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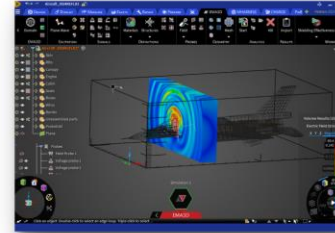
**Ansys EMC Plus  
Ansys Charge Plus  
Quick Start Guide  
2026 R1**

# How to Access Support for EMC Plus and Charge Plus

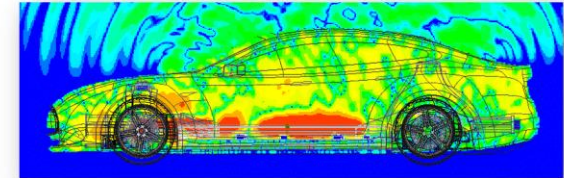
- Check with the Ansys Support Coordinator (ASC) at your company to identify who provides support for your location. Most likely it will be provided by Ansys directly. Regional contact options are listed [here](#).
- If supported via Ansys directly, submit a support request via the Ansys Customer Portal: [support.ansys.com](https://support.ansys.com). If supported by an Ansys Channel Partner contact your channel partner directly.
- Useful Tips: When inquiring about support, have your Ansys customer number ready in advance (learn how to retrieve your customer number [here](#)). Many useful training and instruction resources are available via the Knowledge Resource Search, found on the home page of the Ansys Customer Portal or via the Ansys Resource Center.

# EMC Plus – Product Overview

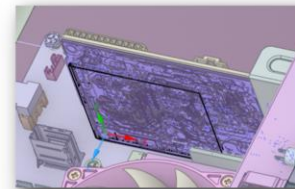
- Ansys EMC Plus is a platform-level electromagnetic modeling and simulation tool that delivers a design-to-validation workflow for EMC



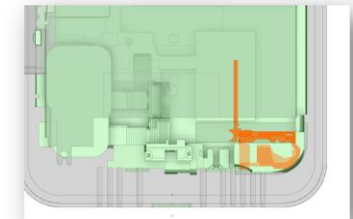
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Full-vehicles with Cables and Power Industry



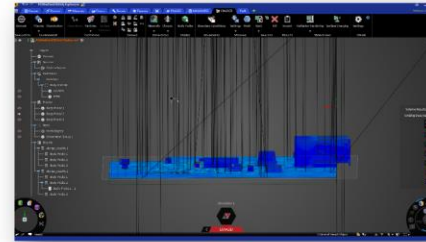
EMI/EMC in Full Devices



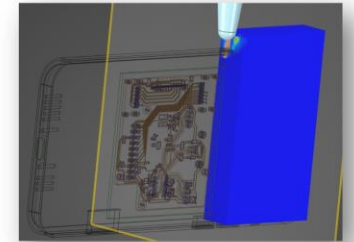
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# Charge Plus – Product Overview

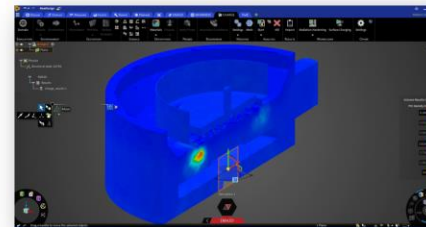
Ansys Charge Plus combines electromagnetic solvers, fluid solvers, and particle physics solvers for an easy-to-use Multiphysics simulation



Space Plasma Environments  
and Radiation Effects



Electrostatic Discharge (ESD)



Arcing (Plasma in  
air)



Semiconductor Processing  
Plasmas

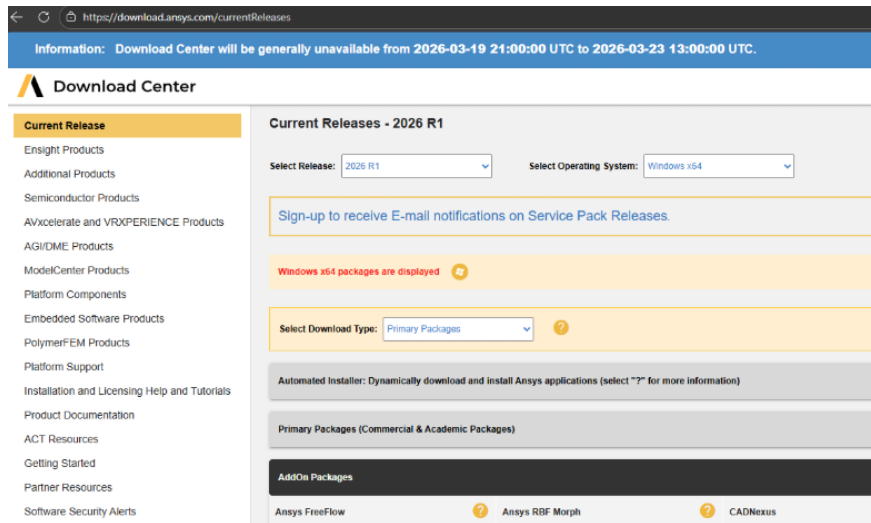
# Who is EMA?



