## CASSINI RF/ Microwave ATE System Test Design & Best Practice Test Optimization





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Optimizer - Optimizes over Test Section Only add state buttons that are needed Changes cost time and money Data is displayed in the order listed & not displayed in the order performed Parameters set by LVs must be reset in the Disconnect Settings panel

## Optimizer: Optimizes over each Test Section Compiled Delta Settings Shows Test Times

🗾 🛛 Delta Settings for TestPlan: RFMD	3100_F_offset	
Test Plan Settings		*
Testplan idle Settings	Total Testplan Hardware timing	
Section: DC Tests	Setup pauses 80435.2 us	
1. Icc Power Down (Curren	Setup Settling Time 220400 us	
2. Icc Idle High (Current)	TOTAL Setup Time 321153.3 us	
3. Icc Idle Low (Current)	Measure pauses 264596.8 us	
Section: 824 MHz AMPS FH1 Fin	TOTAL Meas Time 379283.0 us	
1. AMPS Sweep (RelativeVe	Total Hardware Test Time 700436.3 us	
2. AMPS Sweep (RelativeVe	**Deltas*****	
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4. AMPS Sweep (RelativeVe		
5. AMPS Sweep (RelativeVe		
Section: 824 MHz AMPS FH1 Out		
1. Power Gain FH1 (Relative		
2. Operating Current FH1 (C		
Section: 824 MHz AMPS FE1 Out		
1. Power Efficiency FE1 (Re		
2. Operating Current FE1 (C		
Section: 824 MHz CDMA HP Find		
1. CDMA HP Sweep (Relativ		
2. CDMA HP Sweep (Relativ		

## Optimizer: Optimizes each Test Section. Lowest DUT Frequency Measured First

	🗹 🛛 Delta Settings for TestPlan: RFMD31	00_F_offset	Z
	Section: 824 MHz CDMA ACPr Mi 🔺		
	1. Alternate Low HP (Relati	1. Alternate Low HP (RelativeVoltageVsTime) Hardward	e tim
	2. Adjacent Low HP (Relativ	Setup pauses 318.4 us	
	3. Adjacent High HP (Relativ	Setup Settling Time 5000 us	
	4. Alternate High HP (Relati	TOTAL Setup Time 6049.0 us	
	5. Alternate Low LP (Relati	Measure pauses 752.6 us	
	6. Adjacent Low LP (Relati	TOTAL Meas Time 2242.6 us	
	7. Adjacent High LP (Relativ	Total Hardware Test Time 8291.6 us	
	8. Alternate High LP (Relati	**Deltas******	
	Section: 824 MHz AMPS Harmoni	Receiver	
	1. 2nd Harmonic FE1 (Relati	FreqOffset> RiFreqD(-1.98)	
	2. 3rd Harmonic FE1 (Relativ	IfBw> narro	
	Section: 849 MHz CDMA HP Find	IfGain> 56	
	1. CDMA HP Sweep (Relativ	RecLo	
	2. CDMA HP Sweep (Relativ	FreqOffset> -1.98	
	3. CDMA HP Sweep (Relativ	Src120utput	
	4. CDMA HP Sweep (Relativ	AuxPower> 824_CDMA_HP_AuxPwrSet_28	
	5. CDMA HP Sweep (Relativ	StaticDigital	
	6. CDMA HP Sweep (Relativ	CurrentMeasMax> RiCurrentD(1.0)	
	Section: 849 MHz CDMA Output	Db1> off	
	1. Channel Power (Relative	MeasurelLimit> RiCurrentD(0.0)	
	2. Prefl_RL (RelativeRms)	MeasureMode> none	
	3. Operating Current (Curre	MeasurePin> none	
\U	4. Pin (RelativeRms)	MeasureVForce> RiVoltageD(0.0 )	
	Section: 849 MHz CDMA LP Find	System	
	1. CDMA LP Sweep (Relativ	Averages> 16	
	2. CDMA LP Sweep (Relativ	Testhead	

