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# A Demonstration of the Quantitative Approach for Model Credibility on an Electromagnetic Application

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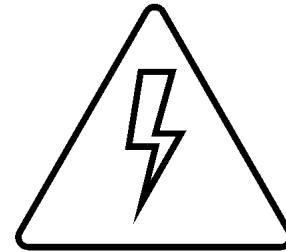
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Solution verification	1/0.68	1	1	0.025	0.68	0	0.32
Model validation	3/0.97	0.67	0.27	0.5	0.17	0.09	0.74
UQ/SA	3/0.97	0.98	0.27	0.2	0.26	0.01	0.74
Combined BPA					0.36	0.09	0.55

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# Importance of Electromagnetic Radiation (EMR) Considerations



- 1967 US Aircraft Carrier “Forrestal”
  - Fully loaded with aircraft equipped with various bombs and missiles.
  - Aircraft missile was inadvertently deployed striking another aircraft.
  - Fuel tank on the aircraft exploded and 134 service people died.



Source: [wikipedia.org/1967\\_USS\\_Forestal\\_fire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1967_USS_Forestal_fire)

Cause was believed to be an induced voltage across the contact of a shielded connector from the ship's high power search radar.

# Importance of Electromagnetic Radiation (EMR) Considerations (2)

- Toyota Airbag Inflator
  - In 2020, Toyota recalled 3.4M vehicles because power line interference may prevent airbags from inflating.
  - 8 people died due to faulty airbag activation
  - Solution: Dealers retrofitted filters into cable harness



Source: Elkhorn Media Group

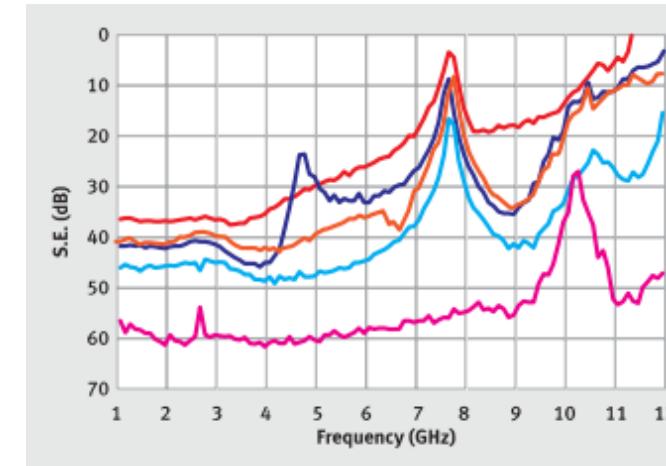
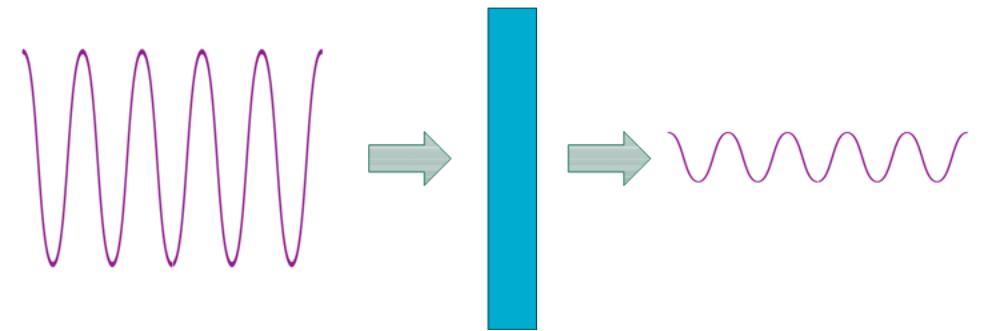
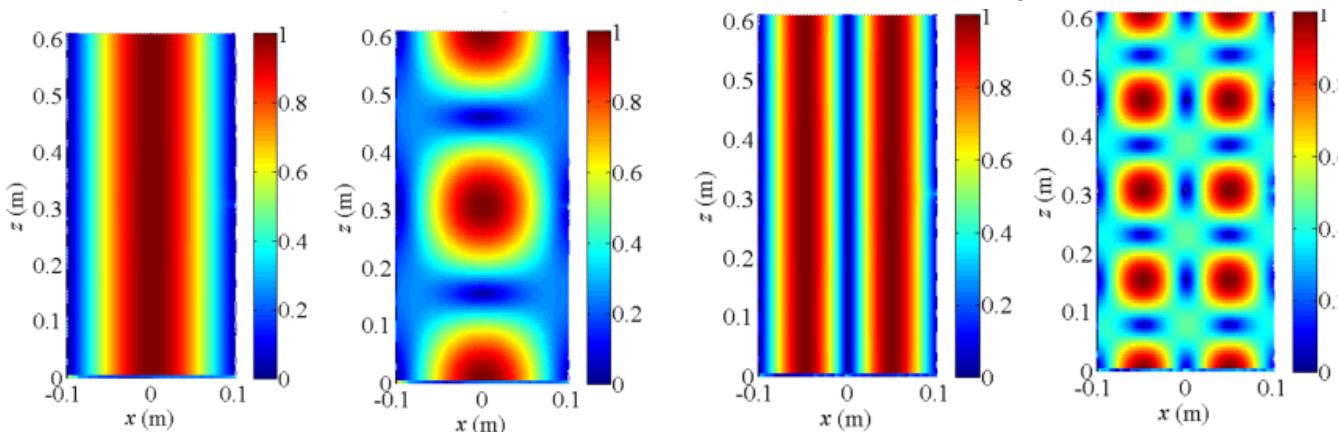
# Hardening engineering systems against EMR



