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Single Reverb Room

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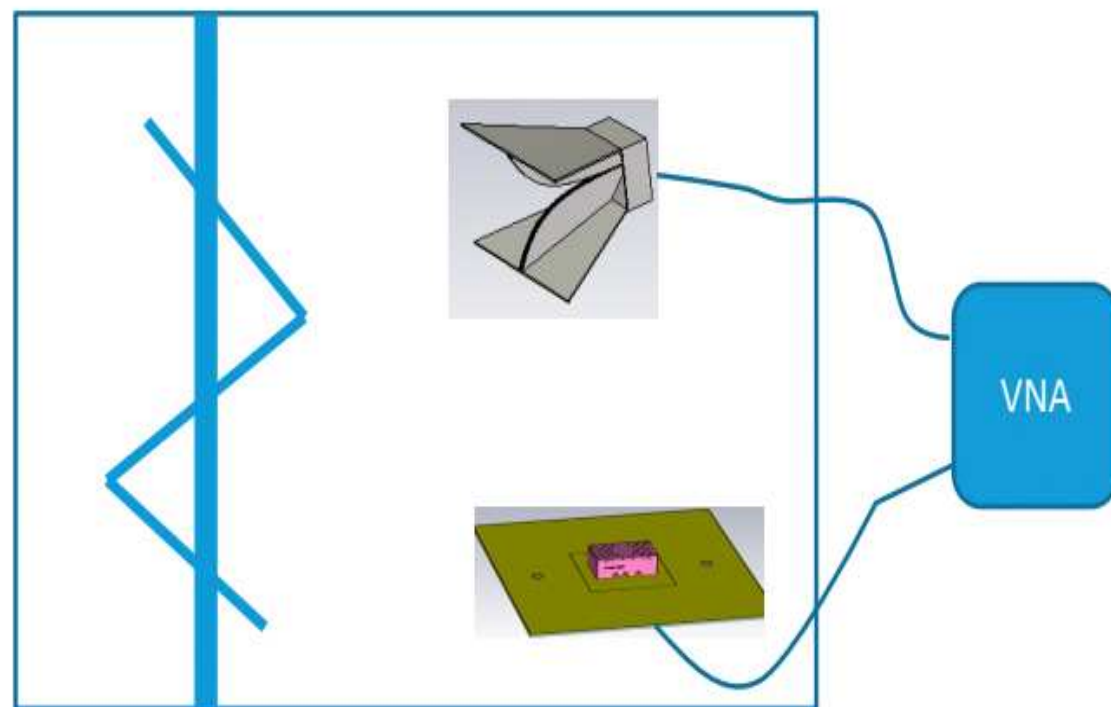
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Laird Measurement setup



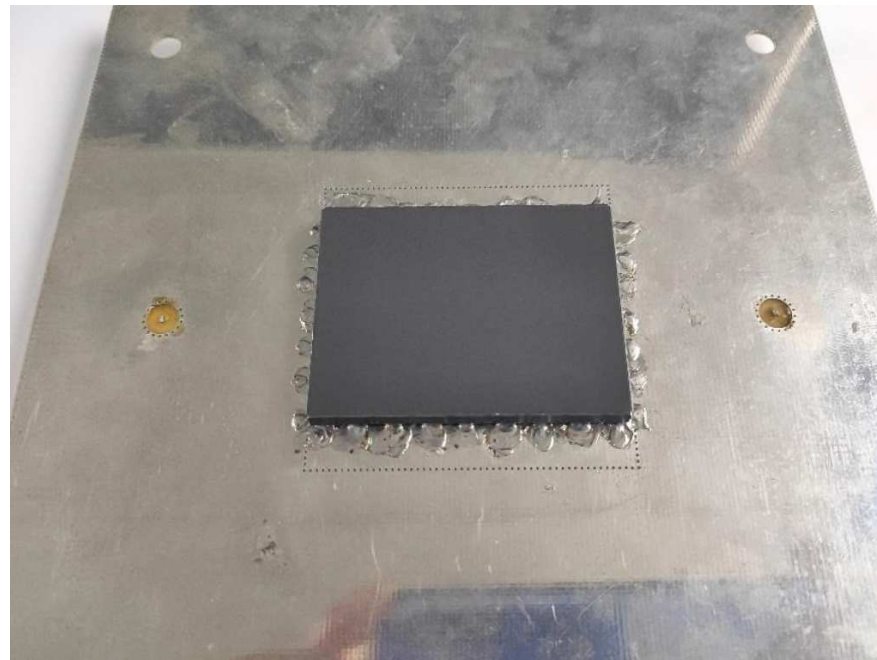


Sample test jig

Laird SE test jig - open

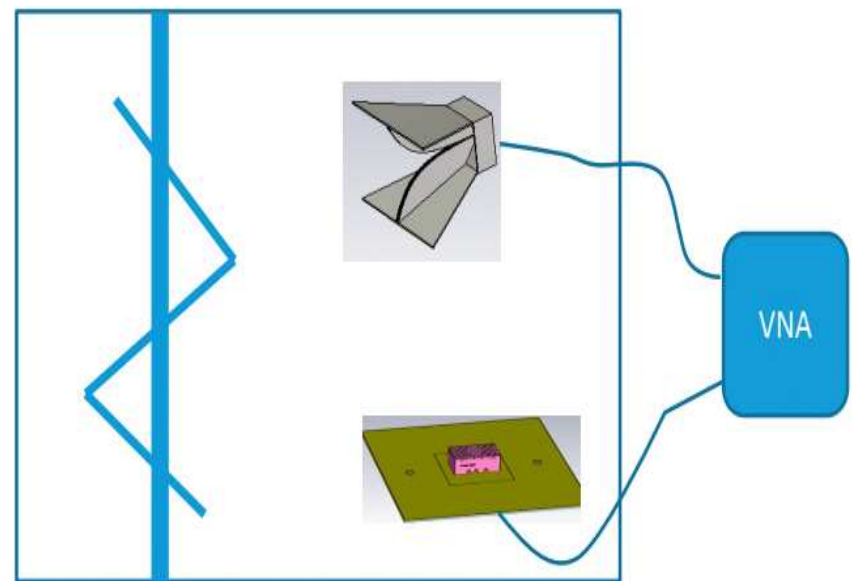
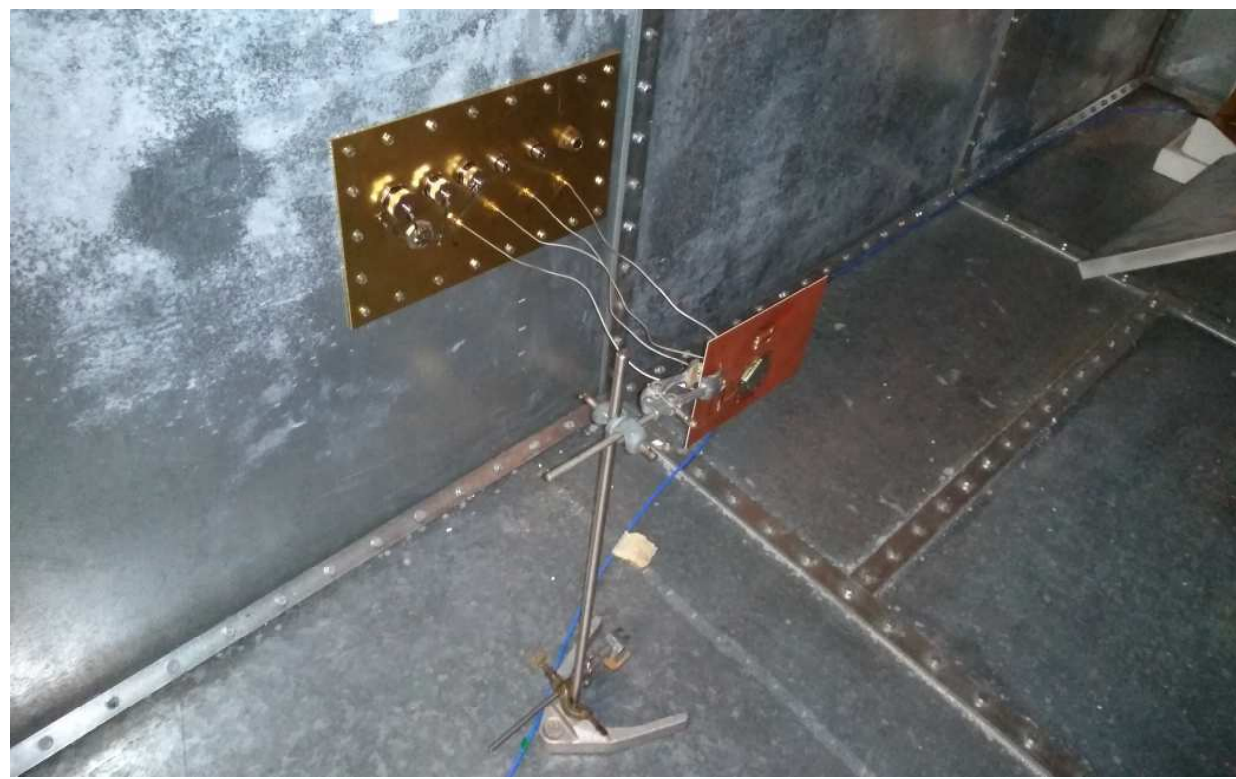


