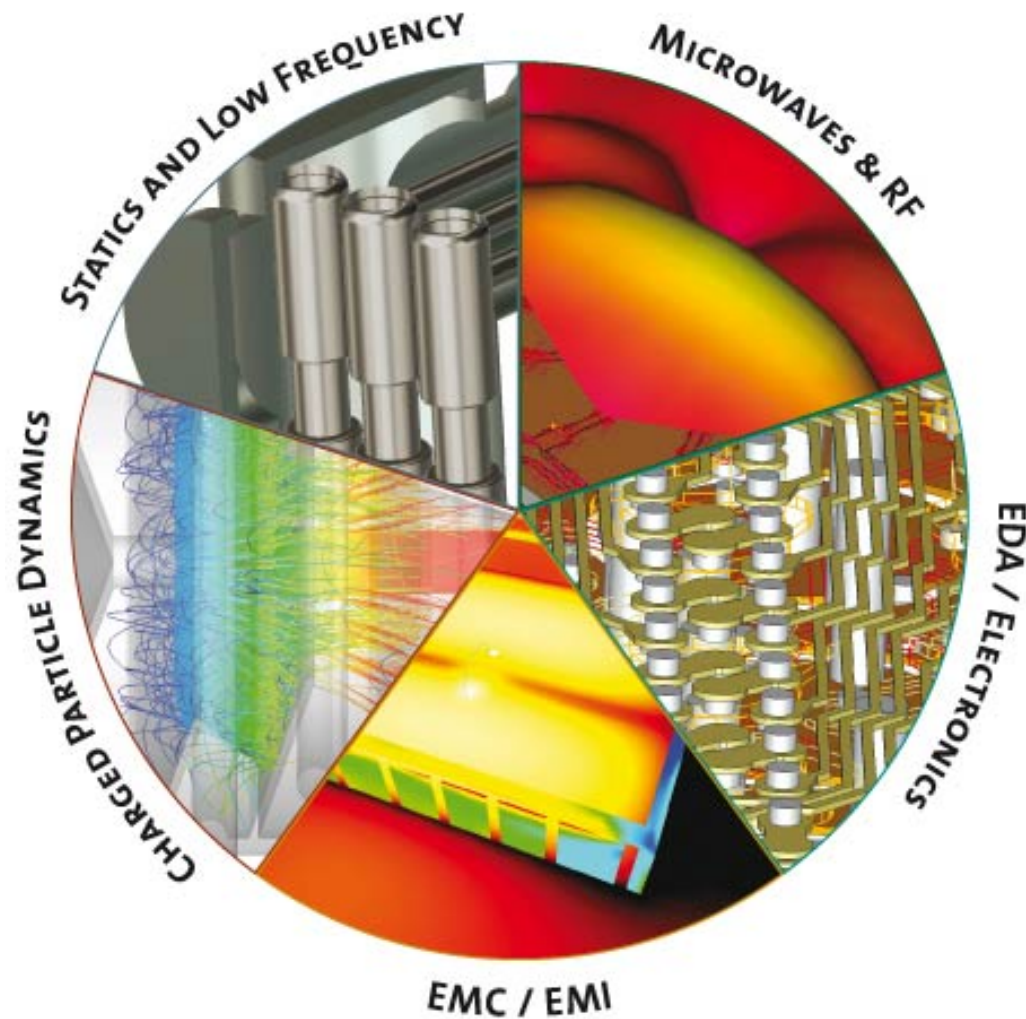


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WHY CST?

CST Studio Suite is a software used for the study of electromagnetic fields. It comprises tools for the design and optimization of accelerator devices operating in a wide range of frequencies, from static to optical. Analysis may also include thermal and mechanical effects, as well as circuit simulations.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

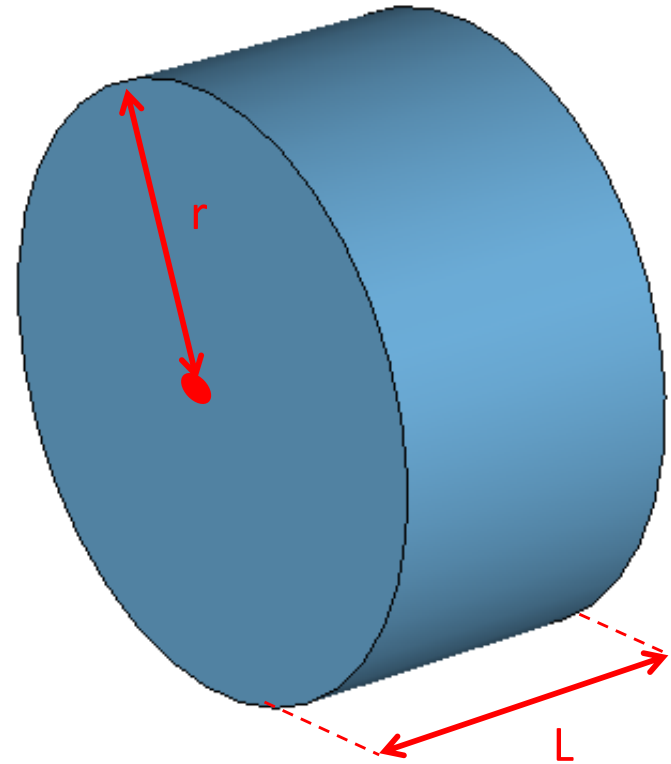
In this tutorial we are going to show, step by step, how to use CST in order to design a [pill-box cavity](#) and analyse its electromagnetic field. Particularly we will focus on the [resonant modes](#) of the cavity.

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SOME REMARKS BEFORE STARTING: WHAT'S A PILL-BOX CAVITY?

A **resonant cavity** or radio frequency (RF) cavity is a special type of resonator, consisting of a closed metal structure that confines electromagnetic fields inside it, storing their energy. They are used to accelerate the particle beam. The structure is either hollow or filled with dielectric material. The electromagnetic waves bounce back and forth between the walls of the cavity. At the cavity's resonant frequencies they reinforce themselves forming standing waves fields.

A **pill-box cavity** is a particular kind of resonant cavity with cylindrical shape.



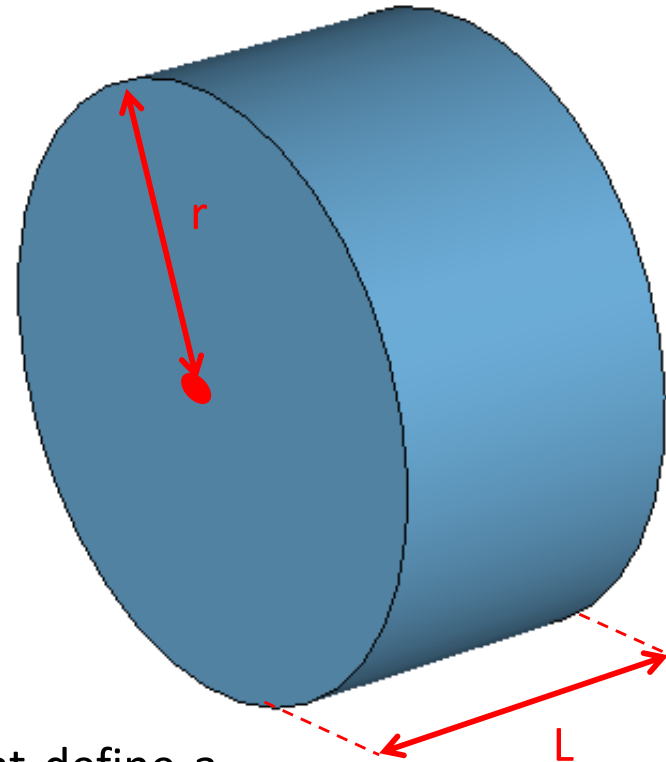
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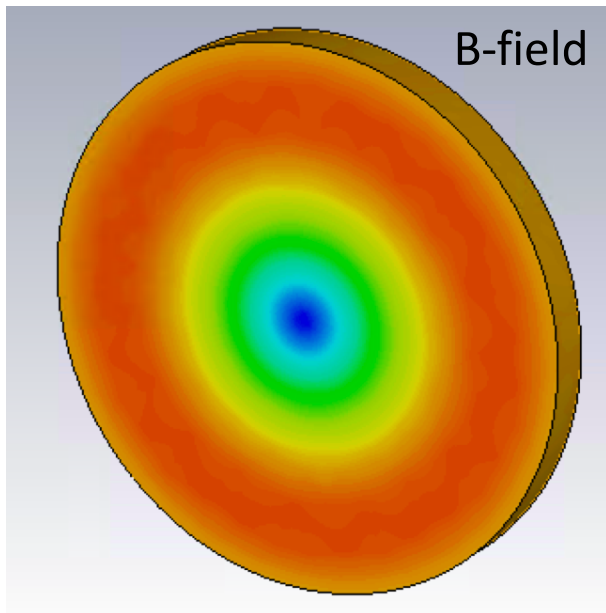
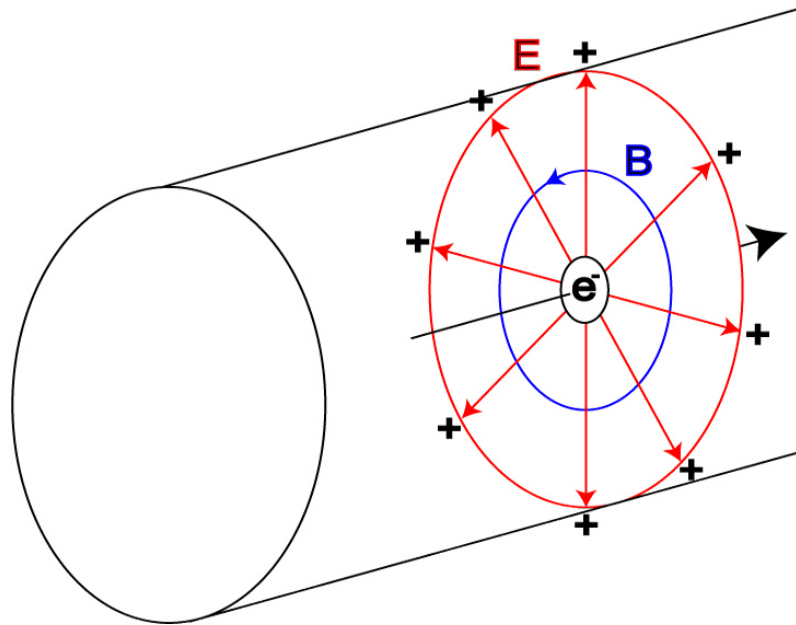
In order to accelerate the particles that pass throughout the cavity, particular kind of resonant modes are used: the so-called transverse magnetic (TM). They have the electric field component directed along the axis of the cylinder, and take place when the cavity is excited with particular frequencies:

$$f_{nml} = \frac{c}{2\pi} \sqrt{\left(\frac{p_{nm}}{r}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{l\pi}{L}\right)^2}$$

