



Wire antennas

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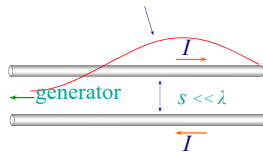
EPFL content

- Dipoles
- Loops

EPFL Wire antenna (1)

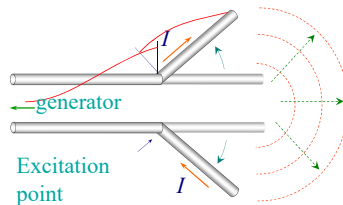
The current is obtained from transmission line theory

The current forms a standing wave



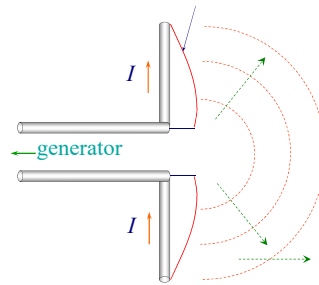
Open circuited transmission line

($s \ll \lambda$) no radiation



Starts to radiate

Radiating current

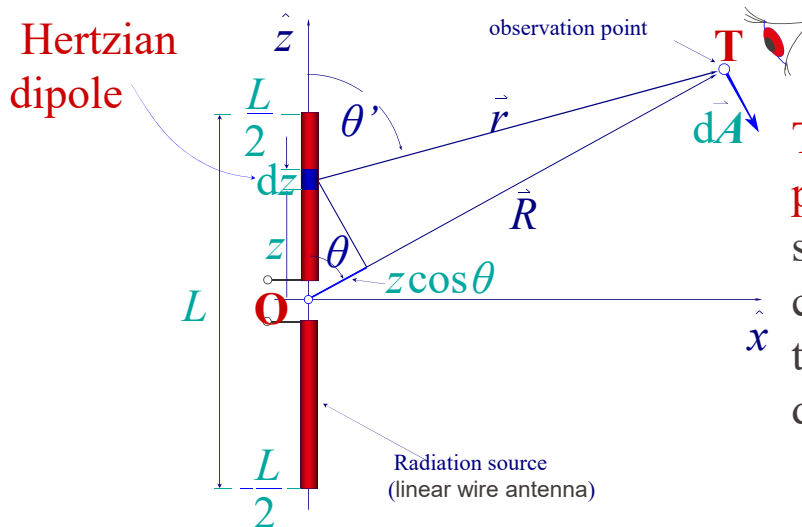


Dipole antenna connected to a transmission line

Max radiation

EPFL Wire antenna (2)

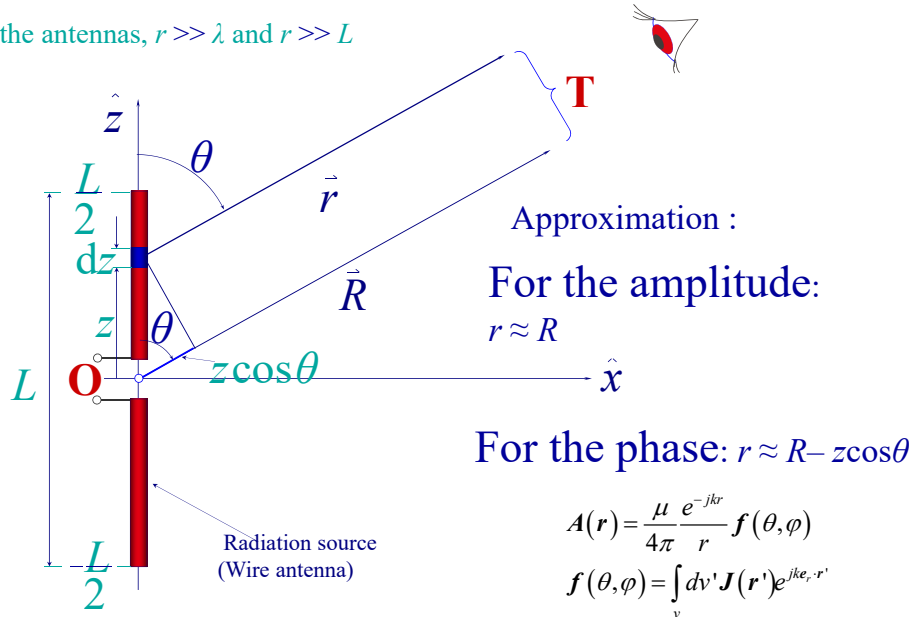
Geometry of the problem



Total vector potential: superposition of the contribution of all the elementary dipoles

EPFL Wire antenna (3)

Far from the antennas, $r \gg \lambda$ and $r \gg L$



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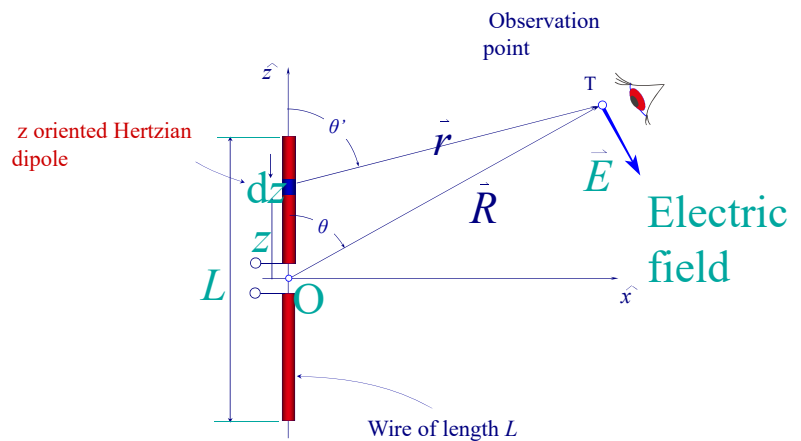
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Dipole antenna

