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Advances in Computational Modeling and Materials Characterization for the Microwave Power Industry

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- Motivation & Background:
 - Digital Twin & Its Applications
 - The Bases & Timeline of QWED Research
- Computational Physics-Based Modeling of Microwave Heating
- Experimental Acquisition of Material Parameters

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• Conclusions





Digital Twin



Computer Aided Design of microwave power systems requires having a "twin" of the physical reality:



Our team has been active in both areas for over 26 years!

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QuickWave [™] software

GHz-resonator-based instruments









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Modeling of MW Heating: Our Early Days



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Connecting Minds. Exchanging Ideas. Modeling of MW Heating: Approach



FDTD (Finite-Difference Time-Domain Method): explicit, fast, emulates natural physical processes

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We discretise time and space (in a conformal manner).



Connecting Minds. Exchanging Ideas. Modeling of MW Heating: Recognition



IEEE- awarded research of Prof. Wojciech Gwarek, QWED's co-founder (1997) & 1st President (till 2017)



New conformal FDTD method:

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

(faster than FEM - wide frequency band, diagonal mass matrices).



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From EM to Multiphysics Modeling

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The time-domain approach allows us to dynamically and naturally modify during the heating:

- positions of objects,
- material parameters of heated objects,
- excitation (e.g.solid-state computer-controlled sources).





IMS Example: Thermally-Dependent Foods









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QuickWaveTM Software Overview



Advanced Electromagnetic & Mutliphysics Simulation Software for Industrial and Research Applications

structures analysis.

QProny module for high Q-factor

Key modules & functionalities:



Full 3D EM solver with a range of unique models.

- Oz
- Vector 2D (BoR), ultra fast solver 🔘

applicable to the analysis of axisymmetrical devices. Almost instantaneous convergence!

BHM Heat Module, heating analysis including loads rotation and translation, frequency tuning, heat flow and material parameters modification. Way. Multiprocessor/multicore and MultiGPU computing ensures maximum performance of your

OptimiserPlus multiobjective

optimiser which allows to finding an

optimal solution in an automatic



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computer's resources







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We focus on two modeling scenarios ("Elsevier MW Book" 2020):

1. a simple representative oven (Risman, Microwave World, 1998)

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2. a complex commercial Whirlpool Max oven.

QWED team contributed 3 chapters.







A Simple Benchmark (1)





QuickWave v2022 (FDTD)

Intel Core i7-8700 3.2 GHz, 6 Core(s)

RAM: 16 GB

Graphic Card: AMD Radeon Pro WX 3100

Microwave Oven Parameters

The oven has:

- a width of 267 mm,
- a depth of 270 mm,
- a height of 188 mm.

The waveguide's dimensions are:

- 50 mm in width,
- 78 mm in depth,
- and 18 mm in height.

The glass plate has:

- a radius of 113.5 mm,
 - a height of 6 mm,
- and a base of 15 mm.



COMSOL Multiphysics 5.6 (FEM)

Intel i7-3820 CPU @ 3.6 GHz, 4 Core(s)

RAM: 64 GB

Graphic Card: NVIDIA GeForce GTX 660 Ti

The potato has a radius of 31.5 mm and its initial temperature is **8°C**. Relative permittivity of potato is equal to **65** and its conductivity to **2.722 S/m**.

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A Simple Benchmark (2)





QuickWave v2022 (FDTD)

Electric field distribution

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COMSOL Multiphysics 5.6 (FEM)

Simulation time: 00:00:42 (h:min:sec)

Simulation time: 00:01:05 (h:min:sec)



A Simple Benchmark (3)



Simulation info

For both methods, a Frequency step of **0.001 GHz** was chosen.

COMSOL Multiphysics 5.6 (FEM) Simulation time: 01:04:12 (h:min:sec) RAM: 4220 MB Cells: 60 004

QuickWave v2022 (FDTD)

Simulation time: 00:05:03 (h:min:sec)

RAM: 364 MB

Cells: 3 614 128

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A Simple Benchmark (4)





	Computation time ^a	Element/cell count	RAM usage
			217 MB (GPU memory
QuickWave-3D	3 min 43 s	3 602 463	for scenario)
			288 MB (RAM for exe)
			2194 MB (peak memory
CST MS	5 min 44 s	4 591 720	
051 1015			reported in log)
COMSOL	25 min 20 s	60 004	3300 MB
ANSYS HFSS	43 min 53 s	24 014	2168 MB
v19.2			

^a The calculations were performed with the most optimum acceleration regime available for each software licence. For FDTD based software, GPU acceleration (on Nvidia GeForce GTX Titan for QuickWave-3D and Tesla K40c for CST MS) was adopted, and for FEM based solvers, multicore computations (on AMD Ryzen 7 1800x and Intel i7-3930K processors for COMSOL and ANSYS HFSS, respectively) were performed.