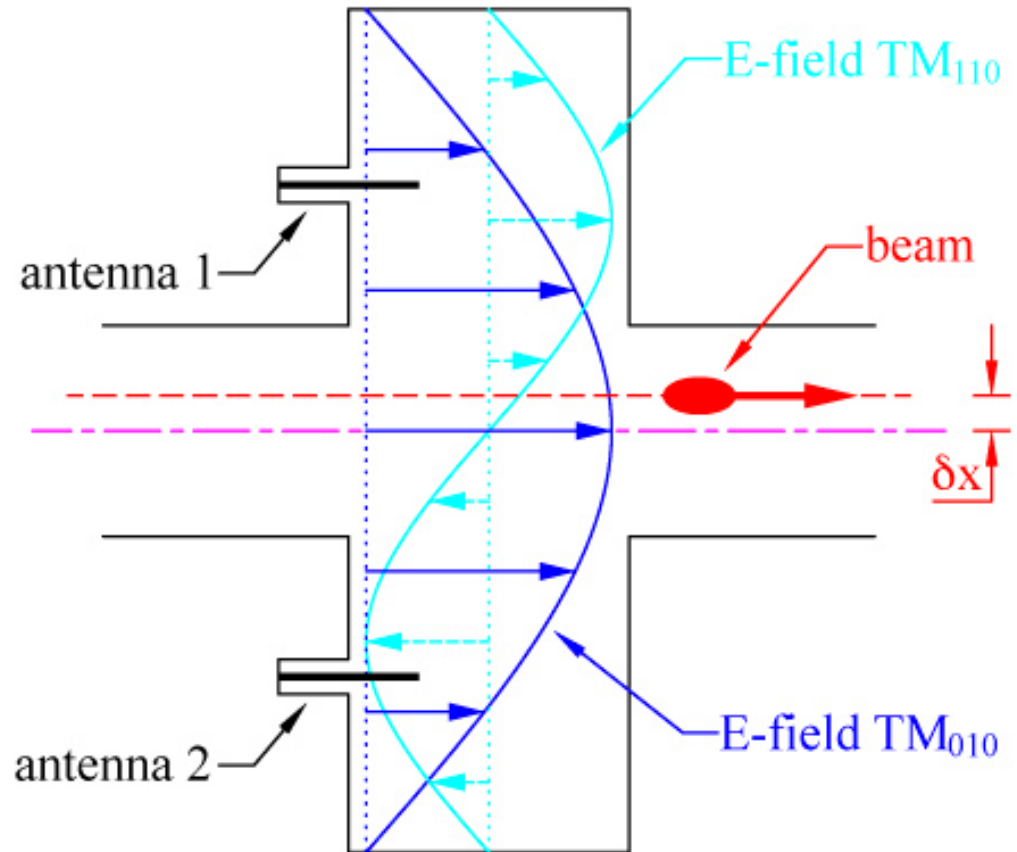
- c is the speed of light
- n, m, l are the mode numbers. They are integers that define a given TM mode (the most used is $n=0, m=1, l=0$)
- p_{nm} is the m -th zero of the Bessel's function of n -th order
- r, L are the geometrical dimensions of the cavity



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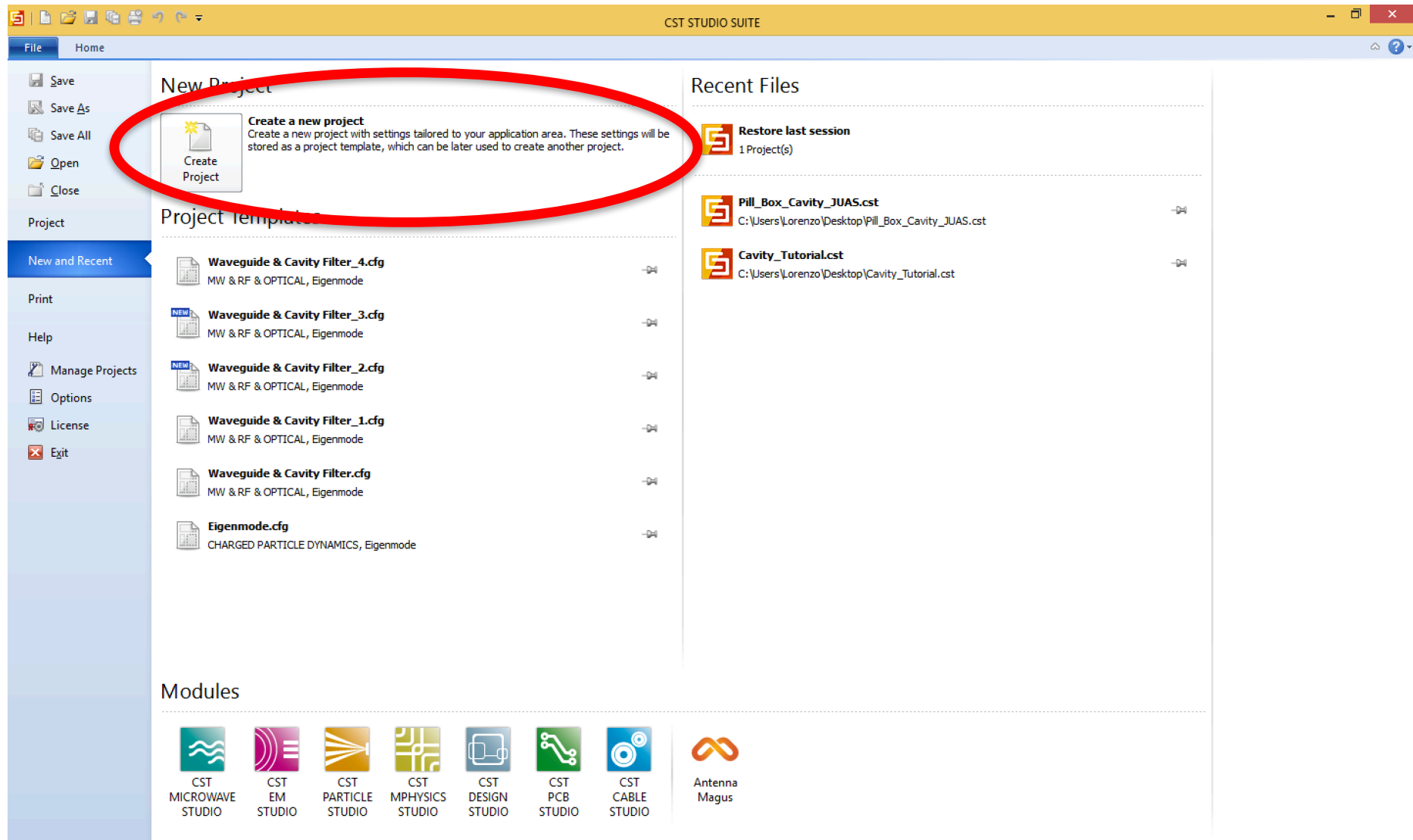
TM modes



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Open CST studio suite and select “Create a new Project”



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Thus let's select MW & RF & Optical -> Circuit & Components -> Waveguides & Cavity Filters

The image displays two screenshots from the CST Studio Suite software interface, illustrating the steps to select a simulation template for a pill-box cavity.

Left Screenshot: "Create a new template"

This window prompts the user to "Choose an application area and then select one of the workflows:". On the left, a circular menu lists application areas: "STATICS AND LOW FREQUENCY", "MW & RF & OPTICAL", "EMC / EMI", "EDA / ELECTRONICS", and "CHARGED PARTICLE DYNAMICS". The "MW & RF & OPTICAL" area is highlighted with a red circle. A red arrow points from this circle to the "Circuit & Components" workflow option in the list on the right. Other workflow options include "Antennas", "Radar Cross Section", "Biomedical, Exposure, SAR", "Optical Applications", and "Periodic Structures".

Right Screenshot: "Create a new template"

This window shows the next step: "Please select a workflow:". The breadcrumb path is "MW & RF & OPTICAL | Circuit & Components". The "Waveguide & Cavity Filters" workflow is highlighted with a red circle. Other available workflows include "Planar Filters", "Waveguide Couplers & Dividers", "Planar Couplers & Dividers", "Coaxial (TEM) Connectors", "Multipin - shielded Connectors", "Multipin - unshielded Connectors", and "Packages".

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Then we select “Eigenmode”. After that we chose the working dimensional units (cm, GHz, s, Kelvin) and name the file as: Pill_Box_Modes

The image displays three sequential screenshots of the CST Studio Suite 'Create a new template' dialog box, illustrating the configuration process for a Pill-Box Cavity simulation.

Top Left Screenshot: Shows the 'Create a new template' dialog with the 'Solvers' tab selected. The 'Eigenmode' solver is highlighted with a red oval. The description for Eigenmode is 'to study input or inter-resonator coupling'. Other solvers include 'Frequency Domain (Fast Reduced Order)' and 'Frequency Domain (Fast Reduced Order - Hex.)'.

