

# Super-resolution Properties of the Maxwell Fish-Eye

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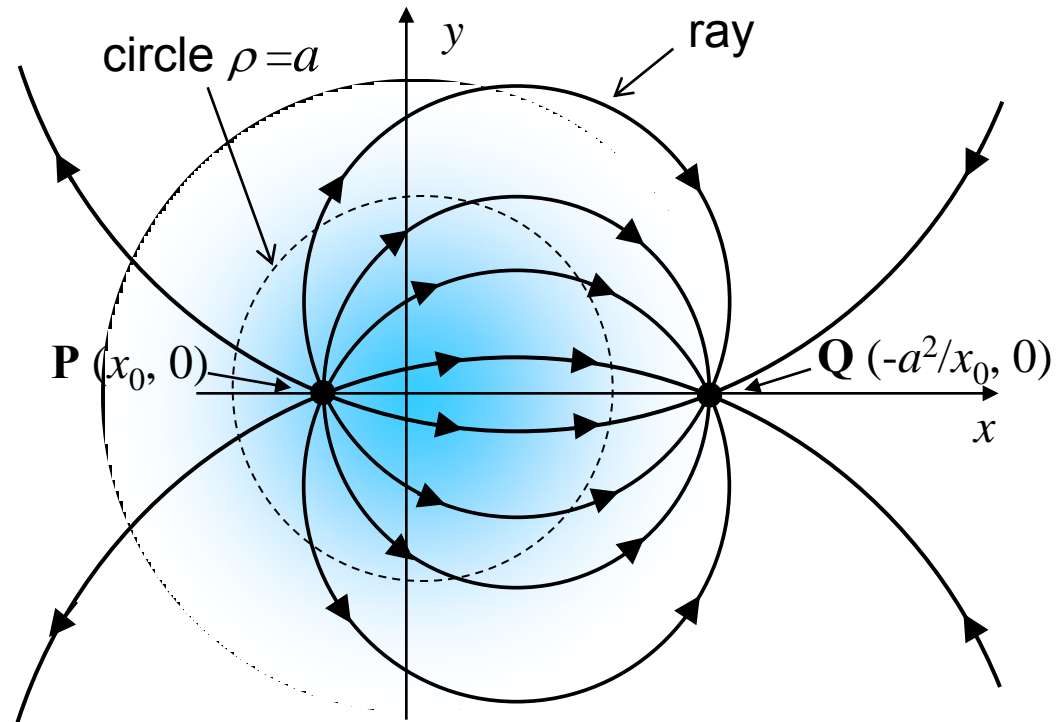
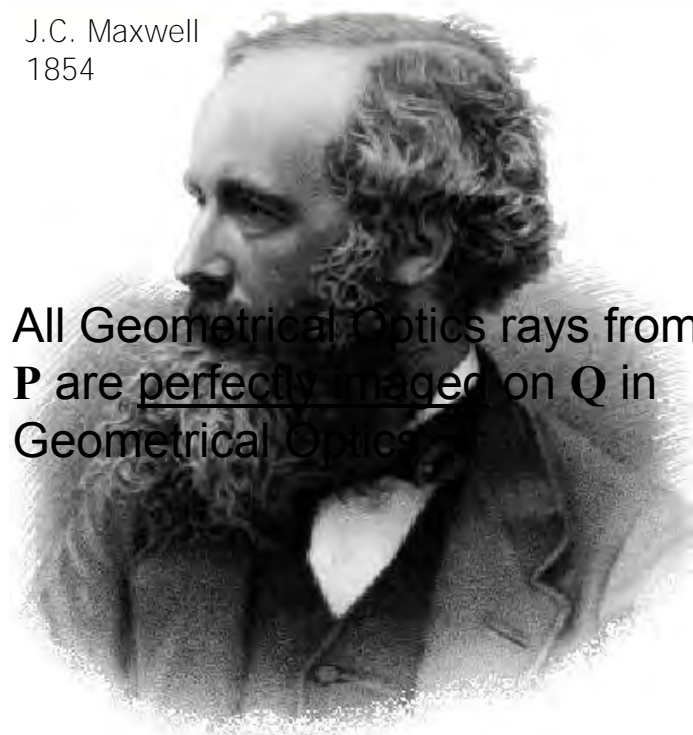


