

The electromagnetic reverberation chamber: a tool with multiple facets and applications

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Introduction to RC

Antenna efficiency and antenna patterns in RC

Average absorbing cross-section

Dosimetry

Backscattering measurements

Focalization

Conclusion



3-D overmoded cavities

- Multiple modes with significant excitation over a number of ٠ states $\approx 8\pi V \frac{f^2}{c}$
- \rightarrow Mode density (M)

(g) $f \approx 133$ MHz, mode TE₀₃₃

 \rightarrow Composite Q-factor (Q) $=\frac{f}{\Delta f}$

$\rightarrow d = M \times \Delta f^{d=<<1}$ -(a) $f \approx 44$ MHz, mode TE₀₁₁ (b) $f \approx 53$ MHz, mode TE₀₁₂ (c) $f \approx 66$ MHz, mode TE₀₁₃ (d) $f \approx 75$ MHz, mode TE₁₁₂ i r'nn d is m (e) $f \approx 80$ MHz, mode TE₀₁₄ (f) $f \approx 107$ MHz, mode TE₀₂₄

(h) $f \approx 158$ MHz, mode TE₁₃₅





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Well overmoded / stirred cavity:

- Plane wave spectrum
- Hill's (asymptotical) model

$$e_{x,y,z}(t) = E_{x,y,z}e^{j\omega t}$$

$$E_{x,y,z} = E_{x,y,z}^r + jE_{x,y,z}^r$$

$$E_x^r, E_y^r, E_z^r, E_x^i, E_y^i, E_z^i \equiv v$$

Gaussian « random » field

$$Var(v) = {\sigma_v}^2$$





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(23)

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8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 26 28 30

Arbitrary position of the receiving antenna

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2 4

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Antenna efficiency from Q

$$Q_{1ant} = \left\langle \left| S_{xx} - \left\langle S_{xx} \right\rangle \right|^2 \right\rangle \frac{Z_0 \omega \epsilon V}{(\lambda^2 / 4\pi) (1 - \left| \left\langle S_{xx} \right\rangle \right|^2)^2 \eta_x^2}$$















P. Besnier, J. Sol, A. Presse, C. Lemoine, and A. -C. Tarot, "Antenna efficiency measurement from quality factor estimation in reverberation chamber," in *Proc. Eur. Microw. Conf.*, 2016, pp. 715–718,

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Antenna efficiency: Without reference antenna

- Based on the difference between time domain and frequency domain estimation of Q
- The decay constant τ of the RC ($Q_{TD} = 2\pi f \tau$) is not dependent on η at high enough frequencies
- Can be applied for estimating efficency for 2 or 3 antennas at a time

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 Key role of (all) antenna stirring to reduce the bias estimation of reflection coefficients due to residual unstirred paths

Ref: W. Krouka, F. Sarrazin, J. Sol, P. Besnier and E. Richalot, "Biased Estimation of Antenna Radiation Efficiency Within Reverberation Chambers Due to Unstirred Field : Role of Antenna Stirring," in IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation, vol. 70, no. 10, pp. 9742-9751,

Antenna efficiency: From backscattering measurements (i.e. without contact using 2 loading conditions)

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IETR Average absorbing cross-section



$$P_{d-obj} = \sigma_{abs} \frac{E^2}{Z_0}.$$
 $Q_{obj} = \frac{2\pi V}{\lambda} \frac{1}{\sigma_{abs}}.$

$$\sigma_{abs} = \frac{2\pi V}{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{Q_g^L} - \frac{1}{Q_g^0}\right). \qquad \sigma_{abs} = \langle T \rangle \frac{A_{tot}}{2}$$

$$\langle T \rangle = 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \left[1 - \frac{|\Gamma_{TM}(\theta)|^2 + |\Gamma_{TE}(\theta)|^2}{2} \right] \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) d\theta.$$



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IETR Dosimetry

$$\frac{\rho C}{k_t} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} - \frac{V_s}{k_t} (T - T_b) + \frac{q(x, y, z, t)}{k_t},$$

$$q(z) \simeq \frac{\langle S_0 \rangle \overline{T_p}}{\delta} [\exp(-2z/\delta) + \exp(-2(L_z - z)/\delta)].$$

(1D)





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Khadir Fall, A. et al. (2020), Exposure Assessment in Millimeter-Wave Reverberation Chamber Using Murine Phantoms. Bioelectromagnetics, 41: 121-135







Multiple paths

LOS path extraction ?



