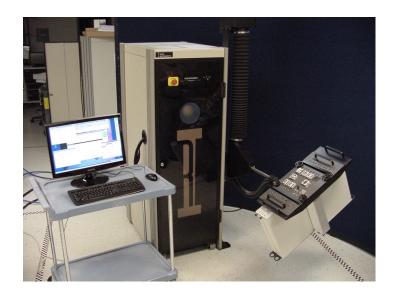


CASSINI RF/ Microwave ATE System Application Development by Example







LNA Tests

- DC Currents & Beta
- S11, S21, S12 & S22
- Noise Figure
- P1dB
- Intermodulation Distortion
- Harmonics

Search Measurements

- Dependent and Independent Variable
- Collect appropriate data
- Curve fit
- Find desired dependent condition
- Retrieve associated independent stimulus

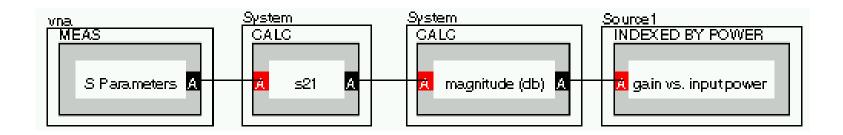


P1dB, Step 1 and 2

- Measure the small signal gain, in this case 10 dB
- Subtract 1 from the value to establish the "target compression gain" in this case 9 dB



• Measure gain at a number of Source 1 input power levels, saving the measured gains, indexed by Source 1 Power.





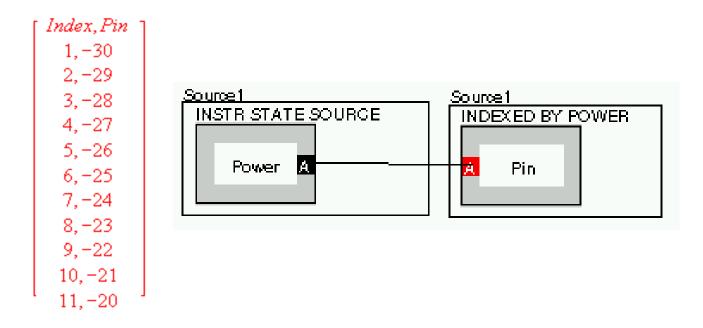
P1dB Step 3 (Continued)

• The index value is actually not the Source 1 power value, It is the "N" as in the Nth value of the Source 1 power used [Index, Gain]

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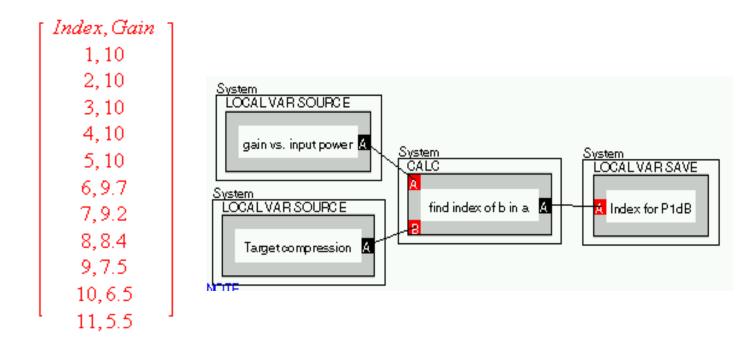


• Save the second array, Source 1 power, also indexed by Source 1 Power



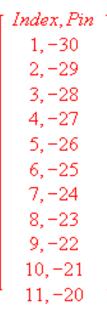


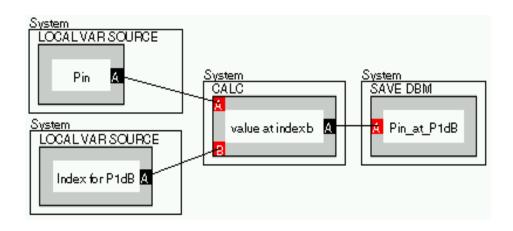
Find fractional index for P1dB (9 dB)
This is an index of approximately 7.2





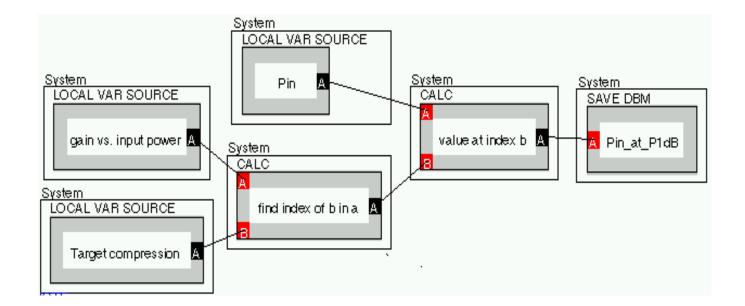
• Extract Pin for that index. (~ -23.8 dBm)







P1db Calculation

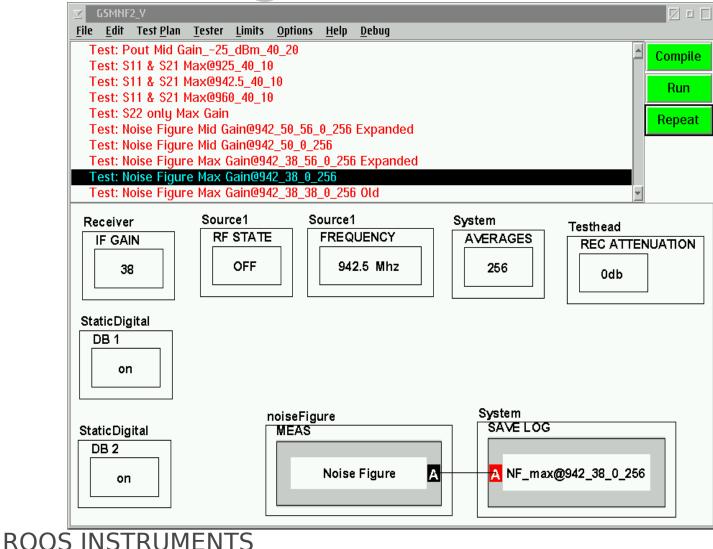


Measuring Noise Figure

- Set RF Source 1 to Device Input Freq.
- Set Receive Attenuation to 0 dB
- Set IF Filter Bandwidth to wide/4 MHz
- Set IF Gain for Hot Noise Measurement System Automatically sets IF Gain 6 dB Higher for Cold Noise Measurement



Noise Figure Measurement



Expanded Noise Figure Measurement

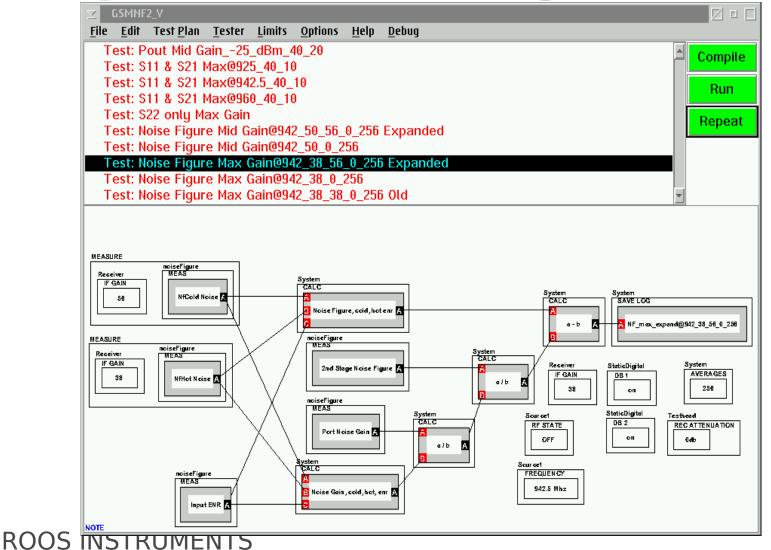
- Set RF Source 1 to Device Input Freq.
- Set Receive Attenuation to 0 dB
- Set IF Filter Bandwidth to wide/4 MHz
- Set IF Gain for Hot Noise Measure
- Set IF Gain +6,+12 or +18 dB higher for Cold Noise Measurement

Expanded Noise Figure Calculating Device Noise Figure

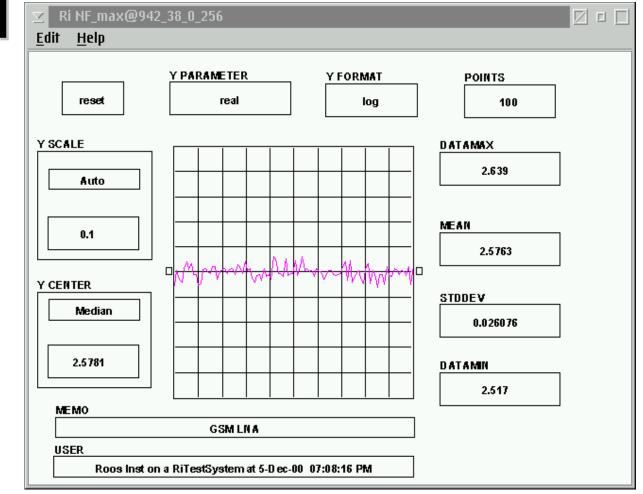
- F1 = F12 (F2 1)/G1
- F1 = Device Noise Figure
- F2 = Tester/Second Stage Noise Figure
- F12 = Measured Noise Figure
- G1 = Device Noise Gain



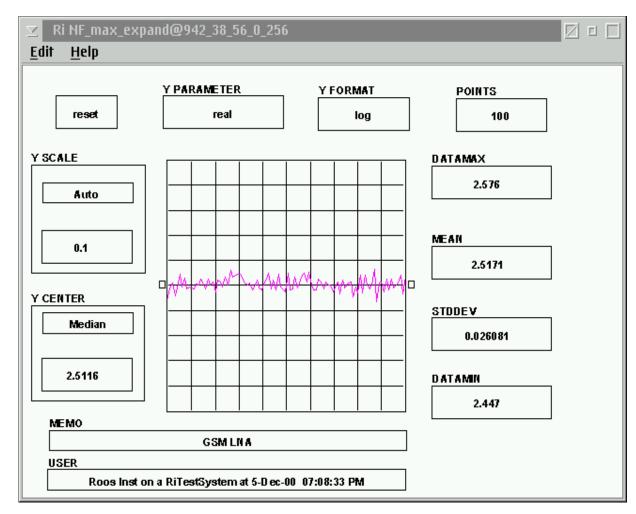
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Noise Figure Measurement IF Gain +6 dB higher for Cold



