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**Application of Matrix Compression in the Method of
Moments Code EIGER**

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Outline

- EIGER Description
- Thin-slot formulation
- Matrix compression
- Results
- Conclusions / Future Work
- Congratulations and Comments to Prof Uslenghi

- Frequency-domain method of moments solution
 - Steady state solution
 - F90 (95, 2003) code – Object Oriented Design
- Boundary element formulation
 - Mesh surfaces of parts – interface between regions
- Normal formulation results in dense (fully populated) matrix
 - Galerkin testing - Rao, Wilton, and Glisson bases functions
$$\bar{\mathbf{Z}} \bar{\mathbf{I}} = \bar{\mathbf{V}}$$
 - Simulations can be limited by available memory
 - Entries are double precision complex

EIGER Thin-Slot Formulation

- This modeling feature enables the incorporation of potential penetration points on a structure that couple fields into a cavity without gridding the slot explicitly.
- Based on research by Warne and Chen.
 - Slot is modeled by a wire (carrying magnetic current) whose effective radius depends of the depth and width of the slot.
 - Note the length of the slot \gg depth, width
 - Incorporated into EIGER and used by other investigators.
 - Validated
 - Compared to analytic and experimental results.

EIGER Thin-Slot Formulation

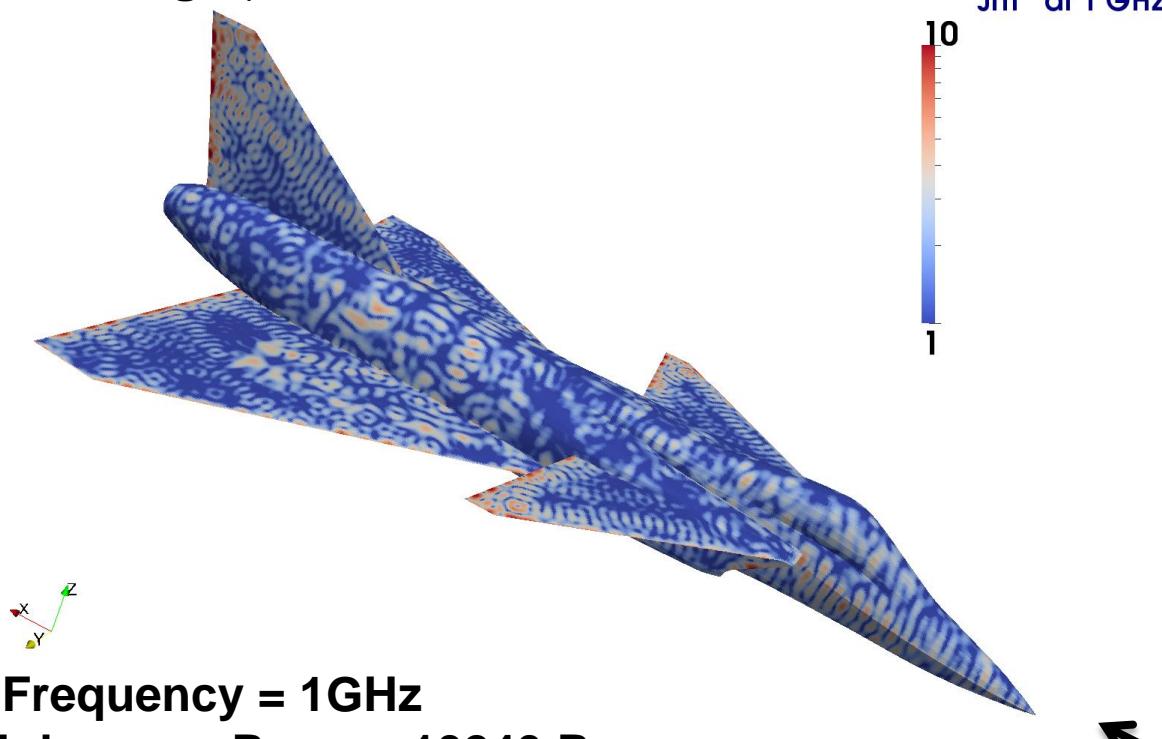
- Key features
 - Integral equation for the exterior surface current and slot current (magnetic current)
 - Integral equation for the interior surface current and slot current (magnetic current).
 - Two contributions
 - Green's function
 - Non-Green's function
- Implications
 - The exterior unknowns do not interact with the interior unknowns.
 - Coupling of the exterior to the interior is through the slot contribution.
 - Matrix has blocks with zero elements – no coupling.

Results – External Problem

(Direct Solve on CIELO)

External Problem

VFY 218 (50.6 ft. length)

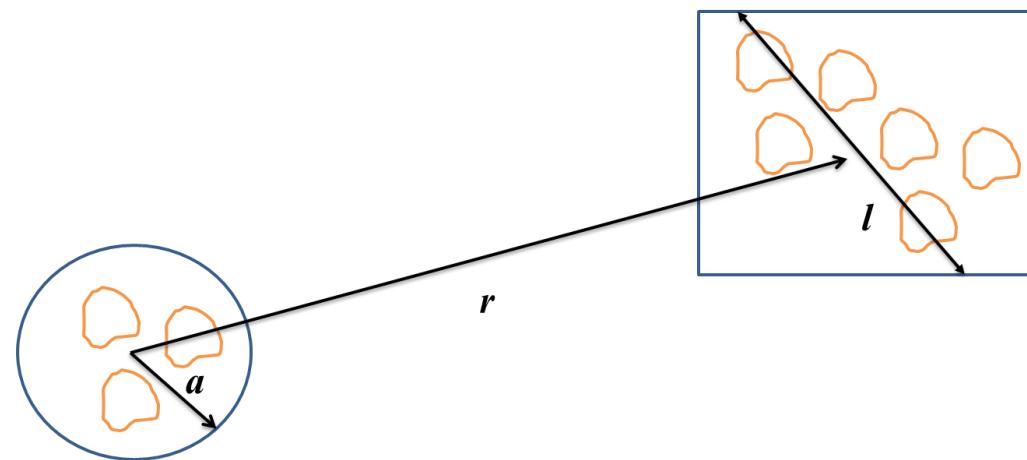


Direction of Incident Field

Compression Techniques

- These are techniques that no longer store the full matrix but a lower rank version of the matrix.
- Based on work by Bucci and Francescetti
 - “On the Degrees of Freedom of Scattered Fields” IEEE AP, July 1989

