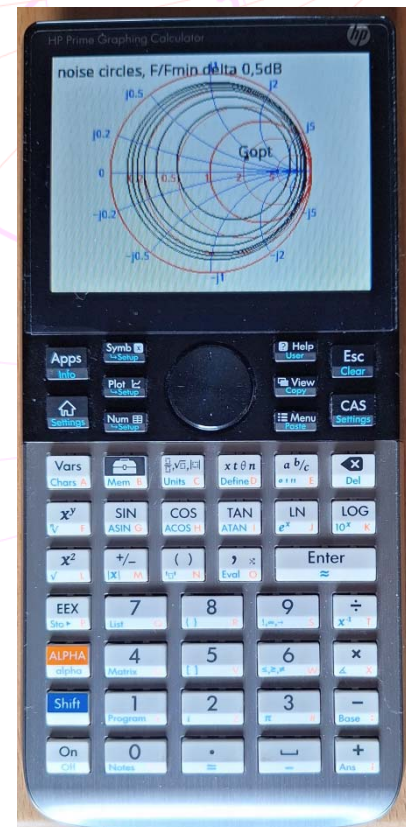
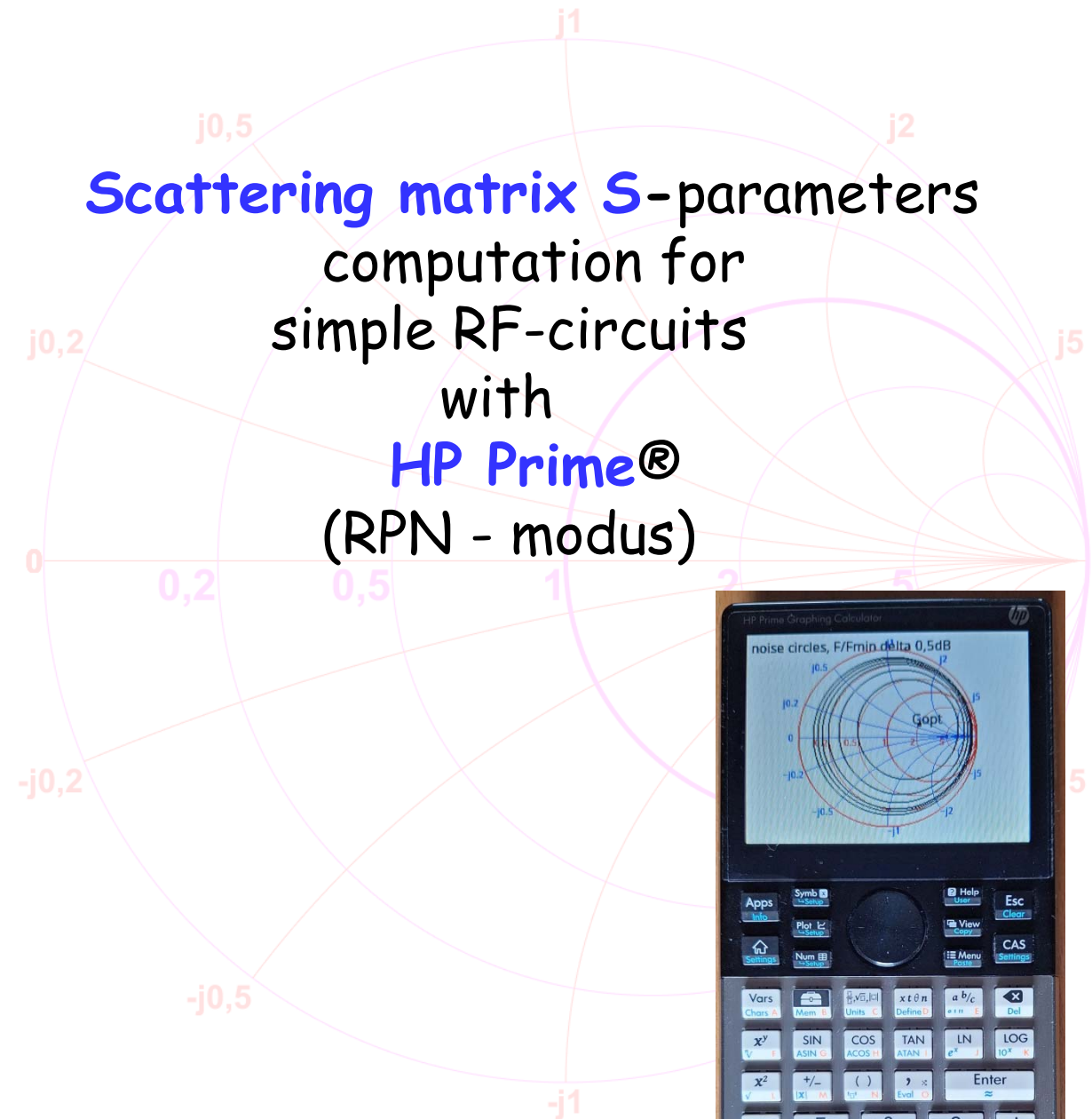


Scattering matrix **S**-parameters
computation for
simple RF-circuits
with
HP Prime®
(RPN - modus)



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This program collection is for computations of scattering matrix **S**-parameters for simple RF-circuits with the HP calculator **Prime** [1], [2], [3].