- Fields
- Patterns
- Polarization
- Directivity
- Impedance
- Effective aperture

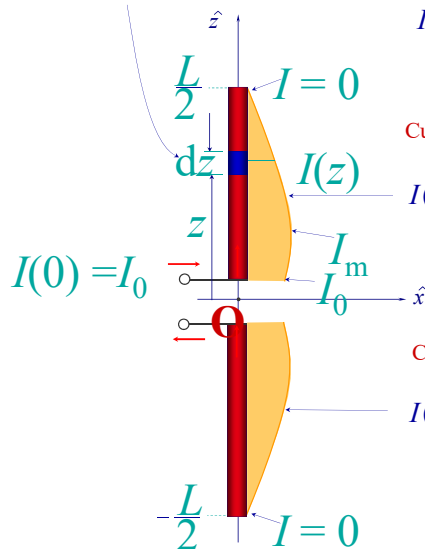


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z oriented Hertzian dipole



Current distribution

$$I(z) = I_m \sin \left[\beta \left(\frac{L}{2} - |z| \right) \right]$$

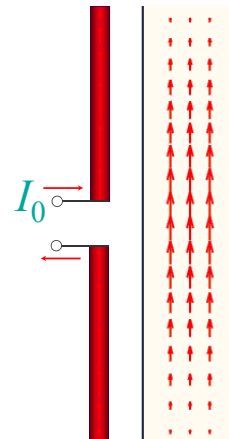
Current on the upper half

$$I(z) = I_m \sin \left[\beta \left(\frac{L}{2} - z \right) \right]$$

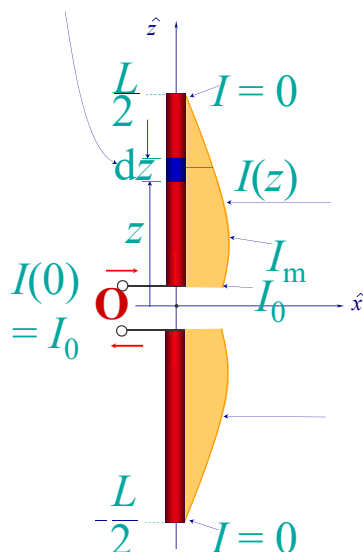
Current on the lower half

$$I(z) = I_m \sin \left[\beta \left(\frac{L}{2} + z \right) \right]$$

Vector distribution



Hertzian dipole along z



Current distribution on the wire

$$\mathbf{f} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} I(z') e^{jkz' \cos \theta} dz'$$

$$\mathbf{f} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} I_{max} \left\{ \int_0^{L/2} \sin[k(L/2 - z')] e^{+jkz' \cos \theta} dz' + \int_{-L/2}^0 \sin[k(L/2 + z')] e^{+jkz' \cos \theta} dz' \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{f} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} 2I_{max} \int_0^{L/2} \sin[k(L/2 - z')] \cos(kz' \cos \theta) dz'$$

$$\sin a \cos b = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(a + b) + \sin(a - b)]$$

$$\mathbf{f} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{2I_{max}}{k} \left[\frac{\cos(kL/2 \cos \theta) - \cos(kL/2)}{\sin^2 \theta} \right]$$

EPFL Dipole antenna

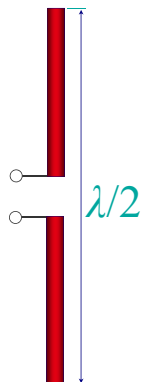
$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{E} &= E_0 \hat{\theta} \\
 &= jZ_c I_{max} \frac{e^{-jkr}}{2\pi r} \left[\frac{\cos(kL/2 \cos \theta) - \cos(kL/2)}{\sin \theta} \right] \hat{\theta} \\
 &= j60 I_{max} e^{-jkr} \left[\frac{\cos(kL/2 \cos \theta) - \cos(kL/2)}{\sin \theta} \right] \hat{\theta}
 \end{aligned}$$

EPFL Half wave dipole

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$$L = \lambda/2$$

Amplitude of the E Field



$$E_\theta = \frac{60 I_m}{R} \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cos \theta\right) - \cancel{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}}{\sin \theta}$$

$$E_\theta = \underbrace{\frac{60 I_m}{R}}_{\text{Radial dependency}} \underbrace{\frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cos \theta\right)}{\sin \theta}}_{\text{Radiation pattern } F(\theta)}$$