$$N_{dof} = \frac{4la}{r\lambda}$$



Compression Techniques

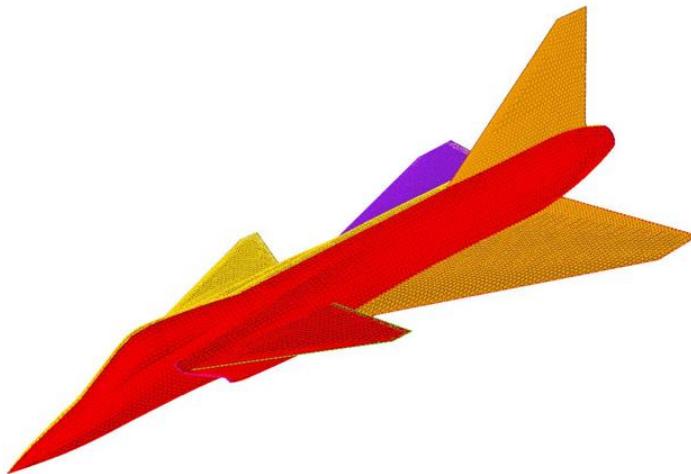
- **Fast Multipole Method (FMM)**
 - **Compression achieved through Green's function simplification:**
 - Factorization
 - Use of the addition theorem
 - Diagonalization
 - Results in low-rank approximation of matrix blocks
- **Adaptive Cross Approximation (ACA)**
 - **Compression achieved:**
 - Low-rank approximation of matrix blocks.
 - Done on the fly
 - Compressed matrix blocks never fully populated.
 - Since the process only operates on matrix blocks it is independent of Green's function simplification.
 - There are also multilevel variants of this method.

Compression Techniques

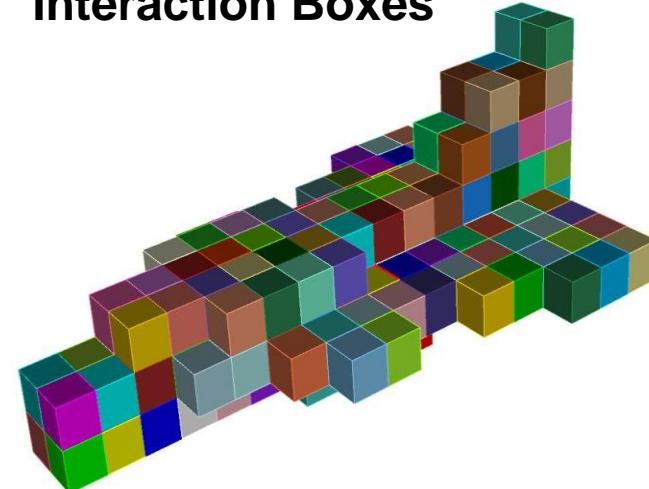
- Identification of all matrix blocks
 - Discretized object (meshed) is encased in a oct-tree structure

VFY 218

Meshed Object



Interaction Boxes



All compression techniques use this step in the solution process



ACA Matrix Compression

- Each box contains elements with current unknowns on the elements.
 - Can be compared to a 1-level fast multipole algorithm
- 2 boxes interact to form a matrix block.
- The distance between boxes, size of the boxes, and wavelength determine if a reduced or low-rank approximation can be used.
 - Not all blocks can be compressed.
 - Compression criterion :
 - Distance between the center of boxes $> 2 * (\text{box radius})$

ACA Matrix Compression

- The matrix $\bar{\bar{Z}}$ is given by:

$$\bar{\bar{Z}} = \sum_{j=1}^{MOM_blocks} Z_j^{mom} + \sum_{i=1}^{COM_blocks} \tilde{Z}_i^{com}$$

MOM_Blocks – Moment method matrix blocks (full matrix blocks)

COM_Blocks – Compressed matrix blocks (low-rank approximation)

Solution of the Compressed System

- The matrix equation to be solved is :

$$\bar{\bar{\mathbf{Z}}} \bar{\mathbf{I}} = \bar{\mathbf{V}}$$

- The matrix is not completely available but is stored as:

$$\bar{\bar{\mathbf{Z}}} = \sum_{j=1}^{MOM_blocks} \mathbf{Z}_j^{mom} + \sum_{i=1}^{COM_blocks} \tilde{\mathbf{Z}}_i^{com}$$

- Therefore a iterative solution approach needs to be used.
 - Generalized Minimum residual method(GMRES)
 - Saad and Schultz 1986
 - Transpose Free Quasi Minimum Residual (TFQMR)
 - Freund 1993

Solution of the Compressed System

- The Iterative solution technique of choice is the TFQMR method.
 - Based on heuristic numerical experiments performed on electromagnetic problems.
 - Extended for use on parallel platforms.
- On a parallel machine each processor does not have all the matrix blocks – they are partitioned on different processors for load balancing and memory balancing.
 - No processor can have more or less than one block than any other processor.
 - Processors have both MOM and COM blocks.

