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Numerical Analysis, Matrix Theory and Computation, Optimization, Computational Conformal Geometry

We are a research group on “Numerical Algebra and Geometry” in the ST Yau Center and Applied Math Department, NCTU. Our primary research interests include the following two parts:

(a) Eigendecomposition and Fast Eigensolver for 3D Maxwell’s equations. We use finite difference Yee’s scheme to discretize the Maxwell’s equations with simple cube (SC) or face-centered cube (FCC) periodic domain into generalized or rational eigenvalue problems. We explicitly derive the eigendecomposition of the double-curl operator and SVD of the single curl operator. Then we develop a FFT-based algorithm for compact representations of $\nabla \times \nabla \times$ and $\nabla \times$ operators and propose null-space free methods with Newton-type and nonequivalence deflation technique for solving Maxwell’s equations. We compute the band structures of (I) Dielectric materials, where $\epsilon > 0, \mu > 0, \xi = \zeta = 0$; (II) Dispersive metallic photonic crystals with Drude or Drude-Lorentz models, where the permittivity $\epsilon = \epsilon(\omega)$ depends on the high-frequency ω with some poles; (III) Left-handed materials or negative-index material (complex media), where $\epsilon < 0, \mu < 0, \xi, \zeta \neq 0$ are chiral or pseudo-chiral parameters. All trivial zero eigenvalues caused by the degenerate curl operator have been successfully deflated in our fast eigensolvers. FFT-based fast eigensolvers in Matlab code are developed to compute various band structures of I, II and III efficiently, reliably and robustly.

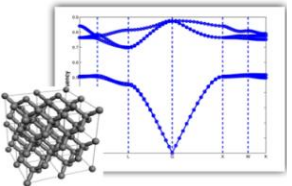
(b) 3D Computational conformal geometry with applications. We mainly develop efficient numerical methods to compute conformal mappings of 3D surfaces such as a genus zero closed surface, a simply connected surface with a single boundary and a closed surface of genus ≥ 1 conformally to a sphere S^2 , a unit disk D_1 , a parallelogram on R^2 ($g = 1$) and a polygon domain on H^2 ($g \geq 2$). We propose a Quasi-Implicit Euler Method to a nonlinear heat equation, and the discrete Ricci flow with circle packing technique on the closed surface of $g \geq 1$ to compute the associated conformal maps (Figure 1 and 2). A high-resolution 3D dynamical scanner equipped in the Lab of ST Yau Center can be used to capture various 3D human faces and the corresponding conformal disks (Figure 3). We actively cooperate with industry and develop the related applications in 3D animation, retargeting/driving with texture mapping (Figure 4 and 5). Furthermore, facial expression analysis, face recognition, antiquities presentation, industrial inspection, and medical image are under investigation.

Maxwell’s equations Frequency Domain
 $\nabla \times E = i\omega(\mu H + \zeta E)$,
 $\nabla \times H = -i\omega(\epsilon E + \xi H)$,
 $\nabla \cdot (\epsilon E) = 0, \nabla \cdot (\mu H) = 0$.

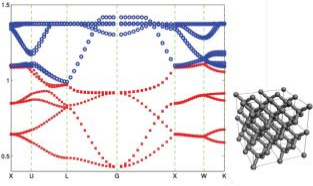
II $\epsilon < 0, \mu > 0$ metals, doped semiconductors	I $\epsilon > 0, \mu > 0$ most dielectric materials
III $\epsilon < 0, \mu < 0$ no natural materials	IV $\epsilon > 0, \mu < 0$ some ferrites

E : electronic filed,
 H : magnetic filed,
 ϵ : permittivity,
 μ : permeability,
 ζ, ξ : magnetoelectric parameters

I. Dielectric materials



II. Dispersive metallic materials



III. Negative index materials

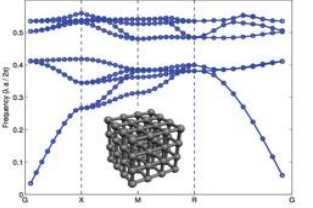


Figure 1

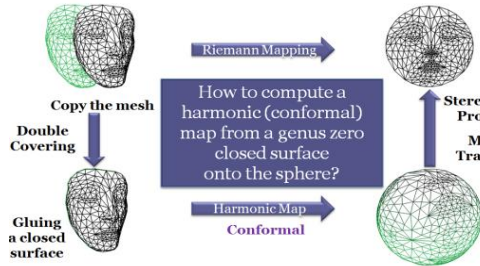


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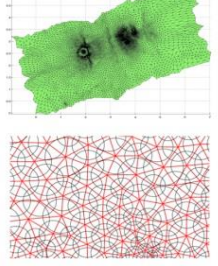


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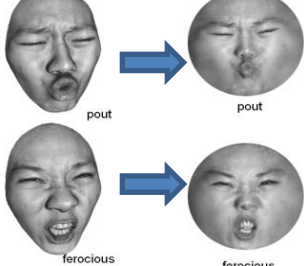


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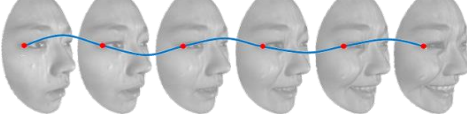


Figure 5

