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President's Post Perry Wheless, ACES President

You will receive this ACES Newsletter close to the December deadline for nominations of candidates for the next Director election. ACES has nine Directors, elected by the membership to three year terms. The expiration of Director terms is staggered, so that three positions are up for election each year. Please direct any nominations directly to Adalbert Konrad, Elections Committee Chair, at konrad@power.ele.utoronto.ca. You should contact your potential candidate(s) to verify they will serve if elected, they will be actively involved in advancing ACES, and that they are both willing and able to attend the annual Board of Directors business meetings held at the conference in Monterey.

In a similar vein, Pat Foster (prf@maasasl.demon.co.uk) is now serving as Awards Chair, and suggestions for award receipients may be submitted directly to Pat. At this time, ACES only has five standing awards, announced and presented annually at the conference: ACES Journal Outstanding Paper (for the year), Student (Conference) Best Paper, Valued Service Award, Founders Award, and the Mainstay Award. As much as ideas for award recipients, suggestions for additional award categories would be welcome. Clearly, many meritorous ACES members are not receiving the award recognition they deserve because we presently have so few awards. Please include a short description of the nature and scope of an award category you would like to see created. In addition to a motivating description, nominations for a recipient would also be well received. It may be too late too late to expand the slate of awards for the 2001 conference, but this is an action area that I wish the Board of Directors to consider in the near future.

Finally, Andy Peterson has settled into the post of ACES Publications Chair, and there likely will be some news to report regarding publications in the next *Newsletter*.

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ACES AWARDS FOR 2001

ACES has developed the custom of presenting awards to people who have done something special for ACES or for Computational Electromagnetics. These Awards acknowledge the gratitude of ACES for efforts on its behalf and on behalf of the wider CEM community and are formally presented at the banquet held in conjunction with the ACES Symposium in March of each year.

Suggestions are solicited from ACES members for the names of persons who might be so honoured. If you have such a suggestion, please contact the email address below and send a short paragraph of recommendation.

Pat Foster, Awards Chair, email prf@maasasl.demon.co.uk

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

In the very near future, ACES members will be asked to vote for three board members. For uniformity, each candidate will be asked to provide a short statement that addresses:

- (1) GENERAL BACKGROUND (e.g., professional experience, degrees, employment, etc.).
- (2) PAST SERVICE TO ACES (e.g., service on ACES committees, or other contributions).
- (3) CANDIDATES' STATEMENT (e.g., short statement of the candidates views of major issues relevant to ACES). Candidates' statements will be no more than 500 words, unless otherwise directed by the board.
- (4) OTHER UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS (An additional but optional statement).

It is hoped that these areas will provide data on each candidate that might otherwise be obscured in a general, unstructured statement. When the time comes, please take a few minutes to study the candidates' statements and vote.

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A MATLAB PHYSICAL OPTICS RCS PREDICTION CODE

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SUMMARY

POFACETS is an implementation of the physical optics approximation for predicting the radar cross section (RCS) of complex objects. It utilizes the scientific computational features of MATLAB and its Graphical User Interface (GUI) functions to provide an error-free encoding of input parameters and efficient calculation. POFACETS provides a convenient tool for a "first cut" at the RCS of complex shapes by representing its constituent parts by triangular facets. The software calculates the monostatic or bistatic RCS of the object for the parameters specified by the user and displays plots for the model geometry and its RCS. There is a limited capability to include shadowing, and resistive surfaces can also be modeled. The simplicity of the GUI design does not require the user to have a detailed understanding of the various steps involved in the RCS calculation. The software is available free of charge on the ACES web site.

INTRODUCTION

The Physical Optics (PO) approximation is one of the most convenient RCS prediction methods for an arbitrary three-dimensional target. The induced currents are integrated over the illuminated portions of the target surface to obtain the scattered far field, while setting the current to zero over the shadowed portions. Thus, the current is approximated as

$$\vec{J}_s \approx \begin{cases} 2\hat{n} \times \vec{H}_i, & \text{for the illuminated portion} \\ 0, & \text{for the shadowed portion} \end{cases}$$

where \vec{H}_i is the incident magnetic field intensity at the surface and \hat{n} is the local surface normal unit vector. The current is then used in the radiation integrals to compute the scattered far field from the target. PO is a high-frequency approximation method that gives best results for electrically large bodies $(L \ge 10\lambda)$ and is most accurate in the specular directions. However, because PO abruptly sets the current to zero at a shadow boundary, the computed field values at wide angles and in the shadow regions are inaccurate.