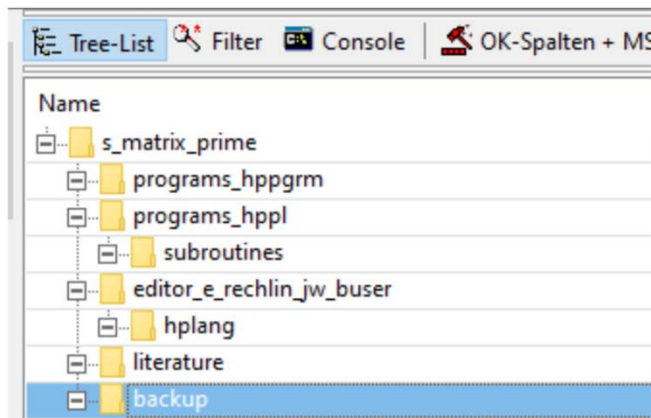
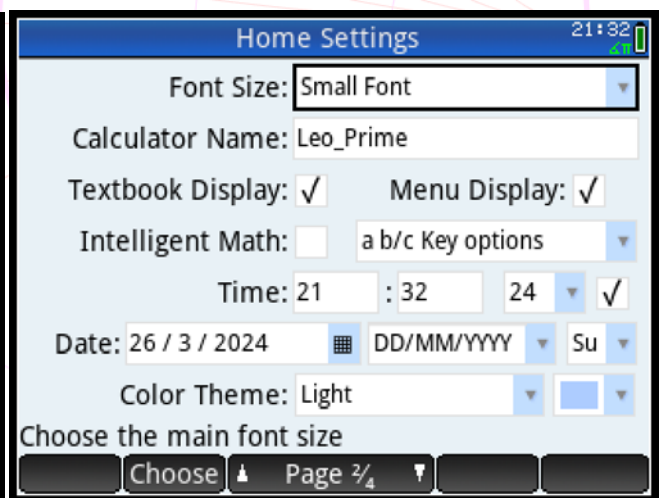
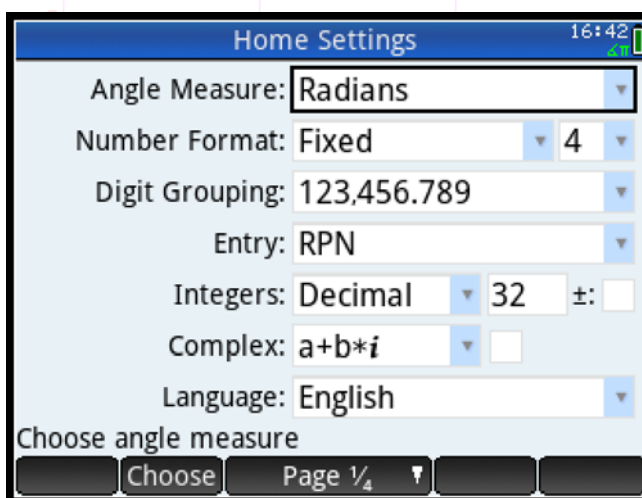


Fig. 01

After unzipping [s_matrix_prime.zip](#) you should get the the directory structure shown in Fig. 01.

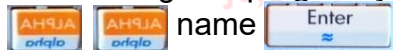
In the directory ***_hppl** you find all programs in the editable ***.hppl** format. For this application you should use E. Rechlin's and J.W. Buser's modification of the notepad++ editor, see directory [editor_e_rechlin_jw_buser](#) or in [hpcalc.org](#) too. Subroutines in ***.hppl** format are placed in the subdirectory **subroutines**. All compiled programs with their subroutines are placed in the directory ***_hppgrm**. Mentioned literature and a backup with all programs and variables are in directories with the same name.



Here are the home settings. Important are Radians and RPN.

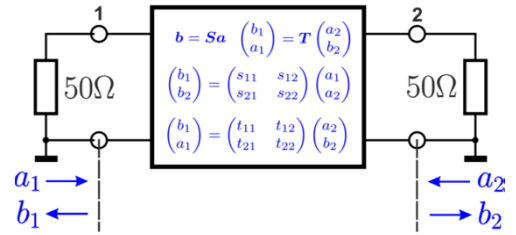
	variable	content		variable	content
1	CTB	C^T -matrix base/gate	11	CTI	result matrix $NNCT(NPI) \rightarrow CTI$
2	CTO	C^T -matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	11	RCT	result matrix C^T
3	CTE	C^T -matrix emitter/source	12	RSP	result matrix S
4	HV	help variable content by you	13	SPB	S -matrix base/gate
5	JWC	value from program JOMEGALC for C	14	SPE	S -matrix emitter/source
6	JWL	value from program JOMEGALC for L	15	SPO	S -matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
7	NPB	noise parameter base/gate	16	SPI	S -matrix your input
9	NPE	noise parameter emitter/source	17	TPB	T -matrix base/gate
10	NPI	noise parameter your input	18	TPE	T -matrix emitter/source

Before using the program you must define your own user variables with



and use the variables names in the table above please for first using program collection,

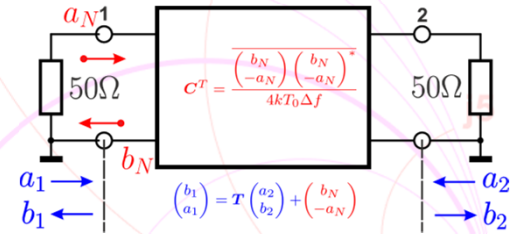
The variables SP^* (* ÷ E,B,C,S,G,D,I) contain the **S**-parameters, TP^* (* ÷ E,B,C,S,G,D,I) are the **T**-paramters and with the programs **STOT** or **TTOS** you can compute into each other. The transistor is an example for any other two port of your choice.



$$SP^* = \begin{pmatrix} s_{11} & s_{12} \\ s_{21} & s_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$TP^* = \begin{pmatrix} t_{11} & t_{12} \\ t_{21} & t_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

The two port noise properties are described with noise waves in form of the transfer noise wave matrix CT^* [3]. All relations between CT^* and the noise parameters are given in the appendix [3].



$$CT^* = \begin{pmatrix} ct_{11} & ct_{12} \\ ct_{21} & ct_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F = F_{min} + \frac{4R_n}{50\Omega|1 + \Gamma_{opt}|^2} \frac{|\Gamma - \Gamma_{opt}|^2}{1 - |\Gamma|^2} = F_{min} + C_N \frac{|\Gamma - \Gamma_{opt}|^2}{1 - |\Gamma|^2}$$

F_{min} , R_n , Γ_{opt} are the noise parameters. They are typically for each two port. We can merge R_n and Γ_{opt} to C_N for a better interpretation of the noise figure F . For an amplifier F_{min} and C_N should be small. The noise paramters are in NP^* (* ÷ E,B,C,S,G,D,I). With the programs **NNCT** and **NCNP** we can convert into one another.

