# Computation of power, force, and torque in ${\tt SCUFF\text{-}EM}$

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#### 1 Overview

The time-average power absorbed and scattered by, and the time-average force or torque on, material bodies in the presence of harmonically-varying electromagnetic radiation are common quantities of interest in computational electromagnetism. These quantities may be computed from knowledge of the electromagnetic fields  $\mathcal{F} = {E \choose H}$  in the presence of the bodies; more specifically, powers, forces, and torques (PFTs) depend quadratically (bilinearly) on  $\mathcal{F}$ . On the other hand, in the surface-integral-equation (SIE) approach to electromagnetic scattering, one solves first for equivalent electric and magnetic surface currents  $\mathcal{C} = {K \choose N}$  flowing on the body surfaces; the fields are then obtained from the currents via linear convolution,  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{G} \star \mathcal{C}$  (with  $\mathcal{G}$  a Green's dyadic). Since the PFTs are quadratic in the fields, and the fields are linear in the currents, it follows that the PFTs are quadratic in the currents, and thus that we may bypass the field-computation step and compute PFTs directly as quadratic (bilinear) functions of the surface currents.

There are (at least) three distinct ways to express these bilinear relationships, which originate from distinct starting points for evaluating PFTs from fields:

- 1. DSIPFT: By integrating the Poynting vector or Maxwell stress tensor over a bounding surface that encloses (but does not coincide with) the surface of the object. I will refer to this as the "displaced surface-integral PFT" (DSIPFT) approach, where the term "displaced" indicates that that surface over which we integrate does not coincide with the object surface. This method is conceptually straightforward but computationally expensive.
- **2. OPFT:** By integrating the Poynting vector or Maxwell stress tensor over the surface of the object. I refer to this as the "overlap PFT" approach. A key distinction compared to the DSIPFT and EPPFT is that the matrix of the bilinear form it produces is *sparse*.
- **3. EPPFT:** By considering the work done on, and the momentum transferred to, the equivalent surface currents by the fields. I refer to this as the "equivalence-principle PFT" approach. In contrast to the other two methods, this approach has the feature of being able to distinguish surface-current distributions induced by sources inside and outside the body.

All three of these methods are implemented in SCUFF-EM. In this note I first derive the three methods and discuss their implementation in the specific context of an SIE solver based on the PMCHWT formulation with RWG basis functions. Then I compare and contrast their relative strengths and weaknesses.

#### 2 Fields and surface currents

To fix notation and ideas for the main text, in this section I review the procedure for computing the fields from the surface currents in an SIE solver.

In the surface-integral-equation (SIE) approach to classical electromagnetism problems, we solve for tangential equivalent surface currents (both electric currents  $\mathbf{K}$  and magnetic currents  $\mathbf{N}$ ) flowing on the surfaces of homogeneous material bodies. In numerical solvers, we approximate these as finite expansions in a discrete set of  $N_{\rm B}$  basis functions; using a convenient 6-vector notation in which  $\mathcal{C} \equiv \binom{\mathbf{K}}{\mathbf{N}}$ , we put

$$oldsymbol{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{lpha=1}^{N_{\mathrm{B}}} c_{lpha} oldsymbol{\mathcal{B}}_{lpha}(\mathbf{x})$$

where  $\{\mathcal{B}_{\alpha}\}$  is a set of 6-vector basis functions<sup>1</sup> and  $\{c_{\alpha}\}$  are scalar expansion coefficients. (We work at a fixed frequency  $\omega$  and assume all fields and currents vary in time like  $e^{-i\omega t}$ .)

Scattered fields from surface currents The electric and magnetic fields produced by these currents are linear functions of the  $\{c_{\alpha}\}$  coefficients. In 6-vector notation with  $\mathcal{F} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix}$ , we have

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha} \mathcal{F}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}) \tag{1}$$

where  $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha} \\ \mathbf{H}_{\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$  is the six-vector of fields produced by basis function  $\mathcal{B}_{\alpha}$  populated with unit strength. These may be calculated numerically as convolutions over basis functions,

$$\mathcal{F}_{lpha}(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\mathrm{Sup}\, oldsymbol{\mathcal{B}}_{lpha}} oldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}^r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') oldsymbol{\mathcal{B}}_{lpha}(\mathbf{x}') \, d\mathbf{x}'$$

where  $\mathcal{G}^r$  is the  $6 \times 6$  dyadic Green's function for the material properties of the region r in which  $\mathbf{x}$  is located.

Surface currents from incident fields In the PMCHWT formulation of the SIE approach, the  $\{c_{\alpha}\}$  coefficients are determined by solving a linear equation of the form

$$\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{v}$$

where the elements of the vector  $\mathbf{c}$  are the surface-current expansion coefficients  $\{c_{\alpha}\}$  and the elements of  $\mathbf{v}$  are the (negatives of the) projections of the incident field onto the basis functions:

$$v_{\alpha} = - \langle \mathcal{B}_{\alpha} | \mathcal{F}^{\text{inc}} \rangle$$

In scuff-neq these take the form  $\mathcal{B}_{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{b}_{\alpha} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{b}_{\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$  where  $\mathbf{b}_{\alpha}$  is a three-vector RWG basis function. However, the FSC formalism is not specific to this choice.

Also, the  $\alpha, \beta$  matrix element of the matrix **M** is a sum of 0, 1, or 2 terms depending on the relative locations of basis functions  $\mathbf{b}_{\alpha}, \mathbf{b}_{\beta}$ . For the simplest sitation of compact objects in vacuum (with no nesting of object), we have simply

$$M_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{cases} \langle \mathcal{F}_{\alpha} | \mathcal{G}^{\text{vac}} | \mathcal{F}_{\beta} \rangle, & \text{if } \mathbf{b}_{\alpha}, \mathbf{b}_{\beta} \text{ live on different surfaces} \\ \langle \mathcal{F}_{\alpha} | \mathcal{G}^{\text{vac}} | \mathcal{F}_{\beta} \rangle + \langle \mathcal{F}_{\alpha} | \mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{B}} | \mathcal{F}_{\beta} \rangle, & \text{if } \mathbf{b}_{\alpha}, \mathbf{b}_{\beta} \text{ both live on the surface of body } \mathcal{B} \end{cases}$$

### 3 Displaced surface-integral PFT (DSIPFT)

Conceptually the simplest way to compute PFTs is simply to integrate the total time-average flux of energy (Poynting vector) or momentum (Maxwell stress tensor) over a bounding surface containing the body. In this section we review the surface-current bilinear product formula obtained in this approach.

