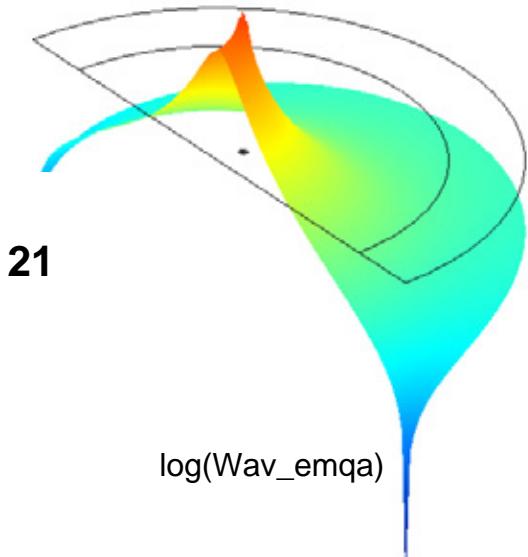
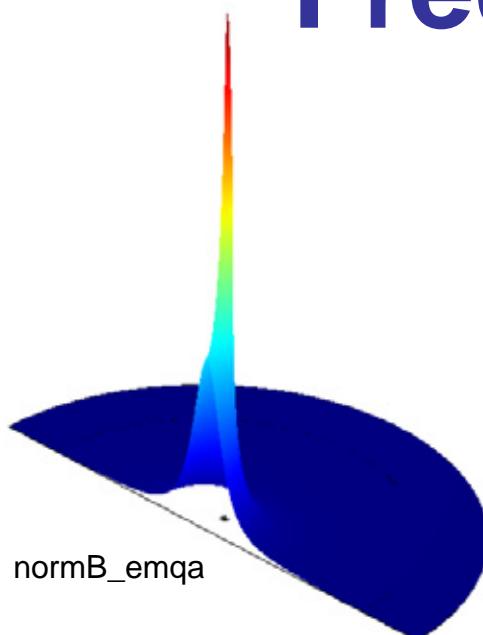


# Inductance of Magnetic Plated Wires as a Function of Frequency and Plating Thickness

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# Motivation

減させることができます。これは磁性シールド層により、コイルに生じる近接効果の影響を軽減し、導体の電流分布を均一にし、導体の実効抵抗を低減しうるためです。

Magnet-plated Wire (magnetic wire) is a copper conductor covered with a thin layer of highly magnetic material, over which a polyurethane insulating film is enameled. When used for high-frequency coils, it reduces high-frequency losses by 10% compared to conventional polyurethane enameled copper wire. The reduction is due to the magnetic shielding, which lowers the proximity effect generally occurring in these types of coil, evenly distributes electric current in the conductor, and decreases the effective resistance of the conductor.

## ●特長 Features

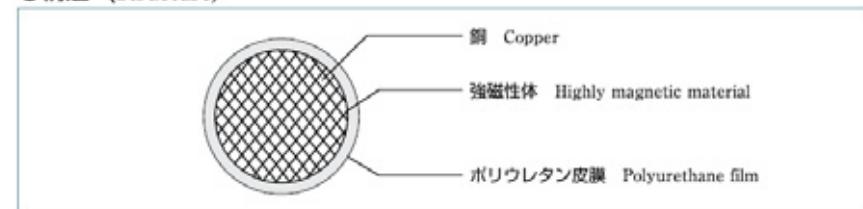
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- Components can be miniaturized. ●High-performance coils can be designed.

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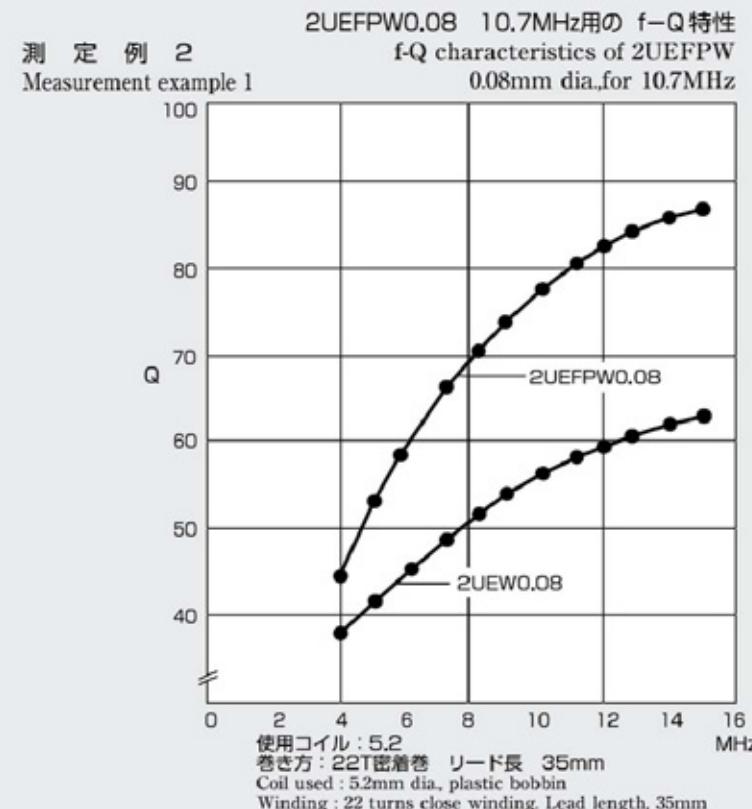
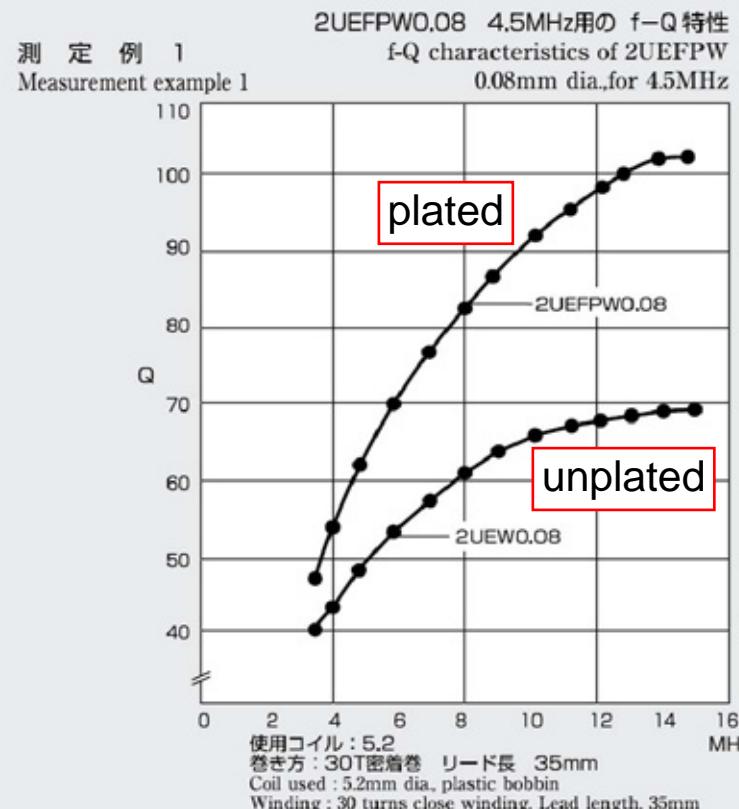
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# Outline

- Equations for Resistance R, Inductance L and Skin Depth  $\delta_{\text{Skin}}$

- Single Loop Analysis for a Microscopic Understanding
  - COMSOL Simulation
  - Results and Discussion
  - Scaling

- Coil Analysis and Comparison with Experiment
  - COMSOL Simulation
  - Results and Validation with Experiment

- Summary

# Equations

**COMSOL**

resistance  $R$ :

$$R = \text{real} \left( \frac{V_{\text{Loop}}}{I} \right)$$

inductance  $L$ :

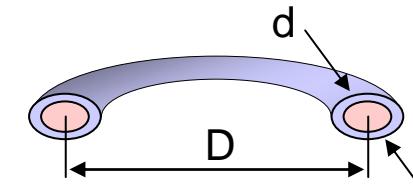
$$L_e = \text{imag} \left( \frac{V_{\text{Loop}}}{I \cdot 2\pi f} \right)$$

$$L_m = 2 \cdot \frac{E_{\text{mag. field}}}{I^2}$$

$R$  via geometry and  $\sigma$

$$R = \frac{1}{\sigma} \cdot \frac{L}{A_{\text{eff}}} \approx \frac{1}{\sigma} \cdot \frac{D\pi}{d\pi \cdot d_{\text{eff}}}$$

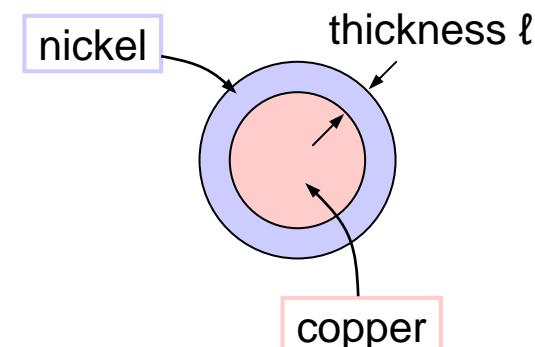
loop circumference  
effective current cross-sectional area



