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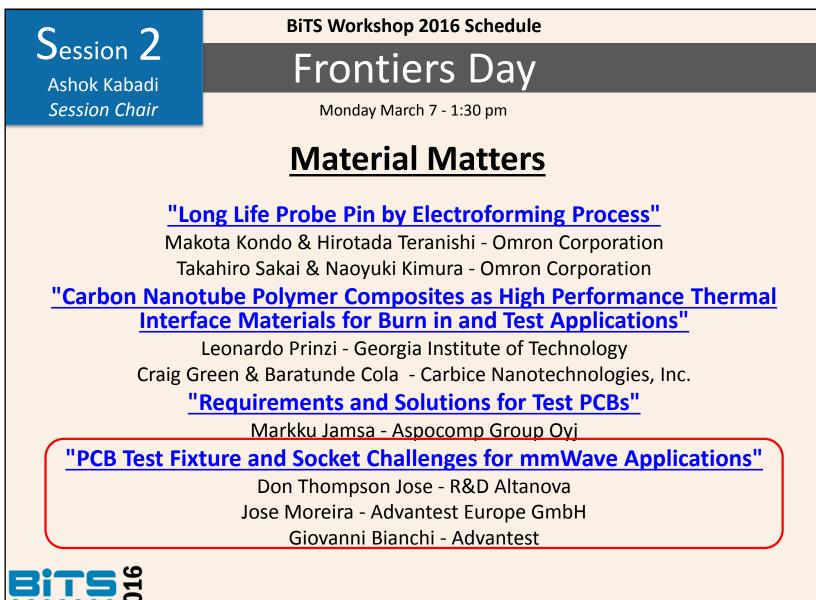
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Outline

Elastomeric Socket Evaluation at 77 GHz

- Review from last year
- Test Setup Interesting things
 - Material evaluation
 - Balun
- Measurement Results
 - Insertion Loss
 - Soldered down vs Socket
 - Cycle Testing
- Conclusions

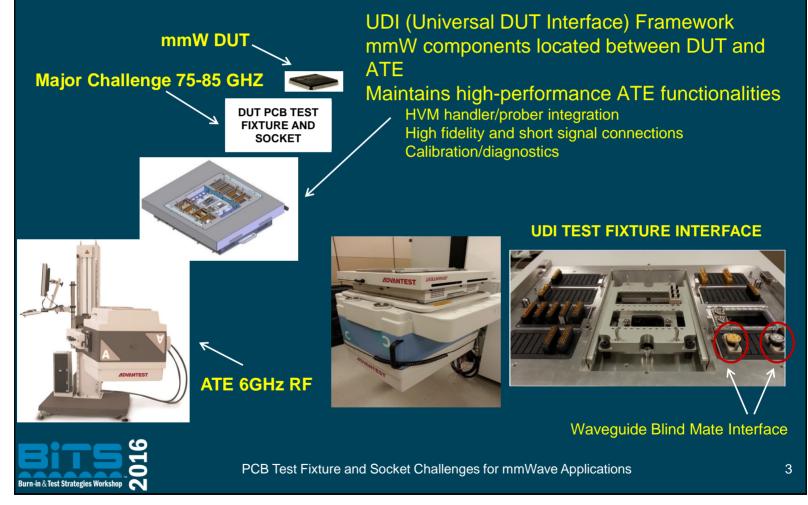


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mmWave Integrated ATE Solution PCB Test Fixture/Socket Challenge



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The Challenge

<u>The Need:</u>

- Automotive radar (77-85 GHz) and some high frequency Near Field Communication (60 GHz) applications are way outside the envelope of traditional socket capabilities
- ATE test cells need a low loss, low cost, and well behaved socket that works at these frequencies

<u>The Challenge:</u>

 Build and verify a proof of concept 76-77 GHz socket for a 0.5 mm fine pitch package



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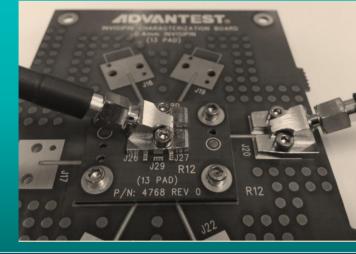
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Results from BiTS 2015

