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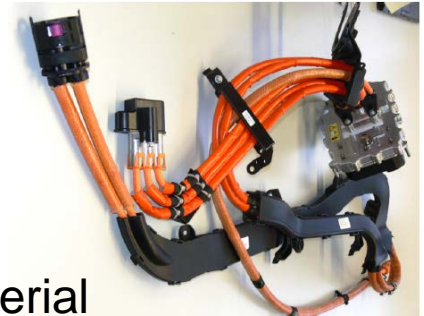
# Transient Electro-Thermal Analysis for Multi-core Power Cable at System Level

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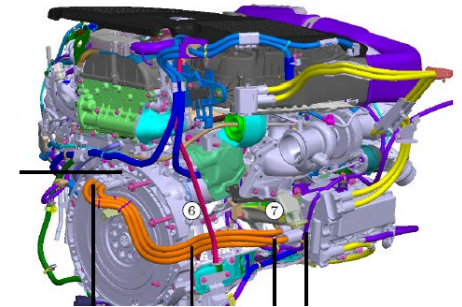
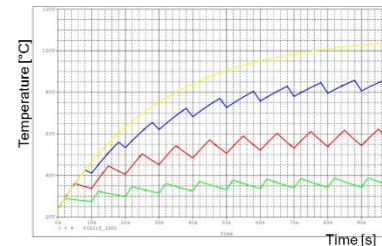
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# Motivation

- New challenges on high volt on-board network: cable should
  - conduct high currents
  - as light weight as possible
  - be reliable - heightened thermal load on cable isolation material



- Regarding electrical, weight and reliability optimization:  
need to know the core and the cable surface temperature in respect to it's
- build-in location (conduction, convection, radiation)
  - ambient temperature
  - transient electrical load (e.g. PWM)



- Transient analytical temperature estimation only sporadically possible
- Transient numerical FE-Simulation on system level causes high calculation time costs

**Approach:** Semi-analytic-numerical simulation model

→ Parametric transient thermo-electrical PSPICE-model for a power cable

# Parametric Transient Thermo-Electrical PSPICE-Model

## Approach – Schematic and Input parameter

Electrical parameter:

Current

Wire: electr. conductivity

Thermal parameter:

Wire: thermal conductivity, heat capacity

Wire: temp. coefficient

Isolation: thermal conductivity, heat capacity

Geometrie parameter:

Wire: length

Wire: diameter

Isolation: thickness

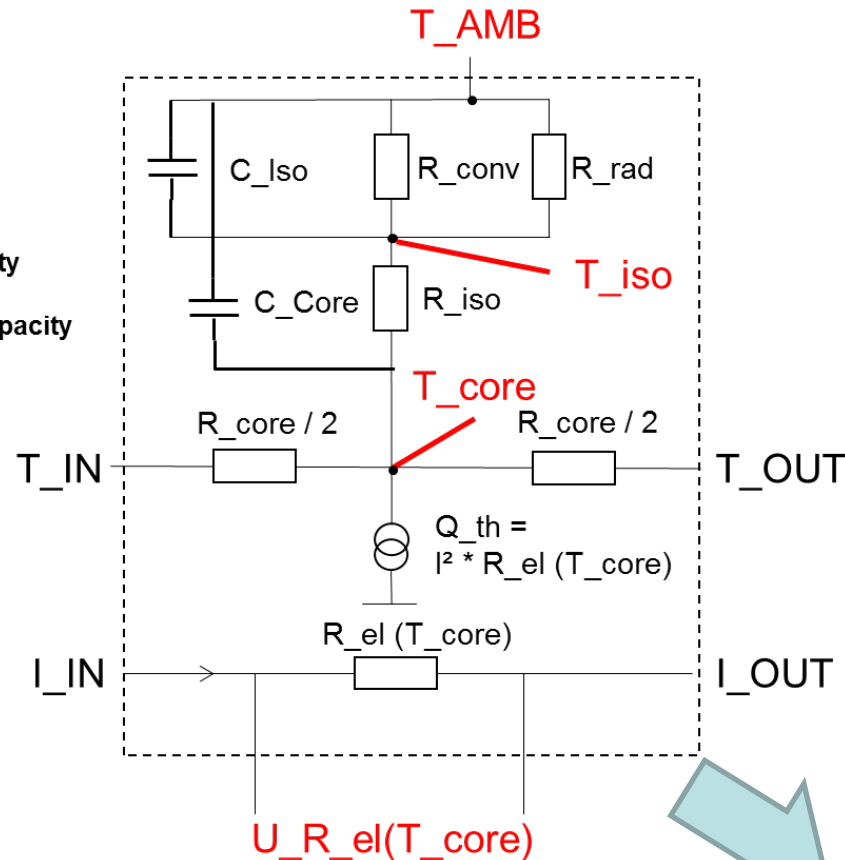
Boundary conditions:

In- and outlet temperature

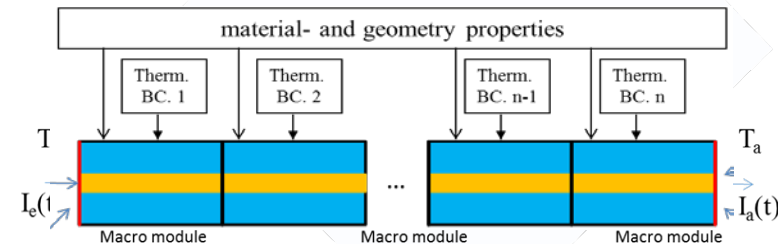
Ambient temperature

Heat transfer coefficient

Transient electrical load (e.g. PWM)