Radial dependency

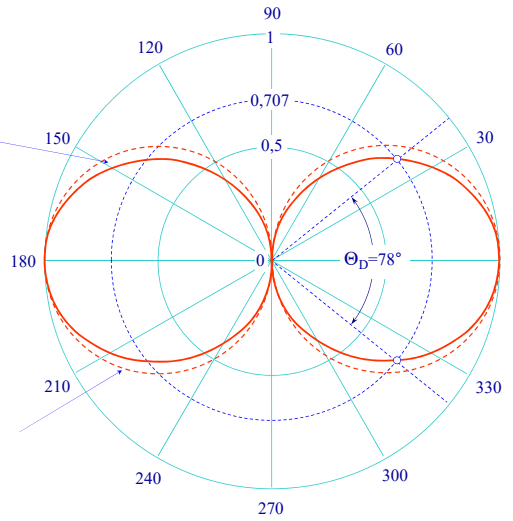
Radiation pattern
 $F(\theta)$

Radiation pattern of the half wave dipole (1)

$$L = \lambda/2$$

$$F(\theta) = \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cos\theta\right)}{\sin\theta}$$

$$F(\theta) \approx \sin^3\theta$$

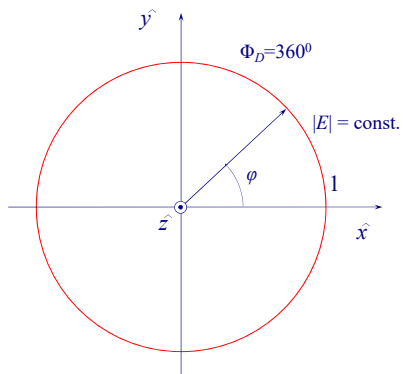


Radiation pattern of the Hertzian dipole
 $F(\theta) = \sin\theta$

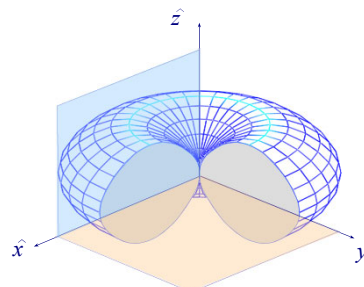
Radiation pattern of the half wave dipole (2)

$$L = \lambda/2$$

Cut at $\theta=90^\circ$



3 D pattern



$$L = \lambda/2$$

The total radiated power of the dipole can be obtained by integrating the average value of the Poynting vector \mathbf{S} over a sphere of radius r surrounding the dipole.

$$P_Z = \oint_S \langle \bar{S}_r \rangle \cdot \hat{n} dS = \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \frac{|\bar{E}|^2}{2\eta} r^2 \sin(\theta) d\phi d\theta =$$

$$= 73,13 I_m^2 = 73,13 I_0^2$$

To obtain this we used

$$C_{in}(2\pi) = \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{1 - \cos y}{y} \right) dy \approx 2.435$$

$$L = \lambda/2$$

A detailed analysis shows that along with the radiation resistance, the infinitely thin half wave dipole also exhibits an inductive reactance of 42.5 Ω. This reactance is a consequence of the energy stored in the nearby dipole fields.

Thus, the impedance of the half wave dipole is given by

$$Z_A = 73,13 + j 42,5 \Omega$$

Resistance Reactance

The positive value of reactance refers to the fact that the stored energy is magnetic

EPFL Effective length of a half wave dipole

$$L = \lambda/2$$

The effective length is defined as follows

$$l_{\text{ef}} = \frac{1}{I(0)} \int_{-\frac{L}{2}}^{\frac{L}{2}} I(z) dz$$

where $I(0) = I_m$ Thus:

$$l_{\text{ef}} = \frac{1}{I(0)} \int_{-\frac{L}{2}}^{\frac{L}{2}} I_m \sin\left[\beta\left(\frac{L}{2} - |z|\right)\right] dz = 2 \int_0^{\lambda/4} \sin\left[\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}\left(\frac{\lambda}{4} - z\right)\right] dz$$
$$l_{\text{ef}} = 2 \int_0^{\lambda/4} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} z\right) dz = 2 \int_0^{\lambda/4} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} z\right) dz = \frac{2}{2\pi/\lambda} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} z\right) \Big|_0^{\lambda/4} = \frac{\lambda}{\pi}$$

Finally, the effective length of a half wave dipole is given by

$$l_{\text{ef}} = \frac{\lambda}{\pi} \approx \frac{\lambda}{3}$$

EPFL Directivity of a half wave dipole

$$L = \lambda/2$$

$$D_0 = 4\pi \frac{U_{\text{max}}}{P_{\text{rad}}} = 4\pi \frac{U|_{\theta=\pi/2}}{P_{\text{rad}}} = \frac{4}{C_{\text{in}}(2\pi)} \approx 1.643$$

$$10 \log D \approx 2,15 \text{ dB}$$

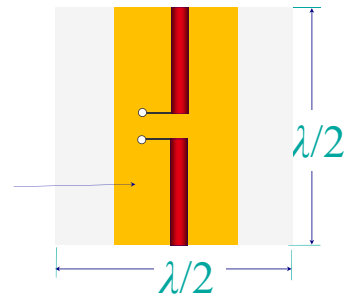
Effective aperture of a half wave dipole

Directivity and effective aperture are linked by

$$D = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda^2} A_{\text{ef}}$$

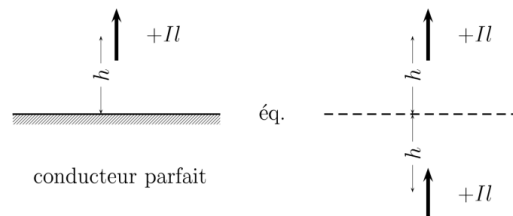
Thus

$$A_{\text{ef}} = \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi} D = 0.13\lambda^2$$



