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Meta/Flat-Optics: Enabling Novel Science and Applications

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2011 – 2016
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Light Manipulation and Structuring Via Nanofabricated Flat Metasurfaces



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Assistant/Associate Professor

Research, Mentorship, Teaching, Curriculum Design & Outreach in Electronics & Photonics [Printed Electronics, Antenna & Microwave Engineering, Optics & Photonics]



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2016 – Date
Director, IS&S Labs

Modelling & Design, Device & system-level Research & Innovations for Healthcare, Communication, Agriculture etc.



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ICO-ICTP Gallieno Denardo Award Golden Book



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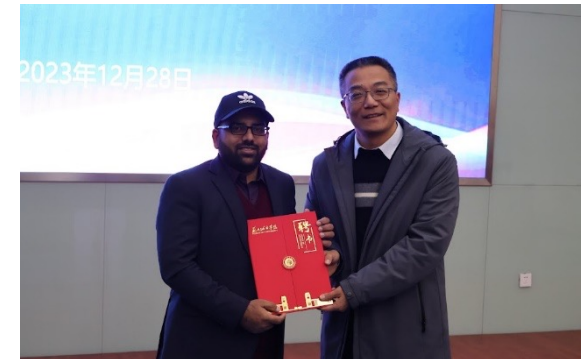


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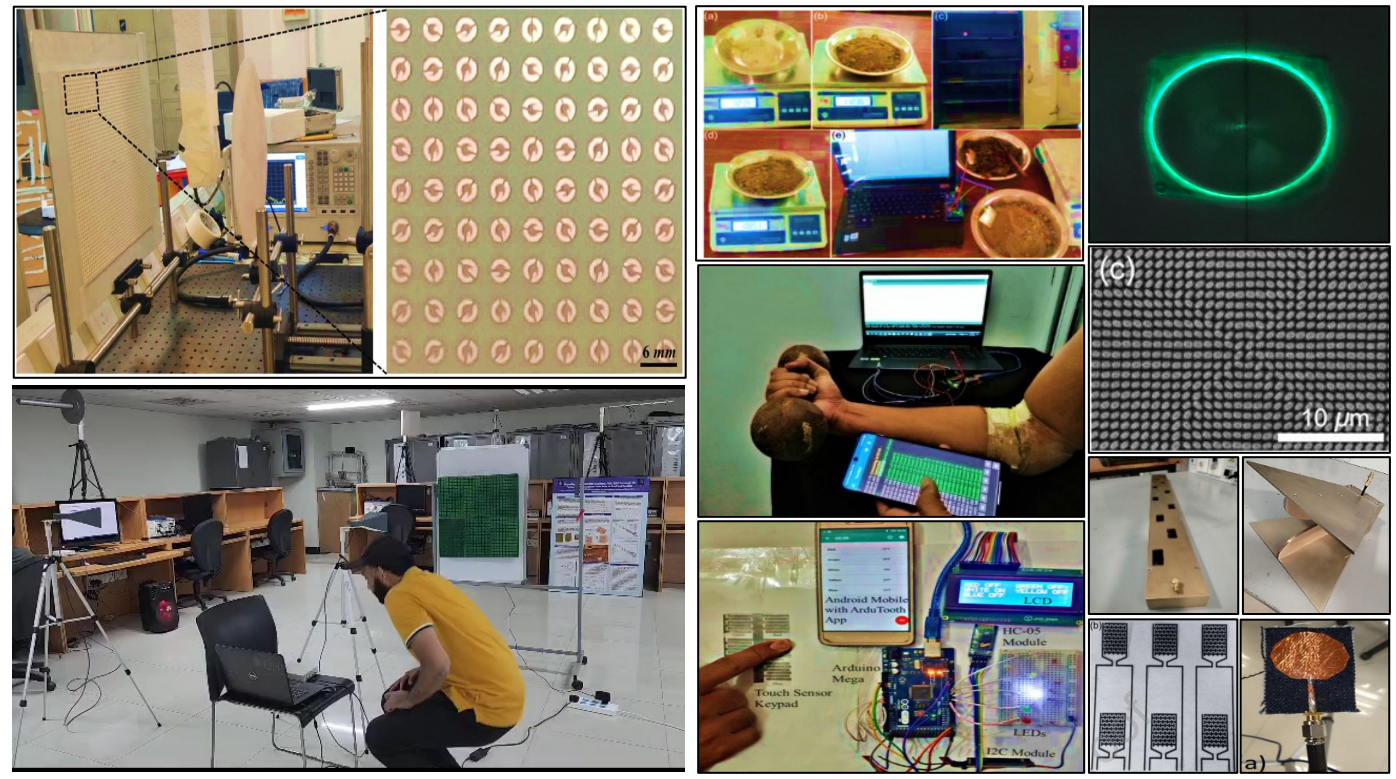


Innovative Systems & Solutions Labs @ ITU



- 1) Strategic Organizations: Customized Designs in RF & MW
- 2) Healthcare: Optical System Design & Bio-imaging

- 3) Education: Portable Smart STEM Solutions, Training Materials, Policy Frameworks
- 4) Flexible & Printed Sensors



Fabless Ecosystem: Capabilities to Outsourcing

Existing Capabilities

PROVEN HISTORY
OF RUNNING FABLESS
ECOSYSTEM

TRAINED HUMAN
RESOUCRE ON DESIGN

COMPUTATIONAL
RESOURCES

Hybridization

CHARACTERIZATION
&
TESTING

DEVICE & SYSTEM-LEVEL
PROTOTYPING

COMMERCIAL
DESING TOOLS

Outsourcing

FABRICATION

INDUSTRIAL
LINKAGES

TECHNOLOGY
READINESS

Optics & It's Impact



Teaching & Training Plan (Lectures & Lab Sessions)

Lectures

Flat optics: Enabling Novel Science & Applications



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Computational EM & Photonics: Conventional solvers to fractional Formulations



Dr. Muhammad Zubair

Associate Professor,
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AI-Driven Biomedical imaging for Smart Diagnostics



Dr. Waqas Sultani

Associate Professor,
Information Technology of the Punjab,
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Laboratory Sessions on Modelling & Design

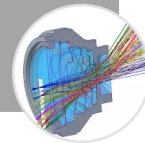
- Essentials of system level packaging for optical devices

CAD



- Open-source Ray Tracing Optimization for Conventional Optics

Ray tracing
(Part-I)



- Open-source Ray Tracing Optimization for Meta-Optics

EM Solvers



- Design & Optimization of Meta-Optical Devices Through Computational Solvers

Ray tracing
(Part-I)



- Design & Optimization of Meta-Optical Devices Through AI

Meta-Mogus



- Artificial Intelligence For Disease Diagnosis

Biomedical Imaging



MicroNano Team @ ITU-Pak






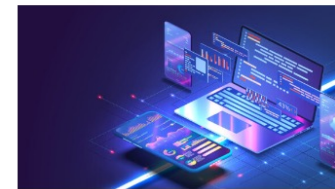
Optics & It's Impact



Optics: its Impact, Markets & Technologies


Optics & it's Market Impact

- **Optics:** is the **branch of physics** that **studies light and its behaviors**.
- **Optics Markets:** There are many **applications** of optical systems integrated within different fields of study such as **medical, materials & manufacturing, and communications applications**.


 <p>Aeronautics</p> <p>Optics and photonics are paying an increasing role in aircraft and aviation.</p>	 <p>Agrifood</p> <p>Photonics is becoming a major player in the agri-food industry contributing to more efficient, sustainable, and safer food production, and to enable smart farming.</p>	 <p>AR/VR</p> <p>Improvements in display design and development are enhancing augmented and virtual reality systems, providing increased capabilities across the retail market.</p>	 <p>Automotive</p> <p>Photonics technologies are a source of increasing innovation for both vehicle automation and production.</p>	 <p>Beauty & Cosmetics</p> <p>Thanks to the rapid development of laser and UV applications, light is now widely used for beauty and cosmetics applications.</p>	 <p>Civil</p> <p>Solid-state lighting (SSL) has civil applications like traffic lights, vehicle, street and parking lot lights, train marker lights, building exteriors or remote controls.</p>
 <p>Communication</p> <p>Global internet traffic is growing exponentially, and increasing fast, secure broadband connectivity is now a top priority for governments, industry, and providers of critical infrastructure.</p>	 <p>Construction & Civil Engineering</p> <p>The construction industry is a growing market for lighting and photonic sensing technologies to enable smart buildings and smart cities.</p>	 <p>Display</p> <p>Photonics-based displays are a critical enabling technology for the information age.</p>	 <p>Electronic</p> <p>Optoelectronic devices are used in a wide variety of application areas such as optical fiber communications, laser technology, and all kinds of optical metrology.</p>	 <p>Healthcare</p> <p>Optical technologies and photonics are playing a key role in non-invasive methods for the early detection, monitoring and improved treatment of cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer, and many other diseases.</p>	 <p>Industrial</p> <p>Photonic sensing technologies are increasingly used in the wind, oil & gas, nuclear and conventional power generation, and the chemical industries.</p>

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Instrumentation
Instruments based on advanced photonics technology and devices are used in a wide area of applications.




Life Science
Photonics plays a major role in life science devices.



Lighting
While LEDs have been around for several years, they are beginning to be replaced by OLEDs (organic light emitting diodes), which provide improved colour fidelity, efficiency and operation stability and substantial energy savings.




Manufacturing
Photonics technologies are used extensively in advanced manufacturing to reduce costs and improve manufacturing processes.



Measurements
Optical metrology is used for fast, highly precise, non-contact measurements for a wide range of applications.



Medical
Optical technologies and photonics are increasingly used for treatment and early diagnosis as they are minimally invasive, reduce the length of hospital stay and reduce recovery times.




Ophthalmology
Nowadays, lasers and optics are indispensable tools for ophthalmologists.




Photovoltaic
Photonics is playing a crucial role in the next generation of more efficient and lower loss photovoltaic (PV) energy production and storage systems.




Quantum
Although most quantum applications are still over a decade away, the following segments provide some concrete opportunities for photonics.



Scientific
Government recognition of photonics as a key enabling technology is driving photonics research in academia and industry.



