



Signal Conditioning: NIRP sub-module

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About me

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- Role
 - RFPI project contractor
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- Relevant experience
 - DESY/XFEL: FPGA/software engineer (since 2008)
 - ESS-ERIC: FPGA/software engineer (since 2018)
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Agenda

- The Non-Ionizing Radiation Probe (NIRP) module requirements,
- The PoC version specification and scope,
- The sub-module design details,
- Implementation,
- Test results discussion,
- Full scale design plans,
- Summary



The NIRP requirements

- Signal level: -70 – 0 dBm
- Frequencies: 325 MHz, 650 MHz
- Output bandwidth: 10 MHz
- 50 Ohm input impedance
- 10 ms response time



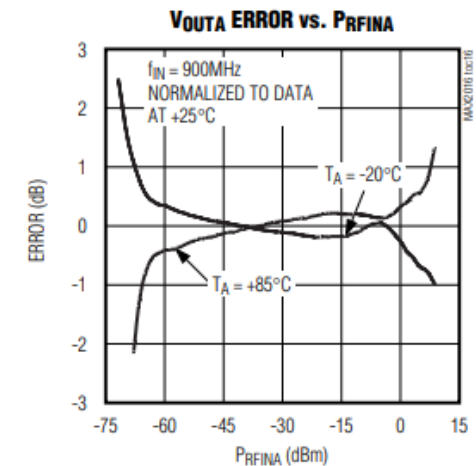
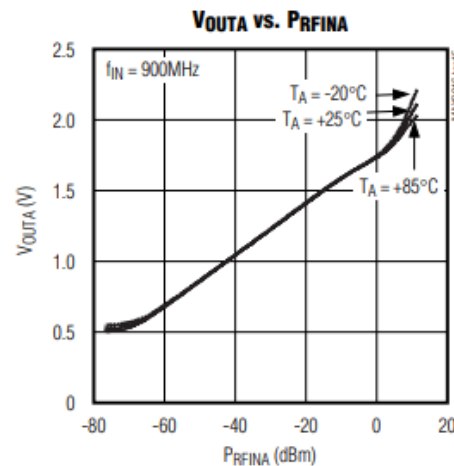
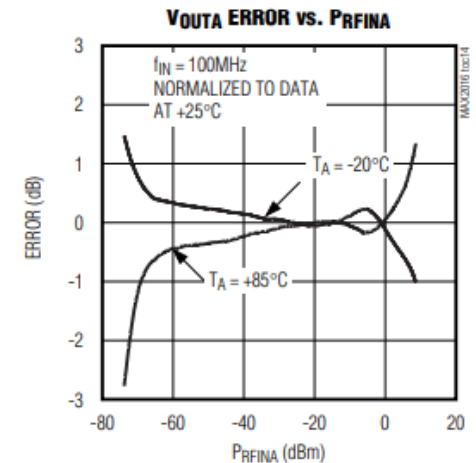
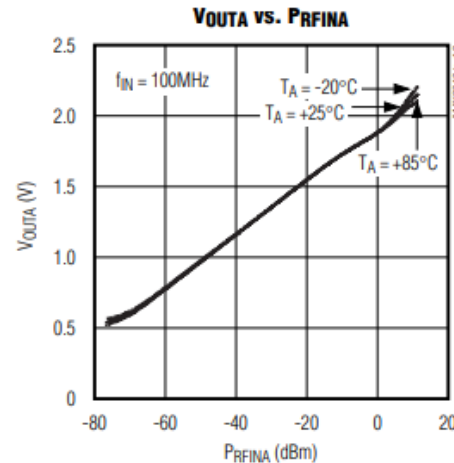
The PoC version specification and scope

