# **Reversed Cherenkov Radiation in Left-Handed Meta-material**



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#### **Example: Left-Handed Meta-material**

### 1. Introduction

#### What are Metamaterials?

Engineered (at the atomic level) materials that have unique properties not found in nature due to the arrangement and design of their constituents.



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#### 1. Introduction

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#### **Overview of materials**



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# What is LH material? Refraction of RH and LH material



Figure 1.3: Refraction of an electromagnetic wave at the interface between two different media. (a) Case of two media of same handedness (either RHM or LHM): positive refraction. (b) Case of two media of different handedness (one RHM and the other one LHM): negative refraction.

# LH e Refraction

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# Application example 2 of LH material Superprism



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# Application example 3 of LH material Flat Lens



Figure 1.4: Double focusing effect in a "flat lens", which is a LHM slab of thickness d and refractive index  $n_L$  sandwiched between two RH media of refractive index  $n_R$  with  $n_L = -n_R$ .

# Electron lens, prism and splitter

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#### 8.07 lecture on natural magnetized material: from m<sub>micro</sub> to M<sub>macro</sub> to J Microscopicelly, Minicro (F) = Z min 83(v-v.) $\vec{M}_{macro}(\vec{r}) = \vec{M}(\vec{r}) = \langle \vec{M}_{micro}(\vec{r}) \rangle$ <> > = average over precion large compared to atoms, but small compared to the scale over which macroscopic quantities vary R is center of averaging region Then $\vec{J}_{micro}(\vec{r}) = -\sum \vec{m}_n \times \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{r}} S^3(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_n)$ $\hat{\mathcal{T}}_{micn}(\vec{r}) = \vec{\nabla}_{x} \sum \vec{m}_{n} S^{3}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{n})$ $\frac{=}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{\nabla \times \vec{M}_{micno}(\vec{r})}{\sqrt{3}} = - \frac{\nabla \times \vec{M}_{icno}(\vec{r})}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\nabla \times \vec{M}_{icno}(\vec{r})}{\sqrt{3}}$

# Index of refraction n Polarize Atoms to make dipoles:

Wave speed =  $c/n' = \sqrt{(\epsilon_r \mu_r)}$ 

 $(\varepsilon_{eff} - \varepsilon_o) \quad \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{P}$ 

real part of n  $n' = \sqrt{\mu_{\perp} \epsilon_{\parallel_{a}}} > 1$ 



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# Man made atomic dipoles



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#### To make artificial material with n < 0

Make new atoms using driven-resonance LRC- circuits

 $m_{micro} = IA$  to obtain  $M_{macro}$ 

- Calculate inductance L and capacitance C
- Calculate induced complex resonance current Imicro
- Calculate
- and  $B = \mu_o (H + M)$
- Obtain permeability  $B/H = \mu = \mu_r + i \mu_i$
- Similarly permittivity  $D/E = \varepsilon = \varepsilon_r + i \varepsilon_i$
- Pick regions with real negative permittivity and negative permeability, i.e.  $\epsilon_r < 0$  and  $\mu_r < 0$ ; note  $\epsilon_i > 0$  and  $\mu_i > 0$
- Obtain negative Index of refraction  $n^2 = \epsilon_r \mu_r$ ,  $n = -\sqrt{(\epsilon_r \mu_r)}$





How to make LH material? Maxwell Eqs. In material free of q, j  $\varepsilon_0 \nabla \cdot \vec{\mathbf{E}} = \rho = - \nabla \cdot \vec{\mathbf{P}}$  $\mu_{eff} = \langle B \rangle / \langle H \rangle$  $\mu_0 \nabla \cdot \vec{\mathbf{H}} = \rho_H = - \nabla \cdot \mu_0 \vec{\mathbf{M}}$  $(\varepsilon_{eff} - \varepsilon_o) E = P = J/i\omega$  $\nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{E}} + \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{H}}}{\partial t} = -\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{M}} = -\mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{M}}}{\partial t}$ real part of n  $n' = -\sqrt{\mu_{\perp} \epsilon_{\parallel}}$  $\nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{H}} - \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_0 \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{J} = \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{P}}}{\partial t}$ 

#### Left Handed Meta-material:

Use L, R, C devices smaller than wavelengths to make new '*molecules*', with novel properties of **P** and **M** 



# **Energy and Momentum flow**



Figure 1.1: Orientation of field quantities  $\vec{E}$ ,  $\vec{H}$ , Poynting vector  $\vec{S}$ , and wavevector number  $\vec{\beta}$  in right-handed media (RHM) and left-handed media (LHM).

