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*Abstract*—A prior estimate of the impact of thermal resistance from the back-end-of-line (BEOL) metallization layers is crucial for an accurate circuit design and thermally aware device design. This paper presents a robust technique to extract the thermal resistance component originating from the BEOL metal layers in silicon germanium heterojunction bipolar transistors (SiGe HBTs). The proposed technique is first tested on data generated using analytical equations and later validated with 3D TCAD simulation. The results clearly show that the exact contribution of the BEOL to the overall thermal resistance is captured in the proposed approach. Finally, we verified the method using measured data obtained from fabricated SiGe HBT structures using Infineon B11HFC technology. The extracted parameters show reasonable accuracy and consistency across different emitter dimensions and BEOL configurations.

*Index Terms*—SiGe HBTs, self heating, thermal resistance, back-end-of-line (BEOL), parameter extraction, compact models.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

A serious concern about the modern silicon germanium heterojunction bipolar transistors (SiGe HBTs) is the selfheating induced degradation of high-frequency performance and long-term reliability of the device [1]. This is why a self-heating aware device design has attracted the attention of researchers [2]-[4]. On the other hand, to ensure a reliable circuit design, the transistor model is supposed to accurately predict the electrothermal effect using an appropriate thermal sub-circuit. The static thermal network essentially involves two connected elements, a dependent current source equal to the total dissipated electrical power  $(P_d)$  and a thermal resistance  $(R_{th})$ . The former is directly obtained from the electrical network, while the latter depends on the transistor structure and material thermal conductivity. Fig. 1 shows a typical transistor structure including the front-end-of-line (FEOL) Si substrate and back-end-of-line (BEOL) metal layers. Since the power dissipation happens mostly at the base-collector junction, the generated heat flows towards both the FEOL

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The authors would like to thank Infineon for providing Silicon hardware. The test-structure designs used in this work were a part of the joint European research project DOTSEVEN. substrate and BEOL stack composed of metal layers and inter-layer dielectrics. Therefore, the overall  $R_{th}$  has two components in parallel, the FEOL component  $(R_s)$  and the BEOL component  $(R_m)$  as shown in Fig. 1. Note that the resistor  $R_m$  additionally includes the thin SiGe base as well as mono and poly-emitter portions (part of upward heat flow). As the thermally insulating inter-layer dielectrics constitute bulk of the BEOL portion along with vias and contacts, a small but non-negligible amount of heat flows upwards [5], [6]. Note that for electrical parameter extraction purposes, special test structures are designed where the emitter is grounded leading to a higher amount of upward heat flow. In case of convective boundary at the chip-ambient interface, thermal ground at the top surface in Fig. 1 assumes that the extracted BEOL thermal resistance additionally includes the effect of the convective boundary condition. Also there can be multiple heat flow path through BEOL as elaborated in [7]. Alternatively, the heat can flow to another device via the BEOL metal line. The fraction of the total heat flow through these BEOL paths depends on the actual structure, material properties and the nearby devices' temperature. This results in a different finite values of  $R_m$ . From the perspective of device performance, the impact of BEOL design has also been investigated in [8]. While  $R_m$  is relatively temperature independent, the variation of  $R_s$  with temperature is significant due to the temperature-dependent thermal conductivity  $(\kappa(T))$  of Si, which can be expressed as

$$\kappa(T) = \kappa(T_0) \left(\frac{T_0}{T}\right)^{\alpha}.$$
(1)

Here,  $\kappa(T_0)$  is the thermal conductivity of Si at the nominal temperature,  $T_0$ . While extracting the thermal resistance parameters for accurate modeling purpose, the parameter  $\alpha$ in the Si thermal conductivity model plays a crucial role; and sometimes its value deviates from the physically expected values due to the negligence of a finite  $R_m$  component [9], [10]. Also, a proper estimation of the  $R_m$  component from characterization data can help us obtain a reliable model for  $R_m$  depending on the number of BEOL metal layers and their design configurations. In specific situations, an accurate estimation of  $R_m$  can help the modeling engineer to deembed the effects of huge BEOL metal stacks which may not affect the actual device placed in circuit. Indeed, our test structure (used in section IV) additionally has a very short BEOL thermal path to a heat sink (ground plane) allowing us to identify and correct the contribution of  $R_m$  on devices in actual circuit layout configuration.

