



Simulation-Based Design in Electrical Engineering

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- Introduction
- Dielectric Design of HV Products
- Magnetics in Engineering Design
- Coupled Problem
- Optimization 1
- Optimization 2



Simulation-Based Design

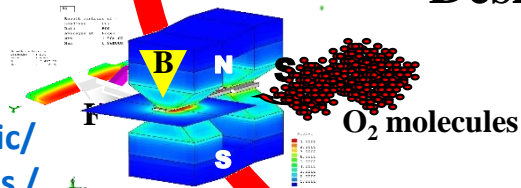
Prediction of paint application
ElectroDyn.-CFD



- Prototype design
- Product design
- Design upgrade

MEMS Desing

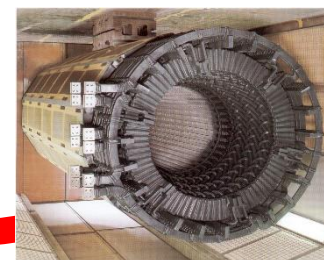
Coupled EM / Fluidic/
Molecular Dynamics /
Mechanic Simulation



- Dielectric Design -> **Electro-Static**
- Temperature hot spots -> **Electro-Thermal**
- Short-circuit Forces -> **Electro-Mechanics**
- Shock-structure -> **Mechanics**
- Acoustics



- Dielectric Design -> **Electro-Static**
- EM / SM Design -> **Coupled Analysis**
- Cooling of switchgear -> **Electro-Thermal**
- Explosion-proofing -> **Shock-Structure**



- Overheating problems -> **Electro-Thermal**
- ON/OFF Switching problems -> **Coupled Analysis**
- Explosion-proofing -> **Shock-structure**



SBD: What are the key **business drivers** in the engineering design?

1. Achieve **top device performance** with **minimal development costs**,
2. Minimize **Time2Market**, i.e. maximal reduction of the product development time.

These two requirements can be mostly fulfilled by replacing the traditional **Experimentally-Based Design (EBD) with the advanced **Simulation-Based Design** (SBD) through:**

1. Accelerating the design process for xxx% - **avoiding prototypes**
2. Better design through **better understanding** of the physical phenomena
3. Recognizing and **eliminate the product's weak points** already at the design stage

To stay at the competitive edge, the SBD has to be equipped with the accurate, robust and fast numerical technologies suited for:

1. Analysis of the **real-world 3D problems**, preserving the necessary structural and physical complexity
2. ... but, using such numerical technologies that are enough **user-friendly** to be accepted by the designers
3. ... and, using the numerical technologies suitable for the **daily** design process



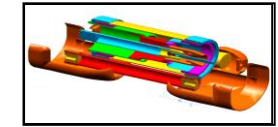
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Experimentally-based
prototyping

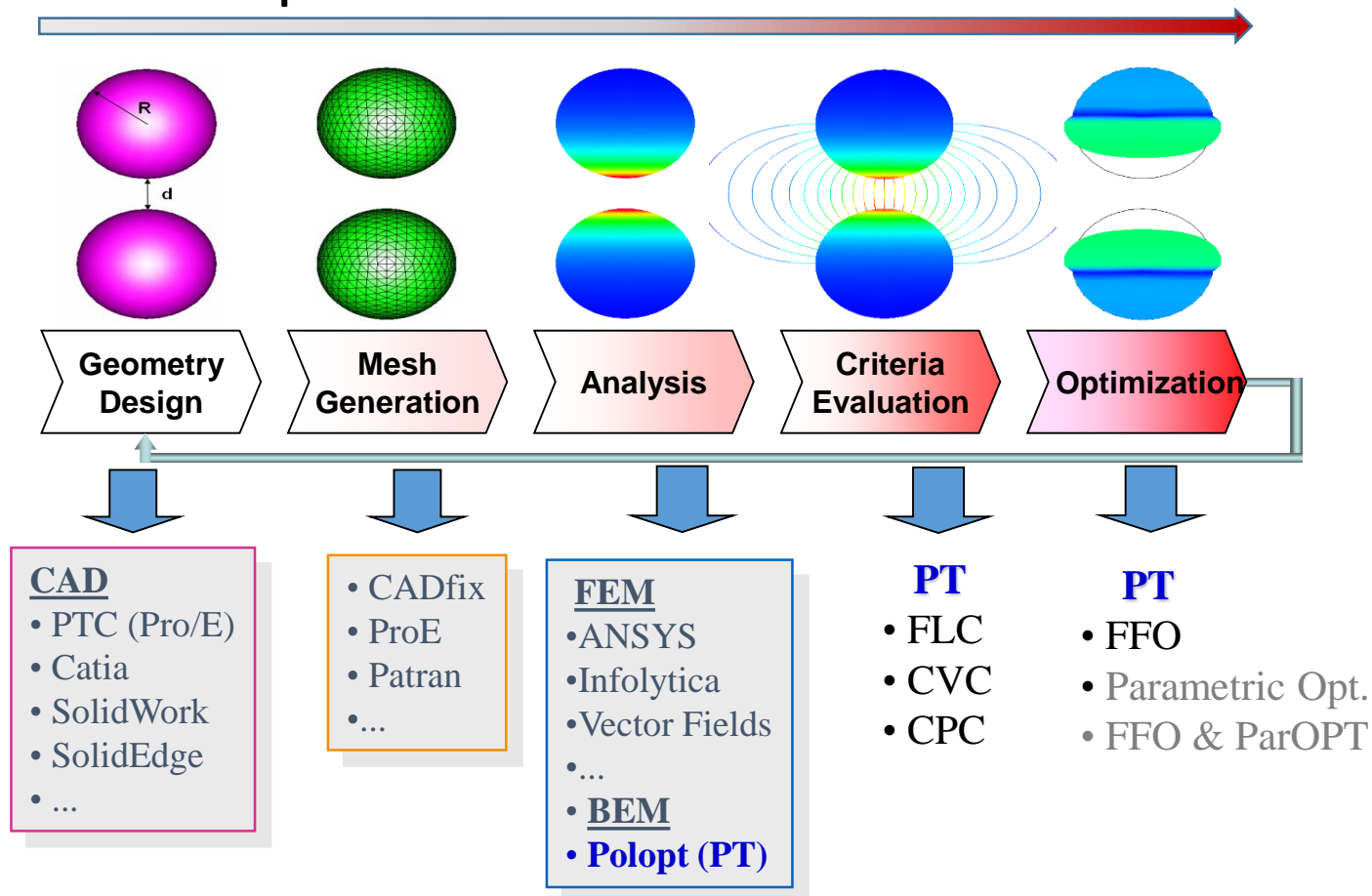


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Digital
"prototype"

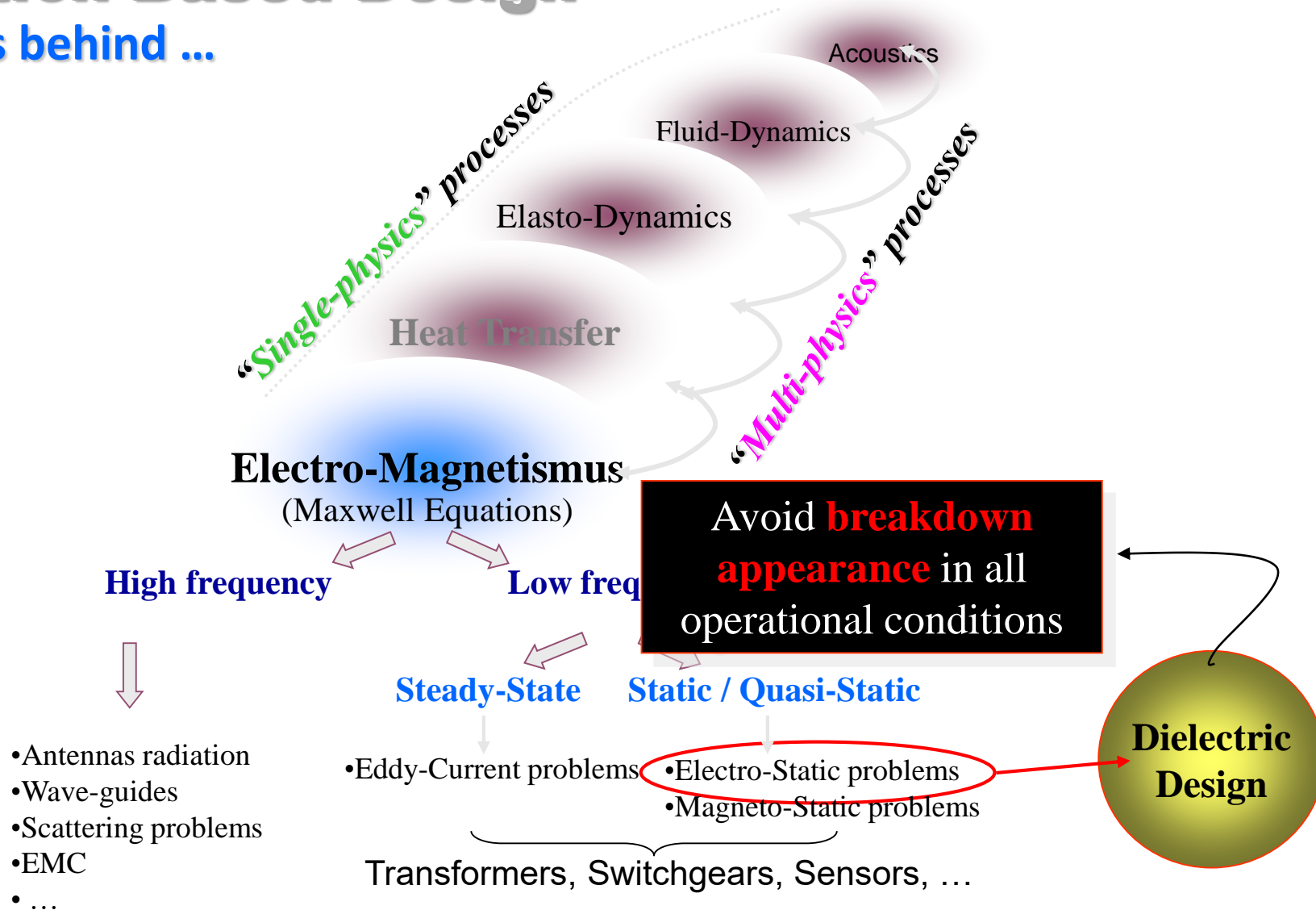
SBD Roadmap





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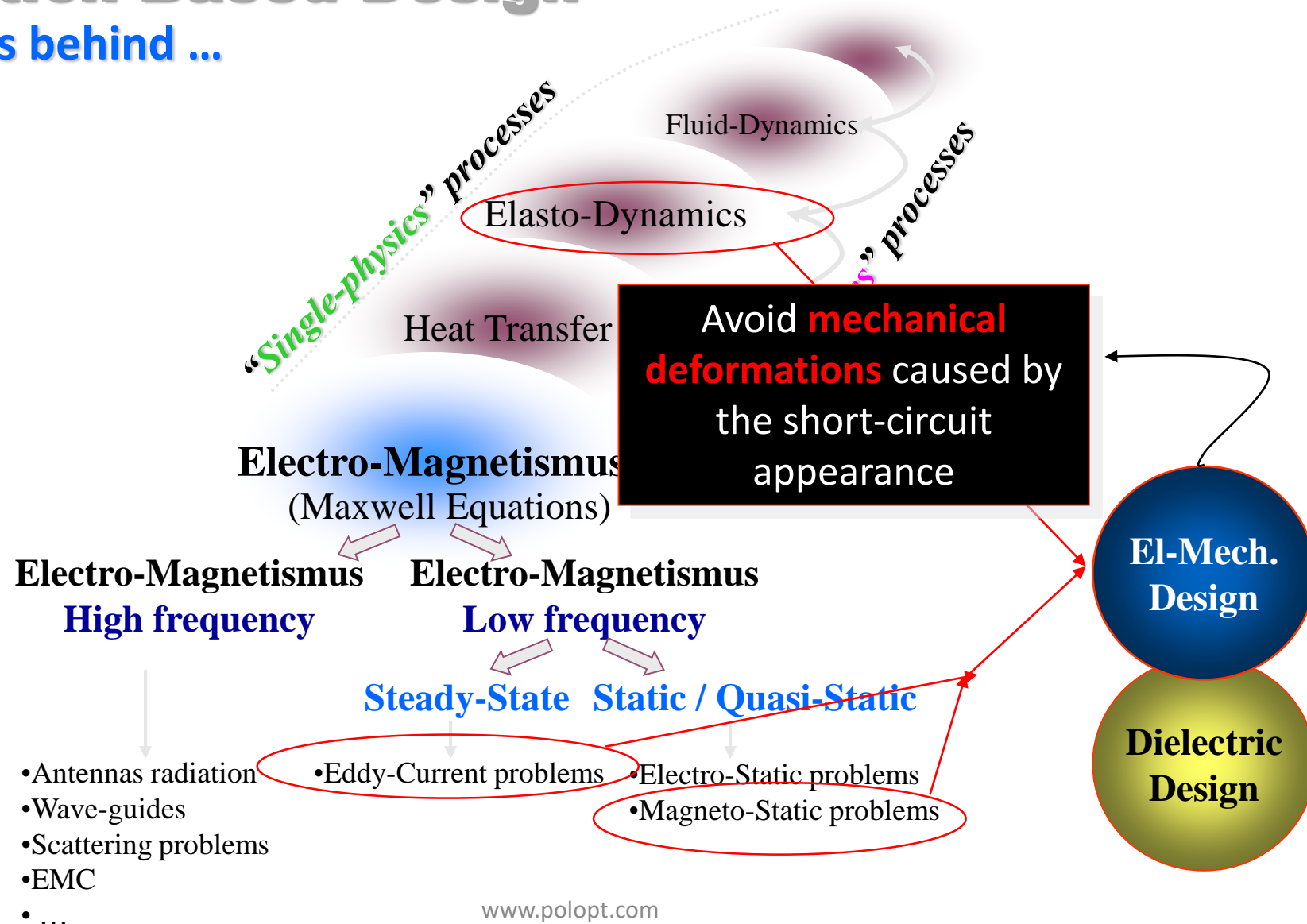
The physics behind ...