$$NP^* = \begin{pmatrix} F_{min} \\ R_n \\ C_N \\ \Gamma_{opt} \end{pmatrix}$$

Tab. 02

	program	input	output
1	NCNP	C^T	$\begin{pmatrix} F_{min}/dB \\ R_n/\Omega \\ C_N \\ \Gamma_{opt} \end{pmatrix}$
2	NNCT	$\begin{pmatrix} F_{min}/dB \\ R_n/\Omega \\ C_N \\ \Gamma_{opt} \end{pmatrix}$	C^T
3	NNPI	edit program input noise paramters from datasheet	noise parameters for computing $\rightarrow NPI$
4	NCIR	noise parameters	noise circles
5	ATAN2	y, x	$-\pi \leq \varphi \leq +\pi$
6	SMITH		Smith-chart z-version
7	TCM	$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} a^* & c^* \\ b^* & d^* \end{pmatrix}$
8	STNP	edit program input S paramters from datasheet	S , noise parameters for computing \rightarrow SPE, SPB, TPE, TPB CTE, CTB, NPE, NPB
9	SSPI	edit program input S paramters from datasheet	S parameters for computing $\rightarrow SPI$
10	SSKS	S	stability circle in Smith-chart source region
11	SSKL	S	stability circle in Smith-chart load region
12	STOT	S	T
13	STOY	S	Y
14	TTOS	T	S

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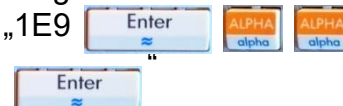
STNP:Main(PPL) 21:18
19 //
20 // input from s2p-file, polar form
21 // emitter/source S-parameter
22 // BFP640F, f = 1GHz, Uce = 1V, Ic = 5mA
23 s11 := 0.7086*EXP((-62.2)*PI*i/180);
24 s12 := 0.0599*EXP((60.0)*PI*i/180);
25 s21 := 11.304*EXP((129.2)*PI*i/180);
26 s22 := 0.7423*EXP((-38.2)*PI*i/180);
27 //
28 // emitter/source noise parameter
29 Fmin := 0.5469; //dB
30 Rn := 50*0.1218; //Ohm
31 gamma_opt := 0.3979*EXP((20.9553)*PI*i/180);
32 //
33 //
34 //
  
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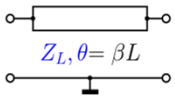

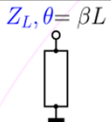
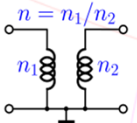

// ===== input =====
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Fmin := 0.5469; //dB
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gamma_opt := 0.3979*EXP((20.9553)*PI*i/180);
//
  
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We start mit the program **STNP**. This program contains as an example the **S**- and noise parameters of a transistor from an *.s2p file for the frequency $freq = 1\text{GHz}$. All following computations will be made at this frequency. If you want to change the frequency then you must change the data here. The program **STNP** puts the data in the variables and converts them from emitter to base circuit too, custom ending ***E** or ***B**, see table please. Ist equivalent for using source and gate circuits **E->S**, **B->G**.

For using inductors and capacitors we must compute at the frequency 1GHz their nomalized impedances and admittances. At first we use the Programm **JOMEGALC** with the input „1E9



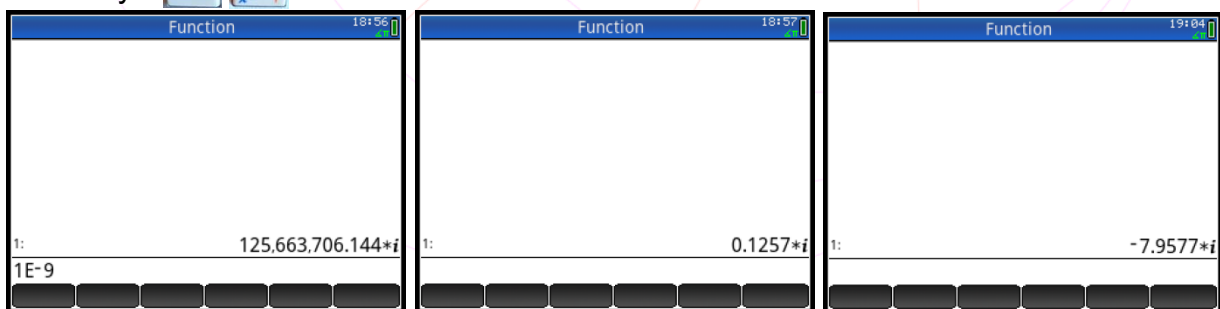
Tab. 03

	circuit	equations	program	input	output
1		$\Gamma = \frac{Z_L/50\Omega - 1}{Z_L/50\Omega + 1}$ $s_{11} = s_{22} = \frac{\Gamma(1 - e^{-j2\theta})}{1 - \Gamma^2 e^{-j2\theta}}$ $s_{12} = s_{21} = \frac{e^{-j\theta}(1 - \Gamma^2)}{1 - \Gamma^2 e^{-j2\theta}}$	LSL	$Z_L/\Omega, \theta/^\circ$	
2		$y = j(50\Omega/Z_L) \tan(\theta)$	LPO	$Z_L/\Omega, \theta/^\circ$	
3		$y = (50\Omega/Z_L)/(j \tan(\theta))$	LPS	$Z_L/\Omega, \theta/^\circ$	
4		$s_{11} = -s_{22} = \frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 1}$ $s_{12} = s_{21} = \frac{2n}{n^2 + 1}$	TRA	n	
5		$z' = (j2\pi freq)/50\Omega$ $y' = (j2\pi freq) \cdot 50\Omega$	JOMEGALC	$freq/Hz$	variable JWL JWC

If we have an inductor with 1e-9 H then by tipping

” ALPHA ALPHA JWL Enter 1E9 +/- x “ we get the normalized impedance 0.127*i.

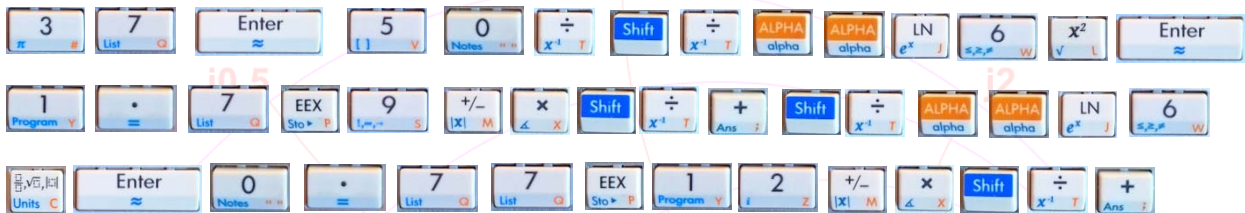
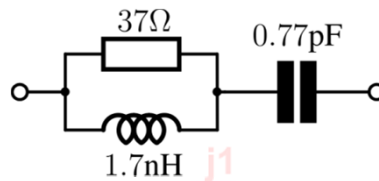
With keys Shift x^-1 results the normalized admittance -7.9577*i.



