

Modelling of energy materials and electrical test-fixtures: developments and Open Platform implementation linking MODAs and CHADAs

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Outline

- Continuum modelling
- Continuum modelling for material test-fixtures
- Open Platform Environment
 - Concept
 - Multiscale modelling solvers & examples
 - Linking MODAs and CHADAs
- Concluding remarks

Continuum EM and Multiphysics modelling with QuickWave software



- *Electromagnetic modelling = physics-based modelling*
- *Electromagnetic modelling means solving Maxwell equations with boundary & initial conditions subject to material constitutive relations*

- *Electromagnetic modelling for GHz and THz technology*
- *Electromagnetic simulation techniques successfully applied telecommunications*
- *Extending application spectrum by coupling phenomena and processes:*
 - *MW power applications (EM coupled to thermal solvers)*
 - *material modelling (EM coupled to PDD)*
- *Modelling became an important stage of the design process as it serves as virtual prototyping*

Differential form

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \vec{E} &= -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times \vec{H} &= \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} + \vec{J} \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{D} &= \rho \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{J} &= -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}\end{aligned}$$

Integral form

$$\begin{aligned}\oint_l \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} &= -\frac{d}{dt} \iint_s \vec{B} \cdot \vec{n} \, dS \\ \oint_l \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} &= \iint_s \left(\frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} + \vec{J} \right) \cdot \vec{n} \, dS \\ \oiint_s \vec{D} \cdot \vec{n} \, dS &= \iiint_v \rho \, dV \\ \oiint_s \vec{B} \cdot \vec{n} \, dS &= 0 \\ \oiint_s \vec{J} \cdot \vec{n} \, dS &= -\iiint_v \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \, dV\end{aligned}$$

Simple material relations

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{D}, \vec{B}, \vec{J} &= F(\vec{E}, \vec{H}) \\ \vec{D} &= \bar{\epsilon} \vec{E} \\ \vec{B} &= \bar{\mu} \vec{H} \\ \vec{J} &= \bar{\sigma} \vec{E}\end{aligned}$$



Multiphysics and multiscale modelling



Complex material relations when coupling phenomena

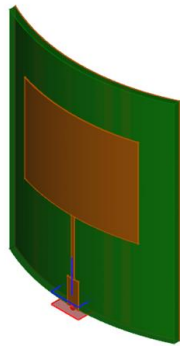
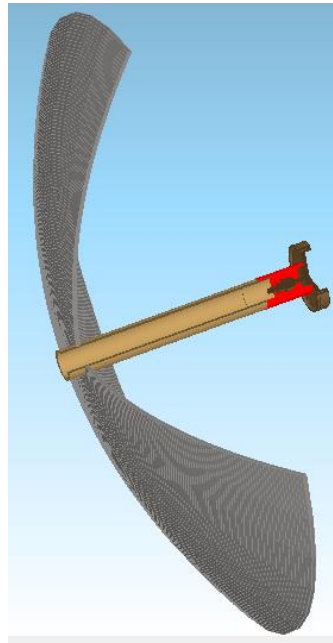
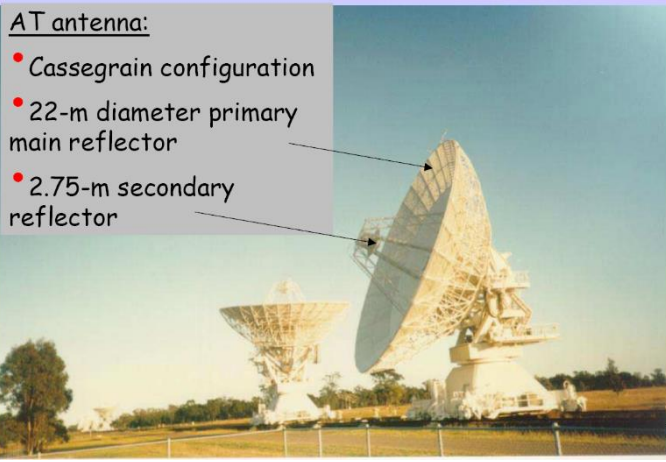
Continuum EM modelling with QuickWave software



Large dual reflector antennas: *Cassegrain, Gregorian, etc.*

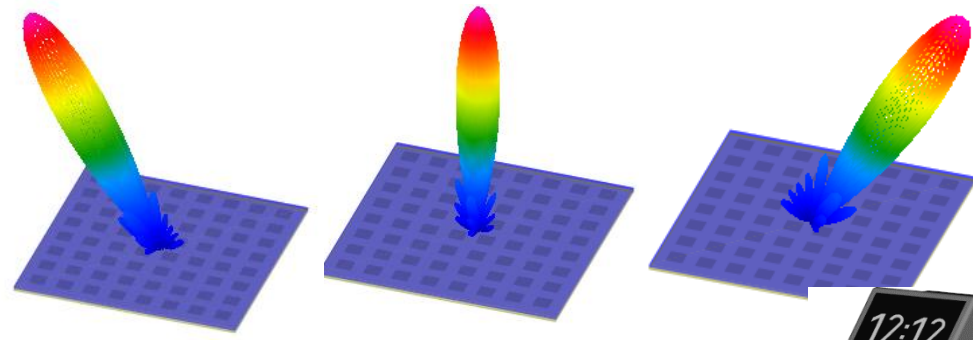
AT antenna:

- Cassegrain configuration
- 22-m diameter primary main reflector
- 2.75-m secondary reflector



