

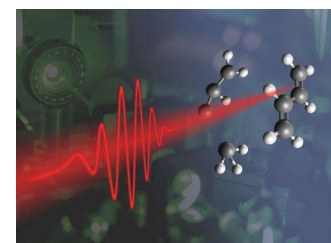
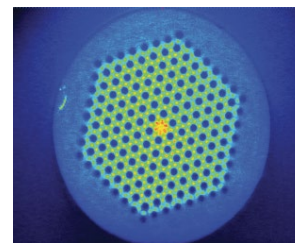
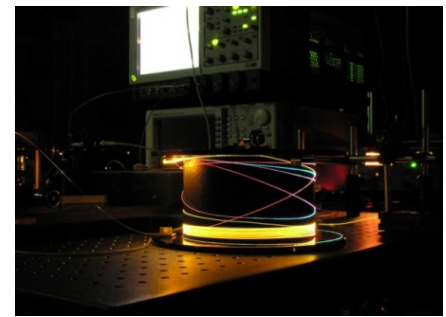
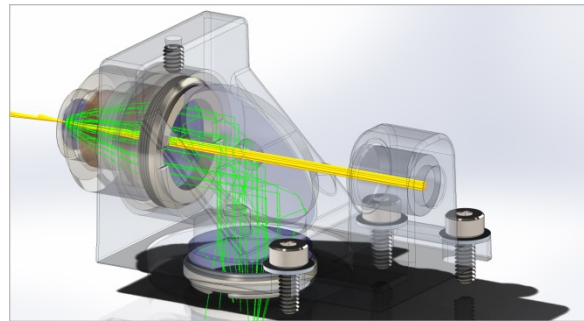
Optics E-5730 Spring 2021

Wave Optics I

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Fundamentals of Optics, Spring 2021

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week	day	date	time	topic
2	Mon	11.1.2021	8-10	Lecture 1: Geometrical optics 1
	Fri	15.1.2021	8-10	Lecture 2: Geometrical optics 2
3	Mon	18.1.2021	8-10	Lecture 3: Wave optics 1
	Mon	18.1.2021	10-12	Exercise 1
	Fri	22.1.2021	8-10	Lecture 4: Wave optics 2
4	Mon	25.1.2021	8-10	Lecture 5: Coherence 1
	Mon	25.1.2021	10-12	Exercise 2
	Fri	29.1.2021	8-10	Lecture 6: Coherence 2
5	Mon	1.2.2021	8-10	Lecture 7: Radiometry
	Mon	1.2.2021	10-12	Exercise 3
	Fri	5.2.2021	8-10	Lecture 8: Interferometry + 30 mins mid-term exam
6	Mon	8.2.2021	8-10	Lecture 9: Fibre optics + Optical telecom
	Mon	8.2.2021	10-12	Exercise 4
	Fri	12.2.2021	8-10	Lecture 10: Diffraction 1
7	Mon	15.2.2021	8-10	Lecture 11: Diffraction 2
	Mon	15.2.2021	10-12	Exercise 5
	Fri	19.2.2021	8-10	NO LECTURE
8	Mon	22.2.2021	8-10	NO LECTURE
	Mon	22.2.2021	10-12	Exercise 6
	Fri	26.2.2021		Examination

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Last Lecture – Geometrical Optics II

- Lens maker's formula and thin lens equation
- Basics of ray tracing in optical systems
- Different types of lenses, magnification, numerical aperture, f-number
- Non-ideal lenses - aberrations
- Matrix formalism for ray tracing
- Reduction of an optical system 'into a thin lens': principal planes

Wave Optics I

Recap

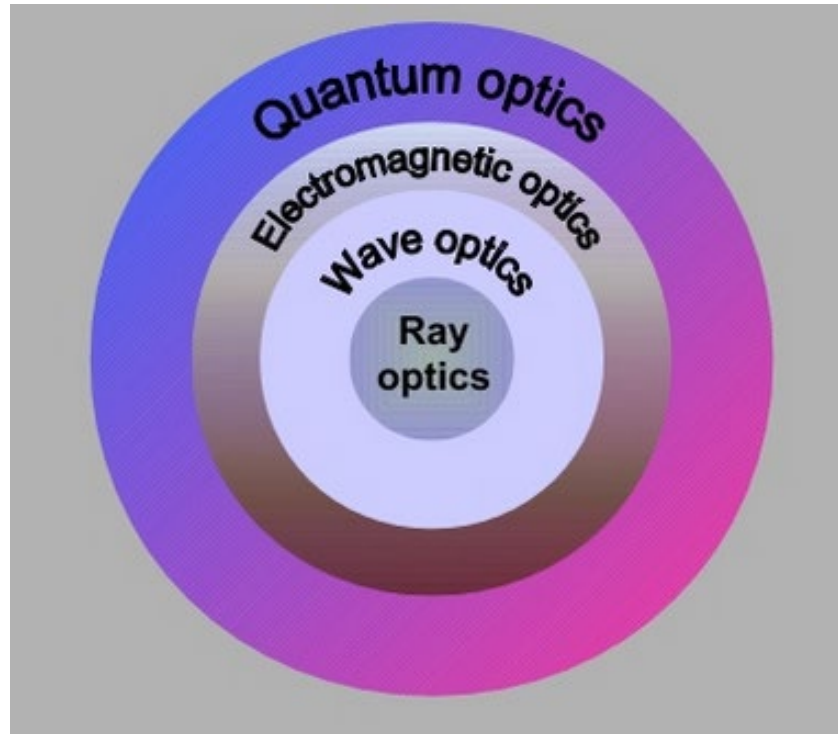
- Wave motion
- Electric and magnetic fields: Maxwell's equations
- Wave equation and speed of light

- Polarisation of light

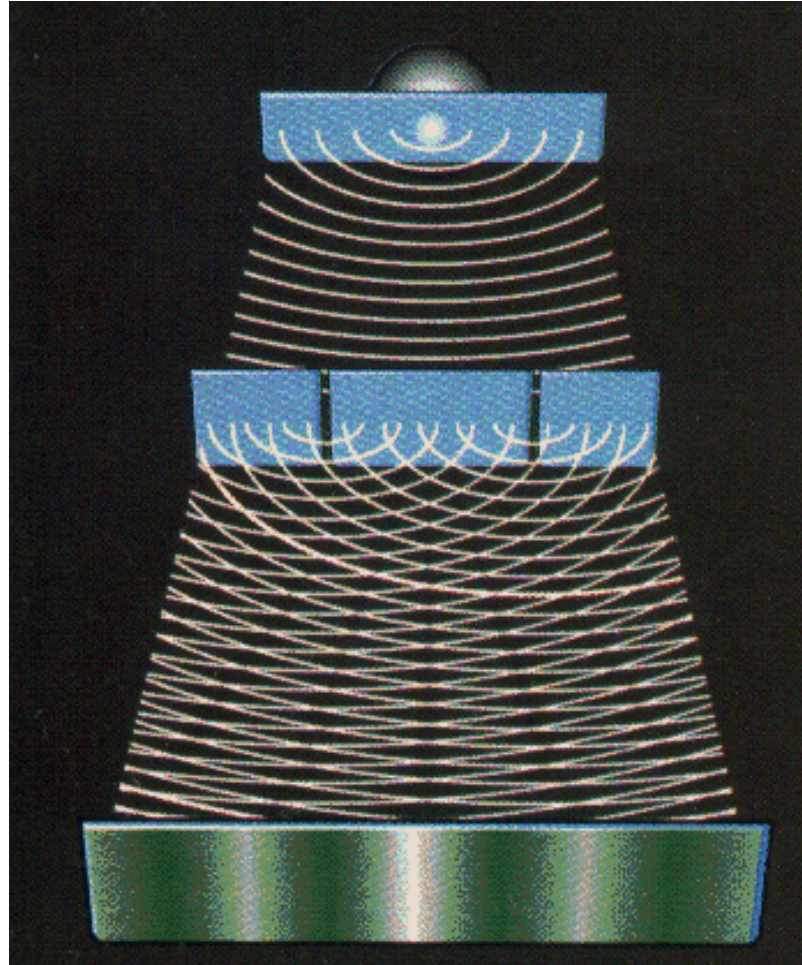
Wave Optics II

- polarising optical components: 'polarisers'
- dichroism and birefringence
- waveplate components: quarter-wave plate and half-wave plate
- reflection and refraction coefficients for E field amplitude and intensity
- Brewster's angle
- anti-reflection (AR) coating
- interference