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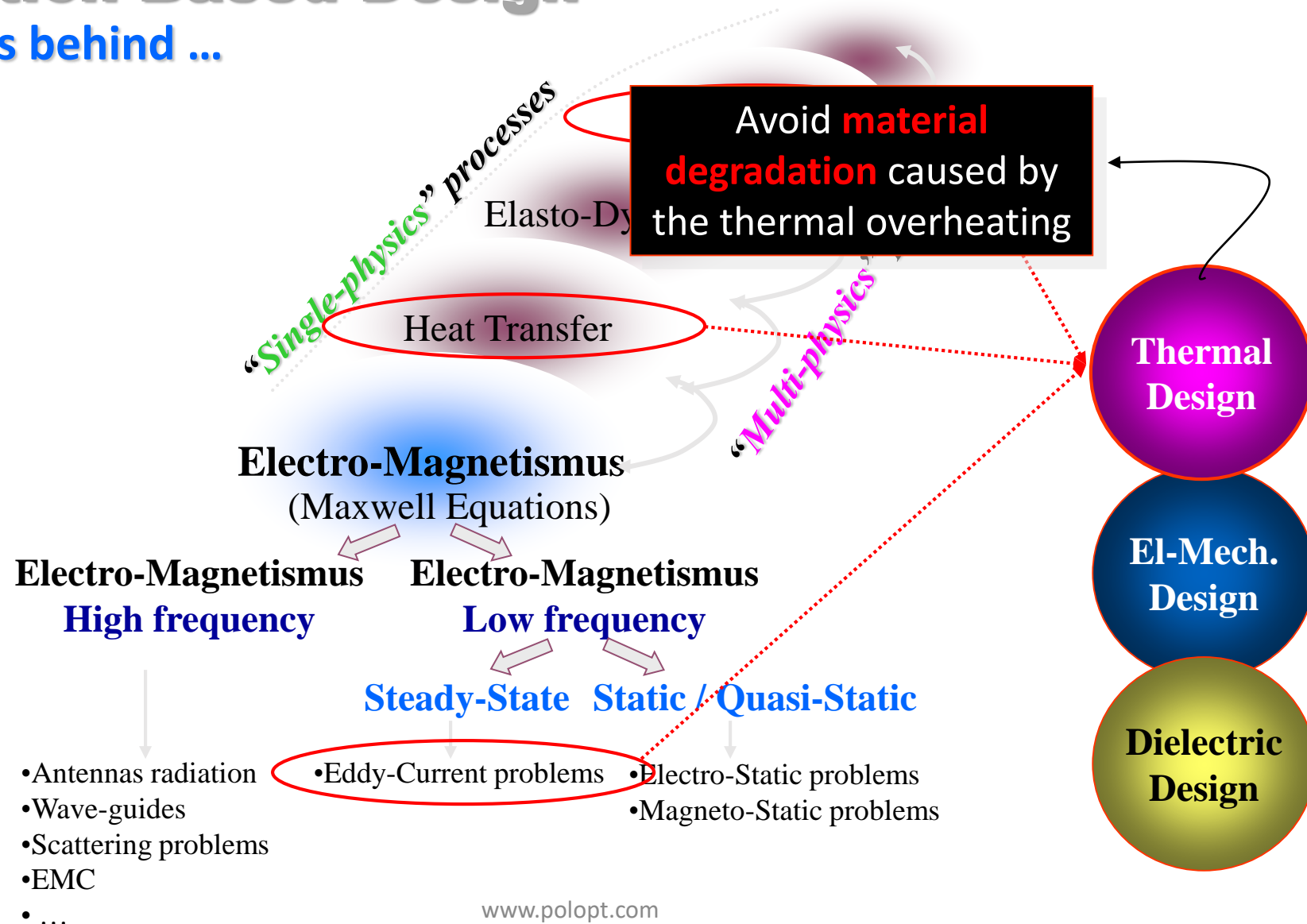
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The physics behind ...





Thermal
Design

El-Mech.
Design

**Dielectric
Design**

Simulation-Based Design in Electrical Engineering

- Simulation-Based Design in Engineering Praxis
- **Dielectric Design of HV Products**
- Magnetic Design in EE
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SBD in ED: Dielectric Design of HV Products



Main technical challenges

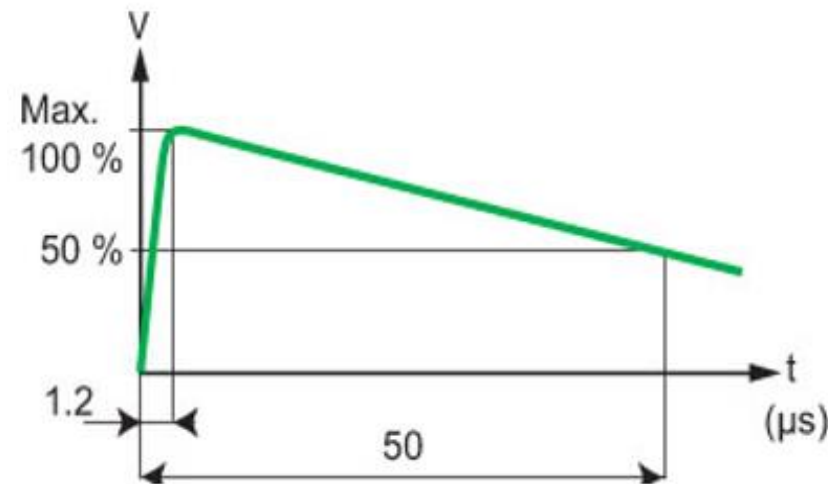
- When designing the HV apparatus (like switchgear, transformers), it is important to properly design the dielectric insulation with respect to possible **overvoltages**.
- Typically, two class of problems relate to the dielectric design:
 1. Determination of the **voltage stress** which the insulation must withstand
 2. Determination of the **response of the insulation**, when subjected to these voltages stresses

The balance between the **electrical stress** on the insulation and the **dielectric strength** of the insulation is a key task of the **insulation coordination** within dielectric design!

SBD in ED: Dielectric Design of HV Products

Within DD of HV products, each HV devices' series has to be tested against:

- **Power frequency voltage** (*1min. test under 50Hz (60Hz))*
- **Switching impulse** – recommended for the equipment under the voltages above 300kV
- **Lightning impulse voltage**



Form of the lightning impulse voltage. Peak is reached within $1.2\mu s$



SBD in ED: Dielectric Design of HV Products

- Those kinds of tests are usually carried out in the specialized HV lab. One of the very well know is **KEMA** in Holland / USA.
- An equivalent laboratory in Italy is **CESI**.



HV testing laboratory KEMA, Holland



SBD in ED: Dielectric Design of HV Products

How the design process of one the HV products looks like?

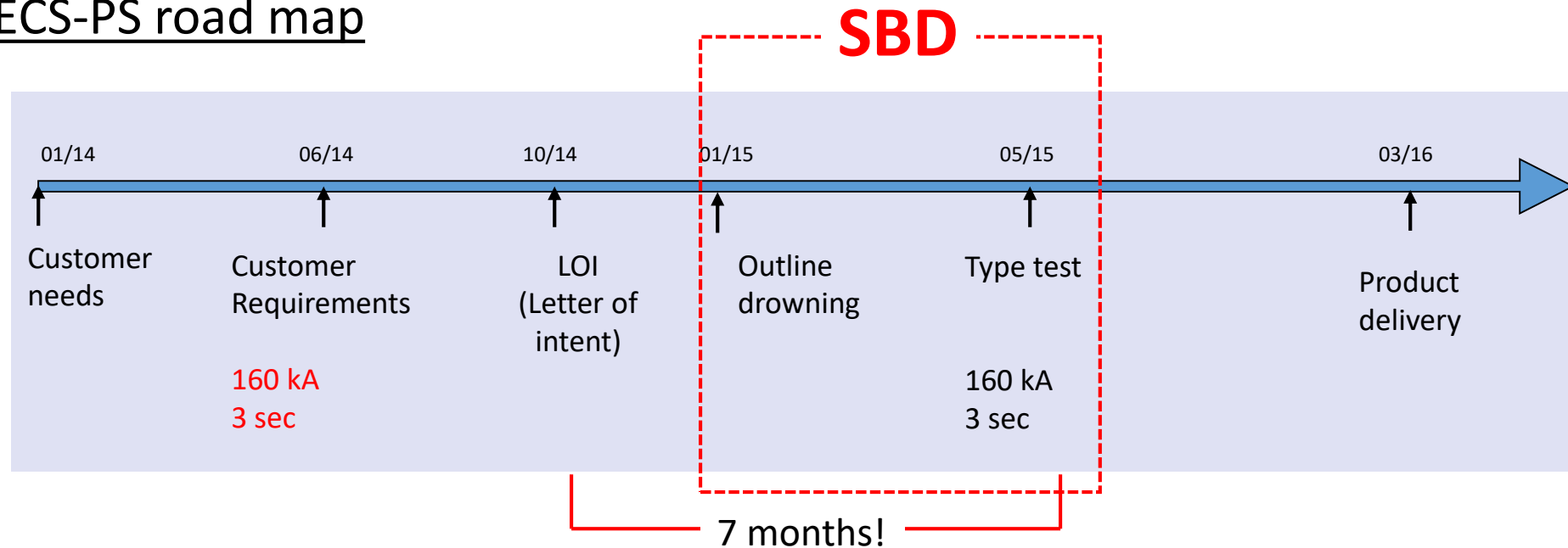


SBD in ED: Dielectric Design of HV Products



HECS-PS: new product in **ABB** GCB environment!

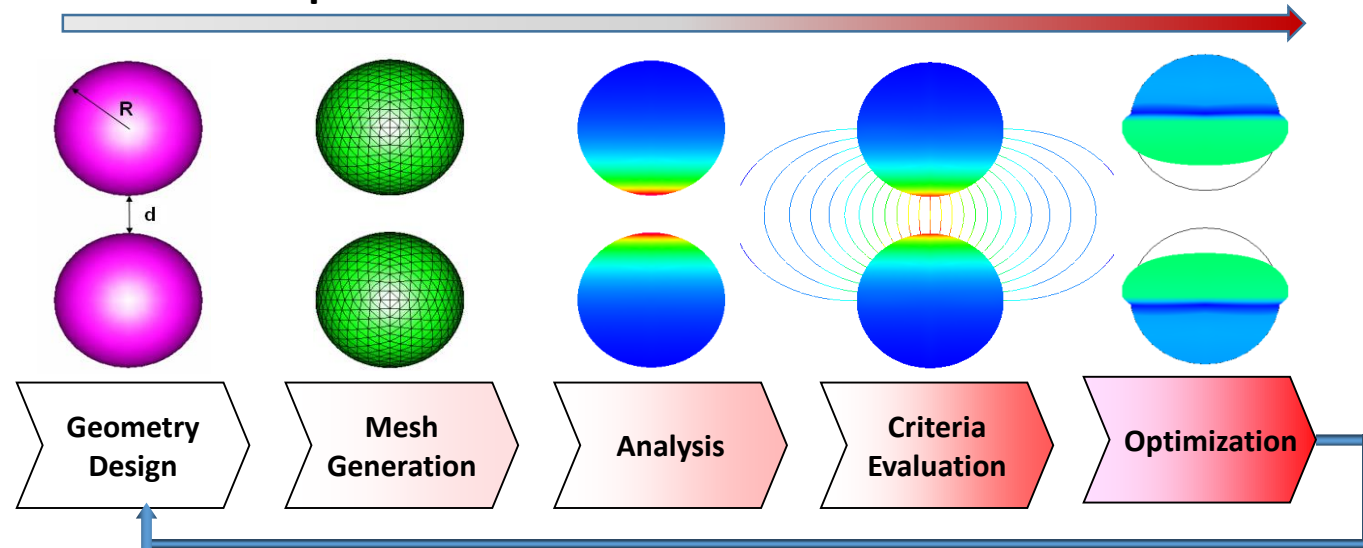
HECS-PS road map





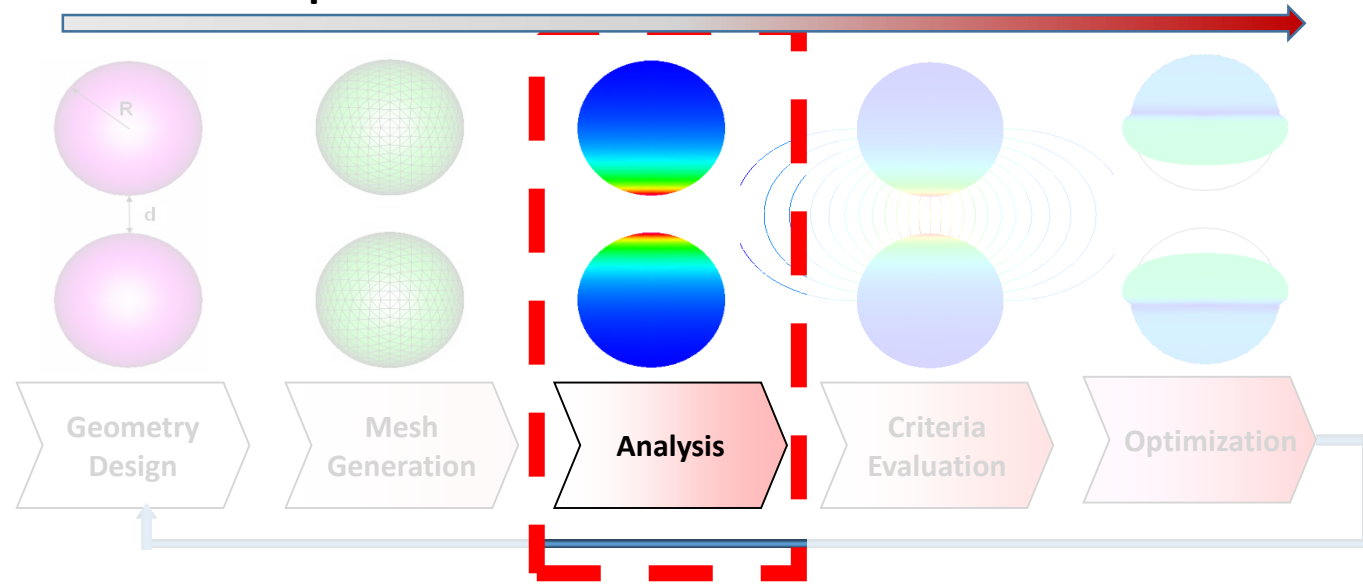
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SBD Roadmap



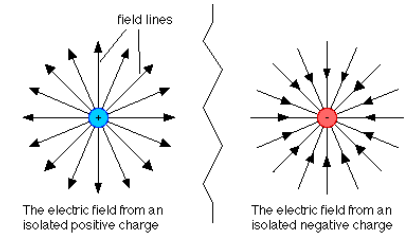
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SBD Roadmap



- Mathematical model
- Numerical representation
- Some examples

Maxwell Equations



Gauss' law for electricity: $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_e$

$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}$	$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}$ - Free space
General case	$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}$ - Isotropic linear dielectric

➡ The electric flux leaving a volume is proportional to the charge inside.

Gauss' law for magnetism: $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ (*no magnetic monopoles!*)

➡ The total magnetic flux through a closed surface is zero

Faraday's law of induction: $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = - \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$

➡ The voltage induced in a closed loop is proportional to the rate of change of the magnetic flux that the loop encloses.