Solution of the Compressed System



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Using the TFQMR Method

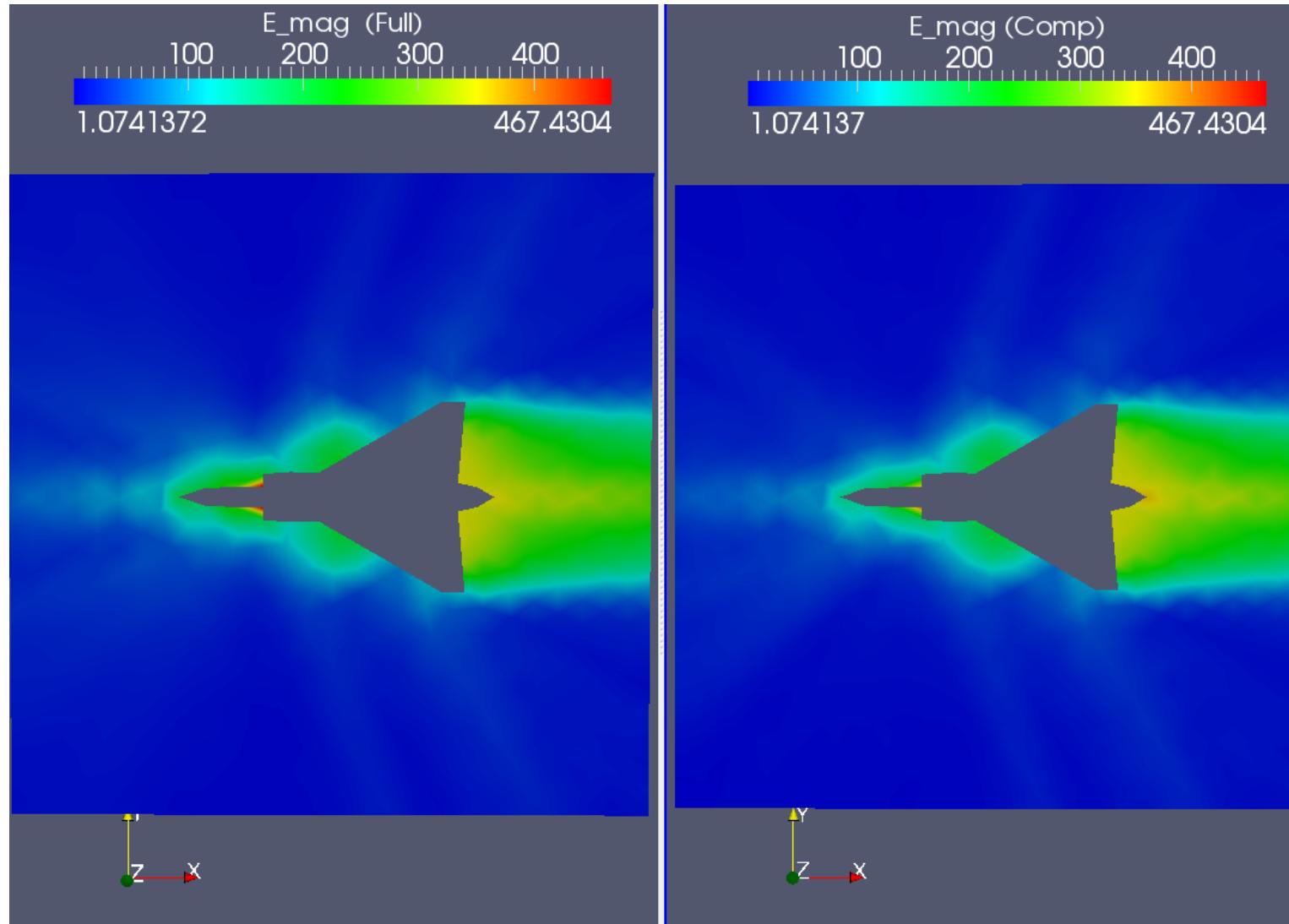
- In all iterative methods a matrix vector product is needed during the solution process.
 - This is performed in parallel (each processor has a portion of the compressed and MOM blocks).
- In the original algorithm (used here) the residual norm is not available.
 - However an estimate is computable.
 - The convergence curves show two values
 - The normalized initial residual norm
 - The estimate to the norm.
- A solution tolerance of 5 e-3 was used in all problems.
 - Will affect accuracy.

VFY-218 Compression Results

- 15 meter long aircraft.
- Frequency 1 GHz
- Number of unknowns 934128
 - 2500 iterations
 - 256 Processors
 - 70,826 sec.
- Epsilon 4.e-02
- Memory
 - Full matrix 16 *(872) GBytes
 - Compressed 16*(19 + 7.7) GBytes
 - ~ 97 % compressed.

Compression Results VFY-218

Magnitude of the near field full and compressed matrix solution.

