

JHU Fall 13 MMIC Design

Measured Results



PROJECTS F13

Image Reject Mixer—Nish Bhagat

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Low Noise Amplifier—Shaynee Contee

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Distributed Amplifier—Alan Doucette

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Low Noise Amplifier—Brad Greene

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Voltage Controlled Oscillator—Amy Kordova

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Class F Power Amplifier 10G—Rajesh Madhavan

jhu13rm

Size-Location	C1: 1520um	C2: 1520um	C3: 1520um
R1: 3040um	JHU13LN4	JHU13LN2	JHU13LN3
R2: 2280um	JHU13LN1	JHU13WLT	JHU13AK
R3: 1520um	JHU13X4	JHU13X4B	JHU13BG2
R4: 1520um	JHU13SEC	JHU13NB	JHU13AWD
R5: 1520um	JHU1VCO	JHU13BG	JHU13RM

Designer	Die Label
John Penn	JHU13LN4
John Penn	JHU13LN2
John Penn	JHU13LN3
John Penn	JHU13LN1
Willie Thompson	JHU13WLT
Amy Kordova	JHU13AK
John Penn	JHU13X4
John Penn	JHU13X4B
Brad Greene	JHU13BG2
Shaynee Contee	JHU13SEC
Nish Bhagat	JHU13NB
Alan Doucette	JHU13AWD
John Penn	JHU13VCO
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Test PHEMTs: D6x25, D6x50, D4x20

Summary PROJECTS F13

Image Reject Mixer—Nish Bhagat

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Mixer—Brad Greene

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Both mixer designs worked and were very broadband. It was difficult to get a good quantitative measurement and in the case of the 2nd mixer the LO drive maxed out as the conversion loss was still getting better. The conversion loss at 18 GHz looked better than 24 Ghz, probably because the significant cable losses were lower. Image Reject mixer shows 90 degree phase differences between +/- 10 to 30 MHz IF!

Low Noise Amplifier—Shaynee Contee

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Low Noise Amplifier—Brad Greene

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Both Low Noise Amplifier gains shifted down somewhat in frequency—typical at these high frequencies. This would probably match better with a full EM simulation of the layout, as is true of all these designs. NF measurement TBD.

Distributed Amplifier—Alan Doucette

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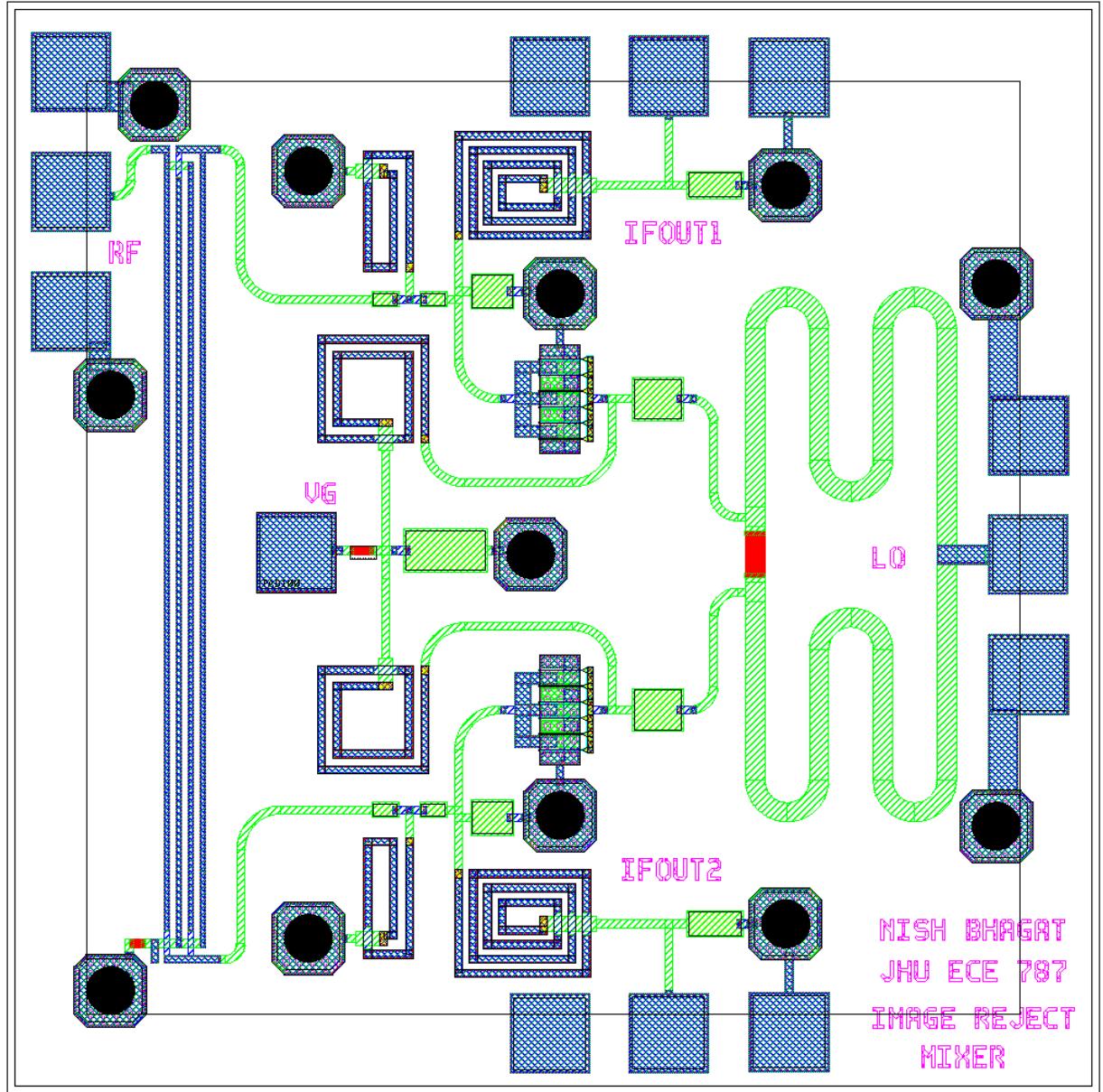
As with previous and current distributed amplifier designs, there were some marginal stability issues at high frequency. An EM simulation appears to show a better prediction of the stability issue which looks like it could be solved with some small resistors on the gate (or drain). Possibly a re-fab next year will fix the issue, but measurements show promising results if the high frequency stability can be resolved.

Voltage Controlled Oscillator—Amy Kordova **jhu13ak**

Two VCO designs both oscillated around 20 GHz. Designs were intended for slightly higher 24 GHz, but EM simulations might help explain the difference.

Class F Power Amplifier 10G—Rajesh Madhavan **jhu13rm**

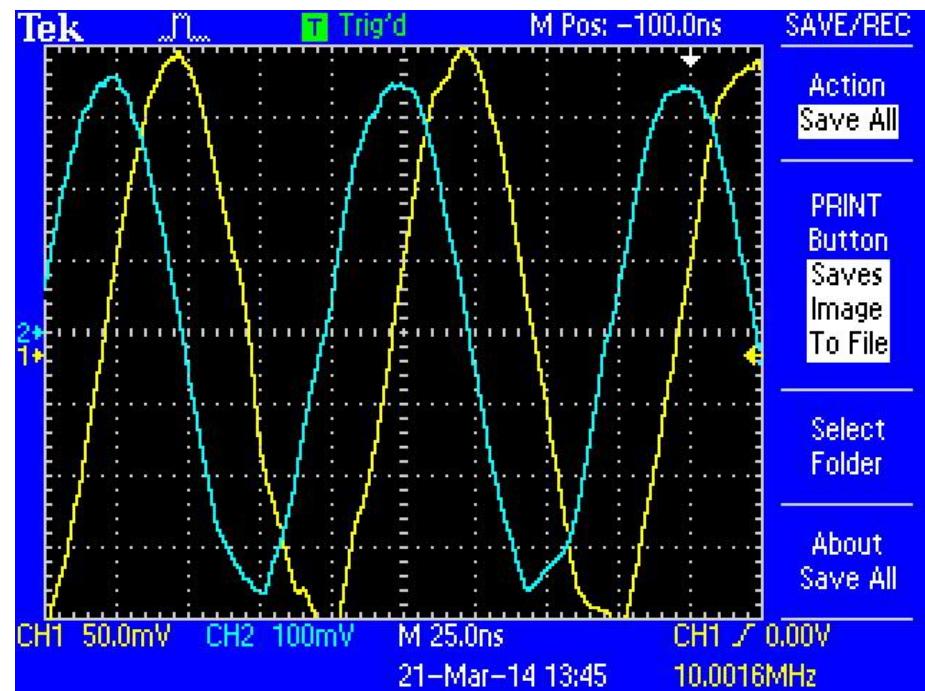
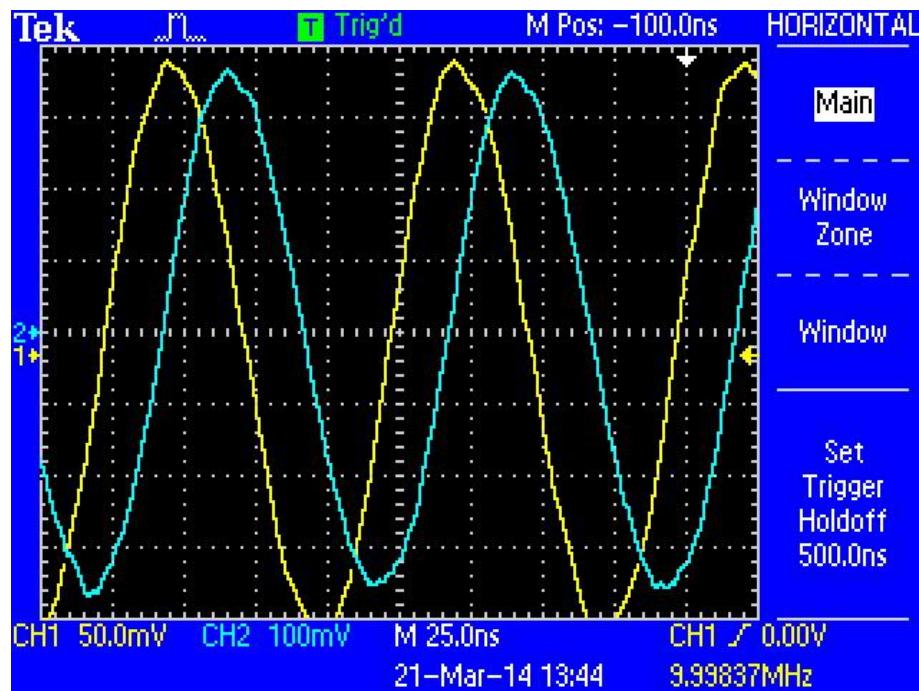
This amplifier had good efficiency at 10 GHz and it looks like the efficiency is still improving as the input signal generator drive maxed out.



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Image Reject Mixer
 - *DRC (v)*
 - *LVS (v)*
 - *DC Current (v)*

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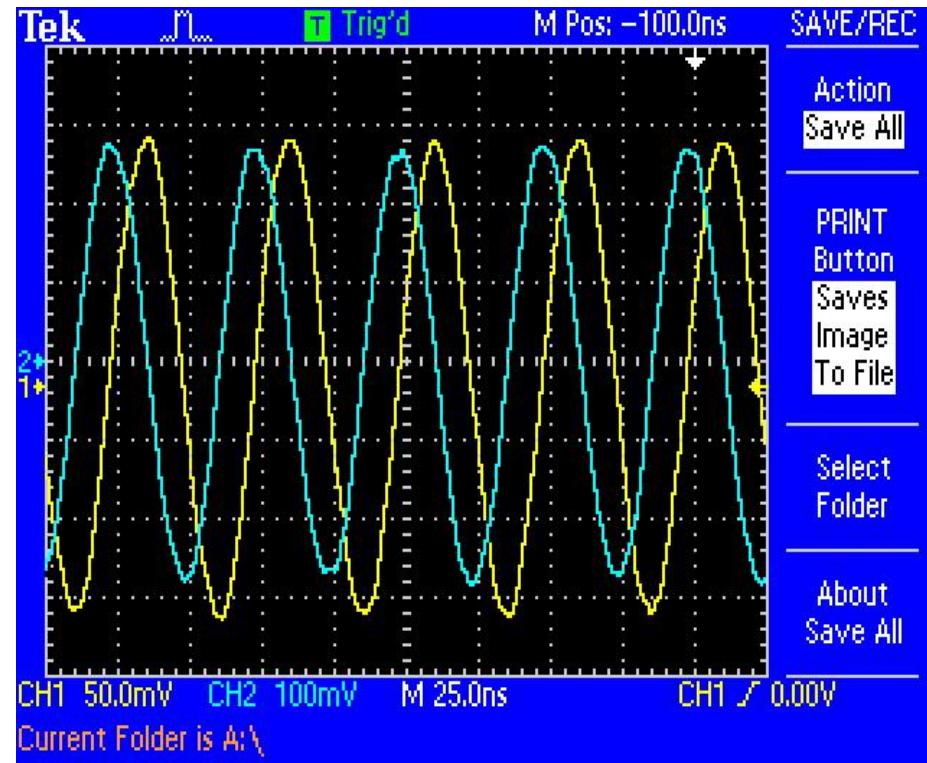
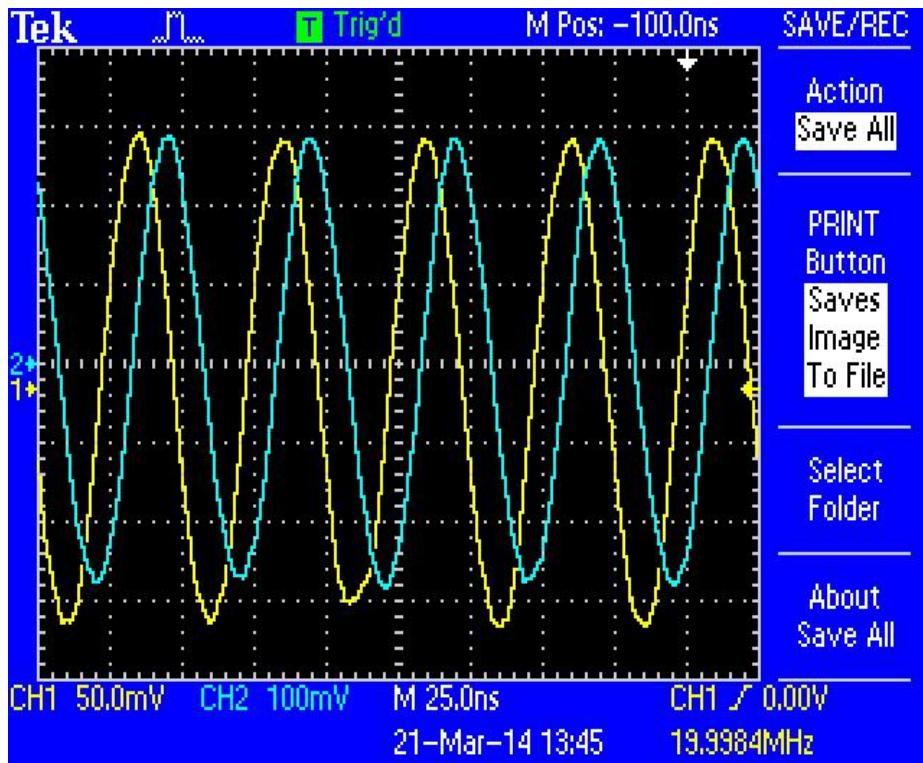
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I,Q Phase differences for an IF of +/- 10 MHz
Impedance of Oscilloscope? Some amplitude imbalance

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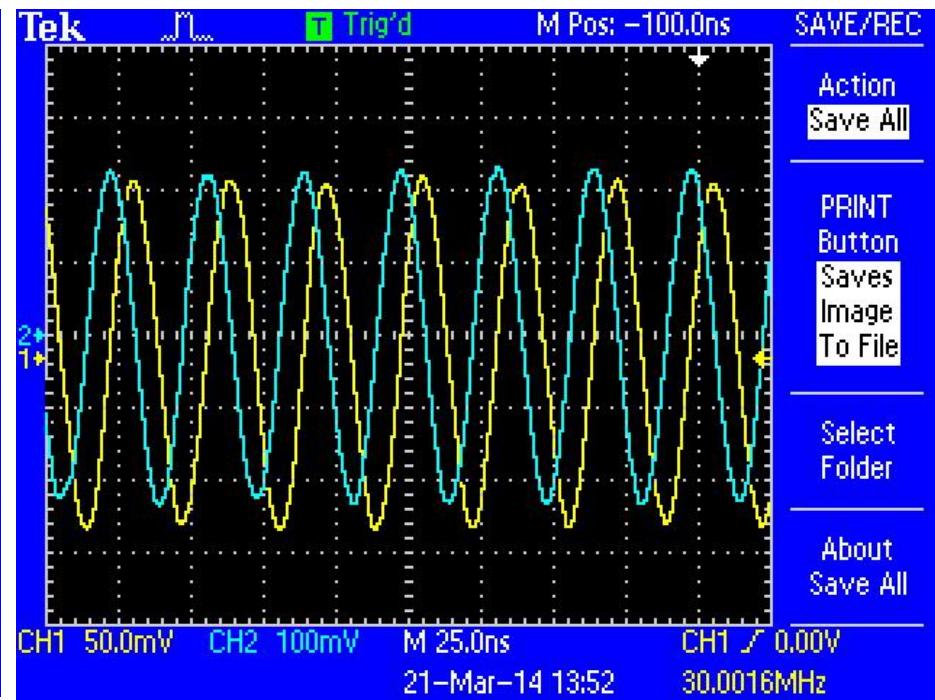
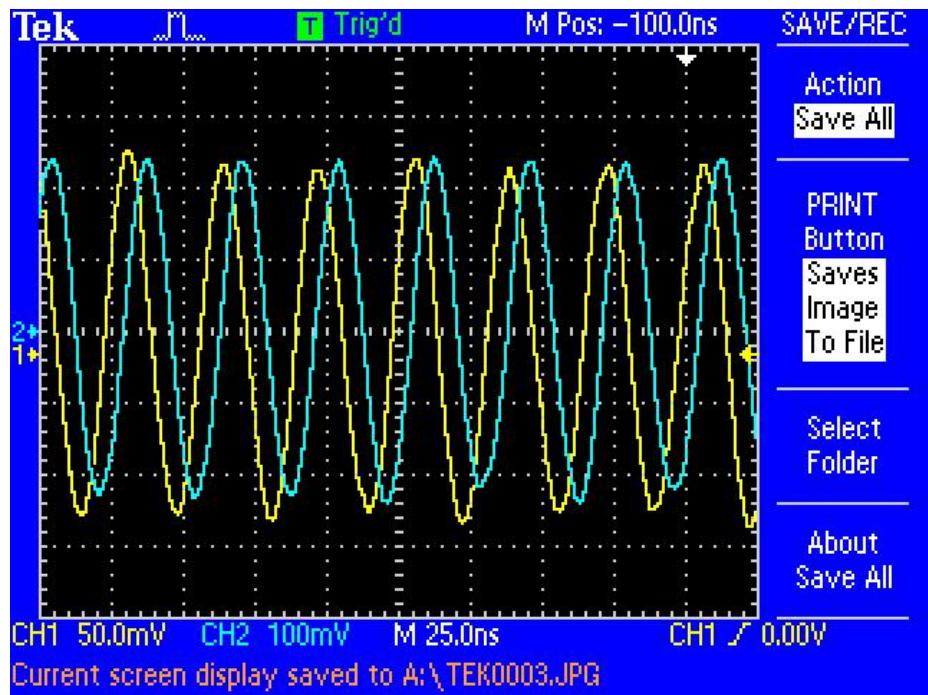
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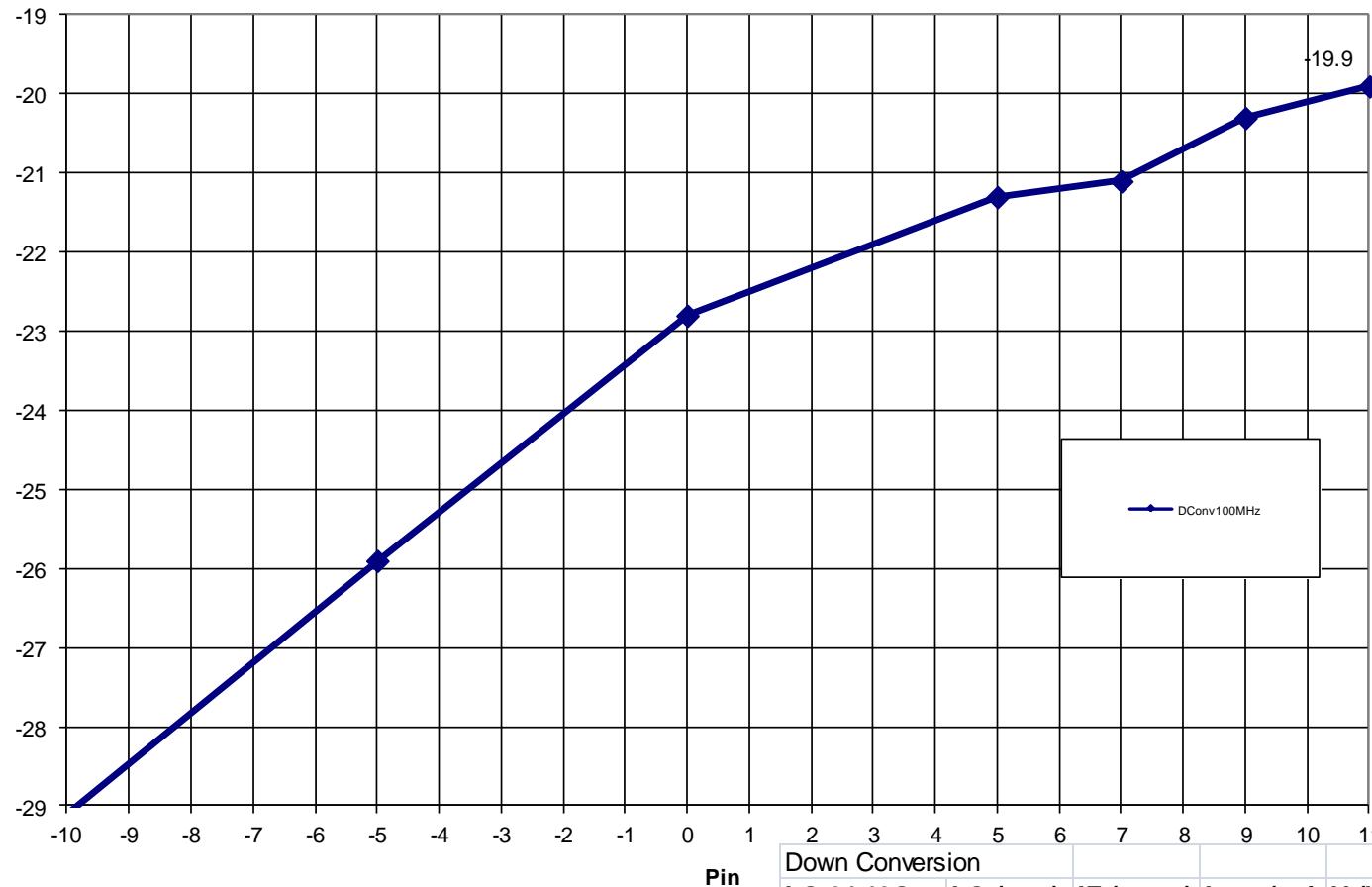
I,Q Phase differences for an IF of +/- 30 MHz
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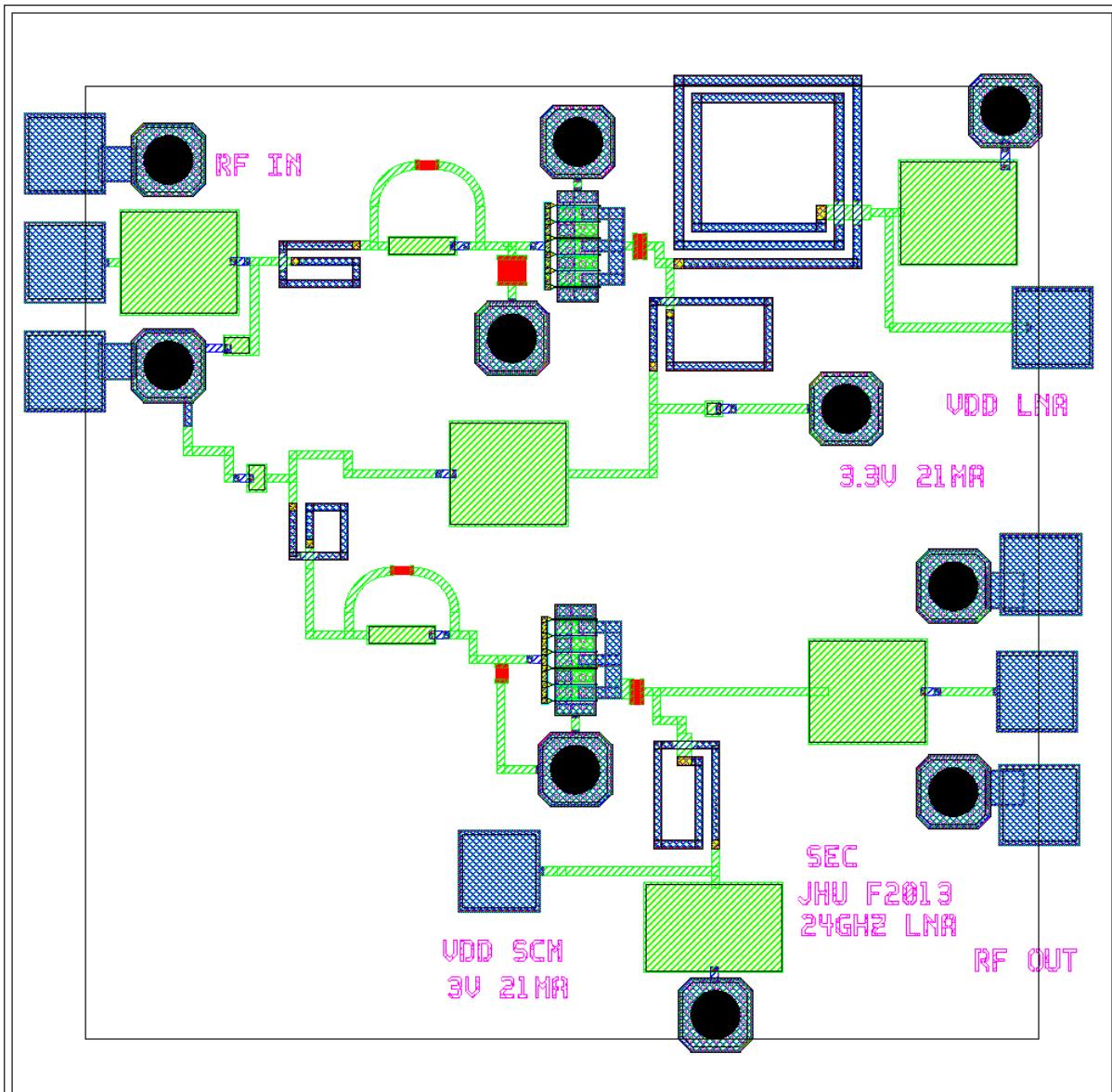
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Mixer Down Conversion

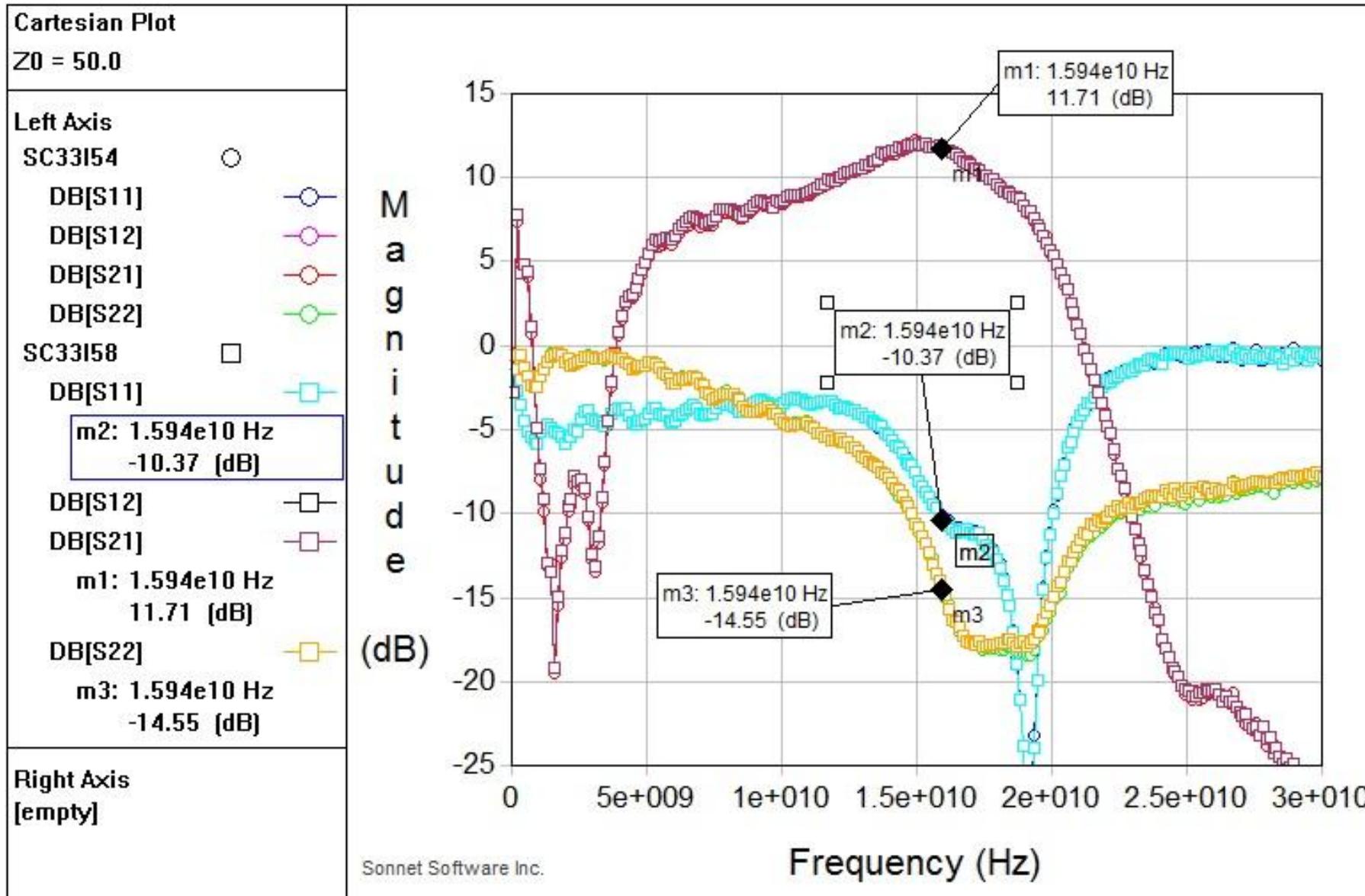


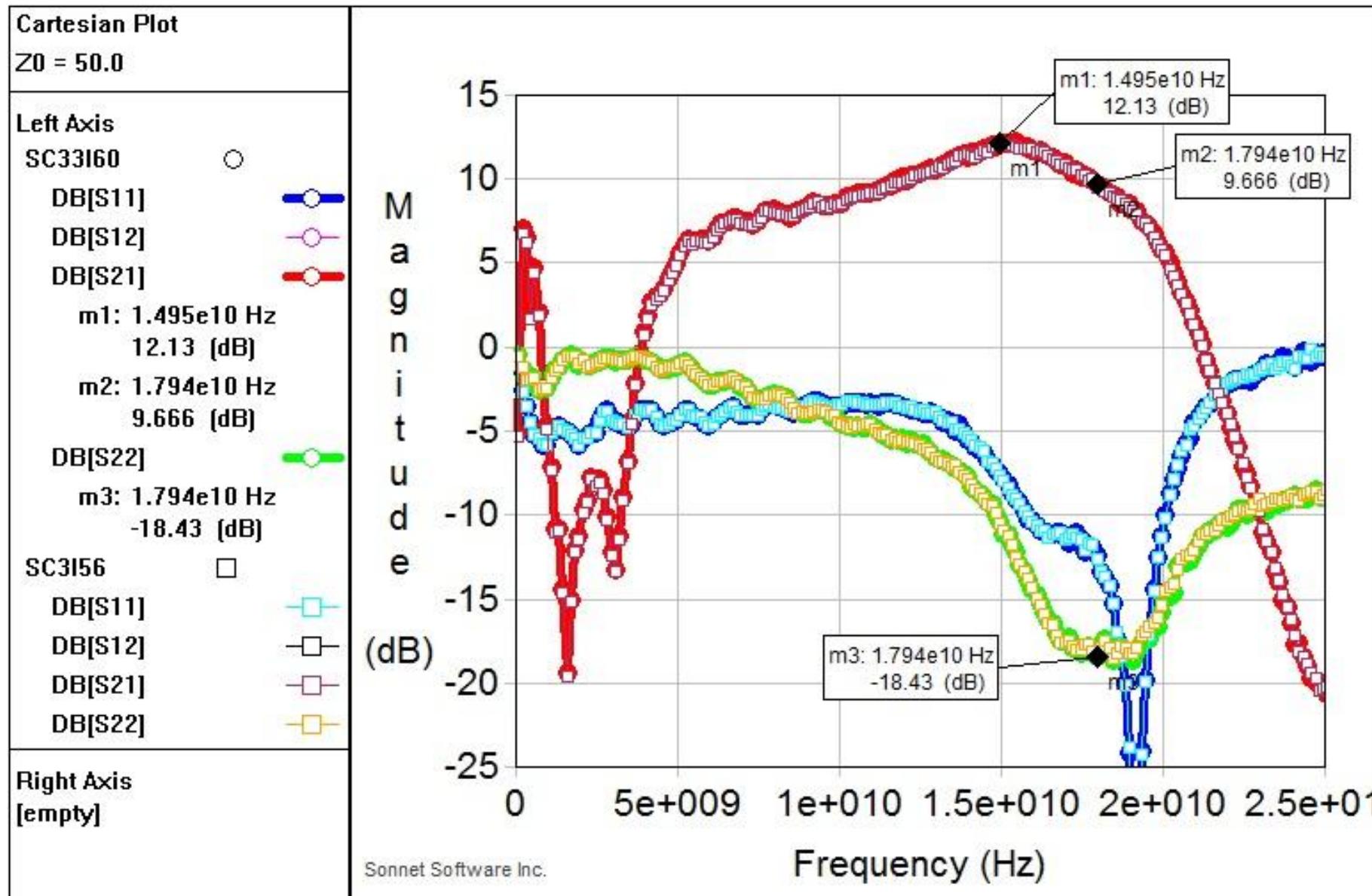
Good Mixing over a range of LO power, less negative V bias as LO power increases. calibration?

