

NanoVNA - £1000


Instrument in your pocket!



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Vector Network Analyser

- Vector –phase and amplitude, complex impedance, resistance, capacitance, inductance
- Network –one or two port circuit systems
- Analyzer –comprehensive measurement and test suites
- Were sold for \$10,000-\$50,000 in the 80's



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- The open source NanoVNA project has been around since 2016, but only recently have Chinese sellers begun mass producing the unit
- Tremendous community support and great software – Windows, Mac, Android
- Top of my list of recommended ham test equipment, replace most antenna analyzers
- Surprisingly excellent manual



NanoVNA

- Check your antenna SWR, low return loss like an antenna analyzer.
- Find the lengths and discontinuities of cables.
- Measure the resistance and reactance of components
- Measure the transmission bandwidth of a filter as well as its reflection.
- Measure the self-resonance frequency of inductors and capacitors, for example, of traps on dipoles.
- Measure the choking impedance of a balun as a function of frequency.
- The permeability of ferrite toroids.
- Many other measurements...



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Walkaround

USB-C

- Multifunction switch – Press, roll right or left
- Touch screen – can work with fingers, but recommend stylus
- 101 sample points – limits narrowband analysis, BUT, software supports multiple 101 point “segments!”

- 2 SMA female ports
- S_{nm} - power from port m to port n
- S₁₁ - power from port 1 (CH0) to port 1 – reflected power
- S₂₁ – power from port 1 to port 2 (CH1)



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Screen

Busy, but very readable and informative

1 -Start frequency

2 -Stop frequency

3 -Markers -very powerful -number at same frequency on all traces

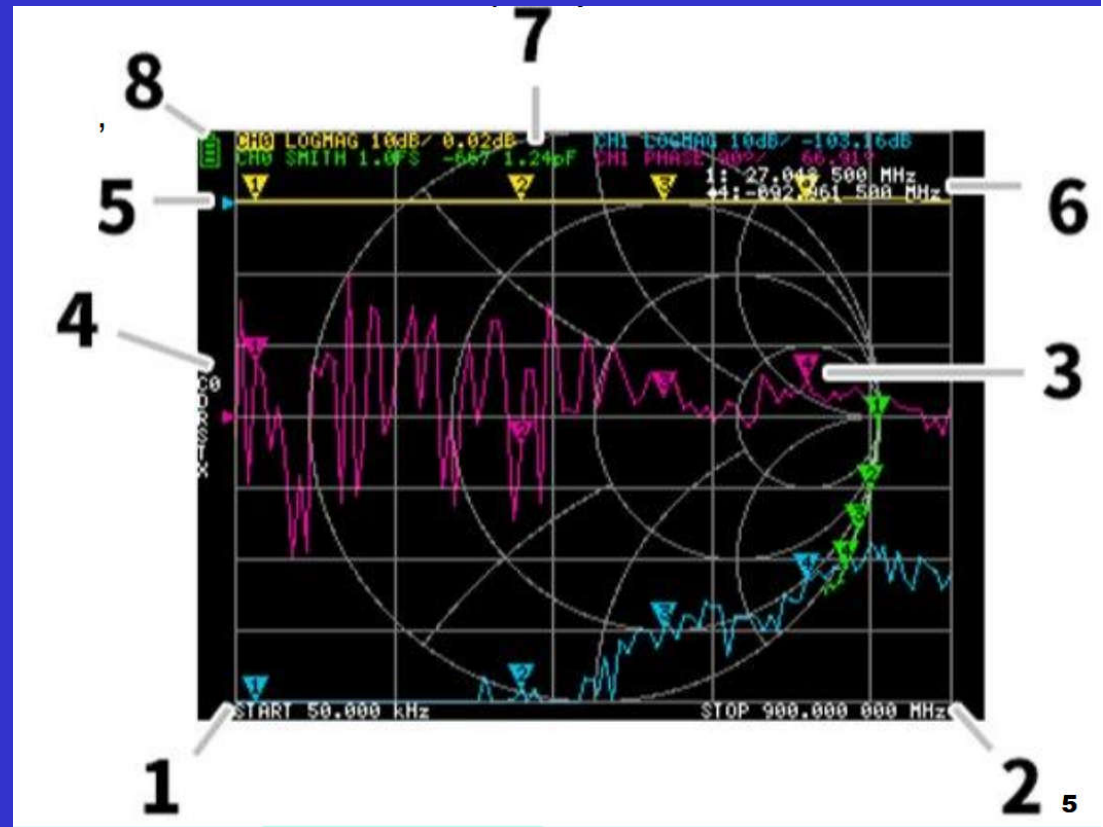
4 -Calibration status

5 -Reference position

6 -Marker status, active,
previous active

7 -Trace status –
CH (0, 1)selected inverse,
Format, Scale,
Current value

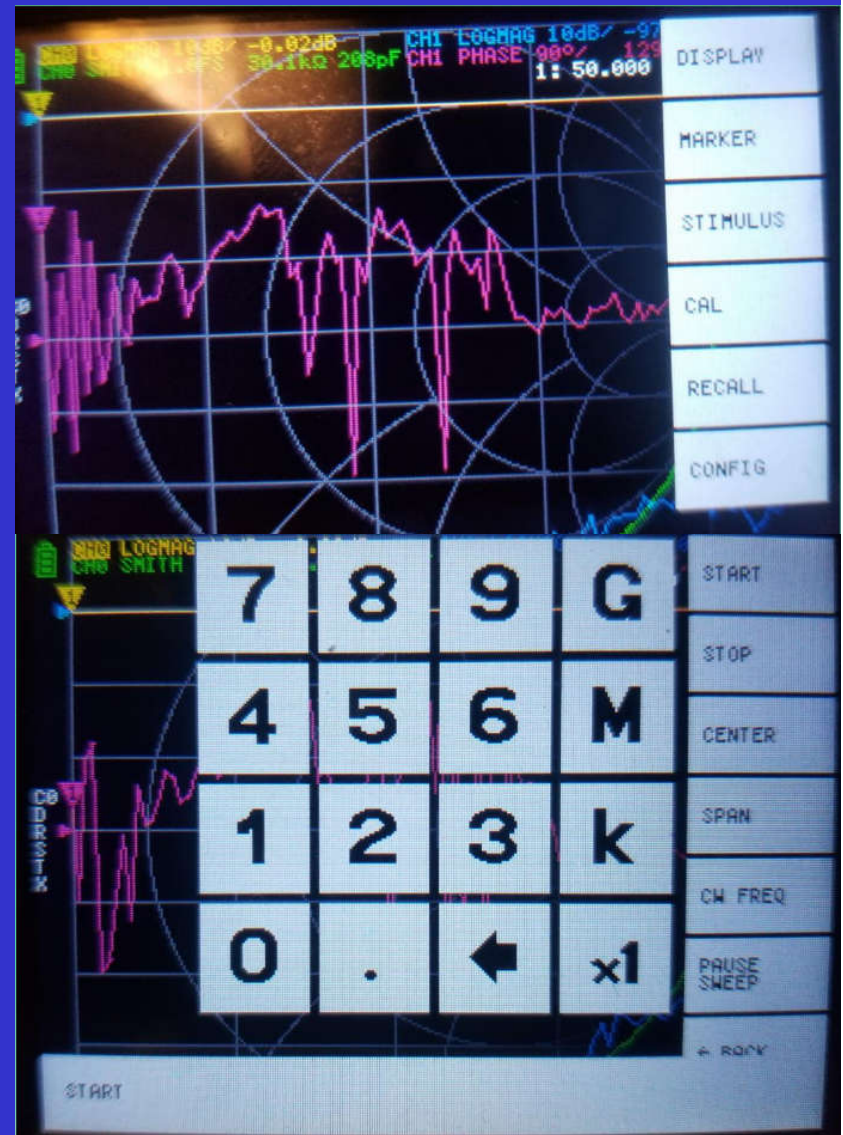
8 –Battery status



User Interface

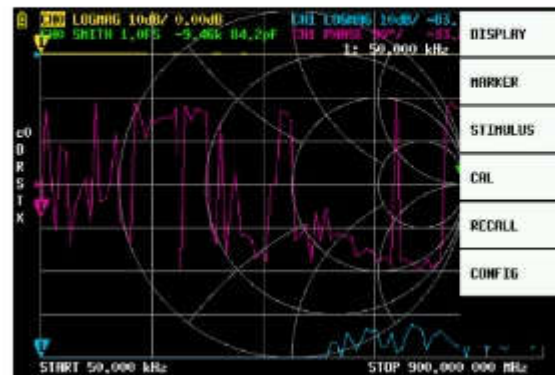
Quick look at the user interface –
Better than expected for such a small screen.