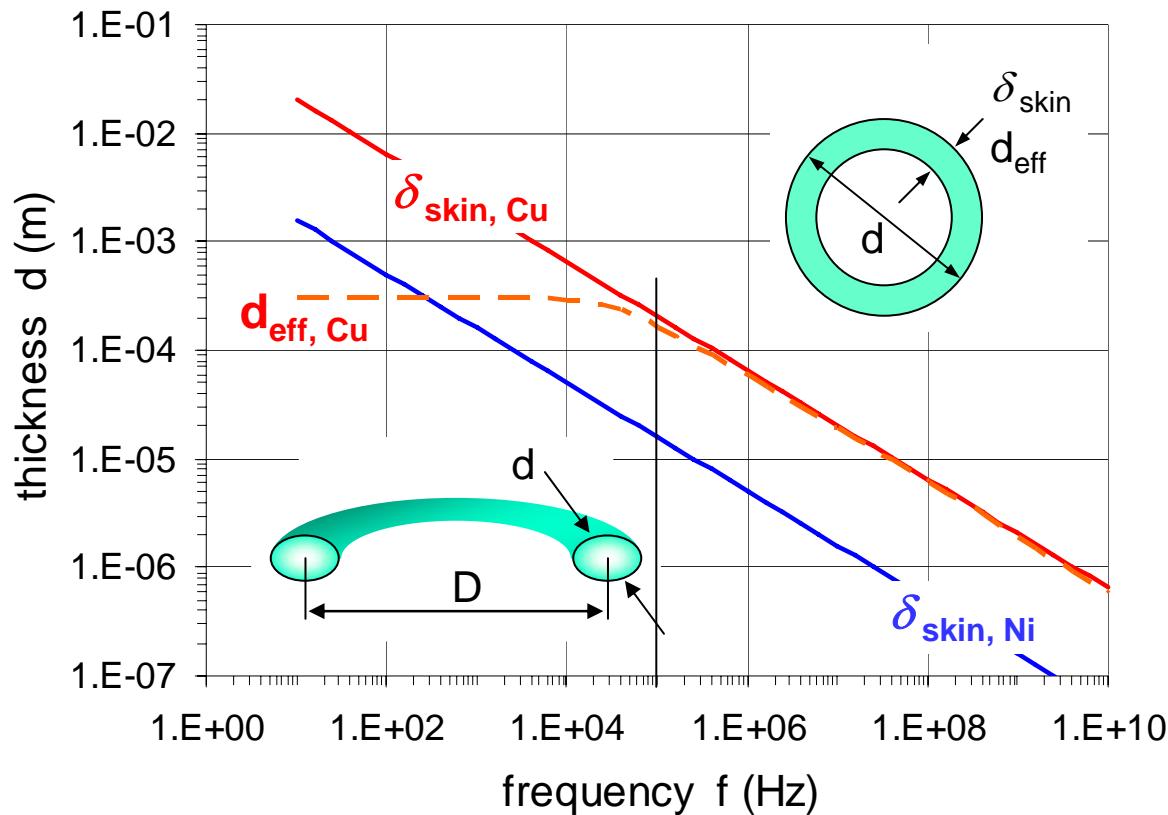
quality factor  $Q$ :

$$Q = \frac{2\pi f \cdot L}{R}$$

$L_e$  and  $L_m$  are indicated by arrows pointing to the terms in the equation.



# Current Layer $d$ , $\delta$ vs. $f$



Analytic expression for skin depth  
(J.D Jackson, Classical ED):

$$\delta_{\text{skin}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\mu_0 \cdot \mu_r \cdot \pi f \cdot \sigma}}$$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T}\cdot\text{m/A}$$

$\mu_r$  = relative permeability

$\omega = 2\pi \times \text{frequency}$  [1/s]

$\sigma$  = conductivity [S/m]

Effective layer thickness  $d_{\text{eff}}$ :

$$d_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{\sigma \cdot R} \frac{D}{d}$$

material and geometry

COMSOL

$$\approx \delta_{\text{skin}}$$

{ at high  
frequency

# Behavior at High f

resistance  $R$ :

$$R_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \cdot \frac{L}{A_{\text{eff}}} \approx \frac{1}{\sigma} \cdot \frac{D\pi}{d\pi \cdot \delta_{\text{skin}}} = \frac{D}{d} \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0 \cdot \mu_r \cdot \pi}{\sigma}} \cdot \sqrt{f}$$

inductance  $L$ :

$$L_e = \text{imag}\left(\frac{V_{\text{Loop}}}{I \cdot 2\pi f}\right) \sim \frac{V_{\text{Loop}}}{I \cdot f} \sim \frac{R}{f} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{f}}$$

"inner" inductance, via electric potential:  
depends on skin depth

$$L_m = 2 \cdot \frac{E_{\text{mag. field}}}{I^2} \sim \frac{B^2}{I^2} \sim \frac{I^2}{I^2} = \text{const.}$$

"outer" inductance, via magnetic field energy:  
depends on geometry only

quality factor  $Q$ :

$$Q = \frac{2\pi f \cdot L}{R}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Q_e = \frac{2\pi f \cdot L_e}{R} \sim \frac{f \cdot f^{-1/2}}{\sqrt{f}} \\ Q_m = \frac{2\pi f \cdot L_m}{R} \sim \frac{f \cdot \text{const.}}{\sqrt{f}} \end{array} \right.$$

$$R_{\text{inf}} (f \rightarrow \infty) \sim f^{1/2}$$

$$L_e (\delta_{\text{skin}} \leq \ell_{\text{plating}}) \sim f^{-1/2}$$

$$L_{m,\text{inf}} (f \rightarrow \infty) \sim \text{const.}$$

$$L[\text{nH}] \approx 2 \frac{D\pi}{[\text{cm}]} \left( \ln\left(\frac{D\pi}{d}\right) - 1.07 \right)$$

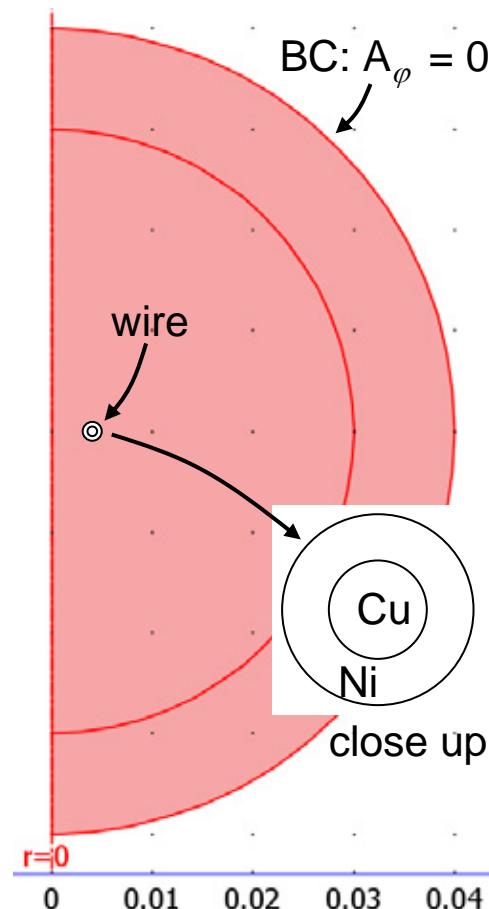
( $D > 20d$  ; Meinke, Springer, 1992)

$$Q_e (\delta_{\text{skin}} \leq \ell_{\text{plating}}) \sim \text{const.}$$

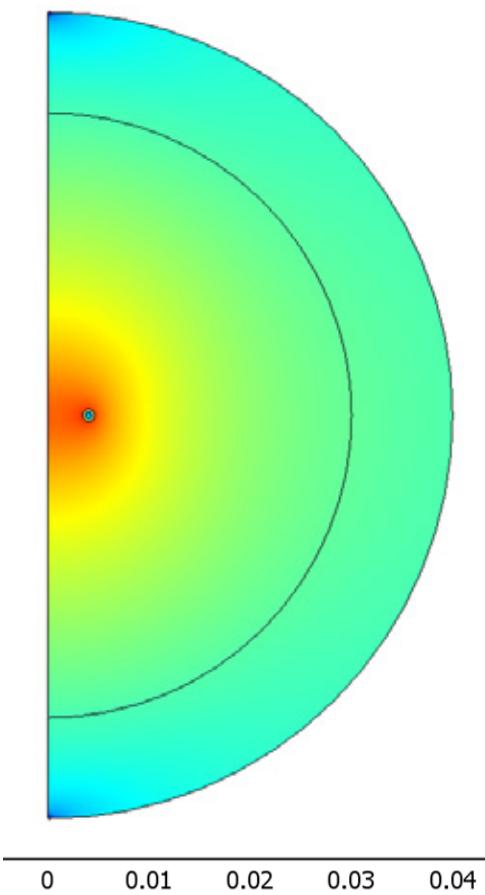
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# Cu-Ni Wire Loop

