

# Modelling-Based Measurements of Materials for Application in 5G and Energy Sectors



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European Materials  
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CEN Workshop  
on Materials  
Characterisation



[www.cen.eu/news/workshops/Pages/WS-2020-010.aspx](http://www.cen.eu/news/workshops/Pages/WS-2020-010.aspx)

EU H2020  
NanoBat project



www.nanobat.eu

other projects  
& associations:



## Technical Content:

1. The **science** of electromagnetic (EM) modelling as the origin of QWED **company**.
2. QWED Pillar #1: **computer EM simulations** including EM wave interactions with materials.



3. QWED Pillar#2: **modelling-based design of test-fixtures** for materials' characterisation.



4. Extension of Pillar#1 to **multiphysics** simulations: **modelling-based design of applicators** for materials' processing.
5. Remarks on FAIR data and Open Science for modelling and characterisation (as in European projects).

**Examples:** joint application of computer modelling and material measurements in emerging technologies and green energy sectors.



## Thoughts while preparing the talk:

1. Do I need to choose between science and business for my career?
2. Laboratory experiment versus computer simulations: a never-ending competition or a synergy to be exploited?
3. The principles of FAIR data and Open Science – are they realistic?
4. Being a woman in STEM: does it matter?
5. Education for the future?...
6. ..?

## My background:

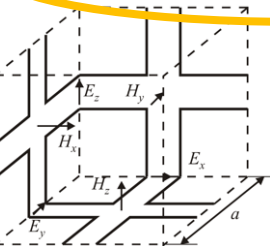
*Life – work balance never existed for me!*

| YEAR      | ACADEMIA   | COMMERCIAL  | PRIVATE   |
|-----------|--|---|---|
| 1981-1983 | scholarship at the United World College of the Atlantic  |   |   |
| 1989-1996 | on a maternity leave for most of the time but running classes at WUT and Franco-Polish School of New Information and Communication Technologies; later lecturing at Chalmers | technical translator<br>English teacher in kindergarden   | struggling to combine child-raising, Ph.D. research, making a living, and pro-publico-bono activities |
| 1996      | Ph.D. at the Warsaw University of Technology :<br><i>A generalised approach to the FDTD and TLM algorithms for microwave circuit modelling</i>                               | Ph.D. results amalgamated in <b>QuickWave</b> software: beta-version of QuickWave tested at Chalmers, Kent, and Helsinki universities               |   |
| 1997      | employed as assistant professor at WUT   | <b>QWED company founded</b><br><b>first sales of QuickWave</b> to Saab Ericsson Space, NASA-related las (NRAO, JPL), and a leading MW oven producer | my son enters a primary school  |
| 1997-2017 | <b>full-time</b> at WUT<br>20+ courses, tutorials, lectures in academia & industry<br>reviewer of Ph.D. thesis in Canada & Finland   | QWED VP – <b>full time</b>  | <b>full-time</b> mother<br>(at least until 2008)  |
| 2017->    | QWED-WUT collaborations<br>industrial co-supervisor of Ph.D. theses<br>expert for the European Commission  | <b>QWED President &amp; Senior Scientist</b>  | a happy period of marriages and grandchildren   |



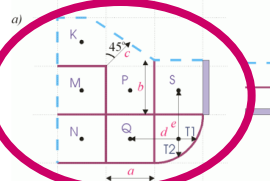
# FDTD versus TLM

## Theorem of Formal Equivalence



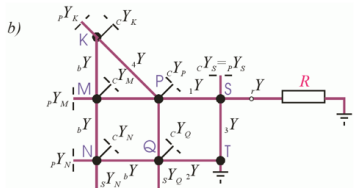
**nodes:** FDTD discretisation of Maxwell eqs.  
**connecting lines & stubs:** TLM discretisation of Huygens principle

a) generalized gridding of a microwave structure

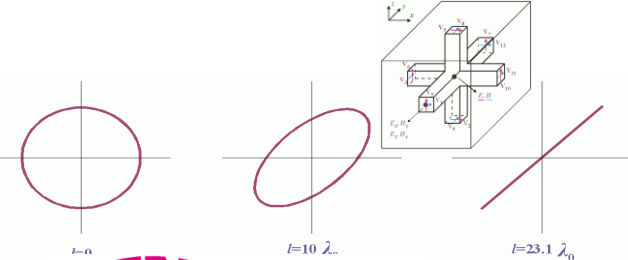
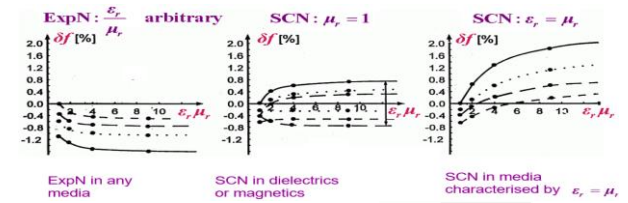


boundaries:  
 open  
 short  
 resistive

b) generalized TLM model



c) generalized FDTD model

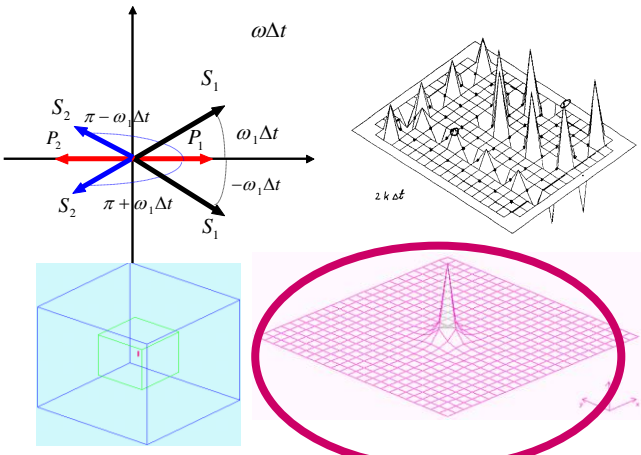


**QWED**

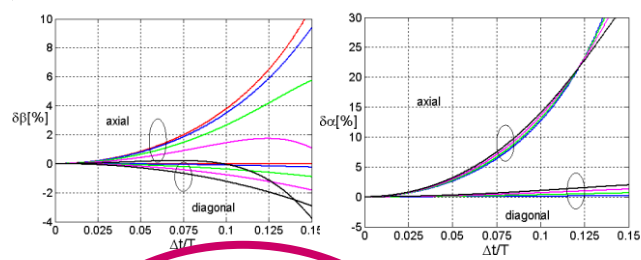
# Generalised dispersion relations Theory of P- and S-eigenmodes

$$P(\omega\Delta t) S(\omega\Delta t, \beta_x a, \beta_y a, \beta_z a) = 0$$

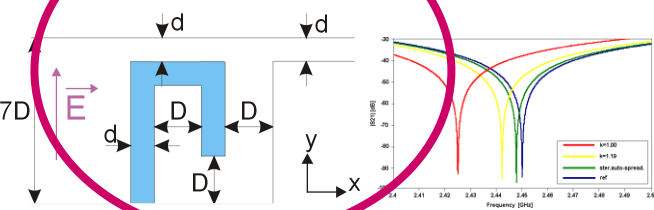
$$\omega_{ph}^2 [-\omega_{ph}^2 \mu \epsilon + \beta_{xph}^2 + \beta_{yph}^2 + \beta_{zph}^2]^2 = 0$$



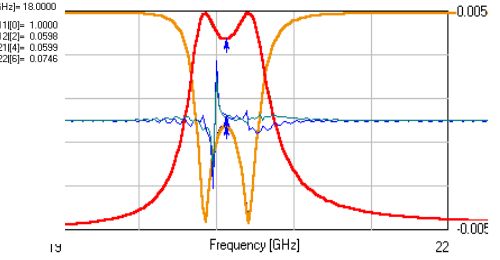
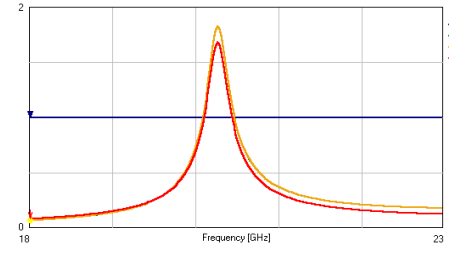
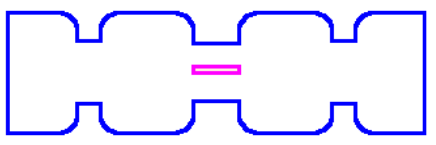
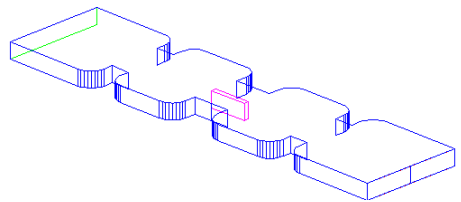
## Dispersion in lossy media



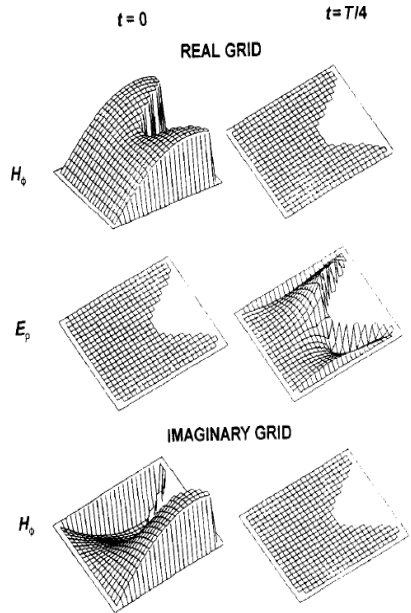
## Field singularities



# Generalised extraction of S-parameters in multi-modal transmission lines (incl. evanescent modes)



# Periodic & vector 2D FDTD and TLM in real & complex form



# Classification of time-domain methods

|                                 | STEP 1: SPACE-DISCRETE MODELS OF FIELDS |   | STEP 2: PROCESS MODELLING          |  | FINAL MODEL FOR EXPLICIT TIME-INTEGRATION |                                   |
|---------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|
|                                 | TYPE OF DISCRETIZATION                  | DISTRIBUTION BETWEEN NODES                            | ELECTROMAGNETIC EQUATIONS          |  |   |                                   |
| ELECTROMAGNETIC                 | expanded node (ExpN)                    | stair-case  | Maxwell curl eqs.                  |  | ExpN FDTD 1966 [11]                       | SpN 1984 [108]                    |
|                                 |   | finite differencing and averaging by trapezoidal rule | Integral form of Maxwell curl eqs. |  | modified cells 1985 [5]                   | nonorthogonal ExpN FDTD 1983 [18] |
|                                 | E-H node                                | linear or mixed                                       | Huygens principle                  |  | ExpN TLM 1971 [48]                        | wave-FDTD 1994 [38]               |
|                                 |   | linear or mixed                                       | Maxwell curl eqs.                  |  | 3D ExpN FDTD modified cells this work     |                                   |
| PROBLEM                         | condensed node (SCN)                    | stair-case  | generalized wave eq.               |  | FETD 1990 [114]                           | FETD 1988 [113]                   |
|                                 |   | linear or mixed                                       | Maxwell curl eqs.                  |  | FETD 1987 [112]                           | MFV 1988 [111]                    |
|                                 | mixed                                   | stair-case  | generalized wave eq.               |  | 2DV wave-FDTD 1993 [41]                   |                                   |
|                                 |   | linear or mixed                                       | Huygens principle                  |  | SCN TLM 1987 [63]                         | SCN FDTD 1992 [132]               |
| OTHER MODELS OF FIELDS IN SPACE |   | entire (subdomain expansion)                          | Maxwell curl eqs.                  |  | MMD 1991 [122]                            |                                   |

## QuickWave software & QWED company:

challenge  
to prove our points  
on the open market

Barriers to attending international conferences  
(from behind "the iron curtain")  
& delayed publishing of research results

- Polish high-tech **SME**.
- Over **24 years** on the global market.
- Established in 1997 by four academics from the Warsaw University of Technology, under the leadership of Prof. Wojciech Gwarek, IEEE Fellow & recipient of IEEE MTT Pioneer Award, with the mission to supervise the **commercial development of their research** results.
- Founders **awarded** with several prestigious awards for scientific and technical achievements (e.g. European Information Technology Prize, Prime Minister of Poland awards).
- Two **leading branches** of research and business:
  - **QuickWave software** for electromagnetic design and simulation (incl. **consulting** and **commercial design works**) – since 1997,
  - **Resonator test-fixtures** for **precise measurements** of material properties of materials in GHz range - since 2001.
- **Synergies** between the two branches:
  - are explored in **R&D and industrial projects**,
  - lead to successful **market products** and contributions to **Open Innovation**.

**QuickWave Electromagnetic Design**

-> company name is due to bureaucratic barriers...

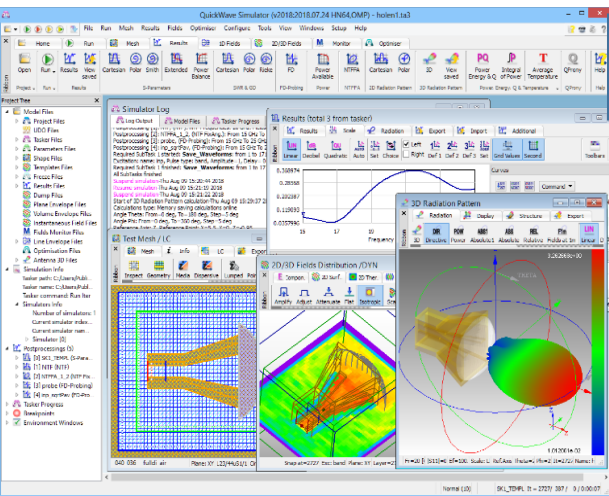






# Polish high-tech SME - 24 years on the world's market

Business branches presented annually at IEEE IMS Show

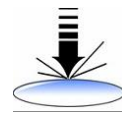


**Electromagnetic simulation & design software, 3D & BOR 2D tools**

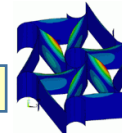
**based on 300+ publications by:**  
**prof.W.Gwarek, IEEE Fellow, DML, Pioneer Award**  
**dr.M.Celuch, President of QWED**



## R&D projects



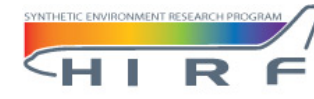
**FP6 SOCOT** – development and validation of an optimal methodology for overlay control in semiconductor industry, for the 32 nm technology node and beyond.



**FP6 CHISMACOMB** – development, modelling, and applications of chiral materials → EM validation of mixing rules



**Eureka E! 2602 MICRODEFROST MODEL** – innovative software-based product development tool for simulating and optimising heating and defrosting processes in microwave ovens



**FP7 HIRF SE** (High Intensity Radiated Field Synthetic Environment) - numerical modelling framework for aeronautic industry



**Eureka FOODWASTE** – developing new microwave treatment system for high water content waste



**ERA-NET MNT NACOPAN** – applications and modelling of nano-conductive polymer composites



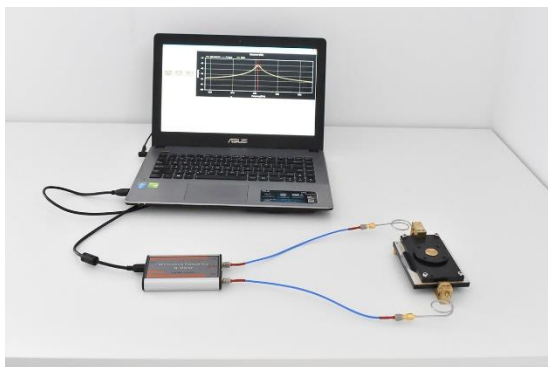
**NGAM2** – designing an industrial device for thermal bonding of bituminous surfaces with the aid of microwave heating



**MMAMA** (Microwave Microscopy for Advanced and Efficient Materials Analysis and Production) – accelerating the development of high efficiency solar cells through application and enhancement of material measurement techniques



**NanoBat** - developing a novel nanotechnology toolbox for quality testing of Li-ion and beyond Lithium batteries with the potential to redefine battery production in Europe and worldwide.



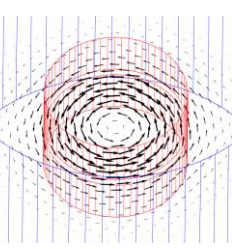
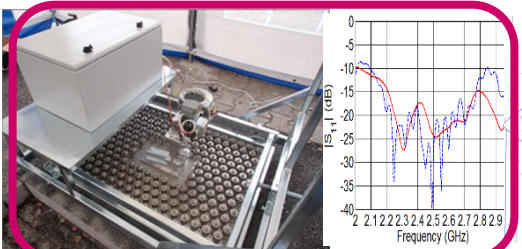
**Test-fixtures for precise material measurements**

**based on 300+ publications by** **prof.J.Krupka, IEEE Fellow**



**Consultancy & design services based on EM expertise & tools**

**team of 10+engineers, 4 PhDs, 2 Profs**  
**key areas: MW power appliances, customised resonators, antennas & feeds**

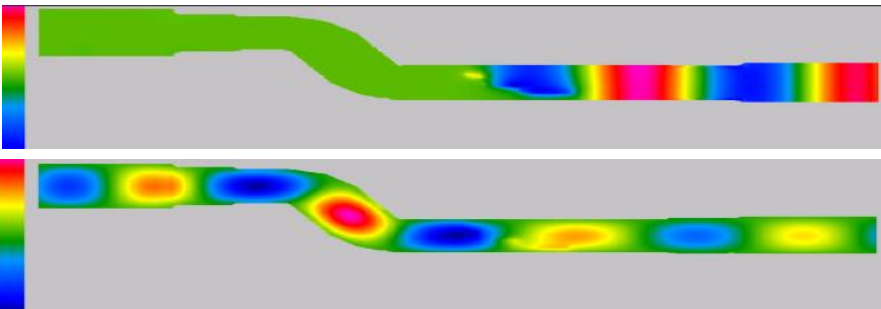
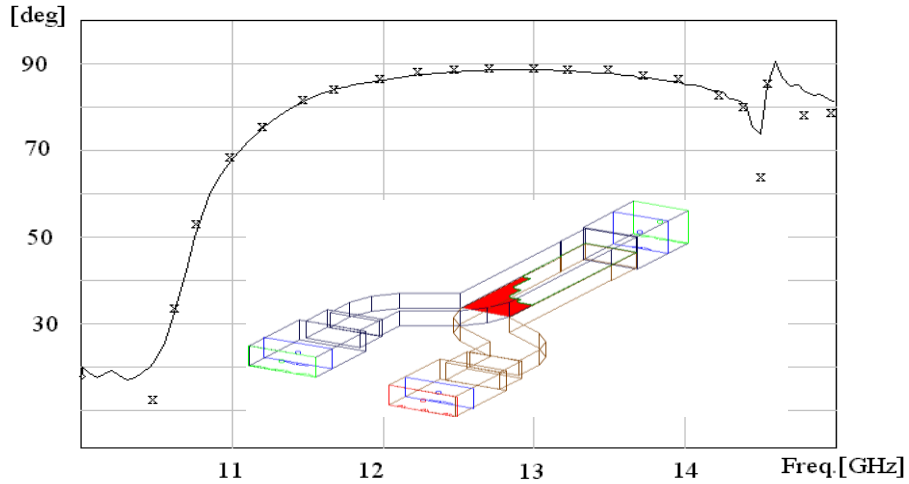


# QuickWave original applications in cosmic research & satellite telecommunication

## Septum polariser by SES

design & measurements: Saab Ericsson Space  
modelling: QWED, 1997

below: differential phase-shift

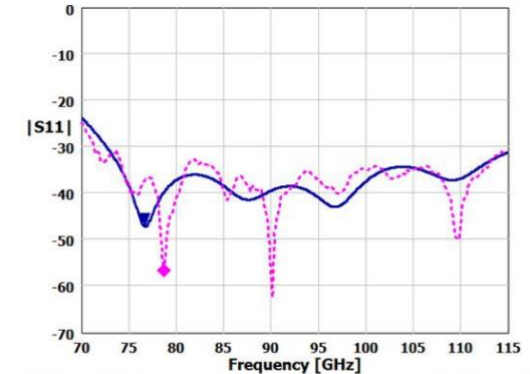
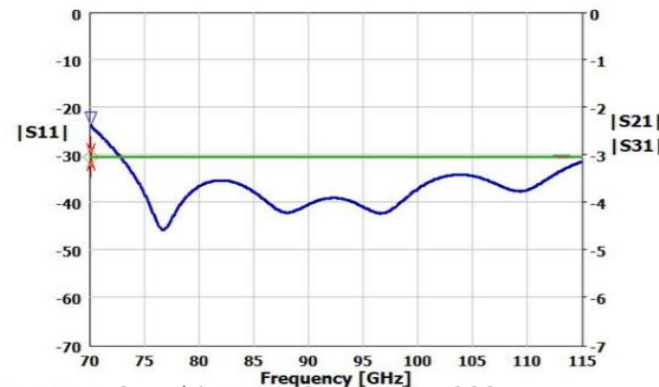
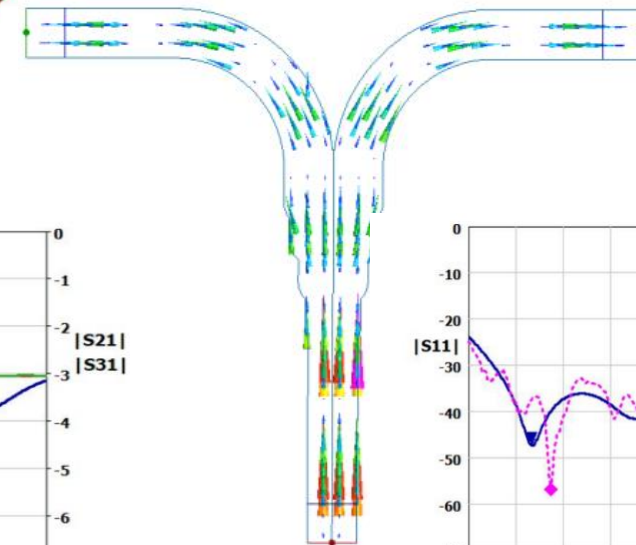
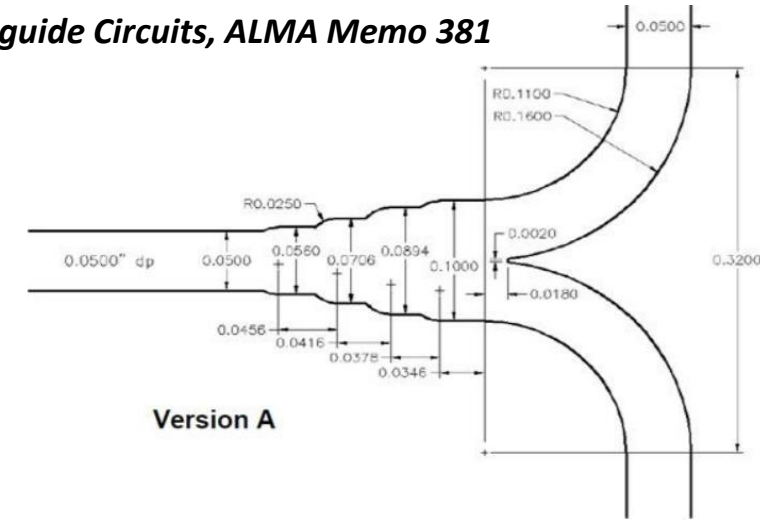
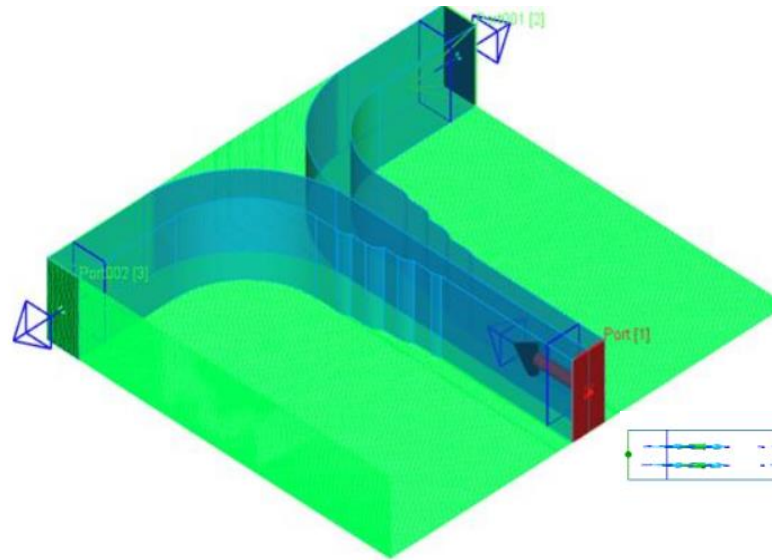


propagation of two polarisations  
at centre frequency



## E-plane Y-junction by NRAO

after A. R. Kerr, Elements for E-Plane Split-Block Waveguide Circuits, ALMA Memo 381



