

## LECTURE NOTES 13

### ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION

In P436 Lect. Notes 4-10.5 (Griffiths *ch.* 9-10}, we discussed the propagation of macroscopic *EM* waves, but we did not discuss how macroscopic *EM* waves are created. Using what we learned in P436 Lect. Notes 12, we can now discuss how macroscopic *EM* waves are created.

“Encrypted” into Maxwell’s equations:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 1) \quad \boxed{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = -\frac{\rho_{tot}(\vec{r}, t)}{\epsilon_o}} & 3) \quad \boxed{\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t}} \\
 2) \quad \boxed{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) = 0} & 4) \quad \boxed{\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) = \mu_o \vec{J}_{tot}(\vec{r}, t) + \mu_o \epsilon_o \frac{\partial \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t}}
 \end{array}$$

is the physics associated with radiation of electromagnetic waves/electromagnetic energy, arising from the acceleration {and/or deceleration} of electric charges (and/or electric currents).

In the P436 Lecture Notes #12, we derived the (retarded) electromagnetic fields associated with a moving point charge  $q$  from the Liénard-Wiechert potentials:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \boxed{V_r(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \frac{1}{\kappa r}} \quad \text{where:} \quad \boxed{\mathbf{r} \equiv c\Delta t_r = c(t - t_r)}, \quad \boxed{\vec{r} \equiv \vec{r} - \vec{r}'(t_r)} \\
 \boxed{\vec{A}_r(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{\mu_o q \vec{v}(t_r)}{4\pi \kappa r}} \quad \text{and:} \quad \boxed{\kappa \equiv 1 - \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \vec{v}(t_r)/c = 1 - \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \vec{\beta}(t_r)} = \text{“retardation” factor} \\
 \text{With:} \quad \boxed{\vec{A}_r(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{\beta}(t_r)(V_r(\vec{r}, t)/c)} \quad \boxed{\vec{\beta}(t_r) \equiv \vec{v}(t_r)/c} \quad \text{and:} \quad \boxed{c^2 = 1/\epsilon_o \mu_o}
 \end{array}$$

We also derived the corresponding {retarded} electric and magnetic fields associated with a moving point charge  $q$ :

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \boxed{\vec{E}_r(\vec{r}, t) = -\vec{\nabla} V_r(\vec{r}, t) - \frac{\partial \vec{A}_r(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t}} \\
 \boxed{\vec{E}_r(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \frac{\mathbf{r}}{(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{u}(t_r))^3} \left[ \overbrace{\left( c^2 - v^2(t_r) \right) \vec{u}(t_r)}^{\text{term for generalized Coulomb field/velocity field}} + \overbrace{\vec{r} \times (\vec{u}(t_r) \times \vec{a}(t_r))}^{\text{term for radiation/acceleration field}} \right]} \\
 \boxed{\vec{B}_r(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}_r(\vec{r}, t)} \quad \text{where:} \quad \boxed{\vec{u}(t_r) \equiv c\hat{\mathbf{r}} - \vec{v}(t_r)} \\
 \boxed{\vec{B}_r(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{c} \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \frac{1}{(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{u}(t_r))^3} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \left[ \overbrace{\left( c^2 - v^2(t_r) \right) \vec{u}(t_r)}^{\text{term for generalized Coulomb field/velocity field}} + \overbrace{\vec{r} \times (\vec{u}(t_r) \times \vec{a}(t_r))}^{\text{term for radiation/acceleration field}} \right]} \quad \boxed{\vec{B}_r(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{c} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \vec{E}_r(\vec{r}, t)}
 \end{array}$$



The instantaneous  $EM$  power associated with the Generalized Coulomb field is:

$$P_r^{GCF}(\vec{r}, t) = \oint_{S'} \vec{S}_r^{GCF}(\vec{r}', t) \cdot d\vec{a}'_{\perp} = \frac{1}{\mu_o} \oint_{S'} (\vec{E}_r^{GCF}(\vec{r}', t) \times \vec{B}_r^{GCF}(\vec{r}', t)) \cdot d\vec{a}'_{\perp}$$

But:  $\vec{E}_r^{GCF}(\vec{r}, t) \sim 1/r^2$  (even faster than this, if the net charge = 0, e.g. for higher order  $EM$  moments associated with electric dipoles, quadrupoles, octupoles, etc. ...)

And:  $\vec{B}_r^{GCF}(\vec{r}, t) \sim 1/r^2$  (even faster than this, if the net charge = 0, e.g. for higher order  $EM$  moments associated with magnetic dipoles, quadrupoles, octupoles, etc. ...)

$\Rightarrow \vec{S}_r^{GCF}(\vec{r}, t) \sim 1/r^4$  (ever faster, for high-order  $EM$  moments than a point charge distribution)

But:  $A_{\perp}^{sphere} = 4\pi r^2$  = area of sphere of radius  $r$ .

$$\therefore P_r^{GCF}(\vec{r}, t) \sim \frac{1}{r^4} \cdot r^2 \sim \frac{1}{r^2} \Rightarrow \text{EM Power associated with Generalized Coulomb fields is only appreciable near the source.}$$

Note that  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} P_r^{GCF}(\vec{r}, t) = 0$  i.e. no  $EM$  power is associated with G.C.F. at  $r = \infty$

$\Rightarrow$  "static" sources do not radiate  $EM$  energy.

On the other hand, the instantaneous  $EM$  power associated with the radiation/acceleration fields is:

$$P_r^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) = \oint_{S'} \vec{S}_r^{rad}(\vec{r}', t) \cdot d\vec{a}'_{\perp} = \frac{1}{\mu_o} \oint_{S'} (\vec{E}_r^{rad}(\vec{r}', t) \times \vec{B}_r^{rad}(\vec{r}', t)) \cdot d\vec{a}'_{\perp}$$

But:  $\vec{E}_r^{rad} \sim 1/r$  and  $\vec{B}_r^{rad} \sim 1/r \Rightarrow \vec{S}_r^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) \sim 1/r^2$ ,  $A_{\perp}^{sphere} \sim r^2$

$\therefore P_r^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) \sim 1$  (i.e.  $P_r^{rad}(\vec{r}, t)$  is independent of the radius of the enclosing surface  $S'$ )

Thus, we can simply pick  $r \rightarrow \infty$  to eliminate the  $P_r^{GCF}(\vec{r}, t)$  contribution!!!

{n.b. for non-localized sources of time-varying  $EM$  radiation – e.g. infinite planes, infinitely long wires, infinite solenoids, etc. this requires a different approach altogether... }

In general, arbitrary configurations of localized, time-dependent electric charge and/or electric current density distributions,  $\partial\rho(t_r)/\partial t_r \equiv \dot{\rho}(t_r)$  and  $\partial\vec{J}(t_r)/\partial t_r \equiv \dot{\vec{J}}(t_r)$  can/do produce  $EM$  radiation/freely-propagating  $EM$  waves.

As we learned in P435 (last semester), from the principal of linear superposition, we can always decompose an arbitrary electric charge and/or current distribution into a linear combination of  $EM$  moments of the electric charge/current distribution, i.e. electric monopole (electric charge), electric and magnetic dipole, electric and magnetic quadrupole, etc. ... moments. This is true {separately} for both static and time-varying  $EM$  moments of the electric charge and/or current distribution(s).

