### Pareto Optimality Between Prescribed Far-Field Pattern and Radiation Efficiency (Very) Preliminary Results

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- ► Advanced for many scalar metrics, *e.g.*,
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  - ▶  $gain^2$ ,
  - $\blacktriangleright$  scattering<sup>3</sup>,
  - $\blacktriangleright$  optics<sup>4</sup>,
  - ▶ realized gain<sup>5</sup>,
  - ▶ trade-offs<sup>6</sup>,
  - ▶ ...

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Solution to  $\mathbf{XI}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{RI}_i$  (the first inductive mode).

▶ Looking for an optimal current, it can be chosen completely freely, only the excitation V = ZI may not be realizable.

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Some works exist

- ▶ For example, for the cost in Q-factor<sup>7</sup>,
- far-field shaping for small antennas  $(SDP)^8$ ,

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# Far-field Optimality as Trade-off With Radiation Efficiency



### The hypothesis

"Almost every far field pattern  $F_0$  can be generated by a current  $\mathbf{I}_0$ , however, potentially at the cost of almost zero radiation efficiency."

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The problem above forms a Pareto frontier in ε<sub>F</sub>(**I**) and η<sub>rad</sub>(**I**).
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### Problem #2:

• Amplitude of  $F_0$  is known; phase is arbitrary:

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• Hard to solve ( $\propto$  MAX-CUT  $\rightarrow$  NP-hard).









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▶ Impedance matrix

 $\mathbf{Z}=\mathbf{R}+\mathbf{L}+j\mathbf{X}$ 

with  $\mathbf{R} + j\mathbf{X}$  being a vacuum part, and  $\mathbf{L}$  representing ohmic losses, point-wise as

$$L_{pq} = \int_{\Omega} R_{s}(\boldsymbol{r}) \psi_{p}^{*}(\boldsymbol{r}) \cdot \psi_{q}(\boldsymbol{r}) \, \mathrm{d}\Omega$$

(e.g., thin-sheet model).

### Methodology – Antenna Metrics

▶ Radiation efficiency

$$\eta_{\rm rad} = \frac{P_{\rm rad}}{P_{\rm rad} + P_{\rm lost}} \approx \frac{\mathbf{I}^{\rm H} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{I}}{\mathbf{I}^{\rm H} \left(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{L}\right) \mathbf{I}} = \frac{1}{1 + \delta}$$

with  $\delta = P_{\text{lost}}/P_{\text{rad}}$  being dissipation factor. Far field

 $F\left(\boldsymbol{\hat{e}},\boldsymbol{\hat{r}}\right)\approx\mathbf{K}\left(\boldsymbol{\hat{e}},\boldsymbol{\hat{r}}\right)\mathbf{I}.$ 

▶ Antenna gain

$$G\left(\hat{\boldsymbol{e}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{r}}\right) = \frac{2\pi}{Z_0} \frac{\left|F\left(\hat{\boldsymbol{e}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{r}}\right)\right|^2}{P_{\rm rad} + P_{\rm lost}} \approx \frac{4\pi}{Z_0} \frac{\mathbf{I}^{\rm H} \mathbf{K}^{\rm H}\left(\hat{\boldsymbol{e}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{r}}\right) \mathbf{K}\left(\hat{\boldsymbol{e}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{r}}\right) \mathbf{I}}{\mathbf{I}^{\rm H} \left(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{L}\right) \mathbf{I}}.$$



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Lebedev quadrature with 14 points integrating exactly up to  $L_{\max}$  (TM<sub>1m</sub> and TE<sub>1m</sub>).

- ▶ Analogy to guassian quadrature on spherical shell.
- ▶ Selected quadrature degree treats spherical harmonics exactly up to known order.



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- ▶ Quadratic program with two quadratic constraints.
- ▶ Relatively complicated optimized metric.
- ▶ The problem can rewritten preserving its original nature...

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Envelope correlation coefficient

$$E(\boldsymbol{F}, \boldsymbol{F}_0) = |\rho(\boldsymbol{F}, \boldsymbol{F}_0)|^2 = \left|\frac{\mathbf{I}^{\mathrm{H}} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{I}_0}{\sqrt{\mathbf{I}_0^{\mathrm{H}} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{I}_0 \mathbf{I}^{\mathrm{H}} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{I}}}\right|^2 = \dots = |\mathbf{I}^{\mathrm{H}} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{I}_0|^2$$



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- ▶ In MIMO, ECC is usually minimized, here we want to maximize!
- ▶ A possibility to reduce to QCQP with one quadratic constraint only...
  - ▶ Grouping **R** and **L** constraints and changing multipliers.

#### Antenna Design Region





Two parallel plates,  $k\ell = \pi$ , copper  $\sigma = 5.96 \cdot 10^7 \, \text{Sm}^{-1}$ .

▶ Two plates shown above are used everywhere in this talk as an example.

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- ▶  $\eta_{\rm rad,0} \approx 0.9998$











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#### Lossy Characteristic Modes

$$\mathbf{XI}_{n} = \lambda_{n} \left( \mathbf{R} + \mathbf{L} \right) \mathbf{I}_{n}$$

- ▶ Potentially sparse basis of entire-domain functions.
- ▶ Relation to Lebedev quadrature and required number of points.
- ▶ Different properties than the classical characteristic modes  $(\mathbf{XI}_n = \lambda_n \mathbf{RI}_n)$ .





# Maximum Gain as Inherent Property of LCMs



It can be shown<sup>9</sup> that LCMs follows:

$$G_{\mathrm{ub}}\left(\hat{\boldsymbol{e}},\hat{\boldsymbol{r}}
ight)=\sum_{n}G_{n}\left(\hat{\boldsymbol{e}},\hat{\boldsymbol{r}}
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▶ Curiously enough, the property above was unknown to both Harrington and Garbacz!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>M. Capek and L. Jelinek, "Fundamental bound on maximum gain as a sum of lossy characteristic modes and its feasibility,", 2023, eprint arXiv: 2302.06425. [Online]. Available: https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.06425



Optimal excitation coefficient:

$$eta_n = \sqrt{rac{4\pi}{Z_0 G_{
m ub}\left( \hat{m{e}}, \hat{m{r}} 
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Modal significance:

$$|t_n| = \left| -\frac{1}{1 + j\lambda_n} \right|$$











Modal radiation efficiency:

$$\eta_{\mathrm{rad},n} = \frac{P_{\mathrm{rad},nn}}{P_{\mathrm{rad},nn} + P_{\mathrm{lost},nn}} = \mathbf{I}_n^{\mathrm{H}} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{I}_n$$













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Two parallel plates.


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#### Future Outlook – Test Cases



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