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Equivalent Circuit Based Performance Coupling Analysis Method for Lead Wire Interconnection with Defects

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Abstract: There are a large number of interconnections in the microwave module, among which the lead wire interconnection is widely used. Under the environmental load, the solder joint of the lead wire interconnection often appears to have cracks and other defects, which directly affect the return loss and insertion loss when transmitting electrical signals through solder joints, and indirectly affect the performance of the microwave module. For this reason, the segmented modeling method is realized by segmenting the lead wire interconnection structure into two parts in this paper, and the equivalent circuit model of the lead wire interconnection with the cracked solder joint is established using the equivalent circuit method. The correlation mechanism of the shape of the solder joint of the lead wire interconnection is studied, and formulas for predicting electrical performance based on return loss and insertion loss are derived. This paper realizes the prediction of the electrical performance of the lead wire interconnection with the defect, and can provide a reference for engineers and technicians.

Keywords: equivalent circuit; lead wire interconnection; electrical performance prediction; solder joint defect; parametric modeling

1. Introduction

With the development of electronic equipment towards high frequency, high density, and high reliability, the requirements for assembly interconnection among modules in microwave components are becoming higher [1], especially as a lead wire interconnection method in typical interconnection processes. Because electronic equipment often works under the environment of high and low continuous of changing temperature and strong vibration load, it often causes cracks in the solder joint of high frequency microwave components [2,3]. In addition, under high frequency conditions, the parasitic capacitance of the solder joint cannot be ignored. The self-inductance of the solder joint still exists under high frequency conditions, and the AC resistance in the equivalent circuit model of the solder joint is related to the working frequency. Skin effect changes the current distribution inside the solder joint of lead wire interconnection at a high frequency, which easily leads to the increase of the transmission line impedance and the increase of signal transmission loss. More importantly, the impedance discontinuity caused by defects of the solder joint will lead to further deterioration of the signal transmission quality. Therefore, the effect of morphology and geometry parameters of the solder joint on the electromagnetic signal transmission in the high frequency band must be further studied. The morphology and geometric parameters of solder joints change directly owing to the

crack, so the effect of solder joint cracks on signal transmission performance has become one of the key factors to be considered in design and service.

At present, the existing research can be summarized into three aspects: accurate characterization of solder joint shape, prediction of solder joint transmission performance, and influence mechanism between solder joint defects and reliability. Zhu et al. studied the prediction method of PLCC (plastic leaded chip carrier) solder joint shape and the factors influencing the fatigue life of solder joint [4]. Liang et al. characterized the bonding wire and built a three-dimensional model using HFSS (high frequency structure simulator) to study the transmission performance of the bonding wire [5]. Putaala et al. predicted the high frequency performance of the ball grid array device under thermal cycling loading by means of software simulation [6]. Shao et al. studied the relationship between solder joints location and fatigue life of PBGA (plastic ball grid array package) under vibration impact and showed that the solder joints in the center of the specimen was more prone to crack defects [7]. Xiao et al. studied the reliability analysis technology of SiP (system-in-package) based on PoF (physics of failure), and analyzed the failure mode and mechanism of SiP [8]. Tian et al. studied the effect of bonding wire shape parameters on transmission performance, and proposed an equivalent circuit model of bonding wire [9]. Kwon et al. proposed a method to predict the effective life of interconnection joints using radio frequency impedance analysis, and a prediction method based on interconnection model, which use impedance analysis and particle filter to detect and predict interconnection faults quantitatively [10,11]. Finally, Yoon et al. proposed a diagnosis compensation method based on the digital signal representation to evaluate the defects of the solder joint [12].

Currently, there is a lack of research on the coupling mechanism between morphology parameters, and signal transmission performance of interconnection structures. To solve this problem, this paper makes a parametric characterization of the solder joint when there is a defect (the crack) in the lead wire interconnection, and studies the influence of the crack of the solder joint on the electrical performance of the lead wire interconnection. The equivalent circuit with cracked solder joints is constructed, the formula for predicting the electrical performance of the lead wire interconnection with the crack is deduced from the theoretical level, and the accuracy of the results of the prediction formula is verified by software simulation.

2. Analysis of Structure Characteristics of the Lead Wire Interconnection

Lead wire interconnections are mainly divided into the coaxial joint, lead wire, microstrip line, dielectric substrate, and solder joint, as shown in Figure 1. In the environment of high and low temperature continuous change and strong vibration load, the main failure mode of the solder joint in the high-frequency microwave module is crack, and the connection part between the solder joint and the microstrip line is often broken from the outside to the inside [13,14], which is difficult to observe with the naked eye and can only be observed by special instruments, as shown in Figure 2.

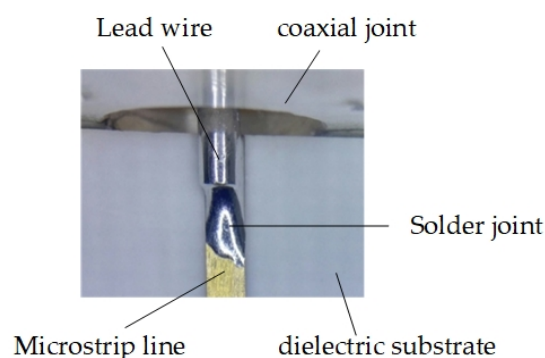


Figure 1. Structure schematic of lead wire interconnection.

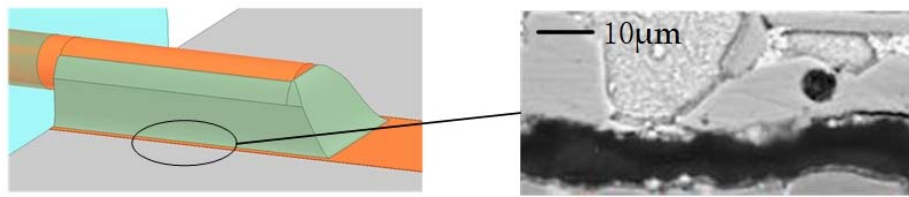


Figure 2. Crack of the solder joint.

In order to study the effect of the crack on the electrical performance of the lead wire interconnection, a parameterized characterization model is needed. Because there is no mathematical characterization method for the lead wire interconnection at present, in order to achieve the correlation analysis between the shape and performance of the lead wire interconnection, the shape function relationship of lead wire interconnection needs to be further studied. The solder joint of lead wire interconnection is divided into two parts for parameterized characterization modeling and impedance analysis, as shown in Figure 3 (see Appendix A Table A1 and Figure A1).

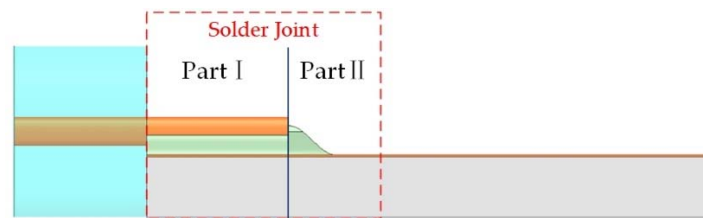


Figure 3. Segmentation model of the lead wire interconnection.