#### Energy and momentum flux from field bilinears

The Poynting flux and Maxwell stress tensor are quadratic functions of the field components and may be conveniently written in the form of 6-dimensional vector-matrix-vector products. In particular, the time-average power flux in the direction of a unit vector  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$  is

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \, \varepsilon_{ijk} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i E_j^*(\mathbf{x}) H_k(\mathbf{x})$$
$$= \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{F}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}) \mathcal{N}^{P}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x})$$
(2)

with

$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{N}}^{\mathrm{P}} = \left( \begin{array}{cc} 0 & \mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{P}} \\ -\mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{P}} & 0 \end{array} \right), \qquad \mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{P}} = \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & \hat{n}_z & -\hat{n_y} \\ -\hat{n}_z & 0 & +\hat{n_x} \\ \hat{n}_y & -\hat{n}_x & 0 \end{array} \right).$$

Similarly, the flux of *i*-directed linear momentum is

$$\mathbf{T}_{i}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left[ \epsilon E_{i}^{*}(\mathbf{x}) E_{j}(\mathbf{x}) + \mu H_{i}^{*}(\mathbf{x}) H_{j}(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{\delta_{ij}}{2} \left( \epsilon |\mathbf{E}|^{2} + \mu |\mathbf{H}|^{2} \right) \right] \hat{n}_{j}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{F}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}) \mathcal{N}^{iF} \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x})$$
(3)

with

$$\mathcal{N}^{i\mathrm{F}} = \left( egin{array}{cc} \epsilon \mathbf{N}^{i\mathrm{F}} & 0 \ 0 & \mu \mathbf{N}^{i\mathrm{F}} \end{array} 
ight)$$

where the  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $N^{i ext{F}}$  has entries

$$N_{ab}^{iF} = \delta_{ai}\hat{n}_b + \delta_{bi}\hat{n}_a - \hat{n}_i\delta_{ab}.$$

For example, if we are computing the x-force (i = x) we have

$$\mathbf{N}^{xF} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{n}_x & \hat{n}_y & \hat{n}_z \\ \hat{n}_y & -\hat{n}_x & 0 \\ \hat{n}_z & 0 & -\hat{n}_x \end{pmatrix}.$$

The flux of *i*-directed angular momentum, useful for computations of torque about an origin  $\mathbf{x}_0$ , is

$$\mathbf{t}_{i}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \, \varepsilon_{ijk} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{0})_{j} T_{k\ell}(\mathbf{x}) \hat{n}_{\ell}$$
(4)

$$= \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{F}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}) \mathcal{N}^{iT} \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x})$$
 (5)

with

$$\mathcal{N}^{i\mathrm{T}} = \left(egin{array}{cc} \epsilon \mathbf{N}^{i\mathrm{T}} & 0 \ 0 & \mu \mathbf{N}^{i\mathrm{T}} \end{array}
ight)$$

where the  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $N^{iT}$  has entries  $(\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)$ 

$$N_{ab}^{iT} = \varepsilon_{ija} D_i \hat{n}_b + \varepsilon_{ijb} D_j \hat{n}_a - \delta_{ab} \varepsilon_{ijk} D_j \hat{n}_k.$$

#### Energy and momentum flux from surface-current bilinears

Equations (2), (3), and (5) express the flux of power or momentum as bilinear products of the field six-vectors  $\mathcal{F}$ . Using (1), we can turn these into bilinear products of the surface-current coefficient vectors  $\mathbf{c}$ . For example, the power flux (2) becomes

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{F}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}) \mathcal{N}^{P}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\alpha \beta} c_{\alpha}^{*} \left[ \mathcal{F}_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}) \mathcal{N}^{P}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \mathcal{F}_{\beta}(\mathbf{x}) \right] c_{\beta}$$

$$= \mathbf{c}^{\dagger} \mathbf{M}^{PFLUX}(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{n}}) \mathbf{c}$$
(6)

where  $\mathbf{M}^{\text{PFLUX}}(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{n}})$  is a matrix appropriate for  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ -directed power flux in at  $\mathbf{x}$ . The fluxes of *i*-directed linear and angular momentum read similarly

$$\mathbf{T}_{i}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{c}^{\dagger} \mathbf{M}^{i \text{FFLUX}}(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{n}}) \mathbf{c}$$
 (7)

$$\mathbf{t}_{i}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{c}^{\dagger} \mathbf{M}^{i \text{TFLUX}}(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{n}}) \mathbf{c}$$
(8)

The M matrices in (6), (7), and (8) are  $N_{\rm B} \times N_{\rm B}$  matrices whose entries are themselves 6-dimensional matrix-vector products:

$$\begin{split} M_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{\tiny PFLUX}}(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{n}}) &= \frac{1}{4} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}}_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}) \boldsymbol{\mathcal{N}}^{\text{\tiny P}}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}}_{\beta}(\mathbf{x}) \\ M_{\alpha\beta}^{i\text{\tiny FFLUX}}(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{n}}) &= \frac{1}{4} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}}_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}) \boldsymbol{\mathcal{N}}^{\text{\tiny IF}}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}}_{\beta}(\mathbf{x}) \\ M_{\alpha\beta}^{i\text{\tiny TFLUX}}(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{n}}) &= \frac{1}{4} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}}_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}) \boldsymbol{\mathcal{N}}^{\text{\tiny IT}}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}}_{\beta}(\mathbf{x}). \end{split}$$

#### Power, force, and torque from surface-current bilinears

The simplest way to obtain surface-current bilinears for the total PFT on one or more bodies is simply to integrate the spatially-resolved fluxes of the previous section over a closed bounding surface  $\mathcal{S}$  containing the bodies. Indeed, noting that the  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$  dependence of the flux expressions (6), (7), and (8) is entirely contained in the  $\mathbf{M}$  matrices, it is easy to integrate those expressions over  $\mathcal{S}$ , then pull the surface-current vectors  $\mathbf{c}$  outside the integral to identify what we shall call the displaced surface-integral PFT (DSIPFT) matrices.