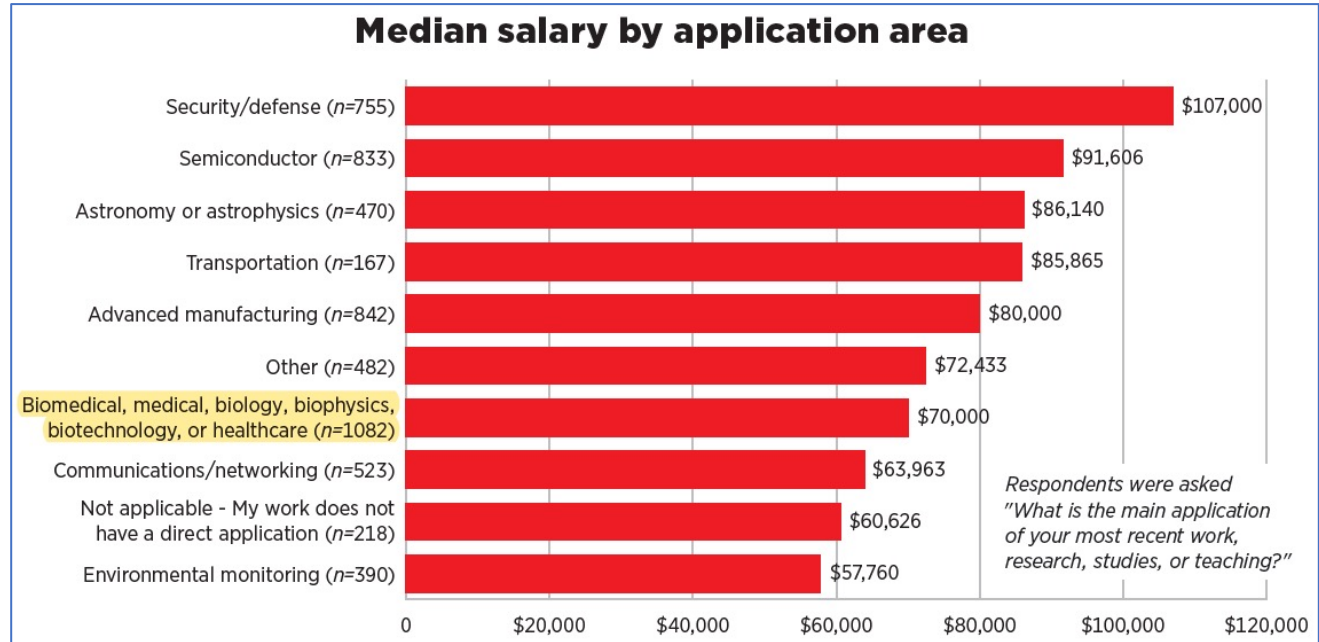
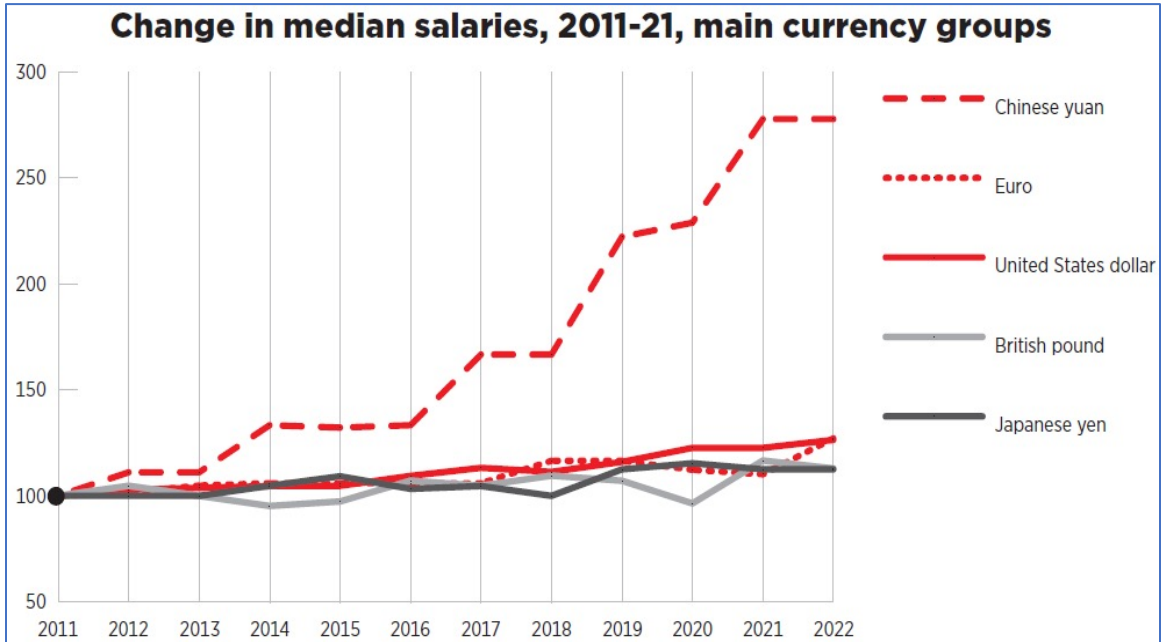
Security & Defence
Photonics and optics are playing key roles in sensing, communications and weapon systems for security and defence, as well as for Critical Infrastructure Protection due to the increase in use of unmanned vehicles that can be used as spy or attack devices.



Space
Photonics are making a big impact in space applications.

Career Potential in Optics

“OPTICS IS AN AMAZING FIELD TO BE INVOLVED IN.”



Career Potential in Optics

***“OPTICS HAS A GREAT FUTURE.
 MAKE SURE YOU DON’T SHY AWAY FROM ASKING THINGS YOU DON’T KNOW.”***

Median salary by years employed and region

	Asla, Lower Income	Europe, Lower Income	Latin America & Caribbean	Middle East	Europe, Higher Income	Asla, Higher Income	North America
Less than one year	\$7,651				\$33,185	\$40,477	\$90,000
1-2 years	\$6,680		\$18,922	\$6,396	\$35,938	\$42,608	\$75,000
3-5 years	\$11,173	\$13,798	\$15,652	\$24,924	\$51,826	\$51,129	\$100,000
6-10 years	\$13,360	\$25,000	\$24,809	\$45,302	\$65,216	\$58,585	\$114,000
11-15 years	\$17,610	\$17,937	\$26,634	\$47,950	\$69,443	\$66,540	\$129,000
16-20 years	\$15,852	\$13,074	\$37,214	\$61,351	\$75,703	\$68,172	\$140,000
21-25 years	\$21,188	\$19,443	\$37,084	\$52,310	\$81,520	\$85,215	\$160,000
26-30 years	\$32,792	\$20,696	\$95,314	\$60,038	\$87,008	\$95,867	\$175,000
More than 30 years	\$12,656	\$14,487	\$32,157	\$108,350	\$79,442	\$85,215	\$180,000

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Optics & It's Impact



EM Wave & It's Solution

Optical Constants of Materials

Refractive Index (Optical Constants: n & k) of Materials:

- Refractive index is a **complex number**

$$\mathcal{N}^2 = (n + ik)^2 = \epsilon_r \mu_r$$

- $n = c/v$. It quantifies the *Veclocity & Phase* of an EM wave through the medium.

- **Phase constant**: $\beta = \beta_0 n = \frac{\omega}{c} n$, **Extinction Coefficient** = k , Absorption Coefficient: $\alpha = 2\beta_0 k = 2 \frac{\omega}{c} k$

- Mathematically, there are **two solutions for the refractive index**

$$\mathcal{N} = n + ik = \pm \sqrt{\epsilon_r \mu_r} = \pm \sqrt{(1 + \chi_e)(1 + \chi_m)}$$

Where, χ_e and χ_m are electric and magnetic susceptibilities

The **four possible sign combinations** in the pair (ϵ_r, μ_r) are $(+,+)$, $(+,-)$, $(-,+)$, and $(-,-)$.

Optical Constants of Materials

Relationship between \mathcal{N} and permittivity & permeability:

- For now, we ignore the magnetic response

$$n + ik = \pm \sqrt{\epsilon'_r + i\epsilon''_r} \Rightarrow (n + ik)^2 = \epsilon'_r + i\epsilon''_r \Rightarrow (n^2 - k^2) + i2nk = \epsilon'_r + i\epsilon''_r$$

- Equating real and imaginary parts, we get

$$\epsilon'_r = n^2 - k^2, \quad \epsilon''_r = 2nk$$

Polarization

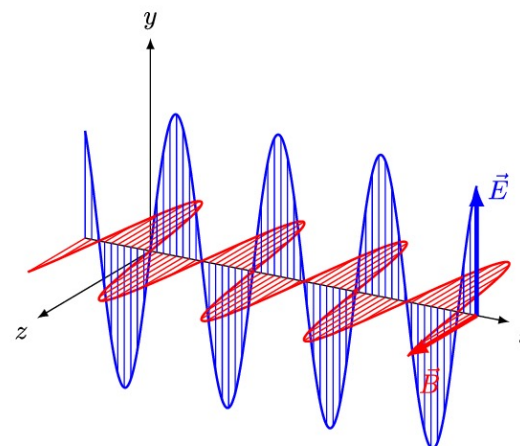


$$\mathcal{E}_y(x, t) = \hat{y} E_{0y} e^{-\frac{\omega}{c} k x} e^{i\frac{\omega}{c} n x} e^{-i\omega t}$$

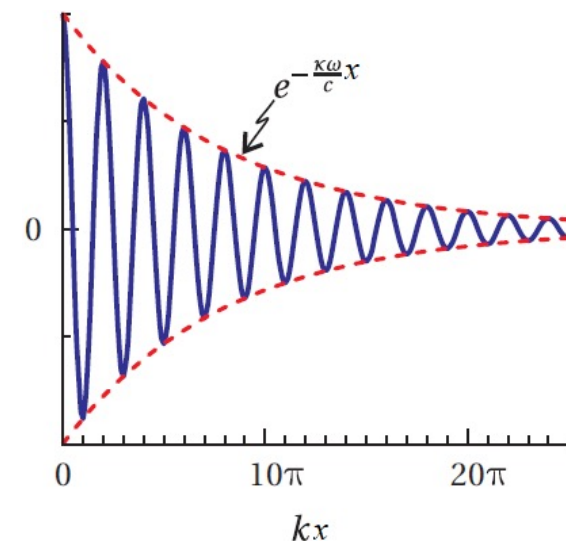
$$\mathcal{H}_z(x, t) = \hat{z} H_{0z} e^{-\frac{\omega}{c} k x} e^{i\frac{\omega}{c} n x} e^{-i\omega t}$$

Amplitude Phase

For, $k = 0$



For, $k \neq 0$



Optical Constants of Materials

Refractive Index (Optical Constants: n & k) of Materials:

➤ For a lossless medium, $\mathcal{N} = n + ik = \pm\sqrt{\epsilon_r\mu_r}$, wave expressions for four possible sign combinations in the pair (ϵ_r, μ_r) are $(+,+)$, $(+,-)$, $(-,+)$, and $(-,-)$.

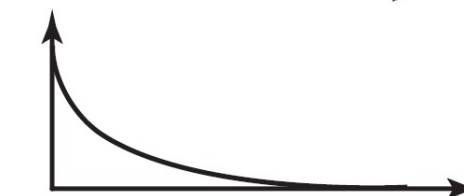
$$(+, +) \Rightarrow (\epsilon_r > 0, \mu_r > 0) \Rightarrow \mathcal{E}_y(x, t) = \hat{y}E_{0y}e^{i\frac{\omega}{c}(\sqrt{\epsilon_r\mu_r})x}e^{-i\omega t} \Rightarrow$$