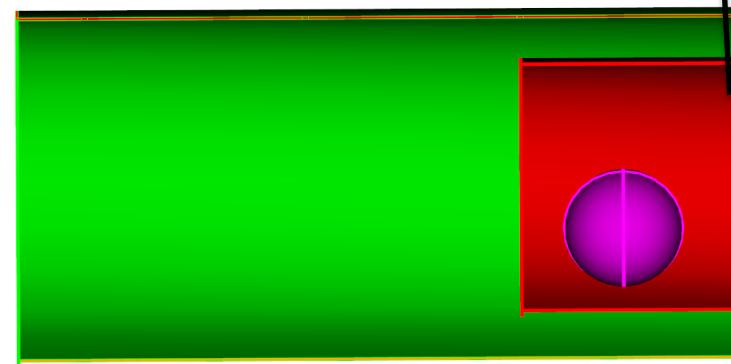
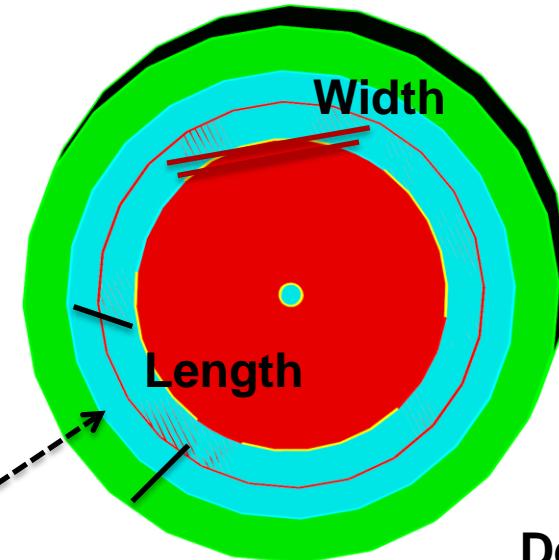
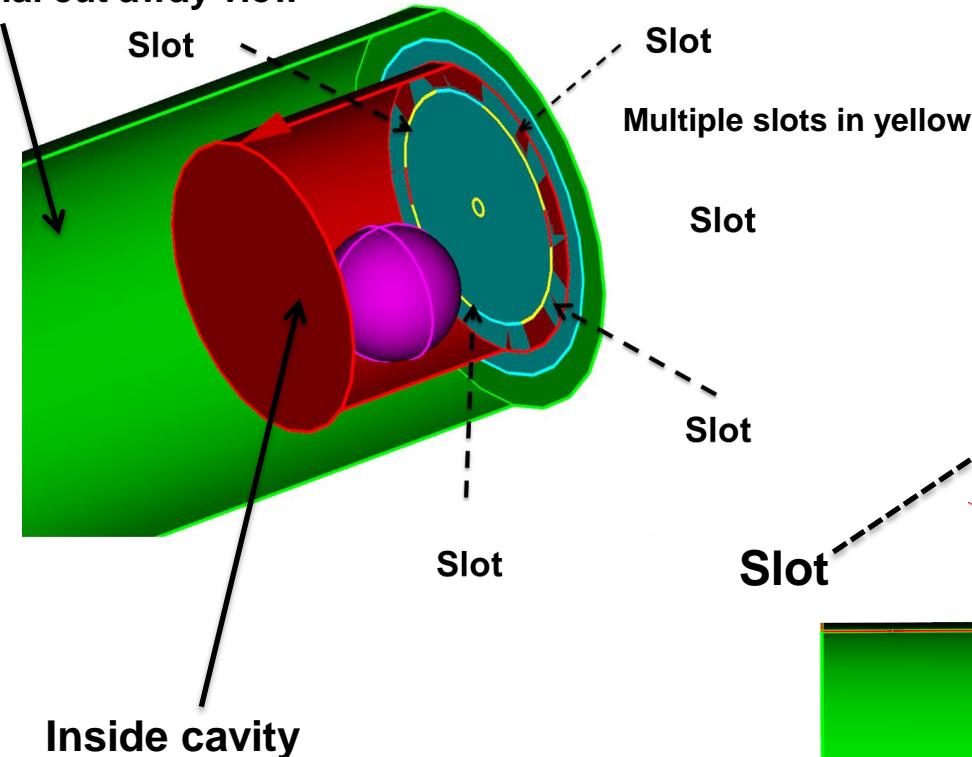


Compression applied to an object with slots

- Referred to as D_cavity.
- A number of different mesh densities considered.
 - Increases the useful upper frequency limit for the model.
- Contains essential features to exercise the compression algorithm on an problem with slots.

