



## Chaos Experiments – Wave Chaos and Electromagnetic Interference in Enclosures

MURI Program Review

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# Fear the Turtle.



## Electromagnetic Coupling in Computer Circuits

Schematic



• Coupling of external radiation to computer circuits is a complex processes:

apertures resonant cavities transmission lines circuit elements

• Intermediate frequency range involves many interacting resonances

• What can be said about coupling without solving in detail the complicated EM problem ?

• Wave Chaos



The Ultimate Goal: Scattering Matrix for an Arbitrary Enclosure



#### **Random Coupling Model**

Based on results and concepts from the field of Wave Chaos

The predictions are statistical in nature



## S-Matrix Characterizes Wave Coupling





# Some Predictions of the Random Coupling Model

(...those relevant to MURI objectives ...)

•  $Z_{ij}$  is characterized by a pair of Probability Distribution Functions (PDFs)

 $\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{Re}[Z_{ij}] \operatorname{PDF} \\ \operatorname{Im}[Z_{ij}] \operatorname{PDF} \end{array} \end{array} \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{Both depend on losses (Q) in the cavity}$ 

• RCM prescribes a normalization procedure for Z to eliminate / minimize dependence on geometry / details

 $Z_{Norm}$  PDFs are a universal function of losses

• Testable predictions of the RCM:

Variance {Re[ $Z_{Norm}$ ]} = Variance {Im[ $Z_{Norm}$ ]} PDFs smoothly evolve as loss changes Variances ~ 1/f<sup>3/2</sup> (when conductor losses dominate) Parametric dependencies:

frequency, antenna details, cavity height, impedance of medium, etc.



# **Cavity and Radiation Impedance**

It is convenient to think of these two types of impedances









- 2 Dimensional Quarter Bow Tie Wave Chaotic cavity
- Classical ray trajectories are chaotic short wavelength Quantum Chaos
- 1-port S and Z measurements in the 6 12 GHz range.
- Ensemble average through 100 locations of the perturbation (800,000 data points)



For the <u>particular case</u> of a coax-driven quasi-2D cavity:

$$X_{Rad} = -\frac{kh\eta}{4} J_0(ka) Y_0(ka)$$

$$R_{Rad} \cong \frac{kh\eta}{4}$$

$$(ka << 1)$$

k = wavenumber  $\eta$  = impedance of medium in cavity





#### **Experimental Setup : Radiation Impedance Measurement**



- The microwave absorber serves as an absorbing boundary thereby eliminating internal reflections of the waves within the cavity.
- 1-port S and Z measurements of radiation boundary setup.
- Radiation impedance used to normalize the ensemble cavity impedance.



- Antenna Diameter : 0.025 "
- Cavity Height : 0.310"
- Freq. Span => 600 MHz (6 ~ 6.6 GHz)
- # of points => 80100
- Fit parameter:  $k^2/Q = 1.05 \rightarrow Q = h/\delta, \rho_{Cu} = 0.6 \ \mu\Omega$ -cm

Single parameter simultaneous fit to two PDFs









### Variance of Re[Z<sub>Norm</sub>] and Im[Z<sub>Norm</sub>] PDFs

**RCM Predictions:** 

1) 
$$\operatorname{Var}[\operatorname{Re}[Z_{\operatorname{Norm}}] \operatorname{PDF}] = \operatorname{Var}[\operatorname{Im}[Z_{\operatorname{Norm}}] \operatorname{PDF}]$$
  
2)  $\operatorname{Var}[\operatorname{ar}[Z_{\operatorname{Norm}}] \operatorname{PDF}] = \operatorname{Var}[\operatorname{Im}[Z_{\operatorname{Norm}}] \operatorname{PDF}]$ 

2) Variance  $\sigma^2 \cong 3Q/2\pi k^2 \sim 1/f^{3/2}$ 





## **Some Practical Implications**

The Random Coupling Model should work if the mode density is sufficiently high It relies on the existence of chaotic ray orbits in the short wavelength limit

 Frequency

 Losses

 Radiation impedance of the ports

Determine the shape and scales of the Z<sub>Cavity</sub> PDFs

Statistical predictions of impedance and scattering matrix properties for complicated systems → PDFs of field distributions on components inside enclosures

$$\hat{V} = Z\hat{I}$$

Given an excitation current at one port, we find the voltage PDF at all other ports

Clear strategies to engineer the PDFs to suit one's purposes



 $X_{Rad}$  sets the scale for  $X_{cavity}$ Low-loss case: broad tails, width ~  $R_{Radiation}$ Lossy case: narrow distribution, width ~  $\sqrt{Q}$ 



 $R_{Rad}$  sets the scale for  $R_{cavity}$ Low-loss case:  $R_{Cavity} < R_{Rad}$ Lossy case:  $\Rightarrow$  Gaussian distribution, width ~  $\sqrt{Q}$ 



## Conclusions

- Experimentally tested some basic predictions of the Random Coupling Model (RCM):
  - Re[Z<sub>Norm</sub>] and Im[Z<sub>Norm</sub>] PDFs good agreement with theory
  - Equivalence of the variances of the two PDFs
  - Frequency dependence of the variances of the PDFs {in Low-Q Limit}
  - Loss dependence of the PDF shapes
  - Z<sub>Norm</sub> PDFs independent of antenna dimension
  - Cavity volume dependence of  $Z_{Norm}$  PDFs
- The RCM should provide a solid foundation for quantitative electromagnetic effects studies in enclosures

# **Future Work**

#### • 2-Port Measurements

- >> More realistic case: e.g. use a circuit or patch antenna for port 2
- >> Test the effects of time-reversal symmetry breaking
- >> Test other predictions of the Random Coupling Model (RCM)

#### • Low-Loss Cavities

>>  $LN_2$  cooled bow-tie cavity (with cryogenic microwave absorber)

- >> Test the RCM in the low-loss limit
- Other Topologies of Interest (R. Prange, S. Fishman collaboration)
- >> Include a dielectric slab inside the cavity  $\Rightarrow$  ray splitting
- >> Rectangular obstacles inside a rectangular box (sharp corners)

#### • 3-Dimensional Cavities

- >> The RCM should work well
- >> The high mode density makes experiment/theory simpler
- >> Most realistic case

Comparison of RCM predicted PDFs with measured PDFs 🔆





#### Cryogenic (77 K) Cavity Impedance Statistics Measurement