Macro model can be connected in series in respect to different thermal boundary conditions



# Parametric transient thermo-electric coupled PSPICE- model for a one-core cable

## Modeling

### PARAMETERS:

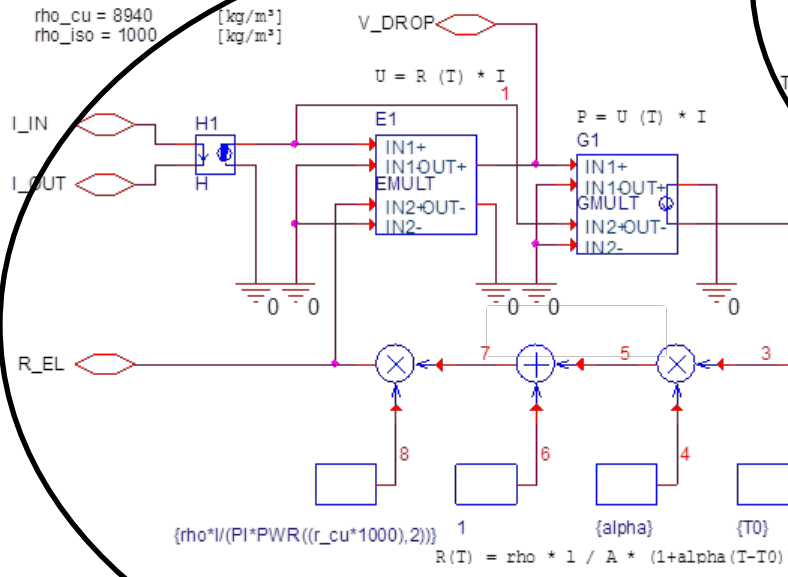
l = 0.01 [m]  
rho = {1/59} [Ohm\*mm<sup>2</sup>/m]  
alpha = 0.00385 [1/K]  
T0 = 20 [°C]

### PARAMETERS:

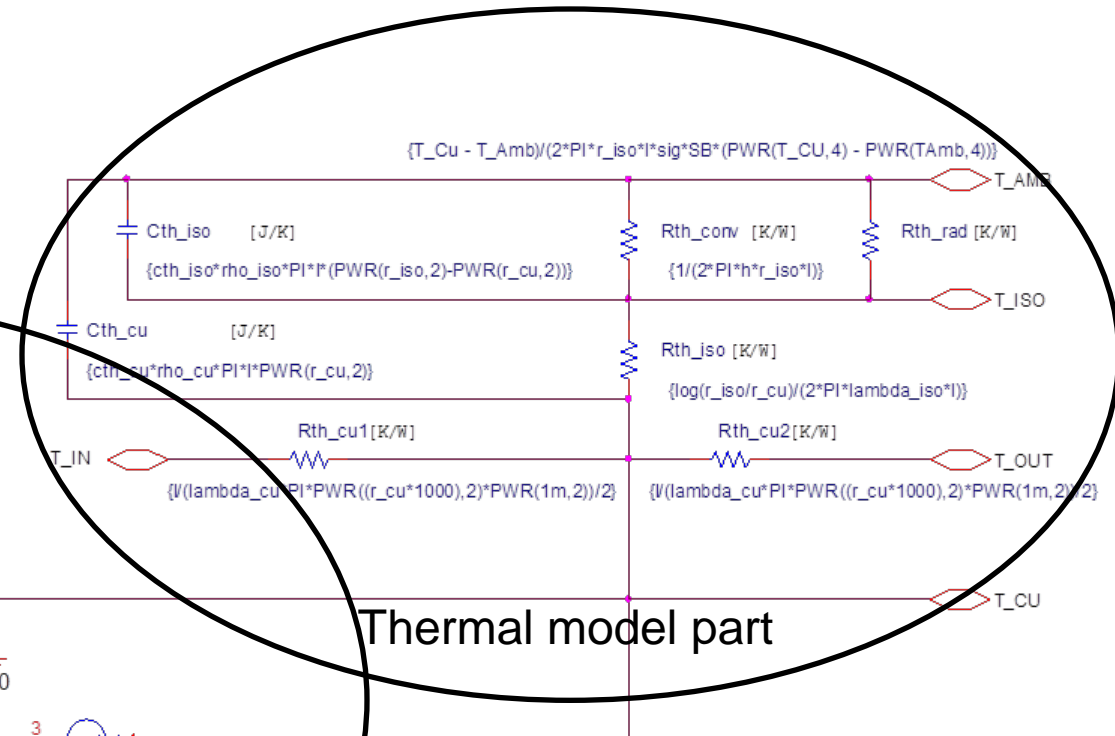
lambda\_cu = 400 [W/K\*m]  
lambda\_iso = 0.16 [W/K\*m]  
r\_cu = {0.5m/2} [m]  
r\_iso = {0.95m/2} [m]  
h = 10 [W/K\*m<sup>2</sup>]

### PARAMETERS:

cth\_cu = 382 [J/kg\*K]  
cth\_iso = 1 [J/kg\*K]  
  
rho\_cu = 8940 [kg/m<sup>3</sup>]  
rho\_iso = 1000 [kg/m<sup>3</sup>]

