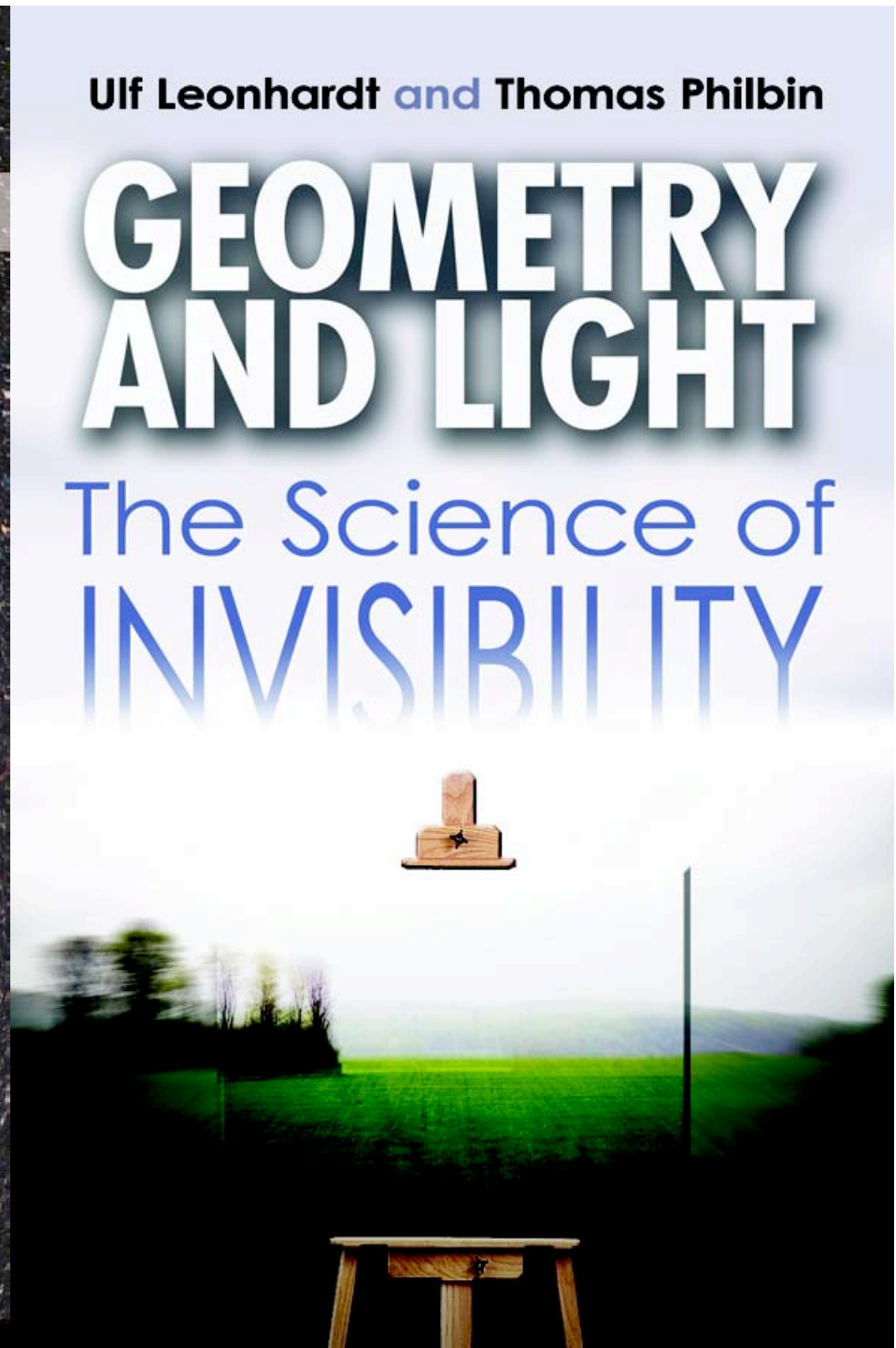
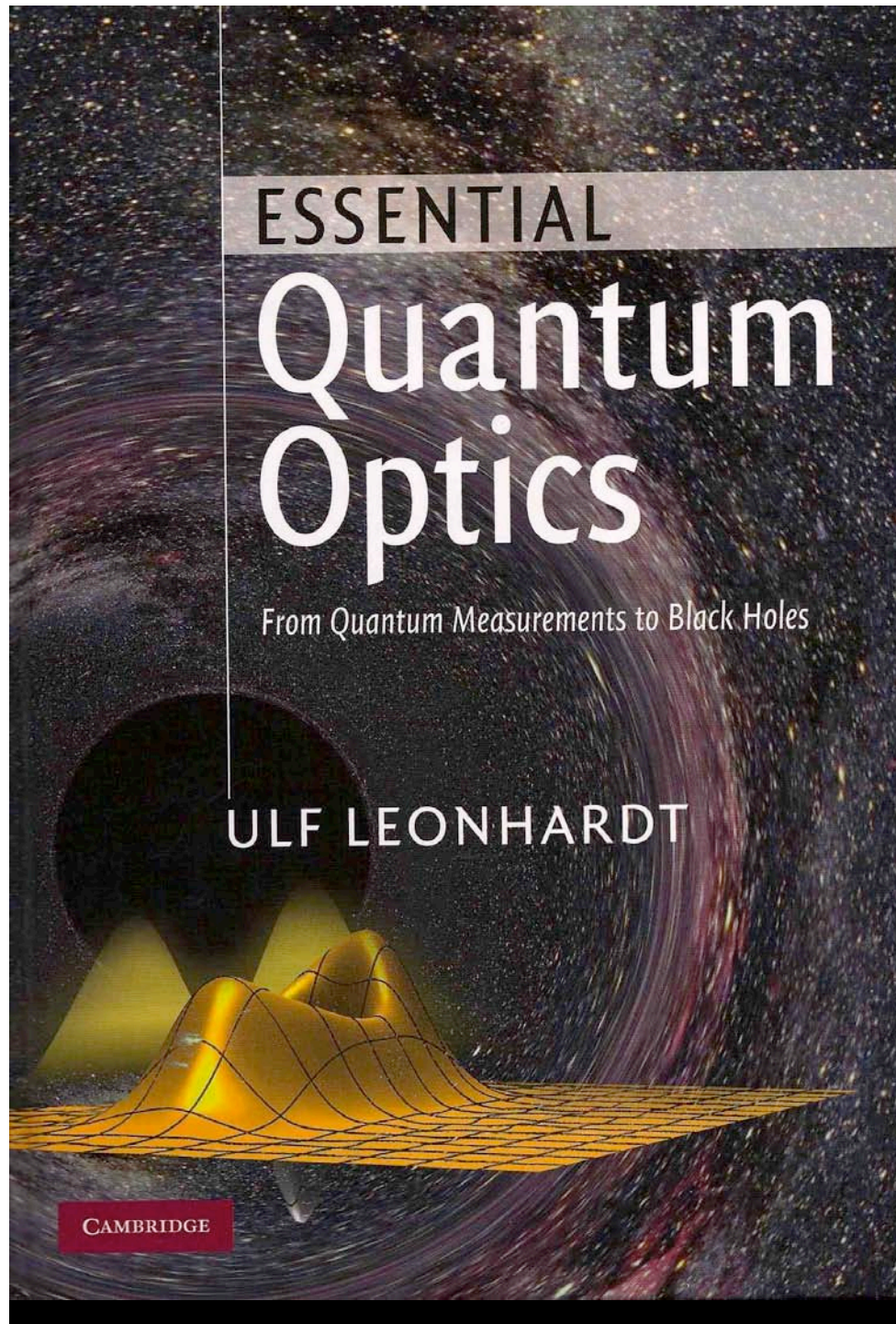


# Invisibility Cloaking and Perfect Imaging

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## Invisibility: Invisible Man versus Invisible Woman



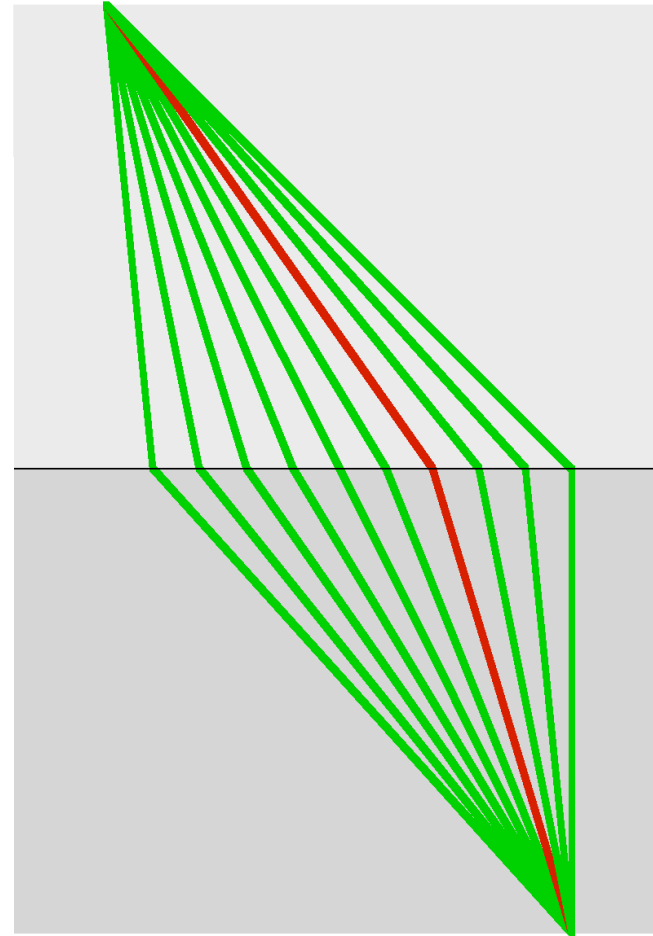
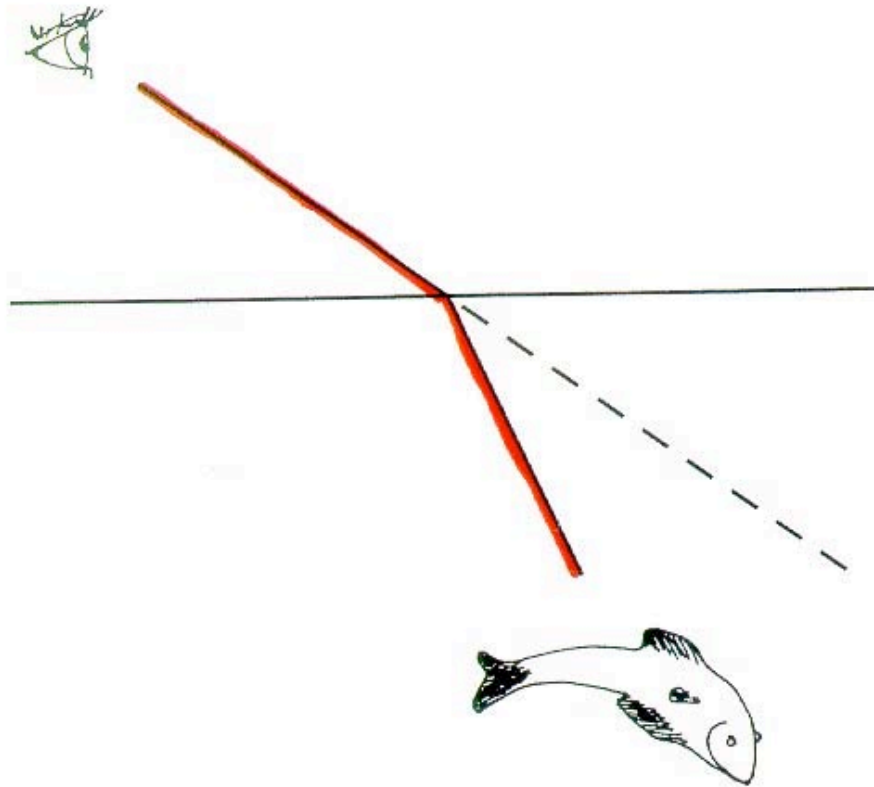
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$$s = \int n dl$$



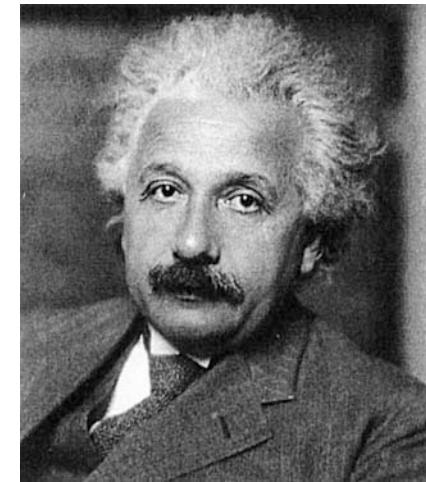
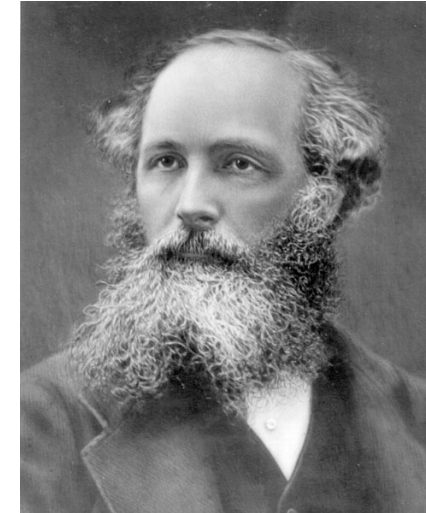
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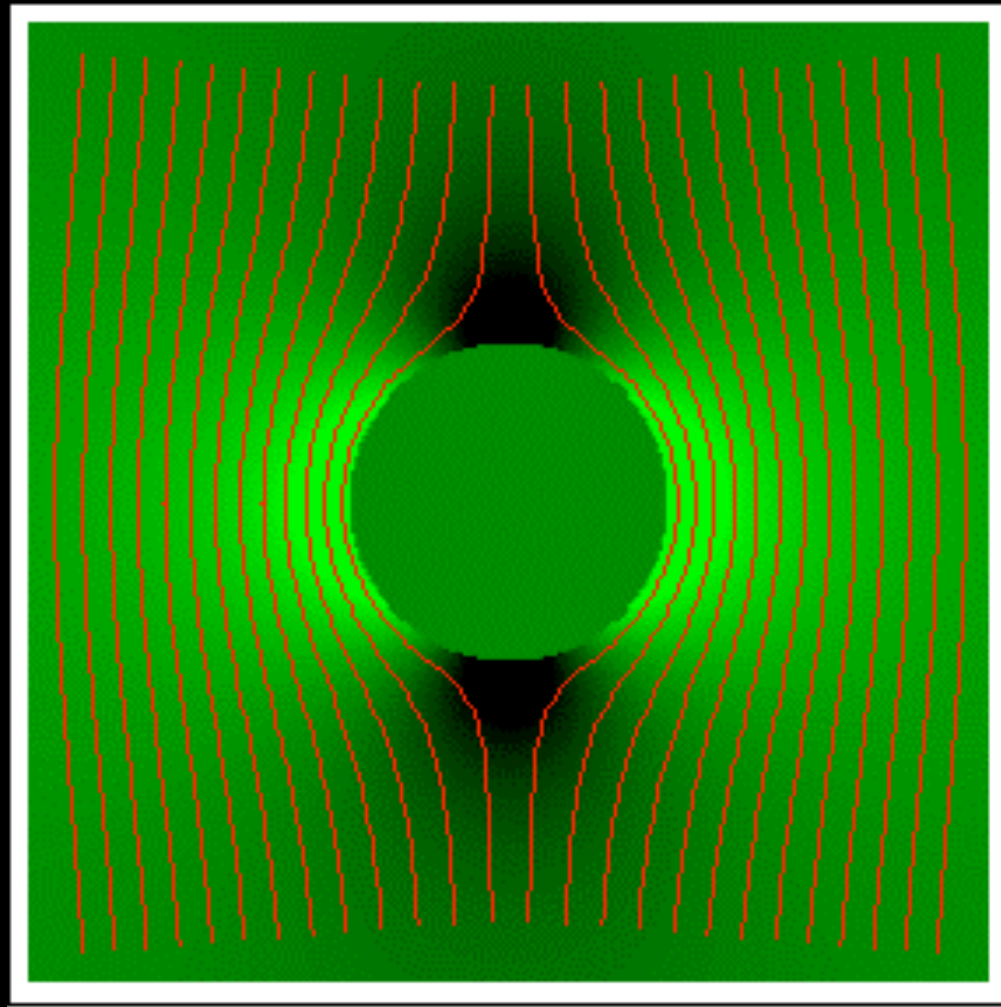
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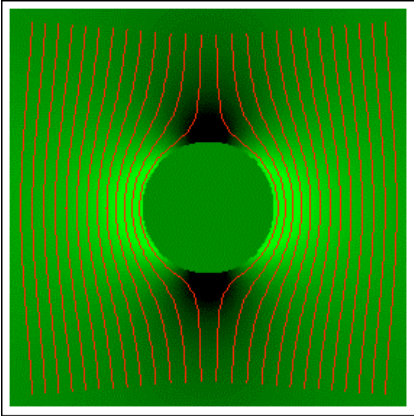


