

CST MICROWAVE STUDIO®

Technical Specification

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Frontend Module

- For functionality and CAD/EDA import filter, see technical specifications of the CST STUDIO SUITE(tm)

Transient Solver Module

- Lossfree and lossy, isotropic and anisotropic material properties
- Conductor surface losses, skin effect
- Frequency dependent material properties with arbitrary order for permittivity and for permeability and material parameter fitting functionality
- Gyrotropic materials (magnetized ferrites)
- Surface impedance models (tabulated surface impedance, ohmic sheet, lossy metal, corrugated wall, material coating)
- Temperature dependent materials with coupling to CST MPHYSICS STUDIO®
- Lumped elements (R-L-C) and diode models
- PERFECT BOUNDARY APPROXIMATION (PBA)® for accurate and fast computation of arbitrarily shaped objects.
- THIN SHEET TECHNIQUE (TST) (tm) special approach for the efficient computation of thin metallic objects, like housings...
- Automatic mesh generation (expert system) and adaptive mesh refinement
- MULTILEVEL SUBGRIDDING SCHEME (MSS)(tm) conformal subgridding that supports PBA and TST.
- Boundary conditions: electric, magnetic, open(PML), conducting wall, periodic
- Excitation with port modes, discrete elements, discrete face ports, and plane waves (also circular and elliptical polarized)
- Port mode and impedance calculation by 2D-Eigenmode Solver, incl. Multipin-Ports
- Adaptive port meshing
- Arbitrary time signal excitation
- Multi signal functionality for simultaneous or subsequent excitation of multiple ports
- Library functionality for excitation signals
- Excitation by current distributions from, CST PCB STUDIO, CST CABLE STUDIO, Simlab PCBMod, Simlab CableMod simulations.
- Excitation of external field sources imported from CST MICROWAVE STUDIO® or Sigrity®
- Broadband calculation of S-parameters
- Auto regressive (AR) filtering for fast time domain calculation of resonant structures
- Single-ended S-parameter calculation

- Shared memory parallelization of the transient solver run and the matrix calculator
- Monitoring of electromagnetic fields at arbitrary frequency points in one simulation run
- Time Domain and Frequency Domain monitoring of electromagnetic fields (E, H, J, energy, powerflow, farfield)
- Broadband calculation of antenna farfields, gain, directivity etc.
- Antenna array farfield calculation
- Radar cross section (RCS) calculation
- Specific absorption rate (SAR) calculation
- Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR) simulation
- Distributed Computing (2 ports)
- Multi-processor option up to 16 cores
- MPI Cluster parallelization via domain decomposition (option)
- Support of GPU acceleration with up to four acceleration cards (option)
- Combined simulation with MPI and GPU acceleration (option)
- Further distributed computing options available
- Transient EM/circuit co-simulation with CST DESIGN STUDIO
- Co-simulation with AWR Microwave Office
- Parametric co-simulation with Agilent ADS
- Export of Touchstone® files

TLM Solver

- Time-domain Transmission-Line Matrix (TLM) method with Octree-based meshing
- Efficient calculation for loss-free and lossy structures
- Direct time-domain analysis and broadband calculation of S-parameters from one single calculation run by applying DFTs to time signals
- Applicable to EMC/EMI applications like radiated and conducted emissions and immunity, EMP and lightning, electrostatic discharge (ESD), high speed interference and shielding analysis
- Interface with CST CABLESTUDIO®
- Compact models which avoid for excessively fine meshes, for: slots, seams and gaskets, air-vents (square, round and honeycomb holes), multi-conductor wires, shielded cables, frequency-dependent thin panels, conductive coatings and absorbers
- Broadband compact antenna radiation sources based on the Equivalence Principle
- Broadband compact PCB sources for EMC analysis, with imports from CST PCBSTUDIO® and Sigicity® tools
- Calculation of various electromagnetic quantities such as electric fields, magnetic fields, surface currents, power flows, current densities, power loss densities, electric energy densities, magnetic energy densities, voltages or currents in time and frequency domain
- Antenna farfield calculation (including gain, beam direction, etc.)
- Cylinder scan for emissions analysis yielding peak radiated fields vs. frequency
- Coupling into shielded cables for transient protection analysis
- Discrete edge or face elements (lumped resistors) as ports

- Ideal voltage and current sources for EMC problems
- Lumped R, L, C elements at any location in the structure

Frequency Domain Solver Module

- Choice of Cartesian, linear tetrahedral or curved tetrahedral meshing
- Direct and iterative solver
- Automatic fast broadband adaptive frequency sweep
- Extrapolation to DC (static)
- Low frequency stabilization
- Automatic mesh generation (expert system) and adaptive mesh refinement
- First, second, third and mixed order field computation in tetrahedral mode
- True Geometry Adaptation for reliable convergence of simulation results
- Lossfree and lossy, isotropic and anisotropic material properties
- Arbitrary frequency dependent material properties
- Surface impedance model for good conductors, Ohmic sheets and corrugated walls, as well as frequency-dependent, tabulated surface impedance data (tetrahedral mesh only)
- Inhomogeneously biased Ferrites with a static biasing field (tetrahedral mesh only)
- Boundary conditions: electric, magnetic, open(PML), conducting wall, periodic with arbitrary phase shift or scan angle
- Special unit cell boundary conditions
- Floquet mode boundary conditions (ports)
- Excitation by waveguide ports (including slanted ports), discrete ports, plane wave
- Multipin ports for TEM mode ports with multiple conductors
- Port mode and impedance calculation by 2D-Eigenmode Solver
- Automatic waveguide port mesh adaptation (tetrahedral mesh only)
- Plane wave excitation with linear, circular or elliptical polarization (tetrahedral mesh only)
- Discrete edge and face elements (lumped resistors) as ports (face elements: tetrahedral mesh only)
- Lossy waveguide ports
- Lumped elements including RLC circuits
- Ideal current source for EMC problems (tetrahedral mesh only, restricted)
- Re-normalization of S-parameters for specified port impedances
- Phase de-embedding of S-parameters
- Single-ended S-parameter calculation
- S-parameter sensitivity and yield analysis (general purpose solver with tetrahedral mesh only)
- Monitoring of electromagnetic fields (E, H, J, energy, powerflow, farfield)
- Antenna farfield calculation (including gain, beam direction, side lobe suppression, etc.) with and without farfield approximation
- Antenna array farfield calculation
- Fast farfield and RCS calculation based on the Floquet port aperture fields (tetrahedral mesh only)

