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# Outline

- Radiation problem
- Potentials

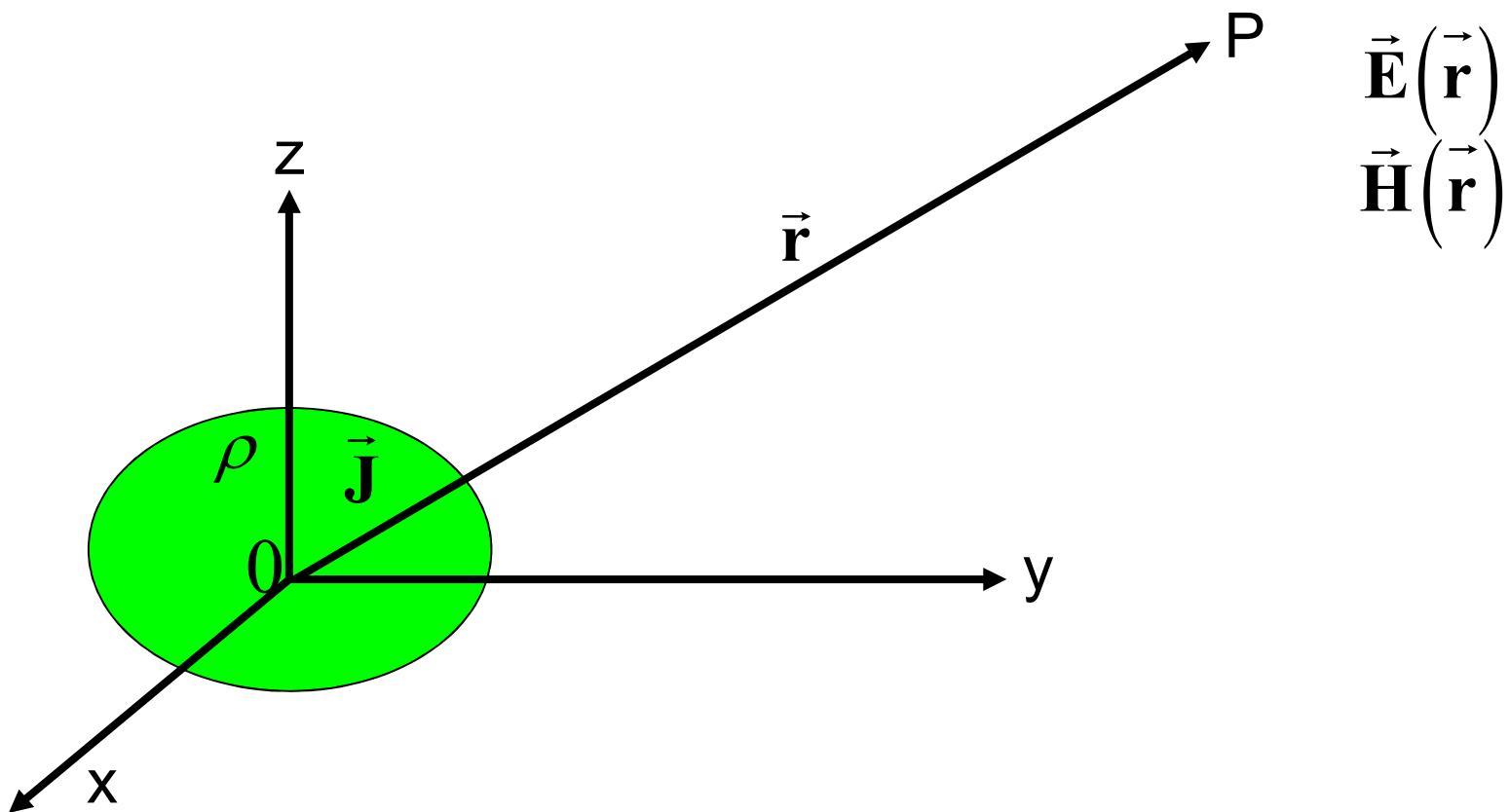
# Radiation problem

- We start from the following Maxwell's equations:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mu\mathbf{H} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = j\omega\epsilon\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J} \\ \nabla \cdot \epsilon\mathbf{E} = \rho \\ \nabla \cdot \mu\mathbf{H} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

- The media is assumed to be linear, isotropic, homogeneous, stationary, non-dispersive in space and time.

