

GLOBAL MARKETS, GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY, AND GLOBAL STUDENTS?

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where Leibnitz,
Einstein, and
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The University of Oradea, with the recommendation of the
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Rector
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Cottbus, den 18. April 2002

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Technische Universität München

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Munich, February 28, 2012

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Vice-President

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Herrn

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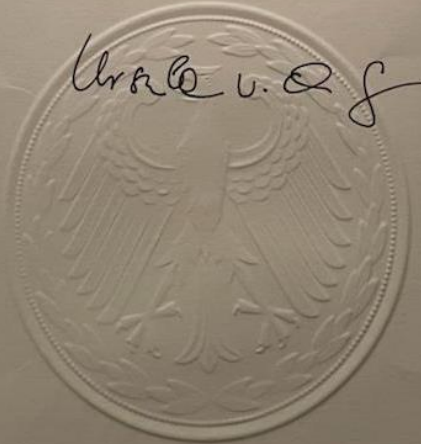
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Bonn, den 12. Juli 2017

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In the name of the Federal Republic of Germany
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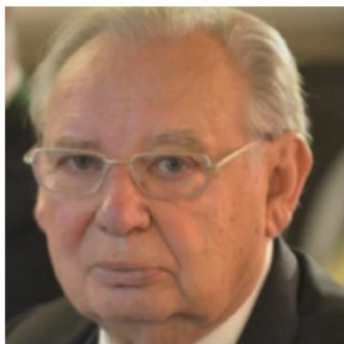
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Using the example of the cell phone industry

International communications market

The technologies involved are a combination of analog and digital applications as well as passive and active components.

The globally/universally useful RF engineering additionally understands

- A/D converters
- DSP, digital signal processing (DSP),
- Micro processor coding in C++
- Data science in Python
- Business education (MBA)
- Innovative design with an eye for quality and reliability of the product.

Analog Technology, Examples

RF front ends consists of

- Analog low noise preamplifiers
- “Linear mixers”
- PLL based synthesizers with low power consumption

Design parameters may be:

- Noise figure, i.e.: $< 1\text{dB}$
- Intermodulation distortion $\text{IP3} > 1\text{dBm}$
- Input selectivity
- Phase noise (-145dBc/Hz @ 200KHz)
- Settling speed, less than 1mS

Digital Technology Example

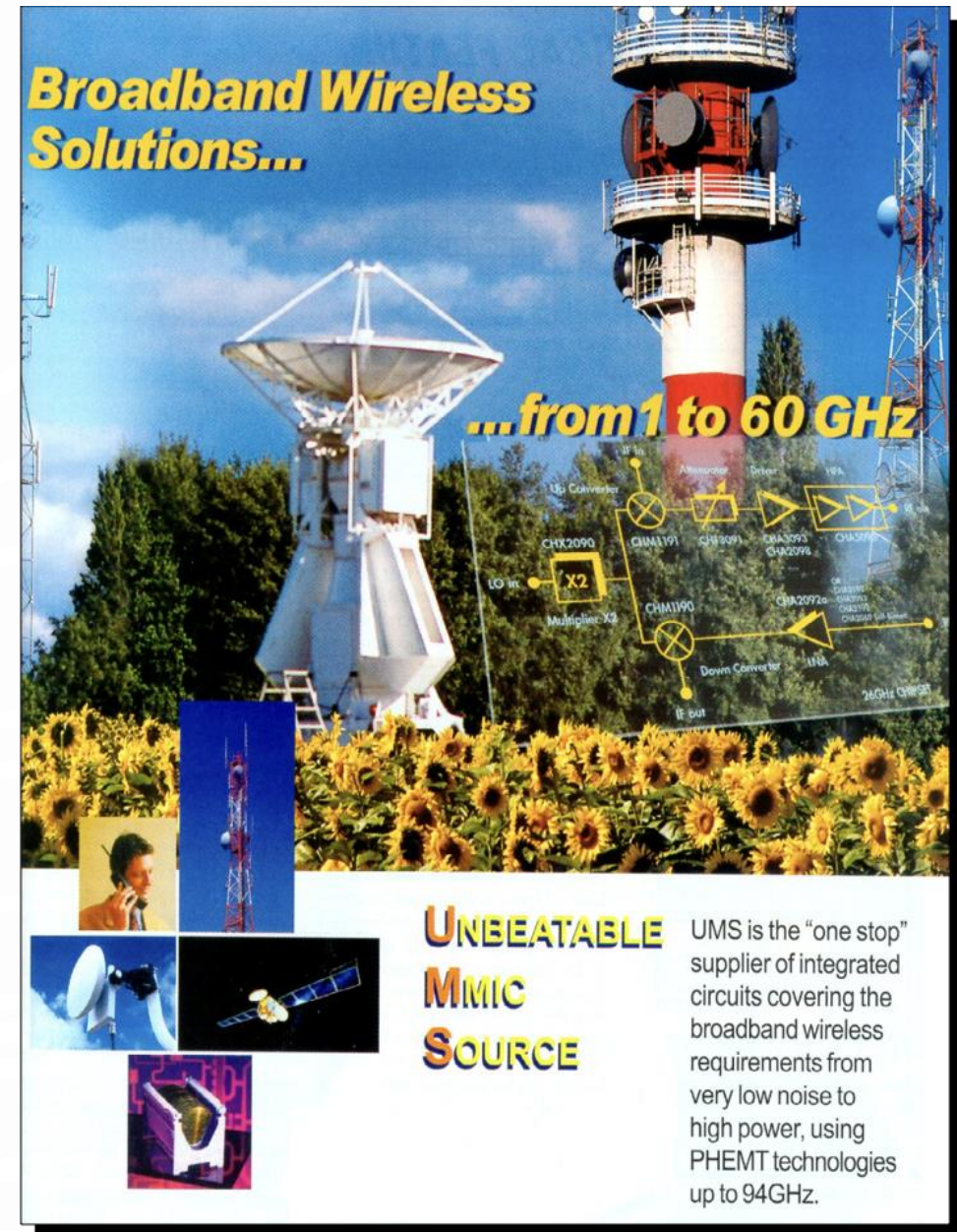
Analog to digital converters (A/D)

- Optimized IF frequencies
- Impedance matching
- Overload and saturation vs. noise figure

Design decisions may be:

- IF selectivity
- Coding scheme
- Composite filters implementation in DSP
- Automatic gain routines
- Computational delay time

ANALOG AND DIGITAL TECHNIQUES



Broadband Wireless Solutions...

...from 1 to 60 GHz

Diagram illustrating a broadband wireless solution circuit, showing components like Up Converter, Mixer, Amplifier, and Down Converter, along with various integrated circuits (ICs) such as CHX2090, CHM1191, CHM1190, CHA3093, CHA2098, CHA2097a, and CHA2097b.

UNBEATABLE MMIC SOURCE

UMS is the "one stop" supplier of integrated circuits covering the broadband wireless requirements from very low noise to high power, using PHEMT technologies up to 94GHz.

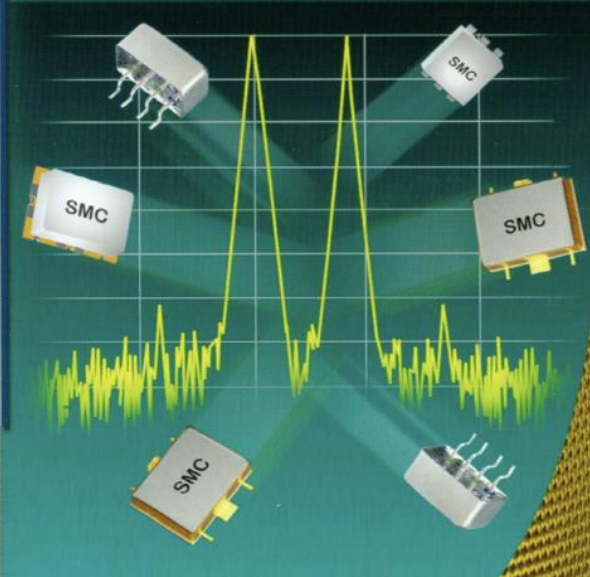
HIGH PERFORMANCE ANALOG TECHNIQUES

AN EXAMPLE

HIGH IP3

When your wireless communications system calls for very low intermodulation distortion and enhanced dynamic range, look into Synergy's new line of **HIGH IP3 MIXERS**. Standard models are available in specialized frequency bandwidths covering UHF, Cellular, PCS and ISM bands. Additional features are low conversion loss and high interport isolation. Most models operate at +17 dBm of local oscillator drive level and exceed +30 dBm of input third order intercept point. Higher L.O. drive level models with higher third order intercept points are also available.


Don't compromise performance...
specify Synergy's **HIGH IP3 MIXERS**.



MIXERS

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Using the example of the cell phone industry

Evolution of the cellular technologies



EVOLUTION OF DIGITAL CELLULAR TECHNOLOGIES

2G

Mainly GSM

Narrowband 270 kHz

Few frequencies
900/1800/1900 MHz
No global frequencies

Low data rates, initially
9.6 kbps evolving up to
384 kbps

Very high latency

1991

3G

Mainly WCDMA

Bandwidth 5 MHz

Initially 2.1 GHz almost
global availability
Evolved to a global
standard

Data rates 384 kbit/s
evolving to 42 mbit/s

Medium latency
Suffered from IPR
fights

2002

4G

LTE

Flexible bandwidth up
to 20MHz

Deployed from 400
MHz to 3.7 GHz

Data rates from 40
Mbit/s to today's 1.2
Gbit/s

Low latency

2010

5G / 6G?

5G NR (New Radio)

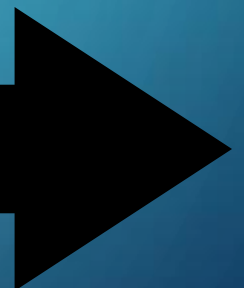
Scalable bandwidth up
to 2000 MHz

Frequencies up to 71
GHz

Very high data rates

Ultra low latency
possible

2019



HAS 5G DELIVERED ON ITS PROMISES?

YES AND NO

- ✓ Download speeds are up, latency is down
- ✓ Is the “playground” where new features are being developed
 - ✓ Non terrestrial networks
 - ✓ Reduced capabilities devices
- Current 5G networks are more 4.9G networks maintaining legacy 4G functionality
 - Increased user equipment complexity, cost and power consumption
- Slow take up on low latency and Internet of Things (IoT) applications



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Winners and others: Some examples

Winners

Apple

- Entered the mobile world 2007
- Most profitable manufacturer since 2009

Samsung

- Highly vertically integrated, from components to phones
- In house touch screen expertise
- World's largest manufacturer

Google

- Android has 85% market share as mobile OS
- 38% of all devices connected to the internet are using Android
- 2021 – 3 billion active devices

Losers

Nokia

- 2009 the largest cellphone maker in the world
- Too proud to adopt Android
- Strong innovation culture – failed to bring innovations to the market – sold to Microsoft – Name sold to HMD

Motorola

- Sold to Google – sold to Lenovo

Ericsson

- Cellphones were a mean to sell infrastructure - when 3G matured – not able to compete.
- Sold to Sony

