

# Surface equivalence theorems

1936 → Schelkunga, building on Huygens's principle.  
 Based on the uniqueness theorem (Recall:  
 fields in a lossy medium uniquely specified  
 by the sources plus one of the 3 boundary condns:  
 ①  $E_{tan}$  over  $S$ , ②  $H_{tan}$  over  $S$  ③ Combo over  $S$ .)

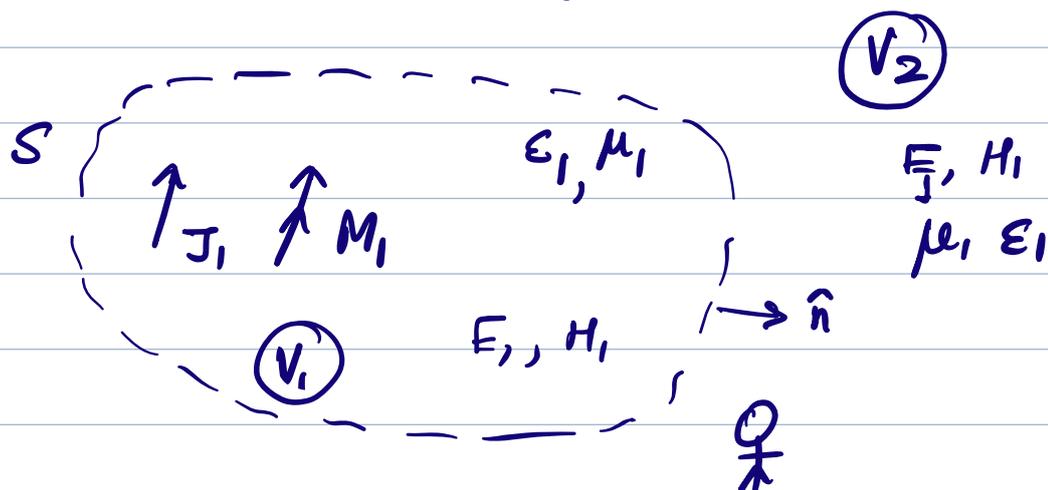
Consider the original problem:

step 0: as-is

$\uparrow J_1$   $\uparrow M_1$   $\epsilon_1, \mu_1$

$E_1, H_1$  everywhere.

step 1: imaginary surface  $S$  introduced.



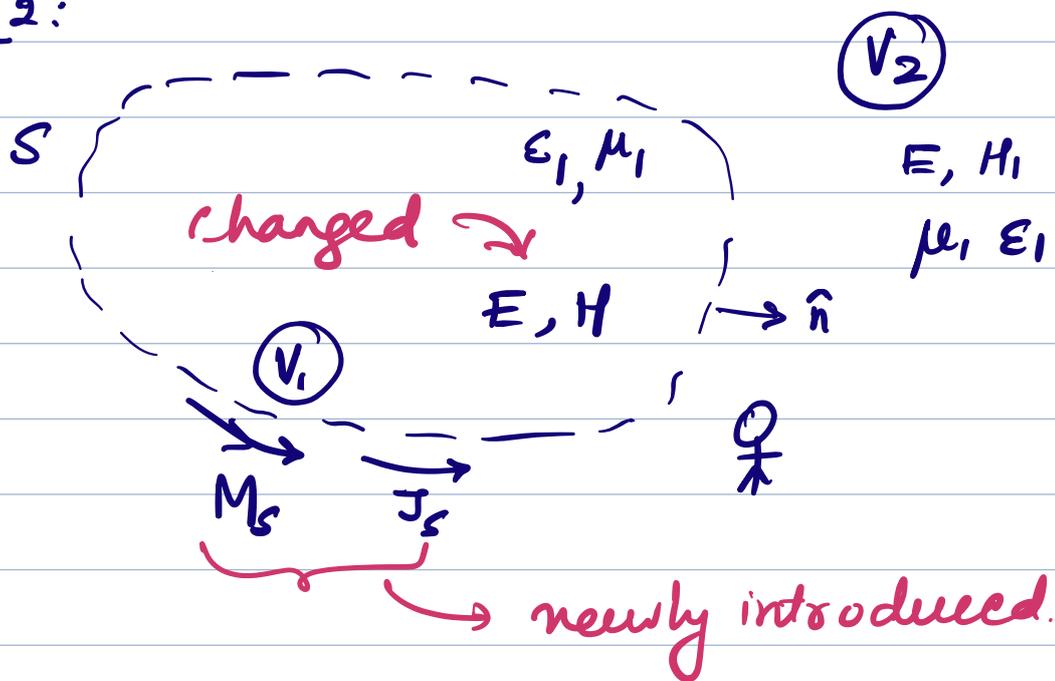
Now ask: In  $V_2$ , what BC can observer see?

