

9 dB Gain pHEMT Low Noise Amplifier, DIE 6 - 13 GHz



ENGLA00267A

Rev. V1

Features

- Operation Across 6 - 13 GHz
- Small Signal Gain: 8.5 dB @ 13 GHz
- Noise Figure:
 - 1.7 - 3.9 dB, <2 dB from 11 - 13 GHz
- I/O Return Loss: 12.5 dB or better
- Die Size:
 - 2.30 x 2.12 mm
 - 4.88 sq. mm
 - 0.091 x 0.083 inch
- RoHS* Compliant

Applications

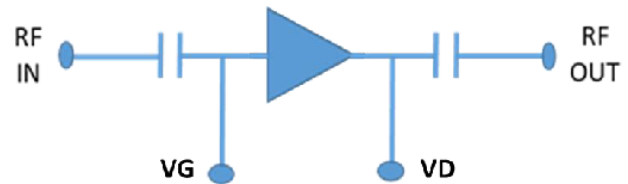
- Radar / driver amplifier functions; SATCOM
- Radio receivers / transmitters when biased for linearity
- Test & Measurement Systems

Description

The ENGLA00267A is a wideband pHEMT two-stage 9 dB gain low noise distributed amplifier, operating across 6 to 13 GHz. The design is 50-ohm matched. The amplifier has a typical noise figure of 1.7 - 3.9 dB across 6 to 13 GHz; noise figure is <2 dB from 11 to 13 GHz at room temperature. The amplifier has gold backside metallization and is designed for gold-tin eutectic or high thermal conductivity silver epoxy attachment.

Functional Block Diagram

MMIC RF ports are DC-blocked. RF ports designed for 50 ohms.



Ordering Information

| Part Number | Package |
|-------------|---------|
| ENGLA00267A | Die |

* Restrictions on Hazardous Substances, compliant to current RoHS EU directive.

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Electrical Specifications:

Freq. = 6 - 13 GHz, $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_D = 5.0\text{ V}$; $I_{DS} = 30\text{ mA}$ (I_q), $V_G \sim +0.35\text{ V}$

| Parameter | Test Conditions | Units | Min. | Typ. | Max. |
|--------------------|--|--------------------|------|-----------|------|
| Small Signal Gain | — | dB | 8 | 9 | — |
| Noise Figure | — | dB | — | 1.7 - 3.9 | 4.5 |
| Input Return Loss | — | dB | 10 | 14 | — |
| Output Return Loss | — | dB | 10 | 12.5 | — |
| Output IP3 | 8 - 12 GHz | dBm | — | 28 | — |
| Supply Current | — | mA | — | 30 | 80 |
| Thermal Resistance | includes 25- μm thick AuSn solder mount | $^\circ\text{C/W}$ | — | 200 | — |

Recommended Operating Conditions

| Parameter | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|-------------------------|------|------------|------|-------|
| Drain Voltage | — | 5 | 6 | V |
| Gate Voltage | — | 0.35, 0.48 | 1.0 | V |
| Quiescent Drain Current | — | 30 | 80 | mA |

Absolute Maximum Ratings^{1,2}

| Parameter | Absolute Maximum |
|-----------------------|---|
| Drain Voltage | 6 V |
| Gate Voltage | 1.2 V |
| RF Input Power | 20 dBm |
| Operating Temperature | -55 $^\circ\text{C}$ to +100 $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| Storage Temperature | -65 $^\circ\text{C}$ to +150 $^\circ\text{C}$ |

1. Exceeding any one or combination of these limits may cause permanent damage to this device.
2. MACOM does not recommend sustained operation near these survivability limits.

Handling Procedures

Please observe the following precautions to avoid damage:

Static Sensitivity

These electronic devices are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD) and can be damaged by static electricity. Proper ESD control techniques should be used when handling these devices.