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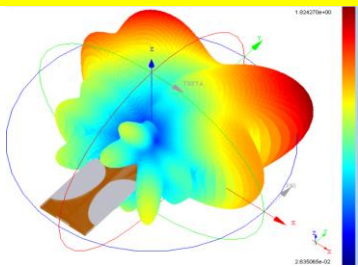
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|--------|------|----------------|---------|-------|
| —      | S11  | F= 70.00 [GHz] | -23.587 | [dB]  |
| —      | S21  | F= 70.00 [GHz] | -3.011  | [dB]  |
| —      | S31  | F= 70.00 [GHz] | -3.012  | [dB]  |

| Symbol | Name                    | Domain         | Value   | Units |
|--------|-------------------------|----------------|---------|-------|
| —      | S11                     | F= 76.60 [GHz] | -47.047 | [dB]  |
| ◆      | S11  Meas. from article | F= 78.64 [GHz] | -56.456 | [dB]  |

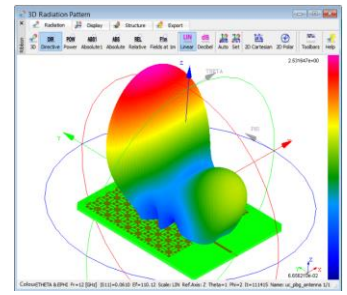


# QuickWave further applications to the design of antennas & feeds

## general 3D FDTD

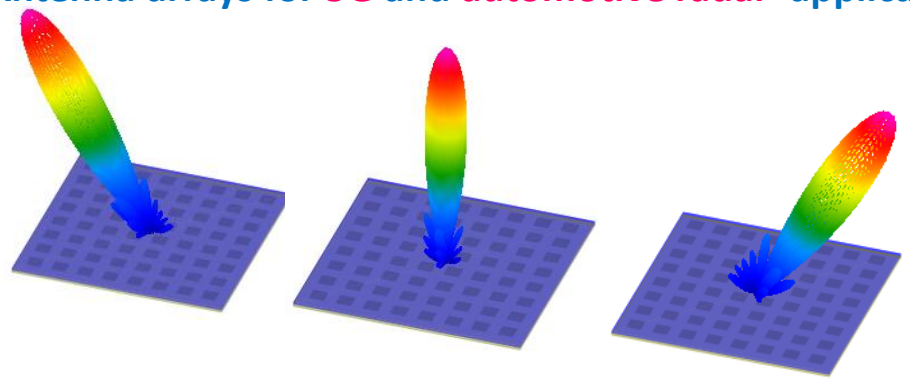


Balanced antipodal Vivaldi antenna & 3D radiation pattern at 10 GHz.

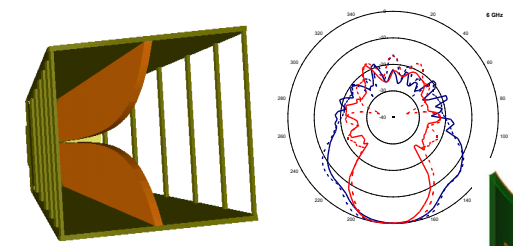


Aperture-coupled patch antenna on uniplanar photonic bandgap substrate & its radiation pattern at 12 GHz.

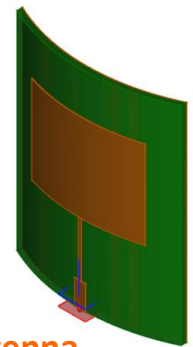
## Antenna arrays for 5G and automotive radar application Designing and verifying tracking capabilities



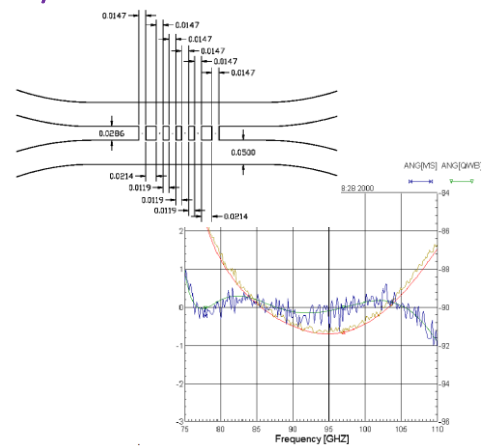
Pyramidal horn antenna for military surveillance measured (prof.B.Stec Warsaw Military Academy of Technology) & simulated patterns



## Planar antennas for smart bio-sensors

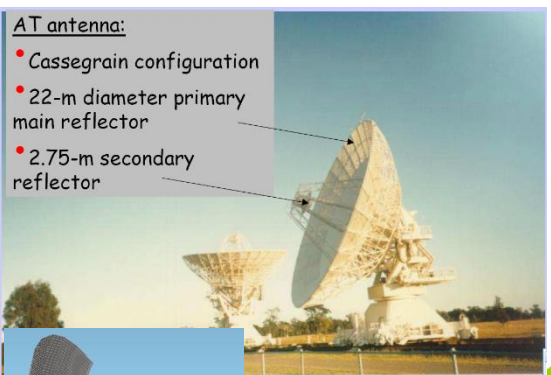


## Antenna feed systems designed by NRAO



QuickWave 3D results at NRAO, see: ALMA Memos 381, 343, 325, 278.

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

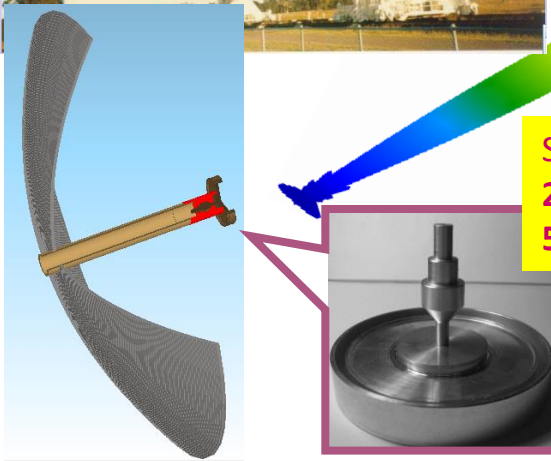
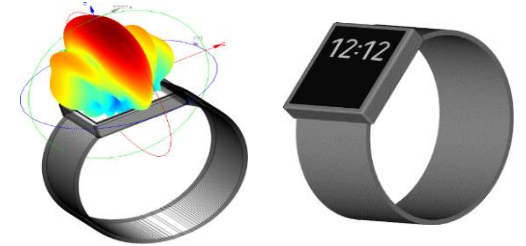


- AT antenna:
- Cassegrain configuration
- 22-m diameter primary main reflector
- 2.75-m secondary reflector

## BOR FDTD

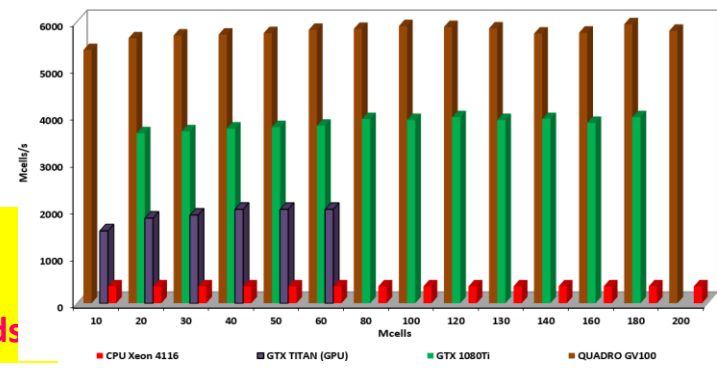
Unique, ultra-fast vector 2D Bessel & FDTD hybrid solver for design & analysis of axisymmetrical devices

## Smartwatch with embedded patch antenna



Scenarios modelled full-wave by QW-BoR:  
2500 λ on popular PC (64 GB)  
5000 λ on top-shelf PC

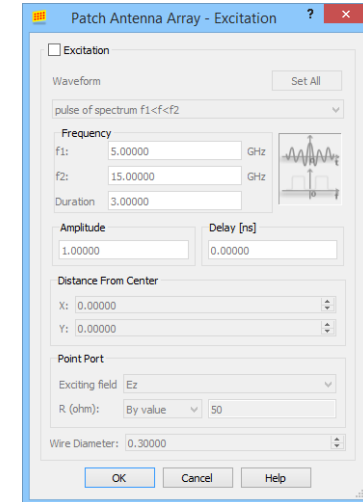
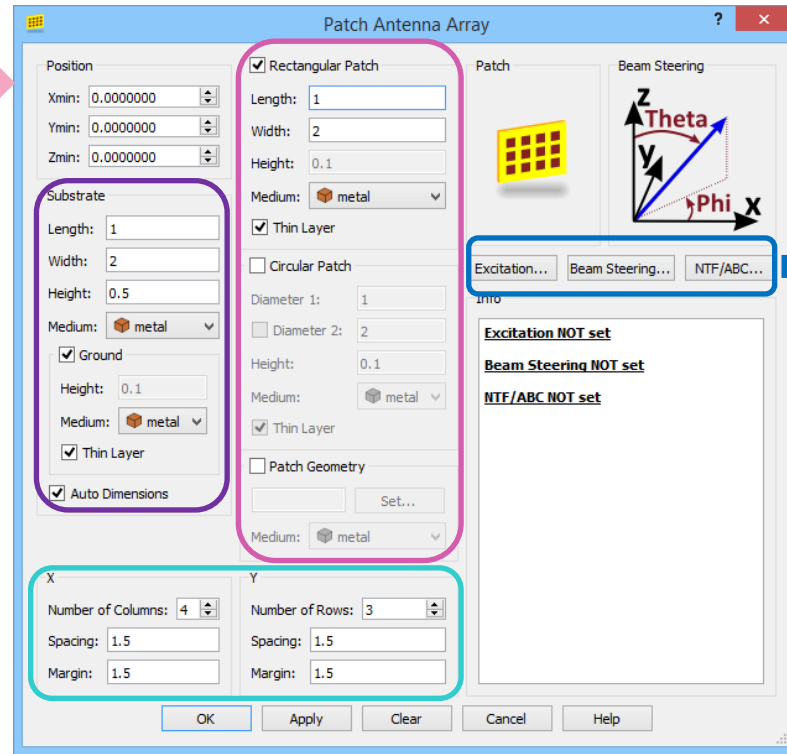
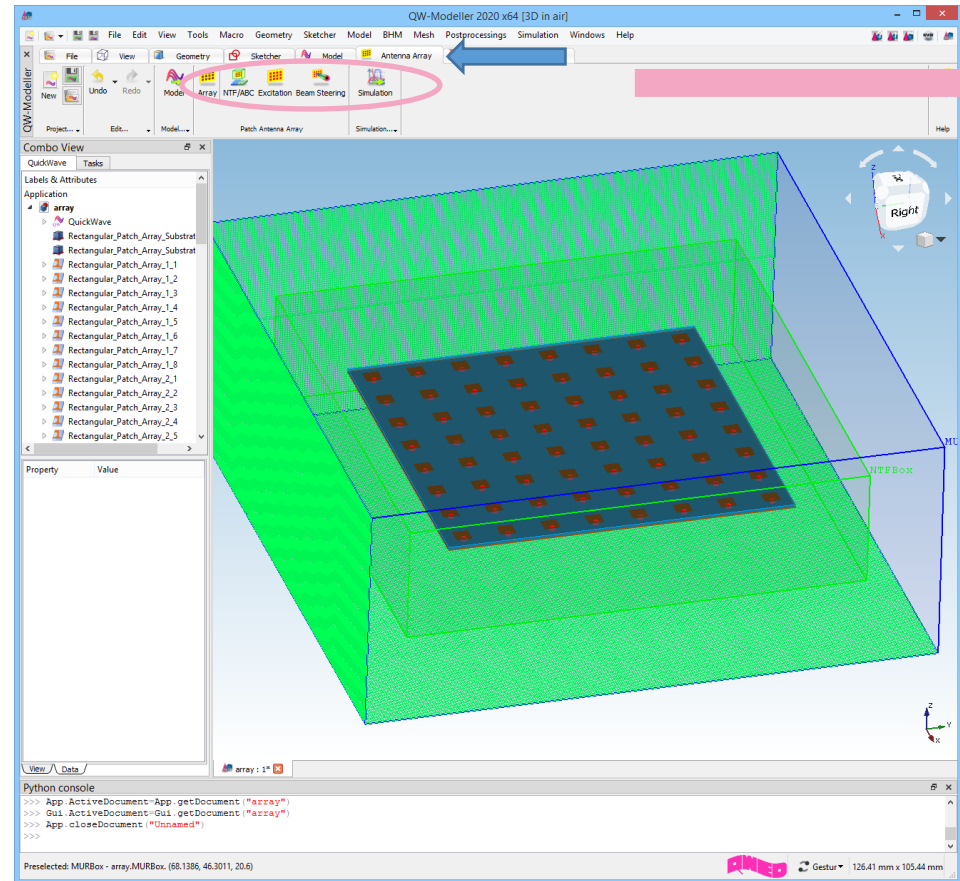
QuickWave is optimised for speed currently upm to 6000 Mcells/sec, runs on professional & low-cost video cards





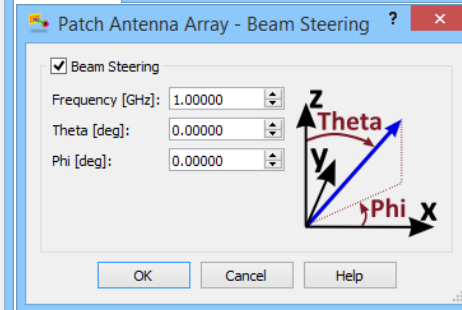
# QuickWave for antenna design: dedicated wizards for 5G patch antenna array project creation

## QW-Modeller

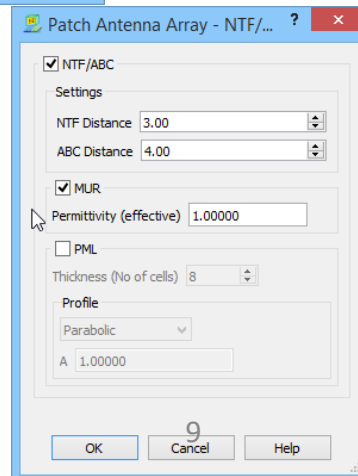


Feed parameters @ each patch

Automatic phase-shift adjustment between patches



User defined main beam angle

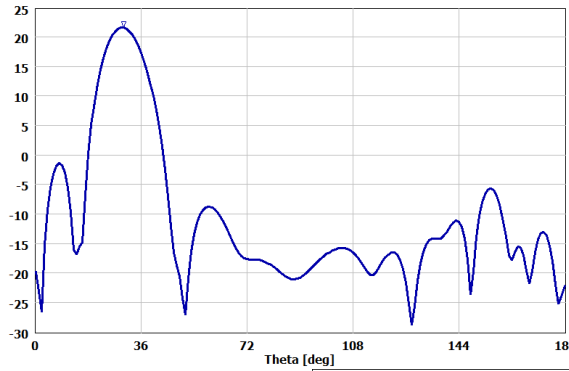


- ✓ Various patch shapes, incl. user-defined geometries
- ✓ Automatic substrate/ground inclusion, incl. dimensions auto-scaling
- ✓ Automatic matrix arrangement

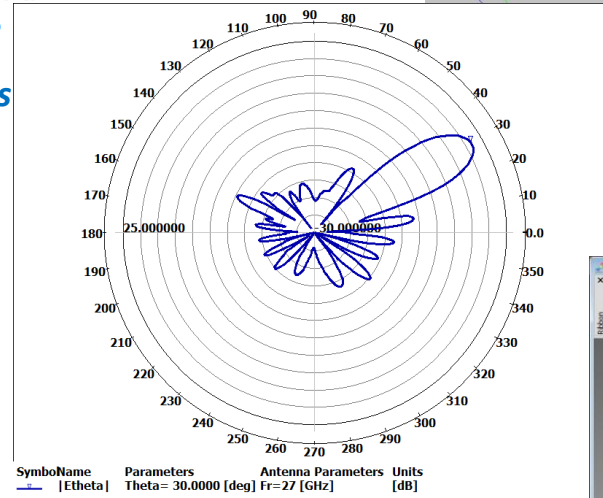
Choice of suitable absorbing BC



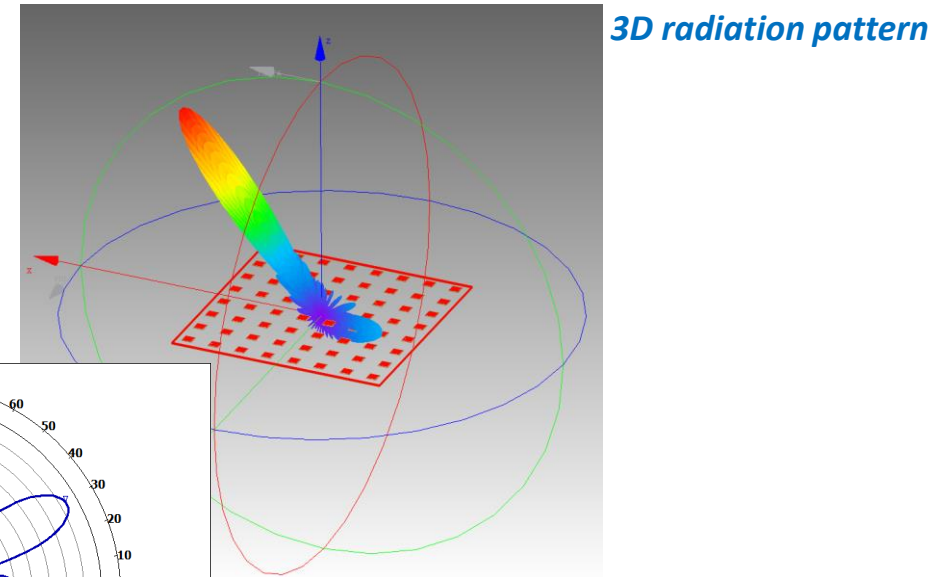
# QuickWave for antenna design: 5G-dedicated simulation regimes & display



2D radiation patterns



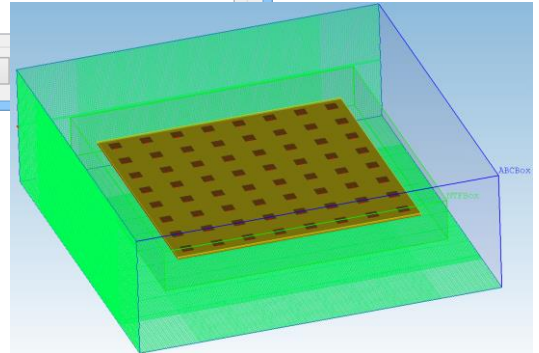
Distribution of source phase shifts across the array



3D radiation pattern

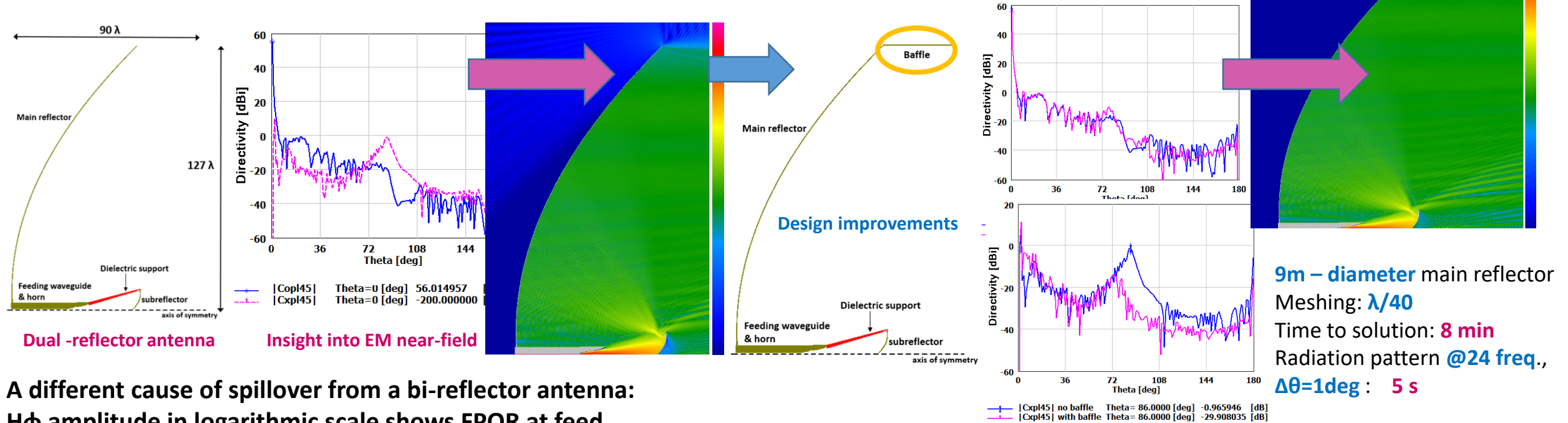
| Amplitude | Delay   |
|-----------|---------|
| 1         | 0       |
| 2         | 0.00919 |
| 3         | 0.01838 |
| 4         | 0.02758 |
| 5         | 0.03677 |
| 6         | 0.04596 |
| 7         | 0.05515 |
| 8         | 0.06435 |

LTCC-based 8x8 patch array



# Near-field FDTD workflow - insight into device performance

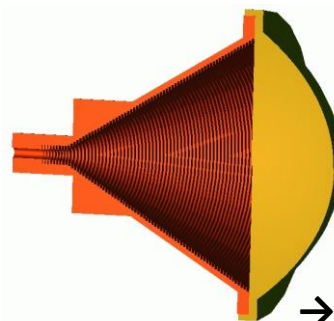
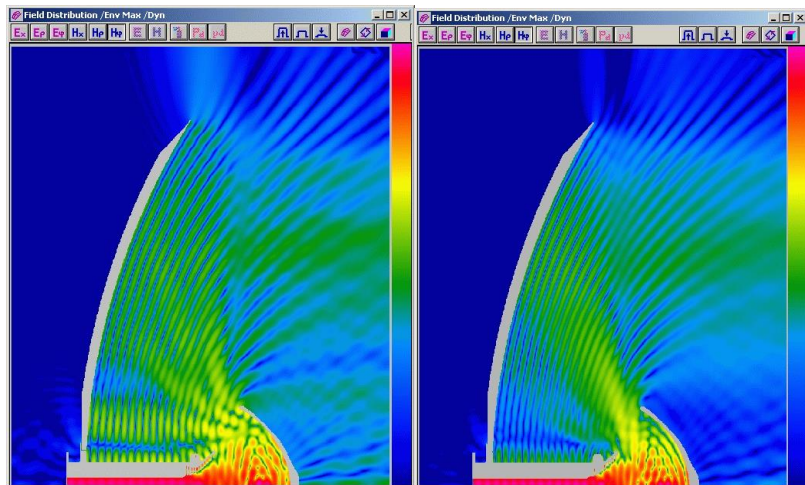
Dynamic field displays can be invoked at any time, anywhere in the computational domain.