Amper's law:

$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}$	$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 (\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M})$	$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{H}$ - Free space
	General case	$\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H}$ - Isotropic linear magnetic media

➡ The magnetic field integrated around a closed loop is proportional to the electric current plus displacement current



Electrostatics

Assuming that there is no magnetic field, ($\mathbf{B}=0$)

Gauss' law for electricity: $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho$

Faraday's law of induction: $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0$

Different Notation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{div} \mathbf{D} = \rho \\ \text{curl} \mathbf{E} = 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{div} \mathbf{D} = \rho \\ \text{rot} \mathbf{E} = 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Gauss' law for electricity

Poisson's
equation

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho / \varepsilon \quad \Rightarrow \quad |\mathbf{E} = -\nabla \phi| \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla^2 \phi = -\rho / \varepsilon$$

Boundary conditions

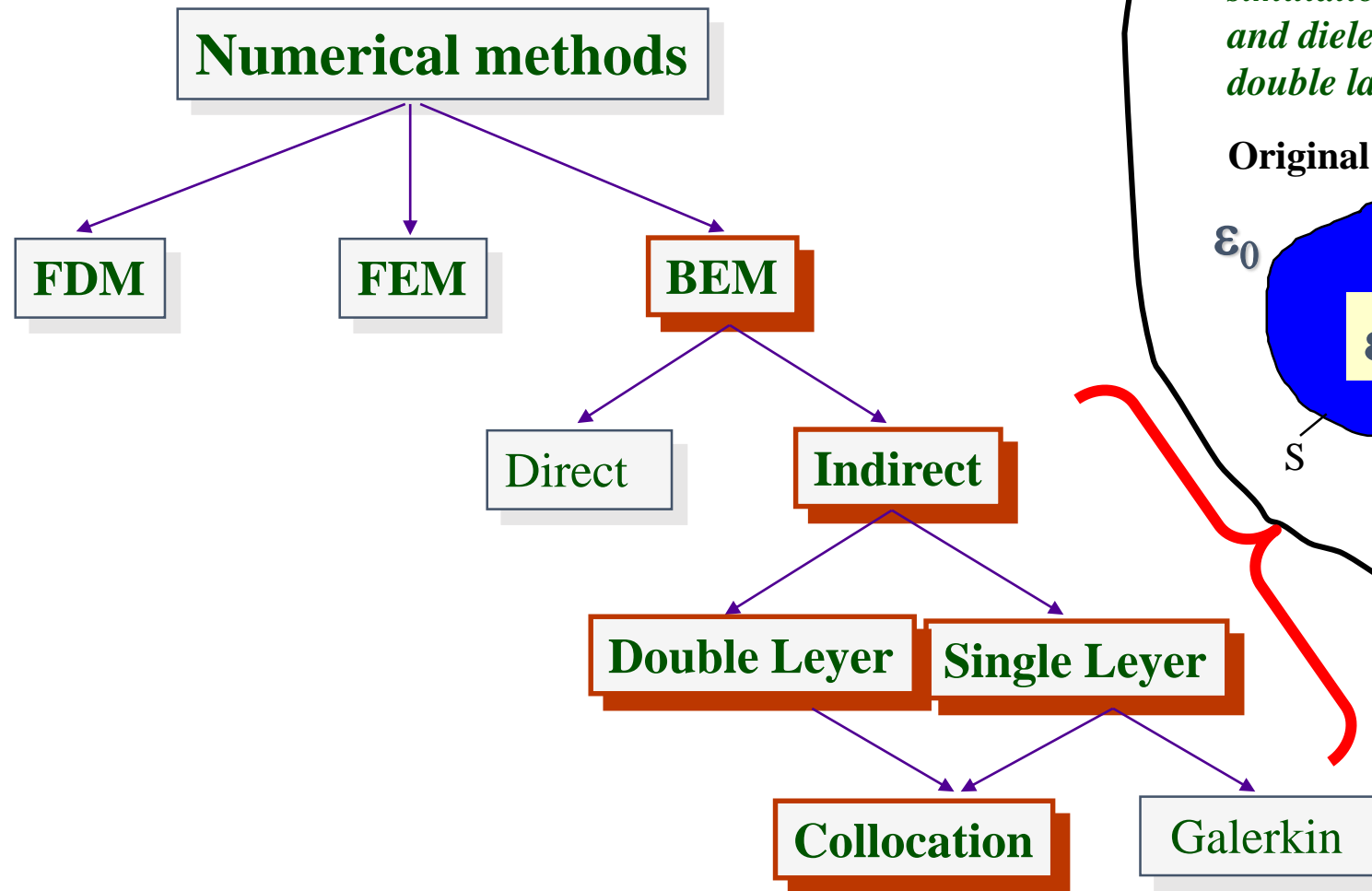
$$\phi_1 = \phi_2$$

$$\varepsilon_1 \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial n} - \varepsilon_2 \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial n} = \sigma$$

For homogeneous media, where the space charge $\rho = 0$

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0 \quad \text{Laplace's equation}$$

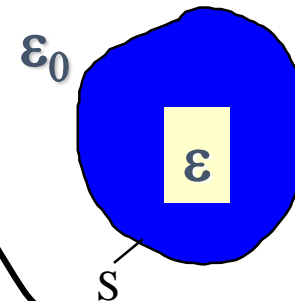
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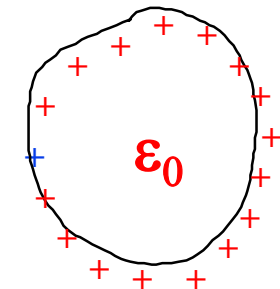
Basic idea:

simulation of real charges/currents on electrodes and dielectrics by the equivalent sources of single or double layer

Original Problem

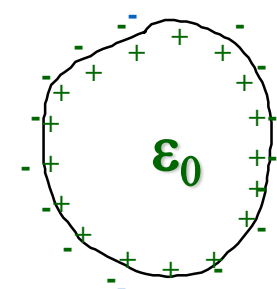


Equivalent Problems



Single Layer
Charge (Current)

or

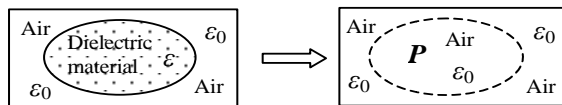


Double Layer
Charge (Current)

BEM for Dielectric Problems

Formulation: *Single-Layer Ansatz*

$$\Delta \varphi = 0 \quad \& \quad \phi_1 = \phi_2 \quad \& \quad \varepsilon_1 \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial n} - \varepsilon_2 \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial n} = \sigma$$



$$\varphi(I) = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \int_S \sigma(J) \frac{1}{r_{IJ}} dS_J \quad \leftarrow \text{I FIE (potential continuity)}$$

$$\sigma(I) = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \int_S \sigma(J) \cdot \frac{\vec{r}_{IJ} \cdot \vec{n}_I^0}{r_{IJ}^3} dS_J \quad \leftarrow \text{II FIE (flux continuity)}$$

Fictive charges

Implementation:

- *Method*: Collocation / Galerkin
- *Ansatz*: Direct / Indirect
- *Approximations*:
 geometry-quadratic
 sources - linear

BEM for Dielectric Problems

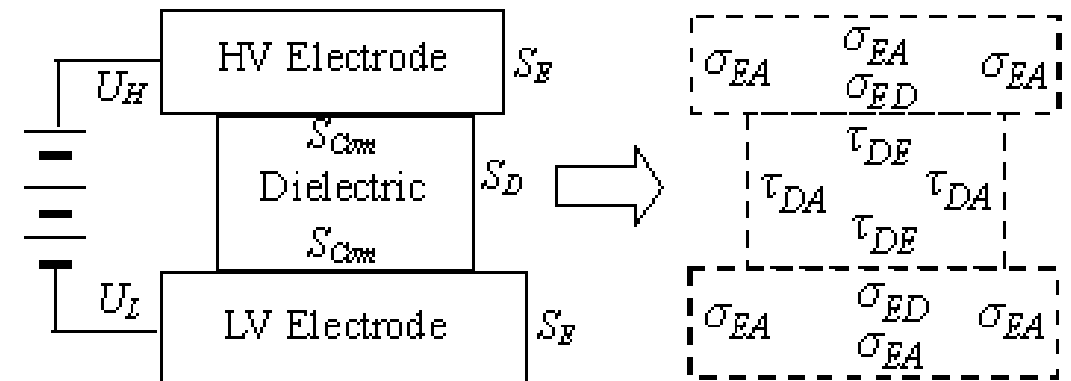
Formulation: Double-Layer Ansatz

$$\Delta\varphi = 0 \quad \& \quad \phi_1 - \phi_2 = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} \tau \quad \& \quad (\mathbf{E}_1 - \mathbf{E}_2) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$$

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Double-Layer charges

$$\frac{\Omega_P(\varepsilon_r - 1) + 4\pi}{4\pi(\varepsilon_r - 1)} \tau_l(P_o) + \int_{S_d} \tau_l \frac{\mathbf{n}_i \cdot \mathbf{r}}{4\pi r^3} dS = -\varepsilon_0 \phi_{Ex}(P_o)$$



Flux-density potential:

$$\varphi_J = \varphi_{\sigma J} + \varphi_{\tau J} = \int_{S_E} \sigma_I \frac{1}{4\pi r_{JI}} dS_I + \int_{S_D} \tau_I \frac{\mathbf{n}_I \cdot \mathbf{r}_{JI}}{4\pi r_{JI}^3} dS_I$$

Flux density:

$$\mathbf{D}_J = -\nabla \varphi_J = \int_{S_E} \sigma_I \frac{\mathbf{r}_{JI}}{4\pi r_{JI}^3} dS_I + \sum \tau_I \oint_{\Delta L_D} \frac{\mathbf{t}_I \times \mathbf{r}_{JI}}{4\pi r_{JI}^3} dL_I$$

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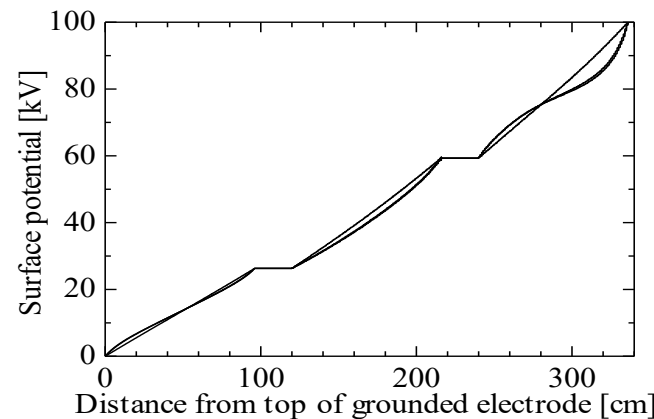
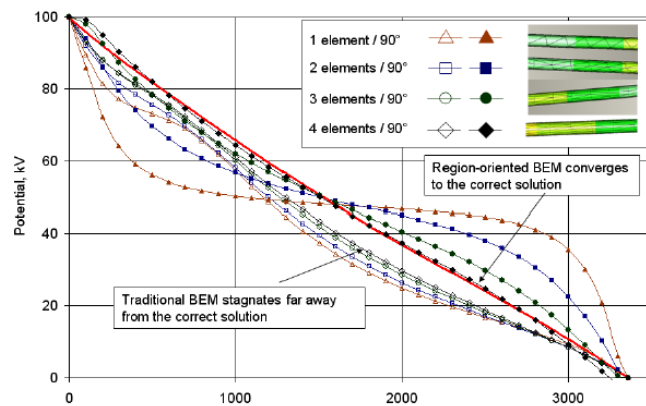
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Formulation: **Double-Layer Ansatz**

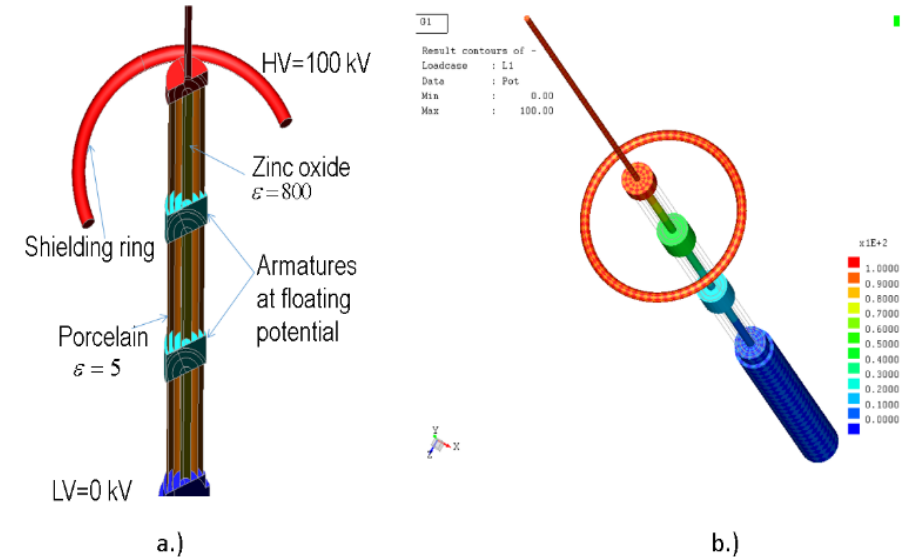
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Potential distribution of IEC surge-arrester model



- IEC surge-arrester model with two floating electrodes and grading ring;
- Potential distribution along the zinc-oxide / HV/ LV components



Indirect Approach: Double-Layer Electrostatic Formulation

$$\varphi(I) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_S \sigma(J) \frac{1}{r_{IJ}} dS_J$$

$$\frac{\Omega_P (\epsilon_r - 1) + 4\pi}{4\pi(\epsilon_r - 1)} \tau_l(P_o) + \int_{S_d} \tau_l \frac{\mathbf{n}_i \cdot \mathbf{r}}{4\pi r^3} dS = -\epsilon_0 \phi_{Ex}(P_o)$$

Sources approximation

Geometry approximation

$$\sigma = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \cdot N_i \quad \vec{r} = \sum_{i=1}^m \vec{r}_i \cdot N_i$$

$$\tilde{\varphi}(I) = k_1 \sum_{All_domains} \sum_{GP} \tilde{\sigma}(J) \cdot \tilde{K}_1 \cdot \Delta S_e$$

$$\tau(I) = k_2 \sum_{All_domains} \sum_{GP} \tilde{\tau}(J) \cdot \tilde{K}_2 \cdot \Delta S_e$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & a_{1,3} & \dots & a_{1,n} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & a_{2,3} & \dots & a_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} & a_{m,2} & a_{m,3} & \dots & a_{m,n} \\ a_{m+1,1} & a_{m+1,2} & a_{m+1,3} & \dots & a_{m+1,n} \\ a_{m+2,1} & a_{m+2,2} & a_{m+2,3} & \dots & a_{m+2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n,1} & a_{n,2} & a_{n,3} & \dots & a_{n,n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma \\ \tau \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \phi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[A][x] = [V]$$



Static problems

(dielectric design)

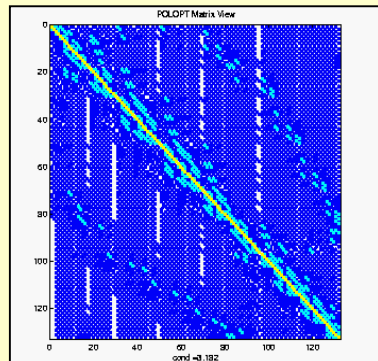
Fredholm integral equations

1 DOF (real scalars)

Typical problem size: 10.000-20.000 unknowns

Typical matrix size: < 200Mb

Matrix: full populated, diagonal dominant



Typical calc. time: ~1 Hours (serial)

Accuracy: mesh insensitive

Steady-state problems

(eddy-currents)

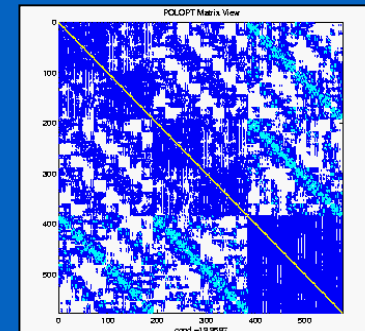
H- ϕ formulation

Min. 3 DOF (complex vectors)

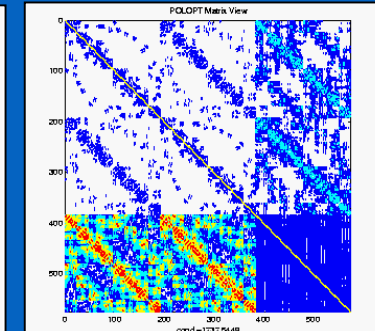
Typical problem size: 10-20.000 unknowns

Typical matrix size: > 4 Gb

Matrix: full populated, diagonal dominance depends on material parameters



Copper ($\mu=1$)



Steel ($\mu=200$)

Typical calc. time: 1-2 days (serial)

Accuracy: highly mesh dependent



BEM: Integration

Major Problems

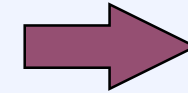
Standard BEM

Matrix generation:

Major Impact:

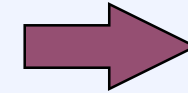
"Near-field" integration

- singular integration
- nearly-singular integration
- aspect ratio problem



**Accuracy,
Robustness**

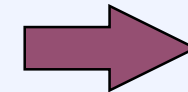
"Far-field" integration



Speed

Matrix solution:

Matrix conditioning



Convergence

❑ Main bottlenecks: Full populated matrices



huge memory size

long computational time



MBIT / ACA – Acceleration / Compression Techniques

$$G_{ij} = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \varphi_i(x) g(x, y) \varphi_j(y) dx dy$$

Kernel: Singular for $x=y$
Smoothly decaying for $|x-y| \rightarrow \infty$

Key idea: Divide space of interest into
near-field and **far-field**.

