

# Hall effect metamaterials: guiding fields in the unit cell

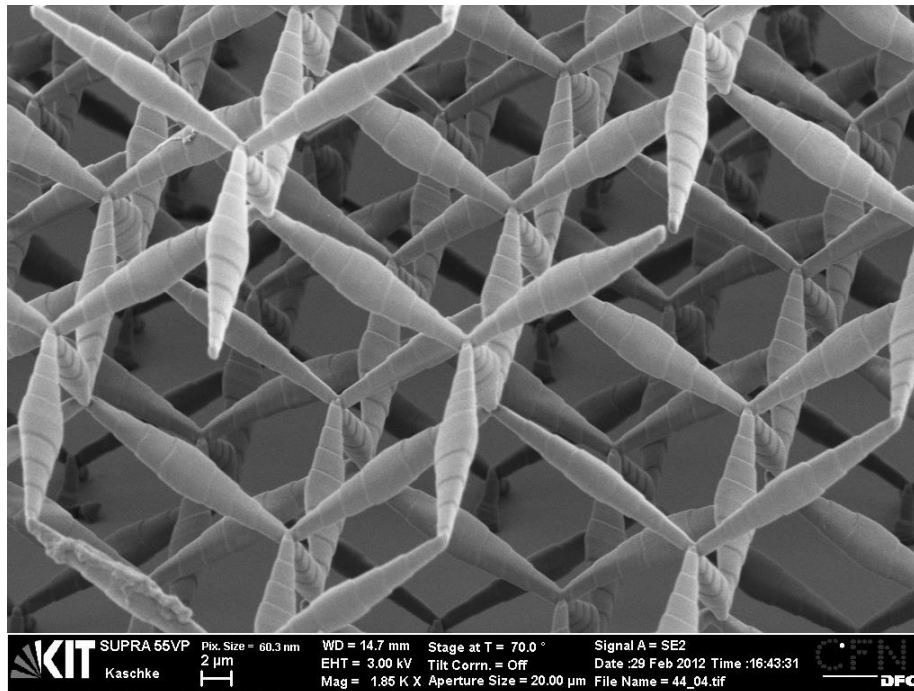
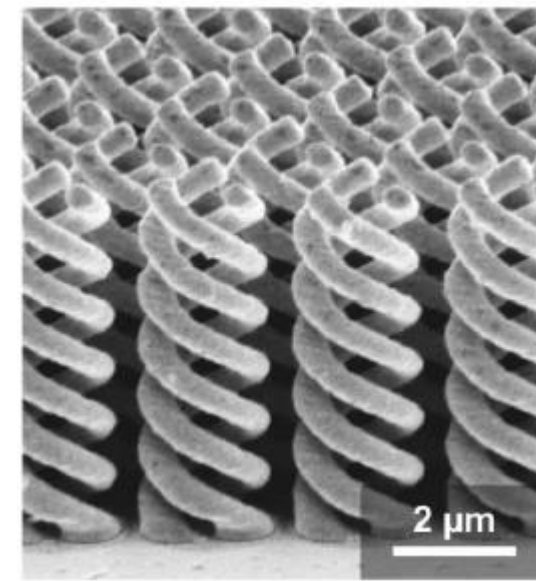
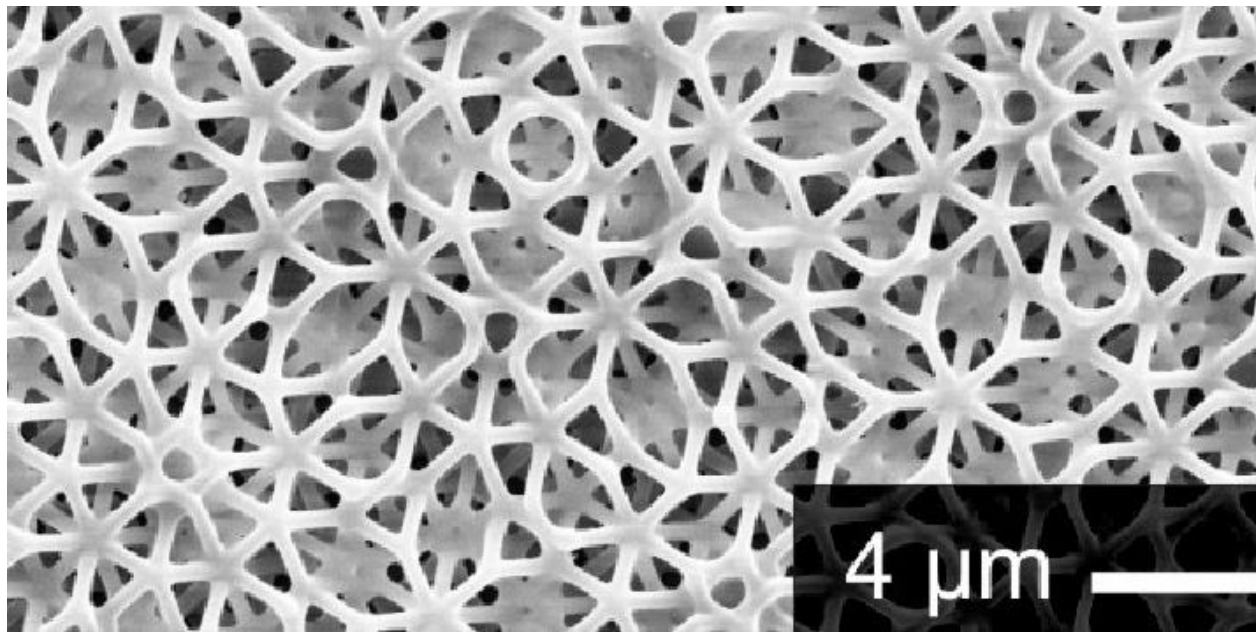
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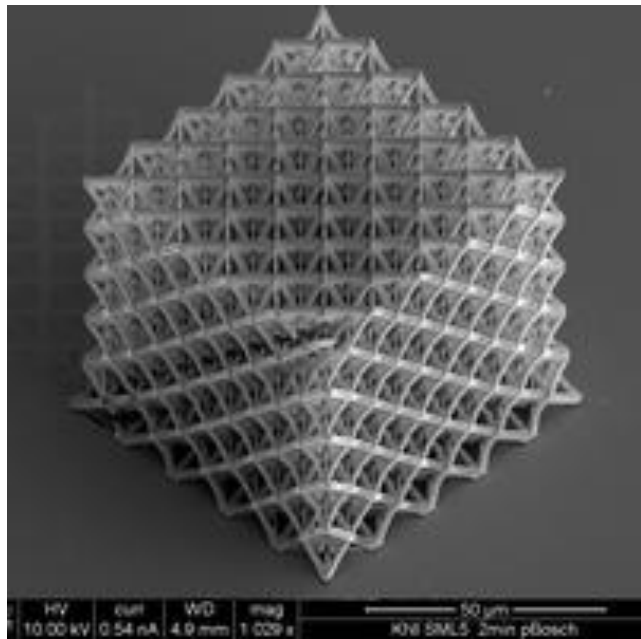
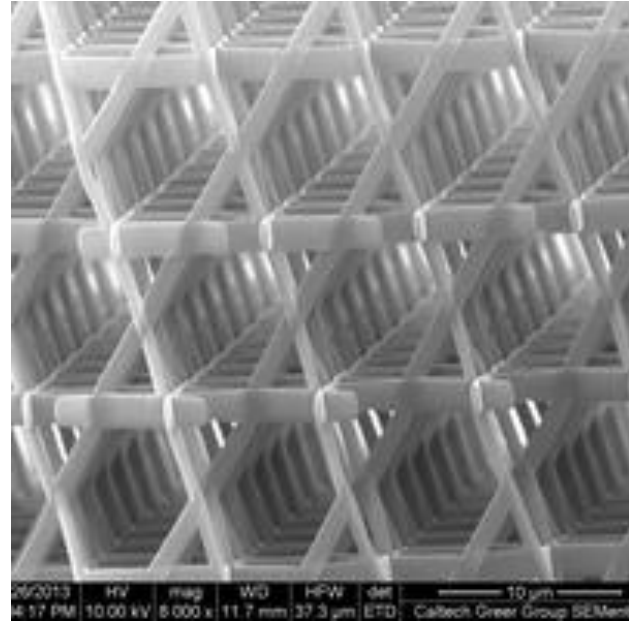
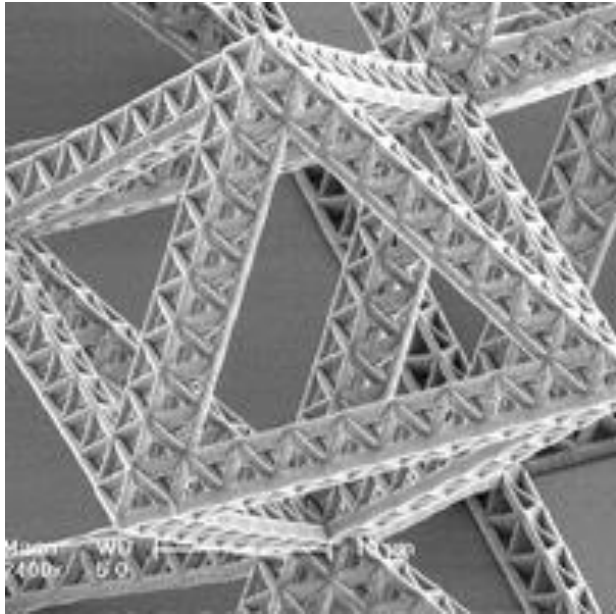
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Walser 1999:

Macroscopic composites having a manmade, three-dimensional, periodic cellular architecture designed to produce an optimized combination, not available in nature, of *two or more responses* to specific excitation.

Browning and Wolf 2001:

Metamaterials are a new class of ordered composites that exhibit exceptional properties not readily observed in nature.

Wegener (2018):

Metamaterials are rationally designed composites made of tailored building blocks or unit cells, which are composed of one or more constituent bulk materials. The metamaterial properties go beyond those of the ingredient materials – qualitatively or quantitatively.

With an addition:

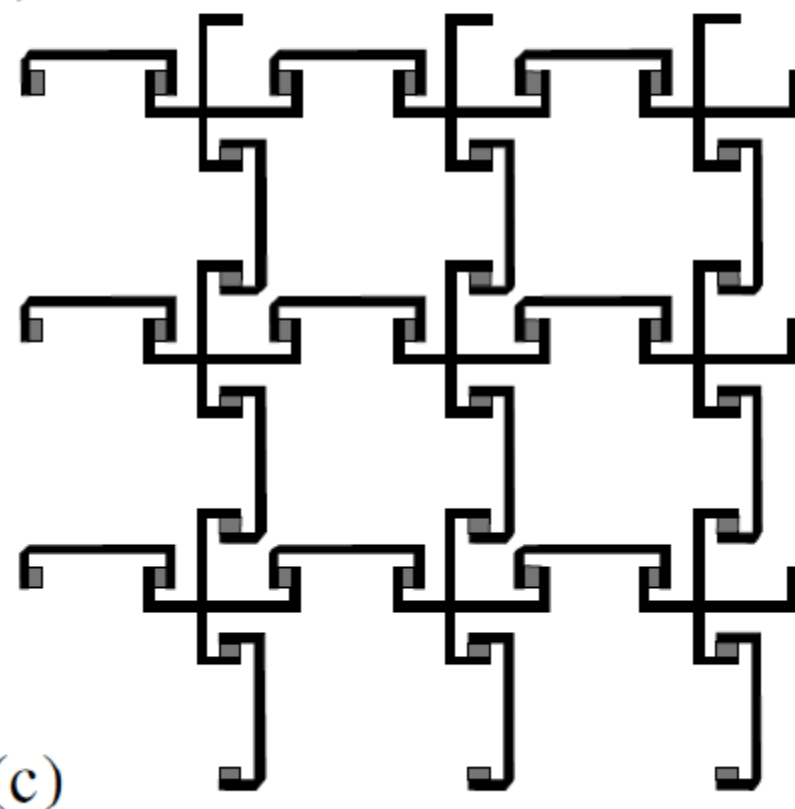
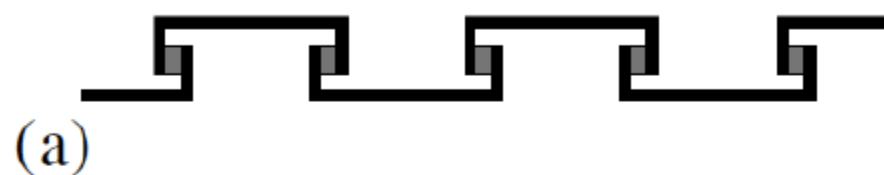
....The properties of the metamaterial can be mapped onto effective-medium parameters

# Metamaterials are not new:

- Dispersions of metallic particles for optical effects in stained glasses (Maxwell-Garnett, 1904 )
- Bubbly fluids for absorbing sound (masking submarine prop. noise)
- Split ring resonators for artificial magnetic permeability (Schelkunoff and Friis, 1952)
- Wire metamaterials with artificial electric permittivity (Brown, 1953)
- Metamaterials with negative and anisotropic mass densities (Auriault and Bonnet, 1985, 1994)
- Metamaterials with negative Poisson's ratio (Lakes 1987, Milton 1992)

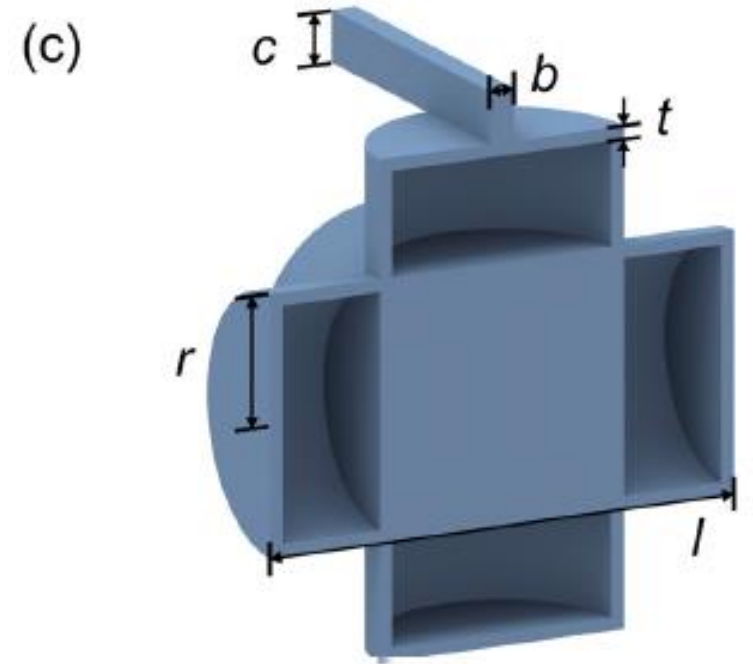
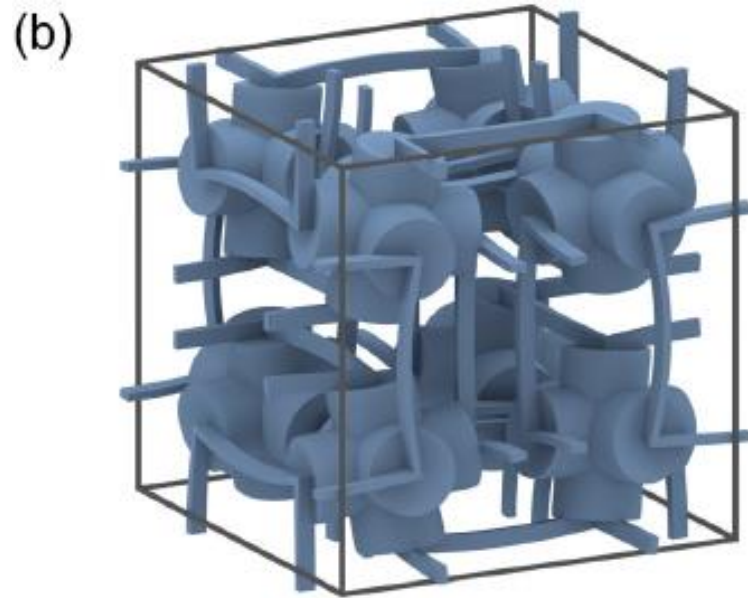
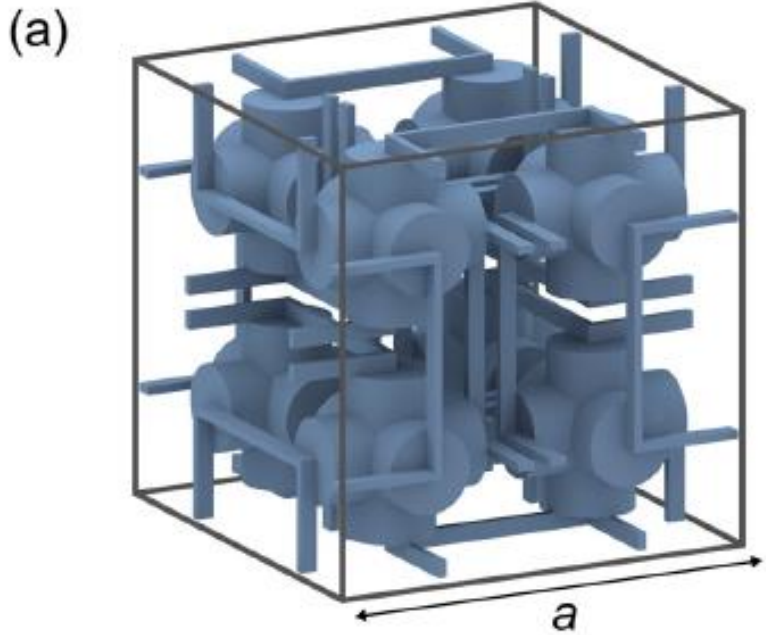
What is new is the unprecedented ability to tailor-make structures the explosion of interest, and the variety of emerging novel directions.

Another example: negative expansion from positive expansion



Original designs: Lakes (1996); Sigmund & Torquato (1996, 1997)

One can get a similar effect for poroelasticity



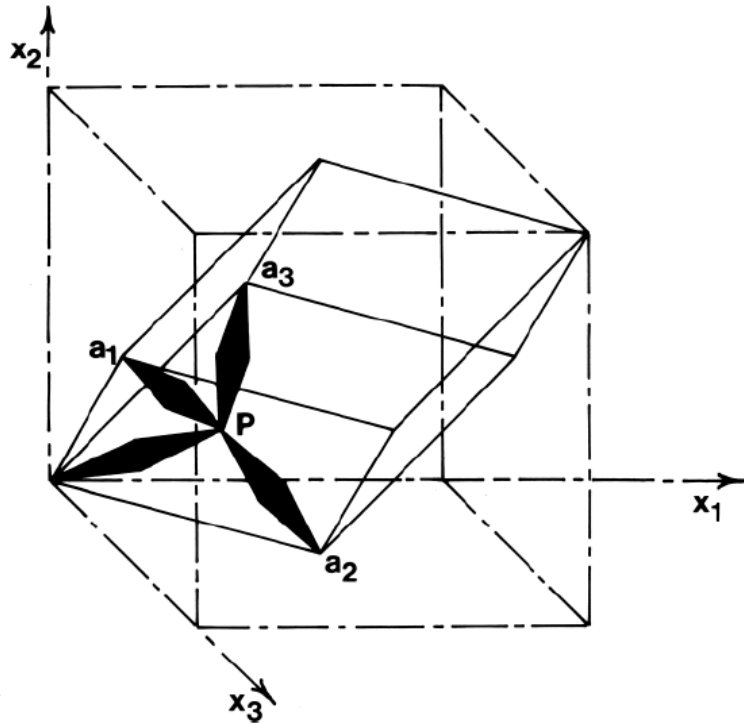
Qu, et.al 2017



# New classes of elastic materials (with Cherkaev, 1995)

Pentamodes, useful for guiding stress and the building block for getting any desired elasticity tensor.