LOS path extraction ?

- K-factor estimation of Rice distribution [1], [2(for RCS)]
- Doppler effect (linear movement of the target [3])
- Time gating [4(for RCS)]



Another approach based on RC properties (IETR / ESYCOM collaboration)

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[2] A. Sorrentino, G. Ferrara, M. Migliaccio and S. Cappa, "Measurements of Backscattering from a Dihedral Corner in a Reverberating Chamber", ACES JOURNAL, vol. 33, no. 1, January 2018

[3] M. Á García Fernández, D. Carsenat and C. Decroze, Antenna Radiation Pattern Measurements in Reverberation Chamber Using Plane Wave Decomposition, IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation, vol. 61, no. 10, pp. 5000-5007, Oct. 2013.

[4] A. Soltane, G. Andrieu and A. Reineix, Monostatic Radar Cross-Section Estimation of Canonical Targets in Reverberating Room Using Time-Gating Technique, 2018 Int. Symp . Electromagn. Compat. (EMC EUROPE), Amsterdam, pp. 355-359, 2018.





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Recent improvements









Quasi-monostatic configuration (no stirring)

Charlo, C., Méric, S., Sarrazin, F., Richalot, E., Sol, J., & Besnier, P. (2023). Advanced Analysis of Radar Cross-Section Measurements in Reverberation Environment. https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.08751

Antenna radar cross-section \rightarrow Antenna pattern ?

$$\sqrt{\sigma_{\rm ant}} = \sqrt{\sigma_{\rm s}} + \sqrt{\sigma_{\rm r}}$$

Radiating mode

$$\sqrt{\sigma_{\rm r}} = \sqrt{\sigma_{\rm r}^{\rm max}} \cdot |\Gamma_{\rm L}|$$



Measurements with two loads L1 and L2:

$$S_{L1} = S_{FS} + (1 - |S_{FS}|^2)\eta_a H_{L1} + C\left(\sqrt{\sigma_s} + \sqrt{\sigma_r^{max}} \cdot |\Gamma_{L1}|\right)$$

$$S_{L2} = S_{FS} + (1 - |S_{FS}|^2)\eta_a H_{L2} + C\left(\sqrt{\sigma_s} + \sqrt{\sigma_r^{max}} \cdot |\Gamma_{L2}|\right)$$

$$S_{L1} - S_{L2} = (1 - |S_{FS}|^2)\eta_a (H_{L1} - H_{L2}) + C\sqrt{\sigma_r^{max}} \cdot (|\Gamma_{L1}| - |\Gamma_{L2}|)$$



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IETR Focalization

Focalization upon detection of the modification of the backscattered field (opérateur de Wigner-Smith généralisé)



- Impedance modification: 50 $\Omega(S_1)$ and CO $(S_2) \rightarrow Q_{\alpha} = -iS_1^{-1}(S_1 S_2)$
- Diagonalization of $Q_{\alpha} \rightarrow q_i$ with the highest $|\lambda_i| \rightarrow$ Most sensitive to the change
- Injection de q_i à l'émission \rightarrow focalisation



Focalization



• $Y_{ref}(\omega) = |\psi_{ref}(\omega)t(\omega)|^2 = ||T||^2$, PHASE CONJUGATION

• $Y_{opt}(\omega) = |\psi_{opt}(\omega)T(\omega)|^2$, avec $\psi_{opt} = q_1^T$; WSG FOCALIZATION



IETR Focalization (time domain, in situ)



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IETR Conclusion

How to conclude this?

- Impossible !
- Research within the scope of RCs or diffuse (chaotic) field environments are still extended
- This presentation is only a sample
- Many more stimulating research areas involving
 - Wavefront shaping / RIS
 - Noise correlation
 - .../...





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