



Multi-Resolution MoM for 3D structures

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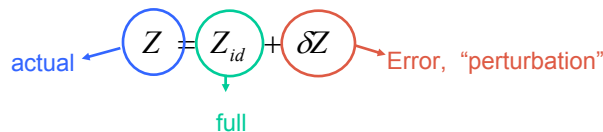


Sparsify that!

Sparsification goal:

sparsify MoM matrix $[Z]$ without altering accuracy of solution, $[Z]^{-1}$

Remember: sparsification=perturbation



Effect on solution:

$$\frac{\|\delta I\|}{\|I_{id}\|} \leq \text{const} \underbrace{K(Z)}_{\text{Condition number}} \frac{\|\delta Z\|}{\|Z_{id}\|}$$



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Sparsify that!

Sparsification options:

- 1) Keep conditioning **K** constant, increase dynamics

$$\frac{\|\delta I\|}{\|I_{id}\|} \leq \text{const } K(Z) \frac{\|\delta Z\|}{\|Z_{id}\|}$$

Lots of entries much smaller than diagonal: with a **low** clipping **threshold** achieve **large sparsity**, but with **low** relative **error** on $[Z]$ mtx

$$\frac{\|\delta Z\|}{\|Z_{id}\|}$$

⇒ Use **orthogonal** transformations (basis change)
(most wavelets and DWT do that)



Sparsify that!

Sparsification options:

- 2) Improve conditioning **K**, increase dynamics if you can

$$\frac{\|\delta I\|}{\|I_{id}\|} \leq \text{const } K(Z) \frac{\|\delta Z\|}{\|Z_{id}\|}$$

Good conditioning keep solution error small even with not-so low clipping **threshold**

⇒ Do **not** use **orthogonal** transformation (basis change)

If you fix the conditioning problem, you also improve the **convergence of iterative solvers**

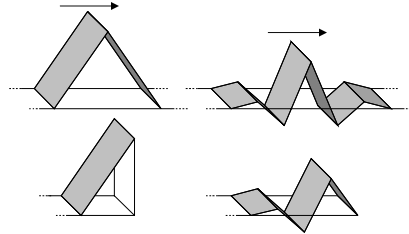
- Convergence speed related to eigenvalue spectrum
- For a given solution error you can use a higher residual error threshold



The moment-killing story

Rooftops

Wavelets



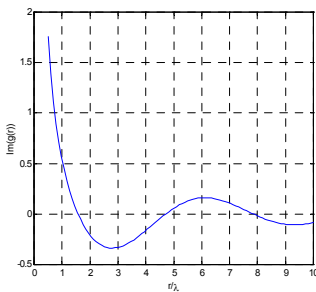
Non-zero average
(0th moment)

Zero average
(0th moment)

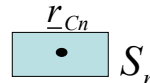
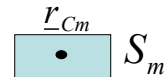
$$\underline{\mu}_m^0 = \int_{S_m} d\Sigma \underline{f}_m$$

Graphics: courtesy R. Loison

The moment-killing story



$$Z_{mn} = \int_{S_m} d\Sigma \underline{f}_m \cdot \underline{E}^s \{ \underline{f}_n \}$$



Far-field is smooth

$$\underline{E}_n^s(\underline{r}) \approx \underline{E}_n^s(\underline{r}_{Cn}) + \text{const}(\underline{r} - \underline{r}_{Cn}) + \dots$$

$$Z_{mn} = \underbrace{\underline{E}_n^s(\underline{r}_{Cn}) \cdot \int_{S_m} d\Sigma \underline{f}_m}_{=0} + \text{const} \int_{S_m} d\Sigma \underline{f}_m \cdot (\underline{r} - \underline{r}_{Cn}) + \dots$$

for wavelets

➡ $Z_{mn} \approx 0$



The multi-scale perspective

Solutions for antenna-array problems have **multiple scales** of variation

large scales (= slow):
global features
(e.g. standing waves)

fine scales (= fast):
near source points,
edges, junctions, etc.

Standard basis functions (RWG etc.) do **NOT** possess **different scales**

Multi-Resolution (MR) basis⁽¹⁾

use representation of unknowns (currents) that **keeps different scales**
on different subsets of basis functions

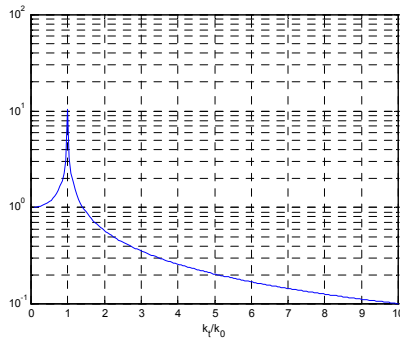
(1) F.Vipiana, P.Pirinoli, G.Vecchi, "A Multiresolution Method of Moments for Triangular Meshes", *IEEE Trans. Ant. Prop.*, Vol.53, No.7, July 2005.



The filtering properties of the Green's function

The Green's function is a
(spatial) filter

$$\frac{\exp(-jk_0\rho)}{\rho} \propto \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk_x dk_y \exp(-j\mathbf{k}_t \cdot \underline{\rho}) \frac{1}{\sqrt{k_0^2 - k_t^2}}$$



Spectral representation of
the Green's function





The filtering properties of the Green's function

The Green's function is a (spatial) filter

Basis functions with different **spatial frequency content** produce fields $\underline{E}^s \{ \underline{f}_n \}$ with **different strengths**

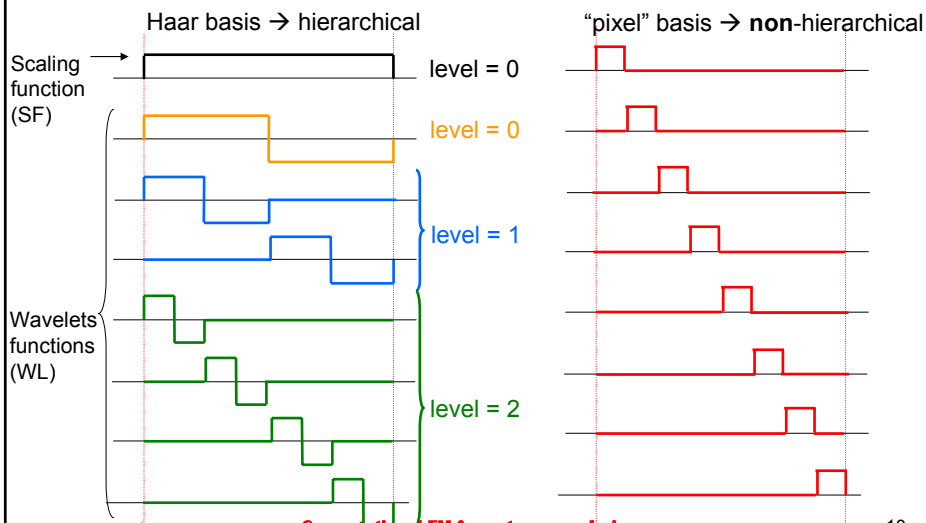
Basis functions with different **spatial frequency content** produce diagonal **entries** of different magnitude

$$Z_{nm} = \int_{S_m} d\Sigma \underline{f}_n \cdot \underline{E}^s \{ \underline{f}_n \}$$



