

# From Computational Electromagnetics to Modelling-Based Characterisation of Materials for Electronic and Energy Technologies

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# Talk Outline

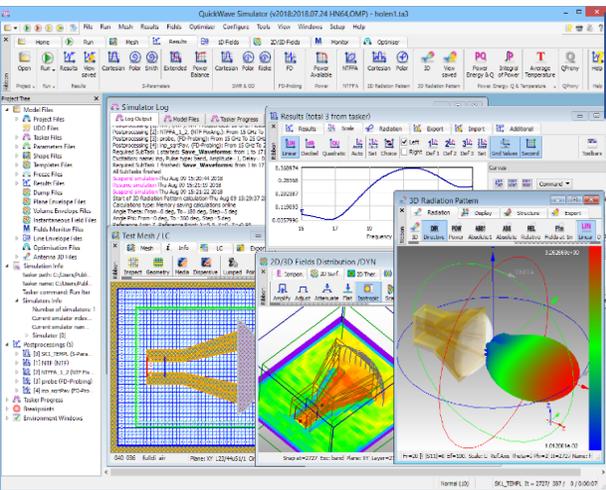
1. QWED in a Nutshell
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3. Origin of Material Measurements at QWED ([almost as far back in time...](#) )
4. Twinned MODA + CHADA ([2019](#))
5. Acknowledgements & Outlook





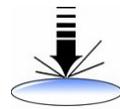
# 25 years in a Nutshell

## R&D projects



**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**



**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



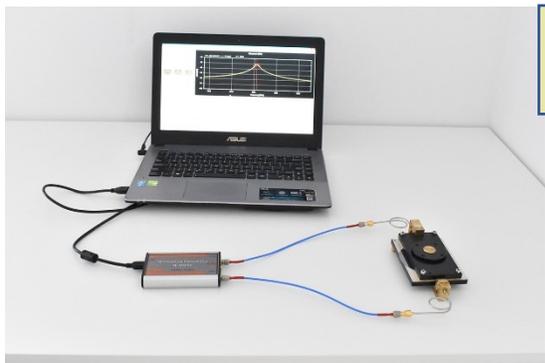
**Eureka E! 2602 MICRODEFROST MODEL** – innovative software-based product development tool for simulating and optimising heating and defrosting processes in microwave ovens



**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



**Instruments for precise material measurements**

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



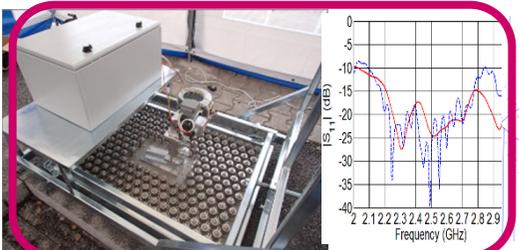
**ERA-NET MNT NACOPAN** – applications and modelling of nano-conductive polymer composites



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



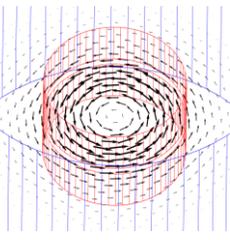
**MMAMA** (Microwave Microscopy for Advanced and Efficient Materials Analysis and Production) – EM modelling & characterisation for the development of high efficiency solar cells



**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**



**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.



**ULTCC6G\_EPac** – development & application of novel ceramics for 5G & beyond  
**I4BAGS** – modelling & characterisation of ion-implanted battery & graphene-enabled devices

# What Is Computational Electromagnetics?

*Electromagnetic Modelling, Electromagnetic Simulations, Computational Electromagnetics (CEM)...*

*solving Maxwell **Physical Equations***

general  
(integral):

$$\oint_l \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{d}{dt} \iint_s \vec{B} \cdot \vec{n} \, ds$$

$$\oint_l \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = \iint_s \left( \vec{J} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \right) \cdot \vec{n} \, ds$$

$$\oiint_s \vec{D} \cdot \vec{n} \, ds = \iiint_V \rho \, dv$$

$$\oiint_s \vec{B} \cdot \vec{n} \, ds = 0$$

$$\oiint_s \vec{J} \cdot \vec{n} \, ds = -\iiint_V \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \, dv$$

popular  
(differential):

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{H} = \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} + \vec{J}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{J} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

*subject to **Material Relations***

general:

$$\vec{D}, \vec{B}, \vec{J} = F(\vec{E}, \vec{H})$$

$$\vec{D} = \underline{\underline{\epsilon}} \cdot \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{B} = \underline{\underline{\mu}} \cdot \vec{H}$$

$$\vec{J} = \underline{\underline{\sigma}} \cdot \vec{E}$$

typical:

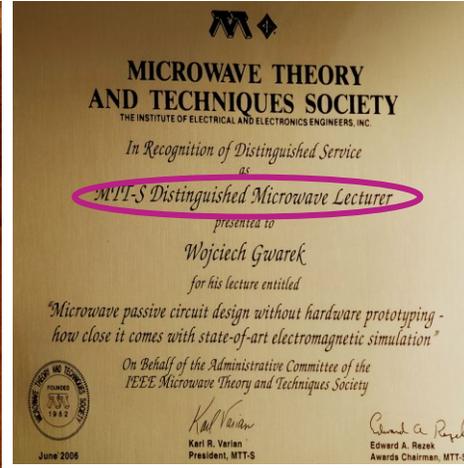
expertise needed

QWED's expertise:  
fast & accurate solutions  
in complex geometries,  
wide frequency range



# Origins of QWED's Electromagnetic Modelling

IEEE- awarded research of Prof. Wojciech Gwarek



IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON MICROWAVE THEORY AND TECHNIQUES, VOL. MTT-33, NO. 10, OCTOBER 1985 1067

## Analysis of an Arbitrarily-Shaped Planar Circuit—A Time-Domain Approach

WOJCIECH K. GWAREK  
(Invited Paper)

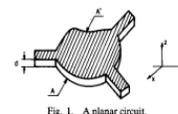


Fig. 1. A planar circuit.

$$\nabla V(x, y, t) = -L_s \frac{\partial \mathbf{J}(x, y, t)}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}(x, y, t) = -C_s \frac{\partial V(x, y, t)}{\partial t}$$

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON MICROWAVE THEORY AND TECHNIQUES, VOL. 36, NO. 2, FEBRUARY 1988

## Computer-Aided Analysis of Arbitrarily Shaped Coaxial Discontinuities

WOJCIECH K. GWAREK

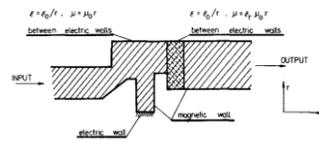


Fig. 2. Equivalent planar circuit of the discontinuity of Fig. 1.

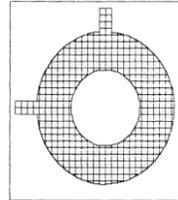


Fig. 4. A microstrip ring circuit as a grid of meshes.

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON MICROWAVE THEORY AND TECHNIQUES, VOL. 36, NO. 4, APRIL 1988

## Analysis of Arbitrarily Shaped Two-Dimensional Microwave Circuits by Finite-Difference Time-Domain Method

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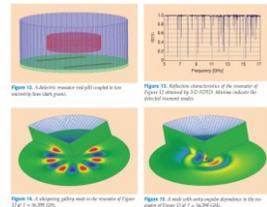
New conformal FDTD method:

+ Conformal Space Discretisation  
(similar to FEM - arbitrary shapes).

+ Time-Domain Solution  
(faster than FEM - wide frequency band, diagonal mass matrices).

### Industrial Design of Axisymmetrical Devices Using a Customized FDTD Solver from RF to Optical Frequency Bands

■ Malgorzata Celuch and Wojciech K. Gwarek





Bartłomiej Salski, Malgorzata Celuch, and Wojciech Gwarek

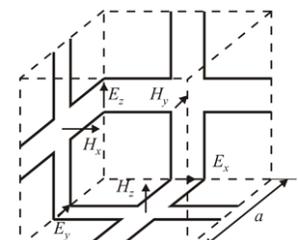






# FDTD versus TLM

## Theorem of Formal Equivalence

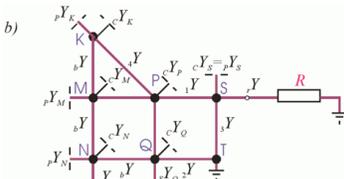


**nodes:** FDTD discretisation of Maxwell eqs.  
**connecting lines & stubs:** TLM discretisation of Huygens principle

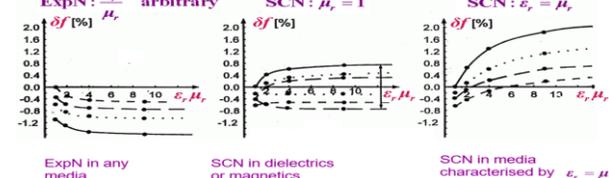
a) generalised gridding of a microwave structure



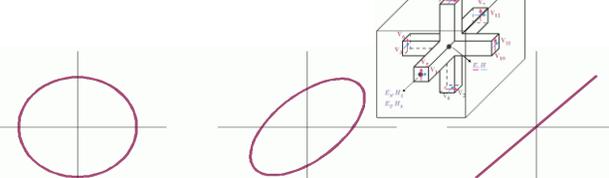
b) generalized TLM model



b) generalized FDTD model



ExpN in any media, SCN in dielectrics or magnetics, SCN in media characterised by epsilon\_r = mu\_r



