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**E&M: Plane Waves, Waveguides, Boundary Absorption**

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Happy Birthday to Arthur Compton (1927 Nobel), Joey Votto, Colin Firth, and the LHC!  
Happy Swap Ideas Day, International Make-Up Day, and Cheap Advice Day!

# Maxwell's Equations

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho$$

Electric charge density

Electric charge generates electric displacement

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

Faraday's Law

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

No magnetic charges

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$$

Magnetic field generated by real or displacement current density

Electric current density

Maxwell's Equations are linear in the source terms  $\rho$  and  $\vec{J}$ .  
In general will generate linear (partial) differential equations to solve. Superposition valid!

# Constitutive Relations

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0 \vec{E}$$

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \frac{\text{C}}{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2}$$

$\vec{D}$  : Electric displacement field

$\vec{E}$  : Electric field

$\epsilon$  : Permittivity

$$\epsilon_0 \mu_0 = \frac{1}{c^2}$$

$$\vec{B} = \mu \vec{H} = \mu_r \mu_0 \vec{H}$$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{C}^2}$$

$\vec{B}$  : Magnetic field

$\vec{H}$  : Magnetizing field

$\mu$  : Permeability

# Source-Free Maxwell Equations

- When there are no sources ( $\vec{J} = 0, \rho = 0$ ) then Maxwell's equations become much more symmetric:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = 0$$

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

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{H} = \frac{1}{\mu} \vec{B}$$

## Harmonic Dependence of Fields

- The linearity of the first order time derivatives suggests that we can assume a harmonic time dependence of our magnetic and electric fields

$$\vec{B}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{B}_0(\vec{x}) e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\vec{E}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{E}_0(\vec{x}) e^{-i\omega t}$$

This gives the spatial Maxwell Equations:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} - i\omega \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} + i\omega \mu \epsilon \vec{E} = 0$$

## Plane Waves

- Taking the curl of each curl equation and using the identity

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) = \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}) - \nabla^2 \vec{E} = -\nabla^2 \vec{E}$$

then gives us two **identical** spatial wave equations with straightforward solutions:

$$[\nabla^2 + \mu\epsilon\omega^2]\vec{E} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{E}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{E}_0 e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - i\omega t}$$

$$[\nabla^2 + \mu\epsilon\omega^2]\vec{B} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{B}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{B}_0 e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - i\omega t}$$

These are plane waves traveling in direction  $\vec{k}$

## Plane Wave Properties

$$\vec{E}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{E}_0 e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - i\omega t}$$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{B}_0 e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - i\omega t}$$

The source-free divergence equations imply

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{E}_0 = \vec{k} \cdot \vec{B}_0 = 0$$

so the fields are both transverse to the direction  $\vec{k}$

Faraday's law also implies that both fields are spatially transverse to each other

$$\vec{B}_0 = \frac{\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_0}{\omega} = \frac{n\hat{n} \times \vec{E}_0}{c} \quad \hat{n} \equiv \frac{\vec{k}}{k}$$

Here  $n$  is the index of refraction.

## Standing Waves

$$\vec{E}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{E}_0 e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - i\omega t}$$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{B}_0 e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - i\omega t}$$

Note that Maxwell's equations are linear, so any linear combination of magnetic/electric fields is also a solution.

Thus a **standing wave** solution is also acceptable, where there are two plane waves moving in opposite directions:

$$\vec{E}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{E}_0 \left( e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - i\omega t} + e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - i\omega t} \right)$$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{B}_0 \left( e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - i\omega t} + e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - i\omega t} \right)$$



# Polarization

$$\vec{E}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{E}_0 e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - i\omega t}$$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{B}_0 e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - i\omega t}$$