- Touch open area or push control to popup menu
- Touch menu item or roll control to select
- Touch number pad

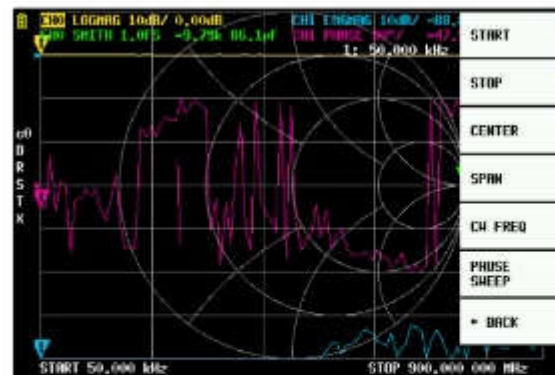


User Interface

Selecting the frequency band



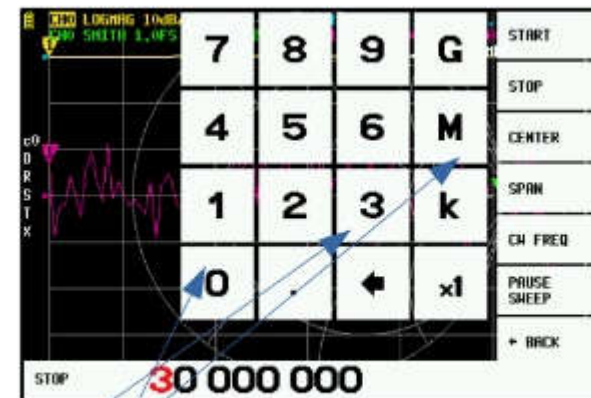
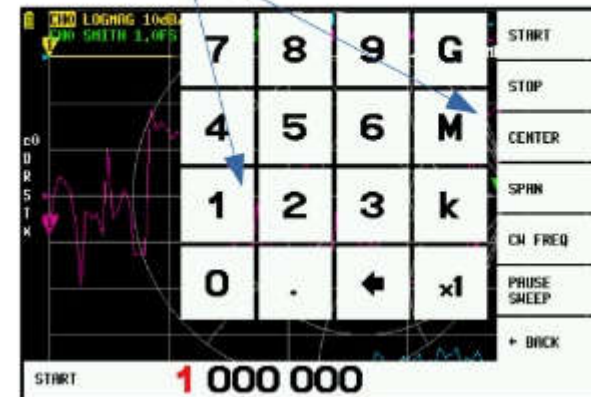
Stimulus



