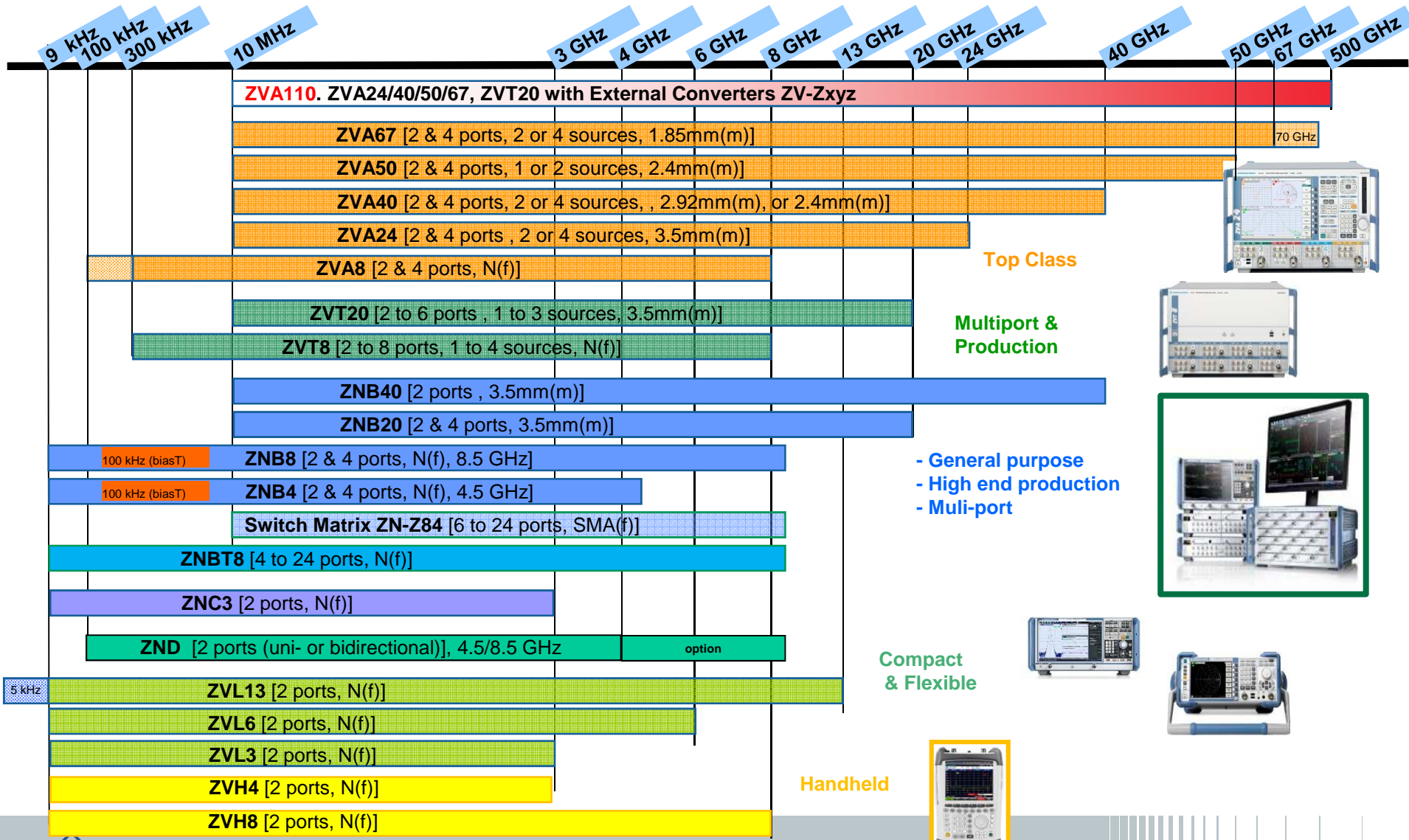


# Millimeter Wave Solutions from R&S



# R&S Portfolio Network Analyzers



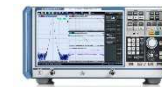
Top Class

Multiport & Production

- General purpose
- High end production
- Multi-port

Compact & Flexible

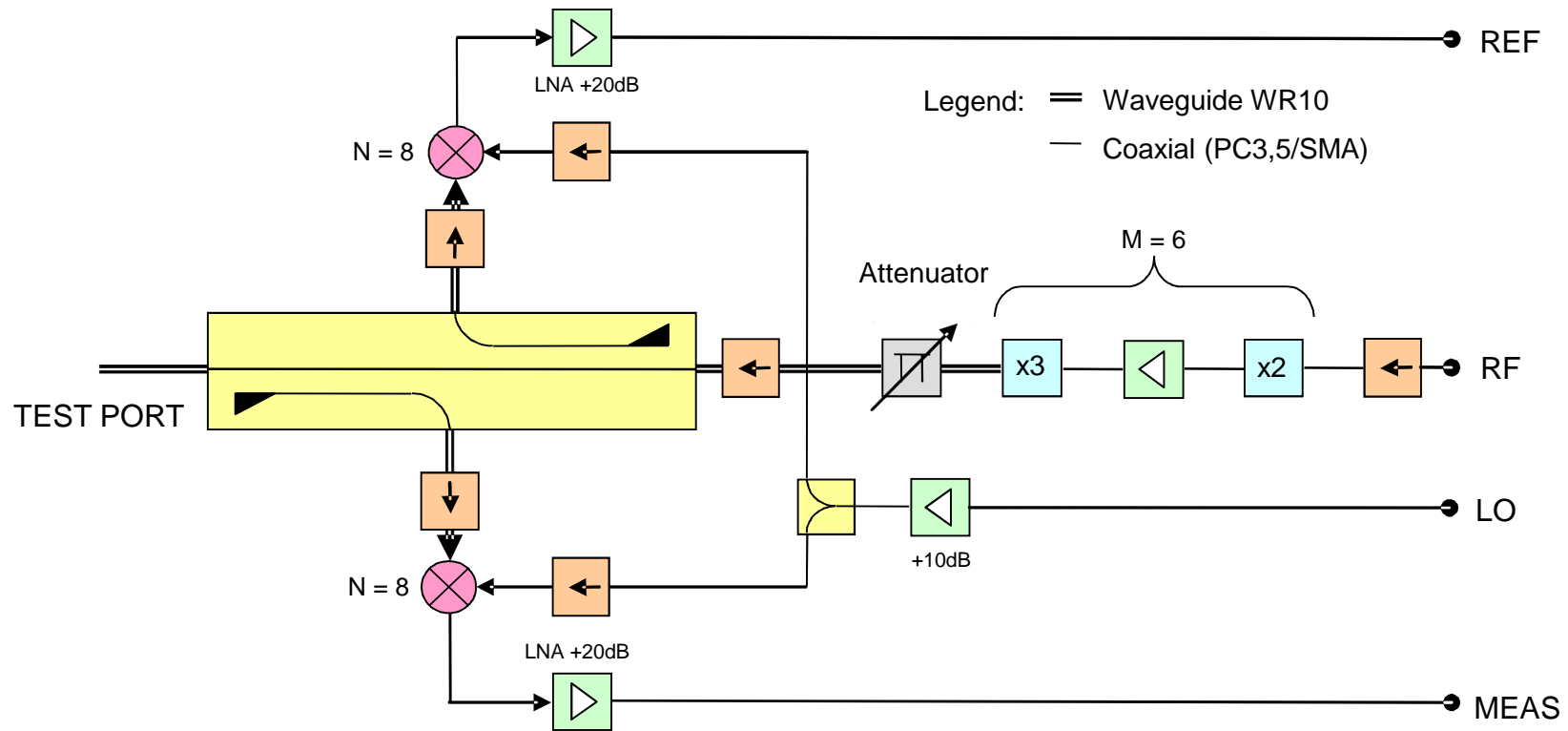
Handheld



# Rohde & Schwarz Converter ZVA-Z110

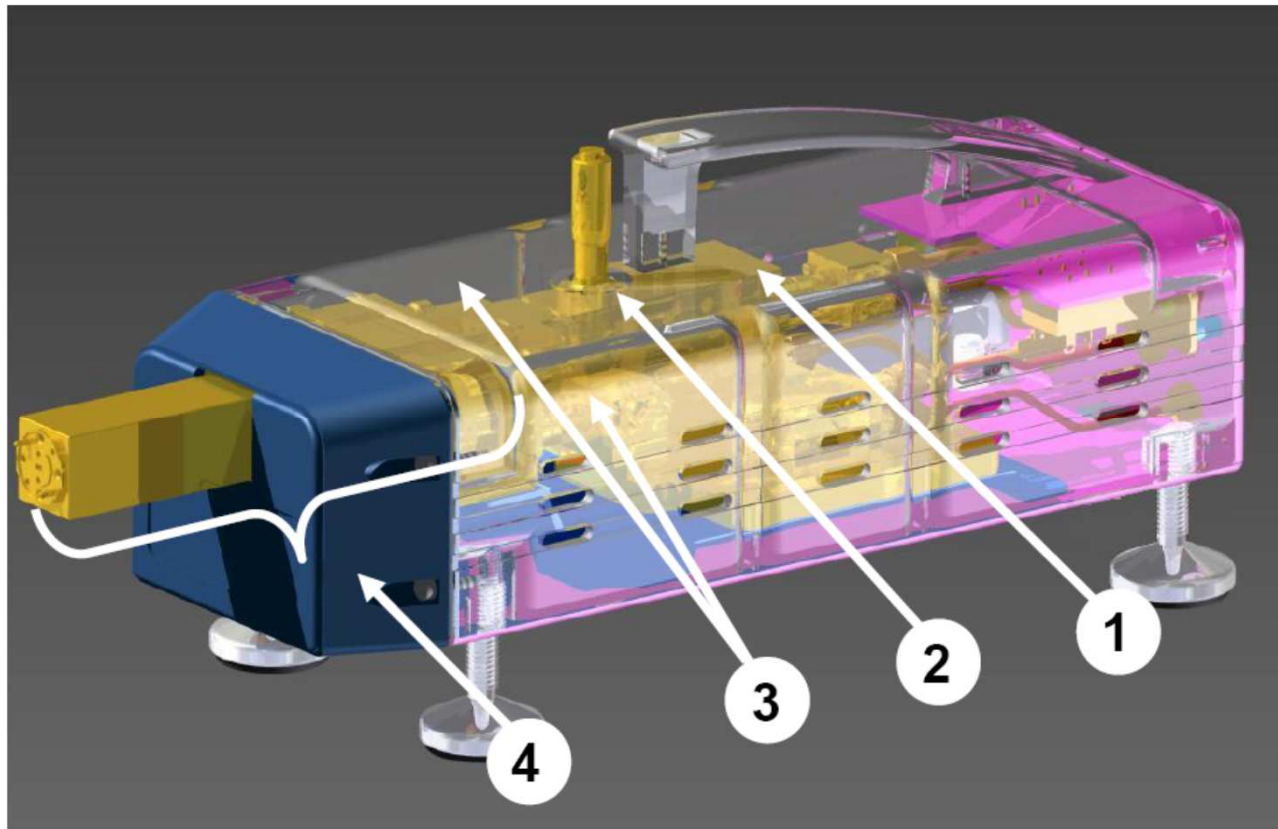


## 67 GHz to 110 GHz Reflectometer Module Block Diagram



# Rohde & Schwarz ZVA-Z110

## Single T/R Reflectometer Module – open View



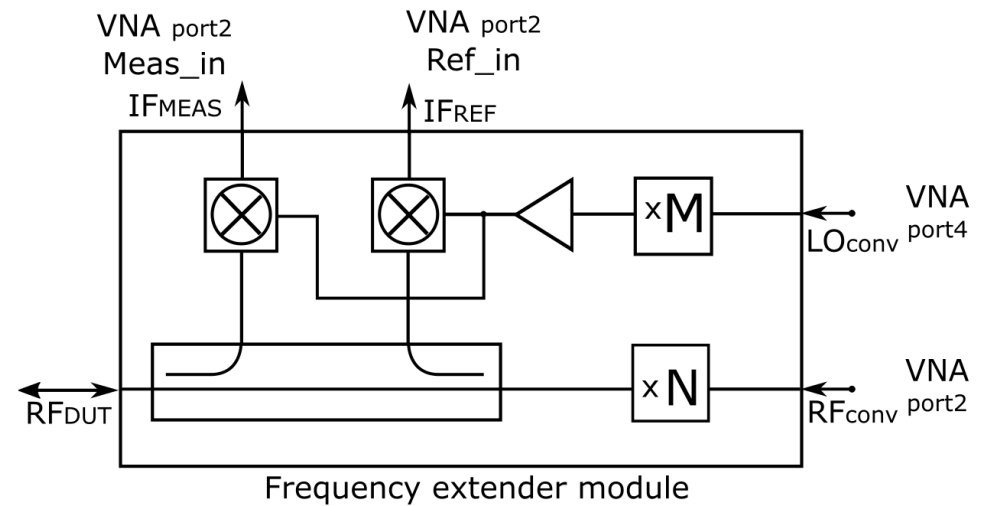
1. **Generator feed path with multiplier stages**
2. **Waveguide variable attenuation adjustment**
3. **Two harmonic mixers for the conversion of the measurement and reference channel to IF**
4. **Bi-directional coupler to separate the transmitted and reflected power**



# Extending the Frequency into the Tera Hertz Range



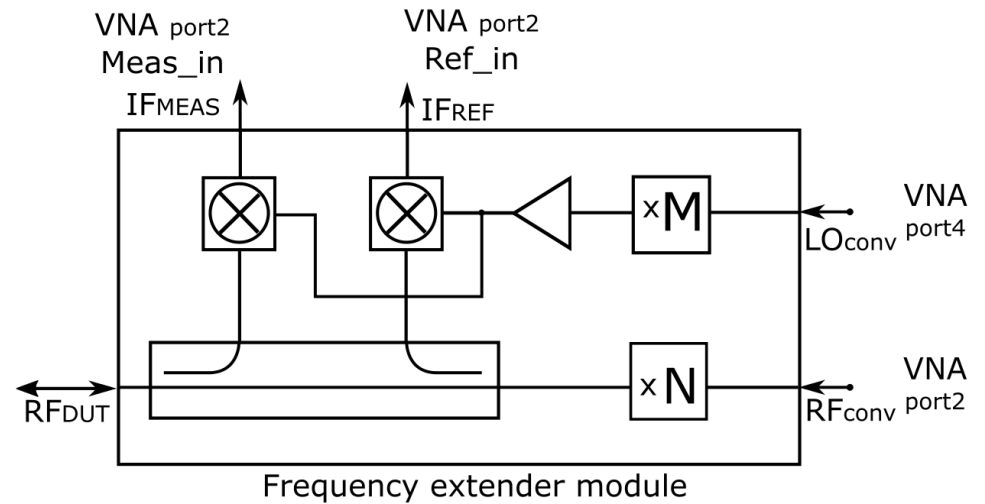
Measurement setup



Block diagram of a frequency extender module

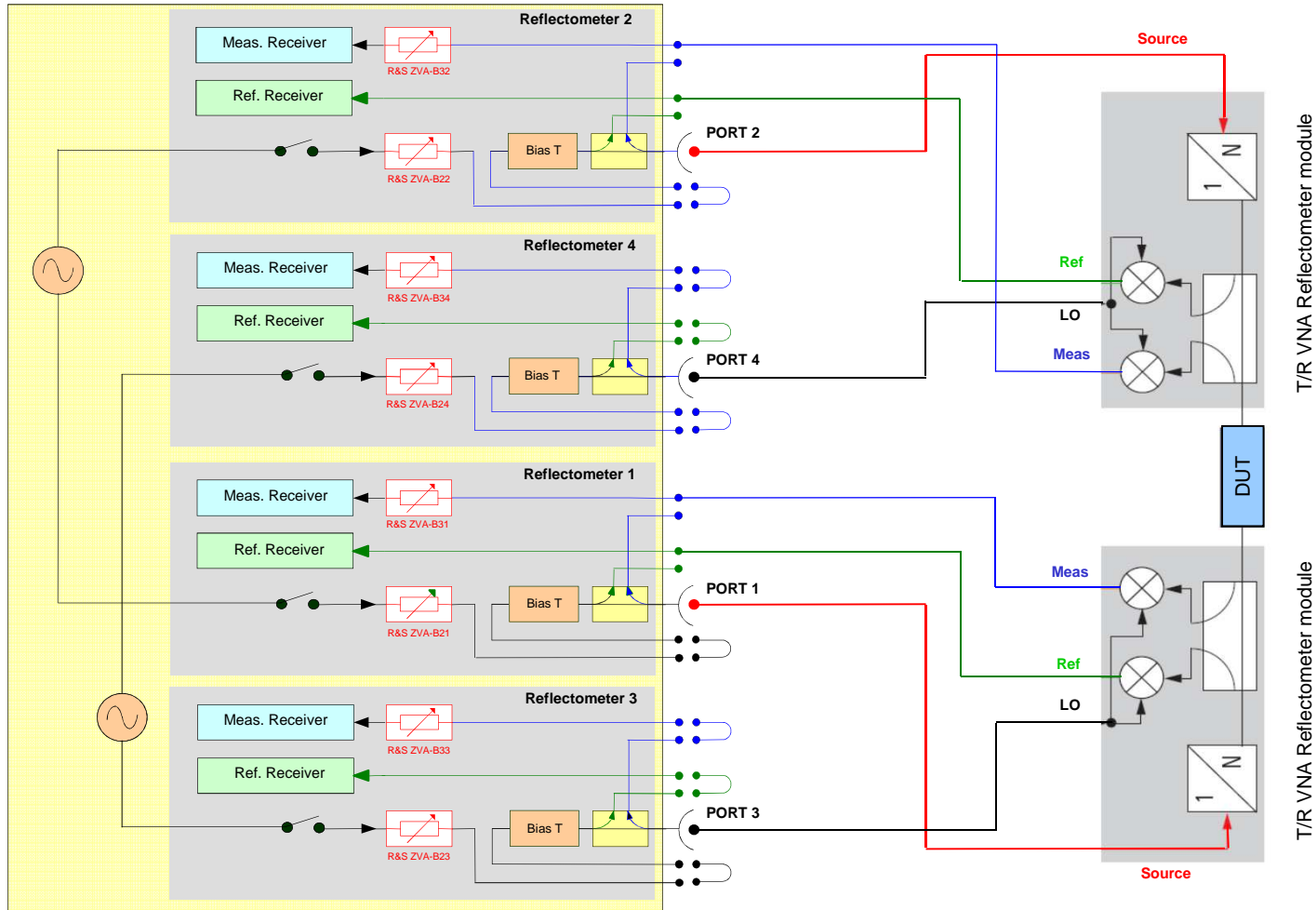


# Extending the Frequency into the Tera Hertz Range



# Converter Set-Up Schematic Diagram

R&S ZVA with B16 Hardware option



# RPG, The Rohde&Schwarz Company



R&S is the only company in the world offering VNA solutions up to 500GHz without the need to rely on third party companies

MM-wave technology

Microwave sensing

Space technology



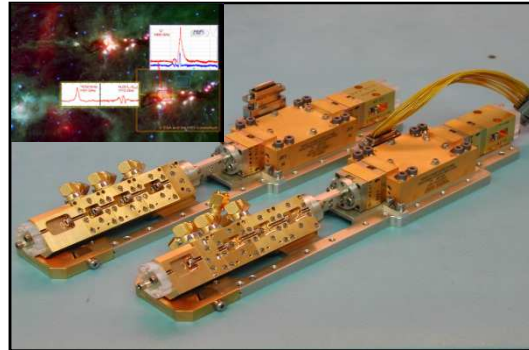


# Radiometer Physics GmbH (RPG)

## A R&S company



***Microwave, sub-mm & THz Turn-key Radiometers,  
Space Technology Components,  
Design & Scientific Expertise***



- Design
- Development
- Manufacturing
- Integration and Test



# Product Spectrum



## Mixers

- [Broadband Harmonic Mixers](#)
- [Fundamental Tunable Mixers](#)
- [Sub-harmonic Broadband Mixers](#)
- [Spectrum Analyzer Mixers](#)



## Multipliers

Our Active Fullband Multiplier (AFM) series cover a full waveguide band without mechanical tuners. With a coaxial input in the 8&ndash;23 GHz range, this devices are ideally suited for synthesiser-driven sources or heterodyne receiver systems.



## Amplifiers

Low-noise from 10 to 105 GHz, and medium-power amplifiers from 0 to 40 GHz.



## Tx/Rx Modules

A variety of full-band Transmit-Receiver systems is available. Frequency ranges from 50 GHz up to 500 GHz. Higher frequencies and customized designs available upon request.



## Horn Antennas

- [Corrugated Feedhorns](#)
- [Conical Horn Antennas](#)
- [Dual Mode Horn Antennas](#)



## WG Components

- [Coax to Rect.](#)
- [Waveguide Filters](#)
- [Ortho-Mode \(OMT\)](#)
- [EH Tuners](#)
- [Directional Couplers](#)
- [Tunable Attenuators](#)



## Circulators

Based on the effect of gyro-magnetic materials in a magnetic field, these devices allow non-symmetric flow of power. Switchable versions available.



## Isolators

- [Y-junction Full-Band](#)
- [Y-junction Narrow-Band](#)
- [Faraday Isolator Full Band](#)



## Quasi-Optics

RPG has a long experience in the design of quasi optical networks: Frequency-selective surfaces (FSS), polarization splitting, feed-clusters, dichroic plates, wire grids, mirrors...



## Zero-Bias Detectors

The new series of RPG zero-bias detectors operate up to 900 GHz with Schottky-diode technology.



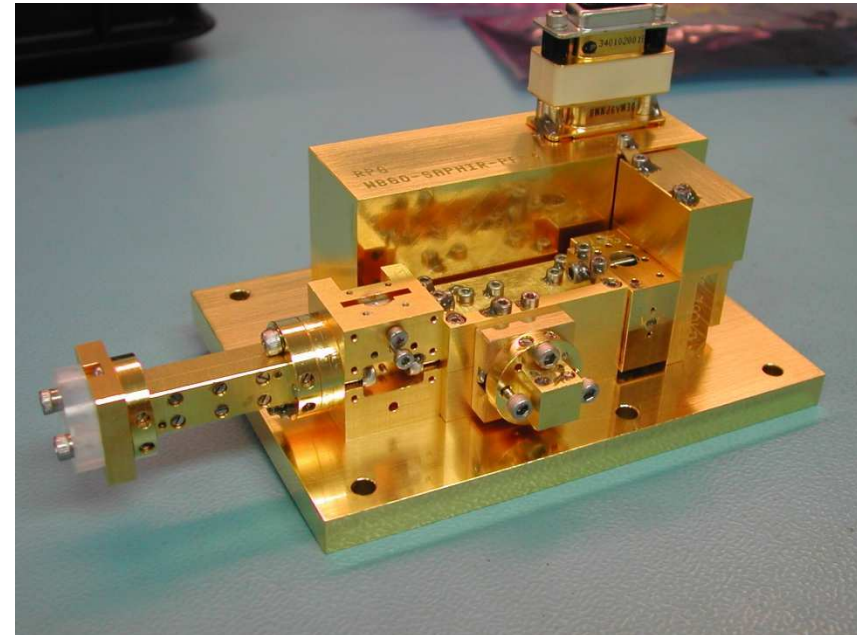
# Measurement and Instrumentation



Transmit / Receive Systems, Spectrum Analyser Solution

- Fullband 50-75GHz, 60-90GHz, 75-110GHz, 110-170GHz, 140-220GHz, 170-260GHz, 220-325GHz, 260-400GHz, 325-500GHz
- High Dynamic Receivers for 90 GHz, 183 GHz, 220 GHz, 324 GHz, 502GHz, 640 GHz
- for compact ranges (antenna measurement facilities, phase + amplitude)

# Space Components & sub-systems



**Space qualified local oscillators (Herschel / ESA):  
8 local oscillator chains from 480 GHz to 1100 GHz**

**Other space projects:**

**EOS (NASA), ODIN (SSA), FIRST/HIFI,**

**MARFEQ, SAPHIR (CNES), MLS (NASA), FY-3 (China), ...**



# Use of ZVA with Converters up to 0,5 THz



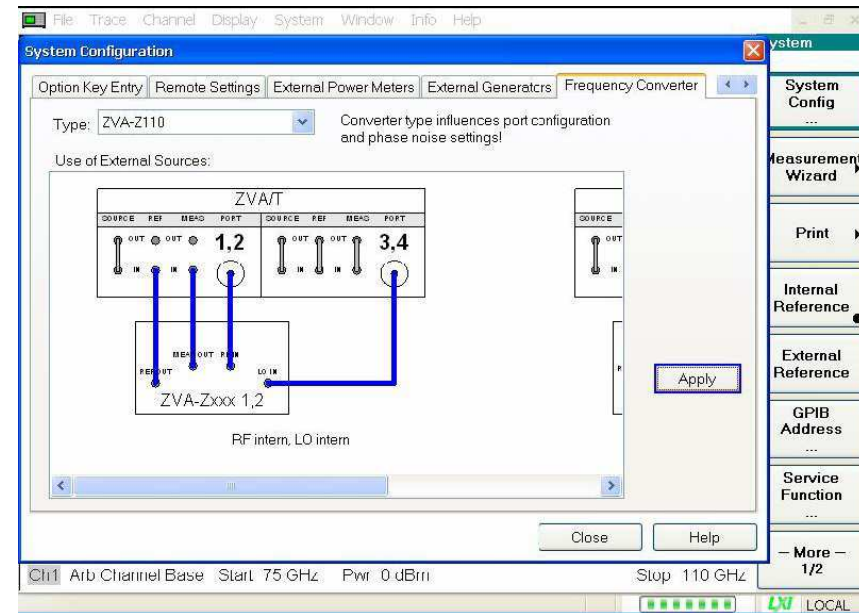
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# Automatic Configuration with Option ZVA-K8



- SW option ZVA-K8 - Functions:
  - Selection of the measurement setup
  - Automatic configuration of internal sources to provide RF, LO
  - Adoption of the x-axis scaling
  - Installation of the R&D wave guide calibration kit (any other can be installed as well)



# R&S ZVA-Z110 Millimeter-Wave Converter



## I Source Input (from NWA):

- I Frequency Range: 12.5 GHz (11,1 GHz for ZVA110) to 18.333334 GHz (x6)
- I Input power range: +4 dBm to +10 dBm

## I Local Oscillator Input (from NWA / ext SRC)

- I Frequency Range: 9.3375 GHz (8,375 GHz for ZVA110) to 13.74875 GHz (x8)
- I Input power Range: +5 dBm to +10dBm

## I Measurement/Reference Output (to NWA)

- I Frequency Range: 10 MHz to 300 MHz here 279 MHz



# Port Config Setup Table



## Multiplication Factors 6 and 8

**Port Configuration**

Meas	Physic		Source		Frequency Result	Power	Power Result
	#	Gen	Frequency				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Port 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 / 6 · fb	...	12.5 GHz ... 18.3333333333 GHz	0 dBm + 7 dB ...	7 dBm
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Port 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 / 6 · fb	...	12.5 GHz ... 18.3333333333 GHz	0 dBm + 7 dB ...	7 dBm
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Port 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 / 8 · fb · 1 / 8 · 279 MHz	...	9.340125 GHz ... 13.715125 GHz	0 dBm + 7 dB ...	7 dBm
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Port 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 / 8 · fb · 1 / 8 · 279 MHz	...	9.340125 GHz ... 13.715125 GHz	0 dBm + 7 dB ...	7 dBm

Displayed Columns...    Balanced and Measured Ports...    Measure "a" Waves at  
 Receiver Frequency    Freq Conv Off  
 Source Frequency

Stimulus...     Same Connector Type at All Ports

OK    Cancel    Help





# The R&S Waveguide Calibration Kits



- A high quality calibration kit is an important condition to achieve a good measurement accuracy.
- In case of WR08 and smaller waveguide dimensions, the calibration standards 'through', 'reflect', and 'line' are verified by their mechanic tolerances. The match standard is verified based on a TRL calibration.



