

Waveguide Iris Bandpass Filter

A conductive diaphragm, an iris, placed transverse to a waveguide aperture causes a discontinuity and generates shunt reactance. Bandpass frequency response can be achieved from cascaded cavity resonators combined with such reactive elements, which can be created by inserting a series of iris elements inside the waveguide. This example consists of a WR-90 X-band waveguide and symmetrical inductive diaphragms (irises). The calculated S-parameters show good bandpass response and out-of-band rejection.

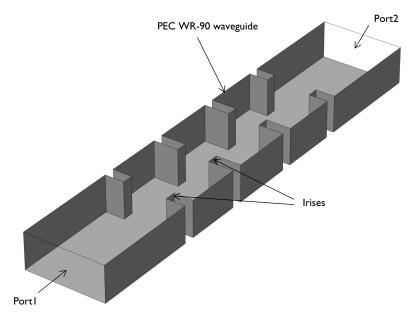


Figure 1: Symmetrical irises inside the waveguide generate shunt inductance. The top surface is removed to show the inside.

Model Definition

This example uses a WR-90 waveguide for X-band applications. The waveguide and iris parts are modeled as perfect electric conductors (PECs) and the inside of the waveguide is filled with air. On each end of the waveguide, a port boundary condition is applied with the predefined rectangular TE₁₀ mode. Only one port is excited to observe the Sparameters of the example. The upper cutoff frequency can be approximately estimated using the resonant frequency of the biggest cavity located in the middle of the filter via

$$f_{nml} = \frac{c}{2\pi \sqrt{\varepsilon_{\rm r} \mu_{\rm r}}} \sqrt{\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{l\pi}{d}\right)^2}$$

where a and b are the dimensions of the waveguide's aperture and d is the length of the cavity. For this example, the values a = 2.286 cm, b = 1.016 cm, and d = 1.73 cm give a resonant frequency at the dominant mode, TE₁₀₁, of 10.87 GHz. Because the cavities are not completely closed but formed with the open irises, this estimation gives only an approximated value.

Results and Discussion

The default plot shows the norm of the electric fields in the waveguide; see Figure 2. At 10 GHz, the shape of the field distribution in each section of cavities looks like that of the dominant mode of a cavity.

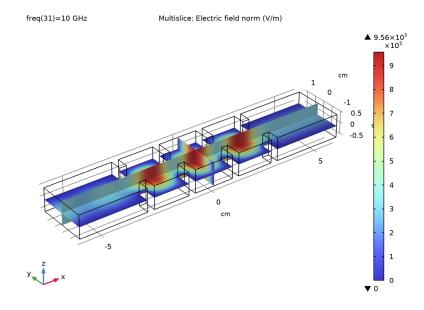
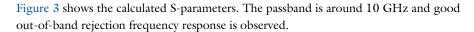


Figure 2: The E-field norm plot at the passband frequency shows the dominant mode resonance in each cavity formed by the irises.



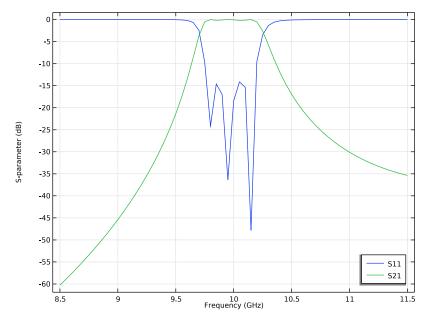


Figure 3: The calculated S-parameters show good matching characteristics as well as out-ofband rejection.

In Figure 4, the calculated S-parameters from the Frequency Domain, Modal method are plotted together with those of the discrete frequency sweep. While the frequency resolution of the Frequency Domain, Modal method is five times finer than that of the discrete frequency sweep, the simulation time is four times faster to analyze the same filter.