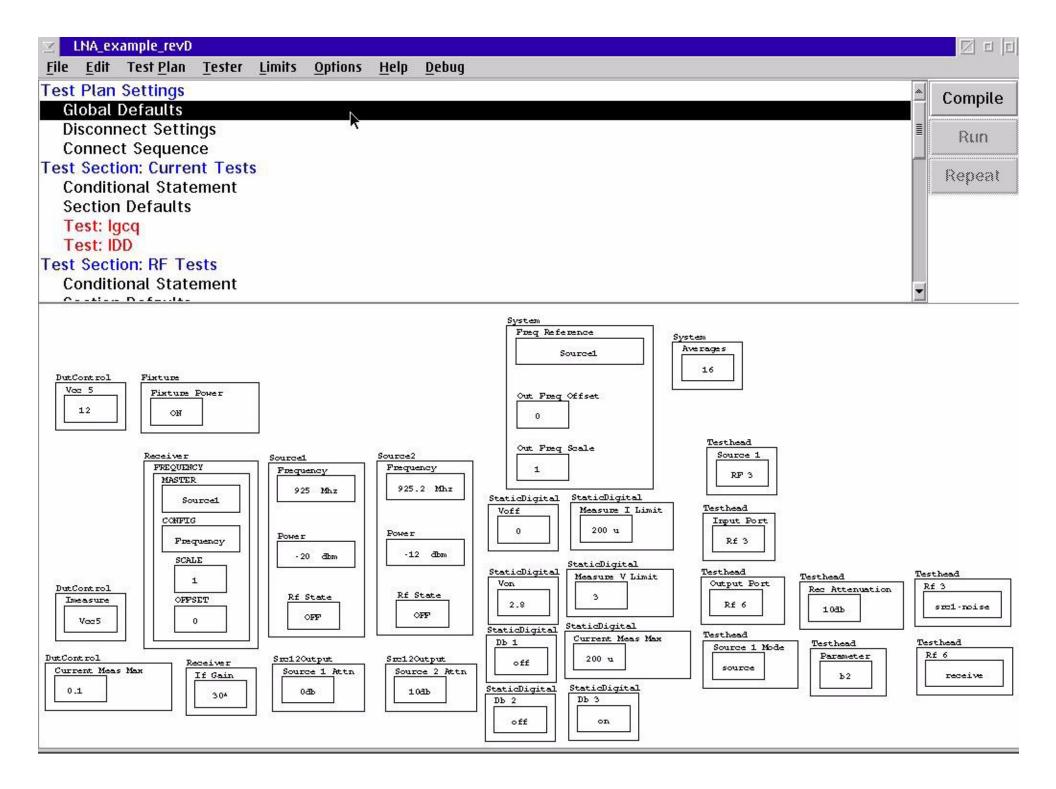
Expanded Noise Figure IF Gain set for Hot & Cold





Example LNA Test Plan

CASSINI Simulator - Examine Test Plan



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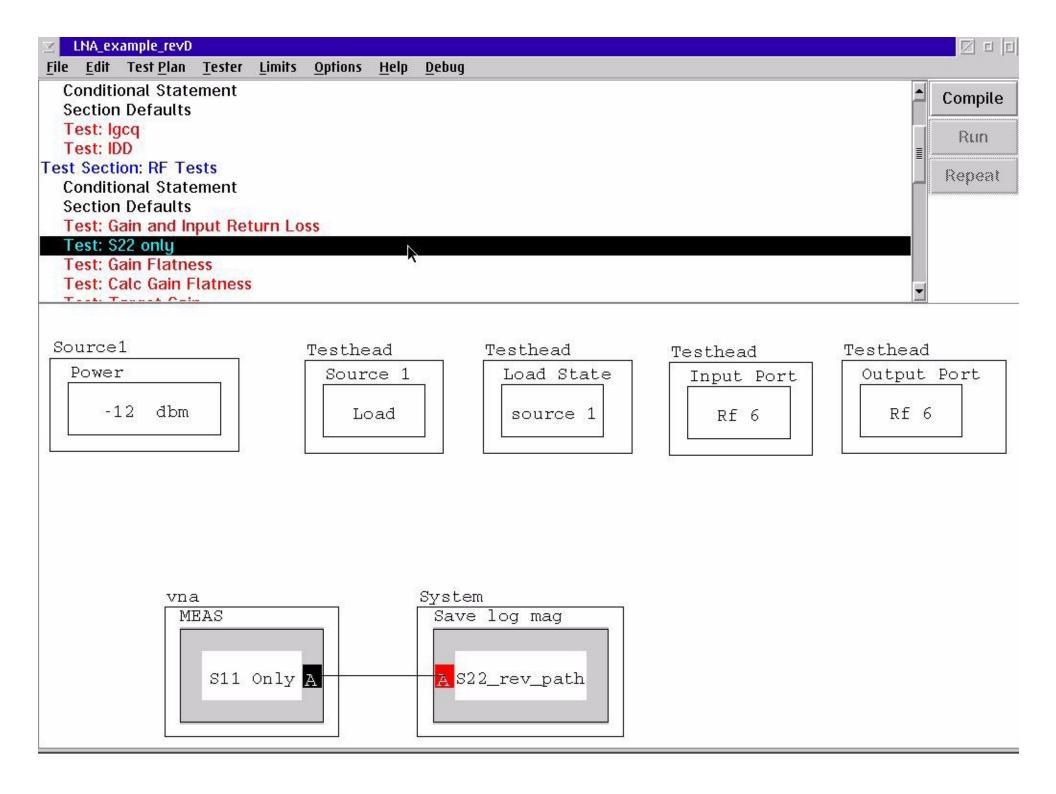
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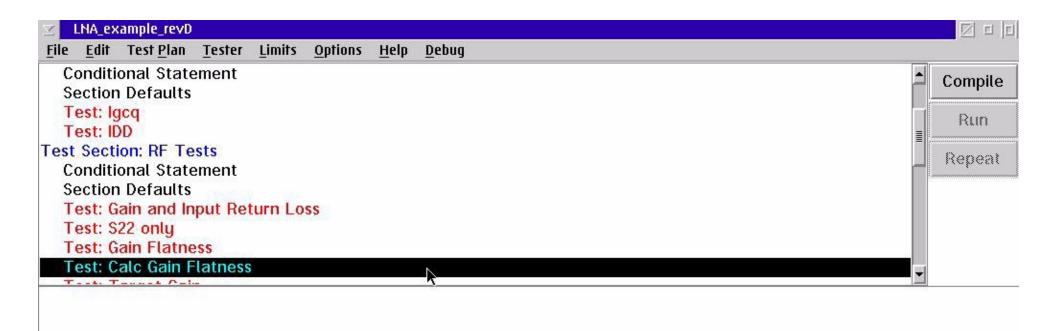
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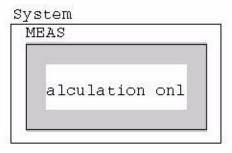
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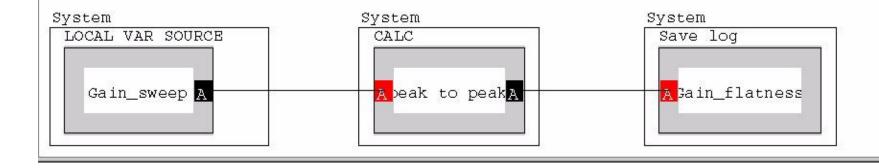
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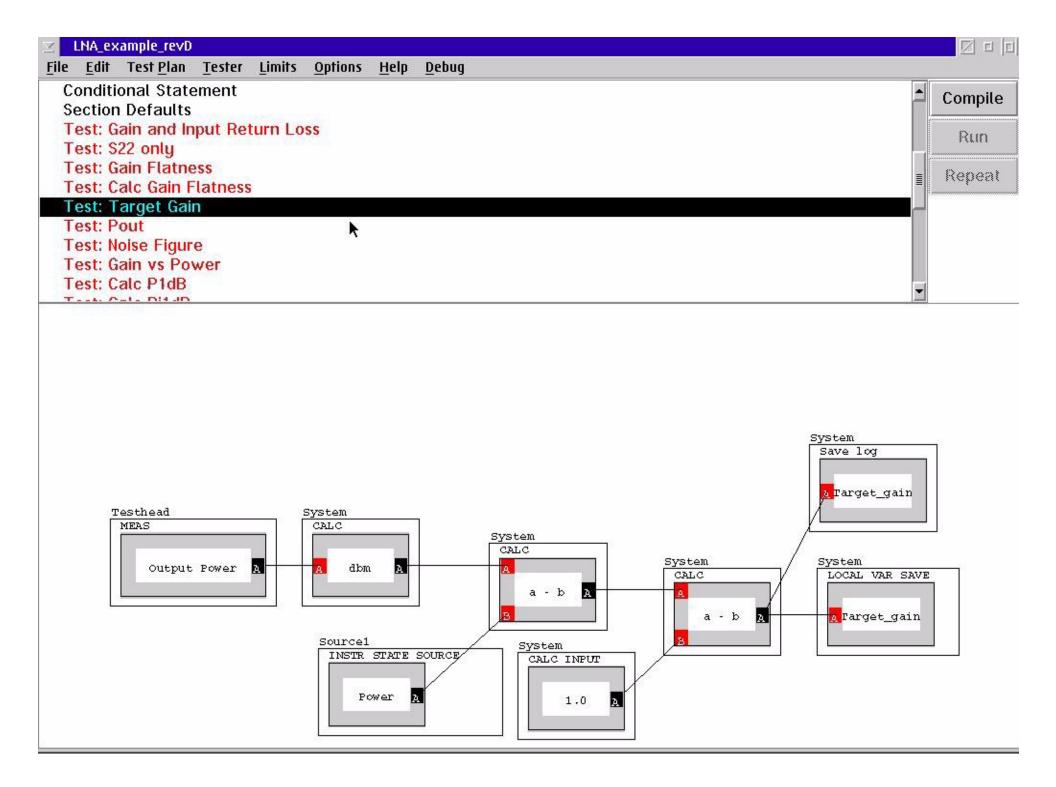


