

# X-Parameter Measurements

Keysight Technologies and  
Maury Microwave

Reduce design cycles by up to 50% with  
X-parameter measurements

X-parameters\* are being used increasingly in place of S-parameters in the design of nonlinear, large signal devices and circuits such as complex power amplifiers, including multi-stage and Doherty circuits. Unlike S-parameters, X-parameters contain detailed and useful information including the magnitudes and phases of distortion products generated by the nonlinear component in response to large signal conditions.

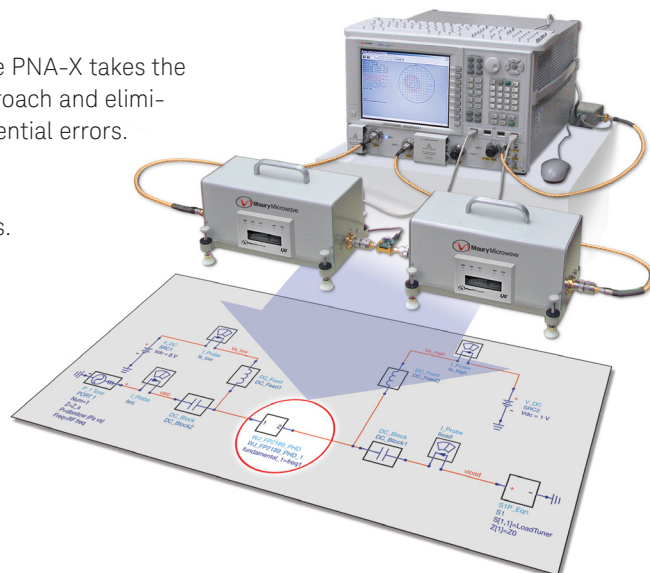
Keysight's load impedance X-parameters option on the PNA-X nonlinear vector network analyzer (NVNA), when used with Maury Microwave's tuners and software, allows you to measure and simulate nonlinear component behavior as a function of impedance, input power, bias and frequency – at all load impedances.

This industry-first approach enables engineers to: extend X-parameter design "cascade-ability" to arbitrarily large load mismatches; automatically measure and simulate accurate, linear and nonlinear behavior over the entire Smith chart under multiple load conditions; and model devices and design multi-stage, Doherty or other complex amplifier circuits with the drag-and drop simplicity of Keysight's Advanced Design System (ADS).

The arbitrary load impedance X-parameters option of the PNA-X takes the guesswork out of the typical "trial and error" design approach and eliminates the need to "over design" to safeguard against potential errors.

As a result designers of large signal devices and circuits no longer have to compromise on their simulation models. With this new X-parameter measurement solution from Keysight and Maury you can improve your simulation accuracy, minimize the number of design iterations and reduce your overall design time by up to 50%.

- Use X- instead of S-parameters for large signal, nonlinear devices
- X-parameters allow characterization of large signal devices and circuits
- Keysight PNA-X with Maury tuners and software
- Model & design complex, multi-stage amplifiers
- Simulation models no longer have to be compromised
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### System Components

#### Keysight Technologies

N5242A	PNA-X network analyzer
N5242A-400	4 ports, dual source
N5242A-419	Extended power range and bias-tees to 4-port analyzer
N5242A-423	Internal combiner and mechanical switches to 4-port analyzer
N5242A-080	Frequency offset measurements
N5242A-510	Nonlinear component characterization
N5242A-514	Nonlinear X-parameters
U9193C	(2 each required), 26.5 GHz Comb Generator
U2002	26.5 GHz USB power sensor (or other Keysight power meter)

Other options are available; contact your local Keysight sales engineer for more details

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#### Maury Microwave

Tuner – select from:

MT98x	Automated Impedance Tuner (0.227 MHz to 65 GHz coaxial)
MT930x	IVCAD measurement and modeling device characterization software

Other options are available; contact Maury Sales for more details

\*“X-parameters” is a trademark of Agilent Technologies, Inc. The X-parameter format and underlying equations are open and documented.

To learn how this solution can address your specific needs please contact Keysight’s solutions partner, Maury Microwave  
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