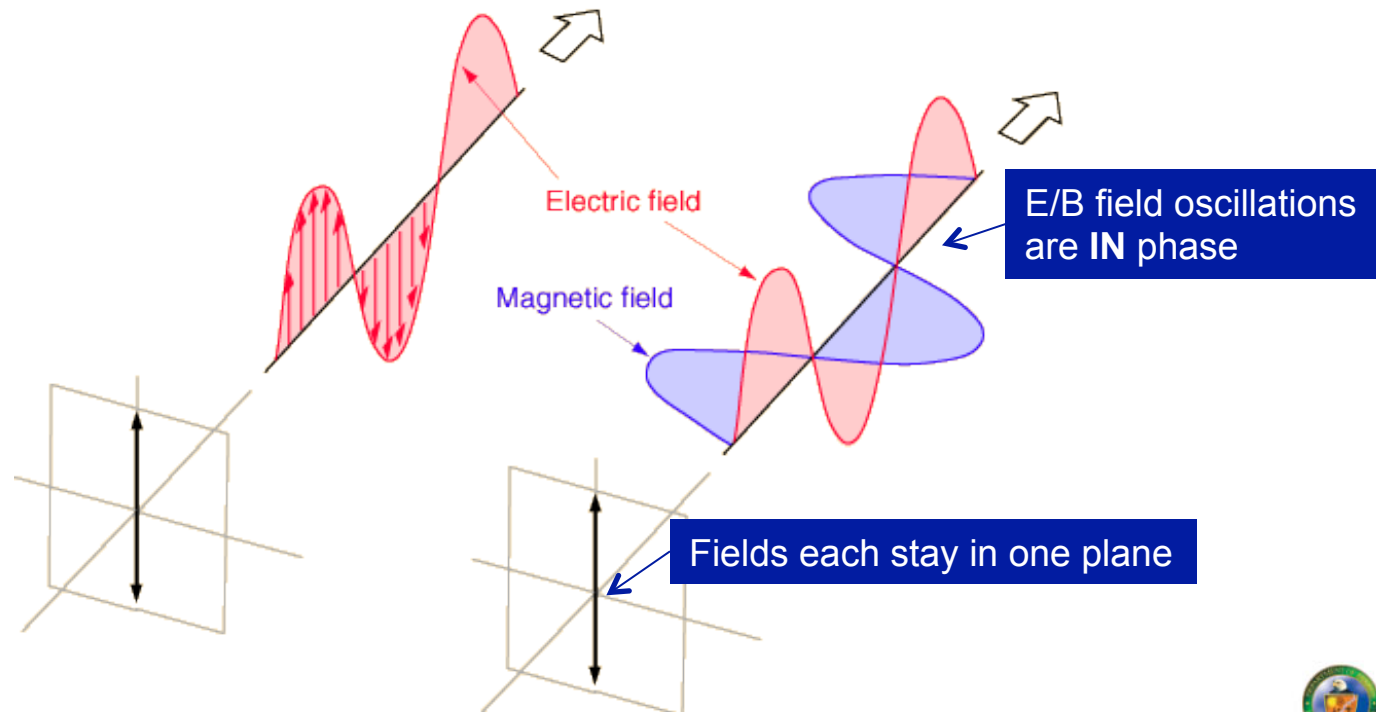
- As long as the  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  fields are transverse, they can still have different transverse components.
  - So our description of these fields is also incomplete until we specify the transverse coordinates at all locations in space
  - This is equivalent to an uncertainty in phase of rotation of  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  around the wave vector  $\vec{k}$ .
  - The identification of this transverse field coordinate basis defines the **polarization** of the field.

# Linear Polarization

$$\vec{E}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{E}_0 e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - i\omega t}$$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{B}_0 e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - i\omega t}$$

- So, for example, if  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  transverse directions are constant and do not change through the plane wave, the wave is said to be **linearly polarized**.



