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1 Product Brief

The BFR840L3RHESD is a high performance HBT (Heterojunction Bipolar Transistor) specifically designed for 5-6 GHz Wi-Fi applications. The device is based on Infineon's reliable high volume SiGe:C technology.

The BFR840L3RHESD provides inherently good input and output power match as well as inherently good noise match at 5-6 GHz. The simultaneous noise and power match without lossy external matching components at the input leads to a low external parts count, to a very good noise figure and to a very high transducer gain in the Wi-Fi application. Integrated protection elements at in- and output make the device robust against ESD and excessive RF input power.

The device offers its high performance at low current and voltage and is especially well-suited for portable battery-powered applications in which energy efficiency is a key requirement. The device comes in a very small thin leadless package, ideal for modules.

2 Features

- Robust ultra low noise amplifier based on Infineon’s reliable high volume SiGe:C bipolar technology
- Unique combination of high end RF performance and robustness: 20 dBm maximum RF input power, 1.5 kV HBM ESD hardness
- Very high transition frequency $f_T = 75$ GHz enables best in class noise performance at high frequencies:
 $NF_{min} = 0.65$ dB at 5.5 GHz, 1.1 dB at 12 GHz, 1.8 V, 5 mA
- High gain $|S_{21}|^2 = 19$ dB at 5.5 GHz, 1.8 V, 10 mA
- Ideal for low voltage applications e.g. $V_{CC} = 1.2$ V and 1.8 V (2.85 V, 3.3 V, 3.6 V requires corresponding collector resistor)
- Low power consumption, ideal for mobile applications
- Pb free (RoHS compliant) and halogen free very small thin leadless package (package height 0.31 mm, ideal for modules)
- Qualification report according to AEC-Q101 available



TSLP-3-9



Applications

As Low Noise Amplifier (LNA) in

- Mobile and fixed connectivity applications: WLAN 802.11, WiMAX and UWB
- Satellite communication systems: satellite radio (SDARs, DAB), navigation systems (e.g. GPS, Glonass) and C-band LNB (1st and 2nd stage LNA)
- Ku-band LNB front-end (2nd stage or 3rd stage LNA and active mixer)
- Ka-band oscillators (DROs)

Attention: ESD (Electrostatic discharge) sensitive device, observe handling precautions

Product Name	Package	Pin Configuration			Marking
BFR840L3RHESD	TSLP-3-9	1 = B	2 = C	3 = E	T8

3 Maximum Ratings

Table 3-1 Maximum Ratings at $T_A = 25\text{ °C}$ (unless otherwise specified)

Parameter	Symbol	Values		Unit	Note / Test Condition
		Min.	Max.		
Collector emitter voltage	V_{CEO}	–	2.25 2.0	V	$T_A = 25\text{ °C}$ $T_A = -55\text{ °C}$ Open base
Collector emitter voltage ¹⁾	V_{CES}	–	2.25 2.0	V	$T_A = 25\text{ °C}$ $T_A = -55\text{ °C}$ E-B short circuited
Collector base voltage ²⁾	V_{CBO}	–	2.9 2.6	V	$T_A = 25\text{ °C}$ $T_A = -55\text{ °C}$ Open emitter
Base current	I_B	-5	3	mA	–
Collector current	I_C	–	35	mA	–
RF input power	P_{RFIn}	–	20	dBm	–
ESD stress pulse	V_{ESD}	-1.5	1.5	kV	HBM, all pins, acc. to JESD22-A114
Total power dissipation ³⁾	P_{tot}	–	75	mW	$T_S \leq 111\text{ °C}$
Junction temperature	T_J	–	150	°C	–
Storage temperature	T_{Stg}	-55	150	°C	–

1) V_{CES} is identical to V_{CEO} due to design

2) V_{CBO} is similar to V_{CEO} due to design

3) T_S is the soldering point temperature. T_S is measured on the emitter lead at the soldering point of the pcb.

Attention: Stresses above the max. values listed here may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability. Maximum ratings are absolute ratings; exceeding only one of these values may cause irreversible damage to the integrated circuit.

4 Thermal Characteristics

Table 4-1 Thermal Resistance

Parameter	Symbol	Values			Unit	Note / Test Condition
		Min.	Typ.	Max.		
Junction - soldering point ¹⁾	R_{thJS}	–	521	–	K/W	–

1) For the definition of R_{thJS} please refer to Application Note AN077 (Thermal Resistance Calculation)

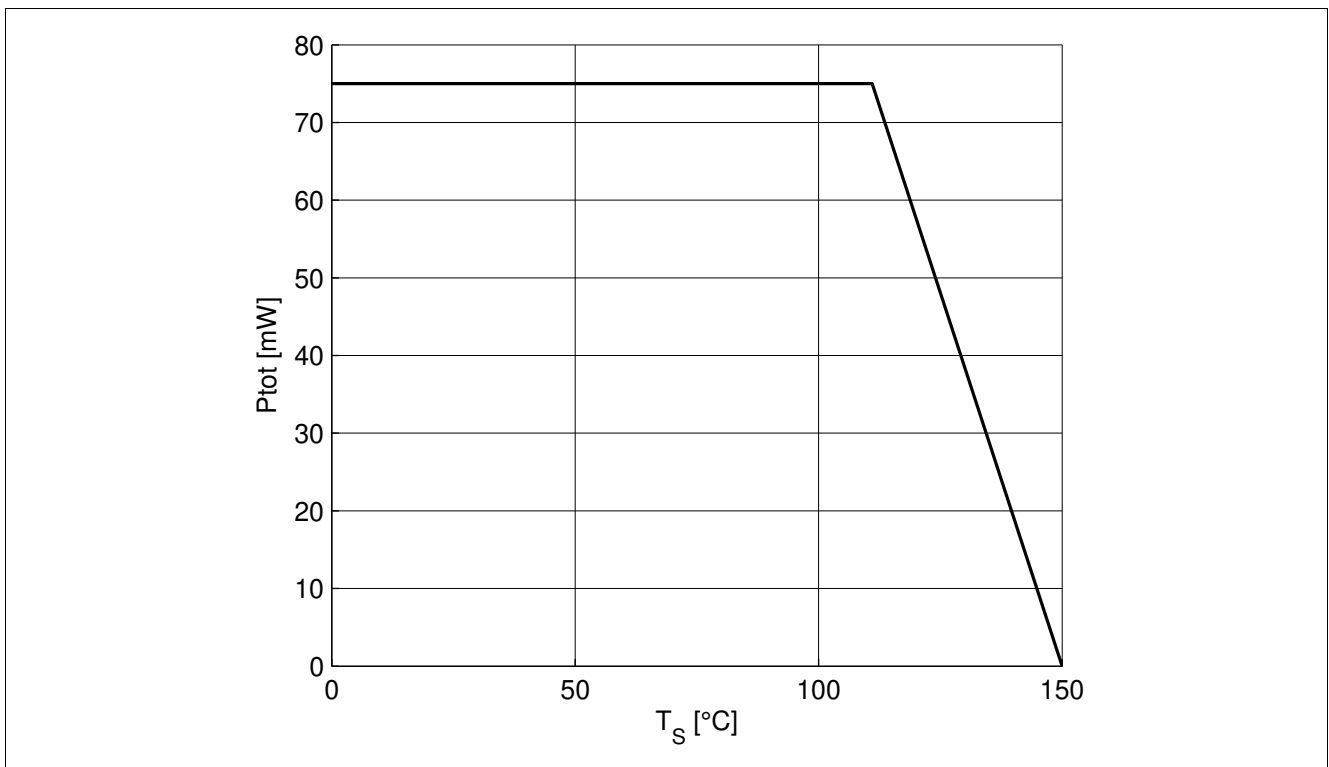


Figure 4-1 Total Power Dissipation $P_{tot} = f(T_s)$

5 Electrical Characteristics

5.1 DC Characteristics

Table 5-1 DC Characteristics at $T_A = 25\text{ °C}$

Parameter	Symbol	Values			Unit	Note / Test Condition
		Min.	Typ.	Max.		
Collector emitter breakdown voltage	$V_{(BR)CEO}$	2.25	2.6	–	V	$I_C = 1\text{ mA}$, $I_B = 0$ Open base
Collector emitter leakage current	I_{CES}	–	–	400	nA	$V_{CE} = 1.5\text{ V}$, $V_{BE} = 0$ E - B short circuited
Collector base leakage current	I_{CBO}	–	–	400	nA	$V_{CB} = 1.5\text{ V}$, $I_E = 0$ Open emitter
Emitter base leakage current	I_{EBO}	–	–	10	μA	$V_{EB} = 0.5\text{ V}$, $I_C = 0$ Open collector
DC current gain	h_{FE}	150	260	450		$V_{CE} = 1.8\text{ V}$, $I_C = 10\text{ mA}$ Pulse measured

5.2 General AC Characteristics

Table 5-2 General AC Characteristics at $T_A = 25\text{ °C}$

Parameter	Symbol	Values			Unit	Note / Test Condition
		Min.	Typ.	Max.		
Transition frequency	f_T	–	75	–	GHz	$V_{CE} = 1.8\text{ V}$, $I_C = 25\text{ mA}$ $f = 2\text{ GHz}$
Collector base capacitance	C_{CB}	–	52	–	fF	$V_{CB} = 1.8\text{ V}$, $V_{BE} = 0$ $f = 1\text{ MHz}$ Emitter grounded
Collector emitter capacitance	C_{CE}	–	0.34	–	pF	$V_{CE} = 1.8\text{ V}$, $V_{BE} = 0$ $f = 1\text{ MHz}$ Base grounded
Emitter base capacitance	C_{EB}	–	0.34	–	pF	$V_{EB} = 0.4\text{ V}$, $V_{CB} = 0$ $f = 1\text{ MHz}$ Collector grounded

5.3 Frequency Dependent AC Characteristics

Measurement setup is a test fixture with Bias T's in a 50 Ω system, $T_A = 25\text{ °C}$