Field singularities

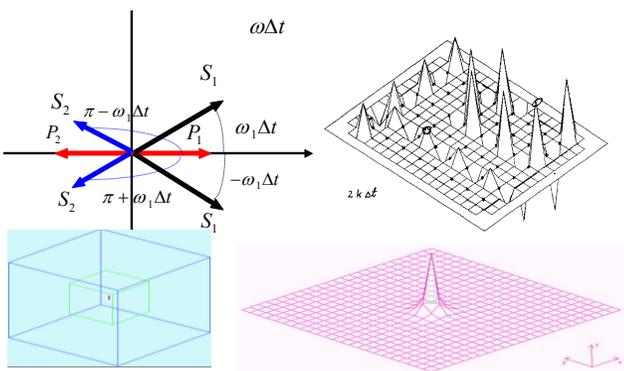


# My Contributions 1990s

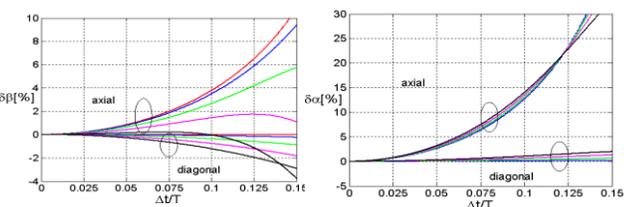
## Generalised dispersion relations Theory of P- and S-eigenmodes

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

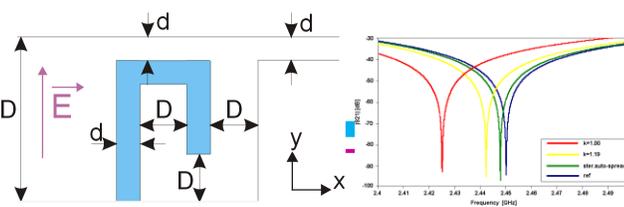
$$\omega_{ph}^2 [-\omega_{ph}^2 \mu \epsilon + \beta_{xph}^2 + \beta_{yph}^2 + \beta_{zph}^2]^2 = 0$$



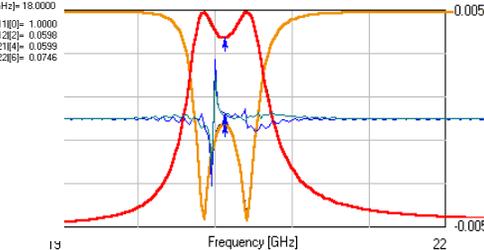
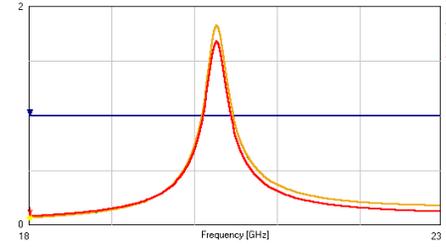
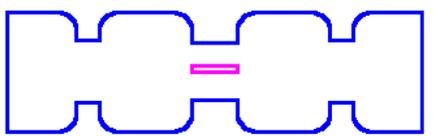
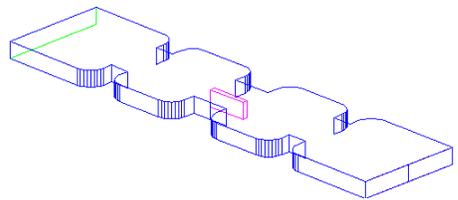
## Dispersion in lossy media



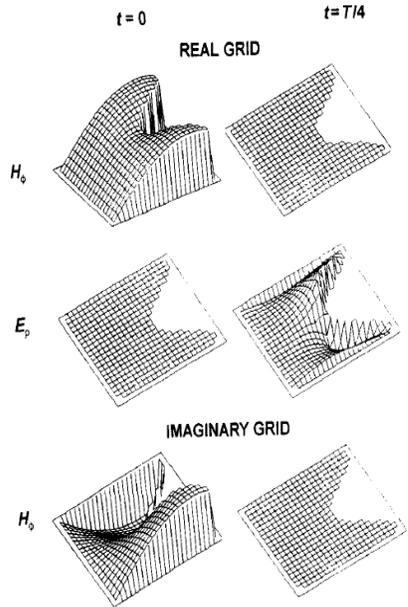
## Field singularities



## 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 BETWEEN NODES	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]
	entire (subdomain expansion)	stair-case	Huygens principle		SCN TLM 1987 [63]	SCN FDTD 1992 [132]
		linear or mixed	Lax-Wendroff averaging	conservation form of Maxwell curl eqs.		alpha-SCN 1994 [82]

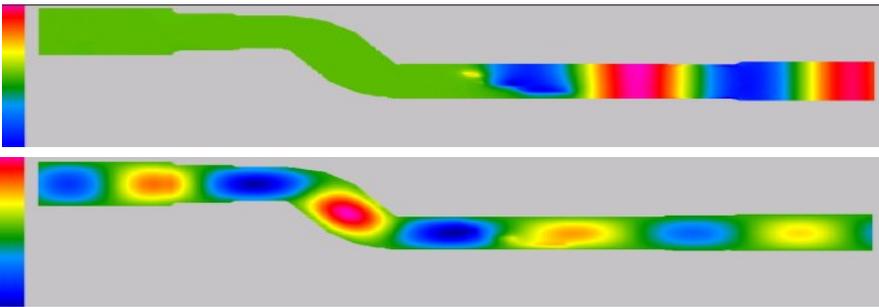
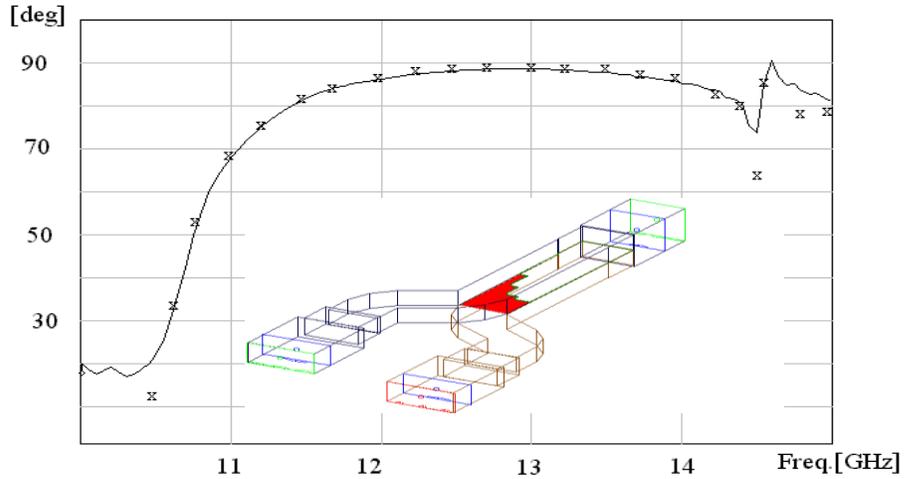
# QuickWave™ original applications in cosmic research



## Septum polariser by SES

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

below: differential phase-shift

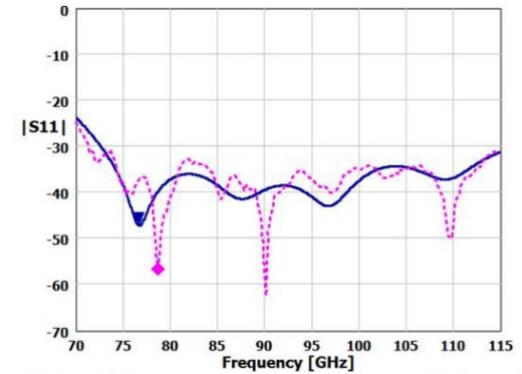
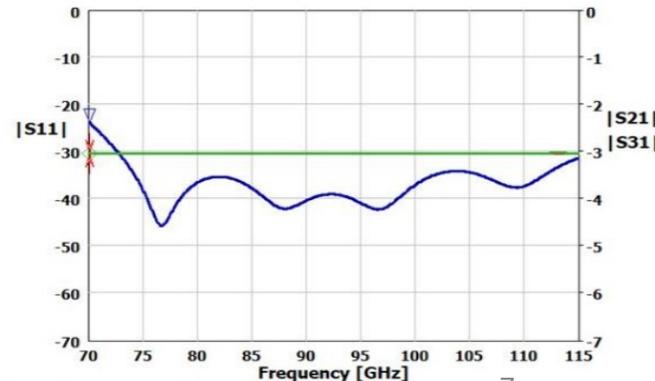
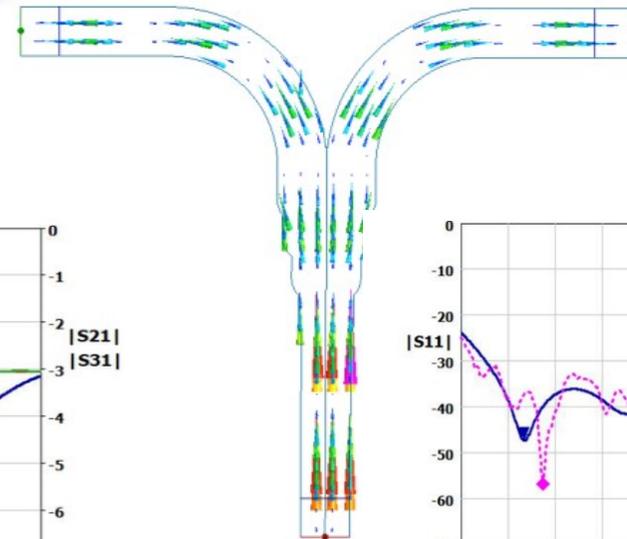
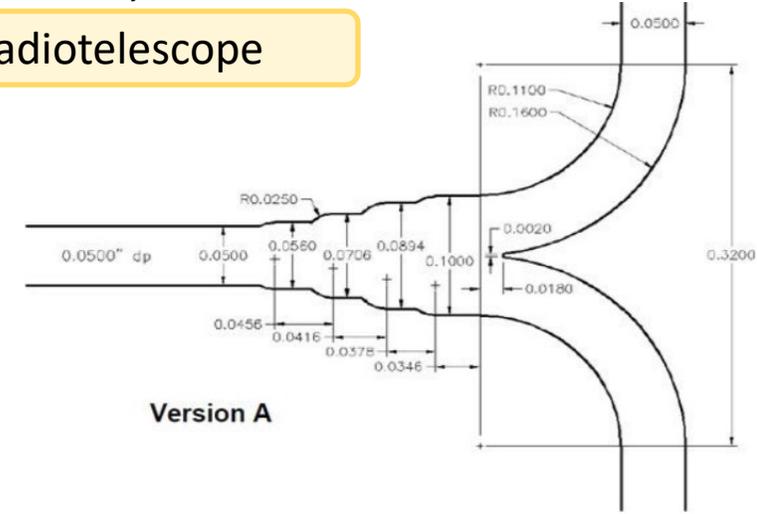
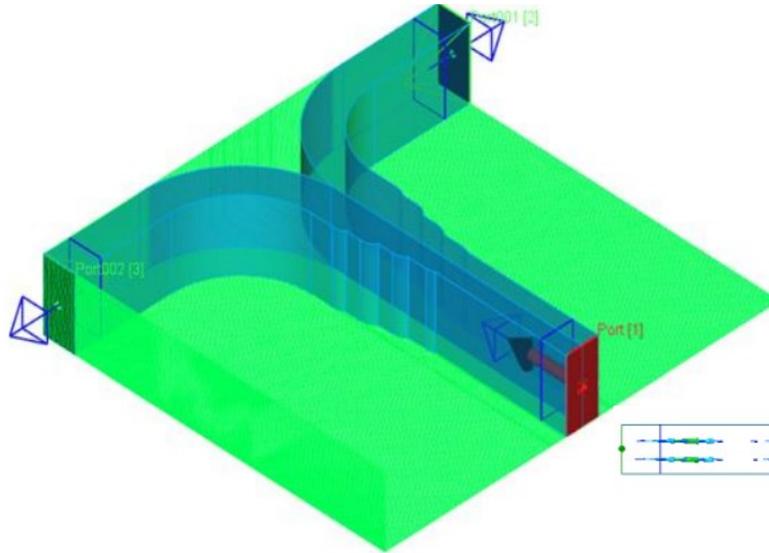


