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R2018a

Version: 3.4

New Features

Smith and Polar Plots in RF Budget Analyzer App: Visualize input and output impedances, forward gain budget, and reverse isolation across signal bandwidth

Use the **Smith** and **Polar** buttons in the **RF Budget Analyzer** app to plot output impedances, forward gain budget, RF system S-parameters, and reverse isolation across signal bandwidths.

Improved smithplot Function: Visualize network parameters for rfckt, rfdata, nport, and sparameters objects and support the circle function

Use the `smithplot` function to visualize network parameters for `rfckt`, `rfdata`, `rfbudget`, and `nport` objects.

R2017b

Version: 3.3

New Features

smithplot Function: Visualize network parameters, data, and markers on a Smith chart

Use the `smithplot` function to visualize data and network parameters with improved markers.

Plot button in RF Budget Analyzer App: Visualize budget results across signal bandwidth

Use the **Plot** button to visualize cumulative RF budget results versus cascade input frequency from within the **RF Budget Analyzer** app.

R2017a

Version: 3.2

New Features

Zero IF Support in rfBudgetAnalyzer App: Analyze direct conversion transmitters and receivers

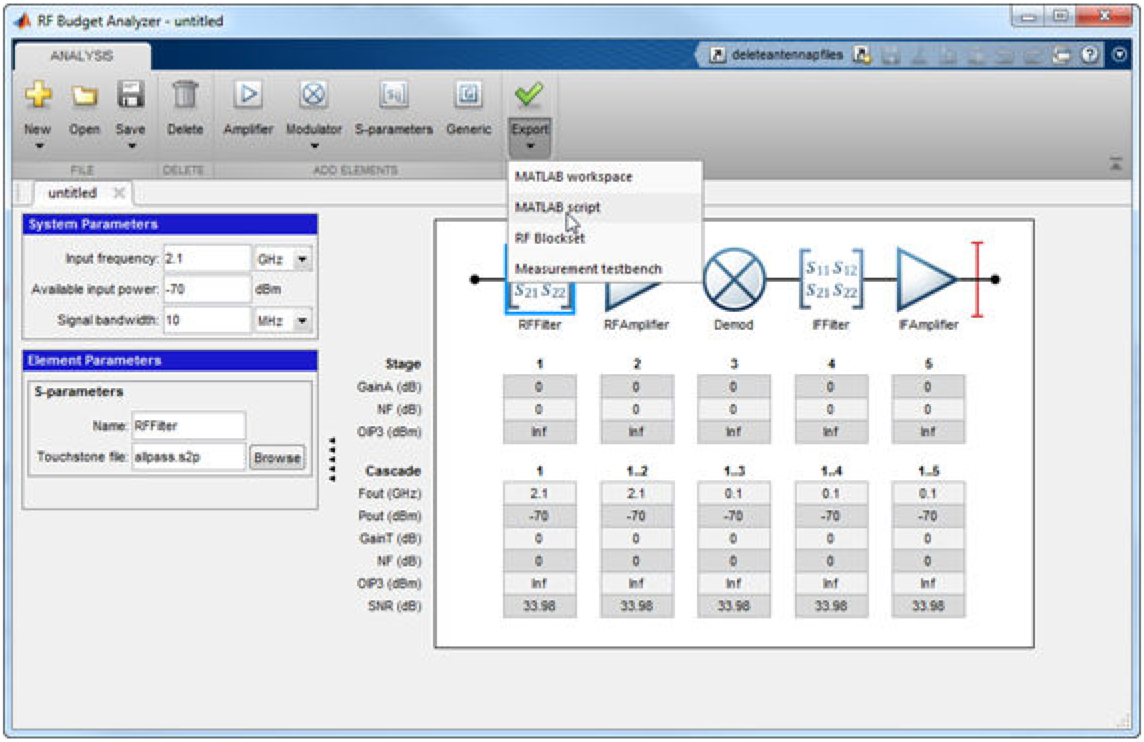
You can now use the **RF Budget Analyzer** app to analyze direct conversion and low-IF transmitters and receivers.

MATLAB Functionality for RF Budget Analysis: Script and automate RF budget analysis

Use the `rfbudget` class to compute the cumulative gain, noise figure, and third intercept point (IP3) for an RF circuit created using RF elements. You can also use the `show` function to view the analysis on the **RF Budget Analyzer** app.

