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This book is the first complete and comprehensive description of the modern Physical Theory of Diffraction (PTD) based on the concept of elementary edge waves (EEWs). The theory is demonstrated with the example of the diffraction of acoustic and electromagnetic waves at perfectly reflecting objects. The derived analytic expressions clearly explain the physical structure

of the scattered field and describe in detail all of the reflected and diffracted rays and beams, as well as the fields in the vicinity of caustics and foci. Shadow radiation, a new fundamental component of the field, is introduced and proven to contain half of the total scattered power.

John Wiley & Sons

A novel handheld time-domain array GPR antipersonnel mine detection system using an offset paraboloidal reflector antenna is described. The reflector collimates rays from an ultra-wideband transmitting feed, directing the microwave impulse forward, in front of the antenna structure. As such, much of the ground reflected wave is directed further forward, away from the

operator, the reflector, and the receiving antennas, and thereby reducing the major source of clutter. The wave transmitted into the ground that interacts with the target, generating significant backscatter returning toward the receiving antennas. These receiving antennas are configured in a 2 by 2 array to provide spatial focusing in both the along- and cross-track directions. This system has been built and tested at both Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and GeoCenters, Inc. In both cases, custom-built wideband antenna elements generate narrow pulse shapes, which allow for resolving small non-metallic targets buried at shallow depths. The LLNL's Micro-Power Impulse Radar (MIR) operates in the 1.5 to 5 GHz range a very narrow pulse shape. The Geo-Centers wideband TEMR antenna elements have higher power, though lower frequency range (850 to 1700 MHz), and generate less residual ringing in the time signal. Preliminary measured data from both systems indicate that the surface clutter is indeed reduced relative to the target signal, and that small non-metallic anti-personnel mines can be reliably detected at burial depths as shallow as 1 inch in both dry sand and dry vegetative clay loam soil.

Caustic-matching Peter Peregrinus Limited

The NAB Engineering Handbook provides detailed information on virtually every aspect of the broadcast chain, from news gathering, program production and postproduction through master control and distribution links to transmission, antennas, RF propagation, cable and satellite. Hot topics covered include HD Radio, HDTV, 2 GHz broadcast auxiliary services, EAS, workflow, metadata, digital asset management, advanced video and audio compression, audio and video over IP, and Internet

broadcasting. A wide range of related topics that engineers and managers need to understand are also covered, including broadcast administration, FCC practices, technical standards, security, safety, disaster planning, facility planning, project management, and engineering management. Basic principles and the latest technologies and issues are all addressed by respected professionals with first-hand experience in the broadcast industry and manufacturing. This edition has been fully revised and updated, with 104 chapters and over 2000 pages. The Engineering Handbook provides the single most comprehensive and accessible resource available for engineers and others working in production, postproduction, networks, local stations, equipment manufacturing or any of the associated areas of radio and television.

The Microwave Engineering Handbook Artech House

The book is primarily designed to cater to the needs of undergraduate and postgraduate students of Electronics and Communication Engineering and allied branches. It also caters for fundamental requirements of professionals working on design and development of antenna and wave propagation related equipment either in research laboratories or industries or academic institutions elsewhere. The book has been written with intent to grasp the basic understanding of theoretical as well as practical aspects of electromagnetic wave propagation and antenna engineering. The text has been aptly scripted considering the requirements of average students who can easily grasp and comprehend the basics of wave propagation and radiation mechanism of varieties of antennas coupled with their critical functionalities, utilities, advantages/disadvantages

without any external assistance of teachers or other reference books. The book broaches very well on practical methods of parametric measurements of antenna with right measuring test equipment and associated tools. The last chapter of the book is dedicated to advance technology adopted in design and development of modern antenna. Key features

- A fairly large number of well labelled diagrams to provide practical understanding of the concepts.
- The placement of numericals at appropriate places develops confidence among readers and enthruses them further to read in depth to crack any regular or competitive examinations.
- Chapter summary highlights important points for quick recap and revision before examination.
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- Appropriate number of unsolved numerical problems with answers to improve problem solving skill of students.

From Theory to Practice John Wiley & Sons

This is the first truly comprehensive and most up-to-date handbook available on modern reflector antennas and feed sources for diversified space and ground applications. There has never been such an all-encompassing reflector handbook in print, and no currently available title offers coverage of such recent research developments. The Handbook consists of three volumes. Volume I provides a unique combination of theoretical underpinnings with design considerations and techniques. The need for knowledge in reflector antennas has grown steadily over the last two decades due to increased use in space and ground applications, as well as their high gain and wide bandwidth

capabilities at relatively low cost. This volume brings you to the leading edge of developments in the field related to numerical techniques, classical reflector geometries, adaptive reflector antennas, shaped reflectors, bifocal and bicollimated dual reflectors, advanced reflectors, and reflect arrays. A must-have reference for both practicing engineers as well as academic researchers.