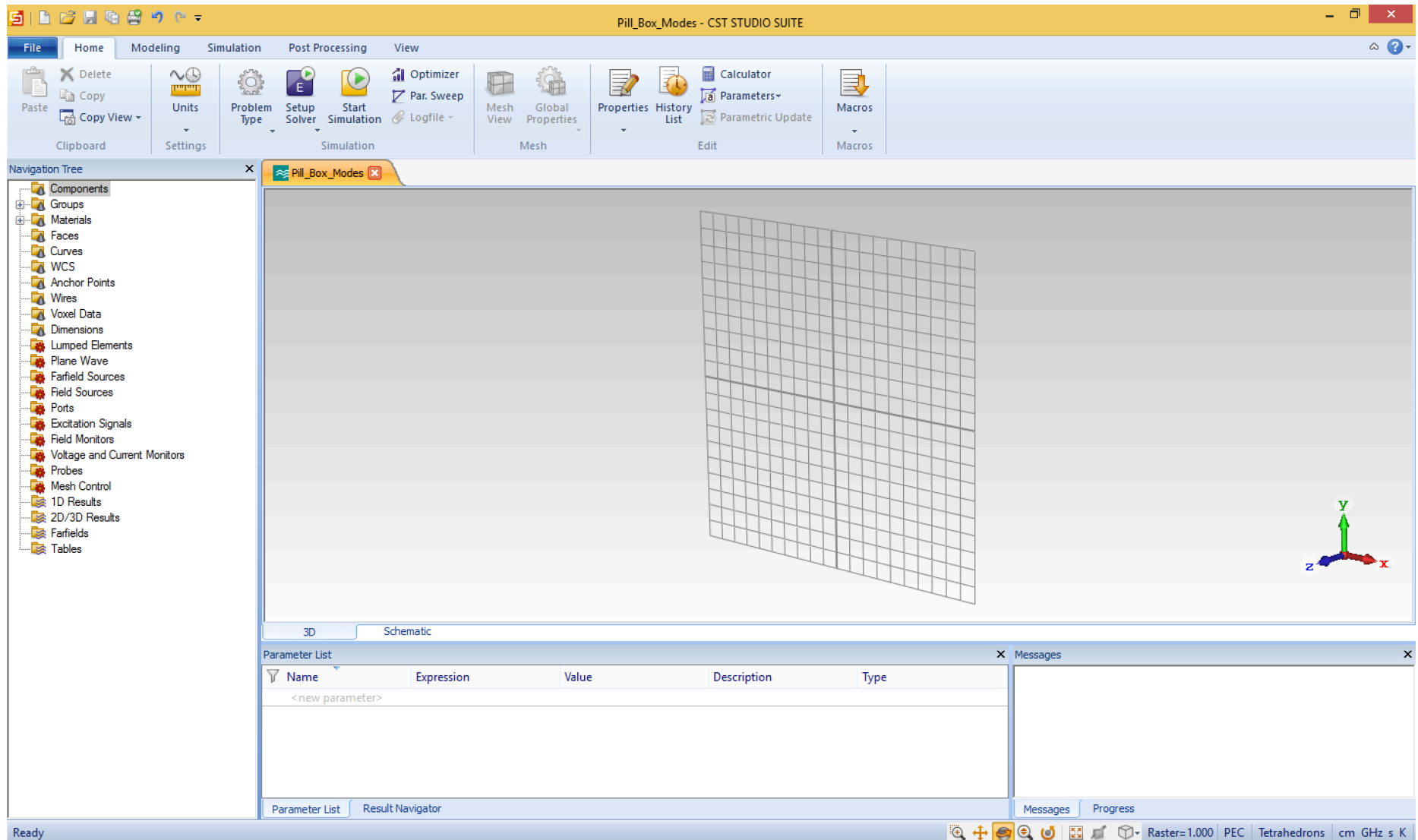
Top Right Screenshot: Shows the 'Please select the units:' dialog. The units are set to: Dimensions: cm, Frequency: GHz, Time: s, Temperature: Kelvin, Voltage: V, Current: A, Resistance: Ohm, Conductance: S, Inductance: nH, and Capacitance: pF. This entire dialog is circled in red.

Bottom Screenshot: Shows the 'Please review your choice and click 'Finish' to create the template:' dialog. The 'Template Name' is 'Pill_Box_Modes', which is circled in red. Below the name, a preview of the Pill-Box Cavity is shown, along with the selected solver (Eigenmode) and units (Dimensions: cm, Frequency: GHz, Time: s, Temperature: Kelvin).

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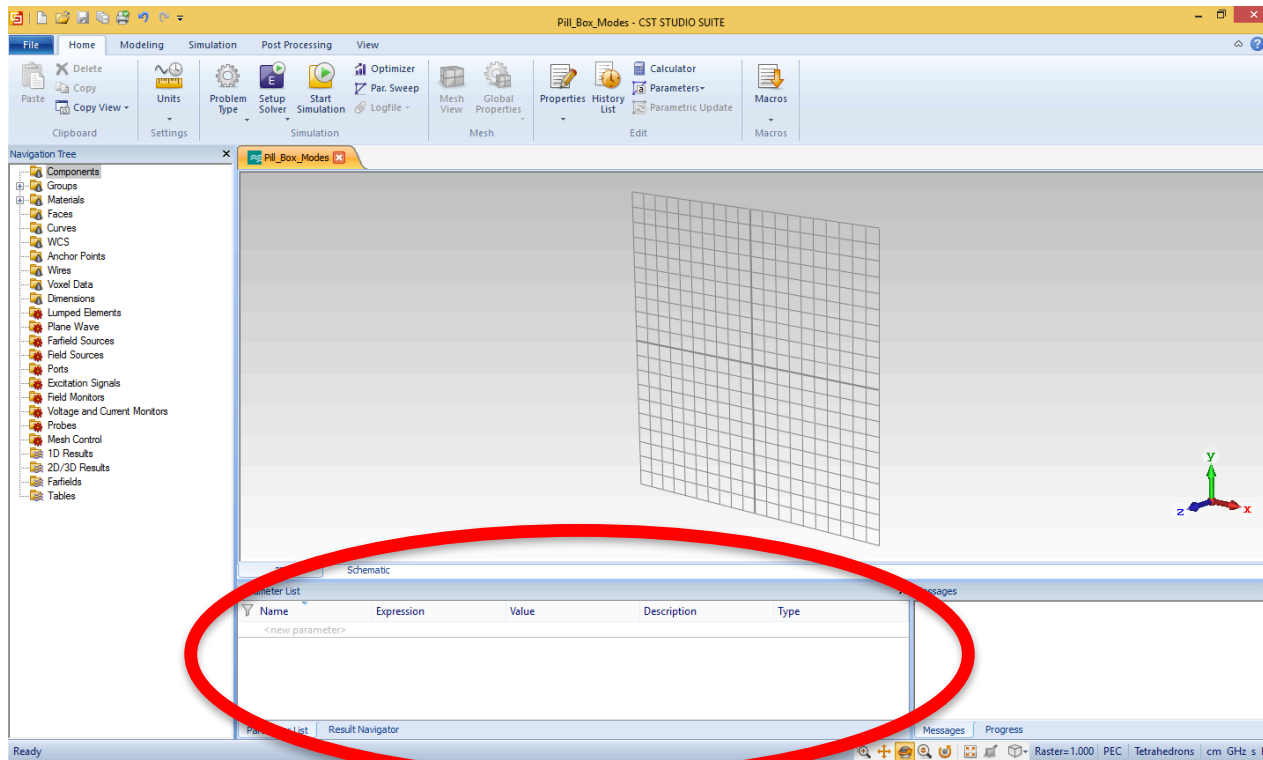
READY TO GO!

You should now see a screen like this one.



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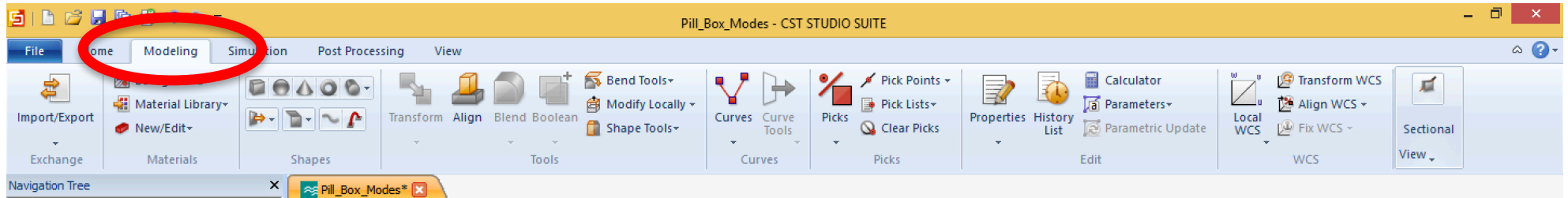
Let's now introduce the geometrical dimension of the Pill Box as parameters. This will allow to modify the entire model in future. It is possible to enter the parameter name, its expression (it could be a value, according to the dimensional units previously selected, or a combination of other parameters), its description and its type.

Name	Expression	Value	Description	Type
r	= 30	30	Pill Box Radius	Length
L	5	5	Pill Box Length	Length
<new parameter>				

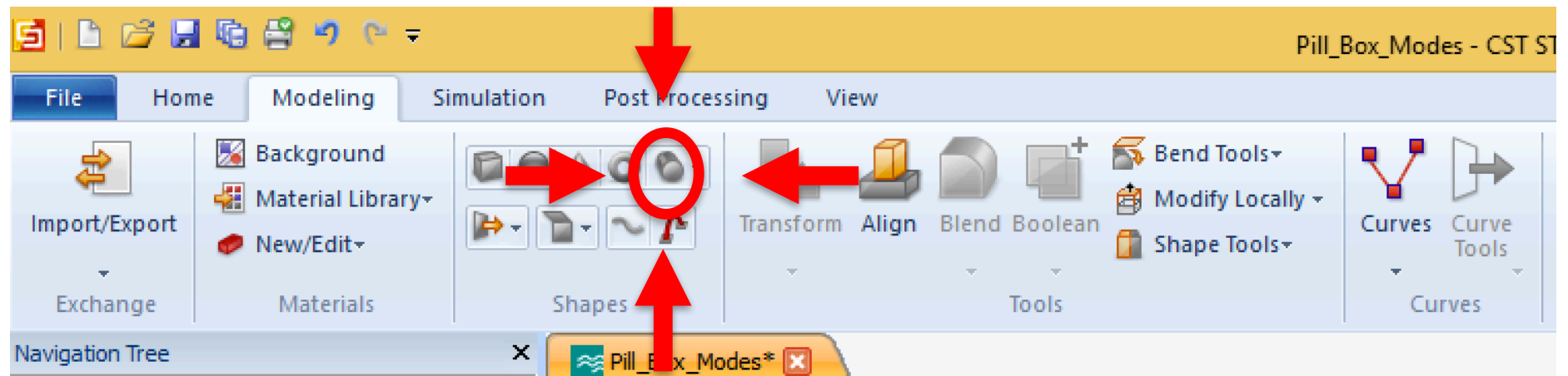
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Now let's click on Modelling item on the top menu