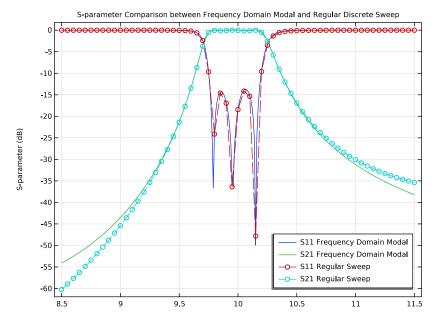


Figure 4: The calculated S-parameters from the Frequency Domain, Modal method are plotted with those of the discrete frequency sweep (dashed lines with circle makers).

References

- 1. D.M. Pozar, Microwave Engineering, John Wiley & Sons, 1998.
- 2. R.E. Collin, Foundation of Microwave Engineering, McGraw Hill, 1992.

Application Library path: RF_Module/Filters/waveguide_iris_filter

Modeling Instructions

From the File menu, choose New.

NEW

In the New window, click Model Wizard.

MODEL WIZARD

- I In the Model Wizard window, click **3D**.
- 2 In the Select Physics tree, select Radio Frequency>Electromagnetic Waves, Frequency Domain (emw).
- 3 Click Add.
- 4 Click 🔵 Study.
- 5 In the Select Study tree, select General Studies>Frequency Domain.
- 6 Click M Done.

STUDY I

Step 1: Frequency Domain

Define the study frequency ahead of performing any frequency-dependent operation such as building mesh. The physics-controlled mesh uses the highest frequency value in the specified range.

- I In the Model Builder window, under Study I click Step I: Frequency Domain.
- 2 In the Settings window for Frequency Domain, locate the Study Settings section.
- 3 Click Range.
- 4 In the Range dialog box, type 8.5[GHz] in the Start text field.
- 5 In the Step text field, type 0.05[GHz].
- **6** In the **Stop** text field, type 11.5[GHz].
- 7 Click Replace.

GLOBAL DEFINITIONS

Parameters 1

- I In the Model Builder window, under Global Definitions click Parameters I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Parameters, locate the Parameters section.
- 3 Click Load from File.
- **4** Browse to the model's Application Libraries folder and double-click the file waveguide_iris_filter_parameters.txt.

GEOMETRY I

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) click Geometry I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Geometry, locate the Units section.

3 From the **Length unit** list, choose **cm**.

Create a block for the WR-90 waveguide.

WR-90

- I In the **Geometry** toolbar, click **Block**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Block, type WR-90 in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Size and Shape section. In the Width text field, type 12.
- 4 In the **Depth** text field, type w wg.
- 5 In the Height text field, type h wg.
- 6 Locate the Position section. From the Base list, choose Center.
- 7 Click **Build All Objects**.

Choose wireframe rendering to get a view inside the waveguide when adding the irises.

8 Click the Wireframe Rendering button in the Graphics toolbar.

Next, add a block for generating the inner irises, which form the center cavity.

Iris I

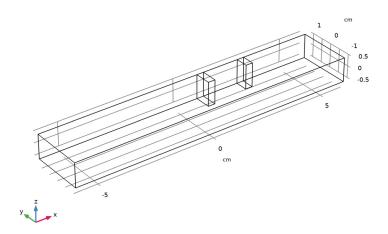
- I In the **Geometry** toolbar, click **Block**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Block, type Iris1 in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Size and Shape section. In the Width text field, type d iris.
- 4 In the **Depth** text field, type 1 iris1.
- 5 In the Height text field, type h wg.
- 6 Locate the Position section. From the Base list, choose Center.
- 7 In the x text field, type spacing/2.
- 8 In the y text field, type (w wg-l iris1)/2.

Add another block for generating the outer irises, which enclose the first and last cavities.

Iris2

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click Block.
- 2 In the Settings window for Block, type Iris2 in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Size and Shape section. In the Width text field, type d iris.
- 4 In the **Depth** text field, type 1 iris2.
- 5 In the **Height** text field, type h_wg.
- 6 Locate the Position section. From the Base list, choose Center.

- 7 In the x text field, type spacing*1.42.
- 8 In the y text field, type (w_wg-l_iris2)/2.
- 9 Click **Build All Objects**.



