

A 2-Way Radial Power Combiner

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Abstract

Instead of going through numerous stages of the reconstruction, the N-way power combiner increases the power of N devices in few steps. This article the description of the structure of an N-way wideband microstrip power combiner, which offers advantages over hub power combiners. The thin microstrip lines in the combiner which is constructed with result in lower production costs and a smaller size and weight. A complete evaluation is performed and the findings are reported for a 2-way broadband microstrip radial power combiner running from 0.4GHz to 1.4GHz. This simulation consists of utilizing CST which is also performed, with the underlying results modified for optimal execution. Two or three power combiners were developed and estimated. In the conclusion, the purpose of this research is to propose a design and implementation plan for a wideband microstrip N-Way Radial Power Combiner.

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1. Introduction

In communications and military systems, the need for RF and microwave power has always been and continues to be more than what a single solid-state device can deliver. The output power of numerous solid-state transistors can be combined to overcome this problem. Much alternative power combining methods have been researched over the years, and the literature contains a complete overview of these strategies. The method used for combining is an excellent choice for the power combiners which are used for a small number of devices, but as the number of combined devices grows, the total length of lossy transmission lines grows rapidly. Aside from that, combining a large number of devices properly introduces a significant level of phase and amplitude unbalances, lowering the power combining performance. When the number of devices is large, however, the new strategy, namely N-way power combining, in which the input devices are combined in one step, has advantages over the corporate technique [1-3]. The fundamental disadvantage of N-way power combiners is the absence of good isolation between the input ports; however, this is not always the case. When the number of combined devices reaches a certain size, they allow for enough separation between peripheral ports. The CST studio suite is a high-performance 3D electromagnetic component and system analysis software package for creating, testing, and enhancing electromagnetic components and systems. In the CST studio suite, electromagnetic field solvers for applications across the electromagnetic spectrum are contained in a single user interface. The solvers can be connected to conduct hybrid simulations.

2. Related work

The review of various techniques is collaborated and per the combining power from 2 to more shows which is presented in this paper its technique that combines all State Power Combiner is shown below the performance of 10 as an even more successful approach which is described below the yet more trend is combining RF power combiner using solid state with can be identified over the years. There is a lot of interest in creating techniques for mixing power from microwave and millimeters wave power sources, which has an impact on the diode as a dependable solid-state microwave source. In this study, we design chain and tree combining structures, which consist of turning off the power and plugging in the device at the same time, rather than going through many combining stages. This opens the prospect of the structure having a high combining efficiency. They have utilized cavity combining structures since the power created does not need to travel through numerous stages of combining. Basically, they have mentioned sorts of combining structures and strategies to design a number of power combiners in its future scope [1]. In this study, a back is offered on the from power company technique employing IMPATT for active devices, with an emphasis on the millimeters range frequency, which is from 30 to 300 GHz, and the non-resonant combiner. The planner waveguide combiner and dispersed circuit combiner are employed in different dielectric guides, and chip level combining and

special multilevel combining are also discussed. The finding was that the microwave frequency of 2220 GHz is very low. Dr. H Jacobs, who prepared this essay for exposing the dielectric waveguide, was acknowledged by the author [2]. Several elements, as well as design methodologies and procedures, can affect the problem of constructing a power combiner. According to the study, it is a unique method to design and implementation of fire by microstrip radial power combiner with planar structure that is simply built on PCB Technology. It is a 14-way power combiner with a bandwidth of 1.5 to 6 GHz that is constructed on three-layer PCB. The power handling of the combiner was evaluated from two separate perspectives in this technique, in which the high-frequency solver calculates the electric and magnetic loss in the structure. From 1.5 GHz to 6 GHz, the result of the and output port has a return loss of less than -10 dB [3] There is always a defined a new N-way partially filled radial power combiner design that can be implemented on a PCB. A 16-way prototype is created and tested. This implementation performs well at 4 GHz, with an input reflection coefficient of less than -15 dB and a 20 percent fractional bandwidth.[4]. Although it is utilized in numerous solid-state amplifiers, the power combiner is an essential huge power source for efficient operation. Its job is to limit the power throughput. This design is a test for an RF power combiner that operates at radio frequency and combines a power reserve at each of the eight inputs into one step. It's critical to provide sufficient isolation to outer ports and to minimize the reflection power distribution problem in order to keep the design simple. The input output coaxial cable has a 50-ohm impedance, and the feed line is composed of cascade coaxial cable. The radial transmission line is built to generate power in the KW level suitable publication is required to sustain the high-power. The fundamental worry with the radial power combiner is the number of input ports with 8 and put forward efficiency isolation and a reduced amount of reflection are accomplished [5].

