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Physics 122

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■ Theme Music:

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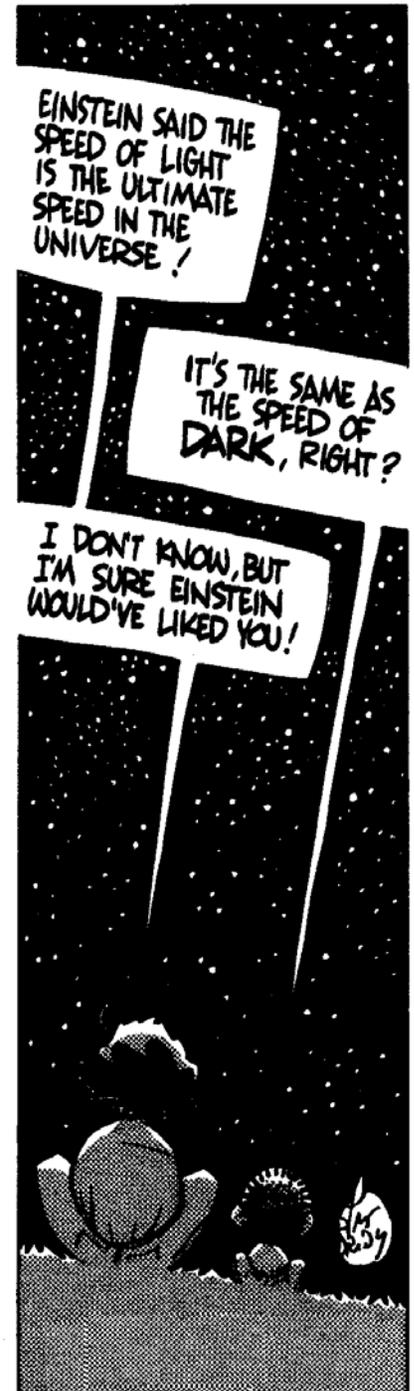
*I Will be Light\**

\*Thanks to Dan Makover  
For bringing this song to my attention

■ Cartoon:

Pat Brady

*Rose is Rose*



# Outline

- Quiz 11: Capacitors (using clickers)
- What is light?
  - Unified theory of electromagnetism
  - Maxwell's rainbow
  - Hertz's invisible light
  - But...

# Model of magnetism (alpha): Magnetic poles

- Magnetism is a third “non-touching” force like gravity and electricity.
- Magnets are made up of “magnetic charges” analogous to electric charges but different. We will call them “magnetic poles” – North and South to distinguish them from Positive and Negative.
- Magnetic materials are made up of N and S just like they have + and - charges. When they are magnetized, the N’ s and S’ s separate.

# Is there “magnetic charge”?

- If you break a magnet in half, both parts are still full (N-S) magnets.
- You can do this all the way down to a single electron and it still holds true (and you can't break a single electron).
- Our “little dipoles” turn out to be electrons.

# Model of magnetism (beta): Magnetic dipoles

- No separate magnetic poles have ever been found.
- All matter contains small “magnetic dipoles” – little bar magnets that cannot be broken.
- When magnetic materials are magnetized, the little dipoles are aligned and the forces they exert on each other hold each other in place.
- When they are heated, the little magnets lose their alignment and go random.

# Basic Particles

- The fundamental particles making up matter (electrons and protons and neutrons) can be classified by how they behave in response to (and as sources of) gravity, electricity, and magnetism.

	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Magnetic Moment</i>
<b>proton</b>	$1.67 \times 10^{-27}$ kg	$1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ C	0.0015 Bohr magnetons
<b>neutron</b>	$1.67 \times 10^{-27}$ kg	0	0.0010 Bohr magnetons
<b>electron</b>	$9.1 \times 10^{-31}$ kg	$-1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ C	9.28 Bohr magnetons

Moving electrons are deflected by a magnet.  
Is it because they are little magnets?