- EMR Shielding
  - Introduce a barrier that provides shielding
- Engineering objective: protect sensitive electronics
  - Design system to achieve some SE requirement
  - Notice SE varies over frequency
- Shielding effectiveness (SE):

- $$SE = 20 \log_{10} \left( \frac{|E_{internal}|}{|E_{external}|} \right)$$

Electric field spatial modes inside a cylinder

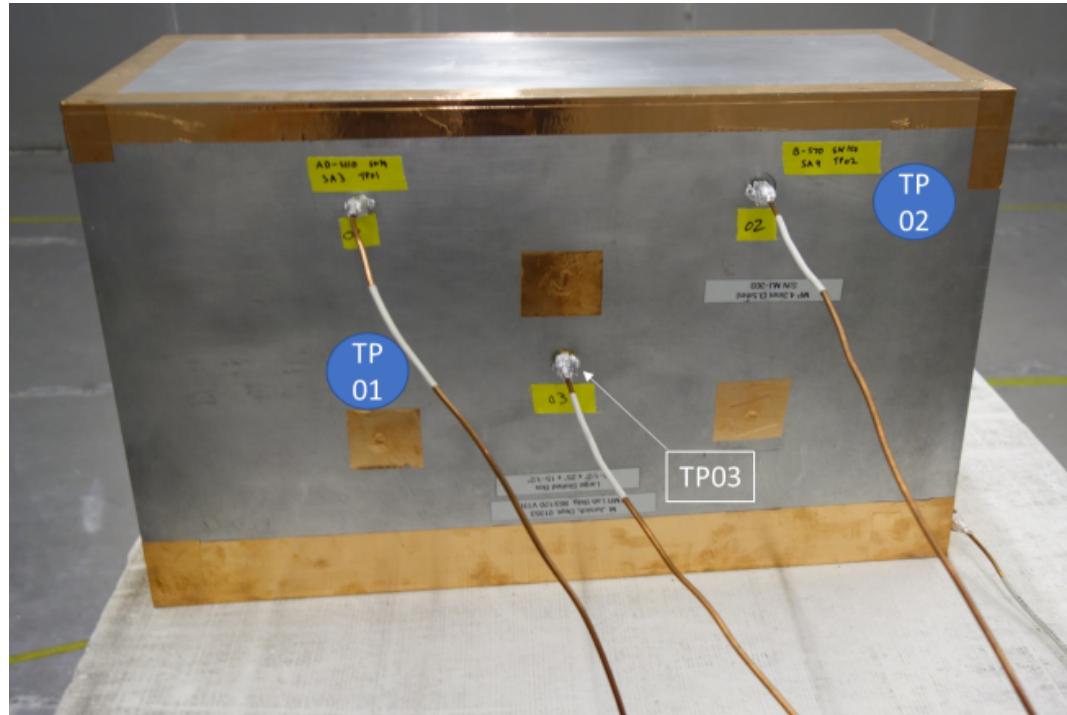


Notional SE for different shielding approaches.

