Low-cost vector network analyzer – VNA for measuring the antenna of IoT devices

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What?

We introduce a device to analyzes qualities of the antenna in IoT devices, in which we have:

- Low cost (Under 100\$)
- Small size & easy to use
- Work in most popular frequencies, such as **433MHz**, **868MHz**, **2.4GHz**,...

Why?

- Nowadays, the IoT field is developing significantly, so the quality requirements of IoT devices is not only about the stable operation of itself but also a good ability in communicating with other IoT devices. Therefore, the demand of analyzing quality of the antenna is more necessary.
- However, the solutions, as well as devices that analyze the quality of the antenna, are still not popular and very expensive.

Description

Generating a wave



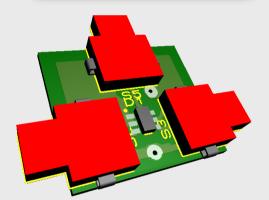
Coupling a reverse wave



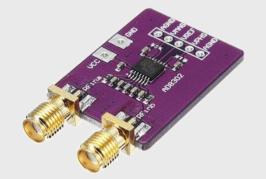
Compare to get the result



ADF4350 module



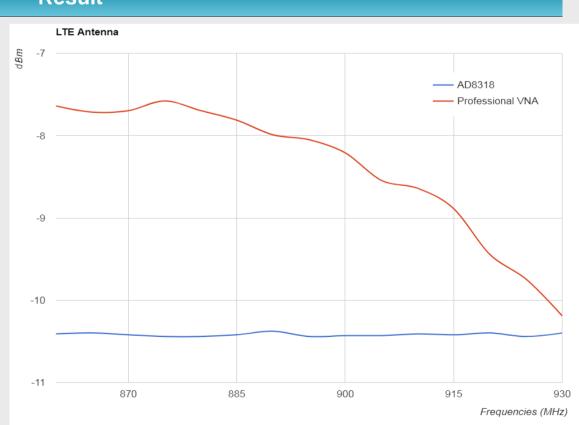
3D model or Coupler module



AD8302 module

Result





Conclusion

Although the device does not meet the accuracy specified, it still meets the following set of criteria:

- Evaluate whether the antenna operates at frequencies between 860 MHz and 930 MHz (LoRa frequency)
- Low cost (< 100 USD)