Pin	Down Conversion				
	LO 24.13G	LO (corr)	IF (meas)	Loss (gair Vt(best))	IF(MHz)
-5	-5	-10	-37.6	-29.1	-0.2 100.0
0	0	-5	-34.4	-25.9	-0.2 100.0
5	5	0	-31.3	-22.8	-0.1 100.0
10	10	5	-29.8	-21.3	-0.1 100.0
12	12	7	-29.6	-21.1	-0.1 100.0
14	14	9	-28.8	-20.3	0.0 100.0
16	16	11	-28.4	-19.9	0.0 100.0

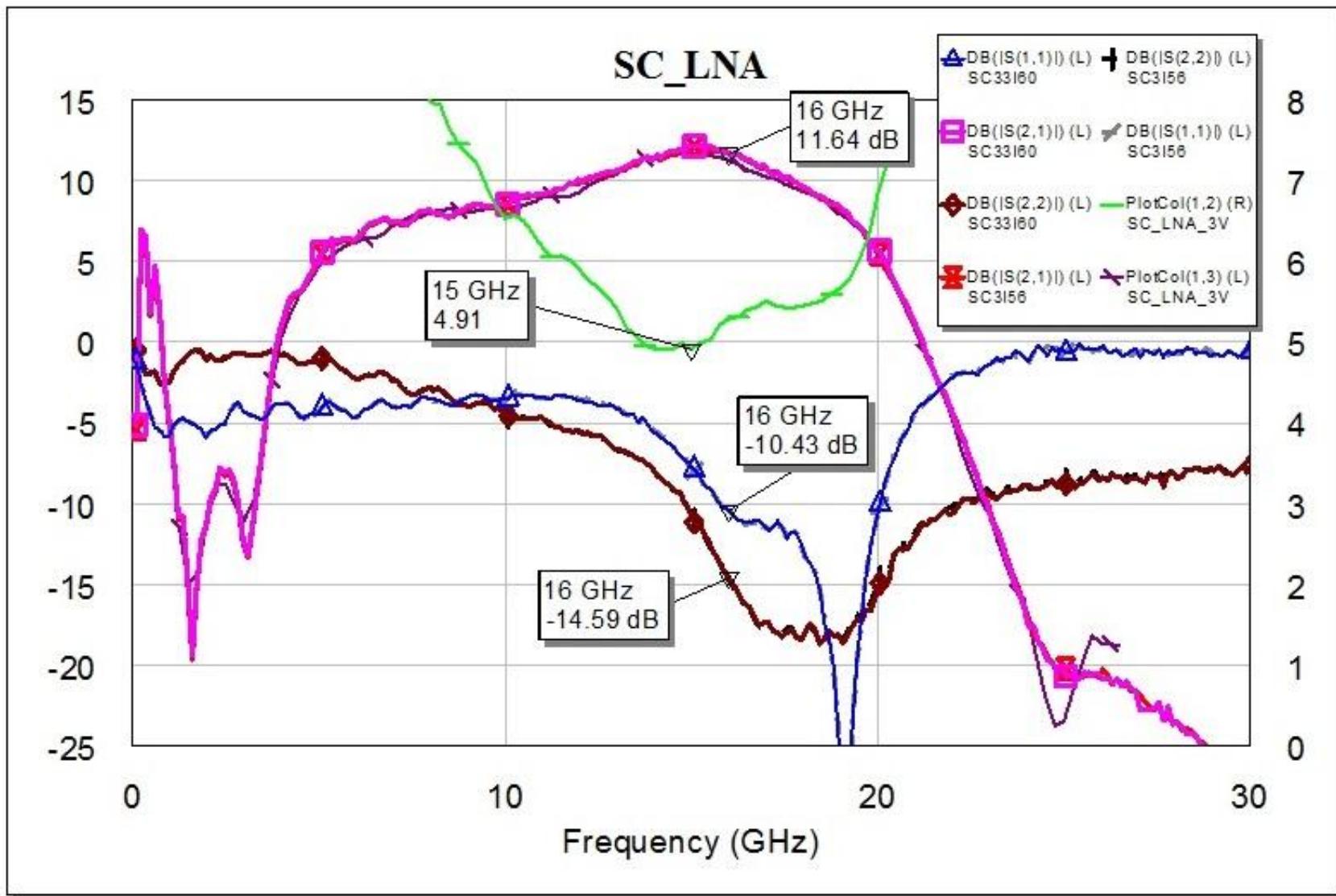


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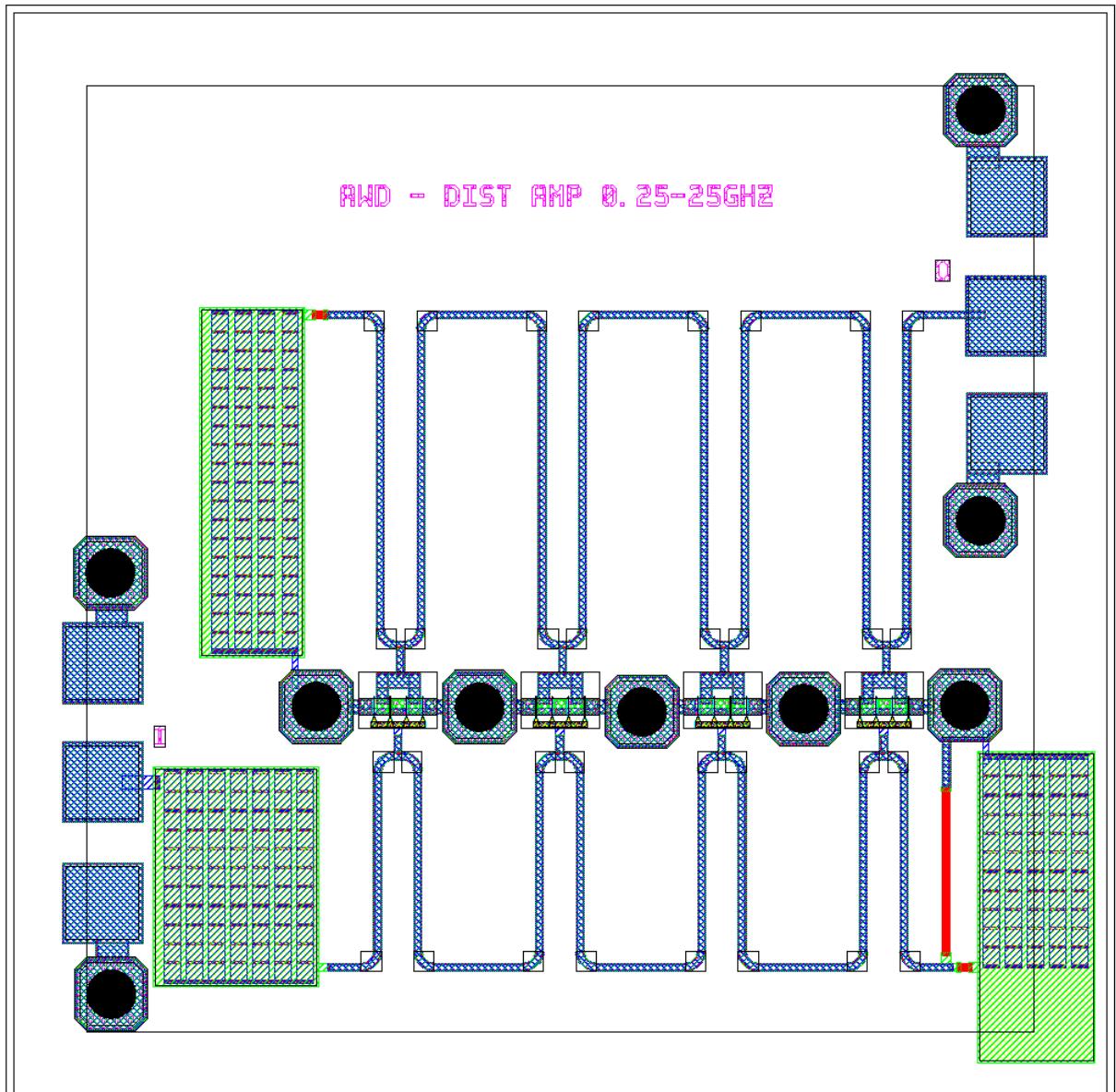


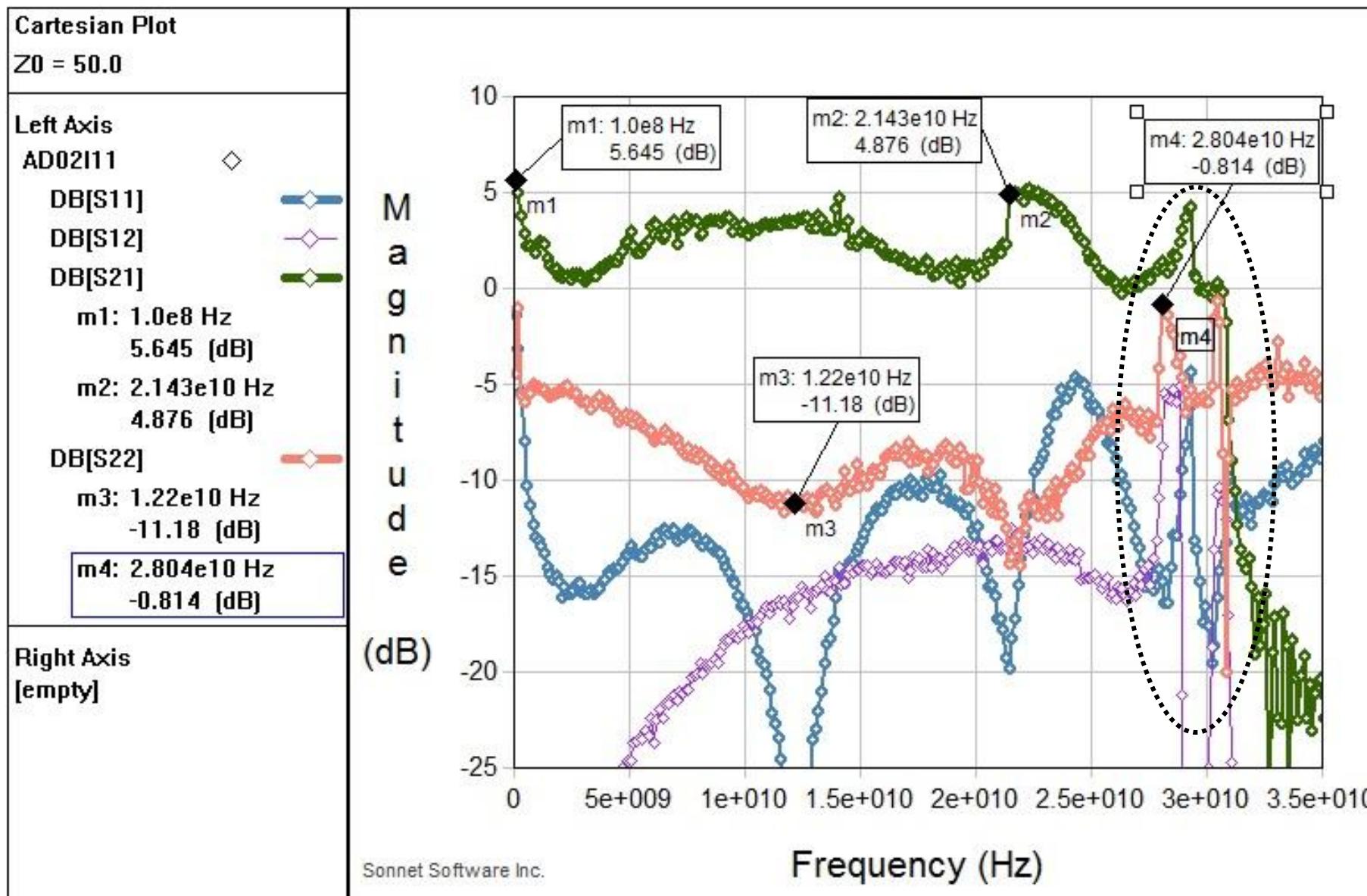


- 2) Shaynee Contee Added NF and Gain to 26.5 GHz to NWA measurements
Low Noise Amplifier NF measurements seem high by 1-2 dB ?



- 3) Alan Doucette
Distributed Amplifier
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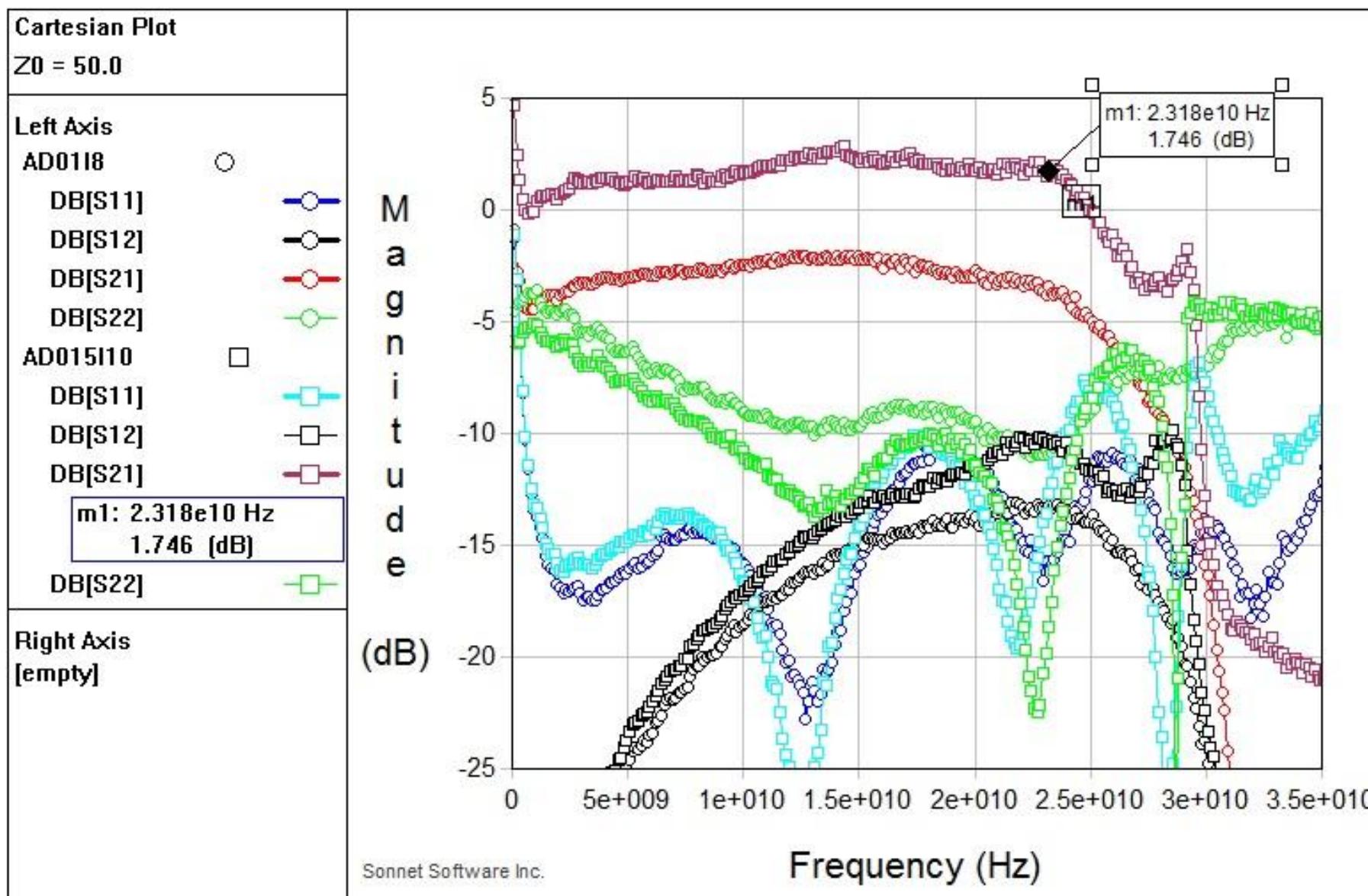


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Distributed Amplifier

At low bias, broadband match looks great, then as gain approaches ~5dB (~0.2V), oscillations start at 30-35 GHz. Can drive amp into stable 1dB? compression



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Distributed Amplifier At low bias, broadband match looks great, then around 5dB gain, oscillations start at 30-35 GHz. Can drive amp into stable 1dB? compression

3/13/2014												
				Loss 5 dB for thru at 10G, bias Tee 1.2dB at 10G								
10 GHz	Die#1	AD Damp Fall13 TQP13			Stability problem at ~30-35 GHz, driven slightly into compression (Stable!)							
Pin(SG)	Pout(SA)	Pin(corr)	Pout(corr)	Gain	Vdd(V)	Ids(mA)	PDC(mw)	Pout(mw)	Drn Eff	PAE		
-10.0	-12.40	-12.50	-8.70	3.80	0.20	10	2.0	0.13	6.7	3.9		
-11.0	-13.20	-13.50	-9.50	4.00	0.20	10	2.0	0.11	5.6	3.4		
6.0	5.20	3.50	8.90	5.40	1.00	26	26.0	7.76	29.9	21.2		
9.0	7.50	6.50	11.20	4.70	1.50	32	48.0	13.18	27.5	18.2		
10.0	8.90	7.50	12.60	5.10	2.00	35	70.0	18.20	26.0	18.0		
11.0	10.00	8.50	13.70	5.20	2.50	39	97.5	23.44	24.0	16.8		
12.0	11.20	9.50	14.90	5.40	3.00	44	132.0	30.90	23.4	16.7		

10 GHz input driven hard enough until oscillations quit. Results in about 5dB gain. Increased DC Bias, then increased signal at each point to maintain stability. An EM simulation of the actual layout may indicate the marginal stability problem at high frequency and a solution to stabilize the design.
 Note the fairly consistent gain (~5db) and efficiency (~17-21% PAE) where the amplifier showed gain and stability at increasing DC biases and signal levels.

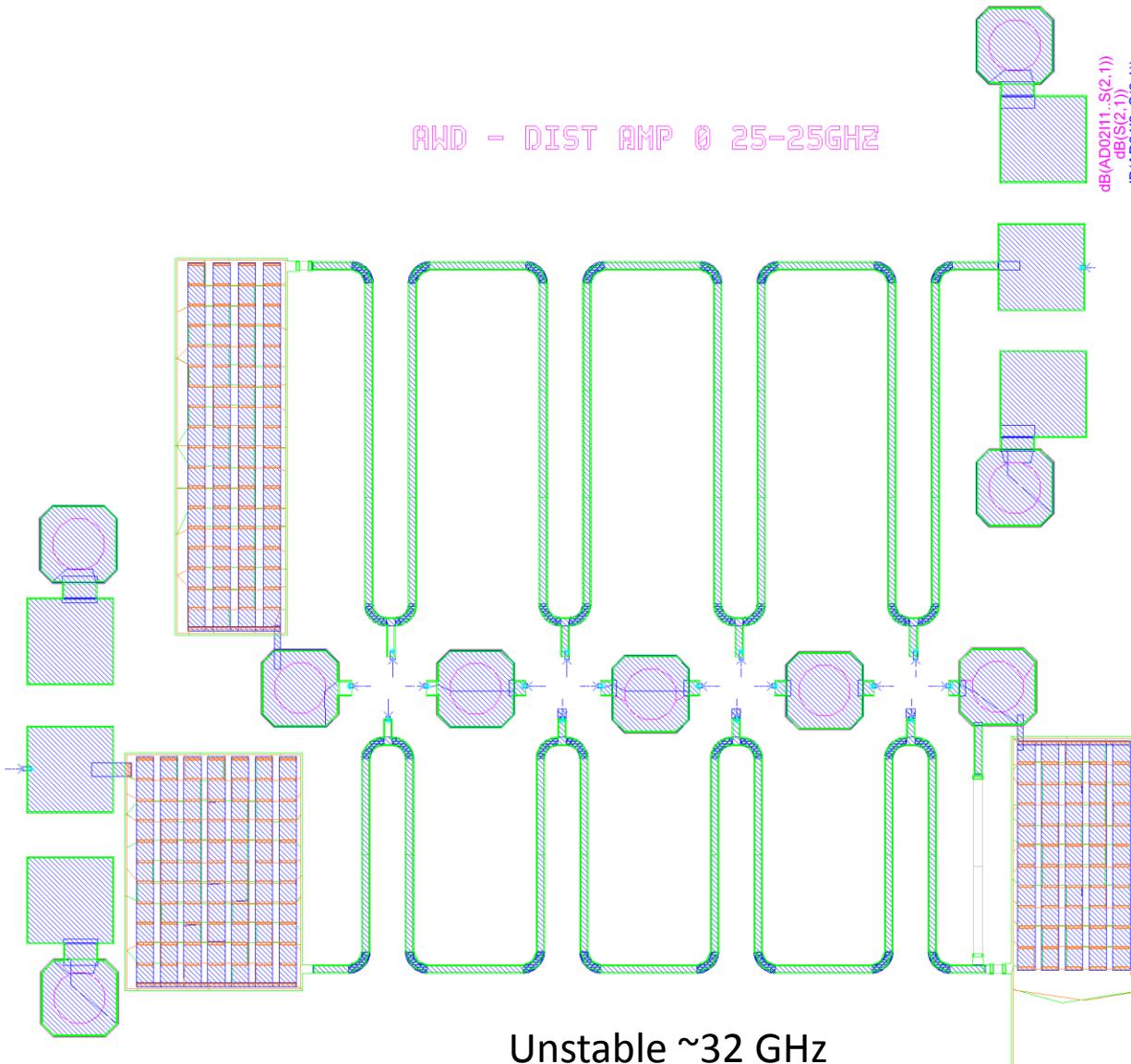
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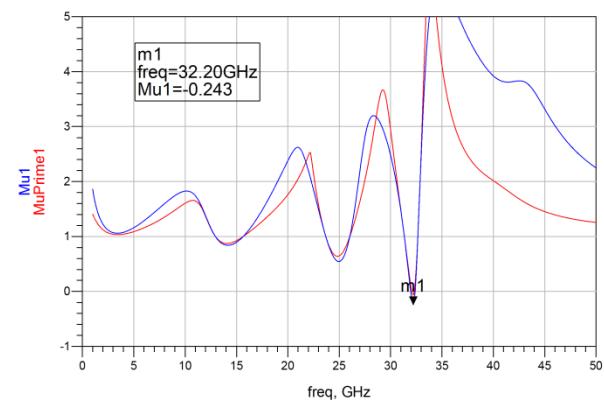
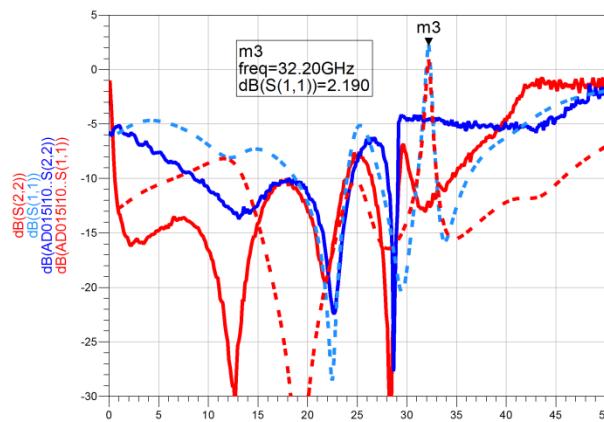
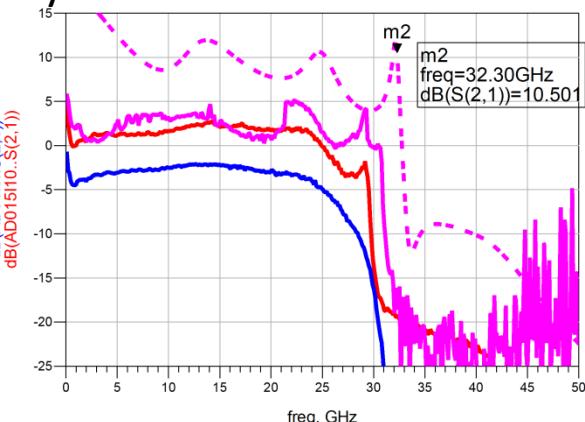
Momentum EM Simulation of Layout!

3V Sim; 0.15V Meas

AWD - DIST AMP 0 25-25GHz



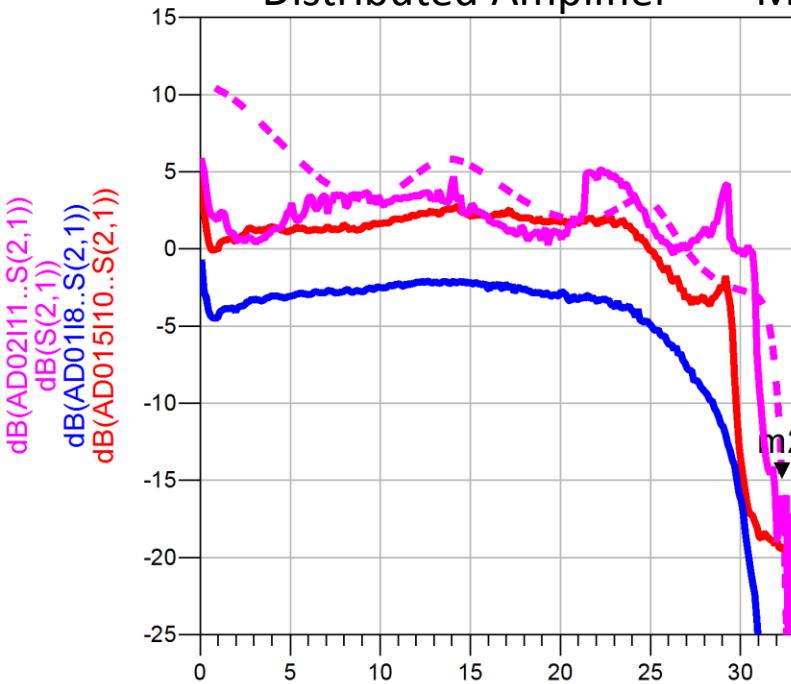
Unstable ~32 GHz



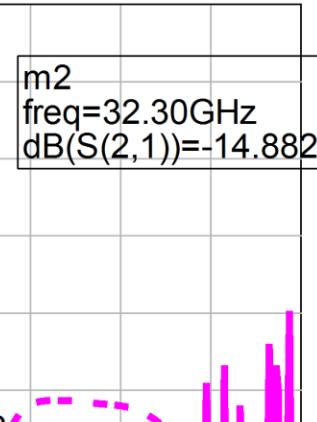
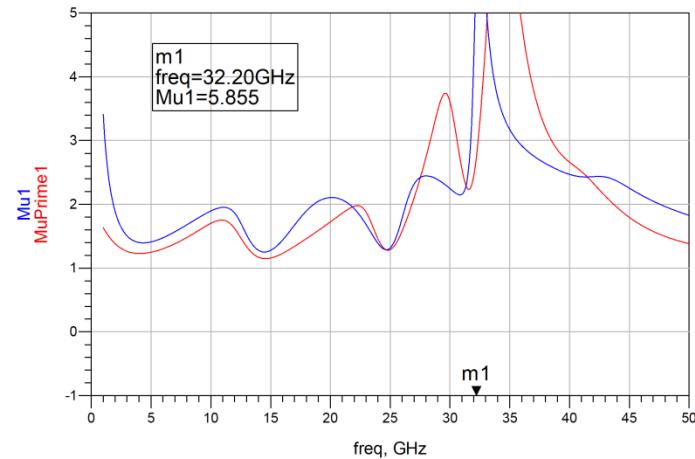
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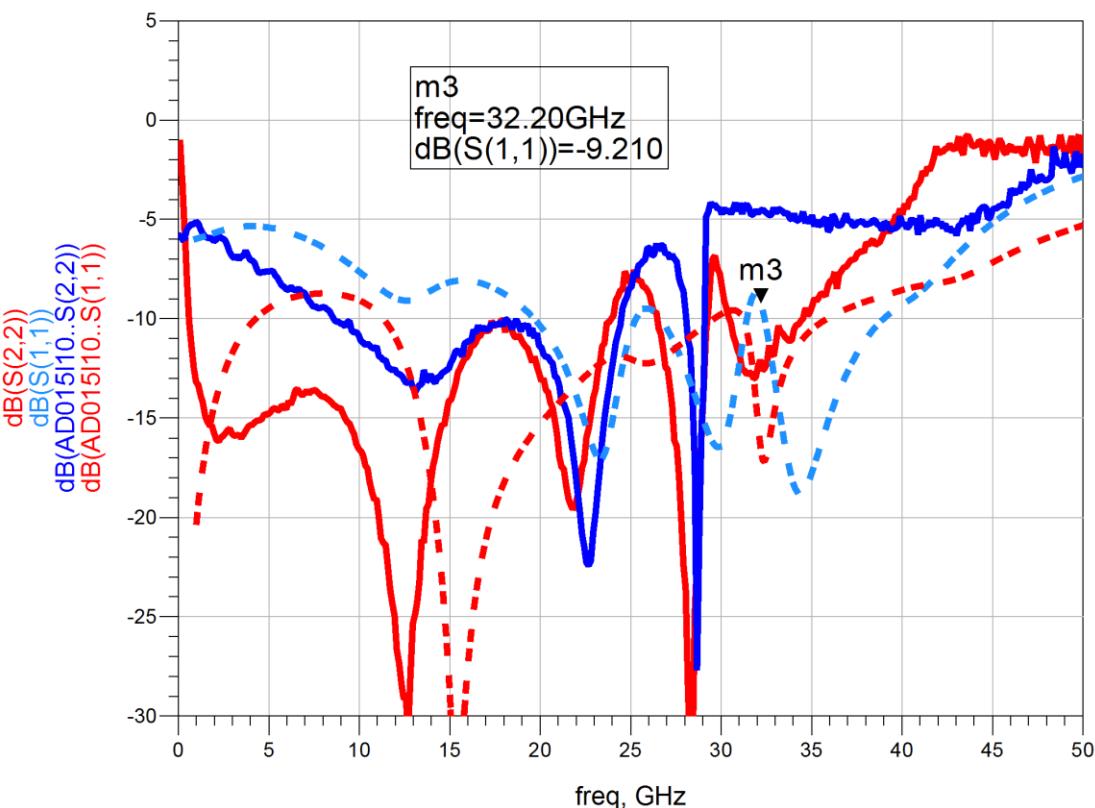
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Stable at 0.2V Sim^{freq, GHz}



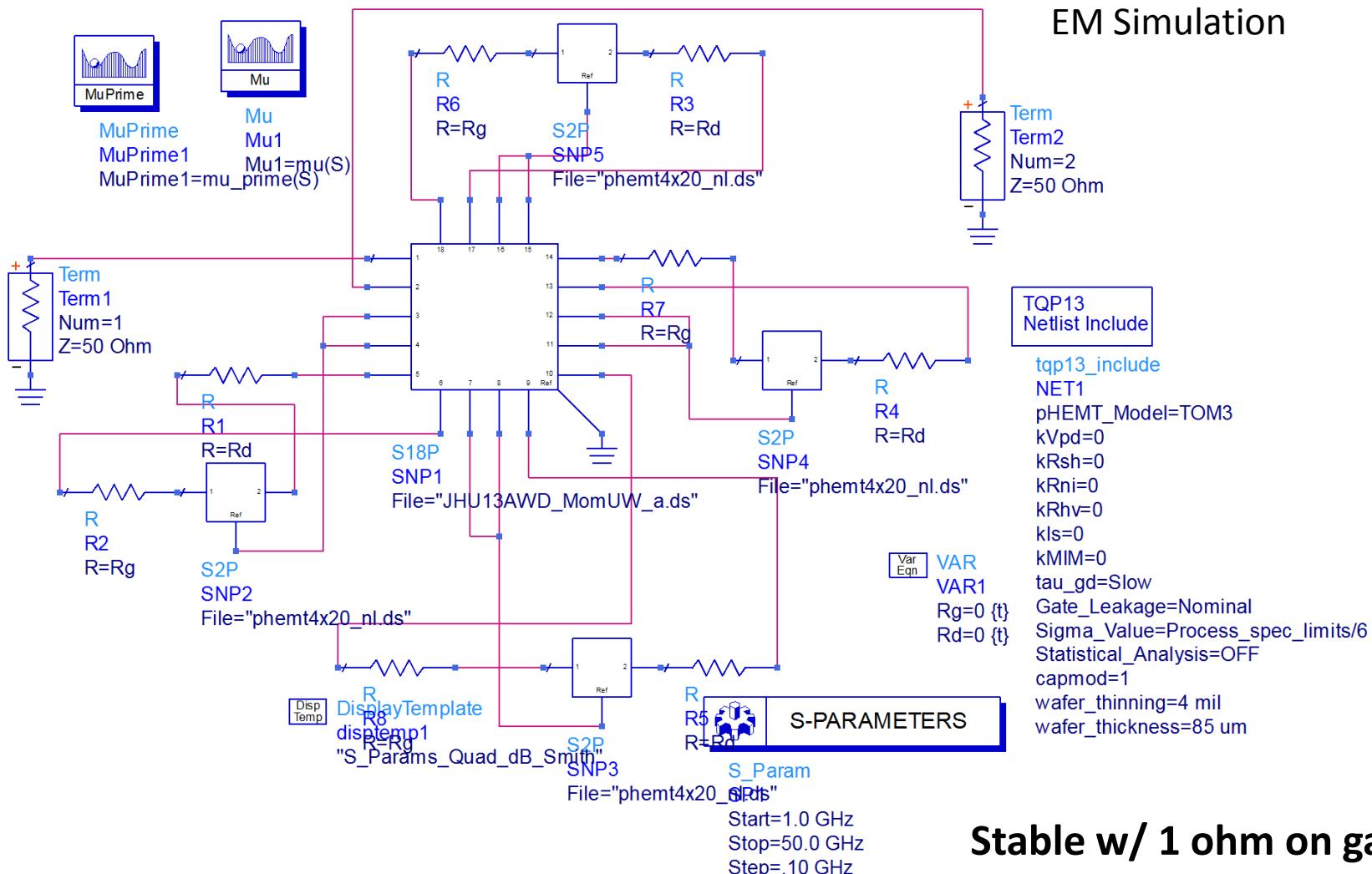
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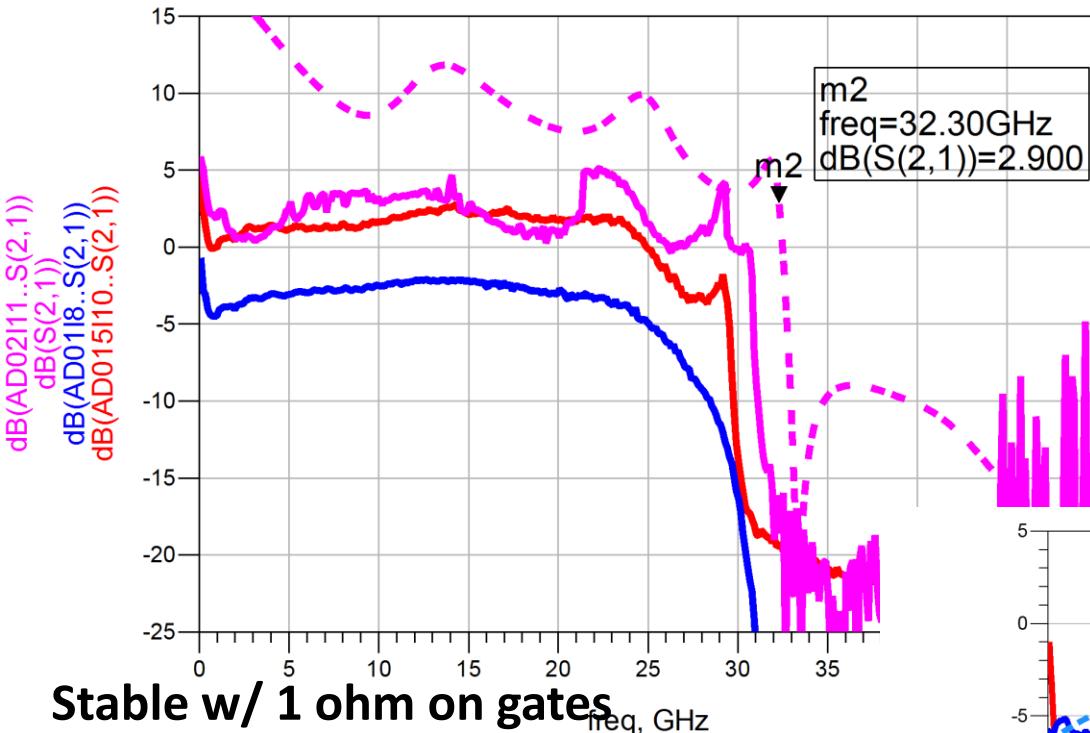


