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Impedance Measurements using Vector  
Network Analyzers

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## Agenda

- Impedance analysis basics
- Performing impedance analysis with a Vector Network Analyzer (VNA)
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Impedance Measurements  
using Vector network  
Analyzers

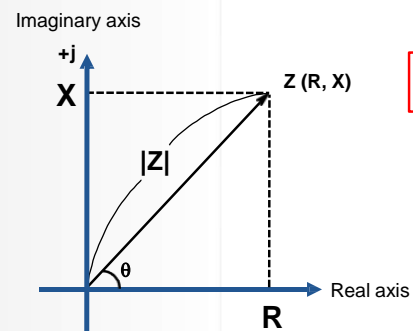
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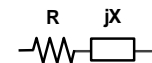
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## Definition of Impedance

Impedance (Z): Total opposition a device or circuit offers to the flow of AC



$$Z = R + jX$$



$$R = |Z| \cos \theta$$

$$X = |Z| \sin \theta$$

$$|Z| = \sqrt{R^2 + X^2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(X/R)$$

Unit of impedance: ohm ( $\Omega$ )

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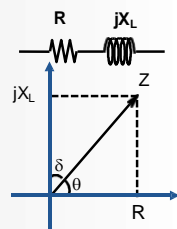
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## Impedance parameter examples

### L (Inductance)

$$X_L = 2\pi fL = \omega L$$

$\omega$ : Angular frequency ( $= 2\pi f$ )

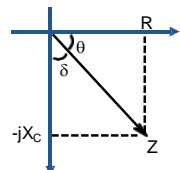
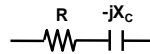


Inductive vector on impedance plane

$$Q = \text{quality factor} = \frac{X_L}{R} = \frac{-X_C}{R} = \tan \theta$$

### C (Capacitance)

$$X_C = \frac{1}{2\pi fC} = \frac{1}{\omega C}$$

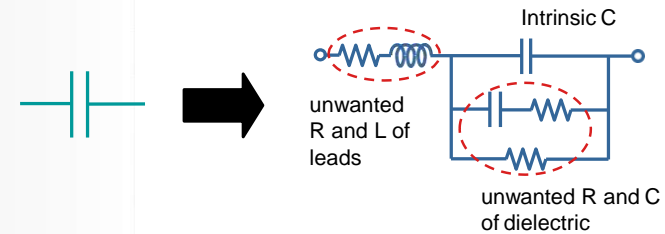


Capacitive vector on impedance plane

$$D = \text{dissipation factor} = \frac{1}{Q} = \tan \delta$$

## Parasitic

- No real components are purely resistive or reactive
  - Every component is a combination of R, C and L elements
  - The unwanted elements are called **parasitics**



Capacitor equivalent circuit

## Agenda

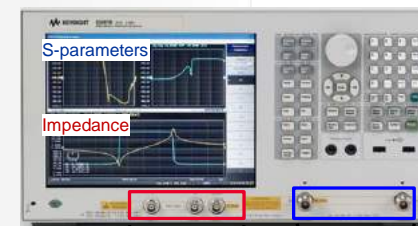
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## Impedance measurements with a network analyzer

Ex. Keysight E5061B ENA (Option 3L3/3L4/3L5)



Gain-phase test ports  
(5 Hz to 30 MHz)

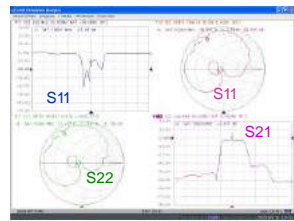
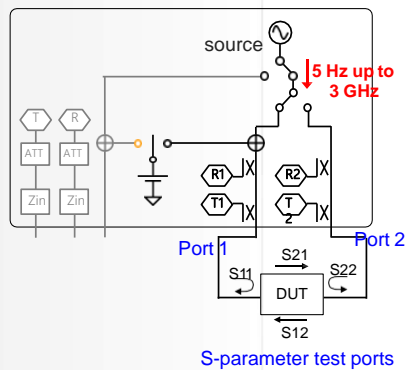
S-parameter test ports  
(5 Hz up to 3 GHz)

