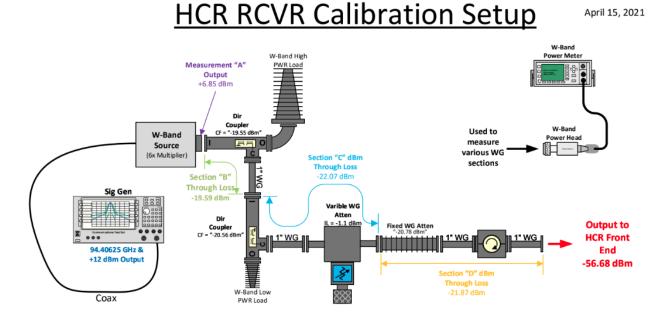
# **HCR Calibration - HowTo Documentation**

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# 1. Lab setup

The HCR is calibrated on the bench in the lab. Figure 1 shows a schematic of the lab setup.



	Calc			
Measurement "A" Source Output dBm	Section "B" Loss dBm	Section "C" Loss dBm	Section "D" Loss dBm	Final Cascaded Power Output dBm
6.85	-19.59	-22.07	-21.87	-56.68

Measur				
Pwr Meter Section	Pwr Meter	Pwr Meter	Pwr Meter	Note: Enter values in this
"A"	Section "B"	Section "C"	Cooking UDII	section to get calculated
6.85	-12.74	-15.22		losses in the section above.

#### Notes:

- Due to the limited dynamic range of the Wband power head, the test setup had to be sectioned and summed to get a combined loss.
- Measurements B,C, & D used the W-Band Source (Measurement A) as the input source.
  - W-Band power head was used for the measurements.

Figure 1: Connections and losses for the HCR calibration setup NOTE: calibrations are run with the LNA heaters on.

Figures 2a to 2d show images of the lab setup.

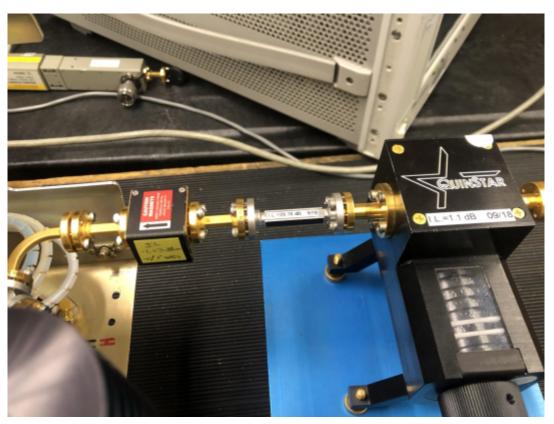


Figure 2a: manual attenuator, fixed attenuator, isolator

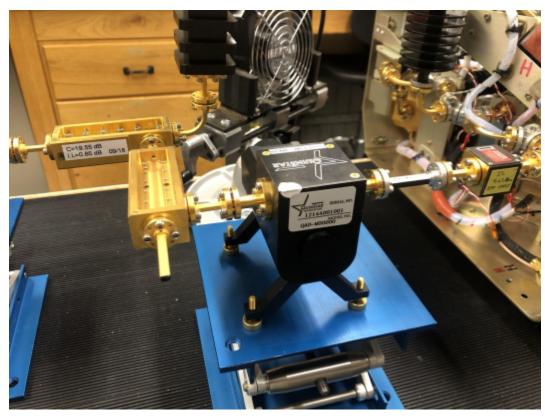


Figure 2b: coupler, manual attenuator, fixed attenuator, isolator

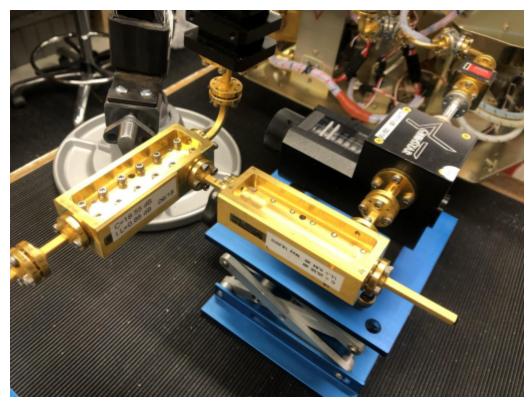


Figure 2c: couplers



Figure 2d: top view

### 2. Calibration procedure outline

We have to calibrate the H and V channels separately. We also have to split the calibration of each channel into two parts: we calibrate the higher powers first - i.e the upper half of the calibration curve. We then insert the ~20dB fixed attenuator into the circuit, and calibrate the lower half of the curve, down into the noise.