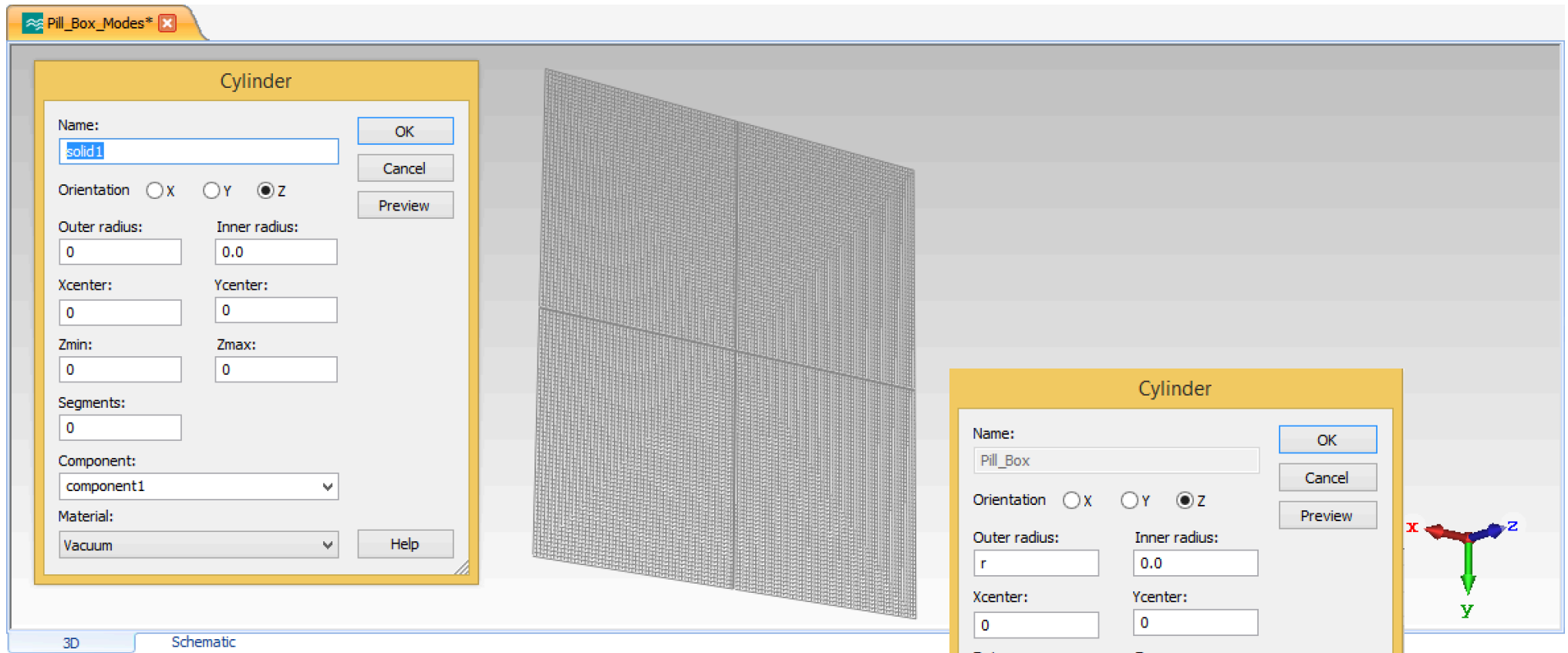
Then let's select the Cylinder



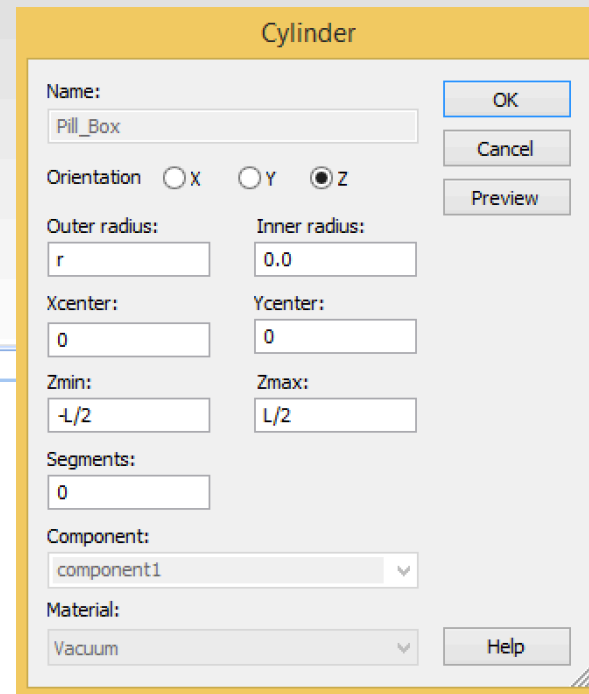
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Press esc. You should see the following window.



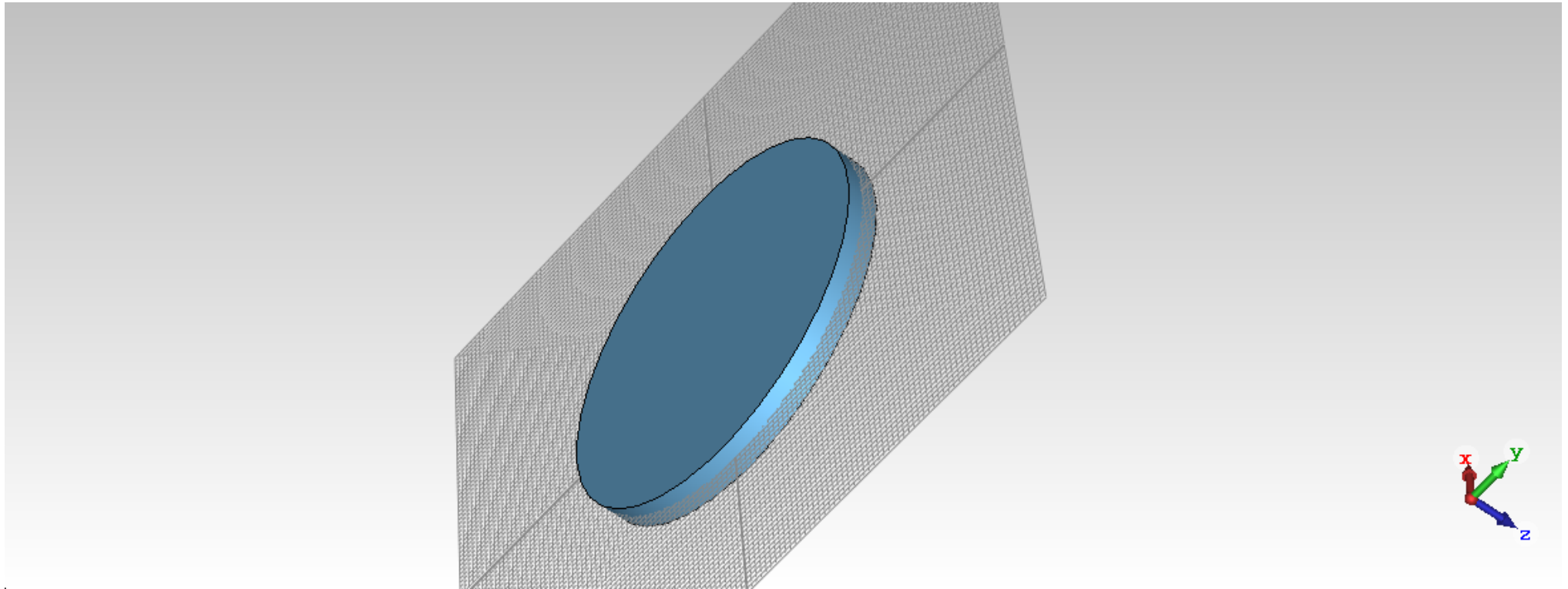
Fill the Windows as shown
and press OK



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This is our Pill Box!



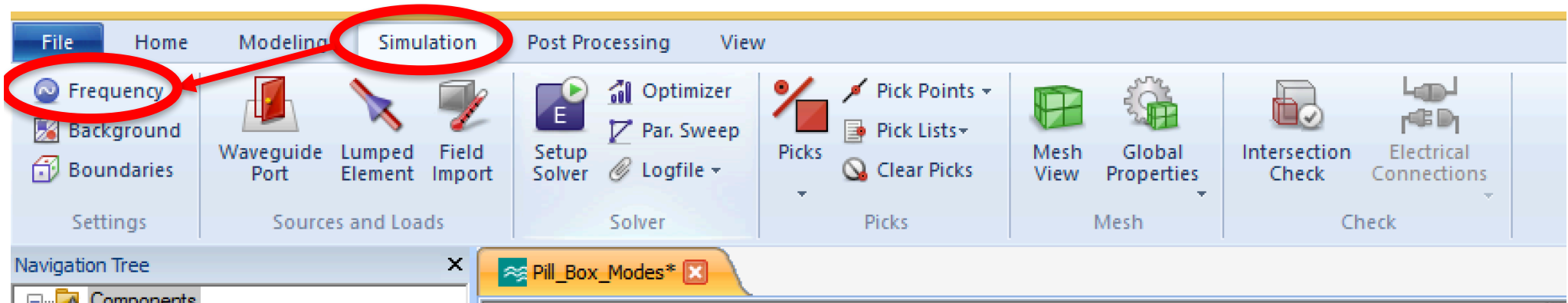
Geometry is done!