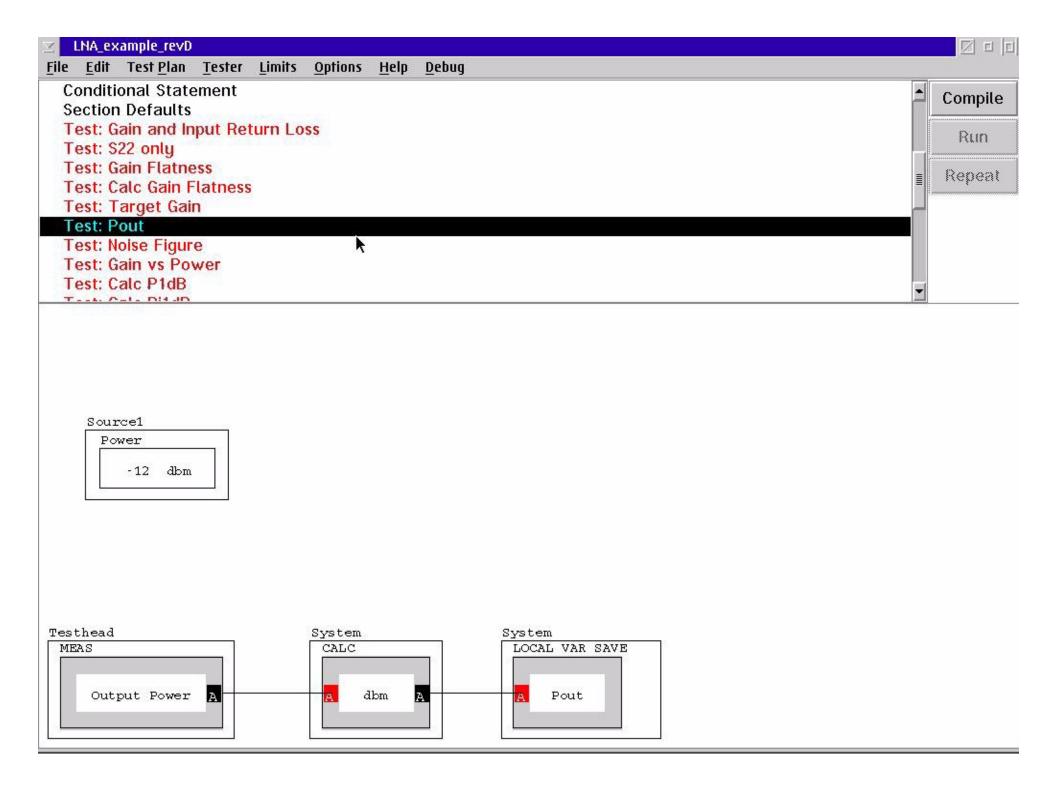
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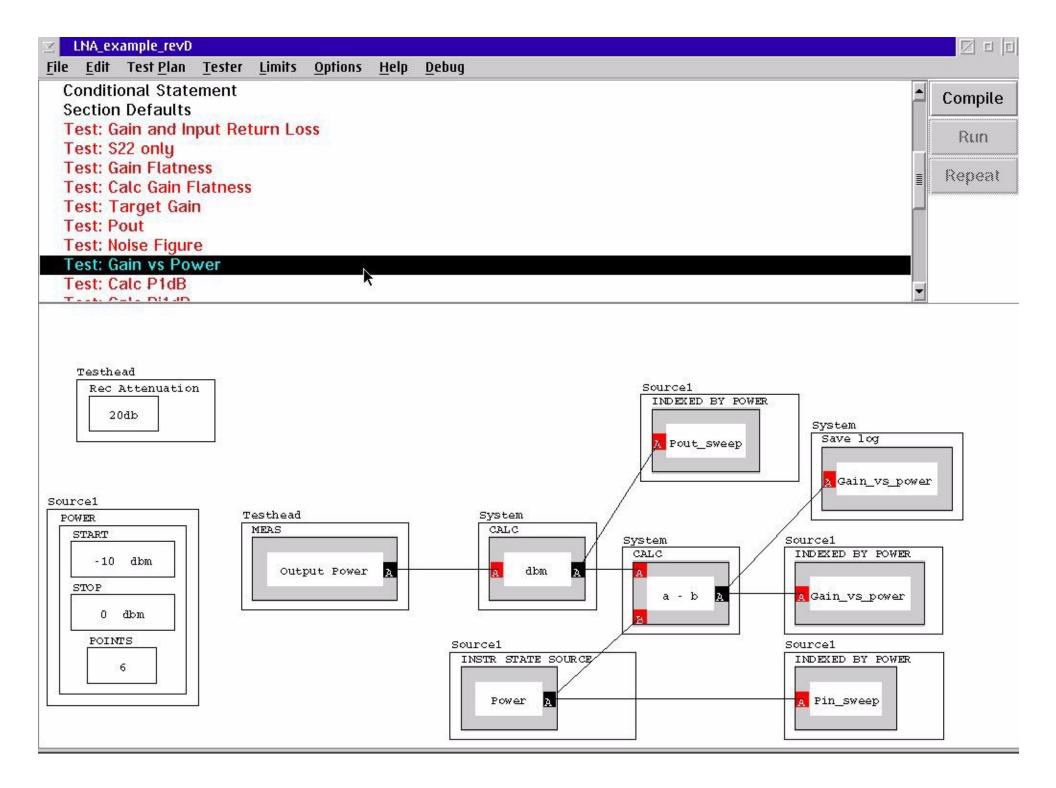


