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P-bar Note #

Equalizers for Accumulator Core Cooling Upgrade

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Six equalizers have been designed and fabricated for accumulator core cooling system (three horizontal bands and three vertical bands.) The specification for these equalizers is: equalize the system between the frequencies where the original transfer function drops to –10 db lower and the insertion loss of the equalizer itself should be less than –3 db at these frequencies (lower/upper edge)

Parallel coupled resonant lines made of stripline structures are used for these equalizers. Most of equalizers use 4 coupled lines except for vertical band 1 which uses 3 coupled lines. Shown in Table 2 are the parameters of the circuits. Tolerance of less than 0.5 mil on line width and separation is needed to achieve or to be close to the designed performance. Each circuit is inspected before and after etching as quality control.

Hewlett Packard ADS (Advanced Design System) software is used for design. The optimization of these equalizers is done manually since manual optimization is much better (and much faster) than the software's optimizer. Standard deviation (STDDEV) divided by Average of the S parameter (real part) of the transfer function is used to "optimize" equalizers' performance. The advantage of using this "criterion" is it gives quantitative description of how "flat" the system is with the equalizer so a designer can quantitatively compare and improve different versions of equalizer designs for a transfer function. However the value of STDDEV/AVERAGE not only depends on the equalizer but also depends on the original transfer function since a equalizer can only change the "general shape" of a transfer function but can not eliminate the "fine" fluctuation or big "local bump" such as a –5 db local drop in Band 3 transfer functions. Therefore this criterion should not be used to compare equalizers' performance for different transfer functions. Shown in Table 1 are measured values of STDDEV/AVEERGAGE of these equalizers. Shown in Figure 1 – 12 are the measured S parameters (in dB or real part) of the transfer function with and without equalizer. The parameters "integ1", "integ2" and "gainadd" in Figure 2-2 – 12-2 are the integration of real part over the designed bandwidth and the extra gain (in dB) needed for the system (with equalizer) to have same output power as the pervious system (without equalizer.) The "measured" STDDEV/AVERAGE values and the S parameters plot of "with equalizer" in Figure 1 - 12 are based on embedded S parameters of original measured transfer function and measured S parameters of equalizers (this means they are measured separately and put together through software.) After these equalizers installed, if the cable length and the phase of the system are adjusted correctly, the new transfer function should be the same as those in Figure 1 – 12. Shown in Figure 13 – 18 are the measured s-parameters (dB and phase) of these filters.

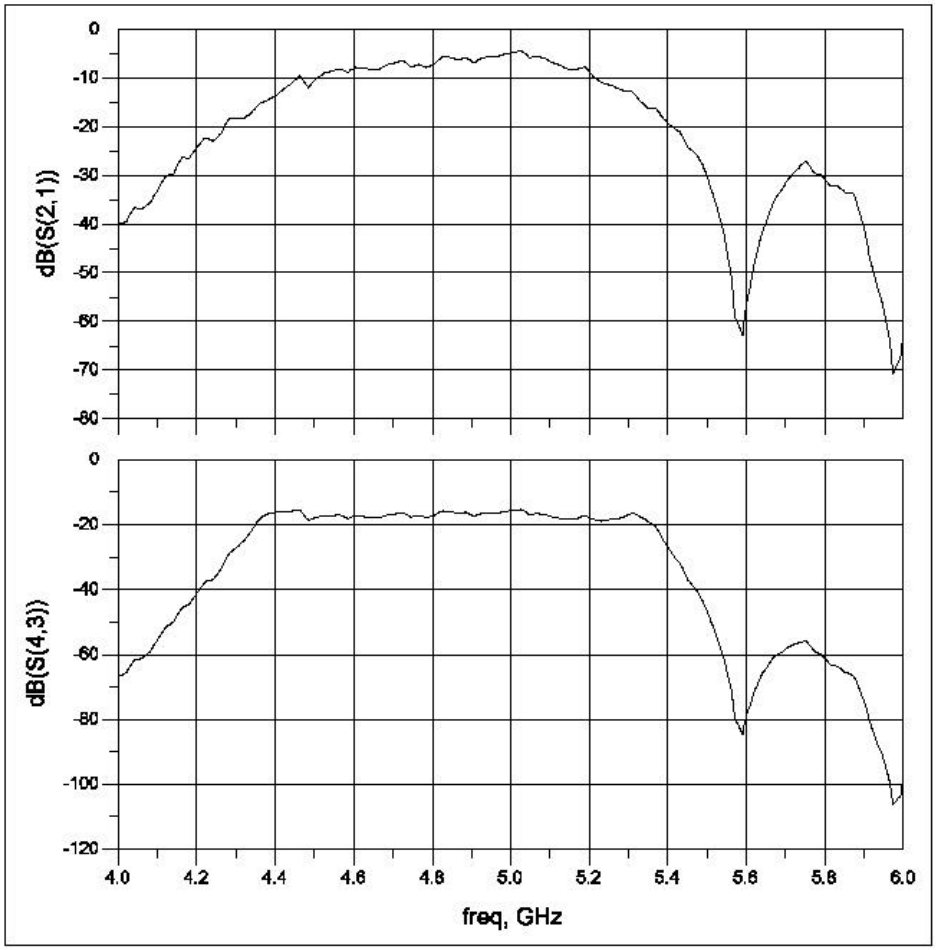

Figure 1. Band1 Horizontal, S parameter (dB) of transfer function
top: without equalizer bottom: with equalizer

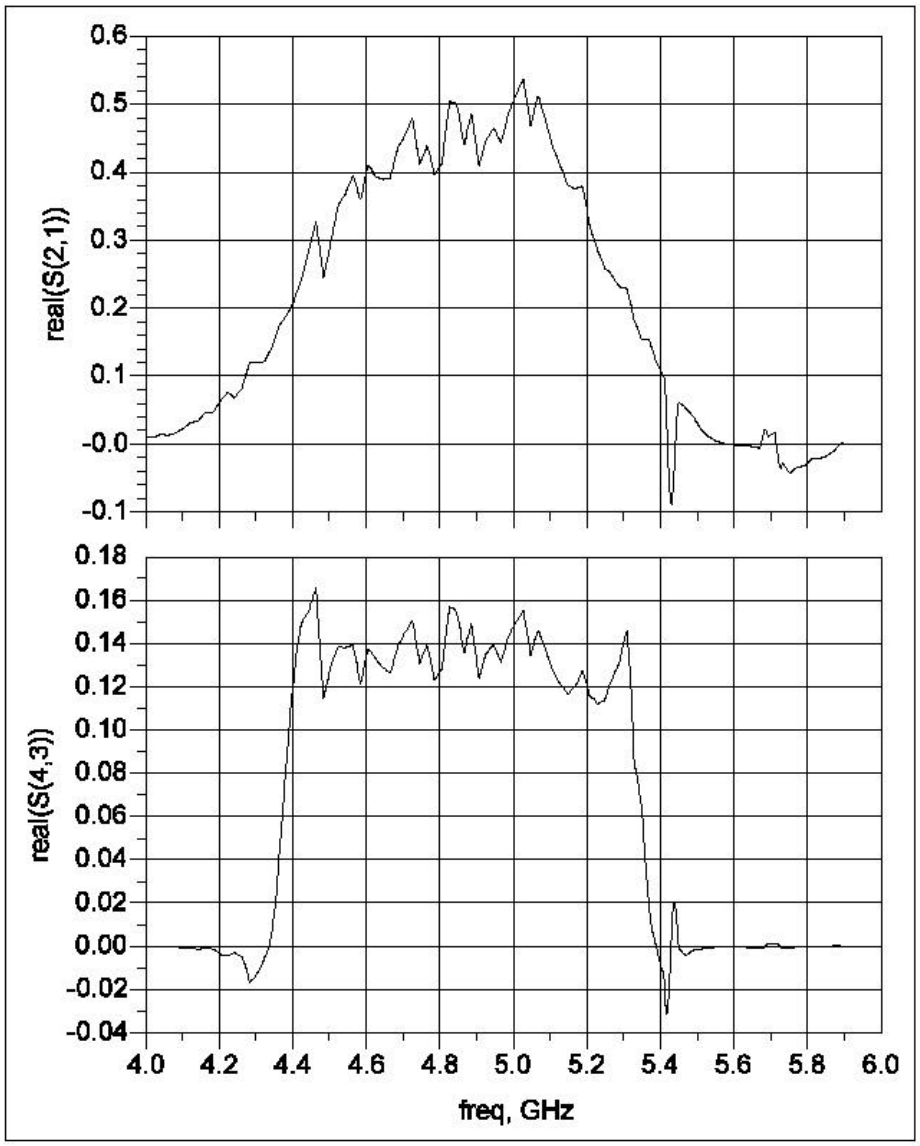

Figure 2. Band1 Horizontal, S parameter (real part) of transfer function
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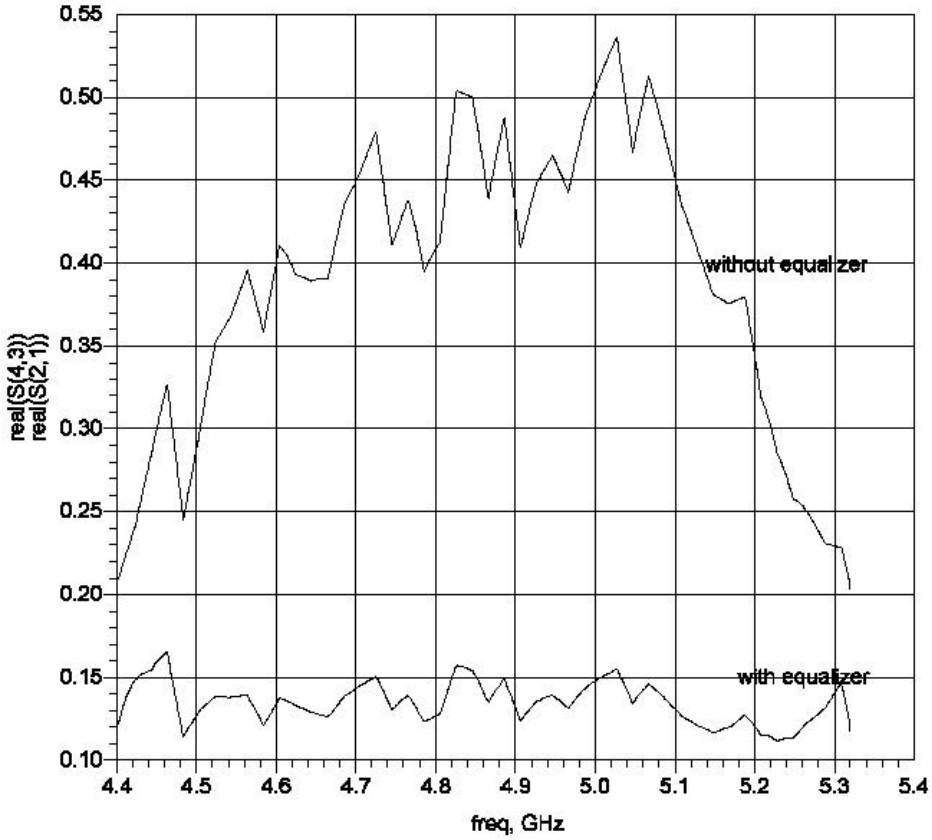

ave1	stddev1	integ1	ave2	stddev2	integ2	gainadd
0.391	0.085	3.598E8	0.135	0.012	1.239E8	9.258