Start Frequency

Stop Frequency

1M for 1 MHz start frequency

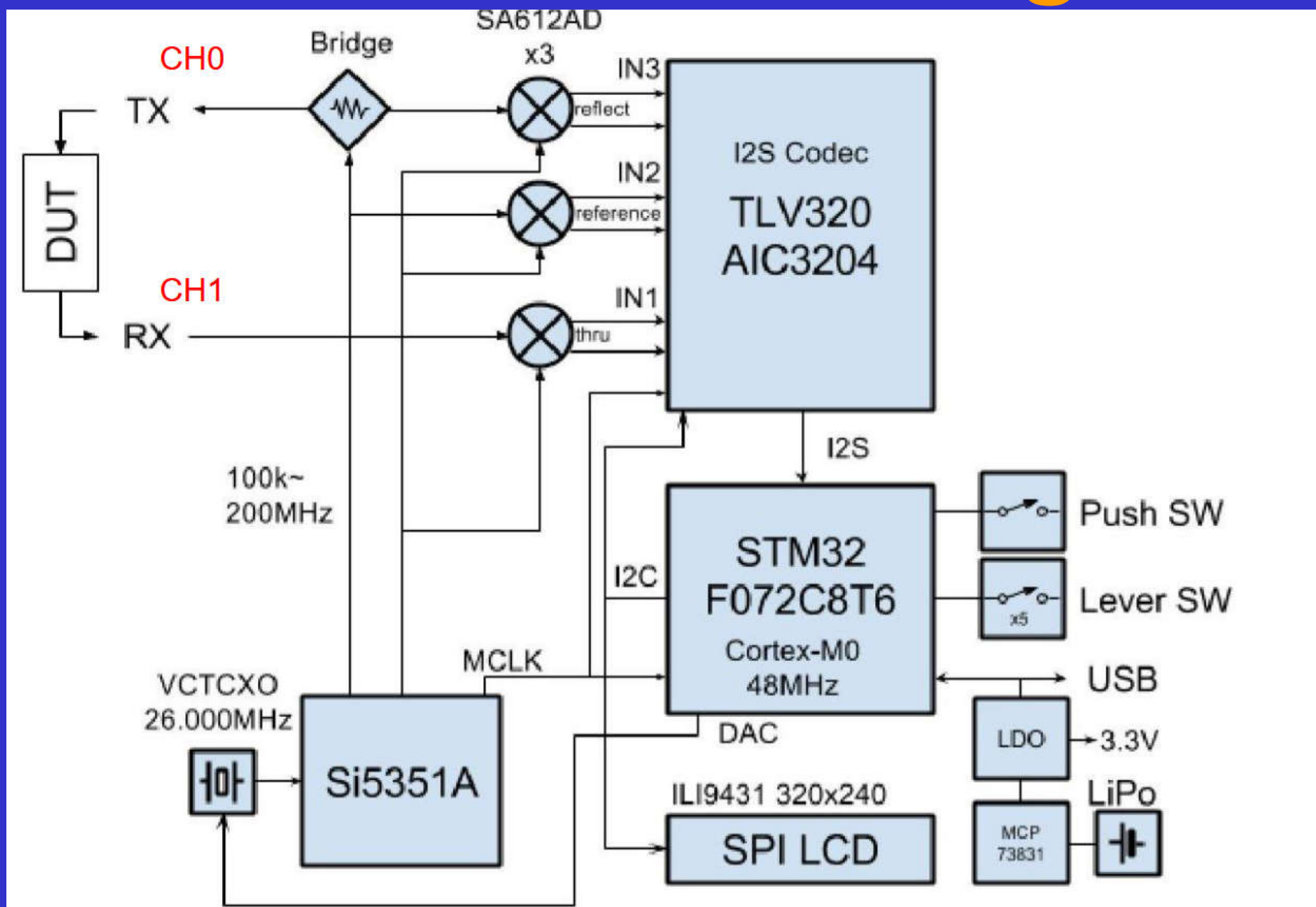


30M for 30 MHz stop frequency



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NanoVNA Block Diagram



Calibration

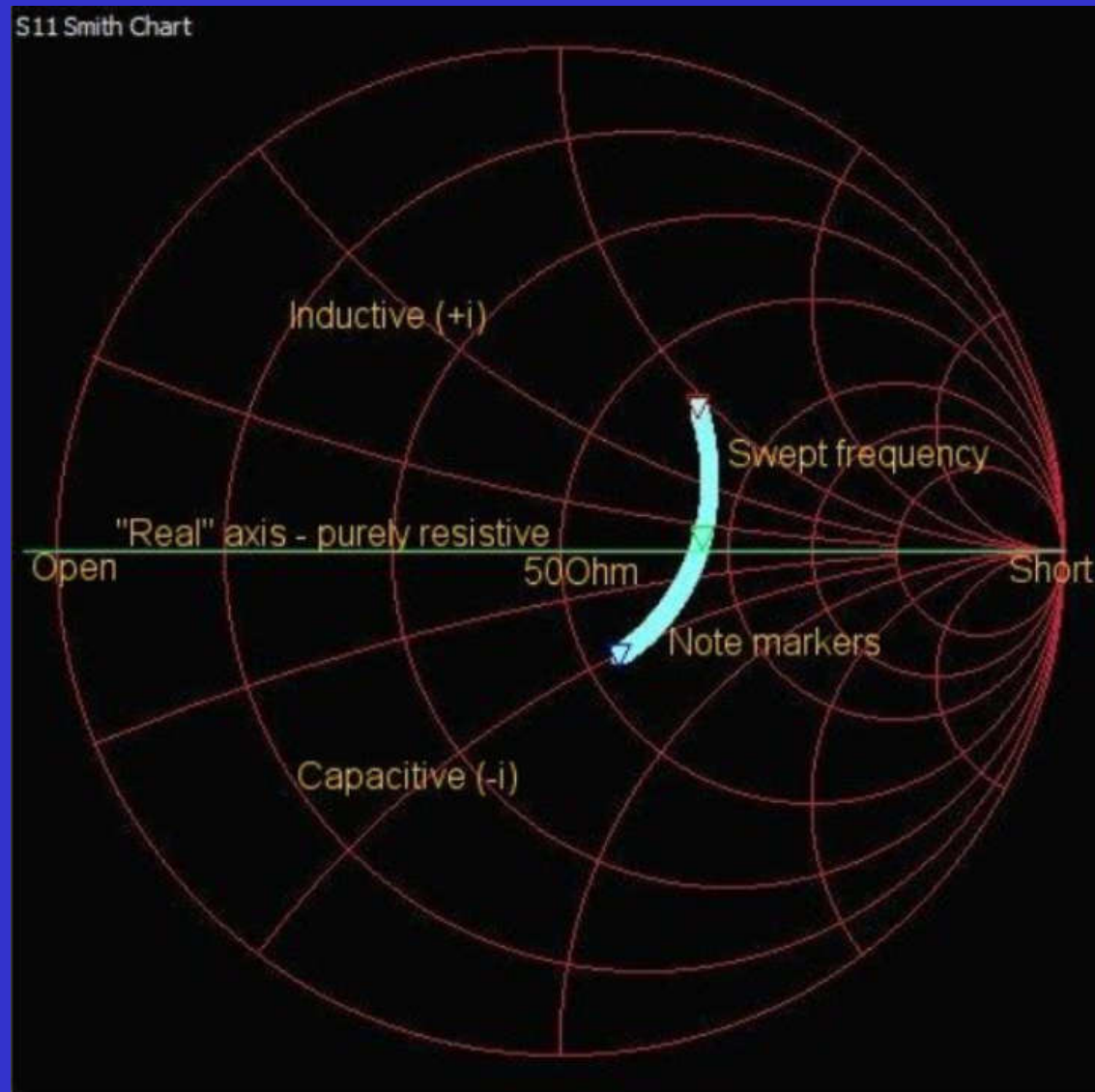
Supplied with 50 ohm Load, Short and Open

