



# SPIS-DC activity in the frame of ELSHIELD project

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# outline

- Context and motivation
- Global workflow and data exchange between tools
- The SPIS solvers dedicated to internal charging
  - Implementation details
  - Solver testing simulations
- Conclusion and perspectives



# The ELSHIELD project



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# Introduction

- Scope

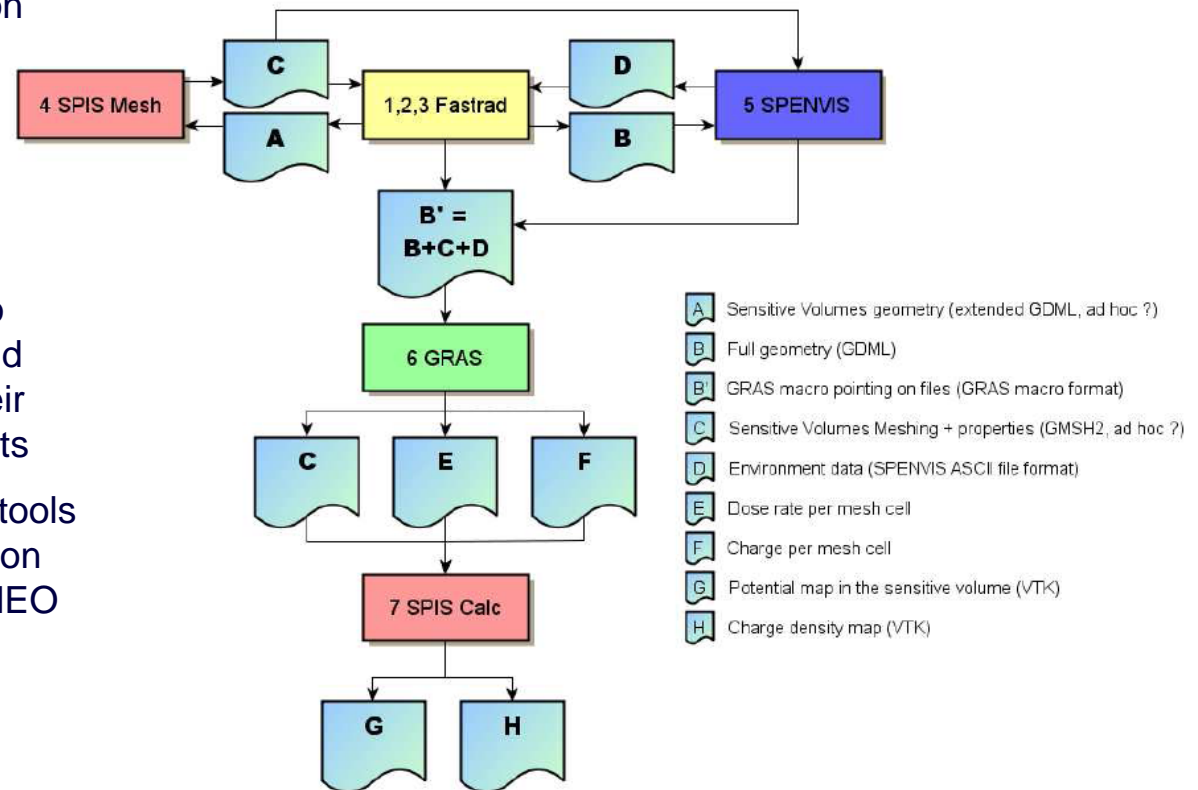
- ESA/ESTEC contract

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- ELSHIELD = Energetic Electron Shielding, Charging and Radiation Effects and Margins

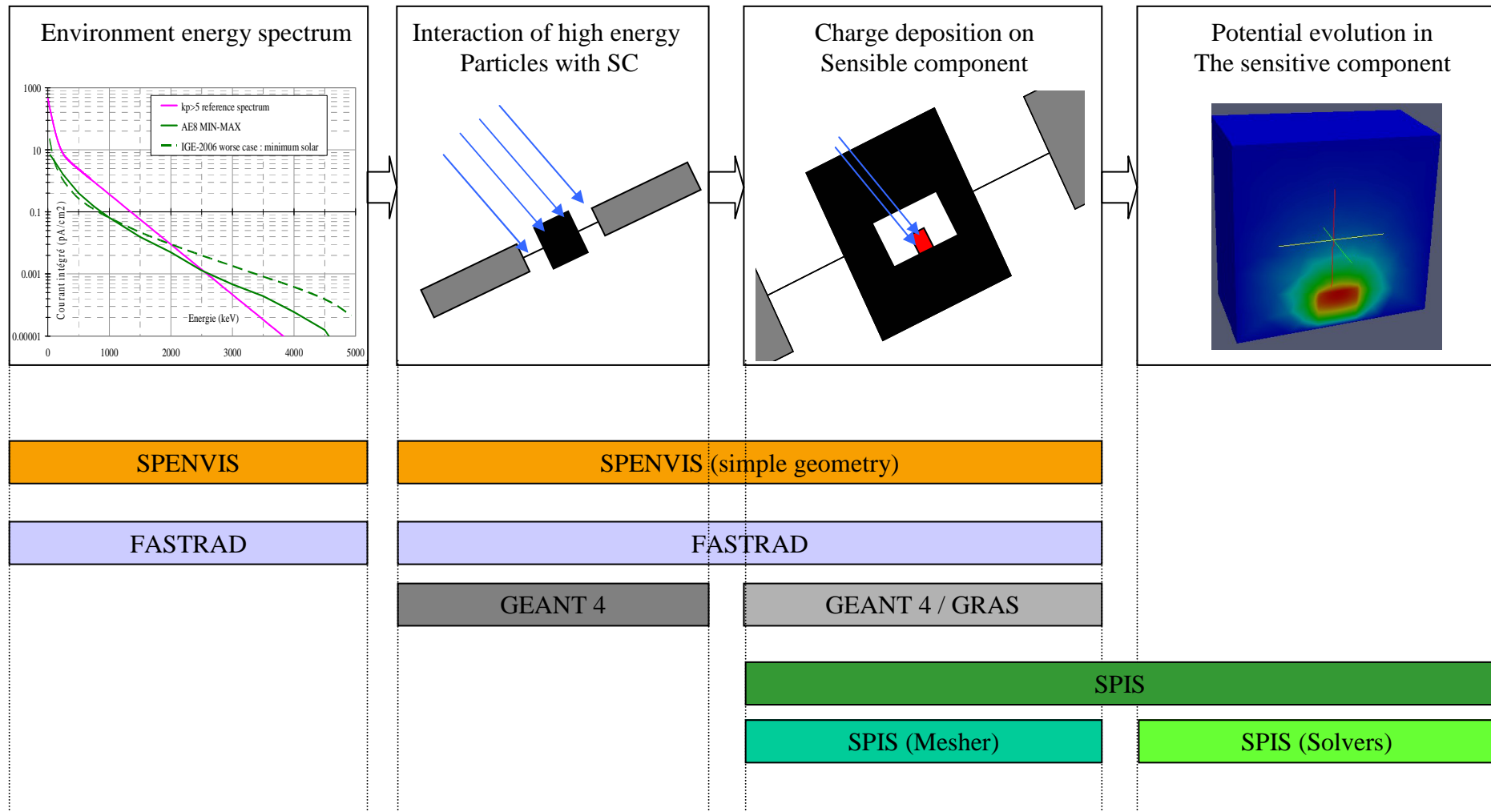
- Objectives

- Analyse problems with respect to energetic electron penetration and interactions in spacecraft and their payloads in high flux environments
  - updated and improved industrial tools capabilities supporting the radiation analysis needed to cover GEO/MEO mission requirements

