



Sparse Matrix Mapping in Future Touchstone 2.1

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Topics

- Brief Touchstone background through Version 2.0
- [Sparse Matrix Mapping] for Touchstone Version 2.1
 - Physical symmetry
 - Coincidentally identical data
 - Extrapolate to more ports based on physical symmetry

Touchstone Background and Update

- Touchstone issued 1984 by EEsof
 - Now part of Agilent Technologies
- Touchstone “Version 1.0” is widely used
- Touchstone Version 2.0 ratified by IBIS April 2009
 - Format rules relaxed
 - Resistance per port option for PDS
 - Mixed mode features for differential setups
 - http://www.eda.org/pub/ibis/touchstone_version2.0/
- Agilent Technologies contracted to produce tschk2 parser – available soon, free



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Version “1.0” Block Arrangement

Option Line
For example, # GHZ S MA R 50

N-port Data Block
(rigid format rules)
Officially for Single-Ended Data

Optional Noise Data Block
(n=2 only)



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“Version 1.0” Fixed Format Examples

(f = frequency, s = data-pair)

S1P

f s
f s
f s
f ...

S3P

f s s s
s s s
s s s
f s s s
s s s
s s s
f ...

S4P

f s s s s
s s s s
s s s s
s s s s
f s s s s
s s s s
s s s s
f ...

S5P

f s s s s
s
s s s s
s
s s s s
s
s s s s
s
f ...

S6P

f s s s s
s s
s s s s
s s
s s s s
s s
s s s s
s s
s s s s
s s
f ...

Etc ...

S2P

f s s s s
f s s s s
f s s s s
f ...

Formatting, frequency ordering,
and end of file implies number of
ports and frequency values.

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Touchstone Version 2.0

Thirteen IBIS-like Keywords - I

- Comments – starting with ‘!’
 - Start of line or in line until end of line
 - Within file or before [Version] or after [End]
 - Blank lines permitted
- Required keywords (and option line) – fixed order
 - **[Version]** 2.0
 - # (option line)
 - **[Number of Ports]** <n>



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Touchstone Version 2.0

Thirteen IBIS-like Keywords -2

- Keywords in any order
 - **[Number of Frequencies]** <nf>
 - (required)
 - **[Two-Port Data Order]** {21_12 | 12_21}
 - (required for n=2 only)
 - **[Reference]** <n reference resistances in port order>
 - **[Matrix Format]** {Full | Lower | Upper}
 - **[Mixed-Mode Order]** {Di,j, Ci,j, Si,j entries}
 - **[Number of Noise Frequencies]** <nnf>
 - (required if noise data, n=2 only)
 - **[Begin Information]/[End Information]**
 - (block reserved for future use)

Touchstone Version 2.0

Thirteen IBIS-like Keywords - 3

- Data block keywords
 - **[Network Data]**
 - (required to begin network data)
 - **[Noise Data]**
 - (required if noise data exists)
 - **[End]**
 - (required at end of data)