Source: XGR Technologies

## Application: Large Slotted Box

- An aluminum box with a small slot cut into the top face
- Experimentation:
  - The box is placed in an EM reverberation chamber
  - 3 probes measure the internal EM fields
- Objective:
  - Compare measured SE with simulation predictions of SE



Jursich, M. (2015). *EMR Coupling into Systems: Calibration of the Sandia Reverberation Chamber and Validation of the Single Slot Aperture Gain Model* (No. SAND2015-10109). Sandia National Lab.(SNL-NM), Albuquerque, NM (United States).

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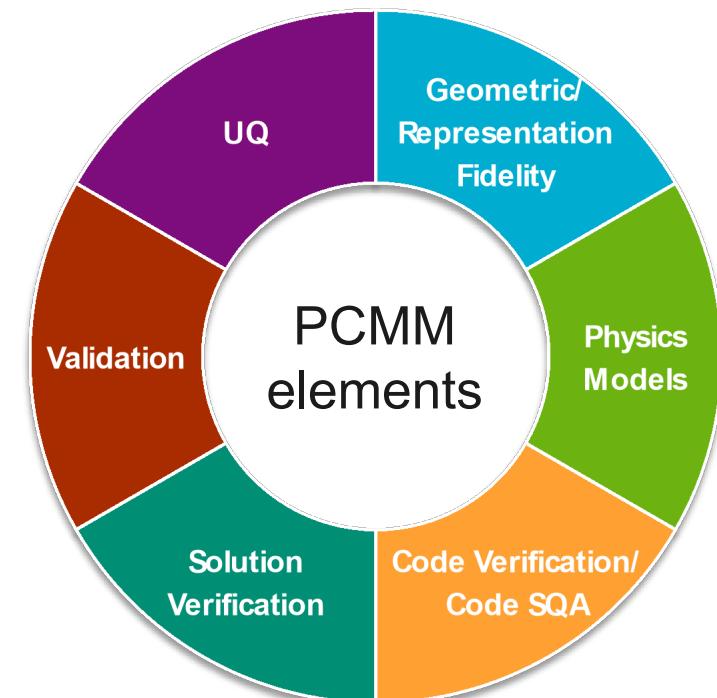
# Credibility Framework



- How do we assess the credibility of a computer model?
  - **Model Credibility:** the degree to which a decision maker believes that a model is acceptable for the target application ASME V&V 40

- Predictive Capability Maturity Model (PCMM)
  - Objective: Assess the maturity level of 6 elements for a “Modeling & Simulation” activity

Oberkampf et al. (2007),  
Hills et al. (2013),  
Mullins (2017)



