

# A Space-Mapping Approach to Microwave Device Modeling Exploiting Fuzzy Systems

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**Abstract**—We present a novel surrogate modeling methodology based on a combination of space mapping and fuzzy systems. Fine model data, the so-called base set, is assumed available in the region of interest. Although we do not assume any particular location of the base points, it is preferable that they form a uniform mesh. The standard space-mapping surrogate is established using available fine model data. The fuzzy system is then set up to interpolate the differences between the space-mapping surrogate and the fine model at all base points. Our new methodology offers significant advantages with respect to some of the previous space-mapping approaches to modeling, which are: 1) it handles any base set and 2) the number of space-mapping parameters does not limit the accuracy of the surrogate. Moreover, it exhibits comparable or better accuracy than the recently published modeling technique utilizing space mapping and radial basis functions. We also consider a hierarchical fuzzy space-mapping modeling, which relies on a fuzzy interpolation of space-mapping parameters and subsequent fuzzy interpolation of the residuals between the fine and surrogate model. Examples demonstrate the robustness of our approach and give a comparison with other space-mapping-based modeling techniques.

**Index Terms**—Computer-aided design (CAD), electromagnetic (EM) modeling, fuzzy systems, microwave circuits, space mapping, surrogate modeling.

## I. INTRODUCTION

STATISTICAL analysis and yield optimization are crucial to manufacturability-driven designs in a time-to-market development environment and demand fast accurate device and component models. Full-wave electromagnetic (EM) simulations of microwave structures offer accuracy at the cost of CPU effort. High CPU cost is undesirable from the point of view of direct statistical analysis and design. The space-mapping concept [1]–[8] addresses this issue.

Space mapping assumes the existence of “fine” and “coarse” models. The “fine” model may be a high fidelity CPU-intensive EM simulator, undesirable for direct statistical analysis and design. The “coarse” model can be a simplified representation such as an equivalent circuit with empirical formulas. Space-mapping modeling [9]–[16] and neuro-space-mapping

modeling [17]–[19] exploit the speed of the coarse model and the accuracy of the fine model to develop fast accurate enhanced models (surrogates) valid over a wide range of parameter values. The main factor that distinguishes space mapping from many other surrogate-based modeling methodologies (e.g., [20]–[26]) is the use of physics-based coarse models, which allows good modeling accuracy with a small amount of fine model data.

The standard space-mapping modeling methodology [11], [12] is based on setting up the surrogate model using a small amount of fine-model data (usually,  $2n + 1$  points, where  $n$  is the number of design variables). Extraction of the model parameters is performed over the whole set of this data. This methodology is simple and gives reasonable accuracy, which, however, may not be sufficient for some applications. To improve modeling performance, additional fine model information needs to be involved. Unfortunately, this approach to space mapping is not able to effectively harness a large amount of data, i.e., increasing the number of base points does not help if the number of space-mapping parameters (model flexibility) remains unchanged [15].

Space-mapping modeling with variable weight coefficients [14], [15] is aimed at overcoming these limitations. It indeed provides much better accuracy than the standard method, however, at the expense of significant increase of the evaluation time, which is due to a separate parameter extraction required for each evaluation of the surrogate model. This limits potential applications of the method.

A recently published modeling technique utilizing space mapping and radial basis function interpolation [16] gives modeling accuracy comparable with [14] without compromising computational cost. Moreover, because of the fact that the surrogate is based on the underlying coarse model, modeling accuracy is substantially better than for radial basis function interpolation used directly. Unfortunately, the problem of determining interpolation coefficients may be ill conditioned and the method may be very sensitive to some control parameters.

In this paper, we present another approach that combines standard space-mapping modeling with fuzzy system interpolation. This technique has the same advantages as the methodology [16], however, it is simpler to implement. Moreover, in some cases, it allows us to improve modeling accuracy even further.

## II. FUZZY SPACE-MAPPING SURROGATE MODELING

Let  $\mathbf{R}_f: X_f \rightarrow R^m$ ,  $X_f \subseteq R^n$ , and  $\mathbf{R}_c: X_c \rightarrow R^m$ ,  $X_c \subseteq R^n$  denote the fine and coarse model response vectors. For example,  $\mathbf{R}_f(\mathbf{x})$  and  $\mathbf{R}_c(\mathbf{x})$  may represent the magnitude of

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a transfer function at  $m$  chosen frequencies. We denote by  $X_R \subseteq X_f$  the region of interest in which we want an enhanced matching between the surrogate and fine model. We assume that  $X_R$  is an  $n$ -dimensional interval in  $R^n$  with the center at reference point  $\mathbf{x}^0 = [x_{0,1} \dots x_{0,n}]^T \in R^n$

$$\begin{aligned} X_R &= [\mathbf{x}^0 - \boldsymbol{\delta}, \mathbf{x}^0 + \boldsymbol{\delta}] \\ &= [x_{0,1} - \delta_1, x_{0,1} + \delta_1] \times \dots \\ &\quad \times [x_{0,n} - \delta_n, x_{0,n} + \delta_n] \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\delta} = [\delta_1 \dots \delta_n]^T$  determines the size of  $X_R$ . We use  $X_R(\mathbf{x}^0, \boldsymbol{\delta})$  to denote the region of interest defined by  $\mathbf{x}^0$  and  $\boldsymbol{\delta}$ . Suppose we have the base set  $X_B = \{\mathbf{x}^1, \mathbf{x}^2, \dots, \mathbf{x}^N\} \subset X_R(\mathbf{x}^0, \boldsymbol{\delta})$ , where  $N$  is the number of base points, such that the fine model response is known at all points  $\mathbf{x}^j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, N$ .