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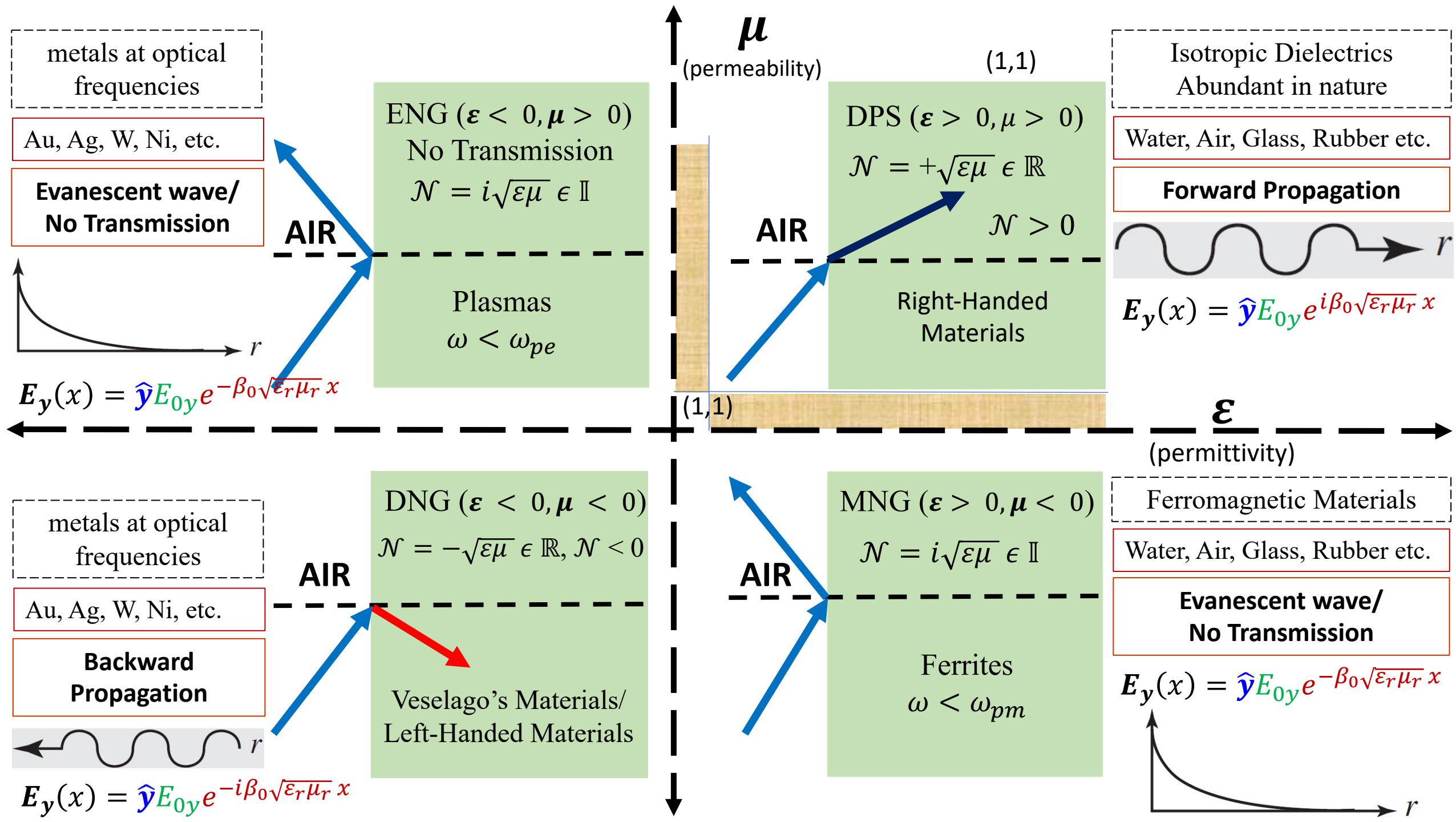


$$(+, -) \Rightarrow (\epsilon_r > 0, \mu_r < 0) \Rightarrow \mathcal{E}_y(x, t) = \hat{y}E_{0y}e^{-\frac{\omega}{c}(\sqrt{\epsilon_r\mu_r})x}e^{-i\omega t} \Rightarrow$$



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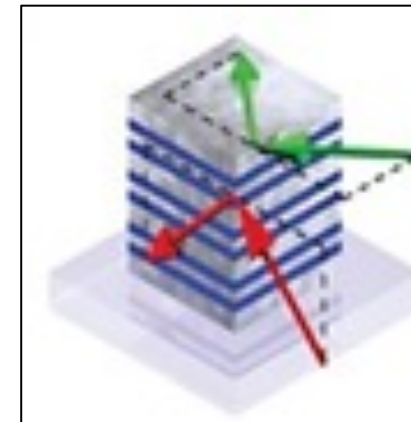
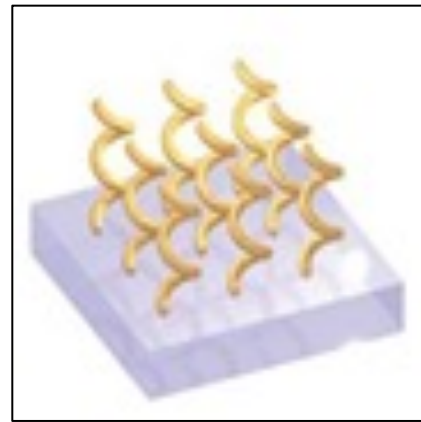
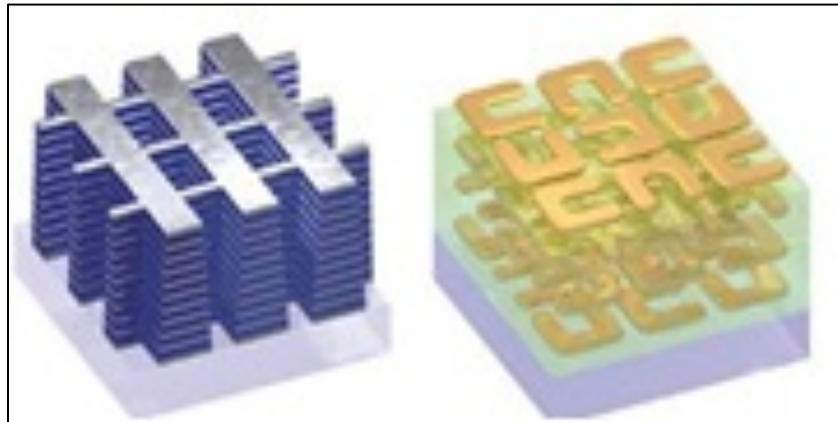
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A New Paradigm of Science and Engineering

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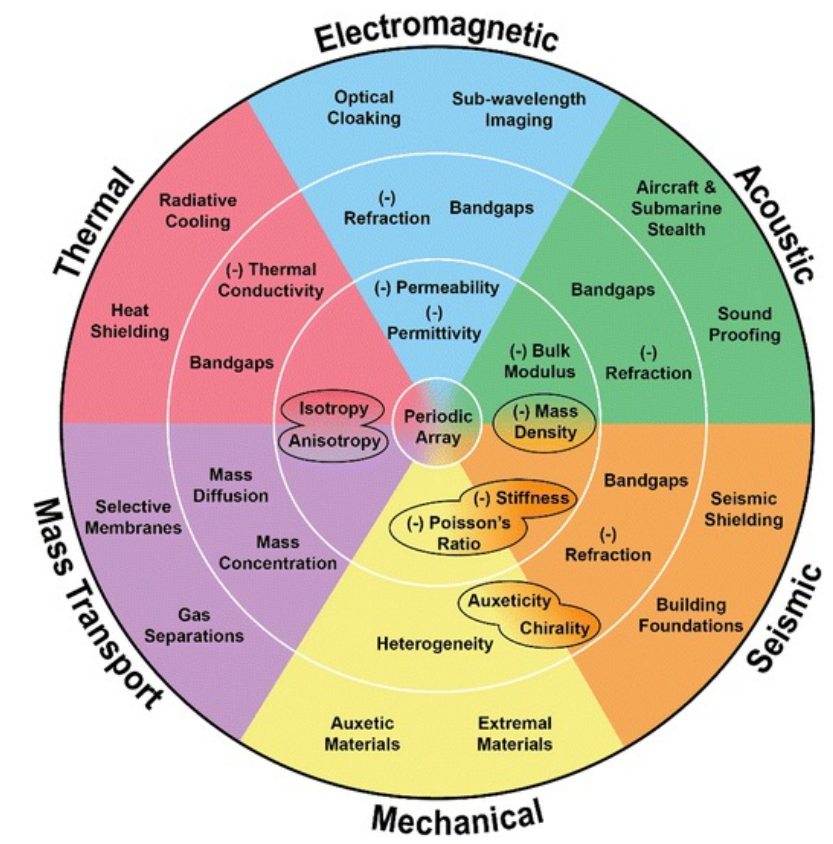
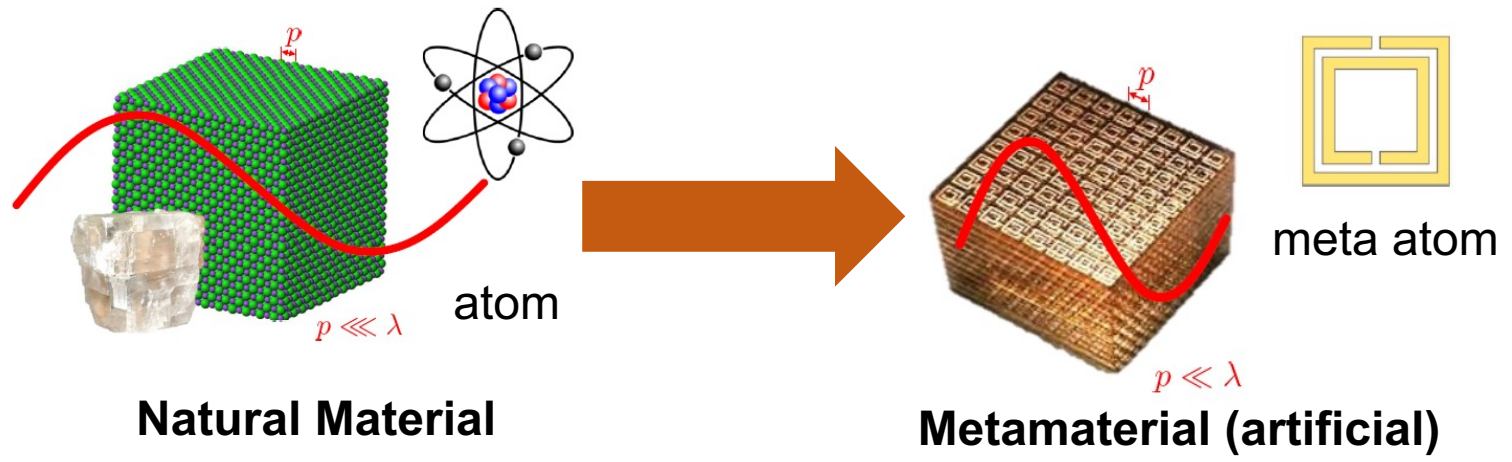
- They are made from repeated **patterns of multiple sub-wavelength elements** (fashioned from composite materials such as metals and plastics).
- They derive their properties not from the properties of the base materials, but from their newly designed structures.