For example, the total power absorbed by material bodies contained within a closed surface S is given by integrating the LHS of (6) over S:

$$P_{\mathcal{S}}^{\text{abs}} = \int_{\mathcal{S}} \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} \, d\mathbf{x} \tag{9}$$

with  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$  taken to be the inward-pointing surface normal. Insert the RHS of (6) and pull  $\mathbf{c}^{\dagger}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$  outside the integral:

$$= \mathbf{c}^{\dagger} \mathbf{M}^{\mathbf{P}\mathcal{S}} \mathbf{c} \tag{10}$$

where the elements of  $\mathbf{M}^{\mathrm{P}\mathcal{S}}$  involve integrals over  $\mathcal{S}$ :

$$M_{\alpha\beta}^{PS} = \frac{1}{4} \int_{S} \mathcal{F}_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}) \mathcal{N}^{P}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \mathcal{F}_{\beta}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}.$$
 (11)

Similarly, the time-average i-directed force and torque on material bodies contained in  $\mathcal S$  are

$$F_{iS} = \mathbf{c}^{\dagger} \mathbf{M}^{iFS} \mathbf{c} \tag{12}$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{i\mathcal{S}} = \mathbf{c}^{\dagger} \mathbf{M}^{i \mathrm{T} \mathcal{S}} \mathbf{c} \tag{13}$$

where the entries of  $\mathbf{M}^{i\mathrm{F}\mathcal{S}}$  and  $\mathbf{M}^{i\mathrm{T}\mathcal{S}}$  are similar to (11) with  $\mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{P}} \to \mathbf{N}^{i\mathrm{F}}, \mathbf{N}^{i\mathrm{T}}$ .

## 4 Overlap PFT (OPFT)

In the DSIPFT approach, the field components needed to compute the Poynting vector (PV) or Maxwell stress tensor (MST) at a point  $\mathbf{x}$  on a bounding surface are obtained from the surface currents by linear convolution. In fact, since the fields enter these expressions quadratically, evaluating the PV or MST at a single point requires two separate convolutions. Thus, for example, equation (6) for the Poynting flux at  $\mathbf{x}$  involves a double sum over surface-current expansion coefficients. This means that the DSIPFT approach is computationally costly.

We achieve a considerable simplification by allowing the bounding surface  $\mathcal{S}$  to coincide with the body surface. In this case, computing the PV and MST requires only knowledge of the fields at the object surface. But the fields at the object surface may be obtained *directly* from the surface currents—with no convolution—simply by appealing to the definition of the surface currents:

$$\mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{N} + \frac{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{K}}{i\omega \epsilon} \hat{\mathbf{n}}, \qquad \mathbf{H} = -\hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{K} + \frac{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{N}}{i\omega \mu} \hat{\mathbf{n}}.$$

Thus the double sum in e.g. equation (6) for the Poynting flux at a point  $\mathbf{x}$  on the body surface collapses to just a few terms; indeed, only pairs of basis functions  $(\alpha, \beta)$  that are both nonvanishing at  $\mathbf{x}$  contribute. (For the RWG basis there are just 8 such pairs for each point, independent of the total number of functions in the discretization.)

(Insert OPFT formulas here)

## 5 Energy/momentum-transfer PFT (EMTPFT), version 1

In the EMTPFT approach, we compute the power, force and torque on a body  $\mathcal{B}$  by considering the transfer of energy and momentum from the total fields to the equivalent surface currents:

$$P^{\text{abs}} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} \int \mathcal{C}^* \cdot \mathcal{F} \, dV$$
 (14a)

$$F_i = \frac{1}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} \int \mathcal{C}^* \cdot \partial_i \mathcal{F} \, dV \tag{14b}$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{i} = \frac{1}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} \int \underbrace{\left[ \mathbf{C}^{*} \times \mathbf{\mathcal{F}} + \mathbf{C}^{*} \cdot \partial_{\theta_{i}} \mathbf{F} \right]}_{\mathbf{C}^{*} \cdot \widetilde{\partial}_{i} \mathbf{\mathcal{F}}} dV$$
 (14c)

Equation (14a) is just the usual Joule heating  $P = \frac{1}{2}\text{Re}\left(\mathbf{J}^* \cdot \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{M}^* \cdot \mathbf{H}\right)$ , while Equations (14b,c) follow from considering the time-average Lorentz force  $d\mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{2}\text{Re}\left(\rho_{\text{E}}^*\mathbf{E} + \mu \mathbf{J}^* \times \mathbf{H} + \rho_{\text{M}}^*\mathbf{H} - \epsilon \mathbf{M}^* \times \mathbf{E}\right)dV$  and torque  $\mathbf{r} \times d\mathbf{F}$  on the charges and currents in an infinitesimal volume dV; integrating over the volume and using integration by parts and Maxwell's equations yields (14b,c). [The symbol  $\partial_{\theta_i}$  in (14c) denotes differentiation with respect to infinitesimal rotation about the *i*th coordinate axis. The symbol  $\widetilde{\partial}_i$  is shorthand for the operation (cross product plus angular derivative) involved in (14c).]

In what follows it will be convenient to express equations (14) in terms of the following shorthand operator notation:

$$Q = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{C}^* \circledast \mathcal{F} dA \tag{15}$$

where  $Q = \{P^{\text{abs}}, F_i, \mathcal{T}_i\}$  and the operator  $\circledast$  correspondingly operates on  $\mathcal{F}$  as in equations (14a,b,c). Note that the Re, Im operations in (14) are understood as included in the symbol  $\circledast$ .

Equations (14) involve the total fields at the body surface. Because SIE formulations allow surface fields to be computed in either of two distinct ways—namely, as the limiting values of the bulk fields as one approaches the surface from the exterior or the interior of the body—the EMTPFT may actually be computed in two different ways:

$$Q = \frac{1}{2} \int \mathcal{C}^* \circledast \mathcal{F}^{\text{inc,ext}} d\mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2} \iint \mathcal{C}^* \circledast \mathcal{G}^{\text{ext}} \mathcal{C} d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{x}'$$
 (16a)

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int \mathcal{C}^* \circledast \mathcal{F}^{\text{inc,int}} d\mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2} \iint \mathcal{C}^* \circledast \mathcal{G}^{\text{int}} \mathcal{C} d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{x}'$$
 (16b)

Here  $\mathcal{F}^{\text{inc,ext}}$  and  $\mathcal{F}^{\text{inc,int}}$  are the contributions of incident-field sources lying external and internal to the body and  $\mathcal{G}^{\text{ext,int}}$  are the Green's functions for the

exterior and interior media. In both cases of (16) I refer to the two terms as the "extinction" and minus the "scattered" PFT:

$$Q = Q^{\text{ext}} - Q^{\text{scat}}$$

$$Q^{\text{ext}} = \frac{1}{2} \int \mathcal{C}^* \circledast \mathcal{F}^{\text{inc}} d\mathbf{x}$$

$$Q^{\text{scat}} = \mp \frac{1}{2} \iint \mathcal{C}^* \circledast \mathcal{GC} d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{x}'$$

For the typical case of a body irradiated by external sources, there is no extinction contribution to the interior EMTPFT, and thus in this case the "scattered" PFT is actually the full PFT.