One approach to high frequency prediction calculations is to estimate a complex model with an array of simple shapes, such as triangular flat plates. The RCS is obtained by computing the scattered field of the collection of these simple shapes to obtain the total RCS of the target. *POFACETS* computes the scattering from each triangle as if it is isolated in free space. Multiple reflections, diffraction and surface waves are not included. There is a limited capability to include shadowing. For example, if a particular

triangle is part of a closed structure, then the software can be instructed to ignore the scattering from the triangle if the incident wave direction is from the back of the plate. Resistive surfaces can also be modeled. The capabilities include the following:

- Matlab Graphical Users Interface (GUI)
- Limited shadowing option
- Surface resistivity
- Bistatic or monostatic RCS calculation
- One dimensional RCS cuts or surface contours in direction cosine space
- θ or ϕ incident polarization
- Cross polarized RCS can be computed
- Approximate diffuse RCS component can be computed
- Open code architecture allows the user to tailor the code to specific needs
- Help functions and error checking are included for all windows
- Several model files are included
- A user's manual with theory, references, and examples is available

THE POFACETS GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE

POFACETS approximates scattering objects by arrays of triangles (facets) and uses superposition is used to compute the total RCS of the object. The GUI consists of three modules: Design Model, Calculate Monostatic RCS, and Calculate Bistatic RCS as shown in Figure 1. The program allows creation of a model comprised of triangular facets with options for approximating the roughness of the surface. It also calculates the monostatic or bistatic radar cross sections of designed models given certain computational parameters.

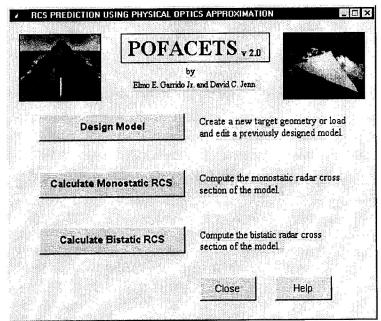


Figure 1. POFACETS main GUI.

Designing and Editing a Model

The *Design Model* module provides a convenient way of modeling a complex object or to load and edit or scale a previously designed and saved model. The geometry of the model is defined using two sets of data: *coordinates.mat* and *facet.mat*. The first data set defines the *x,y,z* coordinates of the vertices. The second set specifies the nodes of the component triangular facets and their illumination and resistivity characteristics. Examples of the two files are shown in Figure 2.

Clicking the Design Model button displays the Design Model Coordinates GUI where the *File menu* may be used to choose between creating a new model or editing an existing one. To edit an existing model, its data files are first retrieved and then displayed so that editing or scaling can be performed. Help windows and messages guide the user throughout the use of this GUI.

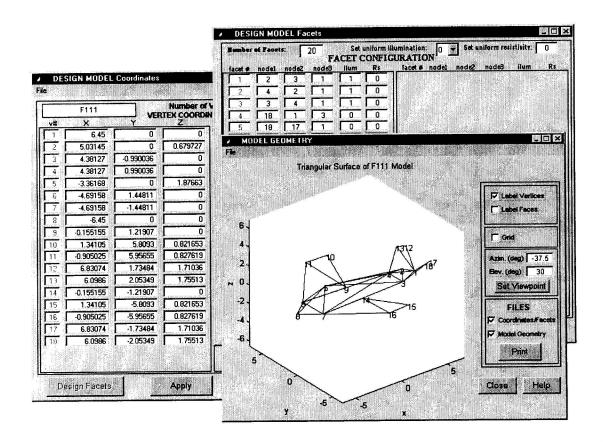


Figure 2. A display of a V-tail aircraft model using the design model GUI.