Dual -reflector antenna

Insight into EM near-field

A different cause of spillover from a bi-reflector antenna:  
H $\phi$  amplitude in logarithmic scale shows FPOR at feed  
from max (purple) down to -60 dB (blue) at two freqs. within 3 %



Gaussian beam formation for quasi-free-space material measurements



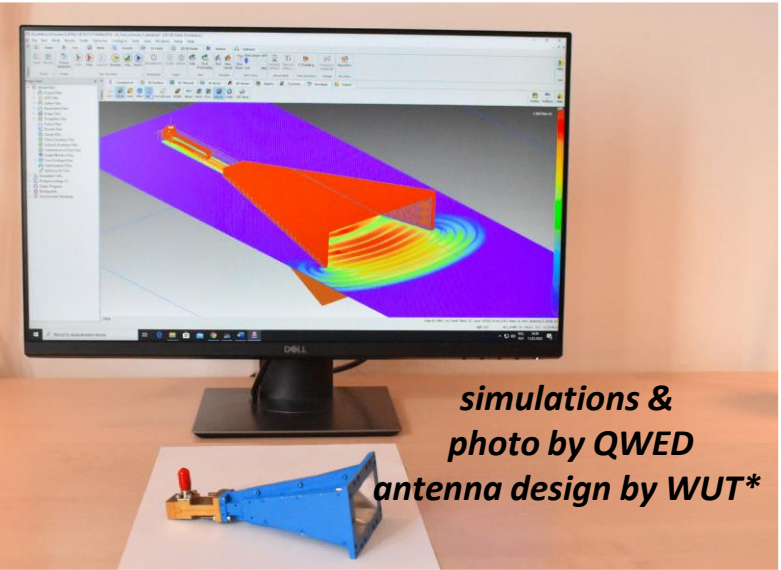
→ this concept further used for QWED's new Fabry Perot Open Resonator



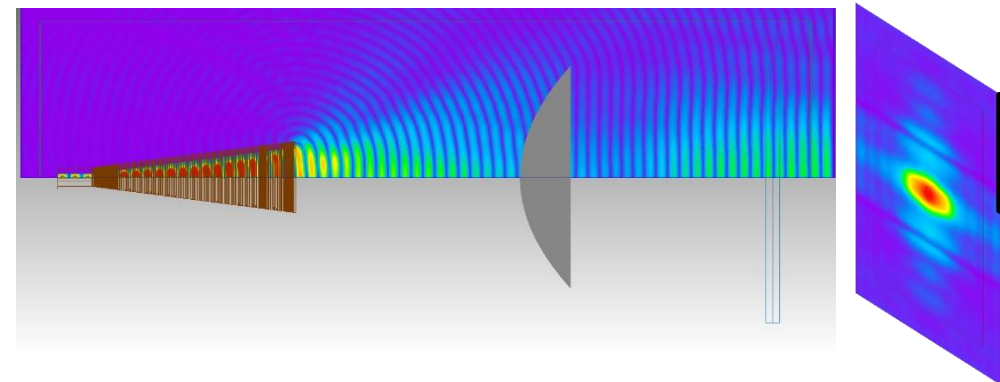
# Modelling-based design for quasi-free-space material measurements

## Modelling of pyramidal horn antenna for material measurements in 18-40 GHz band

QWED collaborations with the Warsaw Univ. of Technology

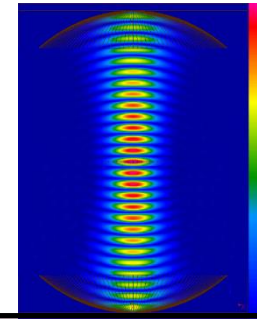
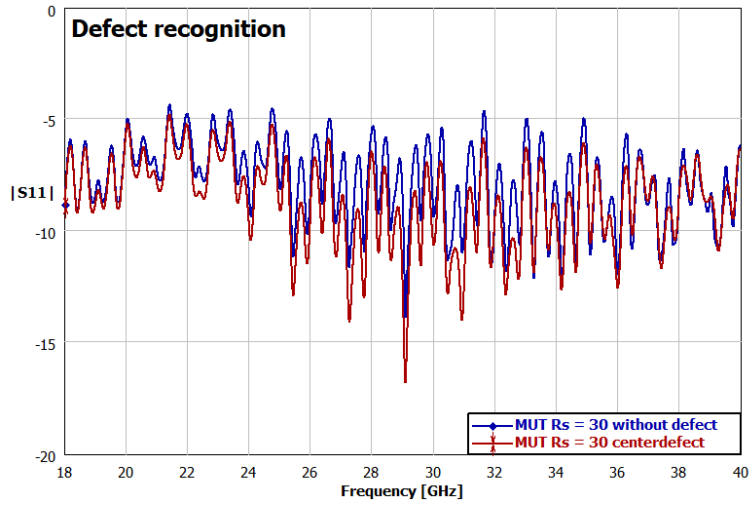
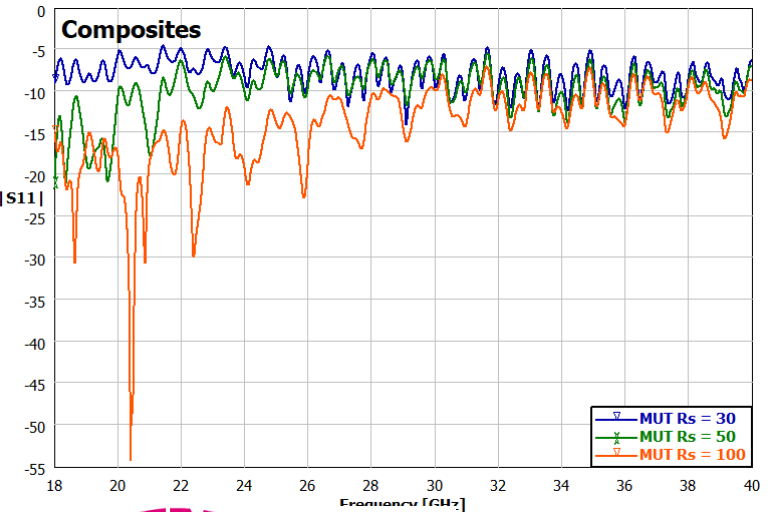


simulations & photo by QWED antenna design by WUT\*



J.Cuper, B.Salski, P.Kopyt, A.Pacewicz, A.Raniszewski, "Double-ridged horn antenna operating in 18-40 GHz range", Proc. Microwave & rfadar Week, MIKON-2018.

Example use in H2020 MMAMA project for feasibility study of quality control of novel composites for aeronautic applications



T.Karpisz, B. Salski, P. Kopyt, and J. Krupka, "Measurement of Dielectrics From 20 to 50 GHz With a Fabry-Pérot Open Resonator" IEEE Trans. MTT, vol. 67, no. 5, pp. 1901-1908, May 2019, doi: 10.1109/TMTT.2019.2905549

From corrugated horn for Gaussian beam generation to new Fabry-Perot Open Resonator with Gaussian mirrors

see further slides for round-robin evaluation in iNEMI 5G project

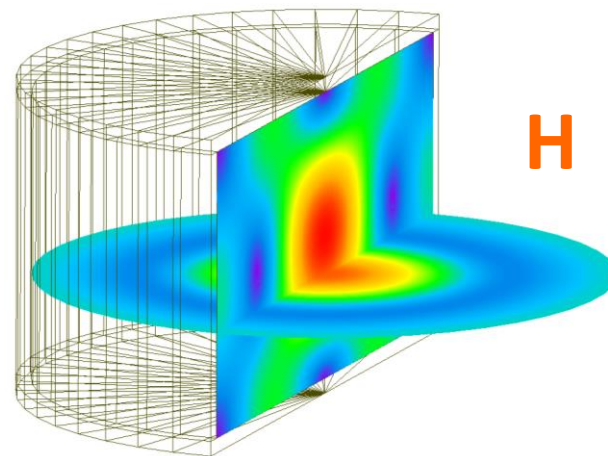
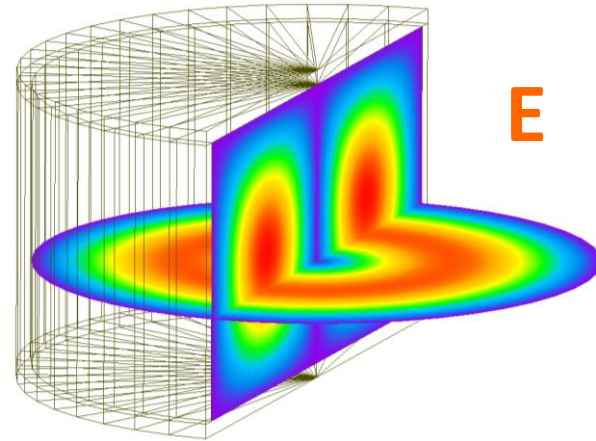


# Application of the RESONANCE in material measurements (*for newcomers to the field*)

## Eigenvalue problem in theoretical electromagnetics:

- Non-zero electromagnetic fields (non-zero energy) exist in a region without any energy exchange with the outside (no "feeding").
- This is mathematically possible at specific frequencies (**eigenfrequencies**). The corresponding spatial field patterns are called modes (**eigenmodes**).
- In a lossless region, the fields exist ("ring") *ad infinitum* (**sinusoidal oscillations**).
- If there are (not-too-high) losses in the region, the fields are gradually damped (**damped sinusoidal oscillations**) with damping characterised by quality factor (**Q-factor**) and frequency little altered (compared to the same materials with losses neglected).

## Example: TE011 mode in cylindrical cavity



## Resonance problem in applied electromagnetics:

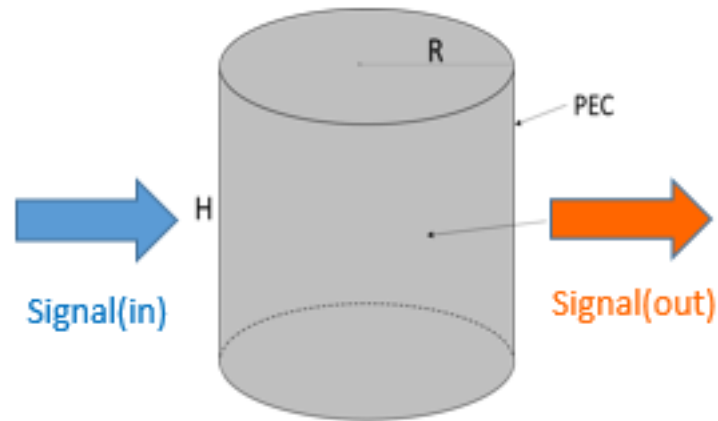
- There is feeding from the outside, but the **coupling** is non-too-strong.
- The corresponding **resonant frequencies** are close to eigenfrequencies of the corresponding isolated problem.
- Energy loss in a lossy resonating region is **compensated** with energy supplied by the feed. Energy is also lost on internal losses (resistance) of the feed.



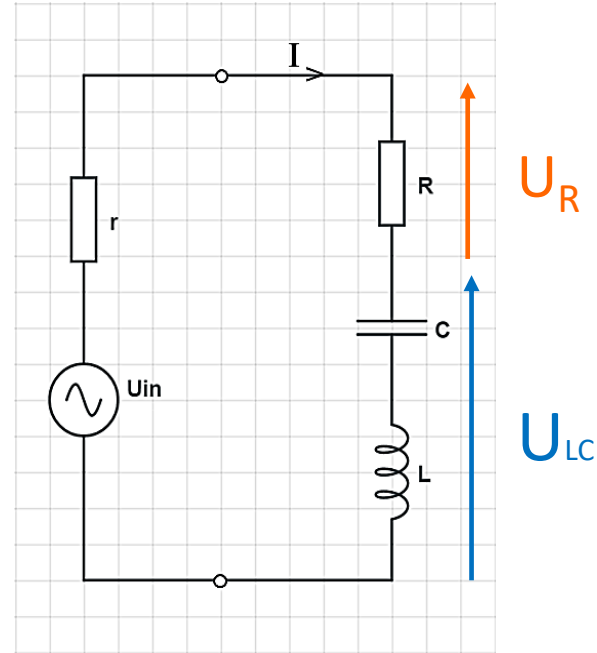
# Circuit-theory interpretation (for newcomers to the field)

Analytical solutions are for **eigenvalue** problems.

Measurement problems are **deterministic** (cavity is **coupled** to source & load).



given fixed strength of **Signal(in)**,  
at resonance **Signal (out)** is strongest



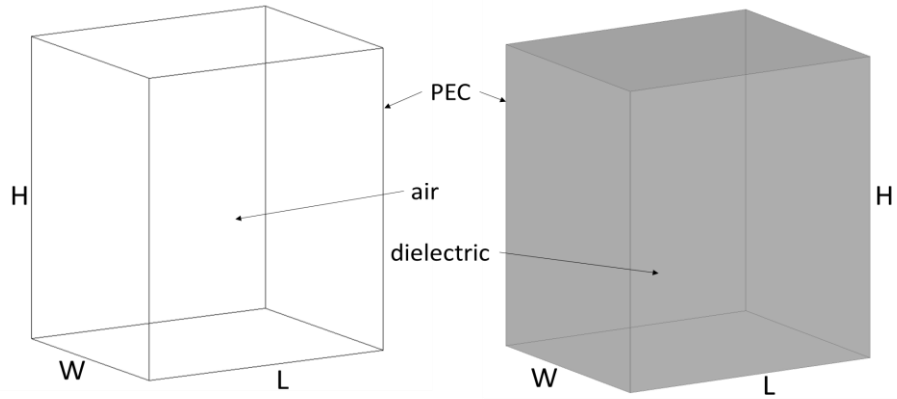
given fixed strength of  $U_{in}$ ,  
at resonance  $U_R$  is strongest ( $U_{LC} = \text{zero}$ )





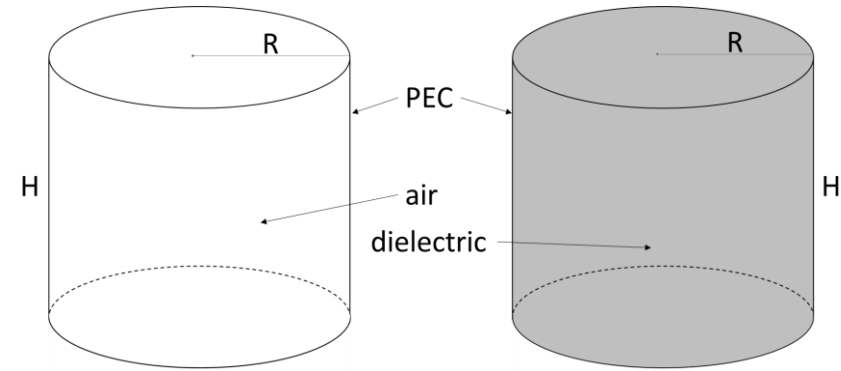
# Canonical examples of resonators (for newcomers to the field)

**Eigenvalue problems:** analytical solutions exist for **cuboidal** and **cylindrical** cavities:



$$Q = 2\pi \frac{\overline{W}}{P_q T}$$

$$Q = 2\pi \frac{\iiint_V \epsilon \vec{E} \cdot \vec{E}^* dv}{T \iiint_V \sigma \vec{E} \cdot \vec{E}^* dv} = \frac{\omega \epsilon}{\sigma} = \frac{1}{\tan \delta}$$

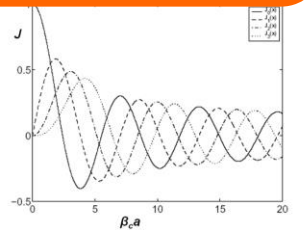


$$f_{r,mnp} = \frac{v}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{m}{W}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n}{L}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p}{H}\right)^2}$$

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} \text{ in non-magnetic low-loss dielectrics}$$

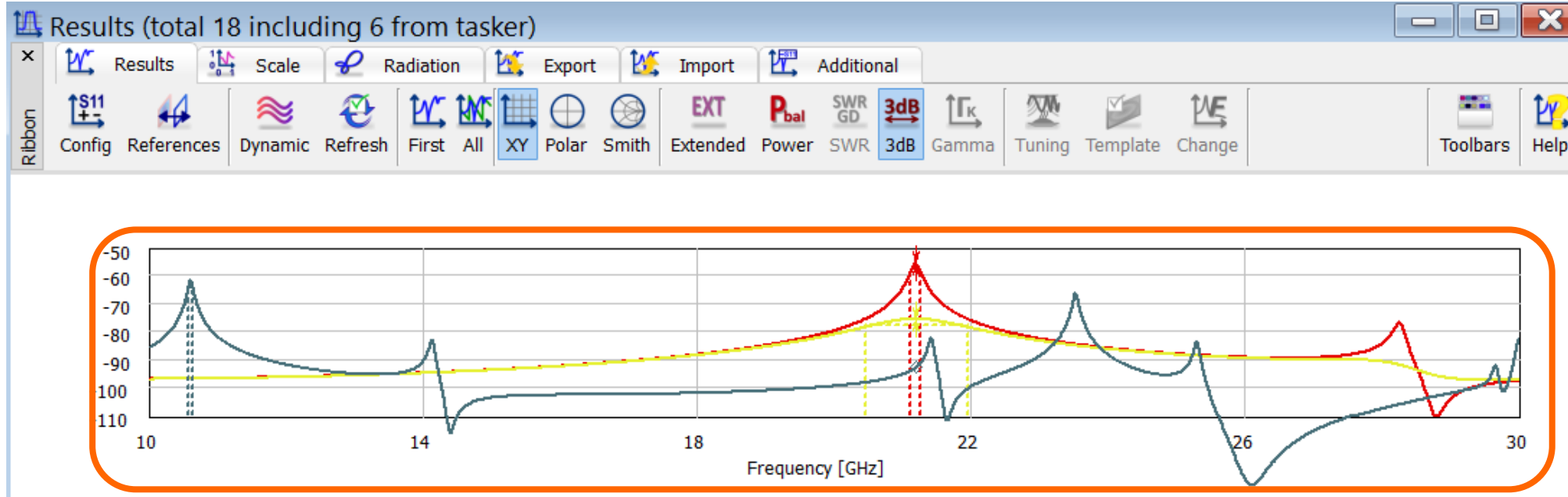
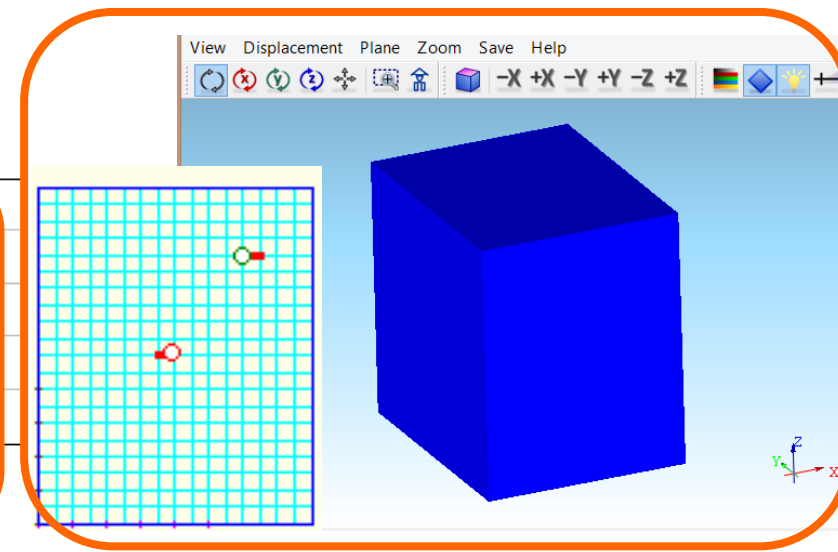
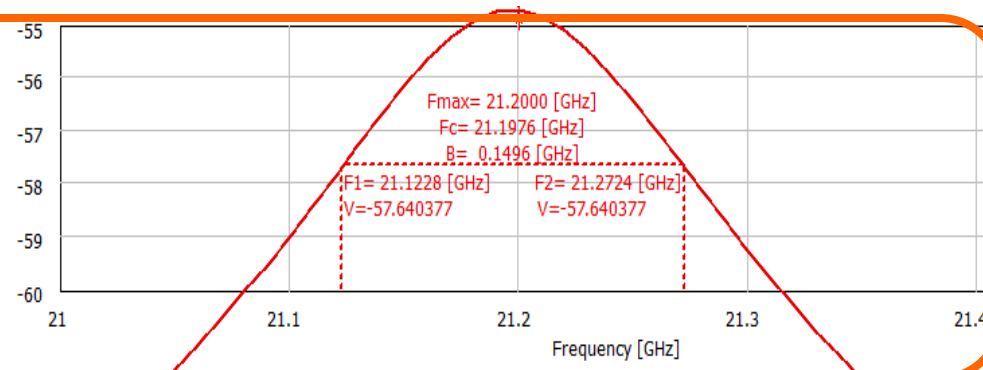
$$f_{r,mnp} = \frac{v}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\kappa_{mn}^{(l)}}{\pi R}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p}{H}\right)^2}$$

**→ application of cavities to Dk measurements appears straightforward!**  
(but cavity losses should be minimised & 100% filling factor is difficult to achieve)



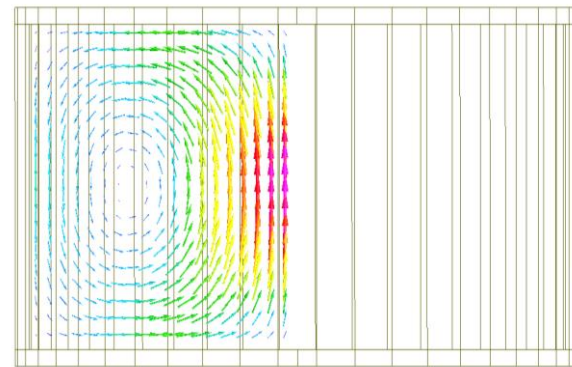
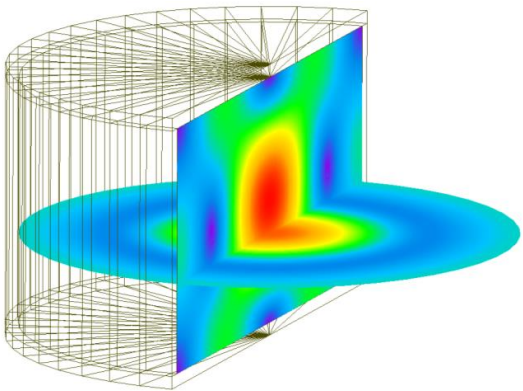
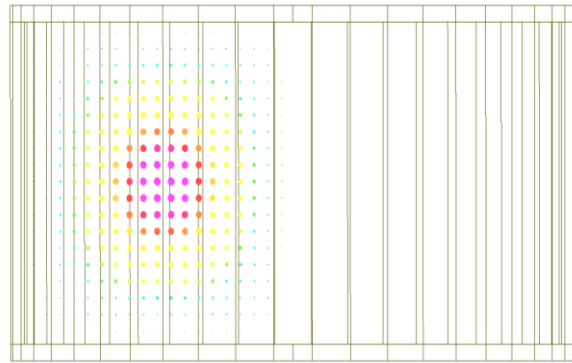
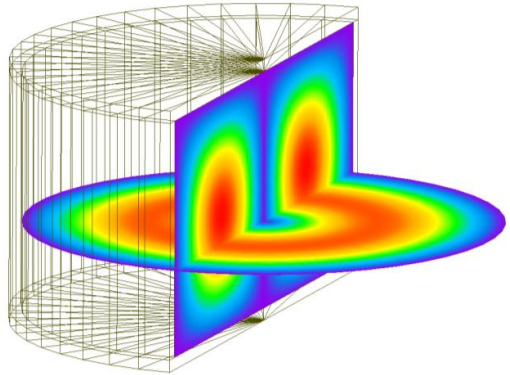
# QuickWave model of a cuboidal cavity