Create symmetrical inductive diaphragms by mirroring the iris blocks a couple of times.

Mirror I (mirl)

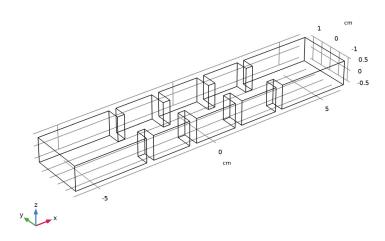
- I In the Geometry toolbar, click Transforms and choose Mirror.
- 2 Select the objects blk2 and blk3 only.
- 3 In the Settings window for Mirror, locate the Input section.
- 4 Select the **Keep input objects** check box.
- 5 Locate the Normal Vector to Plane of Reflection section. In the x text field, type 1.
- 6 In the z text field, type 0.

Mirror 2 (mir2)

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click Transforms and choose Mirror.
- 2 Select the objects blk2, blk3, mirl(1), and mirl(2) only.
- 3 In the Settings window for Mirror, locate the Input section.
- 4 Select the Keep input objects check box.
- 5 Locate the Normal Vector to Plane of Reflection section. In the y text field, type 1.
- 6 In the z text field, type 0.

Difference I (dif1)

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click Booleans and Partitions and choose Difference.
- 2 Select the object **blk1** only.
- 3 In the Settings window for Difference, locate the Difference section.
- **4** Click to select the **Activate Selection** toggle button for **Objects to subtract**.
- 5 Select the objects blk2, blk3, mir1(1), mir1(2), mir2(1), mir2(2), mir2(3), and mir2(4) only.
- 6 Click **Build All Objects**.



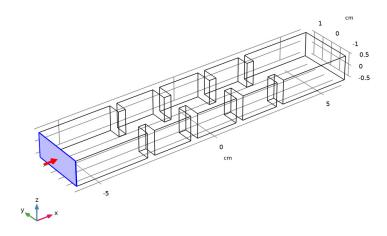
ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES, FREQUENCY DOMAIN (EMW)

Now, set up the physics. The default boundary condition, Perfect Electric Conductor, applies to all exterior boundaries.

Port I

I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) right-click Electromagnetic Waves, Frequency Domain (emw) and choose Port.

2 Select Boundary 1 only.



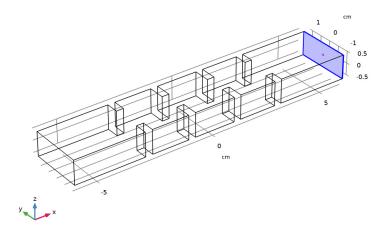
The excitation port.

- 3 In the Settings window for Port, locate the Port Properties section.
- 4 From the Type of port list, choose Rectangular. For the first port, wave excitation is **on** by default.

Port 2

I In the Physics toolbar, click **Boundaries** and choose Port.

2 Select Boundary 38 only.



The observation port.

- 3 In the Settings window for Port, locate the Port Properties section.
- 4 From the Type of port list, choose Rectangular.

MATERIALS

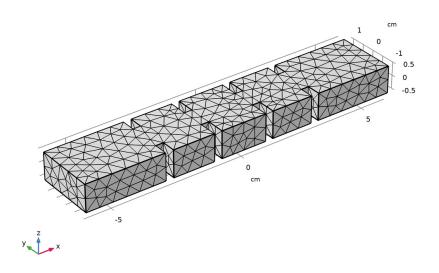
Assign material properties on the model. Use air for all domains.

ADD MATERIAL

- I In the Home toolbar, click **‡ Add Material** to open the **Add Material** window.
- 2 Go to the Add Material window.
- 3 In the tree, select Built-in>Air.
- 4 Click Add to Component in the window toolbar.
- 5 In the Home toolbar, click 44 Add Material to close the Add Material window.

MESH I

In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) right-click Mesh I and choose **Build All.**



STUDY I

In the **Home** toolbar, click **Compute**.

RESULTS

Electric Field (emw)

The default plot shows the distribution of the norm of the electric field. Choose the center frequency of the passband.