For the first part of the solder joint, the shape function fitting of the solder joint is divided into several cases according to the solder side climb height (see Appendix A Table A2). The cross section of the lead wire interconnection is shown in Figure 4. As the cross section of the solder joint can generally be approximated to a symmetric structure, the function fitting of one half of the curves is analyzed here, and the other half is taken as a mirror of the function to establish the overall parameterized model, as shown in Figure 5.

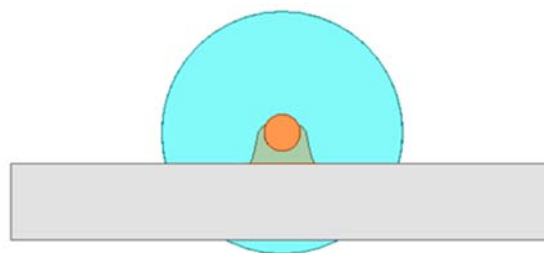


Figure 4. Cross section of the lead wire interconnection.

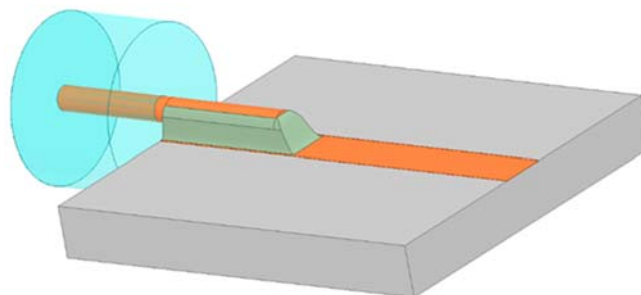


Figure 5. Overall structure of the solder joint of the lead wire interconnection.

Because the structure of solder joint is symmetrical, it is assumed that the crack propagates from right to left in this paper. In addition, because the position of the crack in the solder joint of the lead wire interconnection is often the contact position between the solder joint and the microstrip line, showing the characteristic of layered tearing, it can be assumed that the crack is a uniform thickness, along the length direction of the contact part between the solder joint and the microstrip line, and the internal medium is a square groove of air. On this basis, the crack height can be set to h and the crack width to w , and the model can be established as shown in Figure 6.

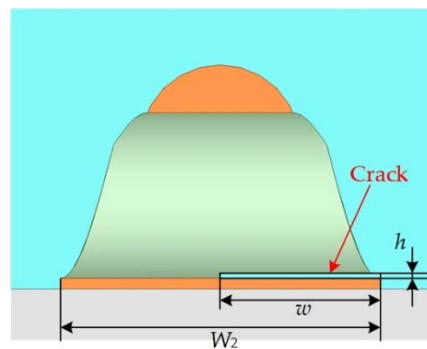


Figure 6. Parameterized model of the solder joint with the crack.

3. Performance Prediction Method of the Solder Joint with the Crack Based on Equivalent Circuit Method

The structure of lead wire interconnection is continuous and the connection mode is similar to that of transmission lines. It can be divided into feed impedance Z_0 , coaxial impedance Z_1 , solder joint I impedance Z_3 , solder joint II impedance Z_4 , and microstrip line impedance Z_5 (as shown in Figure 7). In order to achieve the mathematical characterization of the correlation between shape and performance of lead wire interconnection, it is necessary to introduce the transmission line theory; the classical transmission line theory generally solves the impedance of transmission line for the uniform transmission line. Therefore, the transmission line of the part of the solder joint can be approximated as the uniform transmission line when deriving the mathematical relationship.

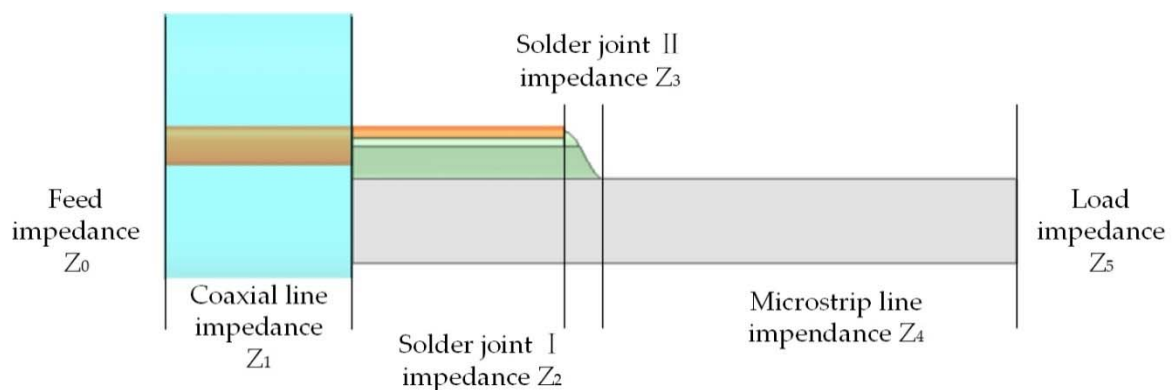


Figure 7. Structure decomposition diagram of lead wire interconnection.

Among them, feed impedance Z_0 , coaxial line impedance Z_1 , microstrip line impedance Z_4 , and load impedance Z_5 can be calculated directly, while the geometry of the signal transmission path will change owing to the defect in solder joint I and solder joint II, which will result in the change of the characteristic impedance of the area including the solder joint. As the crack decreases the width of the signal path, the series inductance and loop inductance sensed by the signal increase, resulting in discontinuous inductance. It is impossible to calculate directly. Its equivalent circuit model needs to be established to derive the calculation formulas of Z_2 and Z_3 .

3.1. Extraction of Equivalent Circuit Parameters of the Solder Joint with the Crack

It is assumed that the crack propagates inward from the right side. Figure 8 below shows the geometrical representation of the solder joint with a crack. In the graph, h is the height of the crack, w is the width of the crack, W_2 is the width of the solder joint, and L_3+b is the length of the solder joint.

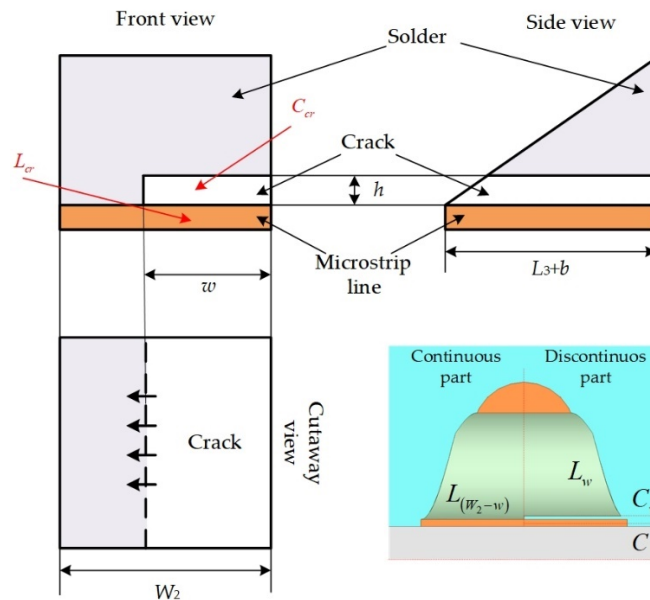


Figure 8. Simplified diagram of the cracked solder joint.