A three dimensional pentamode material which can support any prescribed loading



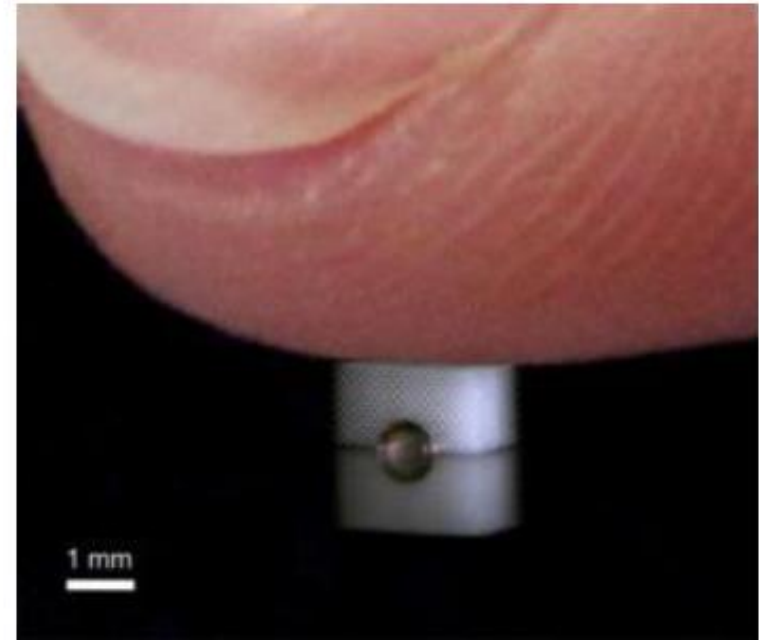
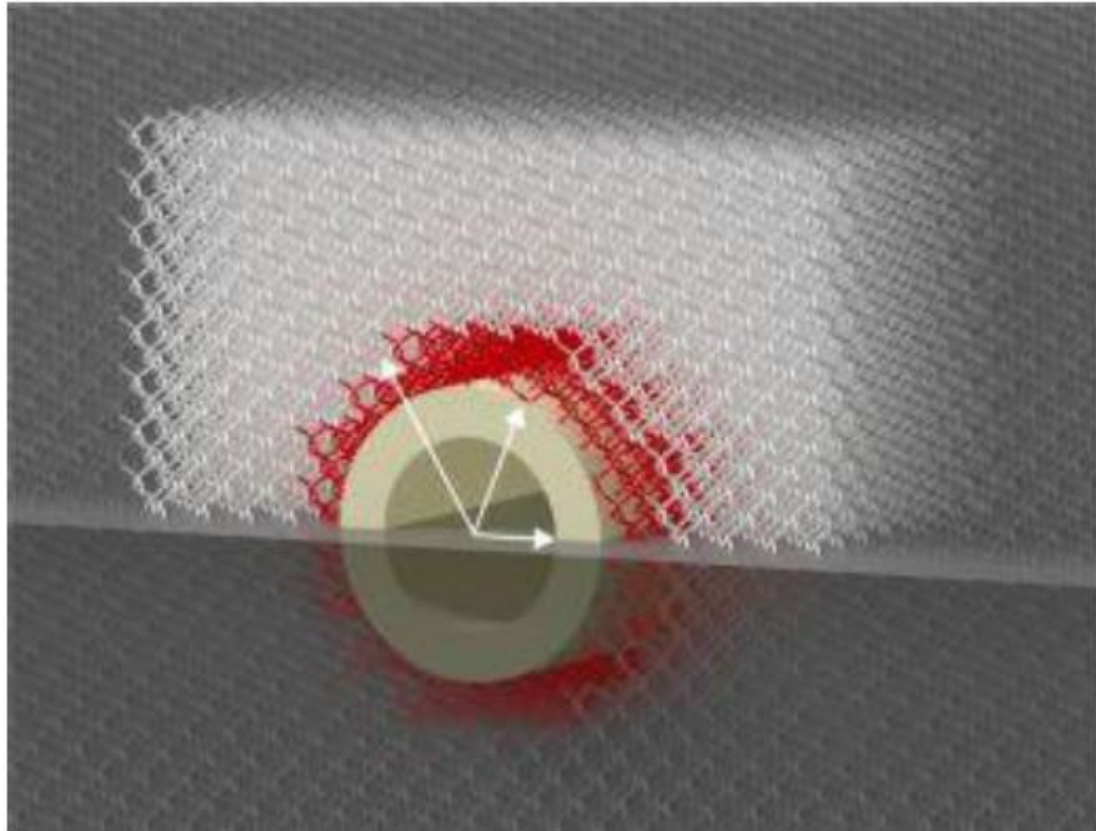
Many other important papers on pentamodes.

Like a fluid it only supports one loading, unlike a fluid that loading may be anisotropic. Desired support of a given anisotropic loading is achieved by moving  $P$  to another position in the unit cell.

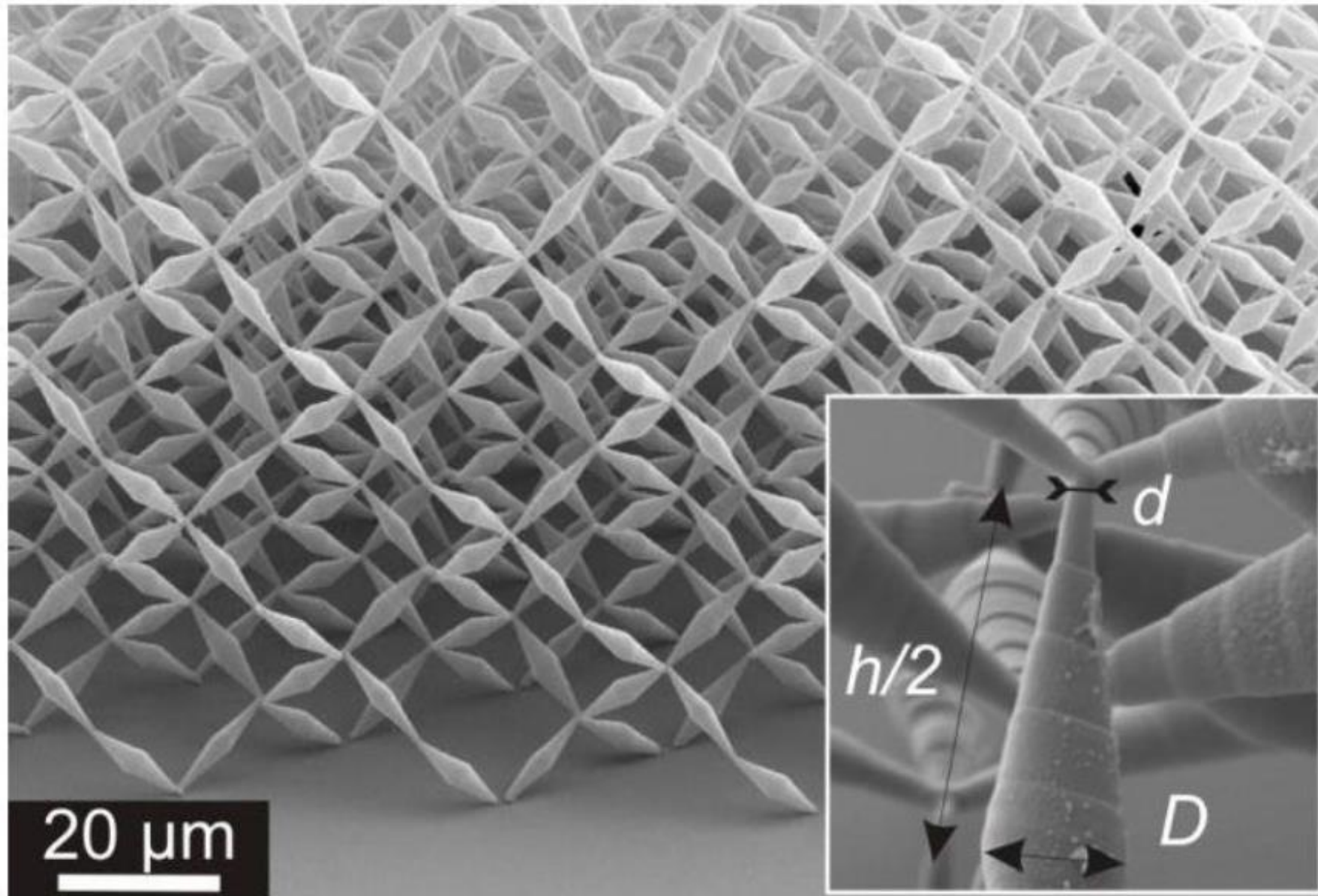
**KEY POINT** is the coordination number of 4 at each vertex: the tension in one double cone connector, by balance of forces, determines uniquely the tension in the other 3 connecting double cones, and by induction the entire average stress field in the material.

# Application of Pentamodes:

Cloak making an object “unfeelable”:  
Buckmann et. al. (2014)

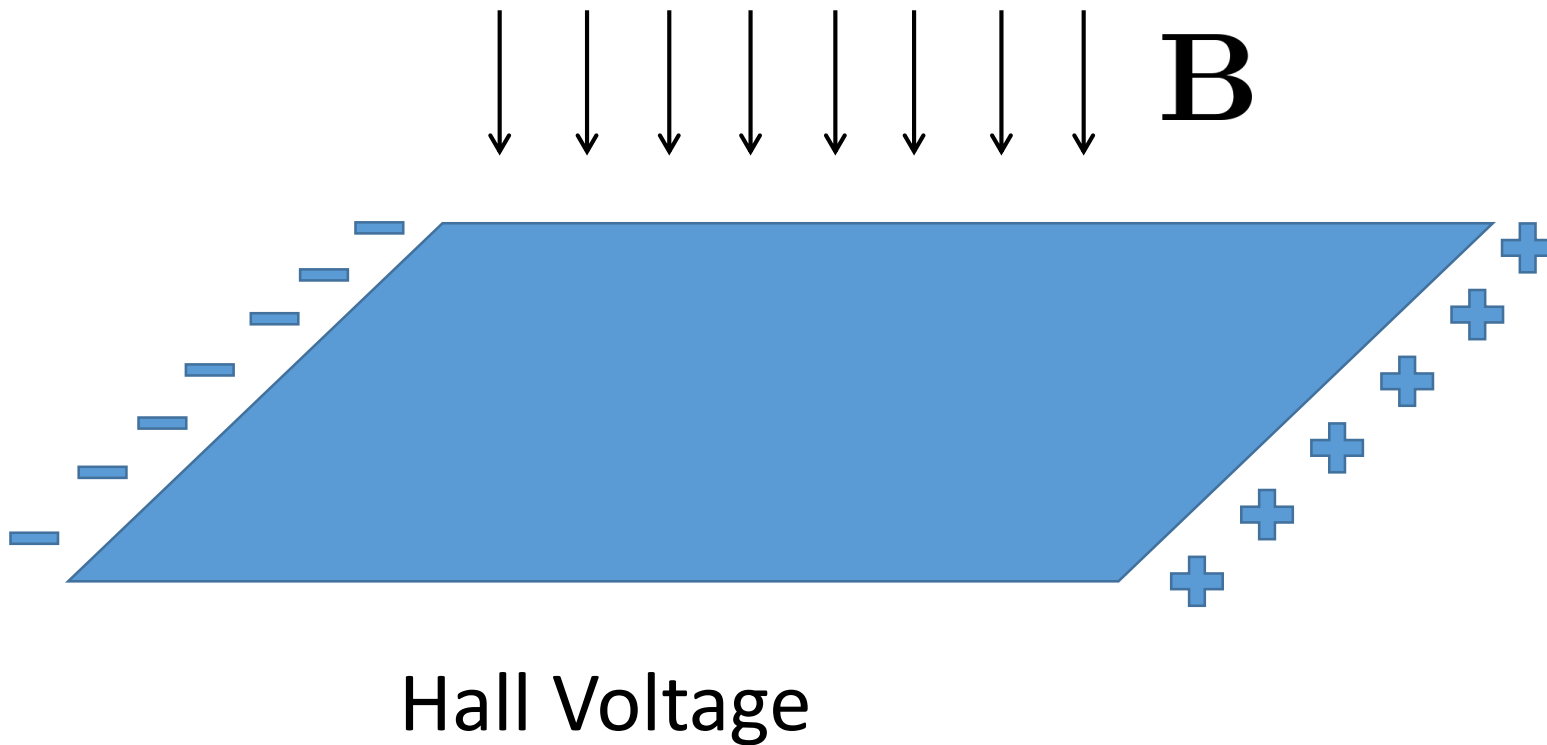


# Realization of Kadic et.al. 2012



It's constantly a surprise to find what properties a composite can exhibit.

One interesting example:



$$\mathbf{F} = q\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$$

In elementary physics textbooks one is told that in classical physics the sign of the Hall coefficient tells one the sign of the charge carrier.

However there is a counterexample!



# Geometry suggested by artist Dylan Whyte

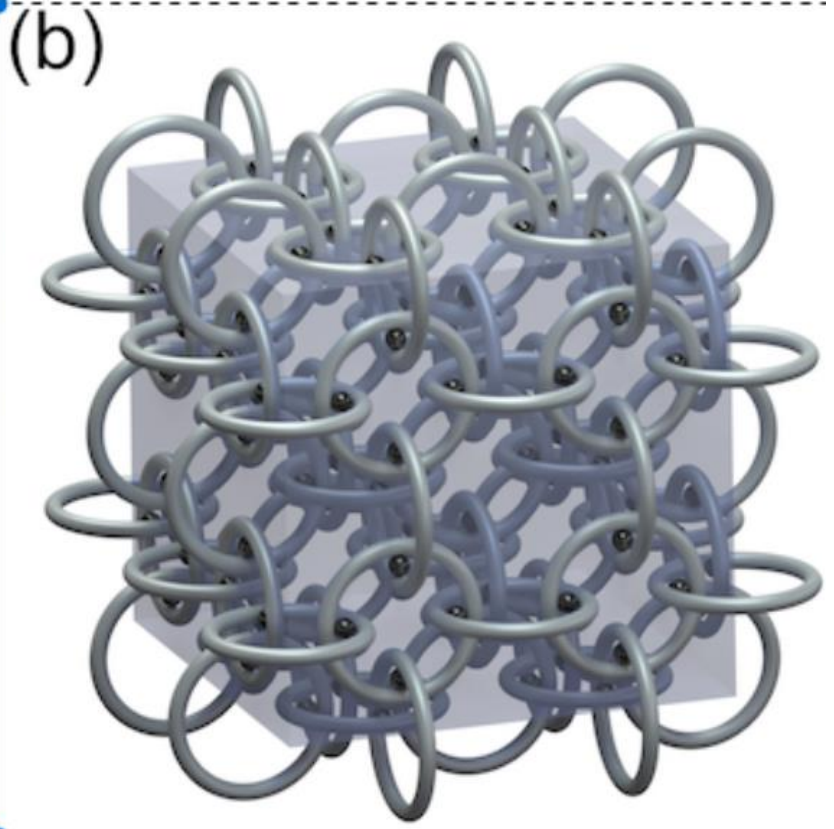
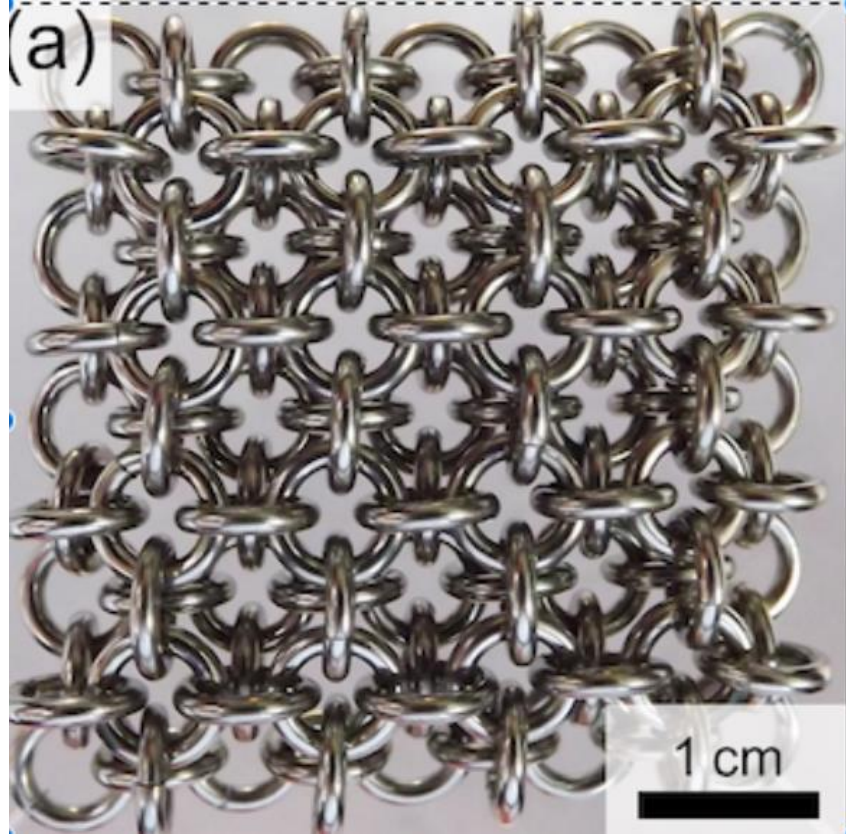
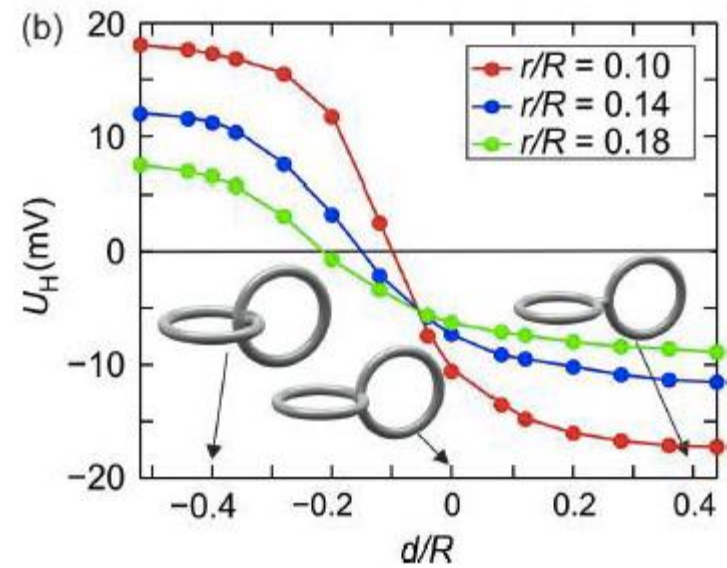
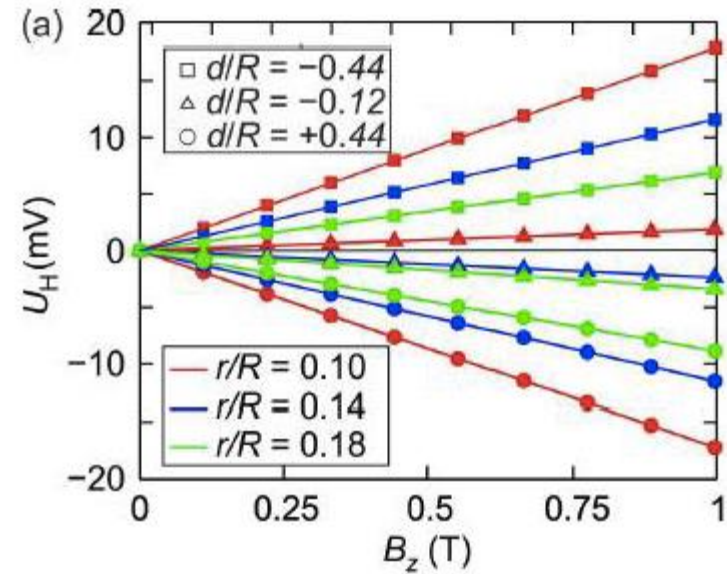
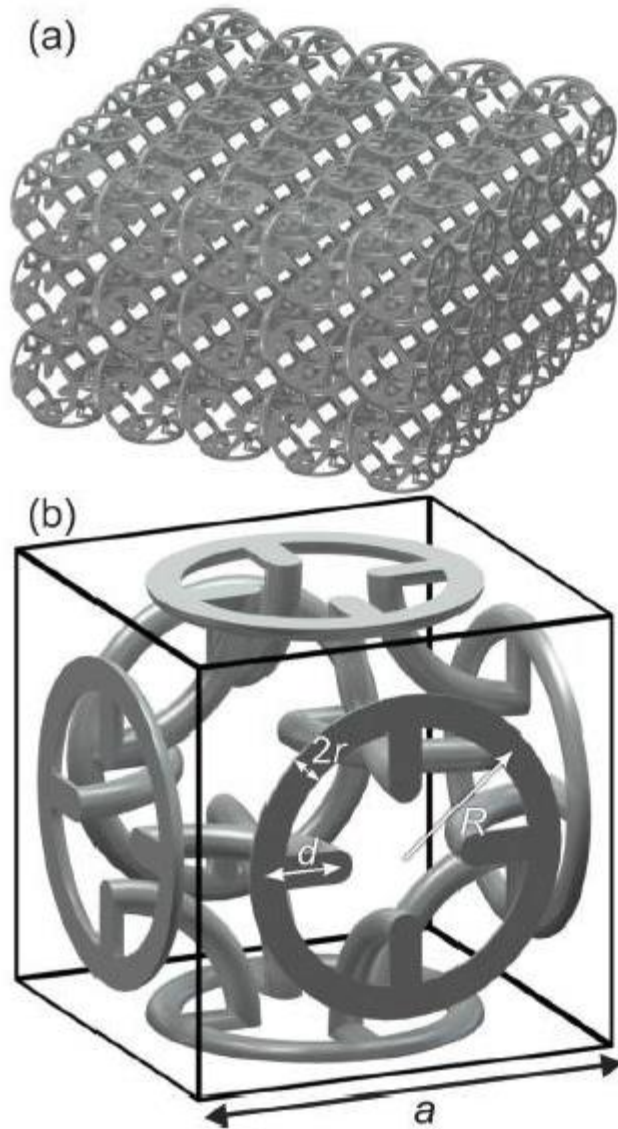