**Stable w/ 1 ohm on gates
Or 3 ohms on drains**

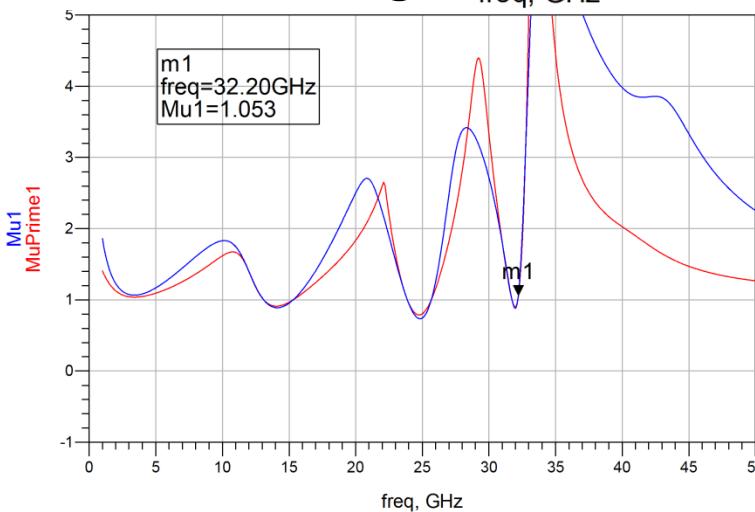
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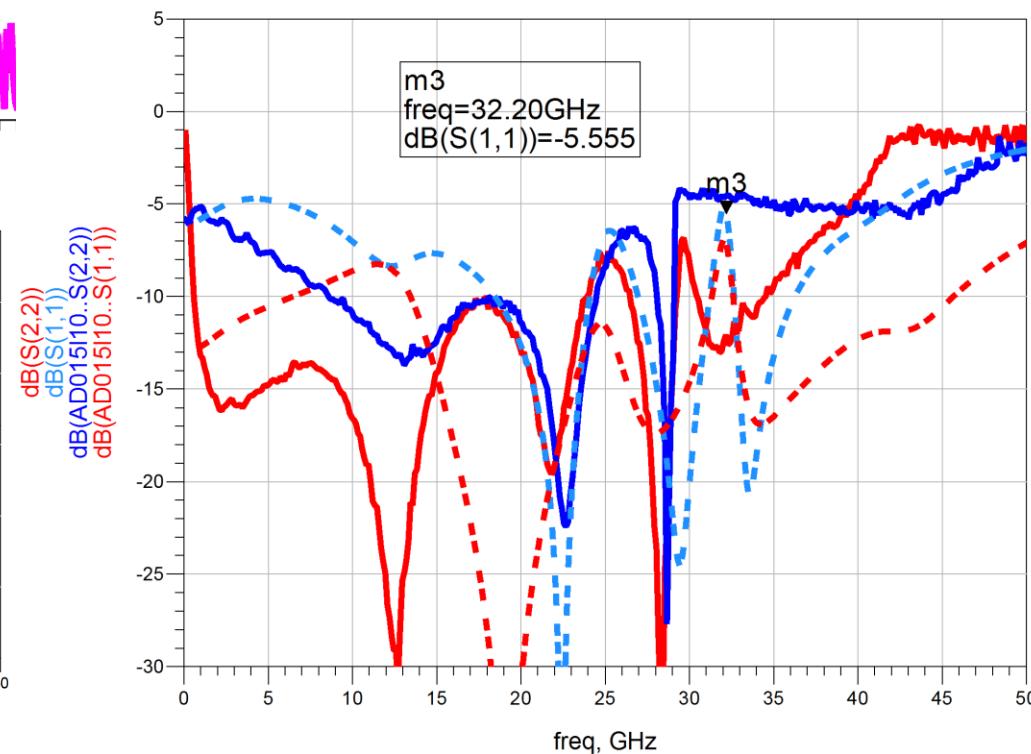
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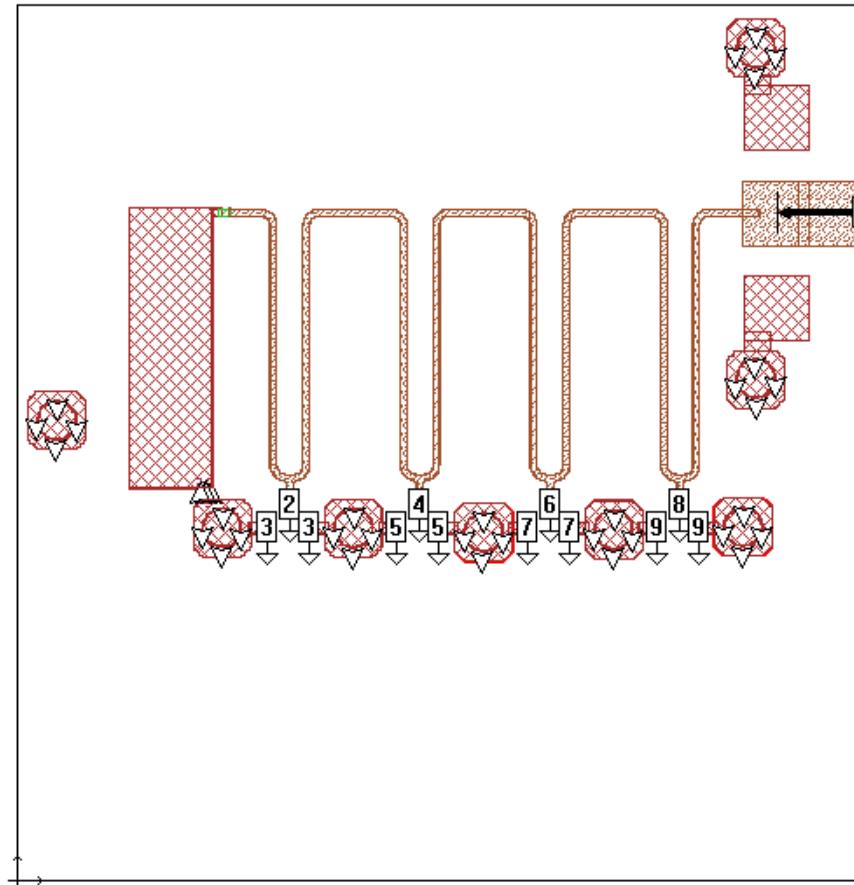
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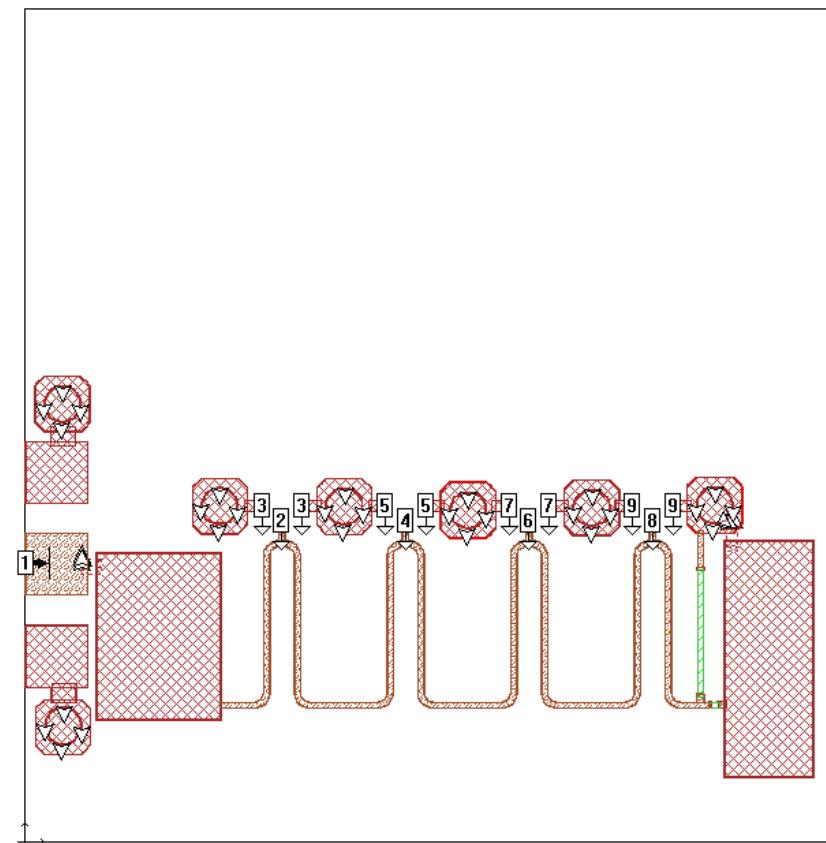
Distributed Amplifier

Sonnet EM Simulation of Layout!



**EM Simulation
Drain/Gate**

Simulate with 0.2V and 3V 4x20 PHEMT



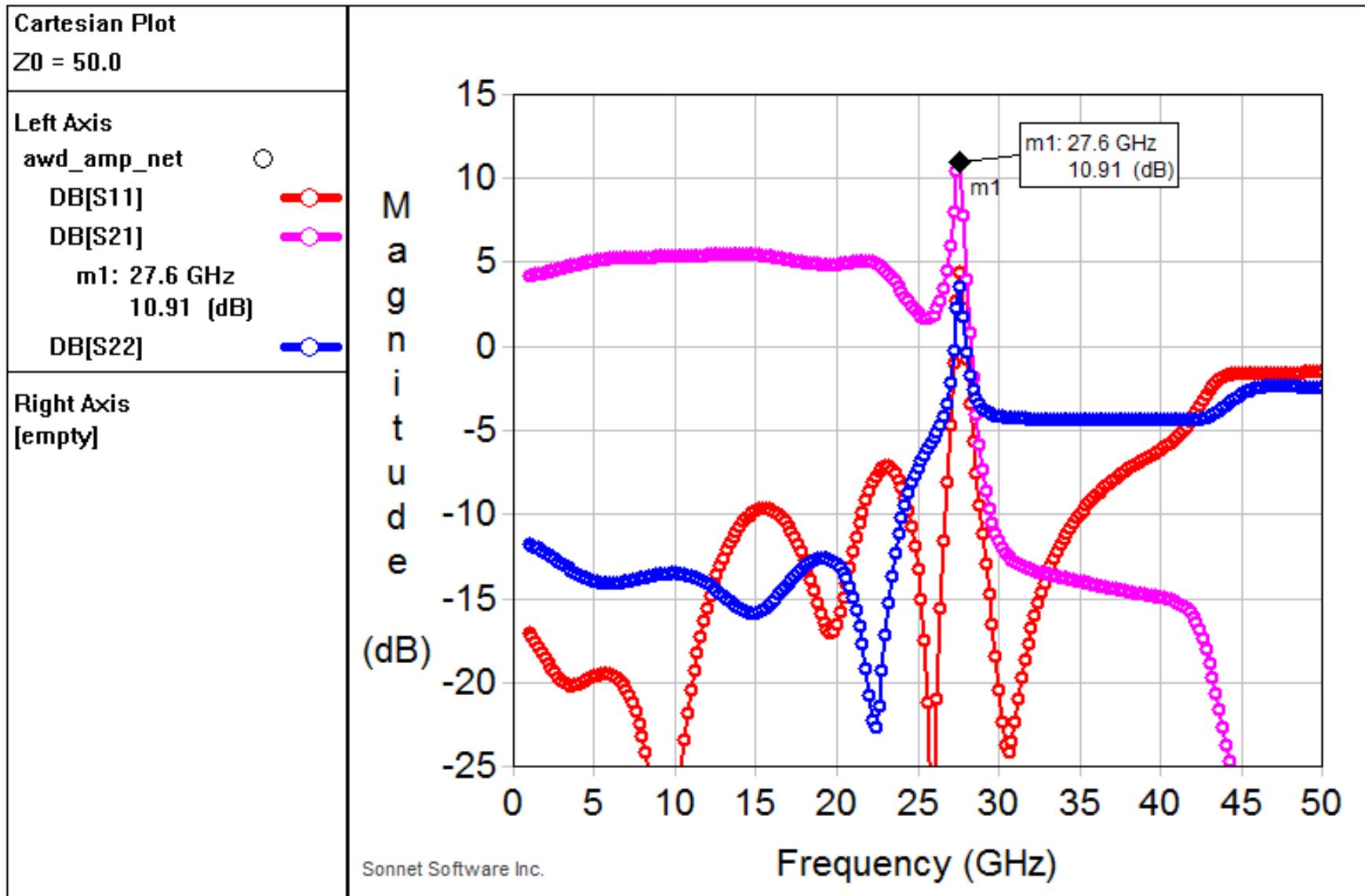
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EM Simulation



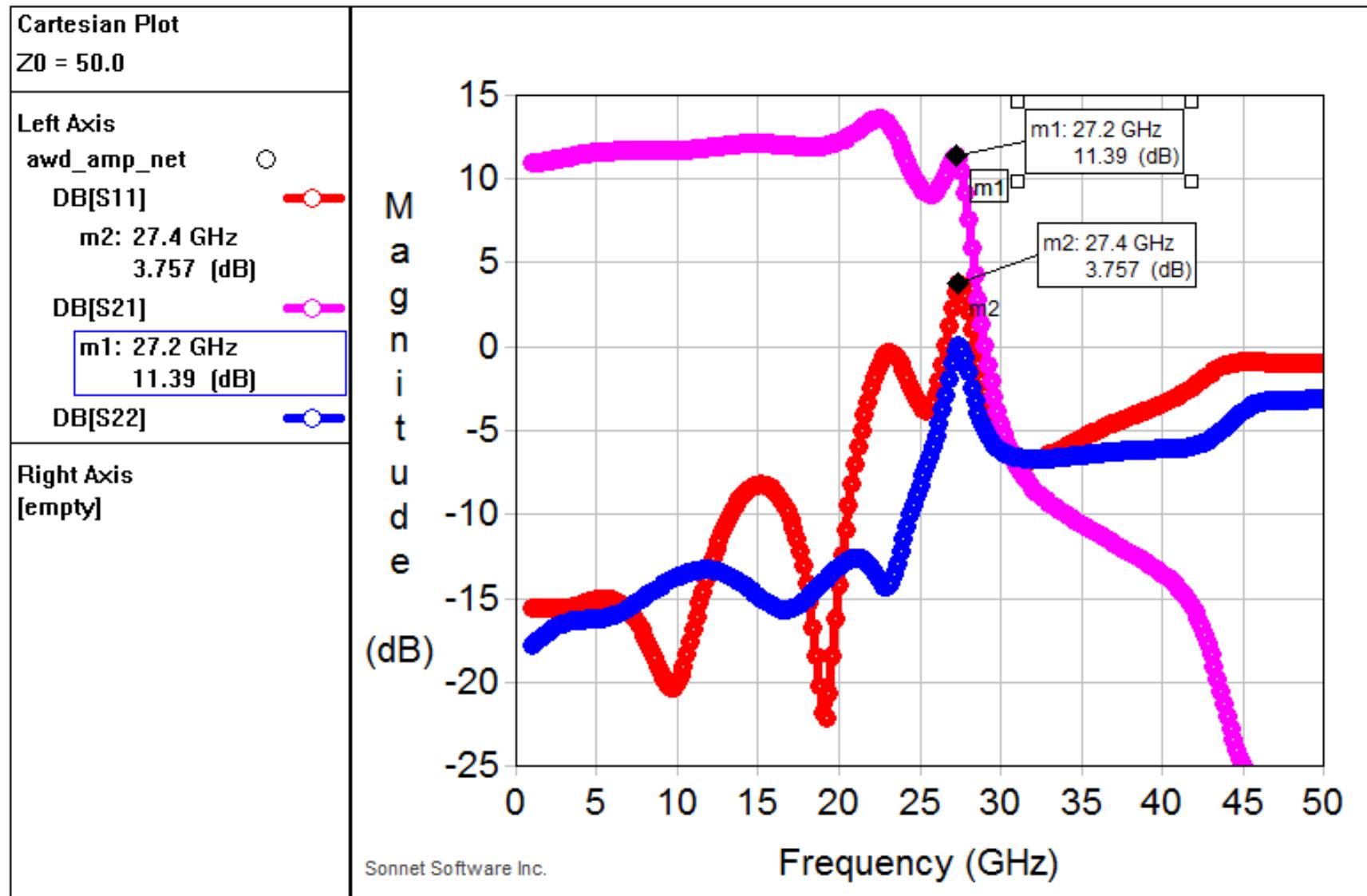
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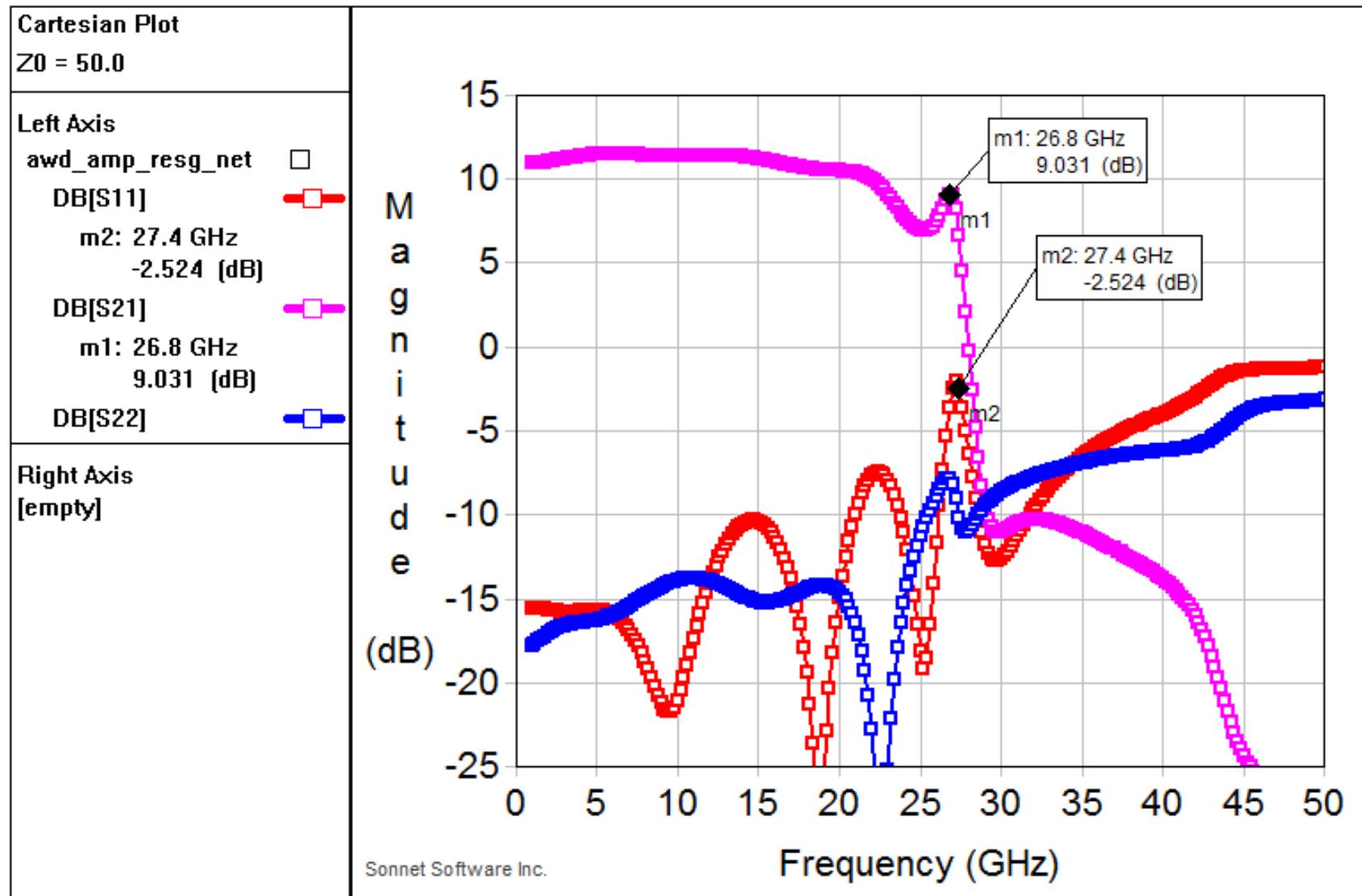
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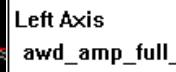
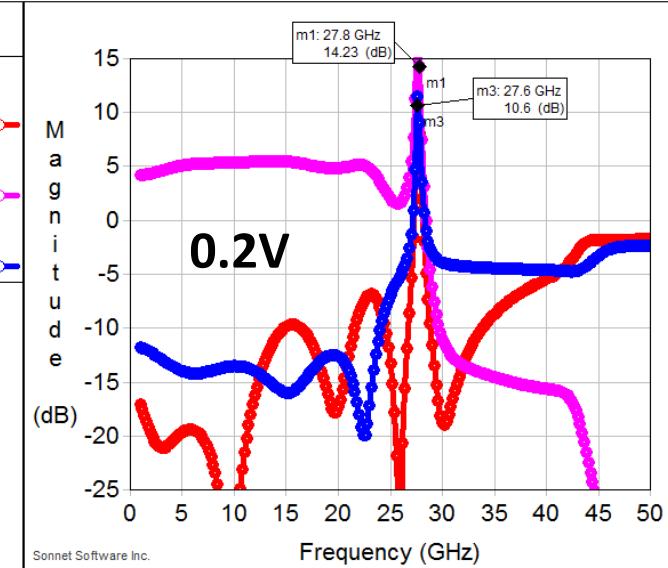
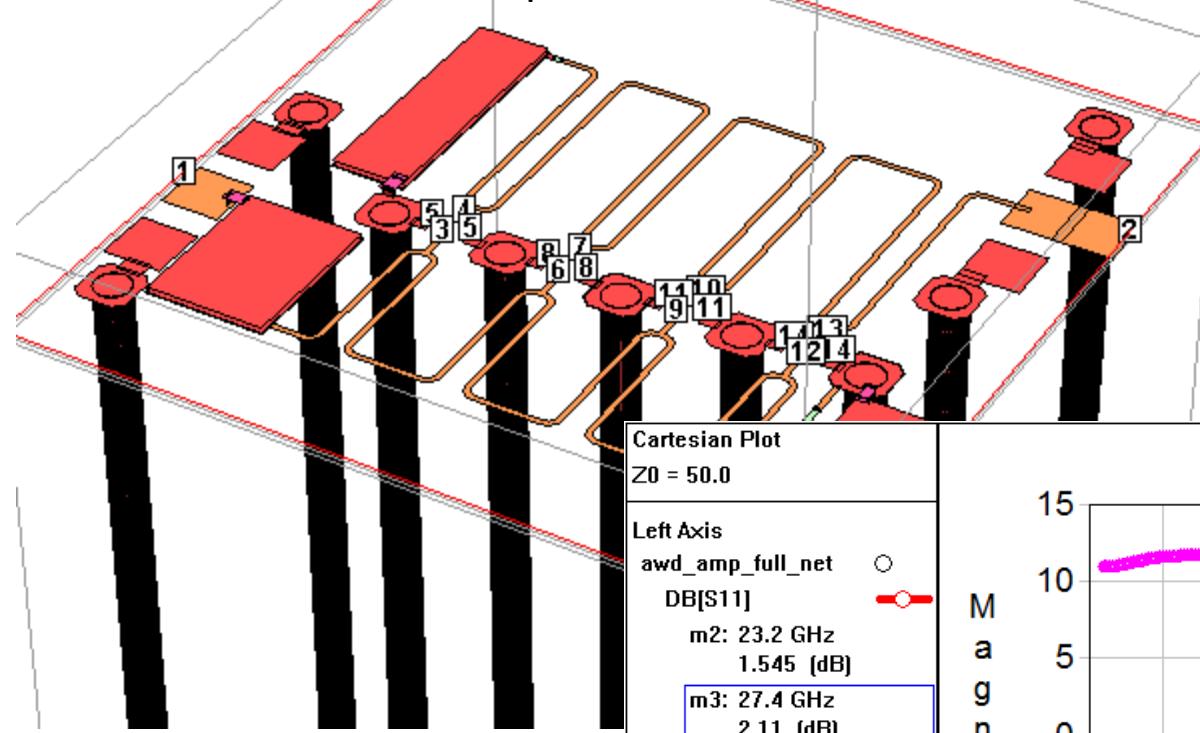
Simulate with 3V 4x20 PHEMT; Stable with ~6 Ωs on gates



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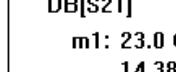
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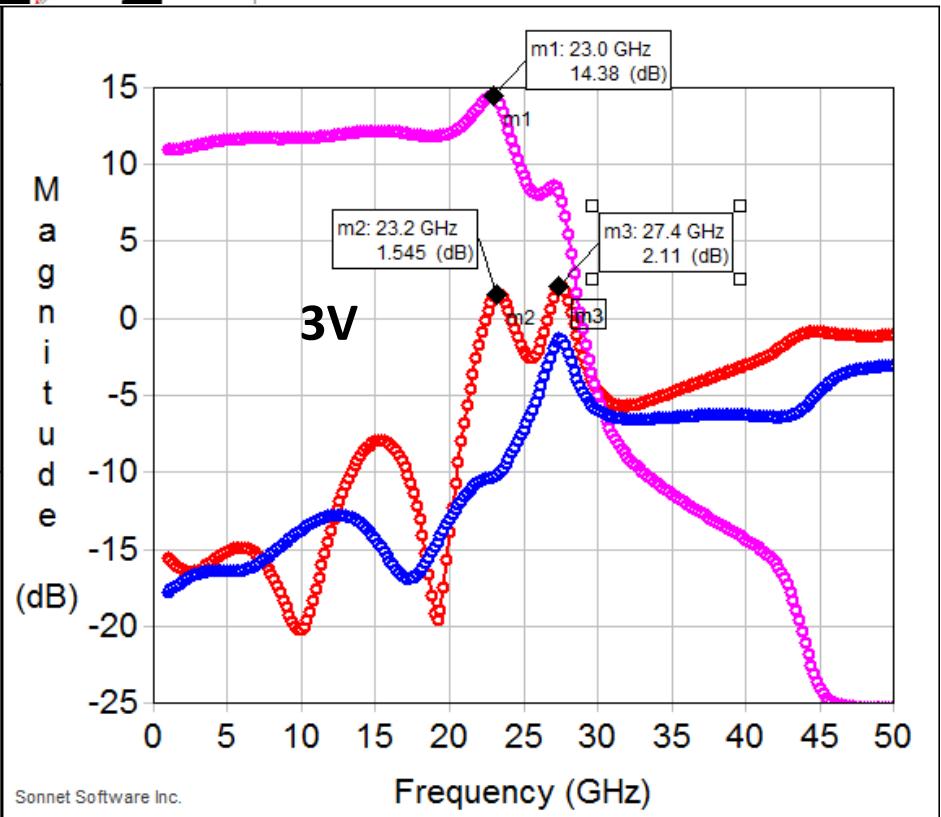
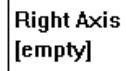
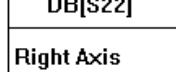


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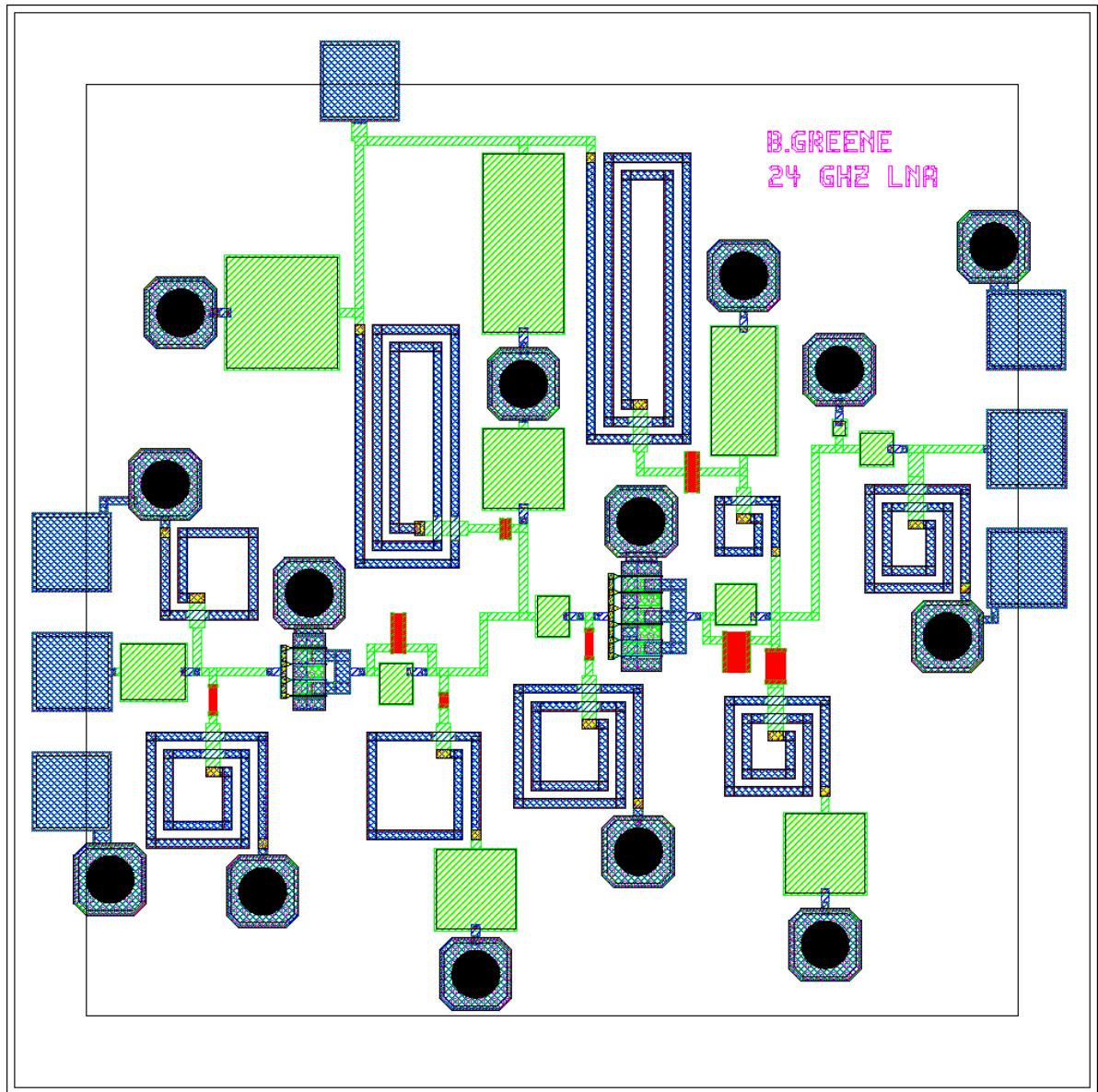
m3: 27.4 GHz
2.11 (dB)



m1: 23.0 GHz
14.38 (dB)



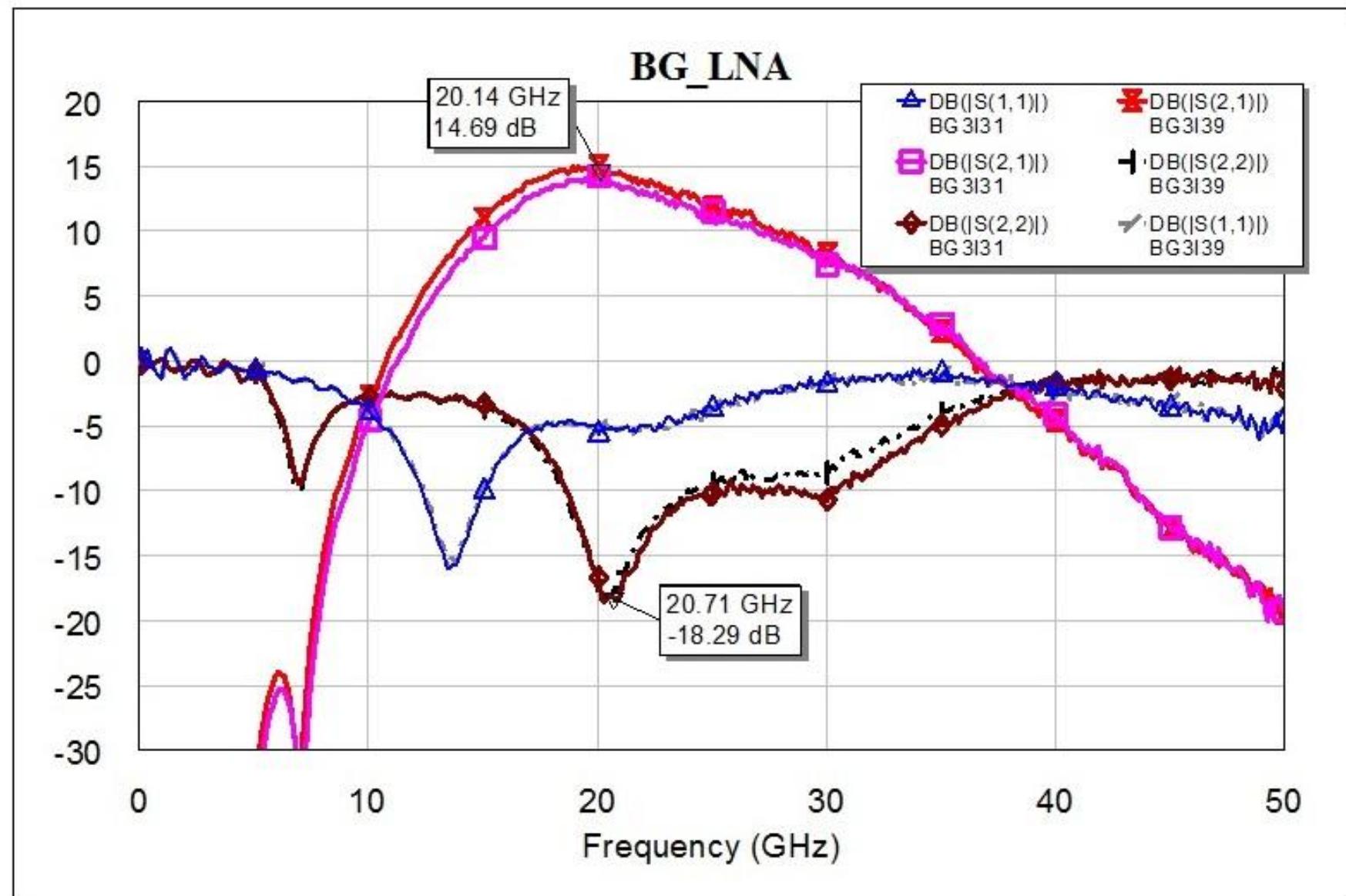
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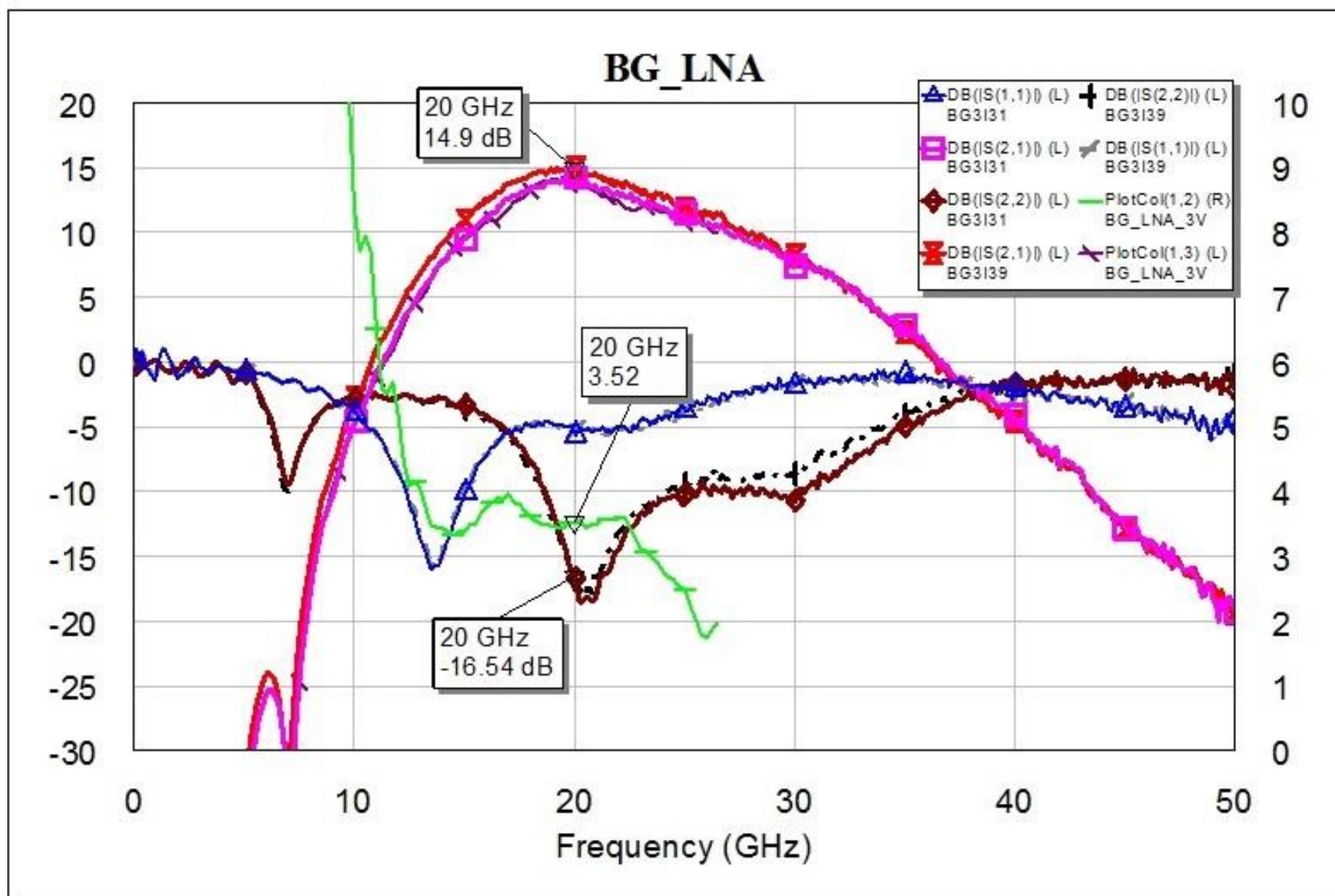
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3V 31mA Die #1, 3V 39mA Die #2