### Features

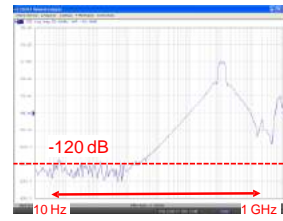
- S-parameter test ports (5 Hz to 0.5 / 1.5 / 3 GHz)
- Gain-phase test ports (5 Hz to 30 MHz)
- Impedance analysis capabilities (Option 005)
- Built-in DC bias source (up to +40 Vdc)
- Supports connection with various test fixtures

## Network analysis: S-parameter test port (up to 3 GHz)

For network analysis of 1- or 2-port devices  
(ex. filters, amplifiers, cables, antennas, etc.)



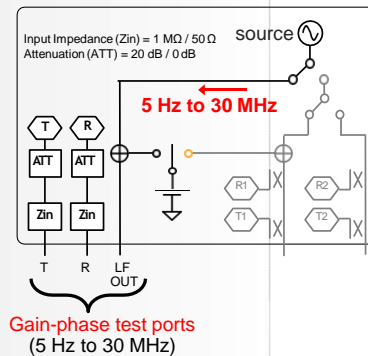
Full 2-port S-parameter measurement



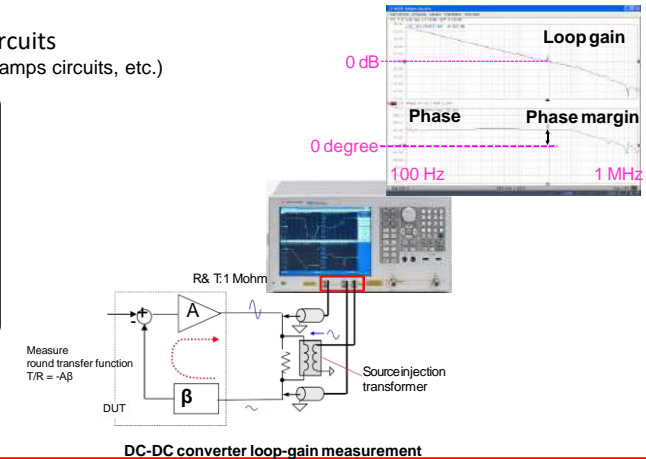
Broad frequency coverage with wide dynamic range

## Network analysis: Gain-phase test port (up to 30 MHz)

For evaluating low-frequency circuits  
(ex. DC-DC converters control loops, op-amps circuits, etc.)



Gain-phase test ports (5 Hz to 30 MHz)

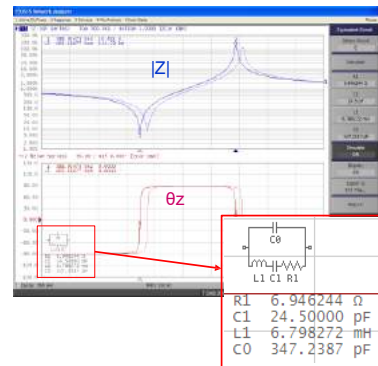


DC-DC converter loop-gain measurement

## Impedance measurements with a network analyzer

IMPEDANCE ANALYSIS SOFTWARE (E5061B OPT.005)

- Fully support basic impedance analysis functions
  - Display impedance parameters
  - Calibration, fixture compensation
  - Equivalent circuit analysis
- Multiple measurement methods
- DC biased impedance measurement  
(0 to  $\pm 4.0$  Vdc, max 100 mAdc)