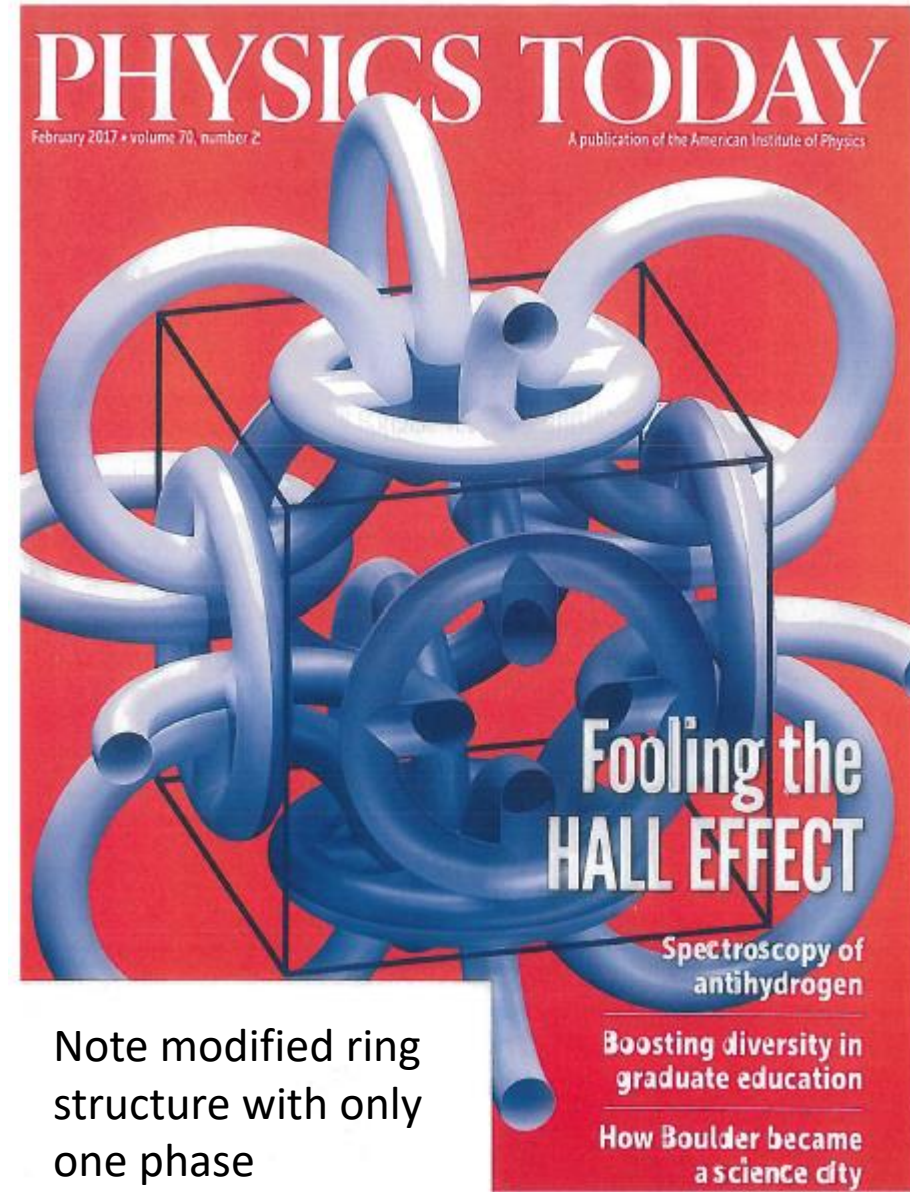
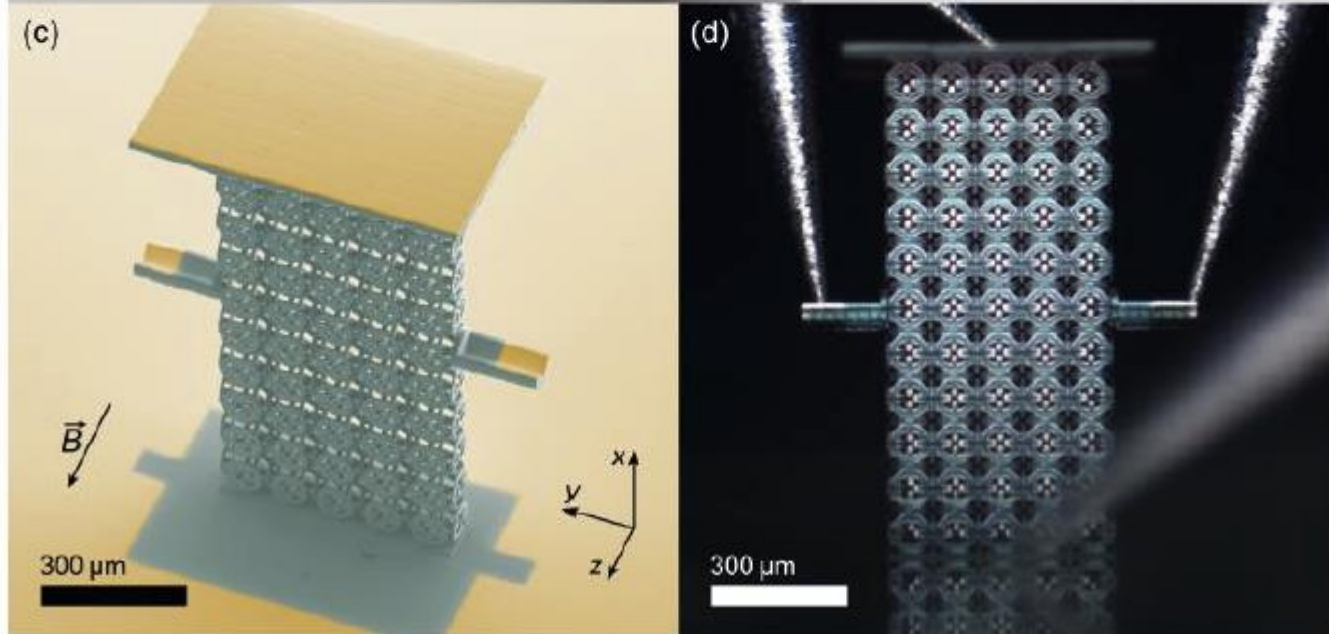
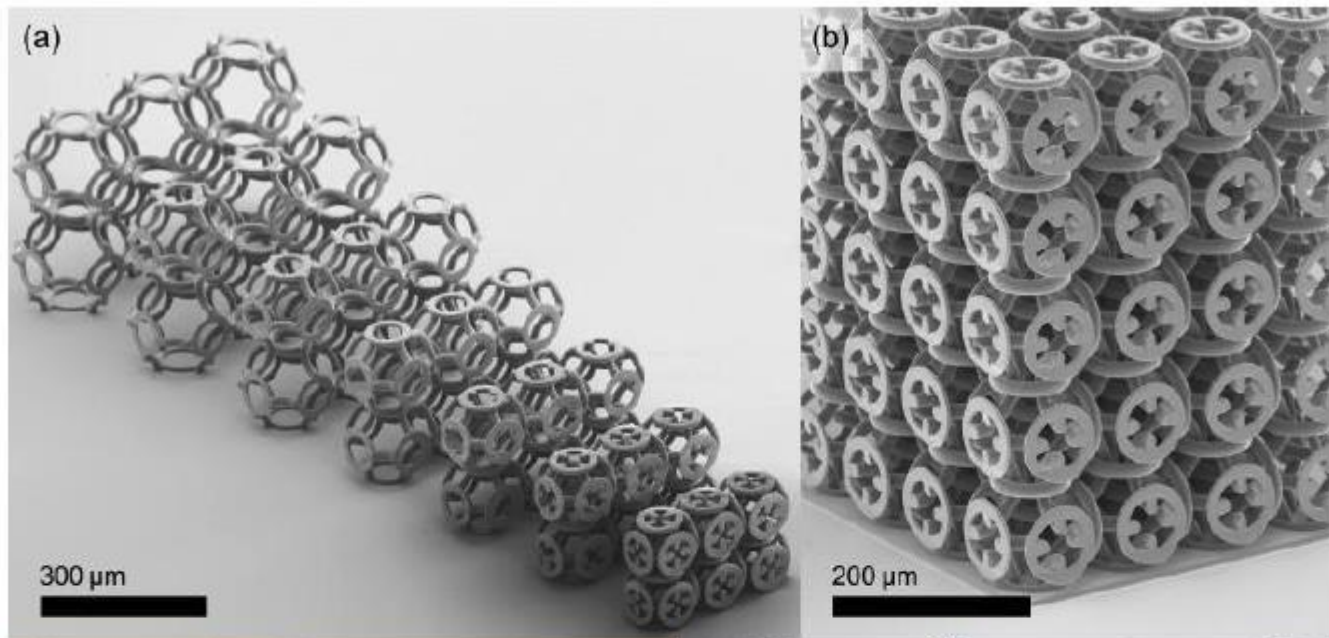
Image courtesy of Christian Kern

A material with cubic symmetry having a Hall Coefficient opposite to that of the constituents (with Marc Briane)

# Simplification of Kadic et.al. (2015)







Note modified ring structure with only one phase

# Experimental Realization of Kern, Kadic, Wegener



## Two natural problems:

- (1) Concentrating a field into a region.
- (2) Shielding a region from fields.



Sharp corners concentrate fields

Large Fields also very important for Raman Spectroscopy:

Effect goes as the 4<sup>th</sup> power of the field intensity.

Well known that rough surfaces enhance Raman Spectroscopy, by orders of magnitude (SERS)

Shielding: Think of Faraday cage to shield Electromagnetic Field,  
Shielding from Magnetic Fields, Thermal Currents  
Shielding from Vibrations, Sonar

How to measure this?

Threshold exponents on  $L^\gamma$  integrability:

$$\gamma^- \equiv \inf_{\gamma} : \int_B |\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x})|^\gamma d\mathbf{x} < \infty$$

$$\gamma^+ \equiv \sup_{\gamma} : \int_B |\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x})|^\gamma d\mathbf{x} < \infty$$

$B$  is any Ball containing  $\Omega$ .

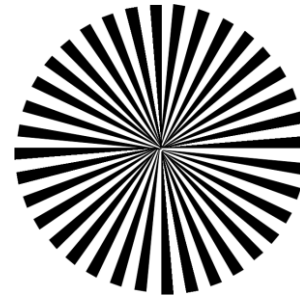
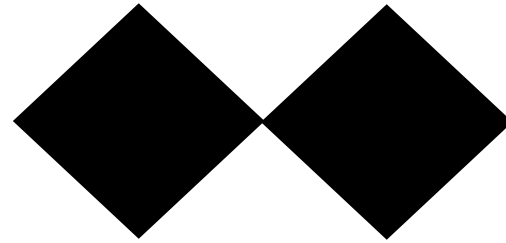
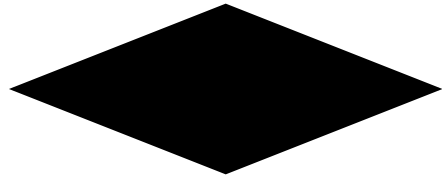
Equivalently, given a (possibly disconnected) subregion  $Q \subset \Omega$  of small subvolume  $|Q|$  one can maximize or minimize

$$\int_Q |\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x})|^2 d\mathbf{x}$$

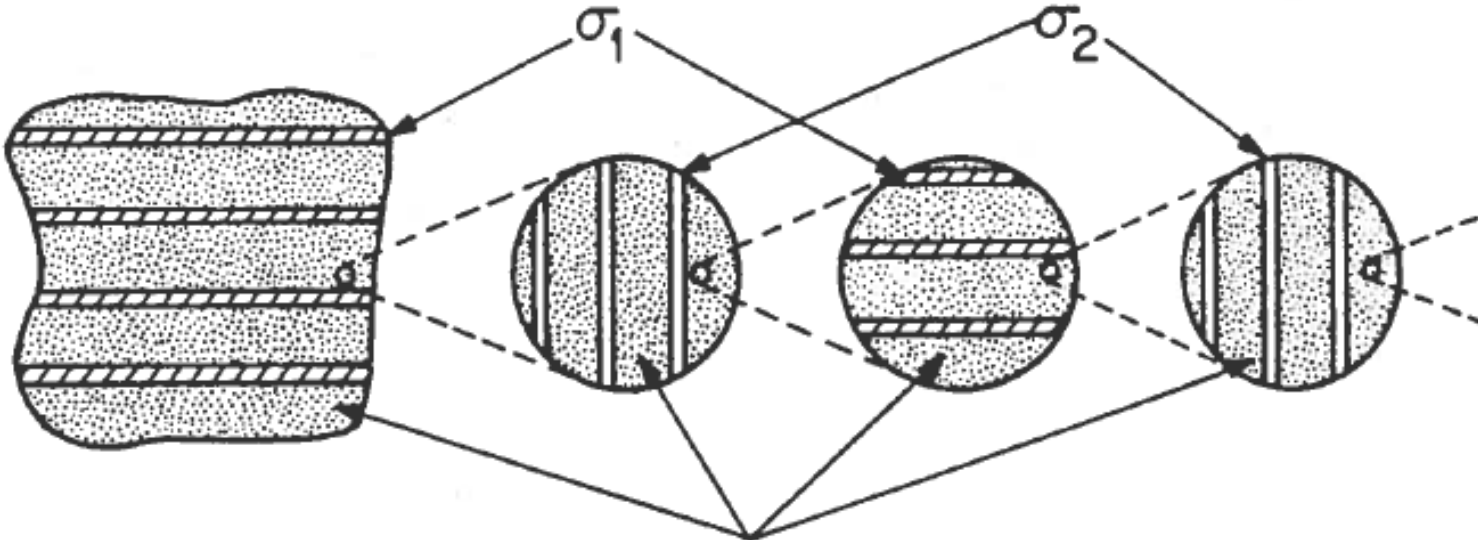
and ask how this depends on  $|Q|$  asymptotically as  $|Q| \rightarrow 0$

Two isotropic conductors, conductivities  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$ .  
Uniform field at infinity

Some Candidates:

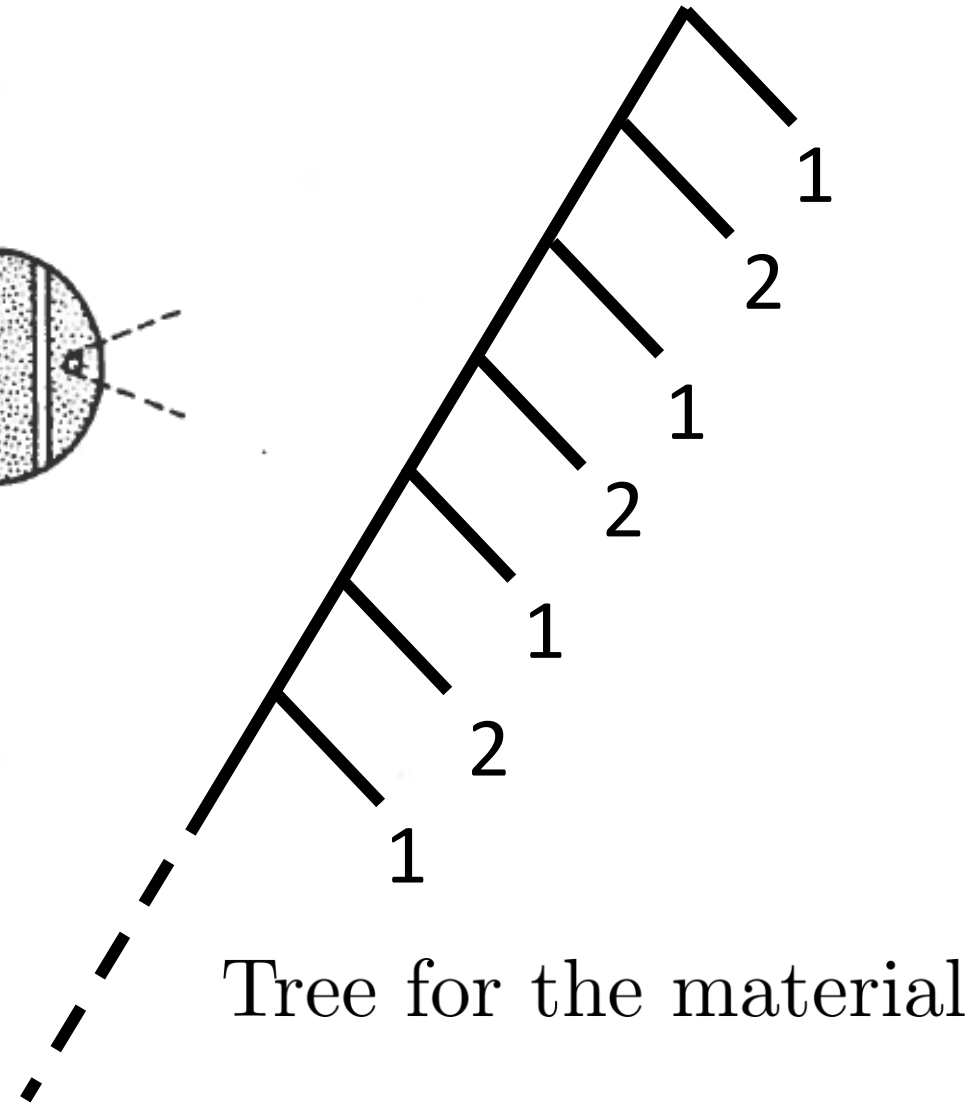


Best:



Effective Medium

GWM (1986)

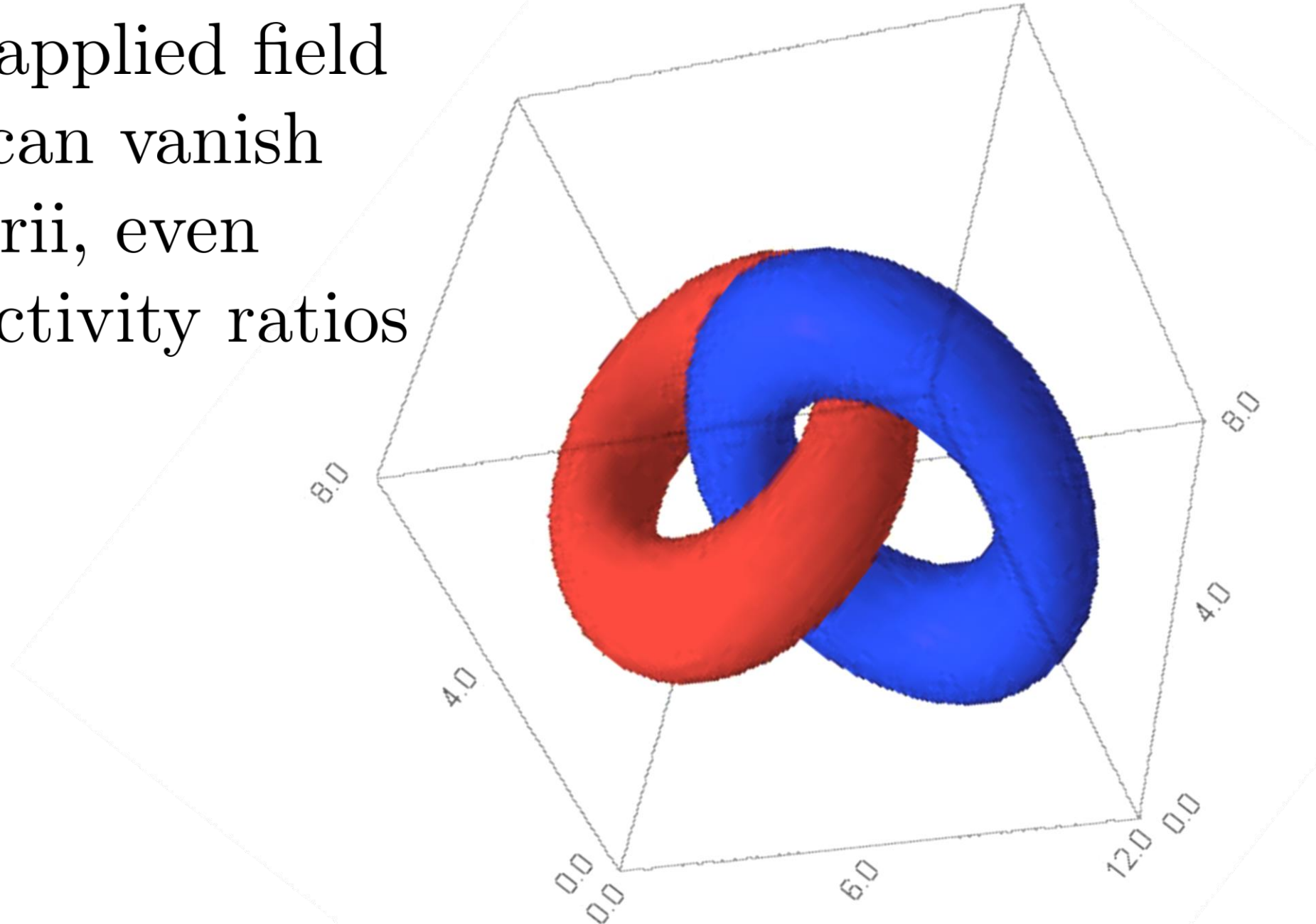


Tree for the material



What about 3d?

