Optical Hyperspace:

light in hyperbolic materials

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"... for my purpose holds to sail beyond the sunset ..."

Alfred Tennison, Ulysses

States of Matter





Conductors vs. Insulators

Is it a conductor or an insulator?

An electrical current flows through some materials. These materials are conductors.



Sagar Khillar. "Difference between Conductors and Insulators." DifferenceBetween.net

Semiconductors: "the Third Estate"



Optical materials: dielectric vs. metallic



wikipedia.org

sciencephoto.com

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Dielectric perittivity ϵ , refractive index $n = \sqrt{\epsilon}$



Dielectric : $\epsilon > 0 \Rightarrow \text{real } n$

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{Metal}:\\ \epsilon < 0 \Rightarrow \text{imaginary } n \end{array}$

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Hyperbolic Materials: "the Third Estate" of optical media





sapphire



nanowire metamaterial

 α - quartz







bismuth



Bismuth strontium calcium copper oxide



Light as "Rays"





Roger Bacon, *De multiplicatione specierum*



Light as a wave

Christiaan Huygens, Treatise on Light



Thomas Young, sketch of two-slit diffraction from the presnetation to the Royal Society





Erasmus Bartholin



- particles of light create waves in the aether
- light has "sides"

Isaak Newton



Wavenumber $k \equiv \frac{2\pi}{2}$,

momentum $p = \hbar k$





Edwin Land











Snel's (Snellius') Law of Refraction



Corner of Hogewoerd and Sint Jorissteeg, Leiden

$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$



Willebrond Snel van Royen











calcite CaCO₃

Isotropic Dielectric Materials:

$$\lambda = \frac{\lambda_0}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = n \frac{\omega}{c} = \sqrt{\epsilon} \frac{\omega}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{k^2}{\epsilon} = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}$$

Anisotropic Dielectric Materials?



F

X

Uniaxial Anisotropic Materials

E

Extraordinary Wave:

 $E \notin (x, y)$

 $\epsilon_v \neq \epsilon_z$ Ex

 \mathcal{X}

Condinary Wave: $E \in (x, y)$ Isotropic dielectric:

$$\frac{k_x^2}{\epsilon} + \frac{k_z^2}{\epsilon} = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}$$



Anisotropic dielectric:

ordinary:
$$\frac{k_x^2}{\epsilon_x} + \frac{k_z^2}{\epsilon_x} = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}$$

extraordinary: $\frac{k_x^2}{\epsilon_z} + \frac{k_z^2}{\epsilon_z} = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}$







What if the material is metallic in one direction and dielectric in the other ?



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 $\varepsilon_x < 0, \ \varepsilon_z > 0$



The parable of the blind men and an elephant

 $\varepsilon > 0 !$ We're in a dielectric!

 $\epsilon_x < 0$

 $\epsilon_z > 0$

......

ε < 0 ! We're in a metal!

 \boldsymbol{E}

 $\epsilon_y < 0$





















Optical Imaging



Wavelength λ gives characteristic scale of optical resolution, focusing, etc.



"Abbe's "Resolution Limit : $\Delta = \frac{\lambda}{2 \text{ NA}}$



Joseph-Louis Lagrange (1736 - 1813)



Hermann von Helmholz (1821 - 1894)



Ernst Karl Abbe (1840 - 1905)






What it means :

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 (e.g. visible light microscope with X-ray resolution)
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Hyperbolic Materials: practical realization

Hyperbolic Metamaterials: practical realization



- Low loss
- Broadband
- Bulk size

X. Zhang (Berkeley) Ag/Al₂O₃ system ultraviolet and visible

V. Menon (QUNY) Visible

A. Boltasseva and V. Shalaev (Purdue) Visible and 1.55 µm

C. Gmachl (Princeton) Semiconductor system Mid-infrared

Hyperbolic Metamaterials: practical realization

Nanowires in dielectric membrane



M. Noginov (NSU) Visible

X. Zhang (Berkeley) Visible

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THz: <u>Bismuth</u>-ology

- most solid-state "quantum effects" (e.g. Shubnikov-de Haas & de Hass van Alphen effects) were first discovered in bismuth why?
- Ultra-low losses: carrier mean free path (at helium temperatures) on the order of <u>millimeters</u>
- Highly anisotropic Fermi surface
- Plasma frequency in the THz