Different approaches have been reported in the literature to separate the FEOL and BEOL components of thermal resistance [11]–[13]. The work in [11] extracted the FEOL



Fig. 1. Schematic representation of a typical transistor cross section including BEOL. The base collector junction is the heat source and is represented as a current source in the equivalent circuit. The total resistance from heat source to ambient in the upward direction is represented by  $R_m$  and the same in the downward direction is represented by  $R_s$  in the equivalent circuit.

component by de-embedding the BEOL and the pads. The disadvantage of this method is that one requires test structures with multiple M1 bar widths to extract the resistance components. An analytical method to estimate the thermal resistance offered by the BEOL was proposed in [12]. However, this method requires the knowledge of exact geometry and material properties of the BEOL stack. Another analytical technique to extract both the FEOL and BEOL components of the thermal resistance was proposed in [13]. The method extracts these components by choosing three points in the  $R_{th}$  vs  $T_j$  data. But finding  $R_m$  and  $\alpha$  from characterization data is essentially an inverse problem; hence not only difficult but also sensitive to the data in use. Therefore, it is not advisable to depend on only certain data points. It is found that application of a smoothing function on the overall available data set ensures an extraction of the thermal parameters that are less sensitive to the measurement noise. This paper presents a reliable methodology to simultaneously extract  $R_m$  and  $\alpha$  from characterized data sets. Section II elaborates the extraction methodology, while Section III demonstrates the validation of the proposed methodology using analytically generated synthetic data and TCAD simulation of different transistor structures. In section IV, we apply our technique on measured data obtained from different SiGe HBTs fabricated in state-of-the-art B11HFC process from Infineon and analyze the obtained results. Finally, we conclude in Section V.

#### II. EXTRACTION TECHNIQUE

Let  $G_{th}(T_a, P_d)$  be the overall thermal conductivity of the structure as a function of the ambient temperature  $(T_a)$  and electrical power dissipation  $(P_d)$ . This data can be obtained from device characterization [14], [15] and is often presented in the literature using the conventional  $R_{th}$  versus  $T_j$  plot [16], [17].  $R_{th} = 1/G_{th}$  is the overall thermal resistance of the structure and  $T_j = T_a + P_d R_{th}$  is the operating temperature of the device. However, for near-zero  $P_d$  the overall thermal

conductance of the structure is mostly a function of  $T_a$  alone and is given as

$$G_{th}(T_a) = G_s(T_a) + G_m \tag{2}$$

where  $G_m = 1/R_m$  is the temperature-independent BEOL thermal conductance. On the other hand,  $G_s = 1/R_s$  is the thermal conductance corresponding to the FEOL substrate component, given as

$$G_s(T_a) = G_{s0} \left(\frac{T_0}{T_a}\right)^{\alpha}.$$
(3)

 $G_{s0} = G_s(T_0)$  is the FEOL thermal conductance at  $T_0$ . Note that  $T_a$  and  $T_0$  (usually  $T_0$ =300 K) are known quantities. The unknown quantities are  $G_{s0}, \alpha$  and  $G_m$ . One can begin by eliminating  $G_m$  using  $G_{th}$  evaluated at  $T_a$  and  $T_0$  from (2) as

$$G_{th}(T_0) - G_{th}(T_a) = G_{s0} \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{T_0}{T_a}\right)^{\alpha} \right].$$
 (4)

From the characterized data one can obtain the LHS of (4) as a function of  $T_a$  and use an iterative curve fitting approach to solve for  $\alpha$  and  $G_{s0}$ , simultaneously. Using (2) at  $T_a = T_0$ , one obtains the temperature-independent  $G_m$  since  $G_{th}(T_0)$  and  $G_s(T_0)$  are already known. The robust nature of the extraction approach is due to the fact that the fitting function in the RHS of (4) is simple and involves no differentiation of the actual data. Besides, the estimated value of the parameter  $\alpha$  is not influenced by  $R_m$ ; hence, it reflects a physically consistent value corresponding to the FEOL substrate material.