#### 5.1 Extinction EMTPFT

The contributions of the incident fields to the EMTPFT are

$$Q^{
m ext} = rac{1}{2} \sum_{lpha} c_{lpha} \int_{\sup \mathcal{B}_{lpha}} \mathcal{B}_{lpha} \circledast \mathcal{F}^{
m inc} dA$$

or, more specifically,

$$P^{\text{ext}} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} \sum_{a} \left\{ k_{a}^{*} \langle \mathbf{b}_{a} \cdot \mathbf{E}^{\text{inc}} \rangle + n_{a}^{*} \langle \mathbf{b}_{a} \cdot \mathbf{H}^{\text{inc}} \rangle \right\}$$

$$F_{i}^{\text{ext}} = \frac{1}{2\omega} \text{Im} \sum_{a} \left\{ k_{a}^{*} \langle \mathbf{b}_{a} \cdot \partial_{i} \mathbf{E}^{\text{inc}} \rangle + n_{a}^{*} \langle \mathbf{b}_{a} \cdot \partial_{i} \mathbf{H}^{\text{inc}} \rangle \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{i}^{\text{ext}} = \frac{1}{2\omega} \text{Im} \sum_{a} \left\{ k_{a}^{*} \left[ \langle \mathbf{b}_{a} \times \mathbf{E}^{\text{inc}} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{b}_{a} \cdot \partial_{\theta_{i}} \mathbf{E}^{\text{inc}} \rangle \right] + n_{a}^{*} \left[ \langle \mathbf{b}_{a} \times \mathbf{H}^{\text{inc}} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{b}_{a} \cdot \partial_{\theta_{i}} \mathbf{H}^{\text{inc}} \rangle \right] \right\}.$$

Here I have used the shorthand notation

$$\mathbf{b} \cdot \partial_i \mathbf{E} = \sum_{i=1}^3 b_j \partial_i E_j, \qquad \mathbf{b} \cdot \partial_{\theta_i} \mathbf{E} = \epsilon_{ijk} \sum_{\ell=1}^3 b_\ell X_j \partial_k E_\ell, \qquad \mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{x}_a - \mathbf{x}_0)$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_0$  is the origin about which we figure the torque. The integrals here are non-singular two-dimensional integrals over the basis-function supports, with the integrand involving values and derivatives of the incident fields. These are evaluated in SCUFF-EM by simple low-order numerical cubature.

#### 5.2 Scattered EMTPFT

The components of the scattered fields at a point  $\mathbf{x}_a$  in medium r are

$$E_i^{\text{scat}}(\mathbf{x}_a) = \sum_b \left\{ i\omega\mu k_b \mathbf{e}_b(\mathbf{x}_a) - n_b \mathbf{h}_b(\mathbf{x}_a) \right\},$$

$$H_i^{\text{scat}}(\mathbf{x}_a) = \sum_b \left\{ k_b \mathbf{h}_b(\mathbf{x}_a) + i\omega\epsilon n_b \mathbf{h}_b(\mathbf{x}_a) \right\}$$

where  $\epsilon = \epsilon_0 \epsilon^r$ ,  $\mu = \mu_0 \mu^r$  are the absolute permittivity and permeability of the medium and the "reduced fields"  $\{\mathbf{e}_b, \mathbf{h}_b\}$  of basis function  $\mathbf{b}_b$  have components

$$e_{bi}(\mathbf{x}_a) = \int \mathbb{G}_{ij}(\mathbf{r}_{ab})b_{bj}(\mathbf{x}_b) d\mathbf{x}_b, \qquad h_{bi}(\mathbf{x}_a) = -\int \widehat{\mathbb{C}}_{ij}(\mathbf{r}_{ab})b_{bj}(\mathbf{x}_b)$$

with

$$\mathbf{r}_{ab} \equiv \mathbf{x}_a - \mathbf{x}_b, \qquad \mathbb{G}_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) = \left[\delta_{ij} + \frac{1}{k^2} \partial_i \partial_j\right] \Phi(|\mathbf{r}|), \qquad \widehat{\mathbb{C}}_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_{ijk} r_k \Psi(|\mathbf{r}|),$$

$$\Phi(r) = \frac{e^{ikr}}{4\pi r}, \qquad \Psi(r) = (ikr - 1) \frac{e^{ikr}}{4\pi r^3}.$$

(Note that  $\Psi$  is defined such that  $\nabla \Phi = \mathbf{r}\Psi$ . Also, the hat on  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}}$  differentiates it from the tensor  $\mathbb{C}$  that I use elsewhere in the SCUFF-EM documentation; they are related by  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}} = ik\mathbb{C}$ .)

The scattered contributions to PFT quantities take the form

$$\begin{split} Q^{\text{scat}} &= \mp \frac{1}{2} \int \left\{ \mathbf{K}^*(\mathbf{x}_a) \circledast \mathbf{E}^{\text{scat}}(\mathbf{x}_a) + \mathbf{N}^*(\mathbf{x}_a) \circledast \mathbf{H}^{\text{scat}}(\mathbf{x}_a) \right\} d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \mp \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}, \ \text{Im} \sum_{ab} \left\{ k_a^* k_b Q_{ab}^{\text{\tiny KK}} + n_a^* n_b Q_{ab}^{\text{\tiny NN}} + \left[ k_a^* n_b - n_a^* k_b \right] Q_{ab}^{\text{\tiny KNmNK}} \right\}. \end{split}$$

with

$$Q_{ab}^{\text{\tiny KK}} \equiv i\omega\mu \iint \mathbf{b}_a \circledast \mathbb{G} \star \mathbf{b}_b \, d\mathbf{x}_a \, d\mathbf{x}_b \tag{17a}$$

$$Q_{ab}^{\text{NN}} \equiv i\omega\epsilon \iint \mathbf{b}_a \circledast \mathbb{G} \star \mathbf{b}_b \, d\mathbf{x}_a \, d\mathbf{x}_b \tag{17b}$$

$$Q_{ab}^{\text{KNmNK}} \equiv \iint \mathbf{b}_a \circledast \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \star \mathbf{b}_b \, d\mathbf{x}_a \, d\mathbf{x}_b \tag{17c}$$

(17d)

I refer to the  $Q_{ab}$  quantities here as "EMTPFT integrals."

