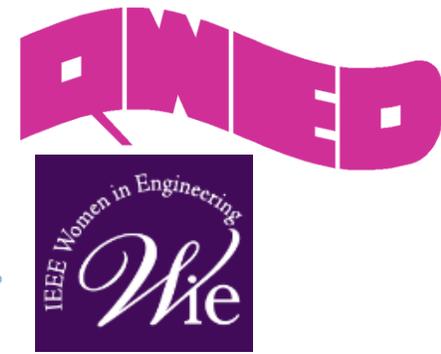


discover accurate EM modelling



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Evaluation and extensions of resonator techniques

for the characterization of ceramics and energy materials relevant to 6G applications

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KEYNOTE

Electronic Materials and Applications 2023

S21: Materials, Devices, and Applications in 6G Telecommunications

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Outline

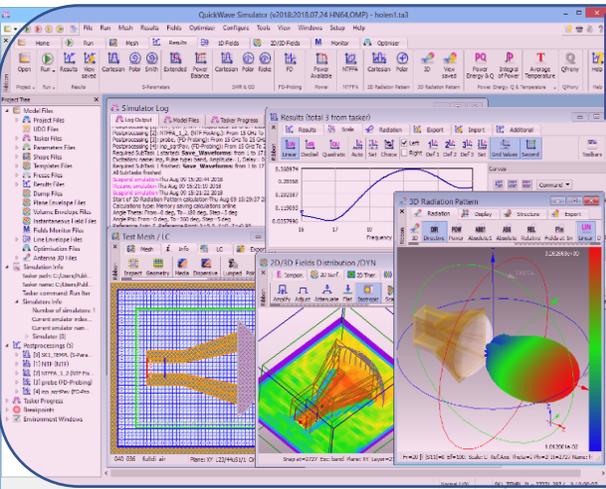
1. The two perspectives of this work:
from research to commercialisation,
from computer modelling to material measurements.
2. Our microwave & mmWave resonators (as presented at EMA 2020 - 2022).
3. Recent extension to temperature-dependent characterisation for ULTCCs.
4. Extensions to surface imaging of energy materials.
5. Acknowledgments & collaborative offer.





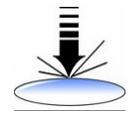
25 years in a Nutshell

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 CHISMALCOMB – development, modelling, and applications of chiral materials → EM validation of mixing rules



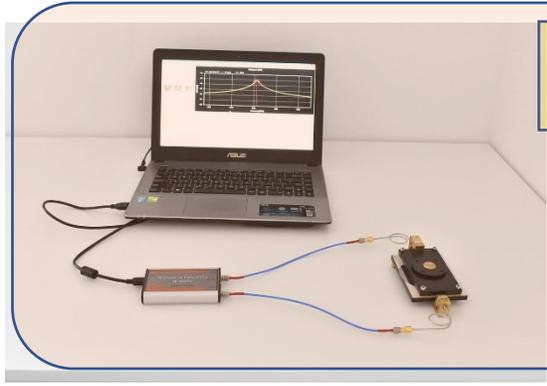
Eureka E! 2602 MICRODEFROST MODEL – innovative software-based product development tool for simulating and optimising heating and defrosting processes in microwave ovens



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**



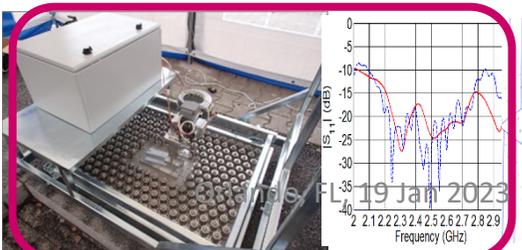
ERA-NET MNT NACOPAN – applications and modelling of nano-conductive polymer composites



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.



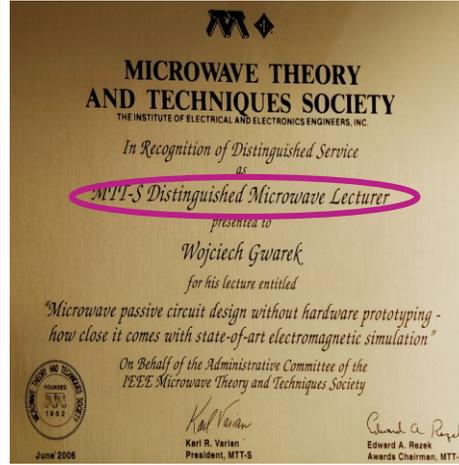
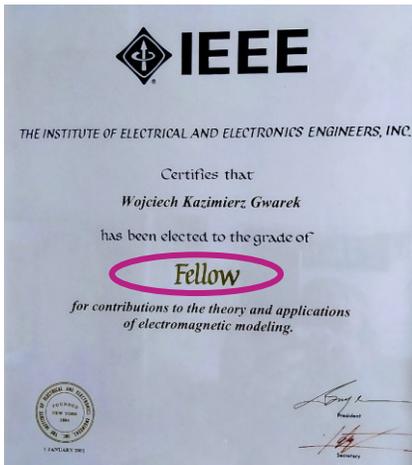
ULTCC6G_EPac – development & application of novel ceramics for 5G & beyond
I4BAGS – modelling & characterisation of ion-implanted battery & graphene-enabled devices

Origins of QWED Computer Modelling

since 1980s...

IEEE- awarded research of **Prof. Wojciech Gwarek** on 2D FDTD modelling (with novel conformal meshing)

Fellow, Pioneer Award, DML



... by early 2000s:

QWED commercialises & continues the development licences for **QuickWave-3D** by QWED used worldwide industrial applications from RF to optical bands

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

WOJCIECH K. GWAREK
(Invited Paper)

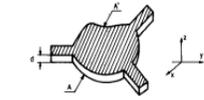


Fig. 1. A planar circuit.

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

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

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Computer-Aided Analysis of Arbitrarily Shaped Coaxial Discontinuities

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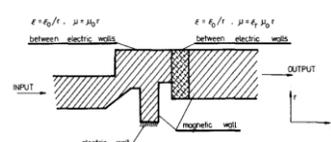


Fig. 2. Equivalent planar circuit of the discontinuity of Fig. 1.

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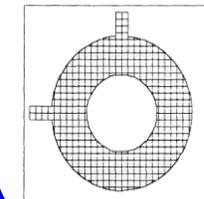


Fig. 6. A microstrip ring circuit as a grid of meshes.

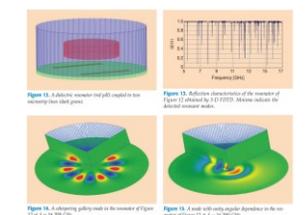
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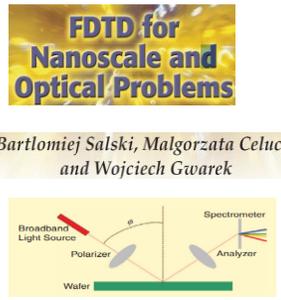
Industrial Design of Axisymmetrical Devices Using a Customized FDTD Solver from RF to Optical Frequency Bands

■ Malgorzata Celuch and Wojciech K. Gwarek





IEEE microwave magazine



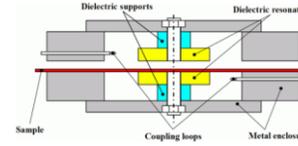
Bartłomiej Salski, Malgorzata Celuch, and Wojciech Gwarek



Origins of QWED Material Measurements

since 1980s...

