



# Outline

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- Wave equations in source-free region
- Time-harmonic fields in source-free region
- Inhomogeneous wave equation: wave/light generation



- Wave equations
  - Homogeneous equations in **time-domain**



# Time-domain Maxwell's equations

- Simple medium

- Linear, homogeneous, isotropic:  $\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}; \quad \vec{B} = \mu \vec{H}$

- Charge-free:  $\rho = 0$

- Non-conducting:  $\vec{J} = 0$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla \times \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho \\ \nabla \times \vec{H} = \vec{J} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla \times \vec{E} = - \mu \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} \end{array} \right. \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{H} = \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \quad (3)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{H} = 0 \quad (4)$$



# Time-domain homogeneous wave equation-(1)

- Take curl of Eq. (1)

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

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

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

$$= \nabla \times \left( -\mu \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} \right) = -\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times \vec{H})$$

$$= -\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) = -\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{E} - \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

Free-space:  $\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0$



## Time-domain homogeneous wave equation-(2)

- Take curl of Eq. (3)

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

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

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

$$= \nabla \times \left( \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) = \epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times \vec{E})$$

$$= \epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( -\mu \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} \right) = -\mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{H} - \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2} = 0$$



# Compared to T-Lines

- High similarities

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} v(z, t) = LC \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} v(z, t)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} i(z, t) = LC \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} i(z, t)$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{H} - \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

Scalar waves

$$\text{Velocity: } v_p = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$



Vector waves

$$\text{Velocity: } u_p = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}}$$



# Comments

- We assumed charge-free and current-free:  $\rho = 0, \vec{J} = 0$ 
  - These equations only deals how the waves **propagate**.
  - They do not tell us how the waves are **generated**.
- We assume a simple medium. If the medium is complicated: (nonlinear, anisotropic, inhomogeneous), then the wave equation will be different.



- Time-harmonic fields (**frequency-domain**)
  - Wave equation with sinusoidal time functions
  - Helmholtz's equations



# Why **time-harmonics**?

- Any periodic (aperiodic) function → superposition of discrete (continuous) sinusoidal functions by **Fourier** series (integral).
- Maxwell's equations are **linear**.
  - Sinusoidal sources produce sinusoidal fields of the same frequency in steady state.
  - Total field can be derived by superposition of individual sinusoidal responses.
- Easy to operate if **phasors** are used:  $\vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{A}(\vec{r})e^{j\omega t}$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rightarrow j\omega, \quad \int dt \rightarrow \frac{1}{j\omega}$$



# Scalar to vector phasor notation

- Scalar phasors of voltages & currents are sufficient to describe steady-state response of TX lines:

$$v(z, t) = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ V(z) \cdot e^{j\omega t} \right\}$$

$$i(z, t) = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ I(z) \cdot e^{j\omega t} \right\}$$

- Vector phasors of E-field and M-field are required to describe time-harmonic EM fields:

$$\vec{E}(x, y, z, t) = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \vec{E}(x, y, z) e^{j\omega t} \right\}$$