The steps for the H channel are:

- set up for H channel, no fixed attenuator
- calibrate H channel top half
- insert fixed attenuator
- calibrate H channel bottom half

followed by the V channel:

- set up for V channel, no fixed attenuator
- calibrate V channel top half
- insert fixed attenuator
- calibrate V channel bottom half

The manually-variable attenuator has a range of 0 to 60 dB.

For the top half, we start with it set to 0, and then apply 5 dB increments up to 40 dB.

We then insert the fixed attenuator, which has a value of 20.95 dB. (It is marked as 20.78 dB, but our measurements show it to be 20.95.)

For the lower half, we start with the variable attenuator set to 25 dB. That gives an effective attenuation of 25 + 20.95 = 45.95 dB. We then use 5 dB increments up to 60 dB, for effective attenuation of 45.95 up to 80.95 dB.

After the measurement at 60 dB (effective 80.95 dB) we turn off the siggen to take measurements of the noise.

#### Remember to turn on the LNA heaters.

We run the entire procedure for the 256 ns pulse width.

If the radar will also be run using the 512 ns pulse width, we repeat the procedure for the 512 ns case.

In this document we are assuming a 256 ns pulse width.

For the H channel, the siggen waveguide must be attached to the port at the edge of the instrument. For the V channel use the port at the center of the instrument.

## 3. Running the software

The calibration software is run on the archiver.

### 3.1 Start the system

Start the full system, except for the transmitter. The hordrx must be running on the rds.

Generally this will be done on desktop 1.

### 3.2 Monitoring the receive channel powers and LNA temperatures

It is a good idea to run the calibration on a clean desktop, say desktop 2.

Bring up a terminal window, and widen it out.

The run the following:

```
cd projDir/calibration/params
TsPrint -params TsPrint.lna temp
```

Figure 3a shows us starting TsPrint:

```
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```

Figure 3a: TsPrint output showing LNA temperatures

The LNA temperatures are in the right-hand 2 columns. These temps should be between 30 and 32 C. That shows that the heaters are on. Check the LEDs on the heater boards, to ensure the heaters are cycling.

The H power, in dBm, shows up under headings 'Hc' and 'IFD0'.

The V power, in dBm, shows up under headings 'Vc' and 'IFD1'.

In Figure 3a, both H and V are showing noise: -59 dBm for H and -61 dBm for V.

In contrast, Figure 3b shows a power of -15 dBm in the H channel, and noise in the V channel.

In Figure 3b, note that the LNA temperatures are varying as the heaters cycle on and off.

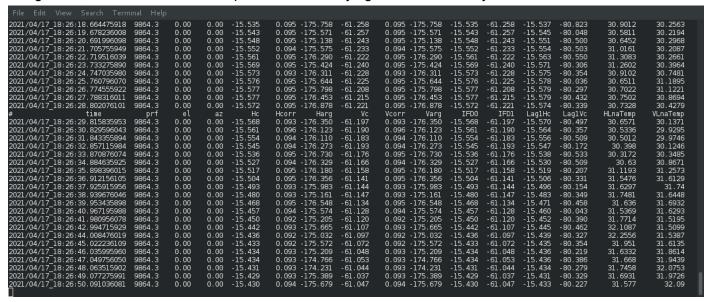


Figure 3b: TsPrint output showing -15 dBm power in the H channel, and noise (-61 dBm) power in the V channel

## 3.3 Running the calibration for the H channel

In this example we will run the cal for the 256 ns pulse width.

Bring up a terminal window. Then run the following:

```
cd projDir/calibration/params
TsCalAuto -params TsCalAuto.wband.h only.256ns
```

You will see the text as in Figure 3c below.

You will be prompted to hit 'Return' after certain actions have been completed on the hardware setup.

The first prompt is to set the frequency on the siggen to 94.4062 GHz. Then hit Return.

Then set the variable attenuator, as indicated by the 'delta' prompt value. The first delta is 0. So set the attenuator to 0 dB. In the TsPrint window check to ensure that the Hc power shows up around +5 dBm. Then hit Return.

TsCalAuto will take 2 seconds of time series data, compute the powers and print a line of data below the prompt. The power in Hc should show up around +5 - it should be the same as in the TsPrint window.

