

BGAN Physical Layer Tester on MCP (BMCP)



<u>Over view</u>

Square Peg Communications Inc.'s BGAN Physical Layer Tester (BPLT) is a software application that supports the testing of physical layer performance and protocol implementation of Radio Access Nodes (RANs) and User Terminals (UTs) implementing Inmarsat's Broadband Global Area Network (BGAN), FleetBroadband or SwiftBroadband services. The version of BPLT that runs on Square Peg's generic MCP-based Physical Layer Tester (PLT-M) platform is referred to as BMCP.

BMCP supports all of the channel types defined in version 5 of the BGAN SDM and includes built-in channel simulation and signal analysis capabilities for testing of receive and transmit physical layers. An Ethernet interface allows various options for control of or by BMCP.

BMCP is a powerful and flexible test tool but is easy to use. A familiar Windows based user interface provides easy access to test functions, while a powerful scripting language allows every feature of the BMCP and equipment under test to be exercised in automated test cases and suites.

An associated suite of scripts has also been developed to facilitate automated testing of applicable Inmarsat BGAN UT physical layer Mandatory Test Requirements (MTRs).

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TRANSMIT CAPABILITIES

Physical channels Channel types	4 simultaneous; 1-4 bearers per physical channel depending upon bearer type LESP (151.2 ksym/s BPSK; 8.4, 33.6, 84, 151.2 168 ksym/s QPSK; 33.6, 84, 151.2, 168 ksym/s 16-QAM; 84, 151.2, 168 ksym/s 32-QAM; 84, 151.2, 168 ksym/s 64-QAM) MESP (16.8, 33.6, 67.2, 151.2 ksym/s π /4-QPSK; 16.8 ksym/s 8-PSK; 33.6, 67.2, 151.2 ksym/s 16-QAM; 5, 20 or 80 ms bursts as applicable) USAB (168 kchips/s BPSK or QPSK) Test tones (CW, two-tone, etc.) and raw samples
Channel impairments	 Independently-specifiable parameters: Fixed carrier frequency error, burst frequency jitter Doppler rate, peak offset Navigation-based Doppler and path delay Reacquisition carrier offset ACI level and frequency offset CCI level I/Q gain and phase imbalance Continuous phase noise spectrum, level Discrete phase noise level, frequency offset Fading model, bandwidth(s), C/M ratio, differential delay(s), path Doppler(s) Phase and/or amplitude jump distribution, magnitude, interval Signal blockage (helicopter) Transmission path delay, burst timing jitter Symbol rate error

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BMCP CONFIGURATION FOR UT TESTING (Not all components are required for all test applications)

RECEIVE CAPABILITIES

Physical ch.	4 simultaneous
Channel	LESP (as per transmitter)
types	MESP (as per transmitter)
	USAB (as per transmitter)
	Unframed
Channel modes	Analysis (auto-identification of burst types, optimized for transmitter performance testing)
	SDM (fully compliant performance in noise)
Signal	Signal capture (raw samples and soft decisions)
analysis	Signal replay (from raw samples)
	Selectable pass/fail limits for measurements:
	 Carrier frequency offset
	 Average power, power rate of change
	 Phase change
	 Integrated phase noise
	 Burst timing offset
	 Symbol clock rate error
	I/O gain and phase imbalance

- Q gain and phase imbalance
- Constellation mean-squared error, EVM
- HPA compression and AM/PM
- Eb/No loss
- **Uncoded errors**
- Power profile
- Spectral shape
- Out-of-band emissions
- Phase noise spectrum

ETHERNET INTERFACE CAPABILITIES

Medium

10/100/1000BaseT Functionality Protocol Tester interface, remote control interface, UT control interface, voice codec interface, GPIB interface (with Ethernet-to-GPIB converter), ARINC-429 interface (with Ethernetto-429 or USB-to-429 converter)

LOGGING CAPABILITIES

General	Protocol Tester interface messages
	Transmitted/received user or channel data
	Test sequence progress and outcome
	System events, faults, and abnormal conditions
Signal	Signal analysis measurements
analysis	Signal analysis statistics
	Raw input samples
	Demodulator soft decisions

SCRIPT CAPABILITIES

General	Procedure-based
	Functions for string processing, math, user interaction, logging, I/O (serial, TCP/IP, GPIB)
	Integrated development environment
BPLT-specific	Configuring and controlling modems
	Sending and receiving user data
	Controlling channel simulator
	Sending and receiving BPT and UT messages

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