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essential Quantum Optics

From Quantum Measurements to Black Holes

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Mirage



Fermat's Principle - the principle of the shortest optical path



Leonhardt 2002: Invisibility cloak?



Invisibility: Invisible Man versus Invisible Woman





transparency

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Refraction in ordinary medium



Refraction in ordinary medium: virtual image depends on viewpoint



Transformation medium



Transformation medium: definite virtual image



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Virtual space



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[Leonhardt, Science **312**, 1777 (2006)]

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[Pendry, Schurig and Smith, Science **312**, 1780 (2006)]

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Patent office



Cloaking device for electromagnetic microwaves





[Greenleaf, Lassas and Uhlmann, Math. Res. Lett. **10**, 685 (2003) electrostatics; Leonhardt, Science **312**, 1777 (2006) conformal transformations; Pendry, Schurig and Smith, Science **312**, 1780 (2006) spatial transformations; Leonhardt and Philbin, NJP **8**, 247 (2006)] space-time & negative refraction]

Turning a fugu into a flatfish







Credit: Maria Leonhardt



To invisibility and beyond

Combining Maxwell's equations with Einstein's general relativity promises perfect images and cloaking devices, explains Ulf Leonhardt.

[Leonhardt, Nature 471, 292 (2011)]

The resolution limit of imaging, established around 1870



Negative Refraction Makes a Perfect Lens

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With a conventional lens sharpness of the image is always limited by the wavelength of light. An unconventional alternative to a lens, a slab of negative refractive index material, has the power to focus all Fourier components of a 2D image, even those that do not propagate in a radiative manner. Such "superlenses" can be realized in the microwave band with current technology. Our simulations show that a version of the lens operating at the frequency of visible light can be realized in the form of a thin slab of silver. This optical version resolves objects only a few nanometers across.



Negative refraction and perfect lens





[Leonhardt and Philbin, New J. Phys. 8, 247 (2006)]

"Poor man' s perfect lens" [Science. 308, 534 (2005)]

REPORTS

Sub–Diffraction-Limited Optical Imaging with a Silver Superlens

Nicholas Fang, Hyesog Lee, Cheng Sun, Xiang Zhang*

Recent theory has predicted a superlens that is capable of producing subdiffraction-limited images. This superlens would allow the recovery of evanescent waves in an image via the excitation of surface plasmons. Using silver as a natural optical superlens, we demonstrated sub-diffraction-limited imaging with 60nanometer half-pitch resolution, or one-sixth of the illumination wavelength. By proper design of the working wavelength and the thickness of silver that allows access to a broad spectrum of subwavelength features, we also showed that arbitrary nanostructures can be imaged with good fidelity. The optical superlens promises exciting avenues to nanoscale optical imaging and ultrasmall optoelectronic devices.





Fig. 4. An arbitrary object "NANO" was imaged by silver superlens. (A) FIB image of the object. The linewidth of the "NANO" object was 40 nm. Scale bar in (A) to (C), 2 μ m. (B) AFM of the developed image on photoresist with a silver superlens. (C) AFM of the developed image on photoresist when the 35-nm-thick layer of silver was replaced by PMMA spacer as a control experiment. (D) The averaged cross section of letter "A" shows an exposed line width of 89 nm (blue line), whereas in the control experiment, we measured a diffraction-limited full width at halfmaximum line width of 321 \pm 10 nm (red line).

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Cloaking at a distance

[Lai, Chen, Zhang and Chan, Phys. Rev. Lett. 102, 093901 (2009)]



The Invisible Man - cloaking at a distance

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Born and Wolf

Principles of optics

Electromagnetic theory of propagation, interference and diffraction of light

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Section "Perfect imaging"



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R. K. Luneburg

Figure 114

Maxwell's fish eye makes a perfect lens Maxwell 1854

Luneburg 1944: Stereographic projection



Perfect imaging without negative refraction

[Leonhardt, New J. Phys. 11, 093040 (2009)]



$$n = \frac{2n_0}{1 + r^2 / r_0^2}$$

Index contrast: factor of 2

Feynman's objection to the diffraction limit



Maxwell's equations are time-reversible! But you have to inverse the source, too.
Thermal cloaking



Thermal Cloaking



R. Schittny et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 195901 (2013)



Thermal cloaking is not just thermal isolation





Robert Schittny

Simple Isolation

optics



thermodynamics



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simple isolation complete cloak 80 °C 70 °C 60 °C 50 °C 40 °C 30 °C R. Schittny et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 195901 (2013)





Invisible for Diffusive Light



R. Schittny et al., Science 345, 427 (2014)

Experimental Setup



 $L=6.0 \,\mathrm{cm}, 2R_1=3.2 \,\mathrm{cm}, 2R_2=4.0 \,\mathrm{cm}$





Sound waves and sonar



The deep sea

Sound waves and sonar



Sound waves and sonar



Cloaking against sound waves

Nicholas Fang, MIT

Photo: L. Brain Stauffer









PRL 112, 133901 (2014)

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Experiments on Seismic Metamaterials: Molding Surface Waves

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Sensitive three components velocimeters (green grid) Five meters deep 320 mm holes Source :

- Frequency : 50 Hz

Horizontal displacement : 14 mm

General relativity in electrical engineering

[Leonhardt and Philbin, New J. Phys. 8, 247 (2006)]



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