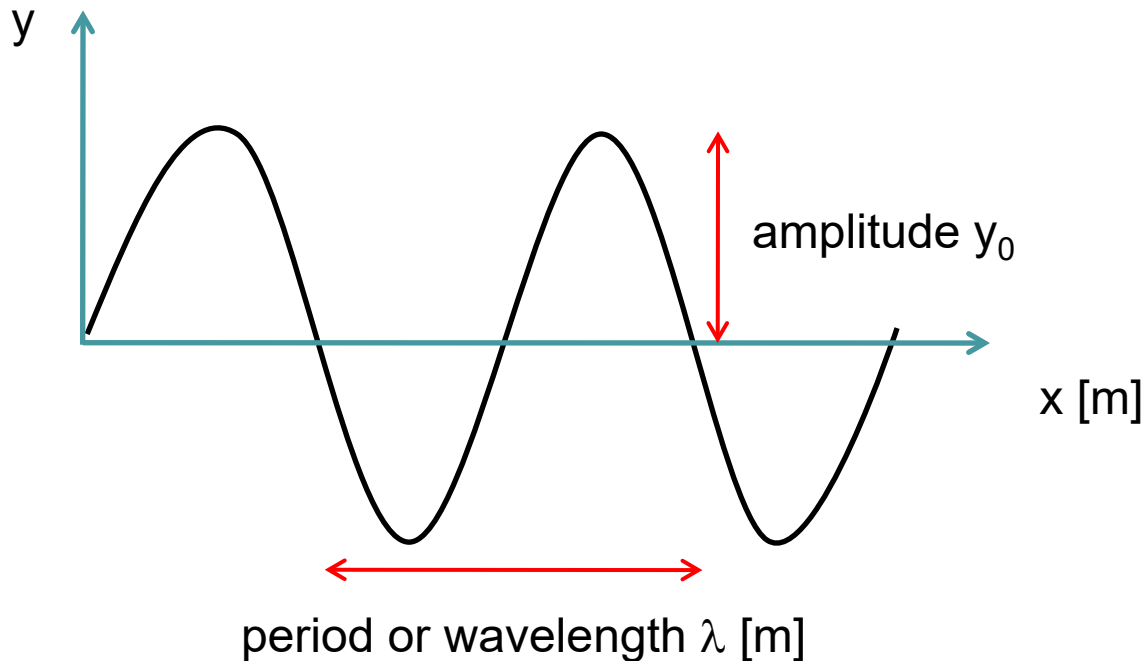
Geometrical Optics (Ray Optics) is the Starting Point



Wave Optics



Recap of Wave Motion (in Space/Spatial Coordinates)



$$y = y_0 \sin(\theta)$$

oscillating presentation
**with respect to spatial
coordinate x:**

$$y = y_0 \sin(kx)$$

$$\cos(kx) = \sin(kx + \pi/2)$$

- unit for the argument of sine and cosine is radian
- $k [?] \times [m] = [\text{rad}] \rightarrow$ unit for wavenumber k is $[\text{rad}/\text{m}]$
- period in the angle space is 2π and equivalently in space it is λ :

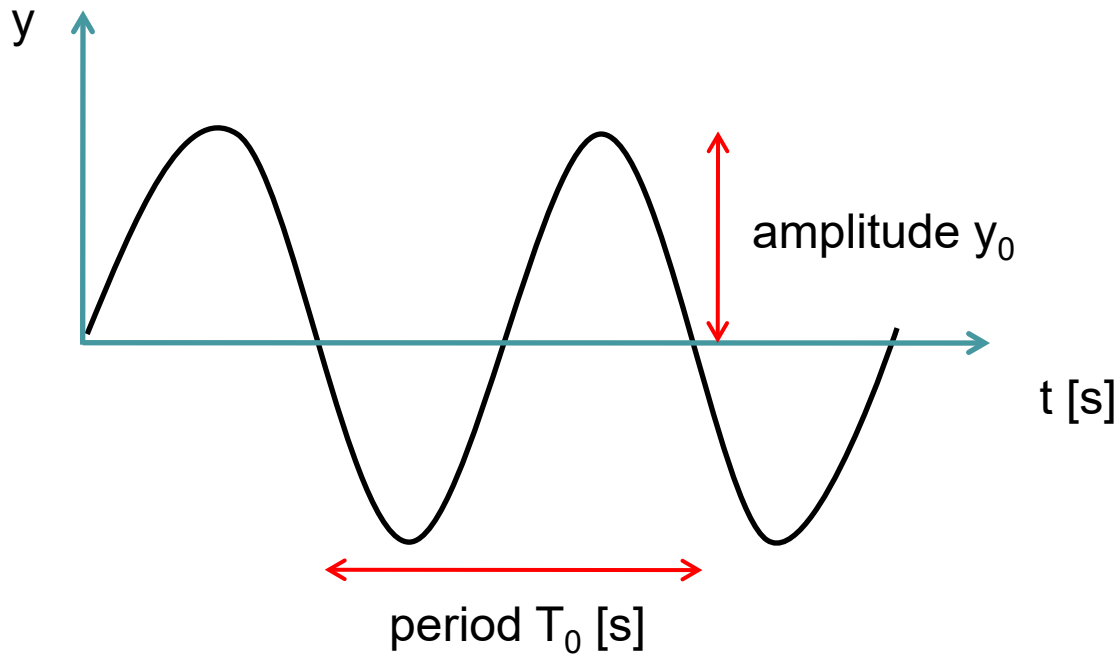
$$kx = \theta$$

$$k(x+\lambda) = \theta + 2\pi$$

\rightarrow

$$k = 2\pi/\lambda$$

Recap of Wave Motion (in Time/Temporal Coordinates)



oscillating presentation
with respect to time:
 $y = y_0 \sin(\omega t)$

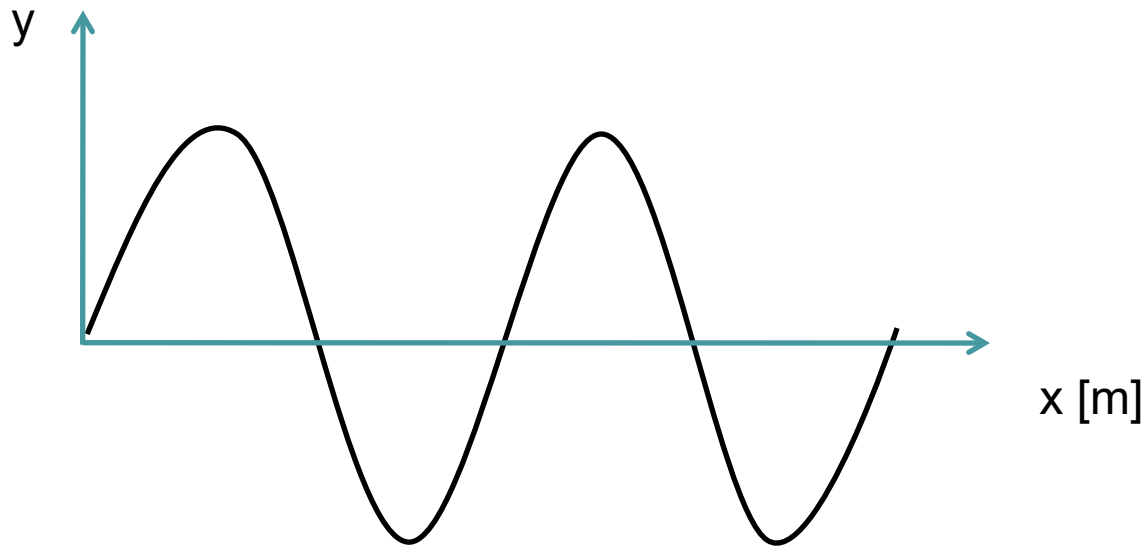
$$\omega t = \theta$$

$$\omega(t + T_0) = \theta + 2\pi$$

$$\rightarrow \omega = 2\pi/T_0 = 2\pi\nu$$

where ν is frequency [s^{-1}]

Propagating Wave Motion

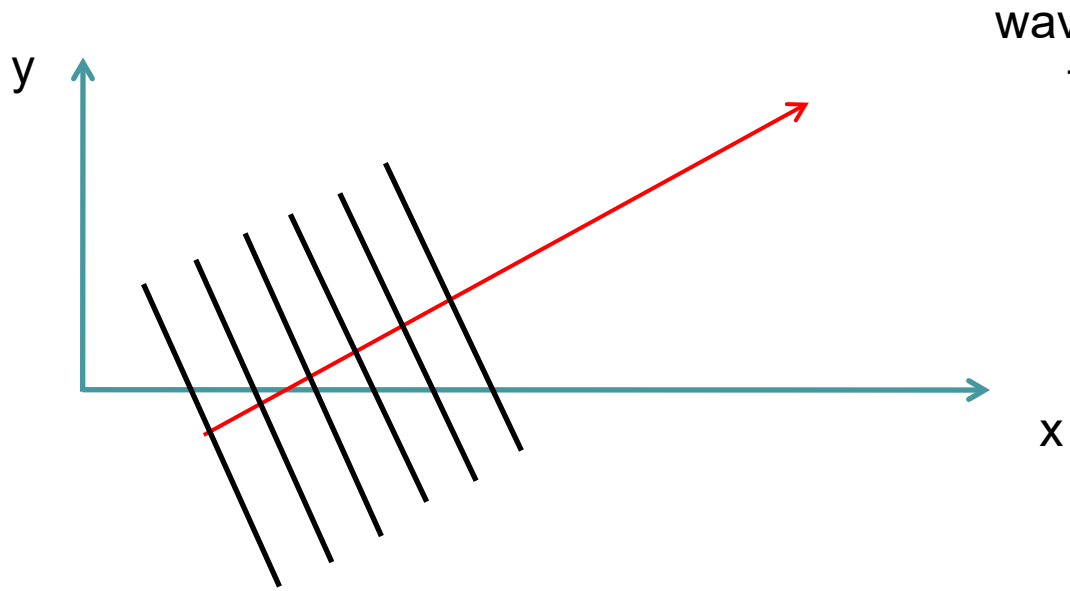


oscillating presentation
for a propagating wave:
 $y = y_0 \sin(kx - \omega t)$

Argument $(kx - \omega t)$, and thus, amplitude y remains constant if kx increases proportionally to ωt . Therefore the wave described by the function y propagates along the positive x axis.

