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## INTRODUCTION

$$Z_{target} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta I}$$

Tolerable voltage noise

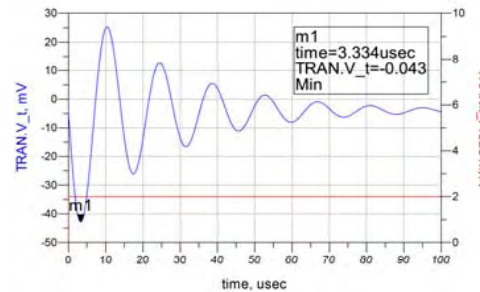
Expected current noise

$$\Delta V_{target} = Z_{target} \cdot \Delta I$$



### Step

$$\Delta V = \Delta I \cdot \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \cdot e^{\frac{-\pi}{4Q}} = 39mVpk$$

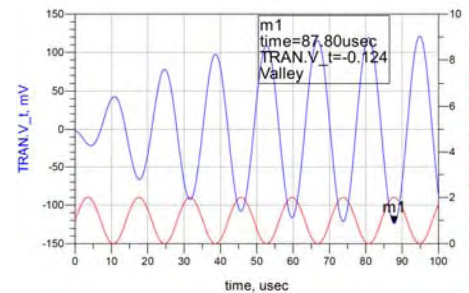


$$\Delta I = 2Amps$$

$$\Delta V = 39mVpk$$

### Resonant Sine

$$\Delta V = \Delta I \cdot \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \cdot \frac{Q}{2} = 123mVpk$$

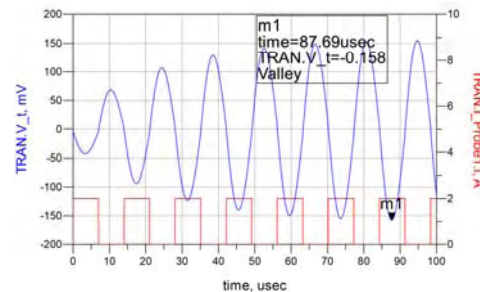


$$\Delta I = 2Amps$$

$$\Delta V = 123mVpk$$

### Resonant Square

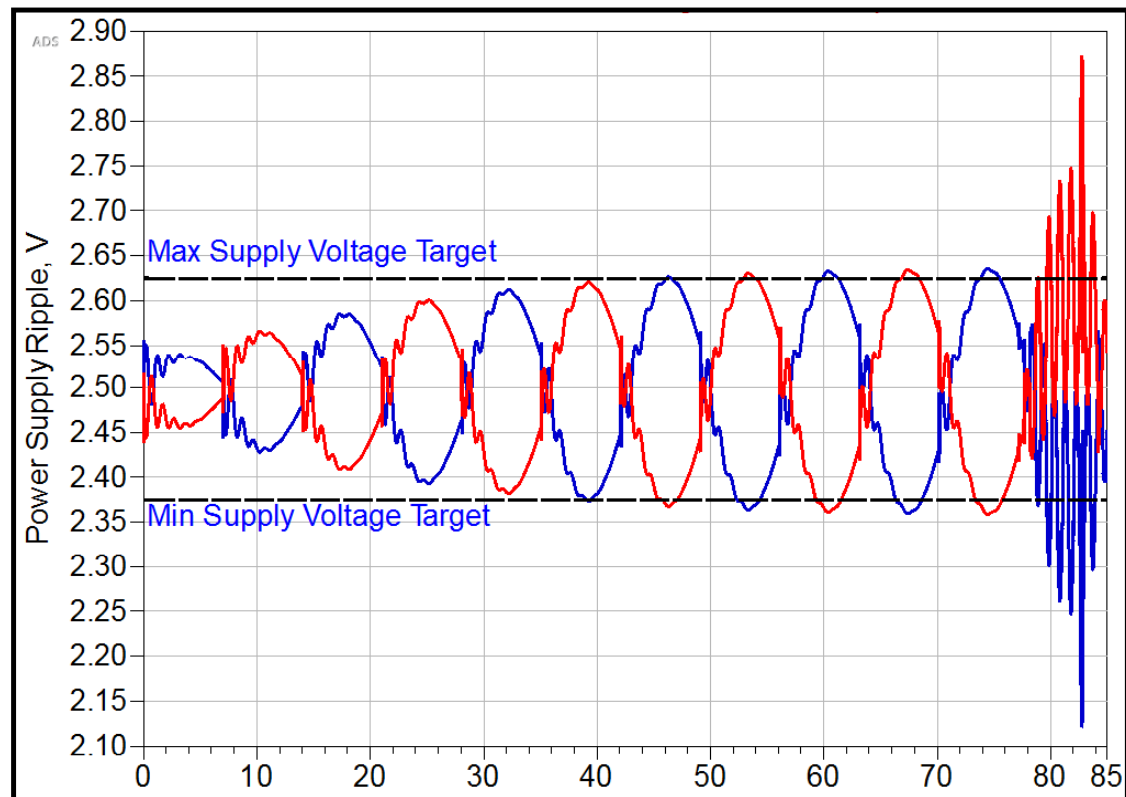
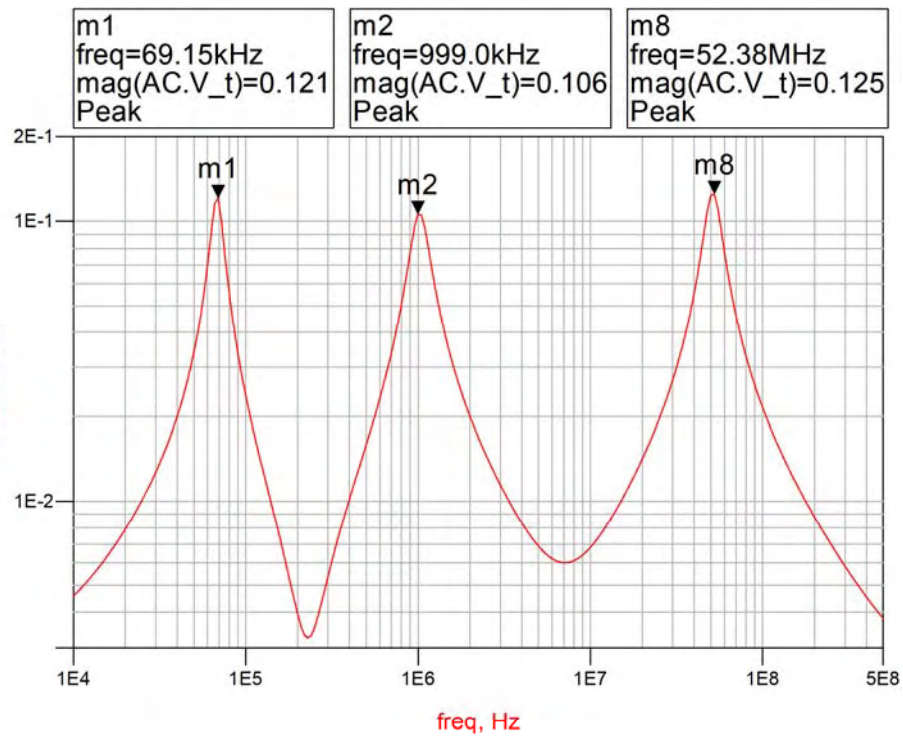
$$\Delta V = \Delta I \cdot \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \cdot \frac{2Q}{\pi} = 157mVpk$$



$$\Delta I = 2Amps$$

$$\Delta V = 157mVpk$$





$$\Delta V_{target} \approx \Delta I \cdot \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{0}^n Z_i$$

