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MUSIC imaging method for low-high frequency inspection of composite multi-layers

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Abstract

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Non-destructive Testing-Evaluation (NdT-E) of damaged multi-layer structures like fiber-made composite materials involved in aeronautic and automotive industries is a topic of great interest to solve problems of viability and security.

From eddy currents to test graphite-based materials to microwaves and beyond to test glass-based composite structures, one aims to obtain images of the possibly damaged parts with robust, fast inversion algorithms. In this contribution, such algorithms are tailored to detect small (compared to the local wavelength in propagative regime or skin depth in diffusive regime) inclusions affecting the structures mentioned above. These inclusions may be voids, fluid-filled cavities (i.e., isotropic) or even uniaxial ones. Yet this requires proper models of the layerings to compute their response due to electromagnetic sources, notably electric dipoles or magnetic coils.

Based on [1-2], it is proposed herein a method to compute in an effective fashion the dyadic Green's functions (DGF) for such structures within the framework of contrast-source integral equations. Special care is taken when the sources are far away from the origin, yielding an oscillating spectrum of the DGF. The Multiple Signal Classification (MUSIC) imaging method [3], which uses such DGF, is applied to find the position of small defects. Possible application of MUSIC for structure delaminations is treated also.

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