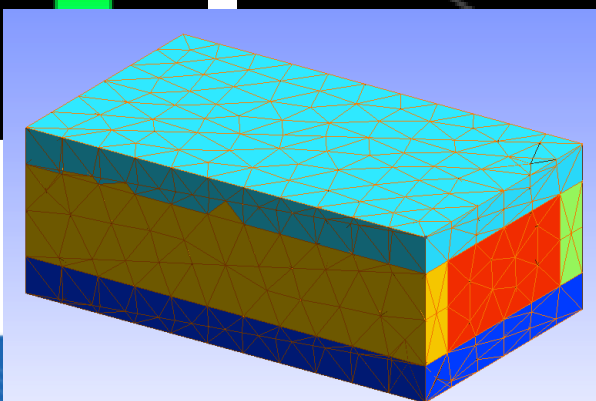
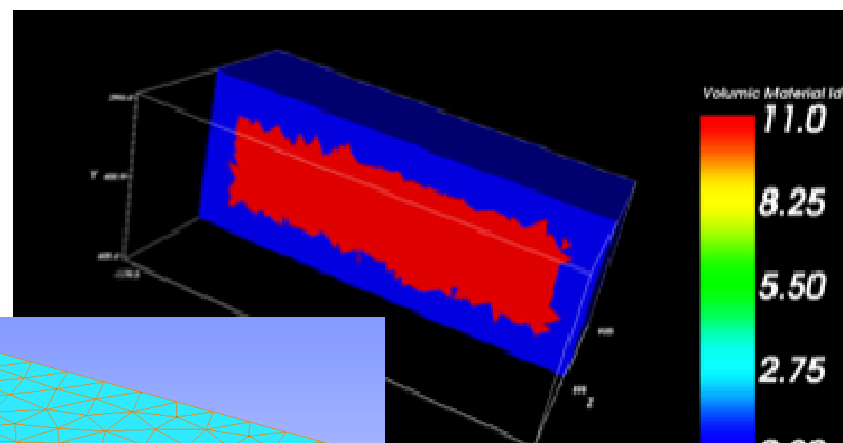
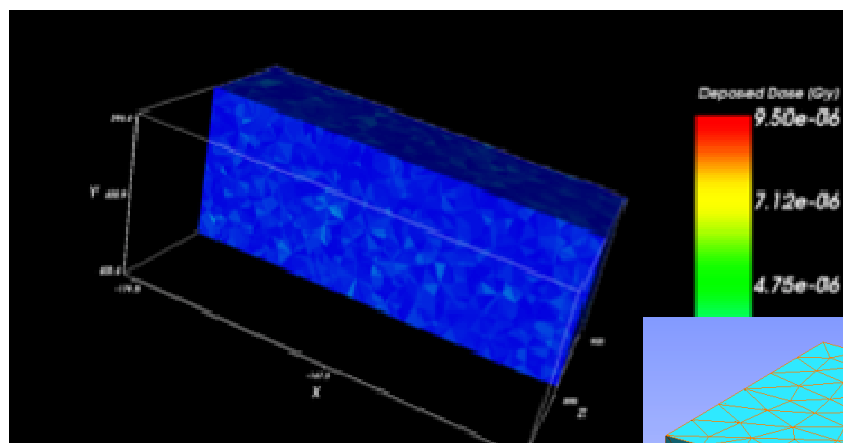
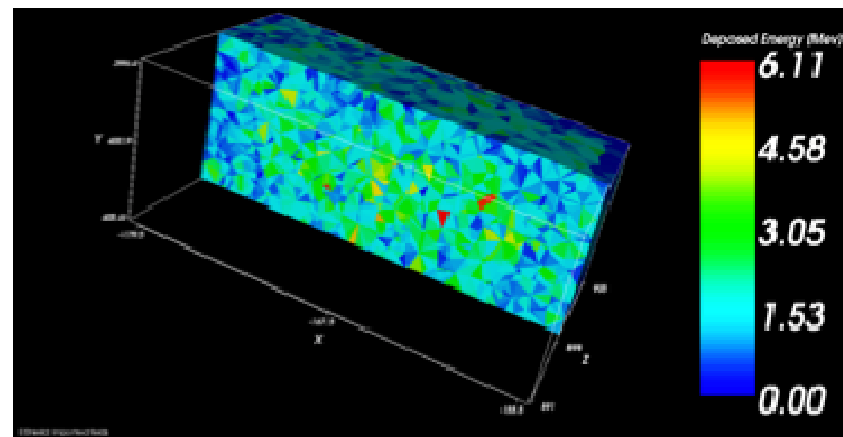
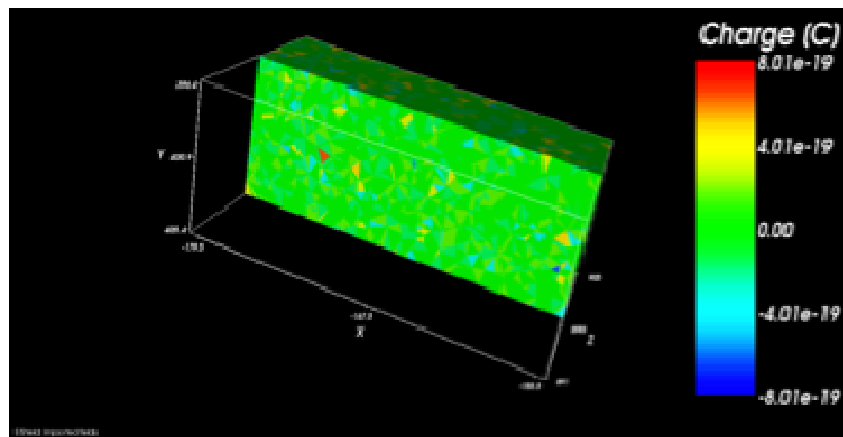




# ELSHIELD tool overview



# Tools Interfaces





# Internal charging modules in SPIS-NUM



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# Internal charging solvers in SPIS

- Internal charge transport => Three modes of resolution:

1. The time scheme solver

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot (\epsilon_r \epsilon_0 \nabla V) = \rho \\ \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot J = \dot{\rho} \\ J = \sigma E \end{cases}$$

2. The steady state solver

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot (\sigma E) = \dot{\rho} \\ \rho = -\frac{\nabla \cdot (\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \sigma) \cdot E}{\sigma} - \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \dot{\rho}}{\sigma} \end{cases}$$

3. Automatic selection mode

- Conductivity model (=> Based on DICTAT):

$$\sigma(T, E, D) = \sigma(T, E) + \sigma(D)$$

- Bulk conductivity:  $\sigma(T) = \sigma_{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\epsilon_A}{kT}\right)$
- Field induced conductivity (Adamec and Calderwood):

$$\sigma(T, E) = \sigma(T) \frac{\left(2 + \cosh\left(\beta_F \frac{\sqrt{E}}{2kT}\right)\right)}{3} \frac{2kT}{eE\delta} \sinh\left(\frac{eE\delta}{2kT}\right)$$

- Radiation induced conductivity:  $\sigma(D) = k_p D^{\Delta}$

- Material properties needed:

- Activation energy  $\epsilon_A$
- Maximum conductivity  $\sigma_{\infty}$
- Jump distance  $\delta$  (fixed at 10Å)
- Dielectric relative permittivity  $\epsilon_r$
- Radiation induced conductivity parameters  $k_p$  and  $\Delta$