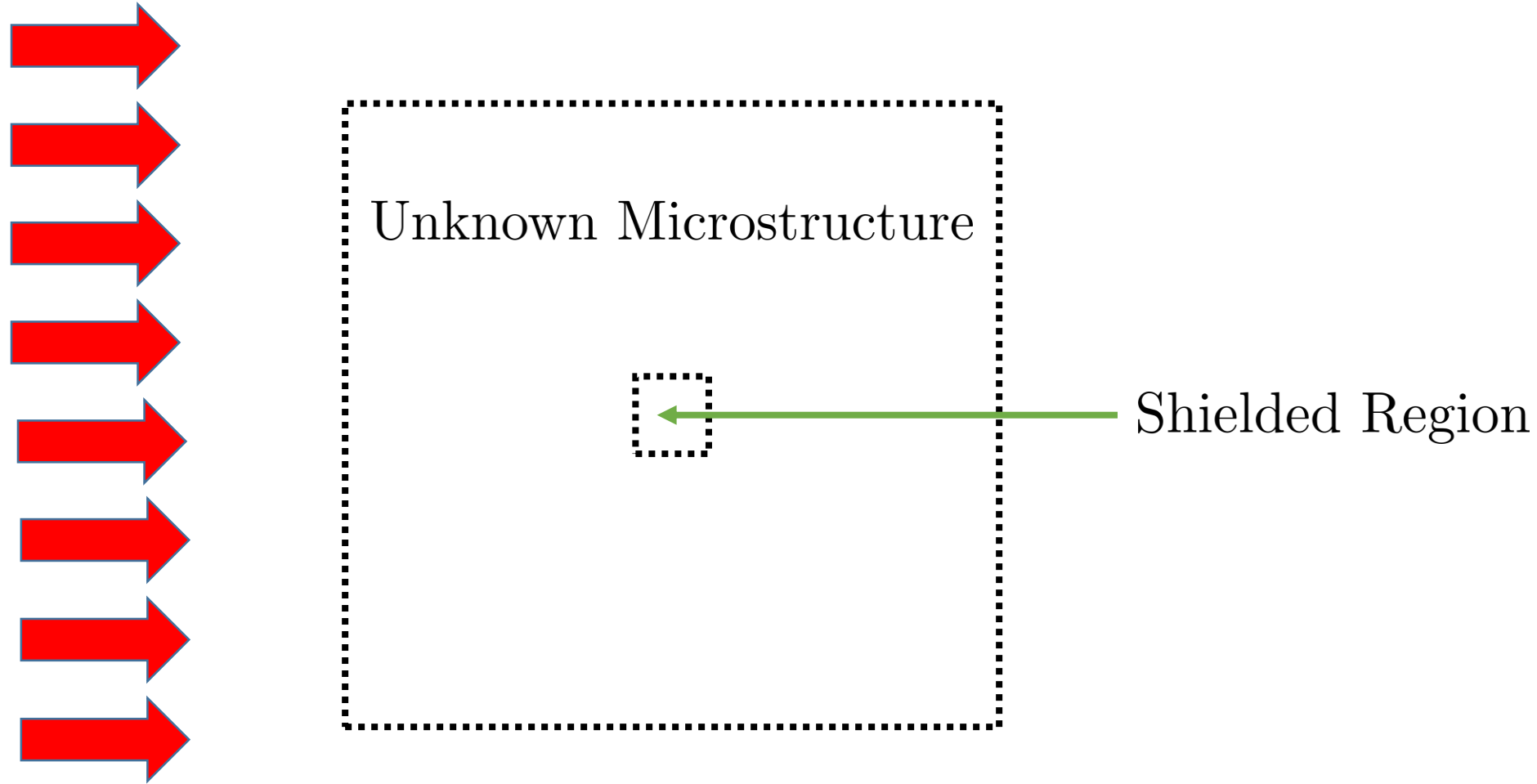
For a uniform applied field  
the local field can vanish  
between the torii, even  
at finite conductivity ratios



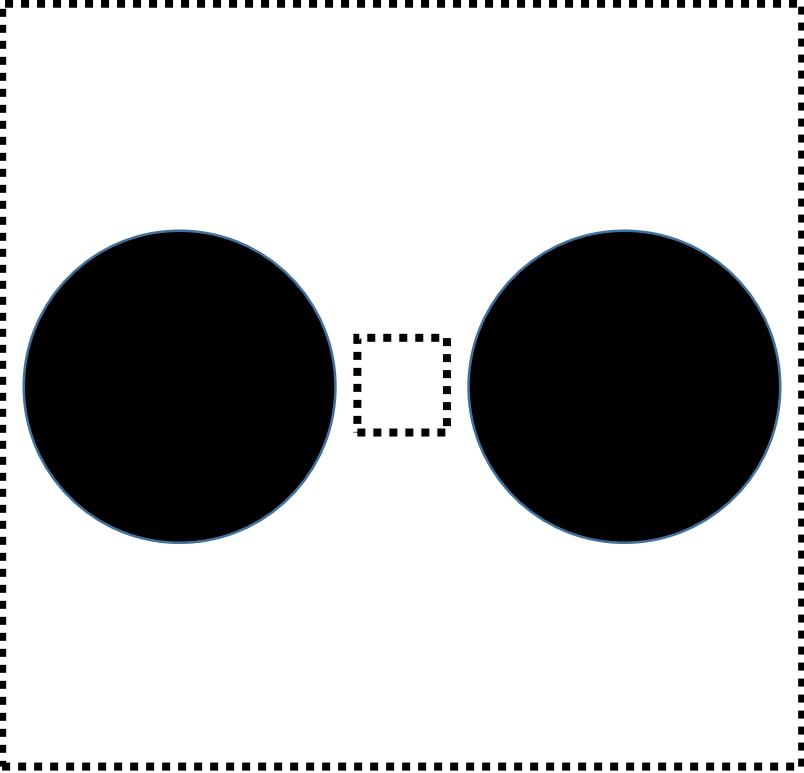
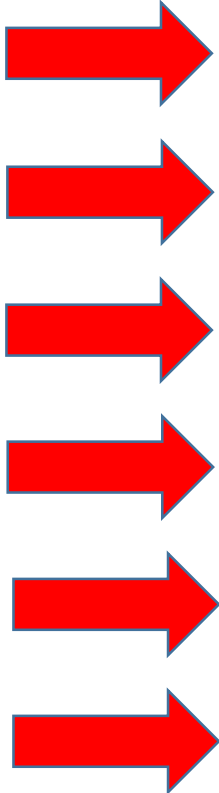


Back to the shielding problem:

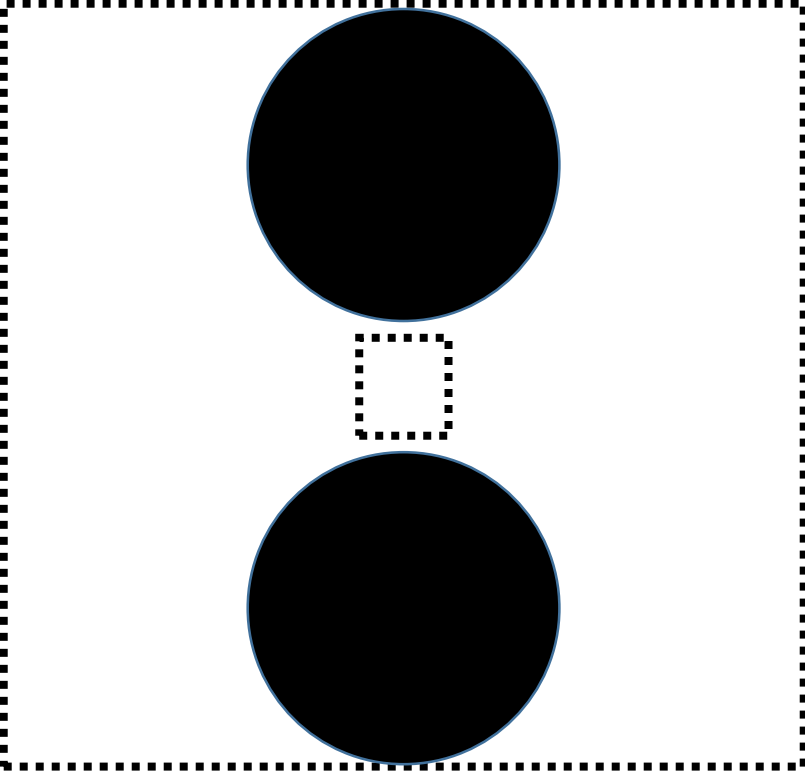
It seems more reasonable to require that there is no microstructure in the shielded region and that the microstructure is localized in a box.



Using Disks:

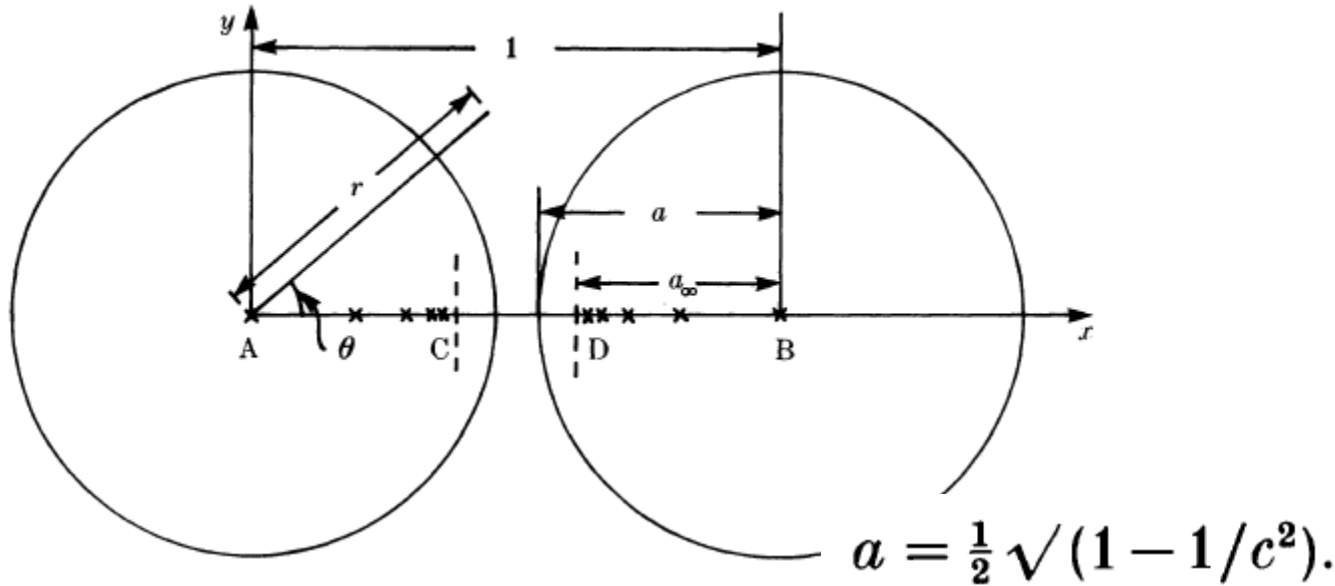


Concentration



Shielding

# Field between two highly conducting disks close to touching



McPhedran, Poladian, GWM (1988)

$$B_1 = \frac{-(c/2)(1 - 1/c)}{2s \ln(c) + 1 - 2s[\gamma + \psi(1 + s)]}$$

$$a = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - 1/c^2}. \quad a_\infty = \frac{1}{2}(1 - 1/c).$$

$\psi$ : Psi or Digamma function

Rigorous Analysis: Lim and Yu (2015)

$$\rho_-(a^2/x) = -\eta\rho_+(x)$$

$$\eta = (\sigma - 1)/(\sigma + 1).$$

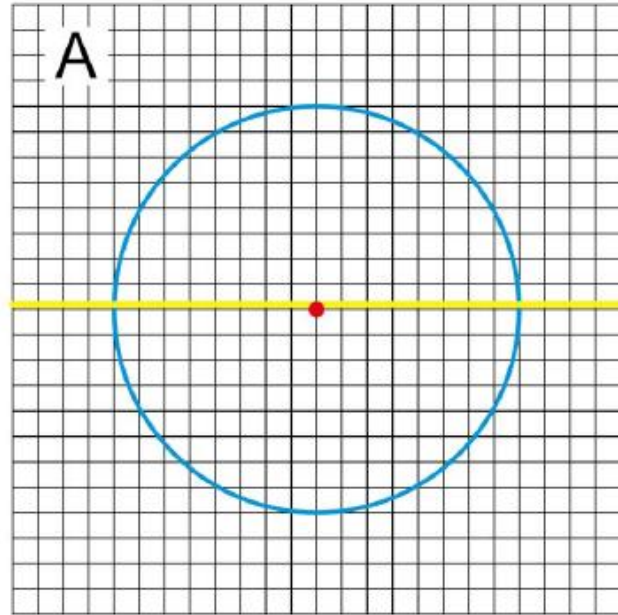
$$\rho_+(1 - x) = -\rho_-(x),$$

$$\rho_-[a^2/(1 - x)] = \eta\rho_-(x)$$

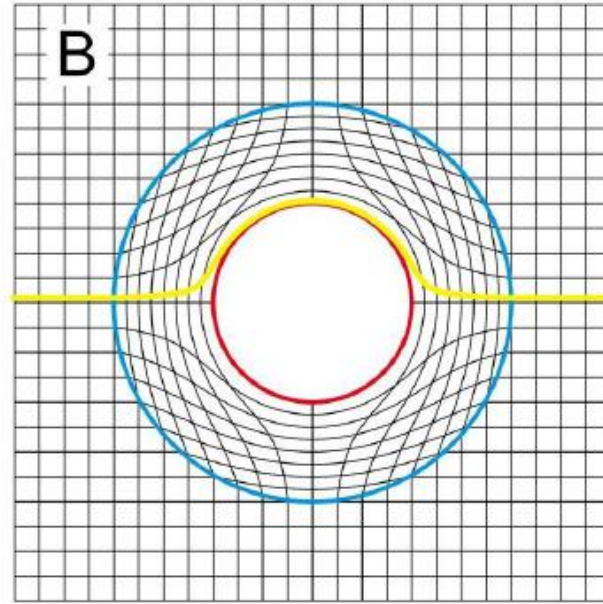
$$\rho_-(x) = A[(a_\infty - x)/(1 - a_\infty - x)]^s$$

$$s = \ln(\eta)/\ln[a_\infty/(1 - a_\infty)]$$

Could use the transformation based approach of Greenleaf, Lassas, and Uhlmann



Stretching space

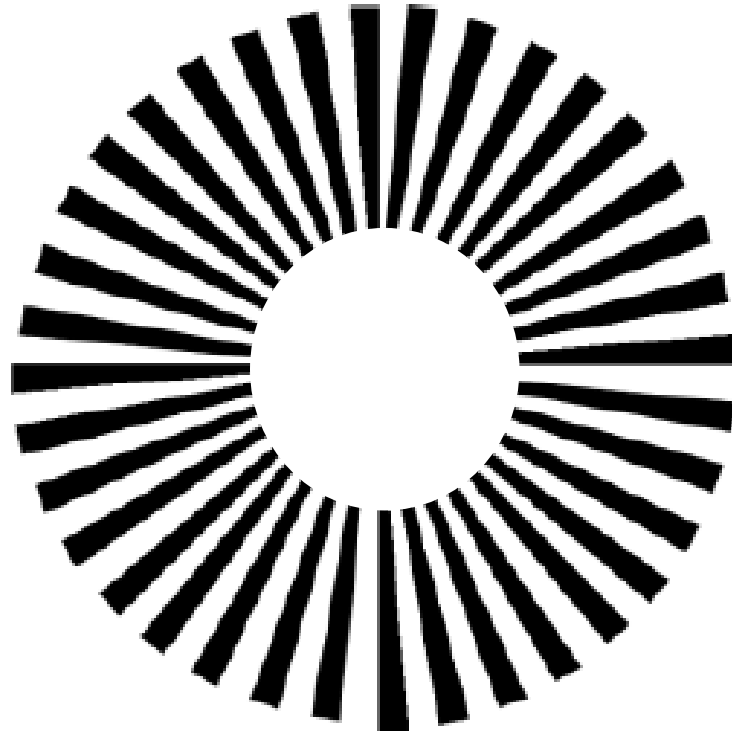
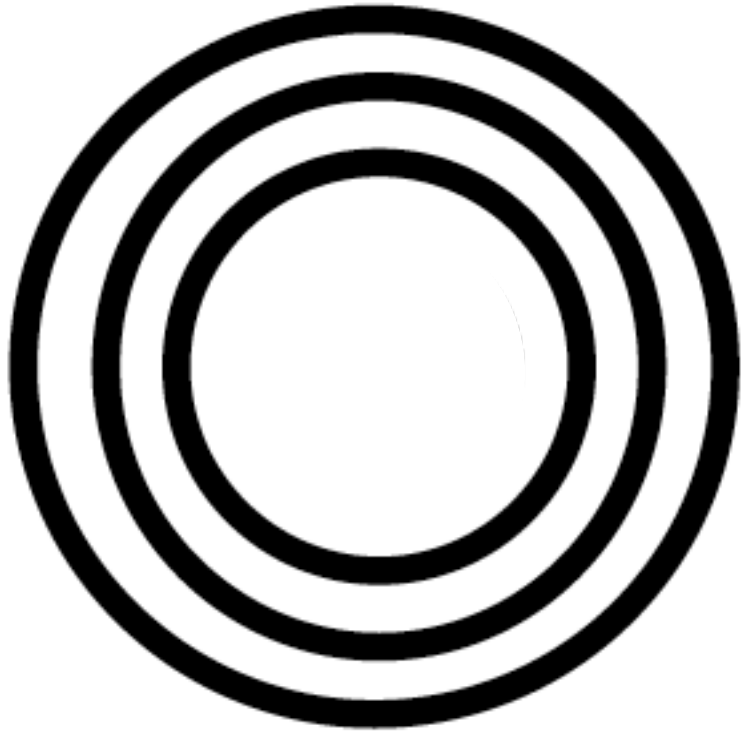


(From Ulf Leonhardt)

Advantages: Works for any external field and creates no disturbance

Disadvantages: Requires extreme conductivities, and if one truncates the solution there is no reason to expect it is optimal.

Or Maybe?



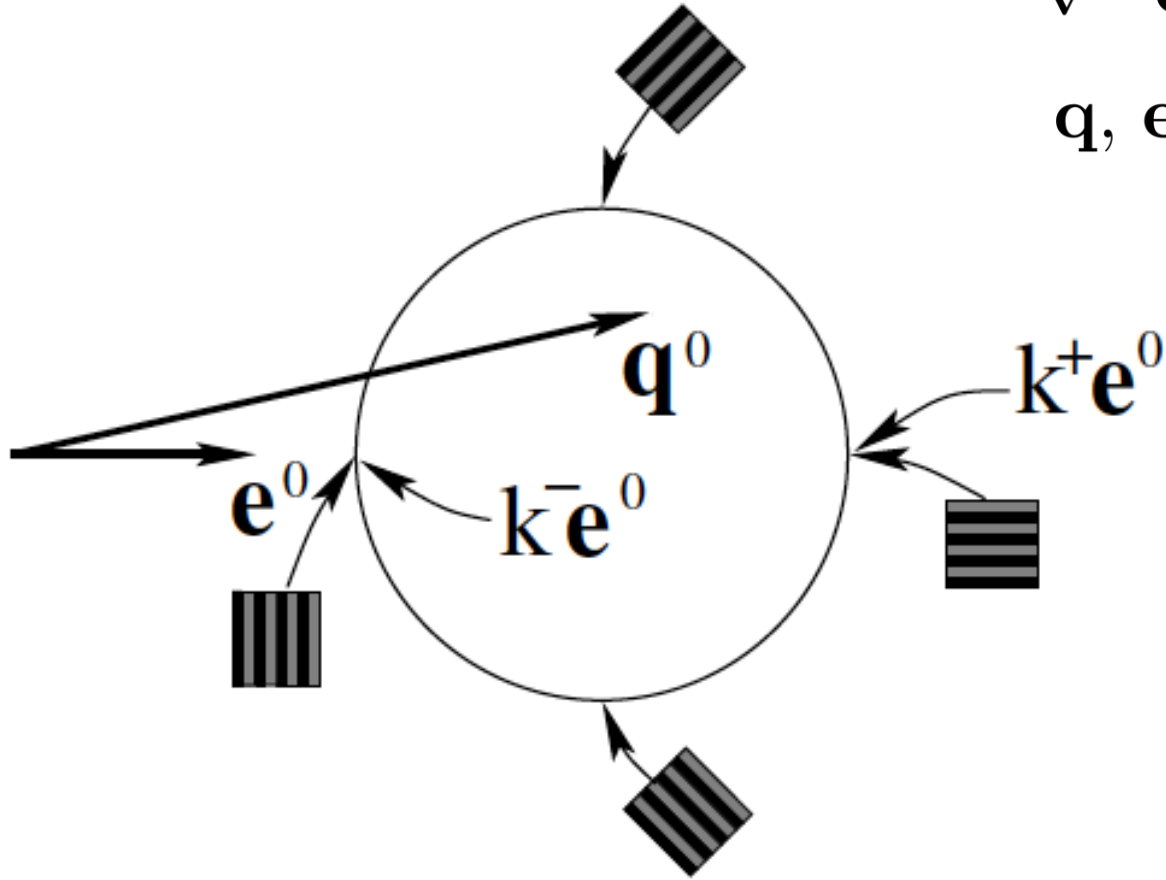
Seems like we are just guessing. Is there a more systematic approach, at least in the case where we use just 2 conducting materials, and we are seeking shielding or concentration for just one applied field?