# CHAPTER 1: MANAGING NOISE

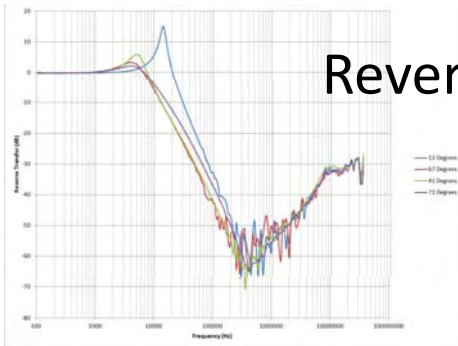
**Table 1. Example  $V_{CC}$  Core Voltage Power Supply Operating Conditions <sup>(1)</sup>**

Symbol	Description	Condition	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Unit
$V_{CC}$	Core voltage and periphery circuitry power supply (C1, C2, and 12 speed grades)	—	0.87	0.90	0.93	V
	Core voltage and periphery circuitry power supplier (C2L, C3, C4, I2L, 13, 13L, and 14 speed grades)	—	0.82	0.85	0.88	V

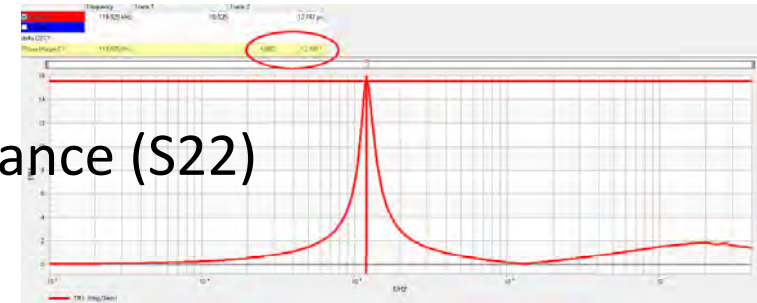
$$Z_{target} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta I} = \frac{30mV}{50\% \cdot I_{max}}$$

# CHAPTER 2: MULTIPLE NOISE PATHS

Reverse (S12)



Output Impedance (S22)

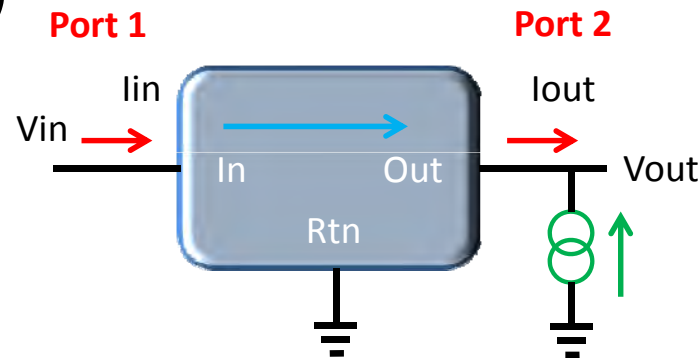
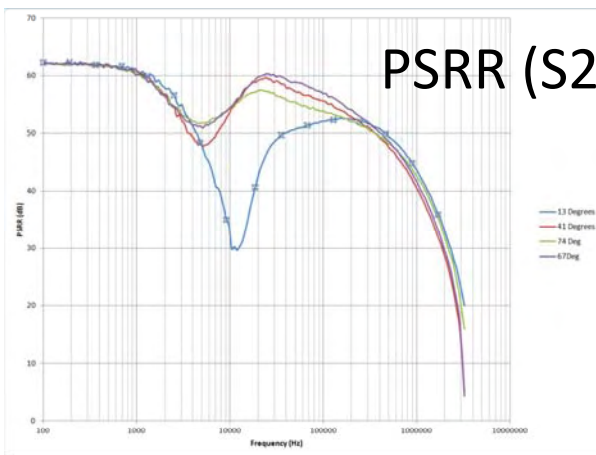


Output noise/spikes (S22)



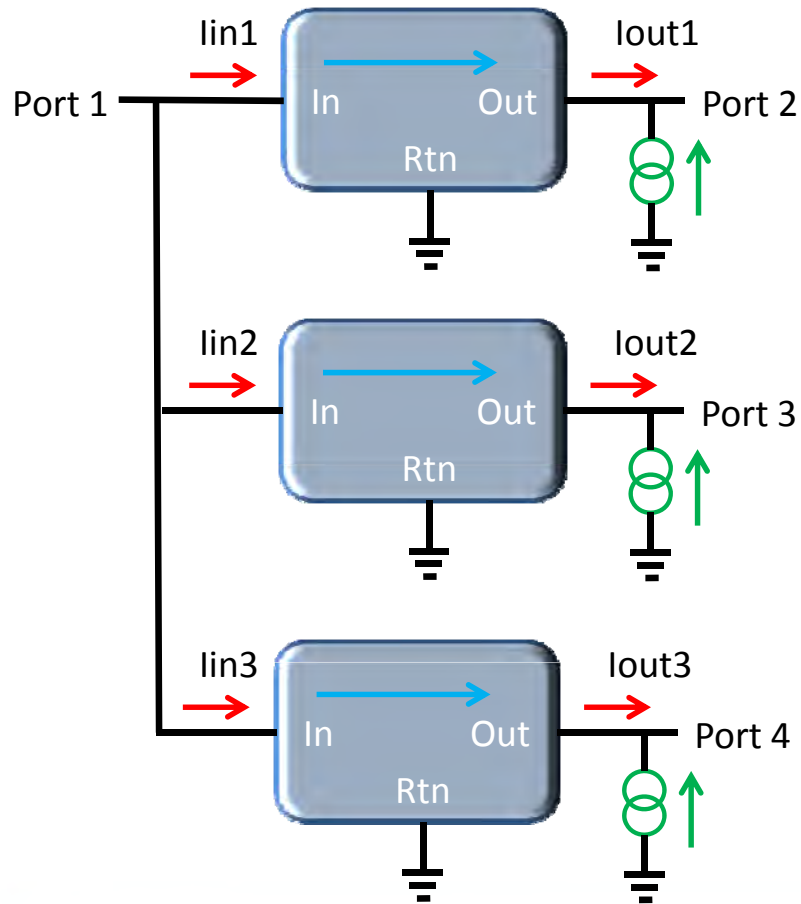
Input impedance (S11)

PSRR (S21)



