

Abstract

This paper discusses how the magnetic characteristics of noise suppression sheet (NSS) work on electromagnetic noise based on 3D FEM electromagnetic field simulations and experiments. At low frequencies NSS shielded electromagnetic noise by its high permeability. Inter-decoupling ratio reaches 5 dB and intra-decoupling ratio is -2~-3 dB which points out that NSS sometimes has noise enhancement effects. At high frequencies, the NSS suppressed the noise by ferromagnetic resonance losses. Inter-decoupling ratio reaches 15 dB and intra-decoupling ratio is about 3 dB.

Back ground

Recent IT devices and equipments become more compact and high speed. RF electromagnetic noise is serious. How to suppress the noise?

Noise suppression sheet (NSS)

NSS

Noise suppression sheets are widely used to suppress electromagnetic noise generated in electronic devices.

M. Sato, S. Yoshida, E. Sugawara, Y. Shimada, *Trans. Magn. Soc. Jpn.*, 20(2), 421-424 (1996)

Structure and RF property of NSS

Structure of NSS

- Polymer embedded magnetic flakes
- 25μm~1.0mm thick

Theory of NSS

NSS work as shield to magnetic flux with its high permeability.

NSS work as resistive impedance with its FMR losses in high frequency range.

Near field

- Inter-decoupling**: For the EM noise between devices
- Intra-decoupling**: For the EM noise inside a devices

In-line

- For the RF noise in transmission lines

Simulation models

Simulation condition

Software: HFSS ver.9.1 (Ansoft Co.)
 Boundary: Radiation Boundary
 Analysis area: 200 x 200 x 200 mm³ cubic
 Analysis Frequency: 0.1~6 GHz

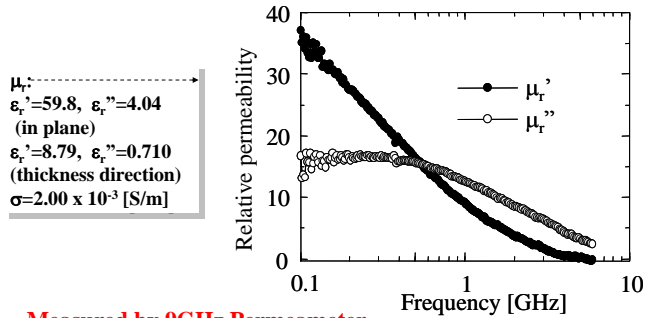
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The coupling between the two coils can be obtained by s_{21} value at the ports.

50 Ω input/output port

Material profile of NSS

The following material parameters were used in the simulation.



Measured by 9GHz Permeameter

Masahiro Yamaguchi, Yasunori Miyazawa, Katsuji Kaminishi, Ken-Ichi Arai, *Trans. Magn. Soc. Jpn.* 3, 137-140 (2003).

Experimental Setup

Planar multilayer loop coil

50 Ω termination

Network Analyzer (HP8720D)

Profile of planar multilayer loop coil

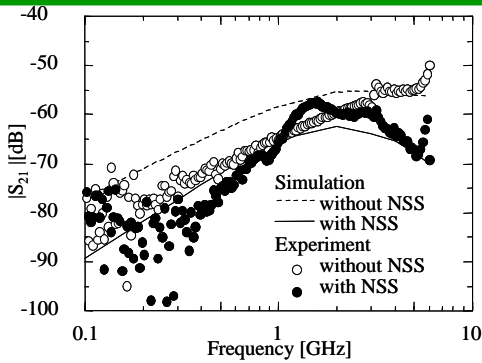
s_{21} [dB]

Frequency [GHz]

20dB/dec
 ± 3 dB

This planar multilayer loop coil exhibits 20 dB/dec ± 3.0 dB output up to 10 GHz

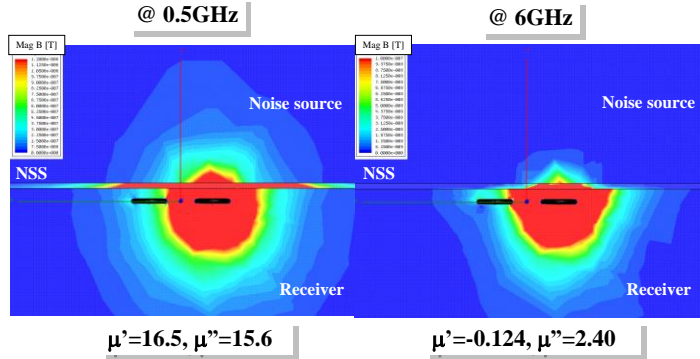
Inter-decoupling -Simulated $|s_{21}|$ and measured $|s_{21}|$ -



Simulation: Noise suppression ratio was over 10dB in this range.
 Experiment: Noise was suppressed by several dB except 1~2 GHz range.