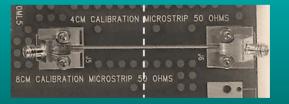
- Confirmed Proof of Concept
- Results were Single Ended (Need Differential)
- Evaluation Board only

Good performance to 90 GHz



De-embedding Structures







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Invisipin 77 GHz Socket Solution

- Step 1: Proof of Concept in lab
- Step 2: Demonstrate performance using actual part in lab
 - Select test part and evaluate for that part using exact part footprint
 - Create full socket
- Step 3: Evaluate on a Customer Test floor



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Test Environment

- 1. Trace construction
- 2. Balun construction



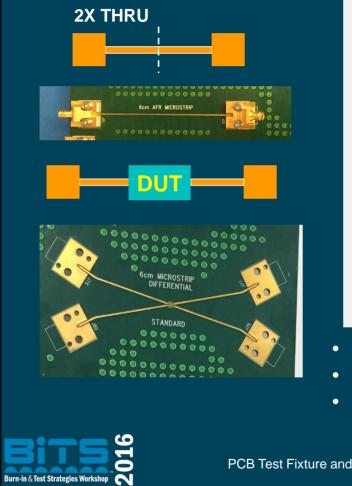
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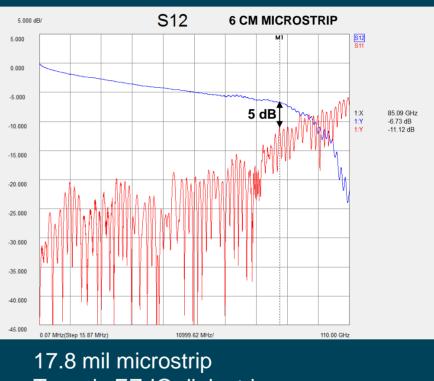
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Signal Trace Loss





- Taconic EZ-IO dielectric
- Rolled copper

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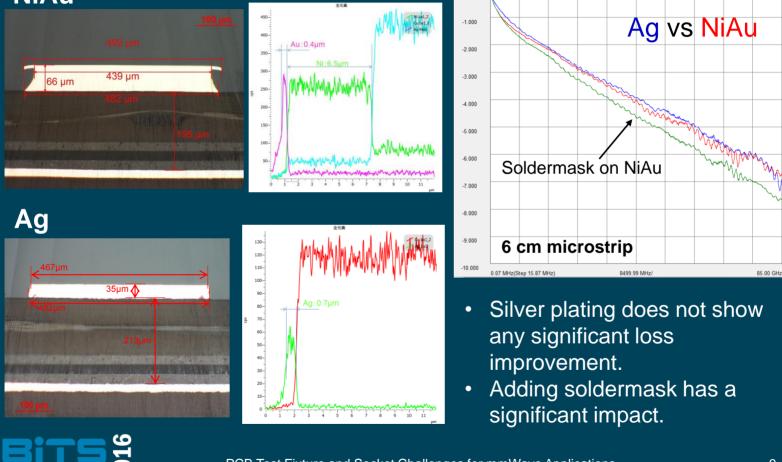
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Nickel-Gold vs. Silver Plating

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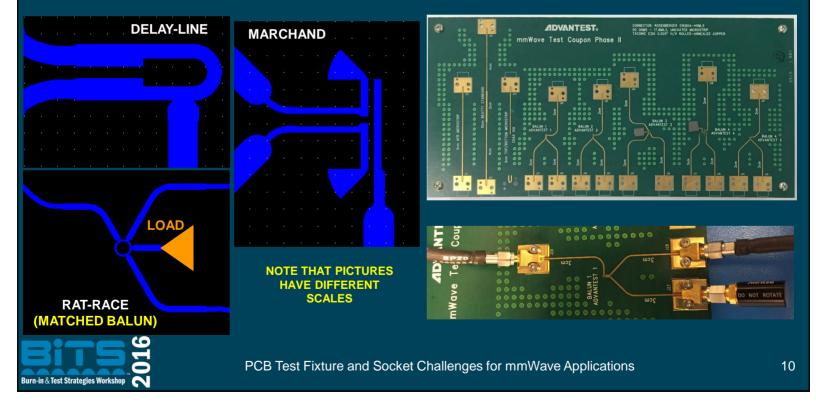
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mmWave Baluns (1)

