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# On the Maximum Expected Electric Field in Electrically Small, Undermoded Enclosures

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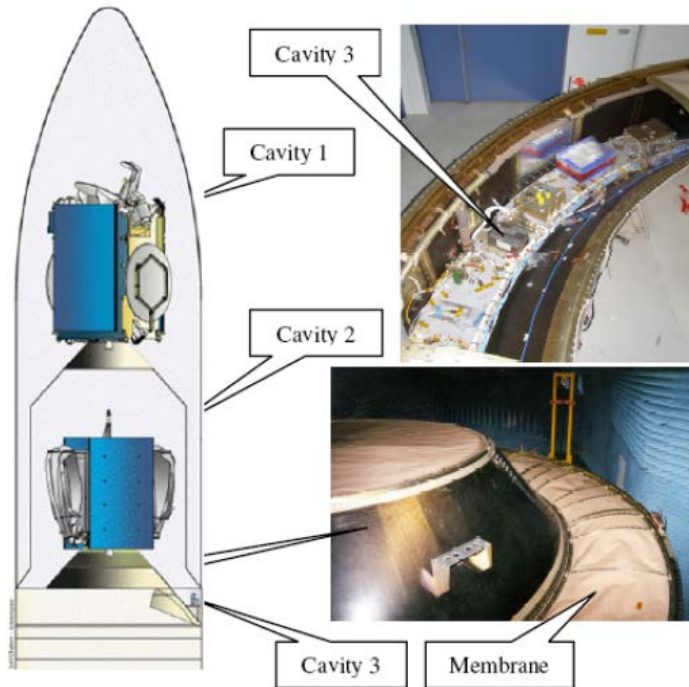
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# Canonical problem – Wire immersion in aperture enclosure

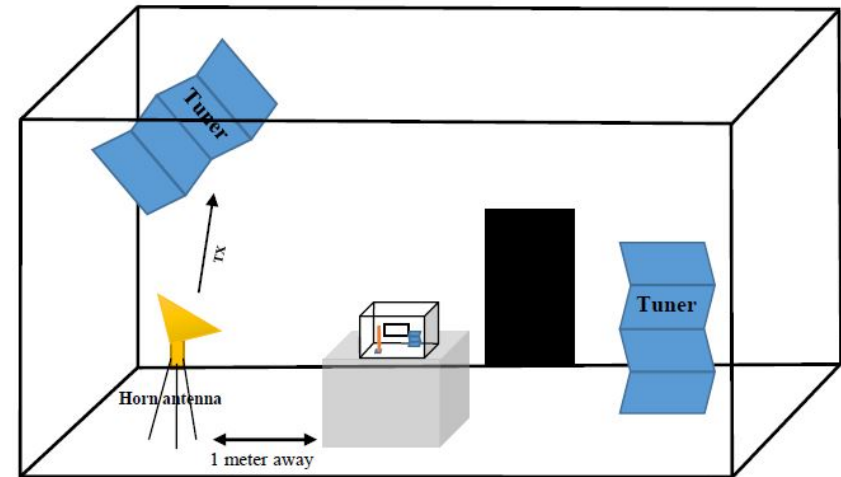


## Common mode pick-up of conductors in a spacecraft fairing or avionics bay



- Shaffar & Gineste IEEE EMC 2011

## Surrogate system: Wire antenna in aperture box



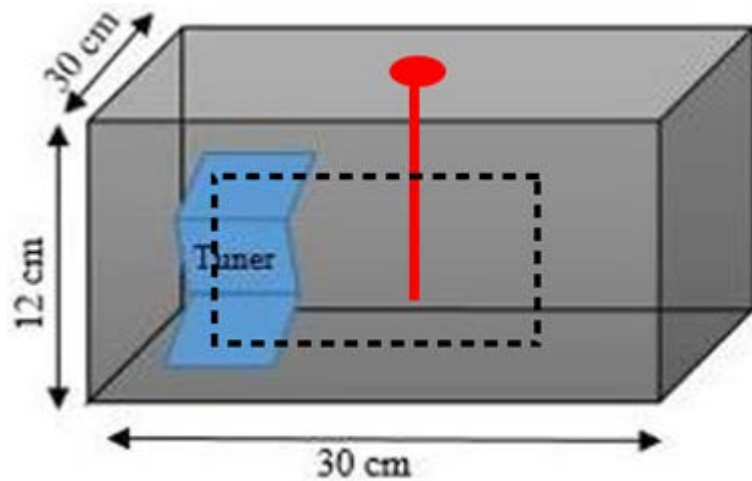
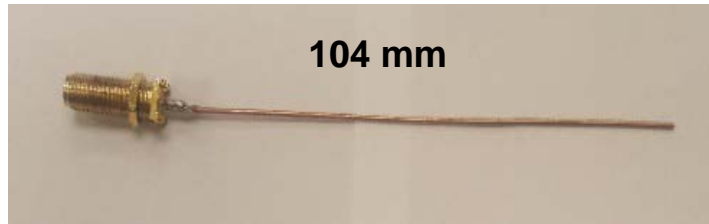
- Hill (NIST) 1994, 1996
- Holland & St.John (AFRL) 1999, 2001
- Tait, Hager (NSWC Dahlgren) 2013
- Rajamani, West & Bunting (OSU) 2014