Generation of MATLAB script from rfBudgetAnalyzer App: Automate scripting for RF budget analysis

In the **RF Budget Analyzer**, under **Export** tab, click `MATLAB Script` to create a MATLAB script of the RF circuit and RF budget analysis. The figure shows you how to create the script of an RF circuit and its budget analysis.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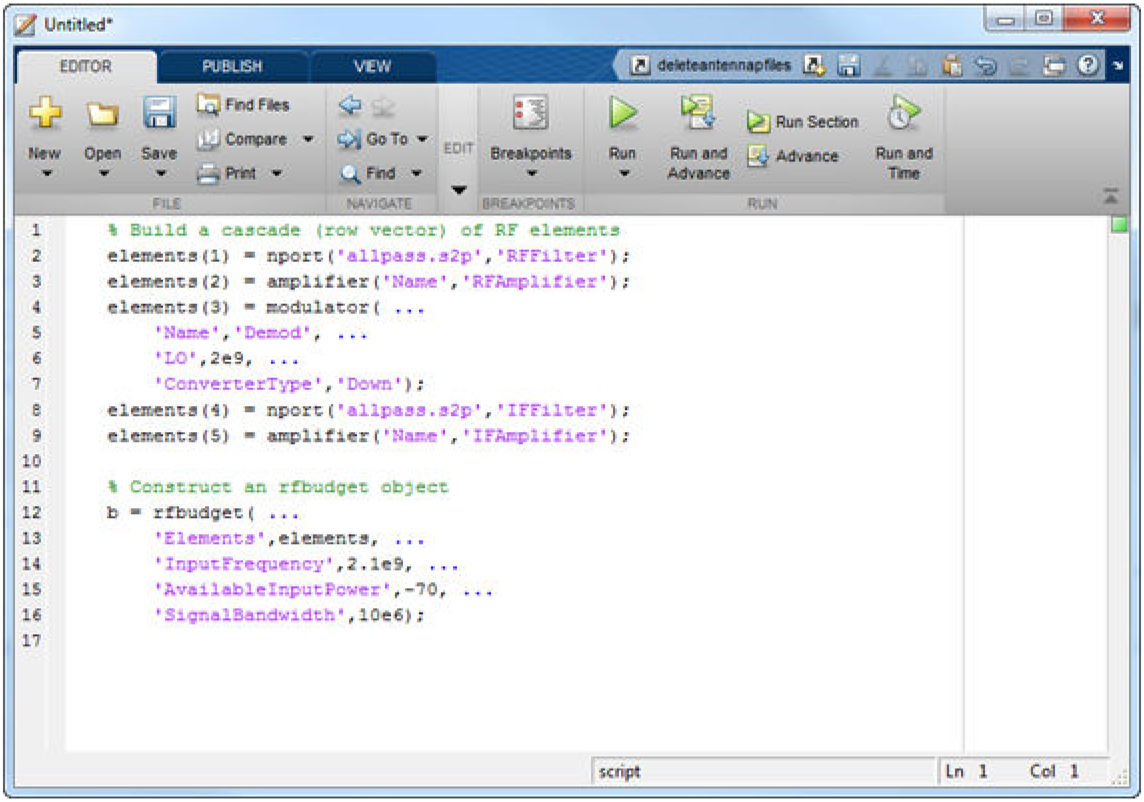

Amplifier and Modulator Objects: Build networks of active and passive components using circuit objects

Use the `amplifier`, `modulator`, and `rfelement` to build RF circuits. You can also analyze the RF budget of the circuit by using the `rfbudget` class.

R2016b

Version: 3.1

No New Features or Changes

R2016a

Version: 3.0

New Features

RF Budget Analyzer: Analytically compute gain, noise figure, and IP3 for cascaded RF components

You can use the RF Budget Analyzer app to compute the per-stage and cumulative gain, noise figure, and third intercept point (IP3) for a system of RF elements. Export the computed values to the MATLAB® workspace. Simulate the system using SimRF™. Verify the gain, noise figure, and IP3 using the SimRF testbench simulation. To learn how to use the app, seeSuperheterodyne Receiver Using RF Budget Analyzer App.

R2015b

Version: 2.17

New Features

LC Ladder Objects: Build different ladder configurations of LC elements and include them in arbitrary networks

You can use the `lcladder` class to create LC filters, calculate the S-parameters of the filters, and add the filters to an RF Toolbox circuit object.

