
Appendix I: Time-Averaged SAR(TAS) Verification

1. Introduction

The DUT supports time-averaged SAR (TAS) technology for the WLAN transmitters. This TAS implementation does not monitor actual outpower level, instead it conservatively assumes the WLAN transmitters are operating at the maximum allowable output power for the averaging power calculation. Power levels in different bands with different operating states and power limits are not directly comparable so the TAS algorithm instead tracks the ratio of energy contribution relative to the available energy budget for each transmitter.

This resulting “utilization ratio” for particular WLAN transmitter can then be added to the utilization ratio for all other WLAN transmitters in the device over the same time period to derive the total WLAN system utilization ratio. Consistent with FCC guidance on compliance with time averaging exposure limits, the TAS implementation uses the total WLAN utilization ratio over a nominal 60 second time window to manage the transmitter power level and ensure that the DUT does not exceed the average power levels documented in the SAR report.

To validate the proper functioning of the time-average algorithm of this device, the following test scenarios were performed. These scenarios define the operation of the algorithm in all operational states:

1. Change in Antenna
2. Change in Band/Channel
3. Change in Device State

Predefined transmit profiles for each test scenario were created in test automation software to control the operation of the DUT while synchronized operation data was recorded from internal firmware and external power monitors. The data was plotted over time relative to the utilization limit to demonstrate that the maximum time-averaged power was never exceeded. Internally reported power values were captured via DUT firmware while conducted power was measured directly from the DUT antenna ports. These are referred to as Reported and Measured, respectively, in the test plots. The DUT WLAN chipset applies a 1.5 dB uncertainty budget to all power control functions.

Test scenarios were agreed upon with the FCC via KDB inquiry.

2. Verification Test Results

2.1. Scenario 1: Change in Antenna Test Case

The evaluation in Figure 1 and Figure 2 shows switching between antennas on the 2.4GHz band at $Time=120s$. The test automation is controlling the WLAN radios to operate at 100% duty cycle. Figure 1 shows that the utilization ratio never exceeds 100% and Figure 2 shows that the average transmit power never exceeds the average P_{lim} .