A generic surrogate model  $\bar{\mathbf{R}}_s$  is defined as in [16]

$$\bar{\mathbf{R}}_s(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{c}) = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{R}_c(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c}). \quad (2)$$

Matrices  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ , and  $\mathbf{c}$  are obtained by the parameter extraction

$$(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{c}) = \arg \min_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)} \sum_{k=1}^N \|\mathbf{R}_f(\mathbf{x}^k) - \bar{\mathbf{R}}_s(\mathbf{x}^k, \boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\gamma})\|. \quad (3)$$

Apart from model (2) and (3), optional frequency scaling can be implemented that works in such a way that the coarse model is evaluated at a different frequency than the fine model using the transformation  $\omega \rightarrow f_0 + f_1 \omega$  [11]. More general space-mapping models can be found, e.g., in [3] and [11].

Let us introduce the so-called *characteristic distance*  $\lambda = \lambda(\boldsymbol{\delta}, N)$  of the base set depending on the size of the region of interest and the number of base points, defined as

$$\lambda(\boldsymbol{\delta}, N) = \frac{2}{nN^{1/n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i. \quad (4)$$

If the base points are uniformly distributed in  $X_R$ ,  $\lambda = \lambda(\boldsymbol{\delta}, N)$  is just an average distance between neighboring points. We will use parameter  $\lambda$  to characterize and compare different base sets  $X_B$ .

On top of the standard space-mapping surrogate, we use fuzzy interpolation of the difference between the fine model  $\mathbf{R}_f$  and standard surrogate. Fuzzy systems have been successfully used in the microwave area by other authors (e.g., [27]–[29]). In this study, we use a fuzzy system with triangle membership functions and centroid defuzzification [30]. We assume that we have data pairs  $(\mathbf{x}^k, \mathbf{R}^k)$ , where  $\mathbf{x}^k \in X_B$  and  $\mathbf{R}^k = \mathbf{R}_f(\mathbf{x}^k) - \bar{\mathbf{R}}_s(\mathbf{x}^k)$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, N$ . Membership functions for the  $i$ th variable are defined as shown in Fig. 1. Each interval  $[x_{0,i} - \delta_{0,i}, x_{0,i} + \delta_{0,i}]$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , is divided into  $K$  subintervals (fuzzy regions). The number  $K$  corresponds to the number of base points  $N$  and is given by the formula  $K = \lfloor N^{1/n} \rfloor - 1$ . In particular, if  $X_B$  consists of base points uniformly distributed in the region of interest  $X_R$ , then  $K + 1$  is exactly the number of points of this uniform grid along any of the design variable axes. In general,  $K$  is chosen in such a way that the number of

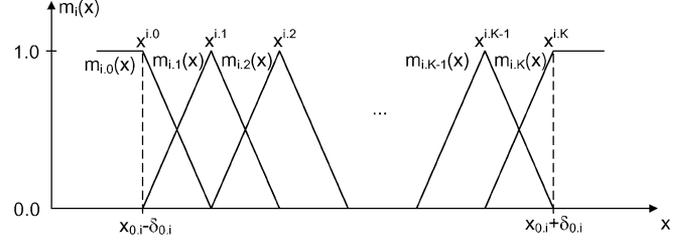


Fig. 1. Division of the input interval  $[x_{0,i} - \delta_{0,i}, x_{0,i} + \delta_{0,i}]$  into fuzzy regions and the corresponding membership functions.

$n$ -dimensional subintervals (and, consequently, the maximum number of rules) is not larger than the number of base points. The division of  $[x_{0,i} - \delta_{0,i}, x_{0,i} + \delta_{0,i}]$  into  $K$  subintervals creates  $K + 1$  values  $x^{i,k}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, K$ . In the case of a uniform base set, points  $\mathbf{x}^q = [x^{1,q_1} \dots x^{n,q_n}]^T$ ,  $\mathbf{q} \in \{0, 1, \dots, K\}^n$  coincide with the base points. Value  $x^{i,k}$  corresponds to the fuzzy region  $[x^{i,k-1}, x^{i,k+1}]$  for  $k = 1, \dots, K - 1$  ( $[x^{i,0}, x^{i,1}]$  for  $k = 0$ , and  $[x^{i,K-1}, x^{i,K}]$  for  $k = K$ ). We also use the symbol  $\mathbf{x}^q$  to denote the  $n$ -dimensional fuzzy region  $[x^{1,q_1} \dots x^{n,q_n}]^T$ . For any given  $x$ , the value of membership function  $m_{i,k}(x)$  determines the degree of  $x$  in the fuzzy region  $x^{i,k}$ . In this paper, we only use triangular membership functions; one vertex lies at the center of the region and has membership value unity; the other two vertices lie at the centers of the two neighboring regions, respectively, and have membership values equal to zero.