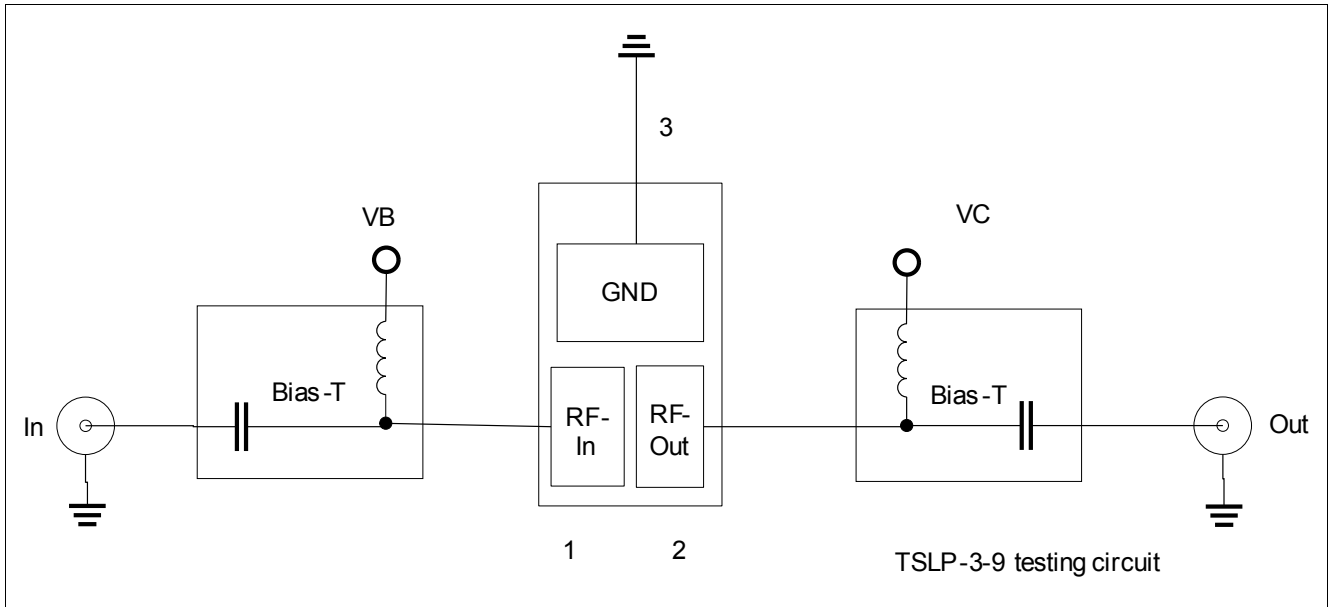


Figure 5-1 BFR840L3RHESD Testing Circuit

Table 5-3 AC Characteristics, $V_{CE} = 1.8\text{ V}$, $f = 0.45\text{ GHz}$

Parameter	Symbol	Values			Unit	Note / Test Condition
		Min.	Typ.	Max.		
Power gain						
Maximum power gain	G_{ms}	–	31	–	dB	$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
Transducer gain	$ S_{21} ^2$	–	27	–		$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
Minimum Noise Figure						
Minimum noise figure	NF_{min}	–	0.5	–	dB	$I_C = 5\text{ mA}$
Associated gain	G_{ass}	–	27	–		$I_C = 5\text{ mA}$
Linearity						
1 dB compression point at output	OP_{1dB}	–	4	–	dBm	$Z_S = Z_L = 50\text{ }\Omega$ $I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
3rd order intercept point at output	$OIP3$	–	21	–		$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$

Electrical Characteristics
Table 5-4 AC Characteristics, $V_{CE} = 1.8\text{ V}$, $f = 0.9\text{ GHz}$

Parameter	Symbol	Values			Unit	Note / Test Condition
		Min.	Typ.	Max.		
Power gain						
Maximum power gain	G_{ms}	–	29	–	dB	$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
Transducer gain	$ S_{21} ^2$	–	26.5	–		$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
Minimum Noise Figure						
Minimum noise figure	NF_{min}	–	0.55	–	dB	$I_C = 5\text{ mA}$
Associated gain	G_{ass}	–	26	–		$I_C = 5\text{ mA}$
Linearity						
1 dB compression point at output	OP_{1dB}	–	4	–	dBm	$Z_S = Z_L = 50\ \Omega$ $I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
3rd order intercept point at output	$OIP3$	–	18.5	–		$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$

Table 5-5 AC Characteristics, $V_{CE} = 1.8\text{ V}$, $f = 1.5\text{ GHz}$

Parameter	Symbol	Values			Unit	Note / Test Condition
		Min.	Typ.	Max.		
Power gain						
Maximum power gain	G_{ms}	–	27	–	dB	$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
Transducer gain	$ S_{21} ^2$	–	25.5	–		$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
Minimum Noise Figure						
Minimum noise figure	NF_{min}	–	0.55	–	dB	$I_C = 5\text{ mA}$
Associated gain	G_{ass}	–	24.5	–		$I_C = 5\text{ mA}$
Linearity						
1 dB compression point at output	OP_{1dB}	–	4	–	dBm	$Z_S = Z_L = 50\ \Omega$ $I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
3rd order intercept point at output	$OIP3$	–	17	–		$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$

Table 5-6 AC Characteristics, $V_{CE} = 1.8\text{ V}$, $f = 1.9\text{ GHz}$

Parameter	Symbol	Values			Unit	Note / Test Condition
		Min.	Typ.	Max.		
Power gain						
Maximum power gain	G_{ms}	–	26.5	–	dB	$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
Transducer gain	$ S_{21} ^2$	–	25	–		$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
Minimum Noise Figure						
Minimum noise figure	NF_{min}	–	0.60	–	dB	$I_C = 5\text{ mA}$
Associated gain	G_{ass}	–	24	–		$I_C = 5\text{ mA}$
Linearity						
1 dB compression point at output	OP_{1dB}	–	4	–	dBm	$Z_S = Z_L = 50\ \Omega$ $I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
3rd order intercept point at output	$OIP3$	–	17	–		$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$

Electrical Characteristics
Table 5-7 AC Characteristics, $V_{CE} = 1.8\text{ V}$, $f = 2.4\text{ GHz}$

Parameter	Symbol	Values			Unit	Note / Test Condition
		Min.	Typ.	Max.		
Power gain						
Maximum power gain	G_{ms}	–	25.5	–	dB	$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
Transducer gain	$ S_{21} ^2$	–	24	–		$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
Minimum Noise Figure						
Minimum noise figure	NF_{min}	–	0.6	–	dB	$I_C = 5\text{ mA}$
Associated gain	G_{ass}	–	22.5	–		$I_C = 5\text{ mA}$
Linearity						
1 dB compression point at output	OP_{1dB}	–	4	–	dBm	$Z_S = Z_L = 50\ \Omega$ $I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
3rd order intercept point at output	$OIP3$	–	17	–		$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$

Table 5-8 AC Characteristics, $V_{CE} = 1.8\text{ V}$, $f = 3.5\text{ GHz}$

Parameter	Symbol	Values			Unit	Note / Test Condition
		Min.	Typ.	Max.		
Power gain						
Maximum power gain	G_{ms}	–	23.5	–	dB	$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
Transducer gain	$ S_{21} ^2$	–	22	–		$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
Minimum Noise Figure						
Minimum noise figure	NF_{min}	–	0.6	–	dB	$I_C = 5\text{ mA}$
Associated gain	G_{ass}	–	20	–		$I_C = 5\text{ mA}$
Linearity						
1 dB compression point at output	OP_{1dB}	–	4	–	dBm	$Z_S = Z_L = 50\ \Omega$ $I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
3rd order intercept point at output	$OIP3$	–	18	–		$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$

Table 5-9 AC Characteristics, $V_{CE} = 1.8\text{ V}$, $f = 5.5\text{ GHz}$

Parameter	Symbol	Values			Unit	Note / Test Condition
		Min.	Typ.	Max.		
Power gain						
Maximum power gain	G_{ms}	–	22	–	dB	$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
Transducer gain	$ S_{21} ^2$	–	19	–		$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
Minimum Noise Figure						
Minimum noise figure	NF_{min}	–	0.65	–	dB	$I_C = 5\text{ mA}$
Associated gain	G_{ass}	–	16.5	–		$I_C = 5\text{ mA}$
Linearity						
1 dB compression point at output	OP_{1dB}	–	4	–	dBm	$Z_S = Z_L = 50\ \Omega$ $I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
3rd order intercept point at output	$OIP3$	–	18	–		$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$

Table 5-10 AC Characteristics, $V_{CE} = 1.8\text{ V}$, $f = 10\text{ GHz}$

Parameter	Symbol	Values			Unit	Note / Test Condition
		Min.	Typ.	Max.		
Power gain						
Maximum power gain	G_{ma}	–	16	–	dB	$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
Transducer gain	$ S_{21} ^2$	–	13	–		$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
Minimum Noise Figure						
Minimum noise figure	NF_{min}	–	0.9	–	dB	$I_C = 5\text{ mA}$
Associated gain	G_{ass}	–	11.5	–		$I_C = 5\text{ mA}$
Linearity						
1 dB compression point at output	OP_{1dB}	–	3	–	dBm	$Z_S = Z_L = 50\ \Omega$ $I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
3rd order intercept point at output	$OIP3$	–	17	–		$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$

Table 5-11 AC Characteristics, $V_{CE} = 1.8\text{ V}$, $f = 12\text{ GHz}$

Parameter	Symbol	Values			Unit	Note / Test Condition
		Min.	Typ.	Max.		
Power gain						
Maximum power gain	G_{ma}	–	13.5	–	dB	$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
Transducer gain	$ S_{21} ^2$	–	10	–		$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
Minimum Noise Figure						
Minimum noise figure	NF_{min}	–	1.1	–	dB	$I_C = 5\text{ mA}$
Associated gain	G_{ass}	–	12	–		$I_C = 5\text{ mA}$
Linearity						
1 dB compression point at output	OP_{1dB}	–	3	–	dBm	$Z_S = Z_L = 50\ \Omega$ $I_C = 10\text{ mA}$
3rd order intercept point at output	$OIP3$	–	17	–		$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$

Note:

- $OIP3$ value depends on the termination of all intermodulation frequency components. The termination used for this measurement is $50\ \Omega$ from 0.2 MHz to 12 GHz .