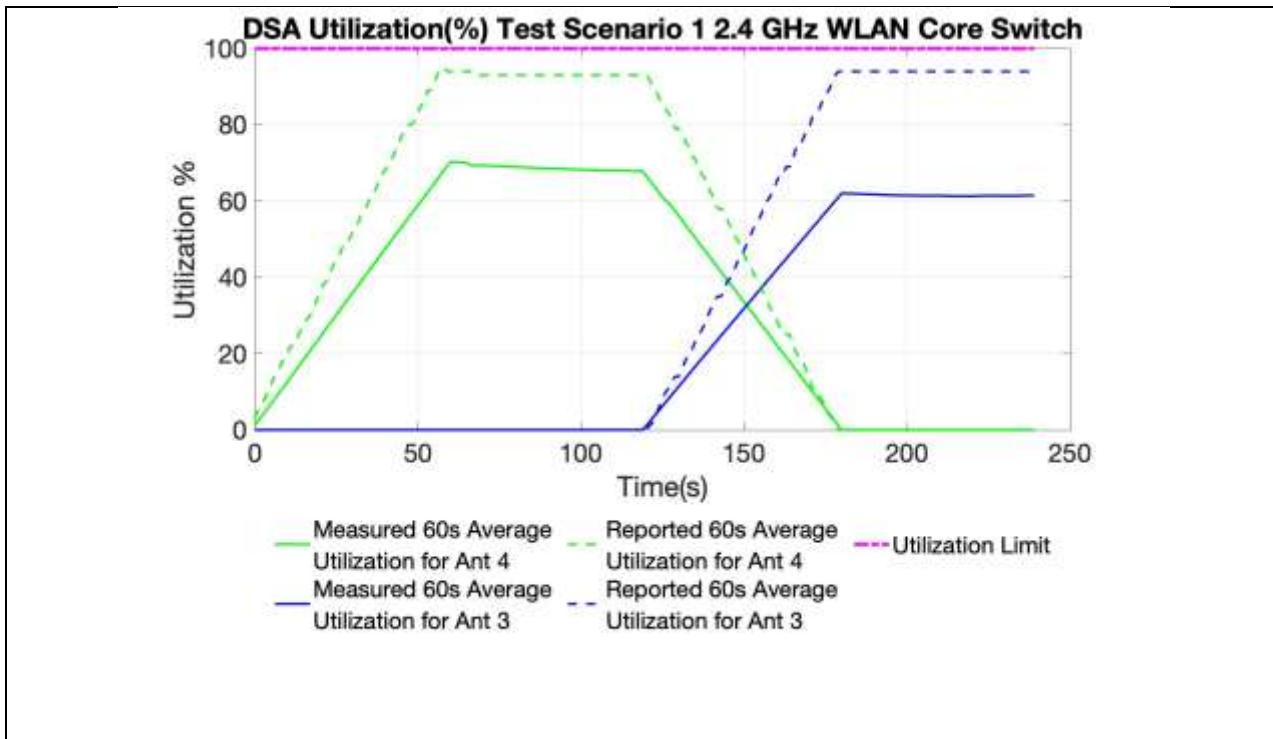


Figure 1
60 Second Aggregated SAR Utilization vs Time, 2.4GHz

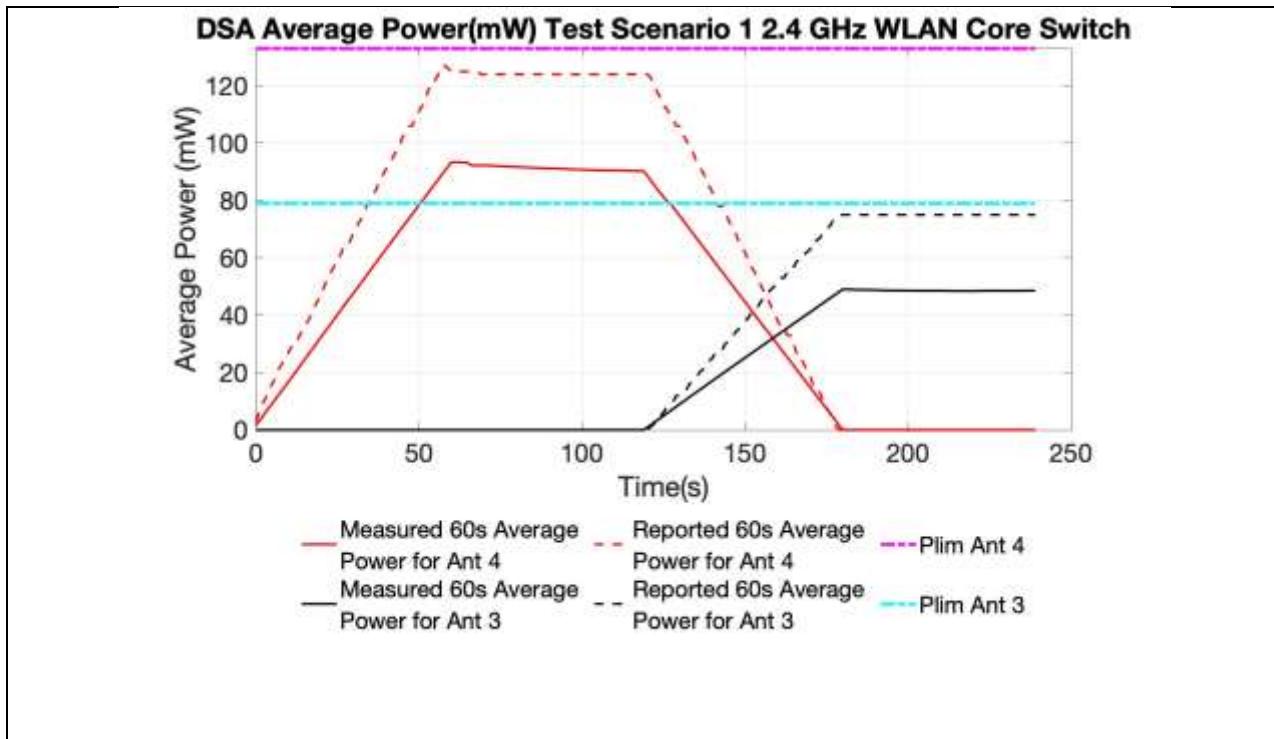


Figure 2
60 Second Average Power vs Time, 2.4GHz

The evaluation in Figure 3 and Figure 4 shows switching between antennas on the 5GHz band at $Time=120s$. The test automation is controlling the WLAN radios to operate at 100% duty cycle. Figure 3 shows that the utilization ratio never exceeds 100% and Figure 4 shows that the average transmit power never exceeds the average P_{lim} .