- I In the Settings window for 3D Plot Group, locate the Data section.
- 2 From the Parameter value (freq (GHz)) list, choose 10.
- 3 In the Electric Field (emw) toolbar, click Plot. The resonant E-field should be observed in the cavities. Compare with Figure 2.

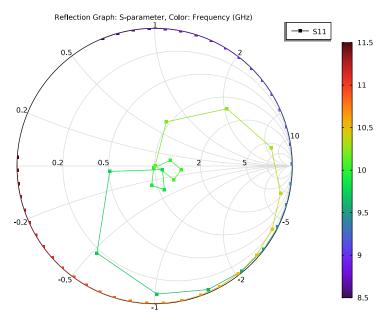
S-parameter (emw)

- I In the Model Builder window, click S-parameter (emw).
- 2 In the Settings window for ID Plot Group, locate the Legend section.

- 3 From the Position list, choose Lower right.
- 4 In the S-parameter (emw) toolbar, click Plot. The resulting plot shows the S-parameters of the filter. Compare the plot with Figure 3.

Smith Plot (emw)

In the Model Builder window, click Smith Plot (emw).



Analyze the same model with a Frequency Domain Modal method. When a device presents resonances, the Frequency Domain Modal method combined with an Eigenfrequency analysis provides a faster solution time.

ADD STUDY

- I In the Home toolbar, click Add Study to open the Add Study window.
- 2 Go to the Add Study window.
- 3 Find the Studies subsection. In the Select Study tree, select Preset Studies for Selected Physics Interfaces>Frequency Domain, Modal.
- 4 Click Add Study in the window toolbar.
- 5 In the Home toolbar, click Add Study to close the Add Study window.

STUDY 2

Steb 1: Eigenfrequency

- I In the Settings window for Eigenfrequency, locate the Study Settings section.
- 2 In the Search for eigenfrequencies around shift text field, type 9.5[GHz].
- **3** Select the **Desired number of eigenfrequencies** check box. In the associated text field, type 3, as we expect there to be three dominant modes because of the three cavities.

Step 2: Frequency Domain, Modal

- I In the Model Builder window, click Step 2: Frequency Domain, Modal.
- 2 In the Settings window for Frequency Domain, Modal, locate the Study Settings section.
- 3 In the Frequencies text field, type range (8.5[GHz], 0.01[GHz], 11.5[GHz]).

With a very fine frequency step simulation, the solutions contain a lot of data. As a result, the model file size will increase tremendously when it is saved. By selecting the Store in Output check box in the Values of Dependent Variables section of the Frequency Domain study step settings, it is possible to define for what part of the model the computed solution should be saved. When only S-parameters are of interest, it is not necessary to store all of the field solutions. Instead, only store the field on the selections for the port boundaries, as those will be used for the S-parameter calculations.

ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES, FREQUENCY DOMAIN (EMW)

Port I

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Electromagnetic Waves, Frequency Domain (emw) click Port I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Port, locate the Boundary Selection section.
- 3 Click **Create Selection**.
- 4 In the Create Selection dialog box, type Port 1 in the Selection name text field.
- 5 Click OK.

Port 2

- I In the Model Builder window, click Port 2.
- 2 In the Settings window for Port, locate the Boundary Selection section.
- 3 Click **Create Selection**.
- 4 In the Create Selection dialog box, type Port 2 in the Selection name text field.
- 5 Click OK.

STUDY 2

Step 2: Frequency Domain, Modal

- I In the Model Builder window, under Study 2 click Step 2: Frequency Domain, Modal.
- 2 In the Settings window for Frequency Domain, Modal, click to expand the Store in Output section.
- **3** In the table, enter the following settings:

Interface	Output
Electromagnetic Waves, Frequency Domain (emw)	Selection

- 4 Click to select row number 1 in the table.
- 5 Under Selections, click + Add.
- 6 In the Add dialog box, in the Selections list, choose Port 1 and Port 2.
- 7 Click OK.