propagation of two polarisations at centre frequency

## E-plane Y-junction by National Radio Astronomy Observatory, Charlottesville, VA

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

ALMA = Atacama Large Millimeter Array radiotelescope



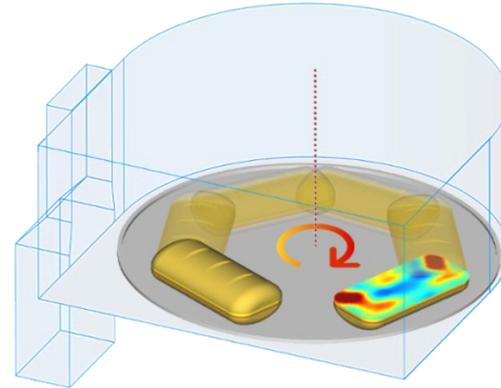
Symbol	Name	Domain	Value	Units
—	[S11]	F= 70.00 [GHz]	-23.587	[dB]
—	[S21]	F= 70.00 [GHz]	-3.011	[dB]
—	[S31]	F= 70.00 [GHz]	-3.012	[dB]

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

# Modelling of Microwave Processing of Materials - for Research, Industry, Home

EMB-1998, Linköping, Sweden:

complex geometries of ovens & feeds, enthalpy-dependent material parameters, load rotation, microwave popcorn

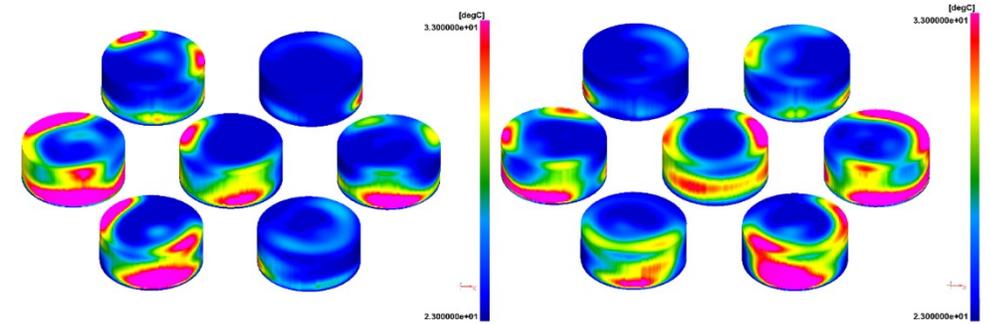


Whirlpool – MAX domestic oven

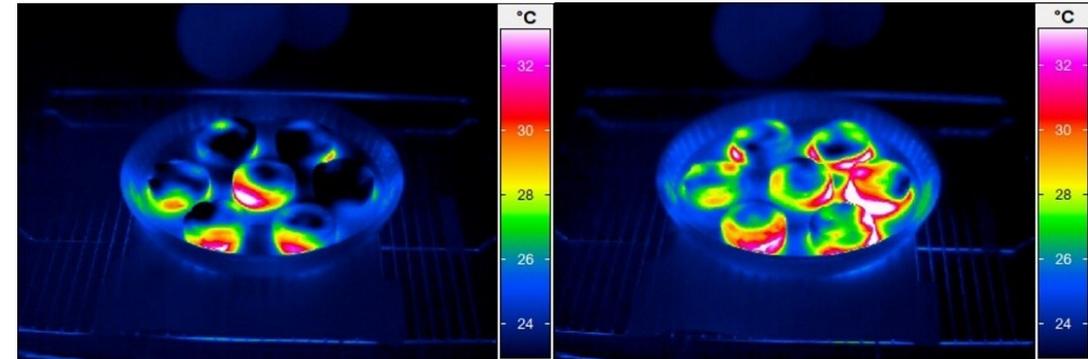


Elsevier, 2020

“Development of packaging and products for use in microwave ovens”  
Temperature in mashed potato cookies,  
for different relative phase shifts between two solid-state sources



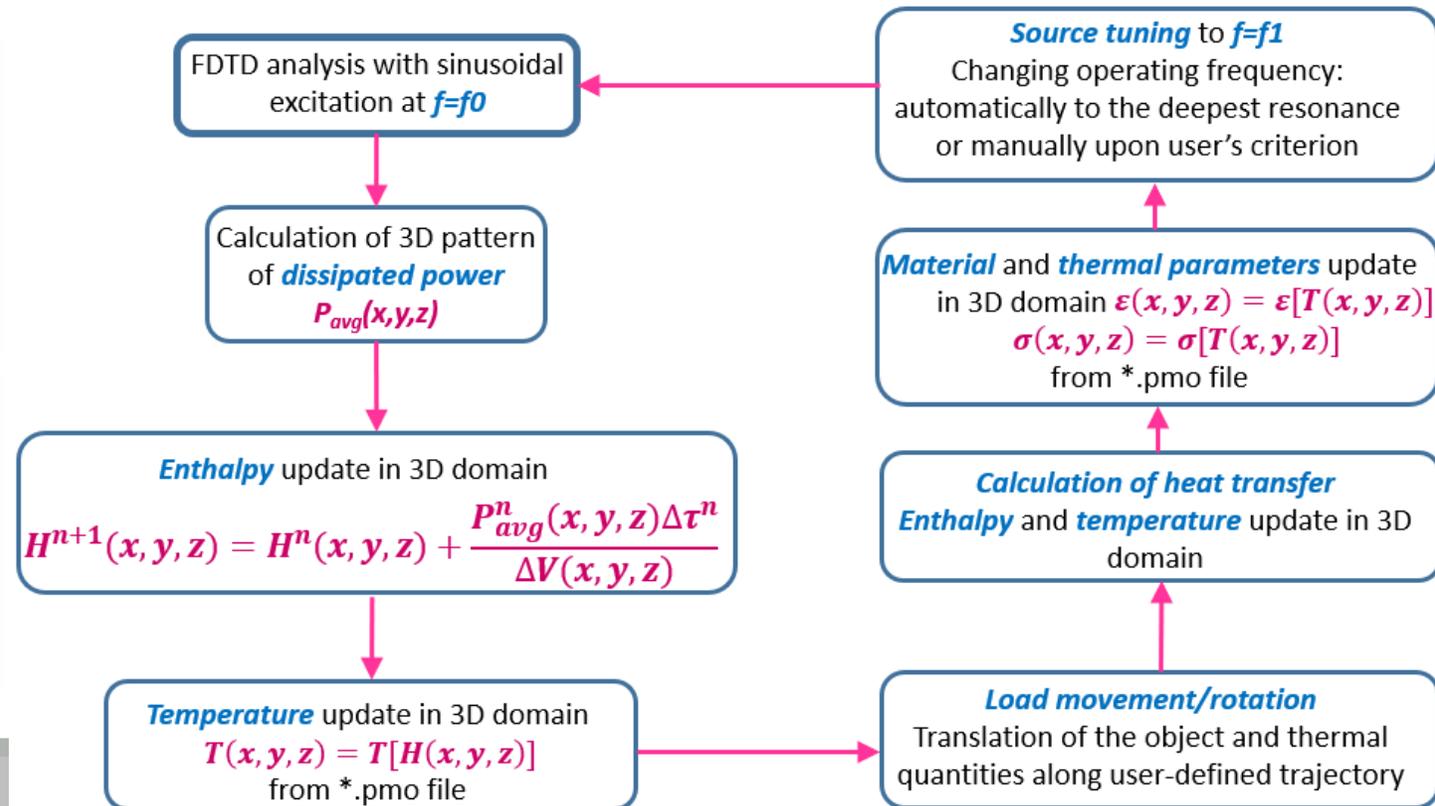
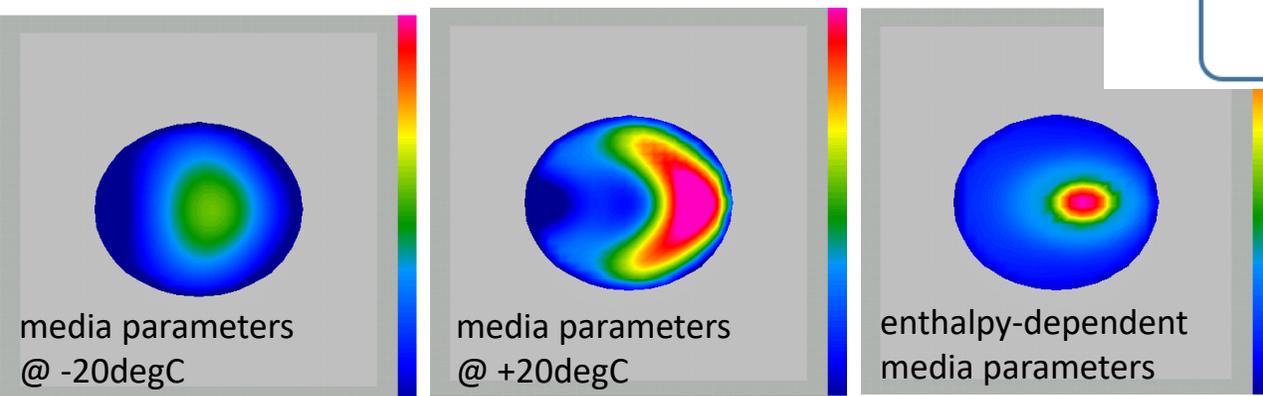
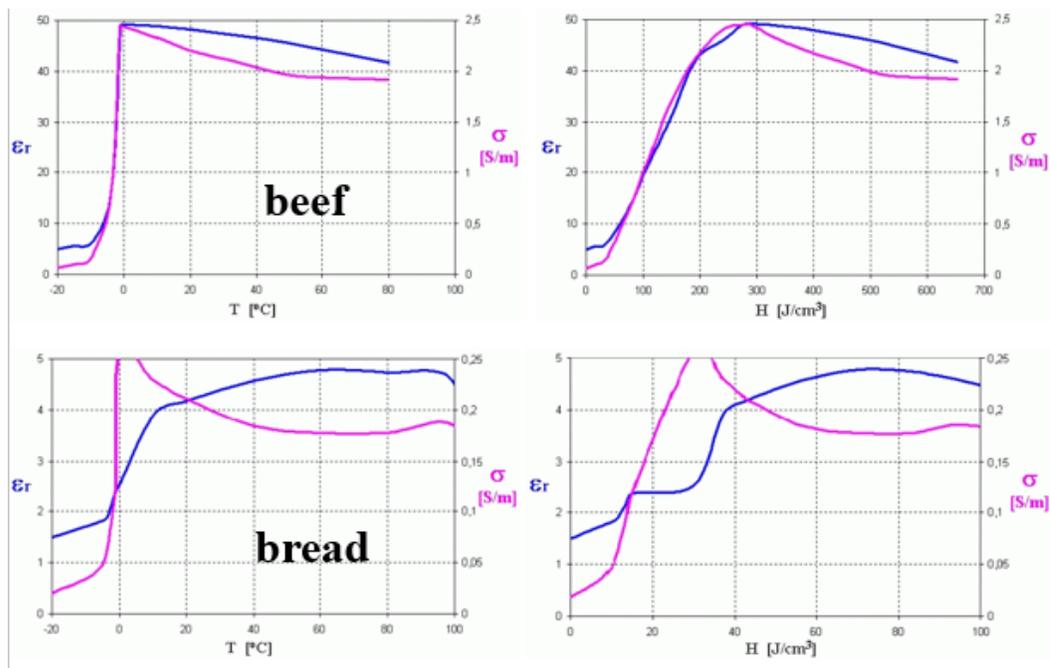
QuickWave modelling by QWED