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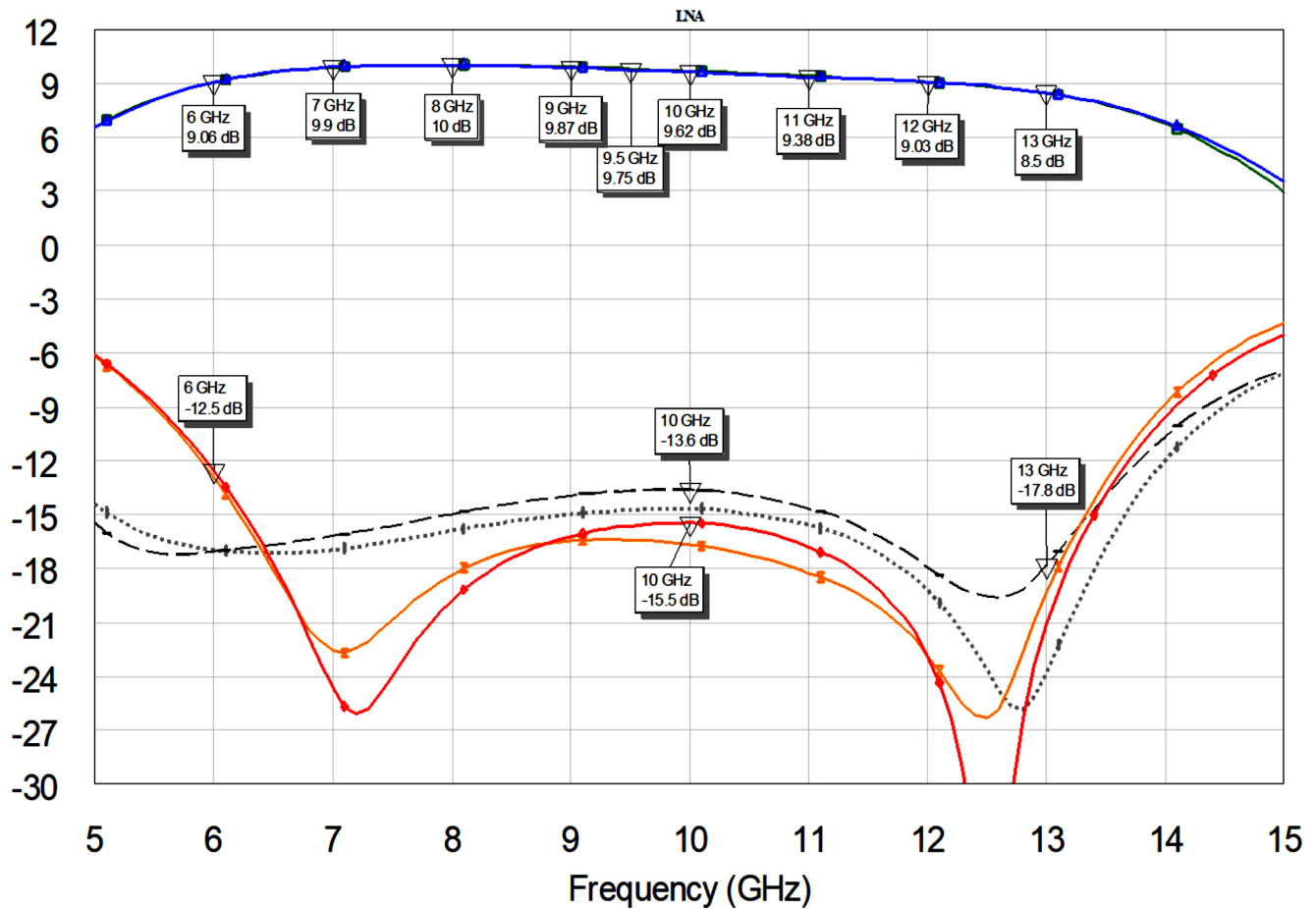
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Measured RF Data: With Wirebonds and External Microstrip Flares

Small Signal Gain and In / Out Return Loss (for two ENGLA00267A amplifiers):

$T = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, $V_D = 5.0\text{ V}$, $I_Q = 30\text{ mA}$, $V_G = 0.35\text{ V}$