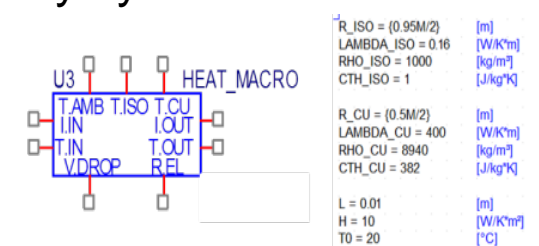


Electrical model part



Thermal model part

### Library symbol



# Parametric transient thermo-electric coupled PSPICE- model for a one-core cable

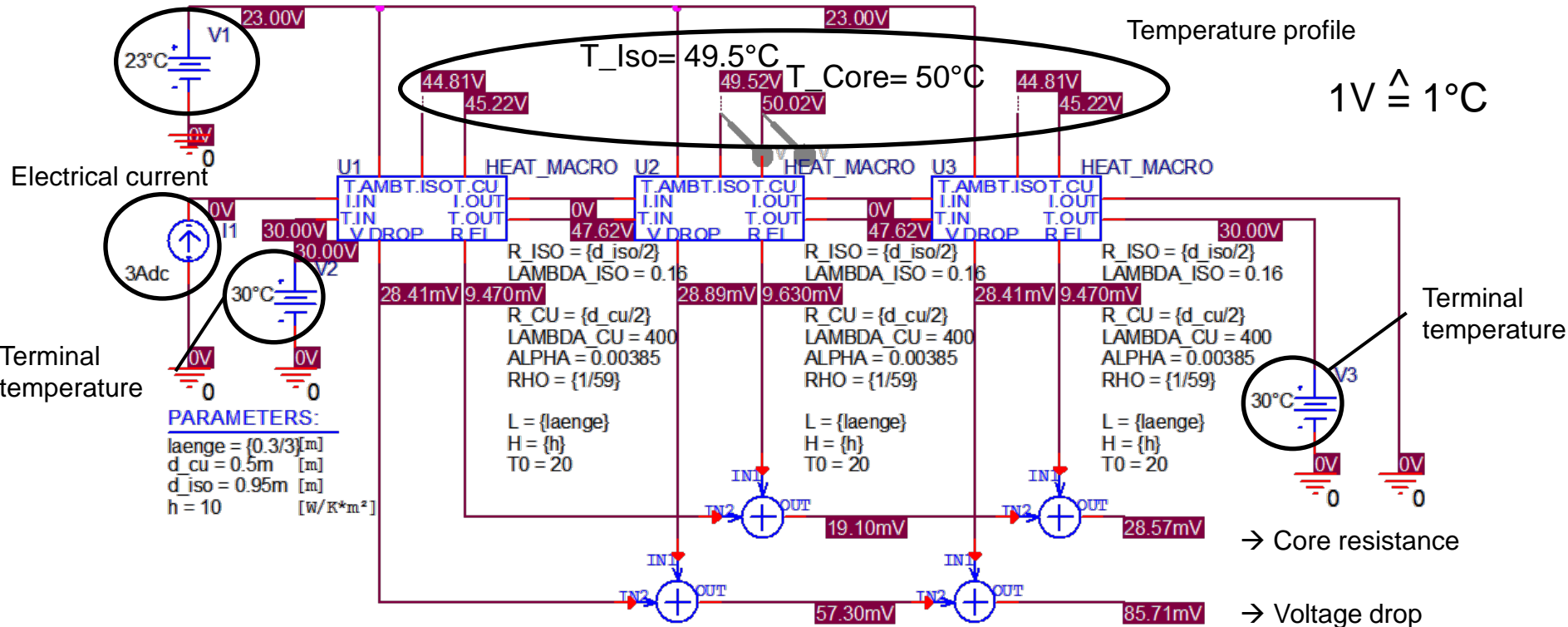
## Example: Discretization by three macro models

- Applying material and geometry data, electrical and thermal boundary conditions