# Maxwell fish-eye

$$n(\rho) = \frac{2}{1 + (\rho/a)^2} \quad (\rho^2 = x^2 + y^2)$$

J.C. Maxwell  
1854

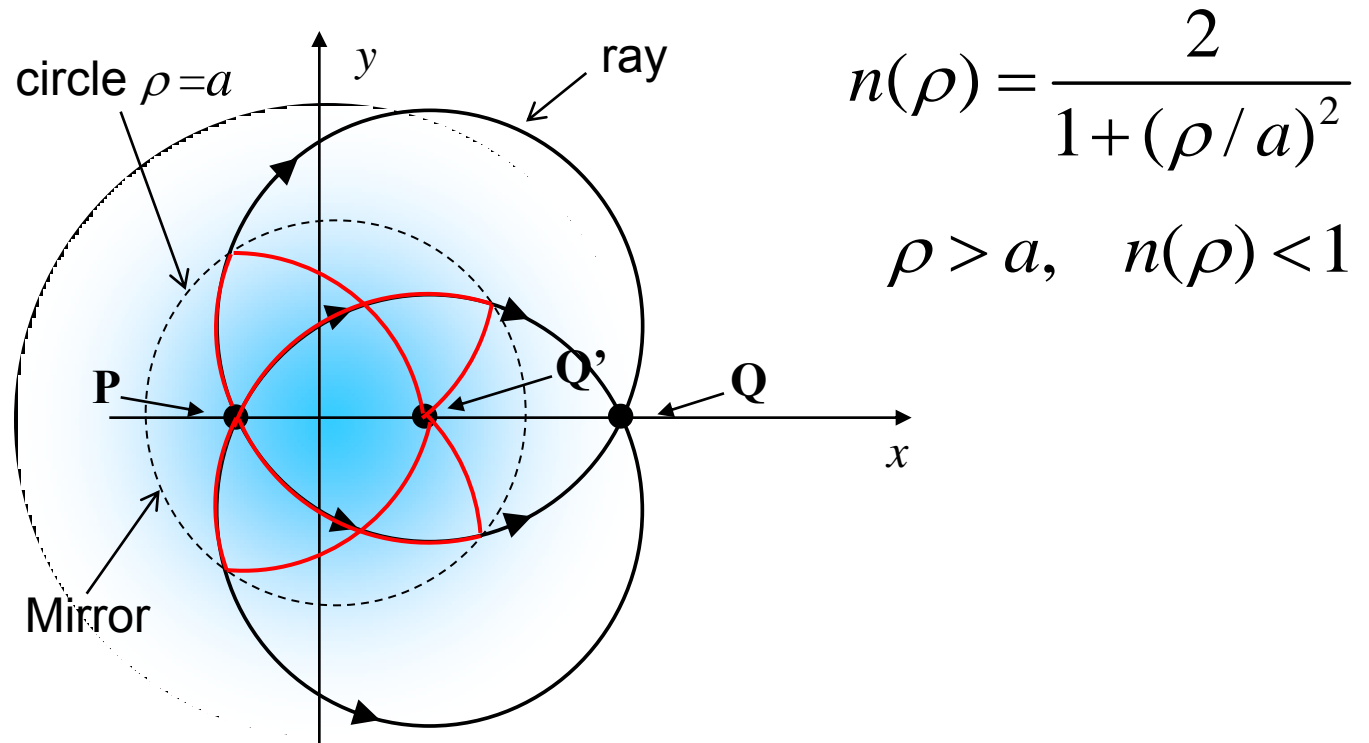
All Geometrical Optics rays from **P** are perfectly imaged on **Q** in Geometrical Optics



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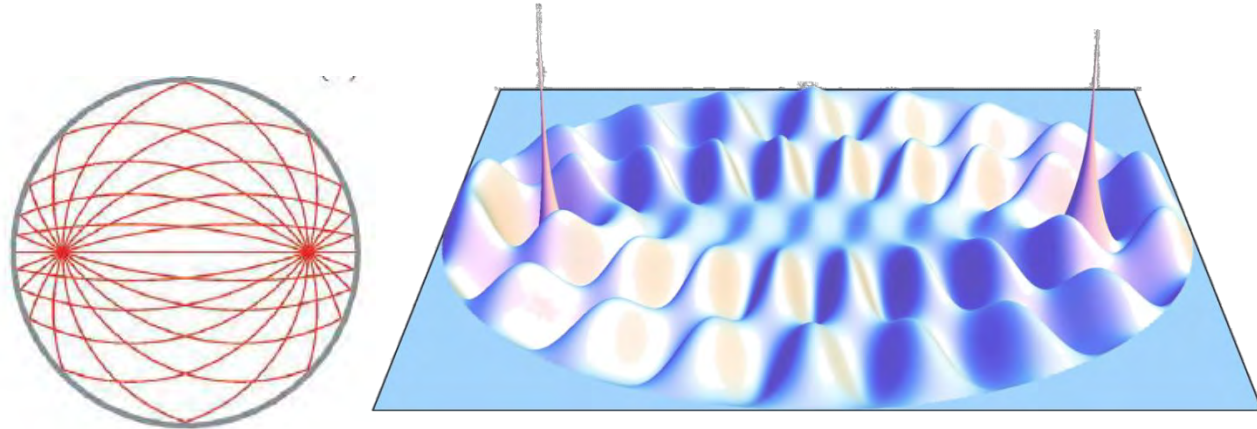


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What happens in Wave Optics?



