## COMPARISON OF ADAPTIVE-NETWORK-BASED FUZZY INFERENCE SYSTEM MODELS FOR ANALYSIS OF CONDUCTOR-BACKED ASYMMETRIC COPLANAR WAVEGUIDES

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Abstract—A method based on adaptive-network-based fuzzy inference system (ANFIS) is presented for the analysis of conductorbacked asymmetric coplanar waveguides (CPWs). Four optimization algorithms, hybrid learning, simulated annealing, genetic, and leastsquares, are used to determine optimally the design parameters of the ANFIS. The results of ANFIS models are compared with the results of conformal mapping technique, a commercial electromagnetic simulator IE3D, and the experimental works realized in this study. There is very good agreement among the results of ANFIS models, quasi-static method, IE3D, and experimental works. The proposed ANFIS models are not only valid for conductor-backed asymmetric CPWs but also valid for conductor-backed symmetric CPWs.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Conductor-backed coplanar waveguide (CPW) provides superior mechanical strength and heat sinking capabilities than conventional CPWs in designing microwave integrated circuits (MICs). They have several other advantages such as low dispersion, high flexibility in the design of characteristic impedance, and easy connection to the shunt lumped elements or devices [1–5]. CPWs backed with a conductor also allow easy implementation of mixed coplanar/microstrip circuits, reduce radiation effects, and raise effective permittivity. These

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advantages make conductor-backed CPWs ideally suited for MIC as well as monolithic MIC (MMIC) applications [1–11].

Several researchers have analyzed conductor-backed CPWs by using quasi-static approximations [1–7]. Most of them have used conformal mapping technique (CMT) to calculate the characteristic parameters of conductor-backed CPWs [1–5]. In practice, asymmetric CPWs are more useful in some particular applications. In 1999. the asymmetric CPW backed with a conductor has been analyzed by using CMT [4]. The effect of the presence of upper shielding and conductor-backing on the quasi-static parameters of asymmetric CPWs was discussed in [5]. The quasi-static spectral domain approach (SDA) was also used for the analysis of conductor-backed CPWs [6,7]. On the other hand, dispersion characteristics of conductor-backed CPWs have been reported in [8-10] with the use of full-wave analysis methods. In these studies, full-wave SDA [8], alternative formulations of the transverse resonance technique [9] and two-dimensional finitedifference time-domain method [10] were used for the calculation of the dispersion characteristics of conductor-backed CPWs. In [11]. models based on the adaptive-network-based fuzzy inference system (ANFIS) [12, 13] were proposed for the quasi-static analysis of conductor-backed symmetric CPWs. Each of methods proposed in the literature [1–11] has its specific advantages and disadvantages.

The ANFIS is a class of adaptive networks which are functionally equivalent to fuzzy inference system (FIS). The FIS is a popular computing framework based on the concepts of fuzzy set theory, fuzzy if-then rules, and fuzzy reasoning. It is a very powerful approach for building complex and nonlinear relationship between a set of input and output data [11, 14-25]. It can be trained with no need for the expert knowledge usually required for the standard fuzzy logic design. Both numerical and linguistic knowledge can be combined into a fuzzy rule base by employing fuzzy methods. Fuzzy membership functions (MFs) can be tuned optimally by using optimization algorithms. Other advantages of the ANFIS include its nonlinear ability, its capacity for fast learning, and its adaptation capability. Because of these attractive features, in this paper ANFIS models are used for the analysis of conductor-backed asymmetric CPWs. The proposed ANFIS models are not limited to the calculation of the characteristic parameters of conductor-backed asymmetric CPWs. These models can easily be applied to other microwave problems. Accurate, fast, and reliable ANFIS models can be developed from measured/simulated microwave data. Once developed, these ANFIS models can be used in place of computationally intensive numerical models to speed up microwave devices design. The ANFIS structure can also be implemented in real

time by using state-of-the art hardware devices, such as FPGAs (Field Programmable Gate Array). In this way, the computation time of the system is limited only by the response time of the FPGA, which is in the order of a few microseconds. A prominent advantage of ANFIS computation is that, after proper training, an ANFIS completely bypasses the repeated use of complex iterative processes for new cases presented to it. Thus, the ANFIS is very fast after training. Since the ANFIS models presented in this paper have high accuracy and require no complicated mathematical functions, they can be very useful for the development of fast CAD algorithms. These CAD models, capable of accurately predicting the characteristic parameters of conductorbacked asymmetric CPWs, are also very useful to microwave engineers.

