

312(4) : Power Radiated from Half Wave Antenna  
Theory

The total power in watts emitted by an antenna is:

$$P = \frac{1}{2\mu_0 c k^3} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} |a_E(l, 0)|^2$$

If the source dimensions are much less than the wave-length the multipole expansion is completely dominated by the lowest value of  $l$ . Therefore:

$$P = \frac{1}{2\mu_0 c k^3} |a_E(1, 0)|^2 - (2)$$

For a Half-wave antenna:

$$fd = \pi - (3)$$

where  $d$  is the length of the antenna. In this case:

$$a_E(1, 0) = 4(6\pi)^{1/2} \left( \frac{\mu_0 c I}{4\pi d} \right) - (4)$$

So

$$\boxed{P = \frac{3\mu_0 c I^2}{\pi} - (5)}$$

$$= 359.75 I^2$$

The relation between power in watts and flux density  $\Phi$  in watts per square metre is:

$$2) P = \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^{\pi} -\bar{\Phi} r^2 \sin\theta d\theta \quad -(6)$$

in spherical polar coordinates. In these equations I is the current in amperes or  $C s^{-1}$ ,  $\mu_0$  is the vacuum permeability:

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-8} \frac{J s^2}{C^2 n^{-1}} \quad -(7)$$

$$c = 2.9979 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1} \quad -(8)$$

and

From eq. (6):

$$P = 2\pi \bar{\Phi} r^2 \int_0^{\pi} \sin\theta d\theta \quad -(9)$$

$$= 4\pi^2 r^2 \bar{\Phi}$$

$P = 4\pi r^2 \bar{\Phi} \text{ in watt}$

$$-(10)$$

Therefore:

From Planck / Rayleigh theory w/t rest mass  $m_0$ :

$$\bar{\Phi} = \left( \frac{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^{3/2}}{3c^2 \pi^2} \right) \langle \bar{P}_\omega \rangle \quad -(11)$$

for monochromatic radiation of angular freq.

3)

$$\omega = 2\pi f. \quad (12)$$

The rest frequency of de Broglie is:

$$\omega_0 = \frac{mc}{\hbar}. \quad (13)$$

In eq. (11):

$$\langle \mathcal{E}_\omega \rangle = \frac{\hbar\omega}{e^{\gamma - 1}} \quad (14)$$

where:

$$\gamma = \frac{\hbar\omega}{kT} \quad (15)$$

Therefore the total power in the quantum theory is:

$$P = r^2 \Phi \quad (16)$$

$$\text{i.e. } P = \frac{r^2 (\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^{3/2}}{3c^2 \pi^2} \left( \frac{\hbar\omega}{e^{\gamma - 1}} \right) \quad (17)$$

From eqns. (5) and (17) the power in watts emitted by a half-wave antenna can be expressed in terms of  $\omega_0$ :

4)

$$P = \frac{3\mu_0 c}{\pi} I^2 = \frac{r^2 (\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^{3/2}}{3c^2 \pi^2} \left( \frac{\hbar \omega}{e^{\gamma} - 1} \right) \quad -(18)$$

The half wave antenna is a small section of a power line, with a current  $I$  in anger at an alternating frequency of  $\omega = 2\pi f$ , where  $f$  is about 60 Hz. The source dimension is much less than the wavelength so eq. (18) is valid.

It is advantageous to maximize the distance  $r$  between the transmitter and receiver so as to increase the power  $P$  of the radiation from the Planck law:

$$P = \frac{r^2 (\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^{3/2}}{3c^2 \pi^2} \left( \frac{\hbar \omega}{e^{\gamma} - 1} \right) \quad \text{in watts.} \quad -(19)$$

At room temperature:

$$T = 293 K \quad -(20)$$

and at

$$f = 60 \text{ Hz} \quad -(21)$$

it follows that:

$$\hbar c \ll kT \quad (22)$$

so

$$e^y \approx 1 + y \quad (23)$$

Therefore:

$$P = \frac{r^2 (\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^{3/2} kT}{3c^3 \pi^3} \quad (24)$$

where

$$k = 1.38066 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1} \quad (25)$$

If the transmitted signal is received a long distance  $r$  from the source, the power in watts can be increased to a measurable value. In the approximation (22):

$$\frac{3\mu_0 c}{\pi} I^2 = r^2 (\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^{3/2} \frac{kT}{3c^3 \pi^3} \quad (26)$$

Therefore:

$$\boxed{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 = \left( \frac{9\mu_0 c \pi I}{kT r^2} \right)^{2/3}} \quad (27)$$

Units Check

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= \left( \text{S}^2 \text{J} \text{C}^2 \text{n}^{-1} \text{m}^3 \text{C}^2 \text{s}^{-3} \text{J}^{-1} \text{m}^{-3} \right)^{2/3} \\ &= \text{S}^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

6) At the point  $\omega = \omega_0$  - (28)

The signal drops to zero.

The lowest detectable power of contemporary receiver technology is  $10^{-15}$  watts or less. This would have to detect a power of:

$$P = r^2 (\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^{3/2} \frac{RT}{3C^2 \pi^2} - (29)$$

$$= \frac{3\mu_0 C}{\pi} I^2$$

$$= 359 \cdot 75 I^2$$

from a half wave antenna. If two different current inputs are used for the same  $r$ ,

$$\text{then: } \frac{P_1}{P_2} = \frac{I_1^2}{I_2^2} = \left( \frac{\omega_1^2 - \omega_0^2}{\omega_2^2 - \omega_0^2} \right)^{3/2} - (30)$$

Therefore the experiment consists of using one source with  $I_1$  and  $\omega_1$ , and another source with  $I_2$  and  $\omega_2$  and working out  $\omega_0$  from eq. - (30).

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