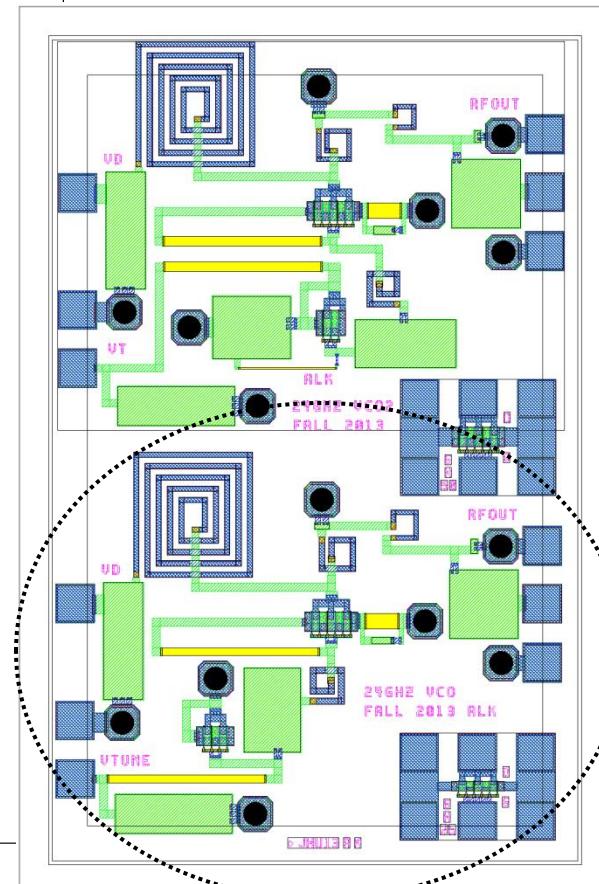
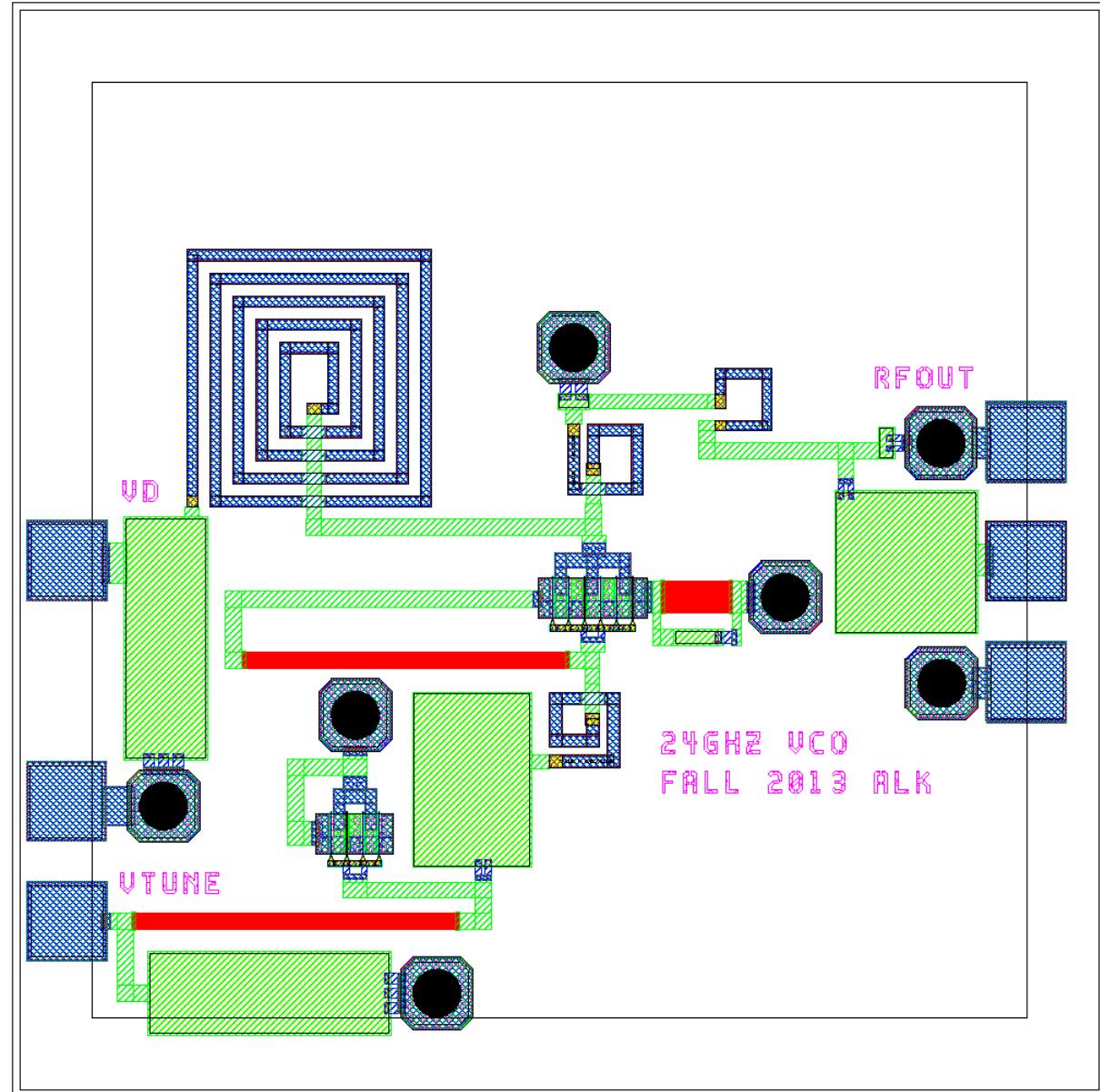


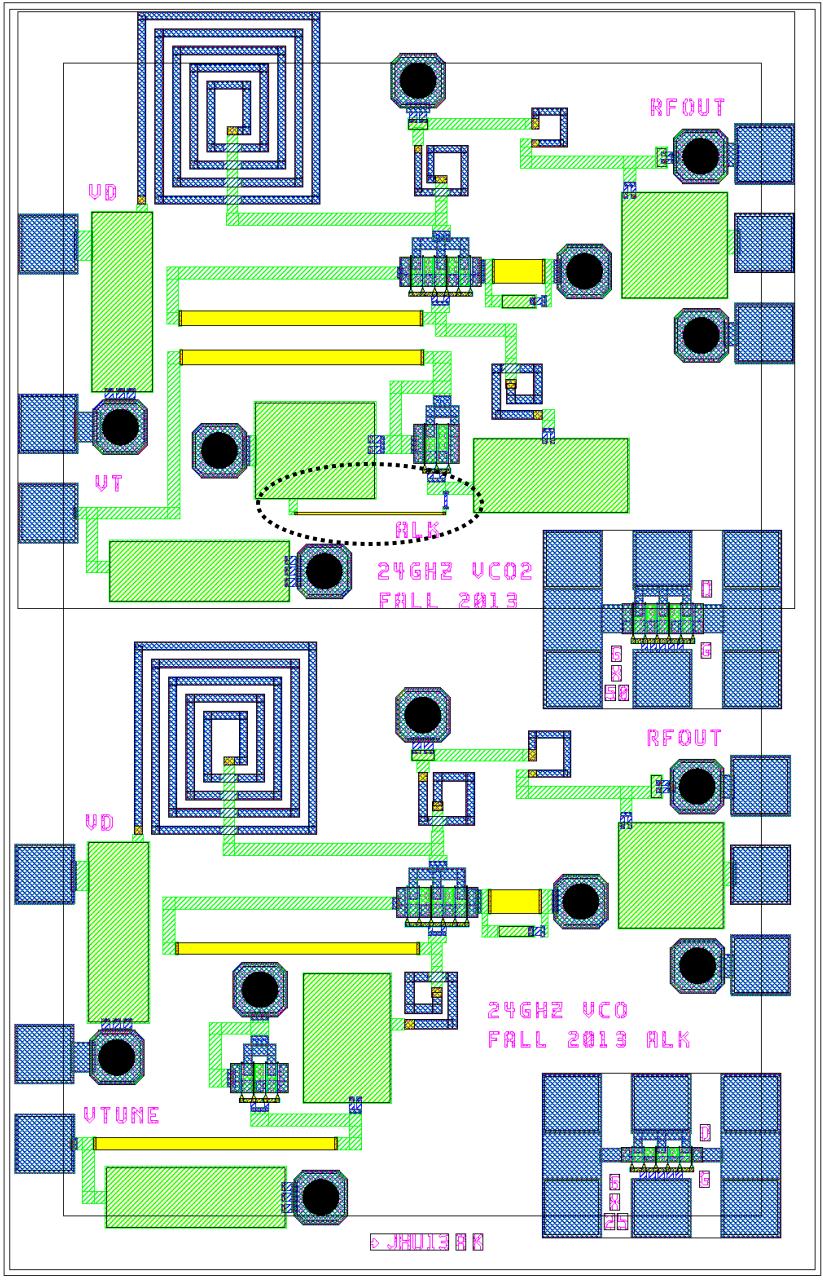
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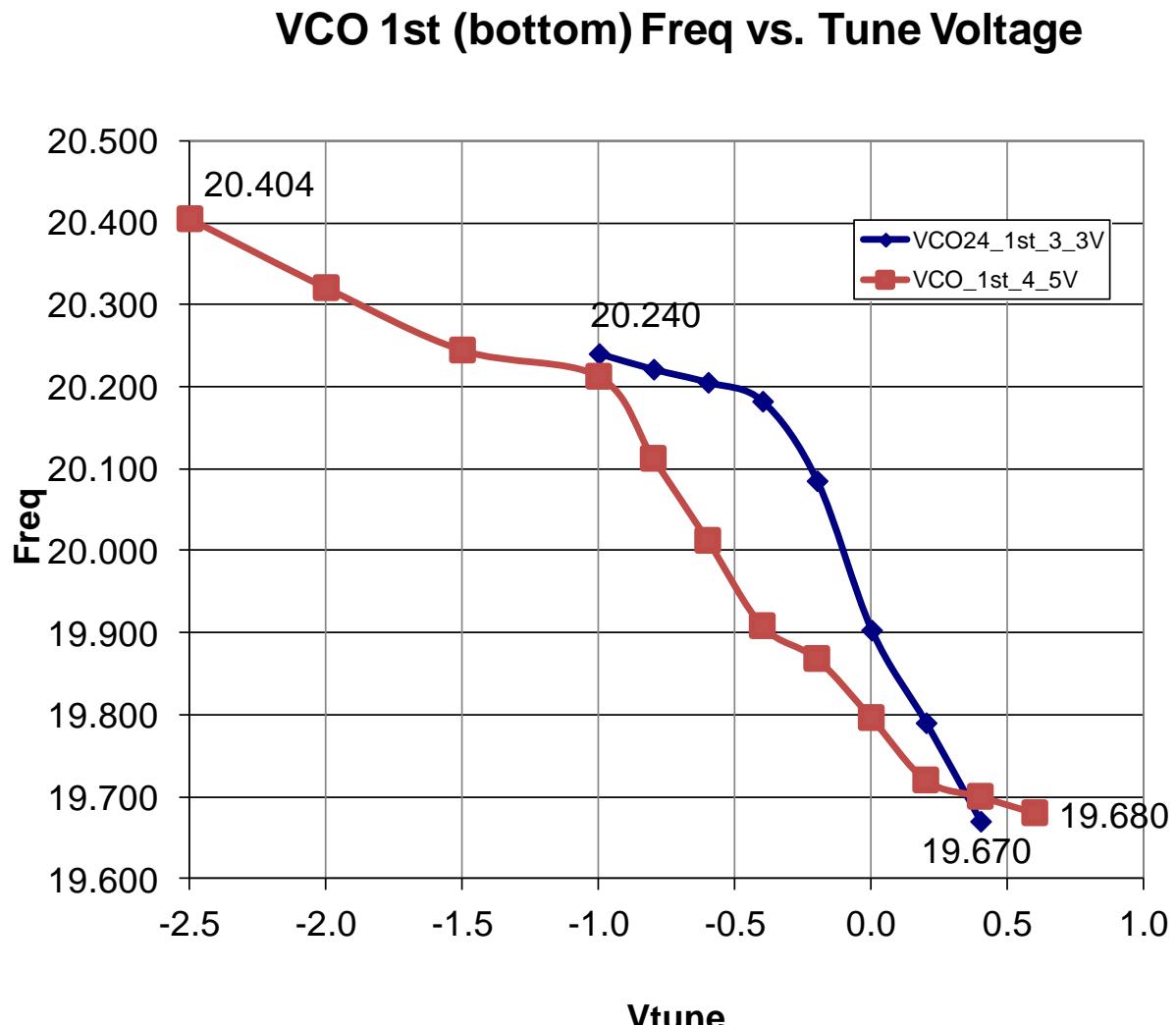




- 5) Amy Kordovski
 Voltage Controlled Oscillator V2 (Top),
 Original Version (Bottom)
- DRC (v)
 - LVS (v)
 - DC Current (v)
- Added 3.5K resistor to provide DC reference to varactor voltage.
 Original Layout was DC isolated by capacitors.*
- Also Note that the varactors are DC biased oppositely in the two designs. Varactors typically vary most when reverse biased, thought there is some variation with these diodes for small positive voltages before the diode starts to forward conduct. In the following measurements it “appears” that the tuning voltage swaps polarity but it is really just the reversing of the varactor DC connections. Both VCO designs oscillated near 20 GHz.*

5) Amy Kordova

Voltage Controlled Oscillator 1st Tuning Range measured at 3.3V (3/7/14) and 4.5V (3/27/14)



3/27/2014	~3.5-4dB cable loss		
Bottom 1st V 4.5V at 28mA	Die #1		
VBias (V)	Freq (GHz Pout(ms))	Pout(ms)	Pout(corr)
-2.5	20.404	2.3	6.3
-2.0	20.320	2.6	6.6
-1.5	20.244	3.1	7.1
-1.0	20.212	3.5	7.5
-0.8	20.112	2.6	6.6
-0.6	20.012	3.5	7.5
-0.4	19.908	2.6	6.6
-0.2	19.868	2.6	6.6
0.0	19.796	0.7	4.7
0.2	19.720	-1.2	2.8
0.4	19.700	-1.7	2.3
0.6	19.680	-1.4	2.6

Bot VCO	3.3V at 18mA		Die #1
VBias (V)	Freq (GHz Pout(ms))	Pout(ms)	Pout(corr)
-1.0	20.240	-2.4	1.1
-0.8	20.221	-1.7	1.8
-0.6	20.205	-1.2	2.3
-0.4	20.182	-1.0	2.5
-0.2	20.085	-1.6	1.9
0.0	19.903	-2.6	0.9
0.2	19.790	-3.7	-0.2
0.4	19.670	-5.0	-1.5

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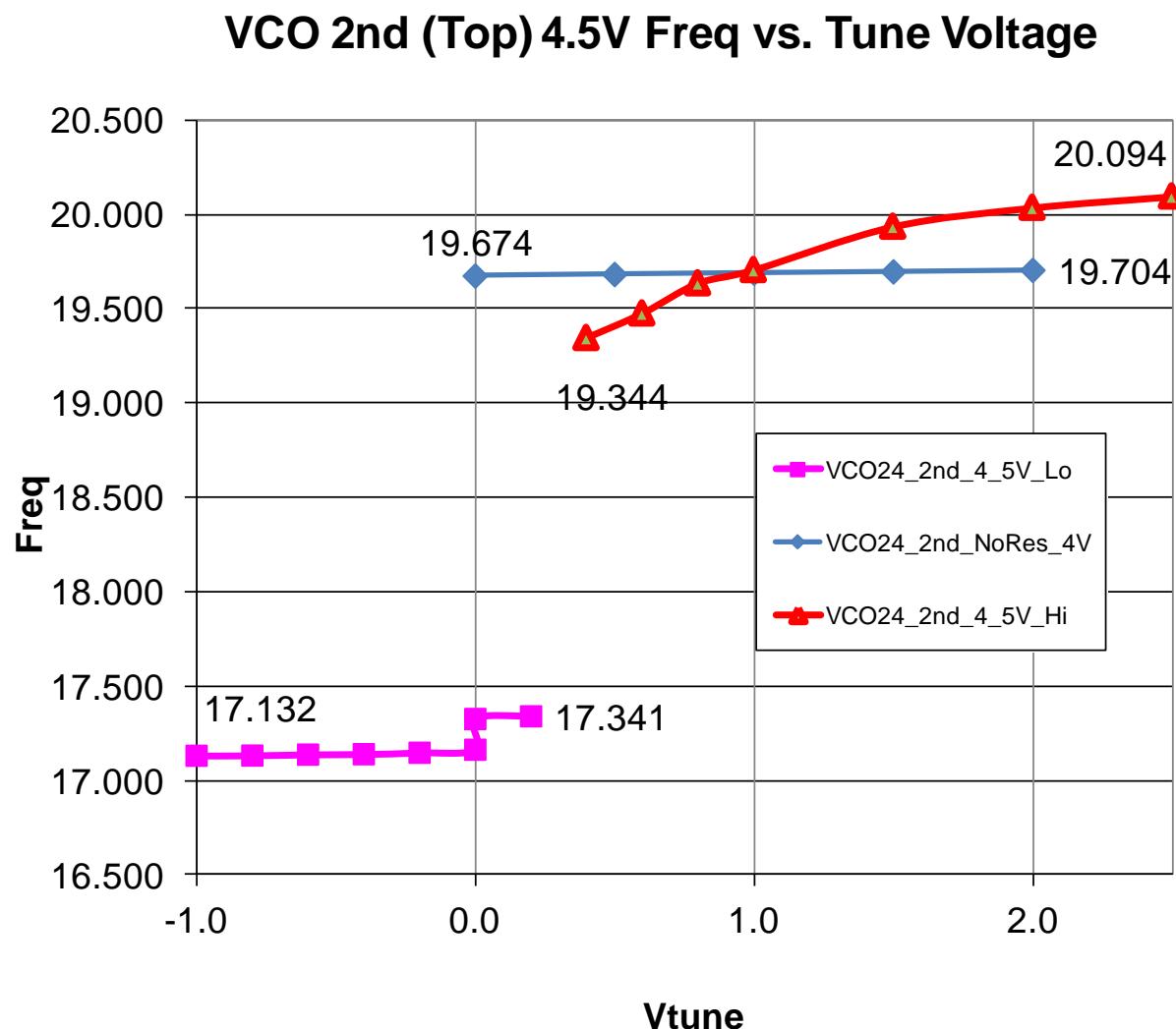
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725 MHz
Tuning range

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Voltage Controlled Oscillator 2nd Tuning Range measured with and without resistor at 4.5V (3/27/14)



3/27/2014			
With Resistor		~3.5-4dB cable loss	
Top 2nd VC 4.5V at 26mA		Die #2	
VBias (V)	Freq (GHz)	Pout(ms)	Pout(corr)
-1.0	17.132	7.4	10.9
-0.8	17.133	7.4	10.9
-0.6	17.138	7.3	10.8
-0.4	17.140	7.3	10.8
-0.2	17.148	7.2	10.7
0.0	17.164	7	10.5
0.0	17.327	6.8	10.3
0.2	17.341	5.5	9.0
0.4	19.344	-1.4	2.6
0.6	19.474	-1.4	2.6
0.8	19.634	0.4	4.4
1.0	19.704	-0.8	3.2
1.5	19.934	3.2	7.2
2.0	20.034	2.7	6.7
2.5	20.094	3.1	7.1

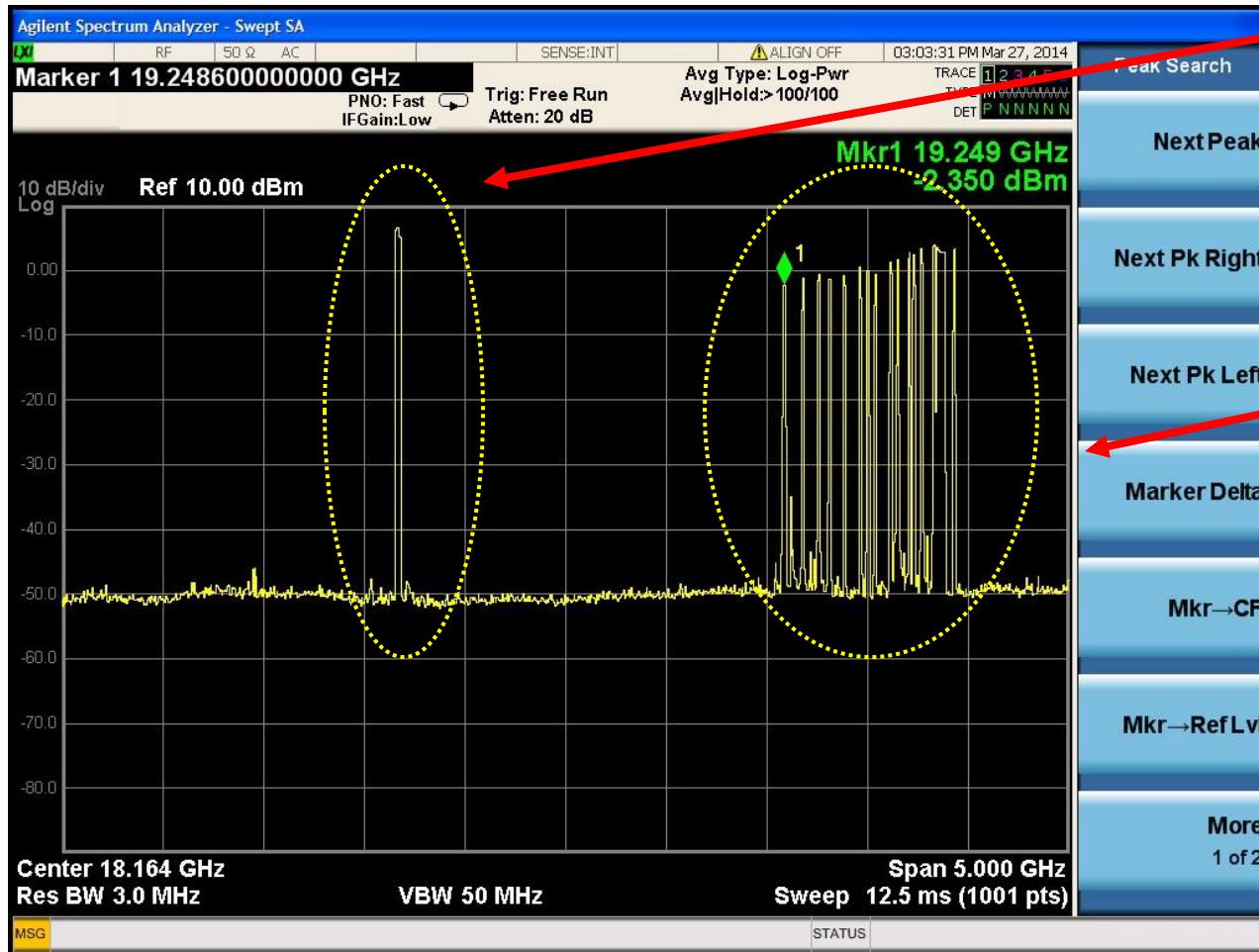
3/27/2014			
Removed Resistor		~4dB cable loss	
Top 2nd V(4V at 29mA		Die #1	
VBias (V)	Freq (GHz)	Pout(ms)	Pout(corr)
0.0	19.674	-1.3	2.7
0.5	19.682	-1.3	2.7
1.0	19.689	-1.2	2.8
1.5	19.696	-1.3	2.7
2.0	19.704	-1.4	2.6

3/27/2014			
Removed Resistor		~4dB cable loss	
Top 2nd VC 4.5V at 31mA		Die #1	
VBias (V)	Freq (GHz)	Pout(ms)	Pout(corr)
0.0	19.719	0.0	4.0
1.5	19.779	1.2	5.2
2.0	19.787	1.0	5.0

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Voltage Controlled Oscillator 2nd Tuning Range measured with and without resistor at 4.5V (3/27/14)

2nd Design seemed “bi-stable” with a lower frequency (17GHz) with little tuning range, and a high frequency (20 GHz) with a good tuning range. Without the DC reference Resistor there was a very, very small tuning range but only for positive bias voltages. Varactors are typically reverse biased.



3/27/2014			
With Resistor		~3.5-4dB cable loss	
VBias (V)	Freq (GHz)	Pout(ms)	Die #2
-1.0	17.132	7.4	10.9
-0.8	17.133	7.4	10.9
-0.6	17.138	7.3	10.8
-0.4	17.140	7.3	10.8
-0.2	17.148	7.2	10.7
0.0	17.164	7	10.5
0.0	17.327	6.8	10.3
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1.5	19.934	3.2	7.2
2.0	20.034	2.7	6.7
2.5	20.094	3.1	7.1

750 MHz

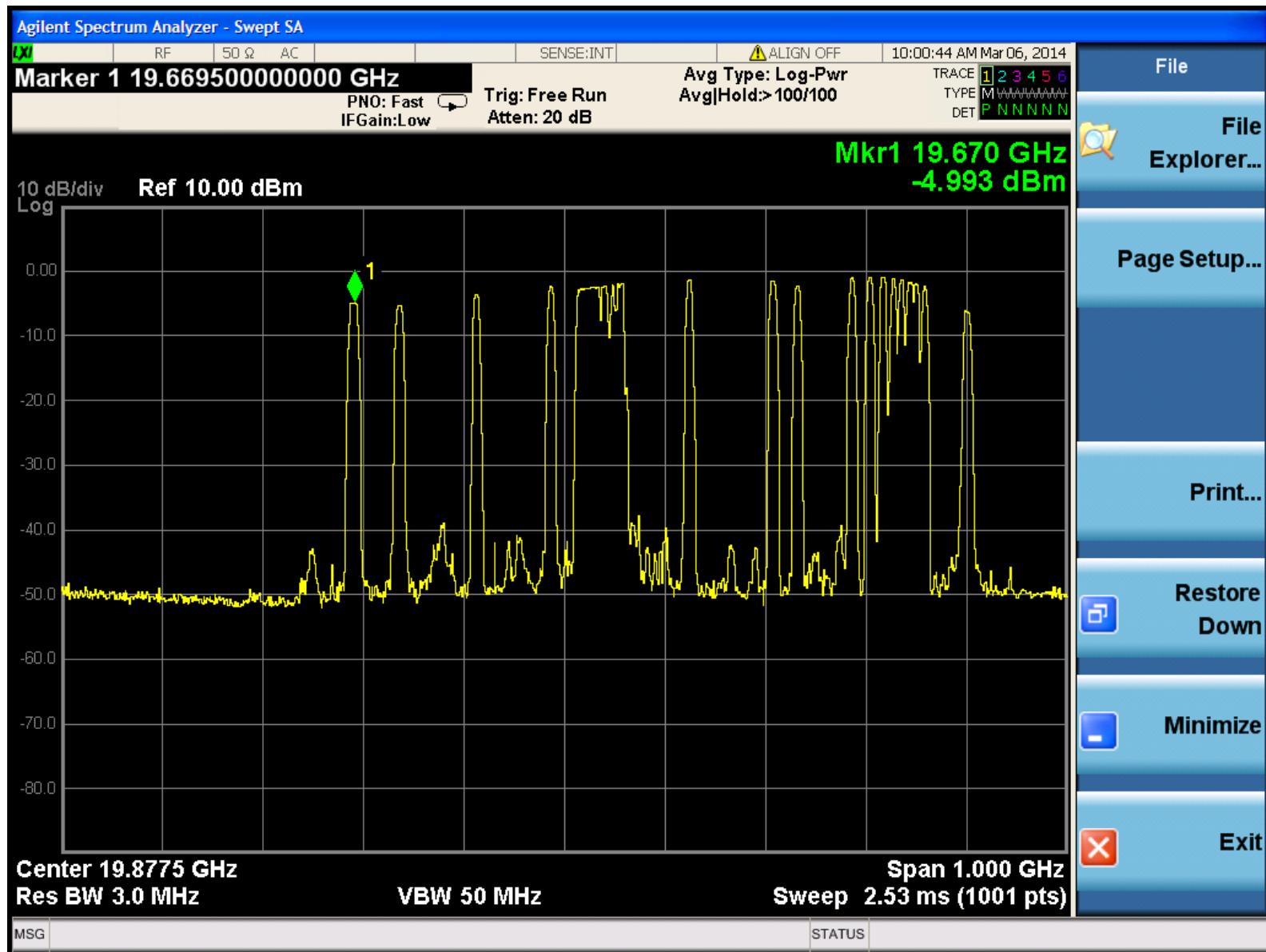
Tuning range

3/27/2014			
Removed Resistor		~4dB cable loss	
VBias (V)	Freq (GHz)	Pout(ms)	Die #1
0.0	19.674	-1.3	2.7
0.5	19.682	-1.3	2.7
1.0	19.689	-1.2	2.8
1.5	19.696	-1.3	2.7
2.0	19.704	-1.4	2.6

30 MHz tuning

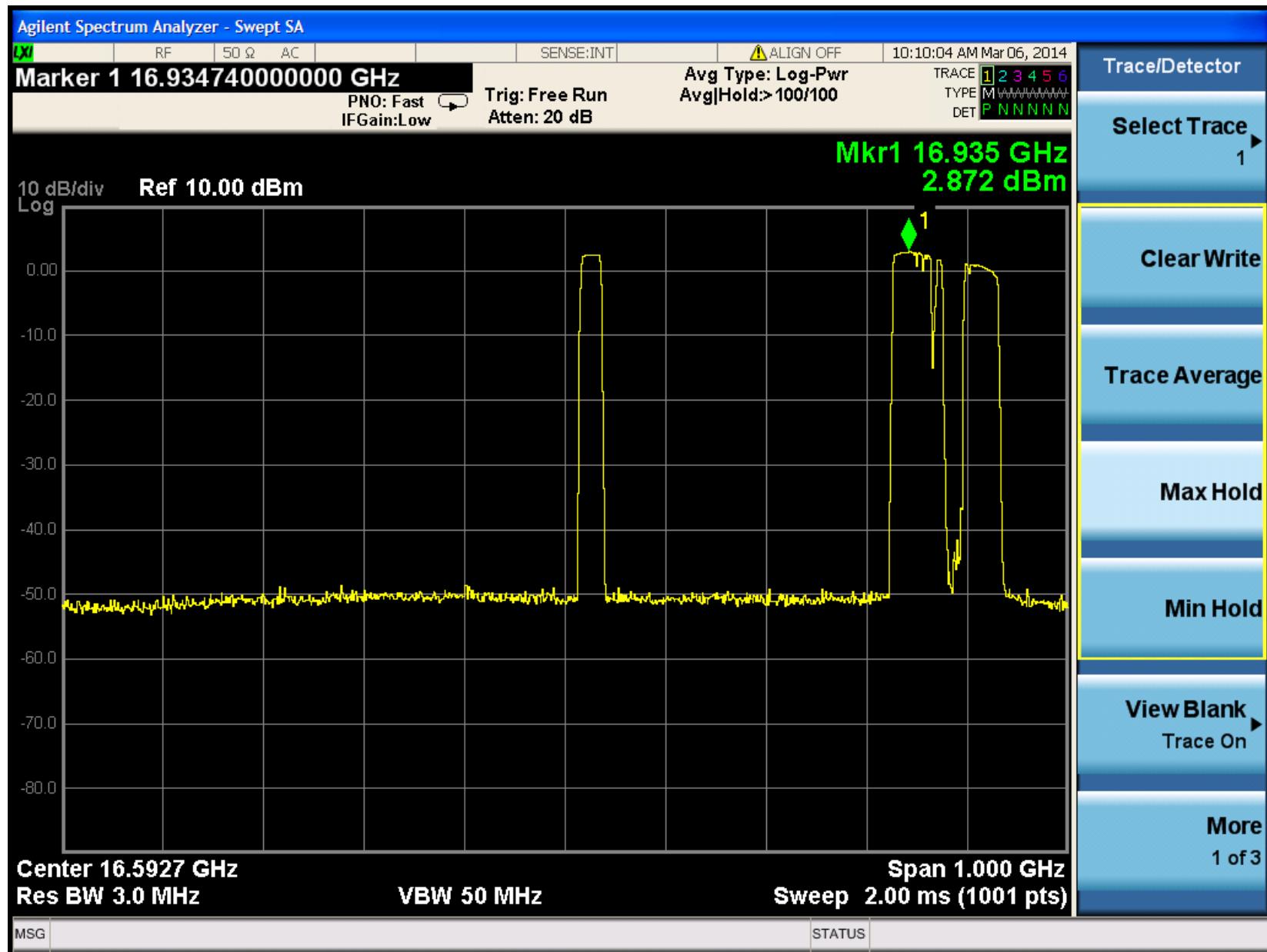
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Voltage Controlled Oscillator V1 Bottom 19.67-20.24 GHz tuning range



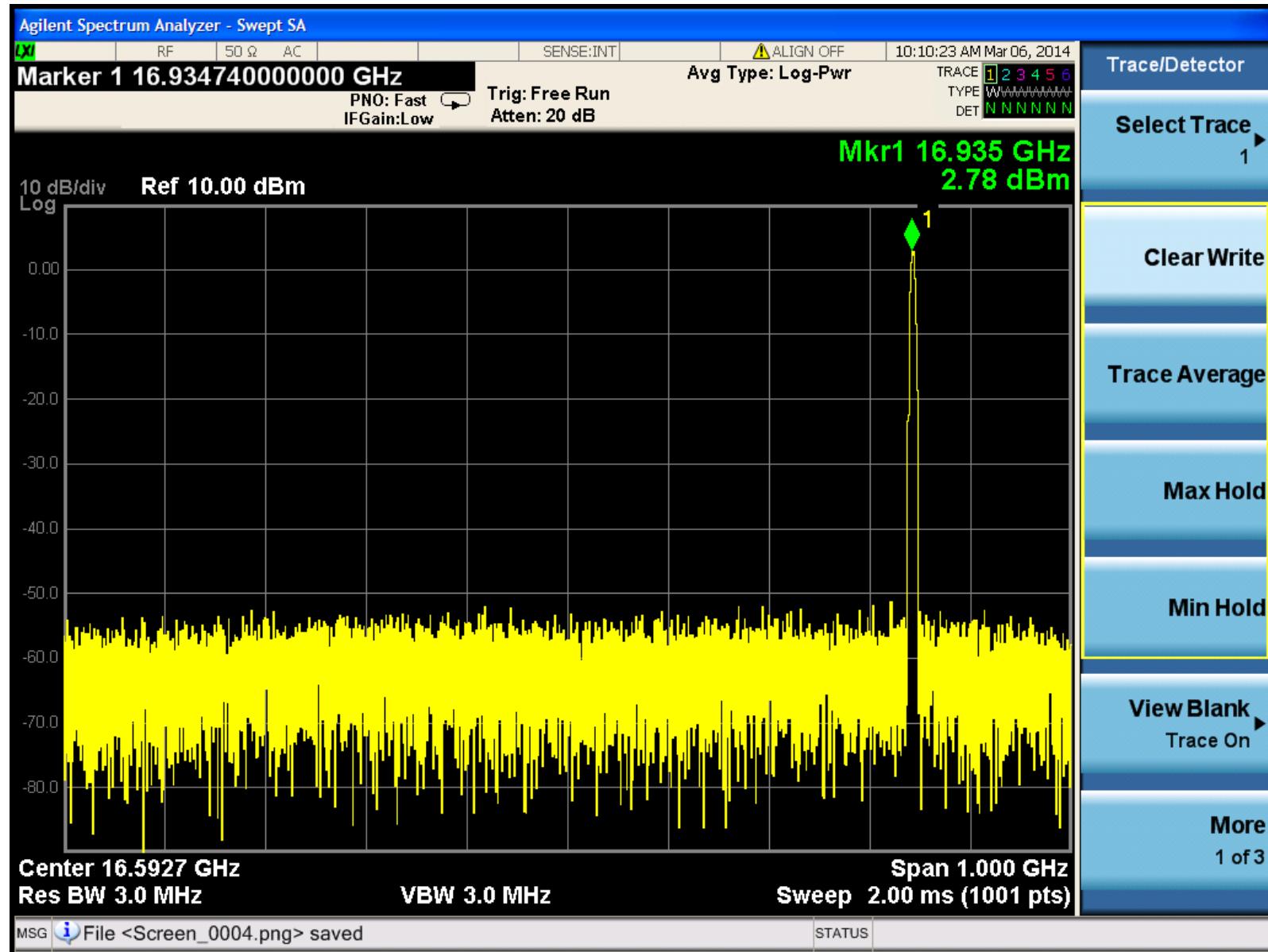
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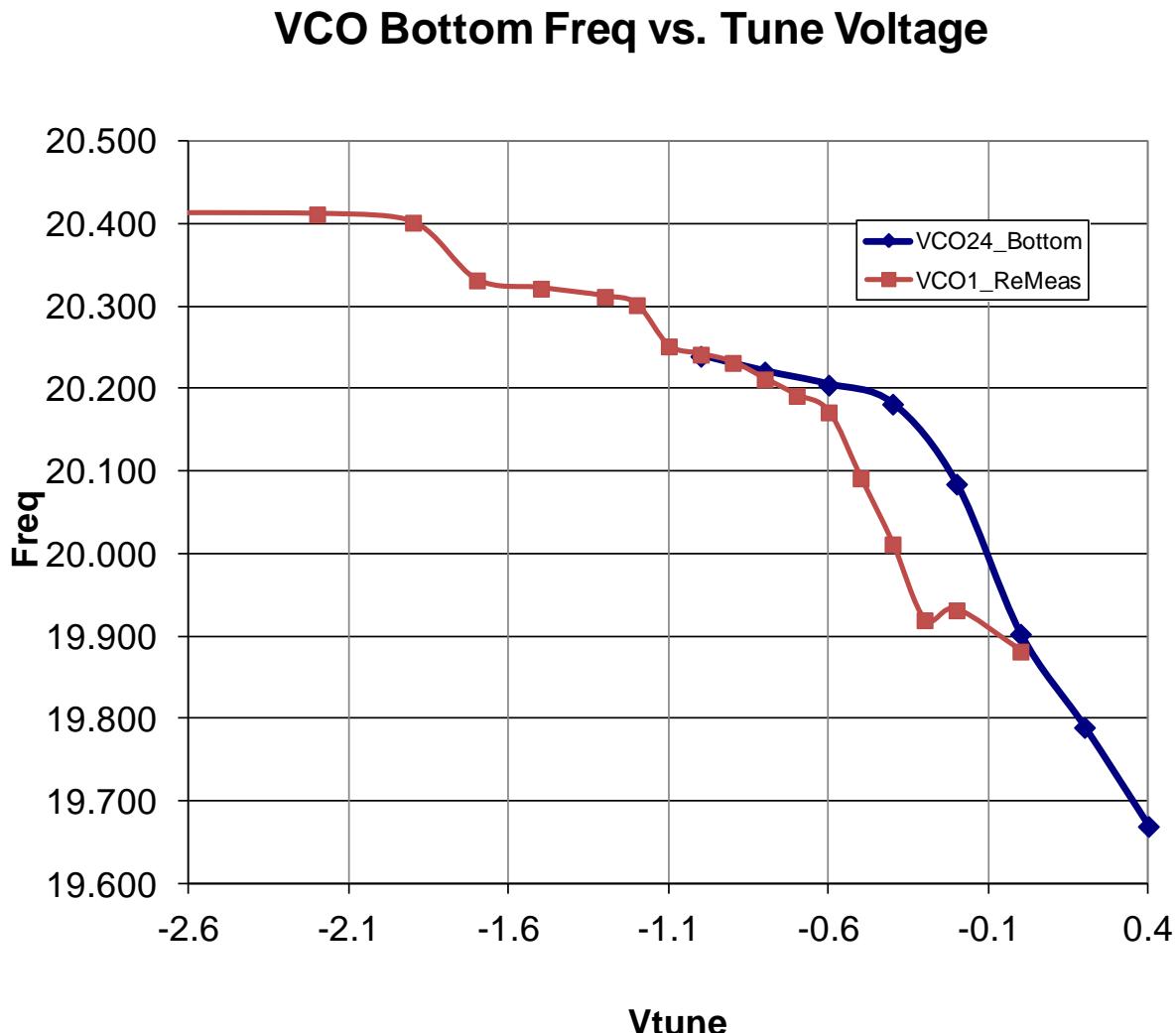


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Voltage Controlled Oscillator V2 Top 16.6/16.94 GHz bi-stable tuning range?