For a point electric monopole field  $\{E(0)\}$ , *i.e.*  $\rho(\vec{r}, t_r) = q\delta^3(t_r - (t - r/c))$

$$V_r^{(E0)}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{V'} \frac{\rho(\vec{r}', t_r)}{r} d\tau' = \frac{q(t_r = (t - r/c))}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

Where  $q(t) =$  total electric charge of the source at the time  $t$ . But electric charge is (always) conserved, and furthermore, (by definition) a localized source is one that does not have electric charge  $q$  flowing into or away from it. Therefore, the electric monopole moment contribution/portion associated with the (retarded) potential(s) and *EM* fields is of necessity static – *i.e.* the electric monopole moment  $q$  has no EM radiation associated with it. In other words, there can be no net transversely polarized *EM* radiation emitted from a spherically-symmetric charge distribution! {See *e.g.* J. D. Jackson *Classical Electrodynamics* 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. p. 410 for additional/further details.}

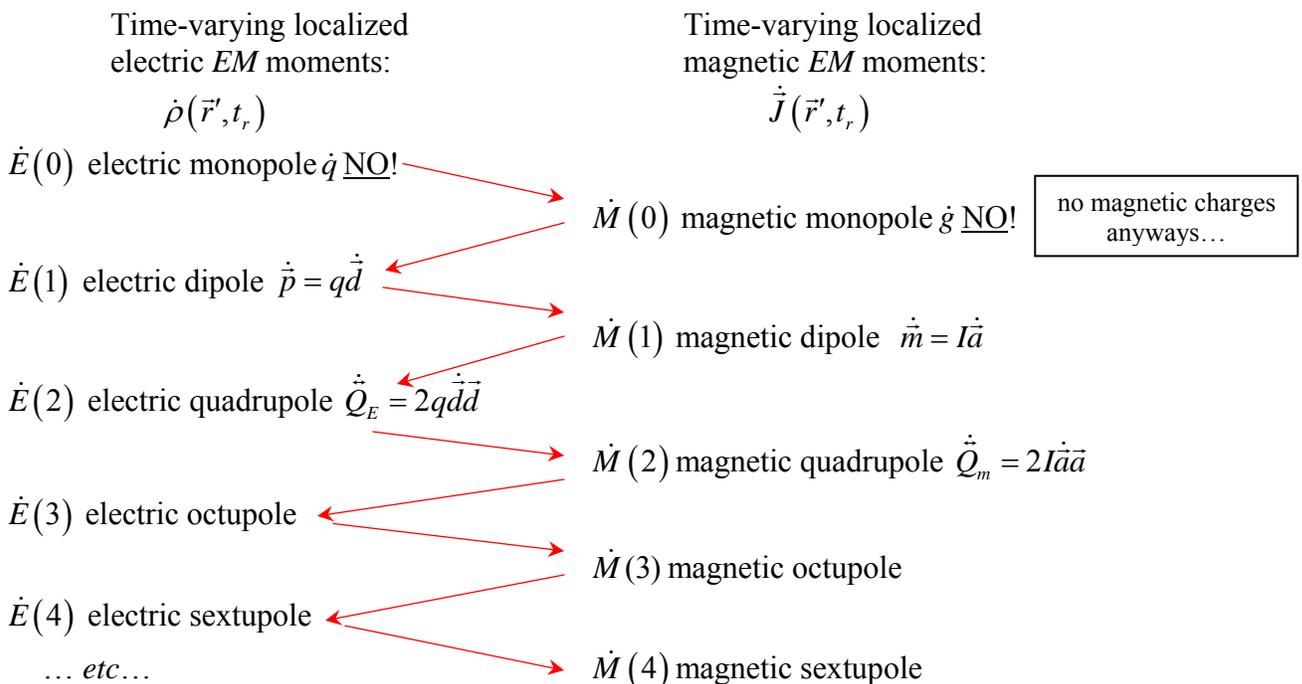
The lowest-order electric multipole moment capable of producing *EM* radiation is that associated with a time-varying electric dipole moment,  $\vec{p}(\vec{r}', t_r) = q\vec{d}(\vec{r}', t_r)$ .

⇒ Electric Dipole (E1) radiation originates from  $\dot{\rho}(\vec{r}', t_r)$

The lowest-order magnetic multipole moment capable of producing *EM* radiation is that associated with a time-varying magnetic dipole moment,  $\vec{m}(\vec{r}', t_r) = I\vec{a}(\vec{r}', t_r)$ .

⇒ Magnetic Dipole (M1) radiation originates from  $\dot{\vec{J}}(\vec{r}', t_r)$

Each time-varying, localized, higher-order *EM* moment contributes in alternating succession between  $\dot{\rho}(\vec{r}', t_r)$  and  $\dot{\vec{J}}(\vec{r}', t_r)$  (*i.e.* electric vs. magnetic):



∴ We will consider/discuss the case of *EM* radiation from an oscillating E(1) electric dipole and then discuss case of radiation from an arbitrary localized source consisting of an arbitrary linear combination of time-varying *EM* moments,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \dot{E}(n) + b_n \dot{M}(n))$ , where  $\dot{E}(n)$  and  $\dot{M}(n)$  are  $n^{\text{th}}$ -order time-varying electric and magnetic multipole moments, respectively.

### E(1) Electric Dipole Radiation:

Consider an oscillating (*i.e.* harmonic/sinusoidally time-varying) electric dipole:  $\vec{p}(t) = q\vec{d}(t)$  where the charge separation distance varies in time as:  $\vec{d}(t) = \vec{d}(t) \hat{z} = d_o \cos(\omega t) \hat{z}$ ,  $\omega = 2\pi f$

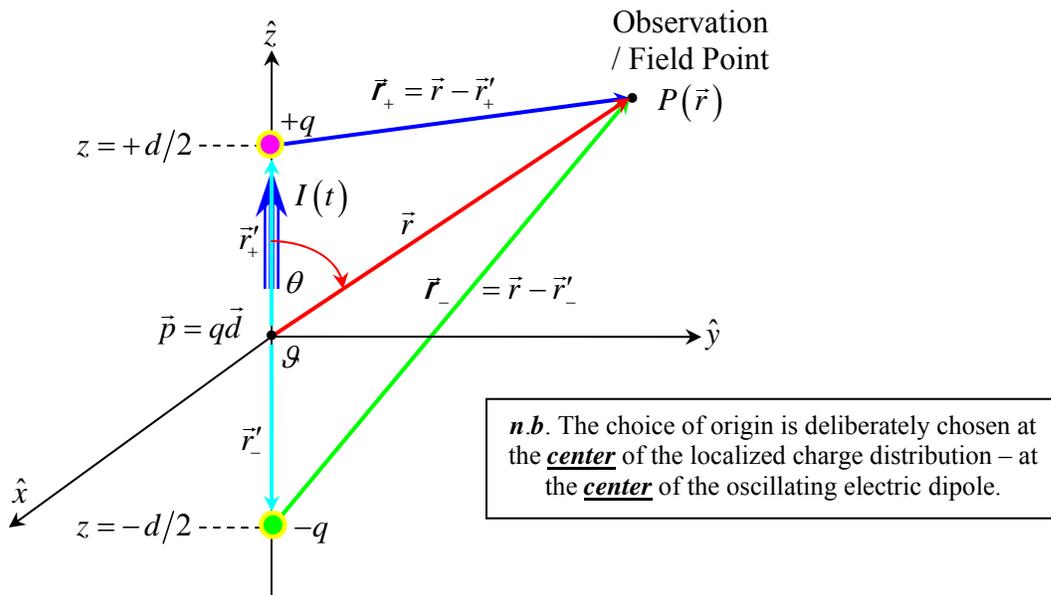
Then:  $\vec{p}(t) = qd_o \cos(\omega t) \hat{z} = p_o \cos(\omega t) \hat{z}$ , with:  $p_o = qd_o$ .

Equivalently, we *can* alternatively think of this as:  $\vec{p}(t) = q(t)\vec{d}$ , with  $\vec{d} = d\hat{z} = \text{constant}$ , and with time-varying/oscillating electric charge:  $q(t) = q_o \cos(\omega t)$ .