Possible (average heat current,  $\mathbf{q}^0$ , average temperature gradient,  $\mathbf{e}^0$ ) pairs in a two phase conducting composite (Raitum, 1978).

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} = 0, \quad \mathbf{q}(\mathbf{x}) = k(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{e} = -\nabla T$$

$$\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{e} \text{ periodic, } \langle \mathbf{q} \rangle = \mathbf{q}^0, \quad \langle \mathbf{e} \rangle = \mathbf{e}^0,$$

Follows from the Wiener bounds:



$$k^- \mathbf{I} \leq \mathbf{k}^* \leq k^+ \mathbf{I}$$

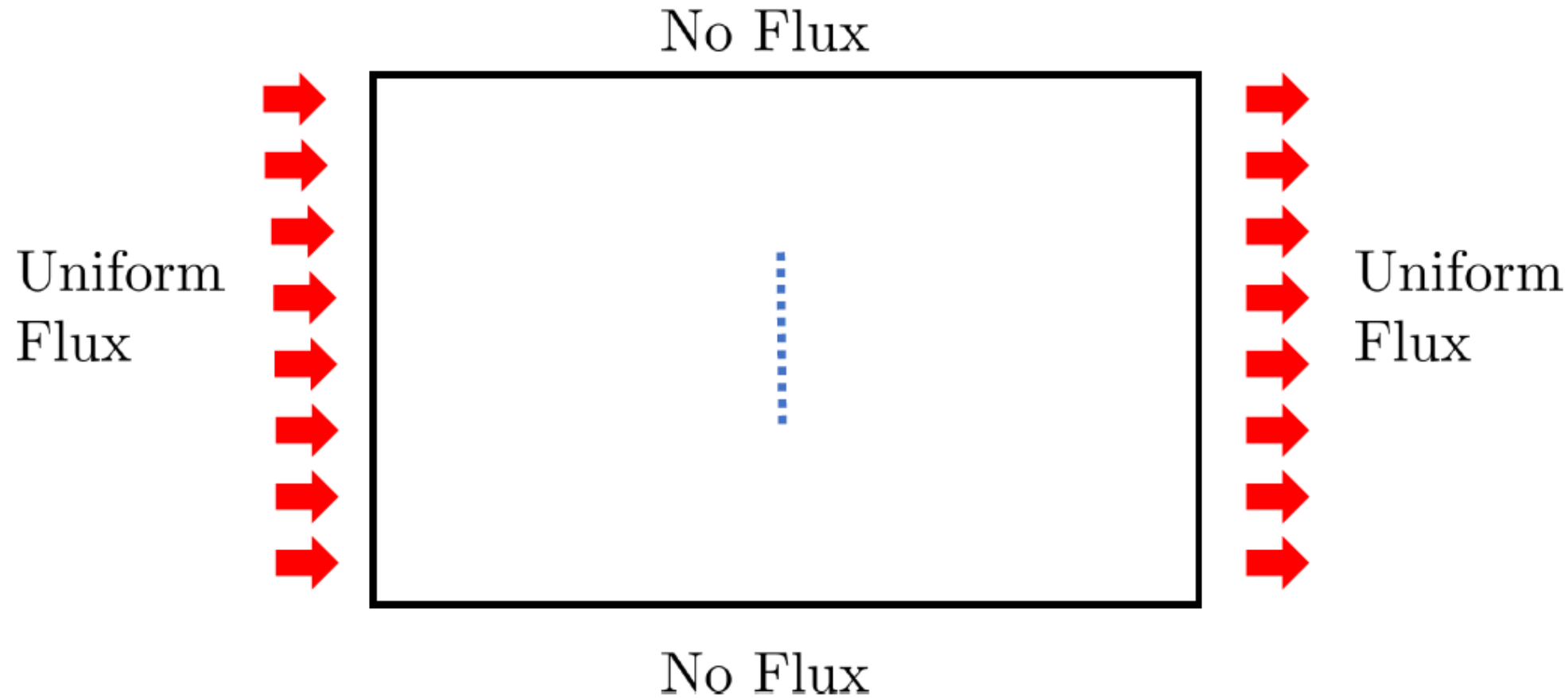
$$k^+ = f k_1 + (1 - f) k_2$$

$$k^- = (f/k_1 + (1 - f)/k_2)^{-1}$$

Solution of the "weak G-closure" problem for conductivity

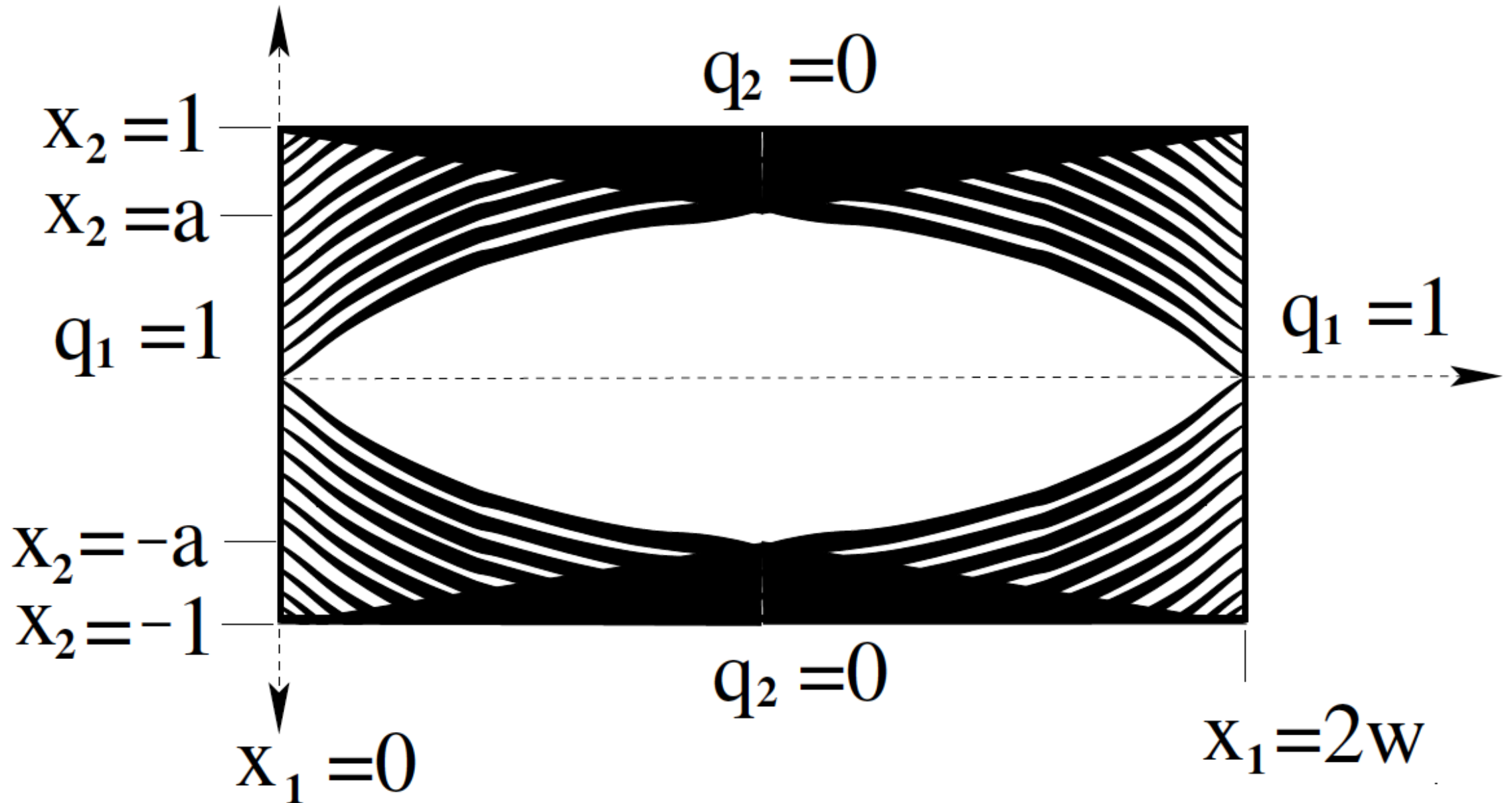
The heat lens problem: Gibiansky, Lurie and Cherkhaev (1988)

Aim: Shield or concentrate flux in the blue dashed interval



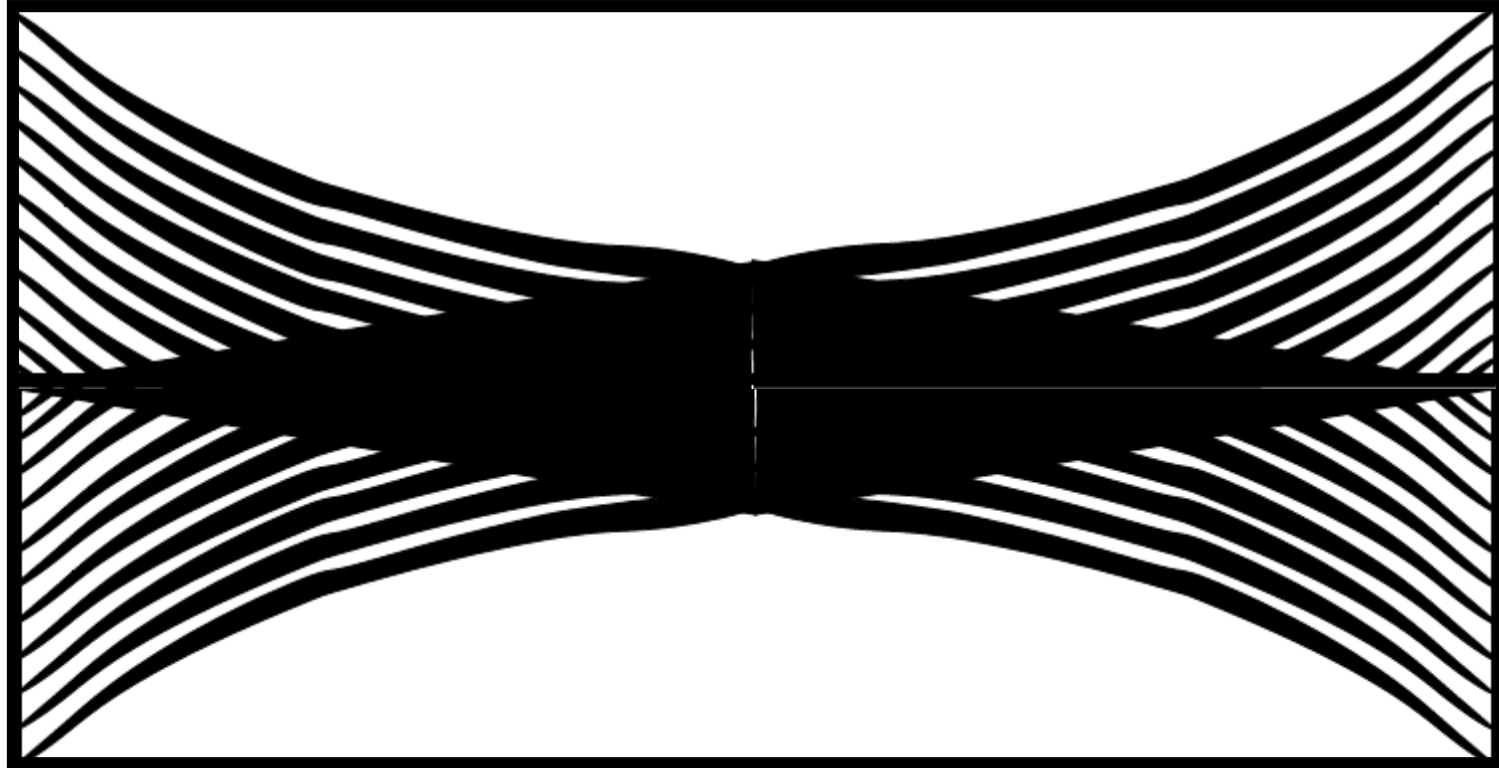
How does one optimally distribute a poor and good conductor to do this?

Field Shield: (Black, good conductor)





# Field Concentrator:



## The Hall matrix.

In anisotropic materials one has

$$\mathbf{e} = \rho_0 \mathbf{j} + (\mathbf{A}_H \mathbf{b}) \times \mathbf{j} \quad \mathbf{j} = \sigma_0 \mathbf{e} + (\mathbf{S} \mathbf{b}) \times \mathbf{e}$$

What are the constraints on the Hall matrix?

Can one use metamaterials to get unusual Hall matrices?

# Homogenization formula for the effective Hall matrix

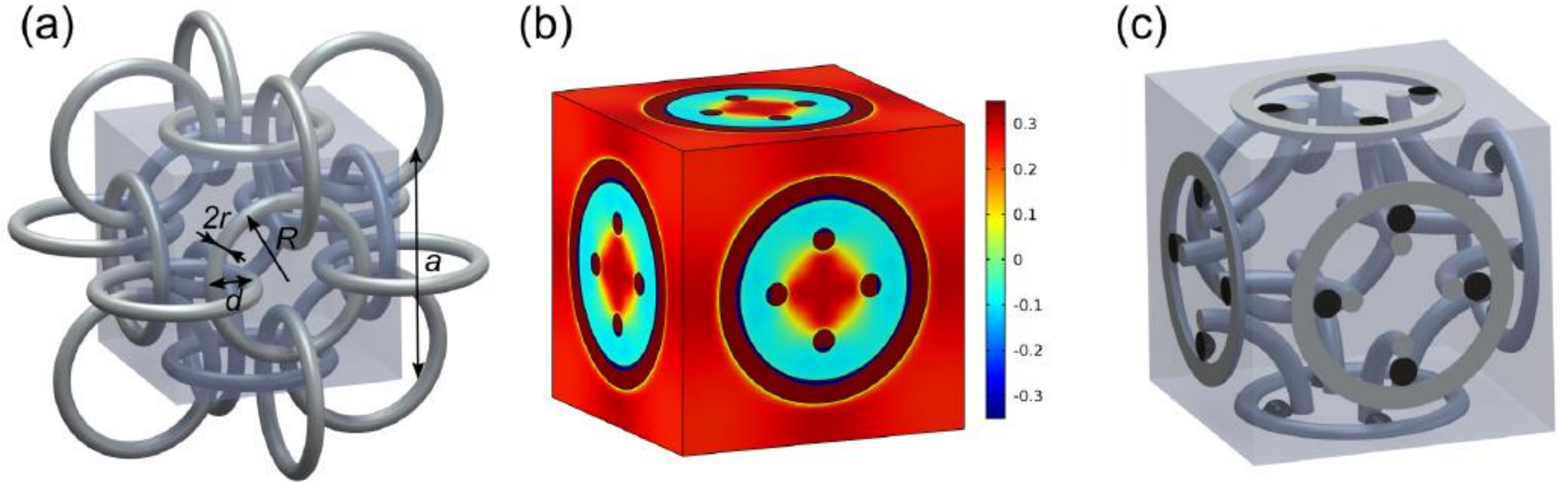
$$\mathbf{e} = -(\nabla\Phi)\langle\mathbf{e}\rangle, \quad (\nabla\Phi)_{ij} = \frac{\partial\phi_j}{\partial x_i} \quad \nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma}\nabla\Phi) = 0 \quad \langle\nabla\Phi\rangle = \mathbf{I}$$

$$\langle\text{Cof}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_0\nabla\Phi)^\top \mathbf{A}_H\rangle = \text{Cof}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_0^*) \mathbf{A}_H^*.$$

Generalizes a formula of Bergman for isotropic materials:

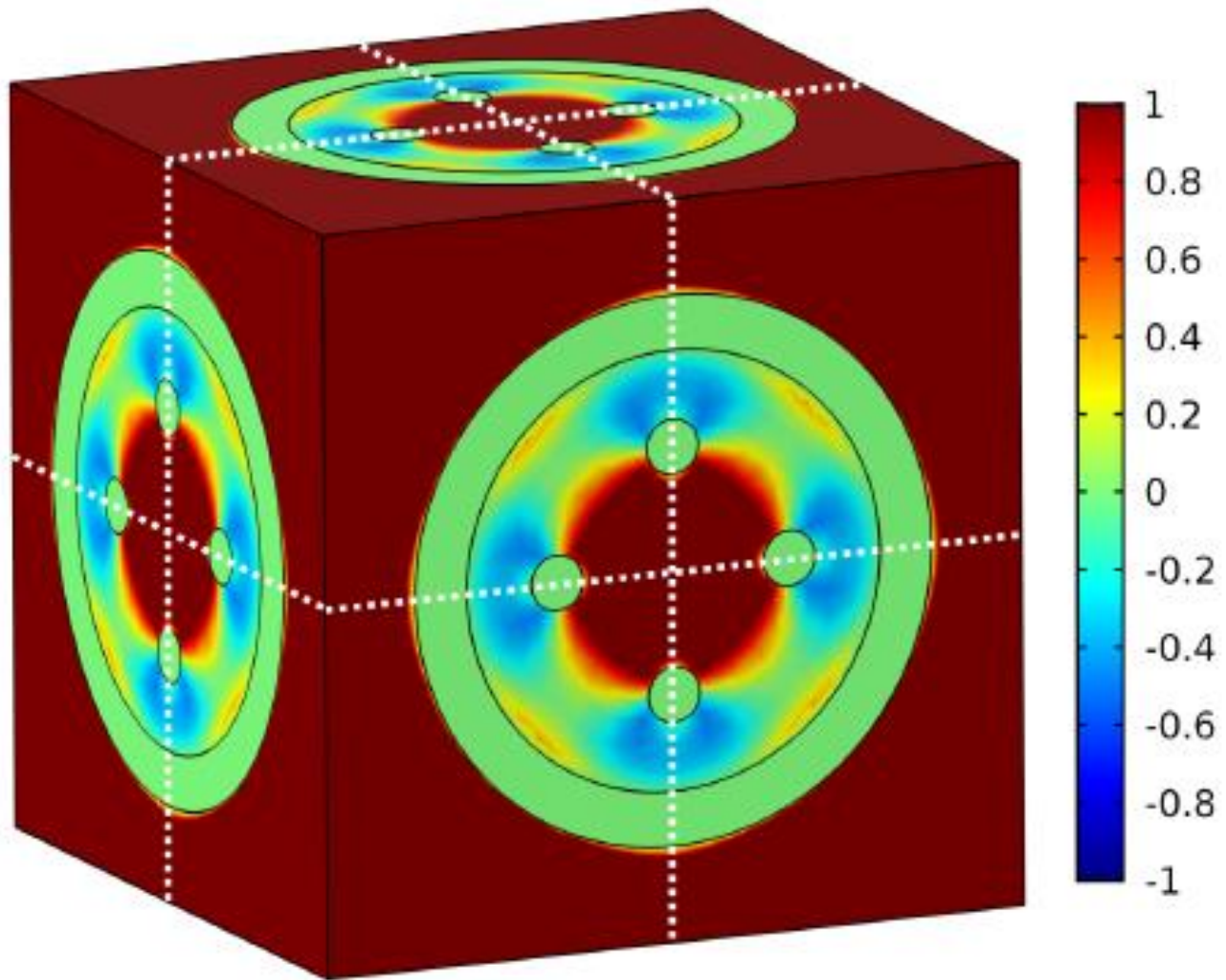
$$\langle(J_{11}J_{22} - J_{21}J_{12}) A_H\rangle = (\sigma_0^*)^2 A_H^*$$