3. Methodology

3.1 Power Combining

The system level and the circuit level are the two most prevalent perspectives on power combining. A group of energetic units is structured (for example, in a parallel configuration) in a small location contrasted and a frequency in the technology degree combining method. The number of units that can be successfully merged in device-level combining is frequently limited. A variety of combining strategies, such as the Wilkinson combiner, can be used to combine devices at the circuit level. Although the number of combining ports in the circuit degree is restricted, a higher output strength can be achieved by selecting an acceptable methodology. In every other way, which is known as spatial power combining, there are many amplifier outputs that are mixed into the space. N-way combiners can also be classified as both resonant or non-resonant combining structures. Elements such as basic T-junctions, Wilkinson dividers, or hybrid couplers, which are passive and can be deployed as combiners/separators, are commonly implemented in microwave engineering to accomplish power splitting and combining. [6]

The N input ports of a radial power combinator are symmetrically arranged around the main part of the combiner, which immediately sums the power of the N ports and delivers total power to the central port. Because the "one step combination" has small distances, the distance between N and Central ports is minimized. Microstrip, strip line, or waveguide are all examples of waveguides. Diffusion is TEM in the microstrip substrate, whereas non-TEM modes are excited in the waveguide medium. A TEM combiner can give large RF bandwidths as compared to non-TEM combiners.

For this reason, a number of microstrip combiners have been introduced in recent years. Combiners are useful for a variety of designs due to their simple structure and inexpensive production costs. Furthermore, the ability to easily integrate Microstrip combiners has another benefit. The design method has been tested for 2-way combiners, but it may also be applicable to N-way combiners. This combiner's bandwidth ranges from 0.4GHz to 1.4GHz.

3.2 Design Parameters:

This power combiner has a frequency range of 900 Megahertz. The frequency range for this was 0.4 GHz to 1.4 GHz, resulting in a frequency range of 0.8 to 0.9 GHz.

The ground substrate is PEC, whereas the simulation substrate is FR4 (lossy).

Height (h) = 0.8 mm

Width (w) = 42 mm

Length = 42mm

Thickness = 0.8 mm

The inner and outer radius of arc (900 mm) = 17 mm and 17.8 mm separately.

Epsilon r (ϵ_r) = 4.4

$\tan\delta = 0.02$

Center frequency = 0.9 Ghz

Impedance strip = 70.7Ω

Impedance angle $\angle 320$ degree

Thickness of copper (PEC) = 0.035 micron

Resistor (smd_0603) = 100Ω which has length = 1.6mm and width = 0.8 mm

3.3 Calculations

The point taken in this task is 320 degrees and 0 degrees. Length and width = 42 mm expected. Though height = 0.8

In the count length, width and height is isolated by 2. Thickness = 0.035 microns.

Sweep of the circular segment for internal = 17mm and for external = 17.8 mm.

$\epsilon_r = 4.4$. Impedance of this force combiner is 70.83Ω .

Every one of these qualities are determined from impedance line mini-computer. Width/Height: 1.000

Dielectric Constant: 3.171

Impedance: 70.83Ω

The edge is taken in brilliance so the recipe to change from degree to radian is given underneath: Radian = angle * $\pi/180$

Smd separation can be up to 1.6.

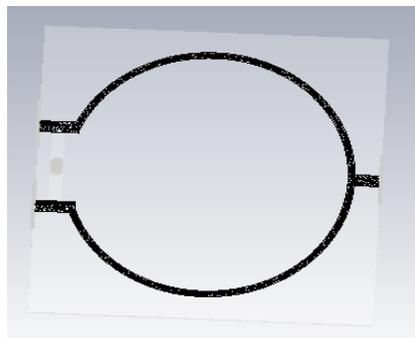


Fig 1 Geometrical structure of radial stub

3.4 Design

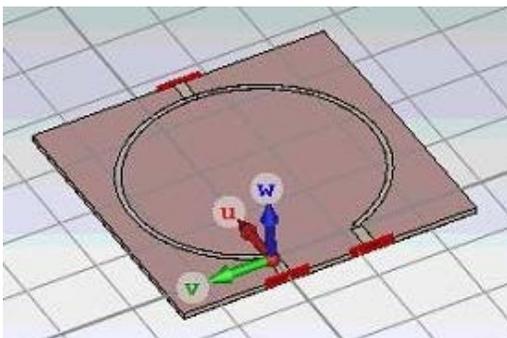


Fig 2 Without Isolation

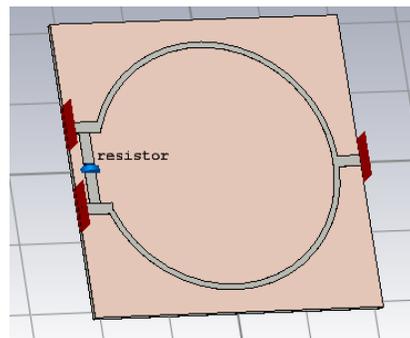


Fig 3 With Isolation

CST Studio software is used to create the RF power combiner as well as other FR and antenna designs. CST Studio Suite is a high-performance 3D electromagnetic (EM) analysis software suite that may be used to design, analyse, and optimise electromagnetic (EM) components and systems. CST Studio Suite contains electromagnetic field solutions for applications across the electromagnetic spectrum in a single user interface. To execute hybrid simulations, the solvers can be linked together.

