

60W 144MHz FM Power Amplifier

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Abstract

This 60W 144MHz FM Power Amplifier is the perfect "Add-On" for my previously released 1W 144MHz FM Transceiver. This power amplifier adds 30dB gain in the TX-Path and a lot of important analog RF filtering. Furthermore, the RX-Path is amplified with a gain of 23dB and is filtered with high order filters to improve the signal noise ration for better understanding of the other transmitters. All RX / TX signals are switched with PIN diodes to avoid expensive radio frequency shielded relais.

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Chapter 1

Overview

1.1 Description

On the following pages the most important details for the 60W 144MHz FM power amplifier are shown. This document includes circuits, PCB-Designs, bill of material, microcontroller codes, measurements and final result pictures.

1.2 Software

The theoretical work like circuit simulation, PCB Design and Microcontroller (MCU) programming was done with following software:

- Multisim & LTSpice: Circuit Simulation
- ELSIE: Analog Filter Design
- Autodesk EAGLE: Circuit- & PCB-Design
- Autodesk Fusion 360: 3D Design
- Arduino: MCU Code

1.3 Devices

The practical work like PCB assembly, fault finding and measurements are done with the following devices:

- FLUKE 179 True RMS Multimeter
- Weller WT2020M Soldering Station
- Zhongdi ZD-939L Hot Air Rework Station
- Andonstar AD407 Digital Microscope
- Siglent SDS2352X-E Oscilloscope (2xCH, 350MHz)
- Siglent SDG2042X Function Generator (2xCH, 120MHz - hacked)
- Siglent SVA1015X Spektrum & Vector Network Analyser (1.5GHz)
- Siglent SPD3303X-E Power Supply (2x0-32V with 3.2A, 1x2.5V/3.3V/5V with 3.2A)
- QJ3005EIII 300W Power Supply (2x0-30V with 5A, 1x5V with 3A)
- Anycubic i3 Mega S 3D Printer

A complete list of all my labor equipment can be found here: <https://www.oe3sde.com/Workstation.html>

Chapter 2

Circuit

2.1 Filters

In ham radio applications it is very important, that transmitted signals are only in the licensed band. This power amplifier works for the 2m band, that means a frequency range of 144MHz to 146MHz. Of course, also the received signals should be filtered to avoid any unwanted noise.

2.1.1 Air Coil Calculation

The air coils for the TX-OUT and RX-IN filters according to circuit 2.3 and 2.5 can be calculated with the following formula:

$$L = \frac{N^2 \cdot d^2}{18 \cdot d + 40 \cdot l} \quad (2.1)$$

Where:

- L = Inductance
- N = Number of turns
- d = Coil outside diameter
- l = Length of the coil

For a faster result, also an online calculator¹ [1] can be used.

¹<https://m0ukd.com/calculators/air-cored-inductor-calculator/>

2.1.2 TX-IN Filter

This filter is build up with SMT components because of the low input power of 0.5W. The TX-IN filter is a seventh order chebyshev low pass filter with a cutoff frequency of 175MHz. The high order is chosen because of the high harmonic distortion of the DRA818V **TRX!** at the input.

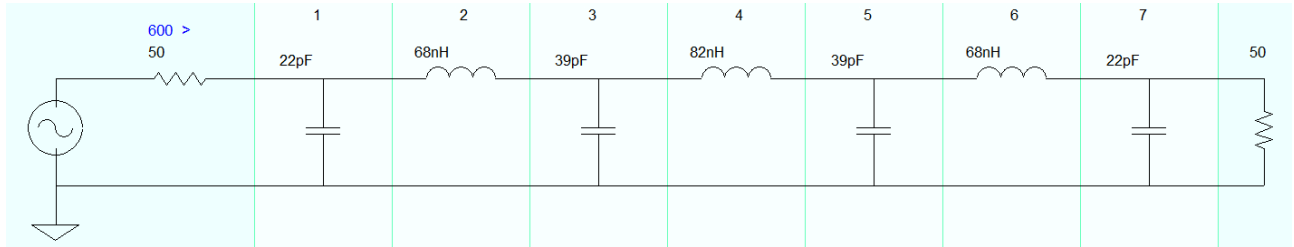


Figure 2.1: Circuit of the TX-IN Filter

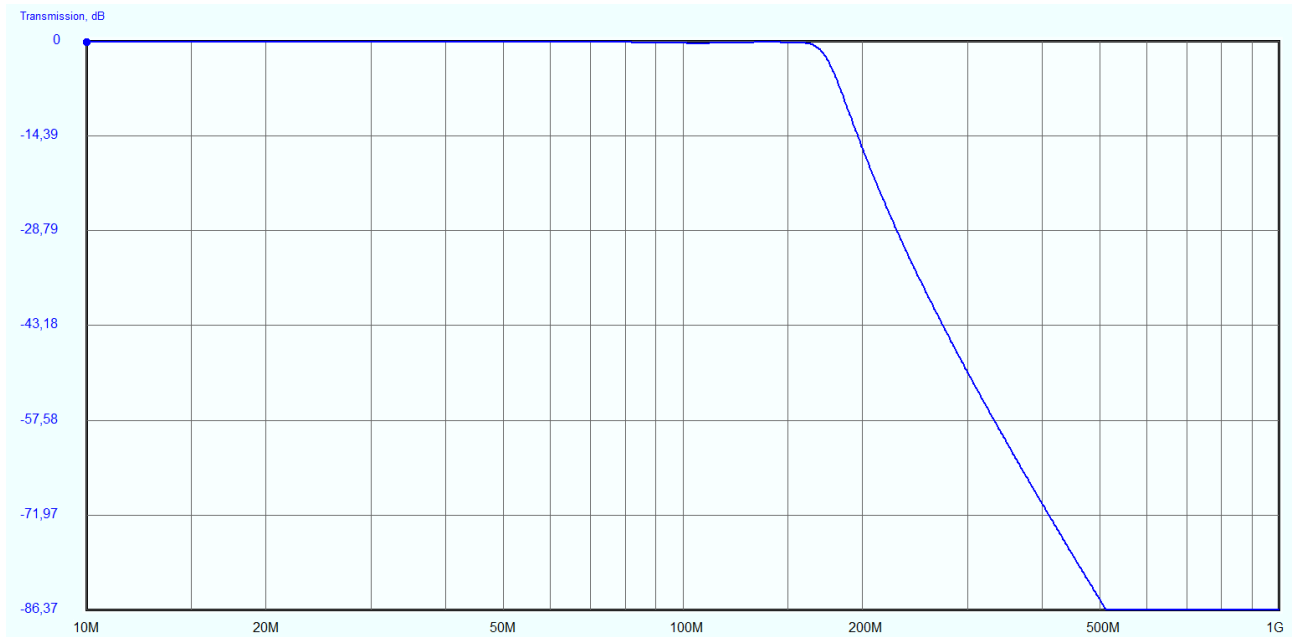


Figure 2.2: Transfer Function of the TX-IN Filter

2.1.3 TX-OUT Filter

This filter is build up with self-wound inductors because of the higher output power of 60W. The TX-OUT filter is a fifth order chebyshev low pass filter with a cutoff frequency of 182MHz.

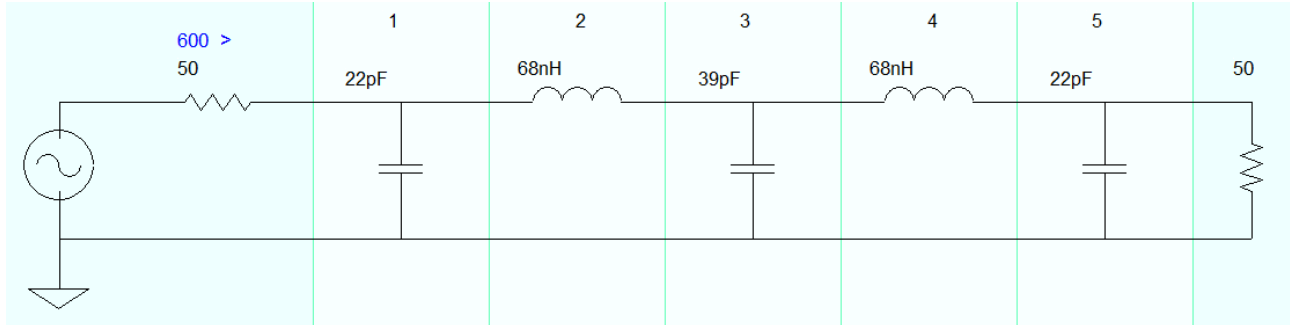


Figure 2.3: Circuit of the TX-OUT Filter

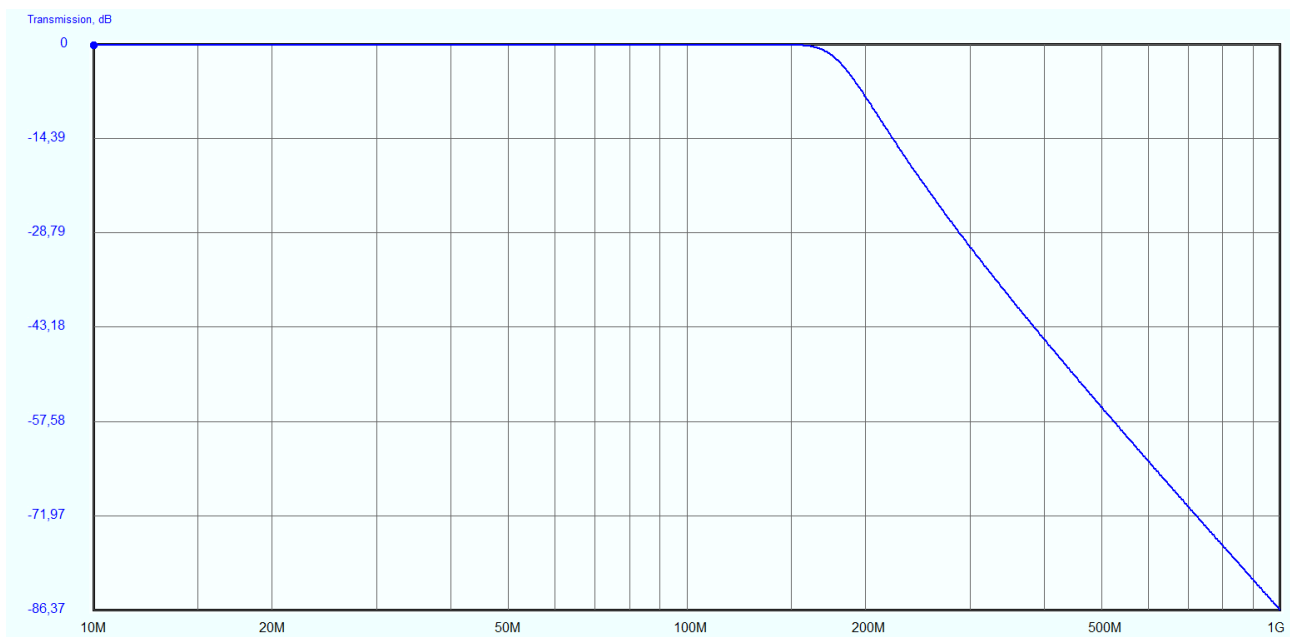


Figure 2.4: Transfer Function of the TX-OUT Filter

2.1.4 RX-IN Filter

This filter can be build up with SMT components. However, self-wound inductors can be changed easier and the filter band can be adjusted slightly. The RX-IN filter is a third order chebyshev band pass filter with a lower cutoff frequency of 120MHz and a upper cutoff frequency of 172MHz.