[Ulf Leonhardt, New Journal of Physics **11**  
(2009)]



$$E = \frac{P_\nu(-\cos\theta) - e^{i\nu\pi} P_\nu(\cos\theta)}{4\sin(\nu\pi)} \mathbf{z}$$

$$\nu(\nu+1) = (ak_0)^2$$



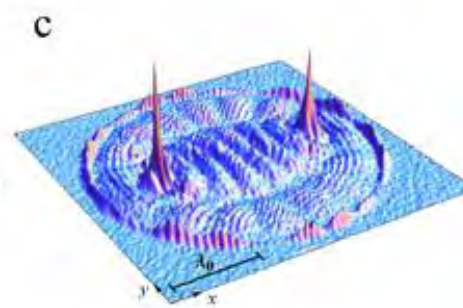
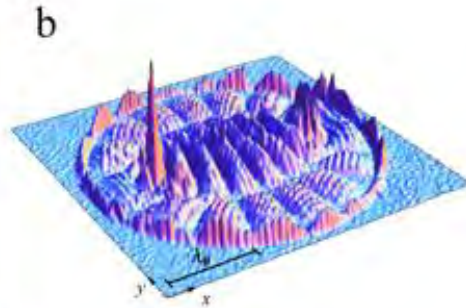
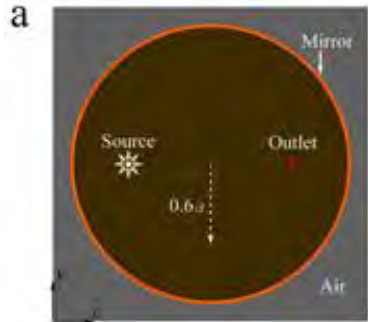
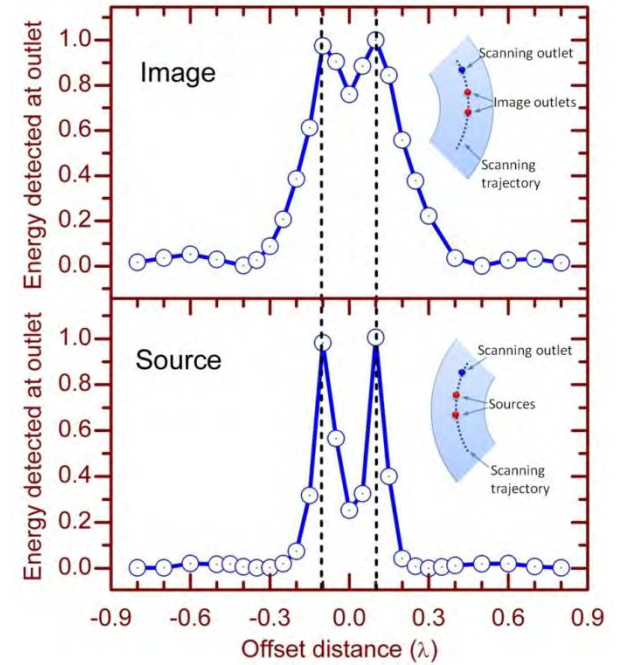
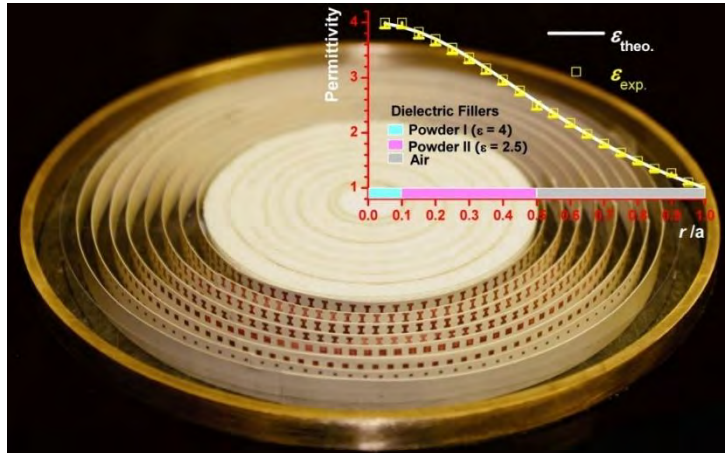
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# Experimental demonstration of $\lambda/5$ super-resolution