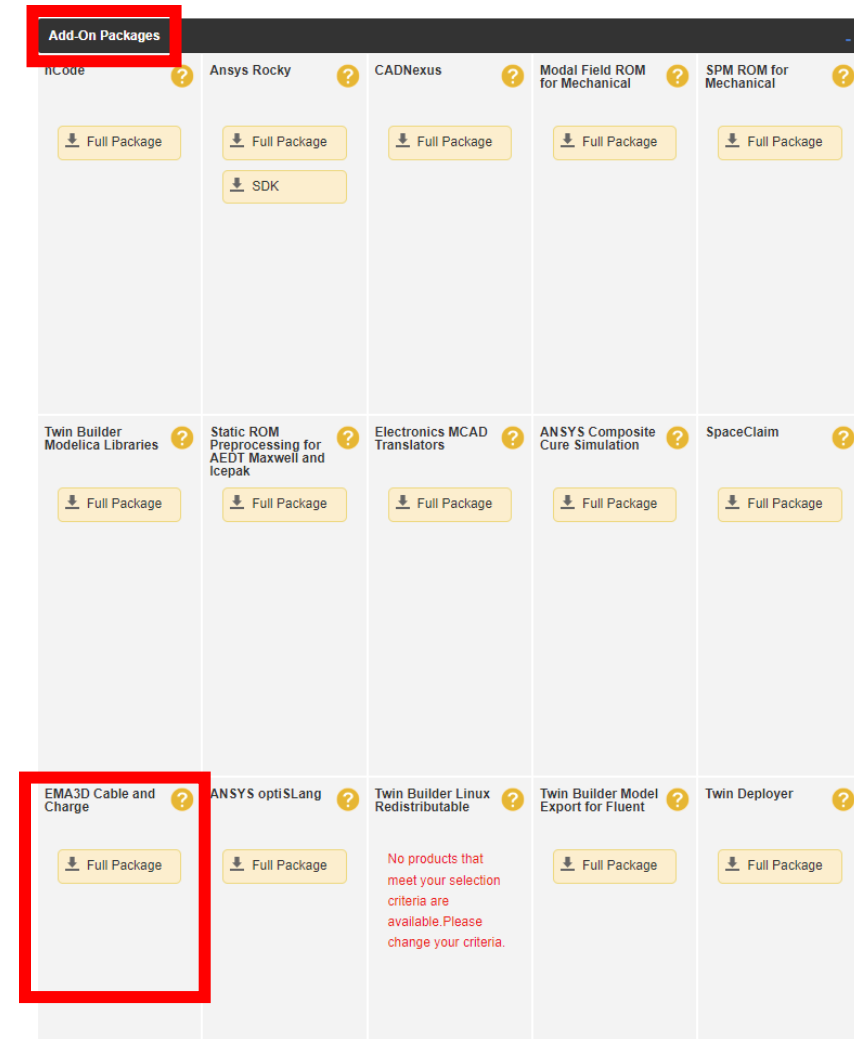
- EMA is an Ansys Technology Partner
- EMA was founded in 1978 and has provided services and developed software technologies for customers around the world
- EMA is the developer behind EMC Plus and Charge Plus
- EMC Plus and Charge Plus are available exclusively from Ansys and Ansys Channel Partners
- EMA Product Managers and Application Engineers often support Ansys customers by providing product overviews, technical support, and training
- More information can be found at <https://www.ema3d.com/>

# How to download the products?

- <https://download.ansys.com/>
- Move “Selected Release to **2026 R1**”
- Scroll down to “Add-On Packages”
- Download the combined installer for **EMC Plus and Charge Plus**
- **Alternatively, the products, service packs, and patches are available at: <https://www.ema3d.com/quickstart/>**