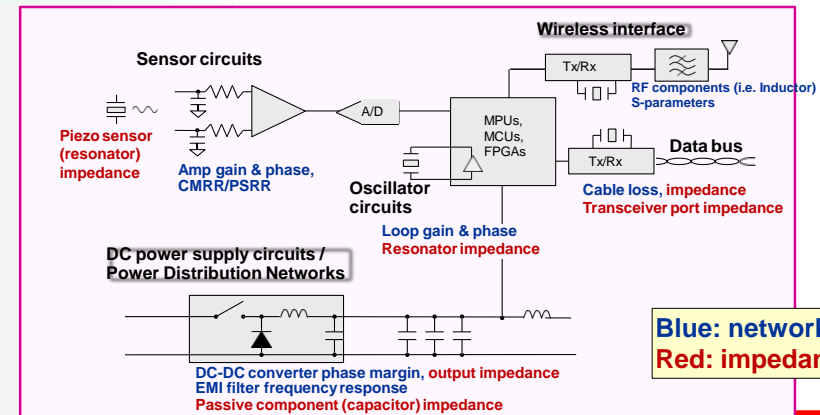


Equivalent circuit analysis with the E5061B option 005

Comparably accurate  
impedance measurements

## Benefits of a “combo” solution

NETWORK ANALYSIS + IMPEDANCE ANALYSIS



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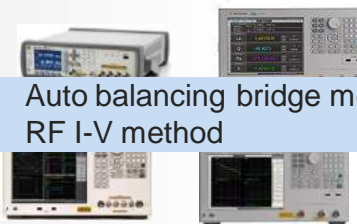
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## Impedance measurement solutions

### Impedance Analyzers & LCR Meters

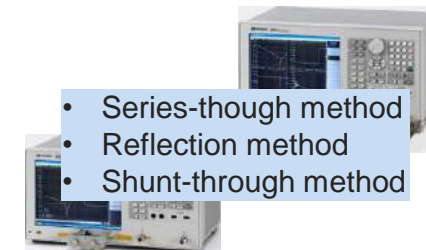
- Auto balancing bridge method
- RF I-V method



- ✓ Dedicated to impedance measurements
- ✓ Best impedance accuracy
- ✓ Covers low to **very high** impedance range

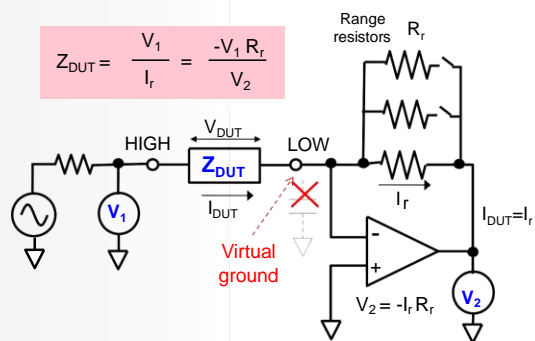
### Impedance Analysis with Network Analyzers

- Series-through method
- Reflection method
- Shunt-through method



- ✓ Impedance analysis capabilities built into a vector network analyzer (VNA)
- ✓ Solid performance / accuracy
- ✓ Covers **very low** to high impedance range

## Auto balancing bridge method



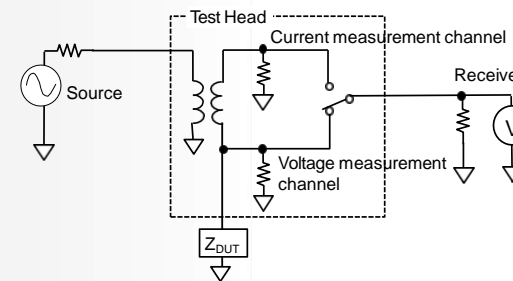
Auto-balancing bridge method

- 20 Hz up to 120 MHz (E4990A)
- **Best accuracy** (0.045 % typ.)
- Very wide impedance measurement range



Keysight E4990A  
Impedance Analyzer

## RF I-V method



RF I-V method

- 1 MHz to 3 GHz (E4991B)
- Less accurate than the auto-balancing bridge; More accurate than the NA-based reflection method
- Excellent stability by measuring voltage & current with a single receiver