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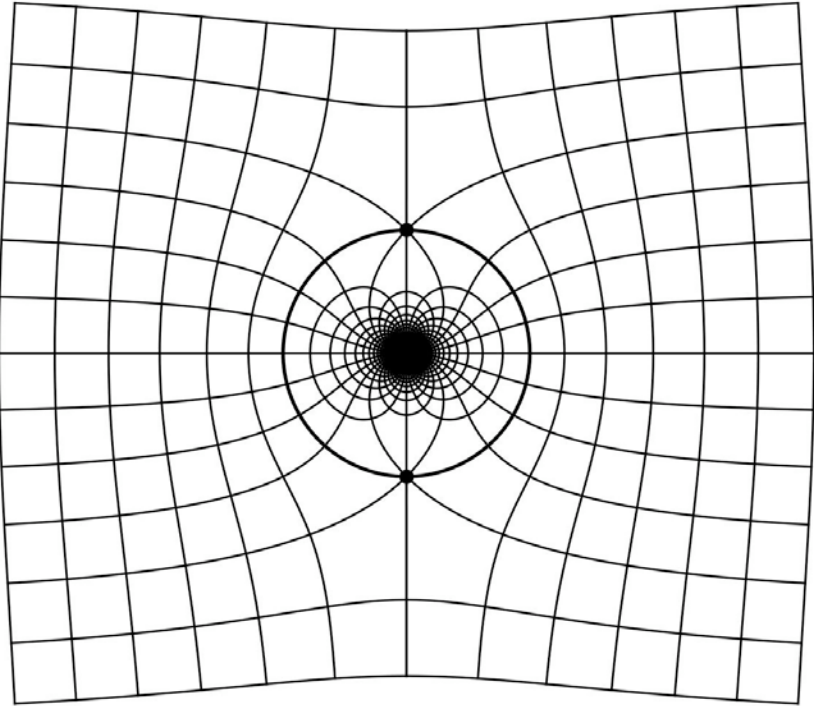
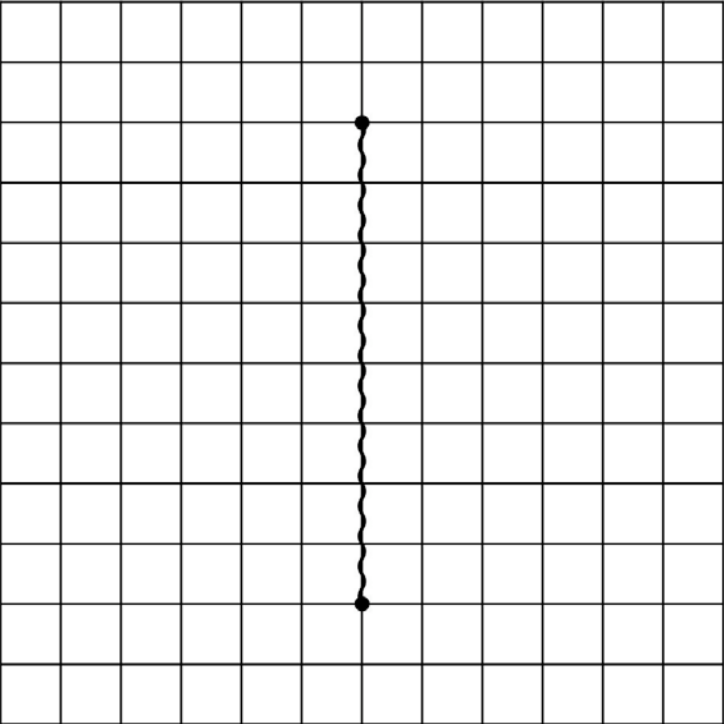


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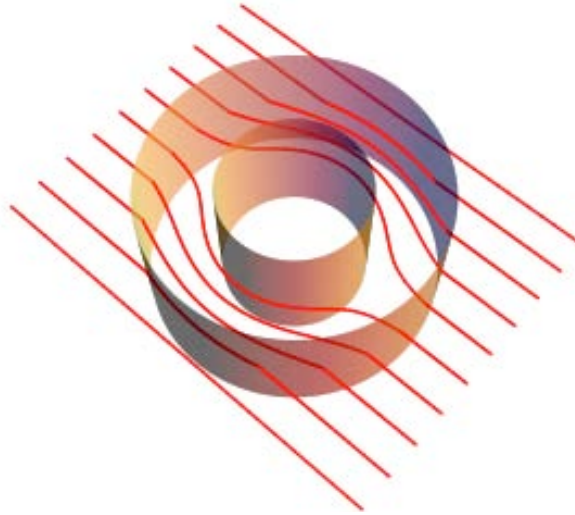
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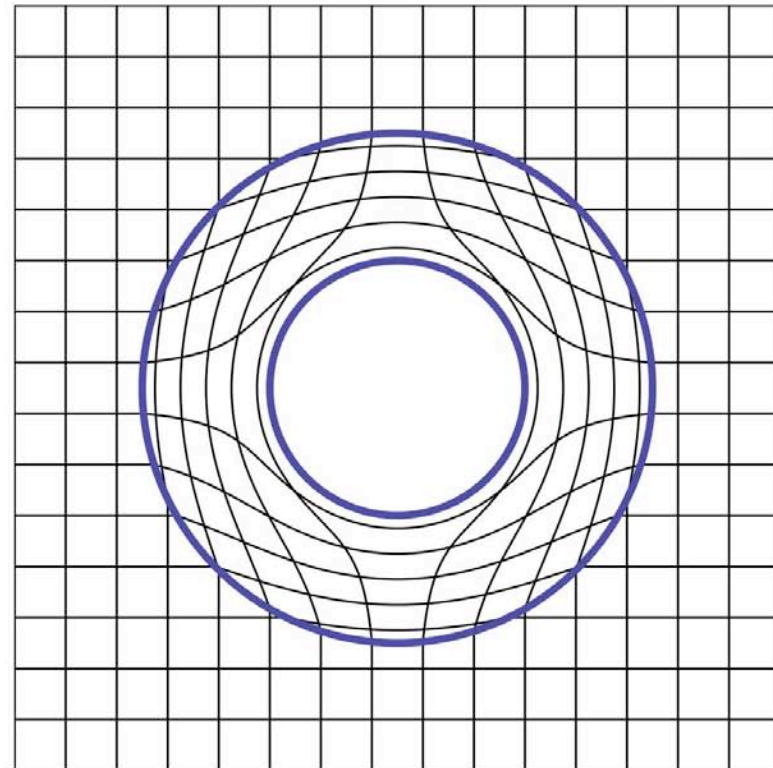
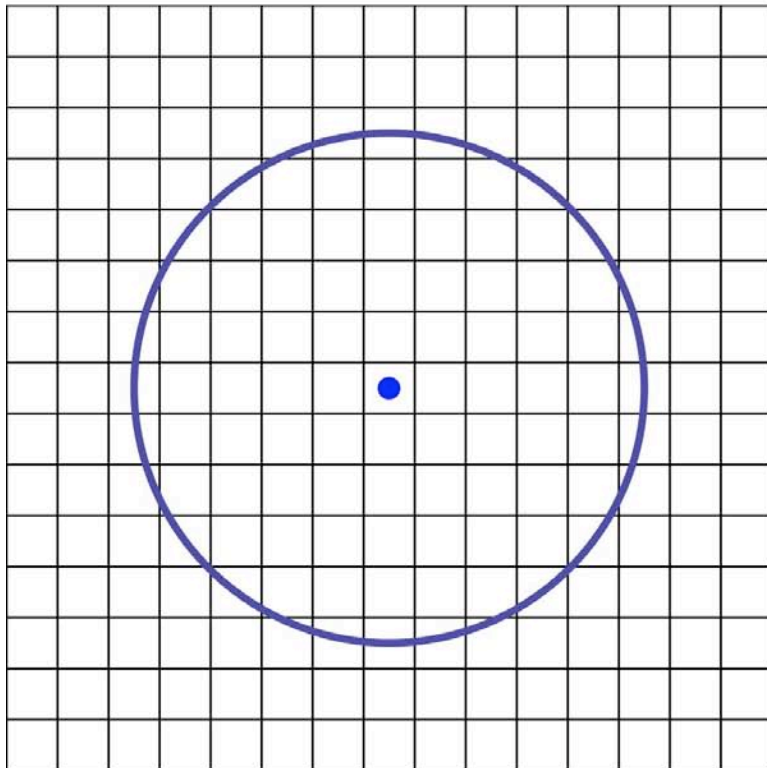