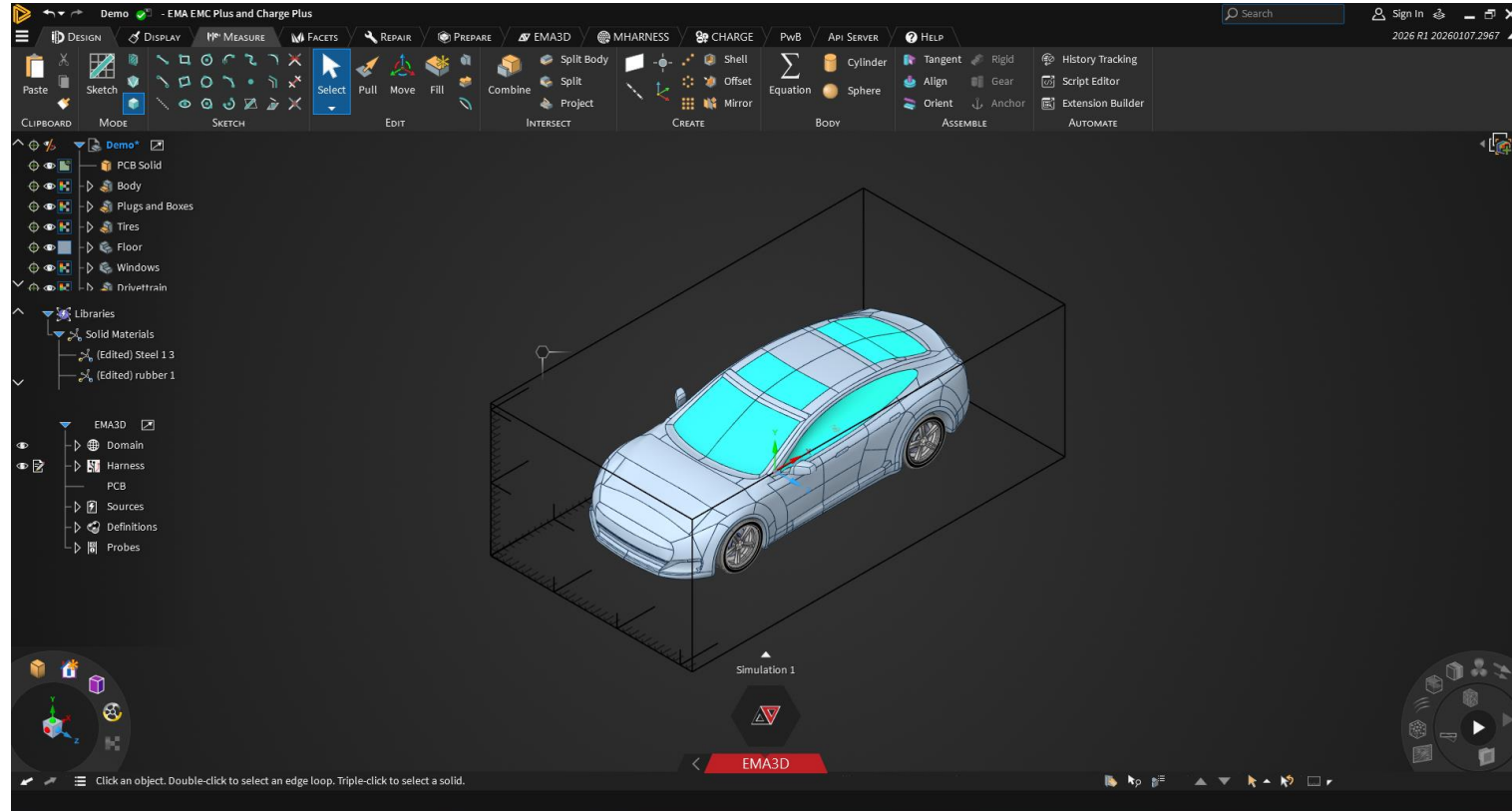


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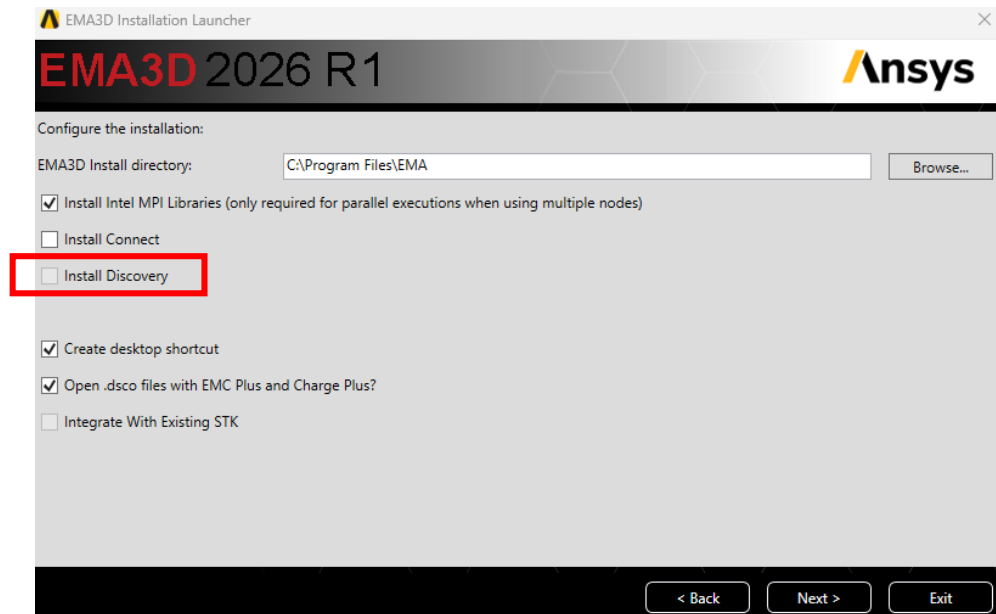
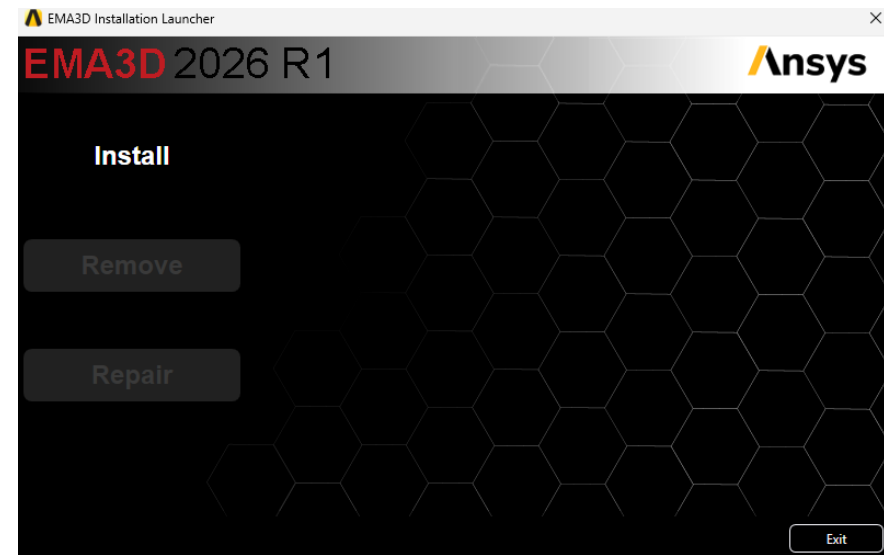
# Discovery

- A special version of Ansys Discovery is included with EMC Plus and Charge Plus
- You do not need to download Ansys Discovery separately. Ansys Discovery is included in the EMA3D installation
- EMC Plus and Charge Plus are implemented as an add-in to the Discovery User Interface