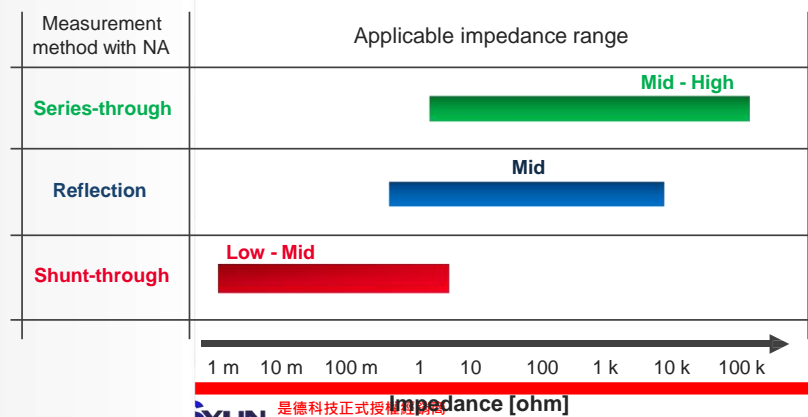


Keysight E4991B  
Impedance Analyzer



## Impedance measurement range using a network analyzer

Wide impedance measurement range is covered with three methods with a network analyzer.



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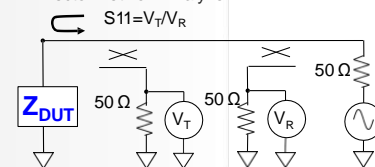
## Reflection method with a vector network analyzer



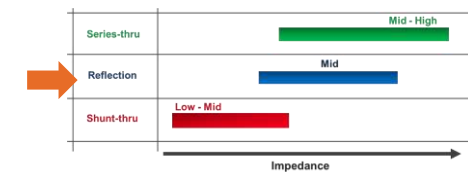
7 mm test fixture

16201A terminal adapter

Keysight E5061B  
Vector Network Analyzer



$$Z_{DUT} = 50 \times (1 + S_{11}) / (1 - S_{11})$$



- 5 Hz to 3 GHz (E5061B)
- S11 measurement with built-in directional bridge in the analyzer
- For low to mid- impedance range (ex. **1 Ω to 2 kΩ**)
- Test fixtures with 7 mm connector

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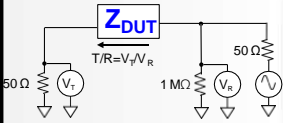
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### Series-through method with a vector network analyzer

**Series-through with gain-phase ports**


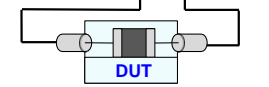


**Test fixtures:**  
16047E (leaded DUTs)  
16034E/G/H (SMD devices)



$T/R = V_T/V_R$

**Series-through with S-parameter ports**



$S_{21} = V_T/V_R$

Series-thru	Mid - High
Reflection	Mid
Shunt-thru	Low - Mid

Impedance →

- 5 Hz to 30 MHz (E5061B gain-phase port)
- 5 Hz to several 100 MHz (E5061B S-parameter test port, Port 1 & 2)
- For mid to high impedance range (ex. **5 Ω to 20 kΩ**)
- Test fixtures for gain-phase port

$Z_{DUT} = (50 \times 2) \times ((1 - S_{21}) / S_{21})$


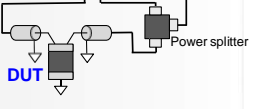



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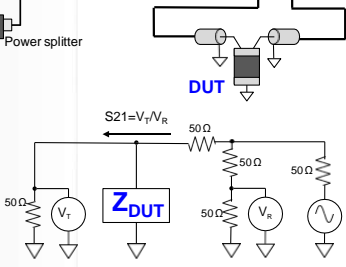
### Shunt-through method with a vector network analyzer

