Advanced RF Board Skills in ADS

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- Quick review of Momentum
- Lab1: Port Type Overview
- Lab2: Net Type Setup for Physical Model Simplified
- Lab3: Understand Mesh, Solver and Preprocessor
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Hot Keys – Schematic

Edit Commands

Following table lists the hot keys for the Edit menu options.

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View Commands

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Options > Snap Enabled			Ctrl+E
Select > Select All			Ctrl+A*
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Hot Keys – Data Display

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View Commands

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- Quick review of Momentum
- Lab1: Port Type Overview
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Momentum Overview

- Method of Moment (MoM) technology
- Accurate and efficient simulation of complex multilayer geometries



Advantages and Applications:

· Fast and efficient simulation

· PCB, Packages

Simulate large number of ports

· Verify dielectric stack up & ports

Tightly integrated within ADS environment

Solves complex 3D multilayer planar geometry

Design flow integration with ADS tools

Accurate from DC up to 100's of GHz

- · Define meshing criteria
- · Polygonal mesh is generated
- Maxwell's equation solved using Method of Moment



- S-parameter response Surface current plots
- Far field radiation pattern



First version of Momentum simulator : Released in 1994



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Benefit and Cost of MoM Technology

		Hybrid Solver	Mom	3D EM	
	Accuracy >10 GHz	Low	High	High	-
	Learning	Easy	Normal	Hard	
	Usability	Easy	Normal	Normal	Cost
•	Flexibility	Low	Medium	High	
	Speed	Fast	Medium	Slow	
	Memory Required	Low	Medium	High	
	Price	Medium	Medium	High	



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EM Setup Are Different for Each Solver Technology

- FDTD (Finite Difference Time Domain)
- FEM (Finite Element Method)
- MoM (Method of Moment)

- Arbitrary 3D structures
- Time Domain

MoM

- Full Wave EM Simulations
- · Handles much larger and complex problems

Today's Focus

Each port requires separate simulation
GPU based hardware acceleration
EMPro UI

Restricted 3D Structures
 Frequency Domain

- Full-Wave and Quasi-Static Simulations
- Dense & Compressed Matrix Solvers

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Multiport Simulations at no Additional Cost

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ADS UI



Arbitrary 3D structuresFrequency Domain

ADS or EMPro UI

High Q

Full Wave EM Simulations

Direct, Iterative Solvers

Multiport Simulations at no Additional Cost

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EM Ports in MoM Technology

- Consist of + and terminals
- Placed where EM models connect to circuit components
- Compute voltages and currents from E&H field, and also S-parameters

A lumped source is attached with a source impedance
No phase delay between + and –terminal

- Must be electrically small (size < λ /10)
- Otherwise it may result unphysical behaviors







EM Port Calibration in MoM Technology

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- TML (Transmission Line)
- TML (zero length)
- SMD (Surface Mount Devices)
- Delta gap

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General Pin Types

Correct Pins Allow for Correct Ports



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Excitation voltages can be limited in extent by using Edge/Area Pins



ADS Momentum Port Calibration/Feed Types

- MoM Ports placed on a metal EDGE will excite the entire edge with constant potential. Unless Edge Port is
 used to confine excitation. If the edge is >1/10 wavelength results can become non-physical.
- MoM Ports placed inside metal are point sources that will excite a mesh element around the port. Unless Area Port is used, area becomes constant potential.
- MoM Ports inject current with 0 deg phase shift (Lumped Source). If the physical difference between the + and – pins is > 1/10 wavelength results can become non-physical.
- MoM ports, being lumped sources will NOT couple to surrounding structures.
- Port Size restrictions:



EM Ports Editor

A Glimpse into Calibration/Feed Types

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Hover over Feed Type for pop-up help graphic





Summary of EM Ports in ADS 2016

• "Old" Nomenclature for Calibration/Feed Type

Calibration Type	Momentum	
None	If none of the available calibration types is valid for the connecting component, specify "None".	
TML (this is the default, changed @ sim time if not on outer edge)	This calibration type assumes the structure is fed through a transmission line. It removes the open end effect and adds the mutual coupling induced by the feeding transmission li	
TML (zero length)	This calibration type removes the open end effect.	
SMD	This calibration type removes the open end effect at port and adds the mutual coupling between the current flowing from the + to – pins and the rest of the circuit assuming the area between both pins would be filled with metal.	
Delta Gap	This calibration type adds the effect of metal filled in the area between the + and – pins. A gap in the middle allows connecting the source.	