# The materials

- XML database dedicated to internal charging simulations:

Material	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Dark conductivity ( $\Omega^{-1}\text{m}^{-1}$ )	Dielectric constant	kp ( $\Omega^{-1}\text{m}^{-1}\text{rads}^{-\Delta}\text{s}^{\Delta}$ )	$\Delta$	$E_A$ (eV)	Charging hazard
Betacloth	1.05	1.46E-15	3.2	n/s	n/s	2.5	Low
CFRP	1.1	3.11E-13	-	-	-	-	V low
Delrin	1.41	4.41E-14	4	n/s	n/s	1.26	Low
FEP	2.15	2.78E-16	2.91	3.91E-15	0.36	0.25	High
FR-4	2.06	8.48E-16	5.59	1.73E-20	1.07	2.44	High
LDPE	0.92	6.94E-15	4.26	6.97E-14	1.08	1.16	Low
PMMA	1.19	3.05E-17	3.95	n/s	n/s	0.47	High
Polyimide	1.42	1.49E-16	3.01	n/s	n/s	1.75	High
POM	1.41	1.54E-14	3.72	2.07E-13	1.57	1.11	Low
Solithane	0.91	3.56E-14	12.47	1.73E-15	0.57	1.33	Low

SPIS materials defined as a NASCAP like property (i.e. existing in the previous version)

SPIS extended property (must be define in the XML form of material definition – not possible in the previous format)



# 1D testing cases

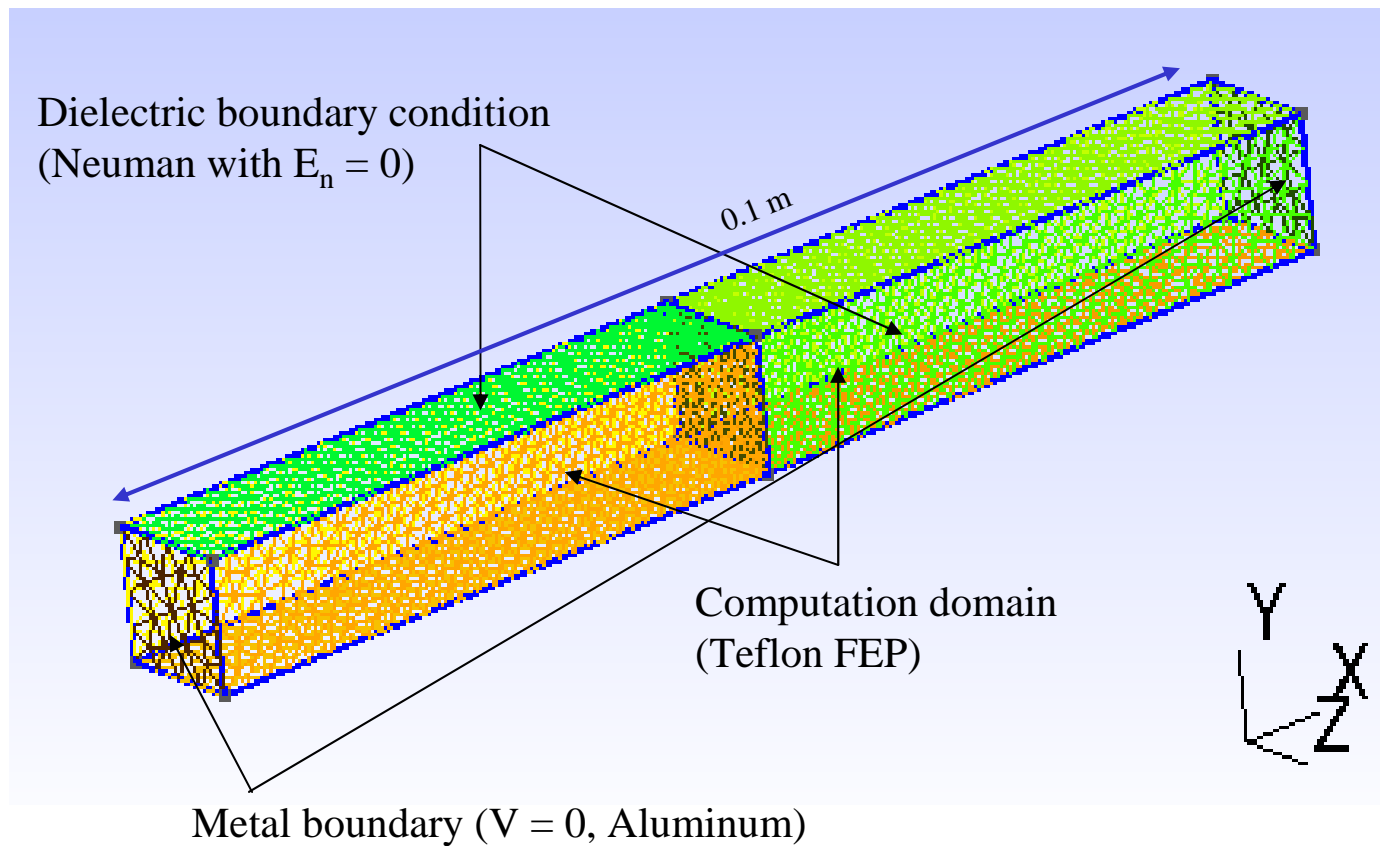


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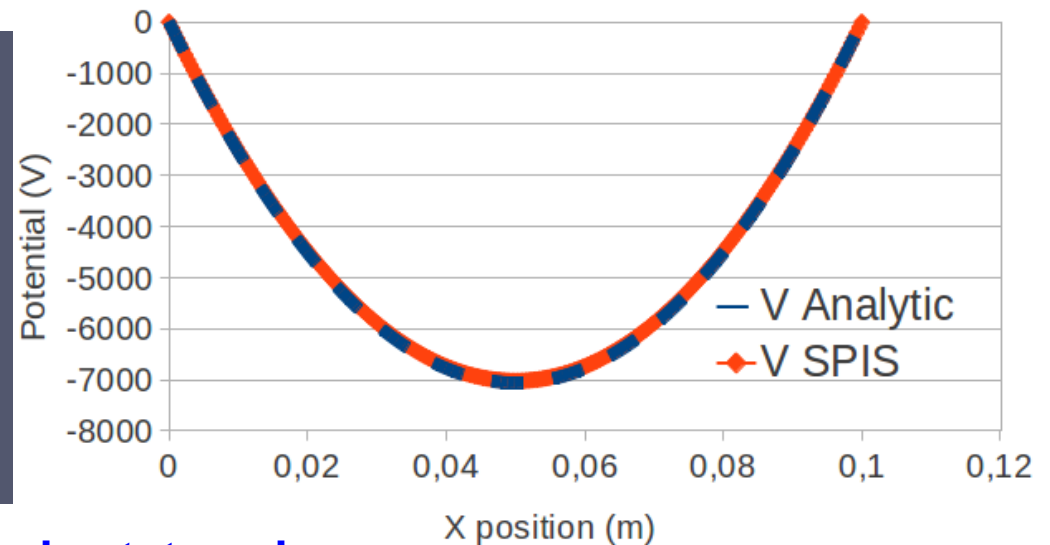
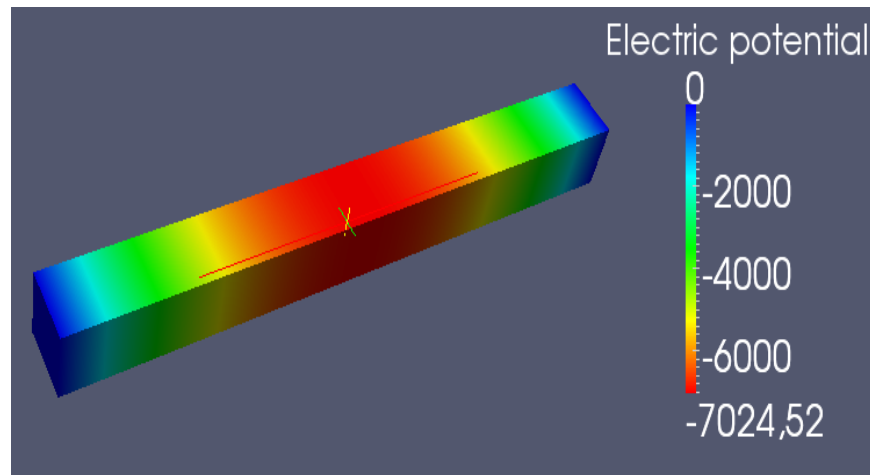


