



Spider

SPI-100 series

SPI-102: Spider - Standalone SPI-103: Spider - Star-2 node SPI-104: Spider - Star-3 node SPI-105: Spider - Mesh





Spider SPI-100 series Features

One Platform, Multiple Solutions

Automated, Scalable RF Platform for LTE Unlicensed, IOT, and Wi-Fi

Technologies like LTE unlicensed and Internet of Things (IoT) are ushering wireless communications away from traditional point-to-point topologies toward many-to-many topologies with the coexistence of multiple radio technologies and active communication links among multiple devices.

Wireless test systems currently available on the market focus on the testing, optimization, and validation of a single device in a point-to-point setup; there are no solutions designed specifically for accurate, repeatable, efficient testing of these newer technologies. This left developers with two options: one, manually field test over the air, which is time-consuming, unrepeatable, and (due to limited control of variables) not always accurate; or two, kludge together a solution using off-the-shelf components and test tools designed for point-to-point applications, knowing that the quantities required for a mesh network test would quickly make this cost-prohibitive. These challenges are addressed by Spider.

Spider™

The Spider™ platform comprises integrated hardware and software that provide complete RF isolation and automated control of the MIMO radio links between multiple devices. Different, turnkey solutions are built on the Spider™ platform to support LTE unlicensed, IoT, 802.11ac, and use cases such as mobility, handover, device to device, and radio coexistence testing. In addition, users can create their own solutions using the Spider platform and the modules available in the Director-II test executive. Because Spider is built specifically for testing mesh network topologies, it is much more accurate and reliable than off-the-shelf components but much more affordable that traditional wireless test systems.



Spider™ Platform

- An automated RF Platform that is modular, scalable, and cost effective
- Integrated H/W and S/W modules that provide:
 - Controllable bidirectional MIMO links in a variety of topologies with complete RF isolation
 - End-to-end automation of entire test- bed that includes devices, APs, and traffic sources
 - Turnkey, fully automated test cases and reporting
- Turnkey solutions for different technologies, applications

Technologies

Cellular (LTE-A, LTE unlicensed, LTE, 3G/2G), Wi-Fi (IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n/ac), Bluetooth, ZigBee

Testing Areas

Performance, conformance, interoperability, coexistence

Use Cases

LTE unlicensed, IEEE 802.11ac, IoT, handover testing, coexistence testing



Spider SPI-100 series Features

Standard Configurations

Spider™ is a modular, scalable, and cost-effective automated RF platform, comprising integrated hardware and software modules that provide:

- Controllable bidirectional MIMO links
- Wide channel bandwidth and wide frequency coverage (700 MHz-6 GHz)
- A variety of topologies with complete RF isolation (90 dB)
- Connectivity with real devices in their native form
- Automation of the entire test-bed—devices, APs, traffic sources, etc.

Different turnkey solutions built on the Spider™ platform can support LTE unlicensed, IoT, 802.11ac, and use cases such as mobility, handover, device to device, and radio coexistence testing. Spider™ is a modular, scalable system.

Build on these standard configurations—or design your own!

	Configuration	Topology	Components	Typical Use Cases	
SPI-102	Standalone RFCM	•	1 RFCM-B	Wi-Fi, cellular linklevel testing IoT, drones	
SPI-103	Star 2	CO	1 SCM-5 2 RFCM-B	Wi-Fi performance Wi-Fi roaming Cellular handover MIMO performance Connected home Medical devices	
SPI-104	Star 3	CO CO	1 SCM-5 2 RFCM-B 1 RFCM-C		
SPI-105	Mesh	CM CM	4 MCM-4 6 RFCM-B	LTE unlicensed Radio coexistence M2M Drones Connected home Medical devices	



Note: All configurations include the Director II Test Executive, the Traffic Source Automation and Control Library (iPerf), RF cables, and Near Field Adapters.

Scalable Hardware

RF Channel Module: controllable RF path

- Control the attenuation bidirectionally
- Butler phase/amplitude characteristics; full rank with low condition number

Combiner Module: combines nodes

• Combine 4/5/9 nodes

Shielded Enclosure: provides RF isolation

- High isolation for devices of different form factors (e.g., handsets, dongles, access points, small cells, etc.)
- Conducted and near-field coupling connectivity
- Filtered connections for Ethernet, serial, power (DC, AC), and USB

Powerful Software

Director II: Universal Test Executive Test-Bed Manager: controls all equipment and devices

- Manage Spider[™] and other Azimuth products, like ACE RNX
- Manage other equipment (access points, devices, etc.)