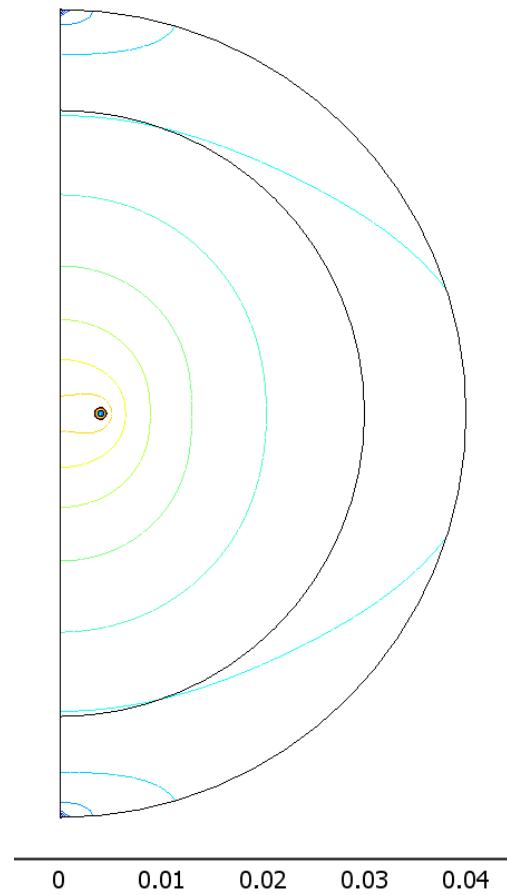
subdomains



Magnetic energy density  
 $\log(W_{\text{mav\_emqa}})$ ,  $10^5 \text{ Hz}$



Magnetic flux density  
 $\log(\text{normB}_{\text{emqa}})$ ,  $10^5 \text{ Hz}$



# Cu-Ni Wire Loop

**Global Expressions**

Name	Expression
R	real(Vin/(I3+I4))
Rp	R3*R4/(R3+R4)
Lm	2*2*Wm/abs(I3+I4)^2
Le	imag(Vin/(I3+I4))/(Omega)
Q	Omega*Le/R
Omega	2*pi*freq
Wm	WMag1+WMag2+WMag3+WMag4
Wm1	WMag1
Wm2	WMag2
Wm12	WMag1+WMmag2
Wm3	WMag3
Wm4	WMag4
Wm34	WMag3+WMag4
R3	real(Vin/I3)
R4	real(Vin/I4)
dEff	D/d*1/(sigma3*R)

**Subdomain Integration Variables**

Source	Destination	Subdomain selection	Name	Expression	Integration order
1		1	WMag1		
2		2	WMag2		
3		3	WMag3	2*pi*r*Wmag_emqa	4
4		4	I3	Jphi_emqa	4
			I4		
			WMag4		

**Subdomain Settings - Azimuthal Induction Currents, Vector Potential (emqa)**

**Equation:**

$$(j\omega\sigma - \omega^2\epsilon_0\epsilon_r)\mathbf{A} + \nabla \times (\mu_0^{-1}\mu_r^{-1}\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) - \sigma\mathbf{v} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = (\sigma V_{loop}/2\pi r + J_e^\theta)\mathbf{e}_\theta, \mathbf{A} = A_\theta \mathbf{e}_\theta$$

**Subdomains**

Subdomain selection
1
2
3
4

**Electric material properties and current sources**

Library material:

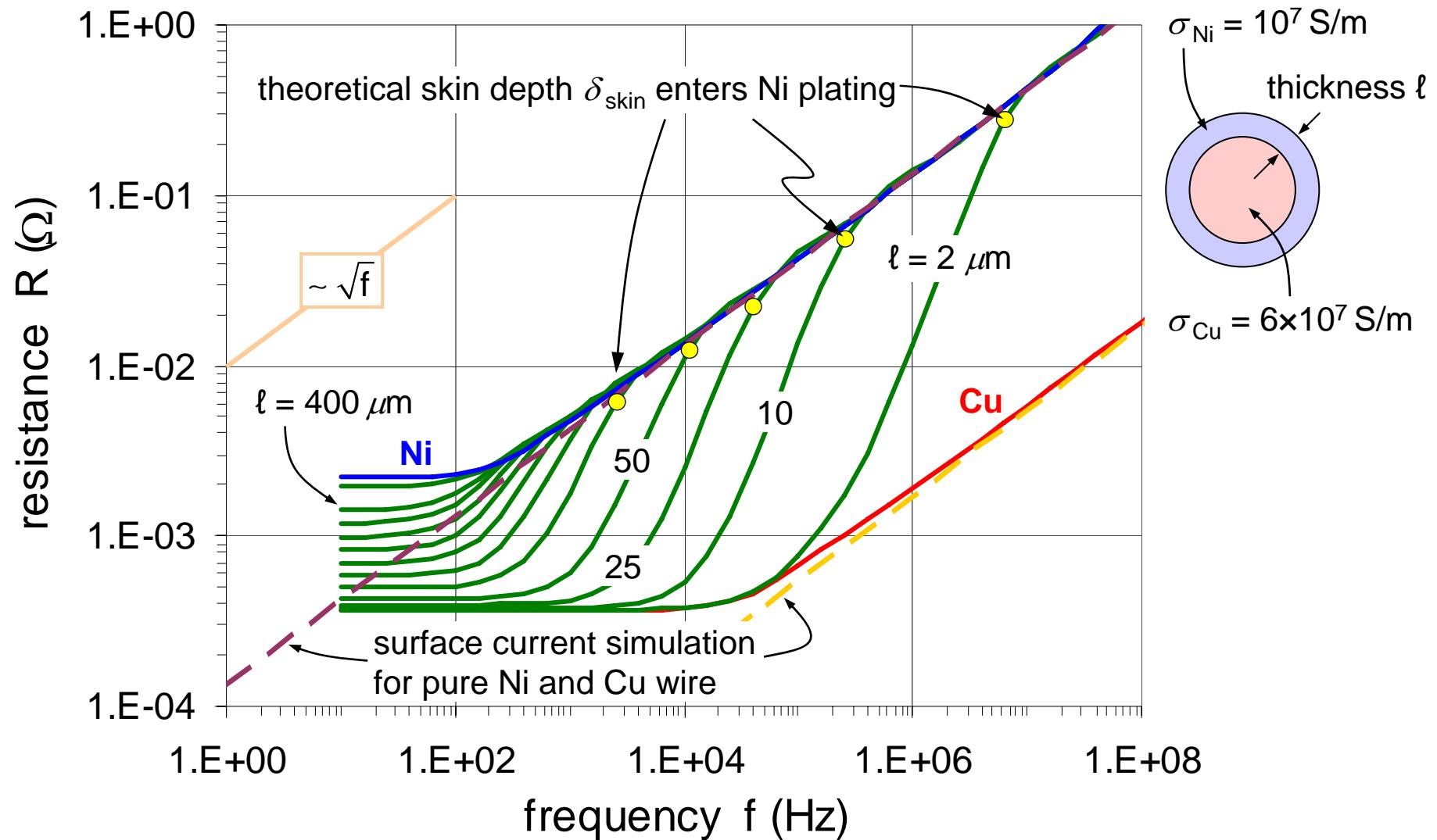
**Constitutive relation:**

$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \mathbf{E}$      $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}$      $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{D}_r$