# Case 1 : 1D with uniform dielectric

- Simulation on teflon FEP material between two plates on aluminum.
  - Charge deposition rate:  $10^{-13} \text{ A/m}^3$
  - material temperature: 300 K
  - Conductivity (including RIC):  $1.77 \times 10^{-20} \Omega^{-1} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$



# The electric potential at the steady state



Results from the **steady state solver**

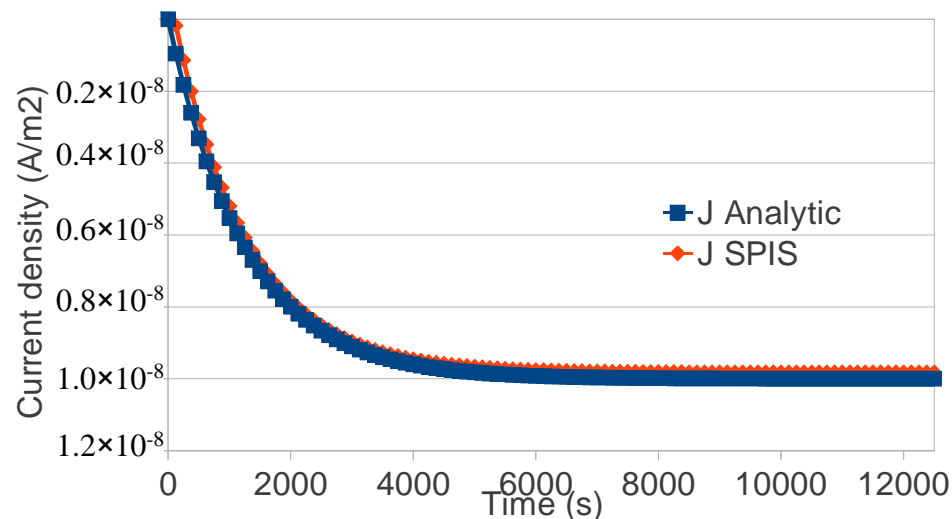
- Charging characteristics:
  - Time characteristic of charging:  $1.46 \times 10^9$  s (about 46 years)
  - Maximum charge density :  $-1.46 \times 10^{-4}$  C/m<sup>3</sup>
  - Maximum potential corresponding is 7060 V
- To compare to 7025 V in the simulation.  
→ the result error is less than 0.5 % which is quite good for a mesh with only 20 000 tetrahedra (100 points along x)

# Comparison of the current collected

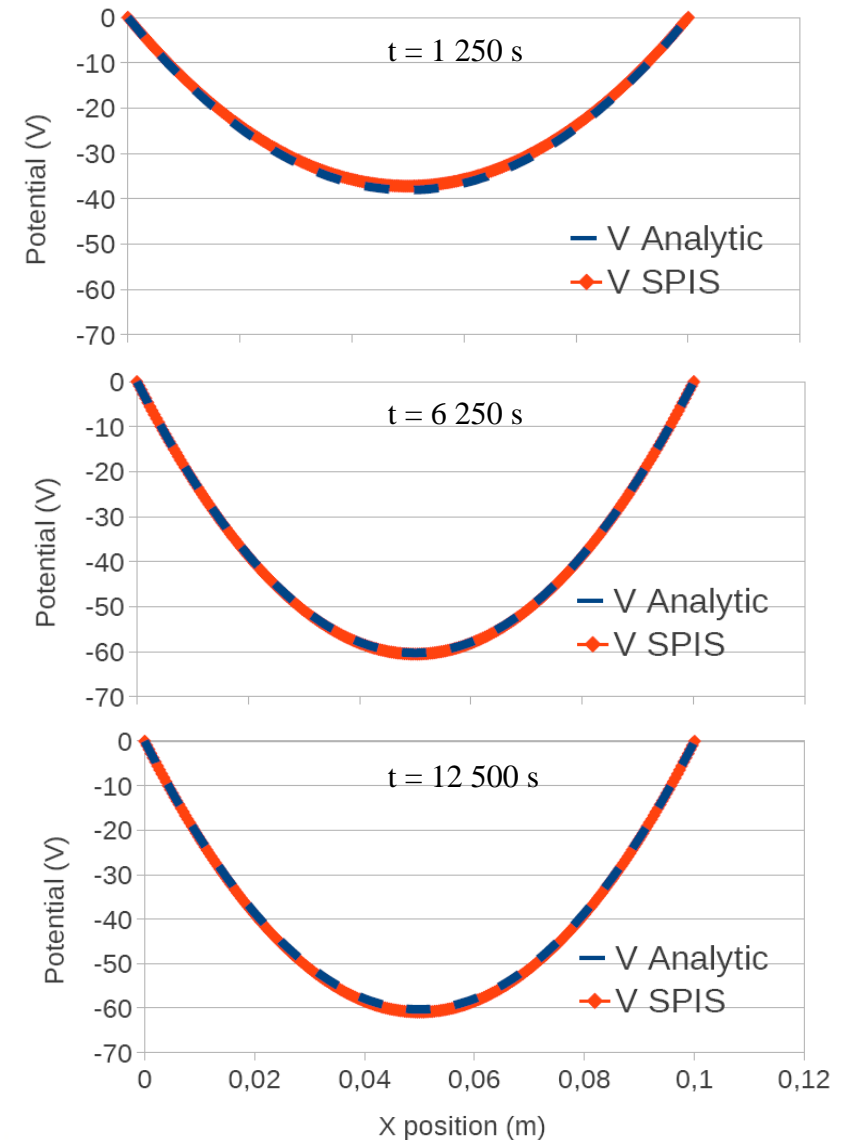
Simulation on teflon FEP material between two plates on aluminum :

- Charge deposition rate:  $10^{-9}$  A/m<sup>3</sup>
- Dose deposition rate: 1 Gy/s
- material temperature: 300 K
- the conductivity:  $2.07 \times 10^{-14}$   $\Omega^{-1} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$

Results from the **time scheme solver**



$$J_{tot} = \sigma E(x=l, t) - \sigma E(x=0, t) = \left[ \dot{\rho} + \left( \frac{\rho_0 \sigma}{\epsilon_r \epsilon_0} - \dot{\rho} \right) \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma t}{\epsilon_r \epsilon_0}\right) \right] \times l$$