It is necessary to include the port boundaries to calculate S-parameters. By choosing only the port boundaries for Store in Output settings, it is possible to reduce the size of a model file a lot.

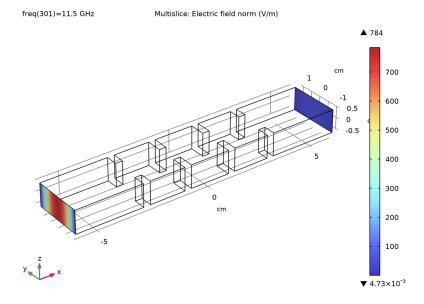
8 In the Home toolbar, click **Compute**.

RESULTS

Multislice

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Electric Field (emw) I node, then click Multislice.
- 2 In the Settings window for Multislice, locate the Multiplane Data section.
- 3 Find the X-planes subsection. From the Entry method list, choose Coordinates.
- 4 In the Coordinates text field, type -6 6.
- 5 Find the Y-planes subsection. In the Planes text field, type 0.
- 6 Find the **Z-planes** subsection. In the **Planes** text field, type 0.

7 In the Electric Field (emw) I toolbar, click Plot.

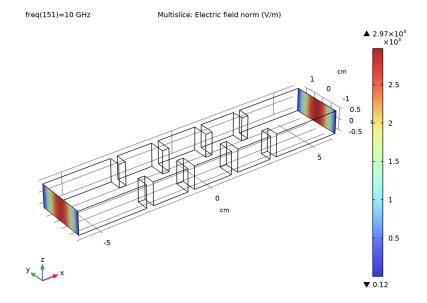


Since 11.5 GHz is not within the passband, the input power at the excitation port is not delivered to the observation port.

Electric Field (emw) I

- I In the Model Builder window, click Electric Field (emw) 1.
- 2 In the Settings window for 3D Plot Group, locate the Data section.
- 3 From the Parameter value (freq (GHz)) list, choose 10.

4 In the Electric Field (emw) I toolbar, click Plot.



When the frequency of the plot is within the passband, the input power at the excitation port is delivered to the observation port.

Next, plot the calculated S-parameters from the Frequency Domain Modal method together with those of the discrete frequency sweep.

S-parameter (emw) I

- I In the Model Builder window, click S-parameter (emw) 1.
- 2 In the Settings window for ID Plot Group, locate the Legend section.
- 3 From the Position list, choose Lower right.

Global I

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the S-parameter (emw) I node, then click Global I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Global, locate the y-Axis Data section.
- **3** In the table, enter the following settings:

Expression	Unit	Description	
emw.S11dB	1	S11 Frequency Domain Modal	
emw.S21dB	1	S21 Frequency Domain Modal	

Global 2

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click S-parameter (emw) I and choose Global.
- 2 In the Settings window for Global, locate the Data section.
- 3 From the Dataset list, choose Study I/Solution I (soll).
- 4 Click Add Expression in the upper-right corner of the y-Axis Data section. From the menu, choose Component I (compl)>Electromagnetic Waves, Frequency Domain>Ports> S-parameter, dB>emw.SIIdB - SII.
- 5 Click Add Expression in the upper-right corner of the y-Axis Data section. From the menu, choose Component I (compl)>Electromagnetic Waves, Frequency Domain>Ports> S-parameter, dB>emw.S21dB - S21.
- **6** Locate the **y-Axis Data** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

Expression	Unit	Description
emw.S11dB	1	S11 Regular Sweep
emw.S21dB	1	S21 Regular Sweep

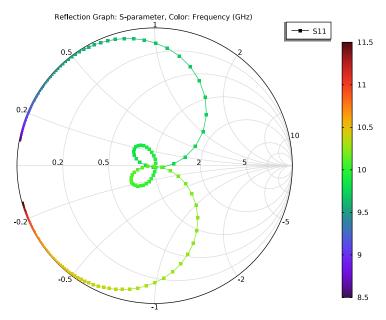
- 7 Click to expand the Coloring and Style section. Find the Line style subsection. From the Line list, choose Dashed.
- 8 Find the Line markers subsection. From the Marker list, choose Circle.
- 9 In the S-parameter (emw) I toolbar, click Plot.