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Popular hardware acceleration options include:

1. moving from CPU to GPU

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- dividing the computation region into subregions, simulated on separate processors.
- A comination of both options MultiGPU is especially powerful.



SpeedUp of the GPU and MultiGPU simulation scenario (project divided along Y direction into two symmetrical subregions) computation of a beefburger placed in a cavity oven (3D example) compared to QW-OMP version on Xeon 4116.

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Quadro GV100 cards have been provided by Servodata Elektronik Sp. z o.o., Poland







Max Oven - EM Model (1)





AND PRODUCTS FOR USE IN MICROWAVE OVENS

> SECOND EDITION Idited by ULRICH ERLE, PETER PESHECK, MATTHEW LORENCE

	Computation time ^a	Element/cell count	RAM usage	
			86 MB (GPU memory	
QuickWave-3D v2018	1 min 18s	1 422 900	for scenario)	
			319 MB (RAM for exe)	
ANSYS HFSS	29 min 3s	35 407	2844 MB (peak memory	
v19.2			reported in log)	
QuickWave v7.0	39 min 17s	1 323 120	136 MB	
HFSS v11	300 min 8s	31 000	955 MB	

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Max Oven – EM Model (2)

Dissipated power density distribution in the cross-section of the load heated from in Whirlpool Max.







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Thermally dependent load parameters– effect of parameterisationof the nonlinear heating process

same total heating time

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 increased number of "thermal" computational iterations, at which material parameters are automatically updated based on current temperature reached in a given FDTD cell



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Example: applicator for heating bituminous surfaces (with a safety system including chokes to block leakage)



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FDTD cell size ≥ 1.3mm Problem size: several wavelength

FDTD model of 9.4 million cells RAM: 779 MB

Simulation time: 26 seconds



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FDTD is particularly advantageous for problems "big" wrt to wavelength, which are too big for running FEM simulations on available computers

NEW: New-Field Imaging Function



Separation of incident and diffracted fields for biomedical research applications (request of P.O.Risman, Malardalen University)



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•The TE_{110} mode cannot exist in the resonator; the lower mode of the TE family is TE_{111} , and its eigenfrequency depends on the length of the resonator.

•Microwave heating applicators that support TM modes can use both electric field components - normal and tangential to a flat load placed in parallel to the resonator's bottom and cover. Distribution of the angular magnetic field and electric field of the TM_{011} mode, in a 270 degree view of the cylinder.

Connecting Minds. Exchanging Ideas. Multiphysics Modeling of BoR Scenario (4)



Distribution of final temperature in beef after heating for 120 seconds (heat flow neglected) - parameterised simulations using different heating steps.

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120 sec 40 sec 20 sec 10 sec 5 sec 40 °C

Heating step

- Beef case

Distribution of final temperature in beef after heating for 120 seconds, **including heat flow** phenomenon – parameterised simulations using different heating steps.

New: Application to Batteries (1)





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The battery being considered has a collector at its center, which acts as a perfect electric conductor (PEC) in the simulation. At the starting point of the system lies a source that is excited at a sinusoidal frequency of **1 or 10 GHz**. A 10 mm air separator is also present, with its reference plane situated in the middle. Following this is the electrolyte, which is a lossy material that terminates with a special symmetrical boundary condition of magnetic type design known as a perfect magnetic conductor (PMC).

*E. R. Logan et al 2018 J. Electrochem. Soc. 165 A705

** Zhou, Y., Wu, J. and Lemmon, E. (2011), Thermodynamic Properties of Dimethyl Carbonate, J. Phys. & Chem. Ref. Data (JPCRD), National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg





New: Application to Batteries (2)



Nano Bat

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Temperature distribution

Connecting Minds. Exchanging Ideas. New: EM+Thermal + Radiation Model



- Beef case



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20 °C







Exploring Synergies between **Computer Modeling & Material Measurements**



Example of



Twinned Modeling + Characterisation



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- Originally designed for organic semiconductors (for solar cells)
- Widely used for various electronic materials (high-resistivity)
- Applicable to food packaging, glass, other materials relevant to MW heating systems

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2D scanner designed with a modified 10 GHz SPDR

Finalist of the European Innovation Radar Prize 2021

Scan of MW Susceptor after Heating Connecting Minds. Exchanging Ideas.