Having defined the membership functions, we need to generate the fuzzy rules from given data pairs. We use if-then rules of the form IF  $\mathbf{x}^k$  is in  $\mathbf{x}^q$ , THEN  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{R}^k$ , where  $\mathbf{y}$  is the response of the rule. At the level of vector components it means

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{IF } x_{k,1} \text{ is in } x^{1,q_1} \text{ AND } x_{k,2} \text{ is in } x^{2,q_2} \text{ AND } \dots \\ &\quad \dots \text{ AND } x_{k,n} \text{ is in } x^{n,q_n} \\ &\text{THEN } \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{R}^k \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where  $x_{k,i}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  are components of vector  $\mathbf{x}^k$ . In general, it may happen that there are some conflicting rules, i.e., rules that have the same IF part, but a different THEN part. We resolve such conflicts by assigning a degree to each rule and accepting only the rule from a conflict group that has a maximum degree. A degree is assigned to a rule in the following way. For the rule "IF  $x_{k,1}$  is in  $x^{1,q_1}$  AND  $x_{k,2}$  is in  $x^{2,q_2}$  AND  $\dots$  AND  $x_{k,n}$  is in  $x^{n,q_n}$  THEN  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{R}^k$ ," the degree of this rule, denoted by  $D(\mathbf{x}^k)$ , is defined as

$$D(\mathbf{x}^k, \mathbf{x}^q) = \prod_{i=1}^n m_{i,q_i}(x_{k,i}). \quad (6)$$

Having resolved the conflicts we have a set of nonconflicting rules, which we denote as  $R_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, L$ . We denote by  $\tilde{\mathbf{R}}_s : X_R \rightarrow R^n$  the output of our fuzzy system, which is determined using a centroid defuzzification

$$\tilde{\mathbf{R}}_s(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^L D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^i) \mathbf{y}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^L D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^i)} \quad (7)$$

where  $\mathbf{x}^i$  is an  $n$ -dimensional fuzzy region corresponding to the  $i$ th rule, and  $\mathbf{y}_i$  is the output of the  $i$ th rule.

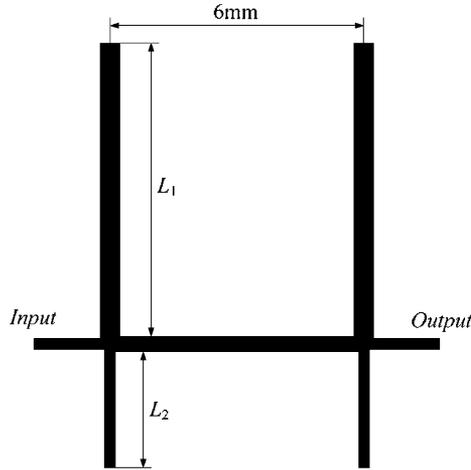


Fig. 2. Geometry of the second-order dual-behavior resonator filter [31].

Our surrogate model  $\mathbf{R}_s$  combining the standard space-mapping surrogate  $\bar{\mathbf{R}}_s$  and the fuzzy system  $\check{\mathbf{R}}_s$  is defined as

$$\mathbf{R}_s(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{\mathbf{R}}_s(\mathbf{x}) + \check{\mathbf{R}}_s(\mathbf{x}). \quad (8)$$

It should be noted that although the idea of combining space mapping with fuzzy systems is similar to the idea of combining space mapping with radial basis function interpolation described in [16], the latter technique is more difficult to implement. In particular, the problem of determining interpolation coefficients may be ill conditioned, especially if the number of base points is large. Moreover, the radial basis function interpolation may be very sensitive to control parameters, and typically, some sort of adjusting algorithm is necessary in order to find the proper values of these parameters. Fuzzy systems are free of these problems.

### III. EXAMPLES

Here we compare the modeling accuracy for the standard space-mapping modeling methodology [11], space-mapping modeling with variable weight coefficients [14], space mapping with radial basis function interpolation [16], and the space mapping with fuzzy system interpolation described in Section II. In our comparison, we also include direct interpolation of the fine model data using a fuzzy system.

#### A. Test Problem Description

**Problem 1:** Second-order dual-behavior resonator microstrip filter [31] shown in Fig. 2. The fine model is simulated in FEKO [32]. The coarse model (see Fig. 3) is the circuit model implemented in Agilent ADS [33]. The design parameters are  $\mathbf{x} = [L_1 \ L_2]^T$ . The response vector consists of transmission coefficient  $|S_{21}|$  in the frequency band  $3 \leq \omega \leq 7$  GHz with samples taken every 200 MHz. The region of interest is defined by the reference point  $\mathbf{x}^0 = [8 \ 4]^T$  mm and the deviation  $\boldsymbol{\delta} = [1 \ 0.5]^T$  mm.

**Problem 2:** Dual-band microstrip bandpass filter [34] shown in Fig. 4. The fine model is simulated in FEKO [32]. The coarse model (see Fig. 5) is the simplified equivalent-circuit model implemented in Agilent ADS [33]. The design parameters are

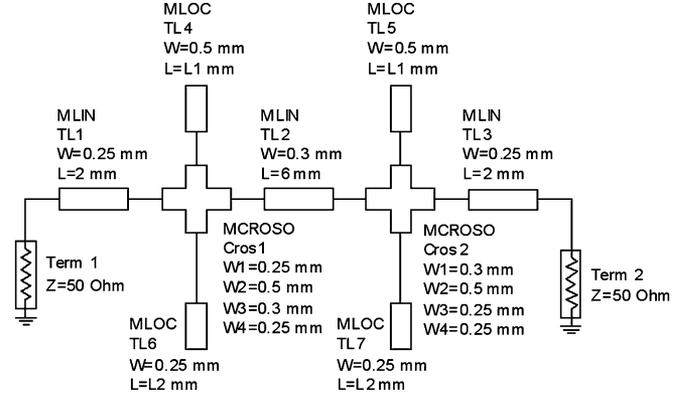


Fig. 3. Coarse model of the second-order dual-behavior resonator filter (Agilent ADS).