Transmission |S21| simulated between weakly coupled source and probe in a cube 8x10x10 [mm]

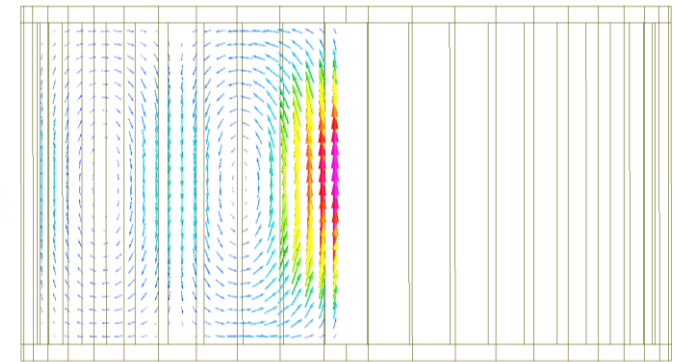
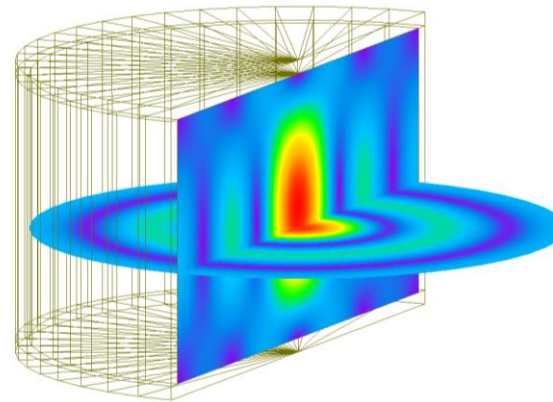
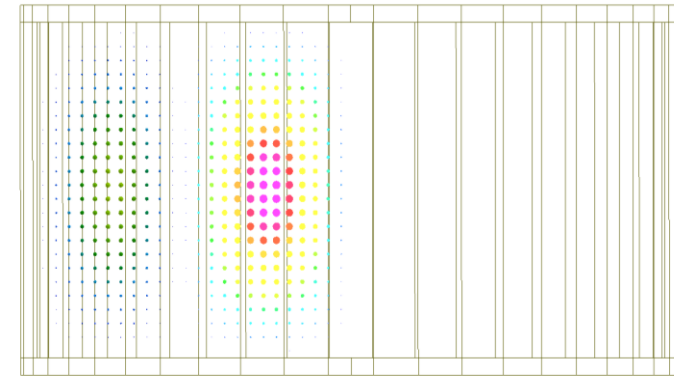
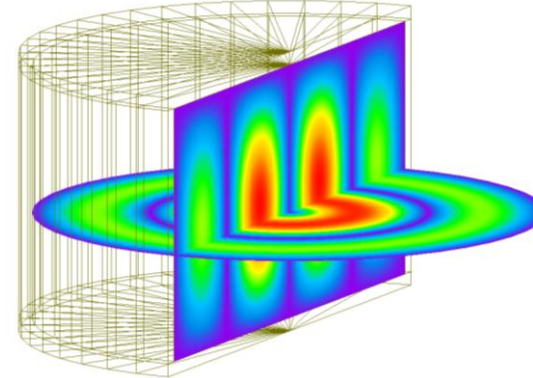


# QuickWave model of a cylindrical cavity

TM<sub>011</sub> mode



TM<sub>021</sub> mode



compared to rectangular (cuboidal) cavities, typically:

- lower contribution of wall losses
- easier standard manufacturing

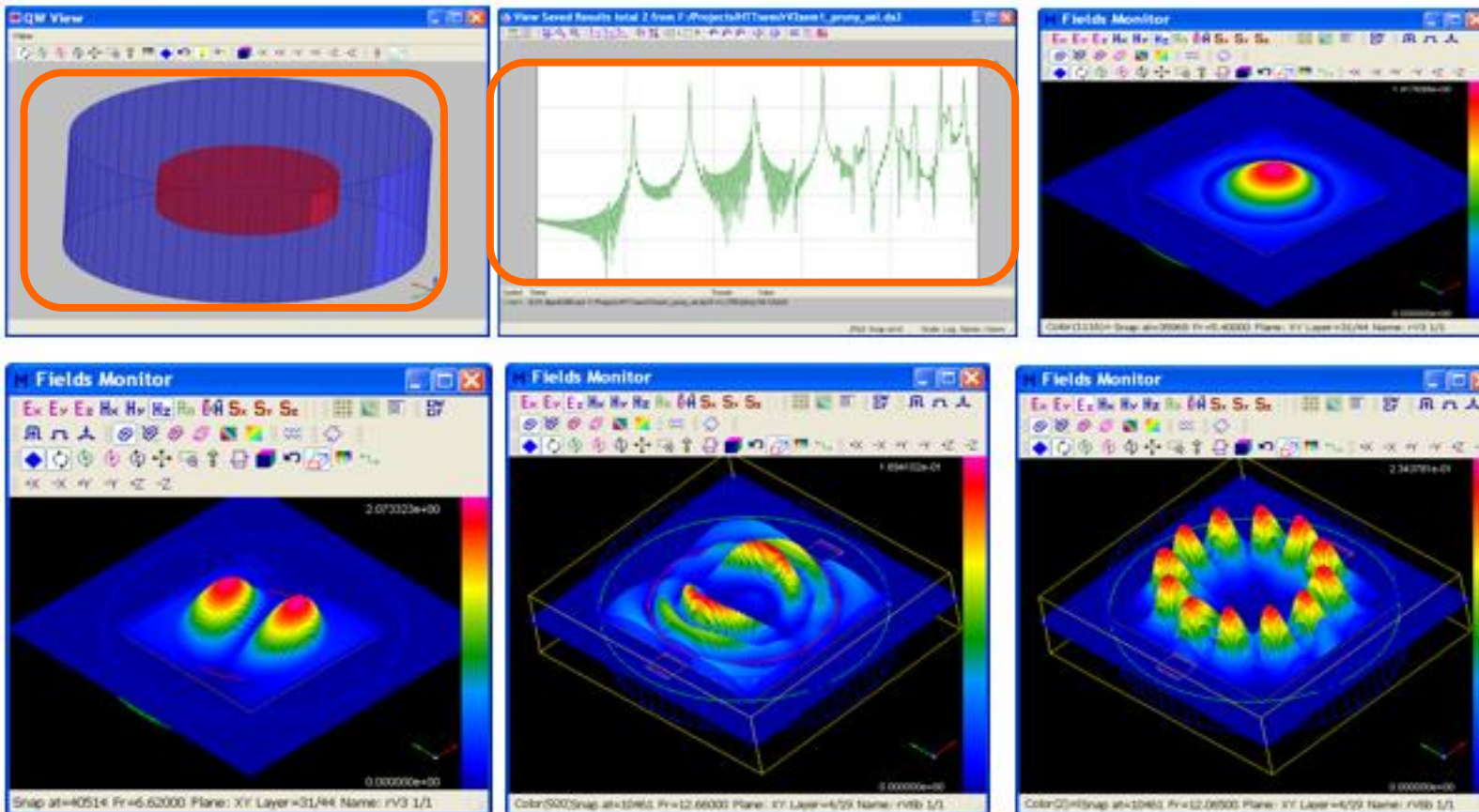




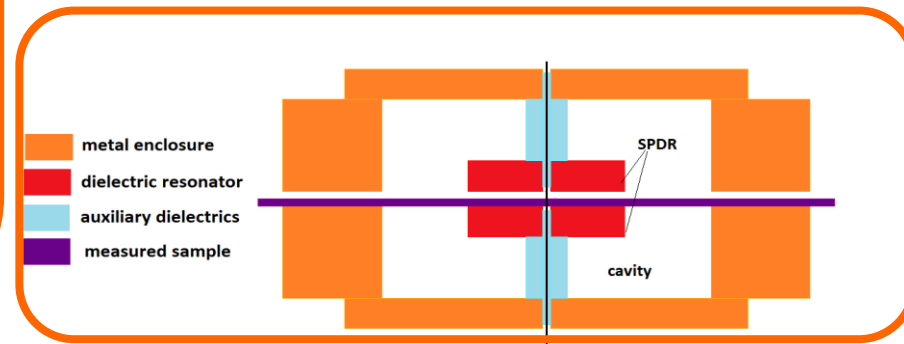
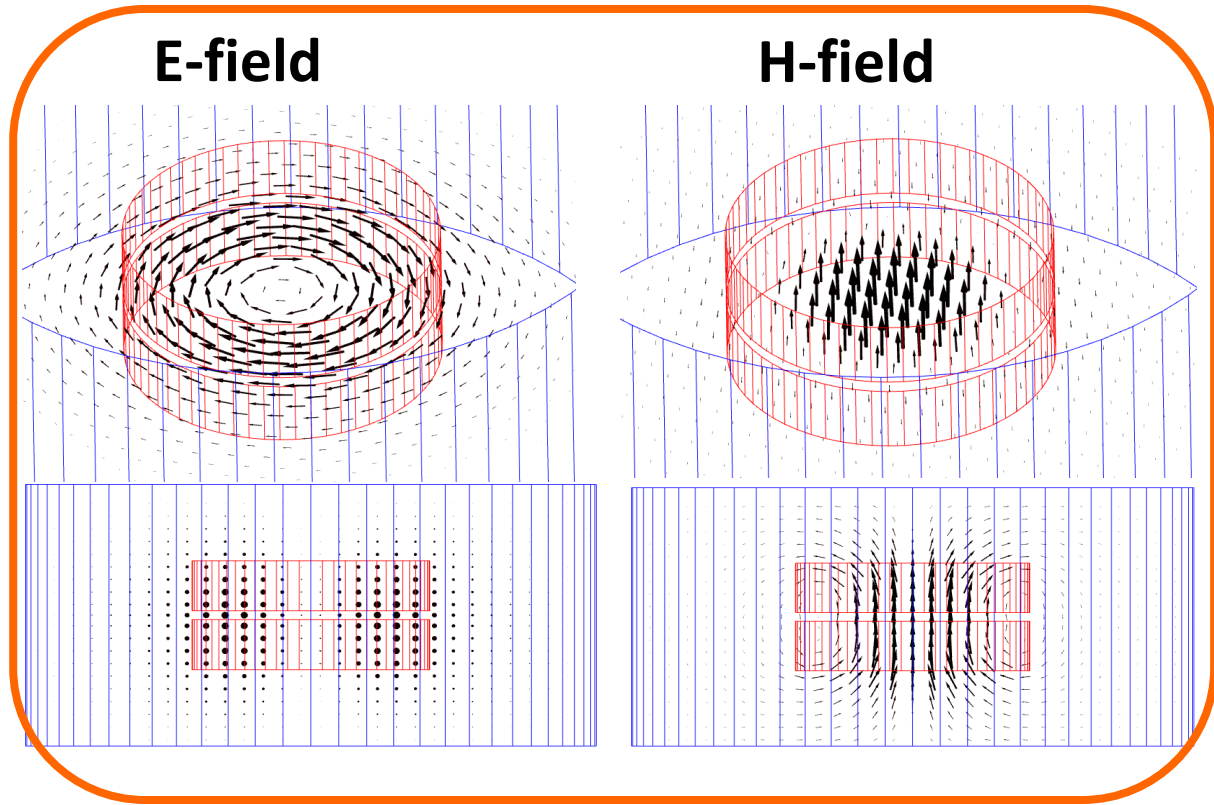
# How do dielectric resonators work (with QuickWave illustration)



Dielectric resonator (top left)  
as a multimode device (see transmission diagramme, top centre)  
including TE01 mode (top right) and many higher modes (lower row)



# Split-Post Dielectric Resonator method – as implemented by QWED



- resonant mode with EM fields mostly confined in and between those ceramic posts → **minimal losses in metal enclosure**
- H-field is only vertical at the side wall of the enclosure → only circumferential currents in side wall → **no radiation through slot**
- E-field tangential to SUT → **air slots between SUT and posts have negligible effect**
- **easy SUT insertion through slot, no dismatling, NDT method**
- all EM energy injected through the coupling loops is contained within in the SPDR “head” (inside the enclosure)
- an estimated 95% of energy confined in and between the ceramic posts
- **once-in-a-lifetime calibration sufficient for general materials (NOTE: new calibration services dedicated to 5G coming soon!)**

# Split-Post Dielectric Resonator method – as implemented by QWED

SUT of  $\epsilon_s = \epsilon_s' - j \epsilon_s''$  is inserted into DR:  
 resonant frequency changes from  $f_e$  to  $f_s$   
 Q-factor changes from  $Q_e$  to  $Q_s$ .

$$\frac{f_e - f_s}{f_e} \approx \frac{h}{2C} \iint_S [\epsilon_s'(x, y) - 1] |E(x, y)|^2 dS$$

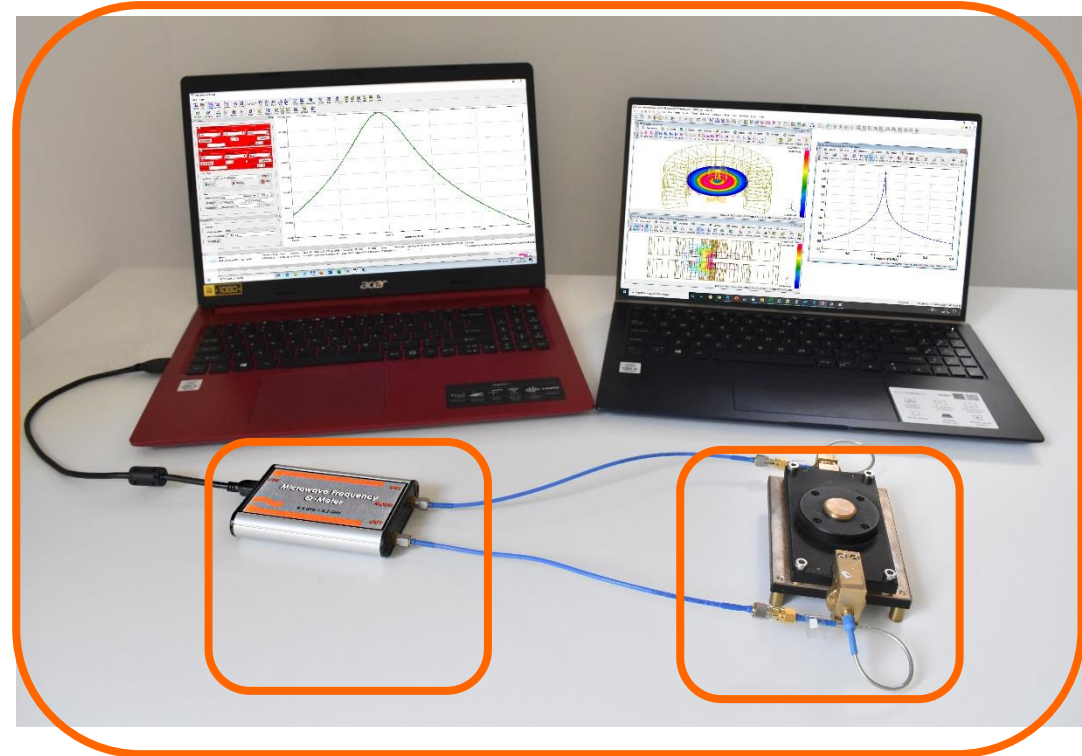
$$\frac{1}{Q_s} - \frac{1}{Q_e} \approx \frac{h}{C} \iint_S \epsilon_s''(x, y) E^2(x, y) dS$$

$$C = \iiint_V |E(x, y)|^2 dV$$

field assumed invariant in z-direction

S is called the DR's *head*

**sign**  $\approx$  reflects field pattern changes caused by SUT



calibration (based on modelling)  
 minimises effects of:

field variation in z  
 field changes due to SUT  
 manufacturing tolerances



## Advantages of QWED's SPDRs for 5G applications

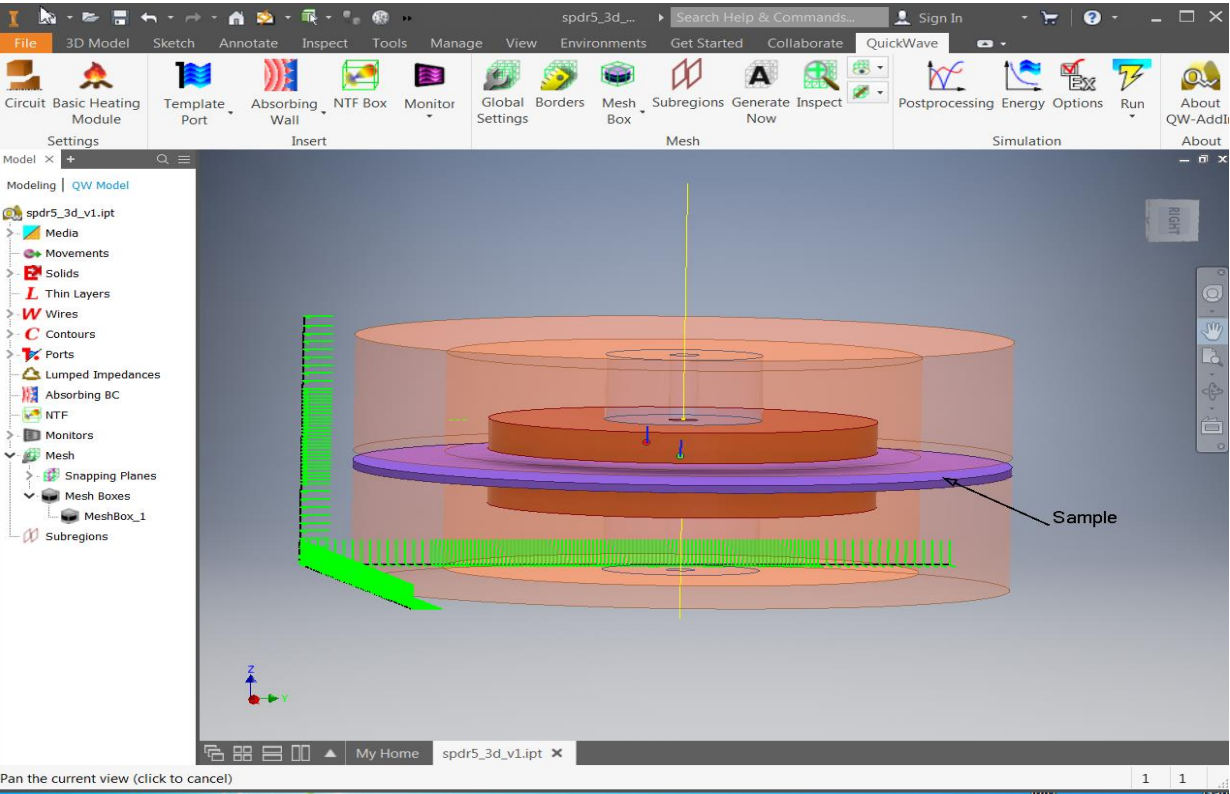
- proven ultra-high accuracy in GHz range (0.3% for Dk, IEC 61189-2-721:2015)
- dedicated to low-loss materials & thin material sheets
- ease-of-use
- available on the market
- repeatability & reproducibility for 5G confirmed by independent studies



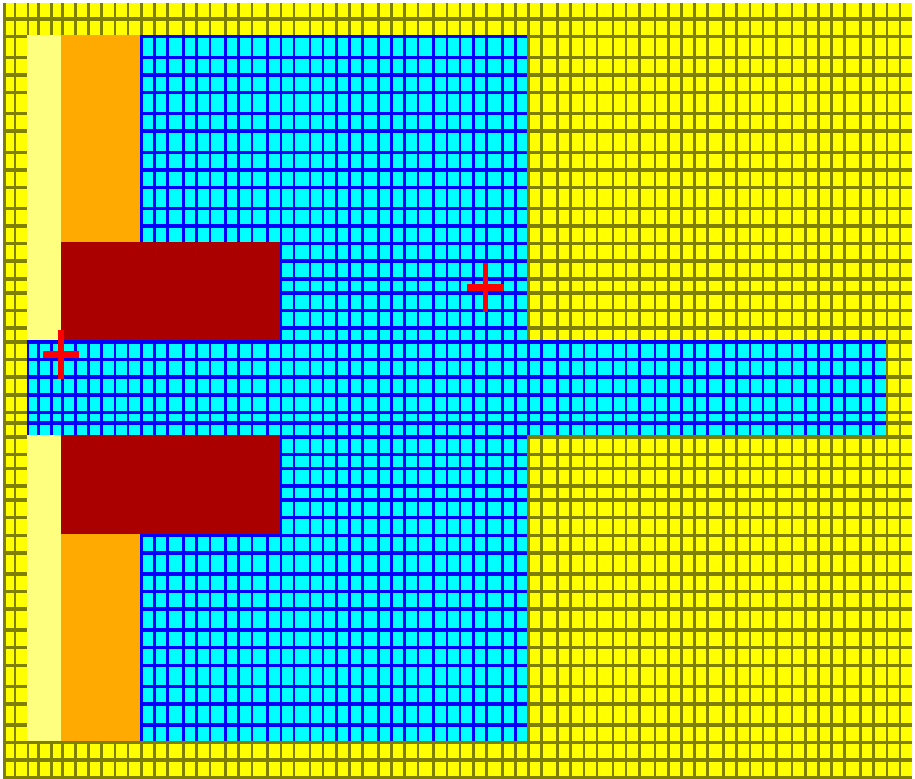
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# QuickWave modelling of SPDR