Example: unpopped & popped popcorn bag from ConAgra after Wikipedia





presented at:



susceptor after 120sec of heating

Size of sample: 50mm x 70mm Scan area: 60mm x 70mm Scan step: 2mm Scan results: 1116 (31 x 36) Measurement: 500 freq points Total scan time: 9053sec (150 min.) One step time: 8.11sec.











Scan results of central frequency

Scan results of Q-Factor



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Other 2D Imaging Instruments





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2 GHz SPDR manual scanner for MW oven glass panes

based on request by



10 GHz SiPDR automatic scanner

for conductive sheets

Surface resistance image of a battery anode before & after cycling





IMS Basic Units for Material Measurement Connecting Minds. Exchanging Ideas.







Sipdr Single-Post Dielectric Resonator





Dielectric support



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Single Post Dielectric Resonator







The Portfolio





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Sapphire Resonators (SaDR) for metal foils 13.5 / 20 GHz



LAMINAR LOW-LOSS DIELECTRICS

METALLIC OR RESISTIVE SHEETS

more recent FPOR



Fabry-Perot Open Resonator automatic span, quasi-continuous 20..120 GHz

APPLIED IN TEMPERATURE-VARYING CONDITIONS



Connecting Minds. Exchanging Ideas. Round-Robin Industrial Validation (1)





Note: the iNEMI banchmarking was aimed at 5G technologies, at higher than popular ISM frequencies, but its reference was 10GHz SPDR, which is of the same family as QWED's SPDRs covering 915MHz, 2.45 GHz and 5.8GHz bands.

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Connecting Minds. Exchanging Ideas. Round-Robin Industrial Validation (2)



A small but representative subset of the bencharking results, (out of tens of thousands of measurement points)

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.

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- Customised to low or high loss materials
- Characterisation with resonant methods
 - Cavity devices
 - Fabry-Perot Open Resonator (prototype)
- Cavity fixtures available within 1 30 GHz
- Cavity measurements at varying temperature
- FPOR targeted frequency range: 20 67 GHz





example cavities @1GHz & 24 GHz



FPOR



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Popular coolant liquid

For more details, come to MicroAPPS:

TUMA21 Tuesday, 14:30-14:45 MicroApps Theater, Booth 2447

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Connecting Minds. Exchanging Ideas. A Complete Design Cycle: Example 1



Solid-State Computer-Controlled Experimental Domestic Microwave Oven





Multifunctional heating source based on two-stage double-balanced GaN HEMT HPA (Prof. W.Wojtasiak, Dr. D.Gryglewski Warsaw Univ.Tech.)

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Temperature in mashed potato cookies, after 60 s of heating, for different relative phase shifts (added 110 degrees) between two sources. (*Development of packaging and products for use in microwave ovens*, Elsevier, 2020)



QuickWave modelling by QWED



Photos courtesy BSH HAUSGERATE GmbH, Traunreut, Germany.



A Complete Design Cycle: Example 2





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2.45GHz Aplicator for Road Repair (with Chokes & Full Safety System)



Narodowe Centrum Badań i Rozwoju



- Magnetron bandwidth: 10 MHz
- Front exposure ca. 9x smaller than side exposure
- EC recommendation: 10 W/m² (61 V/m)
- Power can be safely increased up to 30 kW and beyond







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Measurements undertaken with cavity resonators.



Basalt aggregates: $\varepsilon_r = 4.05$, $tan\delta = 0.165$ @ 2.45GHz



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Conclusions



- Computer Aided Design of microwave power systems requires creating a **Digital Twin** of the physical system. This is based on:
 - Physics Equations (and efficient solvers)
 - Material Relations (often with data coming from in-house measurements)
- Our contributions to both above fields have been presented, including:
 - modelling of multiphysics processes (radiation, fluid flow) with bilateral coupling
 - faster solvers (exploring structure symmetries BoR or modern hardware)
 - new instruments for materials' characterisation: surface imaging, liquids, powders

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1997: QWED founded 1998: Prime Minister Award



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

2022: our 25 years



2020: sale of our 1000th resonator



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