Figure 2-2. Band1 Horizontal, S parameter (real part) of transfer function with and without equalizer
Ave1, stddev1, integ1: without equalizer
Ave2, stddev2: integ2: with equalizer
Gainadd: 20*log(integ1/integ2)

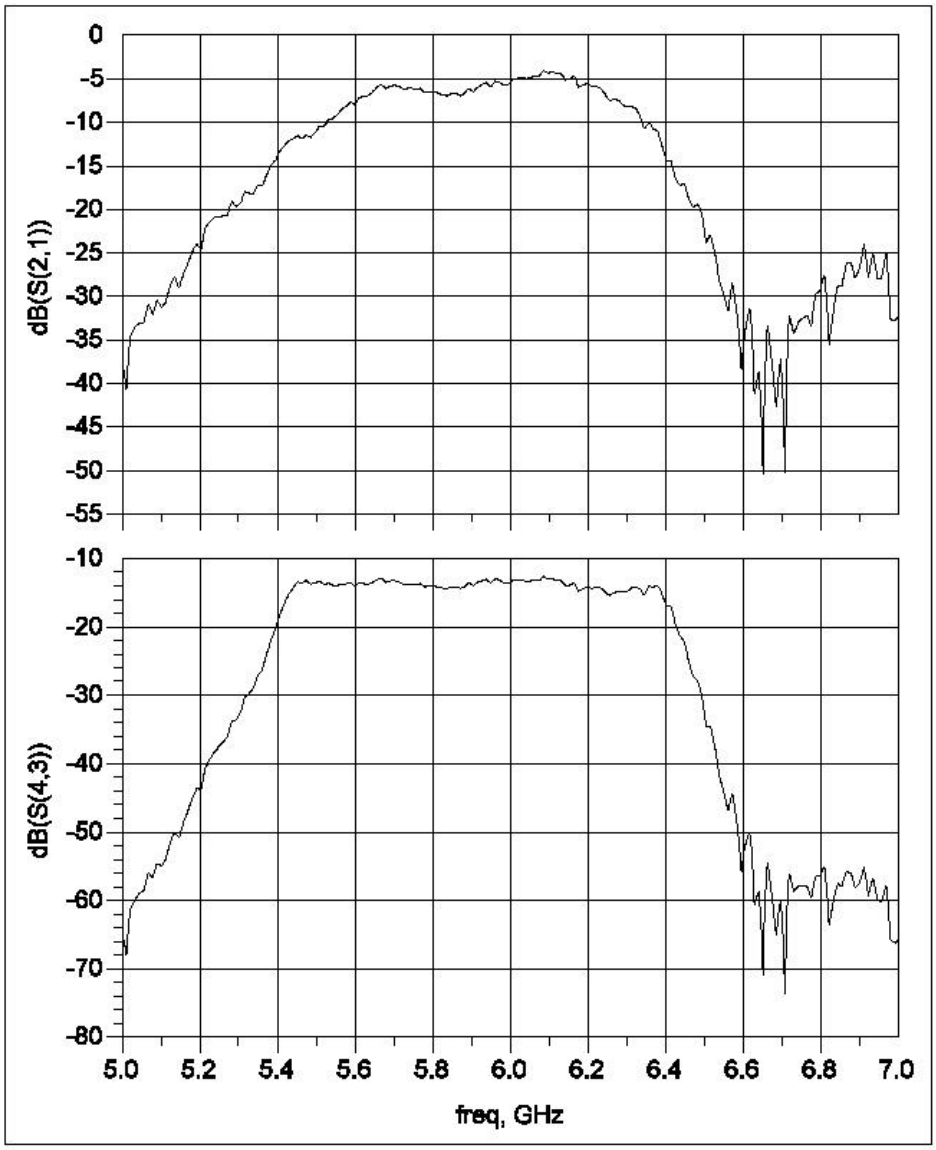

Figure 3. Band 2 Horizontal, S parameter (dB) of transfer function
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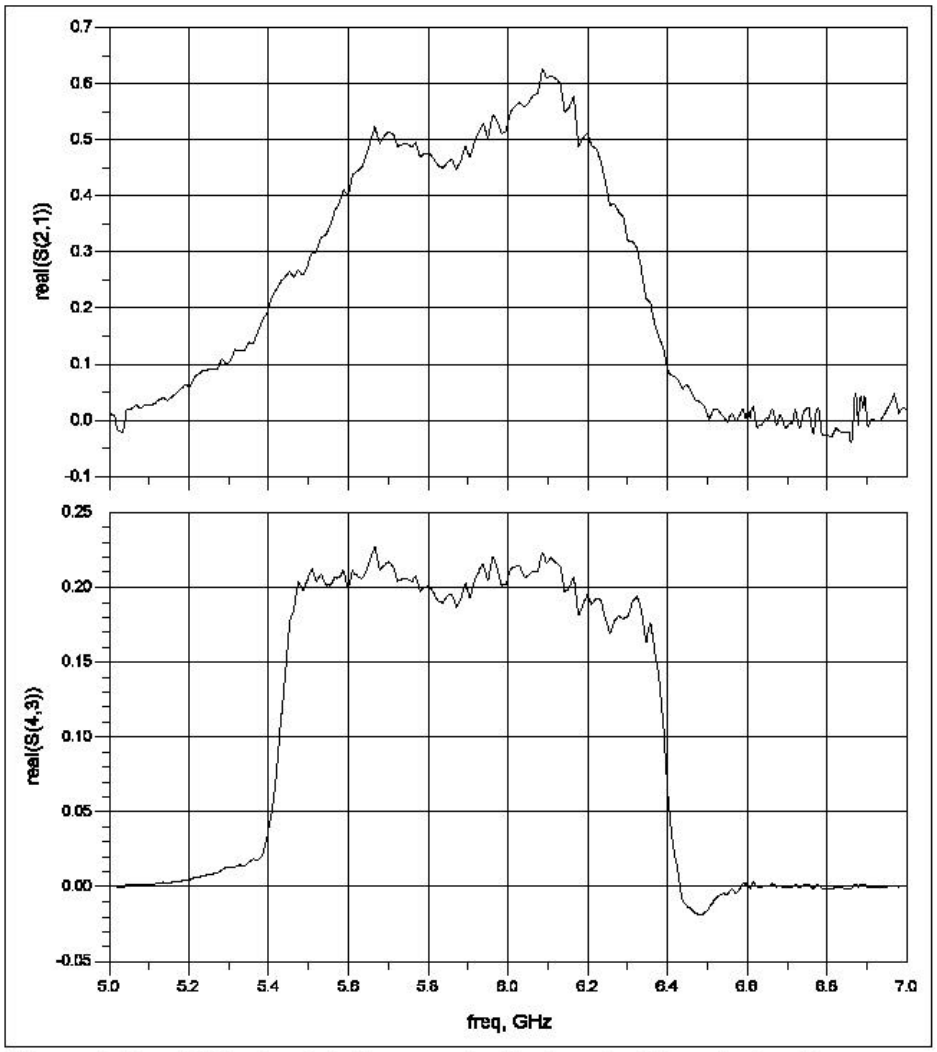

Figure 4. Band 2 Horizontal, S parameter (real part) of transfer function
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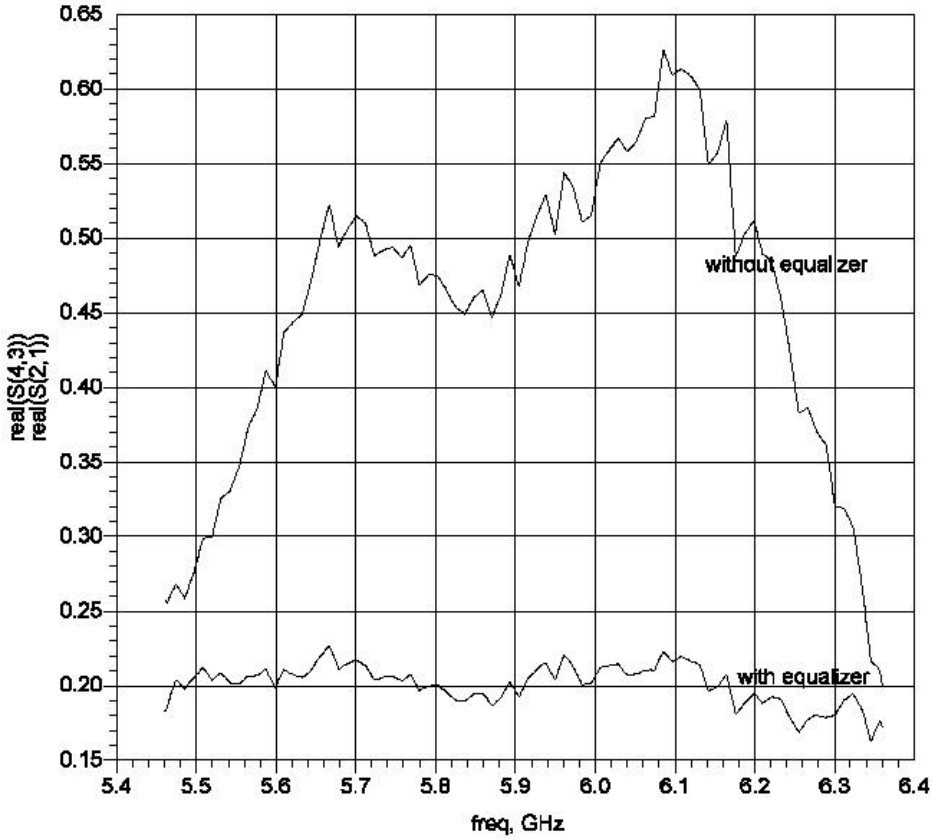

ave1	stddev1	integ1	ave2	stddev2	integ2	gainadd
0.457	0.099	4.115E8	0.201	0.012	1.812E8	7.125