Super-resolution stands for the capacity of an optical system to resolve below by the diffraction limit



[Yungui Ma, Singapore]



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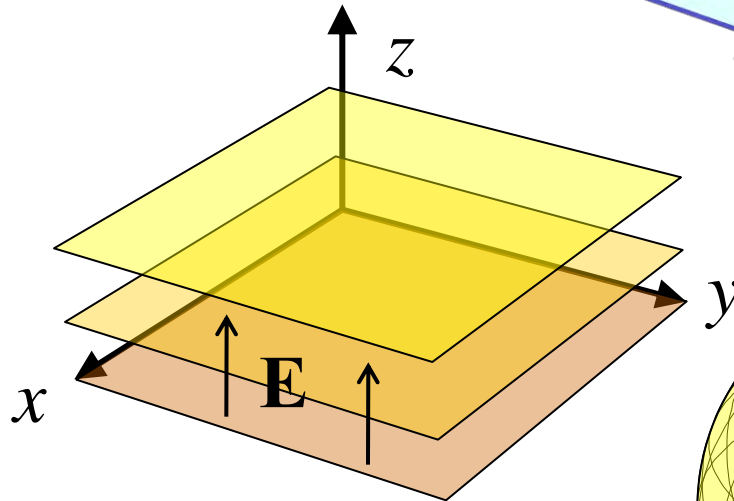
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# Spherical Geodesic Waveguide

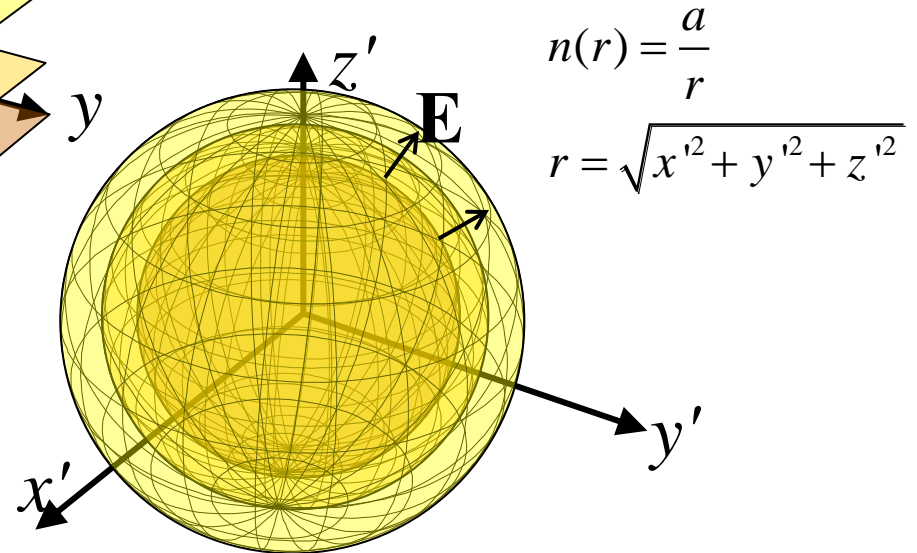
Cylindrical 3D MFE lens

$$n(\rho) = \frac{2}{1 + (\rho/a)^2}$$



Each  $z=\text{constant}$  plane is mapped on a different sphere via stereographic projections

Material with spherical symmetry



[J.C. Miñano, P. Benítez, J.C. González, NJP, 12 (2010)]

