

Module I: Electromagnetic waves

Lecture 7: Multipole radiation, antennas

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- The Poynting vector $\vec{\mathbf{N}}(\vec{\mathbf{x}}, t) = \vec{\mathbf{E}}(\vec{\mathbf{x}}, t) \times \vec{\mathbf{H}}(\vec{\mathbf{x}}, t)$ is normal to both, $(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \vec{\mathbf{p}})$ and $[(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \vec{\mathbf{p}}) \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}]$, i.e. along $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$, as expected.

$$\langle \vec{\mathbf{N}}(\vec{\mathbf{x}}) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu_0}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{1}{r^2} k^4 c^3 |\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \vec{\mathbf{p}}|^2 \hat{\mathbf{r}} \quad (17)$$

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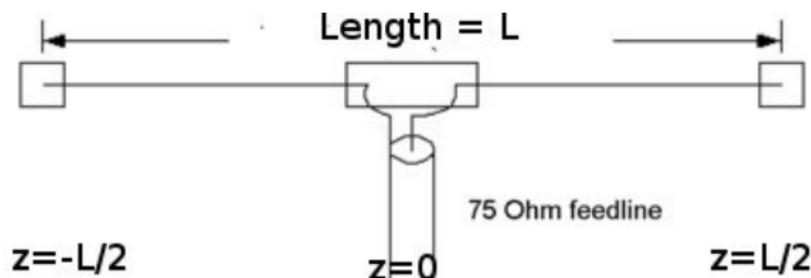
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Coming up...

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Dipole antenna from a coaxial cable

Feeding through a coaxial cable:



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(Note: direction of current is the same for $z > 0$ and $z < 0$)

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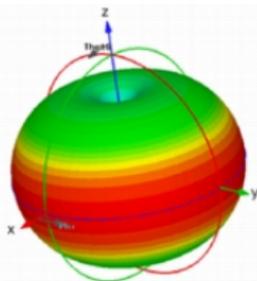
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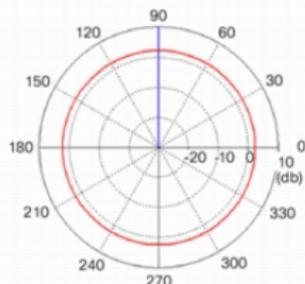
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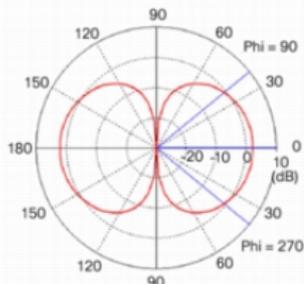
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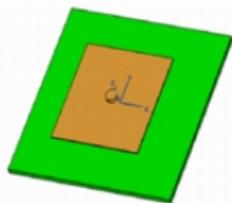


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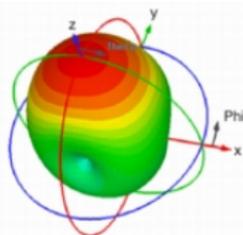
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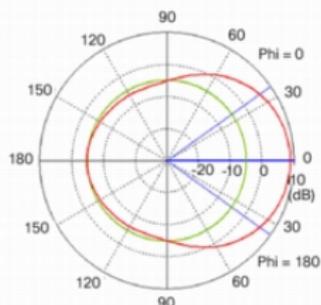
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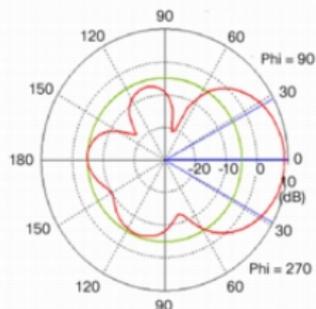
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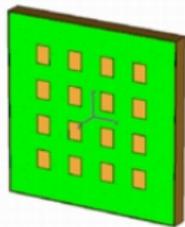