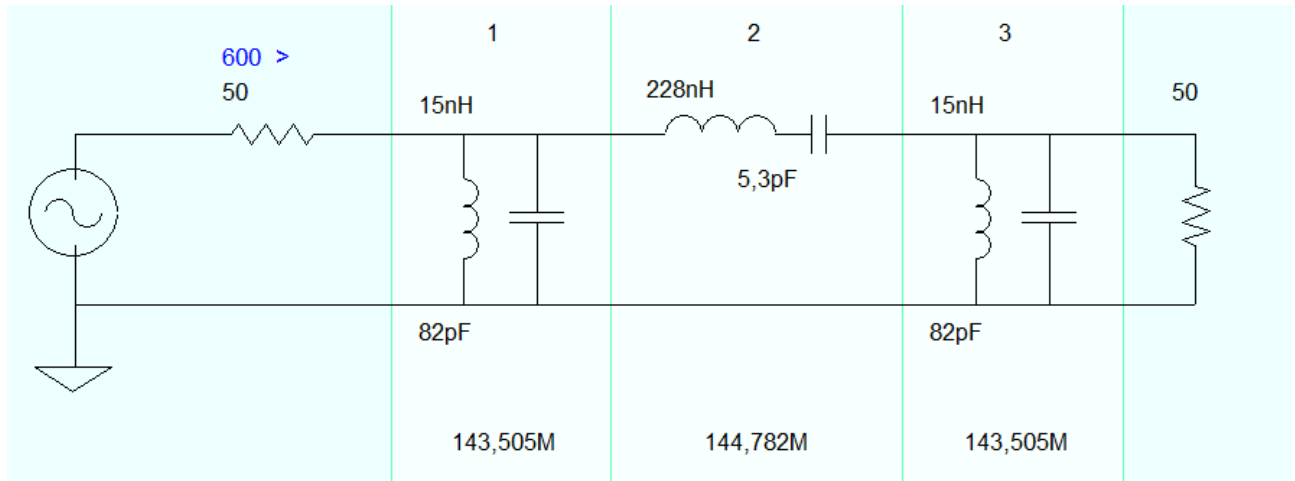


Figure 2.5: Circuit of the RX-IN Filter

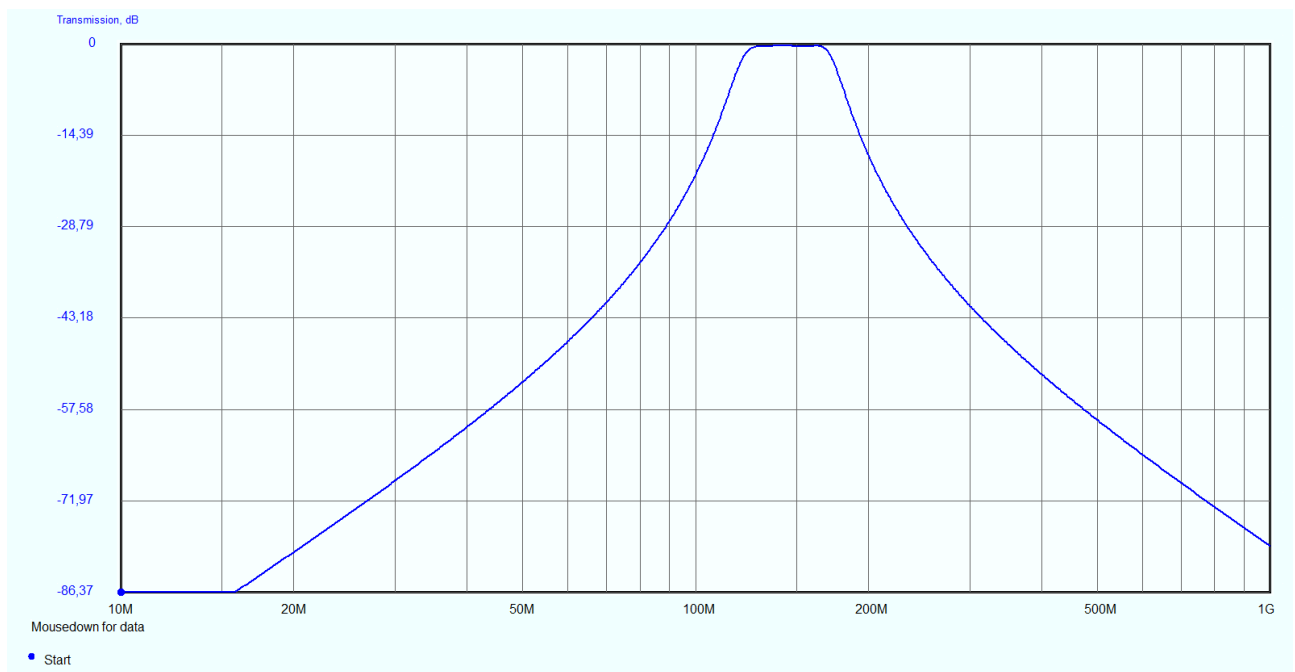


Figure 2.6: Transfer Function of the RX-IN Filter

2.2 PIN-Diode Switches

In this project, PIN-Diodes are used instead of relais to switch between RX and TX path.

2.2.1 RX/TX Input-Switch

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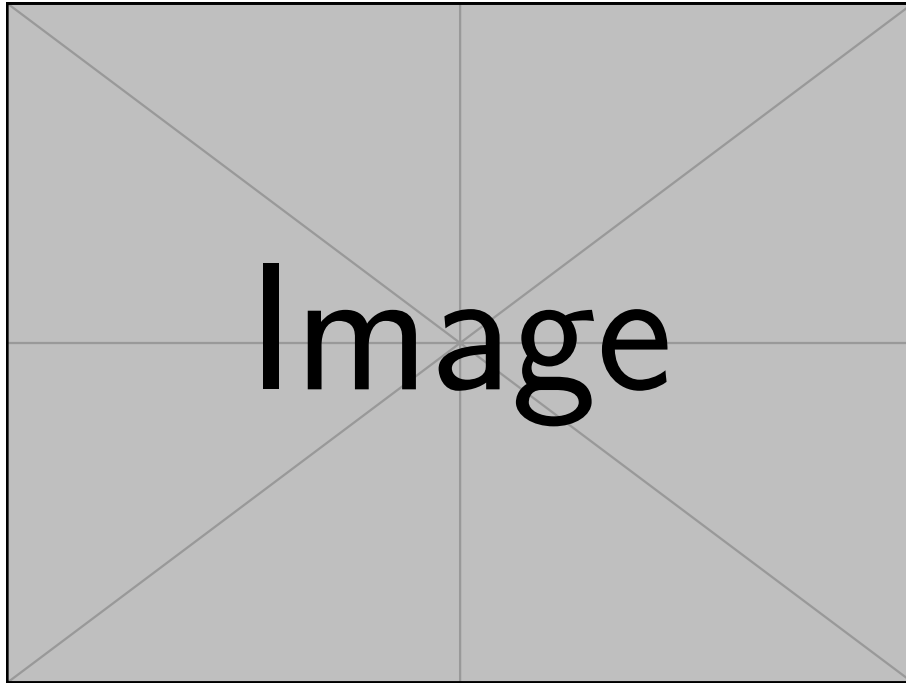


Figure 2.7: Circuit of the RX/TX Input-Switch

2.2.2 RX/TX Output-Switch

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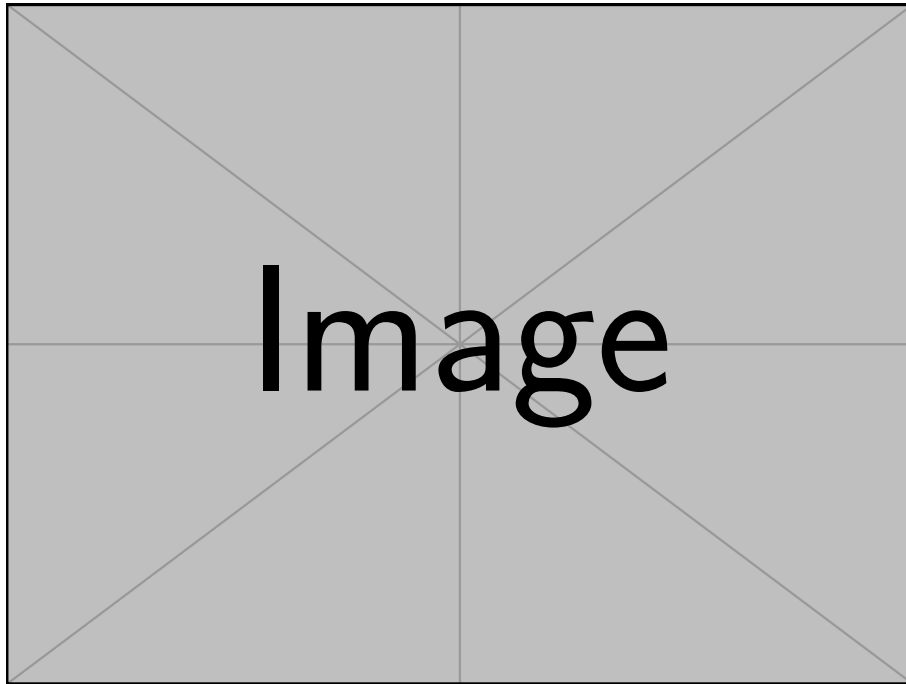


Figure 2.8: Circuit of the RX/TX Output-Switch

Chapter 3

PCB

3.1 Layer Stackup

This **PCB!** is a two layer PCB. On the top layer the **RF!** signals and SMT components are placed. The bottom layer is a completed GND layer with some supply traces. This PCB is produced by my sponsor JLCPCB ¹. Normally, for bigger RF PCB-Designs a 4 layer PCB is used as follows:

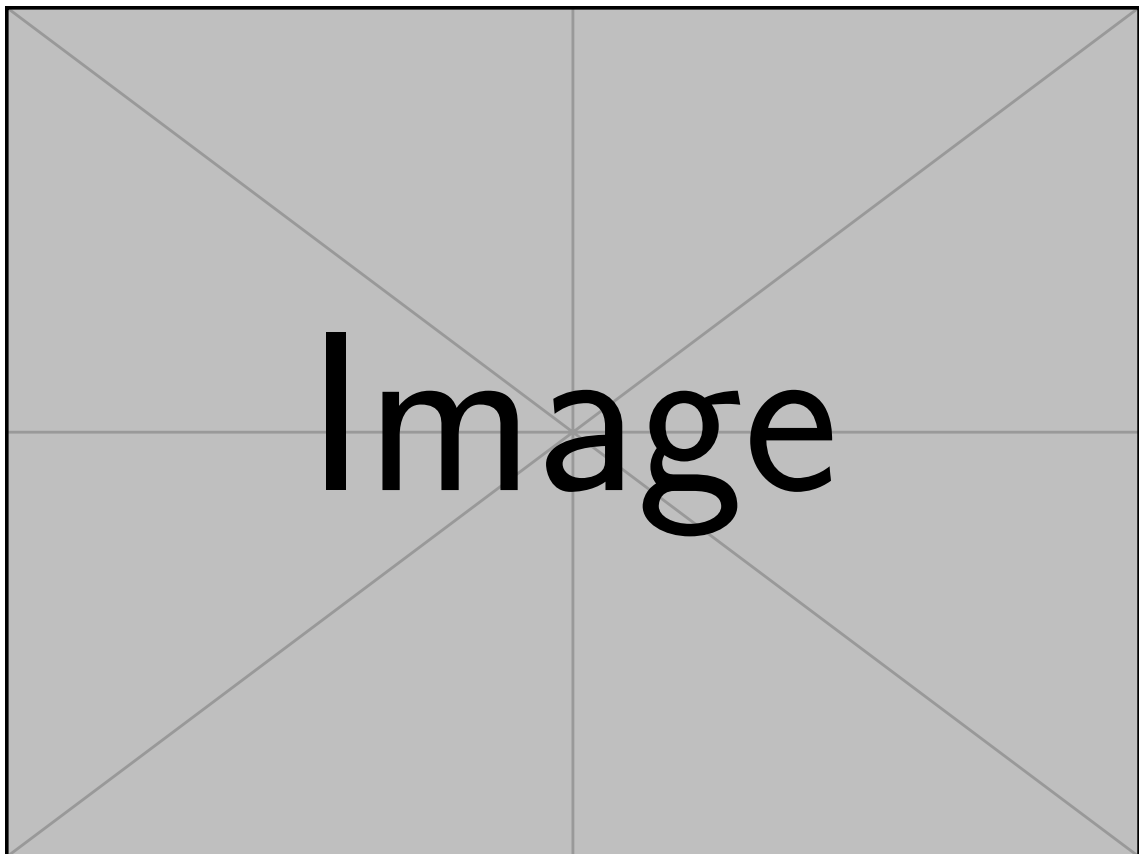


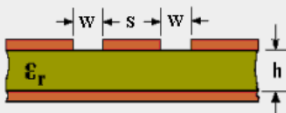
Figure 3.1: Two Layer PCB Stackup

¹<https://jlcpcb.com/>

3.2 Coplanar Waveguide Grounded (CPWG)

In RF PCB-Design applications it is very important, that the trace impedance is matched to 50Ω . Therefore, different techniques like Microstrip, Stripline or Coplanar Waveguide are used. This PCB-Design uses the Coplanar Waveguide method. However, the calculation of this technique is not that easy (elliptical integrals etc.). That is why an online calculator ² [2] is used. The original equations are in [3] on page 79.

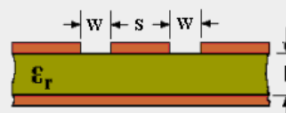
3.2.1 RX CPWG Calculation



INPUT DATA		RESULTS	
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Track Width (S):	<input type="text" value="2"/> mm	Characteristic Impedance (Z_0):	<input type="text" value="50.63"/> Ohms
Gap Width (W):	<input type="text" value="0.5"/> mm		
Dielectric Thickness (h):	<input type="text" value="1.6"/> mm		
		<input type="button" value="Calculate"/>	

Figure 3.2: RX CPWG Calculation

3.2.2 TX CPWG Calculation



INPUT DATA		RESULTS	
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Track Width (S):	<input type="text" value="2.8"/> mm	Characteristic Impedance (Z_0):	<input type="text" value="50.02"/> Ohms
Gap Width (W):	<input type="text" value="1.5"/> mm		
Dielectric Thickness (h):	<input type="text" value="1.6"/> mm		
		<input type="button" value="Calculate"/>	

Figure 3.3: TX CPWG Calculation

²<https://chemandy.com/calculators/coplanar-waveguide-with-ground-calculator.htm>

3.3 Trace corners

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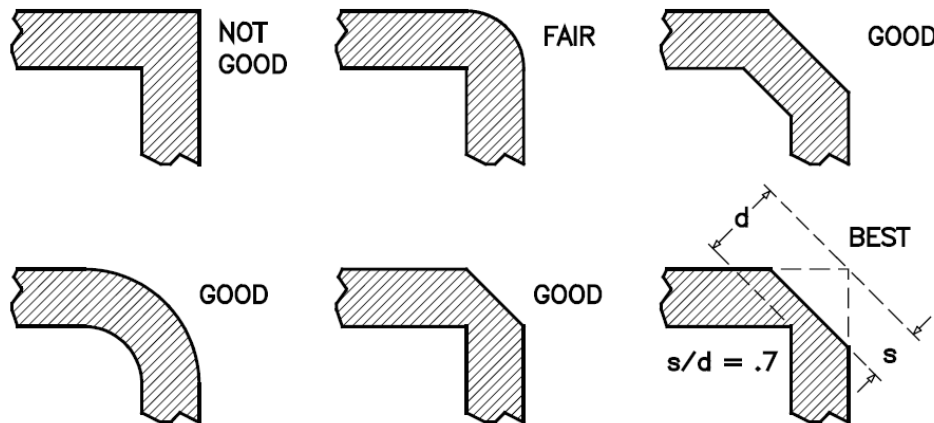


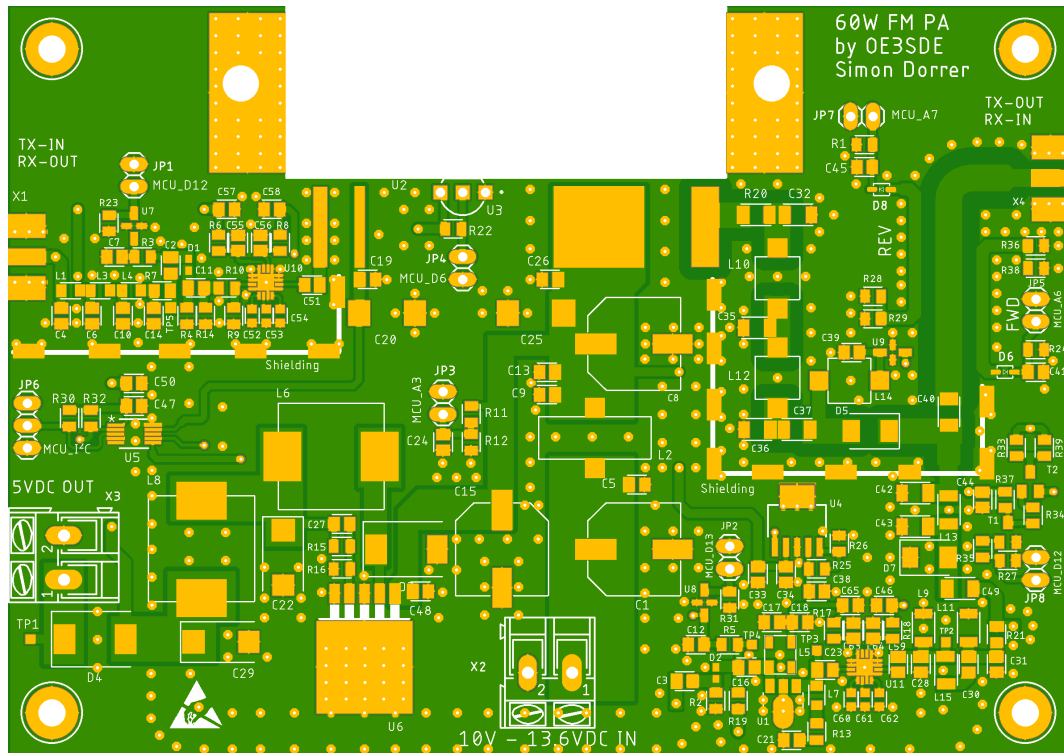
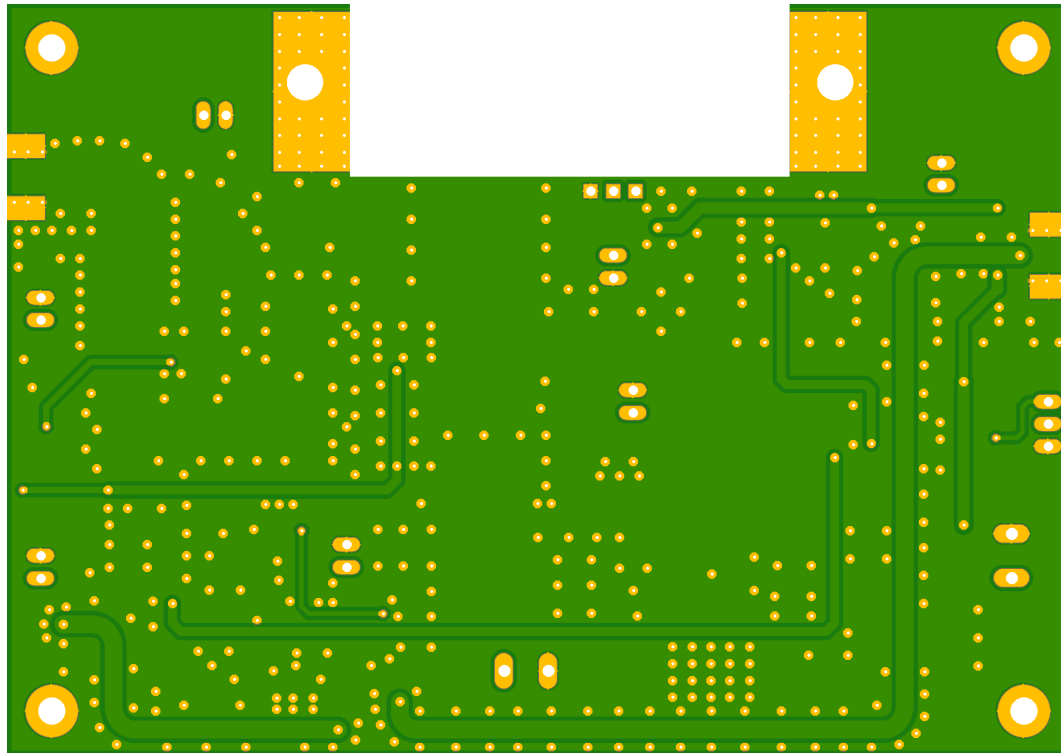
Figure 3.4: Corners in RF traces

3.4 3D PCB



Figure 3.5: Finished **PCB**! 3D view

3.5 2D PCB

Figure 3.6: Finished **PCB!** 2D top viewFigure 3.7: Finished **PCB!** 2D bottom view