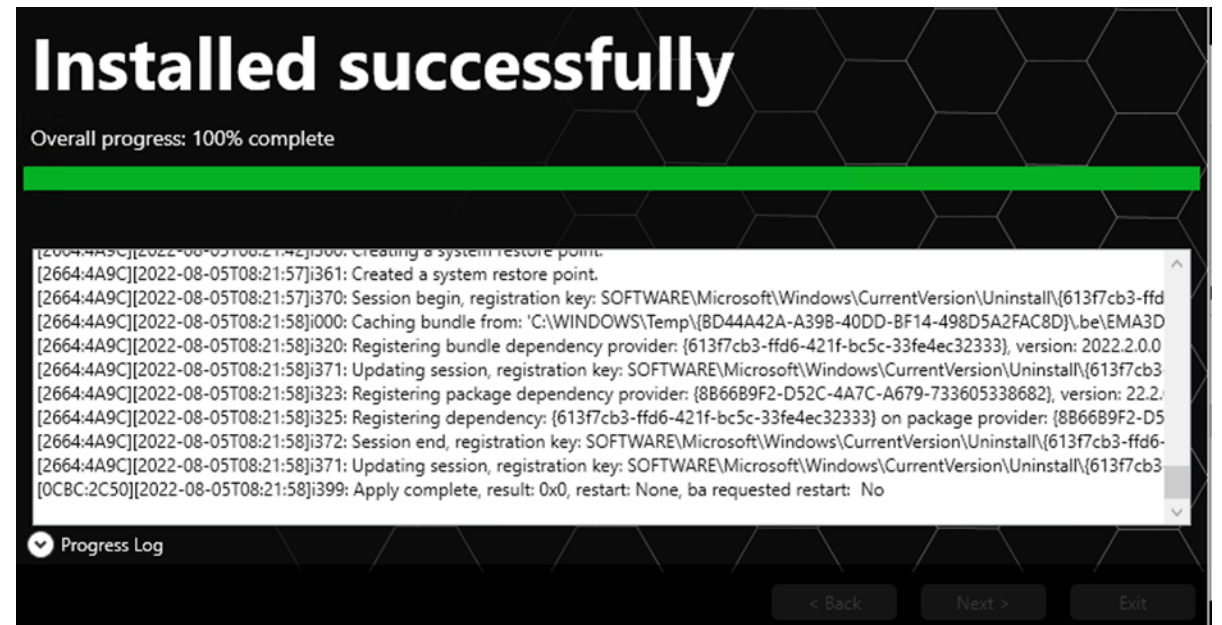
# Installation Process 1

- Unzip downloaded file
- Invoke EMA3D.exe  EMA3D.exe
- Select Install
- Agree to EULA
- Select installation location
- Install MPI libraries if planning to run simulations in a cluster configuration
- Select “Install Discovery” unless already installed



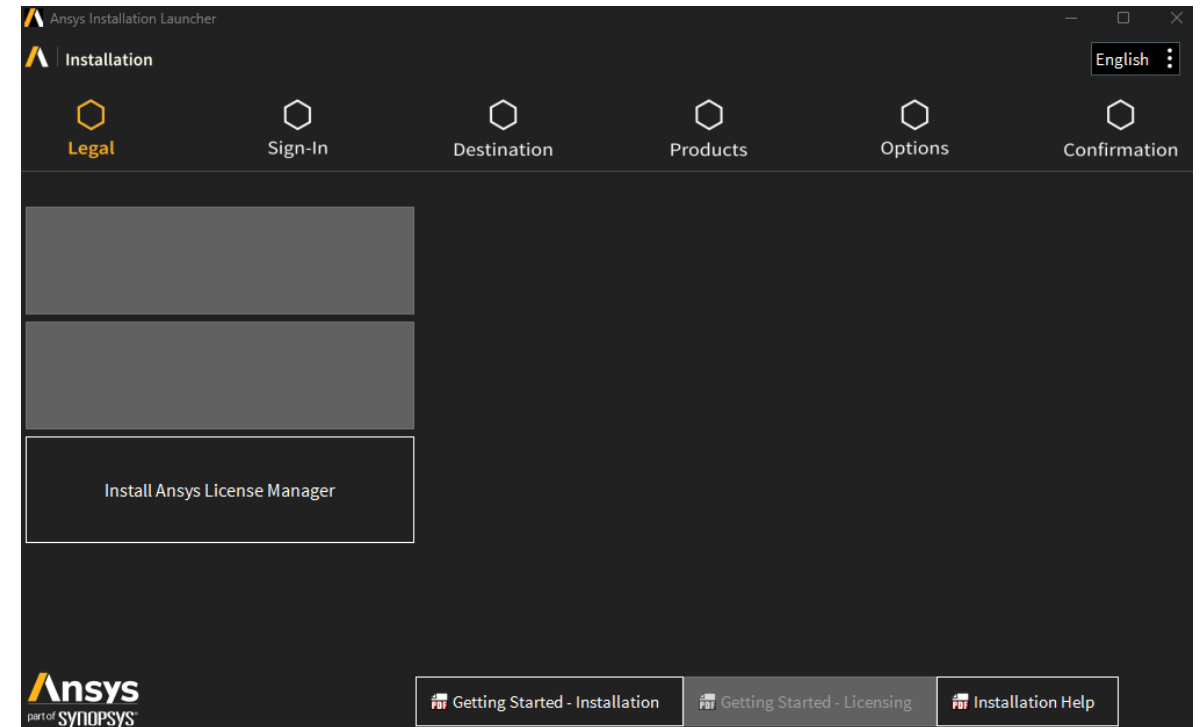
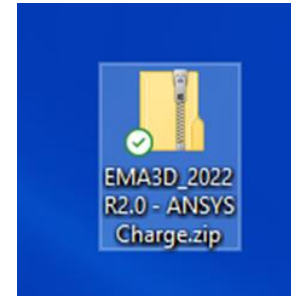
# Installation Process 2

If you reach “Installed Successfully” message, close the window



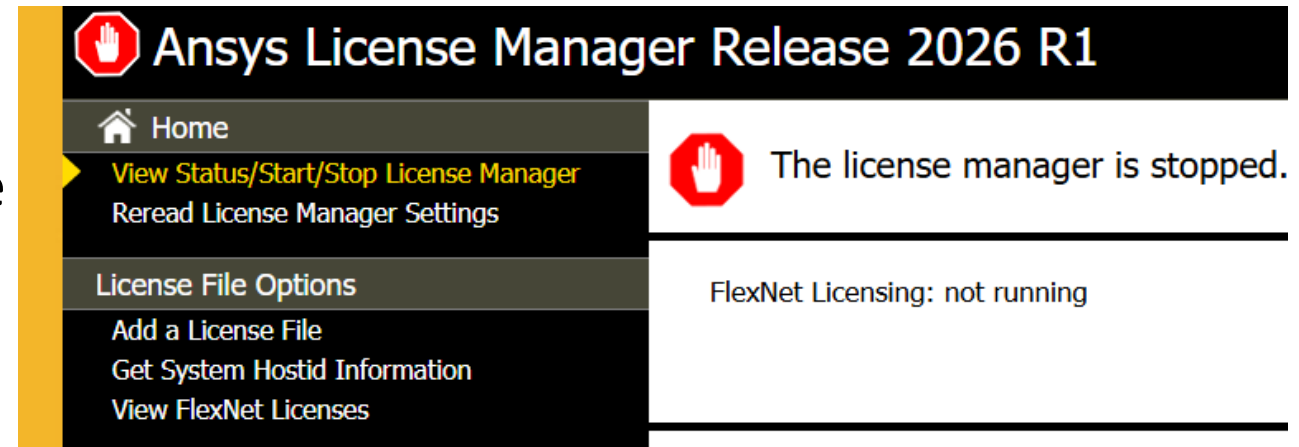
# Ansys License Manager Installation (Local License Manager Only)

