

Modelling of multipactor effects in iris

IRIS-SEY

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- Radio Frequency (RF) signals power is constantly increasing inside satellites wave guides
- Inside wave guides, there are irises filtering the RF signals
- This power increase favours the appearing of the multipactor effect inside the irises
- Necessity to model the multipactor effect



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- Depending on the SEE properties of materials
- Creates electrons avalanche





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- The presence of charges inside the wave guides can cause parasites:
 - Impedance changes:
 - Reduction or shifting of the RF signals frequency
 - Sending back part of the RF power to the emitter

 destruction or overheating risks





- 1. Contractual context
- 2. IRIS-SEY presentation
- 3. Notion of material properties in the multipactor context
- 4. Conclusion



- CNES study to create a code allowing the modelling of the multipactor effect inside an iris
 - Creation of the IRIS-SEY software, focused on the modelling of irises devices
 - Development of the whole numerical core based on a publication:
 - "Conformal mapping analysis of multipactor breakdown in waveguide irises"
 - Published in Physics of plasmas 15, 033501 2008
 - Published by V. E. Semenov, E. Rakova, R. Udiljak, D. Anderson, M. Lisak, J. Puech
- IRIS-SEY aims to be an Open Source software
 - Not existing in the multipactor community
 - SPINE community = model of an Open Source community which is recognized outside of the surface charging → has pushed CNES to come close to this community model for the multipactor effects:
 - Development of a set of Open Source codes
 - Initiation of an open scientific and industrial community
 - Creation of a collaboration web plateform



- To create the Open Source IRIS-SEY:
 - Use as much as possible pre-existing Open Source components
 - Sharing with other several thematic scientific communities of non tailored components:
 - Share and reduce the validation cost with other space projects of the SPIS approach
 - Validation and indirect improvement of the community version of SPIS
 - Extend non tailored components (GUI, IME, post-processing tools, ...)



- New unique software called IRIS-SEY:
 - "User-friendly" user interface
 - Thanks to the user interface, possibility to set the simulation inputs
 - Java language
 - Multi-modular approach (OSGi)
 - Based on the Keridwen IME used in several scientific computing projects (SPIS, Prométhée, EDGE, Robbie ...)
 - Persistence projects able to be re-loaded and saved
 - Multi-platform:
 - Linux 64 bits;
 - Windows7 32 bits;
 - Windows7 64 bits;
 - Visualization of results
 - User manual packaged with the software
- Validation effort
 soon to be finished



Main view perspective:

Create a new project OR load an existing one





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Notion of material properties in the multipactor context

- In IRIS-SEY, secondary emission properties defined by a tabulated distribution function
- But, there are several way to model secondary emission properties:
 - How to defined these models ?
 - How to normalize them ?
 - How to share them with other communities (including surface charging) ?
- Interesting to mutualize the material properties needs between surface charging and other communities (cf CNES/MATREX R&T by D. Payan)

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- CNES study to create a numerical code modelling the multipactor effect inside an iris
- Future Open Source software: IRIS-SEY
 - Good example of the use of shared Open Source components over several communities (like Keridwen)
 - Through non tailored components, indirect validation and improvement of the community version of SPIS
- Will to create a community around the multipactor effect and based on the same model as the SPINE community
- Release by the end of the year
- Continuation of the project in Open Source