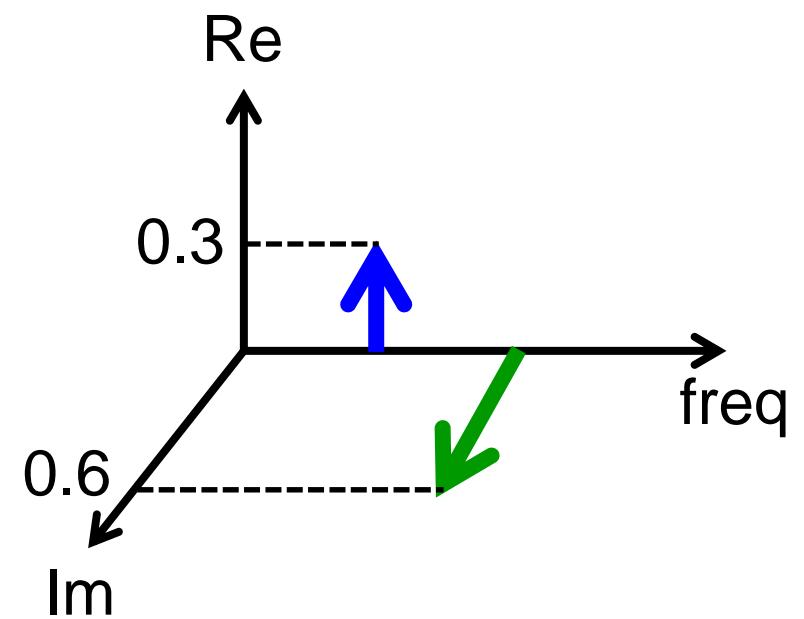
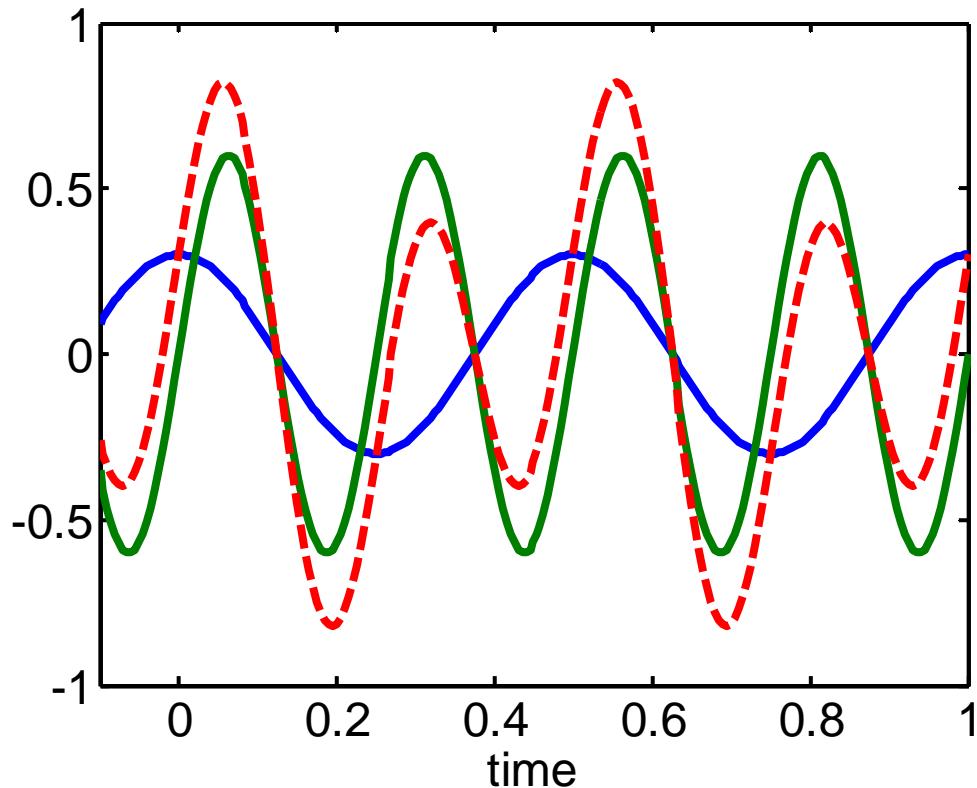
$$\vec{H}(x, y, z, t) = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \vec{H}(x, y, z) e^{j\omega t} \right\}$$



# Phasor: time → frequency spectrum!

- Magnitude and phase of a single-frequency

$$e(t) = 0.3 \cos(2\pi \times 2t) + 0.6 \sin(2\pi \times 4t)$$





# Frequency-domain Maxwell's equations

- For simple, source-free, current-free medium

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla \times \vec{E} = -\mu \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \\ \nabla \times \vec{H} = \epsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{H} = 0 \end{array} \right. \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} \vec{E}(\vec{r},t) \rightarrow \vec{E}(\vec{r}) \\ \vec{H}(\vec{r},t) \rightarrow \vec{H}(\vec{r}) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rightarrow j\omega \end{array}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla \times \vec{E} = -j\omega \mu \vec{H} \quad (1) \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \quad (2) \\ \nabla \times \vec{H} = j\omega \epsilon \vec{E} \quad (3) \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{H} = 0 \quad (4) \end{array} \right.$$



