

Figure 1 Block diagram of the GBT L-band receiver front-end.



**Figure 2** Scans 17-28, composite Tsource / Tsys spectra for the continuum radio source 2316+0405 (S = 4.68 Jy @ 1.4 GHz). Red curves are for receiver channel X and green curves are for channel Y [3].



**Figure 3** ADS simulation showing noise temperature of the two attenuators for varying input impedance. Upper panel is for Attenuator #1 and the lower panel is for Attenuator #2.



**Figure 4** Reflectometry measurements of GBT L-band feed, dewar transition, and OMT made by S. Shrikanth [8].



**Figure 5** Block diagram of transmission line cascade with capacitance loading between sections.



**Figure 6** ADS simulation results showing |S22| (shown here as S44) and the complex input impedance for the loaded transmission line cascade shown in Fig. 5.



Figure 7 Block diagram of attenuator with the loaded transmission line at its input.



**Figure 8** ADS simulation of the circuit shown in Fig. 7. The noise temperature of the circuit versus frequency for Attenuator #1 is displayed on the left and that of Attenuator #2 is shown on the right.



Figure 9 Schematic diagram of the HFET model used in the ADS simulations [9].



**Figure 10** Block diagram of the three-stage, single-ended low noise amplifier used in the ADS simulations.



Figure 11 Calculated S-parameters for the three-stage low noise amplifier model.

Tmin=290\*(pow(10,NFmin/10)-1)



**Figure 12** Calculated noise parameters and noise temperature of the three-stage low noise amplifier used in the ADS simulations.



**Figure 13** Calculated noise temperature of the three-stage low noise amplifier as a function of input resistance (left) and input reactance (right) at 1.4 and 1.7 GHz.



**Figure 14** Low noise amplifier model with a noise source at the input to simulate an antenna temperature that is constant with frequency.



**Figure 15** On/Off sequence involving only the low noise amplifier.



**Figure 16** On/off sequence for low noise amplifier and loaded transmission line.



attenuator, and loaded transmission line. Attenuator is 0.1 dB at 300 K with Zopt = 50 + j0 ohms.

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0.470-0.465-





0.485-0.480-

0.475-

freq, GHz

Figure 19 On/off sequence for low noise amplifier, attenuator, and loaded transmission line. Attenuator is 0.06 dB at 300 K with Zopt = 150 + j0 ohms. Len 2 = 135 cm.