



SimSurfing
Noise Filter Design Support Tool
Operation Manual

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### 1. About This Tool 1-1. Outline



What can this tool be used for

This tool calculates and graphs insertion loss characteristics for filter circuits based on items selected from the Murata components suitable for automobile use, which form the elements in the

filter circuit.

| Murata components                   |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Power inductor (L)                  |  |  |  |  |
| Ferrite bead (BEAD)                 |  |  |  |  |
| Common mode choke coil (CMCC)       |  |  |  |  |
| Multilayer ceramic capacitor (MLCC) |  |  |  |  |
| *Only fixed numbers can be selected |  |  |  |  |

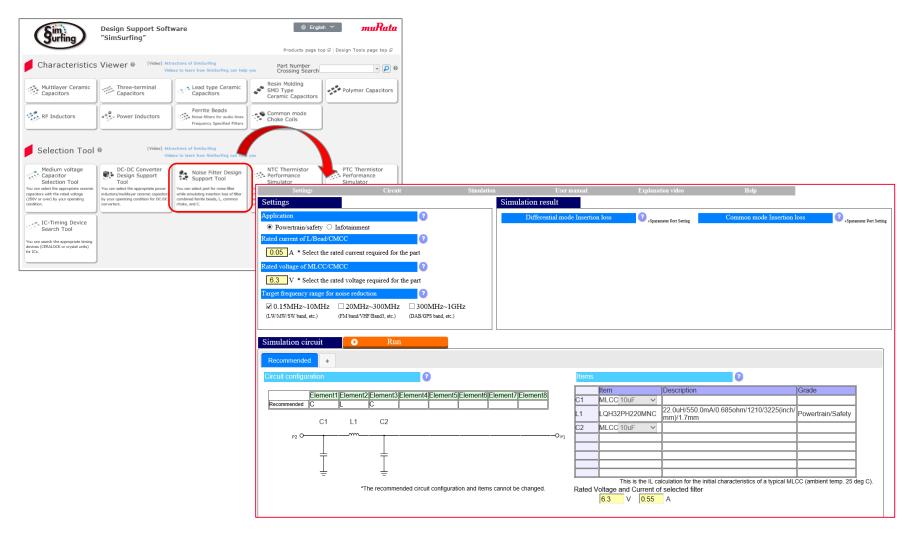
#### Features

- ✓ Filter circuits can consist of up to eight elements.
- ✓ Selecting the frequency range you wish to reduce noise for will display Murata-recommended filter circuit details by default. You can also easily select element items by specifying the application and the rated current/rated voltage.

### 2. Quick Operation Guide 2-1. Start of This Tool



 Click the [Noise Filter Design Support Tool] on the top page of SimSurfing, the screen of this tool is displayed.

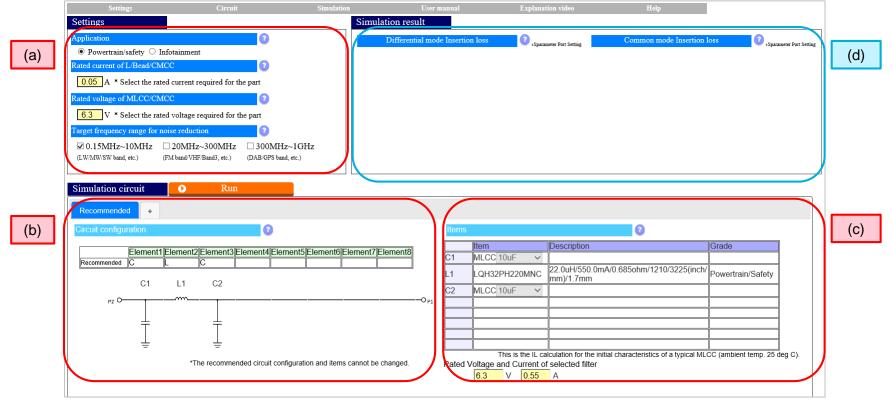


# 2. Quick Operation Guide 2-2. Screen Configuration



This tool consists of four elements.