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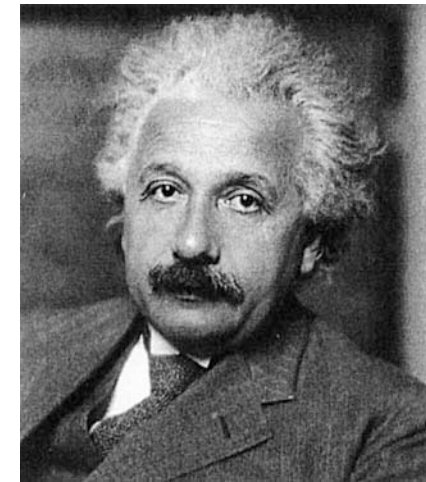
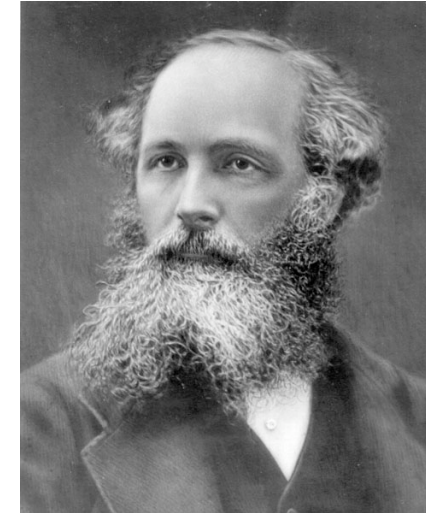
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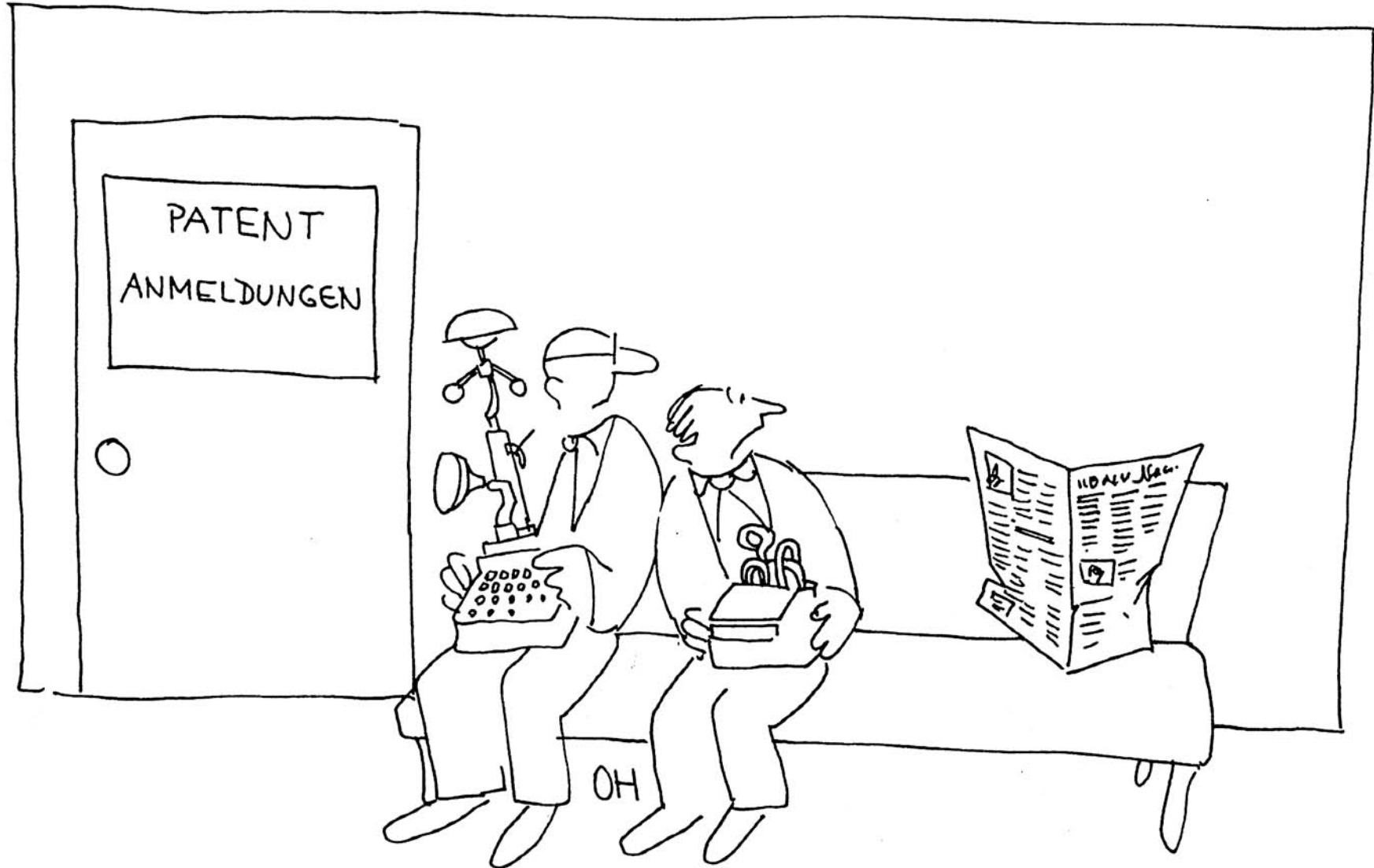
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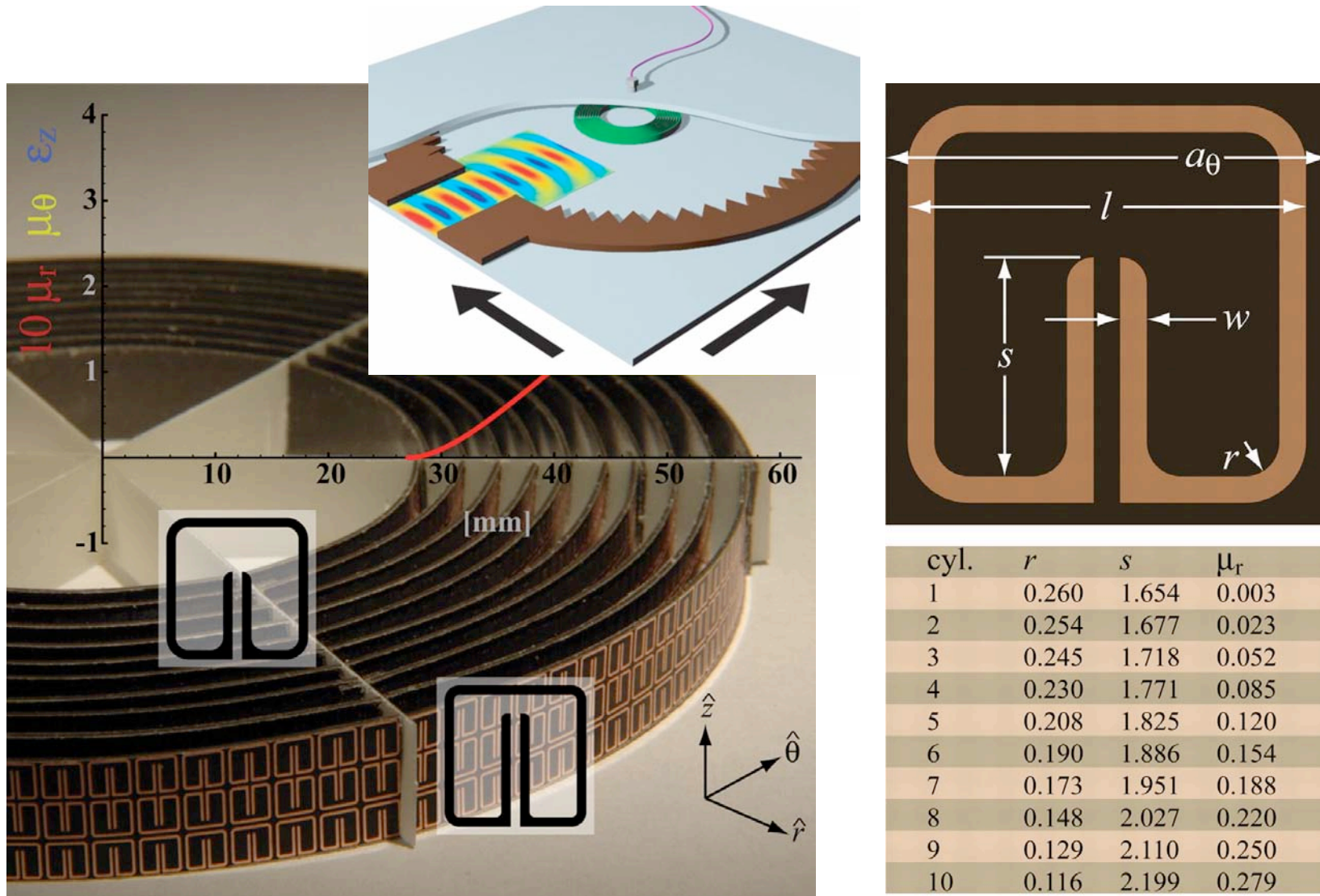
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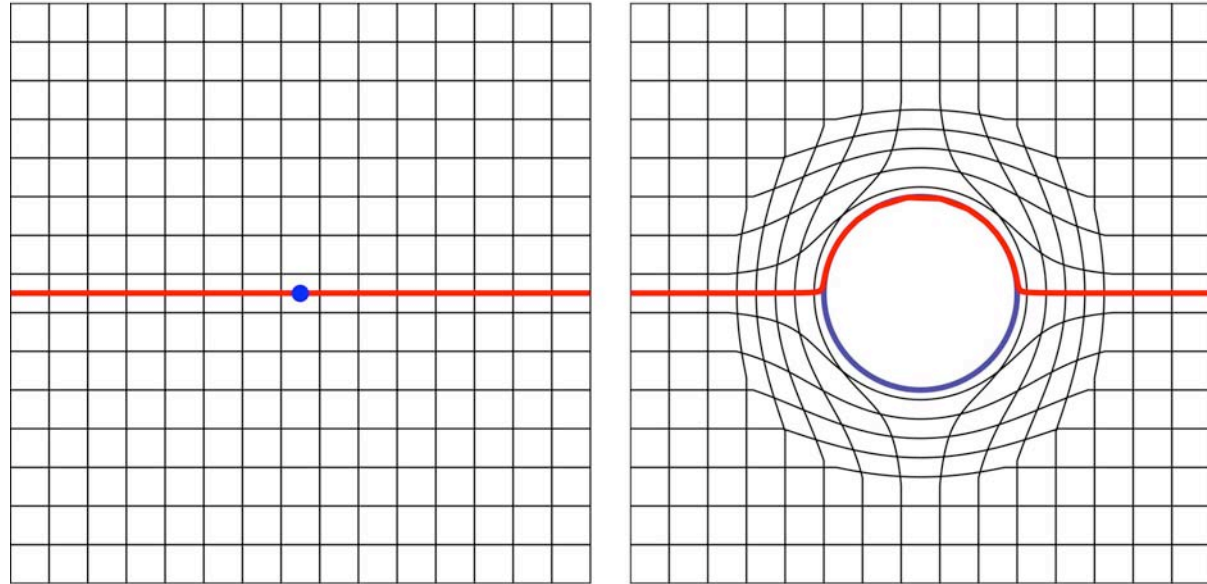
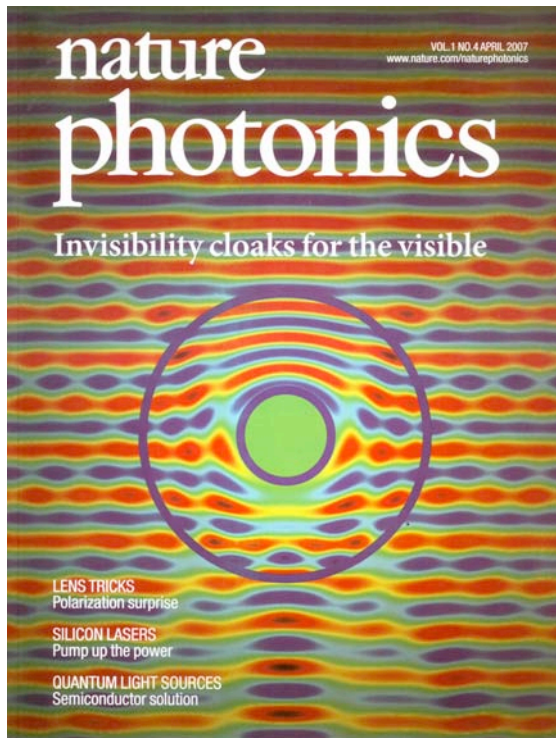
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# Cloaking device for electromagnetic microwaves



## Challenge: Broadband invisibility



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## Hiding under the Carpet: A New Strategy for Cloaking

Jensen Li and J. B. Pendry

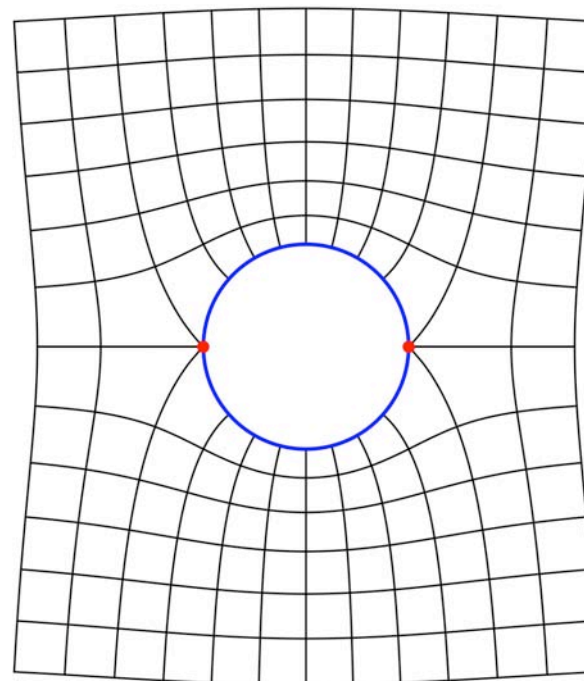
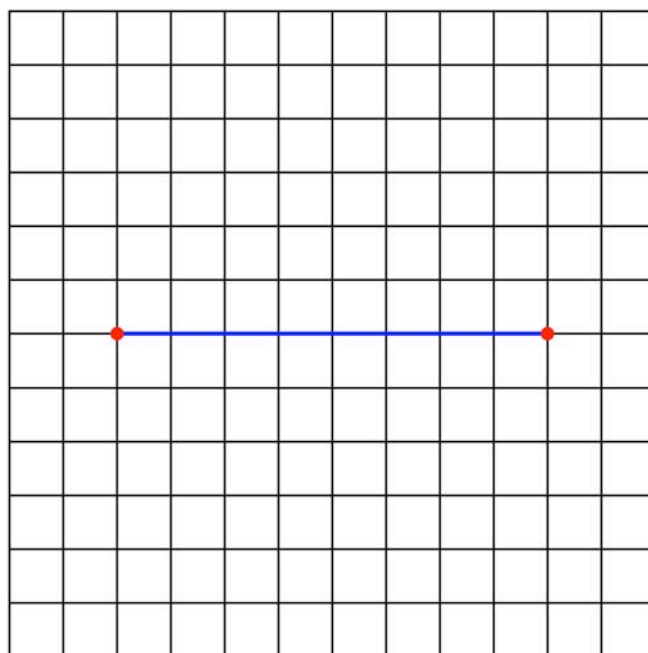
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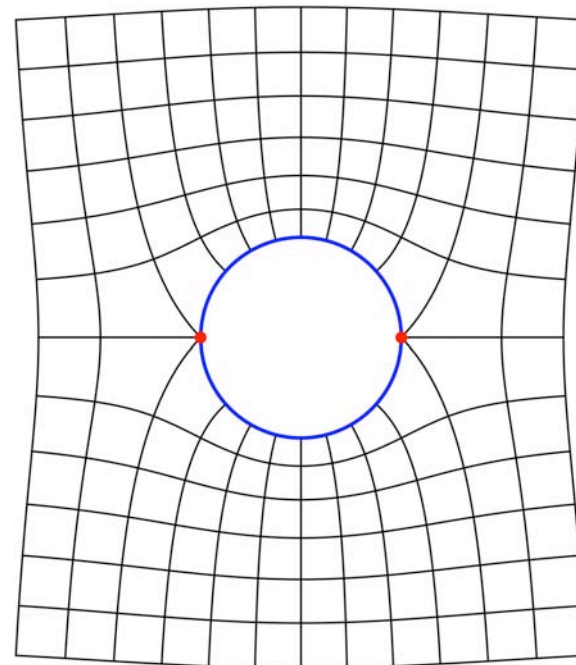
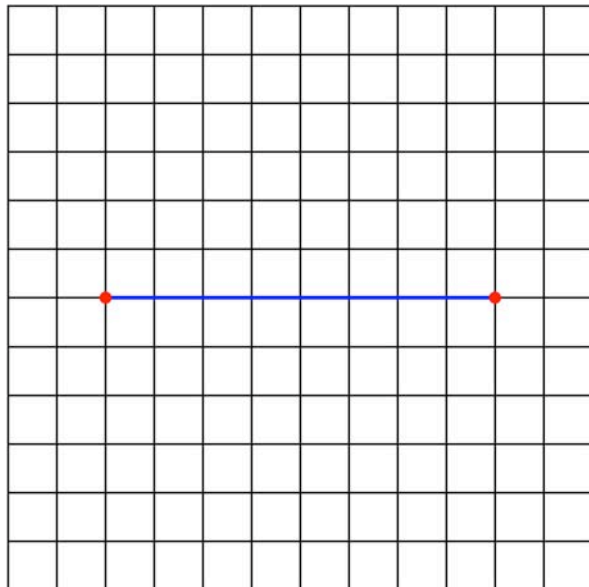
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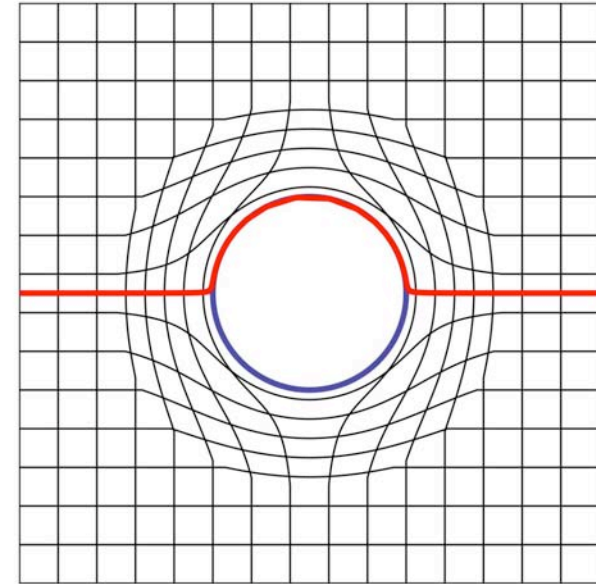
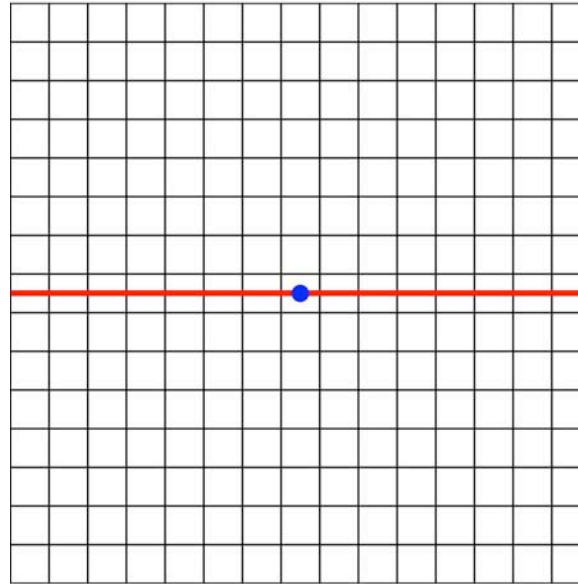
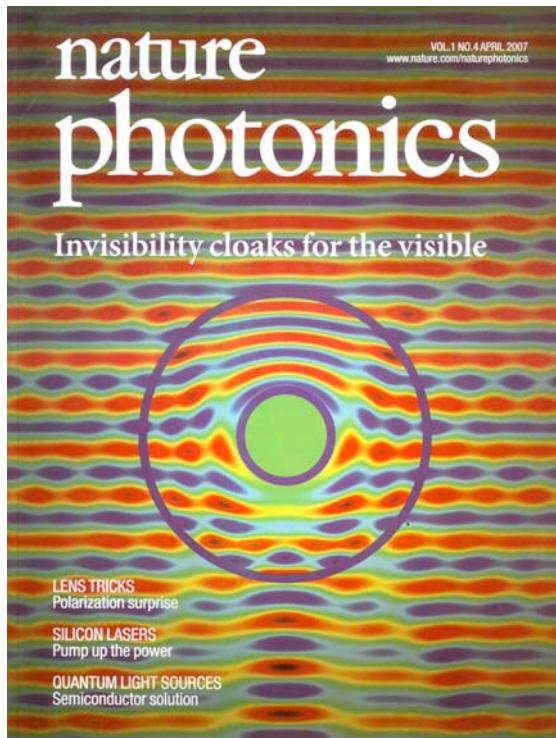