5.4 Characteristic DC Diagrams

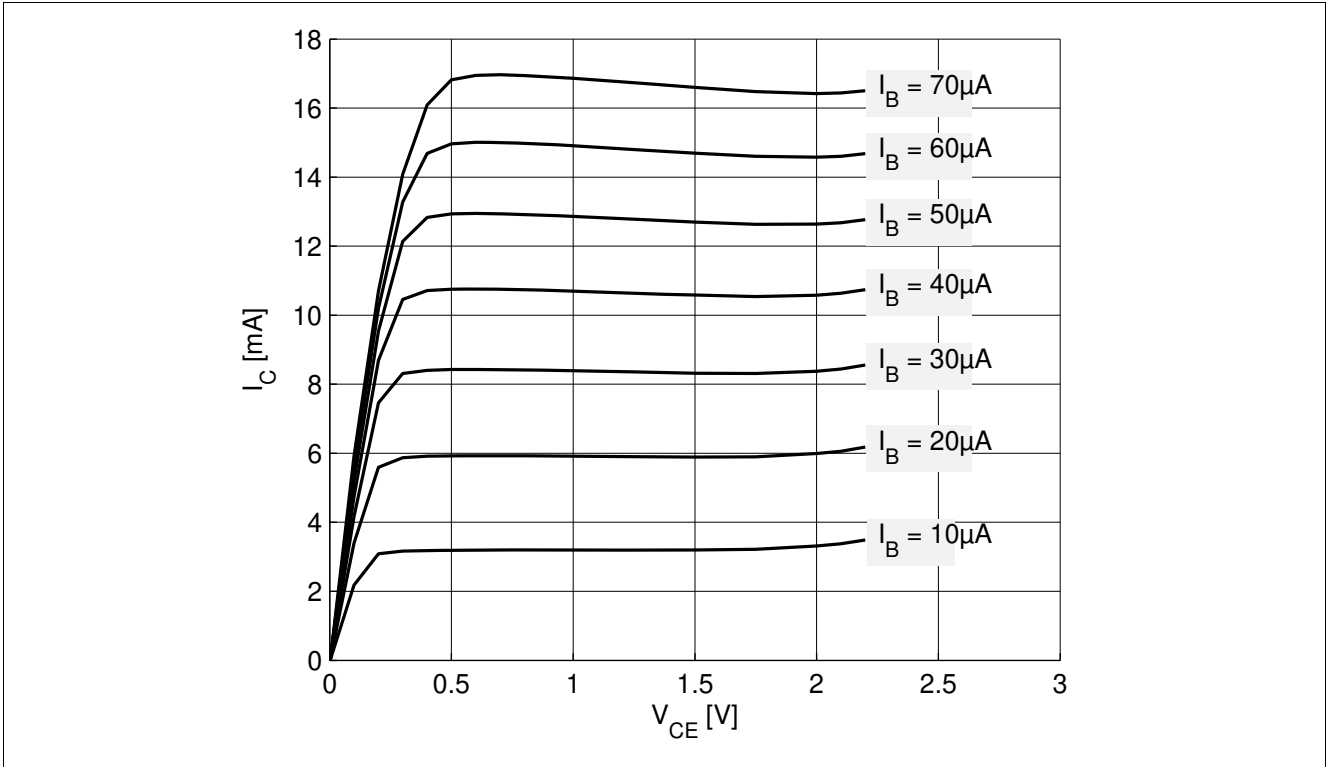


Figure 5-2 Collector Current vs. Collector Emitter Voltage $I_C = f(V_{CE})$, $I_B = \text{Parameter}$

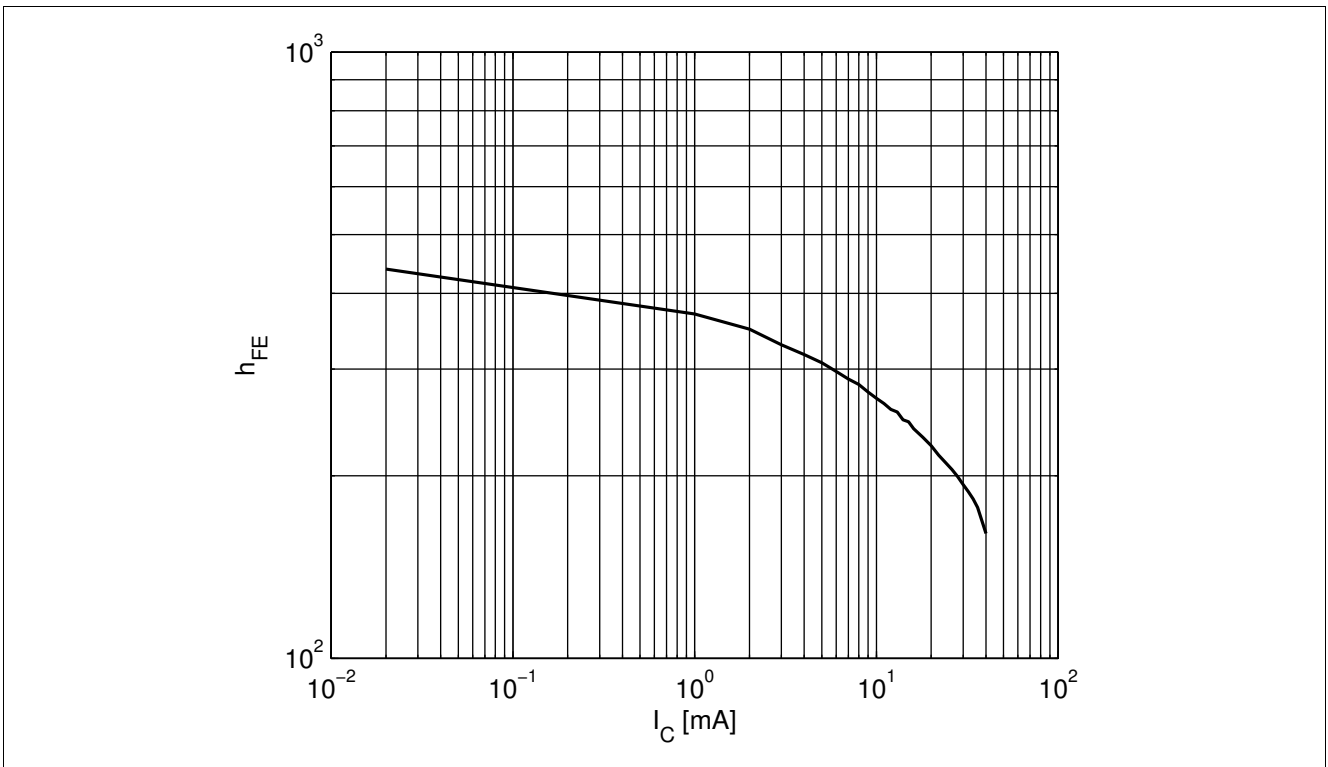


Figure 5-3 DC Current Gain $h_{FE} = f(I_C)$, $V_{CE} = 1.8$ V

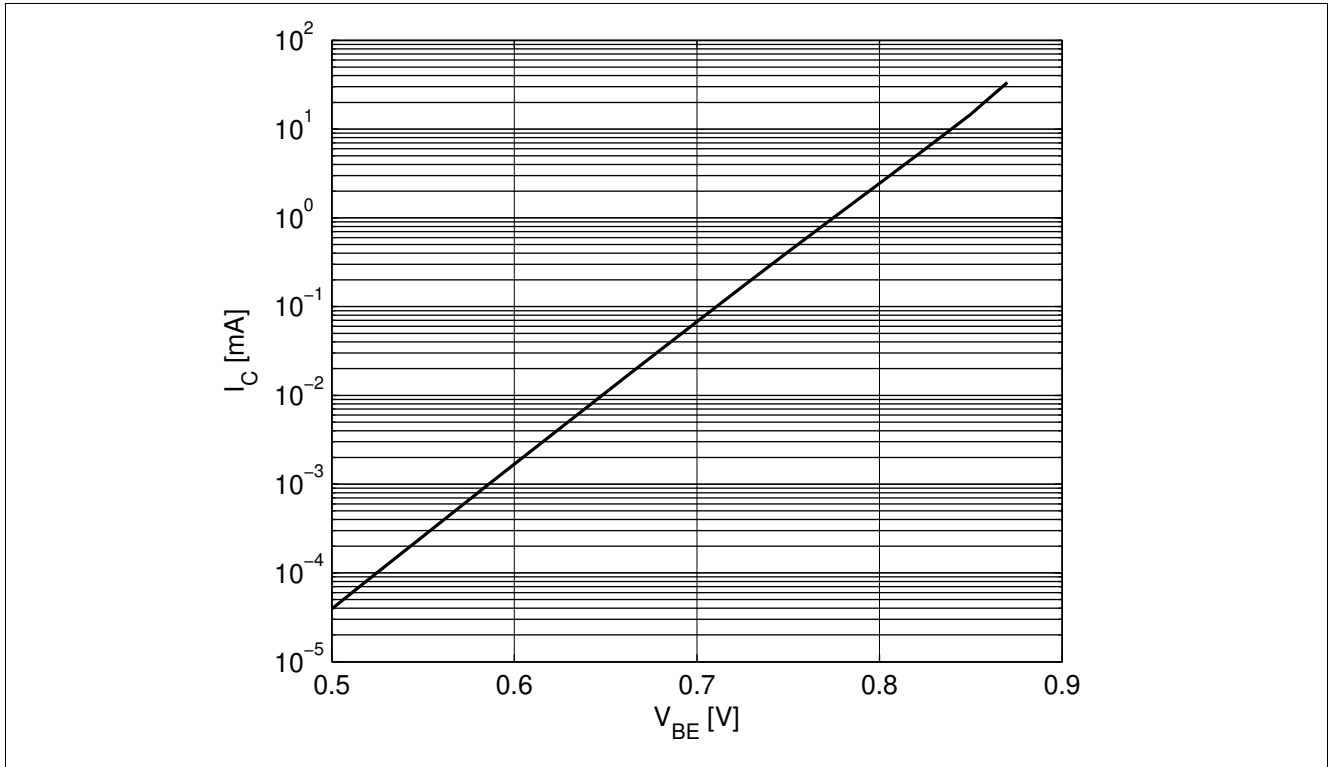


Figure 5-4 Collector Current vs. Base Emitter Forward Voltage $I_C = f(V_{BE})$, $V_{CE} = 1.8$ V

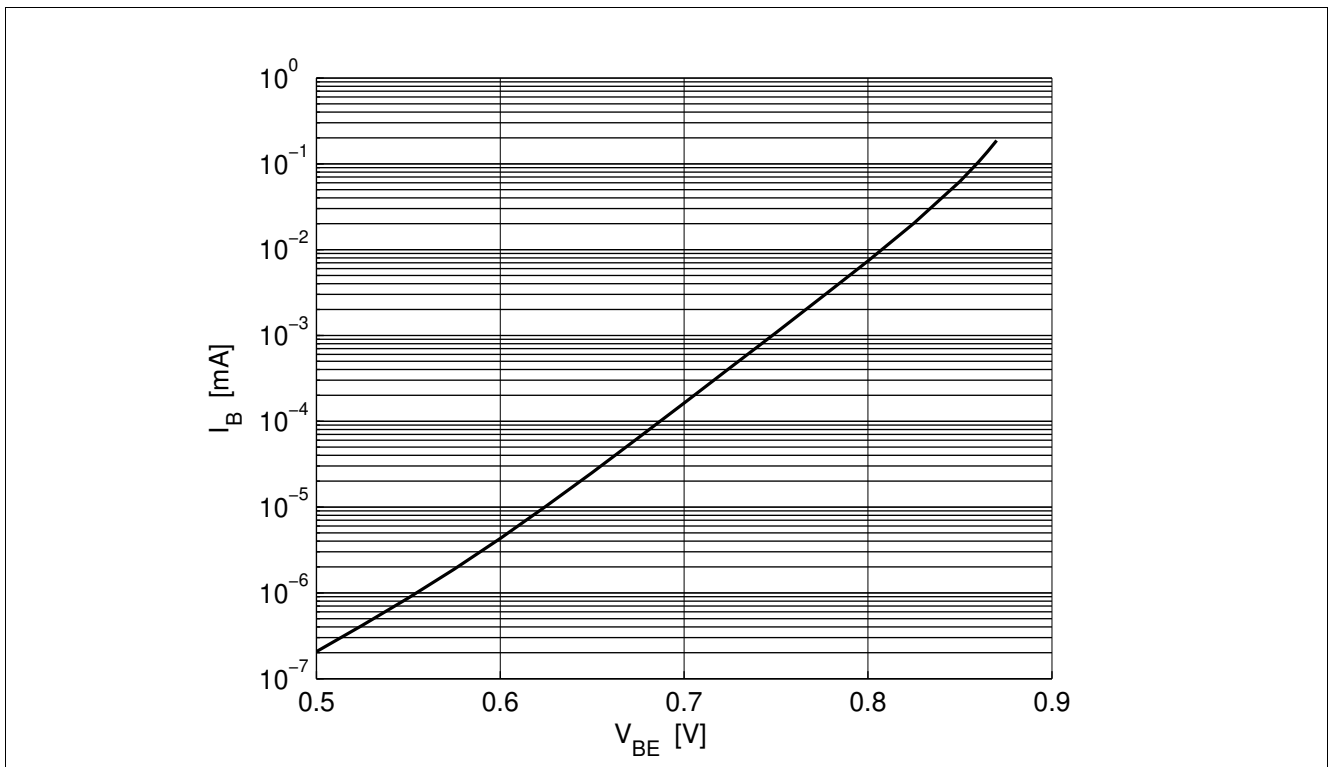


Figure 5-5 Base Current vs. Base Emitter Forward Voltage $I_B = f(V_{BE})$, $V_{CE} = 1.8$ V