For a capacitor with the variable JWC at first you get the normalized admittance and then the impedance.

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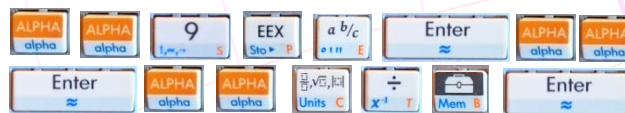
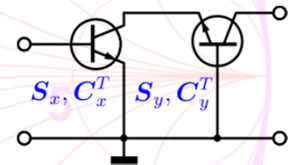
Here is a little combination from R, L and C. Resistors must be normalized with 50Ω.



$$z = 0.0569 - 3.9357i$$

At parallel circuits you can add admittances only as well as at series circuits impedances!

The inputs for models of ideal transmission lines are Z_L/Ω and angle/ $^\circ$. In Tab. 04 there are two sorts of programs, one mit first letter **N** or **S**. **N**.... computes signal and noise **S**.... signal only. We use the cascode circuit as an example. By using the program **STNP** in the variables are **SPE**, **SPB** and **CTE**, **CTB** the **S**- and noise wave matrices from the emitter and base circuit of the transistor respectively. In the cascode circuit the emitter circuit is the first, so we make the input



In stack are 1-4 **CTB**, **SPB**, **CTE**, **SPE**. Now we tipp



and the Prime calculate the cascode. On the screen we see the cascode **S**-matrix. This **S**-matrix and the **CT**-matrix are saved in the variables **RSP**, **RCT** too.

With **ALPHA** **ALPHA** **8** **()** **Units** **C** **÷** **Enter** (**RCT**) the **CT**-matrix comes in stack and with

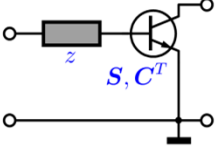
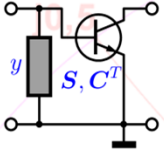
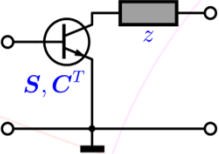
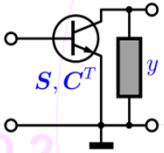
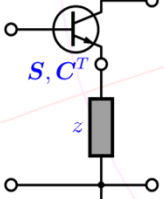
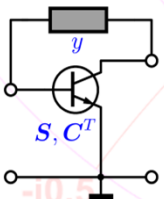
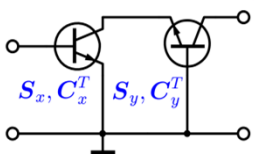


we see the cascode noise parameters

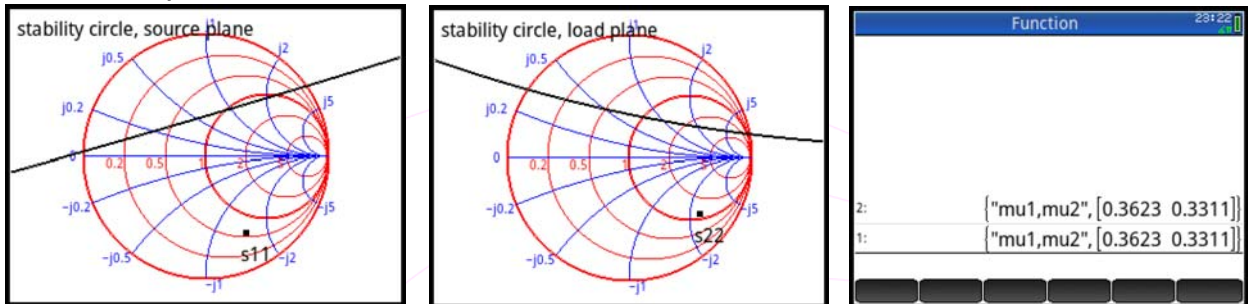
Function		21:40
4:	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.3305 - 0.6268i & 0.0300 + 0.0519i \\ -7.1445 + 8.7600i & 0.5833 - 0.4590i \end{bmatrix}$	
3:	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.0305 & 0.0238 - 0.0091i \\ 0.0238 + 0.0091i & 0.0437 \end{bmatrix}$	
2:	$\begin{bmatrix} -0.7792 + 0.0724i & -0.0009 + 0.0141i \\ 1.7681 - 0.2078i & 1.0019 - 0.0979i \end{bmatrix}$	
1:	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.0302 & 0.0243 - 0.0067i \\ 0.0243 + 0.0067i & 0.0438 \end{bmatrix}$	
NSC4		

Function		21:48
2:	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.6685 - 0.5064i & -0.0006 + 0.0001i \\ -10.1622 + 9.0827i & 1.0074 - 0.0865i \end{bmatrix}$	
1:	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.5515 & 6.1144 \\ 0.2578 & 0.3700 + 0.1428i \end{bmatrix}$	

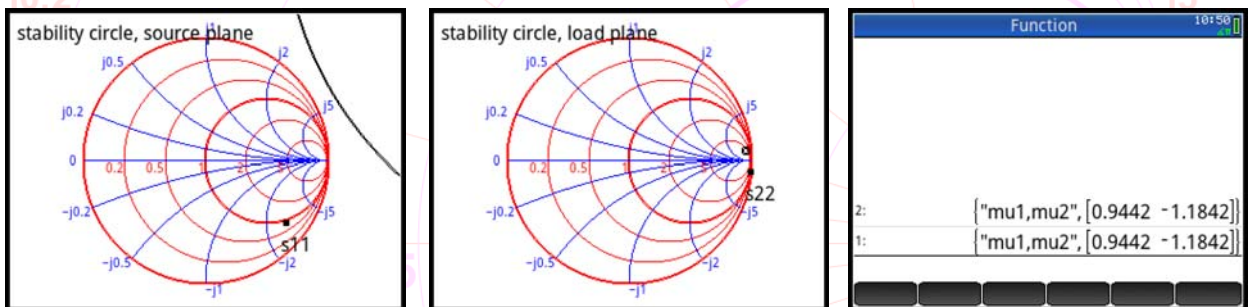
Tab. 04

	circuit	program	results in variables
1		$NSIZ(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{C}^T, z)$ $SSIZ(\mathbf{S}, z)$	RSP, RCT RSP
2		$NSIY(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{C}^T, y)$ $SSIY(\mathbf{S}, y)$	RSP, RCT RSP
3		$NSOZ(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{C}^T, z)$ $SSOZ(\mathbf{S}, z)$	RSP, RCT RSP
4		$NSOY(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{C}^T, y)$ $SSOY(\mathbf{S}, y)$	RSP, RCT RSP
5		$NSSZ(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{C}^T, z)$ $SSSZ(\mathbf{S}, z)$	RSP, RCT RSP
6		$NSPY(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{C}^T, y)$ $SSPY(\mathbf{S}, y)$	RSP, RCT RSP
7		$NSCS(\mathbf{S}_x, \mathbf{C}_x^T, \mathbf{S}_y, \mathbf{C}_y^T)$ $SSCS(\mathbf{S}_x, \mathbf{S}_y)$	RSP, RCT RSP

