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# SMA Local Oscillator System

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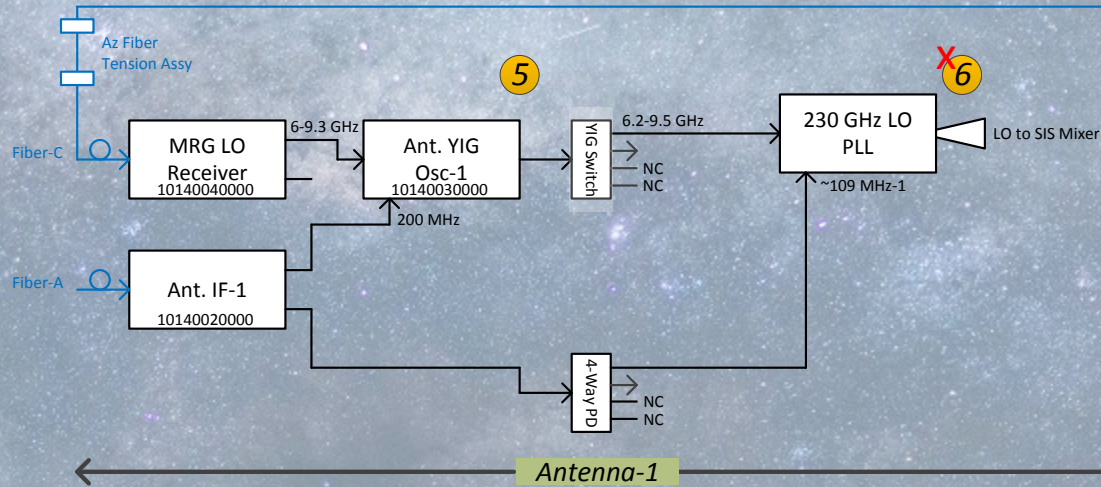
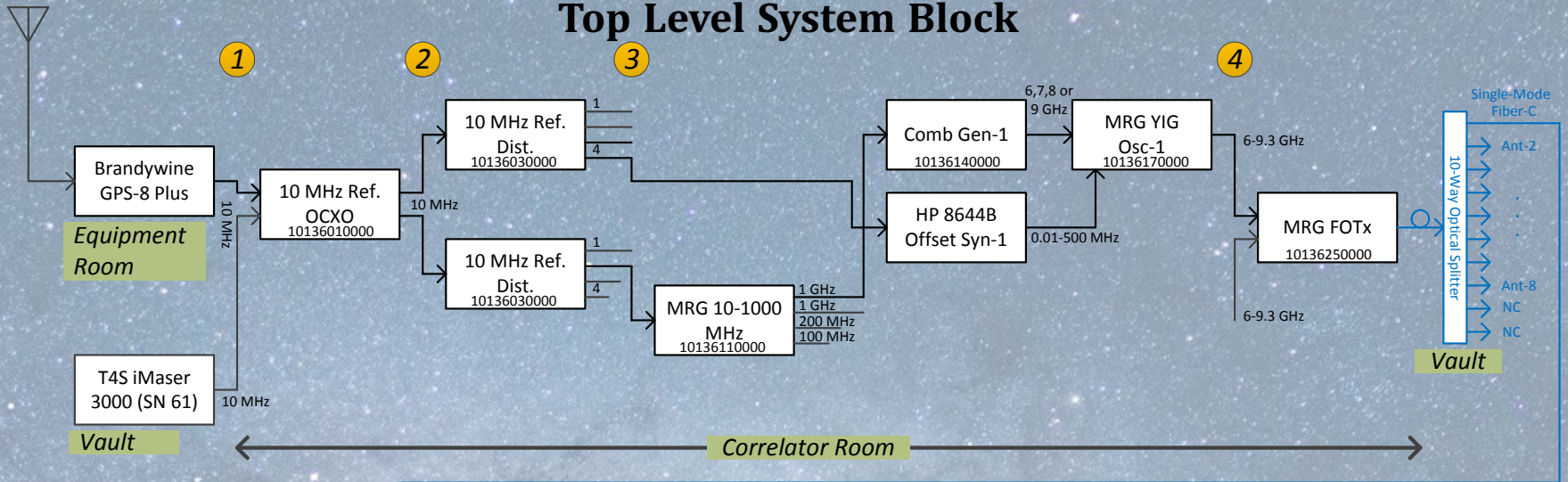


# Today's Topics

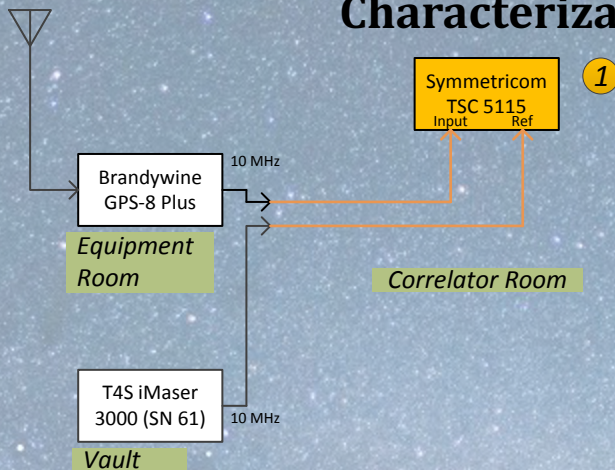
- Overview of MRG LO system
- Test results of 10 MHz phase noise quality
- Test result MRG YIG phase noise and stability
- Planned tests for Antenna YIG phase noise and stability
- Utilizing CWDM for multiplexing additional common signals
- Scheme for round-trip phase monitoring



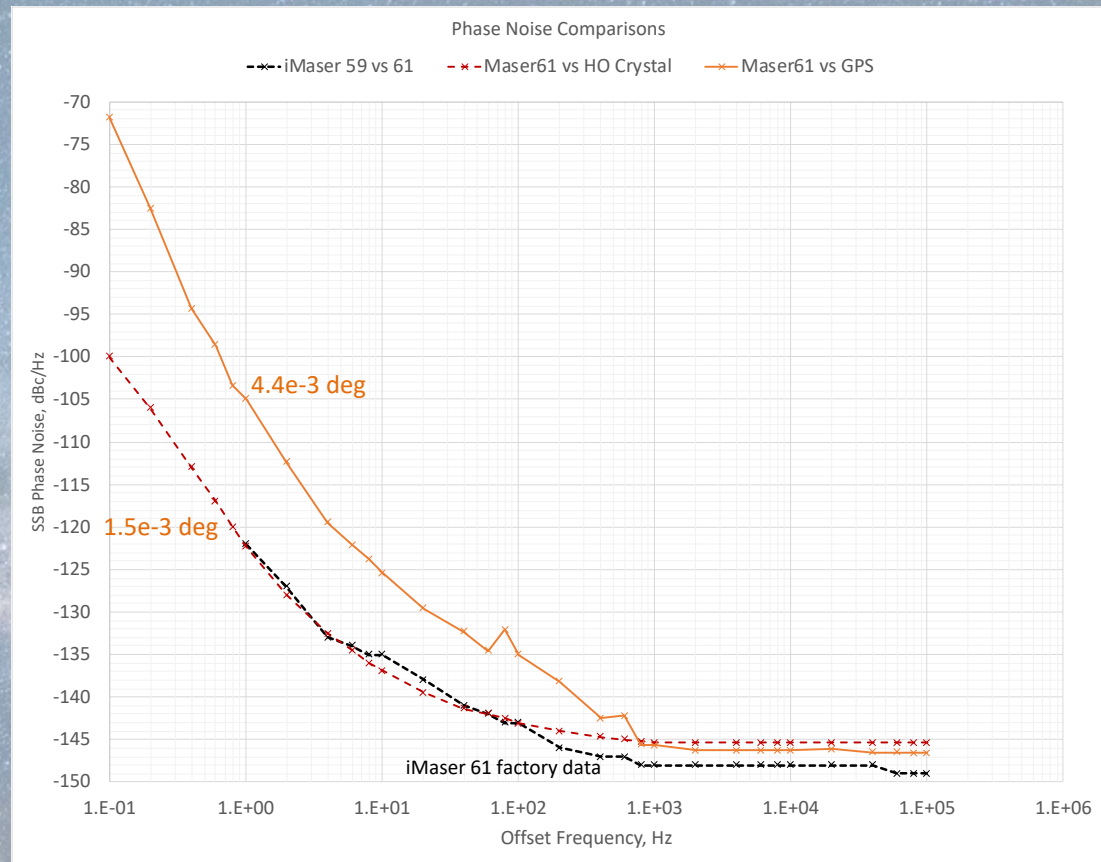
# Top Level System Block



# Characterization of 10 MHz Source Phase Noise (1)

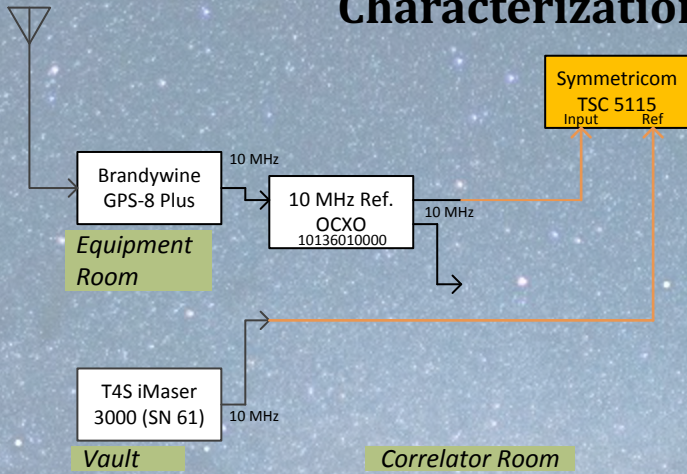


- Differential phase noise measurement between maser and GPS
  - Integrated phase noise  $4.4e-3$  degrees RMS, 0.1 – 100,000 Hz
- Maser vs HO Crystal shown for reference
  - Integrated phase noise  $1.5e-3$  degrees RMS, 0.1 – 100,000 Hz