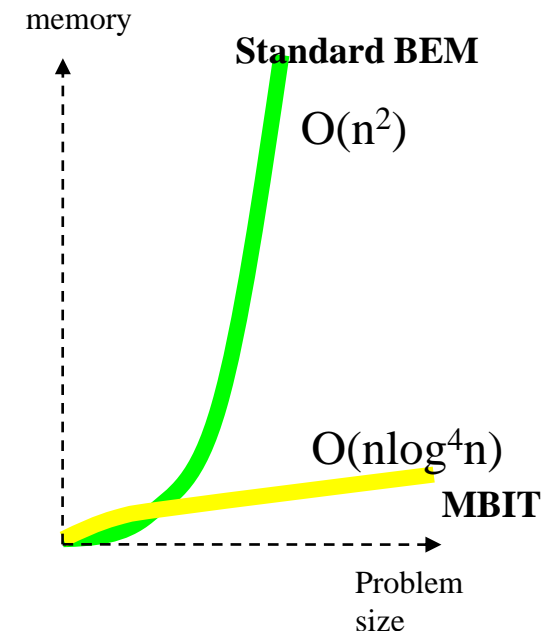
Near-field: exact computing of G_{ij}

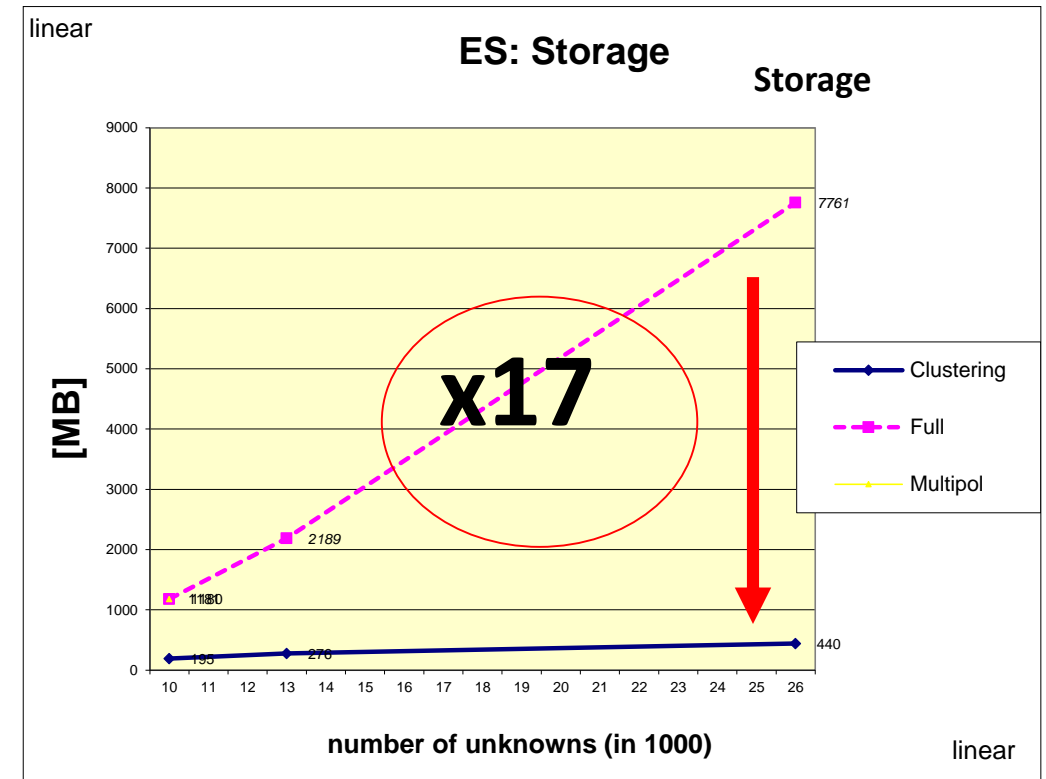
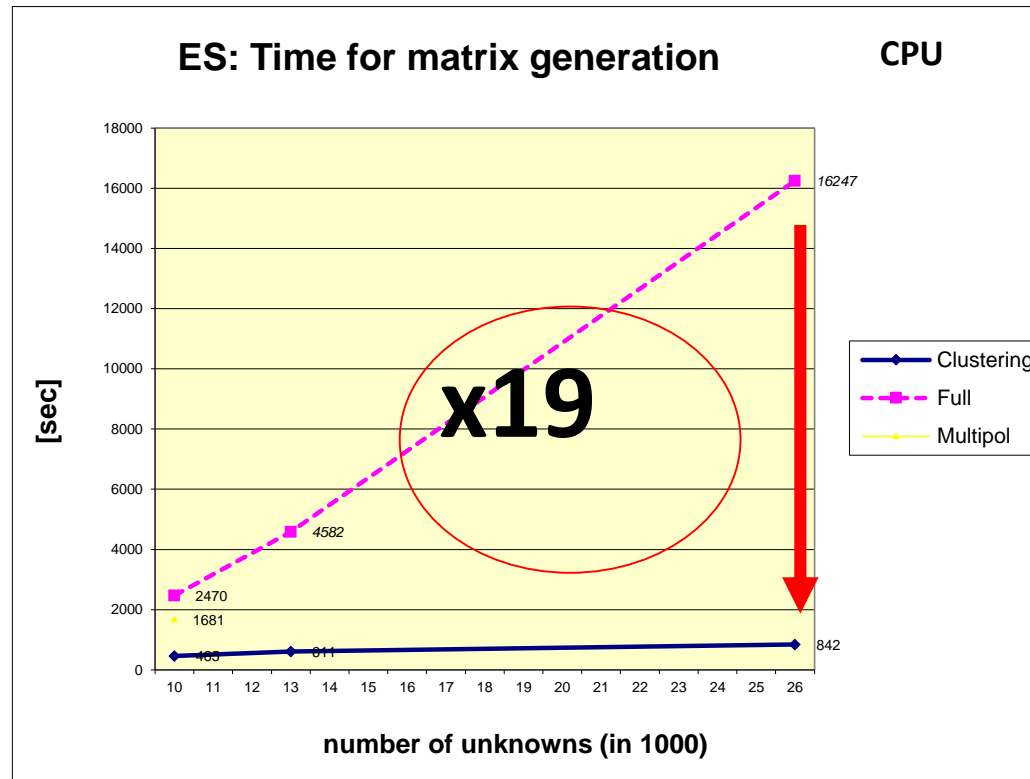
Far-field: only approximations of G_{ij}

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Difference between techniques: Far-Field treatment!







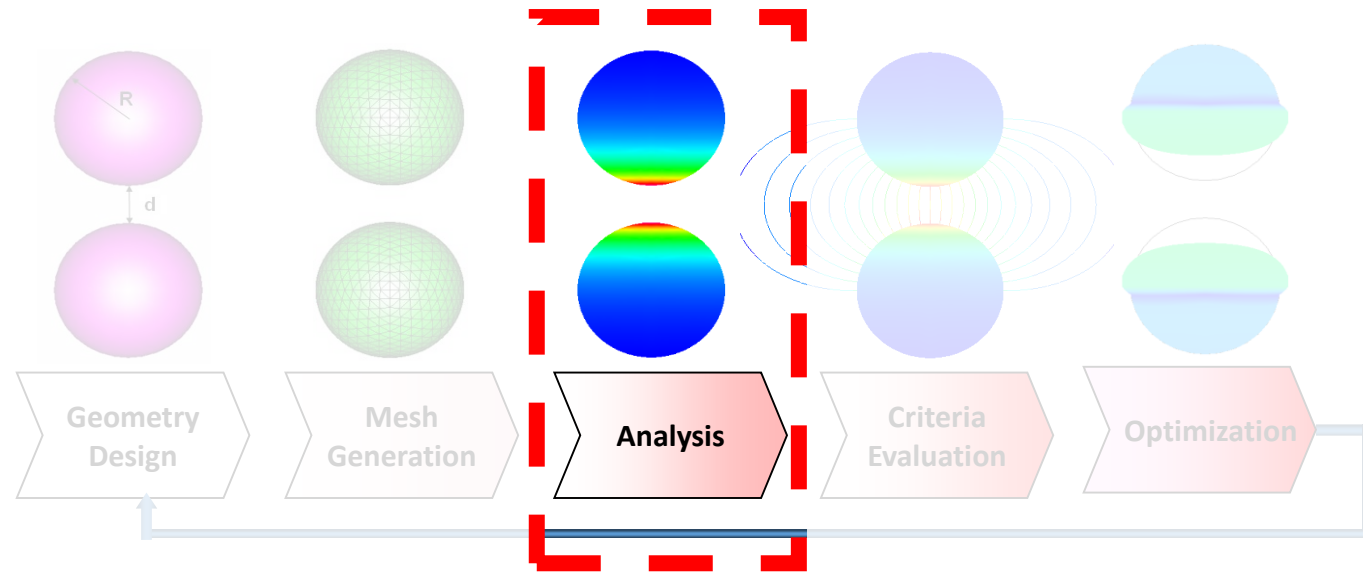
BEM for Dielectric Problems

Formulation: **Double-Layer** Ansatz

Main features

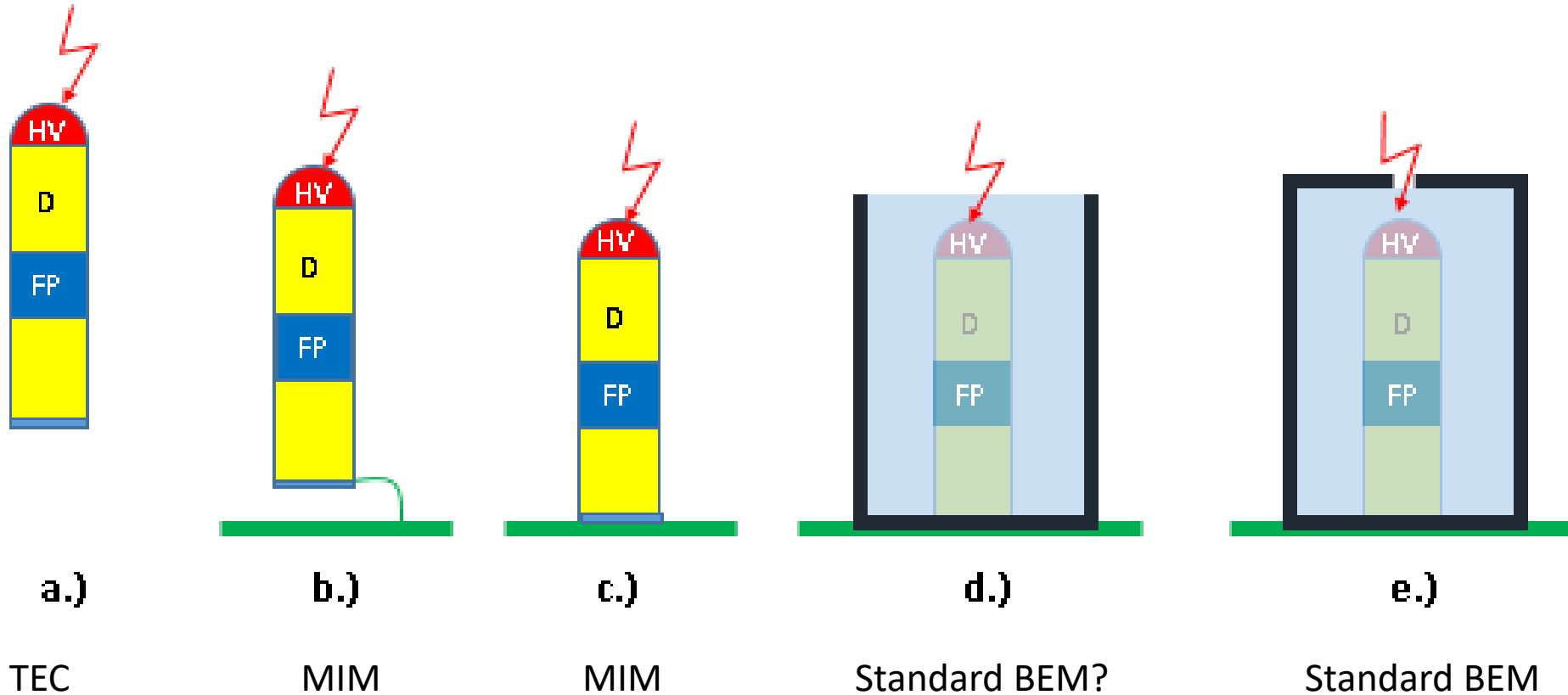
- *Highly accurate treatment of dielectric problems independent of the material features of the dielectric components,*
- *Robust calculation of the problems exhibiting geometrical singularities (edges and corners),*
- *Novel singularity-less calculation of the electrical field / flux,*
- *The calculated charge densities correspond to the real physical quantities (instead of fictitious as in SCM!),*
- *Thanks to 4, capacitances of the analyzed model are inherent output i.e. direct function of the calculated charges (no need for extra capacitance run!)*
- *Easy treatment of the floating-potential problems.*

SBD in ED: Dielectric Design of HV Products



- Mathematical model
- Numerical representation
- **Some examples**

Electrostatic Problems Classification

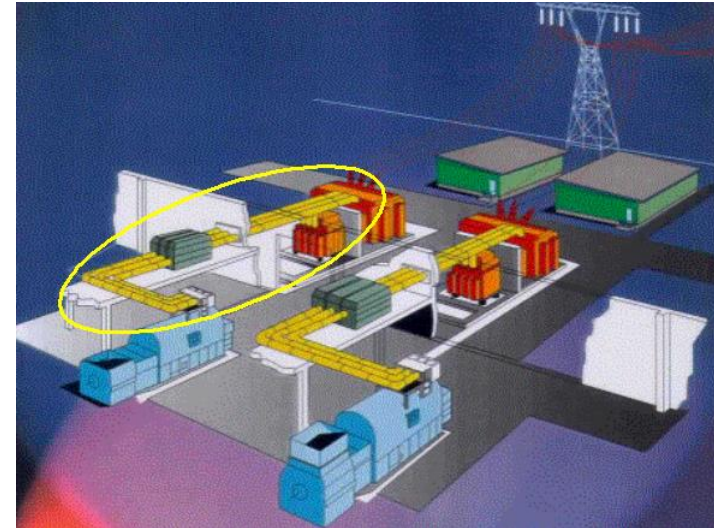


TEC - Total Electrode Charge
MIM - Mirror-Imaging Method

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Generator Circuit Breaker Systems