Loopback procured separately

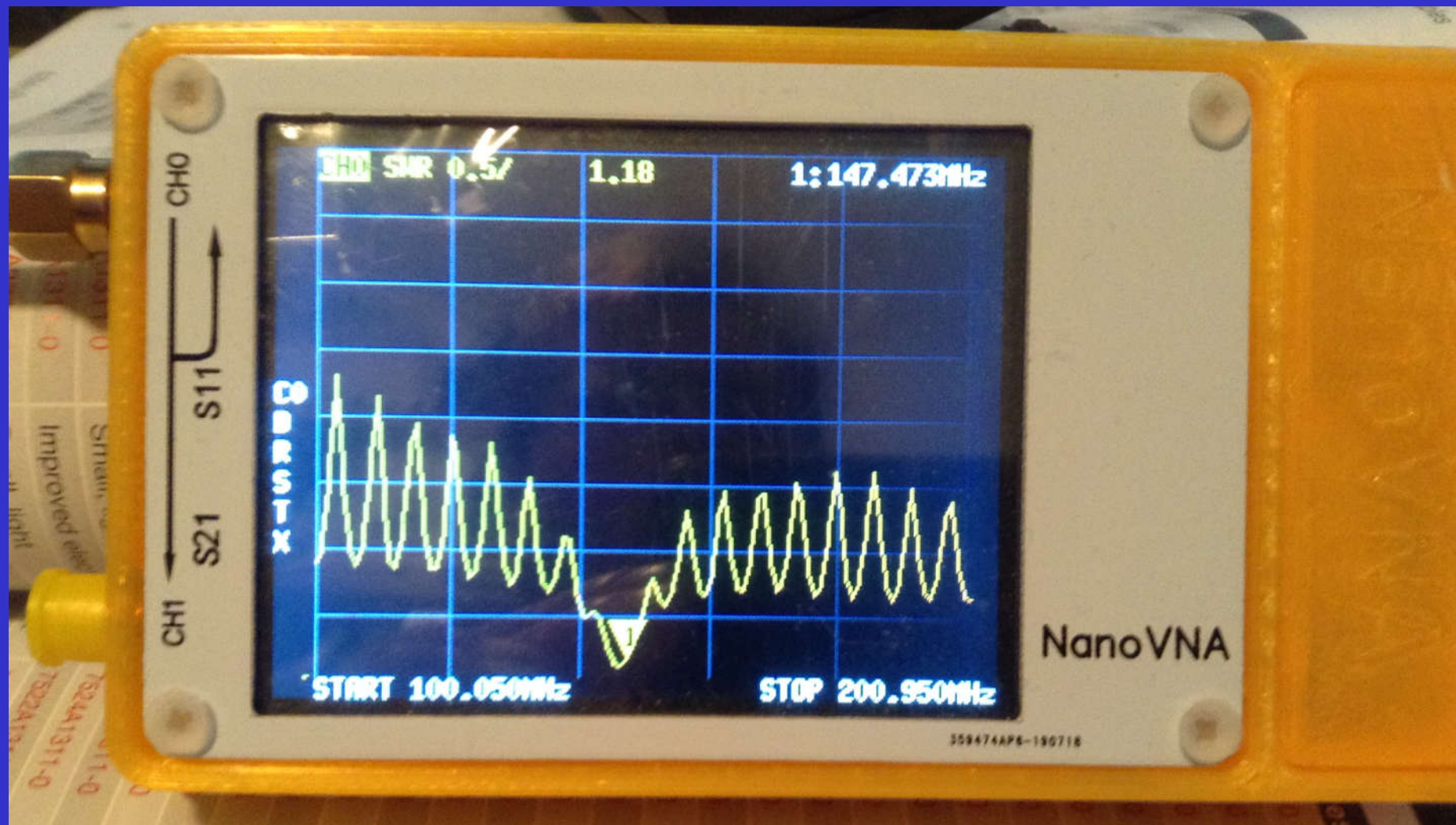


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Smith Chart

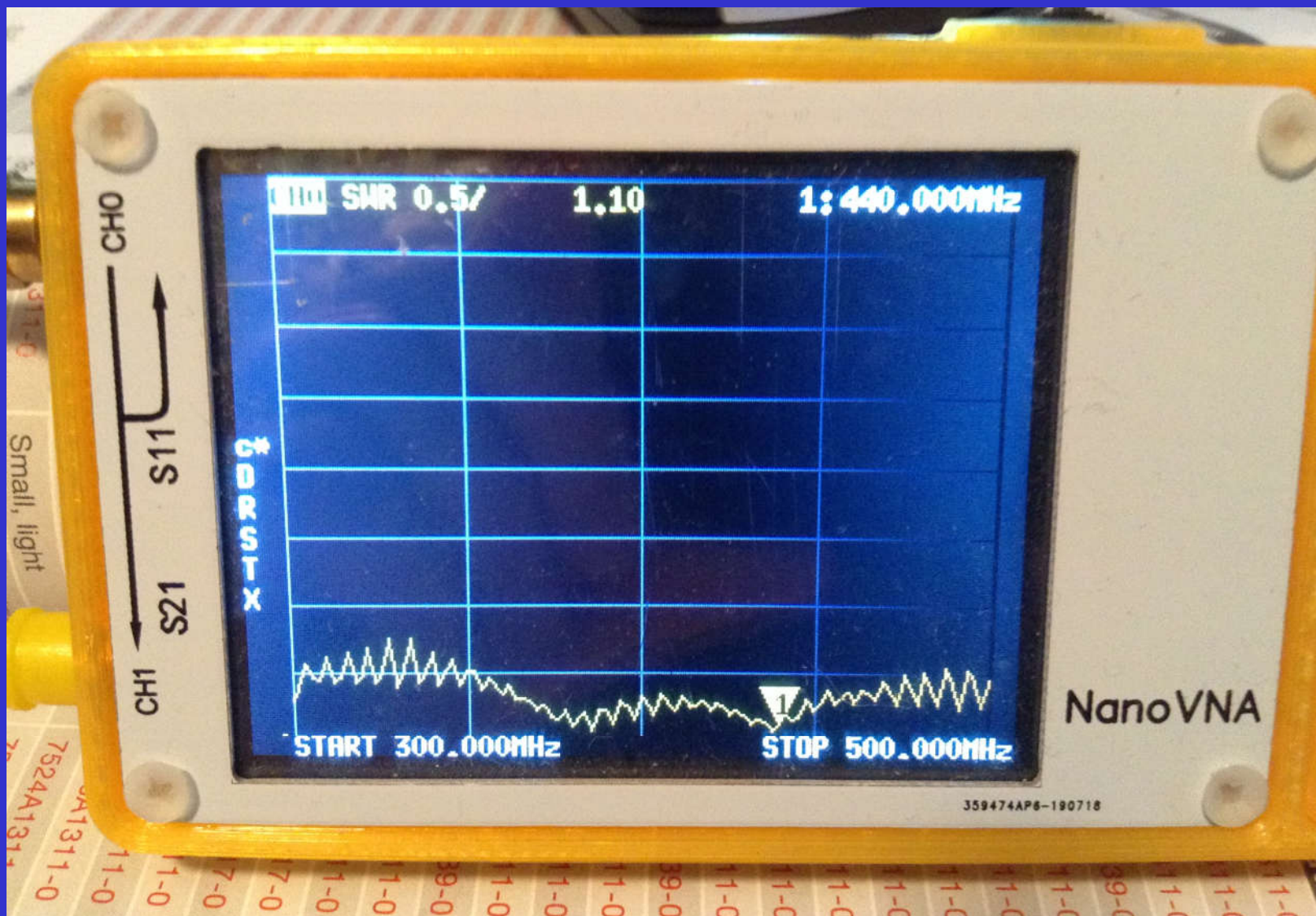


Dual Band Co-Linear



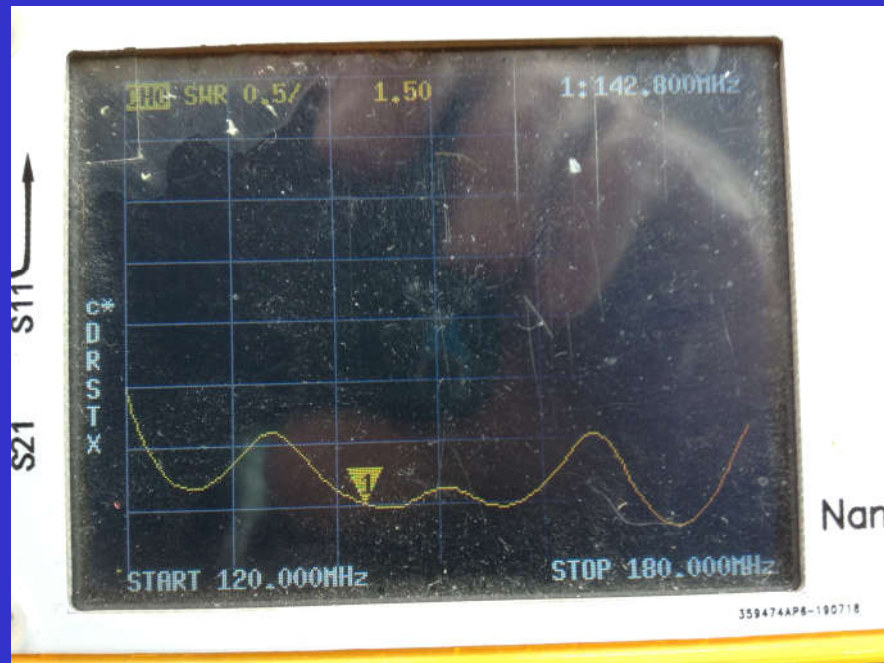
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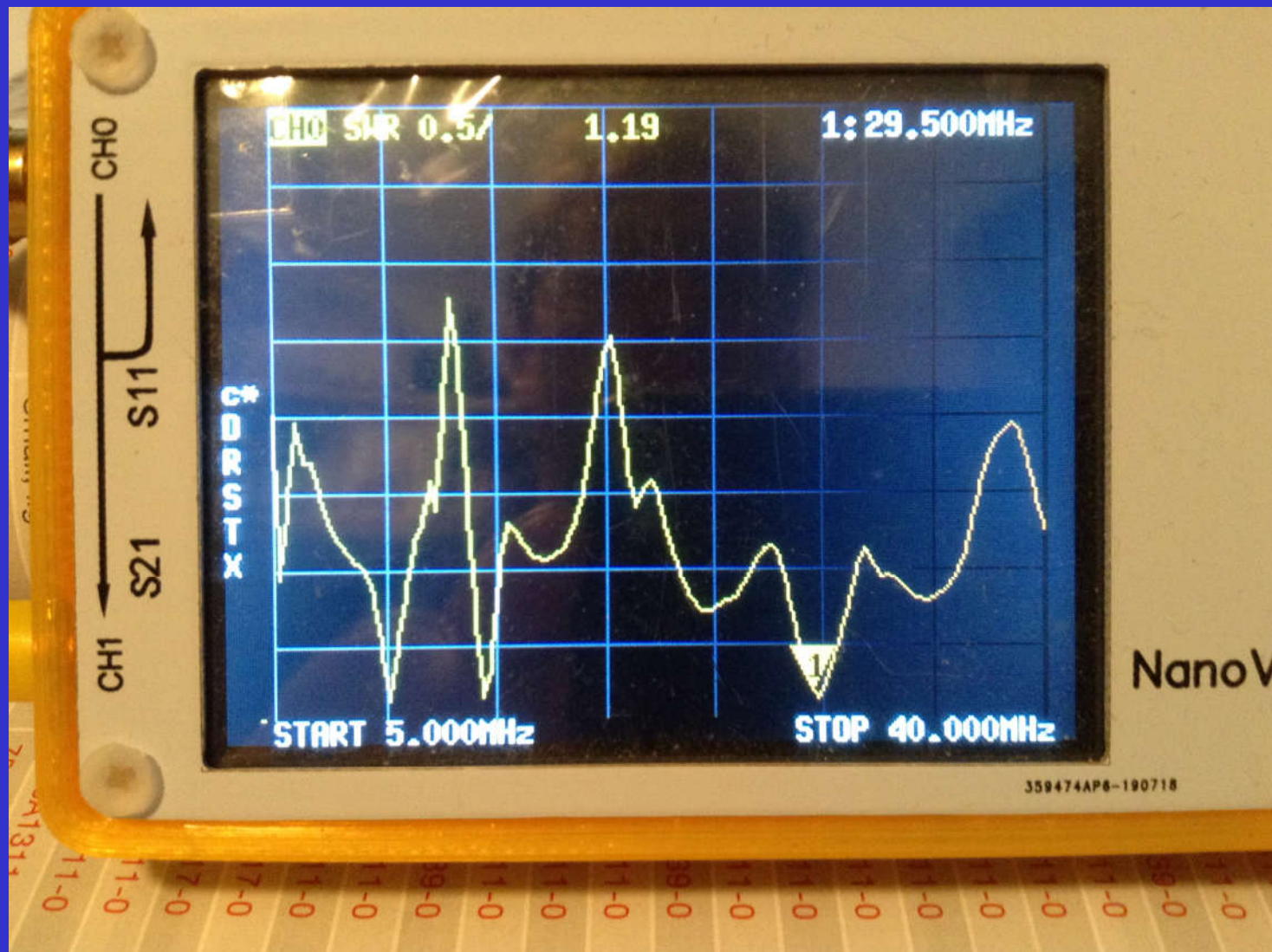
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HB9CV – 2M