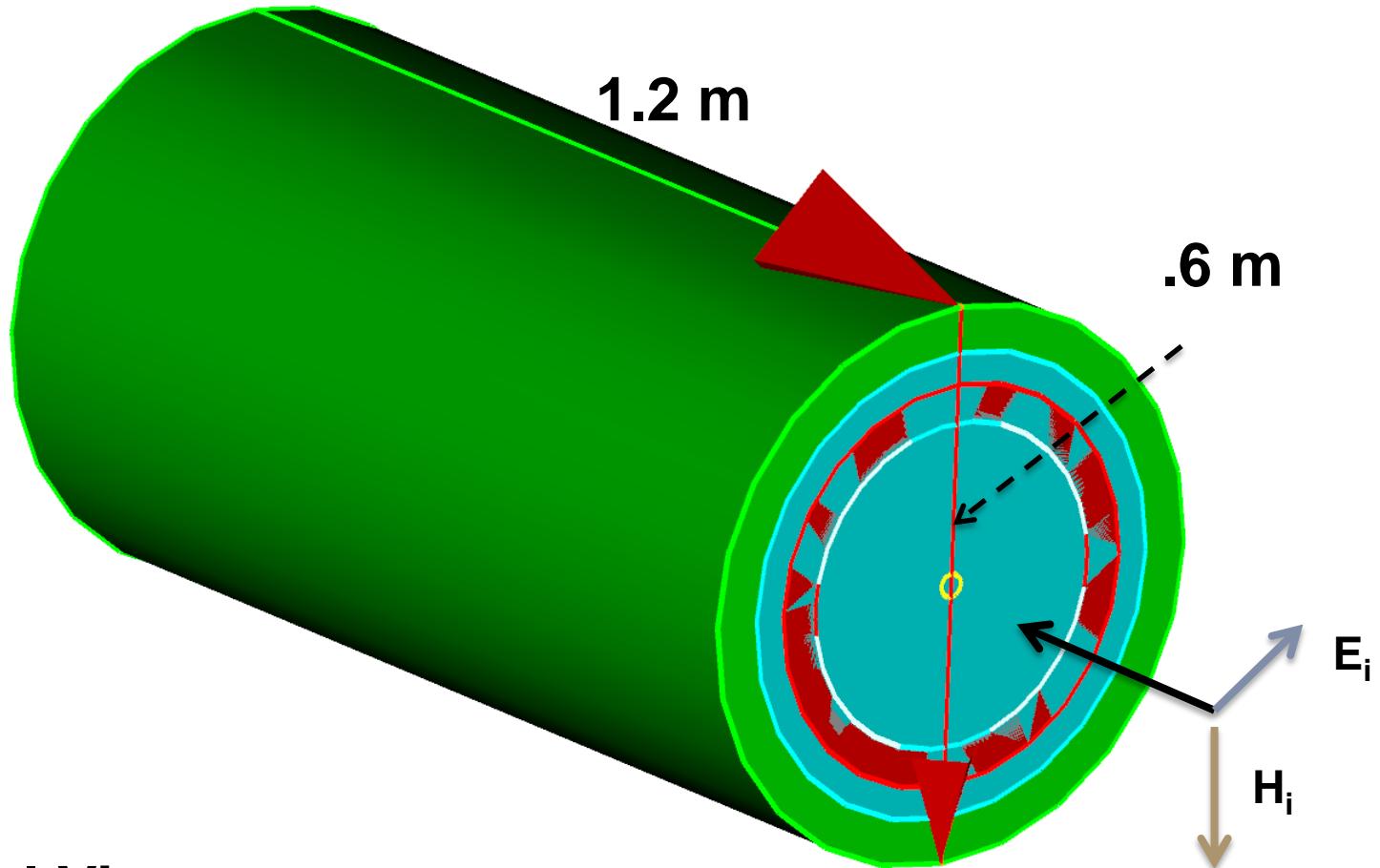
Thin-Slot Parameters

External cut away view



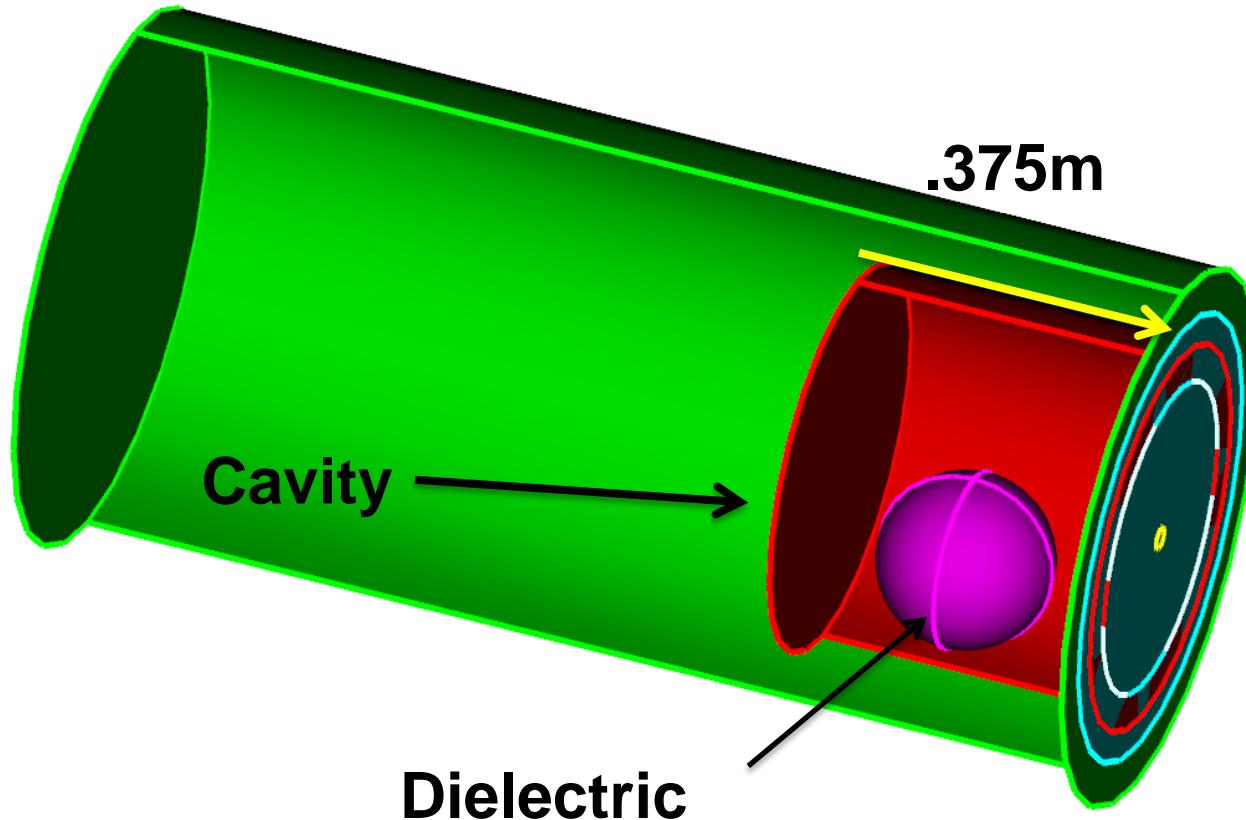
For most problems
Width, depth vary from .5 to 3mm