Version 2.0 Block Arrangement

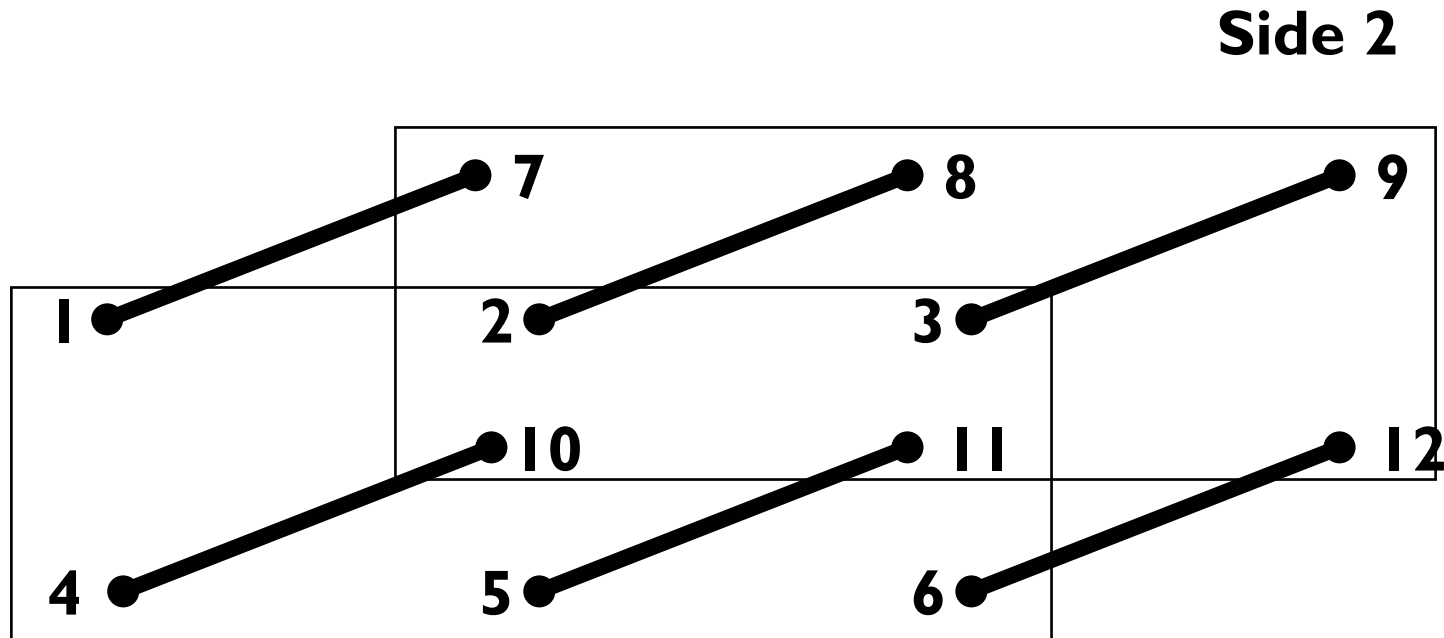
[Version] 2.0
Option Line
[Number of Ports] <n>
plus keywords as needed

[Network Data]
More flexible formatted data

[Noise Data]
(optional for n=2 only)

[End]