EPFL Image theory

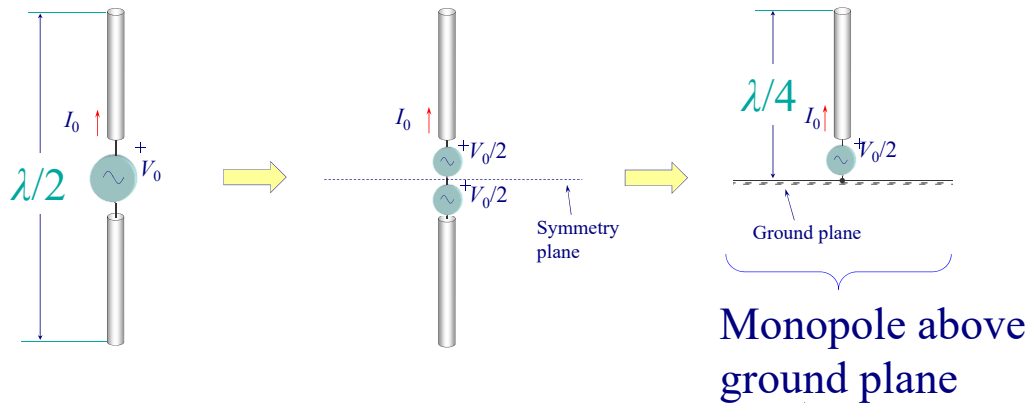
How to consider an antenna above a ground plane



The monopole antenna(1)

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Instead of a half-wave dipole, a quarter-wave monopole can be used above a perfect ground plane. By reflection, a half-wave dipole is obtained, so most of the radiation characteristics of the monopole are similar to those of the dipole.



Hence the radiation resistance is $Z_{\text{unipol}} = \frac{V_0}{2I_0} = \frac{Z_{\text{dipol}}}{2} = \frac{73 \Omega}{2} = 36,5 \Omega$

The monopole (2)

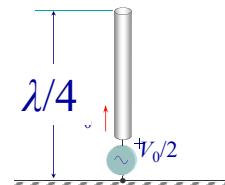
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Since the radiated power of a monopole fed by the same current is equal to half the radiated power of a dipole, the directivity of a unipole is twice that of a dipole, i.e.

$$D = 3,28$$

In dB:

$$10 \log D \approx 5,15 \text{ dB}$$



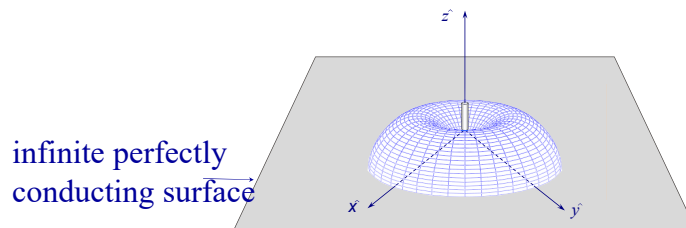
From the definition the effective height of the quarter-wave monopole becomes:

$$h_{\text{ef}} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \approx \frac{\lambda}{6}$$



Radiation pattern of the monopole antenna(3)

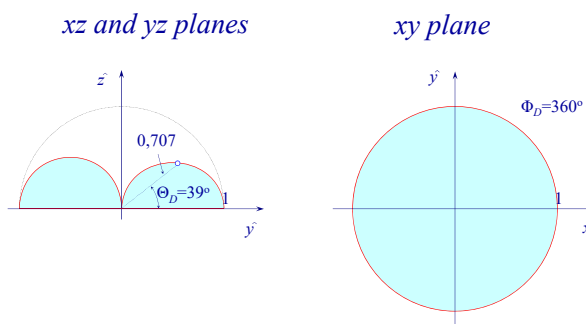
3D pattern (ideal)



The monopole radiates only in the upper half space !
Hence its directivity is twice that of a dipole.

Radiation pattern of a monopole (4)

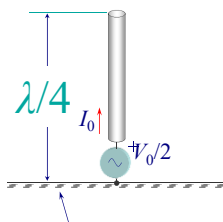
2D pattern



EPFL Feeding the antenna

- Unbalanced antennas (signal to ground mode)
- Balanced antennas (differential mode)
- Potential problem
- The balun

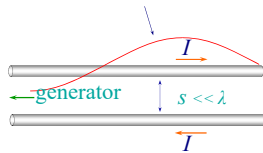
EPFL Unbalanced antenna



The antenna is connected to a signal to ground type (unbalanced, for instance a coaxial cable) transmission line

EPFL Balanced antenna

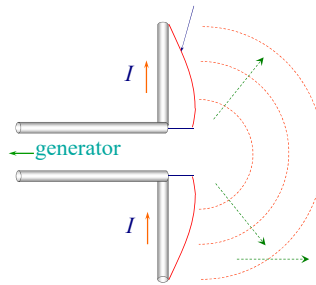
The current forms a standing wave



Open circuited transmission line

($s \ll \lambda$) no radiation

Radiating current



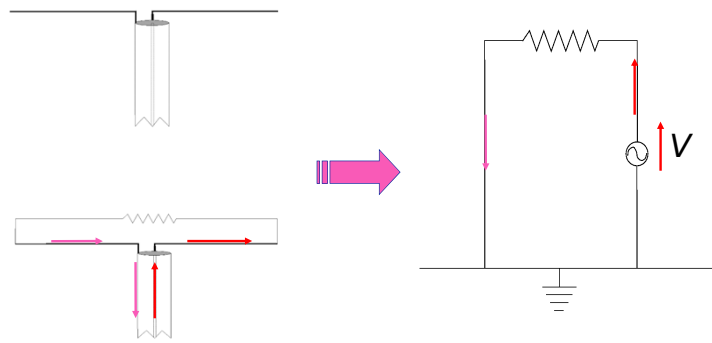
Dipole antenna connected to a transmission line