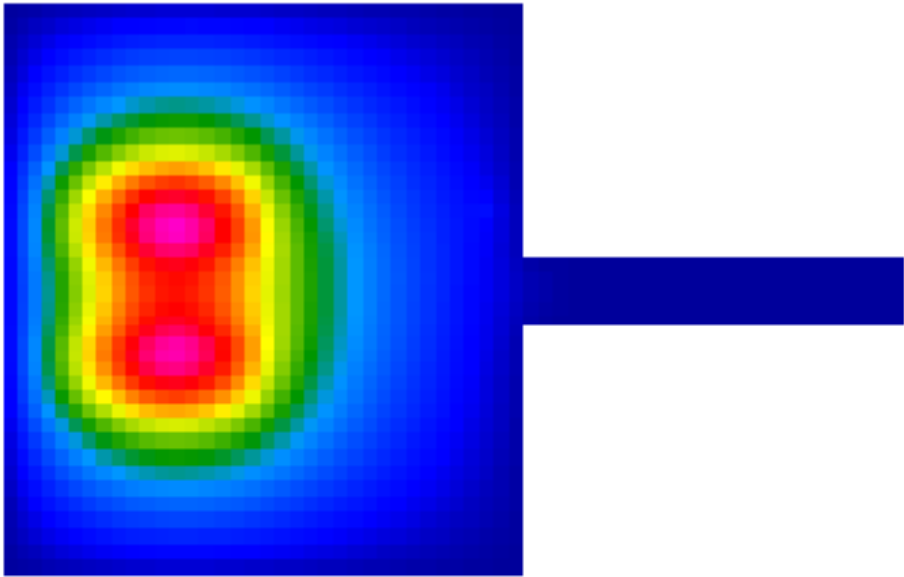
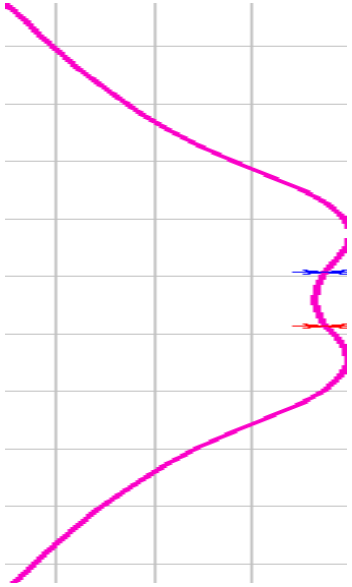
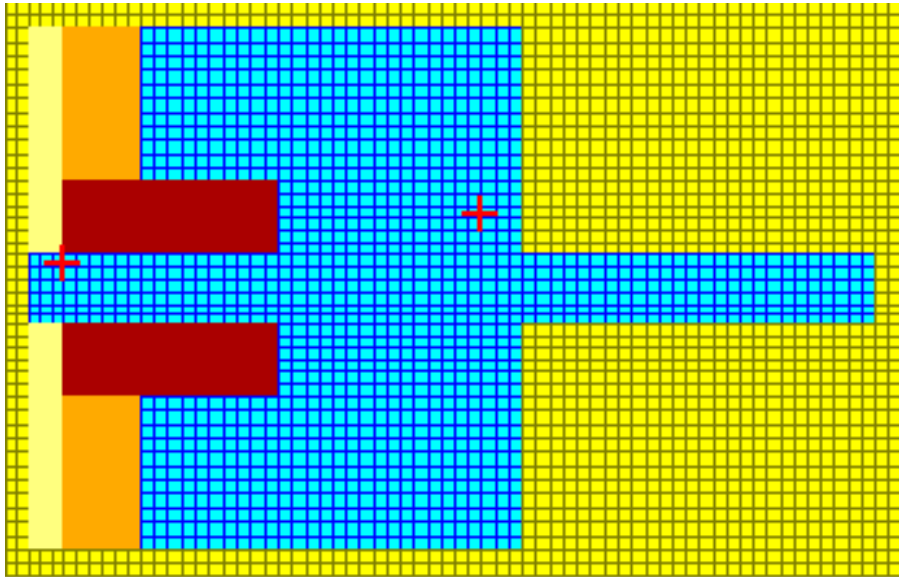
**Full 3D model** of 10GHz SPDR  
in **QW-AddIn** for Autodesk® Inventor® Software  
(common environment for modelling & manufacturing)



**Axisymmetrical 2D BOR model**  
full EM information  
economies in computer effort :  $10^3$  or more

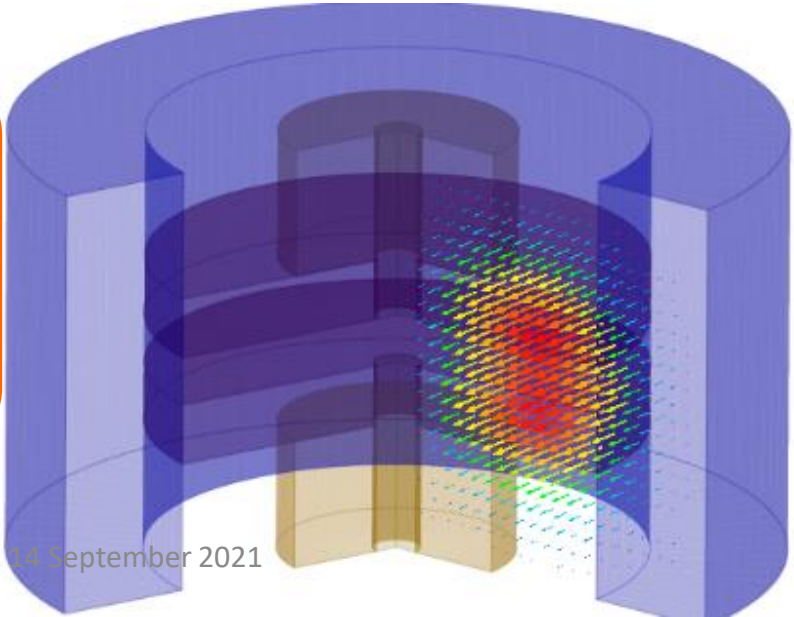


# QuickWave model of SPDR field distribution

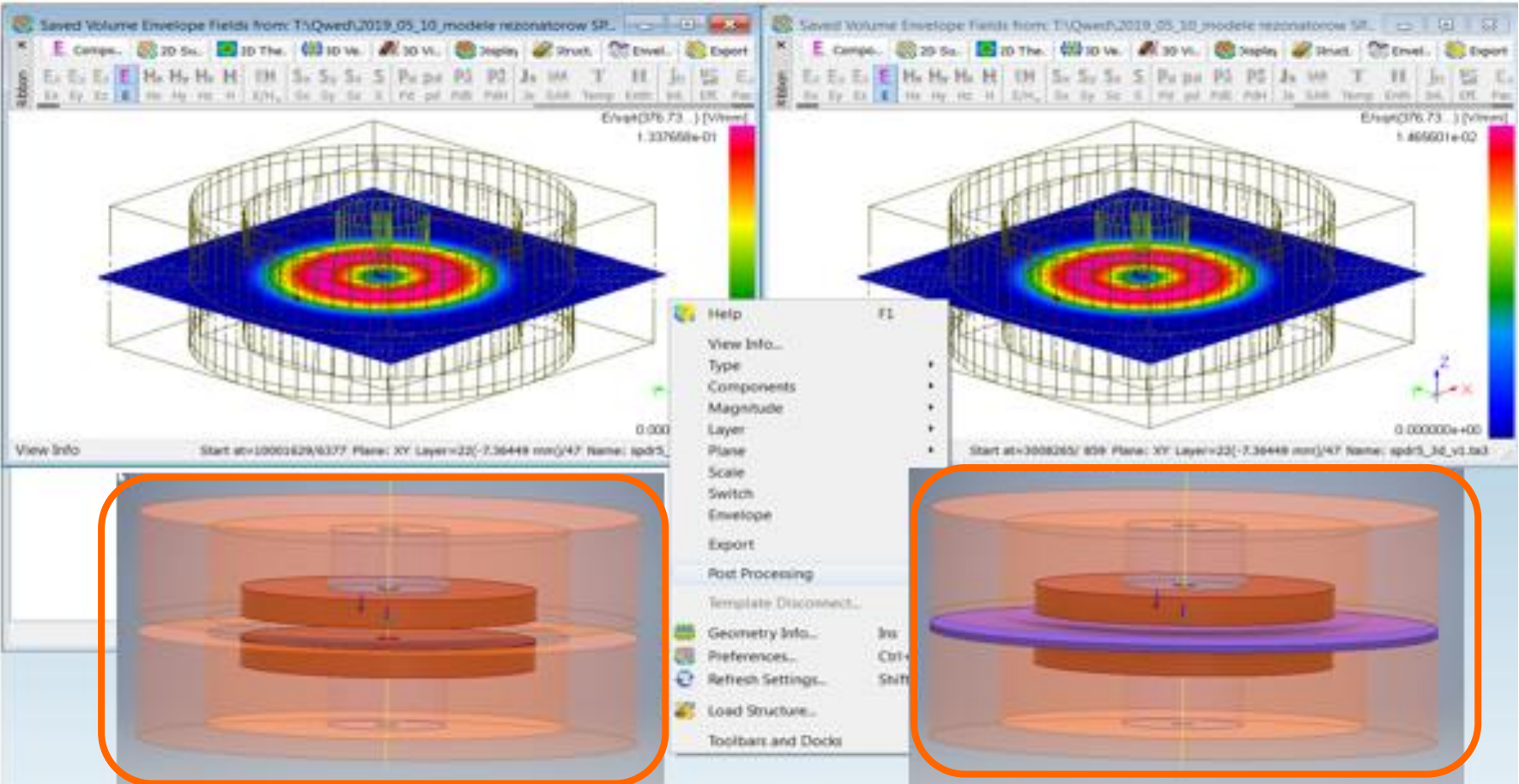


Sample in strong E-field nearly constant between the **two posts**

- applicable to thin sheets
- low sensitivity to sample positioning along the height of the slot



# QuickWave model for SPDR loaded with sample

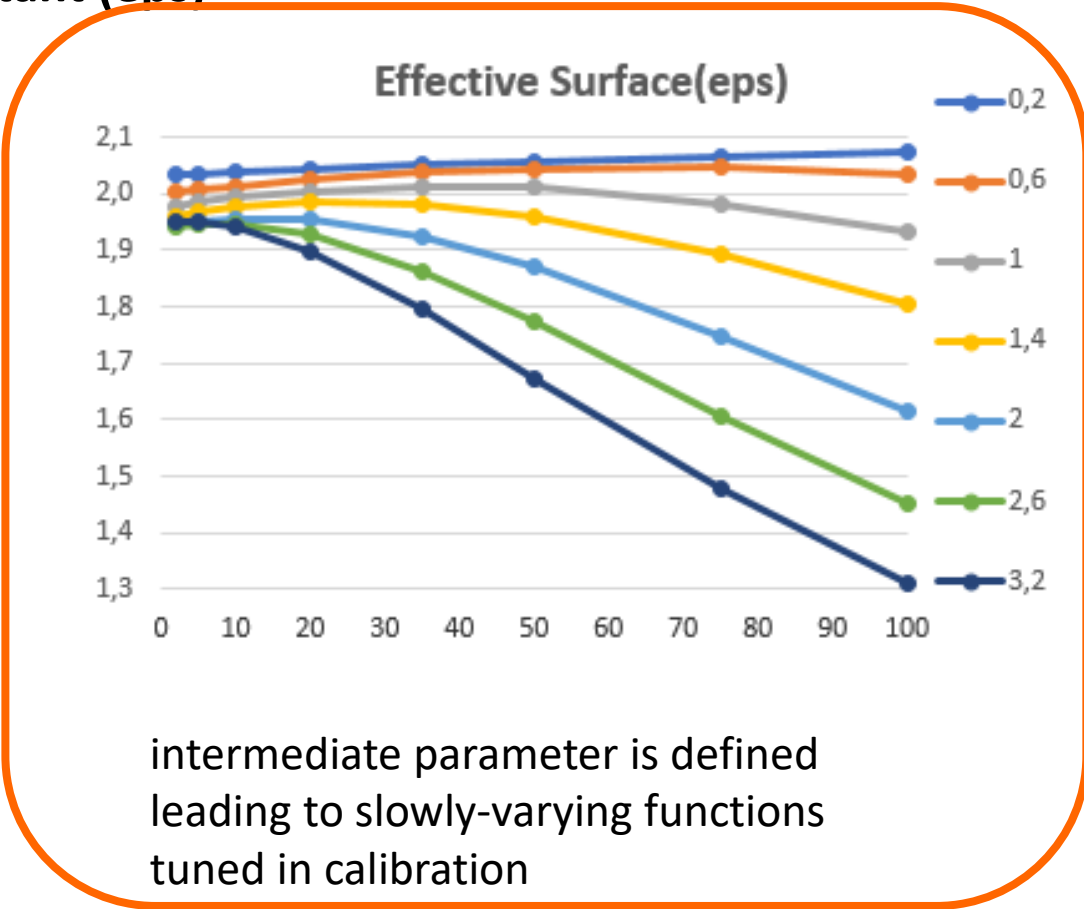
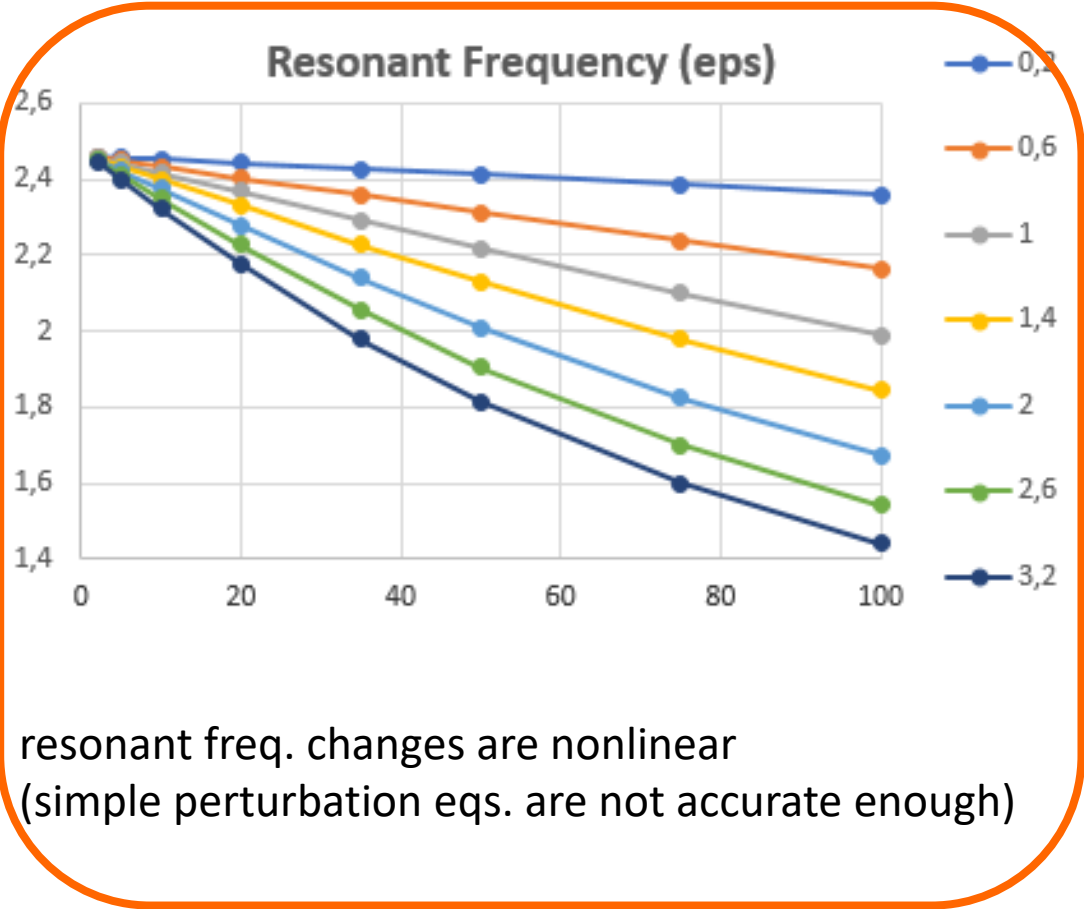


Field patterns remain practically unchanged by resonant frequencies and Q-factors change, providing information about SUT material parameters



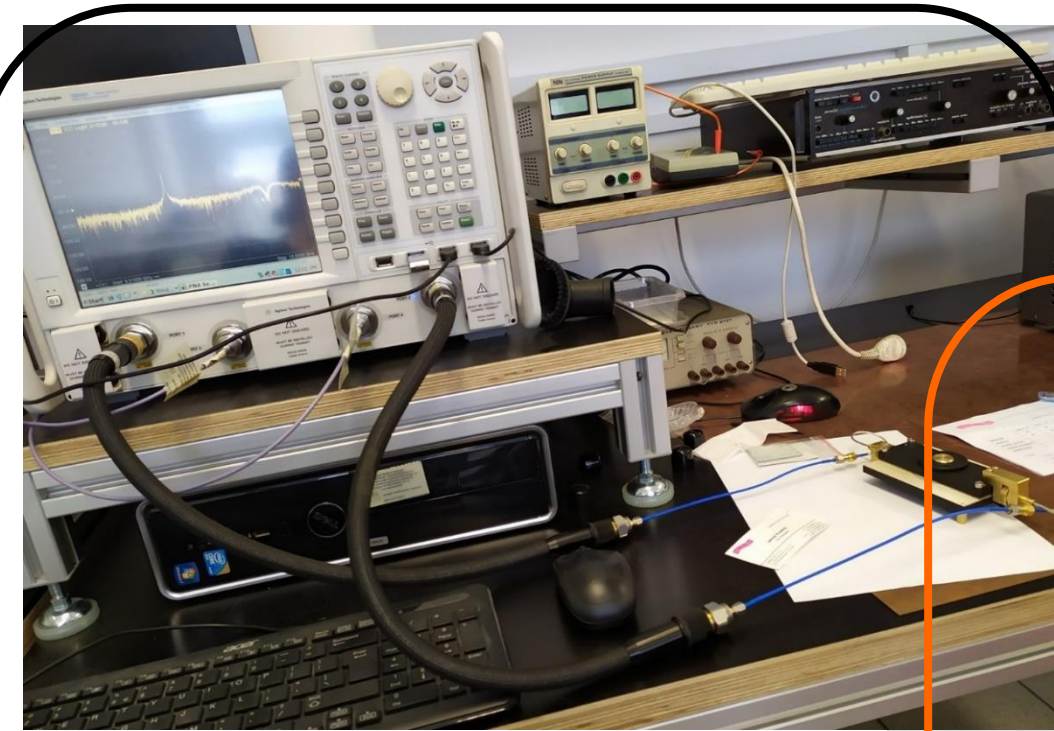
# QuickWave model for SPDR loaded with sample

QuickWave simulations of 2.5GHz SPDR performed in automatic Parameter Sweep for varying sample thickness (colours) and dielectric constant (eps)



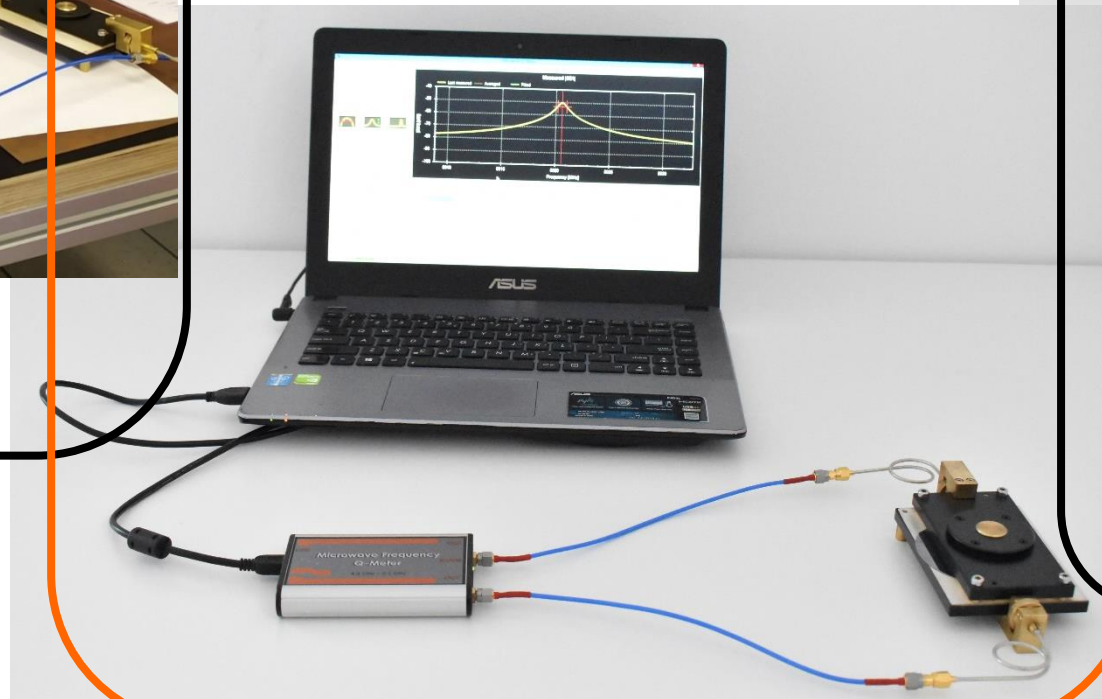


# QWED material test-fixtures use in big & small labs...



*professional setup  
(with laboratory VNA)*

*low-cost home-office setup  
(with QWED's Q-Meter)*



*portable setup  
(with Keysight's FieldFox)*



# 2D SPDR scanner for surface imaging of high-resistivity materials

The first version of **QWED's 2D SPDR Scanner for the Imaging of 5G and energy materials** was developed with contributions from  **KEYSIGHT TECHNOLOGIES** within the **H2020 MMAMA** project,

run in the period 2017-2020 under grant agreement MMAMA No. 761036 of the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme (**H2020-NMBP-07-2017**).

The **2D SPDR scanner - MMAMA version** (see photo below) was acknowledged under the **European Commission > Horizon 2020> Innovation Radar** under the name:

*Automatic portable microwave dielectric resonator kit for millimetre scale permittivity evaluation on large samples, comprising QWED SPDR and KEYSIGHT FieldFox.*

and marked as **#Women led innovation**.