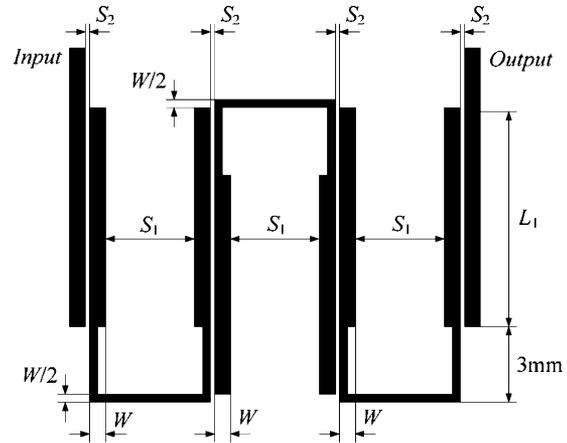


Fig. 4. Geometry of the dual-band microstrip bandpass filter [34].

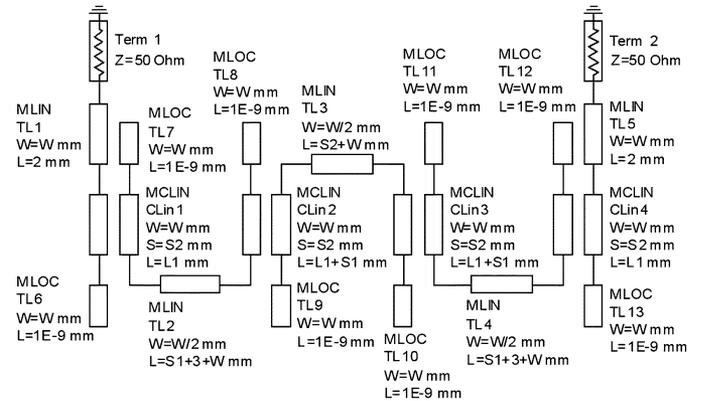


Fig. 5. Coarse model of the dual-band microstrip bandpass filter (Agilent ADS).

$\mathbf{x} = [L_1 \ S_1 \ S_2]^T$ . Parameter  $W$  is set to 0.47 mm. The response vector consists of transmission coefficient  $|S_{21}|$  in the frequency range from 1.5 to 5.5 GHz. The reference point is  $\mathbf{x}^0 = [83.6 \ 0.189]^T$  mm and the region size is  $\boldsymbol{\delta} = [1 \ 1 \ 0.1]^T$  mm.

**Problem 3:** Double-folded stub filter [1] shown in Fig. 6. The fine model is simulated with Sonnet's *em* [35] using a high-resolution grid with a  $0.0254 \text{ mm} \times 0.0254 \text{ mm}$  cell size.

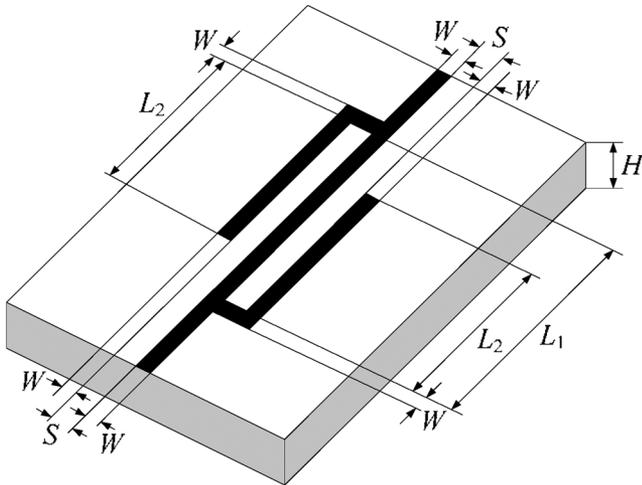


Fig. 6. Double-folded stub filter [1].

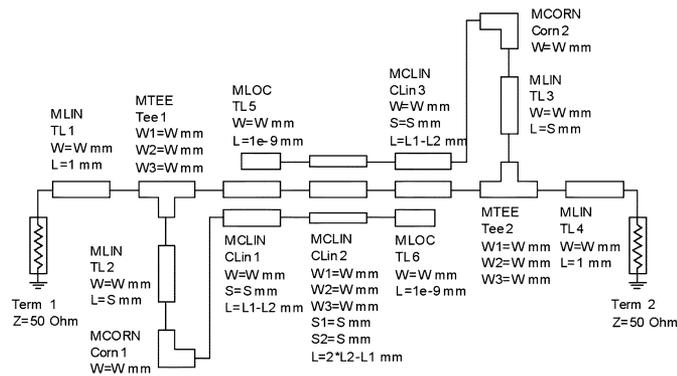


Fig. 7. Coarse model of the double-folded stub filter (Agilent ADS).

The coarse model (see Fig. 7) is the equivalent-circuit model implemented in Agilent ADS [33]. The design parameters are  $\mathbf{x} = [L_1 \ L_2 \ S]^T$ . Parameter  $W$  is set to 0.254 mm. The response vector consists of transmission coefficient  $|S_{21}|$  in the frequency range from 6 to 20 GHz. The reference point is  $\mathbf{x}^0 = [2.36 \ 2.11 \ 0.165]^T$  mm and the region size is  $\delta = [0.152 \ 0.076 \ 0.076]^T$  mm.

### B. Experimental Setup

For each of the test problems, we performed a number of numerical experiments using the standard space-mapping surrogate model, space mapping with variable-weight coefficients, space mapping with radial basis functions, space mapping with fuzzy systems, as well as direct fuzzy interpolation (i.e., the fuzzy system directly interpolating the fine model data). Table I shows details of the base sets used in our simulations. The base sets have growing numbers of points (and decreasing characteristic distance  $\lambda$ ) in order to examine the dependence of the modeling error on the amount of fine model data used to create the model. Accuracy was tested using 30 test points randomly distributed in the region of interest. The error measure used was the  $l_2$  norm of the difference between the fine model response and the corresponding surrogate model response.