Test Builder:

 Automate the test-bed with Azimuth-provided or user-defined modules

Test Scheduler:

• Schedule, run, and review results

Spider SPI-100 series Solutions

LTE Unlicensed

Turnkey Solution for Testing LTE Unlicensed Performance, Coexistence, Conformance and Interoperability

Wideband traffic has grown exponentially, placing heavy demands on a fixed spectrum. One way operators can expand their coverage is to share space in the unlicensed 5 GHz band populated by Wi-Fi devices. Using LTE unlicensed to complement to their licensed bandwidth, they can tap into existing hotspots to skip coverage across short distances.

Coexistence (fair sharing) between LTE unlicensed and Wi-Fi, and among the various LTE unlicensed operators, is critical. This adds new communications testing challenges, as operators develop new mechanisms such as Listen Before Talk (LBT) and dynamic frequency hopping to facilitate coexistence.

Testing LTE unlicensed requires a solution that can do the following:

- Test coexistence, conformance, performance, and interoperability
- Satisfy the technology requirements of LTE unlicensed (controllable wideband RF, 4x4 MIMO, hub-node, and mesh architectures)
- Control and automate the entire test-bed, and run exemplar test

Spider™ Unlicensed

This is a fully automated, self-contained solution for LTE-U testing built on the Spider $^{\text{\tiny{IM}}}$ platform:

- All test cases developed from the LTE-U Forum's Supplementary Downlink (SDL) coexistence specifications
- Leverages the platform and modules developed by Azimuth for LTE and Wi-Fi testing
- Purpose-built but flexible solution

Hardware

RF Channel Module with Butler Matrix (RFCM-B) RF Channel Module without Butler Matrix (RFCM-C)

Programmable MIMO RF Channel

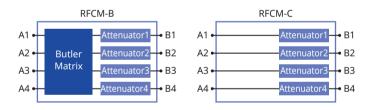
The RF Channel Module (RFCM) is a key module of the Spider™ platform that provides a MIMO path with controllable attenuation. The RFCM can be used standalone between two nodes or as a part of a star or a mesh topology in conjunction with other modules of the Spider™ platform, such as the combiner module or shielded enclosure.

Each RFCM has a total of four paths for individual or group attenuation control, so the unit can be used in a multitude of ways to test both SISO and MIMO devices and systems. The RFCM features controllable path loss and flat fading, and is available in two variants, –B and –C. RFCM–B provides an integrated Butler matrix for performing such critical test functions as running full rank/low condition analyses of MIMO channels for maximum throughput applications, beam-forming applications, and controlled combining of RF signals. RFCM–C does not.

The Director^{\mathbb{M}} II test executive software delivers powerful, user-friendly automation and control. The RFCM can be automated through an API or our GUI-driven, end-to-end test automation platform, Test Builder^{\mathbb{M}}, which allows the RFCM to be automated along with the entire test-bed.

Features

- Programmable attenuation for up to 4x4 MIMO links
- Integrated Butler matrix ensures accurate phase amplitude relationship needed for MIMO, beamforming, etc.



BUTLER MATRIX PHASE CHARACTERISTICS

Input Port	Phase at Output Ports (in Degrees)			
	B1	B2	В3	В4
A1	45	90	135	180
A2	135	-45	-135	90
A3	90	-135	0	135
A4	180	135	90	45

- Compact form factor with all integrated components
- No more cluttered, messy setups
- Support for a wide frequency range with unlimited bandwidth



Star Combiner Module (SCM-5) Mesh Combiner Module (MCM-4)

Combine Nodes for Star, Mesh, Custom Topologies

The Combiner Module, a key component of the Spider™ platform, merges the multiple MIMO paths from various modules in a star or mesh topology test configuration. Each Combiner Module can combine multiple groups of four paths each, enabling a multitude of test configurations for SISO and MIMO devices.

There are currently two versions of the Combiner Module. The Mesh Combiner Module (MCM), optimized for mesh topologies, features low loss between the master port and three split ports and higher loss among the split ports. The Star Combiner Module (SCM), optimized for star topologies, features five or nine identical ports.

The Director II™ test executive software delivers powerful, userfriendly automation and control. While the Combiner Module does not require configuration or active control, users can create and use test-beds with a Combiner Module and other Spider™ components (e.g., the RF Channel Module, or RFCM). These test-beds can be controlled actively through the graphic user interface or automated through an API or our GUI-driven, end-to-end test automation platform, Test Builder™, which supports automation of the entire test-bed.