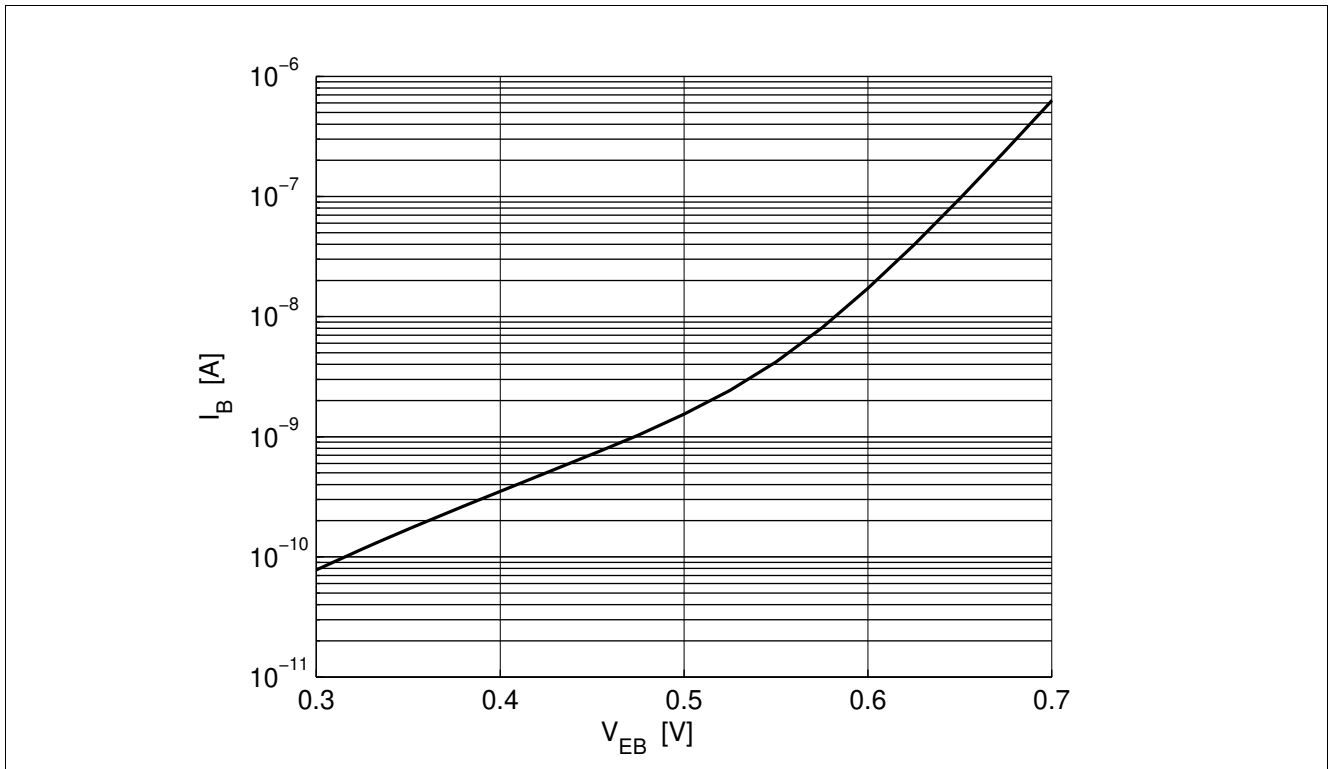


Figure 5-6 Base Current vs. Base Emitter Reverse Voltage $I_B = f(V_{EB})$, $V_{CE} = 1.8$ V

5.5 Characteristic AC Diagrams

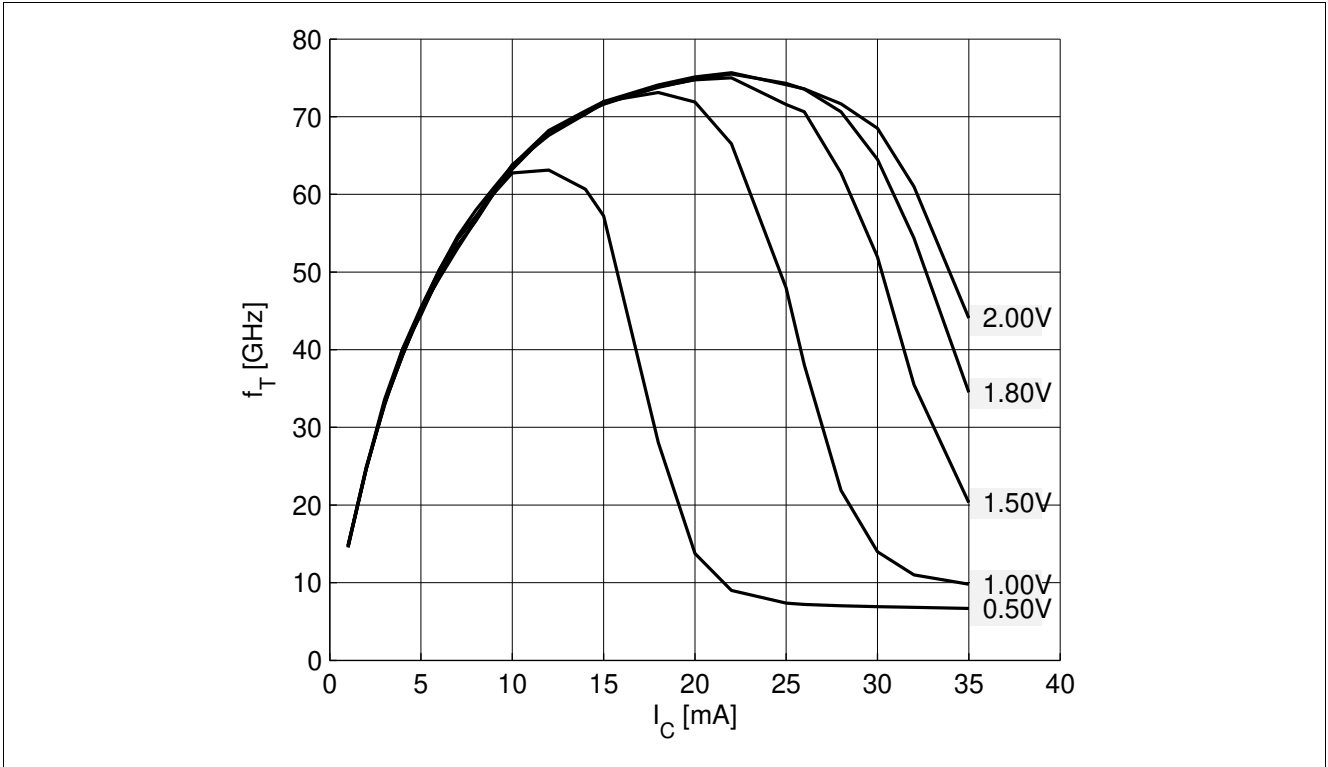


Figure 5-7 Transition Frequency $f_T = f(I_C)$, $f = 2$ GHz, $V_{CE} =$ Parameter

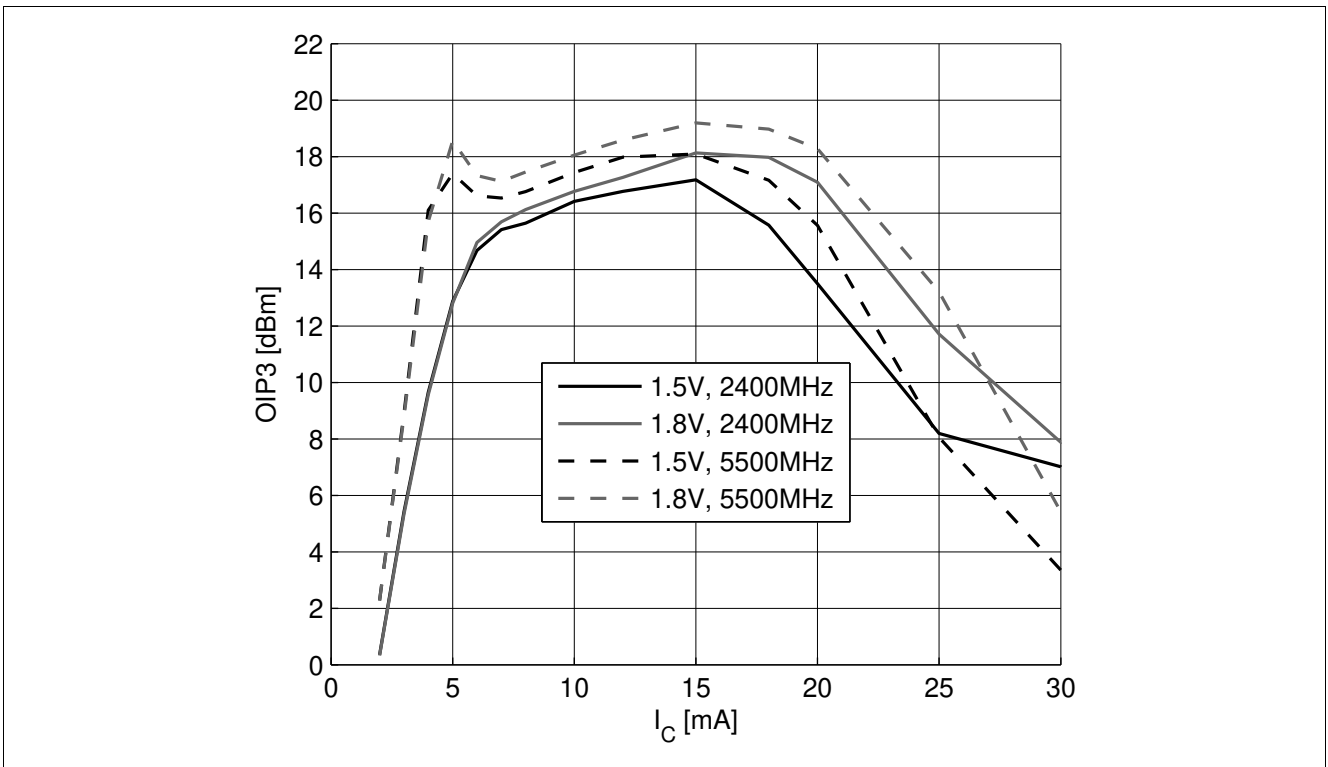


Figure 5-8 3rd Order Intercept Point at output $OIP3 = f(I_C)$, $Z_S = Z_L = 50 \Omega$, $V_{CE}, f =$ Parameter