## Optimizer: Optimizes each Test Section. Measurement with Lowest Input Power Performed First

Test Plan Settings       Image: Construction of the setting of the sett	
3. lcc ldle Low (Current) Section: 824 MHz AMPS FH1 Find 1. AMPS Sweep (RelativeVc 3. AMPS Sweep (RelativeVc 4. AMPS Sweep (RelativeVc 5. AMPS Sweep (RelativeVc 5. AMPS Sweep (RelativeVc 6. AMPS Sweep (RelativeVc 5. AMPS Sweep (RelativeVc 6. AMPS Sweep (RelativeVc 7. Operating Current FH1 (C 7. CDMA HP Sweep (RelativeVc 7. CDMA HP Sweep (RelativeVc	

The tester is very fast changing state Your part may not be fast, add Pauses The tester will find unstable DUT states

Fewer Test Sections better than more More simple test panels are better than fewer complex test panels Duplicate test states/conditions when ever possible Be consistent about where you place buttons in a test panel

IMD Tests - more Receive Attn is better Noise Figure - Use 0 dB Rec Attn. Set DB Current Limit = DB I Meas Max. Set VI Current Limit  $\geq$  VI I Meas Max. RF Sources - Levels  $\leq$ -22 to  $\geq$ +13 dBm DMSG - Optimum levels <-5 dBm RF Off is <-30 dBm



# System Receive Gain

Receive Attenuation IF Gain Signal Dependent Single tone Multi tone Measurement Repeatability



## Simplified Receive Diagram

Receive Attenuator Mixer IF Filter IF Amplifier Receiver Detector



## System Sensitivities

RI 7100A Receiver Mixer Saturate (Compression) Generate Intermodulation Distortion

Receiver Detector Compression "Fold-over"

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## Single Tone Measurements

RF Power, S-Parameters, Noise Figure Objectives Maximize Power to Receiver Maximize Power to Mixer Set Appropriate IF Gain

## Single Tone Method

Set IF Gain to 20 dB or Lower Reduce Rx Atten Until Error Message Backoff One Rx Atten Setting Increase IF Gain Until Error Message Backoff One IF Gain Setting

## I Julti-Tone Measurements

IM3/5/7 and ACPR Measure Device not Tester's Mixer Operate in the Mixer's Linear Range The Mixer Can Add to or <u>Subtract</u> from the Measurement

## **Nixer Intermods**

Receive Attenuator Controls Mixer IM Performance and System Noise Floor



## **I Iulti-Tone Method**

Measuring Main Tone(s) Not Sensitive to Mixer IMs Use Method for Single Tone Measuring IM & ACPR Tones Sensitive to Mixer's IM performance IF Gain usually at or near Maximum (Minimize noise floor) Verify with Spectrum Analyzer (SA) Be careful of SA's intermods!

## **Measure IM Tone**

S et IF Gain 50/55; Receive Atten 20 dB
N leasure C/I
V erify with Spectrum Analyzer
Go to break point
Set Receive input to Aux out
Measure C/I
If Different, Increase RF Attenuator
Repeat

## **I**M Considerations

Verify High and Low IM Tones Use Highest Linear Power DUT Condition Typically 20 dB Rx Atten, 55 dB IF Gain Too Much Rx Atten Raises Noise Floor

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Effective Receiver Bandwidth

## Organizing Your Test Plan

Define 1st RF state in Global Defaults Add Fixture ON to Global Defaults Define general test conditions in Section Default Panels Define DC tests in 1st or last Section which require the RF Sources to be off Define DC tests in 1st or last Section which require the DUT to be turned off

## Organizing Your Test Plan

Define special startup sequences in the Connect Sequence panel or in the 1st Test Section Write the tests in the order listed on your test list



VCC Changes & DC Measurements: < 2 msec. RF Measurements: <30 msec. RF Frequency Moves: <20 msec. (Fast Settle) or <1.5 msec (Freq Offset) RF Mechanical Switches: >30 msec. & Expensive Minimize RF Source and Receiver Frequency Moves Minimize/Eliminate RF Mechanical Switch Changes: Changing RF Ports from Src to Rec or Rec to Src Changing RF Src 1 and RF Src 2 RF Attenuators Using the Wide IF Filter is faster than Narrow IF Typically use 16 or less Averages for RF Measure Typically use 32 or less Averages for DC Measure

Fast RF Meas: S parameters, RF Power and Phase
Slow RF Meas: ACPR, Noise Figure, IP3, Harmonics
Setting a Parameter to a Local Variable Value is very costly : Requires a Mini-Compile
The Optimizer only Optimizes within a Test Section

Time Domain vs Freq Domain:

If the RF Receiver can make the Measurement, it is faster with better Frequency & Dynamic Range

Oscope is designed to measure Pulse Characteristics Rise/Fall Time, Period, Duty Cycle, etc.