# Evidence Theory-based Quantitative Credibility Approach



- For each of six PCMM elements, a quantitative score (0, 1, 2, or 3) reflects the maturity of evidence (M).
- In addition, compute/assign scores for relevance (R) and strength (E) of evidence.
  - Compute BPAs based on the M, R, and E scores for each PCMM element.
- Basic probability assignment (BPA) for  $m(S)$ ,  $m(F)$ ,  $m(\{S,F\})$  (Evidence theory)
  - S: model is acceptable for intended use
  - F: model is not acceptable for intended use
  - $\{S,F\}$ : uncertainty about the model's acceptability
- Evidence combination
  - Use Dempster-Shafer combination rule
  - Assign weights to PCMM elements
  - Compute overall BPA scores
- Model credibility score is 3-dimensional
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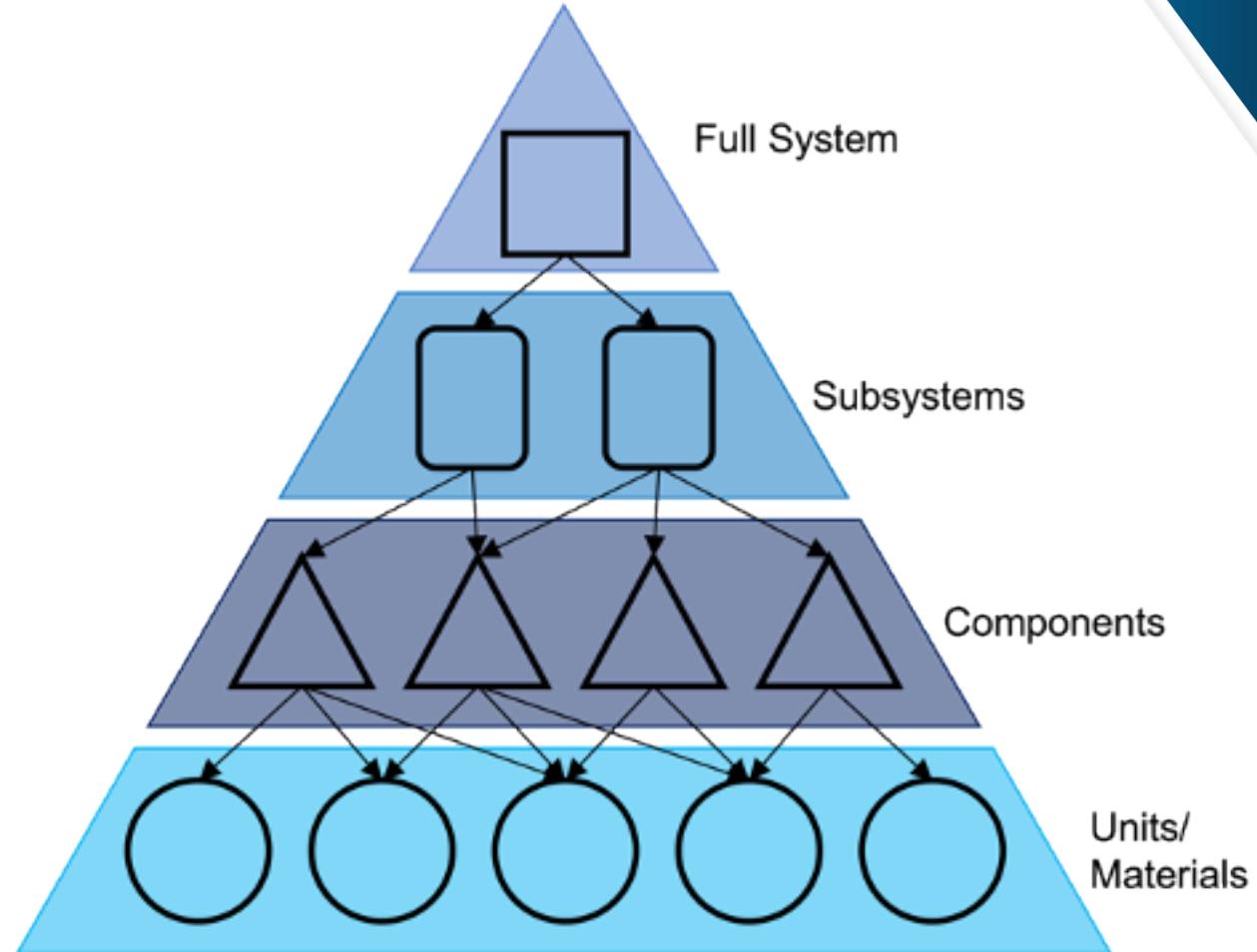


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Mullins, Josh, et al. 2020. "Predictive Capability Maturity Model (PCMM)." Technical Presentation, SAND2020-9688 TR. Unclassified Unlimited Release.

# Caveats to this credibility assessment

- The target application
  - The large slotted box is low on the validation hierarchy
  - The target application is intentionally left ambiguous
  - Therefore, the relevance will be assumed as 1
- Strengths/weaknesses of the EM simulation software will not be identified
  - So we will assume the strength of evidence about the EM simulation software exclusively supports belief in the model



# Representation and Geometric Fidelity

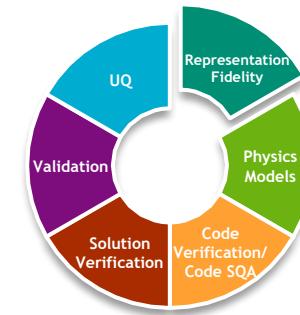
- Aluminum box is welded along the seams
  - The welds are not included in the simulation