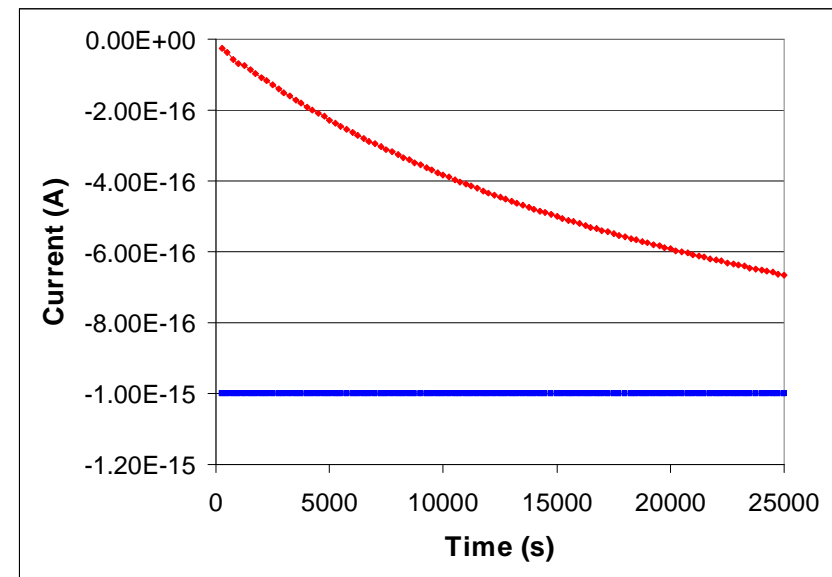
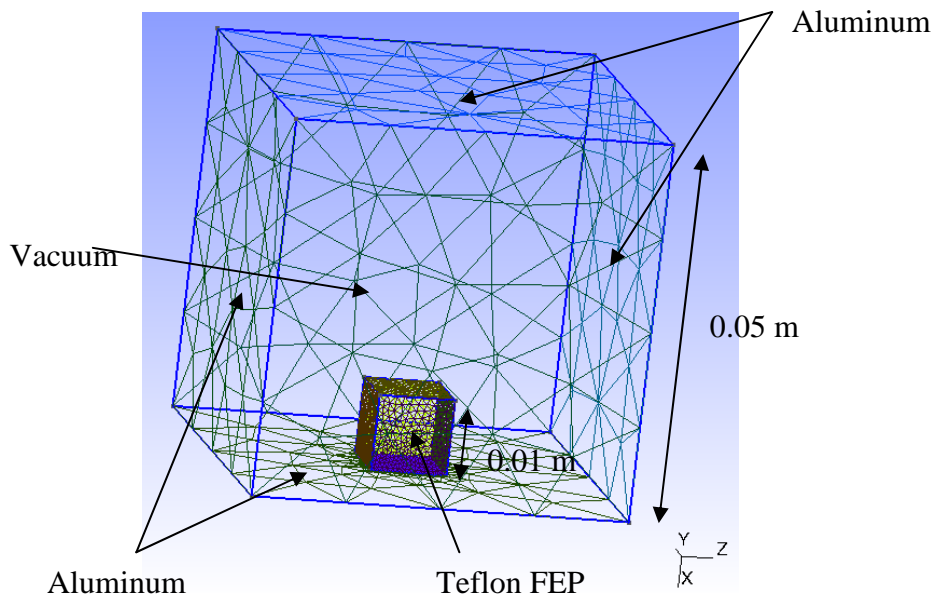
## 3D demonstration case with the time solver



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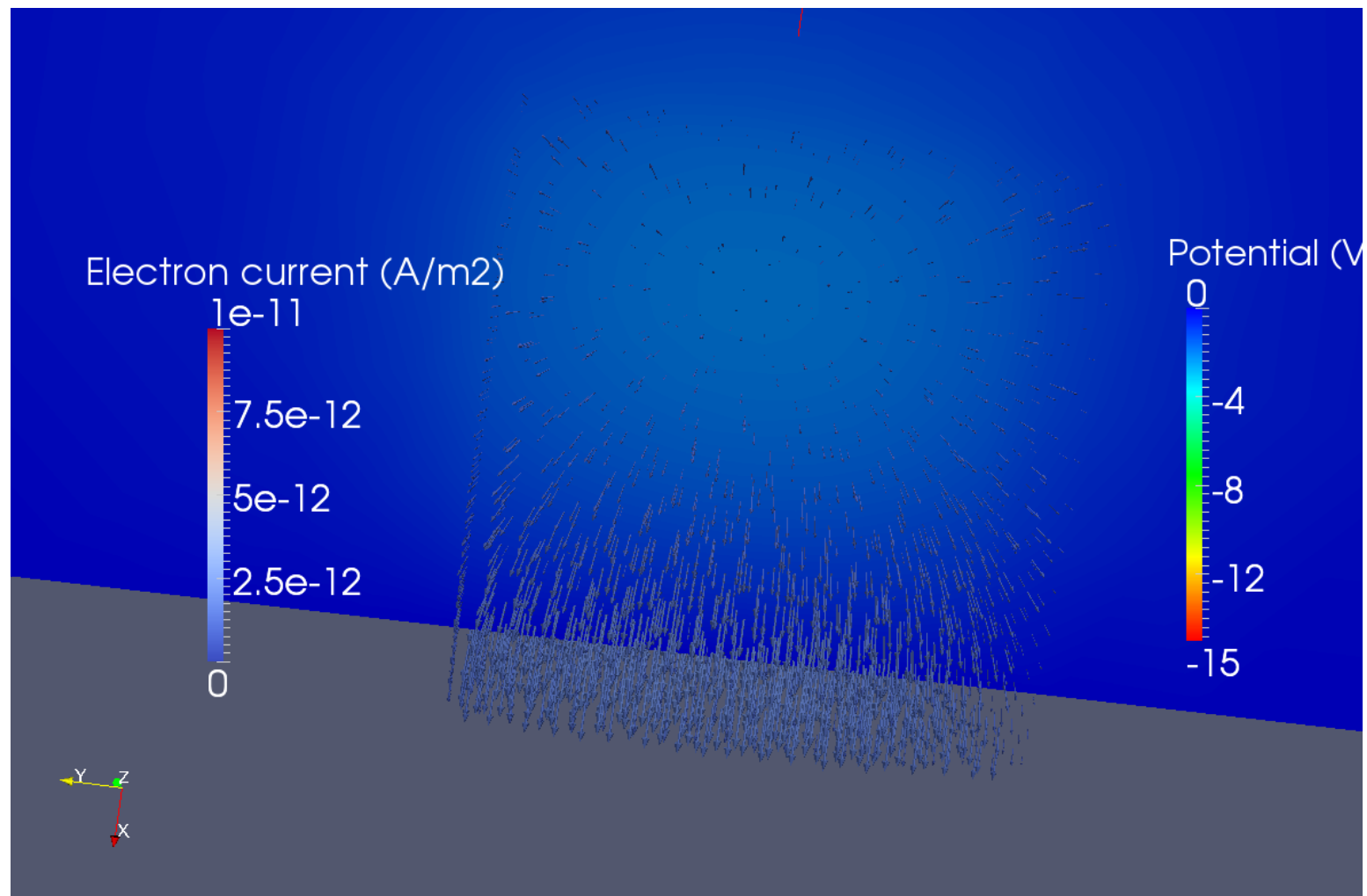
## Case 3 : three dimensional test case