The Paraboloidal Reflector Antenna in Radio Astronomy and Communication Cambridge University Press

The Handbook of Antenna Technologies aims to present the rapid development of antenna technologies, particularly in the past two decades, and also showcasing the newly developed technologies and the latest applications. The handbook will provide readers with the comprehensive updated reference information covering theory, modeling and optimization methods, design and measurement, new electromagnetic materials, and applications of antennas. The handbook will widely cover not only all key antenna design issues but also fundamentals, issues related to antennas (transmission, propagation, feeding structure, materials, fabrication, measurement, system, and unique design challenges in specific applications). This handbook will benefit the readers as a full and quick technical reference with a high-level historic review of technology, detailed technical descriptions and the latest practical applications.

Large Deployable Satellite Antennas Taylor & Francis

The backfire antenna described combines the structural advantages of a single endfire with the high gain of a reflector antenna. With its principal application in the gain range between 15 and 30 dB where ordinary endfire antennas become

impractically long and paraboloidal antennas too expensive, it should prove to be especially advantageous for telemetry and radio astronomy applications in the 100- to 2000-MHz frequency range. The high gain of the backfire is based on the high-amplitude standing-wave field distribution formed between two planar reflectors. The space between the reflectors acts like an open resonating cavity that in basic configuration and function resembles a Fabrey-Perot laser cavity. An S-band model of a 4.0-wavelength backfire produces a gain of 23.5 dB at its optimum frequency, which corresponds to the gain of an equal-size paraboloidal antenna of 60% efficiency. Patterns show a very low side- and backlobe level over a frequency range of 1.25 to 1. Design information for these backfire antennas is given. Compared with an optimized equal-length Yagi, the backfire antenna produces an increase in gain of more than 8 dB. To achieve a gain of this magnitude with an ordinary array, one of two recently built antennas for satellite applications uses 16 Yagis, each 2.0 wavelength long, to produce a gain of 22.4 dB, and another uses 36 cavity-backed slots to produce 21.2 dB. These results emphasize the advantages of the single-element backfire antenna, whose 23.5 dB gain is achieved through a simple structural design that does not depend on the complicated feed systems that are necessary components in multielement arrays. (Author).

Scattered Radiation from Microwave Antennas and the Design of a Paraboloid-plane Reflector Antenna Springer Science & Business Media

During this program, a flexible, interactive program for Monte Carlo analysis of near-field and far-field fields of a prime focal fed

out-of-band paraboloidal reflector antenna was developed and used for numerical simulation. The simulations are not sensitive to frequency only averaging. The distribution of the modal coefficient phases has the greatest effect on the numerically simulated patterns. The numerical simulations also indicate the validity of near-field ensemble measurements in far-field pattern prediction and the role of near-field correlation terms in these patterns.

Theory and Practice Academic Press

A novel Feed-Reflector system for large Cassegrain antennas for Radio Astronomy and Deep-Space Communication applications is investigated. This Feed-Reflector is used to illuminate a hyperboloid sub-reflector with 5-10 m diameter located 500 m above the ground. Because the sub-reflector is located in the near field of the Feed-Reflector antenna, a theory based on the near field focusing properties of paraboloid reflectors is established. The focusing at near distance is formed by moving the feed horn away from the focal point of the Feed-Reflector. In this theory the properties of axial defocused paraboloid reflectors at near distance are investigated in some detail. By using equivalence path law, sub-reflector shape is obtained. It is found that the hyperbola can approximate the sub-reflector well. A detailed ray tracing analysis is performed on the entire system which reveals that some part of the sub-reflector receive three rays per point from the feed. The performance of the system over the operating band (1-22 GHz) is also studied and shown that the lower frequency limit is dependent on sub-reflector and Feed-Reflector sizes. To obtain higher efficiencies, three sets of shaping techniques, based on the genetic algorithm and Jacobi

Fourier surface expansion, are performed. An efficiency of 78.5% for a 5 m sub-reflector is obtained. In another method of analysis, the Feed-Reflector aperture field distribution is expanded into a set of Gaussian-Laguerre modes. These modes propagate from the Feed-Reflector aperture in a simple and well defined way. The Feed-Reflector near field radiation pattern is calculated at the sub-reflector location. The sub-reflector parameters in this system are found by maximizing the Large Adaptive Reflector (LAR) aperture efficiency which includes phase and taper efficiencies, and minimizing the LAR spillover loss. An exact equation for the offset LAR surface is obtained in this thesis. To scan the beam up to 60°, which is one of the LAR.