On the other hand, a wave propagating to the negative direction of the x axis has a form $f = f(kx + \omega t)$.

Propagating Wave Motion in 3D



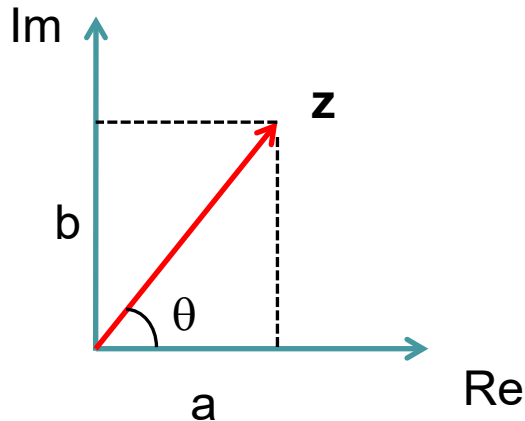
wave vector \mathbf{k} is perpendicular to the direction of the wave front

$$\mathbf{k} = k_x \mathbf{e}_x + k_y \mathbf{e}_y + k_z \mathbf{e}_z$$

wave fronts of a plane wave
(wave front = plane where the wave has constant phase)

$$k = || \mathbf{k} || = \text{sqrt}(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k}) = \text{sqrt}(k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2) = 2\pi/\lambda$$

Complex Numbers – Quick Recap



$z = a + ib$, in addition $r = \|z\| = \sqrt{a^2+b^2}$
and complex conjugate (c.c.) $z^* = a - ib$

$$\sin \theta = b/r$$

$$\cos \theta = a/r$$

$$z = a + ib = r(\underbrace{\cos \theta + i \sin \theta})$$

$$z = r e^{i\theta}$$



$\equiv e^{i\theta}$ (Euler's formula)

- propagating electric field can thus be expressed as $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_0 e^{i(\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}-\omega t)}$
- real part of the electric field can always be found with the help of the c.c.:
 $\text{Re}(\mathbf{E}) = 0.5 (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{E}^*) = \mathbf{E}_0 \cos \theta$
- by using complex valued fields the math becomes easier to follow:

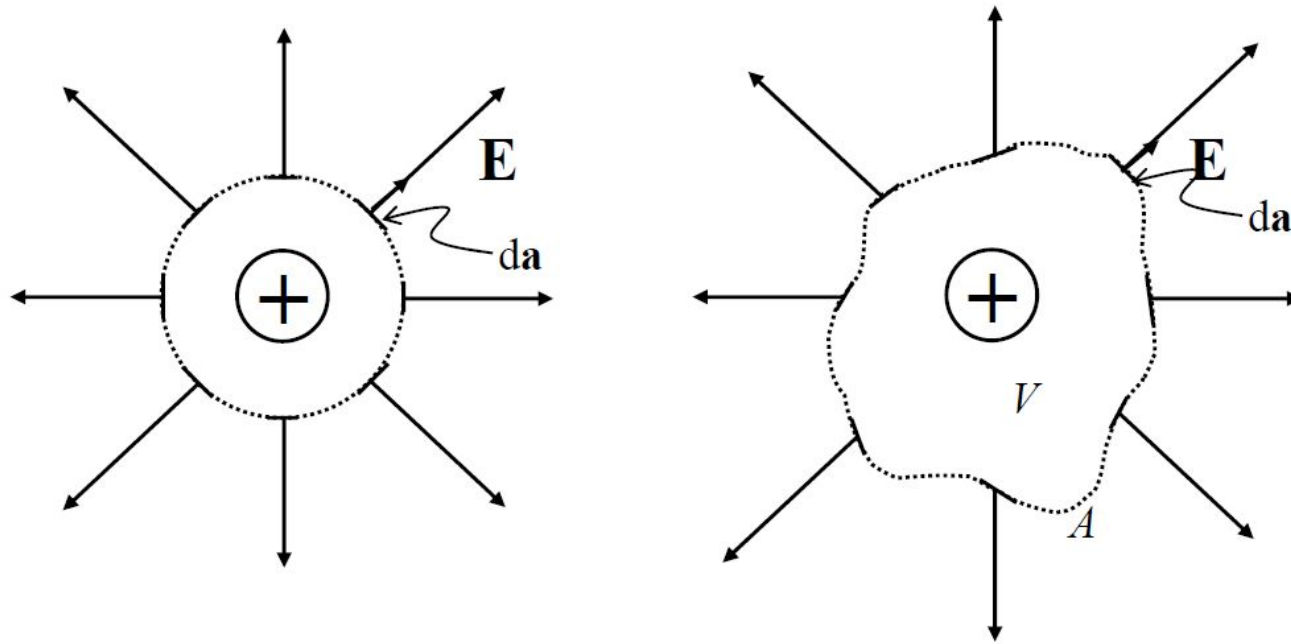
$$E_1 = E_{01} e^{i\theta_1} \quad E_2 = E_{02} e^{i\theta_2}$$

$$E_1 E_2 = E_{01} E_{02} e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$$

$$\frac{E_1}{E_2} = \frac{E_{01}}{E_{02}} e^{i(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}$$

Maxwell's Equations (1/4)

Gauss's Law for the Electric Field

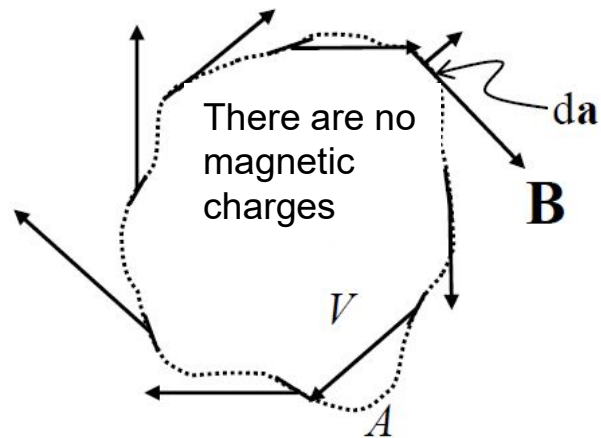


$$\oiint_A \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \iiint_V \rho \, dV \quad \xleftrightarrow{\text{divergens theorem}} \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

density of free charges

Maxwell's equations (2/4)

Gauss's Law for the Magnetic Field



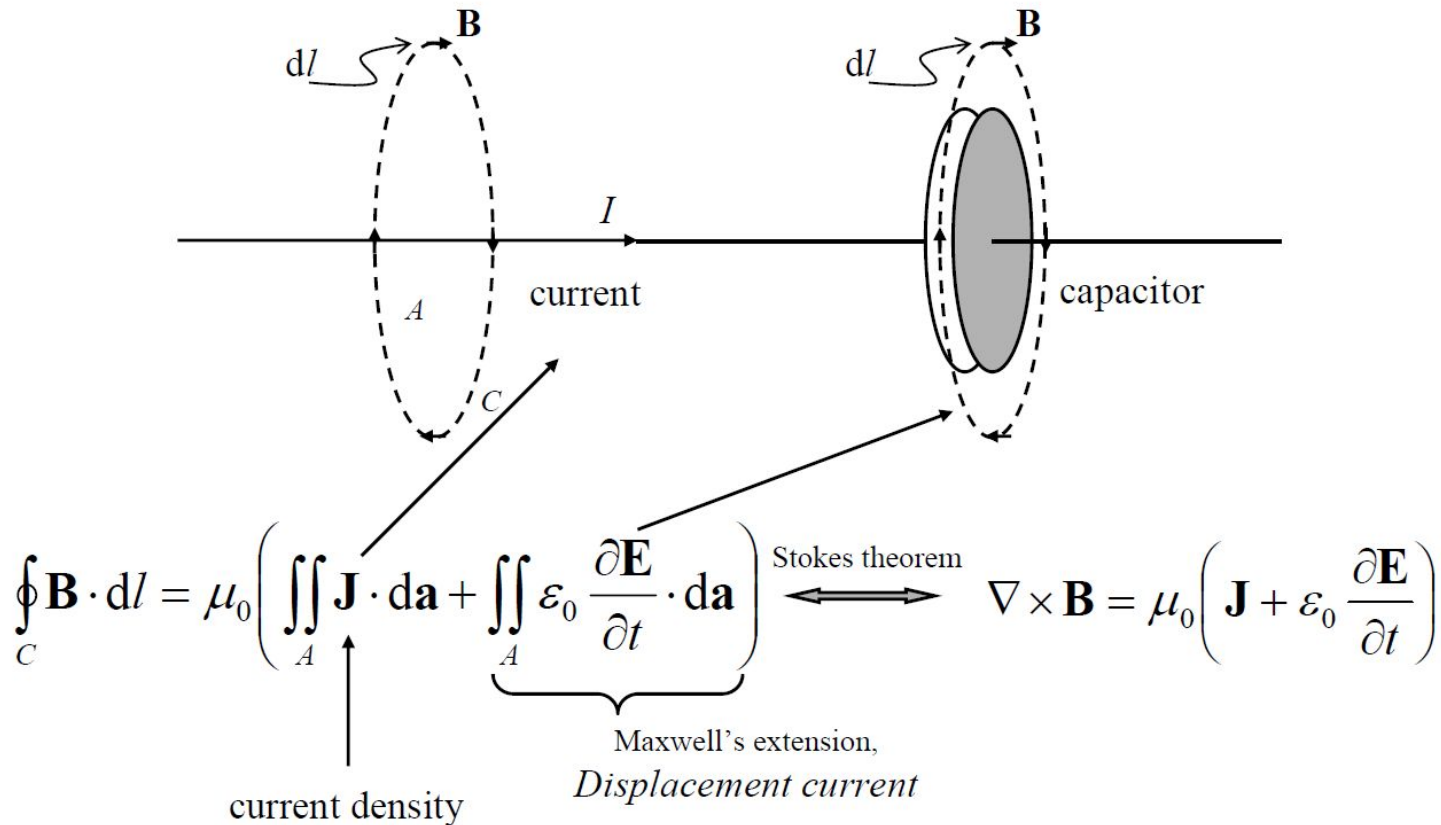
$$\oiint_A \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = 0$$