On the basis of the above analysis, in order to further determine the equivalent circuit parameters when there is a crack in the solder joint of the lead wire interconnection, the shape of the solder joint of the lead wire interconnection with the defect is divided into continuous part and discontinuous part.

For the continuous part, the shape of the solder joint is the same as that of the intact solder joint. The solder joint above the microstrip line only has inductance, which is represented by $L_{(W_2-w)}$. In the discontinuous part, owing to the existence of the crack, the parasitic capacitance C_w cuts off the inductance L_w of this part and connects with the microstrip line directly. The equivalent inductance L_{cr} in the transmission line theory is obtained by connecting the continuous part and the disconnected part in parallel. The inductance L_{cr} and the parasitic capacitance C generated in the microstrip line and the grounding plate form the transmission line model of the cracked solder joint of lead wire interconnection (as shown in Figure 9).

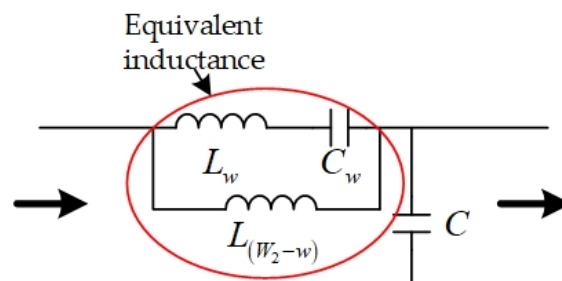


Figure 9. Transmission line model of the lead wire interconnection with the defect.

The capacitance C_w is generated on the surface below the cracked solder joint and on the upper surface of the transmission line in the crack area. Its value depends on the crack height h and crack

width w , the intermediate medium material is air, and its relative dielectric constant $\varepsilon_0 = 1$. When the crack length is l , the capacitance C_w can be expressed as follows:

$$C_w = \frac{\varepsilon_0 l w}{4\pi k h} \quad (1)$$

Owing to the existence of the crack, the original intact lead wire interconnection is divided into two parts. The inductance of the cracked part and the ground are separated by the crack. The equivalent circuit is the series of the inductance L_w and the capacitance C_w . The other part of the solder joint remains intact, so here it is equivalent to $L_{(W_2-w)}$. Because the crack gap is small, the inductance of the two parts is approximated as part of the inductance of the intact solder joint, which is expressed as follows:

$$L_w = \frac{w}{W_2} \cdot L \quad (2)$$

$$L_{(W_2-w)} = \frac{W_2 - w}{W_2} \cdot L \quad (3)$$

Owing to the complexity of accurate calculation of surface inductance of microstrip line at a high frequency, an approximate calculation of microstrip inductance is often used in engineering to improve efficiency. At a high frequency, the skin effect of the microstrip line is significant, resulting in redistribution of the conductor current, the conductor inductance concentrates on the external inductance, and the internal inductance is almost zero when the frequency is much higher than the frequency at which the skin depth is comparable to the geometric thickness. Therefore, the inductance of the solder joint at a high frequency can be approximated to its external inductance. At a high frequency, the empirical formula of self-inductance L_s of the microstrip line is as follows:

$$L_s(t, l, w_0) = \frac{\mu t}{2\pi} \cdot \left[\ln\left(\frac{2t}{w_0 + l}\right) + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{9}\left(\frac{w_0 + l}{t}\right) \right] \quad (4)$$

where l is the routing length, w_0 is the routing width, and t is the routing thickness.

The mutual inductance between the conductor and the grounding surface is also caused by the presence of a return current on the grounding surface. Because the calculation of the mutual inductance is complex, it is difficult to form an empirical formula with engineering application value. For the solder joint of lead wire interconnection, the mutual inductance is mainly related to the length of the relative surface and the thickness of the conductor. Taking the length of the relative surface and the thickness of the conductor as independent variables, and taking the mutual inductance L_m as the dependent variable, the fitting function is as follows:

$$L_m(t, l) = 3.26 \times 10^{-7} \cdot l + 5.13 \times 10^{-8} \cdot t - 6.36 \times 10^{-6} \cdot l \cdot t - 4.13 \times 10^{-10} \quad (5)$$

Therefore, the formula for calculating the inductance L (Unit: H) of the solder joint is as follows:

$$L(t, l, w_0) = L_s(t, l, w_0) - L_m(t, l) \quad (6)$$

The difference between the capacitance of a microstrip transmission line and a flat capacitor is that the corresponding areas of good conductors are not the same. In the flat capacitor calculation formula,

$$C = \frac{Q}{U} = \frac{\varepsilon_r S}{4\pi k d'} \quad (7)$$

S is the product of the area of the upper and lower good conductors of the microstrip line, then multiplied by a weight function $\Delta_c(l, t)$, which is related to the thickness of the microstrip line. The assumption is as follows:

$$C = \frac{\epsilon_r(w_0 + w_1)\Delta_c(l, t)}{4\pi kd} \tag{8}$$

With the relative plane length l and the conductor thickness t as independent variables and the capacitance weight coefficient $\Delta_c(l, t)$ as dependent variables, the fitting function is as follows:

$$\Delta_c(l, t) = -2.35 \times 10^{-6} + 0.2461 \cdot l + 8.022 \times 10^{-3} \cdot t + 25.15 \cdot l \cdot t \tag{9}$$

Therefore, the calculation formula of the capacitance C (Unit: F) of the microstrip line can be obtained as follows:

$$C(t, l) = \frac{\epsilon_r(w_0 + w_1)(-2.35 \times 10^{-6} + 0.2461 \cdot l + 8.022 \times 10^{-3} \cdot t + 25.15 \cdot l \cdot t)}{4\pi kd} \tag{10}$$

On the basis of the above conclusions, the formula for calculating the impedance when there is a crack in the lead wire interconnection is obtained as follows:

$$Z = \sqrt{\frac{R + j\omega L_{(W_2-w)} \cdot \frac{1-\omega^2 C_w L_w}{1-\omega^2 C_w L}}{j\omega C}} \tag{11}$$

However, this formula derives from the premise that the whole part of the connection between the solder joint and the microstrip line needs to show the inductive L_{cr} in the presence of the crack. Only in this way can the equivalent circuit structure match the equivalent circuit structure of the microstrip transmission line, and it is applicable to the formula for calculating the impedance of the microstrip transmission line. This limit can be expressed as a mathematical formula:

$$\frac{1 - \omega^2 C_w L_w}{1 - \omega^2 C_w L} > 1 \tag{12}$$

3.2. Calculation Method of Electrical Performance of the Solder Joint with the Crack

On the basis of the above analysis, the solder joint of lead wire interconnection is divided into four parts and the formula for calculating the impedance of the solder joint is derived. If the feed impedance Z_0 and the load impedance Z_5 are both 50Ω , the reflection coefficients of each part can be calculated separately according to the formula for calculating the reflection coefficient. The calculation relationship is shown in Figure 9. The specific calculation formula is as follows:

$$\Gamma = \left| \frac{Z_0 - Z_L}{Z_0 + Z_L} \right| \tag{13}$$

According to the definition of the reflection coefficient, it is the ratio of the intensity of the reflection wave to the intensity of the incident wave. If the intensity of the incident wave is expressed as P, and the intensities of the reflection wave at each solder joint are expressed as $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4,$ and $P_5,$ respectively, then the reflection coefficients of each part can be expressed as the form shown in Figure 10, and the intensity of the reflection wave at the solder joint of the lead wire interconnection can be ignored with respect to the intensity of the incident wave. Therefore, the expressions of each reflection coefficient can be obtained as follows:

$$\Gamma_n = \left| \frac{Z_{n-1} - Z_n}{Z_{n-1} + Z_n} \right| = \frac{P_n}{P - \sum_1^{n-1} P_n}, n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \tag{14}$$

where the feed impedance Z_0 and load impedance Z_5 are both 50Ω , $Z_1 = 60 \sqrt{\frac{\mu_r}{\epsilon_r}} \ln\left(\frac{R_2}{R_1}\right)$, $Z_4 = \sqrt{\frac{R+j\omega L}{j\omega C}}$, and Z_2 and Z_3 can be calculated by Equation (11).

