Lecture 7: Basic Optics, EM and visualization



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0. Nature of Science and physics

- 1. Mechanics
- 2. Temperature and Heat
- 3. Fluid
- 4. Waves
- 5. Sound and hearing
- 6. Optics and visualization
- 7. basic electromagnetism
- 8. basic quantum mechanics
- 9. atomic physics
- 10. basic nuclear physics and radioactivity









MRI and RF (Radio Frequency)

- Used to produce images of soft tissues, fluid, fat and bone.
- Does this by producing a map which depends on the density of hydrogen in the body.
- Uses strong superconducting magnet with a magnetic field strength 40,000 x that of the Earth's.
- It is used to diagnose many problems e.g. helps identify tumours.



Diagram of an MRI scanner

Pulse Oximetry



What is the electromagnetic spectrum?



RADIOWAVES

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long wavelength, low frequency

Microwaves

Infra-red

Visible Light

Ultra-violet

K-rays

short wavelength, high frequency

Gamma rays

The electromagnetic spectrum consists of all the different wavelengths of lectromagnetic radiation, including light, radio waves, and X-rays.

Radio Waves

- In 1887, Heinrich Hertz demonstrated the reality of Maxwell's electromagnetic waves by experimentally generating radio waves in his laboratory.
- Their frequencies range from 300GHz to as low as 3kHz.
- Radiofrequency is a rate of oscillation in the range of radio waves, it refers to electrical rather than mechanical oscillations.
- Radiofrequency energy is used in medicine e.g. MRI and RFA.



Heinrich Hertz

Micro Waves

- In 1888, Heinrich Hertz was the first to demonstrate the existence of radio waves by building a spark gap radio transmitter that produced 450 MHz microwaves.
- Microwaves have typically 300GHz to 300MHz



Heinrich Hertz

Microwave Heat Therapy

Hyperthermia therapy is a type of medical treatment in which body tissue is exposed to slightly higher temperatures to damage and kill cancer cells or to make cancer cells more sensitive to the effects of radiation and certain anticancer drugs.



Cancer cells being targeted by microwaves



Infrared 0.1 cm to 0.00007 cm



Visible Light

Visible light covers the range ofwavelengths from 400 to 700 nm.

Our eyes are sensitive only to this
small portion of the electromagnetic

• spectrum.

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Visible Light

- Can be detected by the human eye.
- Wavelengths range from 750-400nm.
- In the 17th Century, Isaac Newton explained the optical spectrum in his book 'Opticks'. He divided the spectrum into seven named colours: ROYGBIV.
- The actual concept of a visible 'spectrum' was defined in the early 19th century when light outside the visible range was discovered e.g. Johann Ritter with Ultraviolet Light.

Sir Isaac Newton

Endoscopy/ Keyhole Surgery

- Allows us to look inside the human body through a narrow, flexible scope.
- It is mostly used to diagnose problems in the oesophagus, stomach and intestines, including ulcers, bleeding and tumours.
- Typically optical fibres are used to transfer light to the end of the endoscope and a miniature video camera records the image, and viewed on a video screen.

Endoscope inside the body

Ultraviolet

- Ultraviolet radiation
- has wavelengths of
- 10 to 310 nm (about the
- size of a virus).
- Young, hot stars
- produce a lot of
- ultraviolet light and
- bathe interstellar
- space with this
- energetic light.

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Ultra<u>violet</u>

Ultraviolet light in treatment of Psoriasis and Vitiligo

Psoriasis

Vitiligo

Ultraviolet light in Dental Care

 Ultraviolet light waves produce free radicals that activate the catalyst and speed up polymerisation of the composite resin.

Ultraviolet light hardening a patient's filling

Ultraviolet light against germs

 Microbial Sterilization- using mercury vapour lamps, which at specific wavelengths such as 254nm can sterilize germs.

Ultraviolet light's effect on cell data.

Discovery of X-Rays

- They were discovered serendipitously by German Physicist Wilhelm Roentgen in 1895.
- Roentgen was working with electron beams in discharge tubes.
- In the early days many patients and doctors developed radiation sickness since they were shining xrays in all directions for large amounts of time.

Wilhelm Roentgen

- Visible light photons (0-3 MeV) are absorbed by the atoms that make up body tissue (hence we are not see through!)
- X-ray photons have much more energy (1-100KeV).
- A larger atom is more likely to absorb an X-ray photon in this way, because larger atoms have greater energy differences between
- Smaller atoms, where the electron orbitals are separated by relatively low jumps in energy, are less likely to absorb X-ray photons.
- Soft tissue does not absorb x-ray radiation well but it still possible, that is why you don't only see bones.

X-Rays and the Body

X-Ray Machine

- The heart of the x-ray machine is the electrode pair. A Cathode (heated filament) and the Anode (made of Tungsten)
- The Cathode source accelerates electrons to a high speed and these electrons then collide with the Tungsten .

CT-Scan Setup

CT Scan

Gamma Rays

- EM Radiation high frequency
- High energy photon- kill cancer cells
- Produced by decay from high energy states of atomic nuclei
- Discovered in 1900 by Paul Villard. (right)

Paul Villard

Positron Emission Tomography (PET)

- Nuclear medical imaging
- Gamma Rays- positron annihilation
- 3D image
- Non- Invasive

Image of a PET Scanner

History of PET Scans

- David E. Kuhl, Luke Chapman and Roy Edwards in the late 1950s.
- University of Pennsylvania
- First demonstration at Massachusettes General Hospital.

PET scans at University of Pennsylvania

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