Group Delay Calculation: Compute the group delay for networks with arbitrary topologies and for any S-parameter data

You can use the `groupdelay` function to calculate the group delay of the S-parameters object and these RF network elements: nport, circuit, and LC ladder.

rationalfit Function Examples: Learn best practices for fitting S-parameter data

Use these examples to understand how to improve the quality of rationalfit output:

- Using the 'NPoles' Parameter with rationalfit
- Using the 'Weight' Parameter with rationalfit
- Using the 'DelayFactor' Parameter with rationalfit

2015a

Version: 2.16

New Features

N-Port S-Parameters Circuit Element: Analyze RF networks containing S-parameter components

You can use `nport` to create a linear nport circuit element from Touchstone files and s-parameter objects. Use the `add` function to add n-port element to circuit element.

T-Parameters Data Object: Store and convert T-parameters data from other formats

You can create tparameter objects from touchstone files, network parameters, and rfdata.network objects using the `tparameters` data object function.

rfplot Improvements: Plot real, imaginary, magnitude, or angle data

You can now use the `rfplot` function to specify the types of plot such as decibels (default), real, imaginary, absolute, or angle.

R2014b

Version: 2.15

New Features

Bug Fixes

Gain, noise figure, and IP3 cascade analysis for general RF stages

You can now compute the `gain`, `noise figure`, `oip3`, and `iip3` of cascaded networks using the rfchain object. Display the stage-by-stage results in a spreadsheet format using the `worksheet` method. Visualize the results using the `plot` method.

Network parameter object improvements for conversion of any network data object

You can now convert `rfckt` or `rfdata.data` or `rfdata.network` objects into any network parameter objects including S-parameters, Y-parameters, ABCD-parameters objects.

R2014a

Version: 2.14

New Features

Bug Fixes

General de-embedding function for 2N-port S-parameters

You can now use the deembedsparams function to de-embed 2N-port fixture effects from 2N-port measurements. It supports both three-dimensional S-parameters data and S-parameter objects.

N-port Touchstone file writing from any network data object or raw data

You can use the rfwrite function to write Touchstone files from three-dimensional network parameter data or any network parameter object (S-parameters, Y-parameters, Z-parameters, ABCD-parameters, etc.)

rationalfit function at least six times faster

The rationalfit function now fits a rational model to S-parameter data at least six times faster than previous releases. This responsiveness improves both RF Toolbox command-line behavior and SimRF simulation of S-parameter blocks.

R2013b

Version: 2.13

New Features

Bug Fixes

Additional functions for constructing arbitrary RLC networks

In R2013b, the following new functions are available:

- resistor, capacitor, inductor, and circuit — Use the basic building functions of an RF circuit to construct RLC networks.
- add — Insert basic RF elements to a circuit.
- clone — Duplicate any existing RF elements or circuits.
- setports — Define node pairs as ports of a circuit.
- setterminals — Map the nodes of a circuit to terminals.

S-parameter extraction for arbitrary RLC networks

The sparameters function now includes added functionality that you can use to calculate the S-parameters of RLC networks.

R2013a

Version: 2.12

Bug Fixes

Compatibility Considerations

Improved rationalfit function

This release introduces additional pole-searching optimizations to the `rationalfit` function algorithm. Models that the function returns in this release tend to have fewer poles than those in previous releases.

Compatibility Considerations

To constrain the function results across releases and machine architectures, explicitly specify optional parameters such as error tolerance and number of poles when you call the function. Given a data set and corresponding frequencies, the function attempts to calculate a rational function approximation to within a given specification. However, the exact model that the function returns can differ between releases and machines, as the algorithm improves.

R2012b

Version: 2.11

New Features

Bug Fixes

Network parameter interface improvements for faster reading of Touchstone files, plotting, and converting parameters

New network parameter objects and functions are available, with support for:

- Reading Touchstone files
- Converting network parameters
- Plotting network parameters

Additionally, some functions have been updated to support the new interface. For more information, see RF Network Parameter Objects.

Name-value pair syntax for rationalfit function

The `rationalfit` function now supports using name-value pairs for optional input arguments. Name-value pair arguments can be specified in any order and improve readability of code.