- Automotive radar ICs use differential mmWave signals
- mmWave measurement instrumentation uses single-ended inputs
- This requires the use of baluns for coaxial connectors (waveguide transitions can be designed to function as a balun).
- Three designs were evaluated: "Delay-Line", "Rat-Race" and "Marchand"

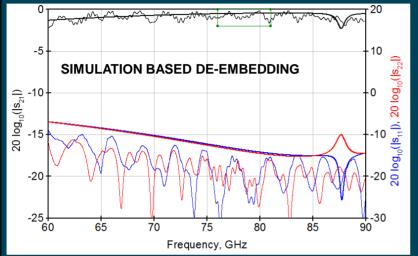


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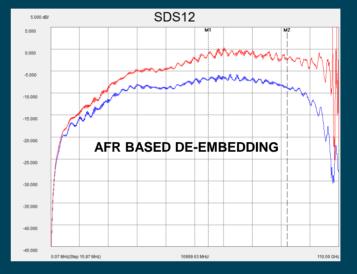
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mmWave Baluns (2)

DELAY-LINE



| | Delay-line | Rat-race | Marchand | • |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|---|
| Simulated insertion-loss | 0.5±0.1 | 1.7±0.05 | 0.5±0.1 | |
| Measured insertion-loss | 0.9±0.8 | 2.4±0.65 | 3.1±0.2 | |
| Simulated minimum return-loss | 12 | 25 | 15 | |
| Measured minimum return-loss | 13 | 11 | 7 | • |
| | | | | |



- AFR based de-embedding presented problems due to the small loss of the delay-line balun
- Delay-line balun showed the best performance and was used for the socket measurements



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Socket vs Solder



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Performance of a Live Part

- Create a fully functional test board for a customer part and test two ways
 - Socketed device
 - Soldered device
- Compare results against de-embedded VNA measurements (76 GHz – 77 GHz)



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Invisipin Socket

- Discrete elastomeric column
- Pick-and-place solder-able contact
- Available in multiple sizes for different package pitches
- *** Can have an air dielectric ***

BUT We're still limited to package pinout





TOP View





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Socket vs. Soldered Part



Soldered Part
BASELINE (0 dB) -



Socketed Part
Compare

- All comparison data was normalized to 0 dB using the soldered part output power average as baseline
- Programmed Device on Advantest Tester
- Output frequency varied from 76 to 77 GHz and recorded in 0.25 GHz steps
- Same part was used in both tests

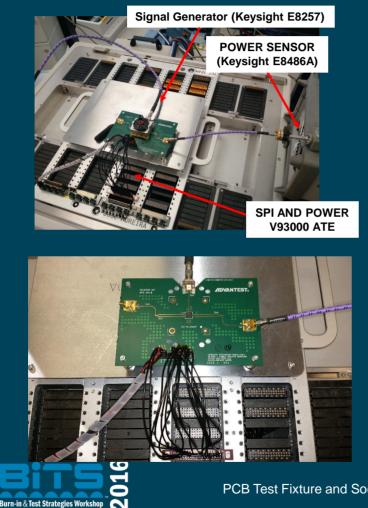


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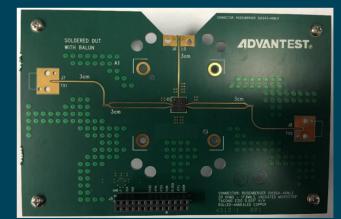
DUT Measurements