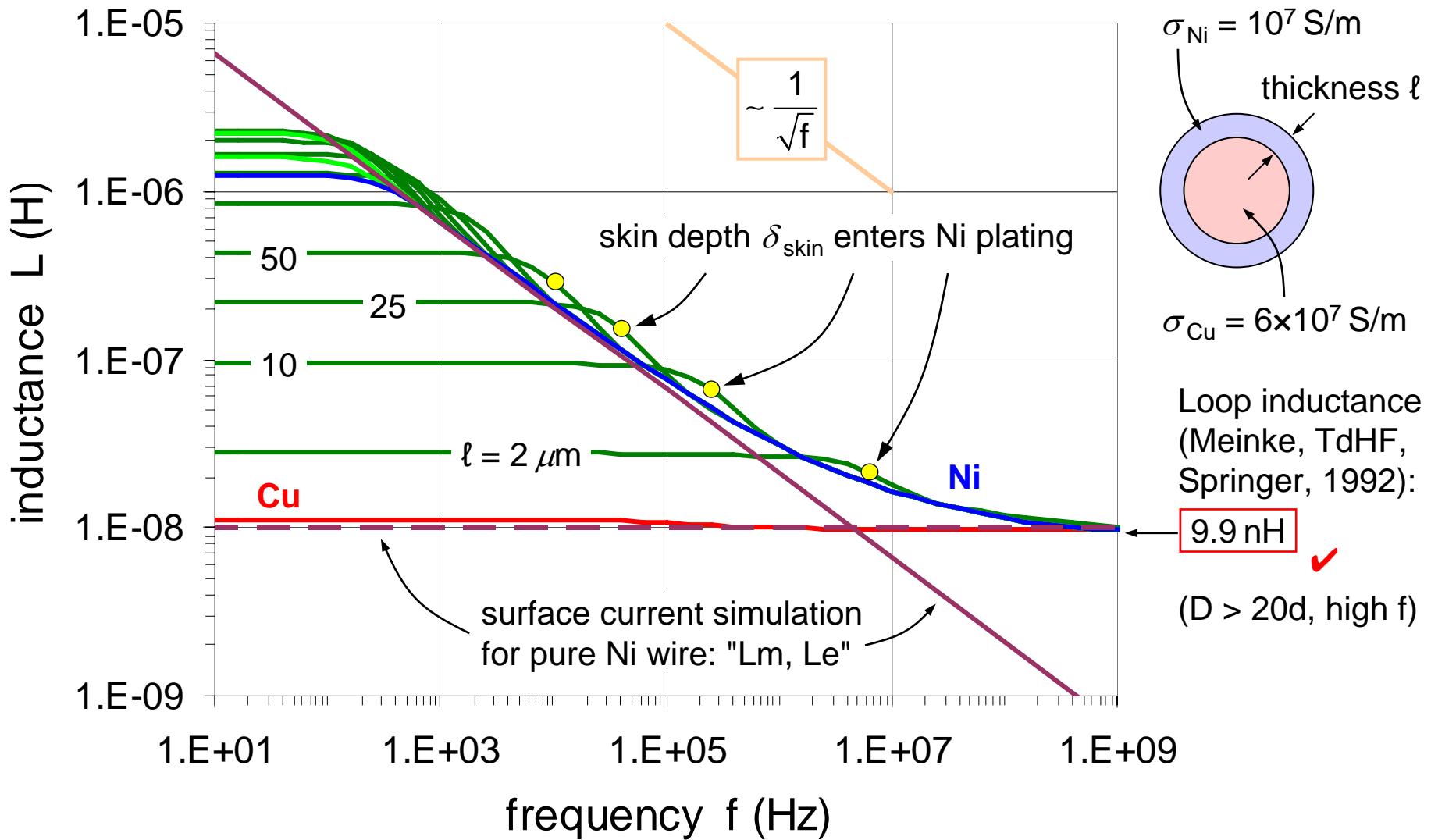
**Quantity**   **Value/Expression**   **Unit**   **Description**

$V_{loop}$	Vin	V	Loop potential
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$\sigma$	sigma3	S/m	Electric conductivity
$\epsilon_r$	1		Relative permittivity