# Calibration

## Level adjustment



Measured Standards (0 of 7 min):

Port 1: WR10	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Short 60 GHz ... 110 GHz in ZV-WR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Offset Short 60 GHz ... 110 GHz in ZV-WR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Match 60 GHz ... 110 GHz in ZV-WR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sliding Match 65 GHz ... 110 GHz in ZV-WR
Port 2: WR10	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Short 60 GHz ... 110 GHz in ZV-WR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Offset Short 60 GHz ... 110 GHz in ZV-WR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Match 60 GHz ... 110 GHz in ZV-WR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sliding Match 65 GHz ... 110 GHz in ZV-WR
Port 1: WR10 - Port 2: WR10	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Through 60 GHz ... 110 GHz in ZV-WR

## Connect calibration standards to both converters and press ok

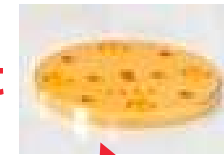
Fixed match



Short



Offset short



+



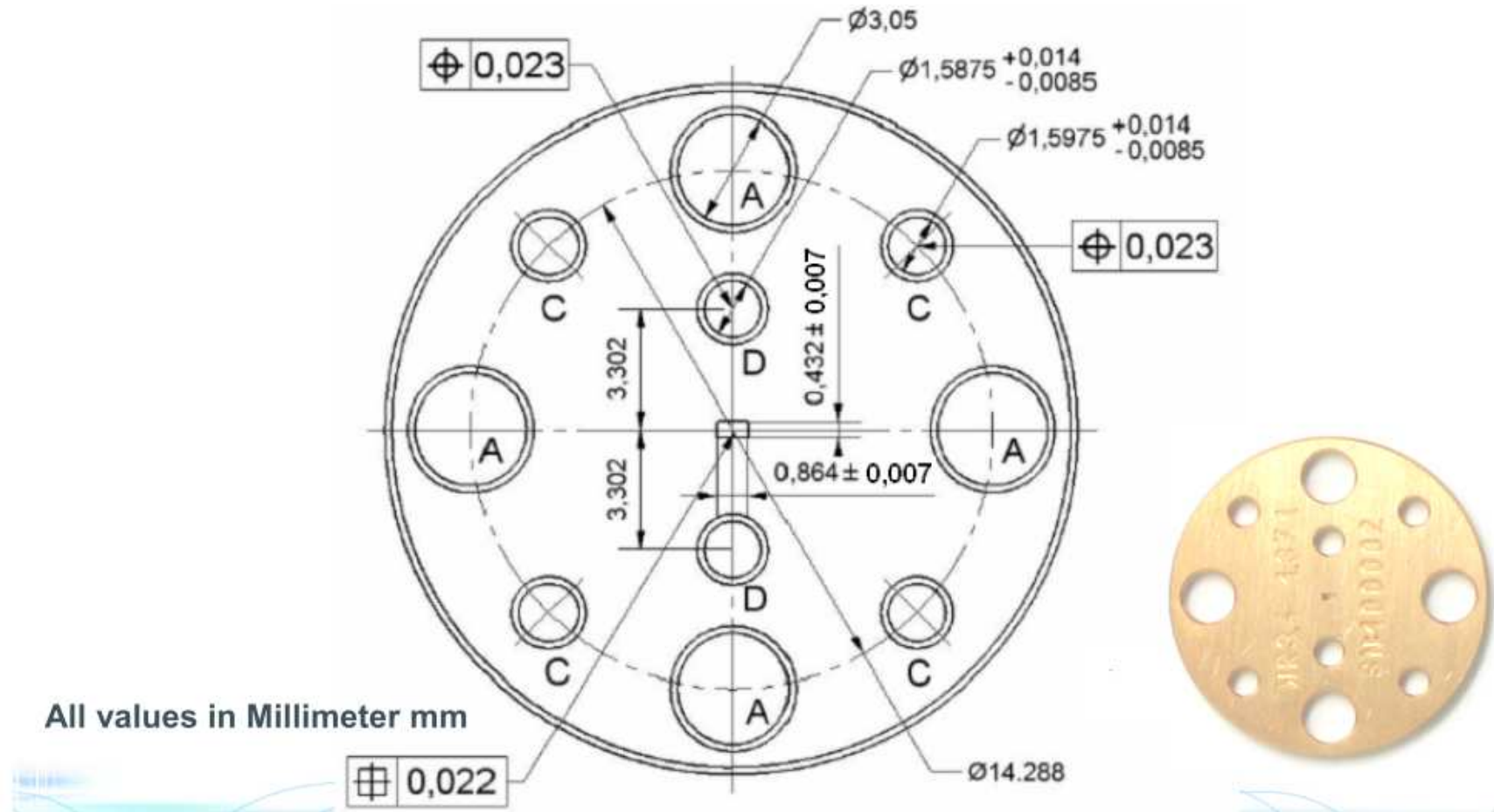
Shim

Through



Direct connection of both test ports

# Mechanical Tolerances



# The R&S Waveguide Calibration Kits

**A fly sitting next to a 500 GHz shim**



# The R&S Waveguide Calibration Kits

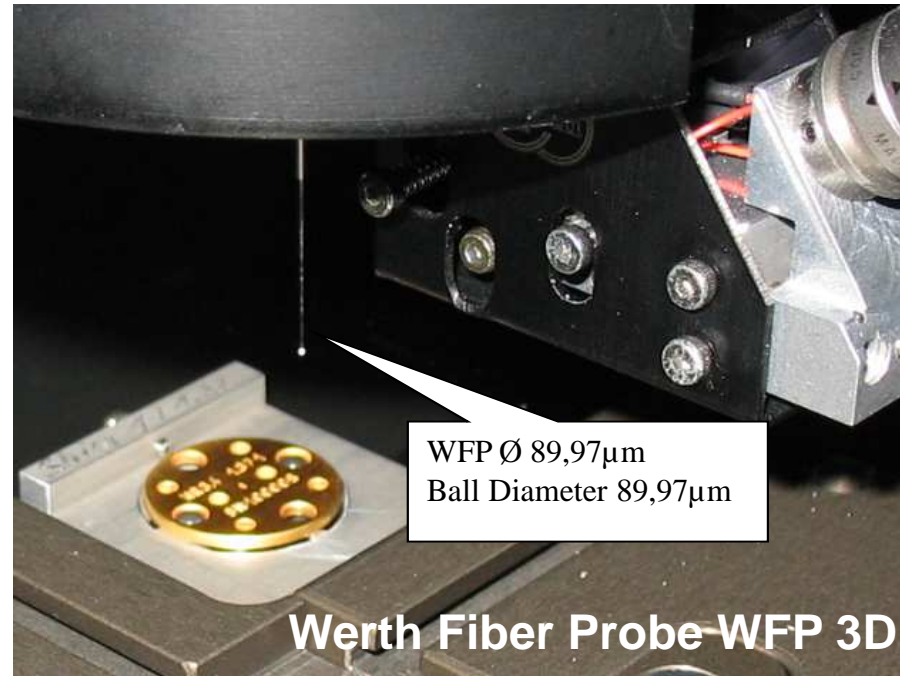


Verification of a WR03 shim at R&S fab in Teisnach



**Werth VIDEO-CHECK UA 400**

Ultra accuracy coordinate measuring machine in a „fixed bridge“ design



**Werth Fiber Probe WFP 3D**

Smallest and most accurate fiber probe in the world allows measurement of smallest details, such as holes, radii, ...

Tactile measurement without the typical problems of optical probes



# The R&S Waveguide Calibration Kits



## Mechanical measurement accuracy



**Resolution: 0,001  $\mu\text{m}$**

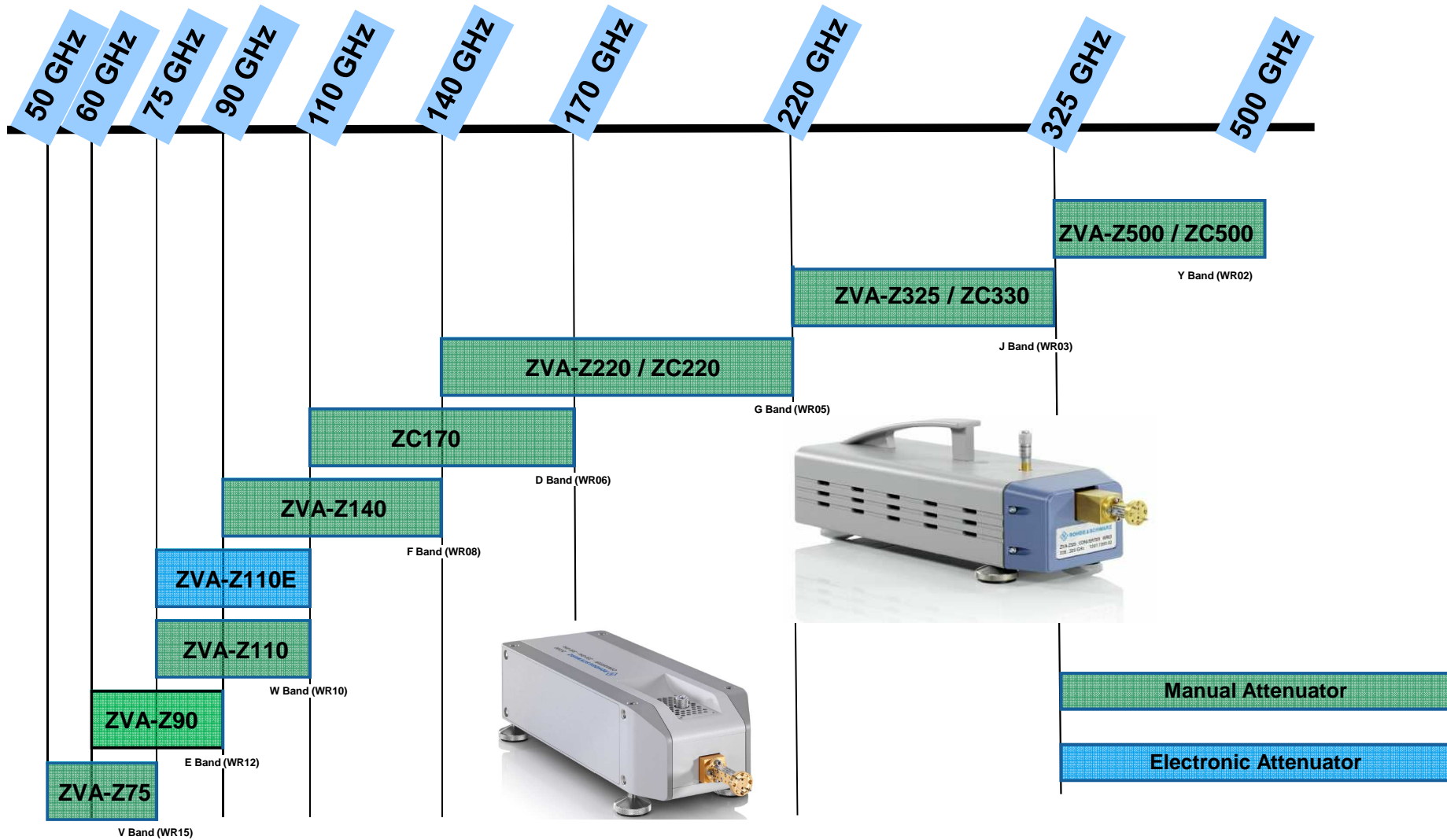
Maximum permissible error (MPE):  
Fundamental MPE of machine  
+ Sensor-related MPE  
= worst case MPE of measurement

## Maximum permissible error for this application

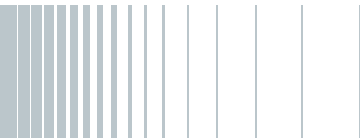
Task	Drill position	Drill diameter
<b>Combined MPE worst case:</b>	1.0126 $\mu\text{m}$	1.0040 $\mu\text{m}$



# Millimeter Converter Family



# Power Calibration and Power Sweep





# Precise power calibration up to 110GHz

Unique power measurements from DC up to 110GHz with 1.0mm connector

First millimeter power sensor that is traceable to a national metrology institute (NMI)

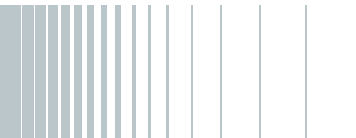
S-Parameters of waveguide transition can be loaded directly into sensor for accurate power measurements

USB interface means the power sensor can be used directly with the ZVA or PC running the free NRP analysis software.

Lowest uncertainty 0.040 to 0.318dB  
Highest Linearity 0.010dB @110GHz  
30% faster than competition



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# ZVA-Z110E to 110 GHz with electronic Power Control using variable Attenuation



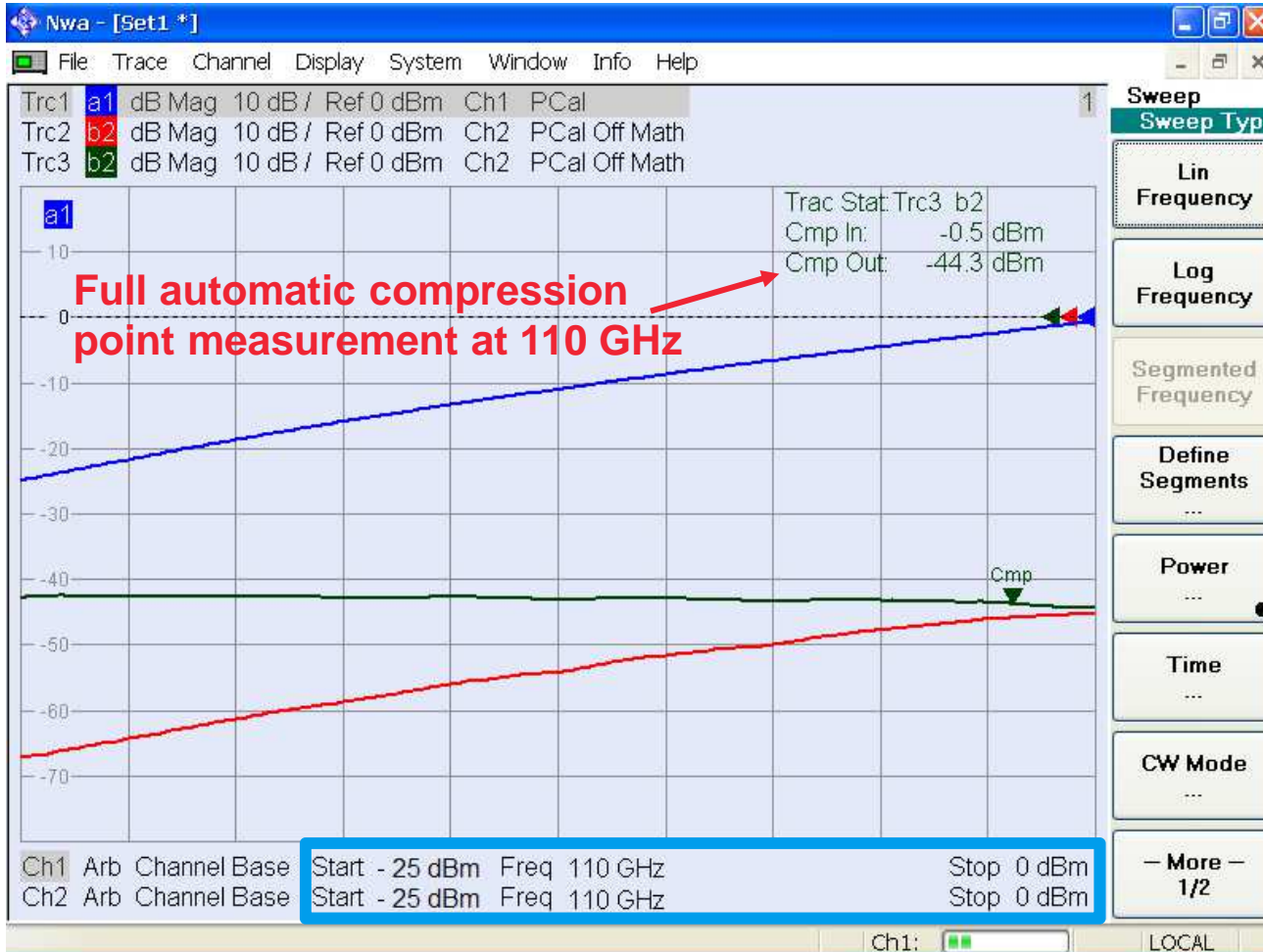
- 67 GHz to 110 GHz with electronic power control
- 0 to 25 dB (35 dB typ.) attenuation
- Allows power sweep and compression point measurement on amplifiers



# Electronic Power Control with ZVA-B8



# Electronic power control



Only possible with R&S®ZVA-B8 option and R&S®ZVA-Z110E frequency converter with elec. attenuator



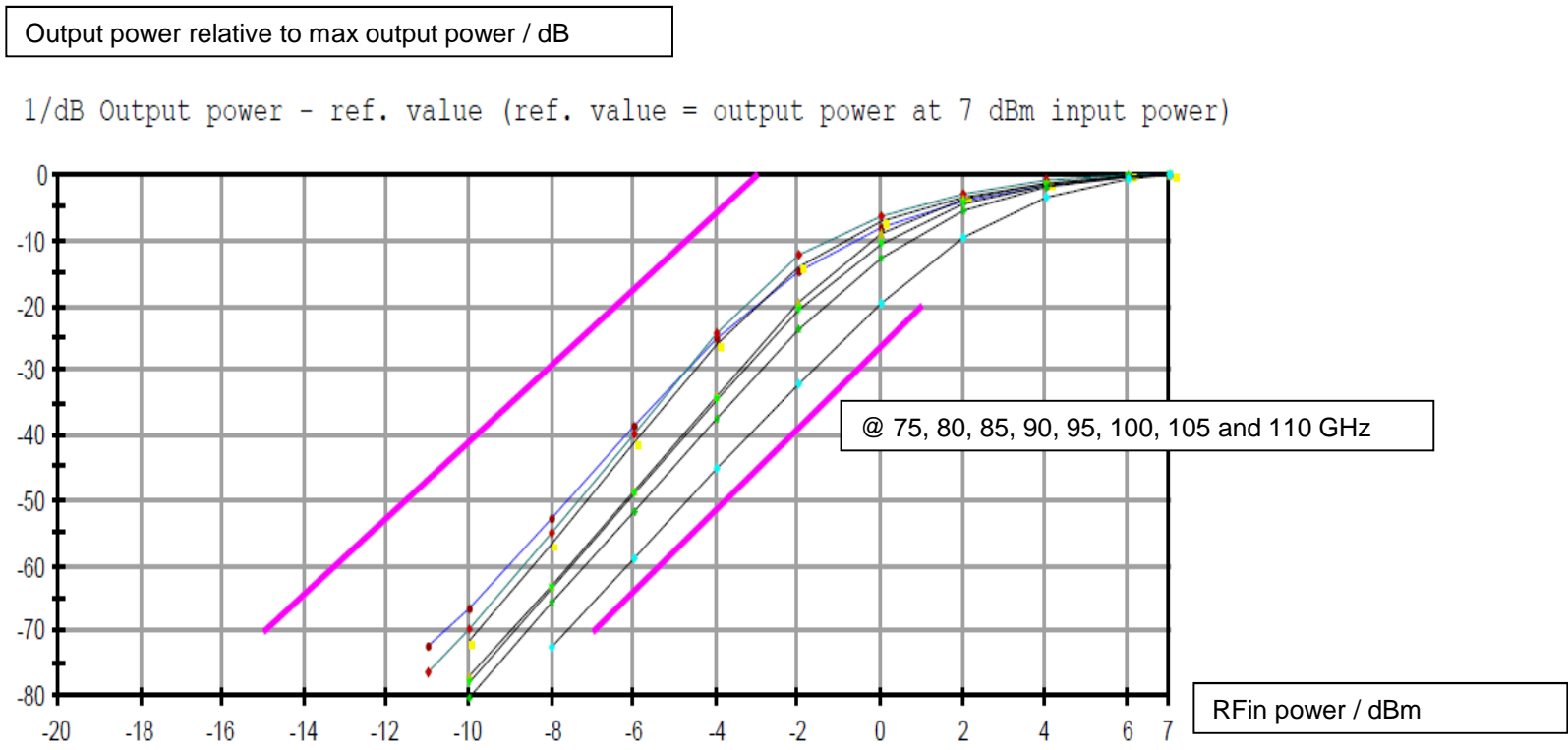
Option R&S®ZVA-B8

25dB Electronic Power Sweep Range (typ. 40dB)

# Power Control by RF-Input Power Variation



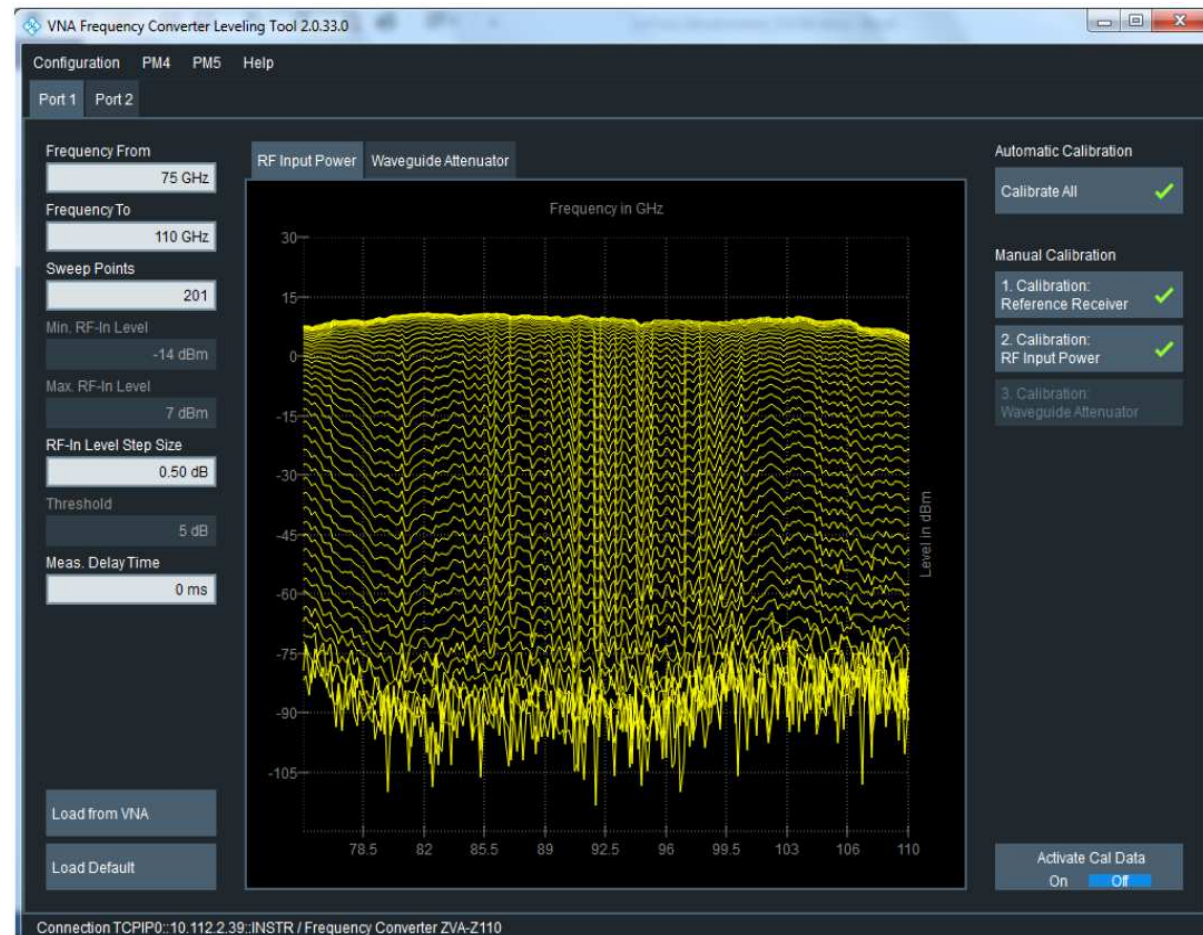
- Power sweep range of 70dB by RF input power variation
- Frequency dependency can be calibrated out by software tool



# Leveling Tool RF-Input Power Variation



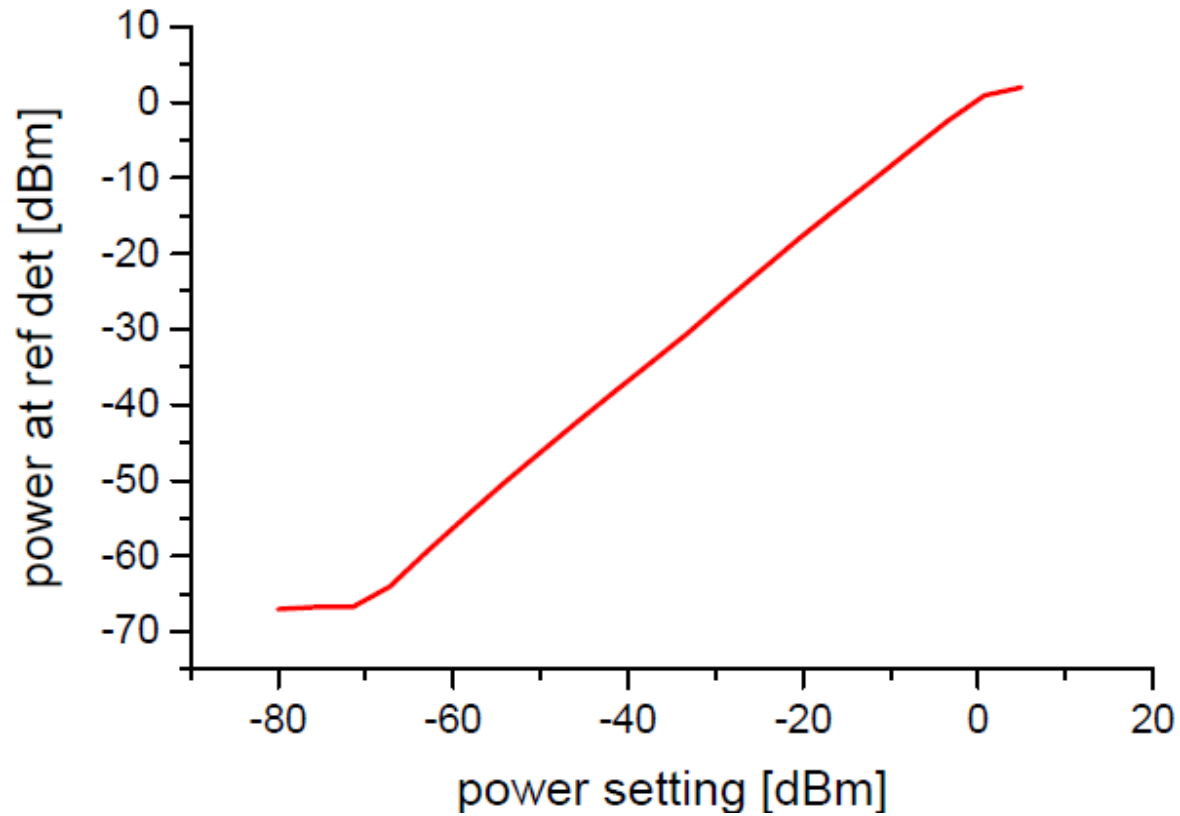
RF-Input  
↓  
mm-wave output



# Power Sweep (e.g. ZC220 Converter)



70dB power sweep range



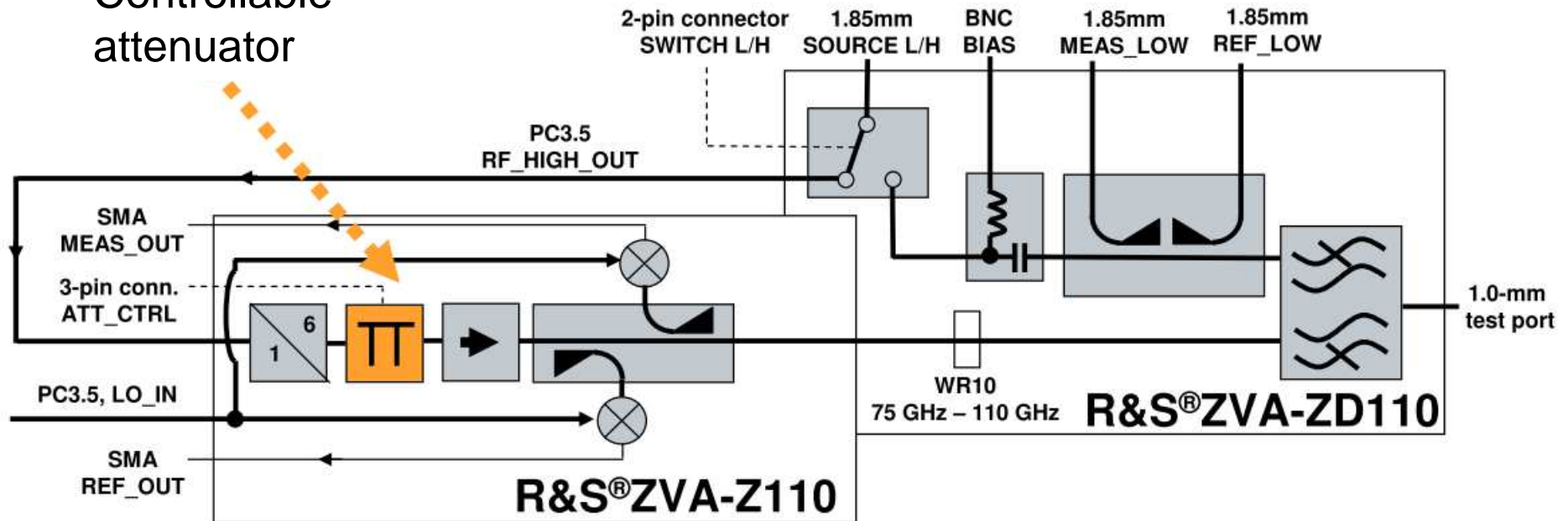
# ZVA110 - 110 GHz in one Sweep





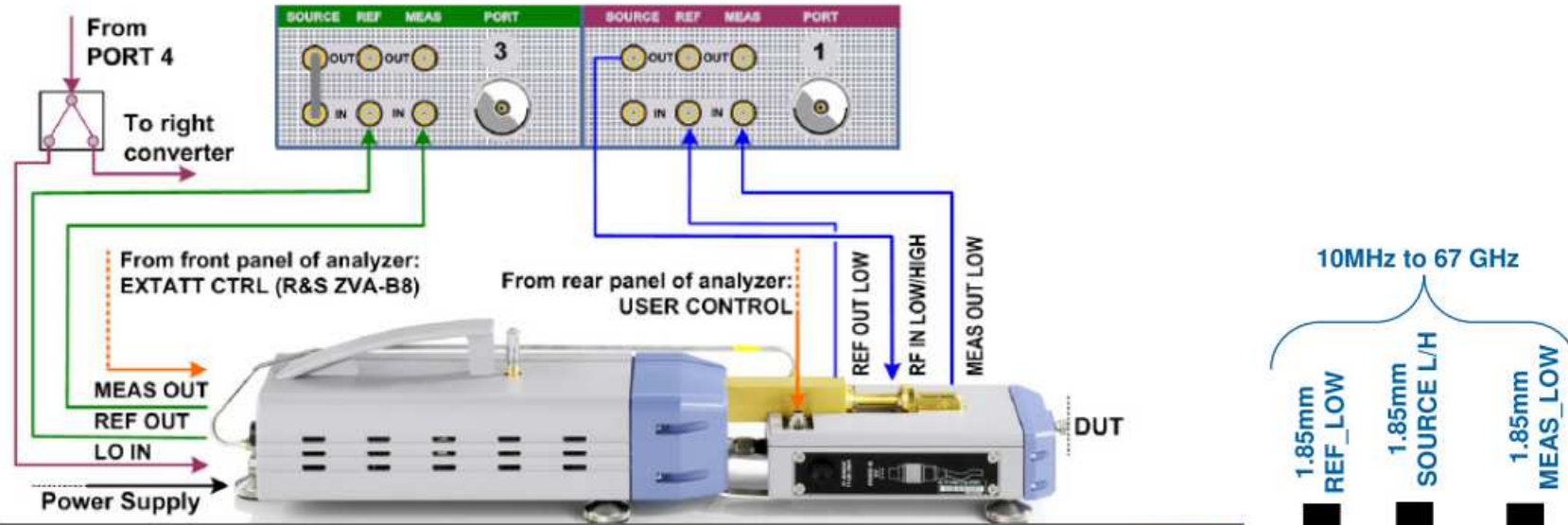
# The Diplexer combines the ZVA67 with the Converter