S-parameter (emw) I

- I In the Model Builder window, click S-parameter (emw) I.
- 2 In the Settings window for ID Plot Group, click to expand the Title section.
- 3 From the Title type list, choose Manual.
- 4 In the Title text area, type S-parameter Comparison between Frequency Domain Modal and Regular Discrete Sweep.
 - Compare the plot with Figure 4.

Smith Plot (emw) I

In the Model Builder window, click Smith Plot (emw) 1.



Analyze the same model with a finer frequency resolution using Adaptive Frequency Sweep based on asymptotic waveform evaluation (AWE). When a device presents a slowly varying frequency response, the AWE provides a faster solution time when running the simulation on many frequency points. The following example with the AWE can be computed five times faster than regular Frequency Domain sweeps with a same finer frequency resolution.

ADD STUDY

- I In the Home toolbar, click Add Study to open the Add Study window.
- 2 Go to the Add Study window.
- 3 Find the Studies subsection. In the Select Study tree, select Preset Studies for Selected Physics Interfaces>Adaptive Frequency Sweep.
- 4 Click Add Study in the window toolbar.
- 5 In the Home toolbar, click $\overset{\checkmark}{\searrow}$ Add Study to close the Add Study window.

STUDY 3

Step 1: Adaptive Frequency Sweep

- I In the Settings window for Adaptive Frequency Sweep, locate the Study Settings section.
- 2 In the Frequencies text field, type range (8.5[GHz], 0.01[GHz], 11.5[GHz]).

Use a five times finer frequency resolution.

A slowly varying scalar value curve works well for AWE expressions. When AWE expression type is set to Physics controlled in the Adaptive Frequency Sweep study settings, abs (comp1.emw.S21) is used automatically for two-port devices.

3 Click to expand the **Store in Output** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

Interface	Output
Electromagnetic Waves, Frequency Domain (emw)	Selection

- **4** Click to select row number 1 in the table.
- 5 Under Selections, click + Add.
- 6 In the Add dialog box, in the Selections list, choose Port I and Port 2.
- 7 Click OK.
- 8 In the Home toolbar, click **Compute**.

RESULTS

Electric Field (emw) 2

- I In the Settings window for 3D Plot Group, locate the Data section.
- 2 From the Parameter value (freq (GHz)) list, choose 10.

Multislice

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Electric Field (emw) 2 node.
- 2 Right-click Multislice and choose Delete.

Surface I

In the Model Builder window, right-click Electric Field (emw) 2 and choose Surface.

Selection I

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Surface I and choose Selection.
- 2 Select Boundaries 1 and 38 only.
- 3 In the Electric Field (emw) 2 toolbar, click Plot.

S-parameter (emw) 2

- I In the Model Builder window, under Results click S-parameter (emw) 2.
- 2 In the Settings window for ID Plot Group, locate the Title section.
- 3 From the Title type list, choose Manual.
- 4 In the Title text area, type S-parameter Comparison between Adaptive Frequency Sweep and Regular Discrete Sweep.
- 5 Locate the Legend section. From the Position list, choose Lower right.

Global I

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the S-parameter (emw) 2 node, then click Global I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Global, locate the y-Axis Data section.
- **3** In the table, enter the following settings:

Expression	Unit	Description
emw.S11dB	1	S11 Adaptive Frequency Sweep
emw.S21dB	1	S21 Adaptive Frequency Sweep

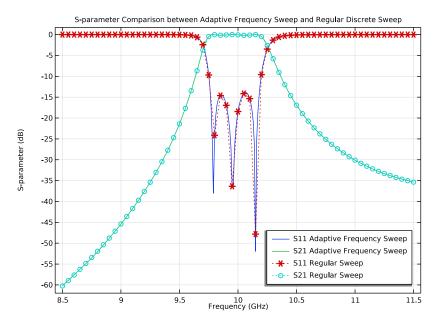
4 Right-click Global I and choose Duplicate.