| Select/Settings           | Output                     |  |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| (a) Select conditions     |                            |  |
| (b) Circuit configuration | (d) Insertion loss display |  |
| (c) Item selection        |                            |  |



# 2. Quick Operation Guide 2-3. How to Use Each Component (1/4)

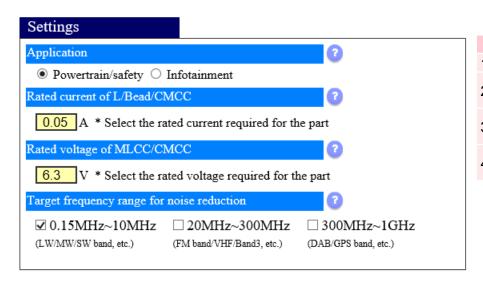


| (a) Select conditions      | Select the application, the rated current/rated voltage, and the target frequency range for noise reduction        |  |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| (b) Circuit configuration  | Filter circuit configuration   |  |
| (c) Item selection         | Selecting circuit component element items  |  |
| (d) Insertion loss display | Graphs showing differential mode insertion loss and common mode insertion loss (if CMCC is selected) are displayed |  |

#### (a) Select conditions

The assistance feature provided with this tool recommends filter circuit configurations and items meeting the conditions you have selected.

\*You do not need to select conditions when opting to not use the recommended circuit.



| How to operate |   |  |  |  |  |
|----------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1              | Select an application.  |  |  |  |  |
| 2              | Select the L, BEAD, CMCC rated current from the pull-down menu.                   |  |  |  |  |
| 3              | Select the C and CMCC rated voltage from the pull-down menu.                      |  |  |  |  |
| 4              | Select the target frequency range for noise reduction (multiple choices allowed). |  |  |  |  |

\*Further details on terms, etc. can be found by clicking on ?

### 2. Quick Operation Guide 2-3. How to Use Each Component (2/4)

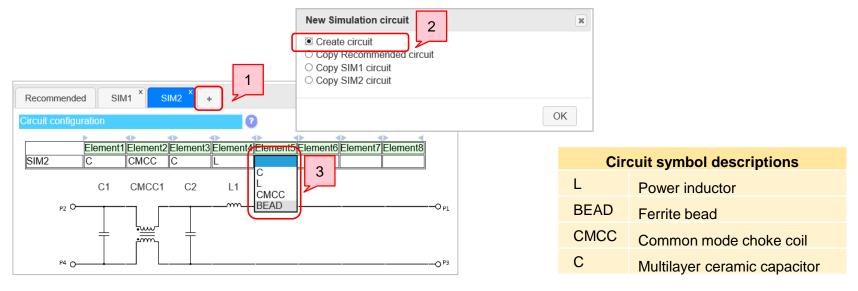


### (b) Select the circuit configuration

Select up to eight elements from L, BEAD, CMCC and C to configure a filter circuit to calculate insertion loss for.

\*To use the recommended circuit (based on selected conditions), select the Recommended tab to automatically configure the circuit. Note that circuit configurations in the Recommended tab cannot be changed here.

| How to operate               |   |   |  |  |
|------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                              | 1 | Click the "+" tab.  |  |  |
| Configuring a new circuit    | 2 | When the pop-up message appears, select "Create circuit".   |  |  |
|                              |   | (To configure a circuit based on an existing circuit, select the circuit you wish to copy from the pop-up message). |  |  |
| Circuit configuration method | 3 | Click the "Element" cell, and select from L, BEAD, CMCC and C appearing in the pull-down menu.                      |  |  |



### 2. Quick Operation Guide 2-3. How to Use Each Component (3/4)

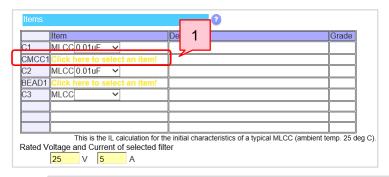


#### (c) Item selection

Elements items making up a circuit are selected using "mini SimSurfing". This allows for the selection of items which specify the values and ranges for each electric characteristic item.