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



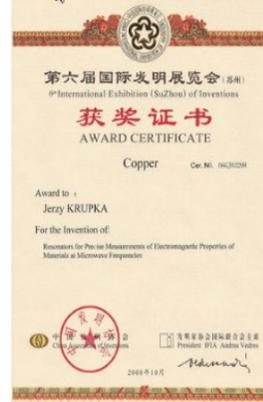
by Donald Tusk

Prime Minister of Poland 2007-2014

President of the European Council 2014-2019

... by early 2000s:

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



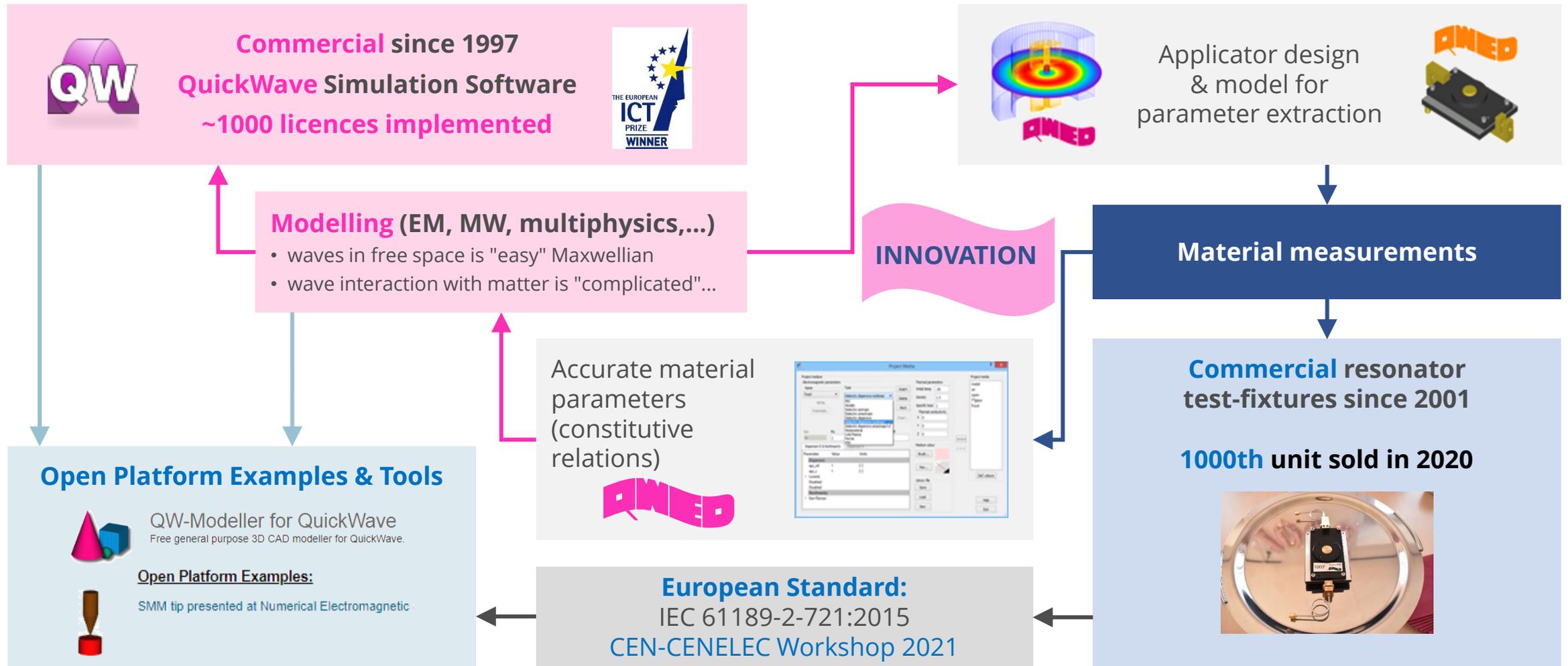
Agilent Both
IEEE IMS 2006, San Francisco, CA



MMA-2010, Warsaw PL
co-organised by QWED & Warsaw Univ.Tech.

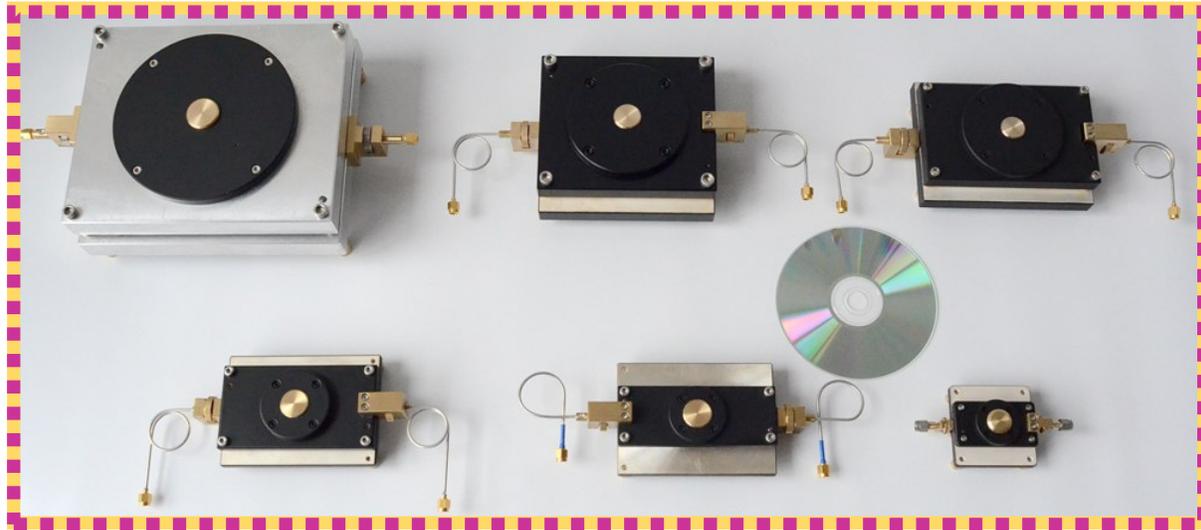


Current Work: Bridging Computer Modelling with Material Measurements



QWED's Popular Dielectric Resonators

Split-Post Dielectric Resonator, typical units for 1.1 GHz -15 GHz for laminar low-loss dielectric materials



5 GHz SiPDR for resistive sheets

TE01 δ cavities, typically 1 GHz – 10 GHz for bulk low-loss dielectrics



and more recent FPOR

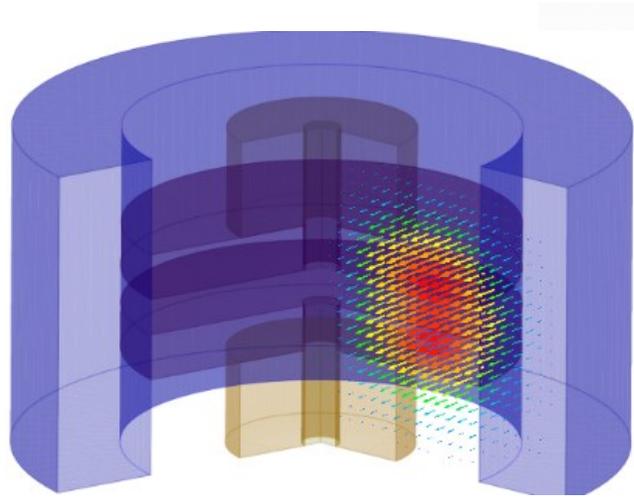
Fabry-Perot Open Resonator
automatic span, quasi-continuous 20 .. 120 GHz