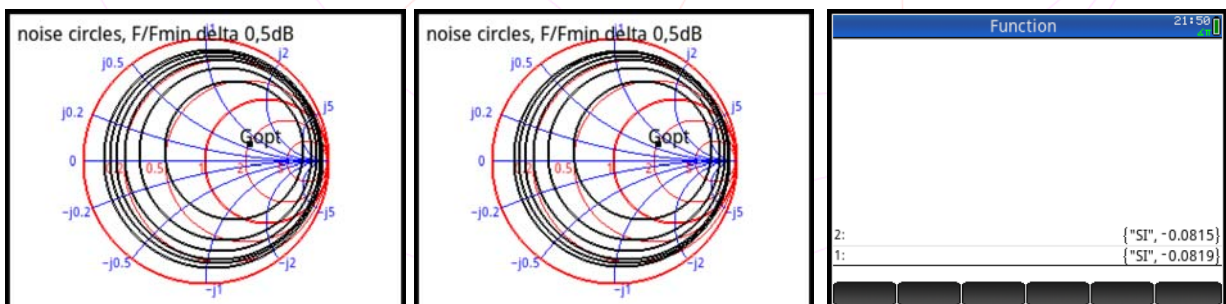
Now we will investigate the stability. For this we start with the emitter circuit, we bring with **SPE** | **ENTER** | the **S**-parameter in the stack and choose at first the program **SSKS** | **ENTER** | . We see the stability circle in the source plane. After press **ESC** the stability parameter μ_1 , μ_2 will be shown [3]. Similary we get with the program **SSKL** the stability in the load plane.



The stability circles cut the Smith chart. Because $|s_{11}| < 1$ and $|s_{22}| < 1$ the center of Smith chart is in the stable sector. As comparison we make the same procedure with the **S**-paramters of cascode circuit are as result in variable **RSP**.

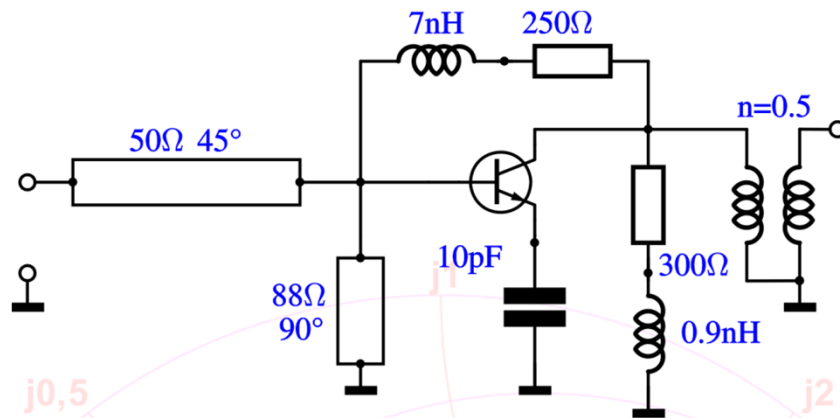


Now $|s_{11}| < 1$, so the center in the load plane is stable. The stability circle is very small in the closeness of open point. $|s_{22}| > 1$, we see no stability circle in the source plane. This circle is outside of the unit circle and the whole Smith chart for passive parts is not stable. With **NPE** | **ENTER** | **NCIR** | **ENTER** for emitter and **RCT** | **ENTER** | **NCNP** | **ENTER** | **NCIR** | **ENTER** similar for cascode results the program **NCIR** shows the

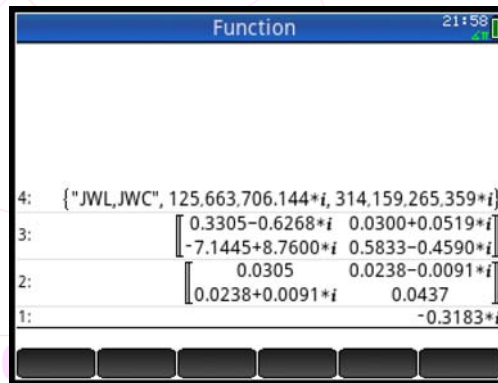


noise circles. There is no difference, but a noise matching at the cascode is inadvisable, because $|s_{22}| > 1$. After **ESC** you see on screen „**SI**“. The noise parameters must satisfy the Schwarz inequality $SI < 0$ [3].

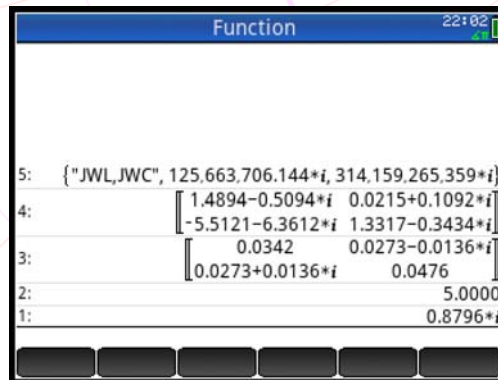
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The amplifier above should be an example for using the other programs. For safety we start with | 1E9 | ENTER | JOMEGALC | ENTER | SPE | ENTER | CTE | Enter | JWC | | 10E-12 | x | x⁻¹ |