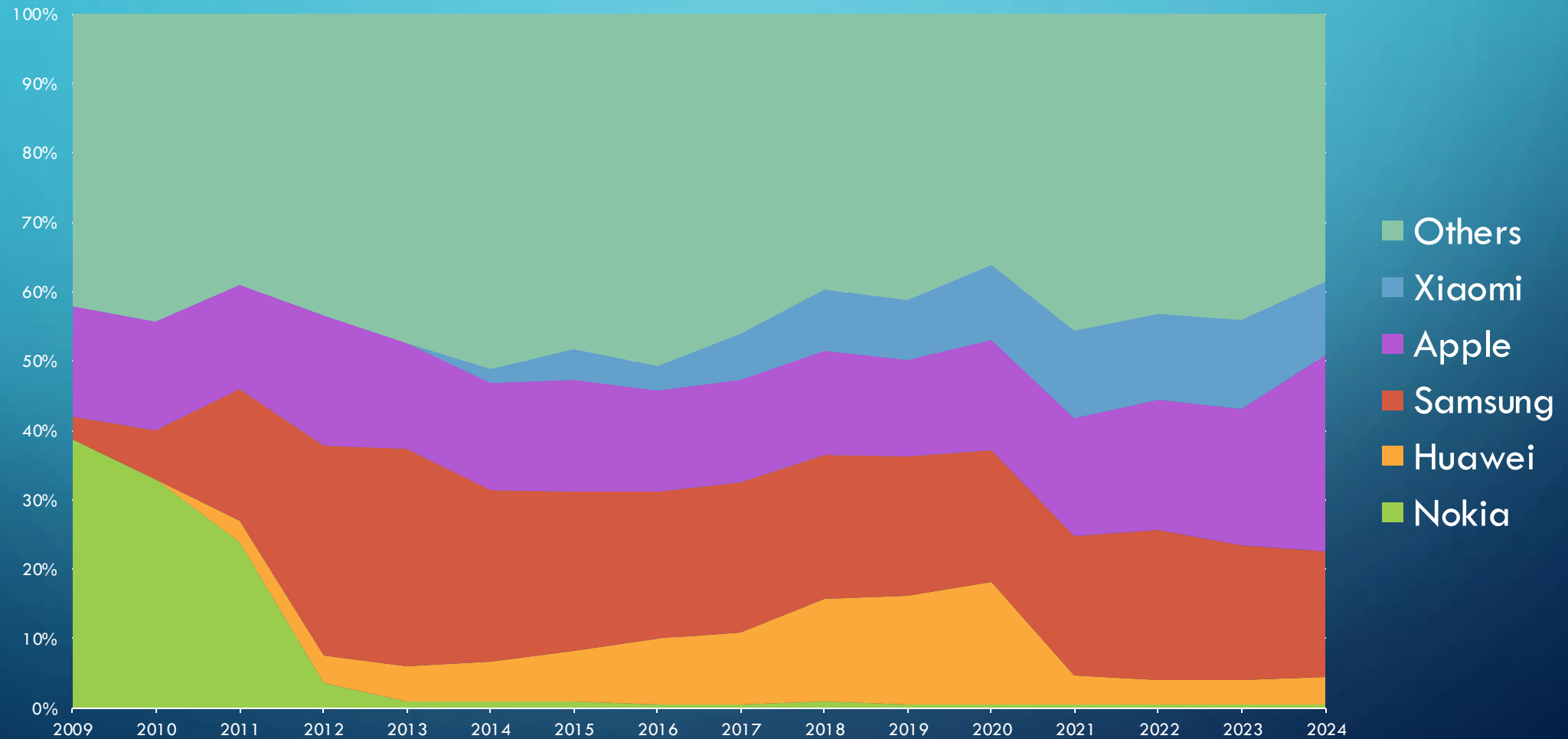
Blackberry

- Focused on messaging
- Missed the touch screen revolution

Huawei

- First cellphones 2003
- 2019 worlds second largest supplier of smartphones
- "Killed" by US trade sanctions –Renamed to Honor -sold

CELLPHONE SHIPMENTS UNTIL 2024

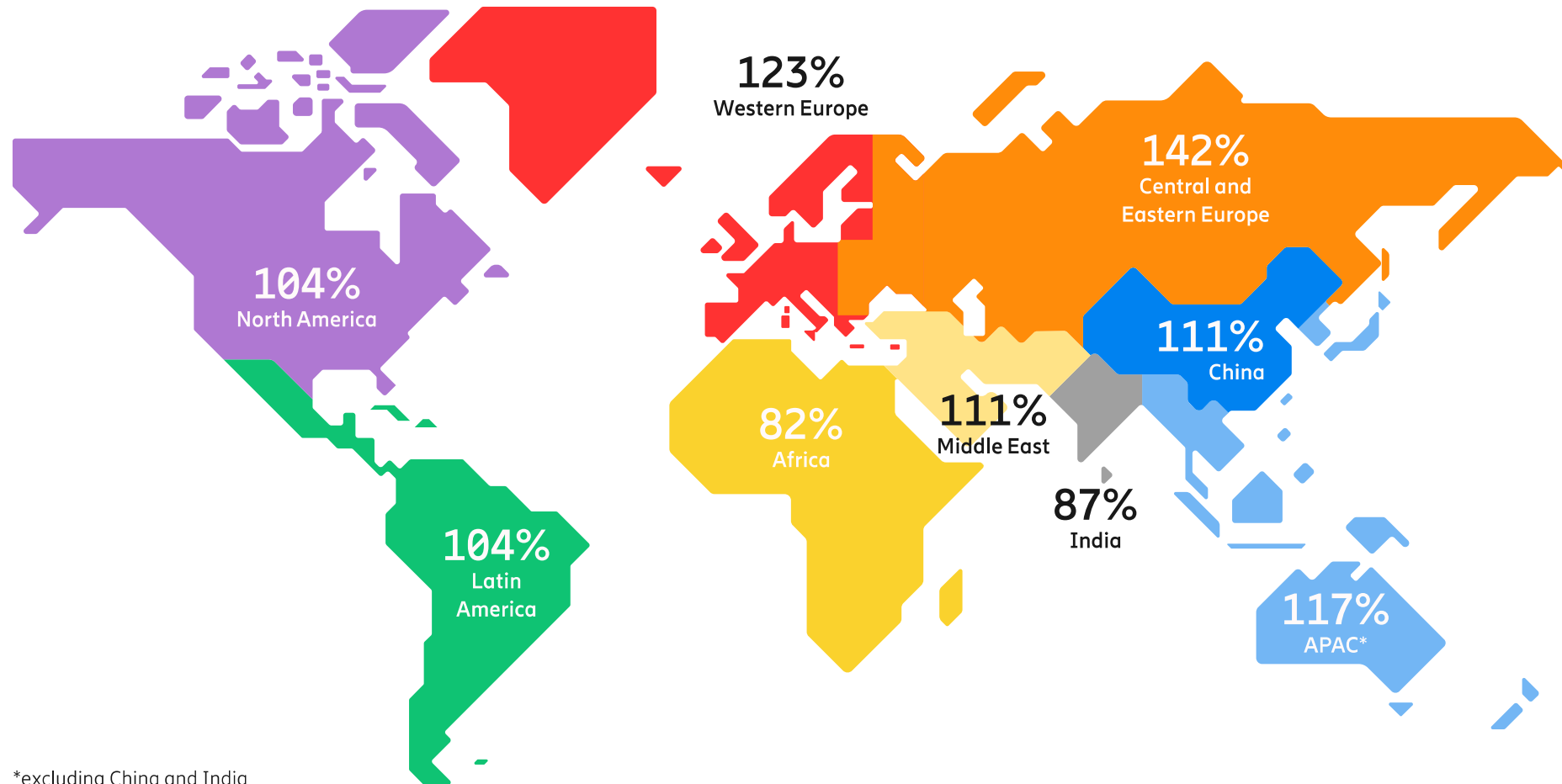




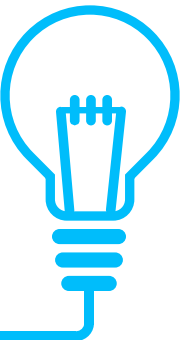
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**Looking Forward: What will drive the technological
development?**

Subscriptions per capita



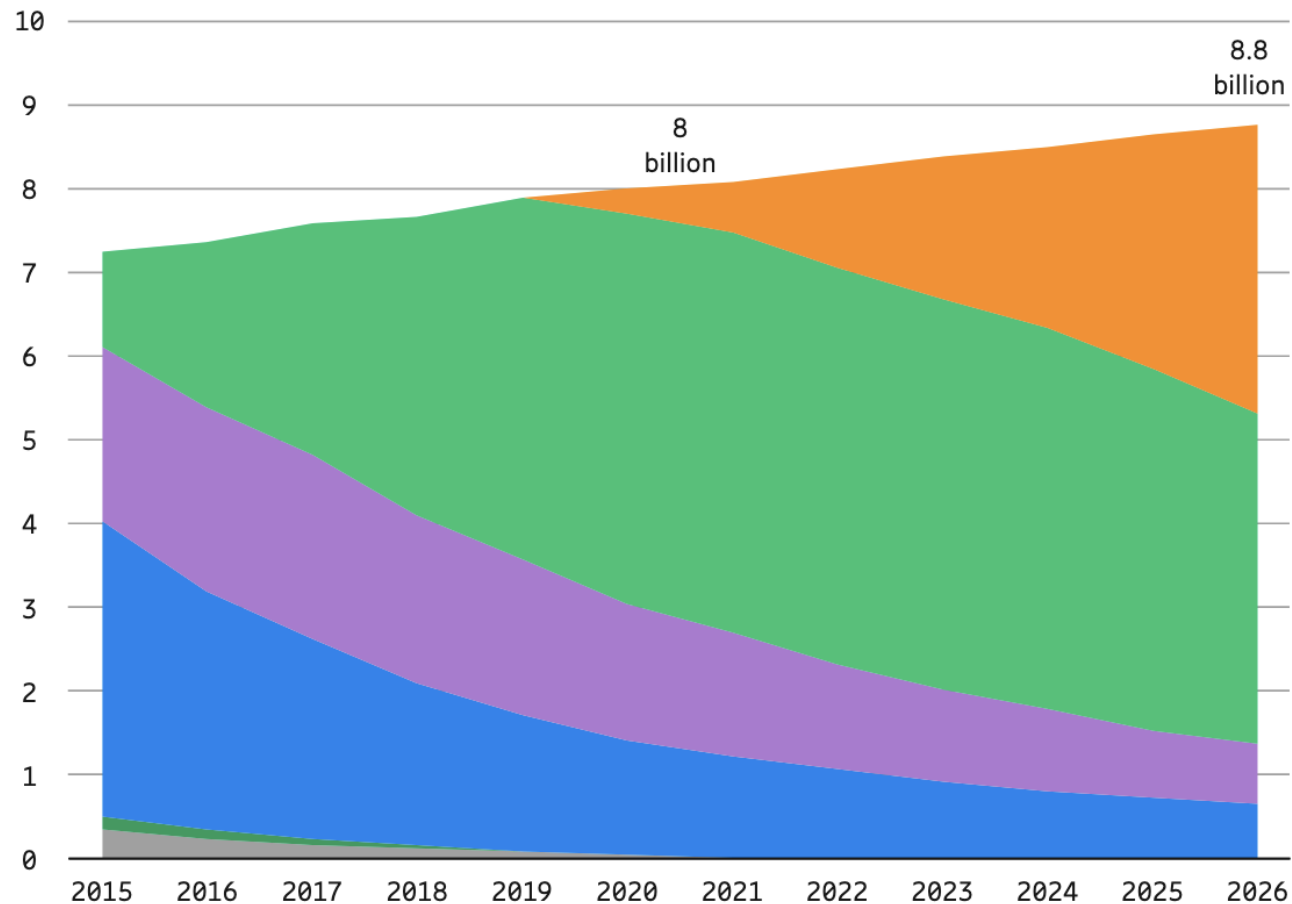
*excluding China and India



THE FUTURE OF WIRELESS TECHNOLOGIES

SOURCE: ERICSSON MOBILITY REPORT

Figure 1: Mobile subscriptions by technology (billion)