#### 5.2.1 Specific forms of EMTPFT integrals

For the power, force and torque,  $Q = \{P, F_i, \mathcal{T}_i\}$ , the EMTPFT integrals take the following specific forms. (In all cases, the position arguments  $\mathbf{x}_a$  and  $\mathbf{x}_b$  to basis functions  $\mathbf{b}_a$  and  $\mathbf{b}_b$  are suppressed; the  $\mathbf{x}_a$  and  $\mathbf{x}_b$  integrals run over the supports of  $\mathbf{b}_a$  and  $\mathbf{b}_b$ . Also, NN integrals are related to KK integrals by  $\mu \leftrightarrow \epsilon$ .)

$$P_{ab}^{KK} = i\omega\mu \int \mathbf{b}_{a} \cdot \mathbf{e}_{b} \, dV$$

$$= i\omega\mu \underbrace{\iint b_{ai} \mathbb{G}_{ij} b_{bj} \, dV \, dV'}_{\mathbf{G}_{ab}}$$
(18a)

$$P_{ab}^{\text{KNmNK}} = \int \mathbf{b}_{a} \cdot \mathbf{h}_{b} \, dV$$

$$= \underbrace{\iint b_{ai} \widehat{\mathbb{C}}_{ij} b_{bj} \, dV \, dV'}_{\widehat{\mathbf{C}}_{ab}}$$
(18b)

#### 5.3 Using symmetry to simplify self-contributions to PFT

In evaluating the contributions of surface currents on a body to the PFT on that body, we may avail ourselves of useful simplifications that follow from the reciprocity of the Green's functions, namely

$$\mathbb{C}_{ij}(\mathbf{x}_a - \mathbf{x}_b) = \mathbb{C}_{ji}(\mathbf{x}_b - \mathbf{x}_a), \qquad \mathbb{C}_{ij}(\mathbf{x}_a - \mathbf{x}_b) = \mathbb{C}_{ji}(\mathbf{x}_b - \mathbf{x}_a),$$

a consequence of which is the fact that the EMTPFT integrals  $Q_{ab}$  are either symmetric or antisymmetric ( $Q_{ab} = \pm Q_{ba}$ ). For any summations in which indices a and b run over the same range one finds

$$\operatorname{Re} \ \sum_{ab} k_{a}^{*} k_{b} Q_{ab} = \begin{cases} + \sum_{ab} \left[ \operatorname{Re} \ k_{a}^{*} k_{b} \right] \left[ \operatorname{Re} \ Q_{ab} \right], & \text{if } Q_{ab} = +Q_{ba} \\ - \sum_{ab} \left[ \operatorname{Im} \ k_{a}^{*} k_{b} \right] \left[ \operatorname{Im} \ Q_{ab} \right], & \text{if } Q_{ab} = -Q_{ba} \end{cases}$$

$$\operatorname{Im} \ \sum_{ab} k_{a}^{*} k_{b} Q_{ab} = \begin{cases} \sum_{ab} \left[ \operatorname{Re} \ k_{a}^{*} k_{b} \right] \left[ \operatorname{Im} \ Q_{ab} \right], & \text{if } Q_{ab} = +Q_{ba} \\ \sum_{ab} \left[ \operatorname{Im} \ k_{a}^{*} k_{b} \right] \left[ \operatorname{Re} \ Q_{ab} \right], & \text{if } Q_{ab} = -Q_{ba} \end{cases}$$

$$\operatorname{Re} \ \sum_{ab} (k_{a}^{*} n_{b} - n_{a}^{*} k_{b}) Q_{ab} = \begin{cases} -\left[ \operatorname{Im} \ (k_{a}^{*} n_{b} - n_{a}^{*} k_{b}) \right] \left[ \operatorname{Im} \ Q_{ab} \right], & \text{if } Q_{ab} = +Q_{ba} \\ \sum_{ab} \left[ \operatorname{Re} \ (k_{a}^{*} n_{b} - n_{a}^{*} k_{b}) \right] \left[ \operatorname{Re} \ Q_{ab} \right], & \text{if } Q_{ab} = -Q_{ba} \end{cases}$$

$$\operatorname{Im} \ \sum_{ab} (k_{a}^{*} n_{b} - n_{a}^{*} k_{b}) Q_{ab} = \begin{cases} \sum_{ab} \left[ \operatorname{Im} \ (k_{a}^{*} n_{b} - n_{a}^{*} k_{b}) \right] \left[ \operatorname{Re} \ Q_{ab} \right], & \text{if } Q_{ab} = +Q_{ba} \\ \sum_{ab} \left[ \operatorname{Re} \ (k_{a}^{*} n_{b} - n_{a}^{*} k_{b}) \right] \left[ \operatorname{Im} \ Q_{ab} \right], & \text{if } Q_{ab} = -Q_{ba} \end{cases}$$

#### 5.3.1 Self-contribution to power

The power EMTPFT integrals are symmetric, i.e.  $P_{ab}^{\text{\tiny KK}}=P_{ba}^{\text{\tiny KK}}$  and similarly for  $P_{ab}^{\text{\tiny NN}}$  and  $P_{ab}^{\text{\tiny KNmNK}}$ . Using the table of symmetry rules above yields

$$P^{\text{scat}} = \mp \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} \sum_{ab} \left\{ k_a^* k_b P_{ab}^{\text{KK}} + n_a^* n_b P_{ab}^{\text{NN}} + \left[ k_a^* n_b - n_a^* k_b \right] P_{ab}^{\text{KNmNK}} \right\}$$
(19)  
$$= \mp \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ab} \left\{ \left[ \text{Re} \ k_a^* k_b \right] \left[ \text{Re} \ P_{ab}^{\text{KK}} \right] + \left[ \text{Re} \ n_a^* n_b \right] \left[ \text{Re} \ P_{ab}^{\text{NN}} \right] - \left[ \text{Im} \ (k_a^* n_b - n_a^* k_b) \right] \left[ \text{Im} \ P_{ab}^{\text{KNmNK}} \right\}$$