$$\hat{n} \times (H_1 - H_2) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (E_1 - E_2) \times \hat{n} = 0.$$

in other words  $H_{tan} = \hat{n} \times H_1$ , and  $E_{tan} = \vec{E}_1 \times \hat{n}$

Also the obsr has no way to know what caused these fields, i.e.  $J_1, M_1$ .

Step 2:



a) Again ask: what does obsv see?

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\text{tan}} (= \hat{n} \times H_1) &= \hat{n} \times H + \bar{J}_s \\ E_{\text{tan}} (= E_1 \times \hat{n}) &= E \times \hat{n} + M_s \end{aligned}$$

b) What values of  $M_s$  &  $J_s$  must be chosen such that the obsv can't tell the difference between step 1 & step 2?

obviously if

$$\begin{aligned} J_s &= -\hat{n} \times H + \hat{n} \times H_1 \\ \text{and} \quad M_s &= -E \times \hat{n} + E_1 \times \hat{n}. \end{aligned}$$

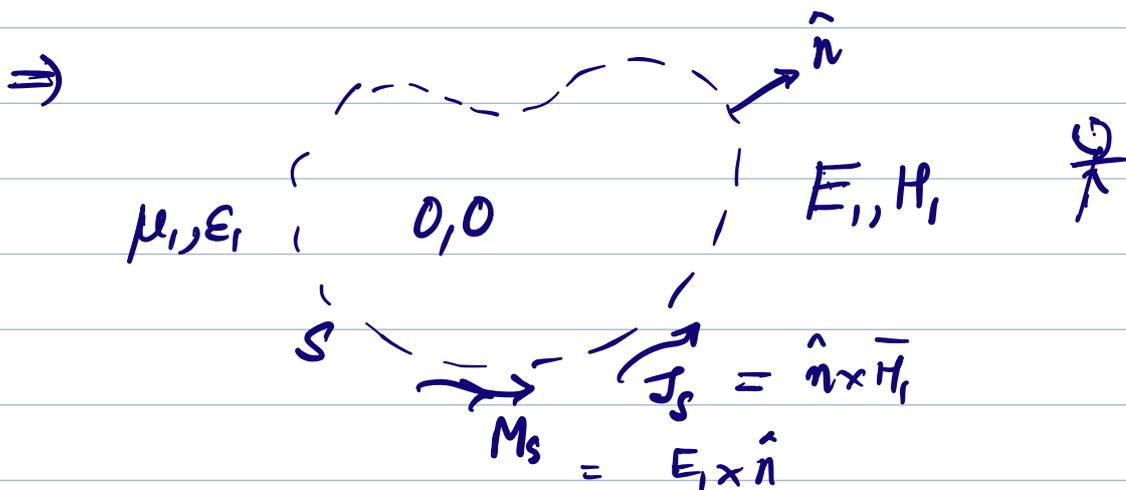
Then the tan fields seen by obsv are the same  $\Rightarrow$  fields everywhere in  $V_2$  are the same as before via the uniqueness thm.

This is called the equivalent problem for  $V_2$  (not  $V_1$ ) since the fields in  $V_2$  are unchanged.

↳ Let's refine this further. Uniqueness theorem says that we need one of  $E_{tan}, H_{tan}$ , not both, over  $S$ , i.e. specifying both entirely over  $S$  is not necessary!

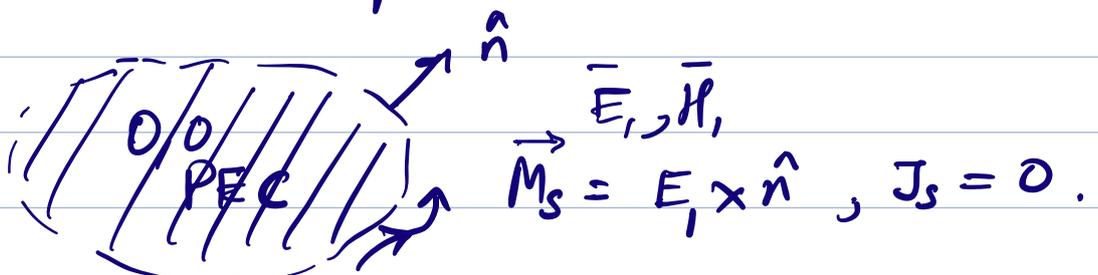
Moreover, by changing  $J_s, M_s$ , we can alter  $E, H \rightarrow$  ultimately we are interested in  $V_2$  not  $V_1$ . We can even alter  $\mu, \epsilon$  by the same logic.

