**Active Microwave Metamaterials Incorporating Gain Devices**

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Metamaterials are artificial composite materials that can have special properties (e.g., negative index of refraction) that do not exist in nature. Many interesting and exciting applications such as “perfect” lens, cloaking device and electrically small antennas have been proposed. However, two fundamental problems – material loss and narrow bandwidth severely limit the realization of many proposed applications. Introducing active gain or negative impedance in a metamaterial can theoretically overcome the intrinsic loss and narrow bandwidth issues of passive metamaterials. First-time experimental demonstrations of 1-D and volumetric negative index structure with net gain will be presented. A refractive prism based on this structure is also simulated to validate the concept. These results have shown that active metamaterials can overcome the intrinsic limitations of loss and bandwidth and paved the way for potential realization of exciting devices such as “invisible cloak”. In addition, some examples of electrically small antennas based on active metamaterial concept will also be presented.



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