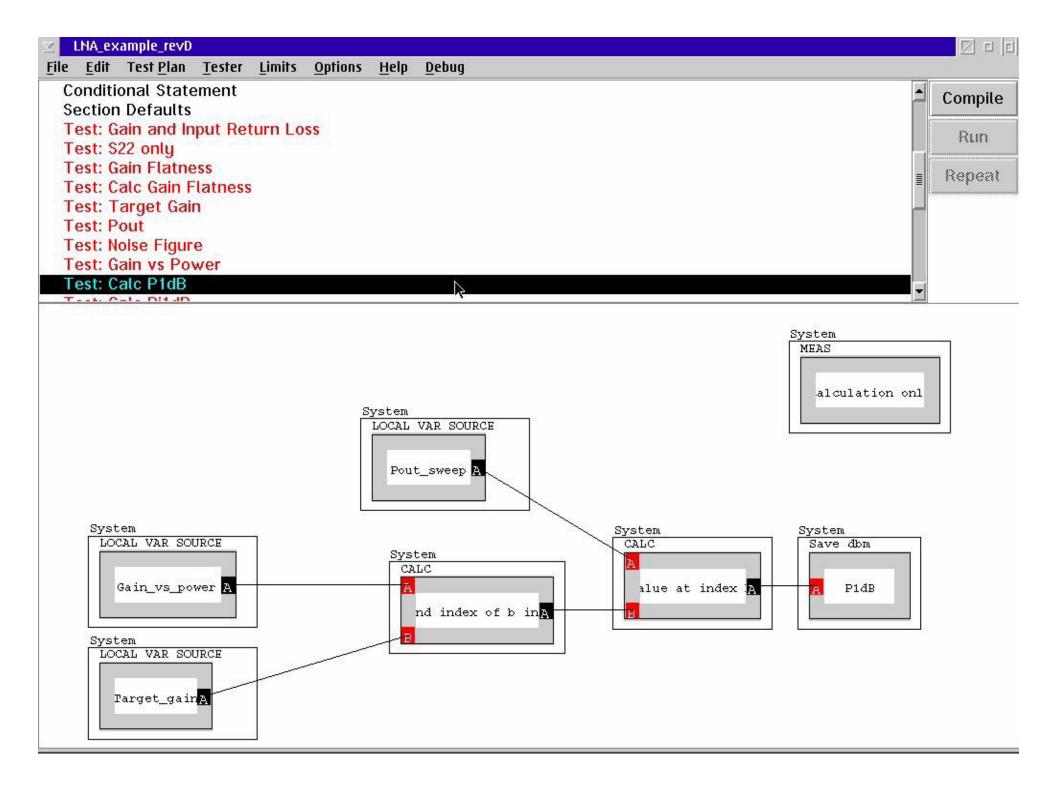


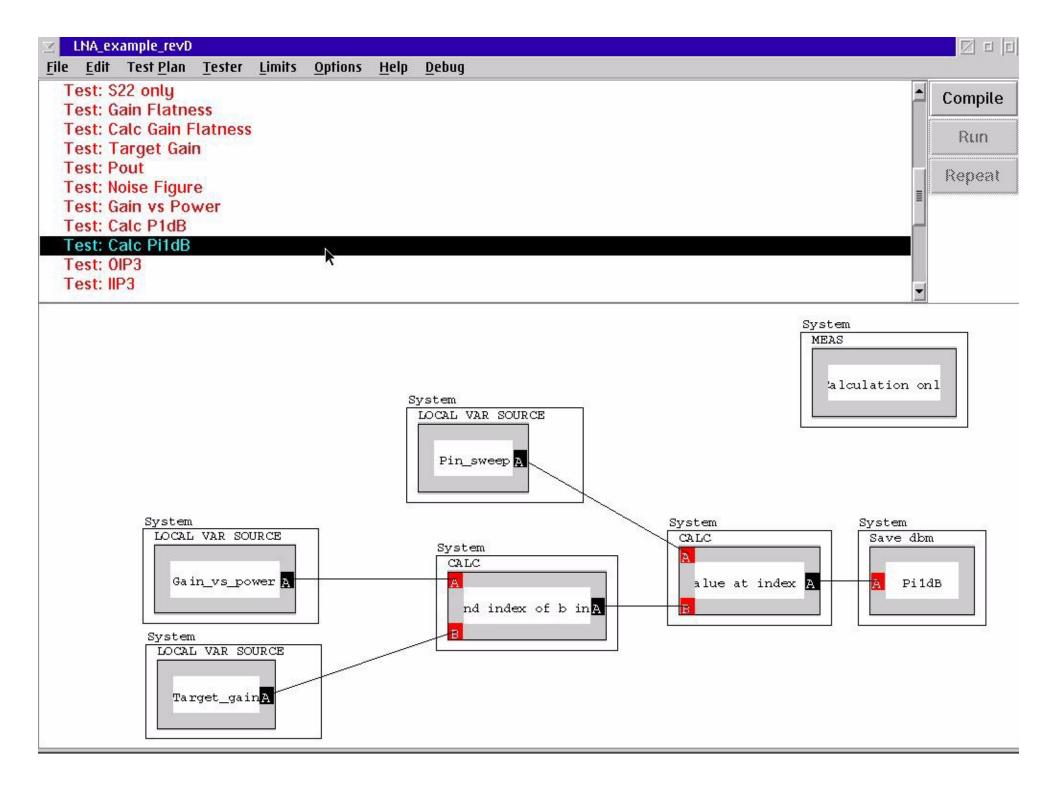


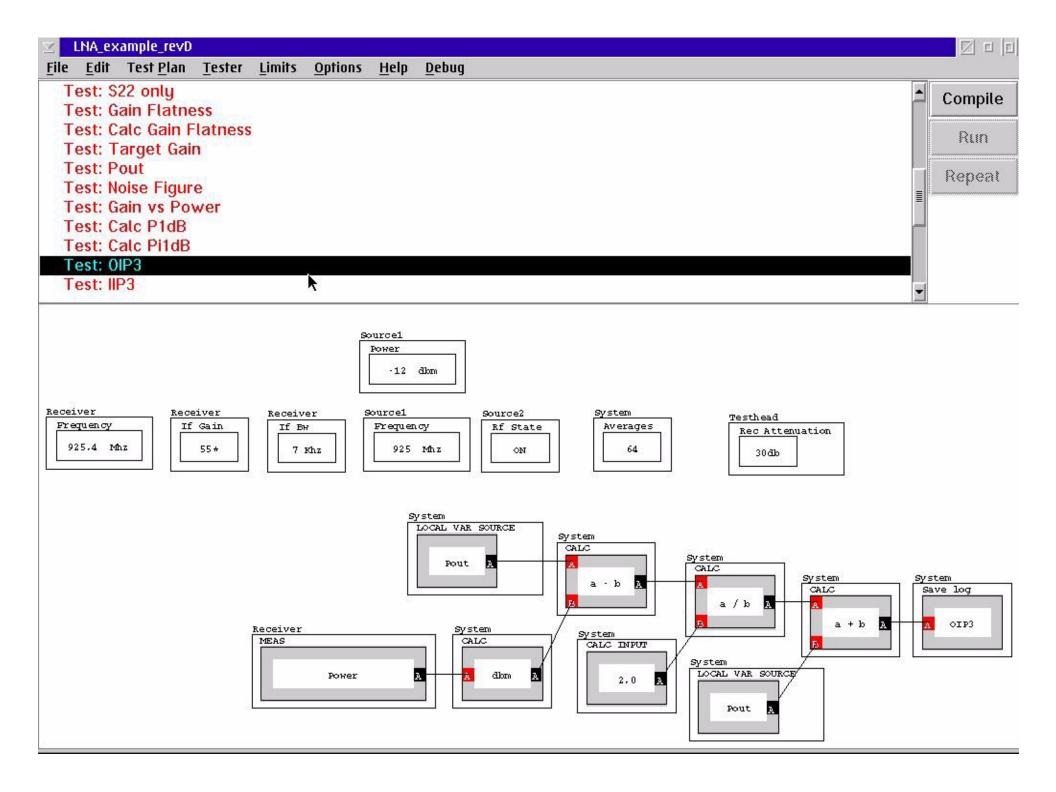


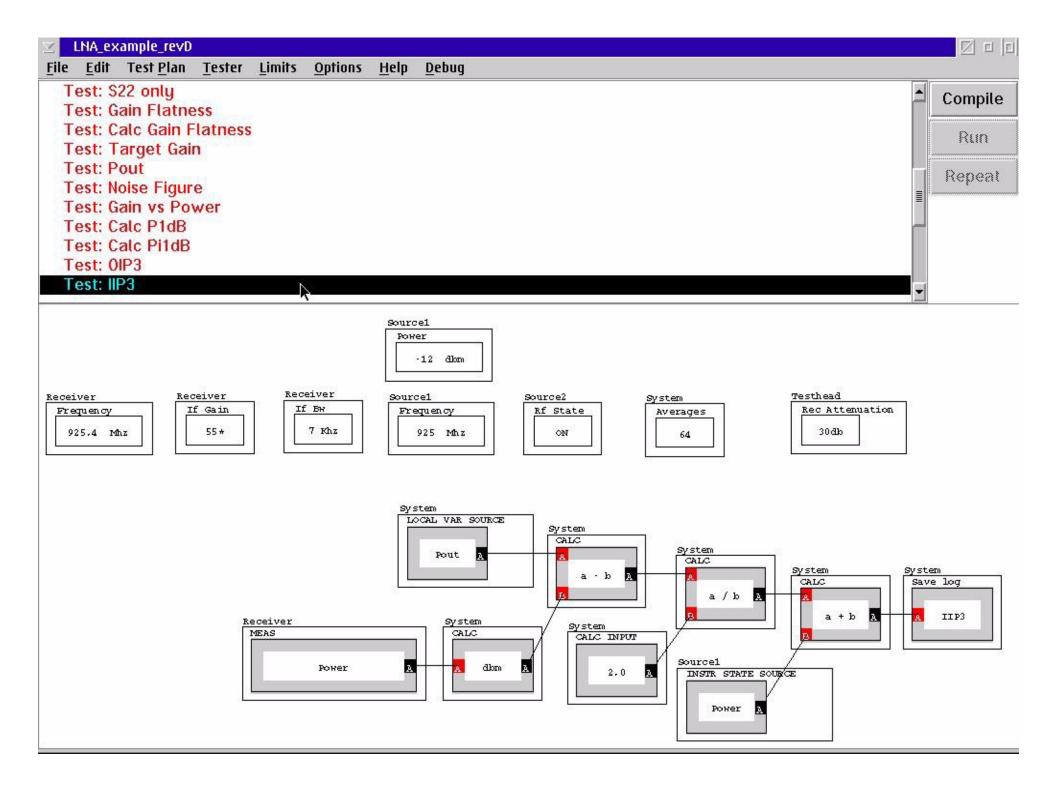
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Writing a LNA Test Plan -Lab D

- Get into Groups of Three
- Each will take turns performing the lab
- One types, one reads, one uses mouse

LNA Test Plan Lab Develop 3rd Harmonic

- RF Input Level = -5 dBm
- RF Input Frequency = 960 MHz
- 3rd Harmonic Spec. Approx. -35 dBc
- Device Gain Approx. +10 dB
- Calc 3rd Harmonic in dBc
- Extra Credit:

Find 3rd Harmonic at +5 dBm Out



PA Tests

- DC Current & PAE
- S11, S21, S12 & S22
- Noise Figure
- P1dB
- Intermodulation Distortion
- Harmonics
- ACPR @ Specified Output Power



PA Test Plan Measurements

- Gain
- P1dB
- Fixed Pout
- IM3
- Leakage Current
- ACPR/ACLR
- Efficiency

PA Test Considerations

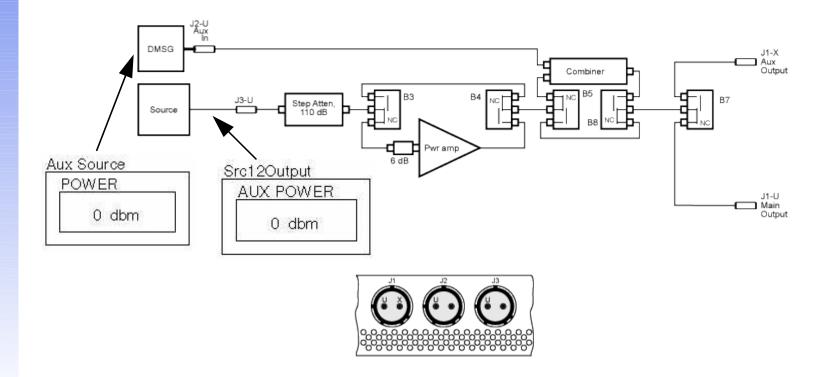
- Set Up DMSG in Global Defaults
- Use SRC12/Aux Pwr not Aux SRC/Pwr for sweep
- SRC12/Aux Pwr is Actually Attenuation
- Use RMS Power for Modulated Tones
- Characterize Noise BW of IF Filters for Modulation Type
- Use DB Line for Leakage Current Measurement



Aux Attenuator Path



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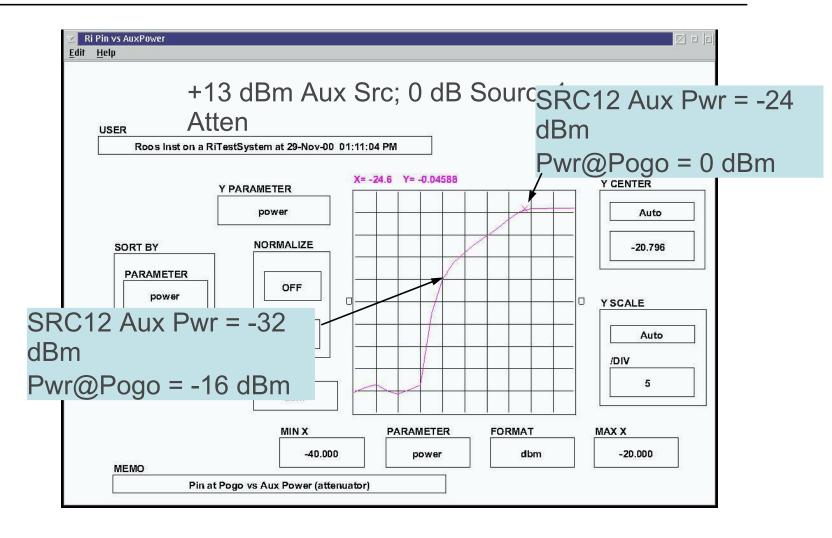


Src12 Aux Power

- Attenuator not Power
- Logarithmic Attenuation
- Approximately 13 dB Path Loss in 0 dB Attenuation State (DMSG to Pogo Ring)
- Effective Settings: SRC12/AuxPwr
 - -24 dBm = 13 dB path loss = 0 dB atten
 - -32 dBm = 29 dB path loss = 16 dB atten



Available vs. Src12/AuxPower



Aux Source Capabilities

- Anritsu MG3671B; +13 dBm max.
- Aux Src Only: 0 dBm @ Pogo
- With SRC1 Amp: Approximately +20 dBm @ Pogo
- CDMA, TDMA, PDC, GSM, TETRA, DECT



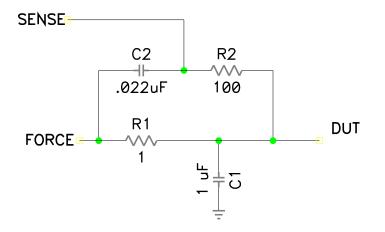
VI Loading

- Power VIs designed for <0.1uF
- 3 uSec settling, Faster than bench
- Some PA eval boards have higher values
- Design Dut boards appropriately
- If Dut must have >1uF cap use following method



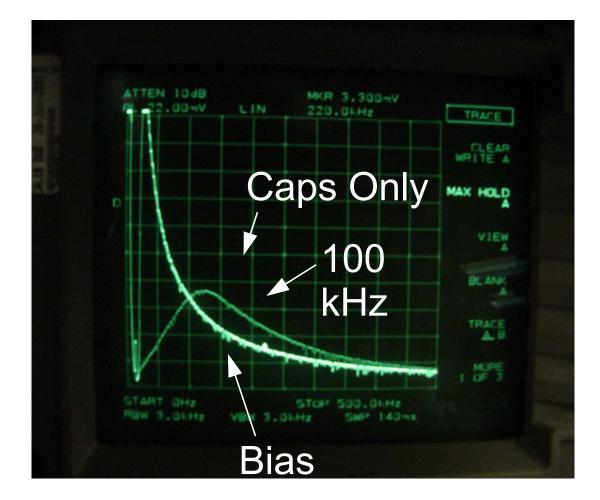
Loading Circuit

- C1 must be Ceramic (low R)
- R1, high watt; isolates Cap from VI





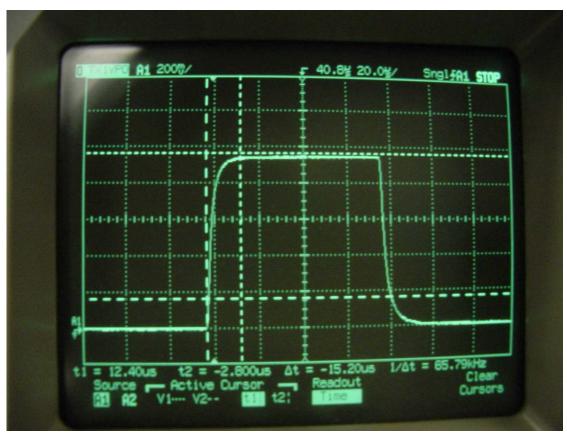
Circuit Frequency Response





Circuit Time Response

• 15 uSec Settling



Switching DC Supplies

- RI Supplies "Break before Make"
- Supplies for Special Measurements
- Power VI; High Current
- DB; Leakage Current
- Concerns:
 - Device Memory
 - Decoupling Capacitance
 - Test Order

Switching Mechanism

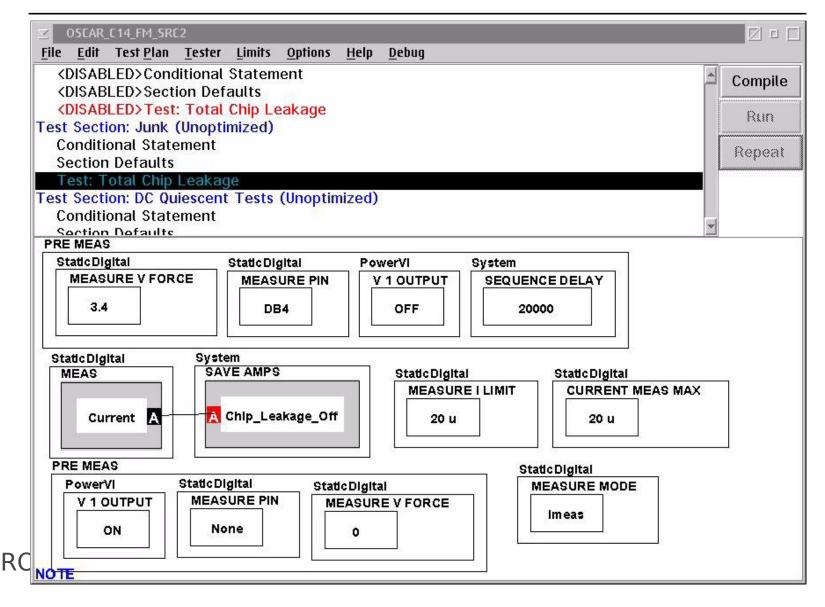
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 - Parametric Measure
- VI
 - OnOff

