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Now supports Excel 32 and 64 bit versions



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Introducing the Si Excel Interface

The Si Excel Interface is an add-on product to the Polar Si8000m and Si9000e.

It is a comprehensive lossless controlled impedance design tool which provides modelling for a wide variety of structures as a set of functions through a Microsoft® Excel user interface.

New for Nov 2022. Si Excel x64 now supports both Excel 32-bit and 64-bit environments.



Two Excel interfaces

Si Excel delivers two Excel interfaces:



own Excel workbooks. Use your own worksheet data as structure input parameters and embed the calculated result back to your worksheet cell(s)



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Using the Si Excel Sample worksheets



Step 1

Select the structure of interest from the structure thumbnail images.

For the example shown on the next slides we will select the Offset Stripline 1B1A structure



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<u>Step 2</u>

Here is the sample worksheet for the Offset Stripline 1B1A structure.

Row 4 shows the parameters required for this structure (H1, Er1, H2, Er2, W1, W2, T1 & CalcType) and the calculated impedance result (Zo) is displayed in column J. Notice that each row 5 through to 31 has increasing substrate heights H1 / H2.

Selecting cell J5 (Zo) and using the Excel autofill option to cell J31 allows the worksheet to be pre-configured to calculate every row.

Now select the calculator icon to calculate each row, on completion the plot will refresh.

From the plot you will notice that as H1 / H2 increases the impedance result (Zo) also increases





<u>Step 3</u>

In this example we have changed the H1 / H2 parameters to have a constant 4.25 mils. We have also set W1 / W2 to increase from 3 mils (row 5) to 29 mils (row 31)

The final step is to change the graph properties to present the Width data on the X-axis

On calculation completion you will note from the plot that as W1 / W2 increases the impedance result (Zo) decreases.



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Step 4

For the next example we will select the Edge-Coupled Coated Microstrip 1B structure.



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<u>Step 5</u>

With H1 set to a constant value of 8.5 mils we will now sweep the Trace Separation (S1) from 2 mils (row 5) to 28 mils (row 31).

A quick change to the graph properties will present the Separation data on the X-axis

On calculation completion you will note from the plot that as S1 increases the differential impedance result (Zdiff) increases. However, you will notice that after ~20 mils, increasing the S1 has negligible impact of the differential impedance result.



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Calc Type

In addition to calculating single-ended impedance (Zo) and differential impedance (Zdiff), the Calc Type parameter can be changed to return other results.

This is especially useful for designs with differential structures where differential (Zdiff) and common mode impedance (Zcommon) are often required as part of the design specification.



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The Si Excel Expert workbook provides access to 120+ controlled impedance structure functions.

Once opened in Excel, this workbook can be referenced by other workbooks



From within your own workbook, insert controlled impedance structure functions as you would any other Excel function. The calculated result is then placed in the worksheet cell

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Example #1: Step 1

Enter the parameter values required for the structure into separate cells. The structure images guide you through the parameter usage for each structure.

For the Surface Microstrip 1B structure, the structure image shows that the following parameters are required:

H1, Er1, W1, W2, T1

CalcType = Zo (single-ended impedance)

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Example #1: Step 3

The SurfaceMicrostrip1B function prompts for the cells required for the structure input parameters. In this example we select cells L3, L4, L5, L6, L7, L8 which contain the parameter values we wish to use.

On selecting the last parameter, cell L8 containing the CalcType, the calculated impedance is displayed as 75.17776 ohms.

Selecting OK will return this value to the worksheet cell L10

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Example #2

In this example we are using the Edge-Coupled Offset Stripline 1B1A structure.

From the structure image we need the following parameters:

H1, Er1, H2, Er2, W1, W2, S1, T1

To illustrate the other CalcType options available we have added columns to contain results for Zdiff, Zcommon, Zodd and Zeven.

The calculated result columns are K (Zdiff), M (Zcommon), O (Zodd) and Q (Zeven).

Using the power of Excel graphing we have plotted Separation (S1) against Impedance, with four data series: Zdiff, Zcommon, Zodd and Zeven.

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<u>Summary</u>

The Si Excel Interface Lossless Controlled Impedance Design System is a comprehensive controlled impedance design aid which provides modelling for a wide variety of structures as a set of functions through a Microsoft® Excel user interface.

A package of Microsoft® Excel spreadsheets allows direct access to the field solver; you can graph any parameter you choose using the pre-prepared Microsoft® Excel workbooks or build your own workbooks to model your process.

The Si Excel functions included in Excel format enable advanced decision making; adding to the features currently available from the Si8000m / Si9000e Sensitivity Analysis tab, the Si Excel Interface provides access to the lossless field solving functions from within Excel offering an extremely flexible and powerful way to calculate and graph the effects of a range of a parameter value changes.











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