The antenna is connected to a differential type (+/-) transmission line

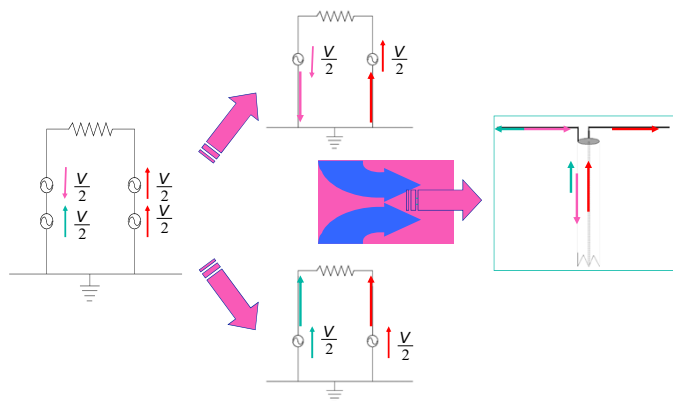
EPFL What is the problem ?

- A real life example: a commercial DECT antenna :
 - Ceramic chip, 6 x 9 x 1.8 mm
 - Gain of 2.2dBi at 1.89 GHz
 - Max Gain after Harrington : -3.3 dBi !!
 - Gain measured at LEMA : -8 ± 2 dBi
- The discrepancy is due to measurement errors

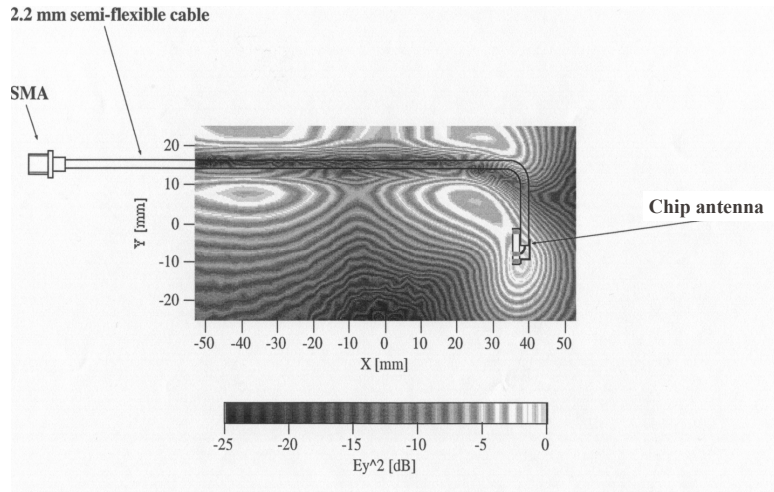
EPFL Spurious radiation from cables



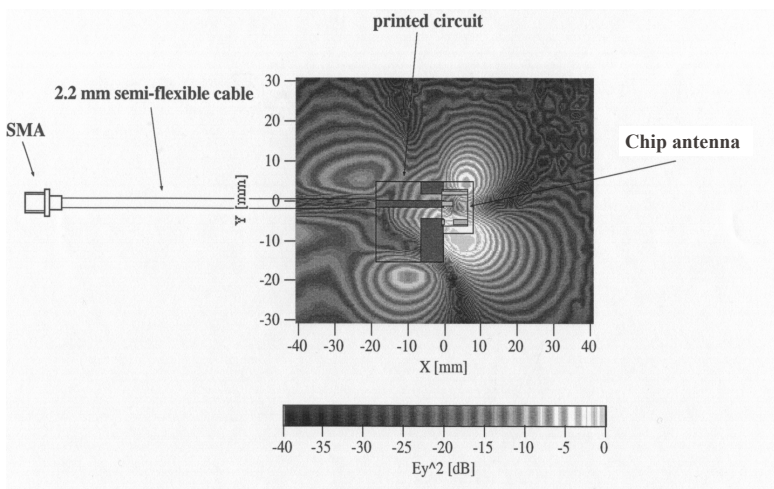
EPFL Spurious radiation from cables



Effect of Spurious radiation in the case of the chip antenna



Effect of Spurious radiation in the case of the chip antenna



EPFL Effects on radiation characteristics

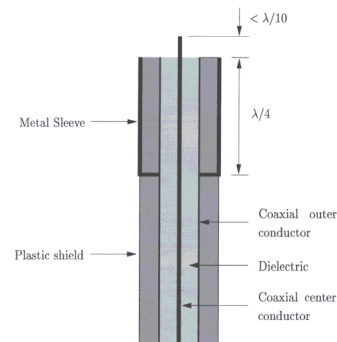
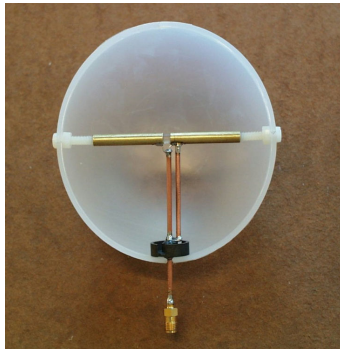
- Unwanted radiation in unwanted directions
- Increase of measured gain up to 10 dB
- Destruction of both polarization and radiation pattern

EPFL Measurement solutions

- Baluns
- Wheeler cap method
- System measurement methods
 - reverberation chamber
 - anechoic chamber

