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Benchmark Problem 1

ELECTROMAGNETIC PROCESSES IN A
MICROWAVE OVEN (2.45 GHz)

Solutions generated with

MEFiSTo-3D Pro

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Statement of Problem

General Features:

- Excitation: waveguide feeder; a magnetron (sinusoidal signal, frequency 2.45 GHz, average power 1 kW) perfectly matched with the waveguide.
- Oven walls with perfect electric conductivity.

Processed Materials:

Uniform potato

- Located directly on the shelf ($\epsilon = 2.55 - i0$).
- Spherical model: diameter 63 mm; centered.
- Relative permittivity $\epsilon = 65 - i20$, density 1.0 g/cm³

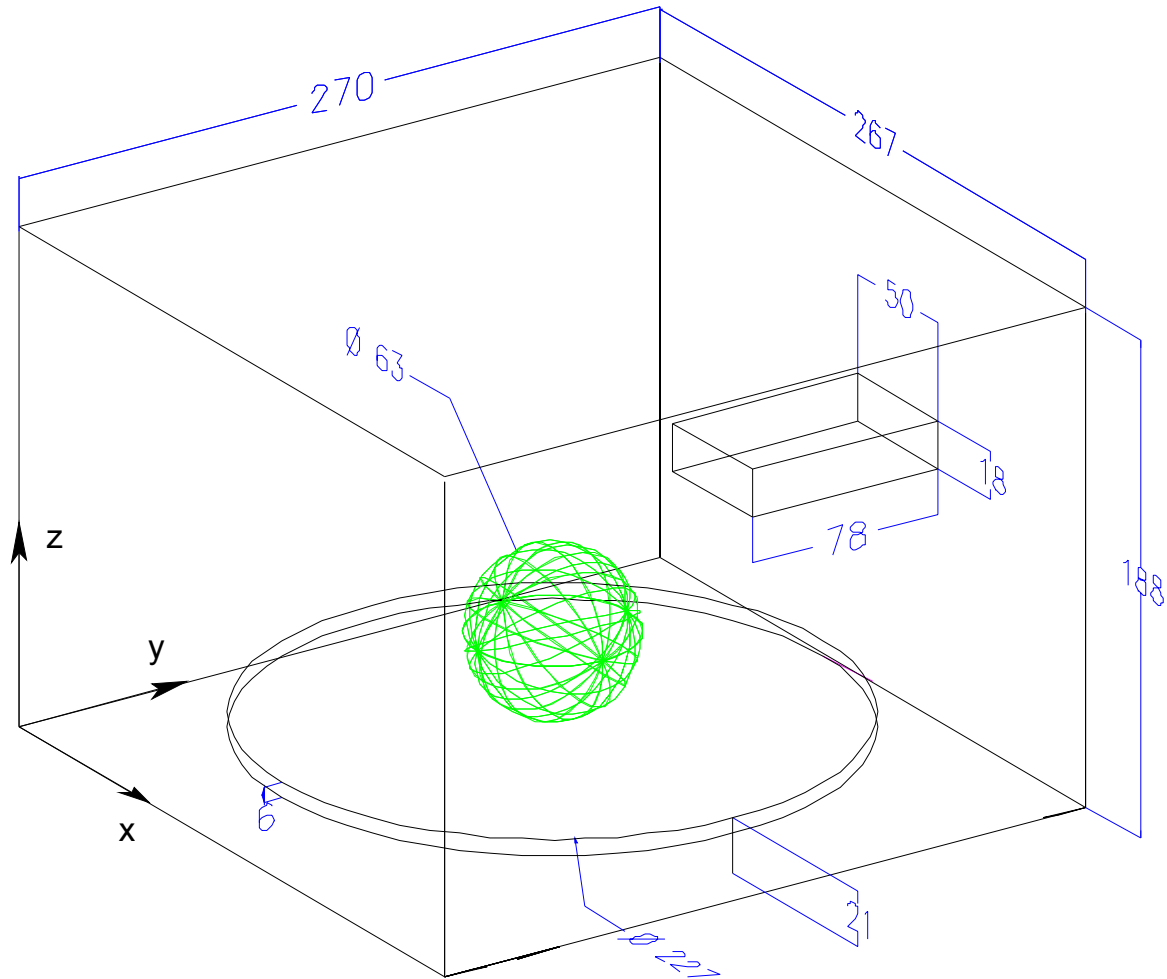


Expected Output

1. General view of the modeled oven generated by the code's preprocessor.
2. Patterns of the electric field (the E_z component, envelope):
 - Vertical cuts – centered (oven-wise and material-wise): in the XZ-plane ($y = 135$ mm) and in the YZ-plane ($x = 133.5$ mm).
 - Horizontal cuts – 10 mm above the bottom of the oven ($z = 10$ mm), and in the central plane of the potato ($z = 52.5$ mm).
3. Patterns of the density of dissipated power and 4. SAR:
 - Vertical cuts – similar to the cuts for the electric field.
 - Horizontal cuts – centered material-wise, i.e., in the central plane of the potato ($z = 52.5$ mm).
5. Matching (coupling):
 - The reflection factor for the frequency range 2.35 – 2.55 GHz.
 - The reflection factor specifically at 2.45 GHz.
 - Percentage of the power dissipated in the material at 2.45 GHz.