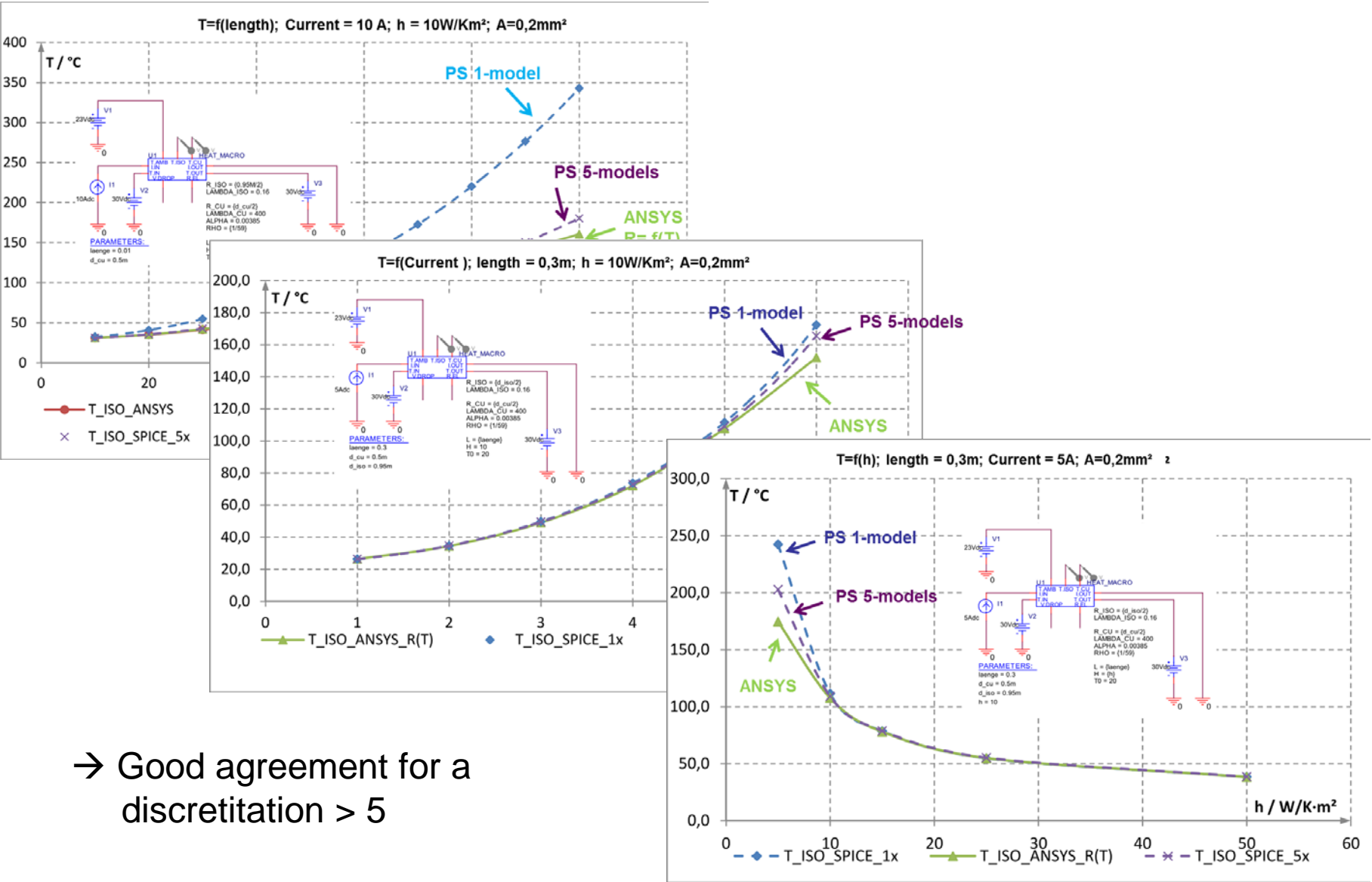
Ambient temperature

Temperature profile

$$1V \hat{=} 1^{\circ}C$$



# Static validation of PSPICE- and FE-Models for one-core cabel

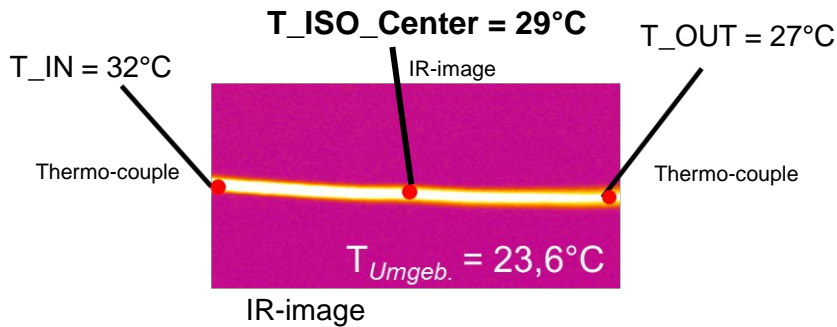


→ Good agreement for a discretisation > 5

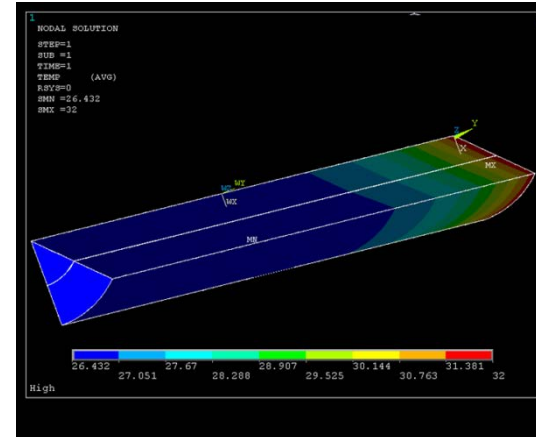
# Validation of PSPICE- and FE-model and Experiment

- BC:  $I = 3A$ ,  $h = 10 \text{ W/K m}^2$ ,  $l = 0,3 \text{ m}$ ,  $A = 0,2 \text{ mm}^2$   
 $T_{\text{AMB}} = 23,6^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $T_{\text{IN}} = 32^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $T_{\text{OUT}} = 27^\circ\text{C}$

Experiment:

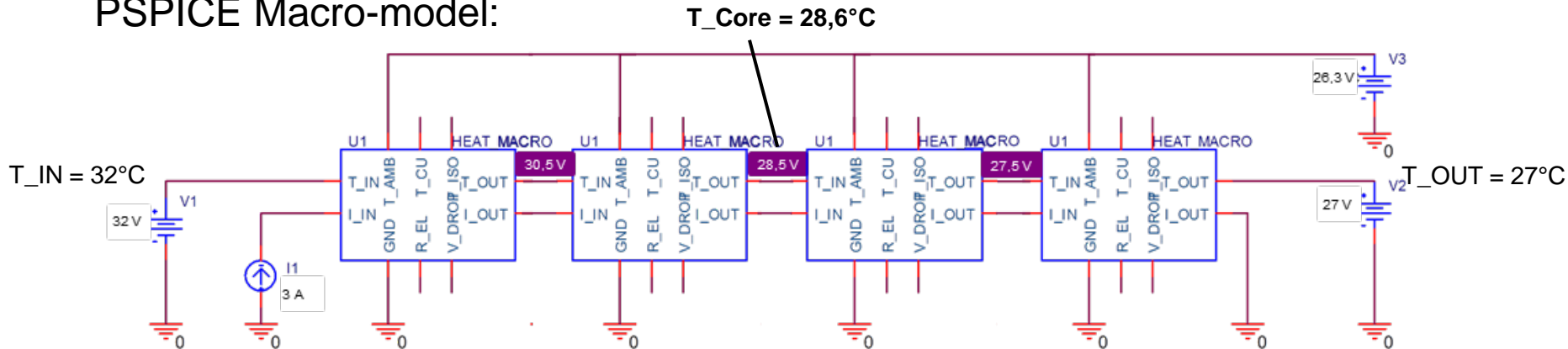


FE-model:



$T_{\text{IN}} = 32^\circ\text{C}$   
 $T_{\text{OUT}} = 27^\circ\text{C}$   
 $T_{\text{ISO\_CENTER}} = 26,56^\circ\text{C}$   
 $T_{\text{Core}} = 26,61^\circ\text{C}$

PSPICE Macro-model:

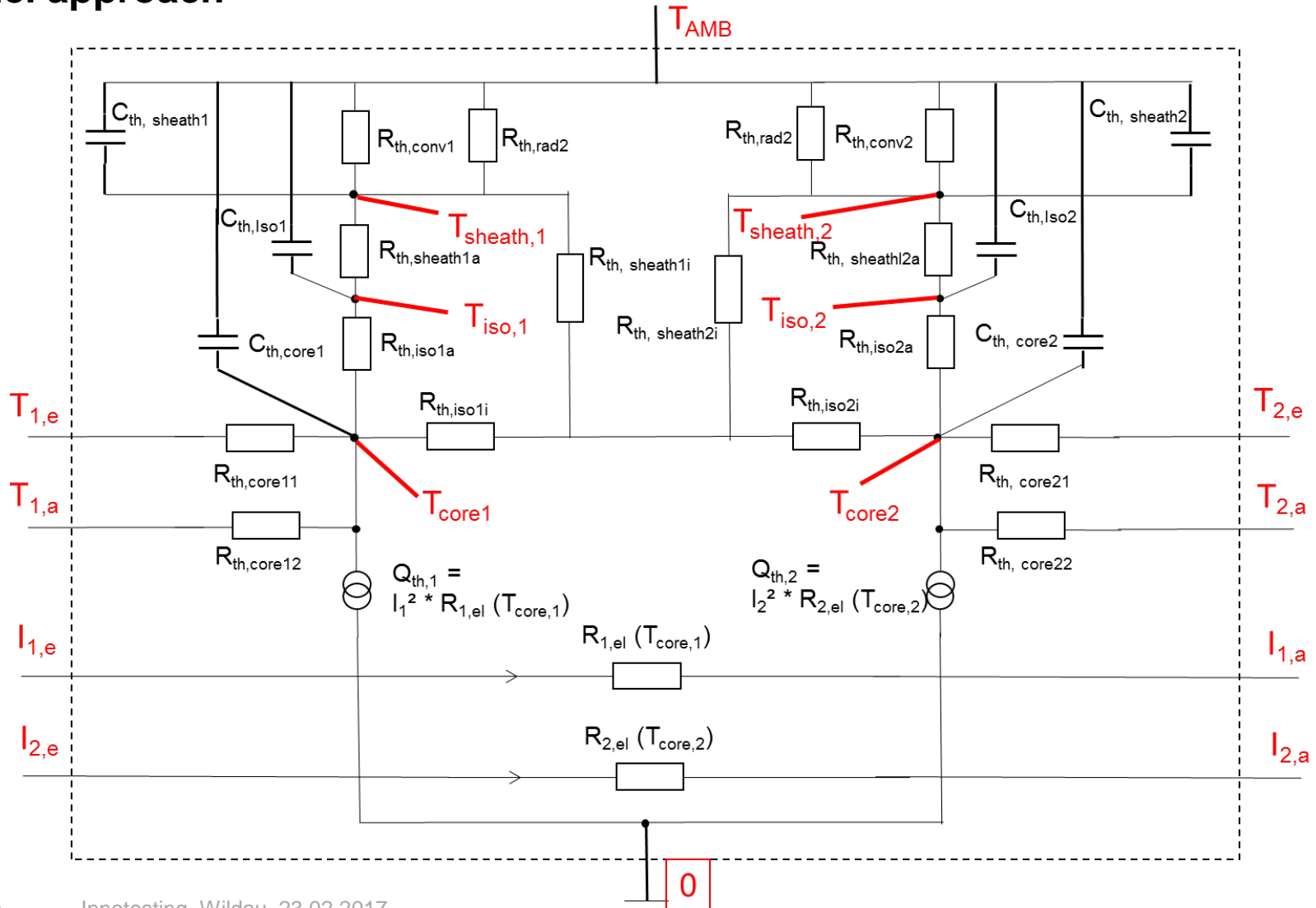


→ Error : Experiment vs. FE-Simulation ~ 8%

→ Error : Experiment vs. PSPICE-Simulation ~ 5%

# Parametric transient thermo-electric coupled PSPICE-model for a two-core cable

## Model approach

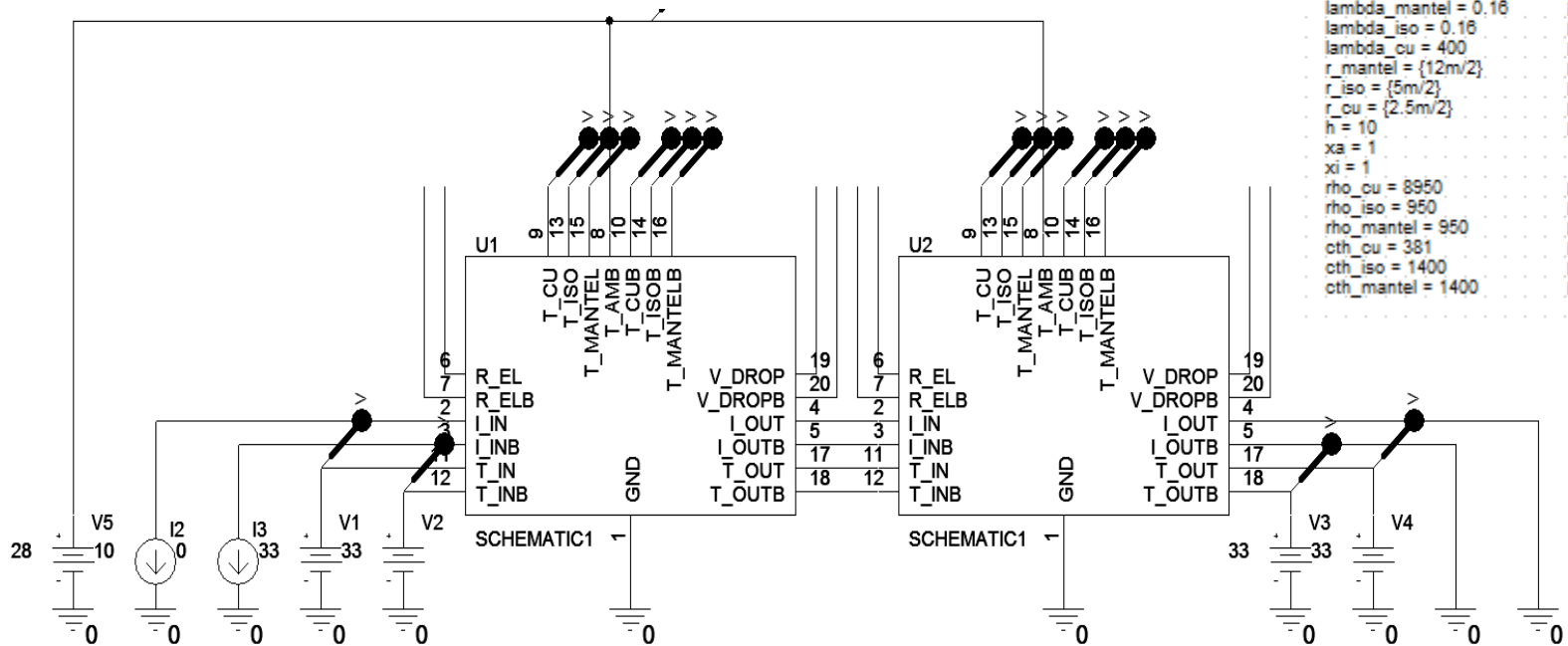




# Parametric transient thermo-electric coupled PSPICE-model for a two-core cable

## Example: Modeling and Simulation

I1 = 0  
I2 = 50  
TD = 0  
TR = 1u  
TF = 1u  
PW = 1000  
PER = 1000