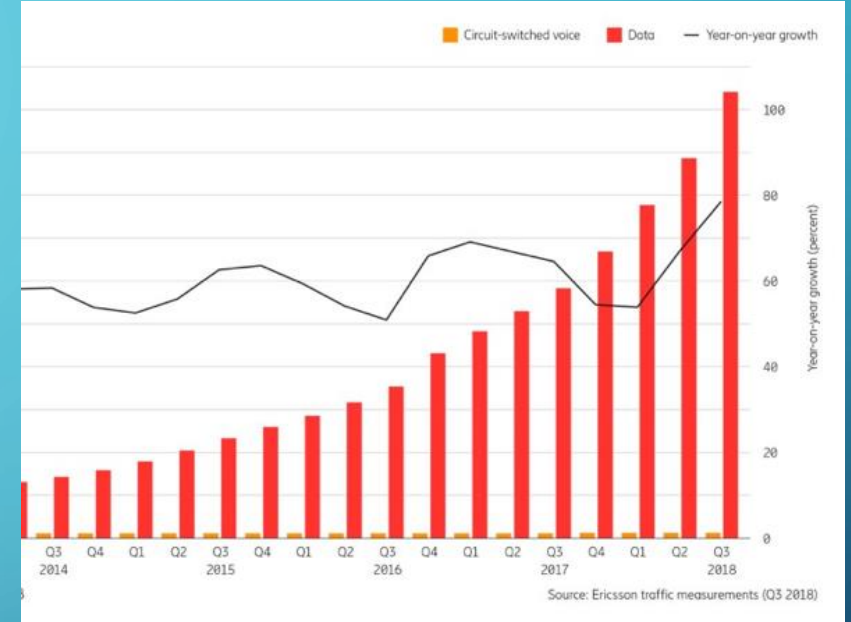
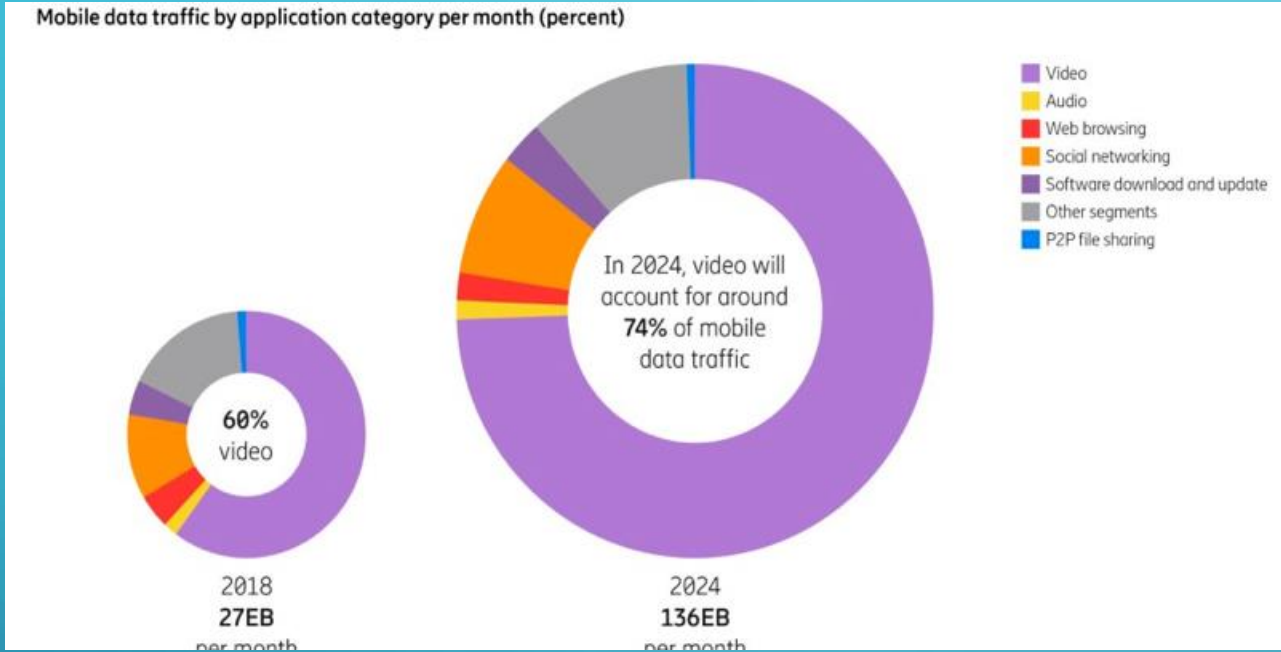


3.5bn

In 2026, 3.5 billion 5G subscriptions are forecast.

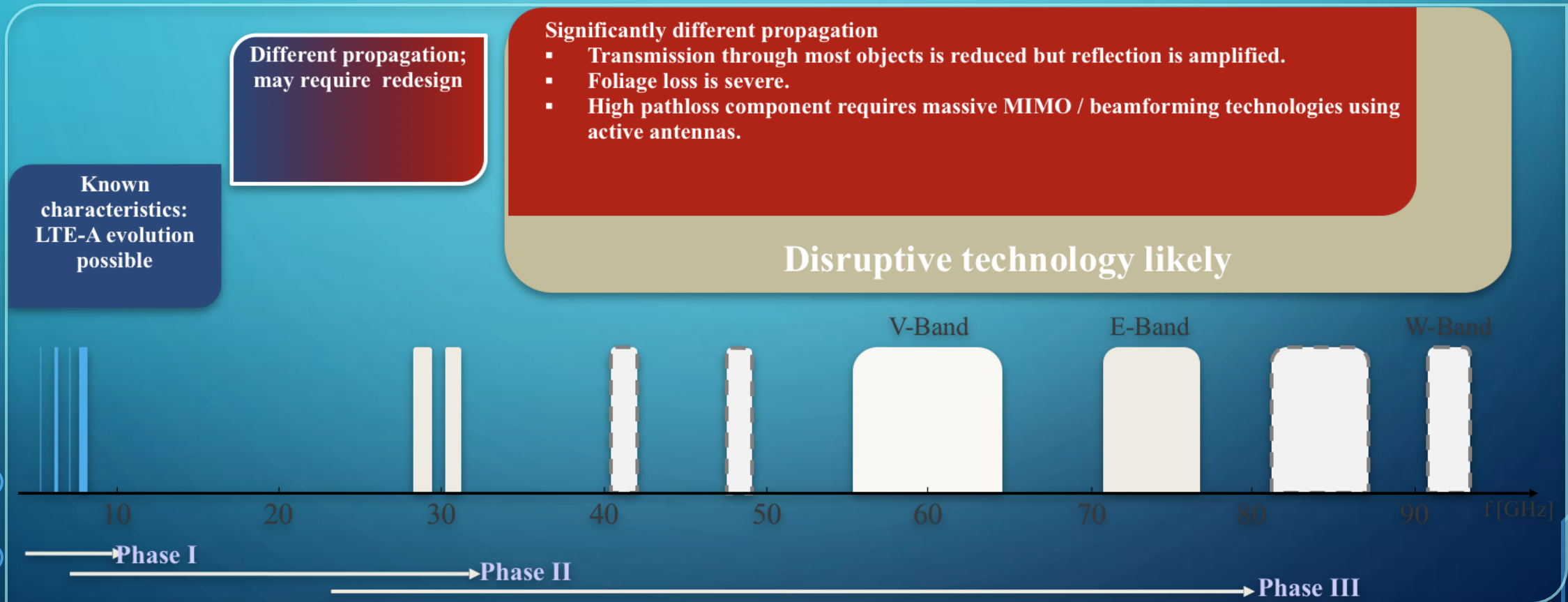
- 5G
- LTE (4G)
- WCDMA/HSPA (3G)
- GSM/EDGE-only (2G)
- TD-SCDMA (3G)
- CDMA-only (2G/3G)

Note: IoT connections are not included in this graph. Fixed wireless access (FWA) connections are included.



DATA WILL BE DRIVING THE FUTURE OF THE CELLULAR INDUSTRY

HIGHER DATA RATES REQUIRES BANDWIDTH ONLY AVAILABLE AT HIGHER FREQUENCIES



AI-DRIVEN WIRELESS TECHNOLOGIES

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IS TRANSFORMING WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS

AI Applications in Wireless

- **Intelligent Beamforming:** AI algorithms optimize antenna patterns in real-time
- **Spectrum Management:** Machine learning predicts and allocates spectrum dynamically
- **Network Optimization:** Self-organizing networks (SON) using AI for coverage and capacity
- **Predictive Maintenance:** AI analyses RF component health before failures occur
- **Signal processing:** AI dynamically performs channel estimation to increase throughput

AI in Modern Smartphones

- **Computational Photography:** AI enhances camera performance beyond hardware limits
- **Battery Optimization:** Machine learning manages power consumption intelligently
- **Voice Processing:** Real-time speech enhancement and noise cancellation
- **Network Selection:** AI chooses optimal network connections automatically

AI-DRIVEN WIRELESS TECHNOLOGIES

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Technical Requirements

- **Edge Computing:** Processing AI at the device level
- **Reduced Latency:** <1ms response times for real-time AI decisions
- **Energy Efficiency:** AI algorithms optimized for mobile power constraints

QUANTUM TECHNOLOGIES IN COMMUNICATIONS

PROMISE REVOLUTIONARY ADVANCES IN SECURITY AND PROCESSING

Potential Quantum Applications in Wireless

- **Quantum Computing:** Complex optimization problems in network design
- **Post-Quantum Cryptography:** Preparing for quantum-resistant security
- **Quantum Key Distribution (QKD):** Unbreakable encryption for sensitive communications

WHERE ARE WE WITH 6G STANDARDIZATION?

- 3GPP has not started yet – First 5G advanced work will be started in release 18, with completion in 2024
- ITU-R is working on “IMT for 2030 and beyond” (aka “6G”)
 - Targeting commercialization around 2030
- Currently inputs are collected around use cases to find suitable technologies

6G TECHNOLOGIES WITH AI AND QUANTUM

AI-Native 6G Features

- **AI-Native Network Architecture:** Devices and Networks designed from ground up for AI processing
- **Autonomous Network Management:** Self-healing, self-optimizing networks
- **Predictive Quality of Service:** AI predicts and prevents network issues
- **Quantum-Secured Communications:** Unbreakable encryption as standard feature

WHAT ARE THE USE CASES FOR 6G ?

A FEW EXAMPLES FROM THE NGMN ALLIANCE

- Enhanced Human Communication – Metaverse, digital twin and holographic telepresence
- Enhanced Machine Communication -Robots, interactive collaborative robots and autonomous machines
- Enabling Services - high accuracy location, mapping, environmental, or body sensing data
- Network Evolution – AI and energy efficiency
- Social needs – environmental sustainability, security and privacy

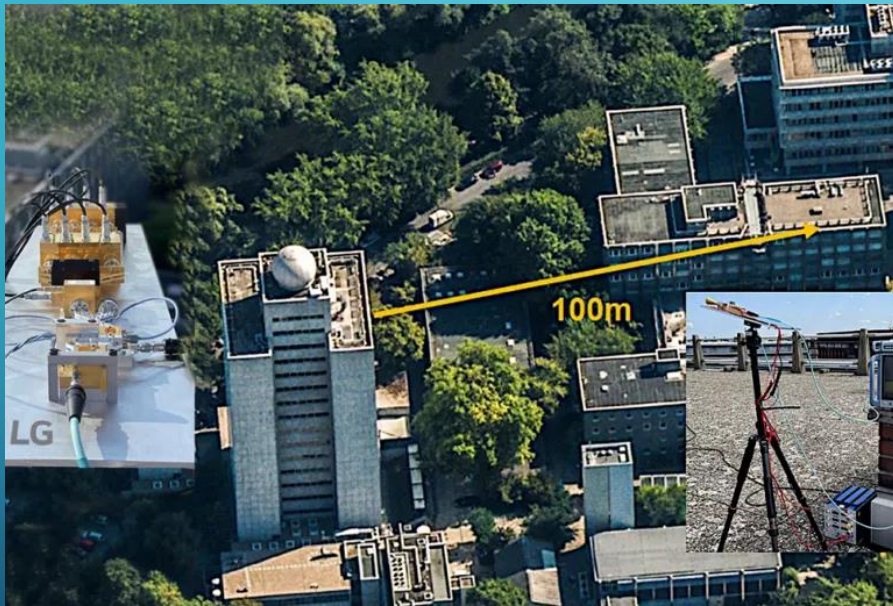
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WHAT TECHNOLOGIES CAN WE EXPECT TO BE USED 6G IN 2030?

