

D-Probe De-embedding





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De-embedding Approaches



• De-embedding with 2X Thru fixture (Best)

Removing the effects caused by probes, probe contacts, and PCB vias.

• De-embedding by treating 2 Probes as the 2X Thru

- Removing the effect caused by the probes and probe contacts
- De-embedding with a typical probe S4P from PacketMicro
 - This is the least accurate one because of the difference in probes and probe launches



2X Thru De-embedding



2X-Thru De-embedding Method:

- Accurate: comparable accuracy to traditional TRL technique
- Simple: only one 2x thru fixture is needed
- Tool: Smart Fixture De-embedding AITT-SFD Tool

2x thru fixture





40 GHz Delta-L 4.0 Test Board

- Traces:
 - L01 (microstrip) 5", 10" traces
 - L12 (stripline) 5", 10" traces







Traces for 2.92 mm connectors





40 GHz PCB Testing with R&S ZNB40 VNA



VNA measurement with D-Probe



VNA measurement with 2.92 mm



Microstrip L01 10" & 5" - SS DProbe, GSSG Microprobe





Microstrip 5" DUT (10" Total with 5" as 2X Thru)



Connector, DProbe, and microprobe DUT results are very close up to 40 GHz by using the 5" trace as the 2X Thru.

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Stripline L12 10" & 5" : SS DProbe, GSSG Microprobe





Stripline L12 5" DUT (2X Thru)



Connector, DProbe, and microprobe DUT results are very close up to 40 GHz by using 2X Thru approach.



Extract Probe S4P by using 2X Thru







- Create floating test pads on the same PCB, which match IC footprint, such as 0.5 mm / 0.8 mm / 1.0 mm BGA pads
- Extract probe S4P by treating the total 2-probe measurements as a 2X Thru



TCB-DE02 D-Probe De-embedding Board



 You can use TCB-DE02 board to de-embed D-Probes if there are no floating BGA pads on your board.



De-embedding with Measured Probe S4P Files



When 2X Thru is not available:

- Remove probe and probe contact effects by de-embedding with probe S4P files
- Perform probe-tip calibration for GSSG microprobe (This approach cannot be used for SS only DProbe)



Extract Microstrip L01 5" Trace with AITT-SFD

Step 1: Load DUT with fixtures (DP40 - 5 IN Trace - DP40)





Step 2: Load 2X Thru (DP40 - BGA - DP40)





Step 3: Extract Left fixture (DPSS401505-05) and right fixture (DPSS401505-11)

| First | Previous Next | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|----|--|--|--|
| Start Loa | d DUT with Fixtures | Thru Fixture Verification | Define De-Embedding | g Results | | | | |
| | | | | S-Parameters for 1x fixture | | | | |
| | Fixture Name | Port Definition | •_ | | | | | |
| 1 ⊻ *ex | tracted left fixture 1 1->2, | 3->4, , 2N-1->2N | - | | | | | |
| 2 🗹 *extracted right fixture 1 1->2, 3->4, , 2N-1->2N | | | -5 - | | | | | |
| Singl ● Diffe | e-ended rential | S-Parameters T-Parameters | -10 - (9) -15 - 90 -15 - 90 -15 - 90 -15 - 90 -15 - -20 - 20 - 20 - 20 - 20 - 20 - 20 - 2 | | | | | |
| Compo | nents | | -35 | <u>]</u> | | | | |
| D1 | D2 C1 C2 | | | 0 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 | 40 | | | |
| | | | | Frequency (GHz) | | | | |
| C1 [] | | | | | | | | |



Step 4: Set up de-embedding configuration

| First Previous | Next | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------|--|--|
| Start Load DUT with Fixtures | Load Thru Fixtur | e Verification | Define De-Embedding | Results | | |
| Unflipped fixture Flipped fixture | | | | | | |
| 1 Fixtu | re 2 | 2 | Fixture | | | |
| Flipped *extracted left fixture 1 ~ Diff. Port 1 Diff. Port 2 *extracted right fixture 1 ~ Image: Flipped | | | | | | |
| Define De-Embedding | | | | | | |
| Modal de-embedding with mode Fixture autocorrection | conversions neglected | | | | | |

Make sure to check this box for signal-signal only D-Probe!



Step 5: Extract 5 IN Trace

| First Previous Next | |
|--|--|
| Start Load DUT with Fixtures Load Thru Fix | ture Verification Define De-Embedding Results |
| Results *DUT Matrix | |
| Plot DUT with fixtures as well Plot Components | S-Parameters for extracted DUT |
| ○ Single-ended ③ S-Parameters ○ T-Parameters ③ T-Parameters ③ D1 D2 C1 C2 □ □ □ □ □ | (g) -10 (g) |
| Plot Error Bound | -20 -25 -25 -25 -25 -25 -25 -25 -25 |



Extract DProbe S4P from 2X Thru





L01 5" DUT: D-Probe (2X Thru) vs. Microprobe (SOLT)



- DUT results of Connectors (using 5" as the 2X Thru), DProbes (using 2 probes as the 2X Thru), and microprobes (with SOLT) are similar up to 25 GHz.
- 2 D-Probes act like the left and right test fixtures in the 2X Thru de-embedding approach.



Stripline L12 5" Trace (1X Probe S4P De-embedding)



De-embedded DUT with D-Probe and microprobe probe-tip calibration result are similar up to 25 GHz.



De-embedding with Typical D-Probe S4P File

When to use the typical DProbe S4P provided by PacketMicro

- 2X Thru fixture on PCB is not available
- Floating test pads on PCB to extract the probe S4P is not available



D-Probe S4P (Typical vs. Extracted)



 Special test fixture is designed to make DProbe S4P measurement with ground contact (SGS)



Microstrip L01 5" Trace (Typical DP40 S4P De-embedding)



De-embedded DUT with D-Probe and microprobe probe-tip calibration result are similar up to 20 GHz.



Stripline L12 5" Trace (Typical P40 S4P De-embedding)



De-embedded DUT with D-Probe and microprobe probe-tip calibration result are similar up to 15 GHz.



Summary

- Use 2X Thru approach on PCB whenever it is possible.
- Use 2 probe landing on floating test pads as the 2X Thru when 2X Thru on PCB is not available.
- Use typical probe S4P file from PacketMicro for de-embedding as a last resort.



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