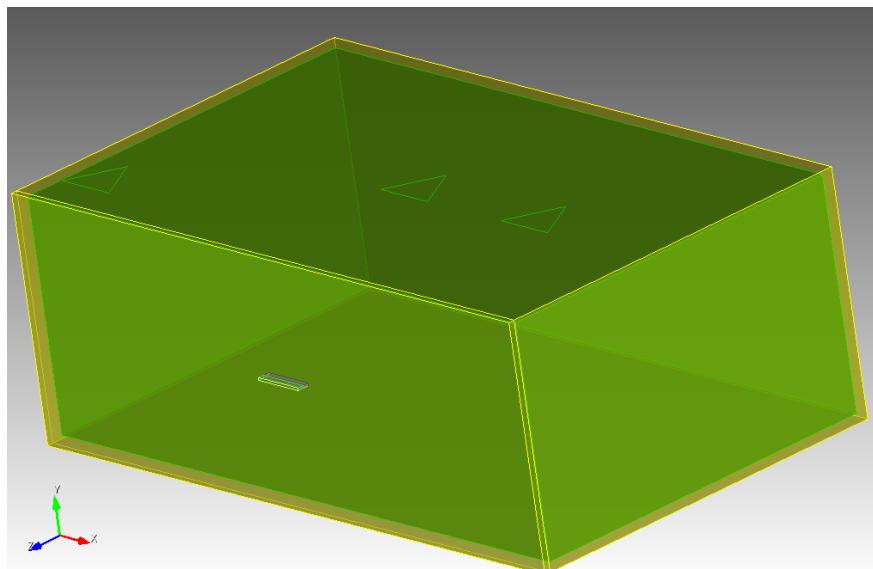
As-Modeled



As-Designed



How are geometric feature simplifications influencing simulation results and Qols?



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PMMF			1
Code Verification			1
Sol. Verification			1
Model Validation			1
UQ/SA			1

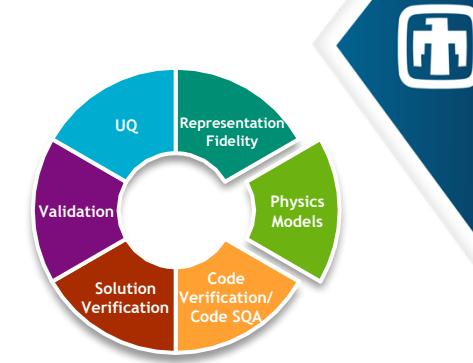
# Physics and Material Model Fidelity (PMMF)

- Completed a PIRT (Phenomena Identification and Ranking Table)
  - Actual results intentionally not shown
- The physics phenomena (e.g. slot model, wave propagation, interior wave reverberation) have been rigorously tested previously
- The box is made of aluminum which is well understood

PIRT

Phenomena	Importance	Adequacy for Intended Use			
		Math Model	Code	Validation	Model Parameter
Phenomena 1	H	H	M	L	L
Phenomena 2	M	H	M	L	L
Phenomena 3	L	H	M	L	L

Are important physics models adequate?  
Key gaps mitigated?

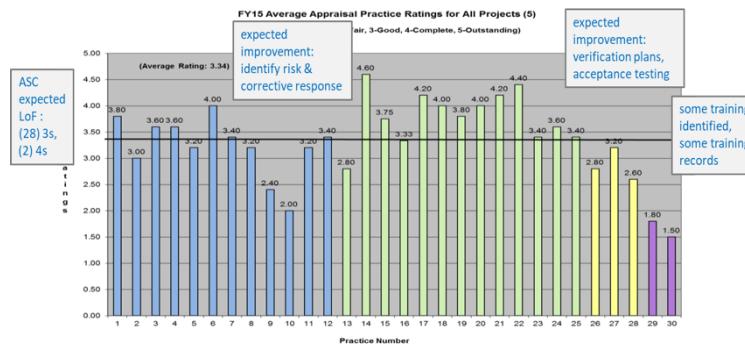


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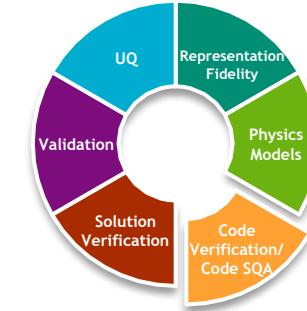
# Code Verification

- Extensive use of unit testing in EM software
- Brian Freno has done extensive code verification using the governing equations

## Summary of Verification Test Coverage



What is the evidence for code credibility?