# Enclosure Test Configurations



## Wire Antenna in Aperture Box



## 3 different Apertures



**AP1** 1cm x 6cm



**AP2** 60cm x 150cm



**AP3** 30cm dia.

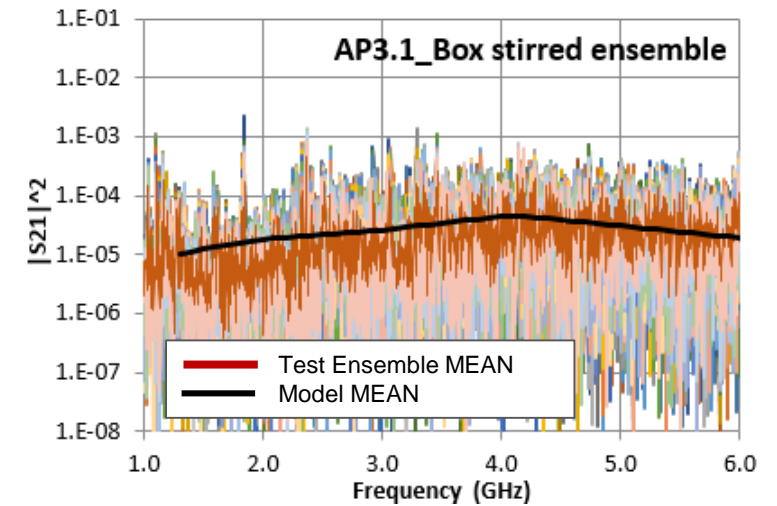
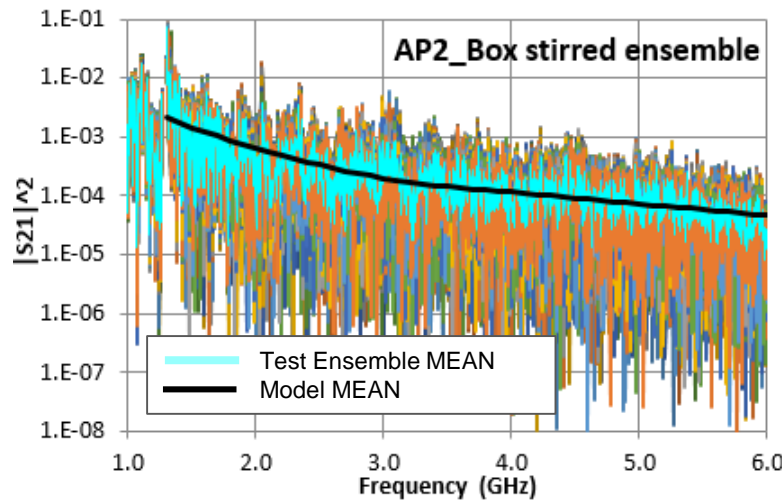
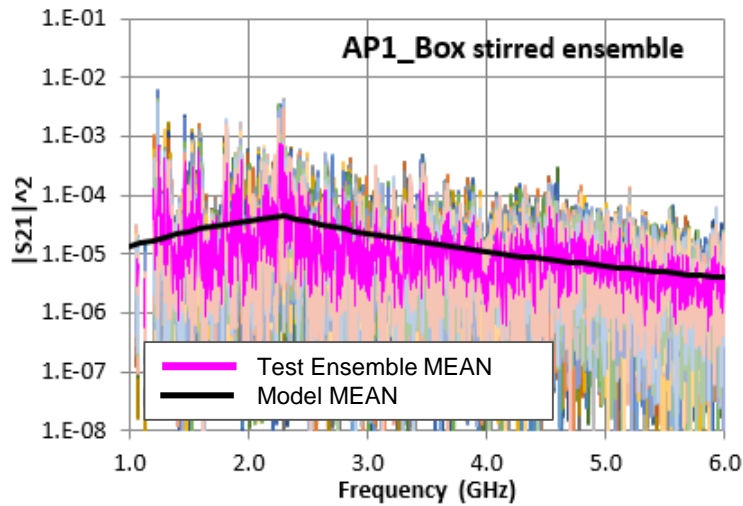
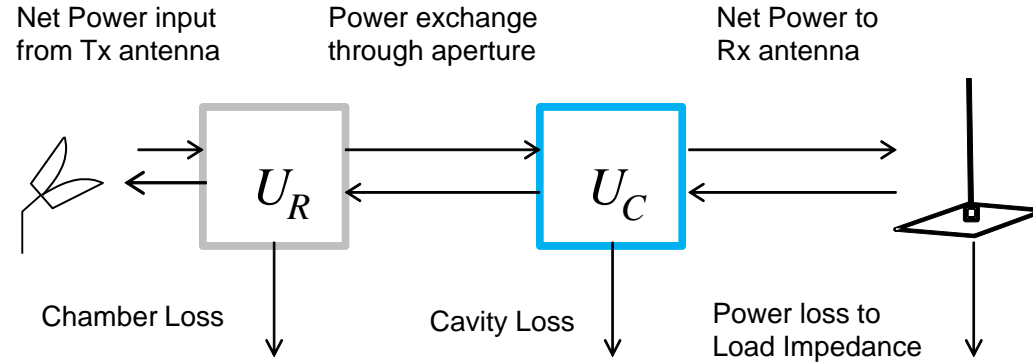


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# Hill's power balance model correctly predicts statistical mean of mode-stirred E field