R2012a

Version: 2.10

New Features

Bug Fixes

New Visualization Option for Intermediate-Frequency (IF) Planning Object

The `OpenIF` object supports a new interactive, graphical interface for assessing spur information in a mixer chain. You access this interface using the new `show` method.

Enhanced S-Parameter Conversion Functions

S-parameter conversion functions have been enhanced to support larger data sets. The following functions now support conversion between parameter sets of 2*N*-port networks.

- `abcd2s`
- `abcd2y`
- `abcd2z`
- `s2abcd`
- `y2abcd`
- `z2abcd`

The `s2smm` function now supports mixed-mode conversions for *N*-port devices.

The following mixed-mode S-parameter functions now support mixed-mode conversions for 2*N*-port devices:

- `s2scc`
- `s2scd`
- `s2sdc`
- `s2sdd`
- `smm2s`

New Demos for Signal Integrity Applications

Two new signal-integrity demos are available in this version.

- The Bandpass Filter Response demo describes a procedure for designing and analyzing a simple bandpass filter using `rfckt` objects.

- The MOS Interconnect and Crosstalk demo reproduces Pillage and Rohrer's classic result from "Waveform Evaluation for Timing Analysis".

Enhanced Rational Fitting

The `rationalfit` function has improved robustness, speed, and accuracy in this version.

R2011b

Version: 2.9

New Features

Bug Fixes

Compatibility Considerations

New Intermediate Frequency (IF) Planning Object

The `OpenIF` object supports a new partial workflow for multiband transmitter or receiver design. Use these objects to analyze intermediate frequencies (IFs) that do not produce interference (spurs) in operating bands.

New Functions for Calculating Transmission Line RLGC Parameters

The `rlgc2s` and `s2rlgc` functions allow you to calculate the per-unit-length RLGC parameters of a transmission line from transmission-line S-parameters.

Enhanced Rational Fitting

The `rationalfit` function has improved robustness, speed, and accuracy in this version.

Compatibility Considerations

Some default values of `rationalfit` have changed. For more information, see the function reference page.

Conversion of Error and Warning Message Identifiers

For R2011b, error and warning messages identifiers have changed in RF Toolbox software.

Compatibility Considerations

If you have scripts or functions that use message identifiers that changed, you must update the code to use the new identifiers. Typically, message identifiers are used to turn off specific warning messages, or in code that uses a try/catch statement and performs an action based on a specific error identifier.

For example, the `rf:rfckt:seriesrlc:setpositive:NotAPositive` identifier has changed to `rf:rfbase:rfbase:setpositive:NotAPositive`. If your code checks for `rf:rfckt:seriesrlc:setpositive:NotAPositive`, you must update it to check for `rf:rfbase:rfbase:setpositive:NotAPositive` instead.

To determine the identifier for a warning, run the following command just after you see the warning:

```
[MSG,MSGID] = lastwarn;
```

This command saves the message identifier to the variable `MSGID`.

To determine the identifier for an error, run the following command just after you see the error:

```
exception = MException.last;
MSGID = exception.identifier;
```

Note Warning messages indicate a potential issue with your code. While you can turn off a warning, a suggested alternative is to change your code so it runs warning-free.

R2011a

Version: 2.8.1

Bug Fixes

R2010b

Version: 2.8

New Features

Compatibility Considerations

Enhanced Rational Function Modeling

An improved algorithm for the `rationalfit` function fits an accurate rational model to passive S-parameter data in less time than in previous versions. In addition, a new parameter specifies the number of iterations `rationalfit` attempts at each value for the number of poles.

Compatibility Considerations

Default behavior for some parameters have changed:

- The number-of-poles argument `npoles` defaults to a minimum value of `0` in version 2.8, instead of `4`, as in previous versions.
- `rationalfit` does not display a wait bar by default in this version. A new `showwaitbar` parameter allows you to specify whether `rationalfit` displays a wait bar.

For more information on using this function, see the `rationalfit` reference page.

Extended Methods and Parameters for RF Object Visualization

RF Toolbox version 2.8 extends the Plots and Charts methods to include:

- Support for third-order intercept point and transducer power gain parameters, `IIP3` and `Gt`.
- A new method, `table`, for visualizing network data in the Variable Editor.