Then:  $\vec{p}(t) = q_o d \cos(\omega t) \hat{z} = p_o \cos(\omega t) \hat{z}$ , with:  $p_o = q_o d$ . {*n.b.* same result!}

Either way one views this, the physical picture is of a harmonically time-varying/oscillating electric dipole moment  $\vec{p}(t) = p_o \cos(\omega t) \hat{z} = qd \cos \omega t \hat{z}$  a picture of which, for a given moment/instant/snapshot in time is shown below, for  $t = 0$ :

*n.b.* ∃ an electric current associated with the oscillating electric dipole:  $\vec{I}(t) = \frac{dq(t)}{dt} \hat{z}$ ,  $\vec{I}(t=0) = 0$



*n.b.* ∃ exist (as always) some subtleties associated with the calculation of retarded potentials associated with moving point charges – we will address these subsequently, but not right here / right now... we'll stick with the oscillating charge  $q(t) = q_o \cos(\omega t)$  version for now...

Now  $\vec{p}(t) = p \cos(\omega t) \hat{z}$  refers to the time-dependence associated with itself. An observer at field point  $P(\vec{r})$  at  $\vec{r}$  “sees” the effects of the time-varying  $\vec{p}(t)$  manifest themselves at a finite time later,  $t = t_r + r/c$  or:  $t_r = t - r/c$  due to the retarded nature of this problem.

Thus,  $\vec{p}(t)$  used in the formulae for the retarded scalar and vector potentials needs to be evaluated at the retarded time  $t_r$ , i.e.  $\vec{p}(t) \rightarrow \vec{p}(t_r)$ .

$$V_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t) = \left( \frac{q_o}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \right) \frac{\cos(\omega t_r^+)}{r_+} - \left( \frac{q_o}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \right) \frac{\cos(\omega t_r^-)}{r_-} = \left( \frac{q_o}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \right) \left[ \frac{\cos(\omega t_r^+)}{r_+} - \frac{\cos(\omega t_r^-)}{r_-} \right]$$

charge at  $+d/2\hat{z}$                       charge at  $-d/2\hat{z}$

$$\vec{A}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t) = \left( \frac{\mu_o}{4\pi} \right) \int \frac{I(t_r)}{r} d\vec{\ell}' \quad \text{where: } I(t_r) = -q_o \omega \sin(\omega t_r) \quad \text{and: } d\vec{\ell}' = dz \hat{z}$$

Explicitly putting in the retarded time:  $t_r = t - r/c$ :

$$V_r^{E(1)}(r, t) = \left( \frac{q_o}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \right) \left[ \frac{\cos(\omega(t - r_+/c))}{r_+} - \frac{\cos(\omega(t - r_-/c))}{r_-} \right]$$

$$\vec{A}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t) = - \left( \frac{\mu_o q_o \omega}{4\pi} \right) \int_{z=-d/2}^{z=+d/2} \frac{\sin[\omega(t - r/c)]}{r} dz \hat{z}$$

Let us first focus our attention on calculating out  $V_r^{E(1)}(r, t)$ . From the law of cosines {see P435 Lecture Notes 8 *r.e.* the derivation of the static multipole moment expansion}:

$$r_{\pm} = \sqrt{r^2 \mp rd \cos \theta + (d/2)^2}$$

However, we want to investigate *EM* radiation in the “far zone” when  $r \gg d$ . For this situation:

$$r_{\pm} = r \sqrt{1 \mp \left(\frac{d}{r}\right) \cos \theta + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{d}{r}\right)^2} \approx r \sqrt{1 \mp \left(\frac{d}{r}\right) \cos \theta}$$

Or:  $r_{\pm} \approx r \left( 1 \mp \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d}{r}\right) \cos \theta \right)$  for  $r \gg d$ .

Similarly/correspondingly:

$$\frac{1}{r_{\pm}} \approx \frac{1}{r \left( 1 \mp \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d}{r}\right) \cos \theta \right)} \approx \frac{1}{r} \left( 1 \pm \left(\frac{d}{2r}\right) \cos \theta \right) \quad \text{for } r \gg d.$$

Likewise, for  $\cos(\omega(t - r_{\pm}/c))$  we have, for the “far zone”, when  $r \gg d$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(\omega(t - r_{\pm}/c)) &\approx \cos \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \left( 1 \mp \frac{d}{2r} \cos \theta \right) \right) \right] = \cos \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \pm \left( \frac{\omega d}{2c} \right) \cos \theta \right] \\ &= \cos \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] \cos \left[ \left( \frac{\omega d}{2c} \right) \cos \theta \right] \pm \sin \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] \sin \left[ \left( \frac{\omega d}{2c} \right) \cos \theta \right] \end{aligned}$$

In order to proceed further we need to make an additional simplifying assumption, namely that the characteristic spatial dimension of the source (here,  $a = d$ ) is  $\ll$  wavelength  $\lambda$  of the emitted radiation, *i.e.*  $d \ll \lambda$ , where  $\lambda = c/f$ . Thus:  $d \ll c/f$ , where:  $f = \omega/2\pi$ , or:

$$d \ll 2\pi c/\omega \text{ or: } d \ll c/\omega$$

*n.b.* This assumption is tantamount/physically equivalent to saying that we neglect any/all time-retardation effects associated with finite *EM* propagation delay times over the dimensions characteristic of/associated with the source – *i.e.* changes in charge/current are essentially coherent/ instantaneous.

Suppose we have a source (*e.g.* an atom) with  $a = d = 1 \text{ nm} = 10 \text{ \AA}$  emitting a  $f = 1 \text{ Hz}$  sine-wave. Since *EM* radiation travels propagates at  $1 \text{ ft} \approx 30 \text{ cm}$  per nanosecond, a  $1 \text{ nm}$  dimension source doesn't run into finite propagation decay time problems until:

$$c\Delta t \approx a = d \text{ (here) } \text{ i.e. } \underline{c\Delta t \approx 1 \text{ nm}} \Rightarrow \Delta t \approx \frac{10^{-9}}{3 \times 10^8} \approx 0.3 \times 10^{-17} \text{ sec} \Rightarrow \underline{f \approx 3 \times 10^{17} \text{ Hz}}$$

Thus, provided that we additionally are in the regime of  $d \ll \lambda$ , or  $d \ll c/\omega$ , *i.e.*  $\left( \frac{\omega d}{c} \right) \ll 1$ .

Then from the Taylor series expansion of  $\cos(x) \approx 1$  and  $\sin(x) \approx x$  for very small  $x$ , we see

That:  $\cos \left[ \left( \frac{\omega d}{2c} \right) \cos \theta \right] \approx \cos(0) \approx 1$  and:  $\sin \left[ \left( \frac{\omega d}{2c} \right) \cos \theta \right] \approx \left( \frac{\omega d}{2c} \right) \cos \theta$

Thus:  $\cos(\omega(t - r_{\pm}/c)) \approx \cos \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] \pm \left( \frac{\omega d}{2c} \right) \cos \theta \sin \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right]$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} V_r^{E(1)}(r, \theta, t) &\approx \frac{q_o}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \left\{ \frac{1}{r} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{d}{2r} \right) \cos \theta \right] \left[ \cos \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] - \left( \frac{\omega d}{2c} \right) \cos \theta \sin \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{r} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{d}{2r} \right) \cos \theta \right] \left[ \cos \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] + \left( \frac{\omega d}{2c} \right) \cos \theta \sin \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Expanding this out:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_r^{E(1)}(r, \theta, t) \approx & \frac{q_o}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \left(\frac{1}{r}\right) \left\{ \cancel{\cos\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right]} + \left(\frac{d}{2r}\right) \cos\theta \cos\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right] \right. \\
 & - \left(\frac{\omega d}{2c}\right) \cos\theta \sin\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right] - \cancel{\frac{\omega d^2}{4rc} \cos^2\theta \sin\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right]} \\
 & \left. - \cancel{\cos\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right]} + \left(\frac{d}{2r}\right) \cos\theta \cos\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right] \right. \\
 & \left. - \left(\frac{\omega d}{2c}\right) \cos\theta \sin\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right] + \cancel{\frac{\omega d^2}{4rc} \cos^2\theta \sin\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right]} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_r^{E(1)}(r, \theta, t) \approx & \frac{q_o}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \left(\frac{1}{r}\right) \left\{ \left(\frac{d}{r}\right) \cos\theta \cos\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right] - \left(\frac{\omega d}{c}\right) \cos\theta \sin\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right] \right\} \\
 = & \frac{q_o d}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \left(\frac{\cos\theta}{r}\right) \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{r}\right) \cos\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right] - \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right) \sin\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