# Radiation problem



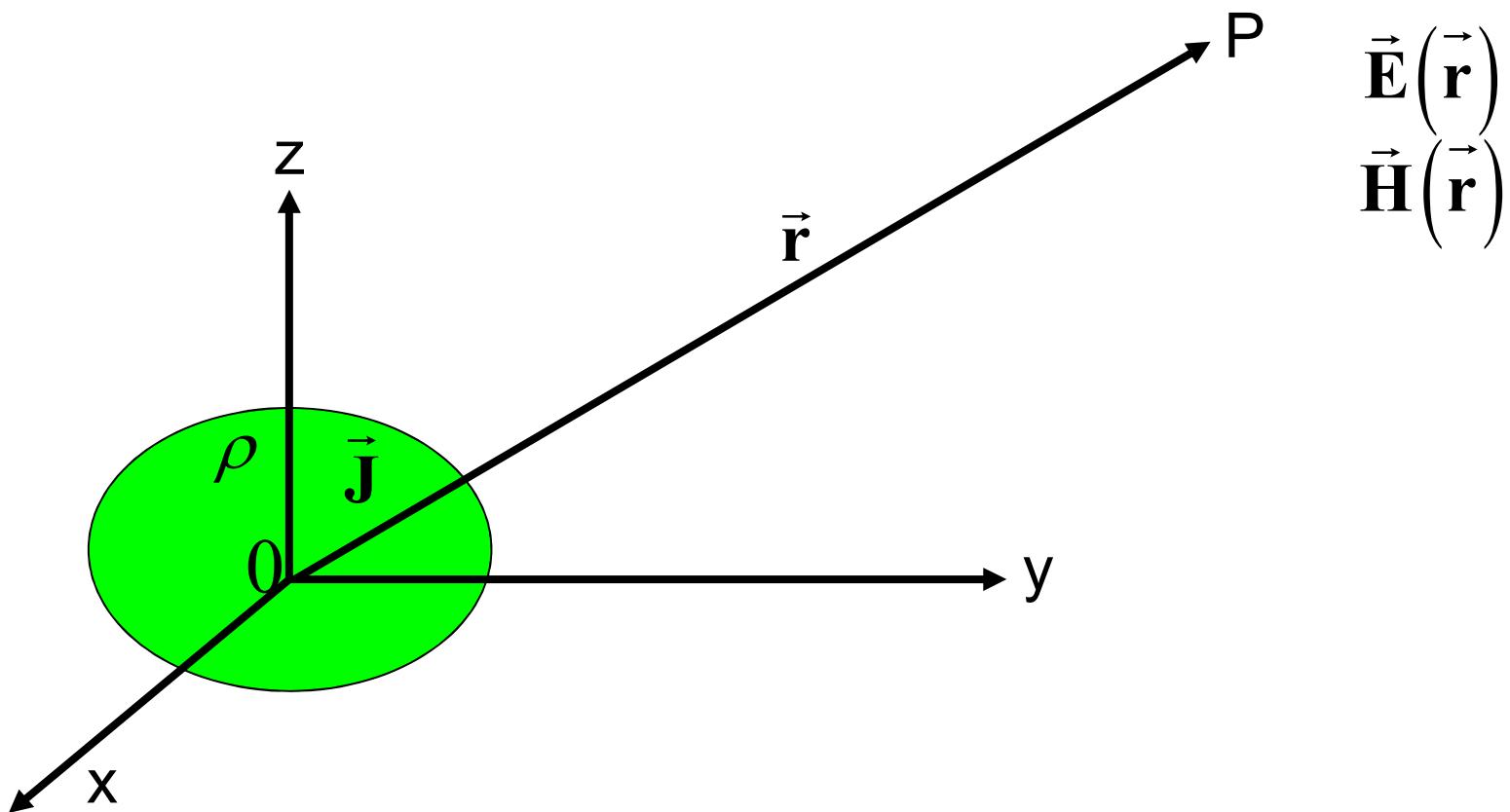
# Symbols and notations

$\vec{r}$      $r$   
vectors  
 $\vec{E}$      $E$

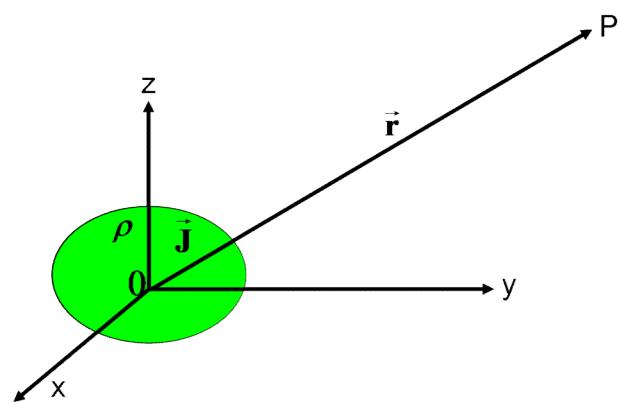
$\vec{E}(\vec{r})$      $\vec{E}(r)$      $E(r)$                   Vector fields

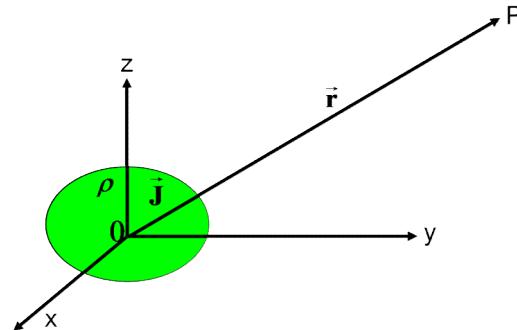
$\phi(\vec{r})$      $\phi(r)$                   Scalar fields

# Radiation problem



An antenna (or aerial) is an electrical device which converts electric power into radio waves, and vice versa.