Example: Physically Symmetrical 2 by 3 Connector for Expansion



Side 1

Side 2

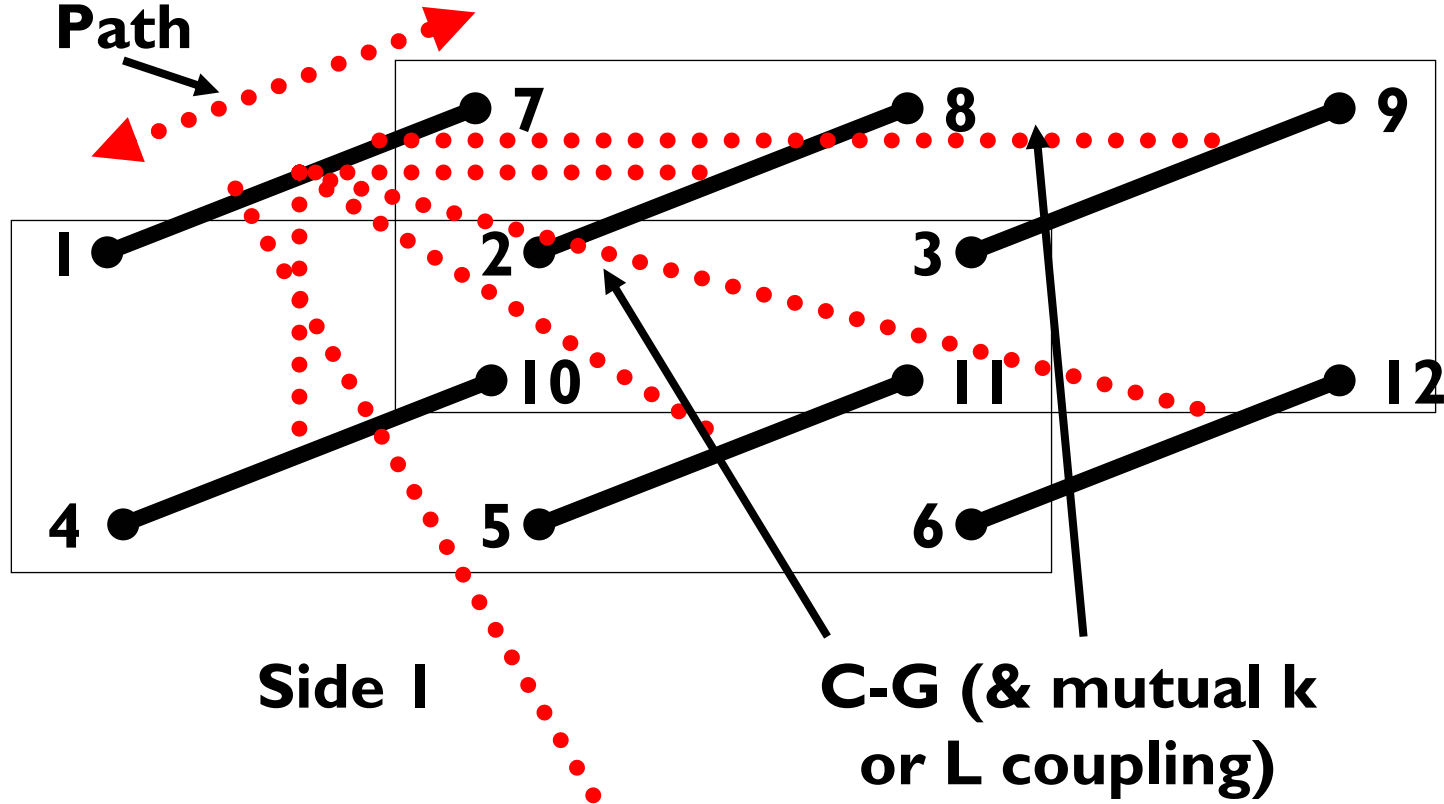
**.pkg, .icm format
illustrated next**

[Define Package Model] 6-pin LRC(G) from 1 to 6 and Thru Path 1-7

Pins for one side of thru path

L-R Thru Path

Side 2



Side I

C-G (& mutual k or L coupling)

GND

6 pins in [Define Package Model]

Sparse_matrix: list of R, L, C ...

[Capacitance Matrix] Sparse_matrix

[Row] 1

1 6pF

2 -1pF

3 -1pF

4 -1pF

5 -1pF

6 -1pF

[Row] 2 | etc ... through [Row] 6

2 6pF

3 -1pF

Etc.