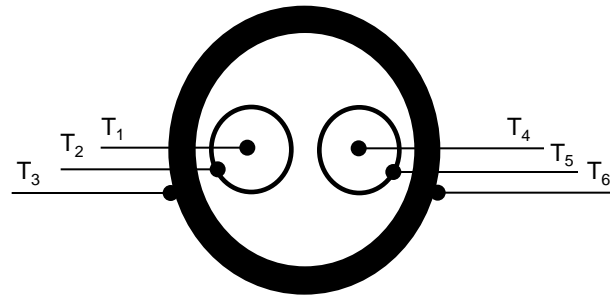


**PARAMETERS:**

$A = \{PI * PWR((r_{cu} * 1000), 2)\}$	[mm <sup>2</sup> ]
$l = 0.4$	[m]
$\rho = \{1/59\}$	[Ohm*mm <sup>2</sup> /m]
$\alpha = 0.00385$	[1/K]
$T0 = 20$	[°C]
Current = 50	[A]
$\lambda_{mantel} = 0.16$	[W/K*m]
$\lambda_{iso} = 0.16$	[W/K*m]
$\lambda_{cu} = 400$	[W/K*m]
$r_{mantel} = \{12m/2\}$	[m]
$r_{iso} = \{5m/2\}$	[m]
$r_{cu} = \{2.5m/2\}$	[m]
$h = 10$	[W/K*m <sup>2</sup> ]
$x_a = 1$	
$x_i = 1$	
$\rho_{cu} = 8950$	[g/m <sup>3</sup> ]
$\rho_{iso} = 950$	[g/m <sup>3</sup> ]
$\rho_{mantel} = 950$	[g/m <sup>3</sup> ]
$\alpha_{th_{cu}} = 381$	[Ws/Kg*K]
$\alpha_{th_{iso}} = 1400$	[Ws/Kg*K]
$\alpha_{th_{mantel}} = 1400$	[Ws/Kg*K]

