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Computational Electromagnetics and Its Applications in Meteorology and Biomedical Engineering

Abstract: The importance of computational electromagnetics (CEM) to antenna, microwave, radar, and wireless technologies can hardly be overstated. There is a continuing and growing demand for CEM tools that can handle full-wave simulations of larger and more complex electromagnetic problems. This seminar presents our recent developments in higher order CEM, conformal modeling, hybrid methods, fast direct solvers, parallelization, and high performance computing. It also presents a new approach to remote sensing, characterization, and radar-based classification of atmospheric precipitation through a synergistic use of advanced optical imaging disdrometers performing microphysical and geometrical measurements of snow, ice, and rain particles, image processing techniques to reconstruct realistic particle shapes (e.g., snowflakes), CEM to calculate "particle-by-particle" scattering matrices and radar observables, and state-of-the-art polarimetric radars. It presents and discusses results from several interesting events observed during the 2014/2015 winter and summer campaigns at our field instrumentation site in Colorado. The seminar also presents a new method for excitation of RF fields in next-generation high- and ultra-high-field magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanners using subjectloaded multichannel helical antennas as RF coils. It discusses design and analysis of the new RF coils when situated in 3-T (Tesla), 7-T, and 10.5-T MRI bores and loaded with different phantoms using CEM. Results from imaging experiments with our helical-antenna RF coils in state-of-the-art human-size MRI scanners at 7 T and 10.5 T are also presented. Several other applications of CEM in radar, meteorology, and biomedical engineering are addressed as well. In all cases, some basics are provided for ease of following for students, for example, of radar meteorology and MRI.





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