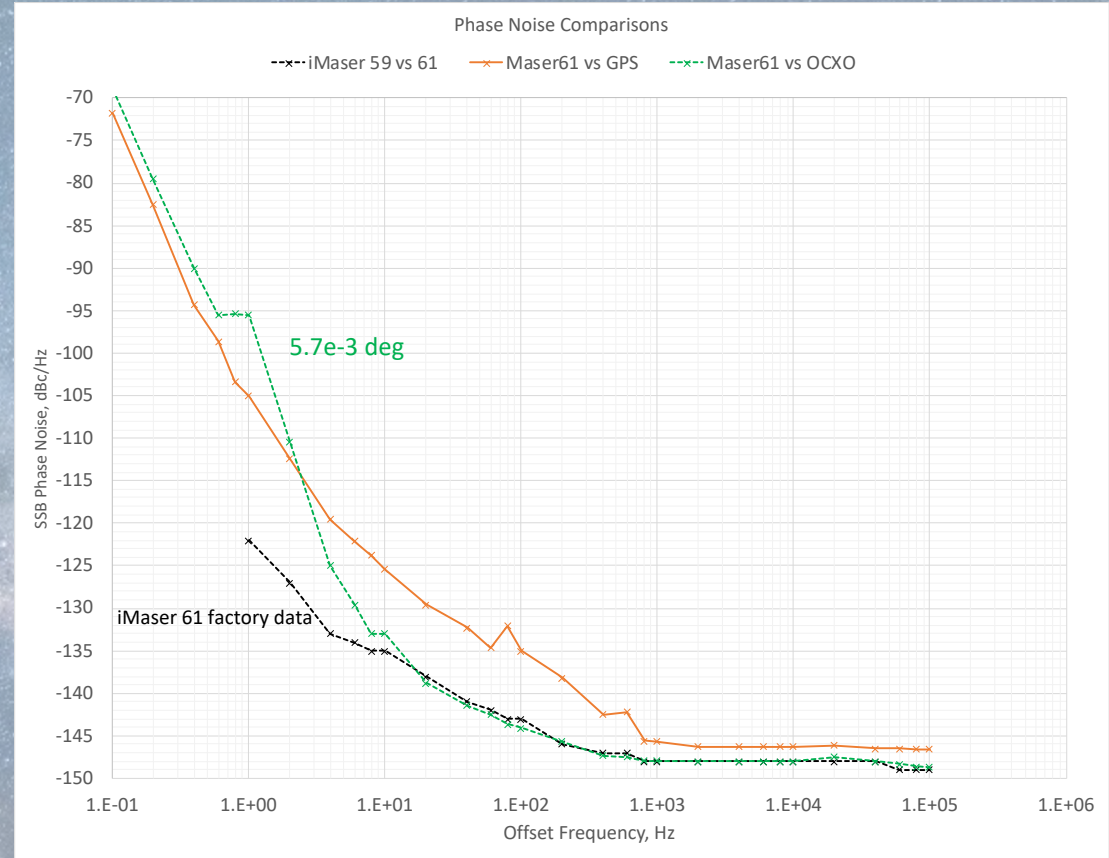


# Characterization of 10 MHz Source Phase Noise (2)



- GPS 10 MHz after OCXO drawer
  - One sided loop BW  $\sim 1$  Hz
- Integrated phase noise  $5.7e-3$  degrees RMS, 0.1 – 100,000 Hz

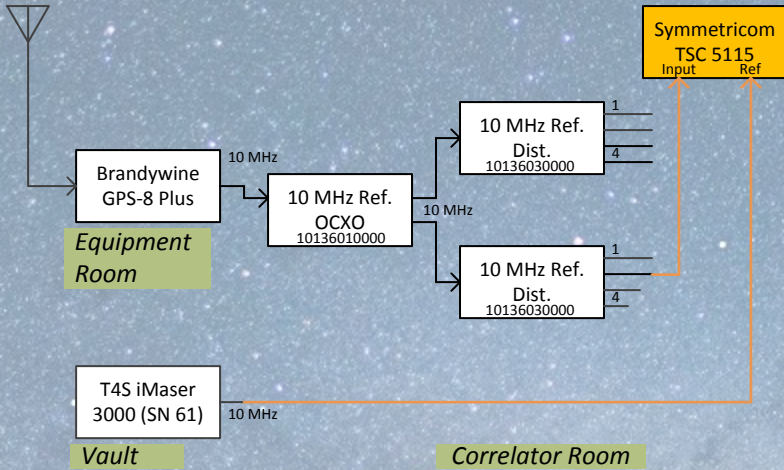
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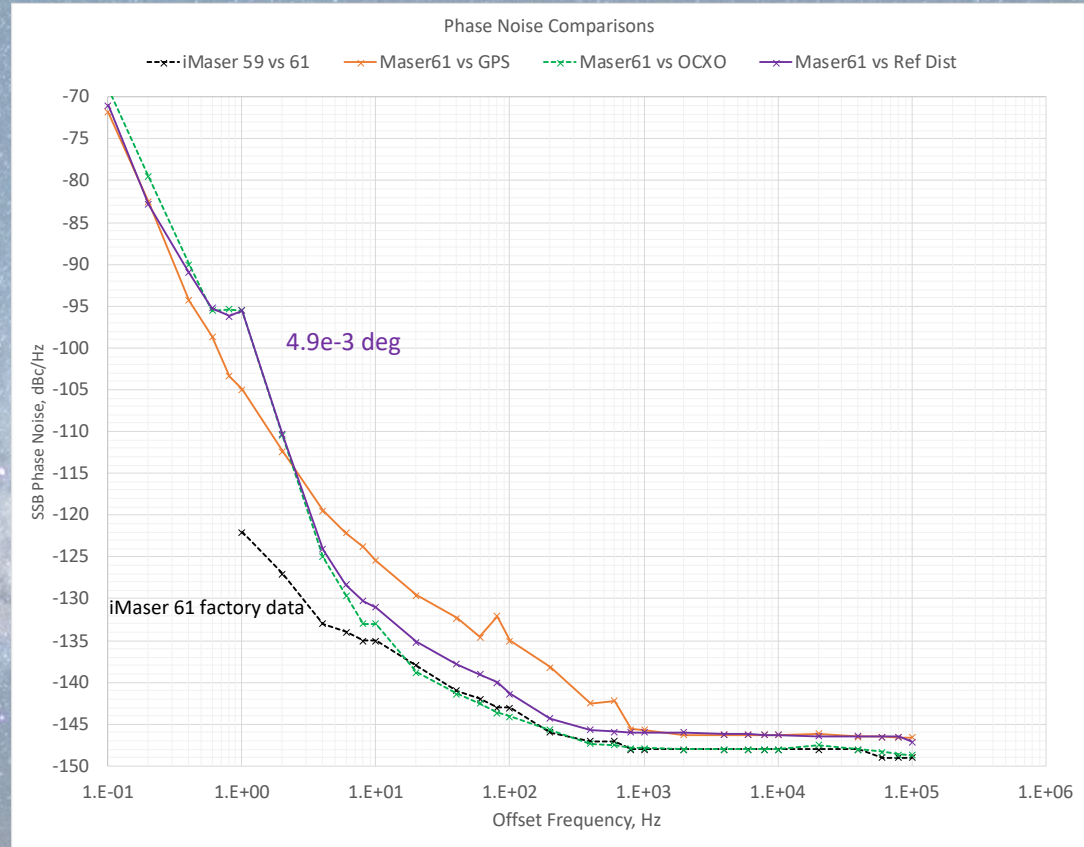


# Characterization of 10 MHz Source Phase Noise (3)

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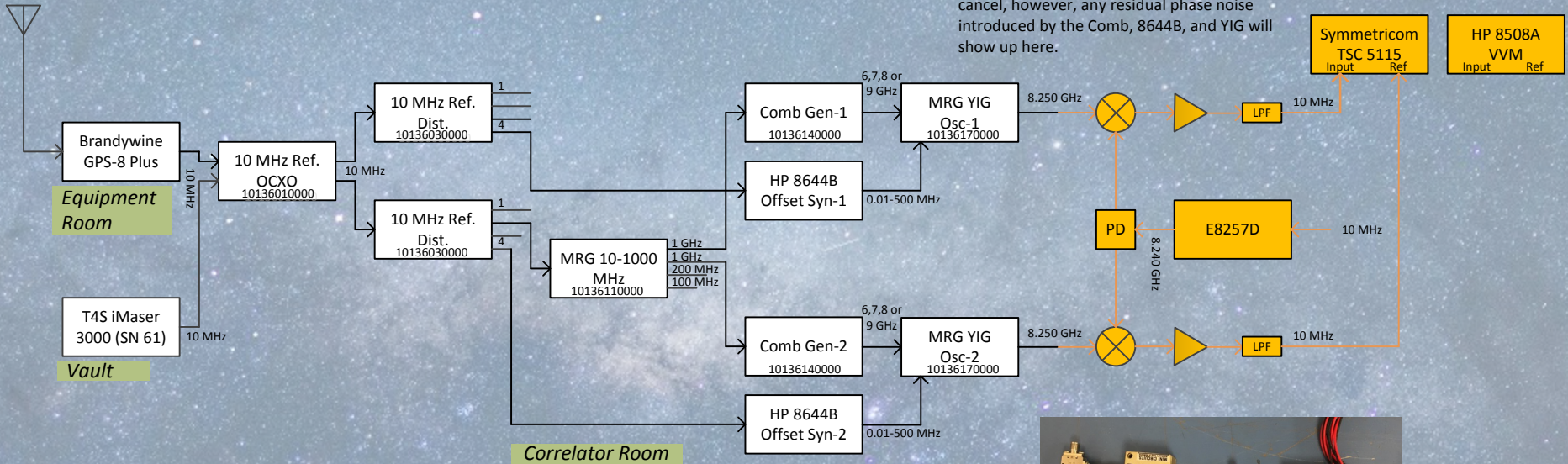
- 10 MHz after Reference Distribution drawer
- Integrated phase noise  $4.9e-3$  degrees RMS, 0.1 – 100,000 Hz
- Small scatter in results probably from differences in test setup
  - (1)  $4.4e-3$  degrees (Maser vs GPS)
  - (2)  $5.7e-3$  degrees (Maser vs OCXO)
  - (3)  $4.9e-3$  degrees (Maser vs Ref Dist)





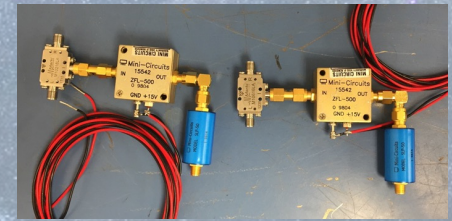
# Characterization of MRG YIG Oscillator Phase Noise & Stability (4a)

- MRG YIG-1 & YIG-2 both tuned to 8.250 GHz
  - Anomalous frequency setup (two YIGs are never set to same frequency)
  - Physical configuration is symmetrical



