# Light as a Wave SPH4U 

All $\qquad$ particles have an electric field.

When they $\qquad$ , they $\qquad$ the

## Electric

 field lines
electric field (and create a $\qquad$ ).

These field $\qquad$ through space
as an $\qquad$ wave, aka $\qquad$ .


The electric and magnetic field distortions are $\qquad$ to each other and to the direction of propagation.


- $\qquad$ : Radio
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- $\qquad$ : Visible Light
- $\qquad$ : UV
- $\qquad$ : X-rays
- $\qquad$ : Gamma-Rays
(Note that there is $\qquad$ involved as you go to $\qquad$ .)

Electromagnetic waves travel at $\qquad$ in a vacuum.
$\qquad$ is how many $\qquad$ .

The Wave Equation:

Example: What is the frequency of a light wave with a wavelength of 420 nm ?

Objects $\qquad$ ( $\qquad$ from particle motion) at
$\qquad$ related to their $\qquad$ :

Wien's Law:


This light is emitted in all directions:

L( $\qquad$ ): total light $\qquad$ /time ( $\qquad$ )

F $\qquad$ ): light energy/time/unit area $\qquad$ )


Light also exhibits other wave behaviours, e.g., the Doppler Effect.


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Equation (for a receding source):
$\lambda \quad$ wavelength of signal
$f$ frequency of signal
$v \quad$ velocity of recession (away)
$c \quad$ speed of signal
Example: A source's blue hydrogen line is shifted from 486.1 nm to 537.4 nm . What is the speed of the source relative to us?