EPFL Baluns

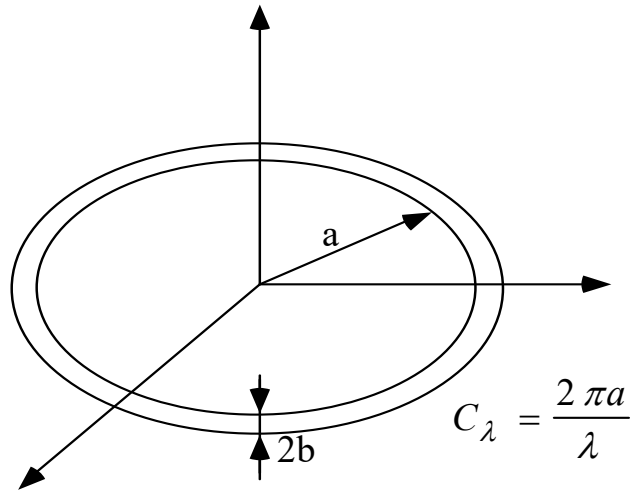
The spurious radiation can be attenuated using for instance ferrite cores, chokes or baluns.



EPFL Baluns

- Advantage :
 - good for both circuit and radiation measurements
- Disadvantages :
 - mostly narrow-band
 - cumbersome for the characterization of multi-band antennas

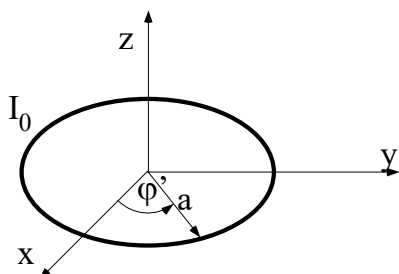
EPFL The small loop antenna



EPFL Examples



EPFL The small loop antenna



$$r' = a, \quad \mathbf{r}' = a \mathbf{e}_\rho$$

$$\theta' = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$I(r', \theta', \varphi') = I(a, \pi/2, \varphi') = I_\varphi = I_0$$

The vector integral becomes

$$\mathbf{f}(\theta, \varphi) = \int_V dV' \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') e^{jk\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{r}'}$$

$$\mathbf{f}(\theta, \varphi) = I_0 a \int_0^{2\pi} \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}' e^{-jk\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{r}'} d\varphi'$$

with

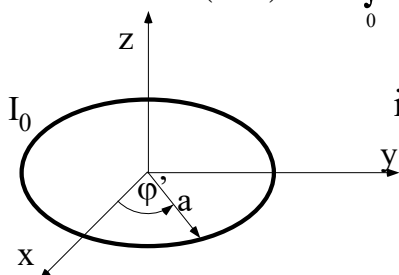
$$dV' = \Delta s dl' = \Delta s a d\varphi'$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} I}{\Delta s}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{r}' = a \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}}'$$

EPFL The small loop antenna

$$\mathbf{f}(\theta, \varphi) = I_0 a \int_0^{2\pi} \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}' e^{-jk\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{r}'} d\varphi' = I_0 a \int_0^{2\pi} (\cos \varphi' \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \sin \varphi' \hat{\mathbf{x}}) e^{-jak\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}}' \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}} d\varphi'$$



$$\text{if } ka \ll 1, \quad e^{jak\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}}' \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}} \approx 1 - jka\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}}' \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

We have a rotational symmetry, so we can limit our study to the x

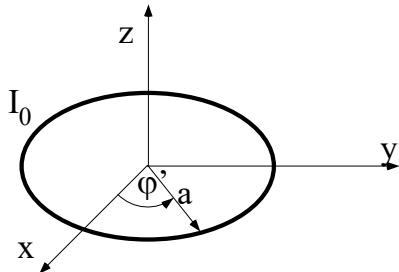
$$\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{z}} + \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

$$a\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}}' \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} = a \sin \theta \cos \varphi'$$

$$\mathbf{f}(\theta, \varphi) = I_0 a \int_0^{2\pi} (\cos \varphi' \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \sin \varphi' \hat{\mathbf{x}}) e^{-jak\hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}}' \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}} d\varphi' = I_0 jka^2 \sin \theta \left[\int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 \varphi' d\varphi' \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \int_0^{2\pi} \sin \varphi' \cos \varphi' d\varphi' \hat{\mathbf{x}} \right]$$

$$= I_0 jka^2 \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

EPFL The small loop antenna



We have a rotational symmetry, we can thus extrapolate what happens in the xz plan to the entire space

$$f(\theta, \phi) = I_0 j k a^2 \sin \theta \hat{\phi}$$

EPFL Point of interest: the magnetic dipole

- We define an "anti-world", where
 - There exist magnetic charges and currents
 - There are no electric charges and currents

EPFL Maxwell's equations

real

$$\begin{aligned}-\nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= j\omega\mu\mathbf{H} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \mathbf{J} + j\omega\varepsilon\mathbf{E} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0 \\ -\mathbf{n} \times (\mathbf{E}_2 - \mathbf{E}_1) &= 0 \\ \mathbf{n} \times (\mathbf{H}_2 - \mathbf{H}_1) &= \mathbf{J}_s\end{aligned}$$

Existing electrical charges
current and surface
currents(ρ , \mathbf{J} , \mathbf{J}_s)

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anti-world

$$\begin{aligned}-\nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= \mathbf{M} + j\omega\mu\mathbf{H} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= j\omega\varepsilon\mathbf{E} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= 0 \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= \frac{\rho_m}{\mu} \\ -\mathbf{n} \times (\mathbf{E}_2 - \mathbf{E}_1) &= \mathbf{M}_s \\ \mathbf{n} \times (\mathbf{H}_2 - \mathbf{H}_1) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Existing magnetic charges
current and surface
currents(ρ_m , \mathbf{M} , \mathbf{M}_s)

