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Overview

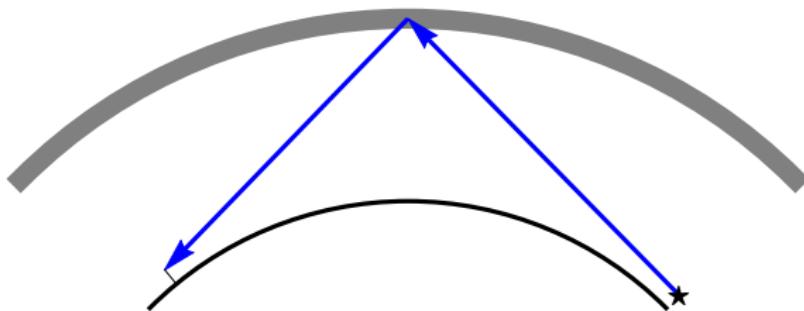
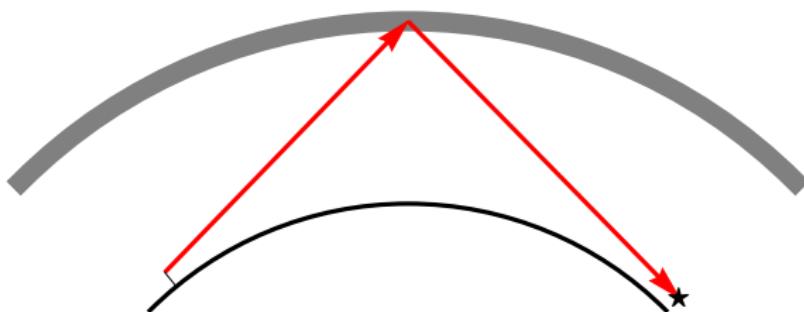
1 Radiation

2 Results

3 Meshing

4 Software Components

Energy Out, Energy In





Energy Out, Energy In

- ① radar (left) **irradiates** target (star)
- ② **backscatter** travels from target to radar



Radar Cross Section: Definition

$$\sigma_* = 4\pi \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} r^2 \left| \frac{E_{\text{incident}}}{E_{\text{scattered}}} \right|^2 \quad (1.1)$$

Skolnik 1962, (2.36)



Radar Cross Section: Discussion

- Radar cross section is a **far field** phenomenon
- Assumes **single polarization** to and from target
- Target is **completely metallic**:
 E field results from surface currents
- Shape is **quasi-dimensional**
 - Dimensions in two known directions
 - Dish antennae, solar panels, booms
- **Resonant scattering**:
Ratio of typical dimension to wavelength ≈ 1
- **Kolosov 1987, §4.6**



Radar Cross Section: Conceptual Overview

- **Radar Basics:**

- Transmit energy Skolnik 1962, p. 21.
- Receive scattered signal.
- Direction, strength → object properties Knott, Schaeffer, and Tulley 2004, p. 45.

- **What is RCS?**

- Measures object "visibility" to radar Lab 2002, Section 2.
- Depends on:
 - Material
 - Geometry
 - Orientation Peebles 2007, pp. 3-4.

- **Key Question:** Power reflected vs. power transmitted.



Factors Influencing Radar Cross Section

- **Shape:**

- Smooth → directional reflection Knott, Schaeffer, and Tulley 2004, p. 47.
- Complex → scattered energy.

- **Material:**

- Metal → strong reflection.
- Absorbers → reduced RCS Knott, Schaeffer, and Tulley 2004, Section 3.2.

- **Size vs. Wavelength:**

- Large → high scattering.
- Small → "invisible" (Rayleigh scattering) Kolosov 1987, p. 188.

- **Orientation:**



Input files

① B-20.geo

- ① Points to facet file
- ② Configure linear algebra solver
- ③ Radar frequency range
- ④ Angular sampling ranges
- ⑤ Boundary conditions
- ⑥ Mono- or Bistatic
- ⑦ Surface or Volume integral elements
- ⑧ Length units