Planar antennas for smart bio-sensors

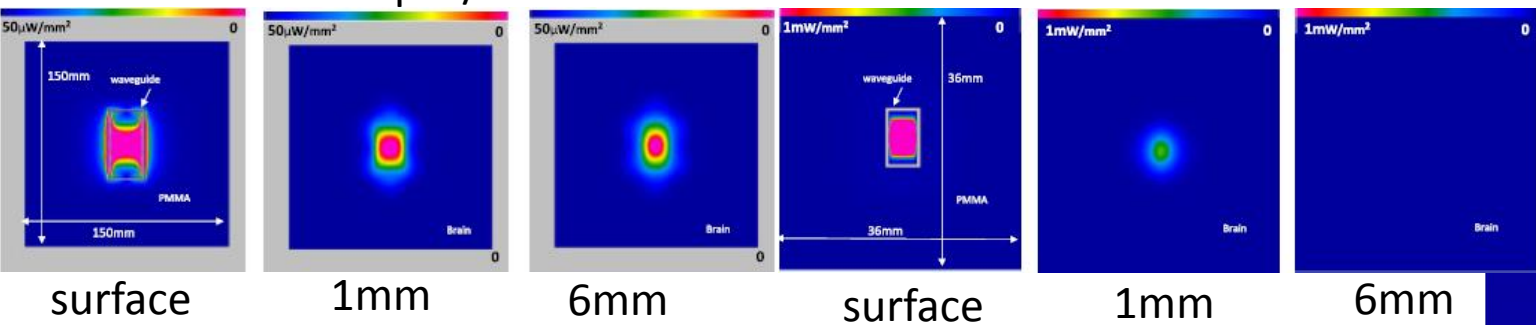
Antenna arrays for 5G and automotive radar application



5G interactions with human tissues

Max $50\mu\text{W}/\text{mm}^2$

Max $1\text{mW}/\text{mm}^2$



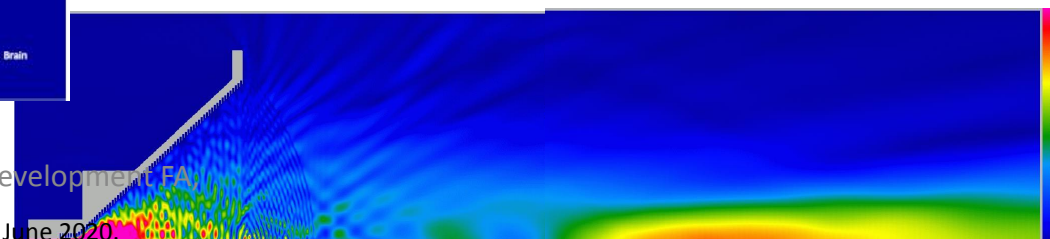
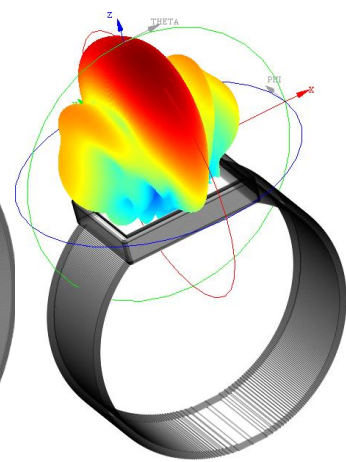
4 GHz

39 GHz

Smartwatch with embedded patch antenna



Corrugated horn antenna for material measurements



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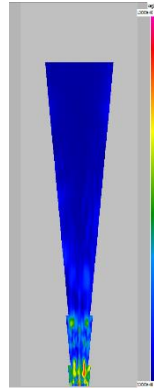
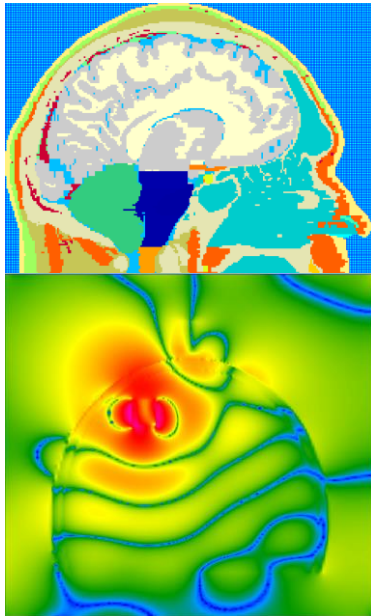
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Continuum Multiphysics modelling



Macroscopic modelling of biological problems

EM fields based medical systems

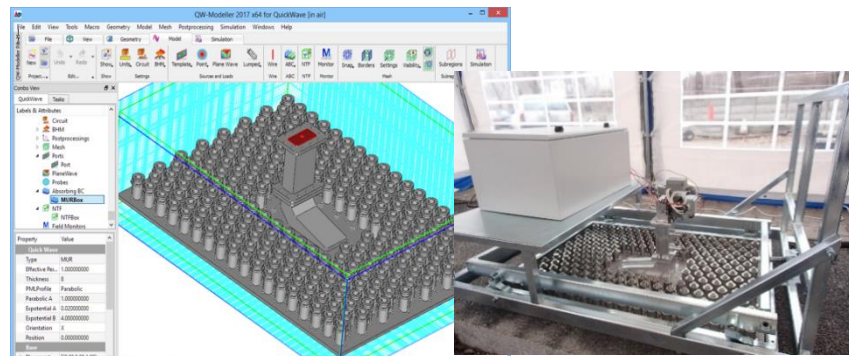


Microwave power systems for:

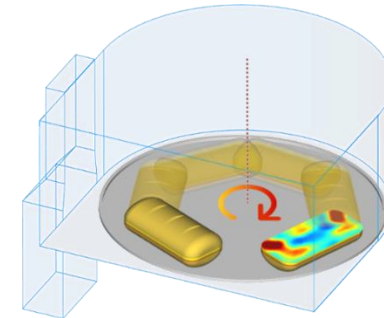
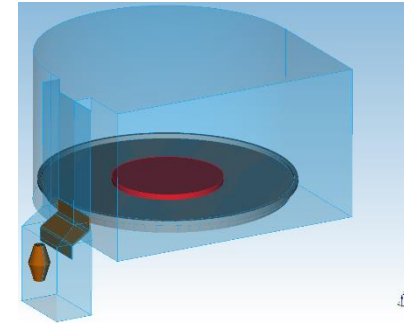
- **Food industry**
 - ❖ Heating
 - ❖ Drying
 - ❖ Lyophilisation
 - ❖ Sterilisation
 - ❖ etc.