R2010a

Version: 2.7

New Features

Function Added

The `makepassive` function creates passive S-Parameters from any S-parameter array. Use this function to enforce strict numerical passivity on an array of S-parameters that represents a passive device.

Methods Added

Two new methods for `rfmodel.rational` objects are available:

- The `ispassive` method tests global passivity of an `rfmodel.rational` object.
- The `stepresp` method calculates the response of an `rfmodel.rational` object to a step signal. You can use this function to perform time-domain reflectometry (TDR) and time-domain transmission (TDT) analysis.

Demo Added

The Modeling a High-Speed Backplane (Part 3: 4-Port S-Parameters to Differential TDR and TDT) demo shows how to perform time-domain reflectometry (TDR) and time-domain transmission (TDT) analysis on network data.

R2009b

Version: 2.6

New Features

Bug Fixes

New Function for Testing Passivity of S-Parameters

The `ispassive` function checks the passivity of N-port S-parameter matrices.

Expanded Port-Ordering Schemes for S-Parameter Conversion Functions

The functions `s2scc`, `s2scd`, `s2sdc`, `s2sdd`, `s2smm`, `smm2s` now support a third commonly-used port-ordering. For more information on using this feature, see the corresponding function reference page.

Support for Calculation of Power-Wave Gain for Transfer Functions

The `s2tf` function can now calculate the power-wave gain of 2-port S-parameters. Calculation in terms of voltage is still the default option.

R2009a

Version: 2.5

New Features

Compatibility Considerations

New Functions for Converting 4N-Port S-Parameter Matrices

There are two new functions for converting between 4N-port single-ended S-parameter matrices and 2N-port mixed-mode S-parameter matrices:

- The `s2smm` function lets you convert 4N-port single-ended S-parameters to 2N-port mixed-mode S-parameters. You can view the 2N-port output data to see interactions, such as crosstalk, that are not apparent in the single-ended data. This lets you easily select the ports of interest for further analysis.
- The `smm2s` function lets you convert 2N-port mixed-mode S-parameters to 4N-port single-ended S-parameters.

Enhanced Dielectric Loss Model in Three Transmission Line Objects

The following objects now provide a more realistic model for dielectric loss:

- `rfckt.coaxial`
- `rfckt.twowire`
- `rfckt.parallelplate`

To specify dielectric loss, you use a new property, `LossTangent`. This property replaces the `SigmaDiel` parameter.

Compatibility Considerations

Your existing objects with a nonzero value for the `SigmaDiel` parameter no longer model dielectric loss. Instead, the objects issue a warning message and use the default value of zero for the `LossTangent` property when you use the `analyze` method.

Demos Added

Two new demos show how to design broadband impedance matching networks for RF components:

- Designing Broadband Matching Networks (Part 1: Antenna) shows how to design a matching network for an antenna.

- Designing Broadband Matching Networks (Part 2: Amplifier) shows how to design a matching network for an amplifier.

R2008b

Version: 2.4

New Features

cascadesparams Function now supports N-port S-parameters

You can now use the `cascadesparams` function to cascade the S-parameters of an arbitrary number of N-port devices to form a network. The function lets you specify how to connect the ports of each N-port device to the ports of the subsequent N-port device in the cascade. For more information about the function, see the `cascadesparams` reference page.

Improvements to the plotyy Method

The `plotyy` method now uses a more intuitive approach when determining how to plot the specified parameters if you do not specify the plot format. For more information about the function, see the `plotyy` reference page.

R2008a

Version: 2.3

New Features

Calculation and Plotting Metrics Added

You can now compute and visualize group delay, voltage gain, and stability factor using the `calculate` and `plot` methods.

Network Parameter Conversion Functions Enhanced

You can now use the `s2sdd`, `s2sdc`, `s2scd`, and `s2scc` functions to perform conversions on network parameters with alternate port arrangements.

gammams and gammaml Functions Added

Use the new `gammams` and `gammaml` functions to compute source and load reflection coefficients required for simultaneous conjugate match.

z2gamma Function Added

Use the new `z2gamma` function to convert impedance values to reflection coefficients.

Demos Added and Updated

A new demo, Writing a Touchstone File, shows how to write `rfckt` object data to an industry-standard Touchstone data file.

Modeling a High-Speed Backplane (Part 2: 4-Port S-Parameters to a Rational Function Model) now uses the new Communications Toolbox™ eye diagram scope, `commscope.eyediagram`, to plot the eye diagram.