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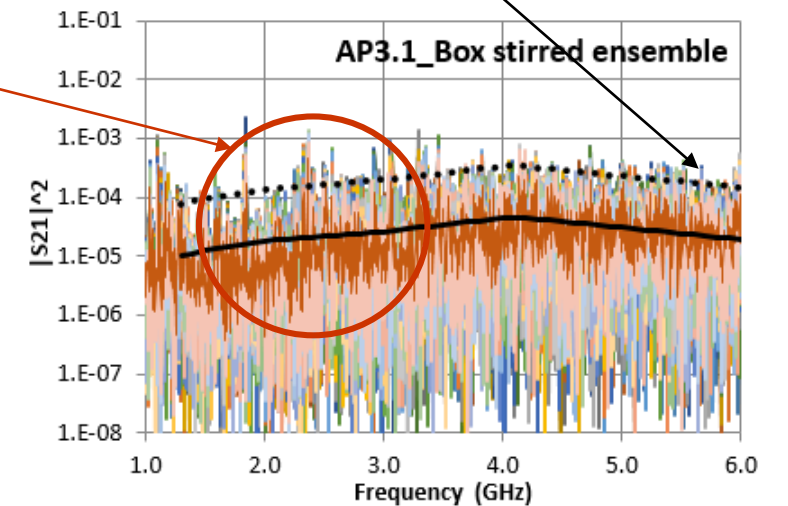
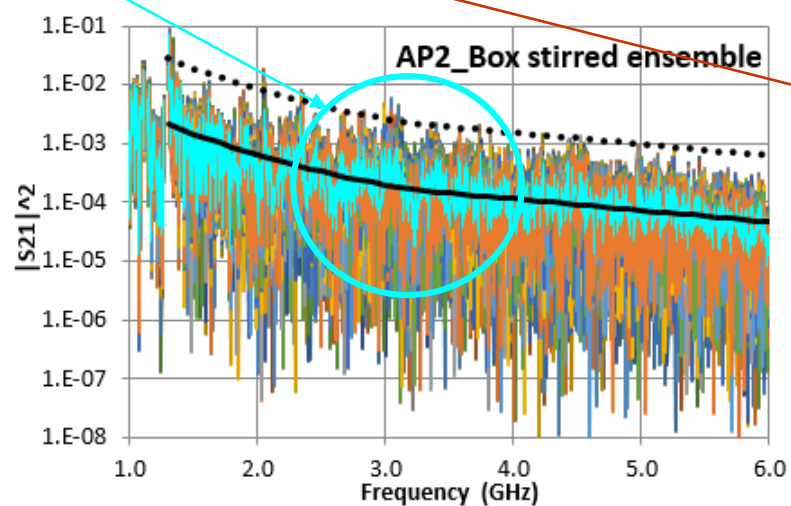
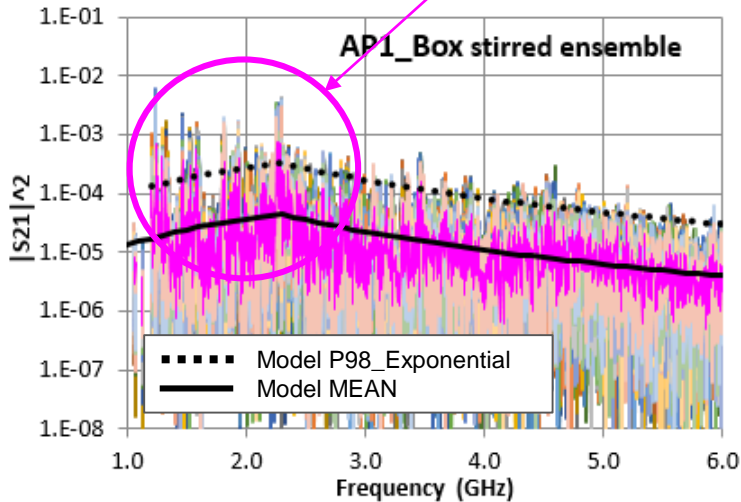


# Hill's Chi-sq. 2 dof Exponential distribution does not predict maximum E field



Underpredicts at low frequencies due to "frequency variance" of individual modes in the mean mode-stirred mean

Max / Mean converges to Exponential at higher frequencies, lower frequency variance of individual modes

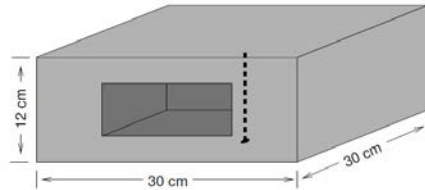




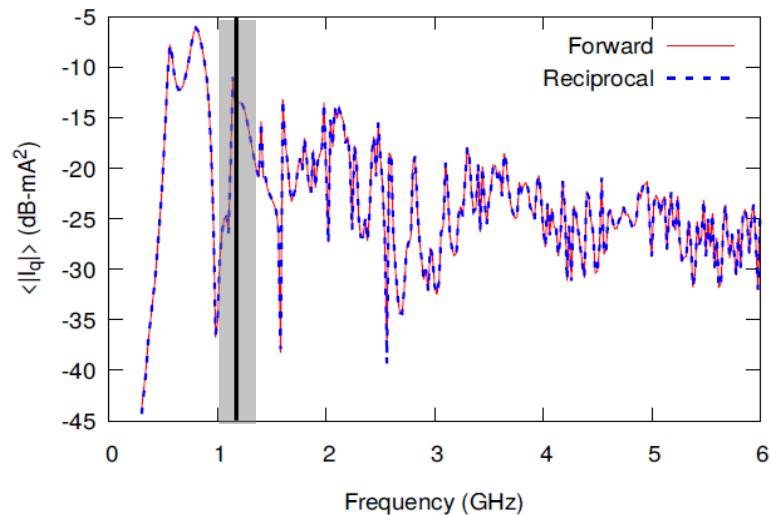
# West explains why undermoded cavity enclosure fields are not Rayleigh distributed