- Free-fall waste processing systems on ships (Eureka FOODWASTE)

- **Waste treatment**
- **Wood treatment**
- **Chemistry systems**
- **etc.**



Whirlpool Max oven**



** Considered by M.Celuch, P.Kopyt & M. Olszewska-Placha in eds. M. Lorence, P. S. Pesheck, U. Erle, *Development of packaging and products for use in microwave ovens*, 2nd Ed. by Elsevier.

Modelling of MW heating effects in domestic oven

- ✓ Delivering microwave power
- ✓ heat transfer
- ✓ load dynamics (Load rotation during heating)
- ✓ temperature dependence of material parameters
- ✓ etc.



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AustinMan model* converted to **QuickWave EM** software for Mälardalen University, Sweden
 * <https://sites.utexas.edu/austinmanaustinwomanmodels/>

- ✓ **Tumours & haemorrhages detection**
- ✓ **Optimisation of multiantenna tomographic systems**

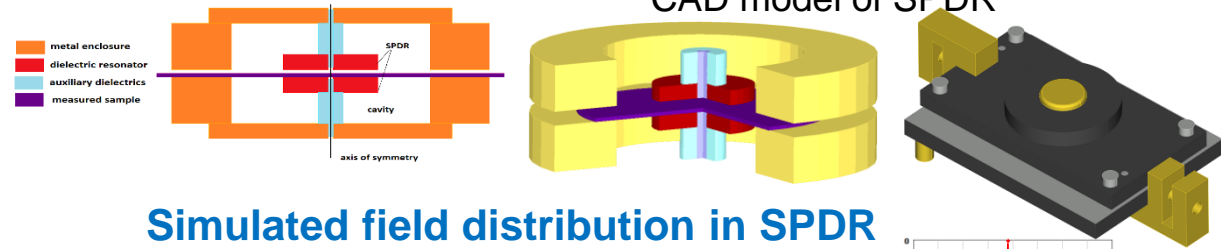
High power applicator for MW treatment of bituminous surfaces (road repair)
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Modelling-assisted design of GHz material test-fixtures

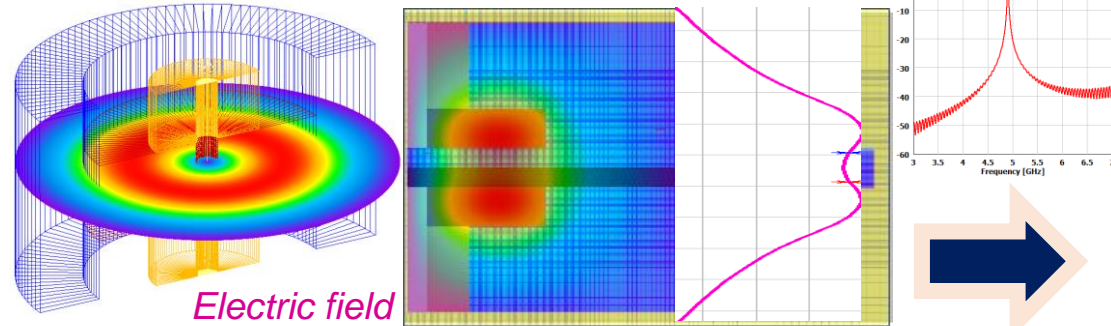


Split-Post Dielectric Resonator method for characterisation of lossy dielectrics and semiconducting materials (energy materials)

CAD model of SPDR



Simulated field distribution in SPDR



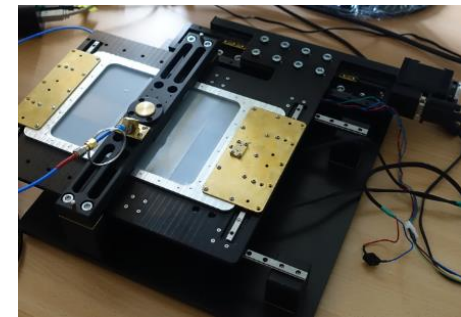
Material sample interacts with strong electric field, which facilitates parameters extraction of highly-resistive semiconductor materials with application to e.g. photovoltaic cells

Family of SPDR test-fixtures



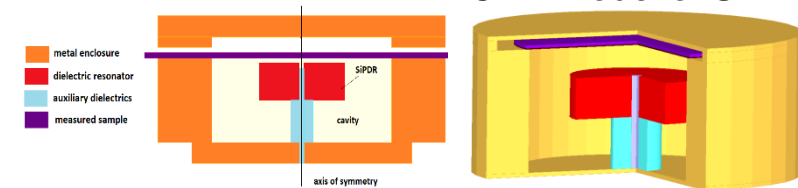
Enhanced capabilities

2D surface imaging scanner

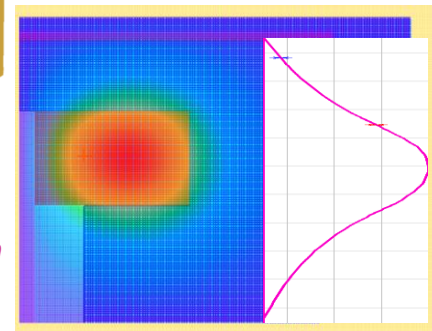


Single-Post Dielectric Resonator method for characterisation of thin conductive sheets

CAD model of SiPDR



Measurements of graphene anodes of battery cells



Material sample interacts with weak electric field, which facilitates extraction of conductive materials with application to e.g. battery electrodes

Macroscopic dielectric and electric properties

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Simulated E-field distribution in the half cross-section

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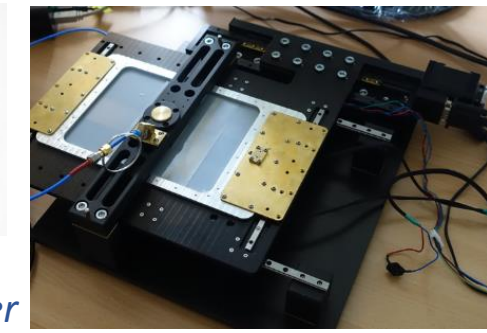
Characterisation of energy materials - examples (1)