Features

- Combine multiple nodes in different topologies —star, mesh, custom
- Compact form factor with all integrated components; no more cluttered, messy setups
- Supports a wide frequency range and unlimited bandwidth
- Supports up to 4x4 MIMO links



Optional Modules

Near Field Adapter (MLA-01)

Reliable, Repeatable, Noninvasive Device Connection

Running accurate, repeatable tests requires a reliable connection with the device. The most optimal solution is a direct physical connection. Unfortunately, not all devices expose their connectors. This requires either disassembling the device to expose the connectors, which could compromise the device's integrity, or relying on a radiated connection as an alternative. A radiated connection brings with it a host of challenges, including repeatability, accuracy, loss, and cost, depending on the actual mechanism (simply radiated in an isolated environment vs. radiated in a controlled over-the-air or OTA environment).

The Near Field Adapter (NFA) enables direct, conducted connectivity to devices without requiring disassembly. This removes the uncertainty and the potential for inaccuracy and nonrepeatability.

The NFA uses magnetic coupling to connect to the antenna. Each NFA couples with a single antenna; multiple NFAs can be used to enable MIMO connectivity and allow coverage of any and all technologies and bands (if a separate antenna is used for each). The NFA's selectivity also helps ensure that it couples with only one antenna, achieving a full-rank MIMO connection even in devices with multiple antennas. Easily attachable with a Velcro™ strip, the NFAs can connect to any device, regardless of whether the antenna is exposed or not, across a wide frequency range. Our patented design ensures that the coupling between the NFA and the antenna is reliable, repeatable, and independent of antenna-to-NFA orientation. This eliminates the time-consuming and manual process of tuning and orienting devices to find the optimal position for maximum throughput—something that needs to be done for a radiated setup. The NFA also ensures a consistent pathloss to the device.

Features

- Test any device—even those without exposed connectors!
- No more drilling, soldering, or waiting for custom devices!
- Connect to all devices—tablets, smartphones, etc.—easily and noninvasively
- Get the reliability and repeatability of a conducted connection with the ease-of-use of a radiated connection
- MIMO connection for different bands and technologies

STACSIM-(Static Channel Simulator) (ACC-290) STACSIM-WB-(Static Channel Simulator) (ACC-339)

For Comprehensive Testing of Wi-Fi, LTE Unlicensed, 5G, and Other Wideband MIMO Applications

Full-scale adoption of multiple input/multiple output (MIMO) and wider bandwidths is a common theme in the evolution of cellular and Wi-Fi technologies. Regardless of the end application, testing these wideband wireless technologies requires controllable, wideband connectivity with the right phase-amplitude characteristics.

Azimuth's Static Channel Simulator (STACSIM) provides cross-path and fixed-phase shifts on a 4x4 matrix based on the commonly used Butler array, in which a signal incident at each input port provides equal amplitude signals at the N output ports.

Azimuth's STACSIM provides:

- A wideband flat channel over a wide frequency range
- A 4x4 connection with Butler phase-amplitude characteristics
- A high-rank matrix with a low condition number
- Exceptional isolation

The STACSIM is available in two variants: the standard STACSIM focuses on Wi-Fi frequencies; the STACSIM-WB (wideband) supports a wider frequency range, making it ideal for Wi-Fi, LTE unlicensed, Bluetooth, and more.



Optional Modules

RadioProof Enclosures (RPE-401L/AC):

Large single-chamber shielded enclosure with AC power

RadioProof Enclosures (RPE-402):

Regular-size, dual-chamber shielded enclosure

RF Test Isolation Chambers for Quality Wireless Isolation Testing

Testing wireless devices in a controlled Radio Frequency (RF) environment that is isolated from unwanted RF interference is required to accurately characterize the conformance, performance and interoperability of wireless systems. Azimuth's RadioProof™ family of RF enclosures provide exceptional RF isolation of devices under test and easy operation.

Azimuth's RadioProof™ enclosures provide superior isolation from 700 MHz to 6 GHz, support 4 x 4 multiple-input/multiple-output (MIMO) products and are ideal for accurate and reliable testing of all wireless technologies. Azimuth's patented design enables ultrahigh isolation (90 dB) with a range of filtered connection options, and thus outperforms other solutions in terms of performance and scalability.

RadioProof™ enclosures and the high level of isolation that they offer provide device manufacturers, semiconductor vendors and service providers with dedicated equipment that significantly outperforms custom built internal solutions.