divergens theorem \longleftrightarrow $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$

density of "magnetic charges"

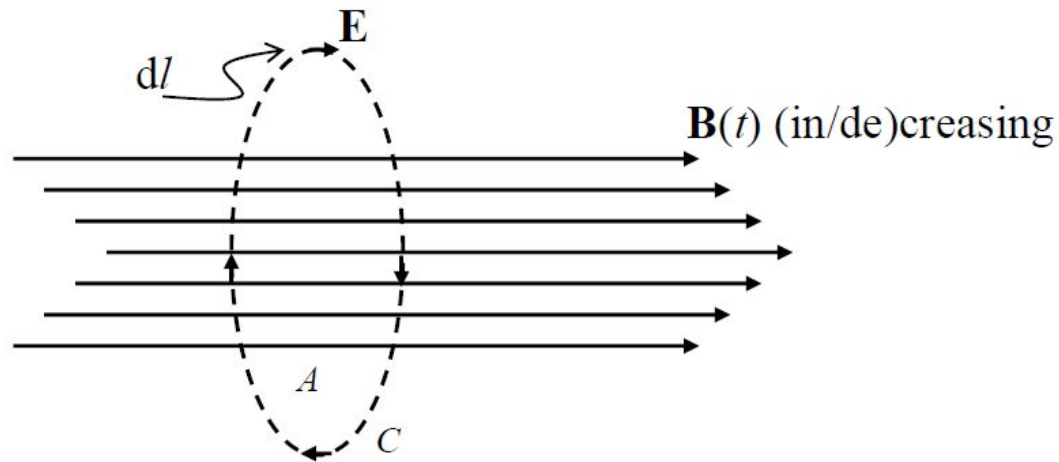
Maxwell's equations (3/4)

Ampère's Circuital Law



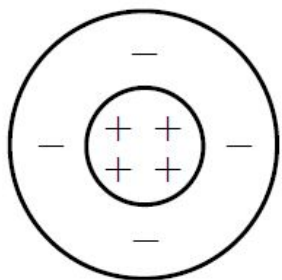
Maxwell's equations (4/4)

Faraday's Law of Induction

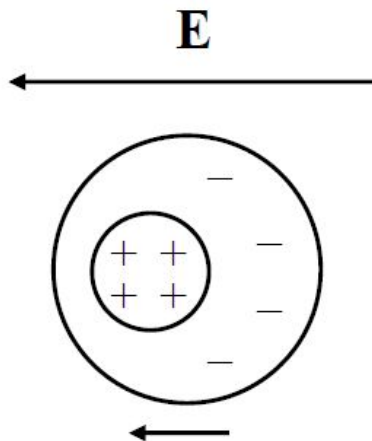


$$\oint_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = -\frac{d}{dt} \int_A \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{a} \quad \xleftrightarrow{\text{Stokes theorem}} \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

Constitutive Relations ("Material Equations")



free atom,
total charge is zero
(neutral atom)



- Atom in external E field:
- total charge remains zero
 - charge distribution is unsymmetric

$$\mathbf{p} = q_+ \mathbf{r}_+ - q_- \mathbf{r}_-$$

dipole moment

$$\mathbf{P} = \sum \mathbf{p}$$

polarisation

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$$

E : external electric field

P : polarisation of the medium

D : displacement field

ϵ_0 : permittivity of free space (=vacuum)

χ_e : electric susceptibility

for linear, isotropic medium:

$$\vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi_e) \vec{E} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \vec{E}$$

How about non-linear, non-isotropic medium?

Constitutive Relations ("Material Equations")

similarly for magnetic fields

$$\vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{H} + \vec{M}$$

H: external magnetising field

M: magnetisation of the medium

B: (total) magnetic field

μ_0 : permeability of free space (=vacuum)

χ_m : magnetic susceptibility

for linear, isotropic medium: $\vec{M} = \epsilon_0 \chi_m \vec{H}$

$$\vec{B} = \mu_0 (1 + \chi_m) \vec{H} = \mu_0 \mu_r \vec{H}$$

Maxwell's equations in differential form
for linear isotropic isolating medium (dielectric)

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

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

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

material equations

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0(1 + \chi_e)\vec{E} = \epsilon\vec{E}$$

$$\vec{B} = \mu_0(1 + \chi_m)\vec{H} = \mu\vec{H}$$

Wave Equation and Speed of Propagation

$$1. \quad \nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad \parallel \quad \nabla \times \quad 2. \quad \nabla \times \vec{B} = \epsilon\mu \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \quad \parallel \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$$



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

$$\nabla \times \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = \epsilon\mu \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial^2 t}$$