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Summary of EM Ports in ADS 2017 & Newer

• New Nomenclature for Calibration/Feed Type

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TML Feed Type (1/5)

Transmission Line

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Ground Plane







Fringe Capacitance





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TML Feed Type (3/5)



Source attached

Added Calibration Line Length "L"



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Port Location

TML Feed Type (4/5)







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TML Feed Type (5/5)



Mutual coupling between the feed lines will be removed after TML calibration

Mutual coupling between the feed lines will be turned off during TML calibration

Misaligned Ports

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Incorrect Use of TML Feed Type



Incorrect Use of TML Feed Type



Incorrect Use of TML Feed Type



TML Zero-Length Feed Type



None Calibration - Direct Feed Type

- No port calibration but could be very versatile
- Ground reference can be anywhere
- Applies to point pins, edge pins and area pins
- Some guidelines
 - Port size must be electrically small (length < $\lambda/10$)
 - Ground reference should be on the true ground return path
 - A local open end effect is included in the DUT model. This is a result of the direct feed being applied to the edge port.



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Delta-Gap Feed Type



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Delta-Gap Feed Type







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SMD Feed Type



Calculation is referenced to the infinite ground plane

Calculation is referenced to the infinite ground plane



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Both of Delta-gap and SMD Feed Type

• Only differential mode supported

• Current flows straight through the added pads

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Lab1 – Port Calibration/Feed Types

Long line with gap for SMD component

Gap port calibration = DeltaGap|SMD|None(Direct)

Gap shorted



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Lab1 – Port Calibration/Feed Types

Long line with gap for SMD component

Gap port calibration = DeltaGap|SMD|None(Direct)

Gap shorted with short line (TML calibration)





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Metal Model Types

- Sheet-Sheet
- Intrude/Expand-Sheet
- Intrude/Expand-2D distributed
- Intrude/Expand-3D distributed (Recommended)















Thick Metal Model Types

Sheet



2D distributed



3D distributed(Recommended)



Top, bottom and sidewall currents separate
 Any surface current



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Lab 2

Controlled Impedance Line Designer (CILD)

- Impedance Calculation
- Width Calculation for specific impedance
- Support Strip, Microstrip, CPW, Single-Ended, Differential Pair Types
- Statistical Calculation
- Model Generation

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Check TDR of Metal Type

Accuracy: 3D+Edge > 3D > 2D >> Sheet





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Lumped (Recommended for Power/Ground vias)



- DC resistance and skin effect - Wire self inductance - Meshless equivalent circuit

Wire

- DC resistance and skin effect

- Wire self inductance
- Mutual wire-wire and wire-infinite ground inductances - Meshless equivalent circuit

2D-Distrubuted (Recommended for TLine vias)



- DC resistance and skin effect - All self and mutual inductances and capacitances - Vertical sidewall currents only

3D-Distrubuted



- DC resistance and skin effect - All self and mutual inductances and capacitances - Any surface current

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RFPro Vision: EM for every RF circuit designer

Allows users to focus on design rather than setting up EM

Integration

3D view

- Solution for RF PCB, RFIC, MMIC and RF Modules
- Enhanced ADS MOM and FEM simulator performance

Solver

Automatic EM expert settings

- guarantee confidence in EM results for novice and expert users
- Fast & correct analysis setup for **EM-circuit co-simulation**

- Layout
- No Cookie cutting

No exporting

- No removing active devices and placing pins & ports
- No reconnecting schematics to s-parameter files



RF Module



RFIC





RF Board



RFPro Momentum: Automatic Mode for Vias/Thick Metals

 Thanks to RFPro platform, Momentum can now automatically apply different via/thick conductor models depending on the nets type : signals, grounds and power planes

Physical model Thick conductor model Via conductor model

Automatic Automatic

Example on a 60 GHz Wilkinson divider

	-0.08211	
	RFPro 2020	RFPro 2020U1
Matrix size	127500	4750
Runtime (MomRF)	> 10h	27mn



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Lab2 - Net Type Setup for Physical Model Simplified

- Panda Board
- FM_ANT_RX
- FM_ANT_IN
- Frequency Range
 0~500 MHz





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Simulation Result with Automatic Physical Model

