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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This User Manual describes background and function of the Resistor Mesh Phantom.

1.2 Definitions / Acronyms / Abbreviations

R: Resistor

FEM: Finite Element Method

1.3 Intended use

The Resistor Mesh Phantom HB 32 is intended for laboratory applications, exclusively. They must not be used on humans!

Set-up and use of the components is the sole responsibility of the user.

1.4 References

A. Adler and R. Guardo: "Electrical Impedance Tomography: Regularized Imaging and Contrast Detection", ieee transactions on medical imaging, vol. 15, no. 2, April 1996.

H. Gagnon, M. Cousineau, A. Adler and A. E. Hartinger, "A Resistive Phantom for the Assessing the Performance of EIT Systems," Biomedical Engineering, IEEE Volume: 57 Issue: 9, 2010.

1.5 Technical contact

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1.6 Copyright

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1.7 Disclaimer

All product, product specifications and data are subject to change without notice to improve reliability, function or design or otherwise.

1.8 Acknowledgment

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2 SPECIFICATIONS

2.1 Electrical circuit and layout

The layout of the circuit is given in Figure 1. The circuit is completely regular with the following resistor values, all 1% and ≥0.1 W:

R1-R32 = 100Ω R33-R64 = 196Ω R65-R96 = 63.4Ω R97-R128 = 6.34Ω R129-R160 = 68.1Ω

Each of resistors R129, R137, R145, and R163 can be individually short-circuited by one of four pushbuttons, thus creating an inhomogeneity.

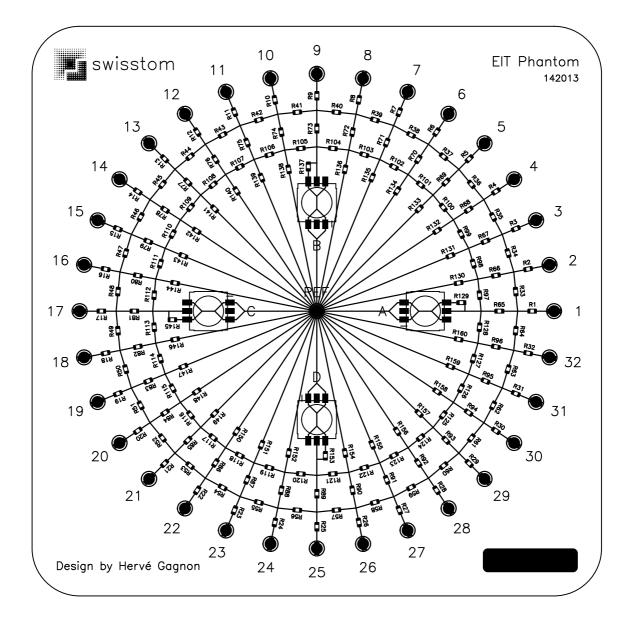


Figure 1: Circuit diagram.

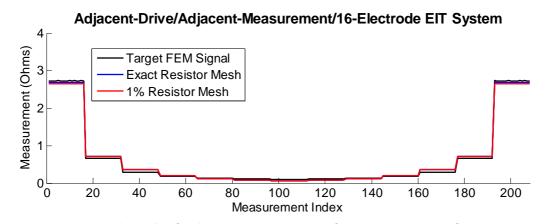
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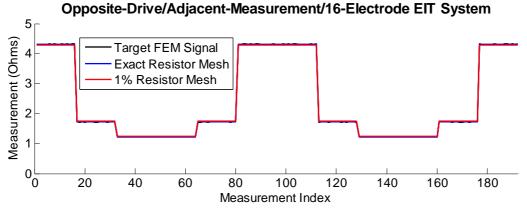
2.2 Technical Specifications

Dimensions: 12 cm x 12 cm Voltage range: +/- 20 Volts Frequency range: DC to 1 MHz Environmental conditions: 0-65 °C

3 SIMULATION RESULTS: SIGNALS

The results of a simulation on the resistor mesh phantom are provided in Figures 2 and 3. "Target FEM Signal" represents the signal that was used to fit the resistor values composing the mesh phantom. "Exact Resistor Mesh" represents the signal that would be obtained if resistors have the exact optimal values. "1% Resistor Mesh" represents the signal that is obtained with the 1% resistor values.





