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High-Order Integral Equations Methods for High-Frequency Scattering by Diffraction Gratings.

In this talk we present a new high-order Integral Equation algorithm for the simulation of high-frequency scattering returns by diffraction gratings. For shallow gratings (those for which Geometric Optics indicates that there will be no multiple reflections) the method amounts to a phase-extraction technique resulting in a slowly-varying amplitude as unknown which requires only a small number of degrees of freedom to resolve. For deeper gratings we follow the work of Bruno, Reitich, and collaborators (e.g., *Phil. Trans. Roy. Soc. London A* 362, 2004) who utilize Geometric Optics corrections to iteratively update the rapidly varying amplitude which consists of many slowly-varying components. Our current contribution shows that the iterative update scheme can be eliminated and replaced with a simultaneous solution procedure. While our central ideas can be extended to the full vector electromagnetic time-harmonic Maxwell equations, we focus upon the case of two-dimensional linear acoustics for simplicity. (Received September 08, 2010)