But:

$$p_o = |\vec{p}| = q_o d$$

$$\therefore V_r^{E(1)}(r, \theta, t) \approx \frac{p_o}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \left(\frac{\cos\theta}{r}\right) \left\{ -\left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right) \sin\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right] + \left(\frac{1}{r}\right) \cos\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right] \right\}$$

In the “far-zone”  $d \ll r$ , with the *additional* restriction that we’ve also imposed on the source EM radiation:  $d \ll \lambda$ . We now *additionally* require/impose a *third* restriction that the “far-zone” also be such that  $\lambda \ll r$ , thus we have the hierarchical relation:  $\boxed{d \ll \lambda \ll r}$  for “far-zone” EM radiation, namely that for  $\boxed{\lambda \ll r} \rightarrow \boxed{\left(\frac{c}{\omega}\right) \ll r}$ , then  $\rightarrow \boxed{\left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right) \gg \left(\frac{1}{r}\right)}$  i.e.  $\boxed{\frac{1}{\lambda} \gg \frac{1}{r}}$  for  $\lambda \ll r$ .

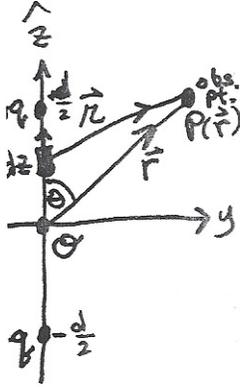
Thus for the far-zone, when  $\boxed{d \ll \lambda \ll r}$  we can neglect the second term in the above expression for  $V_r^{E(1)}(r, \theta, t)$ .

$$\text{Then: } V_r^{E(1)}(r, \theta, t) \approx -\frac{p_o \omega}{4\pi\epsilon_o c} \left(\frac{\cos\theta}{r}\right) \sin\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right] \text{ in the far-zone, for } \boxed{d \ll \lambda \ll r}.$$

Note that in the static limit, when  $\omega \rightarrow 0$  it is necessary to retain the second term in the above expression; we obtain in this limit:  $V_r^{E(1)}(r, \theta) \approx -\frac{p_o}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \left(\frac{\cos\theta}{r^2}\right)$  {cf w/ P435 Lect. Notes – same!}

Now let us focus our attention on calculating  $\vec{A}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t)$ :

$$\vec{A}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t) = -\left(\frac{\mu_0 q_0 \omega}{4\pi}\right) \int_{z=-d/2}^{z=+d/2} \frac{\sin[\omega(t-r/c)]}{r} dz \hat{z}$$



Because the integration itself introduces a factor of  $d$ , then to first order

in  $(d/r) \ll 1$ :  $r \approx \sqrt{r^2 - 2rz \cos \theta + z^2}$  with:  $|z| \leq \frac{d}{2}$

Thus:  $\int_{z=-d/2}^{z=+d/2} \frac{\sin[\omega(t-r/c)]}{r} dz \approx \frac{\sin[\omega(t-r/c)]}{r} d$

Then:  $\vec{A}_r^{E(1)}(r, t) \approx -\frac{\mu_0 (q_0 d) \omega}{4\pi} \left(\frac{1}{r} \sin\left[\omega\left(t - \frac{r}{c}\right)\right]\right) \hat{z}$  but:  $p_o = q_o d$

Thus:  $\vec{A}_r^{E(1)}(r, t) \approx -\frac{\mu_0 p_o \omega}{4\pi} \left(\frac{1}{r}\right) \sin\left[\omega\left(t - \frac{r}{c}\right)\right] \hat{z}$

Note that in the static limit, when  $\omega \rightarrow 0$  then  $\vec{A}_r^{E(1)}(r, t) \rightarrow 0$  as we expect.

Now that we have obtained the (retarded) scalar and vector potentials  $V_r^{E(1)}(r, t)$  and  $\vec{A}_r^{E(1)}(r, t)$  it is a “straight forward” exercise to compute the associated (retarded) EM fields,  $\vec{E}_r^{E(1)}(r, t)$  and  $\vec{B}_r^{E(1)}(r, t)$ :

$$\vec{E}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t) = -\vec{\nabla} V_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t) - \frac{\partial \vec{A}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} \quad \text{and:} \quad \vec{B}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t)$$

In spherical coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} V_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t) &\approx \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \hat{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \hat{\theta} + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \hat{\phi} \right] \left\{ \frac{-p_o \omega \cos \theta}{4\pi \epsilon_o c r} \sin\left[\omega\left(t - \frac{r}{c}\right)\right] \right\} \\ &= -\frac{p_o \omega}{4\pi \epsilon_o c} \left\{ \cos \theta \left[ -\frac{1}{r^2} \sin\left[\omega\left(t - \frac{r}{c}\right)\right] - \frac{\omega}{rc} \cos\left[\omega\left(t - \frac{r}{c}\right)\right] \right] \hat{r} - \frac{1}{r^2} \sin \theta \sin\left[\omega\left(t - \frac{r}{c}\right)\right] \hat{\theta} \right\} \\ &= +\frac{p_o \omega}{4\pi \epsilon_o c r} \left\{ \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right) \cos\left[\omega\left(t - \frac{r}{c}\right)\right] \cos \theta \hat{r} + \left(\frac{1}{r}\right) \left[ \cos \theta \sin\left[\omega\left(t - \frac{r}{c}\right)\right] \hat{r} + \sin \theta \sin\left[\omega\left(t - \frac{r}{c}\right)\right] \hat{\theta} \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

n.b.  $V_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t)$  has no explicit  $\hat{\phi}$  dependence

But for “far-zone” EM radiation,  $d \ll \lambda \ll r$  we have:  $\frac{\omega}{c} \gg \frac{1}{r}$

$$\therefore \underbrace{\left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right) \cos\left[\omega\left(t - \frac{r}{c}\right)\right] \cos \theta}_{\sim \mathcal{O}(1)} \gg \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{r}\right) \left[ \cos \theta \sin\left[\omega\left(t - \frac{r}{c}\right)\right] + \sin \theta \sin\left[\omega\left(t - \frac{r}{c}\right)\right] \right]}_{\sim \mathcal{O}(1)}$$

So we can neglect/drop the  $\left(\frac{1}{r}\right)\left\{\cos\theta\sin\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\hat{r}+\sin\theta\sin\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\hat{\theta}\right]\right\}$  terms.

$$\therefore \vec{\nabla}V_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r},t) \simeq +\frac{p_o\omega^2\cos\theta}{4\pi\epsilon_o c^2 r}\cos\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right]\hat{r}$$

And:  $\frac{\partial\vec{A}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r},t)}{\partial t} \simeq -\frac{\mu_o p_o \omega}{4\pi}\left(\frac{1}{r}\right)\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\left[\sin\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right]\right]\hat{z} = -\frac{\mu_o p_o \omega^2}{4\pi r}\cos\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right]\hat{z}$

But:  $\hat{z} = \cos\theta\hat{r} - \sin\theta\hat{\theta}$  in spherical coordinates.