**Shunt-through with gain-phase ports**

$S_{21} = V_T/V_R$

**Shunt-through with S-parameter ports**






$Z_{DUT} = 50 \times S_{21} / (2 \times (1 - S_{21}))$

Series-thru	Mid - High
Reflection	Mid
Shunt-thru	Low - Mid

Impedance →

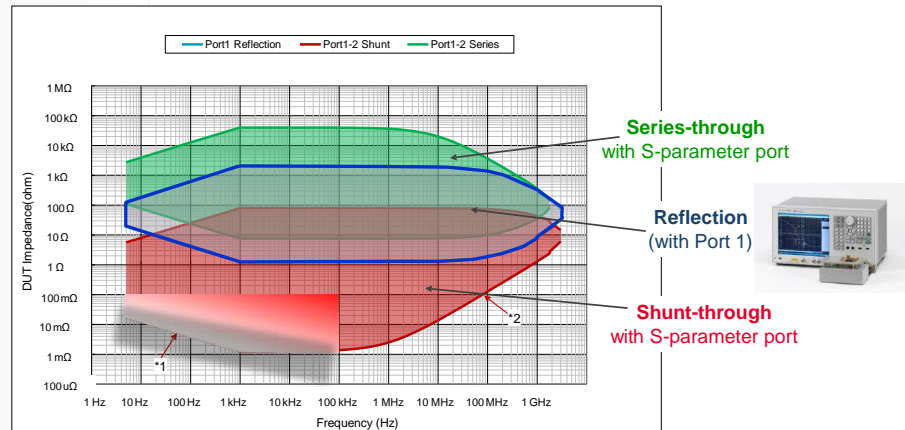
- 5 Hz to 30 MHz (E5061B gain-phase port)
- 5 Hz to 3 GHz (E5061B S-parameter test port, Port 1 & 2)
- For very low impedance range (ex. **1 mΩ to 5 Ω**)
- Home-made fixture or RF probes are required for DUT connection.

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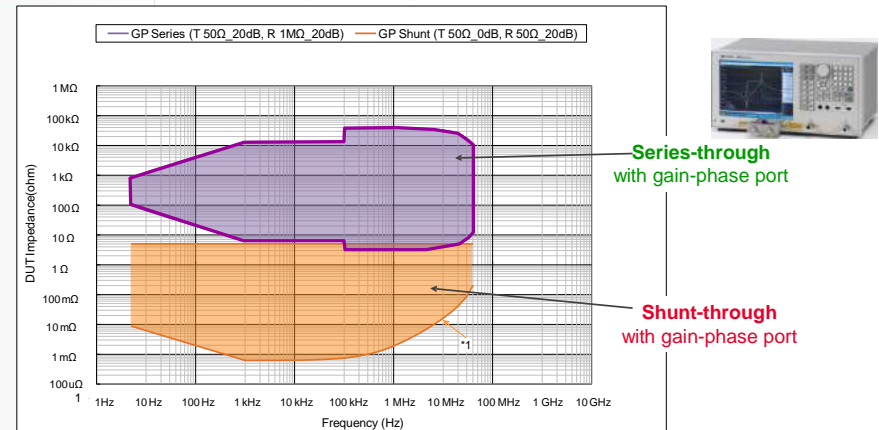
### 10% measurement accuracy with S-parameter test port



\*1. Need to use magnetic cores to measure very low impedance at low frequencies.  
 \*2. Affected by 20 pH of residual inductance.

Supplemental performance data (SPD). Represents the value of a parameter that is most likely to occur, the expected mean or average. It is not guaranteed by the product warranty.

### 10% measurement accuracy with gain-phase port



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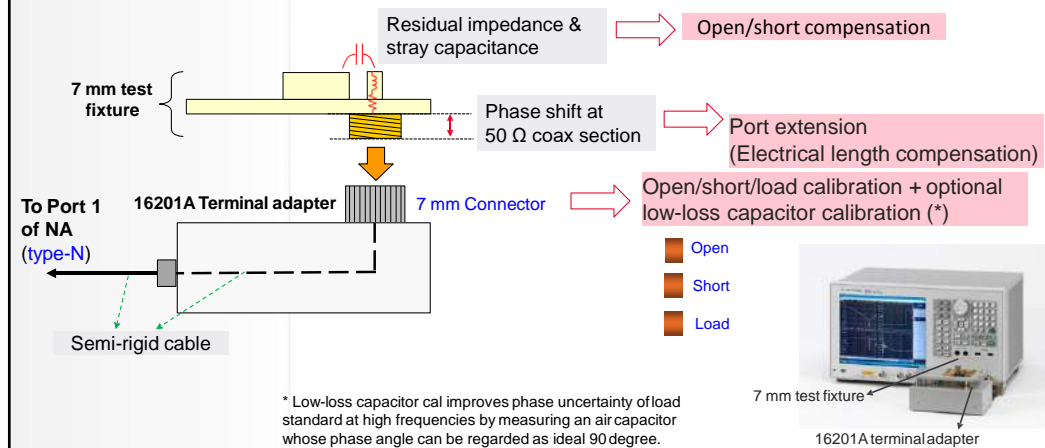
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## Calibration for reflection method