## Numerical model of current received by wire in aperture box



Resonant modes are widely spaced; response statistics need to be defined over frequency band



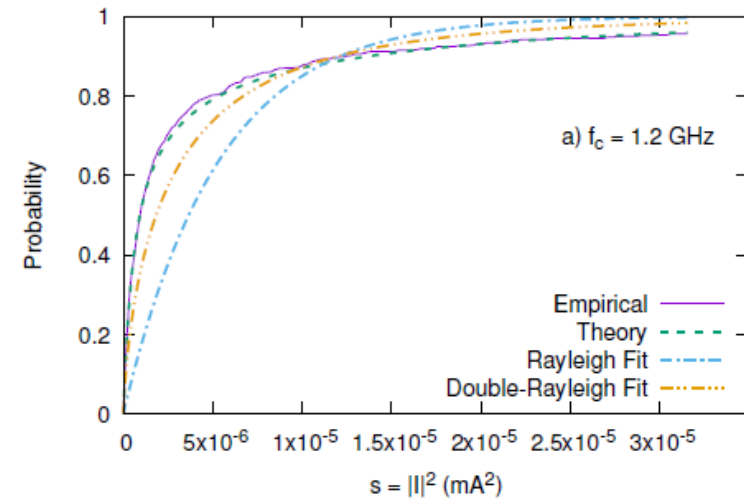
Statistical distribution of wire current is  $|\langle S_{11}(f_m) \rangle|^2$  weighted sum of Exponential PDFs

The PDF of the frequency-stirred samples is then [14, (4-74)]

$$p_S(s) = \frac{N_1}{N_T} p_{S|f}(s | f_1) + \frac{N_2}{N_T} p_{S|f}(s | f_2) + \dots + \frac{N_M}{N_T} p_{S|f}(s | f_M), \quad (19)$$

$$= \sum_{m=1}^M \frac{N_m}{N_T} p_{S|f}(s | f_m), \quad (20)$$

where  $N_T = \sum_{m=1}^M N_m$  is the total number of samples.

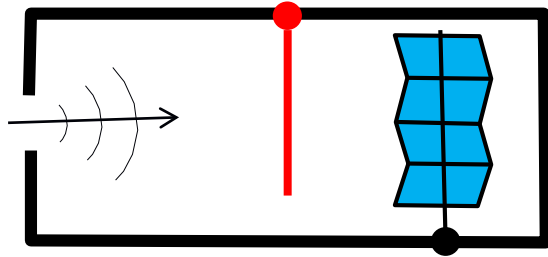




# Statistical model alternative to West's numerical $|\langle S_{11}(f_m) \rangle|^2$ weighted PDF



**Ensemble of box-stirred modes  
(de-coupled from RC modes; no RC mode stirring)**



Power input *deterministic* for single box stirrer position:

- Effective source current at aperture (measured)
- Q of box modes (measured)

$$P_{in}(\mathbf{x}_i, \omega) = \frac{L_d^2}{\epsilon V} \sum_r \frac{\omega \beta_r \omega_r^2 \psi_r^2(\mathbf{x}_i, \xi) I_\xi^2(\mathbf{x}_i, \omega)}{\left[ (\omega_r^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \beta_r^2 \omega_r^4 \right]}$$

$$\equiv \sum_r a_r(\mathbf{x}) g_r(\omega)$$

## Lyon variance model [JASA 1969] based on statistics of mode spacing

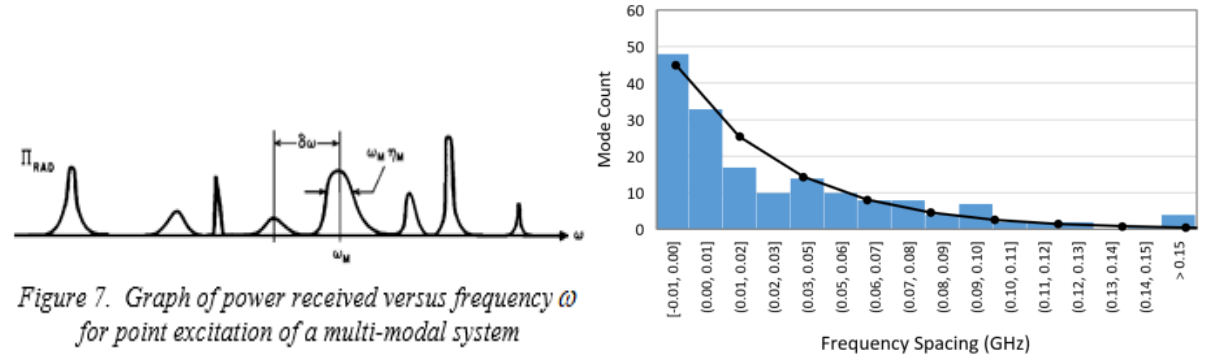


Figure 7. Graph of power received versus frequency  $\omega$  for point excitation of a multi-modal system

