

Why study electromagnetic waves and transmission?

The big picture:

Circuit theory (CMPE 306) makes two major assumptions

- (1) Electrical energy must be transmitted through wires
- (2) Transmission from source to load is instantaneous

Assumption (1) fails in any wireless transmission

- Radio, radar
- Free space transmission

Assumption (2) fails in high-speed transmission

- Traditional analog circuits (> 3 GHz)
- High-speed digital circuits (components at 2 GHz and above)

Why? *The finite speed of light!*
= The maximum speed of any energy transmission

- $c = 3 \times 10^8$ m/sec in air, vacuum
- $c = 2 \times 10^8$ m/sec in glass, some transmission lines



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Rule of thumb (R. Schmitt: *Understanding Electromagnetics*)

$d > c/20R$ implies that circuit theory is inadequate

d = dimension of object, c = speed of light

R = maximum rate (For a digital signal; rise or fall time
= maximum Fourier component)

Example:

$R = 2$ GHz $= 2 \times 10^9$ sec $^{-1}$, $c = 2 \times 10^8$ m/sec

$d = 5 \times 10^{-3}$ m = 5 mm, which is smaller than many circuit boards!



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Why study electromagnetic waves and transmission?

Electromagnetic theory is often considered difficult. Why?

One must study the behavior of electric and magnetic fields

$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},t)$ = electric field; generated by charges

$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r},t)$ = magnetic field; generated by currents*

and their interaction! One must also account for the fluxes

$$\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r},t) = \epsilon \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},t); \quad \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r},t) = \mu \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r},t)$$

Thus, there are 12 quantities to track as a function of space.

Consequences

- Not every computer engineers learns electromagnetic theory
- Those who do have a big advantage!



*Note: It is \mathbf{B} and not \mathbf{H} that is fundamental (directly determined by the currents)

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Why study electromagnetic waves and transmission?

[“Why Johnny Can’t Design a High-Speed Digital System”*](#)

H. W. Johnson, DesignCon Presentation

See also: [“Why Digital Engineers Don’t Believe in EMC”*](#)

H. W. Johnson, IEEE EMC Society Newsletter, Spring 1998

- **Digital engineers don’t believe current flows in loops**
— look at typical logic design diagrams
- **Digital engineers don’t believe in the H-field**
- **Digital engineers don’t believe that gates are *differential* amplifiers**
— as if the reference pin has a straight connection to ground
- **Digital engineers don’t believe in electromagnetic waves**
— as if radio waves didn’t exist... or couldn’t exist outside radio sets
- **Digital engineers don’t believe that they need to know E&M**
— that is why INTEL is screaming for people who do!



*Papers available on course URL

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CLASS TIME: Tu, Th 10:00 – 11:15

DISCUSSION: 11:30 – 12:20 (quizzes + problem-solving)

OFFICE HOURS: Tu, Th 1:30 – 2:30 (Other times by appointment)



Year 2015 course information is also at:

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Basic Course Information

For detailed instructor bio, go to WEB site

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Some highlights

- Have been at UMBC since 1986
- Founded electrical engineering program
- Former UMBC Presidential Research Professor
- Fellow of APS, OSA, IEEE
- Winner of the 2013 IEEE Photonics Society Willam Streifer Award
- Winner of 2015 – 2016 Humboldt Award
- Have worked in industry and government (DoD)

Regarding students

- Graduate: Two former IEEE-LEOS award winners; numerous other awards (best paper awards at meetings)
- Undergraduates: Published papers; have gone on to excellent graduate schools; one former student is a professor at Dartmouth



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Detailed syllabus is on the WEB site

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Summary schedule

- Introduction [complex numbers; waves] (4 lectures)
- Transmission lines (5 lectures)
- Mid-Term 1 (1 lecture)
- Vector Analysis (3 lectures)
- Classic E&M experiments (1 lecture)
- Static fields (6 lectures)
- Mid-Term 2 (1 lecture)
- Time-varying fields (4 lectures)
- Wave propagation (5 lectures)
- Final

QUIZZES: Math/physics quizzes (5–10 minutes)

Exercise/review quizzes (up to 30 minutes)
will be given in discussion section



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Grading

- 2 writing/project assignments [including motor-generator project] (20%)
- 2 mid-term exams (20%) [including exercise quizzes]
- final exam (20%)
- 9 problem sets (40%) [including math/physics quizzes]

Changes (in response to student suggestions/comments)

- introduction of quizzes
- *introduction of motor/generator project (2014)*

Your suggestions are very important!