Figure 4-2. Band2 Horizontal, S parameter (real part) of transfer function with and without equalizer
Ave1, stddev1, integ1: without equalizer
Ave2, stddev2: integ2: with equalizer
Gainadd: 20*log(integ1/integ2)

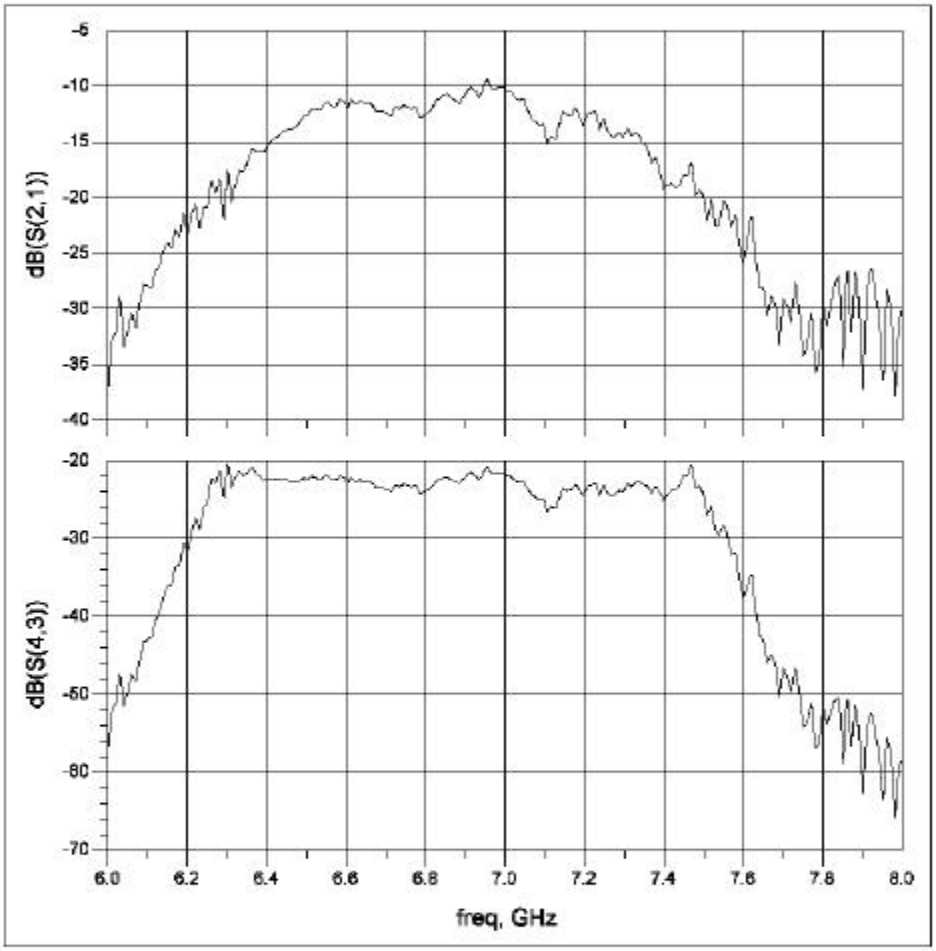

Figure 5. Band3 Horizontal, S parameter (dB) of transfer function
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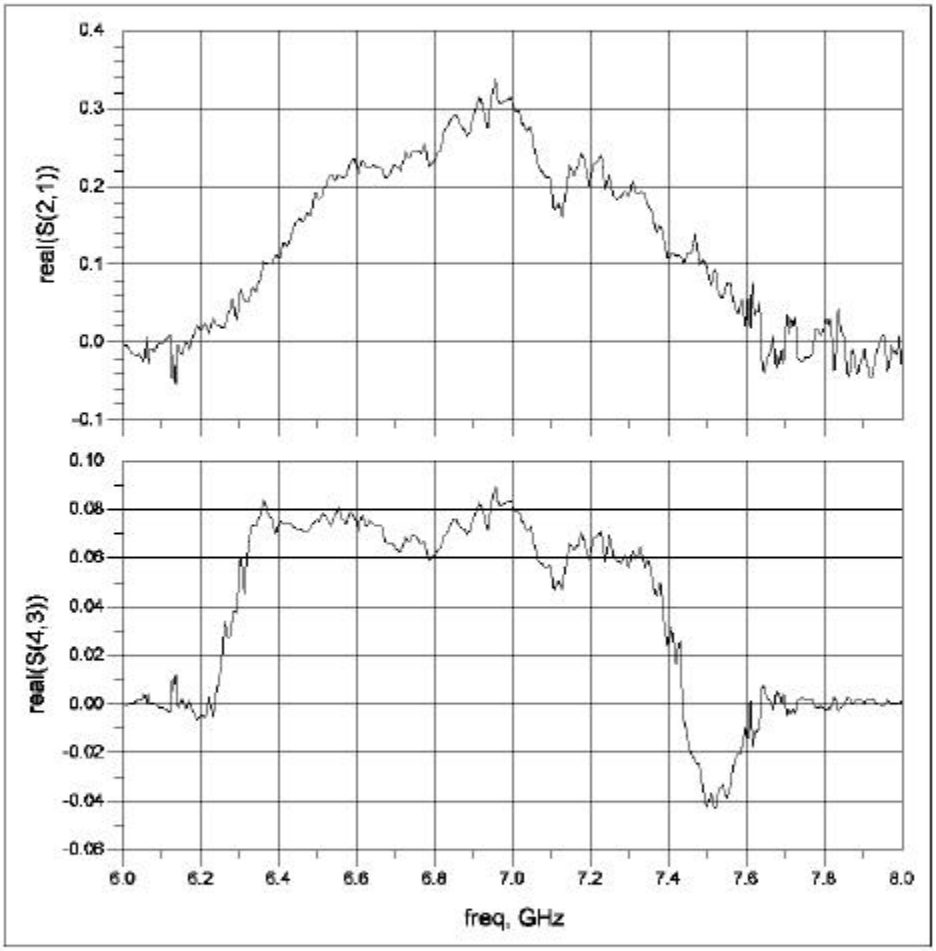

Figure 6. Band3 Horizontal, S parameter (real part) of transfer function
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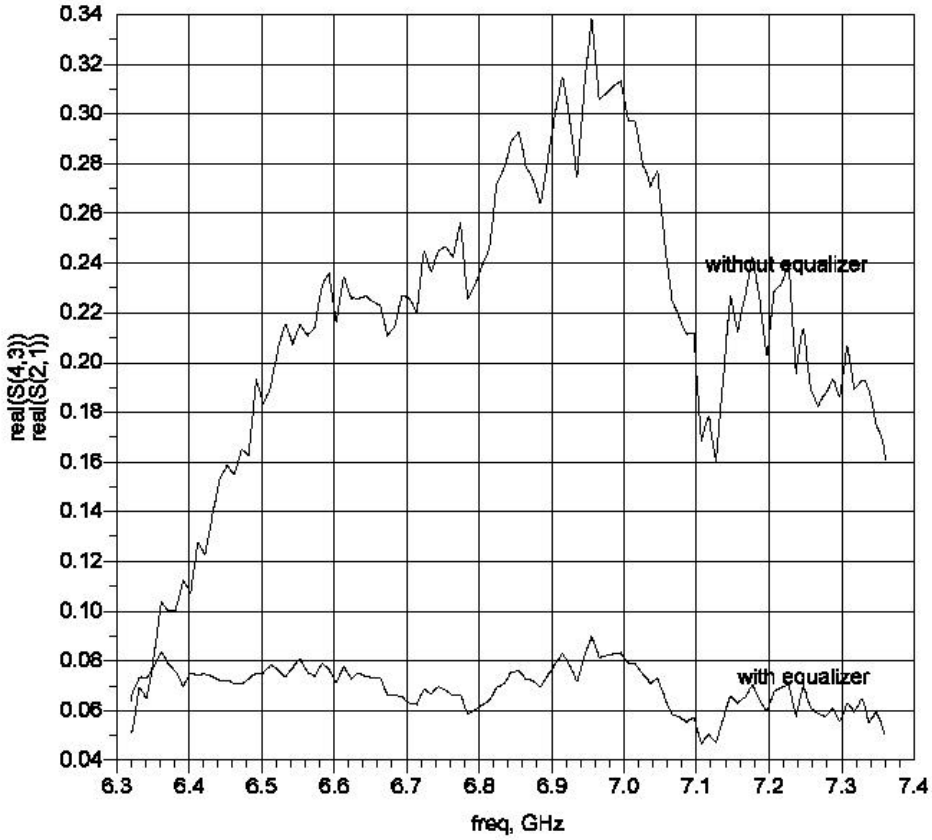

ave1	stddev1	integ1	ave2	stddev2	integ2	gainadd
0.216	0.058	2.255E8	0.070	0.008	7.230E7	9.879

Figure 6-2. Band3 Horizontal, S parameter (real part) of transfer function with and without equalizer
Ave1, stddev1, integ1: without equalizer
Ave2, stddev2: integ2: with equalizer
Gainadd: 20*log(integ1/integ2)