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EPFL Units

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_m &: [Am] \\ M &: [V/m^2] \\ M_s &: [V/m] \\ M_l &: [V]\end{aligned}$$

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EPFL Duality principal

J	ρ	E	H	ε	μ	Real world
M	ρ_m	H	-E	μ	ε	Anti-world

f	λ	k	Zc	I	A	Real world
f	λ	k	Yc	Im	A_m	Anti-world

EPFL Duality principle

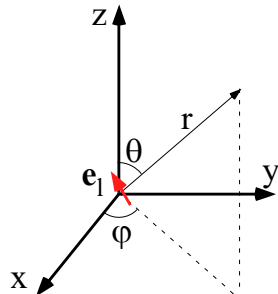
We can define \mathbf{A}_m as

$$\mathbf{A}_m(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\varepsilon}{4\pi r} e^{-jkr} \mathbf{f}_m(\theta, \varphi) \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{f}_m(\theta, \varphi) = \int_V dV' \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}') e^{j\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}'}$$

And the fields are given by

$$-\mathbf{E} = j\omega Z_c \mathbf{A}_m \times \hat{\mathbf{r}} \quad \mathbf{H} = j\omega \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \mathbf{A}_m)$$

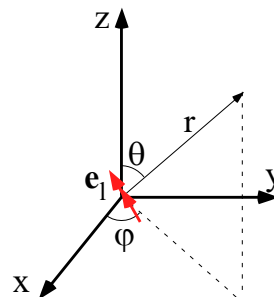
EPFL Example: the magnetic dipole



$$A(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu I \Delta l e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} \hat{\mathbf{i}}$$

$$\mathbf{E}(r, \theta, \varphi) = \frac{jZ_c I \Delta l e^{-jkr}}{2\lambda r} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \hat{\mathbf{i}})$$

$$\mathbf{H}(r, \theta, \varphi) = \frac{j}{2\lambda} I \Delta l \frac{e^{-jkr}}{r} (\hat{\mathbf{i}} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}})$$

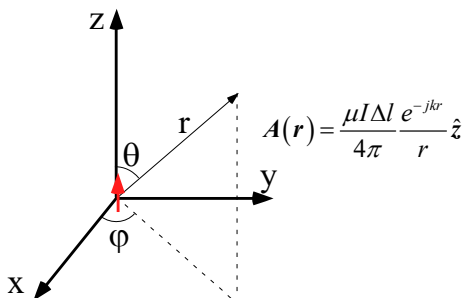


$$A_m(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\varepsilon I_m \Delta l e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} \hat{\mathbf{i}}$$

$$\mathbf{H}(r, \theta, \varphi) = \frac{j}{2\lambda Z_c} I_m \Delta l \frac{e^{-jkr}}{r} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \hat{\mathbf{i}})$$

$$-\mathbf{E}(r, \theta, \varphi) = \frac{j}{2\lambda} I_m \Delta l \frac{e^{-jkr}}{r} (\hat{\mathbf{i}} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}})$$

EPFL Example: the magnetic dipole



$$A(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu I \Delta l e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

$$E_\theta(r, \theta, \varphi) = \frac{jZ_c I \Delta l e^{-jkr}}{2\lambda r} \sin \theta$$

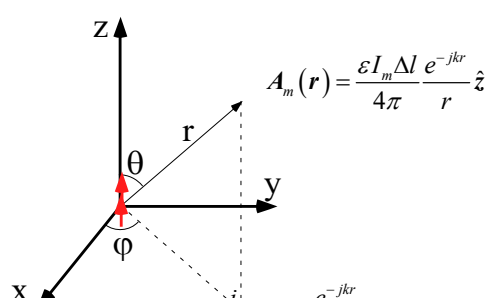
$$E_\varphi(r, \theta, \varphi) = 0$$

$$H_\theta(r, \theta, \varphi) = 0$$

$$H_\varphi(r, \theta, \varphi) = \frac{j}{2\lambda} I \Delta l \frac{e^{-jkr}}{r} \sin \theta$$

$$U(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{Z_c}{8\lambda^2} (I \Delta l)^2 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$p(r, \theta, \varphi) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{Z_c}{8\lambda^2} (I \Delta l)^2 \sin^2 \theta$$



$$A_m(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\varepsilon I_m \Delta l e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

$$H_\theta(r, \theta, \varphi) = \frac{j}{2\lambda Z_c} I_m \Delta l \frac{e^{-jkr}}{r} \sin \theta$$

$$H_\varphi(r, \theta, \varphi) = 0$$

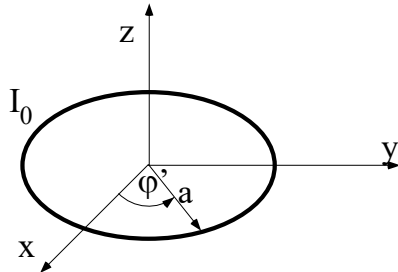
$$-E_\theta(r, \theta, \varphi) = 0$$

$$-E_\varphi(r, \theta, \varphi) = \frac{j}{2\lambda} I_m \Delta l \frac{e^{-jkr}}{r} \sin \theta$$

$$U(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{1}{Z_c 8\lambda^2} (I_m \Delta l)^2 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$p(r, \theta, \varphi) = \frac{1}{8\lambda^2 r^2 Z_c} (I_m \Delta l)^2 \sin^2 \theta$$