Controllable  
attenuator

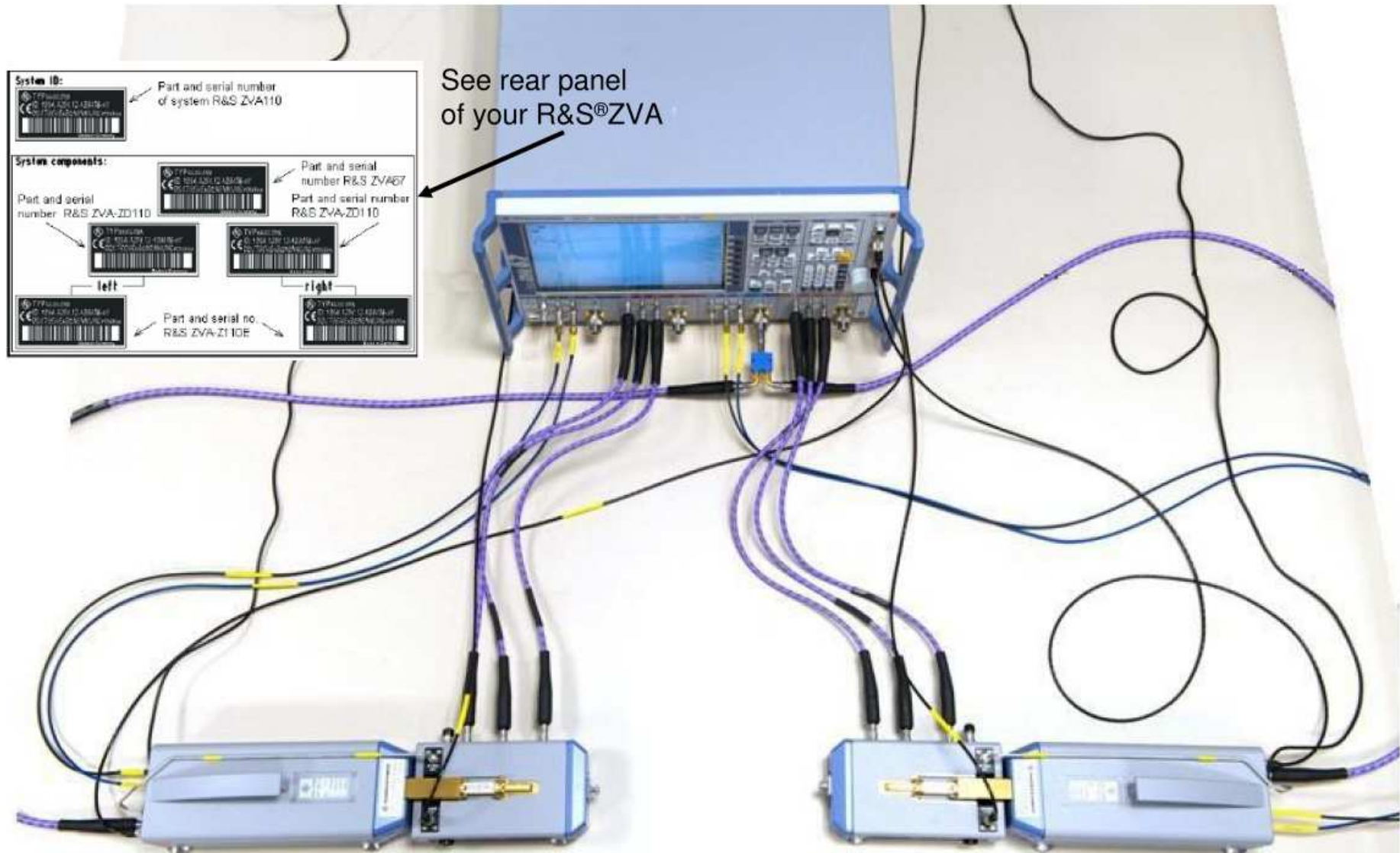


# Configuring the ZVA110

R&S ZVA67 Test Port Connectors



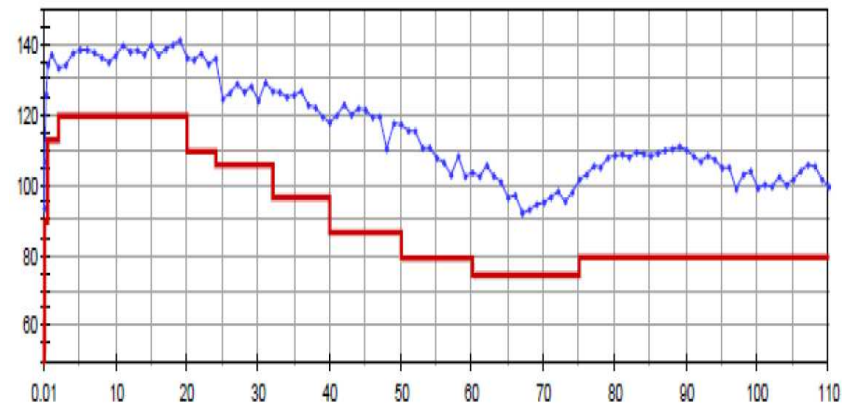
# Configuring the ZVA110



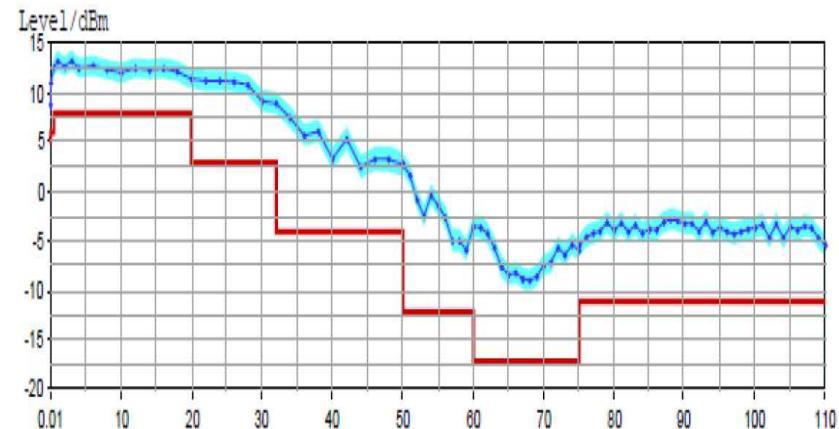
# ZVA 110 Key Data



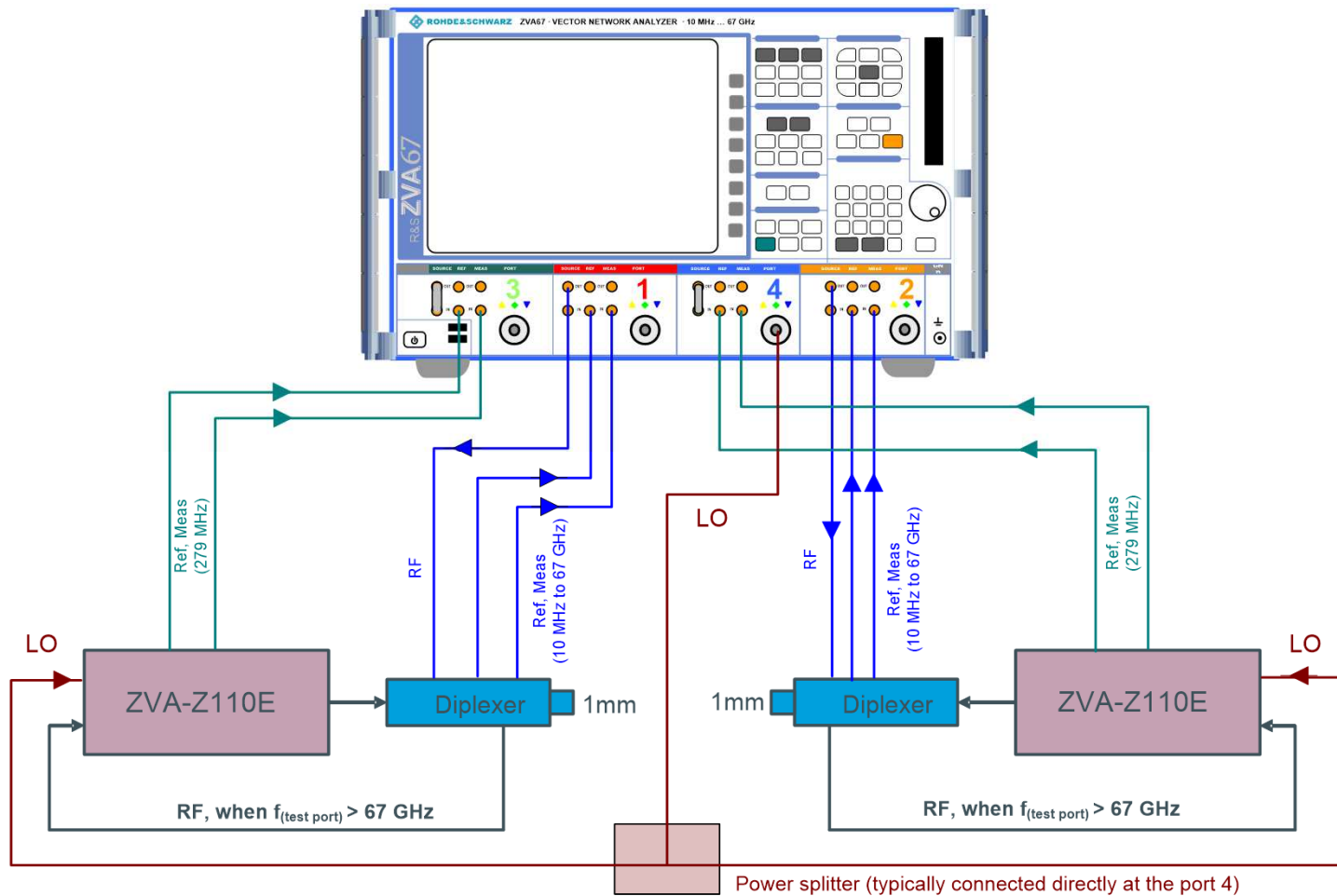
- Dynamic range  
80 dB...120 dB
- Max output power  
-10 dBm....10 dBm
- 1...60001 Points
- 1 Hz..30 MHz IFBW
- Effective directivity and load port match  
> 32 dB (typ.)



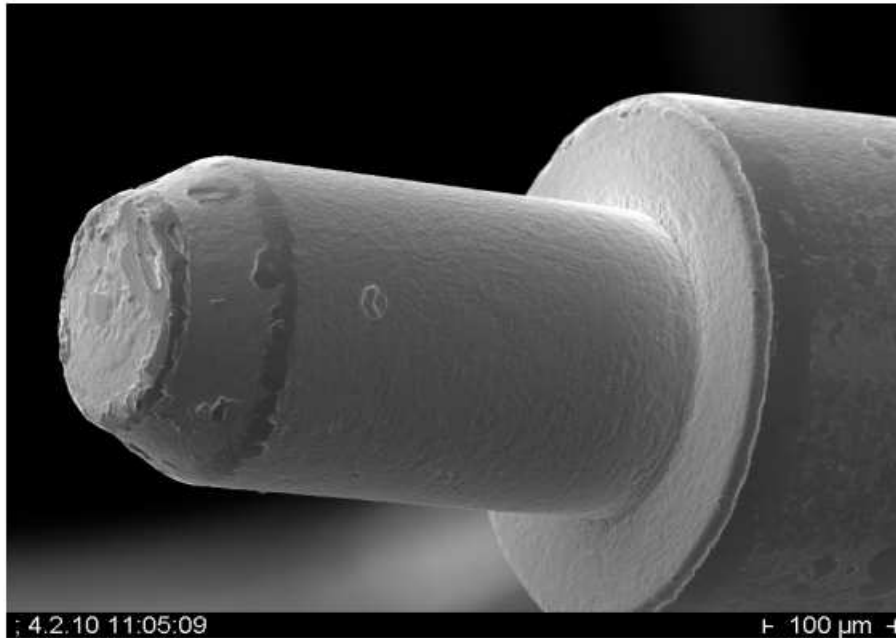
Dynamic range in dB versus frequency in GHz of the R&S<sup>®</sup>ZVA110.



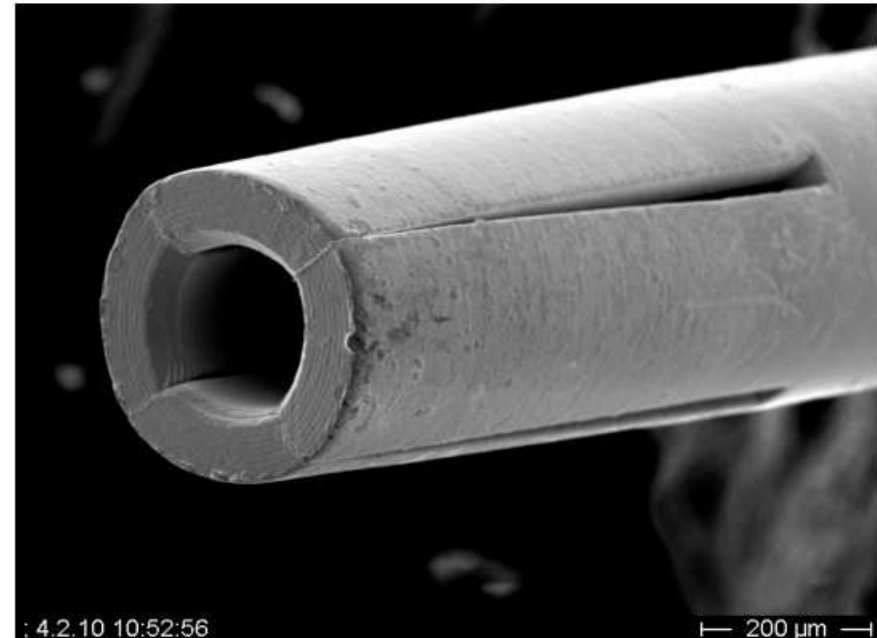
# ZVA110 - Principle



# 1 mm Connector System



REM picture from an inner conductor  
of a 1.0-mm male connector



REM picture from an inner conductor  
of a 1.0-mm female connector



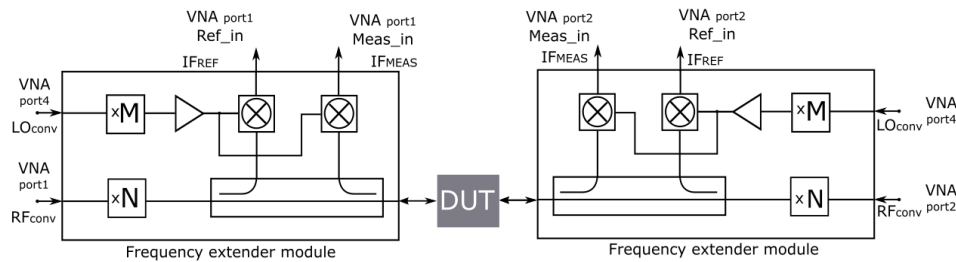
# Accurate S-Parameter Measurements



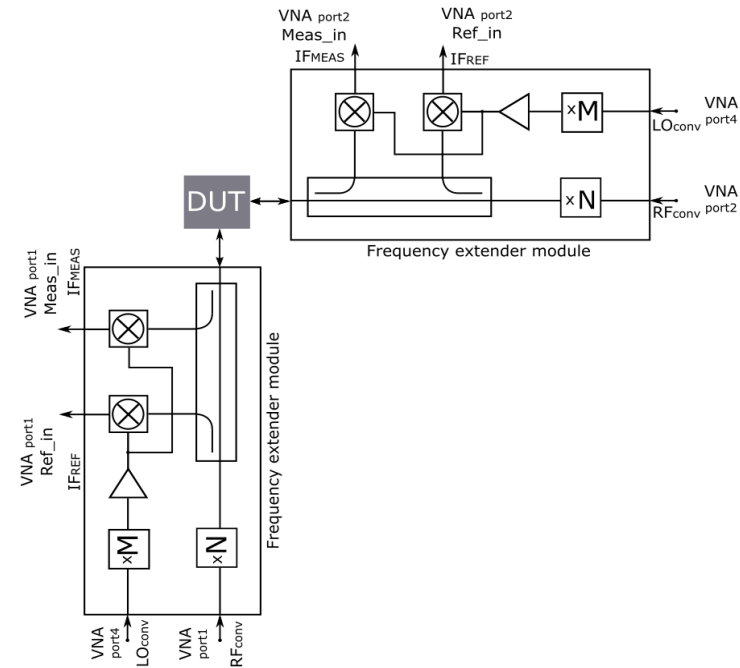
# Measurements with different orientations of the modules

- Two measurements of the phase with different orientations of the frequency extender modules

0° orientation



90° orientation



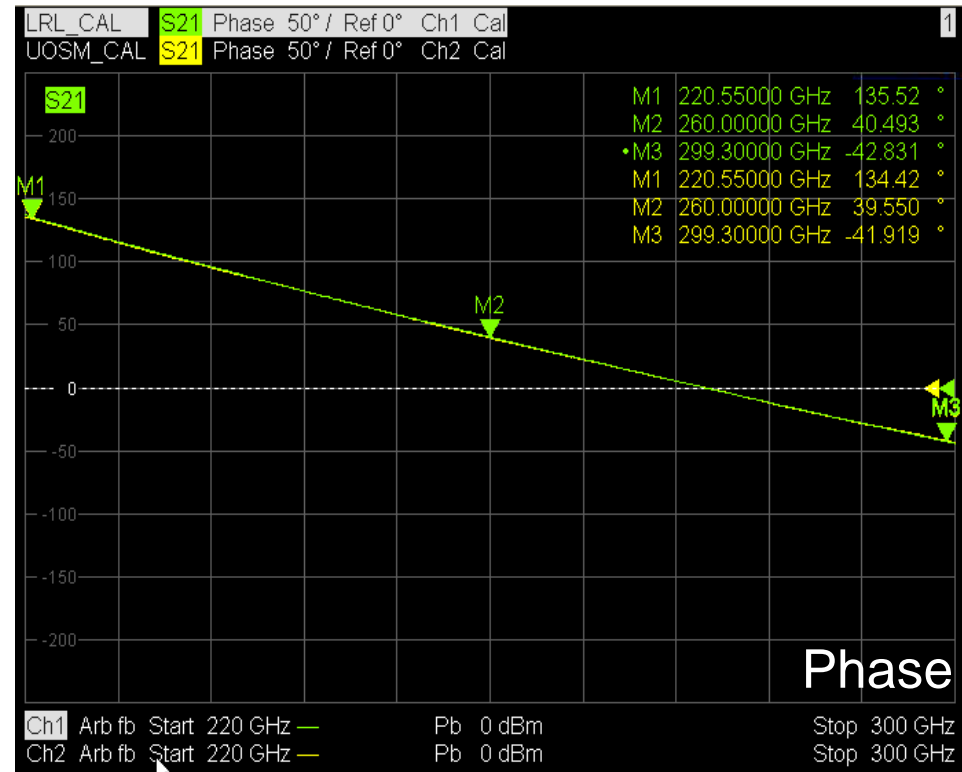
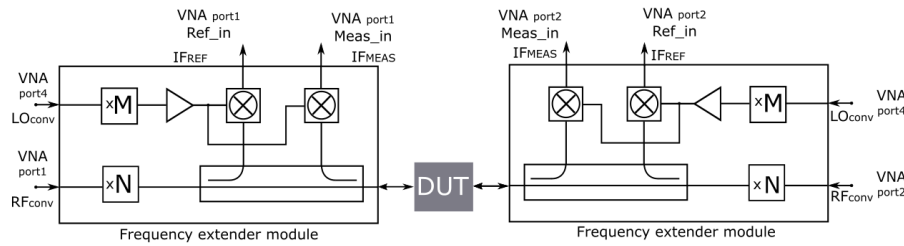


# Measurement results at 0 deg. orientation

## LRL Calibration

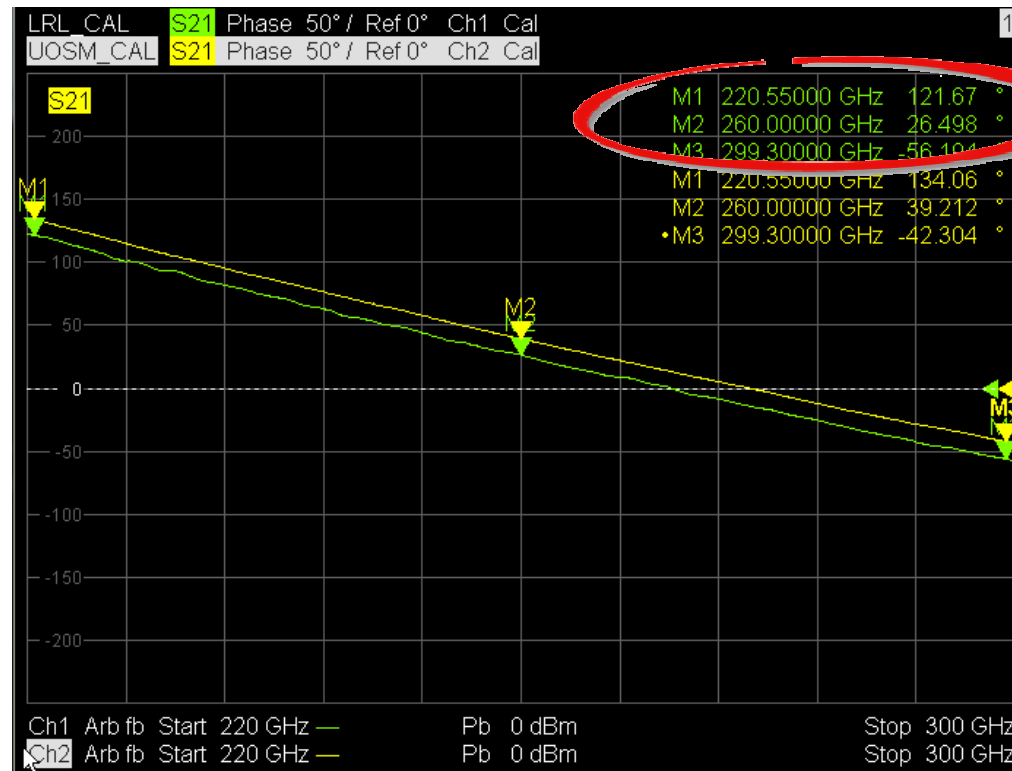
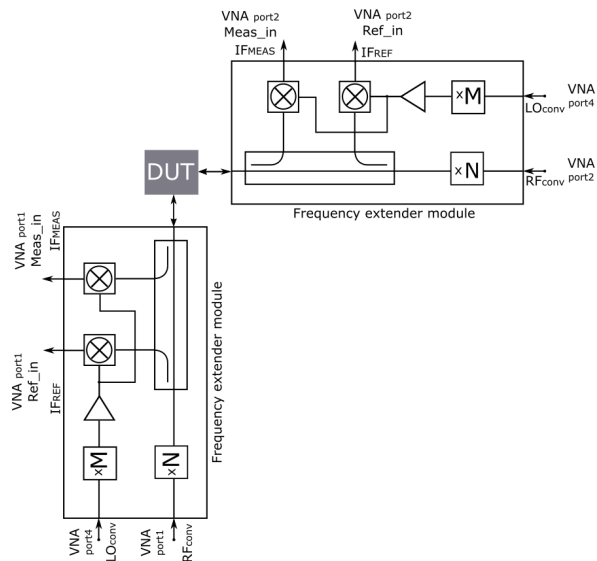


0° orientation



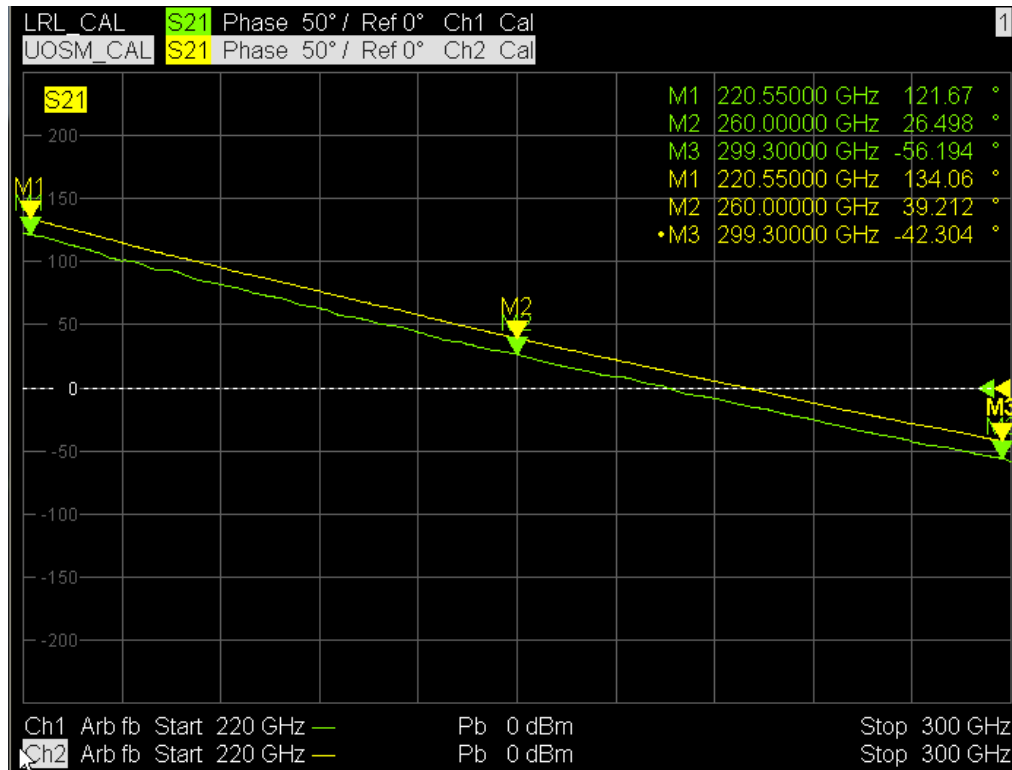
# Measurement results at 90 deg. orientation

90° orientation



# Measurement results at 90 deg. orientation

## LRL Calibration vs. UOSM



### Data at 0° orientation



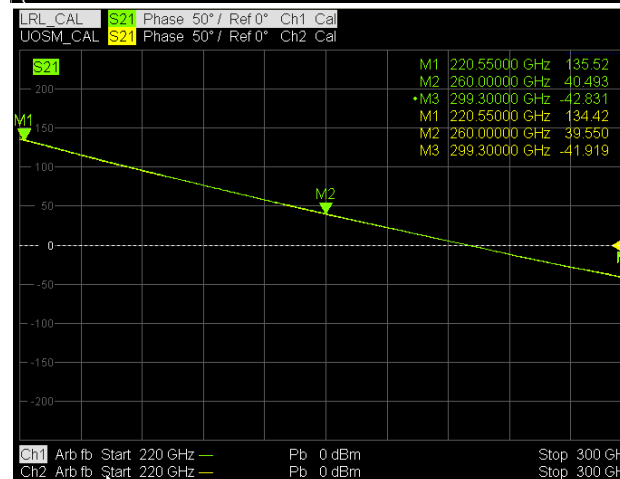
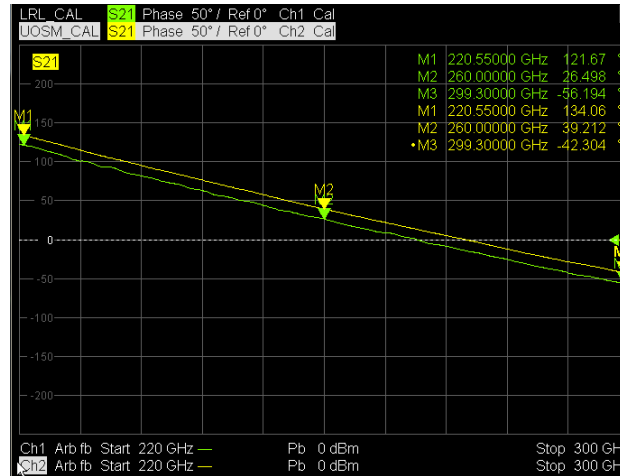
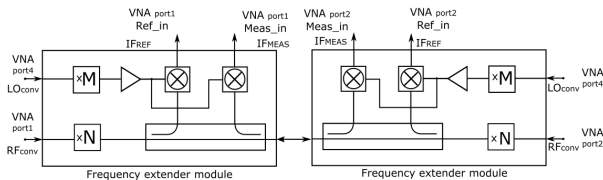
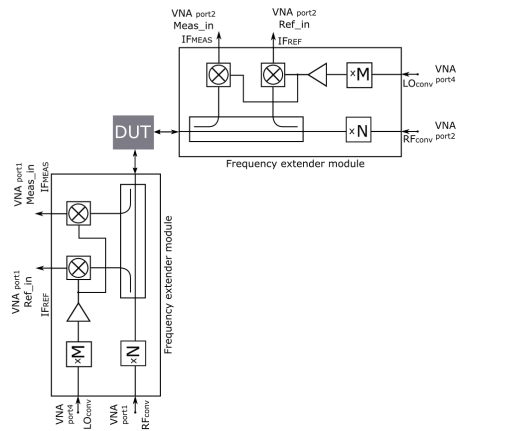
Marker	Frequency (GHz)	Phase (°) - LRL	Phase (°) - UOSM
M1	220.55000	135.52	134.42
M2	260.00000	40.493	39.550
M3	299.30000	-42.831	-41.919

- Phase of the measurement data based on LRL changed by 14°
- Phase of the measurement data based on UOSM calibration maintains stable



# Measurement results

## LRL Calibration vs. UOSM



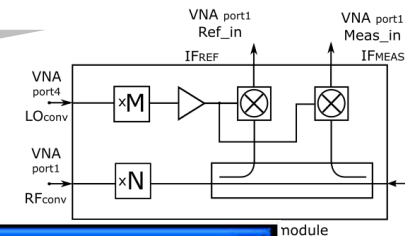
What is the reason for this effect and why does UOSM provide a better result than LRL calibration technique?