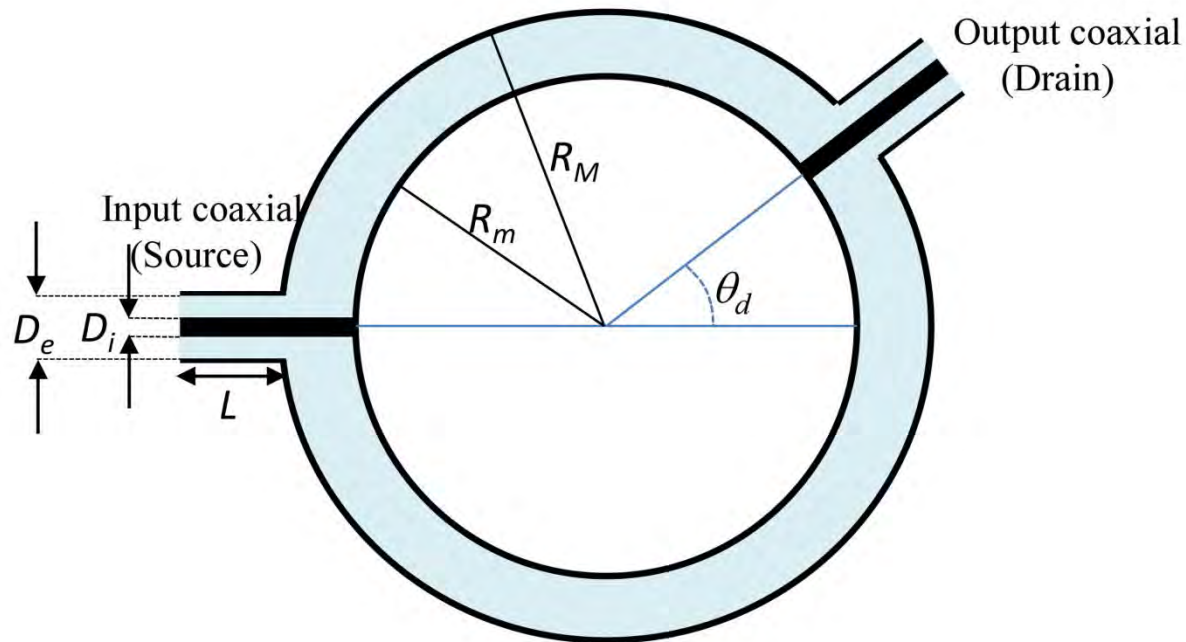


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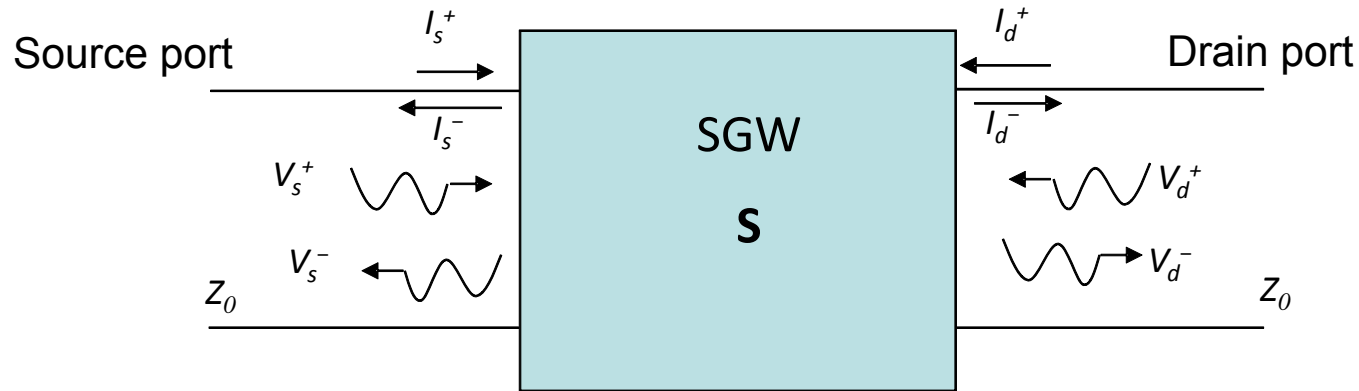
$$D_e = 10 \text{ mm} \quad D_i = 5 \text{ mm} \quad L = 20 \text{ mm}$$

$$R_M = 1005 \text{ mm} \quad R_m = 1000 \text{ mm}$$

$$n(r) = R_M / r \approx 1$$



# Microwave circuit made up of the two ports and the spherical waveguide



When  $V_d^+ = 0, I_d^+ = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_s^- \\ V_d^- \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_s^+ \\ V_d^+ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V_d^- = S_{21} V_s^+$$