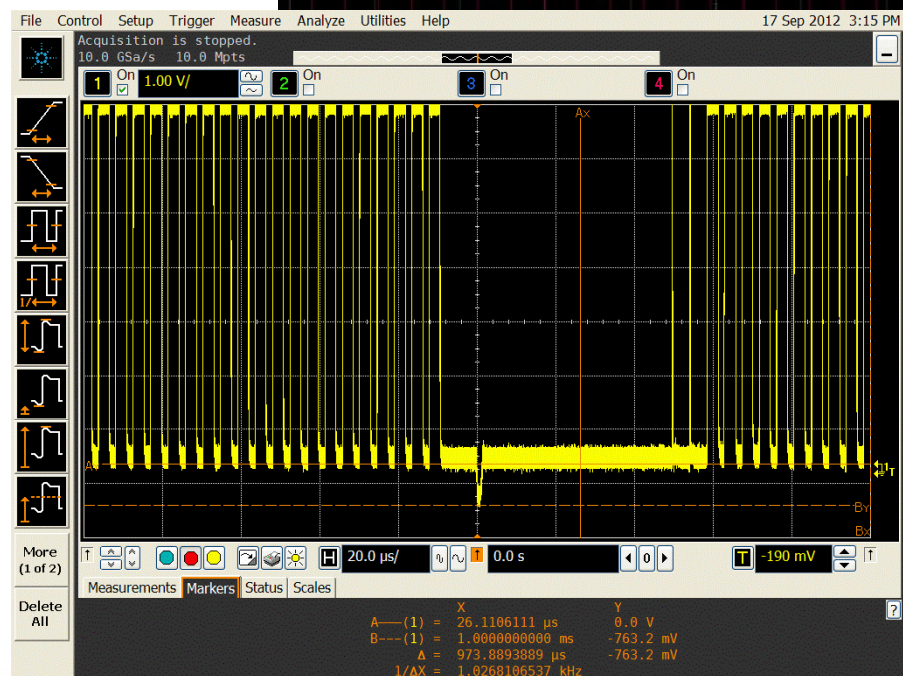
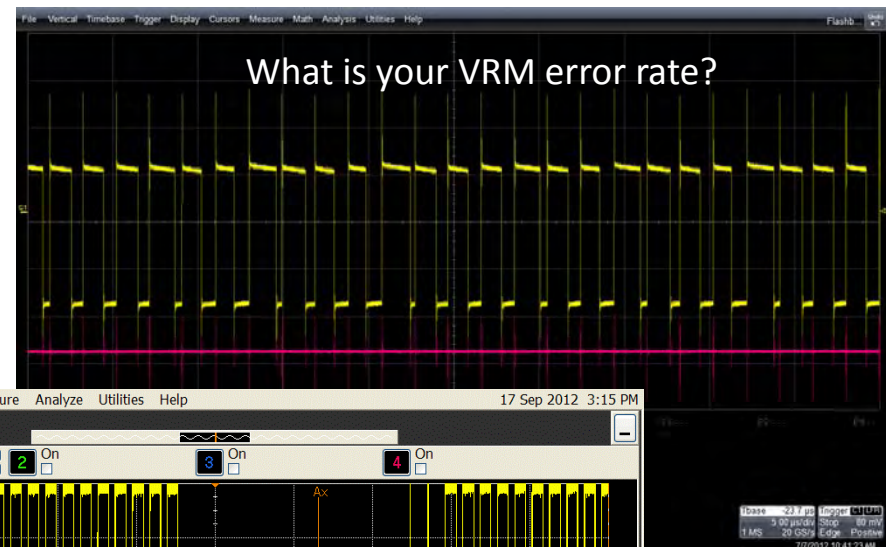
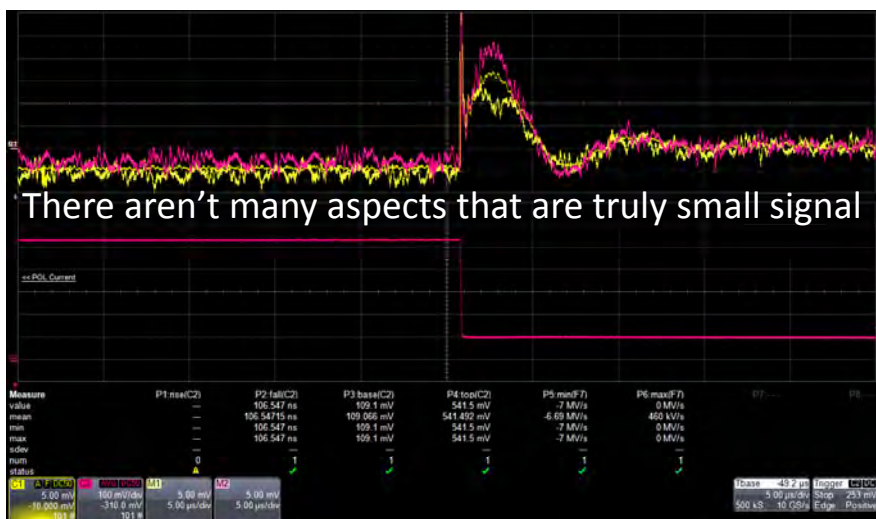
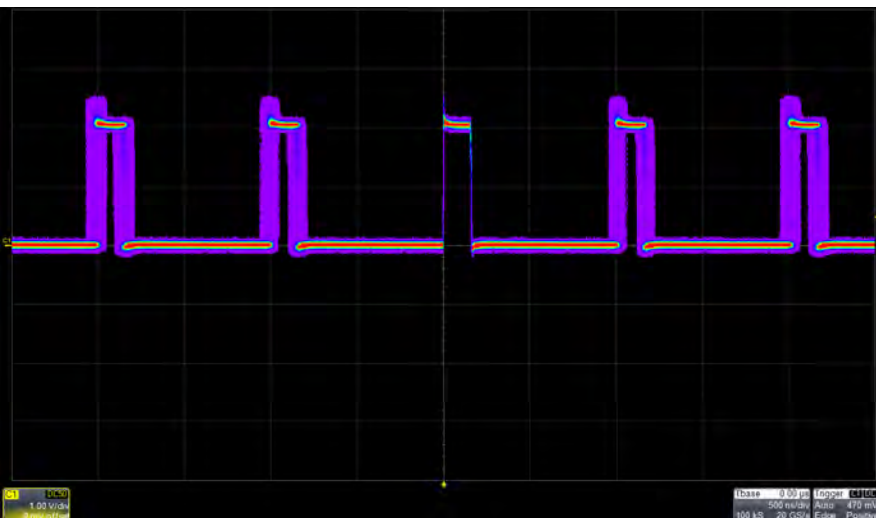