# Multiplication of VNA signal



Frequency range and multiplication factor <b>Source input (RF IN)</b>	R&S®ZC170	9.167 GHz to 14.167 GHz,	× 12
	R&S®ZC220	11.667 GHz to 18.333 GHz	× 12
	R&S®ZC330	12.222 GHz to 18.333 GHz	× 18

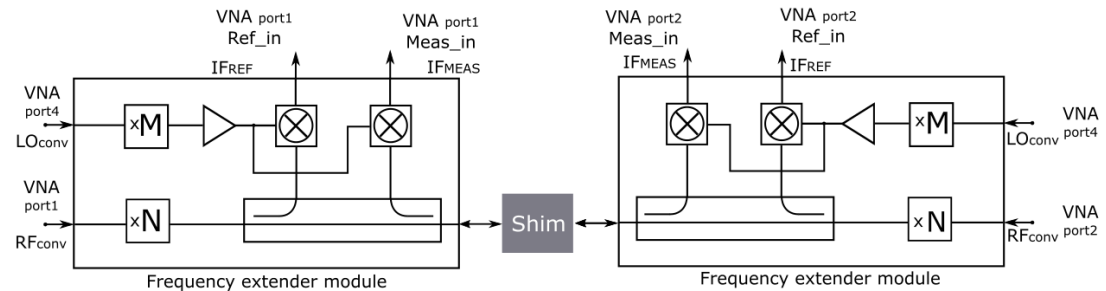
Frequency range and multiplication factor <b>Local oscillator input (LO IN)</b>	R&S®ZC170	10.972 GHz to 16.972 GHz	× 10
	R&S®ZC220	11.643 GHz to 18.310 GHz	× 12
	R&S®ZC330	9.155 GHz to 13.738 GHz	× 24



Meas	Physical Port #	Source Frequency	Frequency Result	Power Result	Receiver Frequency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Port 1	1 / 18 · fb	12.222222222 GHz ... 18.333333333 GHz	7 dBm	279 MHz
	Converter Port 1	fb	220 GHz ... 330 GHz	0 dBm	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Port 2	1 / 18 · fb	12.222222222 GHz ... 18.333333333 GHz	7 dBm	
	Converter Port 2	fb	220 GHz ... 330 GHz	0 dBm	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Port 3	1 / 18 · fb	12.222222222 GHz ... 18.333333333 GHz	7 dBm	...
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Port 4	1 / 24 · fb - 1 / 24 · 279 MHz	9.155041667 GHz ... 13.738375 GHz	7 dBm	

# Impact of the cable movement

- The LRL calibration on wave guide is done with 2 or more shims, with different length

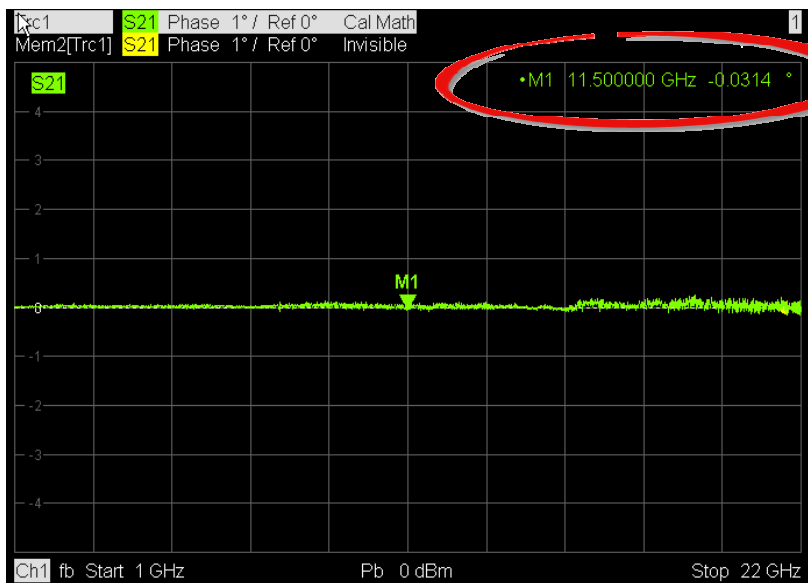


- This requires<sup>t)</sup>, that the calibration has to be done by a horizontal alignment of the two frequency extender modules

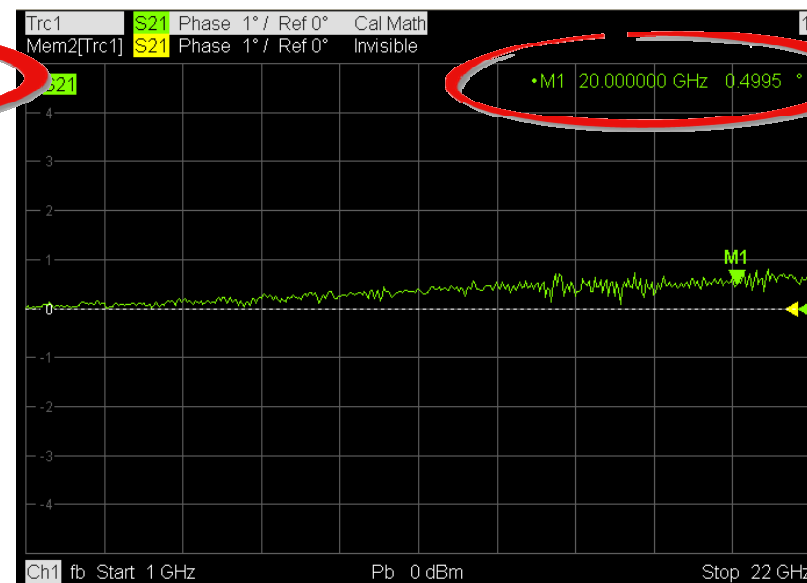


# Impact of the Cable Movement

- For the LRL: the frequency converter gets moved in 90° to each other after the calibration
- Depending of the quality of the LO-cables, this leads to a small, constant phase error:



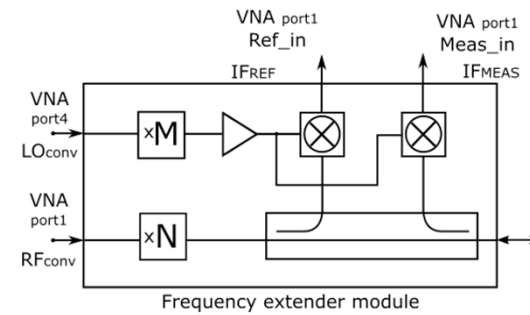
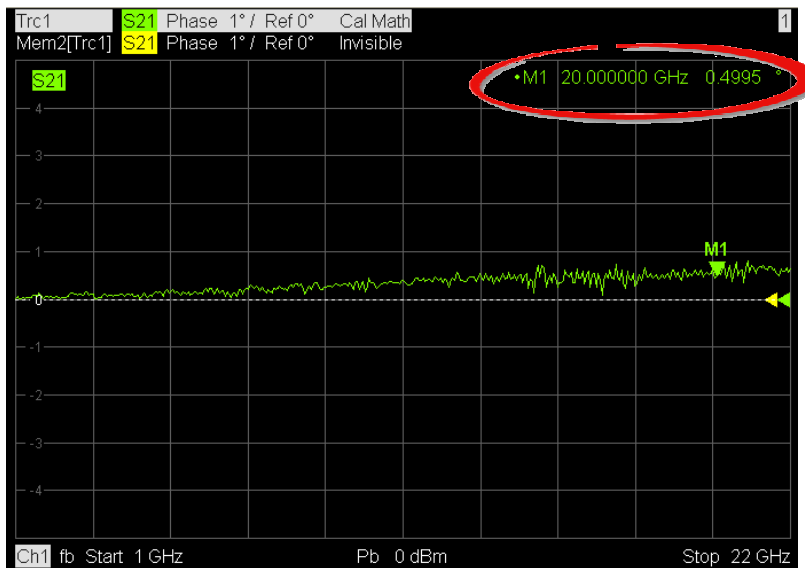
Cable bending at 0 deg orientation



Cable bending at 90 deg orientation

# Impact of the cable movement

- The phase error due to the cable movement gets multiplied by the factor M of the frequency extender modules



M: 24

Meas	Physical Port	Source	Frequency	Frequency Result	Power Result	Receiver
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Port 1	1 / 18 -fb	...	12.22222222 GHz ... 18.33333333 GHz	7 dBm	279 MHz
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Port 3	1 / 18 -fb	...	12.22222222 GHz ... 18.33333333 GHz	7 dBm	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Port 4	1 / 24 -fb - 1 / 24 - 279 MHz	...	9.155041667 GHz ... 13.738375 GHz	7 dBm	

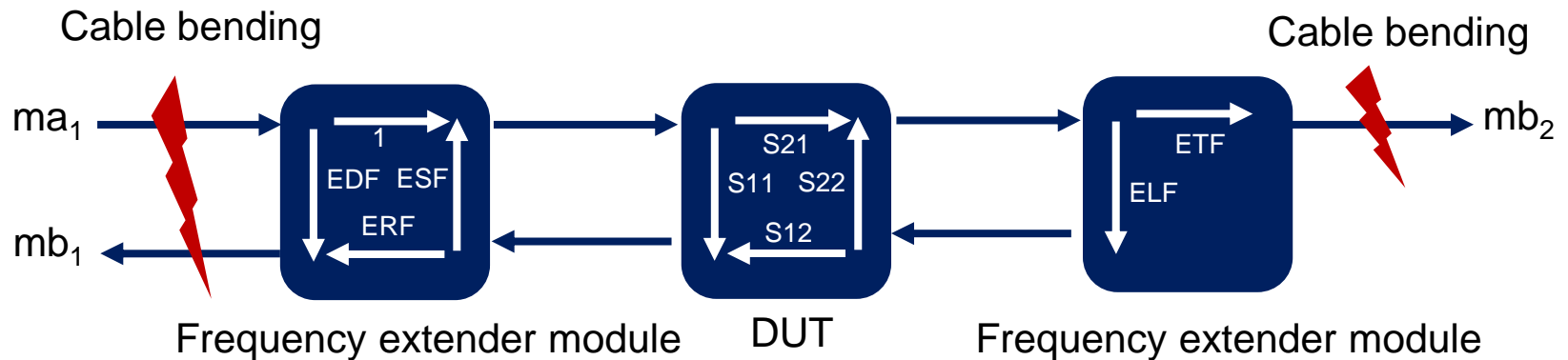
$24 * 0.5^\circ$

Calculated phase error: 12°



# Impact of the cable movement

- Due to the 90° alignment of the frequency extender modules, the RF and LO cables are bent
- As shown in the measurement results, a phase error of up to 14° due to the LO cable movement can be seen



# Calibration & Technique: UOSM



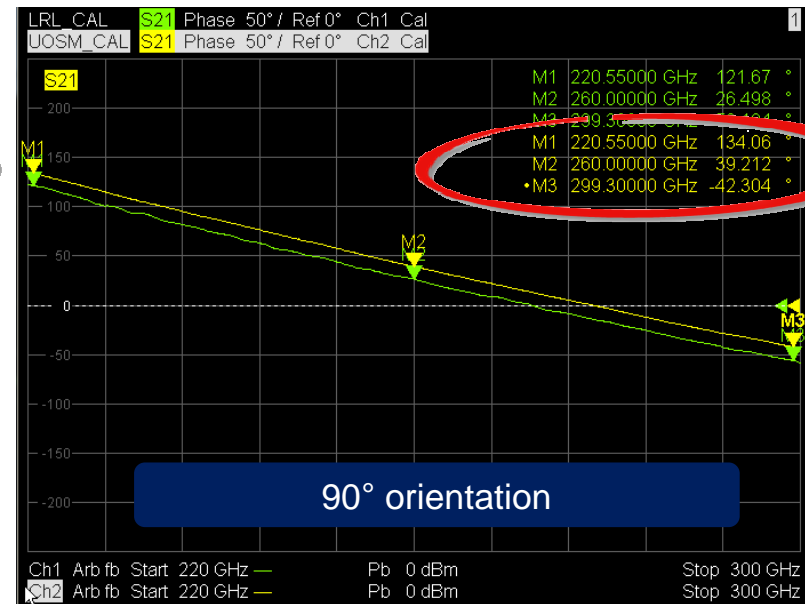
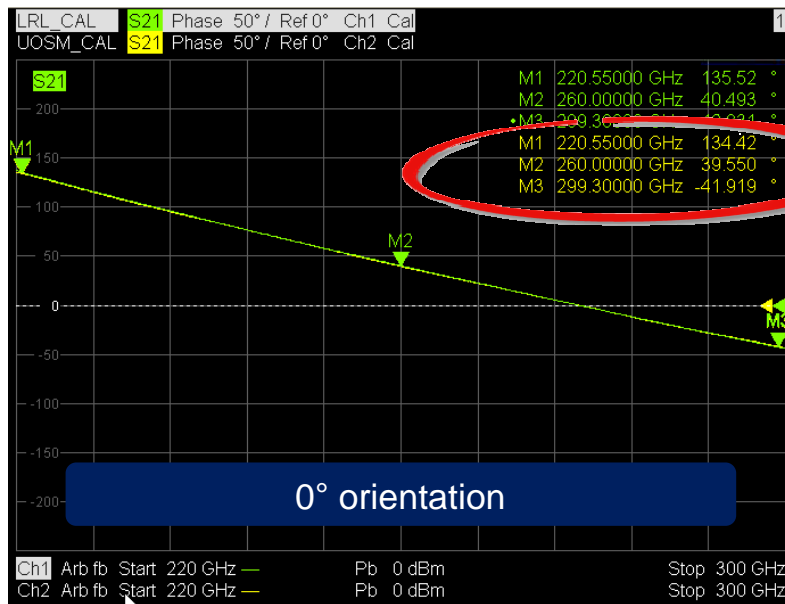
- UnknownThru-Open-Short-Match
- The calibration technique UOSM (for waveguide, the open gets replaced by an Offset Short) allows to have a thru, which has been not specified in the calkit data
- UOSM: 7 Term calibration technique
- Thru can be also lossy, 10 dB or more attn. are OK
- Requirement: Thru has to be reciprocal, it can be also the DUT itself

UOSM calibration technique allows to perform the calibration in the final position

No cable bending required after calibration



# Summary

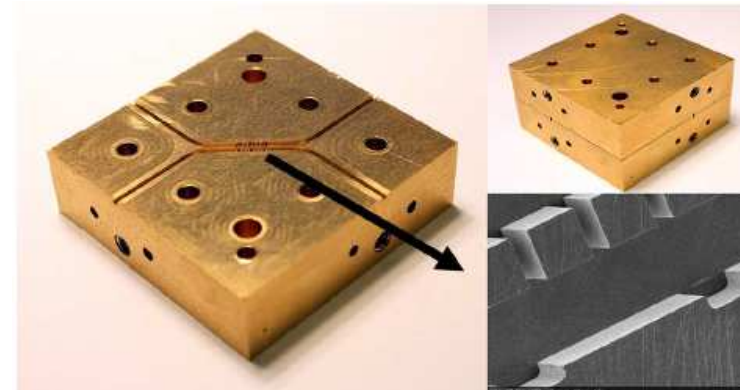


- For the UOSM calibration the DUT can be used as the Thru standard. (→ Reciprocal)

# Example

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- DUT is 90° waveguide hybrid with ultra-low amplitude imbalance
- Designed for 159–216 GHz band
- Multiple branch waveguide design



Amplitude and phase imbalance are simulated and compared to measurement.

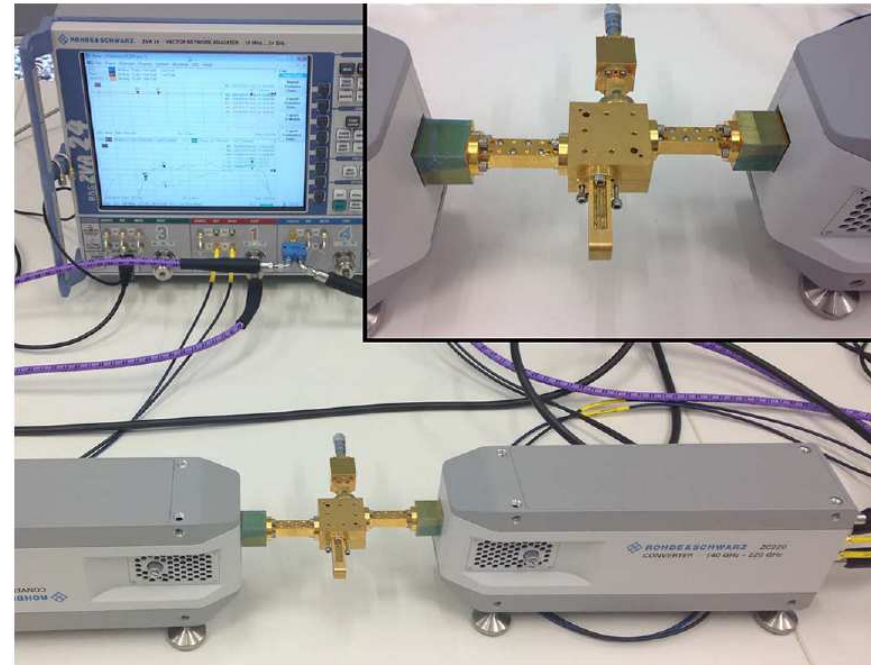
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- Converters are rotated between measurements
- Errors in phase measurements occur

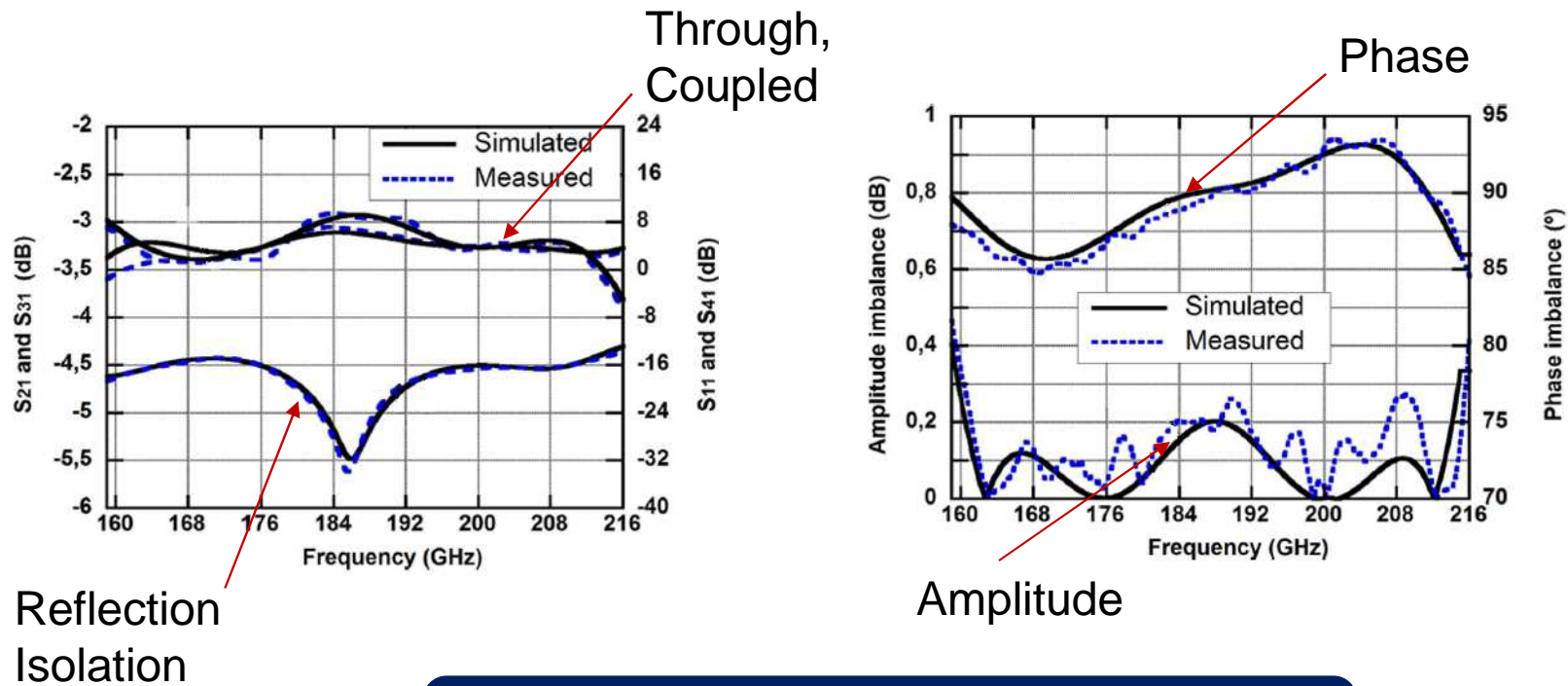
## Solution:

- Calibrate UOSM before rotation
- Recall O, S, M data after 90° rotation, re-measure U.