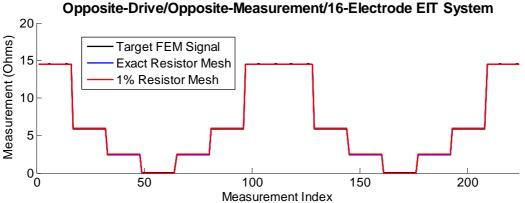


Figure 2: Expected signals from a 16-electrode EIT system and different scanning methods.

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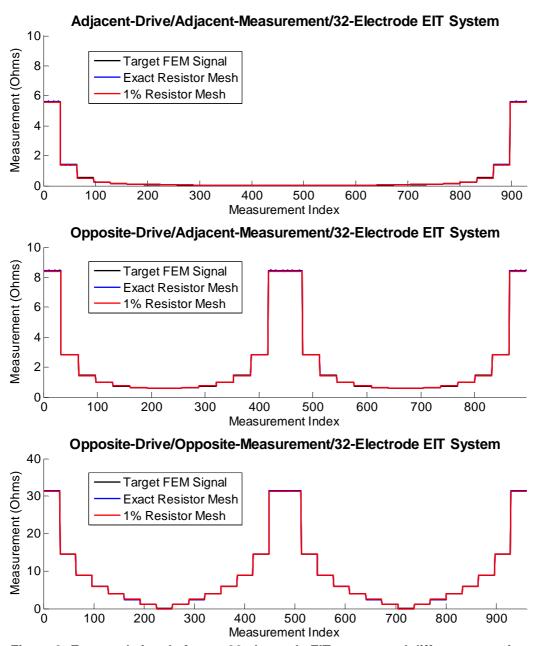


Figure 3: Expected signals from a 32-electrode EIT system and different scanning methods.

4 SIMULATION RESULTS: IMAGES

Images obtained while pushbuttons are pressed are shown on the next Figures. Each of the five columns corresponds to a different scenario where 1) "A" pushbutton is pressed, 2) "B" pushbutton is pressed, 3) "C" pushbutton is pressed, 4) "D" pushbutton is pressed, and 5) "All" four pushbuttons are pressed.

Images are reconstructed using the maximum *a posteriori* (MAP) estimator method where each row corresponds to a different noise figure (NF): 2, 1, 0.5, and 0.25. Further information about NF can be found in Adler et al.

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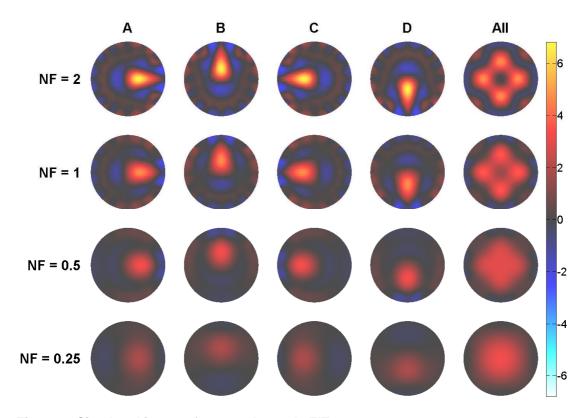


Figure 4: Simulated images for a 16-electrode EIT system.

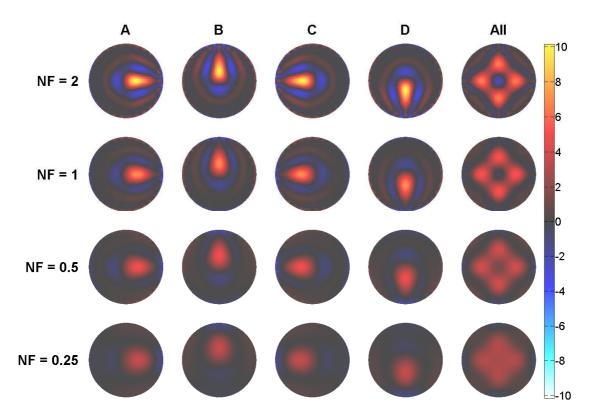


Figure 5: Simulated images for a 32-electrode EIT system.

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