Laird SE test jig – with shield





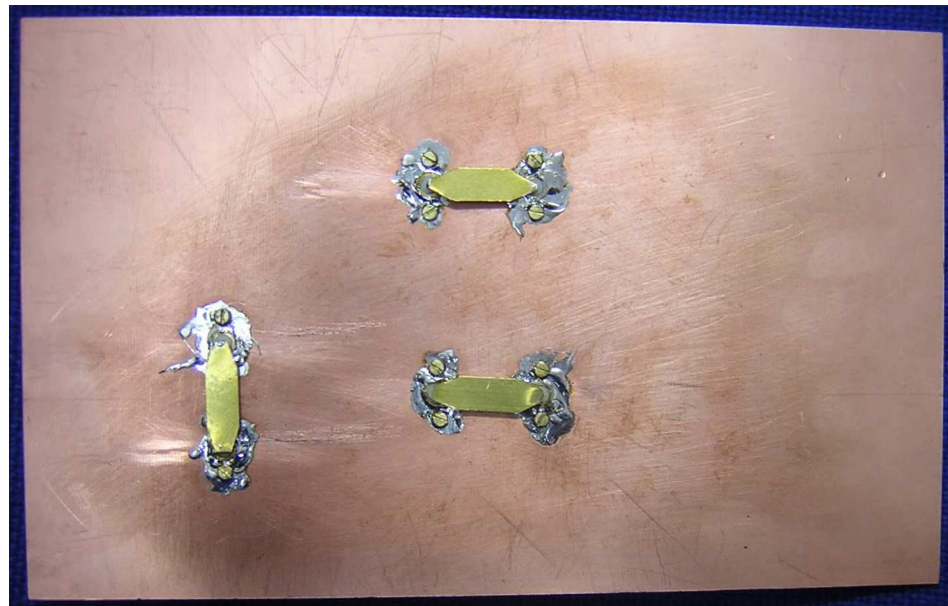
UoY Measurement setup



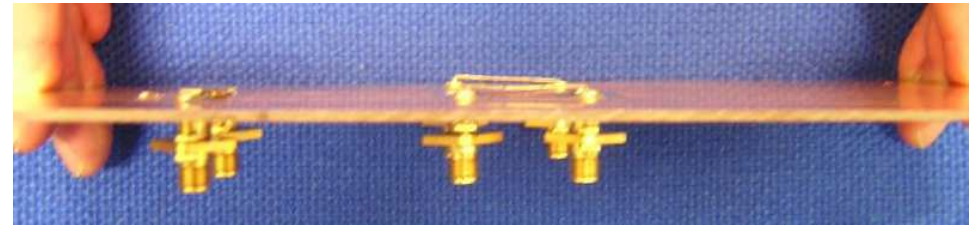


UoY Sample test jig 1

Top view - no shield

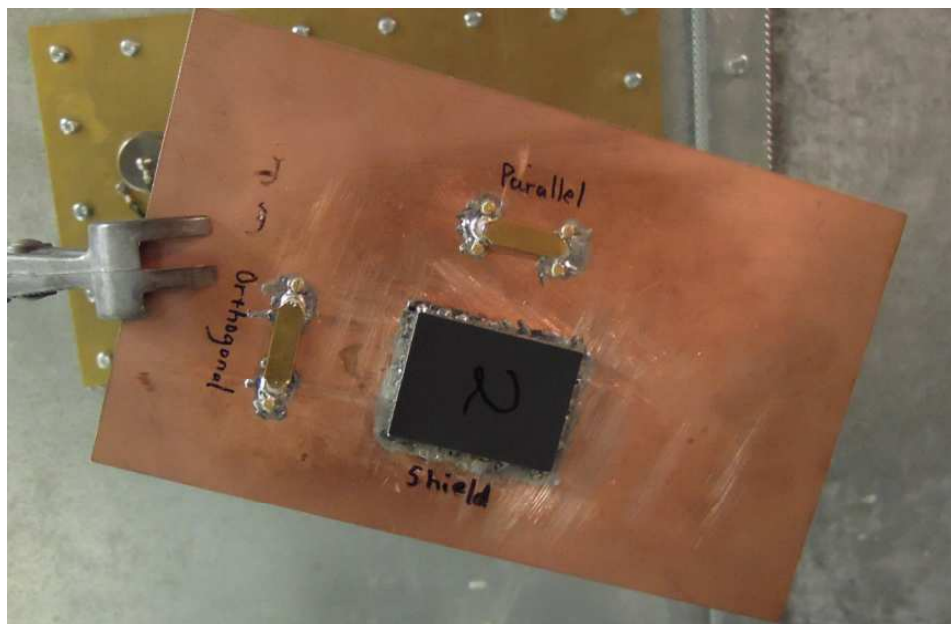


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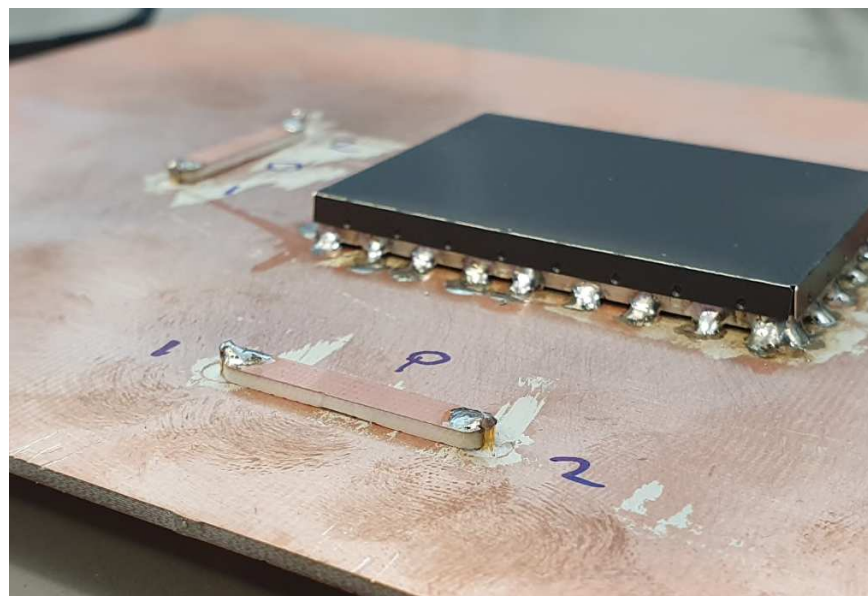


Sample test jig

UoY SE test jig 1 – with shield



UoY SE test jig 2 – with shield





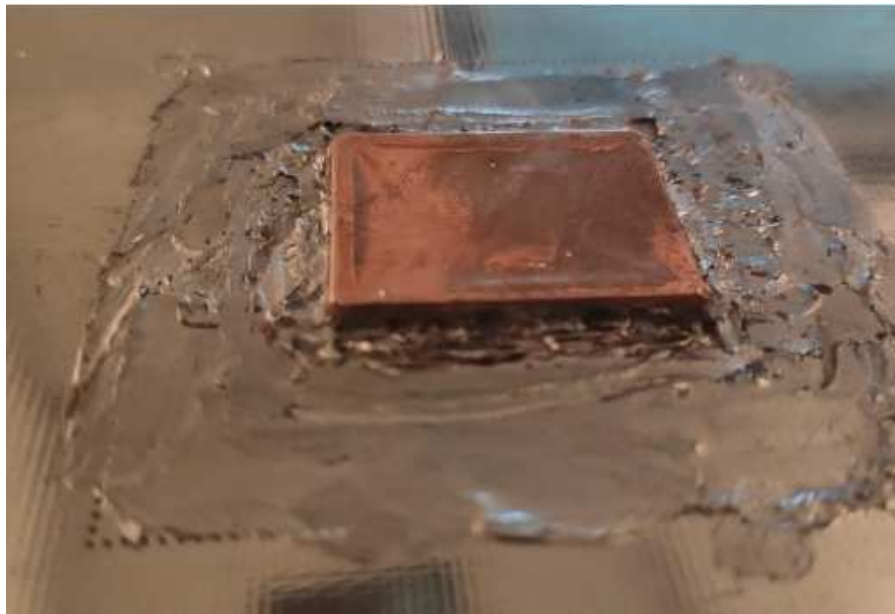
Definitions of SE

- IEEE 299
 - **shielding effectiveness (SE):** The ratio of the signal received (from a transmitter) without the shield, to the signal received inside the shield; the insertion loss when the shield is placed between the transmitting antenna and the receiving antenna.
- IEC 6100-4-21 standard gives a definition:
 - $SE = \frac{\langle P_u \rangle}{\langle P_s \rangle}$ or in decibels $SE = 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{\langle P_u \rangle}{\langle P_s \rangle} \right)$ dB
 - Where P_u is the power coupled to a measurement antenna in the absence of a shield (unshielded) and P_s is the power coupled to a measurement antenna inside a shield (shielded) and $\langle x \rangle$ indicates that x is averaged over a number of measurements with different boundary conditions (stirrer positions, antenna positions, frequencies etc.).



Dynamic range

Laird Dynamic range test

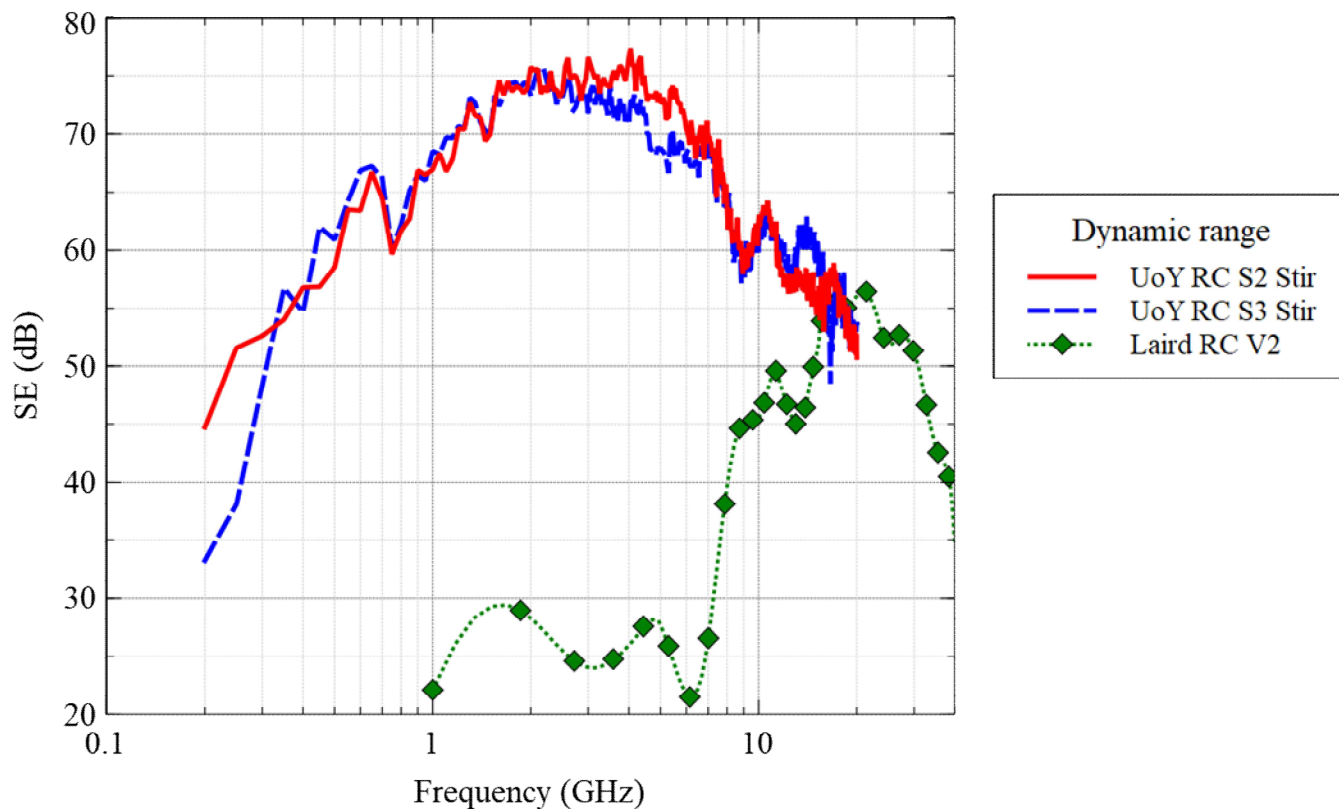


Dynamic range – Measure SE with:

- Laird
 - Solid copper shield over track
- UoY
 - Disconnect jig and terminate cable with matched load
 - Antenna remains connected