So as a first step consider Love's equivalence principle. Here, we set  $E = 0 = H$ .



Here we still have both  $J_s$  &  $M_s$ . i.e. both  $E_{tan}$  and  $H_{tan}$ , so we can further specialize it.

① Imagine that we place a PEC inside  $S$ .

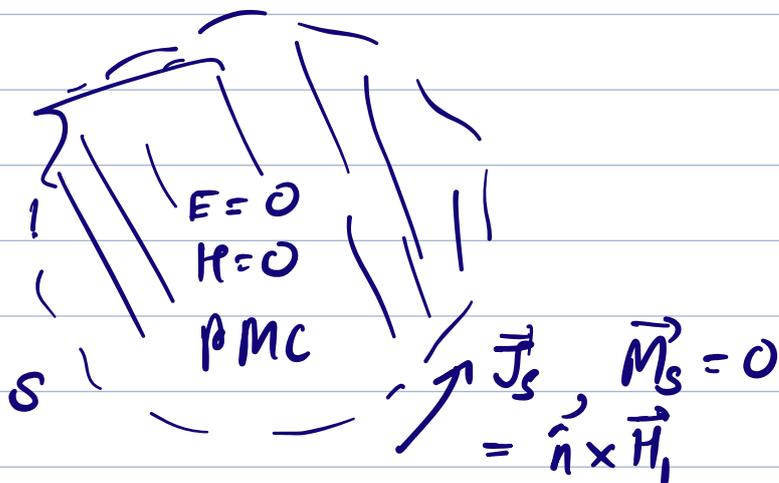


We have already seen that  $J_s$  doesn't radiate any field over a PEC, so it's useless to consider it for a radiation problem.

Note: When we have an impressed  $M_s$ , the tangential BC on a PEC is NO longer  $E_{tan} = 0$ . Instead it is  $n \times E = -M_s$ .  
i.e.  $E_{tan} = -M_s$

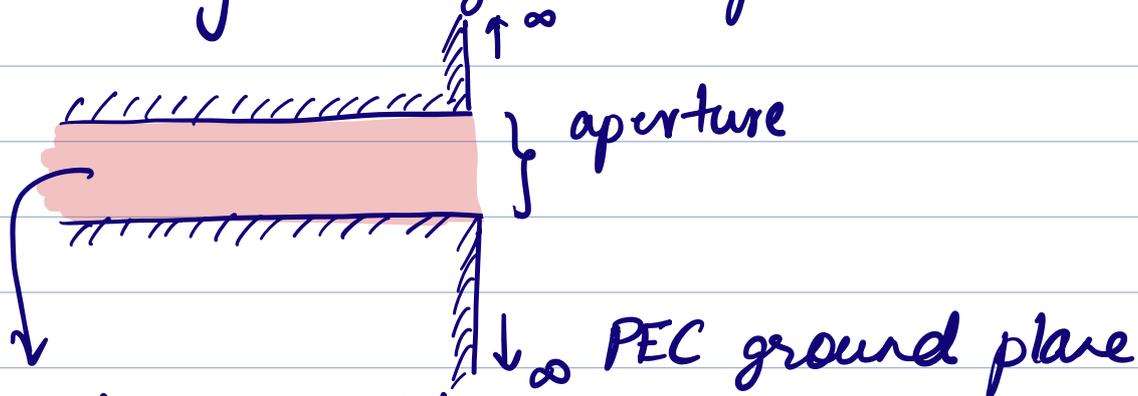
We compute the  $M_s$  value from the original problem and impress it on  $S$ . Thus we only specified  $E_{tan}$  in this problem.

↳ Similarly there is a magnetic equivalent:  
Fill the volume  $S$  with a PMC.  
→ We know that an  $M_s$  over a PMC doesn't radiate (can be shown using the reciprocity theorem).