#### III. VALIDATION OF PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

#### A. Analytically generated synthetic data

First we test the extraction approach on analytically generated synthetic thermal conductance data based on a temperature-dependent  $G_s$  and a constant  $G_m$ . One can use the well-known analytical model reported in [18] and [19] to generate  $T_j$ -dependent  $G_{th}$  data for different values of  $T_a$  as

$$G_{th}(T_j) = \frac{G_{s0} \cdot T_0^{\alpha}}{(1-\alpha)} \cdot \frac{T_j^{1-\alpha} - T_a^{1-\alpha}}{T_j - T_a} + G_m$$
(5)

with,  $\alpha$ ,  $G_{s0}$  and,  $G_m$  as model parameters.

The  $G_{th}$  is evaluated for  $T_j$  in the range  $(T_a, 600 \text{ K})$  with  $\alpha = 1.4$ ,  $G_{s0} = 3.357 \times 10^{-4} \text{ W/K}$ , and  $G_m = 0.1 \text{ mW/K}$  in (5). The process is repeated for multiple values of  $T_a$  in steps of 30 K between 300 K and 420 K. Subsequently, the electrical power dissipation in the selected range of  $T_j$  is calculated, for each  $T_a$ , as  $P_d(T_j) = G_{th}(T_j) \cdot (T_j - T_a)$ . The resulting  $T_j(P_d)$  for different  $T_a$  values are shown with symbols in Fig. 2a. Similarly,  $G_{th}$  is plotted against  $P_d$  for multiple  $T_a$  values and extrapolated to  $P_d = 0$  point to calculate the  $G_{th}(T_a)$ . Taking  $T_0 = 300 \text{ K}$ ,  $G_{th}(T_0) - G_{th}(T_a)$  is calculated and non linear regression using (4) is done on this data to extract the parameters.

Since there are two parameters in (4), the nonlinear regression is done by fixing one parameter. This makes the equation single-variable and easy to solve. Since the value of  $G_m$  is less than  $G_{s0}$ , the value of  $G_{s0}$  will lie in the range  $G_{th}(T_0)/2$  to  $G_{th}(T_0)$ .  $G_{s0}$  is varied in this range, and the



Fig. 2. (a) Dissipated power dependent junction temperature at different ambient temperatures: comparison of analytically generated synthetic data and model using the extracted parameters. (b) Ambient temperature dependent  $G_{th}(T_0) - G_{th}(T_a)$ : analytical data and fitting by RHS of (4) to extract  $G_{s0}$  and  $\alpha$ .

corresponding  $\alpha$  and mean squared error are recorded. The  $G_{s0}$  and corresponding  $\alpha$  for which error is minimum are chosen as the extracted values. Fig. 2b shows the data points used for regression (symbols) and the fit to it (line). While generating the synthetic data, we have used  $G_m = 0.1 \text{ mW/K}$  which is exactly returned by the extraction scheme. The extracted values, tabulated in Fig. 2b are highly in agreement with the input values used to generate the data; hence, the model evaluated with these extracted values (lines in Fig. 2a) shows an excellent match with the synthetic  $T_j(P_d)$  data sets (symbols).

#### B. TCAD generated data

Using commercially available Synopsys Sentaurus TCAD simulator [20], 3D thermal simulations of an HBT structure are carried out. The structure consisted of a substrate with a heat sink maintained at  $T_a$  at the bottom surface and a BEOL structure with only one metal (Copper) layer. A heat sink is also placed on the top surface of BEOL, and a rectangular heat source of area  $5 \times 0.2 \, \mu m^2$  is placed at the location of base-collector junction, 200 nm below the FEOL-BEOL interface. Here 200 nm is the sum of widths of the emitter and the base regions. Note that we approximate the actual nonuniform heat source with a rectangular uniform heat source. Since the proposed extraction method is independent of the uniformity of the heat source, we adopted this approximation, instead of a more rigorous approach followed in [21]. The heat source injects power at uniform power density, and all other outer surfaces except the heat sinks are assumed to be thermally insulating. The injected power is varied from 0 to 30 mW, and the temperature at the middle of the heat source is recorded as the junction temperature  $T_i$ . A constant thermal conductivity is used for BEOL materials to ensure that  $R_m$  is temperature independent. The temperature dependence of thermal conductivity in Silicon is included using (1). The simulations are repeated for three different alpha values: 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5, keeping  $\kappa(T_0) = 1.702 \text{ W/(cm-K)}$  [22].