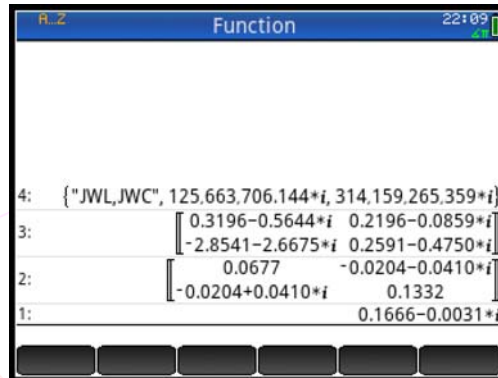


| NSSZ | ENTER | RCT | ENTER | 250 | ENTER | 50 | $\frac{\div}{x^{-1}}$ | JWL | ENTER | 7E-9 | x |

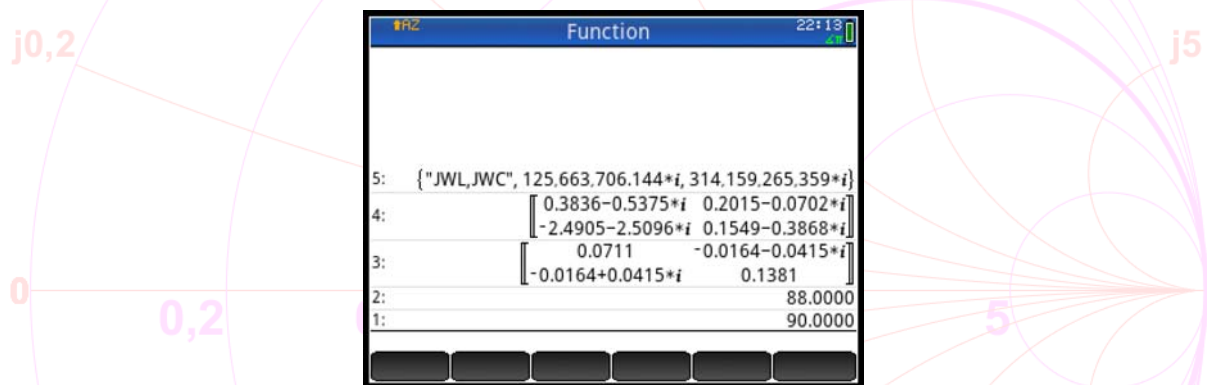


| + | x⁻¹ | NSPY | ENTER | RCT | ENTER |

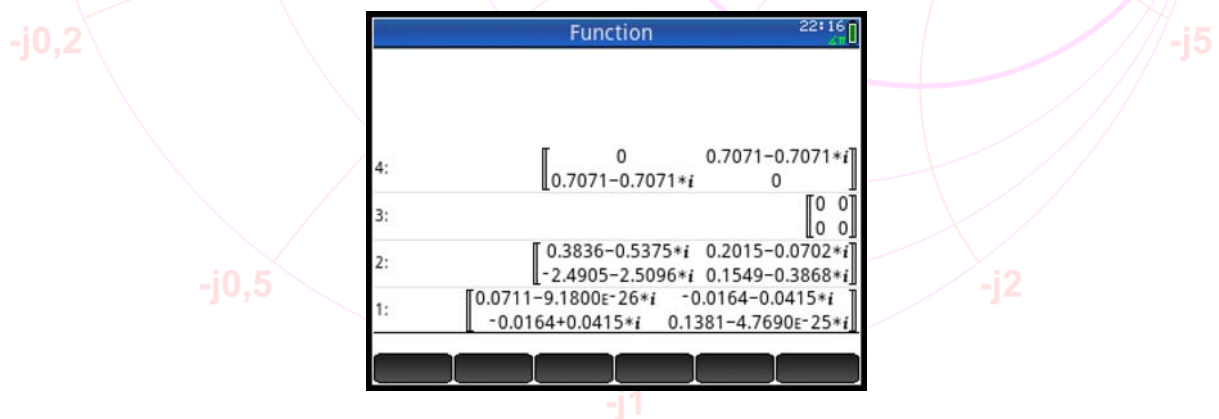
| 300 | ENTER | 50 |  | JWL | ENTER | .9E-9 | x | + | x^-1 |



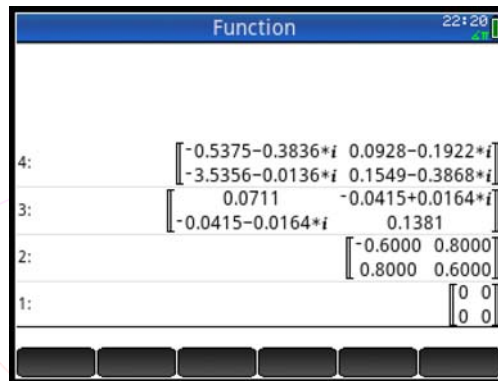
| NSOY | ENTER | RCT | ENTER | 88 | ENTER | 90 | ENTER |



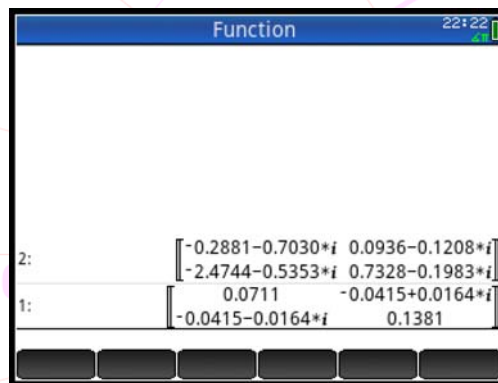
| LPS | ENTER | NSIY | ENTER |  | 50 | ENTER | 45 | ENTER | LSL | ENTER |
| CTO | ENTER | RSP | ENTER | RCT | ENTER |