```
(archiver) params 32 % pwd
/home/hcr/git/HCR_configuration/projDir/calibration/params
(archiver) params 33 % TsCalAuto -params TsCalAuto.wband.h_only.256ns
      Set siggen Output On
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                Start at 0dB attenuation
     Manual control - Set frequency to: 94.4062 GHz
     Set siggen power to -35.73 (dBm), delta: 0 (dB)

Manual control - hit return when ready ...

powers hc, vc, hx, vx, hc-vc, hx-vx: 5.13318, -60.4721, -999.9, -999.9, 65.6053, 0

Set siggen power to -40.73 (dBm), delta: -5 (dB)

Manual control - hit return when ready ...

powers hc, vc, hx, vx, hc-vc, hx-vx: 0.595492, -60.7932, -999.9, -999.9, 61.3887, 0

Set siggen power to -45.73 (dBm), delta: -10 (dB)

Manual control - hit return when ready ...

powers hc, vc, hx, vx, hc-vc, hx-vx: -4.19662, -61.1128, -999.9, -999.9, 56.9162, 0

Set siggen power to -50.73 (dBm), delta: -15 (dB)

Manual control - hit return when ready ...

powers hc, vc, hx, vx, hc-vc, hx-vx: -9.19414, -61.2873, -999.9, -999.9, 52.0932, 0

Set siggen power to -55.73 (dBm), delta: -20 (dB)

Manual control - hit return when ready ...

powers hc, vc, hx, vx, hc-vc, hx-vx: -14.0235, -61.2679, -999.9, -999.9, 47.2444, 0

Set siggen power to -60.73 (dBm), delta: -25 (dB)

Manual control - hit return when ready ...

powers hc, vc, hx, vx, hc-vc, hx-vx: -18.7144, -61.1704, -999.9, -999.9, 42.456, 0

Set siggen power to -65.73 (dBm), delta: -30 (dB)

Manual control - hit return when ready ...

powers hc, vc, hx, vx, hc-vc, hx-vx: -18.7144, -61.1704, -999.9, -999.9, 42.456, 0

Set siggen power to -65.73 (dBm), delta: -30 (dB)

Manual control - hit return when ready ...

powers hc, vc, hx, vx, hc-vc, hx-vx: -18.7144, -61.0894, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, 27.357, 0
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          Set variable atten to 5 dB
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Set siggen power to -65.73 (dBm), delta: -30 (dB)

Manual control - hit return when ready ...

powers hc, vc, hx, vx; hc-vc, hx-vx: -23.7324, -61.0894, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9, -999.9
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       Set variable atten to 40 dB
   Set siggen power to -116.88 (dBm), delta: -80.95 (dB)

Manual control - hit return when ready ...
powers hc, vc, hx, vx, hc-vc, hx-vx: -59.738, -61.1679, -999.8, -999.9, 1.42993, 0

Set siggen power to -121.68 (dBm), delta: -85.95 (dB)

Manual control - hit return when ready ...
powers hc, vc, hx, vx, hc-vc, hx-vx: -59.9069, -61.2473, -999.9, -999.9, 1.34047, 0