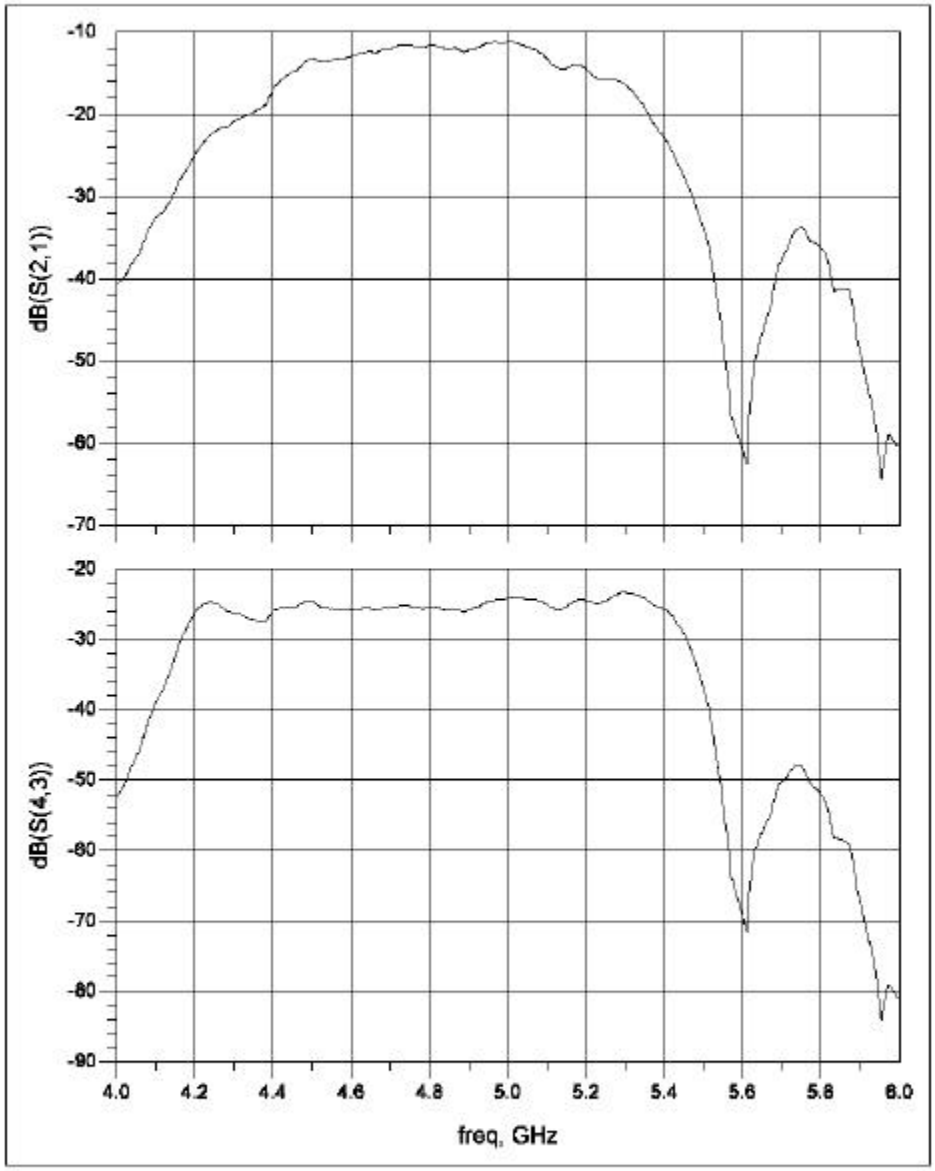

Figure 7. Band1 Vertical, S parameter (dB) of transfer function
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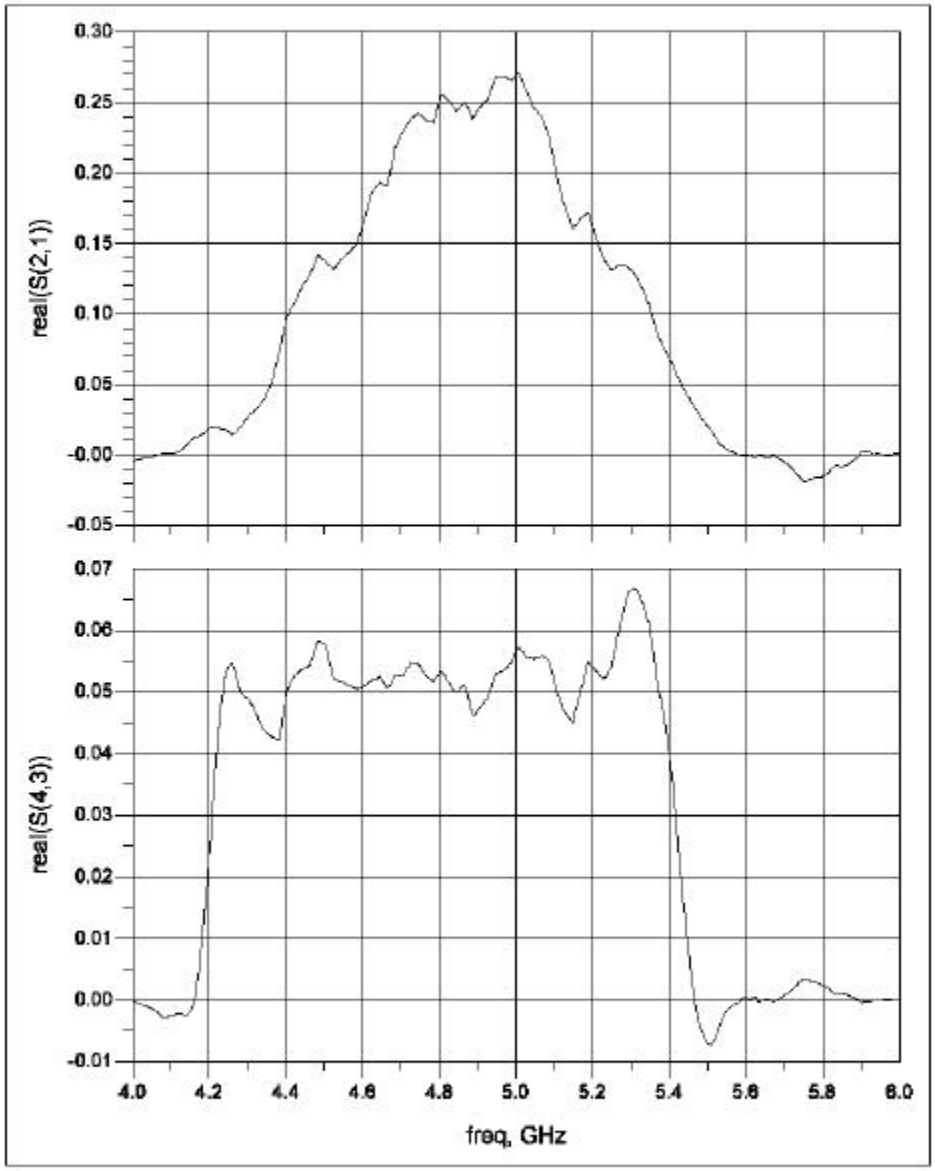

Figure 8. Band1 Vertical, S parameter (real part) of transfer function
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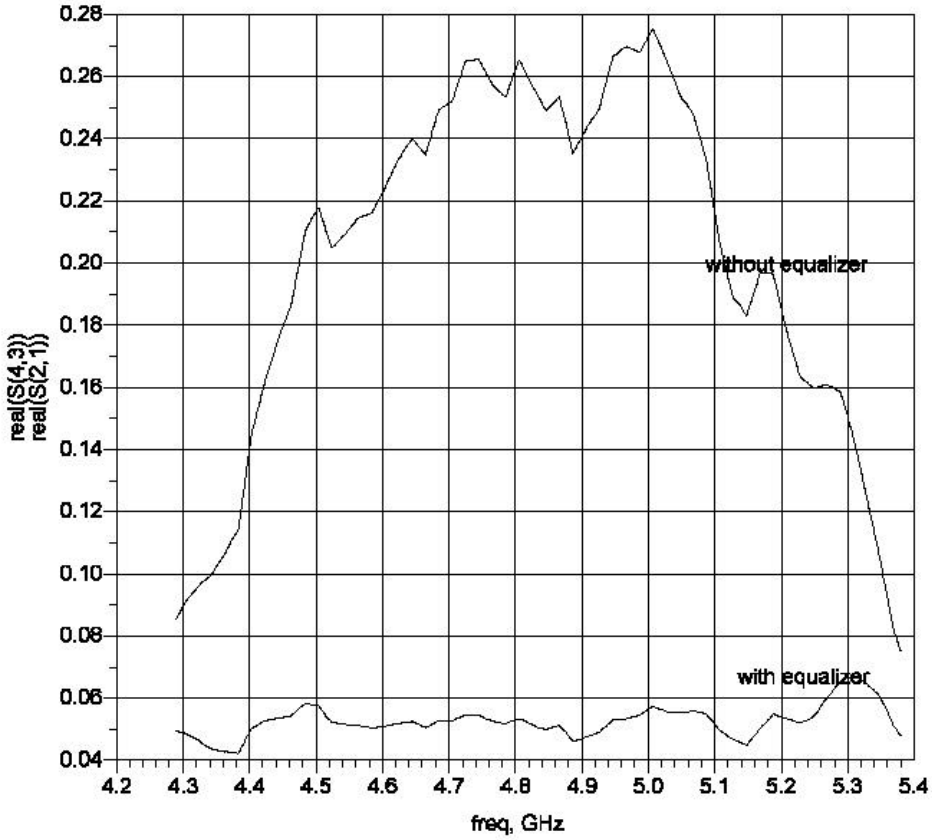

ave1	stddev1	integ1	ave2	stddev2	integ2	gainadd
0.203	0.056	2.217E8	0.053	0.005	5.717E7	11.772

Figure 8-2. Band1 Vertical, S parameter (real part) of transfer function with and without equalizer
Ave1, stddev1, integ1: without equalizer
Ave2, stddev2: integ2: with equalizer
Gainadd: 20*log(integ1/integ2)