APPLIED TO CERAMICS FOR 5G & 6G

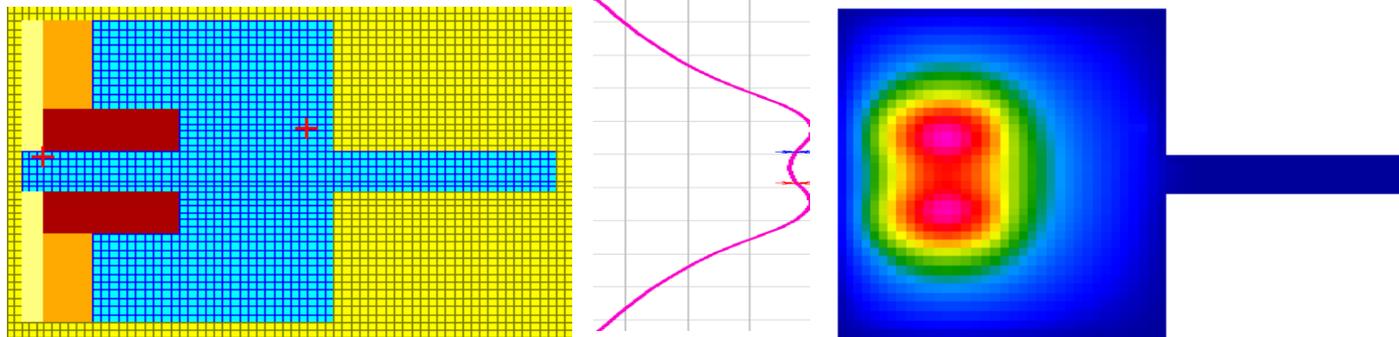
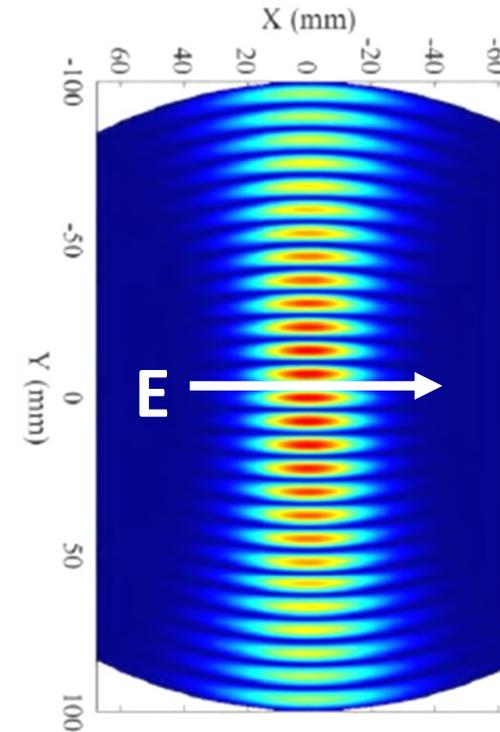
APPLIED IN TEMPERATURE-VARYING CONDITIONS

Some Physics behind our Resonators



SPDR

FPOR

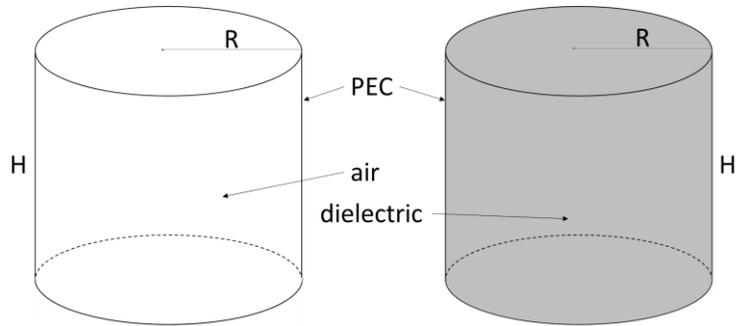


Field distributions obtained from full-wave EM simulations (QuickWave™ software by QWED).
Accurate design & calibration of resonator test-fixtures facilitated by accurate EM modelling!

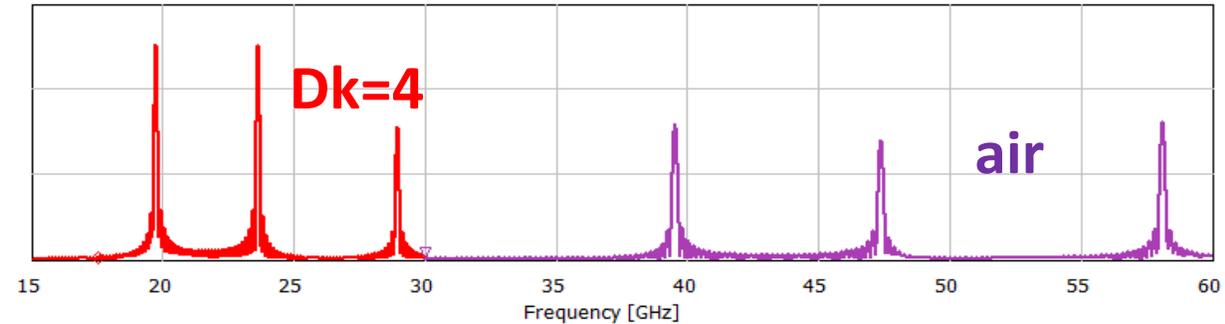
Why Resonators: Well Controlled Sensitivity to Material Properties

Resonance in theory: non-zero electromagnetic fields exist in isolated structures (no excitation).
Field properties are well-defined and **linked to material properties**.

E.g. for **cylindrical** cavities:



$$f_{r,mnp} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{Dk}} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\kappa_{mn}^{(,)}}{\pi R}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p}{H}\right)^2} \quad \text{in non-magnetic low-loss dielectrics}$$



For **filled** cavities of any shape:

$$f_{r,mnp} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{Dk}} K(\text{modal_index, cavity dimensions})$$

TE011

TE012

TM010

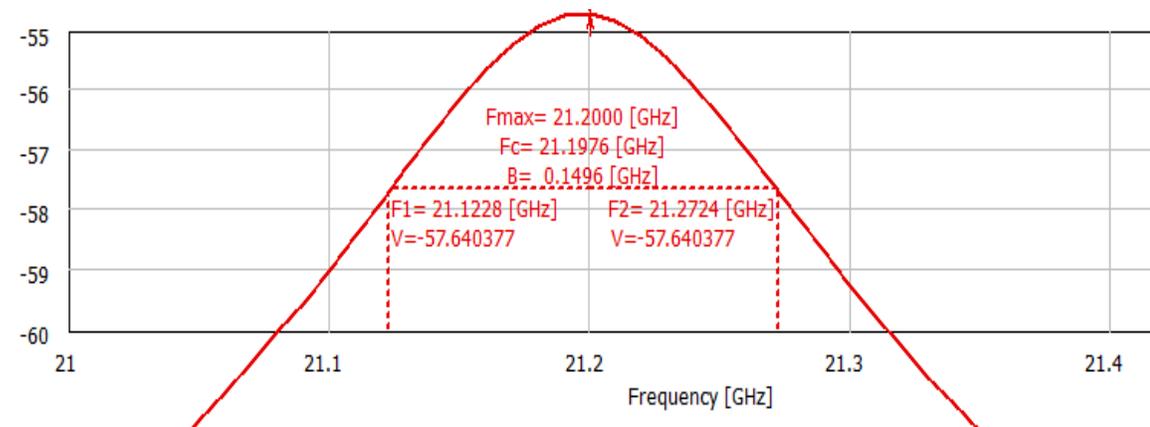
Why Resonators: High Sensitivity to Material Losses

in non-magnetic
low-loss dielectrics

2* electric_energy_stored

$$Q = 2\pi \frac{\iiint_V \epsilon \vec{E} \cdot \vec{E}^* dv}{T \iiint_V \sigma \vec{E} \cdot \vec{E}^* dv} = \frac{\omega \epsilon}{\sigma} = \frac{1}{Df} \approx \frac{f_{res}}{\Delta f} = (\tan \delta)^{-1}$$

electric_dissipated_power



$$\epsilon_r = 1 \quad \sigma = 0.00833 \text{ S/m}$$

@21.2GHz:

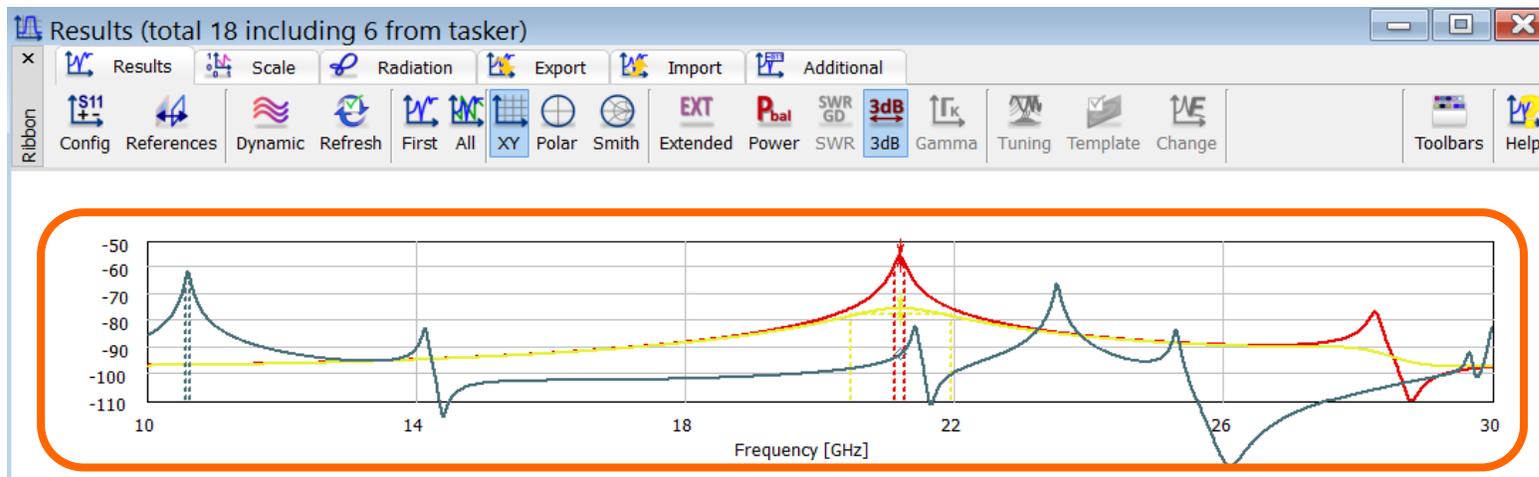
$$\tan \delta = 0.071$$

$$Q_{SUT} = 1 / 0.0071 = 141$$

$$Q_{S21} = 21.2 / 0.1496 = 141$$

$$\epsilon_r = 1 \quad \sigma = 0.0833 \text{ S/m}$$

$$\epsilon_r = 4 \quad \sigma = 0.0166 \text{ S/m}$$



iNEMI 5G Round Robin Overview

previously
presented at:



Our project:



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3M • AGC-Nelco • Ajinomoto USA • AT&S • Centro Ricerche FIAT-FCA • Dell • Dupont • EMD Electronics (Co-Chair) • Flex | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Georgia Tech • Showa Denko Materials • IBIDEN Co Ltd • IBM • Intel • Isola • ITRI (Co-Chair) • Keysight (Co-Chair) • MacDermid-Alpha | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mosaic Microsystems • NIST • Nokia • Panasonic • QWED • Shengyi Technology Company • Sheldahl • Unimicron Technology Corp • Zestron |
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Sample Material Requirements

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

1st Project Stage

- Precision Teflon
- Cyclo Olefin Polymer

2nd Project Stage

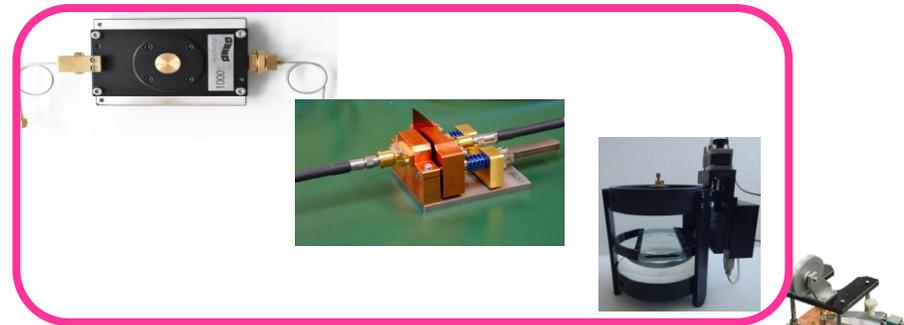
- Rexolite
- Fused Silica

Industrial

- Automotive

Techniques Included

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

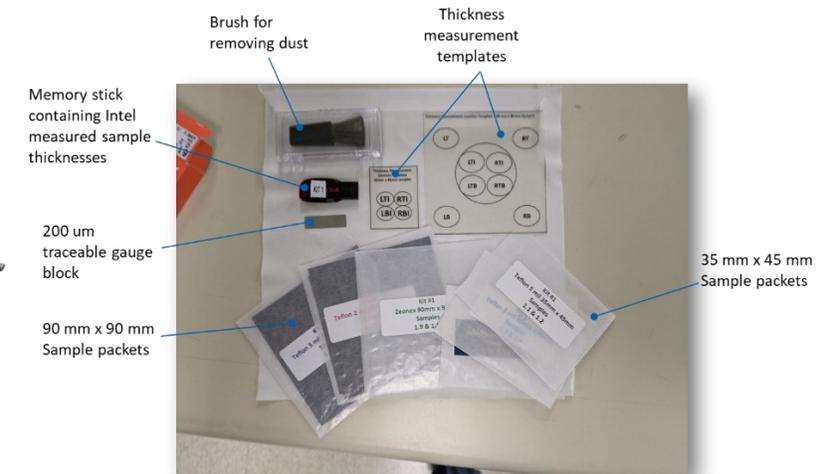
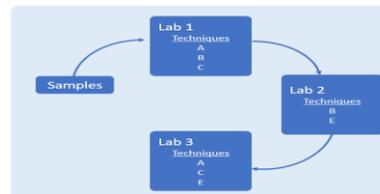