# Geometry studied by Briane and Milton (2009)

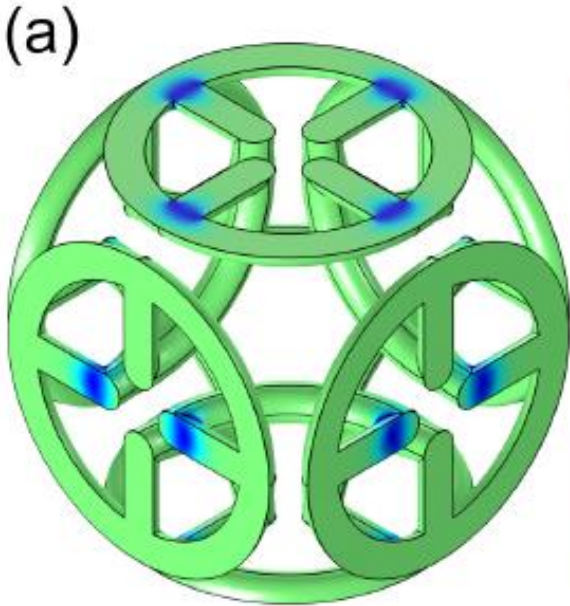


Suggestion to use this geometry came from chain-mail artist Dylan Whyte

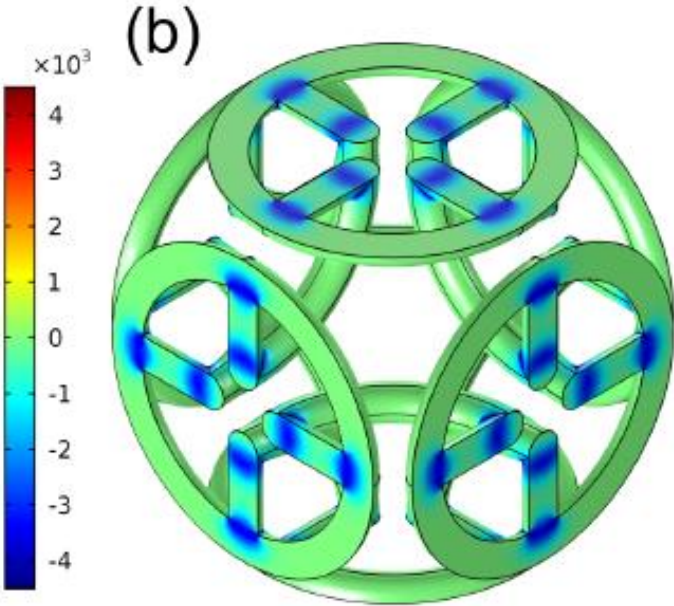
# Plot of the determinant of the matrix valued electric field



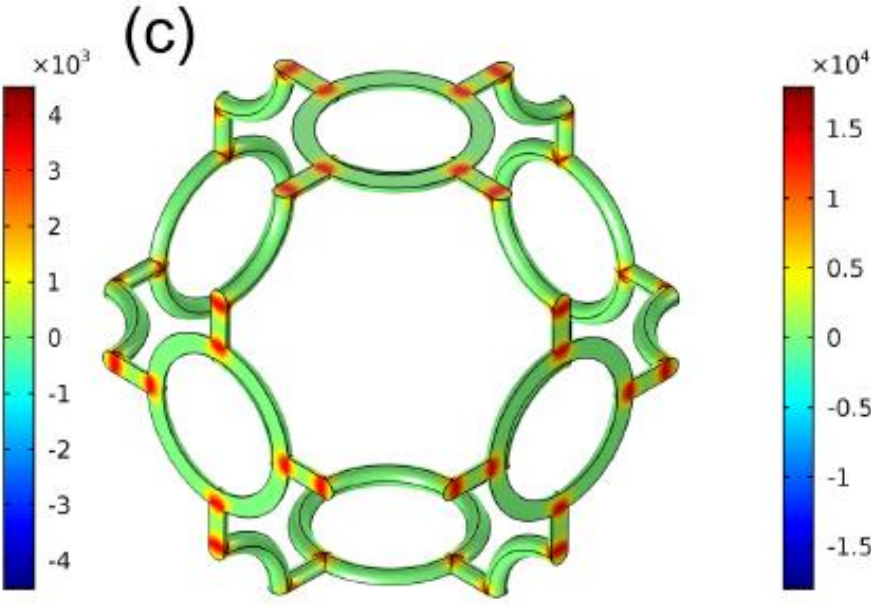
# Plot of the cofactor matrices



One cofactor



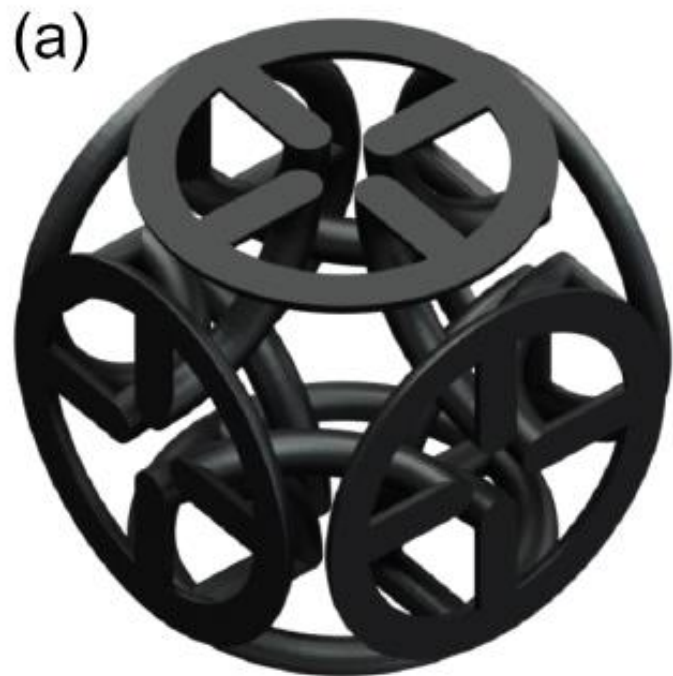
Cofactor trace



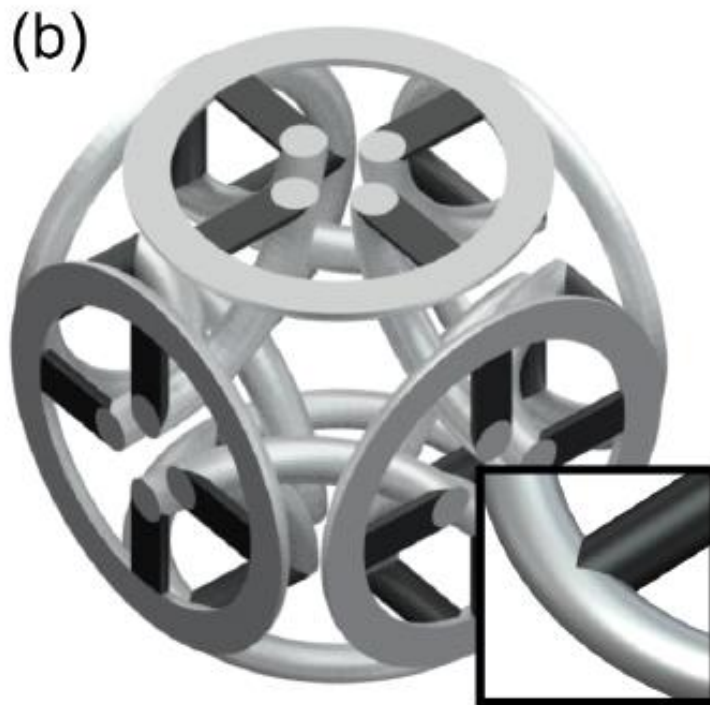
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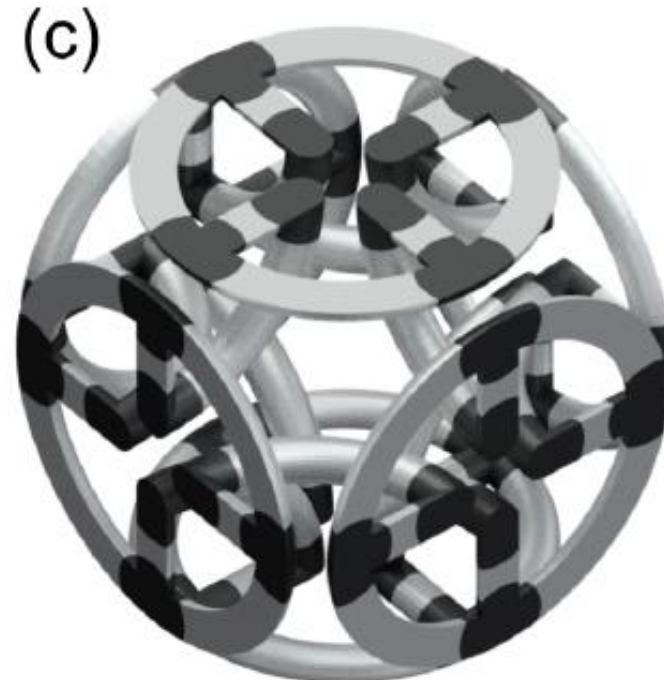
# Hall coefficient for 3 different geometries



$$A_H^* = -5.73 A_H^0$$



$$A_H^* = -1.86 A_H^0$$

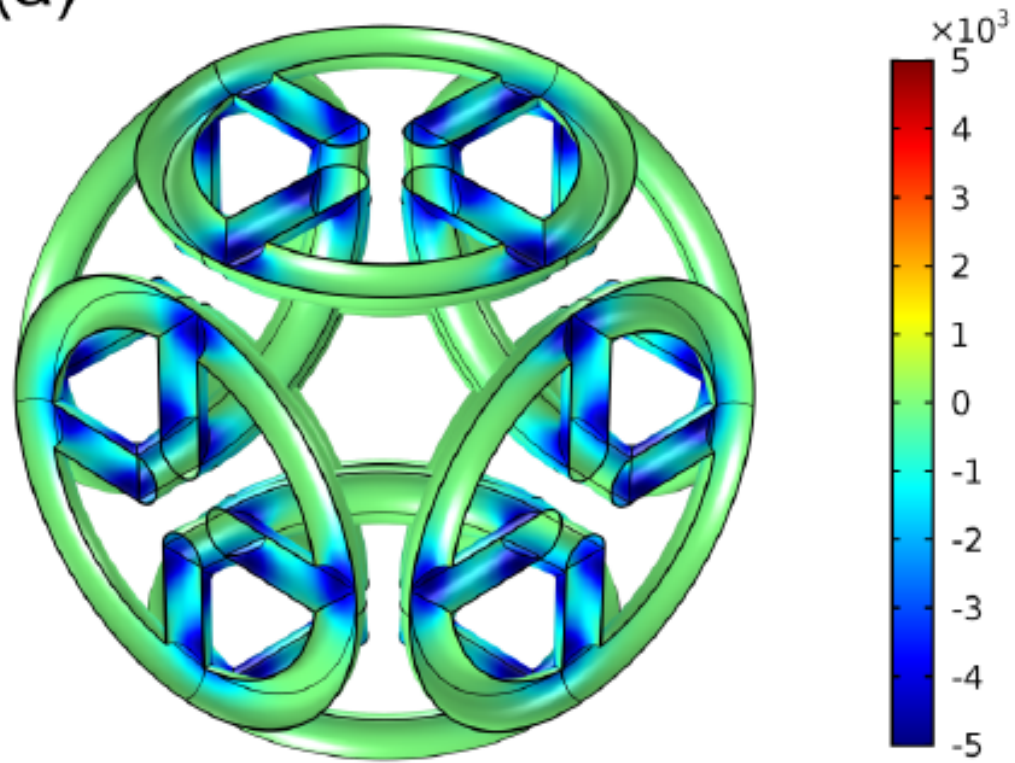


$$A_H^* = -5.39 A_H^0$$

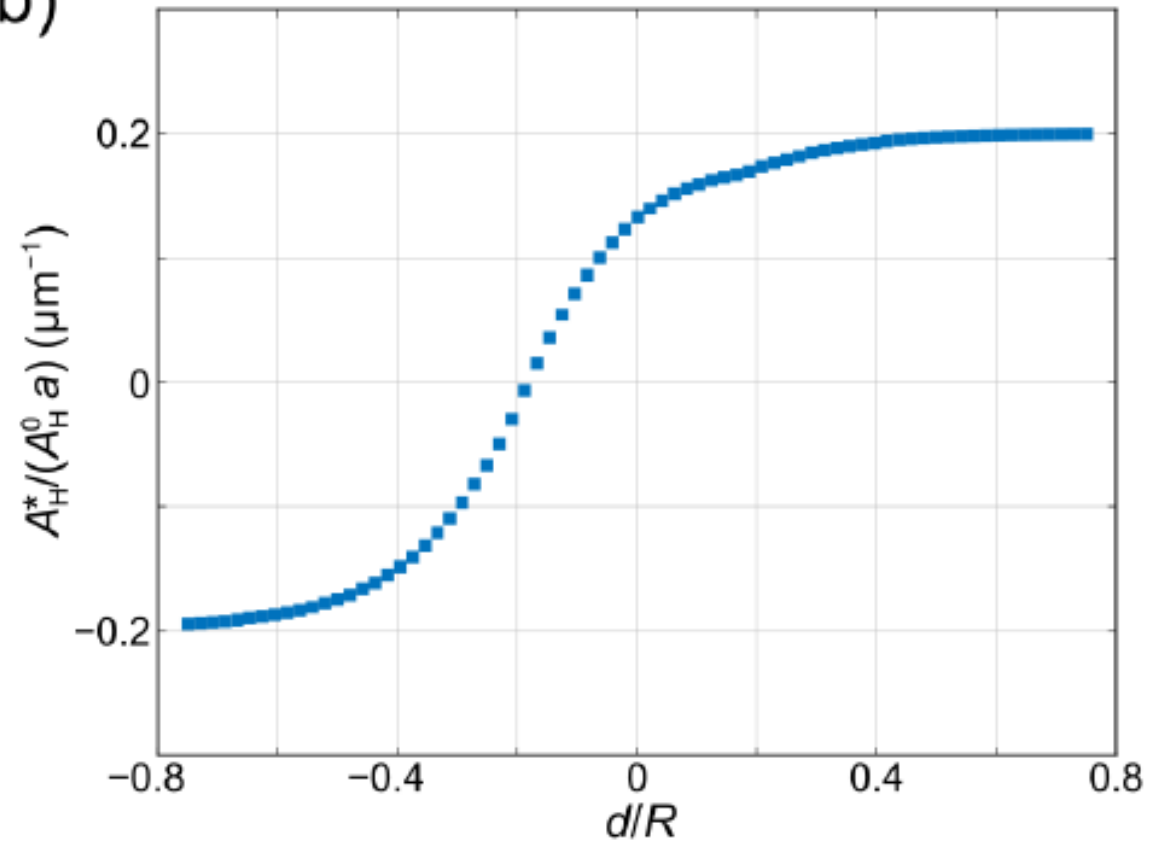
Dark Grey= Semiconductor, Light Grey=perfect conductor

# Plot of the trace of the cofactor matrix

(a)



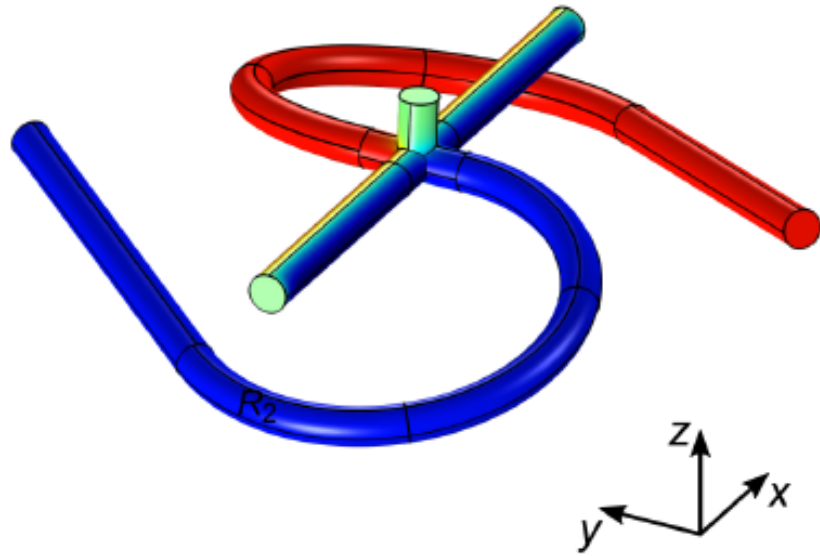
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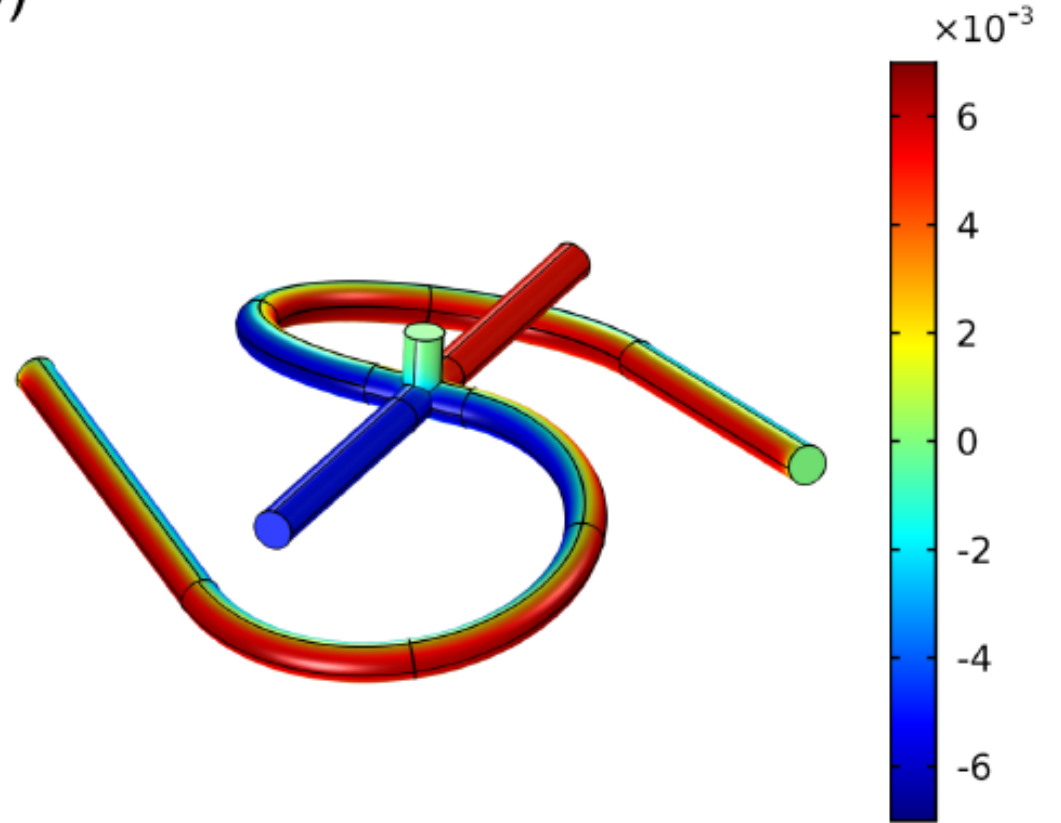


A simple idea for reversing the Hall voltage....  
just swap the connecting leads

(a)