The dual-resolution of MR bases

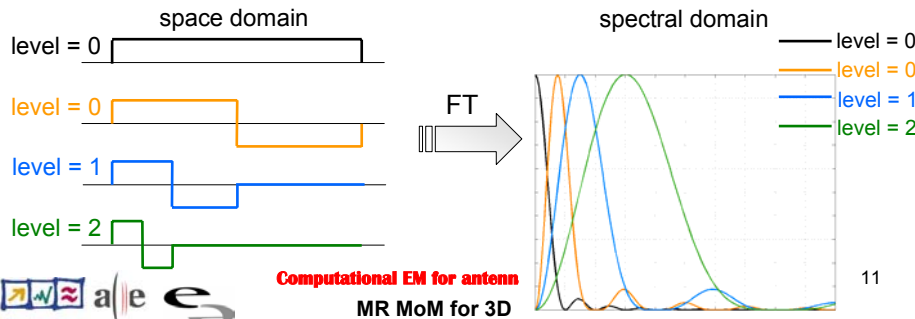
- MR analysis uses a **hierarchical** basis function set (**wavelets**)





The dual-resolution of MR bases

- Wavelets have **resolution in space** (natural) domain: wavelets within a **same level** are **shifted** versions of the same function
- Wavelets have **resolution in spectral** (conjugate) domain: wavelets of **different levels** have **different occupation** in the **spectral** domain

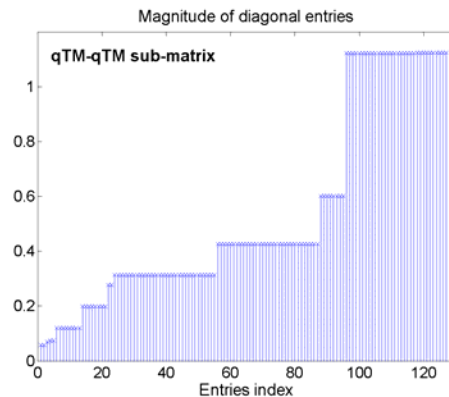
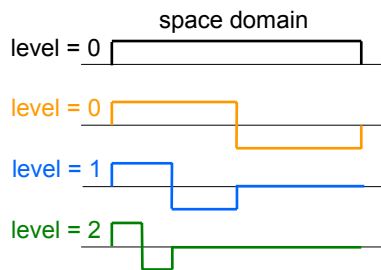


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The filtering properties of the Green's function

MR basis:



MR functions of different levels have diagonal entries of different magnitude

Pixel basis functions have diagonal entries almost all equal



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Diagonal preconditioning

$$Z_{mn}^{PC} = \frac{Z_{mn}}{\sqrt{Z_{mm}Z_{nn}}}$$

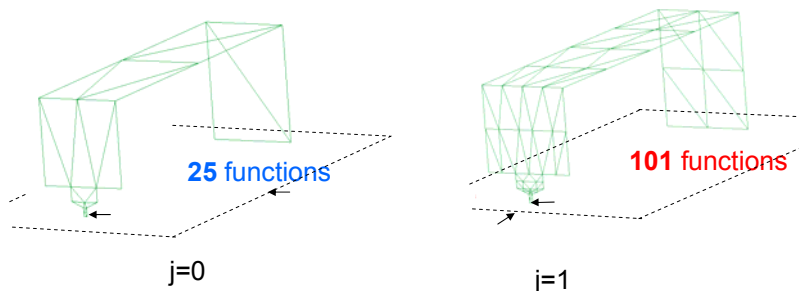
Pixel basis (diagonal entries almost all equal): almost no effect

MR basis (diagonal entries have different magnitude)
Potential strong effect



Strategy: 1) adapt to meshed geometry

- 1) Wavelets of different levels have different level of detail:
define them on **cells of different size** \Rightarrow construct a multi-scale system based on a family of **different meshes** of the same structure



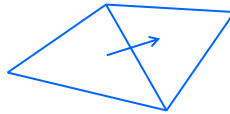


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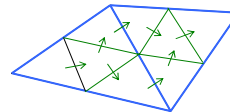
Each **j-level** MR function \Rightarrow linear combination of the **j-level** RWGs

Each **j-level** RWG \Rightarrow linear combination of the **(j+1)-level** RWGs
 (exact reconstruction)

j-level RWG



(j+1)-level RWGs



MR basis functions of **all** levels \Rightarrow linear combination of **RWGs** of the **"pixel level"** (last level)



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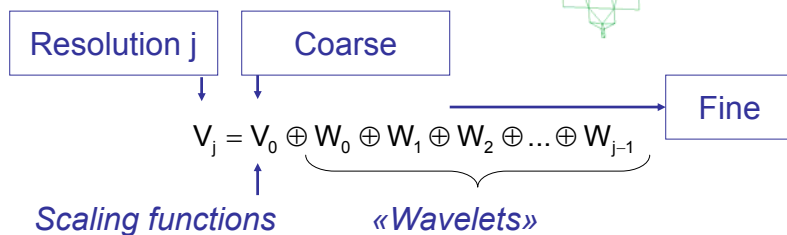
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Strategy: 1) adapt to meshed geometry

- 1) Handle **coarsest** mesh separately, use to define scaling functions (very different properties)



- define a set of basis functions on coarse mesh
- non-unique choice
- Simplest: RWG of the mesh



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Strategy: 2) handle scalar fields

On non-separable geometries, vector components are not separable (e.g. RWG)

Need a mapping from vector to scalar that “survives” on triangular grids.....

Then, define MR basis on scalar fields, and then come back to vector



Mesh-independent scalar-vector mapping

Observe that

$$\nabla_s \cdot \underline{J}_{\text{solenoidal}}(\underline{r}) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \underline{J}_{\text{solenoidal}}(\underline{r}) = \hat{n} \times \nabla_s S(\underline{r})$$

If we use the solenoidal extraction, the solenoidal part is mapped exactly onto a scalar field

Scalar
field

But: we also need the non-solenoidal part (e.g. stars)...

$$\nabla_s \cdot \underline{J}_{\text{non-sol}}(\underline{r}) \neq 0$$

Can we map the non-solenoidal part to a scalar field?