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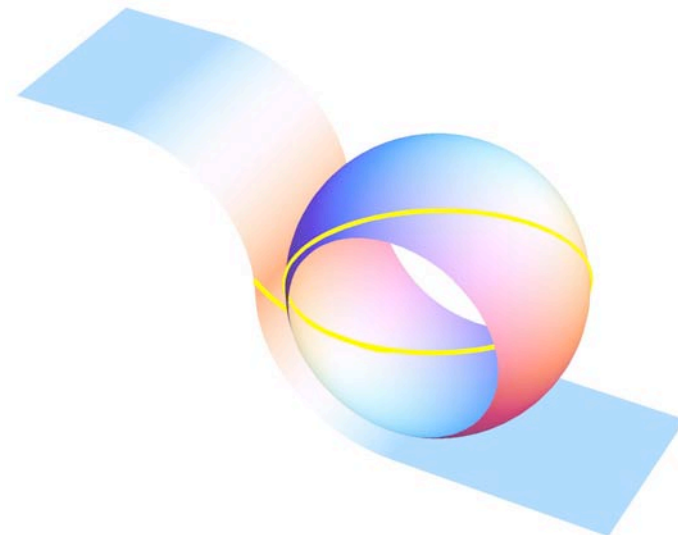


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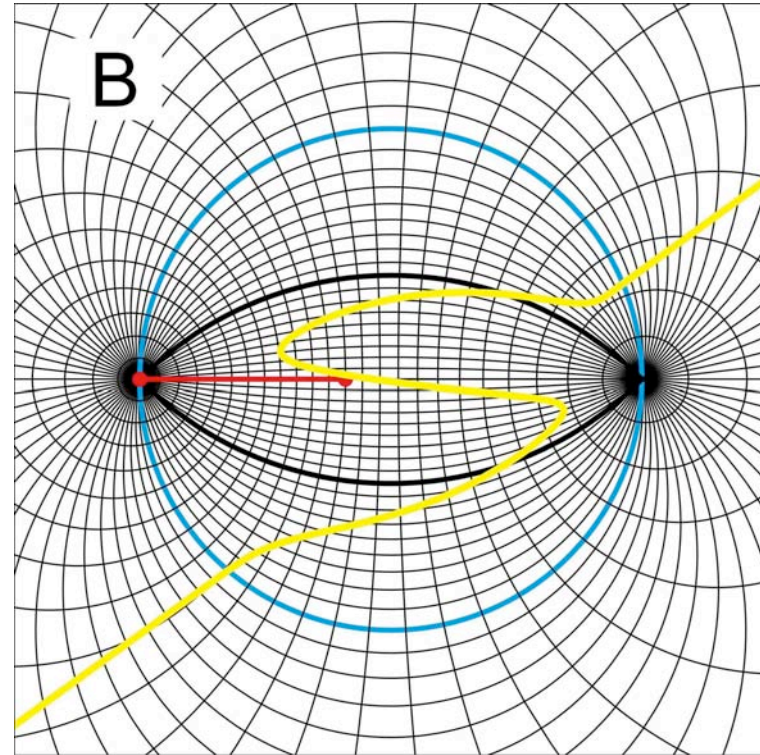
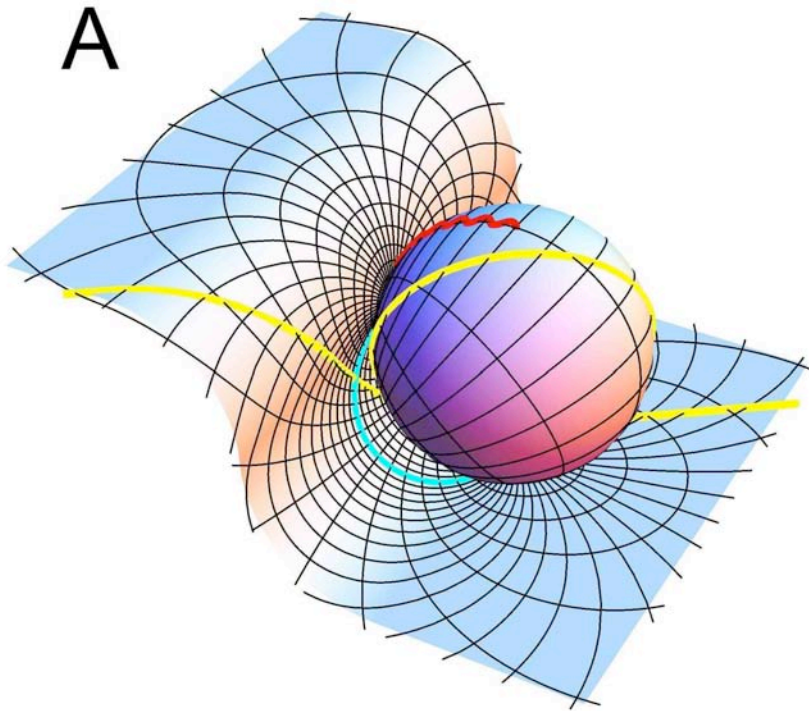


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Ideas from **Non-Euclidean Geometry**



## The idea



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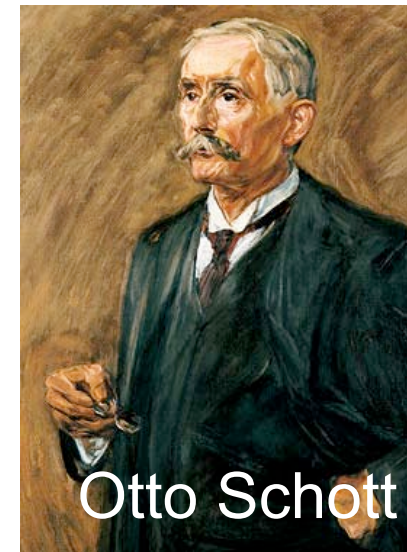
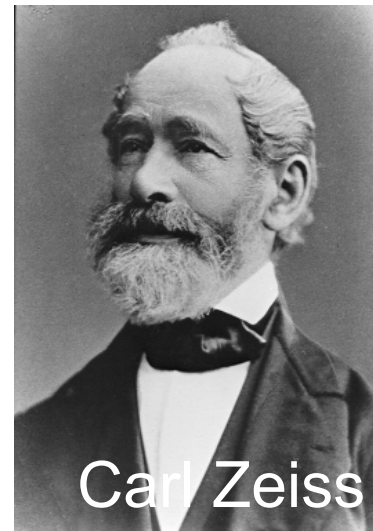
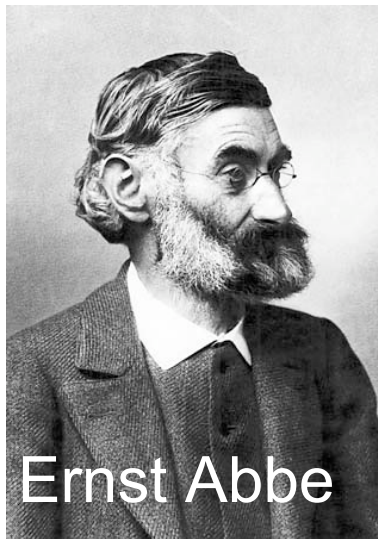
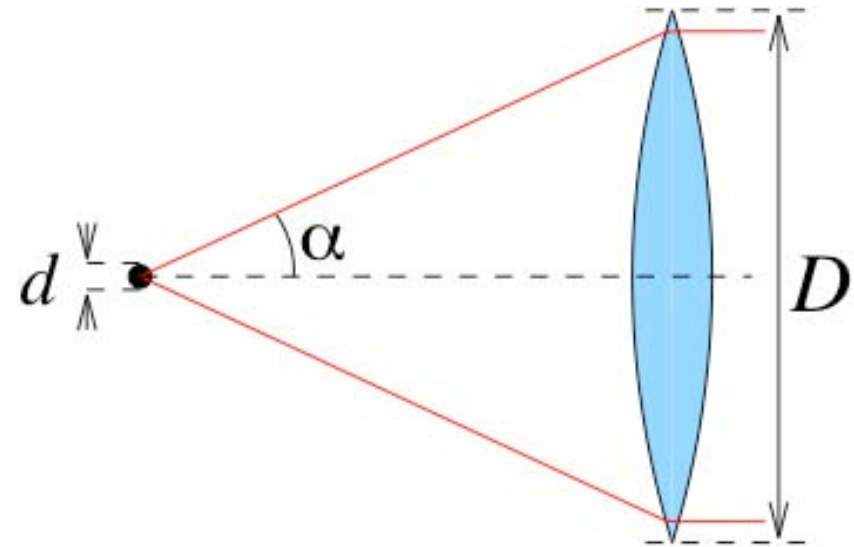
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### Broadband Invisibility by Non-Euclidean Cloaking

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## The resolution limit of imaging, established around 1870



## Negative Refraction Makes a Perfect Lens

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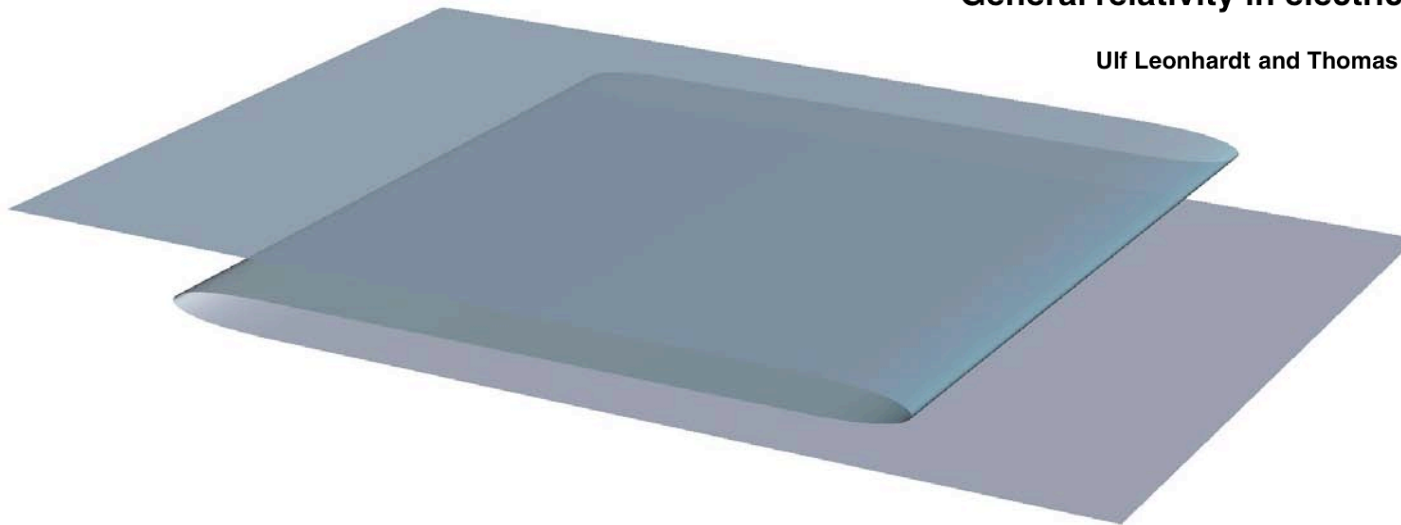
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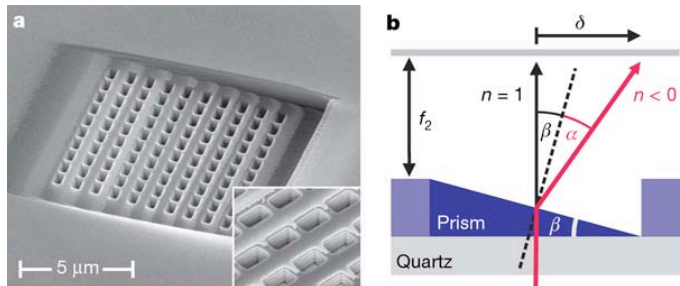
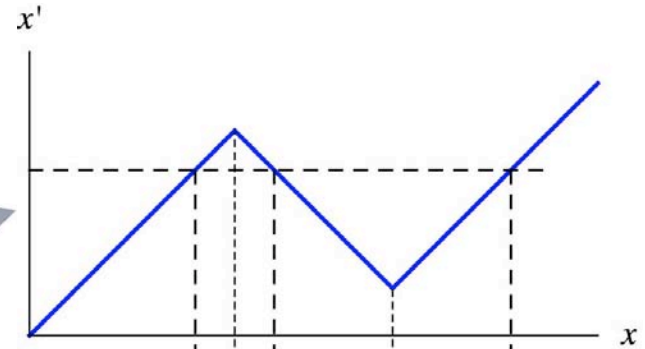
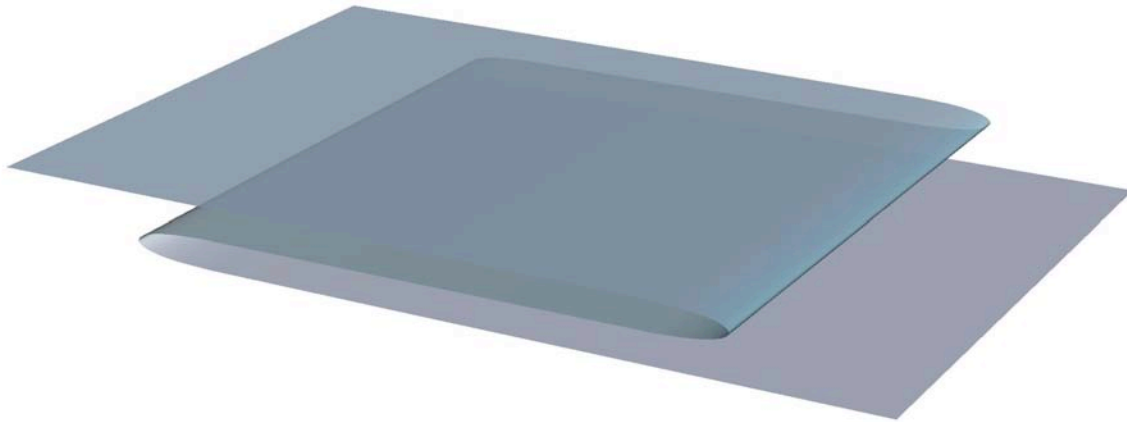
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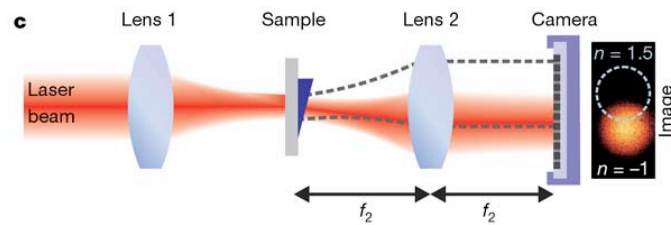
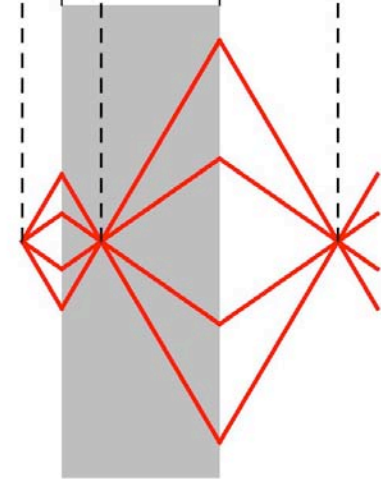
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# Negative refraction and perfect lens