\* To use the recommended circuit (based on selected conditions), select the Recommended tab to automatically configure the circuit.

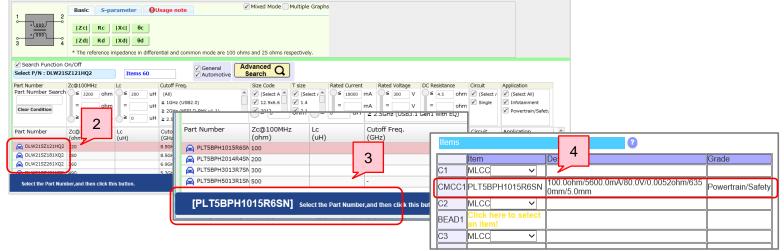
Note that circuit configurations in the Recommended tab cannot be changed here.



#### How to operate

- 1 Click the "Item" cell you wish to set.
- 2 Select items using the mini SimSurfing pop-up.
- 3 Click the Set bar at the bottom of the mini SimSurfing window.
- Close mini SimSurfing and return to the tool screen.

\*Only fixed values can be used for MLCC

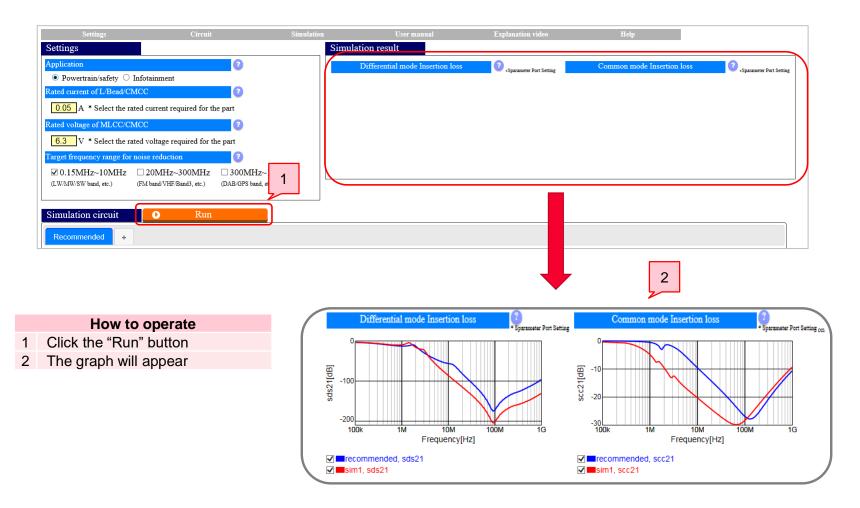


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### (d) Displaying insertion loss characteristics

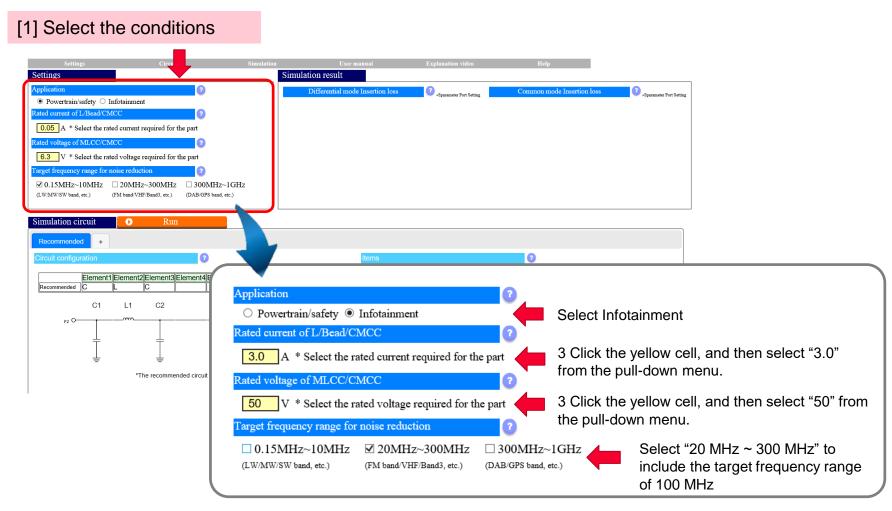
Insertion loss is calculated and displayed based on circuit configurations and items set or selected.