The **charge** density! $\nabla_s \cdot \underline{J}_{\text{non-sol}}(\underline{r}) = -j\omega\sigma(\underline{r})$

(inversion charge \rightarrow current is non-trivial; easier to understand on our wavelets: see later)



“Dirty” wavelets

Haar wavelets are very simple and flexible, but can handle only piecewise-constant functions

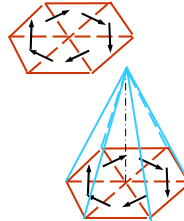
Good for the charge, need extension to triangular mesh (easy)

Solenoidal part

$$\underline{J}_{\text{solenoidal}}(\underline{r}) = \hat{n} \times \nabla_s S(\underline{r})$$

RWG, rooftops

Piece-wise linear



Need simple wavelets for this class

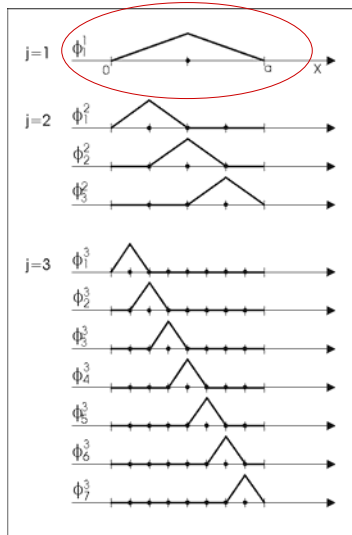


Lazy Wavelets (1)

- proposed by W. Sweldens in “The lifting scheme: A construction of second generation wavelets,” *SIAM J. Mathematical Analysis*, vol. 29, no. 2, pp. 511–546, 1998.
- simply a subset of scaling functions
- improved by the “lifting scheme”
- adaptive to general shape domains (2D, non-separable)
- (very) low computational cost



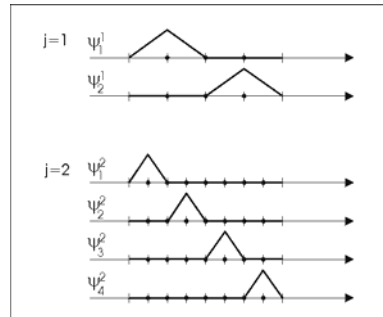
Lazy Wavelets (2)



← Scaling functions

1D case

Wavelet functions



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Generation of wavelets

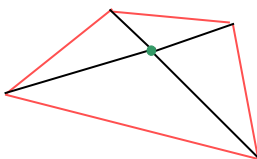
solenoidal current, "TE" (loops) (node-based)

➤ generation of a sequence of multilevel node grids:

→ each j -th level cell → divided in 4 $(j+1)$ -th level cells

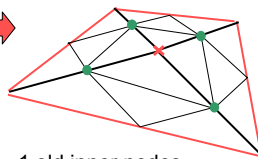
→ ● = "new" inner nodes × = "old" inner nodes

$j = 1$ level



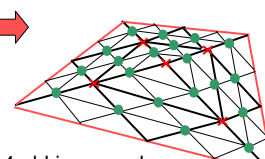
1 new inner node

$j = 2$ level



1 old inner nodes
4 new inner nodes

$j = 3$ level



4 old inner nodes
20 new inner nodes



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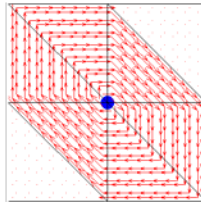
Lazy Wavelets: TE basis

● = selected inner
nodes for each
level

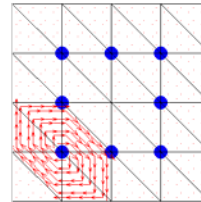
→ = TE vector
function

2D case

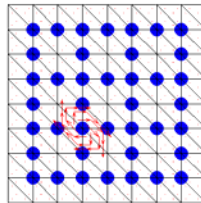
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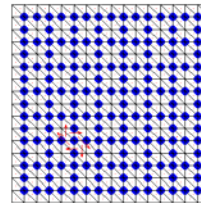
level 2



level 3



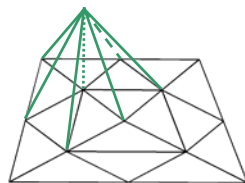
level 4



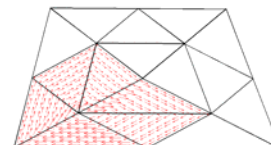
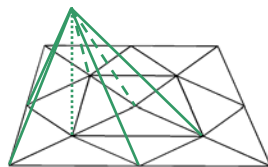
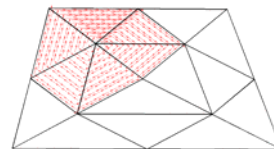
Lazy Wavelets: TE basis

➤ around each **new j-level** inner node
generation of the TE functions:

scalar solenoidal potential



vector current function



Generation of charge wavelets

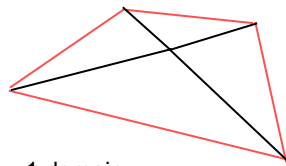
Extension of Haar to triangular cells

➤ generation of a sequence of **multi-level cell** grids:

➔ each j -th level cell \rightarrow domain of the $(j+1)$ -th level mesh

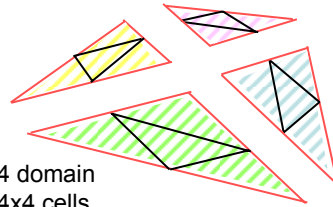
➔ on each $(j+1)$ -th level domain \rightarrow four-cells grid

j level



1 domain
4 cells

$j+1$ level



4 domain
4x4 cells



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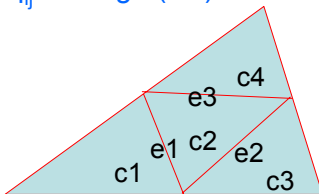
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Generation of charge wavelets

➤ on each **triangular** domain

1. Construct “charge matrix”

q_{ij} = charge (div) of basis function $\#j$ (i.e. edge $\#j$) into cell $\#i$

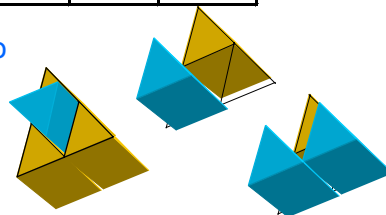


c1
c2
c3
c4

	e1	e2	e3
c1	x		
c2	x	x	x
c3		x	
c4			x

2. SVD($[q]$) defines the 3 non-zero independent “charge” states

$$[\psi_k], \quad k = 1, 2, 3$$



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Mesh-independent scalar-vector mapping

