

1. For steady-state currents, the Proca equation reduces to the vector equation

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} - \mu^2 \mathbf{A} = -\frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J} = -\frac{4\pi}{c} \cdot c \nabla \times [\mathbf{m} f(x)] = -4\pi \nabla f \times \mathbf{m} \quad (1)$$

Recall in section 6.4, we have established that for Helmholtz equation with delta source (6.36)

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2) G_k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = -4\pi \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \quad (2)$$

the solution is Green's function

$$G_k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \frac{e^{\pm i k |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \quad (3)$$

Then it follows that for arbitrary source function $g(\mathbf{x})$, the solution to the equation

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2) \Psi(\mathbf{x}) = -4\pi g(\mathbf{x}) \quad (4)$$

is the convolution

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x}) = \int G_k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') g(\mathbf{x}') d^3 x' \quad (5)$$

For the Proca equation, we can identify $k = i\mu$ (or $-i\mu$) and choose the positive (or negative) sign in (3) to ensure convergence in the exponential, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) &= \int [\nabla' f(\mathbf{x}') \times \mathbf{m}] \left(\frac{e^{-\mu |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \right) d^3 x' \\ &= \left[\int \nabla' f(\mathbf{x}') \left(\frac{e^{-\mu |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \right) d^3 x' \right] \times \mathbf{m} && \text{integration by parts} \\ &= \left[- \int f(\mathbf{x}') \nabla' \left(\frac{e^{-\mu |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \right) d^3 x' \right] \times \mathbf{m} && \nabla' \leftrightarrow -\nabla \\ &= -\mathbf{m} \times \nabla \int f(\mathbf{x}') \left(\frac{e^{-\mu |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \right) d^3 x' \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

2. For $f(\mathbf{x}) = \delta(\mathbf{x})$, (6) is simplified to

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) = -\mathbf{m} \times \nabla \left(\frac{e^{-\mu r}}{r} \right) = \nabla \times \left[\mathbf{m} \left(\frac{e^{-\mu r}}{r} \right) \right] \quad (7)$$

giving

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}) &= \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla \times \left\{ \nabla \cdot \left[\mathbf{m} \left(\frac{e^{-\mu r}}{r} \right) \right] \right\} - \nabla^2 \left[\mathbf{m} \left(\frac{e^{-\mu r}}{r} \right) \right] \\ &= \nabla \left[\underbrace{\mathbf{m} \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{e^{-\mu r}}{r} \right)}_{-(\mu r + 1)e^{-\mu r}/r^2 \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \right] - \underbrace{\mathbf{m} \nabla^2 \left(\frac{e^{-\mu r}}{r} \right)}_{\mu^2 e^{-\mu r}/r} \\ &= -\nabla (\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{r}) \left[\frac{(\mu r + 1)e^{-\mu r}}{r^3} \right] - (\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{r}) \nabla \left[\frac{(\mu r + 1)e^{-\mu r}}{r^3} \right] - \mu^2 \mathbf{m} \frac{e^{-\mu r}}{r} \\ &= [3(\mathbf{m} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}) \hat{\mathbf{r}} - \mathbf{m}] \left(1 + \mu r + \frac{\mu^2 r^2}{3} \right) \frac{e^{-\mu r}}{r^3} - \frac{2\mu^2 \mathbf{m} e^{-\mu r}}{3r} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

3. At the equator, the ratio of the "external field" to the dipole field gives

$$\frac{-\frac{2\mu^2 \mathbf{m} e^{-\mu R}}{3} \frac{R}{R^3}}{-\mathbf{m} \left(1 + \mu R + \frac{\mu^2 R^2}{3} \right) \frac{e^{-\mu R}}{R^3}} \leq 4 \times 10^{-3} \quad \Rightarrow \quad -0.074 \leq \mu R \leq 0.08 \quad (9)$$

hence

$$m_{\text{photon}} \leq \frac{\mu \hbar}{c} \approx 4.4 \times 10^{-51} \text{ kg} \quad (10)$$