### 3. Use Cases and Detailed Description 3-1. Using a Murata-recommended Circuit (1/3)



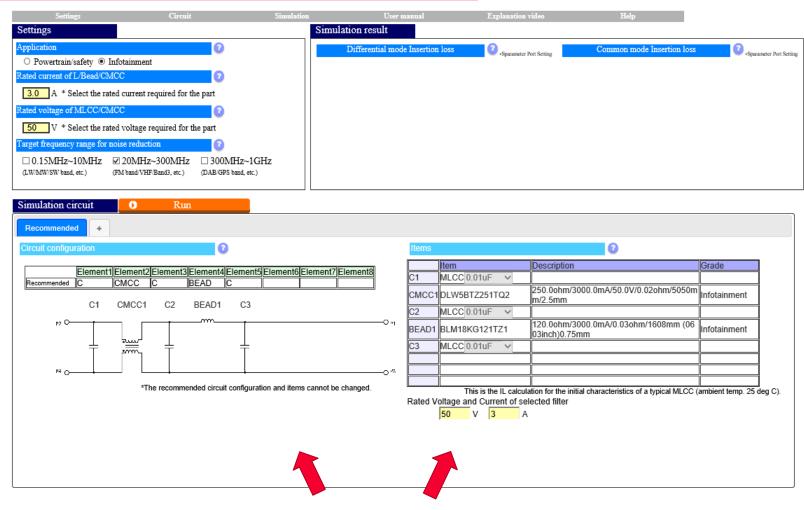
(Case) A user wishes to reduce noise in the 100 MHz range, for a circuit used for infotainment, with a rated current of 3 A, and a rated voltage of 50 V required for the filter.



# 3. Use Cases and Detailed Description 3-1. Using a Murata-recommended Circuit (2/3)



### [2] Display the circuit configuration and items (automatic)

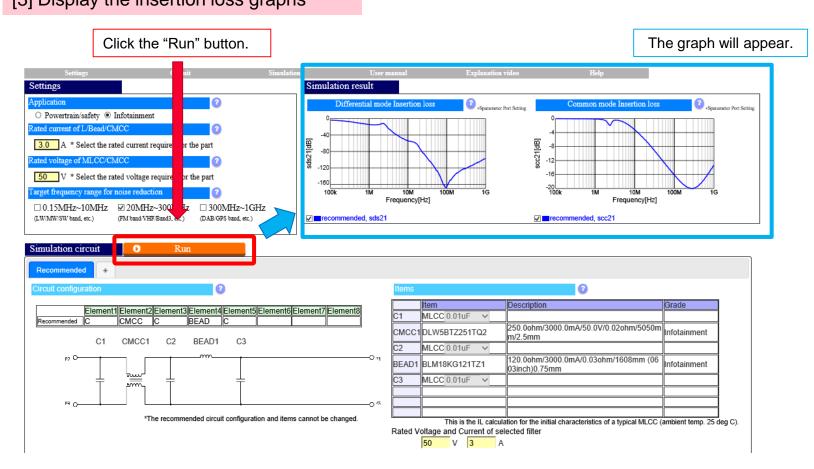


The circuit configuration and items will appear automatically when conditions are selected.

# 3. Use Cases and Detailed Description 3-1. Using a Murata-recommended Circuit (3/3)



### [3] Display the insertion loss graphs



\*Recommended circuit configurations and items cannot be changed here.

First copy the Recommended circuit before making changes to Recommended circuit configurations and items.

