

James Clerk Maxwell



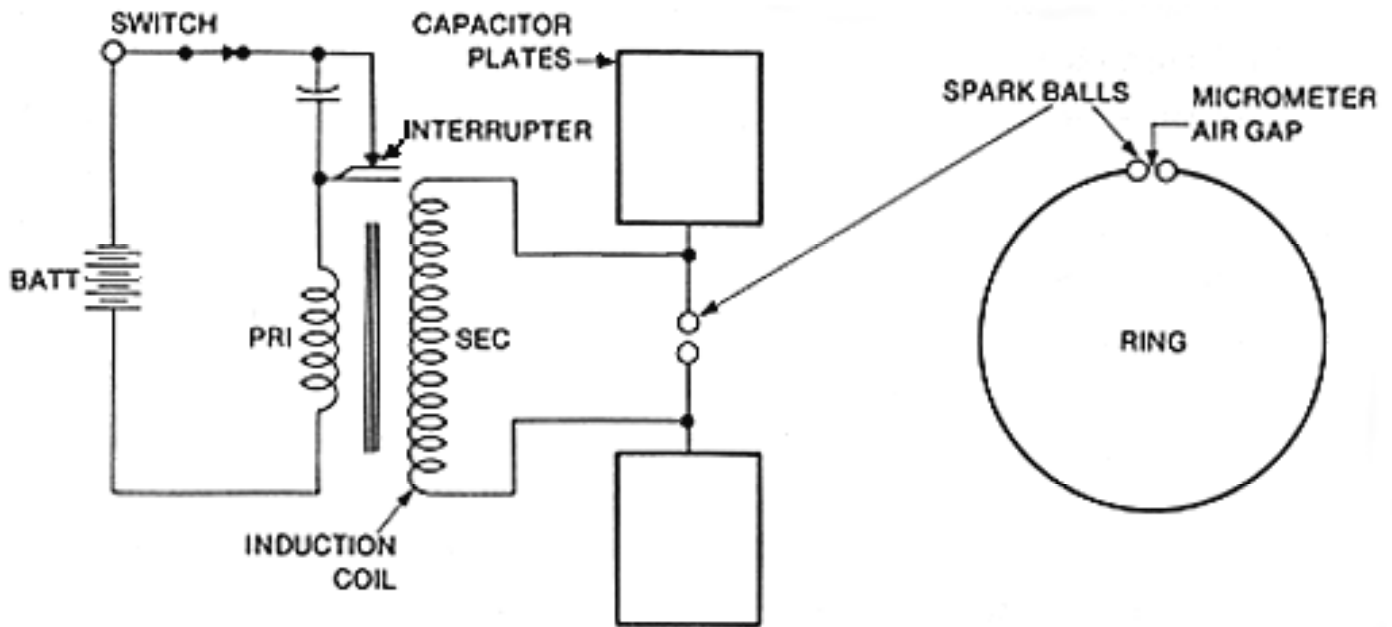
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# Radiation of Electromagnetic Waves

Heinrich Hertz - 1888



The English mathematical physicist, Sir. Oliver Heaviside, said in 1891, "Three years ago, electromagnetic waves were nowhere. Shortly afterward, they were everywhere."

