

Transformation optics and its applications to antennas

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Transformation Optics Concept

- In 2006 two pioneering papers were published in *Science* defining the concept of transformation optics:
 - According to the theory, any given electromagnetic device can be transformed into an infinite number of new ones with same electromagnetic responses.
- This tool has incredible possibilities to redesign classic devices.





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- To make an analytical transformation taking into account all the components in Maxwell's equations.
- No approximations:
 - The physical space has the same response as the original virtual space.
- In practice, this idea is unaffordable:
 - Dispersive materials.
 - Anisotropic materials.





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1) Analytical Transformation: Dispersive materials and anisotropy

be:

- Lets assume the simplest transformation:
 - Compression in one of coordinate axes.

D. A. Roberts, N. Kundtz, and D. R. Smith, Opt. Express, 2009. The new permittivity and permeability maps will



0 0 a $\varepsilon' = \varepsilon \{ 0 \}$ 1/a0 0 0 1/aa 0 0 1/a $\mu' = \mu_1^{\prime} 0$ 0 0 0 1/a



- Materials with refractive indexes lower than 1 can be only obtained with the use of metamaterials.
- Metamarials are strongly dispersive:
 - Very limited bandwidth of operation.

$$\varepsilon_r(\omega) = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2 - j\omega\gamma}$$



• To avoid the use of these materials is always an advantage for practical applications.

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2) Discrete Transformation

- To make a transformation based on graphical coordinates.
- Importance of the coordinate lines to be orthogonal to the metallic boundaries.
- Transformation based on areas (not in shapes).
 - It does not take into consideration non-linear effects.





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2) Discrete Transformation: Dispersive materials (I)

- Depending on the geometry, the required refractive index for the new map will have some lower than one index regions.
 - Lower than 1 refractive indexes require metamaterials implementations.
 - Dispersive materials and narrow band.





2) Discrete Transformation: Dispersive materials (II)

- Two possible solutions:
 - 1. To develop the transformation over an original dense material.
 - 2. To approximate these values to 1.



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• To analyse the ray paths in a surface and to obtain the equivalent 2D plane which remains the same properties.



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Compressed lenses: Transformation optics

• Using transformation optics, we can compress the space:





• Main direction:











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Mode-matching: Anisotropy

• Lens compression:



 A. Alex-Amor, F. Ghasemifard, G. Valerio, P. Padilla, J. M. Fernandez-Gonzalez, O. Quevedo-Teruel, "Glide-Symmetric Metallic Structures with Elliptical Holes", submitted to IEEE Transactions on Microwave Theory and Techniques.

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- Option 1:
 - Fresnel Lenses
 - Single frequency of operation



- Option 2:
 - Transformation Electromagnetics
 - UWB solution.





- Quasi-conformal Transformation Optics.
- A discretization for the manufacturing process is required.



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O. Quevedo-Teruel, et al., Scientific Reports, 2013.

Discretization process

- Spheres/Ellipsoids:
 - Ellipsoidal/spherical discretization along the iso-permittivity lines.
 - Zones of different permittivities:
 - 2<ε_r<14.5
 - 10-15 zones





O. Quevedo-Teruel, et al., *Scientific Reports*, 2013. Comparison with Fresnel lens

- Our solution overcomes Fresnel lenses in Bandwidth.
- That is the other existing planar version.



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O. Quevedo-Teruel, et al., Scientific Reports, 2013.

- Alternative permittivity regions have been produced through a combination of tailoring:
 - 1. Particle size.
 - 2. Dispersion and volume fraction of materials.
- The particle sizes where obtained using particle size reduction methods such as milling to achieve the distribution of sizes required, and these varied from nano- to micron size.





Simulation vs Measurements

• Good agreement in terms of phase and amplitude (10 GHz)





Cylindrical wave

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From cylindrical to squared waves

- Optical transformations can be used to create completely new type of lenses.
 - Transformation of a cylindrical wave in four directive beams.



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Bespoke lenses

- To produce ad-hoc lens for practical feedings.
- Most common situation is to produce a plane wave from a given radiator:



M. McCall, J. Pendry, V. Galdi, Y. Lai, S. Horsley, J. Li, J. Zhu, R. C. Mitchell-Thomas, O. Quevedo-Teruel, P. Tassin, V. Ginis, E. Martini, G. Minatti, S. Maci, M. Ebrahimpouri, Y. Hao, P. Kinsler, J. Gratus, J. Lukens, A. M. Weiner, U. Leonhardt, I. Smolyaninov, V. Smolyaninova, R. Thompson, M. Wegener, M. Kadic, S. Cummer, "Roadmap on transformation optics", Journal of Optics, Volume 20, Number 6, May 2018.

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Bespoke lenses: Aperture antenna (I)

• Technique: Obtaining the map for the lens.



M. Ebrahimpouri, O. Quevedo-Teruel, "Bespoke Lenses Based on Quasi Conformal Transformation Optics Technique", *IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation*, vol. 65, no. 5, pp. 2256-2264, May 2017.



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Bespoke lenses: Spiral antenna

• The lens is not limited in bandwidth and it applies to both polarizations:



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A. Neto, "UWB, non dispersive radiation from the Planarly fed leaky lens antenna—Part 1: Theory and design," IEEE Trans. Antennas Propag., vol. 58, no. 7, pp. 2238–2247, Jul. 2010.

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• The refractive index distribution of a rotationally symmetric curved surface can mimic a equivalent a flat homogeneous surface:



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• Cloaking in a thin metallic cavity:



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Surface waves implementation

• Slabs of different dielectric constants with constant thickness.



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- Very robust design.
- Only 7 layers have been used.
- Small deviations in the manufacturing process would not seriously influence the performance.



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Experimental results

• Implementation with a single dielectric slab which changes the with the position to achieve different equivalent refractive indexes.



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Non-Euclidian mapping

• By equating optical path lengths, it is possible to calculate the refractive index of a lens on a curved surface.





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pp. 3551-3554, 2014.

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Lens implementation

- A Luneburg lens can be implemented with this technique.
- The surface can be bended to reduce the vertical dimension.



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- Waveguides as connectors.
- Optimized flare design.



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- The concept of Transformation Optics has been introduced.
- Three possible methodologies: Euclidean (analytical and discrete) and non-Euclidean have been drawn, and their advantages and disadvantages have been summarized.
- Few examples of design has been introduced:
 - 1. <u>Conformal lenses</u>:
 - They can be used to design lenses which bespoke surfaces.
 - 2. <u>Planar lenses:</u>
 - The use of metamaterials is not necessary for this design.
 - Measurements corroborate the original results.
 - 3. Surface propagation:
 - Cloaking has been demonstrating to be obtain with only full dielectric materials.
 - This technique can be employed to produce lenses conformal to surfaces and to eliminate singularities of lenses.

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