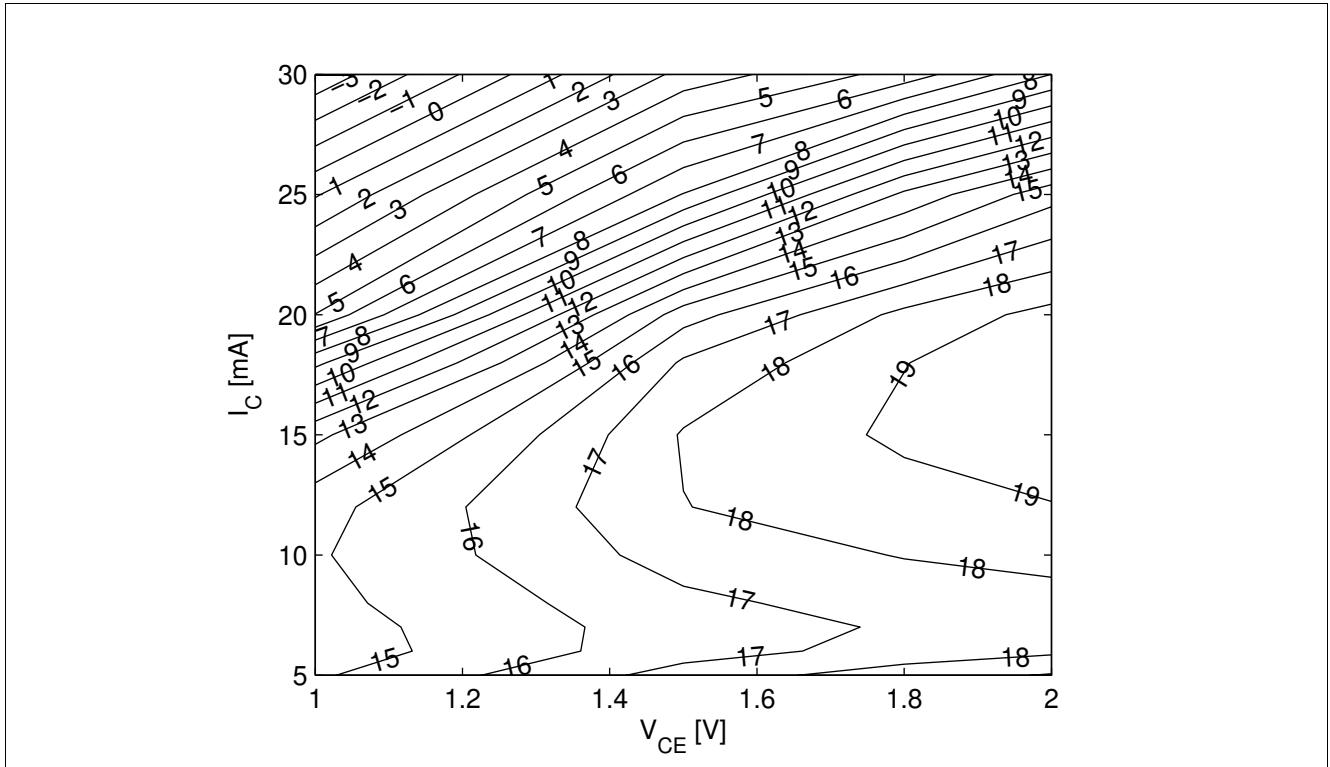


Figure 5-9 3rd Order Intercept Point at output $OIP3$ [dBm] = $f(I_C, V_{CE})$, $Z_S = Z_L = 50 \Omega$, $f = 5.5$ GHz

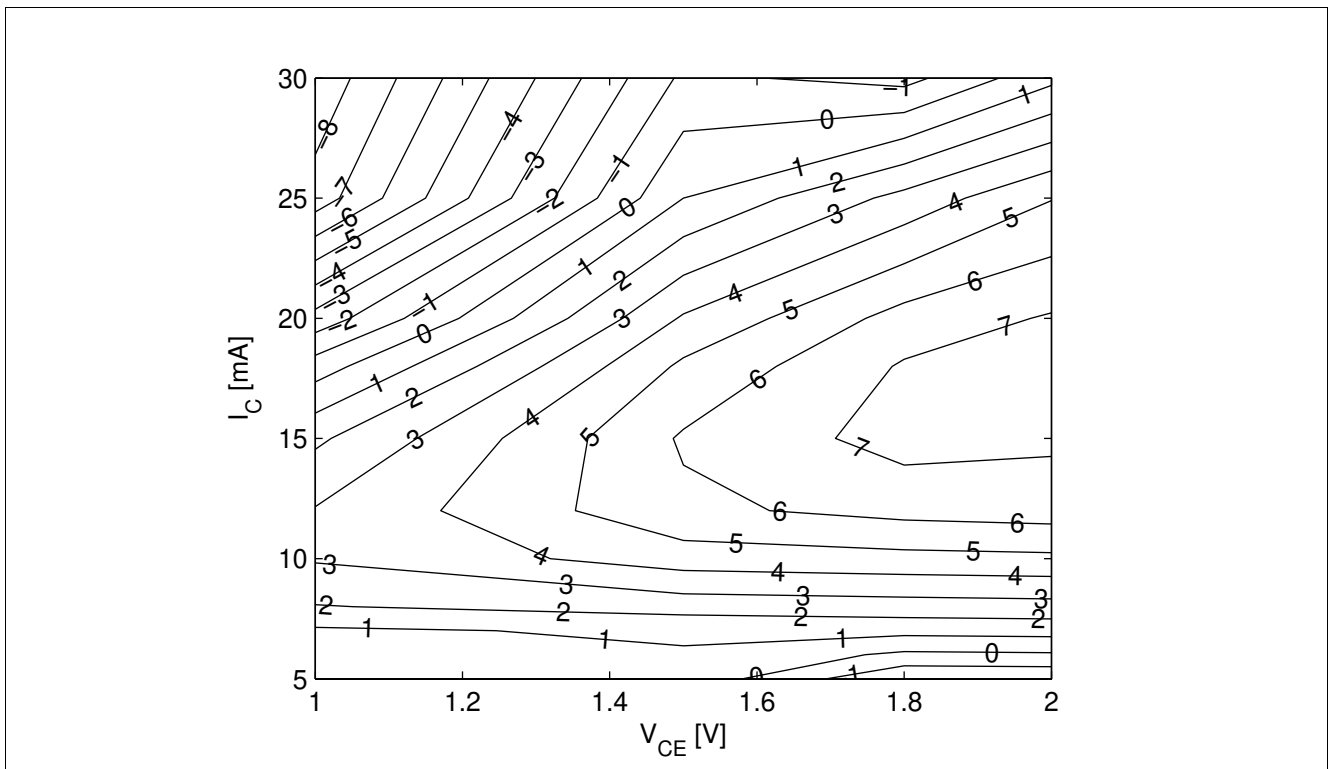


Figure 5-10 Compression Point at output OP_{1dB} [dBm] = $f(I_C, V_{CE})$, $Z_S = Z_L = 50 \Omega$, $f = 5.5$ GHz