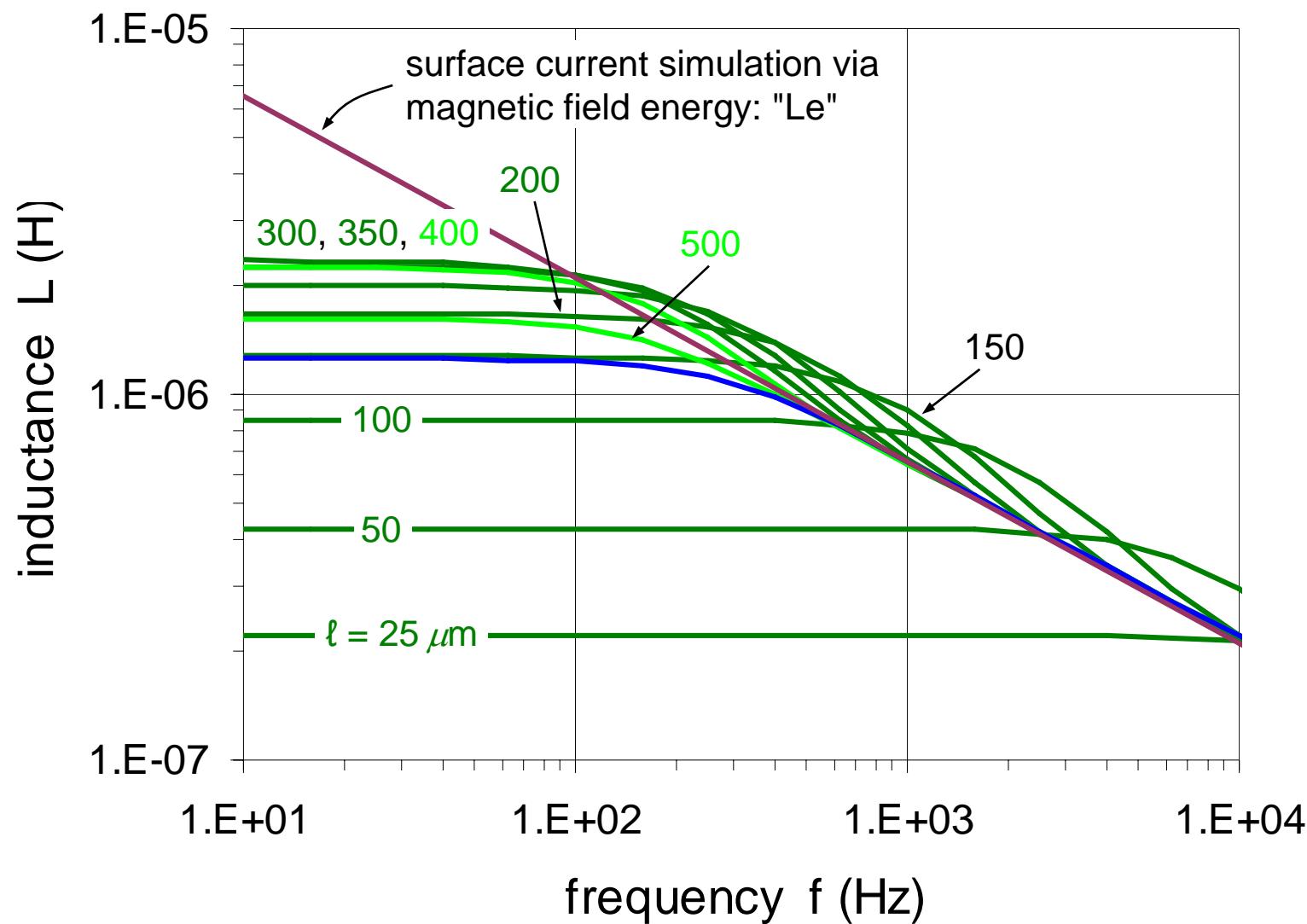
# R versus f and $\ell$



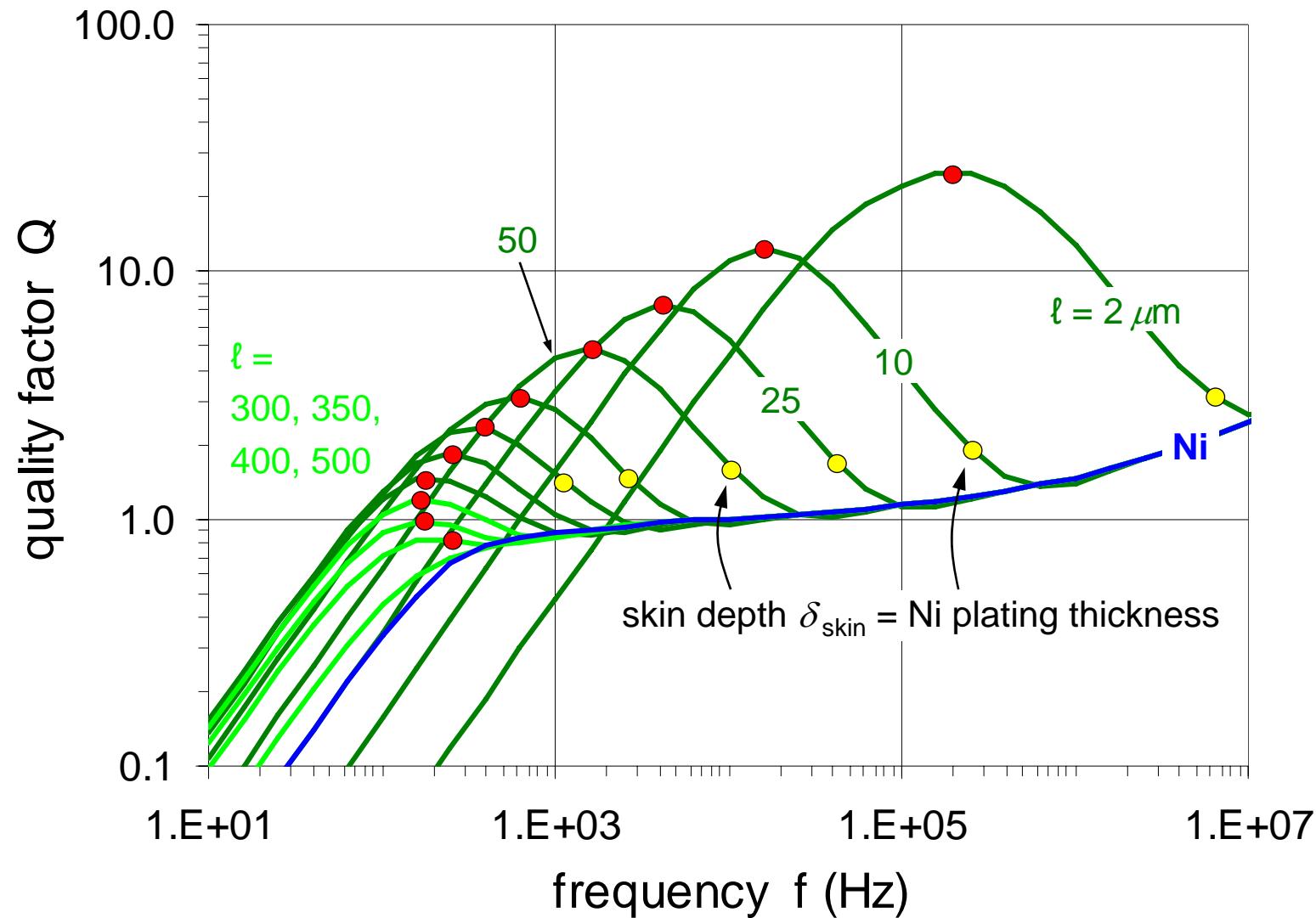
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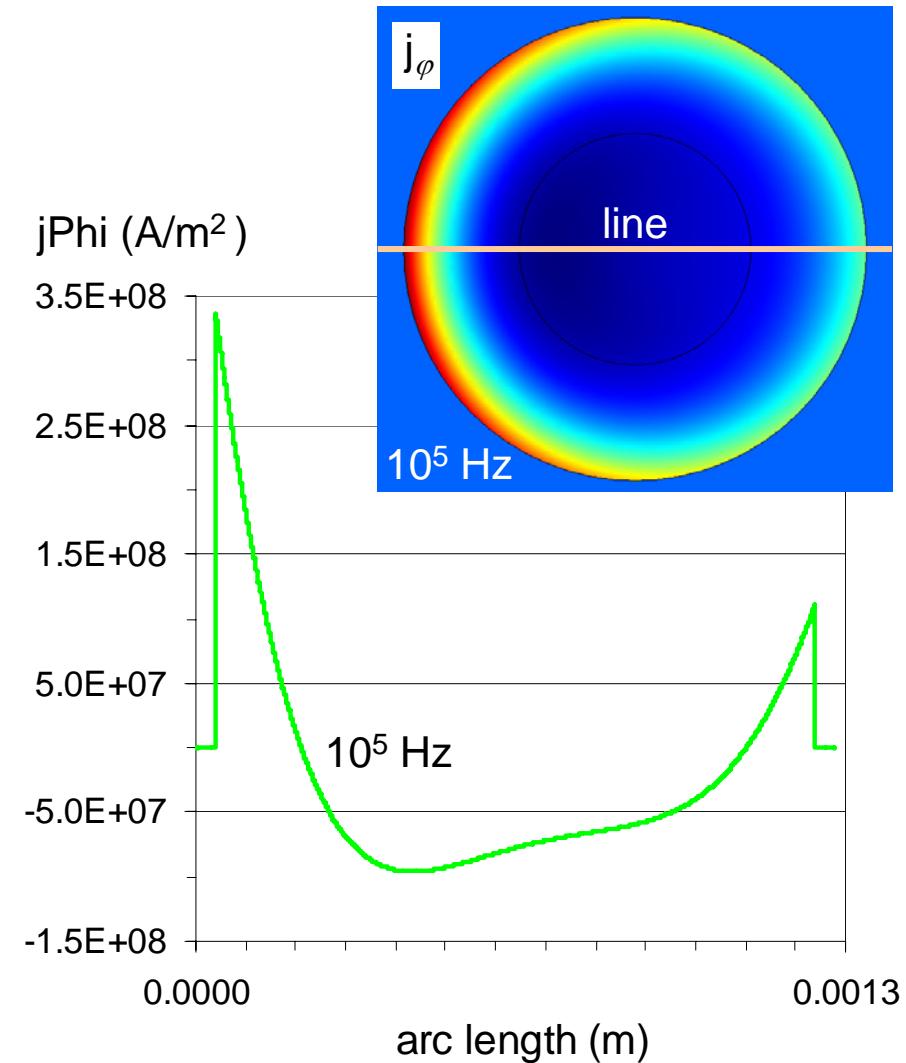
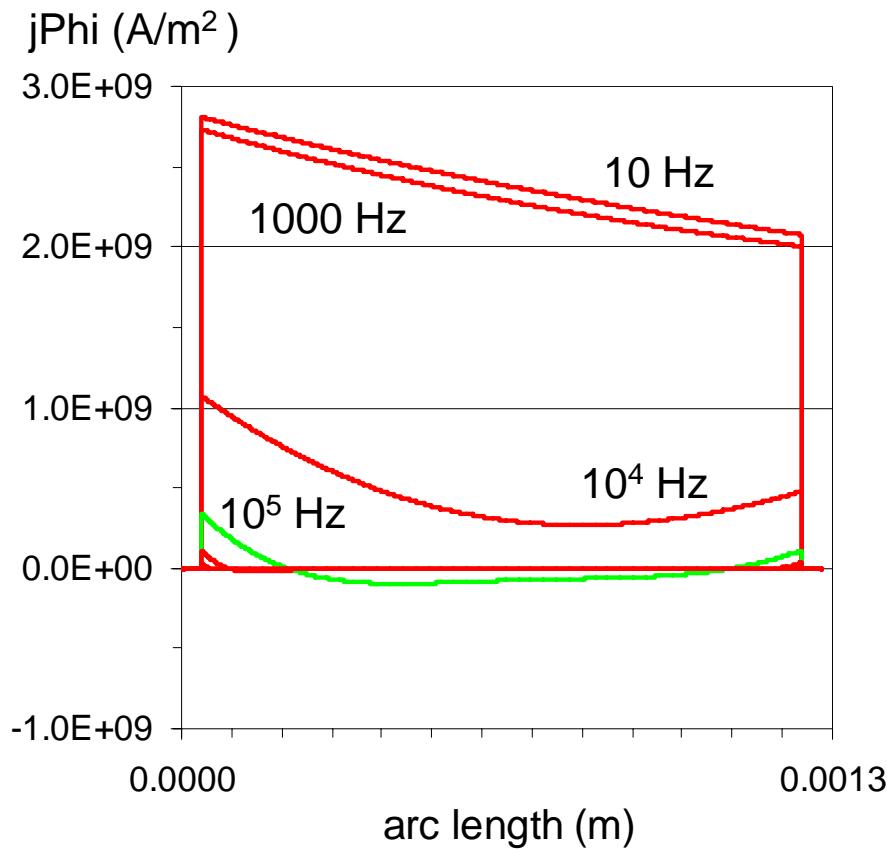