Analysis of Reflector Antennas Springer Science & Business Media
The Second Edition of this book, while retaining the contents and style of the first edition, continues to fulfil the requirements of the course curriculum in Electromagnetic Theory for the undergraduate students of electrical engineering, electronics and telecommunication engineering, and electronics and communication engineering. The text covers the modules of the syllabus corresponding to vectors and fields, Maxwell's equations in integral form and differential form, wave propagation in free space and material media, transmission line analysis and waveguide principles. It explains physical and mathematical aspects of the highly complicated electromagnetic theory in a very simple and lucid manner. This new edition includes : • Two separate chapters on Transmission Line and Waveguide • A thoroughly revised chapter on Plane Wave Propagation • Several new solved and unsolved numerical problems asked in various universities' examinations

Cross Polarizing Mechanisms in Paraboloidal Reflector Antennas are Characterised and Related to the Design of Antenna Systems for Dual-polarised Radio Links Springer Science & Business Media

Radio astronomers have developed techniques of calibration of large reflector antennas with radio astronomical methods, but these have not been comprehensively described. This text aims to fill this gap, taking a practical approach to the characterisation of antennas. All calculations and results in the form of tables and figures have been made with Mathematica by Wolfram Research. The reader can use the procedures for the implementation of his own input data.

High-gain UHF Backfire Antenna for Communications, Telemetry, and Radio Astronomy IEEE Computer Society Press

This book discusses the innovative design, cable-net design and analysis, control, deployment, development and applications of large space-deployable antennas. Drawing on the authors' own work in this field, it describes and analyzes various typical deployable antennas, membrane antennas and super-large space-assembled antennas, while chiefly focusing on mesh antennas due to their wide range of applications. It also investigates forming-finding design and the analysis of cable-truss structures for high-precision reflector antennas, as well as deployment process control and deployment reliability based on flexible multibody dynamic analysis. The book covers not only mechanical structure performance, but also electromagnetic performance realization and stability. Lastly, it proposes an electrical equivalent method for mesh reflector antennas and a

coupling model for the structural displacement field and electrostatic field. Given the nature of its content, the book is intended for researchers, graduate students and engineers in the field of space antennas.

Springer Science & Business Media

Discover a modern approach to the analysis, modeling and design of high sensitivity phased arrays. Network theory, numerical methods and computational electromagnetic simulation techniques are uniquely combined to enable full system analysis and design optimization. Beamforming and array signal processing theory are integrated into the treatment from the start. Digital signal processing methods such as polyphase filtering and RFI mitigation are described, along with technologies for real-time hardware implementation. Key concepts from interferometric imaging used in radio telescopes are also considered. A basic development of theory and modeling techniques is accompanied by problem sets that guide readers in developing modeling codes that retain the simplicity of the classical array factor method while incorporating mutual coupling effects and interactions between elements. Combining current research trends with pedagogical material suitable for a first-year graduate course, this is an invaluable resource for students, teachers, researchers, and practicing RF/microwave and antenna design engineers.

Modern Antenna Design PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd.

Measurements were carried out on the 18.3 meter University of Iowa parabolic reflecting antenna using radioastronomical techniques at 400 MHz. The antenna beam pattern was found to be unsymmetrical with half-power widths of 2.75 degrees by 2.25

degrees. The aperture illumination provided by the log-periodic feed antenna is mainly responsible for a total aperture efficiency of 36%. The gain of the reflector antenna is 33.2 dB and its directivity is 33.7 dB. The most prominent side-lobes were observed to be at least 25dB down from the maximum response. The surface of the paraboloidal reflector itself has an rms deviation of approximately 1 cm from a true paraboloid. In terms of radio astronomy, the antenna performance factor is 0.034 K of antenna temperature per flux unit (10 to the minus 26th power watts/sq m/Hz). The pointing accuracy was found to vary randomly within plus or minus 0.25 degrees in elevation and azimuth. (Modified author abstract).

Improved GTD Techniques for Determining the Boresight Caustic of a Paraboloidal Reflector Antenna Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Techniques based on the method of modal expansions, the Rayleigh-Stevenson expansion in inverse powers of the wavelength, and also the method of moments solution of integral equations are essentially restricted to the analysis of electromagnetic radiating structures which are small in terms of the wavelength. It therefore becomes necessary to employ approximations based on "high-frequency techniques" for performing an efficient analysis of electromagnetic radiating systems that are large in terms of the wavelength. One of the most versatile and useful high-frequency techniques is the geometrical theory of diffraction (GTD), which was developed around 1951 by J. B. Keller [1,2,3]. A class of diffracted rays are introduced systematically in the GTD via a generalization of the concepts of classical geometrical optics (GO). According to the

GTD these diffracted rays exist in addition to the usual incident, reflected, and transmitted rays of GO. The diffracted rays in the GTD originate from certain "localized" regions on the surface of a radiating structure, such as at discontinuities in the geometrical and electrical properties of a surface, and at points of grazing incidence on a smooth convex surface as illustrated in Fig. 1. In particular, the diffracted rays can enter into the GO shadow as well as the lit regions. Consequently, the diffracted rays entirely account for the fields in the shadow region where the GO rays cannot exist.