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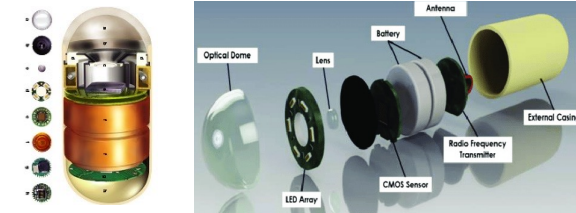
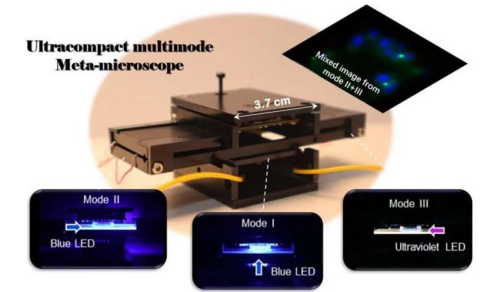
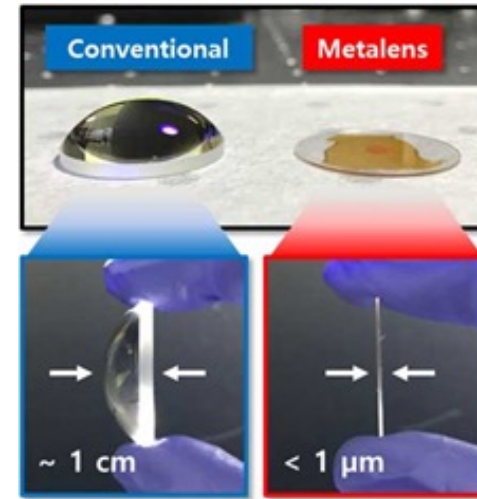
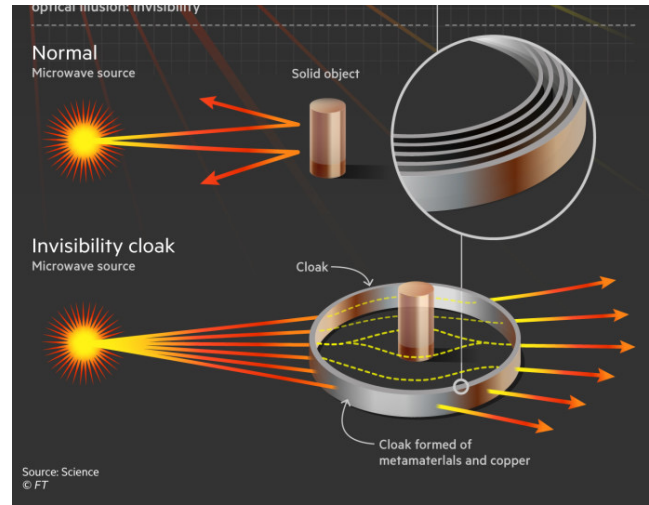
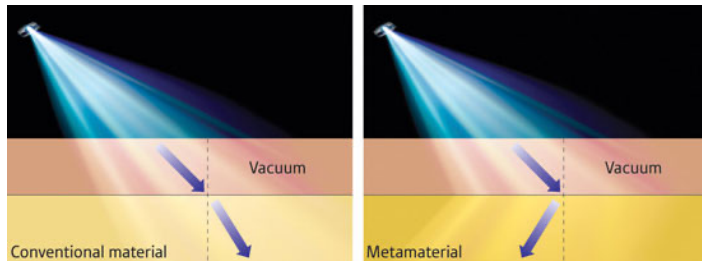
Effective Constitutive Parameters:

Permeability (ϵ_{eff}), Permittivity (μ_{eff}), Mass density (ρ_{eff}), Bulk modulus (K_{eff}), etc.

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Anomalous Response: Like Negative Refraction & Invisibility (Cloaking), Compactnes, Enhanced Performance

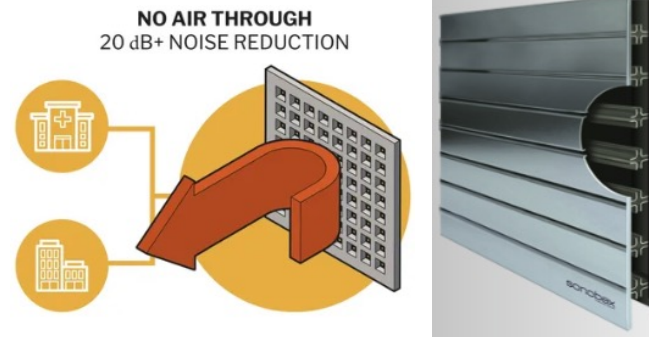


How Metamaterials Could Lead to Invisible Tanks and Super-Stealthy Submarines

New construction materials made of composites could make military vehicles—and even soldiers—invisible to radar, sonar, and even the naked eye.

China Is Getting Closer to a New Type of Stealth Aircraft

Traditional stealth aircraft rely on geometry to deflect radar, but metamaterials used in the construction of an aircraft could absorb radar waves.



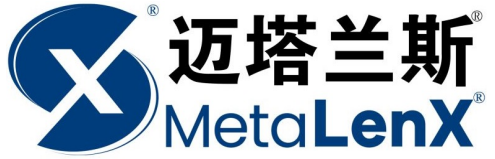
Next-generation acoustic metamaterial absorbs low-frequency sound

When it comes to low-frequency noise, traditional sound-absorbing materials tend to be undesirably thick and heavy. Now, EU-funded entrepreneurs designed a breakthrough lightweight material specifically targeted for low-frequency sound waves.

Metamaterials Companies & Market



Bill Gates backed VC firm specifically for metamaterials
62 Million USD Fund



Hot Product | Consumer electronics | LIDAR | Optical communication | Customization

MetaOptic Designer
Automatically Generates Metalenses/Metasurfaces

End Users: Automotive, Aerospace & Defense, Medical Instrumentation, telecommunication, and Optics.

Market Size in 2022	Market Forecast in 2030	CAGR (in %)	Base Year
USD 330.8 Million	USD 10053.9 Million	53.23%	2022



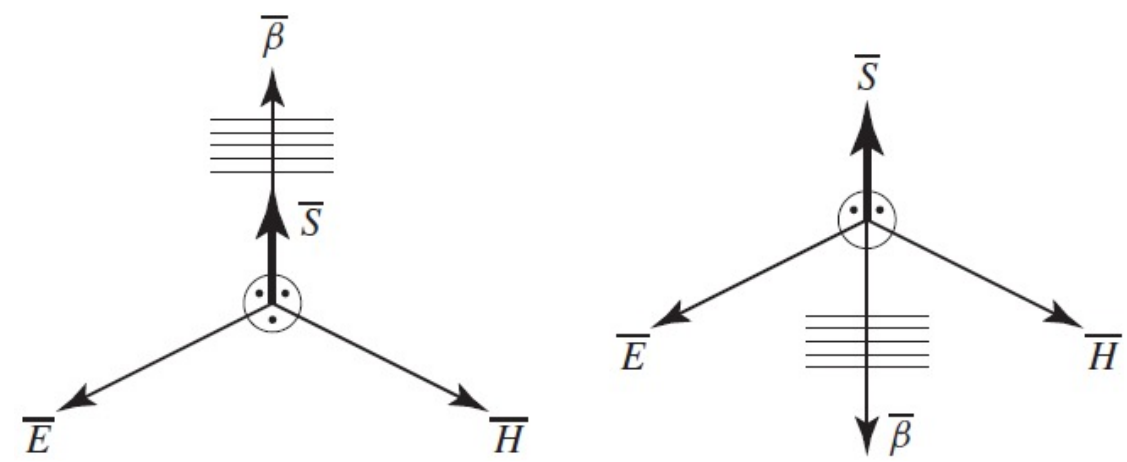
CAGR: compound annual growth rate

Meta/Flat-Optics → Entry to Industry



Victor Georgievich Veselago
1929 - 2018

- In 1967, Viktor Veselago visionary speculation on the existence of “substances with simultaneously negative values of ϵ and μ ”.
- He called these “substances” **LH** to express the fact that they would allow the propagation of electromagnetic waves with E , H , and wave vector building a left-handed triad.
- He recognized, “Unfortunately, . . . , we do not know of even a single substance which could be isotropic and have $\mu < 0$.” thereby pointing out how difficult it seemed to realize a practical LH structure.



Meta/Flat-Optics → Entry to Industry



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Several fundamental phenomena occurring in or in association with LH media were predicted by Veselago

- Reversal of the boundary conditions relating the **normal components** of the electric and magnetic fields at the interface between a conventional/right-handed (RH) medium and an LH medium.
- Reversal of **Snell's law**.
- Subsequent **negative refraction** at the interface between a RH medium and a LH medium.
- Transformation of a **point source into a point image** by a LH slab.
- **Interchange of convergence and divergence effects** in convex and concave lenses.

Lorentz Oscillator Model for Dielectrics

The Lorentz model uses Newton's equation of motion to describe an electron displacement from equilibrium within an atom.

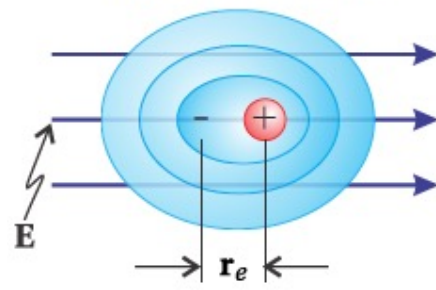
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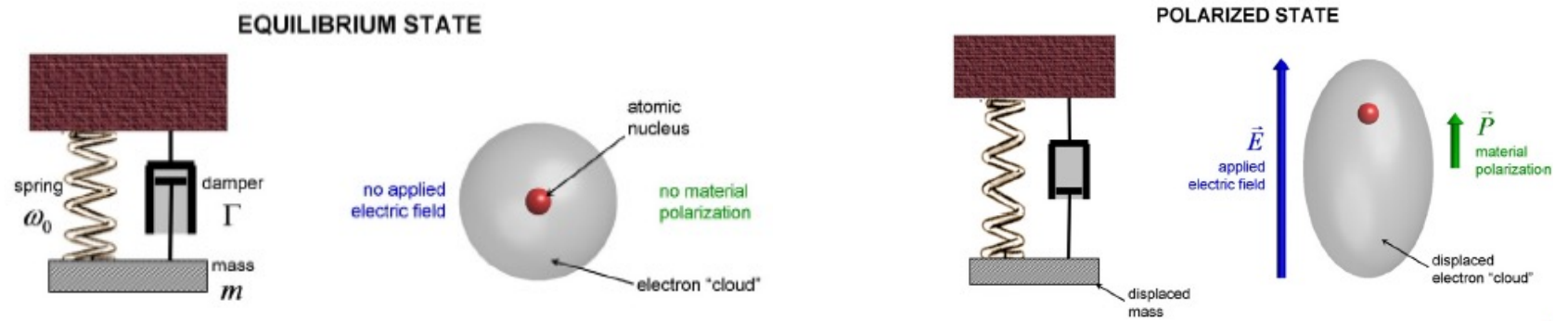
$$F_{accelerating} = F_{Electric} - F_{Damping} - F_{Restoring/Spring}$$

$$m_e \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{r}_e}{\partial t^2} = q_e \mathbf{E} - m_e \gamma \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_e}{\partial t} - k_{Hooke} \mathbf{r}_e = q_e \mathbf{E} - m_e \gamma \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_e}{\partial t} - m_e \omega_0^2 \mathbf{r}_e$$

In an electric field



Where, $\omega_0 = \sqrt{k_{Hooke}/m_e}$ is the natural oscillation frequency (or resonant frequency) associated with the electron mass and the spring constant.