Global 2

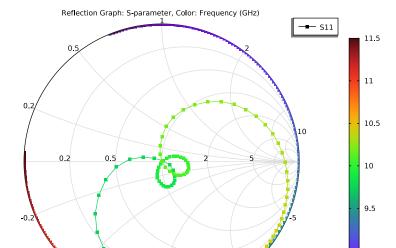
- I In the Model Builder window, click Global 2.
- 2 In the Settings window for Global, locate the y-Axis Data section.
- **3** In the table, enter the following settings:

Expression	Unit	Description
emw.S11dB	1	S11 Regular Sweep
emw.S21dB	1	S21 Regular Sweep

- 4 Locate the Data section. From the Dataset list, choose Study I/Solution I (soll).
- 5 Locate the Coloring and Style section. Find the Line style subsection. From the Line list, choose Dotted
- 6 Find the Line markers subsection. From the Marker list, choose Cycle.



Smith Plot (emw) 2 In the Model Builder window, under Results click Smith Plot (emw) 2.



The following instruction shows how to use the Graph Marker and Filter subfeatures to analyze 1D plots. When plotting S11 of a bandpass filter, poles are of interest and a graph marker captures the local minima. For analyzing the insertion loss such as S21, the -3dB bandwidth of the passband can be computed through an additional graph marker. The filter subfeature helps truncating the less interesting bands and for visualizing only the area of the passband.

S-parameter with Graph Markers

- I In the Home toolbar, click Add Plot Group and choose ID Plot Group.
- 2 In the Settings window for ID Plot Group, type S-parameter with Graph Markers in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Data section. From the Dataset list, choose Study 3/Solution 4 (sol4).

Global I

- I Right-click S-parameter with Graph Markers and choose Global.
- 2 In the Settings window for Global, click Add Expression in the upper-right corner of the y-Axis Data section. From the menu, choose Component I (compl)> Electromagnetic Waves, Frequency Domain>Ports>S-parameter, dB>emw.SIIdB - SII.

3 Locate the y-Axis Data section. In the table, enter the following settings:

Expression	Unit	Description
emw.S11dB	dB	S11

Graph Marker I

- I Right-click Global I and choose Graph Marker.
- 2 In the Settings window for Graph Marker, locate the Display section.
- 3 From the Display list, choose Min.
- 4 From the Scope list, choose Local.
- **5** Locate the **Text Format** section. In the **Display precision** text field, type **3**.
- 6 Select the Show x-coordinate check box.
- 7 Select the **Include unit** check box.
- 8 Click to expand the Coloring and Style section. From the Anchor point list, choose Lower left.

Filter I

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Global I and choose Filter.
- 2 In the Settings window for Filter, locate the Point Selection section.
- 3 In the Logical expression for inclusion text field, type emw.freq>9.2[GHz] && emw.freq<10.8[GHz].

Global 2

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click S-parameter with Graph Markers and choose Global.
- 2 In the Settings window for Global, click Replace Expression in the upper-right corner of the y-Axis Data section. From the menu, choose Component I (compl)> Electromagnetic Waves, Frequency Domain>Ports>S-parameter, dB>emw.S21dB - S21.

Graph Marker I

- I Right-click Global 2 and choose Graph Marker.
- 2 In the Settings window for Graph Marker, locate the Display section.
- 3 From the Display mode list, choose Bandwidth.
- 4 Locate the **Text Format** section. In the **Display precision** text field, type 3.
- **5** Select the **Include unit** check box.
- 6 Locate the Coloring and Style section. Select the Show frame check box.

Filter I In the Model Builder window, under Results>S-parameter with Graph Markers>Global I

right-click Filter I and choose Copy.

Global 2

In the Model Builder window, under Results>S-parameter with Graph Markers right-click Global 2 and choose Paste Filter.

Filter I In the Model Builder window, click Filter 1.