Photos courtesy BSH HAUSGERATE GmbH,  
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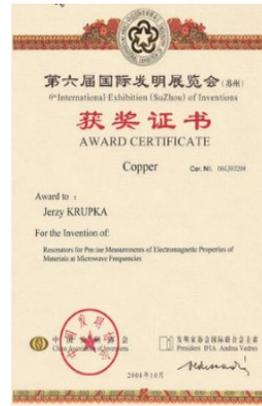
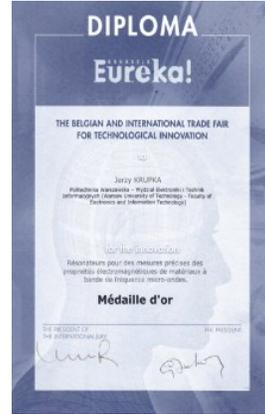
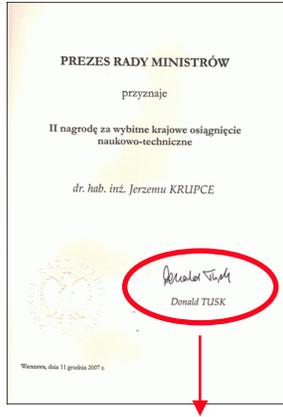
# Multiphysics Modelling for Microwave Heating Applications

QW-BHM 2000



# Material Measurements: from WUT to QWED

awarded research of **Prof. Jerzy Krupka** (IEEE Fellow)  
on dielectric resonators (best known: Split-Post Dielectric Resonator)



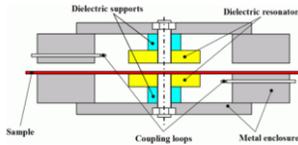
by Donald Tusk

Prime Minister of Poland 2007-2014

President of the European Council 2014-2019

By early 2000s:

QWED commercialises the SPDRs  
endorsement by Agilent / Keysight  
standard IEC 61189-2-721:2015.



1000<sup>th</sup> unit sold in 2020.

Today ~120 units/year.

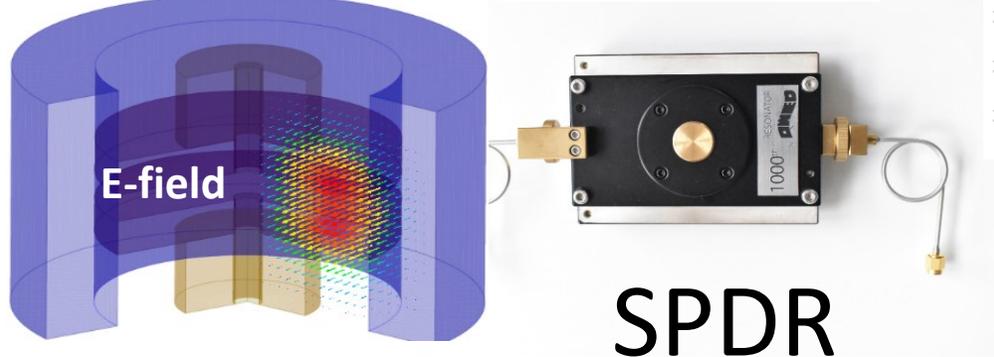
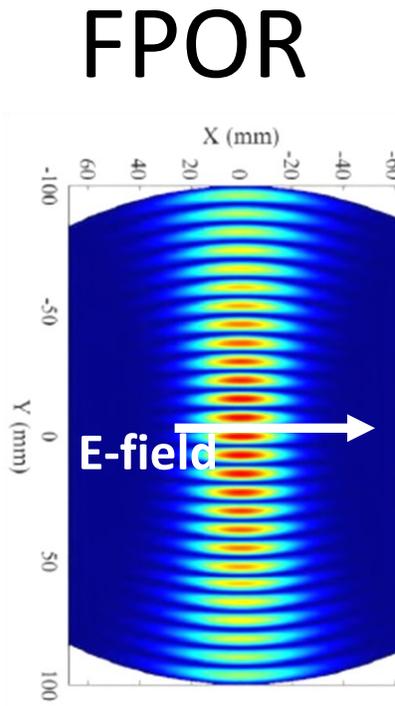
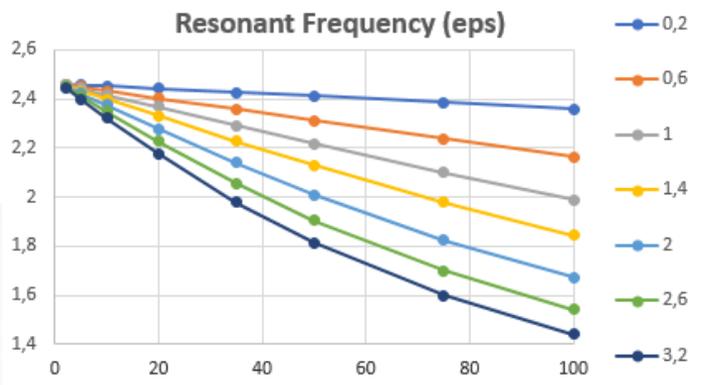
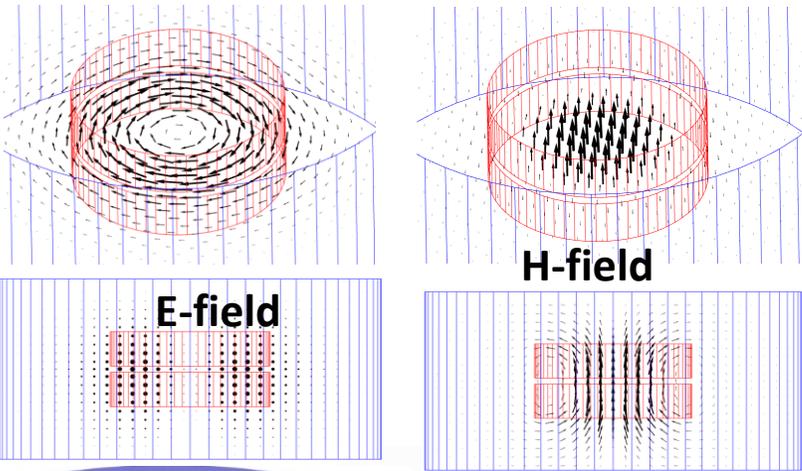