Chapter 4

Bill of Material

Qty	Value	Parts
4	0R	R7, R19, R20, R21
1	1.2k	R15
1	1000uF	C1
4	100R	R28, R29, R36, R38
6	100nF	C52, C53, C54, C60, C61, C62
13	100nF	C5, C7, C9, C12, C24, C34, C38, C39, C41, C44, C45, C47, C48
1	100uF	C8
1	100uF / 10V	C29
4	10R	R6, R8, R17, R18
7	10k	R1, R24, R25, R30, R32, R35, R37
12	10nF	C2, C3, C11, C16, C23, C27, C46, C51, C57, C58, C59, C65
3	10nF	C37, C40, C49
1	10uF	C17
1	12VDC	X2
1	150R	R13
1	15T @ FT37-43	L14
2	15nH	L9, L11
1	15ÁH	L8
1	18R	R10
1	18k	R11
3	1k	R2, R4, R34
2	1k 1k	R33, R39
4	1nF	C55, C56, C63, C64
1	1uF	C50
1	2.2uF	C33
3	2.7k	R23, R27, R31
1	220pF	C13
1	220uF / 10V	C22
1	228nH	L15
2	22pF	C4, C14
4	22pF	C32, C36, C42, C43
2	22uF	C20, C25
2	270R	R9, R14

Qty	Value	Parts
1	3.3k	R26
2	3.9k	R3, R5
1	330nF	C18
1	330pF	C21
1	33uH	L6
2	39pF	C6, C10
1	39pF	C35
2	4.7k	R12, R22
2	4.7nF	C19, C26
1	470uF / 35V	C15
1	5.3pF	C30
1	50R	X4
1	55nH	L13
1	5VDC	X3
1	620nH	L7
1	680R 820R	R16
2	68nH	L10, L12
2	68nH	L1, L4
1	82nH	L3
2	82pF	C28, C31
2	BAP64-02	D1, D2
2	BAT15	D6, D8
1	DS18B20	U3
2	F2255NLGK	U10, U11
4	GND-Hole	H1, H2, H3, H4
1	LM2596S	U6
2	MA4P7104F	D5, D7
2	MBRS340	D3, D4
1	MCP4728A0-E	U5
1	MMBT3904	T1
1	MMBT3906	T2
3	NFL21SP106	U7, U8, U9
1	PGA-103+	U1
1	RA60H1317M1A	U2
1	RFC	L2
1	TCCH-80+	L5
1	TPS7A4501DCQT	U4
5	TPSTP10SQ	TP1, TP2, TP3, TP4, TP5
1	TX-IN, RX-OUT	X1

Table 4.1: Bill of Material

Chapter 5

Measurements

5.1 TX-Path Transfer Function

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5.1.1 TF of RA60H1317M1A

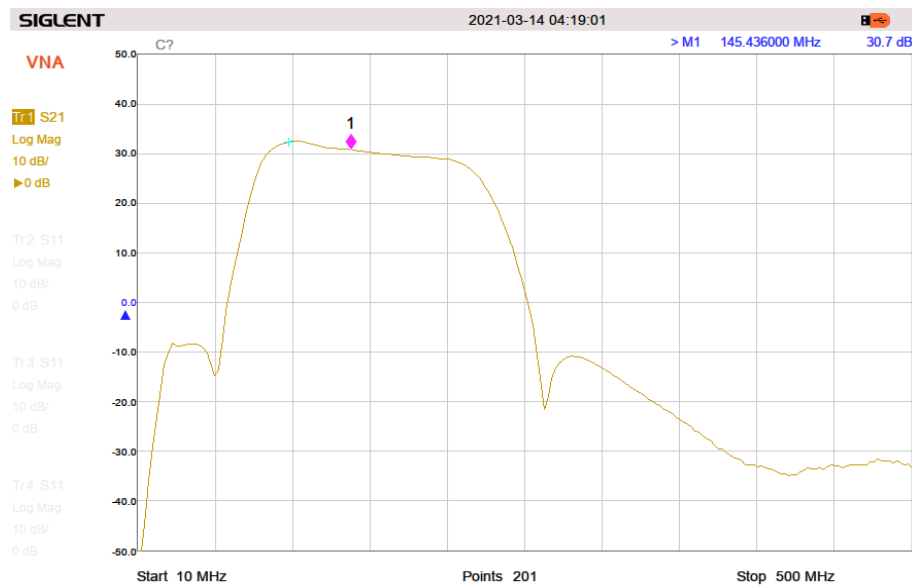


Figure 5.1: Transfer Function of RA60H1317M1A

5.1.2 10dB Gain

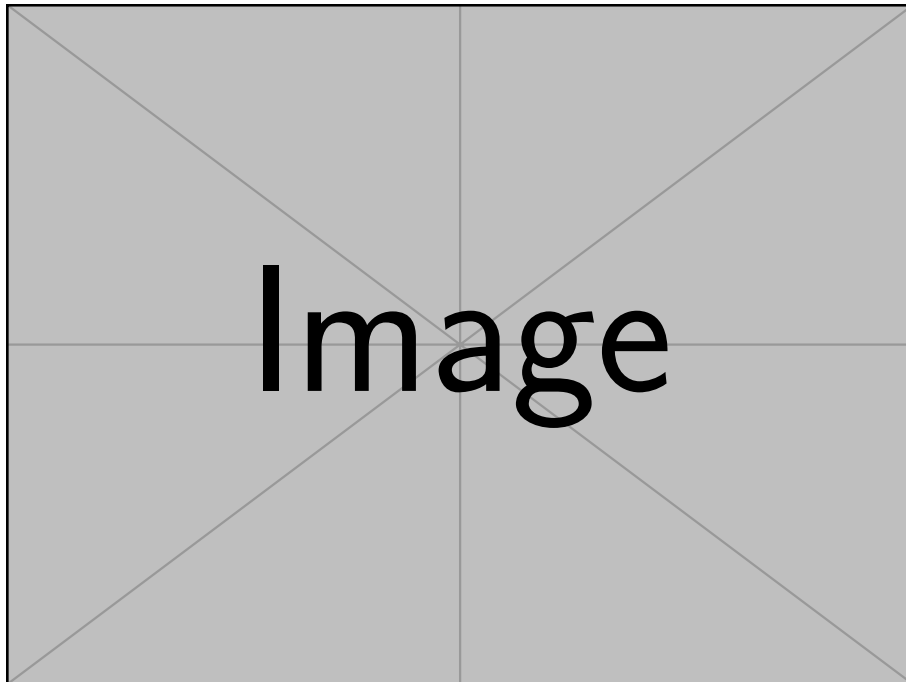


Figure 5.2: TX-Path Transfer Function with 10dB gain

5.1.3 30dB Gain

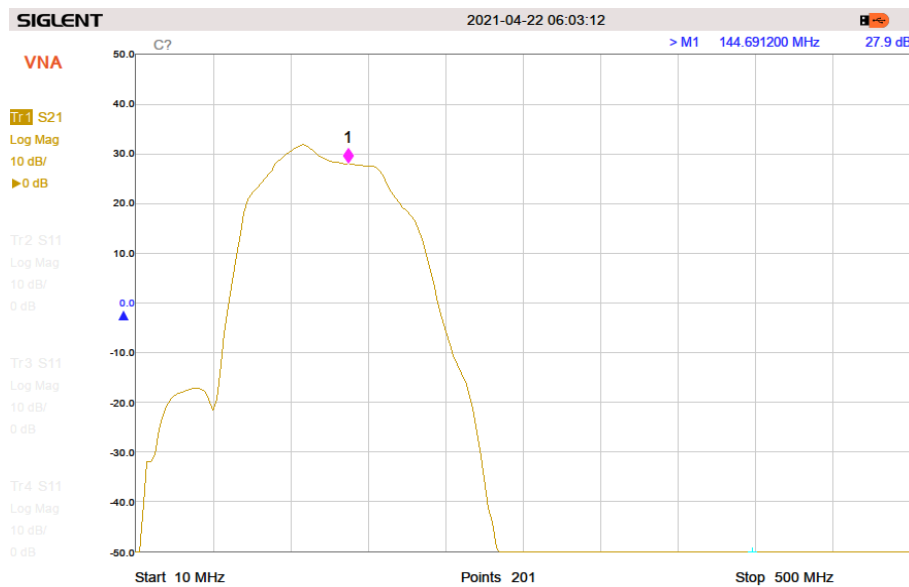


Figure 5.3: TX-Path Transfer Function with 30dB gain

5.2 RX-Path Transfer Function

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5.2.1 F2255NLGK Attenuation Diagram

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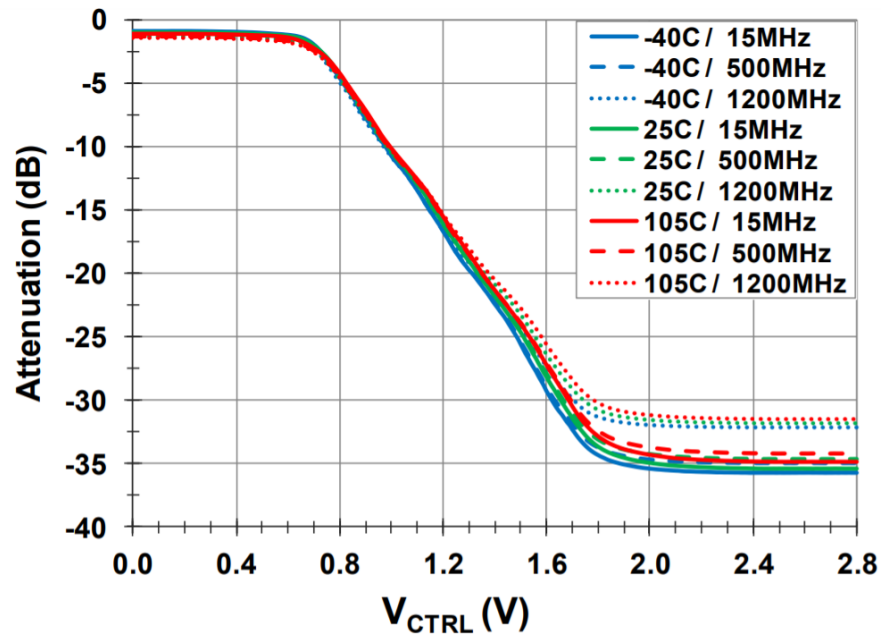


Figure 5.4: F2255NLGK Attenuation Diagram¹[4]

¹https://www.mouser.at/datasheet/2/698/IDT_F2255_Datasheet_DST_20180209-1997542.pdf

