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Using Image Planes on DC Motors to Filter High Frequency Noise

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To investigate Image Theory as a broadband filter approach for DC Motors



The fundamental conservation of charge incurs time varying electric currents above an electric conductor images.

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} + j\omega\rho = 0$$

 Maxwell's Equation immediately concludes Magnetic currents above a magnetic conductor has images.



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- 2 spheres with radii a & b.
- Uniform distribution of E- & Hfields in all directions.
- Perspective of center sphere, outer sphere is infinitely large (completely encompassed)

$$C = 2\pi\varepsilon_0 \frac{ab}{b-a}$$

3-dimensional.

Ideal Cylindrical Image Sphere



- L>>b, edge fringing is negligible.
- Uniform distribution of E- & Hfields in all directions.
 - 3-dimensional.



DC Motor Viewed as Cylindrical Image Sphere



- The internal current loop inherent to DC motors couples noise to the housing in 3-D.
- If a low impedance short that blocks DC is applied between the housing and +/- Power leads to the housing, noise cancels.

Applying Low-Impedance High Frequency Short



Practical Experiment Set-up

- Motor is attached to DC power supply by 3 meter cable.
- Radiated emissions are measured in a GTEM (ETS-Lindgren IC-GTEM 250) with a spectrum analyzer (IFR AN920).





Radiated Emissions - Washer Pump Motor



Radiated Emissions - Washer Pump Motor (continued)



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Radiated Emissions - Mirror Motor

• 30dB pre-amp was used.





Radiated Emissions - Seat Motors



Seat Motor #3



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- Typically DC motor design is limited to a mechanical perspective with little thought given to electromagnetic filtering.
- Viewing DC motors as a complex electromagnetic module and applying Image Theory as a means of energy propagation can simplify design focus to include electromagnetic filtering and mechanical aspects.
- Implementing Image Theory at the beginning of the design process results in the following production and manufacturing benefits:
 - Smaller package Motor
 - Cost savings
 - > Same type of filter across multiple motor product lines

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