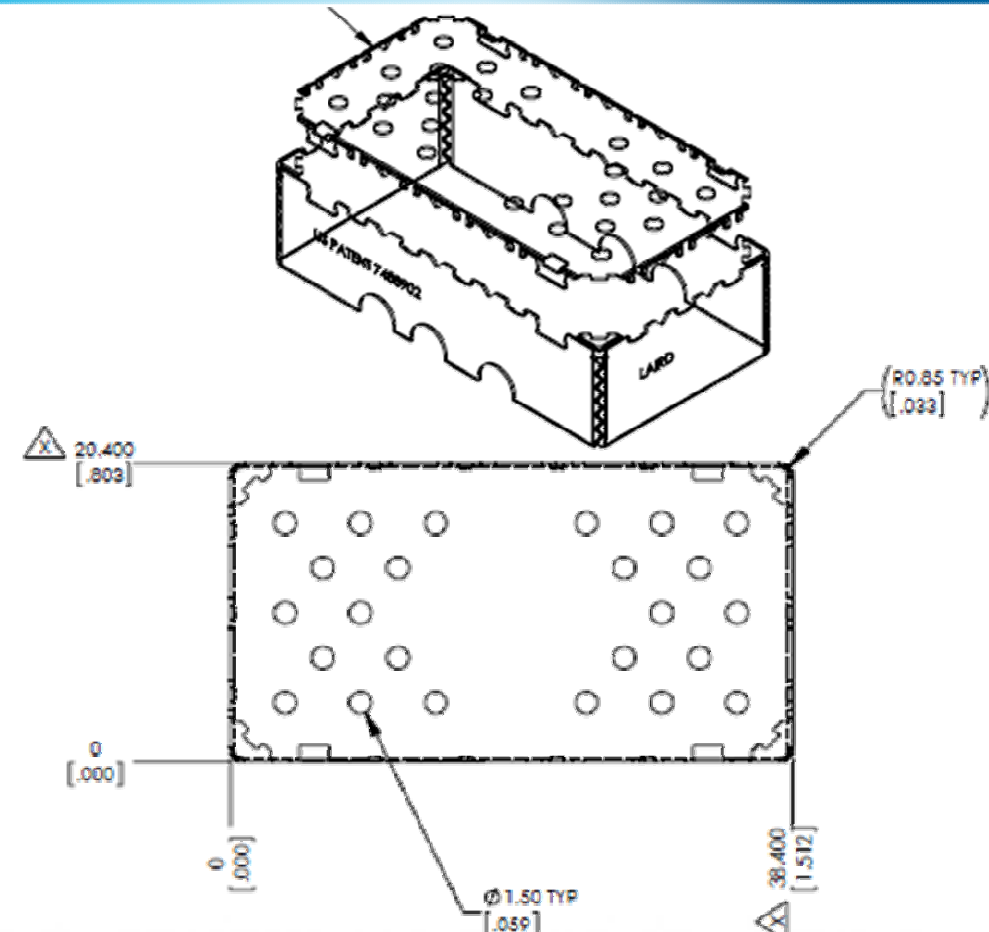
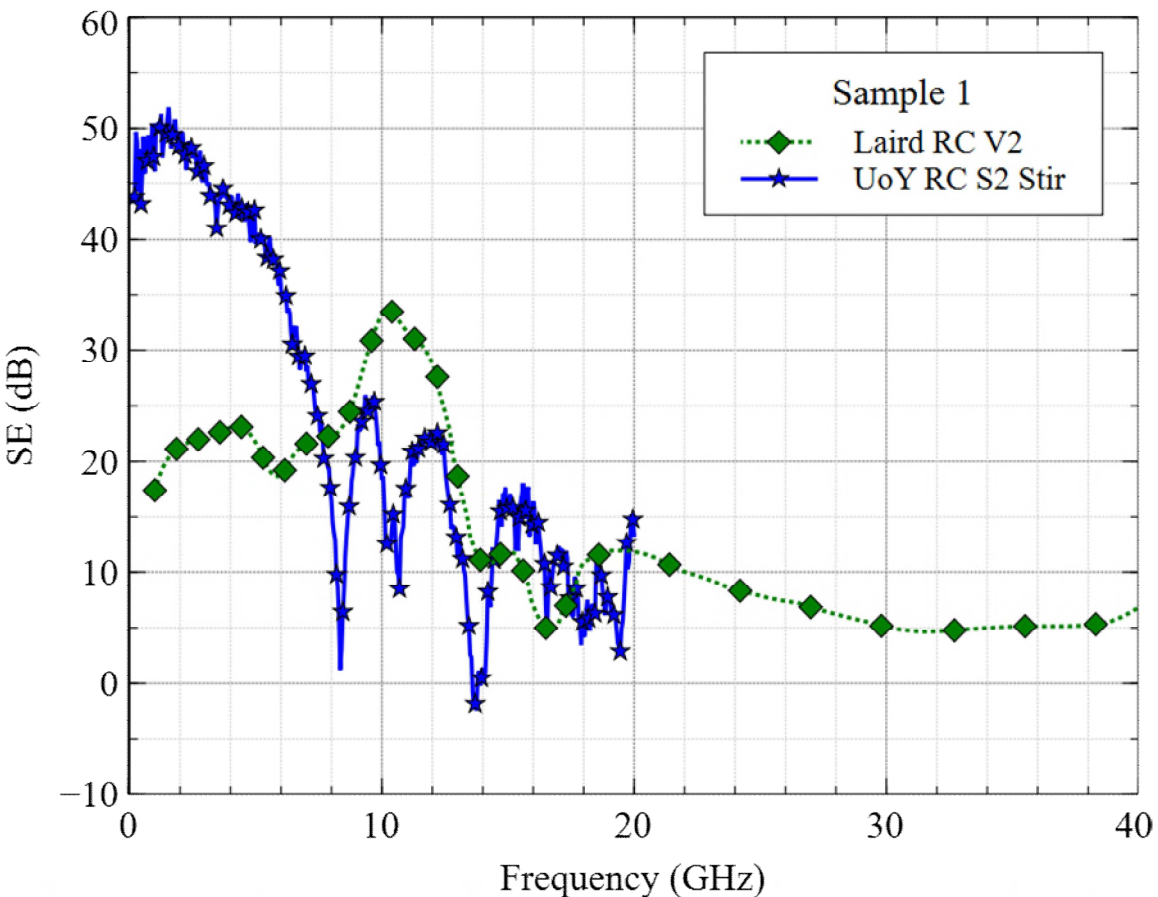


Dynamic range for Reverb method



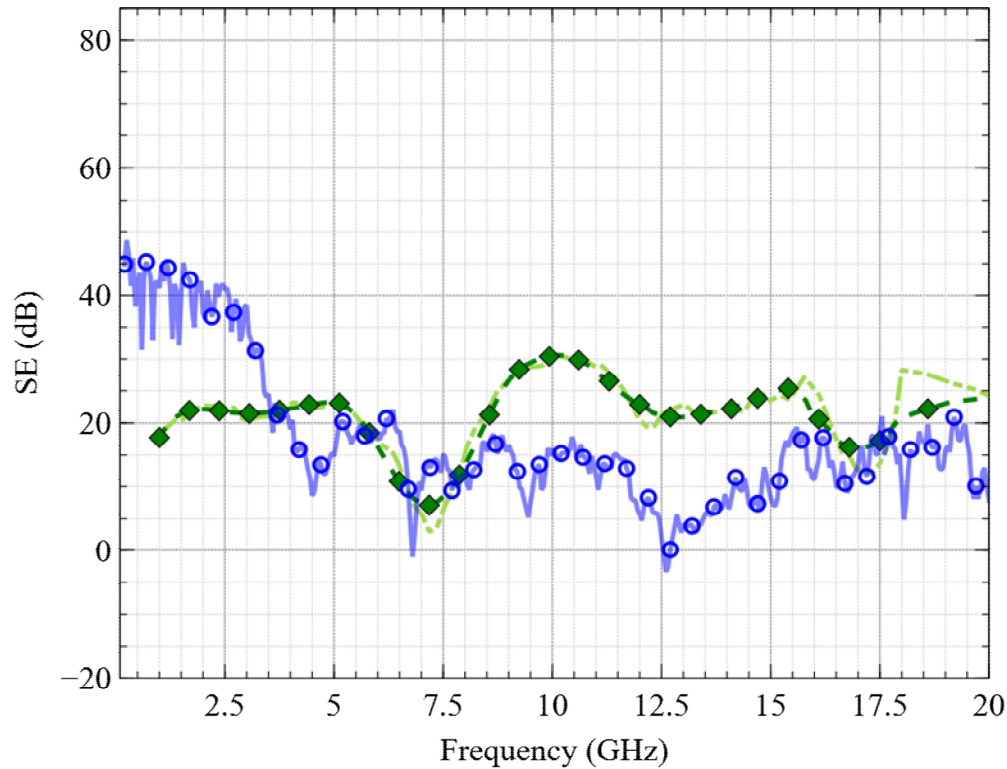
UoY :
 4.7m×3.0m×2.37m (*L × W × H*)
 100 Stirrer positions