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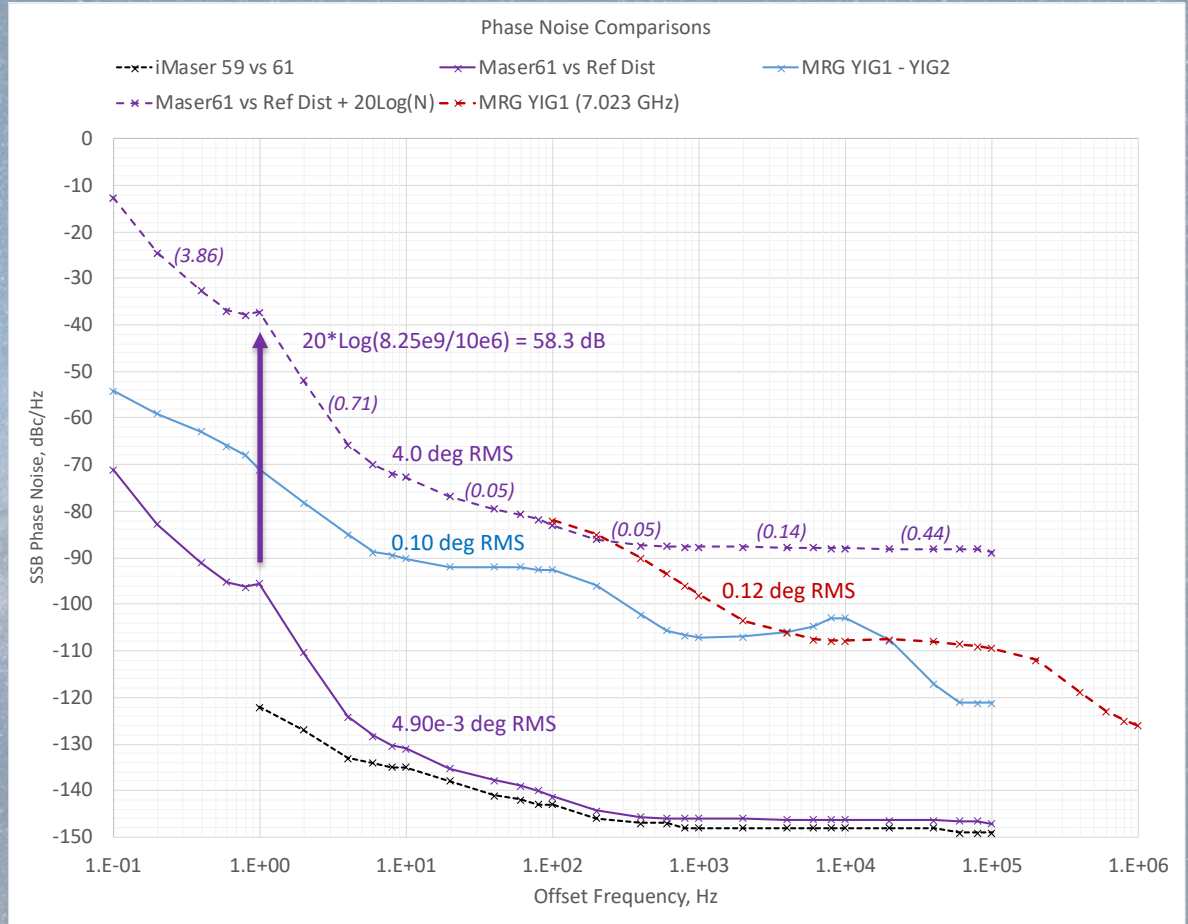
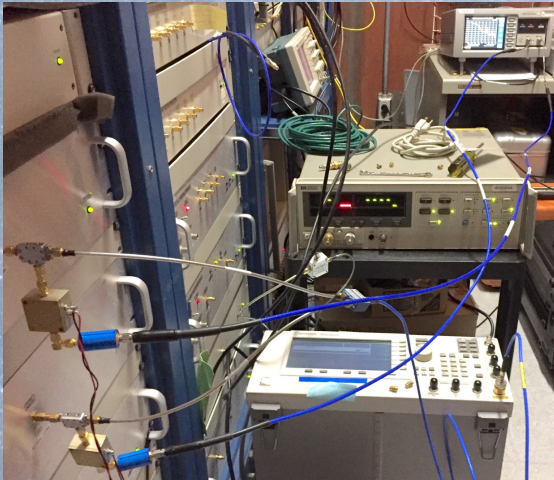
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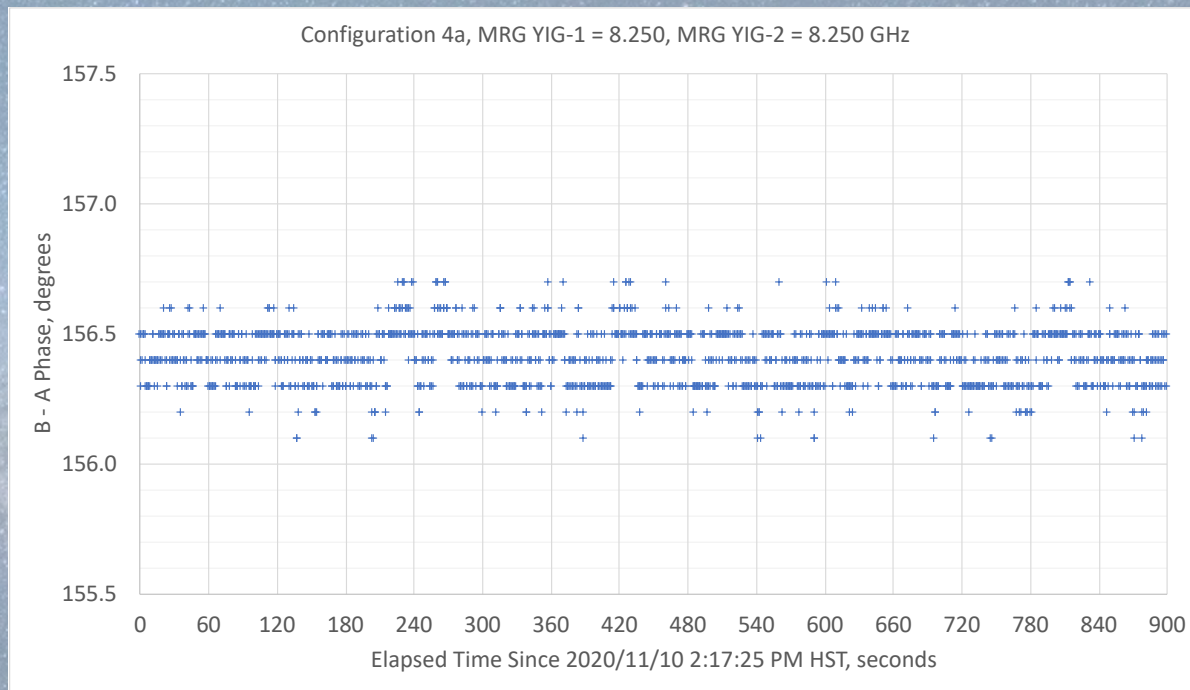
- Phase noise of MRG YIG-1 – YIG-2
  - Common mode phase noise should cancel
  - Represents residual phase noise generated by comb, 8644, and YIG oscillator
- Integrated phase noise 0.10 degrees RMS, 0.01 – 100,000 Hz





# Characterization of MRG YIG Oscillator Phase Noise & Stability (4a)

- Phase stability of MRG YIG-1 – YIG-2
  - 2 samples per second
  - 15 minutes duration
- Standard deviation from 360 – 420 seconds is 0.11 degrees

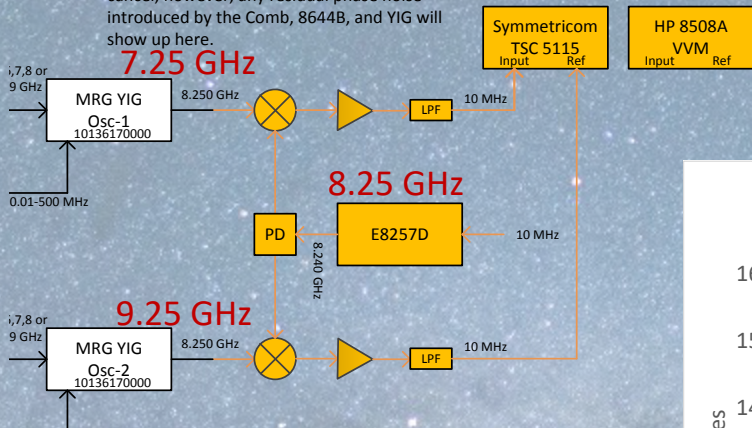




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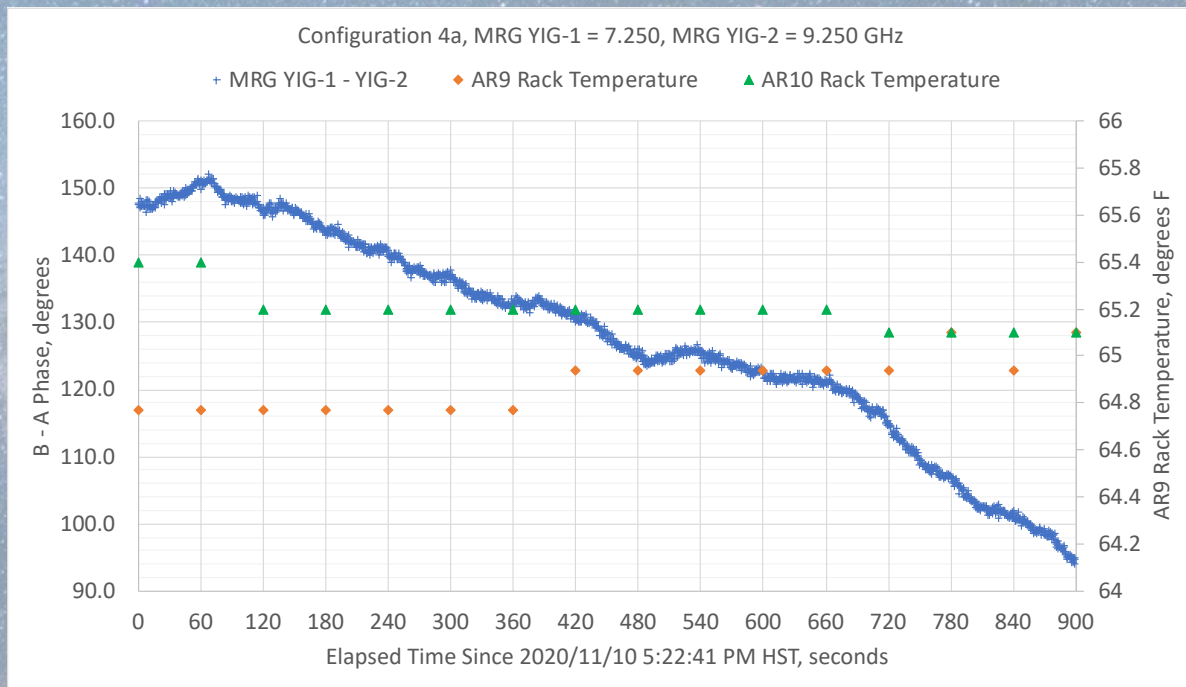
- MRG Comb Generator?
- External D/C Synthesizer?