From (18) we have

$$\operatorname{Re} P_{ab}^{\text{KK}} = \operatorname{Re} \left[ i\omega \mu \mathbf{G}_{ab} \right] = -\omega \operatorname{Im}(\mu \mathbf{G}_{ab})$$

so ultimately we find

$$P^{\text{scat}} = \pm \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ab} \left\{ \omega \mu_0 \left[ \operatorname{Re} \, k_a^* k_b \right] \left[ \operatorname{Im} \, \mu^T \mathbf{G}_{ab} \right] + \omega \epsilon_0 \left[ \operatorname{Re} \, n_a^* n_b \right] \left[ \operatorname{Im} \, \epsilon^T \mathbf{G}_{ab} \right] \right.$$

$$\left. + \left[ \operatorname{Im} \, \left( k_a^* n_b - n_a^* k_b \right) \right] \left[ \operatorname{Im} \, \widehat{\mathbf{C}}_{ab} \right] \right\}.$$

$$\left. Q_{ab}^{\text{KK}} = i \omega \mu \iint b_{ai}(\mathbf{x}_a) \mathbb{G}_{ij}(\mathbf{x}_a, \mathbf{x}_b) b_{bj}(\mathbf{x}') d\mathbf{x}_a d\mathbf{x}_b \right.$$

$$\left. Q_{ab}^{\text{NN}} = i \omega \epsilon \iint b_{ai}(\mathbf{x}_a) \mathbb{G}_{ij}(\mathbf{x}_a, \mathbf{x}_b) b_{bj}(\mathbf{x}') d\mathbf{x}_a d\mathbf{x}_b \right.$$

$$\left. Q_{ab}^{\text{KNmNK}} = \iint b_{ai}(\mathbf{x}_a) \widehat{\mathbb{C}}_{ij}(\mathbf{x}_a, \mathbf{x}_b) b_{bj}(\mathbf{x}') d\mathbf{x}_a d\mathbf{x}_b \right.$$

#### 5.3.2 Self-contribution to force and torque

The force EMTPFT integrals are anti symmetric, i.e.  $F_{ab}^{\text{\tiny KK}}=-F_{ba}^{\text{\tiny KK}}$  and similarly for  $F_{ab}^{\text{\tiny NN}}$  and  $F_{ab}^{\text{\tiny KNmNK}}$ . Using the table of symmetry rules above yields

$$F_{i}^{\text{scat}} = \mp \frac{1}{2\omega} \text{Im} \sum_{ab} \left\{ k_{a}^{*} k_{b} F_{ab}^{\text{KK}} + n_{a}^{*} n_{b} F_{ab}^{\text{NN}} + \left[ k_{a}^{*} n_{b} - n_{a}^{*} k_{b} \right] F_{ab}^{\text{KNmNK}} \right\}$$

$$= \mp \frac{1}{2\omega} \sum_{ab} \left\{ \left[ \text{Im} \ k_{a}^{*} k_{b} \right] \left[ \text{Re} \ F_{ab}^{\text{KK}} \right] + \left[ \text{Im} \ n_{a}^{*} n_{b} \right] \left[ \text{Re} \ F_{ab}^{\text{NN}} \right] \right.$$

$$\left. + \left[ \text{Re} \left( k_{a}^{*} n_{b} - n_{a}^{*} k_{b} \right) \right] \left[ \text{Im} \ F_{ab}^{\text{KNmNK}} \right] \right\}$$

From (??) we have

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$$F_{ab}^{\text{KK}} = \text{Re} \left[ i\omega\mu\partial_i \mathbf{G}_{ab} \right] = -\omega \text{Im}(\mu\partial_i \mathbf{G}_{ab})$$

so ultimately we find

$$F_{i}^{\text{scat}} = \pm \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ab} \left\{ \mu_{0} \left[ \text{Im } k_{a}^{*} k_{b} \right] \left[ \text{Im } \mu^{r} \partial_{i} \mathbf{G}_{ab} \right] + \epsilon_{0} \left[ \text{Im } n_{a}^{*} n_{b} \right] \left[ \text{Im } \epsilon^{r} \partial_{i} \mathbf{G}_{ab} \right] - \frac{1}{\omega} \left[ \text{Re } \left( k_{a}^{*} n_{b} - n_{a}^{*} k_{b} \right) \right] \left[ \text{Im } \partial_{i} \widehat{\mathbf{C}}_{ab} \right] \right\}.$$
 (22)

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## 7 Cartesian-multipole-moment PFT

## A Derivation of volume integrals for the force and torque

Consider a body throughout which exist volume distributions of electric and magnetic currents  $\{\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{x})\}$  and electric and magnetic fields  $\{\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x})\}$ . The time-average force experienced by just the *electric* currents in an infinitesimal volume dV is

$$d\mathbf{F}^{\mathbf{J}} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left[ \rho^* \mathbf{E} + \mu_0 \mathbf{J}^* \times \mathbf{H} \right] dV$$

Use  $\rho = \frac{1}{i\omega}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J})$  and  $\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{i\omega\mu_0}(\nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{M})$ :

$$= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{1}{i\omega} \left[ -(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}^*) \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J}^* \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) + \mathbf{J}^* \times \mathbf{M} \right] dV \right\} dV$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} \left[ -(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}^*) \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J}^* \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) \right] dV}_{d\mathbf{F}^{\mathbf{J}_1}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} \left[ \mathbf{J}^* \times \mathbf{M} \right]}_{d\mathbf{F}^{\mathbf{J}_2}}. \quad (23)$$

In component notation, the first term here reads

$$dF_{i}^{\mathbf{J}1} = -\frac{1}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} \left[ (\partial_{j} J_{j}^{*}) E_{i} - \underbrace{\varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{k\ell m}}_{\delta_{i\ell} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{j\ell}} J_{j}^{*} \partial_{\ell} E_{m} \right] dV$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} \left[ (\partial_{j} J_{j}^{*}) E_{i} - J_{j}^{*} \partial_{i} E_{j} + J_{j}^{*} \partial_{j} E_{i} \right] dV. \tag{24}$$

The total force is given by integrating over the volume:

$$F_i^{\mathbf{J}1} = -\frac{1}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} \int_{\mathcal{B}_n} \left[ (\partial_j J_j^*) E_i - J_j^* \partial_i E_j + J_j^* \partial_j E_i \right] dV$$
 (25)