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Why Quizzes?

+ You cannot succeed without following the examples that are presented in class on a weekly basis

AND

Knowing the values of the fundamental constants [π , $\sqrt{2}$, $\sin(\pi/6)$...]

AND

Knowing how to use geometric series, Taylor series...

– You need to keep up with the work on a weekly basis.

But it requires memorization... Isn't that bad?

Memorization is a critical skill for engineers!

...and has long term benefits. See:

[“In Praise of Memorization: 10 Proven Brain Benefits”](#)

[“Save Rote Memorization”](#) (J. Matthews)

on the course URL



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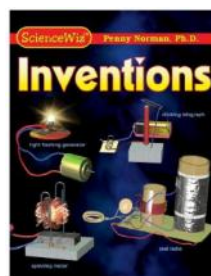
MOTOR/GENERATOR PROJECT

- Electrical motors and generators are ubiquitous
- Their development was one of the great triumphs of 19-th century electrical engineering
- The need for green solutions has revitalized this area of technology

Inexpensive kits (< \$30) are available for partial credit:

- Thames and Kosmos, Motors and Generators
- ScienceWiz, Inventions Kit

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For full credit, build your own: Some ideas from YouTube

MOTOR:

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ux-QGhbjOA0>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIFUJNodXps>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=19oW0G8sYng>

GENERATOR:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKmhFWY86MM>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7Sz8oT8ou0&list=PLDCA11625D0FCB35B>

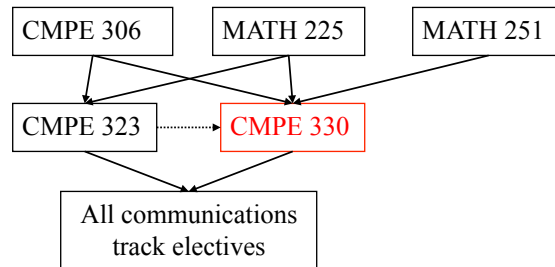
Sophistication of the design, motor/generator reciprocity, and quality of your explanation will all count. More details will be decided later.

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Where this course fits in the syllabus



Other courses that this course complements

- PHYS 122: Introductory Physics II
- CMPE 314: Principles of Electronic Circuits

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Textbook: (More information on URL)

Principal text: Ulaby, et al., *Fundamentals of Applied Electromagnetics*

- Transmission lines first; additional demos and solved problems
 - See WEB site: <http://em7e.eecs.umich.edu>
 - 2015 now available ; should be used

Additional text: Clayton R. Paul, *Electromagnetics for Engineers*

- Will not be used much; is not required; available in the library

Comments on the textbook — or potential alternatives — are appreciated!

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Other textbooks

- Almost all “real” problems must be solved computationally
- We will cover basics, not computational methods
- We will present examples that use computational results
— particularly the FDTD (with thanks to Prof. Allen Taflove - NWU)

Textbooks that discuss computational methods

FDTD methods: A. Taflove and S. C. Hagness, *Computational Electrodynamics: The Finite-Difference Time Domain Method*

General methods: M. N. O. Sadiku, *Numerical Techniques in Electromagnetics*



MATLAB

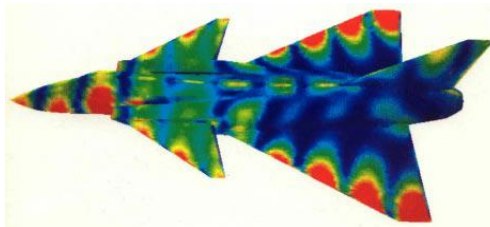
fdtd1D.m, fdtd2D.m, fdtd3D.m — Sue Hagness