- The simulation condition are as follow:
  - Charge deposition rate:  $10^{-9} \text{ A/m}^3$
  - Dose deposition rate:  $0.01 \text{ Gy/s}$
  - material temperature:  $300 \text{ K}$
  - Conductivity (including RIC): for FEP  $3.91 \times 10^{-15} \Omega^{-1} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$



# Electrical potential and current evolution

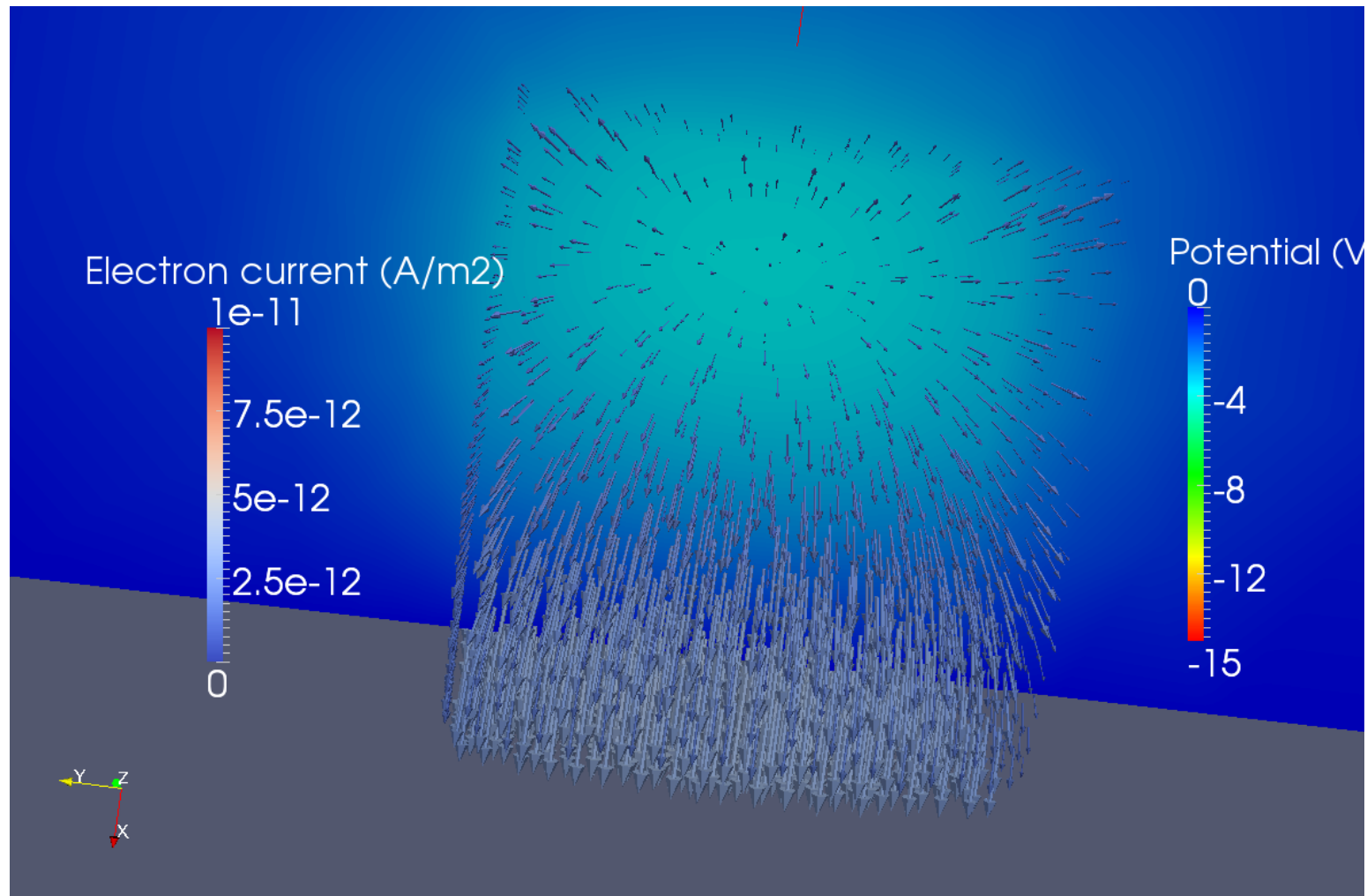
Results from the **time scheme solver**  $t = 5000 \text{ s}$





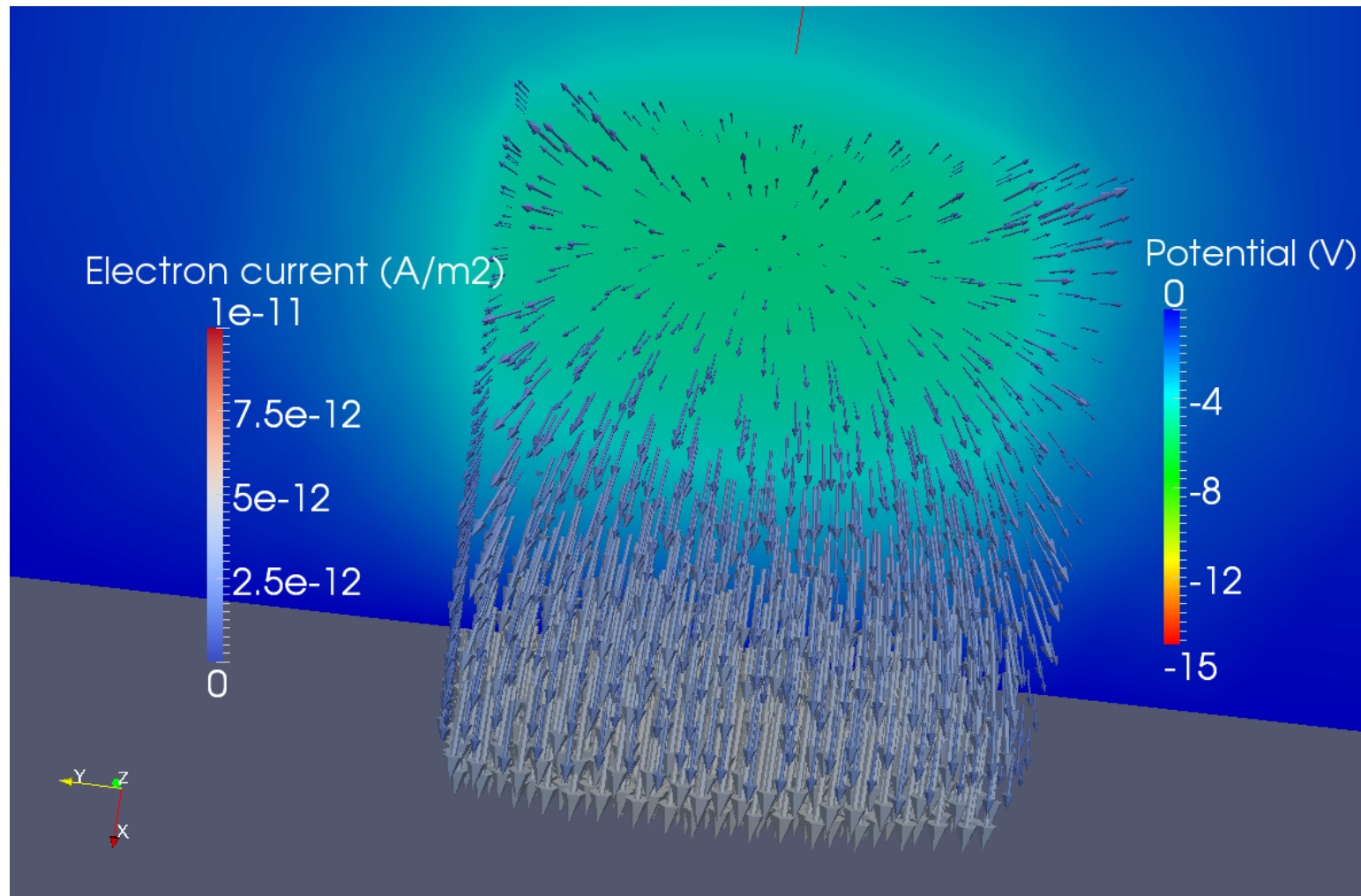
# Electrical potential and current evolution