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## Invisibility: Invisible Man versus Invisible Woman



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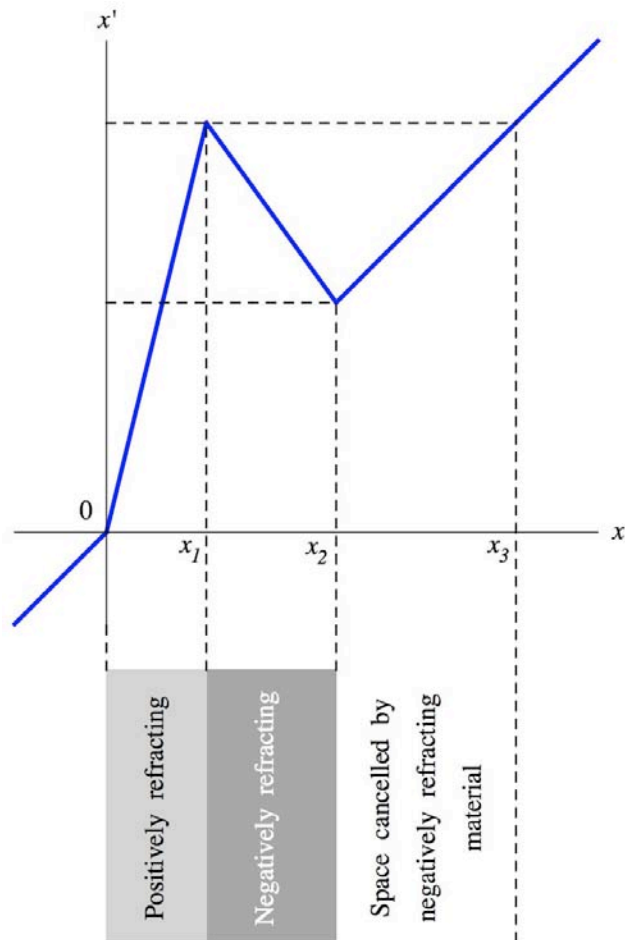


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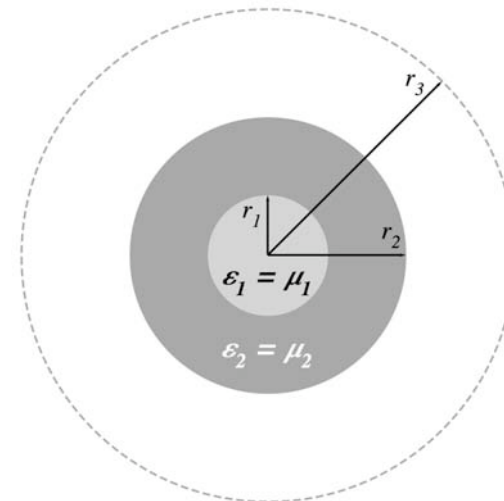
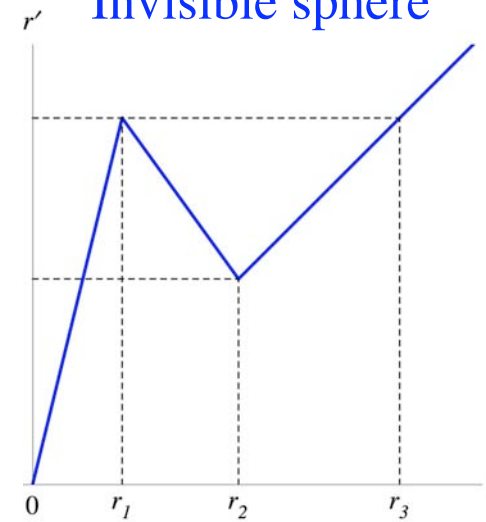
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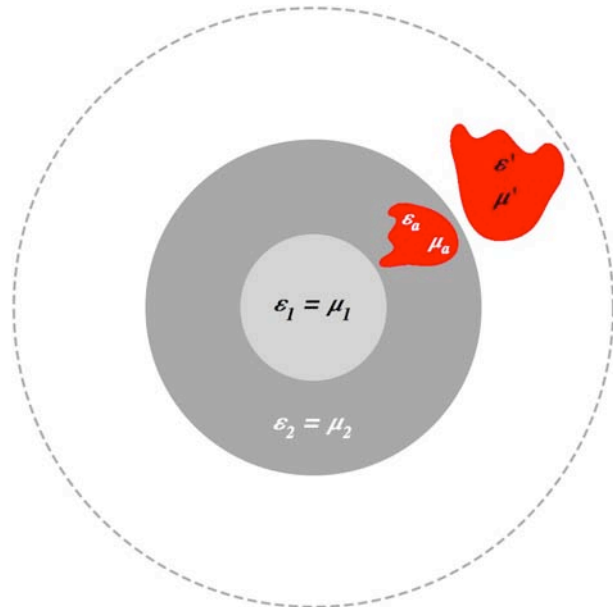
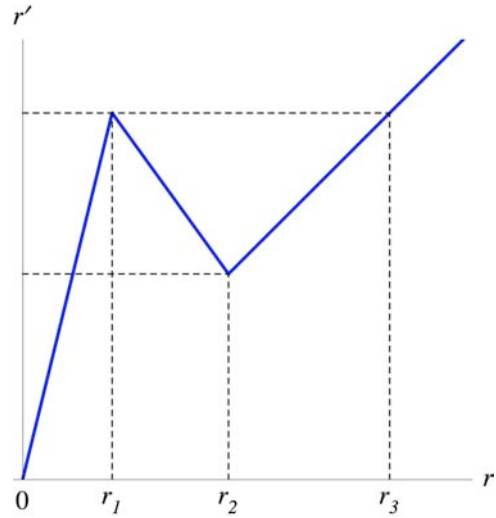


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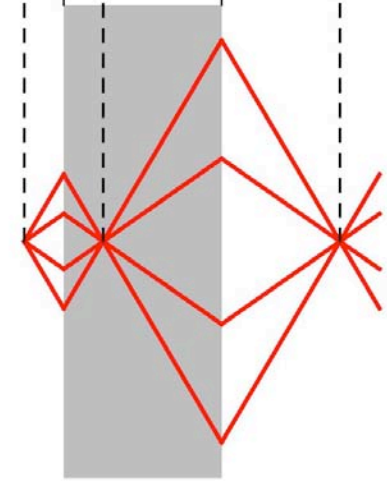
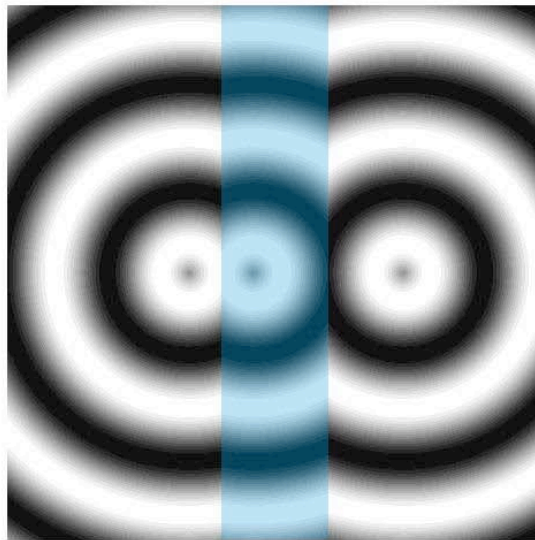
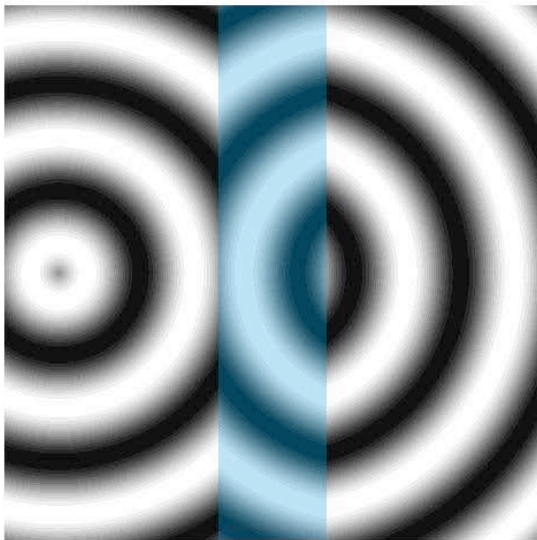
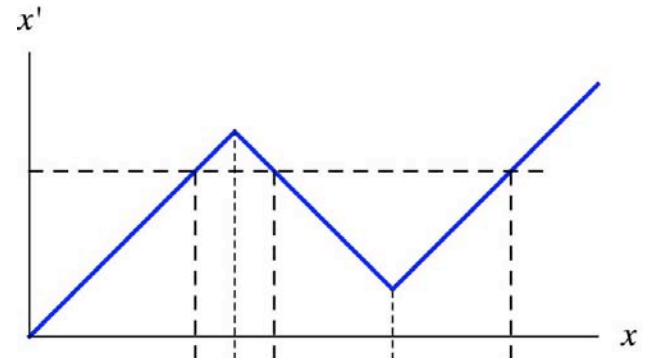
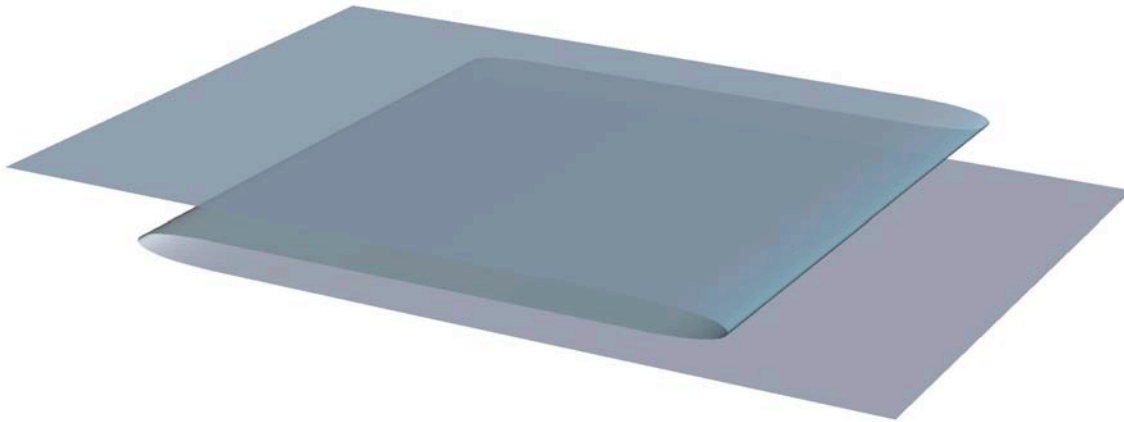


# The Invisible Man - cloaking at a distance

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# Problems of negative refraction



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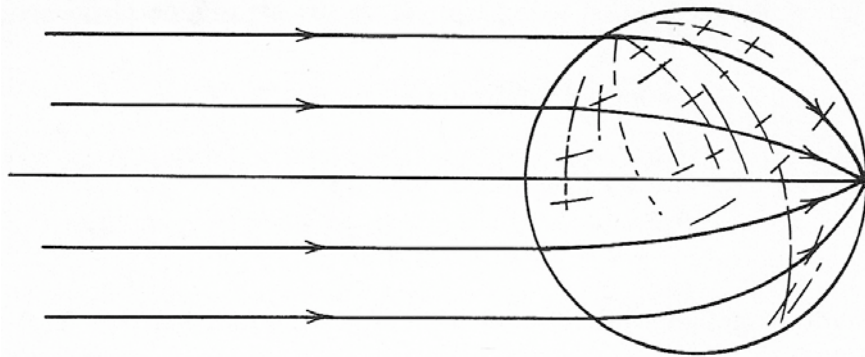
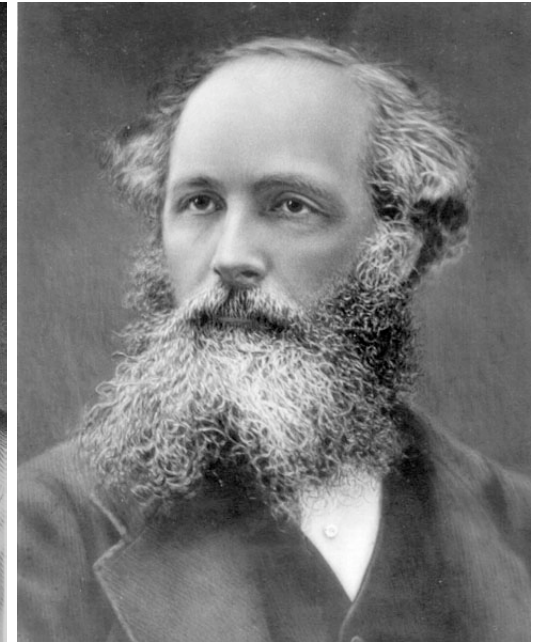


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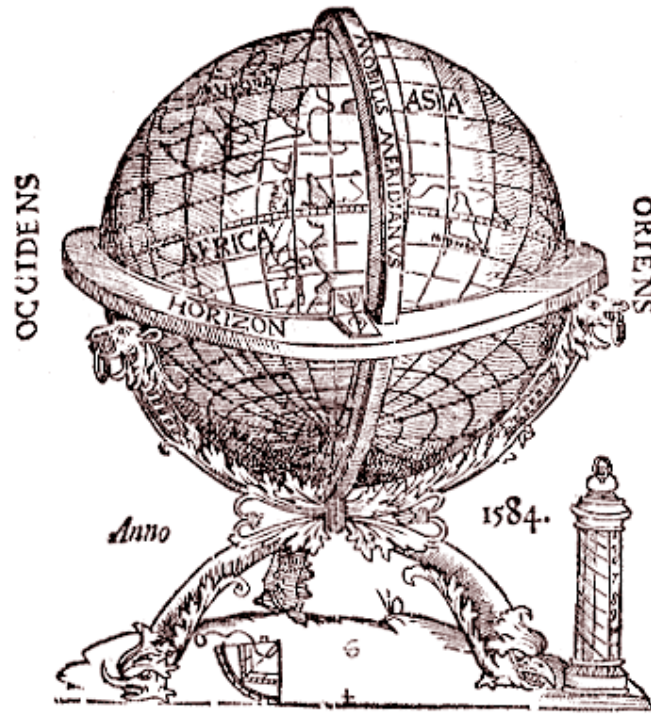