- Installation of the Ansys License Manager is not needed if a floating license is to be used or if it has been installed by another Ansys product
- In the unzipped folder, navigate to the “Installers” folder and then to the “disco” folder
- Execute “setup.exe”
- Select “Install Ansys License Manager”



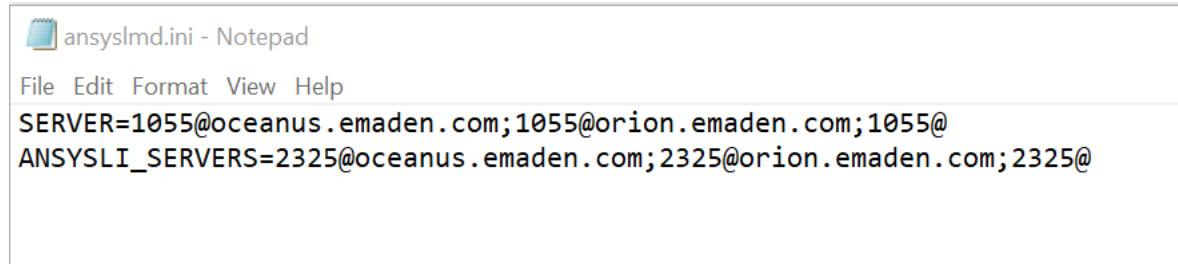
# Setting up a license

- During installation, provide the port and server for your Ansys Floating License Server
- If a local license is to be used, specify the local machine as the license server
- If a local license is to be used, open the Ansys License Management Center from the Start Menu
- Navigate to “Add a License File”
- Load the license file provided by your Ansys Account Manager



# Changing the license server after installation

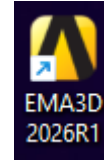
- If you would like to change the license server after installation, edit the file: C:\Program Files\ANSYS Inc\Shared Files\licensing\ansyslmd.ini
- This location cannot be saved in Notepad due to permission restrictions.
  - Copy the file to another location (Desktop)
  - Edit the values to the new port and server location
  - Use Windows Explorer to copy the file to the original location
  - Provide administrator elevation credentials to complete the copy



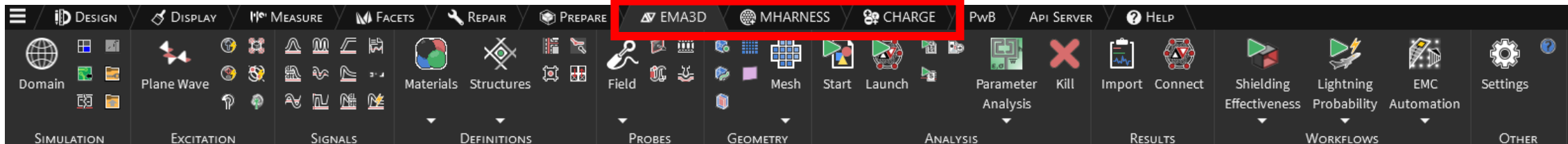
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ansyslmd.ini - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
SERVER=1055@oceanus.emaden.com;1055@orion.emaden.com;1055@
ANSYSLI_SERVERS=2325@oceanus.emaden.com;2325@orion.emaden.com;2325@
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# Starting EMA3D

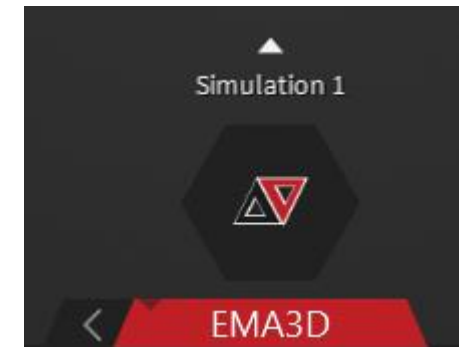
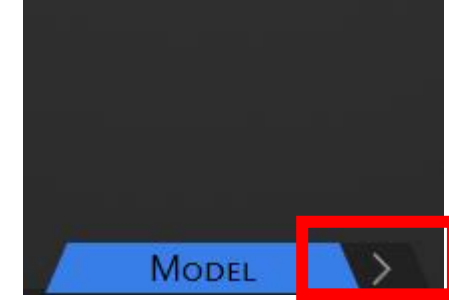


- Click the EMA3D icon on the desktop
- Look for the splash screen “EMC PLUS AND CHARGE PLUS”
- Once open, look for the EMA3D tab in the ribbon
- If you see the splash screens or tabs, the installation and license checkout was successful!
- If the MHARNESS tab is present, the GUI license checkout was successful
- If “Launch EMA3D with Discovery by Default” was selected during installation, you may launch Discovery using its icon and the EMA3D tabs will be present in the ribbon

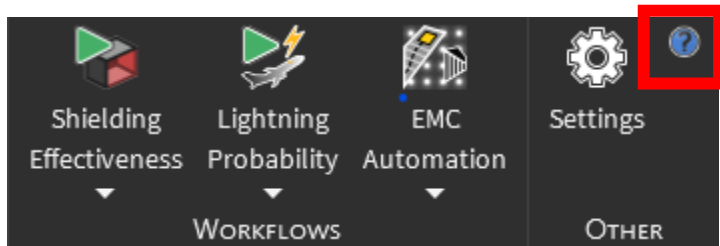


# Navigate to EMA3D in the Simulation Information Display

In the Simulation Information Display (SID), click the right arrow several times to advance through “Explore” and “Refine” stages to see the “EMA3D” stage



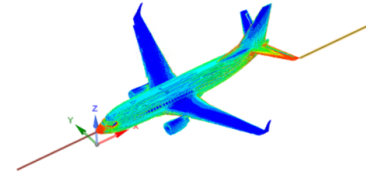
# How to find demo models?



