

# Interconnected tools for PCB insertion loss



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## Design, specification and control of PCB insertion loss

As a PCB technologist, procurement engineer or fabricator needing to specify and design PCBs with ultra high speed traces needing control of insertion loss, you can benefit by deploying Polar interconnected tools for design, documentation, specification and test of insertion loss controlled PCBs. This Polar toolset is a popular solution for this task throughout the electronics supply chain – from prelayout stackup design, through to final insertion loss test.

Starting with the Si9000e insertion loss field solver to explore your design space, you can specify and document using Speedstack Si. In addition, artwork for test coupons is then accurately generated with CGen Si. Speedstack Si also directly outputs stackups for use with CGen so it helps you generate insertion loss test vehicles. By selecting this suite of products throughout the supply chain you ease the communication from design through to fabrication – vitally important now that supply chains are now so extended.



## **Speedstack Si**

# Design and professionally document your PCB layer stackup

Speedstack Si gives the PCB technologist and fabricator a comprehensive suite of design and documentation tools to accurately realise even the most complex PCB layer stackups, including those that require specification of insertion loss. Speedstack Si also interfaces with high end CAD systems and allows you to share net classes. Speedstack Si links seamlessly with Si9000e, Atlas and CGen Si insertion loss coupon generator.



# **Speedstack Si**

## Model insertion loss within Speedstack

The new GHz capability in Speedstack Si allows you to fully model insertion loss – dielectric and copper losses and total attenuation. All the additional parameters for loss may be saved in the stackup files, and shared at any time with Si9000e for further analysis.

## **Speedstack Si**

## Account for copper roughness

Copper roughness modeling is included in Speedstack Si, you can choose from industry standard models for copper loss calculation, Hammerstad, Gradient and Huray along with baseline calculations for smooth copper. The Huray method supports a Cannonball – Simonovich input processor for easy input of Huray parameters where access to SEM images is unavailable. All parameters can be pasted to and from Si9000e for further analysis.

## **Speedstack Si**

## Insertion loss documentation in reports

The Speedstack report can be configured to provide the appropriate level of information for fabricators, designers and technologists. It allows you to specify not only material types and stackup construction but also both characteristic impedance and insertion loss plots accounting for dielectric, copper and copper roughness. All the insertion loss information contained in the Speedstack file is easily shared with the Si9000e insertion loss field solver for easy analysis.







# Si9000e

# Field solving PCB transmission line design system

The Si9000e field solving PCB transmission line design system offers advanced field solving methods to model PCB insertion loss and is the natural partner of the Polar Atlas insertion loss test system. Si9000e allows fabricators and designers to explore transmission line design space before committing to build and document the full stackup with Speedstack Si. Insertion loss data is far more extensive than impedance data and Si9000e allows you to import test results from Atlas so you can contrast measured values with modeled predictions.



## Speedstack Si + Si9000e

## Share insertion loss data between tools

Copy and paste full insertion loss data between Si9000e and Speedstack and vice versa. Either on a structure by structure basis – or take an entire stackup's transmission line data as a project into Si9000e for full analysis with zero data re-entry.





# CGen Si

## Insertion loss coupon generator

CGen Si creates gerber for popular insertion loss coupons including coupons for both SET2DIL, SPP and Delta-L 4.0 with other styles under consideration. Insertion loss coupons are more complex than impedance coupons, and it is essential for fabricators and PCB technologists to communicate closely when designing loss coupons with CGen Si.



## Atlas Si

## Touchstone file Delta-L 4.0 processor

Atlas Si touchstone file Delta-L 4.0 processor permits OEMs and fabricators to post process long and short line insertion loss touchstone files with the Delta-L 4.0 method to de embed the effects of interconnect from the measurement data. Processed loss information can be pasted back into Si9000e for analysis against solver based models.





#### Polarcare software maintenance and technical support

With interconnected tools that link not only with each other but also to 3rd party industry standard CAD and CAM systems, Polarcare gives you the peace of mind that your software is updated and secured as technology advances; our experienced staff are proficient at analysing a whole host of PCB transmission line measurement and simulation questions.

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