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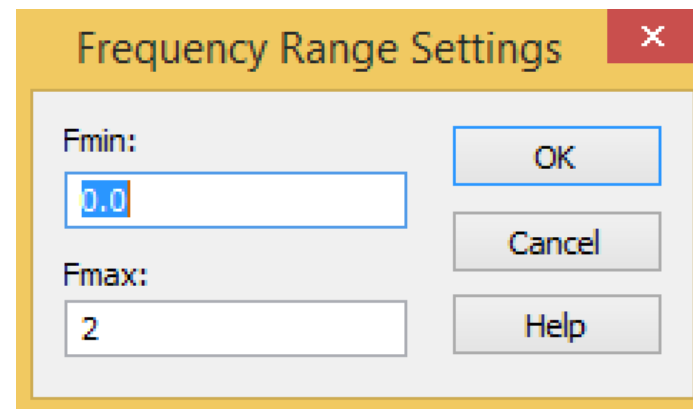
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Let's move to the electromagnetic field simulations.

Click on "Simulations" on the top menu



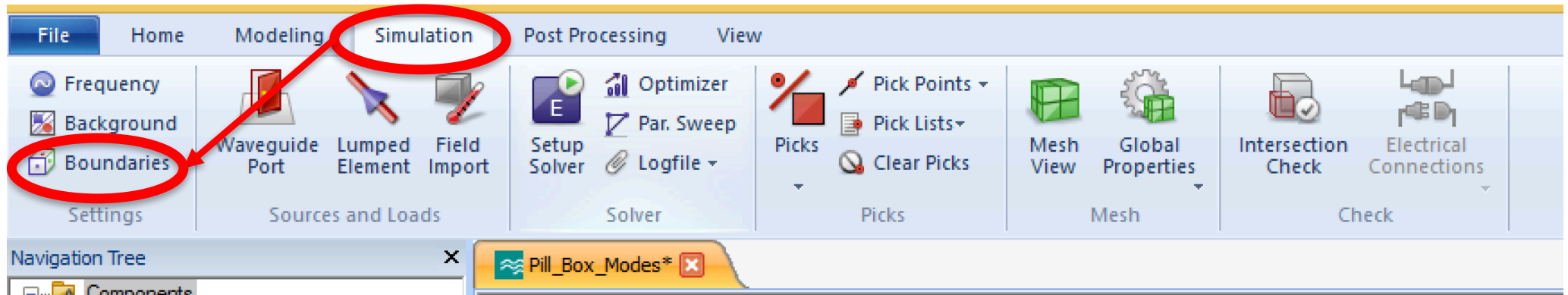
Then select "Frequency". It will appear a window to set the frequency range where you would like to study the field. We consider frequencies it between 0 and 2 GHz



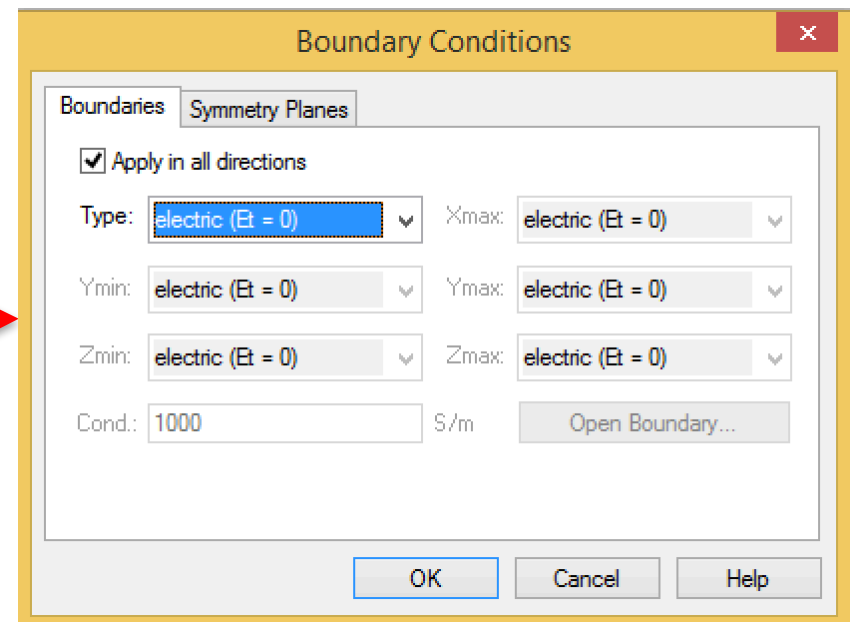
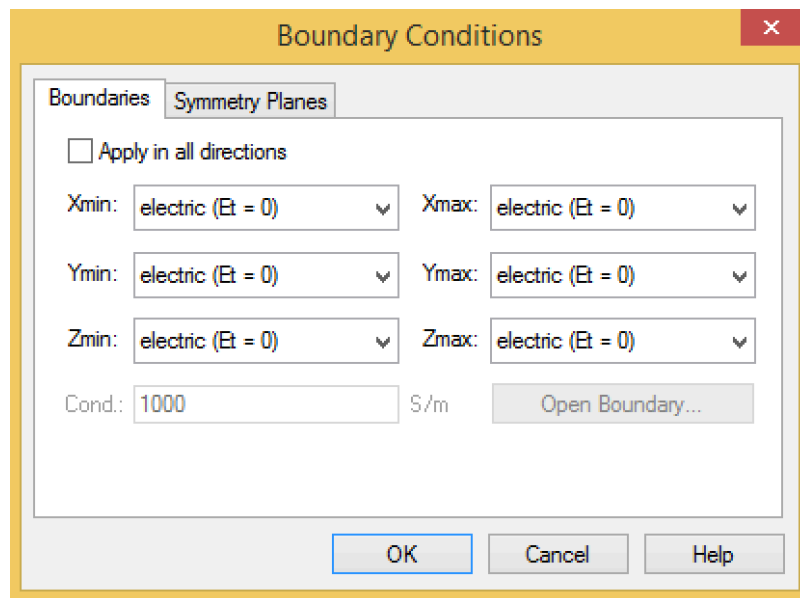
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Still from the “Simulation” bar click on Settings -> Boundaries in order to set the boundary conditions



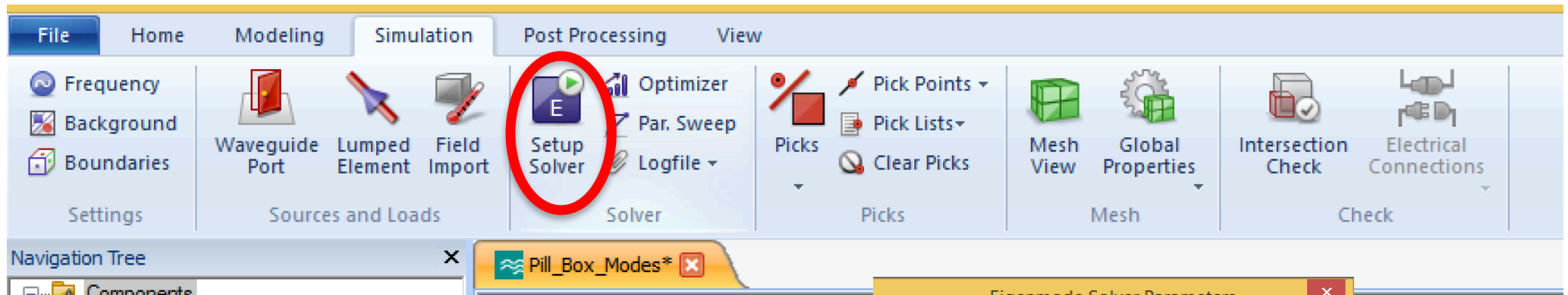
Particularly, in order to find the TM modes let's impose the condition of zero tangential electric field at the wall, as shown below:



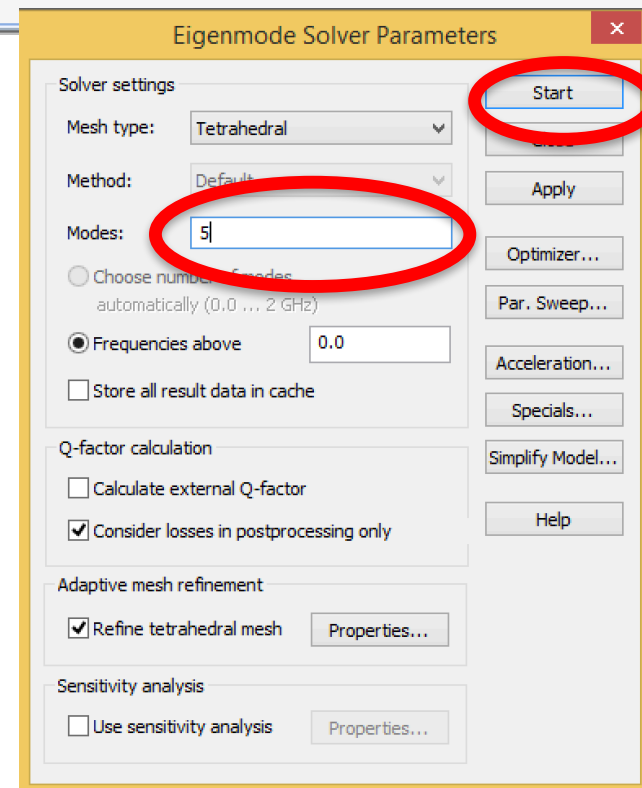
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Now we are ready, from the “Simulation” bar click on “Setup Solver”



Let's modify the number of modes from one to five and click on Start



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The results are on the navigation tree.

Clicking on the “2D/3D Results” folder we can see the E-field (e), the B-field(h) and some other features for every computed mode. Below the E-field of the mode 1 is reported.

The screenshot displays the CST Studio Suite interface. The navigation tree on the left shows the hierarchy of the simulation, with the "2D/3D Results" folder highlighted in red. The central 3D plot area shows the E-field distribution for Mode 1 (peak) in a pill-box cavity. The field is visualized as a vector field with a color scale ranging from 0 to 7.72e+06 V/m. The bottom panel shows the parameter list and messages.