WITH DUT IN SOCKET



WITH DUT SOLDERED



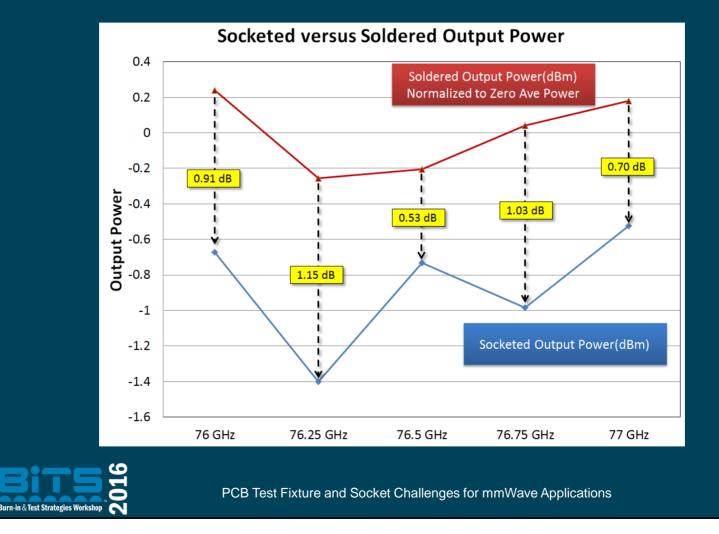
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Soldered vs. Socketed Output Power



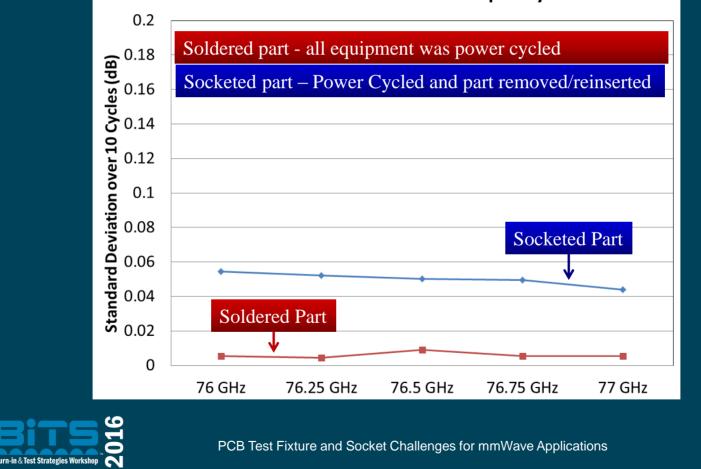
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Standard Deviation

Standard Deviation versus Frequency

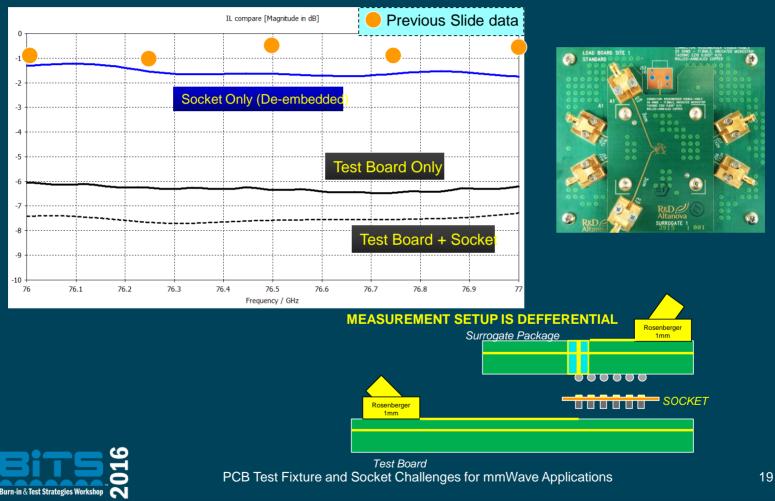


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Performance vs Cycling



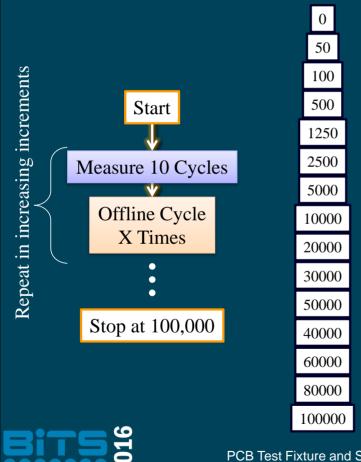
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Cycle Testing Process



- Every time offline cycling is done everything must be disassembled and reassembled
- Offline cycling was done rapidly, ~ 1 second per cycle
- Offline cycling is a test of the elastomer, not the solder ball and contact surface. Solder ball and contact surface test must be done at customer site.