RadioProof™ enclosures combine filtered communication (Ethernet, serial) and power connections, an easy to use cover and latch design as well as active or passive cooling to enable efficient and repeatable testing of wireless devices. RadioProof™ enclosures include convenient slide rail rack mount fixtures for easy access and efficient storage.

Features

- Exceptional isolation: up to 90 dB
- Wide frequency range support
- 4x4 multiple input/multiple output (MIMO) connections
- Filtered RJ45 Ethernet, serial, power (DC and AC)
- Support for USB
- Active and passive cooling



RadioProof Enclosures RPE-401L/AC



RadioProof Enclosures RPE-402

Software

Derector II Test Executive (DIR-II)

Test Executive with End-to-End Automation

Director II, a universal test executive to control and automate a test-bed end-to-end, comprises the following components:

Test-Bed Manager: Manage the Test-Bed

- Control the ACE, Spider™, and other Azimuth products
- Manage other equipment in the test-bed (access points, devices, etc.)

Test Builder: Automate the Test-Bed

- Modules to control common elements of the test-bed
- Create test cases through a drag-and-drop GUI—without writing

Test Scheduler: Run Tests

- Schedule and run synchronized tests
- View test results

More About Test Builder

Test Builder includes baseline modules for controlling Spider™ and ACE RNX, in addition to core modules for basic logic/execution and graphic and optional software automation modules for the following:

Access Point Automation & Control Library (DIR-805)

Control access points through the Cisco 2504, 3702 controller. Configure radio, channel, bandwidth, etc.

Traffic Source Automation & Control Library - iPerf (DIR-806)

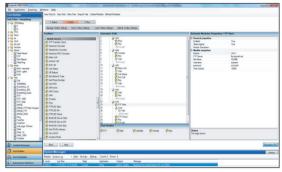
Configure iPerf3 between two endpoints (on device, PC) Start iPerf session Collect KPIs

Traffic Source Automation & Control Library - Chariot (DIR-807)

Configure Chariot between two endpoints (on device, PC) Start Chariot session Collect KPIs

Features

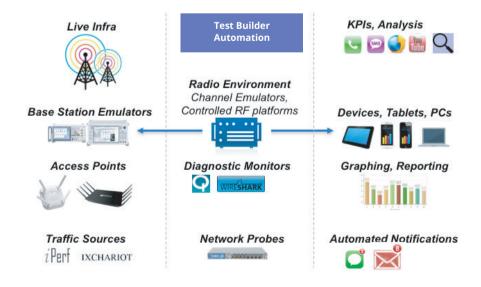
- Control and automate test-bed end-to-end
- Control handsets, access points, traffic sources, diagnostic monitors/sniffers, etc.
- Create custom test cases through drag-and-drop GUI interface without writing code
- Create slick reports and graphs
- Share test cases with other teams and ecosystems easily and securely



Test Builder



Test Scheduler



RF Channel Module with Butler Matrix (RFCM-B) RF Channel Module without Butler Matrix (RFCM-C)

Usable Frequency Range	700 MHz to 6000 MHz		
Number of Paths	4		
Controlled Attenuation Range	RFCM-B 700 MHz to 3000 MHz: 54 dB 3001 MHz to 6000 MHz: 52 dB RFCM-C 700 MHz to 6000 MHz: 55 dB		
Attenuation Resolution	0.5 dB		
Attenuation Accuracy	±0.5 dB		
Insertion Loss	RFCM-B 700 MHz to 3000 MHz: 15 dB 3001 MHz to 6000 MHz: 19.5 dB RFCM-C 700 MHz to 6000 MHz: 6 dB 3001 MHz to 6000 MHz: 9 dB		
Return Loss	>10 dB		
Isolation	15 dB typical for An to Am, where n≠m, and for Bn to Bm, where n≠m, with attenuators set to nominal 0 dB		
Input Power	+20 dBm max.		
Channel Configuration	RFCM-B: Butler RFCM-C: Bypass		
Control Interface	Ethernet 10/100/1000		
Control Software Included	Configure Unit Set Attenuator value: each path, all paths		
Power	120 V(ac)/240 V(ac), 1.5/0.75A 50 Hz to 60 Hz		

Star Combiner Module (SCM-5) Mesh Combiner Module (MCM-4)