TABLE I  
BASE SET DATA FOR TEST PROBLEMS 1–3

Test Problem	Base Set	Base Set Description	Number of Base Points	$\lambda$
1	$X_{B1}$	Uniform mesh of density 3	9	0.50
	$X_{B2}$	Uniform mesh of density 4	16	0.38
	$X_{B3}$	Uniform mesh of density 8	64	0.19
2	$X_{B1}$	Uniform mesh of density 2 ∪ star distribution	15	0.57
	$X_{B2}$	Uniform mesh of density 3	27	0.47
	$X_{B3}$	Uniform mesh of density 4	64	0.35
3	$X_{B1}$	Uniform mesh of density 2 ∪ star distribution	15	3.24
	$X_{B2}$	Uniform mesh of density 3	27	2.67
	$X_{B3}$	Uniform mesh of density 4	64	2.00

TABLE II  
MODELING RESULTS FOR TEST PROBLEM 1. VERIFICATION  
FOR 30 RANDOM TEST POINTS

Model	Base set	Average Error	Maximum Error	Standard Deviation
Standard space mapping		0.0238	0.0274	0.0020
Space mapping model [14]		0.0129	0.0289	0.0059
Space mapping model [16]	$X_{B1}$	0.0131	0.0218	0.0049
Space mapping model (2)-(8)		0.0136	0.0227	0.0048
Direct fuzzy interpolation		0.1860	0.3625	0.0728
Standard space mapping		0.0225	0.0264	0.0020
Space mapping model [14]		0.0112	0.0244	0.0068
Space mapping model [16]	$X_{B2}$	0.0094	0.0177	0.0042
Space mapping model (2)-(8)		0.0100	0.0174	0.0038
Direct fuzzy interpolation		0.1163	0.1957	0.0430
Standard space mapping		0.0203	0.0253	0.0026
Space mapping model [14]		0.0062	0.0174	0.0045
Space mapping model [16]	$X_{B3}$	0.0024	0.0051	0.0010
Space mapping model (2)-(8)		0.0026	0.0054	0.0011
Direct fuzzy interpolation		0.0244	0.0492	0.0118

TABLE III  
MODELING RESULTS FOR TEST PROBLEM 2. VERIFICATION  
FOR 30 RANDOM TEST POINTS

Model	Base set	Average Error	Maximum Error	Standard Deviation
Standard space mapping		14.86	22.22	2.70
Space mapping model [14]		11.79	20.10	2.73
Space mapping model [16]	$X_{B1}$	12.00	16.81	2.21
Space mapping model (2)-(8)		11.90	22.84	2.92
Direct fuzzy interpolation		21.12	34.37	6.07
Standard space mapping		14.49	21.85	2.90
Space mapping model [14]		9.91	18.52	3.40
Space mapping model [16]	$X_{B2}$	10.83	14.60	2.29
Space mapping model (2)-(8)		9.83	14.08	2.21
Direct fuzzy interpolation		14.42	23.25	3.90
Standard space mapping		13.65	21.02	3.05
Space mapping model [14]		7.72	16.04	2.83
Space mapping model [16]	$X_{B3}$	9.67	18.42	3.84
Space mapping model (2)-(8)		6.01	11.50	2.33
Direct fuzzy interpolation		8.19	15.75	3.31

### C. Numerical Results and Discussion

Tables II–IV show numerical results (error statistics) for the considered models with all the base sets considered. Figs. 8–13 show error plots, i.e., the modulus of the difference between the fine model and the corresponding surrogate model response

TABLE IV  
MODELING RESULTS FOR TEST PROBLEM 3. VERIFICATION  
FOR 30 RANDOM TEST POINTS

Model	Base set	Average Error	Maximum Error	Standard Deviation
Standard space mapping		0.0692	0.1087	0.0177
Space mapping model [14]		0.0503	0.0789	0.0140
Space mapping model [16]	$X_{B1}$	0.0306	0.0630	0.0131
Space mapping model (2)-(8)		0.0314	0.0647	0.0144
Direct fuzzy interpolation		0.1447	0.5090	0.1061
Standard space mapping		0.0691	0.1084	0.0176
Space mapping model [14]		0.0448	0.0692	0.0132
Space mapping model [16]	$X_{B2}$	0.0284	0.0511	0.0104
Space mapping model (2)-(8)		0.0242	0.0418	0.0088
Direct fuzzy interpolation		0.0612	0.0939	0.0205
Standard space mapping		0.0676	0.1056	0.0176
Space mapping model [14]		0.0357	0.0587	0.0118
Space mapping model [16]	$X_{B3}$	0.0154	0.0272	0.0062
Space mapping model (2)-(8)		0.0143	0.0267	0.0062
Direct fuzzy interpolation		0.0262	0.0500	0.0118

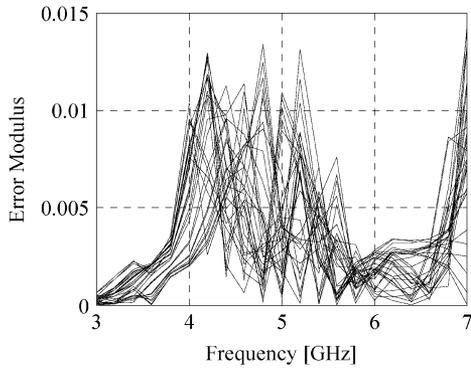


Fig. 8. Test problem 1: error plots for the standard space-mapping model.