5.2.2 No Attenuation

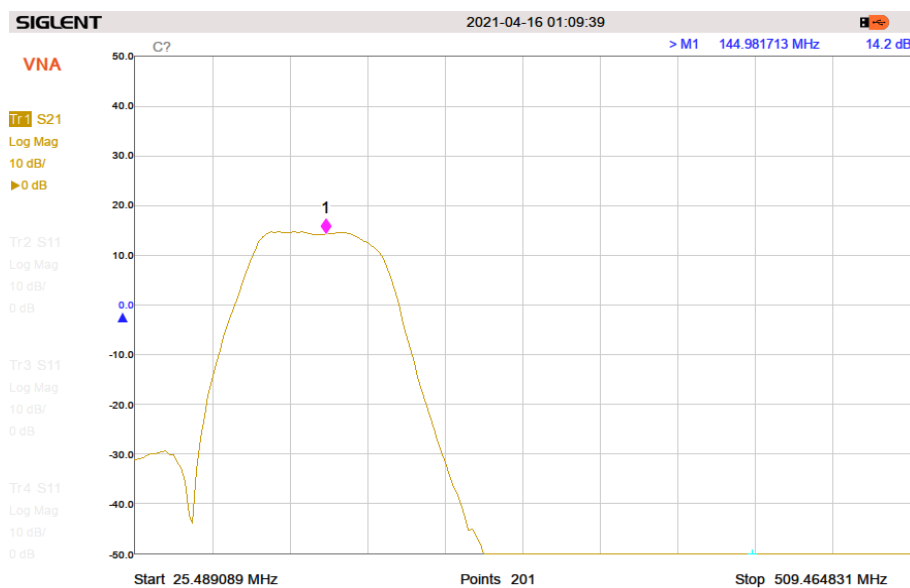


Figure 5.5: RX-Path Transfer Function without attenuation

5.2.3 20dB Attenuation

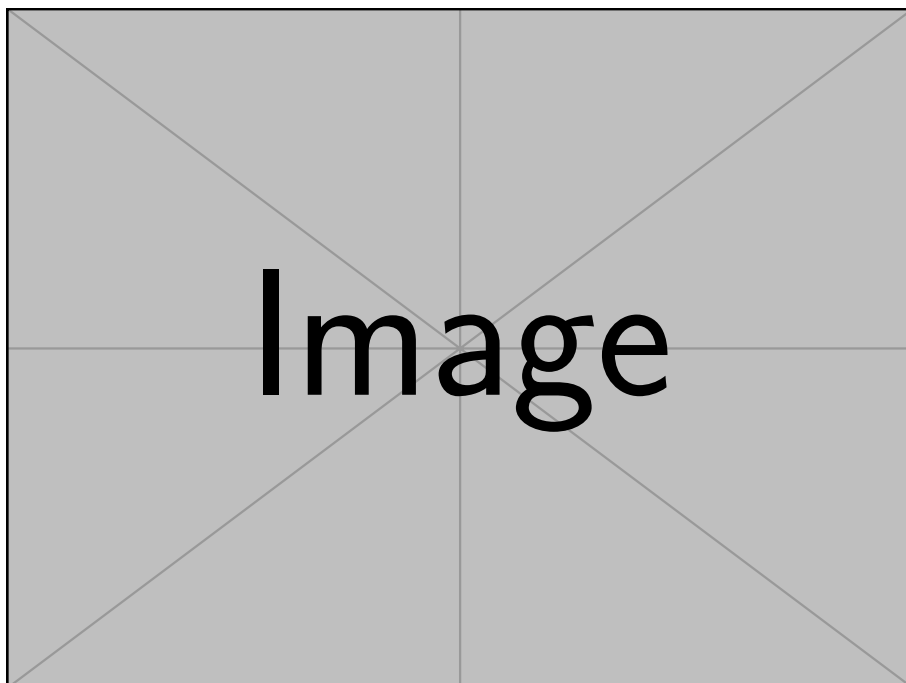


Figure 5.6: RX-Path Transfer Function with 20dB attenuation

5.3 Output Power

For all output power measurements an input power of XYdBm (xyW) is used. Furthermore, at the input of the Vector Network Analyzer a 23dBm attenuator is mounted to handle the power. So, the final output Power consists of the measured power and the 23dBm.

For exmaple, if the spectrum analyser shows an output power of XYdBm the output power equals $XY + 23dBm = dBm(XYW)$.

5.3.1 20W Output Power

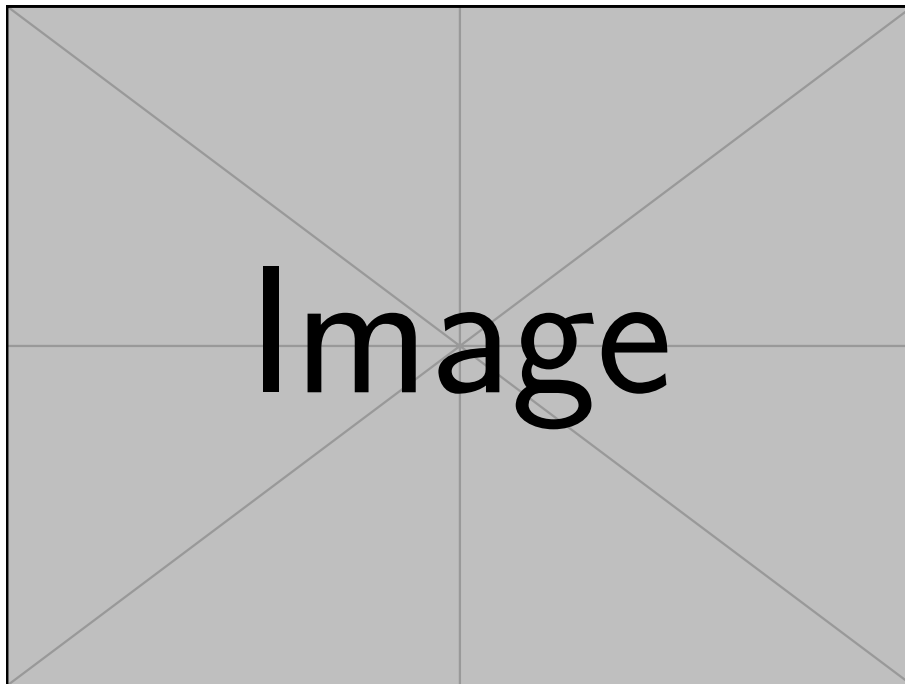


Figure 5.7: 20W Output Power

5.3.2 40W Output Power

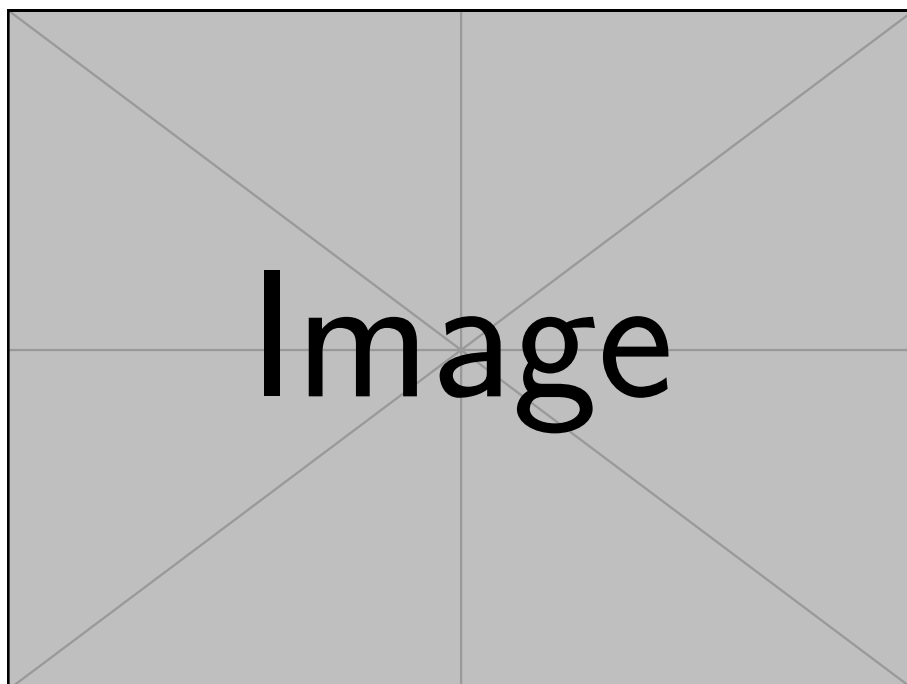


Figure 5.8: 40W Output Power

5.3.3 60W Output Power

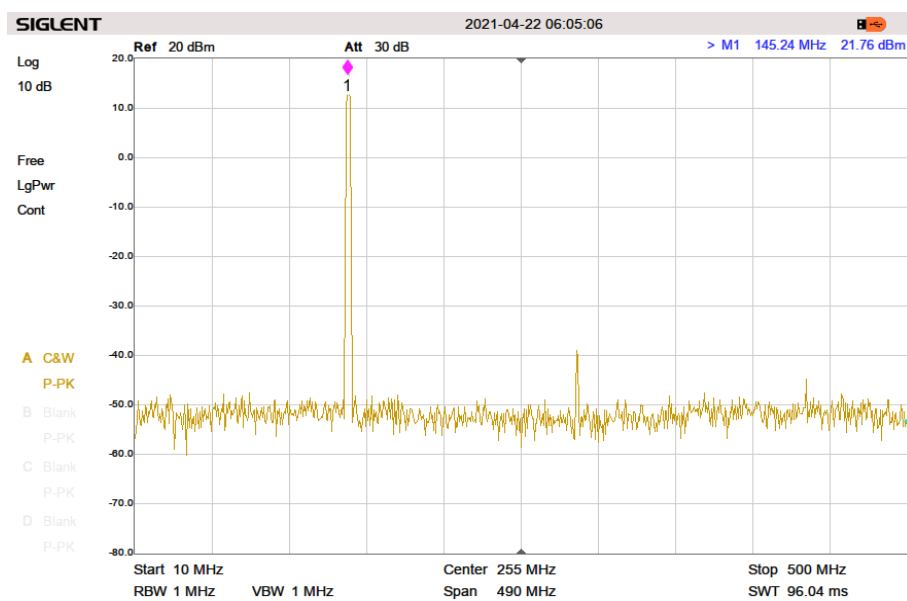


Figure 5.9: 60W Output Power

Chapter 6

Microcontroller Code

In this chapter, the MCU Code written with Arduino IDE is implemented. The internal hardware of the used MCU (ATmega328) is programmed on register level. To control the OLED display, the external DAC and some sensors, external libraries are used.

```

1 //Arduino Code for DRA818V FM TRX + 60W RA60H1317M1A
2 //This code is written by OE3SDE, Simon Dorrer!
3
4 //Define CPU-Clock-Speed (16MHz internal clock)
5 //define F_CPU 16000000UL
6
7 //Define Baudrate for UART
8 //define BAUD 9600UL
9
10 //Include Libraries
11 #include <avr/io.h>
12 #include <stdio.h>
13 #include <avr/interrupt.h>
14
15 //I2C
16 #include <Wire.h>
17
18 //MCP4728
19 #include <Adafruit_MCP4728.h>
20
21 //DS18B20
22 #include <OneWire.h>
23 #include <DallasTemperature.h>
24
25 //Libs. for SD1306 OLED-Display
26 #include <Adafruit_GFX.h>           // Include core graphics
    library for the display
27 #include <Adafruit_SSD1306.h>       // Include Adafruit_SSD1306
    library to drive the display
28 #include <Fonts/FreeMono9pt7b.h>    // Add a custom font
29 /*List of different fonts :
```

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30 FreeMono9pt7b.h
31 FreeMonoBold9pt7b.h
32 FreeMonoBoldOblique9pt7b.h
33 FreeMonoOblique9pt7b.h
34 */
35 //
-----