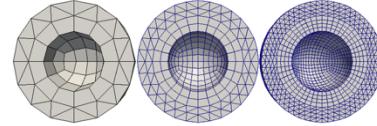
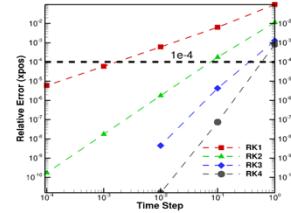


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# Solution Verification

- Rational interpolation is used to handle frequency stepping
- Aaron Krueger has done extensive solution verification studies

## Mesh Refinement Study



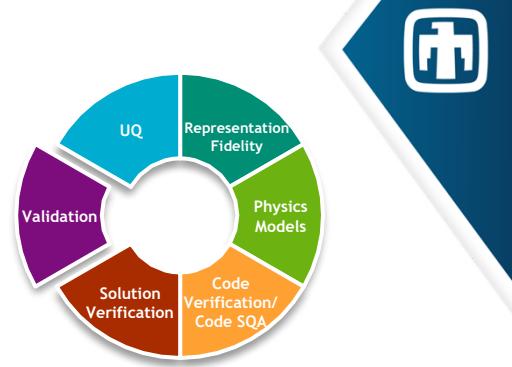
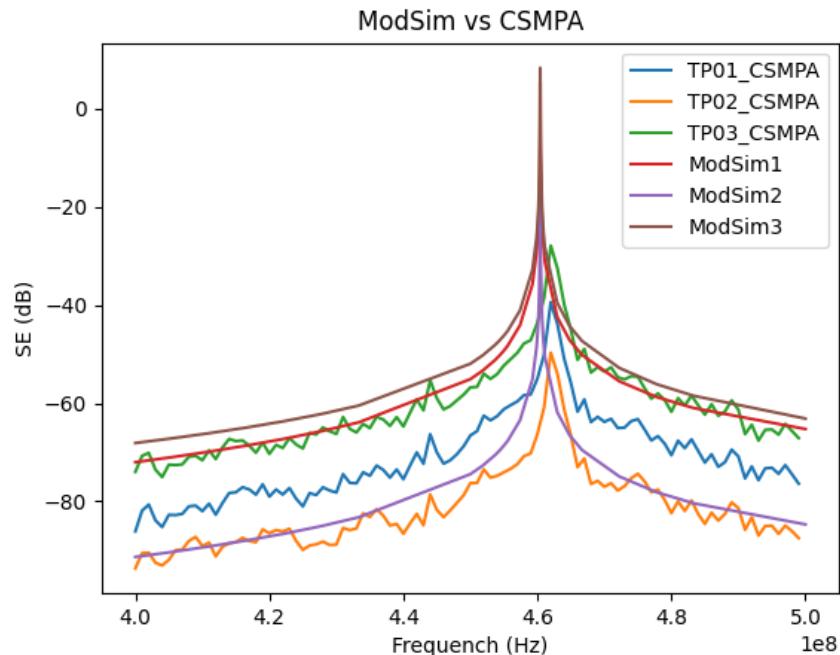
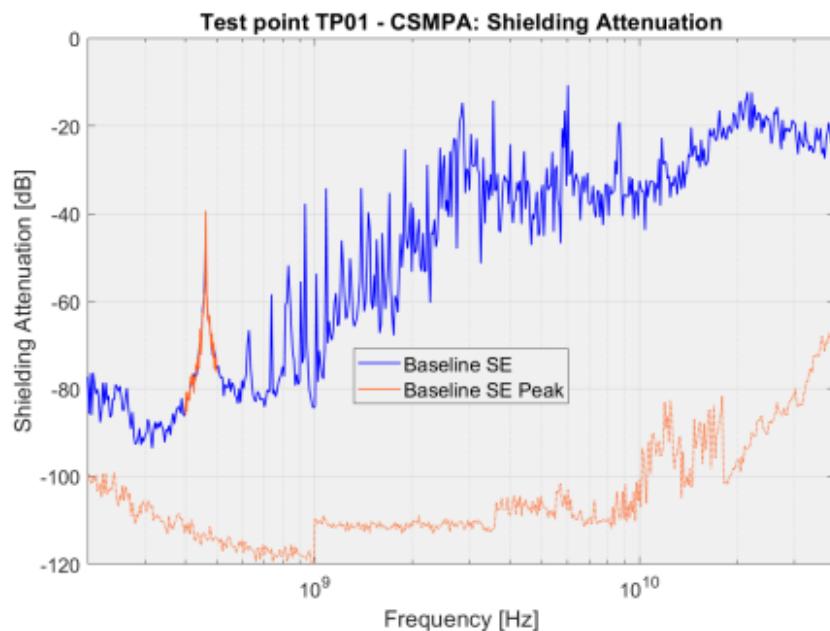
How do numerical solution or human errors affect simulation results?