#### Maxwell Eqs

Separate into *L* and *//* components

• 3 × 3 complex matrix  $\mu$  and  $\epsilon$  diagonized  $\mu = diag \left[ \mu_{\parallel} \ \mu_{\perp} \ \mu_{\parallel} \right]$ 

• Transverse  $B_{\perp}$  depends on only  $\mu_{\perp}$ 



### Maxwell Eqs in Cylindrical symmetric geometry Separate into *1* and *||* components $k_s \times H_\perp = -\omega \epsilon_{\parallel} E_{\parallel}$ and k $k_s \times E_{\parallel} = \omega \mu_{\perp} H_{\perp}$ F $\mu_{\perp}, \epsilon_{\parallel}$ are negative $E_{\parallel}$ , $H_{\perp}$ , and $k_s$ form a left-handed triad

# Poynting & wave vector in *1 and || c*omponents Poynting vector S ks Poynting vector $(S) = (E_{\parallel} \times H_{\perp} \times) = |E_s|^2 2\omega \mu_{\perp} k_s$ opposite to the wave vector $k_s$ for a negative $\mu_{\perp}$ ,

representing a backward propagating wave

# **Negative index of refraction**

The Helmholtz wave equation gives,

$$k_s = \frac{\omega n}{c}$$

where the real refractive index

$$n = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\mu_{\perp} \mathcal{E}_{||}}{\mu_0 \mathcal{E}_0}}$$

For passive media The imaginary  $\mu$  and  $\epsilon$  and n > 0,  $e^{ik x} = e^{(i n_r - n_i) \omega x/c}$ Thus - sign for *n*.



(-1+ i a) (-1 + ib) ~ 1 - i (a + b)



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# **Cherenkov Radiation**

Generated by objects moving faster than the wave speed in the medium,

 $v > c/n = \omega/k = (\omega/k_0)/n$ 

Examples:

- Sonic boom generated by a supersonic jet
- Wakes from a speedy boat
- Blue light when comic rays going through closed eyes



#### **Cherenkov Radiation for n=2 and** $v_p = \omega/k = c/2$







 $\theta = \cos^{-1}[c/(nv)]$  with n>1  $\theta = \cos^{-1}[c/(nv)]$  with n<-1

V. G. Veselago, *Sov. Phys. Usp.* 10, 509 (1968). Cerenkov Radiation in Materials with Negative Permittivity and Permeability J. Lu, T. Grzegorczyk, Y. Zhang, J. Pacheco Jr., B.-I. Wu, J. A. Kong, and M. Chen Optics Express 11, 723-734 (2003)

#### Forward Cherenkov Radiation in RH material



Wave front  $\perp$  V of Energy flow & wave vector k

#### **Reversed Cherenkov Radiation in LHM**



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Reversed Cherenkov Radiation in LHM

> Two puzzling issues: Apparent Violation of

• Energy-momentum conservation

Causality

#### Momentum & energy conservation?





# **Energy Density and Flux**

Poynting's theorem in material:

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{E} \times \boldsymbol{H} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (1/2 \{ \epsilon_0 E^2_+ \mu_0 H^2 \} \}$$
$$- \mathbf{E} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{H} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{M}$$

To get time averaged EM energy density

$$=1/2\{\frac{\partial(\omega\epsilon)}{\partial\omega}E^{2}+\frac{\partial(\omega\mu)}{\partial\omega}H^{2}\}$$
  
Complex EM energy density  
$$W=1/4\{\frac{\partial(\omega\epsilon)}{\partial\omega}E\cdot E^{*}+\frac{\partial(\omega\mu)}{\partial\omega}H\cdot H^{*}\}$$

