# **Brief Introduction to Photonic Crystals**

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# Nano



# "There is Plenty of Room at the Bottom"

Prof. Richard P. Feynman December, 1959 California Institute of Technology <u>http://www.zyvex.com/nanotech/feynman.html</u>







[Y. A. Vlasov et al., Nature 414, 289 (2001).]







# **Scattering**











# **Periodic medium**



#### No light propagation for certain wavelengths: a photonic bandgap





# Photonic structures in biology

Pete Vukusic and J. Roy Sambles

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Millions of years before we began to manipulate the flow of light using synthetic structures, biological systems were using nanometre-scale architectures to produce striking optical effects. An astonishing variety of natural photonic structures exists: a species of Brittlestar uses photonic elements composed of calcite to collect light, *Morpho* butterflies use multiple layers of cuticle and air to produce their striking blue colour and some insects use arrays of elements, known as nipple arrays, to reduce reflectivity in their compound eyes. Natural photonic structures are providing inspiration for technological applications.



**Figure 3** Iridescence in the butterfly *Morpho rhetenor*. **a**, Real colour image of the blue iridescence from a *M. rhetenor* wing. **b**, Transmission electron micrograph (TEM) images showing wing-scale cross-sections of *M. rhetenor*. **c**, TEM images of a wing-scale cross-section of the related species *M. didius* reveal its discretely configured multilayers. The high occupancy and high layer number of *M. rhetenor* in **b** creates an intense reflectivity that contrasts with the more diffusely coloured appearance of *M. didius*, in which an overlying second layer of scales effects strong diffraction<sup>4</sup>. Bars, **a**, 1 cm; **b**, 1.8 μm; **c**, 1.3 μm.

Figure 1 Peripheral layer of ophiocomid brittlestars. a, Scanning electron micrographs (SEM) of the peripheral layer of a dorsal arm plate from the brittlestar Ophiocoma wendtii showing the microlens array b, SEM of an individual lens in O. wendtii. The functional region of this lens (L<sub>2</sub>) closely matches the profile of a lens that is compensated for spherical aberration (represented by the red lines). The light paths are shown in blue (images reproduced with permission from J. Aizenberg). Bars, 10 μΠ.

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**Figure 2** Iridescent setae from polychaete worms. **a**, Scanning electron micrograph (SEM) and **b**–**d**, transmission electron micrograph (TEM) images of transverse sections through a single iridescent seta. Bars, **a**, 2 μm; **b**, 5 μm; **c**, 1 μm; **d**, 120 nm.



Figure 6 The green colour of Parides sesostris is created by a photonic crystal. a, b,







# **Photonic crystals**



requires complex topology

#### Periodic electromagnetic media

Photonic bandgap: optical insulator











Light cavities

Light waveguides ('wires')

# Periodic electromagnetic media Photonic bandgap: optical insulator





# Photonic bandgap waveguides



- d : Y-coupler e : filter f : dispersive element



# **Photonic bands**





# **3D photonic crystals – photonic bandgap**



[ S. G. Johnson et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. 77, 3490 (2000) ]



# **Photonic crystal fibers**



- $\leftarrow$  (ESM)  $\leftarrow$  large bending loss
- b : Air-clad core  $\leftarrow$  highly dispersive  $\leftarrow$  DCF
- c : PBGF  $\Leftarrow$  too lossy (~1dB/m)  $\Leftarrow$  still has a potential for the future





## **Photonic crystal fibers**

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J. C. Knight, Nature, 424, pp. 847-851, 2003.







# **Holey fibers**





# Mitsubishi Cable

클래딩 지름	80µm	
유효 코어 모드 지름	11.5 µm	
전송 손실 (1550nm)	0.35dB/km	
허용 곡률 반경	7.5mm	
벤딩 손실 (1550nm) φ 15mm × 10 turn	<0.1dB	



# Fujikura

FutureGuide<sup>®</sup>-SR15 →허용 곡률 반경 15 mm

FutureGuide<sup>®</sup>-SR7.5 → 허용 곡률 반경 7.5 mm





☐ Concepts of Maxwell equation analysis FDTD, RCWA, PFMA

Surface plasmon analysis
 Surface plasmon resonance, excitation by finite beam and pulses, 3D metallic structures

Photonic crystal analysis





# Finite-difference time-domain (FDTD) method

FDTD is a rigorous analysis method with widely applications from nano- to all length-scales using the Maxwell's equations and curl equations



# Finite-difference time-domain (FDTD) method



# Finite-difference time-domain (FDTD) method

- Numerical methods for EM wave solution
  - Numerical methods for solving the electromagnetic wave propagation problems
    - FEM, MOM, BPM, TLM, FDTD (which is the post popular)
    - Yee used centered finite-difference expressions for the space and time derivatives that are both simply programmed and have second-order accuracy in the space and time increments.
  - Advantages of FDTD
    - Problems exhibiting complex structures
    - Only one computation is required to get the frequency domain results over a large frequency spectrum.
    - FDTD method does not need to solve any integral and matrix equations.
    - It is conceptually simple and simple to code.
    - It is applicable to a large class of problems.
    - However, it needs very large computer memories.
  - FDTD conditions and properties
    - Stability, dispersion, source conditions, absorbing boundary conditions