$$V_s^- = S_{11} V_s^+$$

$$P_I = \frac{1}{2} \frac{|V_s^+|^2}{Z_0} \quad P_T = P_I |S_{21}|^2$$

$$P_R = P_I (1 - |S_{21}|^2)$$

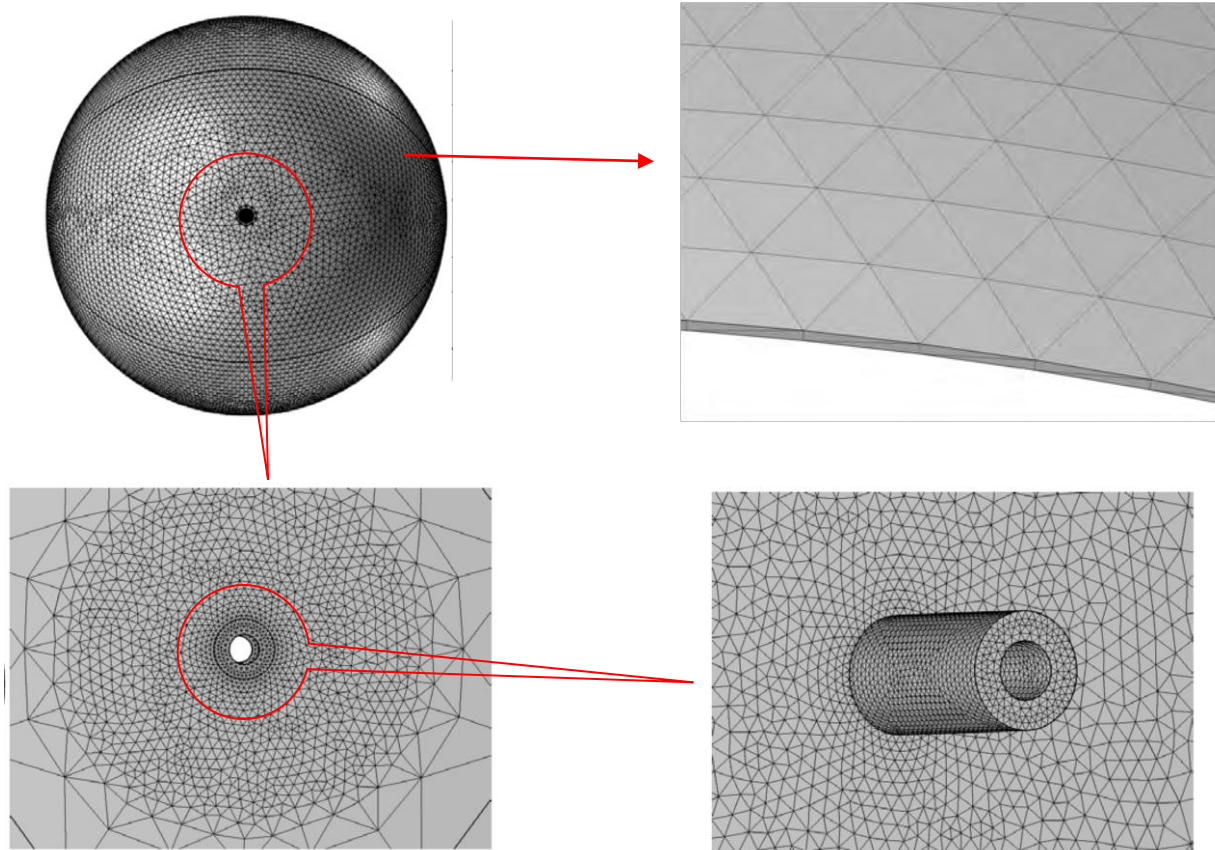


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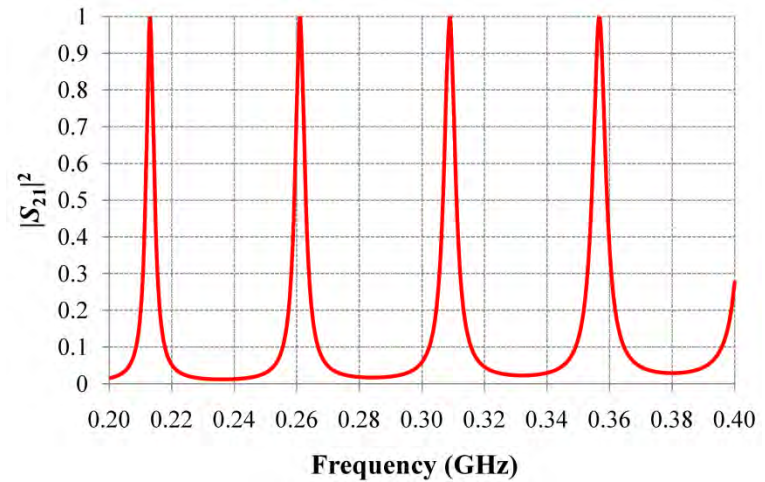
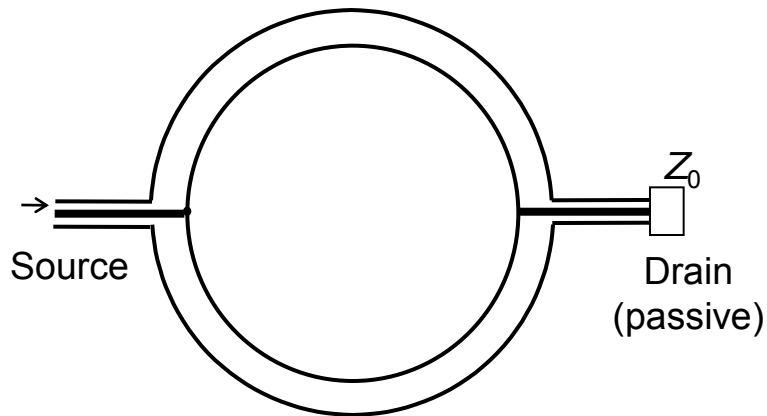
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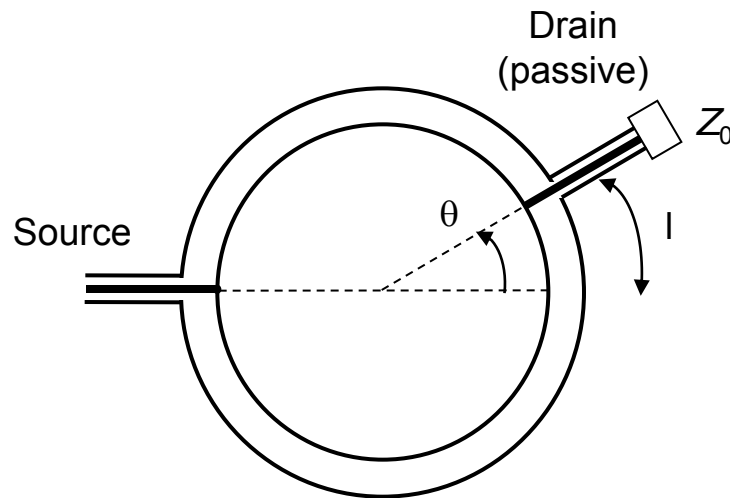
# Meshing in Comsol