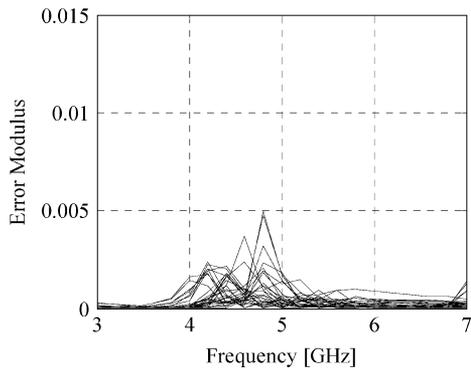


Fig. 9. Test problem 1: error plots for space mapping combined with the fuzzy system.

versus frequency, for the standard space-mapping model and the space mapping with fuzzy interpolation; data obtained for the base set  $X_{B3}$  was used in all cases. Figs. 14–16 show the average modeling error versus the characteristic distance  $\lambda$ .

It follows from the results that the modeling accuracy provided by the new model (2)–(8) is comparable with or better than the accuracy of space mapping enhanced by radial basis function interpolation. All the other space-mapping approaches, as well as the direct fuzzy interpolation, are clearly outperformed by these two techniques. As expected, the accuracy of the standard space-mapping model is almost independent of the density

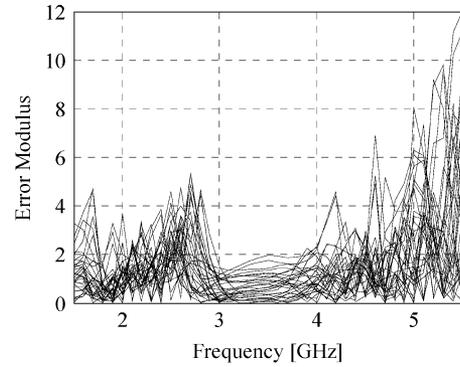


Fig. 10. Test problem 2: error plots for the standard space-mapping model.

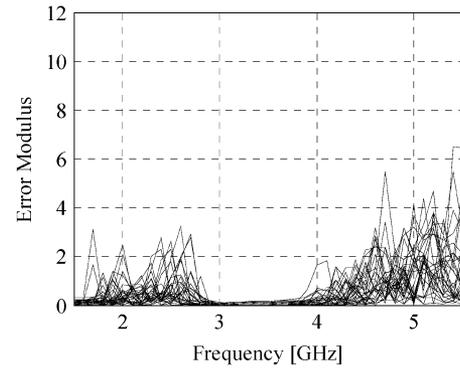


Fig. 11. Test problem 2: error plots for space mapping combined with the fuzzy system.

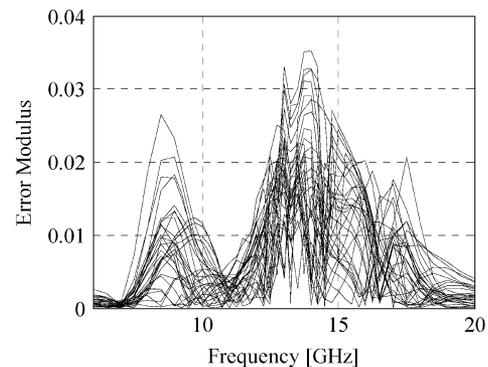


Fig. 12. Test problem 3: error plots for the standard space-mapping model.

of the base set. Other approaches exhibit improvement of the modeling quality with decrease of the characteristic distance of the base set.

It should be mentioned that the computational cost of the model (2)–(8) is almost the same as the cost of the coarse model because once the parameters are established (including fuzzy rules), evaluation of formula (7) (defuzzification) is very fast. Space mapping combined with radial basis function interpolation exhibits similar advantages with respect to computational efficiency, although, as mentioned in Section I, it has some inherent problems such as sensitivity to the control parameters and the possibility of the parameter calculation being ill conditioned. On the other hand, space mapping with variable weight coefficients, which performs well in terms of accuracy, suffers

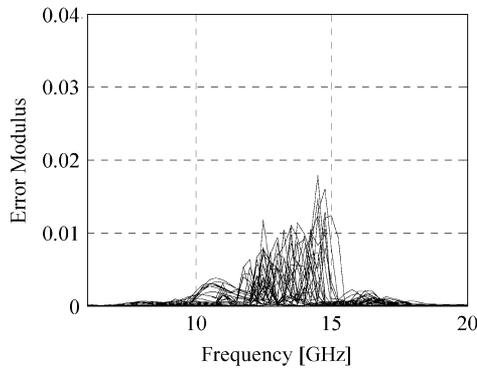


Fig. 13. Test problem 3: error plots for space mapping combined with the fuzzy system.

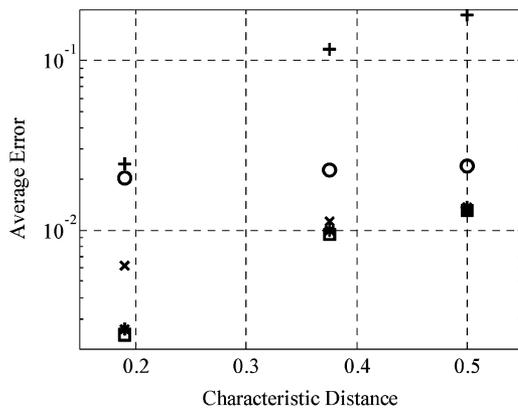


Fig. 14. Test problem 1: average modeling error versus characteristic distance  $\lambda$ . Data for the standard space-mapping model (o), space mapping with variable weight coefficients ( $\times$ ), space mapping with radial basis functions ( $\square$ ), space mapping with the fuzzy system ( $*$ ), and direct fuzzy interpolation ( $+$ ).