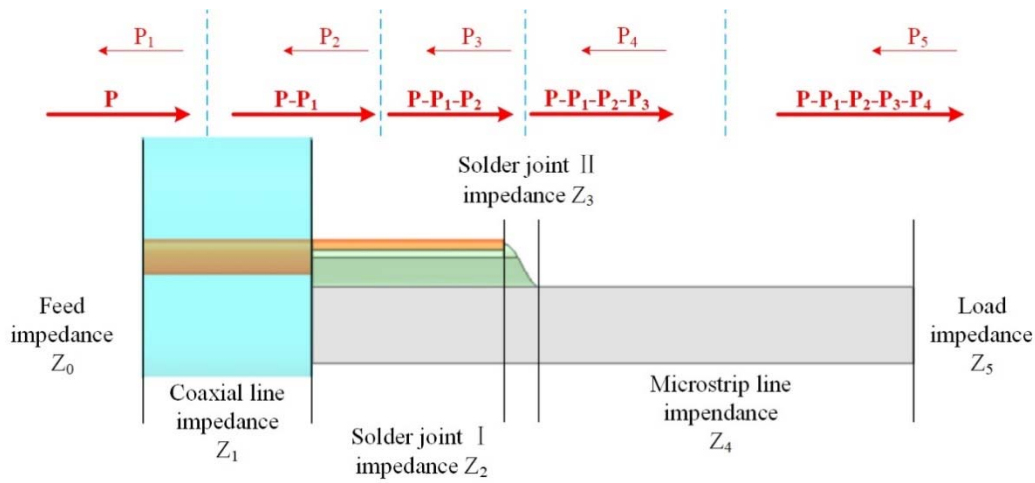


Figure 10. Energy transfer between parts of lead wire interconnection.

According to the above, for the lead wire interconnection, the reflection coefficients of each connection part can be approximately integrated into the equivalent reflection coefficient of the whole lead wire interconnection, and the calculation formula is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma &= \frac{P_1+P_2+P_3+P_4+P_5}{P} \\ &= (\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2 + \Gamma_3 + \Gamma_4 + \Gamma_5) - \Gamma_1(\Gamma_2 + \Gamma_3 + \Gamma_4 + \Gamma_5) - \Gamma_2(\Gamma_3 + \Gamma_4 + \Gamma_5) - \Gamma_3(\Gamma_4 + \Gamma_5) \\ &\quad - \Gamma_4\Gamma_5 + \Gamma_1\Gamma_2(\Gamma_3 + \Gamma_4 + \Gamma_5) + (\Gamma_1\Gamma_3 + \Gamma_2\Gamma_3)(\Gamma_4 + \Gamma_5) + \Gamma_4\Gamma_5(\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2) \\ &\quad + \Gamma_3\Gamma_4\Gamma_5 - \Gamma_1\Gamma_2\Gamma_3(\Gamma_4 + \Gamma_5) - \Gamma_4\Gamma_5(\Gamma_1\Gamma_2 + \Gamma_1\Gamma_3 + \Gamma_2\Gamma_3) + \Gamma_1\Gamma_2\Gamma_3\Gamma_4\Gamma_5 \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

On the basis of the equivalent reflection coefficient of the lead wire interconnection, the return loss of the lead wire interconnection can be calculated according to Equation (16) and the insertion loss of the lead wire interconnection can be calculated according to Equation (17).

$$RL = -10 \ln(\Gamma^2) \quad (16)$$

$$IL = -10 \ln(1 - \Gamma^2) \quad (17)$$

4. Verification and Discussion

In order to further verify the accuracy of the calculation formula for predicting the electrical performance of the lead wire interconnection in the presence of defect, according to the combined data selected from the orthogonal experimental design, which has the characteristic of optimal coverage for the combination situation [15,16], a parameterized characterization model for the defective lead wire interconnection was used. Six parameters with more considerations in the debugging design were selected as variables, and a six-factor seven-level orthogonal table was established to generate 49 sets of test items representing all possible situations (see Appendix A Table A3).

In this paper, the frequency point $f = 10 \text{ GHz}$ is selected for comparison and validation, through the performance analysis of the HFSS software in the frequency range of 1–40 GHz. The lead wire interconnection model with different geometric parameters is established as shown in Figure 11, after adding the radiation boundary condition and the wave port excitation, the corresponding analysis is set to solve the frequency of the simulation. The return loss is obtained as shown in Figure 12, and the insertion loss is obtained as shown in Figure 13. Then, the performance prediction results are calculated by using the prediction formula obtained in Section 2 based on the parameter values of each

test item. The comparison is shown in Appendix A Table A4, because the characterization formula used in the parameterized modeling of HFSS is more complex. Some parameter combinations will result in structural conflicts that cannot be verified and eliminated.

It can be seen from the results in Appendix A Table A4 that, for the defective lead wire interconnection, at 10 GHz, the results obtained by using the electrical performance prediction formula are compared with those obtained by HFSS simulation. The average error of return loss is 2.4564 dB with the variance of 1.0348; the average error of insertion loss is 0.1072 dB with the variance of 0.1076. Therefore, the formula deduced in this paper for the performance prediction of lead wire interconnection with the defect has high accuracy. From Figures 12 and 13, additionally, it can be seen that when the frequency is greater than 30 GHz, the electrical performance index of the lead wire interconnection fluctuates dramatically. By analyzing the performance prediction formula when there is the defect in the interconnect point, it can be seen that the effect of frequency on the impedance of the lead wire interconnection increases, and the solder joints in high frequency band will not be applicable.