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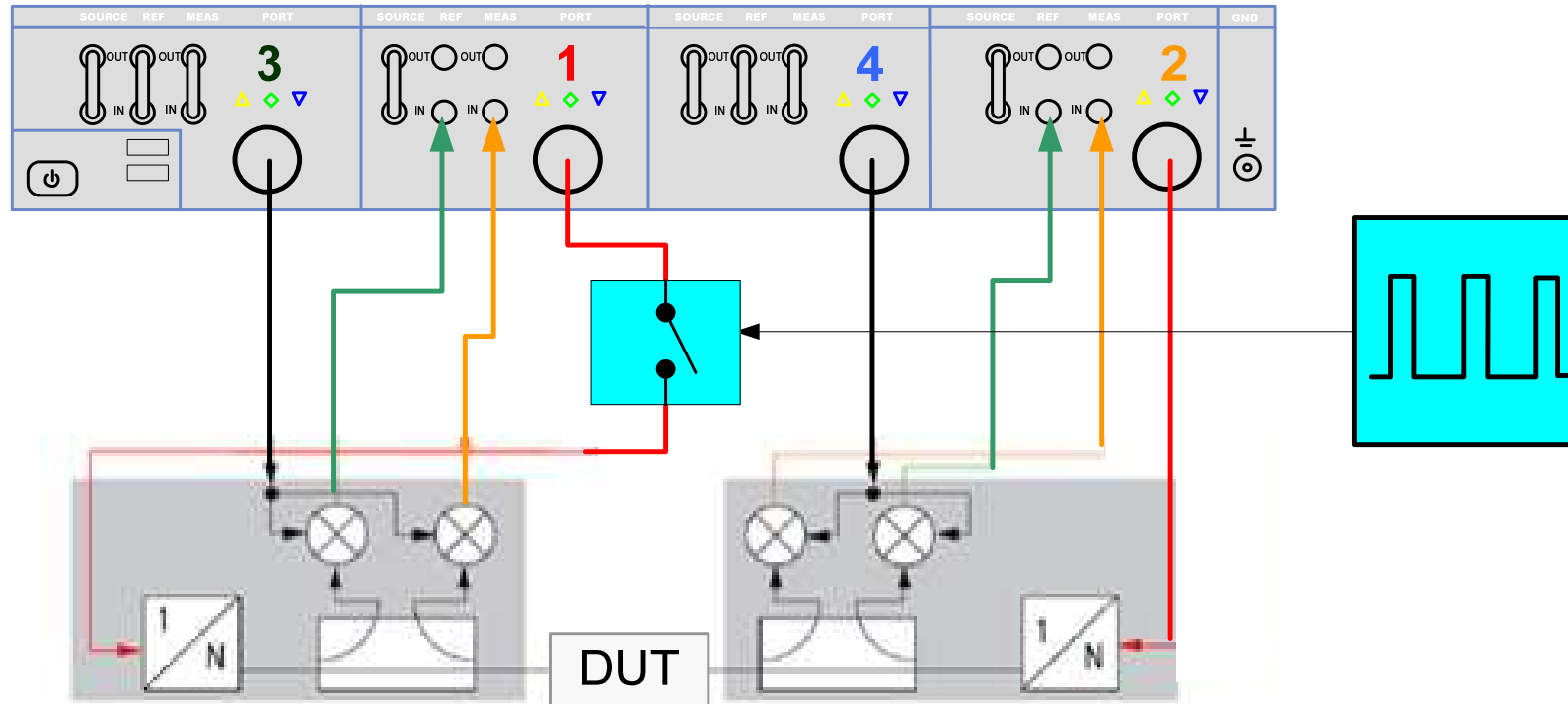
**Very small deviation between simulated and measured phase**



# Amplifier & Mixer Measurements



# Pulsed Measurements at 110 GHz





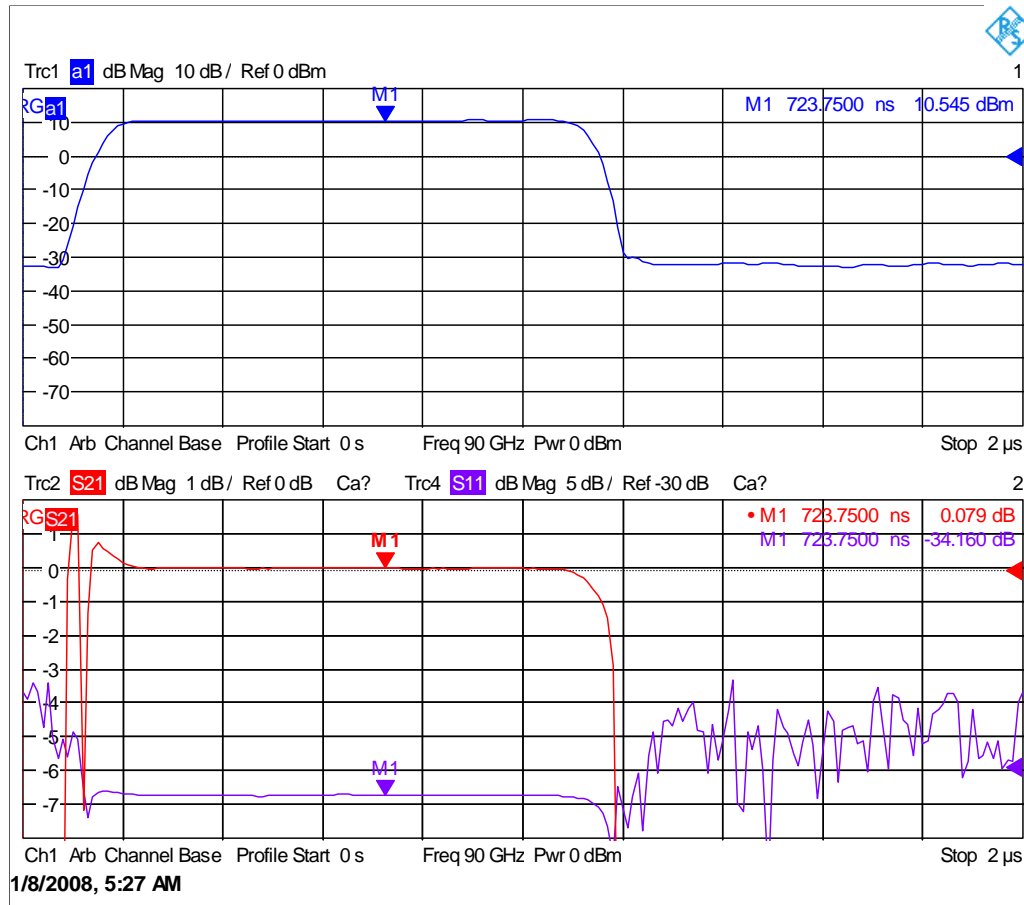
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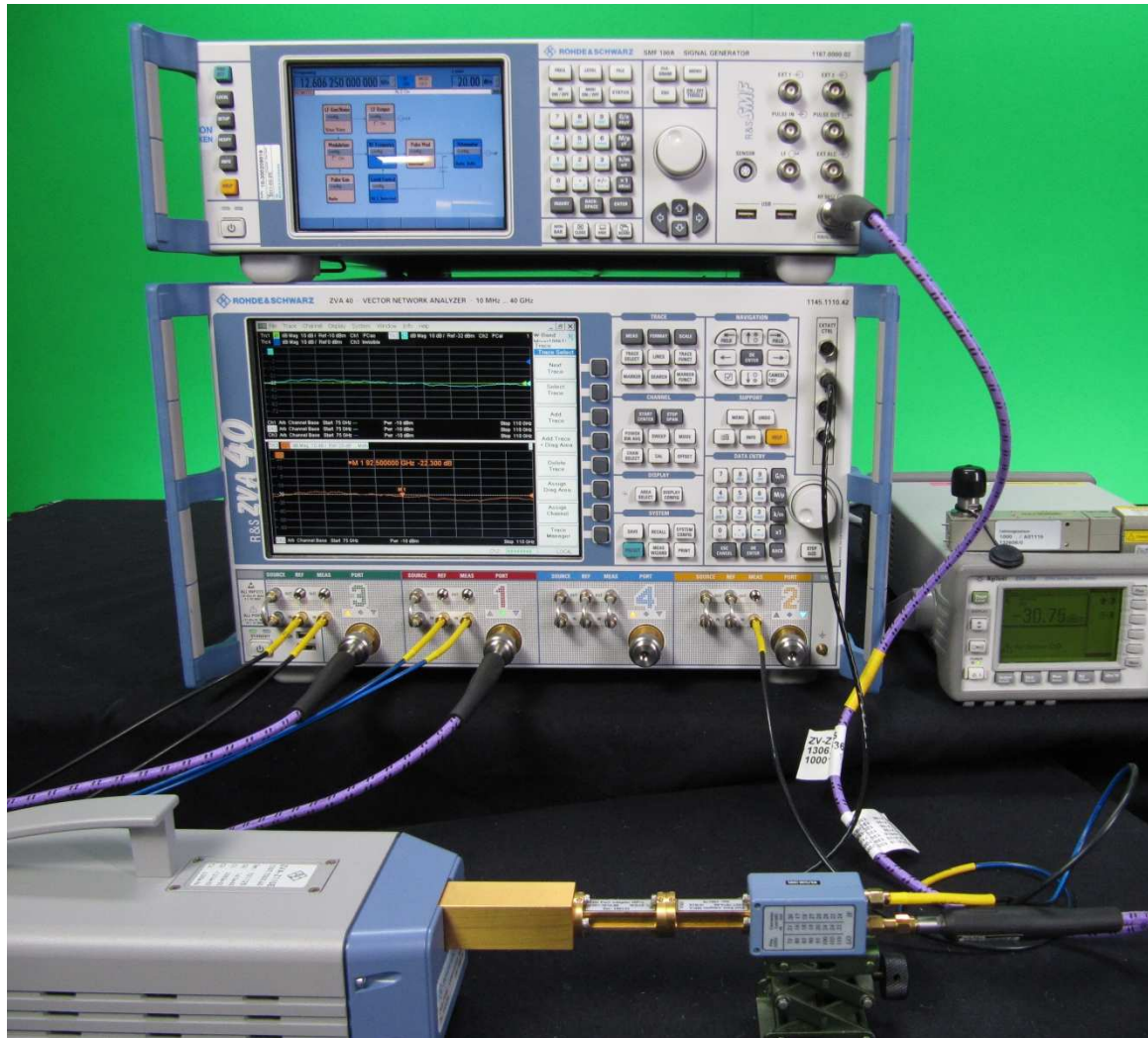
- Modulator in source path of freq. converter
  - Frequency range 12 GHz ....20 GHz
- Modulator in source path of VNA part
  - Frequency range 10..70 GHz
  
- Pulsing the supply voltage
  
- Low loss (no retuning of RF power level necessary)
- For average pulse, point in pulse and pulse profile test



# Pulsed Measurements at 110 GHz



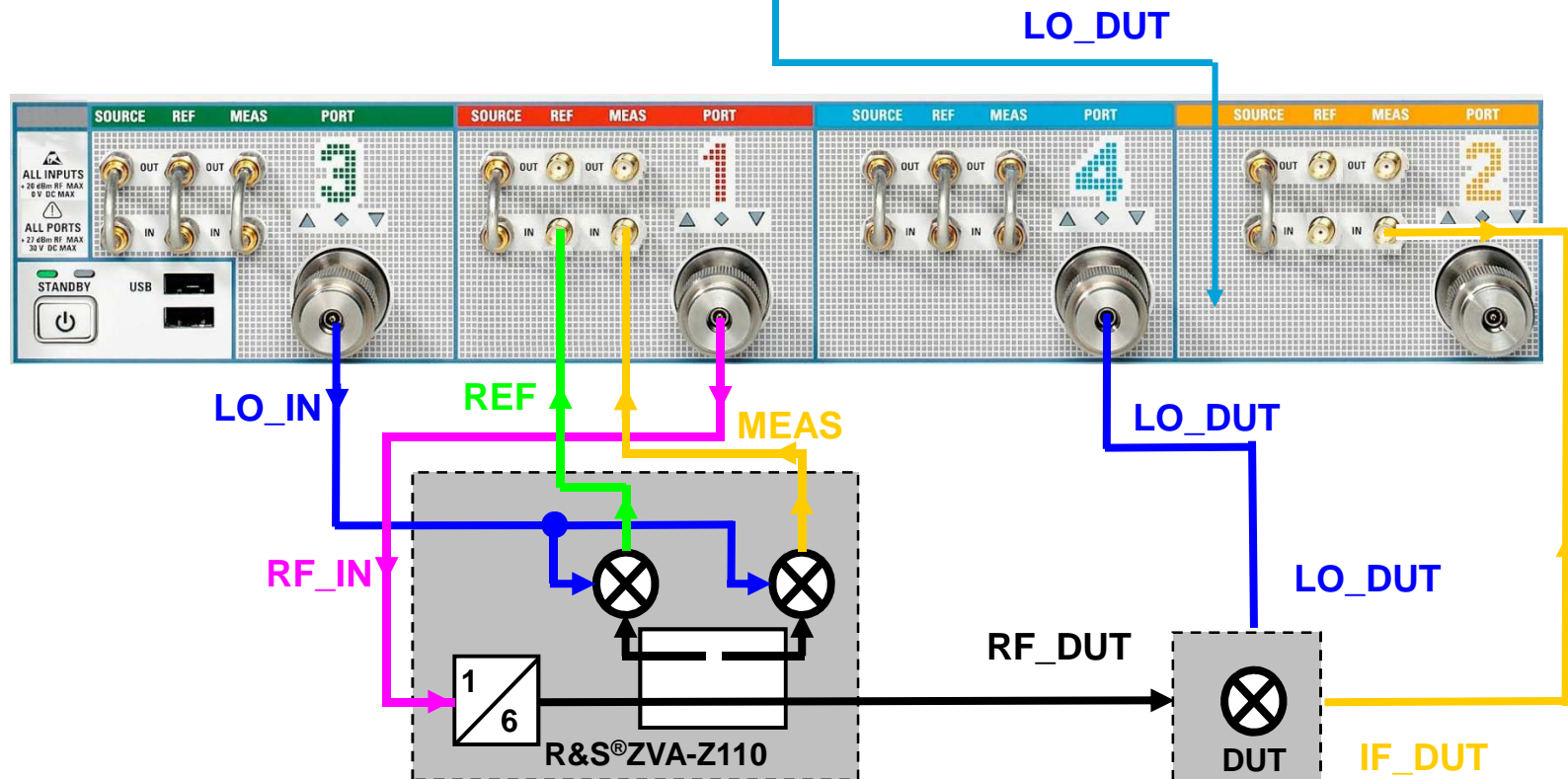
# Set-up for Mixer Measurements



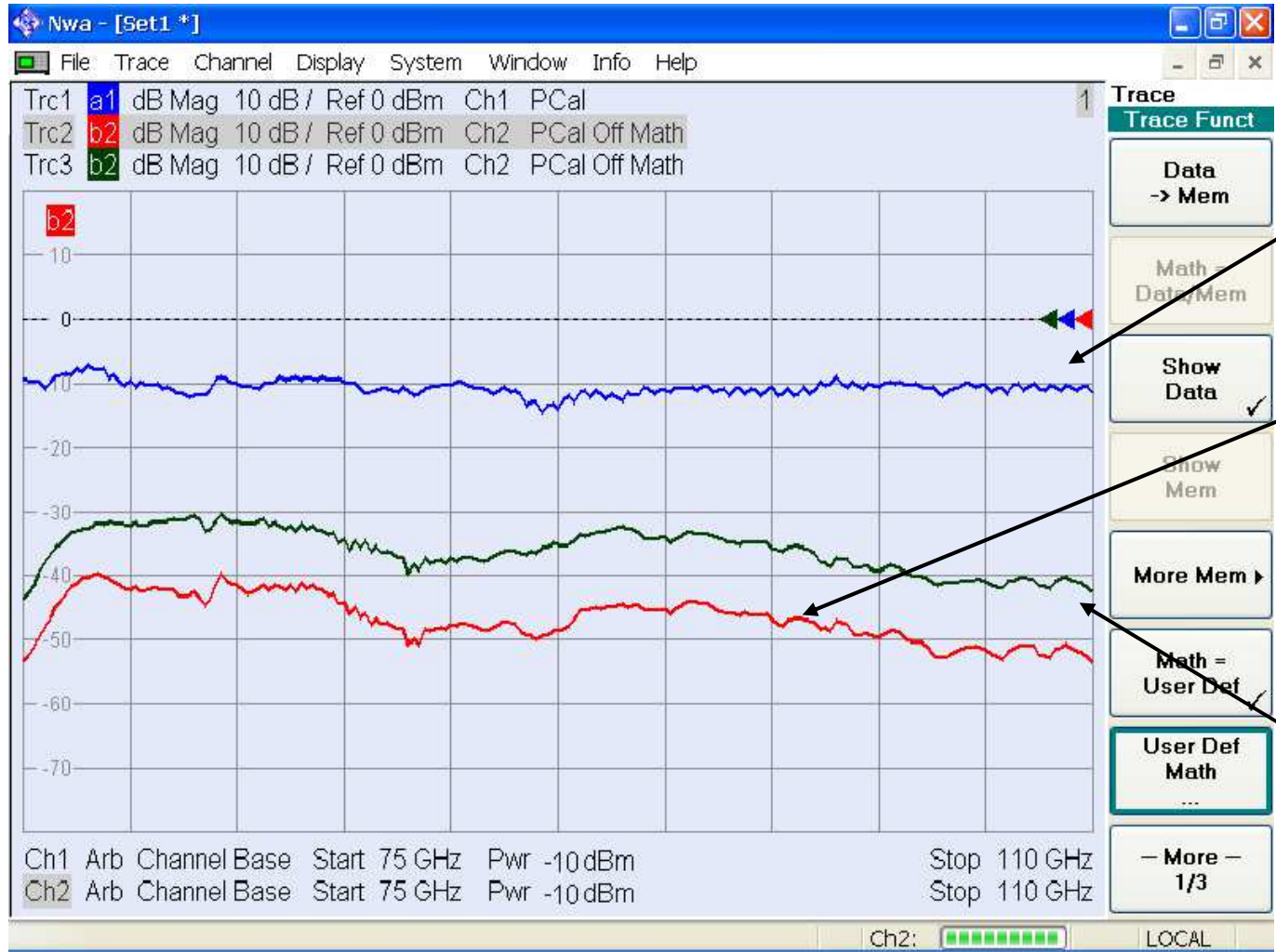
# Mixer Measurement Set-up Cabling



Required with ZVA24/40/50



# Mixer Measurement Results



RF\_DUT power at waveguide test port (receiver level calibrated)

IF\_DUT power at mixer IF/LO port (corrected by value of step 1)

Conversion loss calculated from RF\_DUT and IF\_DUT



# Mixer Measurement Results



RF Signal  
a1

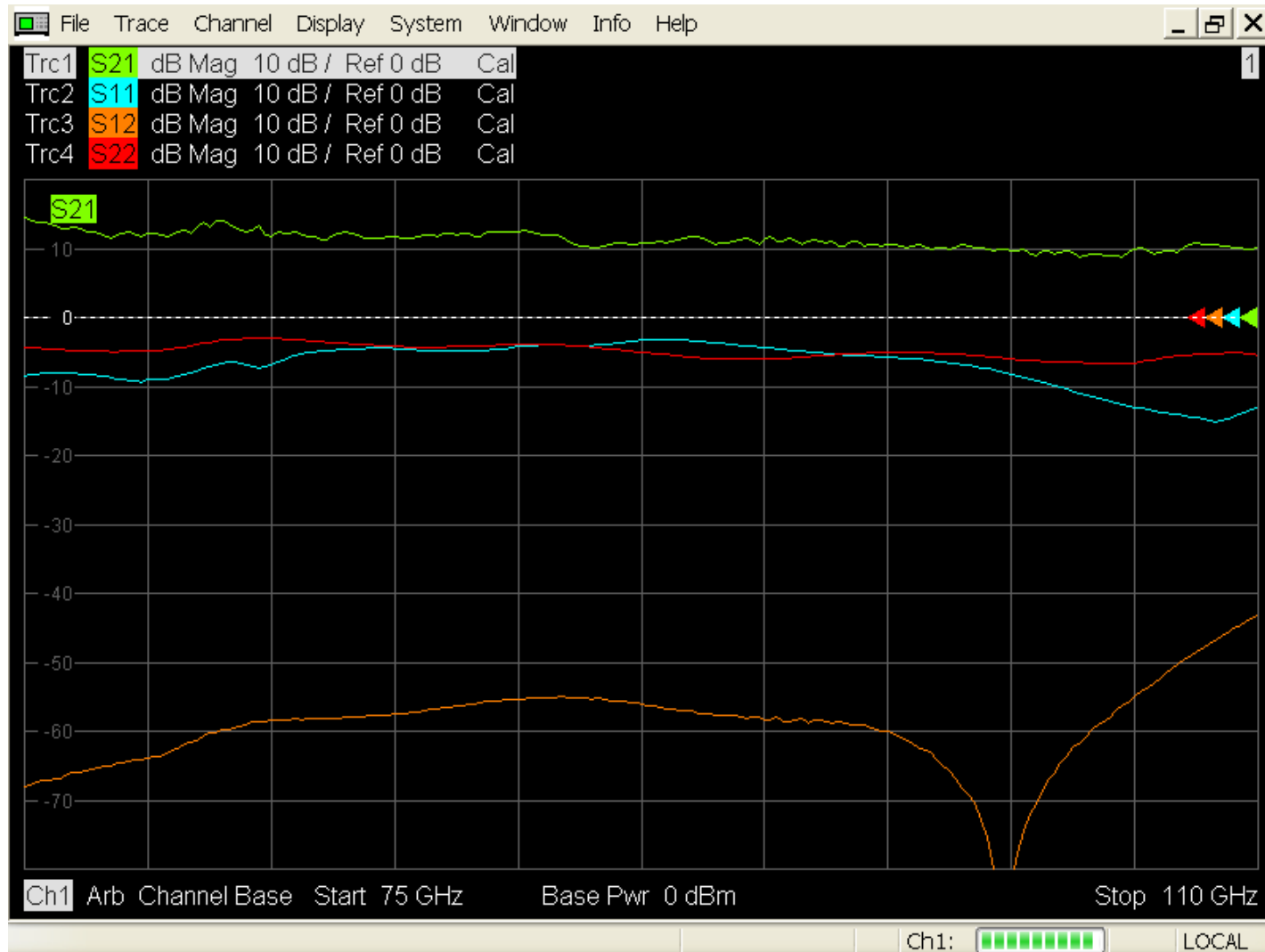
IF Signal  
b2

calculated  
Conversion  
Loss

# Set-up for Amplifier Measurements



# Amplifier Measurement Results (Sweep Mode)

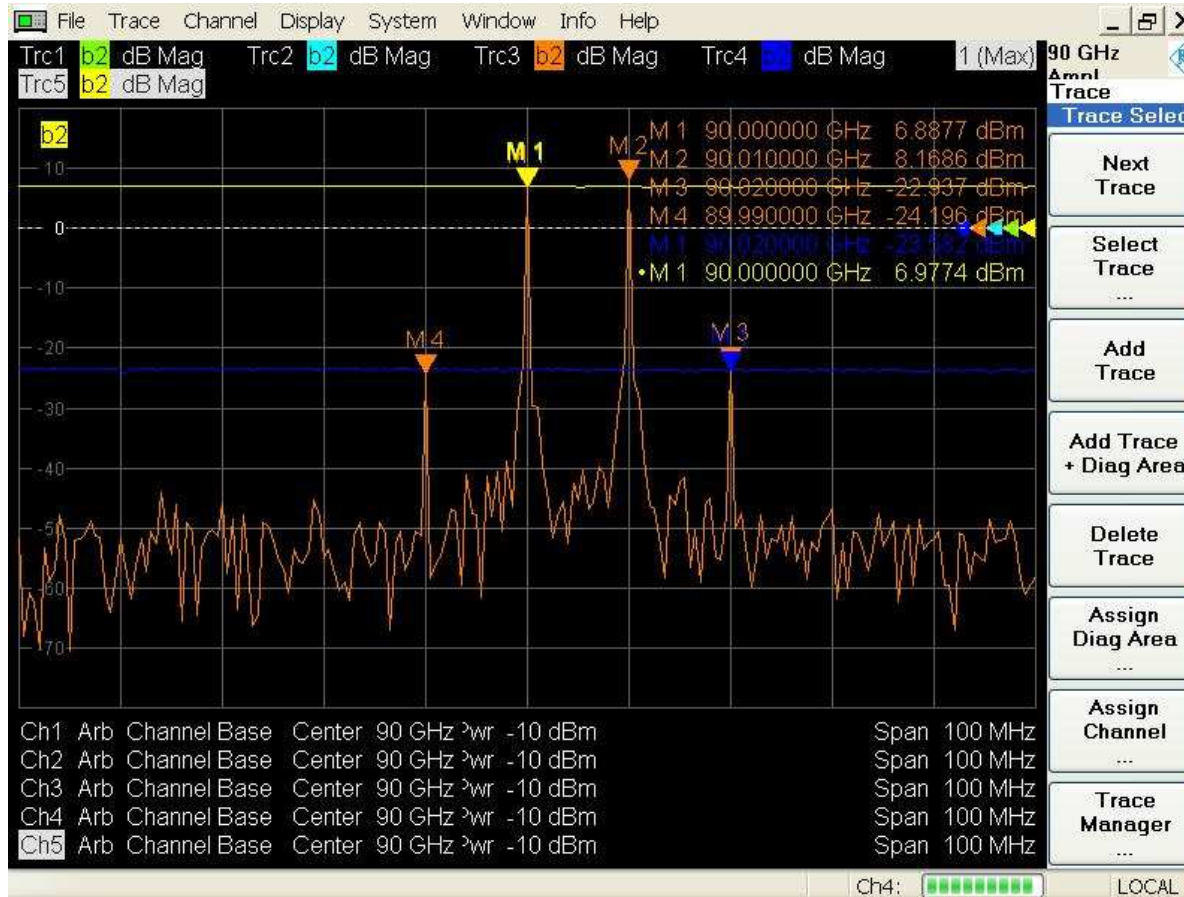




# Amplifier Measurement Results (Pwr Sweep Mode)



# Amplifier Measurements Results (Intermodulation)



# Measurements with wideband modulated Signals



# Measurement with modulated Signals

## Typical Applications

### ■ Multicarrier systems

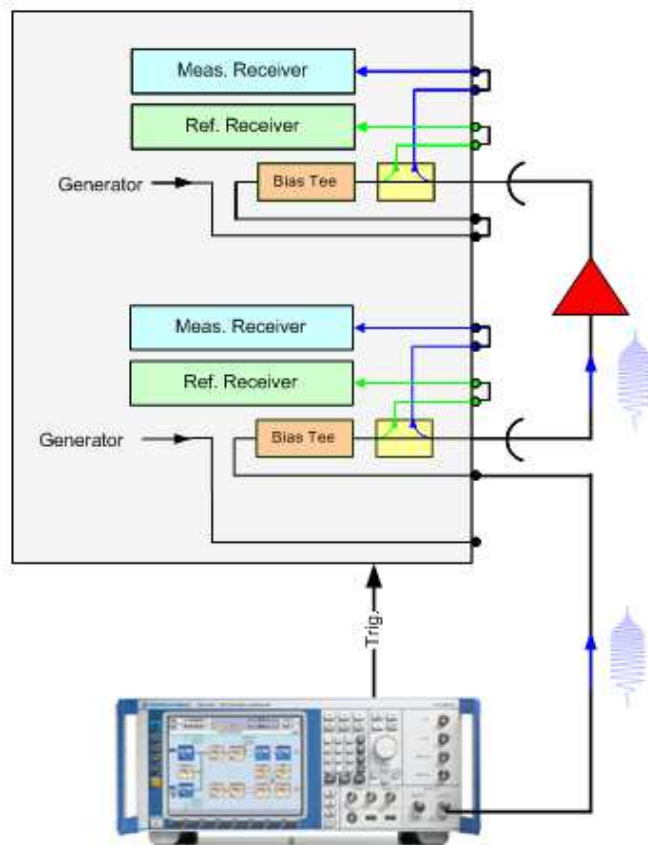
- Used for wideband communication application as 4G
- OFDM signals with multiple carriers generate nonlinear effects different to single carrier stimulation

### ■ Radar systems

- Use of pulsed chirp signals
- Resolution is dependent on the bandwidth of the freq. chirp
  - Range resolution =  $(c_0) / (\text{bandwidth} \times 2)$



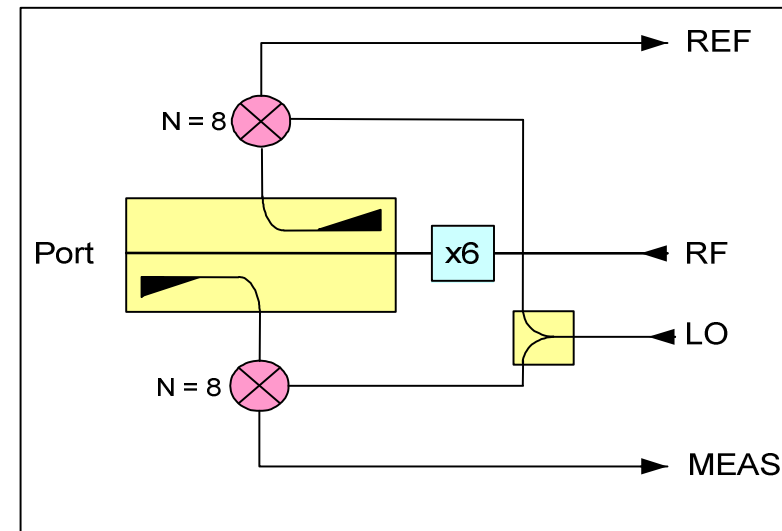
# Setup for Analysis with modulated Signals



- Modulated signal injected into generator path of VNA
- Measurement and reference signal are modulated
- Power-, ratio- and S-parameter measurements in forward direction possible
- Trigger signal from sig.-gen.