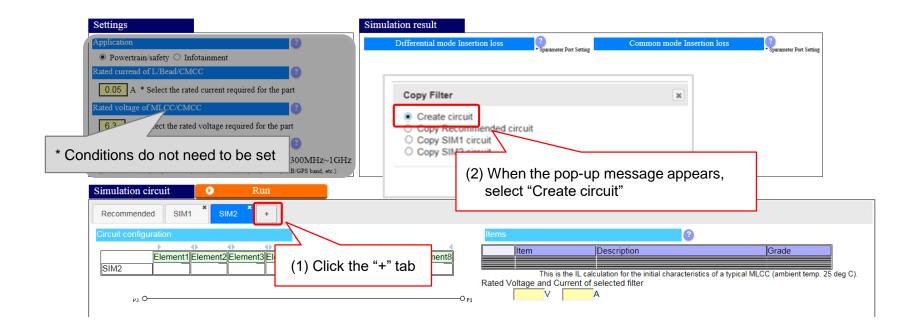
For more details, see "3-4. [Notes] Filter Circuit Configuration Settings".



### 3-2. Configuring Circuits Without the Use of Recommended Circuits (1/5)

(Case) A user wishes to reduce noise in the 100 MHz range for a C-L-C pi-type filter used in powertrain applications, with rated current of 3 A required for the filter.

[1] Bring up the design new circuit tab

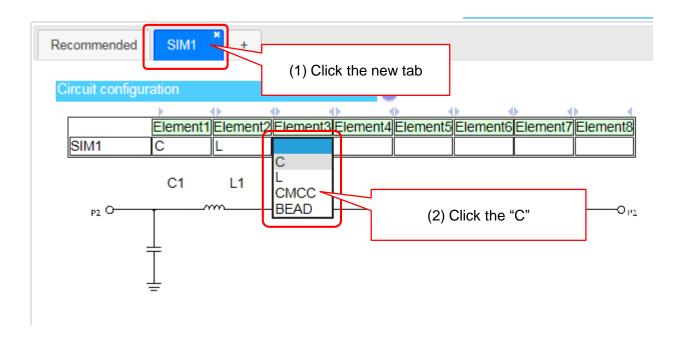


-> The "Sim x" tab will appear, allowing you to design a new circuit.



### 3-2. Configuring Circuits Without the Use of Recommended Circuits (2/5)

#### [2] Filter circuit configuration

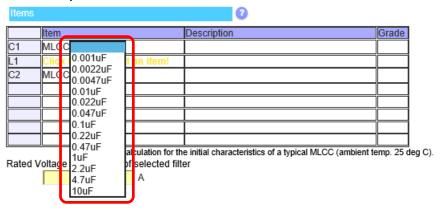


-> Click the "Element" cell in the new tab, and select "C" for Element 1, "L" for Element 2, and "C" for Element 3 from L, BEAD, CMCC and C in the pull-down menu to configure a C-L-C pitype filter.

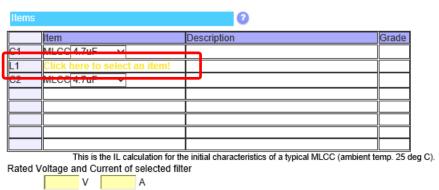


### 3-2. Configuring Circuits Without the Use of Recommended Circuits (3/5)

- [3]-1 Select the first item used to configure the circuit
  - -> For MLCC, select the capacitance.



- [3]-2 Select the second element used to configure the circuit
  - [3]-2-1. To select the inductor (L), click the ("Click here to select a product") cell in the "Item" column.

