# Coupling of Electromagnetic Fields to Circuits in a Cavity

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As Part of Our MURI Effort, We Are to Develop Capabilities for Modeling Complex EMC/EMI Problems





#### As a First Step, We Want to Determine EIGER's Suitability for Code Validation and for Performing General-Purpose EMC/EMI Calculations

- EIGER is a general-purpose EM frequency domain modeling code being jointly developed by
  - U. Houston/NASA
  - Navy (SPAWAR)
  - Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
  - Sandia National Laboratories
- Can EIGER be used to obtain quick results and handle difficult-to-formulate EMC/EMI calculations?
- Can EIGER be used to validate new codes, and to efficiently obtain desired model parameters?
- Can it be used as a breadboard for developing more specialized codes?

#### Validation Study

# A Conducting Box with Two Apertures, Containing a Conducting Wire with 50 $\Omega$ Loads Terminating on Box Walls, Excited by a 1-Volt RF Source



# Canonical Problem That Exercises Code Capabilities



# **Numerical Validation: Three Approaches**

- Direct EFIE approach
- Aperture integral equation with EFIE
- Aperture integral equation with EFIE and cavity Green's function
- These are compared to measurements (EMC paper)



# Approach #1: Direct EFIE

The system is treated as one conducting object (with source, loads, and junctions)



# **Approach #2: EFIE with AIE**

The system is divided into two regions. An Aperture Integral Equation (AIE) is enforced.



# Approach #3: EFIE with AIE and Cavity Green's Function

An AIE is used as in approach 2. A **cavity Green's function** is used to calculate the interior fields.



### **Results**

- Determine normalized output current at opposite end of line excited by a 1 V source
- Compare to measurement (Duffy et al., IEEE Trans. EMC, May 1994, pp. 144 -146)



# Compare to Transmission Line Approximation...

Use transmission line theory to approximate the current at the end load.



# ... and Compare Computed vs. Theoretical Cavity Resonances



# TML and Experimental Results from Duffy et al.

Fourier transformed TML results

Both results normalized to peaks



# Normalized Current at the Load Opposite the Source



### **Detail of Current Plot (0.4 to 0.8 GHz)**



# **Summary of EIGER Validation**

- Consistent results are obtained utilizing three different formulations for a complex cavity/wire/aperture problem
- Results in agreement with independent experiments and calculations
- EIGER can be useful in EMC/EMI applications both as a stand-alone code and as a code validation tool

# Canonical Problem Cable-Through-Aperture Coupling to PCB Traces

This is an important coupling "tube" in the EMC/EMI analysis of digital circuit effects



# **Canonical Problem** Issues, Goals, and Approaches

Issues:

- The cavity enclosure must be considered for an accurate solution.
- The PCB trace may be very complicated, and on a very different size scale than the cavity.

Goal:

Separate the cavity analysis from the PCB analysis to the maximum extent possible.

# Approach

- Calculate a Thévenin equivalent circuit at the input of the digital device (requires V<sup>oc</sup> and I<sup>sc</sup>).
- Use transmission line theory (with distributed sources) to model the PCB trace.
- Use EIGER to model the cable inside the cavity and the cavity fields, and combine this with the PCB transmission line modeling.
- A hybrid method is developed that combines the rigorous cavity-field calculations of EIGER with transmission line theory.

# **Top View of Coupling Problem**





### **Voltage Source Replaces Gap at the Aperture**

Step 1: PCB trace is replaced by load Zin



# Voltage Source Replaces Gap at the Aperture (cont.)

Step 2: internal wire feed is replaced by load



#### Exterior model for calculation of gap voltage

# Voltage Source Replaces Gap at the Aperture (cont.)



# **Current on the Wire is Calculated**



# Equivalence Principle Is Applied to the Feed Wire (metal feed wire is removed)



The feed current produces an output voltage in two ways:

(1) direct current injection(2) radiation inside cavity

$$\left( V^{th} = V_I^{th} + V_R^{th} \right)$$

## **Separation of the Two Mechanisms**

Two ideal current sources are added at the junction



### **Mechanism 1: Injection Current**



Simple transmission line theory is used to calculate V<sub>I</sub><sup>th</sup>

### **Mechanism 2: Radiation From Feed Wire**

Radiation from feed wire creates a distributed voltage source along the PCB wire



# Mechanism 2 (cont.)



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# **Calculation of Short Circuit Current**, I<sup>SC</sup>



# Short Circuit Current, I<sup>SC</sup> (cont.)

Procedure is similar to that used to obtain Thevenin (open-circuit) voltage:

Different terminating impedance results in a different gap voltage source



## Short Circuit Current, I<sup>SC</sup> (cont.)

Equivalence principle is used, and two ideal current sources are added, as before.



$$I^{sc} = I_I^{sc} + I_R^{sc}$$

#### **Mechanism 1: Injection Current**



Transmission line theory is used to find the short-circuit current due to the injected source.

### **Mechanism 2: Radiation From Feed Wire**



# Mechanism 2 (cont.)



# Mechanism 2 (cont.)



# **Future Work**

- Obtain numerical results using EIGER for example problem
- Validate approach by "brute force" comparison