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

Wave Equation and Speed of Propagation

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

vector calculus gives

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

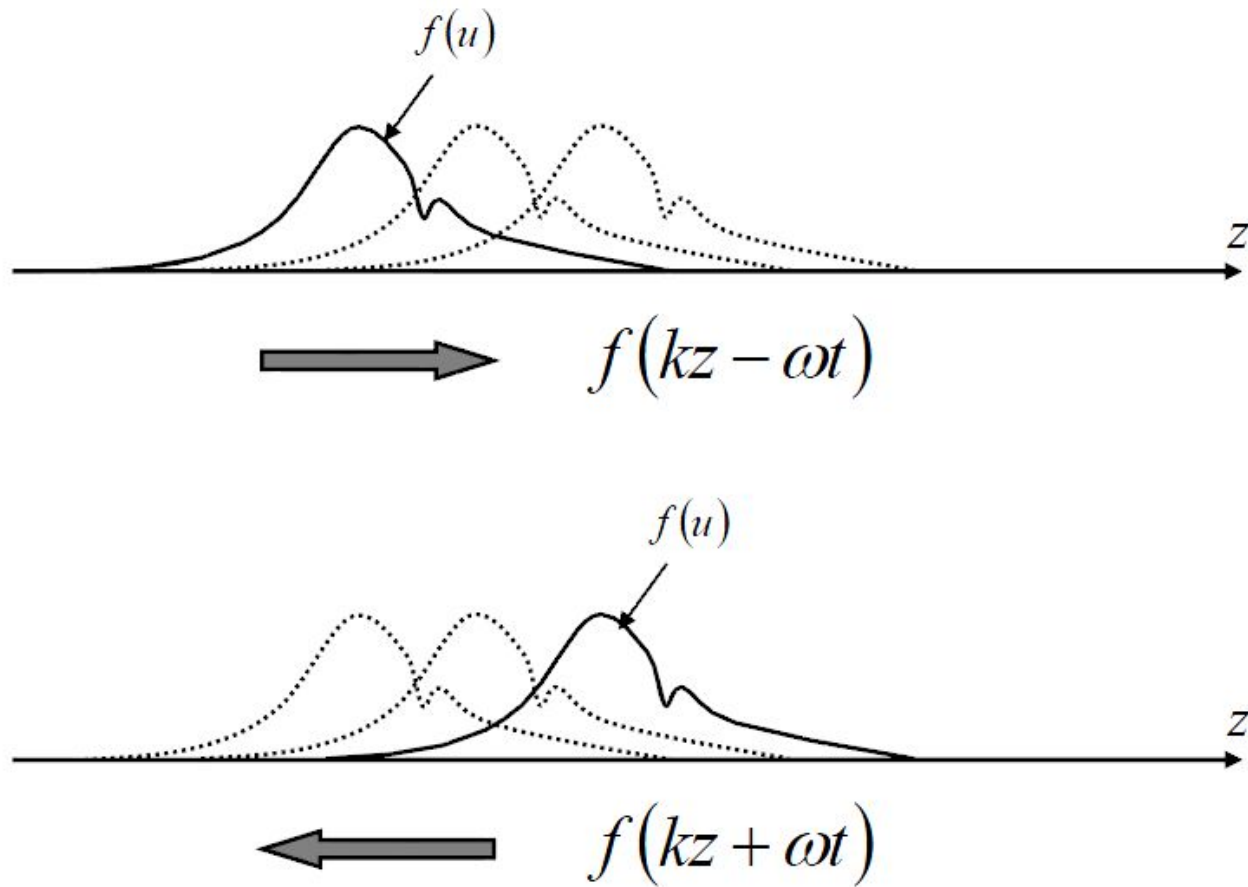
= 0



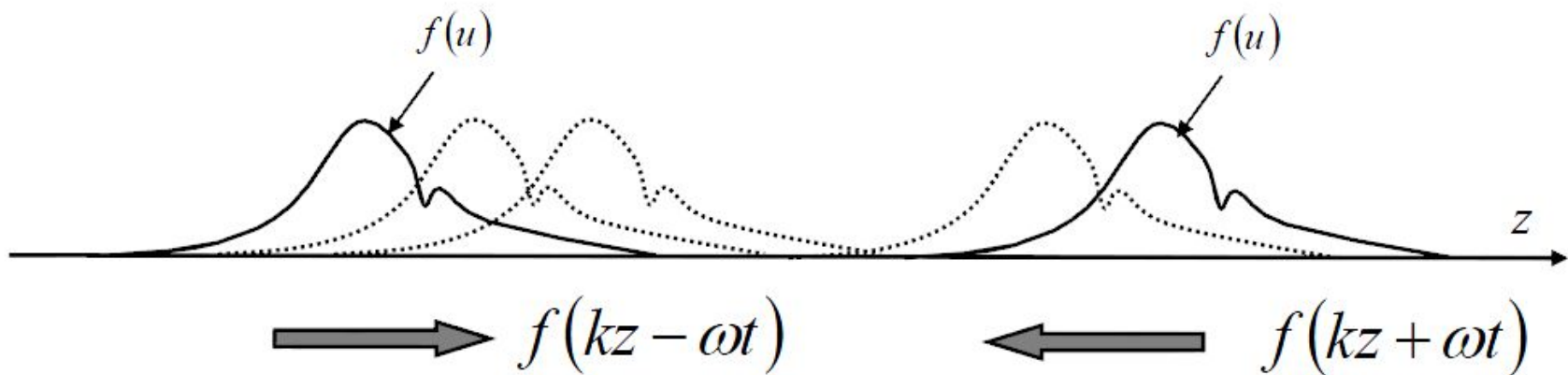
$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \epsilon\mu \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

wave equation

Solutions to Wave Equation



Solutions to Wave Equation



If $f(kz - \omega t)$ and $f(kz + \omega t)$ are solutions to wave equation the also their sum is a solution, because the wave equation is linear. Thus $f(kz - \omega t) + f(kz + \omega t)$ is also a solution.

Generally speaking, there can be multiple solutions but in most cases the solutions are limited by:

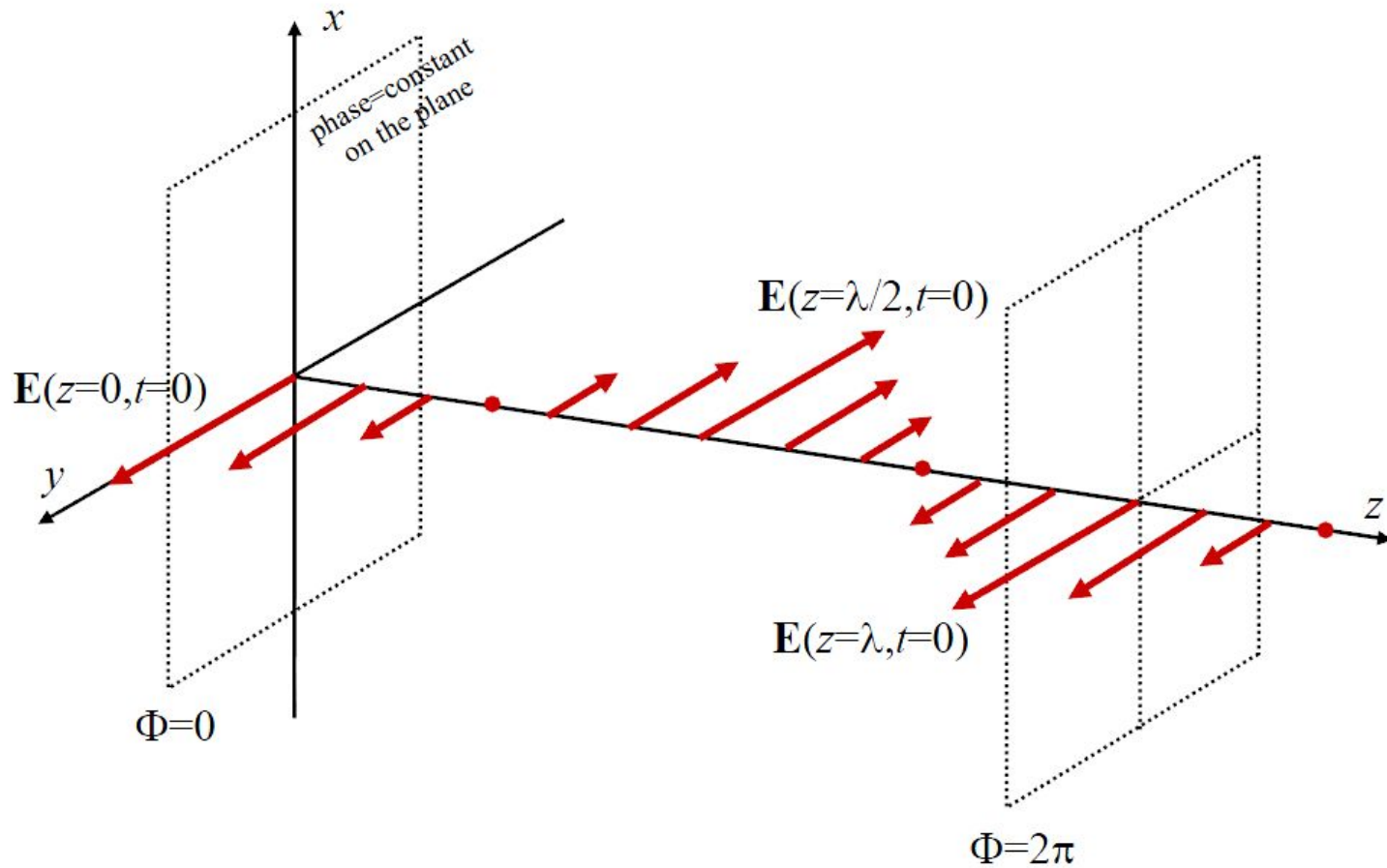
- initial values (e.g., laser light is coupled to an optical fibre so that we know the initial intensity and frequency of the laser light)
- boundary conditions (e.g., total internal reflection keeps light inside an optical fibre)