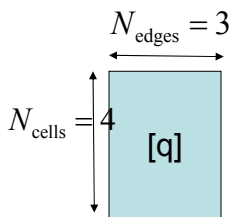
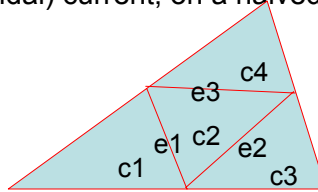
From charge to (non-solenoidal) current, on a halved triangular cell

Recall

$$[q][I] = [c]$$

Current coefficients of J

Coefficients of div J, i.e. charge density distribution on mesh



$$[\Psi_k] = (\text{pinv}[q])(\psi_k)$$



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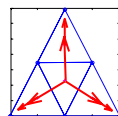
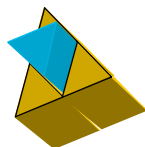
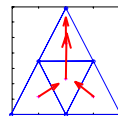
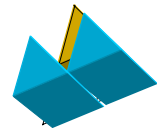
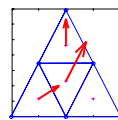
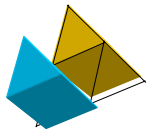
Mesh-independent scalar-vector mapping

scalar charge function

vector current function

$$[\psi_k]$$

$$[\Psi_k] = (\text{pinv}[q])(\psi_k)$$



"qTM" (quasi-irrotational) wavelets



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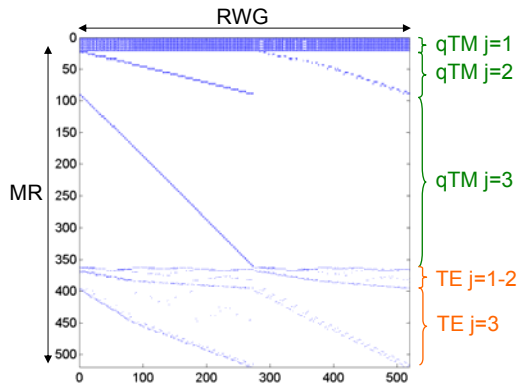
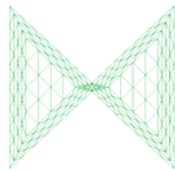


Generation of MR basis functions

MR "basis change" matrix $[f^{MR}]$ \rightarrow efficient preconditioner of the RWG MoM matrix $[Z]$

highly sparse matrix

No. of zero-elements = 94.5 %



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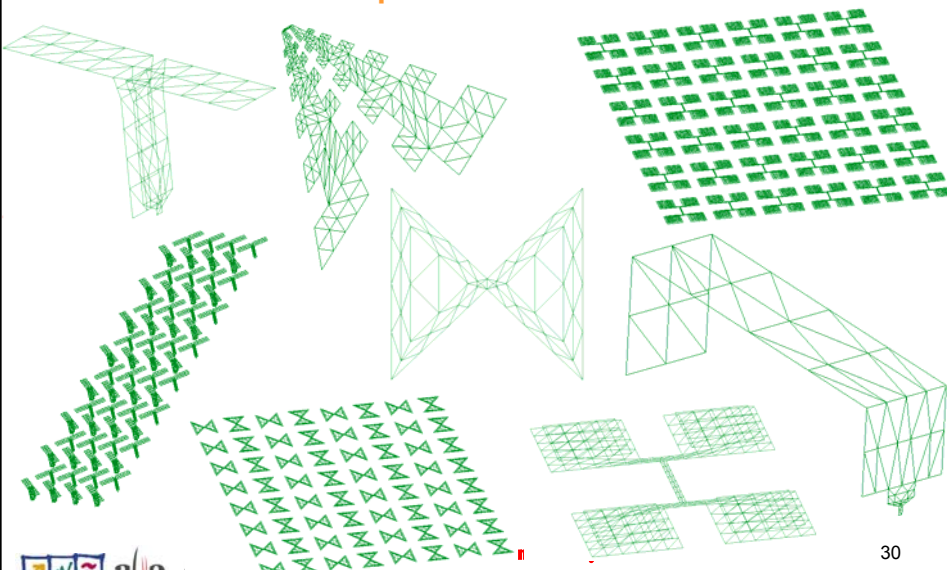
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Examples of structures



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Performance (1)

- **Condition number** of the $[Z]$ matrix = $\frac{|\lambda_{\min}|}{|\lambda_{\max}|}$ λ_i = i-th eigvalue
- **Convergence**: number of iterations with the Conjugate Gradient⁽¹⁾ (CG) tolerance = 10^{-4}
- % **sparsification** index: $\eta = \frac{\text{no. of matrix entries} < \text{threshold}}{\text{total no. of matrix entries}} \cdot 100$
- % **sparsification error** on the current = $\frac{\| [I] - [\tilde{I}] \|_2}{\| [I] \|_2} \cdot 100$

$[I]$ → solution with the **full** matrix $[\tilde{I}]$ → solution with **sparsified** matrix

⁽¹⁾ P. Sonneveld, "CGS: A fast Lanczos type solver for nonsymmetric linear system", 31 SIAM J. Sci. Stat. Comput., Vol. 10, No. 1, pp. 36-52, Jan. 1989.

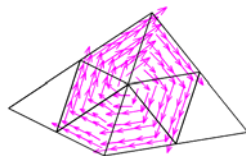


Performance (2)

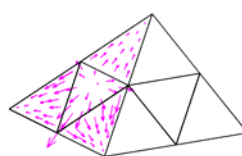
MR performace compared with:

- **Rao-Wilton-Glisson (RWG)** basis ⁽¹⁾
- **Star-Loop (SL)** basis ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

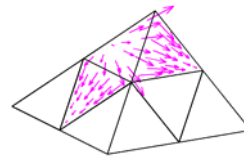
after a **Diagonal Preconditioning (DP)** of the $[Z]$ matrix