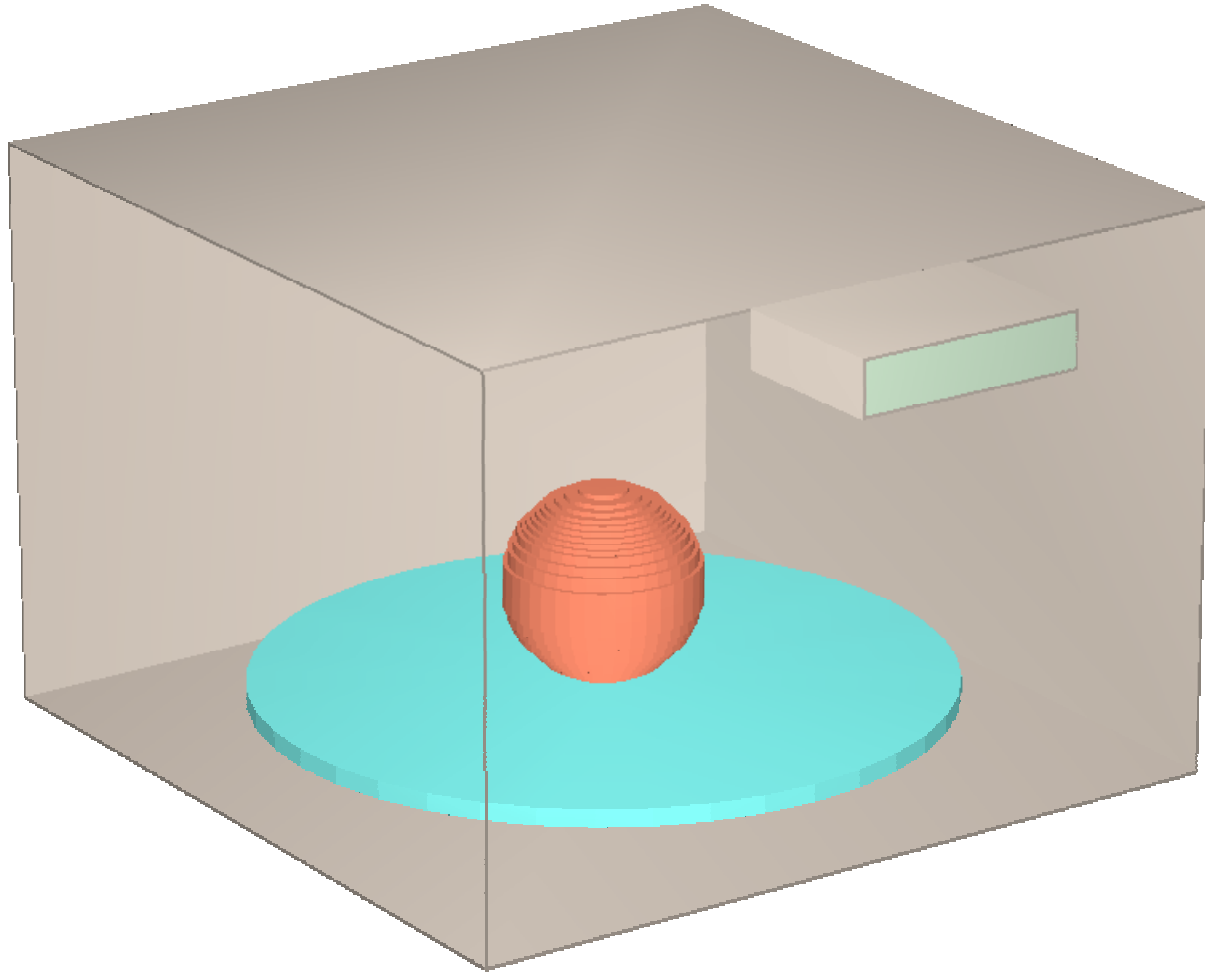


3D View and Dimensions



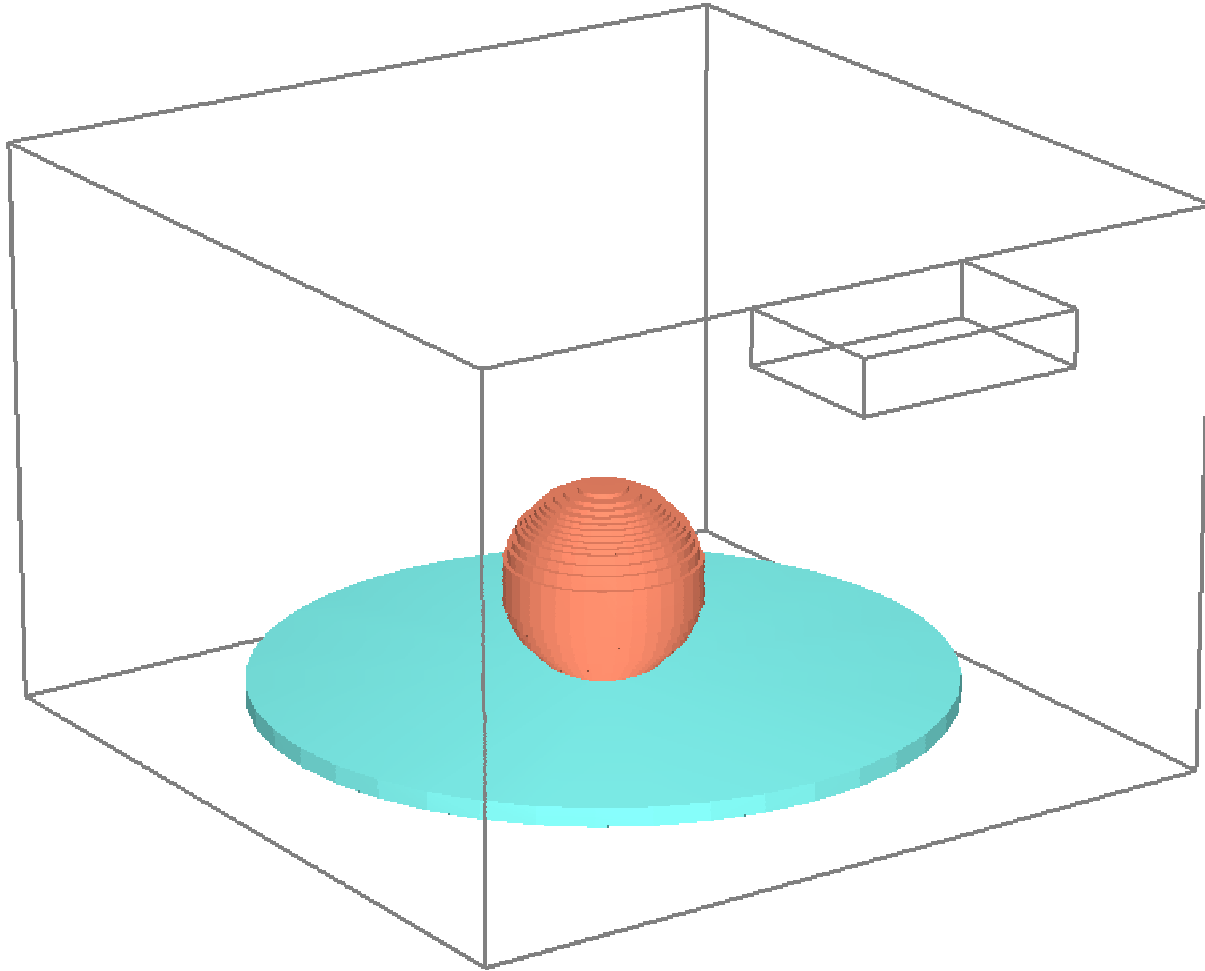


3D Solid View of the Oven



