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$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},t) = \sum_{\sigma,k_x,k_y} \mathbf{E}_{\sigma}(k_x,k_y) \exp(ik_z z + ik_x x + ik_y y - i\omega t)$$

where we choose the axis of the lens to be the z-axis. Maxwell's equations tell us that,

$$\begin{split} k_z &= +\sqrt{\omega^2 c^{-2} - k_x^2 - k_y^2}, \quad \omega^2 c^{-2} > k_x^2 + k_y^2, \\ k_z &= +i\sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2 - \omega^2 c^{-2}}, \quad \omega^2 c^{-2} < k_x^2 + k_y^2. \end{split}$$

Since the propagating waves are limited

$$k_x^2 + k_y^2 < \omega^2 c^{-2}$$

the maximum resolution in the image can never be greater than,

$$\Delta \approx \frac{2\pi}{k_{\text{max}}} = \frac{2\pi c}{\omega} = \lambda$$

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Outline

- 1. Introduction and motivations
- 2. Localization vs. resolution
- 3. Nonlinear approach
- 4. Near field approach
- 5. Newcomers
 - Short wavelength sources
 - Superlenses

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PROCESS	ORDER	$-\omega_{\sigma};\omega_1,\omega_2,\omega_n$	See lecture Prof. Rigneault
d.c.Kerr effect	3	-ω;0,0,ω	
d.c.induced 2 nd harmonic generation	3	-2ω;0,ω,ω	
3 rd harmonic generation	3	-3ω;ω,ω,ω	
4 wave mixing	3	$-\omega_4;\omega_1,\omega_2,\omega_3$	
3 rd order sum frequency mixing	3	$-\omega_3;\omega_1,\omega_2,\omega_2$	
3 rd order difference frequency mixing	3	$-\omega_3;-\omega_1,\omega_2,\omega_2$	
Coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering	3	$-\omega_{AS};\omega_{P},\omega_{P},-\omega_{S}$	
stimulated Raman and Brillouin scattering	3	$-\omega_{\rm S};\omega_{\rm P},-\omega_{\rm P},\omega_{\rm S}$	
Optical Kerr effect, intensity dependent refractive index	3	-:;0,-0,0	
2 photon absorption	3	-:;-::,0,0,0	
N photon absorption	2N-1	-:;-:::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::	
Nth harmonic generation	N	-Νω;ω,ω	
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$$\varepsilon = -1$$
 and $\mu = -1$

then

If

the transmission coefficient for each Fourier component results

n = -1,

$$T = \exp\left(-i\sqrt{\omega^2 c^{-2} - k_x^2 - k_y^2}d\right)$$

The negative phase of the transmission coefficient is a result of the negative refractive index. Thus traversing a thickness dof 1 n =. material cancels the phase acquired in traversing an equal thickness of vacuum. Hence the focussing effect of the new medium.

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What happens to the waves with very large k//?

$$\lim_{\substack{\epsilon \to -1 \\ \mu \to -1}} T_P = \lim_{\substack{\epsilon \to -1 \\ \mu \to -1}} \frac{2\epsilon k_z}{\epsilon k_z + k_z} \frac{2k_z}{k_z + \epsilon k_z} \frac{\exp(ik_z d)}{1 - \left(\frac{k_z}{k_z + \epsilon k_z}\right)^2} \exp(2ik_z d)$$
$$= \exp(-ik_z d)$$

If we want to use visible radiation to make an image of a very small object which is much smaller than the wavelength of light, but that the distance between object and image is also very small.

$$k_{||} >> \omega c_0^{-1}$$

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$$\lim_{k_{\parallel} \to \infty c_{0}^{-1}} T_{P} = \lim_{k_{\parallel} \to \infty c_{0}^{-1}} \frac{2\epsilon k_{z}}{\epsilon k_{z} + k_{z}} \frac{2k_{z}}{k_{z} + \epsilon k_{z}} \frac{\exp(ik_{z}d)}{1 - \left(\frac{k_{z}}{k_{z}} + \epsilon k_{z}}\right)^{2} \exp(2ik_{z}d)}$$
$$= \frac{4\epsilon \exp(-k_{\parallel}d)}{(1 + \epsilon)^{2} - (1 - \epsilon)^{2} \exp(-2k_{\parallel}d)}$$
Hence the transmission coefficient for P polarised waves of very short wavelength depends only on ϵ and not at all on μ . With ϵ =-1,
$$\lim_{\epsilon \to -1} T_{P} = \lim_{\epsilon \to -1} \frac{4\epsilon \exp(-k_{\parallel}d)}{(1 + \epsilon)^{2} - (1 - \epsilon)^{2} \exp(-2k_{\parallel}d)} = \exp(+k_{\parallel}d)$$
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