Task:

Predict a breakdown voltage (safety margin) for all operating conditions:

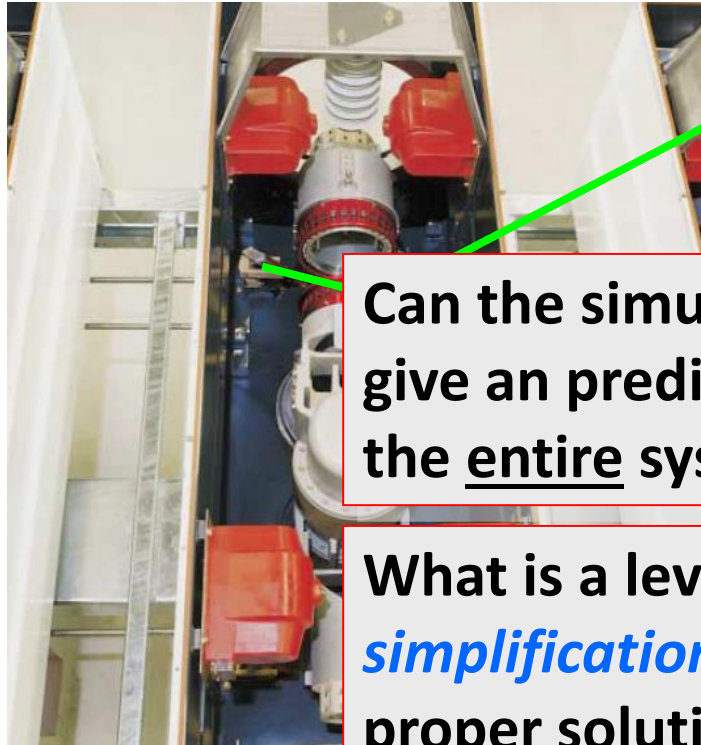
Nominal voltages: 17-30 kV

Nominal currents: 6-28 kA

Short-circuit currents: 50-160 kA



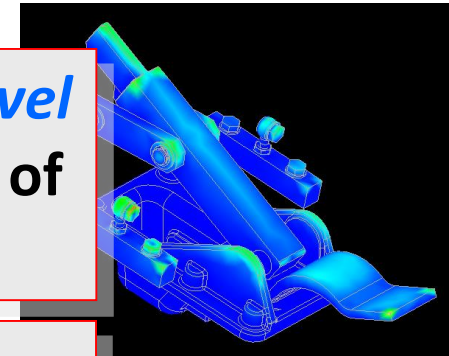
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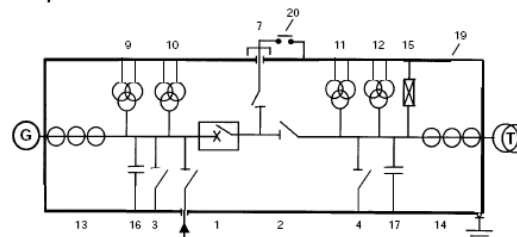
Interrupting chamber

Can the simulation at the *component level* give an prediction on the *safety margin* of the entire system?

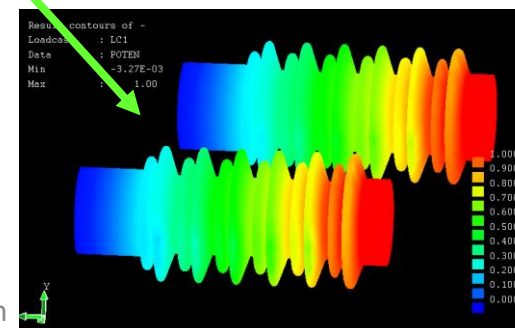
What is a level of the *model simplifications* that still guarantee the proper solution?



Equipment options

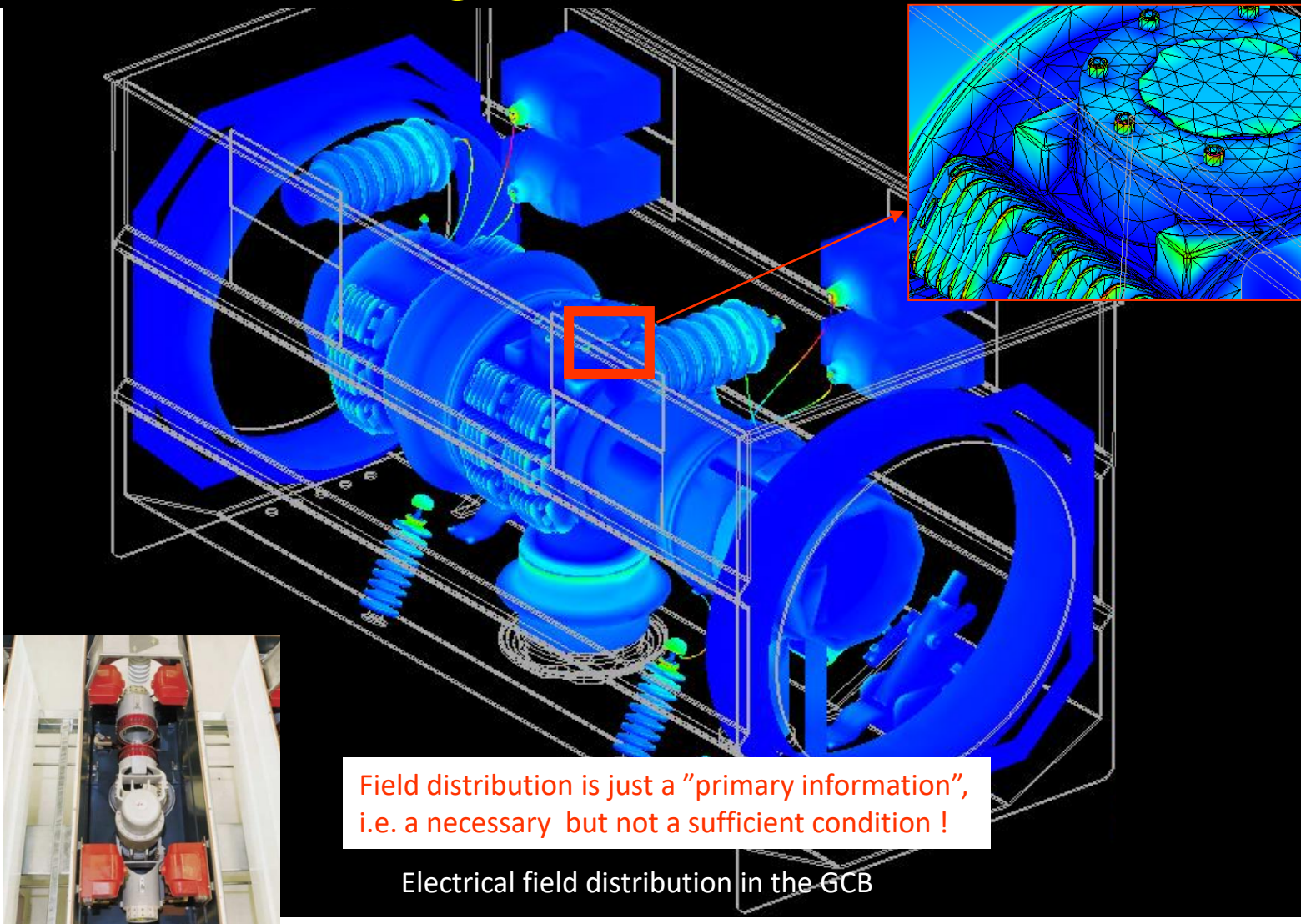


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|------|---|--------|----------------------|
| 1 | Generator circuit-breaker | 9 - 12 | Voltage transformers |
| 2 | Disconnecter | 13,14 | Current transformers |
| 3, 4 | Earthing switches | 15 | Surge arrester |
| 5 | Starting switch for gas turbines | 16,17 | Surge capacitors |
| 7 | Braking switch (HEC only) or manual short-circuiting connection | 19 | System enclosure |
| | | 20 | Earthing link |



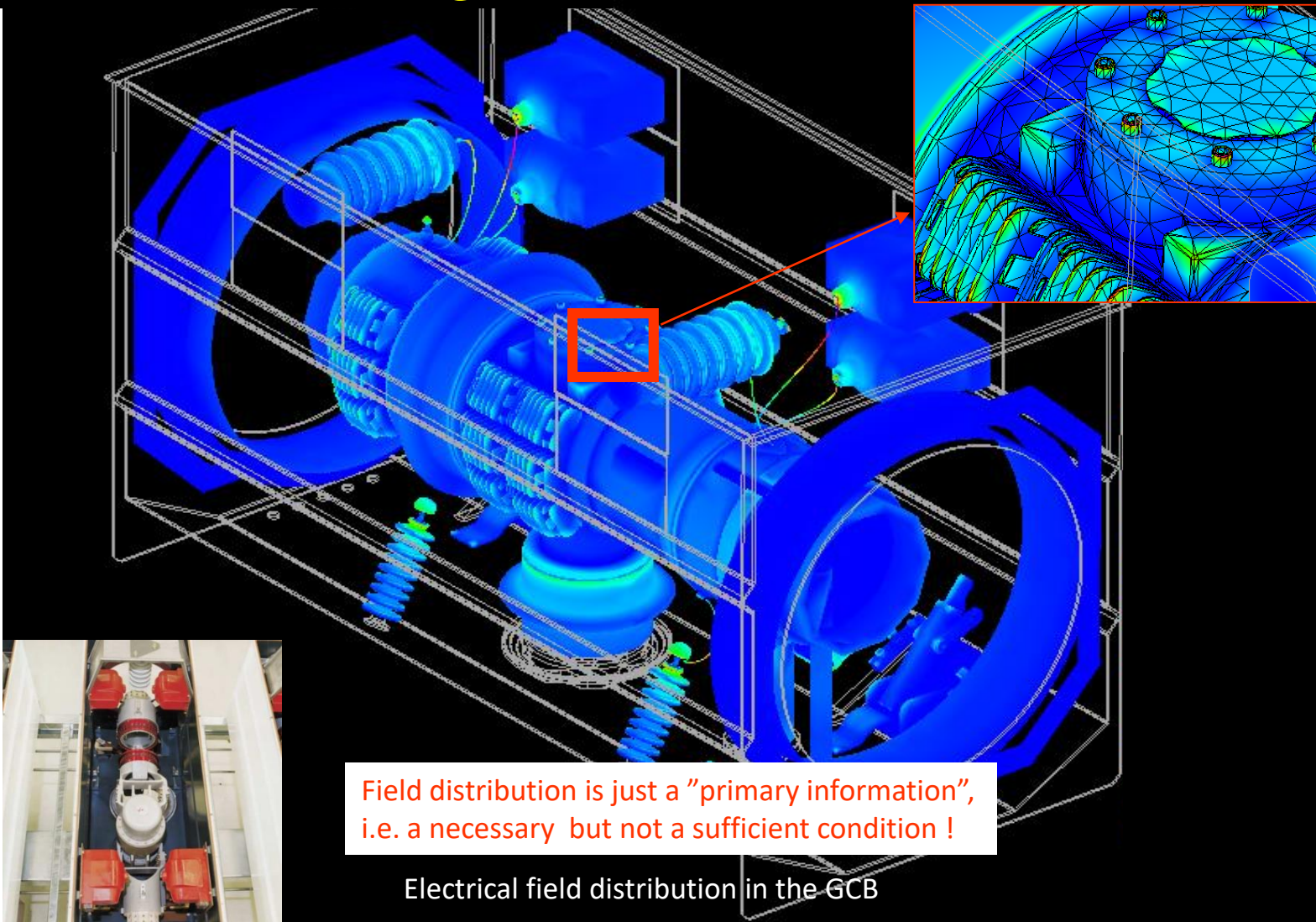
GCBS / Dielectric Design

POLOPT



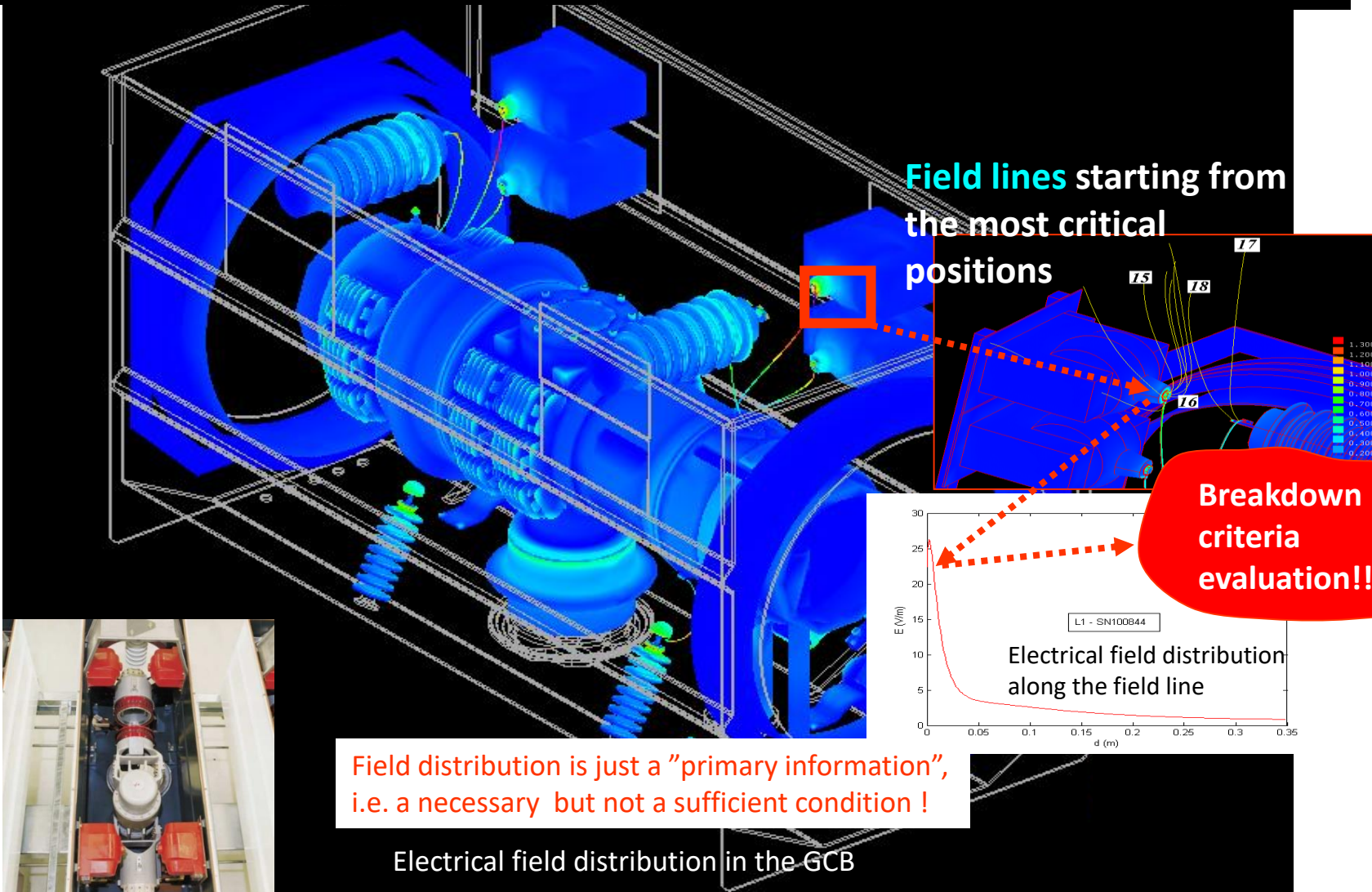
GCBS / Dielectric Design

POLOPT



GCBS / Dielectric Design

POLSOFT
POLOPT





GCBS / Dielectric Design

POLOPT

Reliable / Robust / Fast tools for the simulation of the entire assembly required!