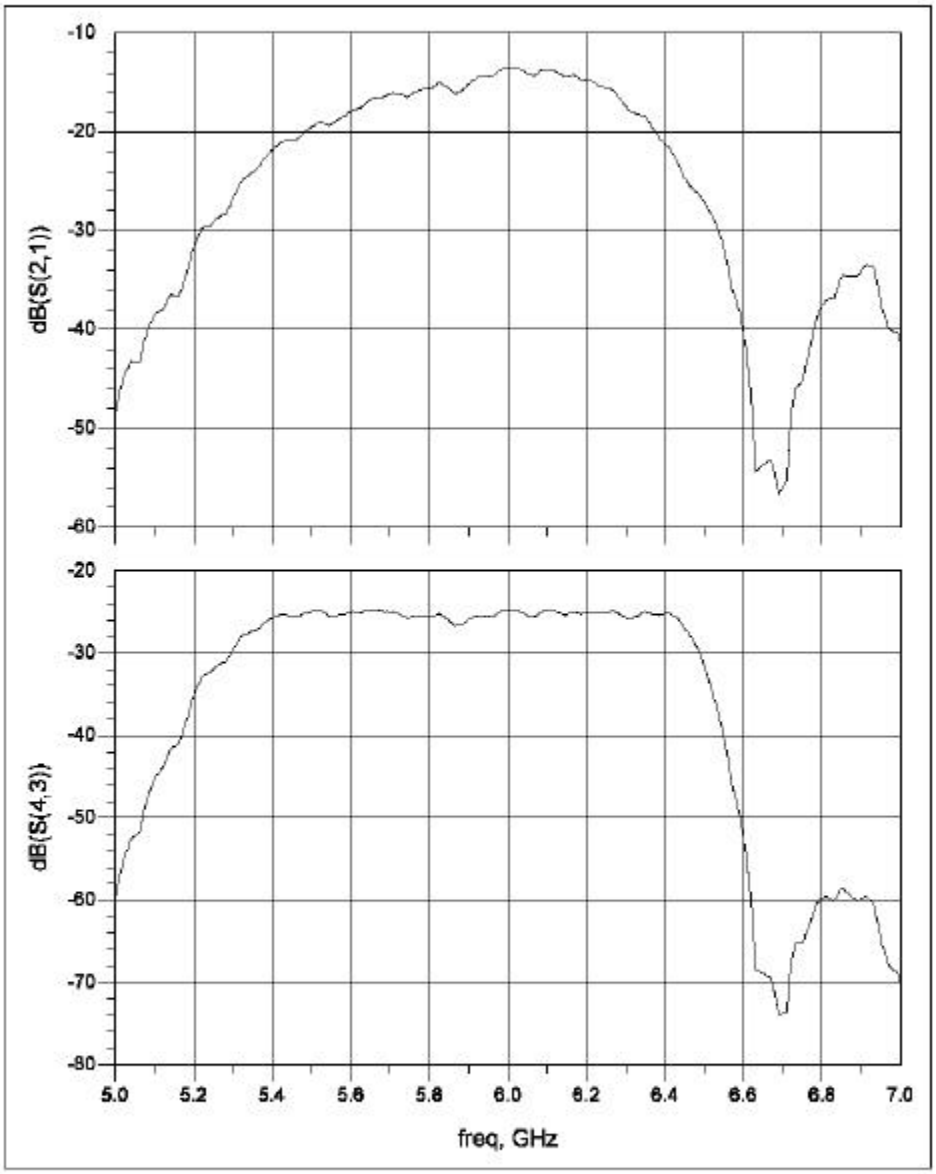

Figure 9. Band2 Vertical, S parameter (dB) of transfer function
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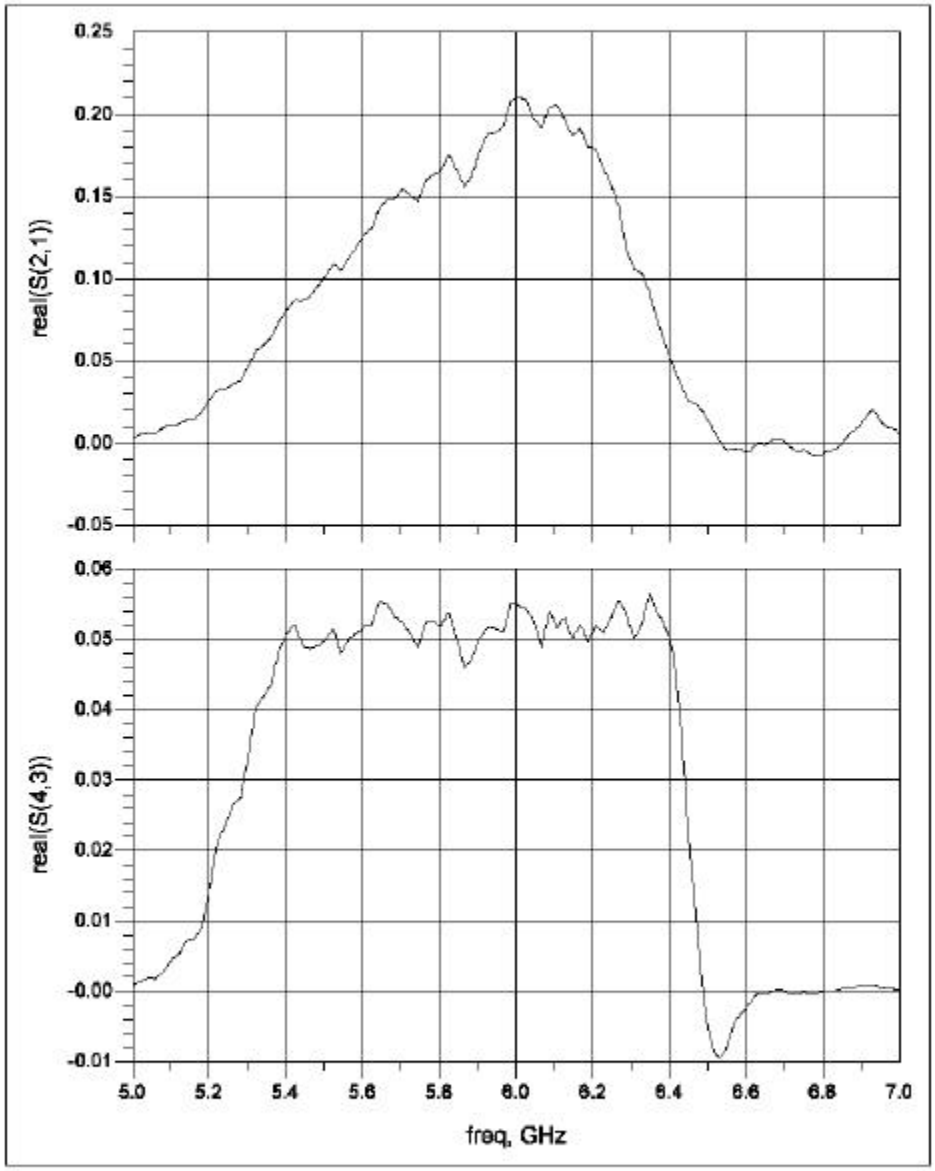

Figure 10. Band2 Vertical, S parameter (real part) of transfer function
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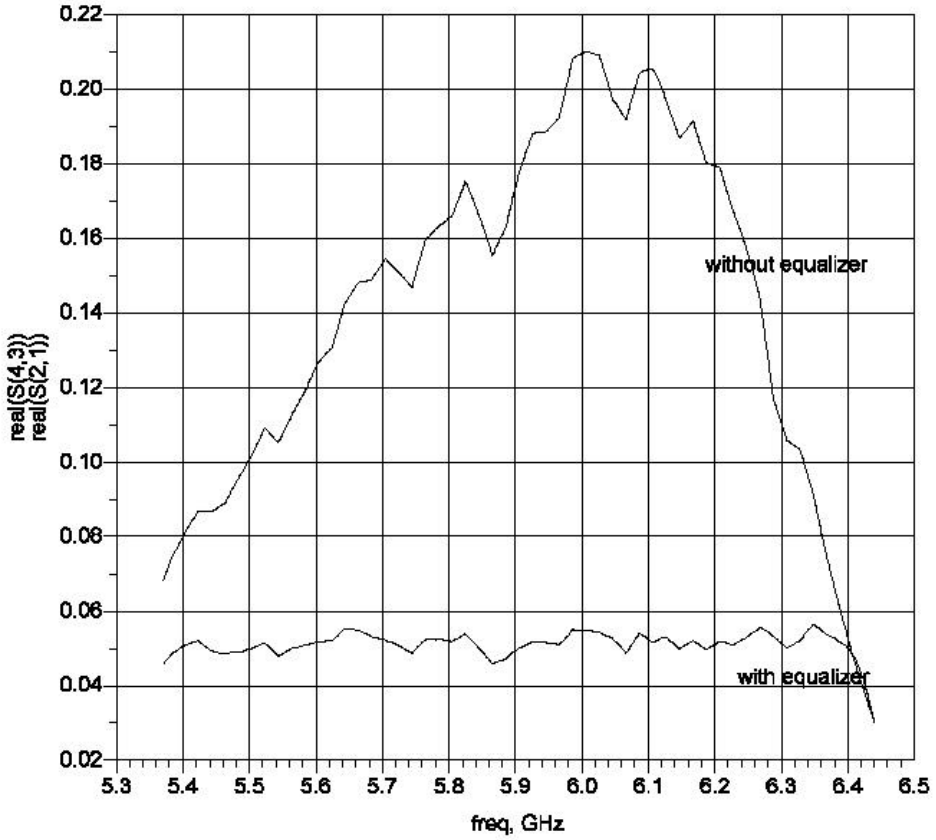

ave1	stddev1	integ1	ave2	stddev2	integ2	gainadd
0.142	0.046	1.525E8	0.051	0.003	5.478E7	8.891

Figure 10-2. Band2 Vertical, S parameter (real part) of transfer function with and without equalizer
Ave1, stddev1, integ1: without equalizer
Ave2, stddev2: integ2: with equalizer
Gainadd: 20*log(integ1/integ2)

