# Pareto Optimality Between Prescribed Far-Field Pattern and Radiation Efficiency 

(Very) Preliminary Results

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## Czech Technical University in Prague

Established in 1707 as the first non-military technical university in Europe.

- From 12 students in 1707 to more than 20000 students around 2020.


Left: Prague; right: CTU, Faculty of Electrical Engineering (one of eight faculties).

You are welcome to visit us in Prague!

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## Current Density Bounds

- Advanced for many scalar metrics, e.g.,
- Q-factor ${ }^{1}$ (bandwidth),
- gain ${ }^{2}$,
- scattering ${ }^{3}$,
- optics ${ }^{4}$,
- realized gain ${ }^{5}$,
- trade-offs ${ }^{6}$,
- ...

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- Looking for an optimal current, it can be chosen completely freely, only the excitation $\mathbf{V}=\mathbf{Z I}$ may not be realizable.


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- For example, for the cost in Q-factor ${ }^{7}$,
- far-field shaping for small antennas (SDP) ${ }^{8}$,
- . .

[^1]Far-field Optimality






# 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 $\varepsilon_{\mathrm{F}}(\mathbf{I})$ and $\eta_{\mathrm{rad}}(\mathbf{I})$.
- A type of norm taken $|\cdot|$ is crucial.


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## Problem \#2:

- Amplitude of $\boldsymbol{F}_{0}$ is known; phase is arbitrary:

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


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- Impedance matrix

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

with $\mathbf{R}+\mathrm{j} \mathbf{X}$ being a vacuum part, and $\mathbf{L}$ representing ohmic losses, point-wise as
(e.g., thin-sheet model).

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

## Methodology - Antenna Metrics

- Radiation efficiency

$$
\begin{equation*}
\eta_{\mathrm{rad}}=\frac{P_{\mathrm{rad}}}{P_{\mathrm{rad}}+P_{\text {lost }}} \approx \frac{\mathbf{I}^{\mathrm{H}} \mathbf{R I}}{\mathbf{I}^{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{R}+\mathbf{L}) \mathbf{I}}=\frac{1}{1+\delta} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

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

- Far field

$$
F(\hat{e}, \hat{\boldsymbol{r}}) \approx \mathbf{K}(\hat{e}, \hat{\boldsymbol{r}}) \mathbf{I} .
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- Antenna gain

$$
G(\hat{\boldsymbol{e}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{r}})=\frac{2 \pi}{Z_{0}} \frac{|F(\hat{\boldsymbol{e}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{r}})|^{2}}{P_{\mathrm{rad}}+P_{\text {lost }}} \approx \frac{4 \pi}{Z_{0}} \frac{\mathbf{I}^{\mathrm{H}} \mathbf{K}^{\mathrm{H}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{e}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{r}}) \mathbf{K}(\hat{\boldsymbol{e}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{r}}) \mathbf{I}}{\mathbf{I}^{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{R}+\mathbf{L}) \mathbf{I}} .
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- 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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- In MIMO, ECC is usually minimized, here we want to maximize!
- A possibility to reduce to QCQP with one quadratic constraint only...
- Grouping $\mathbf{R}$ and $\mathbf{L}$ constraints and changing multipliers.


## Antenna Design Region



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

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


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Optimal current for point $\mathbf{A}$ $\left(\delta \approx 10^{-4}\right)$.


Optimal current for point $\mathbf{B}$ $\left(\delta \approx 3.16 \cdot 10^{-4}\right)$.


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- Potentially sparse basis of entire-domain functions.
- Relation to Lebedev quadrature and required number of points.
- Different properties than the classical characteristic modes $\left(\mathbf{X I}_{n}=\lambda_{n} \mathbf{R I}_{n}\right)$.



Power terms $P_{\mathrm{rad}, m n}=\mathbf{I}_{m}^{\mathrm{H}} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{I}_{n} / 2$ (left) and $P_{\text {lost }, m n}=\mathbf{I}_{m}^{\mathrm{H}} \mathbf{L I}_{n} / 2$ (right).
Two rectangular plates $\ell \times \ell / 2$, separated by $\ell / 4$, made of copper, $k \ell=\pi$.

## Maximum Gain as Inherent Property of LCMs

It can be shown ${ }^{9}$ that LCMs follows:

$$
G_{\mathrm{ub}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{e}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{r}})=\sum_{n} G_{n}(\hat{\boldsymbol{e}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{r}})
$$



- Curiously enough, the property above was unknown to both Harrington and Garbacz!

[^2]
## Additional Insight for a Designer: Modal Parameters

Optimal excitation coefficient:

$$
\beta_{n}=\sqrt{\frac{4 \pi}{Z_{0} G_{\mathrm{ub}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{e}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{r}})}} F_{n}^{*}(\hat{\boldsymbol{e}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{r}})
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Modal radiation efficiency:

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Modal Q-factor:

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- The same structure and settings as before.
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## Future Outlook - Test Cases

1. What is the cost to replicate far field of one antenna on another (electrically smaller/etc.)?
2. How closely can be, e.g., spherical harmonics radiated by a planar structure?
3. Masked far field (zeros at some places).
4. Close investigation of isotropic radiator (take a spherical shell - no-hair theorem, etc.).
5. What is the cost of pencil beam of different design regions on various parameters?
6. Use projection to port voltages as the only controllable quantities.
7. ...

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## Far field optimiality

- Good problem to think of.
- Mixture of QCQP with other optimization routines.
- Many possible applications. . .

Topics of ongoing research

- To treat Problem \#2 (with phase) effectively.
- To try many test cases.
- Investigate cost in Q-factor, excitation constraints.
- Apply port-mode representation (for arrays).



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