Laird:
 2.5m×2.5m×2.5m



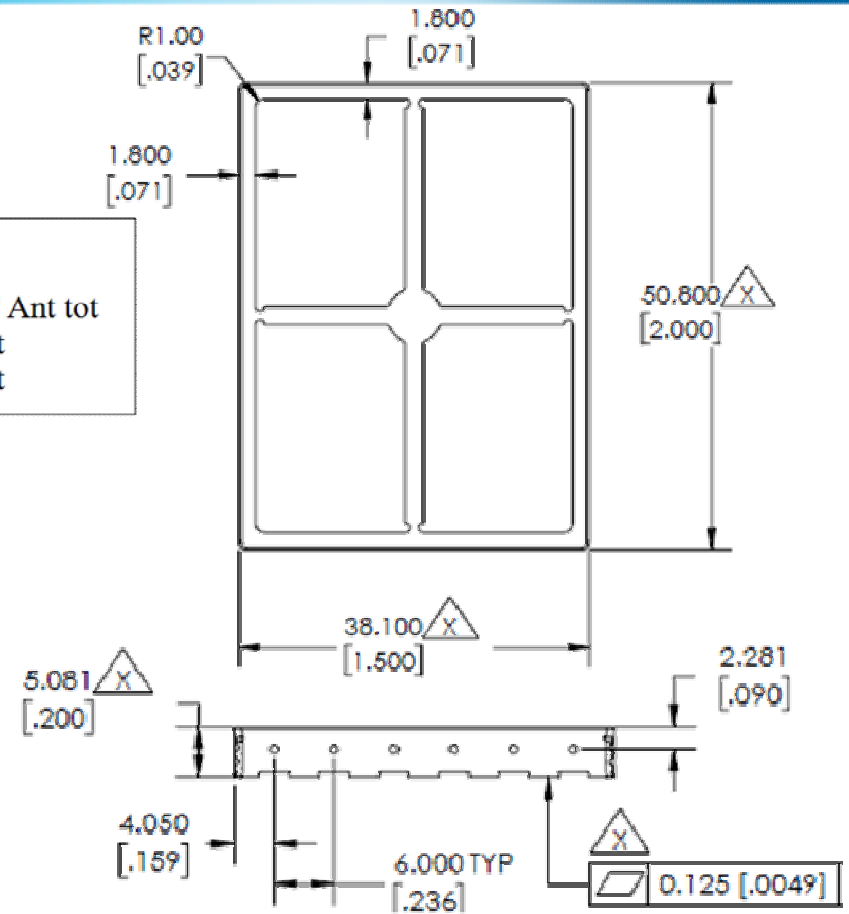


Initial measurements of Sample 2



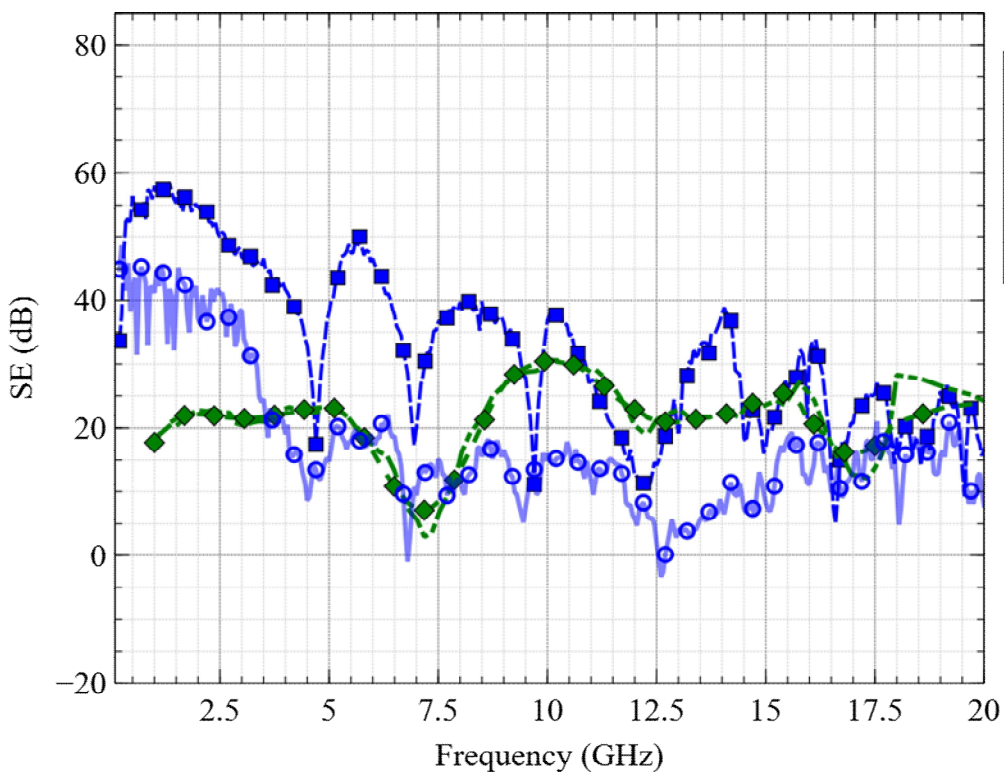
Sample 2

- UoY S2 RC Ant tot
- Laird V2 tot
- Laird V1 tot

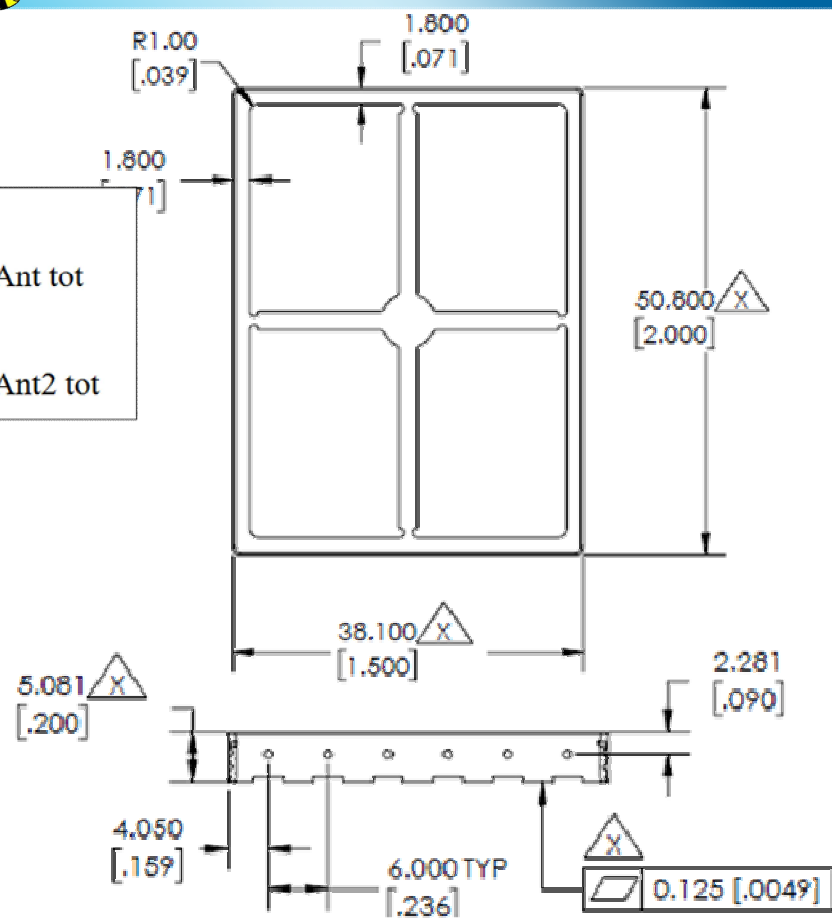




Adding UoY S3 measurement of Sample 2

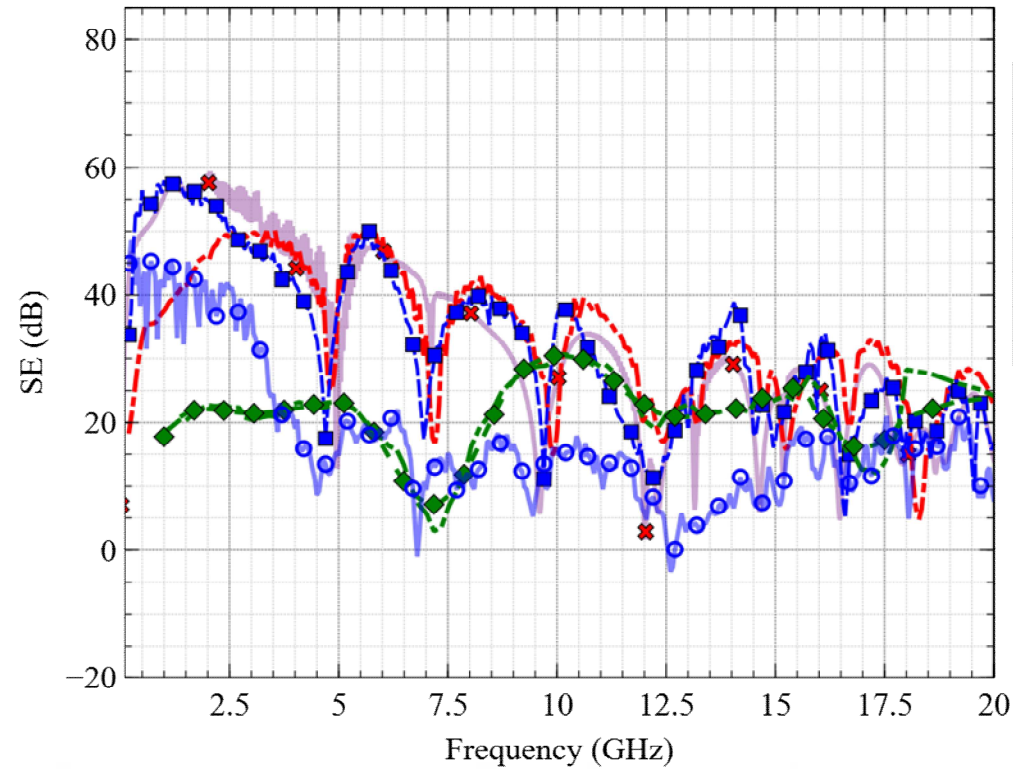


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 - UoY S3 RC Ant2 tot