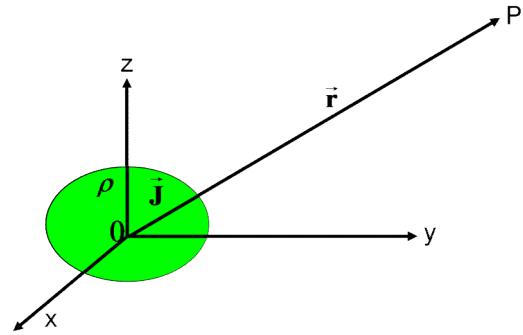


Horn antenna



Dipole antenna

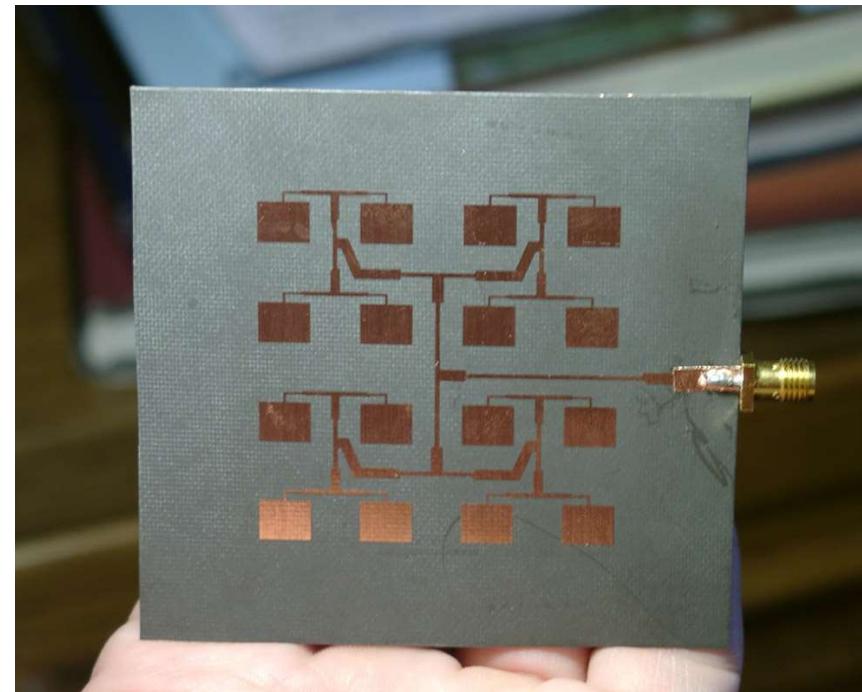




**Helix or helical antenna**



**Microstrip antenna**

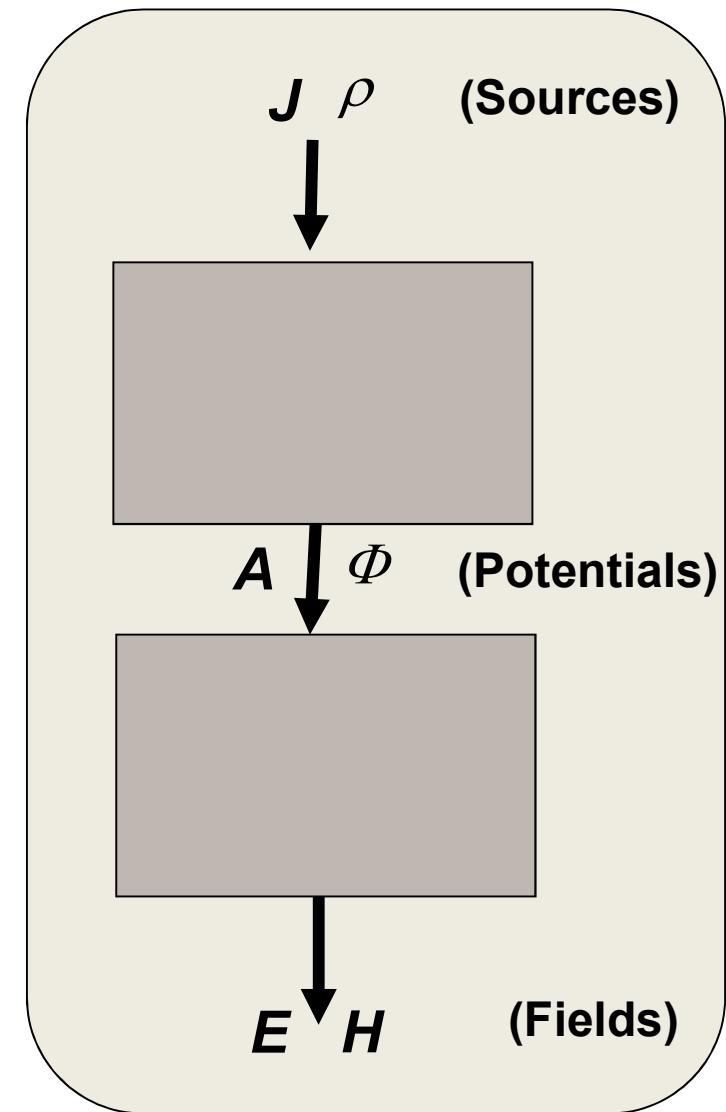
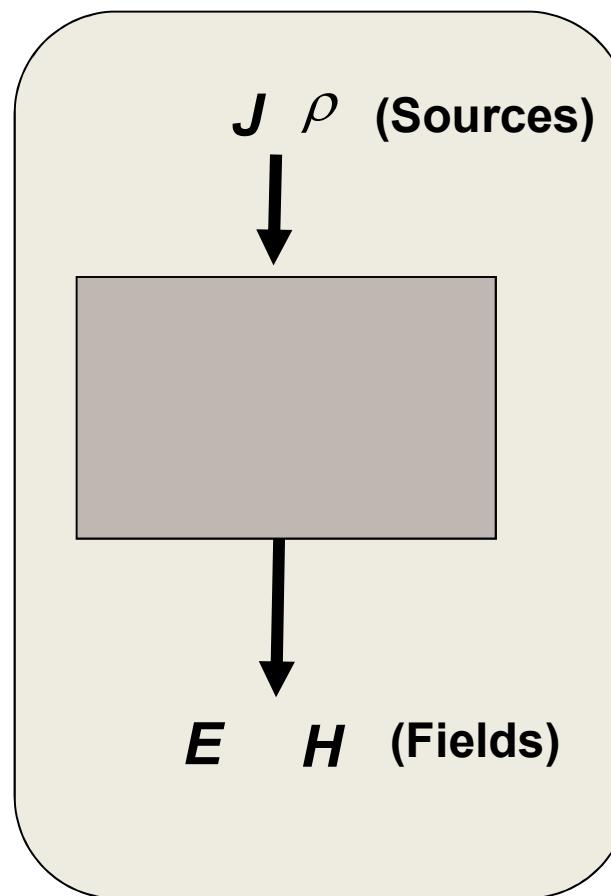