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Applications: Taflove

See: A. E. Taflove, [*Why Study Electromagnetics: The First Unit in an Undergraduate Electromagnetics Course*](#) (available on course URL)

Military: Radar on a jet fighter plane



Calculated using
FDTD methods

— False color shows surface currents induced by radar beam at 100 MHz

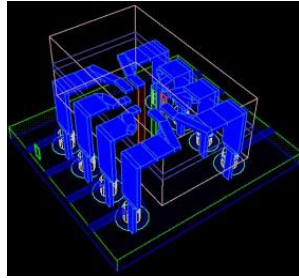


Other applications: EMP; Radar on a missile radome

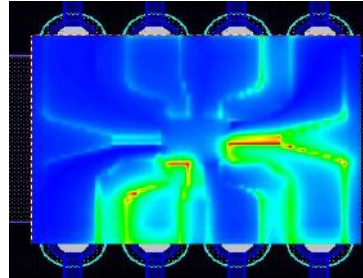
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Applications: Taflove

High-Speed Electronics: Logic pulse on a microchip



Layout of dual in-line
integrated-circuit package



Visualization of coupling
and crosstalk of logic pulse

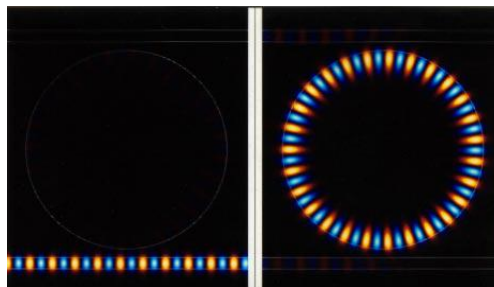
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*The signal is not confined to the metal circuit path;
it couples to all adjacent paths!*

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Applications: Taflove

High-Speed Photonic Devices: GaAlAs Microdisk Resonator



Off resonance

On resonance

Other applications: Microcavity lasers, glass

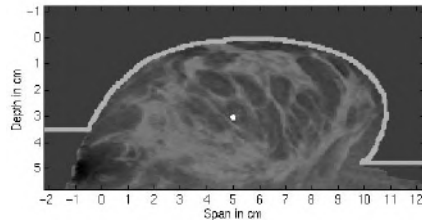
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— See also the Mohammed, et al. paper

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Applications: Taflove

Medical Imaging: Detecting breast cancer



MRI Image

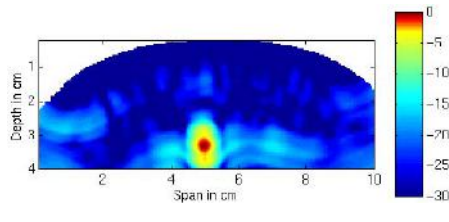


Image reconstruction of tumor

(Taflove acknowledges: S. Davis, et al., *Electromagnetic Waves and Applications*)

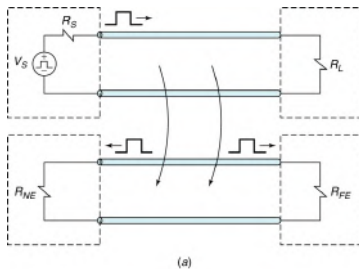
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Applications: Paul

See: C. R. Paul, Section 1.5

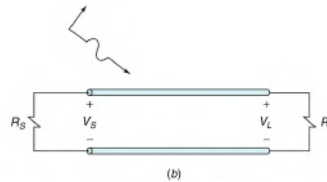
Electromagnetic Interference: Possible problems



(a)

Crosstalk between two transmission lines

[Paul, Fig. 1-9, p. 18]



(b)

Electromagnetic radiation incident on a transmission line

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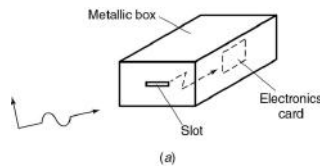
- A “hidden schematic” leads to improper operation
- Correct design to avoid these E&M problems is required

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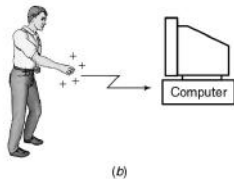
Applications: Paul

See: C. R. Paul, Section 1.5

Electromagnetic Interference: More possible problems



Even with shielding, radiation can penetrate through slots



Electrostatic discharge can damage or destroy computer equipment

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[Paul, Fig. 1-11, p. 21]

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Applications: Ulaby, et al.