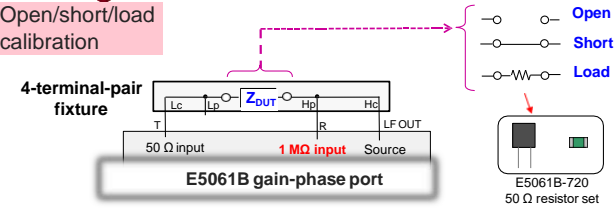


### Calibration for series-through method


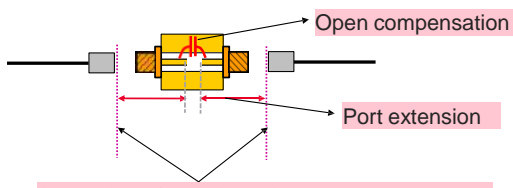
**Series-through with gain-phase port**  
(5 Hz to 30 MHz)



**Open/short/load calibration**



**Series-through with S-parameter port**  
(5 Hz to several-100 MHz)

**SOLT (Short/Open/Load/Through) calibration**


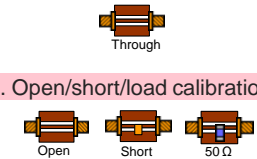
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### Calibration for shunt-through method


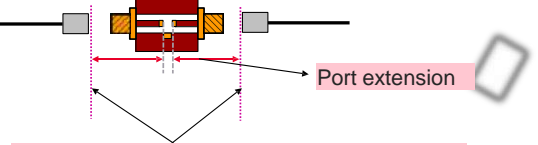
**Shunt-through with gain-phase port**  
(5 Hz to 30 MHz)

**1. Response-through calibration**  
For measurements of  $|Z|$ , L or C in low frequency range

**2. Open/short/load calibration**  
For measurements of greater than  $> 1 \Omega$ , phase, or ESR over 10 MHz

**Shunt-through with S-parameter port**  
(Up to several-100 MHz or GHz range)

**SOLT (Short/Open/Load/Through) calibration**

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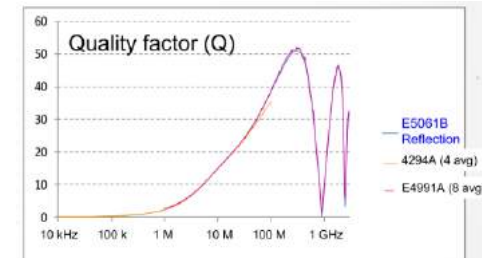
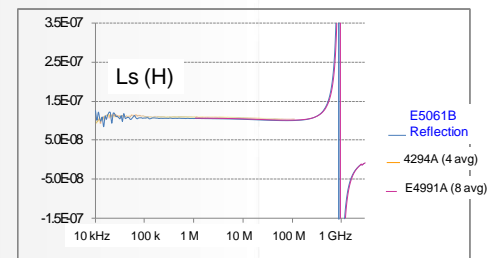
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## Example 1) Characterizing 100 nH inductor