**Common Format
for .pkg and .icm
for large package
(e.g., 500 to 1000
pins)**

**Upper triangle
(forward coupling)
of single-frequency
LRC(G) elements**



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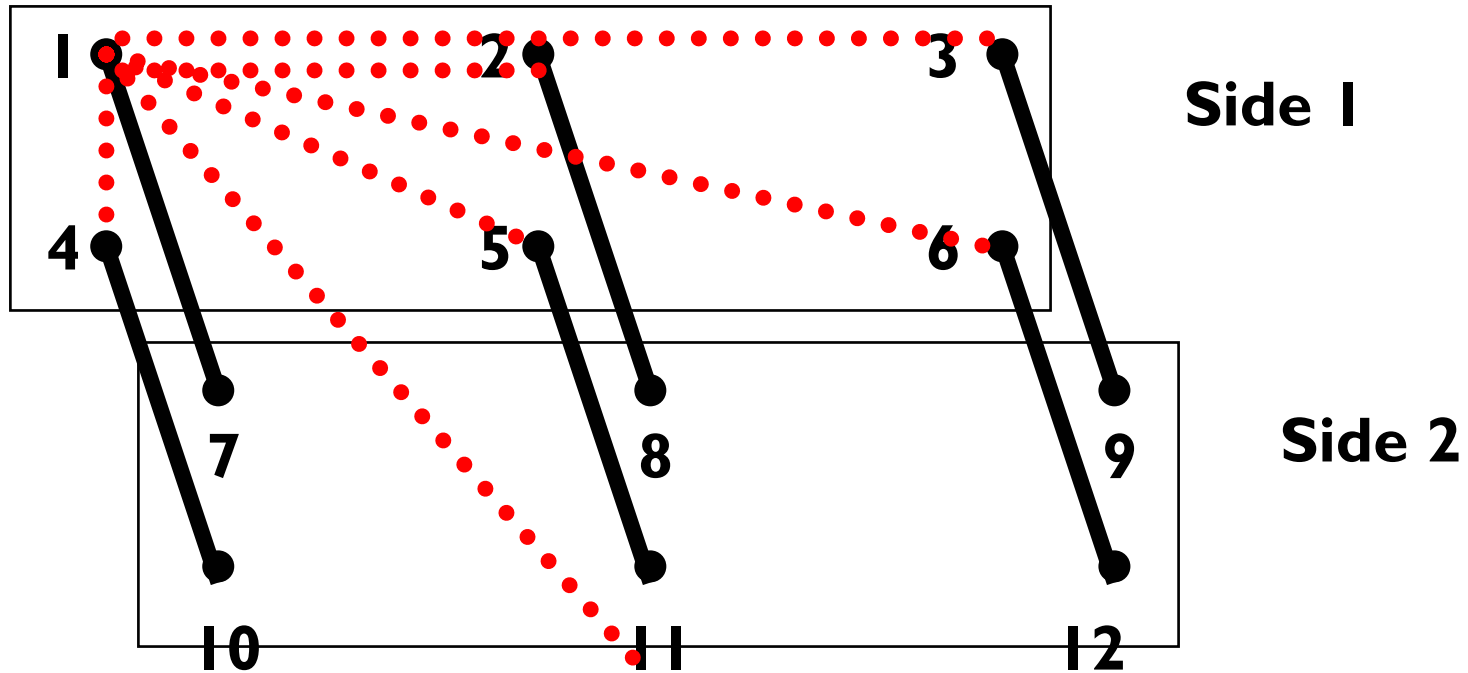
[Sparse Matrix Mapping]

Proposed in Version 2.1

- Before [Network Data]
 - **[Number of Sparse Labels]** <nl>
 - **[Sparse Matrix Mapping]** {integer-labels, index-pairs}
 - After **[Matrix Format]**, if entered
 - Each integer-label locates a data-pair that can be mapped into one or more index-pair (row,column) positions in the N-port
- Data block keywords
 - **[Network Data]**
 - One data-pair column for each integer-label
 - **[End]**
- Fewer data-pairs under [Network Data]
 - Other keywords have same meaning

12-port Coupling (1: to 7:)