# Finite-difference time-domain (FDTD) method

# □ FDTD applications

- Waveguides and nano-photonics
  - Solitons
    - Mingaleev and Kivshar, *Optics and Photonics News*, July 2002.
    - Prather, *Optics and Photonics News*, June 2002.
  - Defect cavities and defect mode lasers
    - Painter et al., *Science*, June 11, 1999.
  - Waveguides coupled to disks and rings
    - S. C. Hagness, D. Rafizadeh, S. T. Ho, and A. Taflove, *IEEE J. Lightwave Tech.*, 1997.
  - Lasing in a random clump of ZnO particles
    - H. Cao et al., Phys. Rev. Lett., 2000.















# Solid immersion lens simulation (FDTD)







Ex-component

Ey-component

Extension to three-dimensional solid immersion lens nano-focusing for high density optical memory





# **FDTD example**



**OEQELab** 



# **Frequency domain method for the Maxwell equations**

Homogeneous Maxwell equations in the spatial domain

$$\nabla \times \underline{E} = jw\mu_0\mu(x, y, z)(\hat{x}H_x + \hat{y}H_y + \hat{z}H_z)$$

$$\nabla \times \underline{H} = -jw\varepsilon_0\varepsilon(x, y, z)(\hat{x}E_x + \hat{y}E_y + \hat{z}E_z)$$
Fourier transform

Homogeneous Maxwell equations in the (spatial) frequency domain

$$k_{0}\begin{bmatrix}\underline{\underline{\mathscr{E}}}_{(x)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & \underline{\mathscr{E}}_{(y)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \underline{\mathscr{E}}_{(z)} & 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \underline{\mathscr{H}}_{(x)} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \underline{\mathscr{H}}_{(x)} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \underline{\mathscr{H}}_{(y)} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \underline{\mathscr{H}}_{(y)} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \underline{\mathscr{H}}_{(z)}\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}\underline{\mathscr{E}}_{x}\\ \underline{\mathscr{E}}_{y}\\ \underline{\mathscr{E}}_{z}\\ \underline{\mathscr{H}}_{x}\\ \underline{\mathscr{H}}_{y}\\ \underline{\mathscr{H}}_{z}\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & j\underline{\mathscr{K}}_{z} & -j\underline{\mathscr{K}}_{y}\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & j\underline{\mathscr{K}}_{y} & -j\underline{\mathscr{K}}_{x} & 0\\ 0 & j\underline{\mathscr{K}}_{z} & -j\underline{\mathscr{K}}_{y} & 0 & 0 & 0\\ -j\underline{\mathscr{K}}_{z} & 0 & j\underline{\mathscr{K}}_{x} & 0 & 0 & 0\\ -j\underline{\mathscr{K}}_{z} & 0 & j\underline{\mathscr{K}}_{x} & 0 & 0 & 0\\ j\underline{\mathscr{K}}_{y} & -j\underline{\mathscr{K}}_{x} & 0 & 0 & 0\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}\underline{\mathscr{E}}_{x}\\ \underline{\mathscr{E}}_{y}\\ \underline{\mathscr{E}}_{z}\\ \underline{\mathscr{H}}_{y}\\ \underline{\mathscr{H}}_{z}\end{bmatrix}$$

The Maxwell equations in the spatial domain have partial differential operators. But Maxwell equations in the frequency domain are described by several algebraic equations.





# **Rigorous coupled wave analysis (RCWA)**



Fourier representation of the permittivity of the i<sup>th</sup> layer

$$\varepsilon^{(i)}(x, y) = \sum_{g,h} \varepsilon^{(i)}_{gh} \exp\left[j(G_{x,g}x + G_{x,h}y)\right]$$

#### Fourier representation of the EM fields in the i<sup>th</sup> layer

$$\underline{E}^{(i)} = \sum_{m=-M}^{M} \sum_{n=-N}^{N} \left[ \underline{x} S_{x,mn}^{(i)}(z) + \underline{y} S_{y,mn}^{(i)}(z) + \underline{z} S_{z,mn}^{(i)}(z) \right] \exp\left[ j \left( k_{x,m} x + k_{y,n} y \right) \right]$$
$$\underline{H}^{(i)} = j \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_0}{\mu_0}} \sum_{m=-M}^{M} \sum_{n=-N}^{N} \left[ \underline{x} U_{x,mn}^{(i)}(z) + \underline{y} U_{y,mn}^{(i)}(z) + \underline{z} U_{z,mn}^{(i)}(z) \right] \exp\left[ j \left( k_{x,m} x + k_{y,n} y \right) \right]$$