<u>Make before Break</u>

- Connect Two Supplies at a Time
- DB Compliance
 - Mode Switching
 - Current Limit Applies
- VI Compliance
 - Drop Voltage to Limit Current
- Pre and Post Measure Group

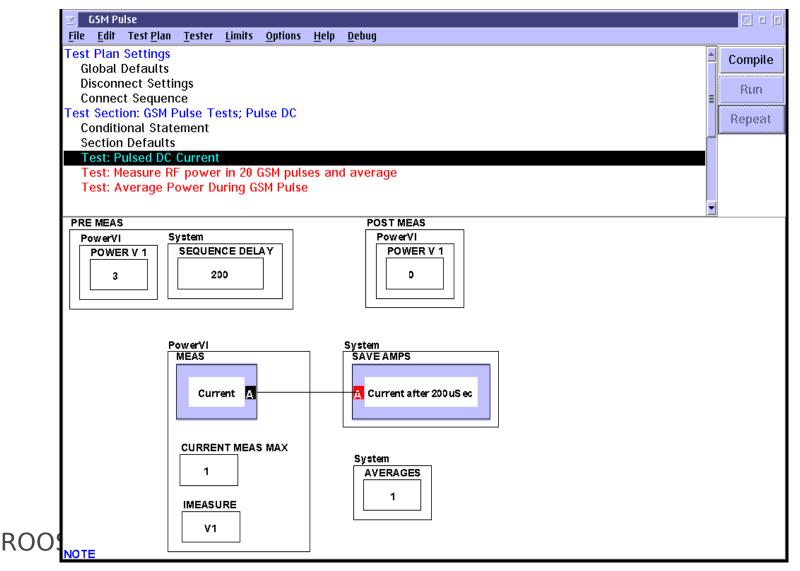


Leakage Current Measurements



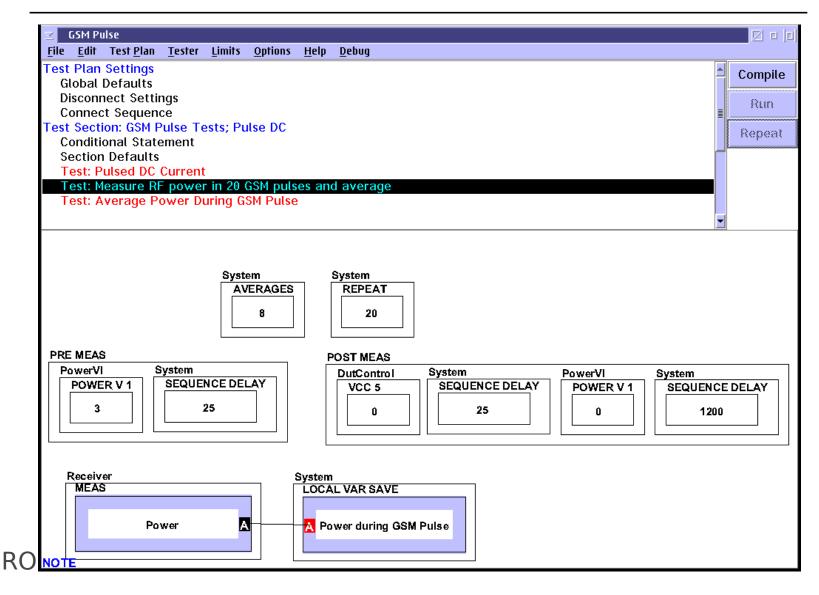


Pulsed DC Measurements





Pulsed RF Measurements



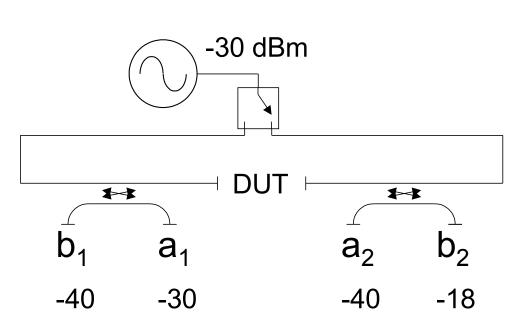
High Dynamic Range Devices

- Wave variation > 30 dB (approx.)
- Waves are a1, a2, b1, b2



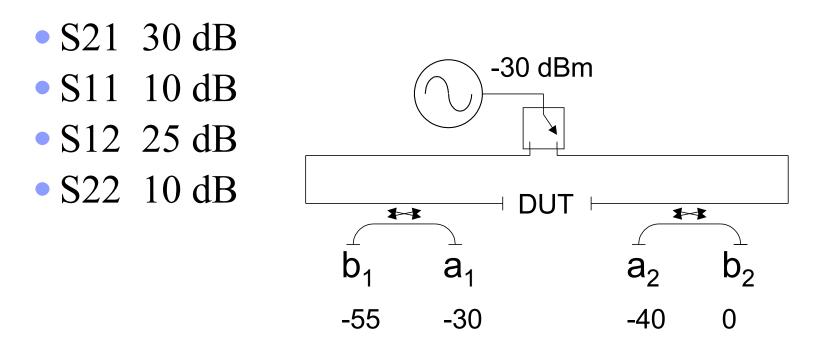
Typical Device; LNA

- S21 12 dB
- S11 10 dB
- S12 15 dB
- S22 10 dB



Total Variation 22 dB

High Dynamic Range Device; PA



Total Variation 55 dB

Example HD Devices

- Multi-stage amplifier
- PA
- Limiter
- Filter
- Log Amplifier
- GPS Amplifier

Tester Methods; VNA

- Measures all four waves
- Same Conditions
 - IF Gain
 - Receive Attenuation
- All waves are used to calculate each Sparameter
- Low dynamic range parameters will be influenced by non-optimized ones

HDD Strategy

- Group according to power variation
- Separate S21 from S12
- Reduce to relevant waves; i.e. S11 only
 - Valid for high dynamic range device
 - If S12 is small; output will not influence input

High Dynamic Range Device; PA

• S21 30 dB • S11 10 dB • S12 25 dB • S22 10 dB $RF3 RF7 DUT RF7 b_1 a_1 a_2$

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-30

 b_2

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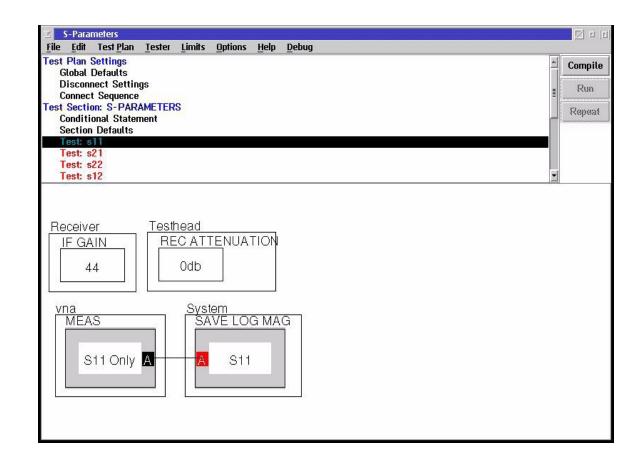
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Total Variation 55 dB



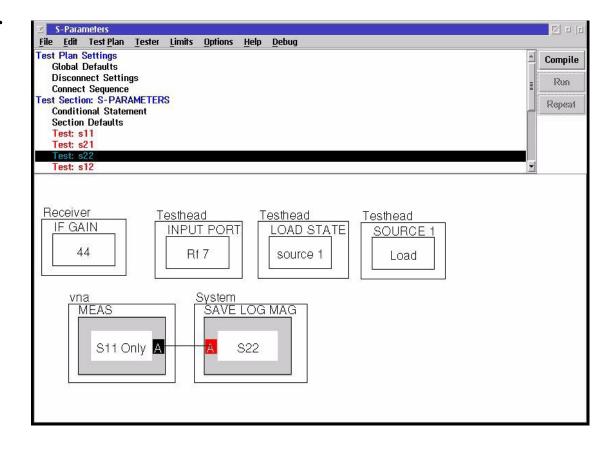
S11

• S11 Only



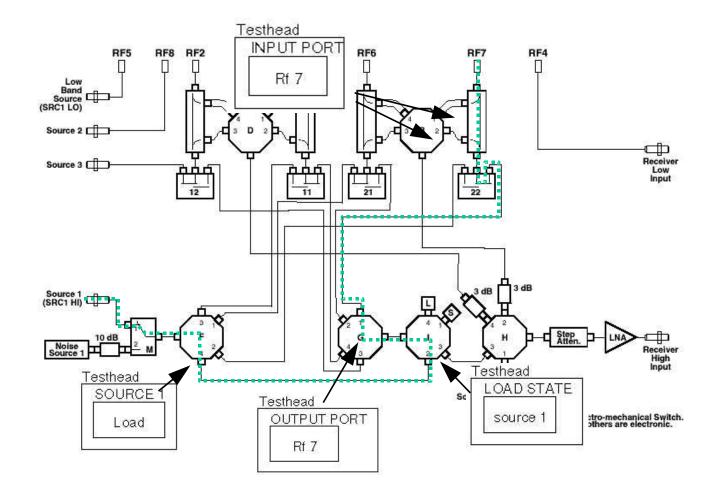
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Back Door



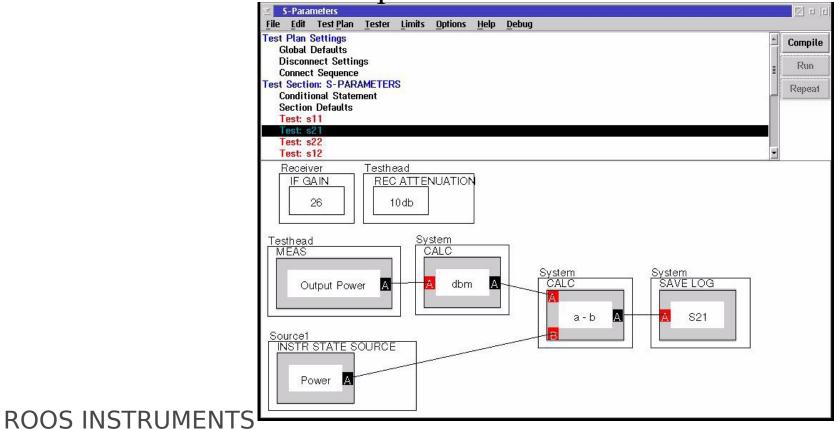


Back Door Path



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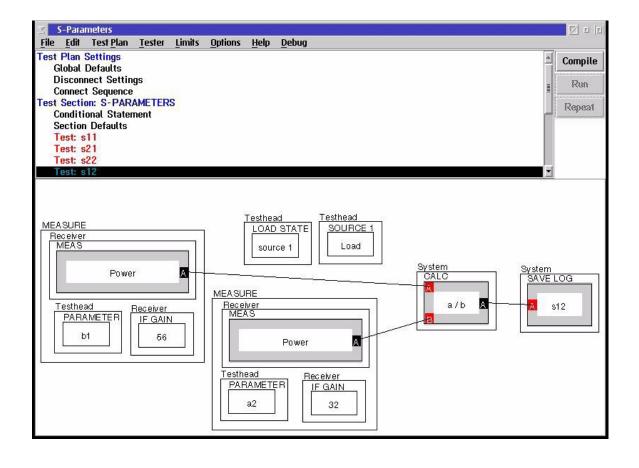
- Only Meas Pout
- Vector Correct for output match