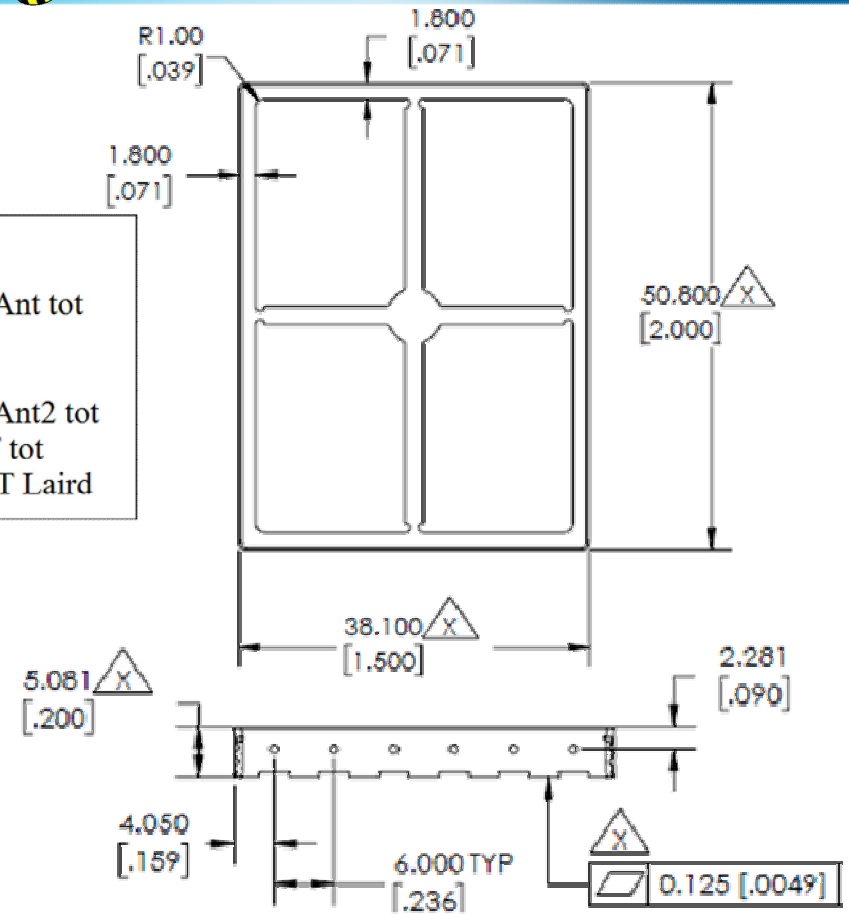




Now add UoY and Laird CST Models of Sample 2

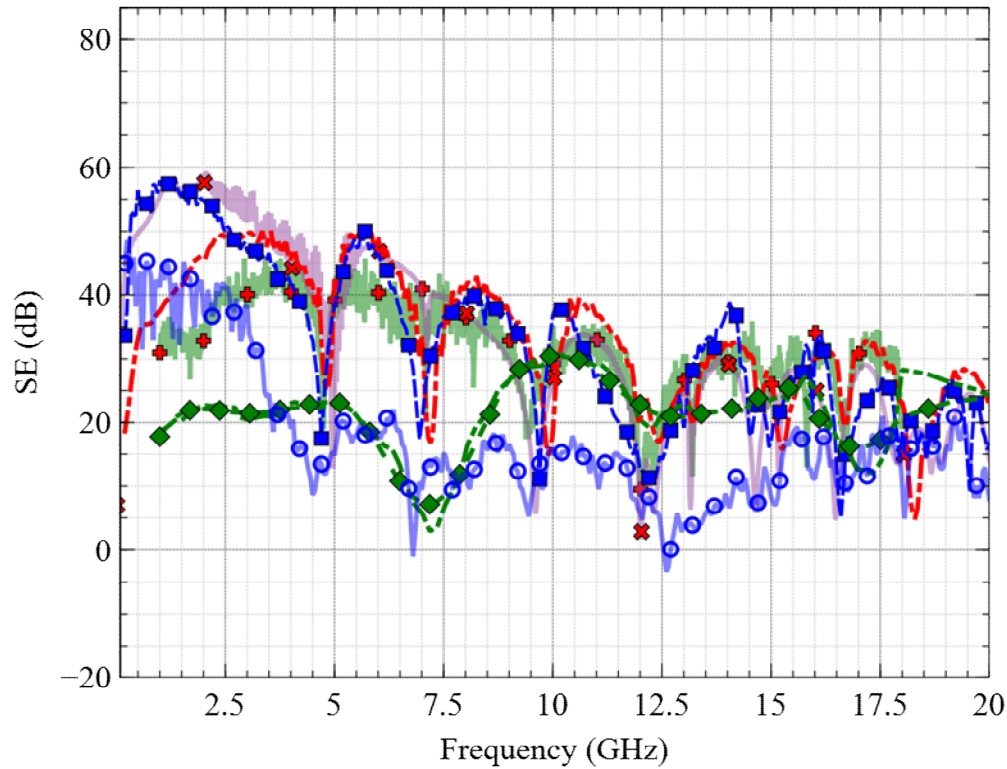


- Sample 2**
- UoY S2 RC Ant tot
 - Laird V2 tot
 - Laird V1 tot
 - UoY S3 RC Ant2 tot
 - UoY S3 CST tot
 - Laird V3 CST Laird

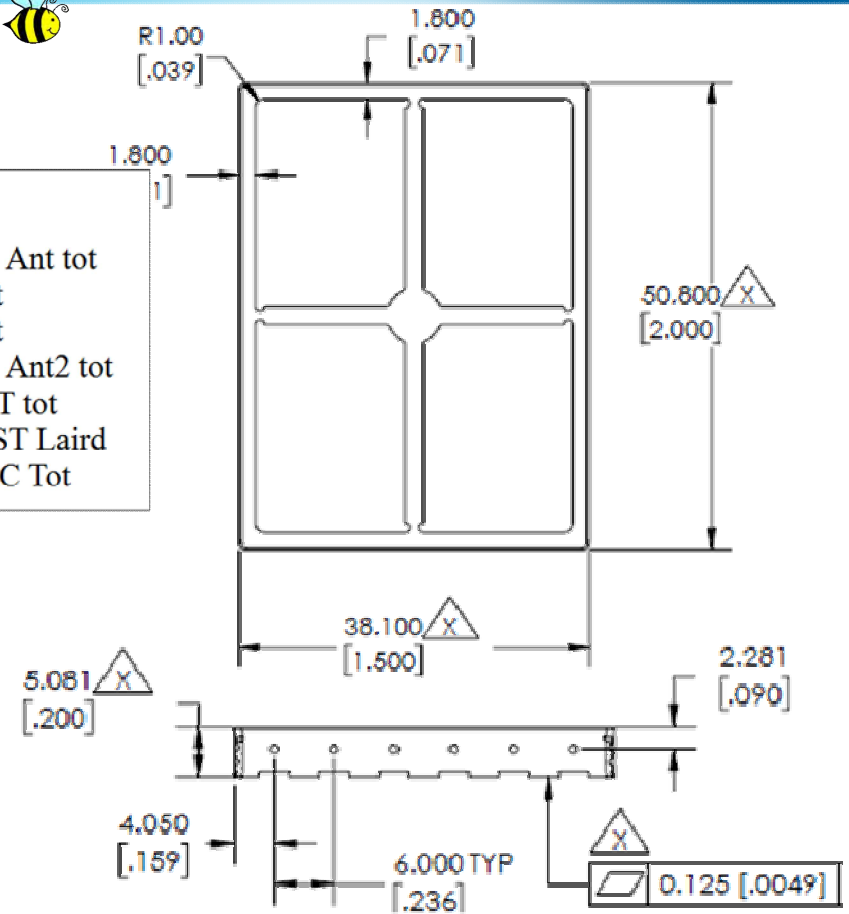


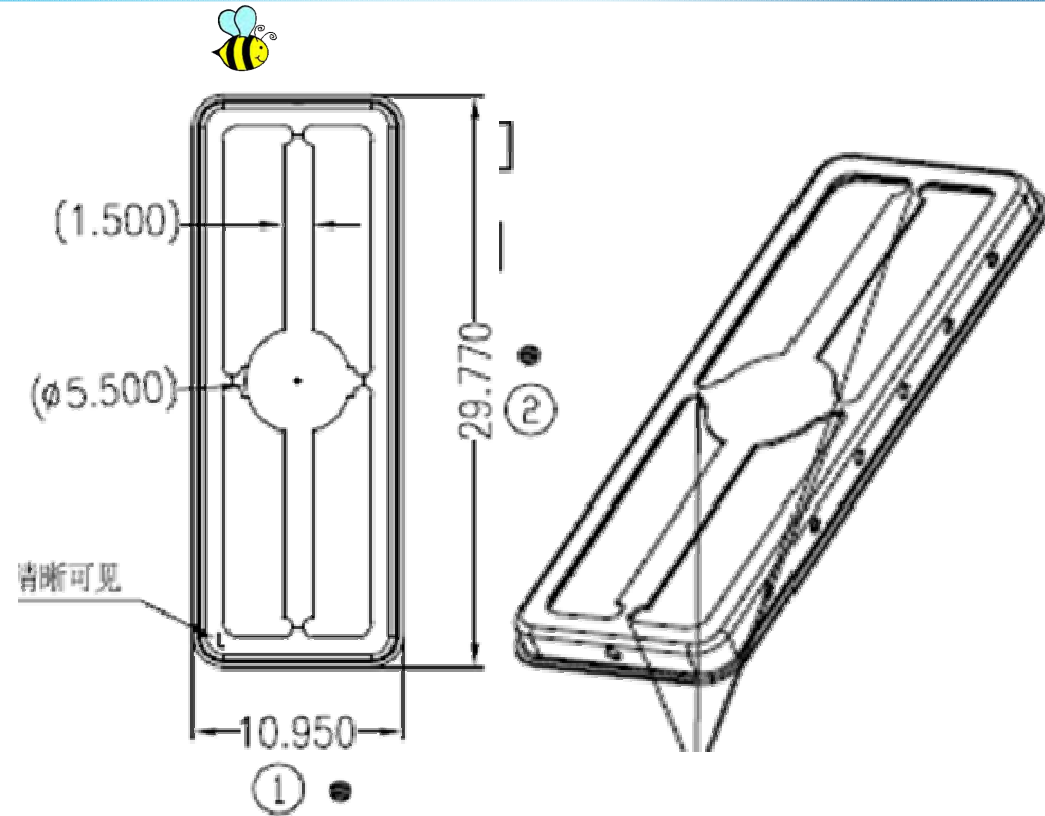
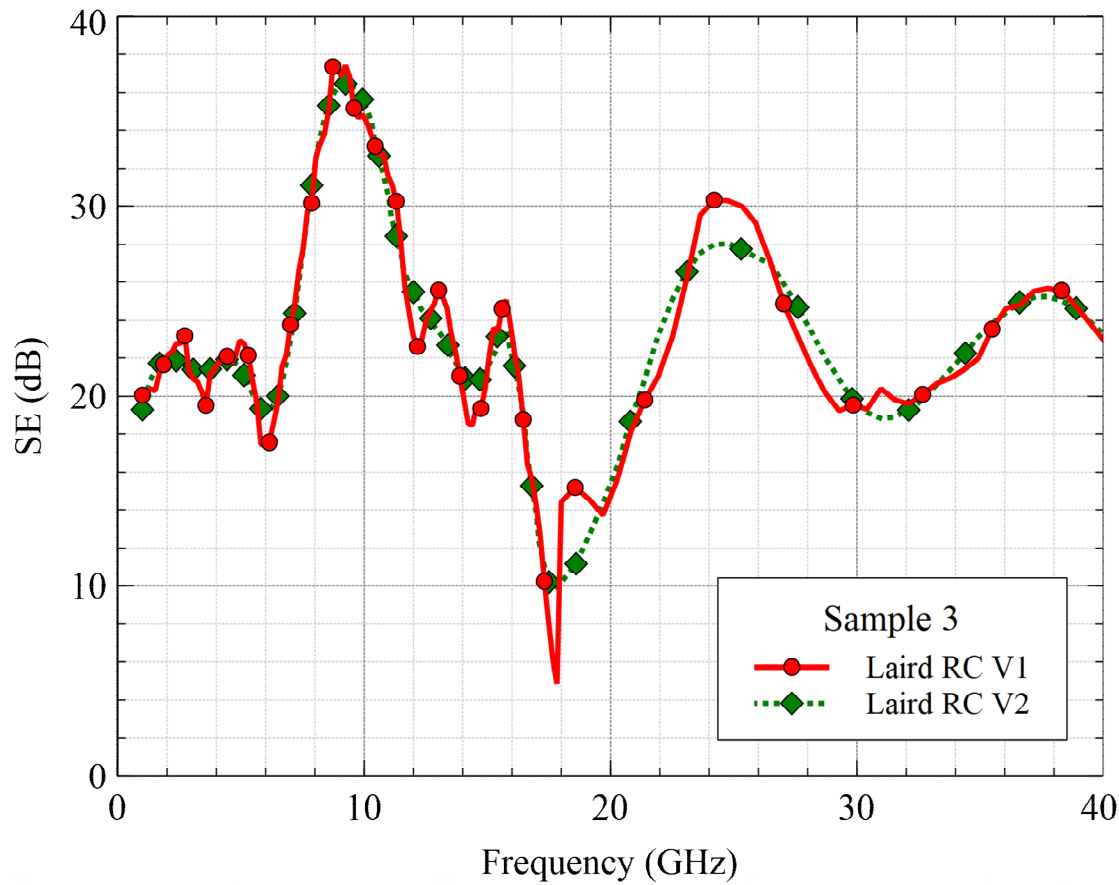