Relative variance of Power input

$$r^2(P_{in}) = \frac{\sigma_P^2}{\langle P_{in} \rangle} = \frac{1}{2m} \frac{\langle \psi_r^4 \rangle}{\langle \psi_r^2 \rangle^2}$$

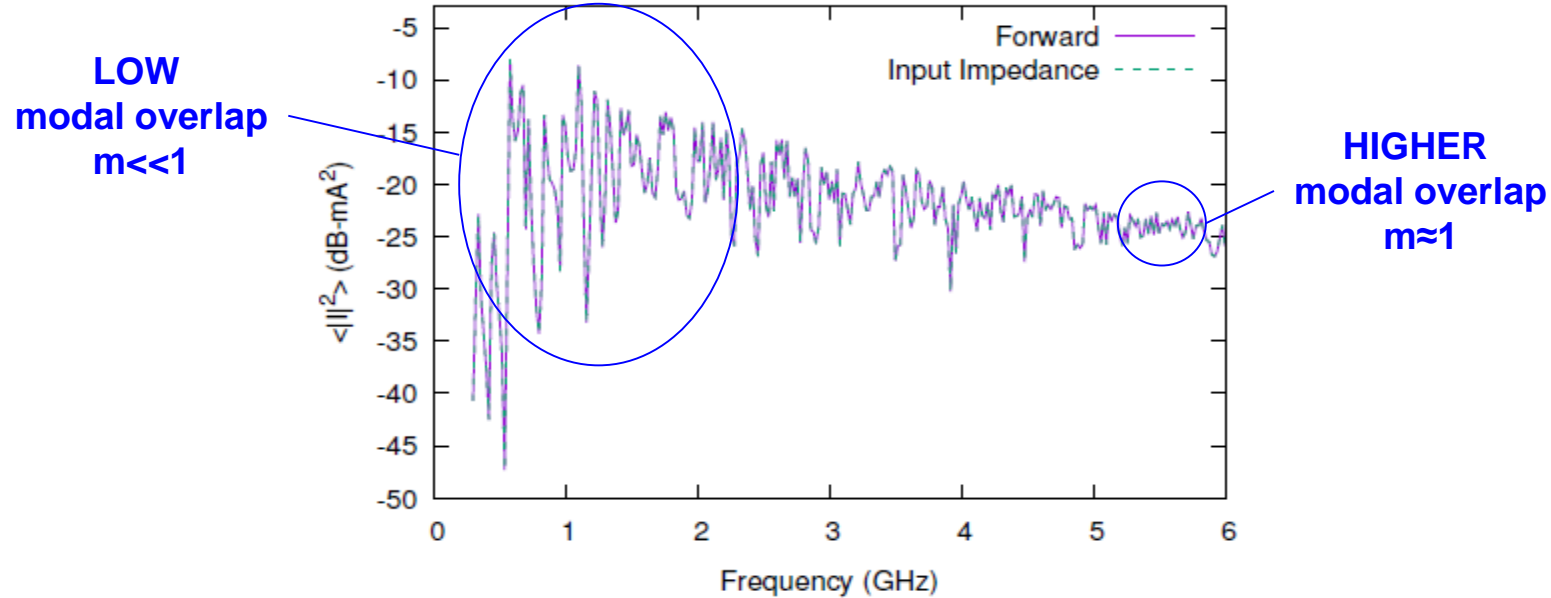
Relative variance on mean-squared Electric field

$$r^2(|E(\mathbf{x}, \omega)|^2) = 1 + \frac{1}{2m} \frac{\langle \psi_r^4 \rangle^2}{\langle \psi_r^2 \rangle^4} = 1 + \frac{5.7}{m}$$

where  $m$  = **Modal Overlap**



# Modal Overlap



Modal Overlap = Ratio of Modal Q Bandwidth to Average Frequency spacing of Resonant Modes

$$m(\omega) = \pi\omega n / 2Q$$

where  $n(\omega) = \omega^2 V / \pi^2 c^3$  is modal density and frequency spacing  $df = 1 / 2\pi n(\omega)$



# Validation of Frequency Variance Model Low Frequency EM Energy of Reverb Chamber



## Statistical model for Relative Variance of EM field Energy level

Lyon model for Poisson mode spacing statistics and infinite ensemble

$$r^2(P_{in}) = \frac{\sigma_P^2}{\langle P_{in} \rangle} = \frac{1}{2m} \frac{\langle \psi_r^4 \rangle}{\langle \psi_r^2 \rangle^2}$$

Weaver enhancement for Gaussian Orthogonal Ensemble (GOE) statistics and finite sample ensemble

$$r^2 \left[ \langle |E|^2 \rangle \right] = \frac{1}{LN} + \frac{1}{2m} \left\{ \left( \frac{K}{N} + 1 - \frac{1}{N} \right) \left( \frac{K}{L} + 1 - \frac{1}{L} \right) - \frac{2}{LN} - 1 \right\}$$

where L and N are respectively the number of receiver and source positions used to calculate cavity energy