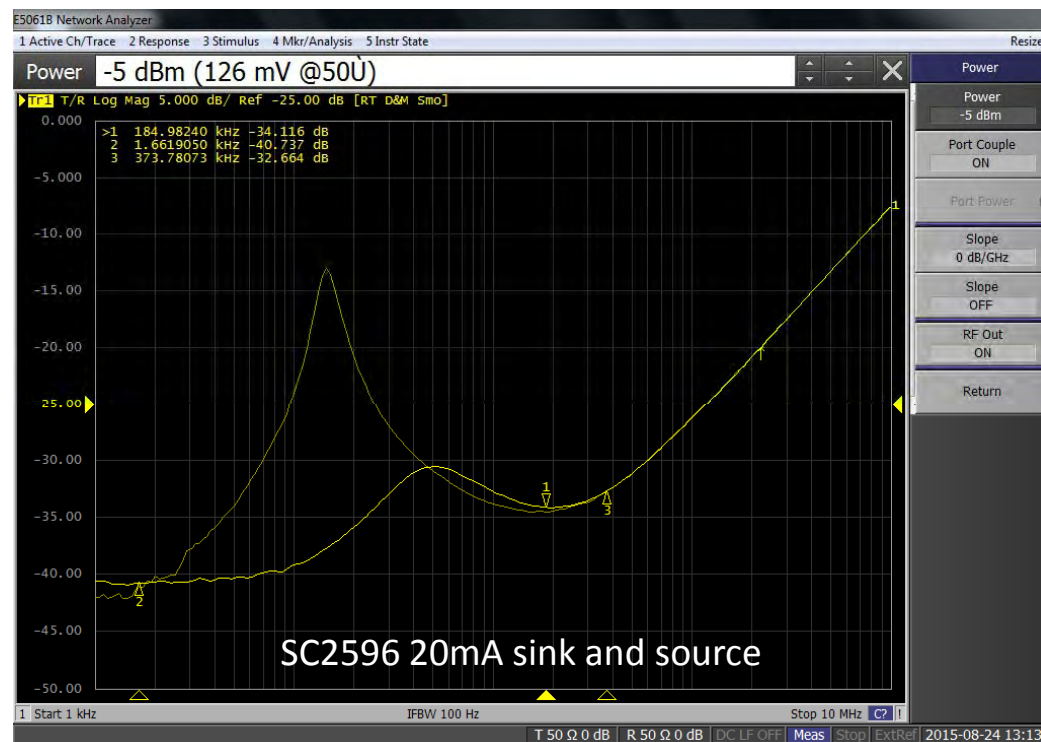
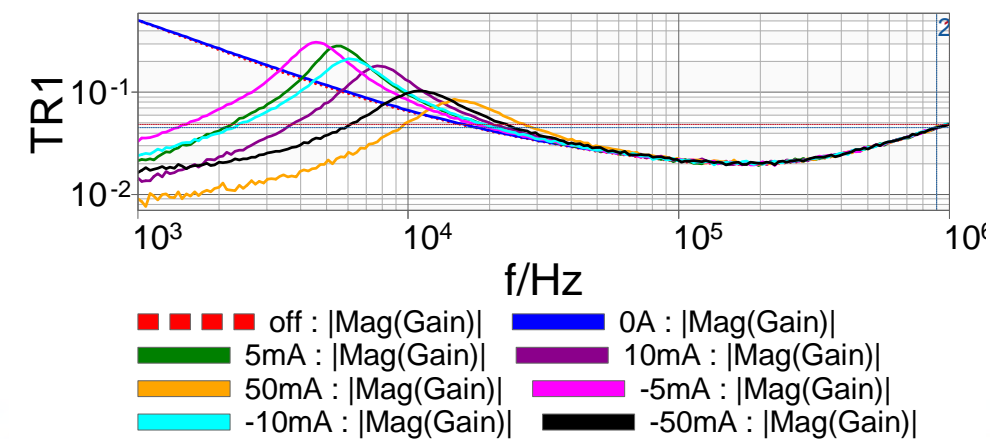
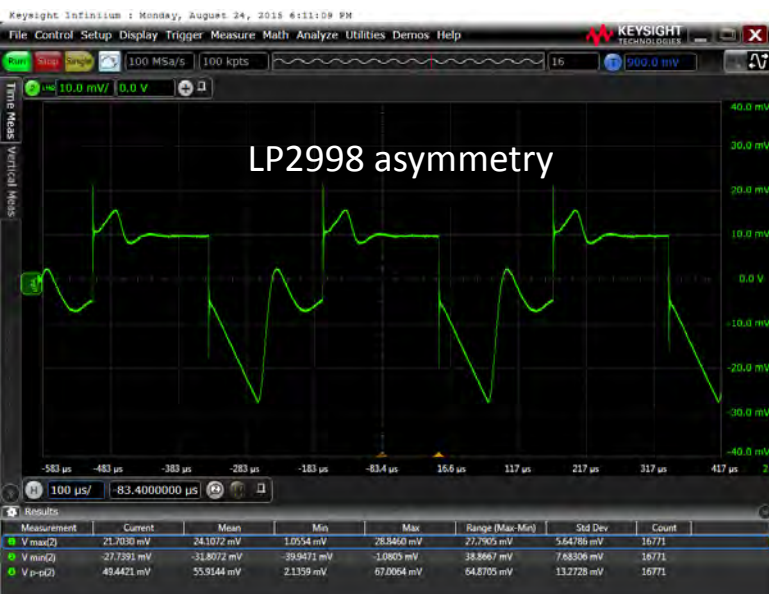
# OBVIOUS PATHS THROUGH MULTIPLE VRM'S



S11	S21	S31	S41
S12	S22	S32	S42
S13	S23	S33	S43
S14	S24	S34	S44







And as these DDR termination regulator measurements show, performance isn't always symmetrical or small signal

$$\Delta V \approx \Delta I_f \cdot \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{f=0}^{\infty} Z_f + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} V_n$$

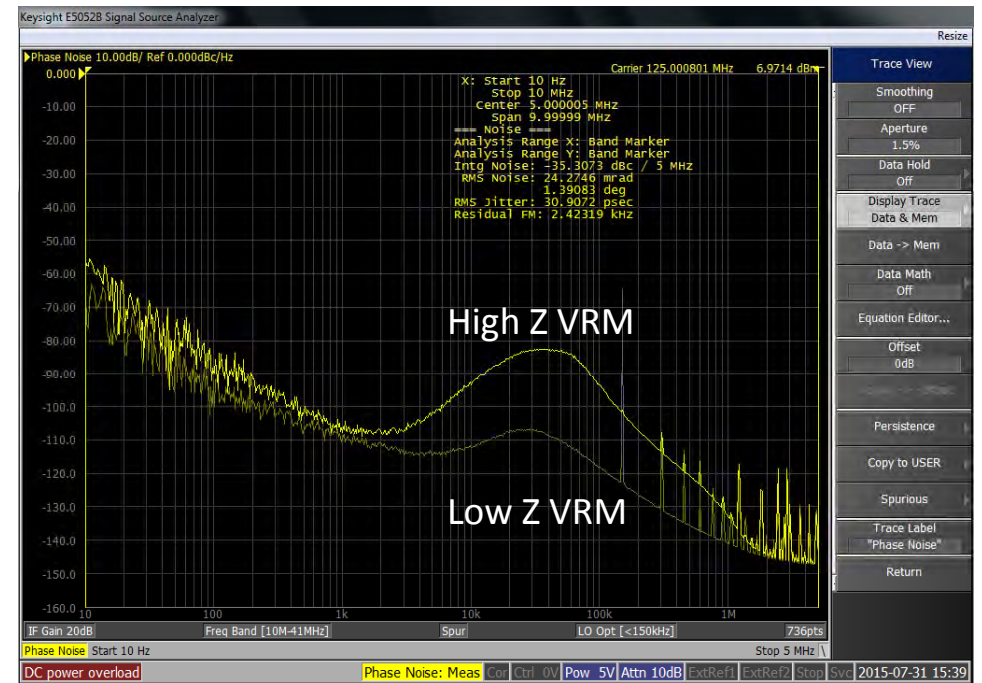
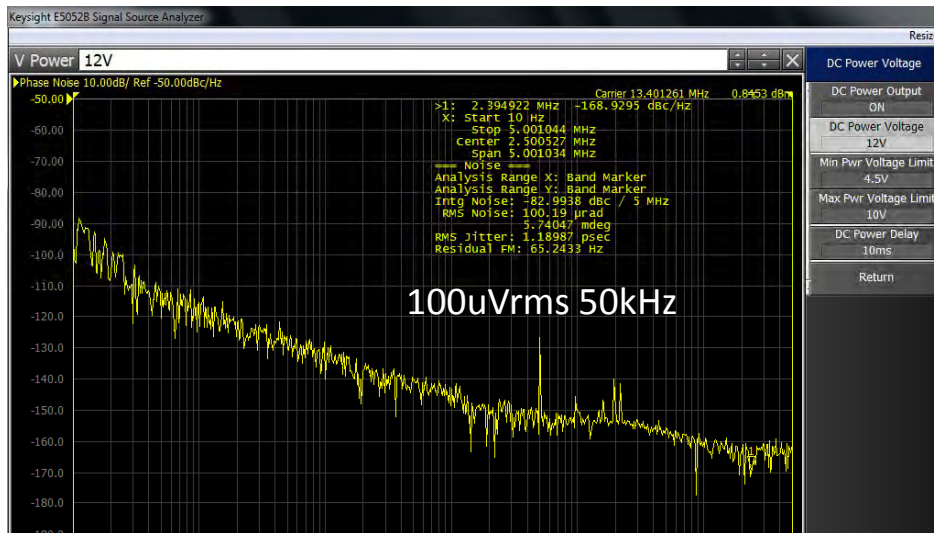
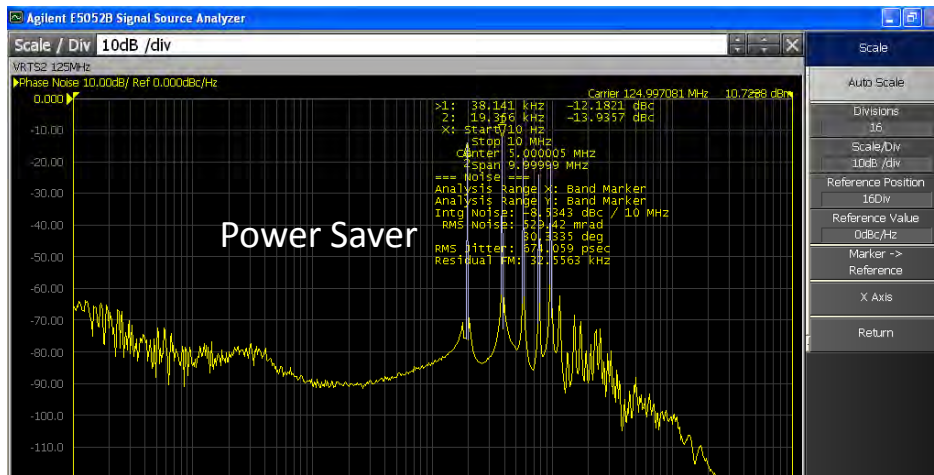
$n$  is inclusive of all the noise terms that we have spoken about (and some we may have missed):