## • Configuration 4a

- MRG YIG-1 = 7.250 GHz
- MRG YIG-2 = 9.250 GHz
- D/C LO = 8.250 GHz

## • Produced a pair of IFs at 1.000 GHz

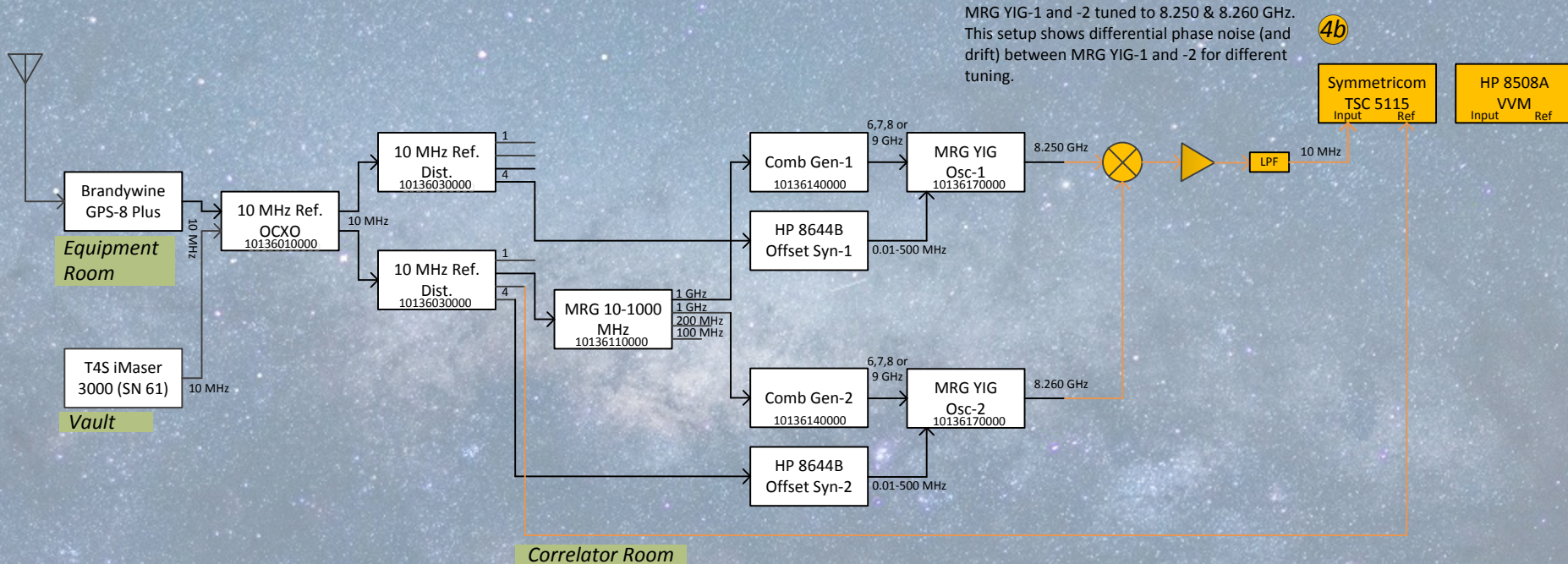
- Run directly into VVM
- 2 samples per second
- 15 minute duration





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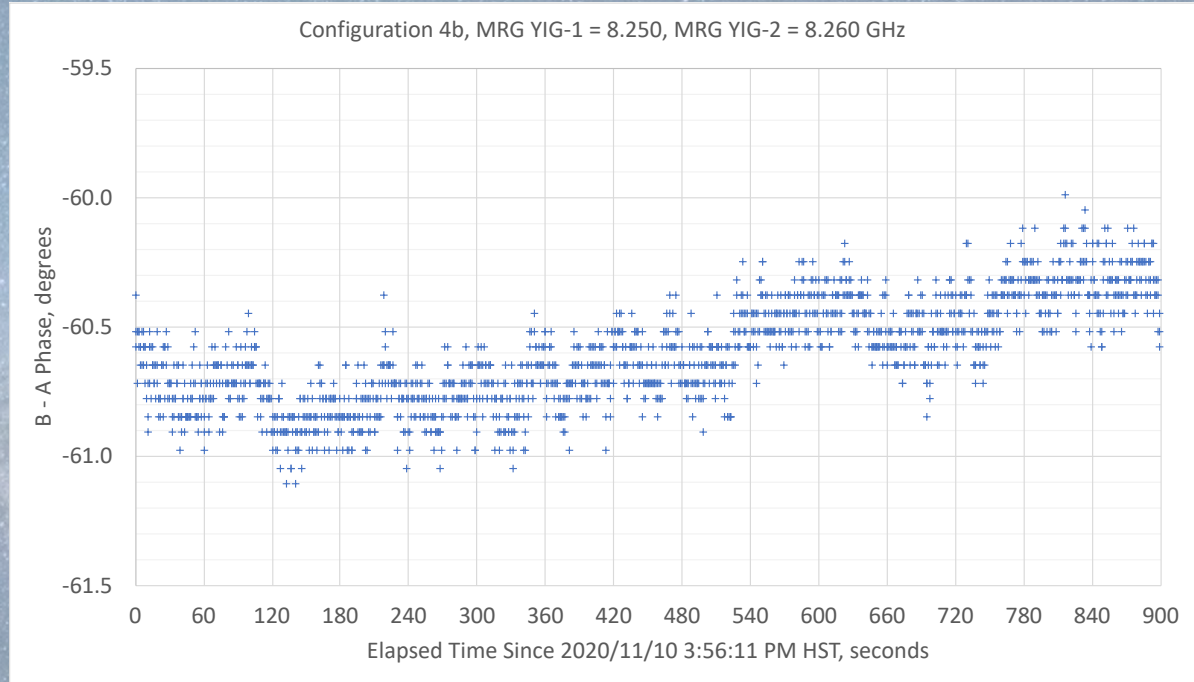
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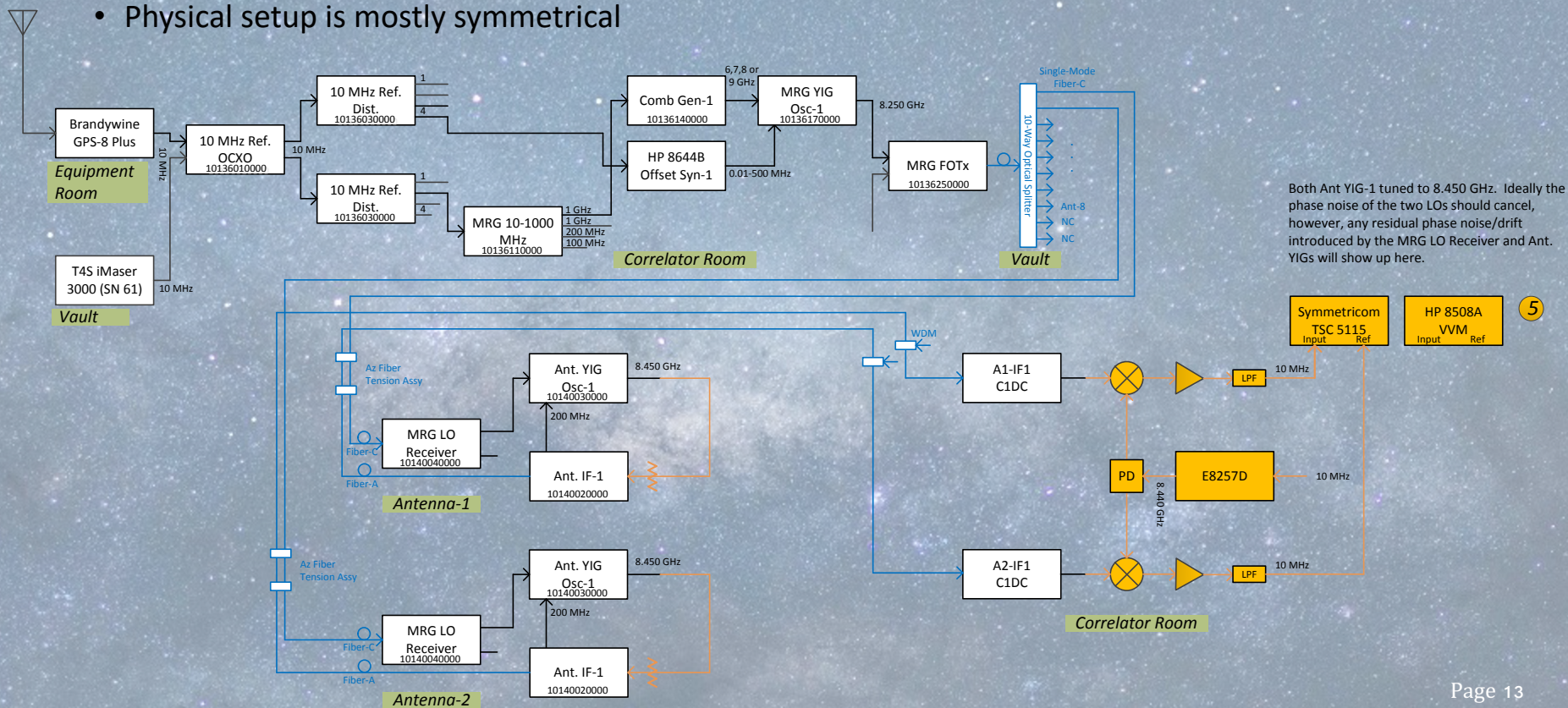
- Phase stability of MRG YIG-1 – YIG-2
  - 2 samples per second
  - 15 minutes duration
- Standard deviation from 360 – 420 seconds is 0.10 degrees
- See much larger variation in phase
  - 0.5 degrees over 15 minutes
  - Asymmetrical setup?
  - Different MRG frequencies?
- $8.25 \times (14 \times 2) = 231.0$  GHz
  - 14 degrees movement over 15 minutes