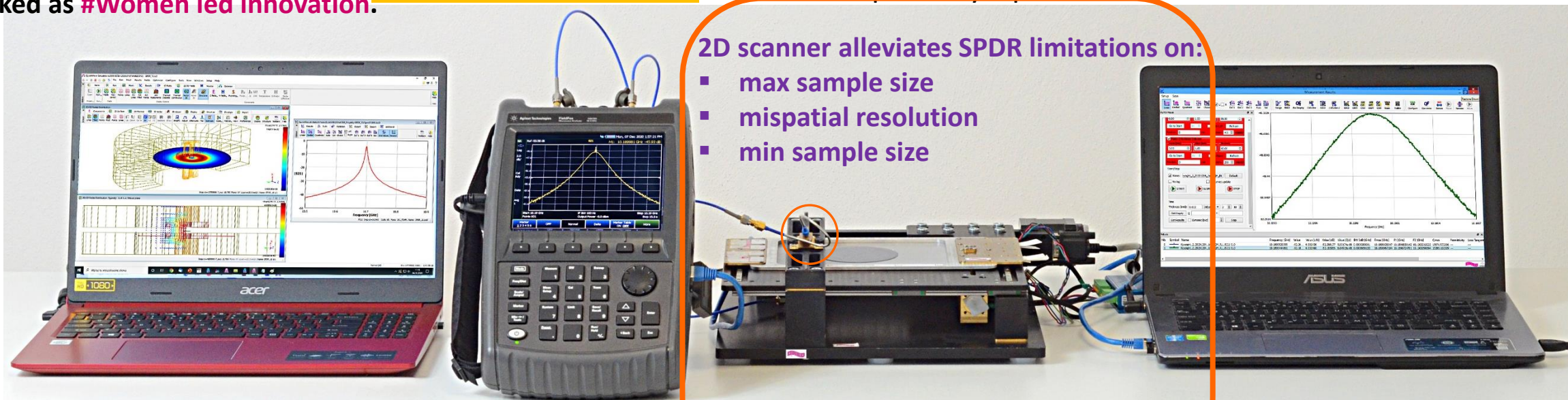
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quartz substrate used by  **MATERIA NOVA** & its measured permittivity map



2D scanner alleviates SPDR limitations on:

- max sample size
- mispatial resolution
- min sample size



**QWED's QuickWave simulation** – modelling of the SPDR head which interacts with the sample

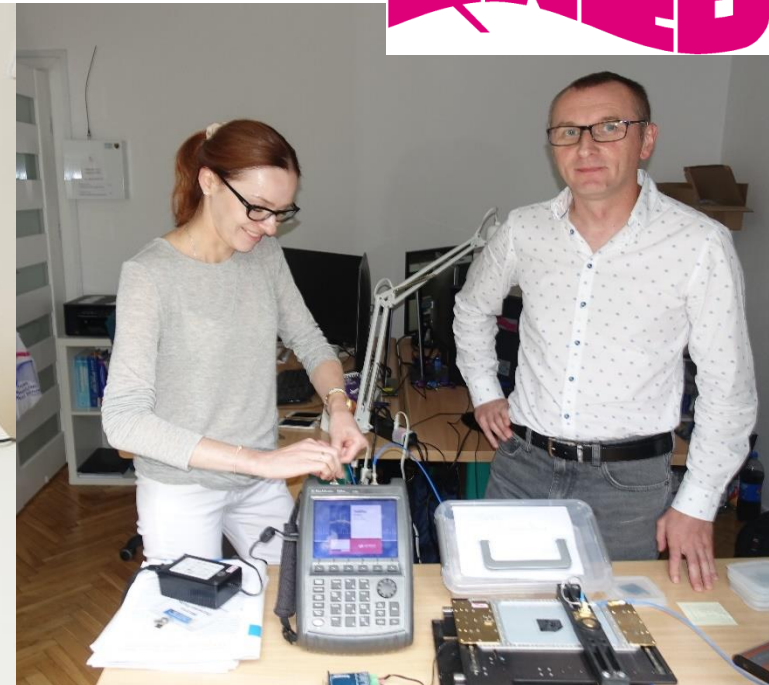
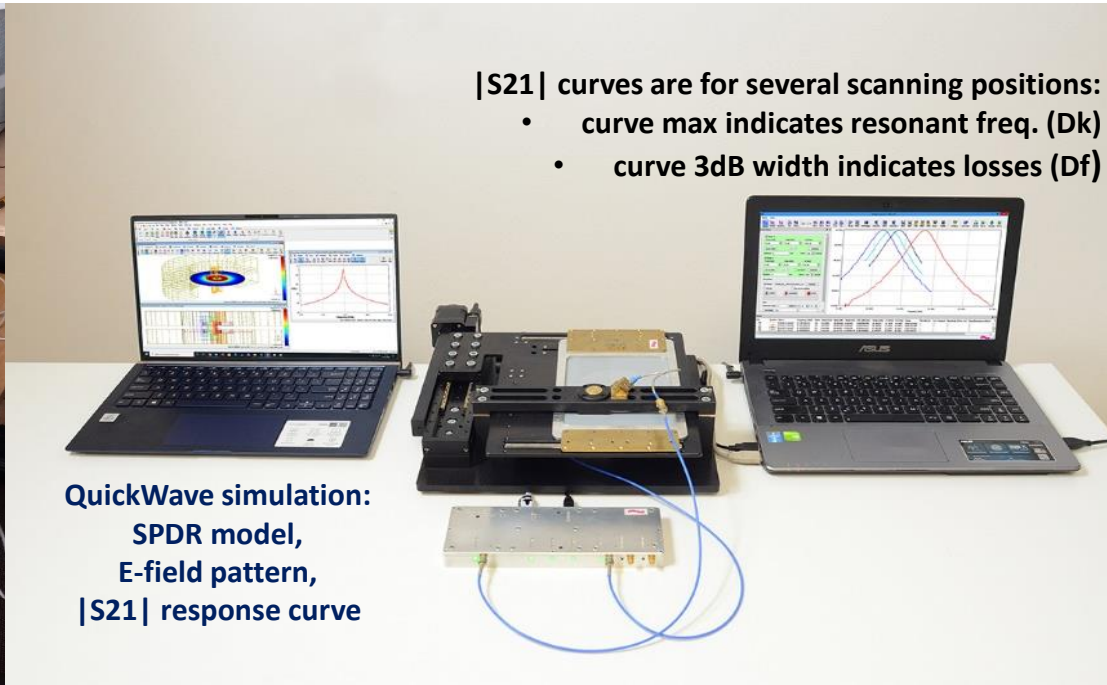
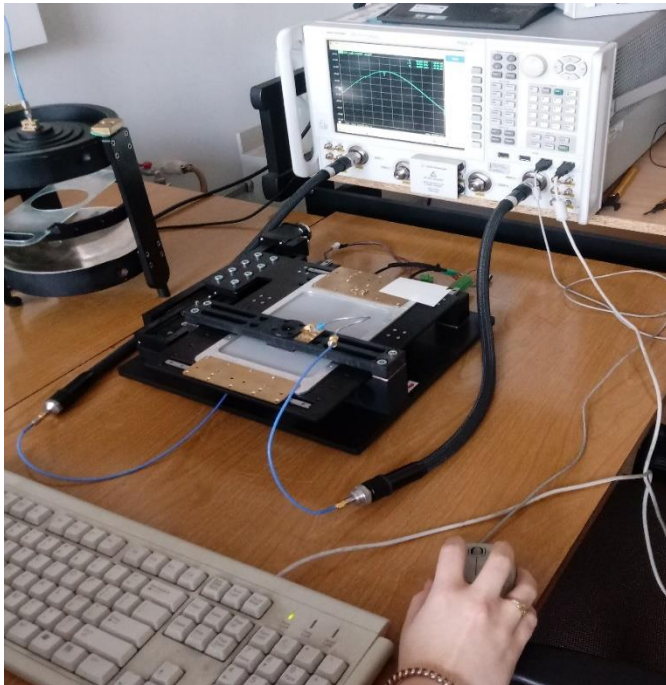
active microwave unit – handheld VNA – **KEYSIGHT FieldFox**

**QWED's 2D scanner** incorporating 10GHz SPDR head

**QWED's Master Unit Control application** – steering the scanner and the VNA, and importing modelling data from QuickWave



# 2D SPDR scanner: suitable and affordable for any laboratory



- $|S_{21}|$  curves are for several scanning positions:
- curve max indicates resonant freq. (Dk)
  - curve 3dB width indicates losses (Df)

QuickWave simulation:  
SPDR model,  
E-field pattern,  
 $|S_{21}|$  response curve

2D SPDR scanner professional setup  
(used with a fully-fledged VNA)  
in the professional Microwave Laboratory  
of the Warsaw University of Technology

2D SPDR scanner MMAMA / NanoBat setup  
(used with QWED's Q-Meter)  
photo in Home Office

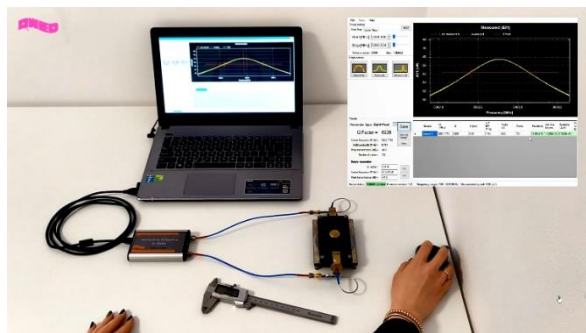
2D SPDR scanner MMAMA setup  
(used with FieldFox)  
photo in QWED R&D labs

| FEATURE                   | setup with professional VNA  | setup with Q-Meter   | setup with FieldFox |
|---------------------------|--|--|---------------------|
| ACCURACY                  | EQUIVALENT (note: results subject to the user's competences, next row) |  |                     |
| required user competences | PROFESSIONAL   | UNDERGRADUATE  | GRADUATE            |
| PORTABILITY               | NO   | YES  | YES                 |
| COST ca.                  | 200 kEUR   | 8 kEUR   | 40 kEUR             |
| UNIQUE ADVANTAGE          | -  | COMPLETE & CALIBRATED SETUP PURCHASED from a SINGLE VENDOR<br>DIRECT USER SUPPORT by MICROWAVE ENGINEERS & MATERIAL SCIENTISTS | -                   |

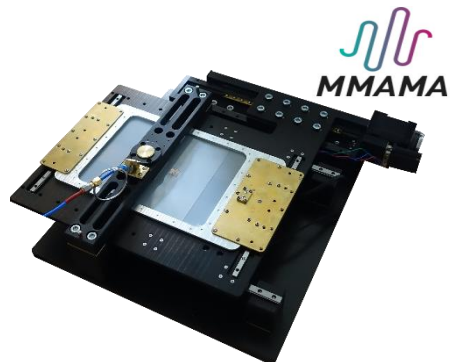
# Challenges of characterisation of organic semiconductors for solar cells' applications and QWED response within H2020 MMAMA

QWED test-fixtures applied:

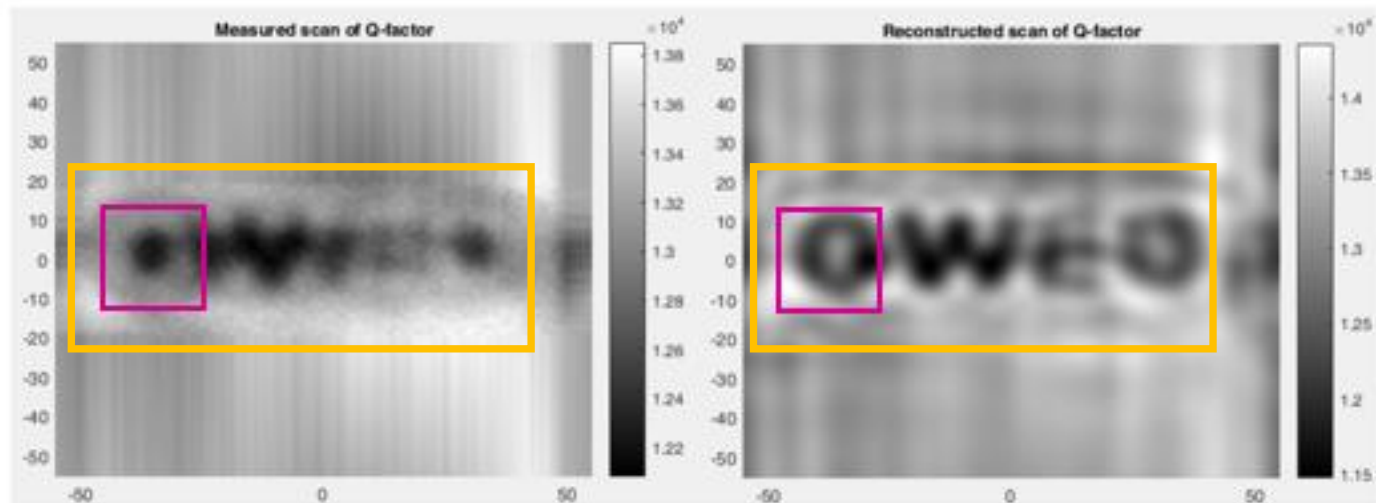
QWED SPDR with Q-Meter



2D SPDR scanner



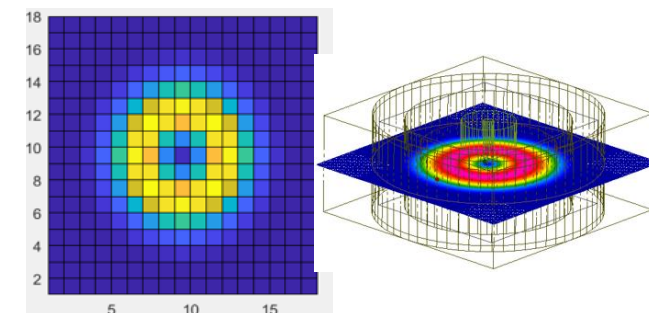
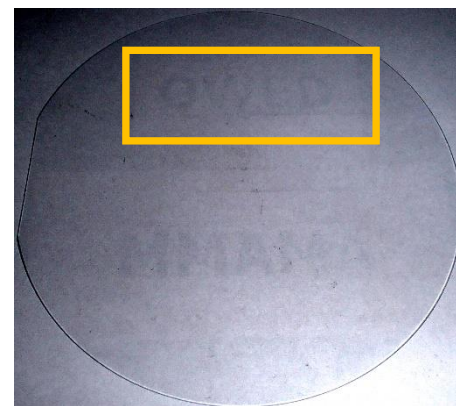
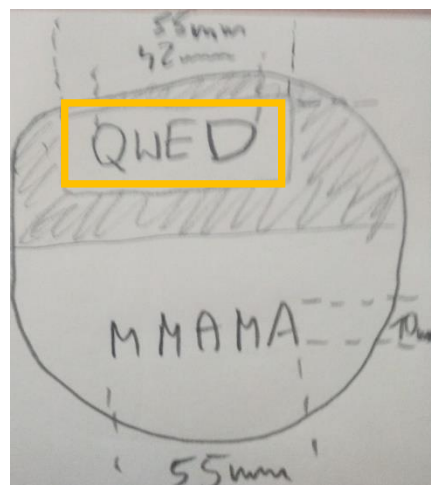
Materials studied in the MMAMA project and QWED results:



raw image of sample resistivity (measured Q-Factor)

image further post-processed using SPDR field pattern pre-simulated in QuickWave

Patterned PEDOT:PSS sample courtesy MateriaNova, Belgium



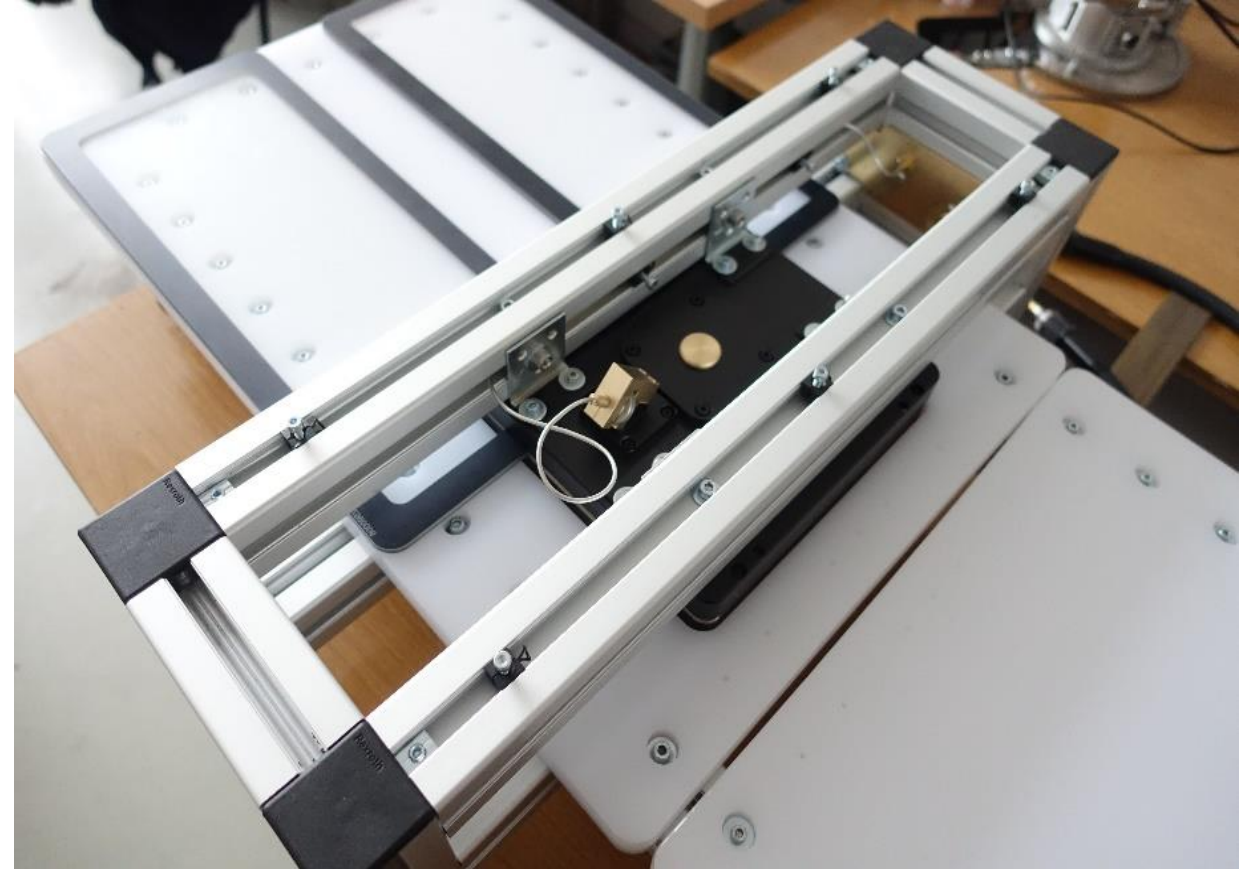


## Extension of 2D SPDR scanner to ultra-large surfaces

The work was performed for a leading producer of household appliances, whose question was inspired by the **2D SDPR scanner - MMAMA setup**.

The photo shows a **2D SPDR scanner setup for Larger Surfaces** loaded with 2 panes of microwave oven window glass.

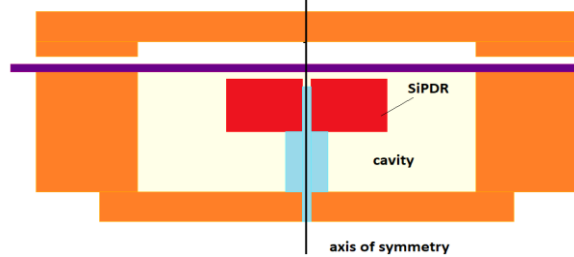
The characterisation is needed to ensure that customer safety measures against EM radiation are ensured by the oven design.



# Single-Post Dielectric Resonator method for thin conductive films

## SiPDR

- metal enclosure
- dielectric resonator
- auxiliary dielectrics
- measured sample

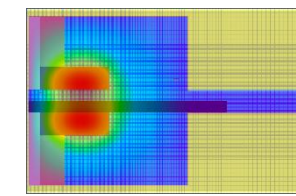
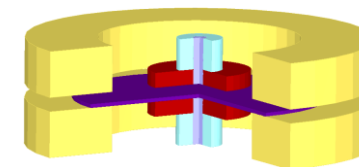
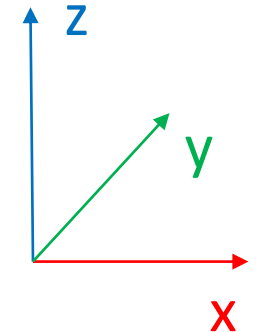
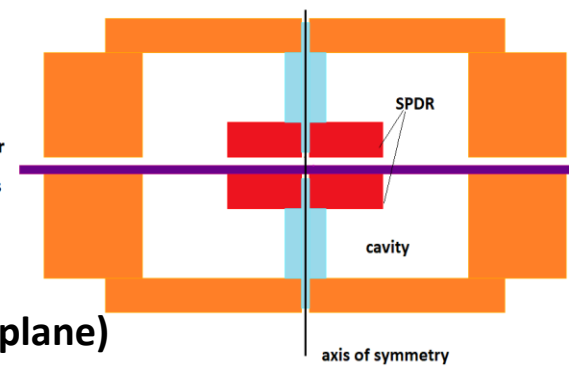


two configurations used with TE<sub>01δ</sub> mode

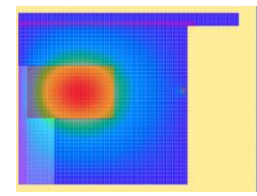
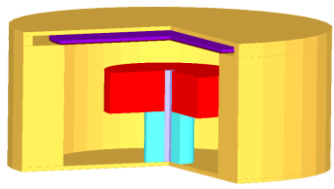
E-field tangential (parallel) to sample surface (xy-plane)

## SPDR

- metal enclosure
- dielectric resonator
- auxiliary dielectrics
- measured sample



*E-field distribution in the half cross-section*



*E-field distribution in the half cross-section*

sample between the **single post dielectric** and the **ground plane**

**weak E-field in sample plane**

note: tangential E-field is zero at ground plane;  
it increases linearly in  $-z$  direction towards sample plane

measurement of very **lossy samples possible**  
but measurement **sensitive to sample position** in z-direction

measures **resistivity or sheet resistance**  
(effects of dielectric constant are negligible)

sample half-way between the **two dielectric posts** (in the "split" of the "post")

**strong E-field at sample plane**

note: field nearly constant along the height of the slot

measurement **insensitive to sample position** in z-direction  
but measurement of **very lossy samples impossible**

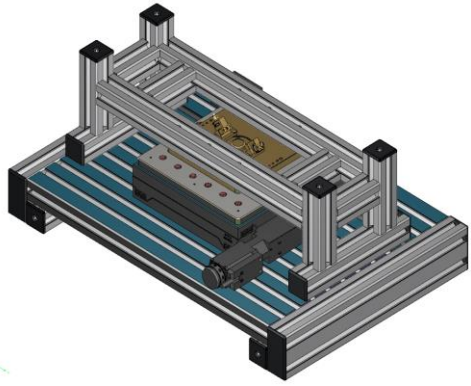
measures **mainly dielectric constant**  
(and resistivity or sheet resistance, if sufficiently high)



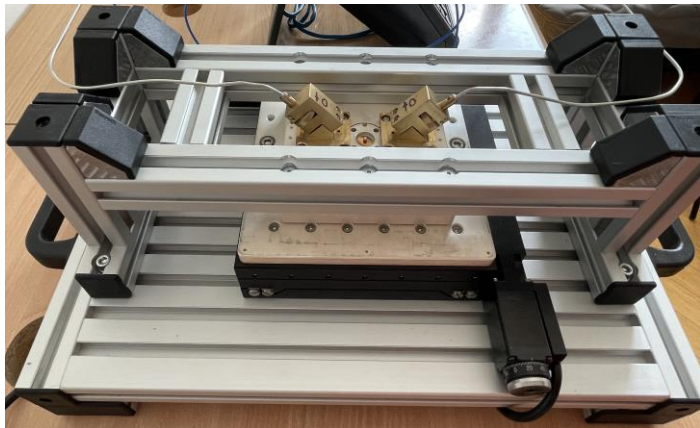
## 2D SiPDR scanner for conductive films

Compared to the MMAMA exploitable result, in NanoBat the SPDR unit is replaced by a modified SiPDR, which allows for the imaging of conductive sheets. Mechanical design and scanner control application are modified accordingly.