**Reflection method** delivers comparable results with dedicated impedance analyzers.



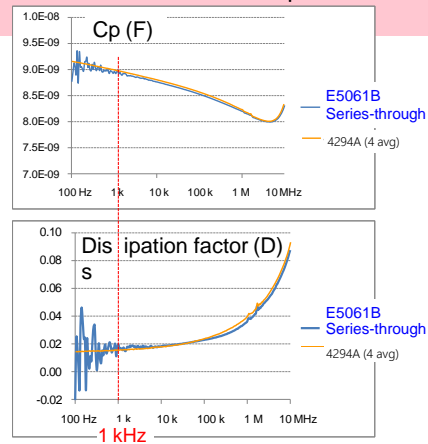
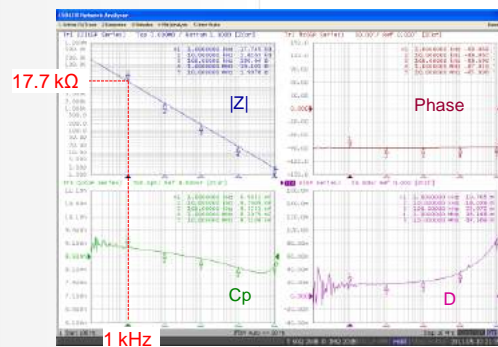
### E5061B ENA setup:

Setup: 10 kHz to 3 GHz, -10 dBm source power, 30 Hz IF bandwidth, **Reflection method**.

Calibration: Open/short/load calibration & low-loss capacitor calibration, port extension, open/short compensation.

### Example 2) Characterizing 10 nF capacitor

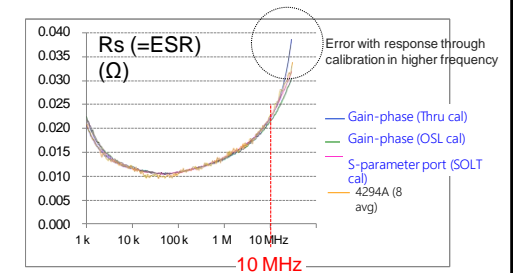
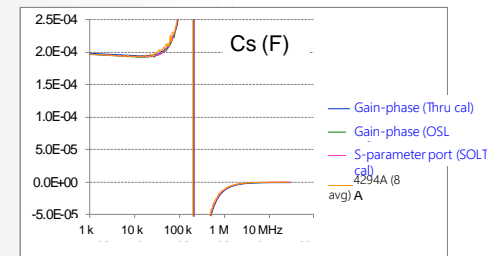
**Series-through method** delivers comparable results with dedicated impedance analyzers for moderate impedance range.



**E5061B ENA setup:**  
 Setup: 100 Hz to 10 MHz, 0 dBm source power, Auto IF bandwidth (20 Hz limit). **Series-through method** with gain-phase port. Calibration: Open/short/load calibration.

### Example 3) Characterizing 200 uF capacitor

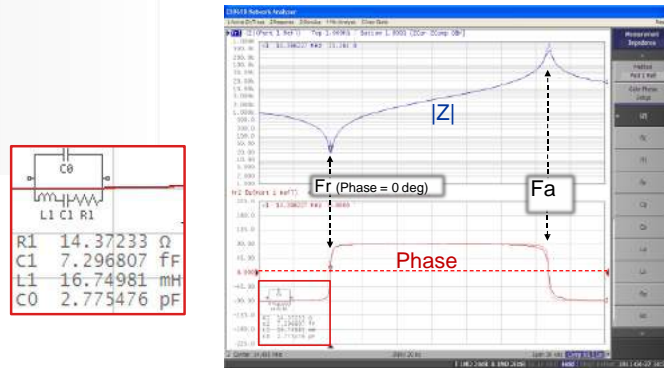
**Shunt-through method** with appropriate calibration technique delivers comparable results with dedicated impedance analyzers.



**E5061B ENA setup:**  
 Setup: 1 kHz to 10 MHz, 0 dBm source power, Auto IF bandwidth (20 Hz limit). **Shunt-through method.**  
 Calibration:  
 - gain-phase port: Response through calibration or Open/short/load calibration (T-port ATT = 0 dB)  
 - S-parameter port: SOLT calibration + port extension. Large magnetic core attached to test cables.

### Example 4) Characterizing crystal resonator

Impedance analysis software computes the **equivalent circuit** of DUT from measured impedance results.