Split-Post Dielectric Resonator method for characterisation of semiconducting materials for e.g. photovoltaic cells

- ✓ Point-wise measurement for parameters' values extraction
- ✓ 2D surface imaging for inhomogeneities detection

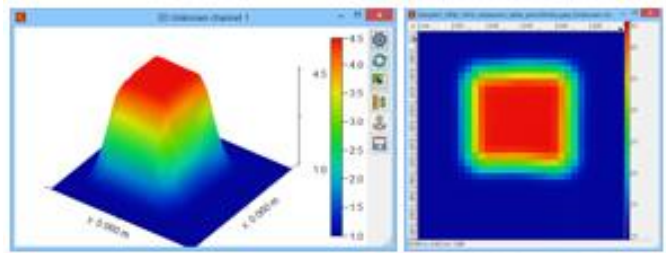
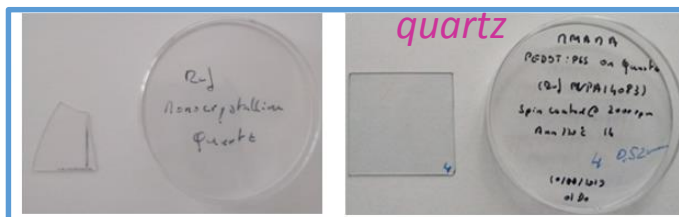


QWED's SPDR 10GHz device

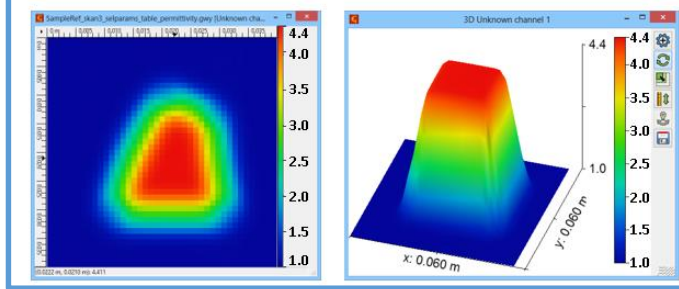


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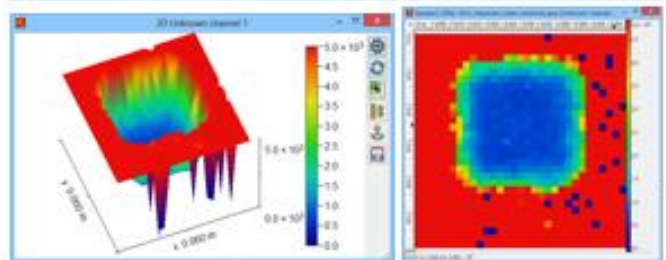
Semiconductor sample: PEDOT:PSS deposited on quartz



Permittivity



Resistivity:
expected
500-5000 $\Omega \cdot \text{cm}$

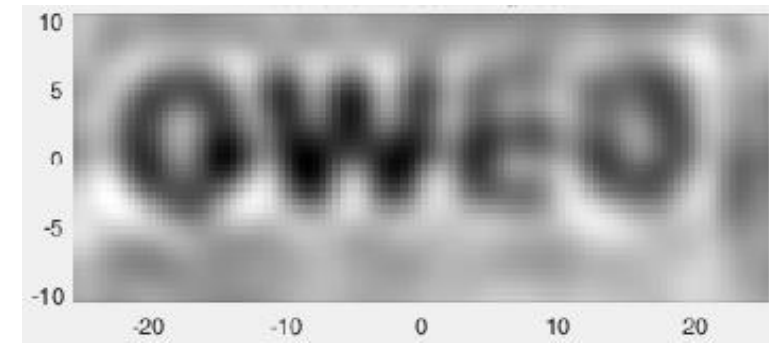


Loss Tangent

PEDOT:PSS pattern deposited on quartz



Courtesy: Materia Nova, Belgium



2D surface map with SPDR scanner

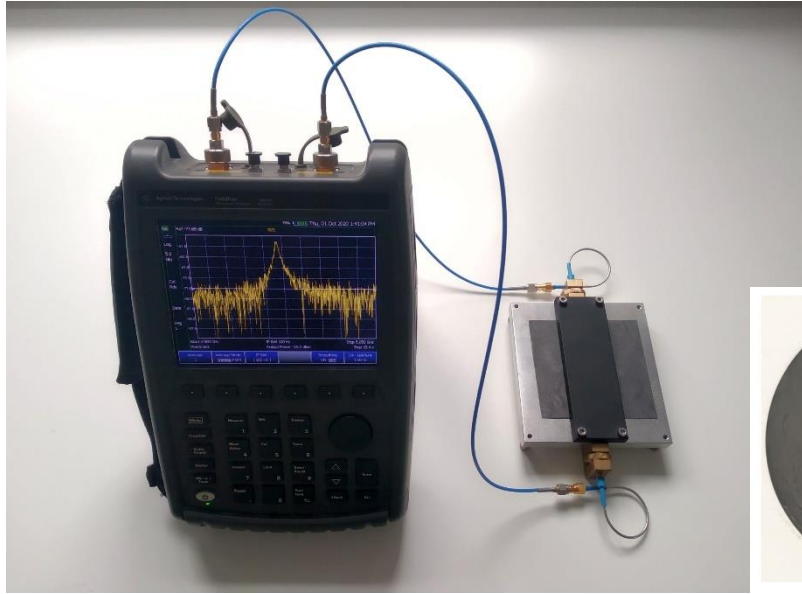
M.Celuch et al., IEEE IMS 2020.