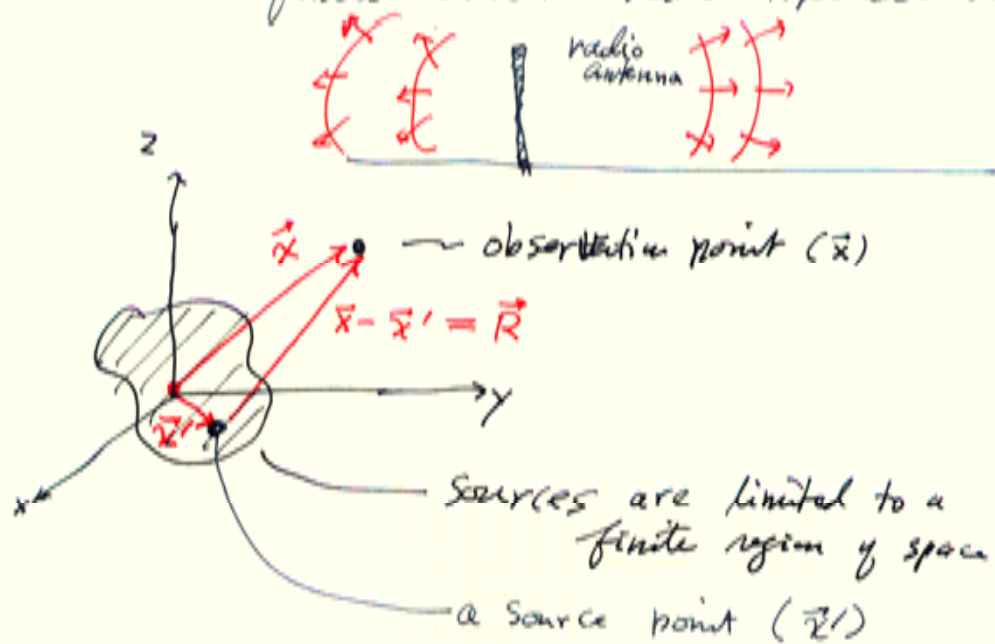


# Electric Dipole Radiation

R2/1

Given the sources ( $\rho(\vec{x}, t)$  and  $\vec{J}(\vec{x}, t)$ )  
what is the radiation?

To make plane waves we would need infinite sources. That's interesting as an academic exercise (homework questions) but not realistic. More important — finite sources make spherical waves.



Using the Lorentz gauge,

$$\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) = \mu_0 \int \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{x}', t - R/c)}{4\pi R} d^3x'$$

$$V(\vec{x}, t) = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(\vec{x}', t - R/c)}{4\pi R} d^3x'$$

and  $\nabla \cdot \vec{J} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$

← units:  $\frac{1}{m} \frac{A}{m^2} = \frac{C/s}{m^3} = \frac{C/m^3}{s}$

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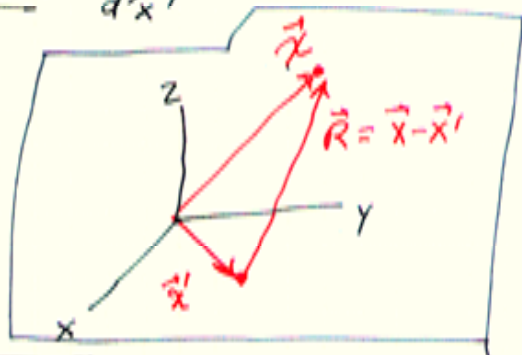
The radiation fields (propagating away from the sources)

↳ i.e., the asymptotic fields as  $r \rightarrow \infty$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) = \mu_0 \int \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{x}', t - R/c)}{4\pi R} d^3x'$$

Far gone,  $r \gg r'$

We may approximate  $R \approx r$ .



$$R = |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'| = \sqrt{r^2 + r'^2 - 2rr' \cos\theta} \quad (\text{exact})$$

$$R \approx r - r' \cos\theta + O\left(\frac{r'^2}{r}\right) \quad (\text{improved approximation})$$

$$R \approx r \quad (\text{lowest approximation})$$

The lowest approximation is good enough to determine the radiation fields. So, we have

$$\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) \sim \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi r} \int \vec{J}(\vec{x}', t') d^3x' \quad \text{where } t' = t - \frac{R}{c} \sim t - \frac{r}{c}$$

Theorem  $\vec{A}(\vec{R}, t) \sim \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi r} \left. \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} \right|_{t-r/c}$

where  $\vec{p}$  is the electric dipole moment of the source.

$$\vec{A} \approx \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi r} \int \vec{J}(\vec{x}', t') d^3x' = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi r} \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt'} \quad R^2/3$$

Proof

Note that  $\int \nabla \cdot (x_i \vec{J}) d^3x = 0$

by Gauss's theorem since  $x_i \vec{J} \rightarrow 0$  on the surface at  $\infty$ . So

$$0 = \int (J_i + x_i \nabla \cdot \vec{J}) d^3x$$

$$0 = \int J_i d^3x$$

**Interesting**

$$\int J_i d^3x = \frac{dp_i}{dt}$$

The asymptotic  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$

$$\vec{A} \approx \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi r} \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt'} \quad (\text{evaluated})$$

$$\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A} \sim \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left\{ \left( \frac{-\hat{r}}{r^2} \right) \times \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} \right\} - \frac{1}{c} \left( \frac{\hat{r}}{r} \right) \times \frac{d^2\vec{p}}{dt^2} \right\}$$

$$\nabla r = \hat{r} ; \nabla t' = -\frac{\hat{r}}{c}$$

This term is negligible as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ .  
Neglect  $O(1/r^2)$  in  $\vec{B}$  or  $\vec{E}$ .

$$\vec{B} \sim \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi r c} \hat{r} \times \frac{d^2\vec{p}}{dt^2} \equiv \vec{B}_{\text{rad}}$$

This is the magnetic part of the radiation field.