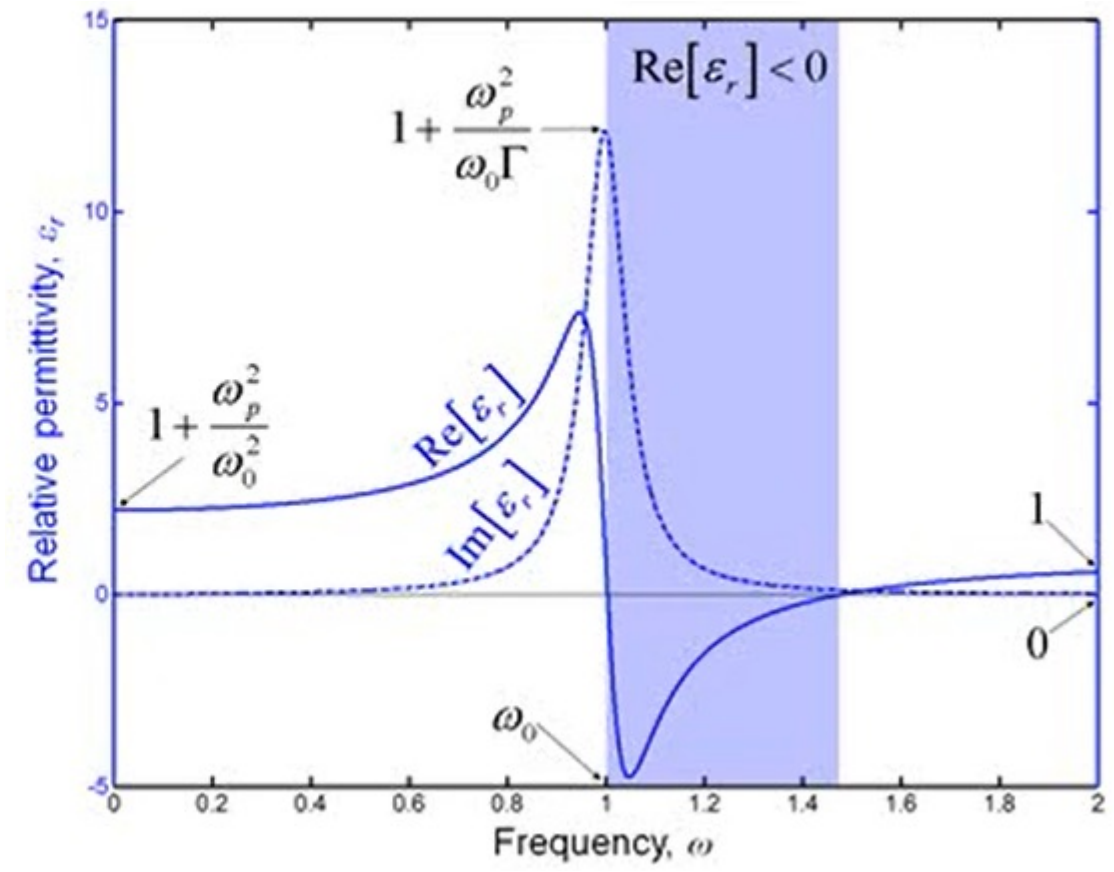
Lorentz Oscillator Model for Dielectrics

$$(n + ik)^2 = \epsilon'_r + i\epsilon''_r = 1 + \chi_e = 1 + \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\gamma},$$

$$n^2 - k^2 = \epsilon'_r = 1 + \omega_p^2 \frac{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2\gamma^2},$$

$$2nk = \epsilon''_r = \omega_p^2 \frac{\omega\gamma}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2\gamma^2}$$

$$\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{Nq_e^2}{\epsilon_0 m_e}}$$

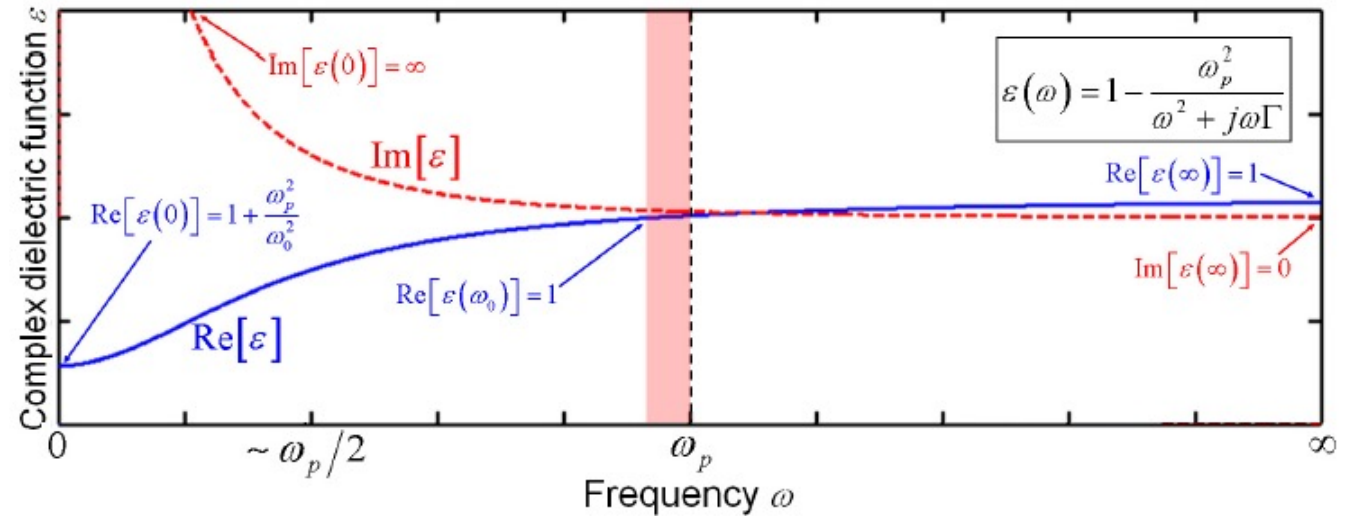


Drude Model for Metals

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_e \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{r}_e}{\partial t^2} &= q_e \mathbf{E} - m_e \gamma \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_e}{\partial t} - \mathbf{k}_{\text{Hooke}} \mathbf{r}_e \\
 &= q_e \mathbf{E} - m_e \gamma \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_e}{\partial t} - m_e \omega_p^2 \mathbf{r}_e
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(n + ik)^2 = \epsilon'_r + i\epsilon''_r = 1 + \chi_e = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2 + i\omega\gamma}$$

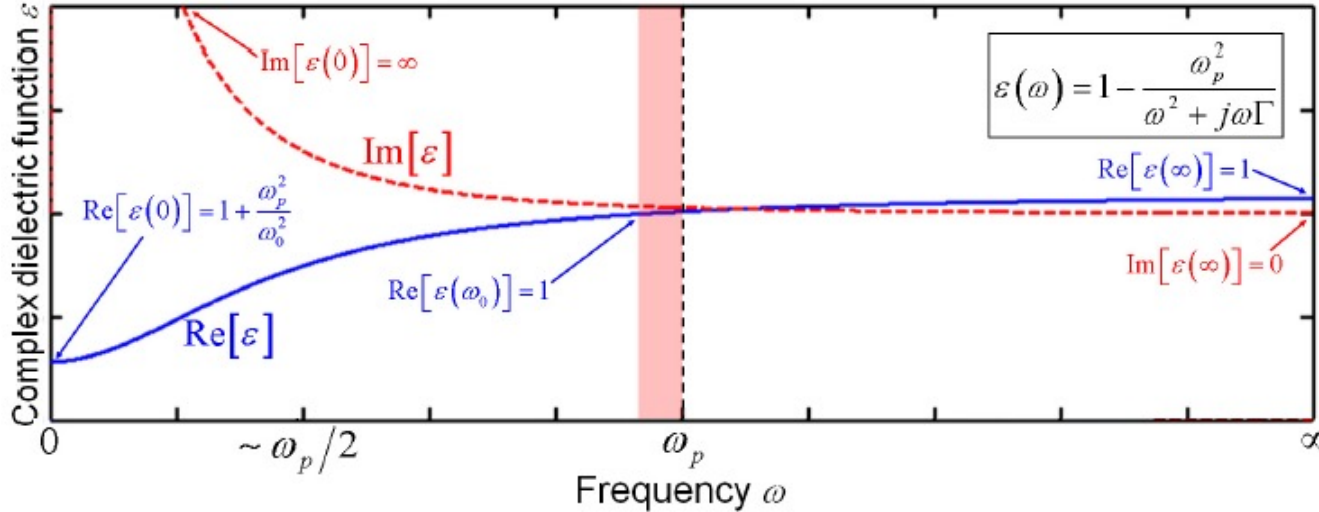
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 \end{aligned}$$



- Below the plasma frequency, the dielectric constant is mostly imaginary, and metals behave like good conductors.
- Near the plasma frequency, both the real and imaginary parts of permittivity are significant, and metals are very lossy.
- At very high frequencies above the plasma frequency, loss vanishes, and metals become transparent.

Drude Model for Metals

The plasma frequency for typical metals lies in the ultra-violet.



Metal	Symbol	Plasma Wavelength	Plasma Frequency
Aluminum	Al	82.78 nm	3624 THz
Chromium	Cr	115.35 nm	2601 THz
Copper	Cu	114.50 nm	2620 THz
Gold	Au	137.32 nm	2185 THz
Nickel	Ni	77.89 nm	3852 THz
Silver	Ag	137.62 nm	2180 THz

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Artificial Plasma Frequency & Permittivity

Negative: ϵ_r Positive: μ_r $\epsilon_r < 0, \mu_r > 0$

J B Pendry *et al* 1998 *J. Phys.: Condens. Matter* **10** 4785

For, E parallel to the wire axis induces a current along them and generates equivalent electric dipole moments, exhibiting a plasmonic-type permittivity frequency function.

$$\epsilon_r(\omega) = 1 - \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{\omega^2 - i\omega\gamma} = 1 - \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{\omega^2 + \gamma^2} - i \frac{\gamma\omega_{pe}^2}{\omega(\omega^2 + \gamma^2)}$$

$$\omega_{pe} = \text{electric plasma frequency} = \sqrt{2\pi c^2 / [p^2 \ln(p/a)]}$$

a : radius of the wires, γ = damping factor = $\epsilon_0 (p\omega_{pe}/a)^2 / \pi\sigma$