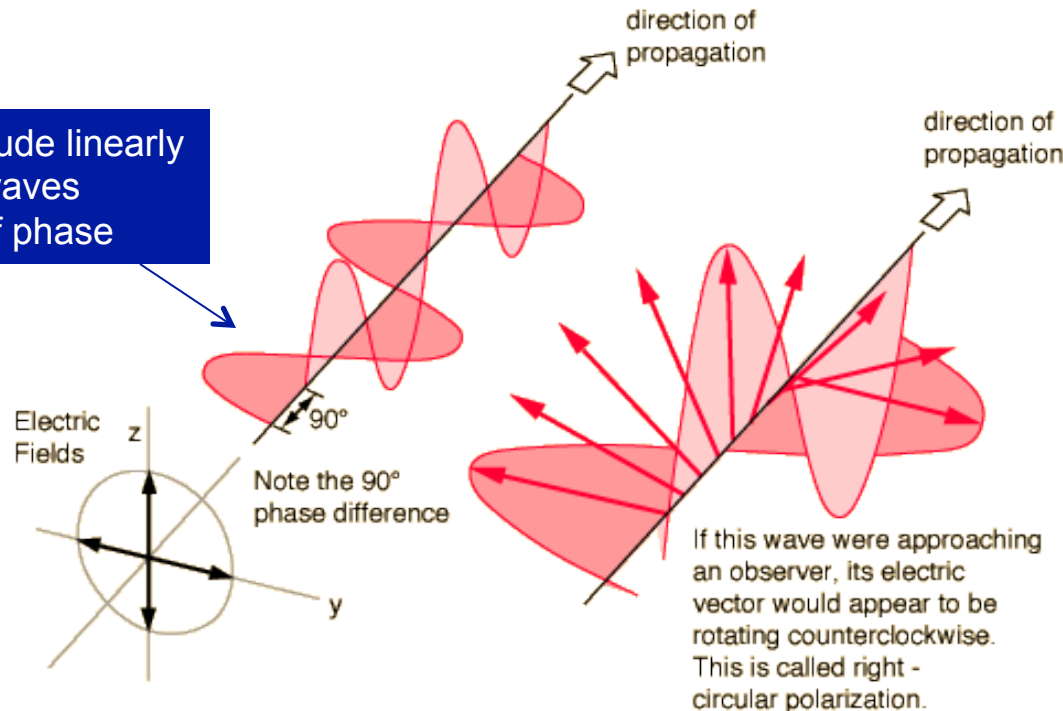
# Circular Polarization

$$\vec{E}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{E}_0 \left( e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}-i\omega t} + e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}-i\omega t+\pi/2} \right)$$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{B}_0 \left( e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}-i\omega t} + e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}-i\omega t+\pi/2} \right)$$

- If  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  transverse directions vary with time, they can appear as two plane waves traveling out of phase. This phase difference is 90 degrees for **circular polarization**.

Two equal-amplitude linearly polarized plane waves 90 degrees out of phase



# Back to Maxwell, Now in Accelerators

- Not all space is source-free
  - We'll have to deal with boundary conditions
  - We'll even have to deal with complicated (linear) combinations of our plane waves in source-free space
- Accelerators have privileged directions
  - E.g. the design momentum direction of the beam
  - This is not always the same as our  $k$  direction!
  - So let's break down Maxwell's equations again, now into transverse and longitudinal ( $z$ ) components

## Transverse Separation of Coordinates

- Here  $\hat{z}$  labels the direction along the beam, and  $t$  labels transverse coordinates perpendicular to  $\hat{z}$

$$\vec{E} = E_z \hat{z} + \vec{E}_t \quad \vec{E}_t = \vec{E} - (\vec{E} \cdot \hat{z}) \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{B} = B_z \hat{z} + \vec{B}_t \quad \vec{B}_t = \vec{B} - (\vec{B} \cdot \hat{z}) \hat{z}$$

$$\left[ \nabla_t^2 + (\mu \epsilon \omega^2) - k^2 \right] \begin{cases} \vec{E} \\ \vec{B} \end{cases} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{E}_t}{\partial z} + i\omega \hat{z} \times \vec{B}_t = \vec{\nabla}_t E_z \quad \hat{z} \cdot (\vec{\nabla}_t \times \vec{E}_t) = i\omega B_z$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{B}_t}{\partial z} - i\mu \epsilon \omega \hat{z} \times \vec{E}_t = \vec{\nabla}_t B_z \quad \hat{z} \cdot (\vec{\nabla}_t \times \vec{B}_t) = -i\mu \epsilon \omega E_z$$

$$\vec{\nabla}_t \cdot \vec{E}_t = -\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial z} \quad \vec{\nabla}_t \cdot \vec{B}_t = -\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z}$$

## Transverse Separation of Coordinates II

- We can even write down the transverse fields **completely** in terms of the longitudinal fields

$$\vec{E}_t = \frac{i}{\mu\epsilon\omega^2 - k^2} \left[ k\vec{\nabla}_t E_z - \omega\hat{z} \times \vec{\nabla}_t B_z \right]$$

$$\vec{B}_t = \frac{i}{\mu\epsilon\omega^2 - k^2} \left[ k\vec{\nabla}_t B_z - \mu\epsilon\omega\hat{z} \times \vec{\nabla}_t E_z \right]$$

Notice how beautifully symmetric these equations are.

This is a helpful decomposition of plane wave solutions to Maxwell's equations into one longitudinal direction and two transverse directions.