- Click the (?) icon on the far right of any of the EMA3D menus
- This opens the EMA3D User Manual
- The last option is “Tutorials”
- The tutorials include instruction documents with step-by-step guidance
- Some tutorials also include model files and step-by-step videos

• EMC Plus and Charge Plus User Manual  
• Ansys EMC Plus and Charge Plus 2026 R1 User Manual  
 Copyright and Disclaimer  
 > What's New  
 > Capabilities  
 > Graphical User Interface  
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## Ansys EMC Plus and Charge Plus 2026 R1 User Manual



For the most up to date version of the User Manual, please visit the online version here: [Online User Manual](#)

The purpose of this manual is to provide a deep insight into the capabilities and features of the software product EMA3D® 2026 R1.

The manual describes the procedures to setup a valid model, to solve it and to post-process the results.

EMA3D is a three-dimensional finite difference time domain (FDTD) solver optimized for modeling physical phenomena such as lightning, hifv, EMP, P-static and any type of EMC and E3 problem.

EMA3D includes MHARNESSE® a multi-conductor, multi-shield, multi-branched cable harness transmission line solver based upon the FDTD technique. The implementation of a time domain technique provides broad-band results often required to accurately characterize complex cable harness system behavior.

EMA Inc. has been utilizing these tools for over thirty-five years and, consequently, has developed and implemented numerous algorithms and enhancements, in addition to creating a variety of visualization techniques to aid in the interpretation and display of results.

The numerous capabilities of EMA3D are presented in the following sections:

1. [Capabilities](#), an overview of the capabilities implemented in EMA3D
2. [Graphical User Interface](#), a description of the Graphical User Interface and of the procedure to set a valid simulation model
3. [Tutorials](#), a set of exercises to learn how to use EMA3D

An overview of the new capabilities implemented in EMA3D 2026 R1 is available in the paragraph: [What's New](#)