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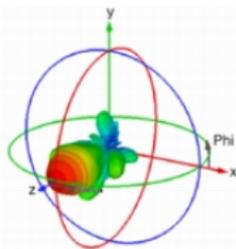
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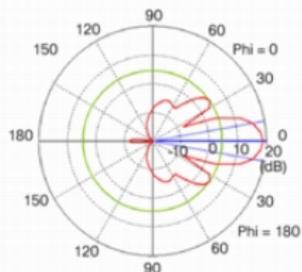
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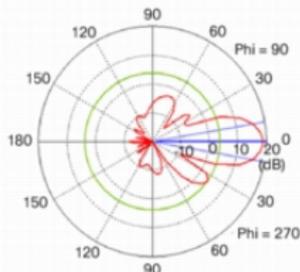
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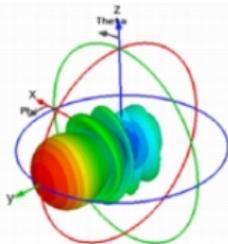
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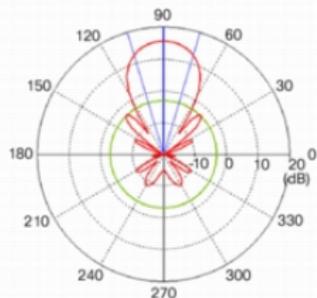
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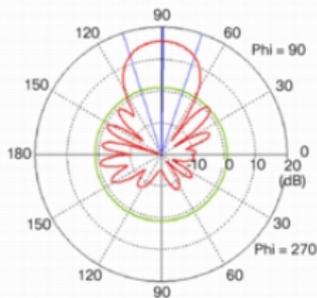
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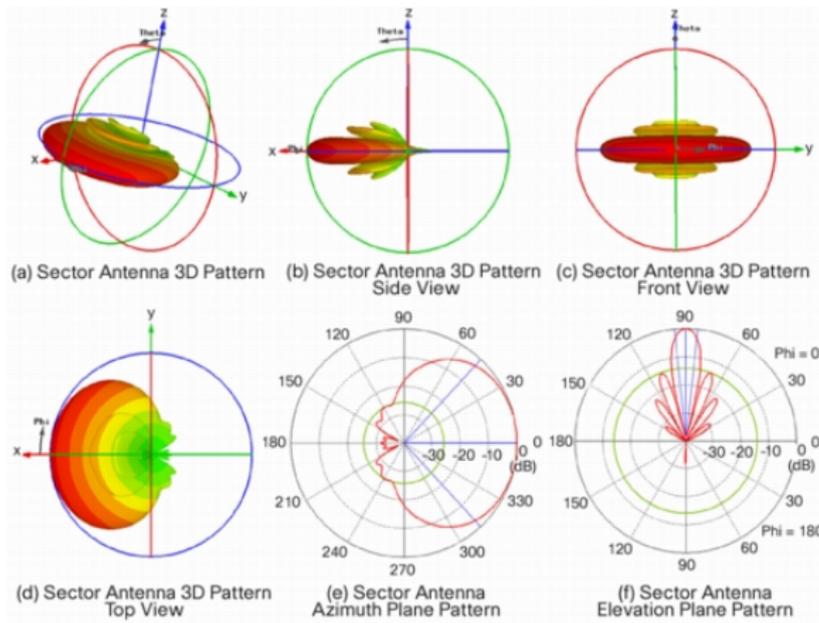


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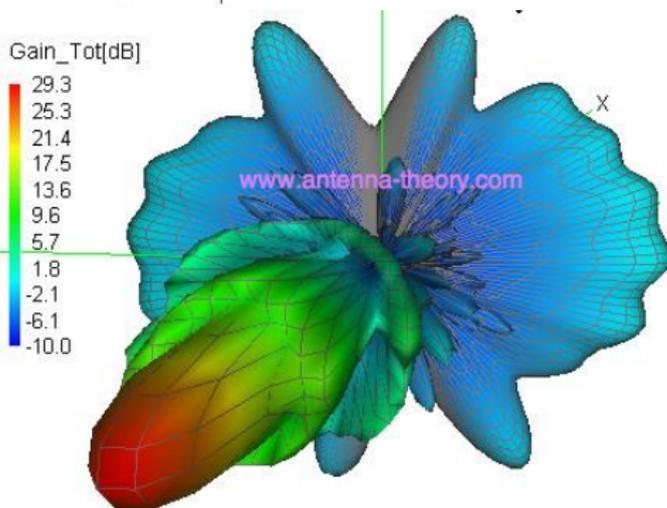
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Antenna patterns: dish



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Recap of topics covered in this lecture

- Calculating radiative components of $\vec{\mathbf{B}}$ and $\vec{\mathbf{E}}$ from $\vec{\mathbf{A}}$
- Multipole expansion when $|\vec{\mathbf{x}}'| < \lambda < |\vec{\mathbf{x}}|$
- Electric dipole radiation as the leading term ($n = 0$) in multipole expansion
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