Calculating the RCS

The Calculate Monostatic RCS and Calculate Bistatic RCS modules compute the total radar cross section of the model. An example of one of the GUI windows is shown in Figure 3. A θ or ϕ cut is generated when the start and stop values one of the variables

are the same. A contour plot in direction cosine space $(u = \sin \theta \cos \phi)$ and $v = \sin \theta \sin \phi$ is generated when both of the variables take on a range of values. Examples of RCS plots are shown in Figures 4 and 5. RCS-theta is $\sigma_{\theta\theta}$ (θ polarized incident wave; θ polarized receiver). This is the co-polarized component when the incident wave is θ polarized. RCS-phi is $\sigma_{\phi\theta}$ (θ polarized incident wave; ϕ polarized receiver). The latter is the cross-polarized component, which in Figure 6, happens to be at a level below the specified threshold in the code. The user can change the contour levels and thresholds if desired.

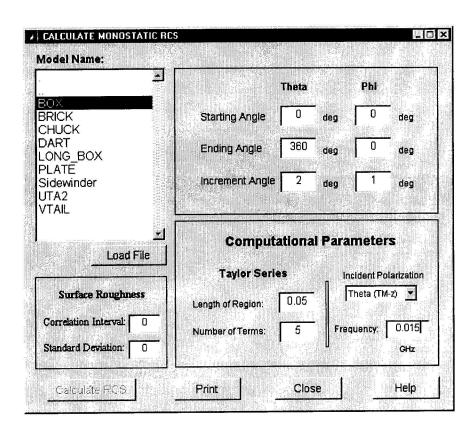


Figure 3. The Calculate Monostatic RCS GUI for a smooth PEC box.

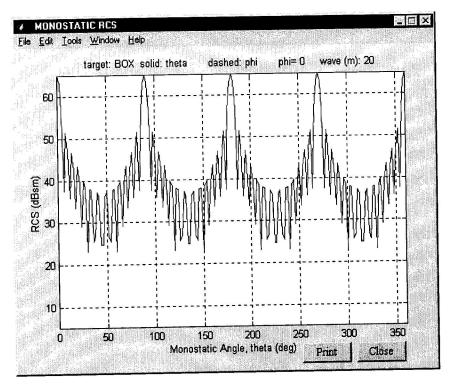


Figure 4. Example of a pattern cut for the monostatic RCS of smooth PEC box.

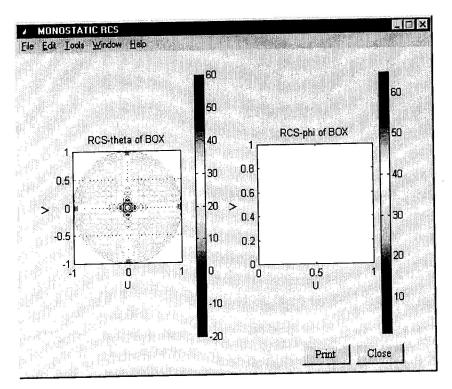


Figure 5. Example of a RCS contour plot for a smooth PEC box.

AVAILABILITY

POFACETS is available free of charge and can be downloaded from the ACES web site (http://aces.ee.olemiss.edu). It is also available from the author's web site (http://web.nps.navy.mil/~jenn/). Although the software runs under MATLAB it is not entirely platform independent. The GUI version available on the web sites has been tailored for Windows. A version without the GUI is provided for use on UNIX and Macintosh platforms.

ACES Online Review Process

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Introduction

The paperless office is an idea that has been evolving since the computer became as common to the world as the pencil. Until recently, however, the supporting technology was not mature enough to enable this to become reality. With the advent of advanced web server scripting languages and portable document formats it is now possible to take what once was a very intensive paper process, that of reviewing submissions for a journal or conference article, and making it completely paperless over the internet. The push for creating an online review process has been seen all over in many different organizations. A few larger organizations with many resources have taken the path to purchasing software to do this at great expense. The ACES website staff, in our ever-ongoing effort to bring as many resources to the society as possible, took it upon ourselves to create our own system for moving the review process online at the http://aces.ee.olemiss.edu website. This paper gives a small glimpse into what happens when you submit an article for the ACES journal.