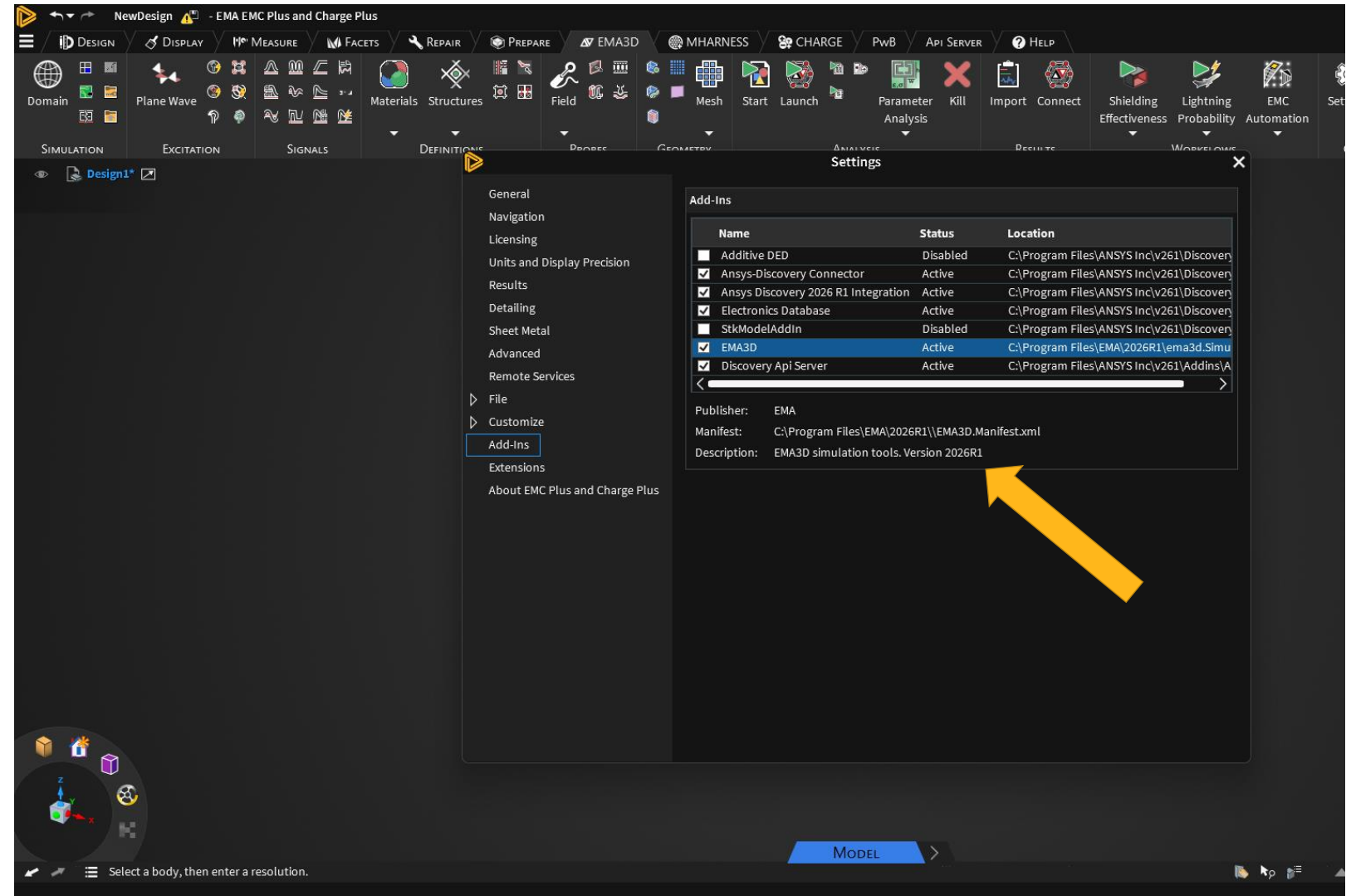
# Ansys Learning Hub

- There are two EMC Plus courses on the Ansys Learning Hub (ALH)
- ALH EMC Plus Beginner course:  
[https://jam8.sapjam.com/groups/ocxBxhlNiwVVitFSH21pVh/overview\\_page/cBkxpVYrCrDyRyXrmf77xz](https://jam8.sapjam.com/groups/ocxBxhlNiwVVitFSH21pVh/overview_page/cBkxpVYrCrDyRyXrmf77xz)
- ALH EMC Plus Advanced course:  
[https://jam8.sapjam.com/groups/ocxBxhlNiwVVitFSH21pVh/overview\\_page/dMfZBxSbVSpc793g6jFHJz](https://jam8.sapjam.com/groups/ocxBxhlNiwVVitFSH21pVh/overview_page/dMfZBxSbVSpc793g6jFHJz)
- ALH Charge Plus ESD course:

Coming soon!

# Mid-cycle updates

- EMA provides updates between major versions
- They are listed at <https://www.ema3d.com/patch-downloads/>
- Check which version you have installed by navigating to the main Discovery settings menu, navigating to Add-Ins, and looking under “Description”



# Hardware Requirements

- Minimum requirements for Ansys EMC Plus software are as follows:
  - 64-bit Intel or AMD system, running Windows 10 or Windows 11
  - 16 GB RAM
  - A dedicated graphics card with latest drivers and at least 1GB video RAM, capable of supporting OpenGL 4.5 and DirectX 11, or higher. Use of integrated graphics (e.g. Intel HD/IRIS) is not recommended. Refer to [this document](#) for Discovery Graphics Cards.
  - 3 button-mouse
- We recommend the following for the best experience (User Interface):
  - 64-bit Intel or AMD system, running Windows 10 or Windows 11
  - NVIDIA RTX 4090 or higher
  - 64 GB RAM
- For HPC Resources (Solver Only) we recommend:
  - Linux OS
  - Multiple NVIDIA GPUs in the same node

# EMA3D Solvers for Linux

▶ EMC Plus and Charge Plus User Manual  
▶ Capabilities  
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    ▾ Executing EMA3D  
        Simulating on Remote Clusters  
        **Installing and Simulating on Linux**

## Installing and Simulating on Linux

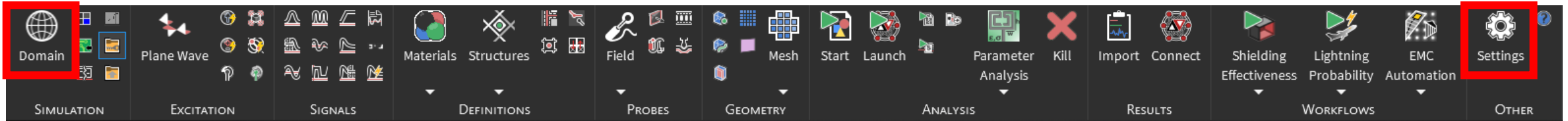
This page will help users install and run EMA3D® simulations) and/or a license server on Linux systems.

- [Initial Steps](#)
- [Installing License Server](#)
- [Additional Information](#)
- [Simulating](#)

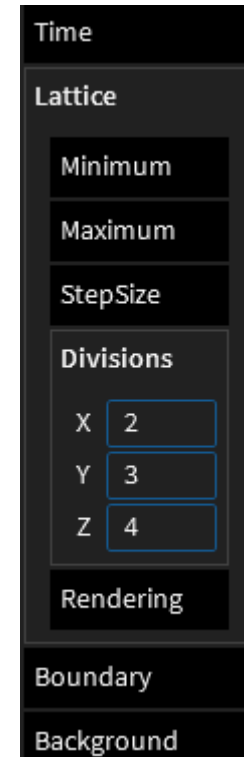
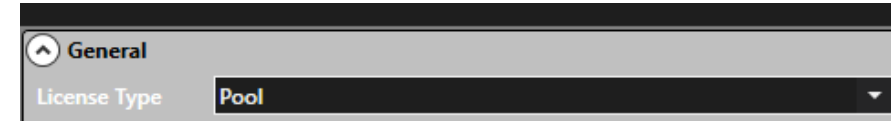
### ▾ Initial Steps

1. There is no graphical user interface (GUI) for EMA3D on Linux
2. The FDTD solver in EMC Plus (EMA3D and MHARNESS) and in Charge Plus (EMA3D including non-linear air chemistry) is available on Linux
3. The Nexxim co-simulation is not currently available in a Linux version
4. An EMA3D Solver Linux installer is NOT found on the Ansys Customer Portal Linux Page
5. The file EMA3D.tar.gz contains the EMA3D Linux Solver Installer
6. The Windows Help Document provides further instructions at “Installing and Simulating on Linux”

# Ansys HPC Licenses in EMC Plus and Charge Plus



- Taking advantage of HPC can dramatically speed up solutions for EMA3D simulations.
- Depending on whether you have ANSYS HPC licenses or ANSYS HPC Pack licenses, a different setting needs to be made in the HPC options, as shown here.
- To open the settings / configuration options menu, click the Settings button under either the EMA3D or MHARNESSE tab in the Ribbon within the Other section.
- Parallel License Type: Ansys HPC users can set this parameter to Pool or Pack based on their license type.
- Select “Domain” from the ribbon and select “Divisions”. The options are different depending on the solver selected.
- For the EMA3D FDTD solver, “Divisions” specifies the domain divisions in X, Y, and Z. The product of the numbers is the total number of cores used. For example, 2 x 3 x 4 = 24 cores in this example.
- The core EMC Plus and Charge Plus license includes 4 cores.
- Additional core usage for simulations requires valid Ansys HPC Pack or Ansys HPC Pool licensing.