Loop function



Star function



Star function

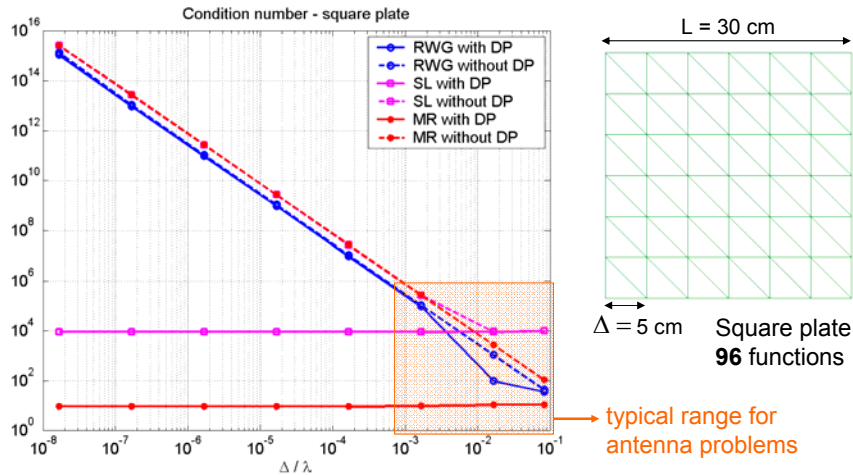
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Condition number (1)



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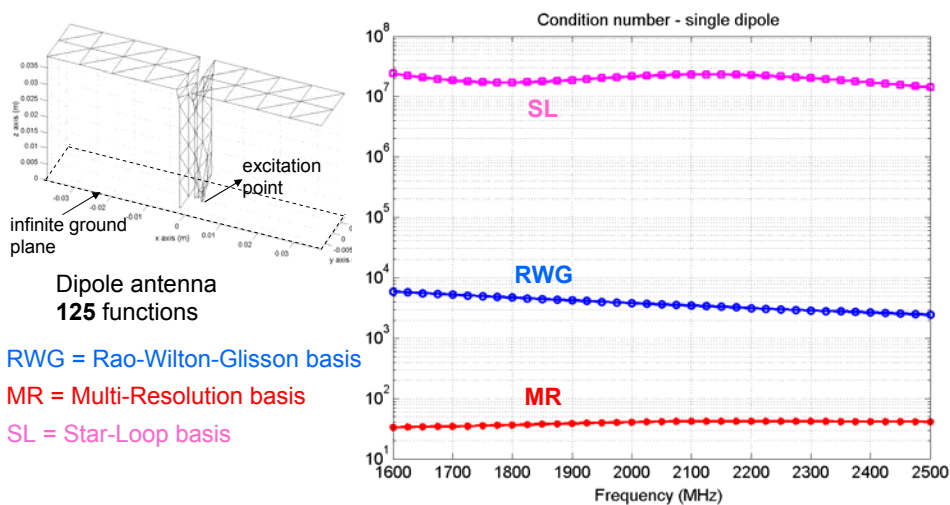
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Condition number (2)



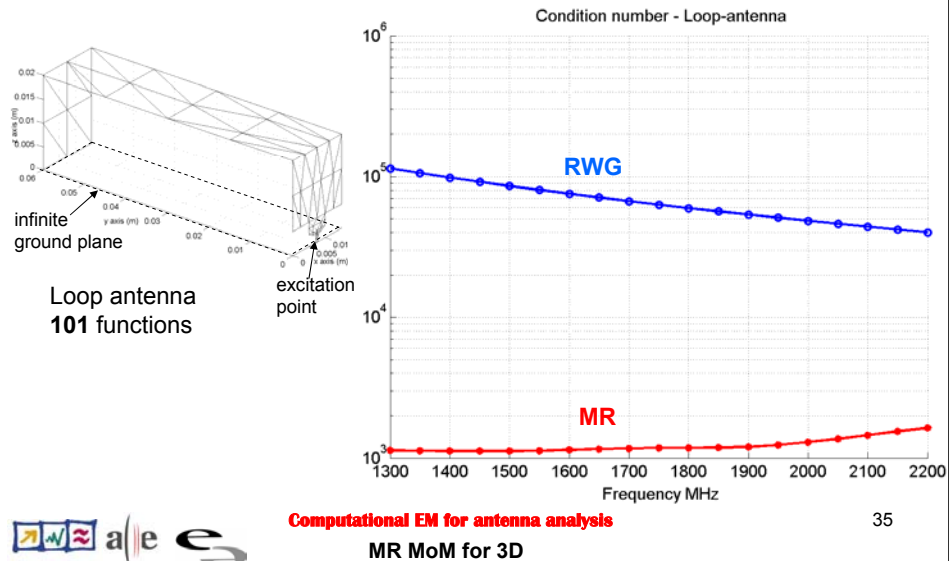
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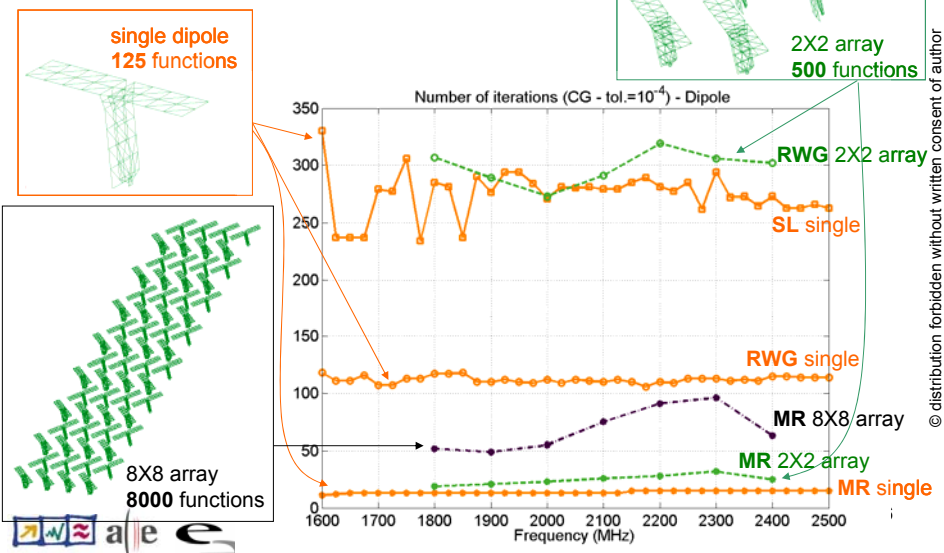
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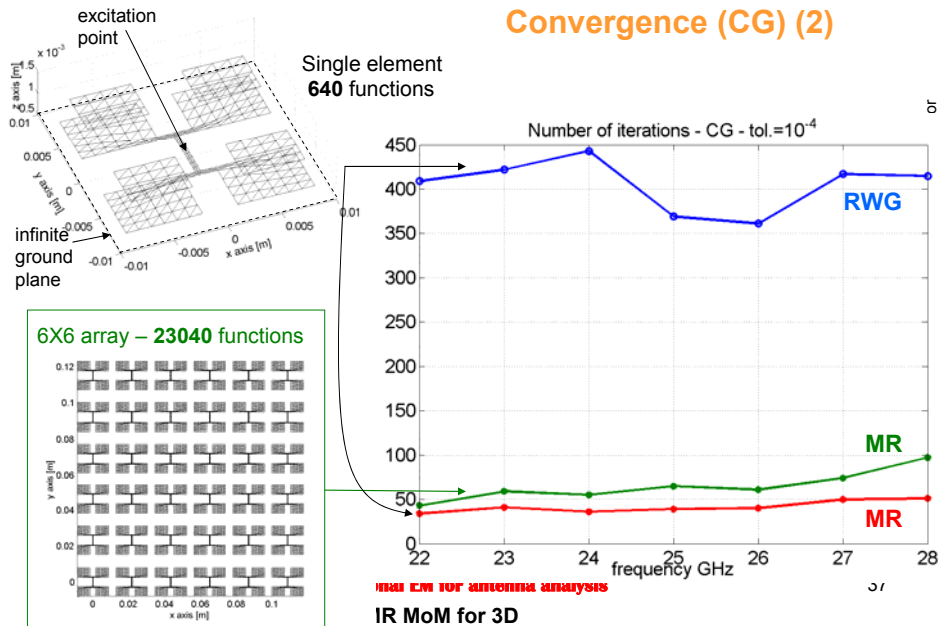