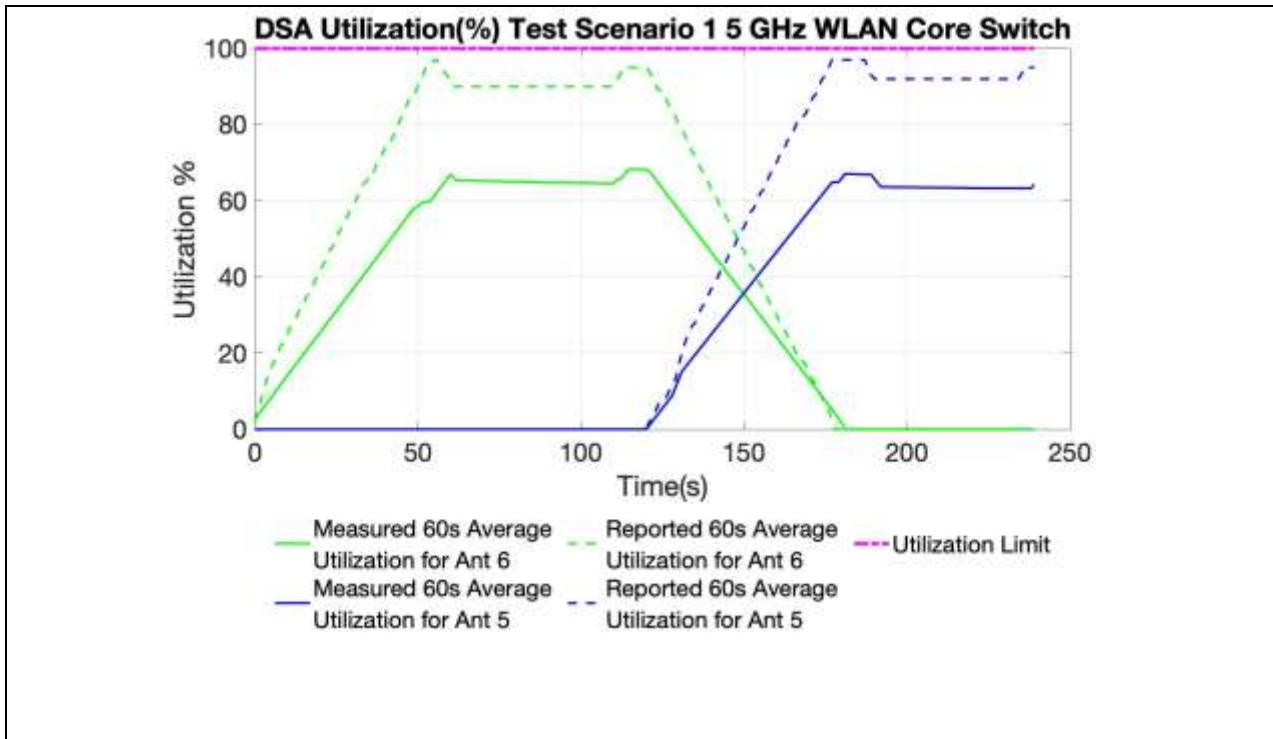


Figure 3
60 Second Aggregated SAR Utilization vs Time, 5GHz

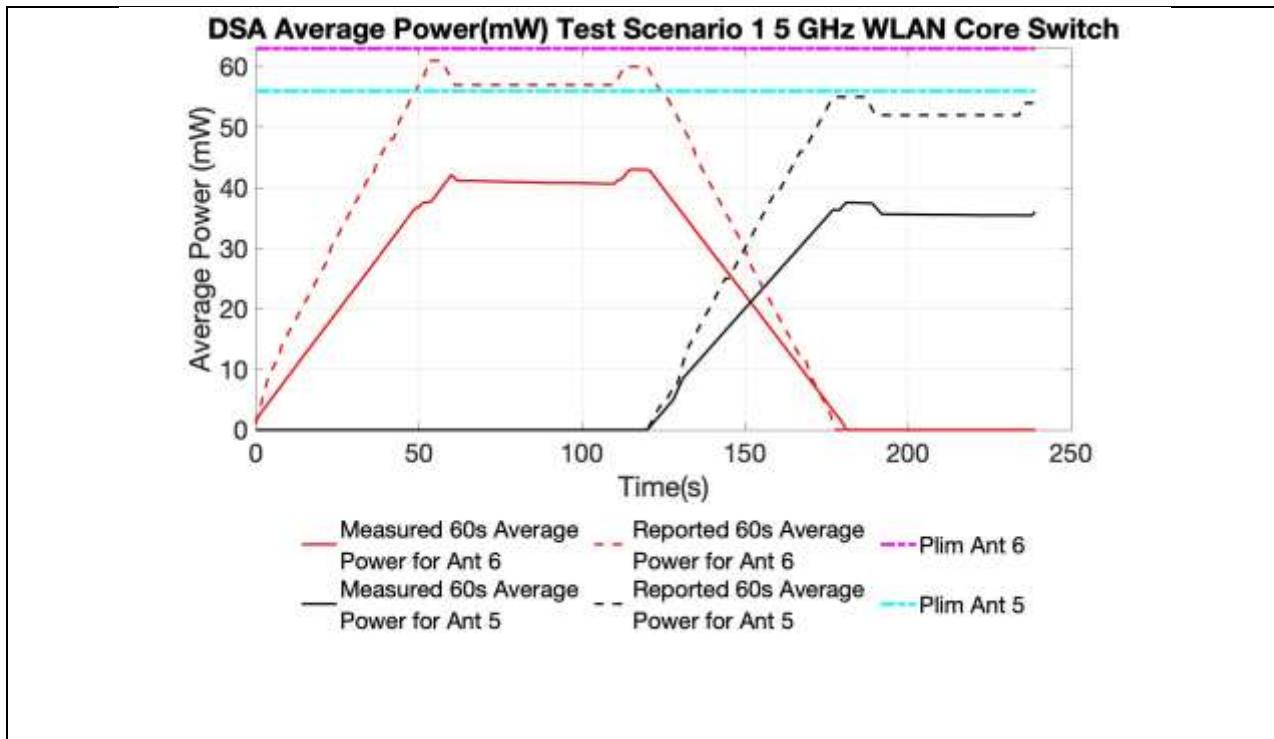


Figure 4
60 Second Average Power vs Time, 5GHz

2.2. Scenario 2: Change in Channel/Band Test Case

The evaluation in Figure 5 and Figure 6 shows switching between 2.4GHz and 5GHz bands at $Time=120s$. The test automation is controlling the WLAN radios to operate at 100% duty cycle. Figure 5 shows that the utilization ratio never exceeds 100% and Figure 6 shows that the average transmit power never exceeds the average P_{lim} .