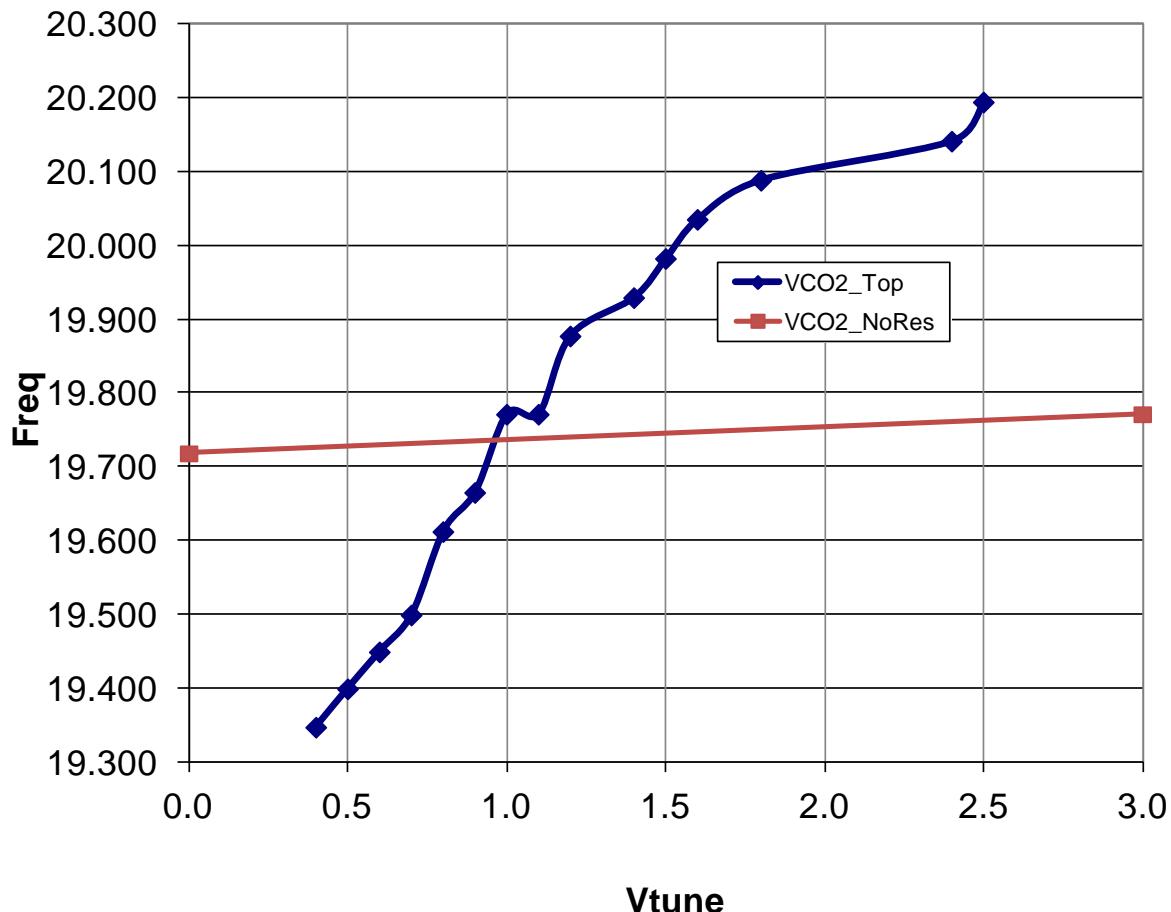
Voltage Controlled Oscillator Re-measured “Bottom” #1 VCO over larger voltage tuning range



VCO1 Bot VCO VBias (V)	4.5V at 29mA		Die #3 Pout(corr)
	Freq (GHz)	Pout(ms)	
0.0	19.882	0.9	4.4
-0.2	19.932	1.7	5.2
-0.3	19.920	2.5	6.0
-0.4	20.012	1.4	4.9
-0.5	20.092	1.8	5.3
-0.6	20.172	2.8	6.3
-0.7	20.192	2.8	6.3
-0.8	20.212	2.7	6.2
-0.9	20.232	2.5	6.0
-1.0	20.242	2.4	5.9
-1.1	20.252	2.5	6.0
-1.2	20.302	2.8	6.3
-1.3	20.312	2.7	6.2
-1.5	20.322	2.2	5.7
-1.7	20.332	1.7	5.2
-1.9	20.402	2.0	5.5
-2.2	20.412	1.6	5.1
-3.3	20.412	0.8	4.3

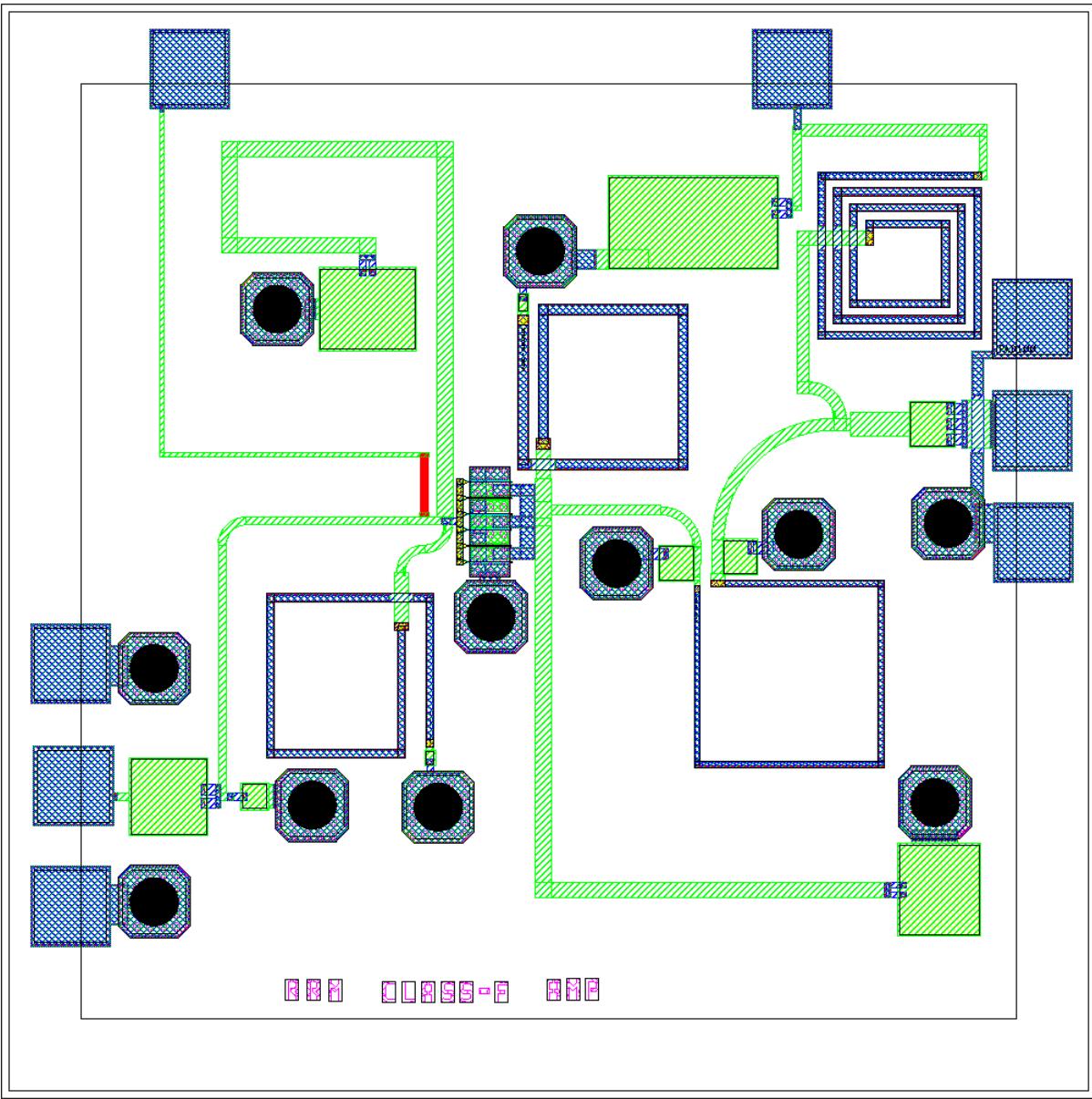
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VCO Top Freq vs. Tune Voltage



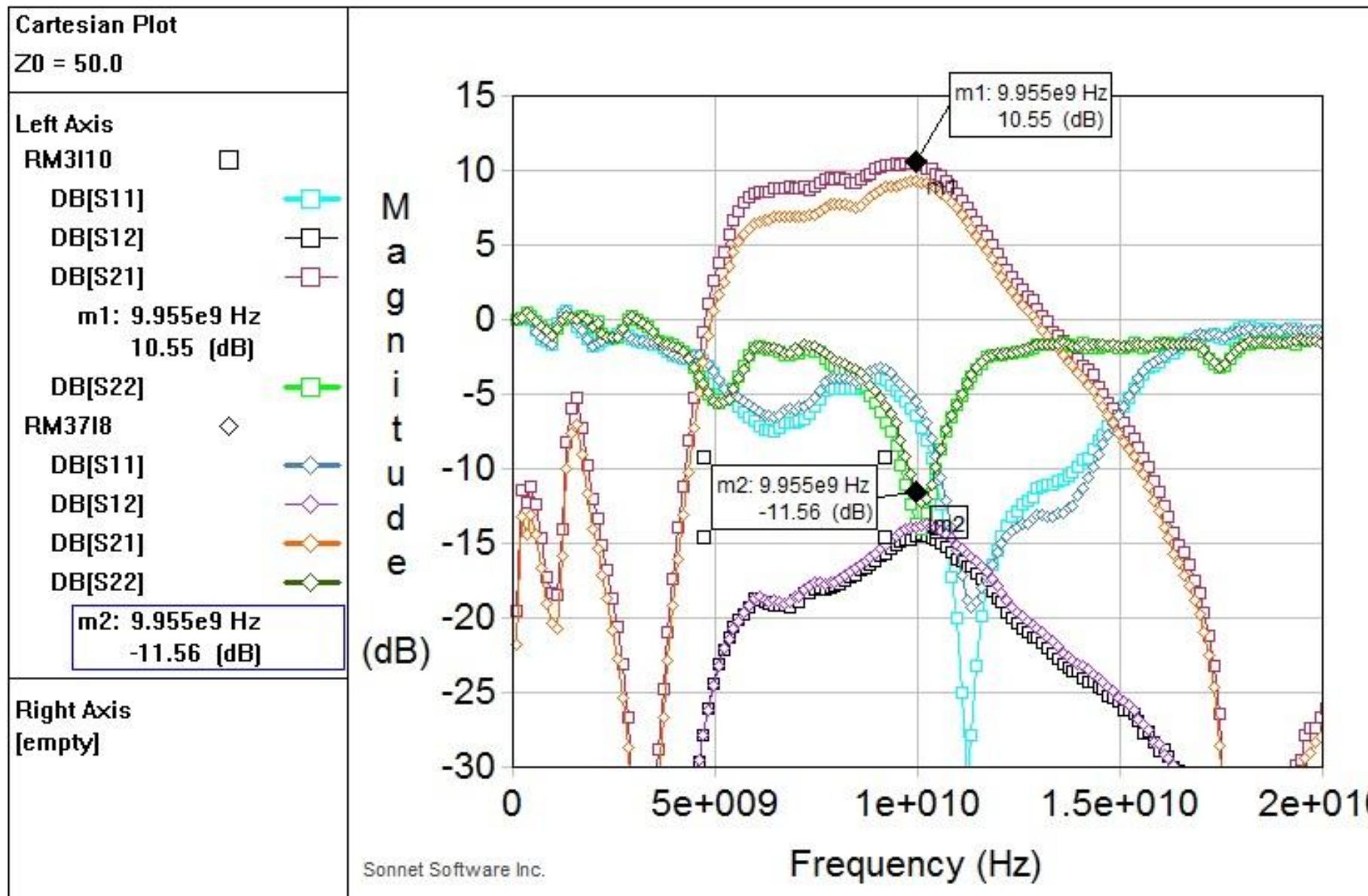
Re-Measured 4/17/14			
Two Stable Frequencies!			
Top VCO	4.5V at 24mA	Die #3	
VBias (V)	Freq (GHz)	Pout(ms)	Pout(corr)
0.0	17.017	6.2	9.2
0.4	19.348	-2.0	1.5
0.5	19.400	-2.7	0.9
0.6	19.450	-2.5	1.0
0.7	19.500	-2.4	1.1
0.8	19.613	-1.4	2.1
0.9	19.666	-2.0	1.5
1.0	19.772	-0.2	3.3
1.1	19.772	-0.5	3.1
1.2	19.878	1.0	4.5
1.4	19.930	2.3	5.8
1.5	19.983	2.2	5.7
1.6	20.036	1.7	5.2
1.8	20.089	2.0	5.5
2.4	20.142	1.7	5.2
2.5	20.195	2.9	6.4

Broke Airbridge--small tuning range			
Top VCO	4.5V at 24mA	Die #3	
VBias (V)	Freq (GHz)	Pout(ms)	Pout(corr)
0.0	19.719	-3.0	0.5
3.0	19.772	-1.0	2.5



6) Rajesh Madhavan
Class F Power Amp 10G

- DRC (v)
- LVS (v)
- DC Current?



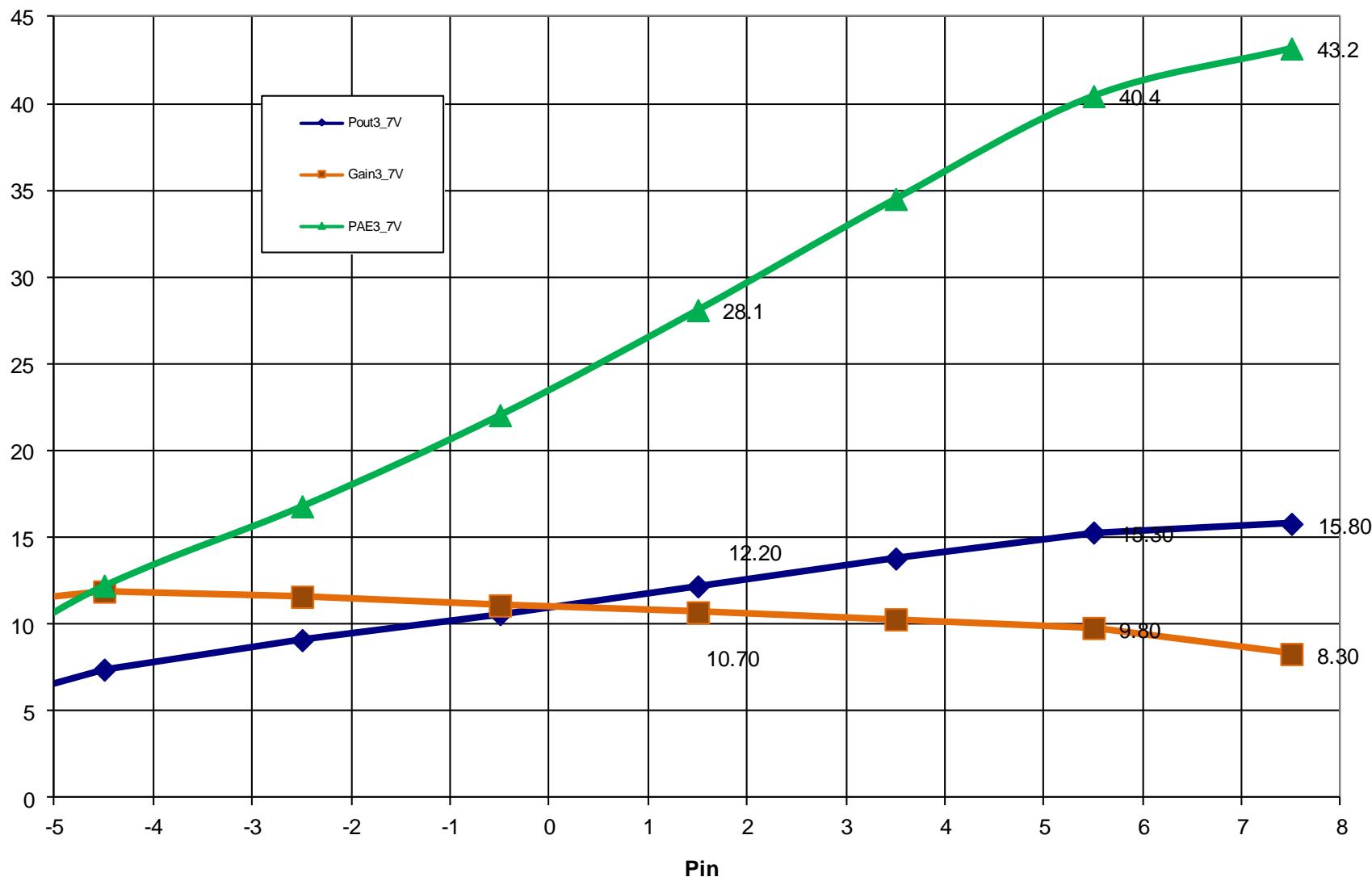
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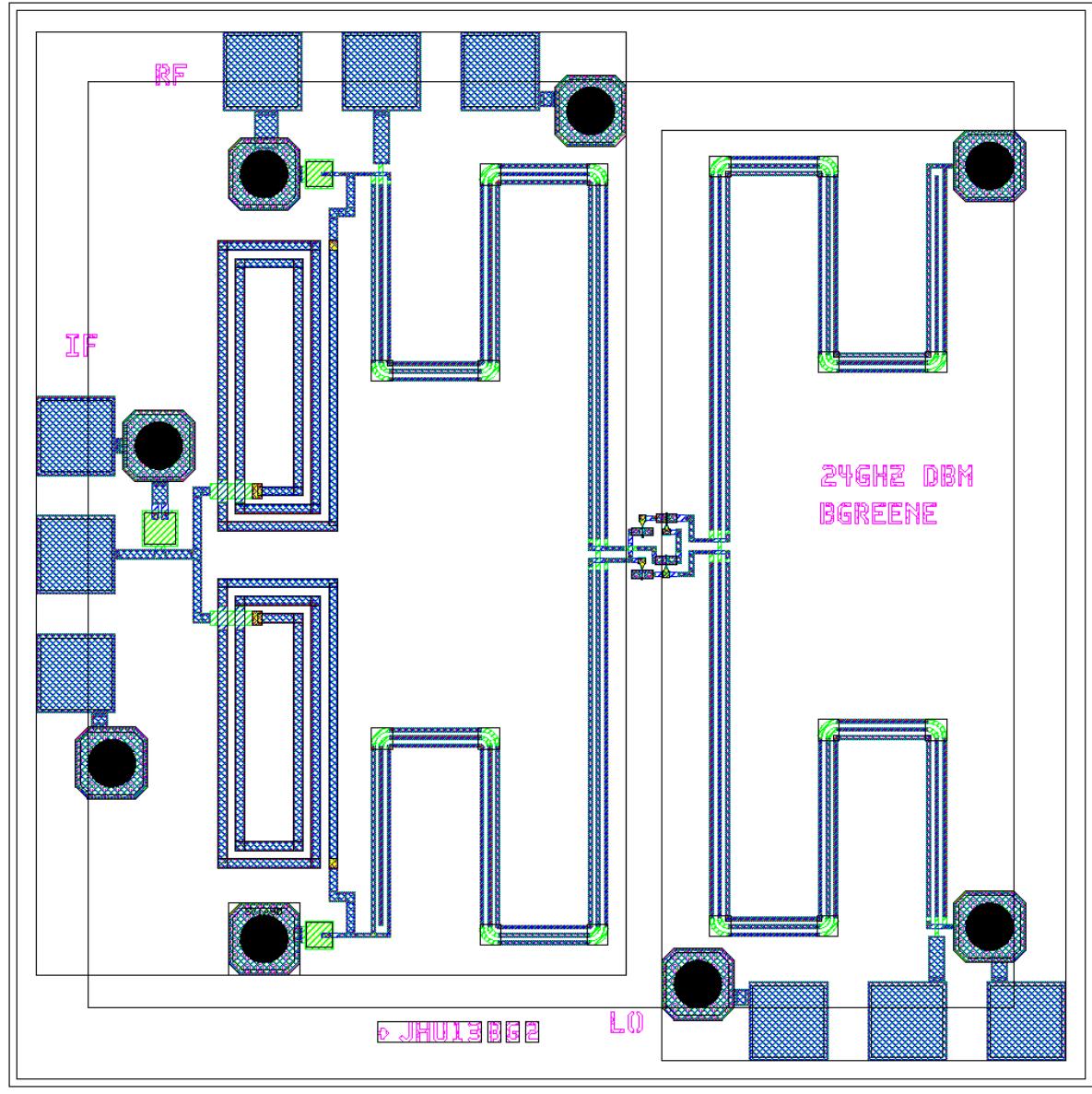
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3.7V 8mA Die #1 Note low 2nd harmonics, good efficiency!

JEP 10 GHz Class F Amp 3.7 V Rajesh M												
3/7/2014												
Loss 5 dB for thru at 10G, 8dB at 20G												
10 GHz	Die#1	RM PA Fall13 TQP13				3.7V ; 7 mA		vg=-0.2V				
Pin(SG)	Pout(SA)	Pin(corr)	Pout(corr)	Gain	I1(3.7V)	PDC(mw)	Pout(mw)	Drn Eff	PAE	Pout2X(SA)	Pout2X(corr)	dBc2X
-10.0	-4.10	-12.50	-1.60	10.90	13	39.0	0.69	1.8	1.6	-54.5	-50.5	48.90
-5.0	-1.03	-7.50	2.67	10.17	14	42.0	1.85	4.4	4.0	-44.0	-40.0	42.67
-2.0	3.70	-4.50	7.40	11.90	14	42.0	5.50	13.1	12.2	-37.6	-33.6	41.00
0.0	5.40	-2.50	9.10	11.60	15	45.0	8.13	18.1	16.8	-33.2	-29.2	38.30
2.0	6.90	-0.50	10.60	11.10	16	48.0	11.48	23.9	22.1	-29.9	-25.9	36.50
4.0	8.50	1.50	12.20	10.70	18	54.0	16.60	30.7	28.1	-27.1	-23.1	35.30
6.0	10.10	3.50	13.80	10.30	21	63.0	23.99	38.1	34.5	-24.0	-20.0	33.80
8.0	11.60	5.50	15.30	9.80	25	75.0	33.88	45.2	40.4	-22.5	-18.5	33.80
10.0	12.10	7.50	15.80	8.30	25	75.0	38.02	50.7	43.2	-21.9	-17.9	33.70

RM Class F 10GHz Meas 13
3.7V ~13mA

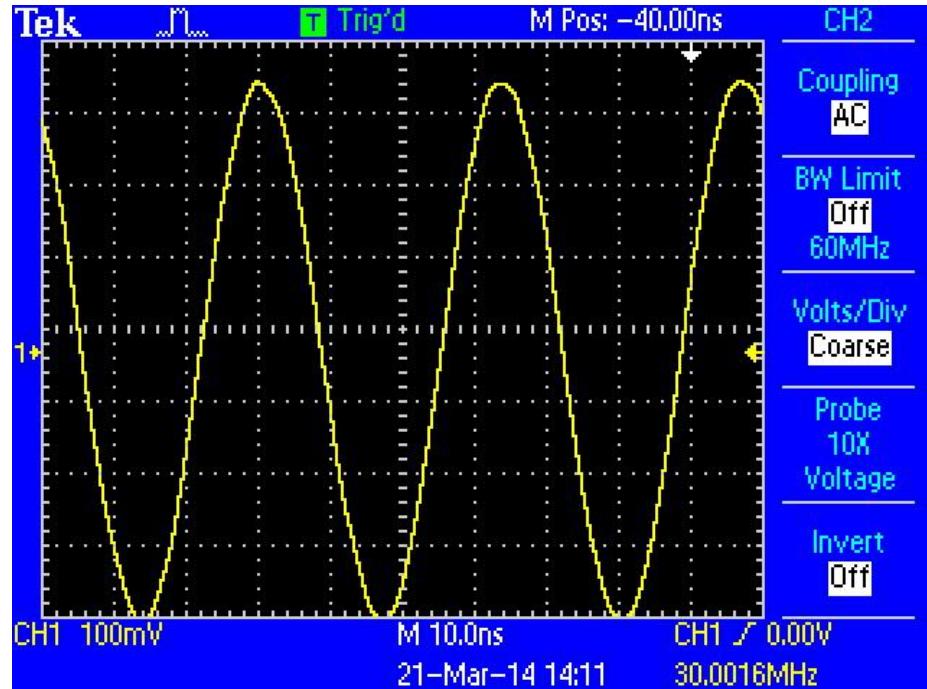
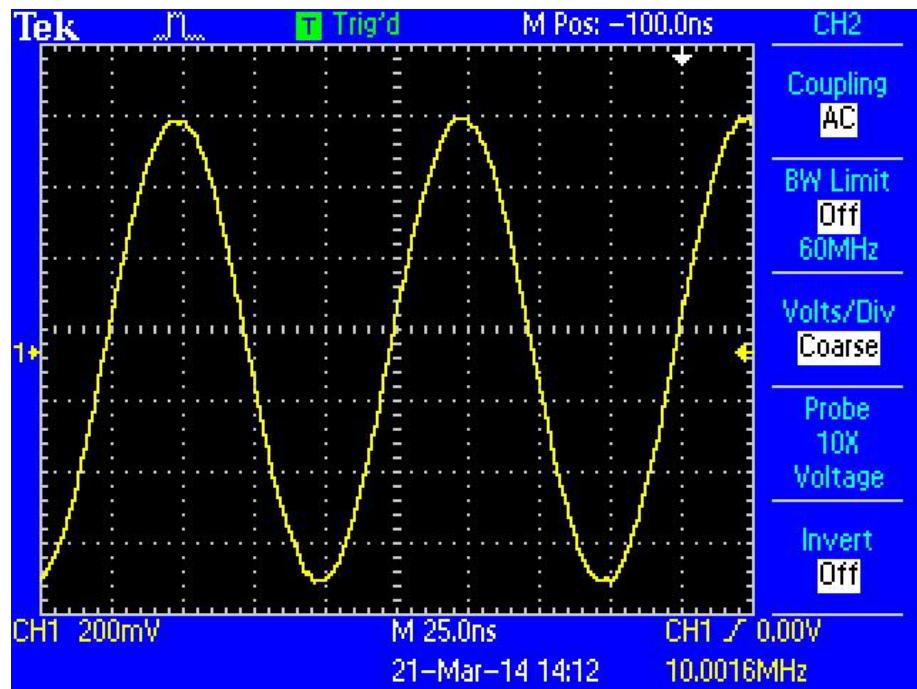




- 7) Brad Greene
Mixer
- *DRC (v)*
 - *LVS (v)*
 - *DC Current (v)*

7) Brad Greene

Mixer 24.1 GHz RF, 24.0-24.13 GHz LO, 10-100Mhz IF



10 Mhz and 30 Mhz IF on Oscope

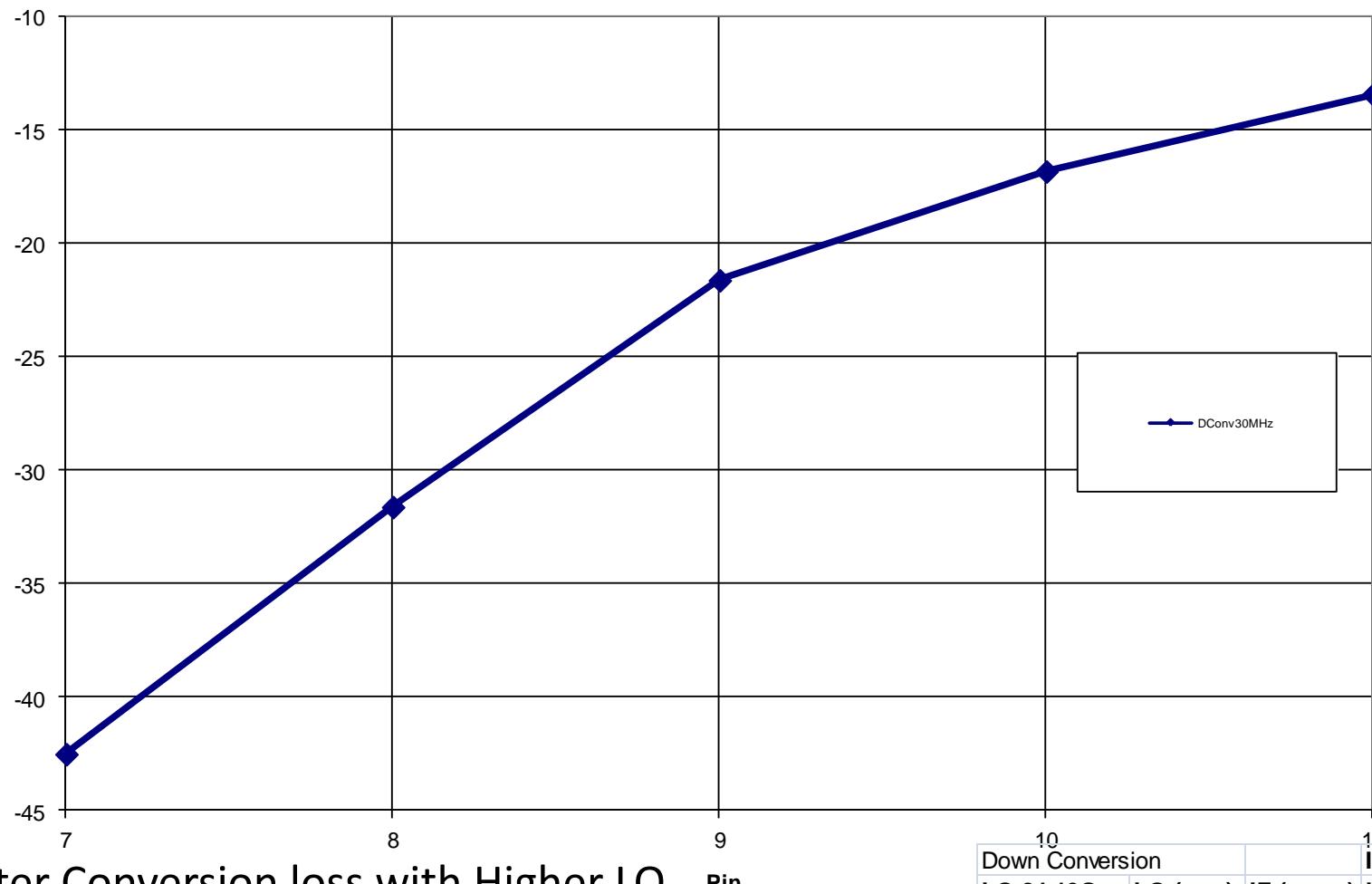
60 MHz Scope BW? Impedance?

8510/RF – Losses 2 Cables, 2 Probes, 8510

8510 freq	Meas	Pwr8510	Loss
24.1	-13.0	0.0	13.0
24.1	-10.1	5.0	15.1
26.1	-12.9	0.0	12.9
26.1	-17.3	-5.0	12.3
26.1	-22.0	-10.0	12.0

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Mixer 24.1 GHz RF, 24.0 GHz LO, 100MHz IF BG Meas 13
Mixer Down Conversion

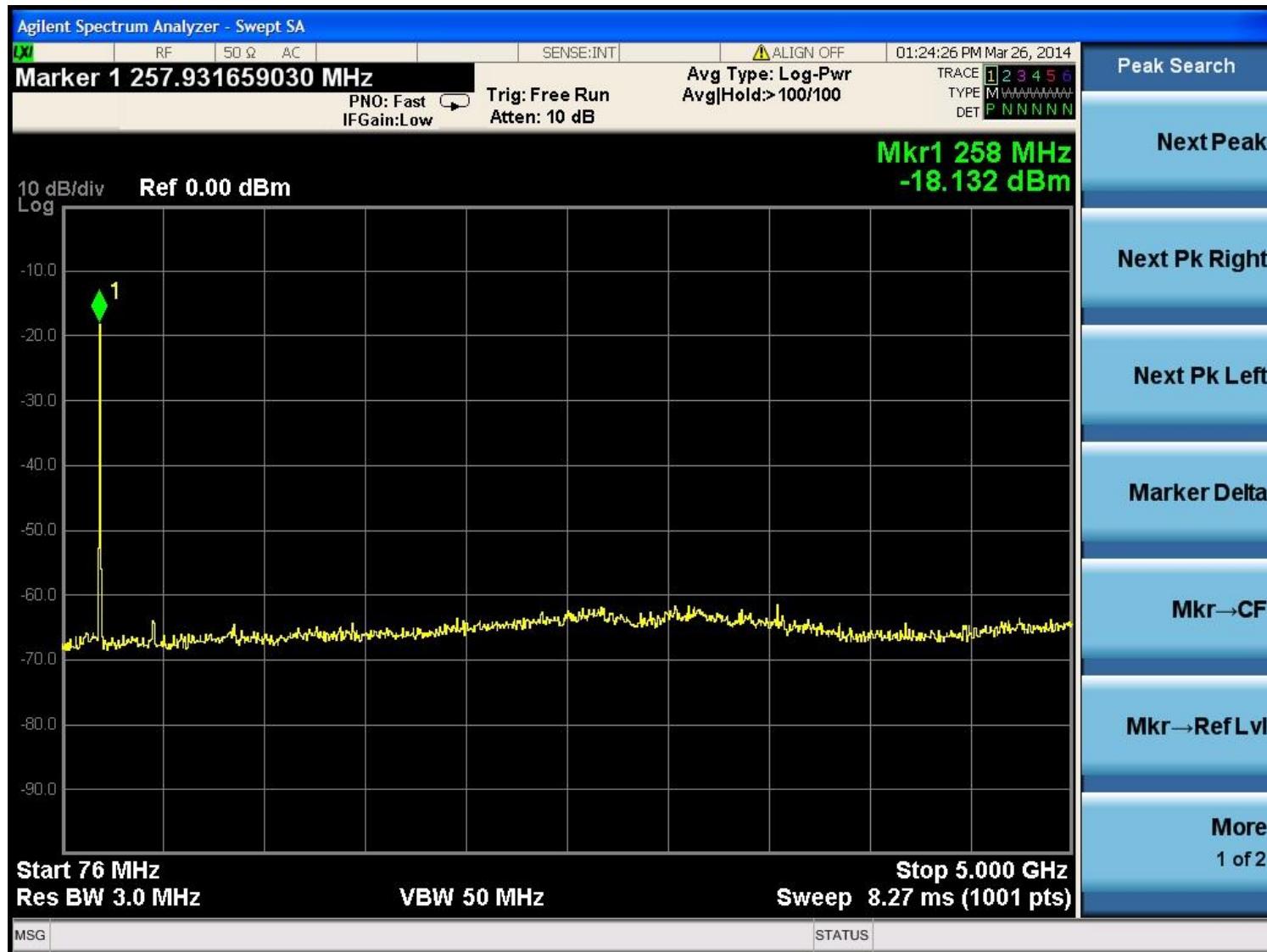


Better Conversion loss with Higher LO.
LO quit at +16 dBm, +11 dbm at MMIC?
Calibration?

