

# Summary of Lecture 20) Radiation from accelerating charge: $\beta \ll 1$

Poynting vector (for radiation field)  $\underline{S}_{\text{rad}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0 c} E^2 \left[ \hat{R} \right]_{\text{ret}}$

Centred on retarded position  $\propto \frac{1}{R^2}$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 c q^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{\sin^2 \theta \dot{\beta}^2}{R^2} \left[ \hat{R} \right]_{\text{ret}} \quad (20.2)$$

Flux of  $\hat{S}_{\text{rad}}$  through closed surface  $\sim \oint \frac{1}{R^2} R^2 d\Omega \sim \text{independent of } R!$

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{\mu_0 c q^2}{16\pi^2} \sin^2 \theta \dot{\beta}^2 \left[ \hat{R} \right]_{\text{ret}} \quad (20.3)$$

$$P = \frac{\mu_0 c q^2 \dot{\beta}^2}{6\pi} \quad (20.4)$$

The Larmor formula.

} Valid for  $\beta \ll 1$