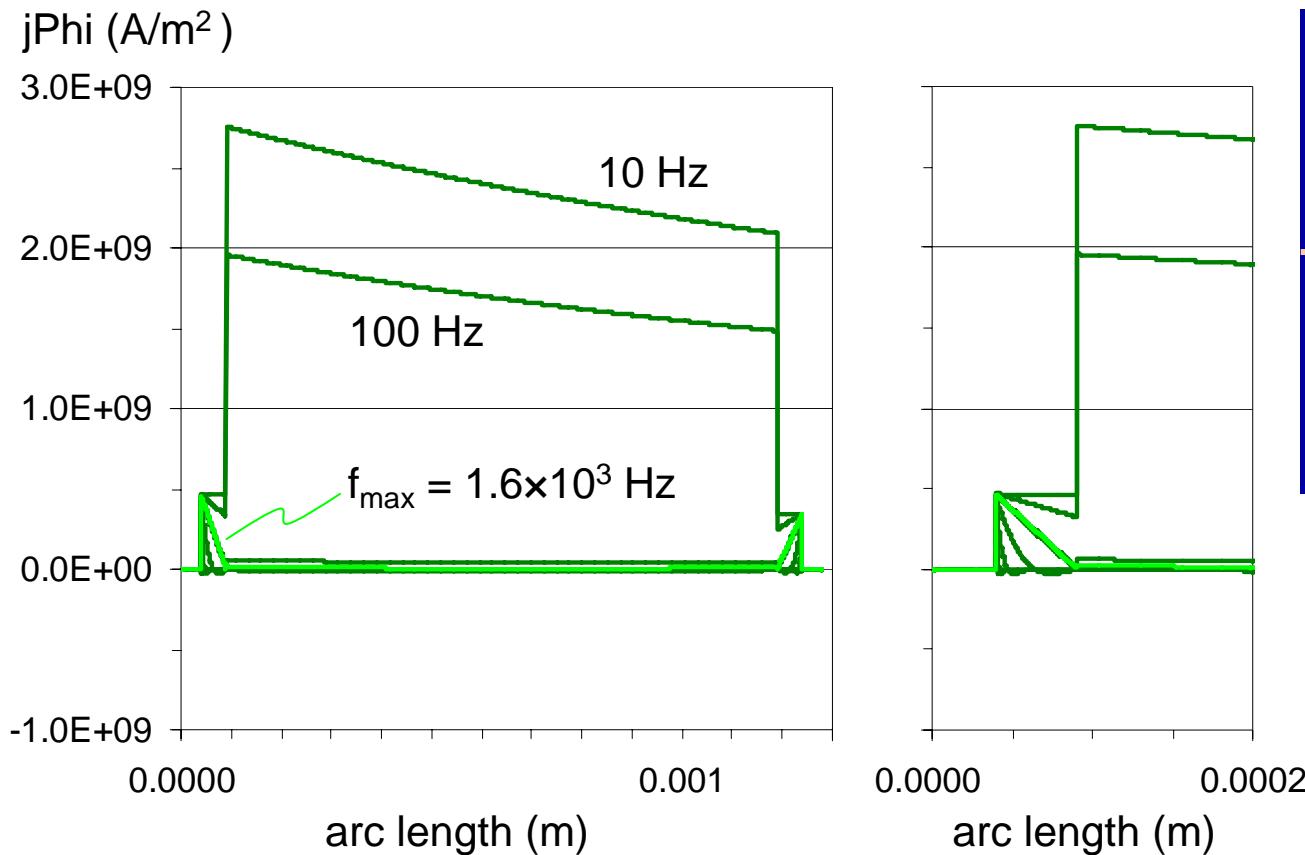
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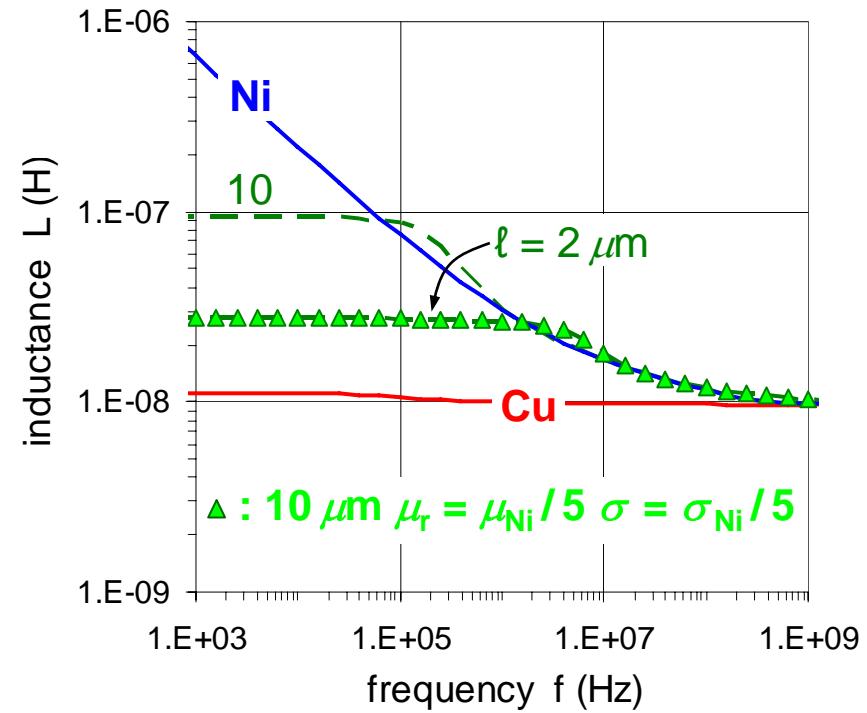
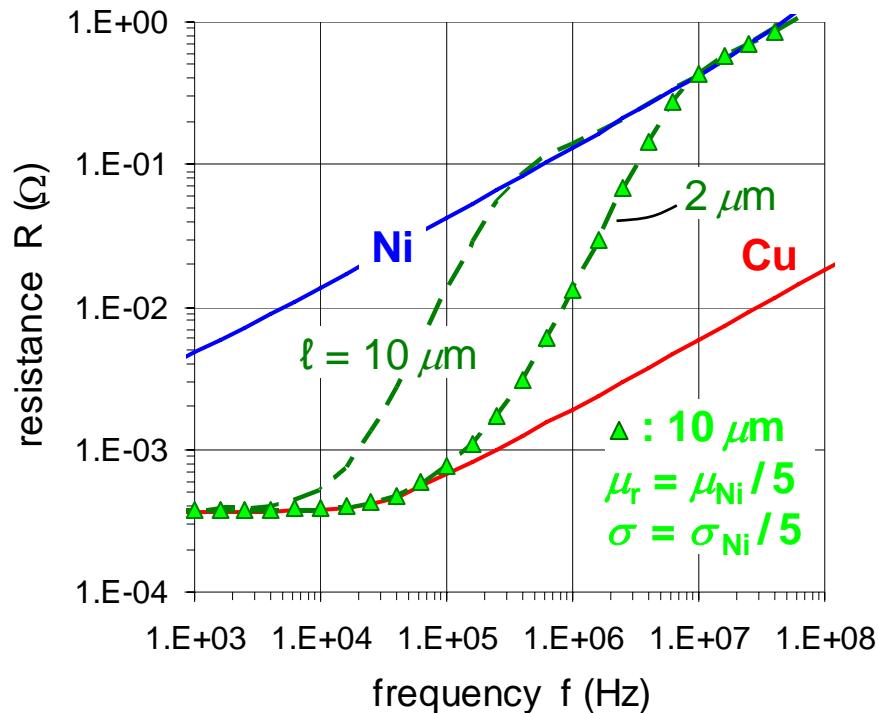
# Q versus f and $\ell$ , Inset







# Skaling



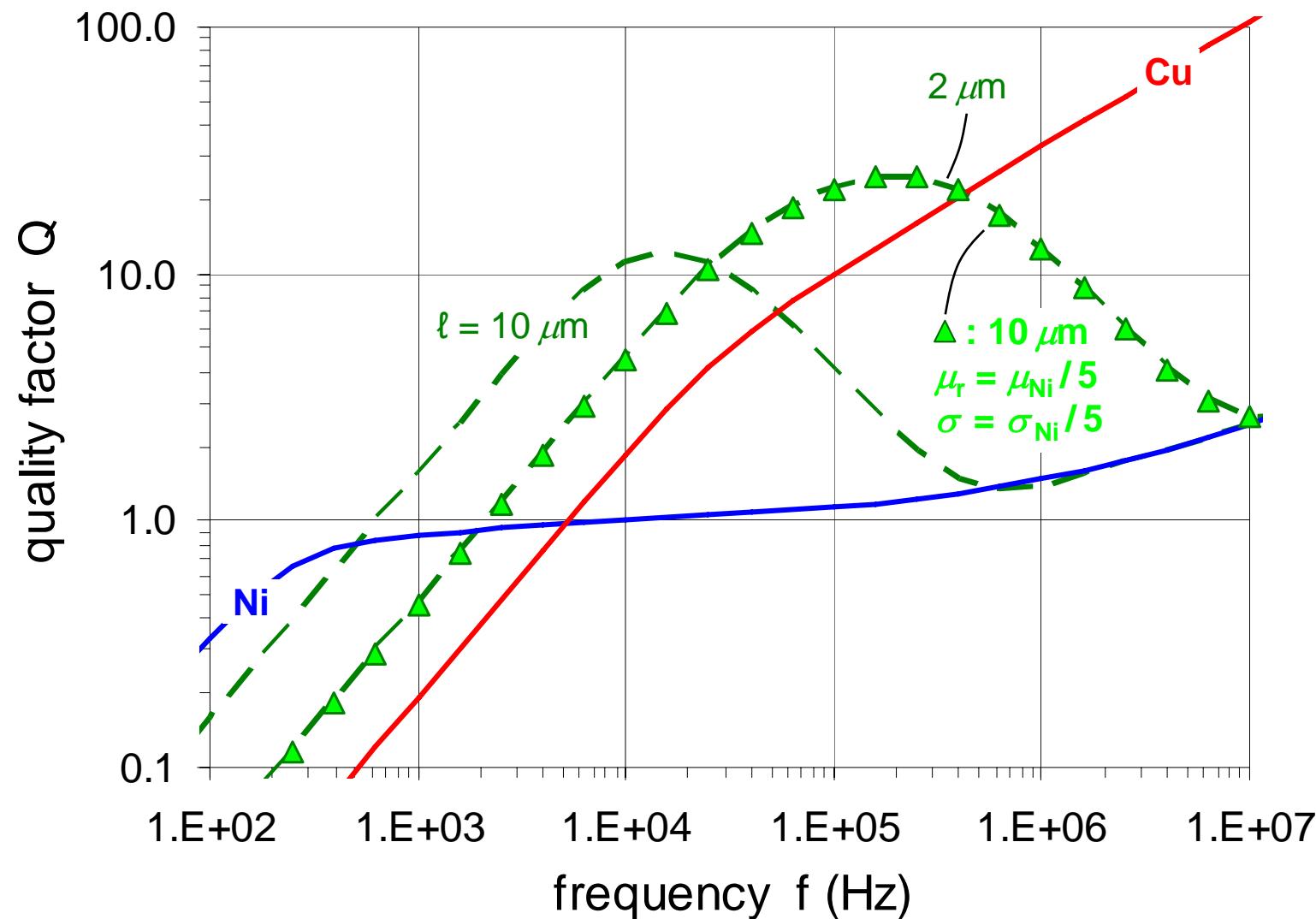
Same results, different plating thickness - Skaling for easier meshing ! Example:  $d_{\text{new}} = \boxed{5} \times d_{\text{old}}$