# Fields

<i>Field</i>	<i>Source</i>	<i>Response</i>
<b>gravity</b>	mass	mass
<b>electricity</b>	charge	charge
<b>magnetism</b>	moving charge / magnetic dipoles	moving charge / magnetic dipoles

# Foothold ideas: Magnetism 1.0



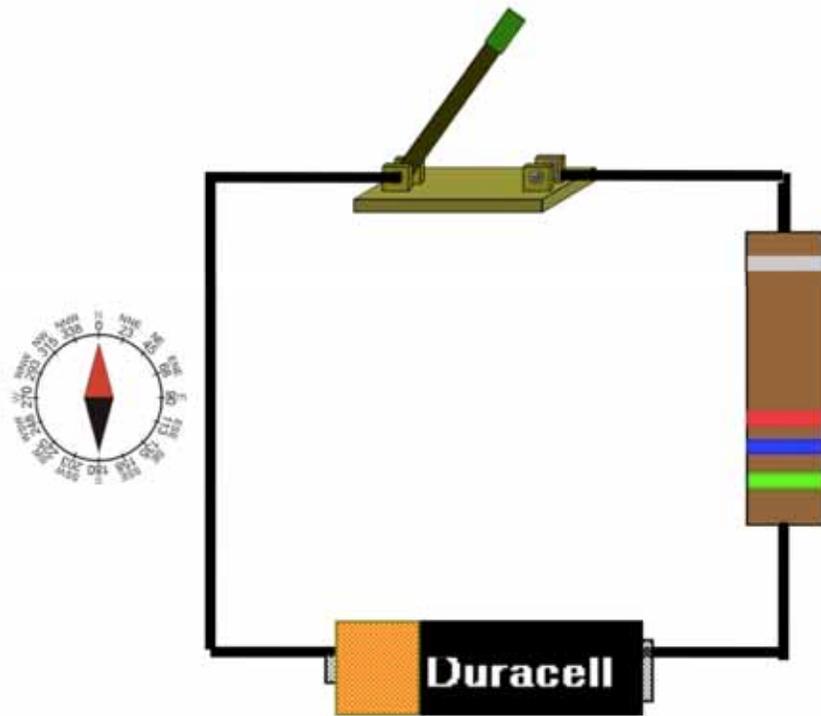
- Magnetic fields are produced by magnets.
- Magnetic fields are felt by magnets and by moving charges.
- Magnetic force law:  $\vec{F}_B = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$     $\Delta\vec{F} = I\Delta\vec{L} \times \vec{B}$
- Although there are magnetic dipoles ( $e^-$ ,  $p^+$ ) there are no separate magnetic poles.

Field

Note the asymmetry:  
So far we have only noted that moving charges *feel* a force from a magnetic field. Can they create them as well?

<i>Field</i>	<i>Source</i>	
<b>gravity</b>	mass	mass
<b>electricity</b>	charge	charge
<b>magnetism</b>	magnetic dipoles	moving charge / magnetic dipoles

# Moving charges create as well as feel magnetic fields



This suggests that  
currents should attract  
and repel.