*Mechanical design of 2D SiPDR scanner*



*Photo of 2D SiPDR scanner*



*2D SiPDR scanner – NanoBat setup (with KEYSIGHT FieldFox)*



*QWED's 2D SiPDR scanner*

*Keysight's FieldFox*

*QWED's Scanner Unit  
Control application*

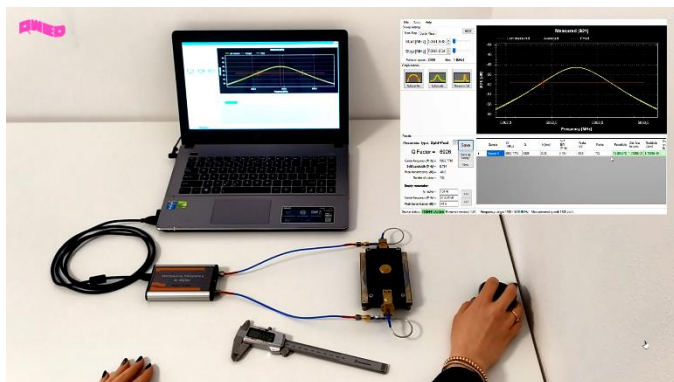




# Application of SPDR and SiPDR for energy materials



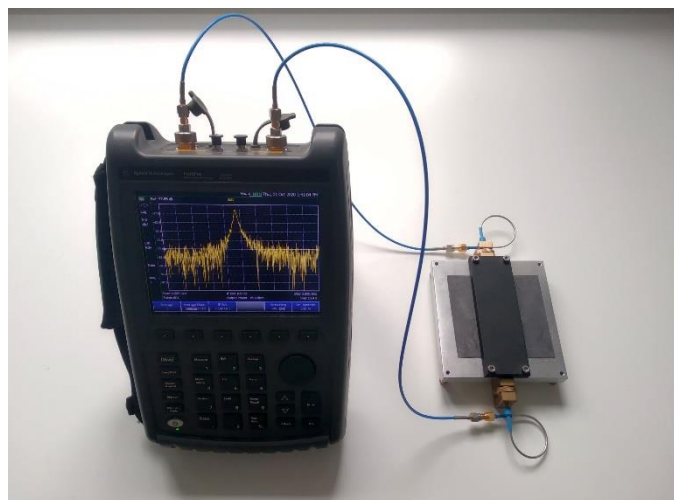
Application of stand-alone SPDR & SiPDR to graphene anodes & substrates from Pleione (Greece)  
 – characterisation @ 2.45, 5, 10GHz; material used in batteries



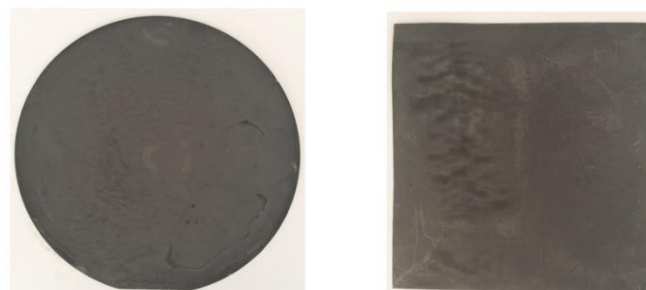
Dielectric substrates  
 (PLEIONE, Greece)



| 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     |



Graphene anodes  
 (PLEIONE, Greece)



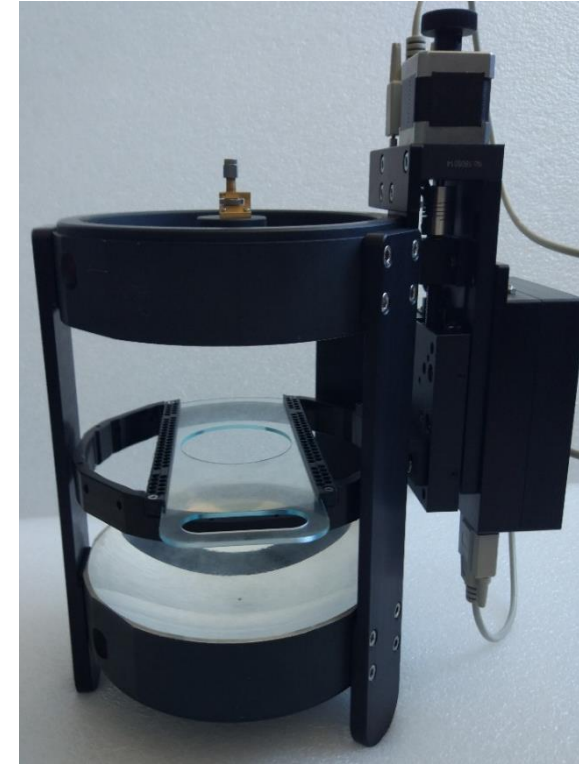
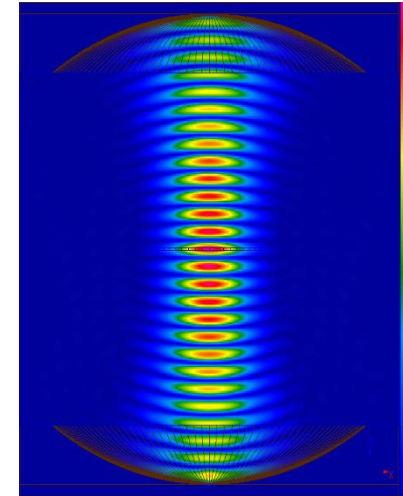
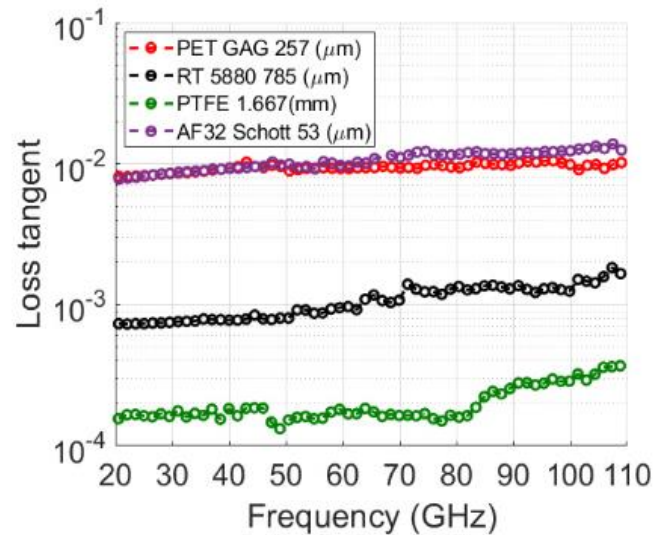
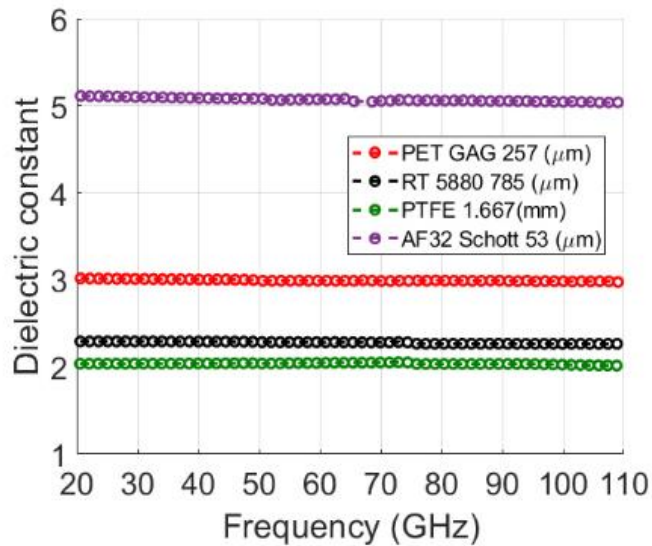
| Sample         |        | Surface resistance<br>$[\Omega/\square]$ |
|----------------|--------|--|
| GNP on quartz  | Edge   | 21.485                                   |
|                | Centre | 21.020                                   |
| GNP on polymer | Edge   | 90.167                                   |
|                | Centre | 25.557                                   |



# QuickWave design of mm-Wave resonators

- Standard SPDRs are provided for 1.1GHz – 15 GHz
- Custom designs feasible for 20 GHz, further limitation due to wavelength, manufacturing tolerances & losses
- Other resonator solutions (**FPOR, BCDR**) designed & recommended >15GHz

## Fabry-Perot Open Resonator for 20-110 GHz



Fully automated wide-band multi-mode measurement: (10-15 min)

- Spectrum: 20-110 GHz
- Dk accuracy:  $\Delta\epsilon/\epsilon < 0.5\%$
- Df range:  $10^{-5} < \tan\delta < 10^{-2}$
- Sample diameter: > 3 inches
- Sample thickness: < 2 mm



# Challenges of materials' characterisation for 5G and QWED positioning on the arena

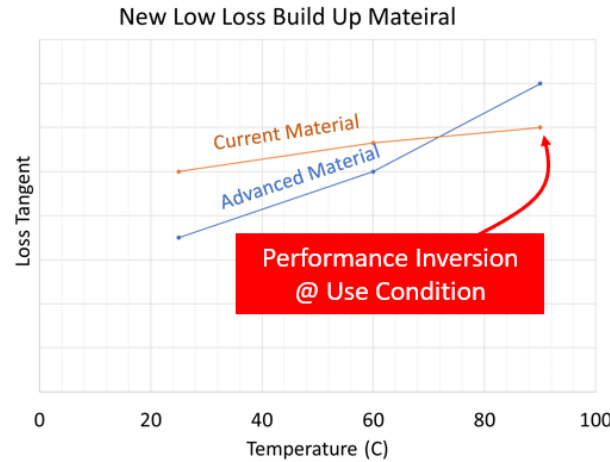


## Motivation & Industry Needs

- Development of new materials requires the ability to evaluate the performance of those materials at use condition
- Errors can be very costly

Cost to switch: ~\$2 per CPU substrate

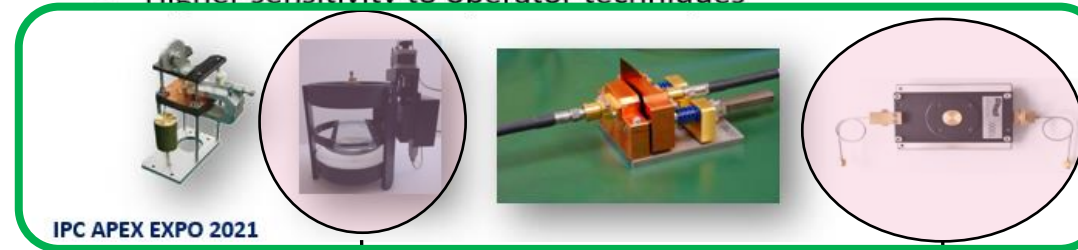
x 20M units = \$40M



**Acknowledgement:**  
 This slide is composed of fragments of the IPC APEX EXPO 2021 presentation by M.Hill (Intel Corp.) and M.Celuch (QWED)

### Increasing frequency

- Severe limitations on sample thicknesses
- Non-uniform requirements between measurement systems
- Incompatible sample dimension requirements
- Higher sensitivity to operator techniques

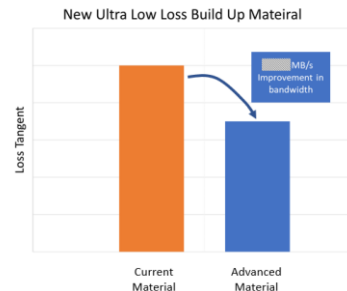


Errors in characterization can cost many \$10's of millions for a single program, or worse, induce unexpected product failures



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 Flex  
 Georgia Tech  
 ShowaDenko Materials  
 IBIDEN Co Ltd  
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QWED new FPOR for material measurements in 5G / mm-Wave range

QWED classical SPDR, core building block of 2D SPDR scanner

QWED provides 2 out of ONLY 4 resonant test-fixtures considered relevant for 5G materials' measurements by the international industrial iNEMI consortium; 2D SPDR scanner will be applied in Task 4 for the imaging of real-life materials provided by e.g. automotive industry.

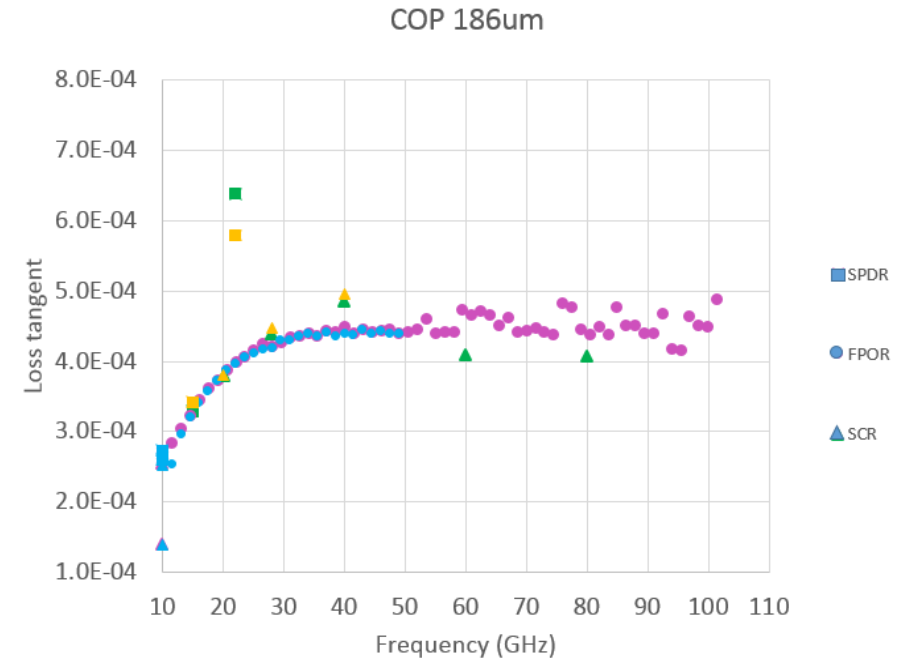
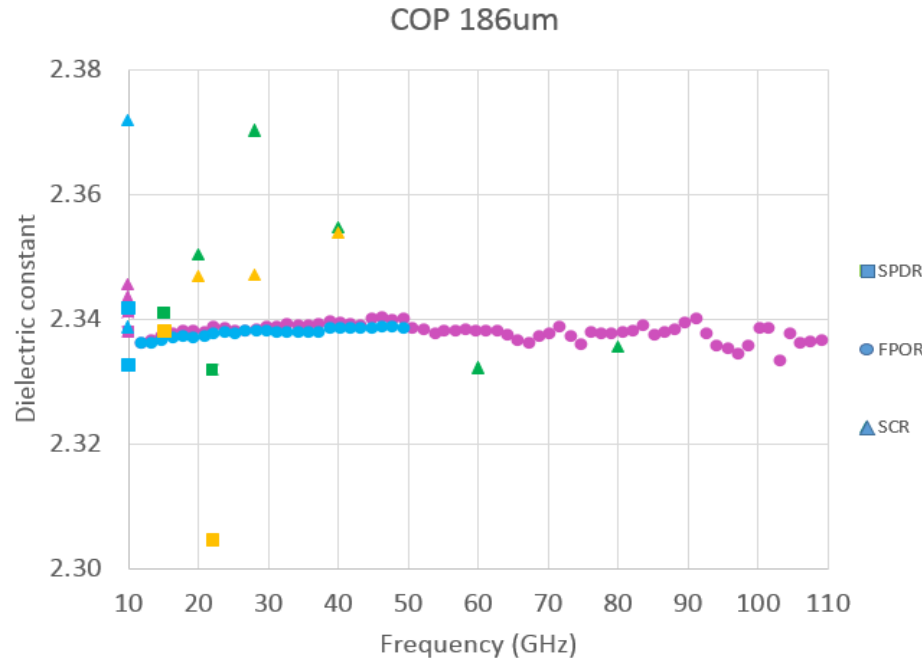
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# Examples of iNEMI round-robin results for 5G materials' characterisation

Cyclo Olefin Polymer coupon (COP; from Zeon) of nominal thickness 186  $\mu\text{m}$  cut into 40 samples and circulated between 10 labs; over 1500 measurements

Included here: 112 representative results for 4 samples (different colour) in 3 types of GHz resonators (see legend)



## Excellent consistency.

- **Dk** spread, after removing three outliers, is **below 1%** (below **3%** including outliers, traced back to non-standard SPDR unit for 20GHz),
- **repeatability**, defined as three time standard deviation to average ratio for 16 consecutive measurements, did not exceed **0.5%**,
- at mm-Waves Dk fluctuations below 0.1% ; **Df** is 2x higher than that at 10 GHz



after: M. Celuch, M.J. Hill, T. Karpisz, M. Olszewska-Placha, S. Phommakesone, U. Ray, B. Salski, "Bridging the materials' permittivity traceability gap for 5G applications", IEEE AP-S 2021, Dec.2021 - [accepted version](#).

# Absorption of 5G Radiation in Brain Tissue as a Function of Frequency, Power and Time



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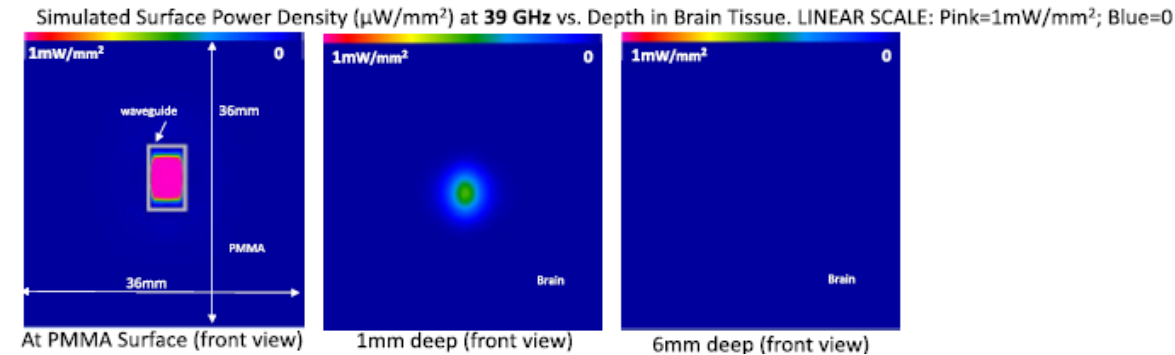
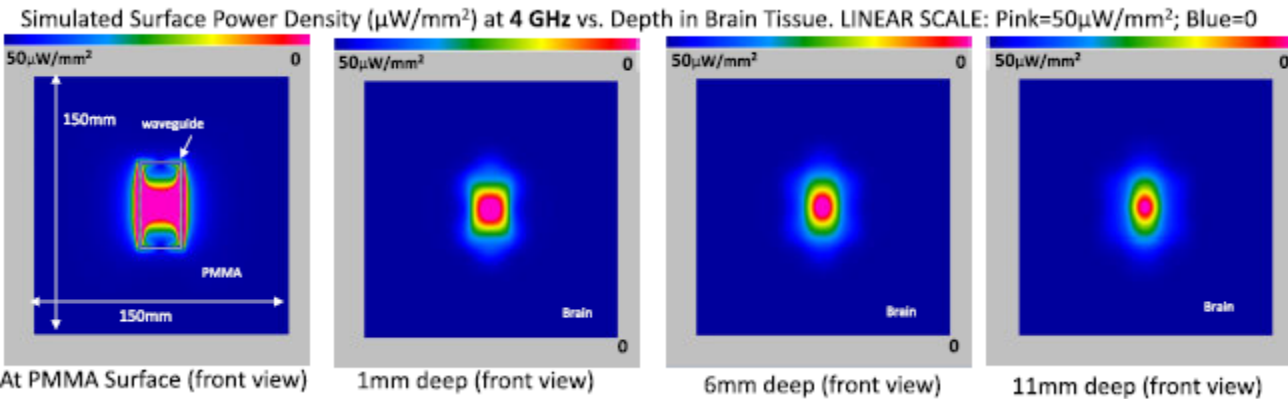
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*QuickWave* modelling applied  
to interpret laboratory experiments  
with bovine tissue irradiation

## 4 GHz

## 39 GHz



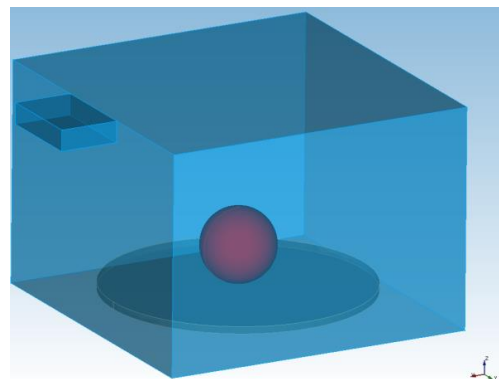
Using 1W of incident power,  
an average power density of 138, 613 and 16 578  $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$  (at 1.9, 4, 39GHz, respectively)  
is derived at the tissue surface.



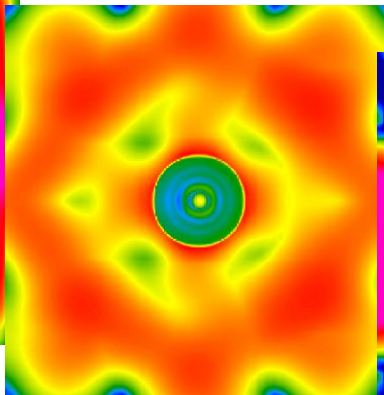
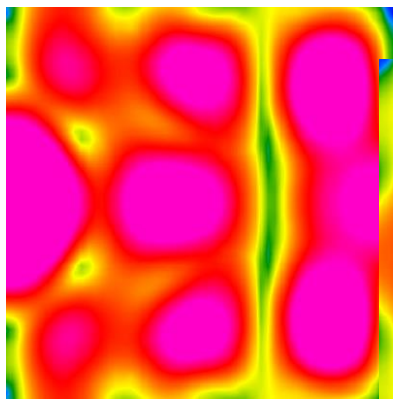


# QuickWave modelling EM field interaction with tissues (for food processing & medical applicators)

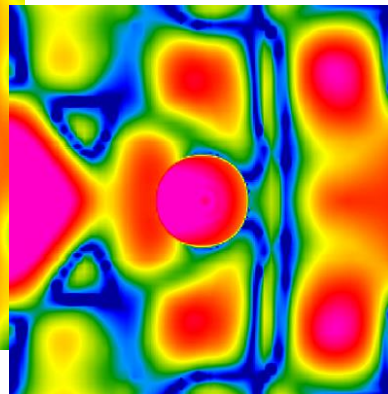
Separation of incident and diffracted fields (*option implemented per request of P.O.Risman, Malardalen Univesity*)



E-field in an empty cavity

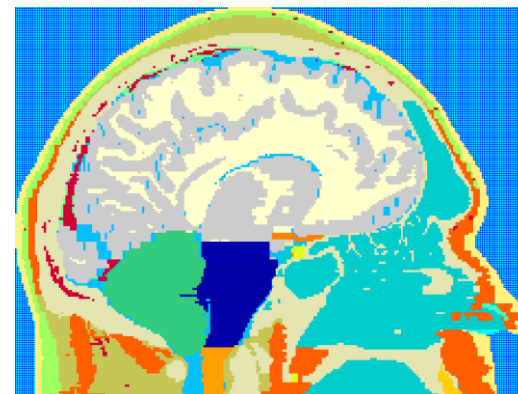


E-field in a loaded cavity

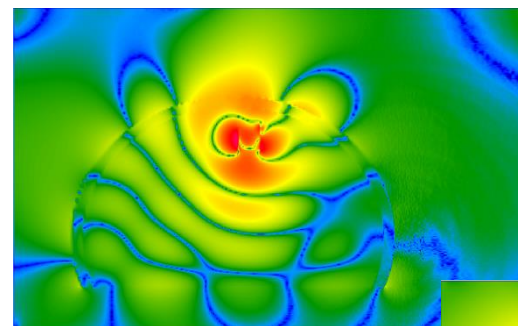


Scattered near-field in cavity

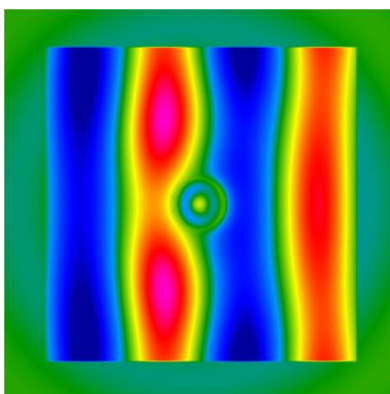
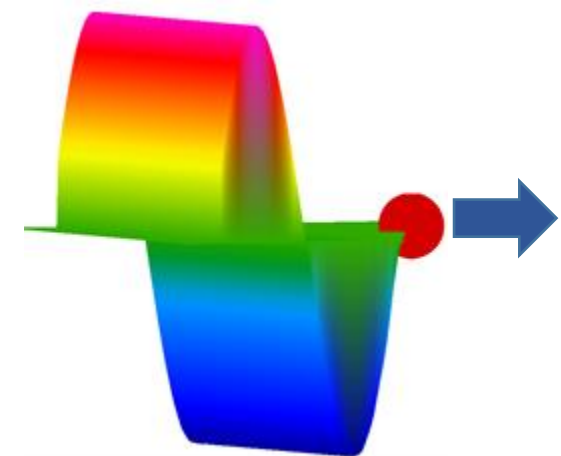
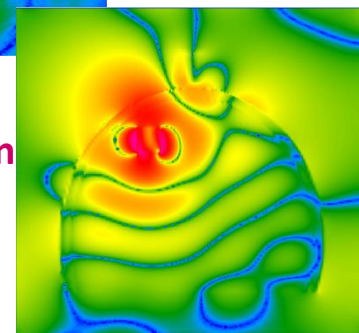
## Detection of inhomogenities in tissues



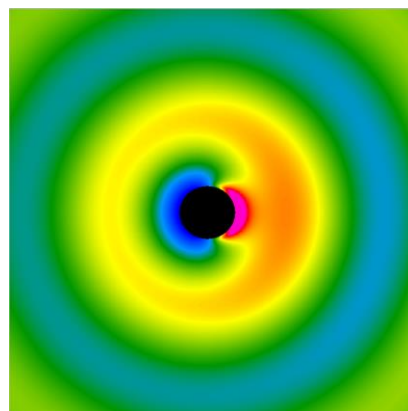
AustinMan model\* converted to QuickWave EM software for Mälardalen University, Sweden



