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- **ABOUT MYSELF...**

- Dipl.-Ing. and Dr.techn. degree from Vienna University of Technology
- RF- and signal processing background
- Main research areas:
 - High efficiency, high linearity RF power amplifiers
 - Load/Source-Pull Measurement Systems

- **...ABOUT MY GROUP...**

- Group size: 11 people (~7.5 full-time equivalent)
- Staff is paid by: ~20:80 (TU Vienna : third-party funds)
- Projects: 9 active (EUR 1,170k), 2 in application phase
- Students: 6 active Diploma Students, 2 active Ph.D. Students

- **...ABOUT ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS**

- PWM-based transmitter for green base-station
- X-Band Microwave based 3D Grain angle measurement in Timber
- Quality Control of high speed LVDS-Links
- Improvements to Backscatter Modulation Systems
- Capacitive Near Field Communication for Access Control Systems
- Scanning Microwave Microscopy Probe-Tip EM-Simulation and Verification
- High linearity radio system for next generation digital airborne communication

- **GROUP GENERAL RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- High Efficiency and High Linearity RF Power Amplifiers
 - Switched Mode Operation, Harmonic Controlled Amplifiers
 - Linearization and Modeling (Feedforward, Predistortion, ...)
- Advanced Topics in Load Pull Characterization
 - Broadband Active Loads, Active PWM-loads
 - Full IF Calibration
 - LSNA- Large Signal Analyzer
- RFID-Systems: UHF and DSRC (Channel Emulation, Localization, Advanced Readers)
- X-Band (12 GHz) Material Characterization
- 2.5D(stacked 2D) and full 3D electromagnetic field simulation
- Scanning microwave microscopy
- Microwave System Design (X-Band, 5.8 GHz DSRC, 868/915 MHz RFID)
- High Reliability Airborne Digital Radio Communication Systems

Upcoming topics:

- Antenna design and measurement
- Microwave Sensors

Measurement Capabilities

• STATE OF THE ART MICROWAVE LAB

- Linear Vector Network Analysis: 50 GHz/4-port
- Signal Sources and Spectrum Analyzers: 44 GHz
- RF Wafer-Prober with Thermo-chuck
- Wedge-Wedge Bonder
- Pulsed measurements
- Nonlinear Measurements
- LSNA (Large Signal Network Analyzer): 20 GHz
- Harmonic Load pull (active/passive): 18 GHz
- Oscilloscopes/Eye-Analysis: 20 GHz+
- Noise Figure Measurement: 18 GHz

additional equipment (on shared basis with in-house groups)

- Bit/Pattern-Generators: 40 GHz+
- Oscilloscopes/Eye-Analysis: 70 GHz+
- EMC tests with GTEM-cell: 4 GHz
- Anechoic Chamber, Antenna Measurements: 40 GHz

• SOFTWARE

- Circuit & System Design: MWO, ADS
- 3D Field Simulators: HFSS, EMPRO, COMSOL
- 2.5D Field Simulators: SONNET, AXIEM