# Frequency-domain wave equation-(1)

- Take curl of Eq. (1)  $\nabla \times \vec{E} = -j\omega\mu\vec{H}$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{E} &= \nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{E}) - \nabla^2 \vec{E} = -\nabla^2 \vec{E} \quad \nabla \times \vec{H} = j\omega\epsilon \vec{E} \\ &= \nabla \times (-j\omega\mu\vec{H}) = -j\omega\mu(\nabla \times \vec{H}) \\ &= -j\omega\mu(j\omega\epsilon \vec{E}) = \omega^2 \mu\epsilon \vec{E}\end{aligned}$$

$$k \equiv \omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon} = \frac{\omega}{u_p} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \Rightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{E} + k^2 \vec{E} = 0$$

Wave vector, propagation constant



## Frequency-domain wave equation-(2)

- Take curl of Eq. (3)

$$\nabla \times \vec{H} = j\omega \varepsilon \vec{E}$$

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{H} = -\nabla^2 \vec{H}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -j\omega \mu \vec{H}$$

$$= \nabla \times (j\omega \varepsilon \vec{E}) = j\omega \varepsilon (\nabla \times \vec{E})$$

$$= j\omega \varepsilon (-j\omega \mu \vec{H}) = \omega^2 \mu \varepsilon \vec{H}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{H} + k^2 \vec{H} = 0$$



# Wave vector, wavelength, frequency

- Wave vector, propagation constant  $\nabla^2 \vec{E} + k^2 \vec{E} = 0$ 
  - In a medium, **wavelength changes**, but not frequency

$$k = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}, \quad n \equiv \sqrt{\epsilon_r}$$

$$= \frac{\omega}{u_p} = \frac{\omega}{c/n} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_0/n} = nk_0$$

But usually it's **n(ω)** ⇔ dispersion



# Phasor-domain: compared to T-Lines

- High similarities

Homogeneous  
Helmholtz's equations

$$\frac{d^2}{dz^2}V(z) + \beta^2 V(z) = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dz^2}I(z) + \beta^2 I(z) = 0$$

$$\beta = \omega\sqrt{LC}$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E}(\vec{r}) + k^2 \vec{E}(\vec{r}) = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{H}(\vec{r}) + k^2 \vec{H}(\vec{r}) = 0$$

$$k = \omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$$



# Waves in lossy medium: complex permittivity

- If the medium is conducting ( $\sigma \neq 0$ ), the presence of  $\vec{E}$  results in **conduction** currents  $\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$

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

$$\nabla \times \vec{H} = \sigma \vec{E} + j\omega \epsilon \vec{E}$$

$$= j\omega \left( \frac{\sigma}{j\omega} + \epsilon \right) \vec{E} = j\omega \epsilon_c \vec{E}$$

$$\boxed{\epsilon_c = \epsilon - j \frac{\sigma}{\omega}} \dots \text{complex permittivity}$$



# Complex permittivity → complex wave number

$$\epsilon_c = \epsilon - j \frac{\sigma}{\omega} = \epsilon \left( 1 - j \frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon} \right)$$

$$k_c = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon_c} = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon (1 - j \tan \delta_c)}$$

Loss tangent

$$\tan \delta_c = \frac{\sigma}{\omega \epsilon}$$

$$k_c = k' - jk'' \quad \rightarrow \text{Loss!!!} \quad \text{Frequency dependent!}$$