Convergence (CG) (1)

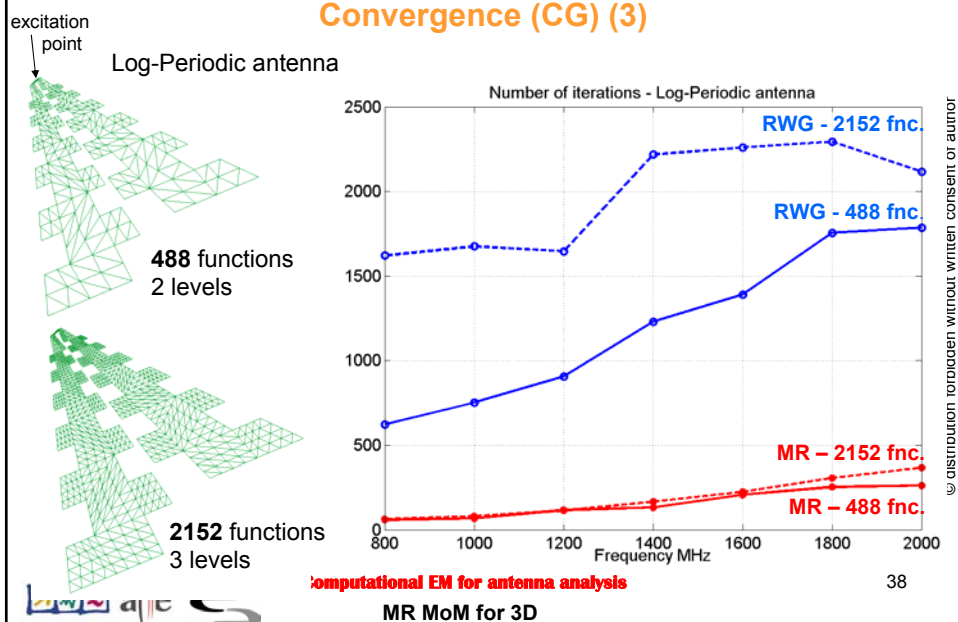




Convergence (CG) (2)

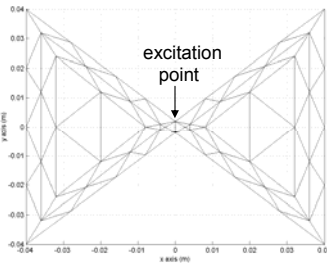


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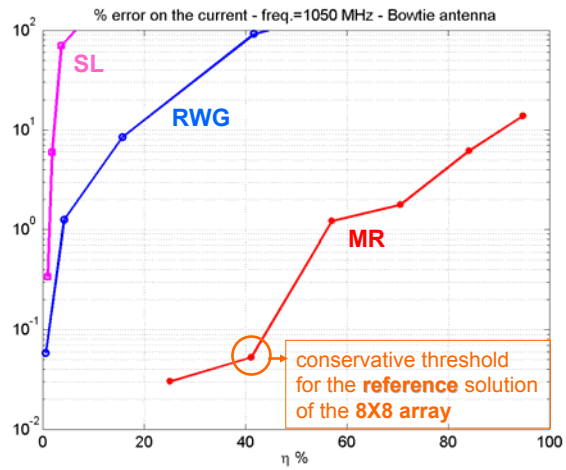




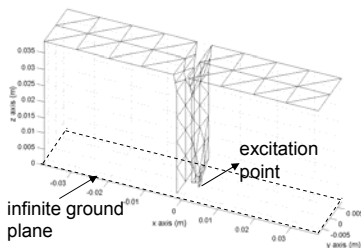
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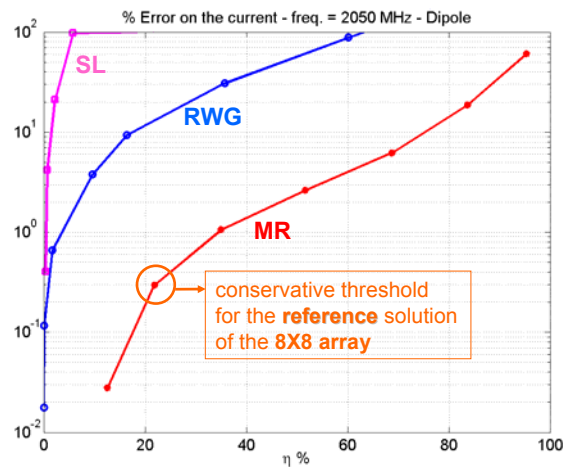
bowtie antenna
123 functions