$$\therefore \frac{\partial\vec{A}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r},t)}{\partial t} \simeq -\frac{\mu_o p_o \omega^2}{4\pi r}\cos\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right]\left[\cos\theta\hat{r} - \sin\theta\hat{\theta}\right]$$

Then for far-zone EM radiation, with  $d \ll \lambda \ll r$ :  $\vec{E}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r},t) = -\vec{\nabla}V_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r},t) - \frac{\partial\vec{A}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r},t)}{\partial t}$

$$\vec{E}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r},t) \simeq -\frac{p_o\omega^2}{4\pi\epsilon_o c^2 r}\cos\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right]\cos\theta\hat{r} + \frac{\mu_o p_o \omega^2}{4\pi r}\cos\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right]\left[\cos\theta\hat{r} - \sin\theta\hat{\theta}\right]$$

But:  $c^2 = \frac{1}{\epsilon_o\mu_o}$  or:  $\frac{1}{c^2} = \epsilon_o\mu_o$

$$\therefore \vec{E}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r},t) \simeq -\frac{\mu_o p_o \omega^2}{4\pi r}\cos\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right]\cos\theta\hat{r} + \frac{\mu_o p_o \omega^2}{4\pi r}\cos\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right]\cos\theta\hat{r} - \frac{\mu_o p_o \omega^2}{4\pi r}\cos\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right]\sin\theta\hat{\theta}$$

Or:  $\vec{E}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r},t) \simeq -\frac{\mu_o p_o \omega^2}{4\pi}\left(\frac{\sin\theta}{r}\right)\cos\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right]\hat{\theta}$

Then:  $\vec{B}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r},t) = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r},t)$

with:  $\vec{A}_r^{E(1)}(r,t) \simeq -\frac{\mu_o p_o \omega}{4\pi}\left(\frac{1}{r}\right)\sin\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right]\hat{z} = -\frac{\mu_o p_o \omega}{4\pi}\left(\frac{1}{r}\right)\sin\left[\omega\left(t-\frac{r}{c}\right)\right]\left[\cos\theta\hat{r} - \sin\theta\hat{\theta}\right]$

Thus:

$$\vec{B}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r},t) = \frac{1}{r\sin\theta}\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\sin\theta\overset{=0}{A_r}\right) - \frac{\partial\overset{=0}{A_r}}{\partial\phi}\right]\hat{r} + \frac{1}{r}\left[\frac{1}{\sin\theta}\frac{\partial\overset{=0}{A_r}}{\partial\phi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r\overset{=0}{A_r}\right)\right]\hat{\theta} + \frac{1}{r}\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(rA_\theta) - \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial\theta}\right]\hat{\phi}$$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{B}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t) &= \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (rA_\theta) - \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} \right] \hat{\phi} \\
 &\approx \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) \left[ -\frac{\mu_o p_o \omega}{4\pi} \right] \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) \sin \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] (-\sin \theta) - \frac{1}{r} \sin \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] \frac{\partial \cos \theta}{\partial \theta} \right\} \hat{\phi} \\
 &\approx -\frac{\mu_o p_o \omega}{4\pi r} \left\{ + \left( \frac{\omega}{c} \right) \cos \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] \sin \theta + \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) \sin \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] \sin \theta \right\} \hat{\phi} \\
 &\approx -\frac{\mu_o p_o \omega}{4\pi r} \left\{ \left( \frac{\omega}{c} \right) \cos \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] + \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) \sin \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] \right\} \sin \theta \hat{\phi}
 \end{aligned}$$

∴ neglect

Again,  $\left( \frac{\omega}{c} \right) \gg \left( \frac{1}{r} \right)$  here, because  $\lambda \ll r$ , thus

$$\therefore \vec{B}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t) \approx -\frac{\mu_o p_o \omega^2}{4\pi c} \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right) \cos \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] \hat{\phi} \quad \text{and:} \quad \vec{E}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t) \approx -\frac{\mu_o p_o \omega^2}{4\pi} \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right) \cos \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] \hat{\theta}$$

Now since  $\hat{r} \times \hat{\theta} = \hat{\phi}$ , once again we see that:  $\vec{B}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{c} \hat{r} \times \vec{E}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t)$ , i.e.  $\vec{B} \perp \vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B} \perp \hat{r}$

Note also that:

- $\vec{E}_r^{E(1)}$  and  $\vec{B}_r^{E(1)}$  both vary as  $\sim 1/r$ .
- $\vec{E}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t)$  and  $\vec{B}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t)$  are in phase with each other.
- $\vec{E}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t)$  and  $\vec{B}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t)$  have the same angular dependence ( $\sim \sin \theta$ ).

The EM radiation energy density,  $u_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t)$  associated with the oscillating E(1) electric dipole for far-zone EM radiation  $\{d \ll \lambda \ll r\}$  is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) &= u_{E(1)}^{Erad}(\vec{r}, t) + u_{E(1)}^{Mrad}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \epsilon_o \vec{E}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot \vec{E}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t) + \frac{1}{\mu_o} \vec{B}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot \vec{B}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t) \right) \\
 &\approx \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\epsilon_o \mu_o^2 p_o^2 \omega^4}{16\pi^2} \left( \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} \right) \cos^2 \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] + \frac{\mu_o^2 p_o^2 \omega^4}{16\pi^2 c^2} \left( \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} \right) \cos^2 \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] \right) \text{ Joules/m}^3 \\
 &\approx \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\mu_o p_o^2 \omega^4}{16\pi^2 c^2} \left( \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} \right) \cos^2 \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] + \frac{\mu_o p_o^2 \omega^4}{16\pi^2 c^2} \left( \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} \right) \cos^2 \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

n.b.  $u_{E(1)}^{Erad}(\vec{r}, t) = u_{E(1)}^{Mrad}(\vec{r}, t)$  using:  $c^2 = 1/\epsilon_o \mu_o$  or:  $\epsilon_o = 1/\mu_o c^2$ .

$$\therefore u_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) \approx \frac{\mu_o p_o^2 \omega^4}{16\pi^2 c^2} \left( \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} \right) \cos^2 \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] \left( \frac{\text{Joules}}{\text{m}^3} \right) \text{ for: } d \ll \lambda \ll r \text{ "far zone" limit}$$

The *EM* energy radiated by an oscillating electric dipole, in the far zone  $\{d \ll \lambda \ll r\}$  is given by Poynting's vector:

$$\vec{S}_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{\mu_o} \left( \vec{E}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t) \times \vec{B}_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t) \right)$$

$\hat{r} \times \hat{\phi} = \hat{\theta}$

$\hat{\theta} \times \hat{\phi} = \hat{r}$

$\hat{\phi} \times \hat{r} = \hat{\theta}$

$$\vec{S}_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) \approx \left( \frac{1}{\mu_o} \right) \left( \frac{\cancel{\mu_o} P_o \omega^2}{4\pi r} \right) \left( \frac{\mu_o P_o \omega^2}{4\pi r c} \right) \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] \underbrace{\left[ \hat{\theta} \times \hat{\phi} \right]}_{=\hat{r}}$$

Or:  $\vec{S}_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) \approx \frac{\mu_o P_o^2 \omega^4}{16\pi^2 c} \left( \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} \right) \cos^2 \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] \hat{r} \left( \frac{\text{Watts}}{m^2} \right) \Leftarrow$  Radial outward flow of energy  
 for:  $d \ll \lambda \ll r$  "far zone" limit

The *EM* radiation linear momentum density associated with an oscillating electric dipole, in the far zone  $\{d \ll \lambda \ll r\}$  is given by:

$$\vec{\rho}_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) = \mu_o \epsilon_o \vec{S}_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{c^2} \vec{S}_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t)$$