→ Frequency Span : 10GHz – 100GHz with overlaps

10 Sample Kits Created

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

10 Laboratory Round Robin



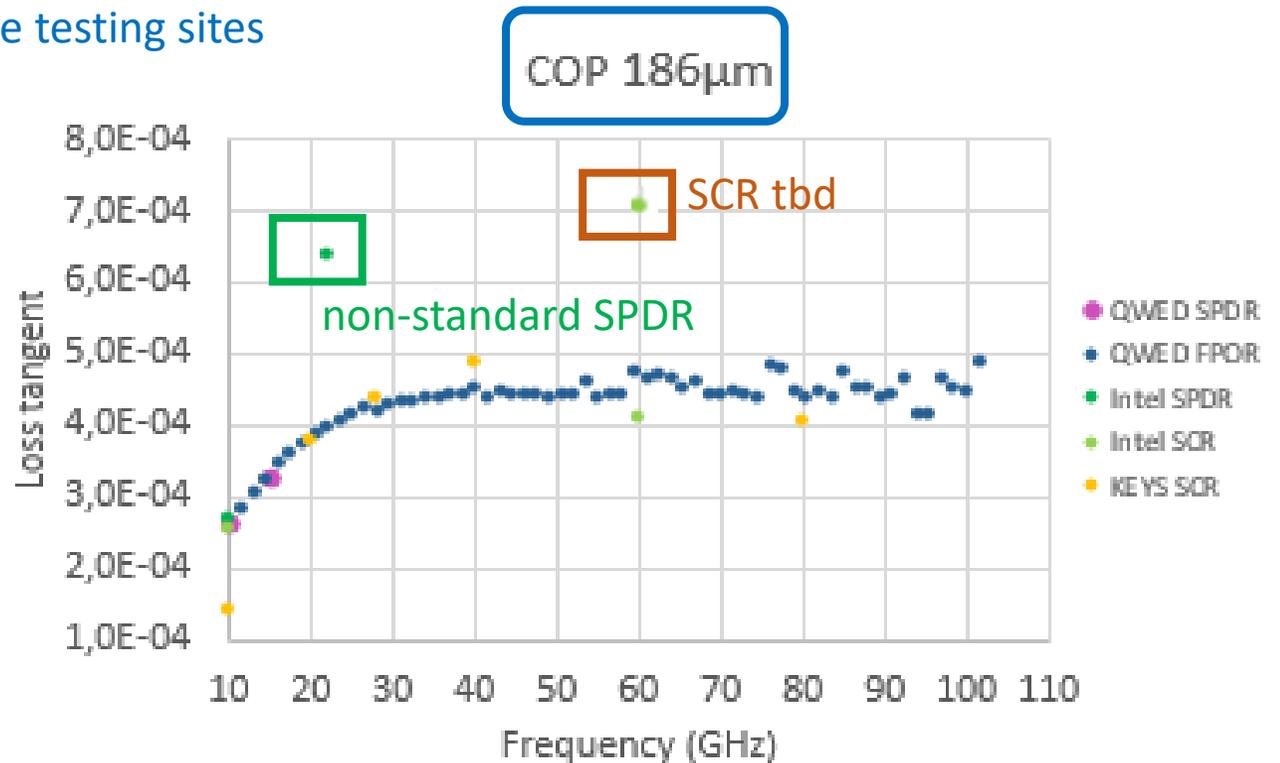
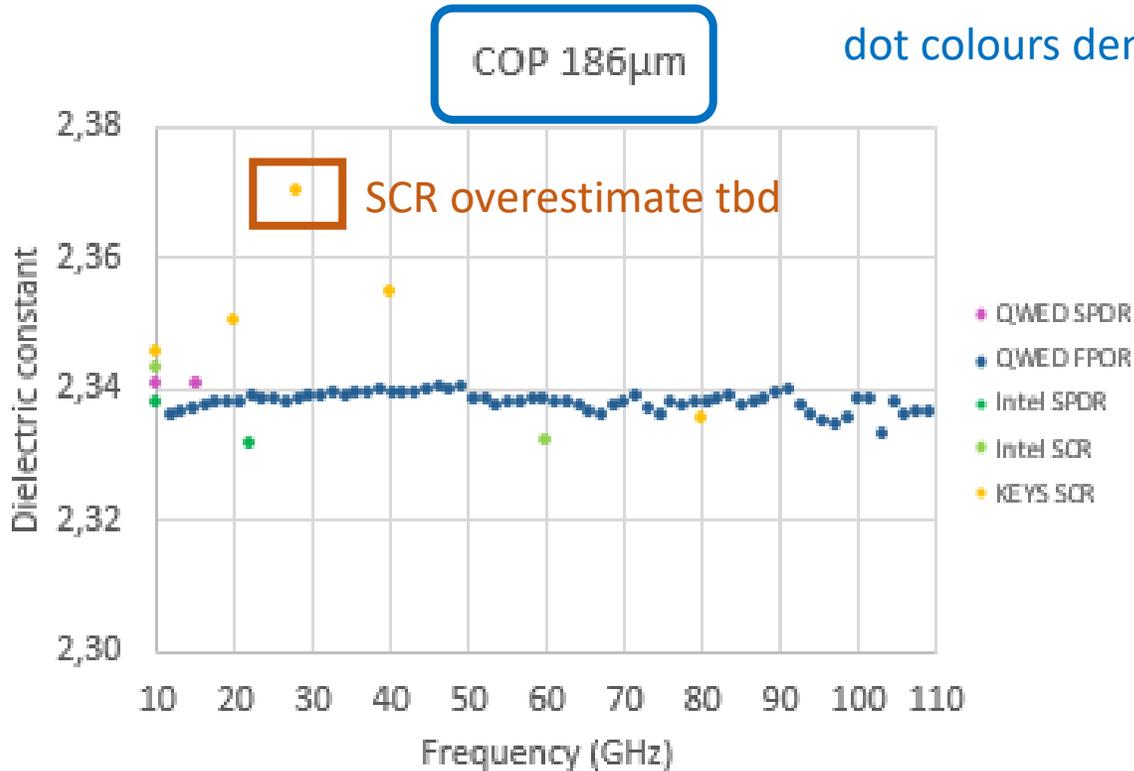
Characterisation Results - Consistency

previously
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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

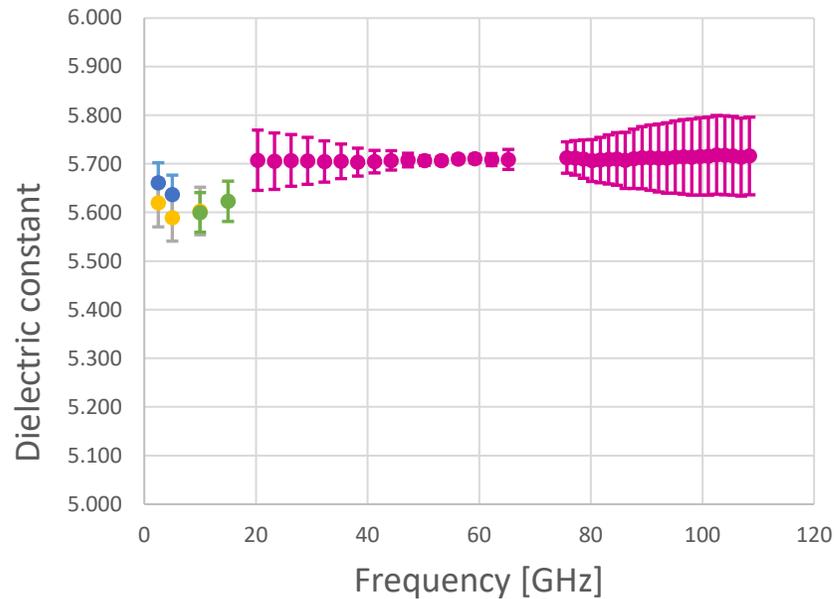
Recent Applications to ULTCC Materials: test of commercial A6M ceramic

Ultra-Low Temperature Co-fired Ceramics for 6th Generation Electronic Packaging (ULTCC6G_EPac under M-ERA.NET 2)



ULTCC6G_EPac project is co-financed by the National Centre for Research and Development under M-ERA.NET2/2020/1/2021 contract.