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UQ/SA			1

# Model Validation

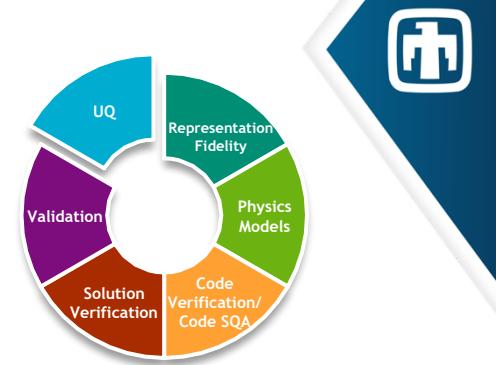
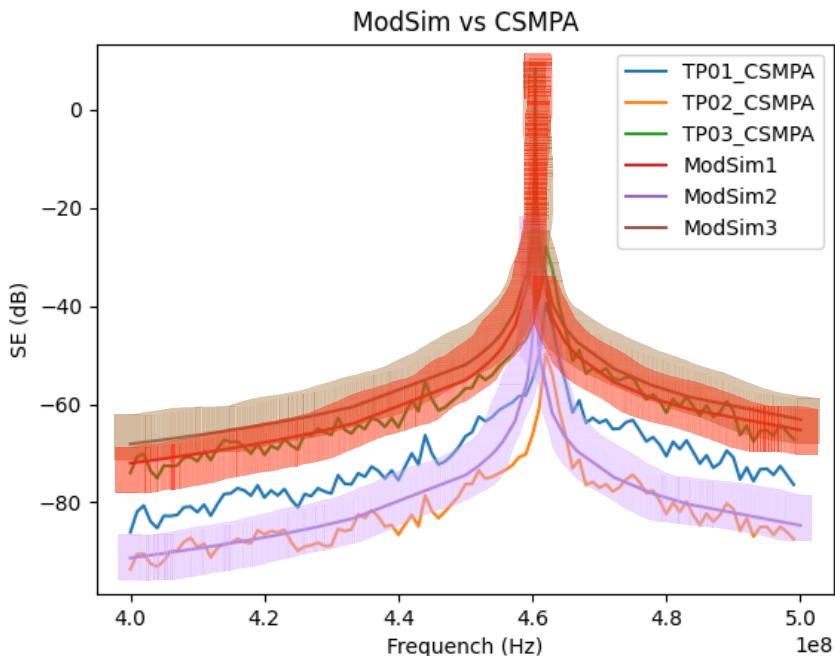
- General trend captured at all 3 locations
- Modeling only performed for the 1<sup>st</sup> resonant peak
- No formal validation metric employed



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PMMF	3	1.0	1
Code Verification	3	1.0	1
Sol. Verification	3	1.0	1
Model Validation	2	0.8	1
UQ/SA			1

# Uncertainty Quantification

- 2 parameters
  - Slot width
    - Uniform(1e-4, 1e-2)
  - Electrical conductivity
    - Uniform(3.5e6, 3.5e8)
- Sensitivity Analysis
  - Slot width is the dominant uncertainty source
- Bayesian model calibration to experimental data is underway



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UQ/SA	1	0.3	1

# Overall credibility score



- Define weights across different PCMM elements
  - Which elements have greatest impact on credibility?
    - Discussion between credibility partner and other stakeholders
- Construct a BPA for each element

## Rules for constructing BPAs

- $m_i(S) = E_i * M_i * R_i$
- $m_i(F) = (1 - E_i) * M_i * R_i$
- $m_i(\{S, F\}) = 1 - (m_i(S) + m_i(F)) = 1 - M_i * R_i$
- $m_i(S) + m_i(F) + m_i(\{S, F\}) = 1$