Or:  $\vec{\rho}_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) \approx \frac{\mu_o P_o^2 \omega^4}{16\pi^2 r^2 c^3} \cos^2 \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] \sin^2 \theta \hat{r} \left( \frac{kg}{m^2 \cdot \text{sec}} \right) \Leftarrow$  Radial outward *EM* linear momentum flow for:  $d \ll \lambda \ll r$  "far zone" limit

The *EM* radiation angular momentum density associated with an oscillating electric dipole, in the far zone  $\{d \ll \lambda \ll r\}$  is given by:

$$\vec{\ell}_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{r} \times \vec{\rho}_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$\vec{\ell}_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) \approx \frac{\mu_o P_o^2 \omega^4}{16\pi^2 r^2 c^3} \cos^2 \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] \sin^2 \theta (\hat{r} \times \hat{r}) \equiv 0 \left( \frac{kg}{m \cdot \text{sec}} \right) \Leftarrow$$
 No angular momentum flow  
 for:  $d \ll \lambda \ll r$  "far zone" limit

*n.b.* The exact  $\vec{\rho}_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) \neq 0$  *i.e.* ignore restrictions on far-zone limit, keep all higher-order terms . . . we have neglected  $\vec{E}_r^{E(1)} \sim \hat{r}$  term which is non-negligible in the near-zone ( $d \sim r$ ) and also in the so-called intermediate, or inductive zone ( $\lambda \sim r$ ).

### Time-Averaged Quantities for E(1) Radiation from an Oscillating Electric Dipole:

Recall the definition of time average:  $\langle A(t) \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\tau} \int_{t=0}^{t=\tau} A(t) dt = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_{t=0}^{t=\tau} A_o \cos^2 \omega t dt = \frac{1}{2} A_o$

The time-averaged *EM* radiation energy density associated with an oscillating electric dipole is:

$$\langle u_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle \approx \left( \frac{\mu_o P_o^2 \omega^4}{32\pi^2 c^2} \right) \left( \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} \right) \left( \frac{\text{Joules}}{m^3} \right) \text{ for: } \boxed{d \ll \lambda \ll r} \text{ "far-zone" limit}$$

The time-averaged |Poynting's vector|, which is also the intensity  $I_{E(1)}^{rad}$  of *EM* radiation associated with an oscillating electric dipole is:

$$I_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}) \equiv \langle |\vec{S}_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t)| \rangle = \frac{1}{2} c \epsilon_o \langle (E_r^{E(1)}(\vec{r}, t))^2 \rangle \approx \left( \frac{\mu_o P_o^2 \omega^4}{32\pi^2 c} \right) \left( \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} \right) \left( \frac{\text{Watts}}{m^2} \right) \text{ for: } \boxed{d \ll \lambda \ll r} \text{ "far-zone" limit}$$

We also see that:  $I_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}) \equiv \langle |\vec{S}_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t)| \rangle = c \langle u_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle \left( \frac{\text{Watts}}{m^2} \right)$ .

The time-averaged *EM* radiated power associated with an oscillating electric dipole is:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle P_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle &= \int_S \langle \vec{S}_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle \cdot d\vec{a}_\perp \approx \frac{\mu_o P_o^2 \omega^4}{32\pi^2 c} \int_{\theta=0}^{\theta=\pi} \int_{\phi=0}^{\phi=2\pi} \cancel{\sin^2 \theta} \underbrace{\sin \theta d\theta d\phi}_{=d \cos \theta} \\ &\approx \frac{\mu_o P_o^2 \omega^4}{16\cancel{2}\pi^2 c^2} \cancel{2\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{\theta=\pi} \sin^2 \theta d \cos \theta = \frac{\mu_o P_o^2 \omega^4}{16\pi c^2} \int_{\theta=0}^{\theta=\pi} \sin^2 \theta d \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\boxed{u = \cos \theta}$ ,  $\boxed{du = -d(\cos \theta)}$ ,  $\boxed{\theta = 0 \Rightarrow u = 1}$ ,  $\boxed{\theta = \pi \Rightarrow u = -1}$ ,  $\boxed{\sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos^2 \theta = 1 - u^2}$

$$\therefore \int_{-1}^{+1} (1 - u^2) du = \left( u - \frac{1}{3} u^3 \right) \Big|_{-1}^{+1} = +1 - \frac{1}{3} + 1 - \frac{1}{3} = 2 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$\therefore$  The time-averaged radiated power is:

$$\langle P_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle \approx \left( \frac{\mu_o P_o^2 \omega^4}{12\pi c} \right) (\text{Watts}) \text{ for: } \boxed{d \ll \lambda \ll r} \text{ "far-zone" limit} \quad \boxed{\text{n.b. } \langle P_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle \text{ has no } r\text{-dependence!}}$$

Note that time-averaged radiated power varies as the fourth power of frequency!

The time-averaged *EM* radiation linear momentum density associated with an oscillating electric dipole is:

$$\langle \vec{g}_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle = \frac{1}{c^2} \langle \vec{S}_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle = \frac{1}{c} \langle u_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle \hat{r} \approx \left( \frac{\mu_o P_o^2 \omega^4}{32\pi^2 c^3} \right) \left( \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} \right) \hat{r} \left( \frac{\text{kg}}{m^2 \cdot \text{sec}} \right) \text{ for: } \boxed{d \ll \lambda \ll r} \text{ "far-zone" limit}$$

The time-averaged *EM* radiation angular momentum density associated with an oscillating electric dipole is:

$$\langle \vec{\ell}_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle = \vec{r} \times \langle \vec{\ell}_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle \simeq \left( \frac{\mu_0 p_o^2 \omega^4}{32\pi^2 c^3} \right) \left( \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r} \right) (\hat{r} \times \hat{r}) \equiv 0 \quad \left( \frac{kg}{m\text{-sec}} \right) \text{ for: } \boxed{d \ll \lambda \ll r \text{ "far-zone" limit}}$$

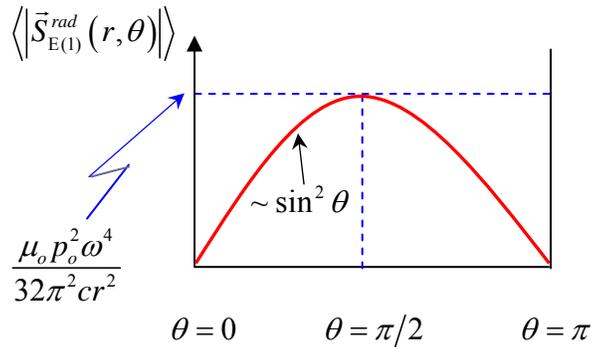
*n.b.* The exact  $\langle \vec{\ell}_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}) \rangle \neq 0$  *i.e.* ignore restrictions on far-zone limit, keep all higher-order terms . . . we have neglected the  $\vec{E}_r^{E(1)} \sim \hat{r}$  term which is non-negligible in the near-zone ( $d \sim r$ ) and also in the so-called intermediate, or inductive zone ( $\lambda \sim r$ ).