Agilent Both  
IEEE IMS 2006, San Francisco, CA

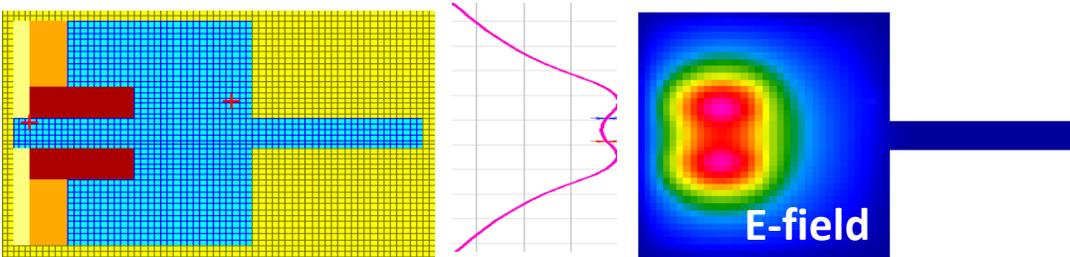


MMA-2010, Warsaw PL  
co-organised by QWED & WUT

# Materials' Characterisation Enhanced by Accurate Computational Modelling



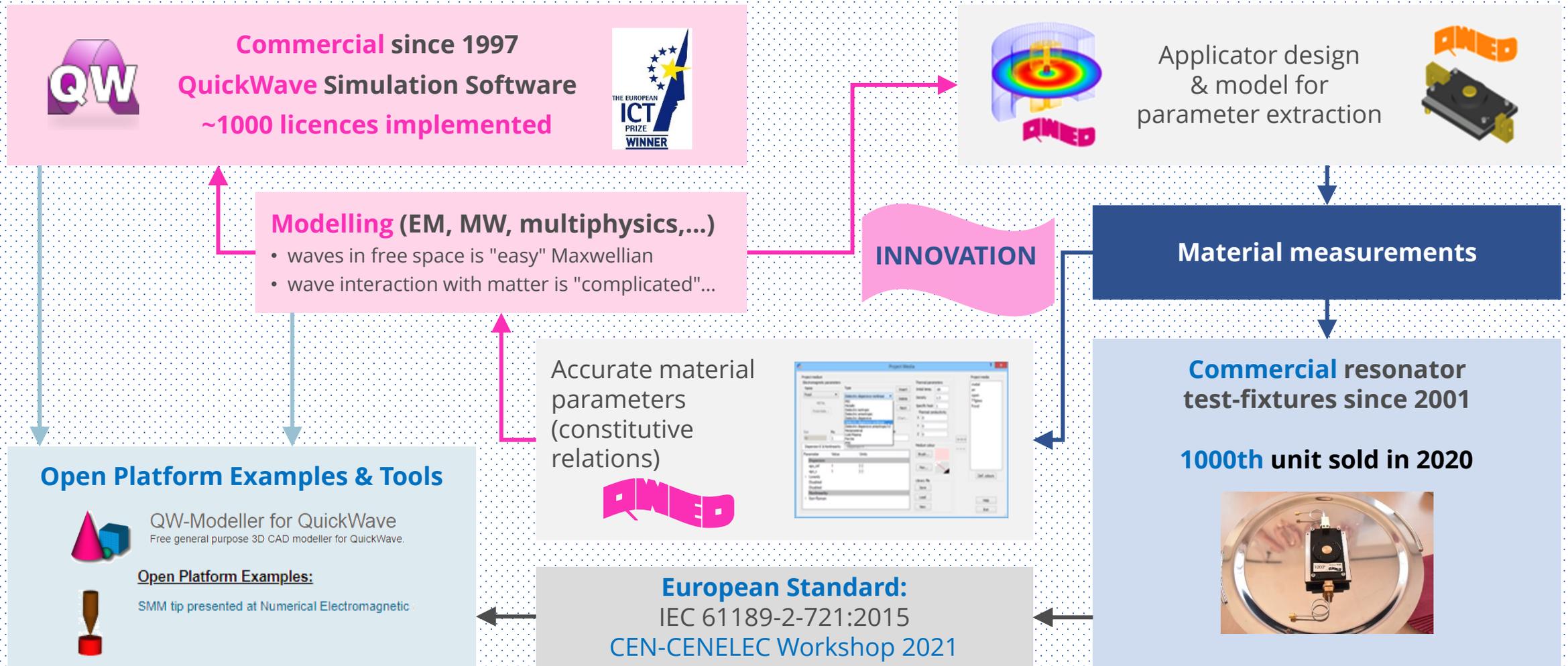
Simulated Data Base  
for Calibration  
& Measurement Support



Field distributions obtained from full-wave EM simulations (QuickWave™ software by QWED).

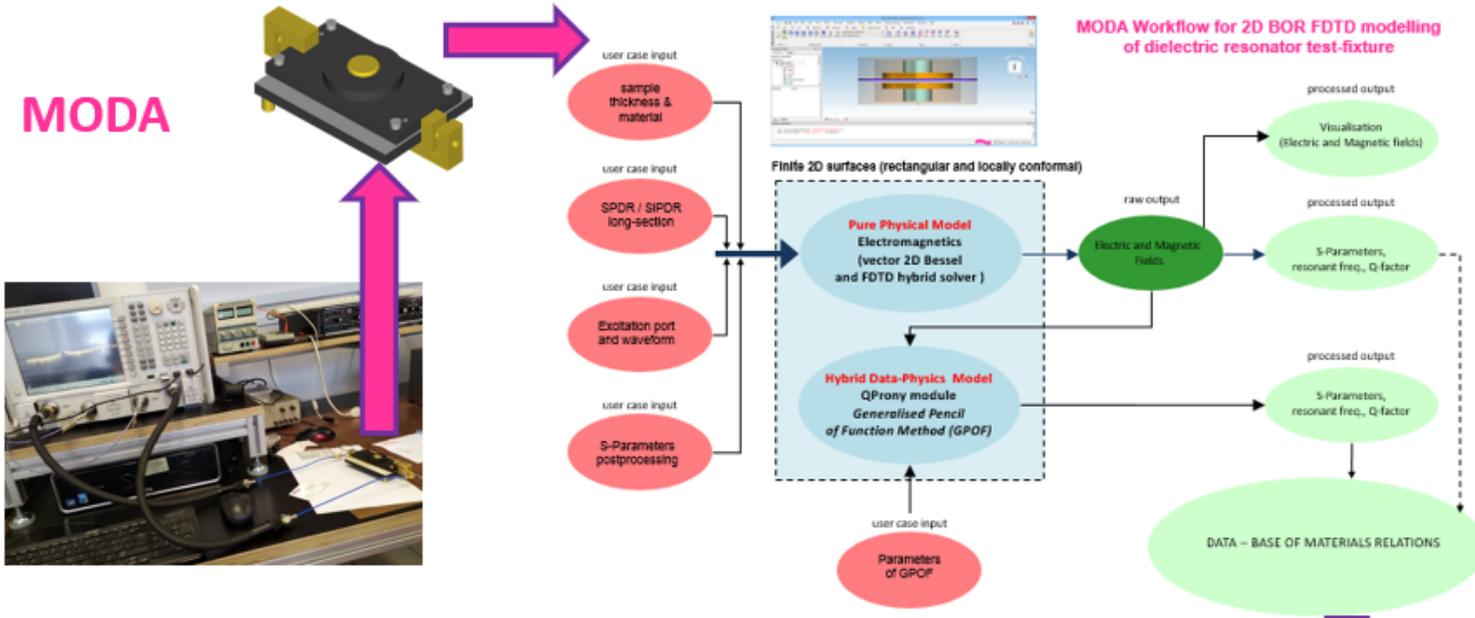


# Current Work: Bridging Computer Modelling with Material Measurements



# Twinned MODA + CHADA Representation of QWED's Research

MODA

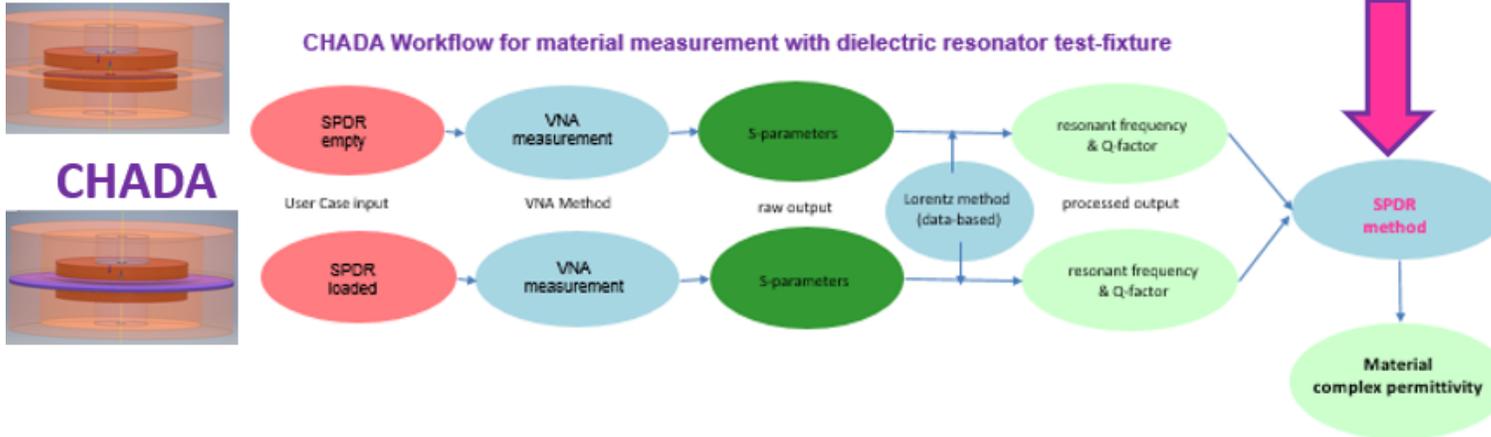


Behind each measure is a model of the physical processes assumed to be taking place in the material.

