

Effect of Electromagnetic Interference and Different Counter Techniques Electromagnetic Compatibility

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INTRODUCTION

Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) refers to any electromagnetic (EM) disturbance that intrudes, hinders, degrades or bounds the actual performance of a piece of electrical/electronic equipment, transmission channel, or other susceptible systems. It can occur in any part of the EM spectrum from frequencies of 0 Hz (d.c.) to 20 GHz or higher, but though utmost predominant in the radio frequency (RF) region.

The electromagnetic environment is the significant part of the world in which we live. Numerous tools such as radio and television broadcast stations, communication transmitters, and other radar and navigational aids radiate electromagnetic energy throughout their regular operation.^[1] These are purposeful and accidental radiations of electromagnetic energy into the environment. Numerous machines, for example, vehicles ignition systems and modern control equipment utilized as a part of regular life likewise discharge electromagnetic vitality in spite of the fact that these emissions are not a vital piece of typical operation.

The electromagnetic environment made by these purposeful and accidental sources, when adequately strong, meddles with the operation of numerous electrical and gadgets hardware and frameworks which

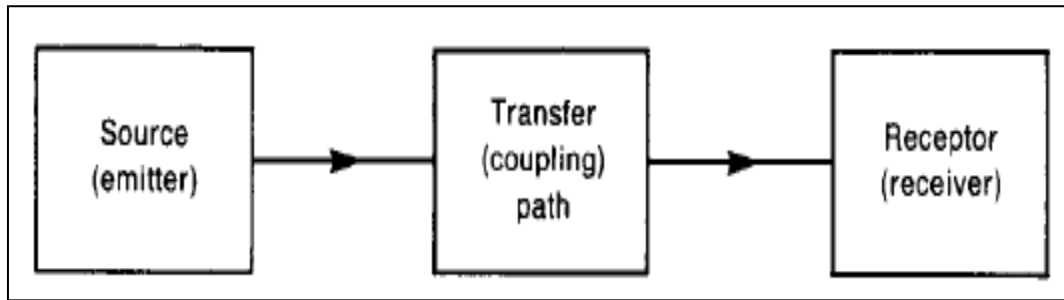
corrupts the performance execution. Electromagnetic Interference is only electromagnetic contamination. It is neither seen nor detected no discernable and thus it is a notable risk.

Each electronic device is a wellspring of emanated electromagnetic fields called transmitted discharges. These are frequently a coincidental by-product of the design. Each electronic device is powerless to EMI. Its impact^[2] can be seen surrounding us.

Impacts of EMI are seen in huge numbers of electronic hardware which may act either as the source, or as the casualty, or both, of EM radiation. Some regular observable illustrations of EMI are:

- (1) TV screen indicating spots or wandering pictures when a close-by PC system is being working.
- (2) Noisy sound from a radio receiver working close motorized hardware (e.g. granulating machines).
- (3) Taxicab radio obstruction with a police radio system.
- (4) Power line transient interference with PCs, and self-wavering of a radio recipient or transmitter circuit.
- (5) Lightning showing as noise in, especially, AM radio recipients.

EMC is apprehensive with the era, transmission, and gathering of electromagnetic energy.



Source indicated as an emitter creates the discharge and an exchange or coupling path exchanges the emission energy to a receptor (recipient), where it is prepared, bringing about either sought or undesired conduct.

Three approaches to counteract interference:

- (1) Throttle the discharge at its source.
- (2) Make the coupling path as incompetent as possible.
- (3) Make the receptor not as much susceptible to the emission.

Figure 1 shows an undeniably regular vulnerability issue for nowadays small scale incorporated circuits, electrostatic discharge (ESD).

- a) Static charge on body is build when walking across a nylon carpet with rubber-soled shoes. In the event that an electronic device, for example, a keyboard is touched, this static charge may be exchanged to the device, and a curve is made between the fingertips and the device. The immediate exchange of charge can bring about lasting annihilation of electronic parts, for example, integrated circuit chips. The curve additionally showers the device in an electromagnetic wave that is grabbed by the internal hardware. This can bring about system glitch. ESD is an extremely pervasive issue today.