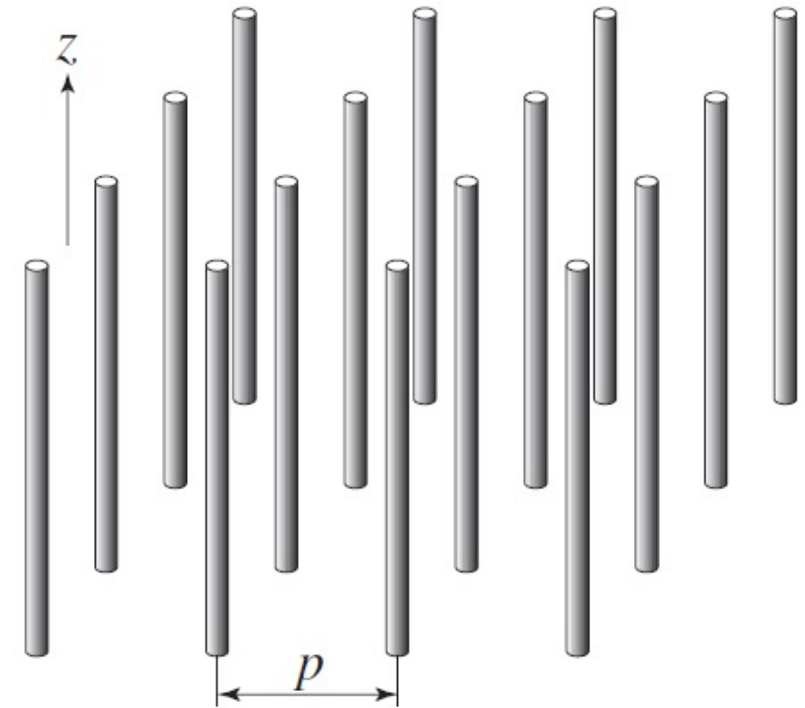
It clearly appears in this formula that

$$\text{Re}(\epsilon_r) < 0, \quad \omega^2 < \omega_{pe}^2 - \gamma^2$$

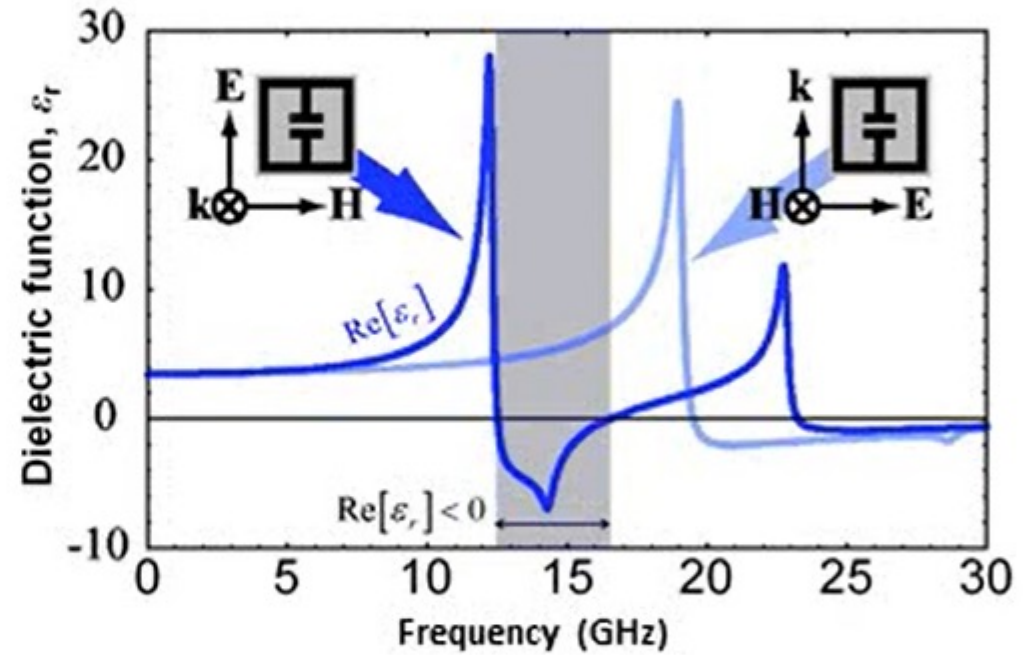
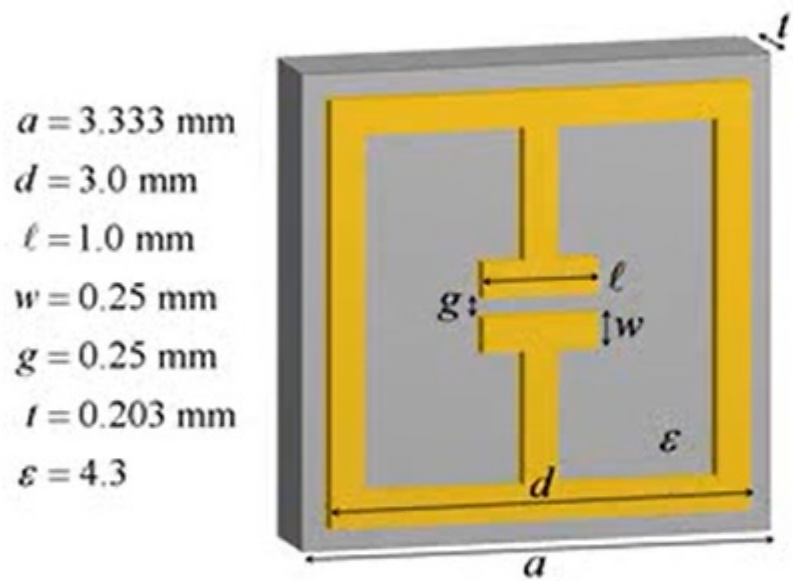
Which, for $\gamma = 0$, reduces to

$$\epsilon_r < 0, \quad \text{for } \omega < \omega_{pe}$$

On the other hand, permeability is simply $\mu = \mu_0$ since no magnetic material is present and no magnetic dipole moment is generated.



Artificial Permittivity



D. Schurig et al, Appl. Phys. Lett. 88, 041109 (2006)

Artificial Plasma Frequency (SRR)

Positive: ϵ_r Negative: μ_r i. e., $\epsilon_r < 0$, $\mu_r > 0$

J. B. Pendry, "IEEE Transactions on Microwave Theory and Techniques, vol. 47, no. 11, pp. 2075-2084, Nov. 1999.

For, \mathbf{H} perpendicular to the plane of the rings induces resonating currents in the loop and generate equivalent magnetic dipole moments, exhibiting a **plasmonic-type permeability** frequency function.

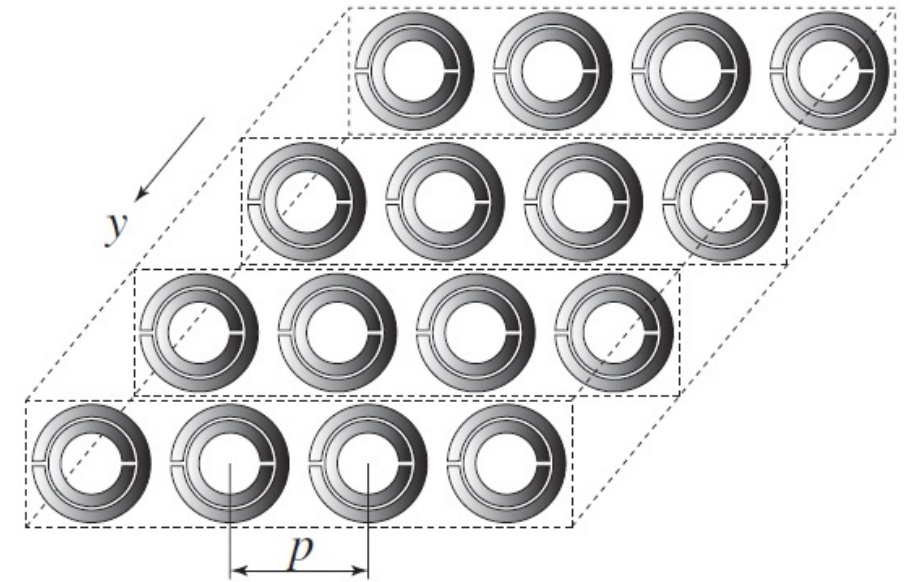
$$\begin{aligned} \mu_r(\omega) &= 1 - \frac{F\omega^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_{0m}^2 + i\omega\gamma} \\ &= 1 - \frac{F\omega^2(\omega^2 - \omega_{0m}^2)}{(\omega^2 - \omega_{0m}^2)^2 + (\omega\gamma)^2} - i \frac{F\omega^2\gamma}{(\omega^2 - \omega_{0m}^2)^2 + (\omega\gamma)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\omega_{0m} = c\sqrt{3p/[\pi\ln(2wa^3/\delta)]},$$

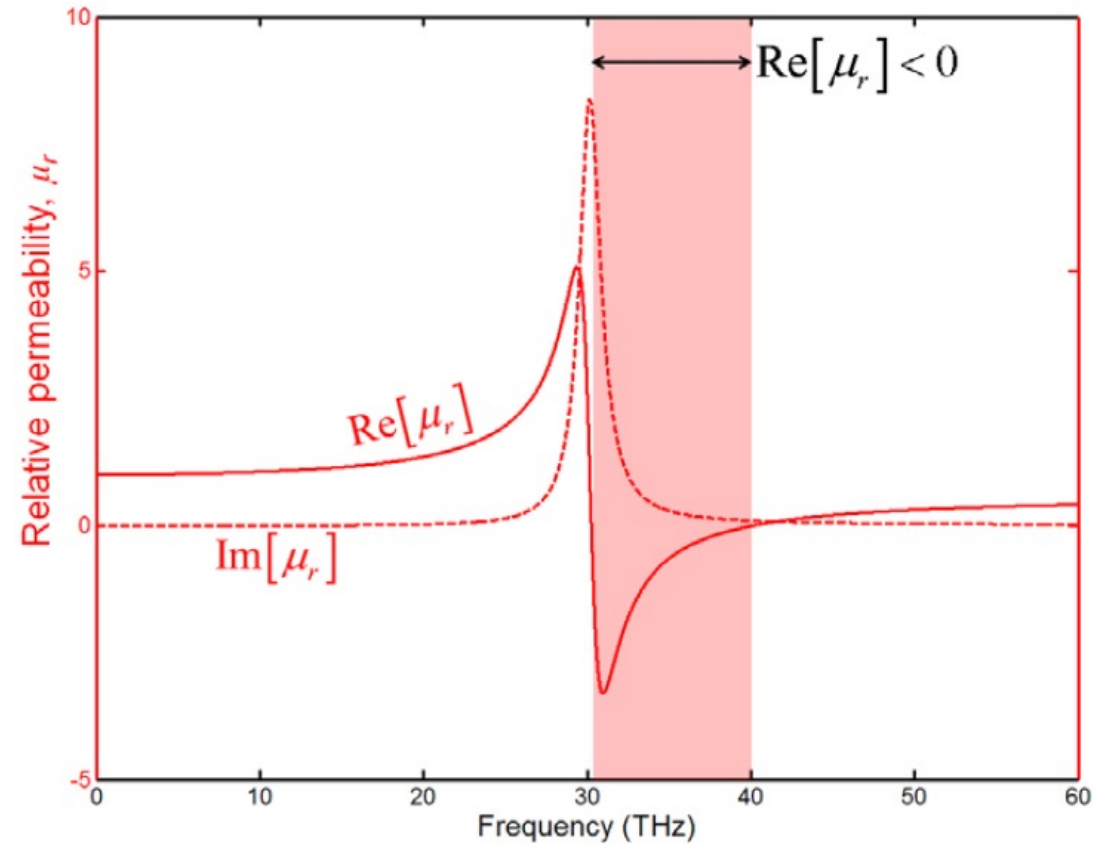
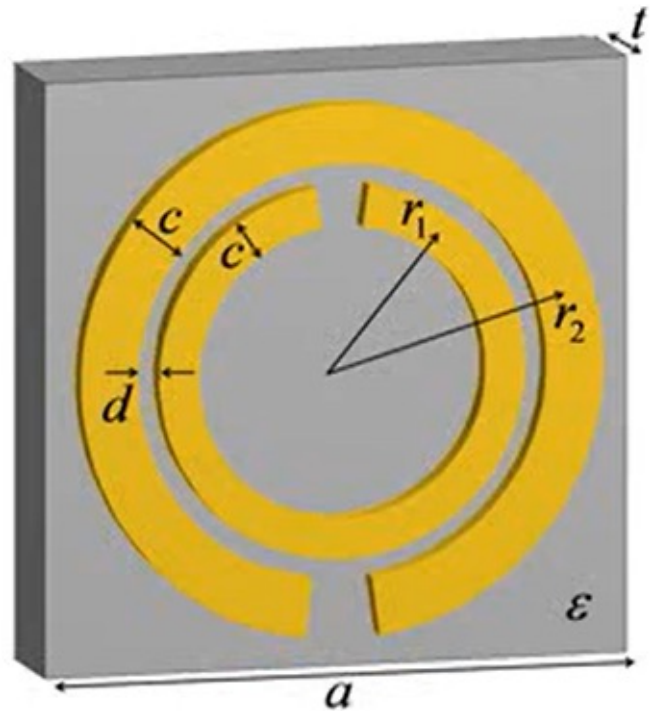
ω_{0m} : magnetic resonance frequency, w : width of the ring,
 δ : radial spacing, $F = \pi(a/p)^2$, a : inner radius of the smaller ring, $\gamma = 2pR'/\mu_0$

Hence, a frequency range can exist in which $\text{Re}(\mu_r) < 0$

$$\mu_r < 0, \quad \text{for } \omega_{0m} < \omega < \frac{\omega_{0m}}{\sqrt{1-F}} = \omega_{pm} = \text{magnetic plasma frequency}$$