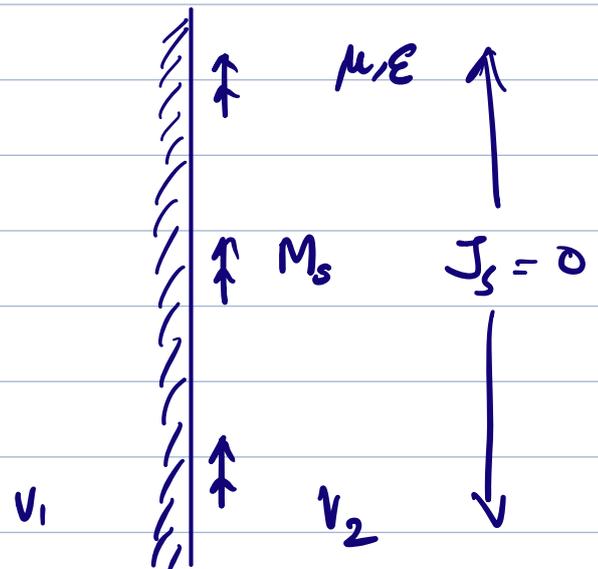
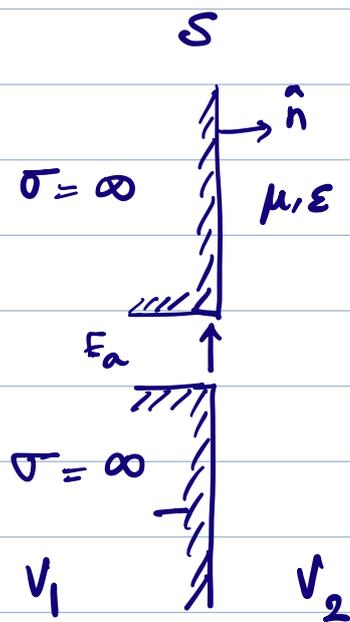
These are equivalent problems → not easier to solve compared to the original problems.

↳ example of how to use these ideas: (book prob)  
 a waveguide aperture, i.e. a waveguide  
 hitting an  $\infty$  ground plane with an aperture



|| plate waveguide.

↳ Say that  $E_{tan}$  over aperture  
 is known =  $E_a$ .