Fig. 3a shows the dissipated power-dependent junction temperature at different ambient temperatures obtained from TCAD simulations with  $\alpha = 1.4$ . Thermal conductance  $G_{th} = P_d/(T_i - T_a)$  is calculated from the TCAD data and



Fig. 3. (a) Dissipated power dependent junction temperature at different ambient temperatures: comparison of 3D TCAD thermal simulation (with  $\alpha = 1.4$ ) and model using the extracted parameters. (b) Ambient temperature dependent  $G_{th}(T_0) - G_{th}(T_a)$ : TCAD data and fitting by RHS of (4) to extract  $G_{s0}$  and  $\alpha$ .

 TABLE I

 PARAMETERS EXTRACTED FROM TCAD DATA.

	α		$G_{s0}  [\mathrm{mW/K}]$	$G_m \ [mW/K]$
	expected	extracted	extracted	extracted
TCAD1	1.300	1.300	0.3013	0.0252
TCAD2	1.400	1.399	0.3003	0.0262
TCAD3	1.500	1.501	0.2990	0.0275

extrapolated to obtain  $G_{th}(T_a)$ . The corresponding nonlinear regression plot and the extracted parameters are presented in Fig. 3b and Table I, respectively. The results of three TCAD structures presented in Table I correspond to different  $\alpha$  values, but identical geometry and  $\kappa(T_0)$  values. One can observe that the extracted  $\alpha$  values are in excellent agreement with the expected values. Since the thermal conductivity value at  $300 \text{ K} (\kappa(T_0))$  and the structure are the same, the extracted  $G_{s0}$  and  $R_m$  values remain the same across these devices, as expected. The correlation between symbols (TCAD) and lines (model evaluated with extracted parameters) in Fig. 3a re-confirms that the values extracted are accurate.

#### C. Generating $T_a$ dependent data

The method proposed here requires peak temperature data as a function of dissipated power at many different ambient temperatures. In cases where  $T_j(P_d)$  for single  $T_a$  is available, one can generate the required data. This subsection explains how the  $T_j(P_d)$  data for multiple ambient temperatures can be generated from the data measured at a single  $T_a$ . The total dissipated power for a given  $T_j$  and  $T_a$  can be obtained by multiplying (5) with  $T_j - T_a$  on both sides and following simple algebraic steps one obtains

$$P_d(T_j, T_a) = \frac{T_j - T_a}{R_m} + G_{s0} \frac{T_j^{1-\alpha} - T_a^{1-\alpha}}{(1-\alpha)T_0^{-\alpha}}$$
$$= \left(\frac{T_j - T_a'}{R_m} + G_{s0} \frac{T_j^{1-\alpha} - T_a'^{1-\alpha}}{(1-\alpha)T_0^{-\alpha}}\right)$$
$$+ \left(\frac{T_a' - T_a}{R_m} + G_{s0} \frac{T_a'^{1-\alpha} - T_a^{1-\alpha}}{(1-\alpha)T_0^{-\alpha}}\right)$$
$$= P_d(T_j, T_a') + P_d(T_j = T_a', T_a)$$



Fig. 4. The test structures considered (a) E4narr - test structure with 4 dummy metal layers of same width and length placed above emitter contact. (b) E4wide - test structure with 4 dummy metal layers placed above emitter contact, whose width increases from first layer to fourth layer. (c) B3- 3 level structure where the stacking of dummy metal layers are done directly above the base contact. The images are taken from [23].

$$= P_d(T_j, T_a') + \Delta P_d. \tag{6}$$

Since  $\Delta P_d$  is independent of  $T_j$ , formulation (6) signifies that the dissipated power dependent junction temperature data for another ambient temperature  $T'_a$  can be obtained just by shifting the original curve along the power axis by  $\Delta P_d$ . From the  $T_j(P_d)$  at a given  $T_a$ , one can, therefore, obtain other  $T_j(P_d)$  curves for multiple different  $T'_a$  values.

Using this methodology, we have regenerated all the curves shown in Figs. 2a and 3a by shifting the lowest curve with  $T_a = 300$  K and obtained perfect agreements with the corresponding TCAD generated curves. Thus we have verified the methodology which will be useful in the following section while applying our extraction scheme on actual measured data.