36
37 //Definitions
38 //I/O Declaration
39 //1W FM TRX Board (DRA818V)
40 // #define TX          0          //PD0 / D0
41 // #define RX          1          //PD1 / D1
42 #define SW1           2          //PD2 / D2 - INT0
43 #define PTT_IN        3          //PD3 / D3 - INT1
44 #define PTT_OUT       7          //PD7 / D7
45 #define PD            0          //PB0 / D8
46 #define H_L          1          //PB1 / D9
47 #define HC05_TX       2          //PB2 / D10
48 #define HC05_RX       3          //PB3 / D11
49 #define E1            0          //PC0 / A0
50 #define E2            1          //PC1 / A1
51
52 //60W FM TRX Board (RA60H1317M1A)
53 #define PGA_SHDN      5          //PB5 / D13 (LOW --> PGA OFF, HIGH --> PGA
    ON) + RX Switch
54 #define TX_SW        4          //PB4 / D12 (HIGH TX Switch)
55 // #define T1_SW      7          //PD7 / D7 (switches T1 for TRX Switch -
    LOW for TX, HIGH for RX) --> see PTT_OUT D7
56 #define DS18B20_OW   6          //PD6 / D6 (One wire input of DS18B20 Temp
    . Sensor)
57 #define SWR_REV       7          //PC7 / A7 (ADC samples reverse voltage)
58 #define SWR_FWD       6          //PC6 / A6 (ADC samples forward voltage)
59 #define ADC_VDD       3          //PC3 / A3 (ADC samples VDD voltage)
60
61 //I2C: OLED Display, MCP4728
62
63 //Makros
64 //RX or TX ATTENUATOR
65 #define RX_ATTENUATOR_CHANNEL MCP4728_CHANNEL_A
66 #define TX_ATTENUATOR_CHANNEL MCP4728_CHANNEL_B
67
68 //PA max. ratings
69 #define VDD_LOWER_LIMIT 10.7 //in V
70 #define VDD_UPPER_LIMIT 14.2 //in V
71 #define SWR_LOWER_LIMIT 0.5
72 #define SWR_UPPER_LIMIT 2

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73 #define HEAT_UPPER_LIMIT 45    //in degrees
74 //
-----

75
76 //Global variables / Objects
77 uint8_t TX = 0;    // 0... RX; 1... TX
78 uint8_t switched = 0;
79
80 //OLED
81 Adafruit_SSD1306 display(128, 64);    // Create display
82 volatile uint16_t timer1Count = 0;
83
84 //DRA818 Variables
85 typedef struct{
86     float txFreq;            //TX-Frequency in MHz (134.0000 - 174.0000)
87     float rxFreq;            //RX-Frequency in MHz (134.0000 - 174.0000)
88     String txCTCSS;          //CTCSS frequency (0000 - 0038); 0000 = "no
        CTCSS"
89     String rxCTCSS;          //CTCSS frequency (0000 - 0038); 0000 = "no
        CTCSS"
90     uint8_t bw;              //Bandwith in KHz (0= 12.5KHz or 1= 25KHz)
91     uint8_t squ;             //Squelch level  (0 - 8); 0 = "open"
92     uint8_t vol;
93     uint8_t prf;
94     uint8_t hpf;
95     uint8_t lpf;
96 }DRA818;
97
98 DRA818 dra818 = {145.5000, 145.5000, "0000", "0000", 1, 4, 8, 0, 0,
    0};
99
100 //DS18B20
101 OneWire oneWire(DS18B20_OW);
102 DallasTemperature ds18b20(&oneWire);
103
104 //MCP4728
105 Adafruit_MCP4728 mcp4728;
106
107 //Rotary Encoder Variables
108 int counter = 0;
109 int aState;
110 int aLastState;
111
112 //RA60H1317M1A Variables
113 float txGain = 10;
114 float txAtt = 0;
115 float rxAtt = 0;

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116 uint8_t monitorPA = 0; //monitorPA = 1... PA is OK!
117 //
-----

118
119 //Subprograms
120 //Hardware Init Methods
121 void IO_Init() //initialize IO
122 {
123     //Define INPUTs
124     DDRD &= ~(1 << SW1); //set PD2 (SW1) as Input
125     PORTD |= (1 << SW1); //activate Pull-Up-R at PD2 (SW1)
126
127     DDRD &= ~(1 << PTT_IN); //set PD3 (PTT-IN) as Input
128     PORTD |= (1 << PTT_IN); //activate Pull-Up-R at PD3 (PTT_IN)
129
130     DDRC &= ~(1 << E1); //set PC0 (E1) as Input
131     DDRC &= ~(1 << E2); //set PC1 (E2) as Input
132
133     DDRC &= ~(1 << ADC_VDD); //set PC3 (ADC_VDD) as Input
134     //PORTC |= (1 << ADC_VDD); //activate Pull-Up-R at PC3 (
        ADC_VDD)
135
136     DDRC &= ~(1 << SWR_FWD); //set PC6 (SWR_FWD) as Input
137     PORTC |= (1 << SWR_FWD); //activate Pull-Up-R at PC6 (SWR_FWD)
138
139     DDRC &= ~(1 << SWR_REV); //set PC7 (SWR_REV) as Input
140     PORTC |= (1 << SWR_REV); //activate Pull-Up-R at PC7 (SWR_REV)
141
142     //Define OUTPUTs
143     DDRD |= (1 << PTT_OUT); //set PD7 (PTT_OUT) as Output
144     DDRB |= (1 << PD); //set PB0 (PD) as Output
145     DDRB |= (1 << H_L); //set PB1 (H_L) as Output
146
147     DDRB |= (1 << TX_SW); //set PB4 (TX_Switch) as Output
148     DDRB |= (1 << PGA_SHDN); //set PB5 (PGA_SHDN) as Output
149 }
150
151 void Timer1_COMPA_Init()
152 {
153     //Control Registers
154     TCCR1A = 0; TCCR1B = 0; TCCR1C = 0; //Reset
155
156     // set CTC mode
157     //TCCR1A |= (1 << WGM10);
158     //TCCR1A |= (1 << WGM11);
159     TCCR1B |= (1 << WGM12);
160

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```
161 // Set Prescaler 1024 (TCCR1B = (1 << WGM12) | (0x5 << CS10);)
162 TCCR1B |= (1 << CS12);
163 TCCR1B &= ~(1 << CS11);
164 TCCR1B |= (1 << CS10);
165
166 // initialize compare value
167 OCR1A = 16;
168
169 // enable timer compare interrupt
170 TIMSK1 |= (1 << OCIE1A);
171 }
172
173 void Timer2_COMPA_Init()
174 {
175     //Timer2 settings
176     TCCR2A = 0x00; TCCR2B = 0x00; //Reset
177
178     //Enable Timer2 CTC Mode
179     //TCCR2A |= (1 << WGM20);
180     TCCR2A |= (1 << WGM21);
181     //TCCR2B |= (1 << WGM22);
182
183     //Prescaler
184     // 1024 prescaling for Timer2 (TCCR2B = (0x7 << CS20);)
185     TCCR2B |= (1 << CS20);
186     TCCR2B |= (1 << CS21);
187     TCCR2B |= (1 << CS22);
188
189     //Initialize compare value
190     OCR2A = 0;
191
192     //initialize TIMER0-Counter
193     //TCNT2 = 0; // set counter value FORMEL: x = maximaler Zaehlwert -
        ((CPUtakt/PRESCALER)/ gesuchte Frequenz)
194
195     //disable Timer compare interrupt
196     TIMSK2 &= ~(1 << OCIE2A);
197 }
198
199 void INT0_Init()
200 {
201     //enable Interrupt
202     EIMSK |= (1 << INT0); //Ext. Int0 ein
203
204     //Set falling Edge Interrupt (EICRA |= (0x2 << ISC00);)
205     EICRA &= ~(1 << ISC00);
206     EICRA |= (1 << ISC01);
207 }
```

```
208 void INT1_Init()
209 {
210     //enable Interrupt
211     EIMSK |= (1 << INT1); //Ext. Int1 ein
212
213     //Set rising & falling Edge Interrupt (EICRA |= (0x2 << ISC10);)
214     EICRA |= (1 << ISC10);
215     EICRA &= ~(1 << ISC11);
216 }
217
218 void ADC_Init()
219 {
220     //ADC Setup
221     //Set Reference Voltage (VCC = VREF)
222     ADMUX &= ~(1 << REFS1);
223     ADMUX |= (1 << REFS0);
224
225     //Prescaler --> 128 (50kHz - 200kHz)
226     ADCSRA |= (1 << ADPS0);
227     ADCSRA |= (1 << ADPS1);
228     ADCSRA |= (1 << ADPS2);
229
230     ADCSRA |= (1 << ADEN); //Enable ADC
231
232     //Dummy Readout to warm up the ADC
233     ADCSRA |= (1<<ADSC); //Start ADC conclusion
234     while (ADCSRA & (1<<ADSC)){ } //wait until ADC is ready
235     (void) ADC;
236 }
237 uint16_t ADC_ReadValue(uint8_t channel)
238 {
239     ADMUX = (ADMUX & ~(0x1F)) | (channel & 0x1F); //which ADCx? Bit
        Mask to secure ADMUX settings in Init() function
240
241     ADCSRA |= (1<<ADSC); //Start ADC conclusion
242     while (ADCSRA & (1<<ADSC)){ } //wait until ADC is ready
243
244     return ADC; //return the ADC value
245 }
246
247 //DRA818V Methods
248 void DRA818V_setGroup()
249 {
250     Serial.print("AT+DMOSETGROUP="); // begin message
251     Serial.print(dra818.bw);
252     Serial.print(",");
253     Serial.print(dra818.txFreq, 4);
254     Serial.print(",");
```

```

255  Serial.print(dra818.rxFreq, 4);
256  Serial.print(",");
257  Serial.print(dra818.txCTCSS);
258  Serial.print(",");
259  Serial.print(dra818.squ);
260  Serial.print(",");
261  Serial.println(dra818.rxCTCSS);
262 }
263 void DRA818V_setVolume()
264 {
265  Serial.print("AT+DMOSETVOLUME=");
266  Serial.println(dra818.vol);
267 }
268 void DRA818V_setFilter()
269 {
270  Serial.print("AT+SETFILTER=");
271  Serial.print(dra818.prf);
272  Serial.print(",");
273  Serial.print(dra818.hpf);
274  Serial.print(",");
275  Serial.println(dra818.lpf);
276 }
277 void DRA818V_Init()                // initialize DRA818V
278 {
279  PORTB &= ~(1 << PD);
280  delay(2000);
281
282  //I/O
283  PORTD |= (1 << PTT_OUT);           // set PD7 (PTT_OUT) HIGH at the
    beginning (RX-Mode)
284  PORTB |= (1 << PD);               // set PB0 (PD) HIGH at the beginning
    (Normal-Mode)
285  PORTB &= ~(1 << H_L);             // set PB1 (H/L) LOW at the beginning
    (LOW-Power = 0.5W)
286
287  //UART
288  Serial.begin(9600);
289  delay(10);
290  DRA818V_setGroup();
291  delay(500);
292  DRA818V_setVolume();
293  delay(500);
294  DRA818V_setFilter();
295  delay(500);
296 }
297
298 //RA60H1317M1A Methods
299 float getVDD()                    //Get VDD Voltage (10.8VDC to 13.6VDC)