High-quality Bi monocrystals available since 1970s, highquality monocrystalline Bi films – since 1990s

Strong effective mass anisotropy Anisotropy in plasma frequencies - observed in experiments since 1960s! $\omega_{pl} = 187 \, cm^{-1} \text{ for E } \| C_3 \&$ $\omega_{pl} = 158 \, cm^{-1}$ for E $\perp C_3$ 2.2e-3 60 2.0e-3 40 1.8e-3 8. SI. 1.6e-3 20 Re[8] 3 1 1.4e-3 Ō 1.2e-3 1.0e-3 -20 8.0e-4 6.0e-4

λ [µm]

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Far IR: Sapphire (Al₂O₃)



M.Schubert, T.E.Tiwald, C.M.Herzinger, "Infrared dielectric anisotropy and phonon modes of sapphire", PRB **61**, 8187 (2000)

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S. Dai et al, Nature Comm. 2015







A. Ambrosio et al, ACS nano 2016

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The Hyperlens



Hyperbolic Metamaterial

Curvature

Inner radius ~ λ , outer radius ~ 5 λ





Z. Jacob, L. Alekseyev, EN, Optics Express 2006 A. Salandrino, N. Engheta, PRB 2006

The Hyperlens : experiment



X. Zhang et al, Science 2007



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J. Sun, T. Xu, and N. M. Litchinitser, NanoLetters 16 (12), 7905 (2016)

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Direct Imaging vs. Structured Illumination



VS.



Point Source at the surface of a Hyperbolic Material



Experiment :









S. Ishii et al, Laser & Photonics Reviews 2013

Hyperbolic Metamaterials: strongly dispersive





"Steer" the "beams" with wavelength!























 $\lambda = 425 \text{ nm}$
































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"Double line" object ("V") :









Hyper-Structured Illumination High and Low

(Can) learn a lot:

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Photonic Density of States

 $= \frac{dN}{d\omega}$ $\rho(\omega)$

 $N(\omega)$ - number of states with frequency below ω

 $k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2 = \epsilon \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}$

Free space : $\rho(\omega) \sim \omega^2$

Uniaxial Medium: $\varepsilon_{x,} \varepsilon_{y} > 0, \varepsilon_{z} > 0$

 $\frac{k_x^2 + k_y^2}{\epsilon_z} + \frac{k_z^2}{\epsilon_x} = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}$

Uniaxial Medium: $\varepsilon_{x,} \varepsilon_{y} < 0, \varepsilon_{z} > 0$

Photonic DOS in a Hyperbolic Medium: "Super"- Singularity !

$DOS = \infty, \forall \omega !$

I.Smolyaninov & EN, PRL 105, 067402 (2010)

Electromagnetic Energy in a Hyperbolic Medium

 $\rho\left(\omega\right)=\infty,\;\forall\omega$

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Engineering photonic density of states using metamaterials

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Improving the radiative decay rate for dye molecules with hyperbolic metamaterials

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Broadband enhancement of spontaneous emission from nitrogen-vacancy centers in nanodiamonds by hyperbolic metamaterials

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"Darker than Black" Materials :

- impedance-matching
- antireflection coatings
- resonant elements

The scattering rate $W \propto \rho(\omega)$ $W_{\downarrow} \propto \rho_{\downarrow}(\omega)$ $W_{\uparrow} \propto \rho_{\uparrow}(\omega)$ Need $\rho_{\downarrow} \rightarrow \infty$!

Start with a hyperbolic metamaterial (e.g. wire-based):

... and introduce roughness to its surface

Original sample

Angular reflectance curves before (1,2) and after (3,4) corrugation. S-polarization: 1,3 P-polarization: 2,4

λ=873 nm

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Active Photonic Hypercrystals

T. Galfsky, H. N. S. Krishnamorhy, W. Newman, EN, Z. Jacob & V. Menon, Optica 2015

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T. Galfsky, J. Gu, EN & V. Menon, PNAS 114 (20), 5125 (2017)

Intensity x 00 ! Speed x 20 !

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Hyperbolic Materials as lab tools / instruments

 WS_2

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