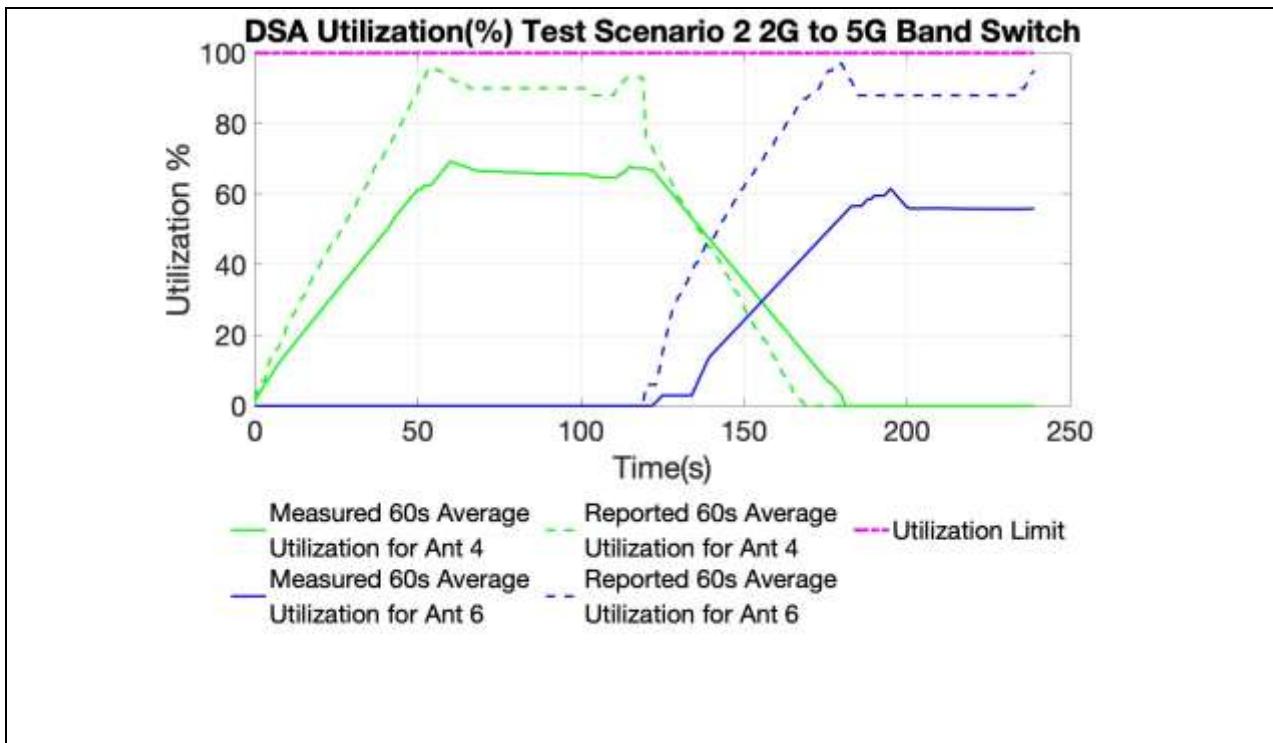


Figure 5
60 Second Aggregated SAR Utilization vs Time during Band Switch

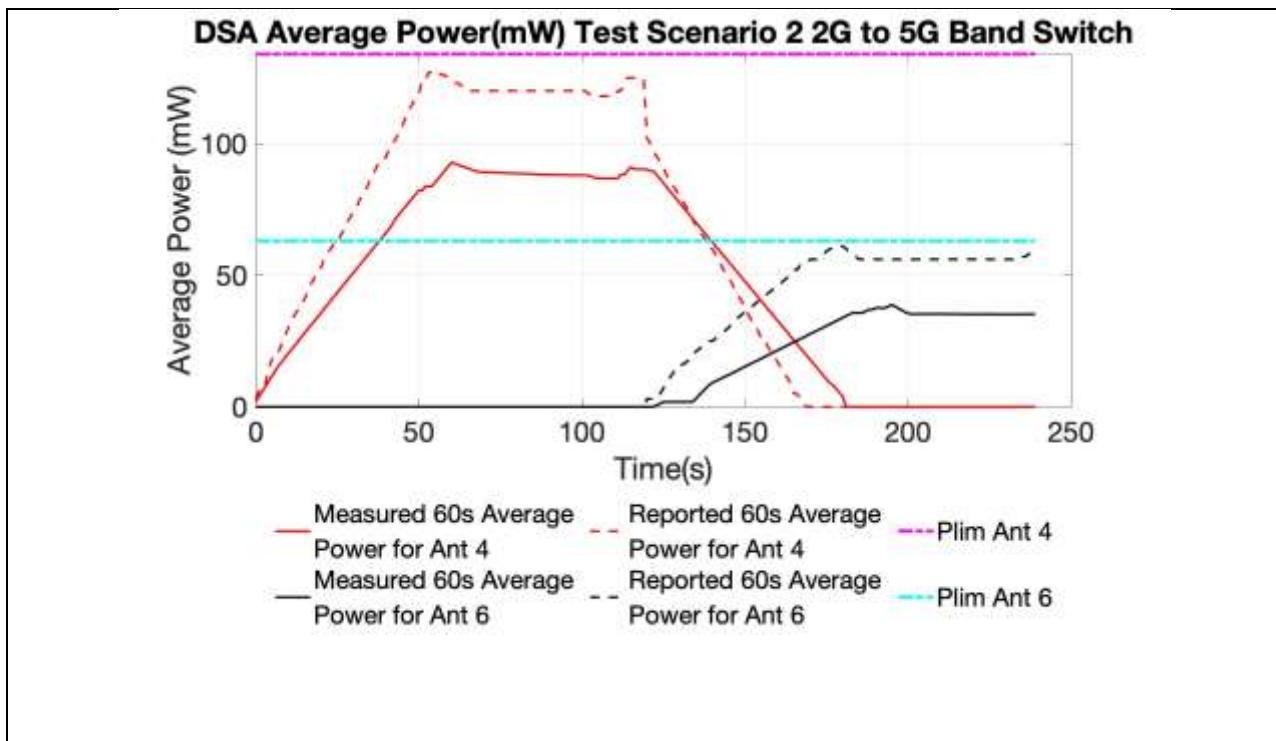


Figure 6
60 Second Average Power vs Time during Band Switch

2.3. Scenario 3: Change in Device State Test Case

The evaluation in Figure 7 and Figure 8 shows switching between Cell on and Cell off in the 2.4GHz band at $Time=120s$. The test automation is controlling the WLAN radios to operate at 100% duty cycle. Figure 7 shows that the utilization ratio never exceeds 100% and Figure 8 shows that the average transmit power never exceeds the average P_{lim} .