Mode 1 (peak)

3D Maximum [V/m]:	7.722e+06
Frequency:	0.3824756
Phase:	123.75

Parameter List

Name	Expression	Value	Description	Type
r	= 30	30	Pill Box Radius	Length
L	5	5	Pill Box Length	Length

Messages

Mode	Frequency	Accuracy
1	0.3824756 GHz	7.348e-007
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3	0.6094198 GHz	4.322e-008

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Let's note that CST gives also the mode frequencies

The screenshot displays the CST Studio Suite interface. The main window shows a 3D plot of the electric field distribution within a pill-box cavity. The color scale on the right indicates the field strength in V/m, ranging from 0 to 7.72e+06. The left sidebar shows the navigation tree with various simulation components. The bottom panel shows the parameter list and a table of mode frequencies.

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5	0.8167976 GHz	4.486e-007

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In this simple case we can compare some analytical results with the numerical ones. Let's start with the frequencies. Recalling their expression:

$$f_{nml} = \frac{c}{2\pi} \sqrt{\left(\frac{p_{nm}}{r}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{l\pi}{L}\right)^2}$$

Using the values

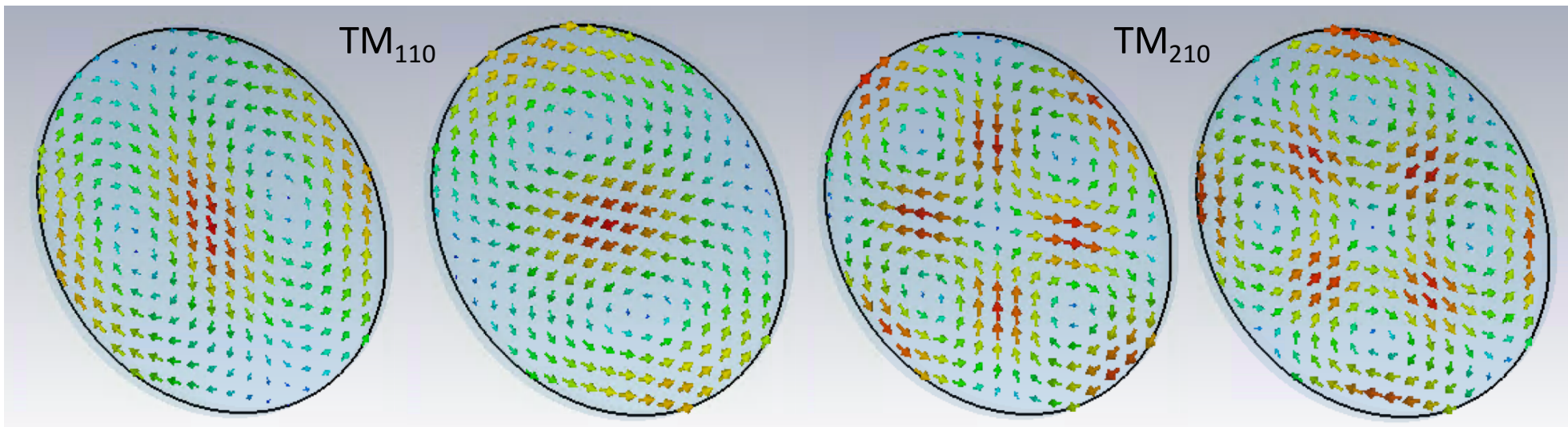
		n					
		0	1	2	3	4	5
m	1	2.4048	3.8317	5.1356	6.3802	7.5883	8.7715
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	3	8.6537	10.1735	11.6198	13.0152	14.3725	15.7002
	4	11.7915	13.3237	14.7960	16.2235	17.6160	18.9801
	5	14.9309	16.4706	17.9598	19.4094	20.8269	22.2178

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Mode	CST Frequency (GHz)	CST Frequency Accuracy (GHz)	Analytical Frequency (GHz)
TM_{010} (n=0,m=1,l=0)	0.3824756	7.348e-007	0.3824751
TM_{110} (n=1,m=1,l=0)	0.6094185	8.094e-008	0.6094131
TM_{210} (n=2,m=1,l=0)	0.8167935	3.173e-007	0.8167942

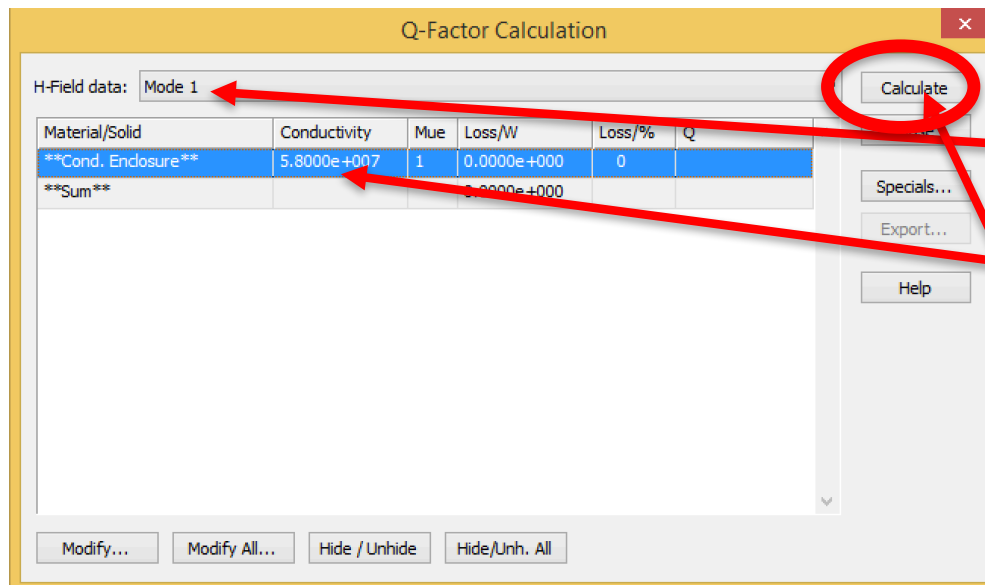
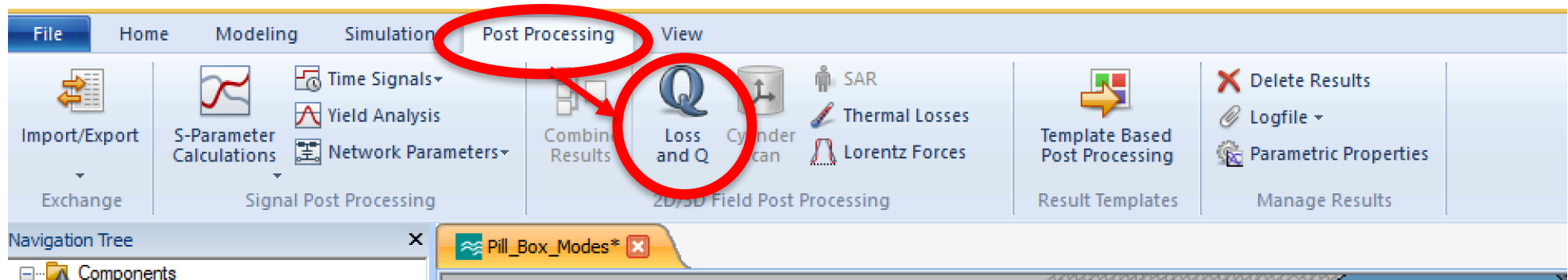
NB: the modes TM_{110} and TM_{210} are not azimuthally symmetric and have two states of polarization:



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CST is also capable of computing the Q-factor of a cavity given the material conductivity. In order to do this let's click on Post Processing (top menu) -> Loss and Q



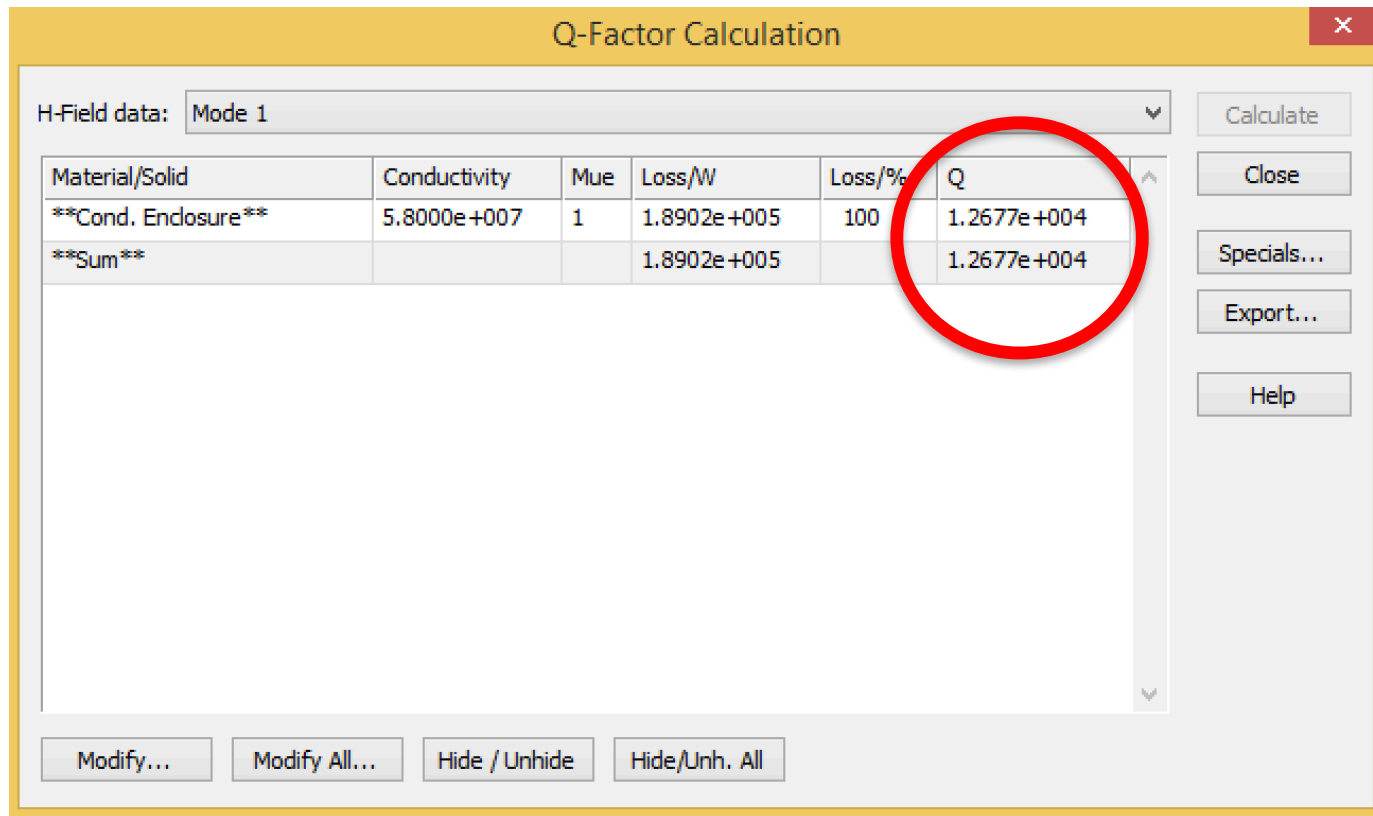
Then, from the appearing window:

- select the mode you want to analyse
- Set the conductivity of the cavity material (according to the dimensional units previously selected), copper is by default.
- Finally click on "Calculate"

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Then, on the Q column, you have the quality factor of the mode.



