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An efficient monolithic (unique) formulation for the electromagnetic modeling of multiscale structures, i.e., structures that exhibit multiple metallic patterns whose sizes cover a large range of scales, will be presented. Examples of multi-scale structures are given by multi-band frequency-selective surfaces, active or passive reflectarrays, or self-similar (pre-fractal) planar objects. Applying to such complex structures available full-wave electromagnetic simulations requires prohibitive execution time and memory resources. The electromagnetic simulation of multiscale structures may be performed by the combination or hybridization of various numerical techniques, each technique being the most appropriate for each particular scale level. However such coupling between heterogeneous formulations or the interconnection of various simulation tools is very delicate in practice. In order to overcome these theoretical and practical difficulties, an original monolithic (unique) formulation is proposed here for the electromagnetic modeling of multi-scale structures. This new approach, named the Scale Changing Technique, is based on the cascade of multi-modal Scale Changing Networks, each network modeling the electromagnetic coupling between two successive scale levels. Recent applications of this technique to the design and electromagnetic simulation of active planar phase-shifters, pre-fractal scatterers and multi-frequency selective surfaces will be shown and discussed.

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