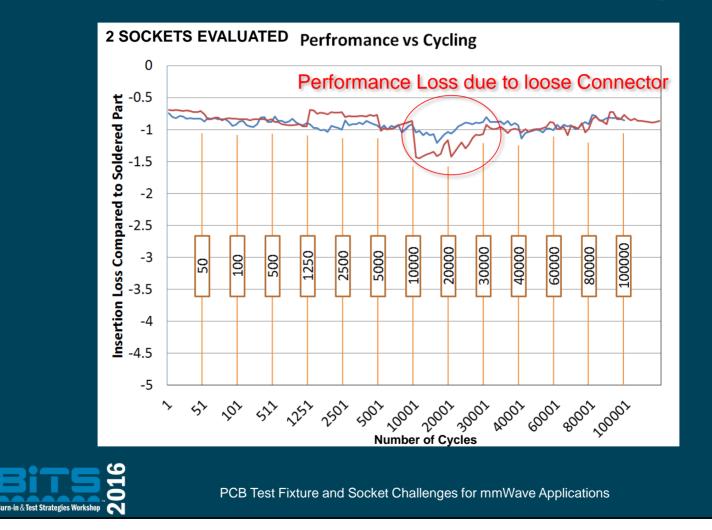
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Part Measured Versus Cycling



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Conclusions

- Socket Loss < 1.15dB between 76-77 GHz
- Adjusting for assembly variations:
 - Standard Deviation = < 0.1 dB over 100,000 cycles</p>
- No loss in RF performance seen up to 100,000 cycles



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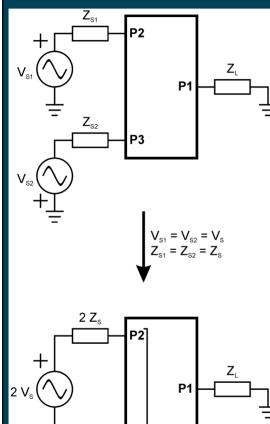
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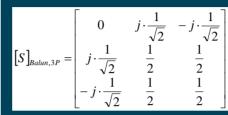
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Balanced to Unbalanced Transduction





| | 0 | $j \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ | $-j\cdot\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| S] _{Magic-T,3P} = | $j \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ | 0 | 0 |
| | $-j \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ | 0 | 0 |

 $\begin{bmatrix} S \end{bmatrix}_{Balun,2P} = \begin{bmatrix} S \end{bmatrix}_{Magic-T,2P} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & j \\ j & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

P2, P3 of the balun (seen as 3port) are not isolated and not matched. One problem on one generator affects also the transmission of the other one.

On a magic-T, P2, P3 are matched and isolated $(s_{22}=s_{33}=s_{23}=s_{32}=0)$. Balun is a loss-free network while a magic-T is a dissipative network.

Balun and magic-T behaves identically in the case of antisymmetric excitation.

Our problem is to combine two antisymmetric sources to one single-ended port. This is totally equivalent to deliver the signal of a single generator to two identical loads, with a 180-deg phase shift between them.

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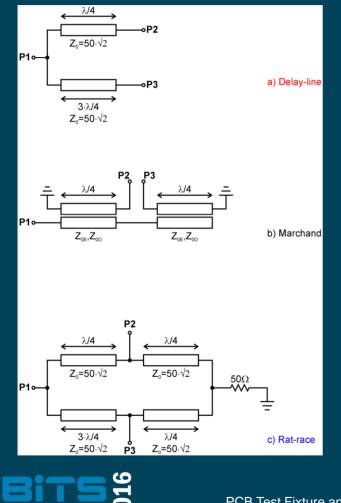
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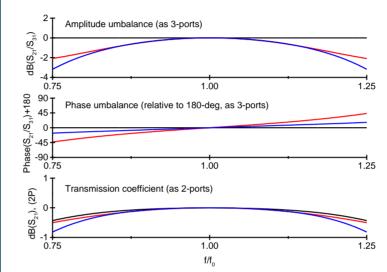
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P3

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Semi-Ideal Baluns and Magic-T





a), b) are baluns: if P2 (P3) is open-CKT there is no transmission from P3 (P2) to P1 too. c) is a magic-T. The first one is the most simple. b) presents zero phase and amplitude unbalance. In our realizations.

a) the line from P2 to P3 is folded

b) The short-circuits are replaced by radial stubs

c) The load operates at RF only

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