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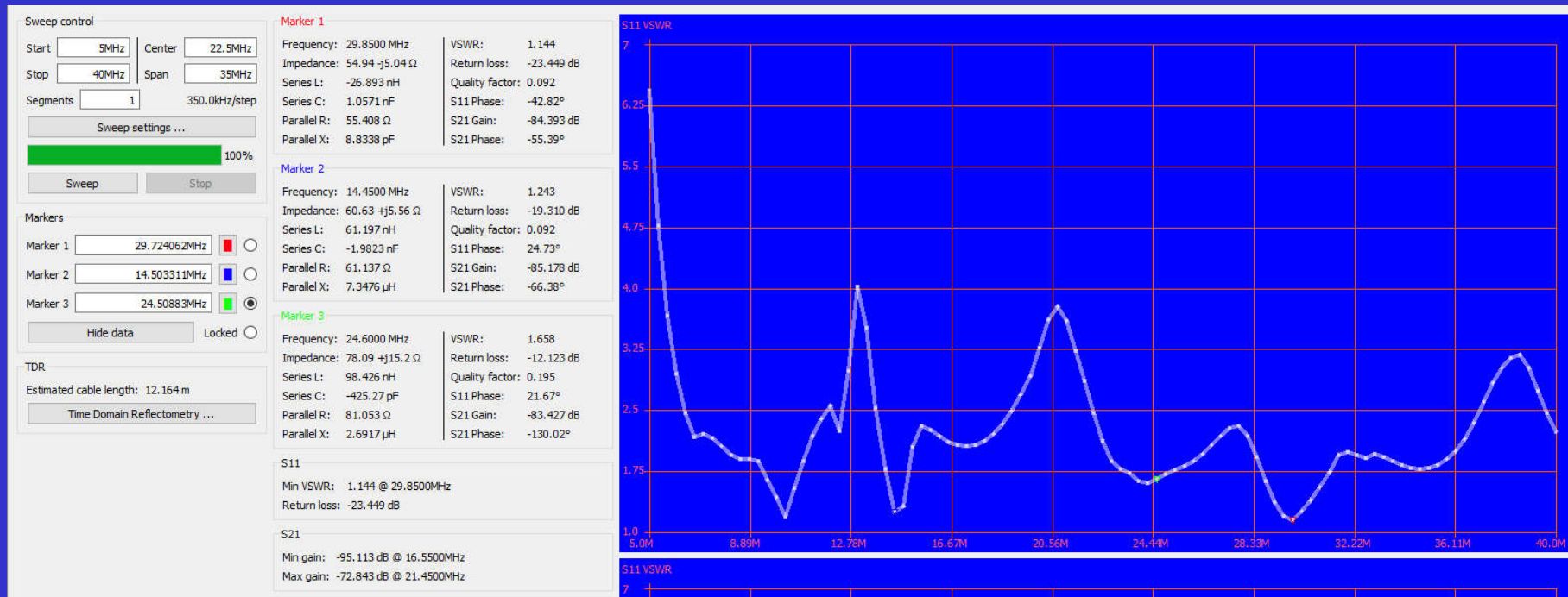
Loft Dipole



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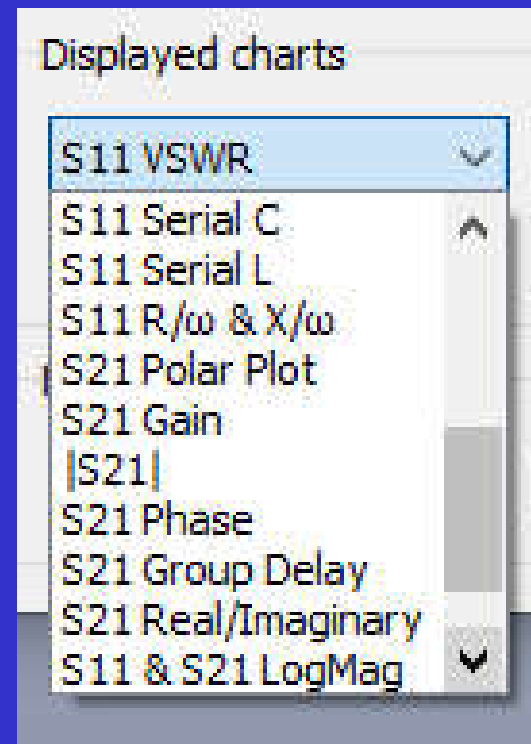
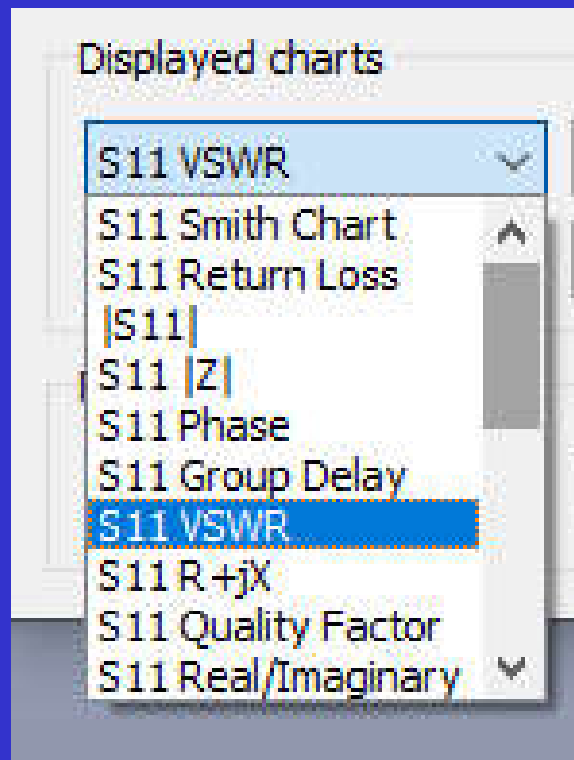
- Loft Dipole
- 10 MHz, 14 MHz & 28 MHz
- Touch number pad



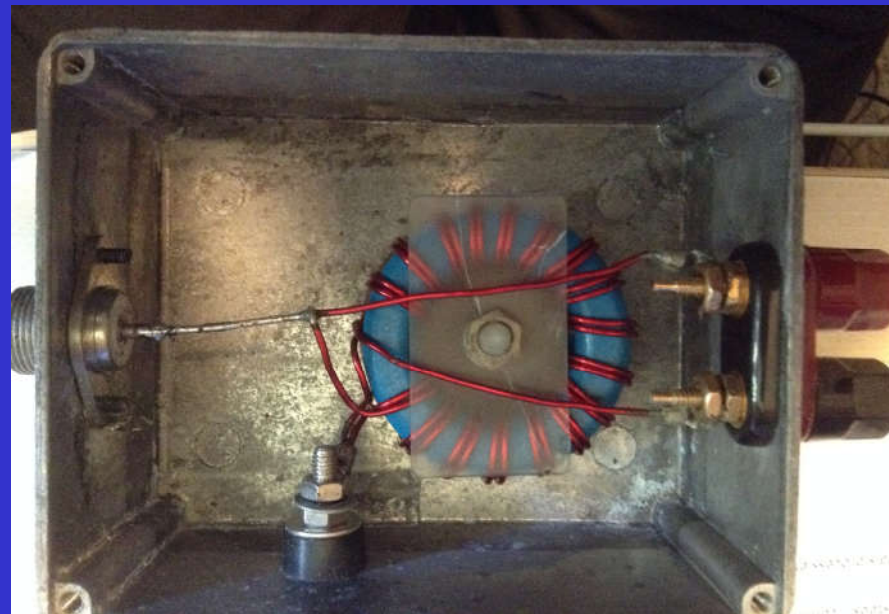
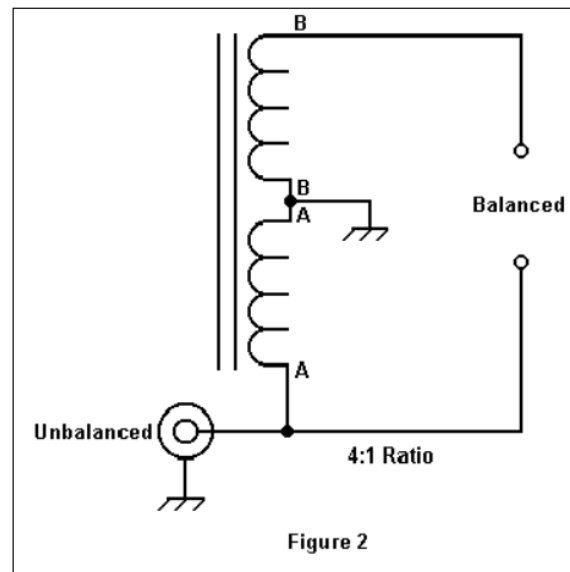
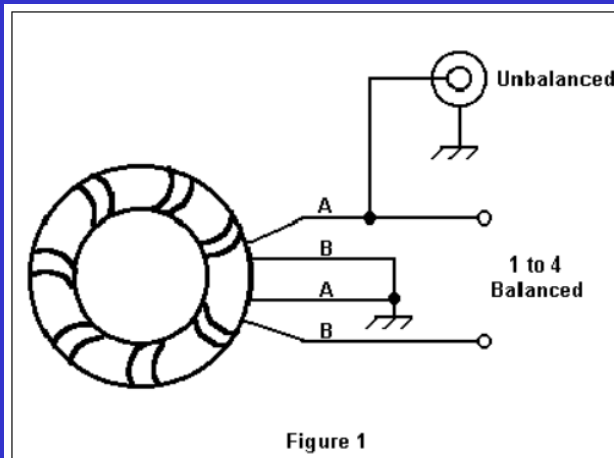
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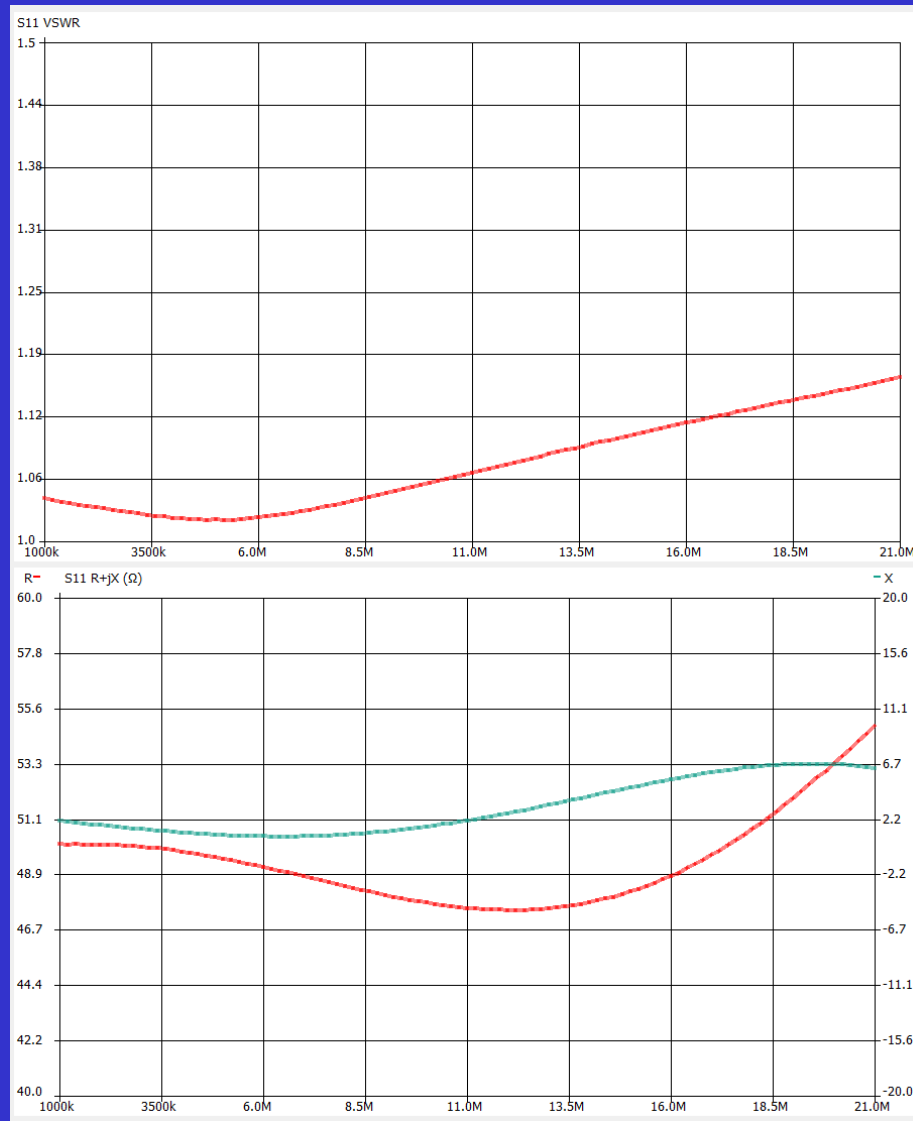
- Numerous Measurement Modes