② B-20.facet



Linear algebra (don't alter)

```
&MM_MoM
  bUseACA = .TRUE.,
  bSolve_ACA = .TRUE.,
  bOutOfCore = .TRUE.,
  bNormalizeToWaveLength = .FALSE.,
  bNormalize = .FALSE.,
  dCloseLambda = 0.100000,
  ACA_Factor_Tol = 0.000010,
  ACA_RHS_Tol = 0.000100,
  Point_Tolerance = 0.001000,
  nLargestBlockSize = -1,
  MemorySize_GB = -1.000000,
  stackSize_GB = -1.000000,
  nFillThreads = -1,
  nFillMKLThreads = 1,
  nLUThreads = -1,
  nLUMKLThreads = 1,
  nRHSThreads = 1,
  nRHSMKLThreads = 1,
  bOutputACAGrouping = .FALSE.,
  bOutputRankFraction = .FALSE.,
  bLimitLUColumns = .FALSE.,
  Lop_Admissibility = WEAK,
  Kop_Admissibility = CLOSE
```



Memory management (don't alter)

```
&Scratch_Memory
Scratch_RankFraction_Z = 0.300000,
Scratch_RankFraction_LU = 0.600000,
Scratch_RankFraction_RHS = 2.000000,
Scratch_RankFraction_Solve = 1.000000,
MemoryFraction_Z = 0.950000,
MemoryFraction_Scratch_LU = 0.500000,
MemoryFraction_LU = 1.000000,
MemoryFraction_RHS = 0.500000,
MemoryFraction_Solve = 0.900000,
```



Quadrature (don't alter)

&QUADRATURE

```
NTRISELF = 7,  
NTRINEAR = 3,  
NTRIFAR = 3,  
NTETSELF = 11,  
NTETNEAR = 4,  
NTETFAR = 4,  
NQGAUSS = 4
```



Radar frequencies

FREQUENCY

ghz

0.003000 0.030000 28 !Freq Start, Freq Stop, Num Frequencies



Sampling

Angle Cut

1

0.000000 359.000000 360

AZIMUTH

90.000000



Monostatic or bistatic

Excitation
MONOSTATIC



Boundary Conditions

Boundary Conditions

B-20-Materials.lib

4

V_FREE_SPACE => Free_Space

V_PEC => PEC

V_PMC => PMC

V_NULL => NULL

1

0 BC_PEC V_FREE_SPACE



Final settings

SIE	surface integral elements
B-20A.facet	CAD description
m	meters



Mercury MoM is Single Precision

Example: 8 MHz
Despite exact binary representation

$$8_{10} = 1000_2$$

Start Frequency = 7.9999994E-03GHz



Run sequence - launch

```
$ ./MMoM.4.1.12 b20.geo
-----
HOSTNAME = 3dd5a4b0d3c8
HOSTTYPE =
CPU =
OSTYPE =
MACHTYPE =
NUMBER_OF_PROCESSORS =
OMP_NUM_THREADS =
PROCESSOR_ARCHITECTURE =
PROCESSOR_IDENTIFIER =
----- Reporting output in MB from Linux command: vmstat -s -S M -----
53113 M free memory
```



Run sequence - sample output

```
Freq    = 30.00E+00 MHz
Lambda = 9.99E+00 m
k       = 628.75E-03 m-1
subroutine Solve_SetUp( Surface, bk, pSys, pD, Nodes ) : ...Finished
-----
---| Time : Time total for RHS solve
---| Twall = 0.0004168 ; Tcpo = 0.0002319 ; Ratio = 1.80
-----
---| Out Of Core Times: Diagonal Blocks
---|
---| nWrites.....: 2.
---| GigaBytes Write.....: 0.
---| Write Time (Hr).....: 0.00
---| Average Write Rate (MBytes/sec)..: 19.
---| nReads.....: 5.
---| GigaBytes Read.....: 0.
---| Read Time (Hr).....: 0.0002
---| Average Read Rate (MBytes/sec)...: 48.
---|
-----
Z Column Summary IO 0.000E+00 0.000E+00 0.000E+00 0.000E+00 0.000E+00
```