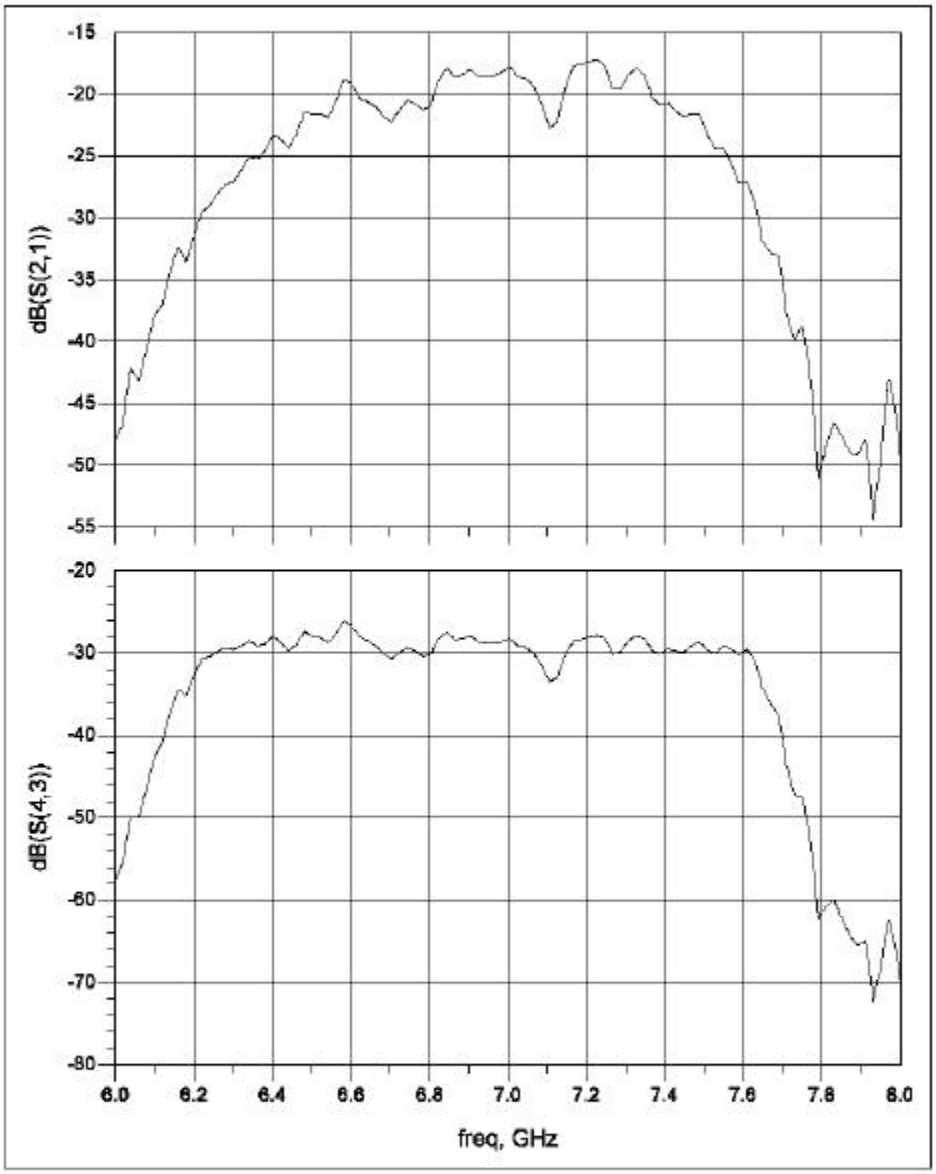

Figure 11. Band3 Vertical, S parameter (dB) of transfer function
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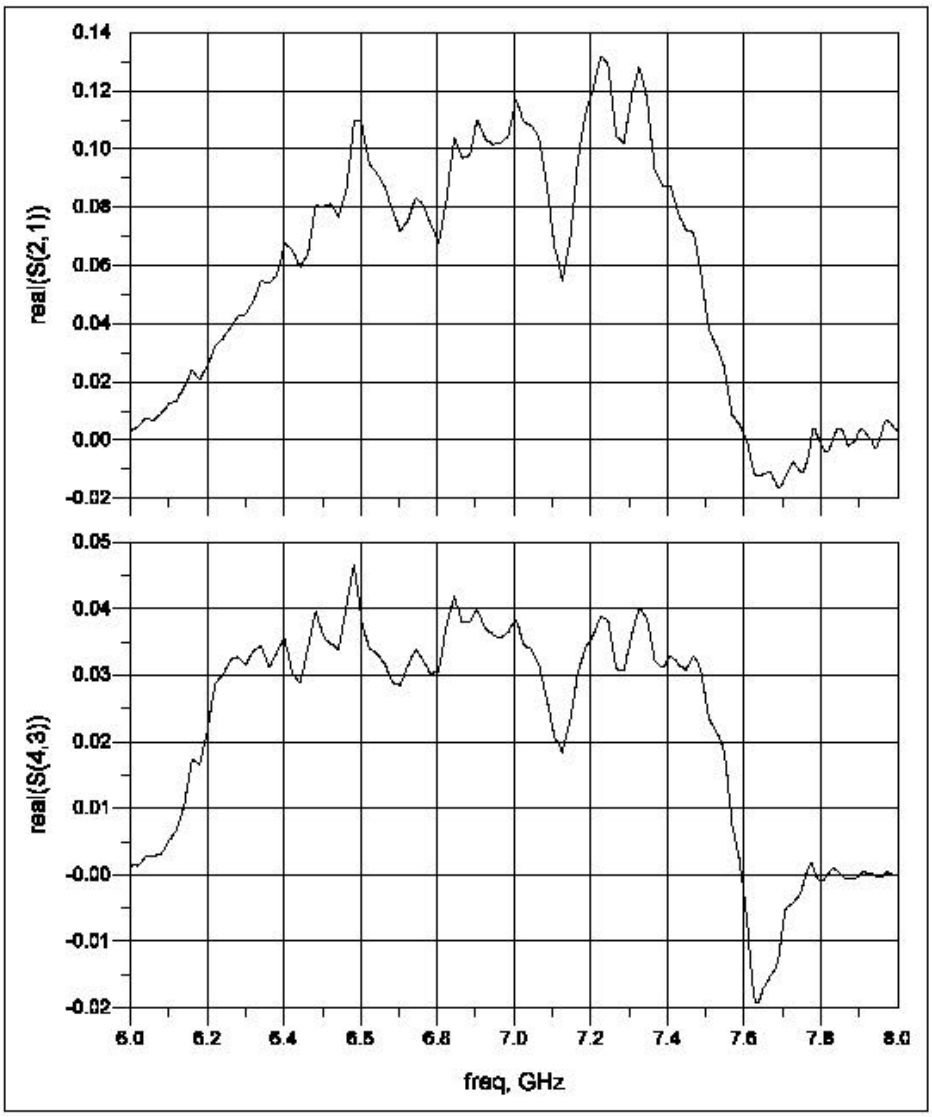

FIgure 12. Band 3 Vertical, S parameter (real part) of transfer function
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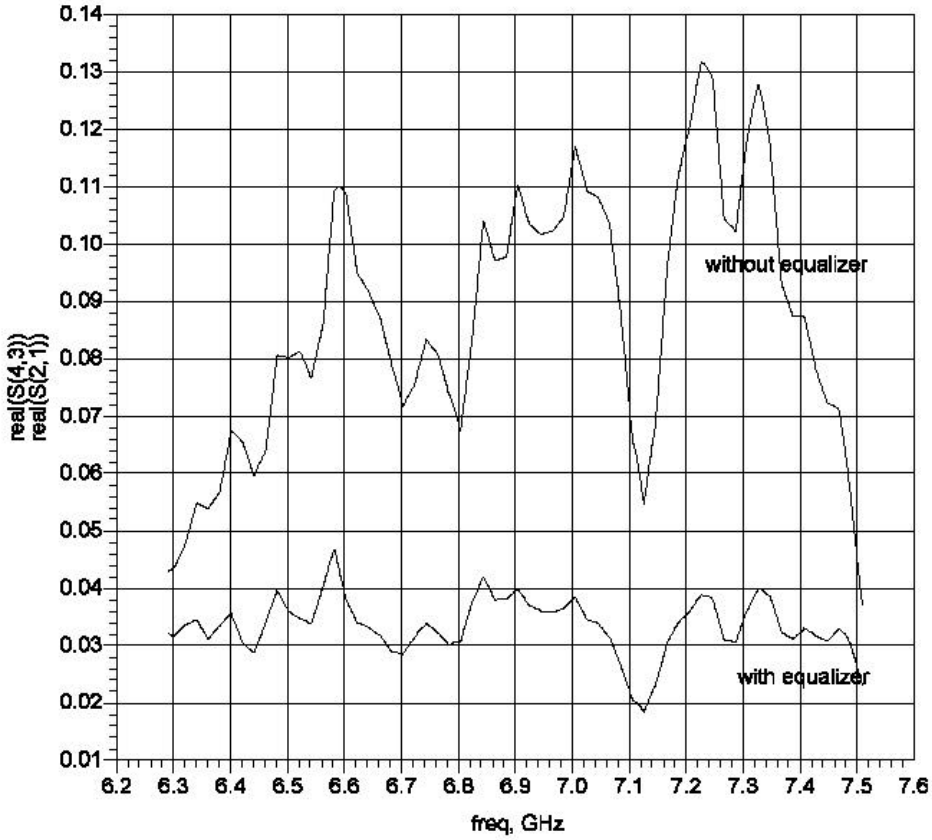


ave1	stddev1	integ1	ave2	stddev2	integ2	gainadd
0.087	0.022	1.065E8	0.034	0.005	4.098E7	8.294

Figure 12-2. Band3 Vertical, S parameter (real part) of transfer function with and without equalizer
Ave1, stddev1, integ1: without equalizer
Ave2, stddev2: integ2: with equalizer
Gainadd: 20*log(integ1/integ2)