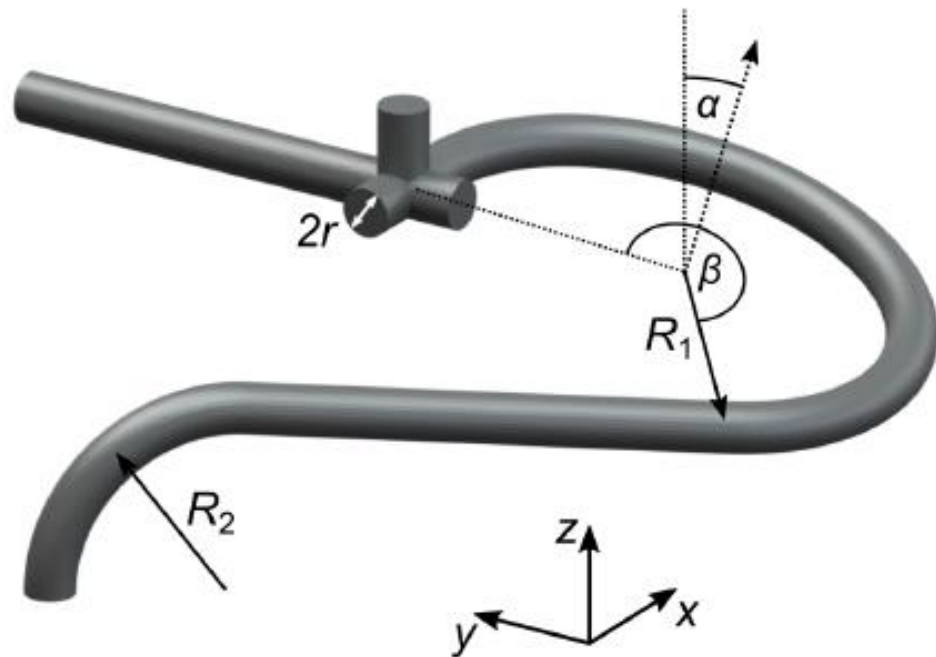
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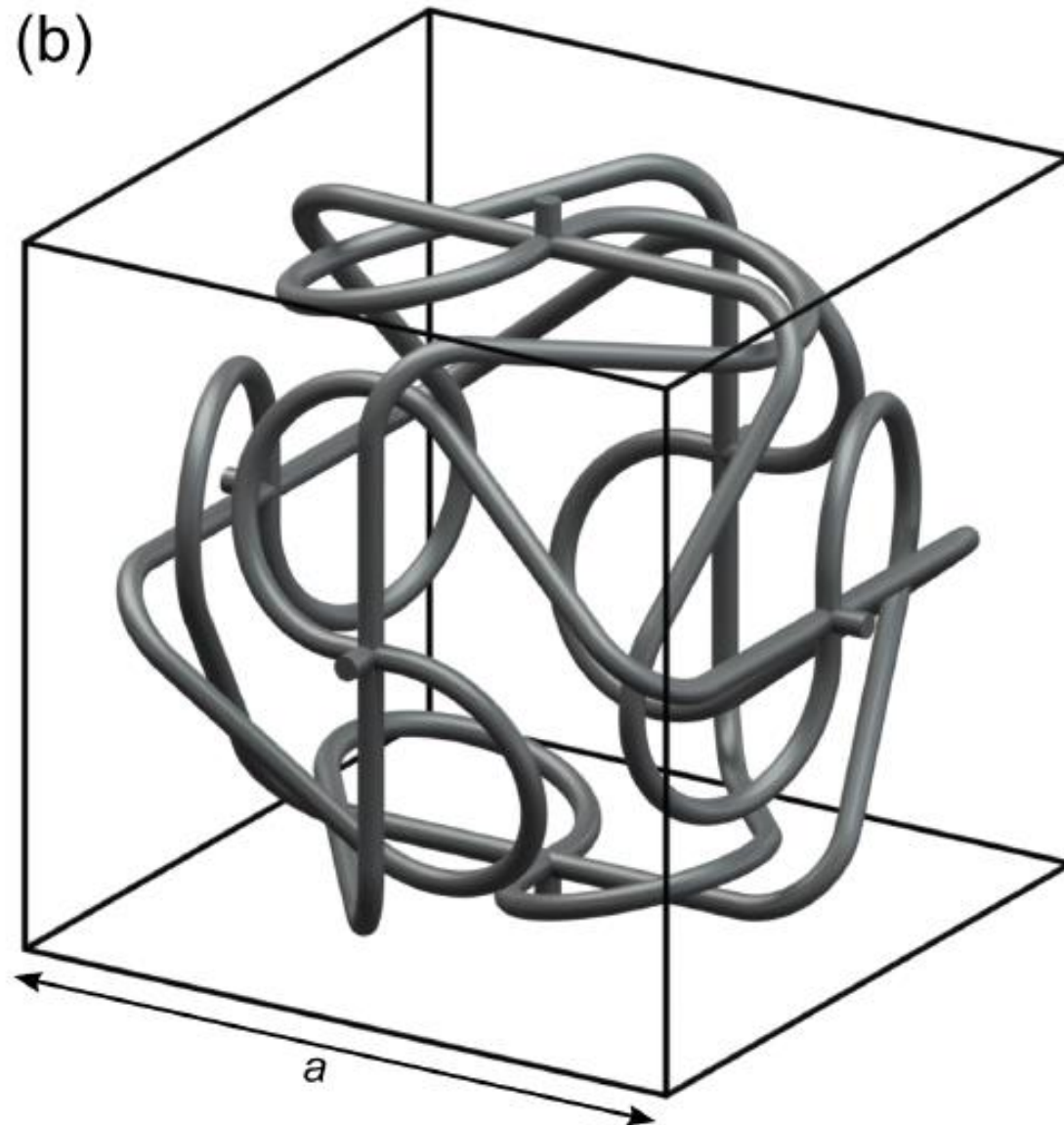
But can one incorporate this idea in a metamaterial  
to reverse the Hall coefficient?

Yes: the incredible geometry of Christian Kern:

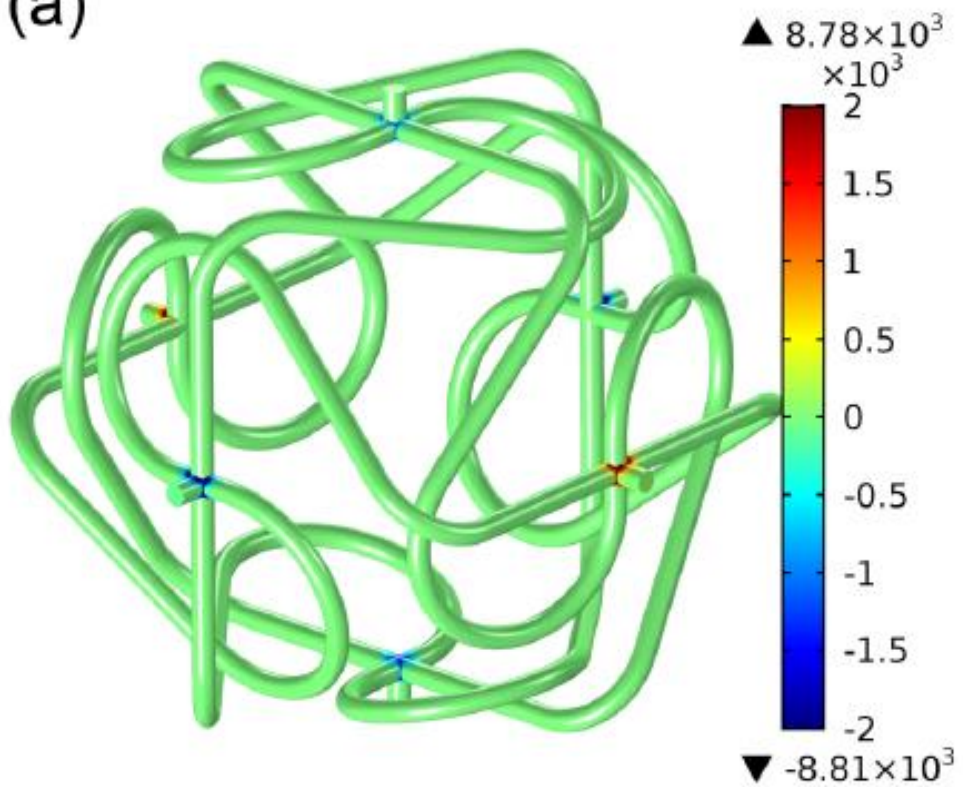
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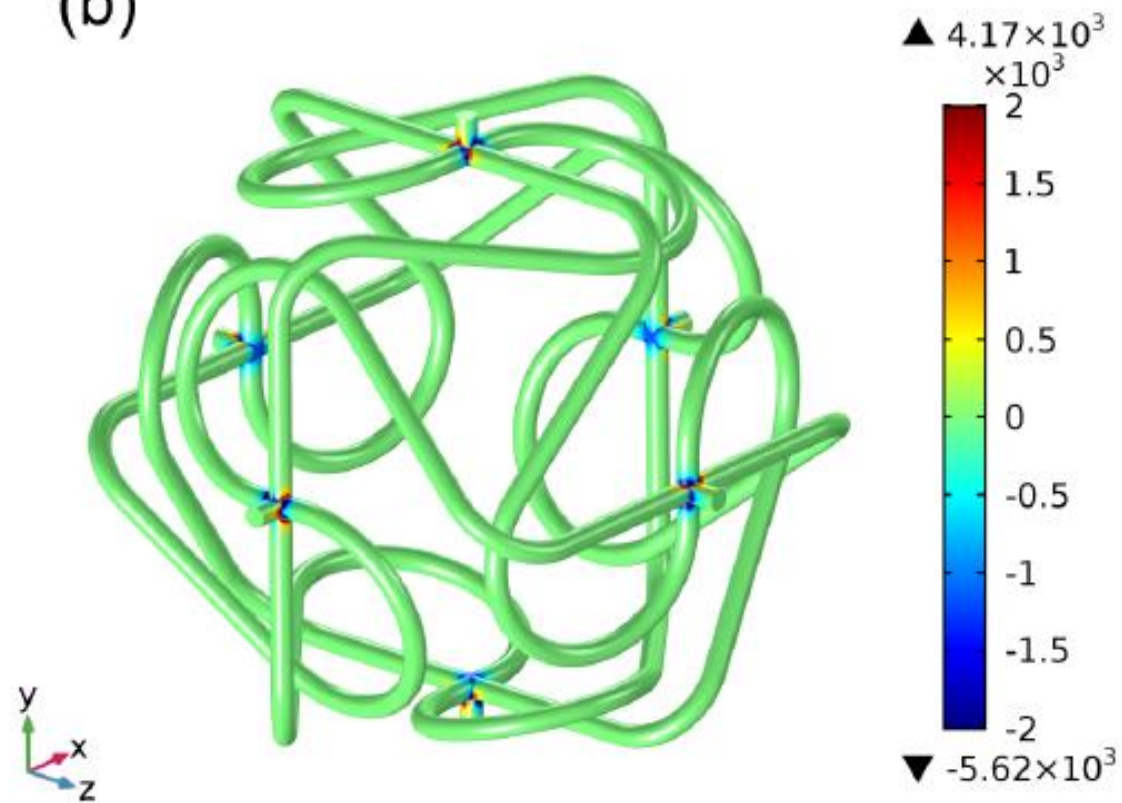


(a)



Plot of a cofactor

(b)



Plot of the trace of the cofactor matrix

## The parallel Hall effect:

twisting the induced electric field in each unit cell

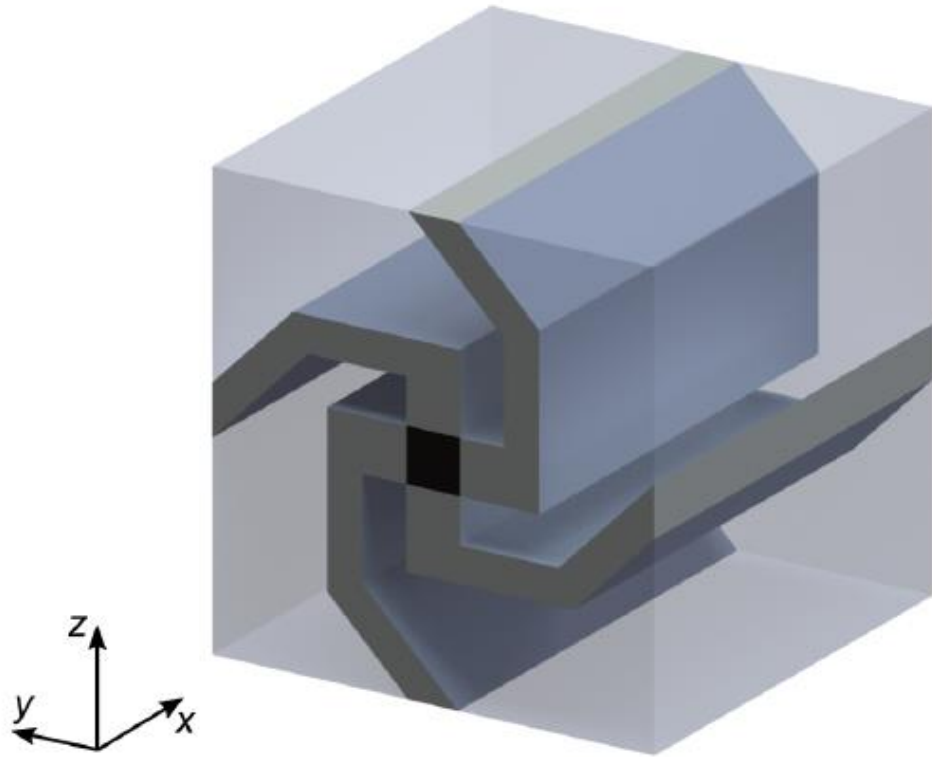


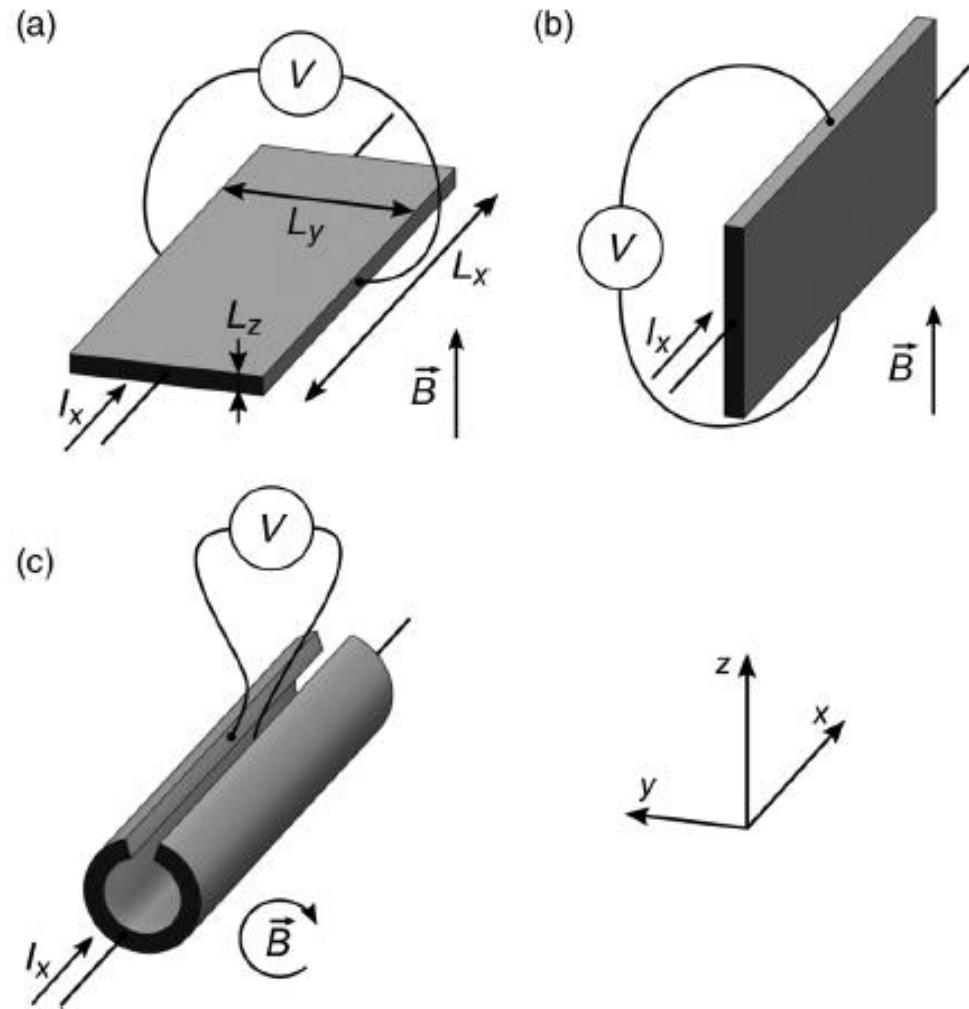
Image courtesy Christian Kern

$$\mathbf{A}_H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_{23} \\ 0 & -A_{23} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

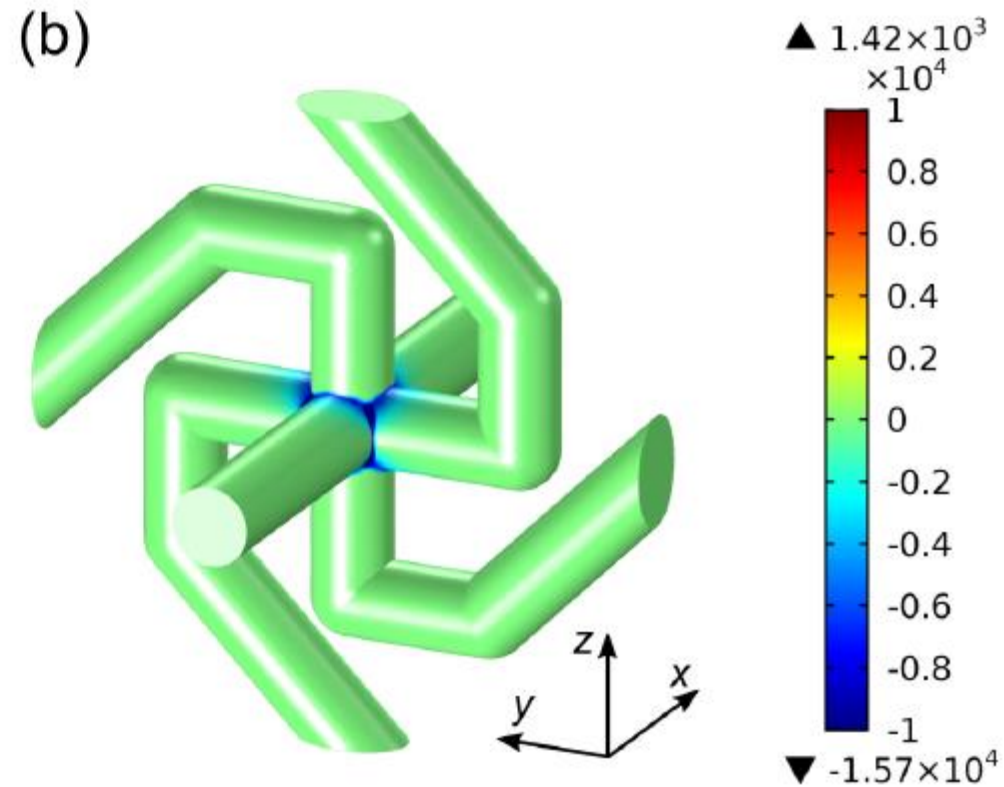
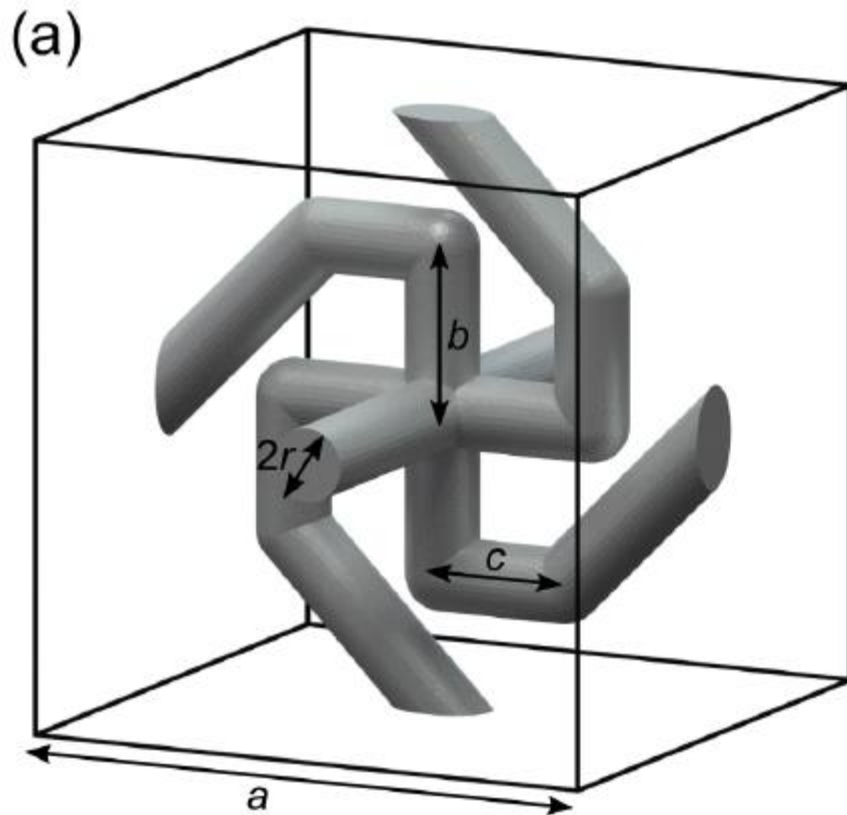
$$\mathbf{e}_H = -A_{23}j_x (b_y \hat{\mathbf{y}} + b_z \hat{\mathbf{z}})$$

The Hall matrix becomes asymptotically an antisymmetric matrix.  
(Milton and Briane, 2010)