SOME CURRENT RESEARCH AREAS ARE

- Faster data transmission using higher frequencies & wider bandwidth
- ISAC – Integrated Sensing and Communication and “radar” like functions
- AI and ML for better performance on the physical layer
- RIS – Reflective intelligent surfaces for better and more dynamic coverage
- New network structure with LEO and GEO satellites, drones and others to provide true worldwide coverage
- Increased security – Quantum secure encryption
- Energy harvesting
- Edge computing

FIRST 6G DEMOSTRATORS USING D-BAND AIMING FOR COMMERCIALIZATION 2029



<https://www.lgnewsroom.com/2021/08/lg-records-6g-thz-band-milestone/>



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How has the cellphone antenna developed over the years ?



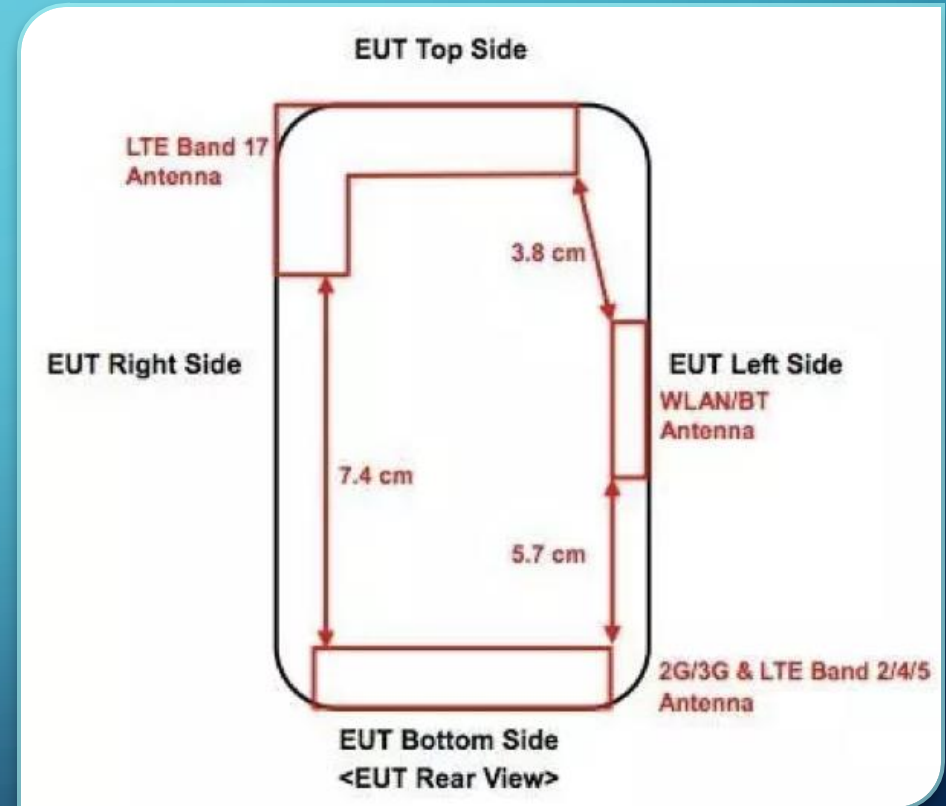
Qualcomm QTM052 mmWave Antenna Module & Snapdragon X50 5G modem



Antennas in a modern cellphone

Not just one antenna

- Up to 10 different frequency bands
- Multiple cellular technologies:
GSM, UMTS, LTE, TD-SCDMA, 5G
- Non cellular technologies: WIFI, Bluetooth, GPS, Glonass, Galileo, Baidu, NFC
- Receive diversity antennas



5G AND ENERGY CONSUMPTION

- Current 5G devices consume more energy when using 4G+5G (NSA)
- 5G devices with low (FR1) and high frequency (FR2) consume more than devices with FR1 only
- Most of the power in a cell phone is used during monitoring of control information
- Improvements to increase efficiency is being standardized
- 5G Networks consume less power than 4G Networks
- Energy consumption is a major expense for network operators

<https://www.ericsson.com/en/blog/2020/2/mobile-devices-and-energy-efficiency>

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN TECHNOLOGY

PROS

- **Enhanced Productivity:** AI can automate repetitive tasks while preserving jobs requiring creativity and judgment
- **24/7 Availability**
- **Pattern Recognition:** Superior at detecting anomalies and predicting failures
- **Software Bug Detection:** AI excels at analysing code logic, finding vulnerabilities, and suggesting fixes through pattern matching
- **Language Translation:** Breaking communication barriers with, context-aware translation

CONS

- **Lacks True Innovation:** AI cannot create genuinely novel solutions - only recombines existing knowledge
- **Prone to Errors:** AI makes mistakes
- **Black Box Problem:** Complex AI decisions are often unexplainable, creating trust and regulatory challenges
- **High Energy Consumption:** Training and running large AI models requires significant computational resources
- **Dependency Risk:** Over-reliance on AI can erode human expertise and critical thinking skills

QUANTUM COMPUTING

PROMISE AND PERILS OF QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY

PROS

- **Scientific Research:** simulation of systems for advances in physics and chemistry
- **Drug Discovery & Materials:** Quantum simulation enables modelling of molecular interactions impossible with classical computers
- **Quantum-Safe Cryptography:** Drives development of new encryption methods already being implemented (e.g., Signal protocol)
- **Machine Learning Enhancement:** Quantum ML algorithms promise exponential speedups for certain problems

CONS

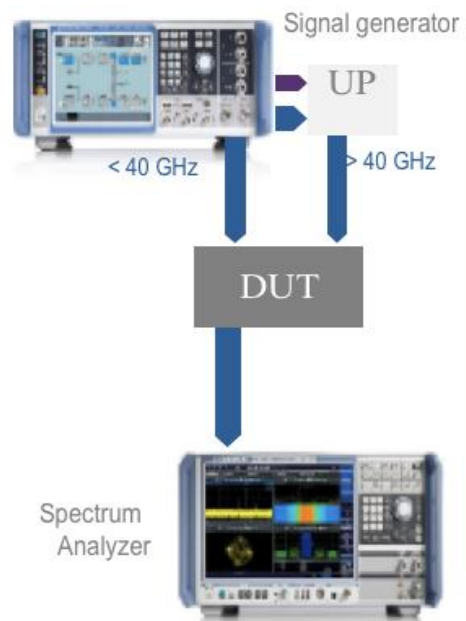
- **Extreme Operating Costs:** Requires near-absolute zero temperatures and sophisticated systems
- **Limited Applications:** Provides advantages for specific problem types - not a general-purpose solution
- **Cryptographic Threat:** Will break current encryption, endangering legacy devices and stored data
- **Technical Immaturity:** Current quantum computers are noisy, error-prone, and have limited qubit counts
- **Accessibility Barriers:** Extremely expensive and complex, limiting access



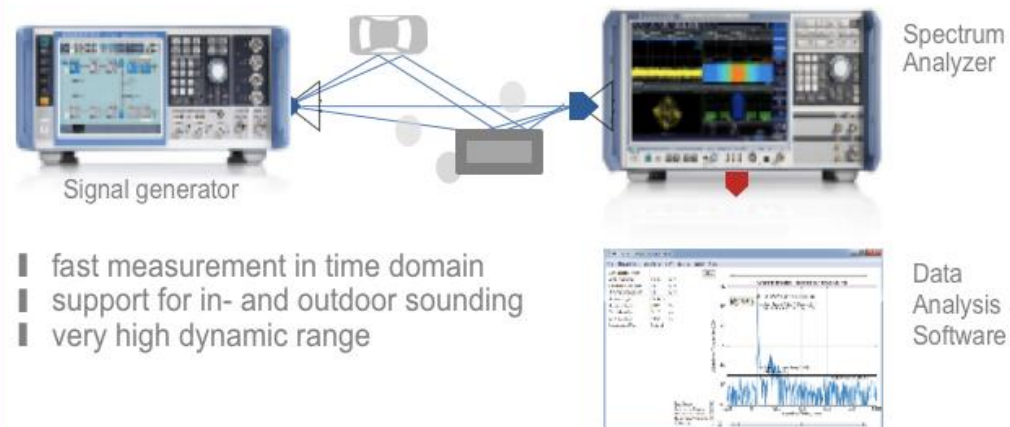
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What tools are available for the RF engineers ?

Wideband Signal Testing



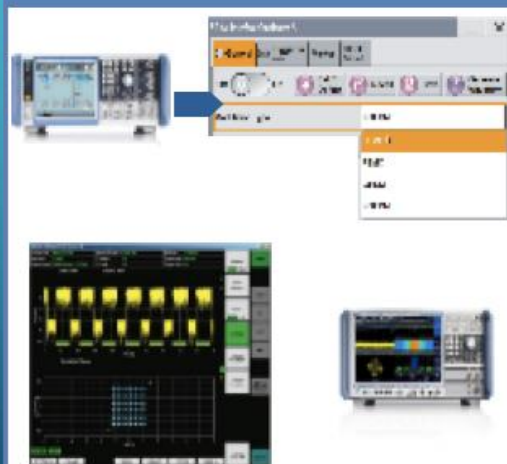
Channel Sounding Solution



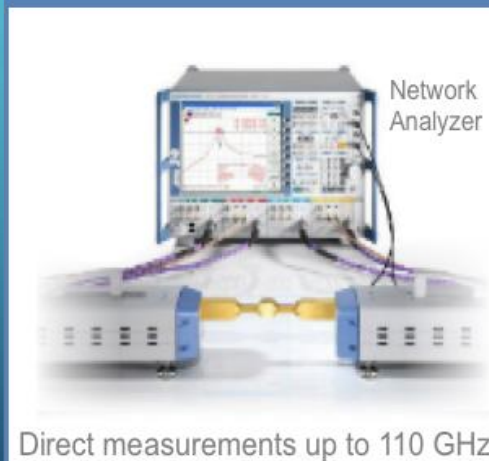
Massive MIMO - Beamforming



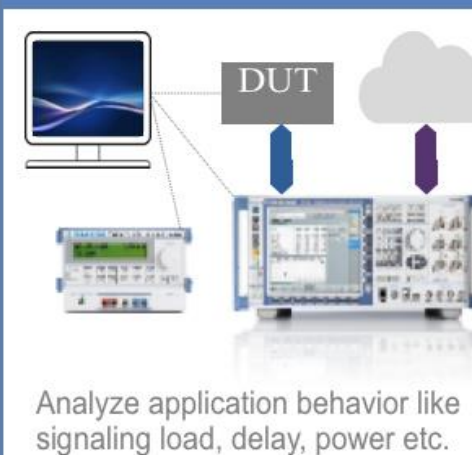
New 5G PHY Candidates



Component Characterization



E2e Application Testing





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Requirements For Modern Adaptive Students

Requirement For Modern Educators (Professors)

“Professional programs must prepare workers to become professional practitioners in their chosen field of practice. As educators, we want our students to appreciate the importance of both classroom and field educational experiences and learn that there is nothing more practical than a good theory. While experience is a great teacher, it cannot replace what can be best taught in a classroom and vice versa”

Enhancing Learning by Integrating Theory and Practice Jan Wrenn and Bruce Wrenn, Andrews University

Not all curriculums are equal and have different focuses but need a blend of theory and practice.

In RF measurement setups, instrument capabilities and associated uncertainties as well as tools for data analytics need to be taught.

This applies to me too



Requirements For Modern Adaptive Students

Fewer young people nowadays choose engineering education, and what is even more worrisome is the fact that the most gifted students decide to study at the faculties of computer science and engineering, choosing zeros and ones over microwaves or curl and divergence. The said zeros and ones are significantly easier to comprehend than the area of curl and divergence.