Set siggen Output OFF
     powers hc, vc, hx, vx, hc-vc, hx-vx: -59.9151, powers hc, vc, hx, vx, hc-vc, hx-vx: -59.9291, powers hc, vc, hx, vx, hc-vc, hx-vx: -59.9331,
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             1.30149, 0
1.2748, 0
1.22309, 0
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            -61.2166,
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              -999.9.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          -61.2039,
-61.1562,
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         -999.9,
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         -999.9,
      powers hc, vc, hx, vx, hc-vc, hx-vx: -59.9286,
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            -61.1111,
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         -999.9,
```

Figure 3c: TsCalAuto -params TsCalAuto.wband.h only.256ns

If all is good, then proceed by increasing the attenuation in 5 dB steps up to a maximum of 40 dB. Each time you will be prompted with the attenuation to dial in on the variable attenuator.

After you have taken the data for an attenuation of 40 dB, you will be prompted for an attenuation (delta) of 45.95 dB.

Turn the siggen RF off, and insert the fixed (20.95 dB) attenuator.

Then turn the siggen RF on and set the variable attenuator to 25 dB. This will total the 45.95 dB for which you are being prompted. Once that is all set up, hit Return to take the data for that power setting.

You will then be prompted for an attenuation (delta) of 50.95. Dial in 30 dB on the variable attenuator, and hit Return. This continues in 5 dB steps up to a requested delta of 80.95 dB, which will be 60 dB on the variable attenuator. Hit return for that final attenuator setting.

Then turn the siggen RF off, and hit Return. TsCalAuto will then take 4 readings in the noise - i.e. with no siggen power.

At that point, the script:

```
~/projDir/calibration/scripts/do calplot.dyn range
```

will run, and produce a plot similar to that in Figure 3d.

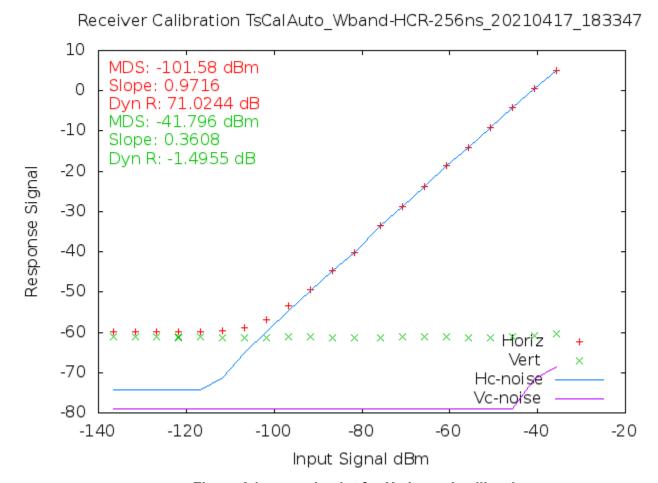


Figure 3d: example plot for H channel calibration.

Inspect the plot to make sure that it looks reasonable. There will generally be a small discontinuity in the linearity at an output power of about 38 dBm, because this is where we insert the 20 dB fixed attenuation. It is difficult to get everything to match perfectly.

Once you are happy with the plot, close it. TsCalAuto will then exit, saving the data.

## 3.4 Running the calibration for the V channel

Repeat the procedure for the V channel. The signal generator connection will need to be moved to the port at the center of the instrument.

The command to run is:

```
cd projDir/calibration/params
TsCalAuto -params TsCalAuto.wband.v only.256ns
```

The rest of the procedure is the same as for the H channel. Just check TsPrint to make sure that the power is showing up in the Vc column instead of Hc.

# 4. Combining the H and V results into a single calibration

Because we run the H and V cals separately, the data for each is stored in a separate location.

You will find the output from the cals in:

```
~/projDir/calibration/data/wband_256ns/h_only ~/projDir/calibration/data/wband 256ns/v only
```

For each calibration, 3 files are produced.

For example, for 20210421 at 222329, for the H channel, the files in:

```
~/projDir/calibration/data/wband 256ns/h only
```

are:

```
TsCalAuto_Wband-HCR-256ns_20210414_222329.xml
TsCalAuto_Wband-HCR-256ns_20210414_222329.txt
TsCalAuto Wband-HCR-256ns 20210414 222329.png
```

The .txt file stores the raw data values.

The .png file contains the image produced by do calplot.dyn range.

The .xml file contains the calibration results that are used by app (lq2Dsr) that computes the moments.

In order to combine the H and V results, we need to combine the data in the .txt files for each calibration.

To combine the data, we first copy the H .txt file:

```
TsCalAuto Wband-HCR-256ns 20210414 222329.txt
```

up by 1 directory, i.e. to:

```
~/projDir/calibration/data/wband 256ns
```

This file has the contents shown in Figure 4a:

Input power (dBm)	H dBm (data)	V dBm (noise)				
-35.730 -40.730 -45.730 -50.730 -55.730 -60.730 -65.730 -75.730 -75.730 -81.680 -91.680 -91.680 -101.680 -101.680 -106.680 -111.680 -116.680 -121.680 -121.680 -121.680 -121.680 -121.680 -121.680 -136.680	5.047 0.467 -4.405 -9.202 -14.049 -18.895 -23.854 -28.859 -33.919 -39.910 -44.512 -49.033 -52.984 -56.514 -58.427 -59.398 -59.761 -59.901 -59.910 -59.910 -59.930 -59.938	-60.713 -61.136 -61.319 -61.444 -61.509 -61.533 -61.504 -61.424 -61.533 -61.513 -61.531 -61.323 -61.323 -61.323 -61.323 -61.323 -61.323 -61.323	-999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900	-999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900	65.760 61.603 56.914 52.242 47.460 42.638 37.650 32.564 27.414 21.603 17.018 12.498 8.489 4.844 2.886 1.925 1.578 1.477 1.484 1.486 1.495	0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000

Figure 4a: cal results for H-channel only

There are actually more data columns in this file, but here we are only showing the first 7 columns.

The important columns for this discussion are:

- 1. the input power
- 2. the received power for H
- 3. the received power for V

As you can see from Figure 4a, the received power in H varies with the input power, but the received power for V is just in the noise, around -61 dBm. This is as expected, since the V LNA is not connected.

You need to identify the files for the V channel that match the H channel results closely in time. For the H example above, the appropriate files for the V channel are in:

```
~/projDir/calibration/data/wband 256ns/v only
```

#### They are:

```
\label{tomodel} \verb|TsCalAuto_Wband-HCR-256ns_20210414_221647.xm|| \\ \verb|TsCalAuto_Wband-HCR-256ns_20210414_221647.txt|| \\ |TsCalAuto_Wband-HCR-256ns_20210414_221647.txt|| \\ |TsCalAuto_Wband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-Yband-
```

```
TsCalAuto Wband-HCR-256ns 20210414 221647.png
```

The contents of the .txt file are shown in Figure 4b:

	Input power (dBm)	H dBm (noise)	V dBm (data)				
J	-35.730	-58.008	4.869	-999.900	-999.900	-62.878	0.000
	-40.730	-58.923	0.241	-999.900	-999.900	-59.165	0.000
	-45.730	-59.244	-4.634	-999.900	-999.900	-54.610	0.000
	-50.730	-59.587	-9.511	-999.900	-999.900	-50.076	0.000
	-55.730	-59.763	-14.259	-999.900	-999.900	-45.504	0.000
	-60.730	-59.658	-18.960	-999.900	-999.900	-40.698	0.000
	-65.730	-59.603	-23.834	-999.900	-999.900	-35.769	0.000
	-70.730	-59.597	-28.856	-999.900	-999.900	-30.741	0.000
	-75.730	-59.648	-34.046	-999.900	-999.900	-25.602	0.000
	-81.680	-59.571	-40.871	-999.900	-999.900	-18.700	0.000
	-86.680	-59.745	-45.750	-999.900	-999.900	-13.995	0.000
	-91.680	-59.807	-50.193	-999.900	-999.900	-9.614	0.000
	-96.680	-59.825	-54.345	-999.900	-999.900	-5.480	0.000
	-101.680	-59.859	-57.660	-999.900	-999.900	-2.199	0.000
	-106.680	-59.887	-59.756	-999.900	-999.900	-0.130	0.000
	-111.680	-59.915	-60.682	-999.900	-999.900	0.767	0.000
	-116.680	-59.949	-61.081	-999.900	-999.900	1.132	0.000
	-121.680	-59.972	-61.330	-999.900	-999.900	1.359	0.000
	-121.680	-59.951	-61.335	-999.900	-999.900	1.384	0.000
	-126.680	-59.929	-61.337	-999.900	-999.900	1.408	0.000
	-131.680	-59.919	-61.351	-999.900	-999.900	1.432	0.000
	-136.680	-59.902	-61.379	-999.900	-999.900	1.478	0.000

Figure 4b: cal results for V-channel only

As expected, in this file, the H column shows noise while the V column shows powers that vary with the input power.

To combine the results, we need to copy the V column from the V results file to the H results file. For some editors this requires some cutting and pasting for each line. Emacs has a 'rectangle' mode which allows you to cut and paste a column instead of a row.

Figure 4c shows the result of copying the V data from the V channel file into the combined file:

```
TsCalAuto_Wband-HCR-256ns_20210414_222329.txt
```

that we have created in the directory:

```
~/projDir/calibration/data/wband 256ns
```

Input power (dBm)	H dBm (data)	V dBm (data)				
-35.730 -40.730 -45.730 -50.730 -55.730 -60.730 -65.730 -70.730 -75.730 -81.680 -91.680 -91.680 -101.680 -101.680 -111.680 -116.680 -121.680 -121.680 -121.680 -126.680 -136.680	5.047 0.467 -4.405 -9.202 -14.049 -18.895 -23.854 -28.859 -33.919 -39.910 -44.512 -49.033 -52.984 -56.514 -59.398 -59.761 -59.910 -59.910 -59.930 -59.930 -59.938	4.869 0.241 -4.634 -9.511 -14.259 -18.960 -23.834 -28.856 -34.046 -40.871 -45.750 -50.193 -54.345 -57.660 -59.756 -60.682 -61.330 -61.337 -61.337 -61.379	-999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900	-999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900 -999.900	0.178 0.226 0.229 0.309 0.210 0.065 -0.020 -0.003 0.127 0.961 1.238 1.160 1.361 1.146 1.329 1.429 1.425 1.425 1.425 1.421	0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000

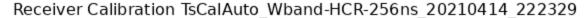
Figure 4c: combined cal results for H and V channels

To analyze the combined calibration we need to run TsCalAuto on this combined data file, in archive mode.

#### To do this:

```
cd ~/projDir/calibration/params
TsCalAuto -params TsCalAuto.wband.256ns -f
../data/wband_256ns/TsCalAuto_Wband-HCR-256ns_20210414_222329.txt
```

That will rerun the calibration analysis, now using both columns of data. The resulting plot is shown in Figure 4d.



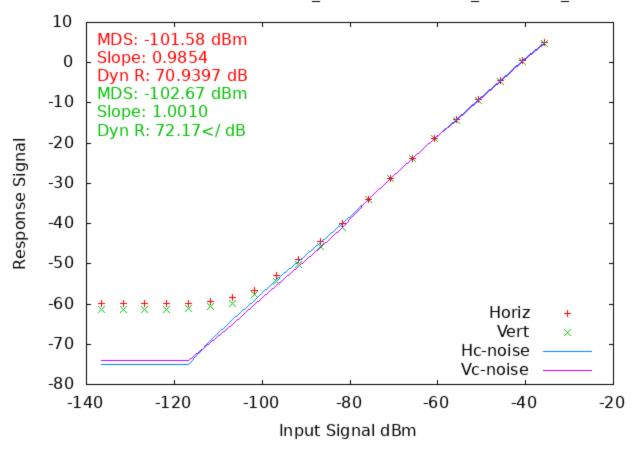


Figure 4d: plot for combined cal results for both H and V channels

The 3 files that result from this operation are in:

```
~/projDir/calibration/data/wband 256ns
```

#### The file names are:

```
TsCalAuto_Wband-HCR-256ns_20210414_222329.xml
TsCalAuto_Wband-HCR-256ns_20210414_222329.txt
TsCalAuto Wband-HCR-256ns 20210414 222329.png
```

The .xml file will be automatically found by the moments generation application, Iq2Dsr, when the radar is running with a 256 ns pulse width.

# 5. Calibrating for 512 ns pulse width

If the 512ns pulse width is to be used by the radar, this procedure will need to be repeated for the 512ns pulse.