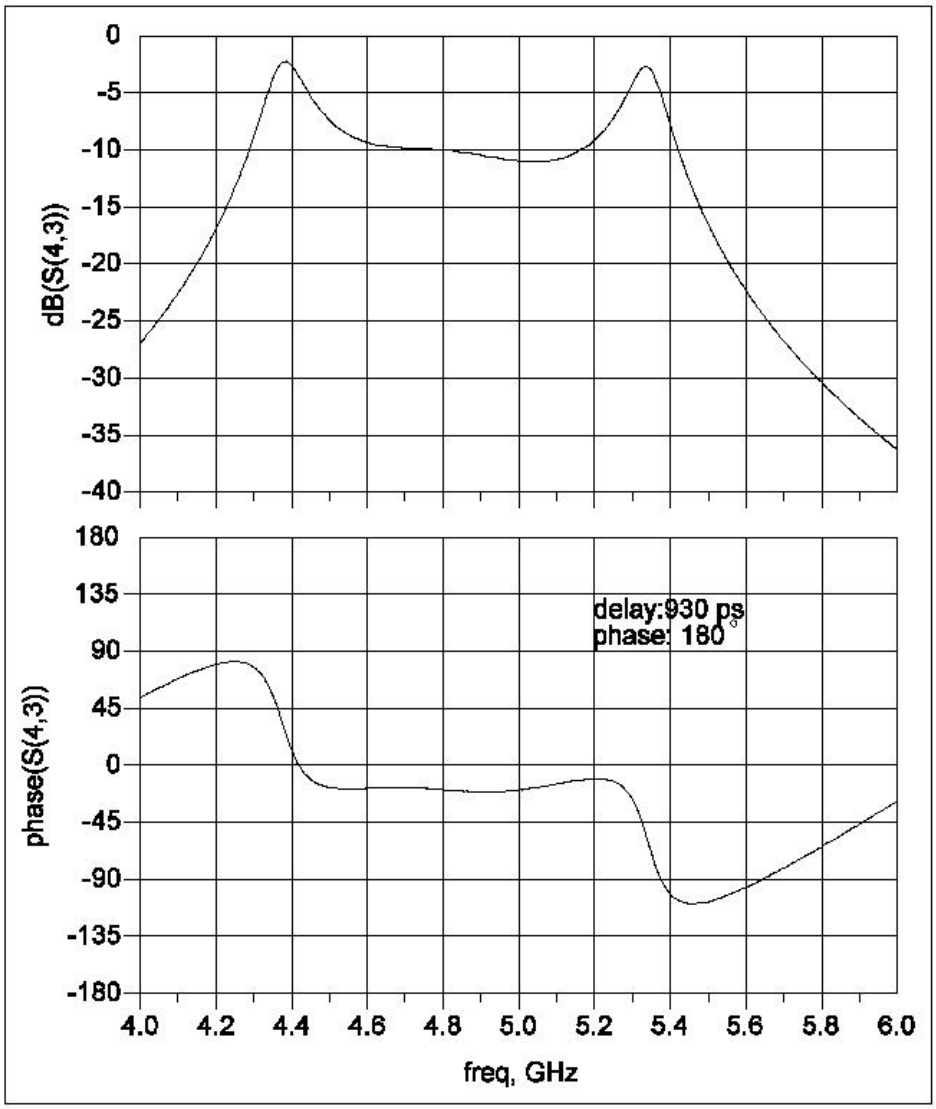


Figure 13. Band 1 Horizontal, S parameter (dB and phase) of equalizer

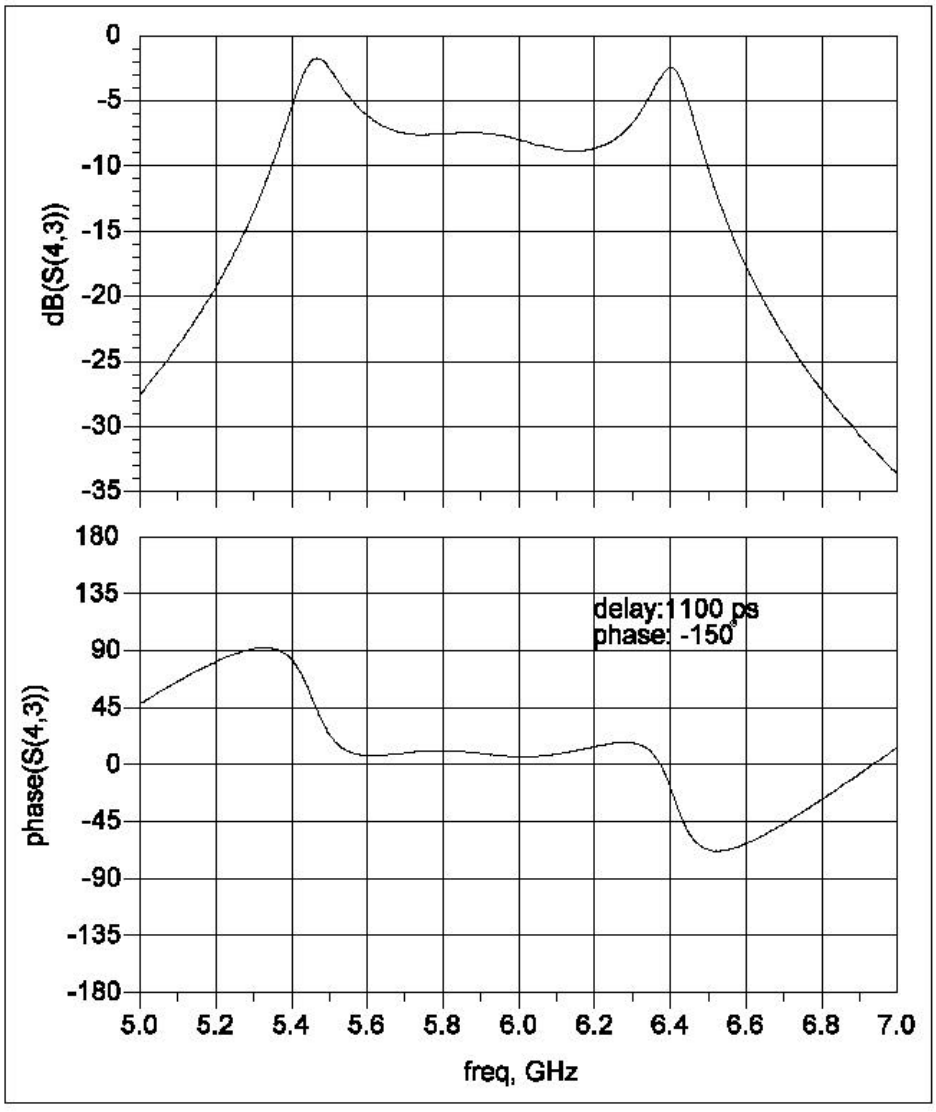
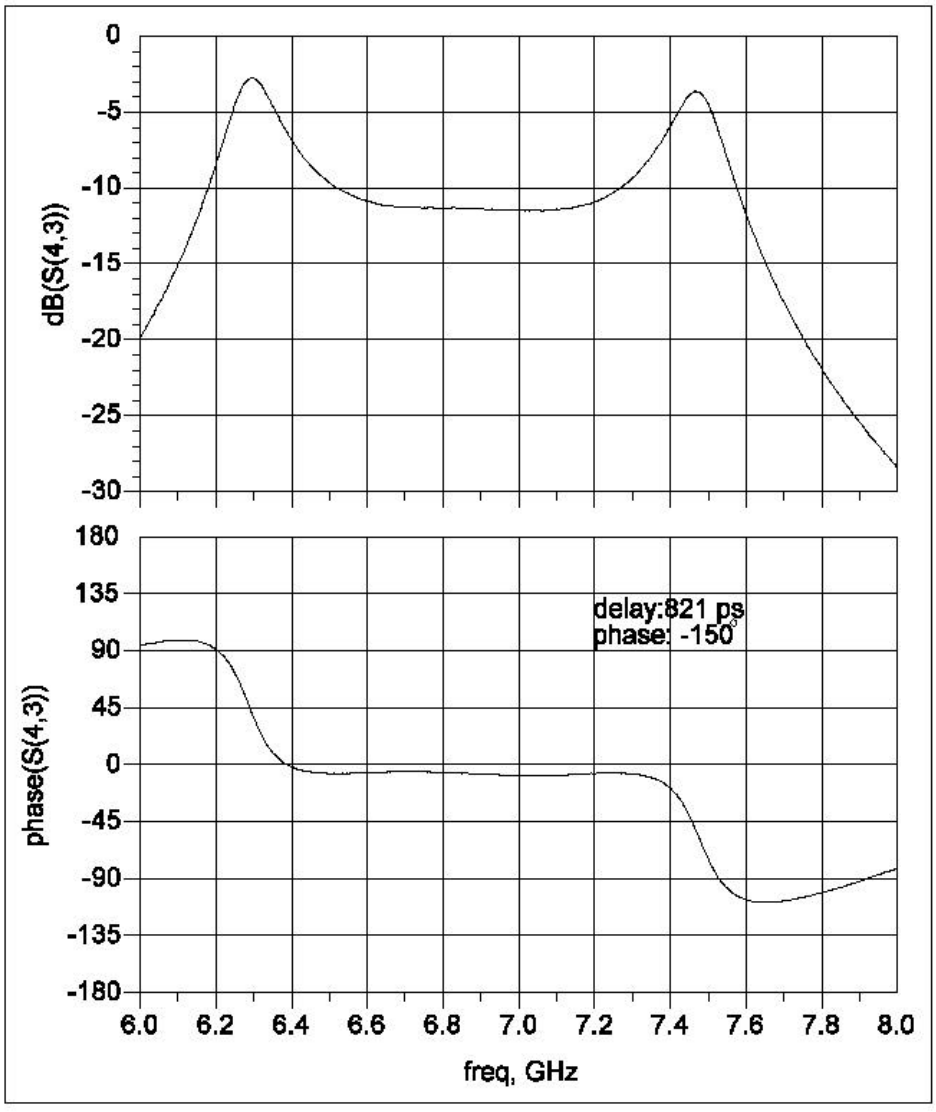


