

The Photon's Electric and Magnetic Energies Densities are Equal

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Abstract Planck showed that electromagnetic radiation energy is composed of photons, particles with energy $h\nu$. and

that the radiation energy density is $u(\nu, T) = \frac{8\pi h\nu^3}{c^3} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{kT}} - 1}$.

To carry electric energy, the photon ϕ has to be composed of subphotons with electric charges. To be electrically neutral, these charges must be of equal size, such as particle, and its anti-particle that will generate an electric field E_ϕ .

To carry magnetic energy, the charges have to generate magnetic field induction B_ϕ . That is, they have to constitute a current loop.

Then, the electric energy density of the photon is

$$u_{\text{electric}} = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_0 \vec{E}_\phi^2 = \frac{1}{2} u(\nu, T) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{8\pi h\nu^3}{c^3} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{kT}} - 1},$$

And the magnetic energy density of the photon is

$$u_{\text{magnetic}} = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \vec{B}_\phi^2 = \frac{1}{2} u(\nu, T) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{8\pi h\nu^3}{c^3} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{kT}} - 1}$$

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An electron flowing through an infinitely long wire is a current I , that at distance r perpendicular to the wire, generates a Magnetic Induction field

$$\vec{B}(r) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r},$$

along circles that lie in planes perpendicular to the wire.

If the electron races along the wire, the change of the magnetic field generates by Faraday's Law an Electric Field

$\vec{E}$ perpendicular to $\vec{B}$ so that

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\partial_t \vec{B} = -\frac{\mu_0}{2\pi r} \partial_t I.$$

That Electric field generates by Ampere's Law a Magnetic field $\vec{B}_1$ perpendicular to $\vec{E}$ so that

$$\frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}_1 = \vec{J} + \varepsilon_0 \partial_t \vec{E}.$$

The two fields propagate in direction perpendicular to the plane of the electric and magnetic fields

The Electric Field wave equation is

$$(\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2 + \partial_z^2) \vec{E} = \frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t^2 \vec{E}$$

The Magnetic Field wave equation is

$$(\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2 + \partial_z^2) \vec{B} = \frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t^2 \vec{B}$$

If the electron races back and forth at frequency ν , the Electric Radiation, and the Magnetic Radiation oscillate at the same frequency ν , and propagate at the same light speed c .

The Electric Radiation Energy density is

$$\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_0\vec{E}^2.$$

The Magnetic Radiation Energy density is

$$\frac{1}{2\mu_0}\vec{B}^2.$$

The total Radiation Energy density is

$$u = \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_0\vec{E}^2 + \frac{1}{2\mu_0}\vec{B}^2$$

In 1902, Planck established that the radiation energy is composed of packets of energy of size

$$h\nu,$$

where

$$h = \text{Planck Constant}$$

was determined by Planck.

The radiation energy density satisfies Planck Radiation Law

$$u(\nu, T) = \frac{8\pi h\nu^3}{c^3} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{kT}} - 1}.$$

Later, those particles were called photons.

To carry electric energy, the photon has to have an electric field E_ϕ , and be composed of subphotons with electric charges. To be electrically neutral, these charges must be of equal size, such as particle, and its anti-particle.

To carry magnetic energy, the charges have to generate a magnetic field induction B_ϕ . That is, they have to constitute a current loop.

It follows that a photon ϕ may be composed of a particle, and its anti-particle at distance $2r_\phi$, chasing each other in a circular motion, so that the centripetal force keeps them from falling on each other.

The particles are likely a sub-electron, and its antiparticle.

The magnetic field of a subphoton at the other at diameter distance $2r_\phi$ is

$$\vec{B}_\phi = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\frac{1}{3}e}{(2r_\phi)^2} v_\phi = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\frac{1}{3}e}{(2r_\phi)^2} c$$

Then, the magnetic energy density due to the subphoton is

$$\frac{1}{2\mu_0} B_\phi^2 = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \left(\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\frac{1}{3}e}{(2r_\phi)^2} c \right)^2.$$

The electric field of sub-photon with charge of $\frac{1}{3}e$ is

$$\vec{E}_\phi = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\frac{1}{3}e}{(2r_\phi)^2}$$

The electric energy density due to the subphoton at the other subphoton at diameter distance $2r_\phi$ is

$$\frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0 E_\phi^2 = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0 \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\frac{1}{3}e}{(2r_\phi)^2} \right)^2$$

Then,

$$\frac{u_{\text{magnetic}}}{u_{\text{electric}}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2\mu_0} \left(\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\frac{1}{3}e}{(2r_\phi)^2} c \right)^2}{\frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0 \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\frac{1}{3}e}{(2r_\phi)^2} \right)^2} = 1$$

$$u_{\text{electric}} = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0 \vec{E}_\phi^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{8\pi h\nu^3}{c^3} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{kT}} - 1}$$

$$u_{\text{magnetic}} = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \vec{B}_\phi^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{8\pi h\nu^3}{c^3} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{kT}} - 1}$$

For visible light at midrange frequency, $\nu = 6 \times 10^{14} \text{cyc/sec}$.

At room temperature, $T = 300\text{K}$.

$$\frac{h\nu}{kT} \sim \frac{(6.26 \cdot 10^{-34})(6 \cdot 10^{14})}{(1.38)10^{-23}300} \sim 91$$

The radiation energy density is

$$\begin{aligned}
u(\nu, T) &= \frac{8\pi}{c^3} h\nu^3 \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{kT}} - 1} \\
&\approx \frac{8\pi}{c^3} h\nu^3 \frac{1}{e^{\frac{h\nu}{kT}}} \\
&\sim \frac{8\pi}{(3 \cdot 10)^8} (6.26)10^{-34} (6 \cdot 10^{14})^3 \frac{1}{e^{91}} \\
&\sim \frac{8\pi}{3^3 10^{24}} (6.26)10^{-34} 6^3 10^{42} \frac{1}{(3.3)10^{39}} \\
&\sim (1.3)10^{-52} \text{Joul/m}^3
\end{aligned}$$

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