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



Total field  
Focusing by the load  
„exploding egg effect”

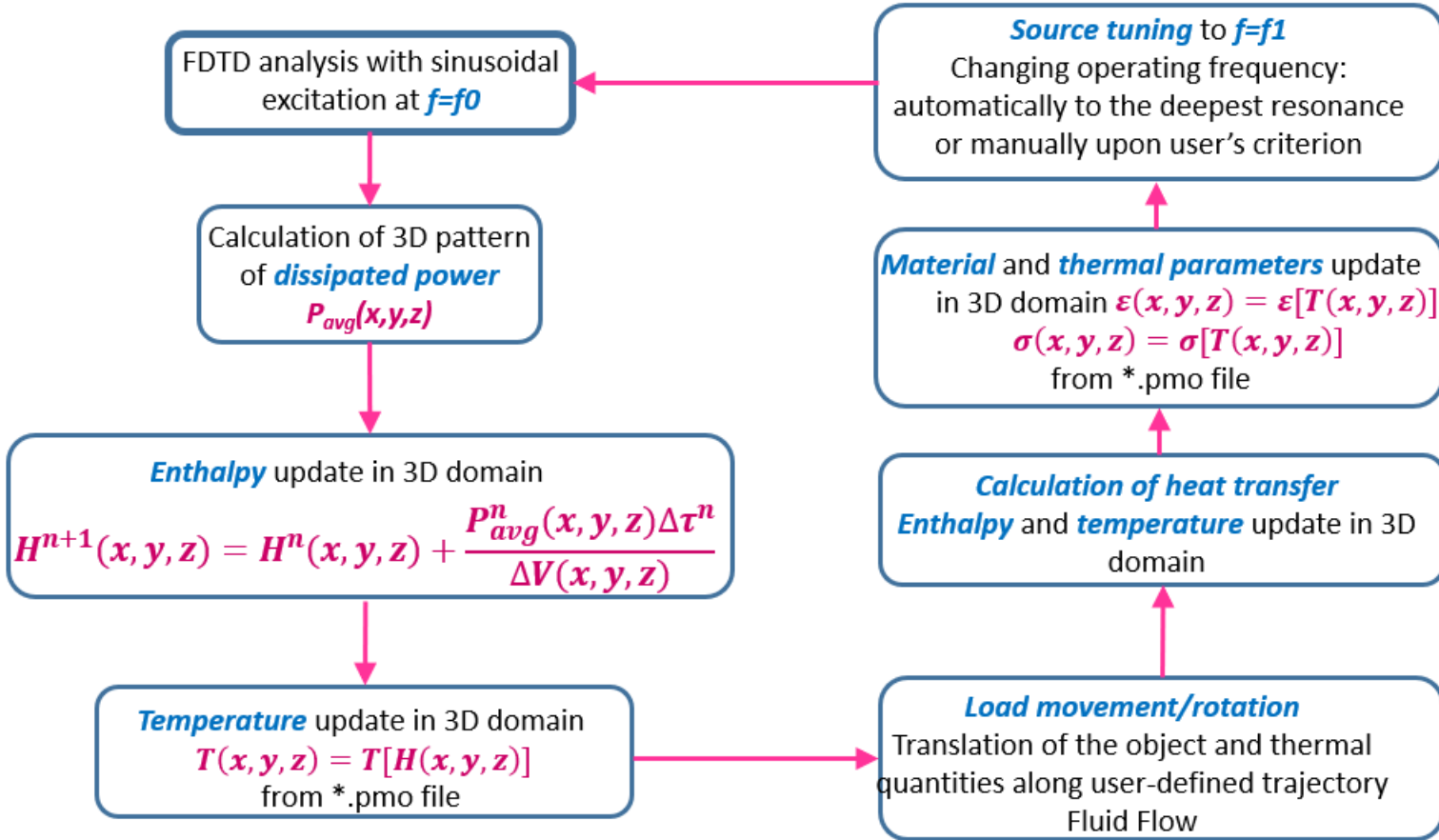


Diffracted field reveals  
cause of focusing:  
circumferential resonance



# QuickWave Multiphysics Regimes

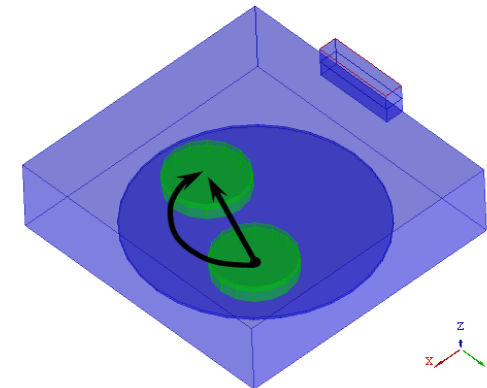
**QW-BHM regimes initiated in 2000 (AMPERE 2000, Springer 2006)**



material parameters from text files  
(QWED libraries or user's proprietary data)

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#Raw beef draft media file for QW-BHM module (00-09-06 POR)
#Measurements & refinements by Per O Risman, Microtrans AB, Sweden
#Modified by QWED, Poland
# DATA FROM -20 C to +80 C, dH/dV in J/cm3 reversedEnth/Temp column
!Temperature      Enthalpy      Epa      SIGa      SpecHeat Density Ka
# Data deg C      J/cm3
-20                0              4.9      0.064     2.21     1.06     0.0069
-15                14.0           5.5      0.093     2.21     1.06     0.0069
-10                34.4           6.1      0.153     2.21     1.06     0.0069
-5                 71.4           12.3     0.573     2.21     1.06     0.0069
-3                110.4          22.0     1.118     2.21     1.06     0.0069
-2.2              144.4          30       1.636     2.21     1.06     0.0069
-1.6              192.4          42       2.113     2.21     1.06     0.0069
-1.3              240.4          46       2.385     2.21     1.06     0.0069
-1.1              274.4          48.9     2.426     2.21     1.06     0.0069
-1.0              288.4          49.2     2.440     2.21     1.06     0.0069
10                327.9          48.9     2.317     2.21     1.06     0.0069
20                382.9          48.2     2.194     2.21     1.06     0.0069
35                450.4          46.9     2.072     2.21     1.06     0.0069
50                517.9          45.5     1.949     2.21     1.06     0.0069
65                585.4          43.6     1.922     2.21     1.06     0.0069
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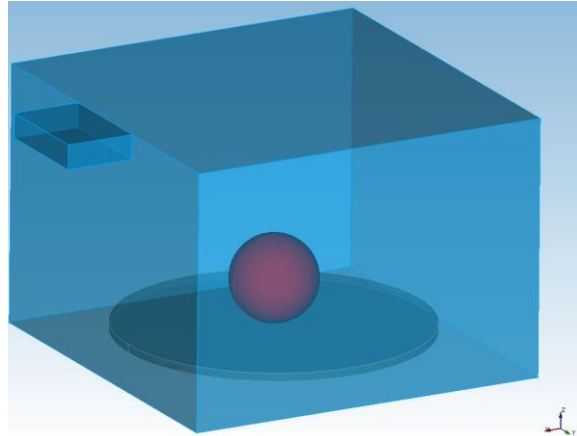
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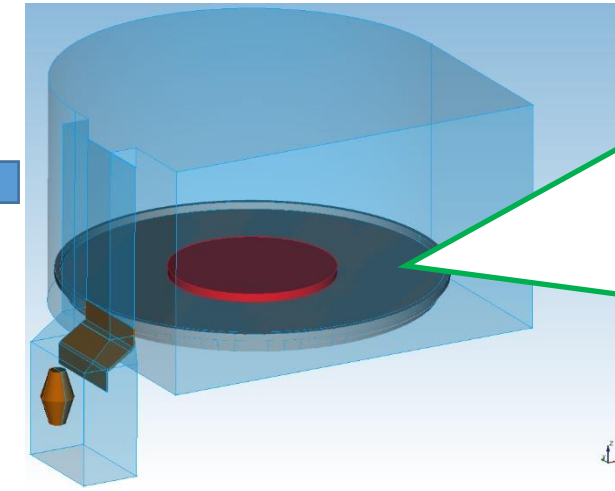
# Illustration & cross-verification of QuickWave Multiphysics Regimes in Elsevier Book

Simple microwave heating benchmarks  
& microwave heating phenomena studies\*

Design & analysis of real-life microwave oven cavities, incl.  
complicated cavity shapes and advanced feeding system\*



- heat transfer & load dynamics
- Load rotation & arbitrary movement during heating
- Source parameters tuning – regime for solid state sources
- Temperature dependence of material parameters



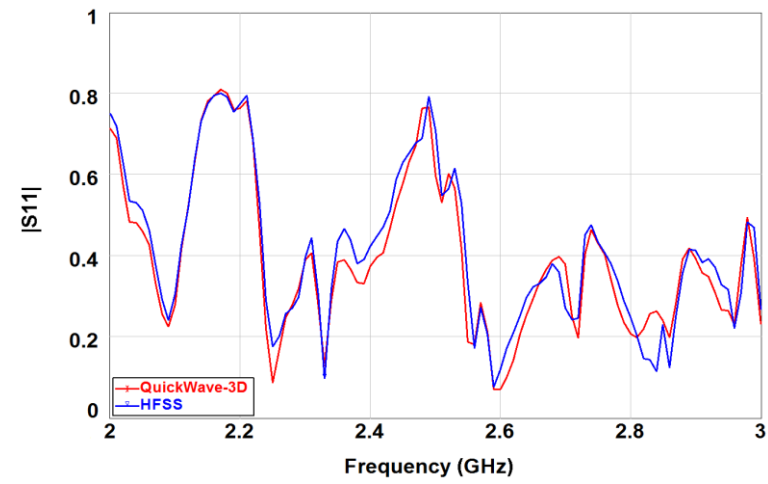
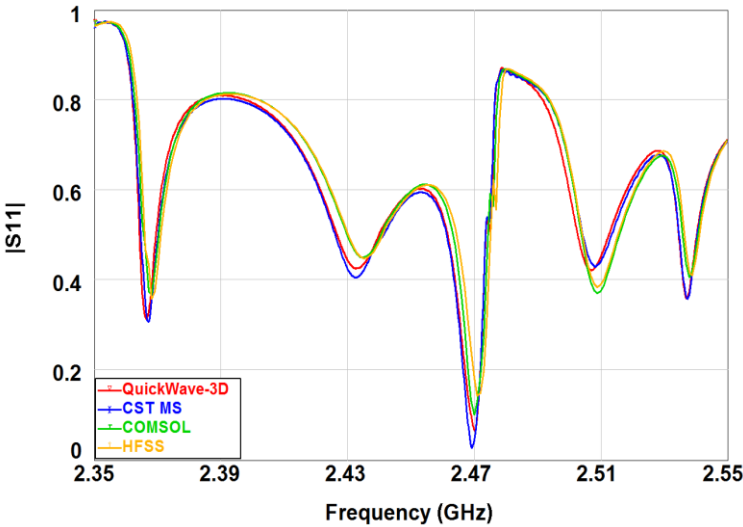
**HFSS v11**

**QuickWave 3D & BHM**

Courtesy of Whirlpool Inc. – Whirlpool MAX oven

Freezing to file  
the state of the  
simulation

De-freezing on  
arbitrary computer  
& at convenient  
time



With QuickWave EM computation as fast as **1 min 18s** on a **low-cost video card** – supporting **all graphic cards with OpenCL**

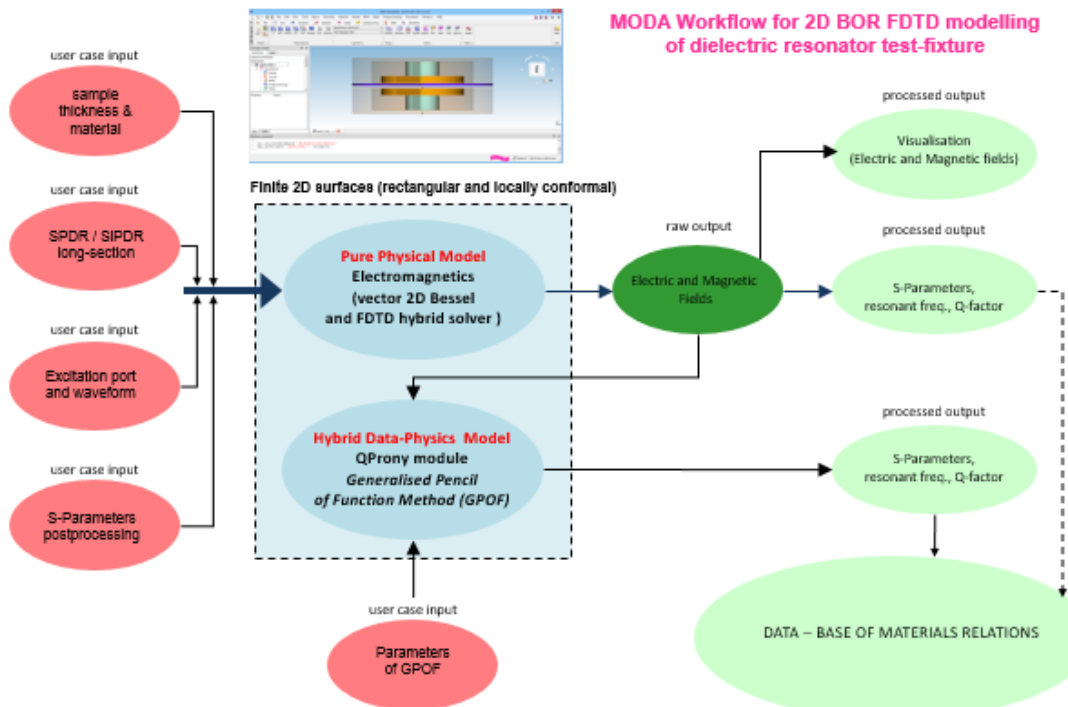
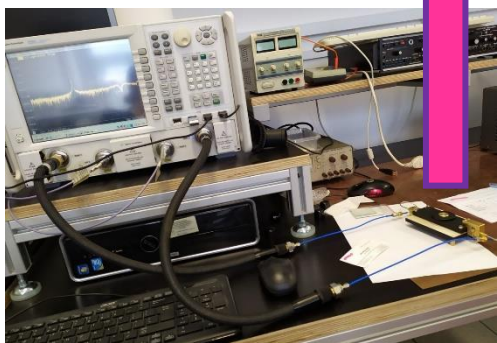
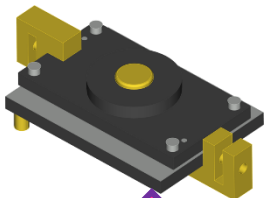


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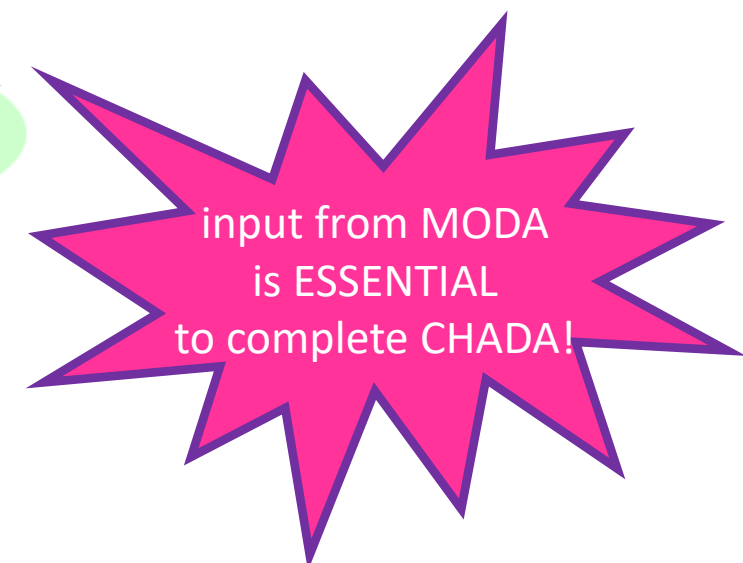


# EU action: FAIR data & data documentation

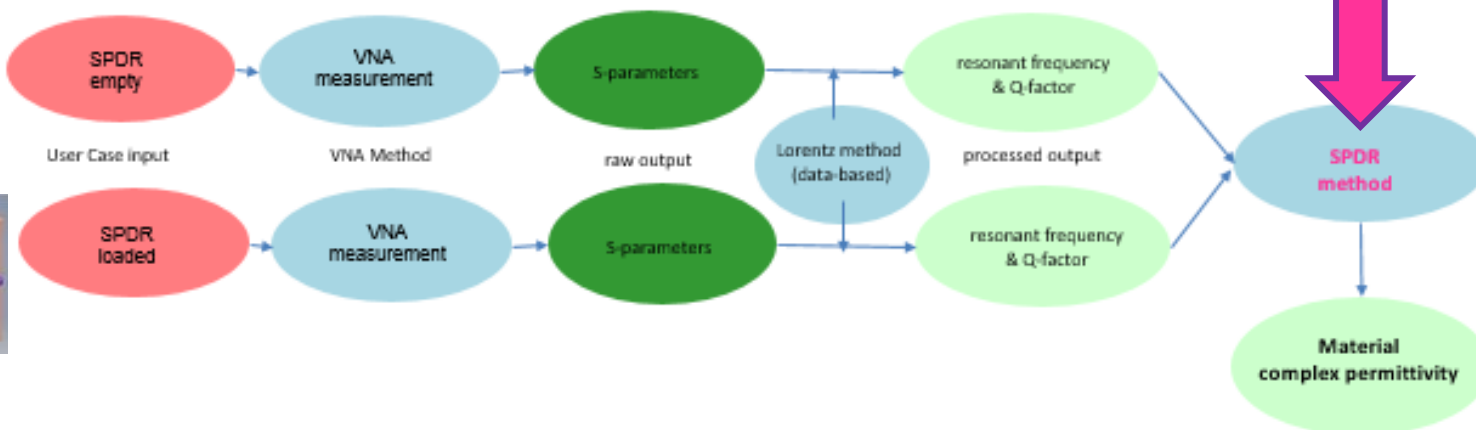
MODA



...also provides more physics insight...



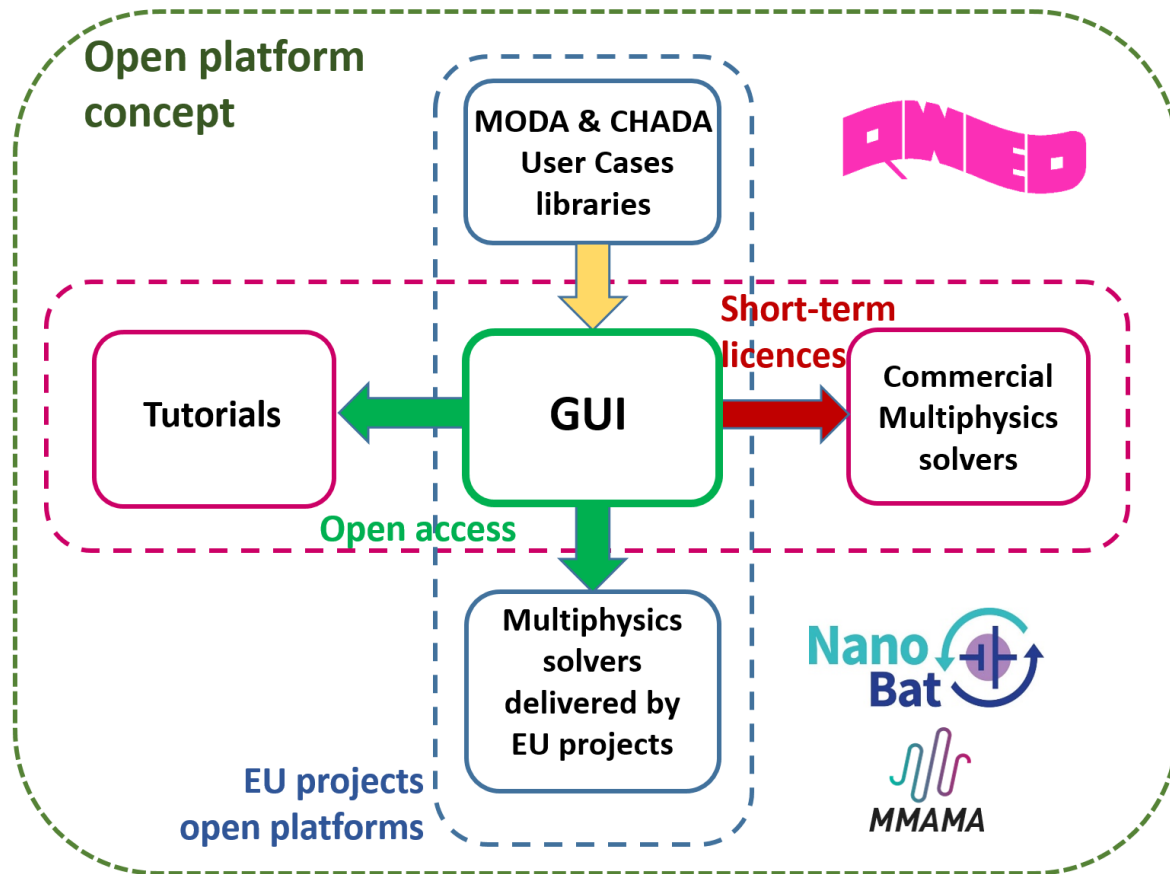
## CHADA Workflow for material measurement with dielectric resonator test-fixture



QWED Example: twinned MODA + CHADA for SPDR method



# EU action: Open Science



- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Data repositories** – linked through reading and processing the data in text files exported by GUI.

EMMC Task Group proposal

Version 2, February 2021

by Marzena Olszewska-Placha and Malgorzata Celuch (QWED)

Focus Area: *Model Development (also Software)*

*Linking and Coupling Computational Chemistry to Electromagnetics*

QWED example: Open Platform with MODA & CHADA libraries



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(website: [www.nanobat.eu](http://www.nanobat.eu))



Simulations conducted with **QuickWave EM software** by QWED.

**The original designs of QWED resonators for material measurements from Prof. Jerzy Krupka, e.g.:**

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*"How can there be peace without people understanding each other, and how can this be if they don't know each other?"*

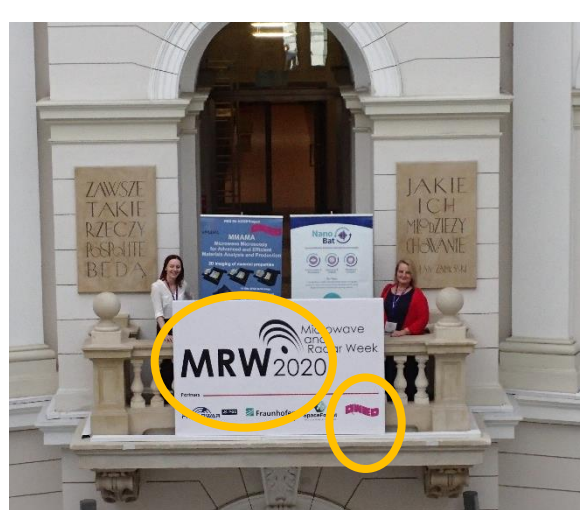
– Lester B. Pearson, Nobel Peace Prize Lecture 1957







First-ever Women in Microwaves session at MRW



QWED sponsoring the event



Photos from our only physical exhibition since the pandemics started: Microwave & Radar Week held at the Warsaw University of Technology in October 2020.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVITATION & ATTENTION!

...and hoping to get a chance again to give a live presentation at future (hopefully live) IEEE IMS (QWED IMS booth since 1998)

Philadelphia, 2003



San Francisco, 2006  
Agilent promoting QWED's SPDRs



Boston, 2009  
QuickWave promoted as Cobham CONCERTO



Tampa, 2014  
an experimental solid-state-fed MW oven (with QuickWave) in NXP booth



Philadelphia, 2018