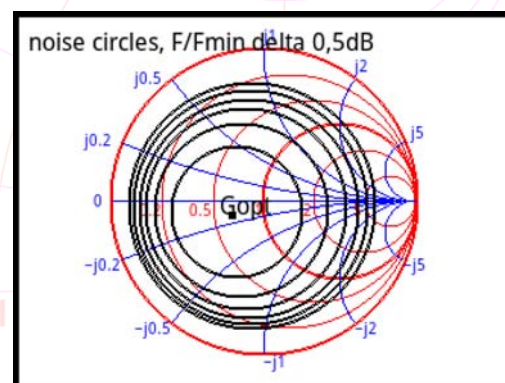
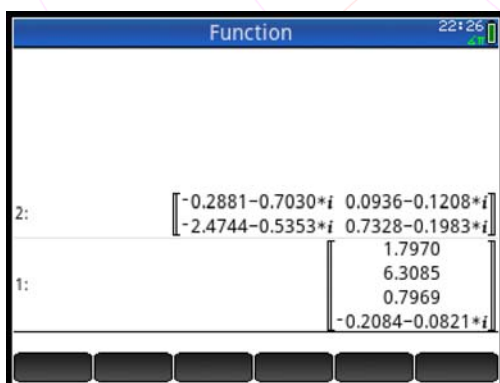
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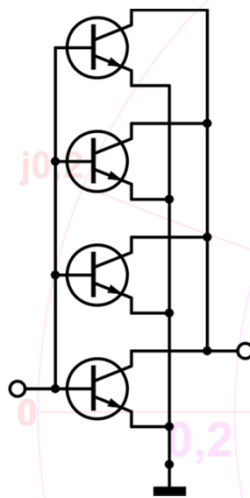
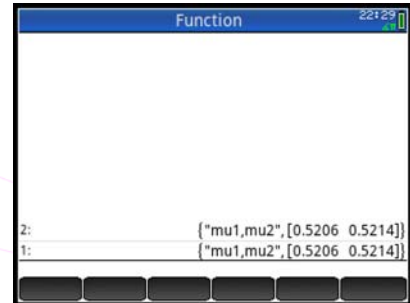
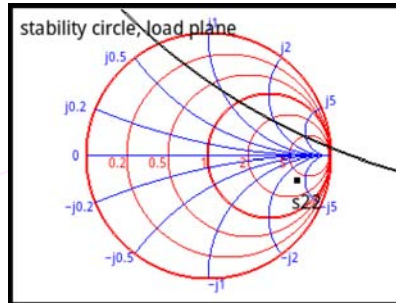
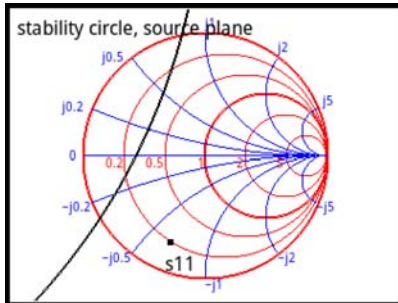
| NSCS | ENTER | RCT | ENTER |



Now we see in stack 2 the **S**- and stack 1 the **C^T**- matrix of the whole amplifier. With | NCNP | ENTER | we get the noise parameters and pressing | NCIR | ENTER | the noise circles with **SI** = -0.2444.



To show the stability circles we delete the screen, pressing
 | **RSP** | **ENTER** | **SSKS** | **ENTER** | for the source plan and then
 | **RSP** | **ENTER** | **SSKL** | **ENTER** | for the load plane



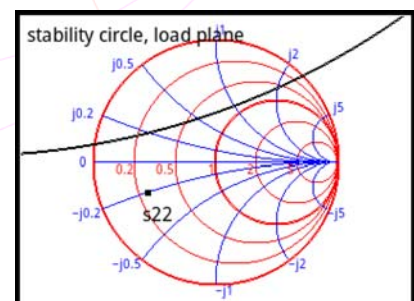
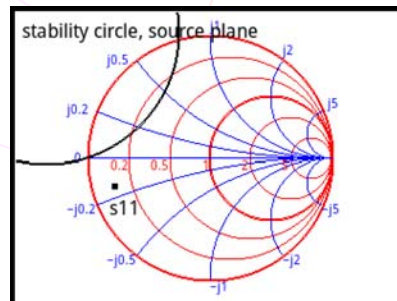
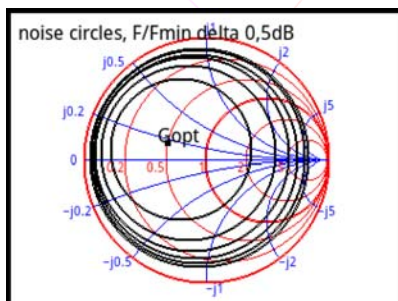
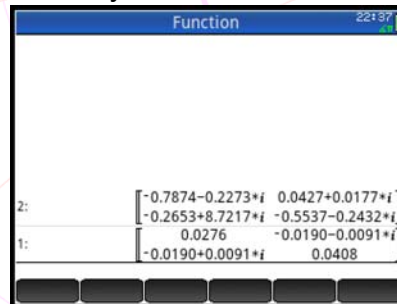
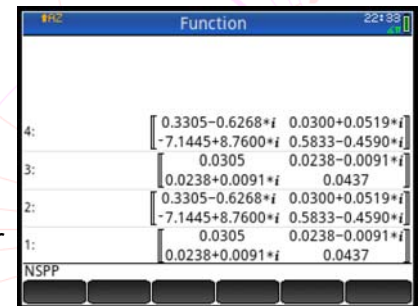
On the left side is a circuit with four transistors in parallel connection. This circuit can be compute by pressing keys in the following order

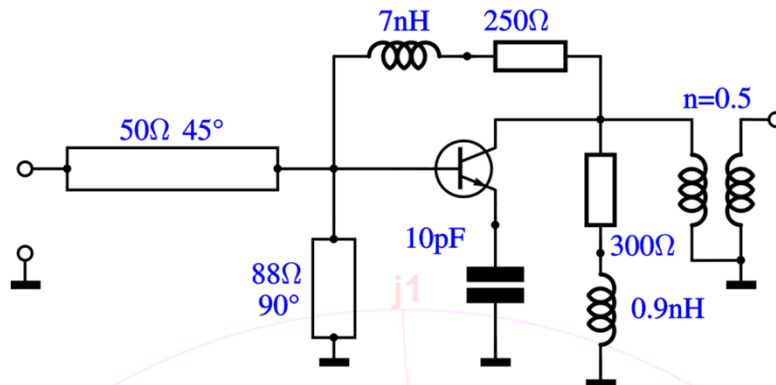
| **SPE** | **ENTER** | **CTE** | **ENTER** | **SPE** | **ENTER** | **CTE** | **ENTER** | **NSPP** | **ENTER** |. Now we have two transistors parallel. Then

| **RCT** | **ENTER** | **SPE** | **ENTER** | **CTE** | **ENTER** | **NSPP** | **Enter** | for three transistors and once more

| **RCT** | **ENTER** | **SPE** | **ENTER** | **CTE** | **ENTER** | **NSPP** | **Enter** | for four transistors. With | **RCT** | **ENTER** | **NCNP** |

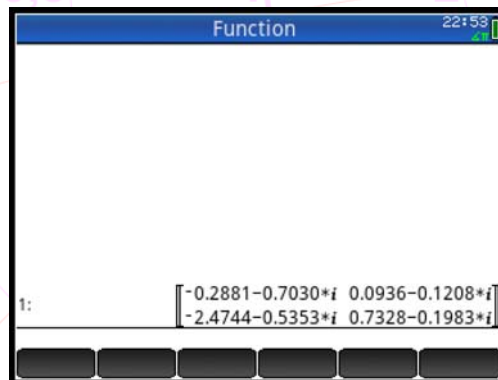
| **Enter** | **TRN** | **ENTER** | the noise parameter in transpose form will be shown, Here are the noise and stability circles.