# Overlay Help

- Click F1 in any EMA3D menu
- An Overlay Help menu covers the screen
- You can see documentation of each tool as well as watch instructional animations
- You can change settings while the overlay is active
- Click F1 to exit the Overlay Help

**Domain Tool**  
The first step in setting-up an EMA3D simulation is the definition of the solution domain. Four parts comprise the domain:

**Time** (the time interval, frequency range, and increment method over which to run the simulation)

**Lattice** (the dimensions of the solution volume, the mesh cell size, and the number of processors for each Cartesian direction)

**Boundary** (the boundary conditions to be applied to the faces of the solution volume)

**Background** (the electromagnetic properties of the material with which the solution volume is filled). Rendering allows adjustments to the settings for the visualization of the solution domain.

**Instructions**

1. Click Domain within the Domain section under the EMA3D tab in the ribbon.
2. The lattice will immediately appear in the model window. By default it encapsulates the model geometry.
3. Adjust the domain properties in the Properties Panel.
4. Click OK to complete the domain setup.
5. Adjust the definitions of the Domain at any time by right clicking it within the Simulation Tree and selecting Edit from the pop-up menu or selecting the large Domain button in the ribbon. The Domain visibility can be toggled on and off using the eye button next to Domain in the Simulation Tree.

Time

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Stability Margin    | 15 %       |
| Start               | 0 s        |
| Step                | 5.02E-11 s |
| End                 | 1E-06 s    |
| Lowest Frequency    | 1 MHz      |
| Highest Frequency   | 1000 MHz   |
| Increment Method    | Constant   |
| Magnetostatic Steps | ∞          |

Lattice

Boundary

Background



# Troubleshooting and Common Issues

# Troubleshooting Steps for Installation Issues

- Discovery.exe closes without error message after a few seconds

Update GPU driver

- Application Failed to Initialize (red screen) when you have two graphics cards:

In Device manager, disable the integrated graphics card (The discrete graphics card should be enabled)

- Hardware issue?

C:\Program Files\ANSYS Inc\v261\Discovery\CudaCheck\DiscoveryCompatibilityUtility.exe

- Pull the EMA3D Logs:

C:\Users\<username>\AppData\Roaming\EMA\Log

- Pull the Discovery Logs:

C:\Users\<username>\AppData\Local\Temp\Discovery

- License not found:

Check that the following file exists:

C:\Program Files\ANSYS Inc\Shared Files\licensing\ansyslmd.ini

It should contain the following lines:

SERVER=1055@<licenseserver>.com

ANSYSLI\_SERVERS=2325@<licenseserver>.com

- License not found but prefer environmental variables to the .ini file:

Create an environment variable called ANSYSLMD\_LICENSE\_FILE and set the value to port@<licenseserver>.com

(optional) Create an environment variable called ANS\_FLEXLM\_DISABLE\_DEFLLICPATH and set it to 1. (This disables the use of the .ini file)



# Troubleshooting Steps for Installation Issues 2

- The installer hangs:

Find this registry key: HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall

Export it to a notepad document and search for instances of "EMA3D" to get the hashed ID for EMA3D install (in his case it was {8426D991-C3EA-4851-956B-574A0232DBA2}v23.2.0)

Then go to C:\ProgramData\Package Cache and find *the folder with the same ID name. There is a .msi installer in there that allowed him to repair the EMA3D install.*

- The GPU is not accessible over Windows RDP which does not allow Discovery to load

<https://community.esri.com/t5/implementing-arcgis-questions/enabling-gpu-rendering-on-windows-server-2016/td-p/658522>

# Silent Install

- This silent install only installs EMA3D. Discovery must be installed separately using its approved silent install method.
- Download and unzip the EMA3D installer.
- Open the “installers” folder and look for EMA3D.msi
- Using admin, execute the following:
  - `msiexec /i <path of EMA3D.msi> /qn /l* <path to log file>`

# Silent install example script

```
Start-Transcript -Path "C:\DesktopStudio\EMA3D-transcript.txt"

# Prerequisites
$ExtractionPath = "C:\DesktopStudio\apps\EMA"
Expand-Archive .\EMA3D_2026R1.zip -DestinationPath $ExtractionPath

# Set EMA3D installer
Start-Process -FilePath "msiexec.exe" -ArgumentList "/i C:\DesktopStudio\apps\EMA\Installers\EMA3D.msi /qn /! C:\DesktopStudio\ema_silent_install_admin.txt" -Wait

# Install Intel MPI Library
$Arguments = "/qn"
$ArgumentList = "/i $FilePath $Arguments"
$MPIExtractionPath = "C:\DesktopStudio\apps\MPIinstall"
$MPIExtractorPath = "C:\DesktopStudio\apps\EMA\Installers\w_mpi-rt_p_5.1.1.110.exe"
$MPIExtractorArguments = "--s --x --f $MPIExtractionPath"
New-Item -ItemType "directory" -Path $MPIExtractionPath -Force
Start-Process -FilePath $MPIExtractorPath -ArgumentList $MPIExtractorArguments -Wait

$MPIInstallerPath = "C:\DesktopStudio\apps\MPIinstall\setup.exe"
$MPIInstallerArguments = "--silent -a install --eula=accept --output=C:\DesktopStudio\APPS\MPIinstall\outputfile"
Start-Process -FilePath $MPIInstallerPath -ArgumentList $MPIInstallerArguments -Wait

#Remove install files
Remove-Item -Path $MPIExtractionPath -Force -Recurse
Remove-Item -Path $ExtractionPath -Force -Recurse

#Add Charge Plus env variable to add Charge tab on Discovery
$Env:EMA_FEATURE = "ema3d.Cable; ema3d.Charge"
```

# The wrong add-in is loading, call it manually

- "%AWP\_ROOT261%\Discovery\Discovery.exe" --brand "%EMA2026R1\_DIR%\Framework.xml" -p ema\_gui

# Check if environment variables are correct (if add-in is not loading)

- EMA2026R1\_DIR=C:\Program Files\EMA\2026R1\
- EMA\_FEATURE=ema3d.Cable;ema3d.Charge
- EMA\_ATTACH=1
- EMA\_INSTALL\_TYPE=ANSYS