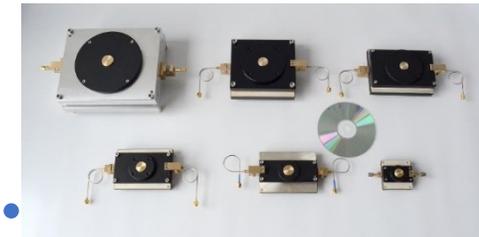
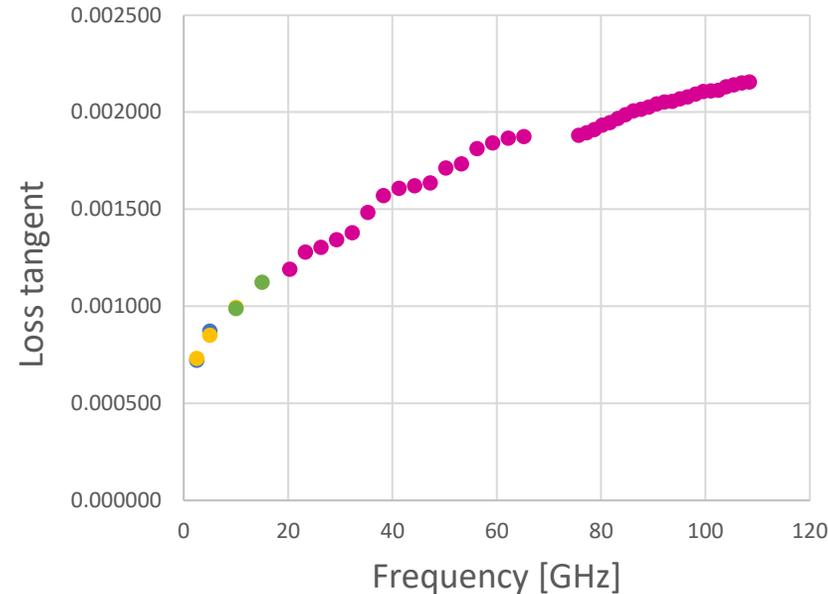
LTCC material



Commercial A6M material

- Sample 1 SPDR
- Sample 1 FPOR
- Sample 2 SPDR
- Sample 3 SPDR

LTCC material



- Sample 1 FPOR
- Sample 2 SPDR
- Sample 3 SPDR

SPDRs



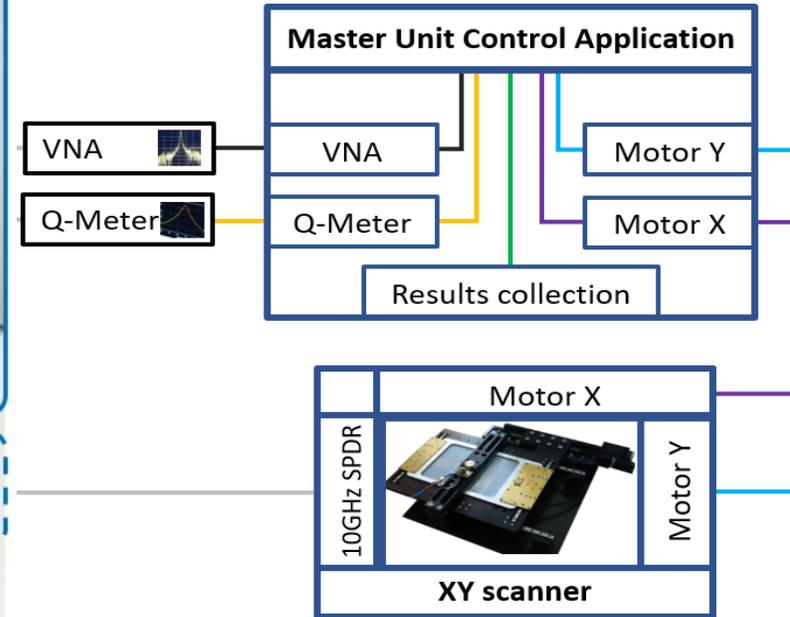
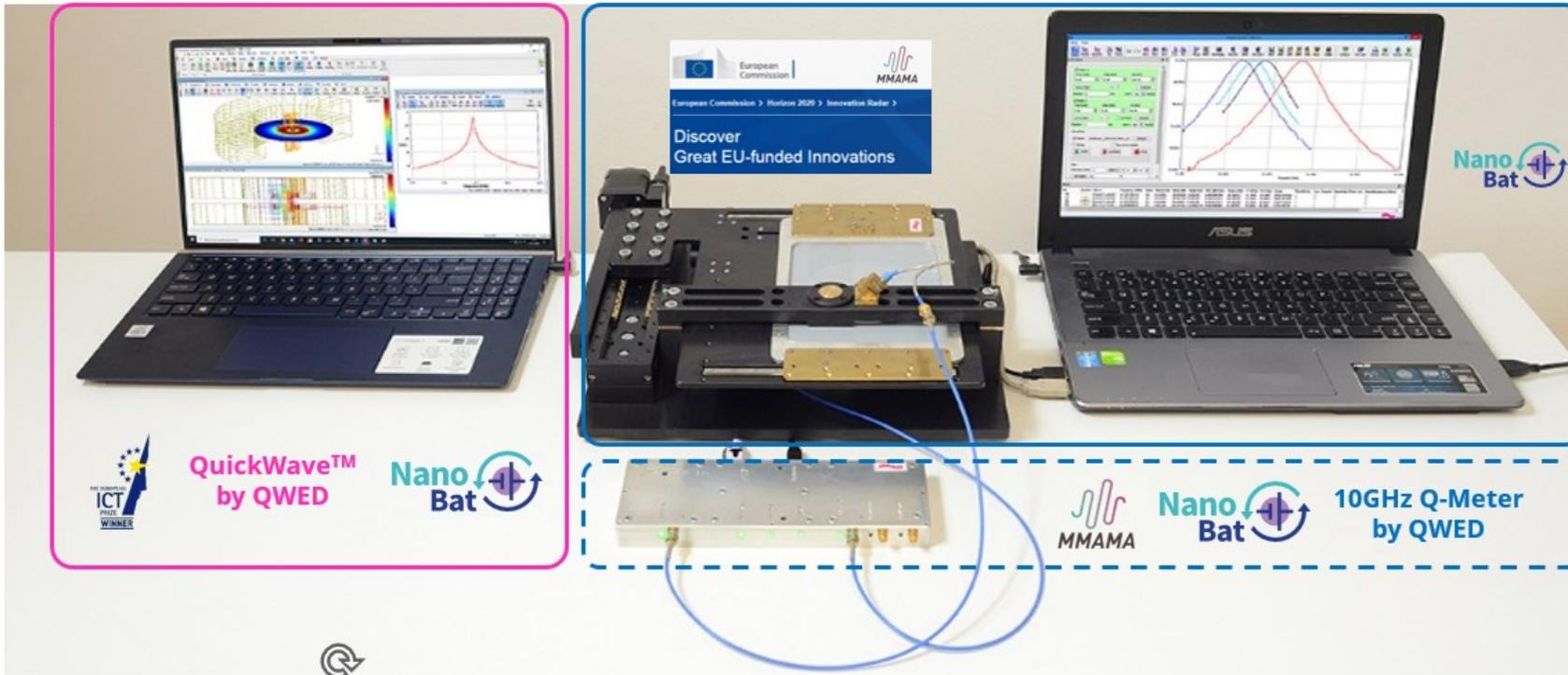
FPOR

SPDRs and FPOR results consistent within uncertainty bounds – related to thickness variation