E5061B ENA setup:

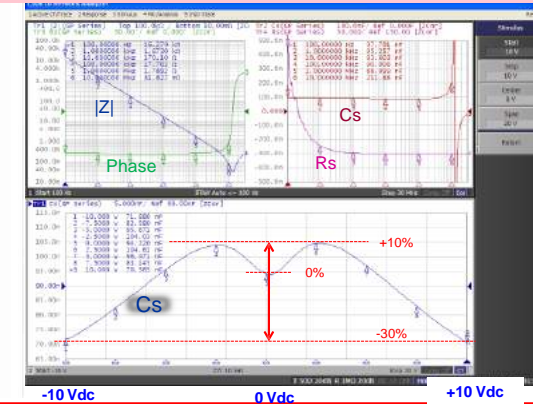
Setup: Center frequency 14.4 MHz, -19 dBm source power, 30 Hz IF bandwidth.  
Reflection method using 16201A+ 16092A 7 mm fixture.

### Example 5) Adding DC bias

The **built-in DC bias source** is used for characterizing a ceramic capacitor with a strong dependency on the applied DC voltage.

Frequency sweep  
(100 Hz to 30 MHz)

DC bias sweep  
(-10 to +10 Vdc,  
CW=10 kHz)





## IR Drop by dynamic load

$\Delta V = \Delta I \times R$

IR Drop noise

Current change by IC consumption

PDN Impedance

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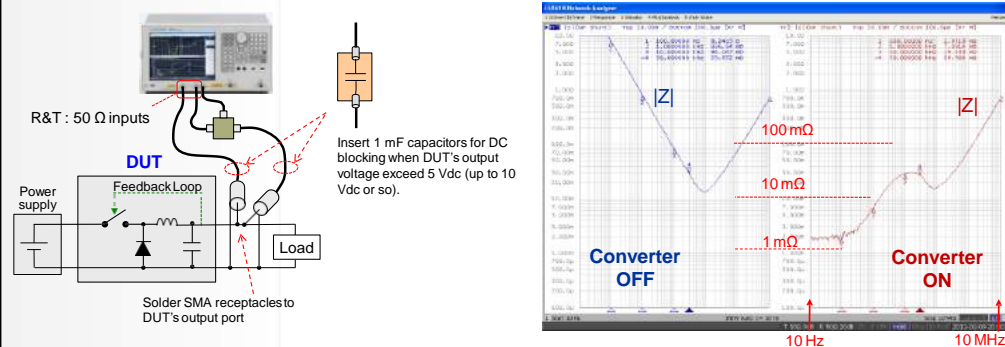
## How PDN impedance is decided?

PDN impedance measurement at IC position.

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## Example 6) Output impedance of DC-DC converter

Extremely low-impedance measurement (in  $m\Omega$  range) can be achieved with **shunt-through method** using gain-phase port.



**E5061B ENA setup:**  
Setup: 100 Hz to 10 MHz, 10 dBm source power, 10 Hz IF bandwidth). **Shunt-through method** using gain-phase port. T: Zin = 50 ohm, ATT = 0 dB, R: Zin = 50 ohm, ATT = 20dB  
Through calibration performed with -10 dBm source power

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## Select the best method for your applications

Frequency range	Impedance range	Recommended method and test port	Example DUTs
Below 100 MHz	<100 m $\Omega$	<b>Shunt-through method</b> with gain-phase port (to 30 MHz); S-parameter test port (above 100 kHz)	DC-DC converters, mid or large bypass capacitors, power distribution networks (PDNs)
	1 $\Omega$ to 10 k $\Omega$	<b>Reflection method</b> with S-parameter test port	Inductors, transformers, resonators
	> 10 k $\Omega$	<b>Series-through method</b> with gain-phase port (up to 30 MHz); S-parameter test port (up to 300 MHz)	Small capacitors, resonators, inductors and transformers
Above 100 MHz	< 100 m $\Omega$	<b>Shunt-through method</b> with S-parameter test port	Small bypass capacitors, PDNs
	1 $\Omega$ to 2 k $\Omega$	<b>Reflection method</b> with S-parameter test port	RF Inductors and capacitors, other RF passive components

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- Impedance analysis capabilities on a network analyzer offer greater versatility on your R&D bench.
- Select the most appropriate impedance measurement method and calibration technique depending on your application.

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