_\perp = \frac{4n_1 n_2}{(n_2 + n_1)^2}$$

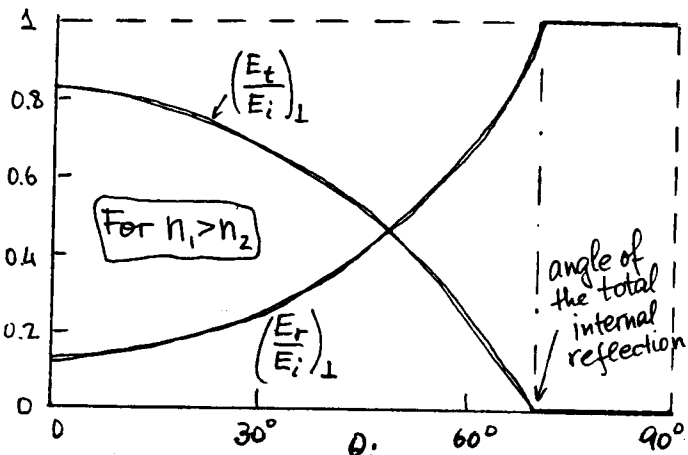


The coefficients of reflection R_\perp and of transmission T_\perp as functions of the angle of incidence θ_i for $n_1/n_2 = 1/1.5$.



The E vectors at given instant in the incident, reflected, and transmitted waves at normal incidence. On the right, E_{Tm} is larger than E_{Im} . However, conservation of energy still applies.

← Note the phase relation between the incident and reflected waves



E_{\parallel}

$$\left(\frac{E_r}{E_i}\right)_{\parallel} = \frac{\frac{n_1}{n_2} \cos \theta_t - \cos \theta_i}{\frac{n_1}{n_2} \cos \theta_t + \cos \theta_i} = \frac{\tan(\theta_i - \theta_t)}{\tan(\theta_i + \theta_t)}$$

$$\left(\frac{E_t}{E_i}\right)_{\parallel} = \frac{2 \frac{n_1}{n_2} \cos \theta_t}{\frac{n_1}{n_2} \cos \theta_t + \cos \theta_i} = \frac{2 \cos \theta_i \sin \theta_i}{\sin(\theta_i + \theta_t) \cos(\theta_i - \theta_t)}$$

$$R_{\parallel} = \left[\frac{\tan(\theta_i - \theta_t)}{\tan(\theta_i + \theta_t)} \right]^2$$

$$T_{\parallel} = \frac{4 \frac{n_1}{n_2} \cos \theta_i \cos \theta_t}{\left[\frac{n_1}{n_2} \cos \theta_t + \cos \theta_i \right]^2}$$

The Brewster angle: $\theta_t + \theta_i = \frac{\pi}{2}$

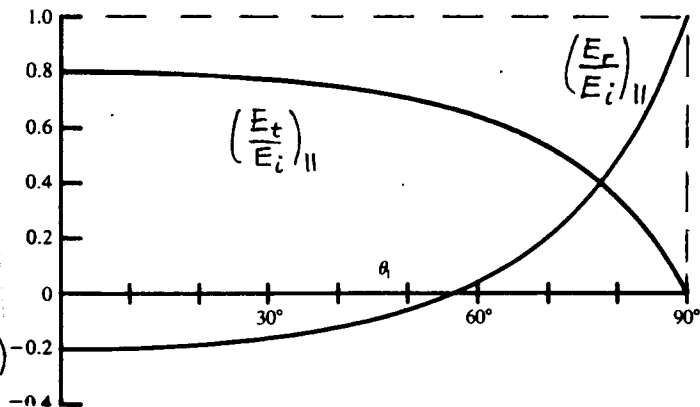
$$\tan \theta_{iB} = \frac{n_2}{n_1} \rightarrow \text{only for } E_{\parallel}!$$

The total internal reflection:

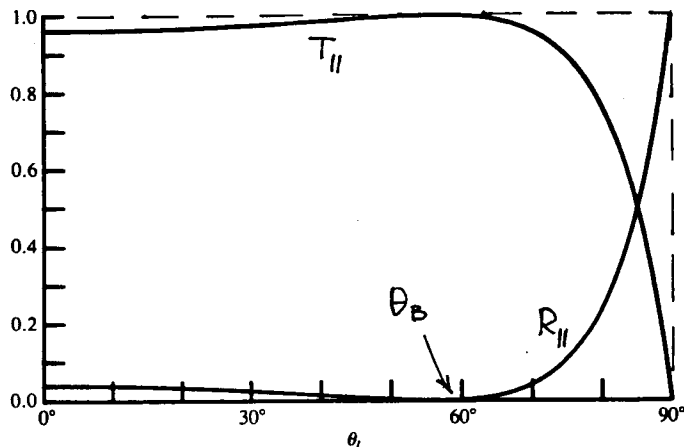
$$\sin \theta_{ic} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

(the e.m. wave goes from a material with a greater n_1 toward another material with smaller n_2)

— for both E_{\parallel} and E_{\perp} :



Reflection and refraction when $n_1/n_2 = 1/1.5$, but with E parallel to the plane of incidence.



The coefficients of reflection R_{\parallel} and of transmission T_{\parallel} as functions of the angle of incidence θ_i , for $n_1/n_2 = 1/1.5$. Note the Brewster angle at 56.