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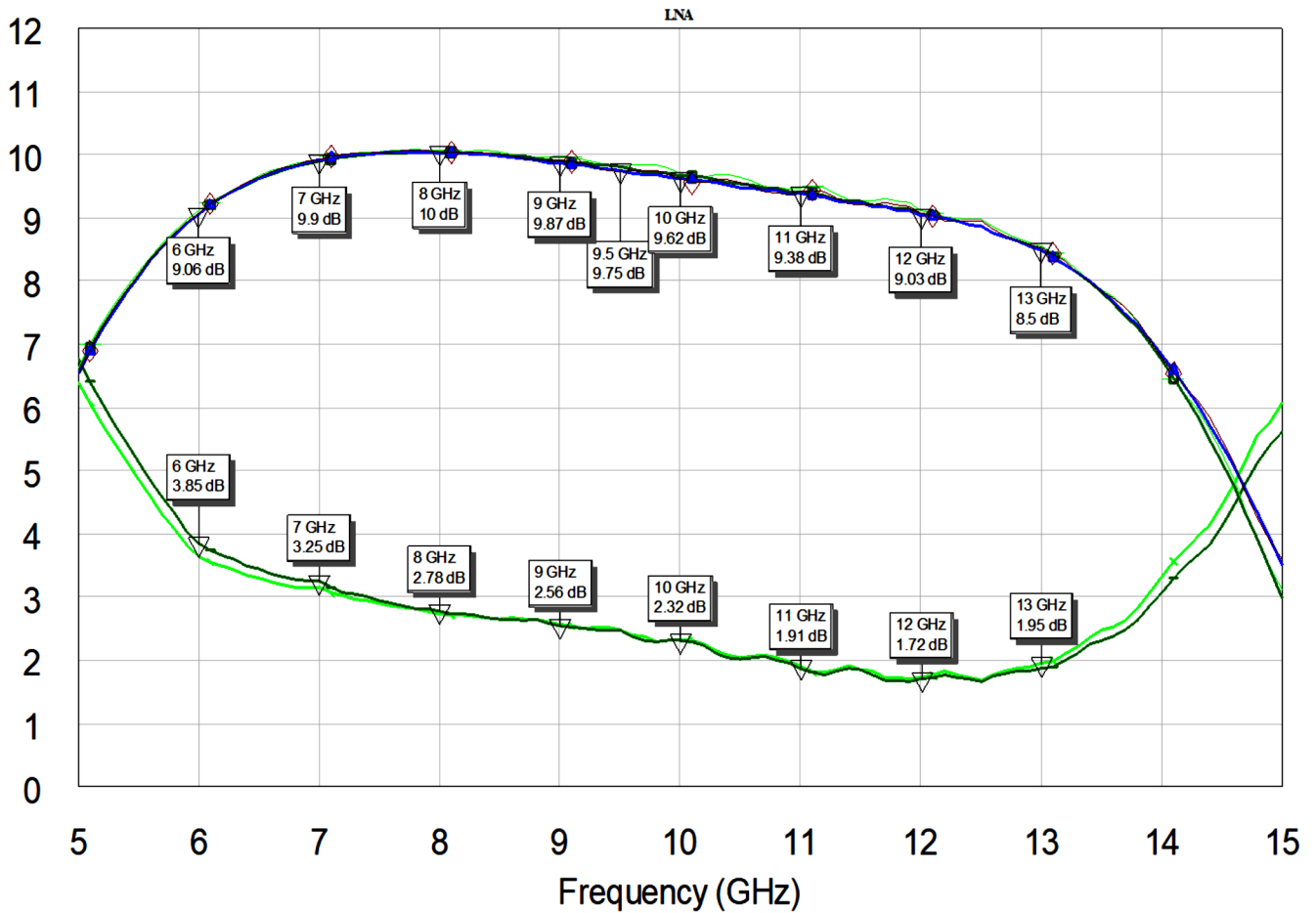
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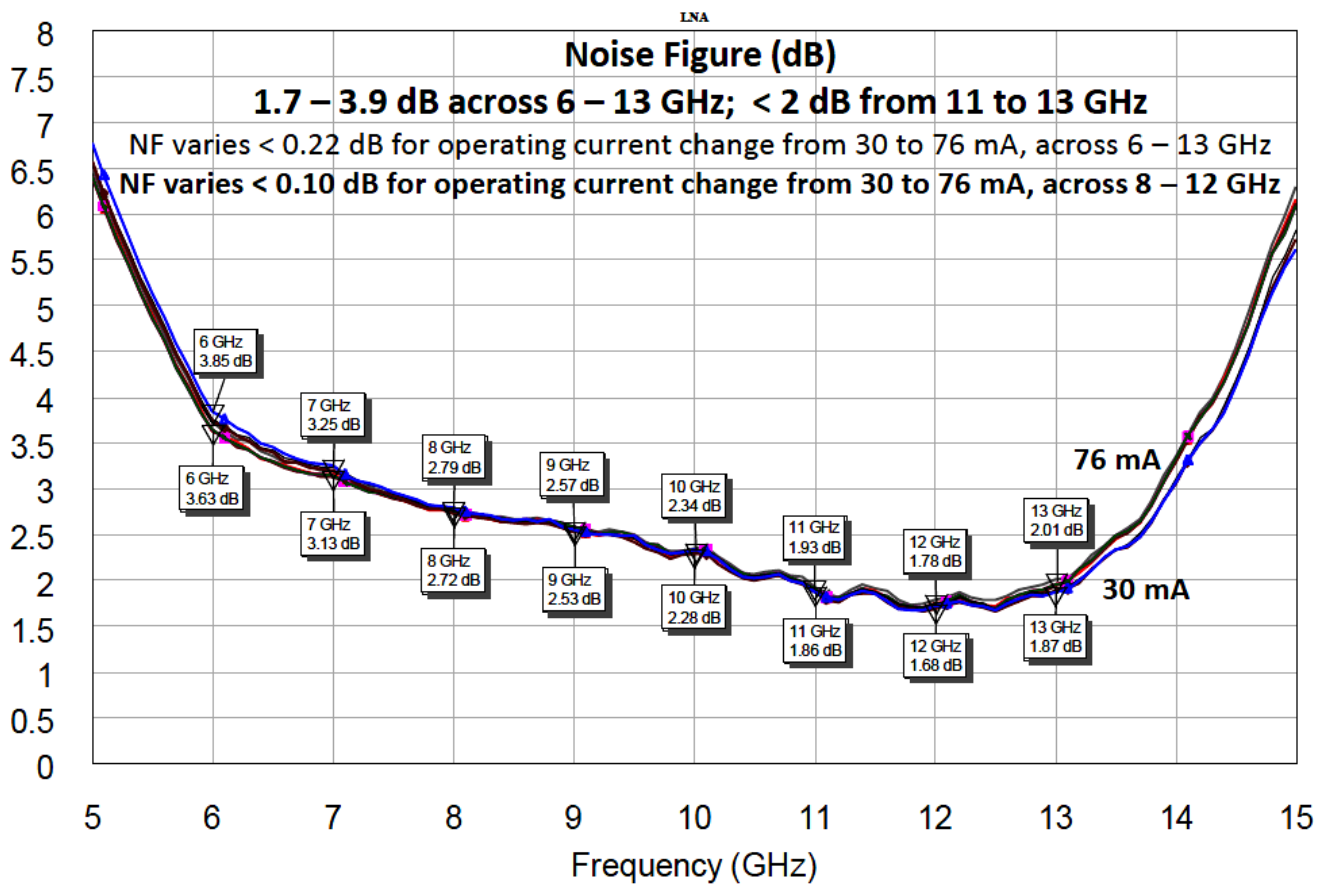
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Noise Figure (for two ENGLA00267A amplifiers):