A New Technique for Improving Limited-scan Antennas
Springer

Reflector antennas designed with the aid of a technique by which the caustics of the subreflector are matched to those of the main reflector are shown to have improved limited-sector-scanning capabilities. The matching is achieved over angular scanning sectors of interest by positioning and shaping subreflectors for parabolic cylinder and paraboloidal antennas. The important applications are in air traffic control radars and satellite communications where a small-aperture subreflector can be illuminated by a plane-wave source such as a small phased array, resulting in high-gain limited-scan beam-steering on a large-aperture reflector.

WAVE PROPAGATION AND ANTENNA ENGINEERING Artech House
Reflector antennas are widely used in communication satellite systems because they provide high gain at low cost. Offset-fed single paraboloids and dual reflector offset Cassegrain and Gregorian antennas with multiple focal region feeds provide a simple, blockage-free means of forming multiple, shaped, and

isolated beams with low sidelobes. Such antennas are applicable to communications satellite frequency reuse systems and earth stations requiring access to several satellites. While the single offset paraboloid has been the most extensively used configuration for the satellite multiple-beam antenna, the trend toward large apertures requiring minimum scanned beam degradation over the field of view 18 degrees for full earth coverage from geostationary orbit may lead to impractically long focal length and large feed arrays. Dual reflector antennas offer packaging advantages and more degrees of design freedom to improve beam scanning and cross-polarization properties. The Cassegrain and Gregorian antennas are the most commonly used dual reflector antennas. A computer program for calculating the secondary pattern and directivity of a generalized dual reflector antenna system was developed and implemented at LeRC. The theoretical foundation for this program is based on the use of physical optics methodology for describing the induced currents on the sub-reflector and main reflector. The resulting induced currents on the main reflector are integrated to obtain the antenna far-zone electric fields. The computer program is verified with other physical optics programs and with measured antenna patterns. The comparison shows good agreement in far-field sidelobe reproduction and directivity. Acosta, Roberto J. and Lagin, Alan R. Glenn Research Center RTOP 679-40-00...

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This book demonstrates how progress in radio astronomy is intimately linked to the development of reflector antennas of

increasing size and precision. The authors describe the design and construction of major radio telescopes as those in Dwingeloo, Jodrell Bank, Parkes, Effelsberg and Green Bank since 1950 up to the present as well as millimeter wavelength telescopes as the 30m MRT of IRAM in Spain, the 50m LMT in Mexico and the ALMA submillimeter instrument. The advances in methods of structural design and coping with environmental influences (wind, temperature, gravity) as well as application of new materials are explained in a non-mathematical, descriptive and graphical way along with the story of the telescopes. Emphasis is placed on the interplay between astronomical and electromagnetic requirements and structural, mechanical and control solutions. A chapter on management aspects of large telescope projects closes the book. The authors address a readership with interest in the progress of engineering solutions applied to the development of radio telescope reflectors and ground station antennas for satellite communication and space research. The book will also be of interest to historians of science and engineering with an inclination to astronomy.

Reflector Feeds for Large Adaptive Reflector Antennas PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd.

Industrial assets (such as railway lines, roads, pipelines) are usually huge, span long distances, and can be divided into clusters or segments that provide different levels of functionality subject to different loads, degradations and environmental conditions, and their efficient management is necessary. The aim of the book is to give comprehensive understanding about the use of autonomous vehicles (context of robotics) for the

utilization of inspection and maintenance activities in industrial asset management in different accessibility and hazard levels. The usability of deploying inspection vehicles in an autonomous manner is explained with the emphasis on integrating the total process. Key Features Aims for solutions for maintenance and inspection problems provided by robotics, drones, unmanned air vehicles and unmanned ground vehicles Discusses integration of autonomous vehicles for inspection and maintenance of industrial assets Covers the industrial approach to inspection needs and presents what is needed from the infrastructure end Presents the requirements for robot designers to design an autonomous inspection and maintenance system Includes practical case studies from industries

CRC Press

The Microwave Engineering Handbook provides the only complete reference available on microwave engineering. The three volumes of the handbook cover the entire field of microwave engineering, from basic components to system design. All entries in the handbook are written by experts in the area, bringing together an unrivalled collection of expertise on microwave technology. Volume 3: Microwave systems and applications provides a thorough introduction to the principal applications of microwave technology. Telecommunication, broadcasting, detection and ranging and scientific and industrial applications are covered with appendices on microwave measurement and frequency allocation. This volume shows the range of current and developing applications for microwave technology and will enable readers to appreciate the variety of applications and the requirements for the various system types.

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