4:1 Balun



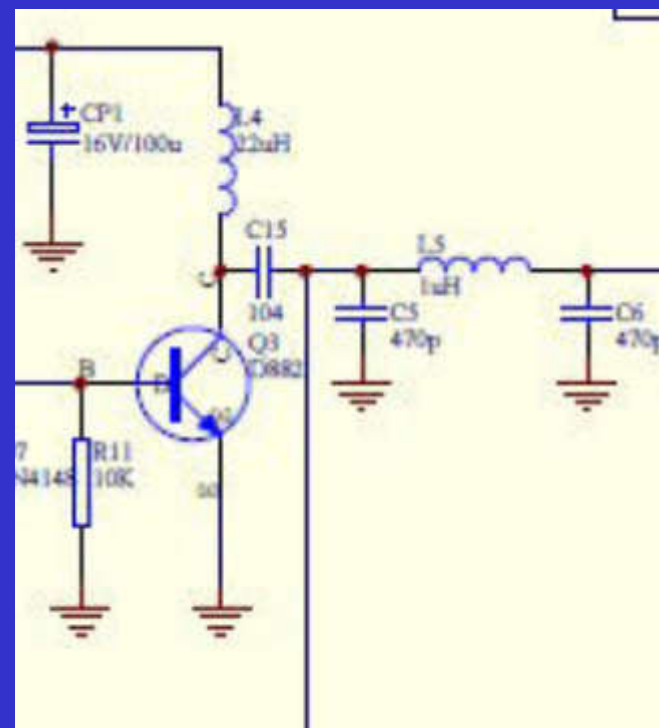
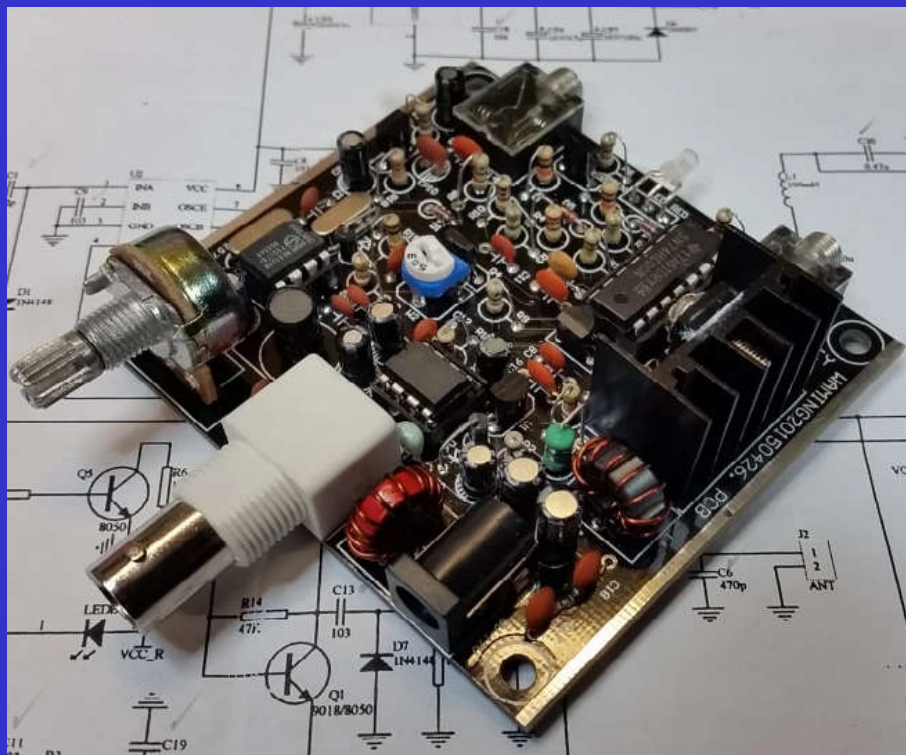
4:1 Balun