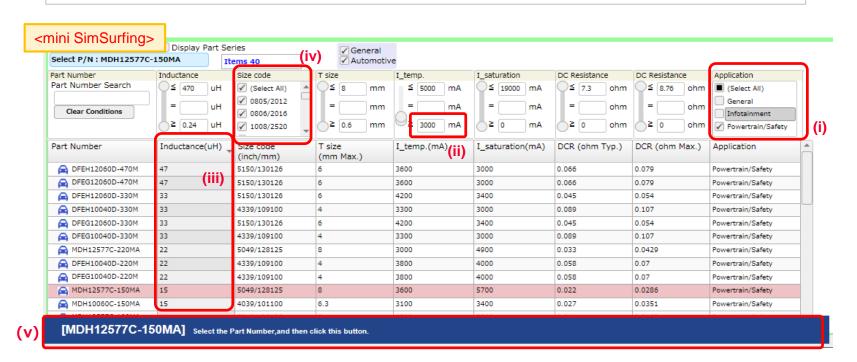




### 3-2. Configuring Circuits Without the Use of Recommended Circuits (4/5)

#### [3]-2-2. When the mini SimSurfing pop-up appears:

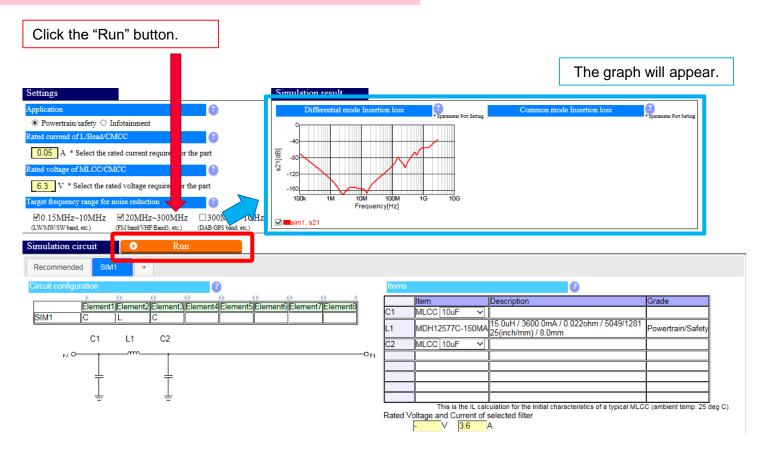
- i. Select "Powertrain/Safety" under Application.
- ii. Set the minimum indicator value to "3000 mA" under Rated current (I\_temp.).
- iii. Click on the Inductance field to rearrange results in descending order.
- iv. Select items with the largest L value from the sizes permitted
- v. Click the blue bar on the bottom of the mini SimSurfing window to confirm the selected items. The name of the selected item will appear in the blue bar.





### 3-2. Configuring Circuits Without the Use of Recommended Circuits (5/5)

#### [4] Display the insertion loss characteristic graphs

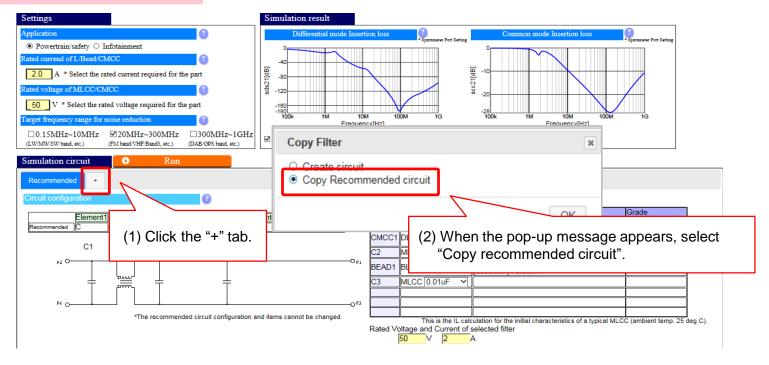


## 3. Use Cases and Detailed Description 3-3. Configuring a Circuit Based on an Existing Circuit (1/4)



(Case) After displaying a graph where a recommended circuit is used as a filter circuit for reducing noise in the FM band used in powertrain applications, with a rated current/voltage of 2 A/50 V, a user wishes the verify the degree to which insertion loss is improved from enlarging the CMCC and BEAD based on this circuit.

#### [1] Copy the original circuit



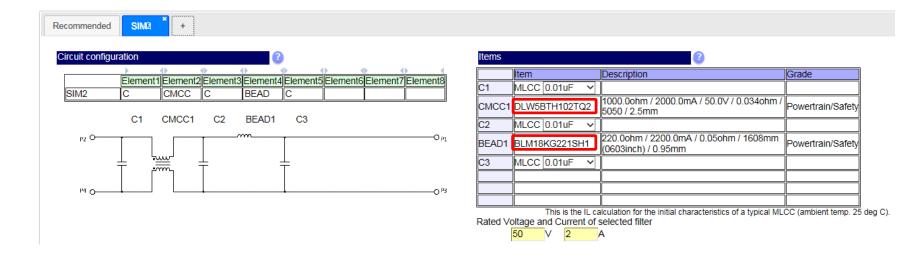
->This will create the "SIM1" tab and copy over the circuit configuration and elements.