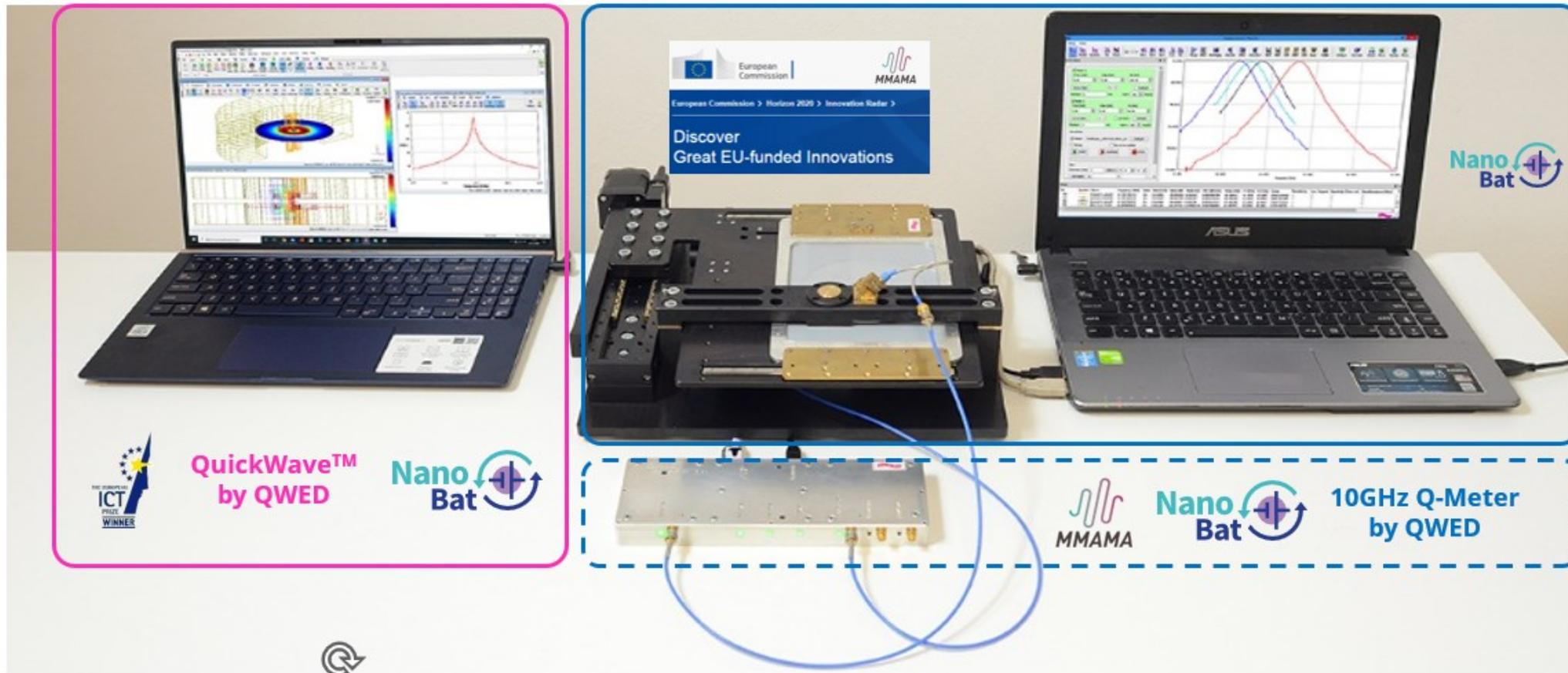
The measurement serves to identify those model parameters.

Hence, a reliable simulation of the measured scenario is needed to validate the constructed model under various conditions.

CHADA



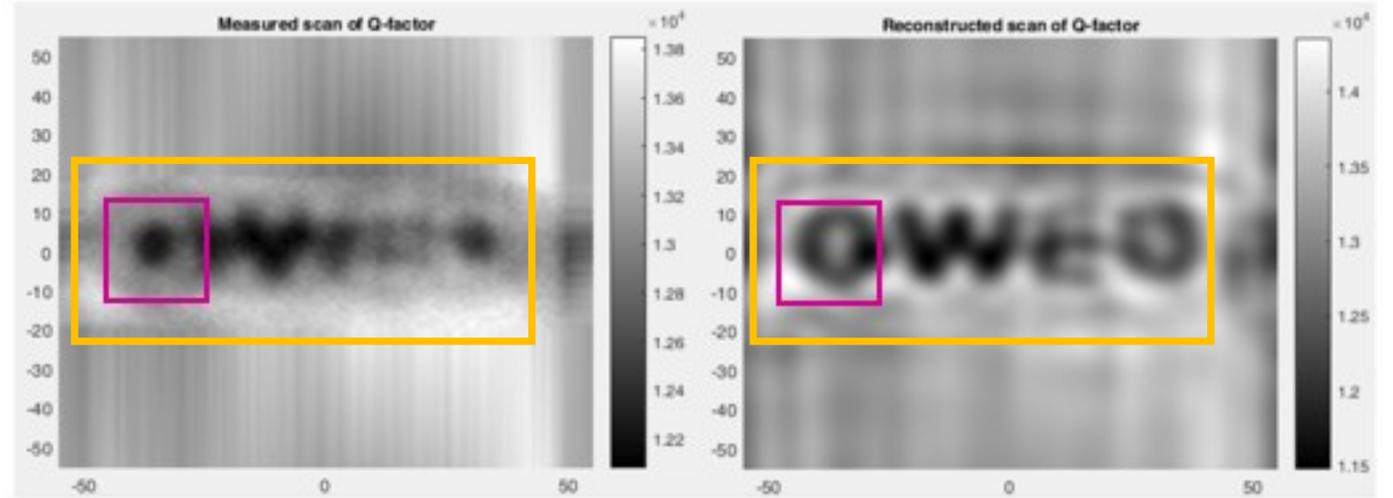
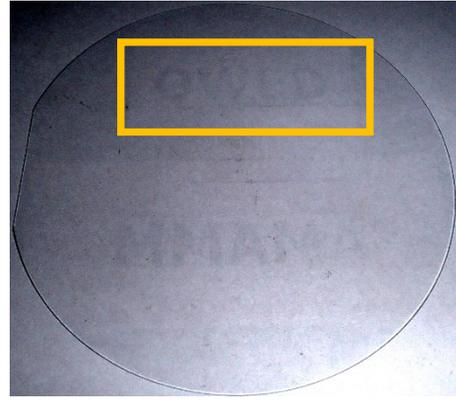
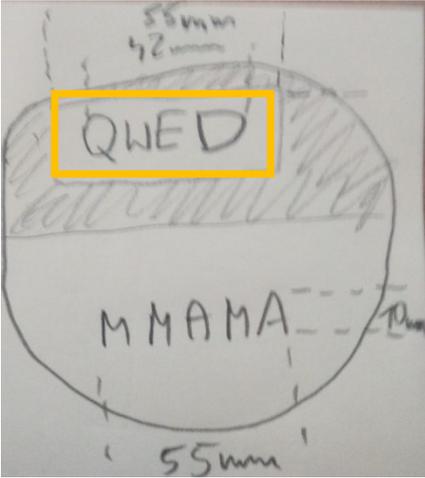
# Implementation of Twinned MODA + CHADA: Modelling-based System for GHz Imaging of Material Surfaces



Finalist of the European Innovation Radar Prize 2021

# 2D Imaging of Organic Semiconductors for Solar Cells

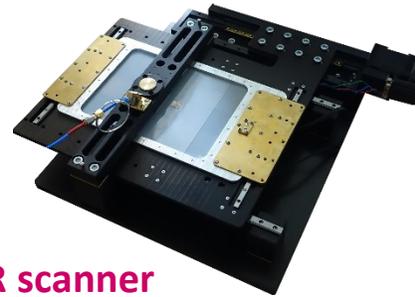
## Modelling-Based Resolution Enhancement of Surface Images



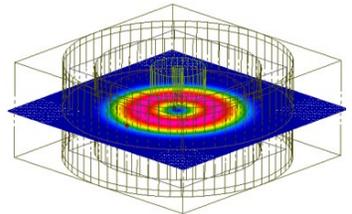
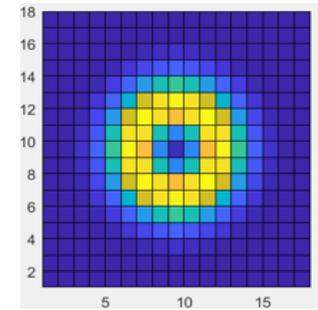
Patterned PEDOT:PSS sample  
courtesy MateriaNova, Belgium

raw image of sample resistivity  
(measured Q-Factor)

image further deconvolved  
using SPDR field pattern  
pre-simulated in QuickWave

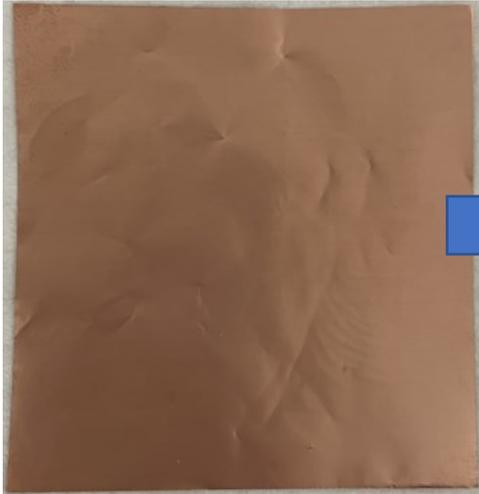


2D SPDR scanner

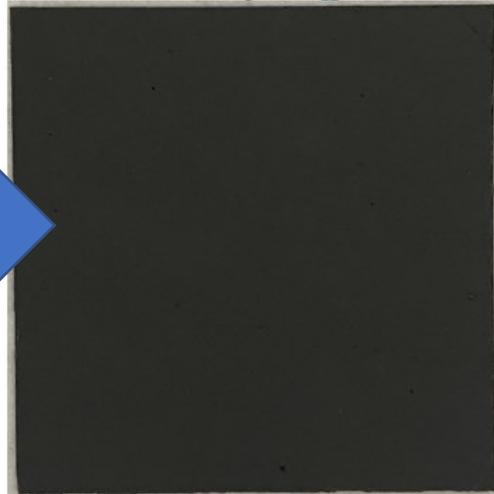


# 2D Imaging of Conductive Films – Graphene Anodes Before & After Cycling

Copper electrode

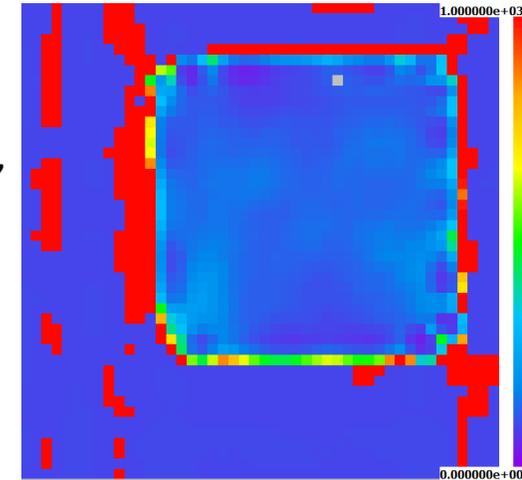


Graphene-based battery anode before cycling



Scanning range: 80 x 80 mm,  
scanning step: 2mm  
Measurement points: 1681  
Scanning time: ca. 2h