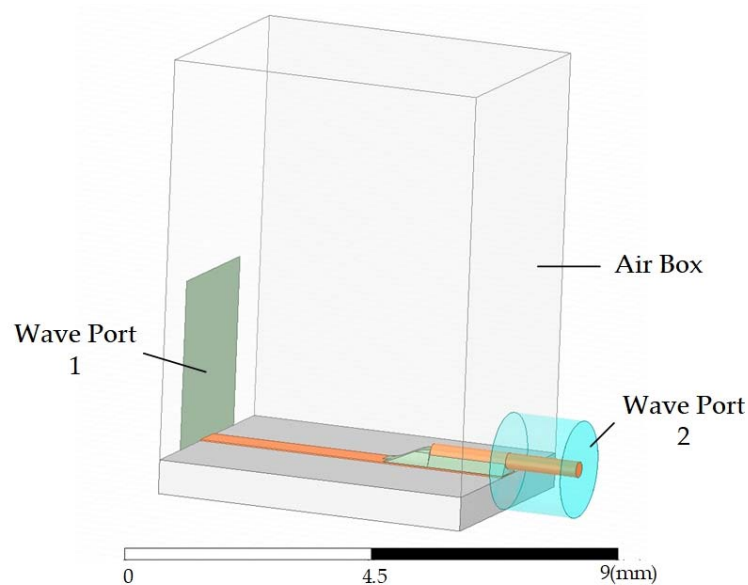


Figure 11. High frequency structure simulator (HFSS) simulation model.

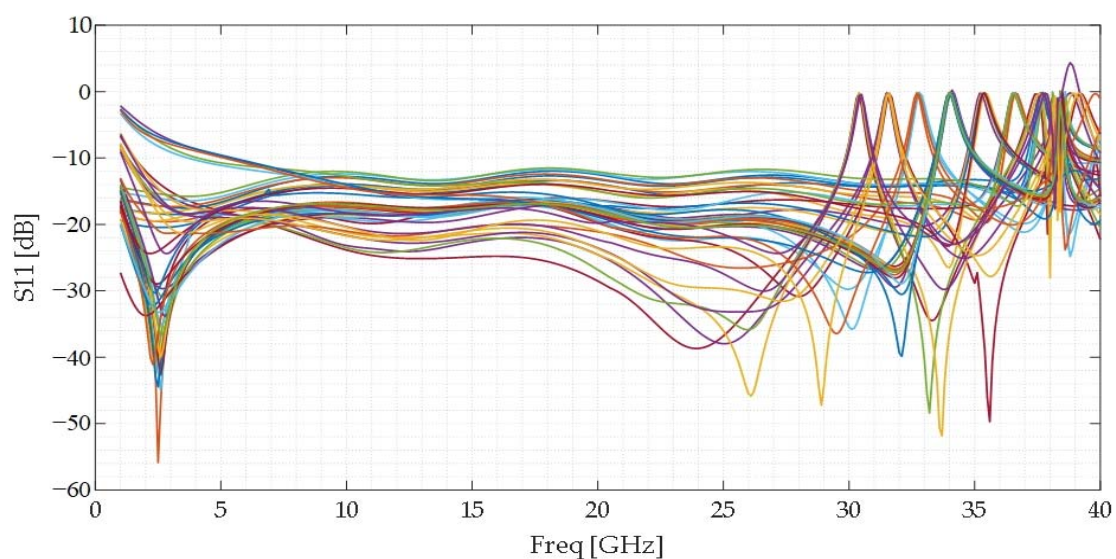


Figure 12. Trend of S11 with frequency under different structural parameters.

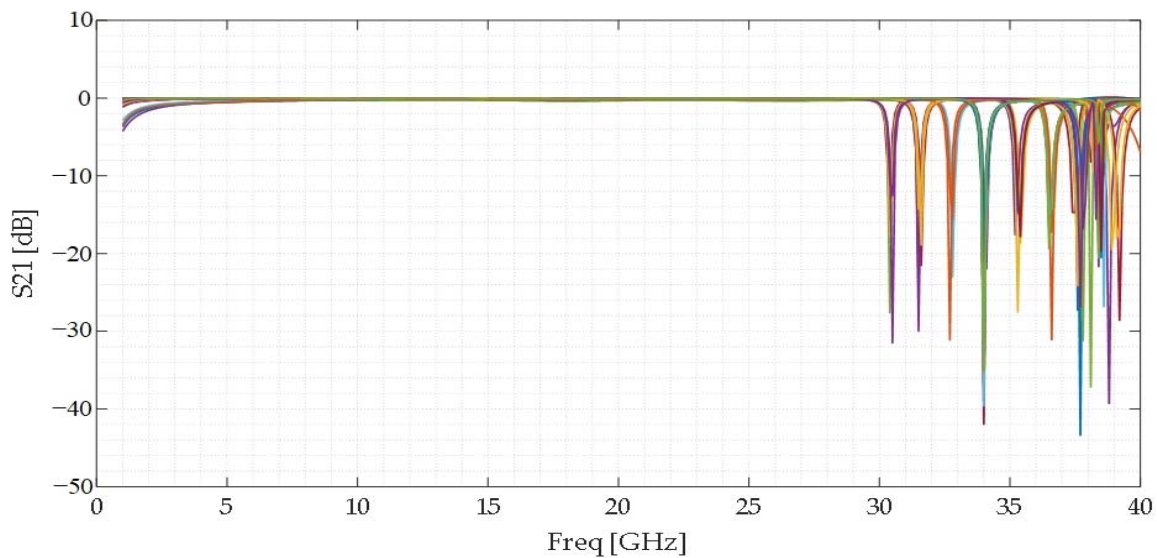


Figure 13. Trend of S21 with frequency under different structural parameters.

The existence of the crack changes the signal transmission path and aggravates the loss of signal transmission. Figure 14a,b show S11 and S21 values for different crack widths, respectively. In order to obtain clear graphics and accurate data, the frequency ranges from 5 GHz to 10 GHz are intercepted. It can be seen that S11 increases with frequency and S21 decreases with frequency. S11 increases with the increase of the crack width w when other structural parameters of the lead wire interconnection remain unchanged (initial value, shown as Table A1) and only the crack width is changed. For example, at 7.5 GHz, S11 is -19.12 dB when the crack width w is 0.3 mm and -18.17 dB when the crack width w is 0.5 mm; the latter is 0.95 dB greater than the former. Meanwhile, S21 is also affected by the crack width. S21 decreases with the increase of the crack width w . At 7.5 GHz, S21 is -0.087 dB when the crack width w is 0.3 mm and S21 is -0.097 dB when the crack width w is 0.5 mm. It is obviously necessary to control the occurrence of the crack in engineering practice.

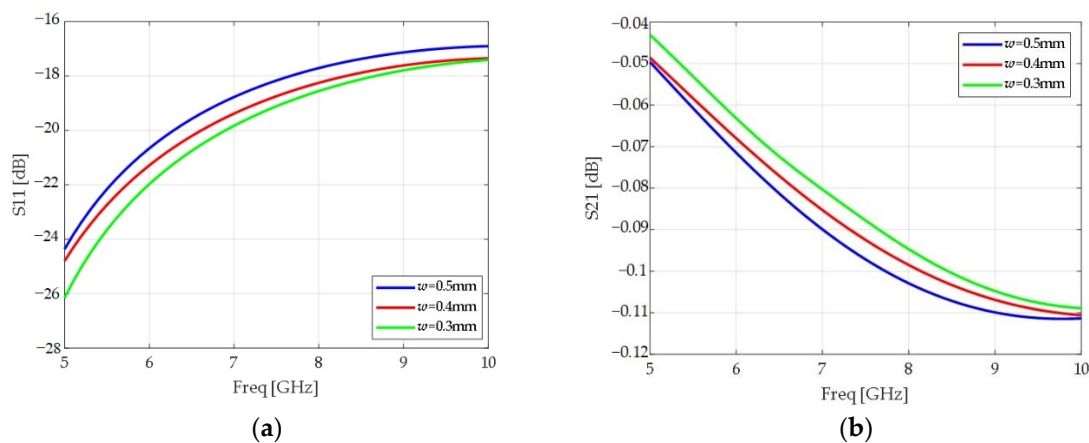


Figure 14. (a) S11 of lead wire interconnection with different crack widths; (b) S21 of lead wire interconnection with different crack widths.