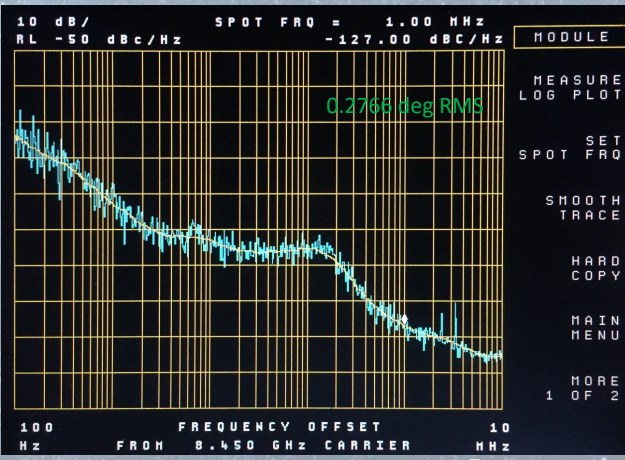
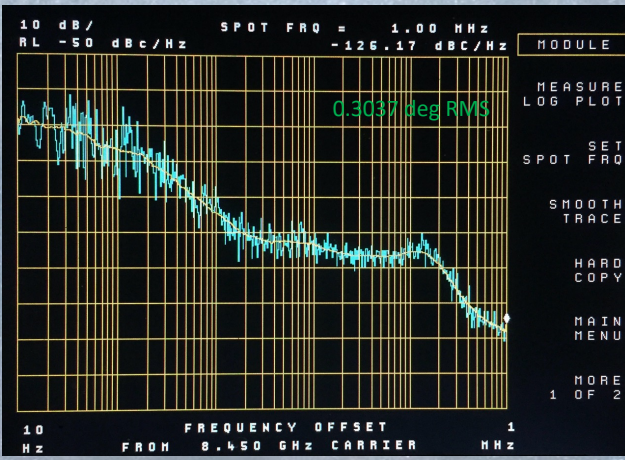
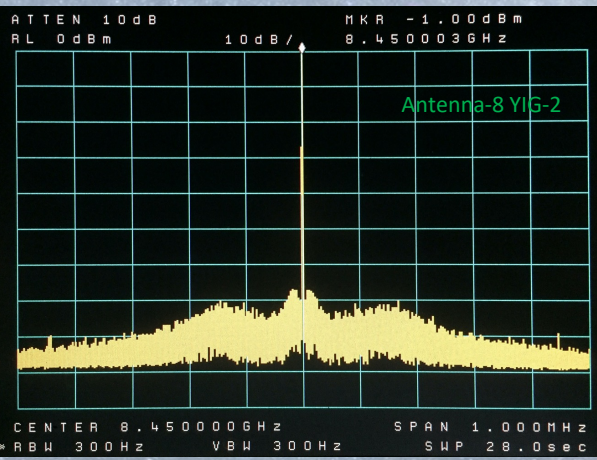
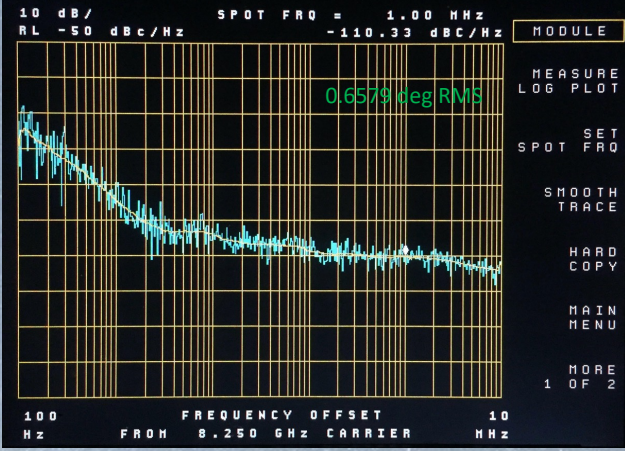
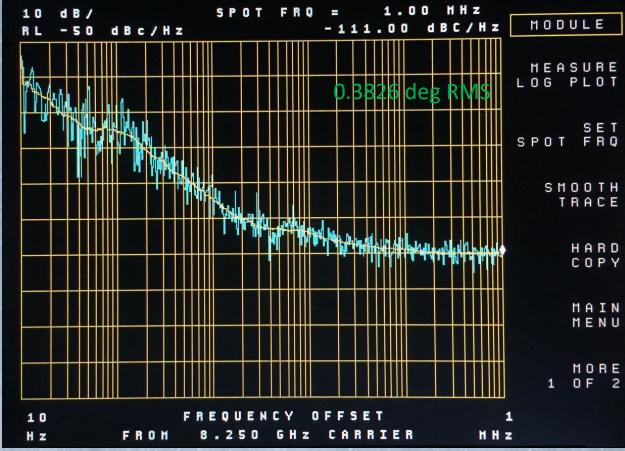
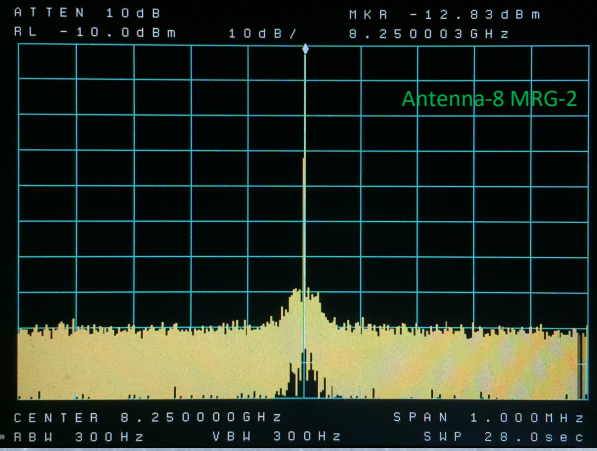
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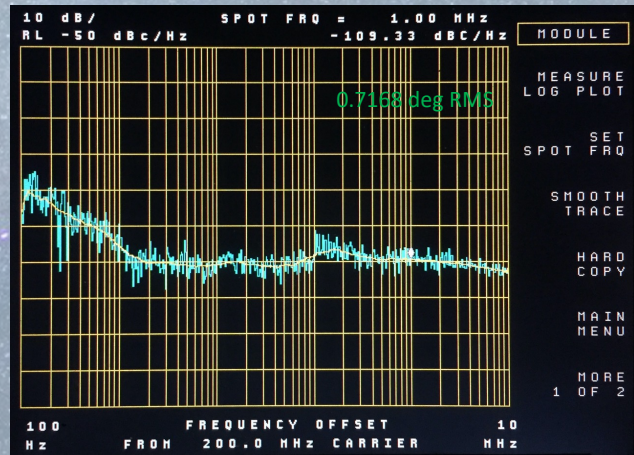
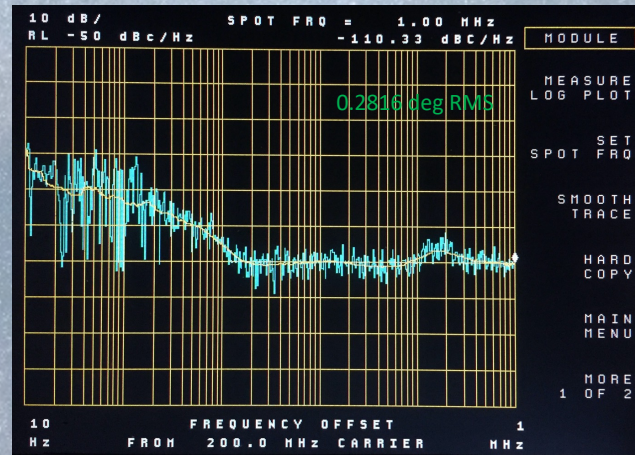
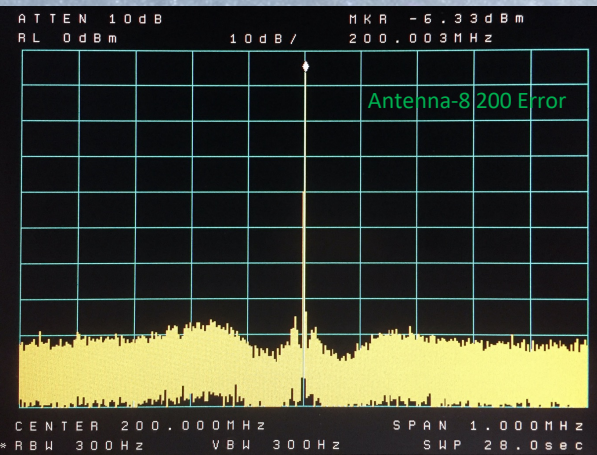
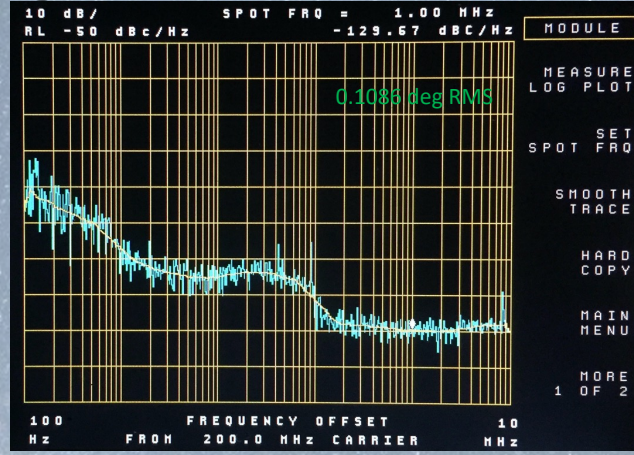
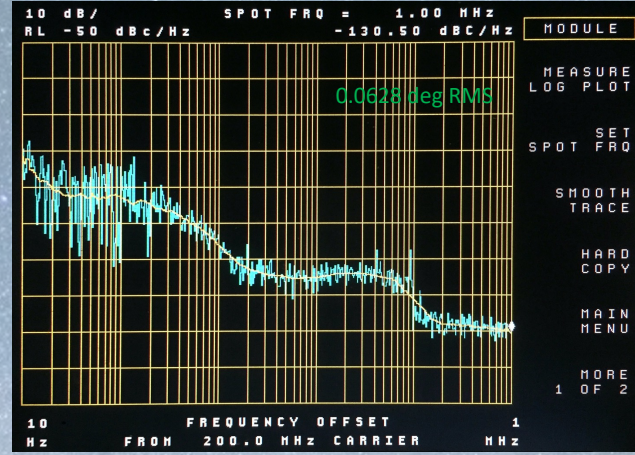
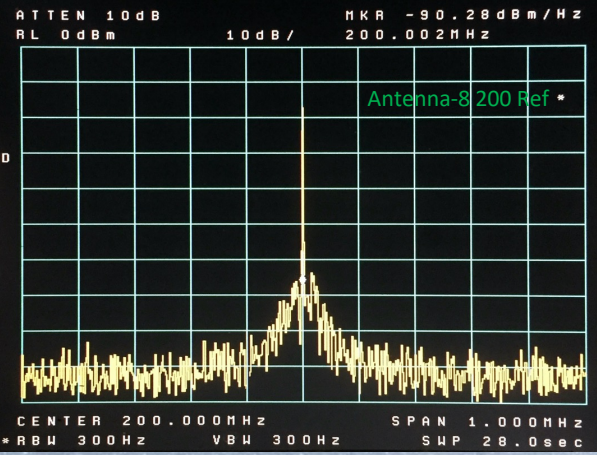


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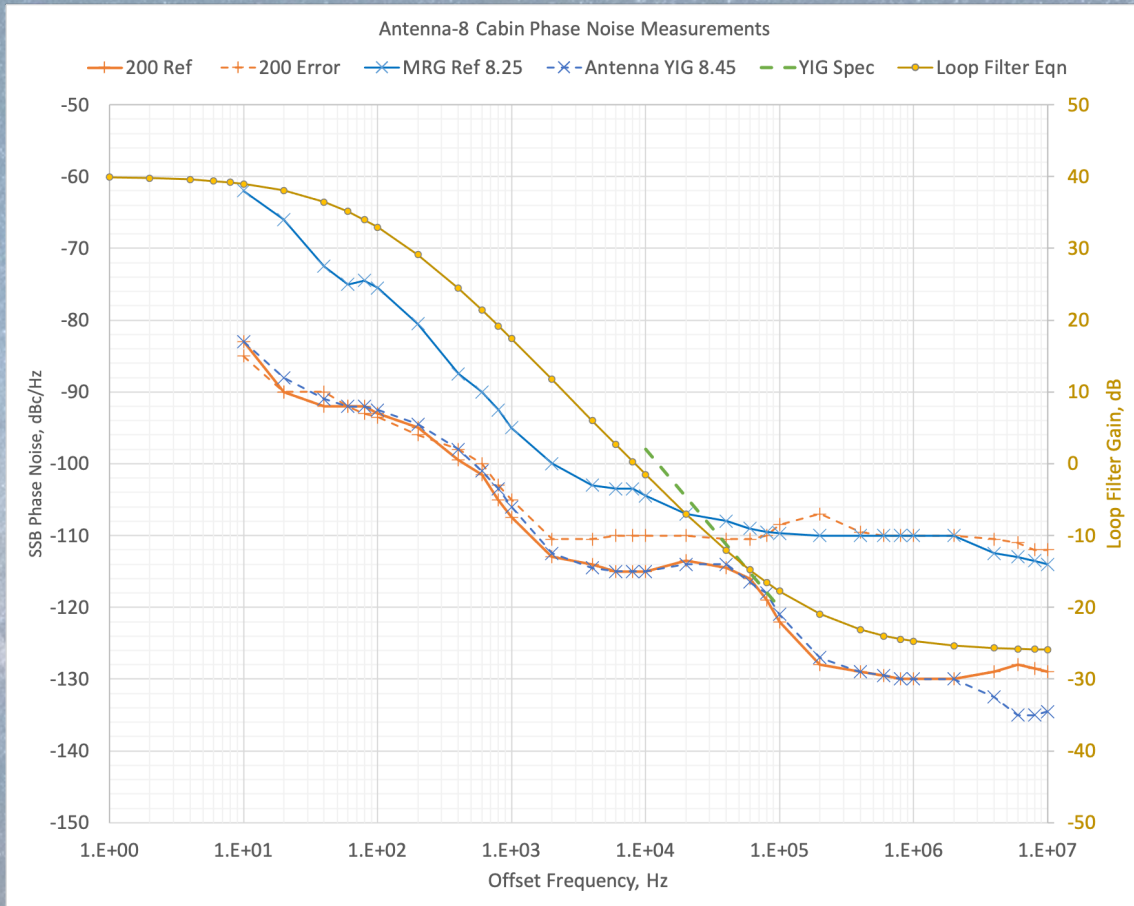