# Radiation problem

- We approach the radiation problem of an antenna assuming that the sources are known and the media in which propagation occurs is simple.
- Mathematically we exploit the potentials solution.

# Radiation problem

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega\mu\mathbf{H} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = j\omega\epsilon\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J} \\ \nabla \cdot \epsilon\mathbf{E} = \rho \\ \nabla \cdot \mu\mathbf{H} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$



# ... mathematical tools that we will exploit today...

$$\text{I) } \nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{C}} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \exists \phi : \vec{\mathbf{C}} = \nabla \phi$$

$$\text{II) } \nabla \cdot \vec{\mathbf{C}} = 0 \Rightarrow \exists \vec{\mathbf{A}} : \vec{\mathbf{C}} = \nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{A}}$$

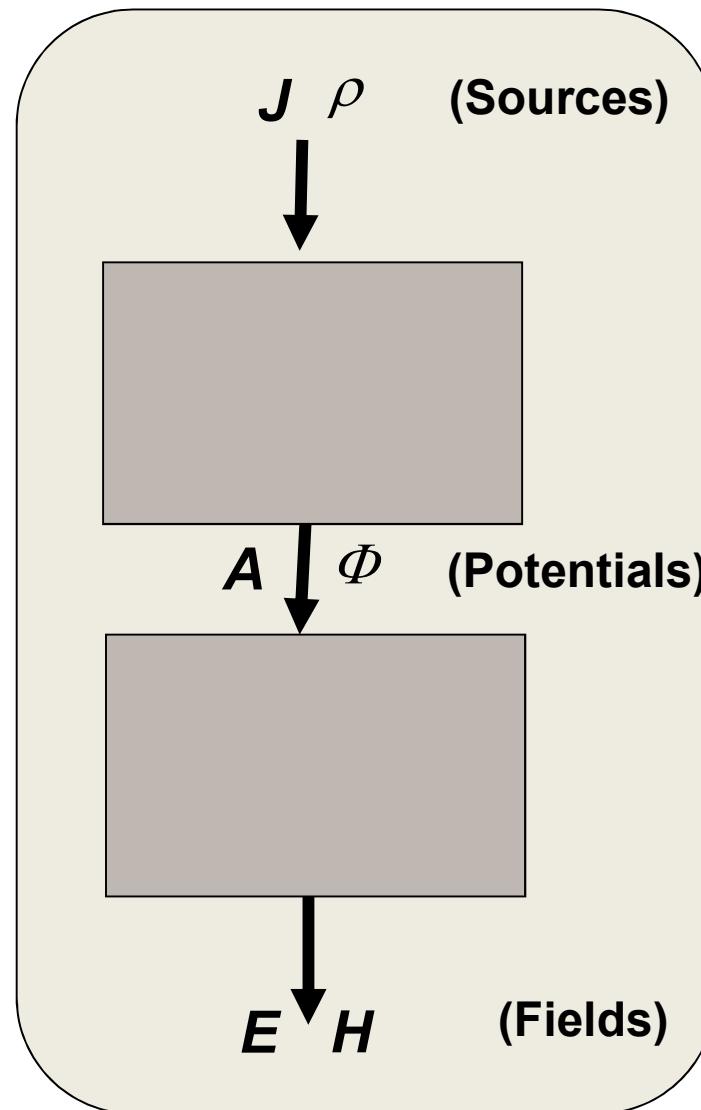
# Radiation problem & potentials

- Since  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \nabla \cdot \mu \mathbf{H} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$
- $\mathbf{A}$  is defined but for an  $\mathbf{A}_o$  that is curl free.
- Therefore using the first Maxwell equation we get:

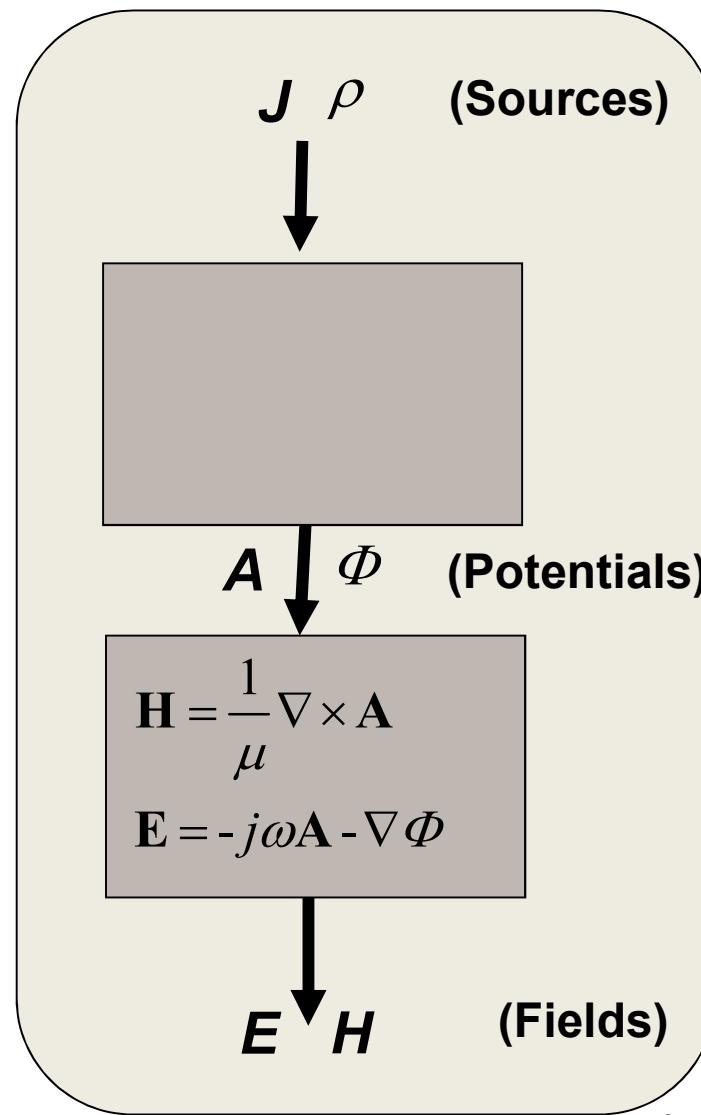
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -j\omega \mathbf{B} = -j\omega \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \Rightarrow \nabla \times (\mathbf{E} + j\omega \mathbf{A}) = 0$$

- Hence  $\mathbf{E} + j\omega \mathbf{A} = -\nabla \Phi$
- $\Phi$  is defined but for a  $\Phi_o$  that has zero gradient.

# Radiation problem & potentials



# Radiation problem & potentials



# Potentials

- Let us now exploit the other Maxwell curl equation:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = j\omega\epsilon \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J} = -j\omega\epsilon (\nabla\Phi + j\omega\mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{J}$$

- Since:

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \nabla \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} - \nabla^2 \mathbf{A}$$

- We have:

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} + k^2 \mathbf{A} = -\mu \mathbf{J} + \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + j\omega\epsilon\mu\Phi)$$

# Potentials

- Considering the other divergence Maxwell equation we get:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \nabla \cdot \epsilon \mathbf{E} = \epsilon \nabla \cdot (-\nabla \Phi - j\omega \mathbf{A}) = \rho$$

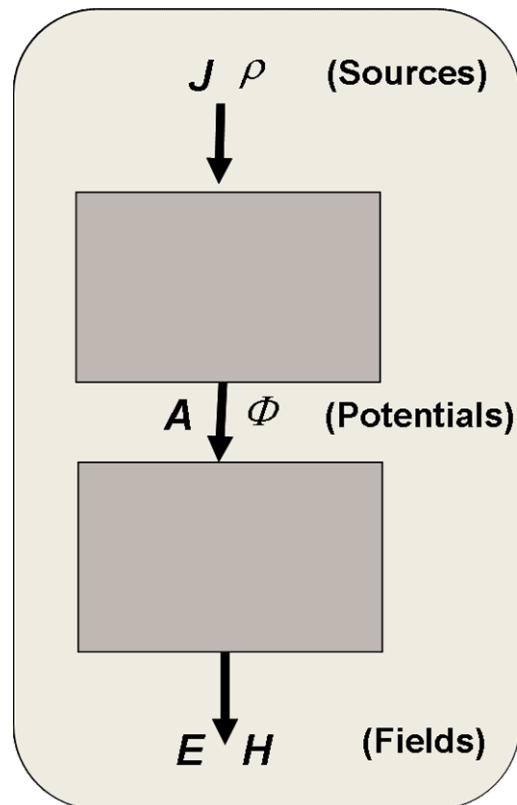
But since

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla \Phi = \nabla^2 \Phi$$

We have

$$\nabla^2 \Phi + k^2 \Phi = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon} - j\omega (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + j\omega \epsilon \mu \Phi)$$