Geometry D_cavity



External View

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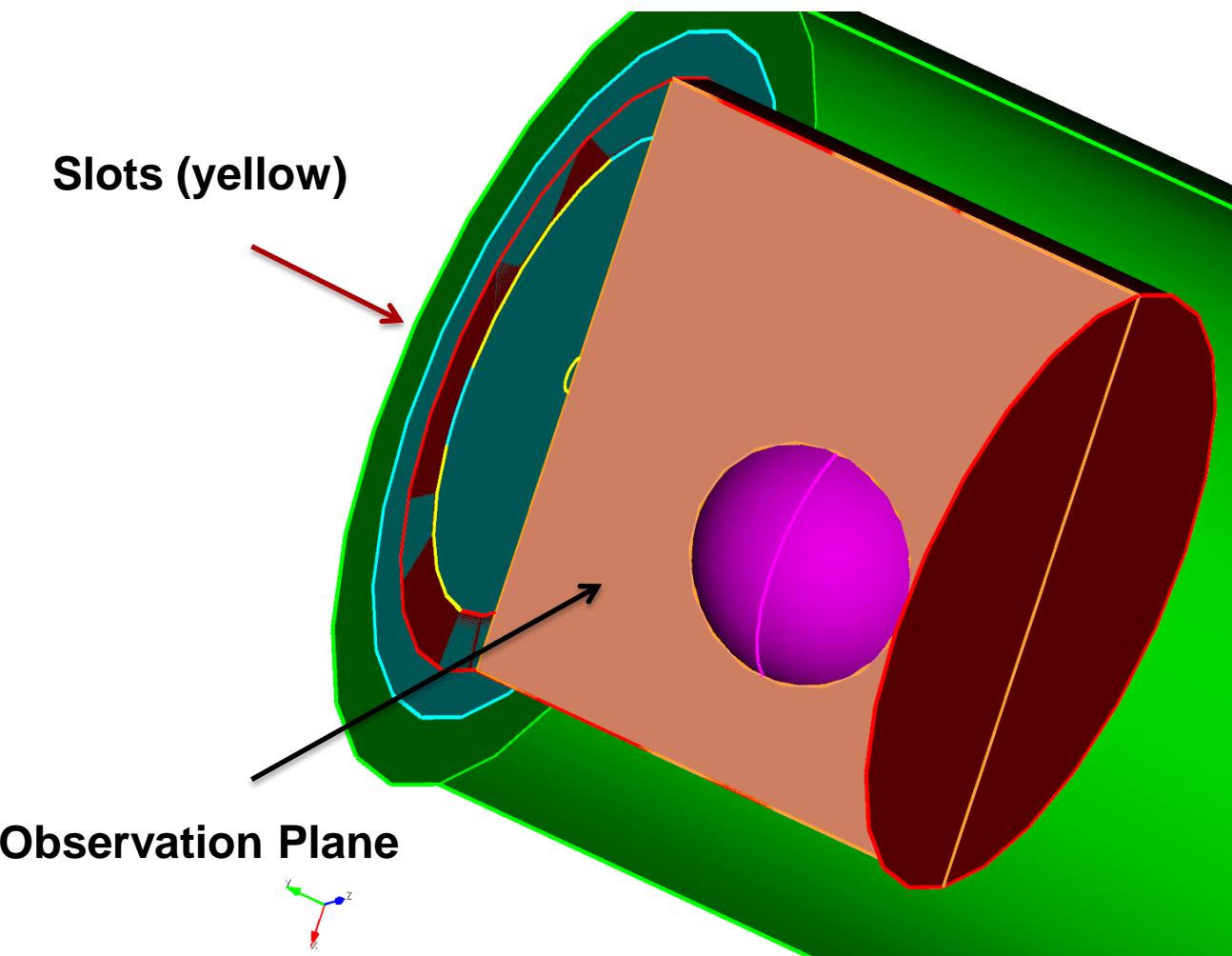


