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THE EFFECT OF SMALL ELLIPSOIDAL MATERIAL ON THE RESONANT FREQUENCY OF A CAVITY

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We assume that the medium inside the cavity has no losses with

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{36\pi} 10^{-9} \text{ farads/meter and } \mu = \mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ henrys/meter.}$$

Excited at resonance, the fields inside the cavity can be written in the form

$$E(x,y,z,t) = E_0(x,y,z)e^{j\omega t}$$

$$H(x,y,z,t) = H_0(x,y,z)e^{j\omega t}.$$

The electric and magnetic fields are 90° out of phase. In other words, if E_0 is real H_0 is imaginary and vice versa. Insertion of a small piece of material with $\epsilon \neq \epsilon_0$ and $\mu \neq \mu_0$ will change the field values and the resonant frequency

$$E = (E_0 + E_1)e^{j(\omega + \delta\omega)t}$$

$$H = (H_0 + H_1)e^{j(\omega + \delta\omega)t}. \quad (1)$$

Note that $\delta\omega$ will be a complex quantity if the inserted material is lossy.

Substitution of equations (1) in Maxwell's equations

$$\text{curl } E = - \frac{\partial B}{\partial t}$$

$$\text{curl } H = \frac{\partial D}{\partial t}$$

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$$\text{curl} (\mathbf{E}_0 + \mathbf{E}_1) = -j(\omega + \delta\omega) (\mathbf{B}_0 + \mathbf{B}_1)$$

$$\text{curl} (\mathbf{H}_0 + \mathbf{H}_1) = j(\omega + \delta\omega) (\mathbf{D}_0 + \mathbf{D}_1) .$$

Noting that the fields \mathbf{E}_0 , \mathbf{D}_0 , \mathbf{H}_0 and \mathbf{B}_0 satisfy the same Maxwell's equations we obtain

$$\text{curl} \mathbf{E}_1 = -j [\delta\omega \mathbf{B}_0 + (\omega + \delta\omega) \mathbf{B}_1] \quad (2a)$$

$$\text{curl} \mathbf{H}_1 = j [\delta\omega \mathbf{D}_0 + (\omega + \delta\omega) \mathbf{D}_1] . \quad (2b)$$

Multiplication of equation (2a) by \mathbf{H}_0 and equation (2b) by \mathbf{E}_0 and addition give

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_0 \cdot \text{curl} \mathbf{E}_1 + \mathbf{E}_0 \cdot \text{curl} \mathbf{H}_1 &= j(\omega + \delta\omega) (\mathbf{E}_0 \cdot \mathbf{D}_1 - \mathbf{H}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_1) \\ &\quad + j\delta\omega (\mathbf{E}_0 \cdot \mathbf{D}_0 - \mathbf{H}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_0) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Using the vector relation

$$\text{div} (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{B} \cdot \text{curl} \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A} \cdot \text{curl} \mathbf{B}$$

we can rewrite the L.H.S. of equation (3) in the form

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 \cdot \text{curl } E_1 + H_0 \cdot \text{curl } H_1 \\ = E_1 \cdot \text{curl } H_0 + H_1 \cdot \text{curl } E_0 \\ - \text{div } (H_0 \times E_1 + E_0 \times H_1), \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 \cdot \text{curl } E_1 + E_0 \cdot \text{curl } H_1 \\ = j\omega(E_1 \cdot D_0 - H_1 \cdot B_0) \\ - \text{div } (H_0 \times E_1 + E_0 \times H_1). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Comparison of equations (3) and (4) gives

$$\begin{aligned} j(\omega + \delta\omega) (E_0 \cdot D_1 - H_0 \cdot B_1) + j\delta\omega(E_0 \cdot D_0 - H_0 \cdot B_0) \\ = j\omega(E_1 \cdot D_0 - H_1 \cdot B_0) - \text{div } (H_0 \times E_1 + E_0 \times H_1) \end{aligned}$$

In practice $\omega \gg \delta\omega$ so that in the expression $(\omega + \delta\omega) (E_0 \cdot D_1 - H_0 \cdot B_1)$ we can neglect $\delta\omega$ with respect to ω and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} j\omega(E_0 \cdot D_1 - H_0 \cdot B_1 - E_1 \cdot D_0 + H_1 \cdot B_0) + j\delta\omega(E_0 \cdot D_0 - H_0 \cdot B_0) \\ = - \text{div } (H_0 \times E_1 + E_0 \times H_1) . \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Outside the ellipsoid we have

$$D_0 = \epsilon_0 E_0, \quad D_1 = \epsilon_0 E_1, \quad B_0 = \mu_0 H_0, \quad B_1 = \mu_0 H_1,$$

and equation (5) reduces to

$$j\delta\omega(E_0 \cdot D_0 - H_0 \cdot B_0) = -\operatorname{div}(H_0 \times E_1 + E_0 \times H_1).$$