# Potentials

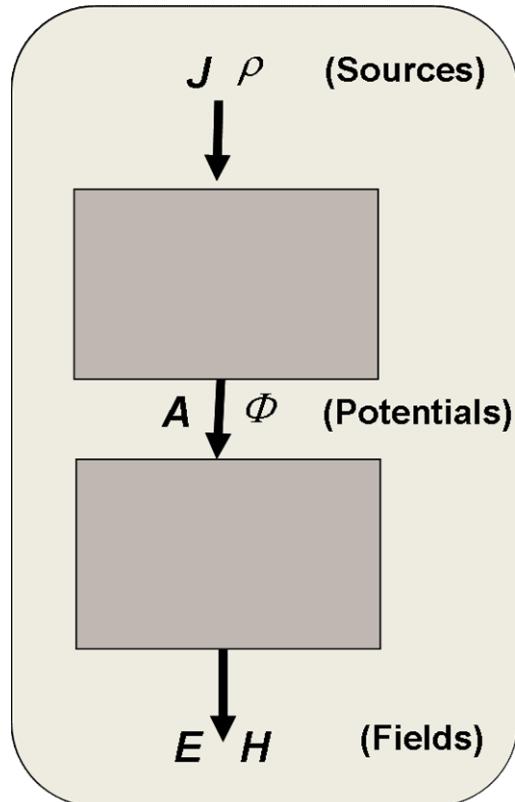


$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} + k^2 \mathbf{A} = -\mu \mathbf{J} + \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + j\omega \epsilon \mu \Phi)$$
$$\nabla^2 \Phi + k^2 \Phi = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon} - j\omega(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + j\omega \epsilon \mu \Phi)$$

$$\mathbf{A} \downarrow \Phi$$
$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{E} = -j\omega \mathbf{A} - \nabla \Phi$$

$$E \downarrow H$$

# Potentials



$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} + k^2 \mathbf{A} = -\mu \mathbf{J} + \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + j\omega \epsilon \mu \Phi)$$
$$\nabla^2 \Phi + k^2 \Phi = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon} - j\omega(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + j\omega \epsilon \mu \Phi)$$

$\mathbf{A}$        $\Phi$

## ... mathematical tools ...

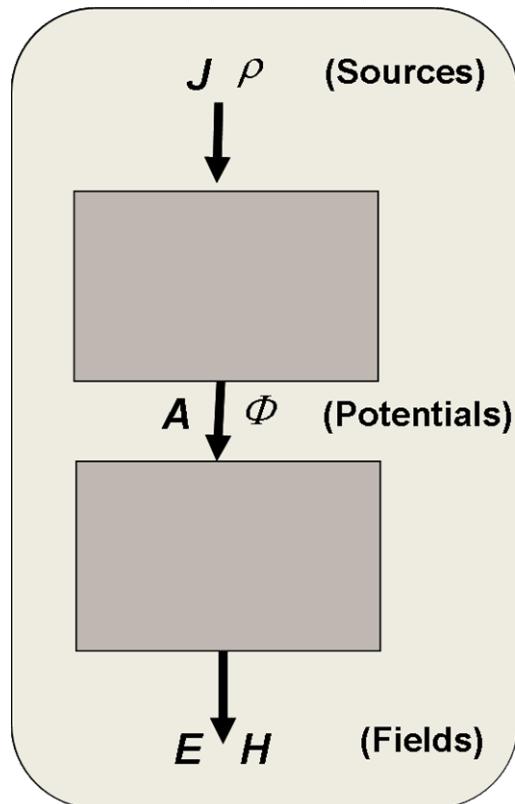
$$\mathbf{C} = C_x(x, y, z)\hat{i}_x + C_y(x, y, z)\hat{i}_y + C_z(x, y, z)\hat{i}_z$$

$$\Phi = \Phi(x, y, z)$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = \nabla \cdot \nabla \Phi = \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{C} = \nabla^2 C_x \hat{i}_x + \nabla^2 C_y \hat{i}_y + \nabla^2 C_z \hat{i}_z$$

# Potentials



$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} + k^2 \mathbf{A} = -\mu \mathbf{J} + \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + j\omega \epsilon \mu \Phi)$$
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## ... mathematical tools ...

$$\mathbf{C} = C_x(x, y, z)\hat{i}_x + C_y(x, y, z)\hat{i}_y + C_z(x, y, z)\hat{i}_z$$

$$\mathbf{A} = A_x(x, y, z)\hat{i}_x + A_y(x, y, z)\hat{i}_y + A_z(x, y, z)\hat{i}_z$$

$$\Phi = \Phi(x, y, z)$$

$$\text{I)} \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{C} = 0 \Rightarrow \exists \mathbf{A} : \mathbf{C} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

$$\text{II)} \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \exists \Phi : \mathbf{C} = \nabla \Phi$$

