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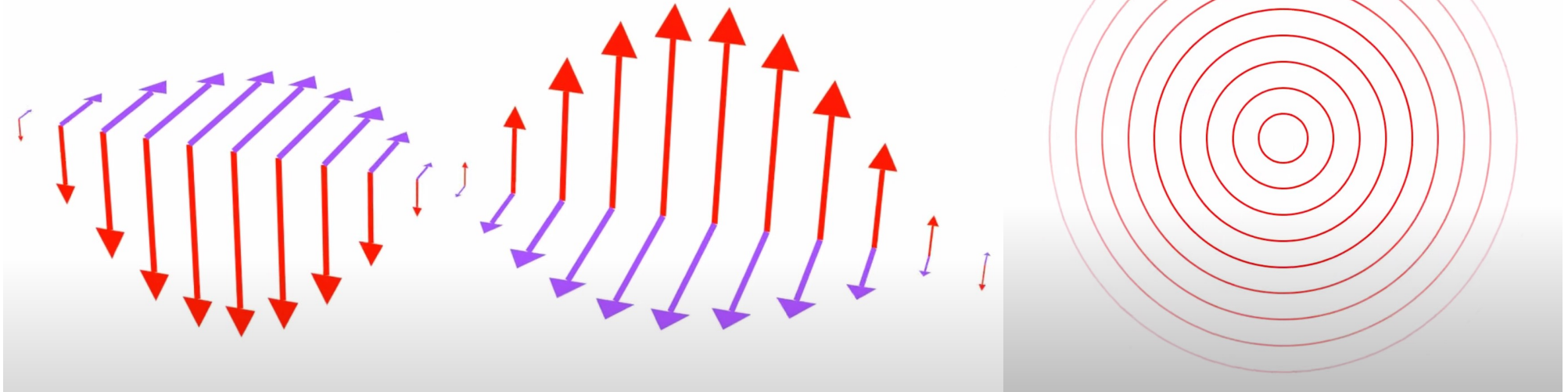
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Reading

- Electromagnetic waves
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wPdeF2EnwUM>
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Electromagnetic (EM) Waves

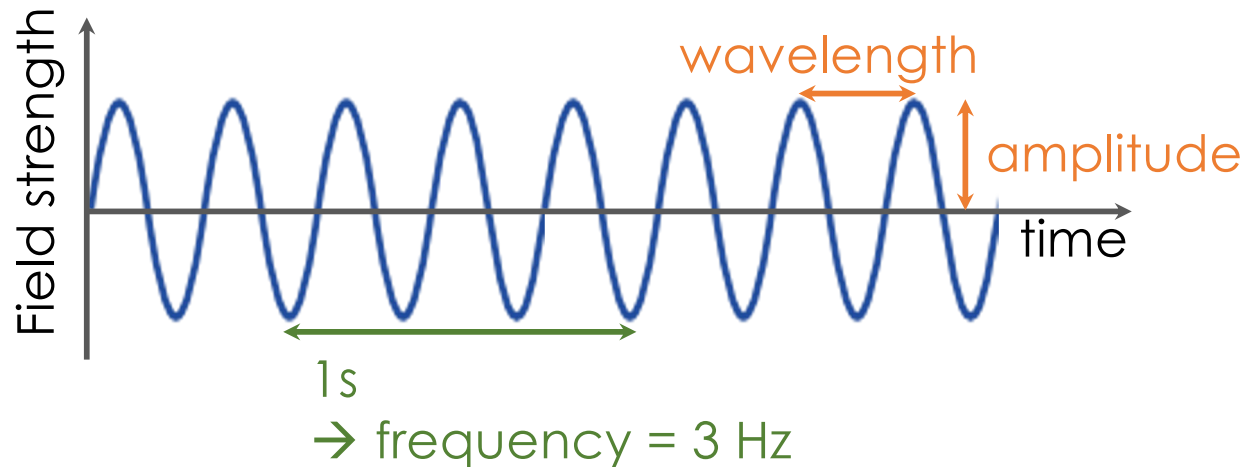


Electric field and magnetic field

2D radiation

Traverse at the light speed ($3e8$)

Electromagnetic Radiation



- **Amplitude:** maximum field strength of the electric and magnetic fields
- **Power:** square of the amplitude, representing the rate at which energy is transferred
- **Frequency:** number of cycles per second
- **Phase:** position of the wave in its cycle

Wireless Signals (Tx)