# Foothold ideas: Magnetism 2.0

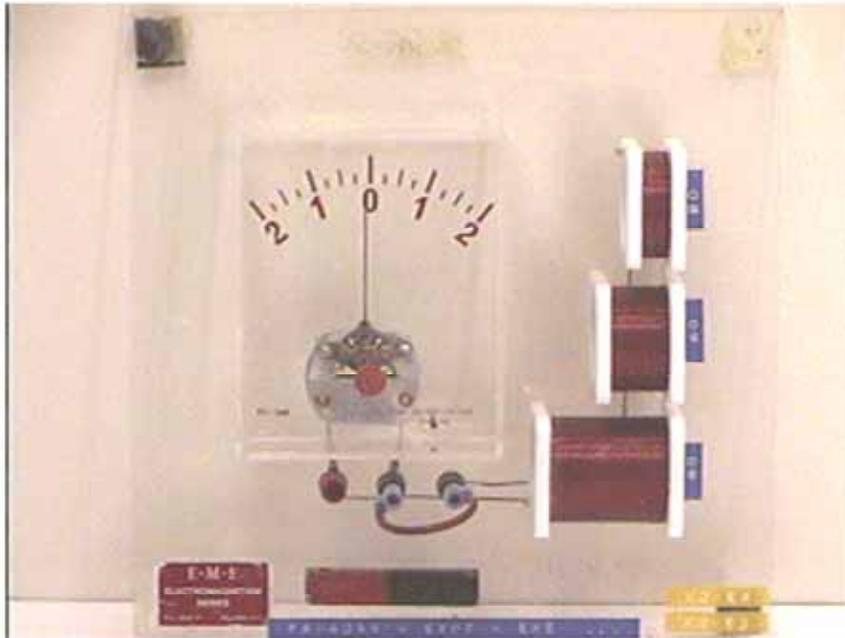


- Magnetic fields are produced by magnets and by moving charges (currents).
- Magnetic fields are felt by magnets and by moving charges (currents).
- Magnetic force law:  $\vec{F}_B = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$      $\Delta\vec{F} = I\Delta\vec{L} \times \vec{B}$
- Magnetic field law:  $\Delta\vec{B} = k_A \frac{I\Delta\vec{L} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$
- Although there are magnetic dipoles ( $e^-$ ,  $p^+$ ) there are no separate magnetic poles.

## Some surprising results relating E and B

- Again we find an asymmetry:  
If a moving charge feels a magnetic field,  
does a moving magnet feel an electric field?
- Yes! Furthermore...never mind charges:
  - Changing magnetic fields  
create electric fields.
  - Changing electric fields  
create magnetic fields.

# Faraday's Law: A changing magnetic field creates an electric field



And one which,  
by the way,  
does *NOT* satisfy  
the Kirchoff loop rule!

Including magnetism  
in our treatment of  
electric currents –  
generators, transformers,  
etc. – requires additional  
foothold principles.

# Faraday's law is immensely enabling

- This allows us to create immensely useful devices
  - Generators  
(moving magnets to create currents)
  - Transformers  
(carrying electrical energy across gaps)
  - Lots more

# Fields

<i>Field</i>	<i>Source</i>	<i>Response</i>
<b>gravity</b>	mass	mass
<b>electricity</b>	charge changing electric fields	charge moving magnets
<b>magnetism</b>	magnetic dipoles changing magnetic fields	moving charge / magnetic dipoles

# Maxwell's Synthesis

- So our electric and magnetic fields seem deeply intertwined.
- In 1865, a Scottish physicist named James Clerk Maxwell created a unified theory of electric and magnetic fields.



# Maxwell's Principles

- *Maxwell 1*: Point charges serve as sources to create electric fields. (Coulomb's Law)
- *Maxwell 2*: There are no point poles that serve as sources to create magnetic fields.
- *Maxwell 3*: Moving electric charges and changing electric fields create magnetic fields.
- *Maxwell 4*: Changing magnetic fields create electric fields.

# A Unified Field Theory

- Maxwell's equations provide the first “Unified Field Theory” – a set of equations that describe two fields (electric and magnetic) and specify the relationship between them.
- These equations turn out to be highly accurate until one gets to distances that are small compared to atomic sizes / energies that are large compared to atomic energies.
- These equations turn out to conflict with Newton's laws with respect how things look to moving observers – and Maxwell's equations turn out to be right and Newton's wrong. This requires us to modify Newton's laws when speeds get near to  $c$ . This led directly to Einstein's special theory of relativity.