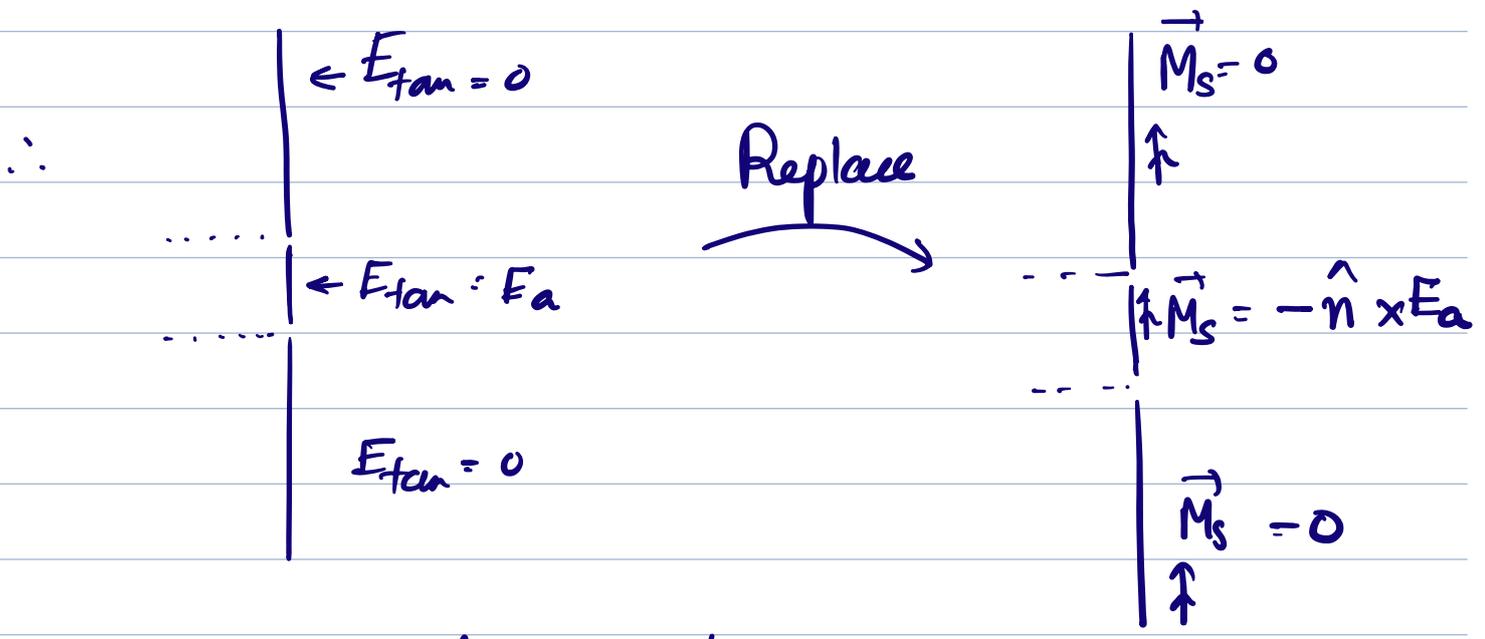


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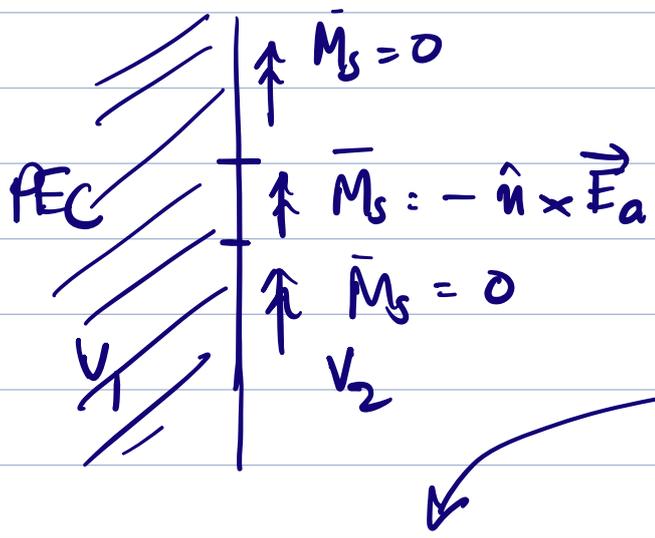
PEC  
 equivalent

want to go to

To do this we need values of  $E_{tan}$  everywhere.  
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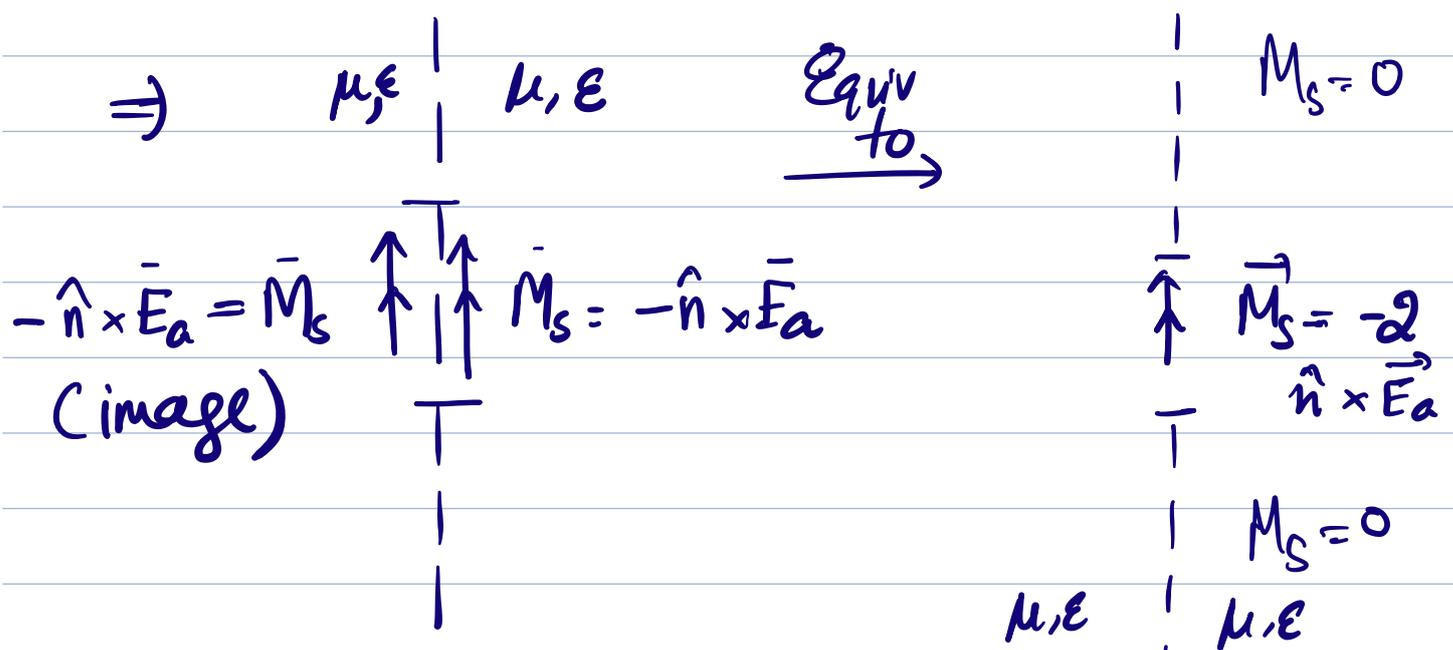