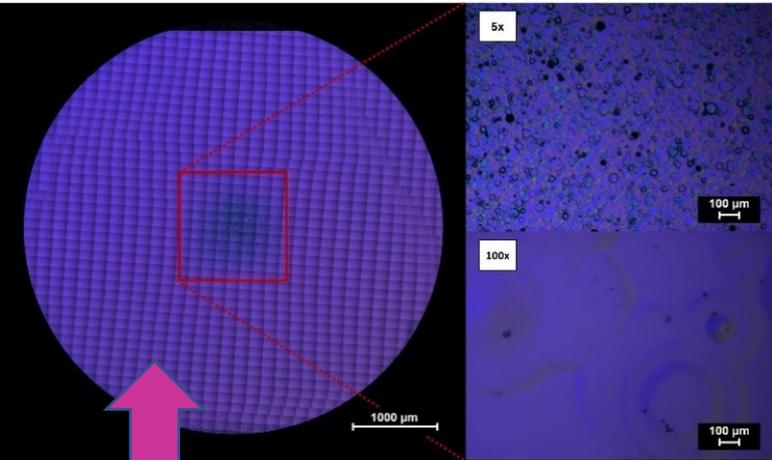
Extension of the SPDR Method to 2D Imaging of Planar Samples

2D scanner designed with a modified 10 GHz SPDR



Finalist of the European Innovation Radar Prize 2021

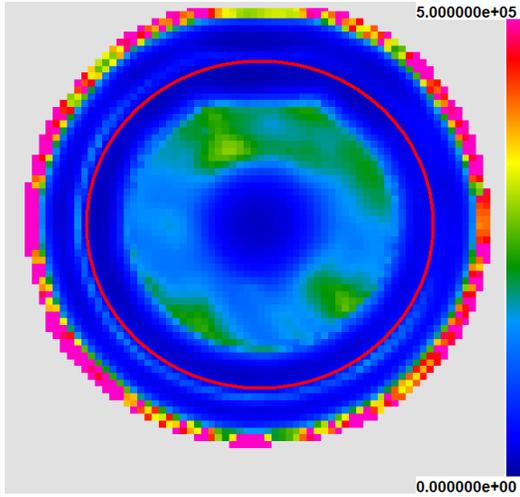
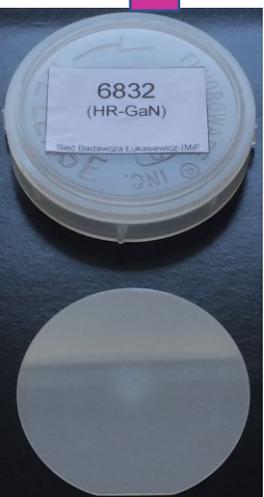
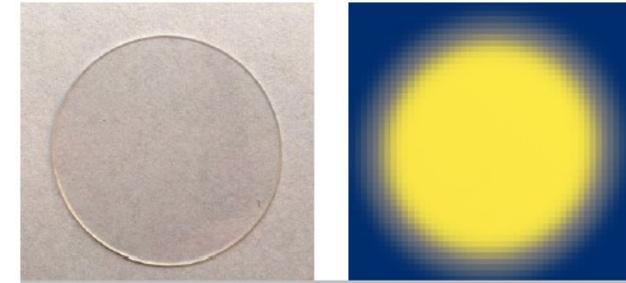
2D SPDR Imaging of HR- GaN for Light & Power Electronics Devices



Optical microscopy image at L-IMI F reveals morphology inhomogeneity in the central area:

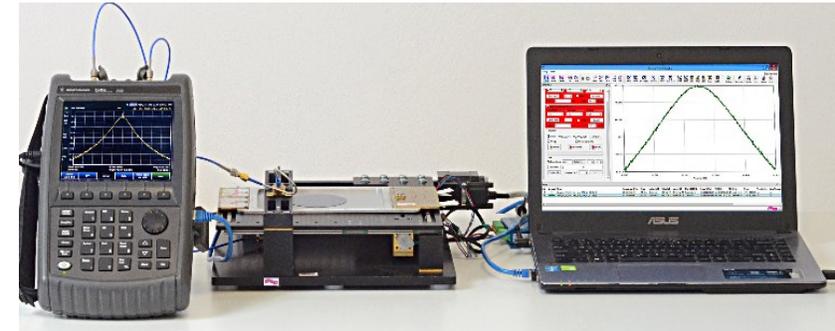
- in qualitative terms only,
- attributed to the growth non-uniformity,
- only the central part appears useless for making devices.

2D map of quartz wafer



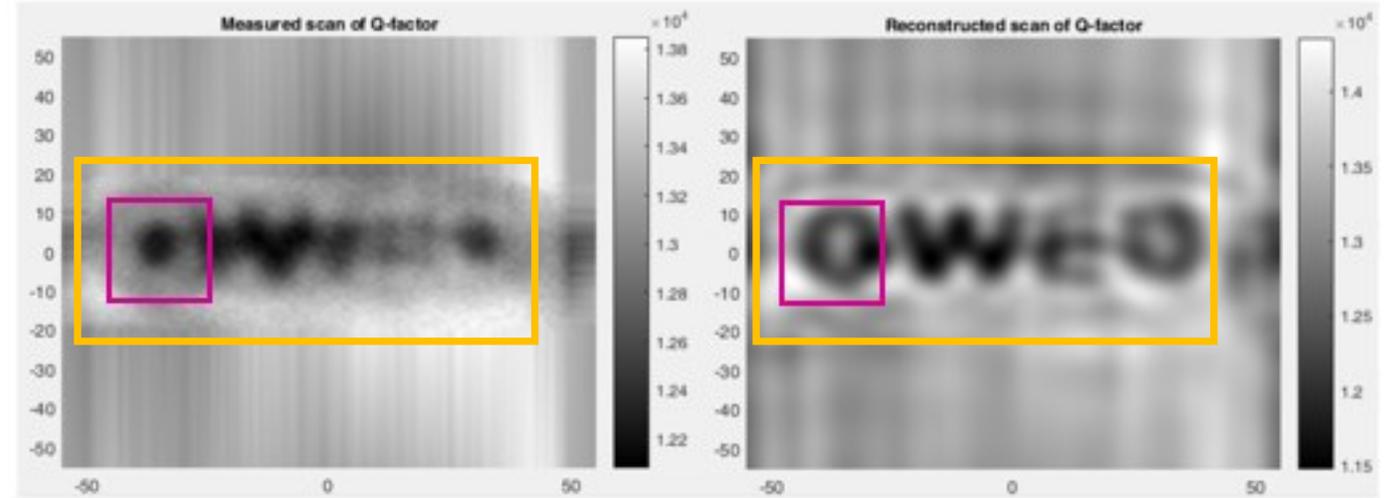
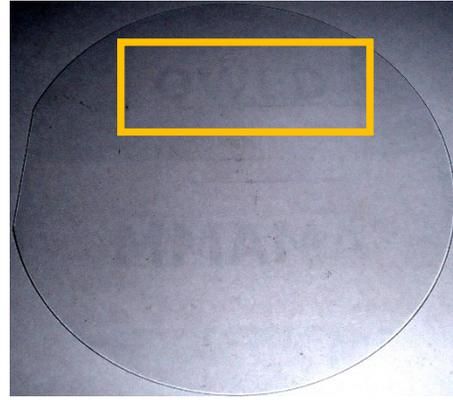
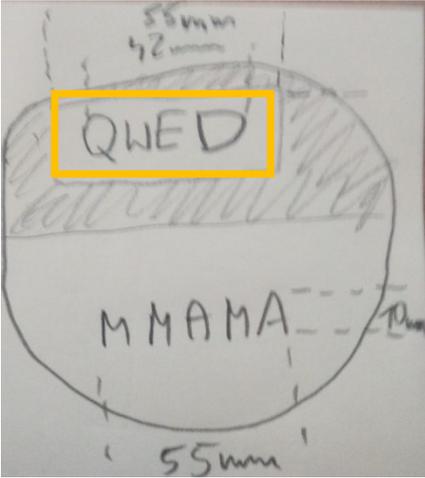
SPDR image:

- shows this whole GaN template unusable,
- quantitative evaluation:
 - edge ring inherent to so-called edge effect,
 - ca. $2 \cdot 10^4 \Omega\text{cm}$ in the centre (dark blue),
 - ca. $5 \cdot 10^4 \Omega\text{cm}$ along the inner ring (light blue),
 - up to $1.2 - 3 \cdot 10^5 \Omega\text{cm}$ across outer SUT's area (blue-green),
 - edge effect along the circumference.