5.0 V, 30, 40, 50 and 76 mA I_q
 $V_G = 0.35, 0.38, 0.41, \text{ and } 0.48 \text{ V}$



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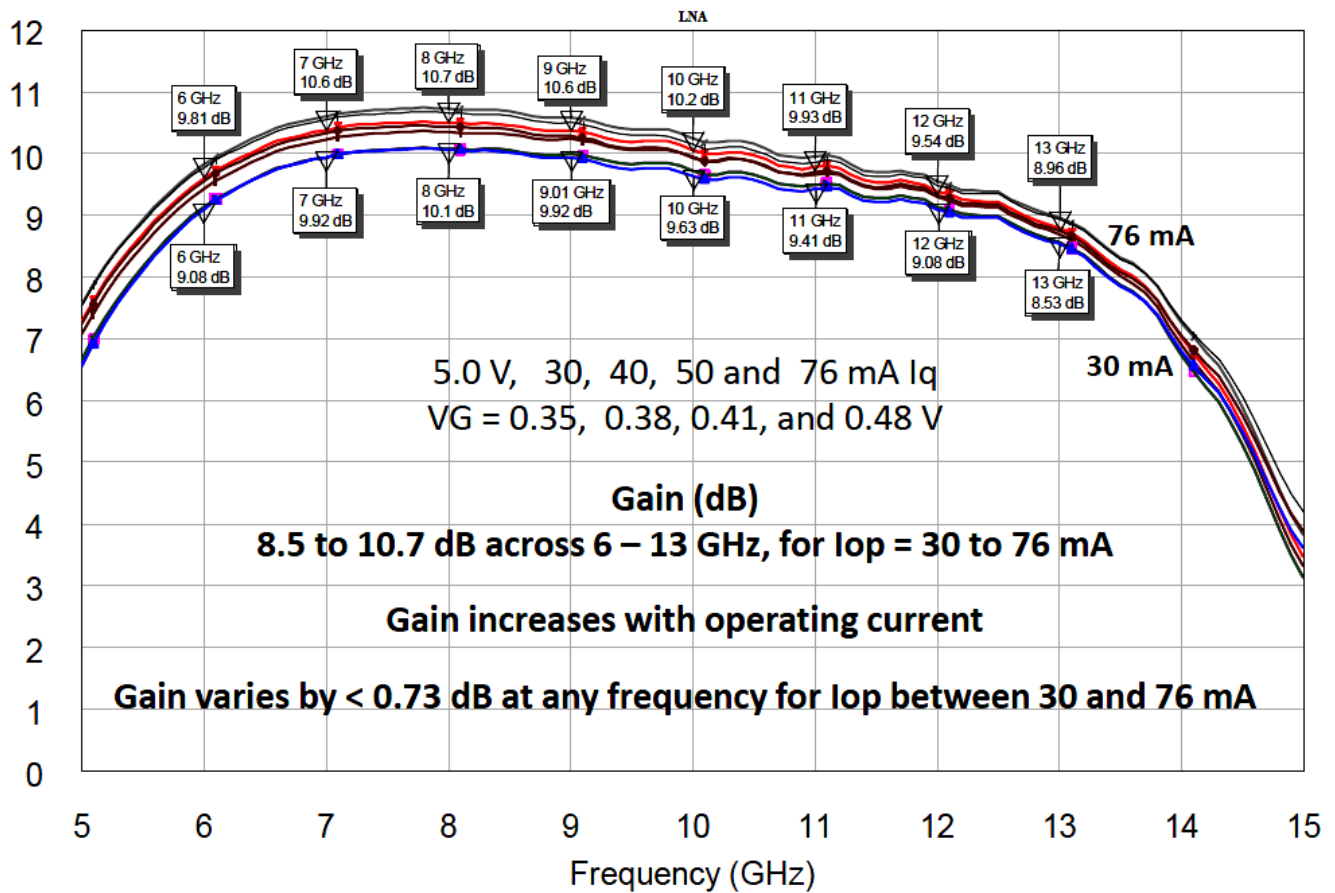
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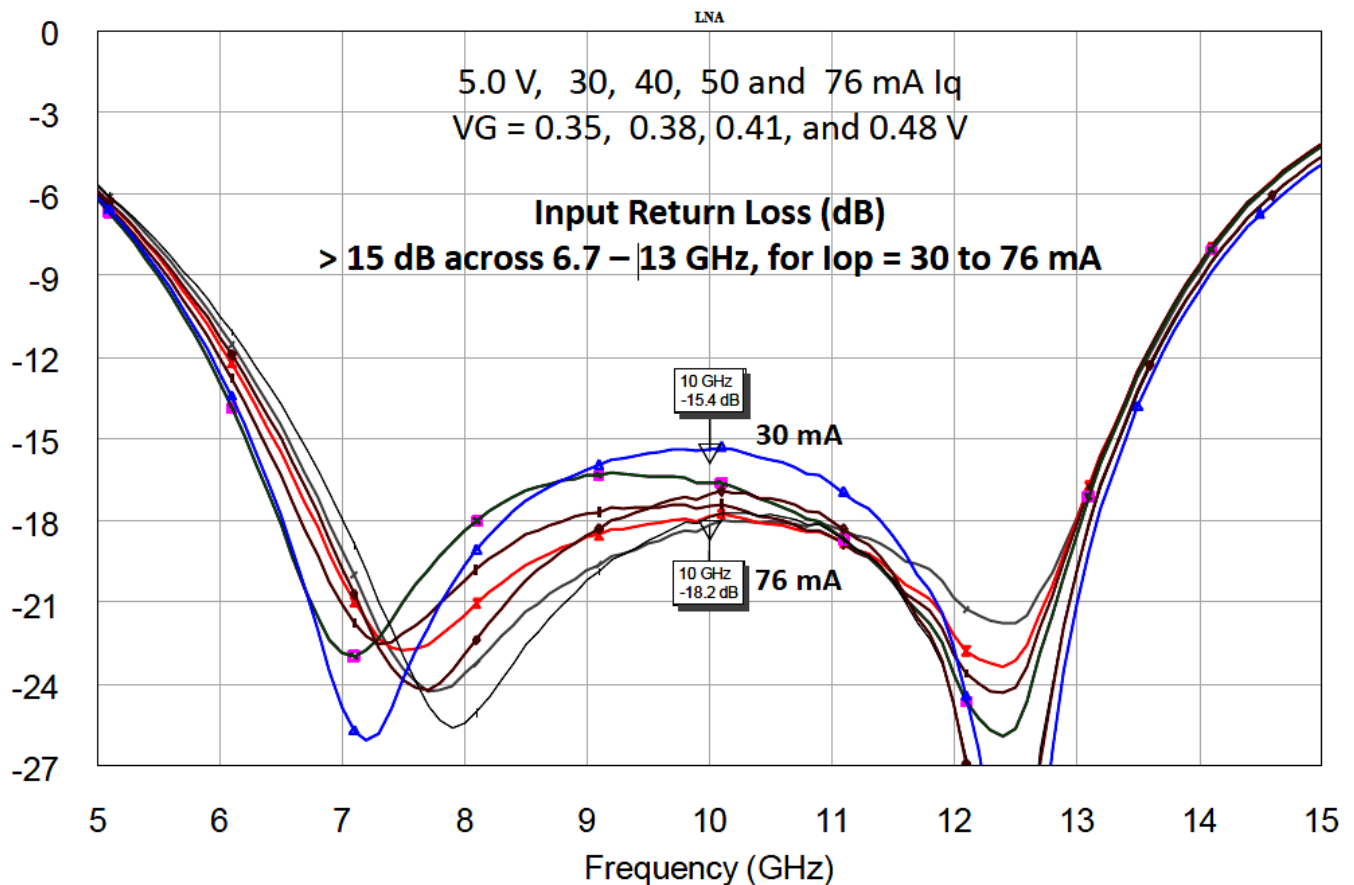
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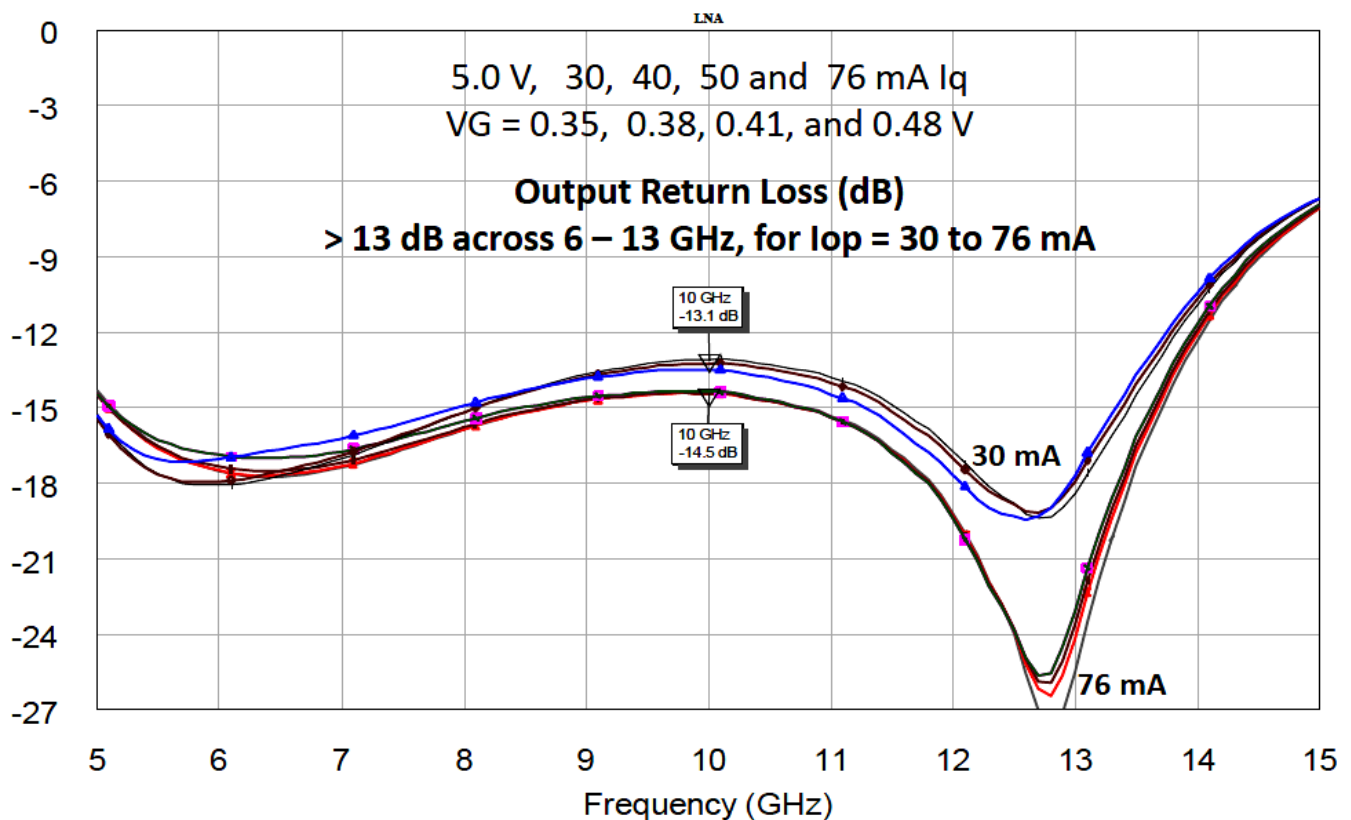
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| Freq (GHz) | S11 | | S21 | | S12 | | S22 | |
|---------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|
| | Mag (DB) | (angle) (deg) | Mag (DB) | (angle) (deg) | Mag (DB) | (angle) (deg) | Mag (DB) | (angle) (deg) |
| 5 | -6.13 | 114.96 | 6.53 | 140.10 | -26.11 | 123.09 | -15.45 | 70.16 |