If noise is not a point of interest, we use all programs with **S..** as first letter. For the amplifier we have the following order of pressing keys

1e9	**ENTER**	**JOMEGALC**	**ENTER**	**SPE**	**ENTER**	**JWC**	**ENTER**	10E-12	**x**				
x⁻¹	**SSSZ**	**ENTER**	250	**ENTER**	50	**÷**	**JWL**	**ENTER**	7E-9	**x**	+	**x⁻¹**	**SSPY**
ENTER	300	**ENTER**	50	**÷**	**JWL**	**ENTER**	.9E-9	**x**	+	**x⁻¹**	**SSOY**	**ENTER**	
0.5	**ENTER**	**TRA**	**ENTER**	**SSCS**	**ENTER**	88	**ENTER**	90	**ENTER**	**LPS**			
ENTER	**SSIY**	**ENTER**	**Del**	50	**ENTER**	45	**ENTER**	**LSL**	**ENTER**	**RSP**			
ENTER	**SSCS**	**ENTER**											



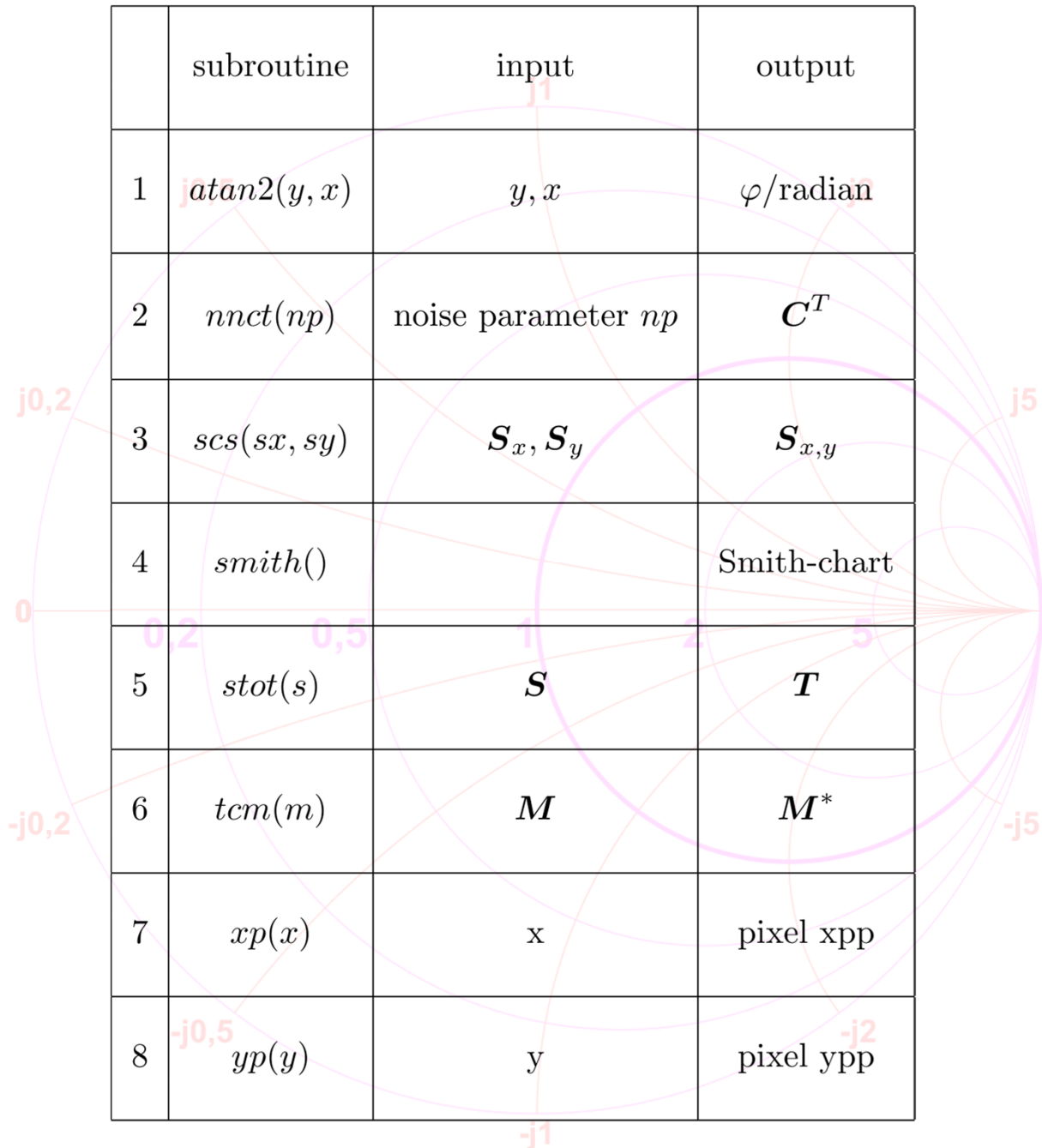
You can see, it is very simple, thanks RPN. Also, at series connection you must add impedances and at parallel one admittances. For separate input of S- or noise parameters you can use **SSPI** or **NNPI**.

I hope, this program collection will help you. For me it was a great pleasure using and programming the Prime calculator. At my study for sixty years I use sliding rule and table books. So times have changed.

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	subroutine	input	output
1	$\text{atan2}(y, x)$	y, x	φ/radian
2	$\text{nnct}(np)$	noise parameter np	C^T
3	$\text{scs}(sx, sy)$	S_x, S_y	$S_{x,y}$
4	$\text{smith}()$		Smith-chart
5	$\text{stot}(s)$	S	T
6	$\text{tcm}(m)$	M	M^*
7	$\text{xp}(x)$	x	pixel xpp
8	$\text{yp}(y)$	y	pixel ypp

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