Results from the **time scheme solver at  $t = 10000$  s**



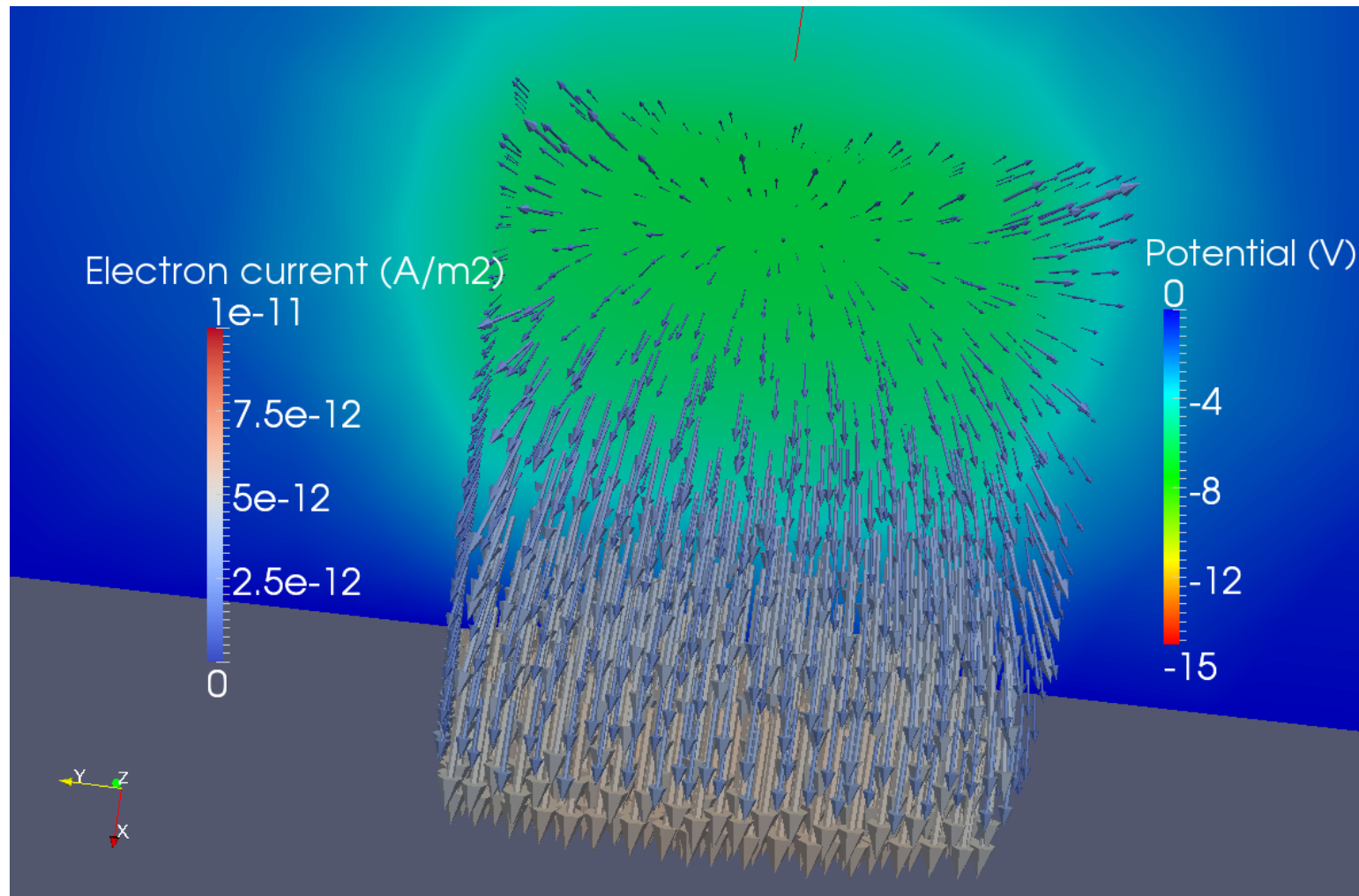
# Electrical potential and current evolution

Results from the **time scheme solver at  $t = 15000$  s**



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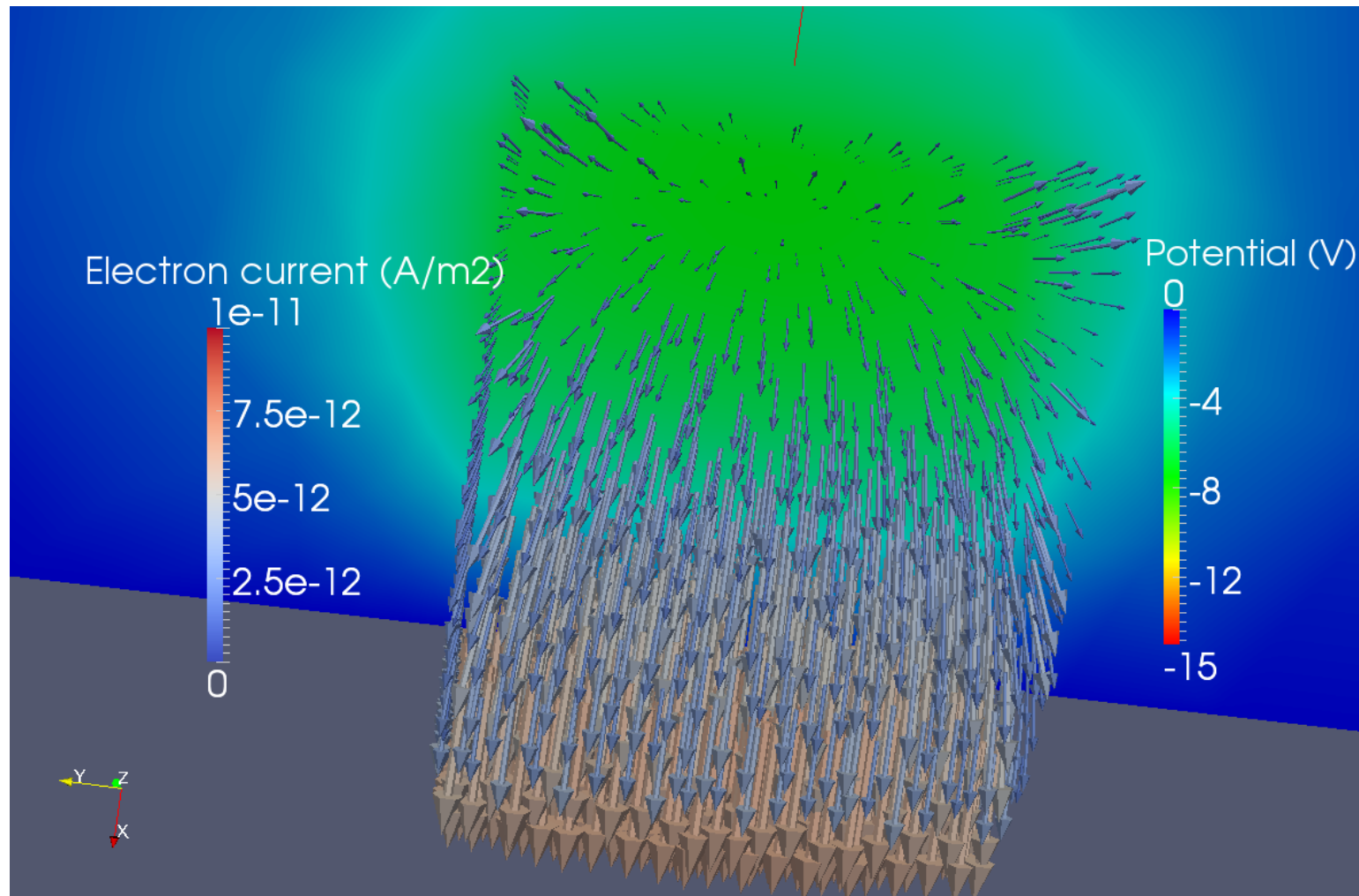
Results from the **time scheme solver at  $t = 20000$  s**