- Internal ripple and noise
- Frequency modulation noise
- Duty cycle modulation noise
- Large signal transients
- Intentional and unintentional Glitches (lightning, engine crank, fuse blow)
- Fault recoveries (soft-start is generally not functional)
- Turn-on overshoot
- Initial, temperature and age (and in some cases radiation) tolerance

$$\Delta I_f \cdot \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{f=0}^{\infty} Z_f \approx \Delta V - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} V_n$$

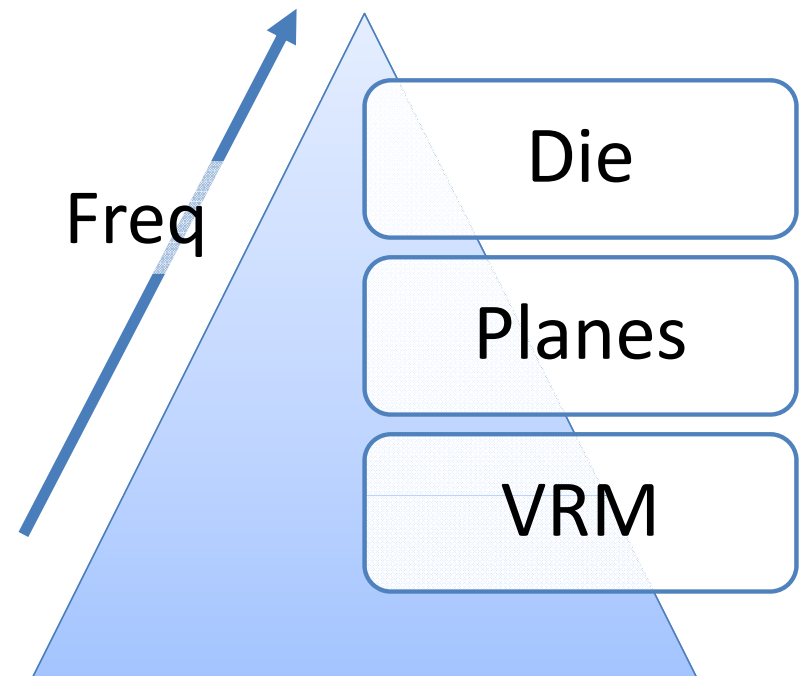






## CHAPTER 3 – BUDGETING FOR $\Delta V$

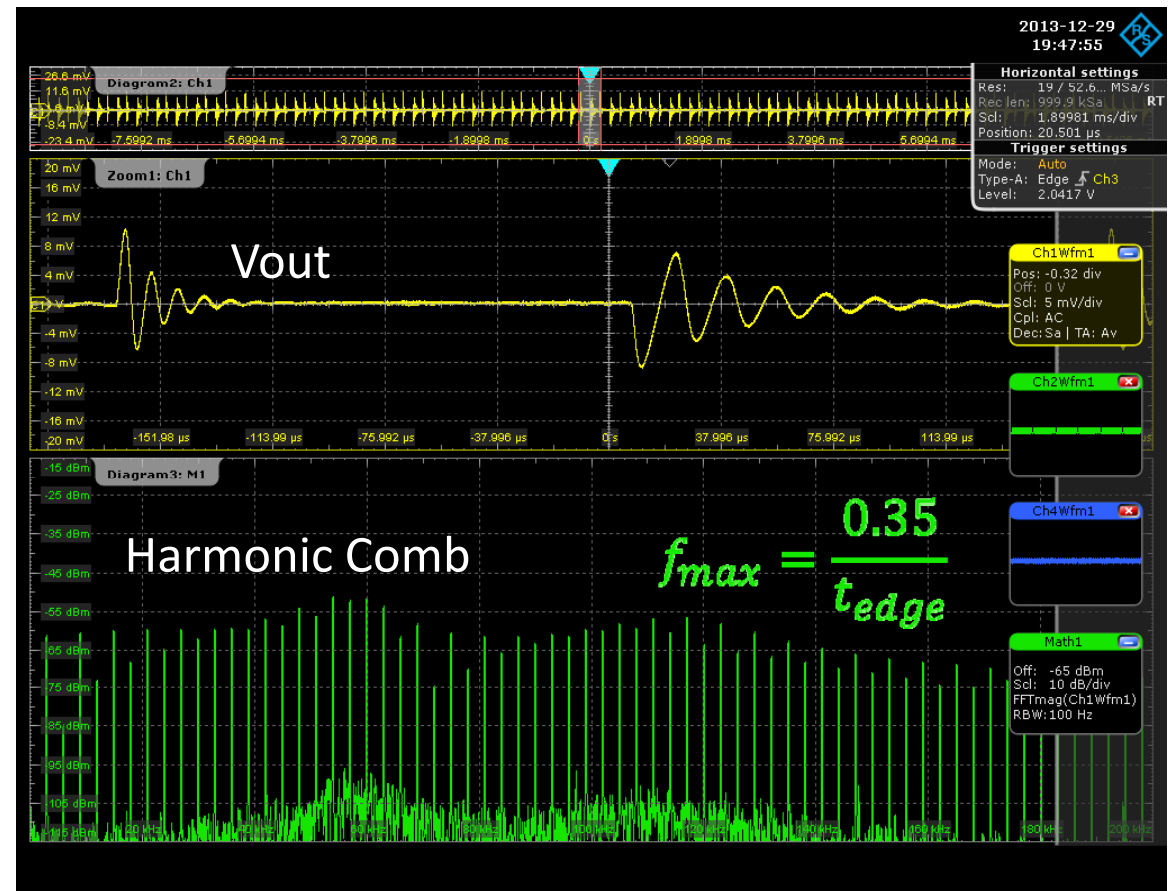
## CHAPTER 4 – LOW FREQUENCIES SCARE ME

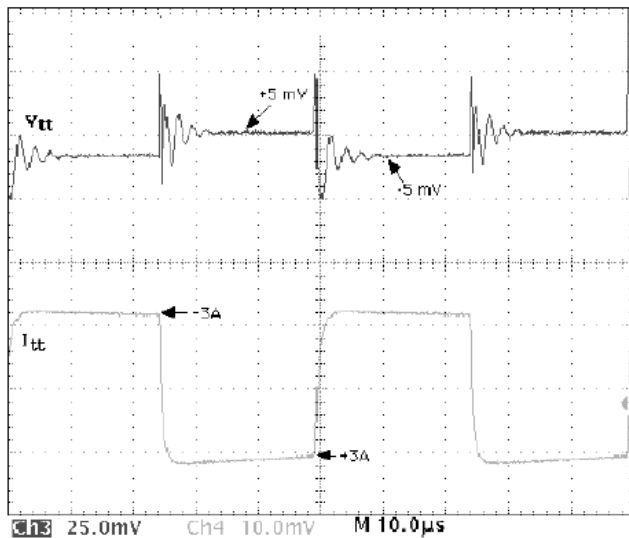