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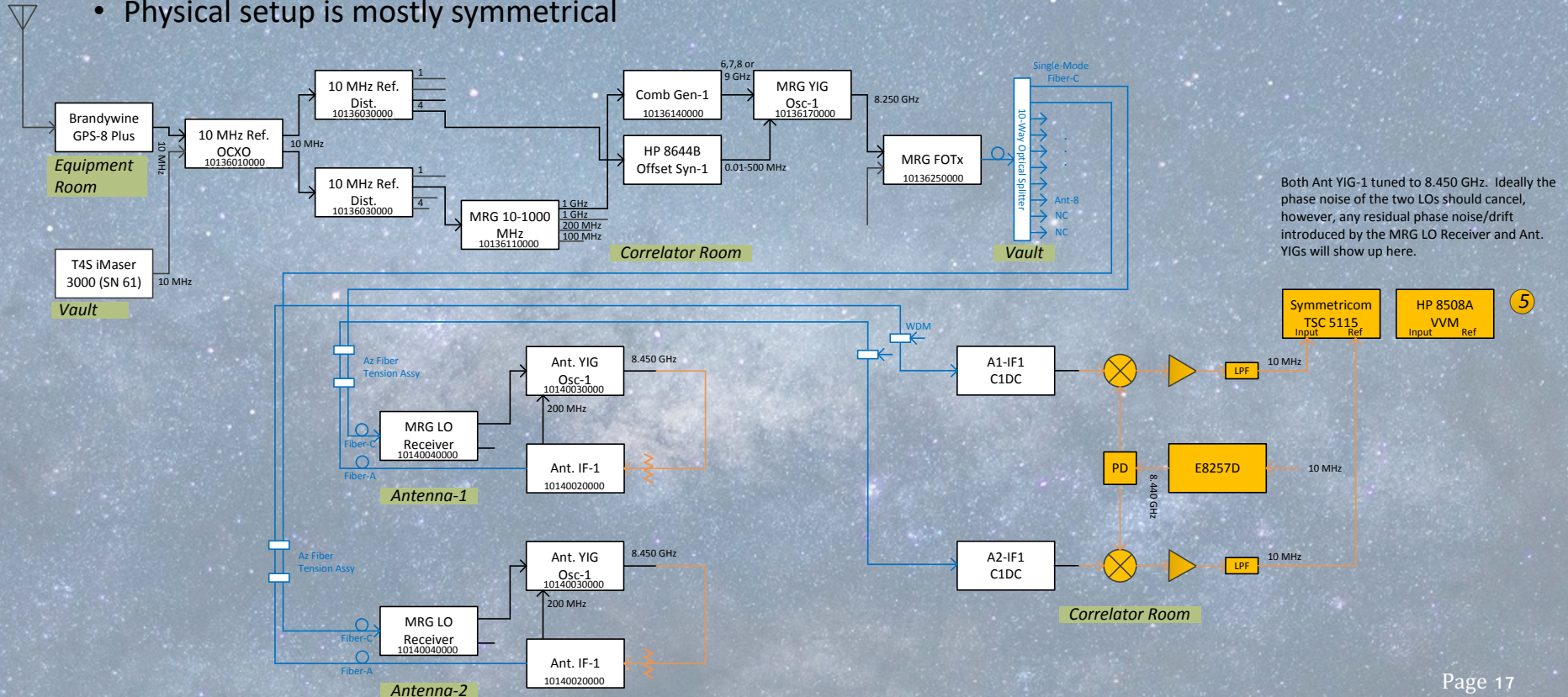


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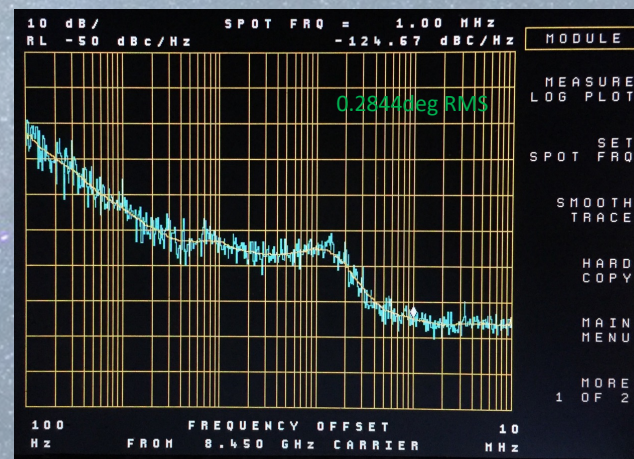
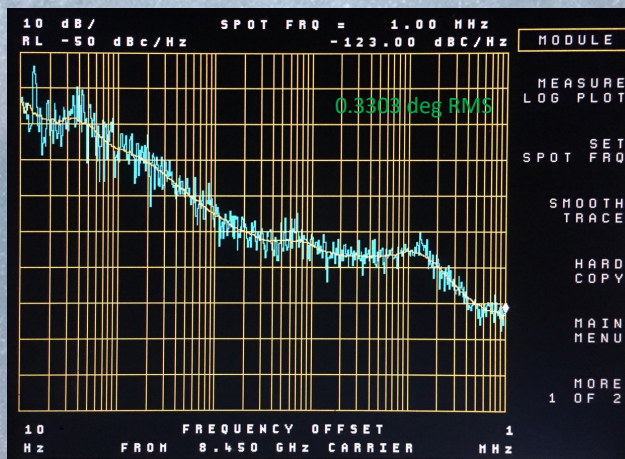
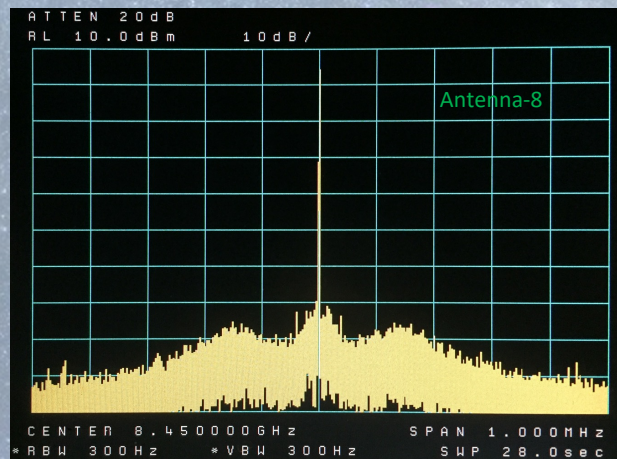
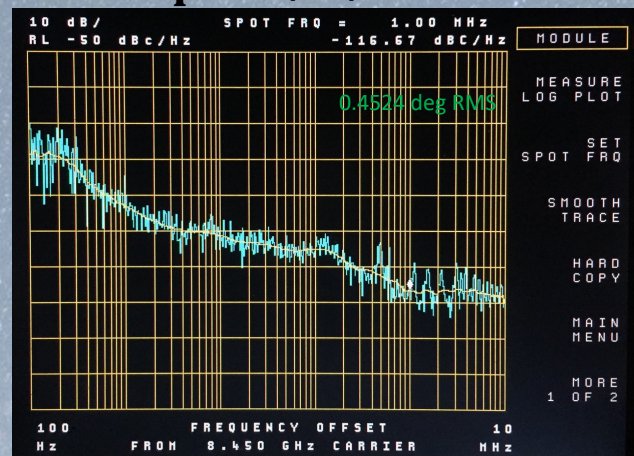
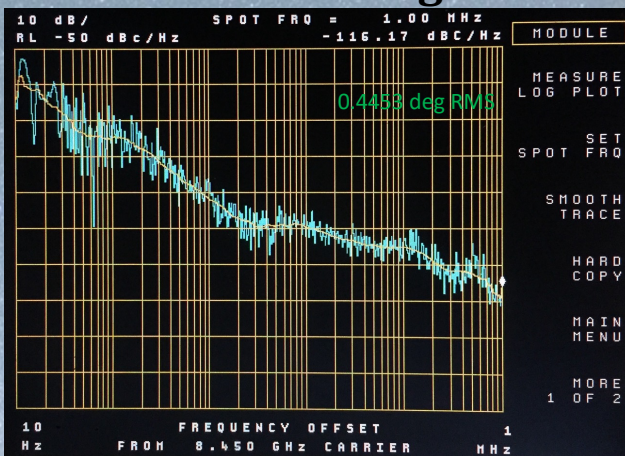
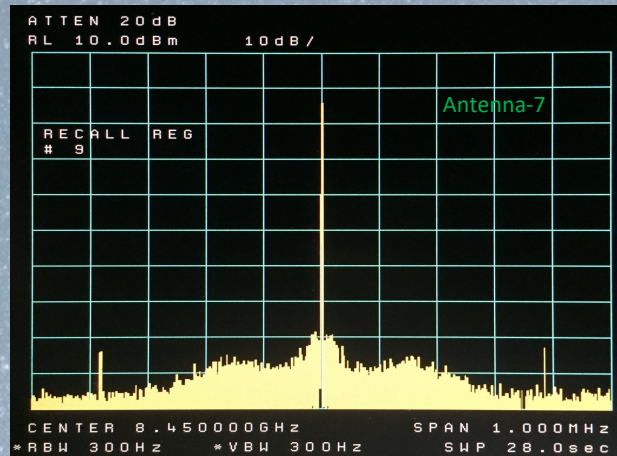
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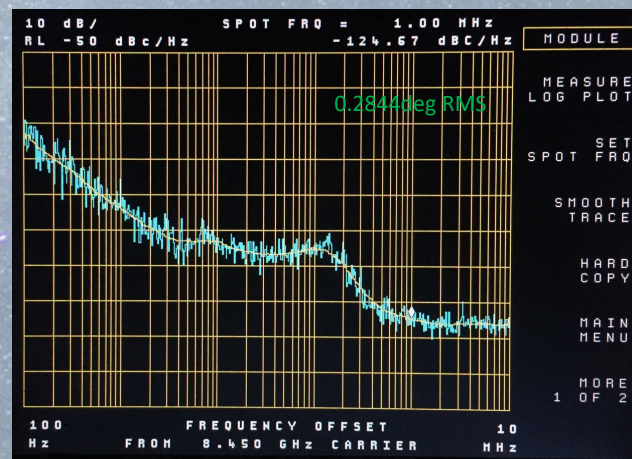
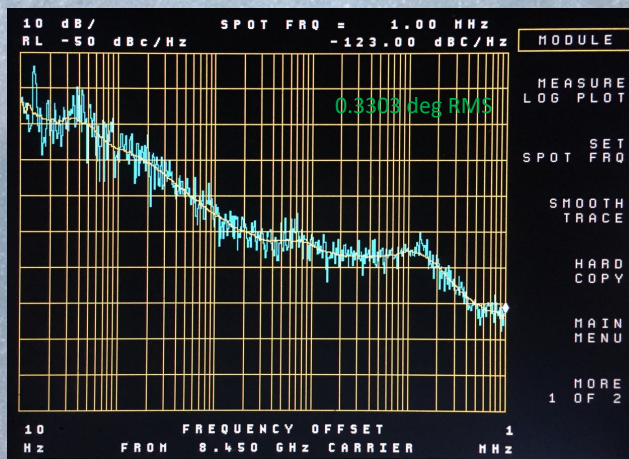
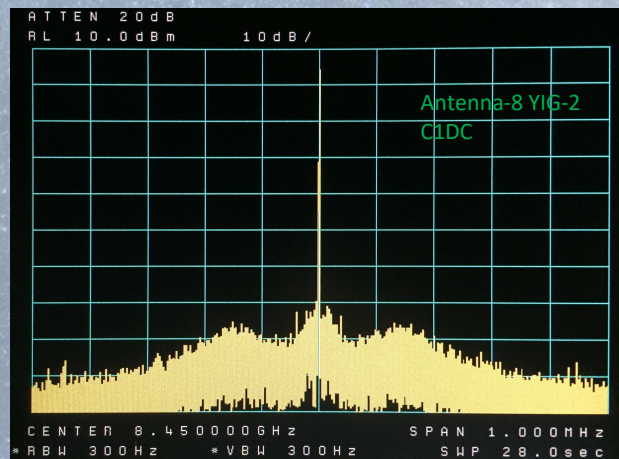
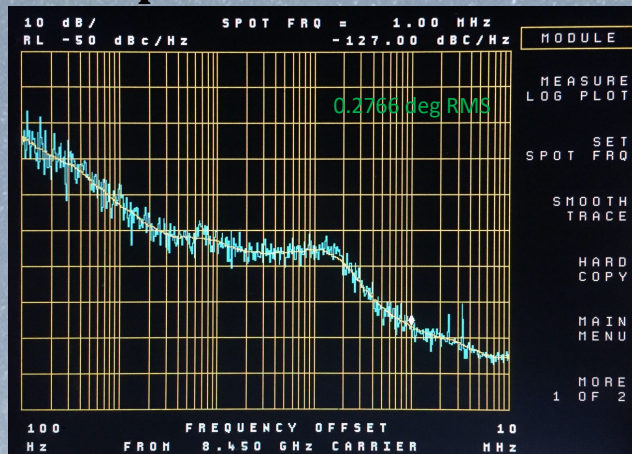
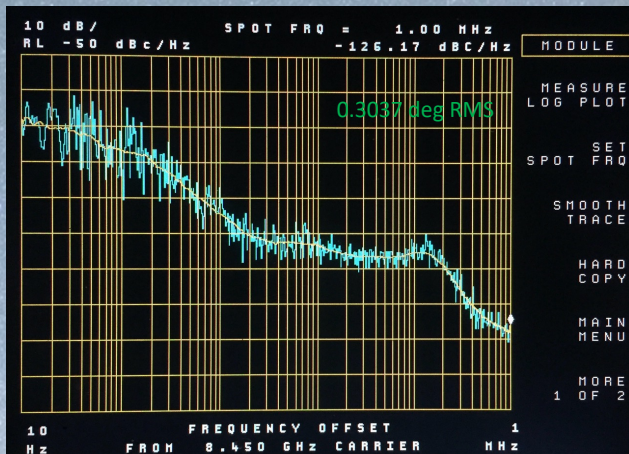
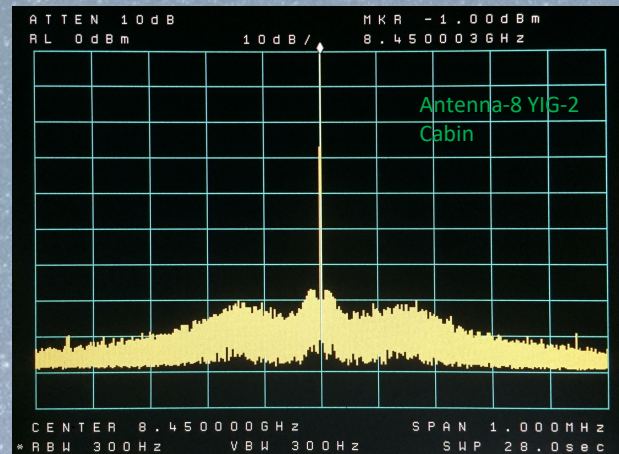