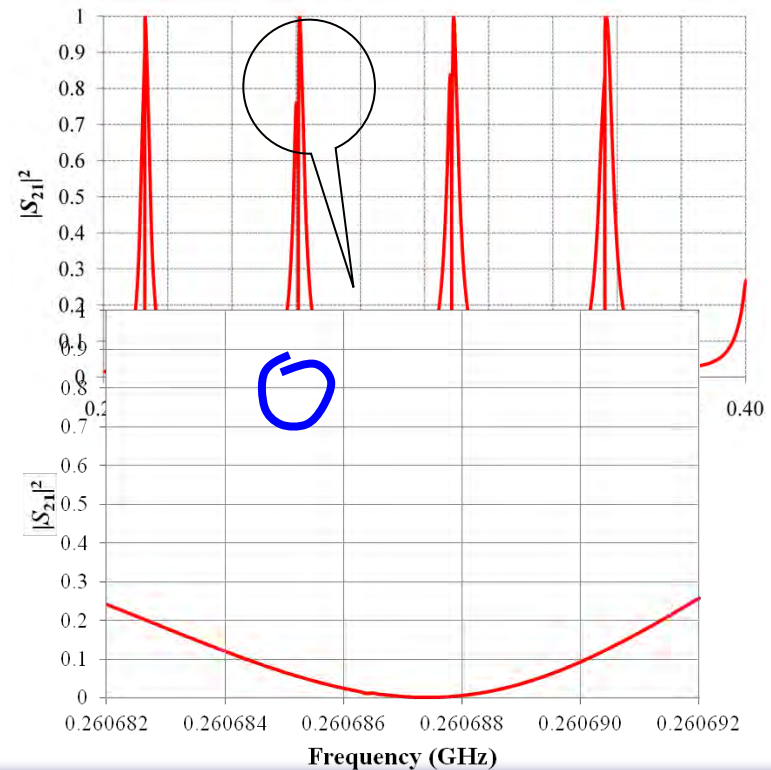
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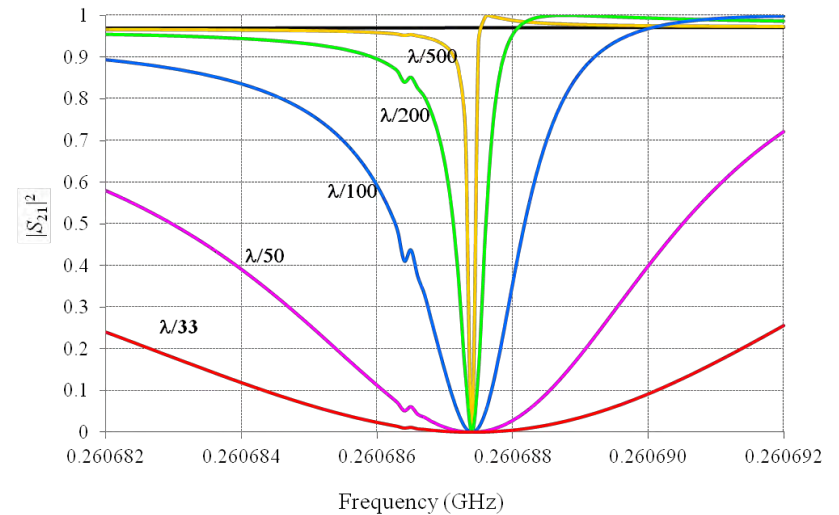
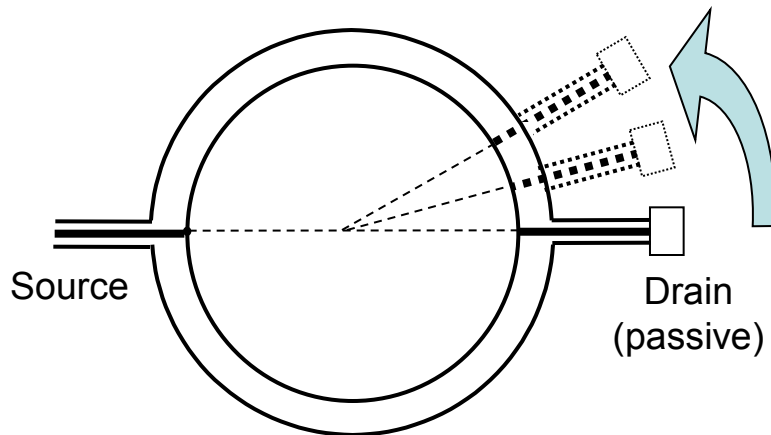