Figure 14. Band 2 Horizontal, S parameter (dB and phase) of equalizer



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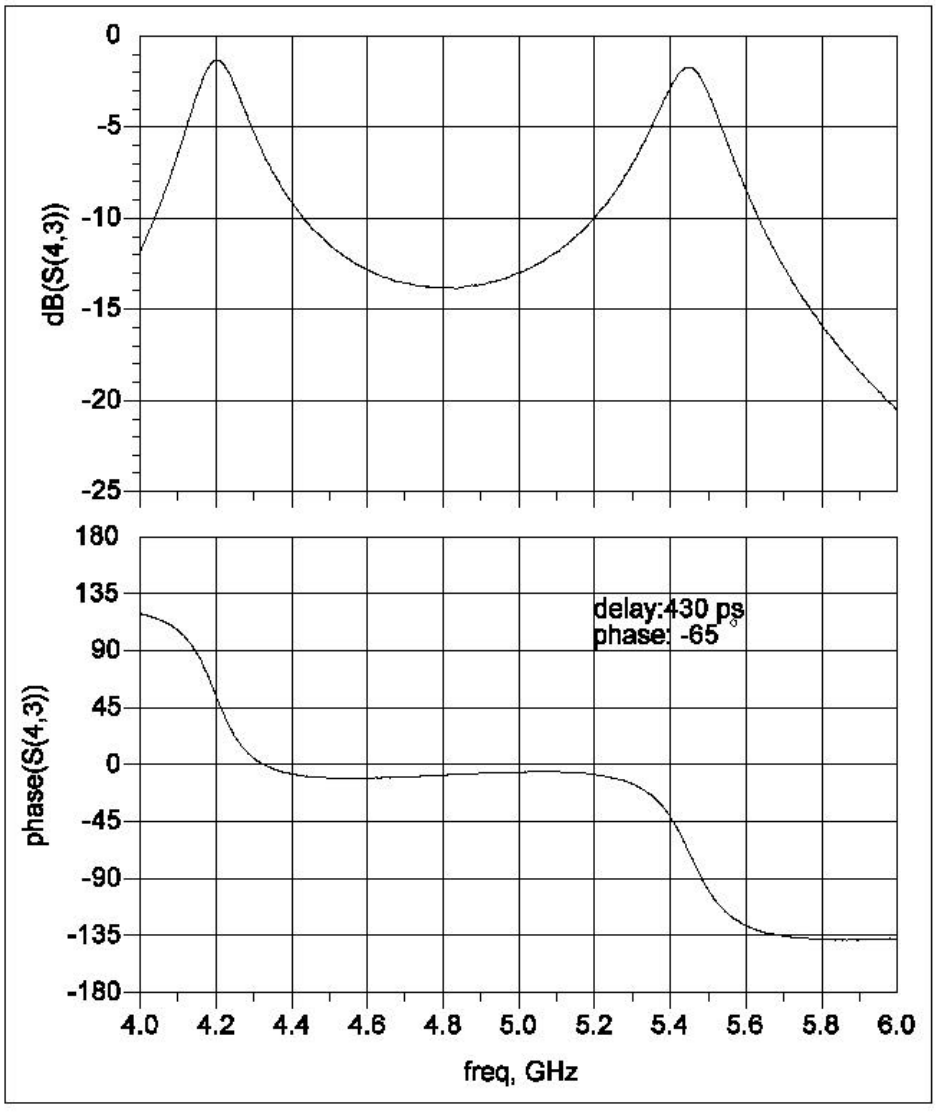
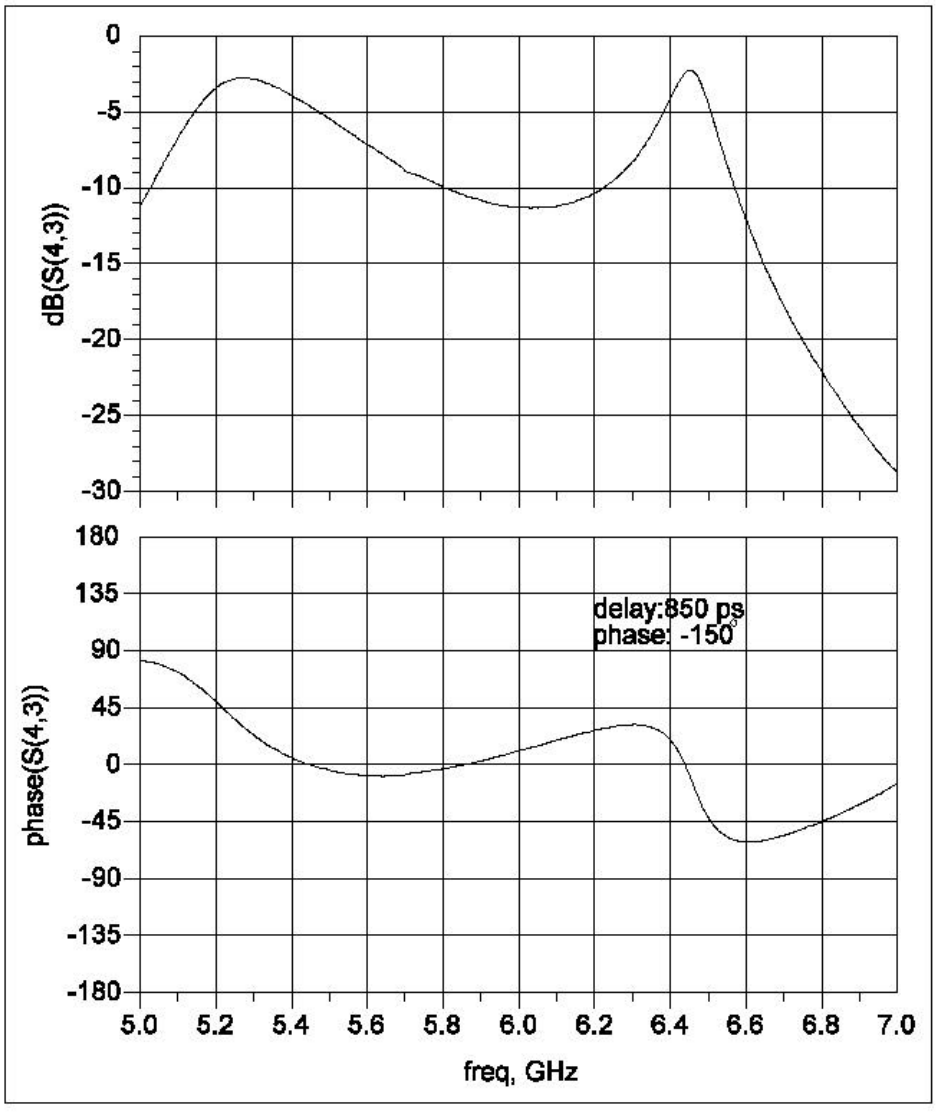


Figure 16. Band 1 Vertical, S parameter (dB and phase) of equalizer



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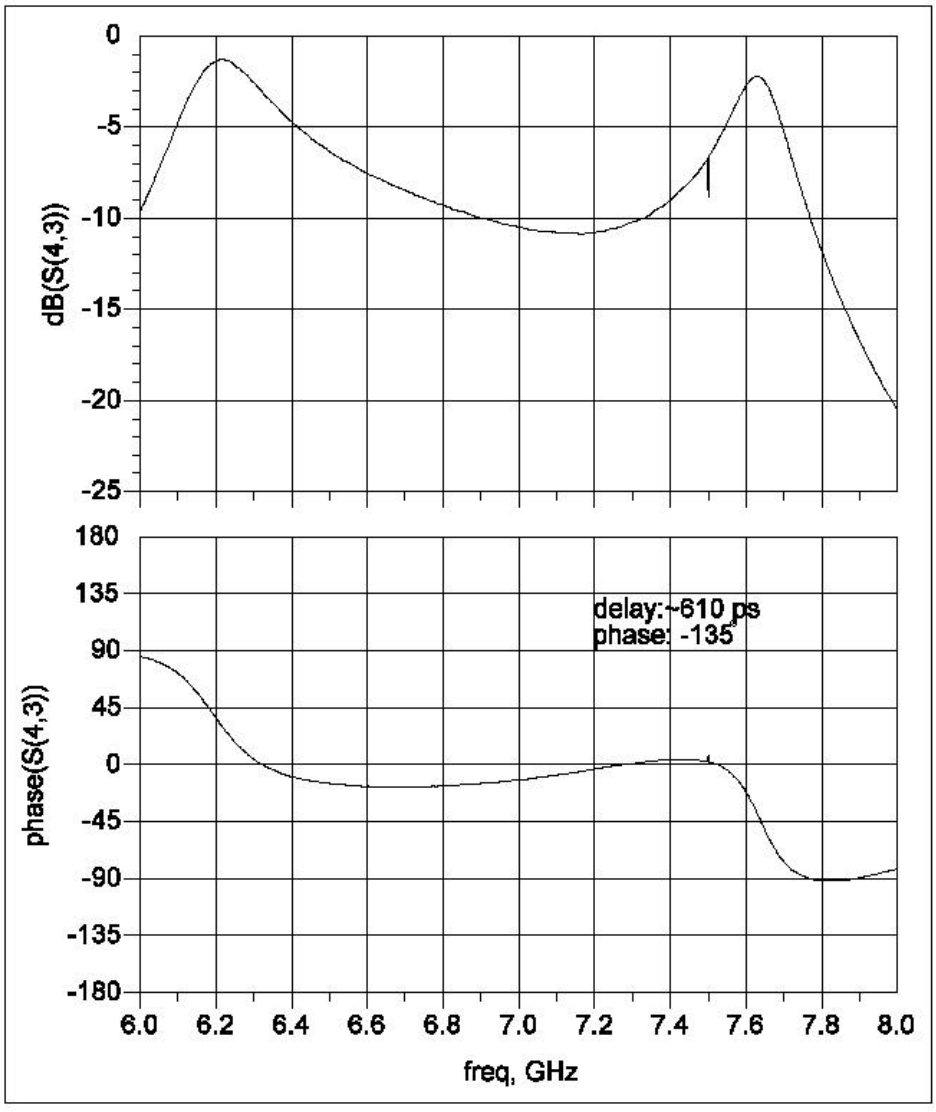

Figure 18. Band 3 Vertical, S parameter (dB and phase) of equalizer

Table 1. Standard Deviation and Average of S parameter (Real Part)

	STDDEV (Standard Deviation)	AVE (Average)	STDDEV/AVE	Frequency Range (GHz)
Band 1 H	0.012	0.135	8.8%	4.40 – 5.32
Band 2 H	0.012	0.201	6.0%	5.46 – 6.36
Band 3 H	0.008	0.07	11.4%	6.32 – 7.36
Band 1 V	0.005	0.053	9.4%	4.29 – 5.38
Band 2 V	0.003	0.051	5.9%	5.37 – 6.44
Band 3 V	0.005	0.034	14.7%	6.29 – 7.51

Table 2. Circuit Line Parameters (mil)

	W1	S1	L1	W2	S2	L2	W3	S3	L3	W4	S4	L4	W0	L0	Edge
Band1 H	50.5	24	359.5	48	6.8	368	41	29.5	380	32	7	371	74	565	15.5
Band2 H	36	28	302.0	43	13	295	39	36	300	40	7	301	73	965	15.5
Band3 H	59	27	256	49	11	250	48	26	253.5	32	7	254	74	965	15.5
Band1 V	72	6	369.5	32.5	10	369.5	88	6.25	369.5				74	565	15.5
Band2 V	36	32	300	56	6.5	300	94	6.5	300	33	7	330	74	565	15.5
Band3 V	38	27.5	255	50	8	248	84	12	245	32	7	265	74	565	15.5

W1: width of coupled line #1
S1: spacing of coupled line #1
L1: length of coupled line #1
W2: width of coupled line #2
S2: spacing of coupled line 2
L2: length of coupled line #2
W3: width of coupled line #3
S3: spacing of coupled line #3
L3: length of coupled line #3
W4: width of coupled line #4
S4: spacing of coupled line #4
L4: length of coupled line #4
W0: width of transmission line
L0: length of transmission line
Edge: extension of coupled lines at each end
Arlon Cuclad 233 45 mil board with permittivity of 2.32 is used for all filters.