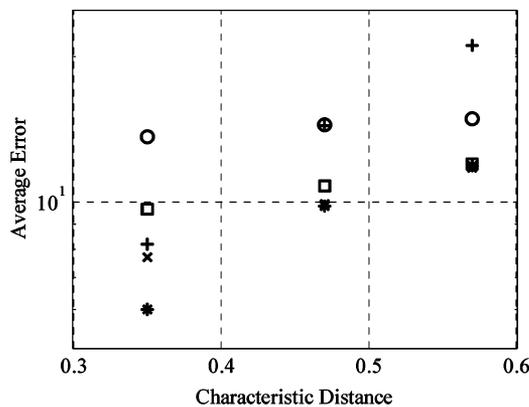


Fig. 15. Test problem 2: average modeling error versus characteristic distance  $\lambda$ . Data for the standard space-mapping model (o), space mapping with variable weight coefficients ( $\times$ ), space mapping with radial basis functions ( $\square$ ), space mapping with the fuzzy system ( $*$ ), and direct fuzzy interpolation ( $+$ ).

from computational overhead related to separate parameter extractions required for each evaluation of the model.

Overall, the presented combination of space mapping and fuzzy systems seems to be a robust alternative to the existing modeling techniques based on space mapping.

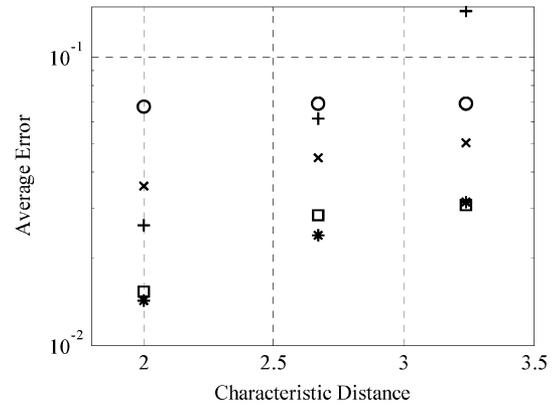


Fig. 16. Test problem 3: average modeling error versus characteristic distance  $\lambda$ . Data for the standard space-mapping model (o), space mapping with variable weight coefficients ( $\times$ ), space mapping with radial basis functions ( $\square$ ), space mapping with the fuzzy system ( $*$ ), and direct fuzzy interpolation ( $+$ ).

#### D. Fuzzy Systems With Alternative Membership Functions

The fuzzy system described in Section II uses triangle membership functions. This kind of model has an interpolation property provided that the base set is a uniform mesh and that base points are located at the centers of the membership functions. Here, we compare the accuracy of the space-mapping surrogate model (2)–(8) with the space-mapping model using the fuzzy system with Gaussian and Z-shaped membership functions. These functions can be beneficial in some cases, especially if the fine model response exhibits highly nonlinear behavior. Also, the resulting surrogate model is smooth, which is not the case for triangular functions. The Gaussian membership function is given by  $m_{i,j}(x) = \exp(-(x - x^{i,j})^2/2\sigma^2)$ , with  $\sigma$  being the control parameter, which must be optimized in general in order to obtain the best performance. The Z-shaped function is defined, for  $x^{i,j} \leq x \leq x^{i,j+1}$ , as  $m_{i,j}(x) = 1 - 2((x - x^{i,j})/s)^2$  if  $x - x^{i,j} \leq s$ , and  $m_{i,j}(x) = 2(1 - (x - x^{i,j})/s)^2$  if  $x - x^{i,j} > s$ , where  $s = x^{i,j+1} - x^{i,j}$ . Definitions for other intervals are similar.

Table V presents a comparison of the average modeling error for Problems 1–3 with the base sets  $X_{B1}$ ,  $X_{B2}$ , and  $X_{B3}$ . It is seen that the performance of the surrogate model is very similar for all membership functions considered. It should be noted that the model using the fuzzy system with unoptimized Gaussian membership functions exhibits the worst performance, which is most likely because this model does not exhibit an interpolation property.

#### IV. POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS OF FUZZY SPACE MAPPING

Apart from the fuzzy space-mapping surrogate model (8) described in Section II, it is possible to employ fuzzy systems to approximate the space-mapping parameters in a regular space-mapping model  $\bar{R}_s$ . In order to discuss this concept, we will use the following notation. Let  $\bar{R}_s = \bar{R}_s(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$  be a compact way of denoting the space-mapping surrogate model, where  $\mathbf{p}$  is a vector of the model parameters. Let  $F(\cdot, \mathbf{y}, X_B) = F(\cdot, \{(\mathbf{x}^k, \mathbf{y}^k) : \mathbf{x}^k \in X_B\})$  denote a fuzzy system that approximates variable  $\mathbf{y}$  and is built using data

TABLE V  
MODELING ACCURACY FOR SPACE-MAPPING SURROGATE WITH FUZZY SYSTEM USING DIFFERENT MEMBERSHIP FUNCTIONS

Membership Function	Base Set	Average Modeling Error		
		Problem 1	Problem 2	Problem 3
Triangle	$X_{B1}$	0.0136	11.90	0.0314
Gaussian <sup>#</sup>		0.0182	12.99	0.0424
Optimized Gaussian*		0.0136	11.73	0.0305
Z-shaped		0.0137	12.77	0.0350
Triangle	$X_{B2}$	0.0100	9.83	0.0242
Gaussian <sup>#</sup>		0.0150	11.95	0.0417
Optimized Gaussian*		0.0099	9.76	0.0246
Z-shaped		0.0099	10.39	0.0261
Triangle	$X_{B3}$	0.0026	6.01	0.0143
Gaussian <sup>#</sup>		0.0066	9.60	0.0309
Optimized Gaussian*		0.0028	6.05	0.0150
Z-shaped		0.0029	6.20	0.0157

<sup>#</sup> Gaussian membership function with  $\sigma=1$ .

