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Left-handed materials in millimetre wavelength region

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What about is the talk?

- Metamaterial properties.
- Progress in metamaterial investigation.
- Possible application



- Metamaterials in Tomsk Polytechnic University
- Result of investigations





What is metamaterial? Main properties

In 1968, Veselago proved the possibility of the existence of materials with negative refractive index (n < 0). (V. G. Veselago, Sov. Phys. Usp. 10, 509 (1968))

In 1999 was shown that n < 0 may be realized by creation of the area of the circular resonators with gaps. (J. B. Pendry, ... IEEE Trans. Microwave Theory Tech. 47, 2075 (1999).)

After this many different structures were suggested and tested







Progress in metamaterial investigation

Since 1999 different structures from MHz to infrared spectral region were investigated, and the negative refraction index was registered.

However mainly the transmission and reflection coefficients were measured.

More interesting measurement (spectral-angular distribution from prism) was performed by L. Ran, J. Huangfu, et.al.

(L. Ran, J. Huangfu, et.al. Progress In Electromagnetics Research, PIER 51, 249–279, 2005)





Possible application

• Overcoming the Diffraction Limit

Ashwin K. Iyer and George V. Eleftheriades, IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON ANTENNAS AND PROPAGATION, VOL. 57, NO. 6, JUNE 2009

Diffraction limit at 2.4 GHz:



Reversed Waviolov-Cherenkov radiation

Xi, Sheng et al. Phys. Rev. Letters 103.19 (2009) *Modeling the WChR by laser beam near the grating:*

Exotic applications



- Bypass the visibility of objects (cloak for invisibility) Andrea Alù. Phys. Rev. B 80, 245115 (2009)
- An electromagnetic black hole made of metamaterials. Tom G Mackay *et al* 2005 *New J. Phys.* **7** 171

Metamaterials in Tomsk Polytechnic University Why the millimeter wavelength region?

According to the similarity law in case of target geometrical similarity, all effects are defined by the relation

$$Effect = f\left(\frac{a}{\lambda}, n\right)$$



So, results obtained in mm wavelength region may be used in region from THz to MHz.

But the target production for mm wavelength region is much simply and

chipper.

Experimental technique



Phase delay measurement technique.



Measurements:

Structures used

Phase delay









The main structure effect appears for $\lambda/a \approx 1$ a = 12 mm for prism target was chosen

Refractoin in metamaterial

θ

2

θ

Target

120 mm



θ

3

1





Unit cell c = b = 0.05a, *a*=12 mm

The optical properties of metamaterials should be considered in terms of tensor integral parameters. However, a theory that relates the parameters of the structures of metamaterials with tensor permittivity and permeability, has not properly developed. Therefore the scalar approach of the refraction index value is used in many articles.

In this approach, according the Snellius law, the refractive index *n* in our coordinate system may be found from equation:

$$n \cdot \sin\left(\pi / 4 - \arcsin\left(\frac{\sin\psi}{n}\right)\right) = \sin\left(\theta + \pi / 4 - \psi\right)$$

Refraction measurements



Distribution of radiation intensity in the plane of observation angle θ and orientation angle ψ

Usual refraction

Geometry 2



Distribution of radiation intensity in the plane of observation angle θ and orientation angle ψ

Refraction with negative refraction index (not a reflection)

Geometry 3



Summery

- Analysis of the experimental results shows that the behavior of the radiation in the metamaterials is complex.
- The main structure effect appears for $\lambda/a \approx 1$
- In the refractive index scalar approach, its value in different refractive geometry may be either positive or negative, up to the backward refraction.
- A theory that relates the parameters of the structures of metamaterials with tensor permittivity and permeability, has not properly developed.



