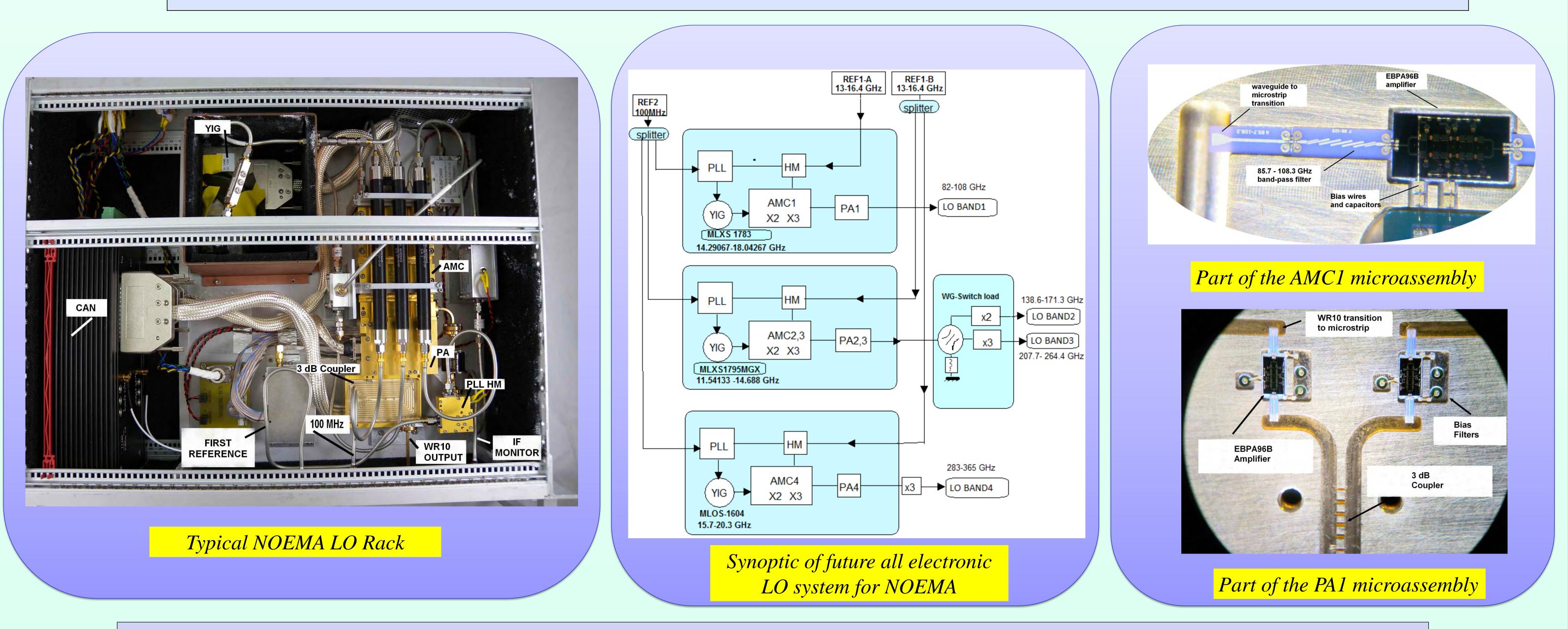


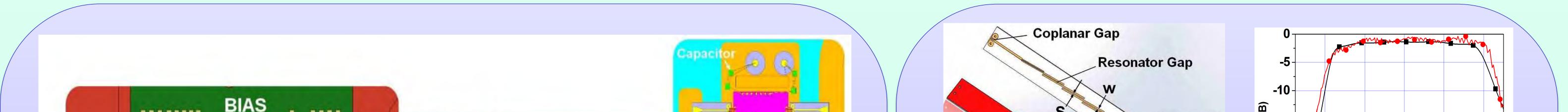
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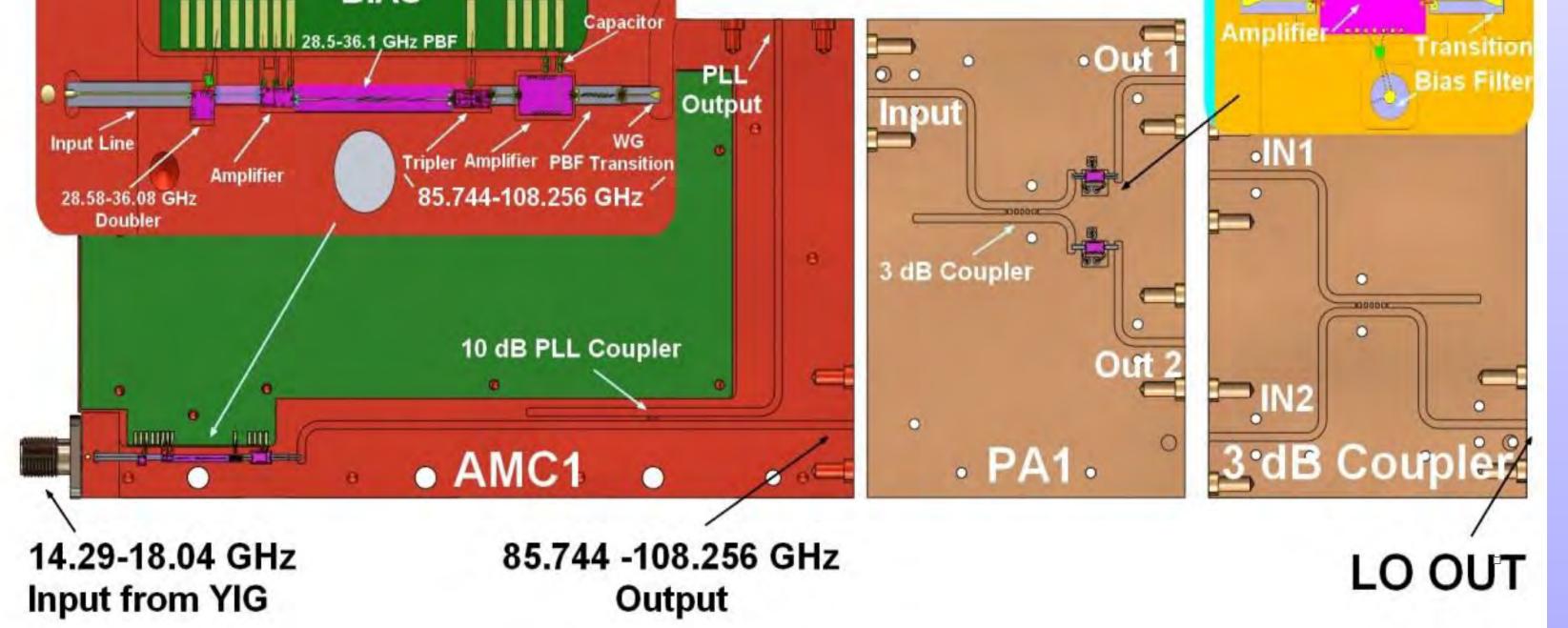
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We present the electronically tuned Local Oscillator (LO) system developed at IRAM for the Superconductor-Insulator-Superconductor (SIS) receivers of the NOrthern Extended Millimeter Array interferometer (NOEMA). The NOEMA LOs cover the frequency ranges 82-108.3 GHz (Band 1), 138.6-171.3 GHz (Band 2), 207.7-264.4 GHz (Band 3), 283-365 GHz (Band 4). The NOEMA LO system employs commercially available MMICs and GaAs millimeter MMICs from NRAO which are micro-assembled into Active Multiplied Chain (AMC) and Power Amplifier (PA) modules.