Increase  $\delta_{\text{skin}}$  while  
keeping  $R = \text{constant}$

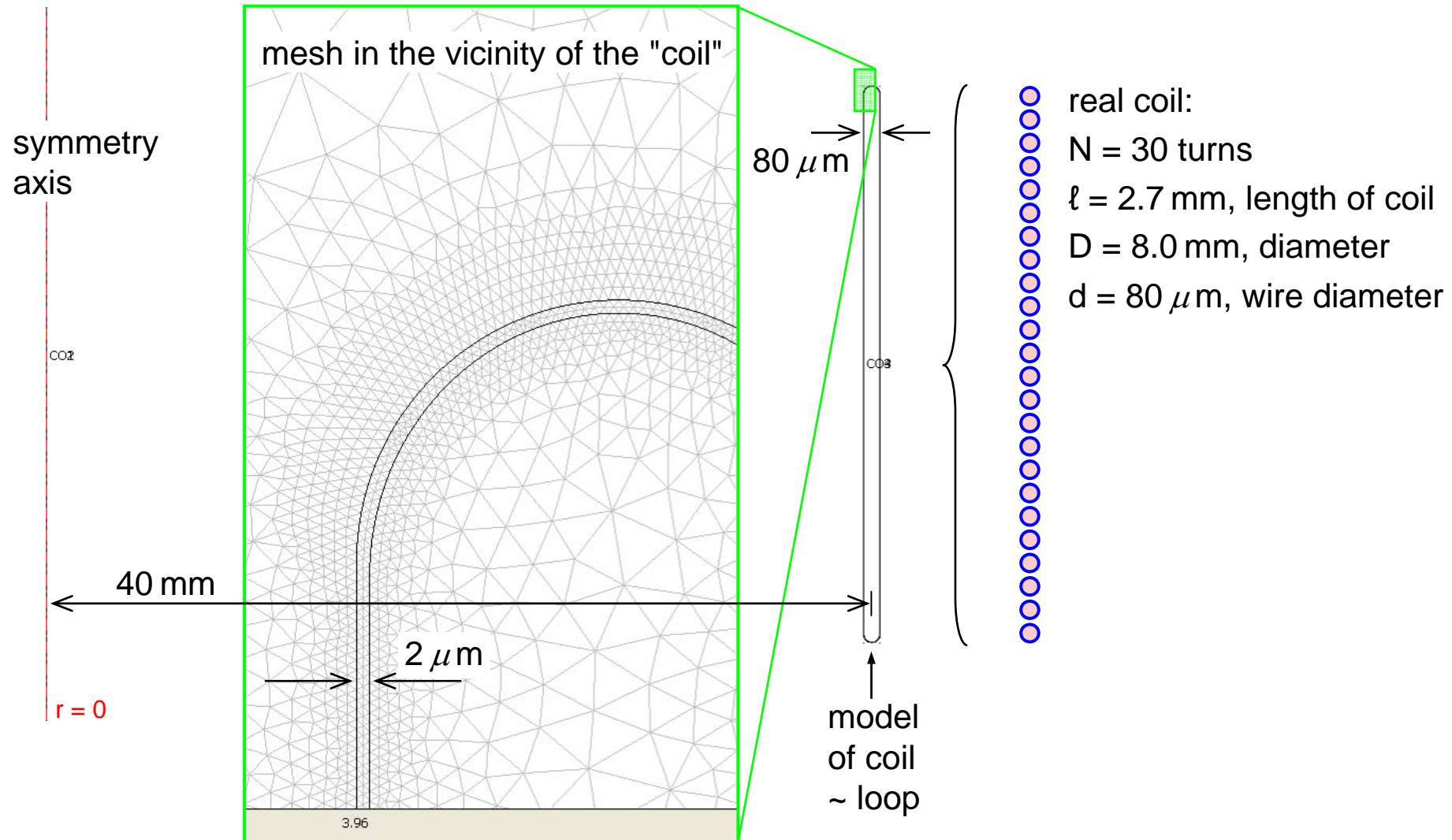
$$\delta_{\text{skin,new}} = \boxed{5} \times \delta_{\text{skin,old}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\mu_0 \cdot \mu_r \cdot \pi f \cdot \sigma}} \quad \boxed{5}$$

$$R_{\text{new}} = R_{\text{old}} = \frac{D}{d} \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma \cdot \boxed{5} \cdot d \cdot \boxed{5}}$$

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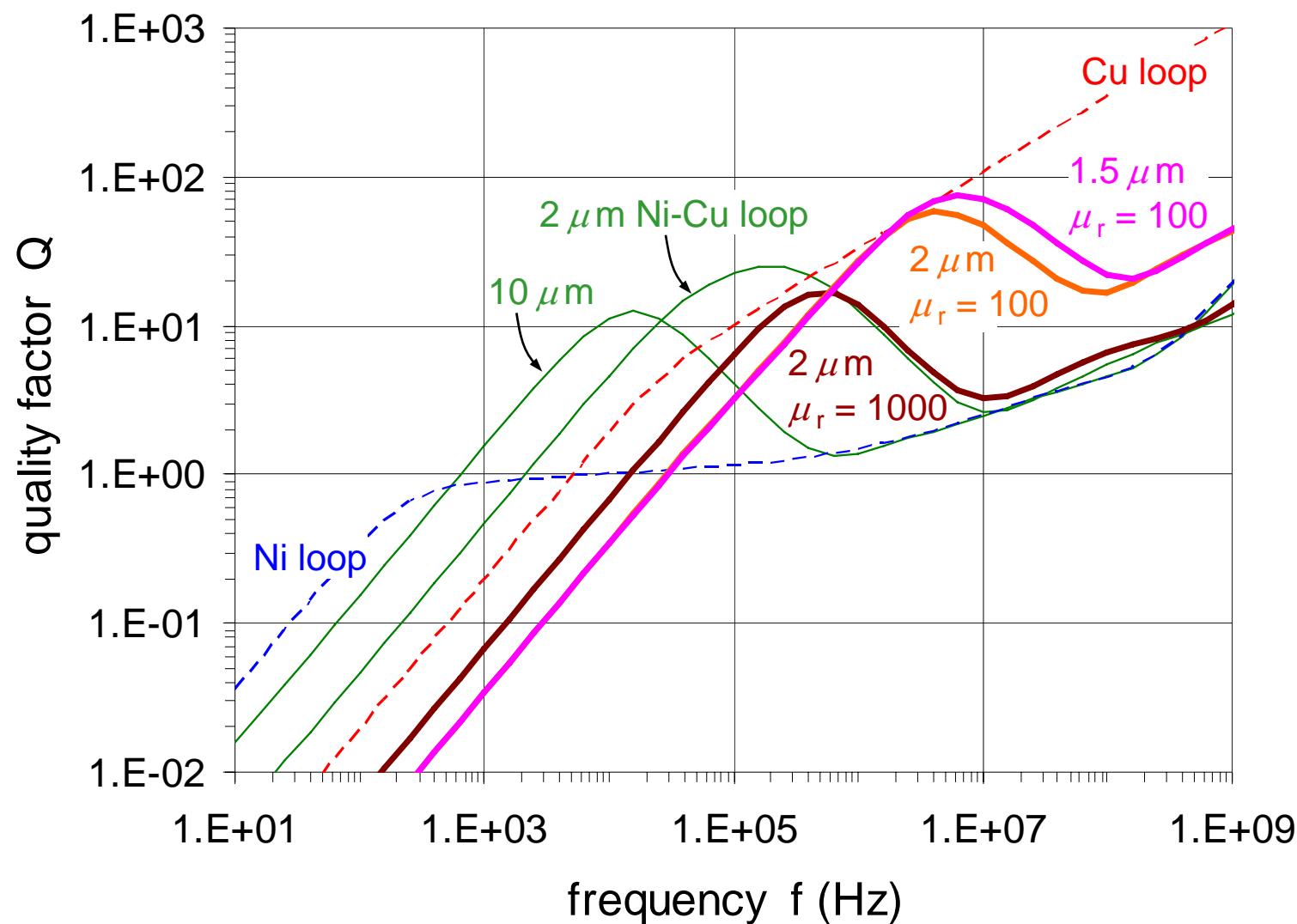
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Magnetic Parameters: Infinite Elements, Forces, Init, Element, Electric Parameters