LO 24.13G	LO (corr)	IF (meas)	Loss (gain)
12	7	-51.0	-42.5
13	8	-40.1	-31.6
14	9	-30.1	-21.6
15	10	-25.3	-16.8
16	11	-21.9	-13.4

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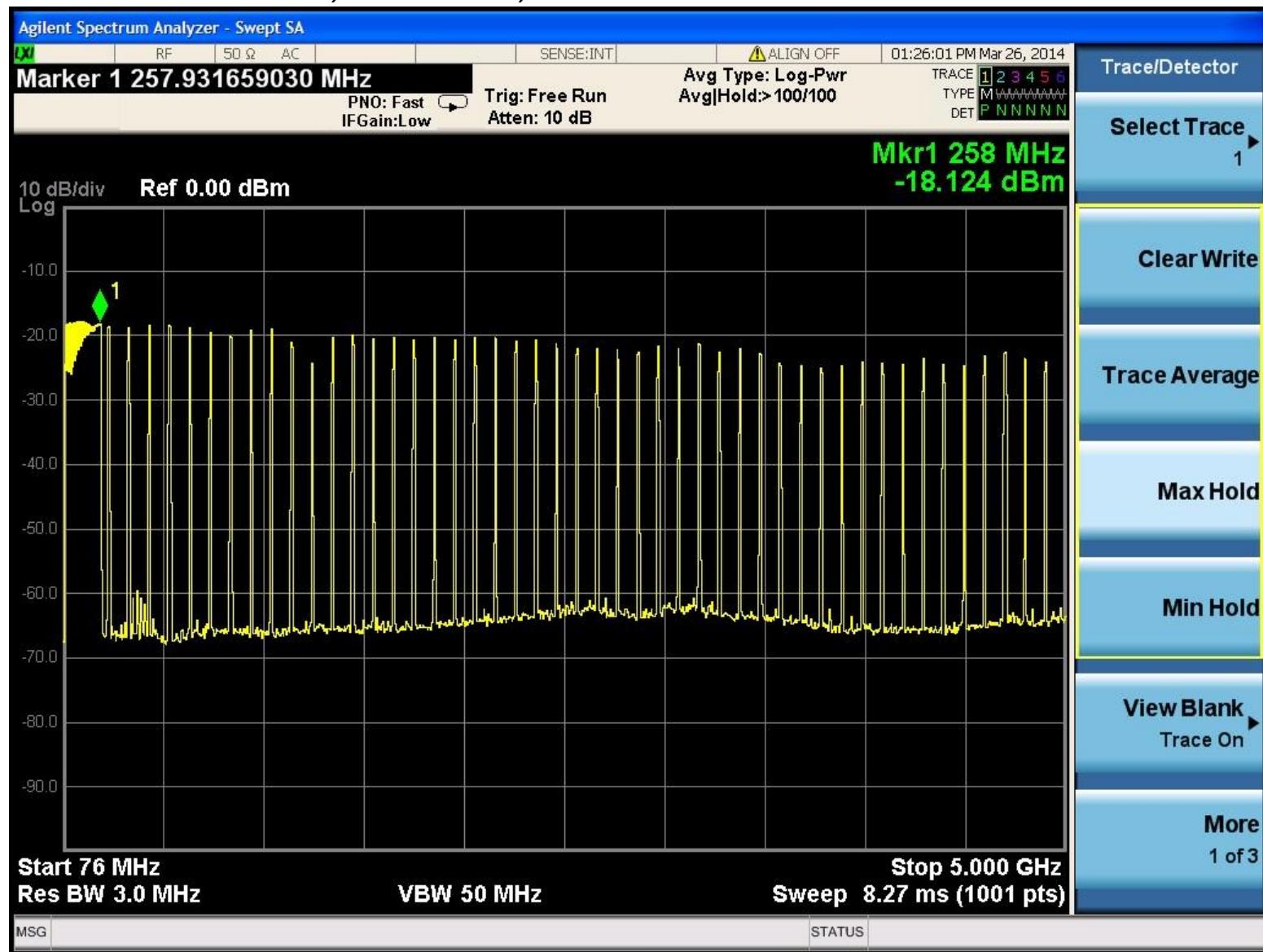
Mixer 18.1 GHz RF, 18.0 GHz LO, 260Mhz IF



Better Conversion loss with Higher LO. 18 GHz

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Mixer 18.1 GHz RF, 18.0 GHz LO, 260Mhz IF



Better Conversion loss with Higher LO. 18 GHz

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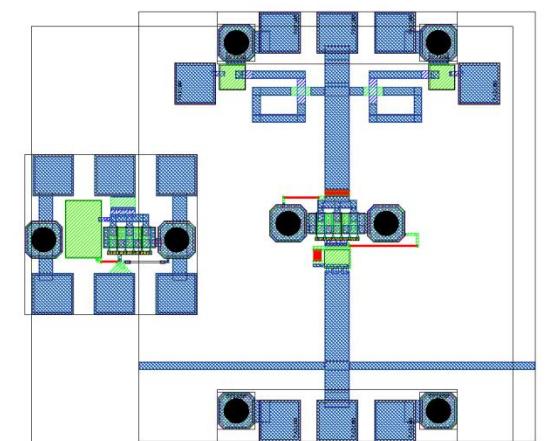
Mixer 24.1 GHz RF, 24.0 GHz LO, 10M-5G IF



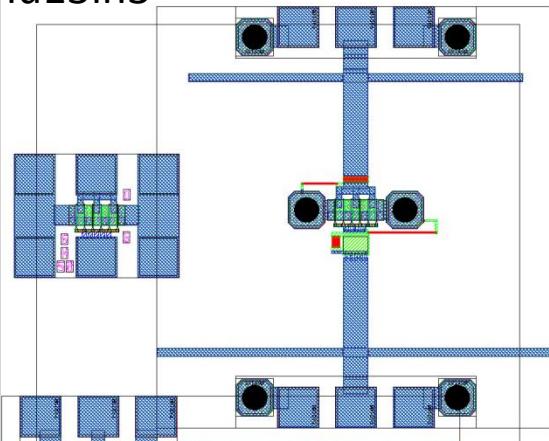
Better Conversion loss with Higher LO. 24 GHz, More Ripple

JEP Other Projects

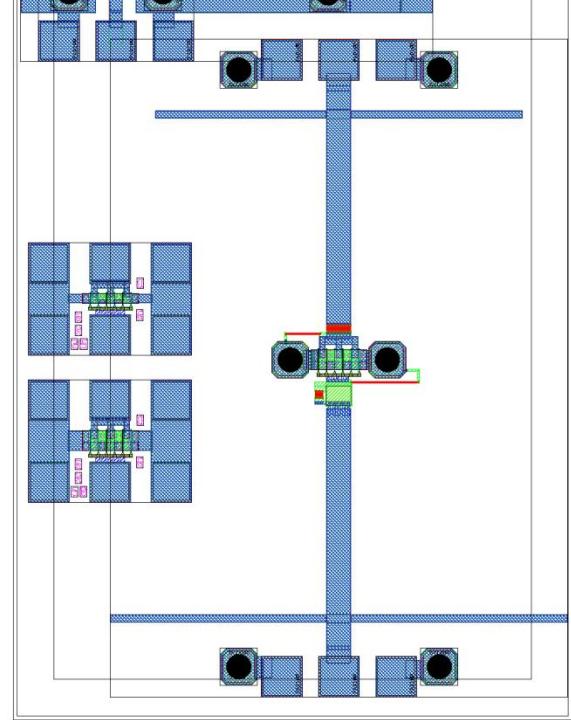
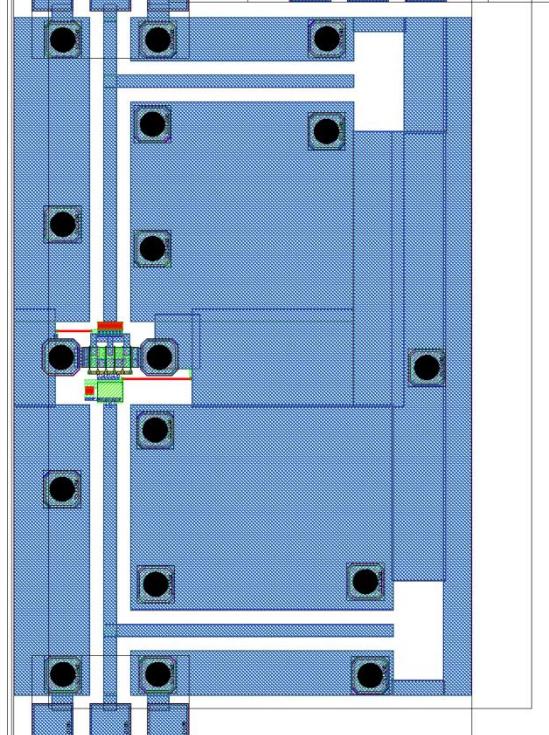
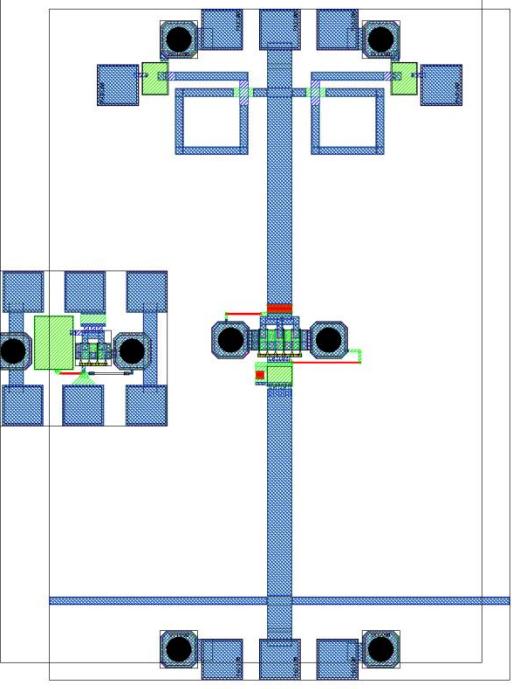
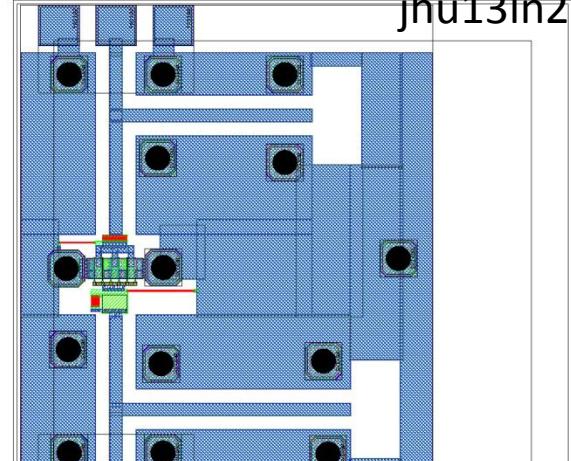
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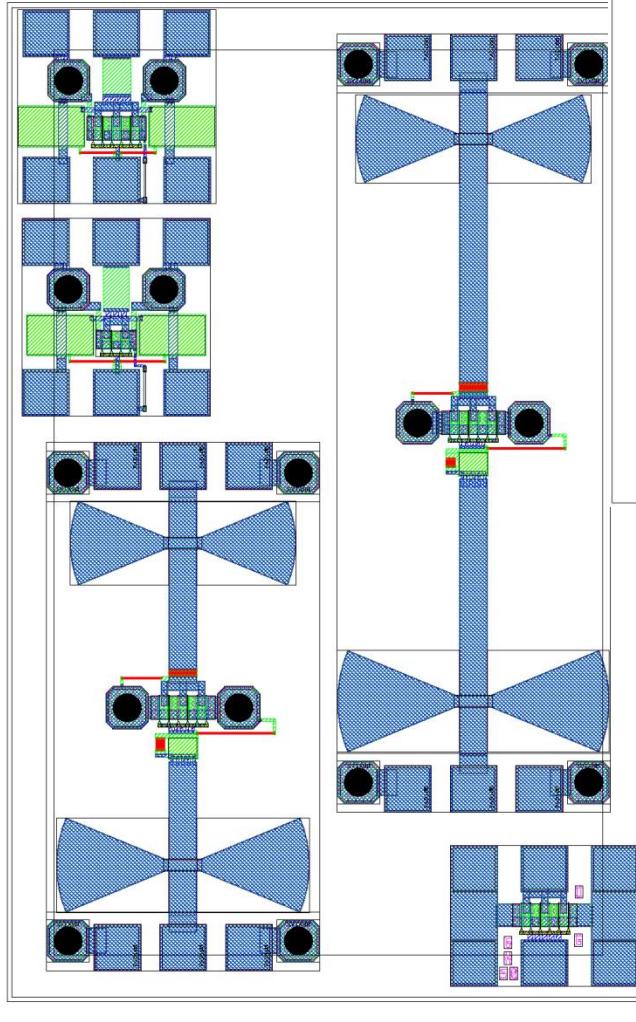


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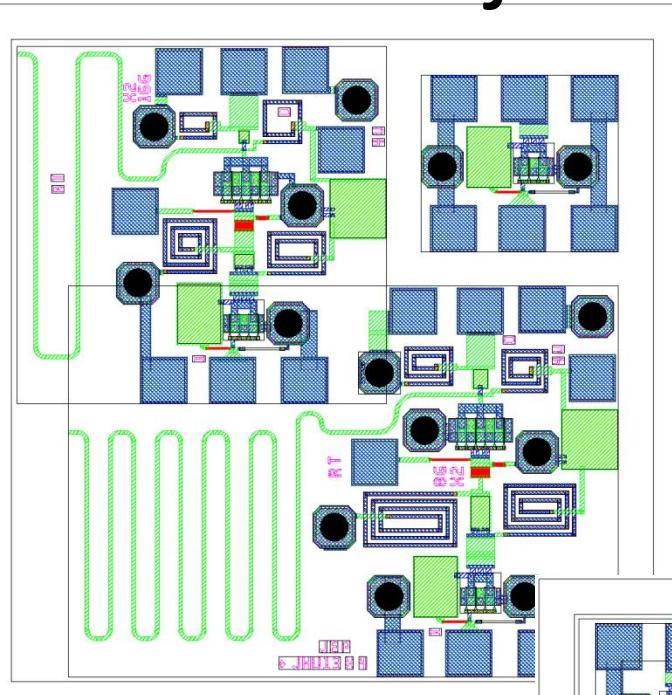


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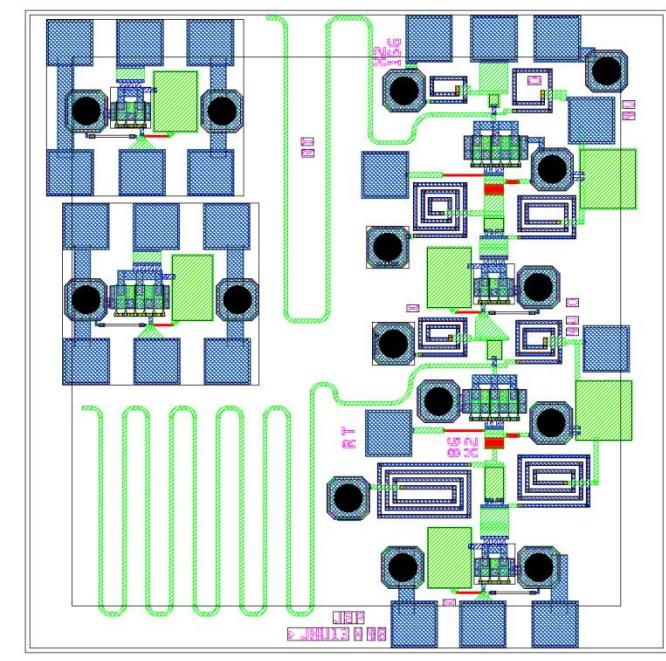
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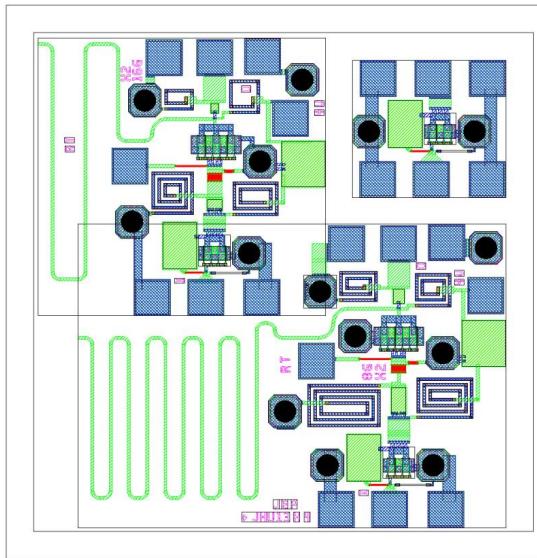


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JEP '12 Frequency Doublers-Rev '13

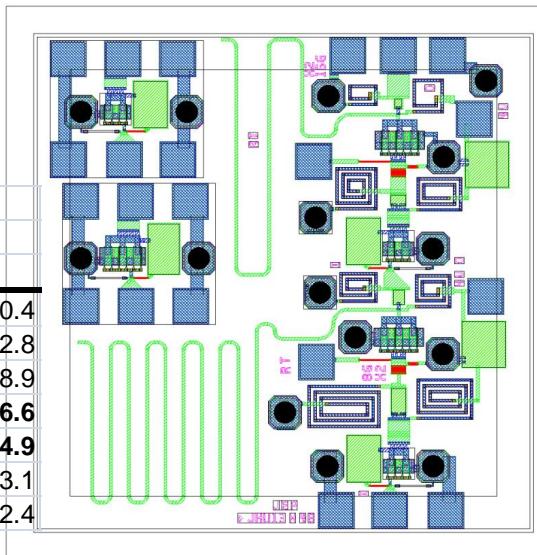
The '12 8-16 GHz and the 16-32 GHz Frequency Doublers were modified to add the broadband feedback amplifier as a driver to reduce conversion loss. The 4x38 feedback amplifier was used to reduce DC power consumption, vs. the 6x50 amp. For the 8-16GHz doubler, conversion gain of 6dB was 12 dB better than the previous 6dB conversion loss. For the 16-32 GHz doubler, conversion loss improved from the previous 12 dB to 6 dB. Note the gain of the Feedback Amp is much less at 16 GHz, than 8 GHz.



41415		16.0 GHz								
Doubler 8-16G		3V at ~55mA, vg=-1.5v				Die #1				
Pin(SG)	Pin(A)	PoutX1(ms)	PoutX2(ms)	PoutX3(ms)	Pout(corr)	Pout2X(cc)	Pout23(co)	Cnvloss	dBc	
-10.00	-12.4	-5.80	-14.2	-29.4	-3.4	-11.2	-24.8	-1.2	-7.8	
-8.00	-10.4	-4.10	-9.7	-22.5	-1.7	-6.7	-17.9	-3.7	-5.0	
-6.00	-8.4	-2.60	-5.9	-17.4	-0.2	-2.9	-12.8	-5.5	-2.7	
-4.00	-6.4	-1.20	-3.3	-13.2	1.2	-0.3	-8.6	-6.1	-1.5	
-2.00	-4.4	-0.10	-1.9	-9.3	2.3	1.1	-4.7	-5.5	-1.2	
0.00	-2.4	0.50	-1.4	-6.6	2.9	1.6	-2.0	-4.0	-1.3	

Jhu13x4-2 Doublers

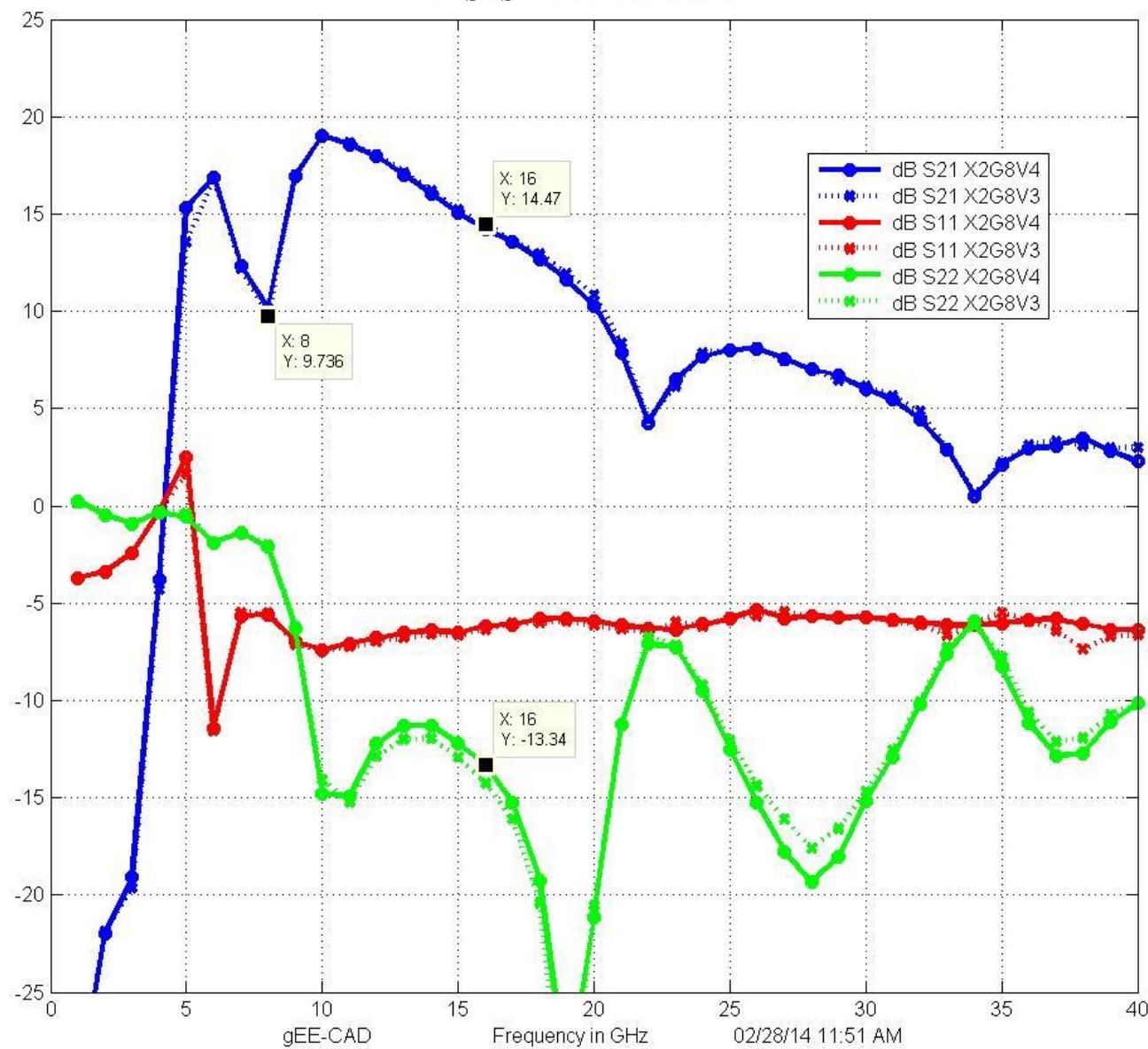
Jhu13x4b-1 Quadrupler



3/11/2014		16.0 GHz								
Doubler 16G		3V at ~56mA, vg=-1.5v				Die #2				
Pin(SG)	Pin(corr)	PoutX1(ms)	PoutX2(ms)	PoutX3(ms)	Pout(corr)	Pout2X(cc)	Pout3X(cc)	Cnvloss	dBc	
-5.00	-8.4	-10.78	-32.3		-7.4	-27.8		19.4	20.4	
0.0	-3.4	-6.10	-20.0	-28.7	-2.7	-15.5	-22.4	12.1	12.8	
2.0	-1.4	-4.49	-14.4	-22.6	-1.1	-10.0	-16.3	8.6	8.9	
4.0	0.6	-3.08	-10.7	-18.1	0.3	-6.3	-11.8	6.9	6.6	
6.0	2.6	-2.07	-8.0	-14.1	1.4	-3.5	-7.8	6.1	4.9	
8.0	4.6	-1.50	-5.6	-10.9	1.9	-1.2	-4.6	5.8	3.1	
9.0	5.6	-1.28	-4.7	-9.7	2.1	-0.3	-3.4	5.9	2.4	

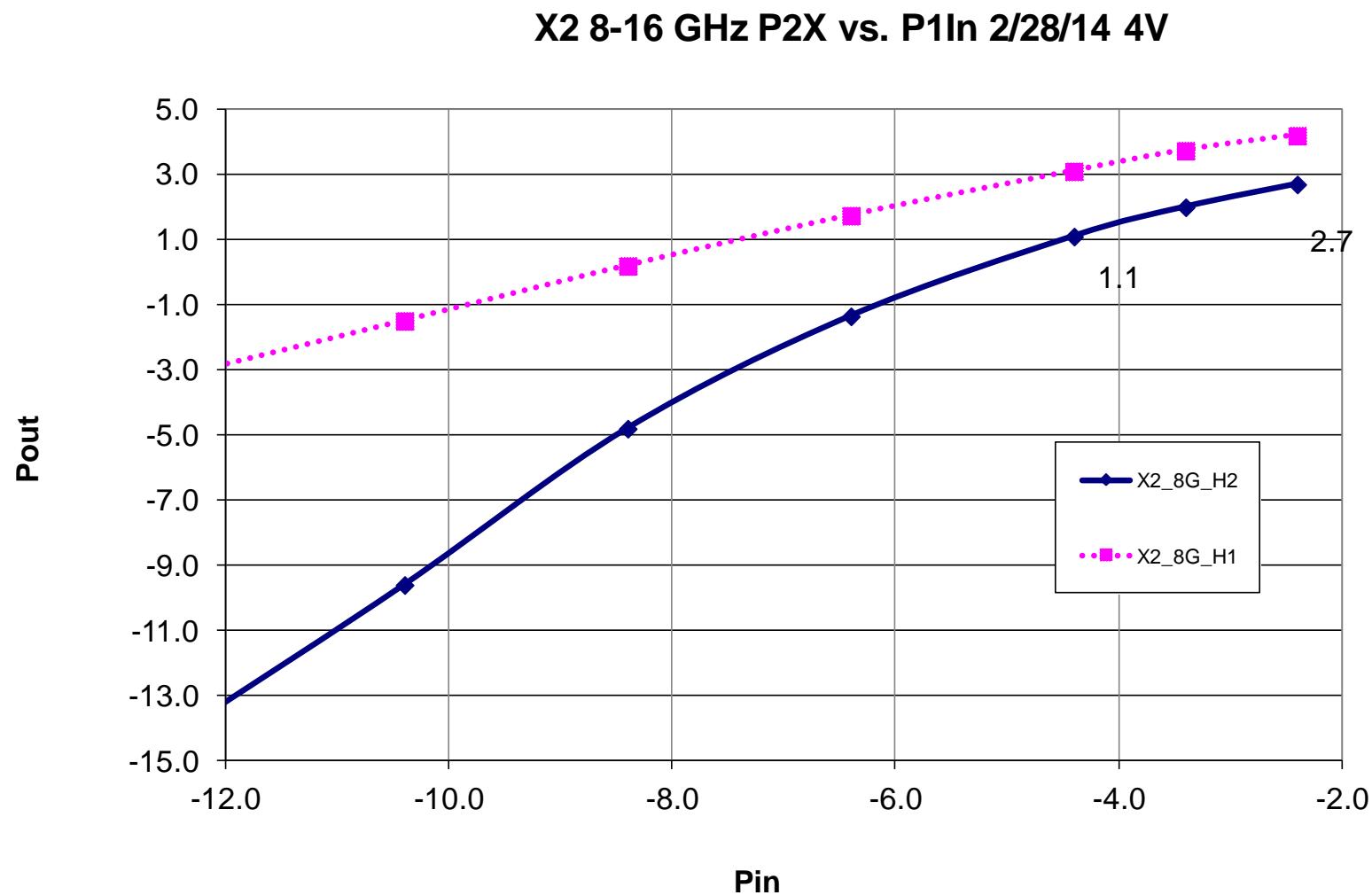
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Jhu13x4-8 to 16 GHz Doubler S-Parameters, Note Null in Fundamental (S21 at 8 GHz)

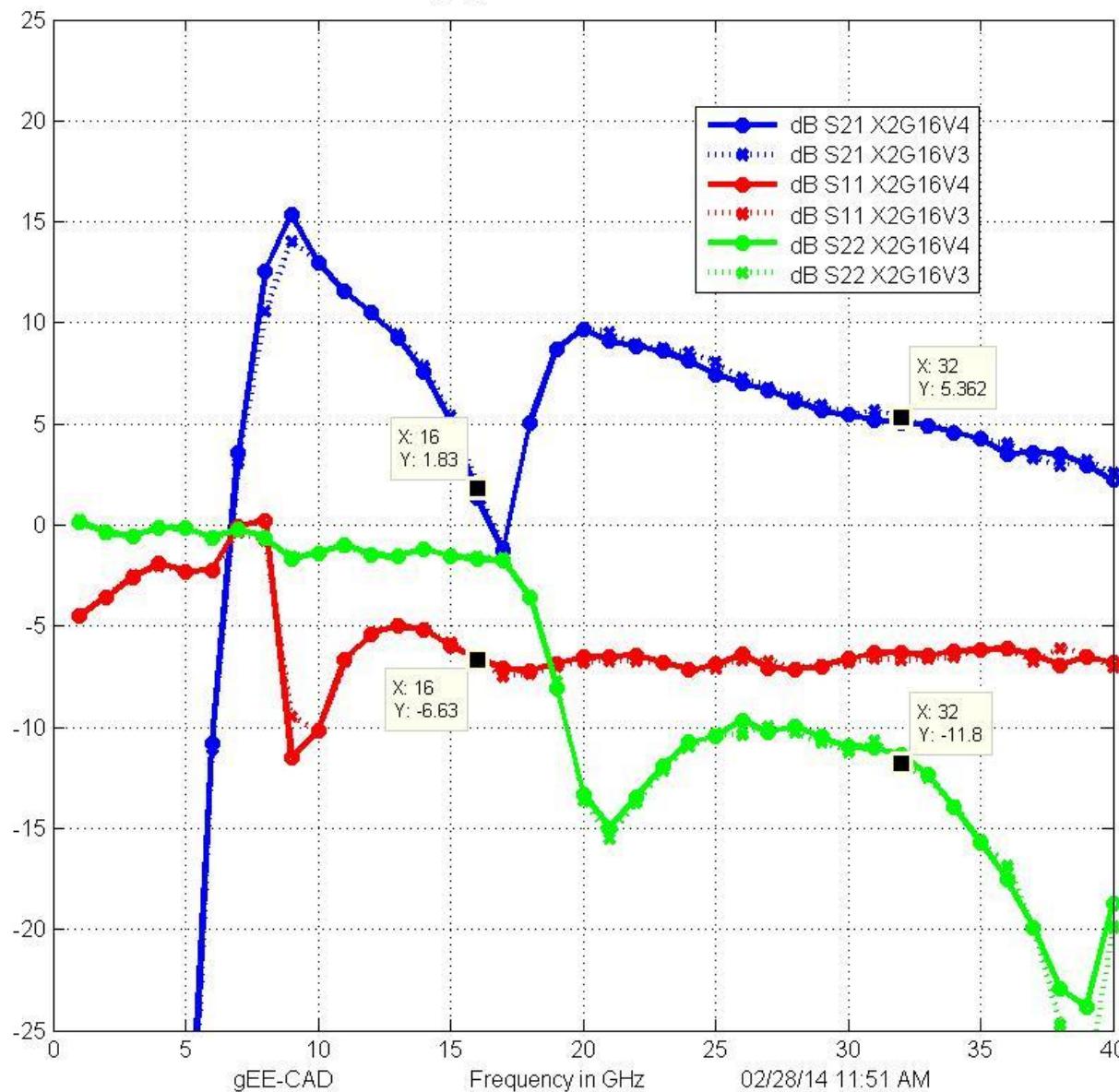
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Jhu13x4-8 to 16 GHz Doubler, Fundamental (Magenta) and Second Harmonic (Blue)

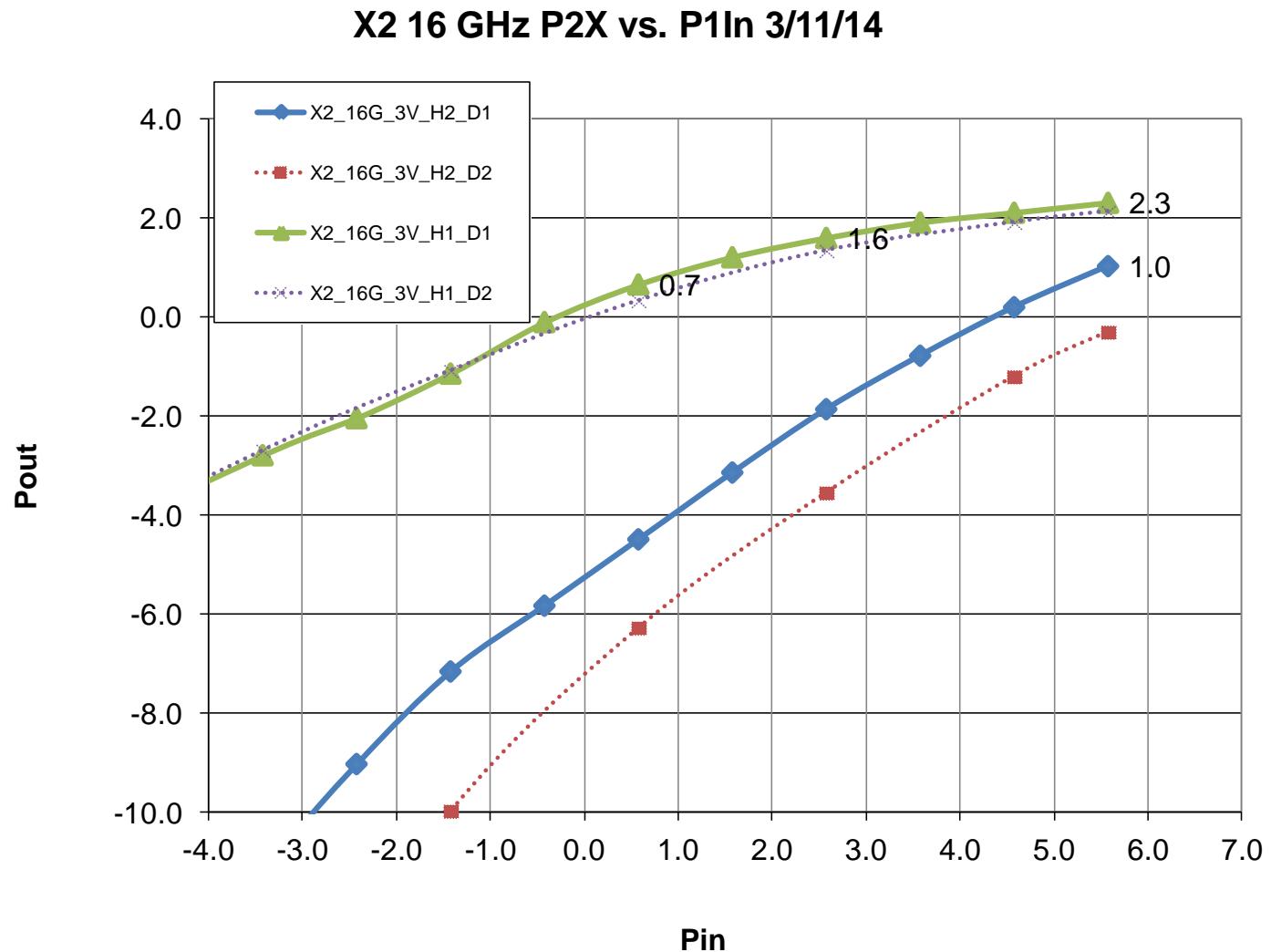
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Jhu13x4- 16 to 32 GHz Doubler S-Parameters, Note Null in Fundamental (S21 at 16 GHz)