Note:  $\vec{B}_{\text{rad}} \propto 1/r$ .



The asymptotic electric field R2/4 (Lorentz gauge)

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{-1}{c^2} \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$$

A simpler derivation ...

$$\nabla \times \vec{B}_{\text{rad}} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}_{\text{rad}}}{\partial t} \quad \text{Displacement Current}$$

$$\hookrightarrow = \nabla \times \left[ \frac{-\mu_0}{4\pi r c} \hat{r} \times \frac{d^2 \vec{p}}{dt^2} \Big|_{t-r/c} \right]$$

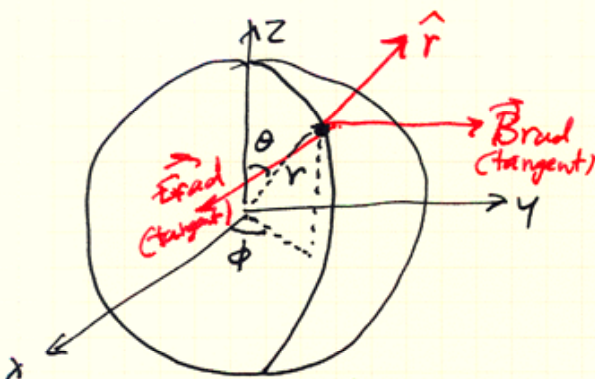
$$\sim \frac{-\mu_0}{4\pi r c} \left( \frac{-\hat{r}}{c} \right) \times \left( \hat{r} \times \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{dt^3} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E}_{\text{rad}} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi r} \hat{r} \times \left( \hat{r} \times \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{dt^3} \right) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \nabla t' = -\frac{\hat{r}}{c} \\ t' = t - r/c \end{array} \right\}$$

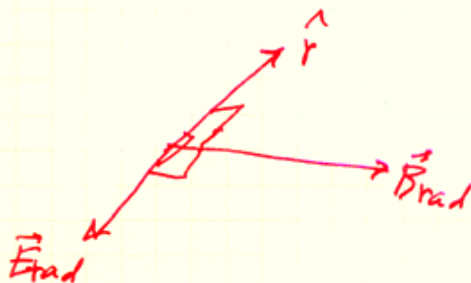
Note  $\vec{E}_{\text{rad}} \propto 1/r$ .

Also,  $\vec{E}_{\text{rad}} = c \vec{B}_{\text{rad}} \times \hat{r}$  and  $\vec{B}_{\text{rad}} \perp \hat{r}$

$\therefore \hat{r}, \vec{E}_{\text{rad}}$  and  $\vec{B}_{\text{rad}}$  form an orthogonal triad



a large sphere  
of radius  $r$



Energy flux in radiation <sup>R2/5</sup>

The Poynting vector is

$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E}_{rad} \times \vec{B}_{rad}$$



**Remarkable**



$$|\hat{r} \times \ddot{\vec{p}}|^2$$

$$(\hat{r} \times \ddot{\vec{a}}) = \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{r}_j \ddot{a}_k = \epsilon_{ilm} \hat{r}_l \ddot{a}_m$$

$$(\delta_{jl} \delta_{km} - \delta_{jm} \delta_{kl}) \hat{r}_j \ddot{a}_k \hat{r}_l \ddot{a}_m$$

$$\hat{r}^2 \ddot{a}^2 - (\hat{r} \cdot \ddot{\vec{a}})^2 = \ddot{a}^2 - (\hat{r} \cdot \ddot{\vec{a}})^2$$

$$\vec{S} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi r^2} \left[ \left( \frac{d^2 \vec{p}}{dt^2} \right)^2 - \left( \hat{r} \cdot \frac{d^2 \vec{p}}{dt^2} \right)^2 \right]_{t' = t - r/c}$$

The differential power is

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \hat{r} \cdot \vec{S} r^2 = \frac{\mu_0}{16\pi^2 c} \left[ \ddot{\vec{p}}^2 - (\hat{r} \cdot \ddot{\vec{p}})^2 \right]$$