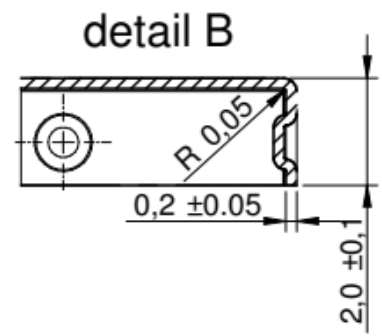
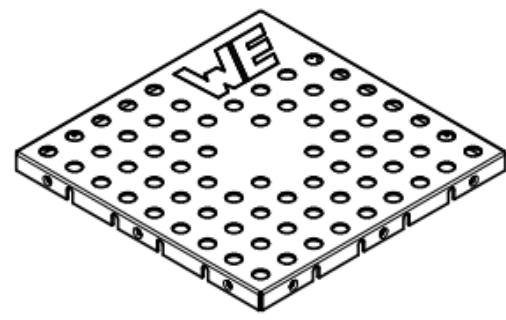
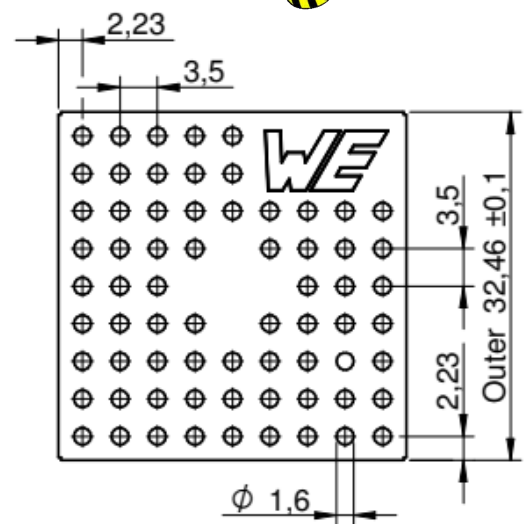
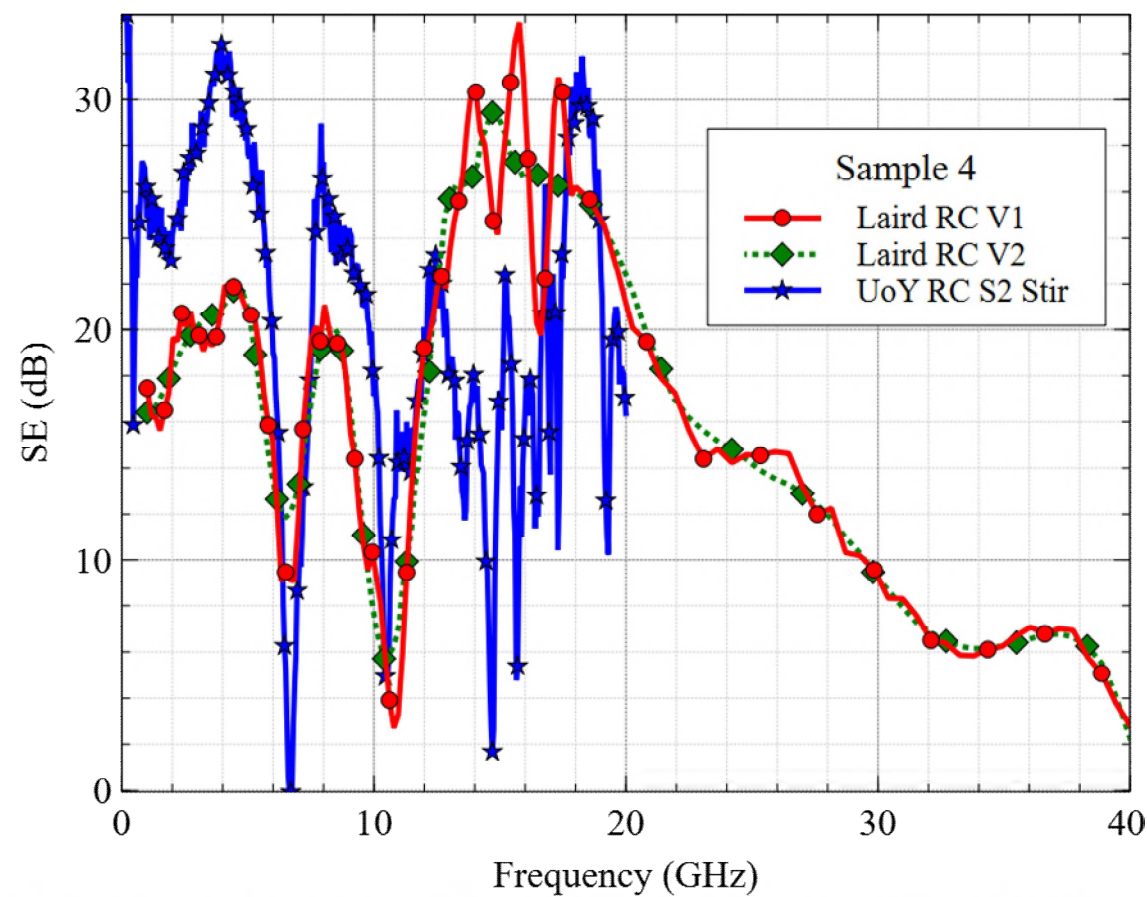
And finally Laird's V3 measurement of Sample 2

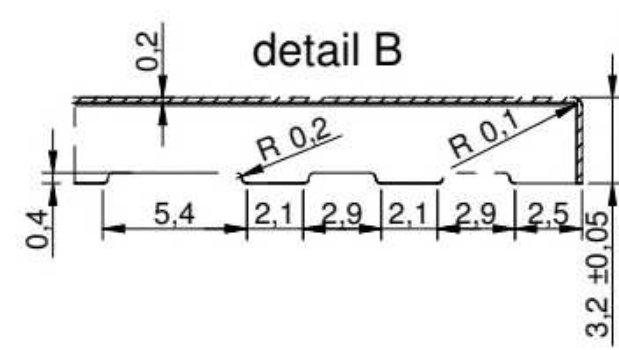
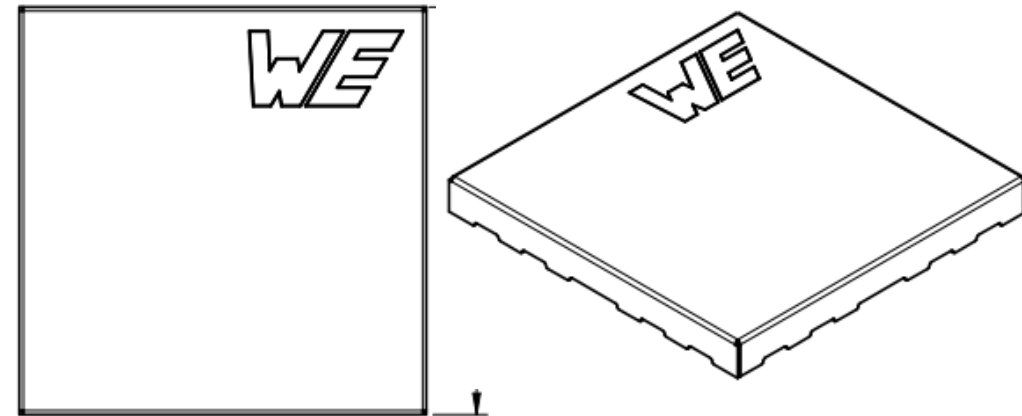
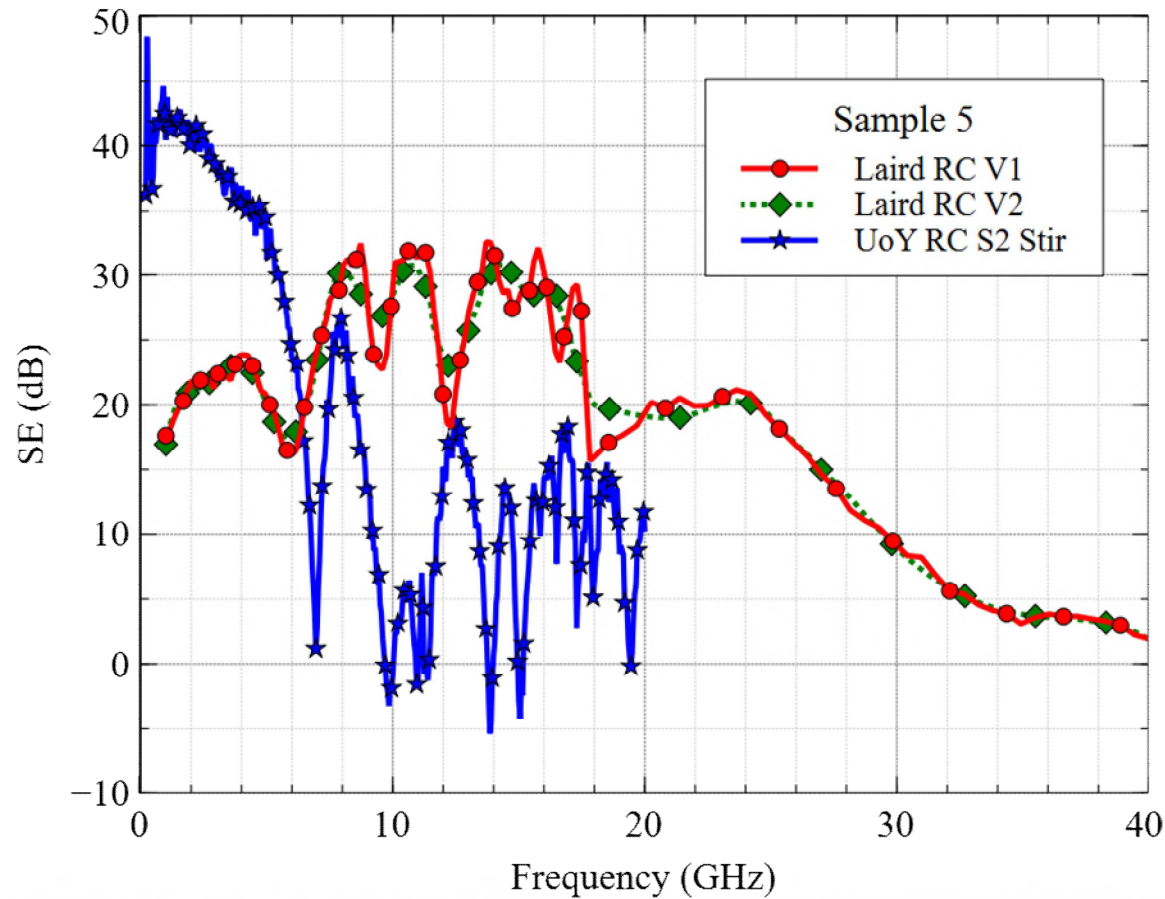