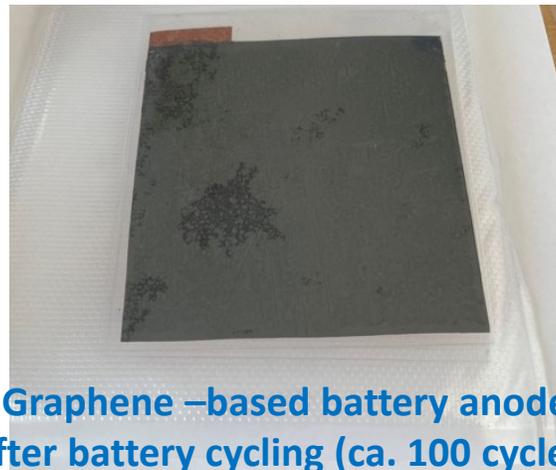
2D map of  $R_s$  [ $\Omega$ /sq.]



values of  $R_s$  [ $\Omega$ /sq.]

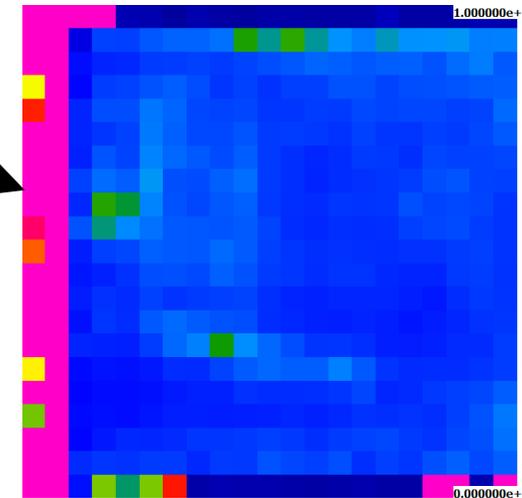
85 – 160 [ $\Omega$ /sq.]

\*courtesy PLEIONE Energy, Greece



Graphene-based battery anode after battery cycling (ca. 100 cycles)

Sample edge (protecting foil)



110 – 340 [ $\Omega$ /sq.]

increase indicates SEI formation

# Recent Industrial Benchmarking: iNEMI 5G Round Robin Overview



Our project:  
**iNEMI**

- 3M
- AGC-Nelco
- Ajinomoto USA
- AT&S
- Centro Ricerche FIAT-FCA
- Dell
- Dupont
- EMD Electronics (Co-Chair)
- Flex
- Georgia Tech
- **Showa Denko Materials**
- IBIDEN Co Ltd
- IBM
- **Intel**
- Isola
- ITRI (Co-Chair)
- **Keysight (Co-Chair)**
- MacDermid-Alpha
- Mosaic Microsystems
- **NIST**
- Nokia
- Panasonic
- **QWED**
- Shengyi Technology Company
- Sheldahl
- Unimicron Technology Corp
- Zestron



## Sample Material Requirements

- Stable, Low loss
- Low moisture absorption / temperature dependency
- Isotropic
- Good mechanical & handling properties

## Techniques Included

- Split Post Dielectric Resonator
- Split Cavity Resonator
- Fabry-Perot
- Balanced Circular Disk Resonator

→ Frequency Span : 10GHz – 100GHz with overlaps

## 10 Sample Kits Created

- Sample sizes 35 mm x 45 mm, 90 mm x 90 mm
- circulated between 10 labs

## 1<sup>st</sup> Project Stage

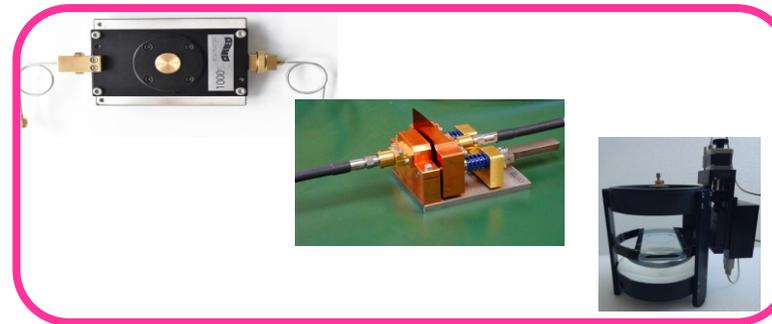
- Precision Teflon
- Cyclo Olefin Polymer

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Project Stage

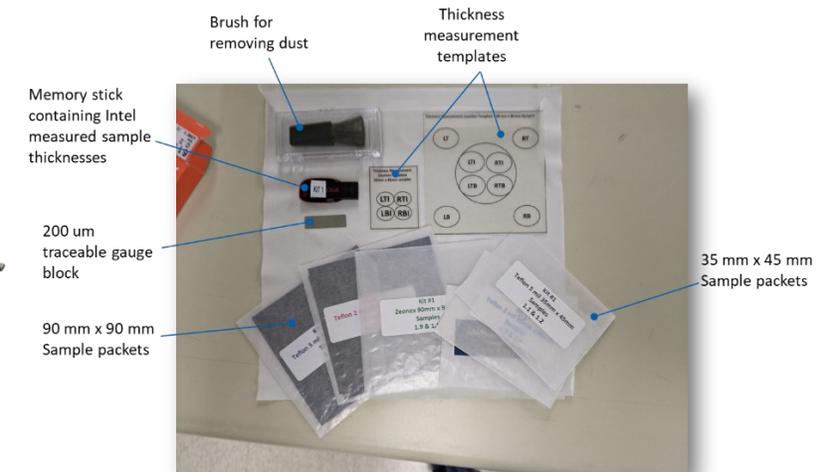
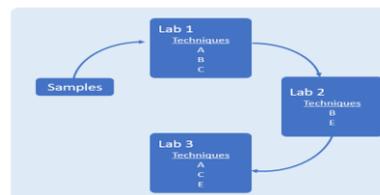
- Rexolite
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## Industrial

- Automotive



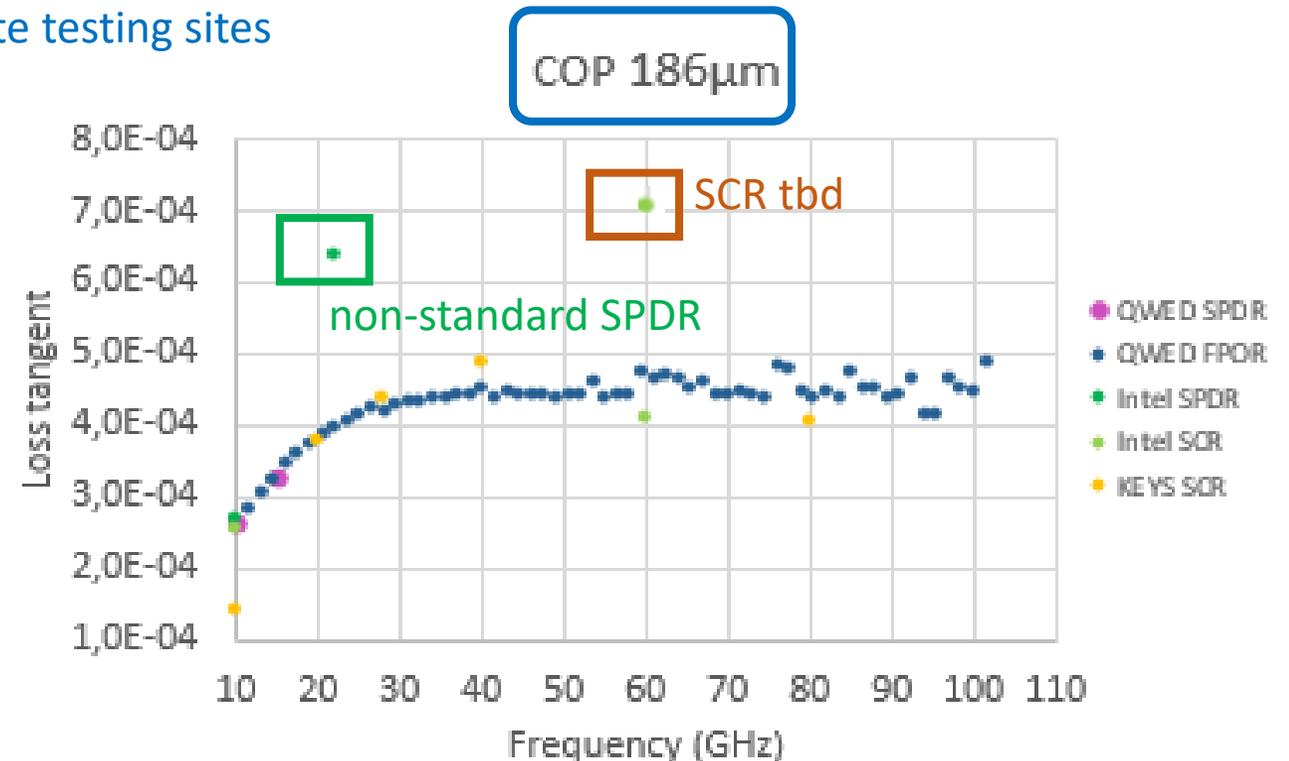
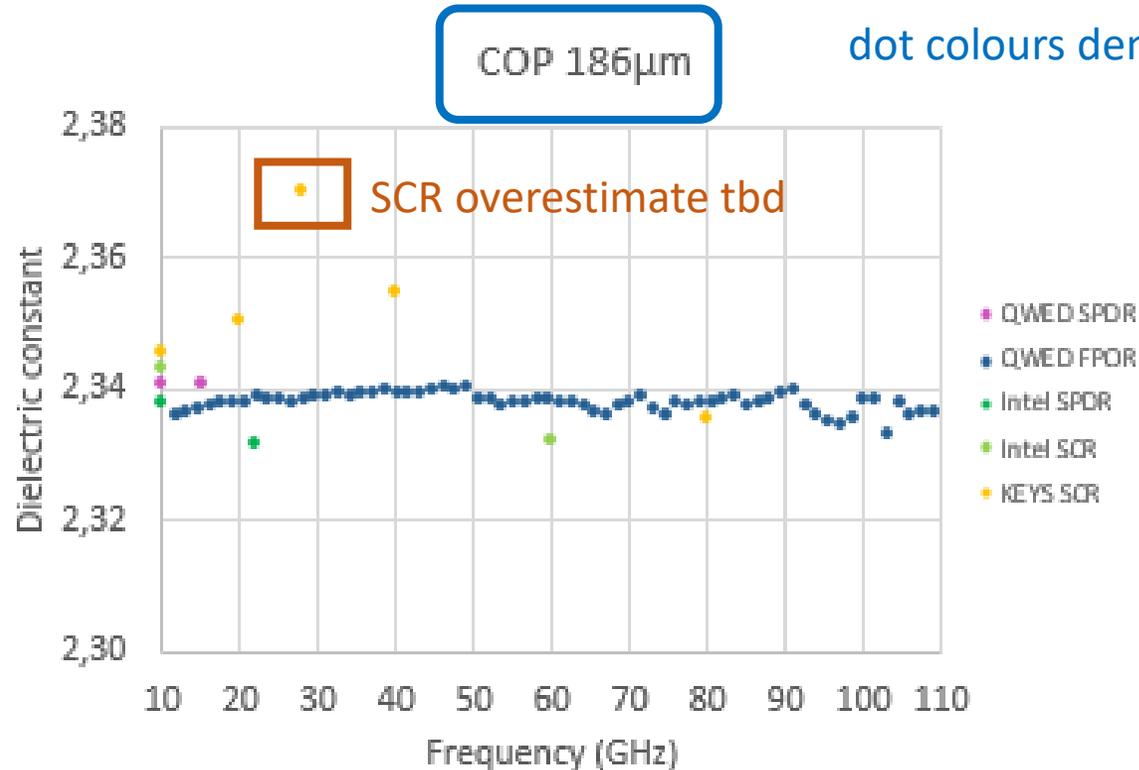
## 10 Laboratory Round Robin