Wave Equation in Spherical Coordinates

Polarisation of Light

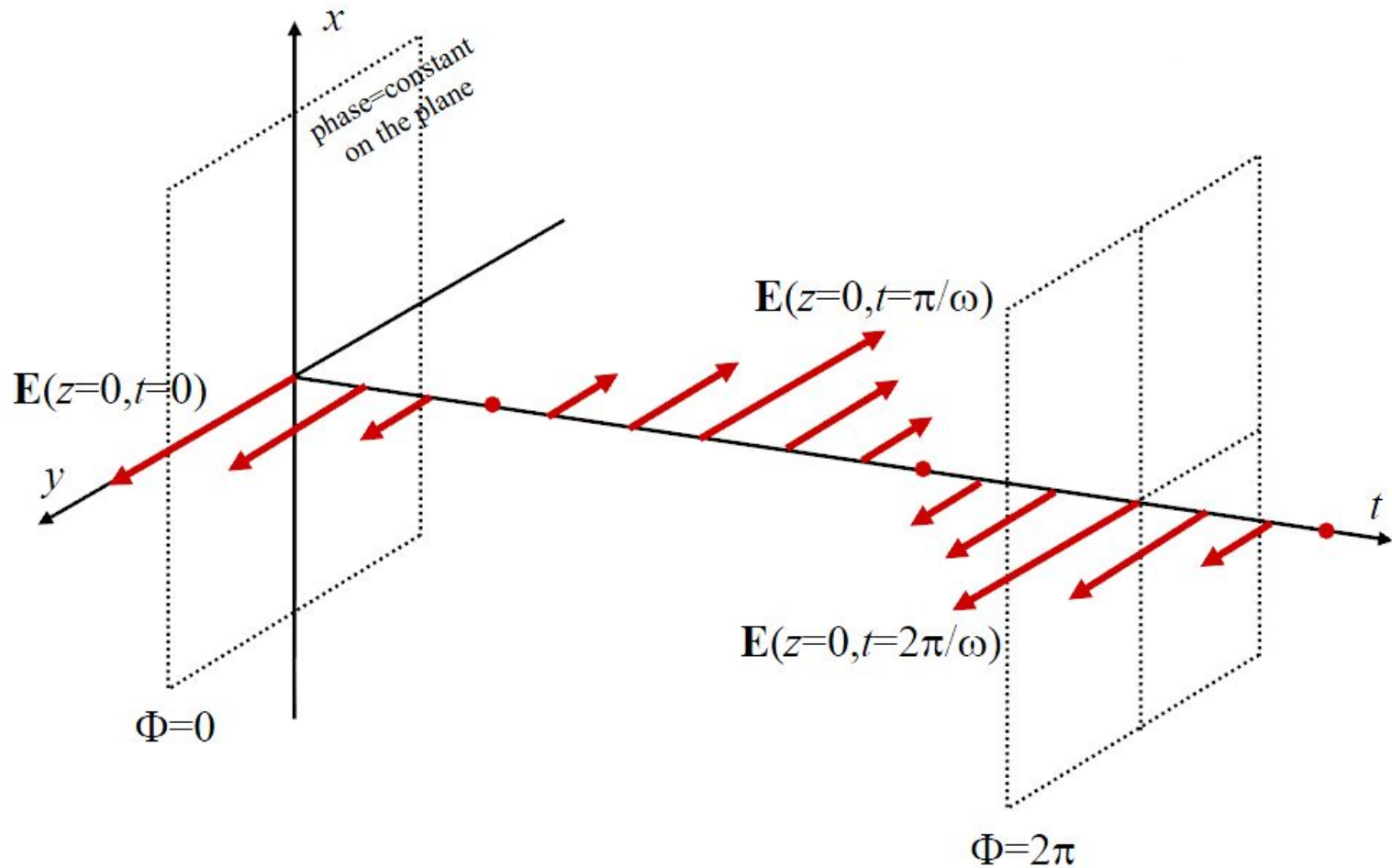
Linear Polarisation Along y Axis (E_{0y})

- plane wave $f(kz-\omega t)$ at the time $t = 0$



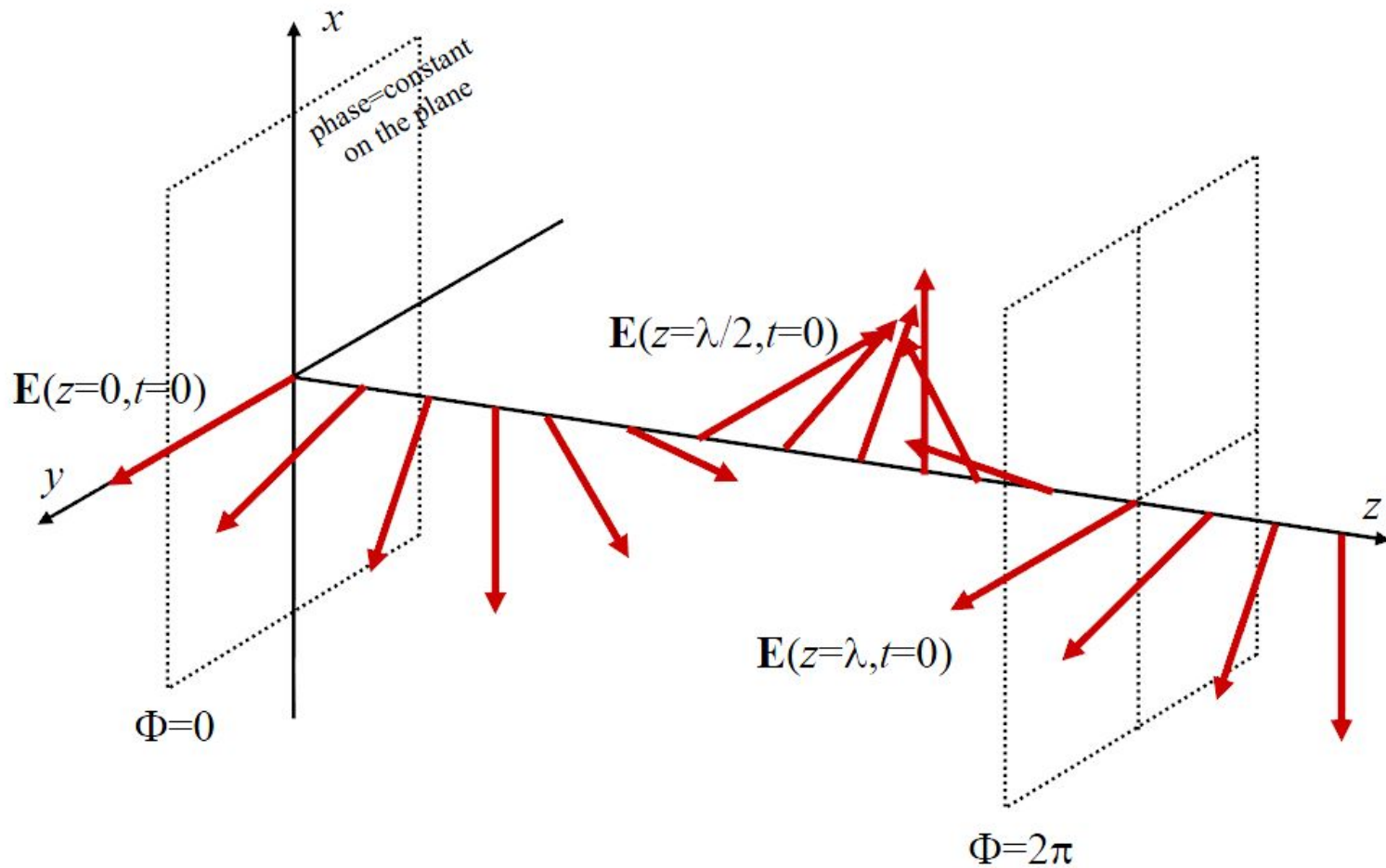
Linear Polarisation Along y Axis (E_{0y})

- plane wave $f(kz-\omega t)$ at the position $z = 0$



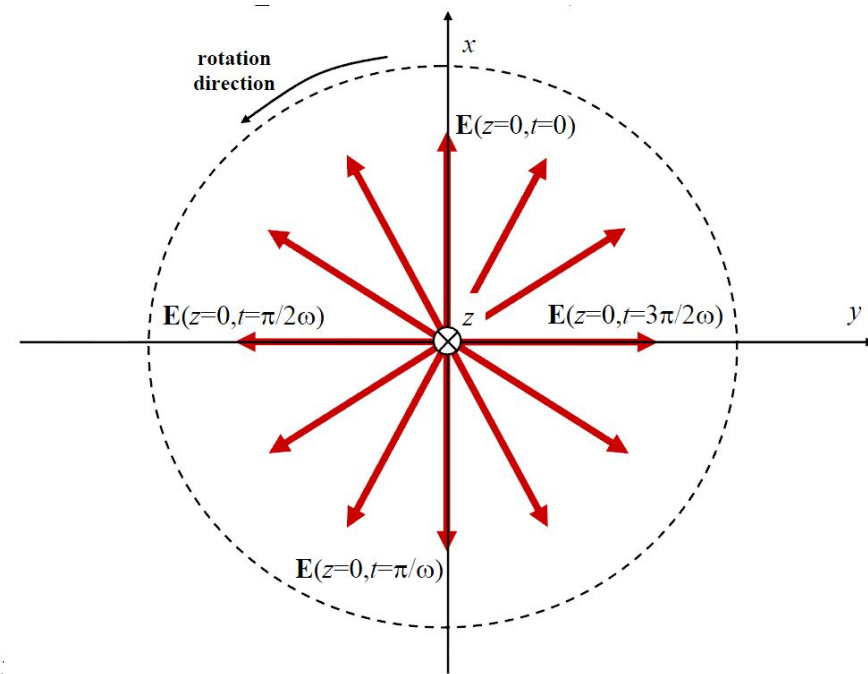
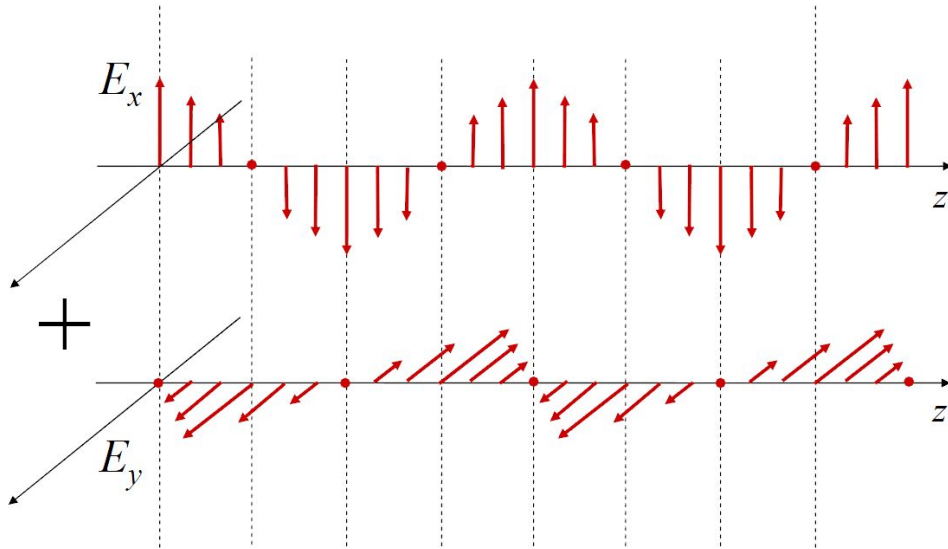
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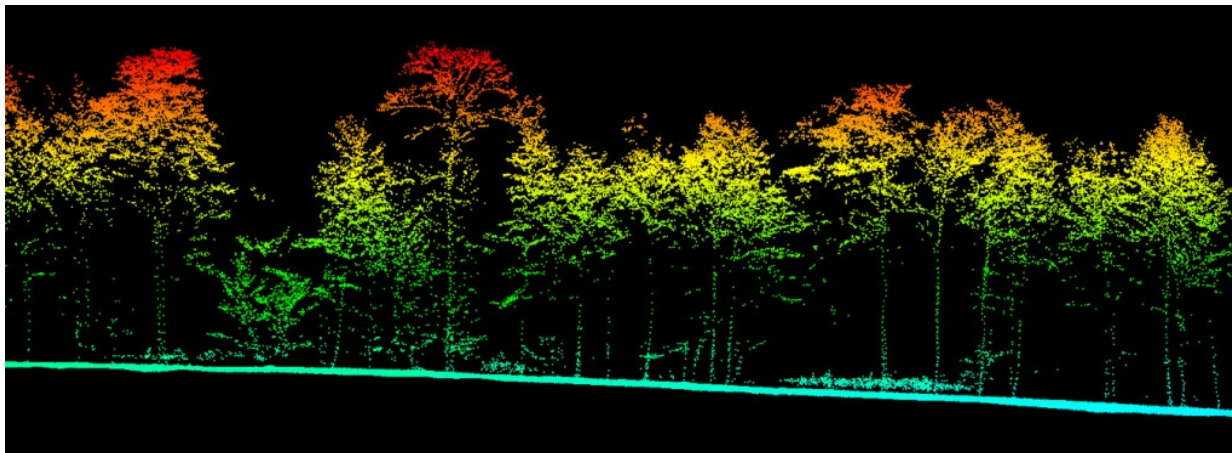
- can be considered as a sum of two linearly polarised plane waves, the phase difference of which is $\pi/2$