# A Remarkable Result

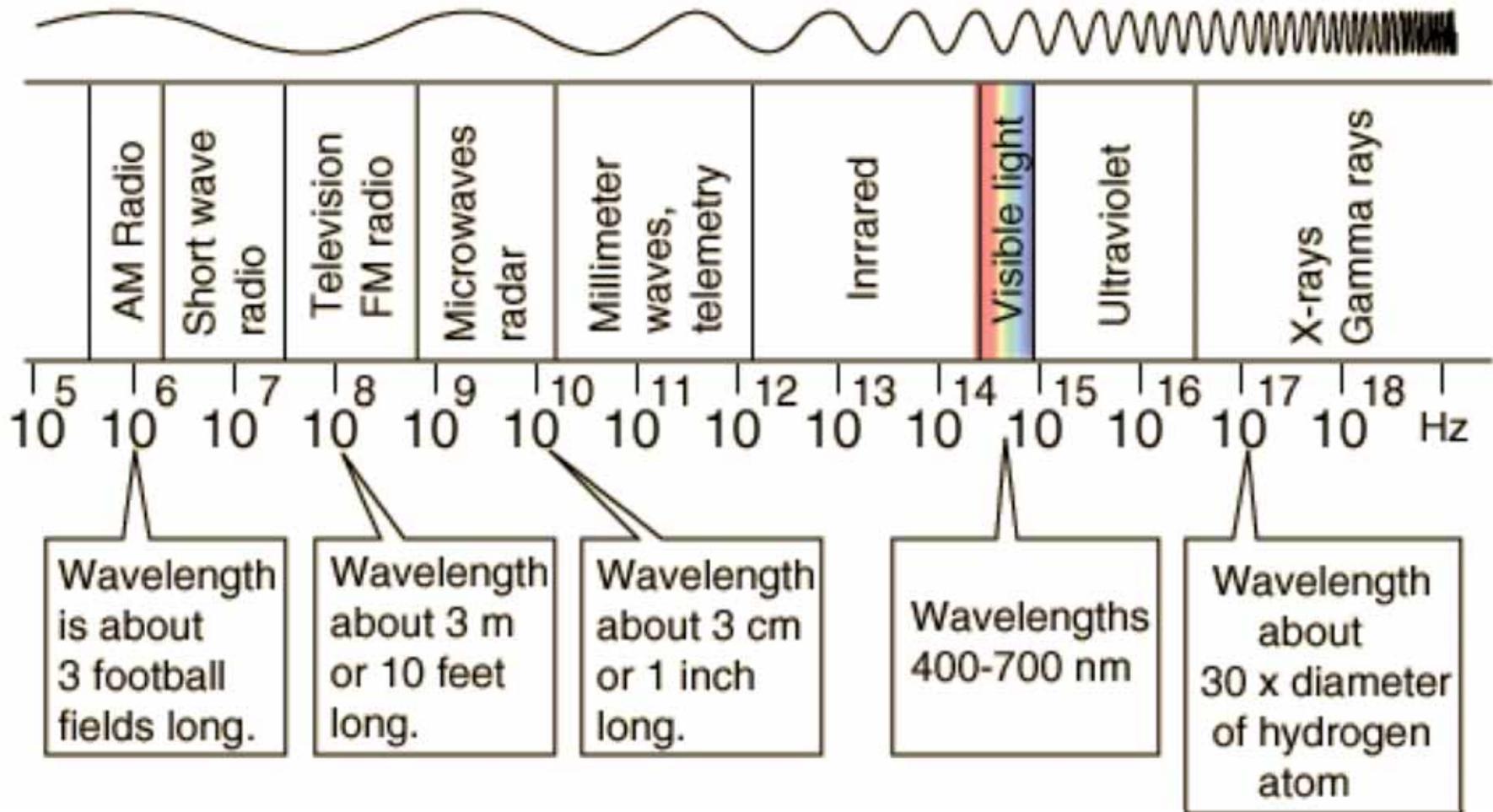
- Since in Maxwell's equations electric and magnetic fields can “bootstrap” each other through empty space – with the changing electric field producing a changing magnetic field which produces... we can get fields that change continually and propagate through space.
- The speed of this wave is a combination of the constants obtained through studies of electric and magnetic forces:

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{k_A}{k_C}} = 3 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

# Putting light in its place

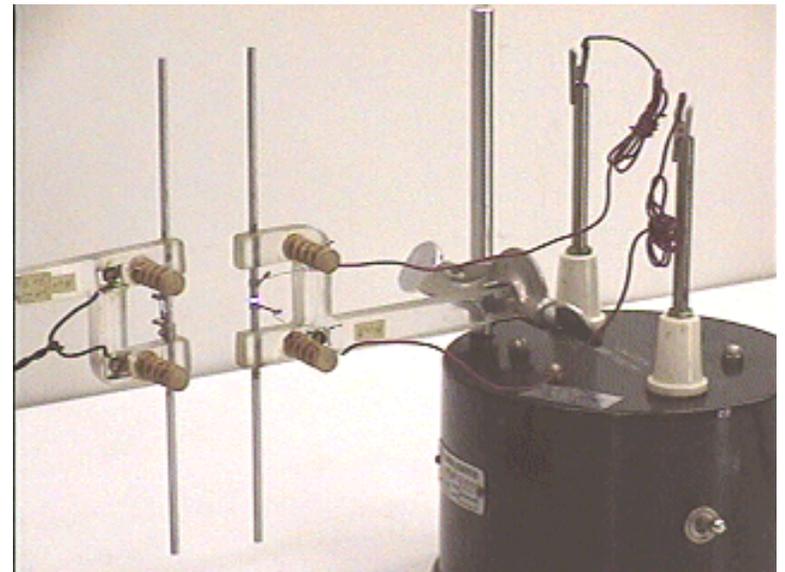
- Maxwell's result suggests that light was in fact waves of oscillating electric and magnetic fields.
- It also suggests the intriguing possibility that there might be other kinds of light – different frequencies – that we couldn't see.

# Maxwell's Rainbow



# Hertz's Invisible Light

- In 1887 Heinrich Hertz demonstrated that Maxwell's prediction – that EM Energy could be transmitted as waves – was correct.
- This experiment was the basis for the invention of radio (and TV, and WiFi,.....)



# All is hunky-dory – Or is it?

- With Maxwell's theory and Hertz's experiment, physicists in 1890 felt they understood almost everything.
  - Motion (Newton's Laws)
  - The basic forces (gravity, electricity, magnetism)
  - The basic character of matter (made of charges)
  - The nature of heat (motion)
  - The nature of light  
(waves of electric and magnetic fields)

# Three Questions

- Three important questions at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century were
  - Maxwell's equations predict a speed of light. Who should measure that speed?
  - How are the charges that make up matter put together?
  - How does matter emit and absorb light (EM waves)?

# Three Problems

- Considering these issues there were three observations that created “three small clouds on the horizon of physics.”
  - 1. Experiments were unable to figure out who should measure light as traveling with speed  $c$ . Everybody seemed to get that no matter how they were moving in space. (*Michelson-Morley experiment*)
  - 2. Matter “excited” by a spark gave off light at very specific frequencies. (*spectral lines*)
  - 3. Matter heated gave off light with a mixture of colors that could not be explained. (*thermal radiation*)

# The solution?

- The solution to these three problems led to the physics of the 20<sup>th</sup> century –
  - Einstein's theory of relativity
  - Quantum physics
- These theories led to great surprises and the knowledge that dominates much of our technology today – transistor, lasers, and our understanding of chemical mechanisms.

# Photons

- Surprisingly, it turns out that both Newton and Huygens were partly right.
- Light appears to travel in little packets of energy – like particles – but whose energy and momentum are determined by wave properties:  $E = hf$   $p = h/\lambda$
- The electric and magnetic field waves determine the probability that the photons will be found in a particular place.

■ <http://phys.educ.ksu.edu/vqm/html/doubleslit/index.html>