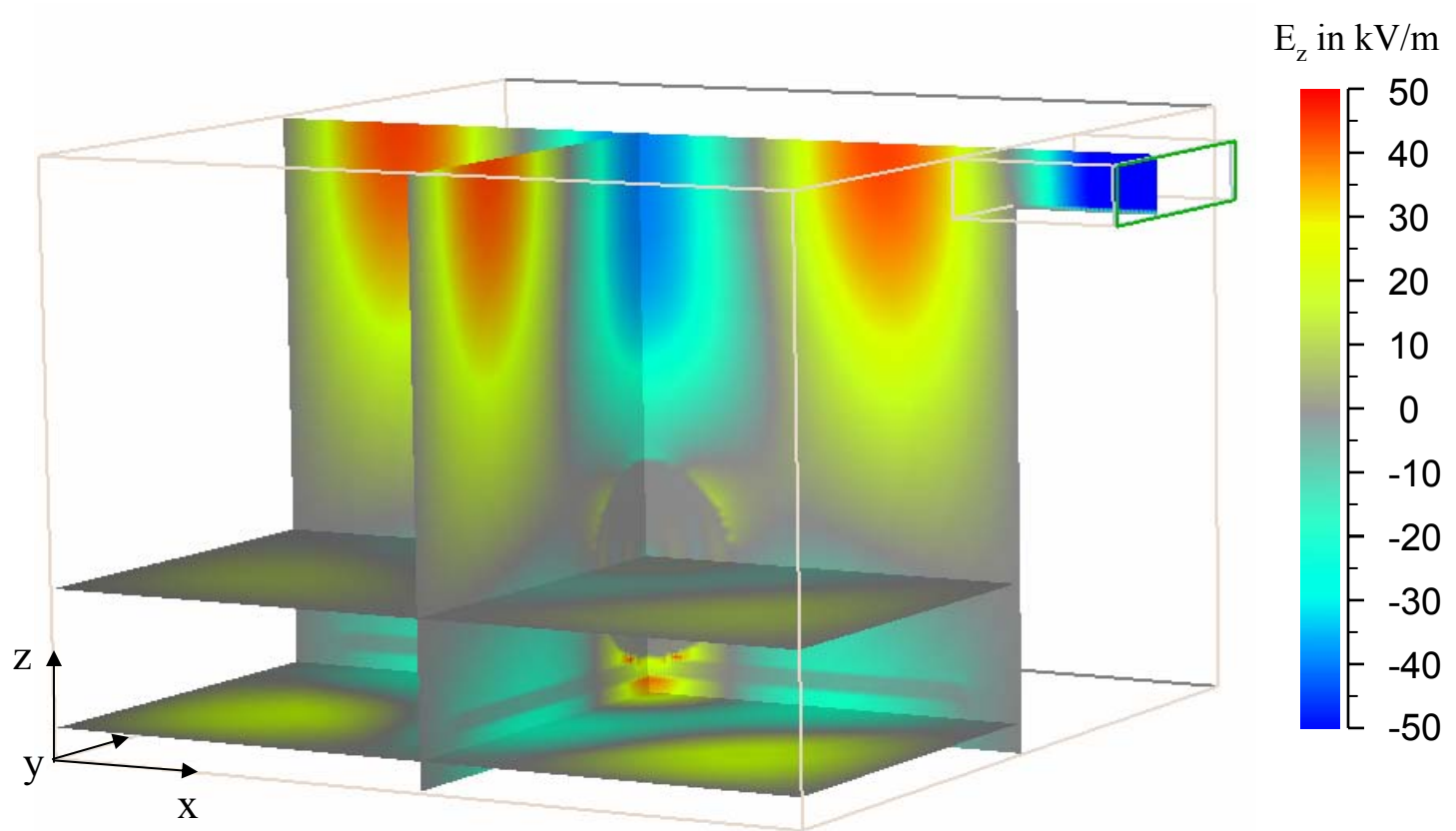


3D Outline View of the Oven





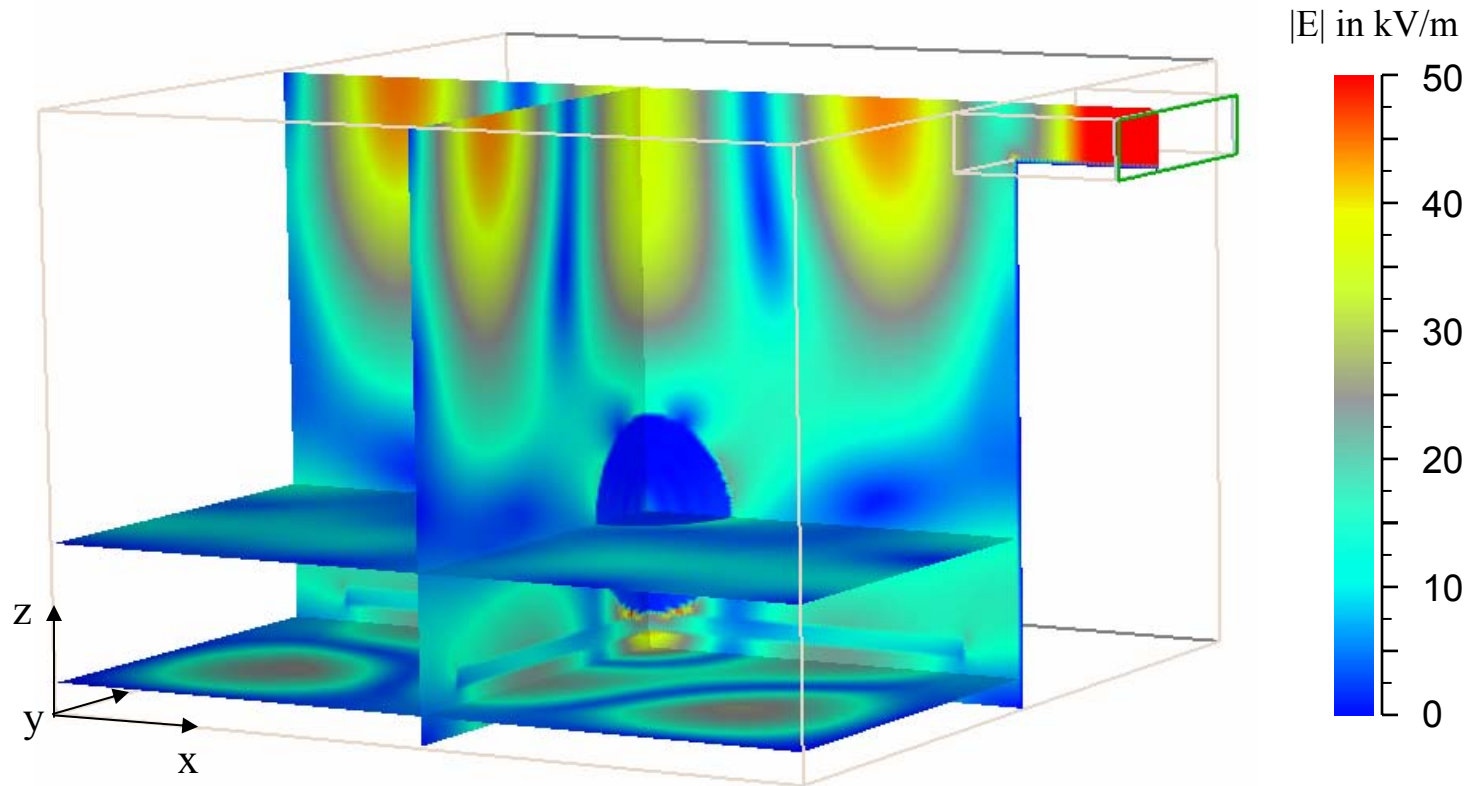
E_z -Distribution at the Peak of the Cycle



Peak value of the vertical electric field component E_z
1 kW magnetron matched to the waveguide, $f = 2.45$ GHz, steady state