- Thick Conductor Model
 - Automatic
- Via Conductor Model

• Automatic

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	Copyright 1992 - 2020 Keysight Technologies
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	Simulation Mode: RF
	Substrate valid
	Layout simplification started
	Layout simplification finished
	Generating mesh at 500 MHz
	S-parameter simulation
	S-parameter simulation started
	initializing
	extracting layout
	expanding thick conductors
	Layout is electrically small below 1.15 GHz (space wave radiation)
	Substrate is electrically small below 9.98 GHz (surface wave radiation)
	reducing mesh
	Automatic selection: direct compressed matrix solver
	Using multi-threading (8 threads)
	Matrix size: 21433 (reduced: 7054)
	Simulation temperature: 298.15 K
	Adaptive frequency sweep started
	Simulation frequency [1] = 0 Hz

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Simulation Result with Manuel Physical Model

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Simulation Result with Different Net Type

Set D_GND net type as GND
 Set D_GND net type as PWR
 Set D_GND net type as SIG

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Mesh in RFPro

RF RFPro Setup - Advanced Simulator Setup

	Global	Overrides		
Solver				
Matrix solver	Automatic			
Mesh density Geometry overlap extraction Edge mesh Mesh reduction	20 cpw Normal Off On			
Physical model Thick conductor model Via conductor model Preprocessor	Automatic Automatic			**
Healing snap distance Simplify layout Ignore conductor shapes Ignore conductor holes	Automatic On Automatic Automatic			
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Momentum Mesh Generator

 Layout conforming meshes with quadrilateral, rectangular and triangular cells used to compute currents

- MoM problem can be mathematically thought of as a 3D equivalent circuit network with frequency-dependent R's, L's, and C's
- An impedance matrix is created and then solved that allows us to obtain the current amplitudes based on the excitations at the ports
- Create matrix = Matrix Load (quadruple integrals over surfaces of all cell pairs)





Edge Mesh

- 1 Port
- 2 Mesh
- 3 Edge Mesh





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Geometry Overlap Extraction

- Thin Layer Overlap
- If two drawing layers are separated by a thin substrate layer and the mesh cells and object boundaries are not aligned correctly, the simulation data may be less accurate





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FEM Generation 2 : Mesh-domain optimization

Mesh-domain optimization in Momentum is coming soon.

Initial Mes



The mesher automatically optimizes the domain to suppress parts where the field is neglectable

	Generation		Generat	lion 2
	 Target Mesh 	Size	Automat	tic
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	 Conductor E 	dge Mesh Le	On	
	Minimum M	esh Size	Off	
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- In case of large ground or power planes, the simulation space might still be too large to be efficient
- ADS 2020 Update 1.0 Mesh Domain Optimization to reduce the simulation space with 2 constraints
 - Much more stable than a cookie cut
- Automatically adapts for several critical nets to be simulated in series
 - No need to multiply layout views for each cookie cut



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Solver in RFPro

RF RFPro Setup - Advanced Simulator Setup

	Global	Overrides	
Solver			
Matrix solver	Automatic	-	
Mesh	Automatic		
Mesh density	Direct-dense		
Geometry overlap extraction	Iterative-dense		
Edge mesh	Direct-compressed		
Mesh reduction	<inherit from="" preset=""></inherit>		
Physical model	·		
Thick conductor model	Automatic		
Via conductor model	Automatic		
Preprocessor			
 Healing snap distance 	Automatic		
 Simplify layout 	On		
Ignore conductor shapes	Automatic		
Ignore conductor holes	Automatic		
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Solver in RFPro

MoM technology chooses automatically the best solver for your application



~2-3000 Unknown currents (N)

CPU time = A + B N + C N 2 + D N 3

where:

N = number of unknowns

The constant term **A** accounts for the simulation set up time. The meshing of the structure is responsible for the linear term, **BN**. The loading of the interaction matrix is responsible for the quadratic term and the solving of the matrix equation accounts for:

- Part of the quadratic term (when using the iterative solver)
- The cubic term (when using the direct solver)



Preprocessor in RFPro

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Solver								•
Matrix solver	Automatic							
- Mesh						*		1
Mesh density	20 cpw						*	<i>.</i> *
Geometry overlap extraction	Normal							
Edge mesh	Off							
Mesh reduction	On							. °.
Physical model								
 Thick conductor model 	Automatic							
Via conductor model	Automatic						8	
- Preprocessor							*	
 Healing snap distance 	Automatic							
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Layout Healing

Closes unintentional gaps between adjacent shapes



- Ensures that stacked vias have only one joint boundary
- Eliminates acute angles



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Layout Simplification

 Layout simplification is required to reduce number of meshes without loss of accuracy