# Measuring the curl of the magnetic field using the parallel Hall effect: Kern et.al (2017)



# Simplified Design: (Kern, Kadic, Wegener 2015)

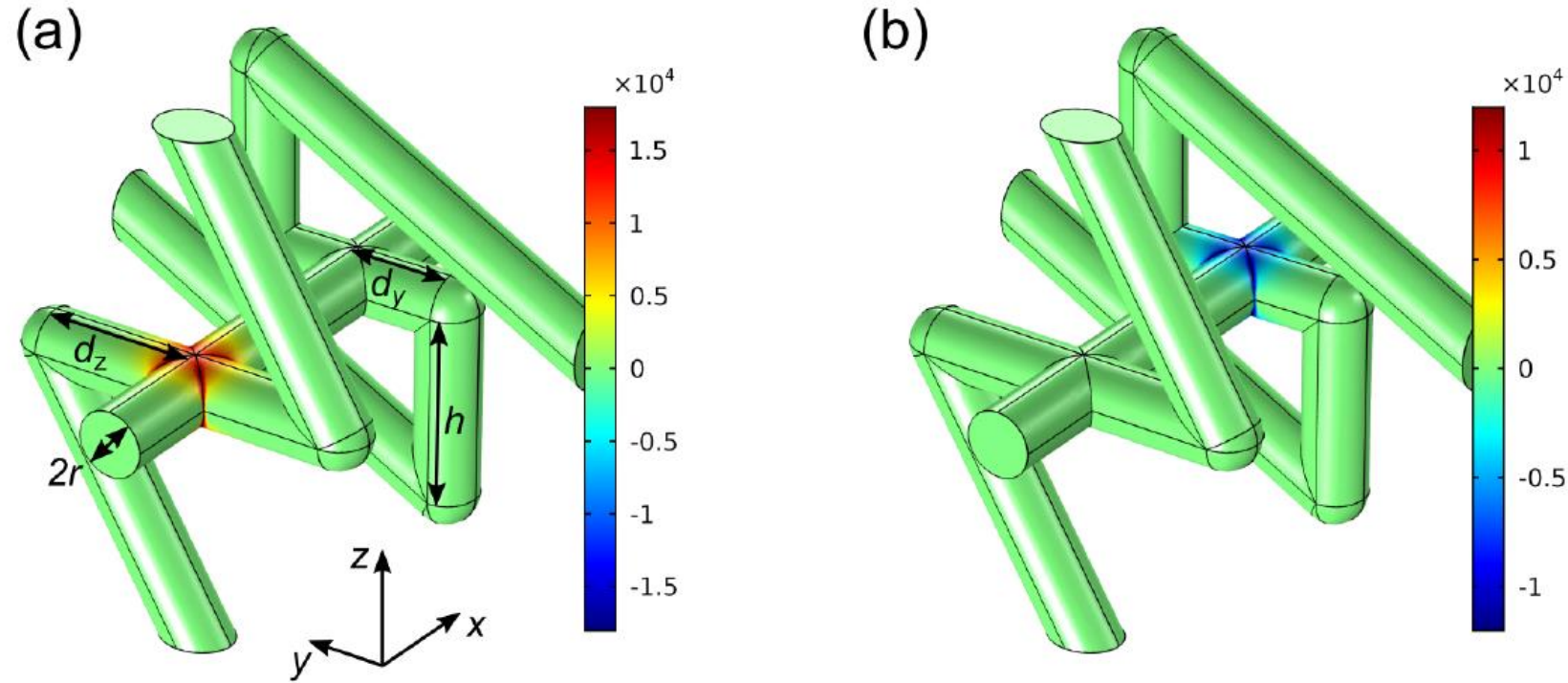


$$\mathbf{A}_H^* = \begin{pmatrix} 6.85 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.04 & 6.84 \\ 0 & -6.84 & 0.04 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}_H^0$$

Plot of the cofactor

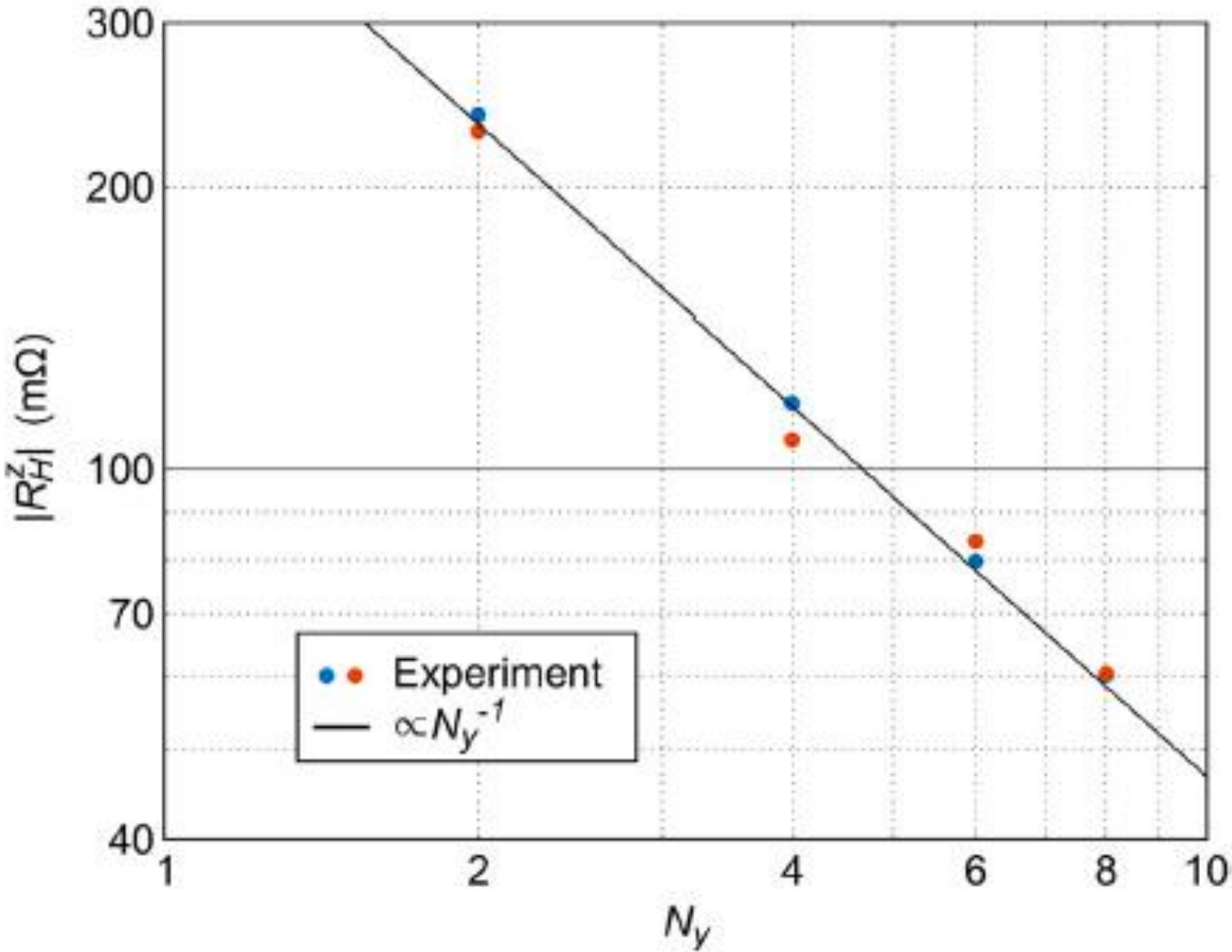
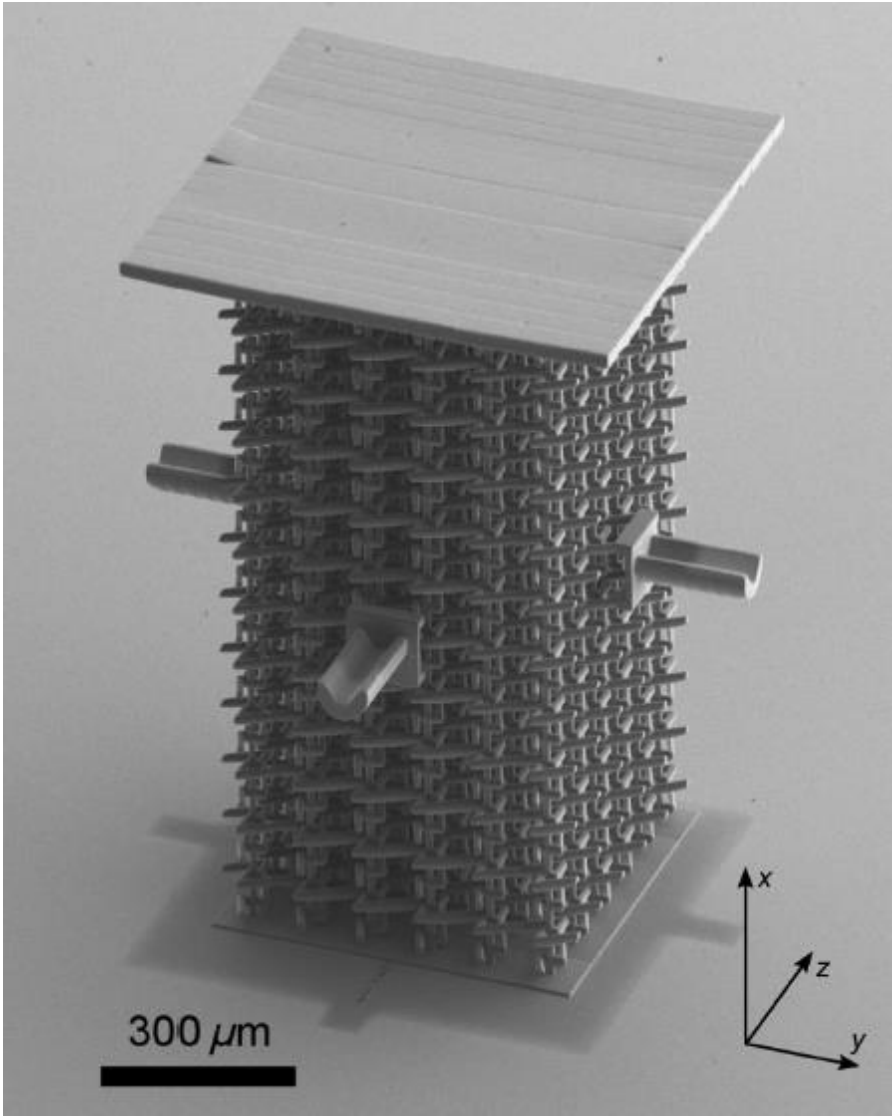


# A modified structure with an almost antisymmetric Hall matrix



$$\mathbf{A}_H^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.05 & 8.81 \\ 0 & -8.81 & 0.05 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}_H^0$$

# Experiments: Kern, Schuster, Kadic, and Wegener (2017)



So far we have been manipulating the conductivity to channel current in the structure to achieve desired effects.

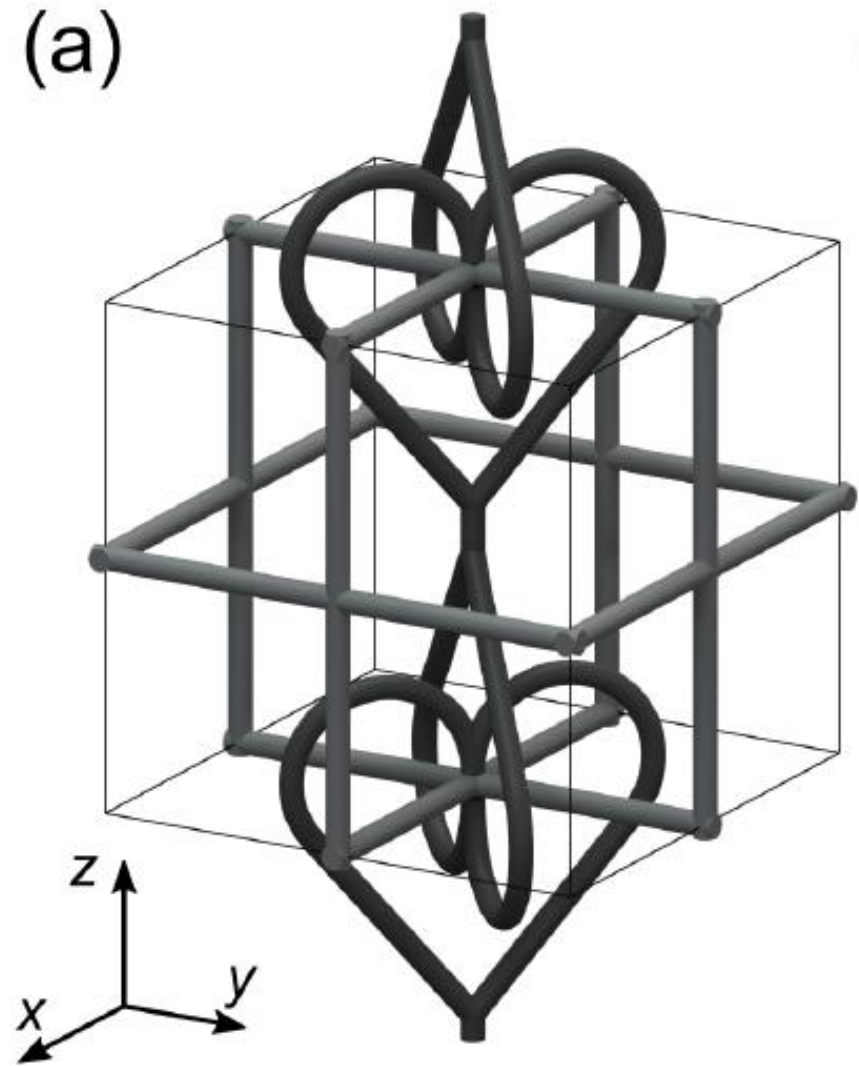
What about if we also manipulate the magnetic permeability to channel the magnetic field to achieve desired effects?

Formula for the effective Hall matrix with magnetic permeability variations

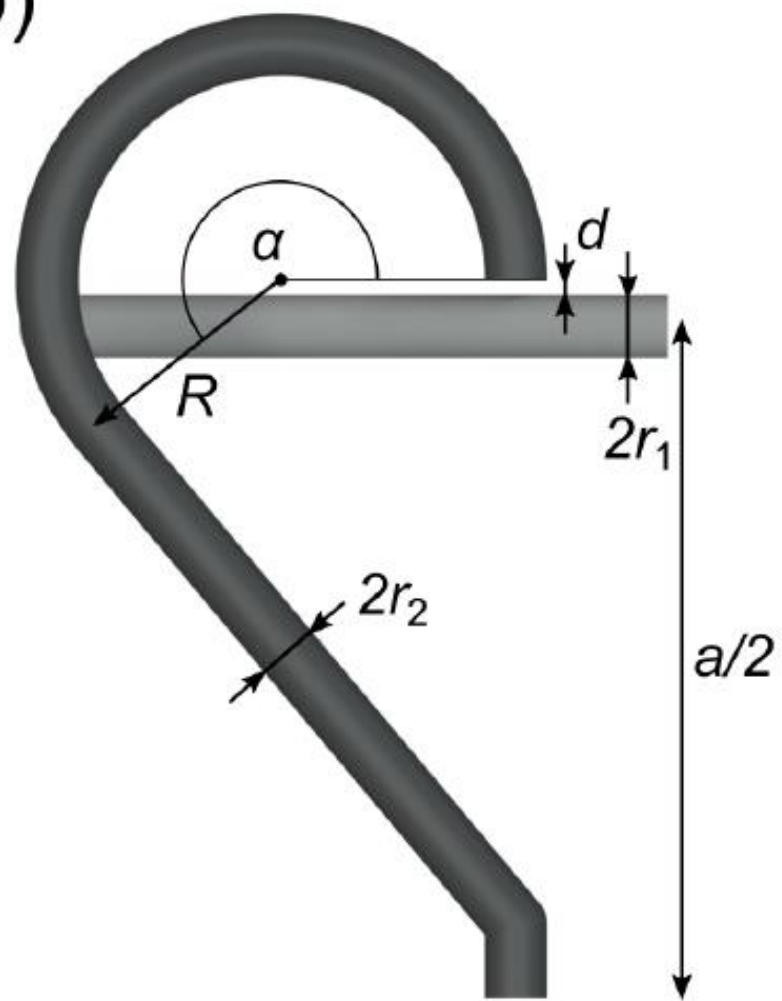
$$\text{Cof}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_0^*) \mathbf{A}_H^* \boldsymbol{\mu}^* = \langle \text{Cof}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_0 \nabla \Phi)^\top \mathbf{A}_H \boldsymbol{\mu} (\nabla \Phi_m) \rangle$$

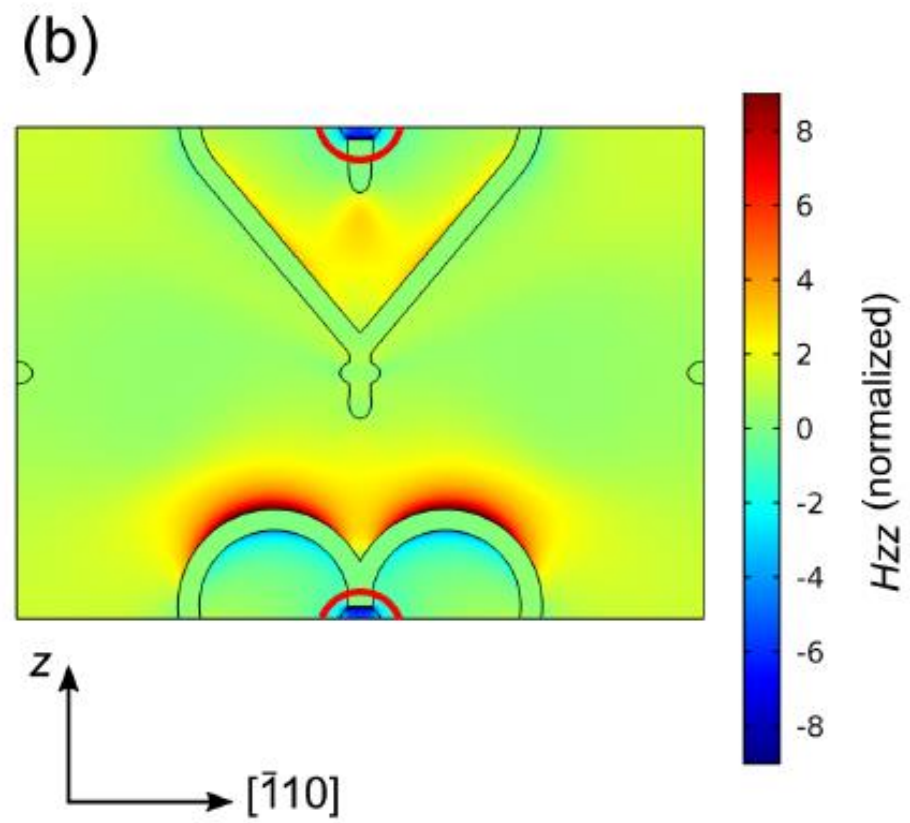
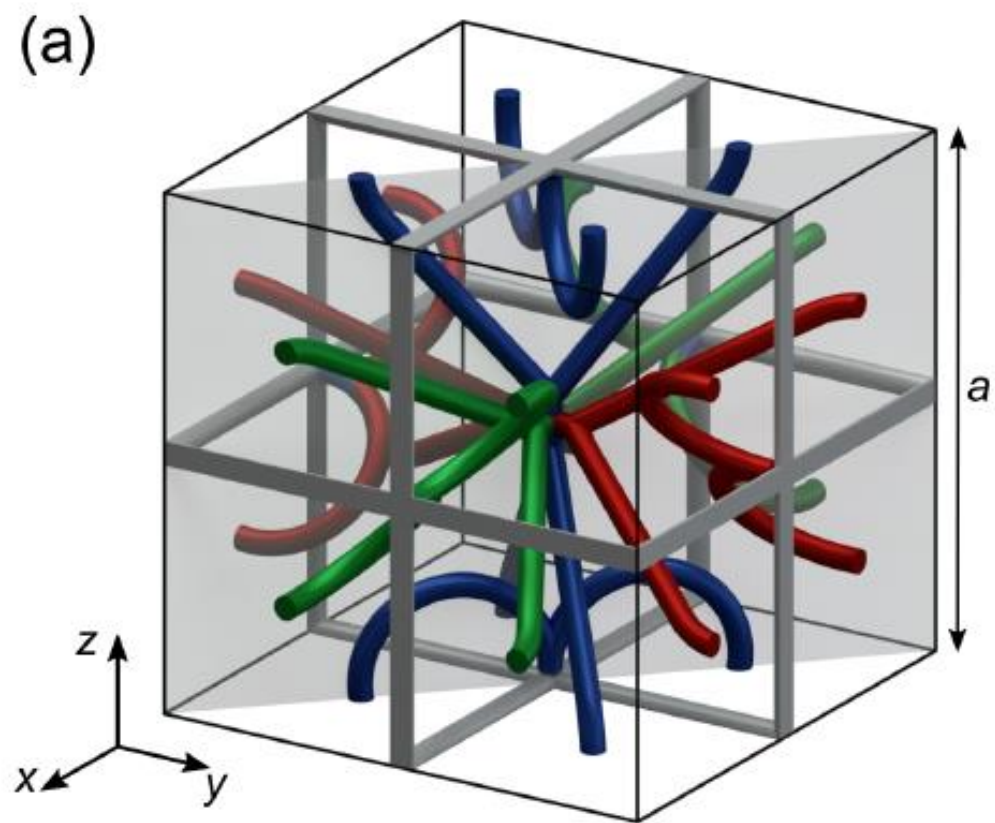
$$\mathbf{b} = -\mu_0 \boldsymbol{\mu} (\nabla \Phi_m) \langle \mathbf{h} \rangle \quad \nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{\mu} \nabla \Phi_m) = 0 \quad - (\nabla \Phi_m) \langle \mathbf{h} \rangle = \mathbf{h}.$$

(a)



(b)







# Some References

See: <https://sinews.siam.org/Details-Page/surprises-regarding-the-hall-effect-an-extraordinary-story-involving-an-artist-mathematicians-and-physicists>

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