- 4 channels
- 4 different filters



Design details

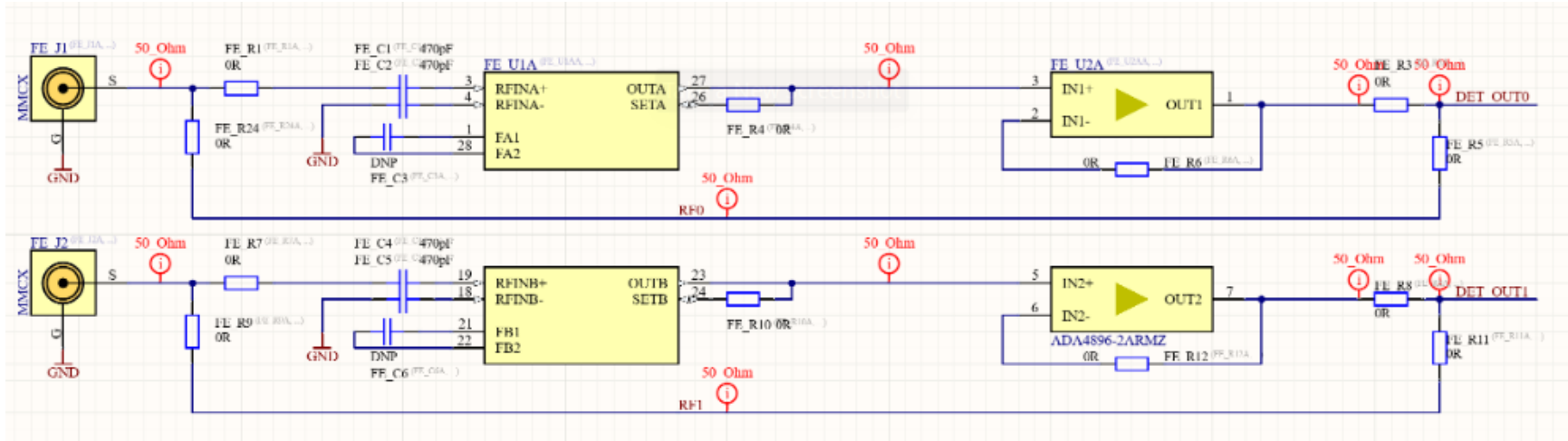
- Originally planned to use LT5537 RF/IF Logarithmic Detector
 - 10 MHz to 1000 MHz
 - -76 dBm to 14 dBm at 200MHz with ± 3 dB nonlinearity
 - IC not available until June 2023
- Finally selected MAX2016ETI
 - -70 dBm to +10 dBm
 - up to 2.5 GHz
 - Dual channel





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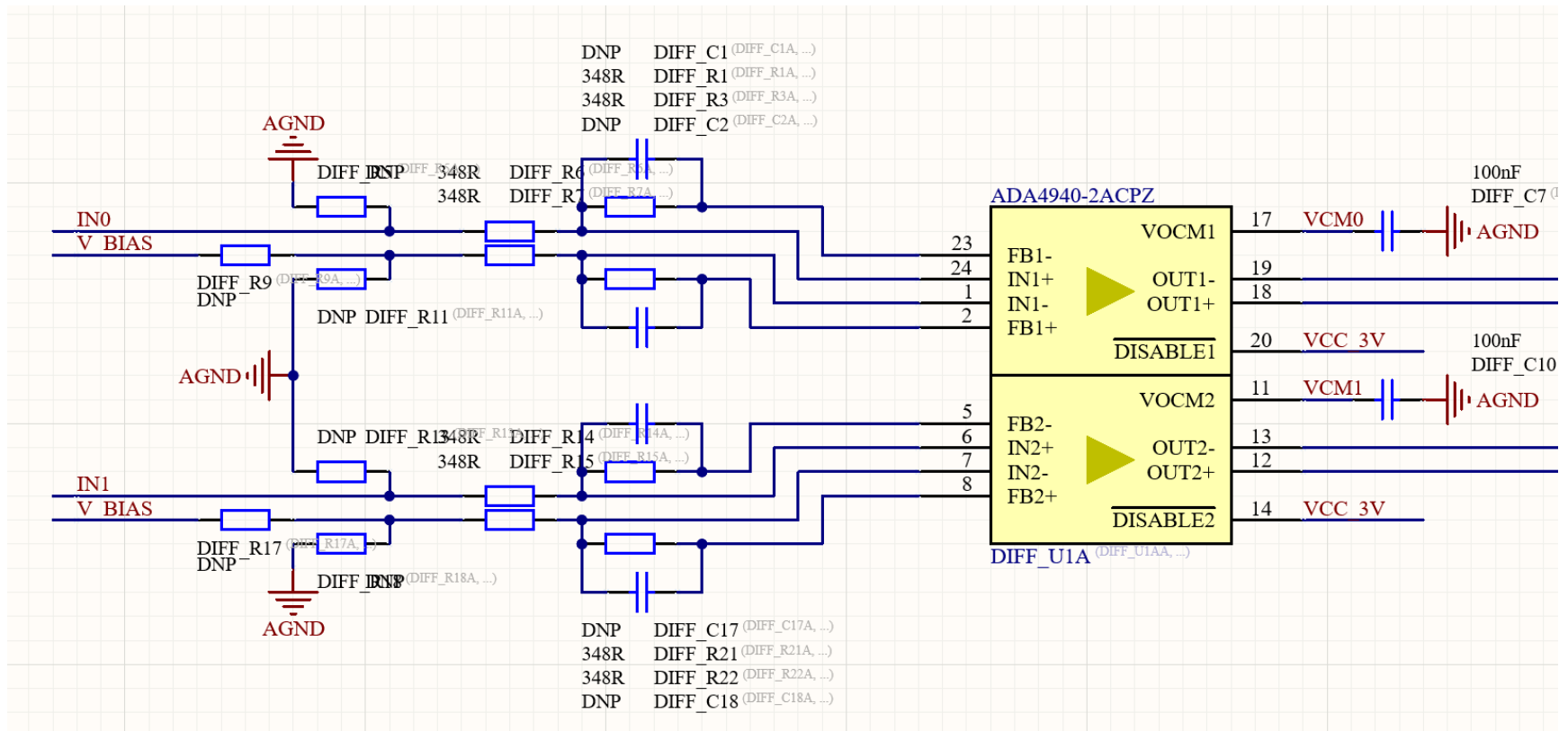
- Requires buffering due to high current requirements of the next stage