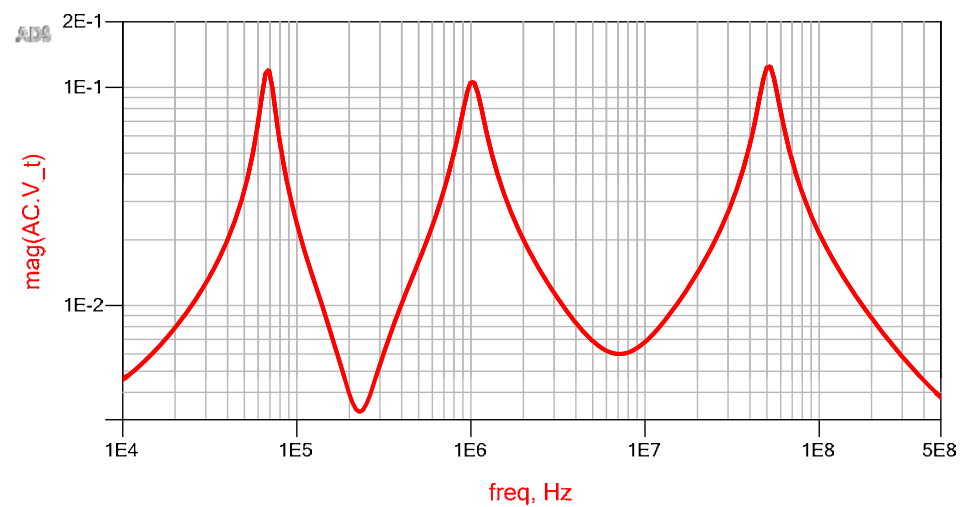
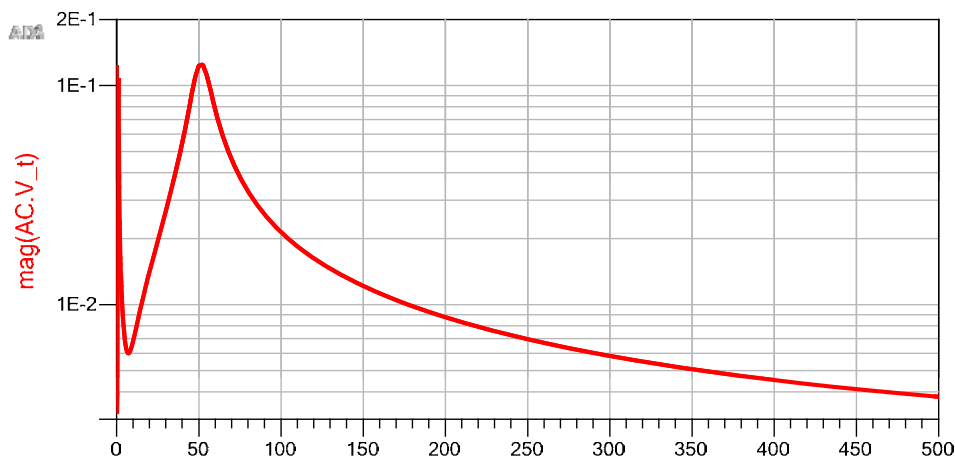


*Ringings produces a noise comb with harmonics at all sum and difference frequencies*

*The LOWER the repetition rate the closer the spurs!*

Note the large signal effect





Note that

- In this DDR regulator there appear to be multiple frequencies at the edges – hard to see with linear scales. Should be windowed
- Only large signal performance is shown
- Only natural response is shown



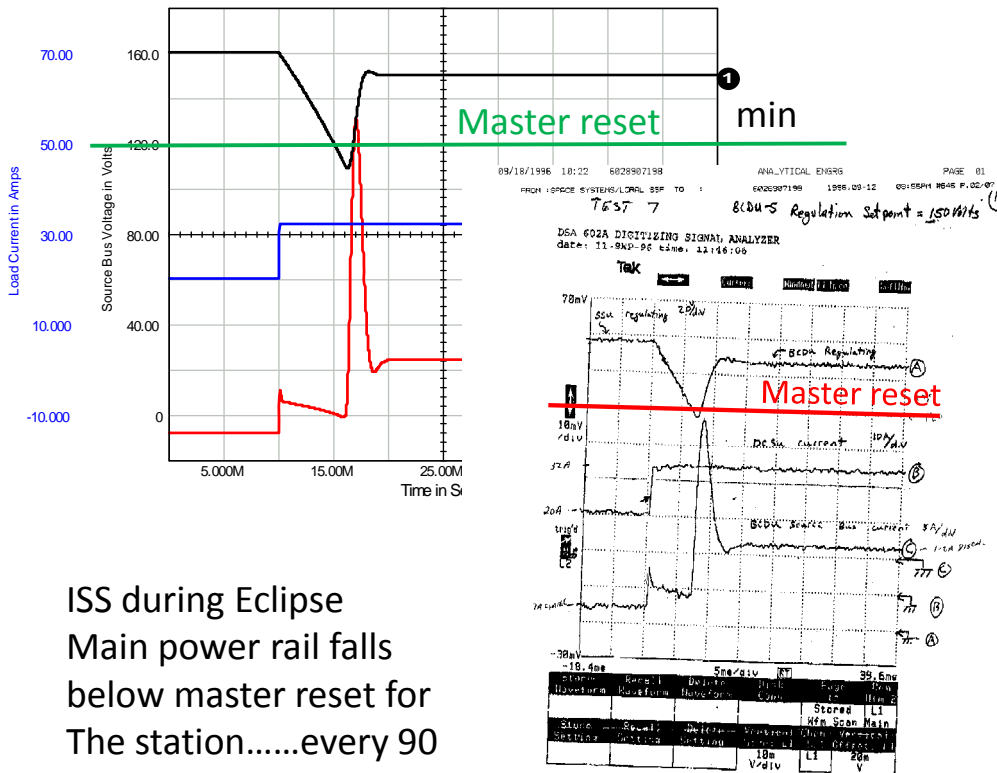
## CHAPTER 4 – MISSING THE TARGET

*Means someone  
loses a lot of money!*



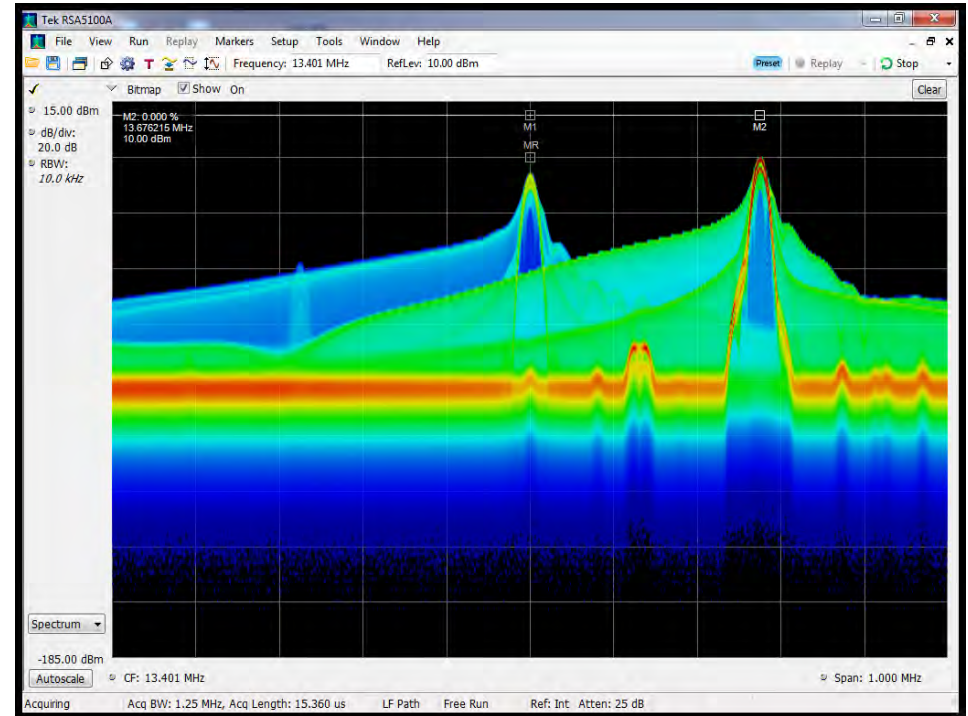
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# CHAPTER 4 – EXAMPLES OF NOISE