\* Gaussian membership function with optimized value of  $\sigma$ .

pairs  $(\mathbf{x}^k, \mathbf{y}^k)$  with  $\mathbf{x}^k$  from a given base set  $X_B$ ;  $F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, X_B)$  denotes the response of the fuzzy system at point  $\mathbf{x}$ .

Using this notation, fuzzy space-mapping model (8) can be written as  $\mathbf{R}_s(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{\mathbf{R}}_s(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) + F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{R}, X_B)$ . Thus, we can call it the fuzzy output space-mapping model. As mentioned before, one of the possible extensions of the model (8) is to use a fuzzy system not only to approximate the differences between the fine model and the regular space-mapping model, but also to approximate space-mapping parameters in the regular space-mapping model. Using our notation, the extended model has the following form:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{R}}_s(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{\mathbf{R}}_s(\mathbf{x}, F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}, X_{B1})) + F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{R}, X_{B2}) \quad (9)$$

where, in general, both base sets  $X_{B1}$  and  $X_{B2}$  can be different, although in practice they should be the same in order to efficiently use the available fine model data. Another possibility is to use a fuzzy system only to approximate the space-mapping parameters, which would give the following model:

$$\check{\mathbf{R}}_s(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{\mathbf{R}}_s(\mathbf{x}, F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}, X_{B1})). \quad (10)$$

Using space-mapping terminology, model (10) is the fuzzy input space-mapping surrogate, while model (9) is the fuzzy input and output space-mapping surrogate. It should be noted that model (10) does not fully use available fine model information, and, therefore, model (9) is expected to outperform model (10) when using the same base set  $X_{B1}$ .

An extended fuzzy space-mapping model (9) may seem attractive, however, there is an issue that makes its actual usefulness questionable. In order to model the space-mapping parameters with a fuzzy system, one has to extract the optimal set of parameters for each of base points from  $X_{B1}$  and then hope to retrieve the optimal set of parameters for any other point from the region of interest using a fuzzy system. The problem is that, typically, the optimal space-mapping parameter set corresponding to a given design variable vector is nonlinearly dependent on the vector and it might be very difficult to model this dependency with a fuzzy system (or, more generally, with any other approach).

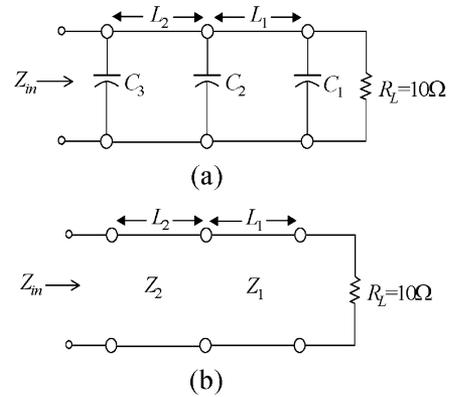


Fig. 17. (a) Fine and (b) coarse model, two-section capacitively loaded impedance transformer [36].

TABLE VI  
BASE SET DATA FOR TWO-SECTION TRANSFORMER EXAMPLE

Base set	Description	Number of points	$\lambda$
$X_{B1}$	Uniform mesh of density 3	9	5.12
$X_{B2}$	Uniform mesh of density 5	25	3.07
$X_{B3}$	Uniform mesh of density 7	49	2.19
$X_{B4}$	Uniform mesh of density 10	100	1.53

TABLE VII  
MODELING RESULTS FOR TWO-SECTION TRANSFORMER EXAMPLE. AVERAGE ERROR FOR 30 RANDOM TEST POINTS

Model	Base set			
	$X_{B1}$	$X_{B2}$	$X_{B3}$	$X_{B4}$
Fuzzy space mapping (8)	0.0129	0.0039	0.0024	0.0012
Fuzzy space mapping (9)	0.0204	0.0115	0.0081	0.0046
Fuzzy space mapping (10)	0.0209	0.0137	0.0095	0.0049

For illustrative purposes, consider a capacitively loaded 10 : 1 two-section impedance transformer example [36]. The “coarse” model and “fine” model, both implemented in MATLAB, are an ideal two-section transmission line and a capacitively loaded transmission line, as shown in Fig. 17. The electrical lengths  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are chosen as design parameters. The response vector consists of reflection coefficient  $|S_{11}|$  in the frequency range from 0.5 to 1.5 GHz. The reference point is  $\mathbf{x}^0 = [74.25^\circ \ 79.24^\circ]^T$ . We consider the region of interest defined by a 10% deviation from  $\mathbf{x}^0$ .

The base sets considered for this problem are shown in Table VI. In Table VII, we compare modeling accuracy for the space-mapping model (8), as well as fuzzy space-mapping models (9) and (10). Space-mapping parameters for models (9) and (10) were obtained using space mapping with the variable weight coefficient modeling technique [14].

It follows from the results that although models (9) and (10) retain the pattern of improving accuracy with growing density of the base set, their performance is not as good as for model (8).

## V. CONCLUSION

A modeling methodology has been presented that combines the standard space-mapping technique and fuzzy interpolation. The new methodology can efficiently handle any base set. As

with most of the recent space-mapping-based surrogate modeling techniques, it has the property of increasing modeling accuracy when the number of base points increases. Examples have demonstrated the robustness of our method. It follows that the new approach provides modeling accuracy comparable with or better than the recently published space mapping enhanced by radial basis function interpolation, and outperforms any other space-mapping approach. The new technique is easy to implement and computationally efficient.

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