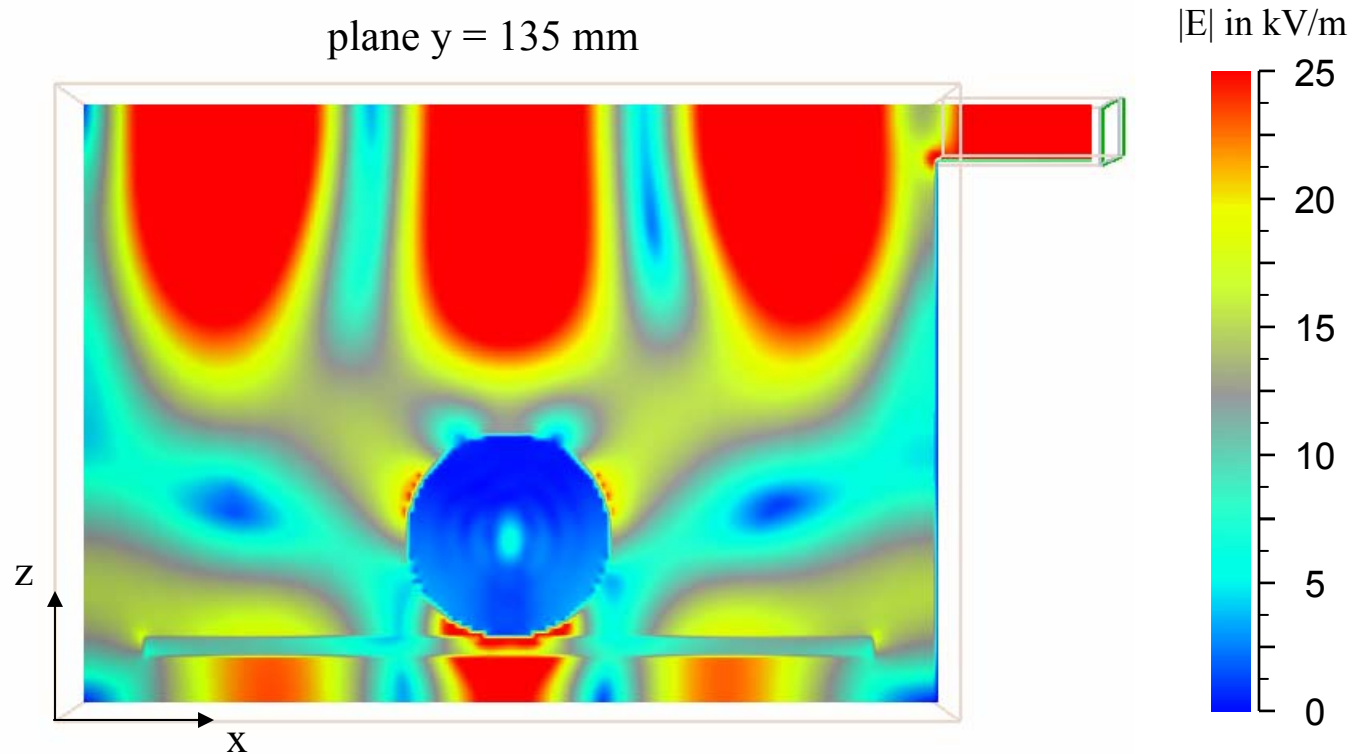
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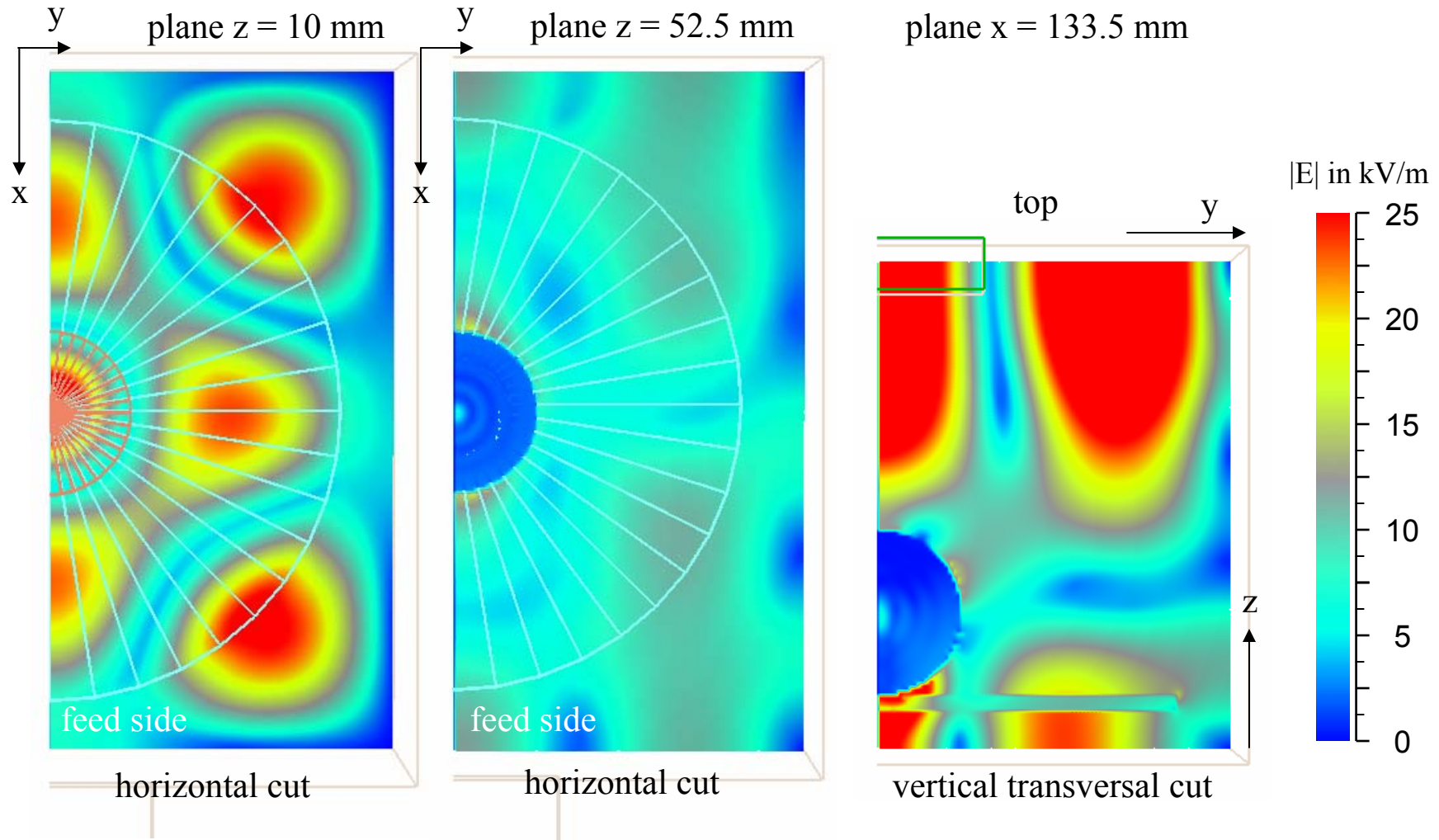