Usable Frequency Range	700 MHz to 6000 MHz
Insertion Loss (Typical)	SCM-5 3 GHz: 5 dB 6 GHz: 14 dB MCM-4 Master Port (M) to any Split Port (S1, S2, S3) 3 GHz: 5 dB 6 GHz: 5 dB
Return Loss	MCM-4 Split Port (S1, S2, S3) to any other Split Port (S1, S2, S3) >20 dB
Input Power	SCM-5 +30 dBm average MCM-4 M Port: +43 dBm max. S Ports: +29 dBm max.
Number of Groups	SCM-5: 5 MCM-4: 4
Number of Paths Per Group	4
Channel Configuration	Identity Matrix

Near Field Adapter (MLA-01)

Usable Frequency Range	700 MHz to 6000 MHz
Coupling Loss	Typically up to 25 dB at 5 GHz
RF Connection	SMA, female
Physical Connection	Velcro™ fastener

STACSIM-(Static Channel Simulator) (ACC-290) STACSIM-WB-(Static Channel Simulator) (ACC-339)

Frequency	ACC-290 2.4 GHz to 2.5 GHz and 4.9 GHz to 5.9 GHz ACC-339 700 MHz to 6 GHz					
Topology	Up to 4x4 (full rank)					
Isolation	At least 20 dB					
	ACC-290		Output port			
			B1	B2	В3	В4
	Input port	A1	-45	-90	-135	-180
		A2	-135	0	135	270
		A3	270	135	0	-135
Butler matrix phase		A4	-180	-135	-90	-45
characteristics	ACC-339		Output port			
			B1	B2	В3	В4
	Input port	A1	45	90	135	180
		A2	135	-45	-135	90
		А3	90	-135	0	135
		A4	180	135	90	45

RadioProof Enclosures (RPE-401L/AC) RadioProof Enclosures (RPE-402)

Model	RPE-401L/AC	RPE-402	
Number of Chambers	1	2	
RF Ports	12	6 per chamber	
RF Port Type	8 SMA (front) 4 N-type (rear)	4 SMA (front), 2 N-type (rear) per chamber	
Filtered Connections	2 x RJ45 Ethernet 10/100/100 RJ45 for serial DC power 110–240V AC power Cooling fan	• 2 x RJ45 Ethernet 10/100/100 • RJ45 for serial • DC power	
Isolation	90 dB, 1.0 GHz to 6.0 GHz	90 dB, 1.0 GHz to 6.0 GHz	
Configuration	Desktop or rack mount	Desktop or rack mount	
Ventilation	Fan	Passive	
Exterior Dimensions	422 (W) x 323 (H) x 686 (D) mm	422 (W) x 191 (H) x 407 (D) mm	
Interior Dimensions	381 (W) x 254 (H) x 524 (D) mm	211 (W) x 121 (H) x 350 (D) mm	
Mass	22.3 kg	15.5 kg	

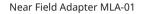
Ordering Information

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Model/Order No.	Name		
	Main Frame		
SPI-102	Spider - Standalone		
	(include RFCM-B, MLA-01 (x2))		
SPI-103	Spider - Star - 2 node		
	(include RFCM-B (x2), SCM-5, MLA-01 (x4))		
SPI-104	Spider - Star - 3 node		
	(include RFCM-B (x2), RFCM-C, SCM-5, MLA-01 (x4))		
SPI-105	Spider - Mesh		
	(include RFCM-B (x6), MCM-4 (x4), MLA-01 (x6))		
	Standard software		
DIR-II	Director-II Test Executive		
DIR-805	Access Point Automation & Control Library		
DIR-806	Traffic Source Automation & Control Library - iPerf		
DIR-807	Traffic Source Automation & Control Library – Chariot		
	Standard accessories		
	Power Cord: 1 pc		
	Configuration items		
	-Hardware-		
RFCM-B	RF Channel Module with Butler Matrix		
RFCM-C	RF Channel Module without Butler Matrix		
SCM-5	Star Combiner Module		
MCM-4	Mesh Combiner Module		
MLA-01	Near Field Adapter		
	Hardware options		
TERM-4	4 port 50ohm Terminator		
ACC-290	STACSIM – (Static Channel Simulator)		
ACC-339	STACSIM-WB – (Static Channel Simulator)		
RPE-401L/AC	RadioProof Enclosures		
RPE-402	RadioProof Enclosures		
	Support services		
SVC-101	Engineering and/or Training Service per hour		
SVC-701	Annual Software Maintenance and System Technical		
	Support		
SVC-703	Advanced Replacement Service		
SVC-710	Return To Factory Repair Evaluation		







STACSIM ACC-290



RadioProof Enclosures RPE-401L/AC



RadioProof Enclosures RPE-402