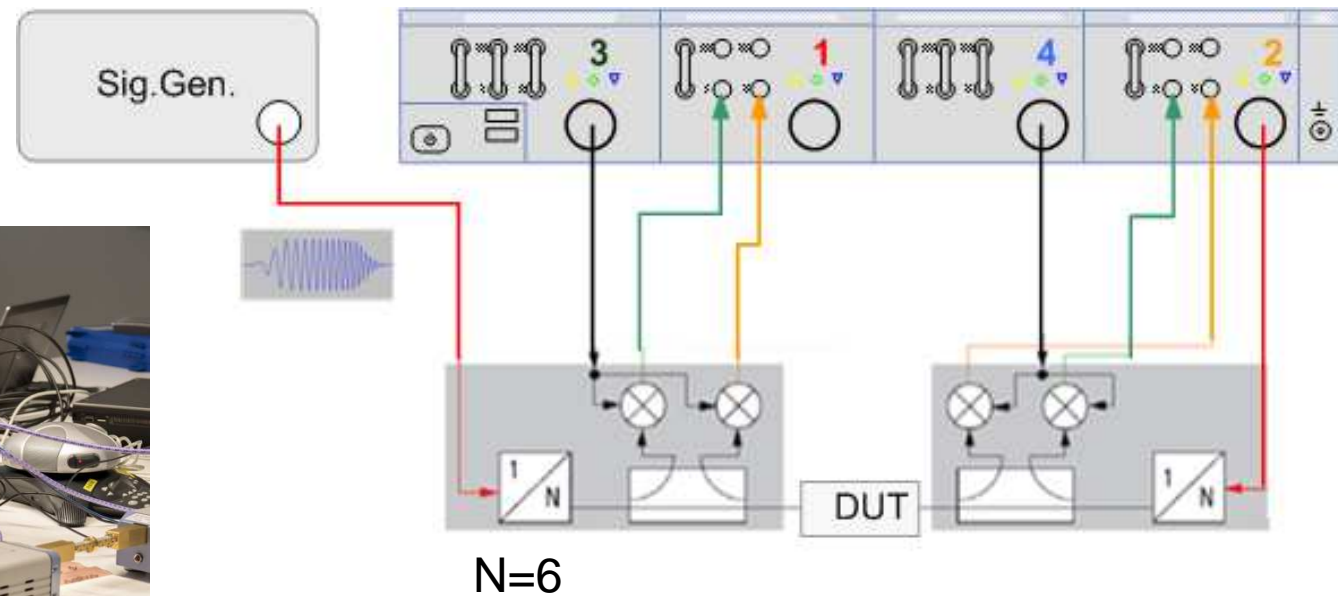
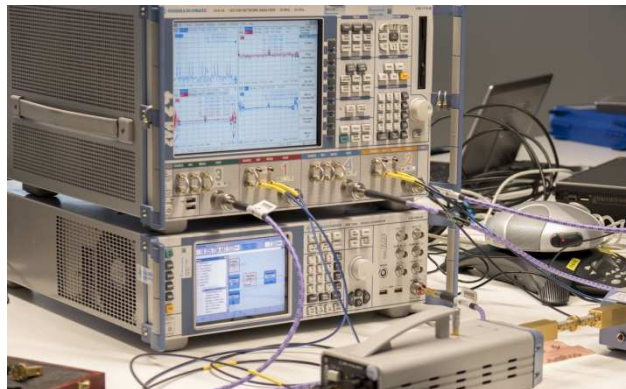
# Frequency Extension to 500 GHz and above with Frequency Converters

- RF signal of VNA source is multiplied e.g. with factor 6
  - 15 GHz -> 90 GHz
  - Modulation bandwidth
  - 160 MHz -> 960 MHz
- Reference and measurement signal is down converted by using a harmonic mixer e.g. using the 8th Lo harmonic
- Ref & Meas out
  - Down converted to 500 MHz  $\pm$  480 MHz

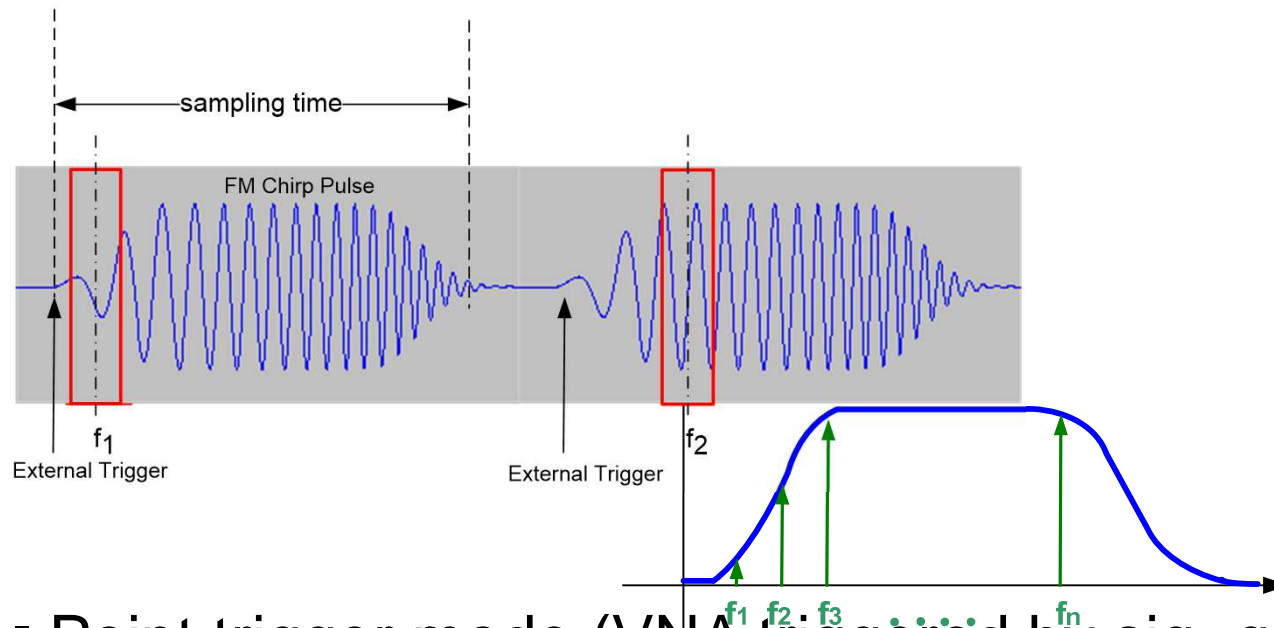


# S-Parameter Measurements with Chirp Signals in the mm-Wave Range

- Generation of chirp signals with 960 MHz bandwidth
- 160 MHz bandwidth @ 15 GHz
- 960 MHz bandwidth @ 90 GHz (multiplied with 6)



# Measurement with Chirp Signals versus Frequency



- Point trigger mode (VNA triggered by sig.-gen)
- Sampling time  $\geq$  pulse width
  - Set by appropriate measurement bandwidth
  - Sampling mainly during the on-time of the pulse



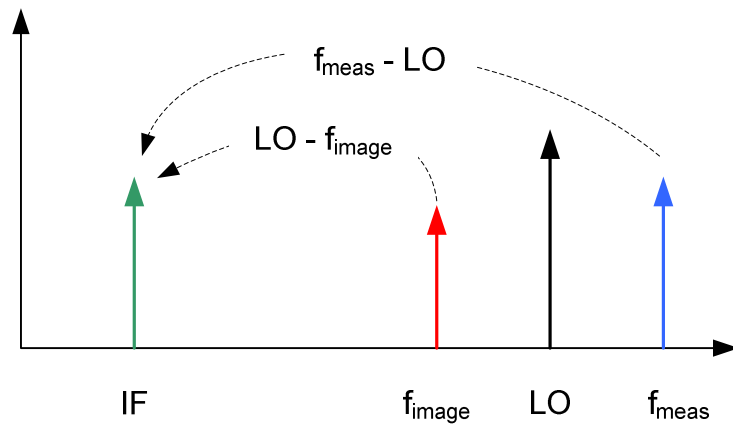
# Sampling Times of the IF Filters



Filter	Sampling Time us	Filter	Sampling Time in us
Normal 5 MHz	0,41	High 5 MHz	0,41
Normal 3 MHz	0,68	High 3 MHz	0,83
Normal 2 MHz	1,01	High 2 MHz	1,24
Normal 1 MHz	1,81	High 1 MHz	2,44
Normal 500 kHz	2,93	High 500 kHz	4,80
Normal 300 kHz	4,54	High 300 kHz	8,13
Normal 200 kHz	6,13	High 200 kHz	12,38
Normal 100 kHz	11,96	High 100 kHz	24,75
Normal 50 kHz	22,33	High 50 kHz	49,88
Normal 30 kHz	34,13	High 30 kHz	84,81
Normal 20 kHz	51,19	High 20 kHz	126,85
Normal 10 kHz	94,50	High 10 kHz	258,13
Normal 5 kHz	185,25	High 5 kHz	525,00
Normal 3 kHz	309,56	High 3 kHz	883,50
Normal 2 kHz	464,75	High 2 kHz	1325,25
Normal 1 kHz	923,31	High 1 kHz	2697,00
Normal 500 Hz	1857,38	High 500 Hz	5425,00
Normal 300 Hz	3095,63	High 300 Hz	9120,00
Normal 200 Hz	4541,23	High 200 Hz	13893,75
Normal 100 Hz	8888,00	High 100 Hz	27812,50



# Usable Bandwidth of Chirp Signal

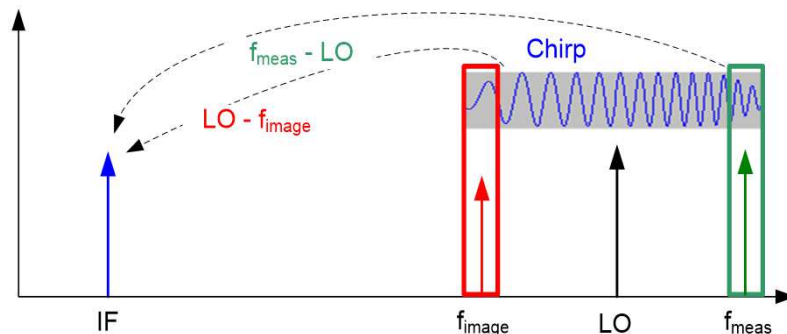


- Direct down conversion of VNA receiver to IF frequency
- Second receiver window
  - So-called image frequency window
  - Distance = 2\*IF frequency

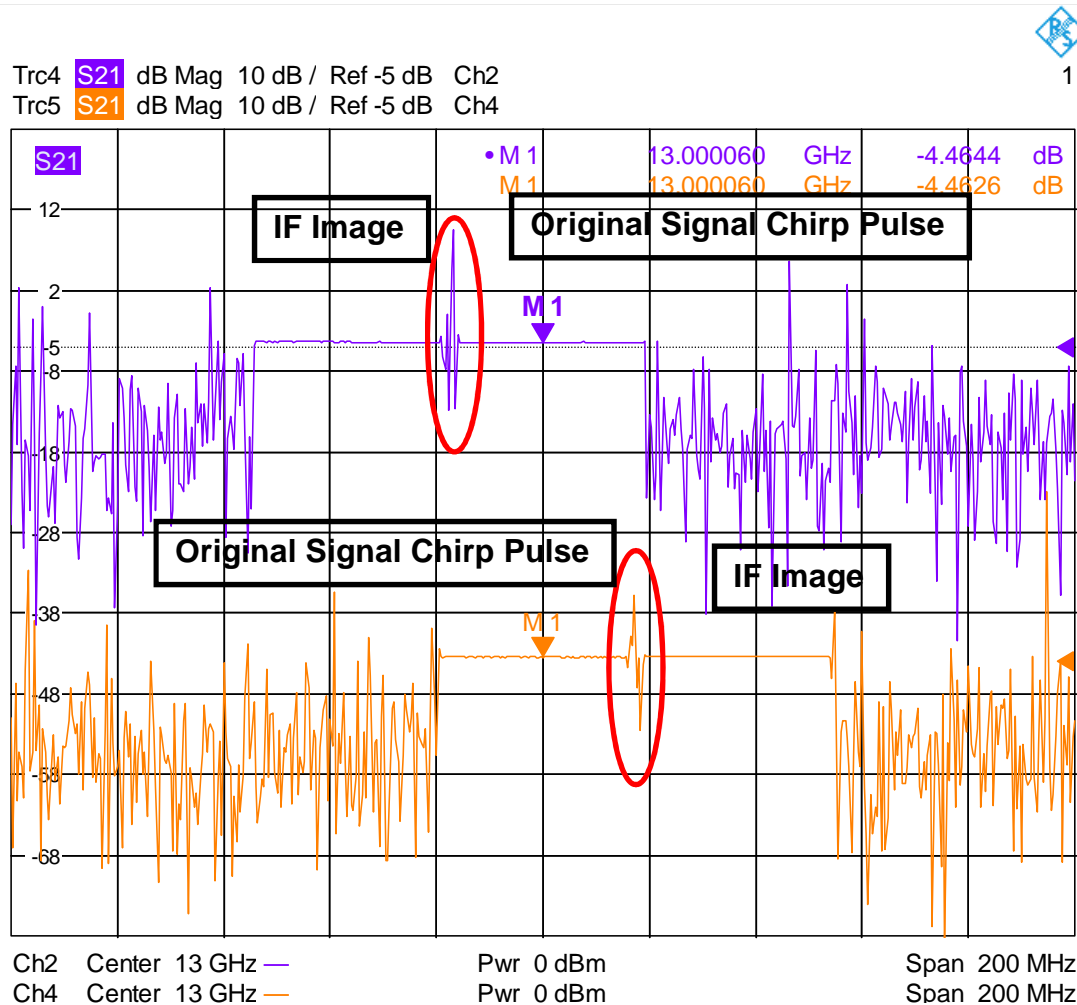
■ IF frequency of ZVA 17 MHz  
 => Image window 34 MHz apart

- For wide Chirp frequency span simultaneous detection at measurement and image receiver window possible

=> 34 MHz of usable chirp bandwidth



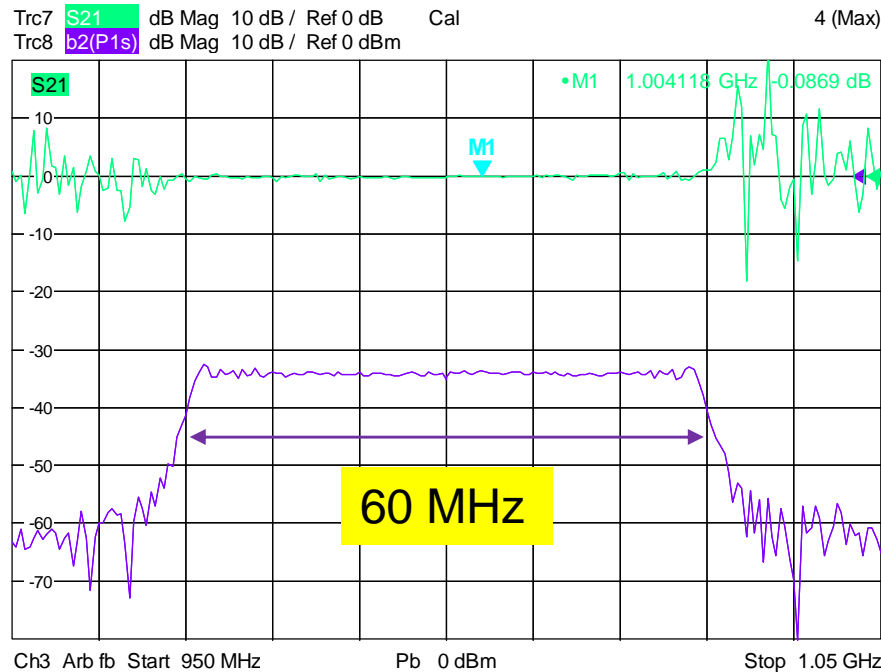
# Influence of the Image Receiver Window



IF Image above measurement frequency

IF image below measurement frequency

# S-Parameter Measurements using a 60 MHz Chirp



Define Segments

#	On	Start	Stop	Points	LO
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	950 MHz	1 GHz	101	>RF
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 GHz	1.05 GHz	101	<RF

Individual Settings

- Name
- Power
- Selectivity
- Meas Bandwidth
- Spur Avoid (LO <> RF)
- Segment Bits
- Trigger
- Time
- Sweep Time
- Meas Delay

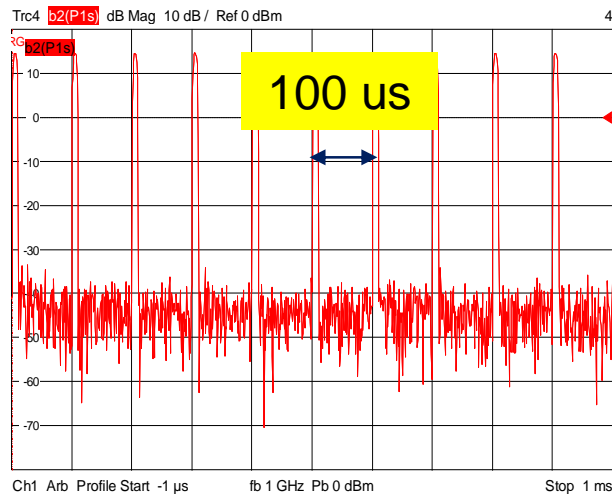
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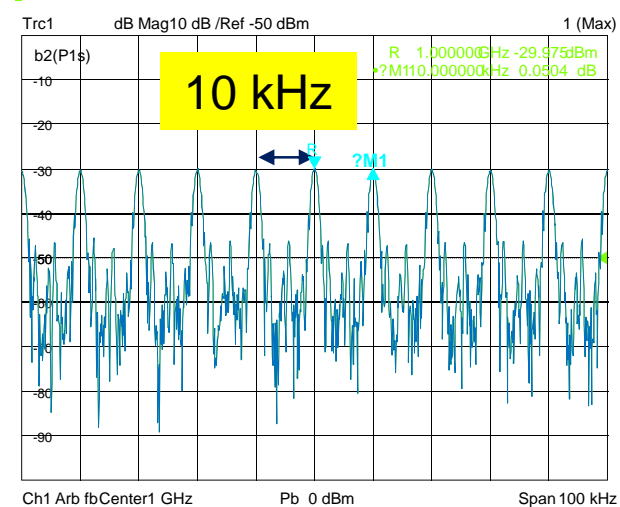
# How to avoid Problems due to Image Frequency

- Pulsed Chirp will provide discrete spectrum as soon as sampling time  $\gg$  chirp repetition rate
- 100 us pulse frequency  $\rightarrow$  10 kHz tone spacing

time domain

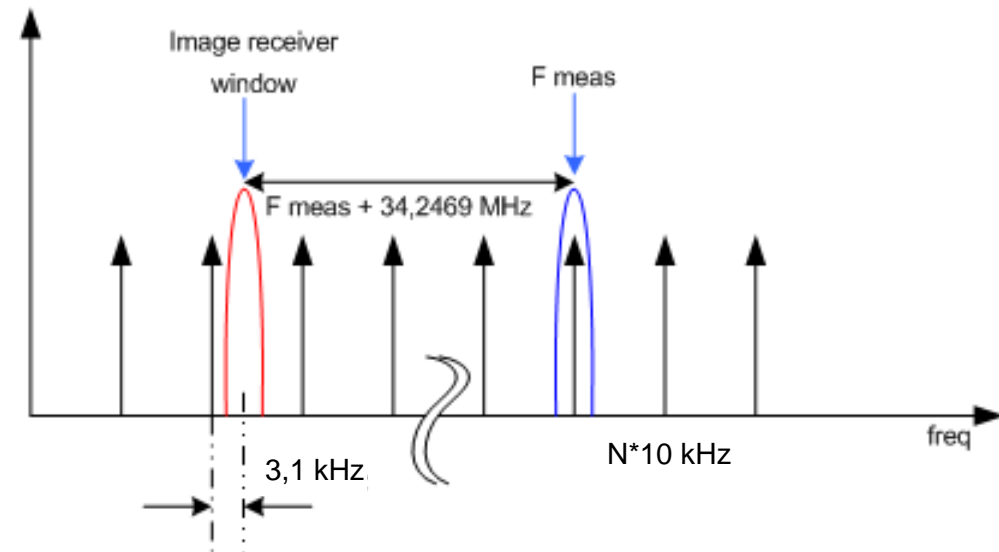


frequency domain

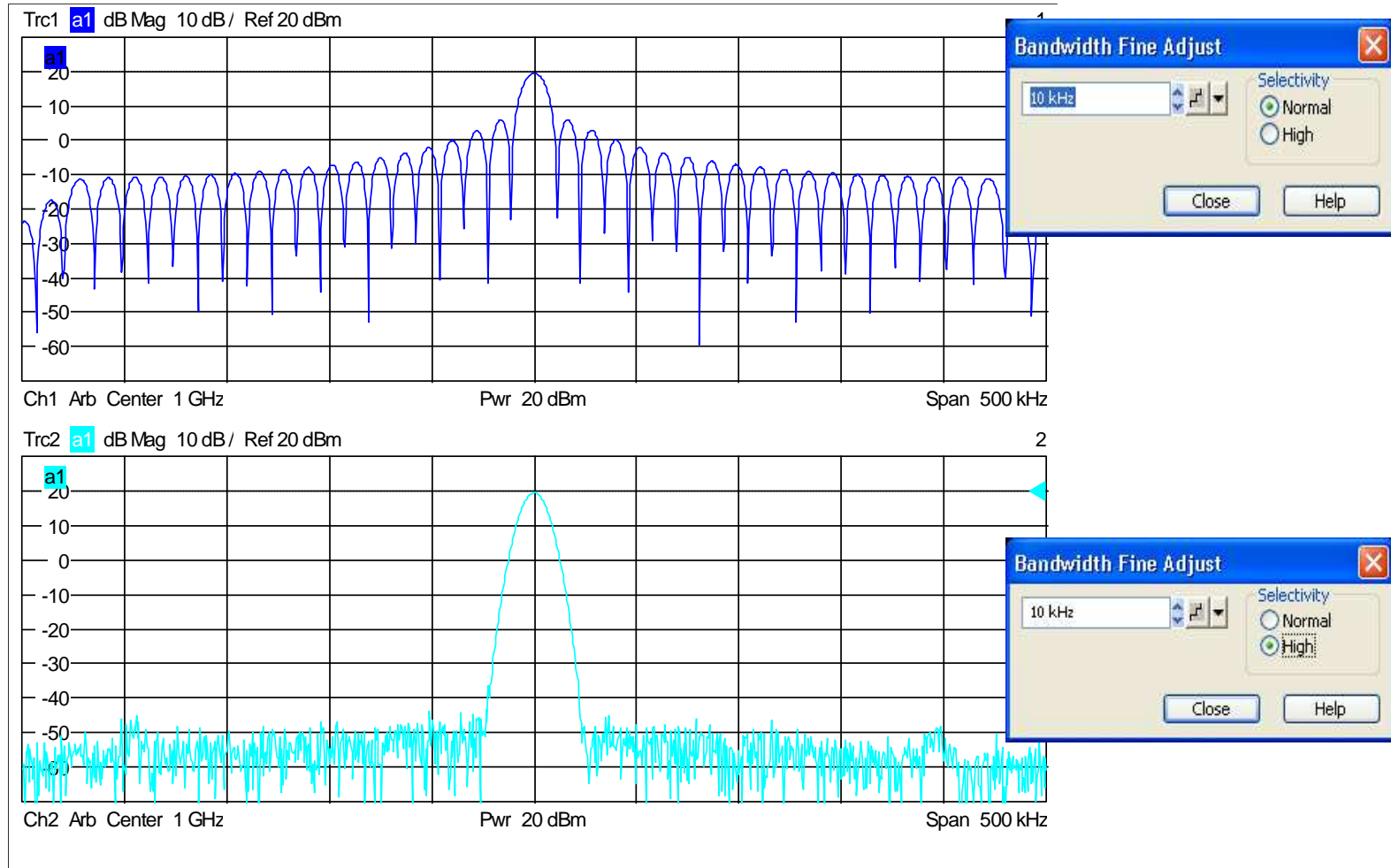


# Shifting Image Frequency Window between the Carriers

- Multi-carrier signals have less problems with image frequency
- Reason: „Odd“ value for the ZVA - IF frequency
  - 17,12345 MHz
- Image receiver window :
  - $f_{\text{meas}} \pm 34,2469 \text{ MHz}$
- Example:
  - Freq. carriers on 10 kHz grid
  - Image always 3,1 kHz apart
  - IF filter < 1 kHz recommended



# High selective IF Filters to suppress adjacent Carriers



# Measurement of a Waveguide Adapter with a 960 MHz Chirp

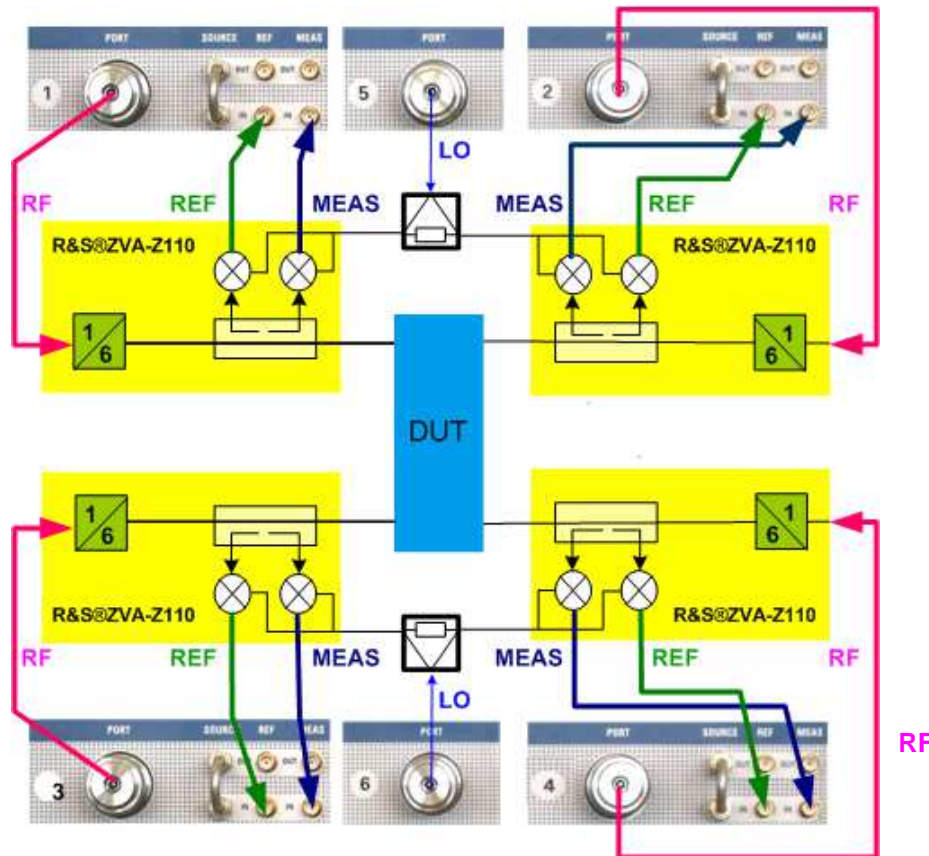




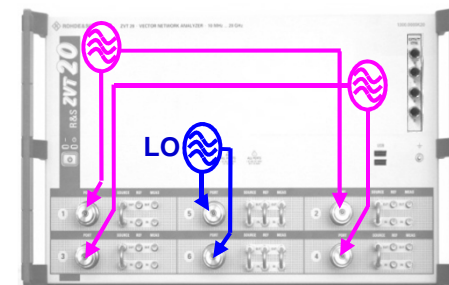
# True Differential Measurements



# The Setup with Converters in the mm-Wave Range

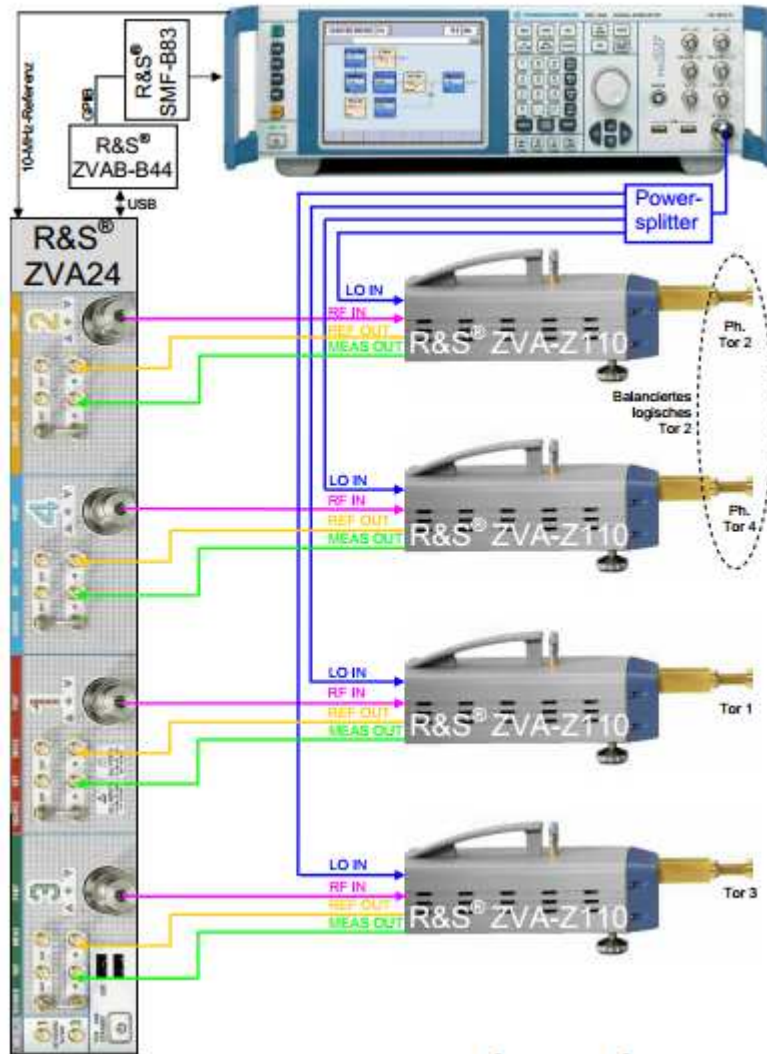


Base unit ZVT20

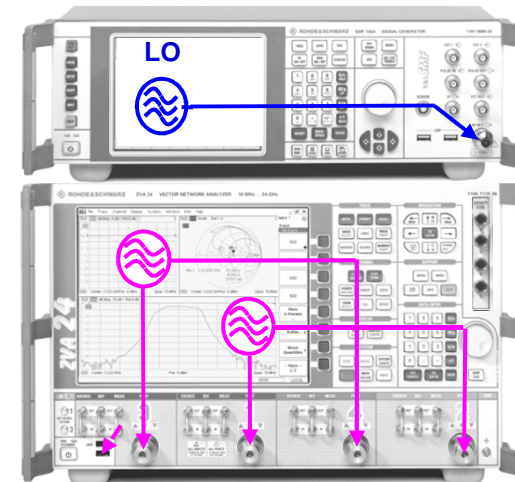


ZVT20 with 6 Ports and 3 sources

# Setup with Converters in the mm-Wave Range

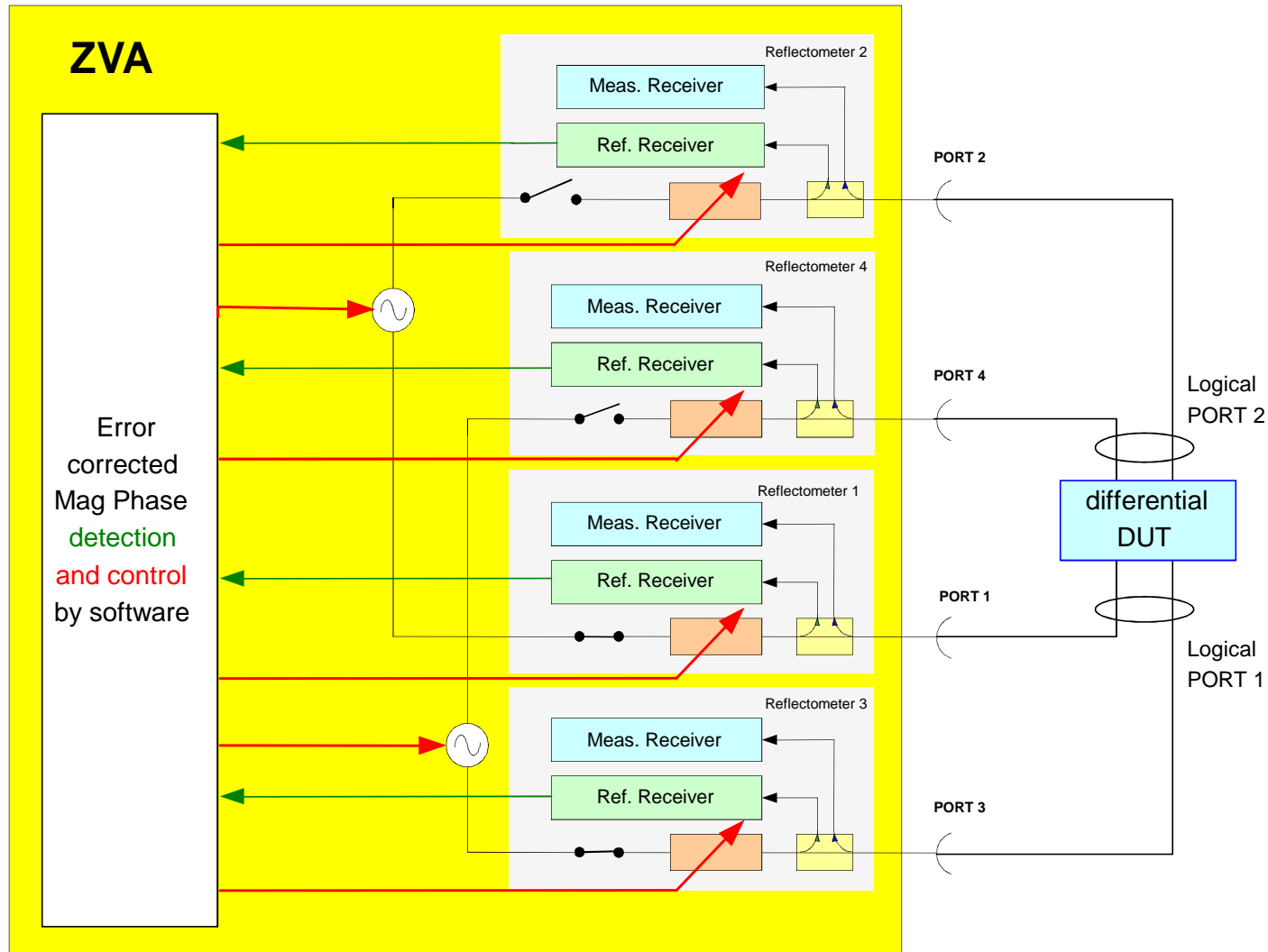


## Base Unit ZVA



- External generator as LO source
- Controlled by ZVA via GPIB or LAN

# Test Setup for TruDi up to 70 GHz



# Generating True Differential and Common Mode Stimulus Signals

- Phase detection of the sources is done by the reference (a-) receivers
- Phase setting is accomplished by increasing the frequency of one source by a small amount for a defined time interval:

$$\Delta f = \frac{\Delta\varphi_w - \Delta\varphi_a}{360^\circ \cdot \tau}$$

- $\Delta f$ : **Frequency increment** (adjustable)
- $\Delta\varphi_w$ : **Wanted phase difference**
- $\Delta\varphi_a$ : **Actual phase difference**
- $\tau$ : **Time interval** (fixed)