#### Momentum and Poynting vectors in a dispersive medium

In isotropic LHM, average momentum density

$$\begin{split} \langle \overline{G} \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{Re} \{ \overline{D} \times \overline{B}^* + \frac{\overline{k}}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \overline{\epsilon}}{\partial \omega} \overline{E} \cdot \overline{E}^* + \frac{\partial \overline{\mu}}{\partial \omega} \overline{H} \cdot \overline{H}^* \right) \} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{Re} \{ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\overline{k}}{\omega} (\overline{D} \cdot \overline{E}^*) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\overline{k}}{\omega} (\overline{B} \cdot \overline{H}^*) + \frac{\overline{k}}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \overline{\epsilon}}{\partial \omega} \overline{E} \cdot \overline{E}^* + \frac{\partial \overline{\mu}}{\partial \omega} \overline{H} \cdot \overline{H}^* \right) \} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{Re} \{ \frac{\overline{k}}{\omega} \left[ (\overline{\epsilon} + \omega \frac{\partial \overline{\epsilon}}{\partial \omega}) \overline{E} \cdot \overline{E}^* + (\overline{\mu} + \omega \frac{\partial \overline{\mu}}{\partial \omega}) \overline{H} \cdot \overline{H}^* \right] \} \\ &= \frac{W}{\omega} \overline{k} = \hbar \overline{k} \, \mathsf{N} \end{split}$$

<G> is along the k direction and opposite to the Poynting vector.

T. Musha, Proceedings of the IEEE 60, 12 (1972).

# LH-Photon momentum anti-parallel to energy flow



#### **Causality:** Cherenkov radiation

Energy flow, Wave vector, Phase front, Wake front, for charge at t3



#### Forward Cherenkov Radiation in RH material obeys causality



Wake front || Wave front  $\perp$  V of Energy flow & wave vector k

#### **Reversed Cherenkov Radiation in**

Left-handed medium also



#### New '*molecules*' for $\mu_{\varphi} < 0$ , & $\epsilon_r$ , $\epsilon_z < 0$



Configuration of the TM-LHM for experiment. In the top view, the dark (light) gray trips represent the copper printed on the top (bottom) of the substrate

# Split Resonant rings SRR

- External  $B_{o or} H_{o}$  penetrates metal rings to induce I
- I produces  $H_i = FJ$  to enhance or oppose  $H_o$ , <u>dipolar</u>.
- Resonant  $\lambda_o >> d$
- Small gaps between the rings -> large C -> lower ω<sub>o</sub>
- Low loss, and high quality
- At  $\omega > \omega_{o}$ , real  $\mu_{eff} = \langle B \rangle / (\langle H \rangle * \mu_{o}) = H_{o} / H_{ext} < -1$
- Used with the negative  $\epsilon_r$  of split orthogonal wires to produce negative refractive index.

#### New **molecules** for $\mu_{\varphi} < 0, \& \epsilon_{\rho}, \epsilon_z < 0$



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#### Magnetic response

*H*<sub>0</sub>: incident magnetic field*J*: induced current per unit lengthFields inside and outside of the loop:

 $H_{ext} = H_0 - FJ$ ,



$$H_{in} = H_0 + J - FJ$$
, and  
 $F = fraction of area inside loop$   
 $J = H_0 + FI$ 

 $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{J}$ 

$$\mu_{eff} = \langle B \rangle / \langle H \rangle = \mu_0 H_0 / H_{ext}$$
  
$$\mu_{eff} = \mu_0 (1 - \frac{\omega^2 F L_y / (L_y + L_i)}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 + i\omega\Gamma})$$

#### Magnetic response

$$\frac{\mu_{eff}}{\mu_0} = 1 - \frac{\omega^2 F L_g / (L_g + L_i)}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 + i\omega\Gamma}$$

For perfect conductor,  $\Gamma = 0$ , real  $\mu_{eff} < 0$  for  $\omega_0 \le \omega \le \omega_0 / \sqrt{[1 - FL_g/(L_g + L_i)]}$ where

$$\begin{split} \omega_0 &= 1/\sqrt{(L_g + L_i)C} & \text{resonance frequency} \\ L_g &= \mu_0 l^2/h \text{ geometric} \\ L_i &= 4l/(\epsilon_0 d_c t_m \omega_{ip}^2) & \text{intrinsic} \end{split}$$

Scale the molecular dimensions by 1/1000,  $\omega$  increase by ~900

#### Electrical response

Compute L, C to relate E and J of the wires and use

 $\mathbf{J} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}}{\partial t}$  $(\varepsilon_{eff} - \varepsilon_o) E = P = J/i\omega$  $\varepsilon_{eff} = \varepsilon_d \left( 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2 + i\omega_\gamma} \right)$ real  $\varepsilon_{eff} < 0$  for  $\omega < \omega_{p}$  $\varepsilon_{d}$ : permittivity of substrate