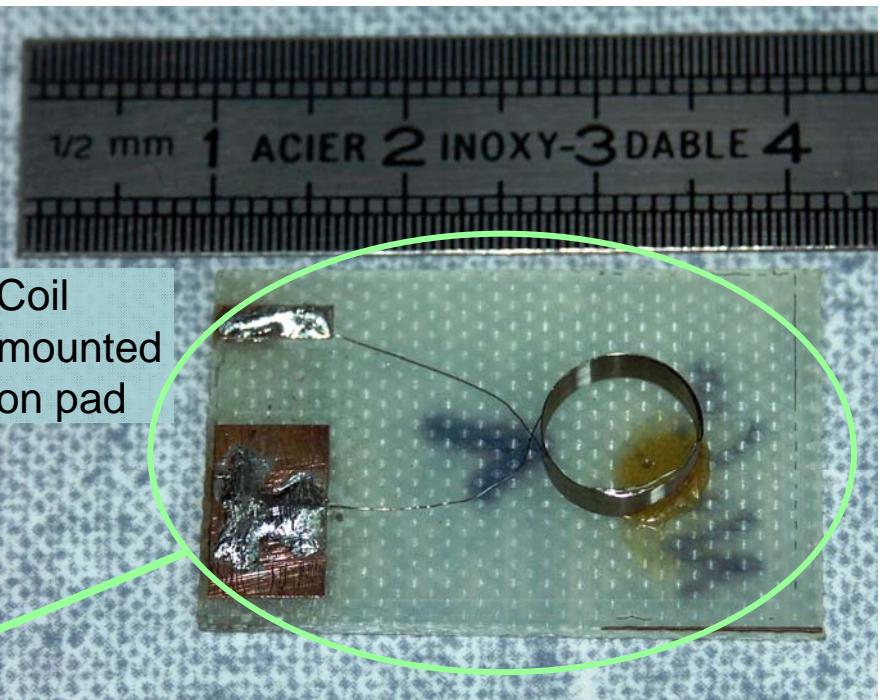
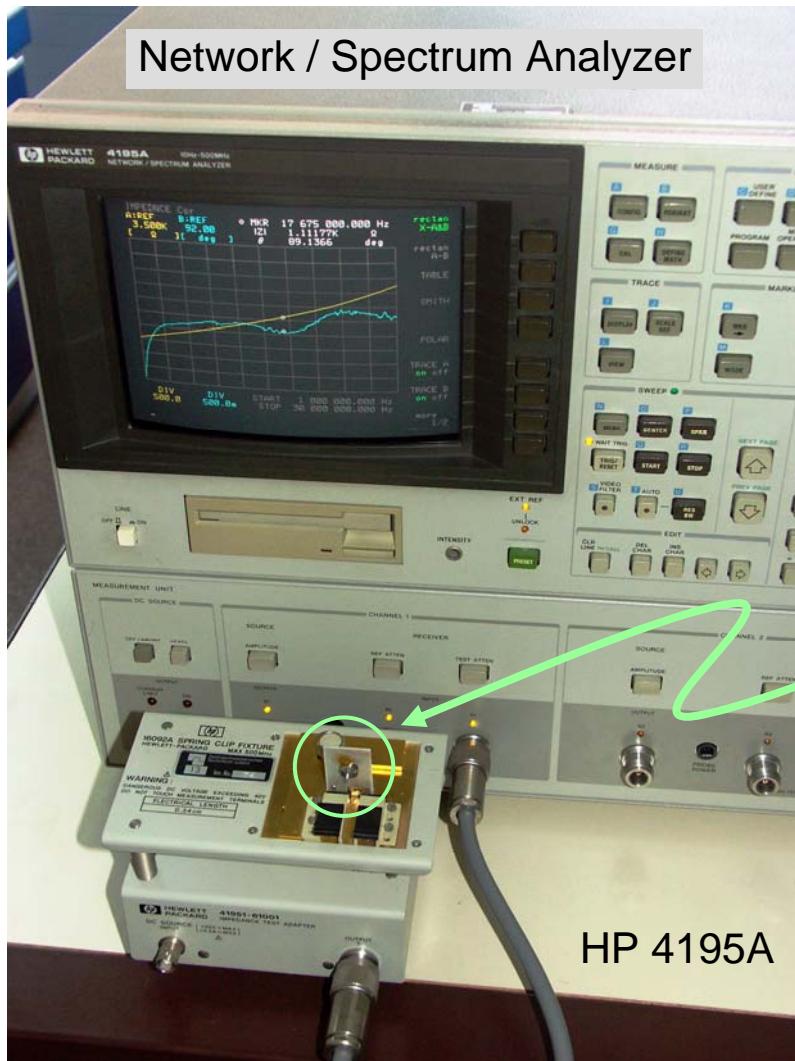
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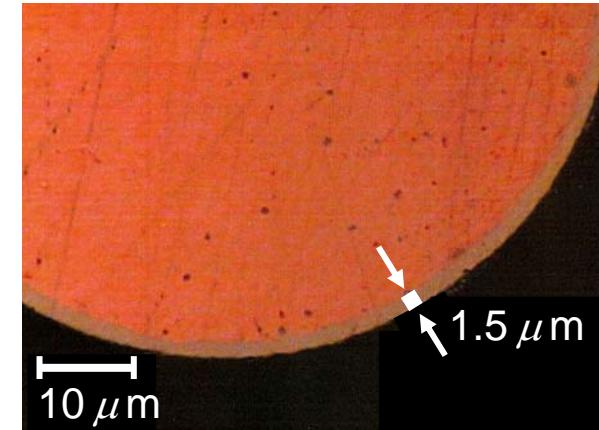
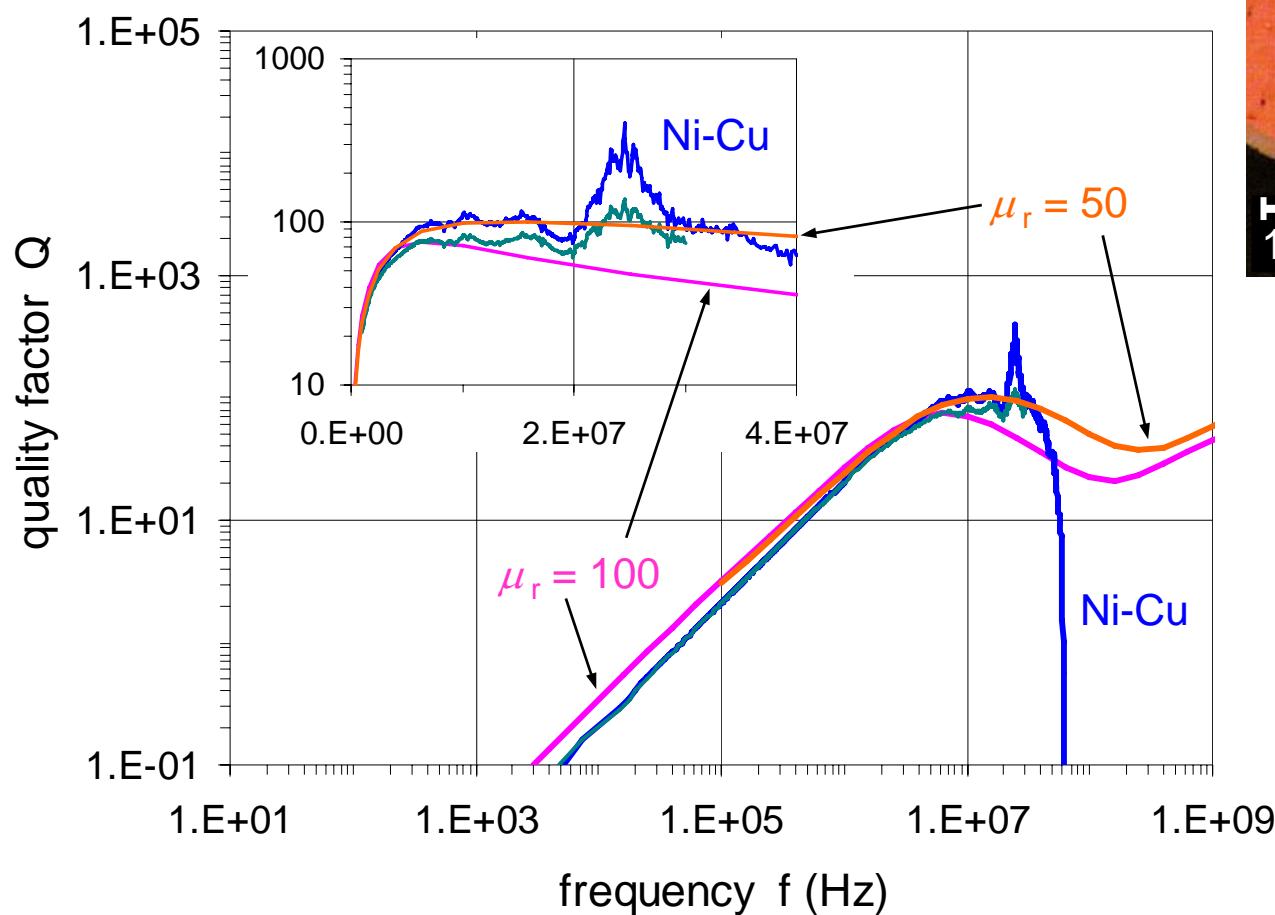
# Q of Plated Coil



# Measurement



# Simul. vs. Experiment



# Summary

- 1.** R, L and Q of plated loops and coils can be simulated with the classical electrodynamics AC/DC module of COMSOL
- 2.** For each plating thickness there exists a regime where Q is much larger than for pure copper or pure nickel loops and coils
- 3.** A true application of this phenomenon is not yet found, if not for the power transfer by magnetic resonance (Science, 317, p83, 2007)
- 4.** Excellent agreement between simulation and experiment can be found at modest frequencies below 10 MHz
- 5.** Comparison between simulation and experiment at higher frequency is not possible due to a stray capacitance and the occurrence of a resonance