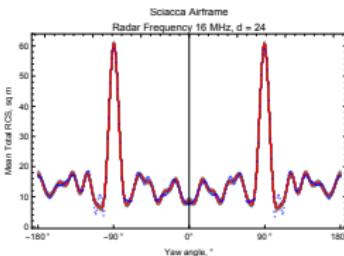
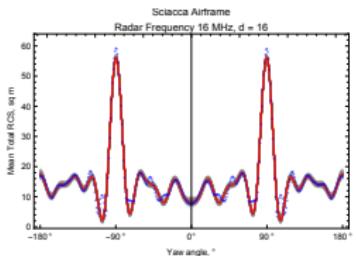
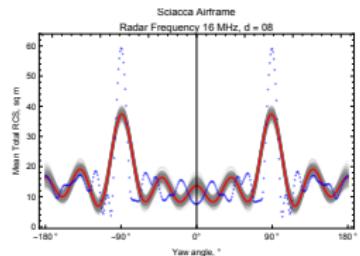
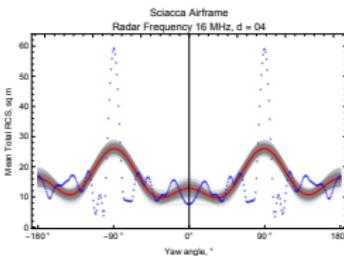
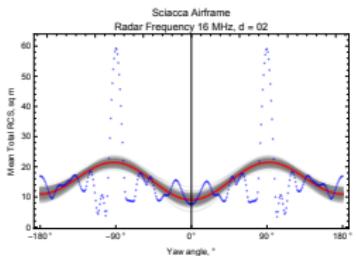
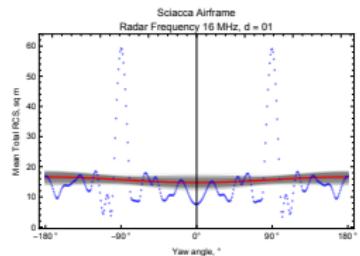


Run sequence - completion

```
$ ./MMoM.4.1.12 b20.geo
-----
HOSTNAME = 3dd5a4b0d3c8
HOSTTYPE =
CPU =
OSTYPE =
MACHTYPE =
NUMBER_OF_PROCESSORS =
OMP_NUM_THREADS =
PROCESSOR_ARCHITECTURE =
PROCESSOR_IDENTIFIER =
----- Reporting output in MB from Linux command: vmstat -s -S M -----
53113 M free memory
```



Fourier Transform Visualizations at 16 MHz



Note

Blue: Data

Red: Approximation

Gray: Error

Fourier Transform Visualizations at 16 MHz

- **Approximation Order (d):** The number of terms in the Fourier approximation increases as $d = 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 24$.
- **Low-Order Approximations:** Approximations with smaller d (e.g., $d = 1, 2, 4$) fail to capture fine structures, leading to significant residual error.
- **Higher-Order Approximations:** As d grows, the approximation better resolves finer features, and the error (gray) shrinks significantly, especially at smooth regions.
- **Error Behavior:** The error decreases non-uniformly—large errors persist near abrupt changes or peaks due to Gibbs phenomena, but smooth regions converge faster.
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- **Key Insight:** Fourier approximations demonstrate trade-offs: fidelity improves with d , as does computational cost.
- **General Notes:**
 - Fourier series resolve functions as sums of sines and cosines.
 - Low-frequency terms: broad trends; high-frequency: fine details.
 - Convergence is faster for smooth functions but slower for discontinuities or sharp changes.
 - More terms improves fidelity, but can introduce numerical artifacts.



Mesher Schemes

		Mesh Resolution	Faces	Points	Spectral Radius
Method					
✓	Standard	1.0 m	626	315	5.3
✓	Standard	0.1 m	766	385	5.3
✓	Standard	0.05 m	1,198	601	5.3
✗	Standard	0.01 m	3,352	1,678	6.5
✗	Standard	0.001 m	28,394	14,199	8.7
✗	Mefisto	1.0 m	3,974	1,992	2.5
✗	Netgen	very fine	10,098	5,051	3.0

Table: One model, many meshes. How does Mercury MoM fare?





Achilles Heel: Minimum triangle size

Mercury MoM is very sensitive to **Spectral radius**



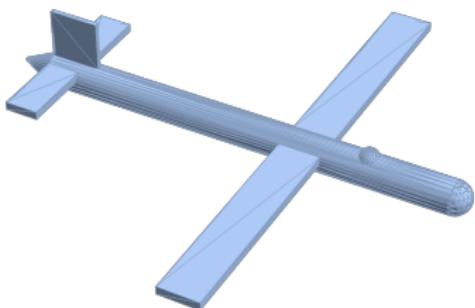
Linux Environment

```
-----FATAL ERROR-----FATAL ERROR-----FATAL ERROR-----FATAL ERROR-----  
subroutine Geometry_TRI_Compute( Tris, tol ) :Have Triangles with effective zero area  
nTris.With.Zero.Area = 15244
```