## 3. Use Cases and Detailed Description 3-3. Configuring a Circuit Based on an Existing Circuit (2/4)



[2] Reselect items

[2]-1. Click the Item column for CMCC or BEAD.



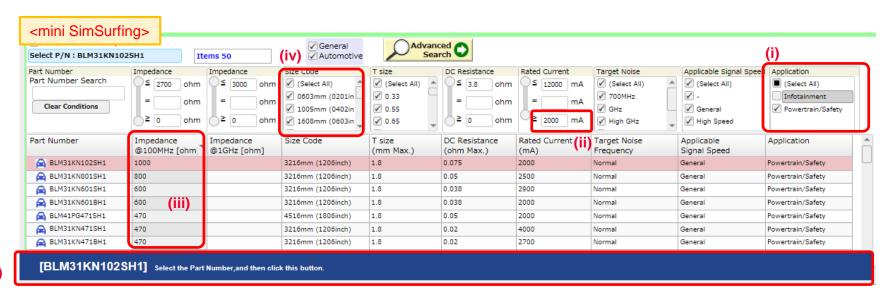
## 3. Use Cases and Detailed Description 3-3. Configuring a Circuit Based on an Existing Circuit (3/4)



#### [2]-2. When the mini SimSurfing (item refinement tool) pop-up appears:

#### (BEAD used for this example)

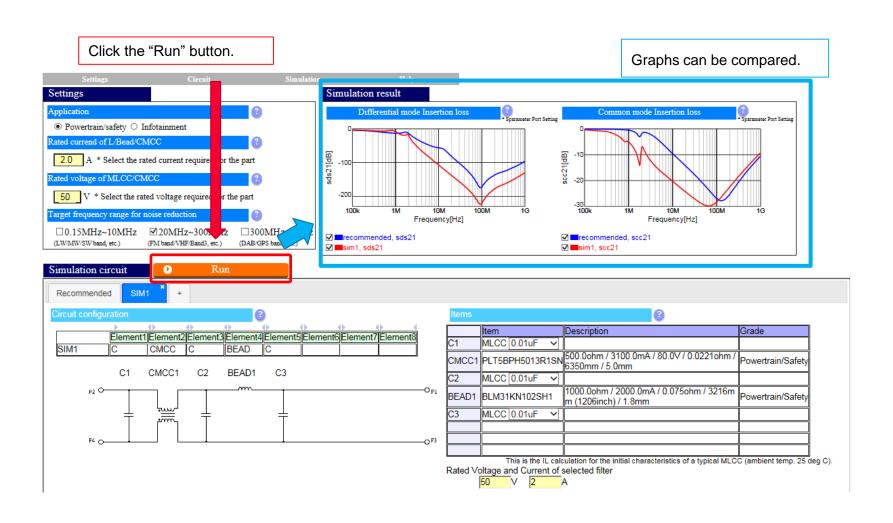
- Select "Powertrain/Safety" under Application.
- Set the minimum indicator value to "2000 mA" under Rated current.
- Click on the Impedance field to rearrange results in descending order.
- Select items with the largest impedance value from the sizes permitted
- Click the blue bar on the bottom of the mini SimSurfing window to confirm the selected items. The name of the selected item will appear in the blue bar.



## 3. Use Cases and Detailed Description 3-3. Configuring a Circuit Based on an Existing Circuit (4/4)



#### [3] Display the insertion loss graphs



## 3. Use Cases and Detailed Description 3-4. [Notes] Filter Circuit Configuration Settings



Click the Element cell, and then select the corresponding element from L, BEAD, Changing elements CMCC and C. Click the right-facing arrow above an Element cell to add a cell, which can be Adding elements used to select the element to add. Click the left-facing arrow above an Element cell to delete a cell and its element (3)**Deleting elements** together.