The small loop



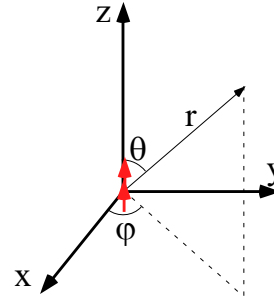
$$H_\theta = -\frac{I_0 (ka)^2 e^{-jkr} \sin \theta}{4r}$$

$$E_\phi = Z_c \frac{I_0 (ka)^2 e^{-jkr} \sin \theta}{4r}$$

The two are identical for

$$I_m \Delta l = 2\lambda Z_c \frac{I_0 (ka)^2}{4j} = -j \frac{2I_0 Z_c \pi a^2}{\lambda}$$

The magnetic dipole



$$H_\theta(r, \theta, \varphi) = \frac{j}{2\lambda Z_c} I_m \Delta l \frac{e^{-jkr}}{r} \sin \theta$$

$$-E_\phi(r, \theta, \varphi) = \frac{j}{2\lambda} I_m \Delta l \frac{e^{-jkr}}{r} \sin \theta$$

The small loop antenna

Hence

$$P_{rad} = Z_c \left(\frac{\pi}{24} \right) (ka)^4 |I_0|^2 \quad R_r = Z_c \left(\frac{\pi}{6} \right) (k^2 a^2)^2 = 20\pi^2 \left(\frac{C}{\lambda} \right)^4$$

Where C is the circumference of the loop

In the case of N windings in the loop:

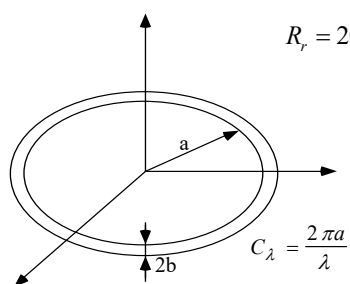
$$R_r = N^2 Z_c \left(\frac{\pi}{6} \right) (k^2 a^2)^2 = 20\pi^2 N^2 \left(\frac{C}{\lambda} \right)^4$$

EPFL The small loop

$$U(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{Z_c}{4} \left(\frac{k^2 a^2}{4} \right)^2 |I_0|^2 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$D_0 = 4\pi \frac{U_{\max}}{P_{\text{rad}}} = \frac{3}{2}$$

EPFL The real small loop



$$R_r = 20\pi^2 C_\lambda^4 ; R_{\text{loss}} = \frac{a}{b} \sqrt{\frac{\omega \mu_o}{2\sigma}} ; L = \mu_o a \left(\ln \frac{8a}{b} - 1.75 \right)$$

$$\eta = \frac{R_r}{R_r + R_{\text{loss}}}$$

$$\frac{\Delta f}{f_o} = \frac{R_r + R_{\text{loss}}}{2\pi f_o L}$$

EPFL Characteristics of a real small loop antenna

Radiation resistance (single turn)

$$R_r = 20\pi^2 C_\lambda^4$$

Radiation resistance (N turns)

$$R_r = 20\pi^2 C_\lambda^4 N^2$$

Ohmic loss resistance (single turn)

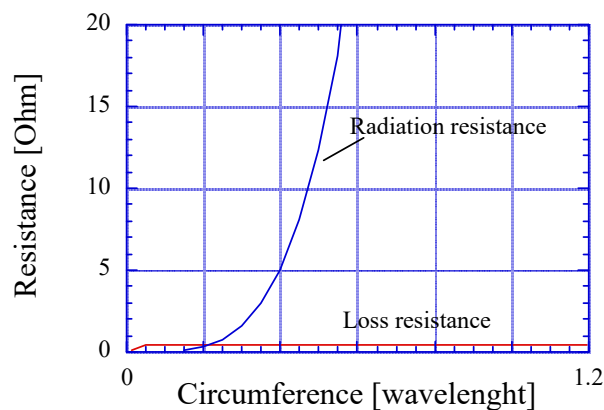
$$R_{loss} = \frac{a}{b} \sqrt{\frac{\omega \mu_0}{2 \sigma}}$$

Ohmic loss resistance (N turns)

$$R_{loss} = \frac{Na}{b} \sqrt{\frac{\omega \mu_0}{2 \sigma}}$$

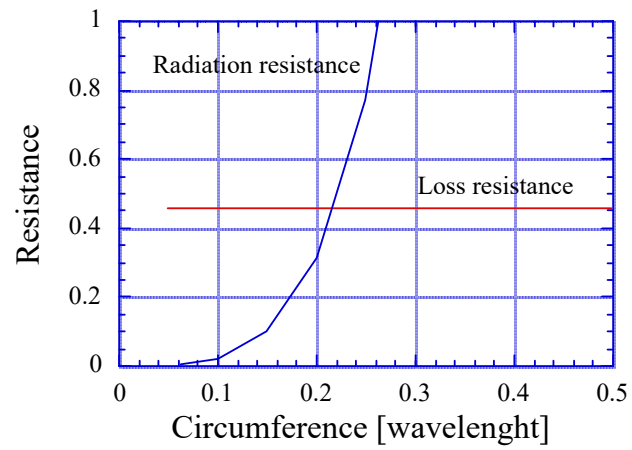
efficiency
$$\eta = \frac{R_r}{R_r + R_{loss}}$$

EPFL Single turn loop antenna



Wire: 1mm radius copper, frequency 3 GHz

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