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$$\omega_p^2 = \frac{2\sqrt{2}\pi c^2}{\epsilon_d ha \ln[h/(2t_m)]}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\sigma t_m d_c}{\ln[h/(2t_m)]}$$

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# Unique design $\rightarrow$ clean signals

The constitutive parameter tensors  $\epsilon = diag[\epsilon_{//} \epsilon_{\perp} \epsilon_{//}] = diag[\epsilon_{eff} \epsilon_{d} \epsilon_{eff}]$   $\mu = diag[\mu_{//} \mu_{\perp} \mu_{//}] = diag[\mu_{0} \mu_{eff} \mu_{0}]$ real part of n:  $n' = -\sqrt{\mu_{\perp} \epsilon_{\parallel}}$ 



The transmission properties of a TM wave normally incident onto a 7-cell slab-like sample. The periodicity along *y*-axis is h = 1.64 mm.



The periodicity along the y axis is h =1:64 mm. (b) The normalized far-field pattern of the prism experiment at 8.5 and 12 GHz, respectively.



- (a) Experimental setup to demonstrate reversed Cherenkov radiation. A slot waveguide is used to model a fast charged particle. The prism-like metamaterial is used to filter the Reversed Cherenkov wave.
- (b) Sum of the radiation power in each angle in the negative refraction band and positive refraction band.

Application of RCR 1: THz radiation sources filling the gap between optical and electronic devices



FIG. 2. The power of solid state devices and optical sources vs. frequencies.

# analysis

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We describe a new method to generate intense terahertz (THz) surface wave (SW) and reversed Cherenkov radiation (RCR) using a sheet beam bunch traveling parallel to and over a half space filled with double-negative metamaterial (DNM).



direction.





**Vacuum**  $|E_i|$  FIG. 6. The schematic of a sheet beam bunch moving with speed  $\overline{\upsilon}$  in vacuum parallel to and over a half space filled with DNM, showing the resultant radiation patterns of the RCR and SW.

# 2. Theoretical analysis



FIG. 7. (a) A sketch view of the unit cell structure formed by fixing a metal SRR and thin wire on two faces of a dielectric substrate. (b) A perspective view of an isotropic DNM formed by periodic unit cells.

# 3. Numerical results



FIG. 8. (a) The relative permittivity and permeability as functions of frequency.

### 3. Numerical results



FIG. 9. (a) The relative permittivity and permeability as functions of frequency for three values of the DNM loss. (b) The RCR energy and the time-averaged Poynting vector at x = -d/2 as functions of the DNM loss, respectively.

#### 3. Numerical results



FIG. 10. The effects of the charged particle number N (a) and the transverse dimension  $2y_0(b)$  on the amplitude of the SW in region 1 and on the RCR energy in region 2, respectively.

### Application of RCR 2

The only known EM process capable of detecting invisible cloaks

# Invisible Cloaks made of LH light guides

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#### Application: Detect invisibility cloak

using Cherenkov radiation

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 $|E_{tot}(\vec{r},t)|$  during the radiation from a charged particle going through a spherical invisibility cloak. The dotted line represents the trajectory of the particle. The small arrow indicates the exact position of the particle' s center along its trajectory. The inner radius and outer radius of the cloak are 1 and 2 µm, respectively. The net charge corresponds to 1000 electrons. V=0.9c.

# Detect a perfect invisible cloak

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# Conclusion on

**Reversed Cherenkov Radiation in LHM:** 

- Energy-momentum conservation
- Causality
- New molecules for TM waves
- Experimental verification
- Future improvements
- New window of Applications

### Reversed Cherenkov radiation New window of Applications

- Particle ID: photons opposite to charged particles so interference is minimized.
- LHM can be isotropic, anisotropic, bi-anisotropic--flexible
- CR without threshold using utilizing anisotropic LHM, As observed in metallic grating and photonic crystals
- Strong velocity sensitivity and good radiation directionality
- Measuring intensity, detecting labeled biomolecules
- Detecting invisible cloaks
- New radiation sources



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