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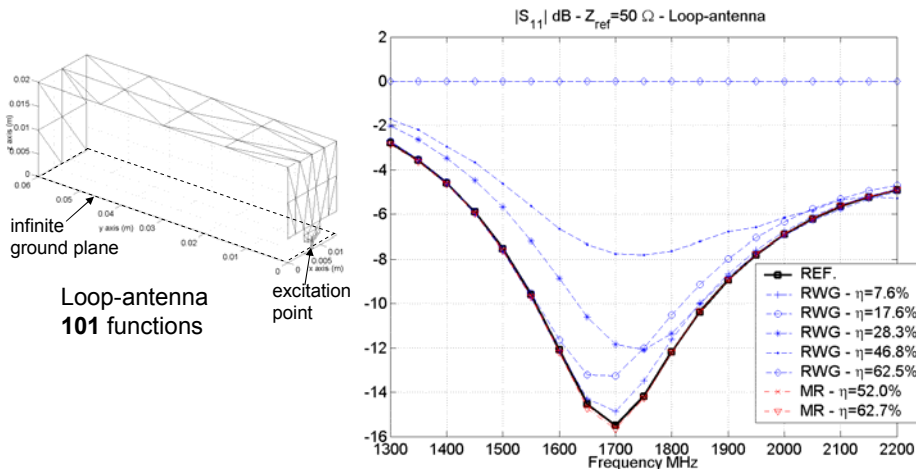


Single dipole
125 functions





S parameters (1)



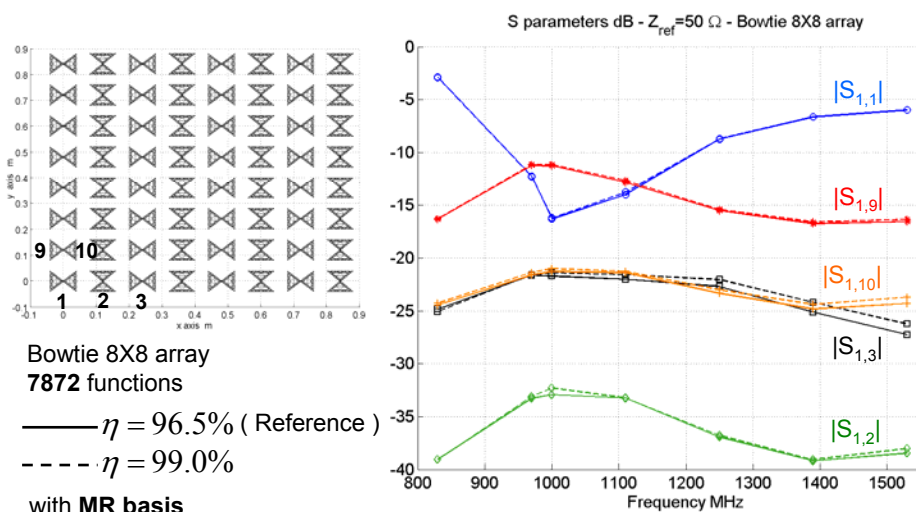
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S parameters (2)



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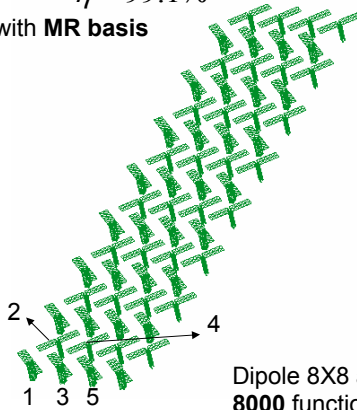
S parameters (3)

— $\eta = 94.1\%$ (Reference)

- - - $\eta = 97.6\%$

- · - $\eta = 99.1\%$

with MR basis

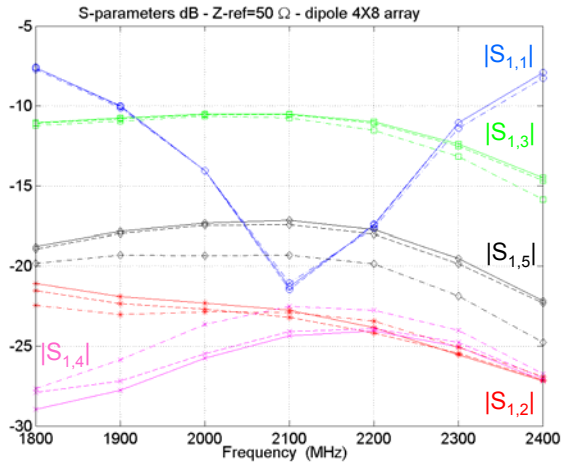


Dipole 8X8 array

8000 functions

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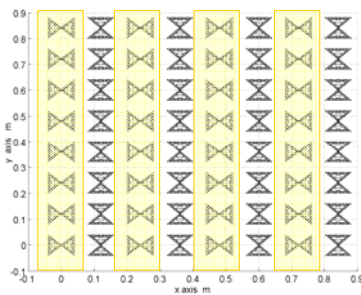
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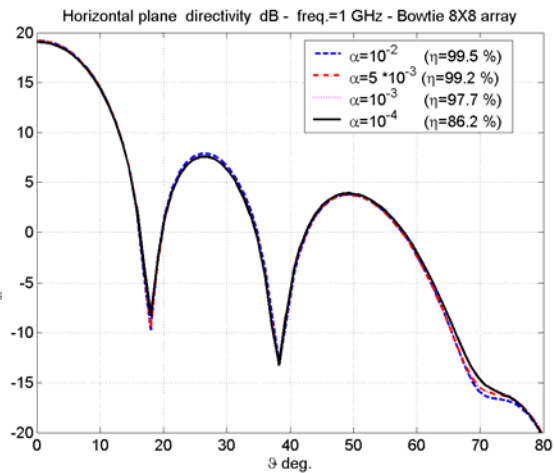


Bowtie 8X8 array

7872 functions

with MR basis

α = threshold



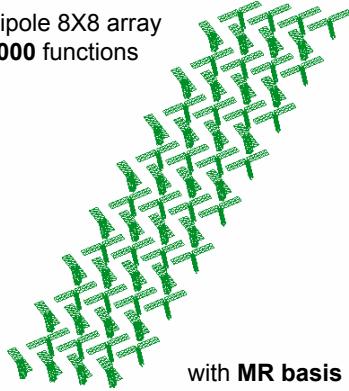
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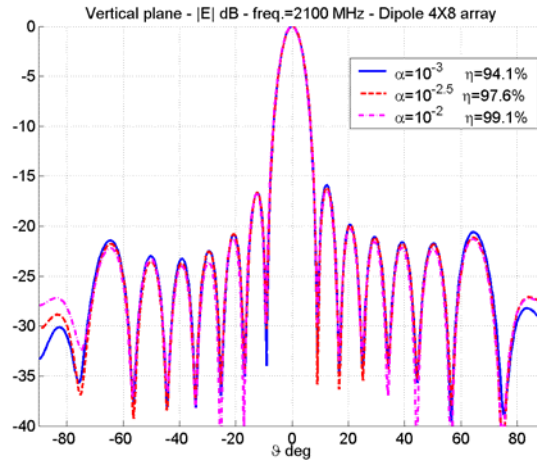
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Radiation pattern