Physical Symmetry, Unique Coupling



1: 1- GND

2: 1-2

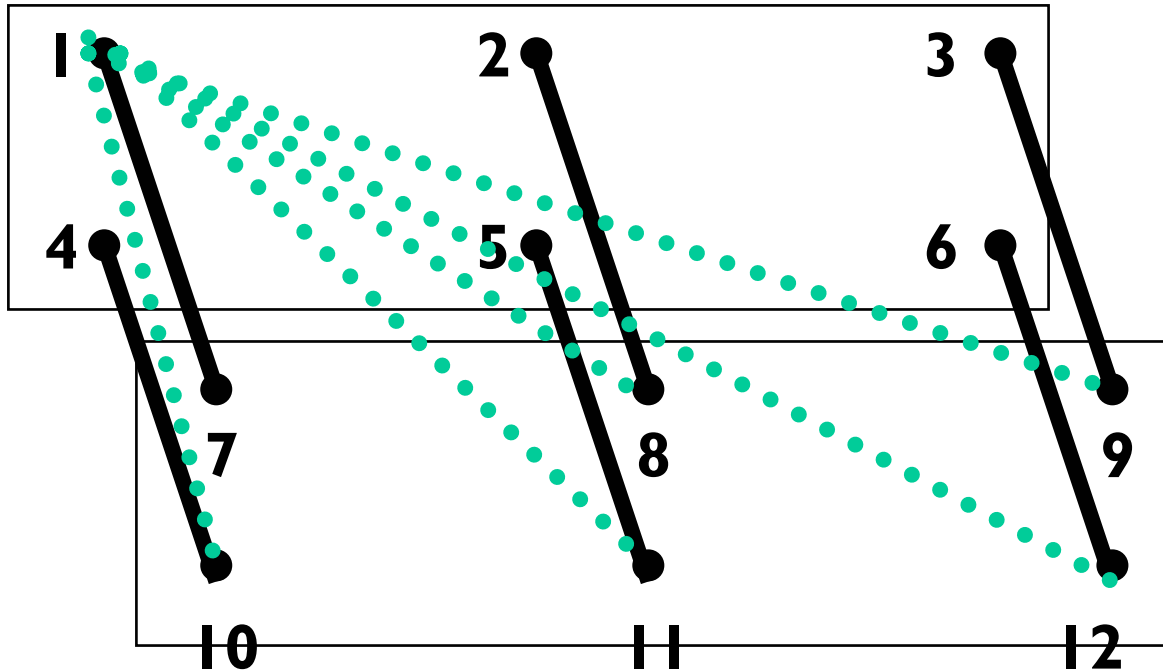
....

7: 1-7

GND

12-port Coupling (8: to 12:)

Physical Symmetry, Unique Coupling



8: 1 - 8

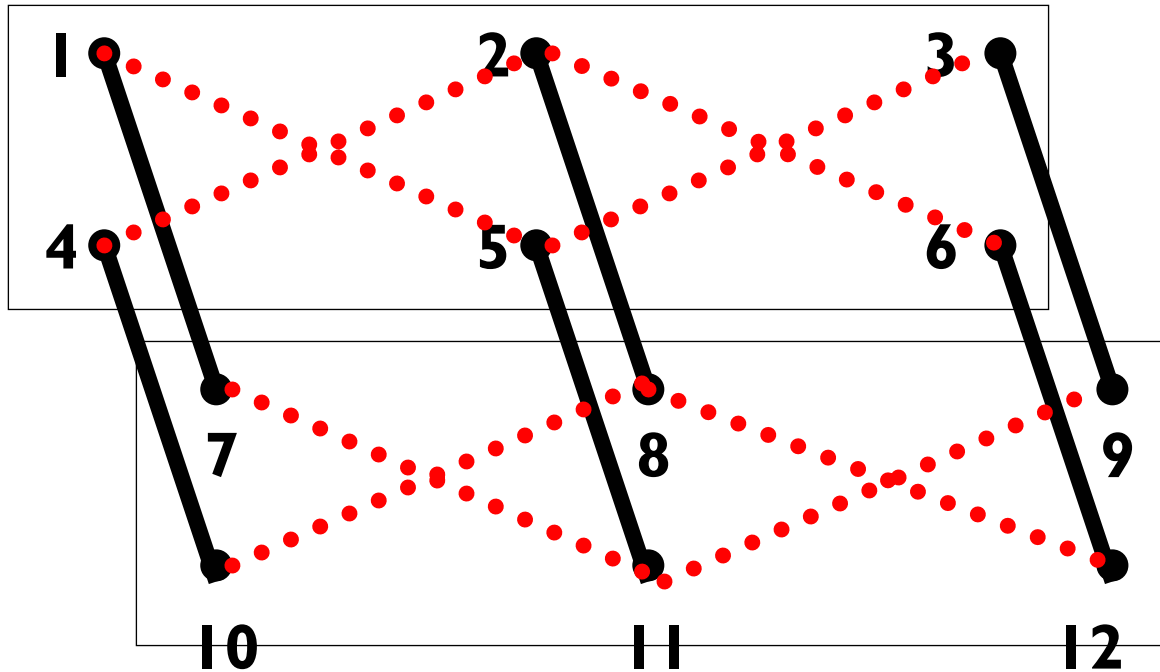
9: 1 - 9

....