## NIST measurement of LaRC Reverb chamber

Bremner IEEE EMC 2015

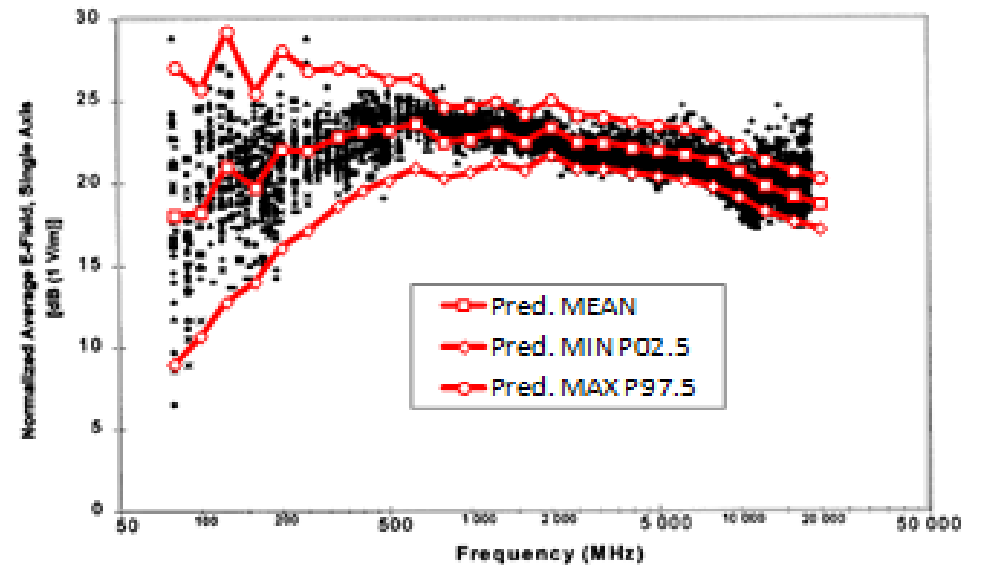


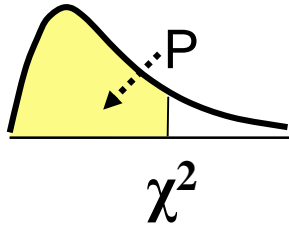
Figure 9. Maximum [P99.5] and minimum [P2.5] of Avg[Er] predicted by (14), compared with measurements in LaRC chamber B (reproduced from [12], [3])



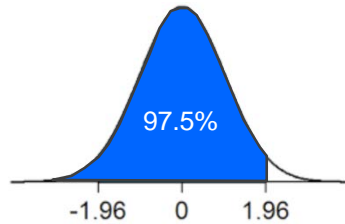
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Mode shape PDF  
Rayleigh (Exponential)



Modal Frequency statistics  
Log Normal PDF

$$\text{Max} \left[ |S_{21}|^2 \right] = \text{Max}_{\text{Freq}} \left[ |S_{21}|^2 \right] + P_{98}^{\text{Rayleigh}} \left[ |S_{21}|^2 \right]$$

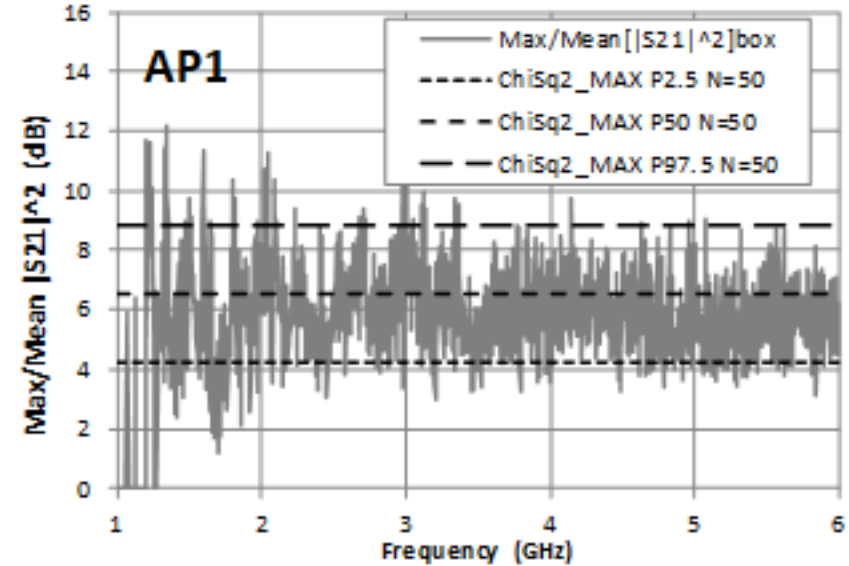


Figure 12. Ratio of maximum to mean  $|S_{21}|^2$  at each frequency, band average and expected ratio of exponential distribution with ensemble  $N=50$