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2-Port Filter Testing

- Frog Sounds Forty-9er clone

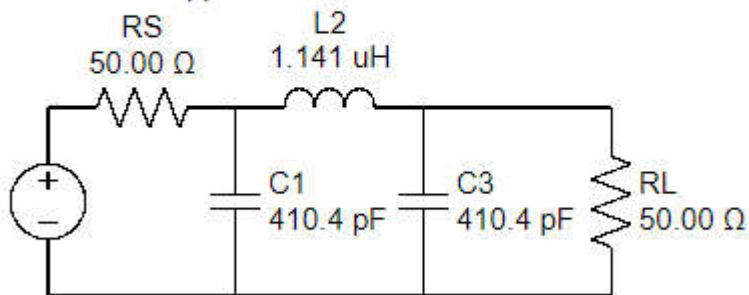


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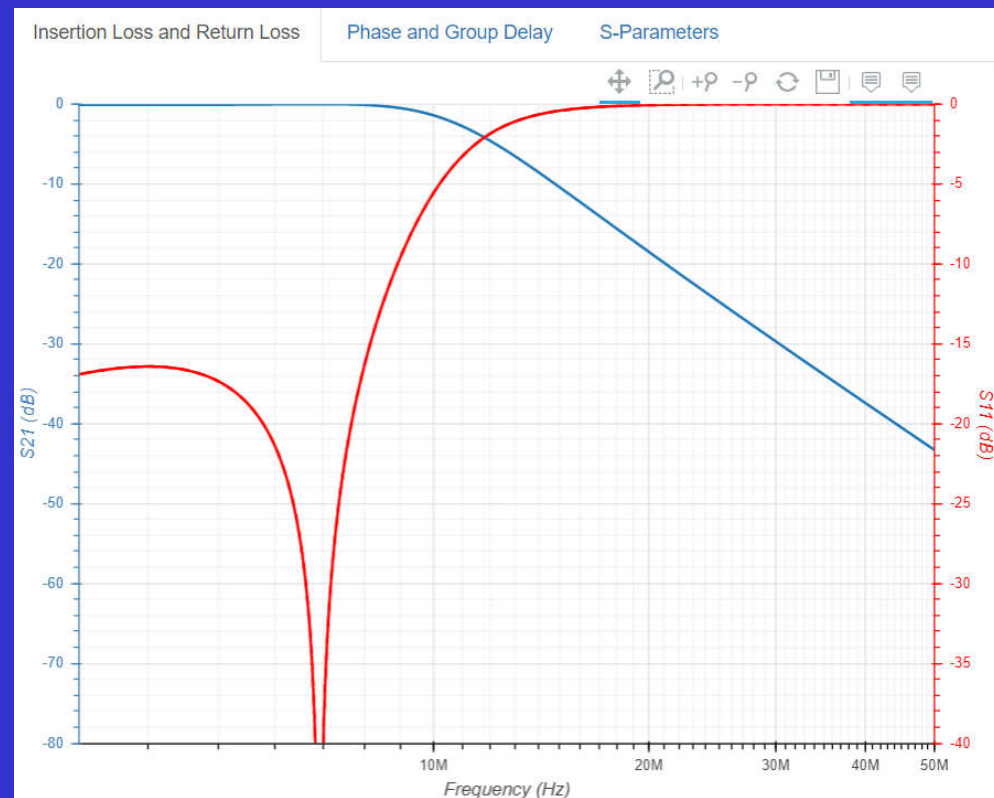
3rd Order Chebyshev Lowpass

Cutoff Frequency = 8.000 MHz

Passband Ripple = 0.1 dB

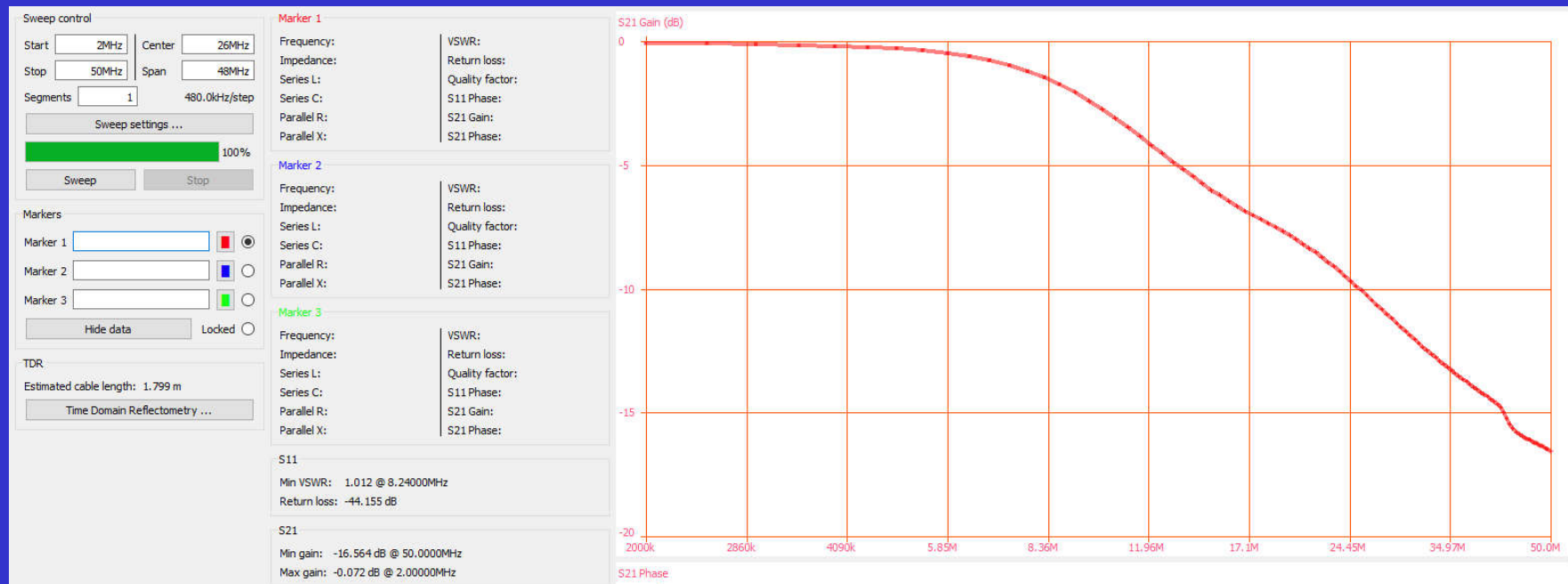
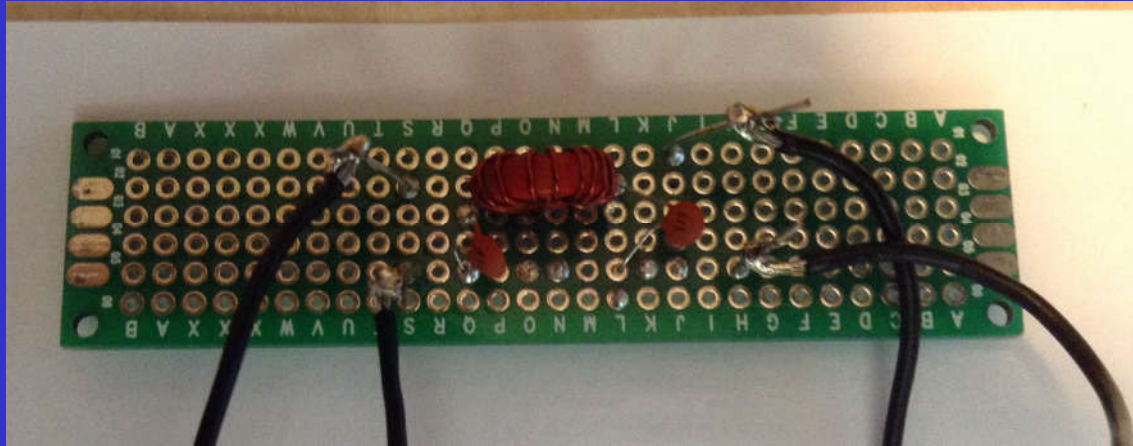