Internal View

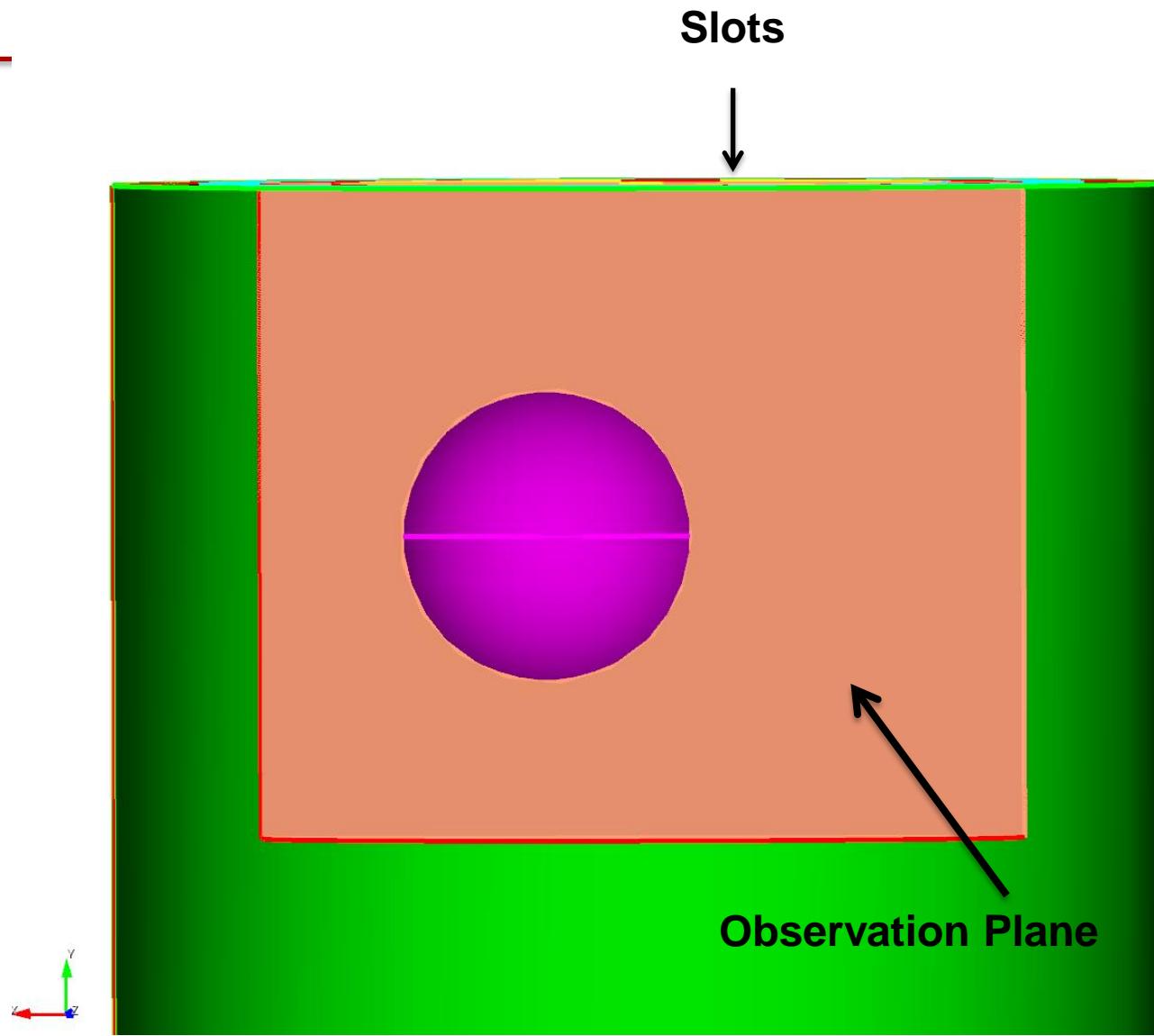
Results

- The magnitude of the scattered electric field will be considered.
- This field value will be calculated on planes both inside the cavity and outside the cavity.
- Because of the proximity of these observation points to the object these are near field quantities.

Data Results Observation Plane



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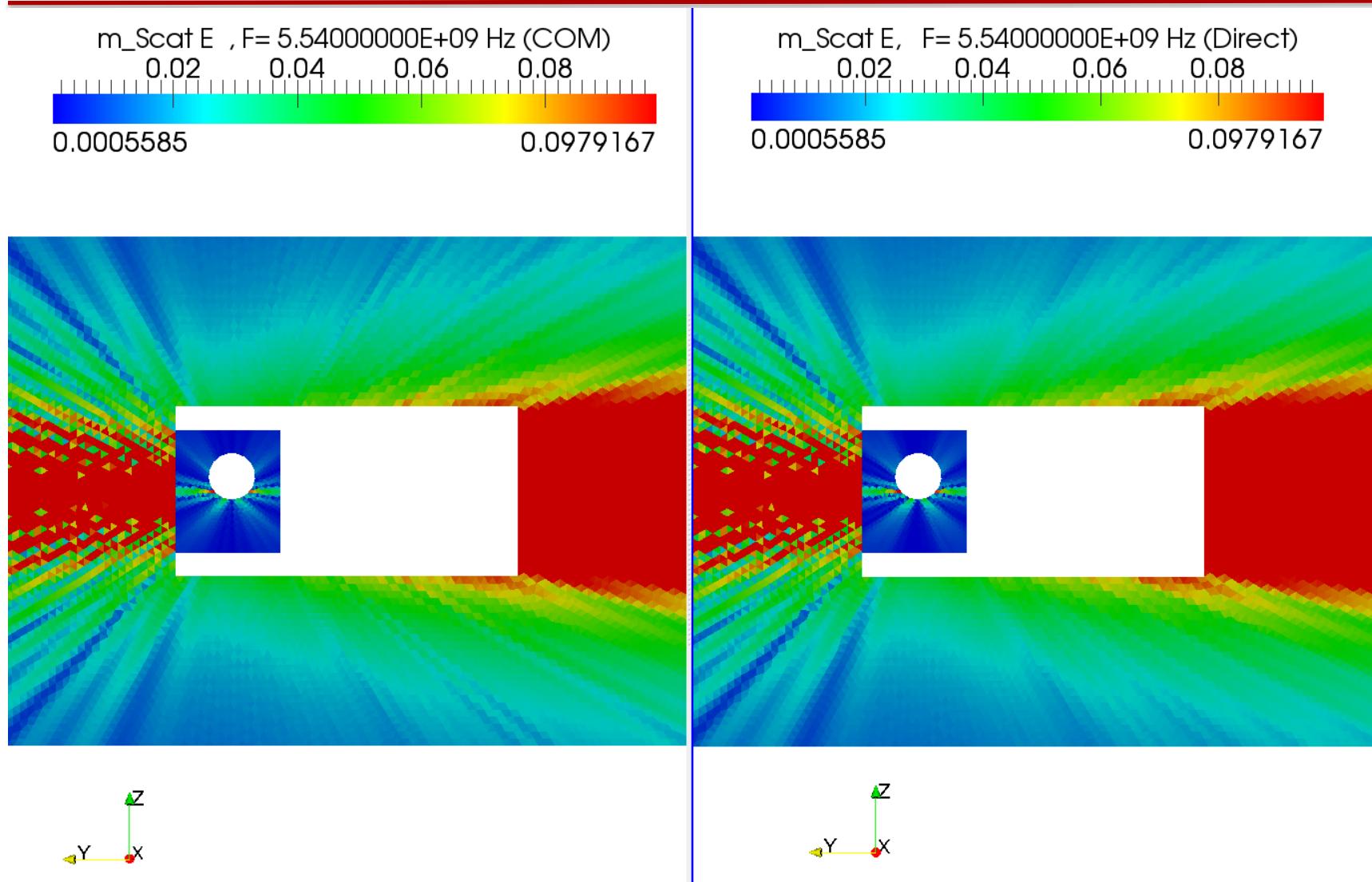


Results - Mesh 3 D_cavity

- Object 1.2 m in length
- Frequency 5.5 GHz
- Number of Unknowns 247604
- Epsilon 3.1e-03
- Memory
 - Full matrix 16*(61) GBytes
 - Compressed 16*(36.8 + .2) Gbytes
 - ~40% compressed.