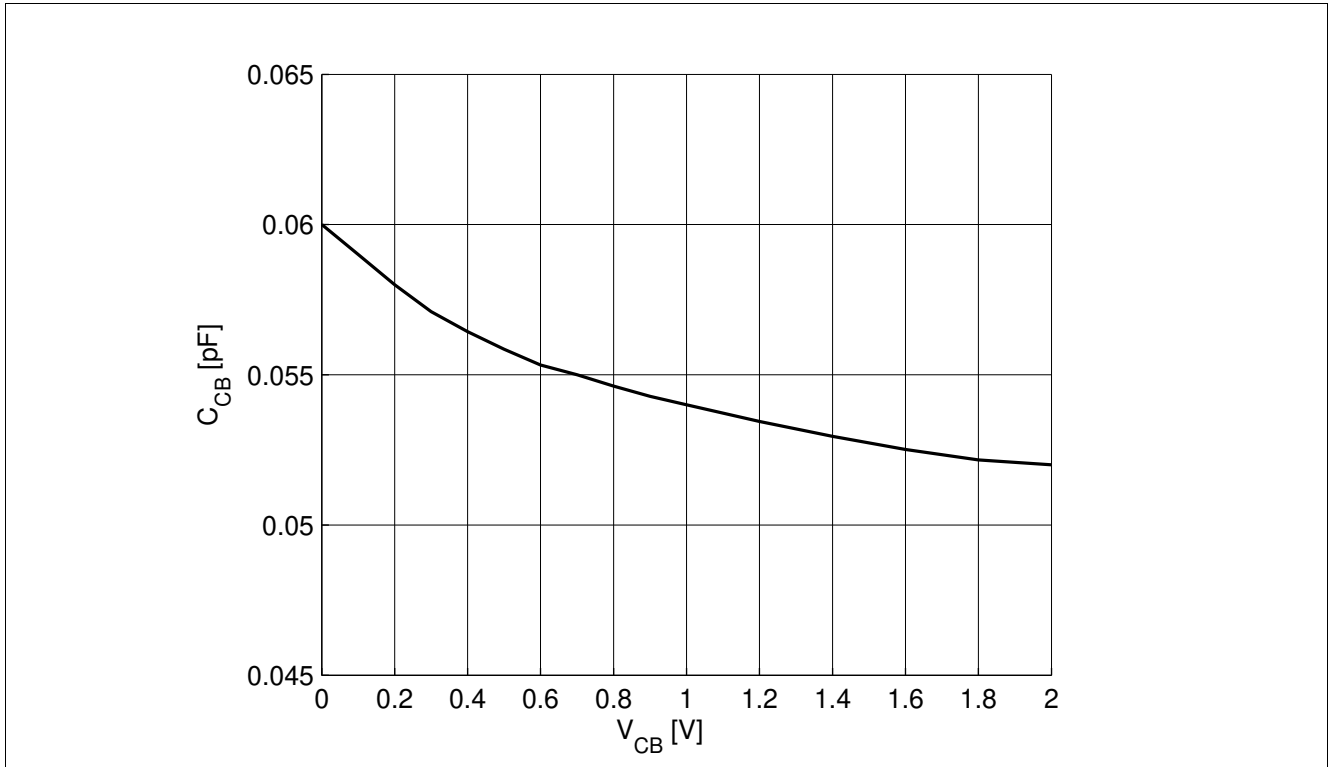


Figure 5-11 Collector Base Capacitance $C_{CB} = f(V_{CB}), f = 1$ MHz

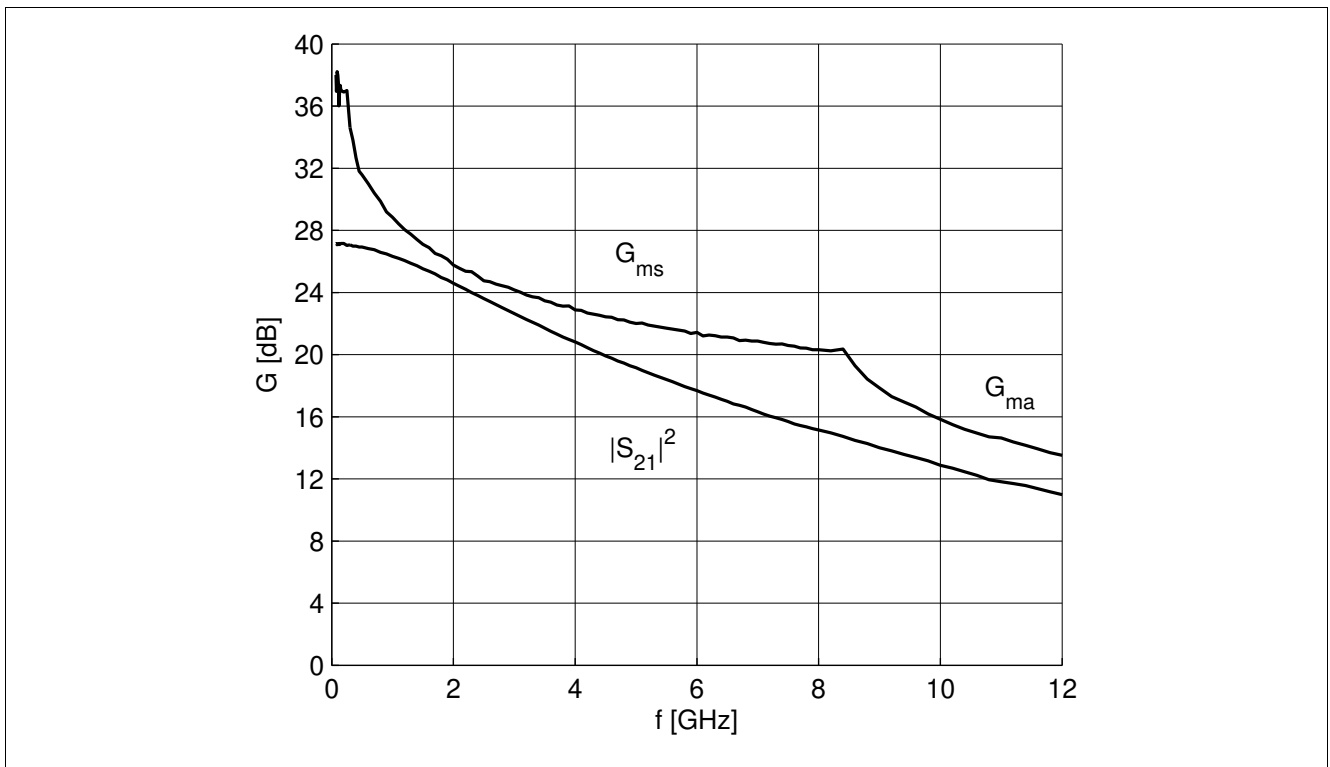


Figure 5-12 Gain G_{ma} , G_{ms} , $|S_{21}|^2 = f(f)$, $V_{CE} = 1.8$ V, $I_C = 10$ mA

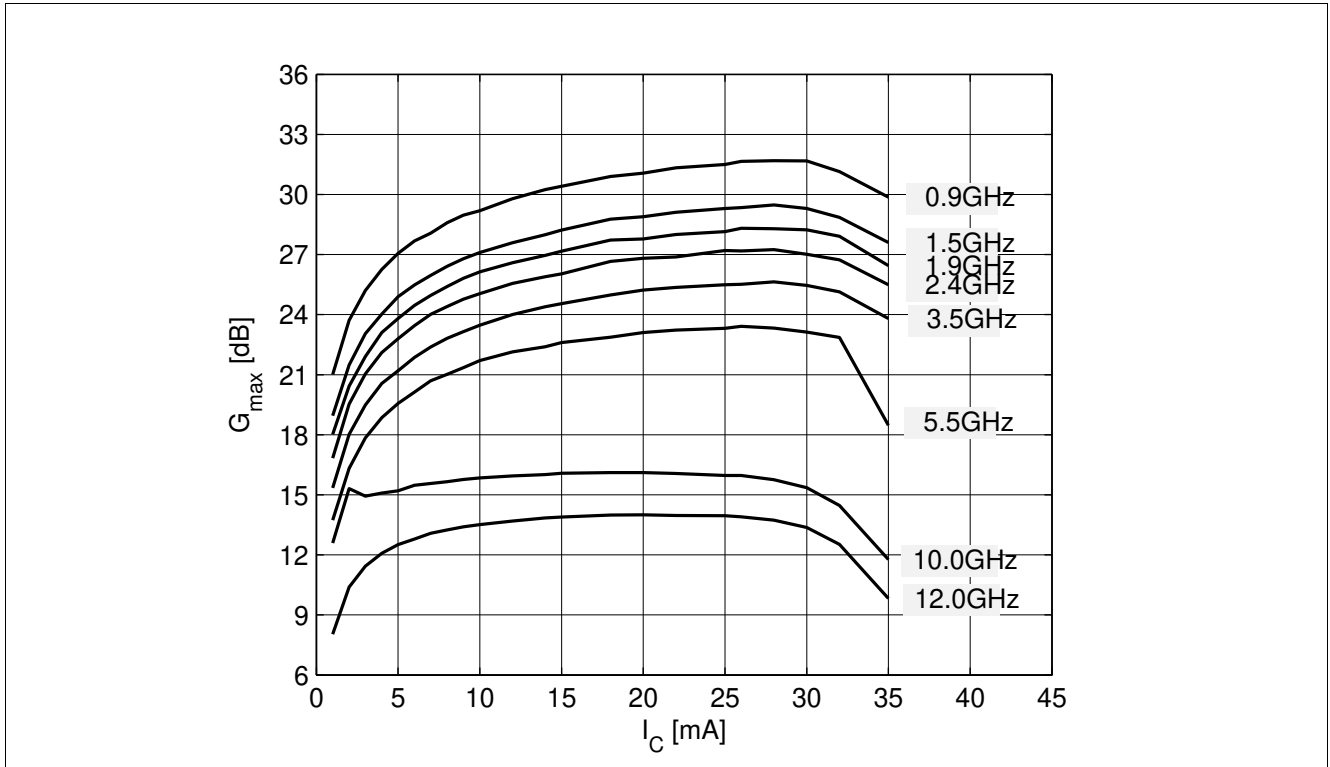


Figure 5-13 Maximum Power Gain $G_{max} = f(I_C)$, $V_{CE} = 1.8\text{ V}$, $f = \text{Parameter in GHz}$

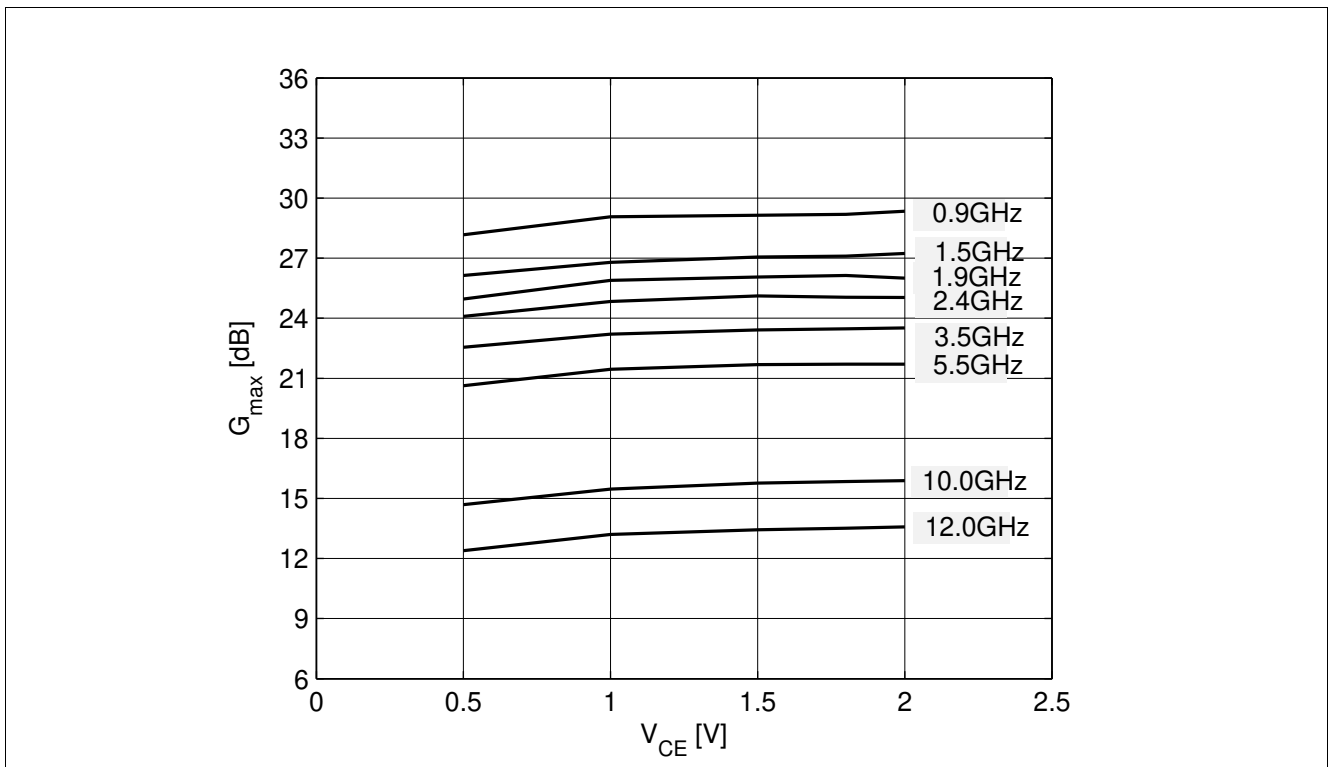


Figure 5-14 Maximum Power Gain $G_{max} = f(V_{CE})$, $I_C = 10\text{ mA}$, $f = \text{Parameter in GHz}$