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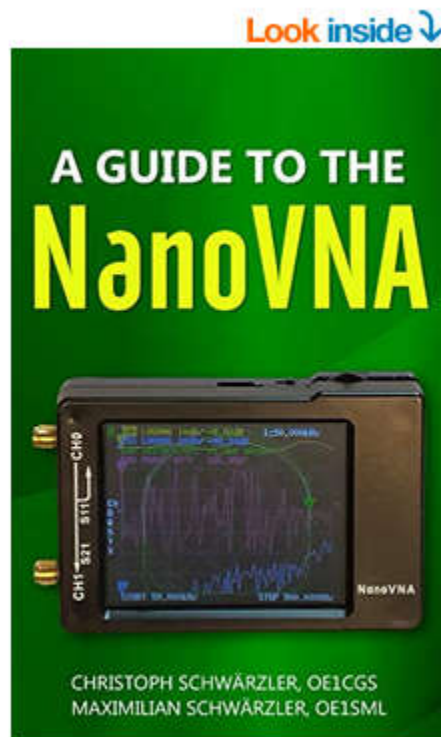
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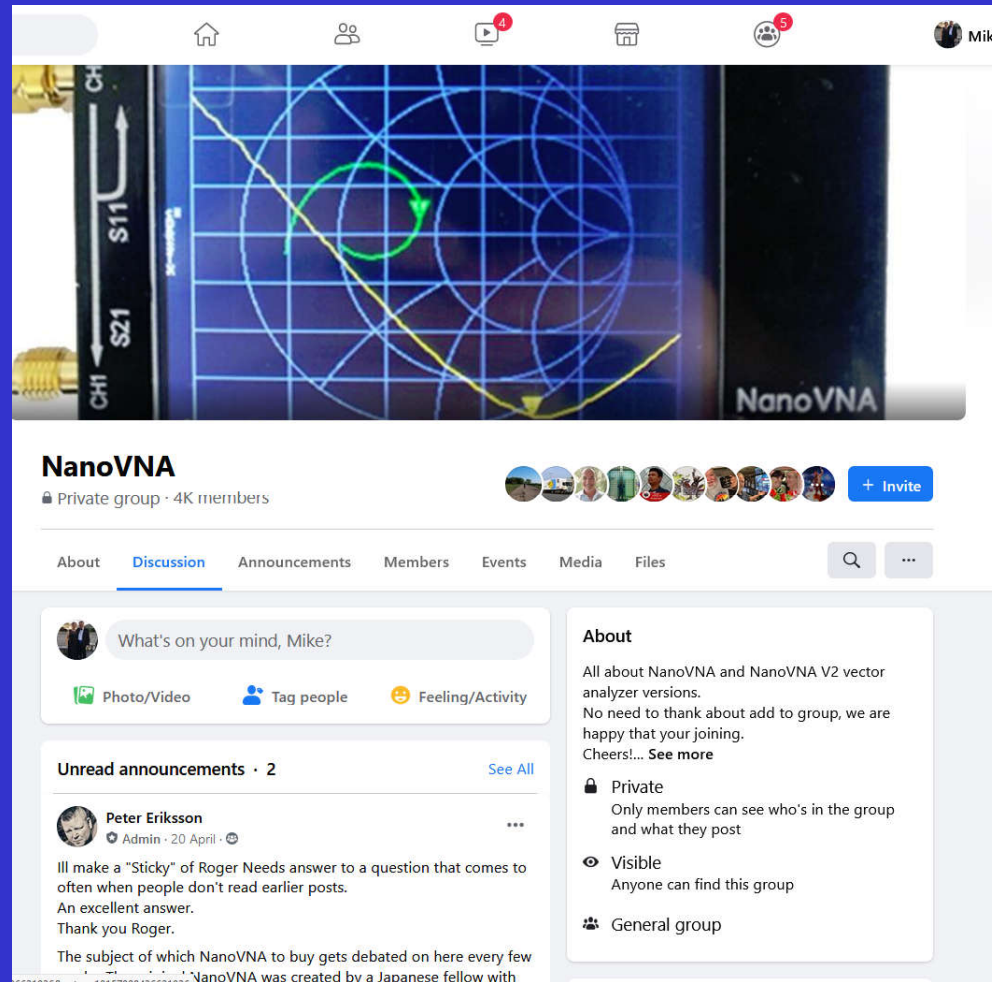
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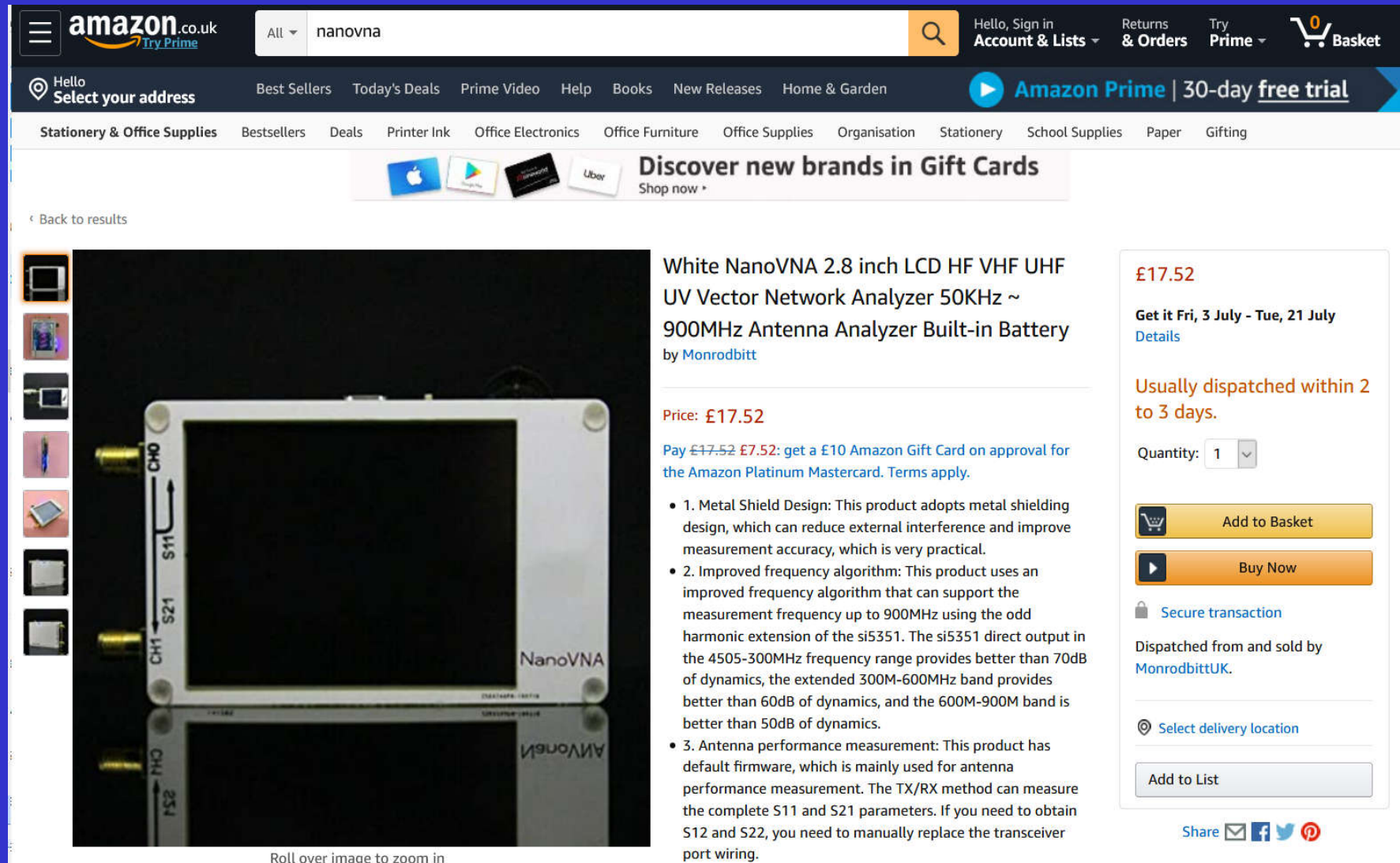
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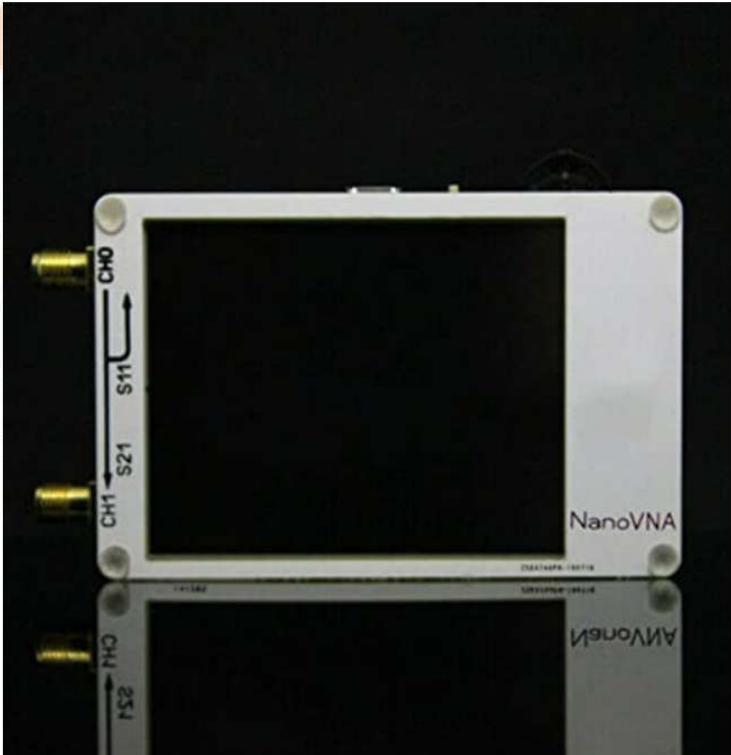
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