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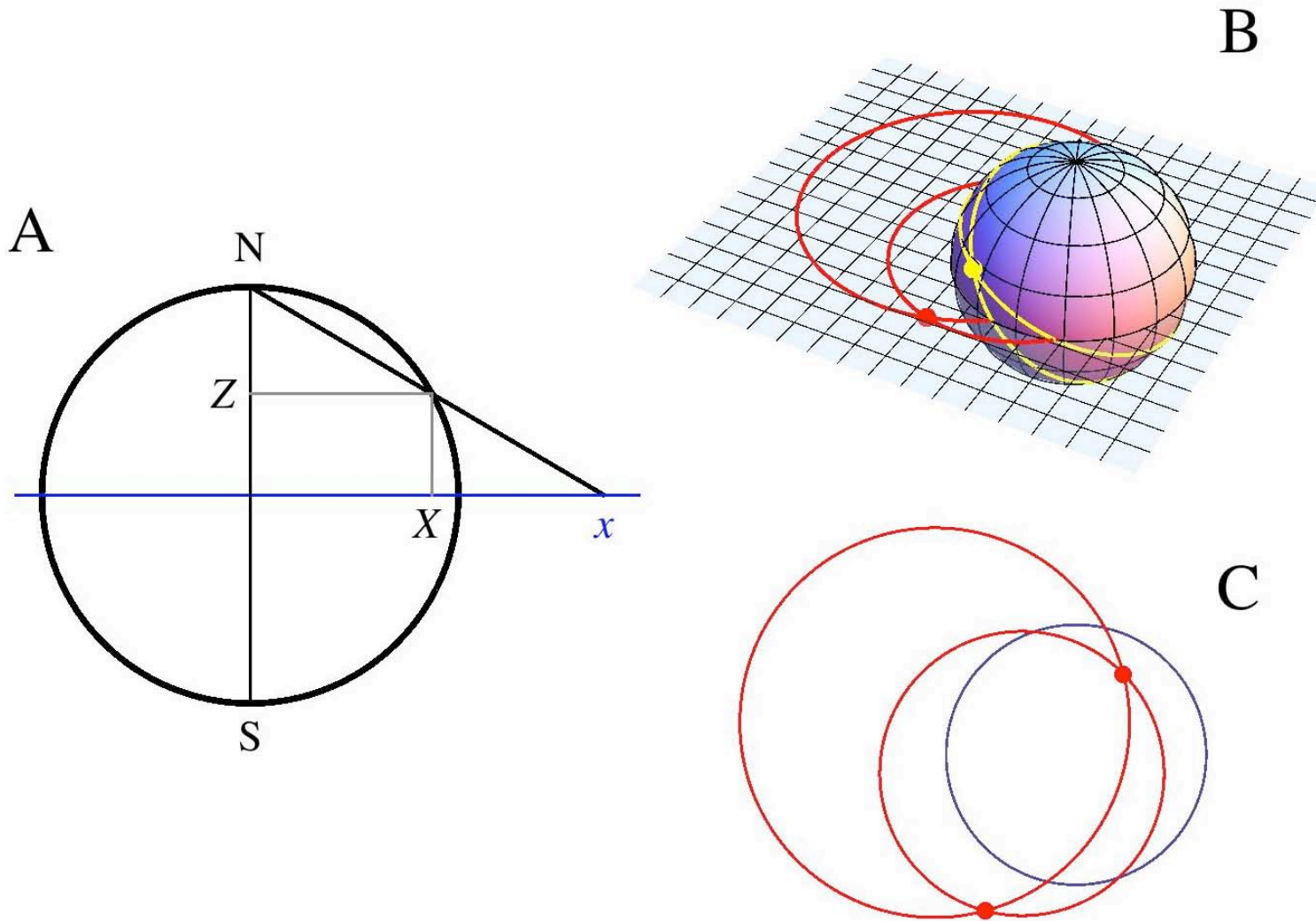
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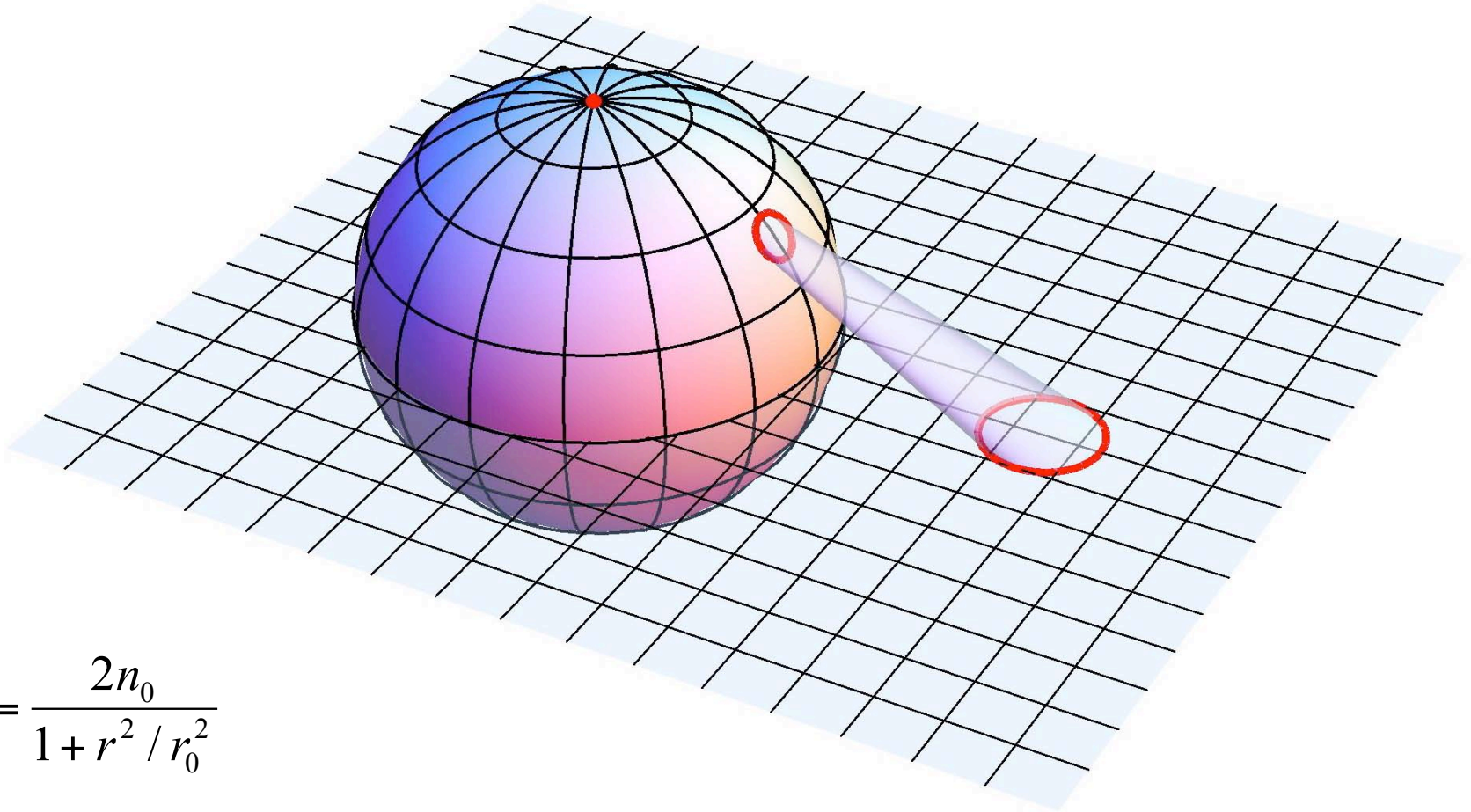
Maxwell 1854

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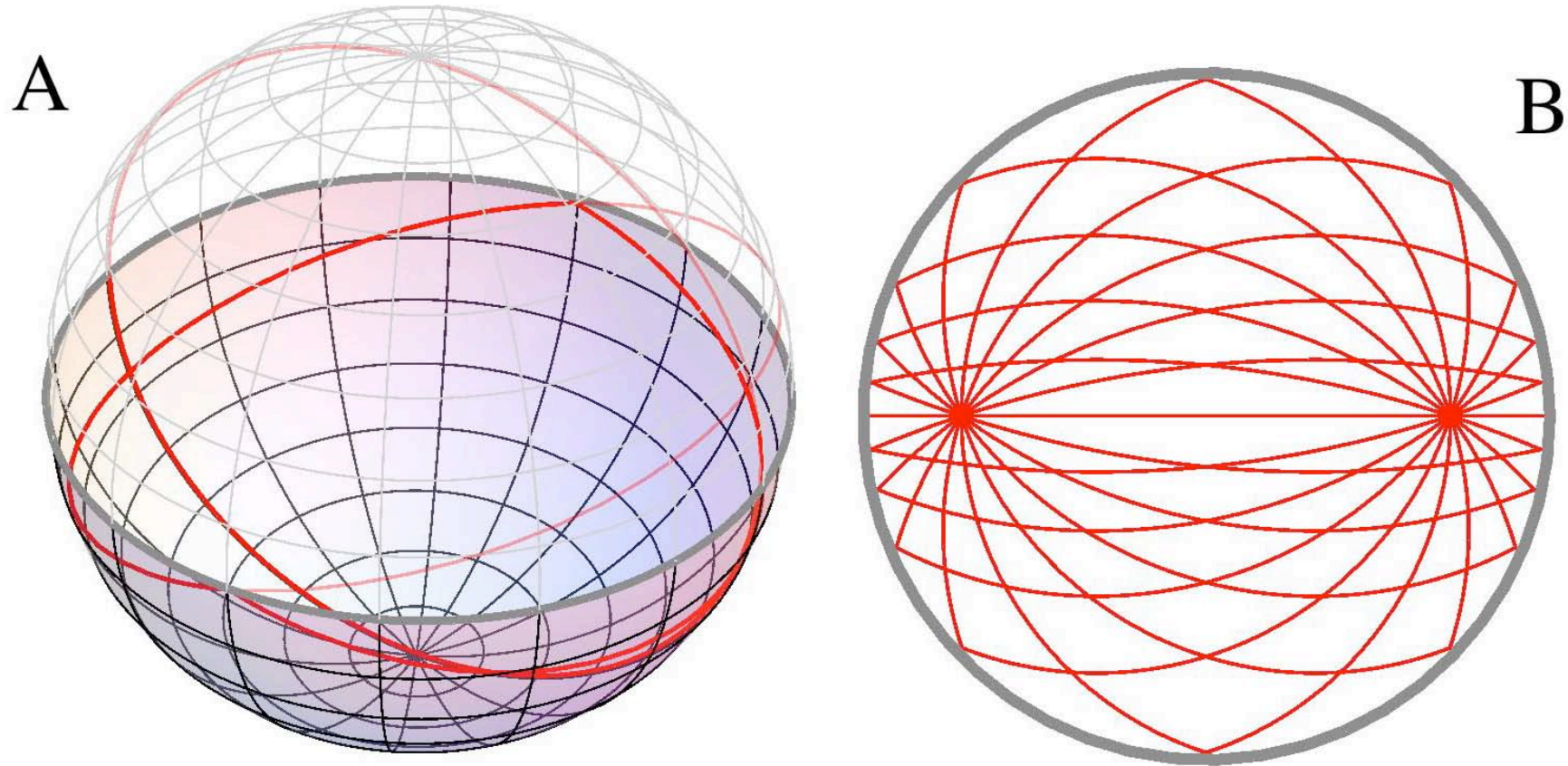
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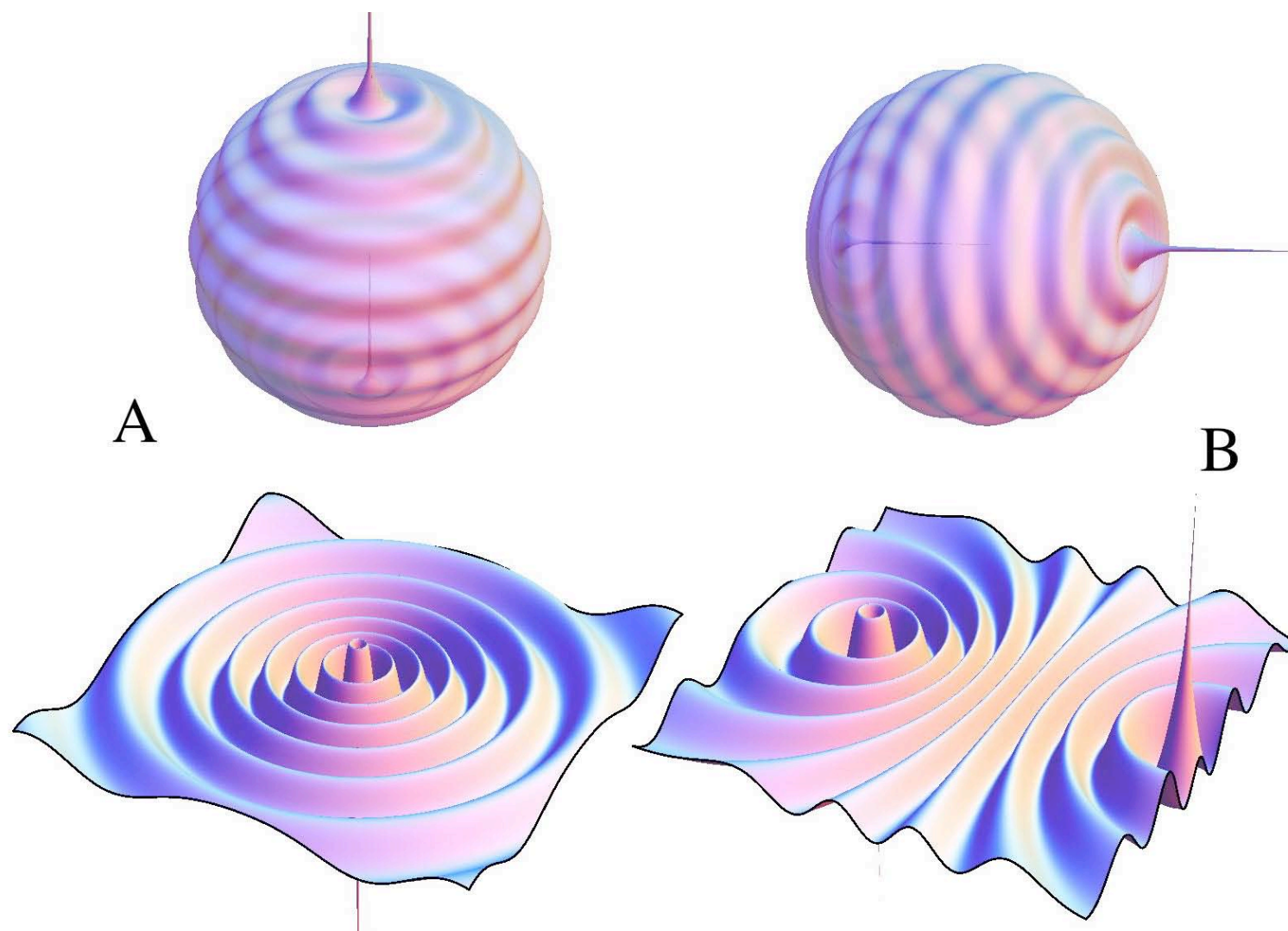
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## Fish-eye mirror