- Baseband signals

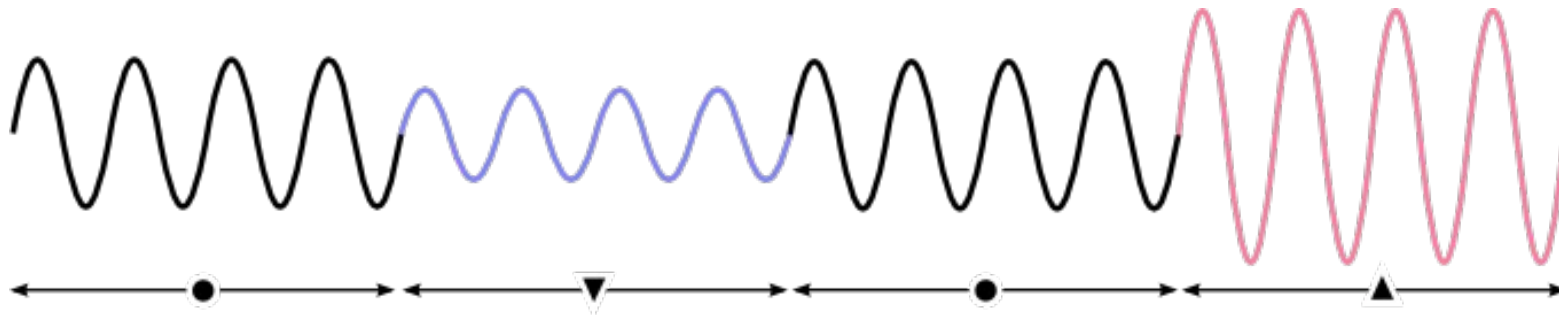
$$s(t) = a(t)\cos(2\pi f_c t + \phi(t))$$

amplitude frequency phase

- Orthogonal signals

$$\exp(i\theta) = \cos(\theta) + j\sin(\theta)$$

$$s'(t) = s_I(t) + js_Q(t)$$



- Transmitted signals

- P_{tx} : transmit power (Watt)

$$s = \sqrt{P_{tx}}x$$

Wireless Signals (Rx)

- Received signals

$$y = hx + n$$

channel ← h → transmitted signal
 y → received signal
 n → noise

- Wireless channels (channel state information, CSI)

$$h = \alpha e^{-2j\pi f_c(t+\theta)}$$

α → amplitude
 θ → phase

Wireless Channels

$$h = \alpha e^{-2j\pi f_c(t+\theta)}$$

- **Channel state information, CSI**
- Signal variation over the air
 - **Amplitude** decreases with distance
Received signal power $P_{rx} = \|h\|^2 = \|\alpha\|^2$
 - **Phase** change due to propagation delay
Phase of received signal $\angle h = \theta$

Signal Power

- Watt vs. Decibel (**dBm or dB_{mW}**)
 - dBm is usually used in radio
 - Converted from milliwatt
 - Express both very large and small values in a short form

$$P_{dBm} = 10 \log_{10}(1000P_W) \qquad P_W = \frac{10^{P_{dBm}/10}}{1000}$$

- **dB**: the **difference** between two dBm values
 - ratio of two power = difference between two dBm

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 \text{ to } P_2_{dB} &= 10 \log_{10}\left(\frac{P_1}{P_2}\right) \\ &= 10 \log_{10}(P_1) - 10 \log_{10}(P_2) \\ &= P_{1,dBm} - P_{2,dBm} \end{aligned}$$

Power vs. dB

- Because of the log operation, double the power produces 3dB gain

$$SNR_{dB} = 10 \log_{10} SNR$$

- **3dB gain**

$$P_1 = 2 * P_2$$

$$\implies 10 \log_{10} \frac{P_1}{N} = 10 \log_{10} \frac{2 * P_2}{N}$$

$$P_{1,dB} = P_{2,dB} + 10 \log_{10} 2 = P_{2,dB} + 3.0103(\text{dB})$$

Path Loss

- Attenuation reduction as the signal propagates through the air
- **Friis Transmission Formula**

$$\frac{P_r}{P_t} = D_t D_r \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi d} \right)^2 \quad (\text{in Watt})$$

$$P_r - P_t = D_t + D_r + 20 \log_{10} \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi d} \right) \quad (\text{in dB})$$

- λ : signal wavelength
- P_t/P_r : transmitting/receiving power
- D_t/D_r : Gains of transmitting/receiving antennas
- Loss \propto distance²

Shannon Capacity

- The tight **upper bound** on the data rate

$$C = B \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{S}{N} \right) = B \log_2 (1 + SNR)$$

- B: **bandwidth** (Hz), e.g., WiFi with 20MHz
- S and N is in **Watt** (SNR is power ratio, not in dB)
- Example: SNR=25dB, what is the capacity of 20MHz WiFi?

$$SNR_{dB} = 10 * \log_{10} SNR \Rightarrow SNR = 10^{SNR_{dB}/10} = 316.2278$$

$$C = 20 * 10^6 * \log_2(1 + 316.2278) = 166.1875(\text{Mbps})$$

Shannon Capacity

- In low SNR regime, increasing SNR can increase the rate significantly
- In high SNR regime, the increase in rate from SNR gain is relatively small

- 4dB \rightarrow 7dB
 - SNR: 2.5119 \rightarrow 5.0119
 - Capacity: 1.8123 \rightarrow 2.5878 (1.43x) **big enhancement**
- 30dB \rightarrow 33dB
 - SNR: 1000 \rightarrow 1.9953e+03
 - Capacity: 9.9672 \rightarrow 10.9631 (1.0999x) **small enhancement**