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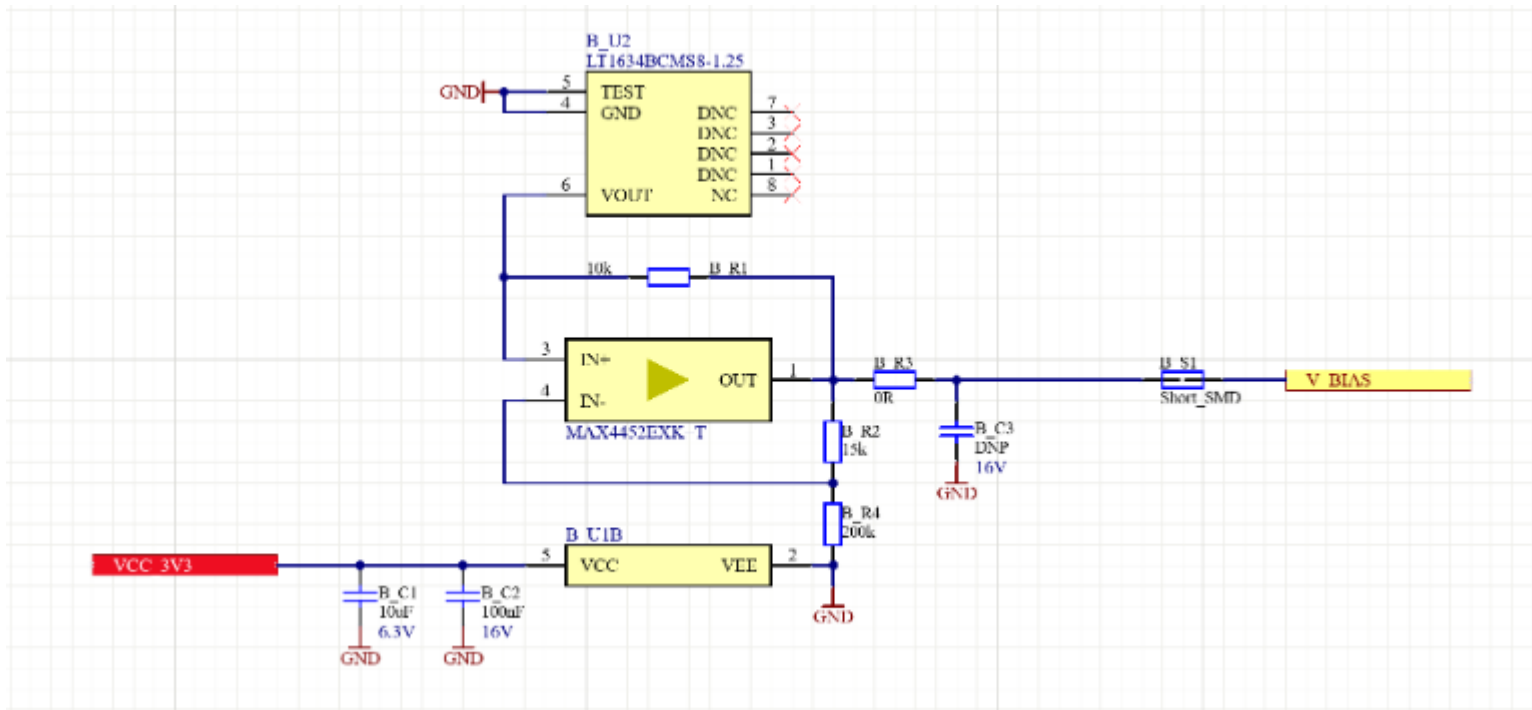
- Output scaled, shifted to use full ADC range
- Converted to differential due to ADC requirements