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

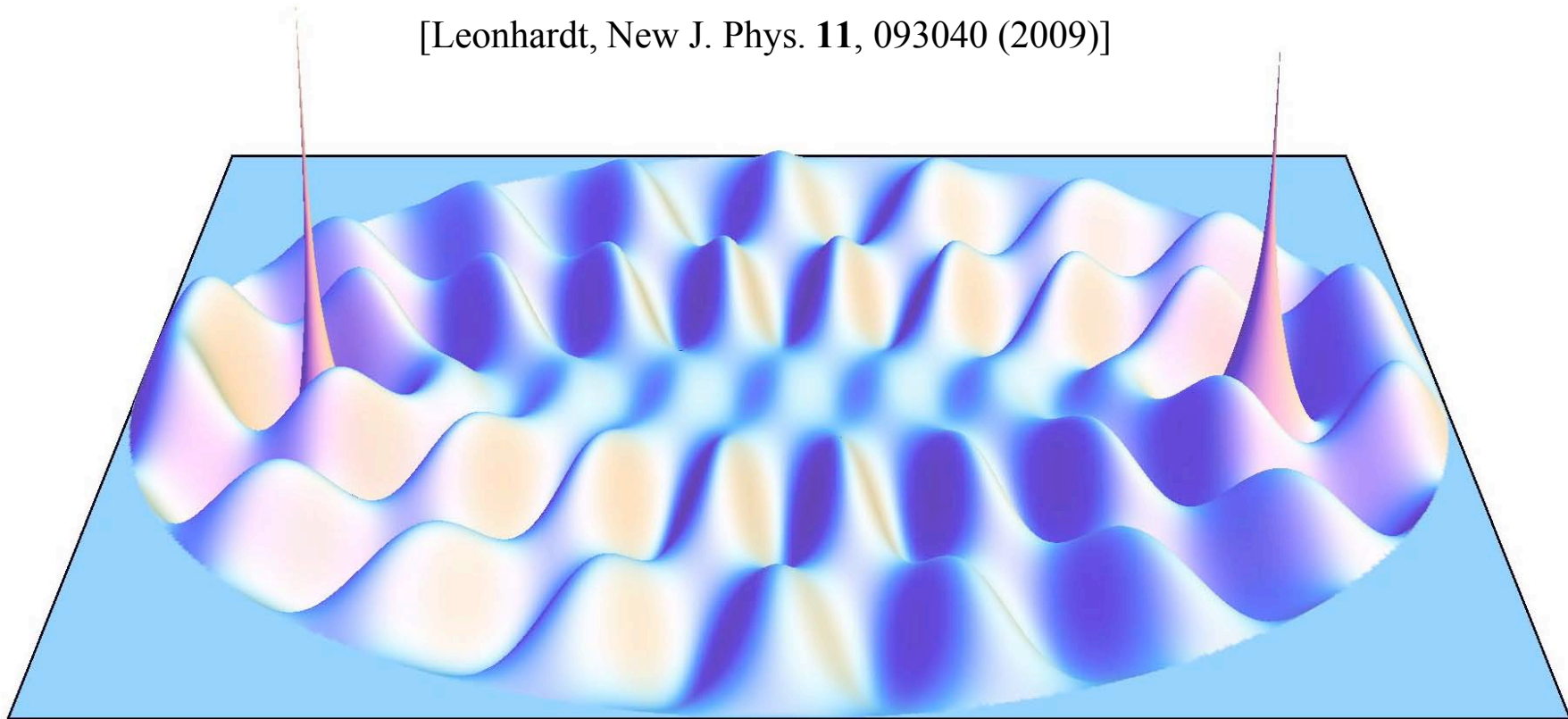
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## Perfect imaging without negative refraction

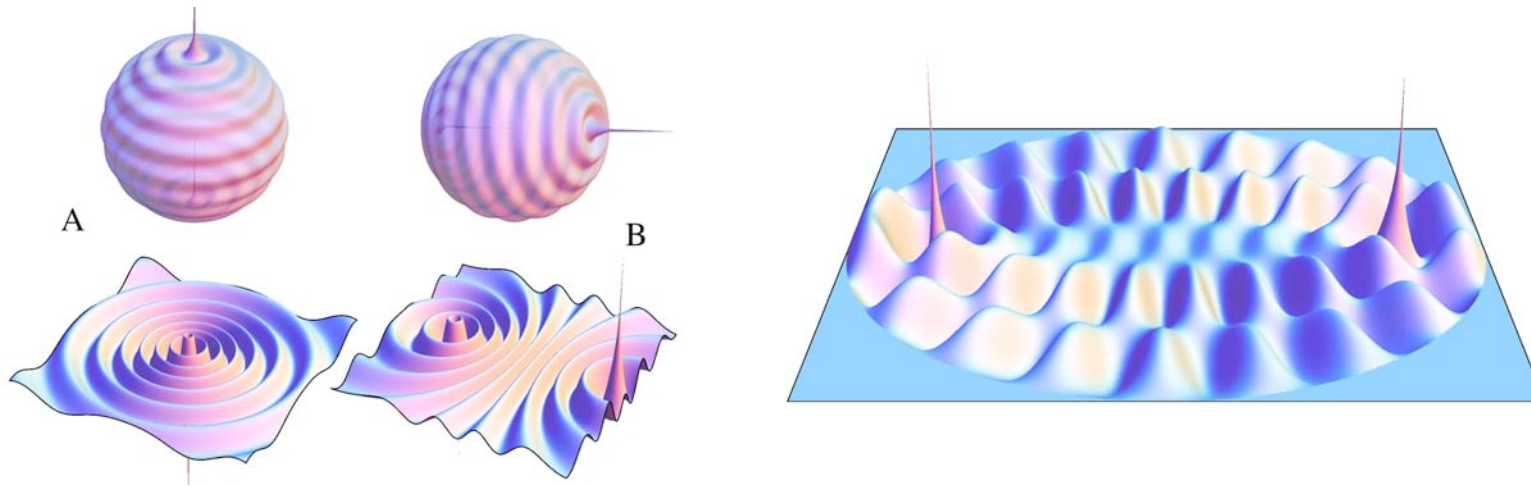
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Index contrast: factor of 2

## Geometry of light: reason for perfect imaging



TE:

$$0 = \frac{1}{n^2} \nabla^2 E + k^2 E = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \partial_A \sqrt{g} g^{AB} \partial_B E + k^2 E$$

$$g_{AB} = n^2 \mathbb{1}, \quad g = n^4, \quad g^{AB} = n^{-2} \mathbb{1}$$

TM:

$$\nabla \cdot \frac{1}{n^2} \nabla H + k^2 H = 0 \quad \text{No perfect imaging}$$

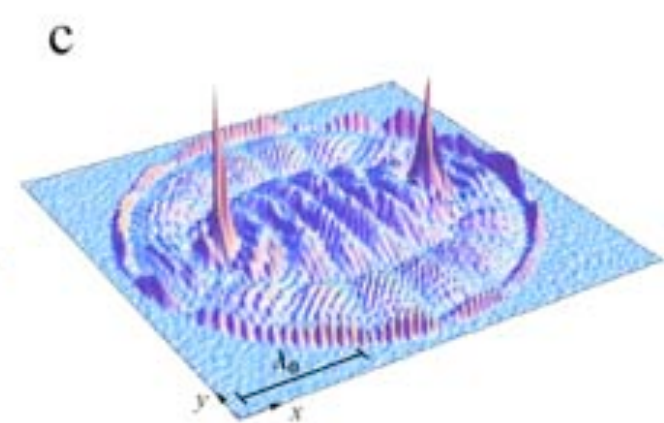
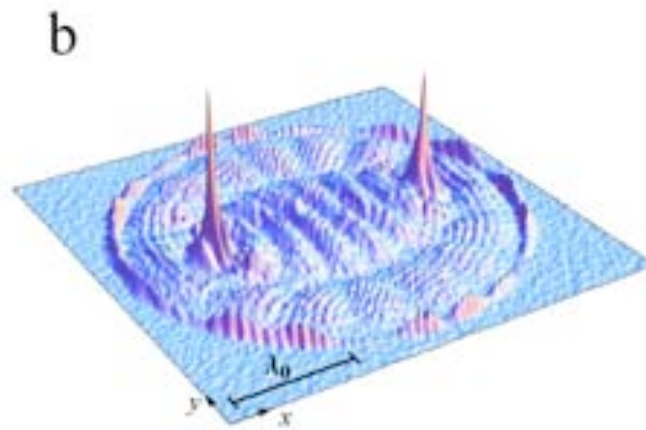
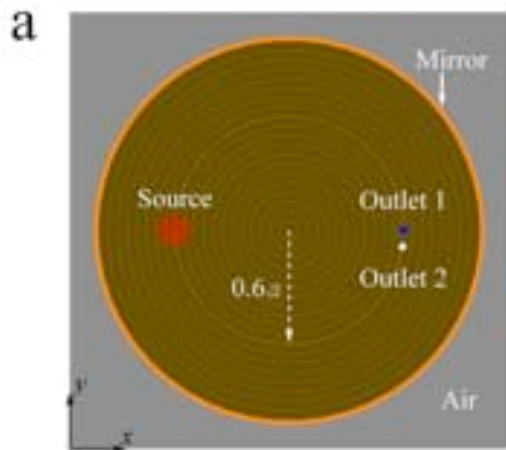
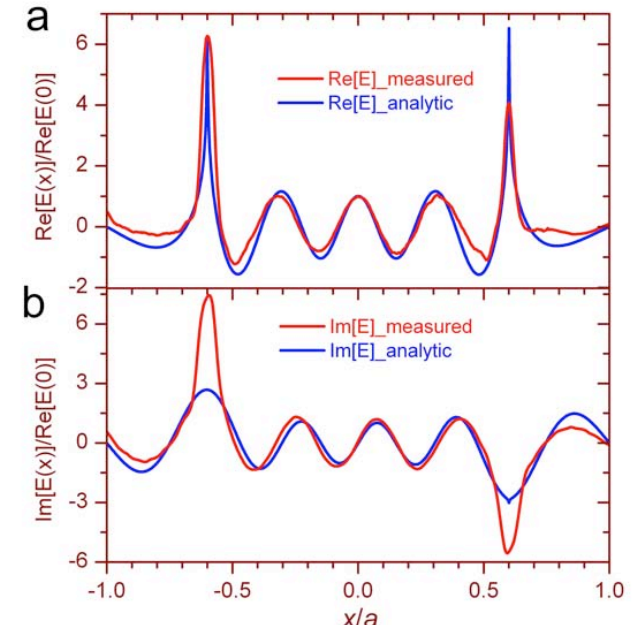
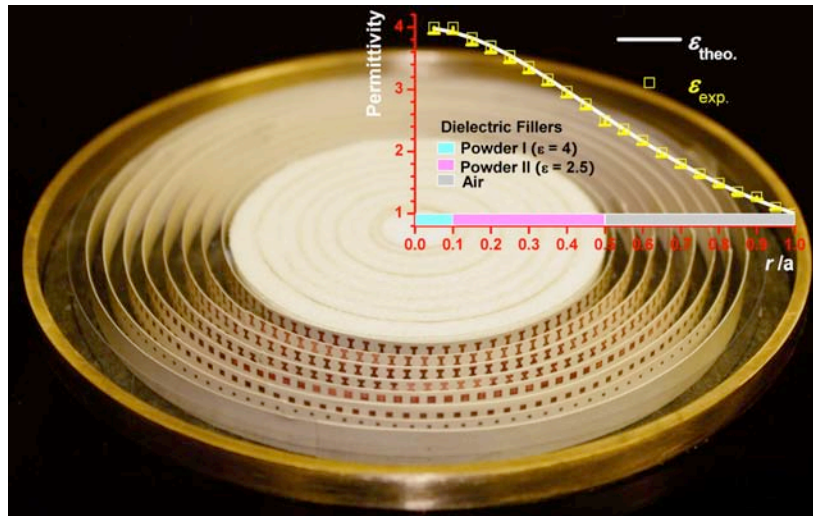
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Impedance matching necessary for perfect imaging



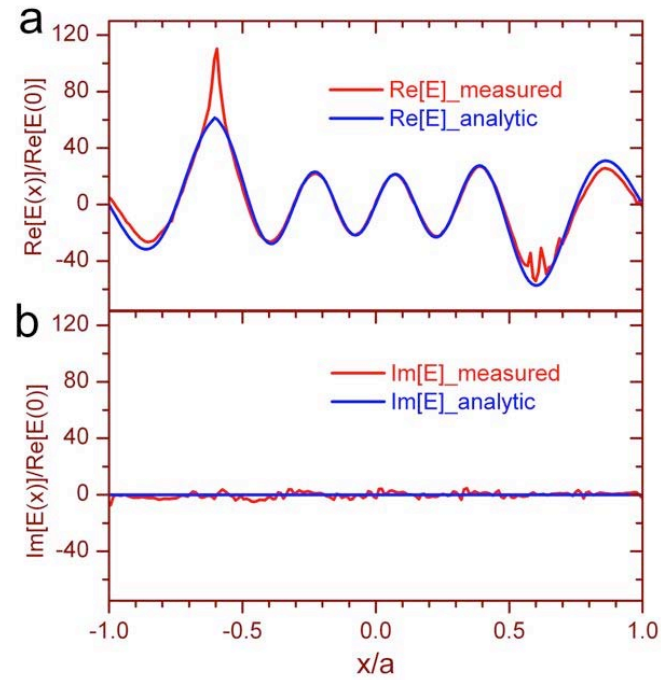
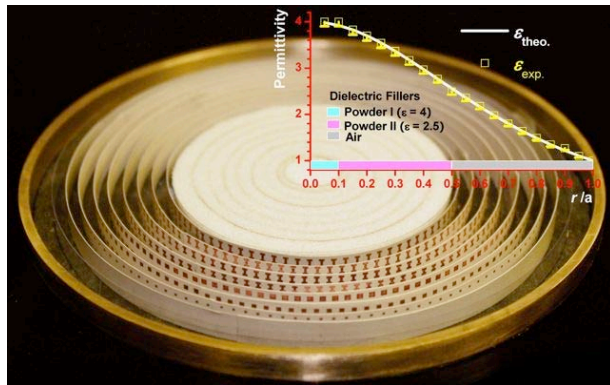
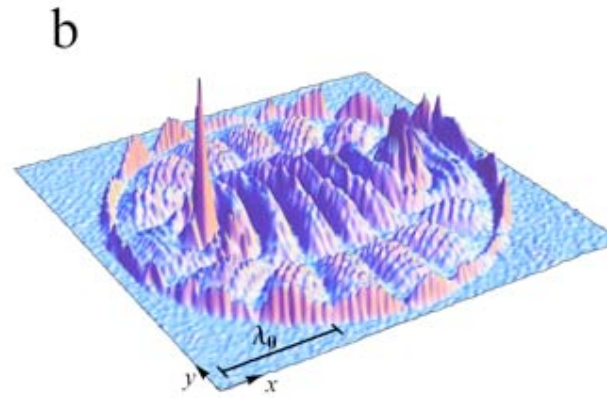
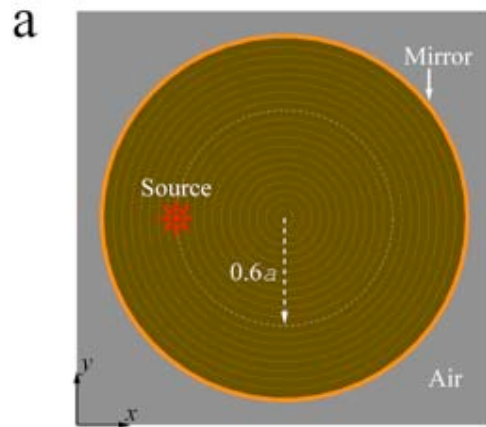
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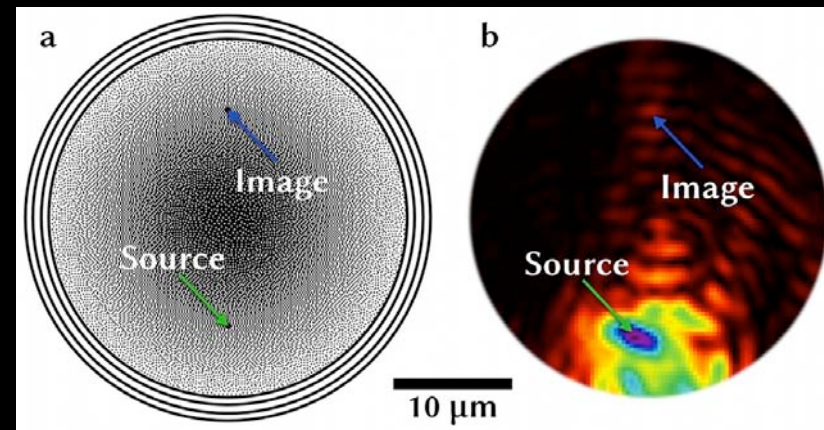
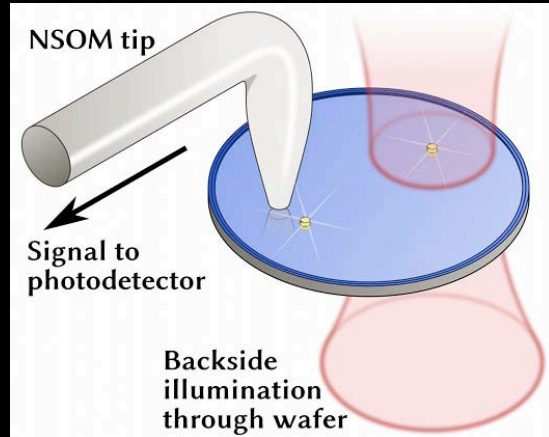
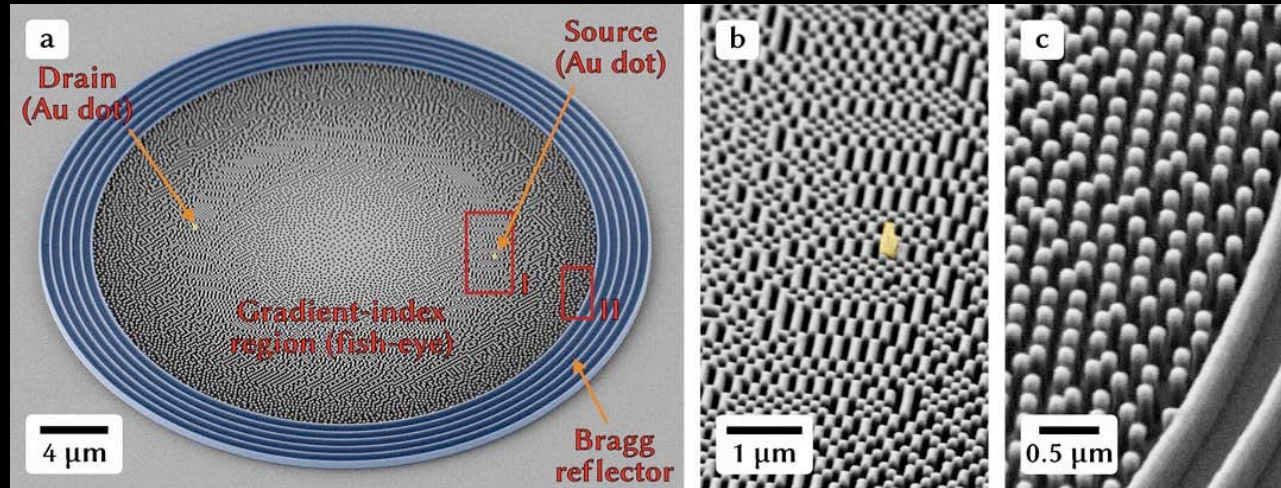