Figure 15a,b show the values of S11 and S21 for different lead wire lengths, respectively. Similarly, in the frequency range from 5 GHz to 10 GHz, S11 increases with the increase of frequency and S21 decreases with the increase of frequency. When the other structure parameters of the lead wire interconnection are unchanged (initial value, shown as Table A1), the crack width w is fixed at 0.3 mm, only the length of the lead wire is changed, and S11 decreases with the decrease of the length of the lead

wire L_3 . For example, at 7.5 GHz, S_{11} is -18.97 dB when the lead wire length L_3 is 1.3 mm, while S_{11} is -17.74 dB when the lead wire length L_3 is 1.5 mm; the difference is 1.23 dB. Moreover, S_{21} increases with the decrease of the lead wire length L_3 , S_{21} is -0.09 dB when the lead wire length L_3 is 1.0 mm, and S_{21} is -0.11 dB when the lead wire length L_3 is 1.5 mm. Therefore, a shorter lead wire length can be selected appropriately in engineering practice to reduce the performance degradation when the crack occurs in the interconnection. However, it should be noted that a shorter lead wire length may lead to insufficient mechanical strength of the interconnection and shorter fatigue life under vibration and thermal cycling conditions.

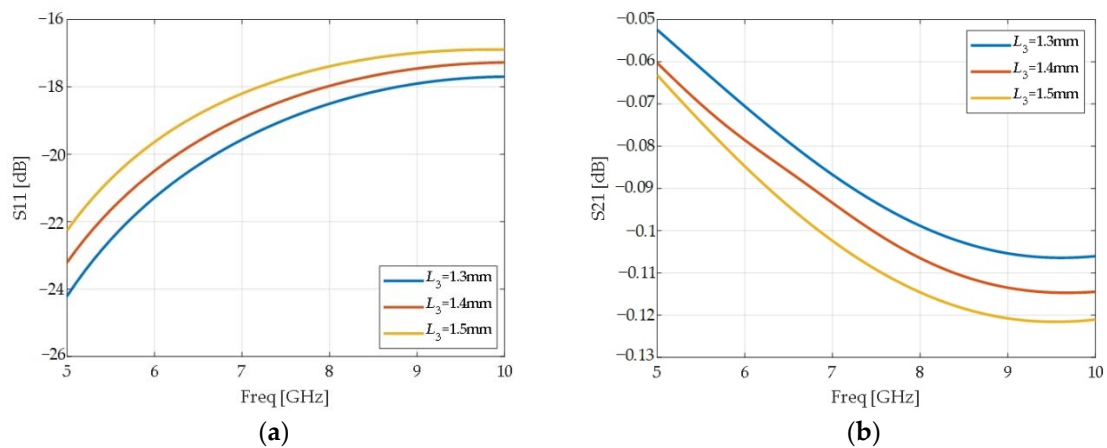


Figure 15. (a) S_{11} of lead wire interconnection with different lead wire lengths; (b) S_{21} of lead wire interconnection with different crack lead wire lengths.

5. Conclusions

On the basis of the equivalent circuit method and the three-dimensional model of lead wire interconnection, the formulas for calculating the impedance of solder joints in the presence of defect are given, and then the formulas for calculating the return loss and insertion loss are derived. The influence of the geometrical parameters of the cracked lead wire interconnection on the signal transmission characteristics is discussed. The prediction results of electrical performance of the cracked solder joint are verified by simulation. Further, the theoretical derivation results are in good agreement with the simulation results. The results can be used to predict the electrical performance of defective solder joints in engineering practice for reference by engineering technicians. Meanwhile, the purpose of this paper is to provide a theoretical prediction method for transmission performance of the lead wire interconnection with cracked solder joint. In the next stage, it is possible to consider accumulating the measured data of transmission performance of the lead wire interconnection with cracked solder joint in engineering practice to compare and verify.

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Appendix A

Table A1. Lead wire interconnection parameters.

Structural Unit	Physical Parameter			Structural Parameter		
	Material	Relative Permittivity	Loss Tangent	Parameter	Variable	Preset Value (mm)
Dielectric substrate	Al ₂ O ₃	9.9	2×10^{-4}	Length	L_1	6
				Width	W_1	4.5
				Thickness	H_1	0.635
microstrip line	Au	1	0	Length	L_2	6
				Width	W_2	0.6
				Thickness	H_2	0.02
Lead				Diameter	D_1	0.3
				Length	L_3	1.2
Solder joint	Sn37Pb63	1	0	End height	a	0.4
				End length	b	0.3
				Side height	c	0.4
				Section width	d	0.6
Coaxial joint	Insulator	4	1.35×10^{-5}	Length	L_4	1.6
				Diameter	D_2	1.8
Crack	Air	1	/	Width	w	0.3
				Height	h	0.01

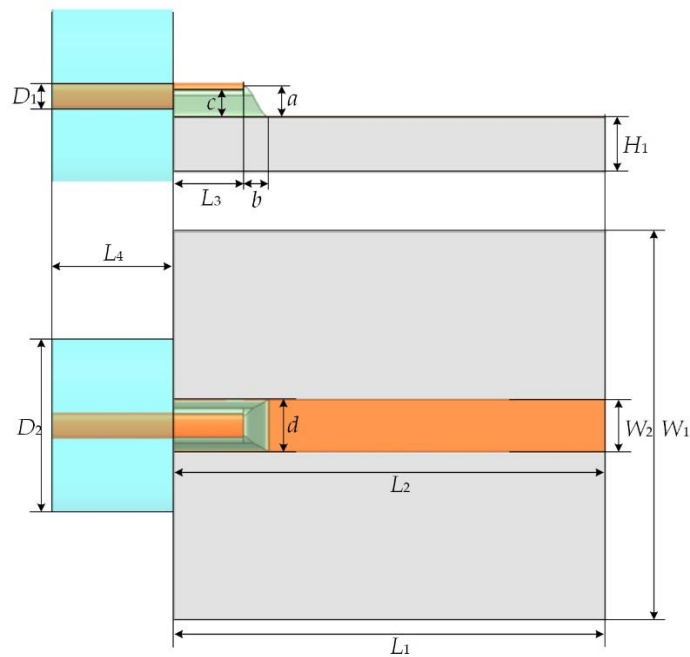


Figure A1. Lead wire interconnection.

Table A2. Parameterized characterization.