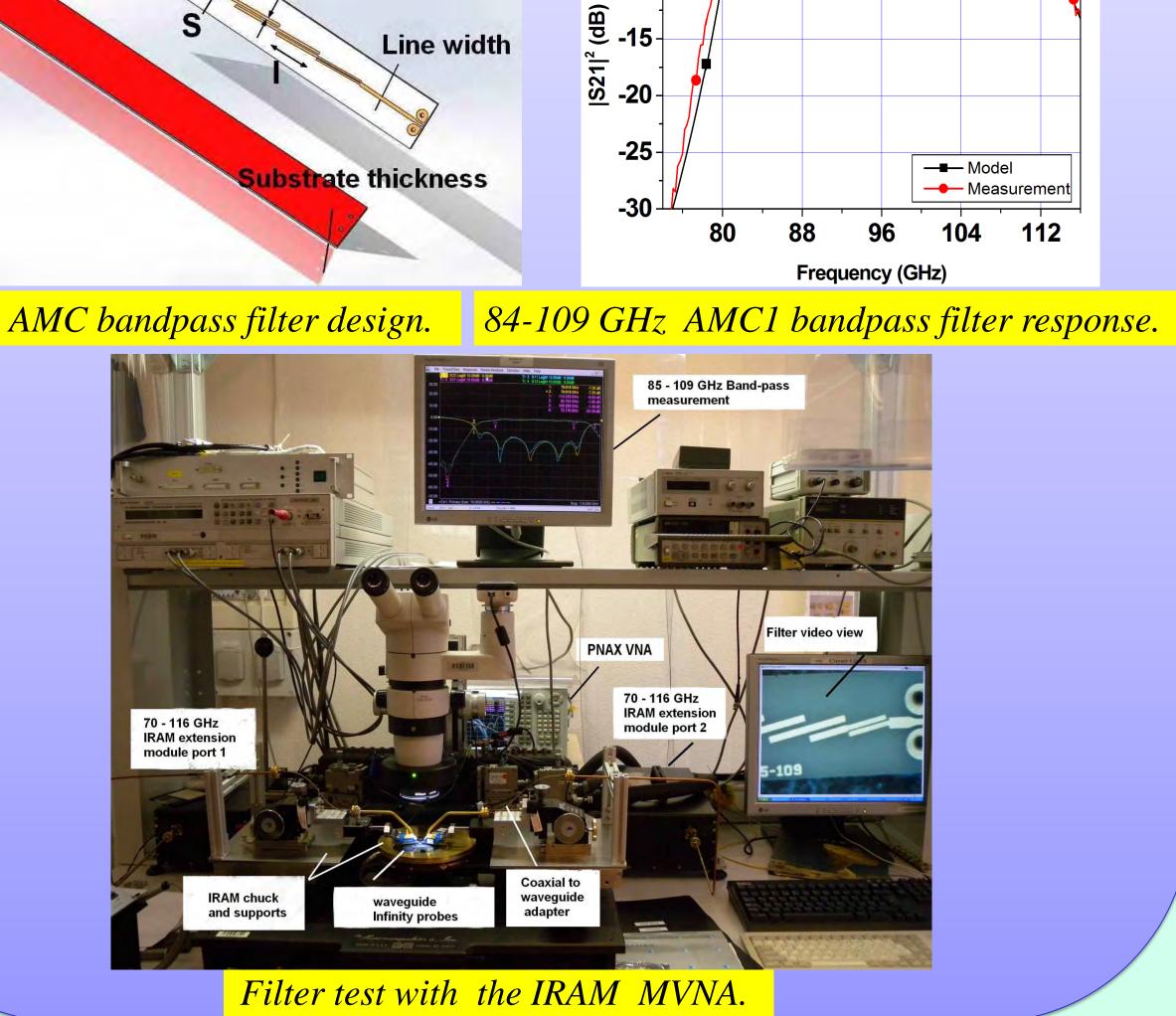


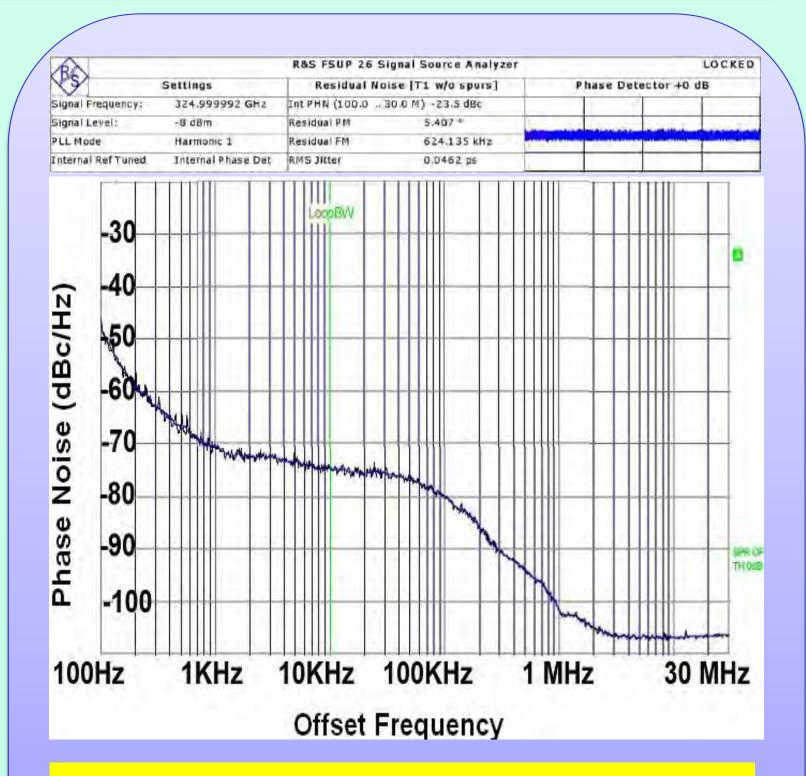
The LO system use three independent commercial YIG oscillators (MLXS-1783, MLXS-1795 and MLOS-1604) an Active Multiplier Chain (AMC) module a Power Amplifier (PA) module and 3 dB hybrid coupler module. The YIGs of the LO system are locked to a 13-16.4 GHz first reference and a 100 MHz second reference.

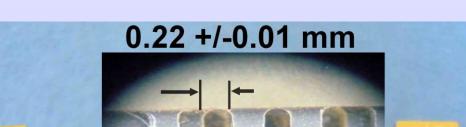


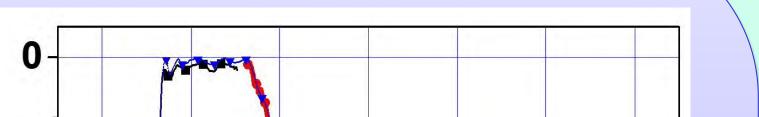


Active Multiplier Chain (AMC), Power Amplifier (PA) and 3 dB hybrid coupler modules which are part of the NOEMA LO system. Design details of the multiplication chain microassembly of the AMC1 (used in the NOEMA Band 1 LO) are shown on the inset on the top left. Details of the 3 mm band MMIC micro-assembly of the PA1 to be used in a future 3 mm multibeam receiver LO, are shown on the inset on the top right.



