

FEM-based reduced-order model for steady-state skin-effect analysis in lossy lines

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A quasi-static finite element technique is proposed for the accurate and efficient computation of the frequency-dependent characteristic parameters of lossy transmission lines having electrodes of arbitrary cross-section on multi-layered, planar or non-planar substrates. A novel formulation of the magneto-quasi-static problem is combined with a robust fast frequency-sweep technique based on the numerical generation of problem-matched basis functions. The proposed technique enables to accurately model the frequency-dependent penetration of electromagnetic fields inside lossy conductors with a reduced set of problem-specific functions. Extensive comparisons are provided between state-of-the-art full-wave finite element method and the present technique: excellent agreement is demonstrated with the full-wave solution, at a fraction of its computational cost.

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