We integrate this equation over the volume bounded by the cavity wall and the surface of the ellipsoid

$$j\delta\omega \int_{V-\Delta V} (E_0 \cdot D_0 - H_0 \cdot B_0) dV = - \int_{V-\Delta V} \operatorname{div}(H_0 \times E_1 + E_0 \times H_1) dV \quad (6)$$

where V = volume of the cavity

and ΔV = volume of the ellipsoid.

Using the divergence theorem, the R.H.S. of equation (6) can be written as a surface integral

$$\int_{V-\Delta V} \operatorname{div}(H_0 \times E_1 + E_0 \times H_1) dV = \int_{S+\Delta S} (H_0 \times E_1 + E_0 \times H_1) \cdot ds$$

where $s + \Delta s$ is the surface bounding the volume $V - \Delta V$. Since the cavity is assumed to be a good conductor, E_0 and E_1 will be practically perpendicular to the cavity surface and the contribution of the cavity wall to the surface integral can be neglected. In this case we find

$$j\delta\omega \int_{V-\Delta V} (E_0 \cdot D_0 - H_0 \cdot B_0) dV = \int_{\Delta s} (H_0 \times E_1 + E_0 \times H_1) \cdot ds \quad (7)$$

where Δs = surface of the ellipsoid. Note that ds is in the direction of the now outward normal to the ellipsoid surface. Inside the ellipsoid we have

$$D_1 = \epsilon_0 E_1 + P \quad \text{and} \quad B_1 = \mu_0 H_1 + M$$

where P = polarization or electric dipole moment per unit volume, and

M = magnetization or magnetic dipole moment per unit volume.

Substitution in equation (5) gives

$$j\omega(E_0 \cdot P - H_0 M) + j\delta\omega(E_0 \cdot D_0 - H_0 \cdot B_0) = -\text{div} (H_0 \times E_1 + E_0 \times H_1).$$

Integrating over the volume of the ellipsoid and using the divergence theorem we obtain

$$j\omega \int_{\Delta V} (\mathbf{E}_0 \cdot \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{H}_0 \cdot \mathbf{M}) \Delta V + j\delta\omega \int_{\Delta V} (\mathbf{E}_0 \cdot \mathbf{D}_0 - \mathbf{H}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_0) \Delta V \\ = - \int_{\Delta S} (\mathbf{H}_0 \times \mathbf{E}_1 + \mathbf{E}_0 \times \mathbf{H}_1) \cdot d\mathbf{s}. \quad (8)$$

Comparison of equations (7) and (8) and some manipulation gives

$$\frac{\delta\omega}{\omega} = - \frac{\int_{\Delta V} (\mathbf{E}_0 \cdot \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{H}_0 \cdot \mathbf{M}) dV}{\int_V (\mathbf{E}_0 \cdot \mathbf{D}_0 - \mathbf{H}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_0) dV}.$$

or, since \mathbf{H}_0 and \mathbf{B}_0 are imaginary if \mathbf{E}_0 and \mathbf{D}_0 are real, we can write

$$\frac{\delta\omega}{\omega} = - \frac{1}{4U} \int_{\Delta V} (\mathbf{E}_0 \cdot \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{H}_0 \cdot \mathbf{M}) dV \quad (9)$$

where U = cavity stored energy and \mathbf{E}_0 , \mathbf{P} , \mathbf{H}_0 and \mathbf{M} are now all real quantities. For the small region in and around the ellipsoid, \mathbf{E}_0 and \mathbf{H}_0 are practically uniform. For an ellipsoid of semi-axis a , b and c with a field parallel to the a -axis, \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{M} are given by (see M. Mason and W. Weaver, Dover Publications, § 36).