2D surface maps with SPDR scanner

Characterisation of energy materials – examples

Single-Post Dielectric Resonator method for characterisation of graphene anodes



Graphene anodes
(PLEIONE, Greece)



Manual surface scanning with QWED's SiPDR

Sample		Surface resistance [Ω/\square]
GNP on quartz	Edge	21.485
	Centre	21.020
GNP on polymer	Edge	90.167
	Centre	25.557



To be developed



SiPDR 2D scanner for electric parameters imaging

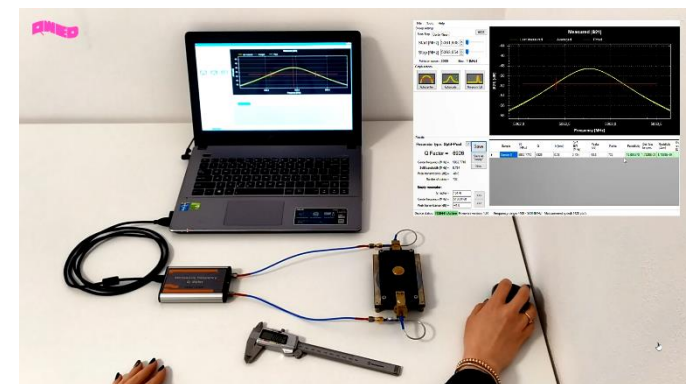
QWED's SiPDR and Keysight's FieldFox measurement setup

SPDR characterisation of substrate materials

Dielectric substrates
(PLEIONE, Greece)



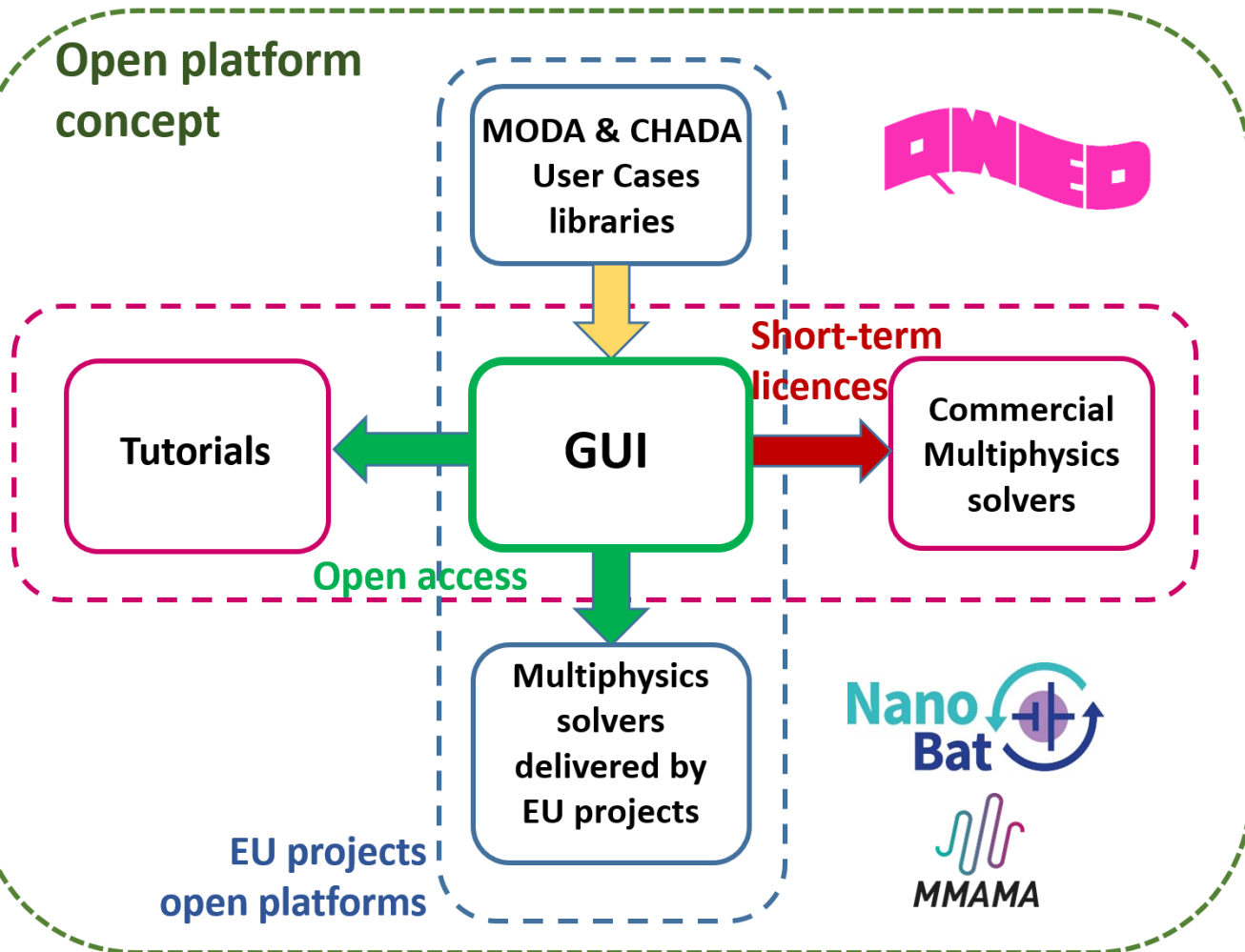
Sample	2.45 GHz		10 GHz	
	Dielectric constant	Loss tangent	Dielectric constant	Loss tangent
Quartz	4.42	0.000202	4.41	0.000164
Polymer	4.90	0.27403	5.49	0.091955