# Stability of the Phase

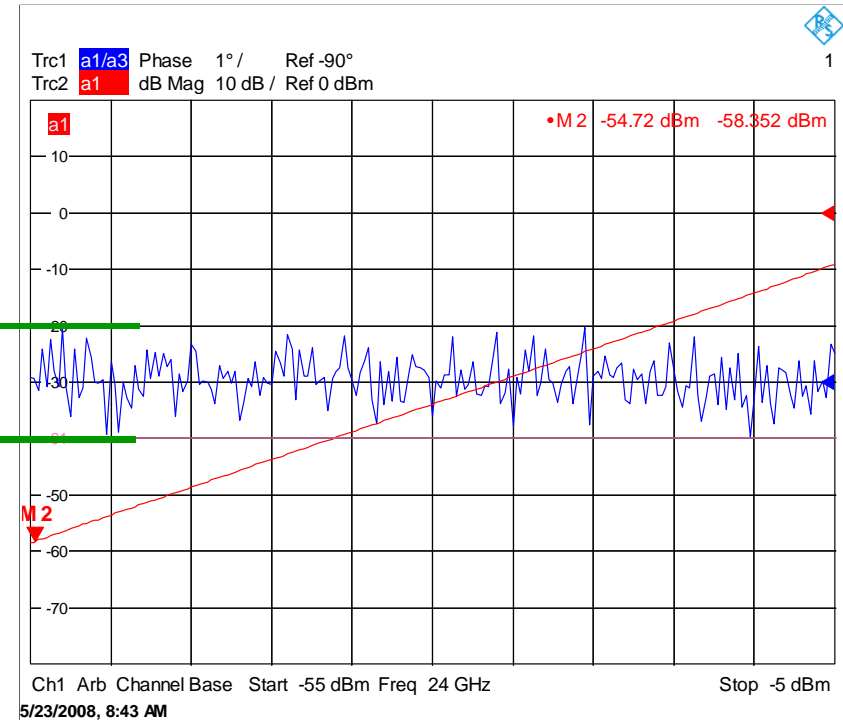
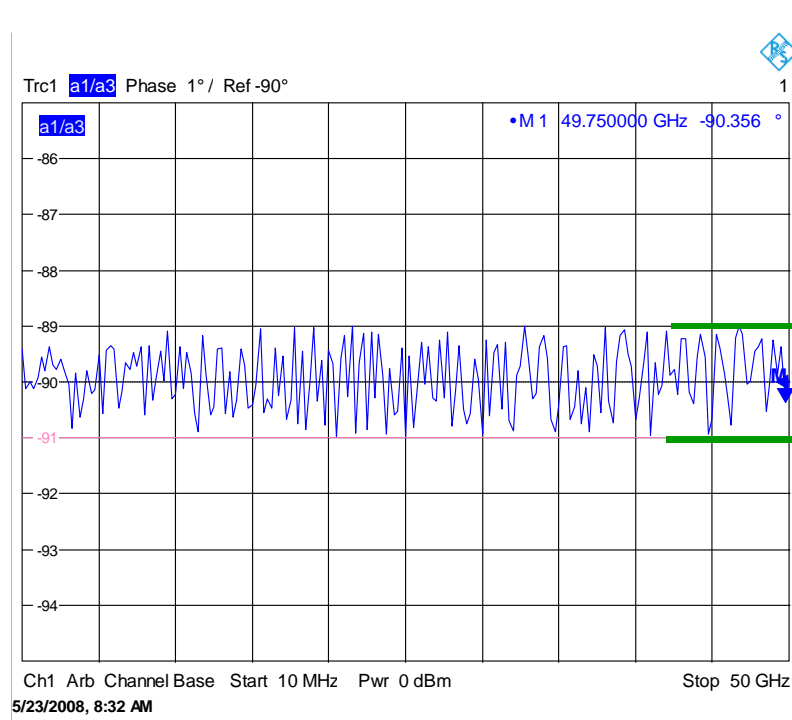


Phase accuracy depends on:

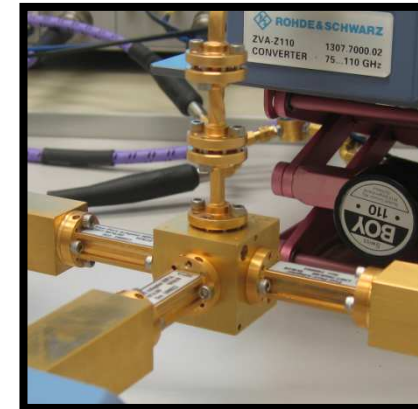
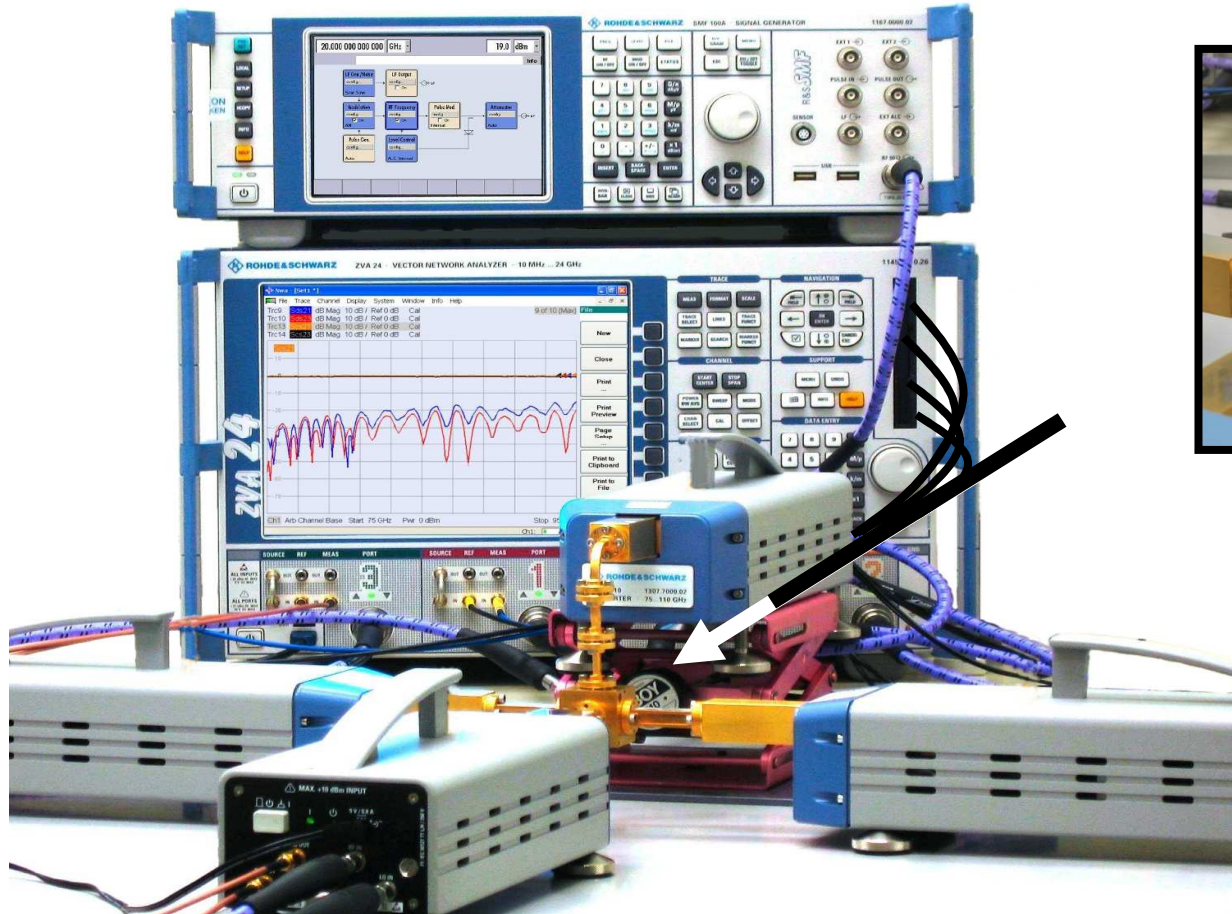
- Accuracy of system error correction
- S/N for phase measurement in the reference receiver
- System clock and IF frequency
- Used frequency offset for phase adjustment of the synthesizers
- Desired measurement time
- Current settings for  $1^\circ$  of phase stability



# Phase Stability vs. Frequency and Power



# A linear Waveguide DUT Example (Magic Tee)

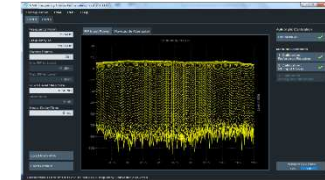




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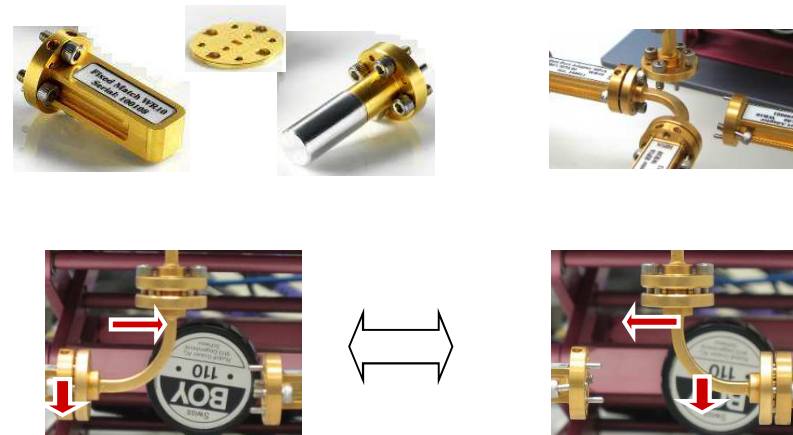
Power calibration of all reference receivers and generators using converter leveling tool and a power meter (waveguide sensor)



## 2nd Step:

System error correction (waveguide cal. kit + bends as unknown Throughs)

Note: Different polarization with E bends (compare “”)



## 3rd Step:

Balanced port assignment and activation of true differential mode (without **check mark** VirDi is used)

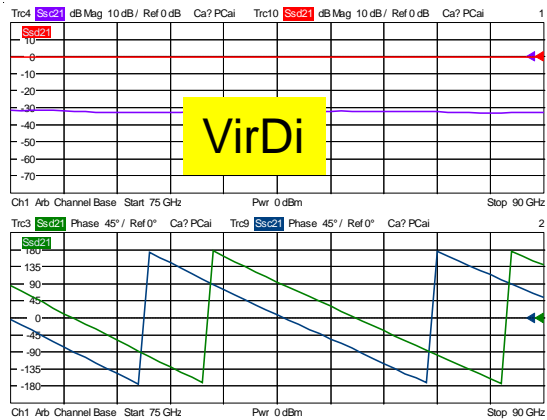
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True Differential Mode

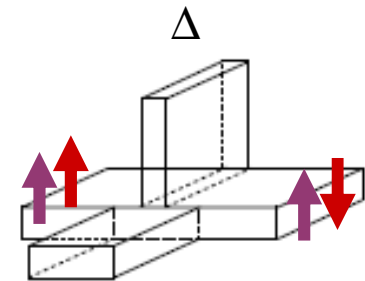
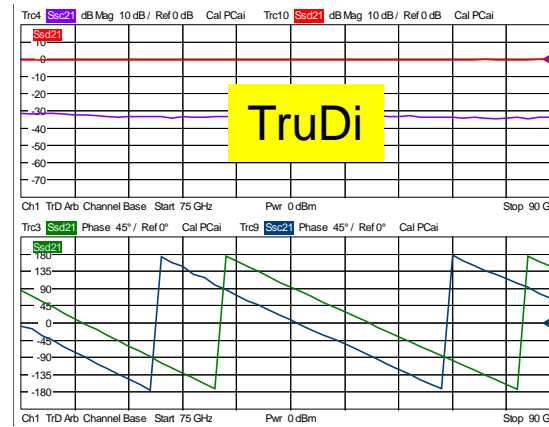
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Result: Collinear ports to  $\Delta$  port

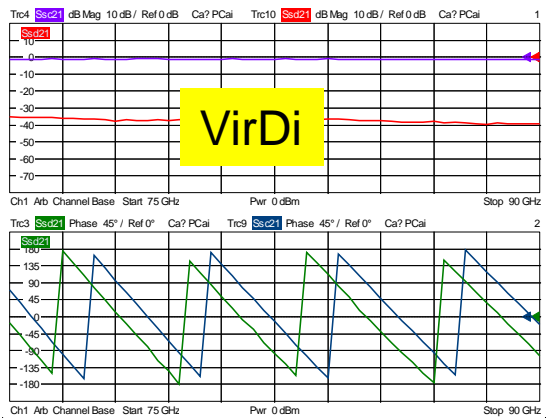


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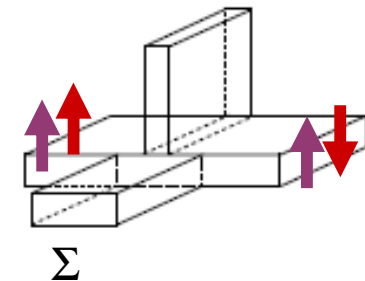
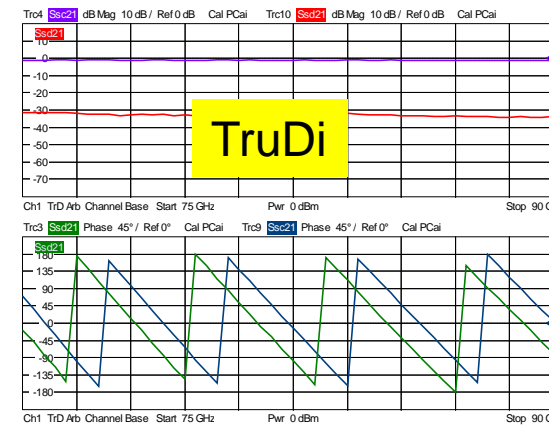


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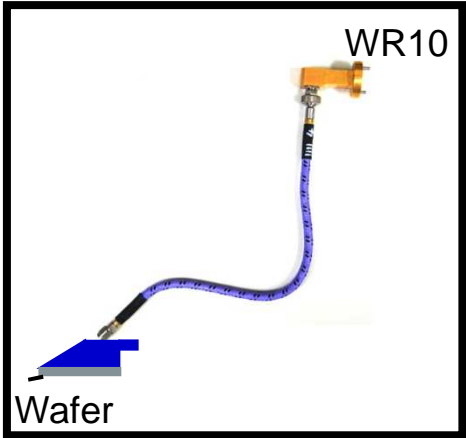
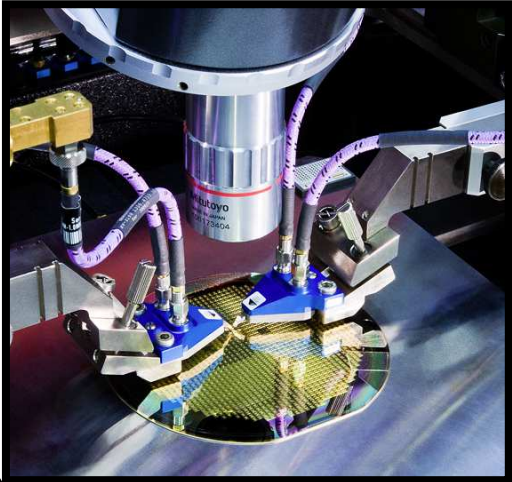
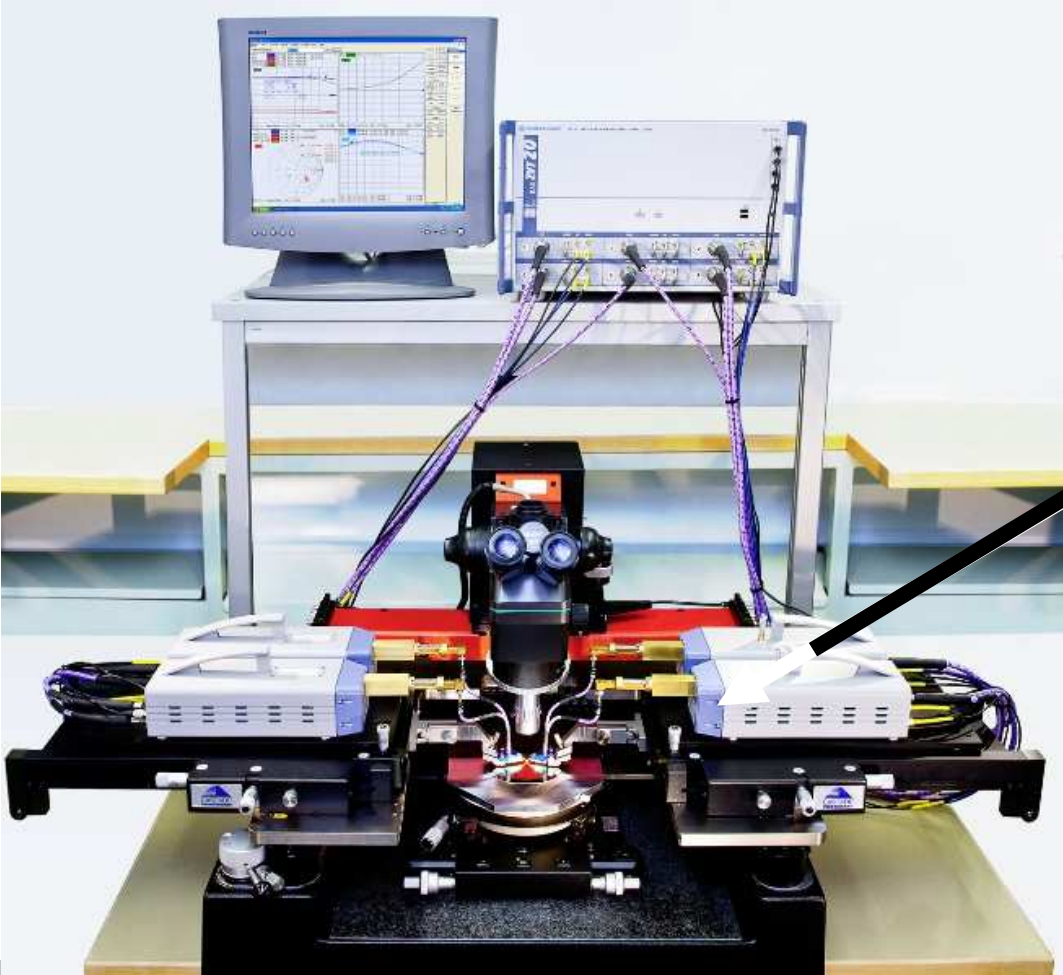


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# A nonlinear on-Wafer DUT Example (Amplifier)



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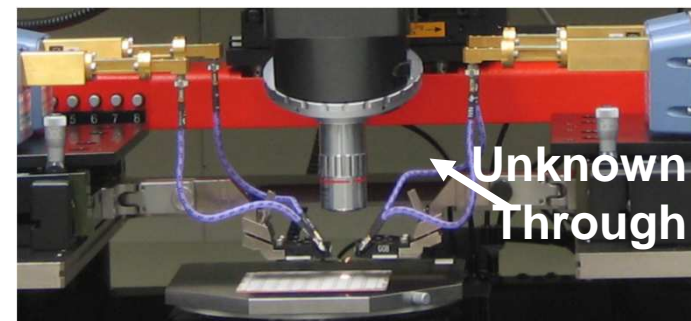
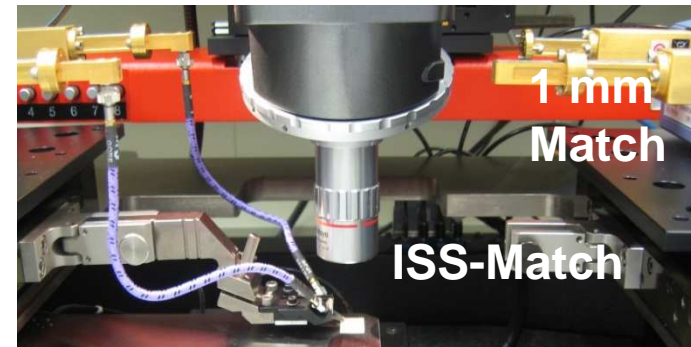
1st Step: UOSM cal. to characterize the connection between coaxial interface and on-wafer reference plane

⇒ Power loss list for each port

2nd Step: Power cal. At the coaxial interfaces using the power loss list from 1st step.

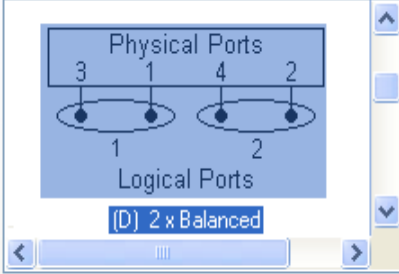
3rd Step: System error correction with on-wafer using ZVA firmware or WinCal™ with downloading error terms to ZVA

4th Step: Balanced port assignment and activation of TruDi (without check mark VirDi is used)



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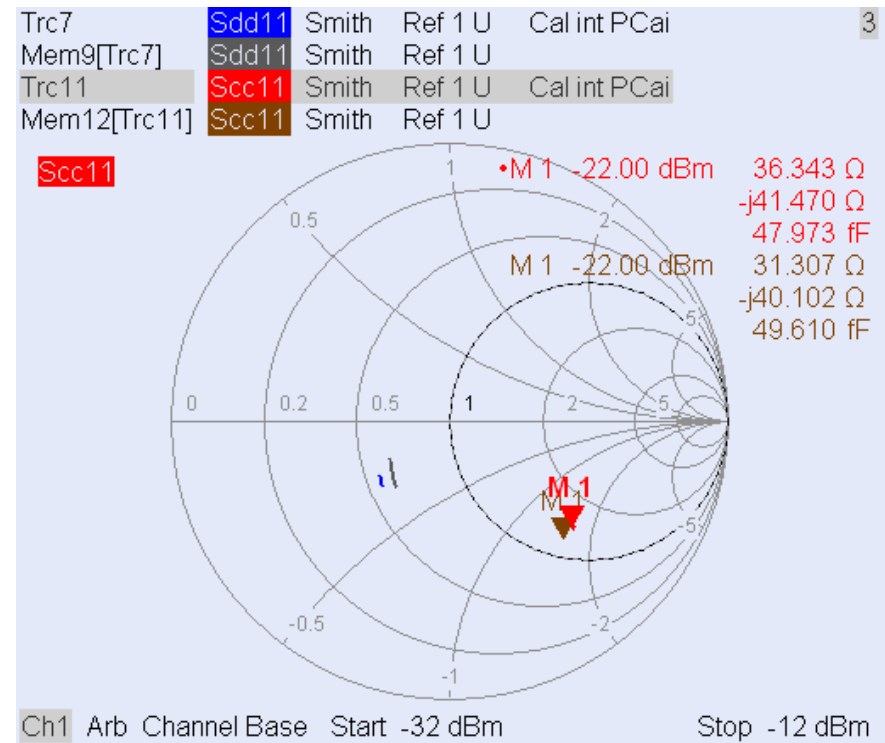
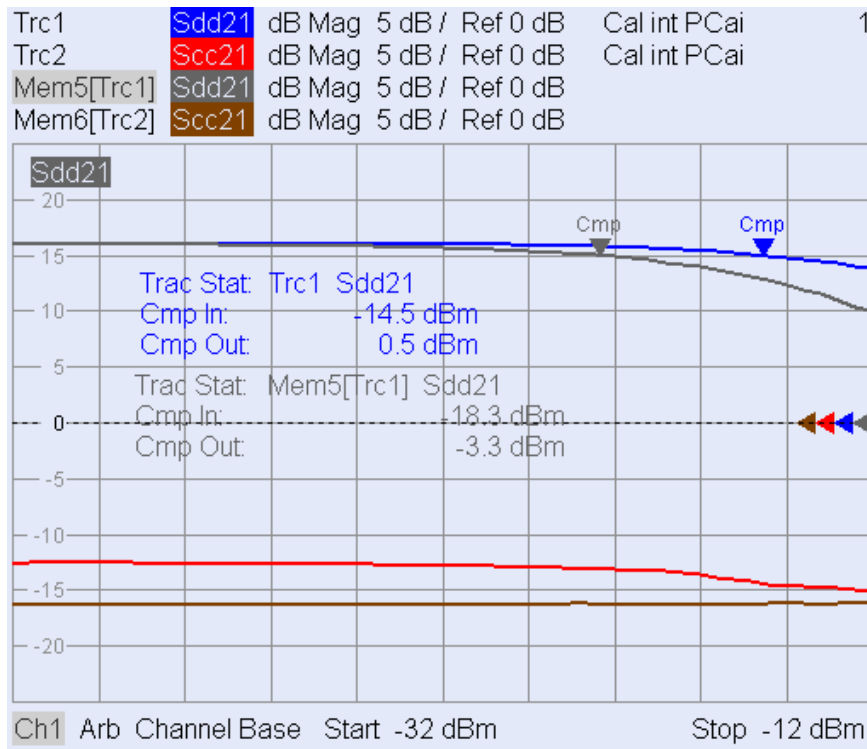