| 5.5 | -8.84 | 97.33 | 8.08 | 114.76 | -24.15 | 94.64 | -17.15 | 17.98 |
| 6 | -12.54 | 83.30 | 9.06 | 89.78 | -22.74 | 68.47 | -17.07 | -22.14 |
| 6.5 | -17.72 | 77.23 | 9.62 | 65.86 | -21.71 | 44.54 | -16.65 | -48.56 |
| 7 | -24.64 | 98.56 | 9.91 | 43.22 | -20.88 | 22.63 | -16.18 | -66.16 |
| 7.5 | -24.01 | 154.87 | 10.02 | 21.79 | -20.22 | 2.29 | -15.62 | -79.71 |
| 8 | -19.77 | 166.21 | 10.03 | 1.32 | -19.65 | -16.73 | -14.96 | -92.17 |
| 8.5 | -17.42 | 162.93 | 9.98 | -18.34 | -19.11 | -34.80 | -14.38 | -104.74 |
| 9 | -16.21 | 156.83 | 9.87 | -37.39 | -18.61 | -52.06 | -13.93 | -117.57 |
| 9.5 | -15.63 | 149.86 | 9.75 | -56.07 | -18.12 | -68.74 | -13.69 | -131.07 |
| 10 | -15.45 | 142.58 | 9.62 | -74.39 | -17.64 | -85.19 | -13.60 | -145.24 |