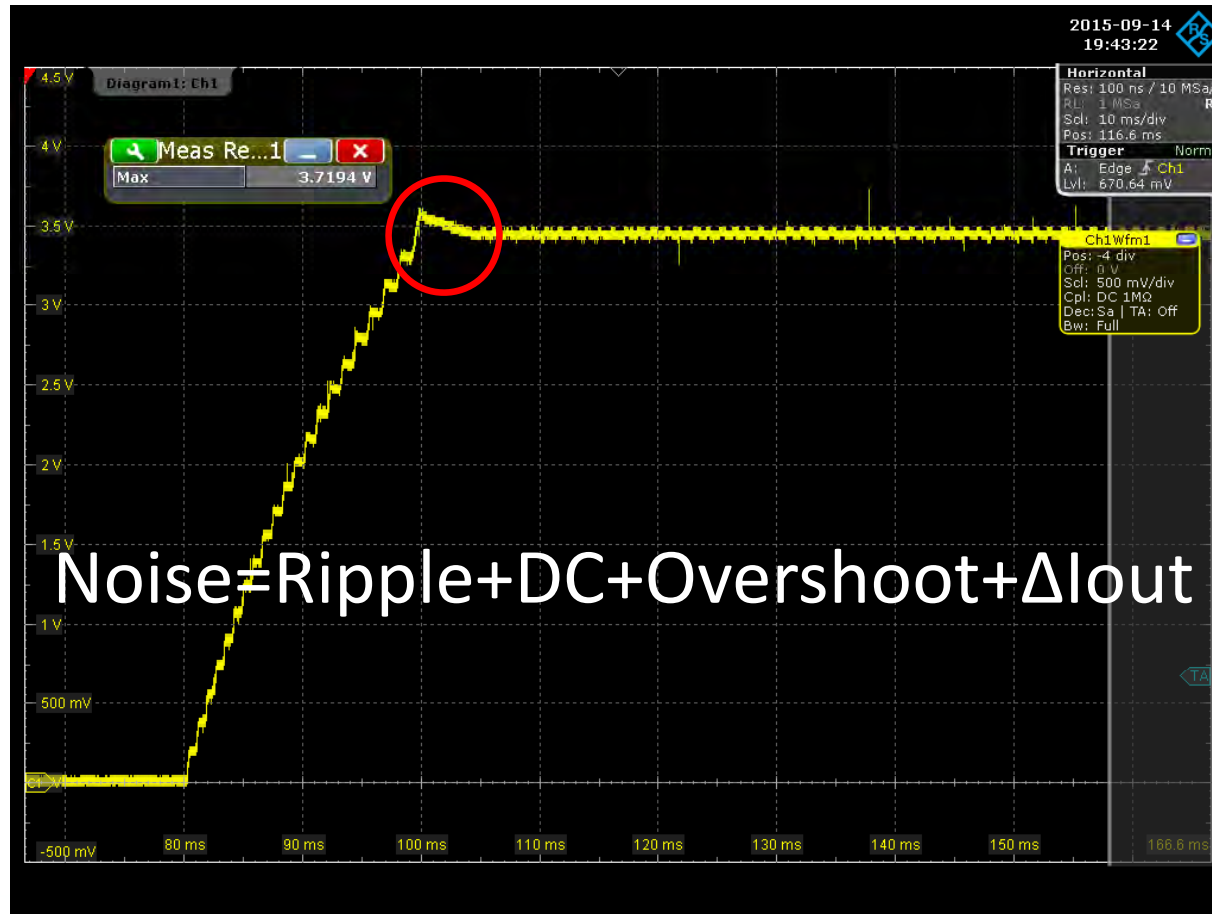


ISS during Eclipse  
Main power rail falls  
below master reset for  
The station.....every 90  
minutes!

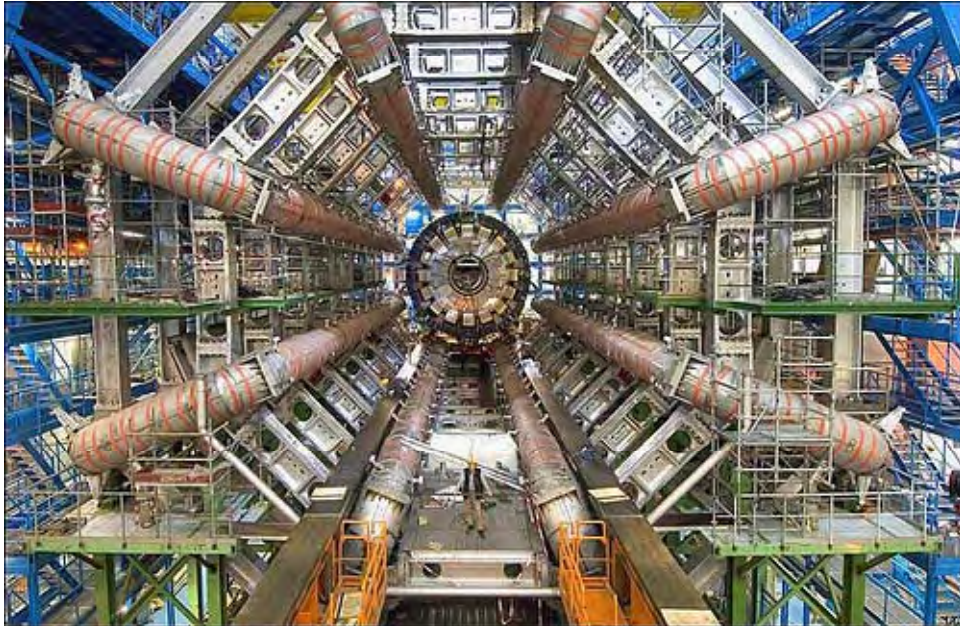
EM 05 (new B127 design)