The problem looks like :



Next trick?

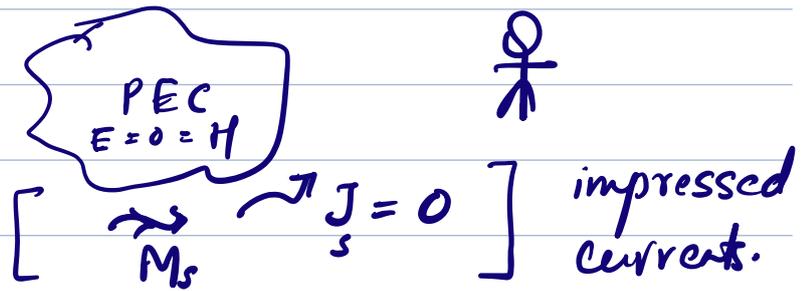
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Radiating in free space! we know how to solve.

↳ A critical review of the PEC equivalent problem:

Some facts:



① Reciprocity thm is derived assuming  $\vec{J}/M$  are impressed sources. Induced currents get included via medium conductivity into a complex  $\epsilon_r$ .

② Boundary condition eqns for  $\hat{n} \times \Delta H$  or  $\Delta E \times \hat{n}$  involve total surface currents, whether they be impressed or induced.

↳ These facts are clear from first principal derivations from Maxwell's equations.

### Case A

So what happens when we put a  $\vec{J}_{surf, imp} \equiv \vec{J}_{sim}$  on a PEC?

ⓐ It doesn't radiate (from ① above)

ⓑ Can it lead to a  $\vec{J}_{surf, ind} = \vec{J}_{sid}$ ?

What does the B.C. say?  $\hat{n} \times (H_{v_2} - H_{v_1}) = \vec{J}_{surf}$   
 Inside the PEC,  $H_{v_1} = 0$ , so:

$\hat{n} \times (H_{v_2}) = \vec{J}_{surf} = \vec{J}_{sim} + \vec{J}_{sid}$ . Thus  $\vec{J}_{sid} = -\vec{J}_{sim}$   
 to give  $H_{z, tan} = 0$ , consistent with the fact that a PEC doesn't radiate.

Summary:  $\vec{J}_{imp} \rightarrow \vec{J}_{ind} = -\vec{J}_{imp} \rightarrow$  No radiation.

case b

↳ Now what happens if we have a pure  $M_s$ ?



on the surface  
 $\vec{E}_1 \times \hat{n} = \vec{M}_s$

$\Rightarrow$  there is an  $H_1$  that comes along with  $E_1$ .

$\therefore$  The H-B-C gives  $n \times (H_1 - 0) = \vec{J}_{tot}$

$\Rightarrow$  there must be an induced  $\vec{J}$  on the PEC.

i.e.  $\vec{J}_{tot} = \vec{J}_{s,ind}$ . In fact we have got the

value of the induced current:  $\vec{J}_{ind} = \hat{n} \times H_1$ ,  
where  $H_1$  is the original  $H$  field!

Remember that this  $\vec{J}_{ind}$  is not a new source, it is dependent on  $\vec{M}_s$ .

and the fields are determined ultimately by the uniqueness thm by considering  $M_s$ .

Summary:  $M_s \rightarrow \begin{cases} E \\ H \end{cases} \rightarrow J_{ind} = n \times \vec{H}_1$

↳ Finally case c :  $J_s \& M_s$ .

We don't have to work this out once again. We just use superposition of both cases to get that  $J_s$  doesn't radiate, only  $M_s$  does.  
 $\vec{J}_{ind}$  changes.