The first and third terms here together read

$$\int \partial_j (J_j^* E_i) dV = \int \nabla \cdot (E_i \mathbf{J}^*) dV = \oint E_i \mathbf{J}^* \cdot d\mathbf{A} = 0$$
 (26)

because  $\mathbf{J} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} = 0$  at the surface of the object (no current flows from the body into space). Thus only the middle term in (25) is nonvanishing, and we find simply

$$F_i^{\mathbf{J}1} = \frac{1}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} \int_{\mathcal{B}} J_j^* \partial_i E_j \, dV = \frac{1}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} \int_{\mathcal{B}} \mathbf{J}^* \cdot \partial_i \mathbf{E} \, dV.$$

Adding the contributions of the other term in (23), we find

$$F_i^{\mathbf{J}} = \frac{1}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} \int_{\mathcal{B}} \left[ \mathbf{J}^* \cdot \partial_i \mathbf{E} + (\mathbf{J}^* \times \mathbf{M})_i \right] dV.$$
 (27)

On the other hand, the force on the magnetic currents in dV is

$$d\mathbf{F}^{\mathbf{M}} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left[ \eta^* \mathbf{H} - \epsilon \mathbf{M}^* \times \mathbf{E} \right] dV$$

Use  $\eta = \frac{1}{i\omega}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{M})$  and  $\mathbf{E} = -\frac{1}{i\omega\epsilon}(\nabla \times \mathbf{H} - \mathbf{J})$ :

$$= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{1}{i\omega} \left[ -(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{M}^*) \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M}^* \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) + \mathbf{M}^* \times \mathbf{J} \right] dV \right\} dV$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} \left[ -(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{M}^*) \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M}^* \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) \right] dV}_{d\mathbf{F}^{\mathbf{M}_1}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} \left[ \mathbf{M}^* \times \mathbf{J} \right]}_{d\mathbf{F}^{\mathbf{M}_2}}. (28)$$

Now playing the same games as above allows us to rewrite this in a form analogous to that of (29):

$$F_i^{\mathbf{M}} = \frac{1}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} \int_{\mathcal{B}_n} \left[ \mathbf{M}^* \cdot \partial_i \mathbf{H} + (\mathbf{M}^* \times \mathbf{J})_i \right] dV.$$
 (29)

#### Torque

The contribution of currents in dV to the torque about an origin  $\mathbf{r}_0$  is given by

$$d\mathbf{T} = (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) \times d\mathbf{F}$$

or, in components,

$$d\mathcal{T}_i = \varepsilon_{ijk}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0)_i d\mathbf{F}_k$$
.

Insert (24):

$$= -\frac{1}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} \left\{ \varepsilon_{ijk} (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0)_j \left[ (\partial_{\ell} J_{\ell}^*) E_k - J_{\ell}^* \partial_k E_{\ell} + J_{\ell}^* \partial_{\ell} E_k \right] \right\} dV.$$

The first and third terms here integrate to zero by an argument similar to (26), and we find

$$\mathcal{T}_{i} = \frac{1}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} \int_{\mathcal{B}_{n}} \epsilon_{ijk} (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_{0})_{j} J_{\ell}^{*} \partial_{k} E_{\ell} dV = \frac{1}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} \int_{\mathcal{B}_{n}} \mathbf{J}^{*} \cdot \partial_{\theta} \mathbf{E} dV \qquad (30)$$

where the symbol  $\partial_{\theta} \mathbf{E}$  denotes the derivative of  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})$  with respect to an infinitesimal rotation of the point  $\mathbf{r}$  about the *i*th coordinate axis with origin  $\mathbf{r}_0$ .

## B Overlap integral between RWG basis functions

$$\mathbf{O}_{\alpha\beta} \equiv \int \mathbf{b}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}) \times \mathbf{b}_{\beta}(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}.$$

This quantity vanishes unless  $\mathbf{b}_{\alpha}, \mathbf{b}_{\beta}$  have exactly one panel in common. To evaluate the integral in that case, let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the common panel, and suppose its vertices are  $\{\mathbf{Q}_{\alpha}, \mathbf{V}_1, \mathbf{V}_2\}$  with  $\mathbf{Q}_{\alpha}$  the source/sink vertex for  $\mathbf{b}_{\alpha}$ . Let  $\mathbf{Q}_{\beta}$  be the source/sink vertex for  $\mathbf{b}_{\beta}$ . On  $\mathcal{P}$  we can parametrize points according to

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Q}_{\alpha} + u\mathbf{A} + v\mathbf{B}, \qquad 0 \le u \le 1, \qquad 0 \le v \le u$$

$$\mathbf{A} \equiv (\mathbf{V}_1 - \mathbf{Q}_{\alpha}) \qquad \mathbf{B} \equiv (\mathbf{V}_2 - \mathbf{V}_1)$$

and the two RWG functions are

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b}_{\alpha} &= \pm \frac{\ell_{\alpha}}{2A} \Big( \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{Q}_{\alpha} \Big) \\ &= \pm \frac{\ell_{\alpha}}{2A} \Big( u \mathbf{A} + v \mathbf{B} \Big) \\ \mathbf{b}_{\beta} &= \pm \frac{\ell_{\beta}}{2A} \Big( \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{Q}_{\beta} \Big) \\ &= \pm \frac{\ell_{\beta}}{2A} \Big( u \mathbf{A} + v \mathbf{B} + \Delta \mathbf{Q} \Big) \end{aligned}$$

where A is the area of the common panel,  $\ell_{\alpha,\beta}$  are the lengths of the edges that define  $\mathbf{b}_{\alpha,\beta}$ , and  $\Delta \mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{Q}_a - \mathbf{Q}_b)$ . The  $\pm$  signs are determined by whether  $\mathcal{P}$  is the positive or negative panel associated with  $\mathbf{b}_{\alpha,\beta}$ . The overlap integral then reads

$$\mathbf{O}_{\alpha\beta} = \pm \frac{\ell_{\alpha}\ell_{\beta}}{2A} \int_{0}^{1} du \int_{0}^{u} dv \Big[ u\mathbf{A} + v\mathbf{B} \Big] \times \Big[ u\mathbf{A} + v\mathbf{B} + \Delta \mathbf{Q} \Big]$$

$$= \pm \frac{\ell_{\alpha}\ell_{\beta}}{2A} \Big[ \frac{1}{3} \Big( \mathbf{A} \times \Delta \mathbf{Q} \Big) + \frac{1}{6} \Big( \mathbf{B} \times \Delta \mathbf{Q} \Big) \Big]$$

$$= \pm \frac{\ell_{\alpha}\ell_{\beta}}{12A} \Big[ \Big( 2\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} \Big) \times \Delta \mathbf{Q} \Big]$$

$$= \pm \frac{\ell_{\alpha}\ell_{\beta}}{4A} \Big[ \Big( \mathbf{X}_{c} - \mathbf{Q}_{\alpha} \Big) \times \Delta \mathbf{Q} \Big]$$

where  $\mathbf{X}_c$  is the centroid of  $\mathcal{P}$ .