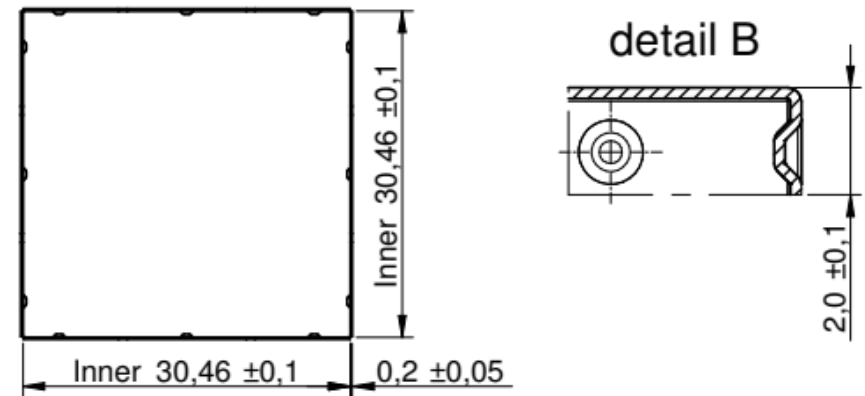
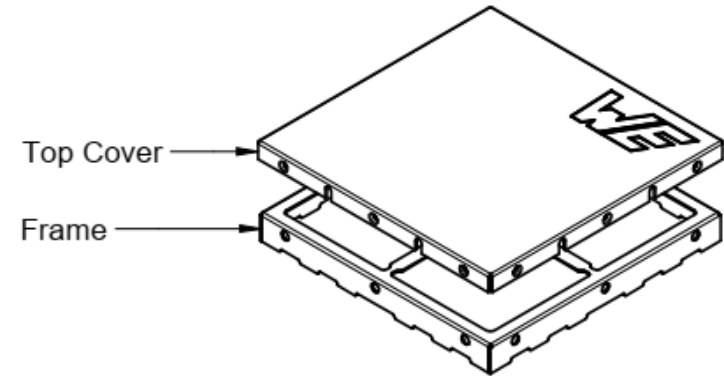
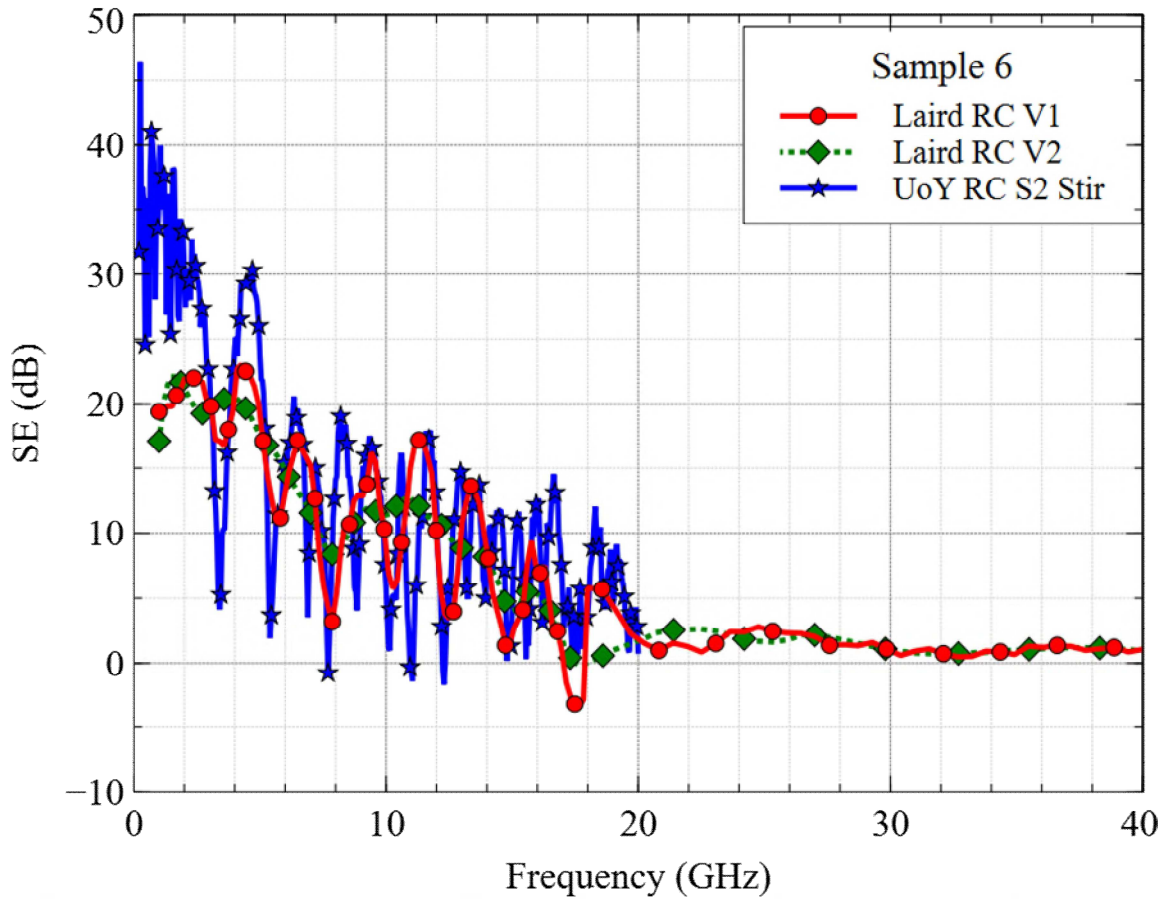
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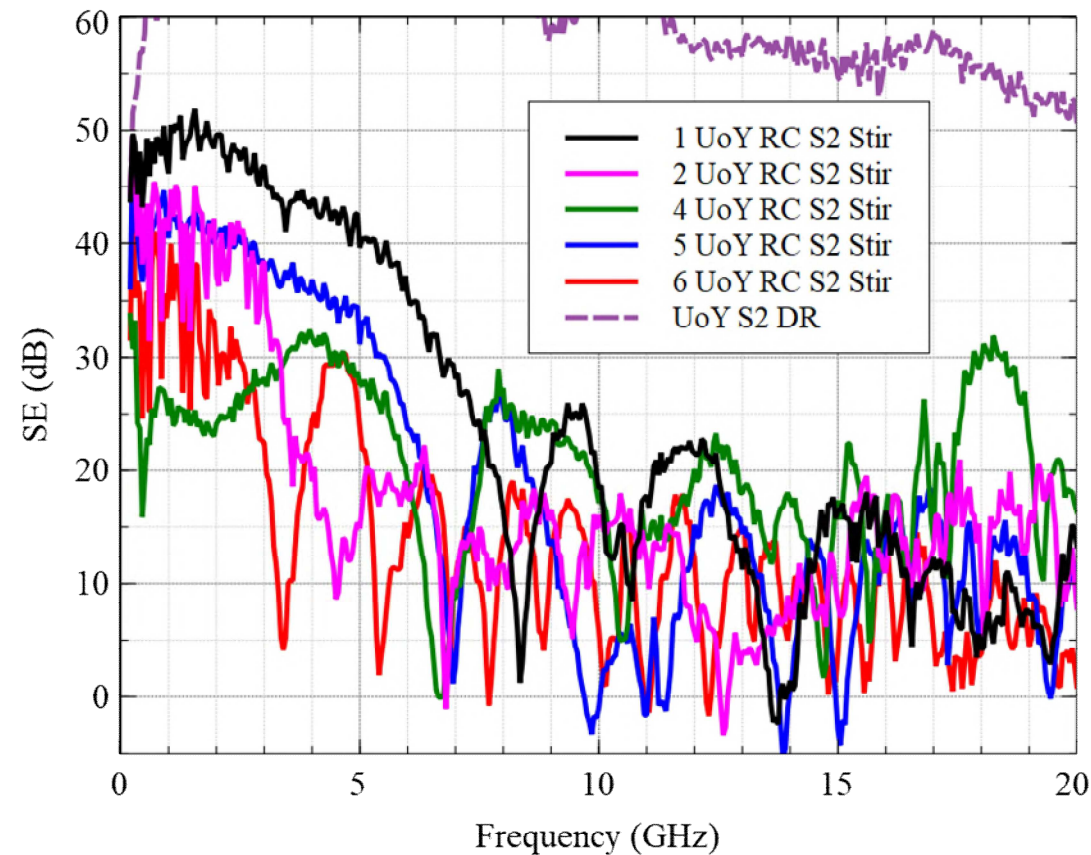
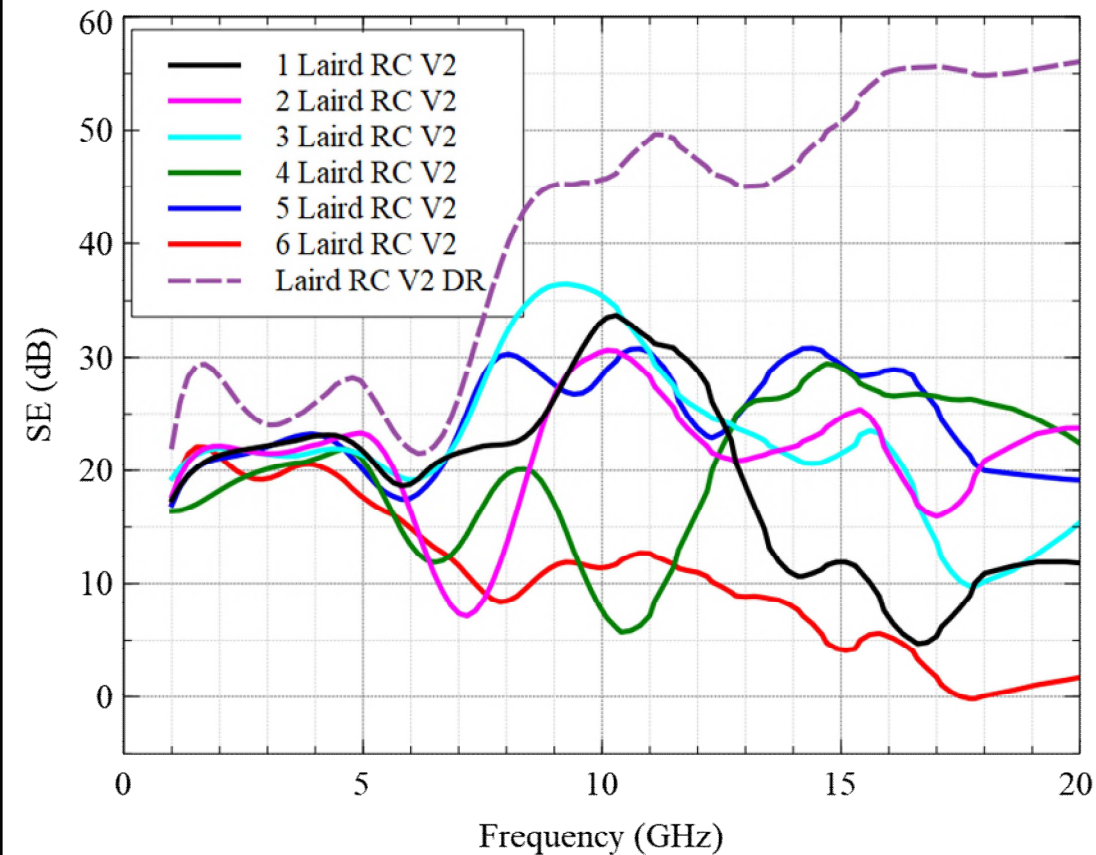














Statistics of SE

Usual definition of SE taking average of received power.