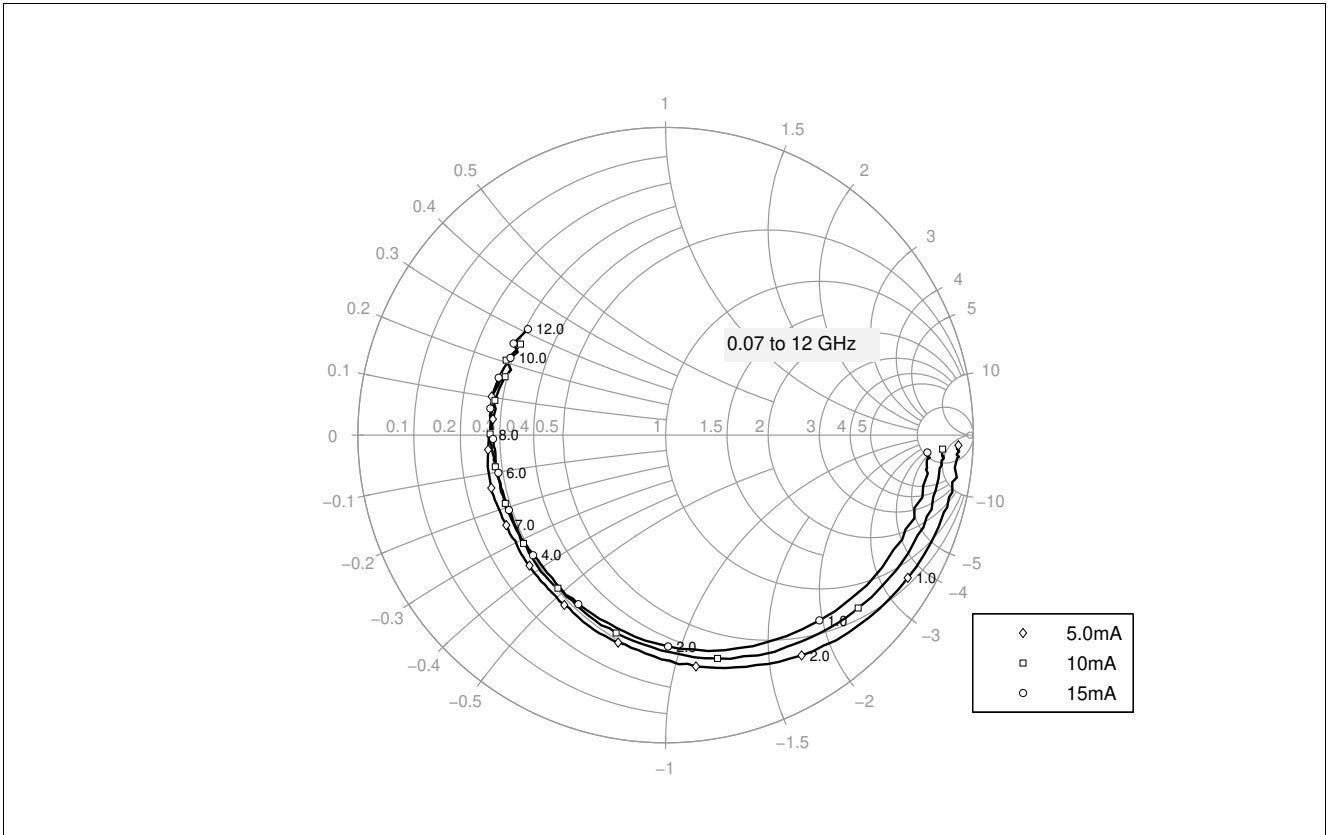


Figure 5-15 Input Reflection Coefficient $S_{11} = f(f)$, $V_{CE} = 1.8 \text{ V}$, $I_C = 5 / 10 / 15 \text{ mA}$

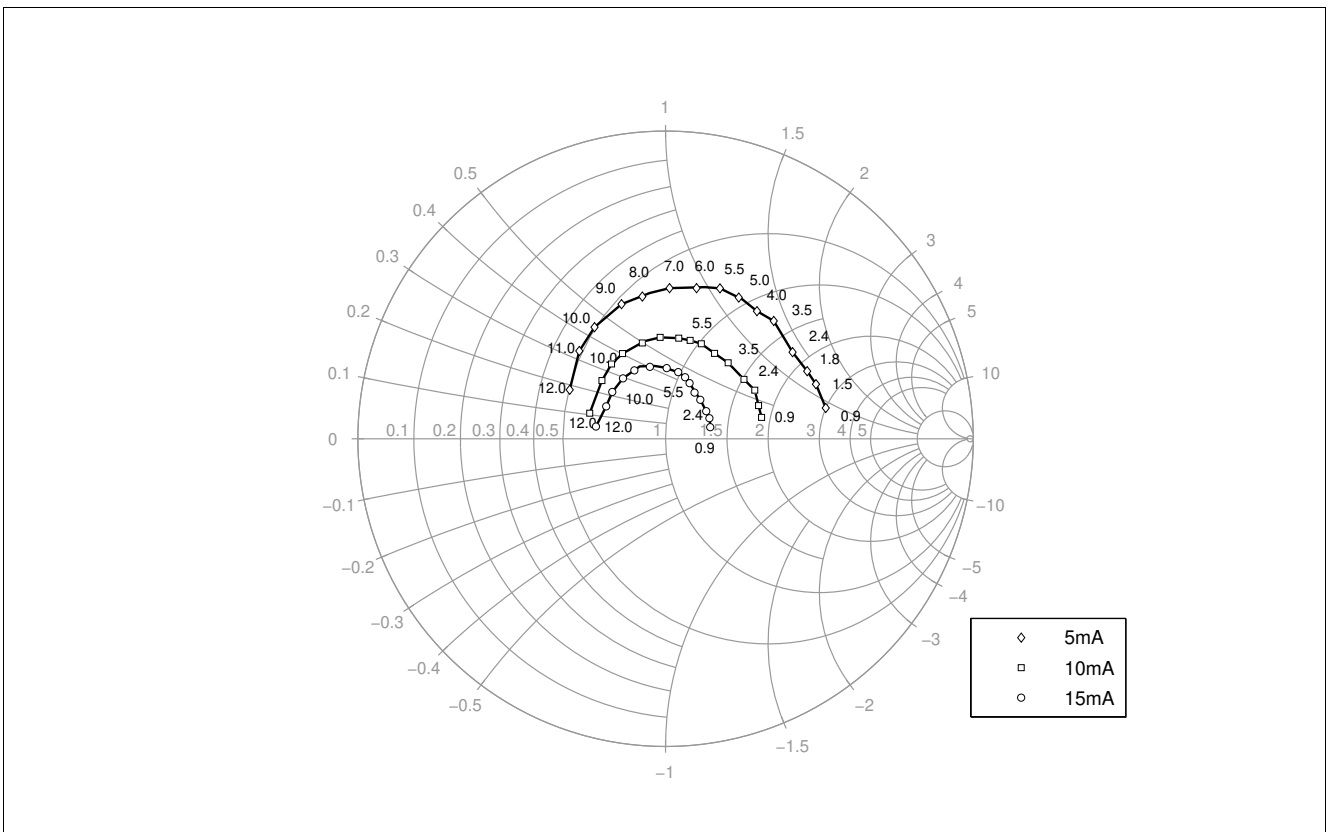


Figure 5-16 Source Impedance for Minimum Noise Figure $Z_{opt} = f(f)$, $V_{CE} = 1.8 \text{ V}$, $I_C = 5 / 10 / 15 \text{ mA}$

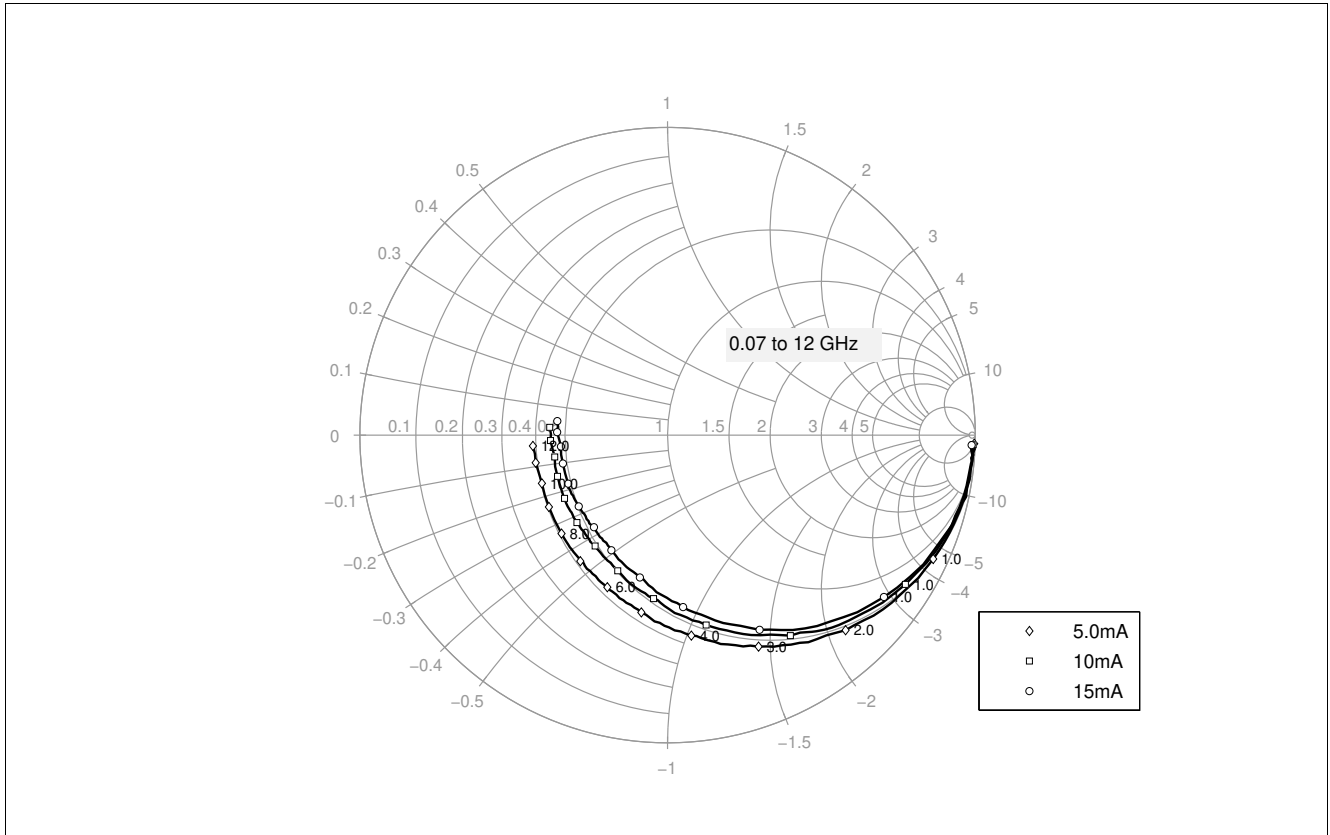


Figure 5-17 Output Reflection Coefficient $S_{22} = f(f)$, $V_{CE} = 1.8\text{ V}$, $I_C = 5 / 10 / 15\text{ mA}$