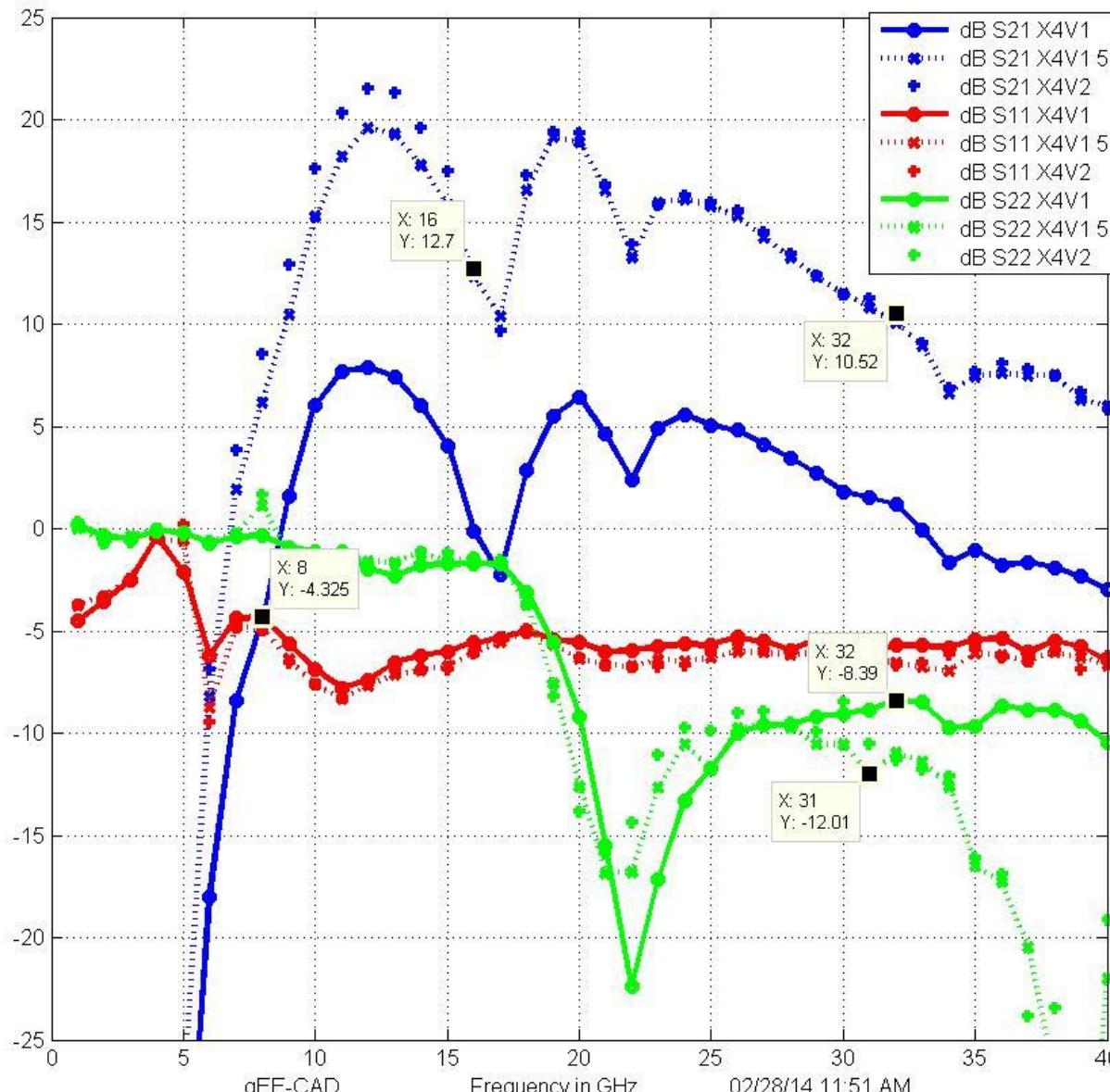
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Two Measured
Die: Best-Solid

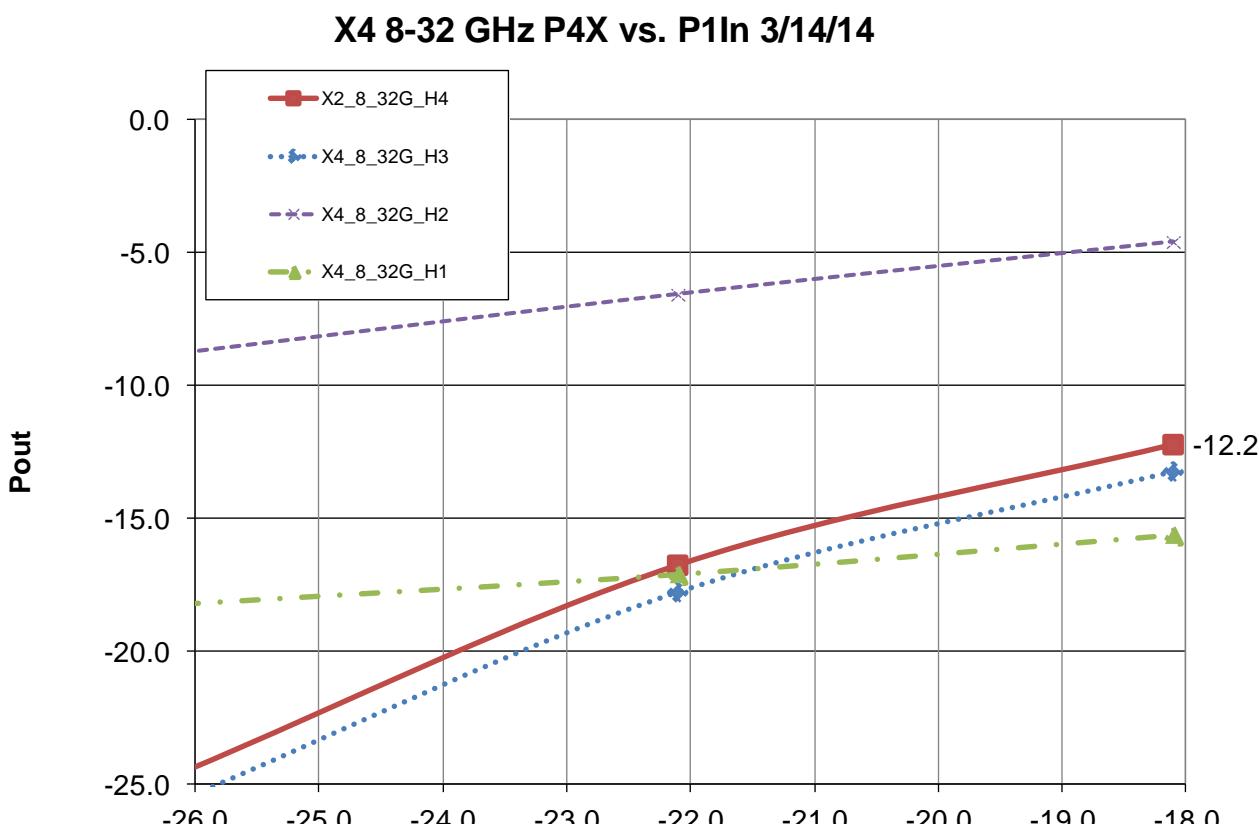
JEP Frequency Quadrupler '13

X2_X4_MEAS.M: 4X 8-32G 6X50



Jhu13x4b- 8 to 32 GHz Quadrupler S-Parameters, Note Null in Fundamental (S21 at 8 GHz)

JEP Frequency Quadrupler '13

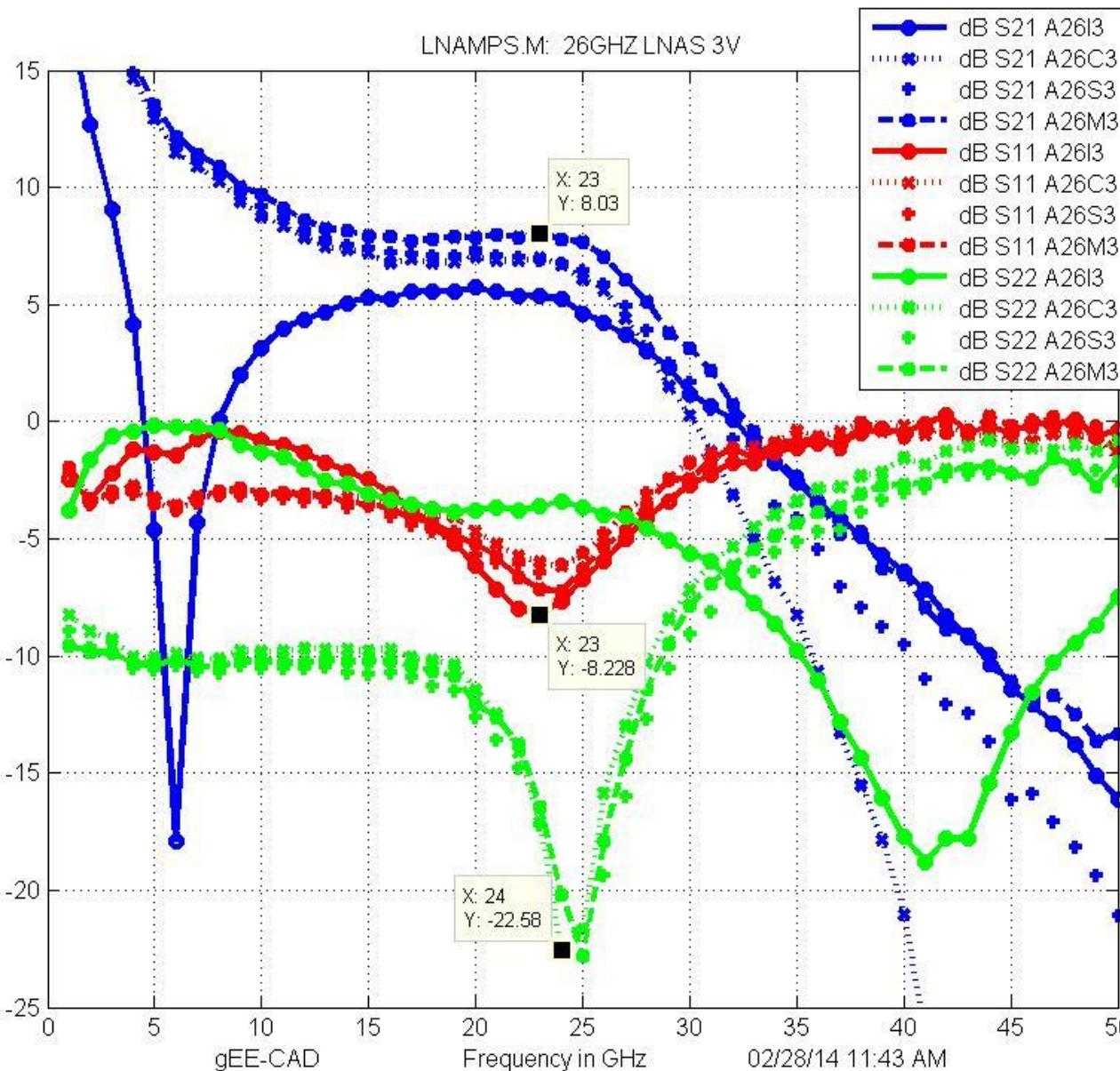


Strong 1st Harmonic,
but Conversion Gain at
32 GHz of about 6dB!
Best efficiency at 1V
VDS1, 1.5V VDS2, both
VGS1=VGS2=-1.5V.
With two feedback
amplifiers, only -20 to -
16 dBm 8GHz input is
needed for 6dB more
output at 32 GHz.

3/11/2014		8-32.0 GHz				Die #1				32GHz!			
Pin(SG)	Pin(corr)	PoutX1(m)	PoutX2(ms)	PoutX3(ms)	PoutX4(ms)	Pout(corr)	Pout2X(co)	Pout3X(cc)	Pout4X(cc)	Cnvgain			
-24.00	-26.1	-9.56	-20.05	-12.2	-29.0	-18.2	-8.8	-25.6	-24.6	1.6			
-20.00	-22.1	-9.30	-18.93	-10.0	-21.2	-17.1	-6.6	-17.8	-16.8	5.4			
-16.00	-18.1	-8.32	-17.45	-8.0	-16.7	-15.6	-4.6	-13.2	-12.2	5.9			

Jhu13x4b-8 to 32 GHz Quadrupler, Fourth Harmonic (solid) and 1st, 2nd, 3rd Harmonics

JEP 26 GHz LNA (Variations)



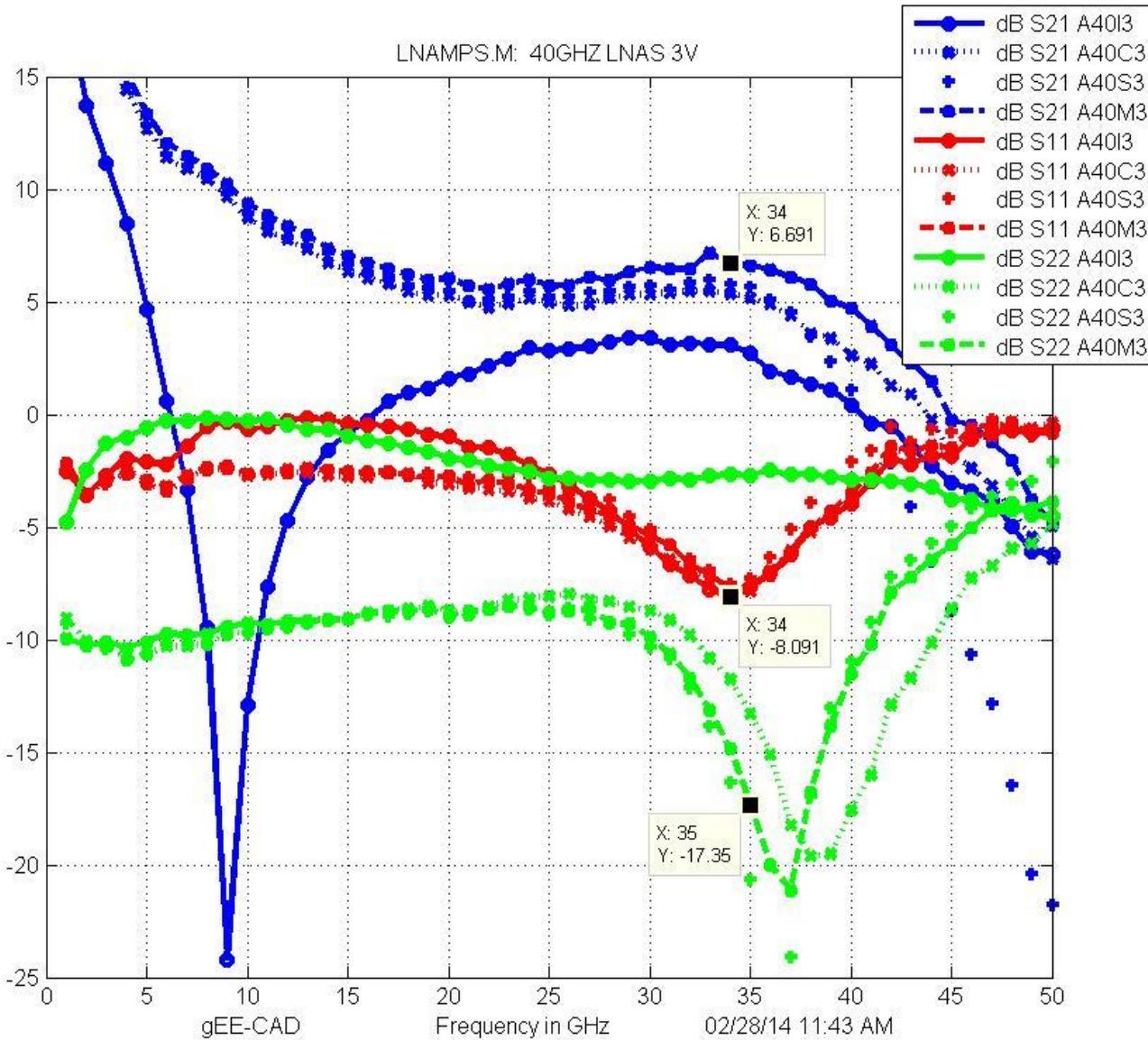
Jhu13In1-4

Various comparable simple distributed matching circuits.

- 1) Stub
- 2) Radial Stub
- 3) Coplanar (Stub)
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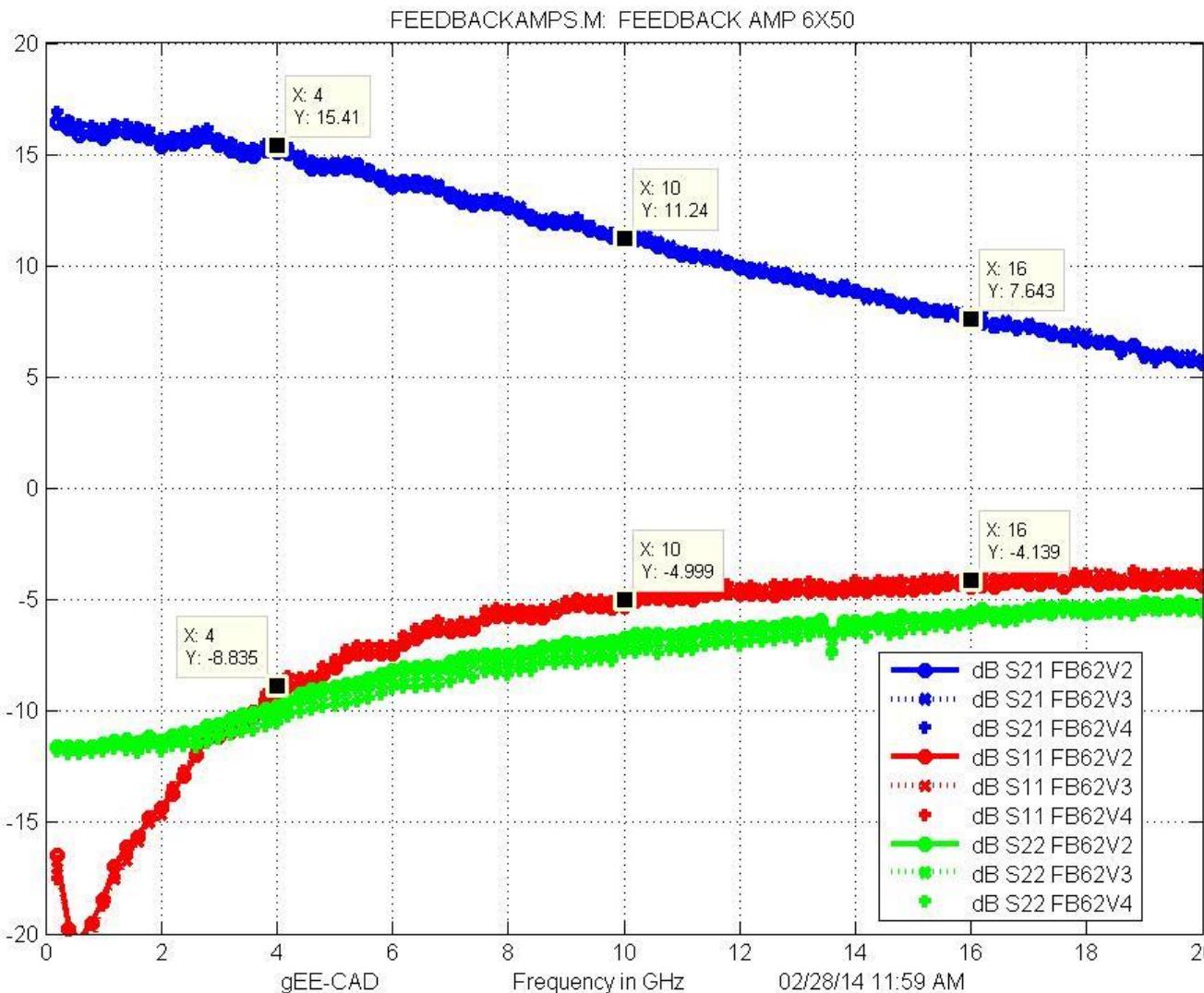
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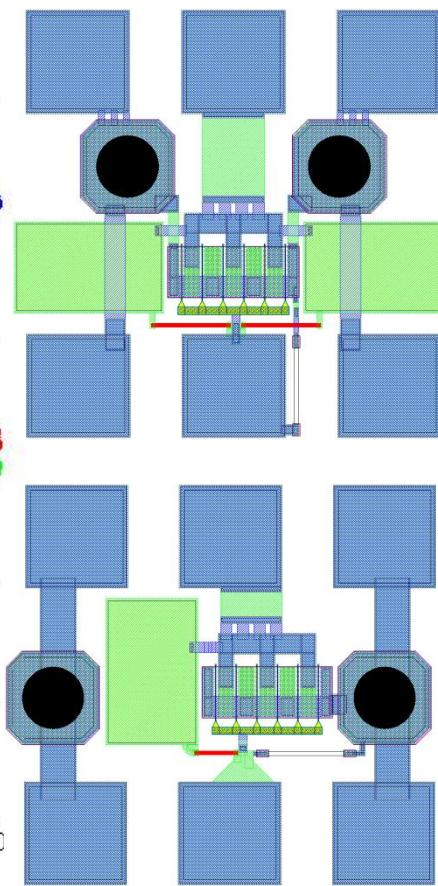
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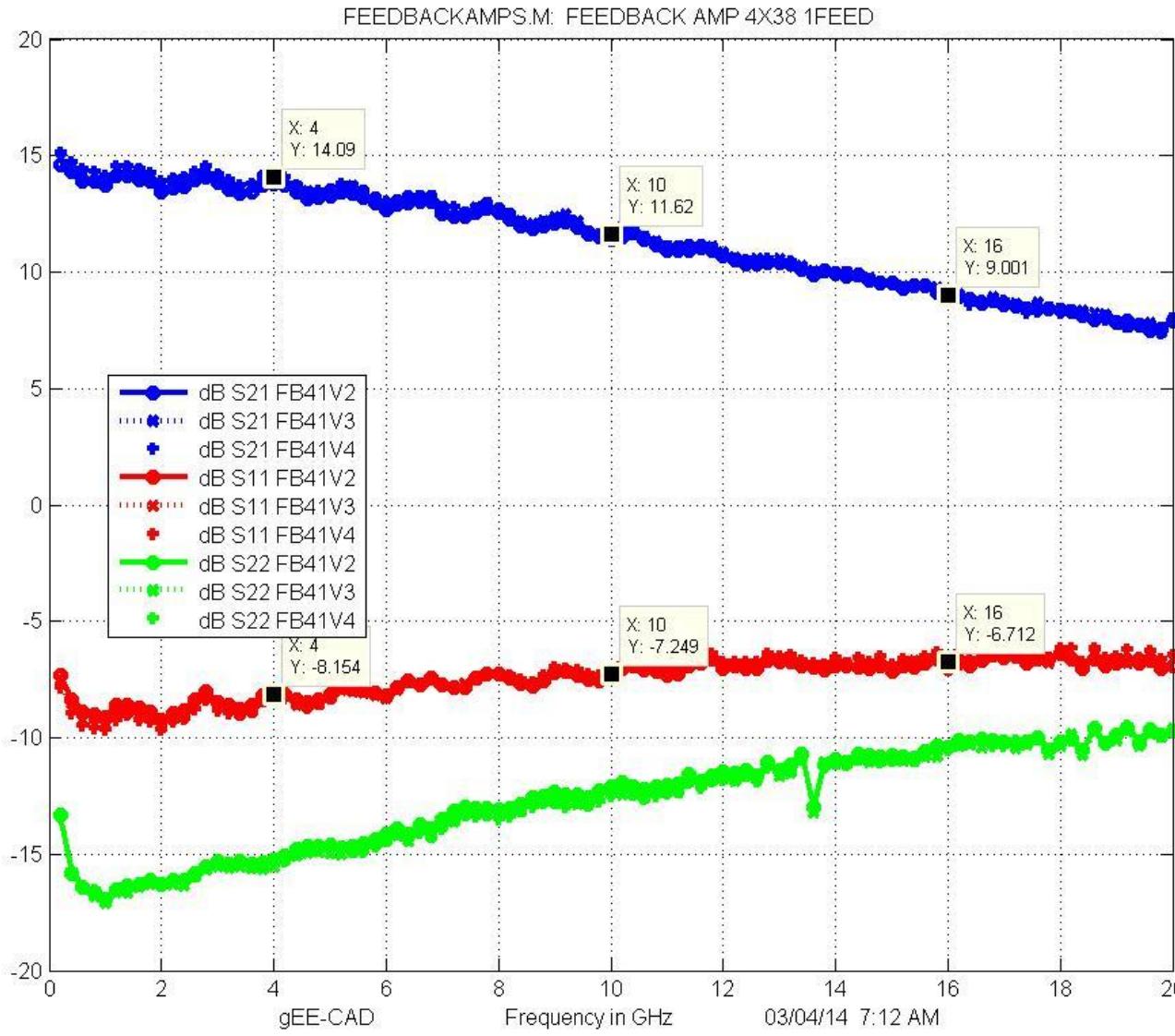
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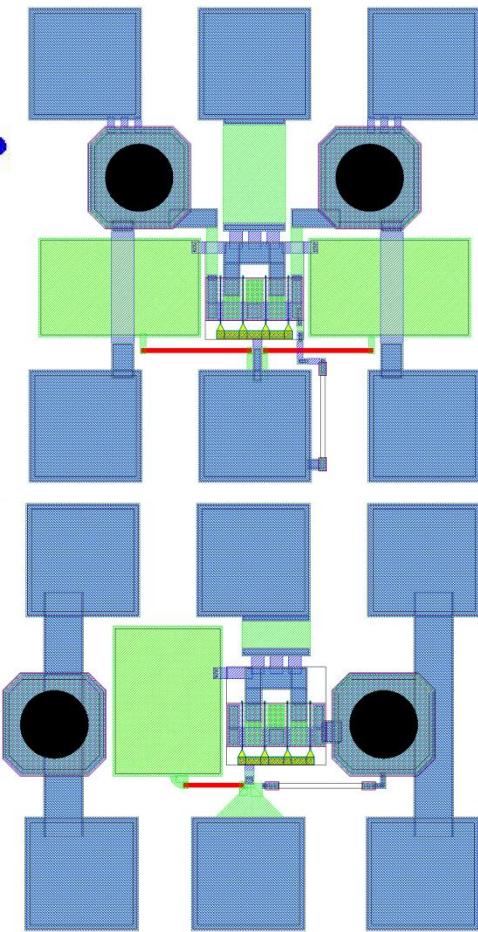
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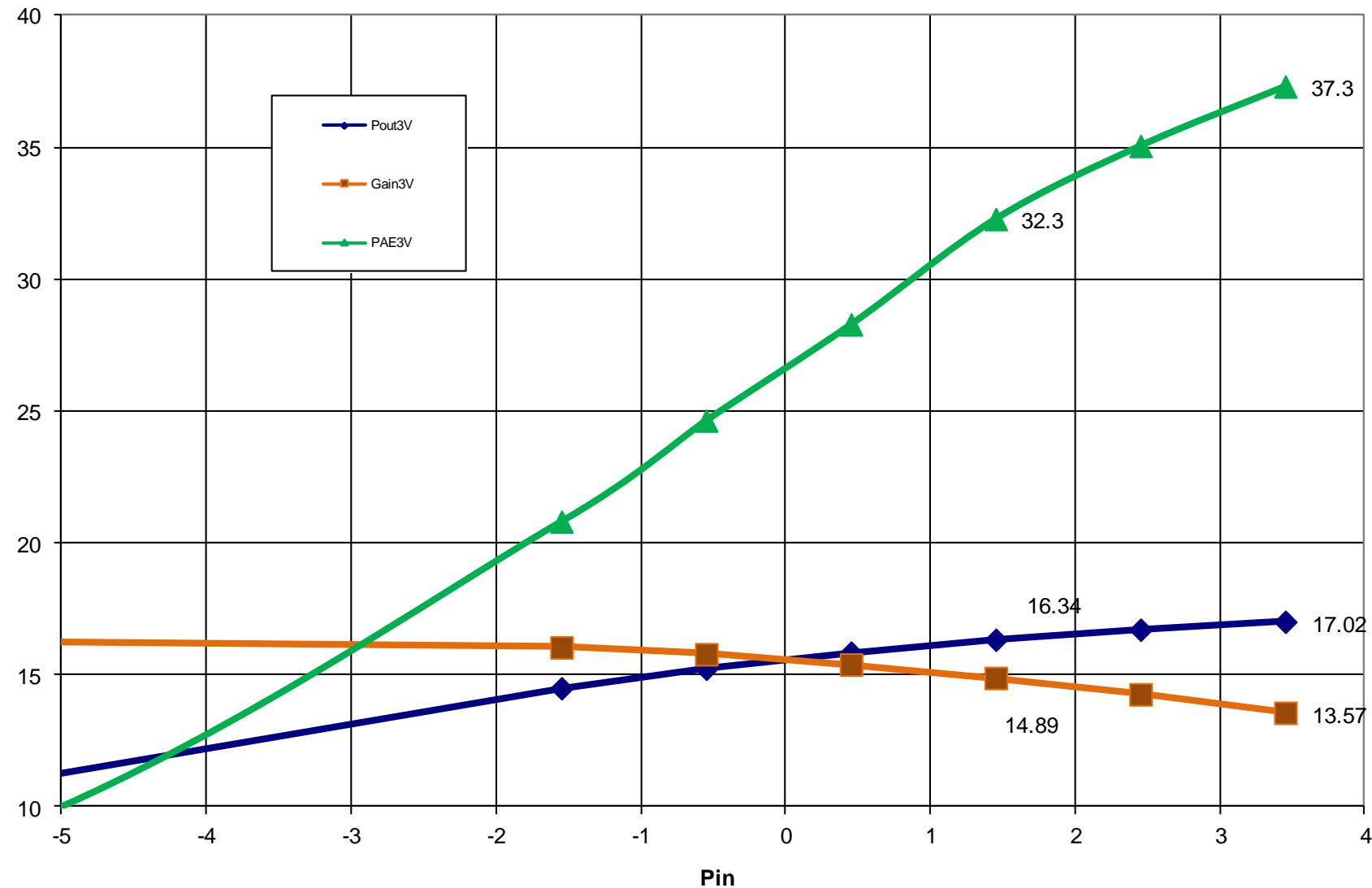
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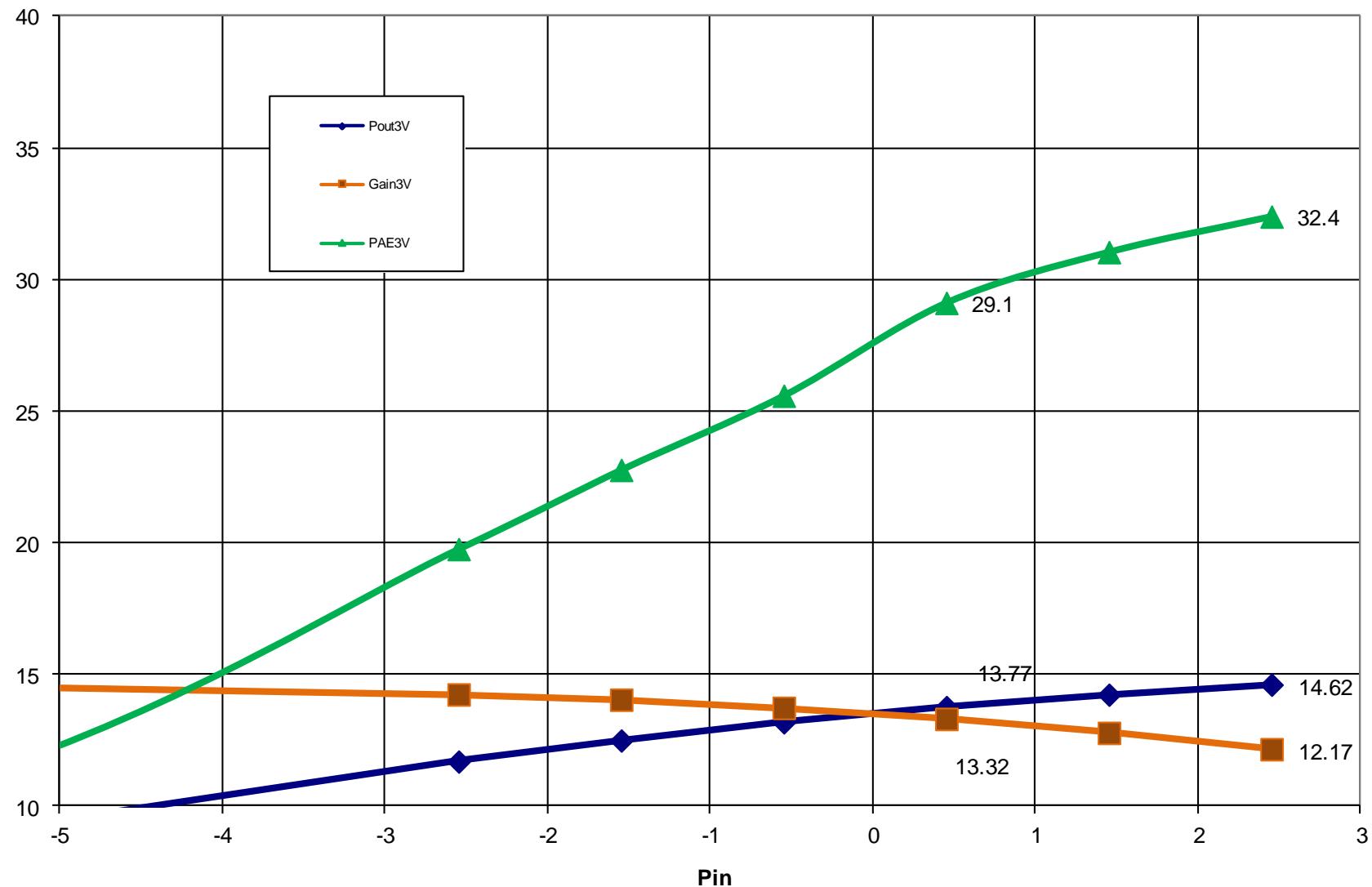
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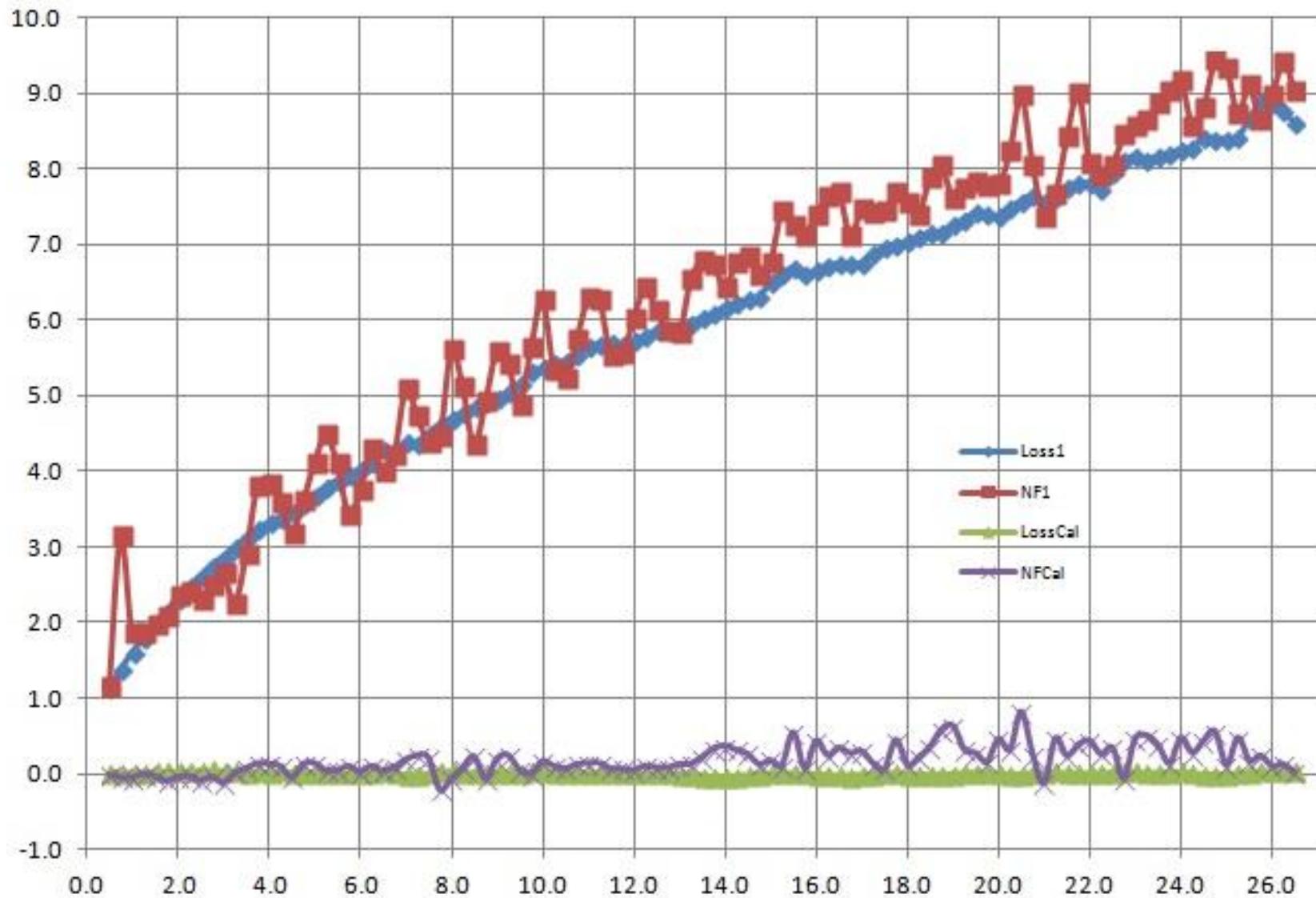
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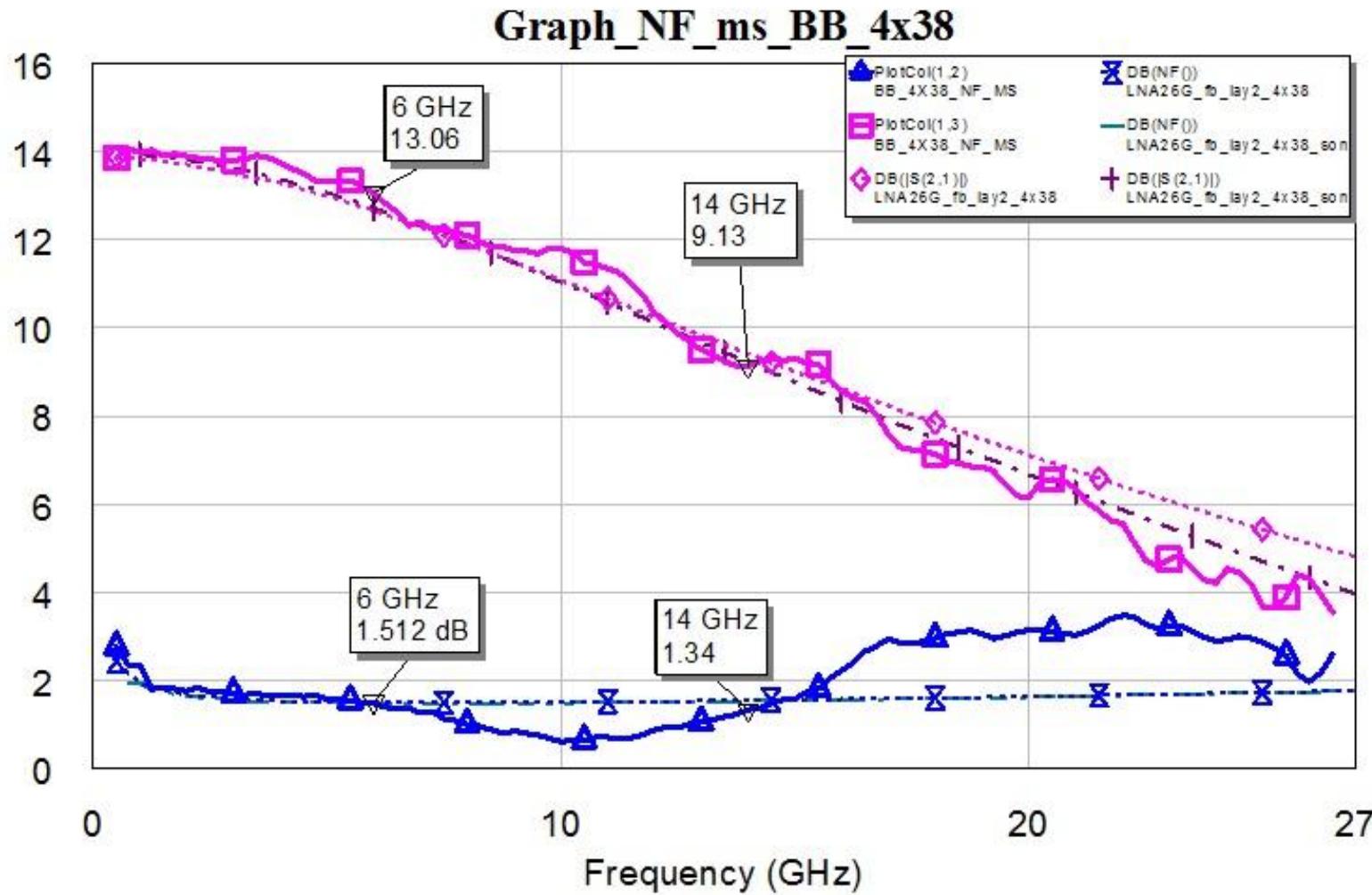