Electrical field distribution in the GCB

GCBS / **Dielectric Design**

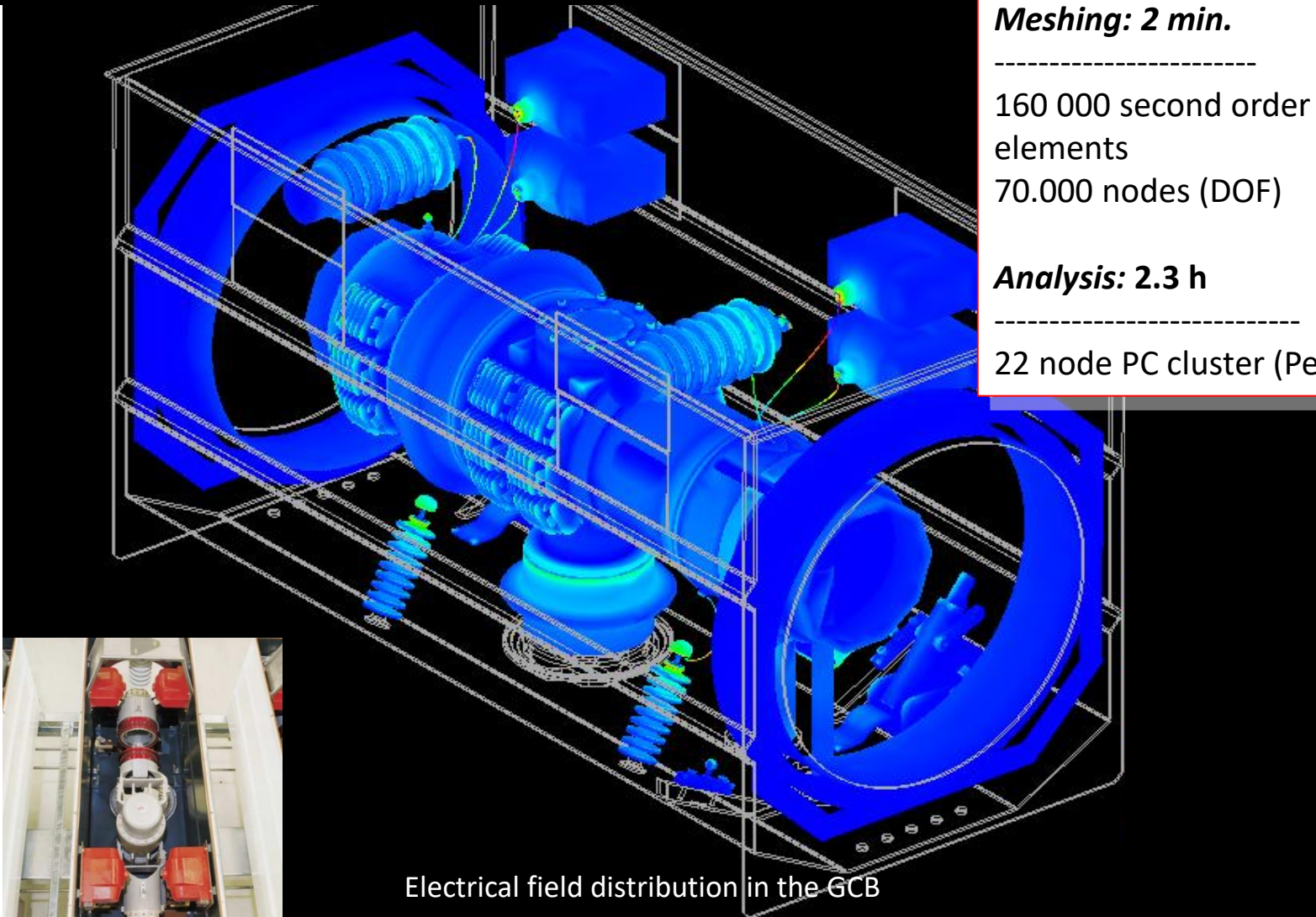
POLOPT

Meshing: 2 min.

160 000 second order triangle
elements
70.000 nodes (DOF)

Analysis: 2.3 h

22 node PC cluster (Pentium3)



Electrical field distribution in the GCB

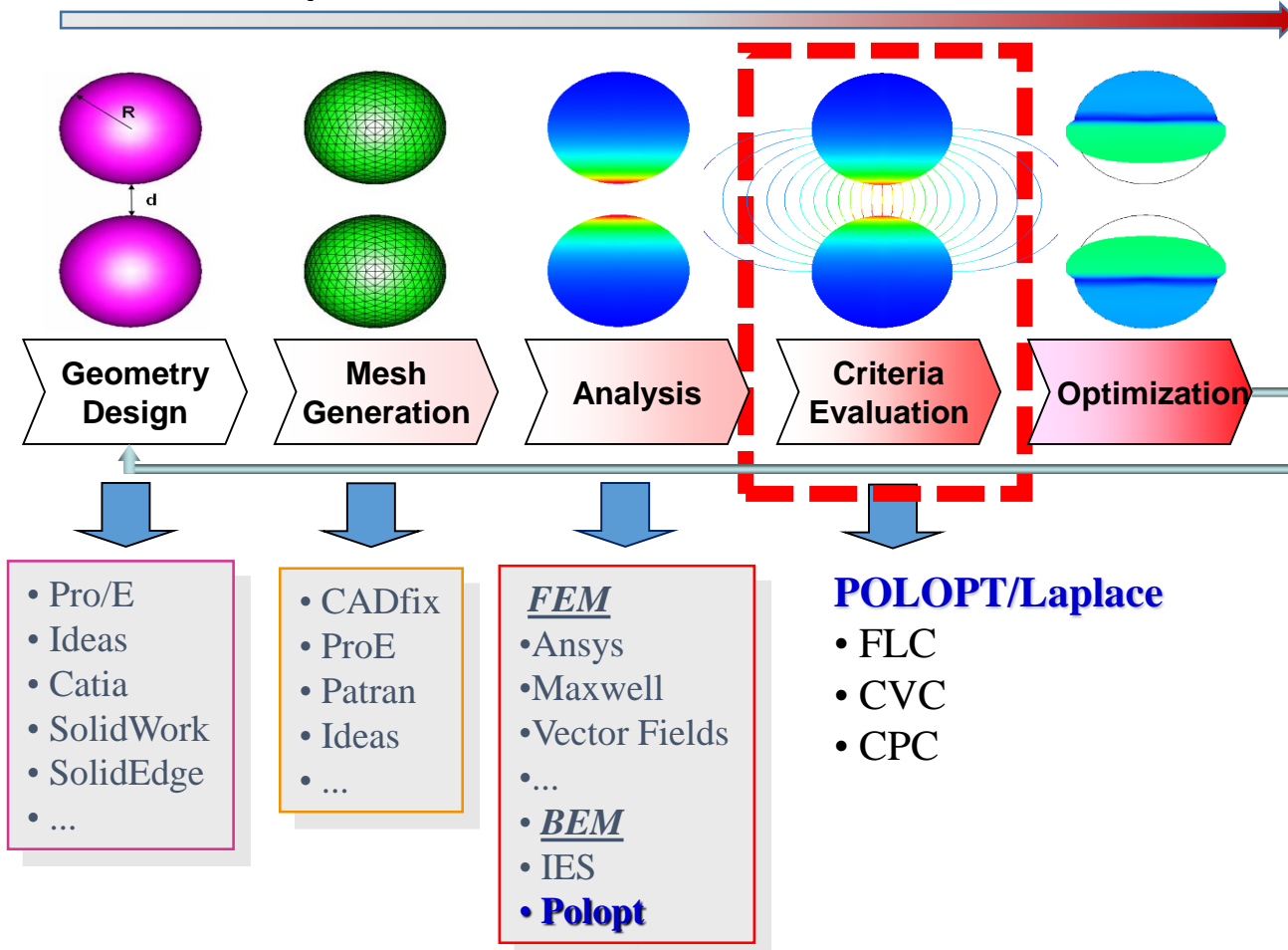


Dielectric Design Criteria



Dielectric Design Criteria

SBD Roadmap



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What is a main purpose of the **Design Criteria** (DC) ?

Design Criteria serve to predict whether or not the **Breakdown/Flashover** can happen!

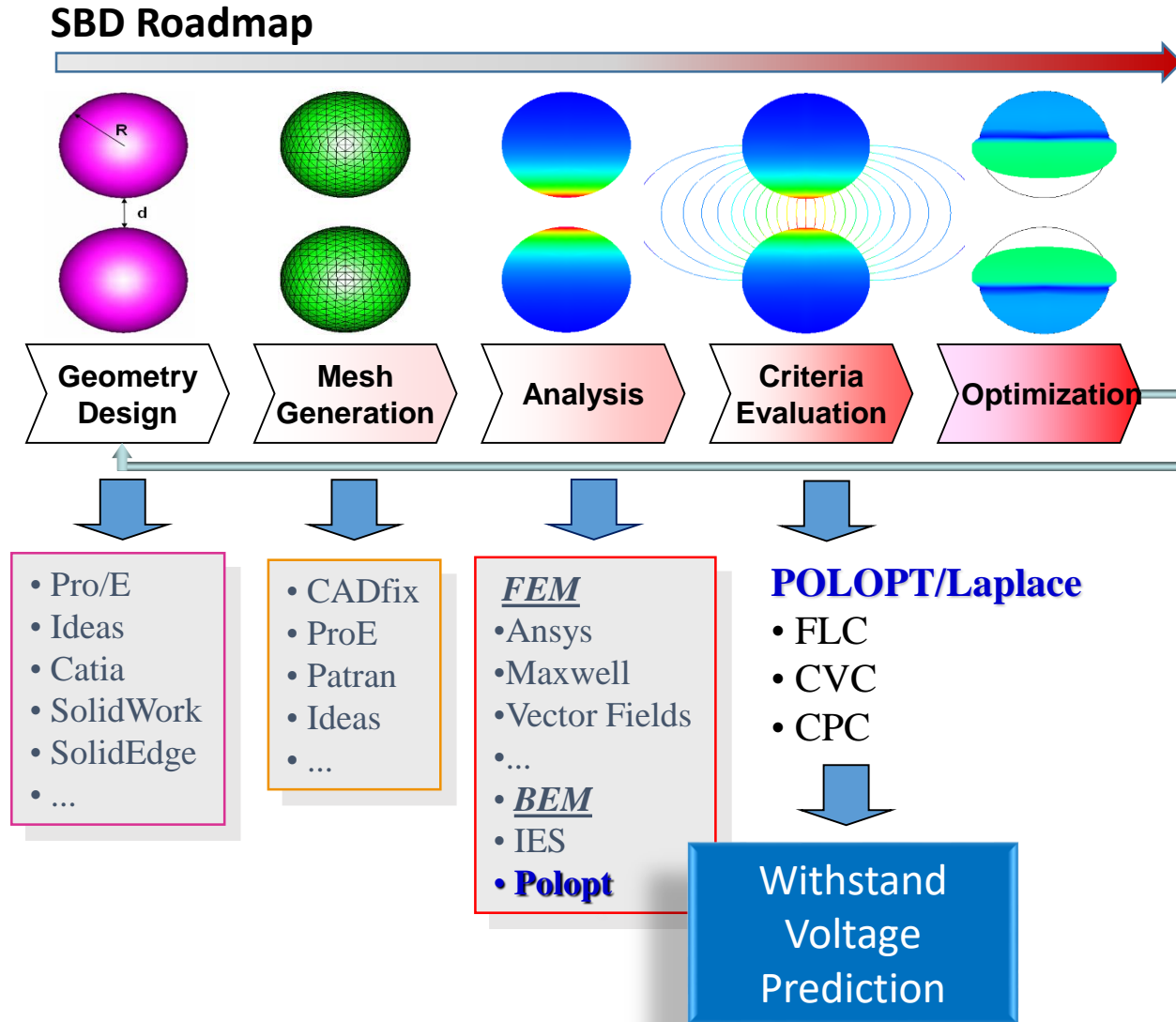
What is a **flashover** ?

- **Flash-over** – is a discharge in a gas along the surface of a solid dielectric [IEC].
- **Spark-over** – is a discharge across a gap between electrodes in a gas.
- **Withstand voltage** - is the highest voltage applied to an arrangement that, with a low probability (<2%), can lead to a discharge.
- **Breakdown voltage** is a voltage that will lead to a discharge.





Prediction of withstand voltage in a design system





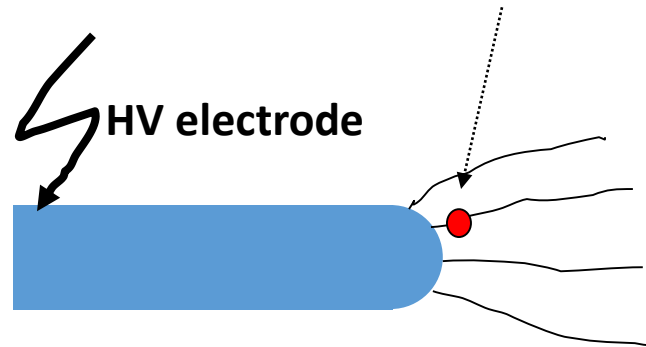
Dielectric Criteria Roadmap

- (1) Evaluate **inception** voltage **U_{di}** based on **streamer criterion** along field lines => numerical field analysis
- (2) Calculate **withstand voltage** as a product of **U_{di}** and empirical coefficients



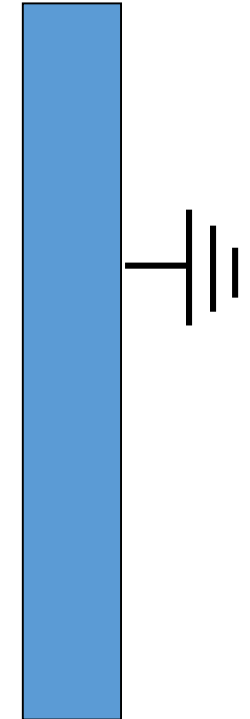
Discharge mechanism in gases: Inception

- After the initial electron has appeared an avalanche of electrons according to **Townsend mechanism** may develop



- An avalanche leads to the **exponential growths** of the number of electrons
- If the number of avalanche electrons exceeds a specific limit a self-propagating **streamer discharge** will occur

grounded electrode



Streamer criterion

Assumption:

- (1) The avalanche of electrons will develop along a field line started from the high stress area on an electrode
- (2) The critical number of electrons N_σ can be obtained by integrating the effective ionization coefficient along the field line

$$\int_0^{x_c} \underbrace{\alpha_{eff}[E(x)] \cdot dx}_{\text{See next slide}} > \underbrace{\ln(N_\sigma)}_{\text{Streamer constant:}}$$

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Streamer constant:

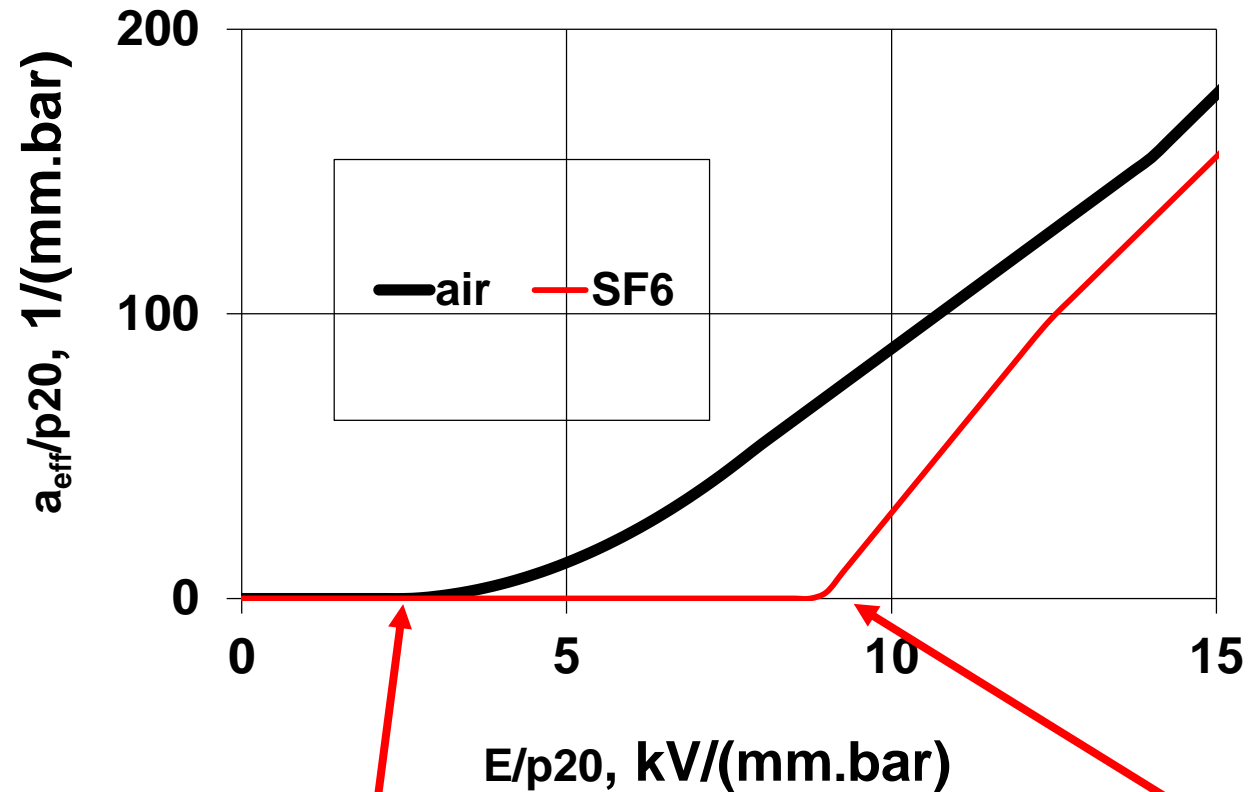
9.15 for air

10.5 for SF6

Based on latest investigation performed by ETH Zurich (in the past, a value of $18.4 = \ln(10^8)$ has been commonly assumed)



Ionization coefficient for air and SF6



$\alpha = 0$ for $E < 2.6$ kV/mm at 1bar

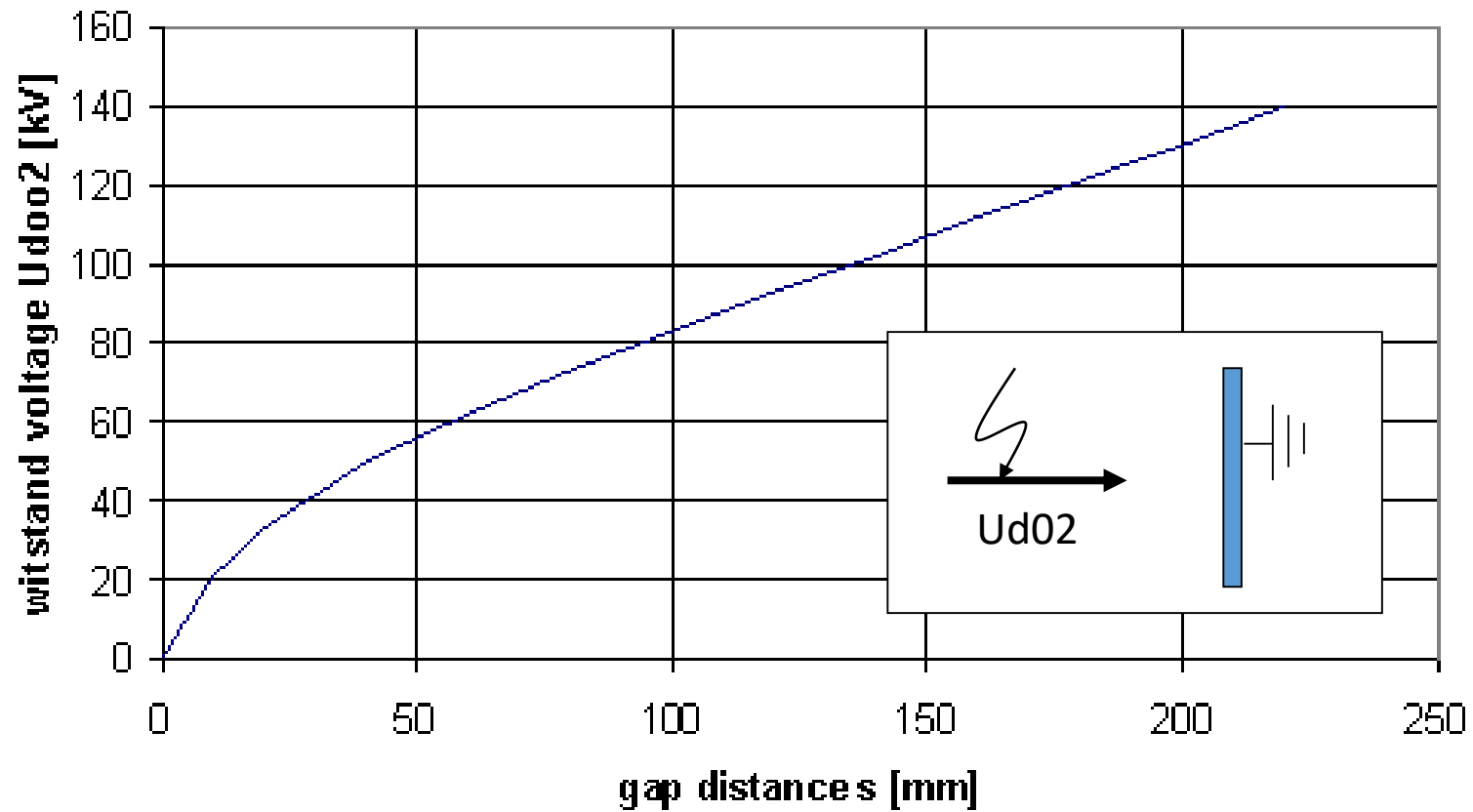
$\alpha = 0$ for $E < 8.9$ kV/mm at 1bar



Inception versus breakdown

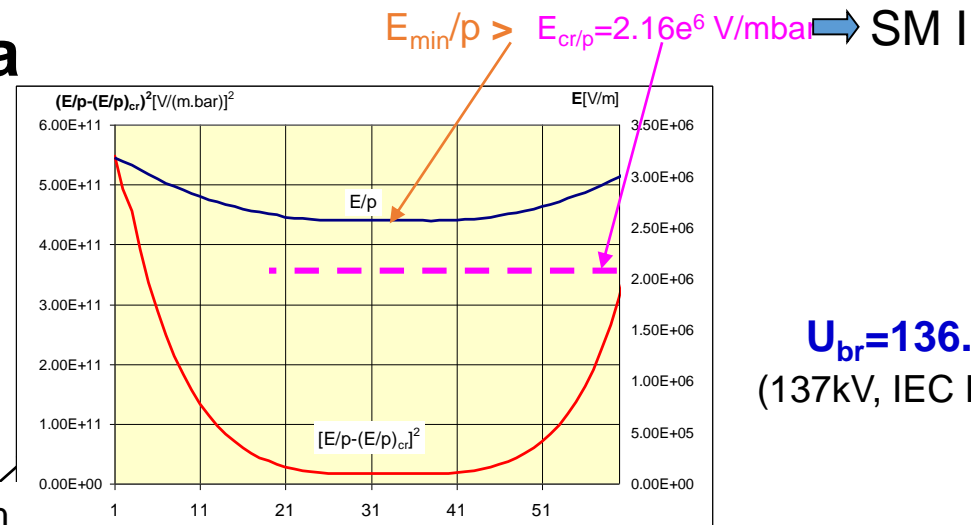
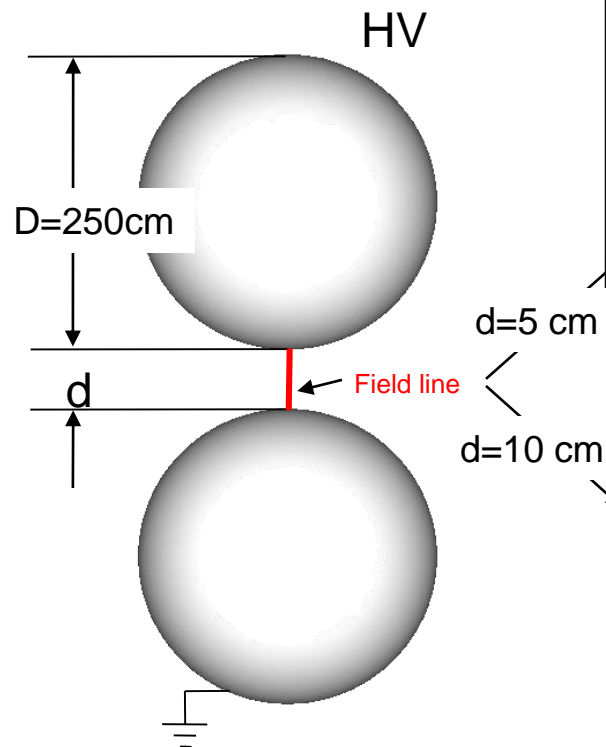
- Inception voltage U_{di} can be accurately calculated for any arbitrary electrode configuration (in 3D)
 - **U_{di} determines the partial discharge inception**
- Inception can be influenced by the microscopic field enhancement => **surface roughness**
- Streamer inception not always leads to a breakdown! The following factors can contribute to a breakdown voltage higher than the inception voltage:
 - **Field in-homogeneity**
 - **Short duration of the applied voltage** (“time lag”) (this is more important for lightning impulses in SF6)

Withstand voltage for needle-plate arrangement in air

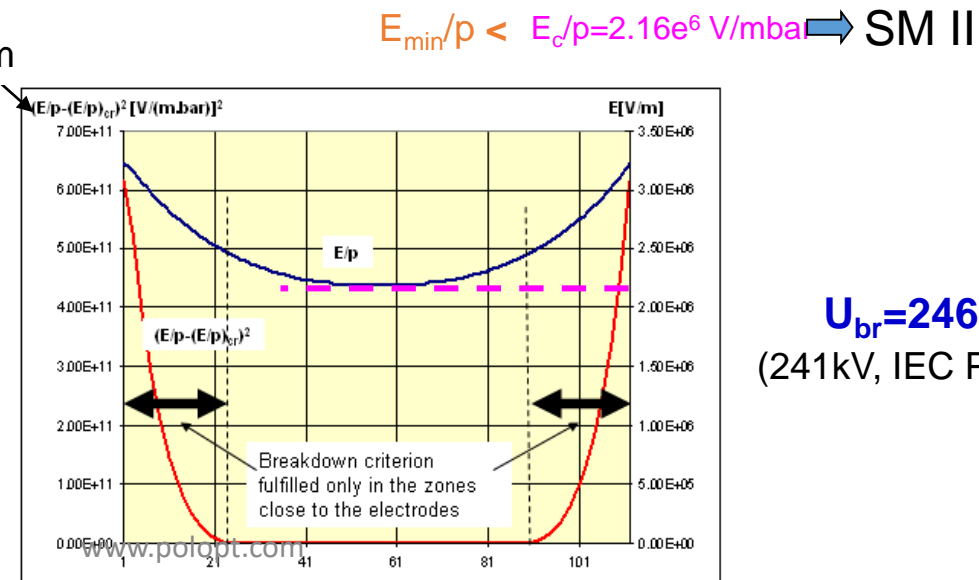


Design Criteria Evaluation

Streamer Criteria

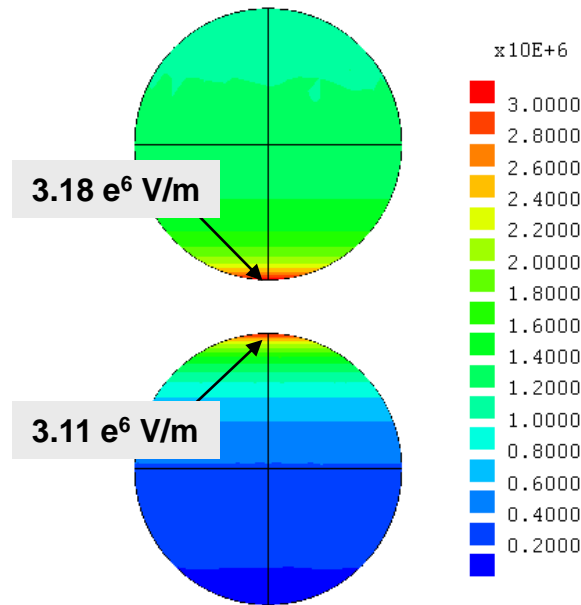
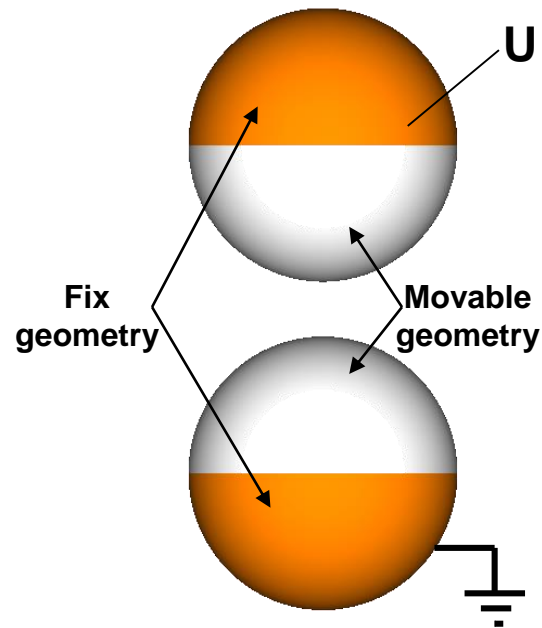


$U_{br}=136.8 \text{ kV}$,
(137kV, IEC Pub. 52)

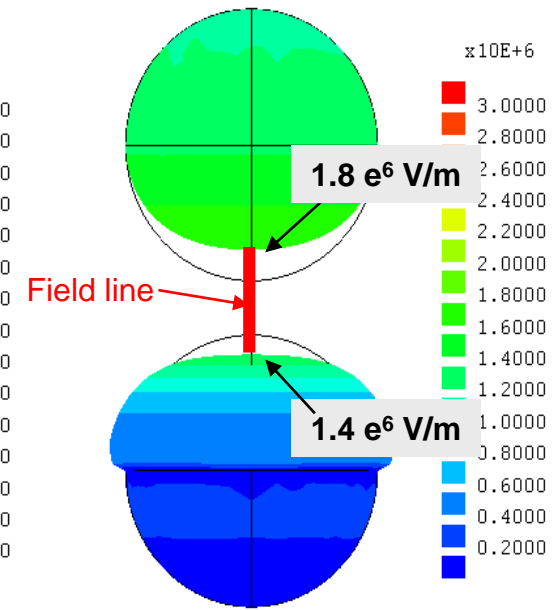


$U_{br}=246 \text{ kV}$,
(241kV, IEC Pub. 52)

Example I: Two spheres (single-load opt.)