# iNEMI 5G Round Robin: Example Results

3 labs, 3 techniques, 14 laboratory setups

Intel - SCR at 10 / 60 GHz and SPDR at 10/ 20 GHz,  
Keysight - SCR at 10 / 20 / 28 / 40 / 80 GHz  
QWED - SPDR at 10/ 15 GHz and FPOR over 10-110GHz.



Dk spread < 1% (within  $\pm 0.5\%$  from average)  
(< 2% incl. outliers)

> 40GHz 2x increase in Df compared to 10GHz

# QWED's Modelling & Characterisation Competences & Products Today

## Continuum Physics-Based Modelling

*Electromagnetics, Heat Flow, Load Movement, Fluid Flow, Thermal Radiation...*

QuickWave™ software gave origin to QWED.

First licence sales in 1997

(to NASA-related labs and a leading microwave oven producer).

By today: ~ 1000 licences implemented worldwide.

Fast & accurate solutions with arbitrary Boundary Conditions.

Wide frequency band covered (including 5G/6G technologies).

Compares favourably to competitors' software.

Needs more material data.

## Material Characterisation

*Electrical & Dielectric & Magnetic*

Industrial testing of materials.

Validation of material models & designs.

Superior accuracy (especially for practically relevant low-loss materials).

Fast, easy-to-use, non-destructive.

Affordable & popular.

120-200 instruments sold per year.

# Contributions to Open Modelling Platforms

## Leading Team

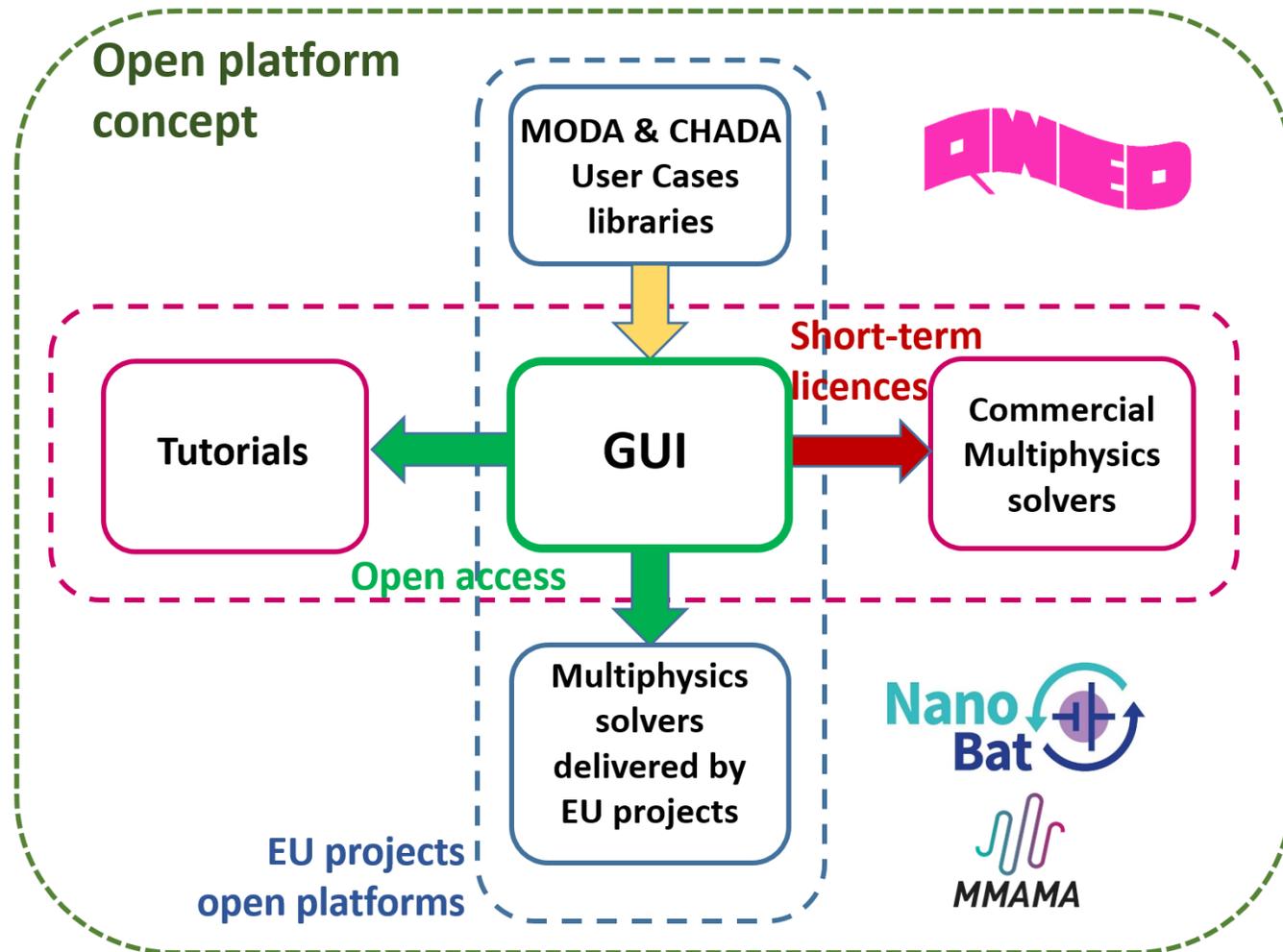
Chair: **Kersti Hermansson** (Uppsala University, Sweden)

Co-chairs: Malgorzata Celuch (QWED, Poland), Maria Alfredsson (University of Kent, UK)

## Task Groups

TG 1.1 - Linking and Coupling  
Computational Chemistry to  
Electromagnetics

Contributions to TG 1.1 of EMMC FA 1 welcome!



# Contributions to European Initiatives and Policy Making

2008 Paris, France

**Consolidating Research and Innovation for European SMEs Conference**  
Paris, France  
September 15-16, 2008

Dr. M. Celuch was an invited speaker in the high level Conference jointly organised by the European Commission and OSEO "**Consolidating Research and Innovation for European SMEs: How to do more and better**", which took place at the French Ministry for Economy, Industry and Employment, place on September 15-16, on the occasion of the French Presidency of the European Union. Video recordings of the Conference are available at <http://www.ue-recherche-et-pme.oseo.fr/>. Dr. Celuch participated in Debate: **How to adapt support for SMEs within an enhanced networking approach.**

The European Commission also organised, in parallel with and in complement to the main conference, a **dedicated EC press programme** for journalists present at the Conference. QWED was proud to be **one of fifteen European research success stories** selected for presentation.

Materials characterisation challenges to support the industry transition in the digital era

The diagram, titled 'THE EMMC ACTIONS', shows a central node 'IMPROVE INTERACTION & COLLABORATION' connected to several other nodes: 'IDENTIFY MAIN OBSTACLES', 'FACILITATE INTEGRATED MODELLING', 'COORDINATE & SUPPORT ACTORS & MECHANISMS', 'SUPPORT SUSTAINABILITY', 'INCREASE AWARENESS & ADOPTION', and 'SUPPORT THE SOFTWARE INDUSTRY'. The diagram is set against a background of the European Union flag and the EMMC logo.

**MODA and CHADA; challenges and opportunities for integration and exploitation to industrial stakeholders beyond EU projects.**

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# Thank you for your attention!



Prof. Jerzy Buzek awarding QWED team in 1998  
Prime Minister of Poland 1997-2002  
President of the European Parliament 2009-2012



May 2022: QWED team celebrating our 25 years

- and looking forward to **new collaborations** and **new challenges** for the next 25 years