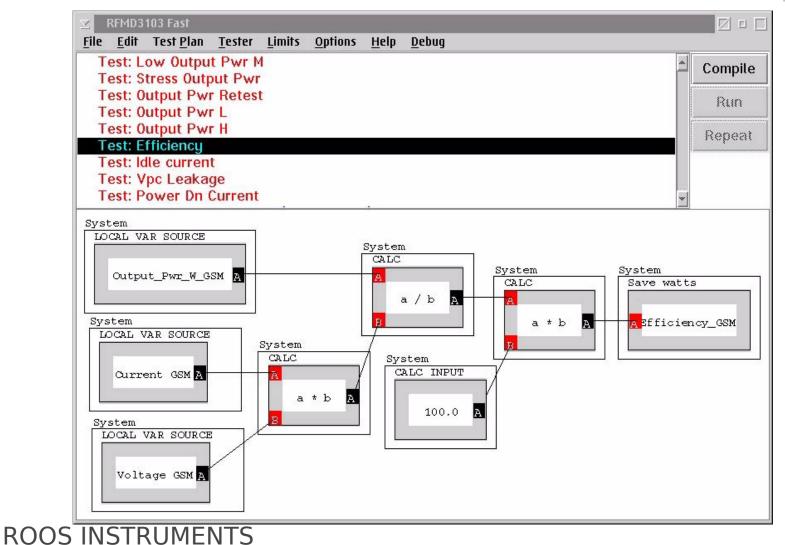
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b1, a2back door



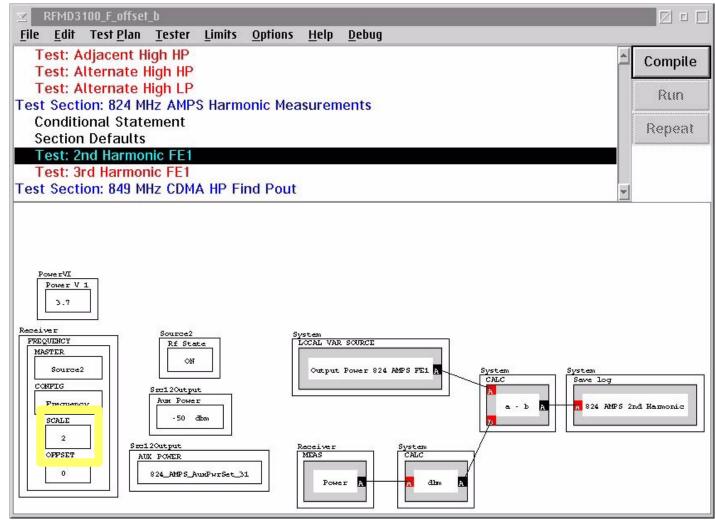


PAE: Power Added Efficiency





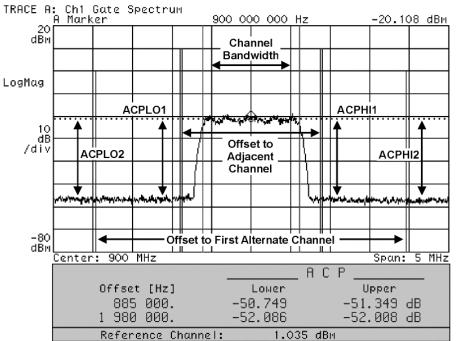
Measure Second Harmonic



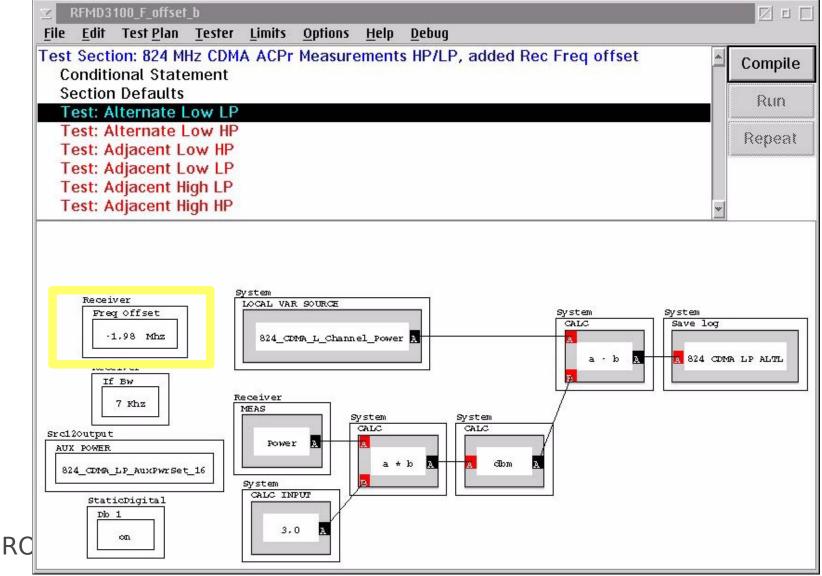


ACPR, ACLR

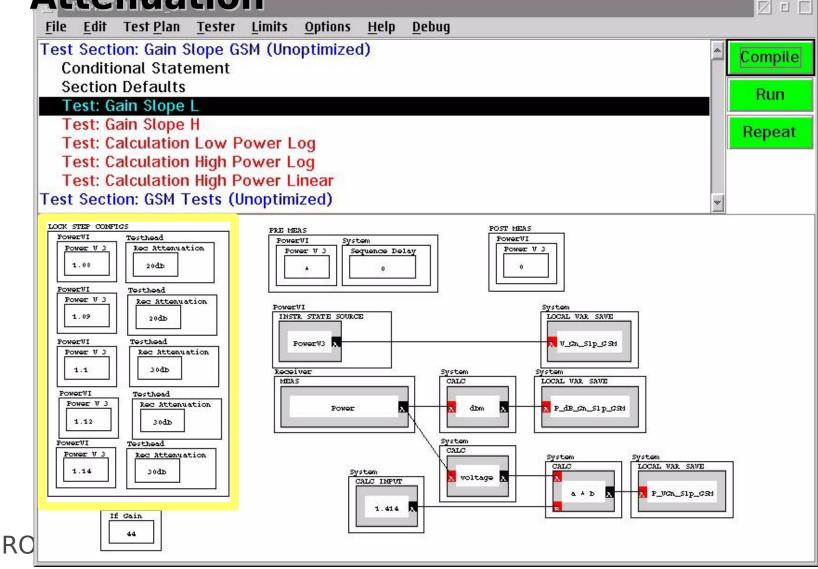
- "Multi-Tone IP3"
- Must Use RMS
- Power in Specified LogMag
 Bandwidth J
- Every Standard is Different



Measure ACPR using <u>Receiver</u>



Sweep Power to Find Gain Slope Use Lock Step to Control Receiver Attenuation





PA Test Plan

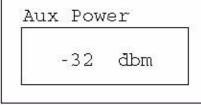
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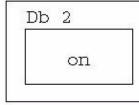


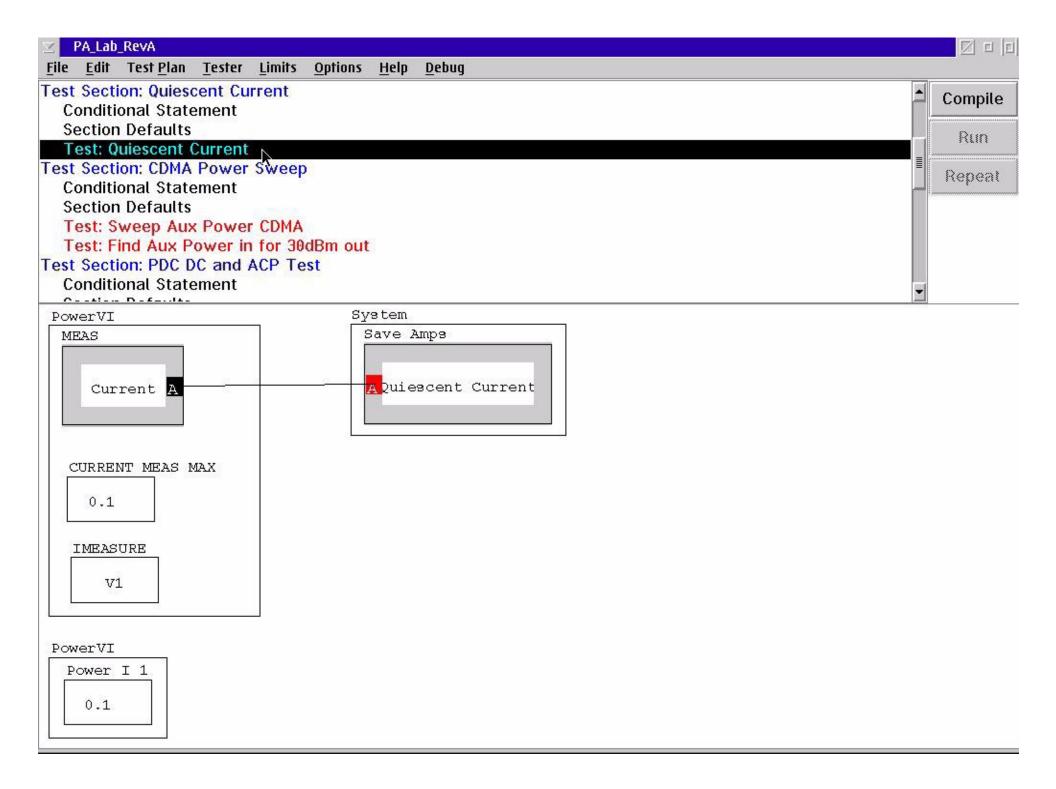
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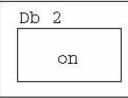
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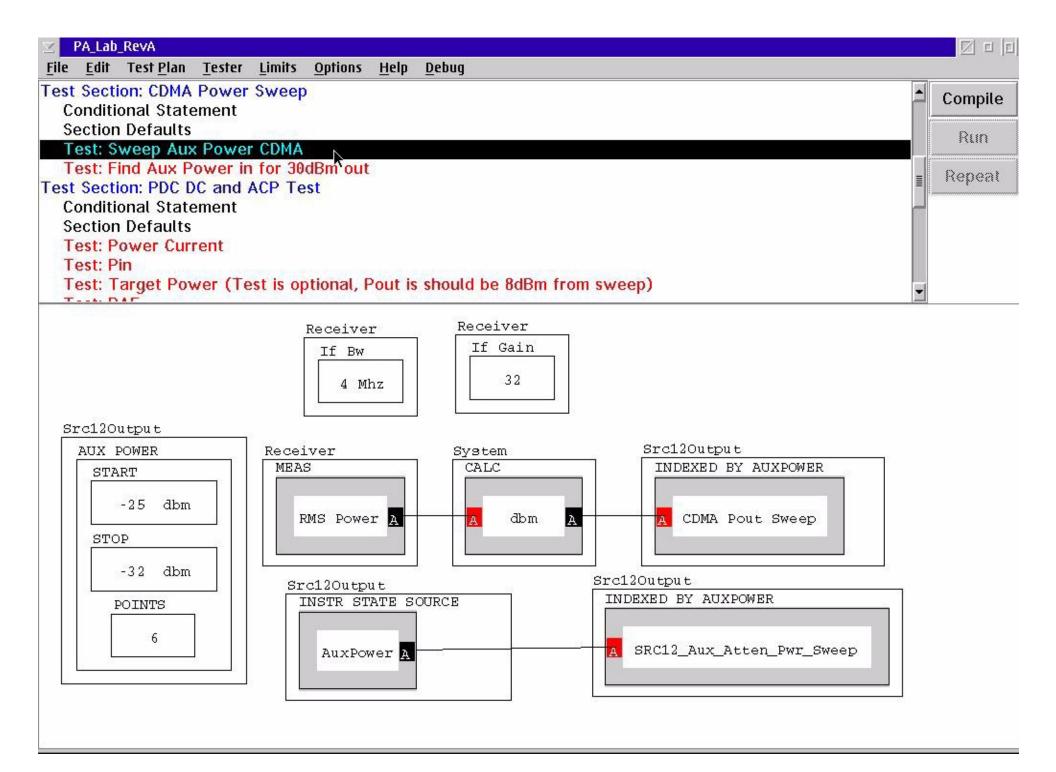