Requirements For Modern Adaptive Students

Therefore, as a consequence, the computer students score higher than those who study the microwaves area, while putting, in fact, less effort into their learning. Difficult curriculum and fewer opportunities to obtain high grades cause the students to lose interest in microwaves.



Requirements For Modern Adaptive Students

“The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn and change”

The general demand to master new skills results from constantly modernizing technologies.

“The world does not pay for what a person knows. But it pays for what a person does with what he knows.”

Reference: Josef W. Modelski, MTT-S Microwave Magazine, August 2008

Requirements For Modern Adaptive Students

Skills for the AI-Quantum-RF Era

Traditional RF Engineering Skills (Still Essential)

- Electromagnetic theory and antenna design
- Circuit analysis and microwave engineering
- Signal processing and communication theory
- Measurement and instrumentation

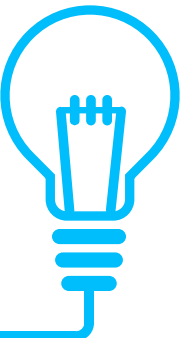
NEW: AI/Machine Learning Skills

- Programming: Python, TensorFlow, PyTorch for AI development
- Data Science: Statistical analysis and pattern recognition

NEW: Quantum Mechanics: Basic principles of quantum information

The Modern RF Engineer Must Be:

"An engineer who speaks the languages of waves, algorithms, and quantum states"



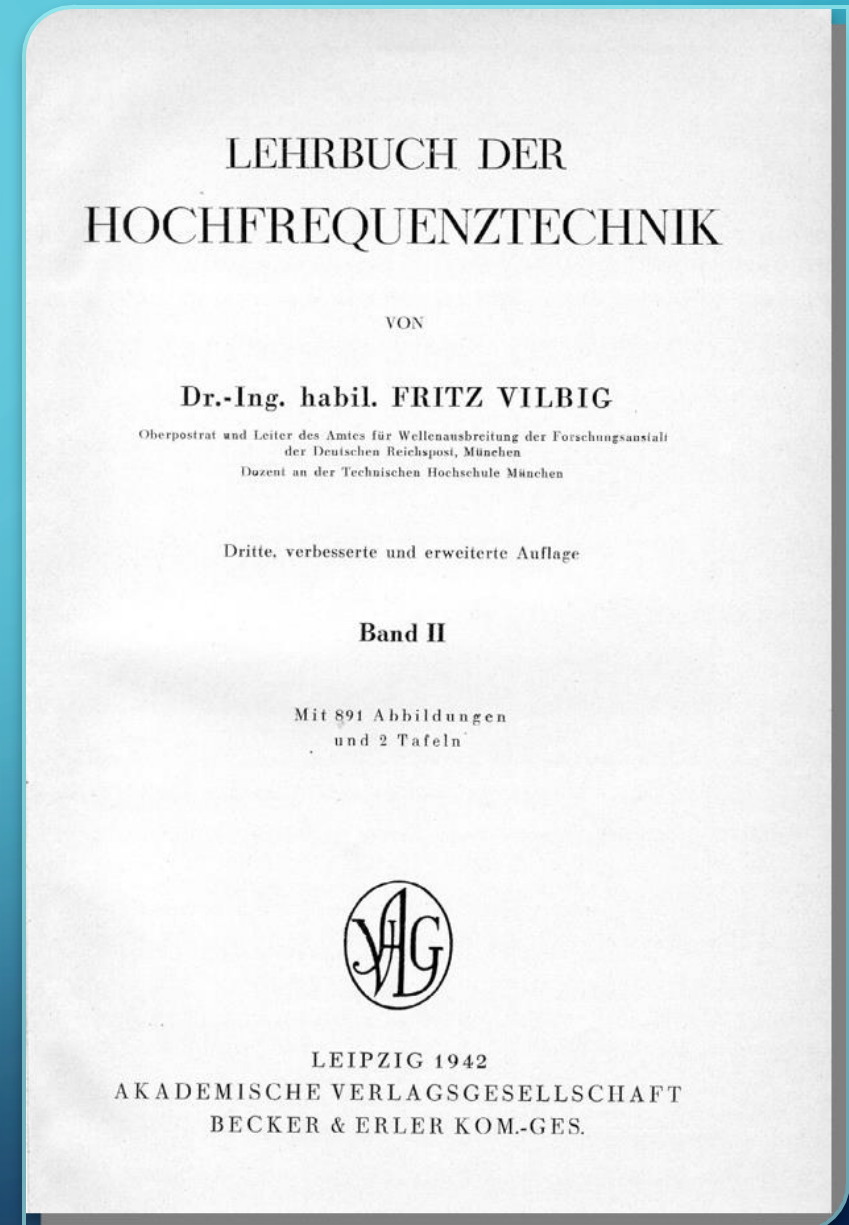


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Literature- How did it all started

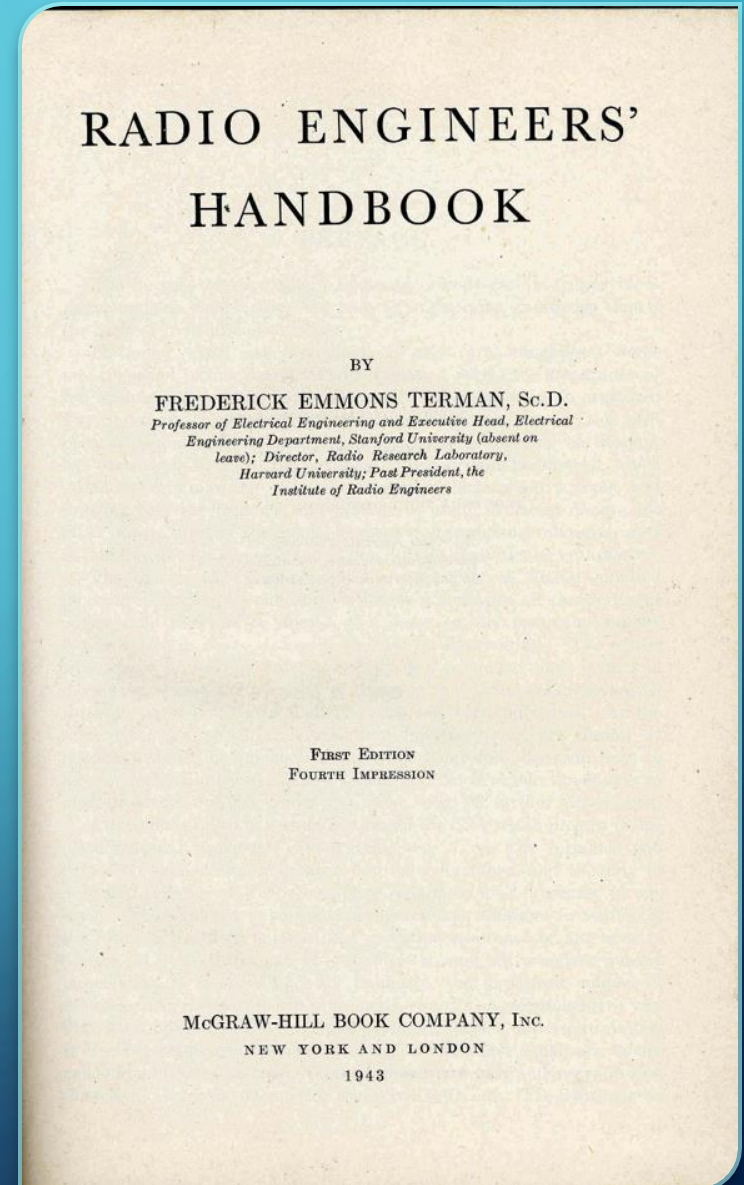
From 1942

- RF/Microwave Education (in German)
- Focus mostly on theory
- No international conferences
- No technology exchange or transfer due to language problems
- No digital technology (did not exist at that time)



From 1943

- The State of the Art text book for radio engineering
- Probably the best comprehensive US radio electrical engineering book ever written. Used in all English speaking countries.
- Contains only analog circuitry
(Digital technology did not exist at that time)

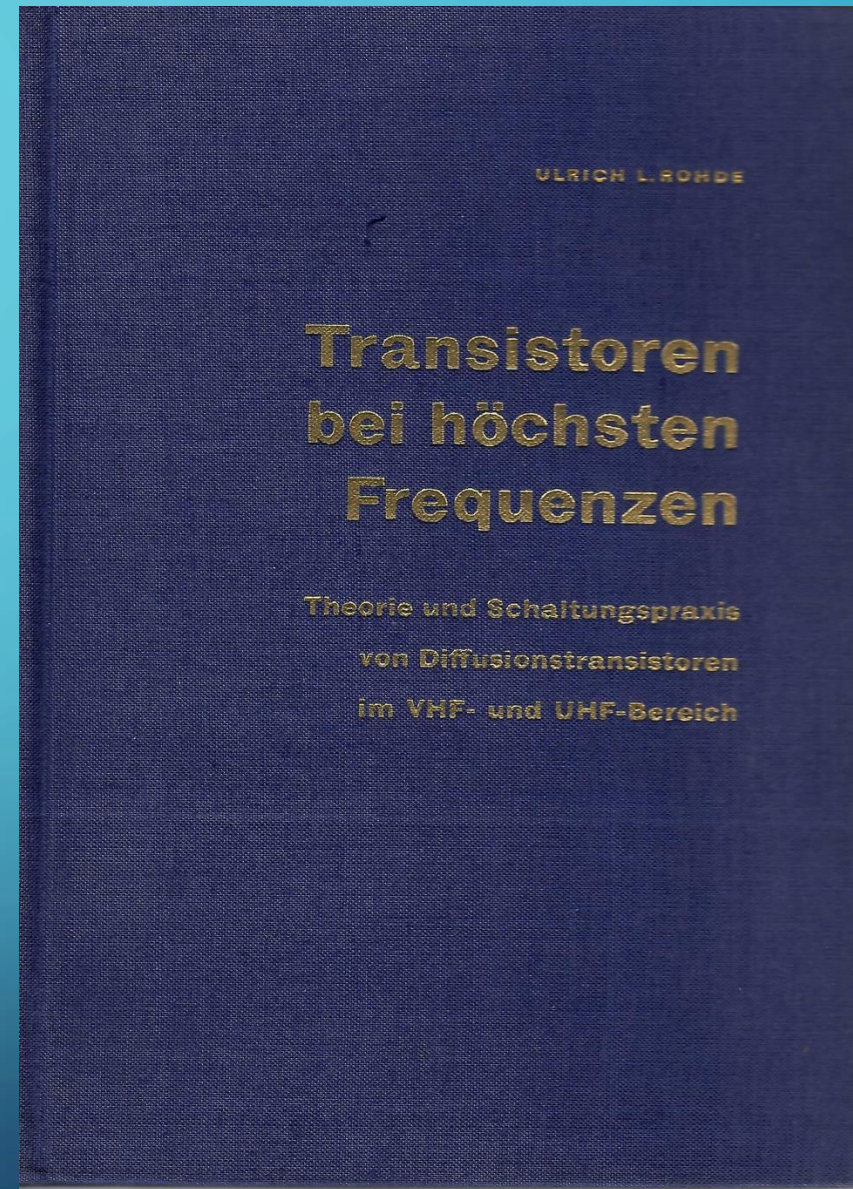


From 1965/69

Pioneering Publication: First book on microwave transistors.