The main aims of this paper are

- to present an efficient alternative to the previous methods for calculating the effective permittivities and characteristic impedances of both symmetric and asymmetric CPWs backed with a conductor by using the ANFIS architecture;
- to train the ANFIS by hybrid learning (HL) algorithm [12, 13], simulated annealing (SA) [26] algorithm, genetic algorithm (GA) [27, 28], and least-squares (LSQ) algorithm [29, 30];
- to determine the most appropriate ANFIS model in calculating the characteristic parameters of conductor-backed CPWs; and
- to compare the results of ANFIS models with the results of CMT [5], a full-wave electromagnetic simulator IE3D [31], and experimental works realized in this study.

## 2. CHARACTERISTIC PARAMETERS OF CONDUCTOR-BACKED ASYMMETRIC CPWs

The cross-section of a conductor-backed asymmetric CPW is depicted in Fig. 1. In this figure, W represents the central strip width,  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  represent the slot widths, G shows the distance between the surface ground planes, and h indicates the thickness of the dielectric material



Figure 1. Cross-section of a conductor-backed asymmetric CPW.

with relative permittivity  $\varepsilon_r$ . Using the quasi-static approximations, the effective permittivities ( $\varepsilon_{eff}$ ) and characteristic impedances ( $Z_0$ ) of conductor-backed asymmetric CPWs can be written as [5];

$$\varepsilon_{eff} = 1 + (\varepsilon_r - 1) \cdot \frac{K(k_1)/K(k_1')}{K(k_0)/K(k_0') + K(k_1)/K(k_1')}$$
(1)

and

$$Z_0 = \frac{120\pi}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_{eff}}} \frac{1}{K(k_0)/K(k'_0) + K(k_1)/K(k'_1)}$$
(2)

where  $K(k_i)$  and  $K(k'_i)$  are the complete elliptic integrals of the first kind with the modulus of  $k_i$  and  $k'_i$ .  $k'_i$  is the complementary modulus of  $k_i$  and equals to  $(1 - k_i^2)^{1/2}$ . The modulus  $k_i$  are defined in terms of geometrical dimensions of conductor-backed asymmetric CPWs as given in [5]:

$$k_0 = \sqrt{\frac{W \cdot (W + s_1 + s_2)}{(W + s_1) \cdot (W + s_2)}}$$
(3)

and

$$k_1 = \sqrt{\frac{W' \cdot (W' + s'_1 + s'_2)}{(W' + s'_1) \cdot (W' + s'_2)}} \tag{4}$$

with

$$W' = e^{-w\pi/2h}(e^{w\pi/h} - 1)$$
(5)

$$s_1' = e^{-(w+2s_1)\pi/2h}(e^{s_1\pi/h} - 1)$$
(6)

$$s_2' = -e^{-(w+2s_2)\pi/2h}(e^{-s_2\pi/h} - 1)$$
(7)

# 3. APPLICATION OF ANFIS TO THE ANALYSIS OF CONDUCTOR-BACKED ASYMMETRIC CPWs

The FIS forms a useful computing framework based on the concepts of fuzzy set theory, fuzzy if-then rules, and fuzzy reasoning. The ANFIS is a class of adaptive networks which are functionally equivalent to FISs [12, 13]. The selection of the FIS is the major concern in the design of an ANFIS. In this paper, the first-order Sugeno fuzzy model is used to generate fuzzy rules from a set of input-output data pairs. Among many FIS models, the Sugeno fuzzy model is the most widely applied one for its high interpretability and computational efficiency, and built-in optimal and adaptive techniques.

The ANFIS architecture used in this paper for computing the effective permittivities and characteristic impedances of conductorbacked asymmetric CPWs is illustrated in Fig. 2, in which a circle



Figure 2. Structure of the ANFIS models.

indicates a fixed node, whereas a rectangular indicates an adaptive node. For the ANFIS, the inputs are  $\varepsilon_r$ , W/G, G/h, and  $s_1/s_2$ , and the output is the effective permittivity ( $\varepsilon_{eff}$ ) or characteristic impedance ( $Z_0$ ) of conductor-backed asymmetric CPWs.