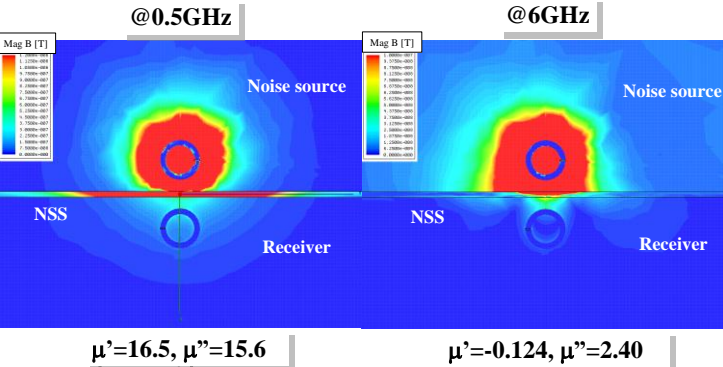
Measured profile deviated from simulated one and a peak appeared in the 1~2 GHz range, both are due to the cables and connectors associated with NSS

Intra-decoupling -Distribution of magnetic flux-



@0.5GHz: The flux linkage at the receiver coil was high by the magnetic shielding of the NSS
 @6GHz: The flux linkage at the receiver coil became low.

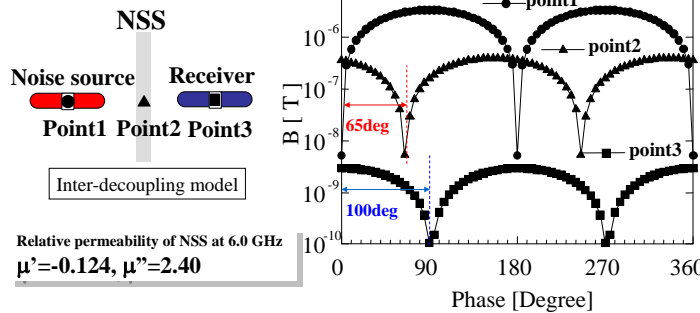
Inter-decoupling -Distribution of magnetic flux-



@0.5GHz: The flux linkage at receiver coil became low by the magnetic shielding of the NSS
 @6GHz: The flux was not so shielded in the NSS, but the flux linkage at receiver coil became low.

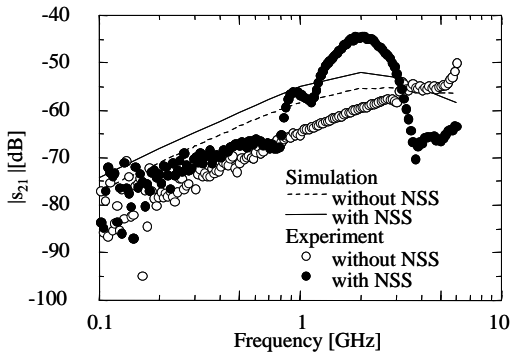
Effect of μ_r

Check the phase and intensity of magnetic flux in an inter-decoupling model at 6.0 GHz.



The phase of magnetic flux gradually shifted from the NSS to the receiver coil.
 This means that magnetic flux was greatly influenced by the μ_r in the high frequency range.

Intra-decoupling -Simulated $|s_{21}|$ and measured $|s_{21}|$ -



Simulation and Experiment:
 Noise was enhanced by several dB up to 4GHz, in the higher frequency range noise was suppressed by several dB.

Measured profile deviated from simulated one and a peak appeared in the 1~3 GHz range, both are due to the cables and connectors associated with NSS

Conclusion

- Up to the FMR frequency, inter-decoupling ratio was about 5 dB, and intra-decoupling ratio was -2~ -3 dB, which meant the noise power was not always negative.
- Above the FMR frequency, both inter- and intra- decoupling ratio were over 3 dB due to FMR losses.
- The highly accurate discusses about the characteristics of the NSS will be possible by improvement of the experimental setup.