Command-Line Help Updated

The `help` function returns additional information for objects and packages. The function now includes descriptions of all properties and links to all relevant methods.

R2007b

Version: 2.2

New Features

snp2smp Function Added

Use the new `snp2smp` function to convert N-port S-parameter data and termination impedances to M-port S-parameters.

circle Method Added

Use the new `circle` method to place circles on a Smith® Chart to depict stability regions and display constant gain, noise figure, reflection, and immitance circles.

powergain Function Added

Use the new `powergain` function to compute various power gains of a 2-port network.

Smith Chart Enhanced

The `smith` method now lets you plot the network parameters of devices with more than two ports on a Smith Chart.

Demos Added and Updated

Modeling a High-Speed Backplane (Part 1: Measured 16-Port S-Parameters to 4-Port S-Parameters) is the new first part of a four-part demo on “Modeling a High-Speed Backplane.” The new demo shows how to extract 4-port S-parameter data from 16-port S-parameter data. The original three parts of the demo are now parts 2, 3, and 4.

The following demos replace the “Designing Impedance Matching Networks” and “Placing Circles on a Smith Chart” demos, respectively, and show how to use the new `circle` method:

- Designing Matching Networks (Part 1: Networks with an LNA and Lumped Elements) uses the available gain design technique to design a low-noise amplifier for a wireless communication system.
- Designing Matching Networks (Part 2: Single Stub Transmission Lines) shows how to design input and output matching networks for an amplifier.

R2007a

Version: 2.1

New Features

Agilent P2D and S2D System-Level Verification Model Support Added

The `rfckt.amplifier` and `rfckt.mixer` objects now let you import system-level verification models of amplifiers and mixers, respectively, using data from Agilent® P2D and S2D files.

Use P2D files to specify the following data for multiple operating conditions, such as temperature and bias values:

- Small-signal network parameters
- Power-dependent network parameters
- Noise data
- Intermodulation tables

Use S2D files to specify the following data for multiple operating conditions:

- Small-signal network parameters
- Gain compression (1 dB)
- Third-order intercept point (IP3)
- Power-dependent S_{21} parameters
- Noise data
- Intermodulation tables

Use the following methods to work with operating condition data after you import a P2D or S2D file into an RF object:

- `setop` — Use this method to set operating condition values or to list all available values.
- `getop` — Use this method to display the selected operating condition values.

Mixer Spur Analysis Added

You can import an intermodulation table into an `rfckt.mixer` object. The object's `plot` method has a new option for plotting mixer spur data.

timeresp Method Added

Use the new timeresp method of the rfmodel.rational object to compute the time response of an rfmodel object to a specified input signal. Use this method rather than computing impulse response with the impulse method and then convolving that response with the input signal because the timeresp method generally gives a more accurate output signal for a given input signal.

Plotting Methods Added

Four new plotting methods provide additional plotting options:

- Use the plotyy method of the rfckt class to create a plot that contains RF circuit object data on both the left and right Y-axes.
- Use the loglog method of the rfckt class to plot RF circuit object data on a log-log scale.
- Use the semilogx method of the rfckt class to plot RF circuit object data using a logarithmic scale for the X-axis.
- Use the semilogy method of the rfckt class to plot RF circuit object data using a logarithmic scale for the Y-axis.

gamma2z Function Added

Use the new gamma2z function to compute input impedance from a reflection coefficient.

Tab Completion Added

Tab completion is now available in the MATLAB command window for all functions and methods. For more information on tab completion, see the MATLAB documentation.

Data Tips Added

Data tips are now available for any RF plot. For more information on data tips, see Data Cursor — Displaying Data Values Interactively in the MATLAB documentation.

Demos Added and Updated

Visualizing Mixer Spurs shows how to use the toolbox to perform mixer spur analysis using data from an intermodulation table and then plot the output power spectrum of the desired signal and the undesired spurs.

Modeling a High-Speed Backplane (Part 1: Measured 4-Port S-Parameters to a Rational Function Model) now uses the `timeresp` method to compute the time-domain response of a system characterized by measured data.

Modeling a High-Speed Backplane (Part 2: Rational Function Model to Simulink Model) now includes code that you can use to generate a Simulink model for any `rfmodel.rational` object.