The screenshot shows the 'Q-Factor Calculation' dialog box. The 'H-Field data' dropdown is set to 'Mode 1'. The table below displays the following data:

Material/Solid	Conductivity	Mue	Loss/W	Loss/%	Q
Cond. Endosure	5.8000e+007	1	1.8902e+005	100	1.2677e+004
Sum			1.8902e+005		1.2677e+004

The 'Q' column values are circled in red. The dialog also includes buttons for 'Calculate', 'Close', 'Specials...', 'Export...', 'Help', 'Modify...', 'Modify All...', 'Hide / Unhide', and 'Hide/Unh. All'.

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As for the frequencies, we can compare the obtained value of the Q-factor with the computed ones. In order to do this, let's briefly recall some theoretical results for a pill-box. In particular, in cylindrical coordinates, the magnetic and electric fields can be written as (From CERN-94-01-V1, page 253 and following):

$$E_z = k_2^2 \cos(k_1 z) J_n(k_2 \rho) \cos(n\theta)$$

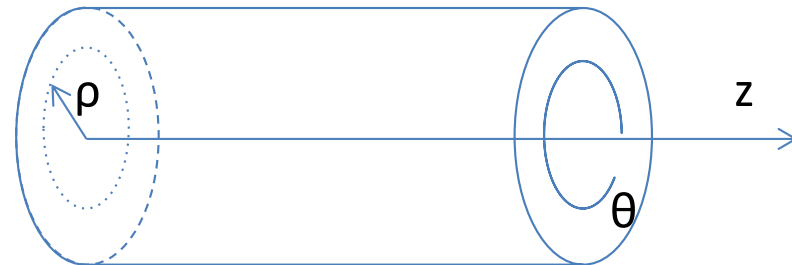
$$E_\rho = -k_1 k_2 \sin(k_1 z) J_n'(k_2 \rho) \cos(n\theta)$$

$$E_\theta = \frac{nk_1}{\rho} \sin(k_1 z) J_n(k_2 \rho) \sin(n\theta)$$

$$H_z = 0$$

$$H_\rho = -i \frac{nk}{Z_0 \rho} J_n(k_2 \rho) \sin(n\theta)$$

$$H_\theta = -i \frac{kk_2}{Z_0} J_n'(k_2 \rho) \cos(n\theta)$$



In order to have the TM modes the following boundary conditions have to be respected:

$$E_\rho = E_\theta = 0 \quad \text{for } z=0 \quad \text{and } z=L$$

$$E_z = E_\theta = 0 \quad \text{for } \rho=r$$

they lead to:

$$k_1 = \frac{l\pi}{L}, \quad k_2 = \frac{p_{nm}}{r}, \quad k = \frac{2\pi}{c} f_{nml}$$

Here Z_0 is the impedance of free space. The reported field components have a multiplying time dependent term $\cos(2\pi f_{nml} t)$ omitted because not of interest for our purposes.

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The Q factor is defined as:

$$Q = 2\pi \frac{\text{Stored energy}}{\text{Energy lost during one period}}$$

The stored energy in the cavity volume is given by:

$$W_s = \frac{\mu}{2} \int_V |H|^2 dV = \frac{\epsilon}{2} \int_V |E|^2 dV$$

While the energy loss during one period because of the induced surface current is:

$$W_d = \frac{\pi\mu\delta}{2} \int_S |H^2| dS .$$

Where δ is the skin depth:

$$\delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi\mu\sigma_c f_{nml}}}$$

With σ_c the electric conductivity of the metallic wall, and μ its magnetic permeability

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Finally:

$$Q = \frac{2 \int_V |H|^2 dV}{\delta \int_S |H|^2 dS}$$

Considering the TM_{010} mode we get:

$$Q = \frac{L}{\delta} \frac{r}{(r + L)}$$

And considering the values:

$$L = 0.05 \text{ [m]}$$

$$\mu = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ [H/m]}$$

$$r = 0.3 \text{ [m]}$$

$$\delta = 3.3791 \times 10^{-6} \text{ [m]}$$

$$\sigma_c = 5.8 \times 10^7 \text{ [S/m]}$$

CST Quality Factor TM_{010}	Analytical Quality Factor TM_{010}
1.2677e+004	1.2683e+004

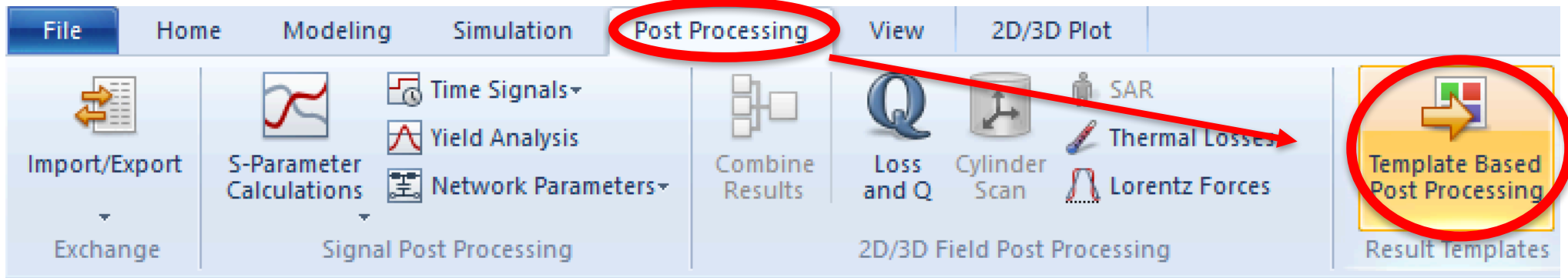
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Another factor of interest for a cavity is R , the shunt impedance, (for further analysis about it see the Fritz Caspers lessons in the second course). Its expression is given by (Linac convention):

$$R = 256 Q \frac{r \sin\left(1.2024 \frac{L}{r}\right)^2}{L}$$

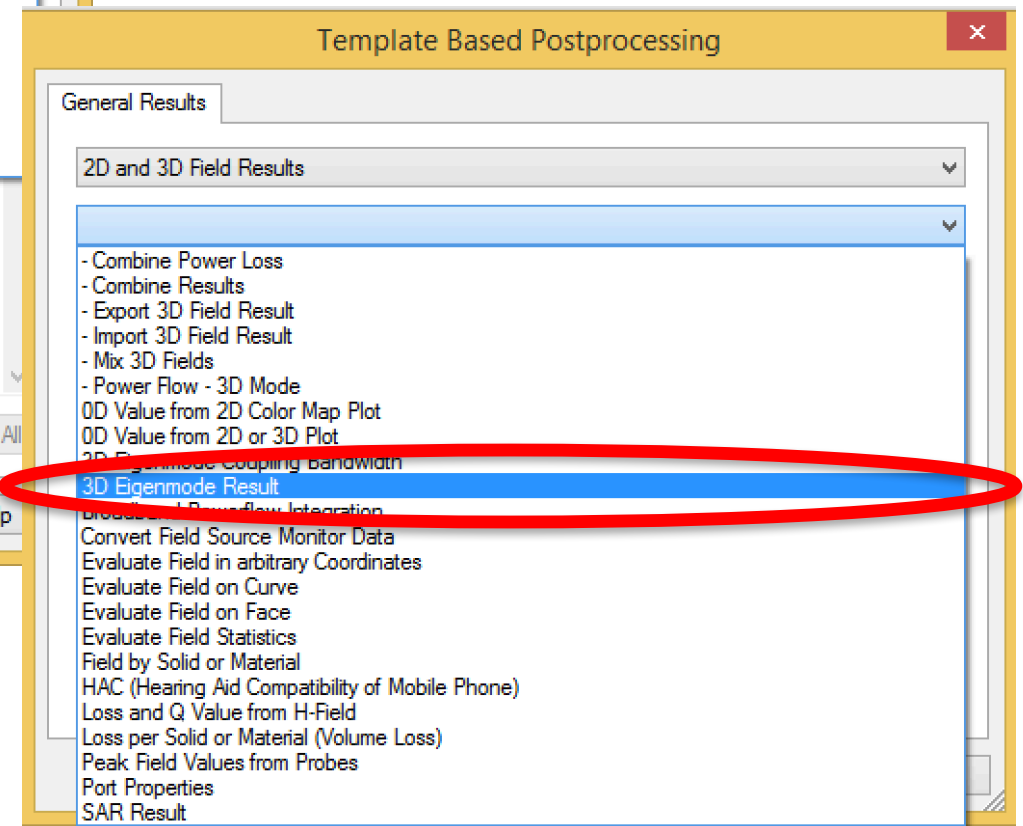
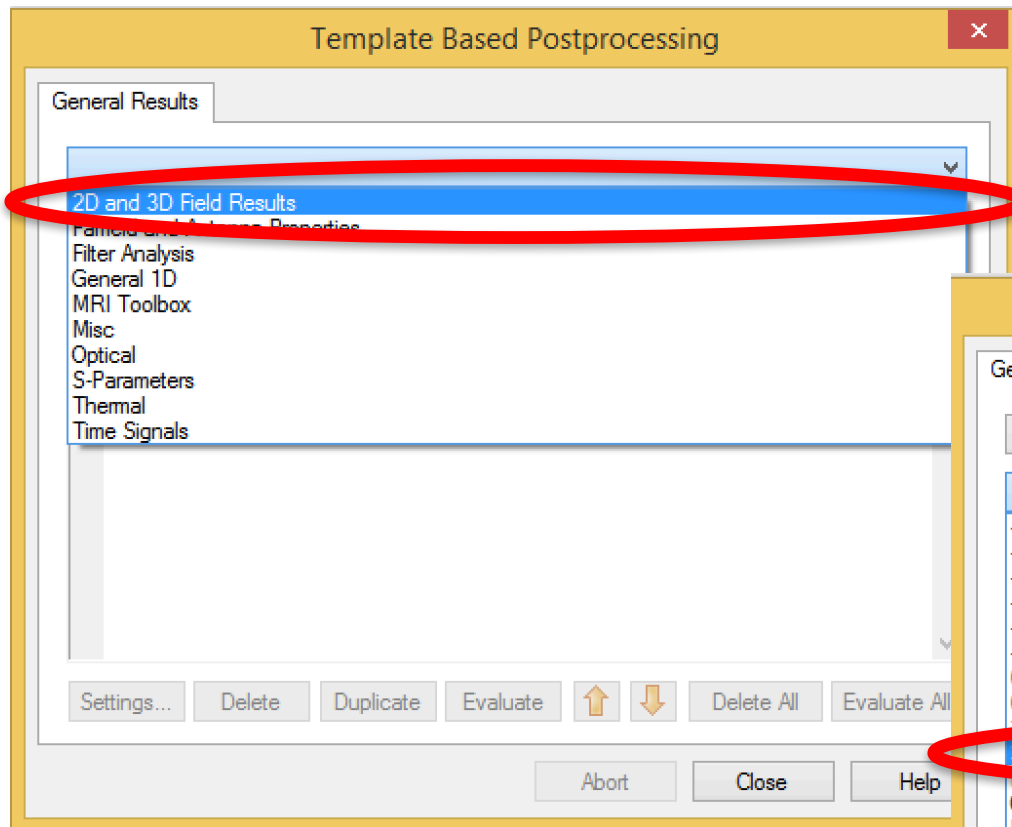
In order to compute it with CST let's go to Post Processing -> Template Based Post Processing