The accuracy of a properly trained ANFIS depends on the accuracy and the effective representation of the data used for its training. The training data sets used in this work are obtained by using CMT [5]. 1128 data sets are used to train the ANFIS models. Training data sets are in the range of  $2 \leq \varepsilon_r \leq 22$ ,  $0.01 \leq W/G \leq 1.6$ ,  $0.01 \leq G/h \leq 10$ , and  $0.1 \leq s_1/s_2 \leq 1.0$ . 252 data sets, which are completely different from training data sets, are used to test the ANFIS models.

In the design of ANFIS, MFs that can have a strong influence on the behavior of fuzzy system for a particular problem should be optimally determined. However, no common approach is available for determining these functions. A careful determination of MFs has to be performed in each problem. In some cases, they are attained subjectively as a model for human concepts. In other cases, they are based on statistical or/and empirical distributions, heuristic determination, reliability with respect to some particular problem, or theoretical demands. In this paper, MFs are selected heuristically and verified empirically. Therefore, the optimal fuzzy MF configuration which gives the best result is chosen for the calculation of the effective permittivities and characteristic impedances of asymmetric CPWs backed with a conductor.

In this paper, the number of MFs for the inputs is determined as 3. So, the number of fuzzy if-then rules for ANFIS is  $81 (3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 81)$  as in the following equation:

where  $M_{ij}$  denotes the *j*th MF of the input *i*,  $B_k$  denotes the output of the *k*th rule, and  $C_k$  is the *k*th output MF with i = 1, 2, 3, 4; j = 1, 2, 3; and  $k = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, 81$ . In this paper, the input MFs are all generalized bell type;

$$M_{ij}(u_i) = \frac{1}{1 + \left|\frac{u_i - b_{ij}}{a_{ij}}\right|^{2c_{ij}}}$$
(9)

where  $\{a_{ij}, b_{ij}, \text{ and } c_{ij}\}$  is the parameter set that changes the shapes of the input MFs, and  $u_i$  is the input variables. The output MFs are all linear type

$$B_{k} = C_{k} \left( \varepsilon_{r}, \frac{W}{G}, \frac{G}{h}, \frac{s_{1}}{s_{2}} \right)$$
$$= d_{k1} \left( \varepsilon_{r} \right) + d_{k2} \left( \frac{W}{G} \right) + d_{k3} \left( \frac{G}{h} \right) + d_{k4} \left( \frac{s_{1}}{s_{2}} \right) + d_{k5} \quad (10)$$

where  $d_k$  is the fitting parameters that characterize the shapes of the output MFs. The parameters  $\{a_{ij}, b_{ij}, \text{ and } c_{ij}\}$  and  $d_k$  are referred to

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as the premise and consequent parameters, respectively. It is clear from Eq. (9) that the generalized bell MF is specified by three parameters. Therefore, ANFIS models used here contain a total of 441 fitting parameters, of which 36  $(3 \times 3 + 3 \times 3 + 3 \times 3 + 3 \times 3 = 36)$  are the premise parameters and 405  $(5 \times 81 = 405)$  are the consequent parameters.

The output of the network is the weighted average of the individual rule outputs. The weighting factor  $w_k$  of each rule is computed by evaluating the membership expressions in the antecedent of the rule. This is accomplished by first converting the input values to fuzzy membership values by utilizing the input MFs and then applying "and" operator to these membership values. The "and" operator corresponds to the multiplication of input membership values. Hence, the weighting factors of the rules are calculated as follows:

Once the weighting factors are obtained, the output of the network can be found by calculating the weighted average of the individual rule outputs. So the single node in the fifth layer calculates the overall output as the summation of all incoming signals, which is written as:

$$F = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{81} w_k B_k}{\sum_{k=1}^{81} w_k} = \sum_{k=1}^{81} \bar{w}_k C_k$$
(12)

where  $\bar{w}_k$  is the normalized weighting factor of each rule.

The main objective of the ANFIS is to optimize the parameters of the fuzzy system parameters by applying an optimization algorithm using input-output data sets. The parameter optimization is done in a way such that the error measure between the target and the actual output is minimized. During the optimization process of the ANFIS, the premise parameters in the layer 1 and the consequent parameters in the layer 4 are tuned until the desired response of the FIS is achieved. In this paper, four different optimization algorithms, HL, SA, GA, and LSQ, are used to identify the parameters of ANFIS.