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```
300 {
301     float vdd = 0;
302     // #PJN: You may spend a LOT of time in this loop => make ADC
        reading asynchronous
303
304     vdd = ADC_ReadValue(ADC_VDD) * 5.0 / 1024.0;
305
306     return((vdd * ((4700 + 18000) / 4700)) + 2.2); //returns supply
        voltage without voltage division (magic numbers equals the
        voltage divider resistor values)
307 }
308 float getSWR()          //Get SWR of output load (should be between 0.5
        and 2)
309 {
310     float rev = 0;
311     float fwd = 0;
312     // #PJN: You may spend just more time in this loop => make ADC
        reading asynchronous
313     for(int i = 0; i < 10; i++)    //10 iterations for a more precise
        result
314     {
315         rev = rev + ADC_ReadValue(SWR_REV);
316         fwd = fwd + ADC_ReadValue(SWR_FWD);
317     }
318     rev = rev / 10 / 1024 * 5;
319     fwd = fwd / 10 / 1024 * 5;
320
321     //SWR Calculation
322     return((fwd + rev) / (fwd - rev));
323 }
324 float getPWR()
325 {
326     float fwd = 0;
327     for(int i = 0; i < 10; i++)    //10 iterations for a more precise
        result
328     {
329         fwd = fwd + ADC_ReadValue(SWR_FWD);
330     }
331     fwd = fwd / 10 / 1024 * 5;
332
333     //PWR Calculation
334     return((fwd * fwd) / 50);
335 }
336 float getHeat()         //Get heat of RA60H1317M1A measured by DS18B20,
        should be smaller than 50
337 {
338     ds18b20.requestTemperatures();
339     return(ds18b20.getTempCByIndex(0));
```

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340 }
341 void setTXGain(float gain) //Set Gain of RA60H1317M1A via MCP4728 (
    VOUSD)
342 {
343     if(gain == 0)
344     {
345         mcp4728.setChannelValue(MCP4728_CHANNEL_D, 0);
346     }
347     else
348     {
349         //ToDo Formula
350         mcp4728.setChannelValue(MCP4728_CHANNEL_D, 4095);
351     }
352 }
353 void setAttenuation(MCP4728_channel_t channel, float att) //
    Attenuation of U11 (RX) or U12 (TX) (F2255NLGK)
354 {
355     //Note that the PGA-103 has a constant gain of 25dB for RX path!
    RX_ATTENUATOR_CHANNEL MCP4728_CHANNEL_A
356     //Note that an 6dB Attenuator is assembled on board for TX path!
    TX_ATTENUATOR_CHANNEL MCP4728_CHANNEL_B
357
358     if(att > 35)
359     {
360         mcp4728.setChannelValue(channel, 2048);
361     }
362     else if(att < 2.5)
363     {
364         mcp4728.setChannelValue(channel, 0);
365     }
366     else
367     {
368         att = att * (-1);
369         mcp4728.setChannelValue(channel, (uint16_t)(4096 * (-0.03692 *
            att + 0.60769) / 5)); //0.7V (-2.5dB) to 1.9V (-35dB), magic
            numbers are calculated according to the attenuation curve of
            the datasheet!
370     }
371 }
372 void switchPAtoTX(uint8_t TX_Att, uint8_t TX_Gain)
373 {
374     if(monitorPA == 1)
375     {
376         //turn OFF RX:
377         mcp4728.setChannelValue(MCP4728_CHANNEL_C, 0); //turn RX Path
            in TRX Switch OFF (VOUTC to LOW)
378         PORTB &= ~(1 << PGA_SHDN); //turn OFF PGA
            RX-Amp. and RX Switch (D13 to LOW)

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379     setAttenuation(RX_ATTENUATOR_CHANNEL, 36);           //set full
        attenuation of U11 (F2255NLGK)
380
381     delay(100);           //100ms settling time
382
383     //turn ON TX:
384     PORTD &= ~(1 << PTT_OUT);           //turn TX Path
        in TRX Switch ON (D7 LOW)
385     PORTB |= (1 << TX_SW);           //turn on TX
        Switch (D12 to HIGH)
386     setAttenuation(TX_ATTENUATOR_CHANNEL, TX_Att);       //set
        attenuation of U12 (F2255NLGK)
387     setTXGain(TX_Gain);           //Set TX gain (
        VGG (Gate) voltage) of RA60H1317M1A
388     delay(100);           //100ms
        settling time
389 }
390 else
391 {
392     switchPAtoRX(rxAtt);
393 }
394 }
395 void switchPAtoRX(float RX_Att)
396 {
397     //turn OFF TX:
398     setTXGain(0);           //Set gain of
        RA60H1317M1A to 0
399     setAttenuation(TX_ATTENUATOR_CHANNEL, 36);           //set full
        attenuation of U12 (F2255NLGK)
400     PORTB &= ~(1 << TX_SW);           //turn OFF TX
        Switch (D12 to LOW)
401     PORTD |= (1 << PTT_OUT);           //turn TX Path
        in TRX Switch OFF (D7 HIGH)
402     delay(100);           //100ms
        settling time
403
404     //turn ON RX
405     mcp4728.setChannelValue(MCP4728_CHANNEL_C, 4095);     //turn RX Path
        in TRX Switch ON (VOUTC to HIGH)
406     PORTB |= (1 << PGA_SHDN);           //turn ON PGA
        RX-Amp. and RX Switch (D13 to HIGH)
407     setAttenuation(RX_ATTENUATOR_CHANNEL, RX_Att);       //set
        attenuation of U11 (F2255NLGK)
408     delay(100);           //100ms
        settling time
409 }
410 void verifyPA()           //Shutdown RA60H1317M1A according to SWR, VDD and
        Heat

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411 {
412     float vdd = getVDD();
413     float swr = getSWR();
414     float heat = getHeat();
415     Serial.print("VDD:");
416     Serial.println(vdd);
417     Serial.print("SWR:");
418     Serial.println(swr);
419     Serial.print("HEAT:");
420     Serial.println(heat);
421
422     //if((vdd >= VDD_LOWER_LIMIT && vdd <= VDD_UPPER_LIMIT) && (swr >=
        SWR_LOWER_LIMIT && swr <= SWR_UPPER_LIMIT) && heat <=
        HEAT_UPPER_LIMIT)
423     if((vdd >= VDD_LOWER_LIMIT && vdd <= VDD_UPPER_LIMIT) && heat <=
        HEAT_UPPER_LIMIT)
424     {
425         monitorPA = 1;    //PA is OK!
426     }
427     else
428     {
429         monitorPA = 0;
430         if(TX == 1)
431         {
432             switchPAtoRX(rxAtt);
433         }
434     }
435 }
436
437 //Display Methods
438 void displayInit()
439 {
440     delay(100);                // This delay is needed
        to let the display to initialize
441     if(!display.begin(SSD1306_SWITCHCAPVCC, 0x3C)){ // Address 0x3C for
        128x32
442         Serial.println(F("SSD1306_allocation_failed"));
443         while (1){
444             delay(10);
445         }
446     }
447     display.clearDisplay();        // Clear the buffer
448     display.setTextColor(WHITE);  // Set color of the
        text
449     //display.setRotation(2);      // Set orientation.
        Goes from 0, 1, 2 or 3
450     display.setTextWrap(false);    // By default, long
        lines of text are set to automatically "wrap" back to the

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    leftmost column.
451 // To override this behavior (so text will run off the right side
    of the display - useful for scrolling marquee effects), use
    setTextWrap(false).
452 display.dim(0); //Set brightness (0 is
    maximun and 1 is a little dim)
453 display.setFont(&FreeMono9pt7b); // Set a custom font
454 display.setTextSize(0); // Set text size. We
    are using a custom font so you should always use the text size
    of 0
455 display.display(); // Print everything we
    set previously
456 }
457 void displayStartScreen()
458 {
459     display.setCursor(10, 15); // (x,y)
460     display.println("60W_FM_TRX"); // Text or value to
        print
461     display.setCursor(10, 35); // (x,y)
462     display.println("by_OE3SDE"); // Text or value to
        print
463     display.setCursor(10, 55); // (x,y)
464     display.println("S._Dorrer"); // Text or value to
        print
465     display.display(); // Print everything we
        set previously
466 }
467 void refreshDisplay()
468 {
469     display.clearDisplay();
470
471     // TX / RX
472     if(TX == 1)
473     {
474         display.setCursor(10, 15); // (x,y)
475         display.println("TX");
476     }
477     else if(TX == 0)
478     {
479         display.setCursor(10, 15); // (x,y)
480         display.println("RX");
481     }
482
483     // Power
484     display.setCursor(50, 15); // (x,y)
485     display.println("PWR:.5W");
486
487     // Frequency

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488   display.setCursor(30, 35);                                // (x,y)
489   display.println(dra818.txFreq);
490
491   //Values
492   display.setCursor(2, 55);                                // (x,y)
493   display.print(getVDD());                                // Text or value to
       print
494   display.print("_");
495   display.print(getHeat());                                // Text or value to
       print
496   display.display();
497 }
498 //

```

```

499
500 //Setup (Initialize hardware)
501 void setup()
502 {
503   //HW Init
504   IO_Init();
505   INT0_Init();
506   INT1_Init();
507   Timer1_COMPA_Init();
508   Timer2_COMPA_Init();
509   ADC_Init();
510
511   // OLED Init
512   displayInit();
513   displayStartScreen();
514
515   //DRA818V Init
516   DRA818V_Init();
517
518   //DS18B20 Init
519   ds18b20.begin();
520
521   //MCP4728 Init
522   if(!mcp4728.begin()){
523     Serial.println("Failed_to_find_MCP4728_chip!");
524     while (1){
525       delay(10);
526     }
527   }
528
529   //RA60H1317M1A
530   verifyPA();
531   switchPAtoRX(rxAtt); //standard attenuation of 10dB

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532
533 sei(); //enable global interrupts
534
535 //Reads the initial state of the outputA (E2)
536 aLastState = digitalRead(E2); // #PJN: wondering why you're now
    using the digitalRead() because output handling is done via
    direct register access - it's however OK anyways
537
538 display.clearDisplay();
539 display.display();
540 }
541 //
    -----
542
543 //Loop
544 void loop()
545 {
546     if(timer1Count >= 500)
547     {
548         timer1Count = 0;
549         verifyPA();
550         refreshDisplay();
551     }
552
553     if(TX == 1 && switched == 1)
554     {
555         switchPAtoTX(txAtt, txGain); //PA PCB is transmitting now!
556         //PORTD &= ~(1 << PTT_OUT); //DRA818V TX (done in
            switchPAtoTX)
557         switched = 0;
558     }
559     else if (TX == 0 && switched == 1)
560     {
561         //PORTD |= (1 << PTT_OUT); //DRA818V RX (done in
            switchPAtoRX)
562         switchPAtoRX(rxAtt); //PA PCB is receiving now!
563         switched = 0;
564     }
565
566     // #PJN: Because of the above code you'll get a lot of jitter when
    reading the encoder below
567     aState = digitalRead(E2); // Reads the "current" state of the
    outputA
568     // If the previous and the current state of the outputA are
    different, that means a Pulse has occurred
569     if (aState != aLastState)
570     {
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571     // If the outputB state is different to the outputA state, that
        means the encoder is rotating clockwise
572     if (digitalRead(E1) != aState)
573     {
574         counter++;
575     }
576     else
577     {
578         counter--;
579     }
580 }
581 aLastState = aState; // Updates the previous state of the outputA
        with the current state
582 }
583 //
    -----

584
585 //ISP (Interrupt Service Routine)
586 ISR(TIMER1_COMPA_vect) // every 1ms
587 {
588     timer1Count++;
589 }
590
591 ISR(TIMER2_COMPA_vect) // execute by TIMER2 CTC
592 {
593     static uint16_t timer2Count = 0; //only at first ISR call
594
595     timer2Count++; //inkrementieren
596
597     if(timer2Count == 4000) //256ms sperren
598     {
599         //enable INT0
600         EIMSK |= (1 << INT0); //Ext. Int0 on
601
602         //enable INT1
603         EIMSK |= (1 << INT1); //Ext. Int0 on
604
605         //clear INTF0
606         EIFR |= (1 << INTF0);
607
608         //clear INTF1
609         EIFR |= (1 << INTF1);
610
611         //disable TIMER2 compare interrupt
612         TIMSK2 &= ~(1 << OCIE2A);
613
614         //reset of counter value