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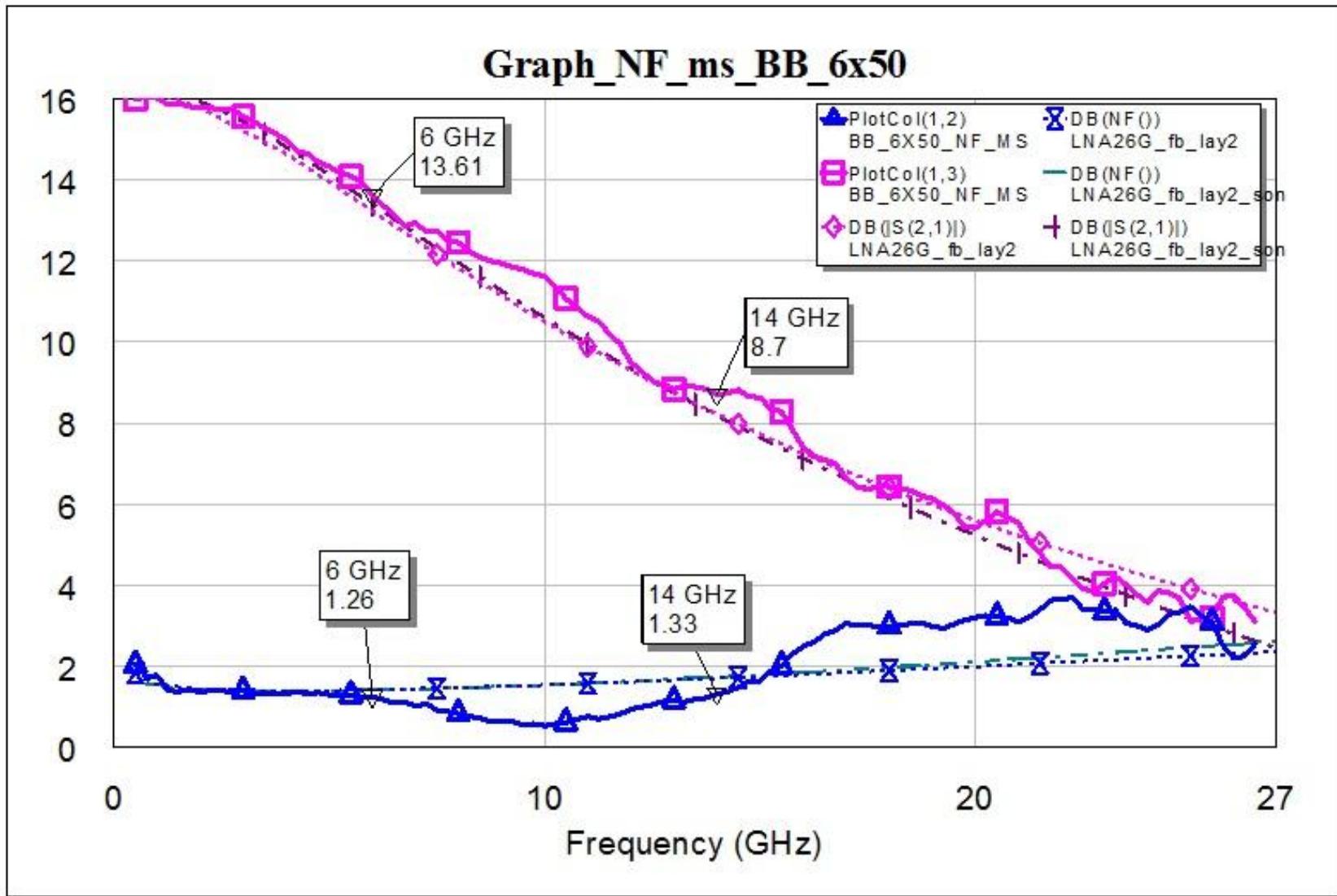
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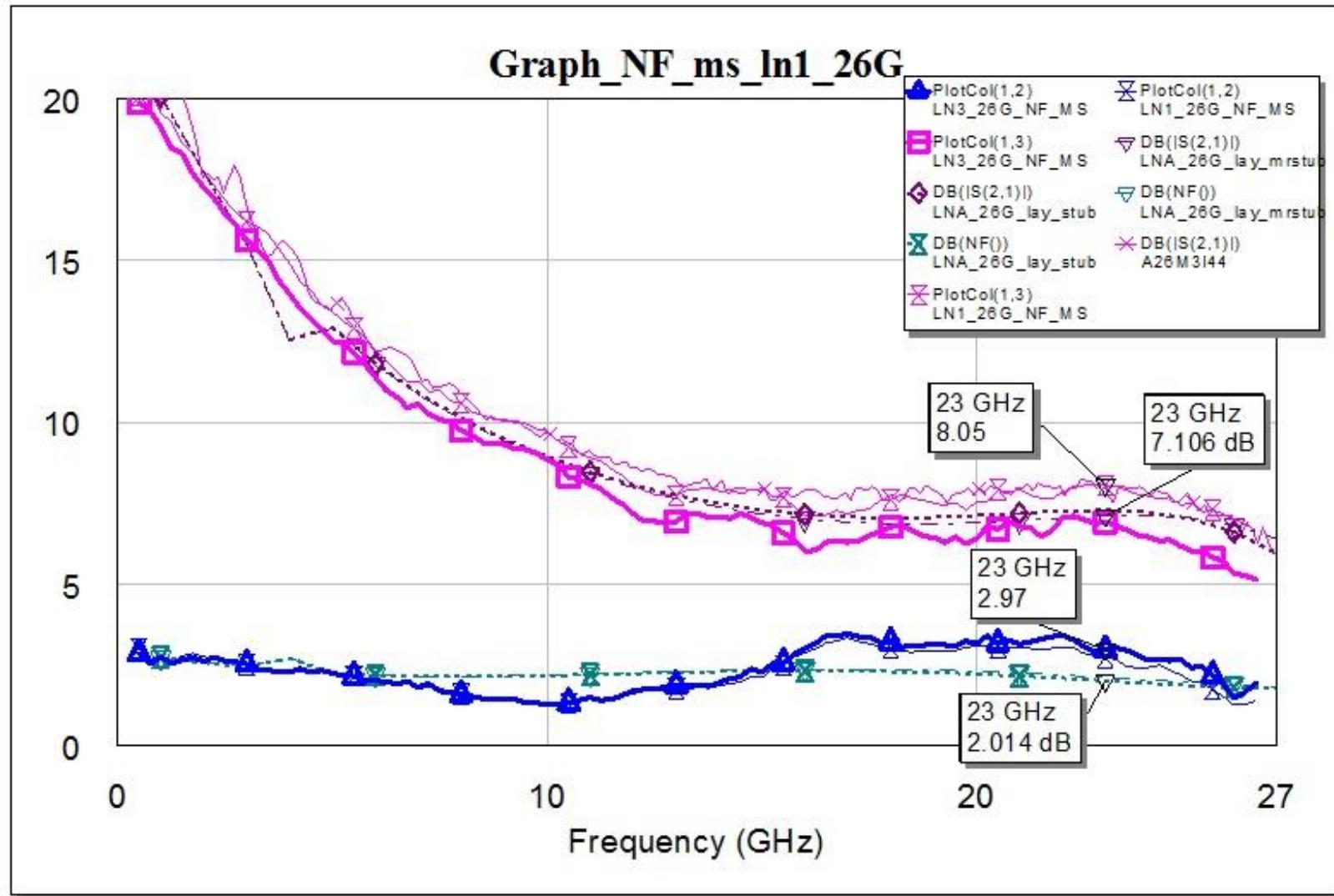
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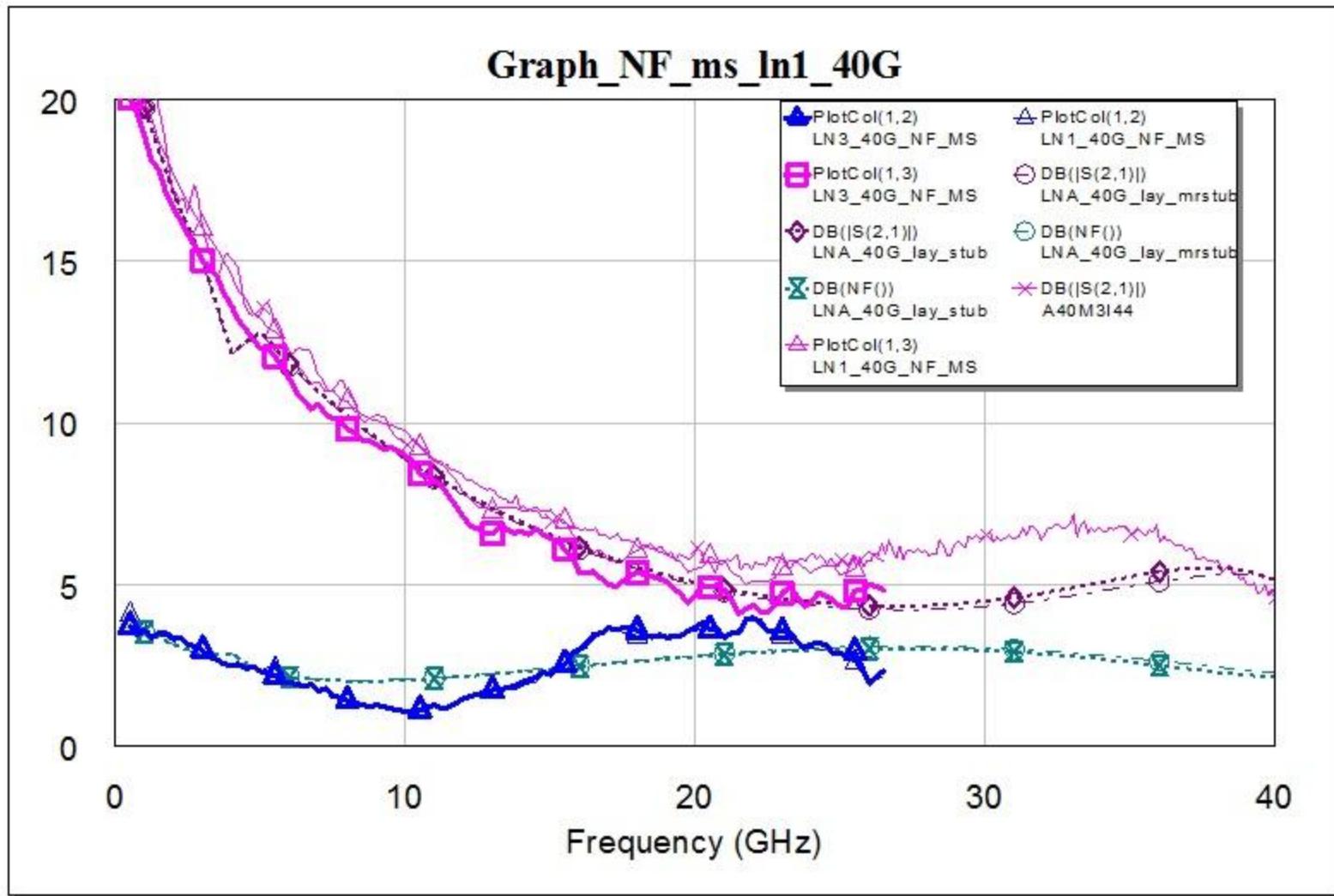
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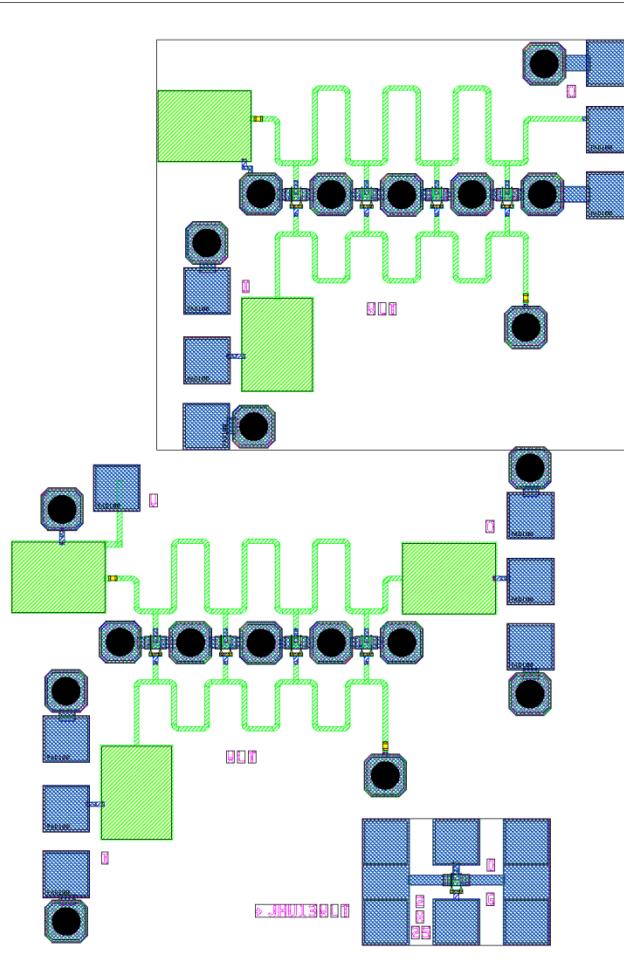
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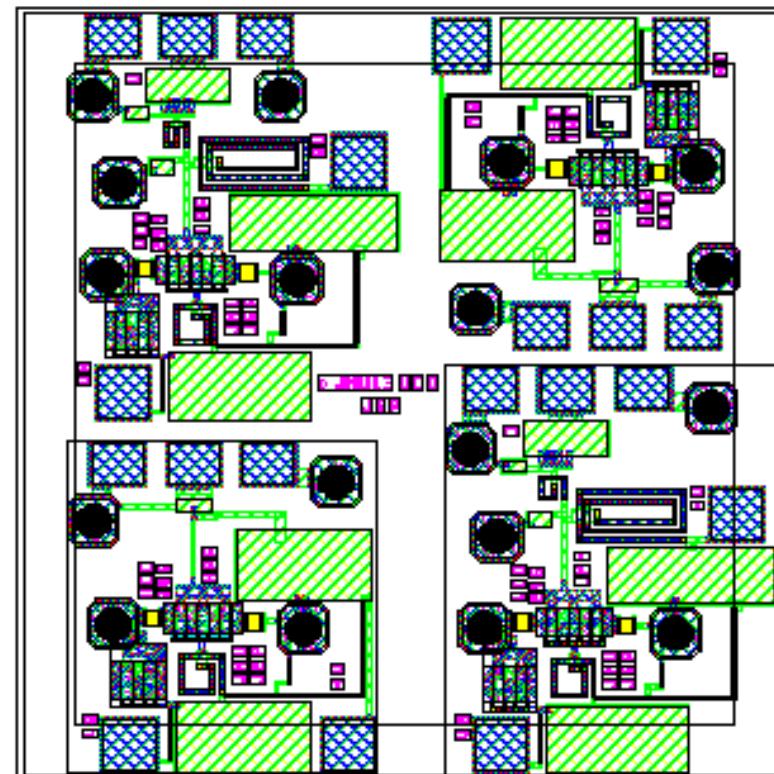
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Other Projects

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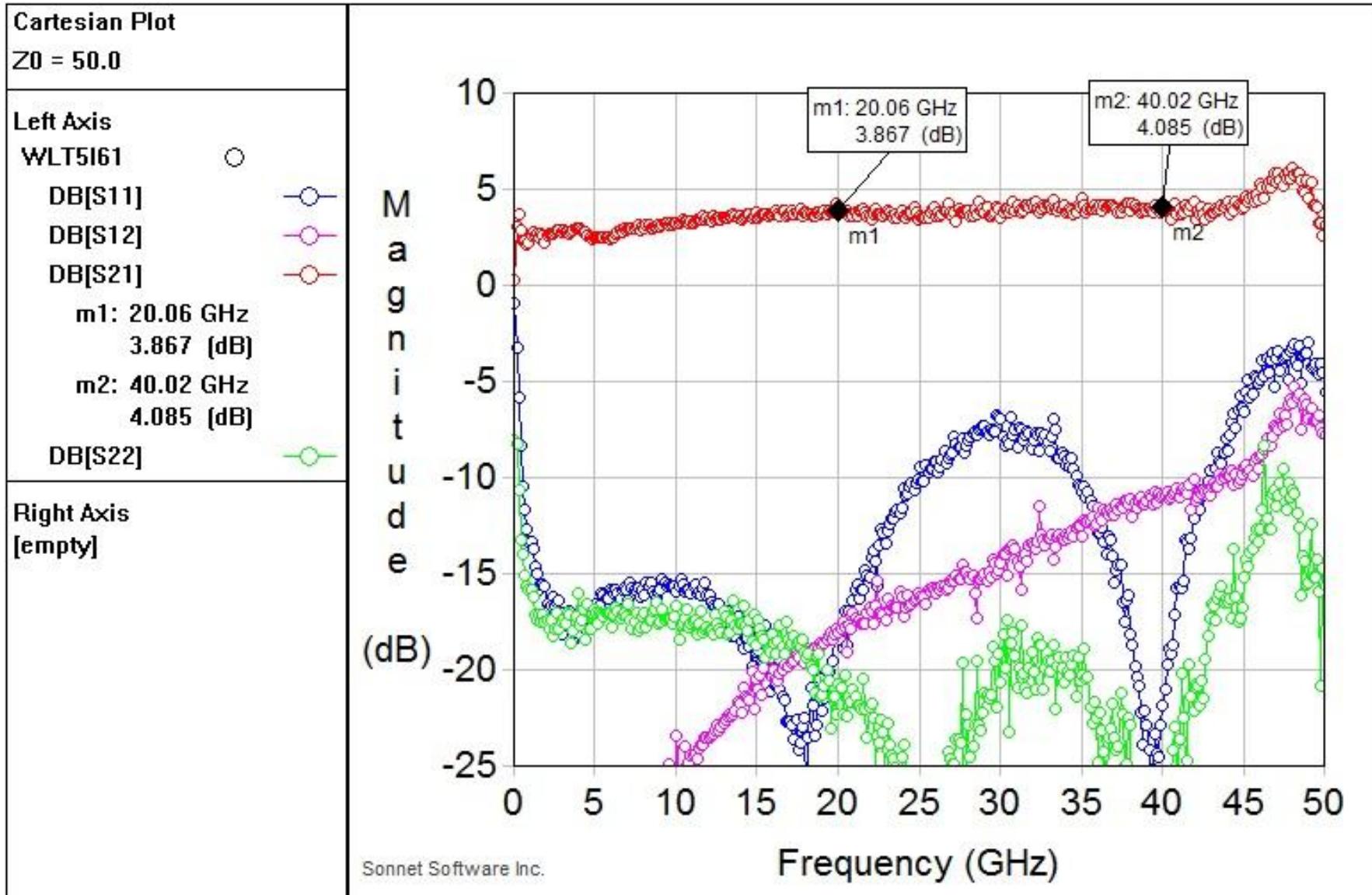


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WLT Distributed Amplifier



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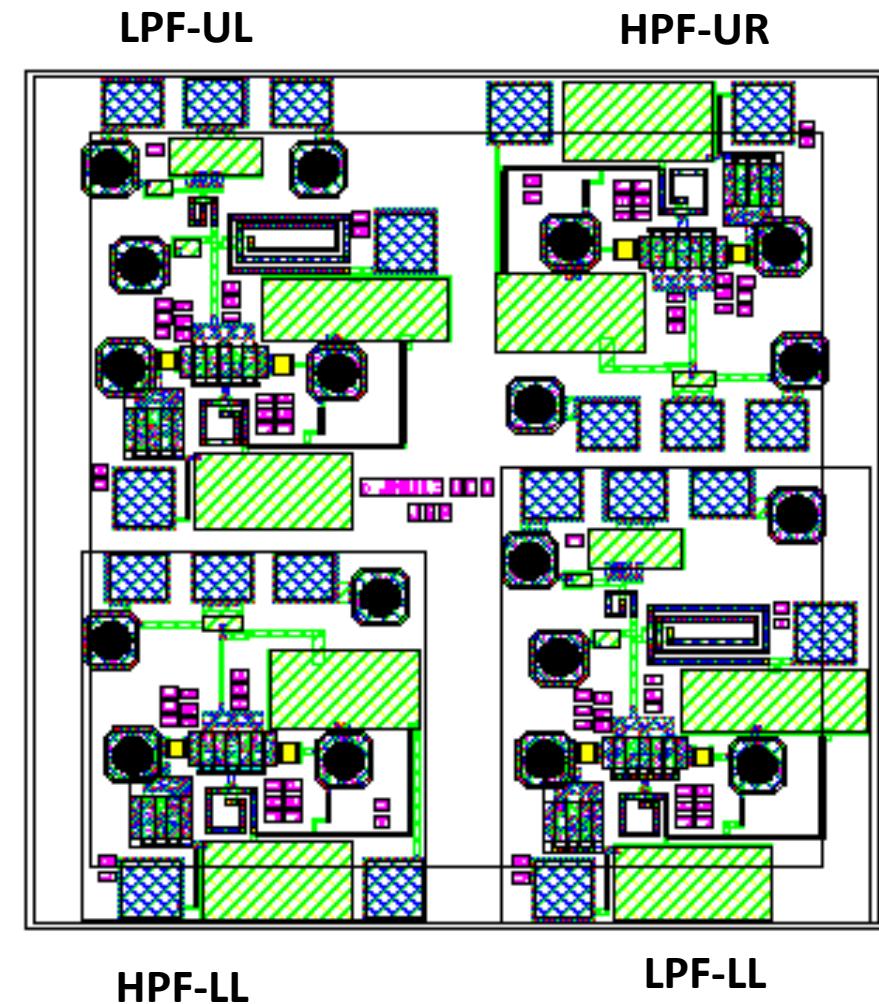
Slight Modifications to '12 24 GHz VCO Output Matching Circuits to increase robustness of oscillation. High Pass vs. Low Pass Quarter Wave Lumped Element Transformer on output. Similar Tuning Range to '12 Versions. Better, more consistent Output Powers '13.

HPF VCO	3V at 21mA	Die #1	UR
VBias (V)	Freq (GHz)	Pout(ms)	Pout(corr)
-0.8	23.645	0.0	4.5
-0.5	23.660	0.5	5.0
0.0	23.883	0.3	4.8

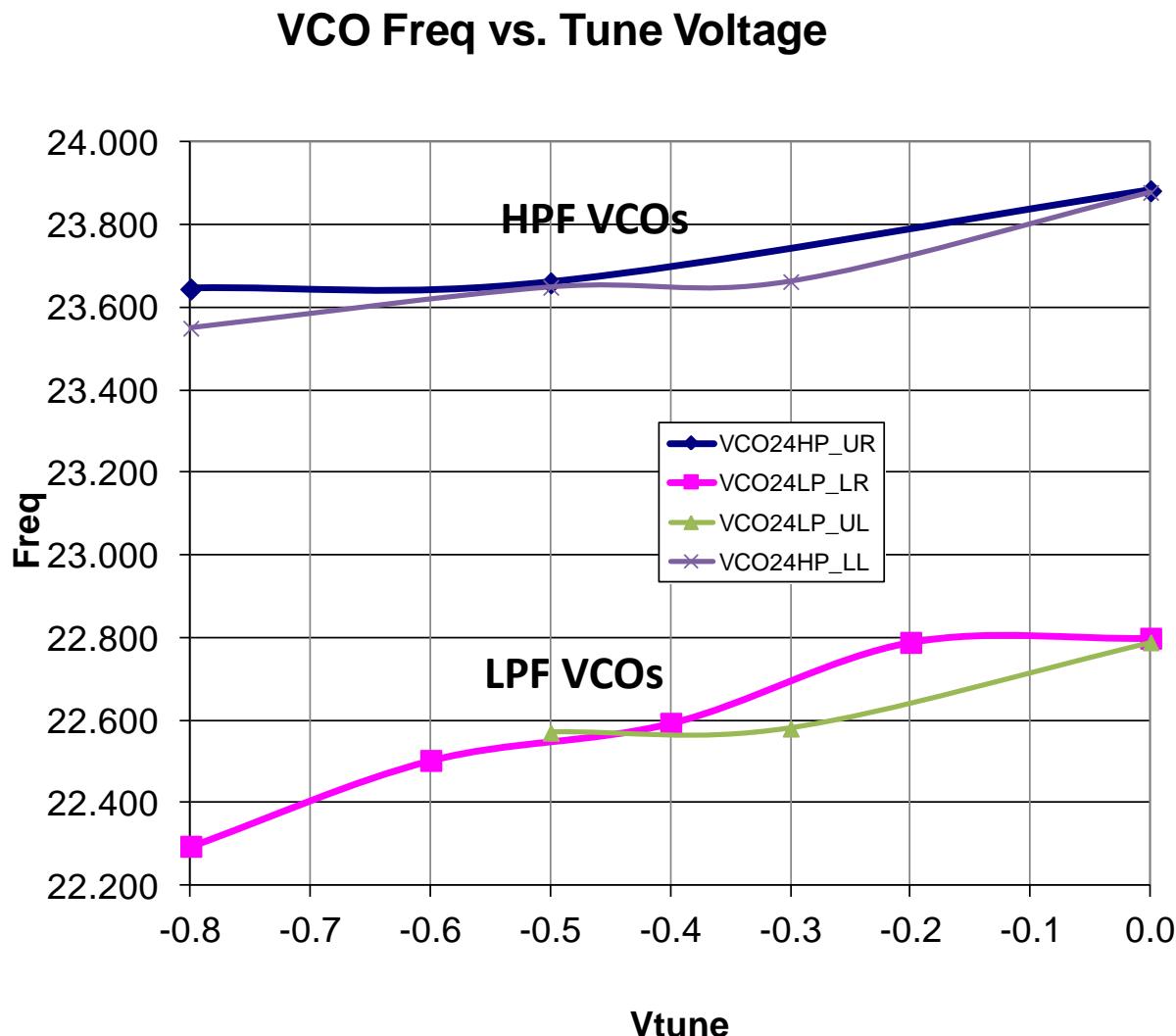
HPF VCO	3V at 21mA	Die #1	LL
VBias (V)	Freq (GHz)	Pout(ms)	Pout(corr)
-0.8	23.550	0.4	4.9
-0.5	23.649	0.0	4.5
-0.3	23.663	0.0	4.5
0.0	23.879	0.0	4.5

LPF VCO	3V at 20mA	Die #1	LR
VBias (V)	Freq (GHz)	Pout(ms)	Pout(corr)
-0.8	22.295	2.0	6.5
-0.6	22.503	2.5	7.0
-0.4	22.593	3.0	7.5
-0.2	22.789	2.7	7.2
0.0	22.799	2.7	7.2

LPF VCO	3V at 20mA	Die #1	UL
VBias (V)	Freq (GHz)	Pout(ms)	Pout(corr)
-0.5	22.570	2.6	7.1
-0.3	22.580	2.8	7.3
0.0	22.789	2.2	6.7



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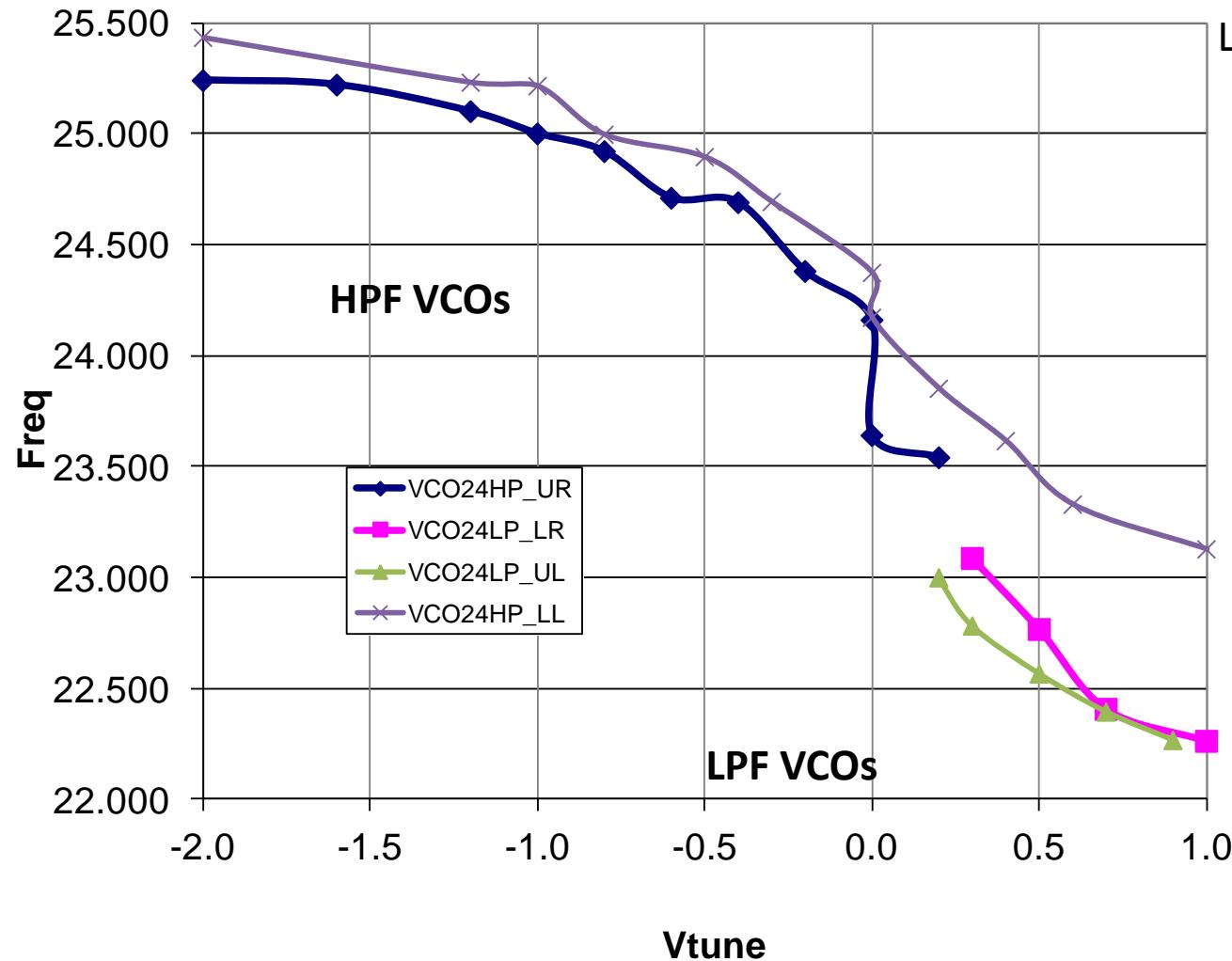


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VCO Freq vs. Tune Voltage Re-Measured

Re-Measured over
Larger Tuning Range



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Re-Measured over Larger Tuning Range

Re-Measured 4/17/14			
HPF VCOs			
HPF VCO	3V at 15mA	Die #1	LL
VBias (V)	Freq (GHz)	Pout(ms)	Pout(corr)
-2.0	25.434	0.9	5.4
-1.2	25.232	-0.2	4.3
-1.0	25.216	0.1	4.6
-0.8	24.997	0.6	5.1
-0.5	24.896	1.7	6.2
-0.3	24.694	-2.2	2.3
0.0	24.374	0.0	4.5
0.0	24.172	-1.3	3.2
0.2	23.852	-1.3	3.2
0.4	23.616	-1.3	3.2
0.6	23.330	-1.0	3.5
1.0	23.128	-1.0	3.5
HPF VCO	3V at 15mA	Die #1	UR
VBias (V)	Freq (GHz)	Pout(ms)	Pout(corr)
-2.0	25.241	-0.9	3.6
-1.6	25.221	-0.7	3.8
-1.2	25.101	-1.3	3.2
-1.0	25.001	-0.1	4.4
-0.8	24.921	0.7	5.2
-0.6	24.711	-2.5	2.0
-0.4	24.691	-2.1	2.4
-0.2	24.381	-0.6	3.9
0.0	24.161	-0.6	3.9
0.0	23.641	0.0	4.5
0.2	23.541	1.0	5.5

LPF VCOs

Re-Measured 4/17/14			
Positive voltages only for oscillation!			
LPF VCO	3V at 15mA	Die #1	UL
VBias (V)	Freq (GHz)	Pout(ms)	Pout(corr)
0.2	23.000	-0.4	4.1
0.3	22.783	-0.2	4.3
0.5	22.567	0.9	5.4
0.7	22.395	0.7	5.2
0.9	22.267	-0.39	4.11
Positive voltages only for oscillation!			
LPF VCO	3V at 14mA	Die #1	LR
VBias (V)	Freq (GHz)	Pout(ms)	Pout(corr)
0.3	23.087	0.0	4.5
0.5	22.767	0.2	4.7
0.7	22.407	0.8	5.3
1.0	22.263	-0.5	4.0