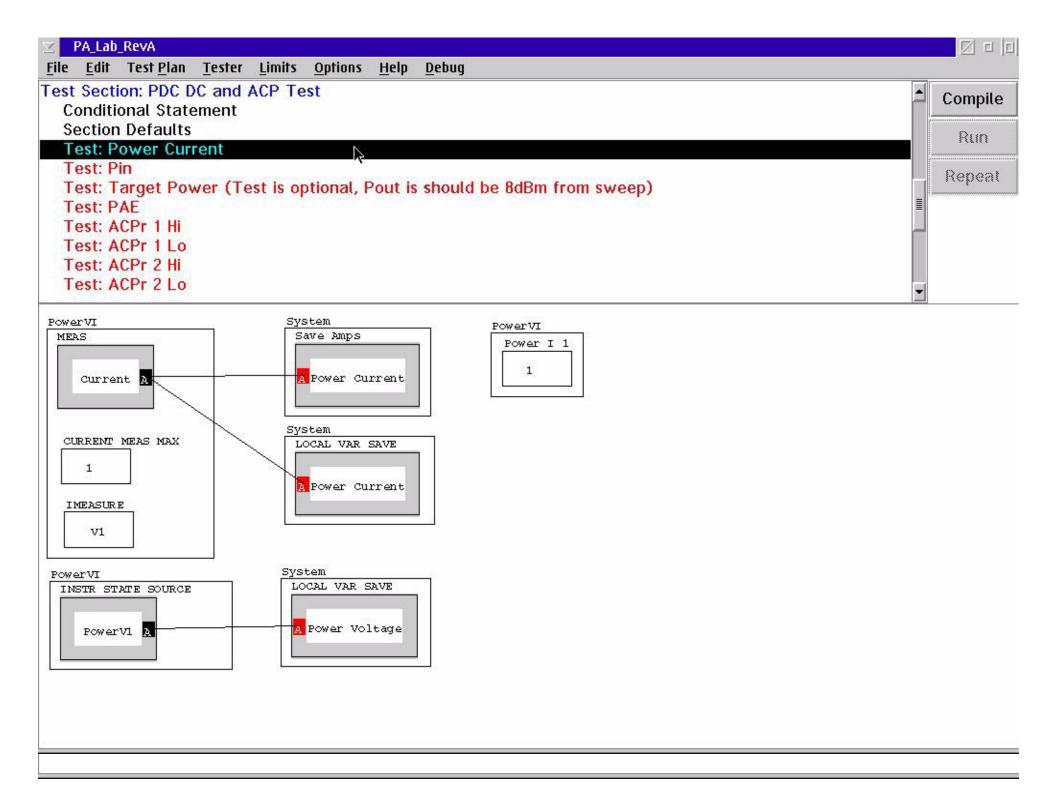


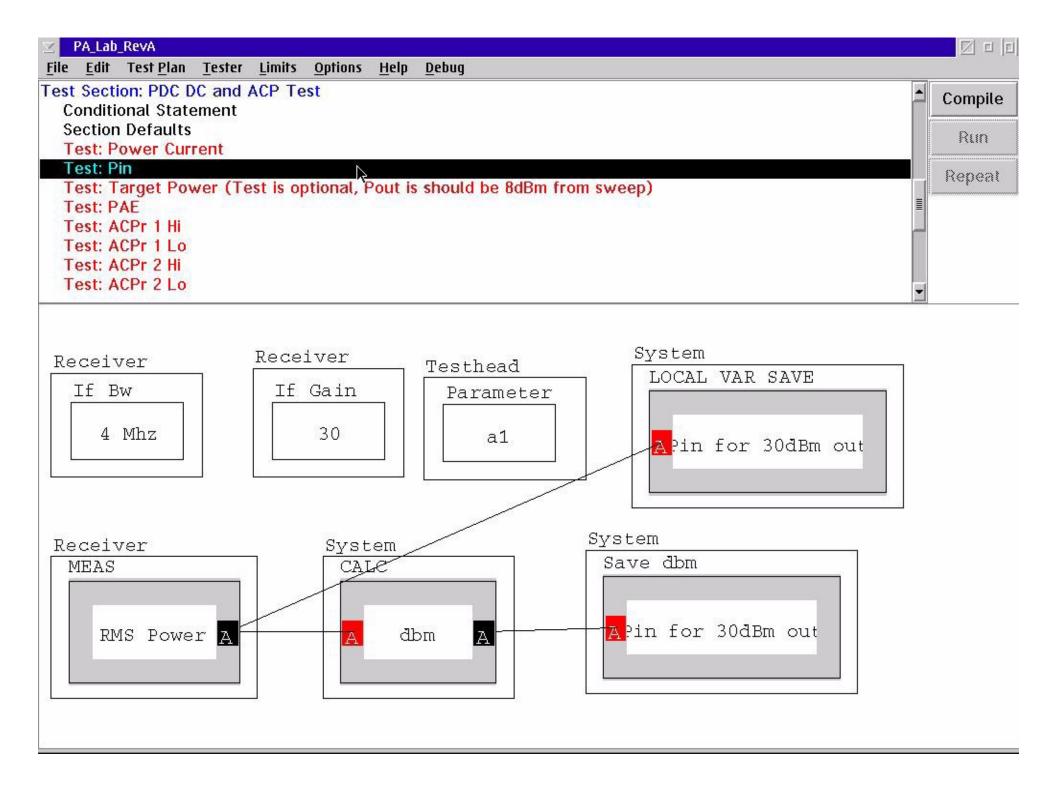
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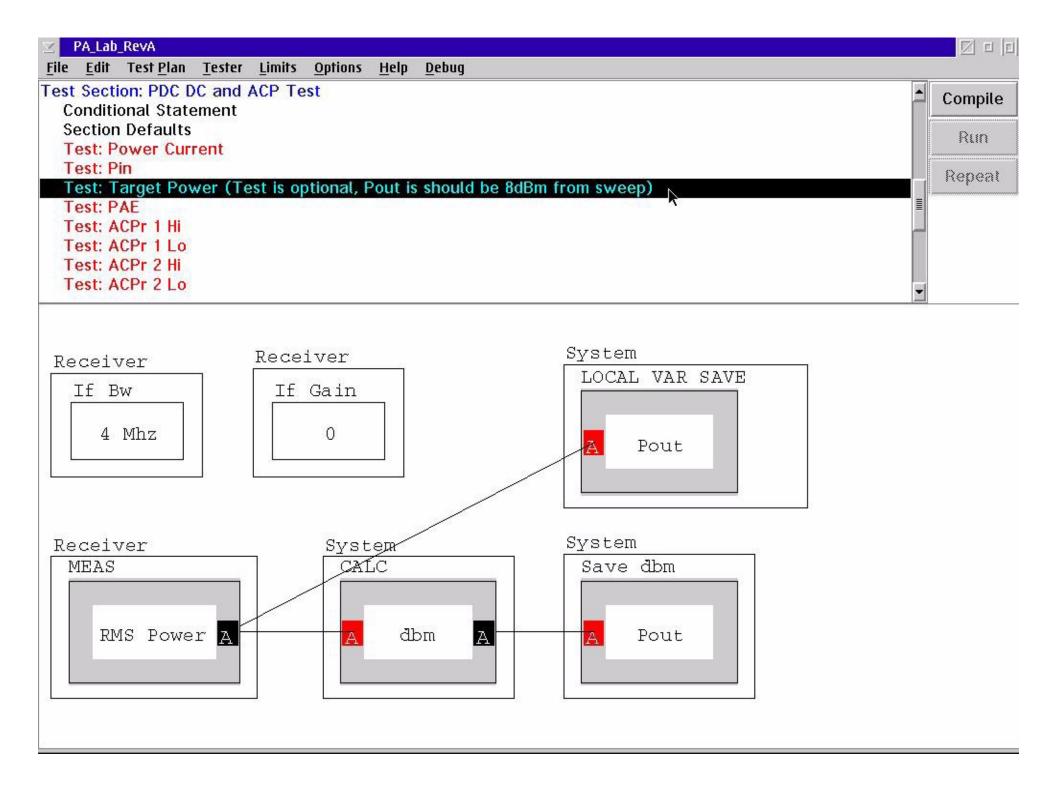
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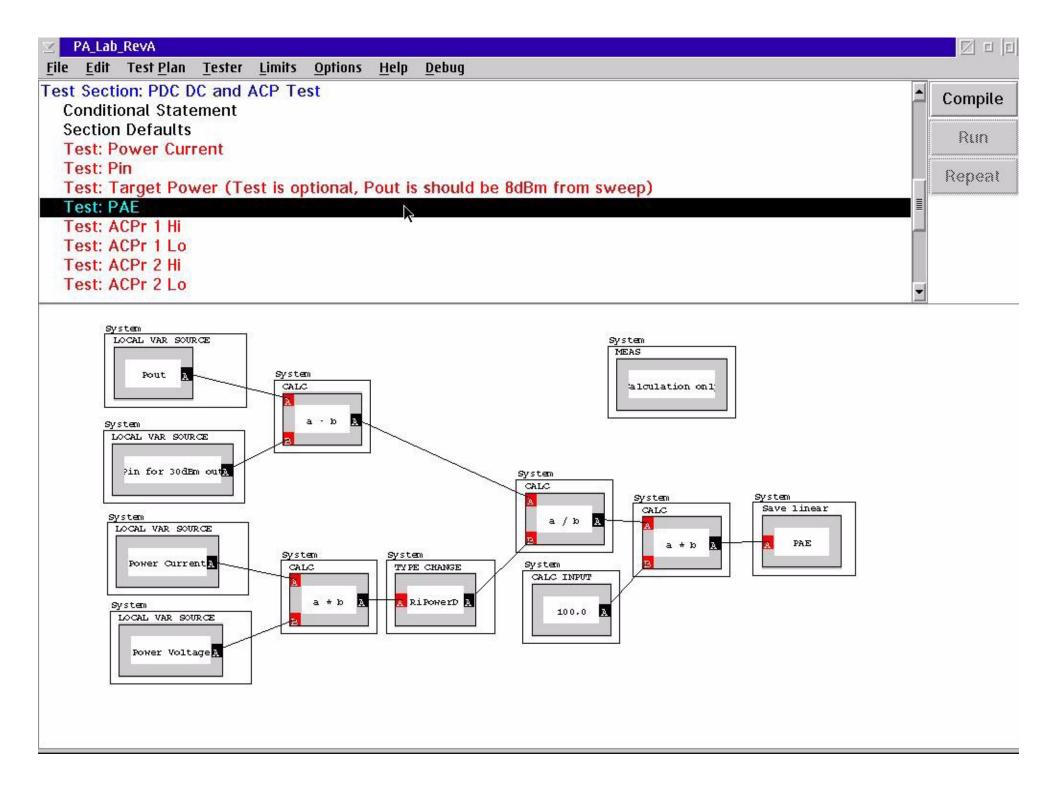