| 10.5 | -15.81 | 134.13 | 9.48 | -92.70 | -17.13 | -101.26 | -13.95 | -159.06 |
| 11 | -16.84 | 125.43 | 9.38 | -111.05 | -16.53 | -117.85 | -14.66 | -172.00 |
| 11.5 | -18.69 | 115.79 | 9.24 | -129.53 | -16.06 | -134.74 | -15.93 | 177.11 |
| 12 | -22.85 | 103.49 | 9.03 | -148.78 | -15.54 | -151.81 | -17.90 | 172.33 |
| 12.5 | -42.35 | 56.62 | 8.87 | -168.95 | -15.02 | -170.21 | -19.54 | -176.95 |
| 13 | -21.09 | -94.24 | 8.48 | 170.08 | -14.66 | 170.80 | -17.81 | -157.77 |
| 13.5 | -13.86 | -112.12 | 7.84 | 147.96 | -14.47 | 150.21 | -13.94 | -159.14 |
| 14 | -9.55 | -129.51 | 6.83 | 125.86 | -14.67 | 129.02 | -10.66 | -173.51 |
| 14.5 | -6.74 | -147.25 | 5.40 | 103.90 | -15.09 | 108.13 | -8.34 | 165.05 |
| 15 | -4.96 | -163.97 | 3.51 | 84.17 | -16.01 | 87.63 | -6.95 | 141.71 |