# Electrical potential and current evolution

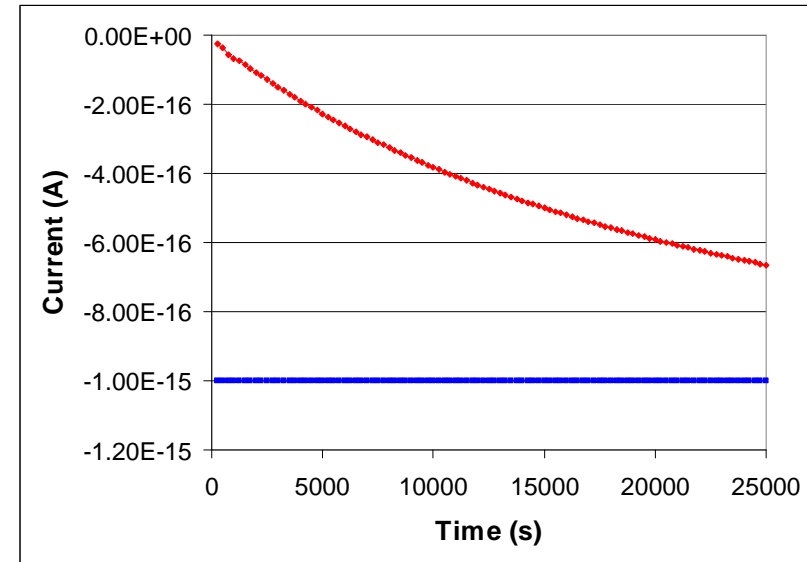
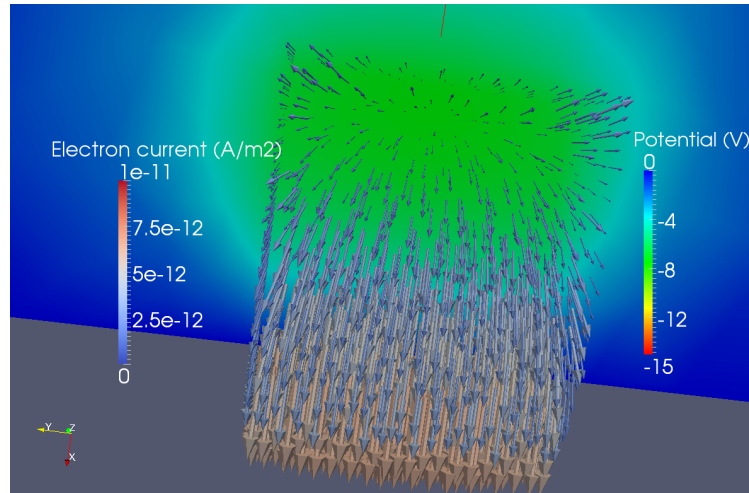
Results from the **time scheme solver at  $t = 25000$  s**





# Simulation results at the end of simulation

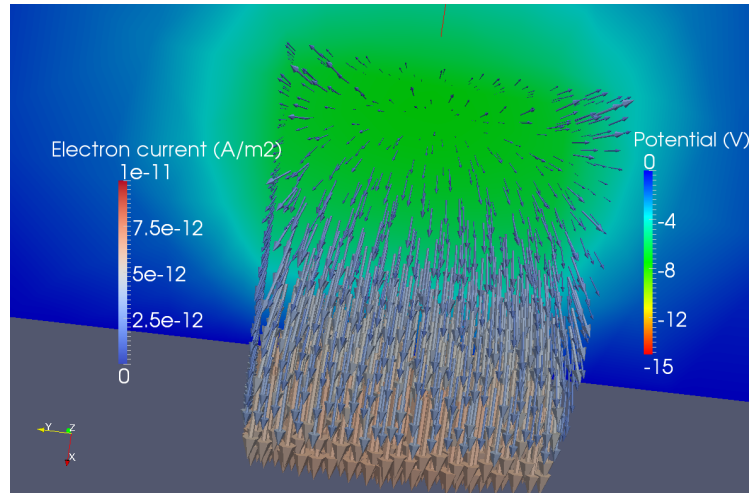
Results from the **time scheme solver** at **t = 25000 s**



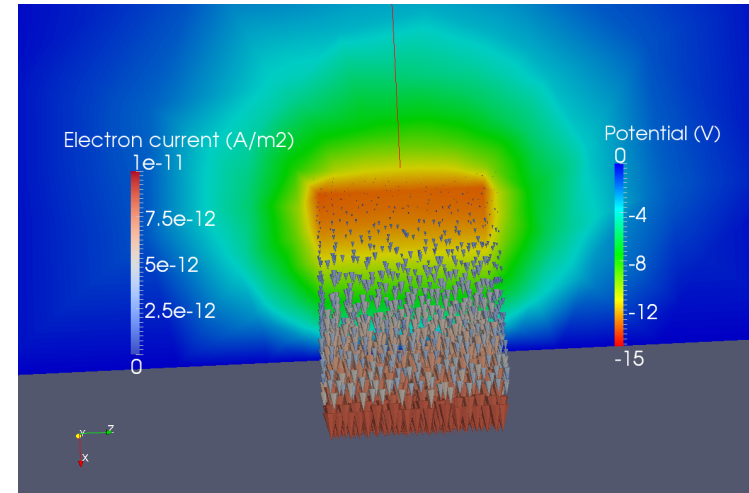
- The current are not completely directed toward the conductor
  - The current collected by the conductor does not correspond to the charging current
- the steady state is not reached

# Solver mode comparison

Results from the **time scheme solver at  $t = 25000$  s**



Results from the **steady state solver**



- The current are not completely directed toward the conductor
- The current collected by the conductor does not correspond to the charging current  
→ the steady state is not reached
- The potential obtained is far to be the maximum potential at the steady state



# Conclusion



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- 3D Internal charging tool implemented in SPIS:
  - Charge and dose deposition map as input
  - Poisson equation + continuity + Ohm Law
  - Conductivity mode with temperature, E field and RIC
  - XML list of internal charging material
- Testing wrt analytic case done
- A 3D demonstration case shown using the steady state solver and the time scheme solver





# Questions



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