## Boundary Conditions: TM and TE Modes

$$\vec{E}_t = \frac{i}{\mu\epsilon\omega^2 - k^2} \left[ k\vec{\nabla}_t E_z - \omega\hat{z} \times \vec{\nabla}_t B_z \right]$$

$$\vec{B}_t = \frac{i}{\mu\epsilon\omega^2 - k^2} \left[ k\vec{\nabla}_t B_z - \mu\epsilon\omega\hat{z} \times \vec{\nabla}_t E_z \right]$$

- We can come up with some boundary conditions for a couple of simple cases where either electric (TE) or magnetic (TM) fields are completely transverse to  $\hat{z}$

Transverse Magnetic (TM)

$$B_z = 0; \quad \text{Boundary Condition } E_z|_S = 0$$

Transverse Electric (TE)

$$E_z = 0; \quad \text{Boundary Condition } \left. \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial n} \right|_S = 0$$

# Waveguides

- Consider the relationship between the transverse field components

$$\vec{H}_t = \frac{\pm 1}{Z} \hat{z} \times \vec{E}_t$$

Impedance Z

Wave Impedance

$$Z = \begin{cases} \frac{k}{\epsilon\omega} = \frac{k}{k_0} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} & \text{(TM) } B_z = 0 \\ \frac{\mu\omega}{k} = \frac{k_0}{k} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} & \text{(TE) } E_z = 0 \end{cases}$$



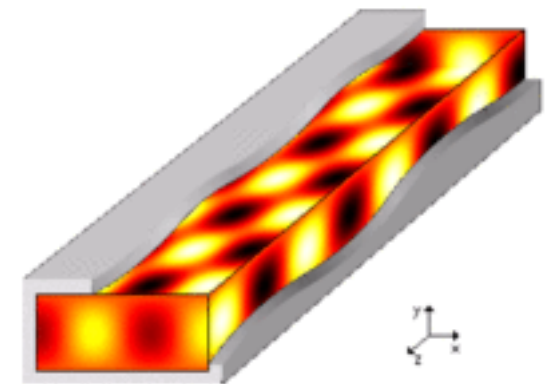
# Waveguides

$$\vec{E}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{E}_0 e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - i\omega t}$$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{B}_0 e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - i\omega t}$$

- Plane waves carry electromagnetic energy in the  $\vec{k}$  direction and are periodic in all three spatial dimensions
  - We can use that spatial periodicity in transverse boundary conditions, such as at a conductor wall.
  - (Near-)perfect conductors allow us to match transverse boundary conditions

This gives a plane wave propagating longitudinally in a finite transverse volume



# Transverse Fields as an Eigenvalue Problem

## TM Waves

$$\vec{E}_t = \pm \frac{ik}{\gamma^2} \vec{\nabla}_t \psi \quad \begin{aligned} \gamma &\equiv (\mu\epsilon\omega^2 - k^2) \\ \psi &\equiv E_z \end{aligned}$$

## TE Waves

$$\vec{H}_t = \pm \frac{ik}{\gamma^2} \vec{\nabla}_t \psi \quad \begin{aligned} \gamma &\equiv (\mu\epsilon\omega^2 - k^2) \\ \psi &\equiv B_z \end{aligned}$$

## Transverse Helmholtz Equation

$$\left( \nabla_t^2 + \gamma^2 \right) \psi = \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \gamma^2 \right) \psi = 0$$

Differential equation with boundary conditions on  $E_z$  or  $B_z$

# Boundary Conditions

- The boundary conditions are different for TM and TE

$$(\psi \equiv E_z)|_S = 0 \quad (\text{TM}) \quad \left( \frac{\partial(\psi \equiv B_z)}{\partial n} \right) |_S = 0 \quad (\text{TE})$$

- For many plane waves of various  $k$  values, there are a spectrum of eigenvalues  $\gamma_\lambda$  and eigenfunctions  $\psi_\lambda(x, y)$  that solve the Helmholtz equation

$$(\nabla_t^2 + \gamma_\lambda^2) \psi_\lambda(x, y) = \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \gamma_\lambda \right) \psi_\lambda(x, y) = 0$$

Here the wave number  $\vec{k}_\lambda$  of a particular mode  $\lambda$  is

$$k_\lambda^2 = \mu\epsilon\omega^2 - \gamma_\lambda^2$$

# Cutoff Frequency

$$k_{\lambda}^2 = \mu\epsilon\omega^2 - \gamma_{\lambda}^2$$

- What happens when a mode has a frequency such that the right hand side above is negative?
  - Then  $k_{\lambda}$  is imaginary and the mode does not propagate
  - This property is called **cutoff**
  - This happens for frequencies **below the cutoff frequency**

$$\omega_{\lambda}^2 \equiv \frac{\gamma_{\lambda}^2}{\mu\epsilon} \quad k_{\lambda}^2 = \mu\epsilon(\omega^2 - \omega_{\lambda}^2)$$

- If you want to propagate a single frequency mode (best for narrow-band response)
  - It's best to build your waveguide so its frequency is below cutoff for the fundamental mode and below cutoff for all other modes