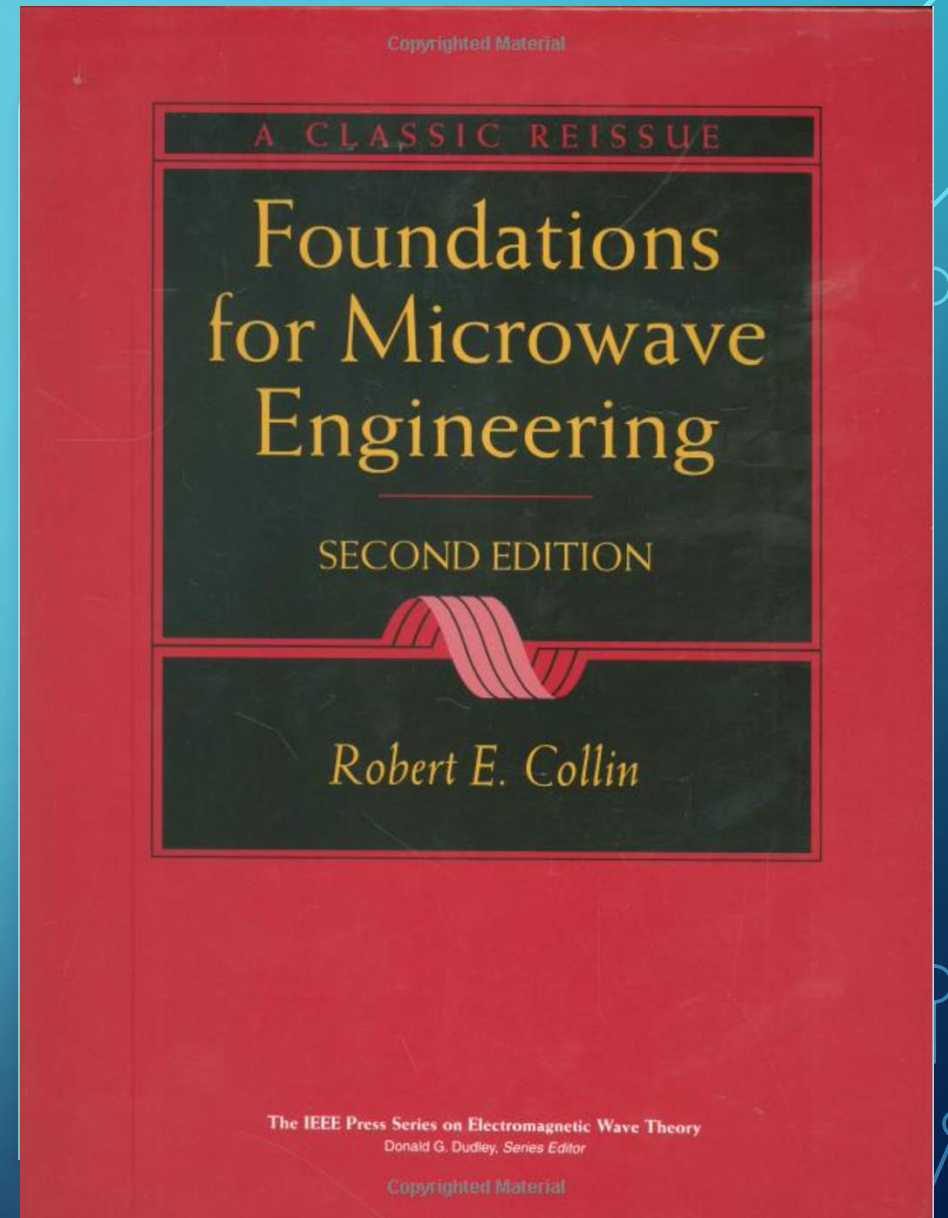
Microwave Focus: Targeted transistor applications above 1000 MHz, a novel field.

Major Impact: Sold 10,000 copies in two editions, despite being written in German.



FROM 2001

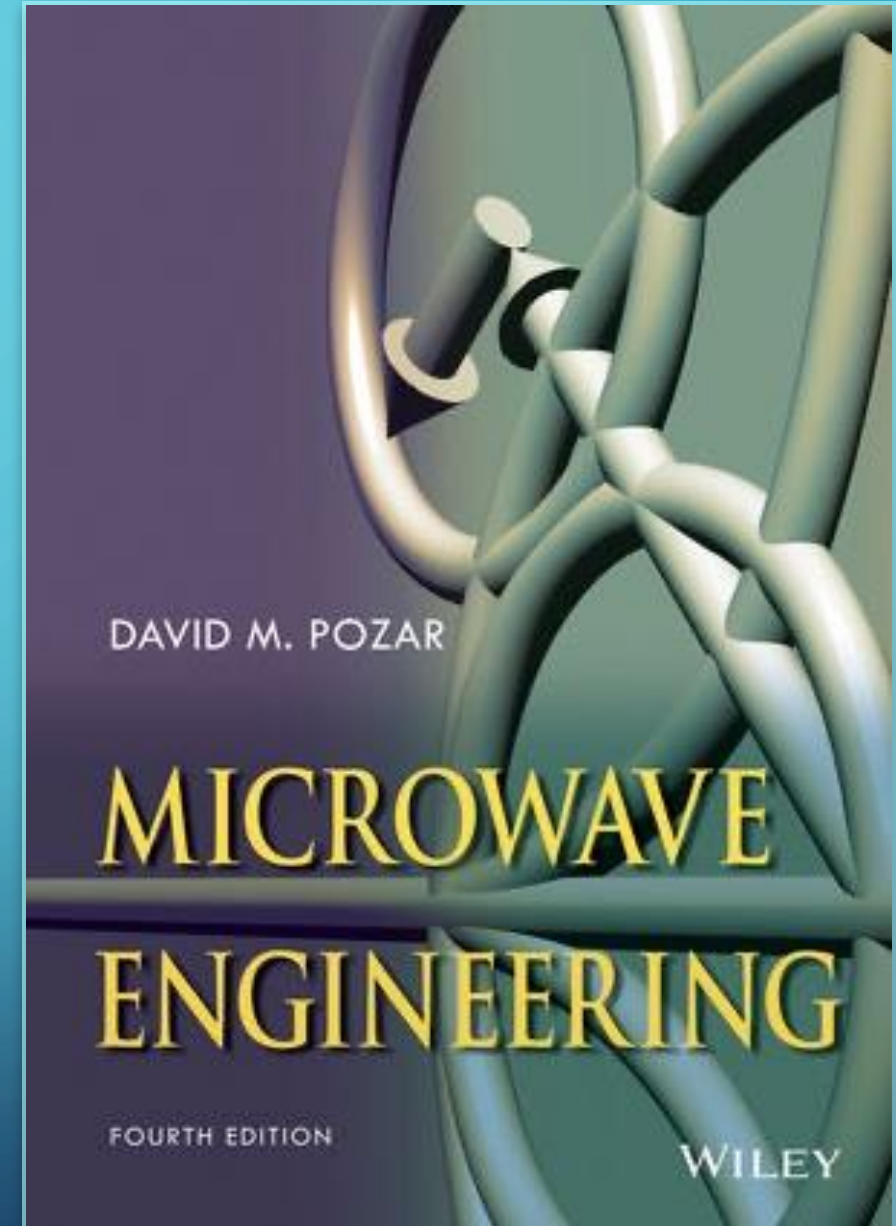
Covers the major topics of microwave engineering. Its presentation defines the accepted standard for both advanced undergraduate and graduate level courses on microwave engineering. An essential reference book for the practicing microwave engineer.



FROM 2011

Covers

- Design of microwave oscillators, amplifiers, and mixers
- Microwave network analysis, impedance matching, directional couplers and hybrids, microwave filters, ferrite devices, noise, nonlinear effects



FIRST EDITION 1960 THIS TWO-VOLUME STANDARD

Covers the generation, amplification, propagation, radiation, and application of electromagnetic signals over the full frequency range, from a few kHz to optical communications.

Volume 1 addresses resonant circuits, high-frequency transformers and filters, characteristics of coaxial cables, microstrip lines, coplanar and fin lines, directional couplers, optical waveguides, surface acoustic wave filters, waveguides, gyromagnetic media, antennas, and quartz filters.



FIRST EDITION 1960

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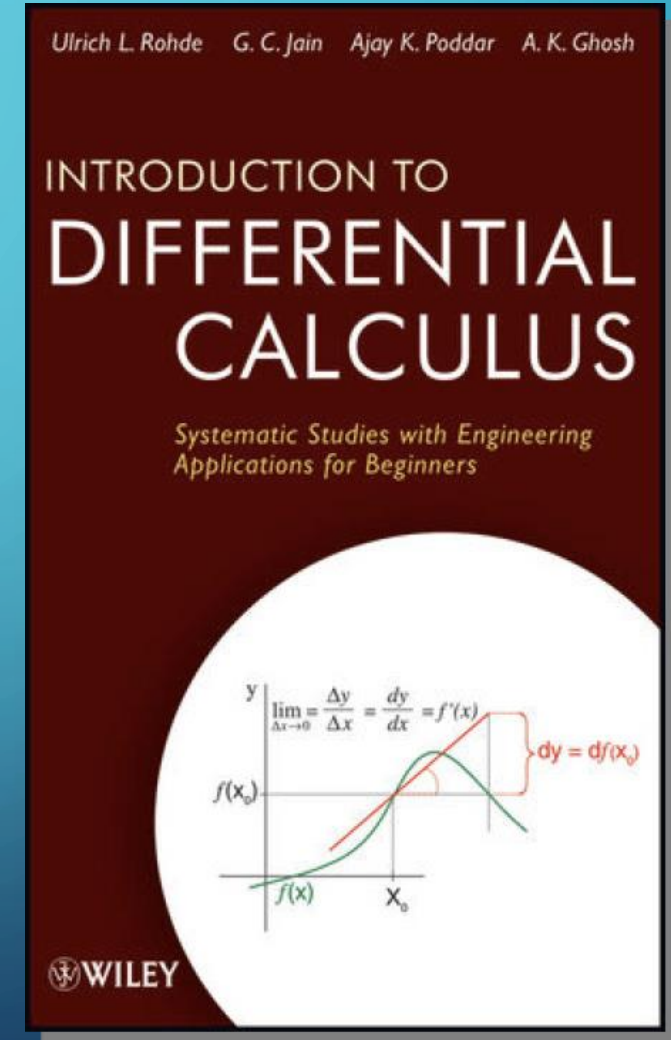
Electron tubes and semiconductors, Interference and
Noise, Amplifier, Oscillators, Mixing and Frequency
Multiplication, Modulation, Sampling and Demodulation



From 2012

Introduction to Differential Calculus fully engages readers by presenting the fundamental theories and methods of differential calculus and then showcasing how the discussed concepts can be applied to real-world problems in engineering and the physical sciences.