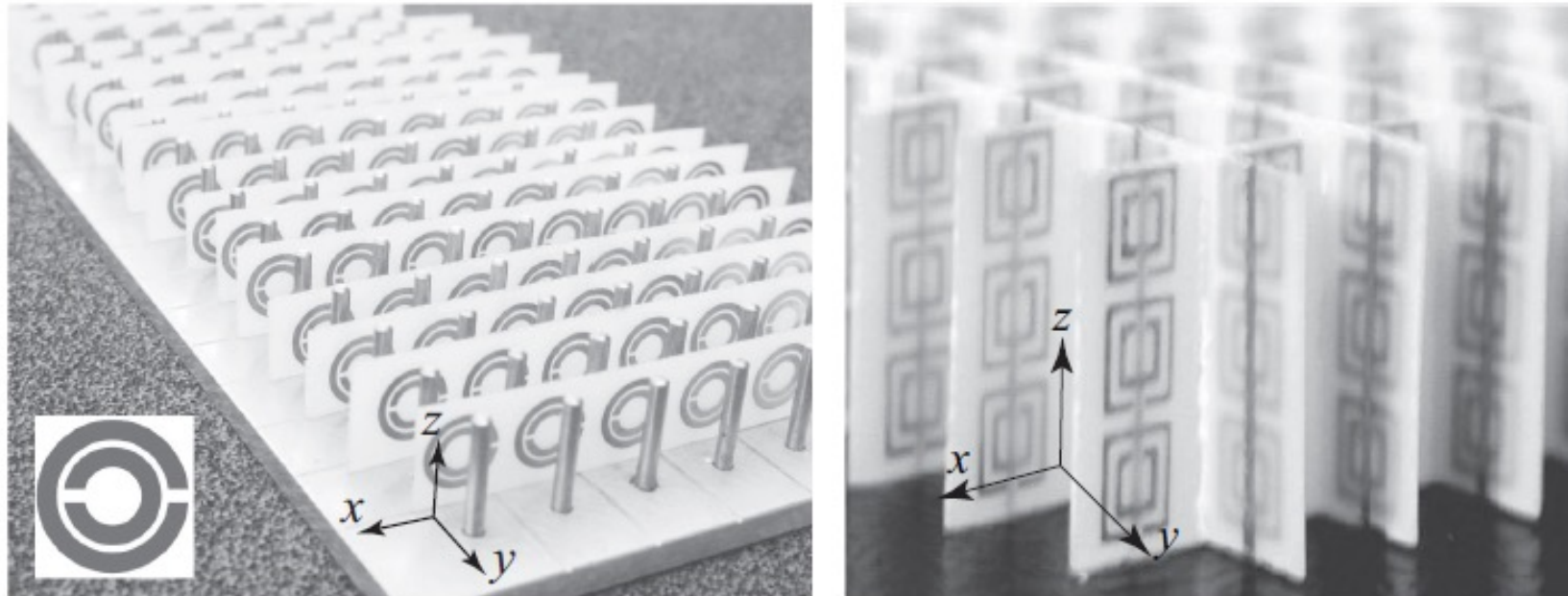
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Experimental Demonstration Of Left-handedness

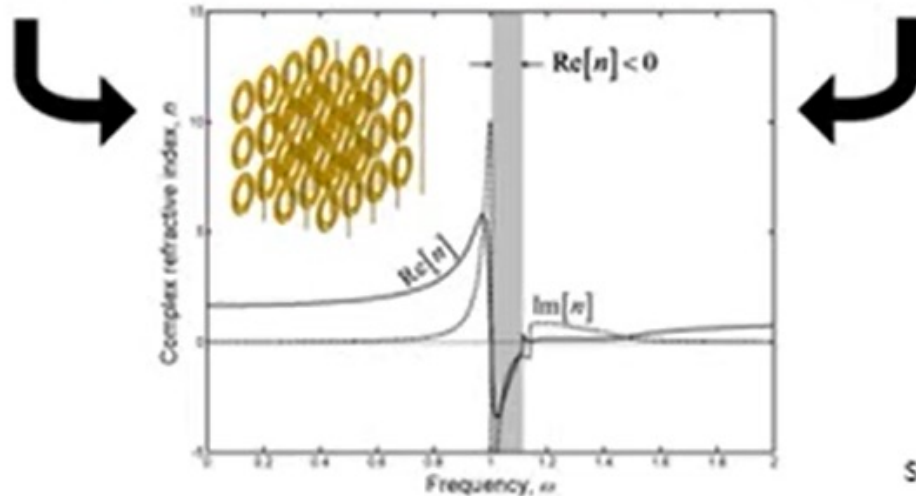
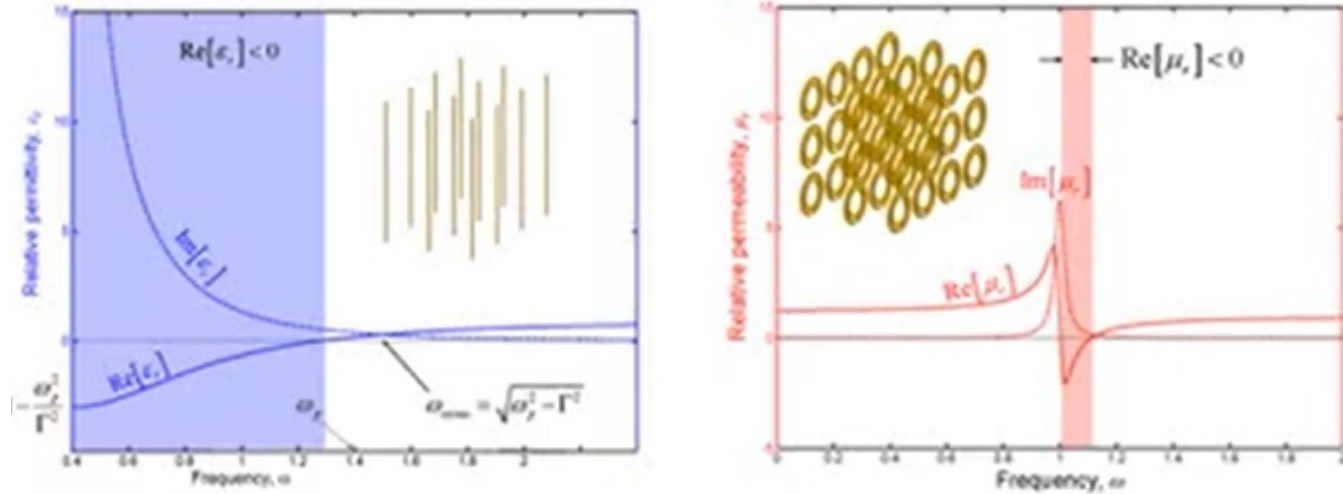
Smith et al. combined the TW and SRR structures of Pendry into the composite structure, which represented the **first experimental LH MTM prototype**.