### C PFT in Mie Scattering

It is instructive to compare the behavior of the various PFT algorithms in the simplest analytically-solvable case of scattering by a compact object, namely, namely, the scattering of a plane wave by a dielectric sphere (Mie scattering). Let the sphere have radius r and relative permittivity  $\epsilon$ ; for simplicity I consider the non-magnetic case,  $\mu=1$ .

The incident fields are

$$\mathbf{E}^{\mathrm{inc}}(\mathbf{x}) = E_0 e^{ikx} \hat{\mathbf{x}}, \qquad \mathbf{H}^{\mathrm{inc}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{Z_0} E_0 e^{ikx} \hat{\mathbf{y}}.$$

where k is the free-space wavenumber. (I work in units such that c=1, so numerically I have  $k=\omega$ , although in the formulas below the quantities k and  $\omega$  will both appear.

#### Interior fields

Retaining terms of zeroth and first order in k, the fields inside the sphere are

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) = E_0 \Big[ (C_0 + ikzC_1)\hat{\mathbf{x}} + ikx(C_1 - 1)\hat{\mathbf{z}} \Big]$$

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{E_0}{Z_0} \Big[ (1 + ikzC_2)\hat{\mathbf{y}} + iky(C_2 - \epsilon C_0)\hat{\mathbf{z}} \Big]$$

$$C_0 = \frac{3}{2 + \epsilon}, \qquad C_1 = \frac{\epsilon + 4}{3 + 2\epsilon}, \qquad C_2 = 2 - C_0.$$

#### Volume EPPFT

Volume current distribution:

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{k \operatorname{Im} \epsilon}{Z_0} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x})$$

Absorbed power per unit volume:

$$\frac{1}{2}\operatorname{Re} \mathbf{J}^{*}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{k(\operatorname{Im} \epsilon)E_{0}^{2}}{2Z_{0}}\operatorname{Re} \left[\left|C_{0} + ikzC_{1}\right|^{2} + \left|ikx(C_{1} - 1)\right|^{2}\right]$$

z-force per unit volume:

$$\frac{1}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} \mathbf{J}^* \cdot \partial_z \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{(\operatorname{Im} \epsilon) E_0^2}{2Z_0} \operatorname{Im} \left\{ \left( C_0^* - ikz C_1^* \right) \left( ik C_1 \right) \right\}$$
$$= -\frac{k(\operatorname{Im} \epsilon) E_0^2}{2Z_0} \operatorname{Re} \left[ C_0^* C_1 \right]$$

#### Surface EPPFT, take 1

Surface currents:

$$\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}) = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{E_0}{Z_0} \left[ \left( 1 + ikzC_2 \right) (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \hat{\mathbf{y}}) + iky \left( C_2 - \epsilon C_0 \right) (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \hat{\mathbf{z}}) \right]$$

$$\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{x}) = -\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) = -E_0 \left[ \left( C_0 + ikzC_1 \right) (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \hat{\mathbf{x}}) + ikx \left( C_1 - 1 \right) (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \hat{\mathbf{z}}) \right]$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{3i\epsilon E_0 kx}{Z_0 (2 + \epsilon)}, \qquad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{x}) = ikyE_0.$$

Electric and magnetic surface charge densities:

$$\sigma^{\rm E} = \frac{1}{i\omega} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{K} = \frac{3\epsilon E_0 x}{Z_0(2+\epsilon)}, \qquad \sigma^{\rm M} = \frac{1}{i\omega} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{N} = y E_0.$$

z-directed force per unit area on surface currents:

$$F_{z} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left[ \underbrace{\sigma^{*E} \mathbf{E}_{z}}_{F^{1}} + \underbrace{Z_{0} (\mathbf{K}^{*} \times \mathbf{H})_{z}}_{F^{2}} + \underbrace{\sigma^{*M} \mathbf{H}_{z}}_{F^{3}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{Z_{0}} (\mathbf{N}^{*} \times \mathbf{E})_{z}}_{F^{4}} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} F^{1} = \frac{E_{0}^{2}}{2Z_{0}} kx^{2} \operatorname{Im} \left[ \left( \frac{3\epsilon}{2+\epsilon} \right)^{*} \left( C_{1} - 1 \right) \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} F^{2} = \frac{E_{0}^{2}}{2Z_{0}} k \left[ -2z^{2} \operatorname{Im} C_{2} - y^{2} \operatorname{Im} \left( C_{2} - \epsilon C_{0} \right) \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} F^{3} = \frac{E_{0}^{2}}{2Z_{0}} ky^{2} \operatorname{Im} \left( C_{2} - \epsilon C_{0} \right)$$

#### Surface EPPFT, take 2

Force per unit surface area:

$$F_{z} = \frac{1}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} \left\{ \underbrace{\mathbf{K}^{*} \cdot \partial_{z} \mathbf{E}}_{F^{1}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{N}^{*} \cdot \partial_{z} \mathbf{H}}_{F^{2}} \right\}$$

$$\frac{1}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} F^{1} = \frac{kE_{0}^{2}}{2Z_{0}} \operatorname{Im} \left[ C_{1} (C_{2}^{*} - \epsilon^{*} C_{0}^{*}) y^{2} - C_{1} C_{2}^{*} z^{2} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{kE_{0}^{2}}{2Z_{0}} y^{2} \operatorname{Im} \left[ -\epsilon^{*} C_{1} C_{0}^{*} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{2\omega} \operatorname{Im} F^{2} = \frac{kE_{0}^{2}}{2Z_{0}} \operatorname{Im} \left[ C_{2} (C_{1}^{*} - 1) x^{2} - C_{1}^{*} C_{2} z^{2} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow -\frac{kE_{0}^{2}}{2Z_{0}} x^{2}$$