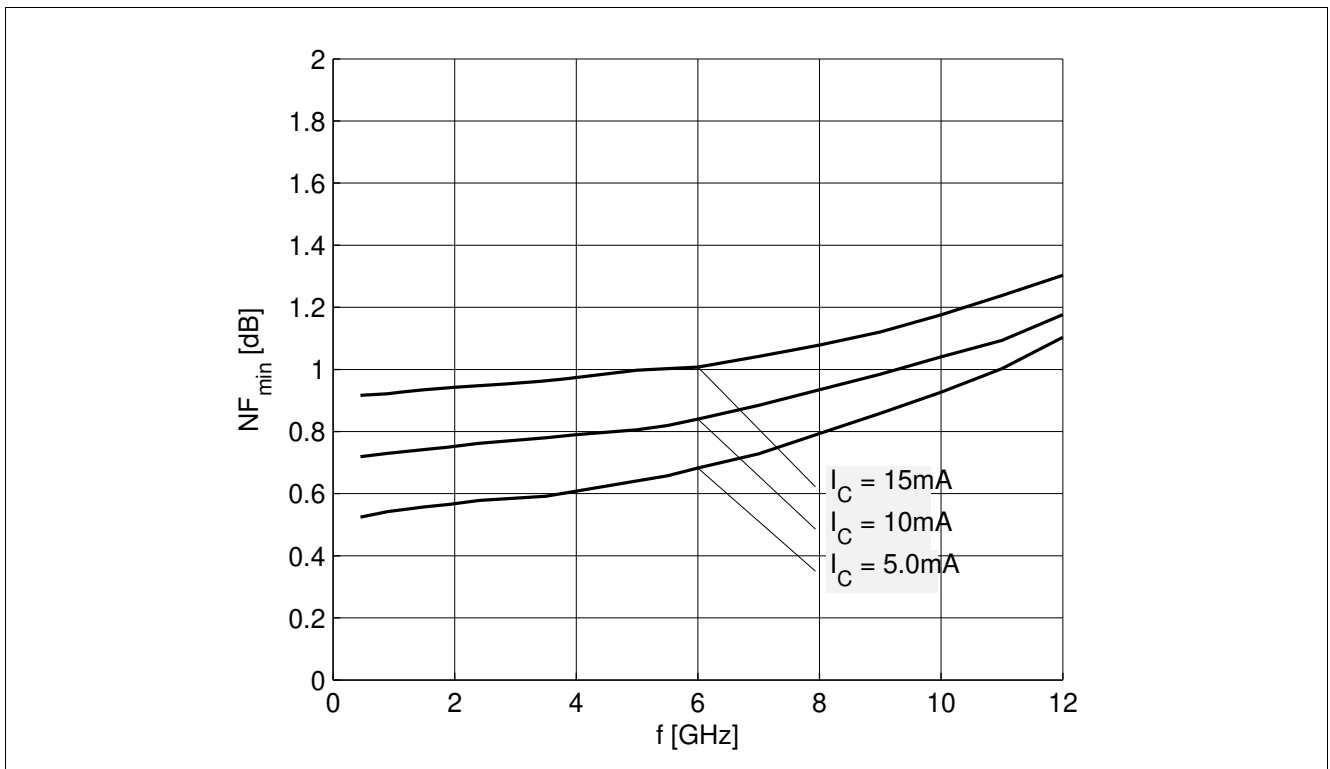


Figure 5-18 Noise Figure $NF_{min} = f(f)$, $V_{CE} = 1.8\text{ V}$, $I_C = 5 / 10 / 15\text{ mA}$, $Z_S = Z_{opt}$

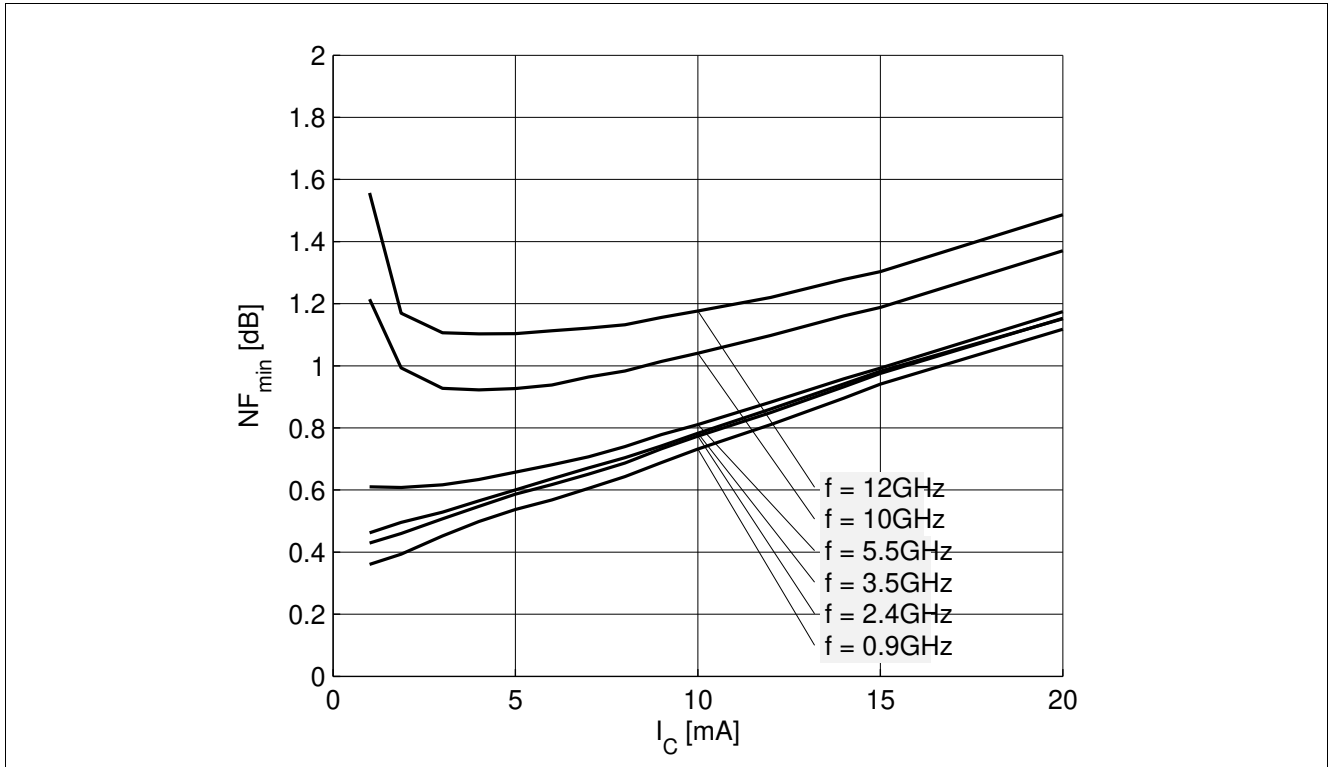


Figure 5-19 Noise Figure $NF_{min} = f(I_C)$, $V_{CE} = 1.8\text{ V}$, $Z_S = Z_{opt}$, $f = \text{Parameter in GHz}$

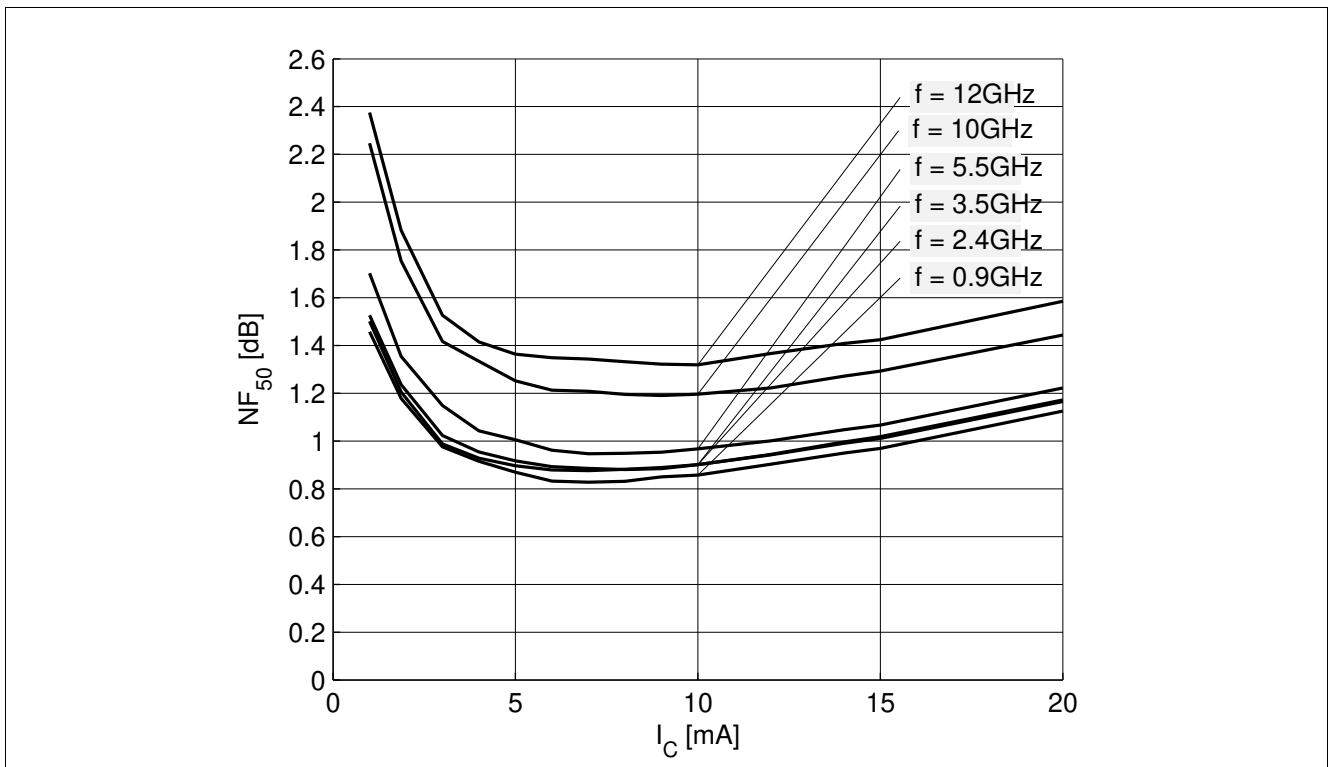


Figure 5-20 Noise Figure $NF_{50} = f(I_C)$, $V_{CE} = 1.8\text{ V}$, $Z_S = 50\ \Omega$, $f = \text{Parameter in GHz}$

Note: The curves shown in this chapter have been generated using typical devices but shall not be considered as a guarantee that all devices have identical characteristic curves. $T_A = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.