Dipole 8X8 array
8000 functions



with MR basis
 α = threshold



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Integration with other codes



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- Code example: the **Banded Matrix Iterative Approach** applied to a non-canonical grid by using the **Adaptive Integral Method (BMIA/AIM)** ⁽¹⁾ (canonical grid = rectangular uniform grid)

- Properties of BMIA/AIM:

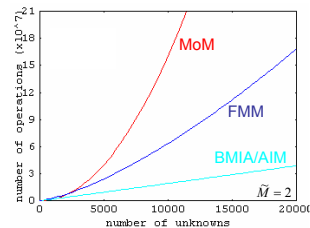
BMIA/AIM $O(3(2\tilde{M}+1)N \log(2N))$

Standard MoM $O(N^2)$

Single level FMM $O(15N^{3/2})$

N = number of RWG

\tilde{M} = Taylor Green function expansion order



- Basic limiting factor of BMIA/AIM: **convergence** of iterative solver

- Improvement: using the **MR "basis change" matrix** $[F^{MR}]$ as an efficient **preconditioner** of BMIA/AIM.



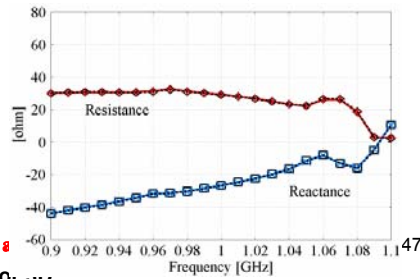
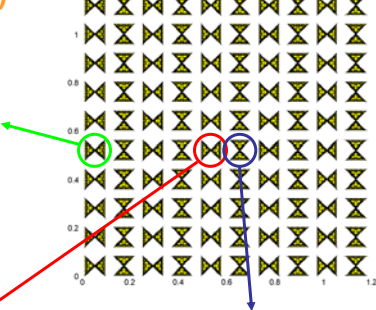
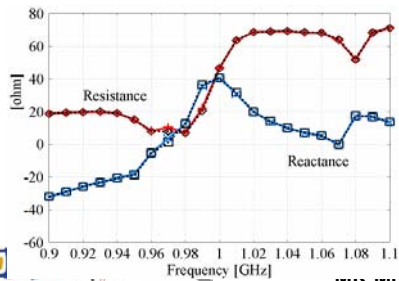
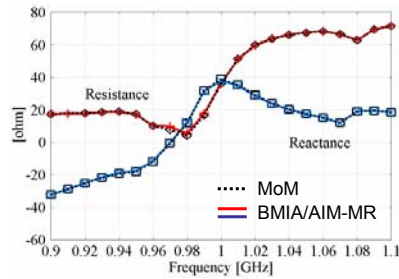
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Integration BMIA/AIM – MR (1)



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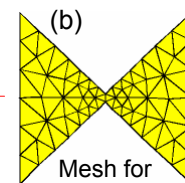
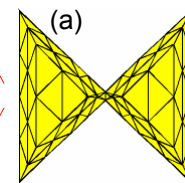
Integration BMIA/AIM – MR (2)

# of bow-ties pairs	antenna surface	Unknowns	Z ^s non zero elements	FFT-2D points	Z ^s filling time	MR basis - Prec MR CG iter. time	# iter.	Ram Mb
2 × 4	2.16 λ ²	1,968	2,540,932	64 × 64	43''	0.55''	32	66
4 × 8	9.61 λ ²	7,872	14,084,712	128 × 128	239''	2.82''	89	299
5 × 10	15.34 λ ²	12,300	23,329,258	256 × 256	398''	5.59''	114	497
6 × 12	22.09 λ ²	17,712	38,529,538	256 × 256	604''	7.69''	132	726
7 × 14	29.88 λ ²	24,108	48,763,662	256 × 256	854''	10.20''	112	1002
8 × 16	39.27 λ ²	31,488	64,953,520	256 × 256	1156''	13.46''	155	1479

# of bow-ties pairs	antenna surface	Unknowns	Z ^s non zero elements	FFT-2D points	Z ^s filling time	MR basis - Prec Diag CG iter. time	# iter.	Ram Mb
2 × 4	2.16 λ ²	1,968	2,540,932	64 × 64	43''	0.42''	2925	62
4 × 8	9.61 λ ²	7,872	14,084,712	128 × 128	239''	2.20''	3388	248
5 × 10	15.34 λ ²	12,300	23,329,258	256 × 256	398''	4.60''	2157	409
6 × 12	22.09 λ ²	17,712	38,529,538	256 × 256	604''	6.21''	3681	592
7 × 14	29.88 λ ²	24,108	48,763,662	256 × 256	854''	8.20''	3354	809
8 × 16	39.27 λ ²	31,488	64,953,520	256 × 256	1156''	10.34''	3190	1064

# of bow-ties pairs	antenna surface	Unknowns	Z ^s non zero elements	FFT-2D points	Z ^s filling time	Stand basis - Prec Diag CG iter. time	# iter.	Ram Mb
2 × 4	2.16 λ ²	1,936	2,487,020	64 × 64	47''	0.42''	2251	61
4 × 8	9.61 λ ²	7,744	13,806,956	128 × 128	263''	2.16''	2149	241
5 × 10	15.34 λ ²	12,100	22,874,012	256 × 256	438''	4.55''	3358	397
6 × 12	22.09 λ ²	17,424	34,212,460	256 × 256	663''	6.07''	3432	573
7 × 14	29.88 λ ²	23,716	47,822,300	256 × 256	937''	8.08''	2372	786
8 × 16	39.27 λ ²	30,976	63,703,532	256 × 256	1273''	11.00''	2742	1033

Mesh for
BMIA/AIM-MR



Mesh for
standard
MoM 48

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Taylor Green function expansion order = 3 (err. = 2%)

$\Delta f = 0.96 \lambda$

$\Delta f = \lambda/20$

frequency = 1 GHz



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Integration BMIA/AIM – MR (3)

Summary of performance

Consider largest case, 8x16 pairs, 30,000 unknowns

BMIA with **standard RWG**

Total time⁽¹⁾: 1273" (fill [Z]) + 2742*11"=31,435"= **8h 44'**

BMIA with **MR**

Total time⁽¹⁾: 1156" (fill [Z]) + 155*14"=3,326"= **55' 30''**

⁽¹⁾ using a Pentium III – 700 MHz