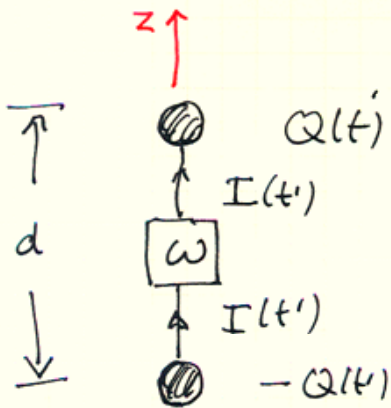
Do you see why  $\vec{S}$  as  $\frac{1}{r^2}$  is important?

and the total power is Energy conservation!  $\frac{dE}{dt}$  independent of  $r$

$$P = \int \frac{dP}{d\Omega} d\Omega = \frac{\mu_0}{16\pi^2 c} |\ddot{\vec{p}}|^2 \int \underbrace{(1 - \cos^2 \theta)}_{2 - 2/3 = 4/3} \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

$$P = \frac{\mu_0}{6\pi c} \left| \frac{d^2 \vec{p}}{dt^2} \right|^2 \quad (\text{at } t' = t - r/c)$$



Example: the Hertzian Dipole

$$Q(t') = Q_0 \cos \omega t'$$

$$I(t') = \dot{Q} = -\omega Q_0 \sin \omega t'$$

$$\vec{p}(t') = Q d \hat{k} = \hat{k} p_0 \cos \omega t'$$

$$p_0 = Q_0 d$$

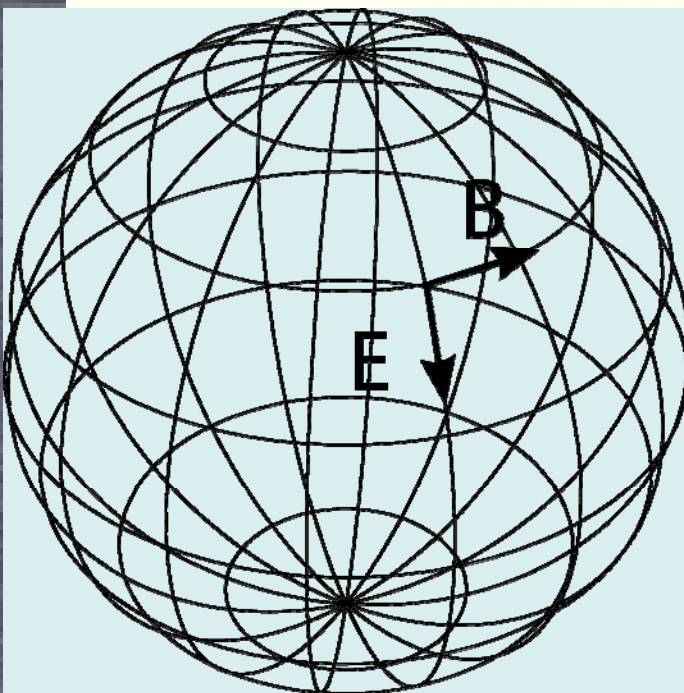
$$\dot{\vec{p}} = -\hat{k} \omega p_0 \sin \omega t'$$

$$\ddot{\vec{p}} = -\hat{k} \omega^2 p_0 \cos \omega t'$$

$$\vec{B}_{\text{rad}} = \frac{-\mu_0}{4\pi r c} \hat{r} \times \ddot{\vec{p}} = \frac{-\mu_0 p_0 \omega^2}{4\pi r c} \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \hat{\phi} \cos \omega t'$$

$$\vec{E}_{\text{rad}} = c \vec{B}_{\text{rad}} \times \hat{r} = \frac{-\mu_0 p_0 \omega^2}{4\pi} \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \hat{\theta} \cos \omega t'$$

$$\vec{S} = \frac{\vec{E} \times \vec{B}}{\mu_0} = \frac{\mu_0 p_0^2 \omega^4}{16\pi^2 c} \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} \hat{r} \cos^2 \omega t'$$



$$P_{\text{average over time}} = \frac{\mu_0 p_0^2 \omega^4}{12\pi c}$$


## Quiz Question

Apply the classical theory for Hertzian dipole radiation on an atomic scale. That is, suppose  $p_0 = e d$  where  $d = 10^{-10}$  m; and suppose  $\hbar\omega = \Delta$  where  $\Delta = 10$  eV =  $10 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  J. Then:

(A) Calculate the classical radiated power,  $P_{\text{avg}}$ , in eV/s.

(B) Estimate the classical lifetime of the radiation process.

$$\hbar \omega = \Delta$$



$\hbar = 1.055 \times 10^{-34}$  Js