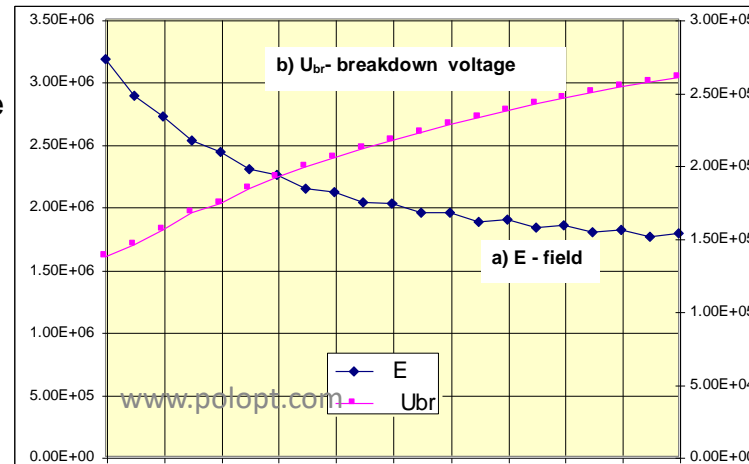


b) Non-optimized spheres



c) Optimized spheres

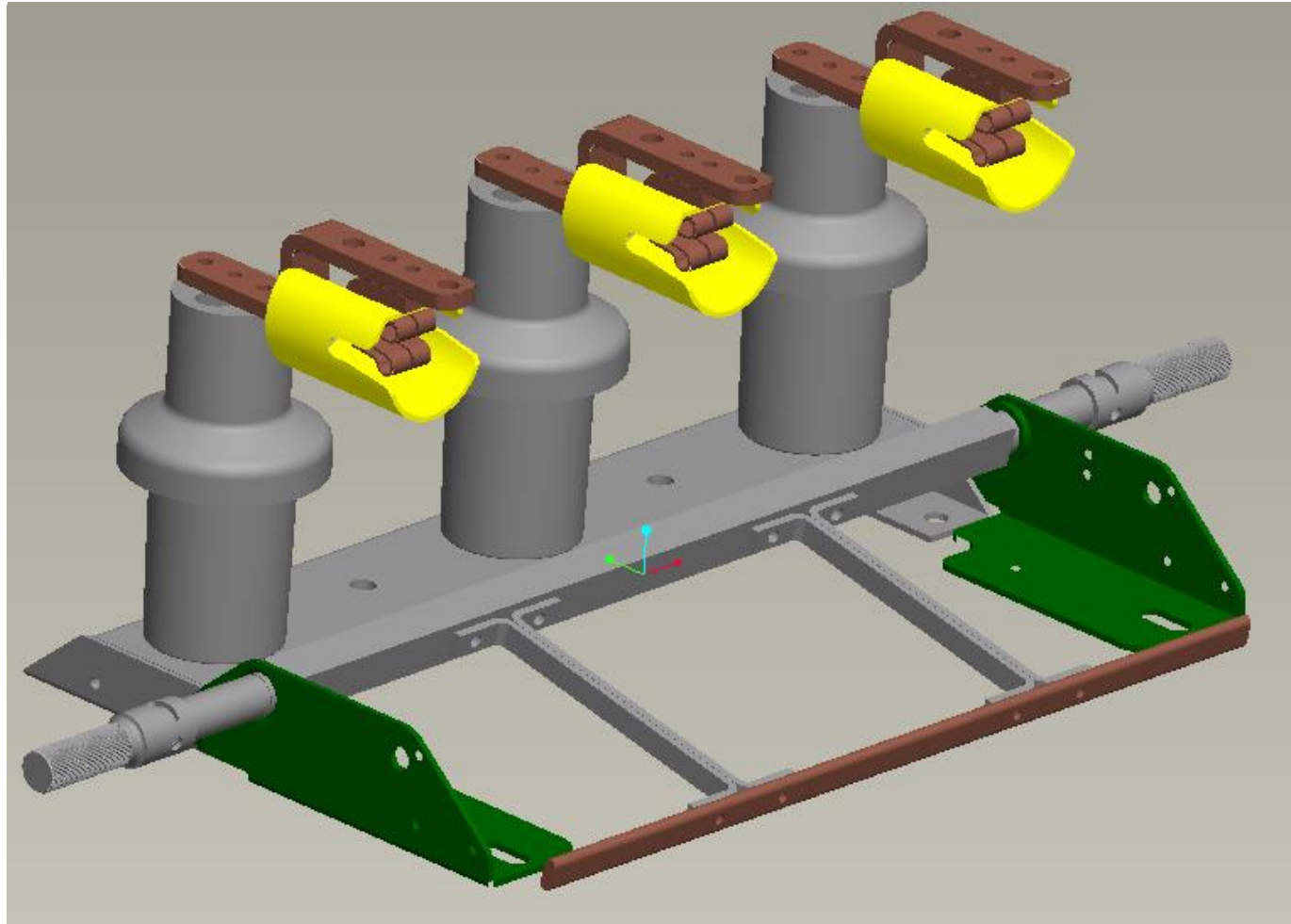
- a) Field distribution [V/m] at the starting point of the field line (HV electrode);
- b) Breakdown voltages [V] for each of 21 optimization step



E_{max} : 76% ↓

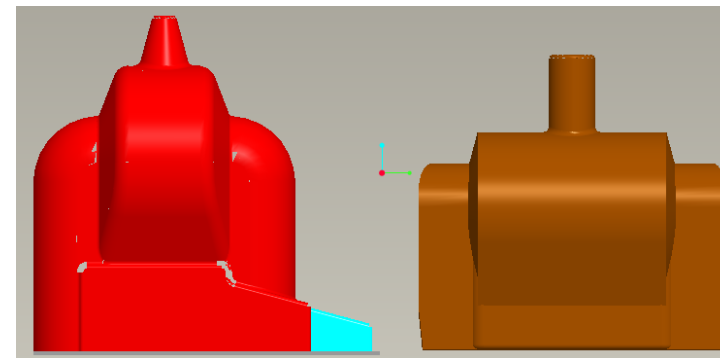
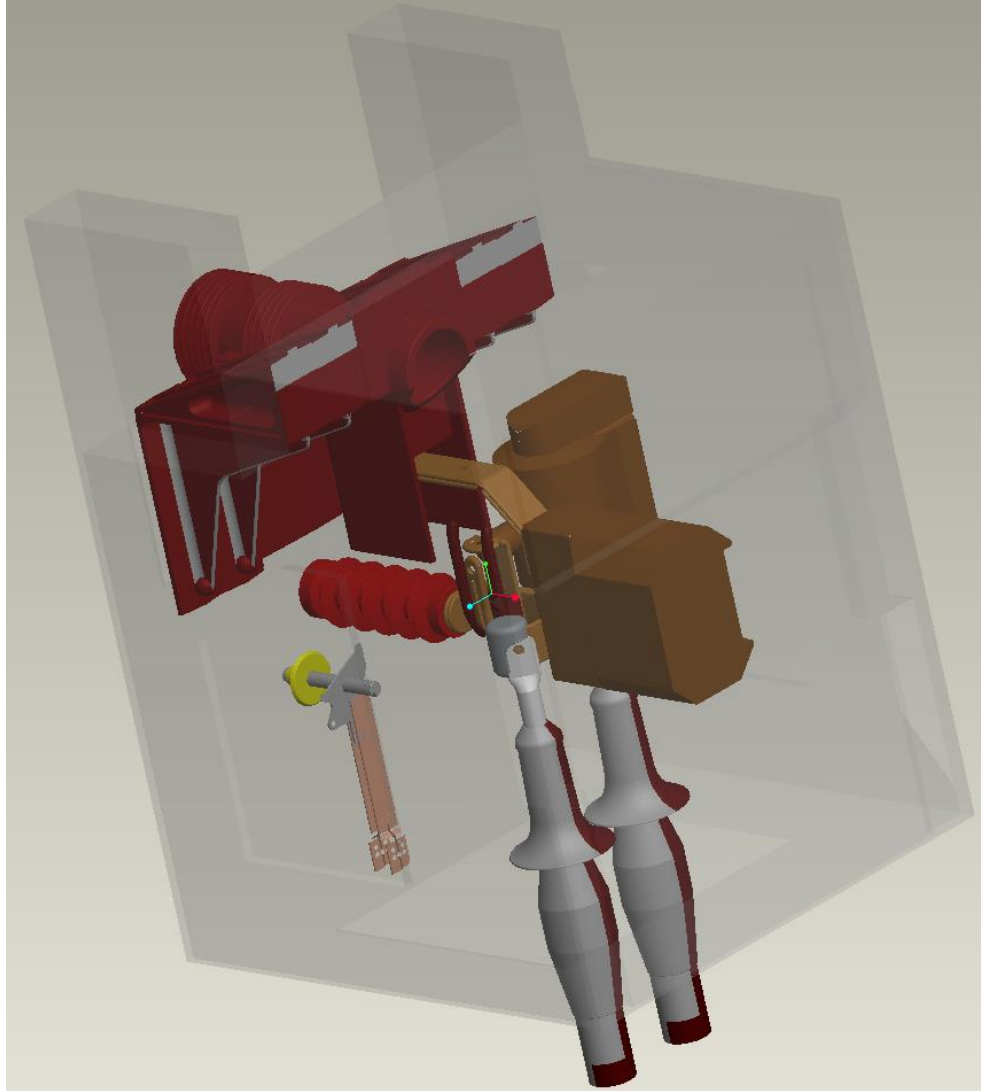
U_{br} : 90% ↑

Improving the withstand of the NAL earth switch



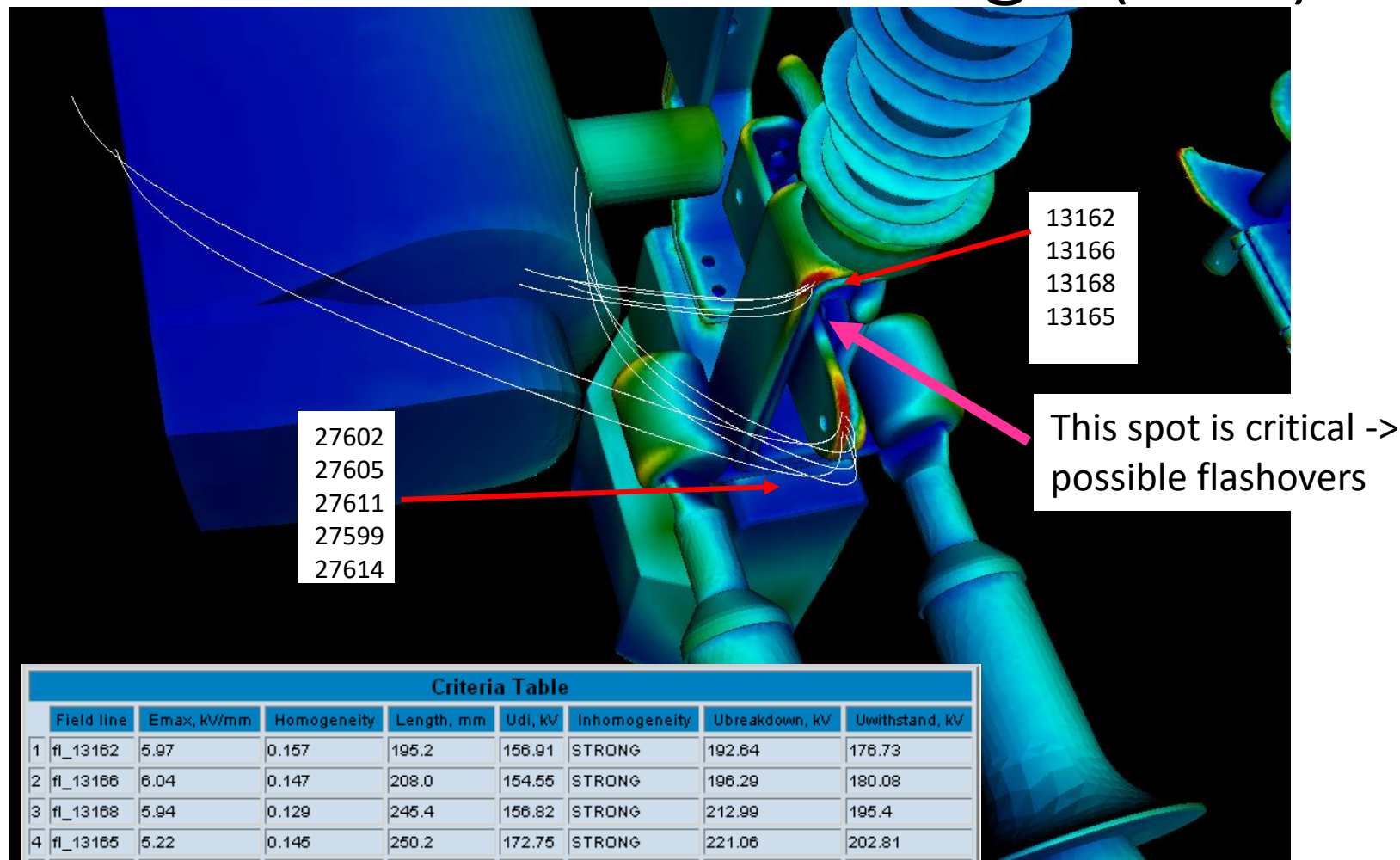


Flashovers in a 40 kV cable compartment (R40, CHSEC)





Evaluation of withstand voltage (R40)



Criteria Table								
	Field line	E _{max} , kV/mm	Homogeneity	Length, mm	U _{di} , kV	Inhomogeneity	U _{breakdown} , kV	U _{withstand} , kV
1	fl_13162	5.97	0.157	195.2	156.91	STRONG	192.64	176.73
2	fl_13166	6.04	0.147	208.0	154.55	STRONG	196.29	180.08
3	fl_13168	5.94	0.129	245.4	156.82	STRONG	212.99	195.4
4	fl_13165	5.22	0.145	250.2	172.75	STRONG	221.06	202.81
5	fl_27611	5.44	0.068	541.2	168.28	STRONG	327.63	300.58
6	fl_27605	5.37	0.068	547.2	170.37	STRONG	330.91	303.58
7	fl_27599	5.16	0.07	556.8	177.08	STRONG	336.15	308.4
8	fl_27614	5.34	0.06	622.3	170.89	STRONG	371.88	341.17
9	fl_27602	5.31	0.06	626.8	172.31	STRONG	374.32	343.41



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- **Dielectric Design of HV Products**
- Magnetic Design in EE
- Coupled Problem
- Optimization 1
- Optimization 2