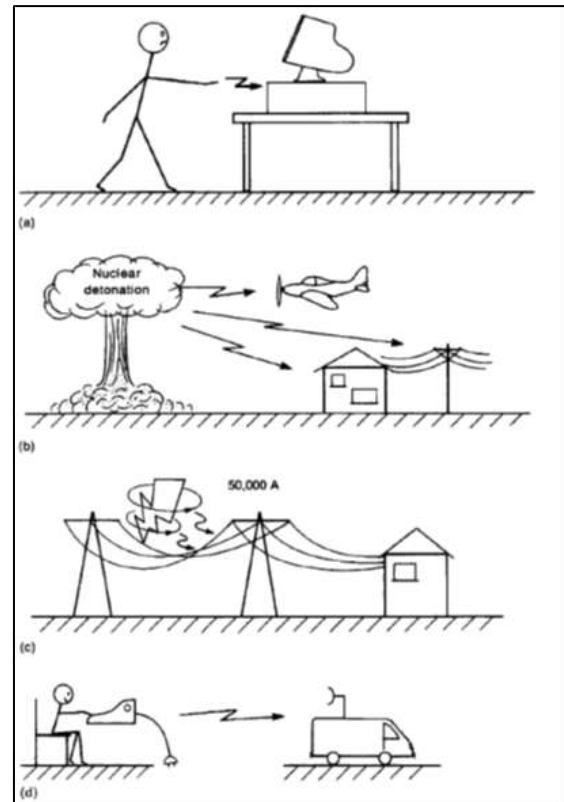


Fig. 1. (a–d) Electrostatic Discharge (ESD).

- b) Subsequent to the first atomic explosion in the mid-1940s, it was found that the semiconductor devices (another sort of amplifying component) in the electronic systems that were utilized to screen the impact's of blast. They were crushed.^[3] This was not because of the direct physical impacts of the blast yet was brought on by a serious electromagnetic wave made by the charge partition and development inside of the explosion as shown in Figure 1(b). Consequently, there is significant interest within the military communities in regard to

“hardening” communication and data processing facilities against the effect of this electromagnetic pulse (EMP). The concern is not with the physical effects of the blast but with the inability to direct retaliatory action if the communication and data processing facilities are rendered nonfunctional by the EMP. This represents a radiated susceptibility problem. We will find that the same principles used to reduce the effect of radiated emissions from neighboring electronic systems also apply to this problem, but with larger numbers.

- c) Lightning happens commonly and direct strikes are obviously important. Yet, the indirect properties on electronic systems may be similarly disturbing. The “lightning channel” transmits increase of 50,000 A of current. The electromagnetic fields from this powerful current can combine to electronic systems either by direct radiation or by coupling to the commercial power system and consequently being accompanied into the device through the ac power cord. Therefore, it is significant to plan and test the product for its immunity to transient voltages on the ac power cord. Utmost manufacturers insert “surges” onto the ac power cord and design their products to endure these and other unwanted transient voltages.
- d) It also requires to develop concern to avert the interruption of electromagnetic emissions by unauthorized persons. It is likely, for instance, to regulate what is being typed on an electronic typewriter by observing its electromagnetic emissions as shown in Figure 1(d).

There are likewise different occurrences of direct interception of radiated emissions from which the correspondences' substance or information can be resolved.

Clearly, it is basic for the military to contain this issue,^[4] which it alludes to as TEMPEST. The business group is additionally intrigued by this issue from the point of view of safeguarding prized formulas, the information of which could influence the organization's competitiveness in the commercial center.

There are a few other related issues that fit inside of the domain of the EMC discipline.^[5] In any case, understand that these can be saw regarding the four essential subproblems of radiated emissions, radiated susceptibility, conducted emissions, and conducted susceptibility as shown in Figure 2 below.

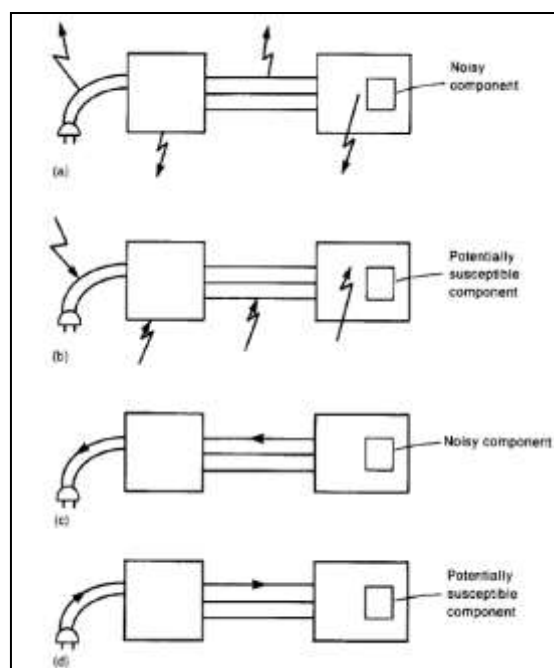


Fig. 2. Problems Within The Purview of the EMC.