It All Begins With a Click

The first step in the whole review processes is to submit an article for possible publication. In order for it to be electronically submitted the document must be in either Adobe Acrobat PDF format (preferred), or in PostScript format. The Adobe Acrobat PDF format is the preferred method of submitting documents due to its high portability and wide availability of viewers for all type of computers. Any postscript submission will be converted by the ACES web site staff to PDF format before processing. While uploading your document to the website, it is necessary to

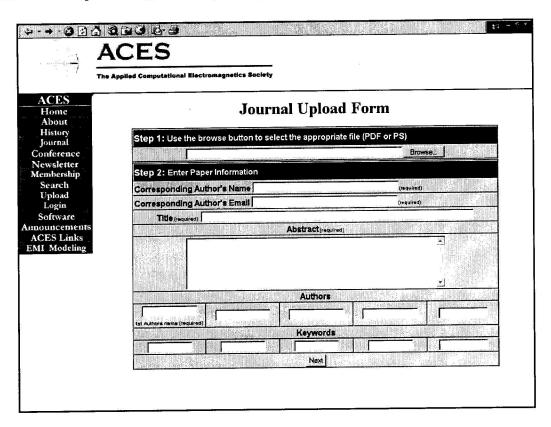


Figure 1. The upload page.

enter the relevant information about your submission. Items such as title, author names, keywords, and abstract are entered on the submission form to allow your document to be added to the ACES database and allow it to be searched and accessed by editors and reviewers (Fig 1). By entering this information at the submission stage, when it comes time to add this paper to the online searchable database of published articles, it simply becomes a matter of a single click.

Making The Rounds

After the manuscript has been uploaded to the ACES server, an email is dispatched to the journal editor(s) and the corresponding author alerting them to the successful submission. The editor(s) then are able to log on to the system to start the review processes and are presented a quick view (Fig 2.) of what is being submitted and any other information related to the currently active papers. Figure 2 shows items such as recently submitted papers, active papers currently in the review process, submitted reviews for the active papers, accepted papers by the editor(s), papers requiring major and minor revisions, and rejected papers. From this main page the editor(s) will have a sense of what is currently going on in the review system. At this point with a recently submitted paper, the editor(s) are able to quickly view the paper and its information. If the editor(s) decide to activate this paper and assign reviewers, a new page is opened presenting them with the option of assigning reviewers to the paper (Fig 3.). This page not only shows which reviewers have been added, but also suggests reviewers based on the keywords supplied by the authors of the paper. Also here is an option to add new reviewers to the database of reviewers in the ACES system if needed. Every time the editor assigns a reviewer to the paper, the system sends an email to that reviewer notifying him about the editor's request for reviewing a paper. When the editor(s) are finished assigning reviewers, the paper is moved to the active papers category while it is being reviewed.

To Review Or Not To Review

After logging on to the system, the reviewer is presented with a similar quick view of everything the reviewer has been requested/accepted to review (Fig. 4). The first step for a reviewer is to decide if he or she wants to review the paper. The potential reviewer can examine the basic information about the paper (title, authors, and abstract) and decide either way by simply pushing

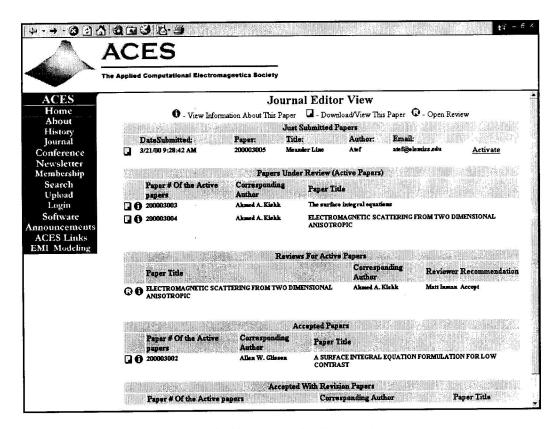


Figure 2. The journal editor main page.

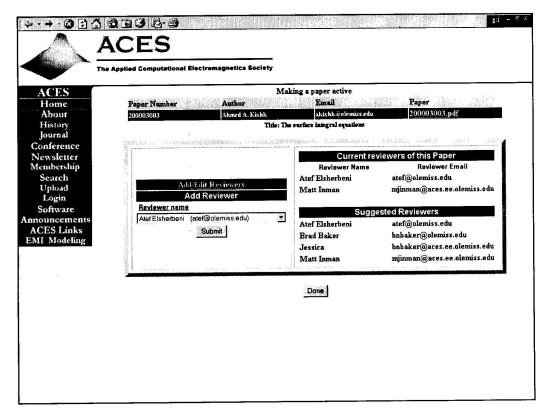


Figure 3. The assignment of reviewers page.