R2006b

Version: 2.0

New Features

S-Parameter Conversion Function Added

Use the s2tf function to convert 2-port scattering parameters into a transfer function that represents the normalized voltage gain of a 2-port network.

rfmodel Class Added

Use objects from the rfmodel class to represent components and networks with mathematical equations. The rfmodel.rational object stores a rational function model of a component or network.

rationalfit Function Added

Use the rationalfit function to fit a rational function to passive data that represents an RF component or network and then store the result in an rfmodel.rational object. This type of model is useful to signal integrity engineers, whose goal is to reliably connect high-speed semiconductor devices with, for example, multi-Gbit/s serial data streams across backplanes and printed circuit boards.

freqresp and impulse Functions Added

Use the freqresp method of the rfmodel class to compute the frequency response of an rfmodel object.

Use the impulse method of the rfmodel class to compute the impulse response of an rfmodel object.

Support for Exporting Verilog-A Models Added

Use the writeva method of the rfmodel class to export a description of an RF component or network for use in a time-domain circuit simulator.

Demos Added

“Modeling a High-Speed Backplane (Part 1: Measured 4-Port S-Parameters to a Rational Function Model)” shows how to use the toolbox to model a differential high-speed backplane using rational functions.

“Modeling a High-Speed Backplane (Part 2: Rational Function Model to a Verilog-A Module)” shows how to use toolbox functions to generate a Verilog-A module that models the high-level behavior of a high-speed backplane.

“Modeling a Differential High-Speed Backplane in Simulink” shows how to use Simulink to simulate a differential high-speed backplane.

R2006a

Version: 1.3

New Features

S-Parameter Conversion Functions Added

Use the `s2scc` function to convert 4-port, single-ended S-parameters to 2-port, common mode S-parameters.

Use the `s2scd` function to convert 4-port, single-ended S-parameters to 2-port, cross mode S-parameters.

Use the `s2sdc` function to convert 4-port, single-ended S-parameters to 2-port, cross mode S-parameters.

Use the `s2sdd` function to convert 4-port, single-ended S-parameters to 2-port, differential mode S-parameters.

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New Features

extract Function Added

Use the `extract` function to extract specified network parameters from a circuit or data object and return the result in an array.

Circuit Object Added

Use `rfckt.rlcgline` to construct an RLCG transmission line object.

Transmission Line Object Improved

The new `Freq` property of the circuit object, `rfckt.txline`, is a vector of positive frequencies at which the parameter values are known.

The `Loss`, `PV`, and `Z0` properties of the circuit object, `rfckt.txline`, can now be vectors of line loss, phase velocity, and characteristic impedance values that correspond to the frequencies specified in the `Freq` property.

The new `IntpType` property of the circuit object, `rfckt.txline`, is the interpolation method used to calculate the parameter values between the known frequencies.

Touchstone Data File Support Improved

You can now read data from Touchstone data files that contain comments and spaces between sections of data.

Demos Improved

The demos have new documentation and can be accessed using an improved interface.

Command Window Help for Functions That Act on Circuit Objects Added

You can access help for functions that act on circuit objects by using the syntax `help` *`functionname`* at the MATLAB command prompt.

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New Features

Plot Figures Integrated into the RF Tool GUI

In earlier versions, a plot figure would appear in a separate window after clicking the **Plot** button. In this version, plot figures are integrated into the GUI itself.

Five Objects Added

These objects can be used to store rfdata such as network parameters, noise figure, power, IP3, and spot noise.

Three Circuit Objects Added

Use `rfckt.delay` to model delay lines, `rfckt.hybridg` to model hybrid G connected networks, and `rfckt.passive` to model RF passive networks.

Methods Added

The new `write` method allows saving of RF network data into files for all `rfckt` objects.

The new methods, `read` and `restore`, read and restore data for `rfckt.datafile`, `rfckt.amplifier`, and `rfckt.mixer`.

Method Enhanced

The `analyze` method now takes three additional optional inputs for the load, source, and reference impedances.

Functions Added

The functions `stabilitymu` and `stabilityk` calculate the stability factors μ and k.

The functions `h2g` and `g2h` convert between hybrid G and hybrid H parameters.

General Enhancements

It is now possible to create the objects `rfckt.amplifier` and `rfckt.mixer` from a MATLAB variable.

The frequency-dependent NF and IP3 data types were added to the AMP format.