Circular Polarisation

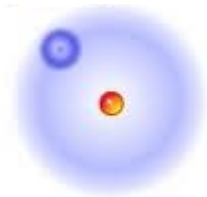
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fu-aYnRkUgg>

Introduction to the Concept of **Optical Spectroscopy** – Studying Interaction between Light and Matter



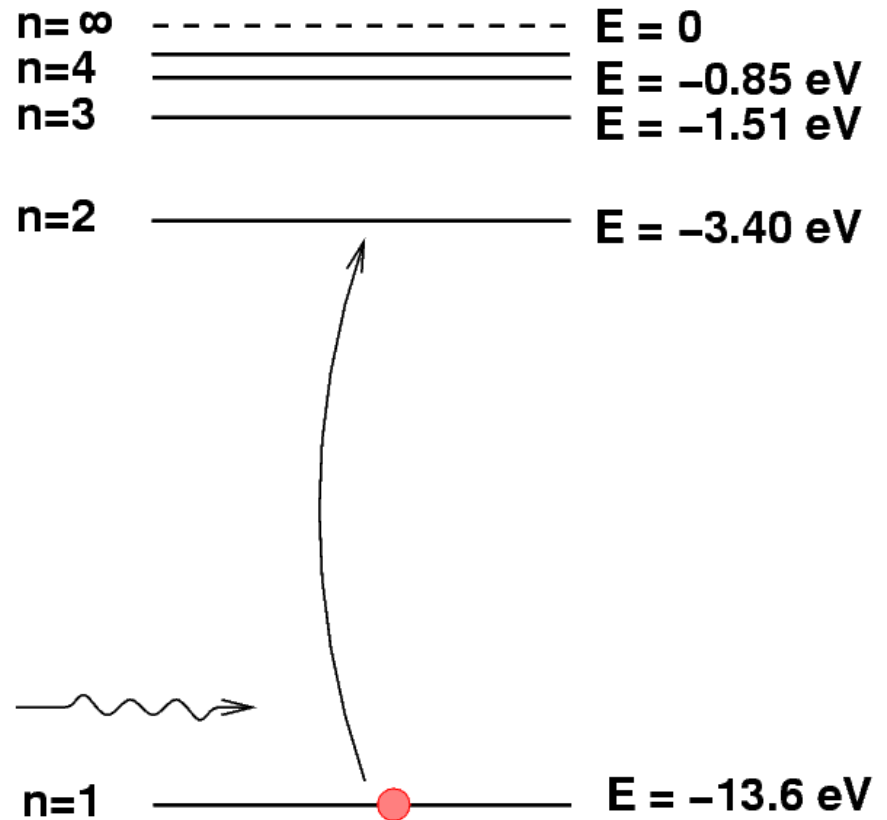
Absorption of Ultraviolet/Visible Light in Atoms

When the energy (frequency) of photons matches the energy level difference of the atom's electrons, photons can interact with the particular atom.



$$E_p = hc/\lambda$$

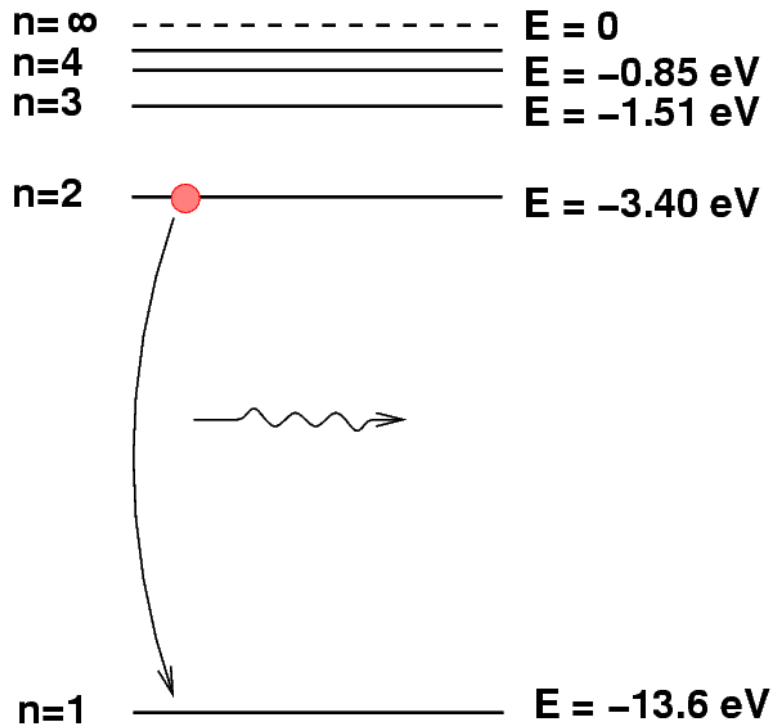
$$E_p \sim 1.24 \text{ eV } \mu\text{m} / \lambda (\mu\text{m})$$