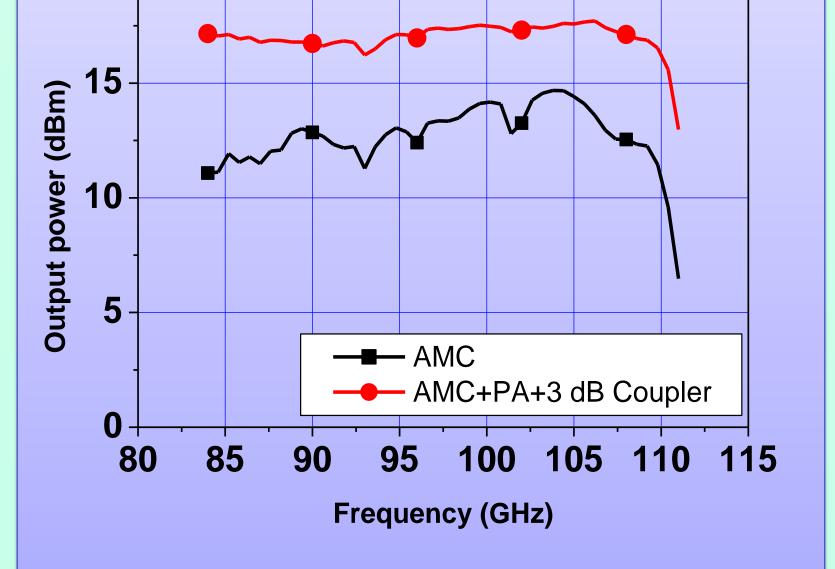






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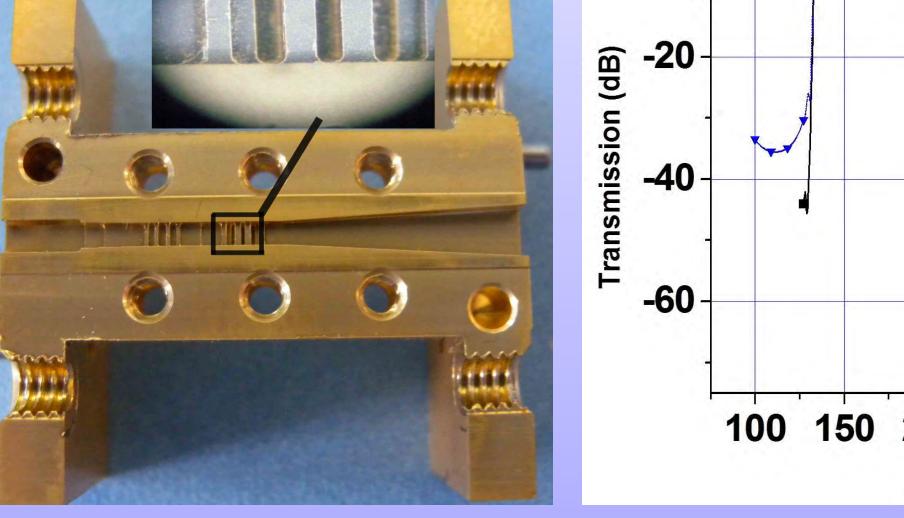


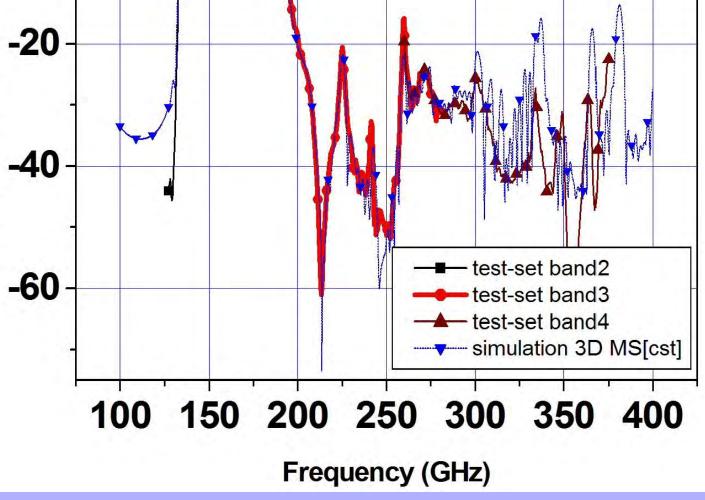
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LO Band 1 output power with and without the PA module and the 3 dB coupler.

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LO Band 4 phase noise measured at 325 GHz with a R&S FSUP (5° rms integrated between 100 Hz and 30 MHz).





LO Band 2 harmonic filter (left). Comparison of 3D electromagnetic simulation and measured response of filter (right). Measurements were performed across 132-375 GHz with the IRAM MVNA and prober developed in-house.

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