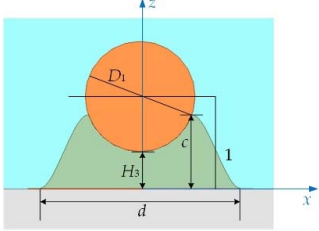
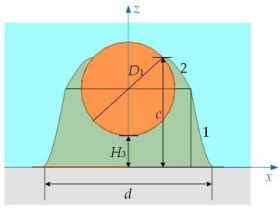
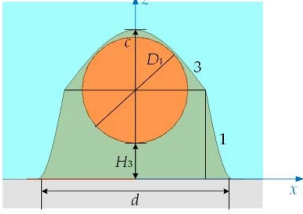
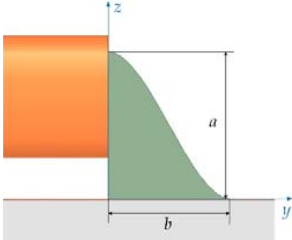
Solder Joint Shape	Characterization Function
<p>I</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">$H_3 < c < H_3 + D_1/2$ Case 1</p>	<p>Characterization function 1:</p> $z = \frac{c}{2} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{d-2f} \cdot \left(x - \sqrt{\left(\frac{D_1}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{D_1}{2} + H_3 - c\right)^2}\right)\right) + \frac{c}{2}$ $x \in \left(\sqrt{\left(\frac{D_1}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{D_1}{2} + H_3 - c\right)^2}, \frac{d}{2}\right)$
 <p style="text-align: center;">$H_3 + D_1/2 < c < H_3 + D_1$ Case 2</p>	<p>Characterization function 1:</p> $z = \left(\frac{D_1}{2} + H_3\right) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{(2d-2D_1-4e)} \cdot \left(x - d + \frac{D_1}{2} + e\right)\right) + \left(\frac{D_1}{2} + H_3\right)$ $x \in \left(\frac{D_1}{2} + e, \frac{d}{2}\right)$ <p>Characterization function 2:</p> $z = \left(c - \frac{D_1}{2} - H_3\right) \cdot \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{2D_1+4e-4\sqrt{\left(\frac{D_1}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{D_1}{2} + H_3 - c\right)^2}} \cdot \left(x - \sqrt{\left(\frac{D_1}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{D_1}{2} + H_3 - c\right)^2}\right)\right) + \frac{D_1}{2} + H_3$ $x \in \left(\sqrt{\left(\frac{D_1}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{D_1}{2} + H_3 - c\right)^2}, \frac{D_1}{2} + e\right)$
 <p style="text-align: center;">$H_3 + D_1 < c$ Case 3</p>	<p>Characterization function 1:</p> $z = \left(\frac{D_1}{2} + H_3\right) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{(2d-2D_1-4e)} \cdot \left(x - d + \frac{D_1}{2} + e\right)\right) + \left(\frac{D_1}{2} + H_3\right)$ $x \in \left(\frac{D_1}{2} + e, \frac{d}{2}\right)$ <p>Characterization function 3:</p> $z = \left(c - \frac{D_1}{2} - H_3\right) \cdot \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{2D_1+4e} \cdot x\right) + H_3 + \frac{D_1}{2}$ $x \in \left(0, \frac{D_1}{2} + e\right)$
<p>II</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">End of solder joint</p>	$z = \frac{a}{2} \cdot \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{b} \cdot y\right) + \frac{a}{2}$ $y \in (0, b)$

Table A3. Six-factor seven-level orthogonal table.

Serial Number	L_3	W_2	d	H_1	w	a	c
1	0.9 mm	0.45 mm	0.45 mm	0.485 mm	0 mm	0.16 mm	0.16 mm
2	0.9 mm	0.5 mm	0.5 mm	0.535 mm	0.1 mm	0.21 mm	0.21 mm
3	0.9 mm	0.55 mm	0.55 mm	0.585 mm	0.2 mm	0.26 mm	0.26 mm
4	0.9 mm	0.6 mm	0.6 mm	0.635 mm	0.3 mm	0.31 mm	0.31 mm
5	0.9 mm	0.65 mm	0.65 mm	0.685 mm	0.4 mm	0.36 mm	0.36 mm
6	0.9 mm	0.7 mm	0.7 mm	0.735 mm	0.5 mm	0.41 mm	0.41 mm
7	0.9 mm	0.75 mm	0.75 mm	0.785 mm	0.6 mm	0.46 mm	0.46 mm
8	1 mm	0.45 mm	0.45 mm	0.535 mm	0.2 mm	0.31 mm	0.36 mm
9	1 mm	0.5 mm	0.5 mm	0.585 mm	0.3 mm	0.36 mm	0.41 mm
10	1 mm	0.55 mm	0.55 mm	0.635 mm	0.4 mm	0.41 mm	0.46 mm
11	1 mm	0.6 mm	0.6 mm	0.685 mm	0.5 mm	0.46 mm	0.16 mm
12	1 mm	0.65 mm	0.65 mm	0.735 mm	0.6 mm	0.16 mm	0.21 mm
13	1 mm	0.7 mm	0.7 mm	0.785 mm	0 mm	0.21 mm	0.26 mm
14	1 mm	0.75 mm	0.75 mm	0.485 mm	0.1 mm	0.26 mm	0.31 mm
15	1.1 mm	0.45 mm	0.45 mm	0.585 mm	0.4 mm	0.46 mm	0.21 mm
16	1.1 mm	0.5 mm	0.5 mm	0.635 mm	0.5 mm	0.16 mm	0.26 mm
17	1.1 mm	0.55 mm	0.55 mm	0.685 mm	0.6 mm	0.21 mm	0.31 mm
18	1.1 mm	0.6 mm	0.6 mm	0.735 mm	0 mm	0.26 mm	0.36 mm
19	1.1 mm	0.65 mm	0.65 mm	0.785 mm	0.1 mm	0.31 mm	0.41 mm
20	1.1 mm	0.7 mm	0.7 mm	0.485 mm	0.2 mm	0.36 mm	0.46 mm
21	1.1 mm	0.75 mm	0.75 mm	0.535 mm	0.3 mm	0.41 mm	0.16 mm
22	1.2 mm	0.45 mm	0.45 mm	0.635 mm	0.6 mm	0.26 mm	0.41 mm
23	1.2 mm	0.5 mm	0.5 mm	0.685 mm	0 mm	0.31 mm	0.46 mm
24	1.2 mm	0.55 mm	0.55 mm	0.735 mm	0.1 mm	0.36 mm	0.16 mm
25	1.2 mm	0.6 mm	0.6 mm	0.785 mm	0.2 mm	0.41 mm	0.21 mm
26	1.2 mm	0.65 mm	0.65 mm	0.485 mm	0.3 mm	0.46 mm	0.26 mm
27	1.2 mm	0.7 mm	0.7 mm	0.535 mm	0.4 mm	0.16 mm	0.31 mm
28	1.2 mm	0.75 mm	0.75 mm	0.585 mm	0.5 mm	0.21 mm	0.36 mm
29	1.3 mm	0.45 mm	0.45 mm	0.685 mm	0.1 mm	0.41 mm	0.26 mm
30	1.3 mm	0.5 mm	0.5 mm	0.735 mm	0.2 mm	0.46 mm	0.31 mm
31	1.3 mm	0.55 mm	0.55 mm	0.785 mm	0.3 mm	0.16 mm	0.36 mm
32	1.3 mm	0.6 mm	0.6 mm	0.485 mm	0.4 mm	0.21 mm	0.41 mm
33	1.3 mm	0.65 mm	0.65 mm	0.535 mm	0.5 mm	0.26 mm	0.46 mm
34	1.3 mm	0.7 mm	0.7 mm	0.585 mm	0.6 mm	0.31 mm	0.16 mm
35	1.3 mm	0.75 mm	0.75 mm	0.635 mm	0 mm	0.36 mm	0.21 mm
36	1.4 mm	0.45 mm	0.45 mm	0.735 mm	0.3 mm	0.21 mm	0.46 mm
37	1.4 mm	0.5 mm	0.5 mm	0.785 mm	0.4 mm	0.26 mm	0.16 mm
38	1.4 mm	0.55 mm	0.55 mm	0.485 mm	0.5 mm	0.31 mm	0.21 mm
39	1.4 mm	0.6 mm	0.6 mm	0.535 mm	0.6 mm	0.36 mm	0.26 mm
40	1.4 mm	0.65 mm	0.65 mm	0.585 mm	0 mm	0.41 mm	0.31 mm
41	1.4 mm	0.7 mm	0.7 mm	0.635 mm	0.1 mm	0.46 mm	0.36 mm
42	1.4 mm	0.75 mm	0.75 mm	0.685 mm	0.2 mm	0.16 mm	0.41 mm
43	1.5 mm	0.45 mm	0.45 mm	0.785 mm	0.5 mm	0.36 mm	0.31 mm
44	1.5 mm	0.5 mm	0.5 mm	0.485 mm	0.6 mm	0.41 mm	0.36 mm
45	1.5 mm	0.55 mm	0.55 mm	0.535 mm	0 mm	0.46 mm	0.41 mm
46	1.5 mm	0.6 mm	0.6 mm	0.585 mm	0.1 mm	0.16 mm	0.46 mm
47	1.5 mm	0.65 mm	0.65 mm	0.635 mm	0.2 mm	0.21 mm	0.16 mm
48	1.5 mm	0.7 mm	0.7 mm	0.685 mm	0.3 mm	0.26 mm	0.21 mm
49	1.5 mm	0.75 mm	0.75 mm	0.735 mm	0.4 mm	0.31 mm	0.26 mm