2D Imaging of Organic Semiconductors for Solar Cells

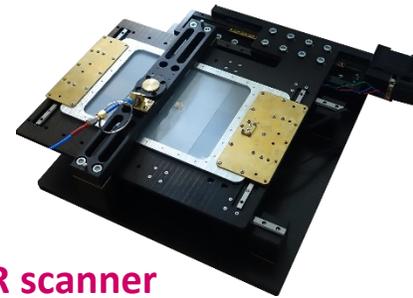
Modelling-Based Resolution Enhancement of Surface Images



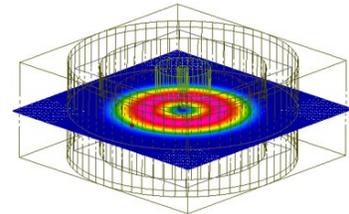
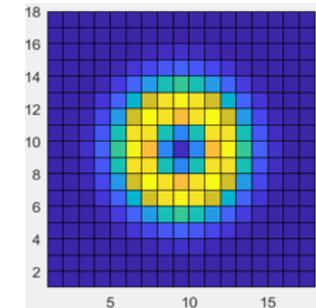
Patterned PEDOT:PSS sample
courtesy MateriaNova, Belgium

raw image of sample resistivity
(measured Q-Factor)

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

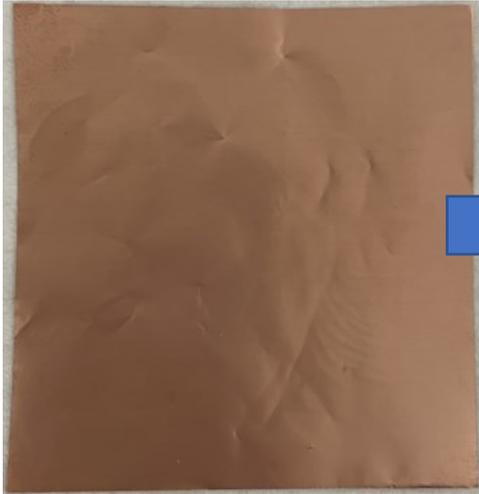


2D SPDR scanner

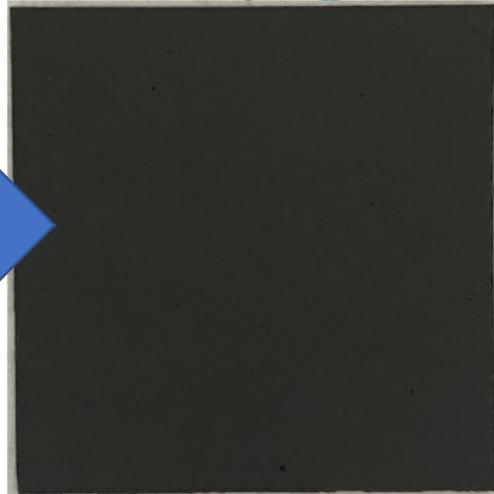


2D Imaging of Conductive Films – Graphene Anodes Before & After Cycling

Copper electrode

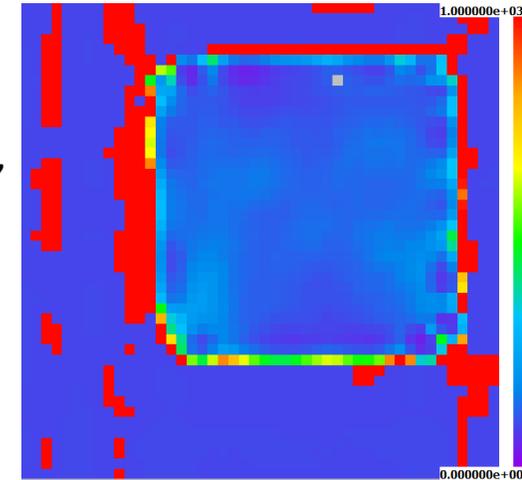


Graphene-based battery anode before cycling



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

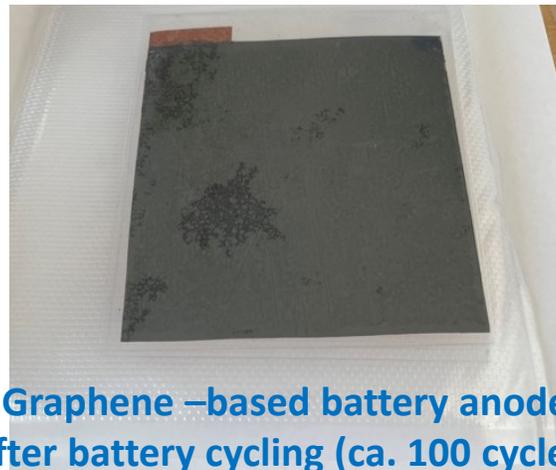
2D map of R_s [Ω /sq.]



values of R_s [Ω /sq.]

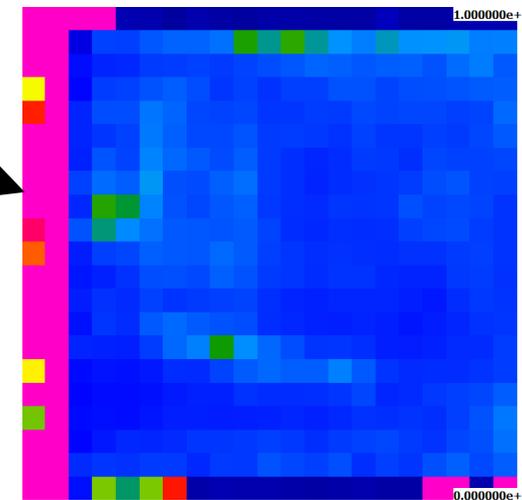
85 – 160 [Ω /sq.]

*courtesy PLEIONE Energy, Greece



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

Sample edge (protecting foil)



110 – 340 [Ω /sq.]

increase indicates SEI formation



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Summarising...

1. Resonator-based techniques provide unbeatable **accuracy** for the characterisation of **low-loss materials relevant to 5G and 6G**.
2. The using higher frequency bands, 5G / 6G become a “moving target” requiring developments of resonators for ever higher frequencies.
→ FPOR has been proven a practical solution up to 120 GHz and further increase of its operating frequencies **requires enhancement (calibration) on the VNA side**.
3. In the ongoing M-ERA.NET ULTCC6G_EPac project the use of SPDRs and cavities has been extended to controlled environmental conditions, **providing feedback for the ULTCC process developments**.
4. In the H2020 MMAMA & NanoBat, and M-ERA.NET I4BAGS projects the use of SPDRs and SiPDRs has been extended to 2D imaging of energy materials, **providing feedback for process quality control**.
5. QWED team is open to **undertake new challenges** in the field of material measurements, including 6G, and **new collaborations**, especially where our **modelling competencies** can fill existing knowledge gaps.