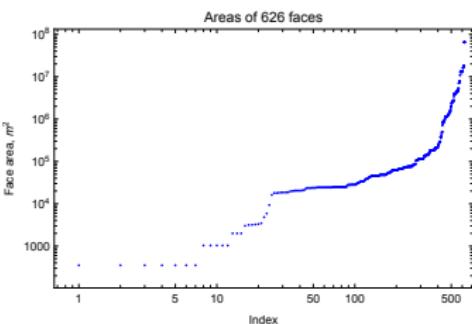


Standard meshing, 1 m resolution

Mesh



Spectrum

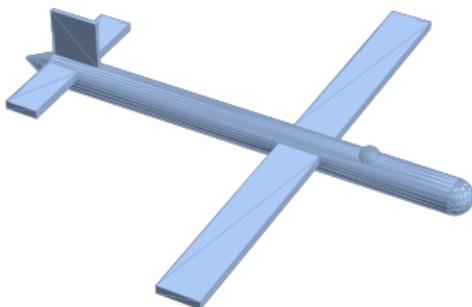


---| Mercury MOM Completed **Successfully** |---

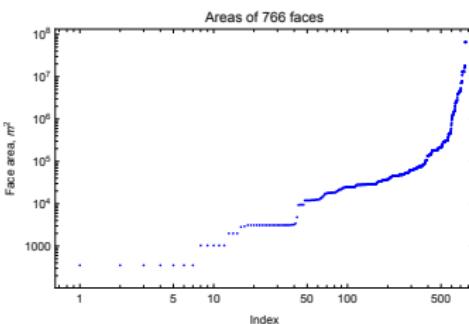


Standard meshing, 0.1 m resolution

Mesh



Spectrum

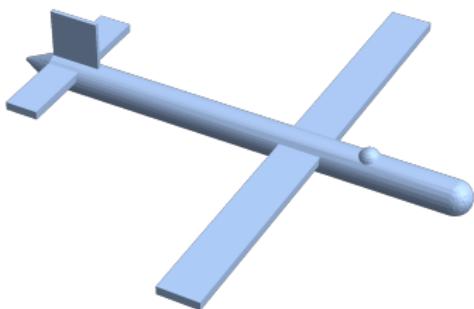


---| Mercury MOM Completed **Successfully** |---

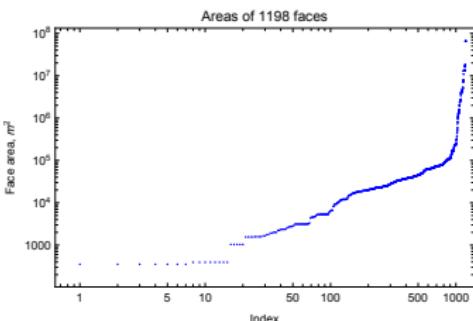


Standard meshing, 0.05 m resolution

Mesh



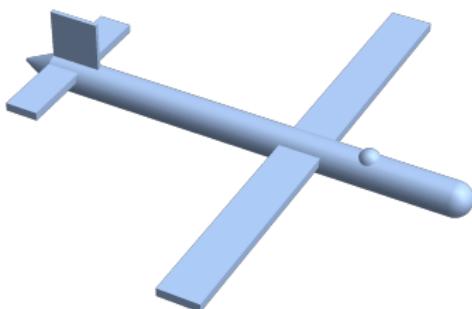
Spectrum



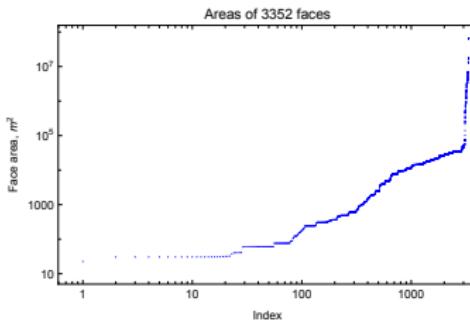
---| Mercury MOM Completed **Successfully** |---