$$\theta = 2^\circ, l = \lambda/33$$
$$\lambda = 1.15\text{m}$$

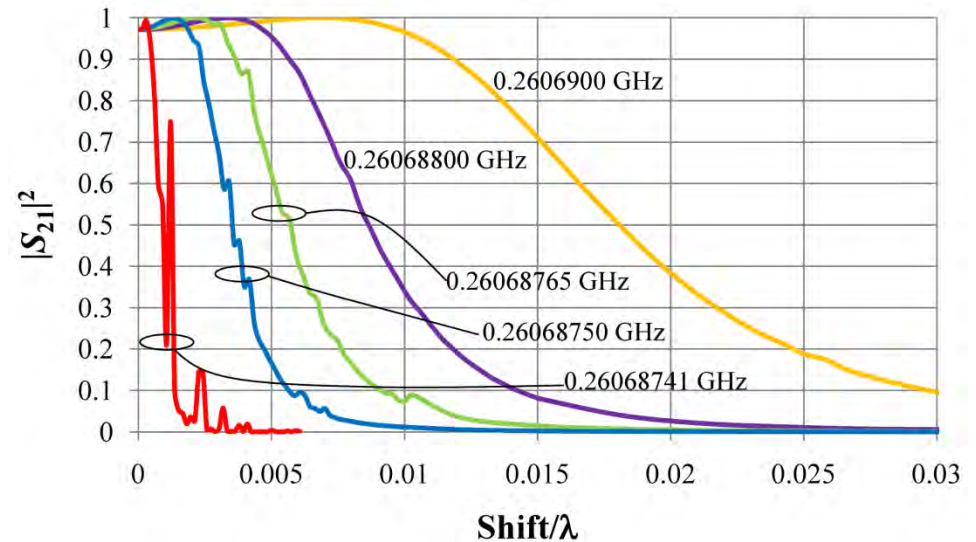
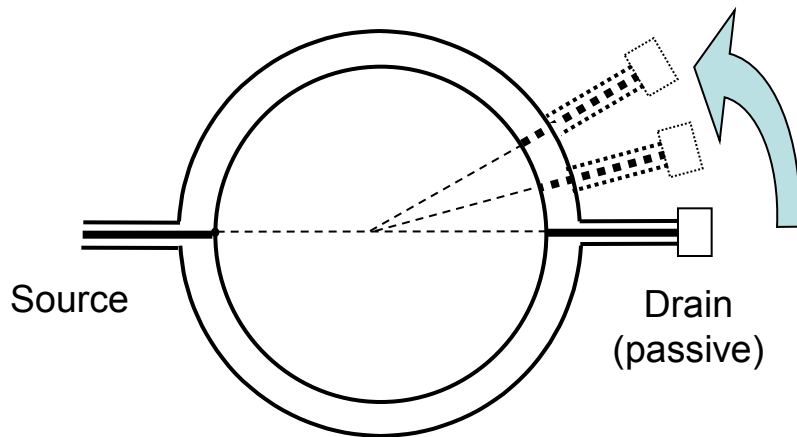




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# Conclusions

- Super-resolution properties of the Maxwell Fish-eye are analyzed using Spherical Geodesic Waveguide (SGW).
- Simulations of the SGW show super-resolution up to  $\lambda / 500$  at microwave frequencies.
- The super-resolution is achieved using an approximate model of the SGW (the model having  $n=1$  inside the waveguide) convenient for manufacturing.