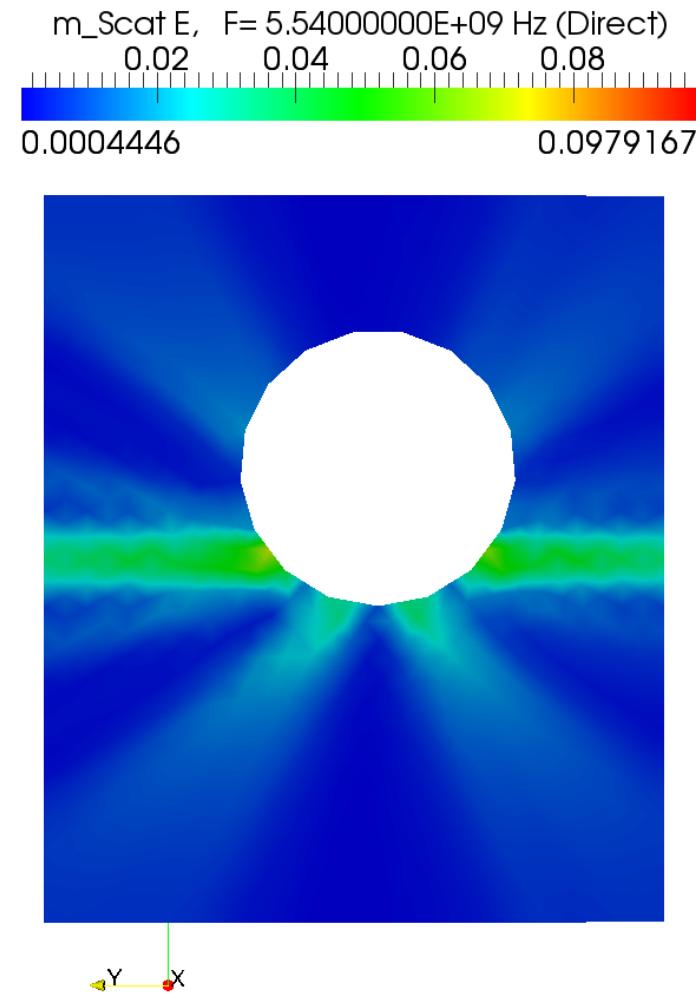
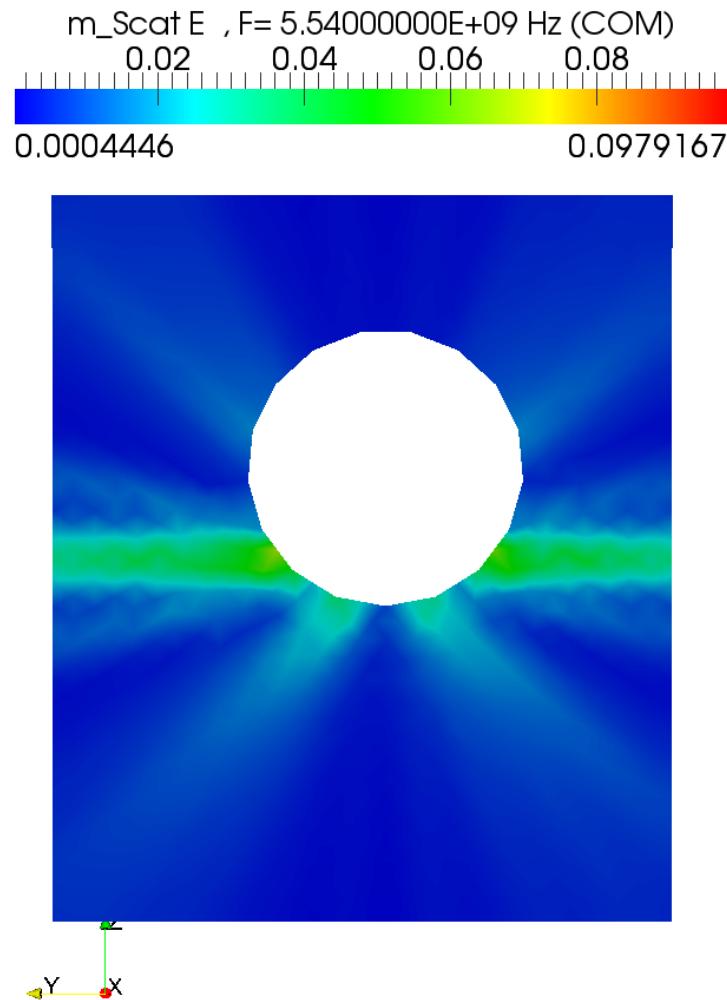
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Magnitude of Scattered Field



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Magnitude of Scattered Field



Conclusions

- The matrix compression has been successfully integrated in EIGER.
 - For parallel machines
 - With iterative solver
- The viability of the technique has been demonstrated on a diverse group of problems.
 - Exterior problems
 - Problems with external geometry connected through slots.
 - Uses the thin-slot formulation already integrated in EIGER

Future Work - Compression

- **Improve the load balancing of the matrix:**
 - For the MOM blocks, by the block size not just by block number.
 - Use preprocessing to generate block matrix structure.
- **Improve solution time by reducing the iteration count**
 - Preliminary work performed by Matt Bettencourt on preconditioning revealed:
 - Standard methods ILU, Diagonal preconditioning will fail
 - Use Sparse Approximate Inverse (SAI)
 - Applied it to the two smaller problems discussed earlier.
 - Defined the algorithm to implement and tested it in MATLAB.
- **Continue testing on problems of interest to Sandia.**
 - Verify and quantify errors for a robust implementation.

Congratulations to Prof. Uslenghi

“George”



G -- gracious

E -- encouraging

O -- outgoing

R -- respectful and respected

G -- generous

E -- energetic

Final Comments

- **Thanks for allowing me to be one of your students.**
- **Thanks for your example over the years:**
 - Technical expertise
 - Relational wisdom
- **Thanks for being a friend.**
- **Please slow down – “I can’t keep up with you”**