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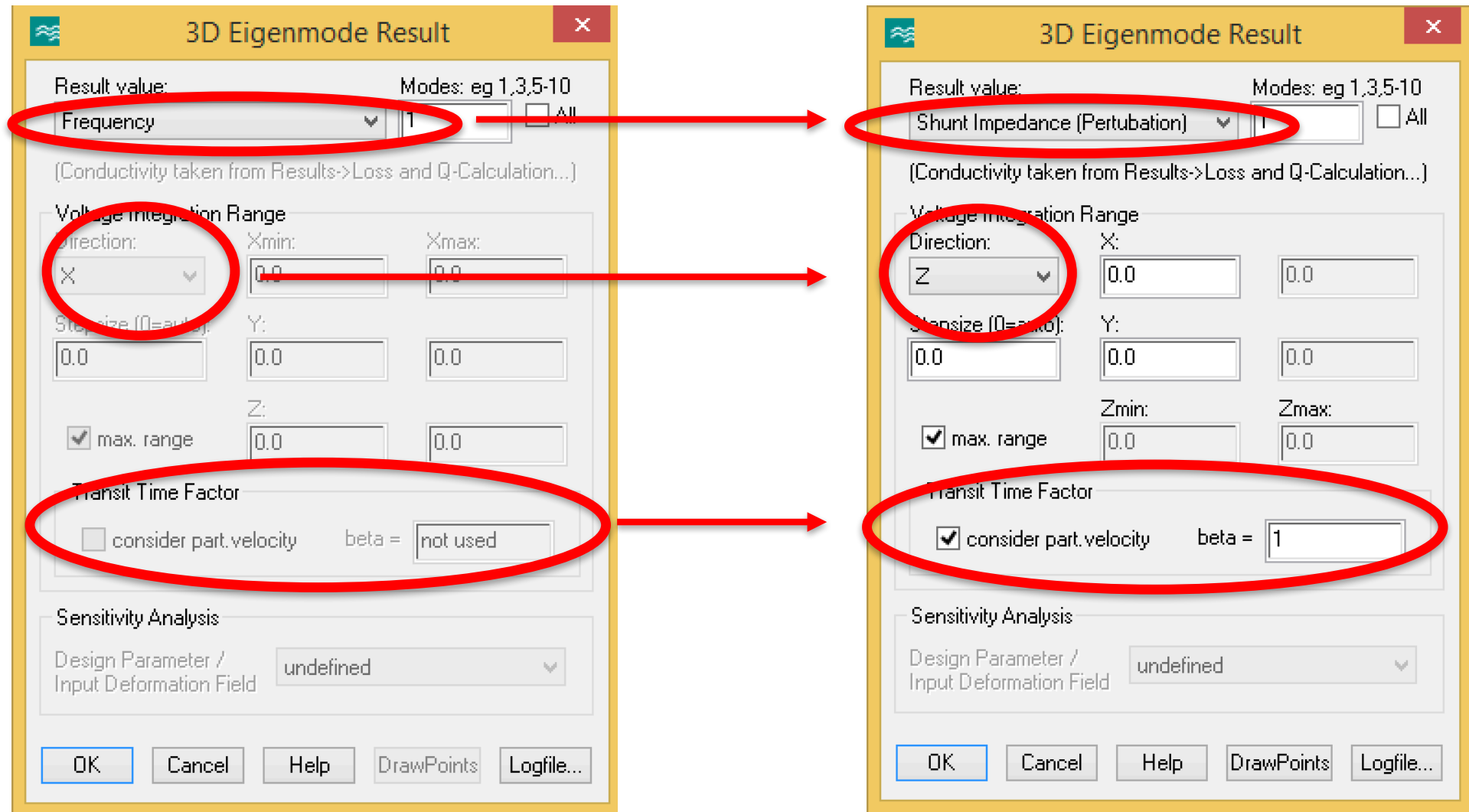
Select “2D and 3D Field Results” from the first drop-down menu and then “3D Eigenmode Result” from the second one.



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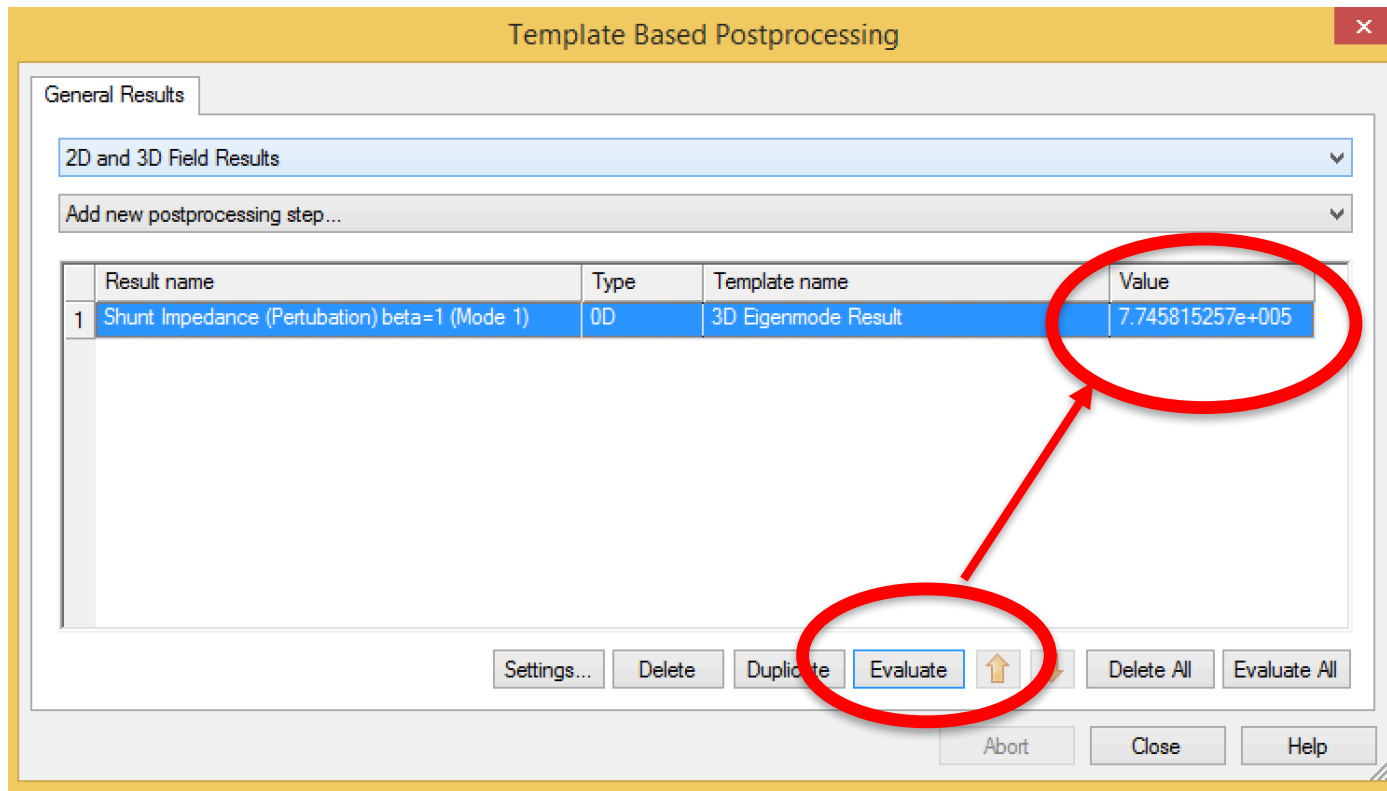
Then set the value of the appearing window as shown below and press ok.



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You should see the following window, click Evaluate and then you will get the value of the shunt impedance on the “Value” column.



CST Shunt Impedance TM_{010}

7.745815257e+05 [Ω]

Analytical Shunt Impedance TM_{010}

7.719408360e+05 [Ω]