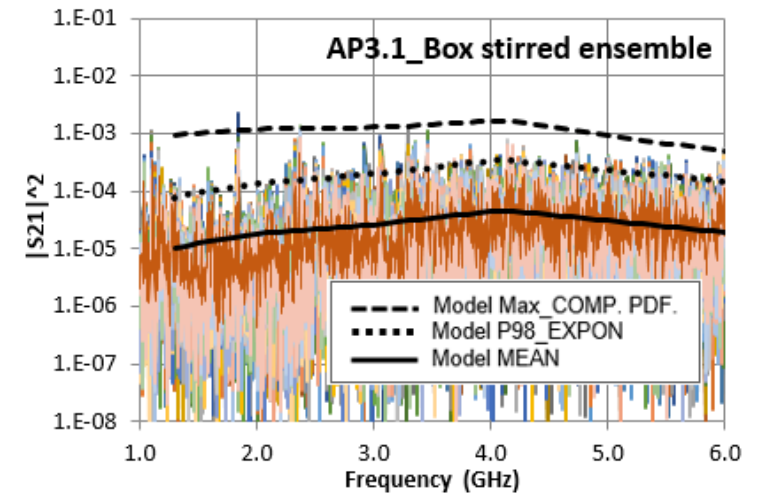
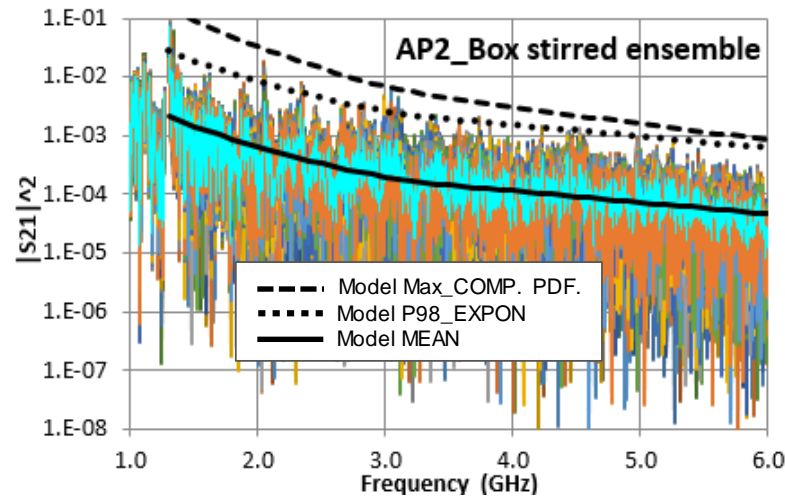
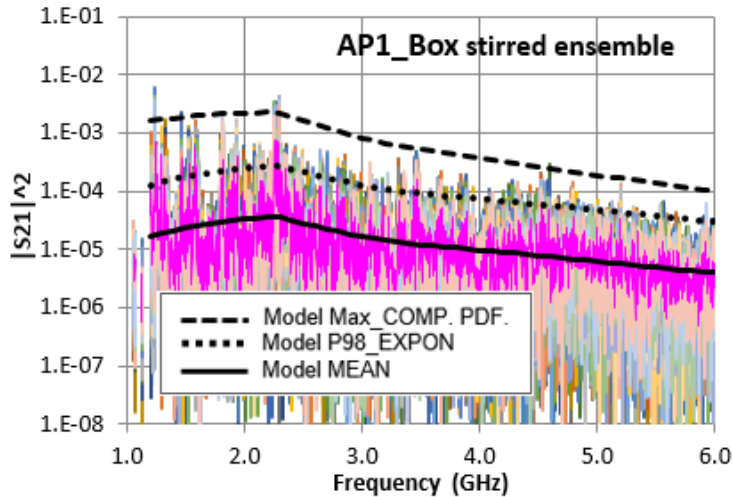


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# Conclusions



- Hill power balance model is robust for frequency- & space-averaged E field prediction
  - Both undermoded and overmoded enclosures
- Variance and Max Expected E field in undermoded enclosure not predicted by Rayleigh statistics
  - Additional “frequency variance” due to widely spaced modal responses
  - West [IEEE EMC 2018] provides deterministic method to calculate Variance, PDF & Max Expected
  - Lyon [JASA 1969] provides an alternative “frequency spacing statistics” model for Variance
- Max Expected E field response of undermoded enclosures
  - Frequency variance at low frequencies; Rayleigh statistics at high frequency
  - Authors postulate a PDF that transitions from LogNormal to Exponential
  - Trends match measured data