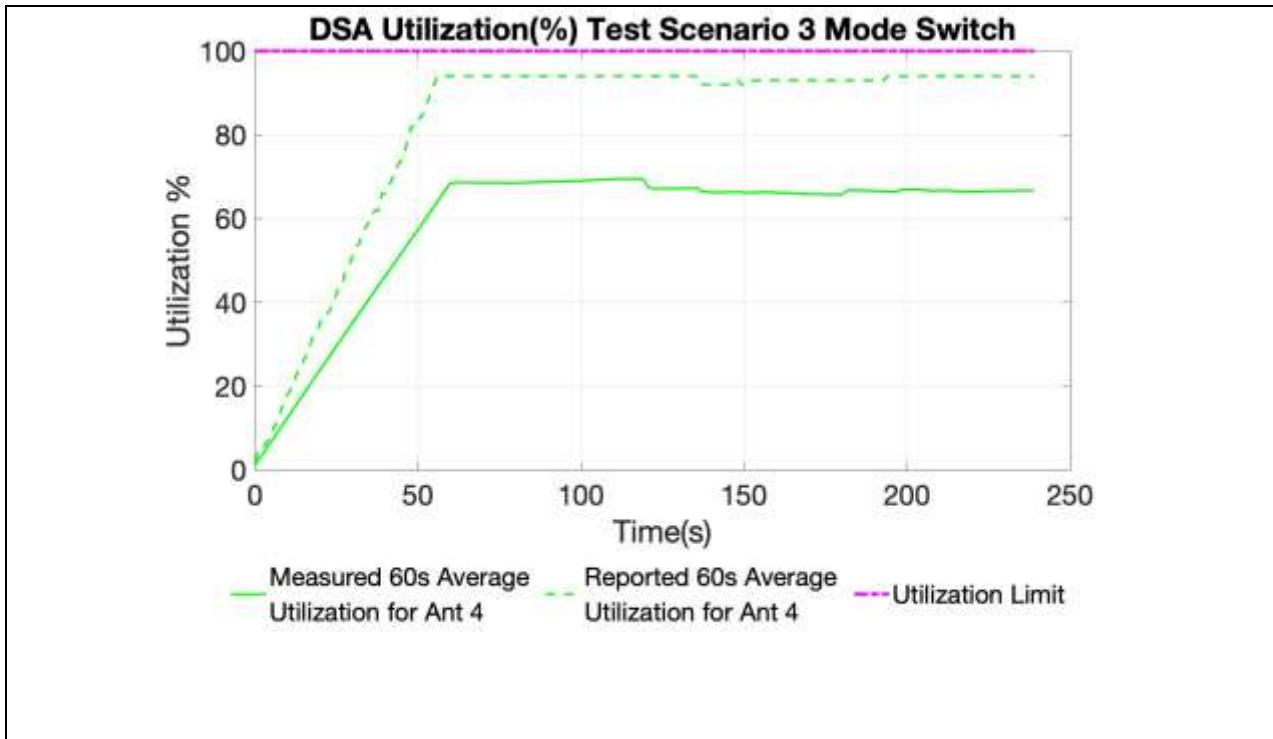


Figure 7
60 Second Aggregated SAR Utilization vs Time during Mode Switch

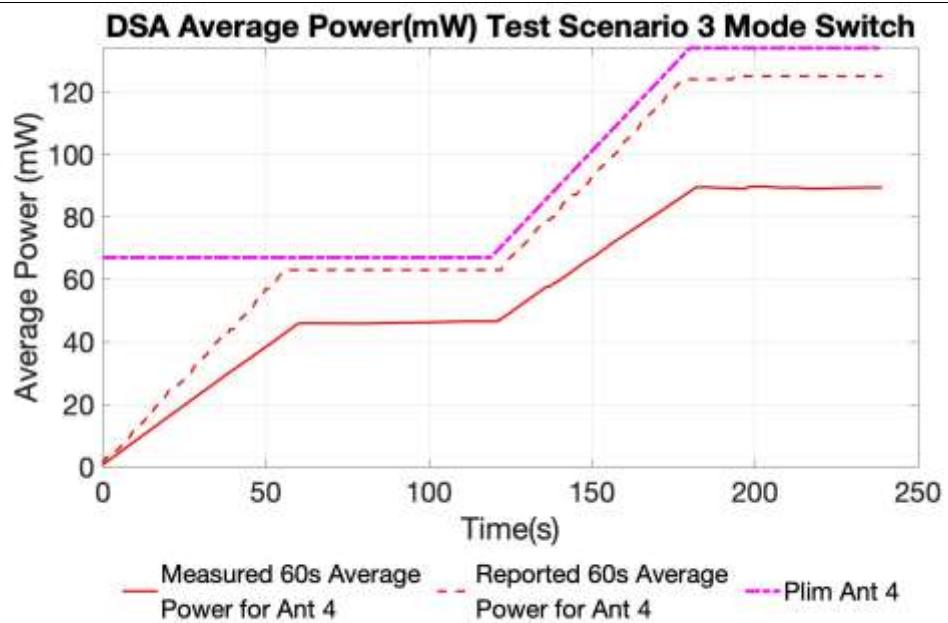


Figure 8
60 Second Average Power vs Time during Mode Switch