- RCS calculation (tetrahedral mesh only)
- Calculation of SAR distributions (hexahedral mesh only)
- Export of field source monitors, which then may be used to excite the transient simulation (tetrahedral mesh only)
- Automatic parameter studies using built-in parameter sweep tool
- Automatic structure optimization for arbitrary goals using built-in optimizer
- Multi-processor option up to 16 cores
- Distributed Computing (2 Frequency points)
- Further distributed computing options available
- Coupled simulations with Thermal Solver and Stress Solver from CST MPHYSICS STUDIO™
- Co-simulation with AWR Microwave Office
- Parametric co-simulation with Agilent ADS
- Besides the general purpose solver, the frequency domain solver also contains two solvers specifically designed for highly resonant structures, allowing to calculate S-parameters only (hexahedral mesh) or fields and S-parameters (hexahedral and tetrahedral meshes).

Eigenmode Solver Module

- Calculation of modal field distributions in closed loss free or lossy structures
- Isotropic and anisotropic materials
- Hexahedral mesh with PERFECT BOUNDARY APPROXIMATION (PBA)® for accurate and fast computation of arbitrarily shaped objects.
- AKS and JDM eigenmode solvers
- Automatic mesh generation (expert system) and adaptive mesh refinement
- Calculation of losses and internal / external Q-factors for each mode (directly or using perturbation method)
- Periodic boundary conditions with arbitrary phase shift
- Lumped elements (L and C)
- Calculation of non extremal modes
- Parallelization
- Frequency target can be set (non-extremal eigenmodes)
- Calculation of all eigenmodes in a given frequency interval
- Automatic parameter studies using built-in parameter sweep tool
- Automatic structure optimization for arbitrary goals using built-in optimizer
- Network distributed computing for optimizations and parameter sweeps (option)

Integral Equation Solver Module

- Integral Equation solver based on the method of moments (MoM) and the Multilevel Fast Multipole Method (MLFMM)
- Direct and iterative matrix solvers with convergence acceleration techniques

- Higher order representation of fields including mixed order
- Automatic fast broadband adaptive frequency sweep
- Low frequency stabilization
- Surface mesh discretization
- Wire mesh discretization
- Single and double precision floating-point representation
- Lossy dielectric materials, lossy metal, ohmic sheets with complex impedance.
- Coated materials
- Arbitrary frequency dependent material properties
- Coated materials
- Excitation with waveguide ports (including lossy ports)
- Port mode calculation by a 2D eigenmode solver in the frequency domain
- Plane wave excitation (also circular and elliptical polarized)
- Farfield excitation
- Farfield excitation with multipole coefficient calculation
- Receiving farfield excitation
- Current distribution
- Excitation with discrete edge ports
- Excitation with discrete face ports
- Re-normalization of S-parameters for specified port impedances
- Phase de-embedding of S-parameters
- RCS calculation
- Fast monostatic RCS sweep
- Calculation of various electromagnetic quantities such as electric fields, magnetic fields, surface currents
- Antenna farfield calculation (including gain, beam direction, side lobe suppression, etc.)
- MPI parallelization for MLFMM and direct solver
- Support of Linux batch modulus and batch queuing systems (e.g. OGE, LSF)
- Multithread parallelization
- Network distributed computing for optimizations and parameter sweeps (option)
- Network distributed computing for frequency sweeps (option)

Asymptotic Solver Module

- Specialized tool for fast monostatic and bistatic farfield and RCS sweeps
- Multiple plane wave excitations with different polarization types
- Farfield source excitations
- PEC and vacuum material properties
- Robust surface mesh discretization

- User defined frequency sweeps
- Fast ray tracing technique including multiple reflections and edge diffraction (SBR)
- Complex surface impedance materials
- Coated materials
- Automatic parameter studies using built-in parameter sweep tool
- Automatic structure optimization for arbitrary goals using built-in optimizer
- Multithread parallelization

Automation

- Fully parametric 3D modelling
- VBA macro language
- OLE automation server
- Automatic parameter studies using built-in parameter sweep tool
- Template based postprocessing
- Automatic structure optimization for arbitrary goals using built-in optimizer

CST Simulation Acceleration

- Acceleration options handled by a token scheme

Documentation

- See technical specifications of the CST STUDIO SUITE

Minimum Hardware Requirements

- Intel® Xeon® based PC, 4GB RAM, DVD-Drive, at least 20 GB of free hard disc space.
- Fully OpenGL compliant graphic card
- Windows XP Professional, Windows Vista, Windows 7
- All solvers support RedHat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 4.x und 5.x.
- Hardware recommendation depends on your application. If in doubt, please contact your local sales office for further information.

General

- CST MICROWAVE STUDIO® is a configurable tool with a choice of several solver modules. Not all listed options are included in the standard license. Not all listed features are available with all solvers. The standard configuration is one full solver process with one solver module and one additional frontend. Floating and node-locked licenses are available. Please contact your local sales office for further information.