It is well known that the ANFIS has one output. For this reason, two separate ANFIS models with identical structure are used for computing the effective permittivities and characteristic impedances of conductor-backed asymmetric CPWs. Although the number of inputs, input values, the number of MFs, and the types of MFs are the same



**Figure 3.** Comparison results of ANFIS model, CMT [5] and IE3D [31] for the characteristic parameters of conductor-backed asymmetric CPWs with  $\varepsilon_r = 10$ ,  $W = 400 \,\mu\text{m}$ , and  $h = 750 \,\mu\text{m}$  (a) Effective permittivity and (b) Characteristic impedance.

Optimization	RMS Erro	rs in Training	RMS Errors in Test		
Algorithms	$\mathcal{E}_{eff}$	$Z_0(\Omega)$	$\mathcal{E}_{eff}$	$Z_0\left(\Omega ight)$	
HL	0.019	0.193	0.029	0.244	
SA	0.077	5.460	0.101	4.767	
GA	0.413	6.756	0.454	7.436	
LSO	3.409	4.646	3.443	6.304	

 Table 1. Training and test RMS errors of ANFIS models.

**Table 2.** Comparison results of ANFIS model, experimental works, CMT [5], and IE3D [31] for characteristic impedances of conductorbacked symmetric CPWs with  $\varepsilon_r = 10.2$  and  $h = 1270 \,\mu\text{m}$ .

Geometrical dimensions (µm)		Characteristic impedances (Ω)				
Strip width (W)	Slot width $(s_1)$	Measured	CMT [5]	IE3D [31]	ANFIS	
800	950	49.73	49.87	49.87	49.59	
1000	1000	50.01	50.40	50.40	50.23	
900	1000	50.03	49.67	49.67	50.59	
1100	1050	49.73	49.93	49.92	49.45	

for each ANFIS, the values of premise and consequent parameters for each ANFIS are different. Hence, the shape of each MF of the ANFIS used for computing the effective permittivities is different from the corresponding MF of the ANFIS used for computing the characteristic impedances.

### 4. RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, the characteristic parameters, effective permittivities and characteristic impedances, of conductor-backed asymmetric CPWs are computed by using ANFIS models. Four different optimization algorithms, HL, SA, GA, and LSQ, are used to determine the optimum values of the fuzzy system parameters and adapt the FISs. The training and test RMS errors of ANFIS models are given in Table 1. When the performances of ANFIS models are compared with each other, the best results are obtained from the models trained with the HL algorithm.

The effective permittivity and characteristic impedance test results of ANFIS models trained by the HL algorithm for conductorbacked asymmetric CPWs with  $\varepsilon_r = 10$ ,  $W = 400 \,\mu\text{m}$ , and  $h = 750 \,\mu\text{m}$ are compared with the results of CMT [5] and IE3D [31] in Figs. 3(a) and 3(b), respectively. Comparison is made for a wide range of  $s_1/s_2$  and G/h ratio. It is clear from Figs. 3(a) and 3(b) that the results of ANFIS models are in very good agreement with the results of CMT and IE3D. This very good agreement confirms the validity of ANFIS method for the quasi-static analysis of conductor-backed asymmetric CPWs.

The ANFIS models proposed in this work can also be used for the analysis of conductor-backed symmetric CPWs when the slot width  $s_1$  equals to  $s_2$ . In this paper, four different symmetric conductorbacked CPWs are fabricated on RT/duroid laminates by using the printed circuit board (PCB) excavation technique. The characteristic impedances of these CPWs are calculated from the measured *S*-parameters. These characteristic impedances are compared with the results of ANFIS model trained by the HL algorithm, CMT [5], and IE3D [31] in Table 2. It is clear that ANFIS results agree quite well with the results of CMT, IE3D, and measured work.

As a consequence, ANFIS models are presented to accurately calculate the effective permittivities and characteristic impedances of both symmetric and asymmetric conductor-backed CPWs. Different optimization algorithms, HL, SA, GA, and LSQ, are used to identify the parameters of ANFIS. The best results are obtained from the ANFIS trained by HL algorithm. The close agreement is satisfied between the theoretical and experimental results. The ANFIS offers an accurate and efficient alternative to previous methods for the calculation of the effective permittivities and characteristic impedances of conductor-backed CPWs.

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