# Characterization Ant-7/8 YIG-2 Signals at C1DC Outputs (5b)





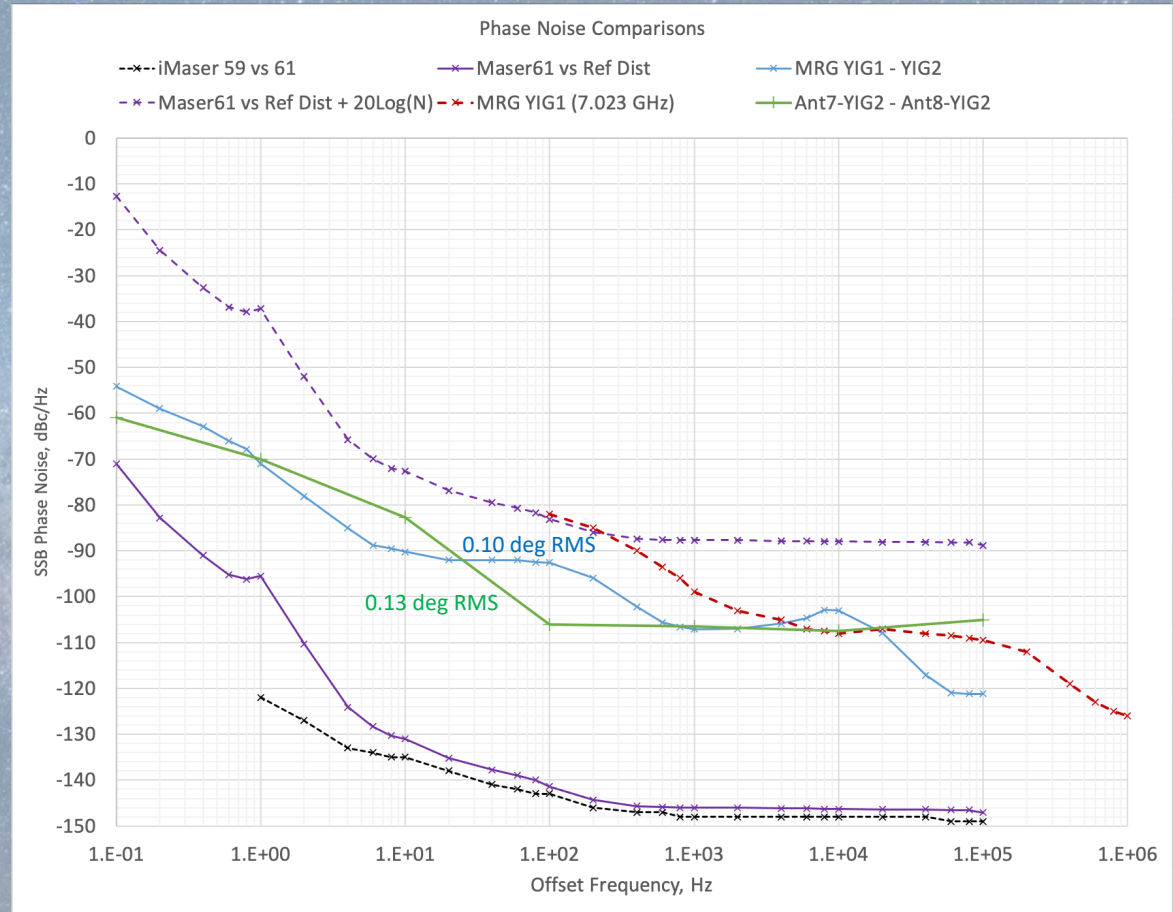
# Characterization Ant-8 YIG-2 Cabin vs C1DC Outputs (5b)





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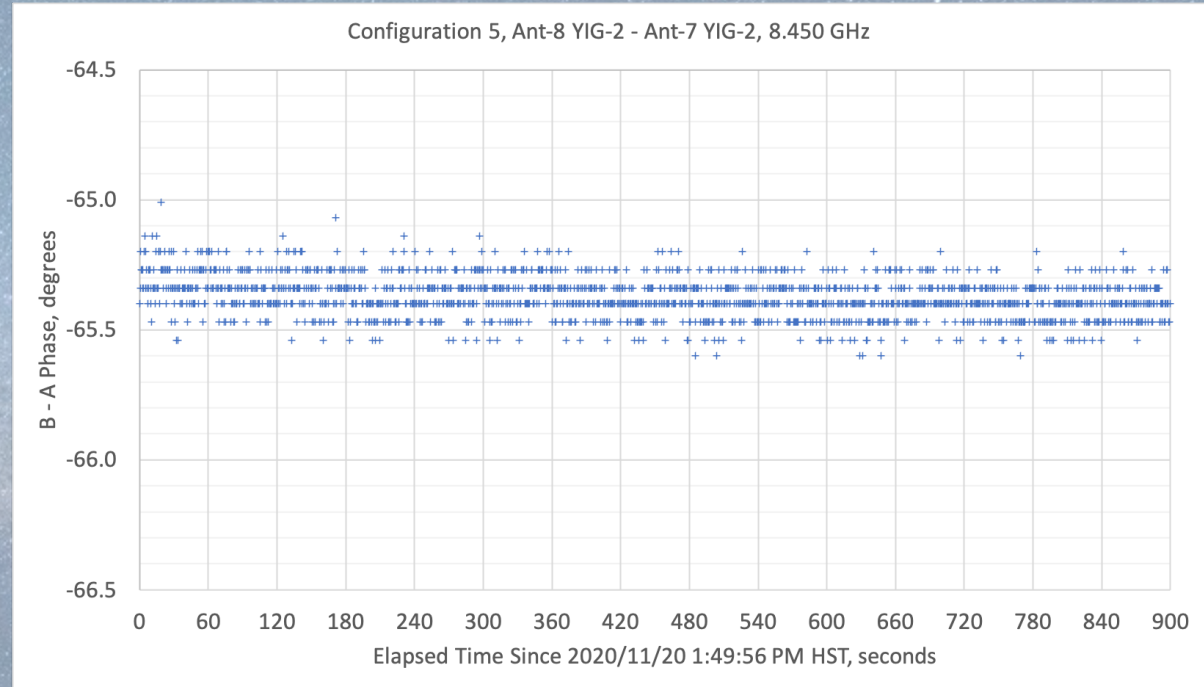
- Phase noise of Ant8-YIG2 – Ant7-YIG2 ( $F_{\text{ant yig}} = 8.450 \text{ GHz}$ )
  - After transmission to back to correlator room on IF2
  - Represents differential phase noise between Ant8 and 7
- Integrated phase noise 0.13 degree RMS, 0.01 – 100,000 Hz
  - 3.64 degree RMS at 236.6 GHz
  - 0.20% loss in sensitivity