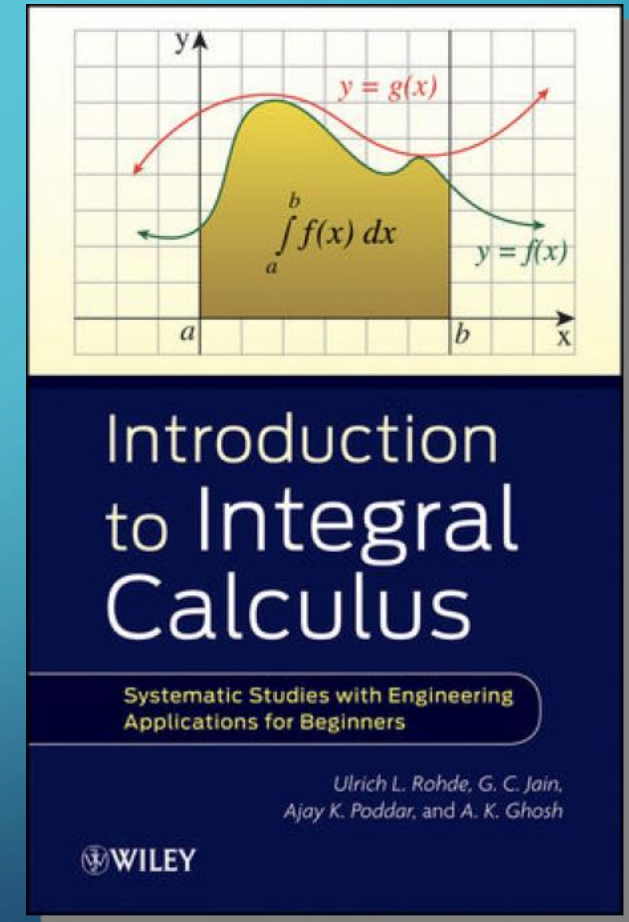
- Concepts of function, continuity, and derivative
- Properties of exponential and logarithmic function
- Inverse trigonometric functions and their properties
- Derivatives of higher order
- Methods to find maximum and minimum values of a function
- Hyperbolic functions and their properties



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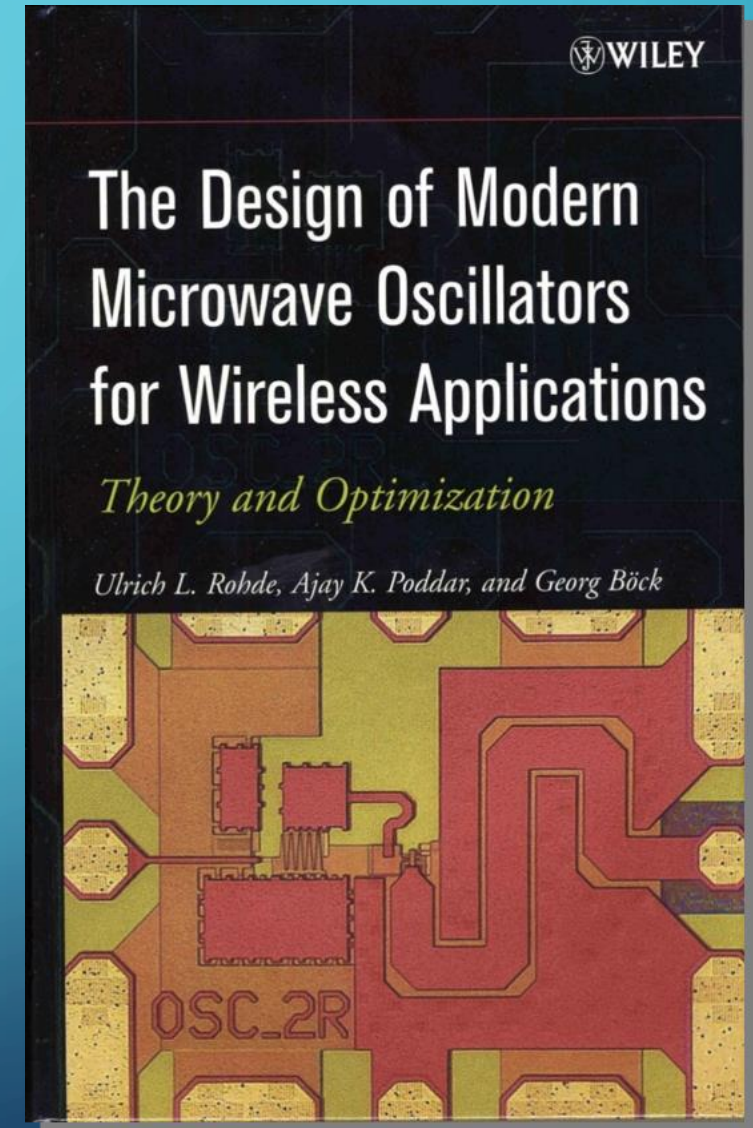
Integration is an important function of calculus, and Introduction to Integral Calculus combines fundamental concepts with scientific problems to develop intuition and skills for solving mathematical problems related to engineering and the physical sciences

- Mastering and applying the first and second fundamental theorems of calculus to compute definite integrals
- Defining the natural logarithmic function using calculus
- Evaluating definite integrals
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- Applying basic concepts of differential equations to solve ordinary differential equations