Receiver is designed to measure Complex Signals: Amplitude, Phase, Noise, Power, Frequency, etc.

Items to Set in Global Defaults Receiver Freq Tracking to Source 1 or System Test Head Parameter to b2 **RF** Ports to Receive or Source **Receiver IF Gain** Source 1 Freq & Level to first RF Stimulus Signal Source 2 Freq & Level to the first IM Stimulus Signal Source 3 Freq & Level to the first LO Stimulus Signal Turning On and Off a RF Source is fast Switching Source 1 Mode to Noise is faster! Use Source 1 Mode button to Isolate Src 1 & 2 from DUT

Check Compiled Delta Settings to Improve Test Speed Look for changes in Receiver & Source Frequency, Attenuator & Test Head Settings, etc. Minimize Test State changes by making test conditions exactly the same for as many meas as possible: i.e. RF Stimulus Levels, Frequencies, Receiver Settings, DC Levels, Current Limits, Ranges, etc. Use b1 to test LO Leakage at the DUT's RF Input Use Source 1 "back door" for S22 Measurements For IM measurements, leave RF Source 1 at the normal stimulus Freq, this saves 2 RF Freq Moves Remember DC only measurements still set the Receiver and RF Src's to their Default Frequencies



## Typical RI 7100A RF ATE Measurement Time

Measurement	<u>Time</u>	Std. Dev
	(msec.)	
Power	2.5	<0.02 dB
Frequency	11.5	<0.5 Hz
S11, S12, S21 & S22	12	0.02 dB (S21)
Noise Figure	26	0.1 dB
Phase Noise	60	0.3 dB
IIP3	78	0.3 dB
P1dB	17.5	0.1 dB
ACLR or ACPR	93	0.4 dB
Harmonic Power	56	0.05 dB
I/Q Mod Phase & Amp	25	0.1 dB, 0.1 deg.
I/Q Demod Phase & Amp	60	0.02 dB, 0.15 deg.
DC Voltage	2	0.025%
DC Current	2	0.03%

## Typical RI 7100A Noise Floor <-155 dBm/Hz to 6 GHz



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## **Typical Test System IIP3**

## +49 dBm 3 Testers (30 dB Rec Attenuation)





## 1 dB Noise Figure – Two Testers



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## Noise Floor Measurements Pout +34.9 dBm, Noise Floor <-85 dBm



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## **VCO Phase Noise Measurements**

-114 dBc/Hz at 100 kHz Offset -137 dBc/Hz at 1 MHz Offset



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## Production Measurement Performance Limits

<u>DUT</u>	<u>Measurement</u>	<u>Performance</u>
LNA	Noise Figure IIP3	<1.0 dB >+25 dBm
PA	CDMA ACPR1 CDMA ACPR2	<-60 dBc <-70 dBc
Mixer	Noise Floor	<-150 dBm/Hz
PLL/VCO	Phase Noise	<-114 dBc/Hz @ 100 kHz <-137 dBc/Hz @ 1 MHz

## Production Measurement Performance Limits cont.

<u>DUT</u>	<u>Measurement</u>	<u>Performance</u>
Dividers	Frequency	<1 Hz Resolution to 20 GHz
I/Q Mod	Phase Match Amplitude Match LO Rejection Image Rejection	<0.1 degree <0.025% <-60 dBS <-70 dBS
I/Q Demod	Phase Match Amplitude Match	<0.1 degree <0.1 dB

## Debugging and Breakpointing

Measurement Order and Test Flow Setting a Breakpoint

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# Measurement Order and Test Flow