The structure of a power combiner should have adequate isolation between ports, proper port characterization, and precise design viewpoints. The plan that appears on an instructional website from time to time may differ from the actual project execution. For example, due to licensee adaption, matrix worth may alter or software compatibility issues may arise.

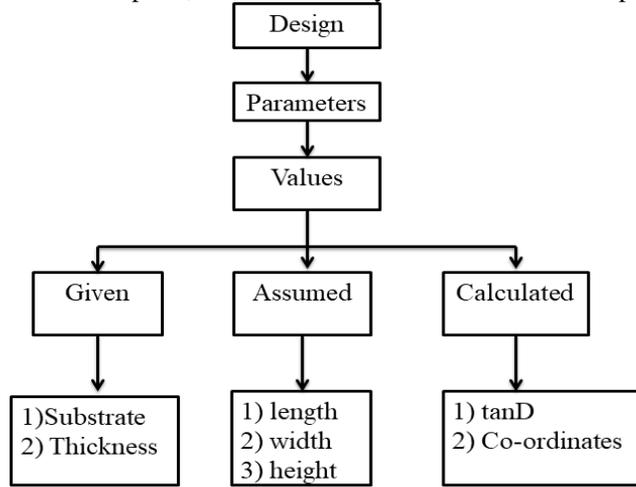


Fig 4 Design parameter flow chart

3.5 Performance Evaluation

Design factors such as height, width, and length are used to structure an RF 2-way power combiner. Along with substrate variables, thickness, and other co-ordinate values, such as angle, etc. This result indicates that the isolation between two ports, such as port 2 and port 3, should be high, and hence the power should be low, like in S3,2. At 0.9 GHz, the power combiner radiates with S1,1 of - 25 dB, when S11 should be closer to - 6 dB Although I attempted to fine-tune port strips from 0 to 1 all the purposes of s parameters were the same rather than S11 contrasts at some point, as if there is still any fine-tuning, we can make it to exact to 0.9 dB For the port planning connected with the spiral stub, I chose a value of 0.9. The result appears beneath the s parameter, which we obtain after better comprehending the blunder territory path than that of mistake output. The output at S3,2 is - 8 dB, which is somewhat less than - 6 dB, therefore the power drops after tuning since the combiner should have less power scattering and the isolation should be as good as feasible. A part of the readings connected to tuned focuses are described and referenced below. S11 = - 20 dB, S31 = - 2.774 dB, S13 = - 2.774 dB, which is almost 3dB. The output frequency ranges from 0.4 to 1.4 GHz. S22 and S33 are both - 8.333 dB As far as the error repair is concerned, the power combiner's output is still being improved.

It is tough to recover the initial data if an individual does not have an adequate venture condition. In some circumstances, the report may differ from the original picture or framework; in these cases, the output may be viewed as having specific flaws, and the output characteristics may change as a result of such software difficulties. Some of the mistakes could be due to a software issue, while others could be due to a count issue, and so on. The values are derived from a variety of sources in order to create estimates for a similar scheme with varying input power and structure.

