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In current and future pulsed-power devices, it has become increasingly important to have predictive capability for determining the amount of energy coupled through the magnetically-insulated transmission line (MITL) to the load. Because of the high magnetization and low densities of electrode plasmas in the MITL gap, extended-MHD effects may play a critical role in power-flow physics. In this presentation, we show simulations from PERSEUS [1]/FLEXO and HYDRA [2], which are both capable of modeling MHD and extended-MHD effects in inner MITL power-flow. Specifically, we focus our attention on relevant power-flow plasma quantities, such as plasma density and current density, as predicted by both codes. This problem has recently been simulated with PERSEUS in Hamlin and Seyler [3], and serves as a relevant test problem for understanding the role that extended-MHD plays in power-flow systems.

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