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Code Verification	3 (1.0)	1.0	1	0.1	1	0	0
Sol. Verification	3 (1.0)	1.0	1	0.2	1	0	0
Model Validation	2 (0.8)	0.8	1	0.2	0.64	0.16	0.2
UQ/SA	1 (0.4)	0.3	1	0.3	0.12	0.28	0.6
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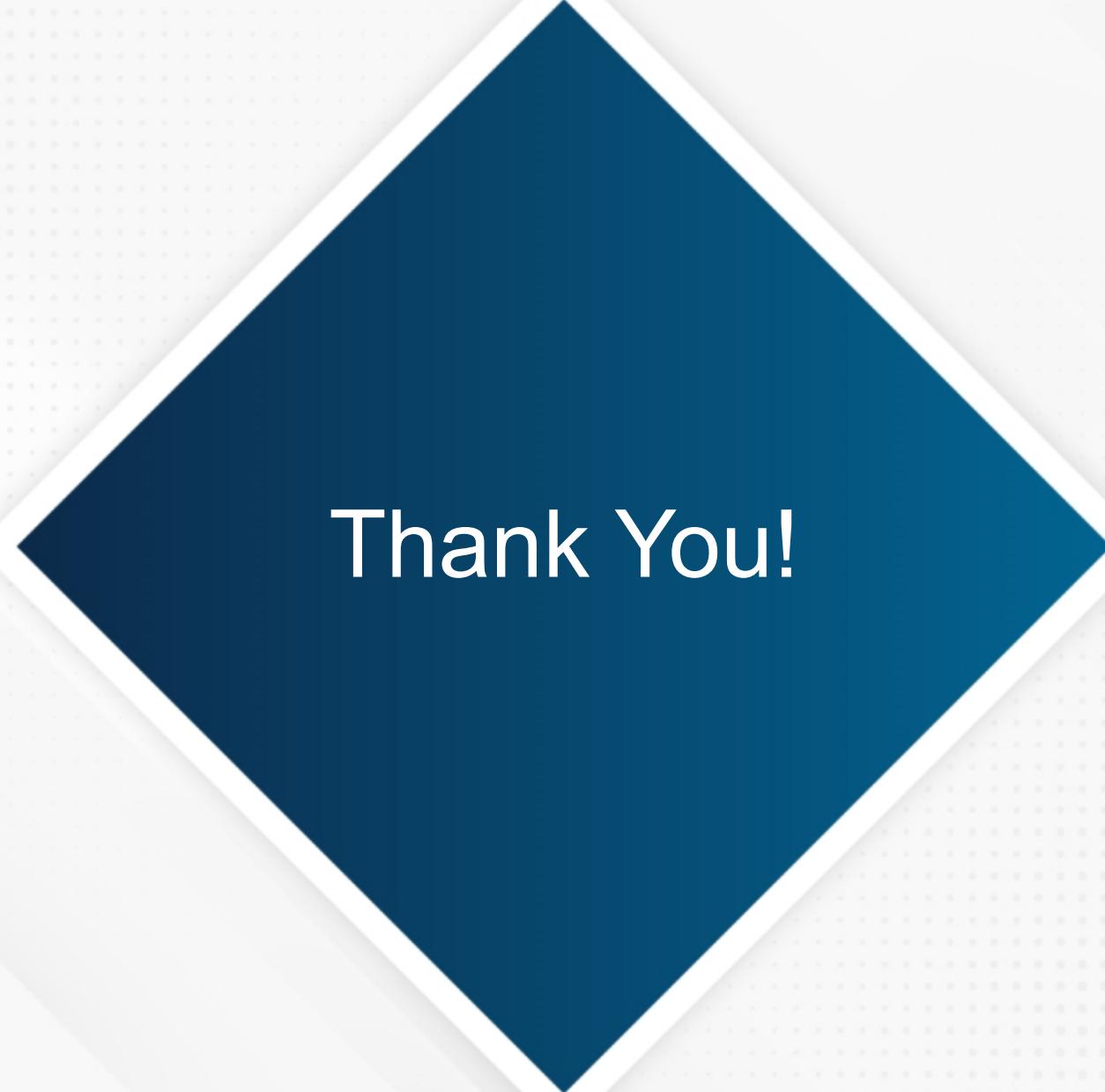


- We demonstrated Vanderbilt's quantitative credibility approach for an EM application
  - The credibility approach is comprehensive: maturity, strength, and relevance
  - The approach nicely partitions the credibility activity
  - Scoring is useful during the credibility process to guide next steps
  - For this EM exemplar, results from the credibility assessment for the acceptability of the model for its intended application are:

Support $m_i(S)$	Failure $m_i(F)$	Uncertainty $m_i(\{S, F\})$
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## Future Work

- Define a target application (which will introduce relevance considerations)
- Continue to mature the credibility activities for this EM application



Thank You!

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