# No outlet, no running wave, no perfect image

[Yungui Ma, Singapore]



# Perfect imaging without negative refraction in silicon photonics

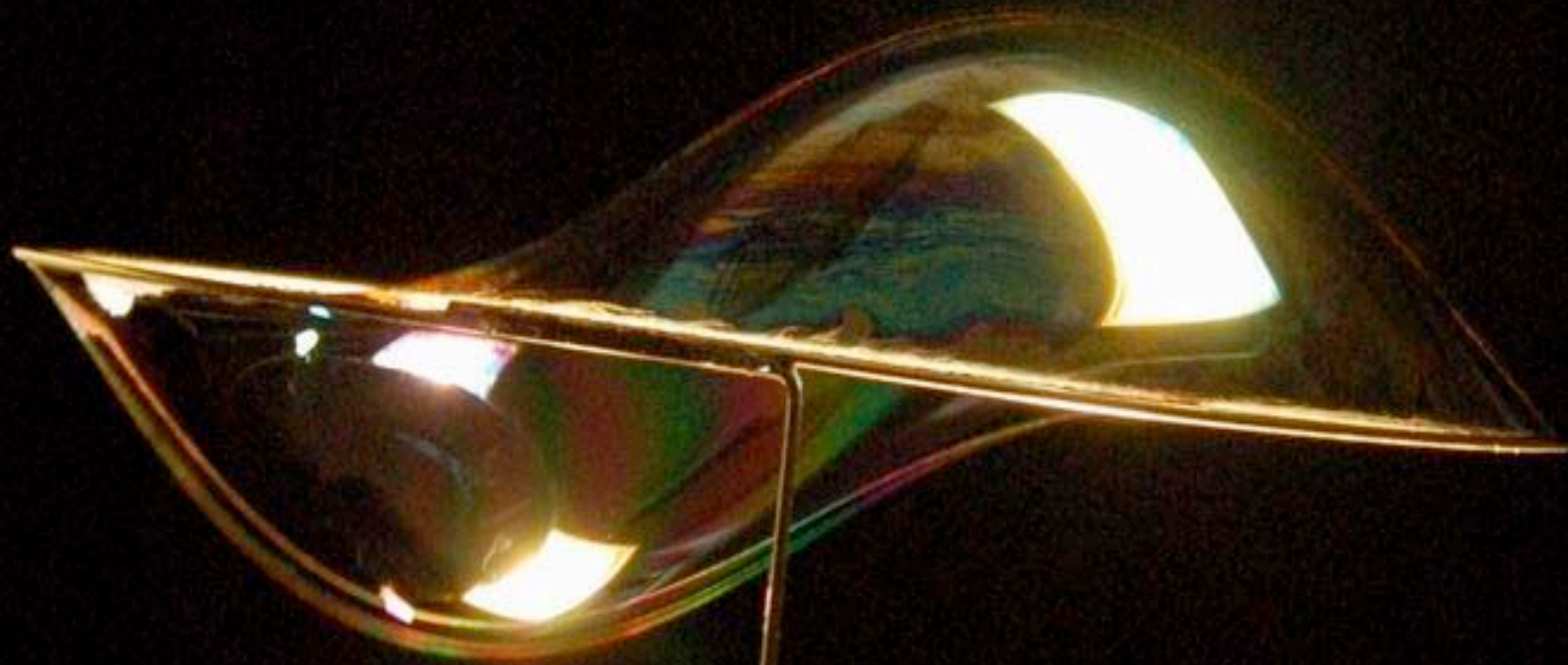


Lipson Group, Cornell University

Similar to carpet cloaking

[LH. Gabrielli, J. Cardenas, C.B. Poitras, and M. Lipson, Nature Photonics 3, 461 (2009)]

# Non-Euclidean Transformation Optics: broadband invisibility & perfect imaging

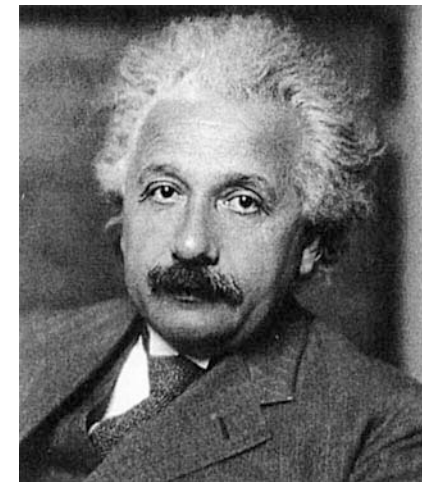
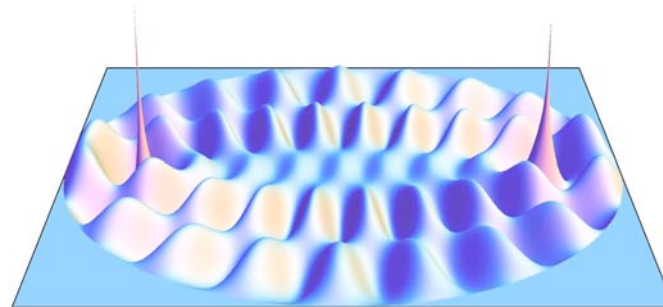
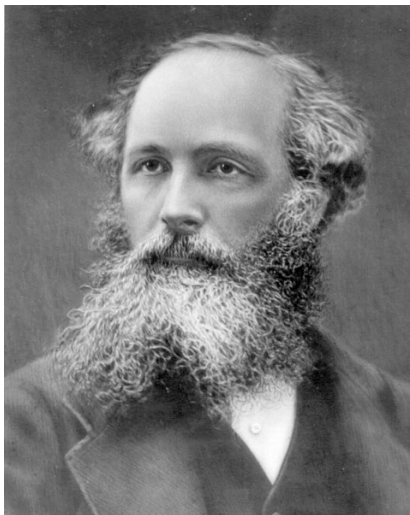
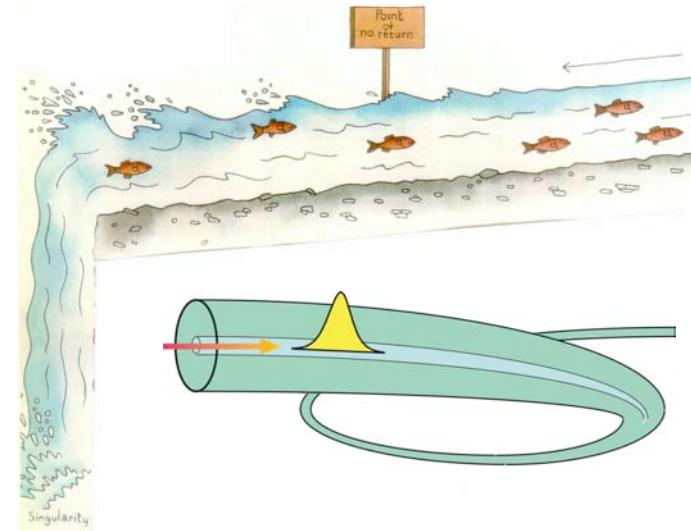
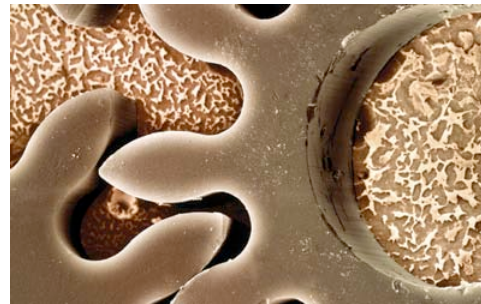
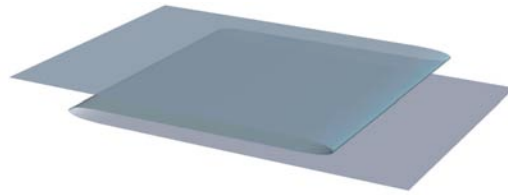
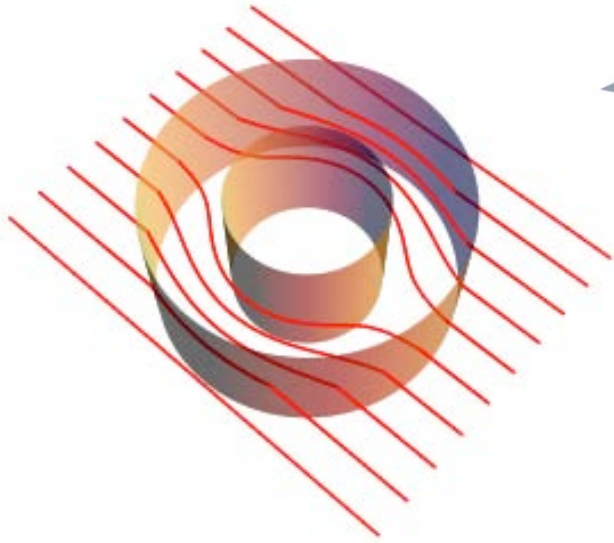


The key: IMAGINATION

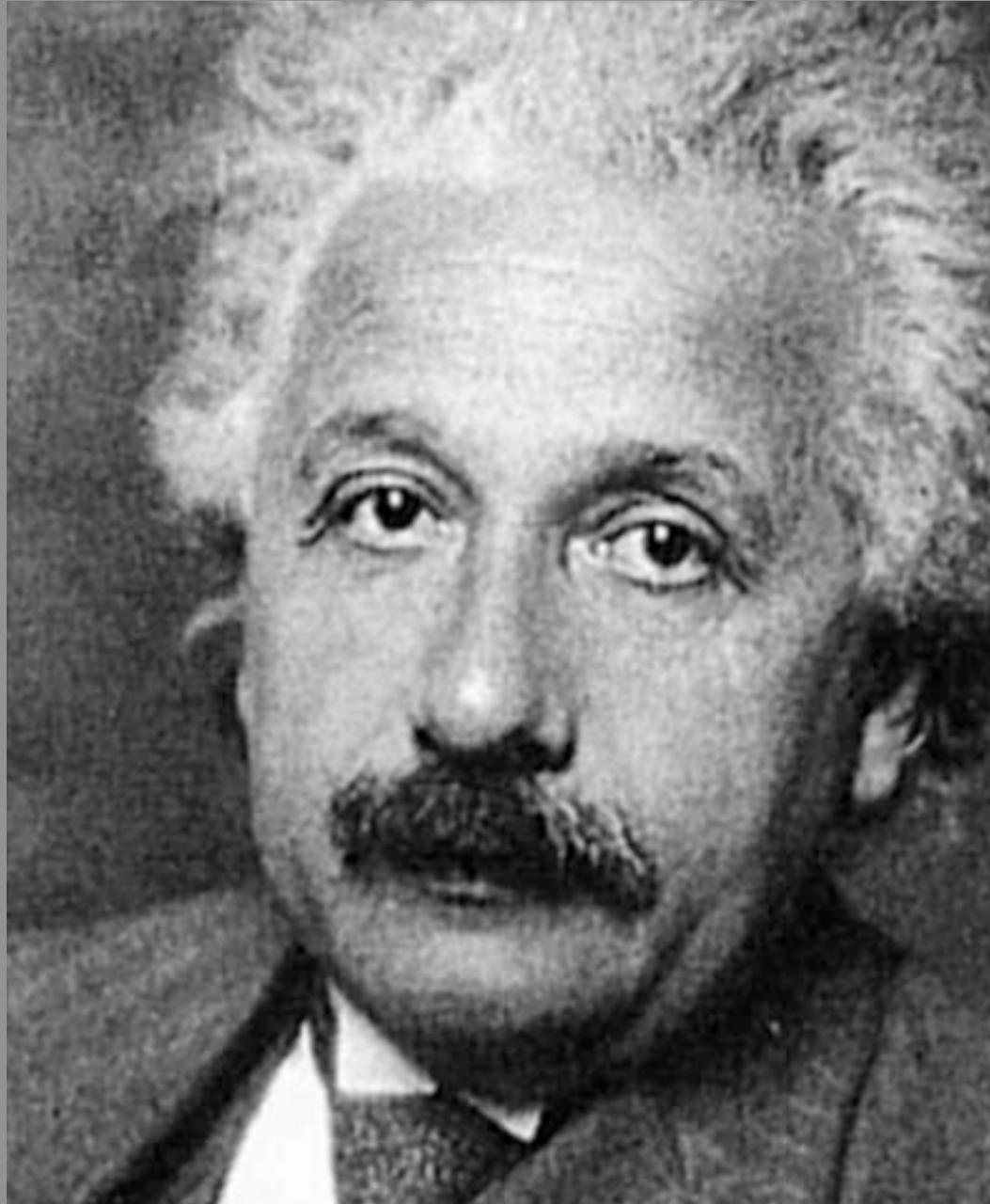
Einstein: Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand.

# General relativity in electrical engineering

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



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