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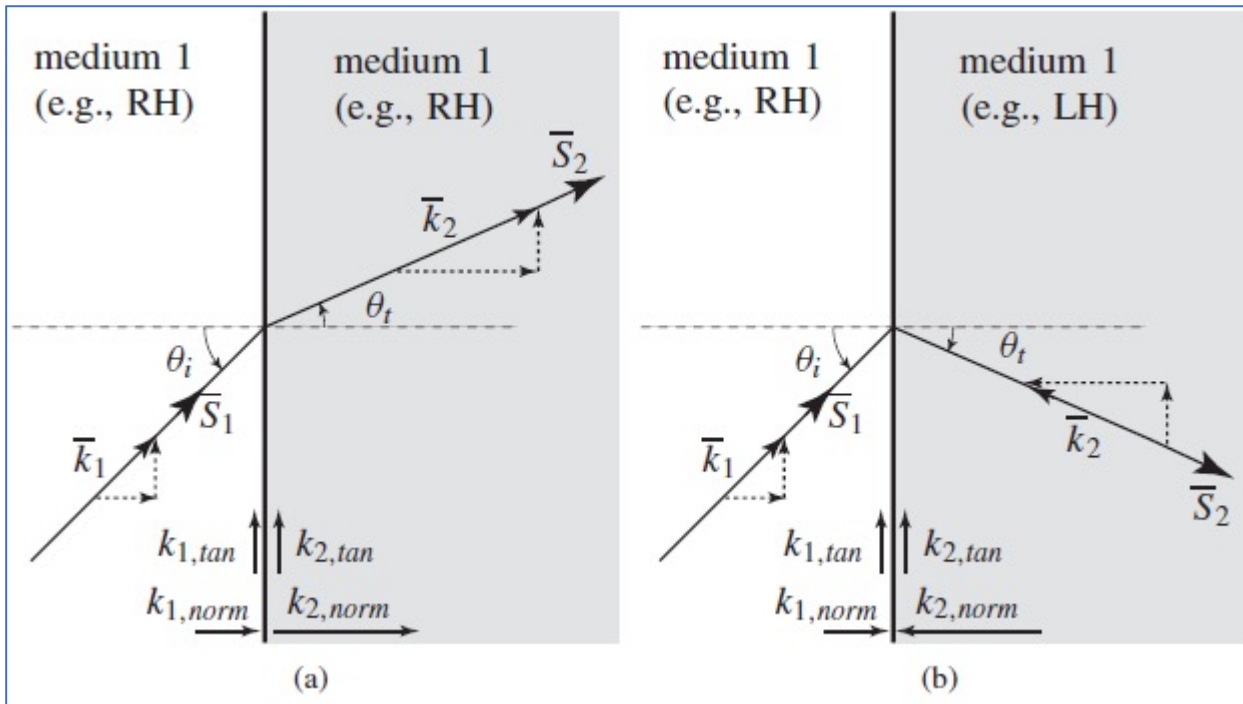
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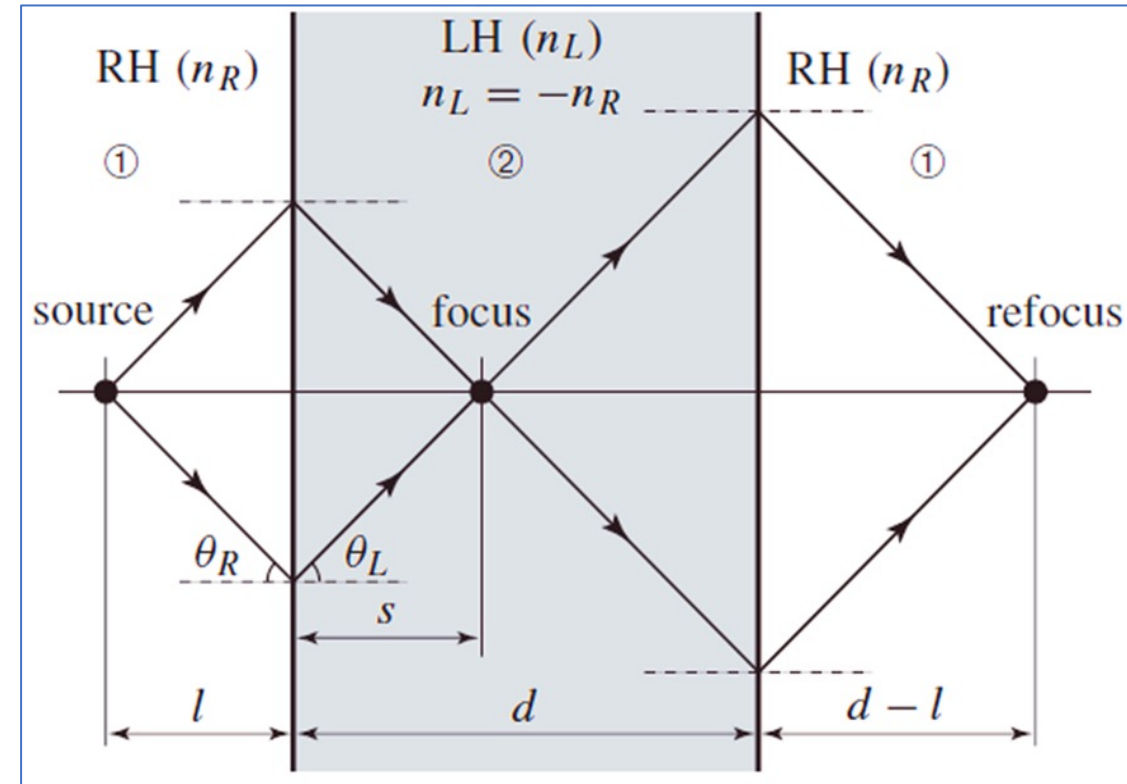
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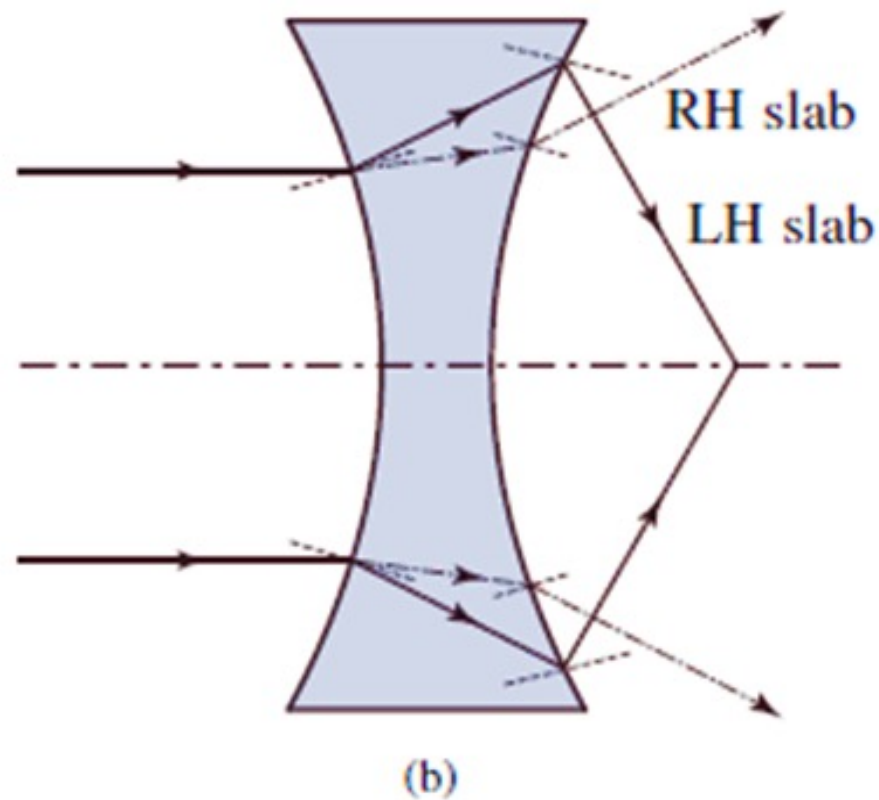
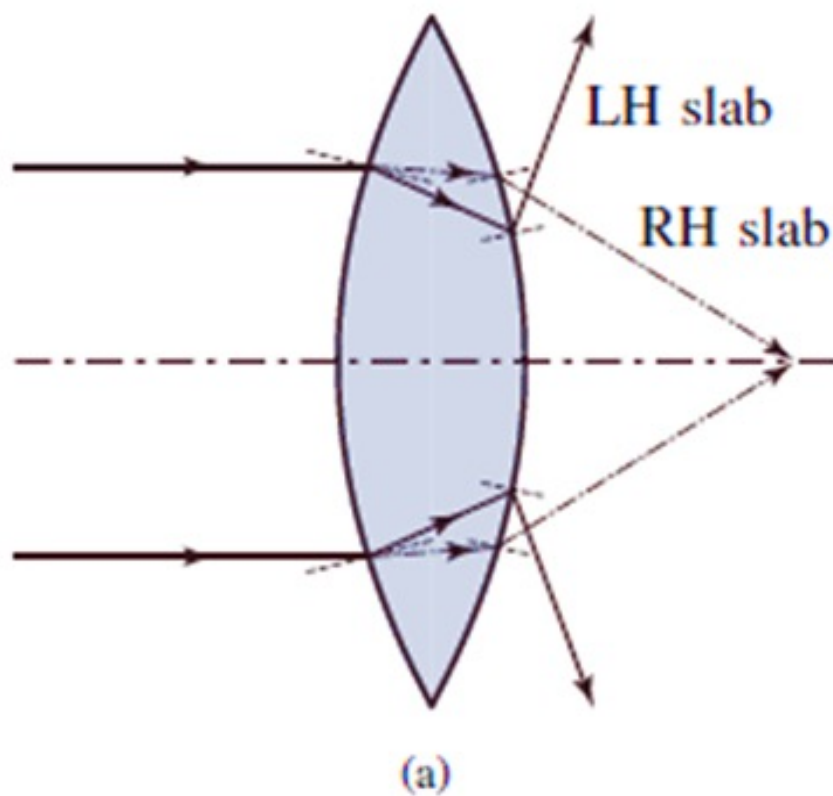
Negative Refraction



“FLAT LH LENS”



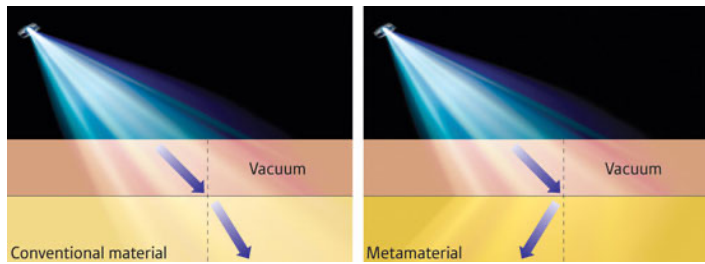
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Metamaterials

A New Paradigm of Science and Engineering

Anomalous Response: Like Negative Refraction & Invisibility (Cloaking), Compactnes, Enhanced Performance

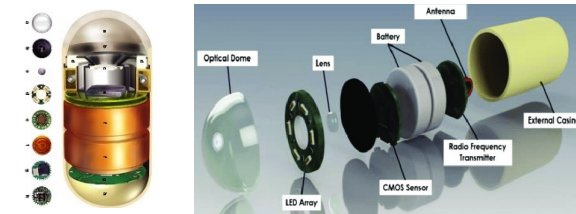
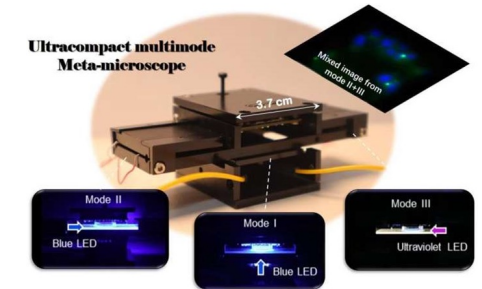
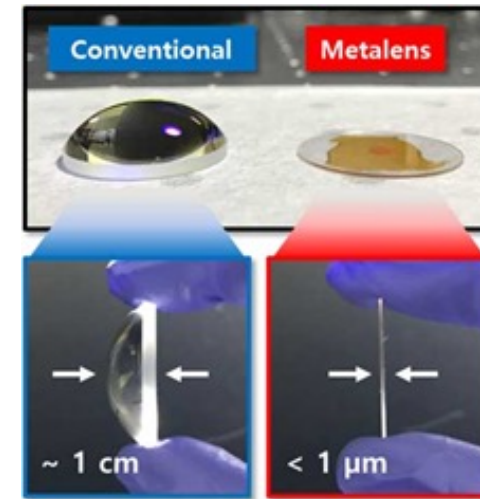
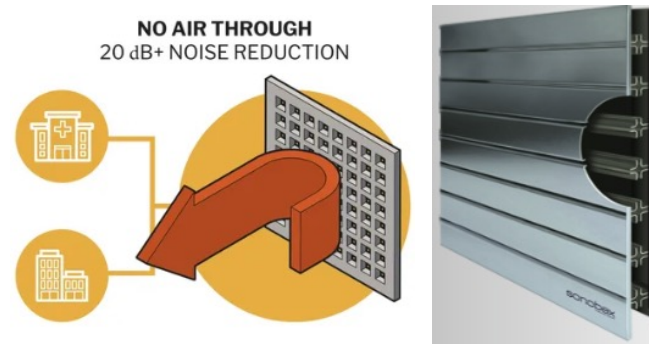
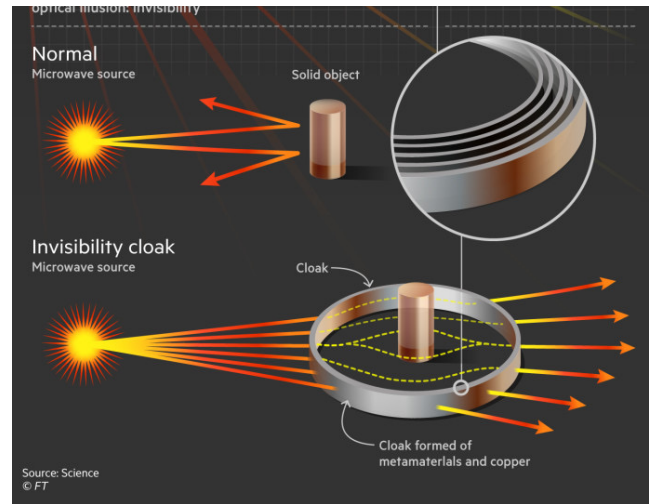


How Metamaterials Could Lead to Invisible Tanks and Super-Stealthy Submarines

New construction materials made of composites could make military vehicles—and even soldiers—invisible to radar, sonar, and even the naked eye.

China Is Getting Closer to a New Type of Stealth Aircraft

Traditional stealth aircraft rely on geometry to deflect radar, but metamaterials used in the construction of an aircraft could absorb radar waves.



Next-generation acoustic metamaterial absorbs low-frequency sound

When it comes to low-frequency noise, traditional sound-absorbing materials tend to be undesirably thick and heavy. Now, EU-funded entrepreneurs designed a breakthrough lightweight material specifically targeted for low-frequency sound waves.

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Extra Slides

Lorentz Oscillator Model for Dielectrics

Taking the Fourier transform,

$$[m_e(i\omega)^2 + m_e\gamma(i\omega) + m_e\omega_0^2]\mathbf{r}_e = q_e\mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_e = \left(\frac{q_e}{m_e}\right) \frac{\mathbf{E}}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\gamma}, \quad P = N \times (\text{dipole moment}) = Nq_e\mathbf{r}_e = \left(\frac{Nq_e^2}{m_e}\right) \frac{\mathbf{E}}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\gamma} = \epsilon_0\chi_e\mathbf{E}$$

$$\chi_e = \left(\frac{Nq_e^2}{\epsilon_0 m_e}\right) \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\gamma} = \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\gamma}, \quad \omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{Nq_e^2}{\epsilon_0 m_e}}$$

$$(n + ik)^2 = \epsilon'_r + i\epsilon''_r = 1 + \chi_e = 1 + \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\gamma}, \quad \omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{Nq_e^2}{\epsilon_0 m_e}}$$

$$n^2 - k^2 = \epsilon'_r = 1 + \omega_p^2 \frac{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2\gamma^2}, \quad 2nk = \epsilon''_r = \omega_p^2 \frac{\omega\gamma}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2\gamma^2}$$