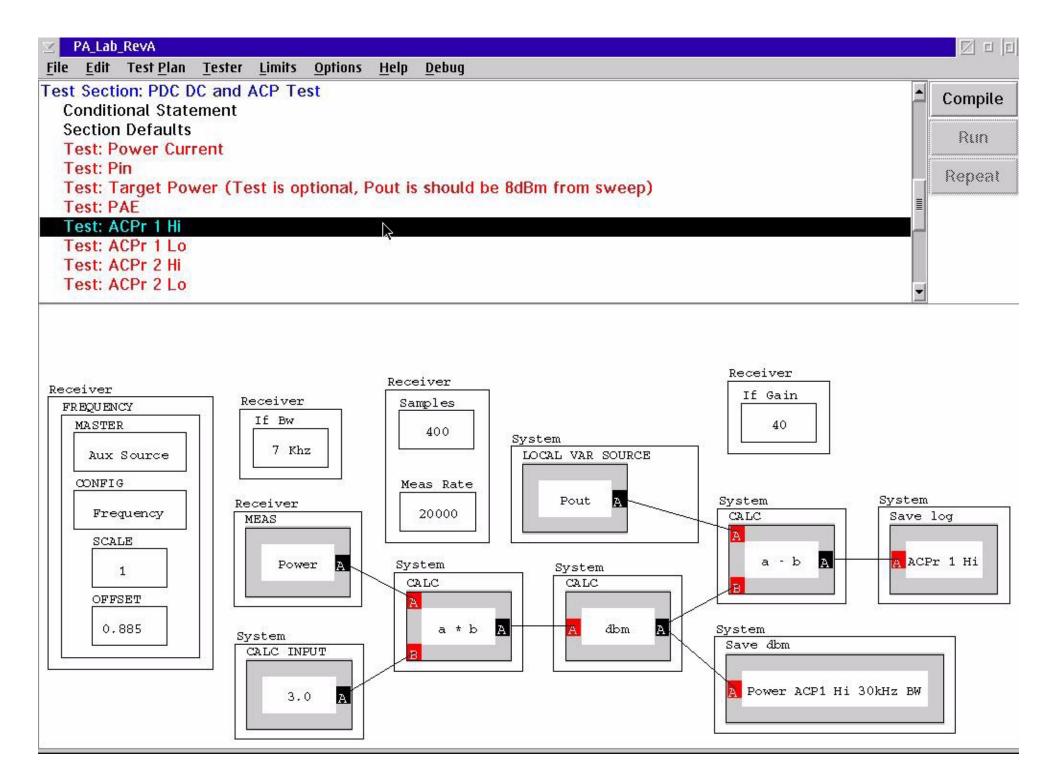


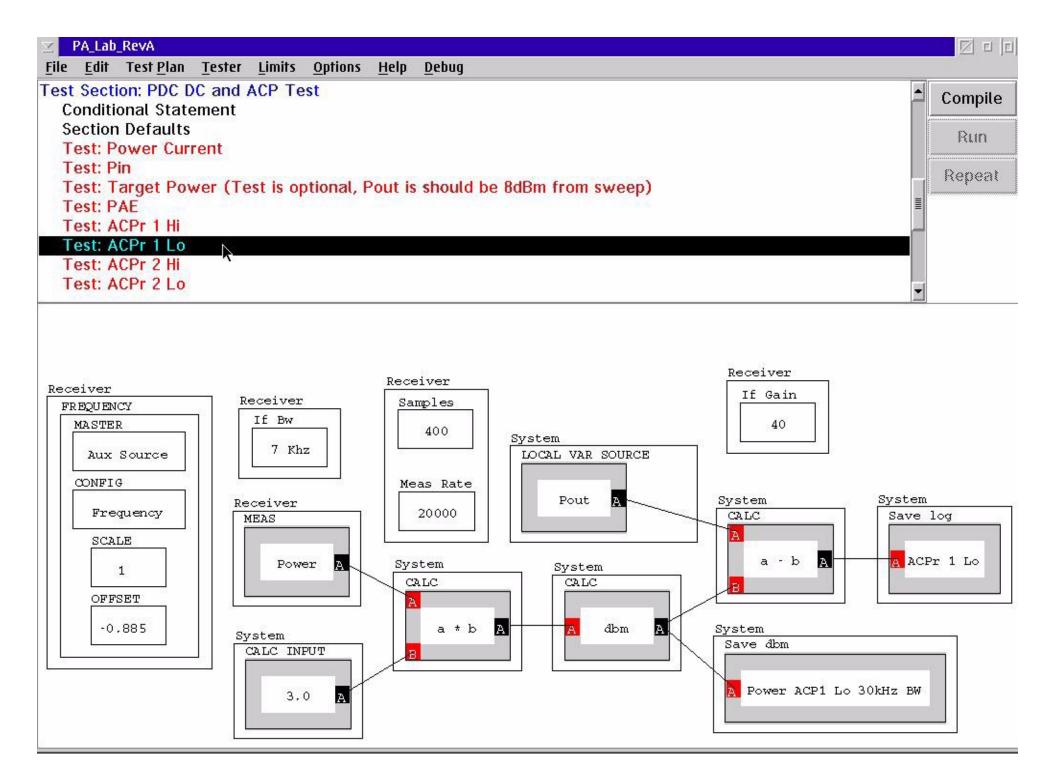


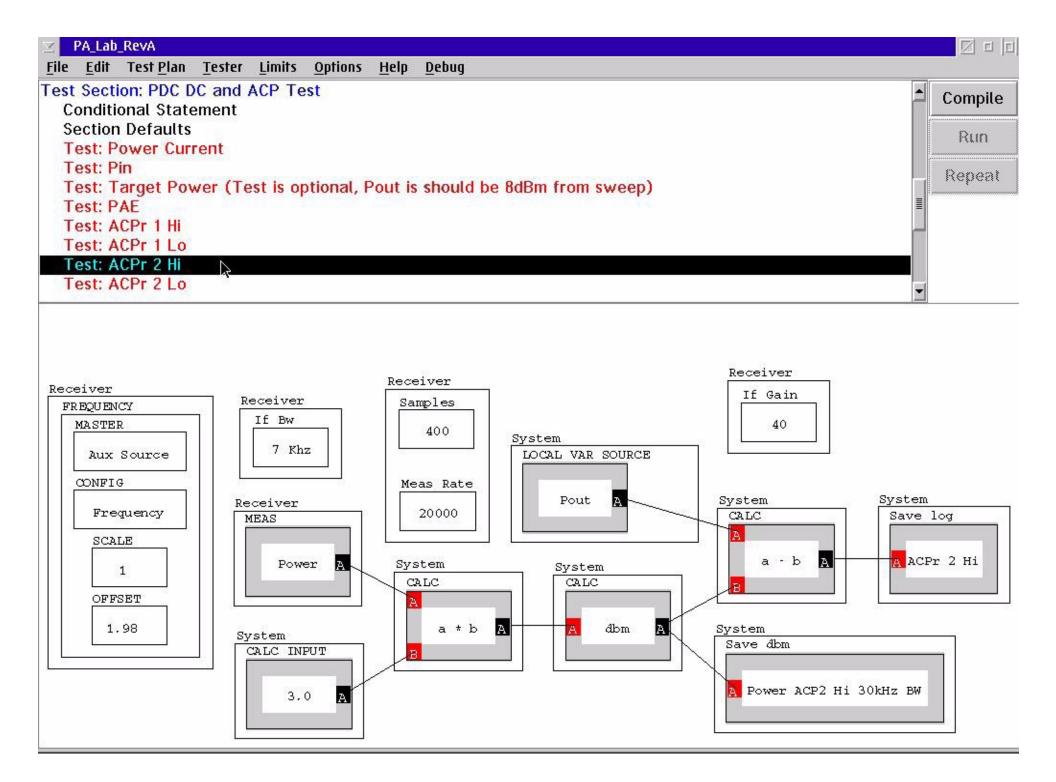


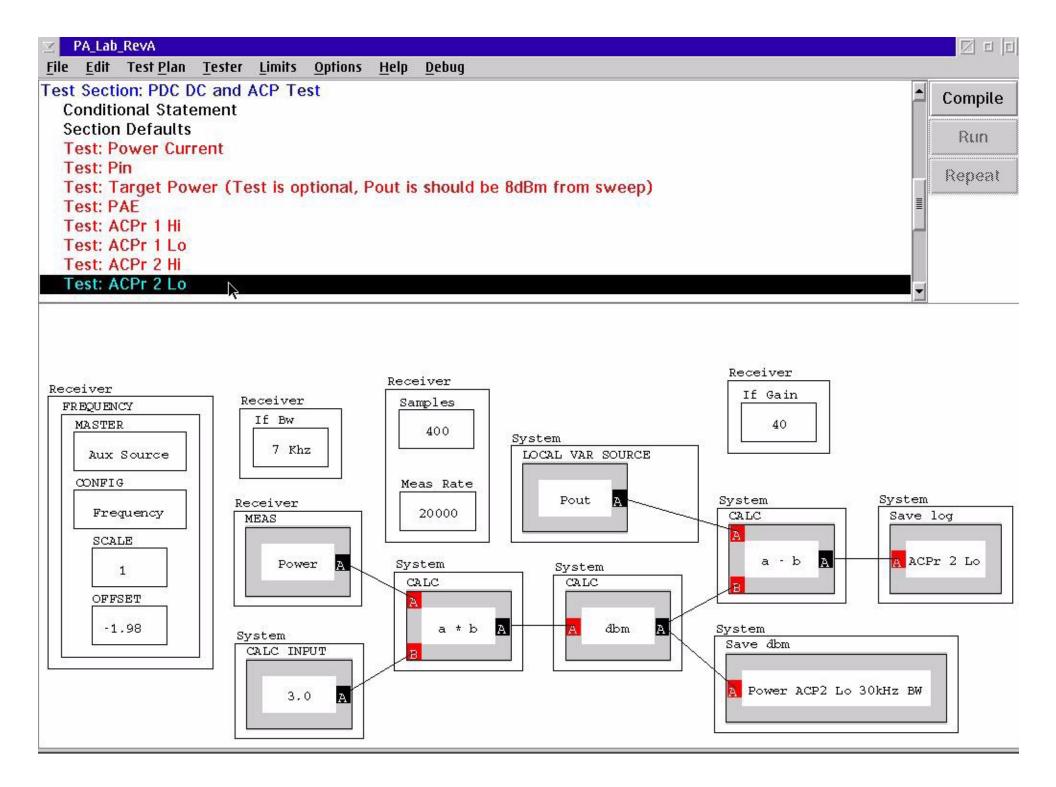












Example Applications - Lab E

- Get into Groups of Three
- Each will take turns performing the lab
- One drives, one reads, one uses pointer

PA Test Plan Lab: ACPR Test

- Use Aux Source
- Measure Leakage
- Search and Fix Pout
- Measure CDMA ACPR
 - 1.23 MHz Channel
 - 885 kHz, 1980 kHz Offset; 30 kHz BW

PA Test Plan Lab: NADC ACPR

- Create NADC Measurement
 - 25 kHz Ch.; 30 kHz Offset 25 kHz BW
- Channel is Flat
- Significant Power exists outside the channel
- Pout Does Not Equal Channel Power