True Differential Mode

# Nonlinear on-Wafer DUT Example (Amplifier)



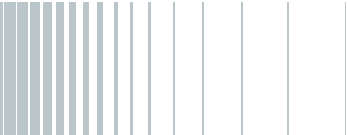
Results: Power sweep at 80 GHz



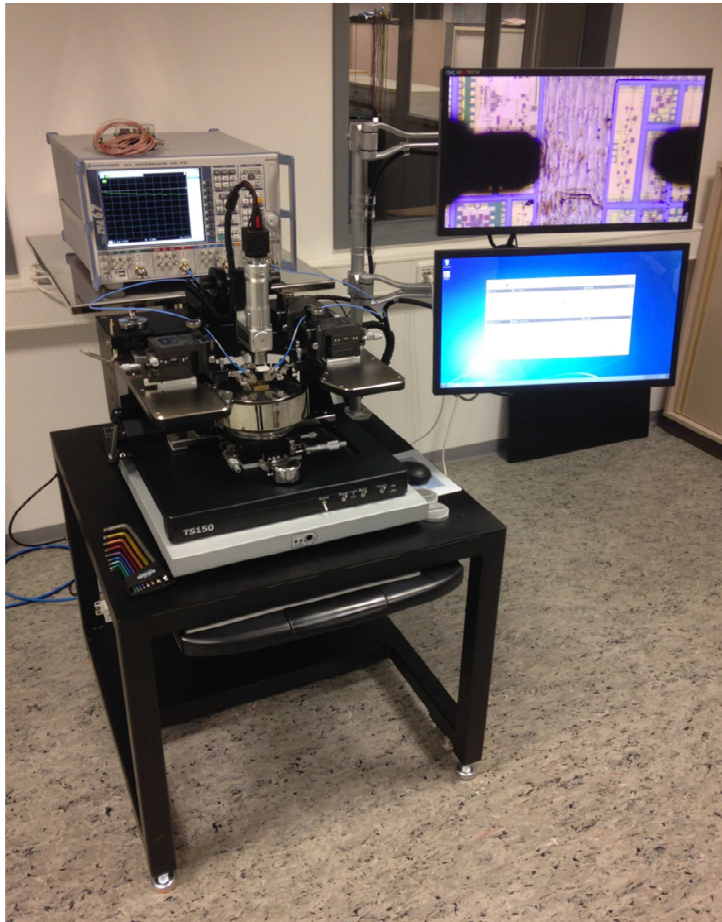
Memory traces  
Active traces

= TruDi results  
= VirDi results

# Wafer Prober Measurements



# OnWafer System Providers



## Cascade

- WinCal support of ZVA, ZVT
- Mechanical adaption of mm-wave converters, ZVA110

## Semiprobe

- Support of ZVA

## MPI

- Support of ZVA, ZNB, ZVT in QAlibria software
- Mechanical adaption of mm-wave converters, ZVA110

## Signatone (local cooperation)



# Millimeter On Wafer setups

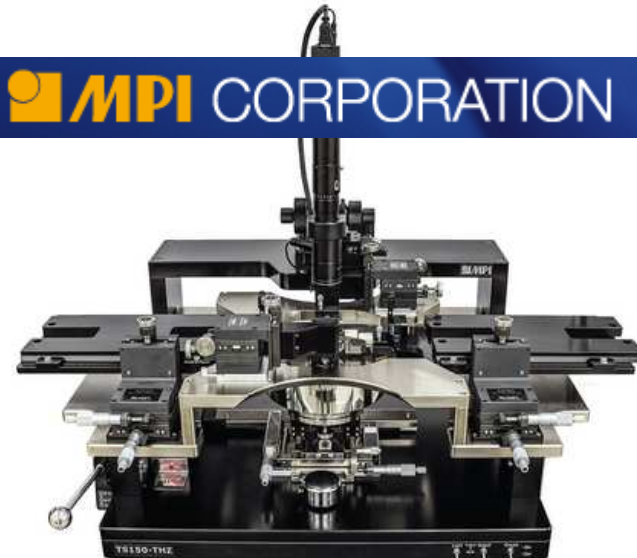
Rohde & Schwarz converters have been developed to work in conjunction with many manufactures of wafer probers

Probe stations already prepared for mounting of Rohde & Schwarz converters

The ZVA network analyser is fully integrated into the software packages

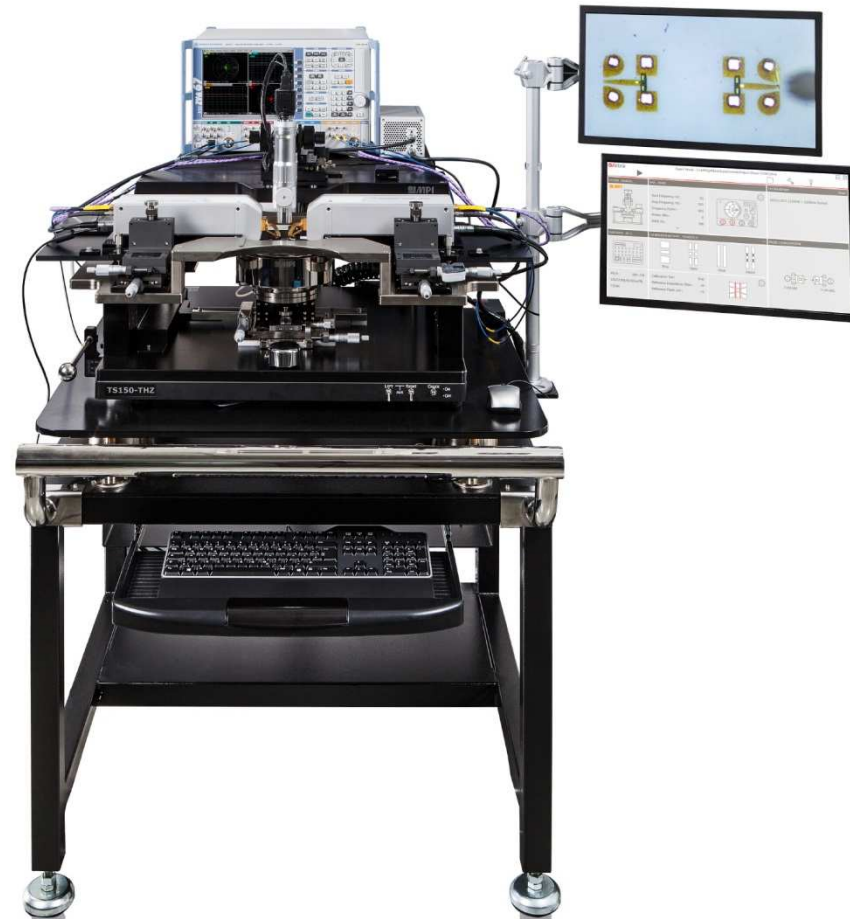


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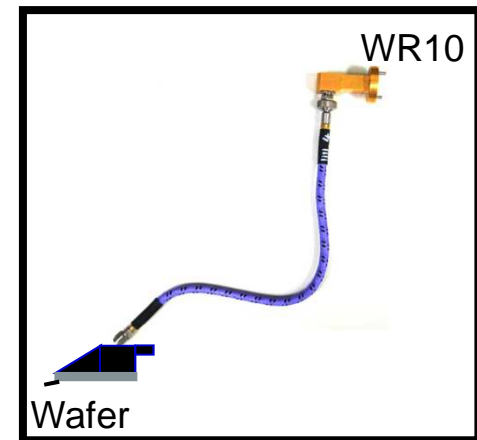
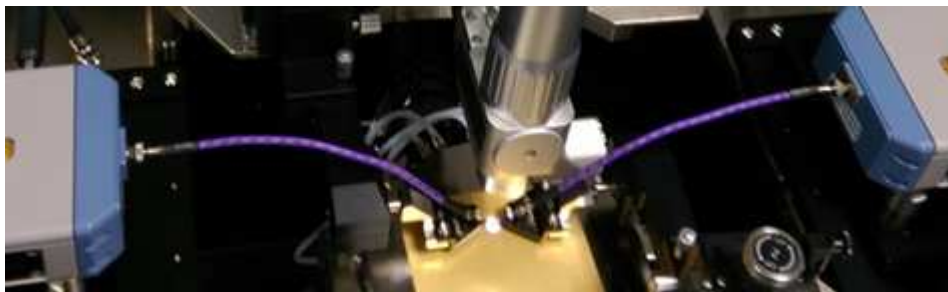
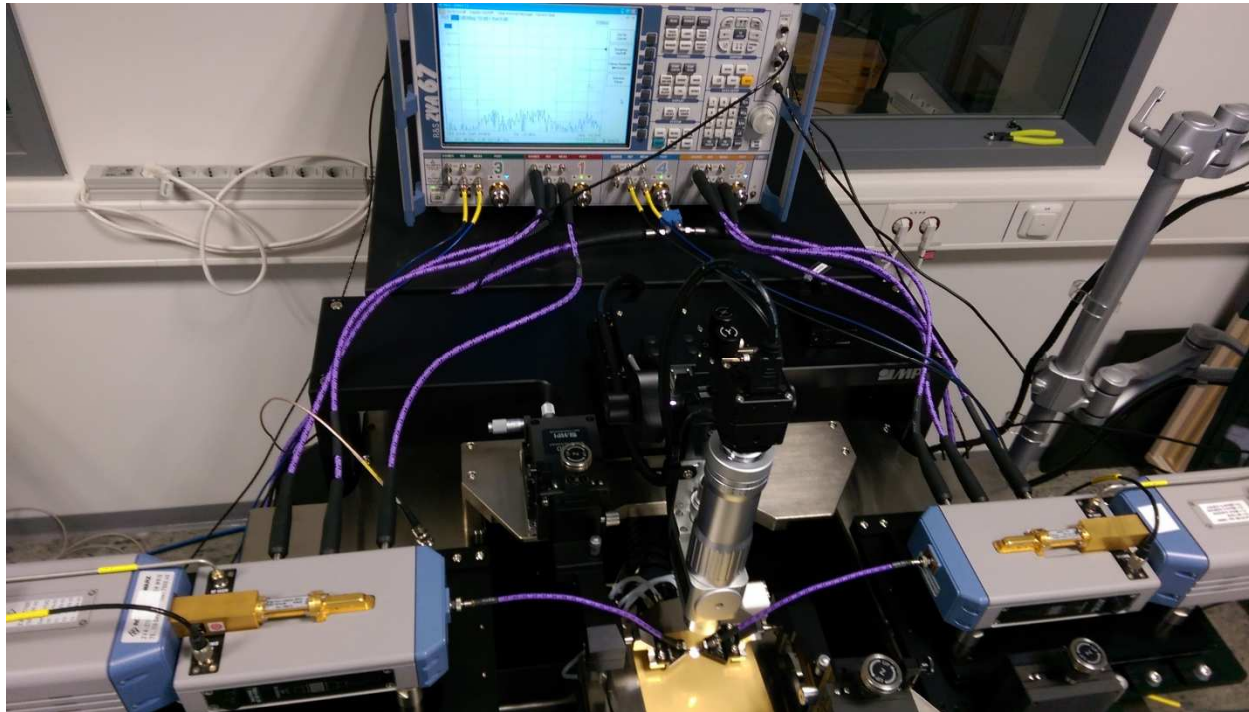




# TS150-THZ Millimeter Wave System



# Power Calibration on the Wafer



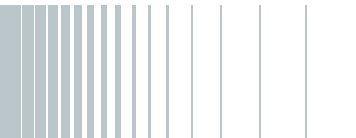
# Challenges for accurate Power Levels

Goal : Power calibration in the reference plane of the DUT (amplifier)

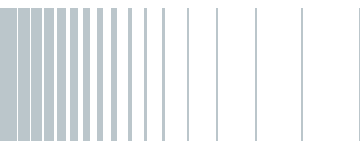
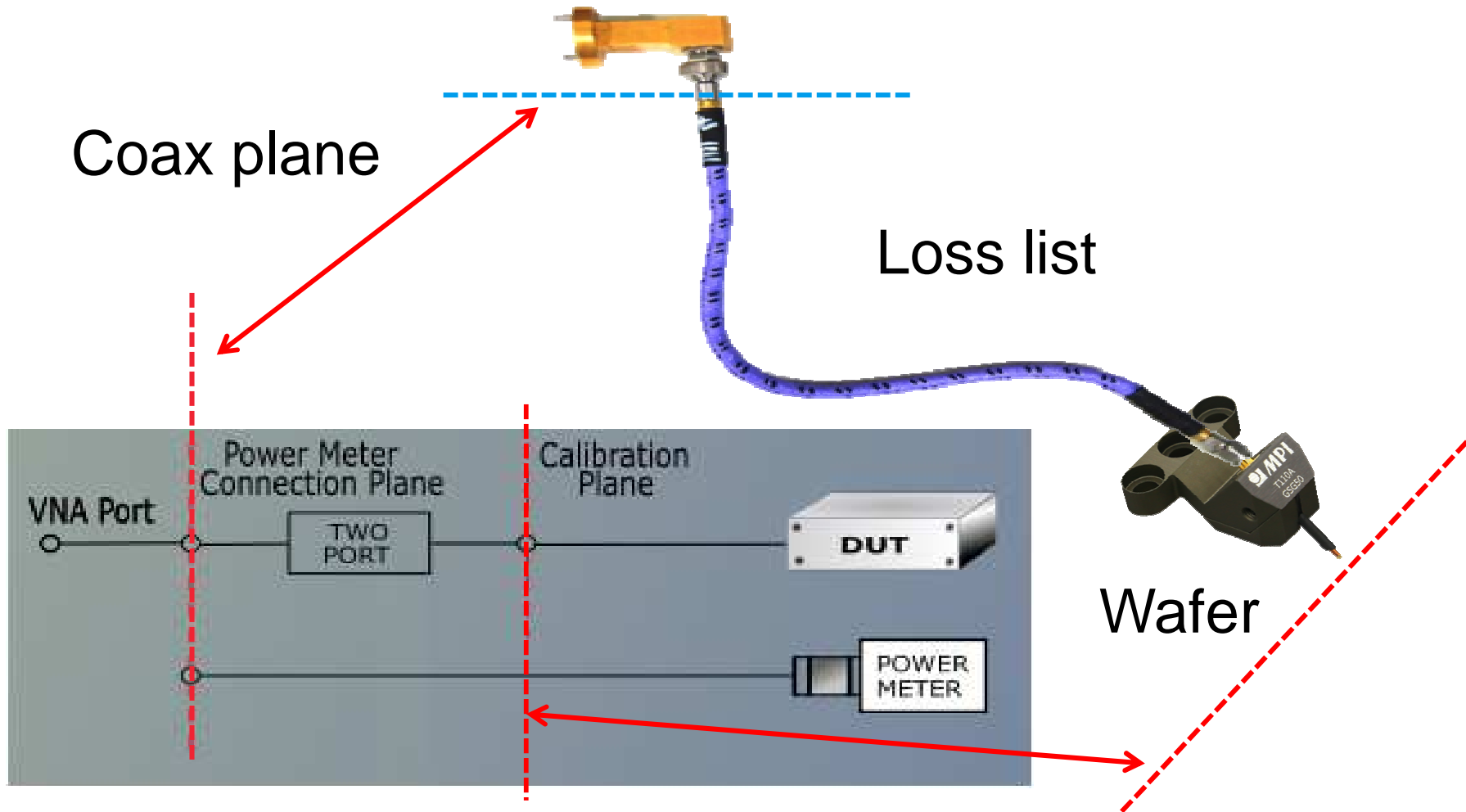
Problem : No access with coaxial power meter possible

Solution:

- Characterization of the S-parameter between coaxial interface and the wafer prober tip
- Correction of the coaxial power calibration with this loss list

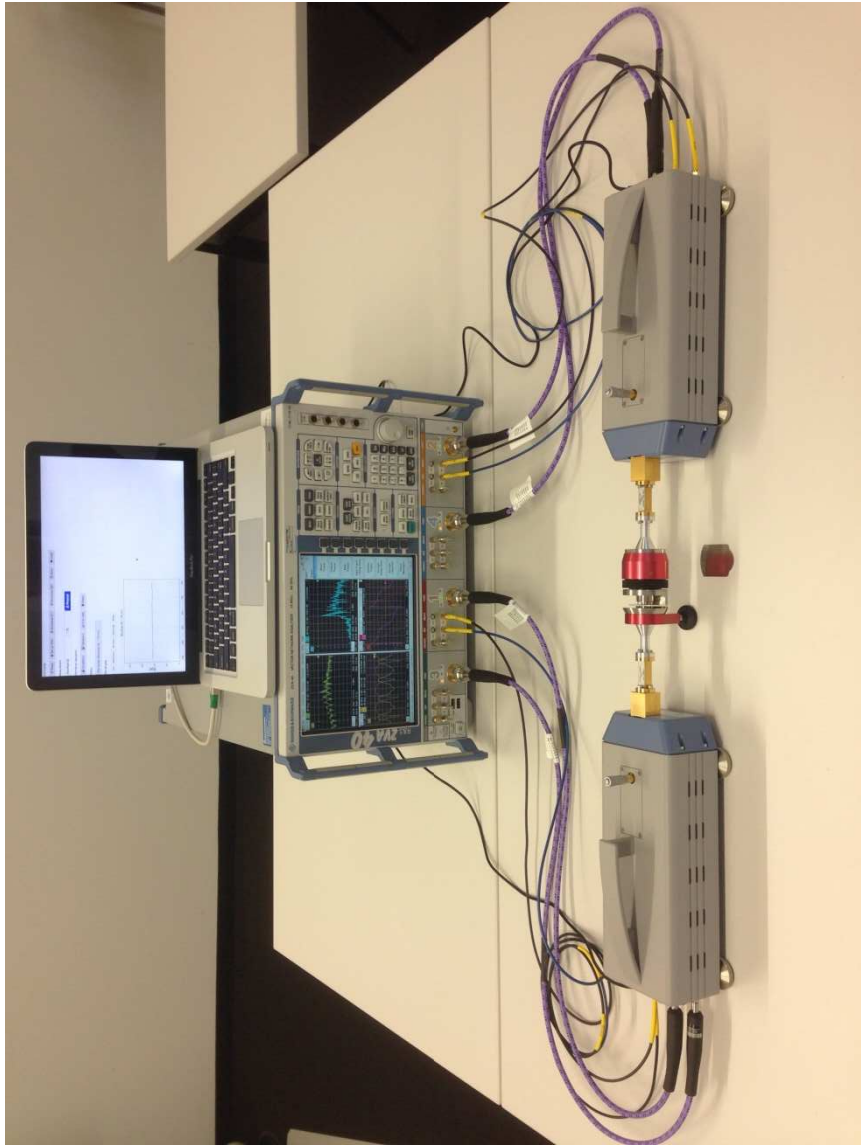


# Power Correction with Loss List



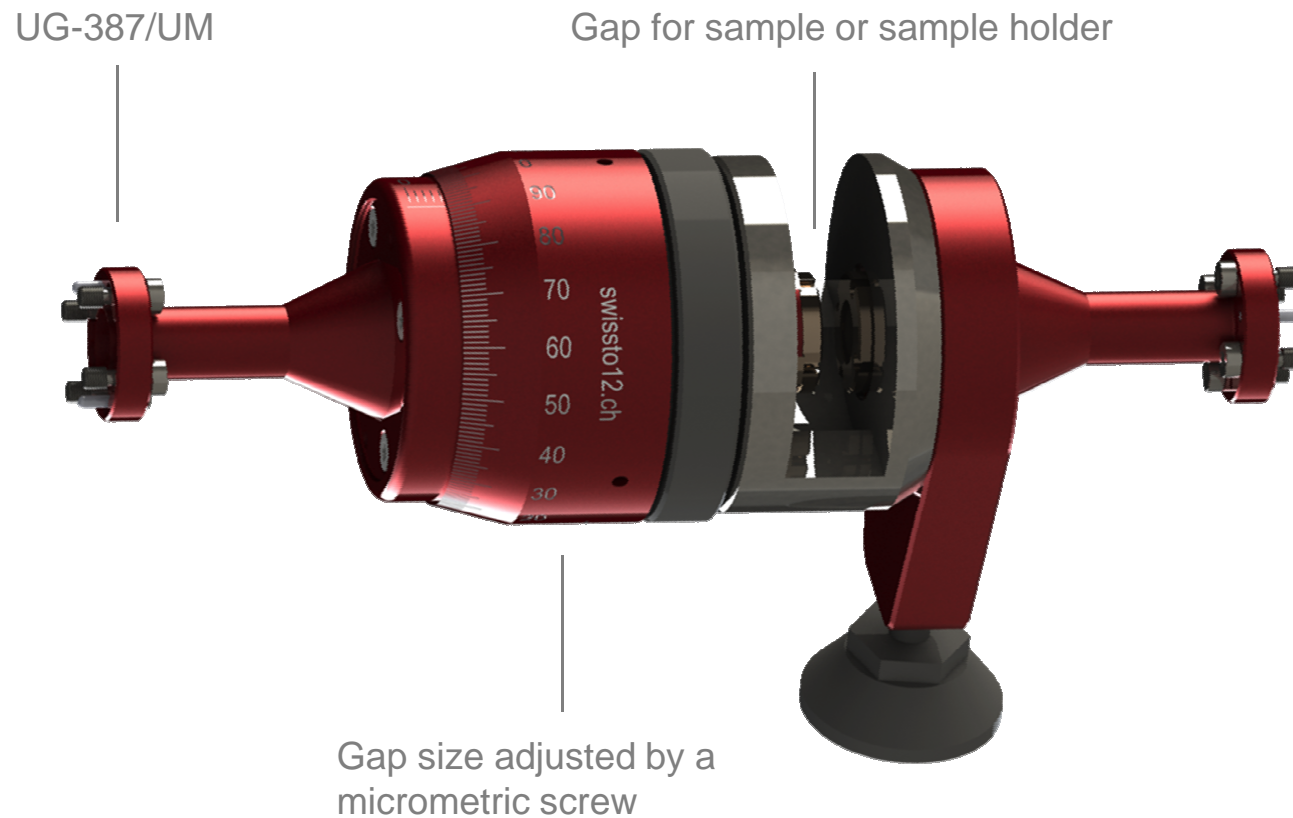
# Material Measurements





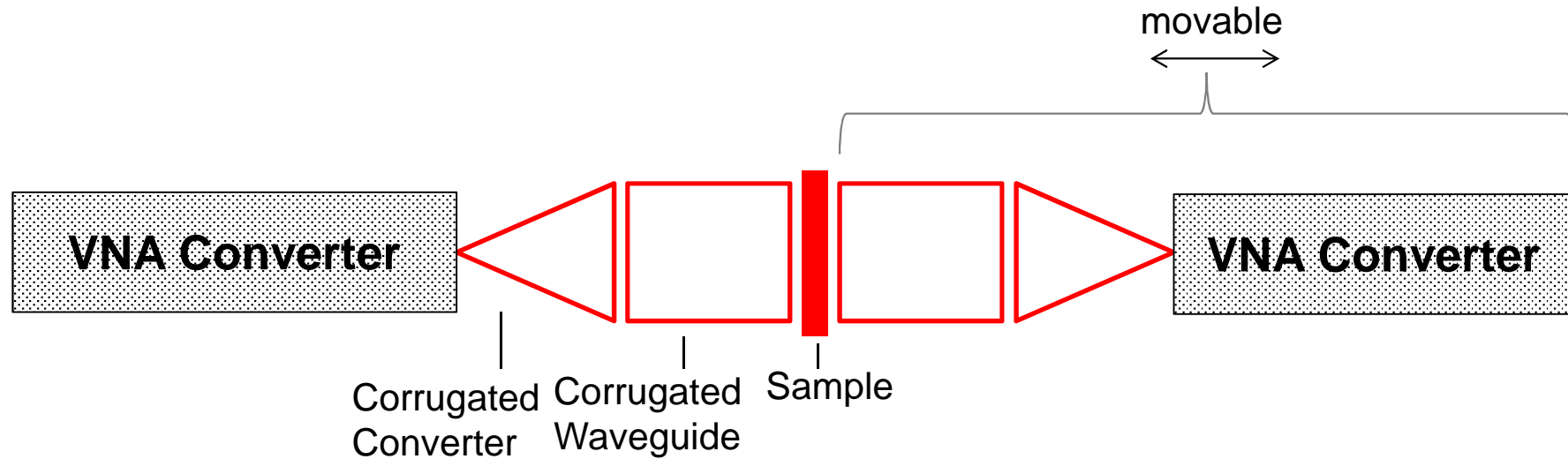
# Material Characterization Kit

## Image of WR 5.1 band (140-220 GHz)



# Material Characterization Kit (MCK)

## Concept: 2-Port configuration (S11, S21)



- The sample is clamped into a gap between two Corrugated waveguides
- “guided free-space” approach
- Samples are exposed to a beam with a plane phase front
- Minimum measurement configuration, needs only S21 and S11 data



# Material Characterization Kit (MCK) Fast Measurement Sequence

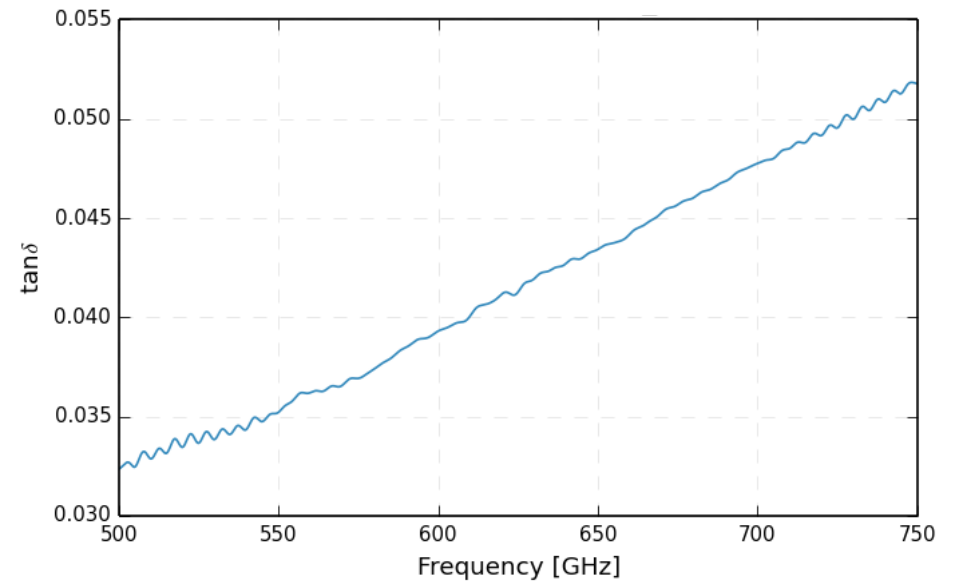
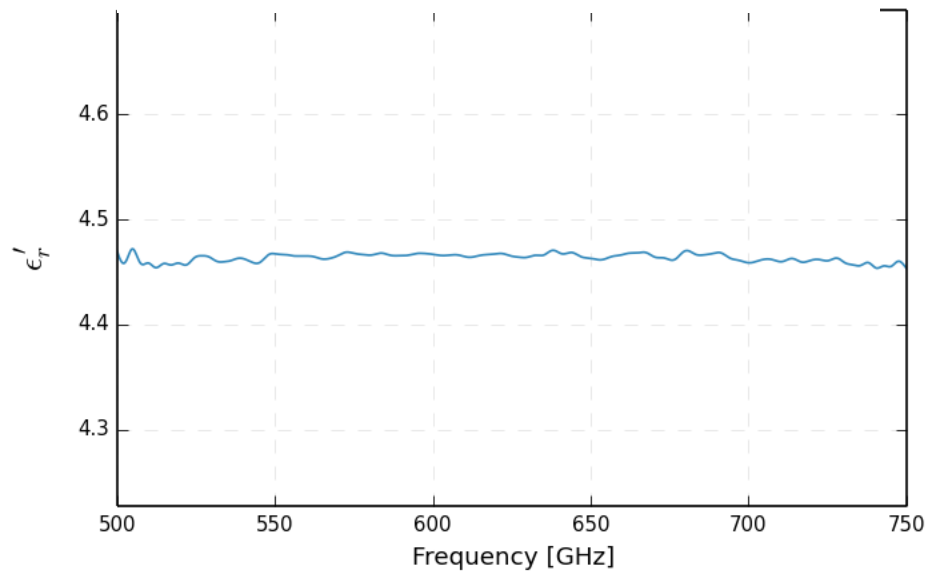
- Re-normalize the S21 raw data: “through” configuration
- Re-normalize the S11 raw data : “short” configuration
- Clamp the sample, Acquire S21 and S11
- Post-process the S parameter data with a dedicated software to extract material properties (Epsilon and Tan(delta))
- $\mu$  currently not possible to extract



# Material Measurement



## Example : Schott Borofloat 33



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