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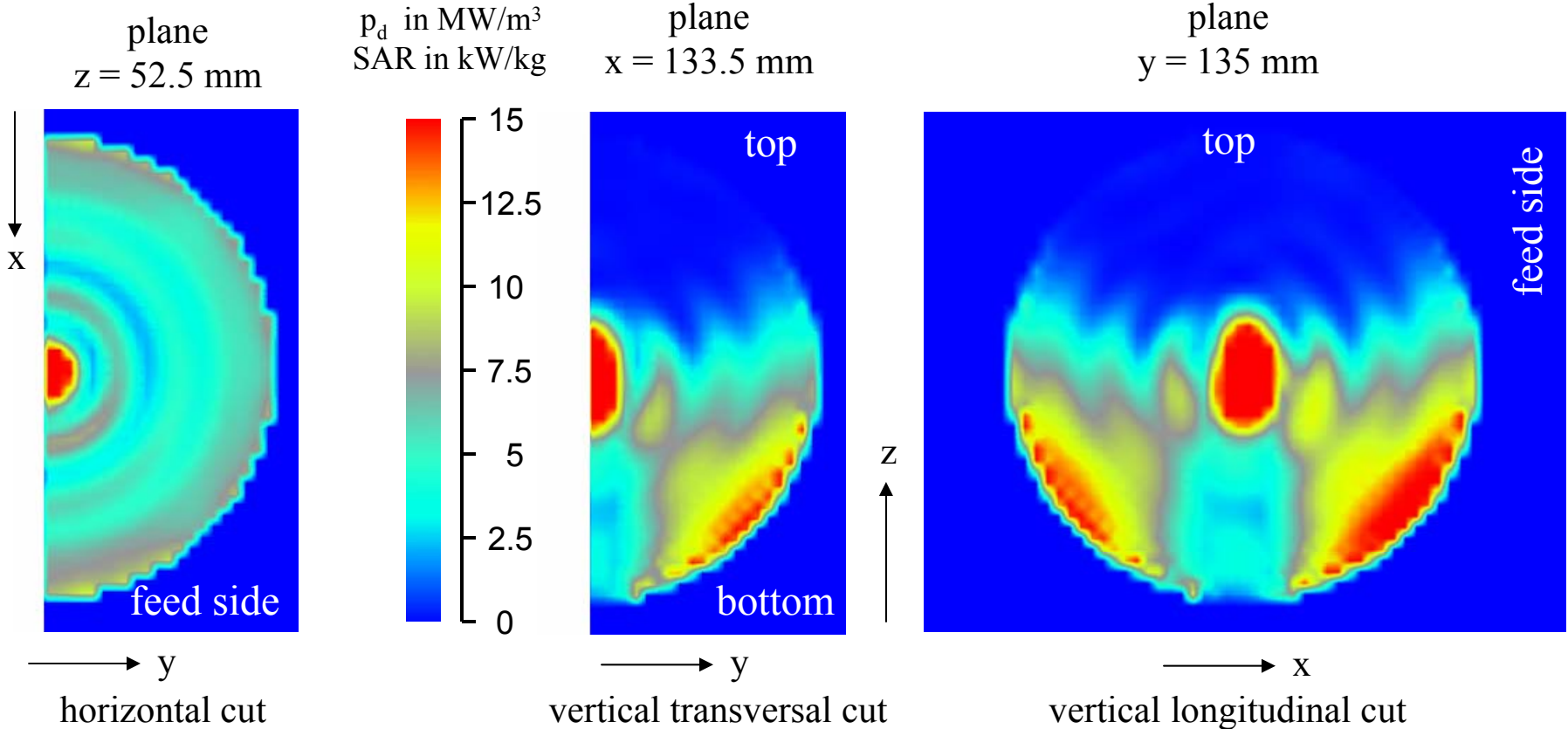