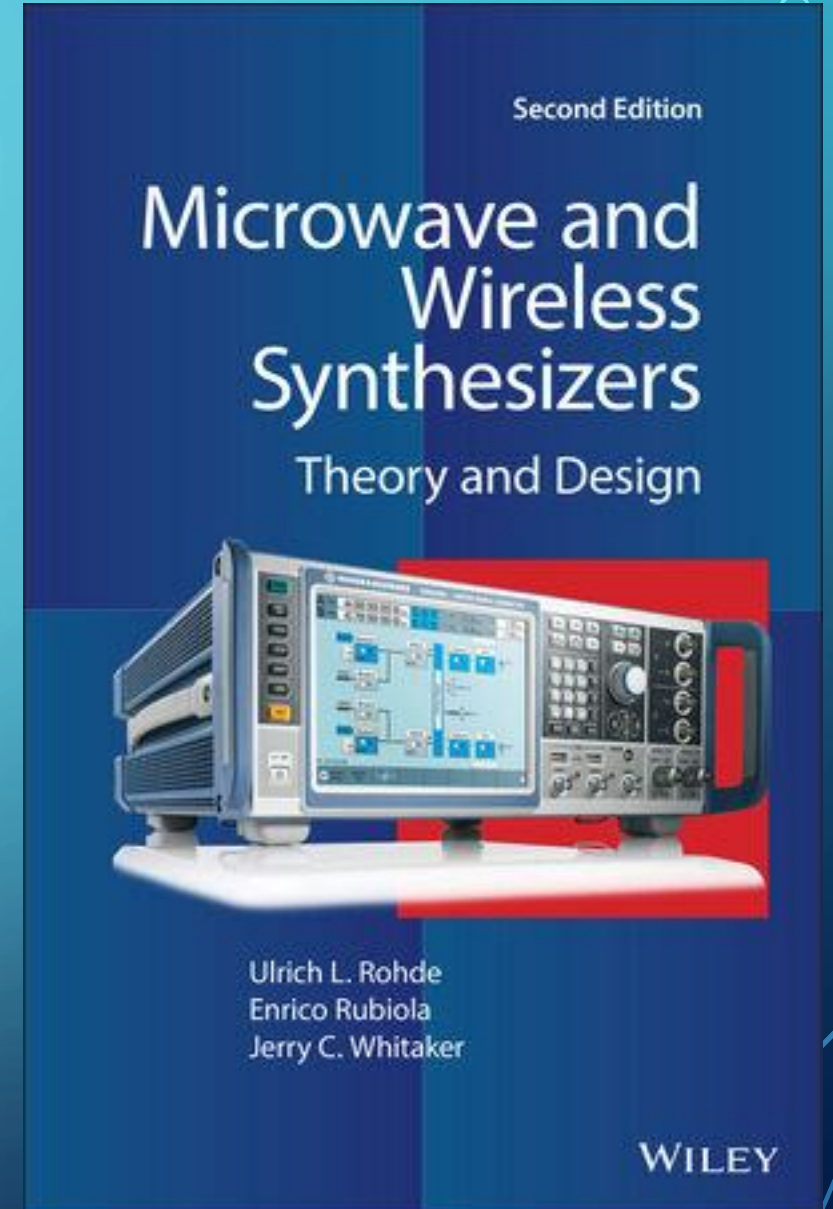
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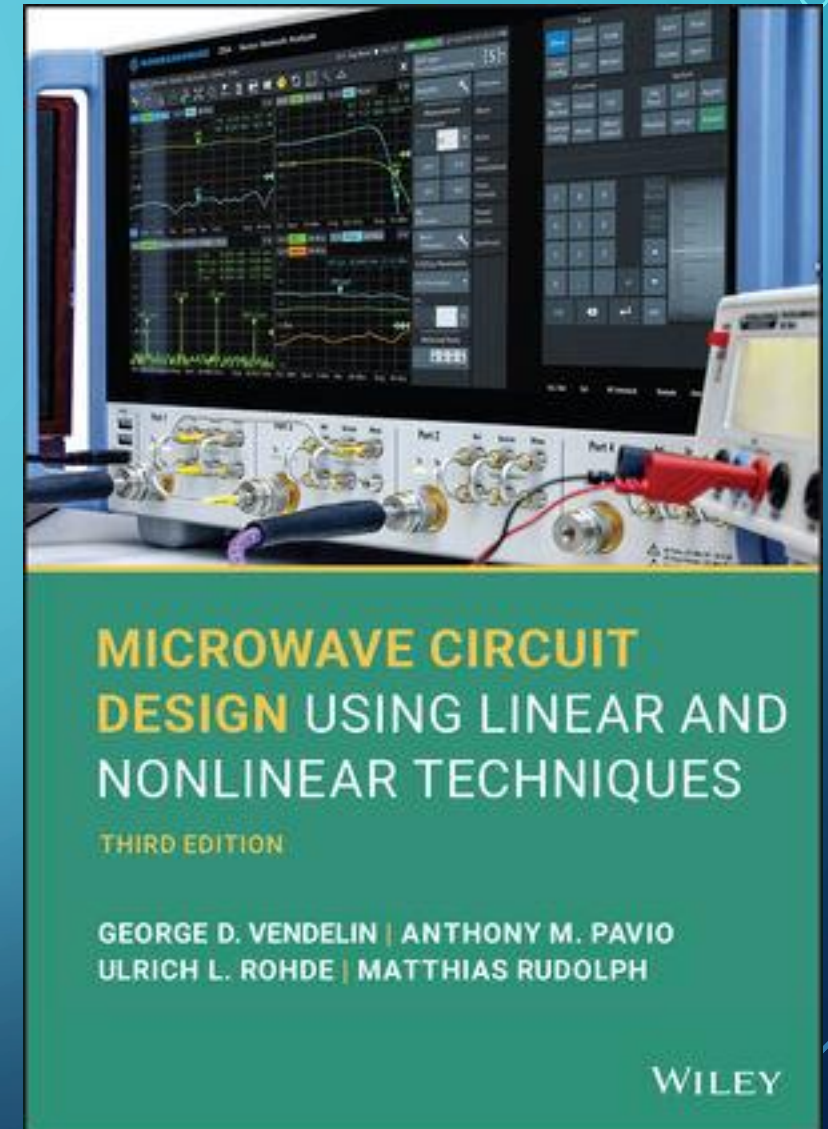
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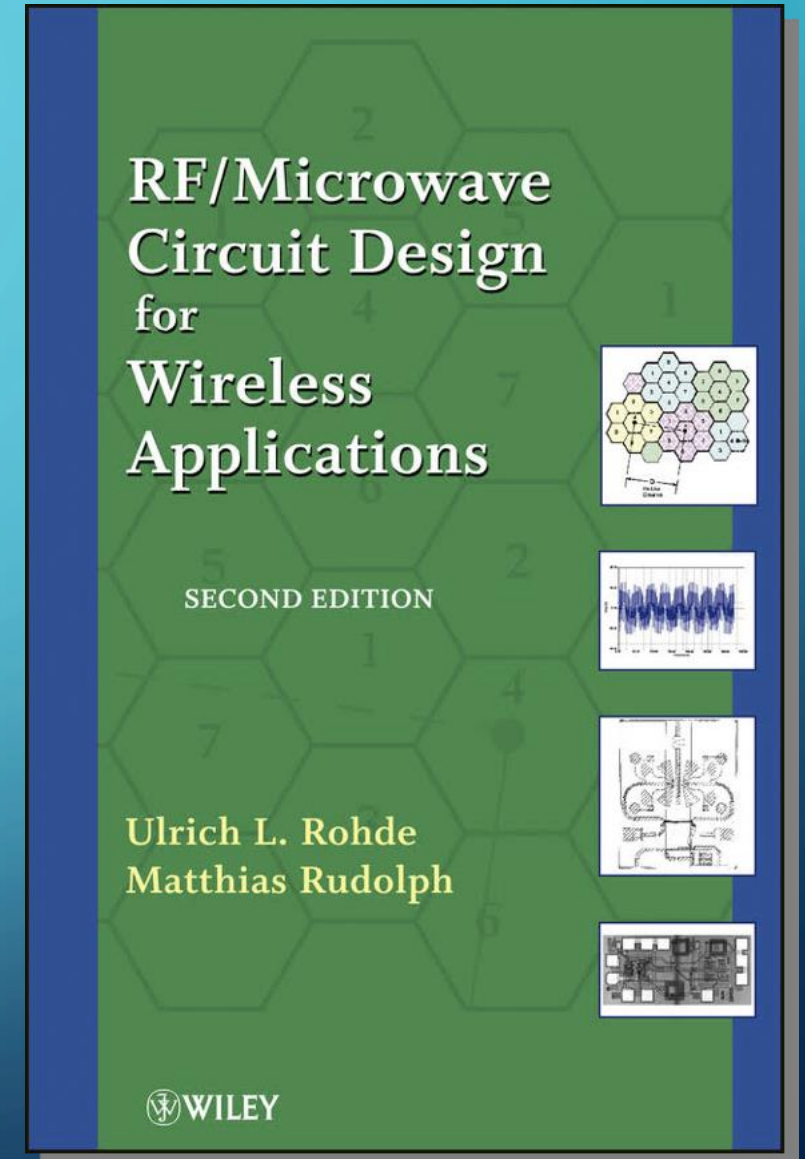
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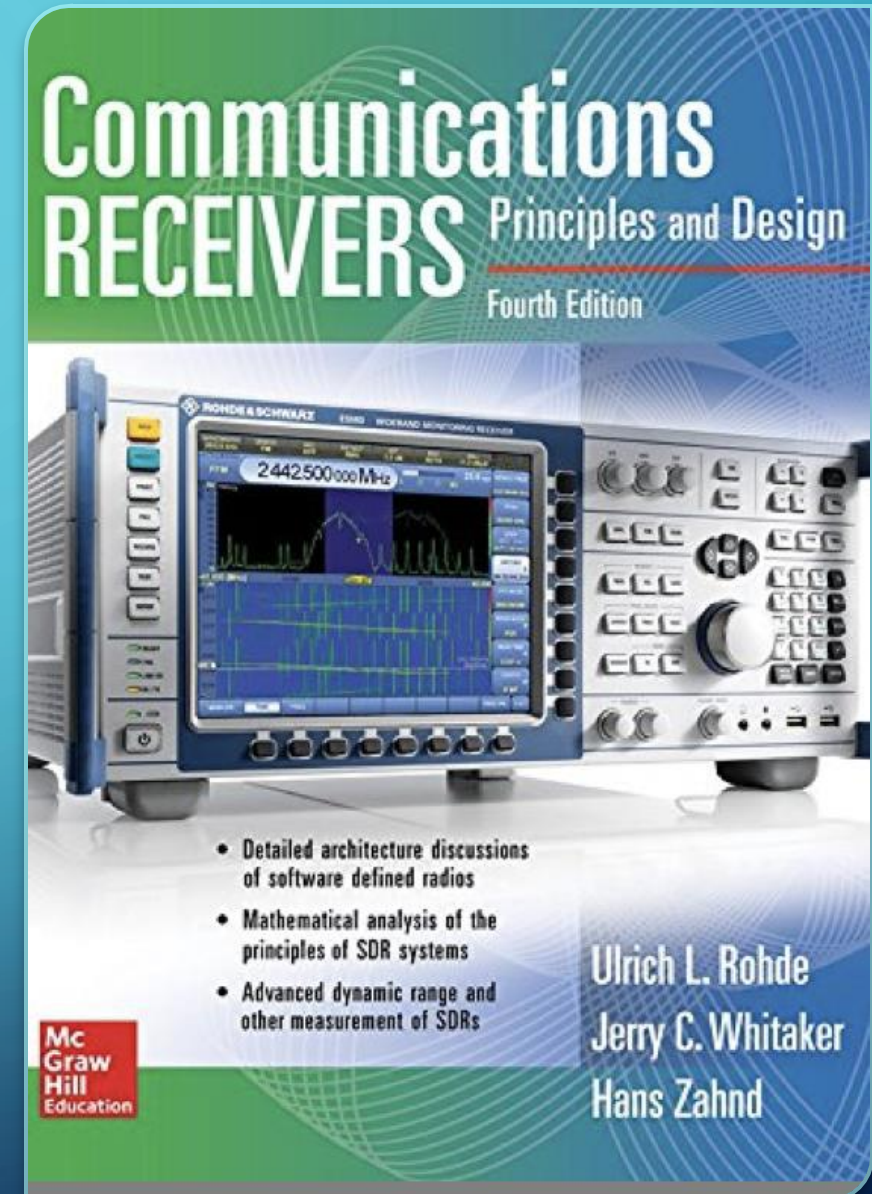
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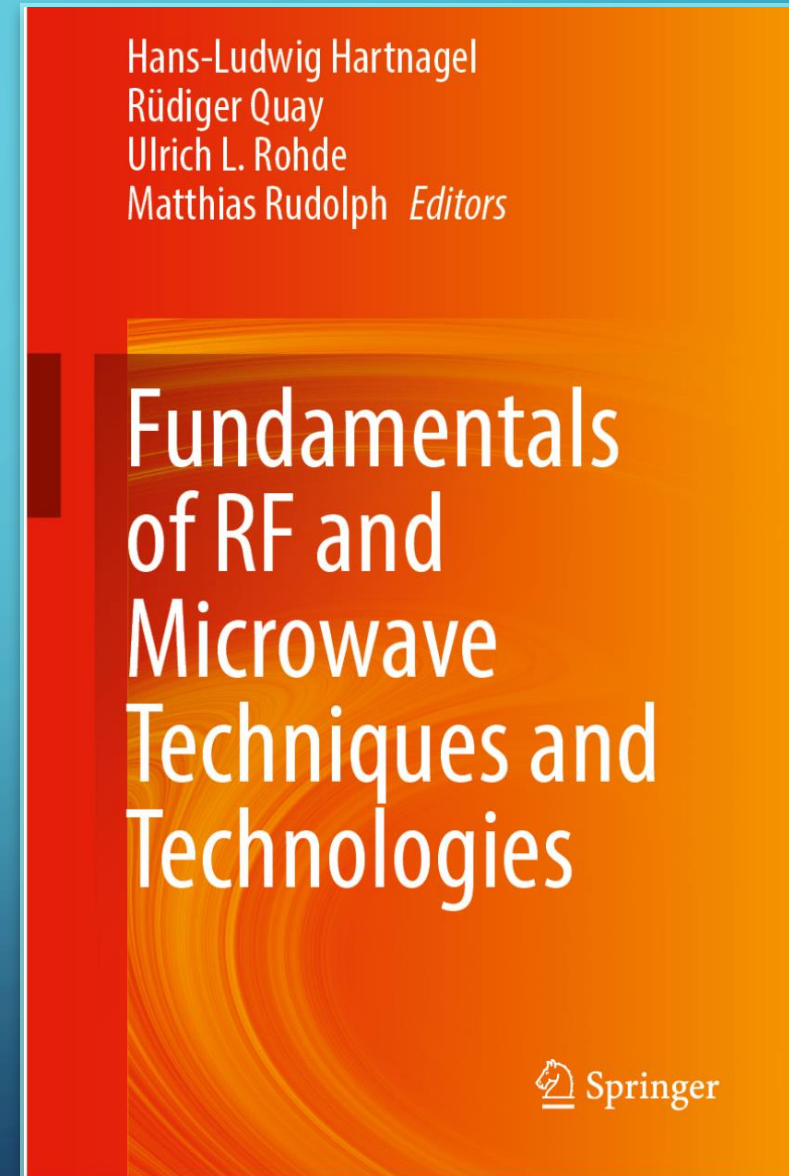
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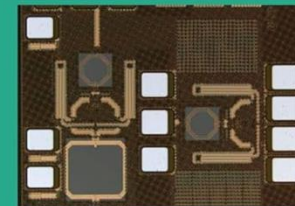
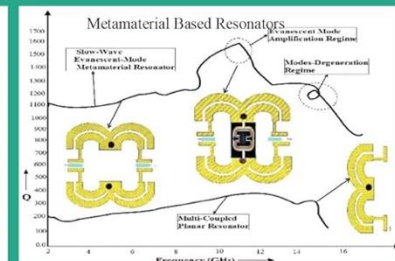
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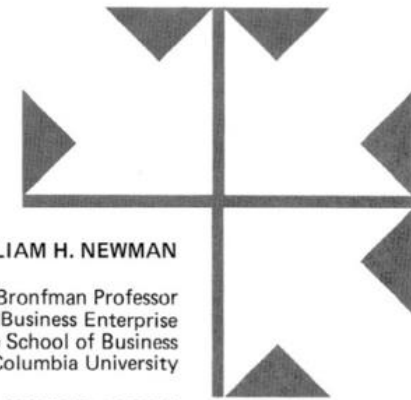
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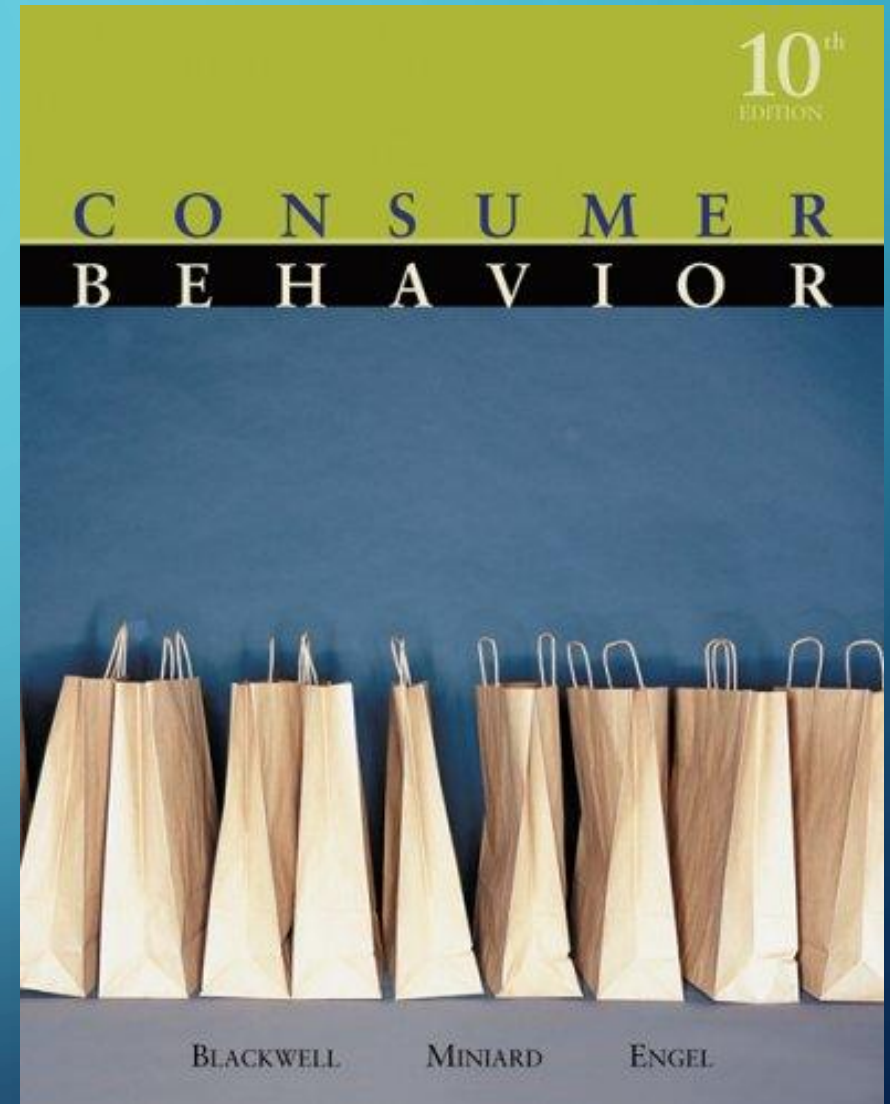
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