12: 1 - 12

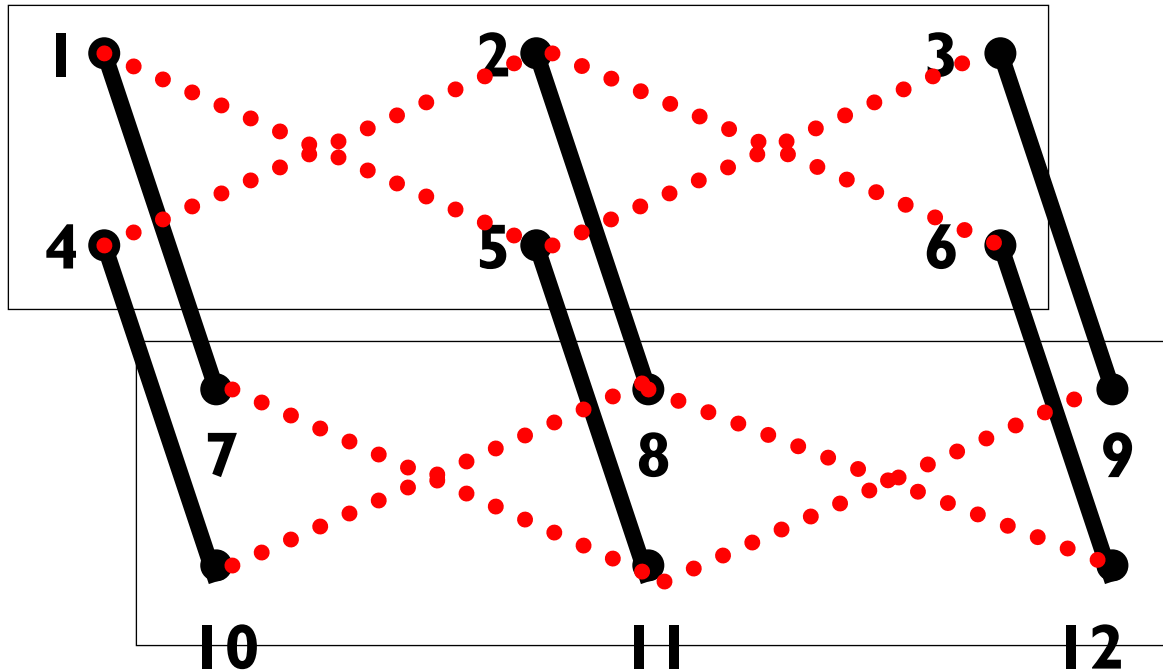
GND

Integer-label '5:' 16 'index-pairs' to map to (row,column) of N-port



**5: (1,5) (5,1) (2,4) (4,2) (2,6) (6,2) (3,5) (5,3)
(7,11) (11,7) (8,10) (10,8) (8,12) (12,8) (9,11) (11,9)**

[Matrix Format] {Full | Upper | Lower} (‘index-pairs’)

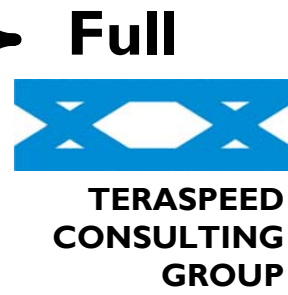


Upper →

5: (1,5) (2,4) (2,6) (3,5) (7,11) (8,10) (8,12) (9,11)

(5,1) (4,2) (6,2) (5,3) (11,7) (10,8) (12,8) (11,9)

Lower →



2 by 3 Connector with 7 integer -labels and 7 data-pairs per Frequency

....