## ... mathematical tools ...

$$\text{I) } \nabla \cdot \mathbf{C} = 0 \Rightarrow \exists \mathbf{A} : \mathbf{C} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

**Let us suppose that a vector  $\mathbf{A}_0$  exists such that  $\nabla \times \mathbf{A}_0 = \mathbf{0}$**

$$\nabla \times (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}_0) = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} + \nabla \times \mathbf{A}_0 = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

$$\text{I) } \Rightarrow \mathbf{C} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}_0)$$

**where  $\nabla \times \mathbf{A}_0 = \mathbf{0}$**

**$\mathbf{A}$  is defined but for a vector  $\mathbf{A}_0$  that is curl free.**

## ... mathematical tools ...

$$\text{II) } \nabla \times \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \exists \Phi : \mathbf{C} = \nabla \Phi$$

**Let us suppose that a scalar  $\Phi_0$  exists such that  $\nabla \Phi_0 = \mathbf{0}$**

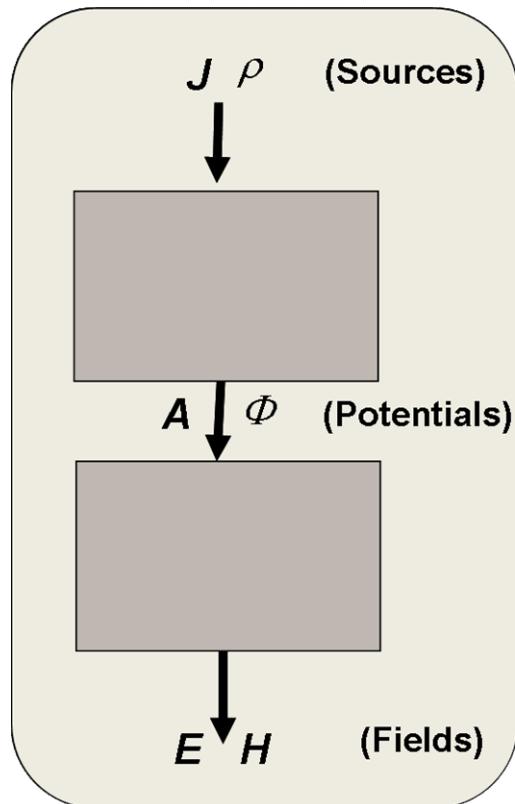
$$\nabla(\Phi + \Phi_0) = \nabla \Phi + \nabla \Phi_0 = \nabla \Phi$$

$$\text{II) } \Rightarrow \mathbf{C} = \nabla(\Phi + \Phi_0)$$

**where  $\nabla \Phi_0 = \mathbf{0}$**

$\Phi$  is defined but for a scalar  $\Phi_0$  that is gradient free.

# Potentials



Amongst the infinite couples of potentials, is it possible to find a couple such that

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + j\omega\epsilon\mu\Phi = 0 \quad ?$$

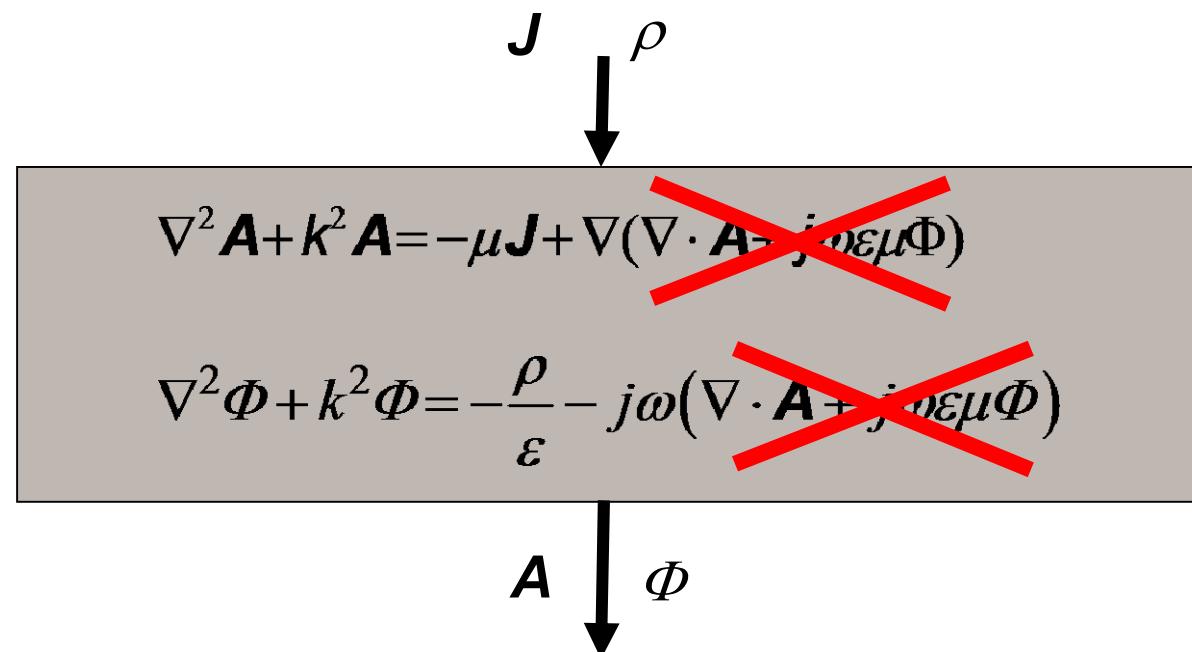
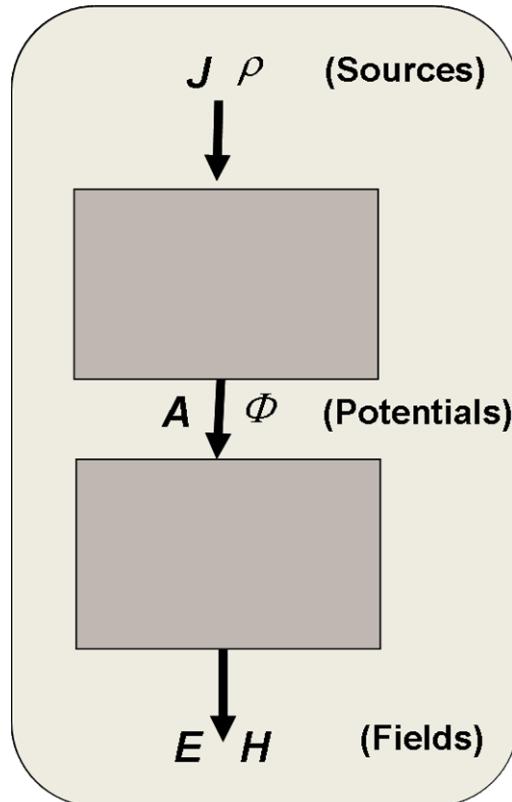
The diagram shows the Helmholtz decomposition equation and its components:

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} + k^2 \mathbf{A} = -\mu \mathbf{J} + \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + j\omega\epsilon\mu\Phi)$$
$$\nabla^2 \Phi + k^2 \Phi = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon} - j\omega(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + j\omega\epsilon\mu\Phi)$$

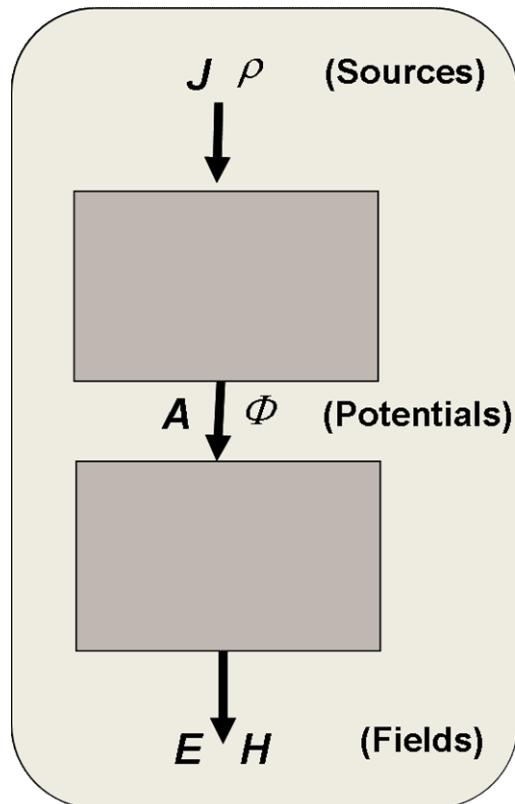
Below these equations, arrows point downwards to the labels  **$A$**  and  **$\Phi$** .

# Potentials

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + j\omega\epsilon\mu\Phi = 0 \quad \textit{Lorentz gauge}$$



# Potentials



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla^2 \mathbf{A} + k^2 \mathbf{A} = -\mu \mathbf{J} \\ \nabla^2 \Phi + k^2 \Phi = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon} \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Vector Helmholtz equation} \\ \text{Scalar Helmholtz equation} \end{array}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \downarrow \Phi \quad \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{E} = -j\omega \mathbf{A} - \nabla \Phi \end{array}$$

$$E \downarrow H$$

# Potentials

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + j\omega\epsilon\mu\Phi = 0$$

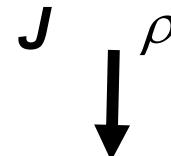
Lorentz gauge

Note that once  $\mathbf{A}$  is calculated by solving the (vector) Helmholtz equation involving  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{J}$ , subsequent calculation of  $\Phi$  can be straightforwardly achieved by means of the *Lorentz gauge*

$$\Phi = -\frac{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}}{j\omega\epsilon\mu}$$

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} + k^2 \mathbf{A} = -\mu \mathbf{J}$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi + k^2 \Phi = -\frac{\rho}{\sigma}$$



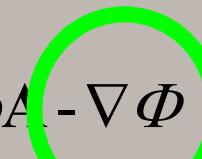
**Vector Helmholtz equation**

**Scalar Helmholtz equation**



$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = -j\omega \mathbf{A} - \nabla \Phi$$



$$\nabla \left( \frac{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}}{j\omega\epsilon\mu} \right)$$

thus rendering unnecessary the solution of the (scalar) Helmholtz equation relevant to  $\Phi$

# Potentials