#### IV. EXTRACTION FROM MEASURED DATA

The state-of-the-art SiGe BiCMOS HBT technology from Infineon (B11HFC) having  $f_T = 250 \text{ GHz}$ ,  $f_{\text{max}} = 370 \text{ GHz}$ and six levels of metallization reported in [23] is used to demonstrate our extraction technique. The experimental data presented in this paper corresponds to a maximum of four metal layers (till M4). The transistors are isolated using deep trench isolations (DTI). The test structures had the same FEOL with an emitter dimension of  $0.35 \times 5 \,\mu m^2$  but different metallization schemes in the BEOL part. In the first type, we have dummy metal layers of the same width and length directly above the emitter contact but not above the base and collector contacts as shown in Fig. 4a. This test structure will be called E4narr. The number denotes the last layer of the metal stack and E indicates that the metal dummies are on Emitter contact. In the second type, we have two test structures, namely E2wide and E4wide. Here the difference is



Fig. 5. (a) Junction temperature dependent thermal resistance: comparison of measured data (symbols) and model (lines) using the extracted parameters. Dashed line represent the constant  $R_{m0}$  model and solid line represent the model with temperature-dependent  $R_m$ . (b) Ambient temperature dependent  $G_{th}(T_0) - G_{th}(T_a)$ : measured data and fitting by RHS of (4) to extract  $G_{s0}$  and  $\alpha$ . (c)  $R_m$  estimated using (7) with extracted  $R_{m0}$ .

that the width of the metal dummies on the emitter contact increases progressively as shown in Fig. 4b. Note that the total volume of metal on top of the emitter contact of E4wide structure is more than E4narr. Lastly, we have two other test structures named B2 and B3, where the metal dummies are placed directly on top of the base contacts but not on the emitter and collector contacts as shown in Fig. 4c. All the test structures considered in the study are listed in Table II.

In section III, for both synthetic and TCAD data, the BEOL thermal conductivity was kept constant. However, the actual BEOL thermal resistance varies with temperature due to the temperature-dependent thermal conductivity of the BEOL components. Since this dependence is significantly weak compared to that of FEOL, one can assume  $R_m$  to be independent of temperature especially at temperatures close to  $T_a$ . Therefore, for the  $R_m$  extraction, we are going to use only those data points which are close to  $T_a$ . Since  $T_j(P_d)$  data for a single  $T_a$  is available for each kind of devices discussed above, required data for multiple  $T_a$  values are obtained using the shifting method elaborated in section III-C.

Fig. 5a compares the  $R_{th}(T_j)$  data corresponding to the structure B3 obtained from measurement (symbols) and that obtained from (5) (dashed line) using the extracted parameters. Note that the extraction is carried out using the data points  $(T_j < 313 \text{ K})$  close to  $T_a$ . The non-linear regression plot for the same is shown in Fig. 5b. The model (dashed line) and the measurements are in excellent agreement in the low-temperature range as shown in Fig. 5a.

 TABLE II

 PARAMETERS EXTRACTED FROM MEASURED DATA [23].

Test Structure	α	G <sub>s0</sub> [mW/K]	<i>R</i> <sub>m0</sub> [K/W]	m1 [/K]	$m_2$ [/K <sup>2</sup> ]
B2 E2wide B3 E4narr E4wide	1.3158 1.3125 1.3125 1.3125 1.3125 1.3130	0.1702 0.1622 0.1636 0.1568 0.1719	7439 6855 6765 6575 6936	$\begin{array}{c} -4.46\times 10^{-4} \\ -4.48\times 10^{-4} \\ -4.29\times 10^{-4} \\ -4.46\times 10^{-4} \\ -4.84\times 10^{-4} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 2.09 \times 10^{-5} \\ 2.02 \times 10^{-5} \\ 2.03 \times 10^{-5} \\ 1.85 \times 10^{-5} \\ 2.22 \times 10^{-5} \end{array}$

After extracting  $\alpha$  and  $G_{s0}$  and  $R_m = R_{m0}$  at low temperature, the junction temperature  $(T_j)$  dependent  $R_m$  can be estimated from the measured  $R_{th}(T_j)$  data as

$$\frac{1}{R_m(T_j)} = \frac{1}{R_{th}(T_j)} - \frac{1}{R_s(T_j)}$$
(7)

where

$$R_s(T_j) = (1 - \alpha) \cdot \frac{T_0^{-\alpha}}{G_{s0}} \cdot \frac{T_j - T_a}{T_j^{1 - \alpha} - T_a^{1 - \alpha}}$$
(8)