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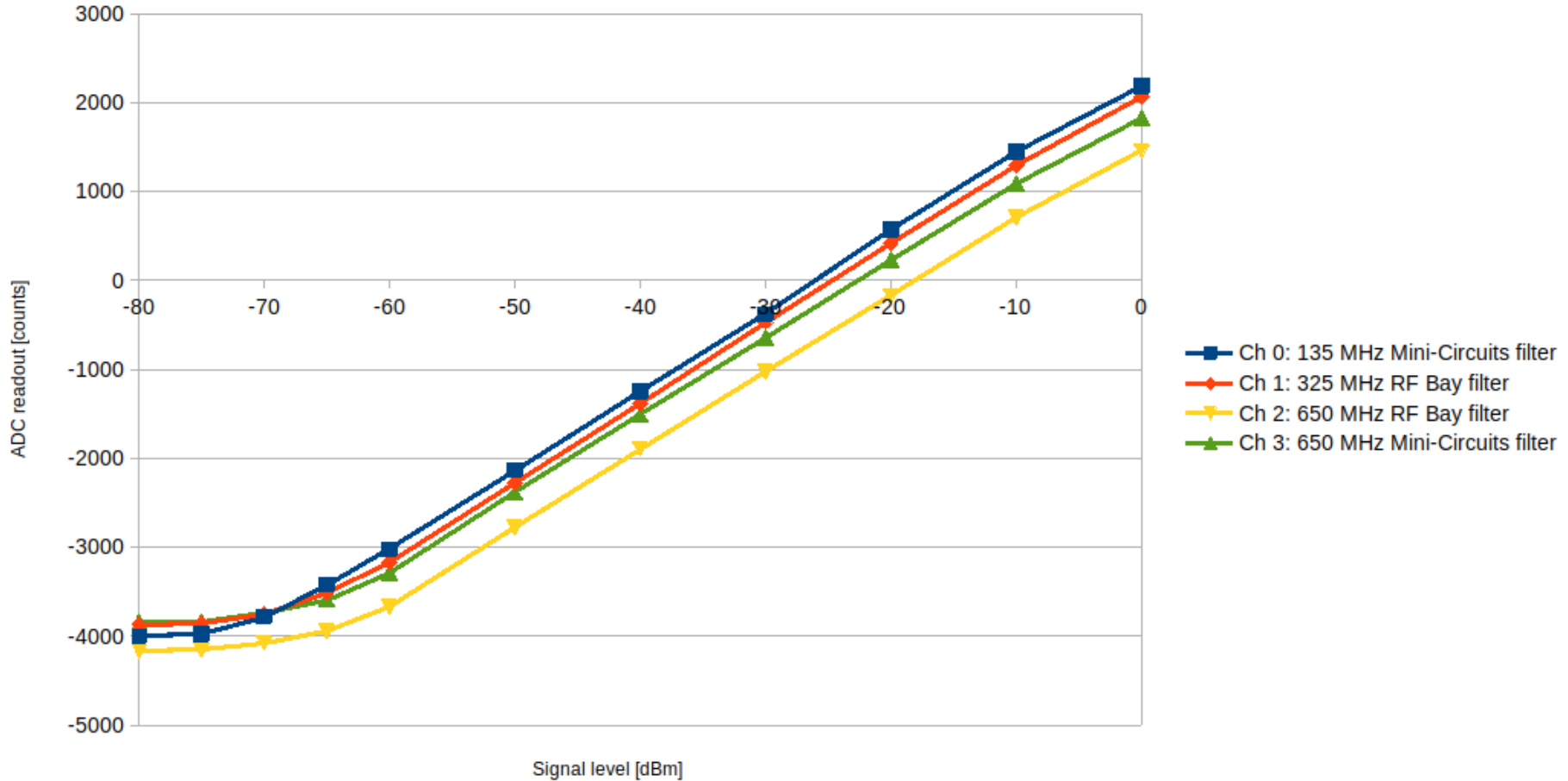
- Precise voltage reference used as the source of bias





Measurements results

- Obtained using Rohde & Schwartz SMA100B generator





Conclusion

- NIRP front-end works
- Good linearity down to -70 dBm for 135 MHz, to -60 dBm for higher frequencies
- The analog front-end will be used in final design



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