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Aim

- To design a stability network
- Redesign with stability network and micro-strip lines included
- To sketch the location the location of stability circles S and L in the smith chart.
- To produce stimulation results of amplifier with transistor and ideal lines (S - Parameter sweep, Stability - μ sweep)

Theory and Calculations

0.1 Stability Network

The stability of the network depends on the source and load matching Γ_{in} and Γ_{out} and the stability of the amplifier depends on source and load reflection coefficients i.e Γ_S and Γ_L of the circuit. As per the design methodology we are using unconditional stability that is $|\Gamma_S| < 1$ and $|\Gamma_L| < 1$ for all passive source and load impedance. The following two tests are done to check the stability:

0.1.1 k - Δ test

$$k = \frac{1 + |\Delta|^2 - |S_{11}|^2 - |S_{22}|^2}{2|S_{12}S_{21}|} = 1.029 \quad (1)$$

$$\Delta = S_{11}S_{22} - S_{12}S_{21} = 0.53 \angle 189.82^\circ \quad (2)$$

as $k > 1$ and $|\Delta| < 1$, amplifier is unconditionally stable at 4 GHz

0.1.2 μ – parameter test

$$\mu = \frac{1 - |S_{11}|^2}{|S_{22} - \Delta S_{11}^*| + |S_{12}S_{21}|} = 1.0695 \quad (3)$$

as $\mu > 1$, unconditional stable network.

0.2 Stability Circle

0.2.1 Output Stability

$$C_L = \frac{(S_{22} - \Delta S_{11}^*)^*}{|S_{22}|^2 - |\Delta|^2} = 0.92 \angle 64.41^\circ \quad (4)$$

$$R_L = \frac{(S_{22} - \Delta S_{11}^*)^*}{|S_{22}|^2 - |\Delta|^2} = 1.993 \quad (5)$$

0.2.2 Input Stability

$$C_S = \frac{(S_{11} - \Delta S_{22}^*)^*}{|S_{11}|^2 - |\Delta|^2} = 3.01 \angle 47.02^\circ \quad (6)$$

$$R_S = \frac{(S_{11} - \Delta S_{22}^*)^*}{|S_{11}|^2 - |\Delta|^2} = 4.029 \quad (7)$$

0.6 Stability Curve

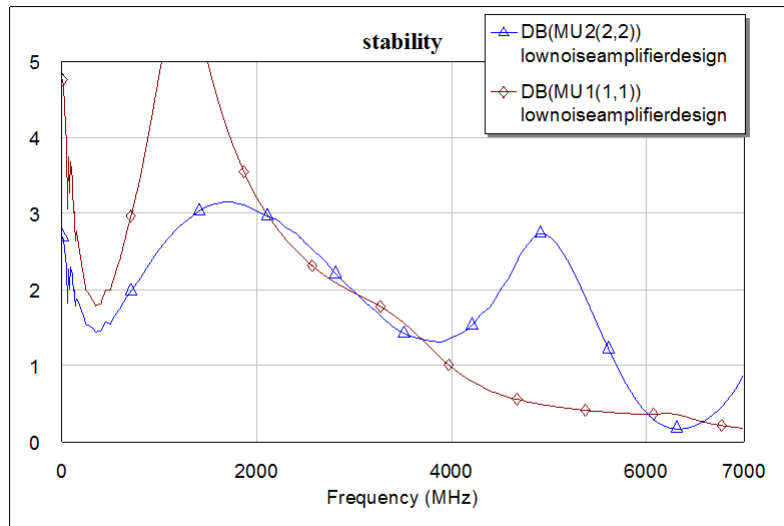


Figure 4: Stability Curve