$$E_{1-2} = 10.2 \text{ eV corresponds to } \lambda = 121 \text{ nm}$$

$$E_{2-3} = 1.89 \text{ eV corresponds to } \lambda = 656 \text{ nm}$$

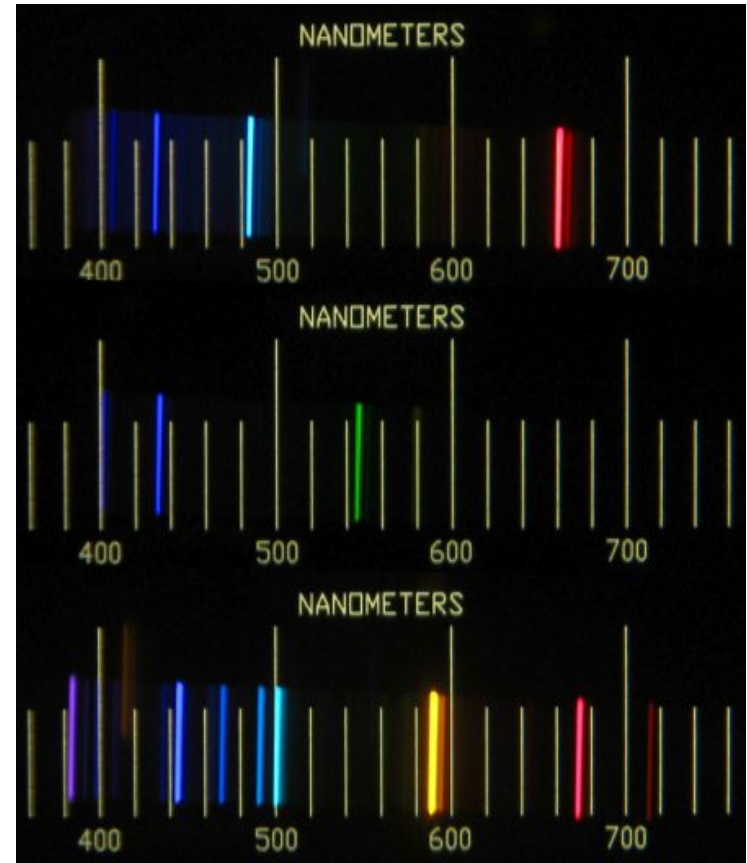
Emission of Light from Atoms



hydrogen

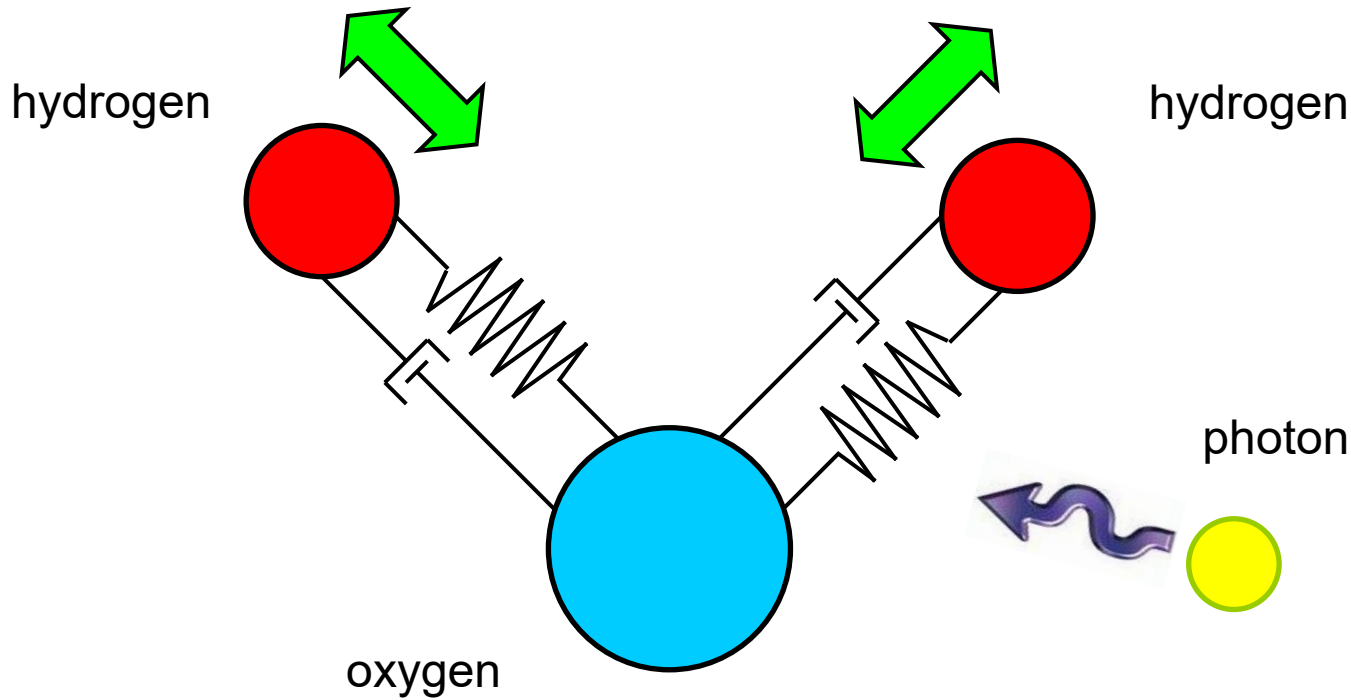
mercury

helium



Absorption of Infrared Light in Molecules – Vibration and Rotation

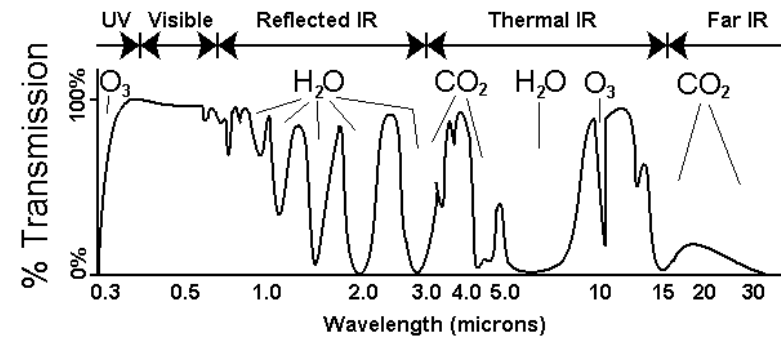
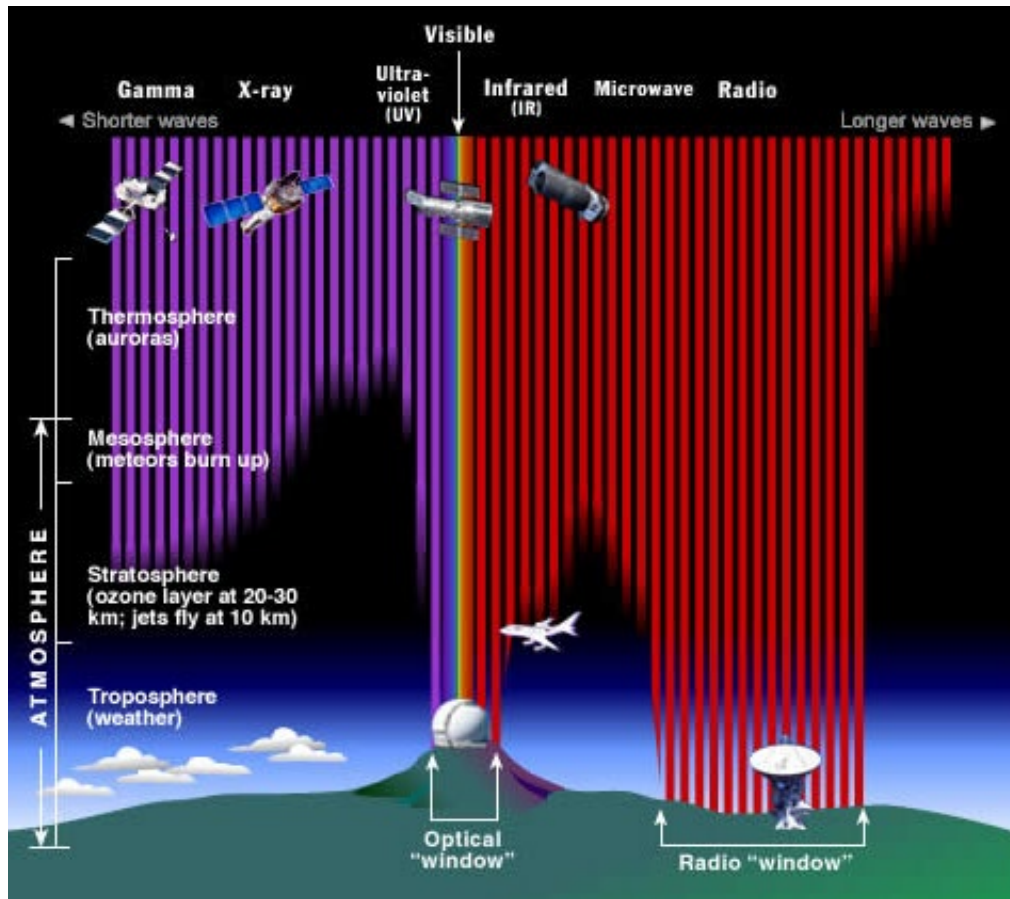
Mickey Mouse model of water molecule



When the energy (frequency) of photons matches the quantised vibrational and/or rotational energy level differences of the molecule, photon will interact with that molecule.

In absorption, the photon's energy ($h\nu$) get's converted into the molecules' electronic, vibrational or rotational energy.

Absorption of EM Radiation in the Atmosphere



For each molecule there are characteristic energies/wavelengths that get absorbed – this is the foundation of optical spectroscopy.

Blackbody Radiation – Continuous Emission Spectrum

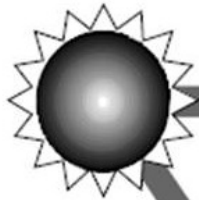


Max Planck's theory of blackbody radiation in the year 1900 started the development of quantum theory and allowed several fundamental predictions:

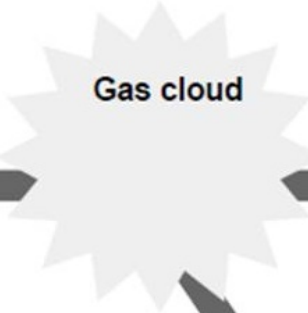
- definition of Avogadro's number
- size of atoms
- charge of electrons
- mass of electrons

Emission and Absorption of Light

Source of continuous spectrum (blackbody)



Gas cloud



Absorption line spectrum



Continuous spectrum



Emission line spectrum