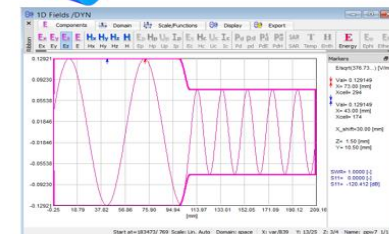
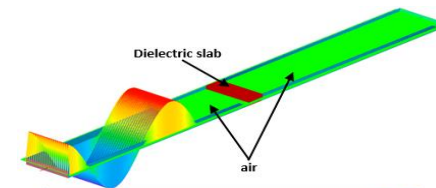
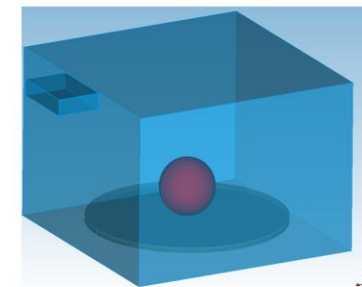
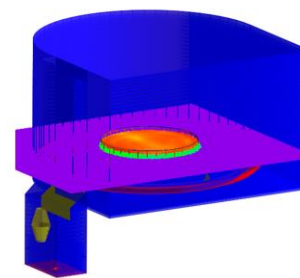
Overview on materials modelling in European research

- The EMMC assembles groups active in the developments of **different material model types**
- Even more such models are available on the European research area
- Each model comes with its **own user interface**
- Scientific progress in the models is much faster than computer interface developments may reasonably follow
- This **hinders** models' validation, interoperability, and general use
- A need for **solution**:
 - ✓ *alleviating those obstacles*
 - ✓ *providing compromise between the open innovation and the commercial interest of the European software companies*

Open Platform concept



- ✓ **Interoperable, licence-free, time-unrestricted CAD-based GUI**
- ✓ **Tutorials** – teaching and project’s results dissemination
- ✓ **Library of modelling examples** – documented in **MODA** format, incl. related **CHADAs**
- ✓ **Physics-based solvers** - solvers coming from EU projects or other initiatives, willing to provide their tools as open-access.
- ✓ **Commercial solvers** – linked through reading and processing the data in text files exported by GUI. This creates a unique capability to run full-power simulations of examples created in the free-to-use GUI.



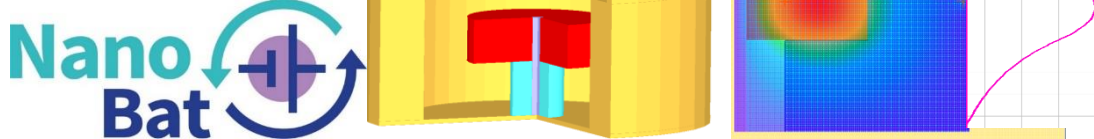
* Commercial microwave oven model courtesy of Whirlpool Sweden AB, simulated with Quick Wave software via Open Platform #3

Open Platform solvers & examples

- ✓ Initiated within EU H2020 MMAMA project
- ✓ Microwave microscopy of materials e.g. **organic semiconductors**
- ✓ **FDTD** and **FEM EM solvers** by QWED and ETH Zurich
- ✓ Further development and enhancements run under EU H2020 NanoBat project

- ❖ Launching open-access solvers concerned with battery modelling
- ❖ Simulation-based calibration of measurement test-fixtures dedicated to battery materials, e.g. solid electrolyte interphase (SEI), graphene anodes, etc.
- ❖ Heat transfer analysis in battery cells, incl. reversible heat
- ❖ **Coupled EM** and **Poisson-drift-diffusion** analysis for electrolyte in battery cells (but also semiconducting materials)

SiPDR for measurements of graphene anodes of battery cells.



Drift-Diffusion in semiconductors

$$j_p = q_p \mu E - D_{c_p} \nabla q_p$$

$$j_n = q_n \mu E + D_{c_n} \nabla q_n$$

$$\frac{\partial q_p}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot j_p$$

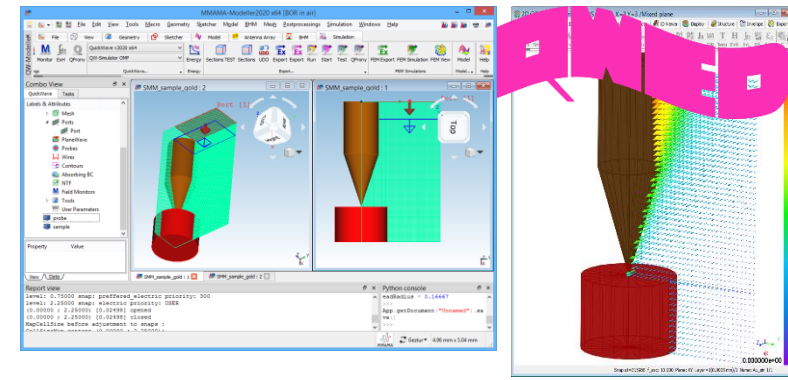
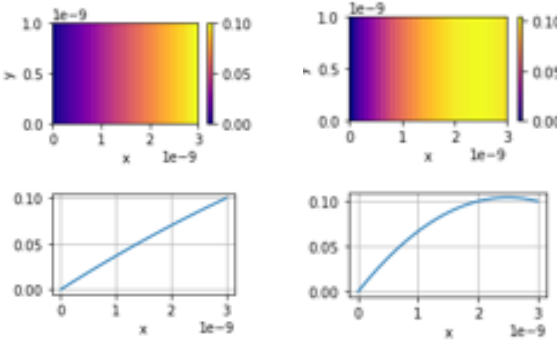
$$\frac{\partial q_n}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot j_n$$

Nernst-Planck and continuity in electrolytes:

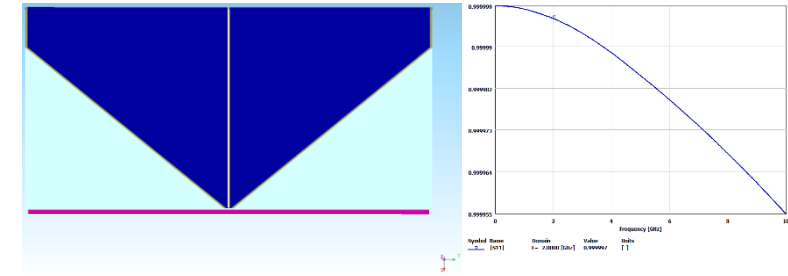
$$J = -z_i u_{m,i} F c_i \nabla U - D_i \nabla c_i$$

$$\nabla \cdot J_i = R_i$$

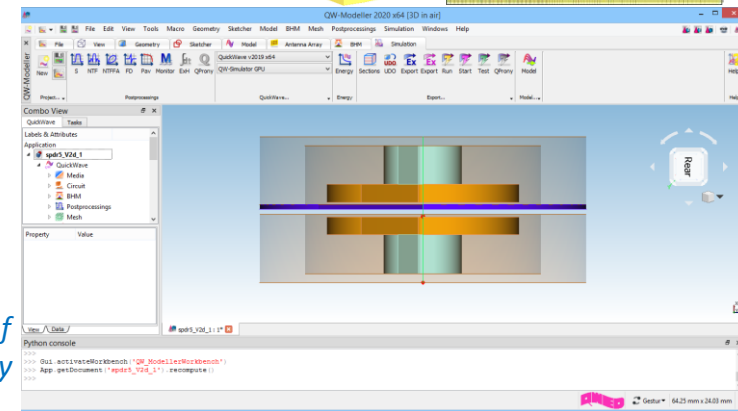
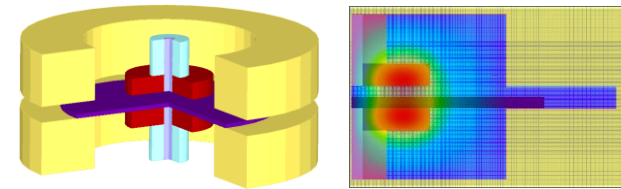
Potential distribution between two electrodes for low and medium concentration of charged species in electrolyte



Scanning Microwave Microscopy (SMM) tip applied to dielectric material analysis with FDTD solver



SMM tip in contact with battery SEI layer

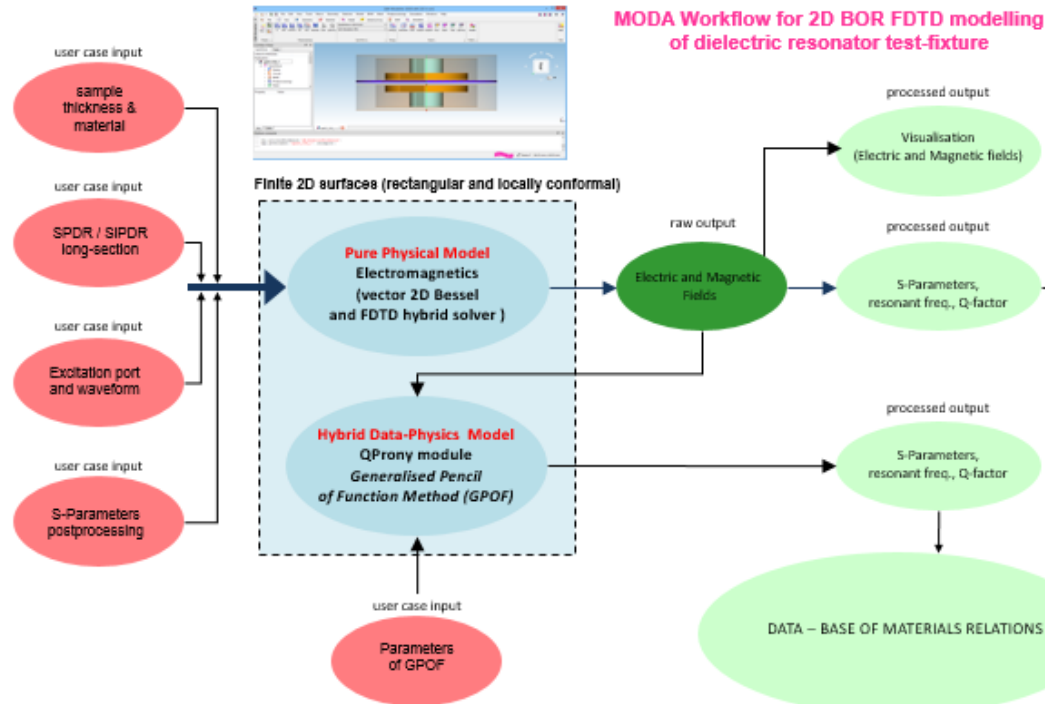
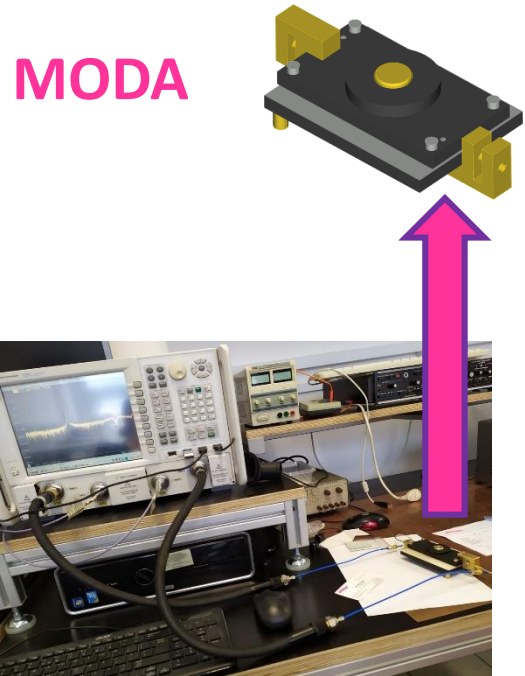


SPDR resonator for characterisation of e.g. semiconducting materials, battery separators, etc.