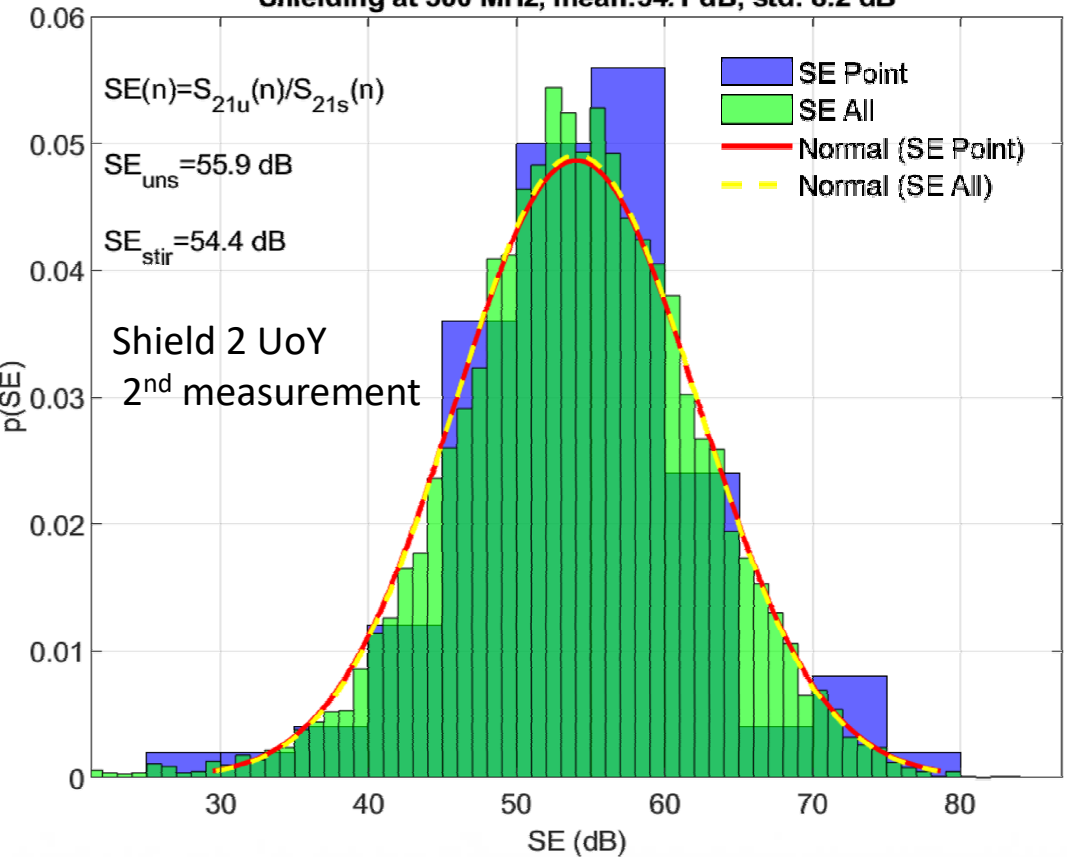
$$SE_{tot} = 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{\langle |S_{21u}|^2 \rangle}{\langle |S_{21s}|^2 \rangle} \right) \text{ dB}$$

The *Point SE* is the SE of the shield at each stirrer position with both direct and scattered energy included. This shows the range of variability of the SE that may be encountered in a range of external environments.

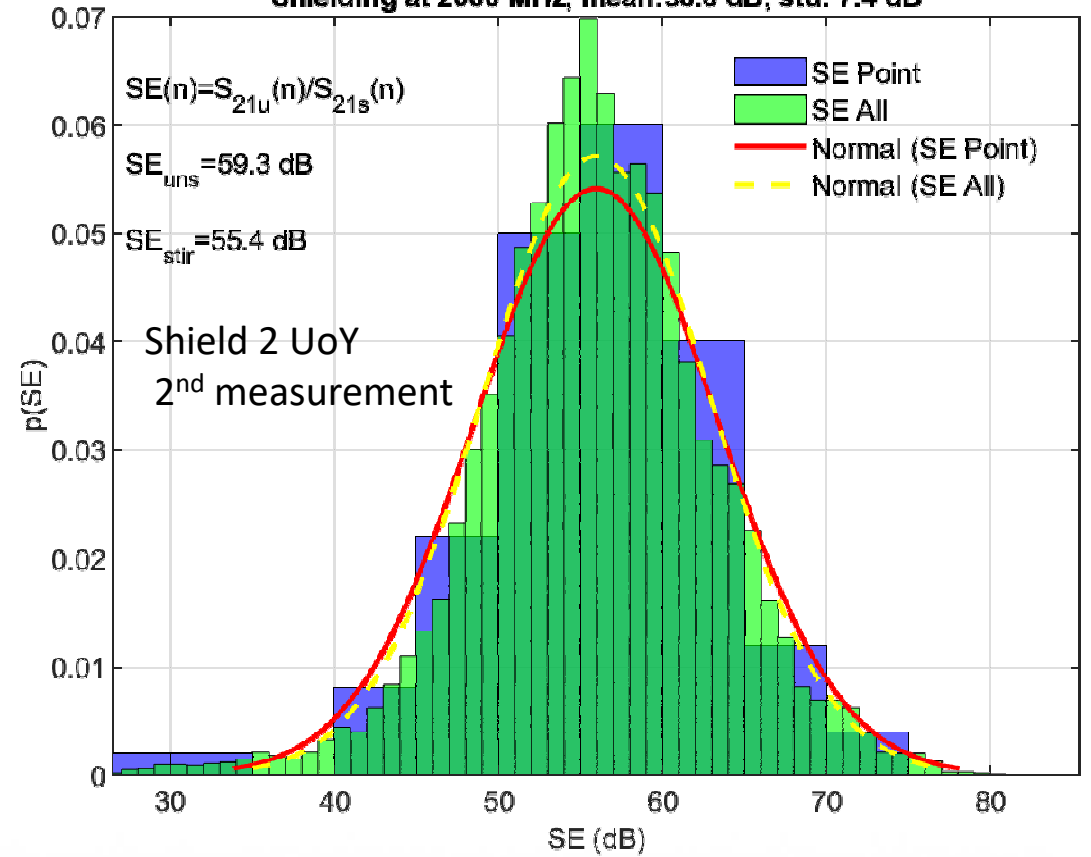
$$SE_{point(mean \text{ dB})} = \left\langle 10 \log_{10} \left| \frac{S_{21u}}{S_{21s}} \right|^2 \right\rangle \text{ dB}$$

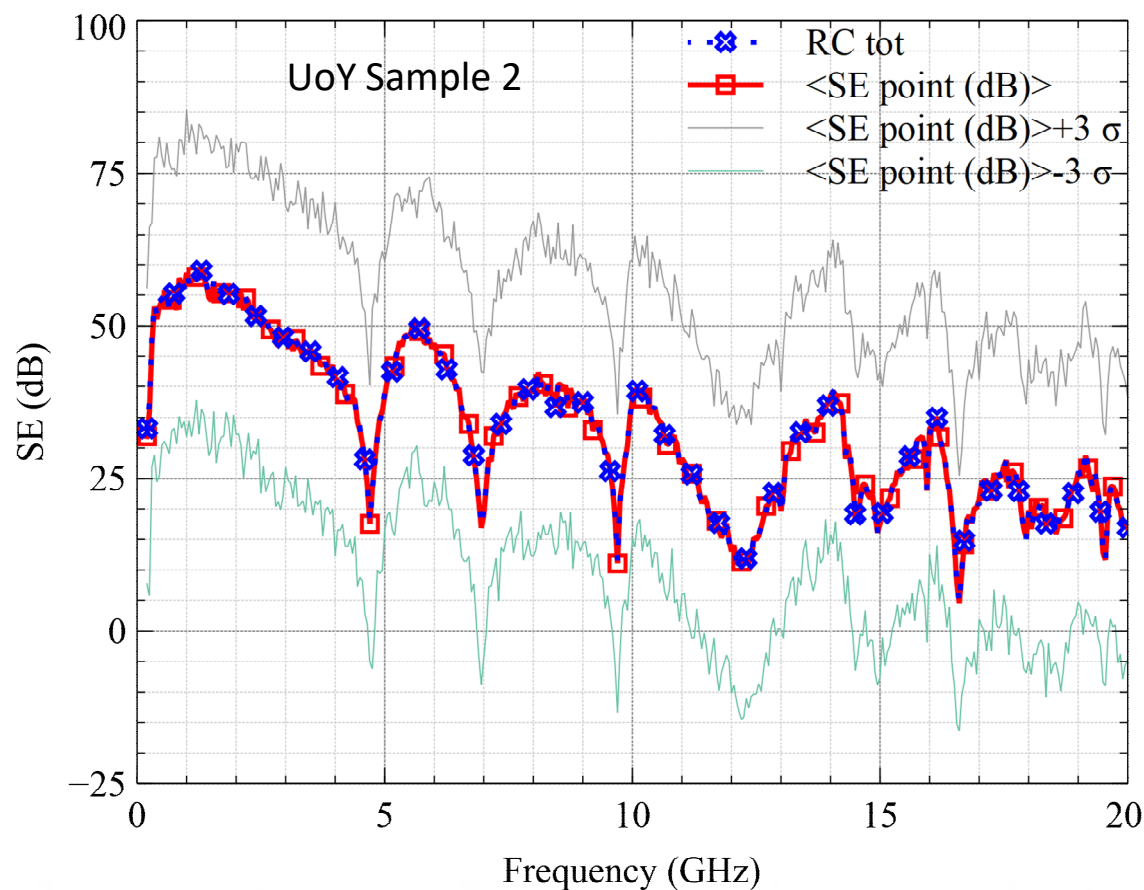


Shielding at 500 MHz, mean: 54.1 dB, std: 8.2 dB



Shielding at 2000 MHz, mean: 56.0 dB, std: 7.4 dB





- $SE_{point}(\text{mean dB})$ close to Std SE
- Standard deviation $\sigma \approx 8dB$
- So limits of SE variation
 - $\pm 3\sigma \approx \pm 24dB$
- In taking a mean we sometimes lose sight of reality....
- See also
 - 10.1109/EMCEUROPE48519.2020.9245741
 - and
 - "Experimental Verification of Board Level Shielding Variability at Microwave Frequencies"

Final Remarks

- Single reverb method is closest to real use
 - BUT contents still not the same as in real use which may affect result
- Measurements to date show significant difference between slightly different jigs
- Is this jig geometry or measurement/jig fault ?
 - Re-test and modelling of shield 2
 - Modelling suggests jig/measurement problem with initial measurements
 - Repeat measurements and modelling correspond more closely
- Further investigation ongoing