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{L(\epsilon_r - 1) + 1} \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}_0 \\ \mathbf{M} = \frac{\mu_r - 1}{L(\mu_r - 1) + 1} \mu_0 \mathbf{H}_0$$

where ϵ_r = relative permittivity, μ_r = relative permeability, and

$$L = \frac{abc}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{du}{(a^2 + u) \sqrt{(a^2 + u)(b^2 + u)(c^2 + u)}}$$

Axial Symmetrical Ellipsoid

For axial symmetry about the a-axis we have $b = c$, and this reduces the integral to an elementary one,

$$L = \frac{ab^2}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{du}{(a^2 + u)^{3/2} (b^2 + u)}$$

Performing the integration we find for a oblate spheroid ($a < b$)

$$L = \frac{1 + e^2}{e^3} (e - \arctan e), \quad e = \frac{1}{a} \sqrt{b^2 - a^2}$$

and for a prolate spheroid ($a > b$)

$$L = \frac{1 - e^2}{e^3} \left(\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1 + e}{1 - e} - e \right), \quad e = \frac{1}{a} \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}$$

For both cases the spheroid reduces to a sphere for $e \rightarrow 0$ and $L = 1/3$. For the limit as $a \rightarrow 0$ ($e \rightarrow \infty$), the oblate spheroid becomes a circular disk of radius b and $L = 1$. On the other hand, as $b \rightarrow 0$ the prolate spheroid becomes a very thin rod of length $2a$ and $L = 0$.

If the field is perpendicular to the axis of revolution we have

$$L = \frac{ab^2}{2} \int_0^\infty \frac{du}{(b^2 + u)^2 \sqrt{a^2 + u}}$$

For a prolate spheroid ($a > b$) we find

$$L = \frac{1 - e^2}{4e^3} \left(\frac{2e}{1 - e^2} - \ln \frac{1 + e}{1 - e} \right), \quad e = \frac{1}{a} \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}.$$

For an oblate spheroid ($a < b$) we find

$$L = \frac{1 + e^2}{8e^3} \left(\arctan e - \frac{e(1 - e^2)}{(1 + e^2)^2} \right), \quad e = \frac{1}{a} \sqrt{b^2 - a^2}.$$

In both cases for $e \rightarrow 0$ (sphere), $L = 1/3$. For the prolate spheroid for $e = 1$ (rod), $L = 1/2$.

For the oblate spheroid for $e = \infty$ (disk), $L = 0$.

EXAMPLES(1) Dielectric Sphere:

Radius R , $\mu_r = 1$, $P = 3 \frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\epsilon_r + 2} \epsilon_0 E_0$, $M = 0$

$$\frac{\delta f}{f} = - \frac{\pi R^3}{U} \left(\frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\epsilon_r + 2} \right) \epsilon_0 E_0^2$$

(2) Metal Sphere:

Radius R , $\mu_r = 0$, $\epsilon_r = \infty$, $P = 3 \epsilon_0 E_0$, $M = -3/2 \mu_0 H_0$

$$\frac{\delta f}{f} = - \frac{\pi R^3}{U} \left(\epsilon_0 E_0^2 - \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 H_0^2 \right)$$

(3) Dielectric Needle:

Parallel to E_0 , volume ΔV , $P = (\epsilon_r - 1) \epsilon_0 E_0$, $M = 0$

$$\frac{\delta f}{f} = - \frac{\Delta V}{4U} (\epsilon_r - 1) \epsilon_0 E_0^2$$

(4) Metal Needle:

Perpendicular to E_0 and parallel to H_0 , volume ΔV , $P = 2 \epsilon_0 E_0$, $M = -\mu_0 H_0$

$$\frac{\delta f}{f} = - \frac{\Delta V}{4U} (2 \epsilon_0 E_0^2 - \mu_0 H_0^2)$$

(5) Dielectric Disk:

Perpendicular to E_0 , volume ΔV , $P = \frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\epsilon_r} \epsilon_0 E_0$, $M = 0$

$$\frac{\delta f}{f} = - \frac{\Delta V}{4U} \frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\epsilon_r} \epsilon_0 E_0^2$$

(6) Metal Needle Parallel to E_0 and Metal Disk Parallel or Perpendicular to E_0

For the metal needle parallel to E_0 , the approximation of

$e = \frac{1}{a} \sqrt{a^2 - b^2} = 1$ is not valid since for $L = 0$, $P \rightarrow \infty$. For the metal

disk, the approximation $e = \frac{1}{a} \sqrt{b^2 - a^2} = \infty$ is not valid since for $L = 0$,

$P \rightarrow \infty$ and for $L = 1$, $M \rightarrow \infty$. In these cases, the actual value of L must

be calculated and substituted in $P = \frac{1}{L} \epsilon_0 E_0$ and $M = \frac{1}{L-1} \mu_0 H_0$.

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