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Dissipated Power Density and SAR

Time Averages:
 p_d in MW/m³
SAR in kW/kg

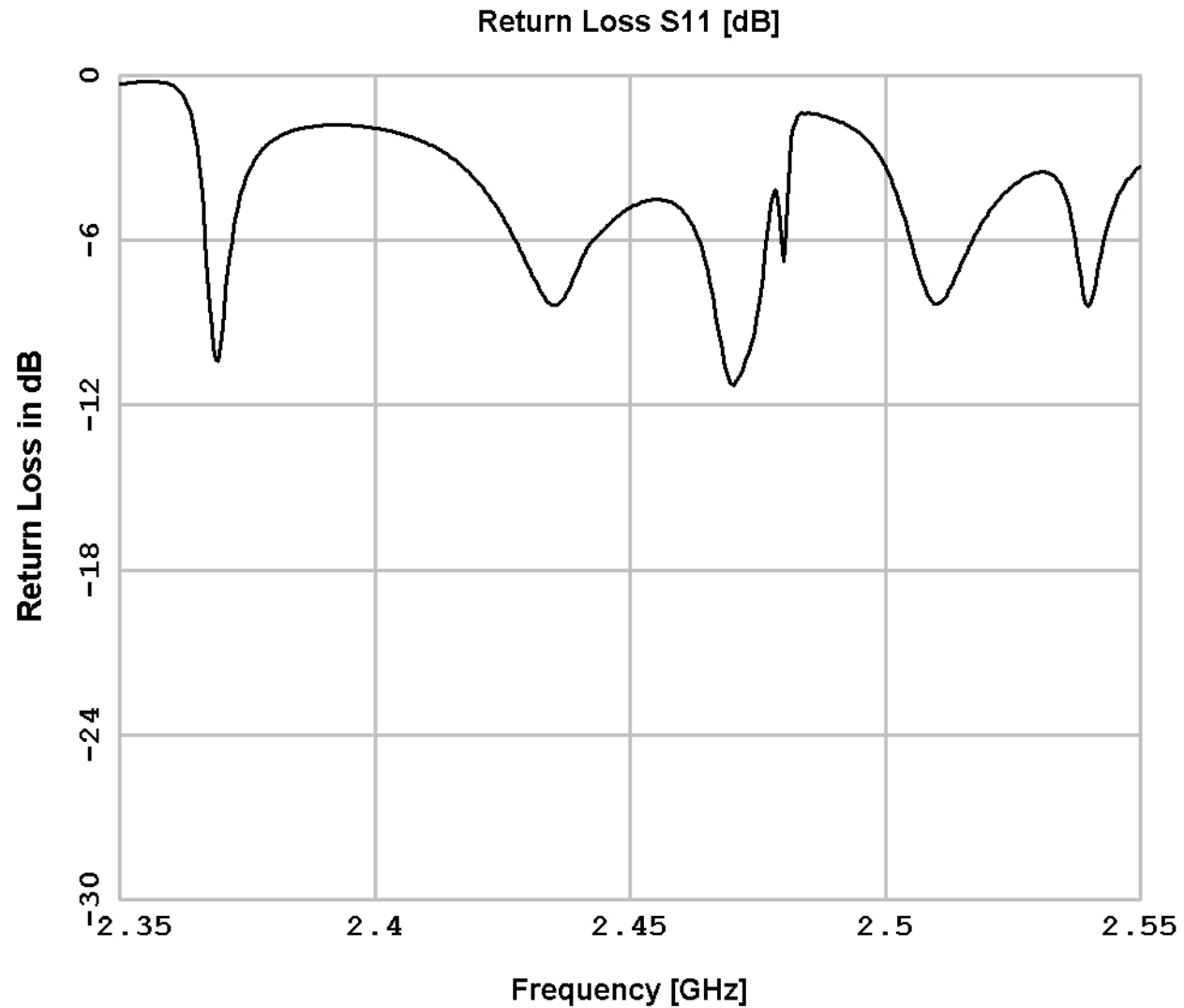


Density of average dissipated power (p_d) and SAR in the potato

1 kW magnetron matched to the waveguide, $f = 2.45$ GHz, steady state

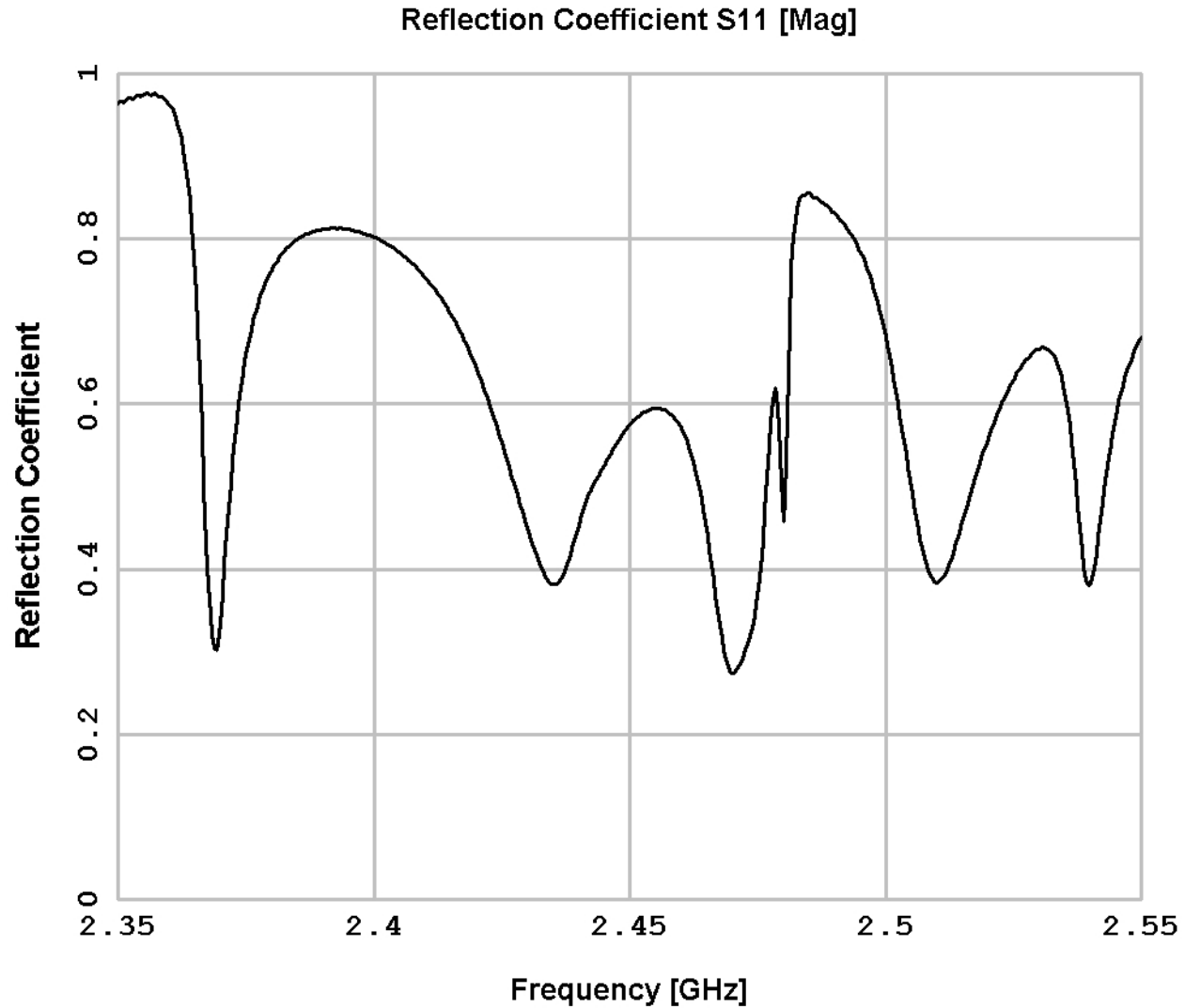


Return Loss Characteristics



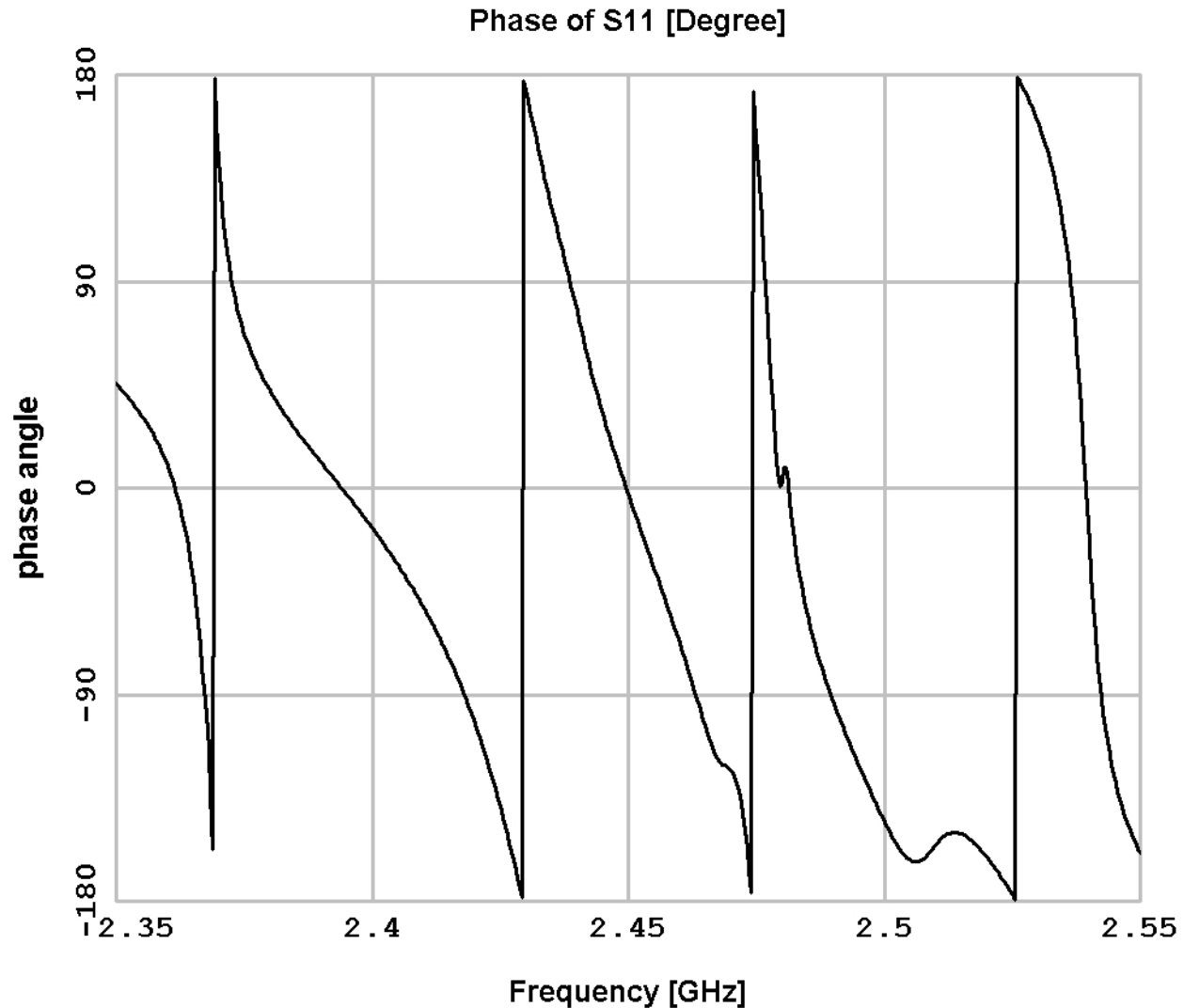


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Various Characteristics at 2.45 GHz

Reflection Coefficient at 2.45 GHz at 50 mm from the inner wall of the oven:

$$S_{11} = 0.574 e^{j0}$$

Return Loss at 2.45 GHz

$$RL = 20 \log |S_{11}| = -4.83 \text{ dB}$$

Average power delivered by the magnetron (incident power), reflected, and absorbed by the oven at 2.45 GHz:

$$P_{inc} = 1000 \text{ Watts} \quad P_{ref} = 329 \text{ Watts} = 32.9\% \quad P_{abs} = 671 \text{ Watts} = 67.1\%$$

Average SAR for the potato:

$$SAR_{avg} = \frac{P_{abs}}{V_{potato} \rho_{potato}} = \frac{671 \text{ W}}{0.131 \text{ kg}} = 5.125 \text{ kW / kg}$$



Appendix: Formulas and Relationships

$$P_{avg} = |E_{max}|^2 \frac{ab}{4\eta_0} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{2a}\right)^2}$$

Average transmitted power (TE₁₀ mode in rectangular waveguide)

$$\sigma = \omega \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r''$$

Conductivity of the lossy potato

$$SAR = \frac{\sigma |E|^2}{\rho_m} = \omega \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r'' \frac{|E|^2}{\rho_m}$$

Specific Absorption Rate