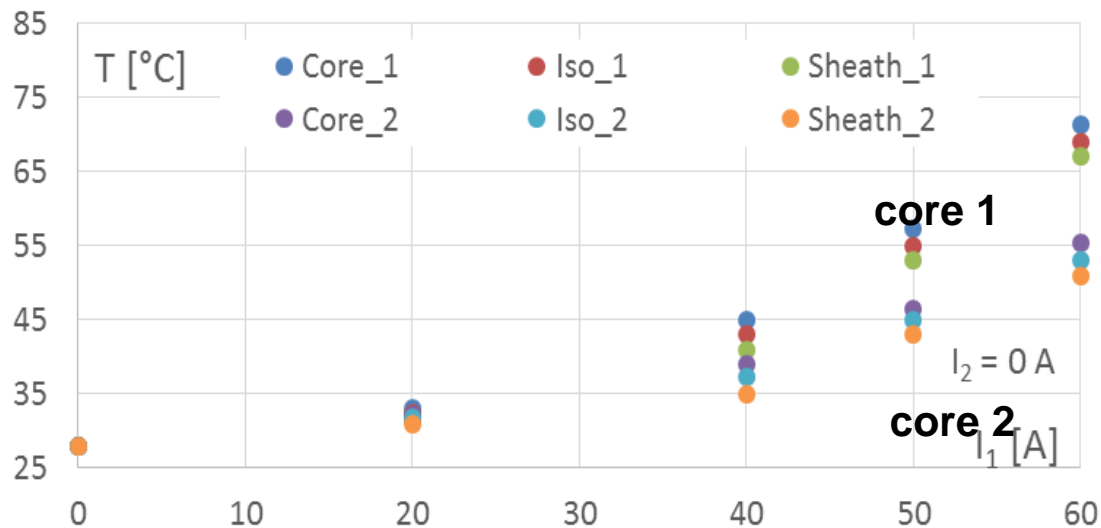
# Experiment

Position of NTC temperature sensors



Length  $l = 1$  m  
Cable surface  $A = 12$  mm<sup>2</sup>  
Natural convection

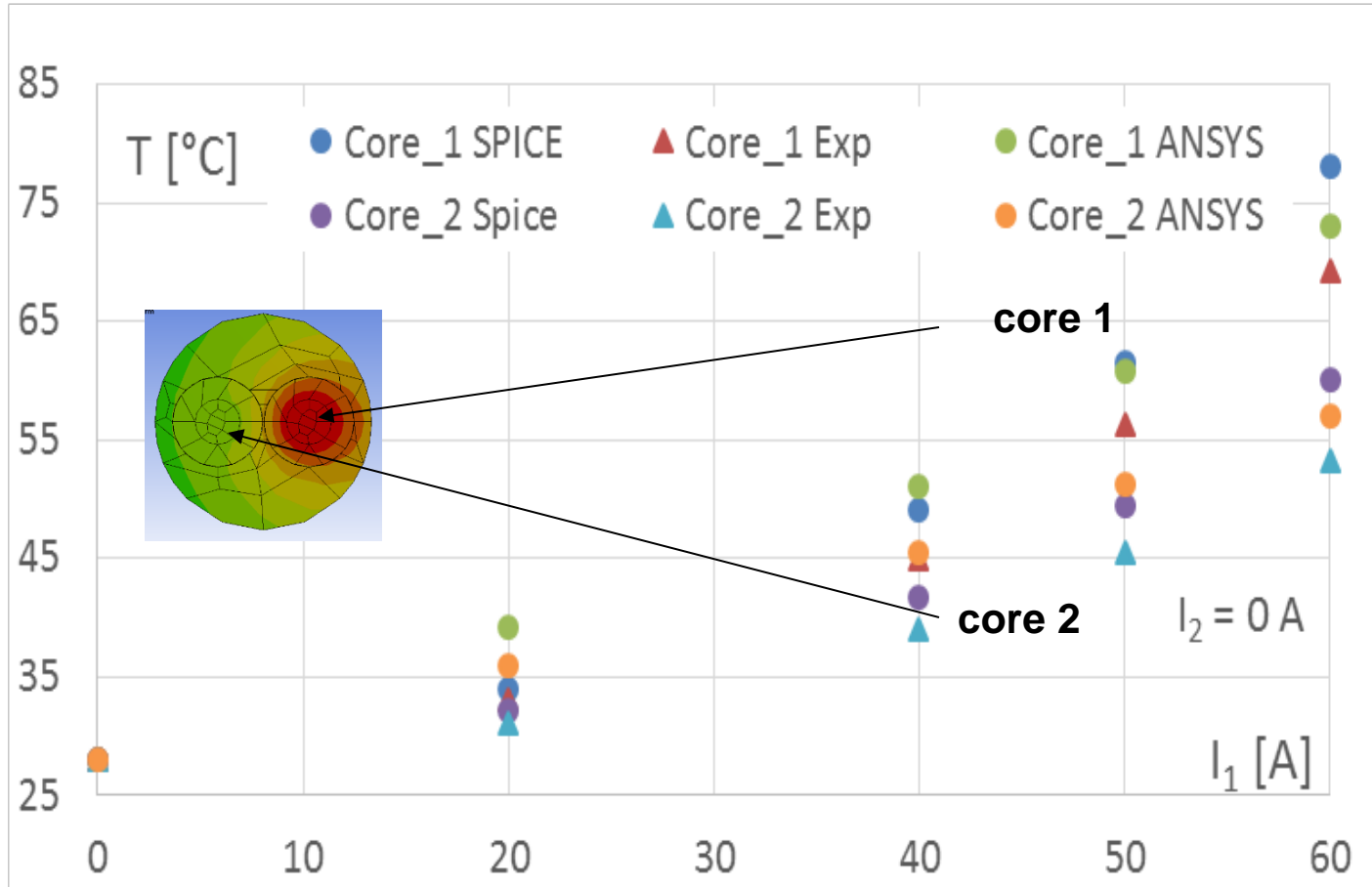
Result: temperature in respect to current through core1 (static)