# TURN ON OVERSHOOT CONTRIBUTES TO NOISE

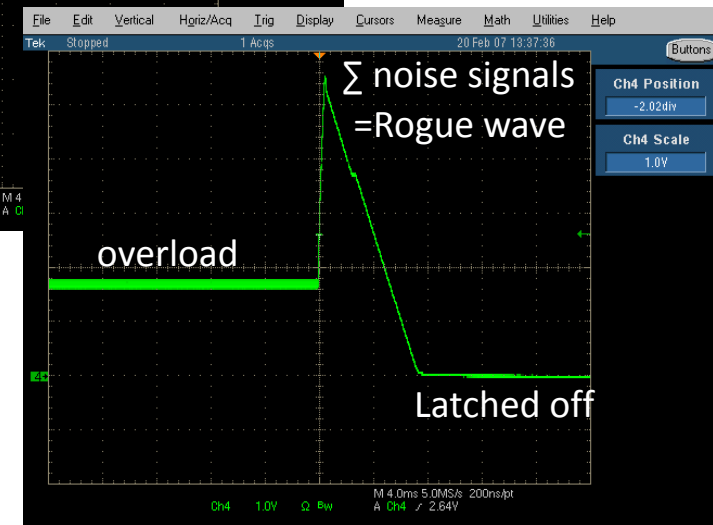
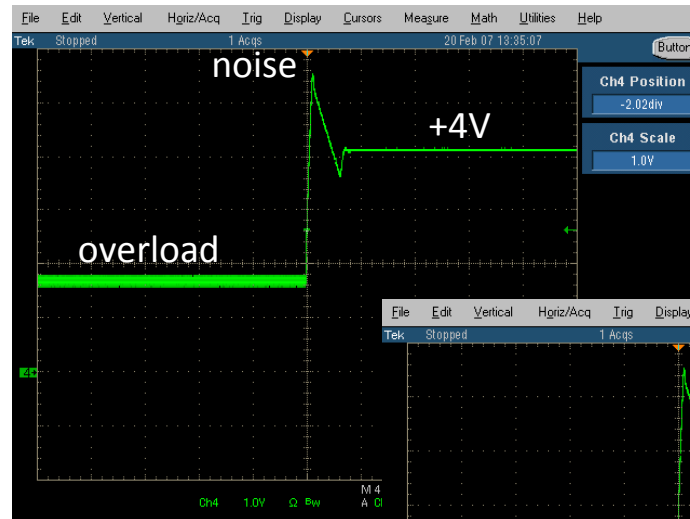


# THE PERFECT NOISE STORM



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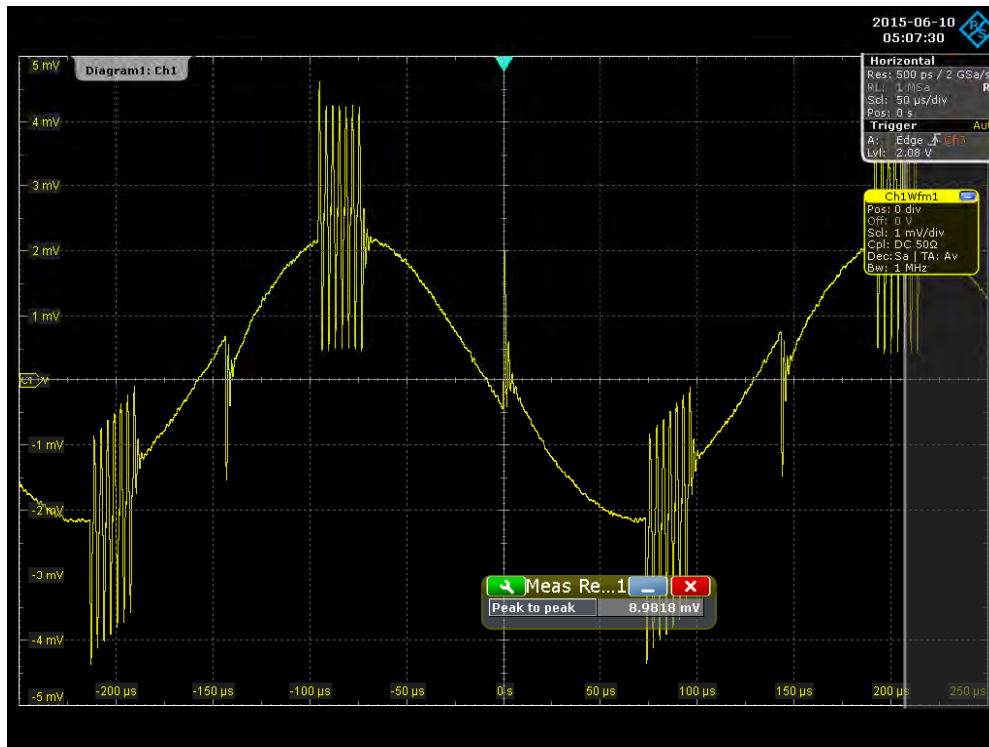
*Trivia –The designer of this coil system was standing right in front of this guy and was CROPPED out of the picture!*



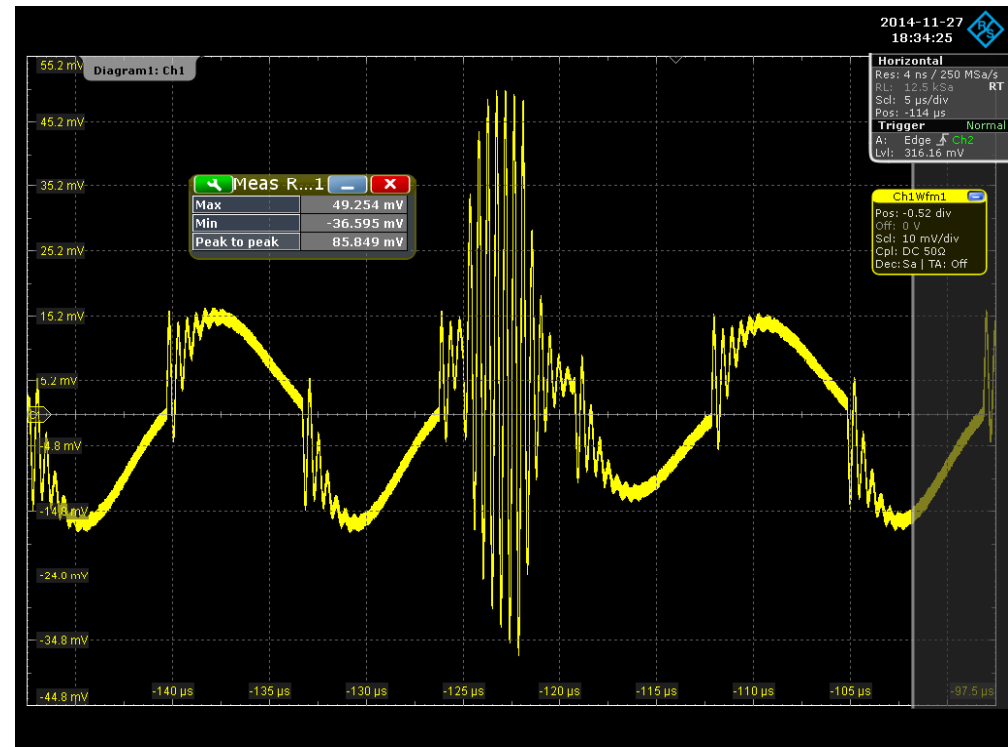


# CHAPTER 5 – SIMPLE ROGUE WAVES

DDR3 Termination regulator evaluation board



PICOTEST VRTS3 Demonstration board - modified



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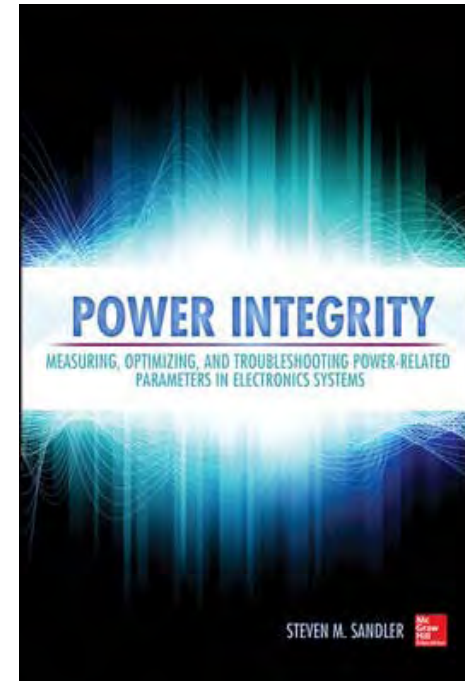
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