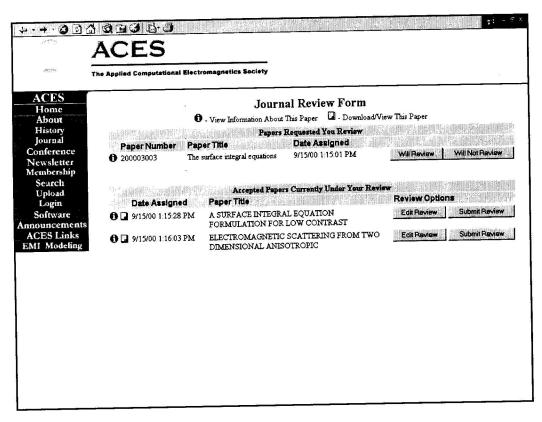


Figure 4. The reviewers main page.

the "will review" or "will not review" button to finalize their decision. If the reviewer declines to review the paper, an email is sent alerting the editor and the paper is removed from the reviewer screen. If the reviewer decides to review the paper, the paper is moved to the active review category of the reviewer screen. Here the reviewer may examine the actual paper, and proceeds to compile and edit the review. When editing the review, the reviewer has options on rating the paper, adding comments, and suggesting the course of action for the editor to take (accept, reject, etc) (Fig 5.). The reviewer can choose to come back later and change the review as long as it has not been submitted to the editor using the Submit Review button. To make the review final and alert the editor, the reviewer simply clicks the Submit Review button and the paper is removed

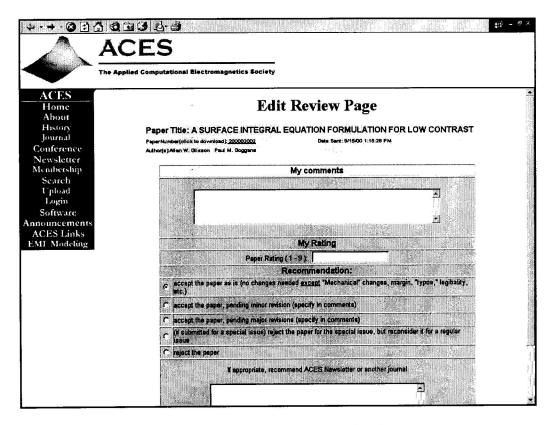


Figure 5. The reviewer's comments and rating page.

from his screen. Once submitted the review is final and no further action on the reviewer's part can be taken related to this article.

Completing The Cycle

After all the reviews have been completed and delivered to the editor, it is time for the editor to make the decision on the final status of the paper. The editor can quickly see the summary reviews on the main page and open the full reviews by the simple link provided. To change the status of the paper, the editor simply opens up the information page about the paper in question and selects which status is appropriate and the paper is filed in that category.

It is hoped that this whole process will not only simplify the process for everyone involved, but also speed it up as well. The ACES website staff is constantly working on new features and improvements for the ACES website. Comments and suggestions are always welcome at aces@aces.ee.olemiss.edu and will be promptly responded to.

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A \$500 prize will be awarded to the authors of the best non-student paper accepted for the 17th Annual Review. Papers will be judged by a special ACES prize-paper Committee according to the following criteria:

1. Based on established electromagnetic (EM) theory

2. Reliable data

3. Computational EM results

4. Practical applications

5. Estimates of computational errors

6. Significant new conclusions

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Award presented to best student paper accepted for the 17th Annual Review. (Student must be the presenter on the paper chosen). Submissions will be judged by three (3) members of the ACES Board of Directors during the 17th Annual Review presentations. The prizes for the student presenter will consist of: (1) \$300 cash; (2) free Annual Review registration for the following year; and (3) one free Annual Review short course for the following year.

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submitted for publication in the 2001,

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