Note that because:  $I_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}) \equiv \langle \vec{S}_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle \simeq \left( \frac{\mu_0 p_o^2 \omega^4}{32\pi^2 c} \right) \left( \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} \right) \left( \frac{Watts}{m^2} \right)$

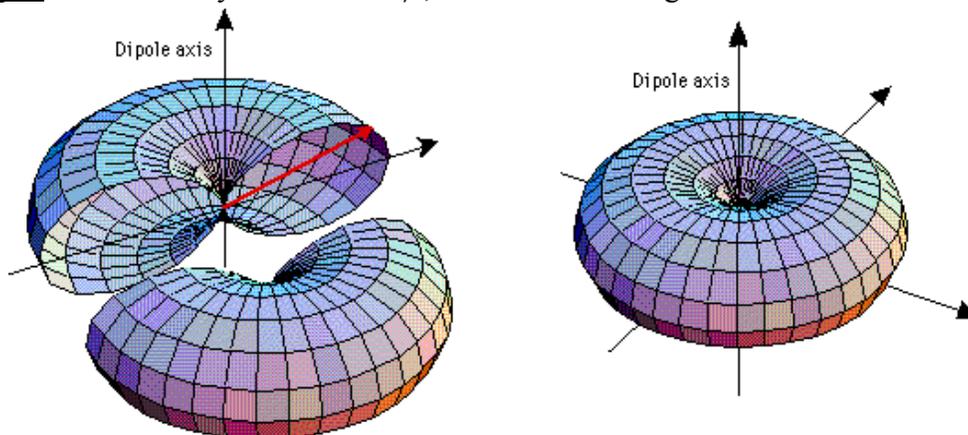
$\Rightarrow \langle \vec{S}_{E(1)}^{rad}(r, \theta = 0, \varphi) \rangle = \langle \vec{S}_{E(1)}^{rad}(r, \theta = \pi, \varphi) \rangle = 0$  since:  $\sin^2 0 = \sin^2 \pi = 0$

*i.e.* no *EM* radiation occurs along the axis of the electric dipole ( $\hat{z}$  axis)

*EM* radiation for E(1) electric dipole is peaked/maximum at  $\theta = \pi/2$  (then  $\sin^2 \theta = 1$ )  
*i.e.* maximum *EM* radiation occurs  $\perp$  to the axis of the electric dipole:



Thus, the intensity profile  $I_{E(1)}^{rad}(\vec{r})$  in 3-D {for fixed  $r$ } for E(1) electric dipole radiation is donut-shaped - rotationally invariant in  $\varphi$ , as shown in the figure below:



**Griffiths Example 11.1:**

The time-averaged power for E(1) electric dipole radiation is  $\langle P_{E(1)}^{rad} \rangle \approx \frac{\mu_o p_o^2 \omega^4}{12\pi c}$ .

Note that  $\langle P_{E(1)}^{rad} \rangle \sim \omega^4$  (or  $\sim f^4$ , or  $\sim \lambda^{-4}$ )

For red light:  $\lambda_{red} \approx 780 \text{ nm} \Rightarrow f_{red} = \frac{c}{\lambda_{red}} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{780 \times 10^{-9}} \approx 3.85 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$

For violet light:  $\lambda_{violet} \approx 350 \text{ nm} \Rightarrow f_{violet} = \frac{c}{\lambda_{violet}} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{350 \times 10^{-9}} \approx 8.57 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$

Hence:  $\left( \frac{\langle P_{E(1)}^{violet} \rangle}{\langle P_{E(1)}^{red} \rangle} \right) = \left( \frac{f_{violet}}{f_{red}} \right)^4 = \left( \frac{8.57 \times 10^{14}}{3.85 \times 10^{14}} \right)^4 = (2.23)^4 \approx 24.67$ .

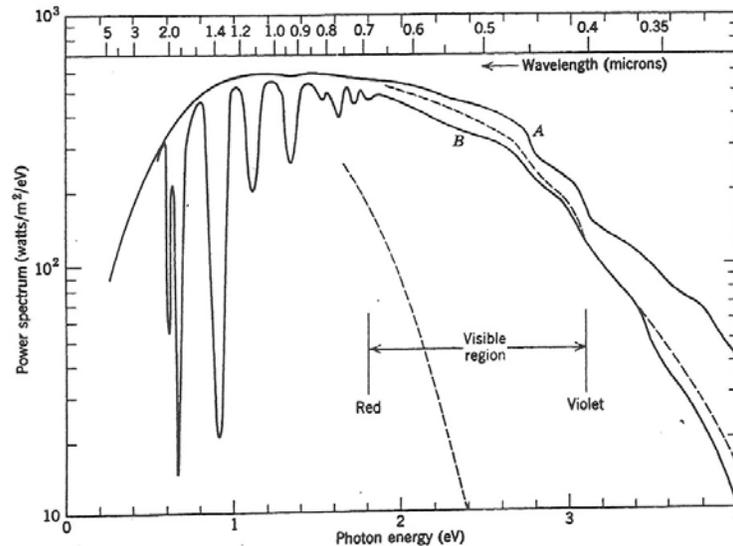
$\Rightarrow \langle P_{E(1)}^{rad} \rangle \sim \omega^4$  explains why the sky is blue! Sunlight {unpolarized light} incident on O<sub>2</sub> & N<sub>2</sub> molecules in the earth's atmosphere stimulates the O & N atoms – vibrates the {bound} atomic electrons at {angular} frequency  $\omega$ , causing them to oscillate as electric dipoles! Solar EM radiation at a given angular frequency  $\omega$  is thus absorbed and re-emitted in this EM radiation + atom scattering process.

The above formula for EM power radiated as E(1) electric dipole radiation by such atoms, by time-reversal invariance of the EM interaction, is also the EM power absorbed by atoms, thus we see that because of the  $\omega^4$ -dependence of  $\langle P_{E(1)}^{rad} \rangle$ , the higher frequency/shorter wavelength radiation (*i.e.* blue/violet light) is preferentially scattered much more so than the lower frequency/longer wavelength radiation (*i.e.* red light).

The Earth's sky appears blue {*e.g.* to an observer on the ground, or even *e.g.* a space shuttle astronaut in orbit around the earth} because the light from the sky is scattered (*i.e.* re-radiated) light, which is preferentially in the blue/violet portion of the visible light EM spectrum. The scattering of EM radiation off of atoms is known as Rayleigh Scattering.

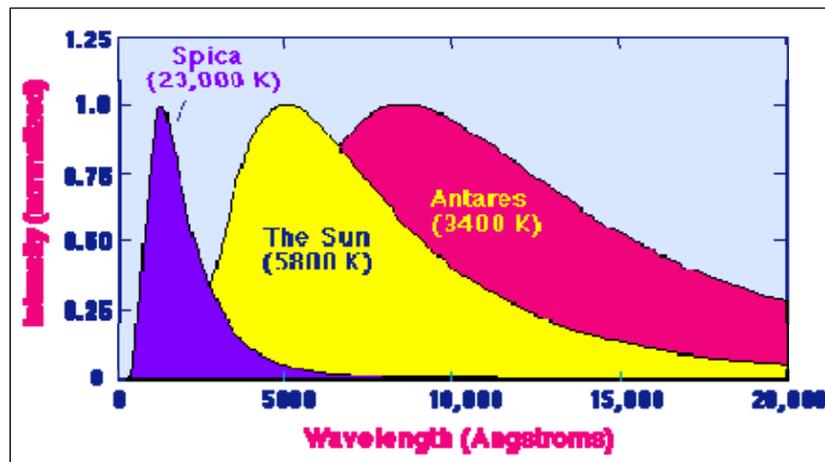
Note that precisely same physics also simultaneously explains why the Sun appears red *e.g.* to an observer on the ground at sunrise and sunset – because at these times of the day, path that the sunlight takes through the atmosphere is the longest, relative to that associated *e.g.* with its position at {local} noon. If the higher-frequency blue/violet light is preferentially scattered out of the beam of sunlight, what is left in the beam of sunlight after traversing the entire thickness of the Earth's atmosphere is the lower-frequency, orange-red light.

Note that the Sun is a black-body radiator – its *EM* spectrum peaks in the infra-red region – thus it is NOT flat by any means {also is affected by frequency-dependent absorption in the atmosphere}:



**Figure 10.4** Power spectrum of solar radiation (in watts per square meter per electron volt) as a function of photon energy (in electron volts). Curve A is the incident spectrum above the atmosphere. Curve B is a typical sea-level spectrum with the sun at the zenith. The absorption bands below 2 eV are chiefly from water vapor and vary from site to site and day to day. The dashed curves give the expected sea-level spectrum at zenith and at sunrise-sunset if the only attenuation is from Rayleigh scattering by a dry, clean atmosphere.