Standard meshing, 0.01 m resolution

Mesh



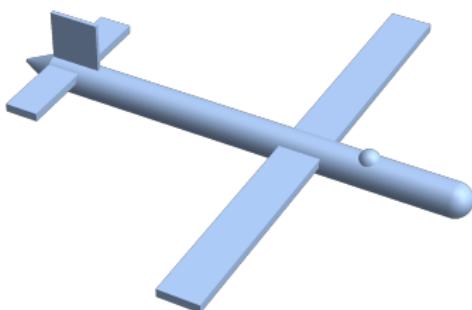
Spectrum



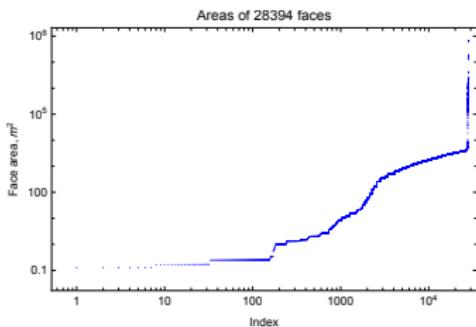
-----FATAL ERROR-----FATAL ERROR-----FATAL ERROR-----FATAL ERROR-----
subroutine ACA_Sum_Update(A, S, Tol, RefNorm) : RHS: ACA did not converge
= 0

Standard meshing, 0.001 m resolution

Mesh



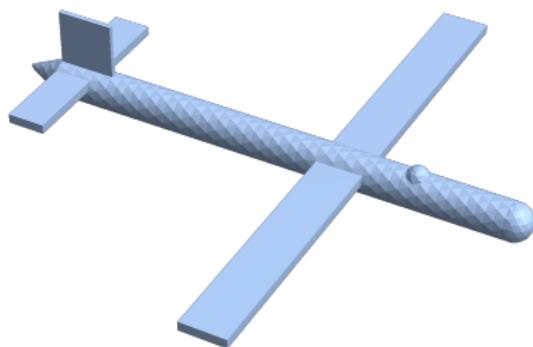
Spectrum



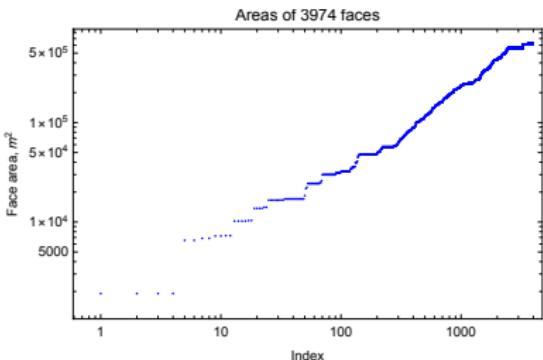
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subroutine Geometry_TRI_Compute(Tris, tol) :Have Triangles with effective zero area
nTris_With_Zero_Area = 60

Mefisto meshing, 1 m resolution

Mesh



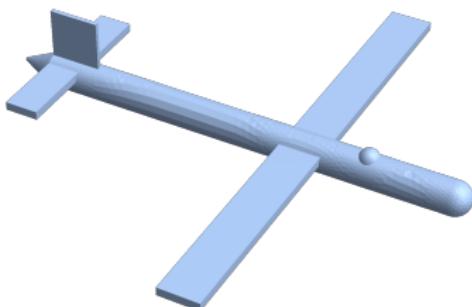
Spectrum



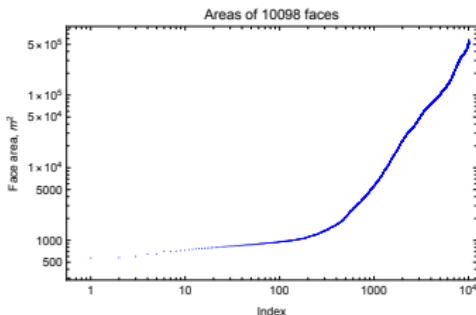
```
-----FATAL ERROR-----FATAL ERROR-----FATAL ERROR-----FATAL ERROR-----  
subroutine ACA_Sum_Update( A, S, Tol, RefNorm ) : RHS: ACA did not converge  
= 0
```

Netgen meshing, very fine resolution

Mesh



Spectrum



```
-----FATAL ERROR-----FATAL ERROR-----FATAL ERROR-----FATAL ERROR-----  
subroutine ACA_Sum_Update( A, S, Tol, RefNorm ) : RHS: ACA did not converge  
= 0
```



Code Conversion Overview

MATLAB and ALPINE Codes Converted

- Python
- Fortran
- Shell Scripts

Survey and Details Follow.



Primary Components

Fortran:

① Boo

Python:

① Boo



Sealing the Mesh

Boo

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