→ Result plausible

# Comparison PSpice- / FE-model and Experiment (Static)

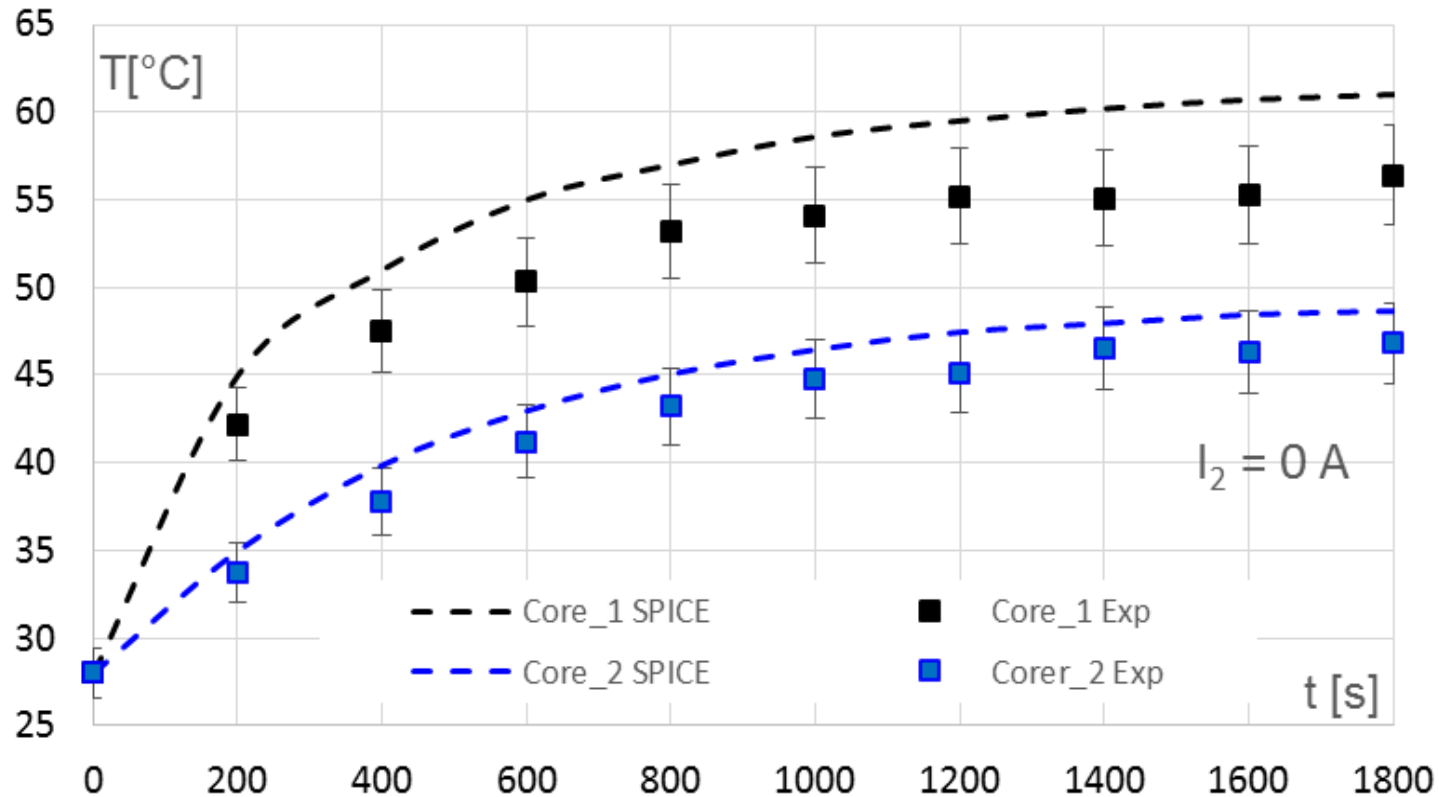
Cable core temperatures in respect to current through core 1



→ Static – acceptable agreement

# Comparison PSpice-model and Experiment (Transient)

Cable core temperature in respect to current in core1 for  $I = 50\text{ A}$



→ Transient - acceptable agreement

# Comparison PSpice-model and Experiment (Transient)

Comparison between the experiment, the ANSYS Model and the PSpice model after  $t = 1800$  s ( $T_{\text{Amb}} = 28$  °C,  $h_{\text{conv}} = 10$  W/mK).

	Experiment	PSpice
$T_{\text{core1, center}}$ [°C]	56.4	61
$T_{\text{core2, center}}$ [°C]	46.8	48.7
$T_{\text{IN}}$ [°C]	33	33
$T_{\text{OUT}}$ [°C]	33	33

→ Deviations are between 10% (active conductor) and 4% (passive conductor)

# Conclusion / Outlook

- First model approach of a one-core cable was successfully evaluated
  - Two-core cable model upgrade based on one-core cable approach
  - For system level investigations PSpice-library element are available
  - Experimental validation using NTC's, thermo-couples and IR-Thermography
  - Both, one and two core model approaches were validated by FE-model and experiment and have shown acceptable agreement for static and transient behavior
    - depends on discretization
- Experimental check-backs on real applications (looking for partners)
- Model extension for multi-core (> 2 cores) cable

detailed information in *International Journal of Engineering Research and Development*

→ <http://ijerd.com/paper/vol13-issue2/Version-1/G13214454.pdf> (open access)

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