The boundary conditions between adjacent layers are satisfied by

the S-matrix method. Seoul National University



# **RCWA examples**

2D-binary dielectric grating showing polarization-dependent diffraction







# **RCWA examples**

#### 3D micro-pyramid structure (15 level staircase approximation)







x-y crosssection



x-y crosssection

 $|E_y|$ 





x-z crosssection x-z crosssection







y-z crosssection



y-z crosssection







# **Pseudo-Fourier modal analysis (PFMA)**

#### **Structure modeling (3D Fourier series)**



$$\varepsilon(x, y, z) = \sum_{s=-2M}^{2M} \sum_{t=-2N}^{2N} \sum_{p=-2H}^{2H} \tilde{\varepsilon}_{stp} \exp\left(j\left(k_{x,stp} x + k_{y,stp} y + k_{z,stp} z\right)\right)$$

#### **Pseudo-Fourier representation of the E-M field**

$$\tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{\mathbf{k}} = e^{j\left(k_{x,0}x + k_{y,0}y + k_{z,0}z\right)} \sum_{m,n,q} \left(E_{x,m,n,q}\underline{x} + E_{y,m,n,q}\underline{y} + E_{z,m,n,q}\underline{z}\right) \exp\left(j\left(k_{x,mnq}x + k_{y,mnq}y + k_{z,mnq}z\right)\right)$$

#### Maxwell equation in the PFMA

$$\begin{bmatrix} -j\underline{G}_{z} & 0 & \underline{K}_{y}\underline{\mathcal{E}}_{(z)}^{-1}\underline{K}_{z} & \underline{\mu}_{(x)} - \underline{K}_{y}\underline{\mathcal{E}}_{(z)}^{-1}\underline{K}_{y} \\ 0 & -j\underline{G}_{z} & -\underline{\mu}_{(y)} + \underline{K}_{z}\underline{\mathcal{E}}_{(z)}^{-1}\underline{K}_{z} & -\underline{K}_{z}\underline{\mathcal{E}}_{(z)}^{-1}\underline{K}_{y} \\ \underline{K}_{z}_{y}\underline{\mu}_{(z)}^{-1}\underline{K}_{z} & \underline{\mathcal{E}}_{(x)} - \underline{K}_{y}\underline{\mu}_{(z)}^{-1}\underline{K}_{y} & -j\underline{G}_{z} & 0 \\ -\underline{\mathcal{E}}_{(y)} + \underline{K}_{z}\underline{\mu}_{(z)}^{-1}\underline{K}_{z} & -\underline{K}_{z}\underline{\mu}_{(z)}^{-1}\underline{K}_{y} & 0 & -j\underline{G}_{z} \\ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} jk_{z,0} \\ \underline{K}_{y} \\ \underline{H}_{y} \\ \underline{H}_{y} \\ \underline{H}_{z} \end{bmatrix}$$
  
Eigenmode profile



Eigenvalue



# **Metallic micro structures**



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# **PFMA example**

#### Longitudinally periodic and finite 2D photonic crystals

 $\mathbf{E} = \sum_{g} C_{g} \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{\mathbf{k}}$  Total field distribution is a superposition of pseudo-Fourier eigenmodes with appropriate coupling coefficients.





Wavelength( $\lambda$ )=532nm Period=1.2 $\lambda$ , radius=0.4  $\lambda$ Normal incidence







# **Bloch-eigen mode extraction in the PFMA**





# Comparison

	FDTD	RCWA	PFMA
Domain	Space	Frequency	Frequency
Field representation	Finite-difference method	Piles of truncated 2D- pseudo-Fourier series	Truncated 3D-pseudo- Fourier series
Structure modeling	Mesh-structure	Staircase approximation & piles of 2D-Fourier series	3D-Fourier series (no staircase approximation)
Aperiodic structure Analysis	Yes	No (If using PML, yes)	No (If using PML, yes)
Evanescent field analysis	No (Cannot separate)	Yes	Yes
Modal analysis	No	No	Yes
Computation cost	Very huge	Large	Huge







# **3D Photonic crystals**





## Photonic band structure calculation





#### Iso-energy surface calculation







## **Examples**

Full band structure of a 3D diamond photonic crystal (FCC) n = 3.5

0.8 0.9 0.7 0.8 0.6 0.7 0.5 0.6 wa/2πc 5.0 ма/2<sub>л</sub>с 9.4 0.4 0.3 0.3 0.2 0.2 0.1 0.1  $\overline{W}$ 0 0  $L^{10}$ 10 15 5  $\overset{\scriptscriptstyle{25}}{K}$ 0  $^{_{20}}W$  $\overset{\scriptscriptstyle 0}{X}$ **I**]<sup>5</sup> 15  $K^{25}$ X U X Γ X

crystal n = 3.5



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**Full band structure of a 3D simple FCC photonic** 

# **Perspectives : parallel computing**

# Parallel computing system

□ Linux MPI 기반의 병렬 컴퓨터
□ 16 × AMD MP 2000+ CPU의 병렬 시스템
□ 16G RAM의 대용량 처리 가능
□ 1Gbps의 초고속 분산 연결
□ AMCL library for parallel matrix computation