EXAMPLES

There are various instances of EMI, extending from the typical for the disastrous.

Presumably one of the more normal cases is the event of “lines” over the substance of a TV screen when a blender, vacuum cleaner, or other family unit gadget

containing a universal motor is turned on. This issue results from the arcing at the brushes of the all universal motor. As the commutator makes and breaks contact through the brushes, the current present in the motor windings (an inductance) is being intruded on, bringing on a substantial voltage ($L \, di/dt$) over the contacts.

This voltage is like the Marconi spark-gap generator and is rich in spectral content. The issue is created by the radiation of this signal to the TV antenna brought on by the entry of this noise signal out through the ac power cord of the device.

This places the impedance signal on the regular power net of the family unit. common power distribution system is a vast array of wires. When the signal is available on this productive “antenna,” it transmits to the TV antenna, making the interference.

A producer of office hardware put its first model of another new copying machine in its headquarters. An official saw that when somebody made a duplicate, the hall clocks would in some cases reset or do weird things. The issue ended up being because of the silicon-controlled rectifiers (SCRs) in the power conditioning hardware of the copier. These devices turn on and off to “chop” the ac current to make a controlled dc current. These signals are likewise rich in spectral content as a result of the sudden change in current, and were coupled out through the copier’s ac power cord onto the basic ac power net in the building. Clocks in corridors are frequently set and synchronized by utilization of a modulated signal forced on the 60 Hz ac power signal. The “glitch” brought about by the firing of the SCRs in the copier coupled into the clocks through the normal ac power net and made them ac power it as a signal to reset.

Another form of a vehicles had a microprocessor controlled emission and fuel observing system installed. A dealer got a criticism that when the client drove down a assured road in the town, the car would slow down. Estimation of the encompassing fields in the city uncovered the vicinity of an unlawful FM radio transmitter. The signals from that transmitter coupled onto the wires prompting the processor and made it close down.

Certain trailer trucks had electronic breaking systems introduced. Keying a citizens band (CB) transmitter in a passing vehicles would once in a while cause the brakes on the truck to “lock up”. The issue ended up being the coupling of the CB signal into the electronic hardware of the braking mechanism. Protecting the hardware cured the issue.

A big PC framework was introduced in an office complex close to a commercial airport. At irregular times the system would lose or store invalid information. The issue ended up being synchronized with the sweep of the airport observation radar as it lit up the workplace complex. Broad protecting of the PC room kept any further impedance. These are a couple of the numerous occasions of EMI in our thick electronic world. The life-undermining results obviously request cures. The events that just result in irritation or loss of information in a PC are not as dramatic but rather still make significant interruption furthermore require determination.

CHARACTERIZING EMI

First, let’s classify EMI interms of its casues and sources. The cause of EMI may be within the system, in which case it is termed a intrasystem problem or from the outside, in which case it is called a intersystem problem. The term emitter is commonly used to denote the sorce of

EMI. The term suceptor is used to designate a victim device. Tables 1 and 2 present typical casues of both intrasystem and intersystem problems. Both intrasystem and intersystem EMI for the most part can be controlled by the system design engineer in the event that she or he just takes after some outline rules and methods. The souces of EMI can be delegated characteristic or synthetic. The roots of EMI are essentially undesired directed emissions(voltages and/or streams), or transmitted emissions (Electric and/or attractive fields).

Directed Emissions are those currents that are conveyed by mettalic ways (the unit's power cord) and set on the normal power net. Here they may bring about obstruction with different devices likewise joined with this net. Transmitted Emissions concern the electric fields interference by device which may be got by other electronic device causing impedance in those device. Figure 3 beneath outlines the reasonable difference between conducted and radiated paths.

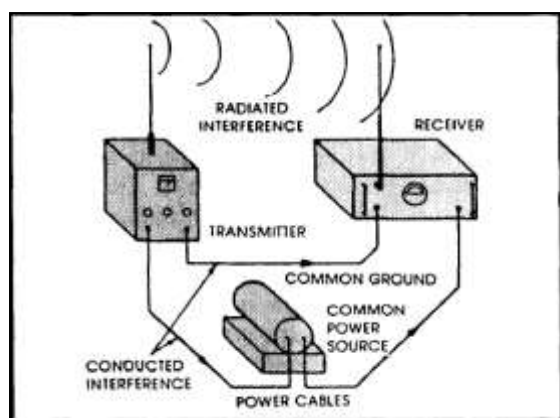


Fig. 3. Difference Between Conducted and Radiated Paths of EMI.

Table 1. Intrasystem EMI Causes.

| Emitters | Subsectors |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Power supplies | Relays |
| Radar transmitters | Radar receivers |
| Mobile radio transmitters | Mobile radio receivers |
| Fluorescent lights | Ordinance |
| Car ignition system | Car radio Receivers |

Table 2. Intersystem EMI Causes.

| Emitters | Subsectors |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Lighting strokes | Radio receivers |
| Computers | TV sets |
| Power lines | Heart pacers |
| Radar transmitters | Aircraft navigation systems |
| Police radio transmitters | Taxicab radio receivers |
| Fluorescent lights | Industrial controls |
| Aircraft transmitters | Ship receivers |

EMI CONTROL TECHNIQUES

Conventional configuration rehearses regularly address EMC when an inconsistency is found in a creation model. Answers for issues at this stage are regularly artificial. Quick fixes late in the configuration cycle turn out to be all the more unreasonable and troublesome as the many-sided quality of the electronic framework increments. Experience has demonstrated that productive outline happens when EMC contemplations start right on time in the configuration phase and proceed through each stage. This incorporates part determination, the outline of printed circuit sheets and interconnections, and the physical bundling and area of the frameworks. This methodology results in EMC being planned into the framework, not included at a later time. To control or smoother EMI, the three basic means utilized are establishing, protecting, and sifting. Albeit every strategy has a particular part in framework outline, fitting establishing may at times minimize the requirement for protecting and separating. Additionally, proper protecting may minimize the requirement for filtering. Hence, we will talk about the three strategies grounding, shielding, and filtering in a specific order.

Grounding

Grounding establishes an electrically conductive path between two points. This is done to connect electrical and electronic elements of a system to one another orto some reference point, which may be designated the ground. An ideal ground

plane is a zero-potential, zeroimpedance body. It can be used as a ref-erence for all signals in associated circuitry, and be the point to which any undesired current can be transferred.

Bonding is the foundation of a low impedance way between two metal surfaces. Grounding is a circuit idea, while bonding means the physical usage of that idea. The reason for a bond is to make a structure homogeneous with respect to the stream of electrical currents and flows, in this manner maintaining a strategic distance from the improvement of potentials between the metallic parts; such potentials may bring about EMI. Bonds give security from electrical shock, power circuit current return paths, and antenna ground plane connections. They likewise minimize the potential difference between the devices. Bonds can convey extensive large fault current. There are two sorts of bonding – direct and indirect.

The direct bond is a metal-to-metal contact between the joining components, while a indirect bond is a contact through conductive jumper

The following guidelines are recommended for effective grounding:

- (1) All grounding must be completed through tremendous electrical connection between the ground reference and the item to be grounded. Grounding joints of dissimilar materials must be avoided.
- (2) In multiconductor cables, ground all idle lines at one end.
- (3) Ground the shell of all connectors in high EMI parts.
- (4) If ground potentials happen between distant areas to be interconnected and cannot be distant by use of grounding techniques, consider using a transformer for isolation.
- (5) Running ground wires in the most direct route with as few bends and

loops as possible will minimize self-inductance and improve the ground.

Shielding

The reason for shielding is to restrict radiated energy to a particular district or to keep radiated energy from entering a particular locale. Shields may be as allotments and boxes and in addition as link and connector shields. Shield sorts incorporate strong, nonsolid (e.g. screen), and interlace, as is utilized on cables. In all cases, a shield can be portrayed by its shielding effectiveness. The shielding adequacy is characterized as the field's proportion E_{trans} transmitted through to inside to the incident field E_{inc} . Expressed as a positive number (in dB), it is given by

$$S.E. = 20 \log \frac{E_{inc}}{E_{trans}}$$

A material is a viable shield if its thickness is around a order of magnitude more noteworthy than the skin depth. A cabinet that adequately shields the circuits inside from outer fields is additionally exceedingly successful in keeping radiation from those circuits to the outside world. On account of the compelling shield, radiated emission from the PC framework is created by openings in the bureau, for example, splits, gaps from circle drives and from wires which enter the cabinet, for example, a power cord and cables to external devices.

The resulting strategies are suggested for effective cable shielding:

- (1) When terminating shield cable, continuously keep the unshielded portion as short as potential (normally less than 25 mm).
- (2) Not ever terminate the shield of a balanced line at both ends. Connect the shield at the load (input) end of the line.
- (3) Constantly terminate the insulating (floating) end of a shielded cable with

- an insulating sleeve that confirms that it cannot develop carelessly grounded.
- (4) The shield must be entirely insulated and not come to be grounded or short-circuited to another cable shield as ground loops will be bent.
 - (5) Avoid or diminish the breaks in shields, such as at junction boxes, and constantly preserve shield continuity and isolation from ground, through all boxes or multipin connectors.
 - (6) Multiconductor shield twisted pair cable should have individual insulated shield and drain wires for respective shield.

Filtering

An electrical filter is a network of lumped or circulated steady resistors, inductors, and capacitors that offers nearly little restriction to specific frequencies or dc, while obstructing the entry of different frequencies. A filter gives the methods whereby levels of directed interference are generously decreased.

The utmost substantial characteristic of a filter is the insertion loss which is defined as

$$\text{Insertion loss (dB)} = 10 \log_{10} \frac{|V_1|^2}{|V_2|^2} = 20 \log_{10} \frac{|V_1|}{|V_2|}$$

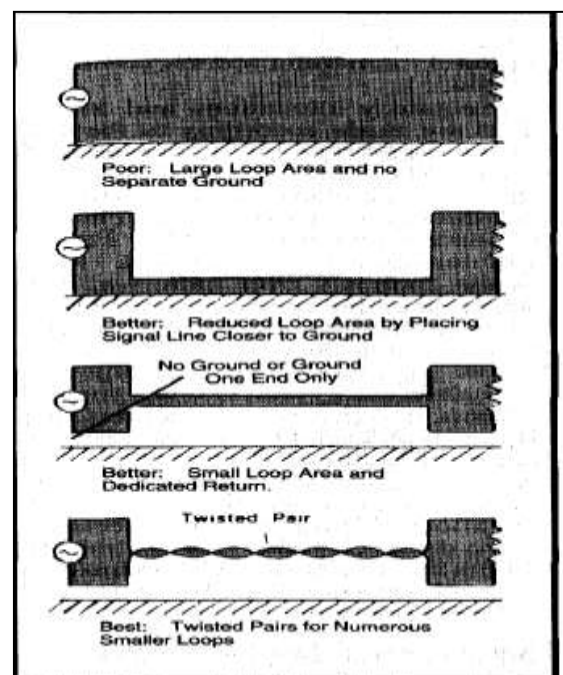
where V_1 is the output voltage of a signal source with the filter in the circuit, and V_2 is the output voltage of the signal source without the use of the filter. Lowpass filters are commonly used in EMC work.

OTHER TECHNIQUES

Additional valuable methods for minimizing and controlling EM1 include:

- (1) Twist the signal and return lines together to reduce loop areas and the effects of magnetic coupling. Figure shows a progression of circuit configurations to reduce loop areas and susceptibility to magnetic coupling.

- (2) Always separate cables carrying different signal levels and types, particularly when they run – for any distance – parallel to each other. Keep the hot and the return wires in ac power cables as close together as possible. This minimizes the radiated fields.
- (3) Never transmit signals of differing characteristics (level and bandwidth) over the same multiconductor cable if interchannel crosstalk cannot be tolerated.
- (4) Choice of logic family and system speeds minimizes EM1 generation. CMOS circuits are quieter and have better noise immunity than TTL circuits. Digital circuits should be operated at the lowest practical clock speed. Fast rise times contain high-frequency components more likely to radiate. Simply slowing the rise time of the clock can reduce emissions.



TO SUMMARIZE

Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) is achieved when a device functions adequately in its electromagnetic environment devoid of leading intolerable

instabilities. Achieving EMC in electronic devices requires deliberate consideration at the earlier stages of the design cycle. Such an approach and control plan permits all avenues to EMC to be evaluated so that effective and economical solutions can be applied. EMC is a growing field because of the ever increasing density of electronic circuits in modern systems for computation, communication, control and so forth. Basic knowledge of EMC is particularly useful to students interested in microwaves, electronics, or computer engineering.

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