Open Platform – MODAs & CHADAs libraries

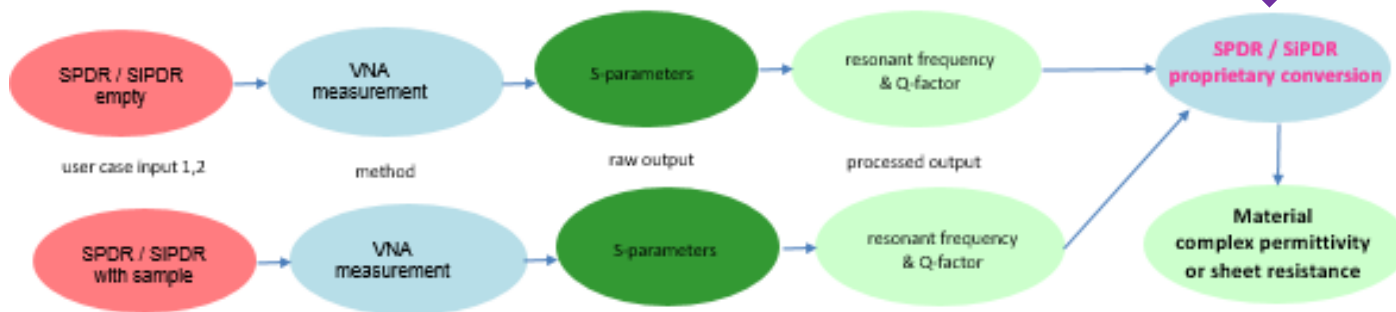


MODA



CHADA

CHADA Workflow for material measurement with dielectric resonator test-fixture

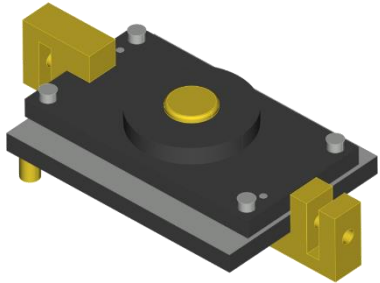


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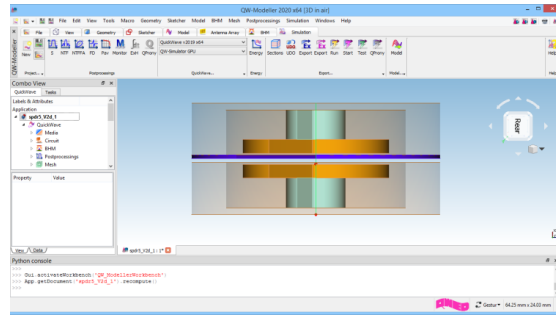
MODA

Simulation model

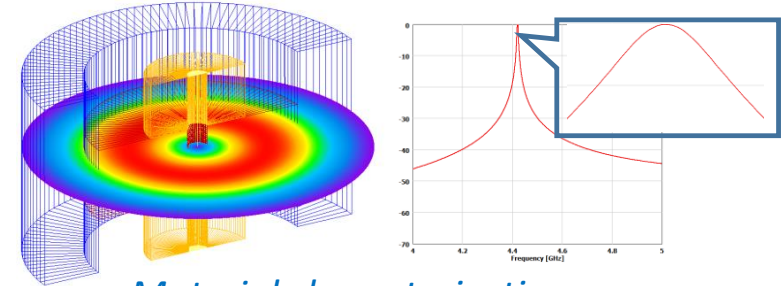


QWED's SPDR material characterisation device

Simulation scenario



Continuum modelling results



Material characterisation

CHADA

Real-life device



Laboratory procedure

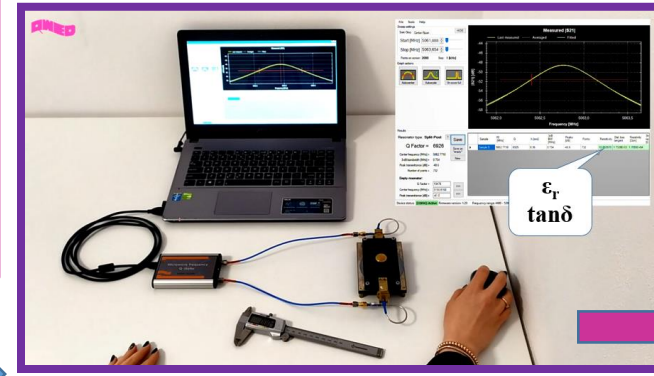
0. Connect the SPDR to Q-Meter using SMA cables. Connect Q-Meter to PC using USB cable.
1. Measure "empty SPDR" – app invoked measurement.
2. Measure thickness of the sample
3. Insert the sample into SPDR
4. Insert the sample thickness into the PC app
5. Material parameters are extracted automatically

Total measurement time: 30sec

ϵ_r
 $\tan\delta$

$h=0.36\text{mm}$

Modelling-based calibration software



Macroscopic EM material parameters (dielectric constant and losses)



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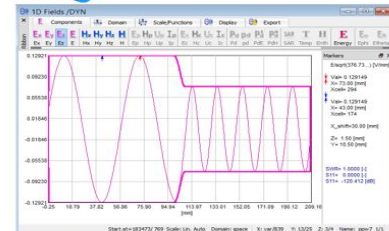
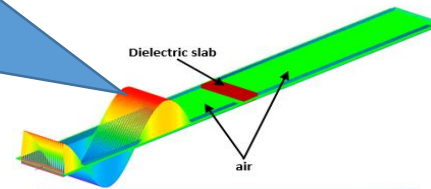
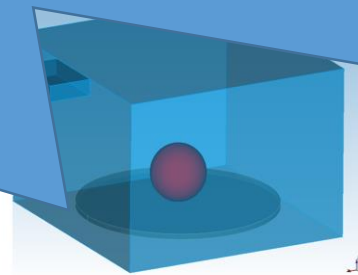
- We seek collaborations on extending the Open Platform with new multiscale models and linking-coupling procedures
- Task Group is being proposed with the EMMC Focus Area #1 and #2

licence-free, time-unrestricted CAD-

ship...ect's results dissemination...les – documented in MODA

Tutorials

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Conclusions

- Promoting the concept and developing Open Platform with open and commercial access rights
 - Access to European research results
 - Linking models
 - Coupling solvers
 - Fostering interdisciplinary collaboration

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- Exploring and stimulating synergies between materials modelling and characterisation

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