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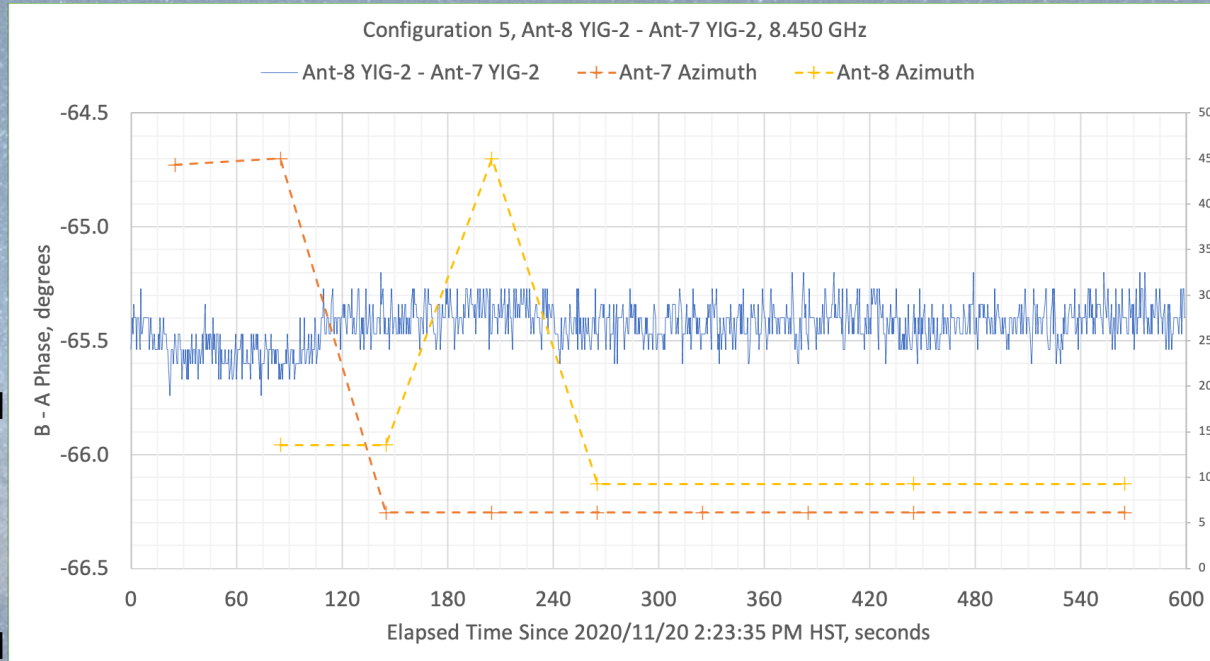
- Phase stability of Ant-8 YIG-2 – Ant-7 YIG-2
  - 2 samples per second
  - 15 minutes duration
- Standard deviation from 360– 420 seconds is 0.07 degrees RMS
  - 1.96° RMS @ 236.6 GHz LO
  - 0.06% sensitivity loss
- Small falling drift of ~0.05 degrees over 15 minutes
  - $0.05 \times 14 \times 2 = 1.4$  degrees @ 236.6 GHz LO





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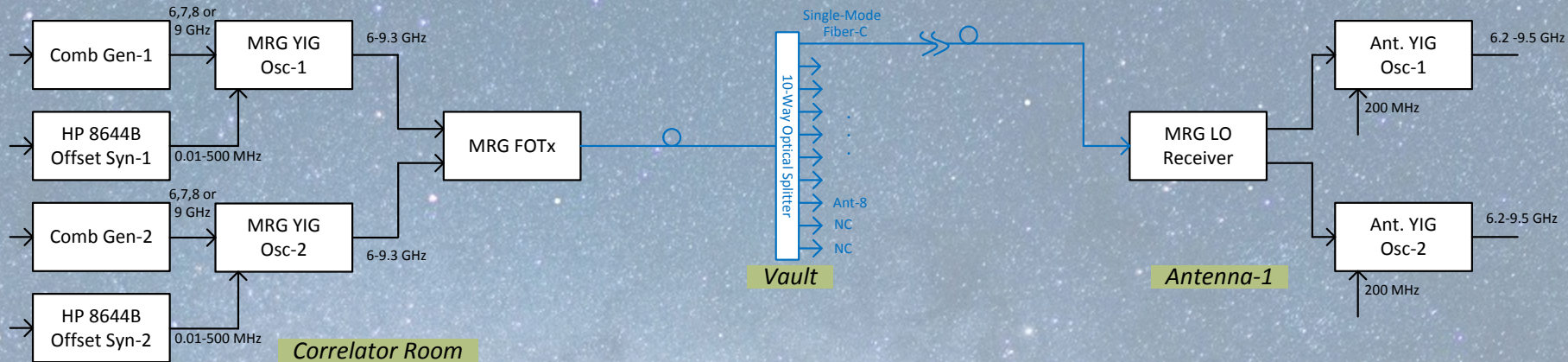
- Phase stability of Ant-8 YIG-2 – Ant-7 YIG-2
  - 2 samples per second
  - 15 minutes duration
- Standard deviation from 360 – 420 seconds is 0.08 degrees RMS
- Moved both antennas in azimuth
  - Ant-7 39° Az movement caused ~0.15 degree phase shift
    - 3.8 m-deg/deg Az
    - 106 m-deg/deg Az @ 236.6 GHz LO
  - Ant-8 32° Az movement caused ~0.10 degree phase shift
    - 3.1 m-deg/deg Az
    - 86.8 m-deg/deg Az @ 236.6 GHz LO



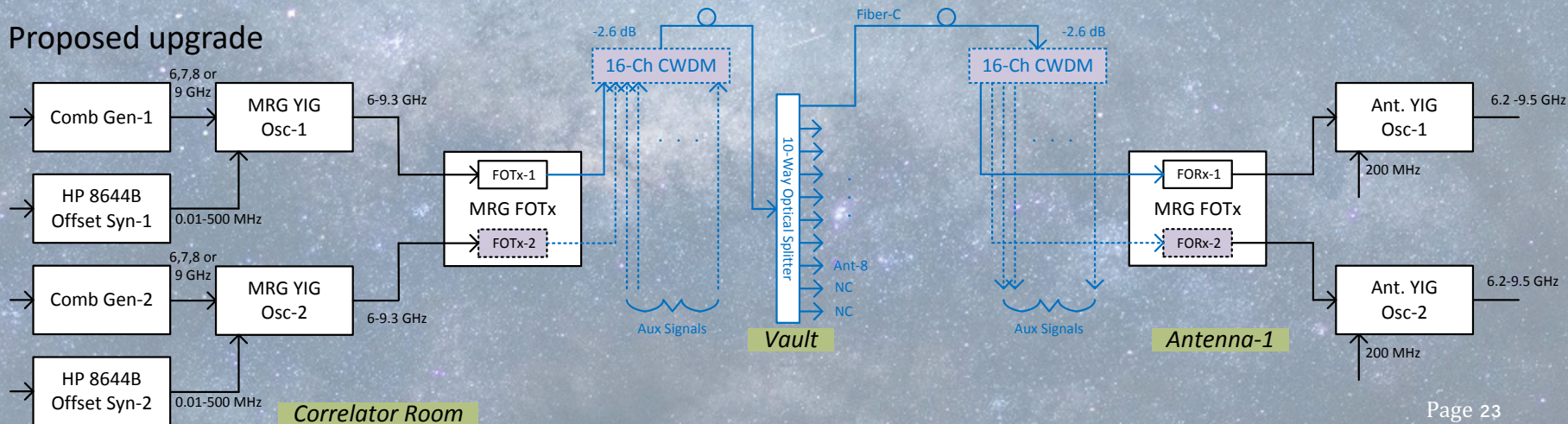


# CWDM Expansion for Future Upgrades

## • Current configuration



## • Proposed upgrade





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- Prelim Ch assignments

1270 – 100 Hz HB

1290 –

**1310 – MRG LO-1**

1350 –

1370 – ADC Clock

1390 – Skip

1410 – Skip

1430 – 10 MHz

1450 – D/C LO-1

1470 – D/C LO-2

1490 – Round-Trip LO

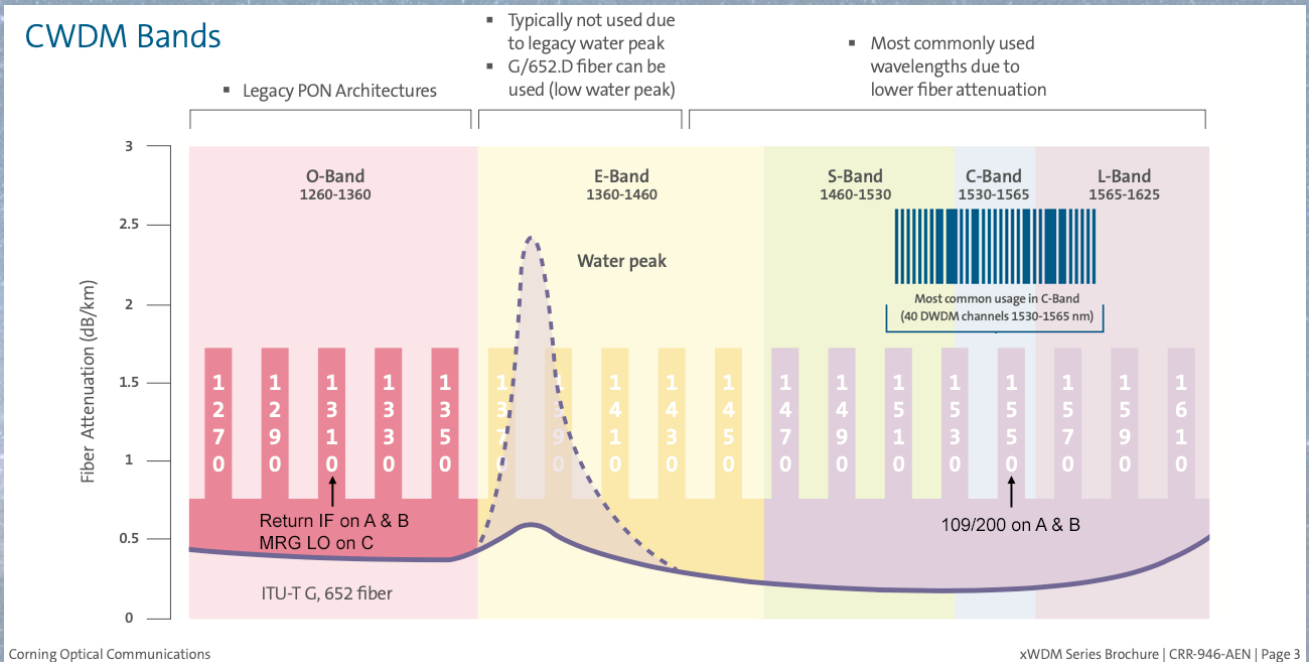
1510 –

**1550 – MRG LO-2**

1570 –

1590 – 1-PPS

1610 – Start of Walsh





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# Round-Trip LO Phase Monitor

- Limited tests conducted in the past have shown evidence of LO phase dependency on azimuth position for some antennas