[Number of Ports] 12 ! Some keywords omitted

[Number of Sparse Labels] 7

[Matrix Format] Upper

[Sparse Matrix Mapping]

1: (1,1) (2,2) (3,3) (4,4) (5,5) (6,6) (7,7) (8,8) (9,9) (10,10) (11,11) (12,12)

2: (1,2) (2,3) (4,5) (5,6) (7,8) (8,9) (10,11) (11,12)

3: (1,3) (4,6) (7,9) (10,12)

4: (1,4) (2,5) (3,6) (7,10) (8,11) (9,12)

5: (1,5) (2,4) (2,6) (3,5) (7,11) (8,10) (8,12) (9,11)

6: (1,6) (3,4) (7,12) (9,10)

7: (1,7) (2,8) (3,9) (4,10) (5,11) (6,12)

[Network Data] ! Frequency and 7 data-pairs in MA format

<f1> <M1 A1> <M2 A2> <M3 A3> <M4 A4> <M5 A5> <M6 A6> <M7 A7>

[End]



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6 Pin (12 Port) 2 by 3 Connector,

Number of index-pairs per integer-label

[Matrix Format]	Upper or Lower		Full	
integer-labels	1: to 7:	1: to 12:	1: to 7:	1: to 12:
1:	12	12	12	12
2:	8	8	16	16
3:	4	4	8	8
4:	6	6	12	12
5:	8	8	16	16
6:	4	4	8	8
7:	6	6	12	12
8:		8		16
9:		4		8
10:		6		12
11:		8		16
12:		4		8

[Sparse Matrix Mapping]

index-pairs	48	78	84	144
(omitted)	30	0	60	0

[Network Data]

data-pairs	7	12	7	12
(available)	78	78	144	144



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40 Pin (80 Port) 2 by 20 Connector

[Matrix Format]	Upper or Lower		Full	
integer-labels	1: to 7:	1: to 12:	1: to 7:	1: to 12:
1:	80	80	80	80
2:	76	76	152	152
3:	72	72	144	144
4:	40	40	80	80
5:	76	76	152	152
6:	72	72	144	144
7:	40	40	80	80
8:		76		152
9:		72		144
10:		40		80
11:		76		152
12:		72		144
[Sparse Matrix Mapping]				
index-pairs	456	792	832	1504
(omitted)	2784	2448	5568	4896
[Network Data]				
data-pairs	7	12	7	12
(available)	3240	3240	6400	6400



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200 Pin (400 Port) 2 by 100 Connector

[Matrix Format]	Upper or Lower		Full	
integer-labels	1: to 7:	1: to 12:	1: to 7:	1: to 12:
1:	400	400	400	400
2:	396	396	792	792
3:	392	392	784	784
4:	200	200	400	400
5:	396	396	792	792
6:	392	392	784	784
7:	200	200	400	400
8:		396		792
9:		392		784
10:		200		400
11:		396		792
12:		392		784
[Sparse Matrix Mapping]				
index-pairs	2376	4152	4352	7904
(omitted)	77824	76048	155648	152096
[Network Data]				
data-pairs	7	12	7	12
(available)	80200	80200	160000	160000



Connector: 5 banks of 2 by 20 pins [Matrix Format] Upper, 1: to 7:



200 pins, banks of 40 pins each

- 456 index-pairs per 40 pin bank
- 2280 index-pairs for 5 banks
 - About 5 pages of auto-generated index-pairs
 - Not needed – 13,920 index-pairs for zeroed data-pairs
- 7 data-pairs, 7 integer-labels for 200 pins, 400 ports
- Fewer data-pairs than a full 3-port !!

Comments

- Format details still being discussed
- Port numbering shown in example was for simplicity
 - Any port ordering can be used
 - Some port orders simplify the expansion equations
- [Sparse Matrix Mapping] implies pre-processing step to move data into the full N-port
 - All other keywords apply to the N-port data
 - [Mixed-Mode Order] can also be used to re-order the ports



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Future [Sparse Matrix Mapping]

- Small files for large, physically symmetrical packages and connectors
- Advantages of N-port parameters
 - Many frequencies
 - More coupling modes and generality
 - One mapping for all frequencies
- Supports large packages with N-ports where the IBIS .pkg and .icm format is currently used
- For future Touchstone Version 2.1