is the FEOL component of thermal resistance evaluated using the parameters extracted from the low temperature data. This temperature dependence of  $R_m$  can be captured with simple polynomial functions. Symbols in Fig. 5c shows the normalized variation of  $R_m(T_j)$  calculated using (7). The variation of the extracted  $R_m(T_i)$  from the measured data is not negligible unlike the ones enforced in the synthetic as well as the TCAD simulation in section III. Possible reasons for such a variation can be as follows. According to our modeling framework, all the regions above the heat source (i.e., the base-collector junction) including the thin SiGe base as well as the mono and poly-emitter portions are considered within the upward heat transfer path contributing to the overall  $R_m$  along with the actual BEOL stacks. The thermal conductivity of these base and emitter regions decrease significantly with temperature and contributes to the rise in  $R_m$  with temperature. Along with that the thermal conductivity of metals within the BEOL slightly reduces with temperature, causing an increase (although minor) in  $R_m$  with temperature. Note that in TCAD simulation (presented in section III), we have placed the heat source at the emitter finger and considered constant thermal conductivity for the metal layers; hence obtained a constant  $R_m$ .

It is clear that the FEOL component can be evaluated from the extracted parameters using (8) and subsequently  $R_m(T_j)$  can be estimated using (7). Finally, assuming that the temperature-dependence of  $R_m$  can be captured with a parabolic function given as

$$R_m(T_j) = R_{m0} \left( 1 + m_1(T_j - T_0) + m_2(T_j - T_0)^2 \right), \quad (9)$$

the parameters  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are extracted using simple polynomial fit. Fig. 5c presents a simple modeling results for  $R_m(T_j)$  (normalized w.r.t.  $R_{m0}$ ) obtained by using (9). After including this temperature dependent  $R_m$  model, the complete model (solid line) and the measured data (symbols) show excellent agreements as demonstrated in Fig. 5a.

Table II presents the result of extraction for all the devices considered in this study. As expected, since the FEOL is same



Fig. 6.  $R_{m0}$  for the test structures calculated using different  $G_{s0}$  values listed in Table II. The solid line represents  $R_{m0}$  obtained for each structure with an average  $G_{s0}$ .

for all the devices,  $\alpha$  and  $G_{s0}$  values are in good agreement across the devices. Even the parameters of temperature dependent  $R_m$  are also in the same range. The variation in  $R_{m0}$ is expected because of the deliberate BEOL change made in the test structures. Since stacking more dummy levels reduces the BEOL thermal resistance [23], B3 has smaller  $R_{m0}$  than B2. Use of wider metal layers also reduces  $R_{m0}$  as it increases the volume of metal present in the BEOL structure. Therefore, we expect E4wide to have the least  $R_{m0}$  due to four levels of metal dummies above the emitter contact. However, we see that the extracted  $R_{m0}$  value of E4wide is not consistent. Such an error is mainly due to the sensitivity of the parameters obtained from a nonlinear extraction method. Eventually, we performed a sensitivity study on the extracted  $R_{m0}$  values by fixing the FEOL thermal resistance across the test structures. We calculate different  $R_{m0}$  values for a given test structure with different  $G_{s0}$  values listed in Table II following the relation,  $1/R_{m0} = G_{th}(T_0) - G_{s0}$ . The resulting  $R_{m0}$  values for all the test structures are represented as a bar chart in Fig. 6. The values of  $R_{m0}$  obtained for the test structures with an average  $G_{s0}$  are also plotted (solid line). Since these structures have the same FEOL, the solid line is a better representation of the actual  $R_{m0}$  variation. Note that these values are in alignment with our expectation, For example, we observe that using identical  $G_{s0}$  for all the test structures yields the least  $R_{m0}$  for the E4wide structure. From the various combinations considered in Fig. 6, the maximum deviation of  $R_{m0}$  from the corresponding average value is found to be less than 5.4%. For such an inverse problem, this range of error is fairly acceptable.

#### V. CONCLUSIONS

A robust method to extract the parameters related to the FEOL and BEOL components of thermal resistances in SiGe HBTs was presented. The method allows extraction of these components and their temperature dependent parameters. The method, when tested on synthetic or TCAD generated data, gave excellent results. We also applied the method on measured data obtained from devices with the same FEOL but different BEOL stack. The returned values were similar for FEOL and showed an expected trend for BEOL components across the devices confirming the proposed method's accuracy.

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