## **Test Section Optimization**

🗵 Delta Settings for TestPlan: LNA_Lab_rev	
Test Plan Settings	Ă
Testplan idle Settings	10. Gain vs Power (TwoPort) Hardware timing
Section: Current Tests	Setup pauses 1.2 us
1. IDD (Current)	Setup Settling Time 200 us
2. Igcq (Current)	TOTAL Setup Time 326.7 us
Section: RF Tests	Measure pauses 1090.3 us
1. S-Parameters Bi-directional	TOTAL Meas Time 6709.9 us
2. Noise Figure (RelativeRms)	Total Hardware Test Time 7036.6 us
3. Calc Pi1dB (CalcOnly)	инDeltasиининини
4. Gain Flatness (TwoPort)	DutControl
5. Noise Figure (RelativeRms)	Vcc3> RiVoltageD(2.1)
6. Pout (TwoPort)	Source1
7. Gain vs Power (TwoPort)	Power> RiPowerDbm(-8.0)
8. Gain vs Power (TwoPort)	SrcPower> RiPowerDbm(5.58445626e-1 )
9. Gain vs Power (TwoPort)	
10. Gain vs Power (TwoPort)	**State Changes******
11. Gain vs Power (TwoPort)	State
12. Gain vs Power (TwoPort)	(DutControl 'compileConfigVcc3' RiVoltageD(2.8 ) RiVoltageD(2.1 ) 1)
13. Gain vs Power (TwoPort)	(Source1 'compileConfigSrcPower:' RiPowerDbm(-1.44155437 ) RiPower
14. Gain vs Power (TwoPort)	(Source1 'compileConfigRfState:' on on 9)
15. Gain vs Power (TwoPort)	Settle 200 uSec
16. Gain vs Power (TwoPort)	Measure
17. Gain vs Power (TwoPort)	(Testhead TwoPort 1)
18. Gain vs Power (TwoPort)	

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## **Multiple States in a Panel**

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State Index	DutControl Vcc3	Sourcel Power
1	RiVoltageD(2.1 )	RiPowerDbm(-10.0 )
2	RiVoltageD(2.1)	RiPowerDbm(-8.0)
3	RiVoltageD(2.1 )	RiPowerDbm(-6.0)
4	RiVoltageD(2.1 )	RiPowerDbm(-4.0)
5	RiVoltageD(2.1 )	RiPowerDbm(-2.0)
6	RiVoltageD(2.1 )	RiPowerDbm(0.0)
7	RiVoltageD(2.3)	RiPowerDbm(-10.0)
8	RiVoltageD(2.3)	RiPowerDbm(-8.0)
9	RiVoltageD(2.3)	RiPowerDbm(-6.0)
10	RiVoltageD(2.3)	RiPowerDbm(-4.0)
11	RiVoltageD(2.3)	RiPowerDbm(-2.0)
12	RiVoltageD(2.3)	RiPowerDbm(0.0)
13	RiVoltageD(2.8)	RiPowerDbm(-10.0)
14	RiVoltageD(2.8)	RiPowerDbm(-8.0)
15	RiVoltageD(2.8)	RiPowerDbm(-6.0)
16	RiVoltageD(2.8)	RiPowerDbm(-4.0)
17	RiVoltageD(2.8)	RiPowerDbm(-2.0)
18	RiVoltageD(2.8)	RiPowerDbm(0.0)

## Copy a Test or Test Section

LNA_Lab_revE		
<u>File Edit Test Plan Tester Limit</u>	s <u>Options H</u> elp <u>D</u> ebug	
Test: Calc Gain Flatness	Display Compiled Settings	
Test: Target Gain	Display Delta Settings	
Test: Pout	Display Panel Test States	
Test: Noise Figure	<u>T</u> ime Runs	
Test: Gain vs Power	M <u>i</u> nimize Memory	
Test: Calc P1dB	Clear Correlation Factors	
Test: Calc Pi1dB	Extract Symbol Table	
Test: 0IP3	Change Data Names	
Test: IIP3	Worksheet	
	<u>S</u> et Breakpoint Remove Breakpoint	



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## **Setting a Breakpoint**



## **RI Interactive Control Window**



## Interactive DC Measurements



## **Interactive RF Measurements**



# **Receiver Measurement Types**





## **Data Viewers**



## Single Variable Data Viewers



## Overpaint Function



## Single Event Repetitive Measurements



## **Moving Strip Chart Display**

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## Debugging Tips

Check active Calibration data for anomalies Check each measurement for optimal RF Attenuator and IF Gain settings (max S/N). Measurement must "Fit" in the Receiver's 70 dB instantaneous Dynamic Range Small changes (1 to 5 dB) in Device Power Level can be large if using all the dynamic range. (i.e. measure a 50 to 60 dB carrier to tone.) Setting resolution in the RF Attenuator is 10 dB steps and the IF Gain is 6 dB