See: Ulaby, et al., Technology Brief 1

Energy-Efficient Lighting: Light Sources

Possible Light Sources:



Ulaby, et al.
Figure TF1-1:



(a) Incandescent light bulb; (b) fluorescent mercury vapor lamp; (c) white LED.

Incandescent: Light emission from a hot filament

Fluorescent: Collision induced excitation

Light-emitting diode: Electron-hole collisions in semiconductors

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Applications: Ulaby, et al.

See: Ulaby, et al., Technology Brief 1

Parameter	Type of Light Bulb			
	Incandescent	Fluorescent	White LED	
			Circa 2010	Circa 2025
Luminous Efficacy (lumens/W)	~12	~40	~70	~150
Useful Lifetime (hours)	~1000	~20,000	~60,000	~100,000
Purchase Price	~\$1.50	~\$5	~\$10	~\$5
Estimated Cost over 10 Years	~\$410	~\$110	~\$100	~\$40

Ulaby, et al.

Figure TF1-7: Even though the initial purchase price of a white LED is several times greater than that of the incandescent light bulb, the total 10-year cost of using the LED is only one-fourth of the incandescent's (in 2010), and expected to decrease to one-tenth by 2025.

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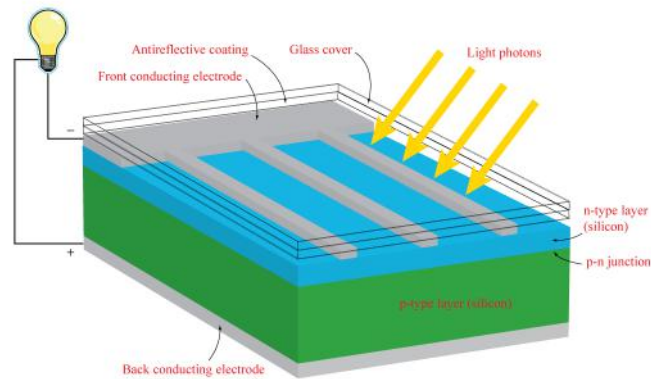
New light bulb technology is more efficient and lasts longer!

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Applications: Ulaby, et al.

See: Ulaby, et al., Technology Brief 2

Collecting Solar Energy: Photovoltaic Cells



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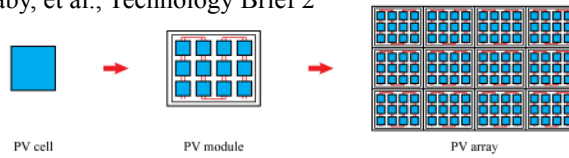
Ulaby, et al. Figure TF2-2: Basic structure of a photovoltaic cell.

The basic structure uses p-n junctions, but...

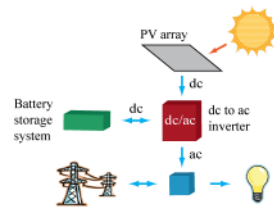
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Applications: Ulaby, et al.

See: Ulaby, et al., Technology Brief 2



Ulaby, et al. Figure TF2-4: PV cells, modules, and arrays.



Ulaby, et al. Figure TF2-5: Components of a large-scale photovoltaic system.

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...a large-scale system must be created.

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Assignments

Reading: Introductory materials; Ulaby, et al., Chapter 1

Writing:

- Write a two-page essay describing a particular application of electromagnetics and waves that may be of interest to you in a future career.
- Possibilities may be found in Taflove's article, Mohammed, *et al.*'s article, and the Ulaby, et al. book.
- Everything counts: Grammar, good organization, spelling, etc.

BUT

I will give the highest grades for describing carefully how the application relates to your own career goals and searching the references for details on the application.

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- Samples of the best, middle, and worst essays are available on the course URL

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