Table A4. Accuracy verification at 10 GHz.

Serial Number	Return Loss/dB			Insertion Loss/dB			Validity	
	Simulation Results	Calculation Results	Error	Simulation Results	Calculation Results	Error	Part I	Part II
1	/	15.9780	/	/	0.1111	/	1.0139	1.0167
2	17.9571	16.3727	1.5844	0.1068	0.1013	0.0055	1.0446	1.0558
3	16.4051	13.8190	2.5862	0.1294	0.1841	0.0547	1.0650	1.0920
4	17.9541	14.5171	3.4370	0.1030	0.1563	0.0533	1.0894	1.1262
5	19.0317	15.2787	3.7531	0.1052	0.1307	0.0255	1.1132	1.1589
6	19.4982	16.6674	2.8308	0.0812	0.0946	0.0133	1.1392	1.1907
7	18.2652	18.2409	0.0243	0.1035	0.0656	0.0379	1.1659	1.2220
8	15.3195	11.9561	3.3634	0.1619	0.2860	0.1241	1.0744	1.0922
9	16.1931	12.9885	3.2046	0.1221	0.2239	0.1018	1.1045	1.1259
10	17.0233	14.1723	2.8510	0.1120	0.1694	0.0574	1.1351	1.1582
11	19.2189	20.3768	1.1579	0.0863	0.0400	0.0463	1.1993	1.1895
12	20.4360	18.8434	1.5926	0.0712	0.0571	0.0142	1.2227	1.2417
13	/	15.5474	/	/	0.1228	/	1.0125	1.0147
14	12.0726	8.7999	3.2727	0.3154	0.6139	0.2986	1.0426	1.0499
15	18.9619	15.8054	3.1565	0.0911	0.1156	0.0245	1.1855	1.1534
16	14.2343	12.4607	1.7736	0.2159	0.2537	0.0378	1.1877	1.2080
17	14.4892	12.6883	1.8009	0.1931	0.2404	0.0473	1.2195	1.2401
18	/	13.7957	/	/	0.1851	/	1.0144	1.0152
19	18.3588	14.5316	3.8272	0.0976	0.1557	0.0581	1.0503	1.0515
20	12.3906	9.0221	3.3685	0.2922	0.5812	0.2890	1.0864	1.0858
21	13.0065	11.8690	1.1375	0.2576	0.2920	0.0344	1.1410	1.1186
22	13.9923	11.9306	2.0616	0.2147	0.2878	0.0730	1.2752	1.2269
23	/	15.4593	/	/	0.1253	/	1.0186	1.0157
24	21.7364	20.9971	0.7393	0.0617	0.0347	0.0270	1.0726	1.0526
25	21.2326	19.3577	1.8749	0.0632	0.0506	0.0125	1.1167	1.0872
27	12.1025	8.9417	3.1608	0.2895	0.5928	0.3033	1.1798	1.1636
28	13.1501	9.4724	3.6777	0.2648	0.5204	0.2556	1.2191	1.1966
29	15.9970	13.0230	2.9740	0.1261	0.2221	0.0960	1.0690	1.0531
30	15.6680	13.2340	2.4340	0.0620	0.4013	0.3393	1.1156	1.0876
31	16.0931	12.2845	3.8086	0.1317	0.2645	0.1329	1.1618	1.1331
32	11.9428	8.7362	3.2066	0.2978	0.6237	0.3259	1.2133	1.1669
33	12.9265	9.7057	3.2208	0.2597	0.4915	0.2318	1.2686	1.1995
34	14.5851	14.1034	0.4817	0.1881	0.1722	0.0159	1.4028	1.2315
35	/	12.1096	/	/	0.2758	/	1.0203	1.0140
36	13.9838	13.1706	0.8133	0.2183	0.2145	0.0039	1.1998	1.1327
37	22.8578	19.8572	3.0006	0.0505	0.0451	0.0054	1.3363	1.1660
38	14.1754	12.3011	1.8742	0.2074	0.2635	0.0561	1.3899	1.1981
39	12.7699	10.3853	2.3846	0.2727	0.4168	0.1441	1.3791	1.2296
40	/	9.8794	/	/	0.4712	/	1.0208	1.0144
41	12.3959	10.4702	1.9258	0.2914	0.4083	0.1170	1.0721	1.0490
42	/	10.5308	/	/	0.4024	/	1.1258	1.0871
43	/	11.7659	/	/	0.2993	/	1.3559	1.1895
44	/	9.1207	/	/	0.5672	/	1.4341	1.2202
45	/	9.9298	/	/	0.4654	/	1.0244	1.0148
46	/	9.8990	/	/	0.4689	/	1.0868	1.0543
47	/	14.2993	/	/	0.1645	/	1.1839	1.0901
48	/	14.4873	/	/	0.1574	/	1.2515	1.1241
49	/	12.2327	/	/	0.2678	/	1.2805	1.1568
Average of return loss error			2.4564	Average of insertion loss error			0.1072	
Variance of return loss error			1.0348	Variance of insertion loss error			0.1076	

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