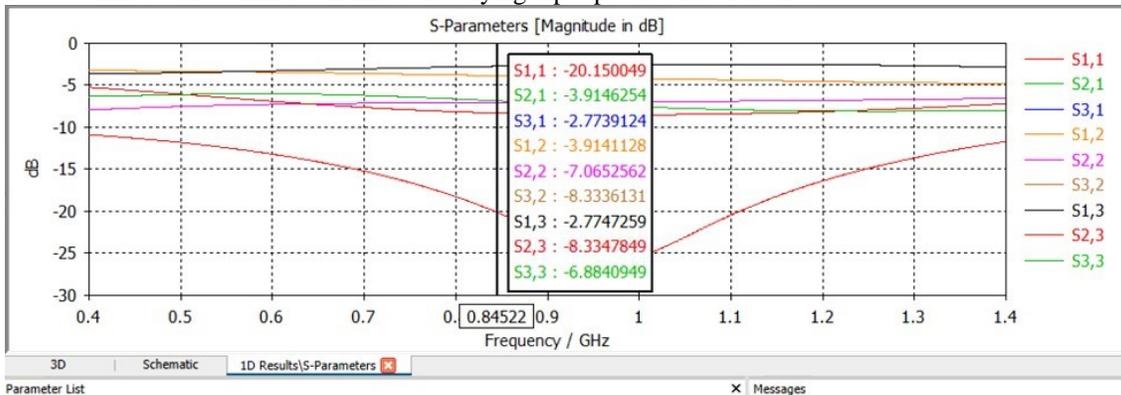


Fig 5 S-Parameter of implemented output

3.6 Analysis

The task investigation includes the error I made while completing the project and how it was reduced. This is what I learned in this project about designing different types of power combiners and gradually learning CST software. The above images represent the issues I'm encountering in terms of application compatibility, which also applies to port specifications. Because the software similarity was inadequate when constructing this power combiner, I had to make sure to make adjustments in the structured qualities offered in the original information, and as a result of that variety, my output was by all accounts avoided from the start. In the output/input area of ports 2 and 3, the first output has a - 6 dB as shown in figure 6. Though my result is - 51 dB, which is close to zero, this is due to port characterization, geometric structuring, and programming similarity difficulties, and this is my project's issue explanation. The grid values in the original theory are $2 \cdot r \cdot \cos(y)$, however they are roughly $2.07472 \cdot r \cdot \cos(y)$ in my outcomes. This change in quality occurs due to a discrepancy between the original output and my implemented output. This (2.07472) was replicated by the grip output, which appeared in the output to fit according to the original coordinated these progressions led to port characteristics and software compatibility concerns due to licensing restrictions. I learn something new about this side of the subject as a result of the outcomes of my project. Furthermore, the software is linked to the creation of antenna apparatus and RF segments. Indeed, for the time being, my attributes remain the same as they were before the primary issue for obtaining - 51 dB was just a geometric problem that could be solved by combining the port and radial stub into a single unit.

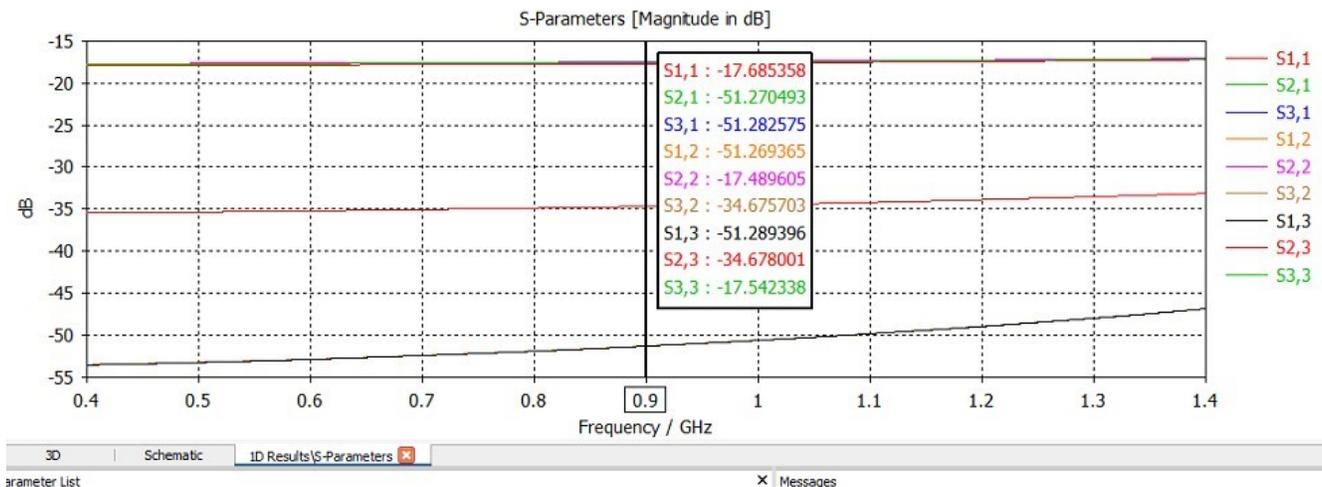


Fig 6 Analysis of error result

4. Conclusions

The power combiner that I constructed was the first source of power divider/combiner, but it had the disadvantage of causing isolation problems. As a result, we added a repair patch between port 2 and port 3 in the end, as well as an SMD 0603 resistor in the center of the two to achieve excellent isolation.

The divider's output was 6.9876 dB before the resistor was added, but when the combiner was expanded, the output was - 8.4637 dB. The input/yield of the combiner is 3 dB at port 2 and 3 dB at port 3, half the dB on both sides, while the yield at the other port is 3 dB. Because we utilized a FR-4 (lossy) substrate for the ground plate, the output will be 8 dB rather than 8.4637 dB assuming there are no losses in the implementation. With relation to the remaining parameters of a divider, the power combiner offers excellent isolation arrangements. The divider's equal in terms of isolation is the combiner. We don't get output at port 2 when the input power goes through ports 2 and 3. As a result, we must isolate ourselves appropriately. The disadvantage of using a power divider is that it limits the amount of isolation that can be dealt with in a power combiner. The future scope of this implement is to design N way Radial Power Combiner.

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