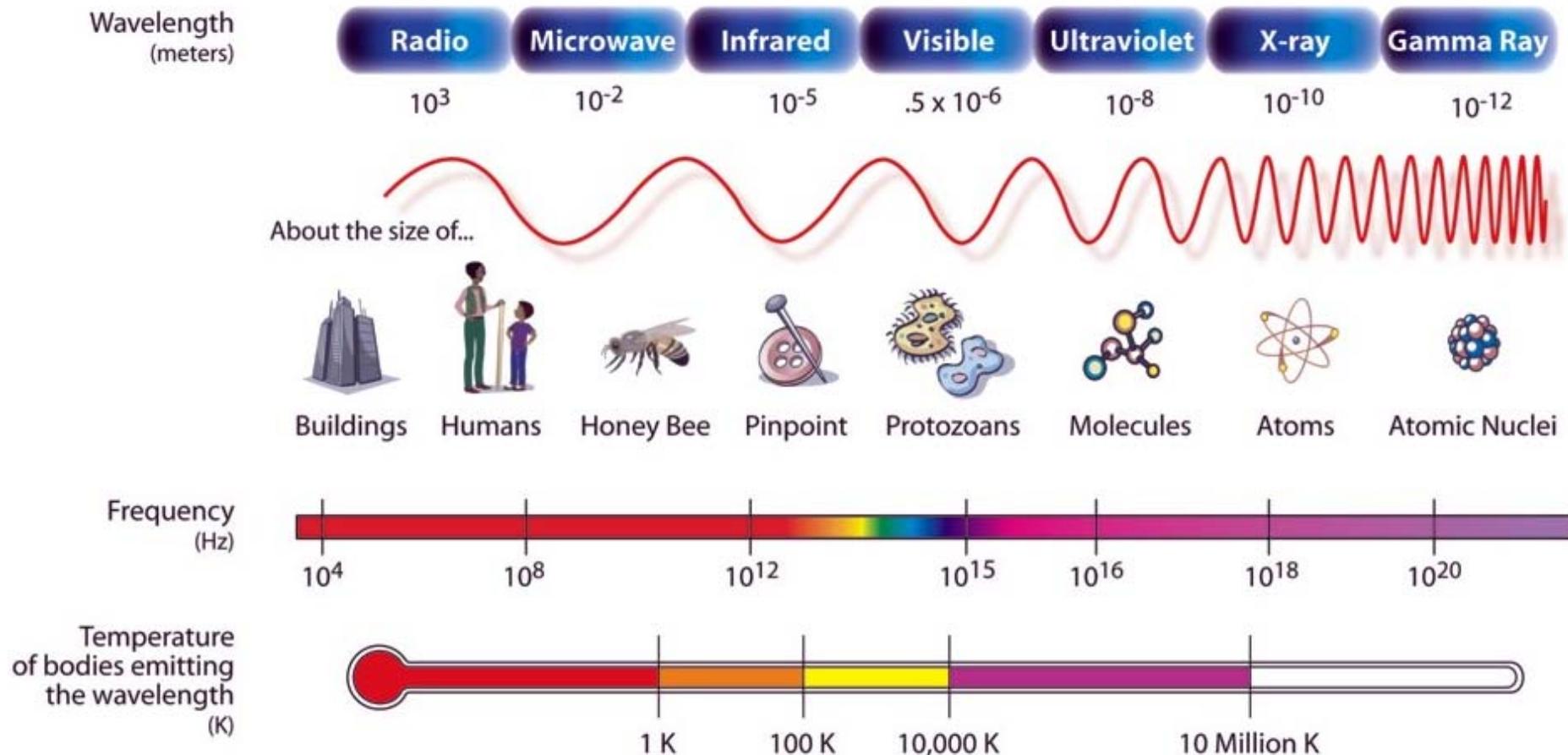
If  $\tan \delta_c \ll 1$ , ⇒ a **dielectric**

If  $\tan \delta_c \gg 1$ , ⇒ a **conductor**



# The EM spectrum

- Can all be calculated by Maxwell's equations





- Inhomogeneous wave equation
  - Time-varying e-dipole → accelerating charge
  - Wave/light generation



# Induced polarization in dielectric media

- Induced **time-varying** electric dipoles

$$\vec{D}(\vec{r}, t) = \epsilon_0 \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) + \vec{P}(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{E} = -\nabla^2 \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times \vec{B})$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \Rightarrow \nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{P}}{\partial t}$$

This extra term gives the **Inhomogeneous Wave Equation**:

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = \mu_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{P}}{\partial t^2}$$



# Inhomogeneous wave equation

- Time-varying e-dipole → wave source term
- Accelerating charges

$$\vec{P}(\vec{r}, t) = Nq\vec{x}_q(\vec{r}, t)$$

$\vec{x}_q(t)$  : separation of the charges

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = \mu_0 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{P}}{\partial t^2} = \mu_0 Nq \frac{\partial^2 \vec{x}_q}{\partial t^2}$$

But  $\partial^2 \vec{x}_q / \partial t^2$  is just the charge acceleration!

So it's **accelerating** charges that emit light!

# Time-varying e-dipole

- Time instants
- Animation