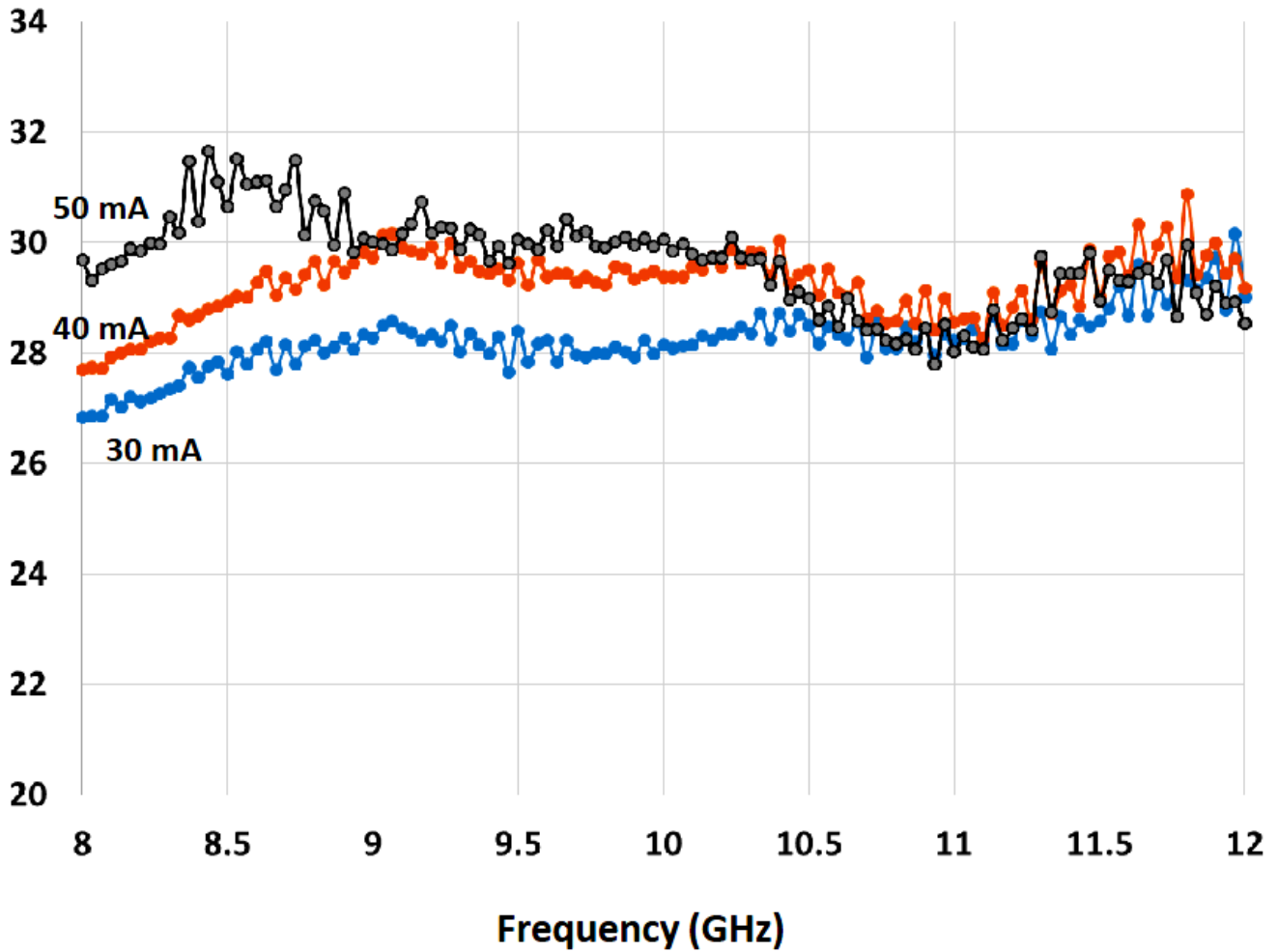
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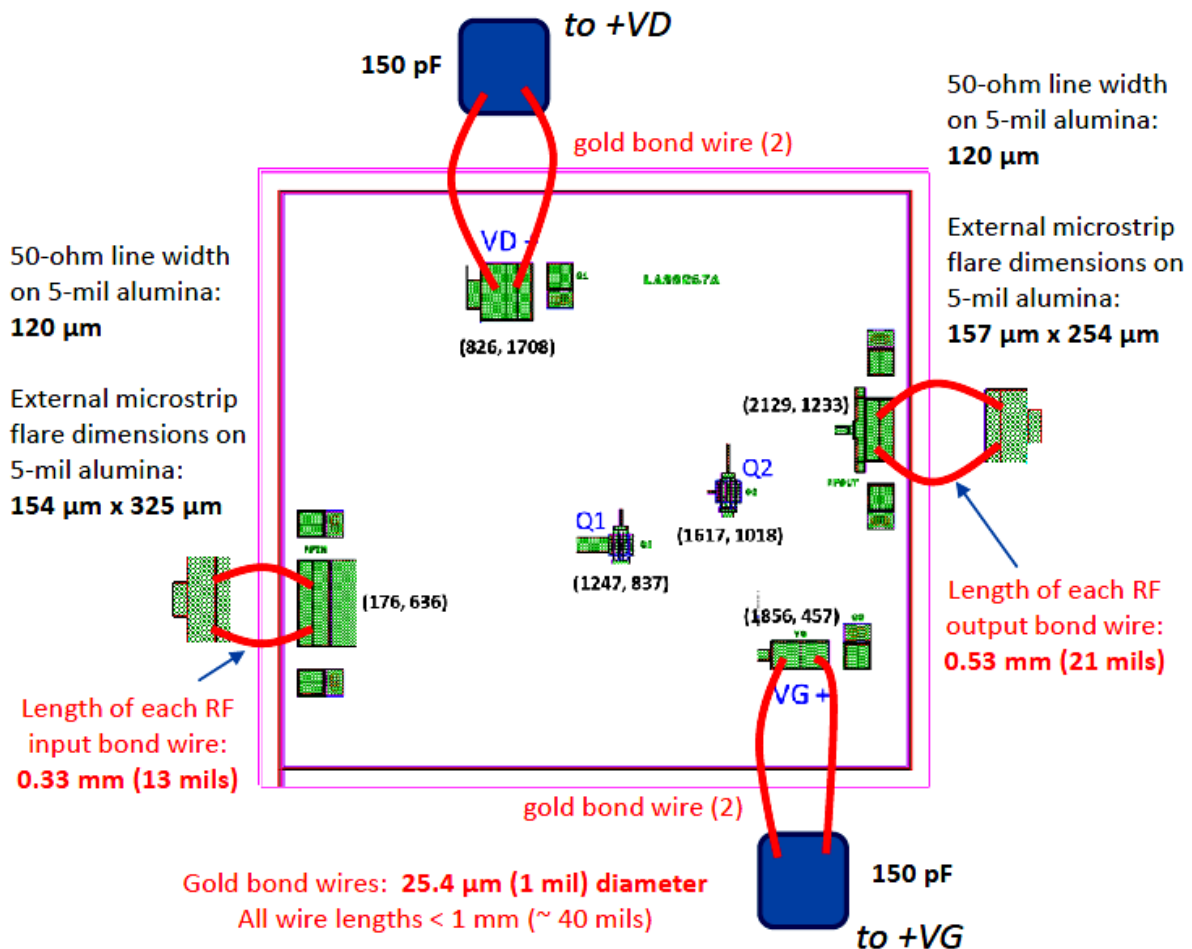
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Output Third-Order Intercept Point: $T = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, $V_D = 5.0\text{ V}$, $I_Q = 30, 40, 50\text{ mA}$



**MMIC Assembly Drawing:
External Microstrip Flares, 150 pF Bypass Capacitors, & Bond Wires**



Assembly Comments

1. If mounting the MMIC using either AuSn solder, or high thermal conductivity silver epoxy, the regions underneath the FET heat sources should be void free. Even small voids underneath the FETs could cause FET channel temperature to significantly increase.
2. RF ports are DC blocked.
3. At X-band, RF I/O port impedances are near 50 ohms.

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