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## Back-up material

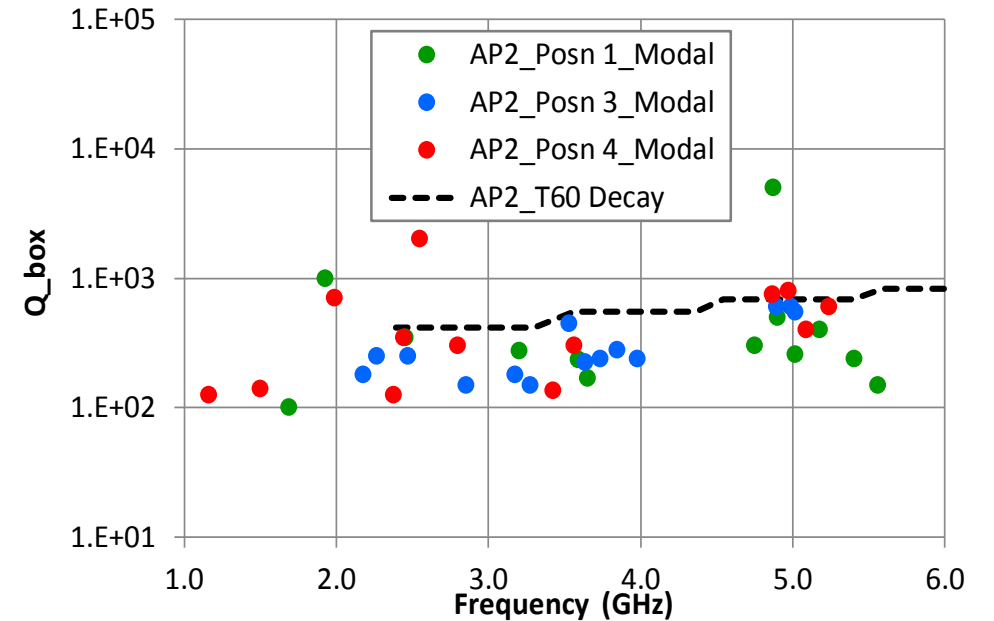
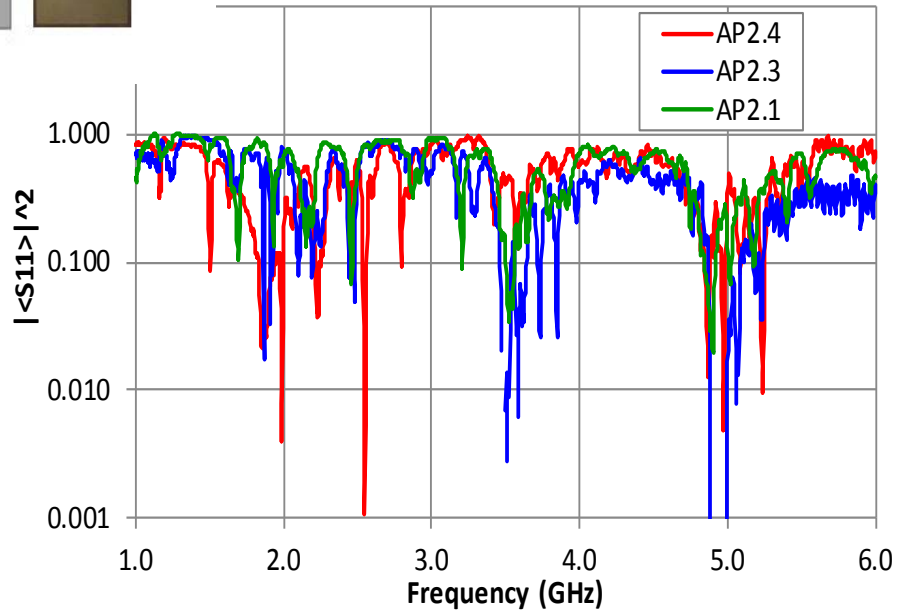
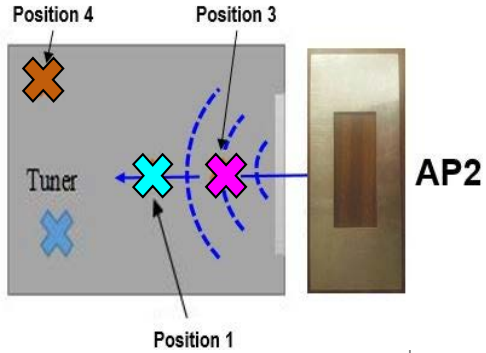


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# Modal Q estimation Sensitivity to $S_{11}$ measurement location



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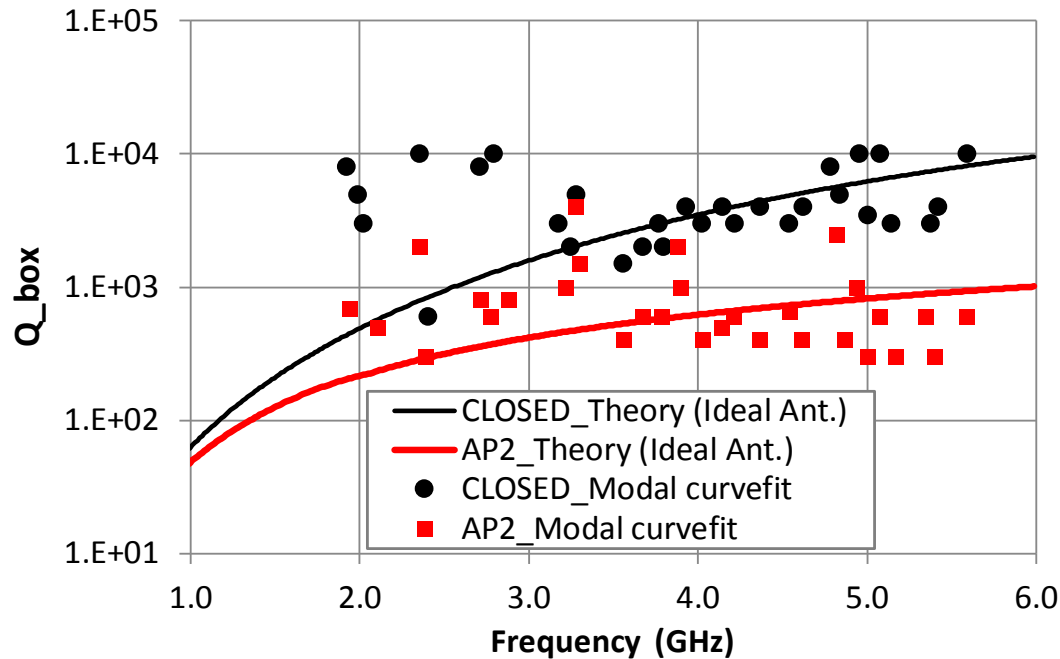


# Real antenna effects explain modal Q scatter



## Ideal Antenna

$$Q_{ant} = \frac{16\pi^2 V_c}{\lambda^3}$$



## Wire Antenna

$$Q_{ant} = \frac{16\pi^2 V_c}{(1 - |S_{11}|^2) \lambda^3}$$