```



```
615     timer2Count = 0;
616 }
617 }
618
619 ISR(INT0_vect) //Rotary Encoder Switch
620 {
621     static uint8_t encoderPressedCounter = 1; //only at first ISR call
622
623     uint8_t temp = SREG; //Store SREG
624
625     encoderPressedCounter++;
626
627     //DEBOUNCE
628     //disable INT0
629     EIMSK &= ~(1 << INT0); //Ext. INT0 off
630     //enable TIMER2 compare interrupt
631     TIMSK2 |= (1 << OCIE2A);
632
633     switch (encoderPressedCounter)
634     {
635     case 1:
636         // #PJN: Off topic: channel spacing on 2m is 12.5 kHz ... maybe
        // just increase/decrease frequency values instead of fixed ones?
637         dra818.txFreq = 145.5000; //TX-Frequency in MHz
638         dra818.rxFreq = 145.5000; //RX-Frequency in MHz
639         DRA818V_setGroup();
640         break;
641     case 2:
642         dra818.txFreq = 144.2000; //TX-Frequency in MHz
643         dra818.rxFreq = 144.2000; //RX-Frequency in MHz
644         DRA818V_setGroup();
645         break;
646     case 3:
647         dra818.txFreq = 144.5000; //TX-Frequency in MHz
648         dra818.rxFreq = 144.5000; //RX-Frequency in MHz
649         DRA818V_setGroup();
650         break;
651     case 4:
652         dra818.txFreq = 145.2000; //TX-Frequency in MHz
653         dra818.rxFreq = 145.2000; //RX-Frequency in MHz
654         DRA818V_setGroup();
655         break;
656     case 5:
657         dra818.txFreq = 145.0000; //TX-Frequency in MHz
658         dra818.rxFreq = 145.0000; //RX-Frequency in MHz
659         DRA818V_setGroup();
660         encoderPressedCounter = 0;
661         break;
```

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662     default:
663         encoderPressedCounter = 0;
664         break;
665     }
666
667     SREG = temp;
668 }
669
670 ISR(INT1_vect) //PTT-IN (active LOW)
671 {
672     //DEBOUNCE
673     //disable INT1
674     //EIMSK &= ~(1 << INT1); //Ext. INT1 off
675     //enable TIMER2 compare interrupt
676     //TIMSK2 |= (1 << OCIE2A);
677
678     switched = 1;
679
680     if(!(PIND & (1 << PTT_IN))) //PTT_IN changed to LOW
681     {
682         //switchPAtoTX(txAtt, txGain); //PA PCB is transmitting now!
683         //PORTD &= ~(1 << PTT_OUT); //DRA818V TX (done in
            switchPAtoTX)
684         TX = 1;
685     }
686     else if (PIND & (1 << PTT_IN)) //PTT_IN changed to HIGH
687     {
688         //PORTD |= (1 << PTT_OUT); //DRA818V RX (done in
            switchPAtoRX)
689         //switchPAtoRX(rxAtt); //PA PCB is receiving now!
690         TX = 0;
691     }
692 }
693 //
-----
694 //End of Code!

```

Chapter 7

Enclosure

Unfortunately, the 3D enclosure is not finished yet. In the end, the enclosure will be 3D printed.

Chapter 8

Result Pictures

8.1 Assembled PCB

ToDo Text

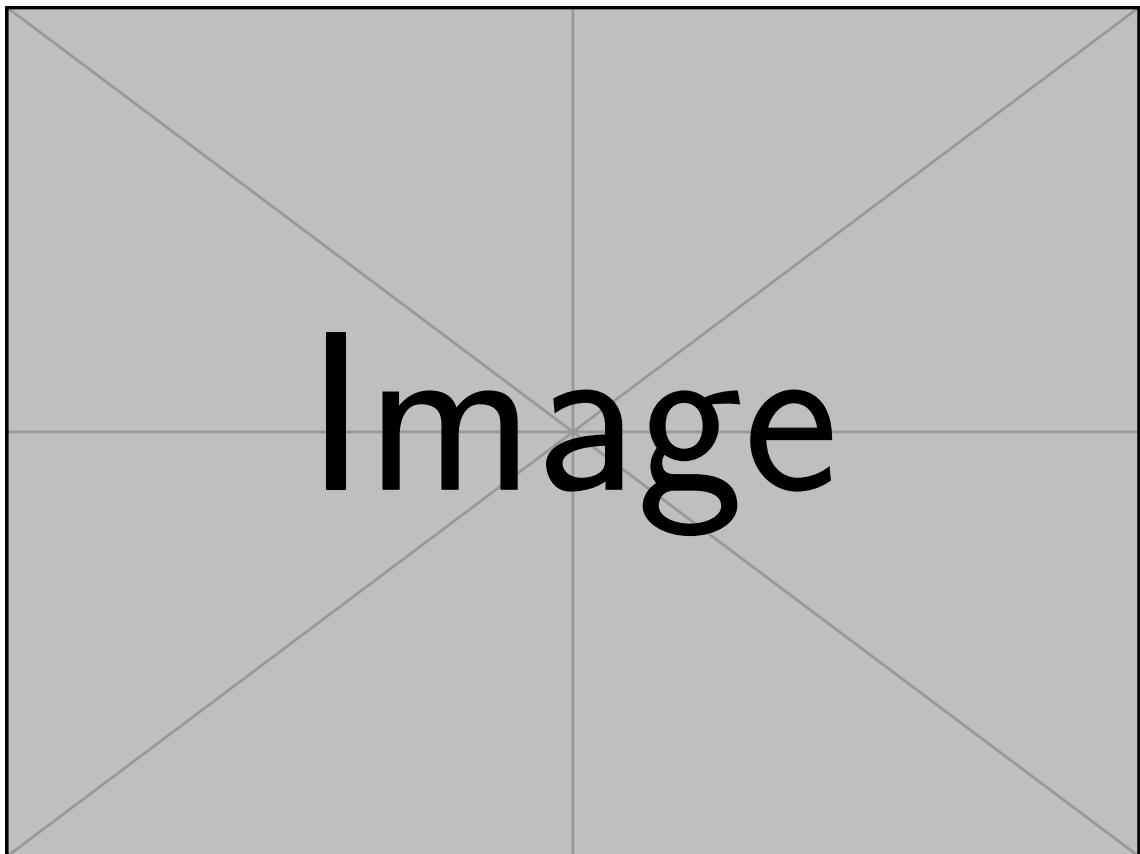


Figure 8.1: Assembled PCB

8.2 Transceiver with Power Amplifier

ToDo Text

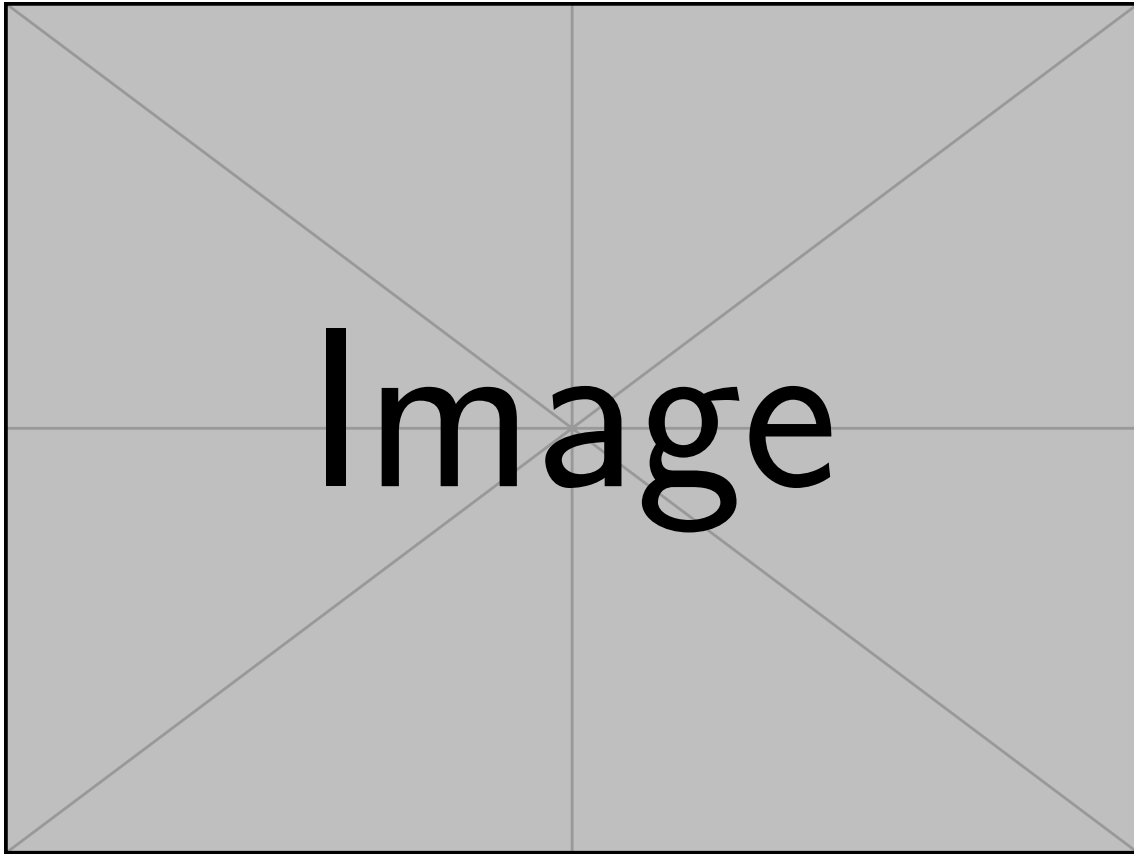


Figure 8.2: DRA818V Transceiver with Power Amplifier

8.3 Implemented in Enclosure

Unfortunately, the 3D enclosure is not finished yet.

List of Abbreviations

ADC	analog to digital converter
CMOS	complementary metal oxide semiconductor
CW	continuous wave
DAC	digital to analog converter
MCU	microcontroller unit
IC	integrated circuit
LNA	low noise amplifier
LPF	lowpass filter
HPF	highpass filter
BPF	bandpass filter
LUT	lookup table
PA	power amplifier
PCB	printed circuit board
RF	radio frequency
RX	receive
SNR	signal to noise ratio
SSB	single sideband
TX	transmit
TRX	transceiver
FM	frequency modulation

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