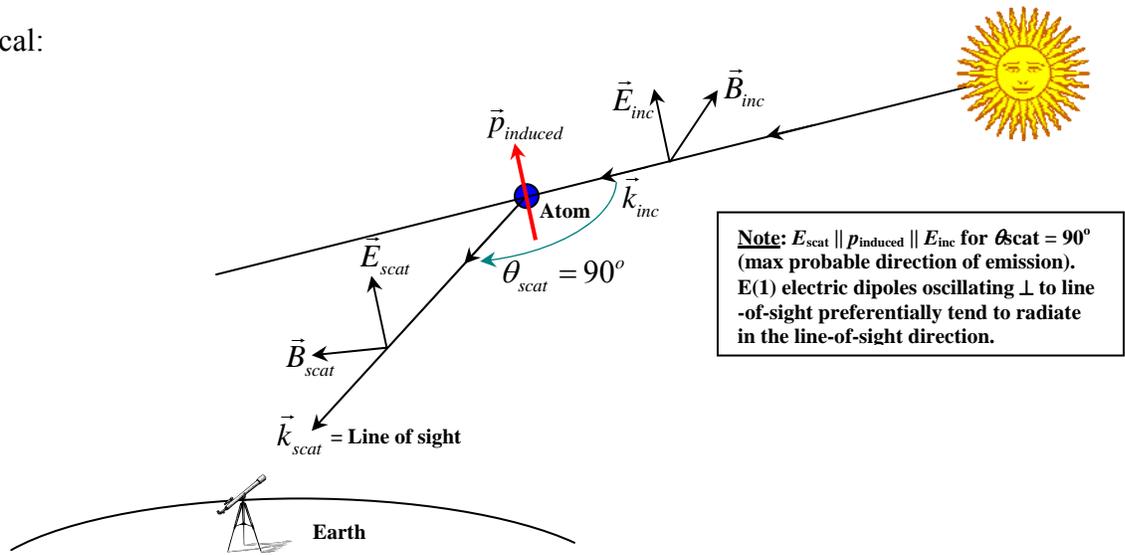
Note the log scale on the vertical axis! Thus, there is not much violet light in the Sun’s *EM* spectrum, and hence there is a delicate “balancing” act of flux of *EM* radiation from the Sun {convoluted} with its black-body spectrum and the scattering of this radiation by atoms in the Earth’s atmosphere – thus we see the sky as blue. Thus, if the black-body temperature of the sun was different, then the color of the Earth’s sky in the visible portion of the *EM* spectrum would also be different – compare the black-body spectra of our Sun *e.g.* with that of Spica (260 ly away in the Virgo constellation) and Antares (a red giant 600 ly away in the Scorpio constellation):



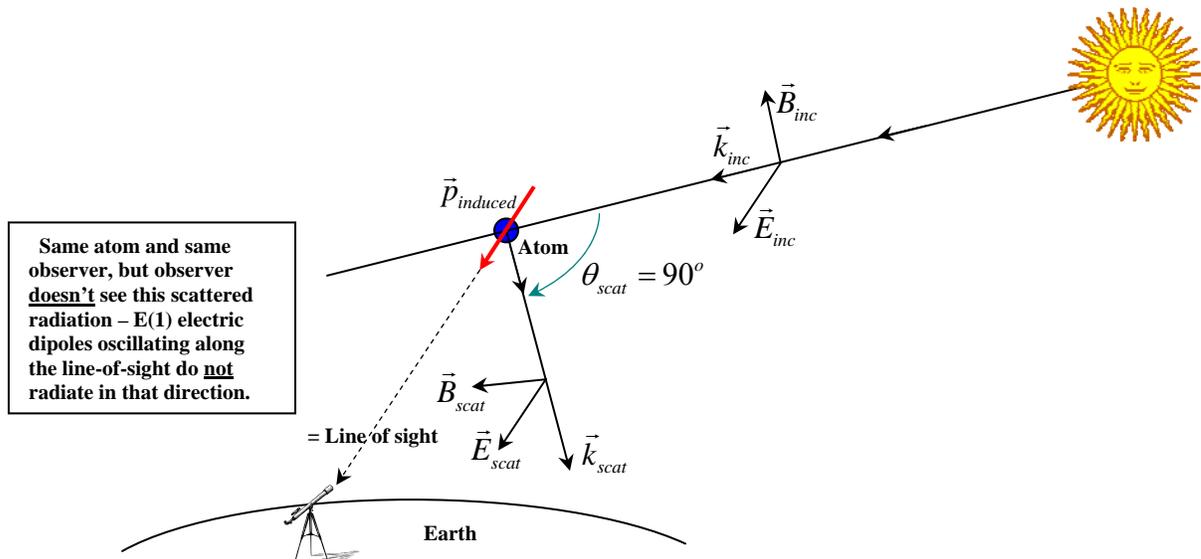
Light from the Sun is unpolarized (*i.e.* it consists of all polarizations, randomly oriented over time). However, because *EM* waves are transversely polarized (defined by the orientation of the  $\vec{E}$ -field vector) an incident *EM* plane wave from the Sun with polarization in a given direction ( $\perp$  to  $\vec{k}$ -propagation direction) will (transitorily) induce electric dipole moments in gas atoms in earth's atmosphere, via  $\vec{p}_{mol}(\omega) = \alpha_{mol}(\omega)\vec{E}$ , where  $\alpha_{mol}(\omega)$  is the molecular polarizability at {angular} frequency  $\omega$  {see P435 Lect. Notes 12 and P436 Lect. Notes 7.5}.

The axis of induced electric dipole moments will be  $\parallel$  to the plane of polarization of incident wave at that instant, hence the scattered radiation emitted by the atom will be preferentially at  $\theta = 90^\circ = \pi/2$  (*i.e.*  $\perp$ ) to the axis of the (induced) electric dipole of gas atoms in earth's atmosphere. There are two specific/limiting cases to consider – (a) when the incident  $\vec{E}$ -field vector is vertical and (b) when the incident  $\vec{E}$ -field vector is horizontal. Random polarization is then an arbitrary linear combination of these two limiting cases:

(a.)  $\vec{E}_{inc}$  vertical:



(b.)  $\vec{E}_{inc}$  horizontal:



Because the blue light an observer sees from a given portion of the sky is due to the preferential scattering of E(1) electric dipole-type Rayleigh scattering of sunlight/solar EM radiation off of gas atoms in the Earth's atmosphere, with  $\vec{E}_{scat} \perp$  to the line-of-sight, this radiation has a net polarization – *i.e.* the light from the sky is polarized, especially so away from the sun, *i.e.* in the northern portions of the sky {in the northern hemisphere} !!! You can very easily observe/explicitly verify this using a pair of polaroid sunglasses – try it some time!!!

It is beneficial to wear polaroid sunglasses *e.g.* when out boating on a lake – in order to reduce “glare” from {polarized} sunlight reflected off of the surface of the water!!!

As mentioned above, at sunrise or sunset, the sun appears red when an observer is looking directly at the sun, because the blue/violet light is  $\sim 25\times$  more preferentially scattered out of the beam of light incident from the sun {per unit thickness of atmosphere} than red light. Thus sunlight at the ground consists predominantly of what remains – red light.

Note that this is also true for moonrise and moonset – the moon will {likewise} have a reddish hue at these times, and note that this is also true *e.g.* for the case of an eclipse of the moon by the Earth.

One can also observe this same phenomenon *e.g.* using a glass pitcher of milk diluted with water – because milk molecules are efficient Rayleigh scatterers of visible light! Here's a simple experiment that you can carry out at home, *e.g.* using a flashlight:

