

CheckPoint 2b



If you wanted to see the EM wave produced by the iclicker with your eyes, which of the following would work? (Note: Your eyes are sensitive to EM waves w/ frequency around 10^{14} Hz)

A) Run away from the iclicker when it is voting.

B) Run toward the iclicker when it is voting.

C) Neither will work, moving relative to the iclicker won't change the frequency reaching your eyes.

$$f_{\text{iclicker}} = 900 \text{ MHz}$$

Need to shift frequency UP



Need to approach iclicker ($\beta > 0$)

How fast would you need to run to see the iclicker radiation?

$$\frac{f'}{f} = \frac{10^{14}}{10^9} = 10^5 = \left(\frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$10^{10} = \left(\frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta} \right) \rightarrow \beta = \frac{10^{10} - 1}{10^{10} + 1} = \frac{1 - 10^{-10}}{1 + 10^{-10}}$$

Approximation Exercise: $\beta \approx 1 - (2 \times 10^{-10})$

EM waves from an iclicker: Question 2 (N = 826)