Simulation Options	
Preset: Default	Remove
Description Physical Model Preprocessor Mesh Solver Expert	
Global: All Shapes Global: Patterns Layer Specific	
Show Visual Aid	^
 Heal the layout nearby edges and vertices will be snapped together Auto-determine a safe snap distance (conservative) 	
O User specified snap distance: 0 mil 💌	
Merge shapes touching each other where possible shared edges in the mesh will not be preserved	
Simplify the layout vertex count will be reduced, without changing the topology Constraints (upper limits)	
Displacement 1 % of the wavelength 💌	
Shrinkage/growth 7.6 % or arc resolution 45 degrees	
Use different constraints for vias	
Displacement 1 % of the wavelength 🔻	
Shrinkage/growth 7.6 % or arc resolution 45 degrees	
Never change lines whose length exceeds 0 r	nil 🔻
Ignore shapes on the following purposes:	
dummy dummy2	~

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Guidance RFPro Setup for IC Design

Reasonable defaults for <u>IC Designs</u>:

- Mode: MomRF (switch to MomMW if status window indicates electrically large design)
- Ports: 'Auto'/'Direct' for most ports, TML only if intend design to be included in context with same transmission line widths at those port locations.
- Frequency plan: include DC in frequency plan
- Output Plan: only save currents if necessary for post-processing visualization (also uncheck 'Reduce to decrease size' in Model options if you do wish to visualize currents)
- Physical Model: 3D-distributed thick conductor model, 2D-distributed/Wire via model for most (3D Distributed for via in RF path)
- Preprocessor: displacement=0.1 um or auto, arc resolution = 5 degrees for arcs, 45 degrees for vias, use via merge options and/or metal fill options (when needed)
- Mesh: mesh density 200-1000 cells @ highest frequency, edge mesh (on for sheet conductors, off for thick conductors), thin layer overlap extraction (Normal for MIM caps, off otherwise), consider Layer Specific meshing if need finer/coarser mesh on specific layer(s)
- Solver: if using 'Auto-select' or 'Direct Compressed' ('Direct Dense' guarantees highest accuracy, at potential cost of more RAM and sim time)





Guidance RFPro Setup for Laminate/PCB

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- Output Plan: only save currents if necessary for post-processing visualization (also uncheck 'Reduce to decrease size' in Model options if you do wish to visualize currents)
- Physical Model: 3D-distributed thick conductor model, 2D-distributed/Wire via model for most (3D Distributed for via in RF path)
- Preprocessor: displacement=1 um or auto, arc resolution = 5 degrees for arcs, 45 degrees for vias
 Mesh: mesh density 20-60 cells @ highest frequency, edge mesh (on for sheet conductors, off for thick conductors), thin layer overlap extraction off, consider Layer Specific meshing if need finer/coarser mesh on
- specific layer(s)
- Solver: if using 'Auto-select' or 'Direct Compressed' ('Direct Dense' guarantees highest accuracy, at potential cost of more RAM and sim time)





Momentum RF vs. Momentum Microwave

- Physical structures radiate into free space (spherical waves) and into substrates (cylindrical waves)
- Radiation for electrically small structures is very small
- MomRF mathematically eliminates radiation
- Computes quasi-static Green's functions at a low frequency
- High accuracy possible even at very high frequencies (100 GHz or more) – just depends on electrical size of structure
- Approximate frequency limits are reported in the log file



S-parameter simulation S-parameter simulation started

Layout is electrically small below 18.4 GHz (space wave radiation) Substrate is electrically small below 8.05 GHz (surface wave radiation)

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Automatic selection: direct dense matrix solver Using multi-threading (2 threads) Adaptive frequency sweep started Simulation frequency [1] = 0 Hz



Lab3 - RFPro EM-cosimulation Two-Stage RF Board Amplifier with SMT Components

- A 2-stage LNA built on a 2-layer board.
- SMT components (transistors, capacitors, inductors, resistors) are from a board design kit, all have component models.
- Interconnect lines are Layout based and will be simulated with EM.
- There are 4 ports (8 pins)
 - 2 pins RFin (Signal, Gnd)
 - 2 pins RFout (Signal, Gnd)
 - 2 pins VDC1 (Power, Gnd)
 - 2 pins VDC2 (Power, Gnd)









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Summary

- This Webinar help users to understand the port type (calibration type), physical model, mesh, solver and preprocessor setting of MoM technology (Momentum) in RFPro.
- There are different factors having to be taken into account when modeling. User have to
 understand the difference between condition to get accurate results. It is important to seek balance
 between cost and accuracy.
- ADS RFPro not only can do EM & Circuit co-simulation easily, but also check TDR/TDT impedance, near-field, far-field directly. It's a useful tool for users to analyze simulation quality.





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