POWER ANALYSIS & EMI DEBUGGING WITH R&S OSCILLOSCOPE

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Make ideas real



TOPICS

- **▶** Power Integrity
 - Choosing the Right Probes
 - Floating Measurement
 - Power Rail Probe
 - Current Probe
- ▶ Use Cases
- ► EMI Debugging
- ► Q&A



WHY POWER INTEGRITY MATTERS?

POWER ELECTRONICS DESIGN

Check sub-circuits and (gate) timing without DC-Link voltage

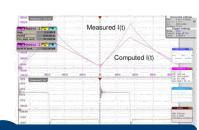
Check for FET ratings at nominal DC-Link voltage

Analyze passive components (L,C)

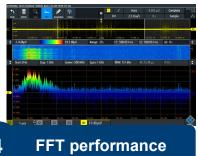
Analyze Start-up and load variations, efficiency, stability

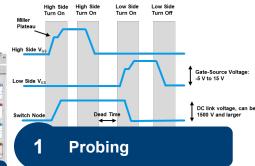
Check environmental – thermal and DClink variations

EMI analysis (conducted, radiated)



Math functionality







Flow

Design

MEASURING SIGNALS IN THE CIRCUIT IS NOT EASY

- ► Signal is not easy to reach
- ▶ There is a lot of noise around
- ► Safety is a concern
- Current and voltage signals have different propagation delay

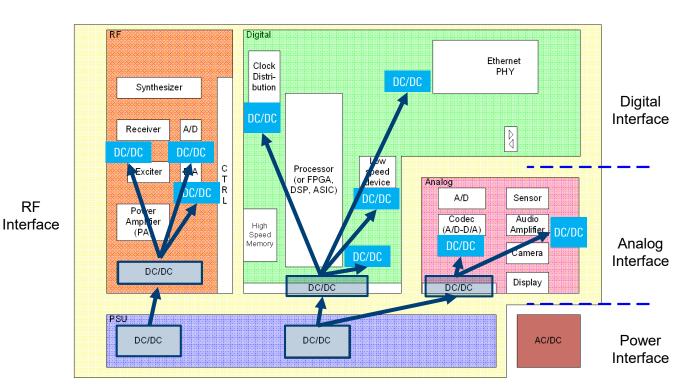
▶ Voltage probing

- Floating measurements
- Understanding common-mode rejection ratio
- Other important probe parameters
- **▶** Current probing options
- ► Other things to consider





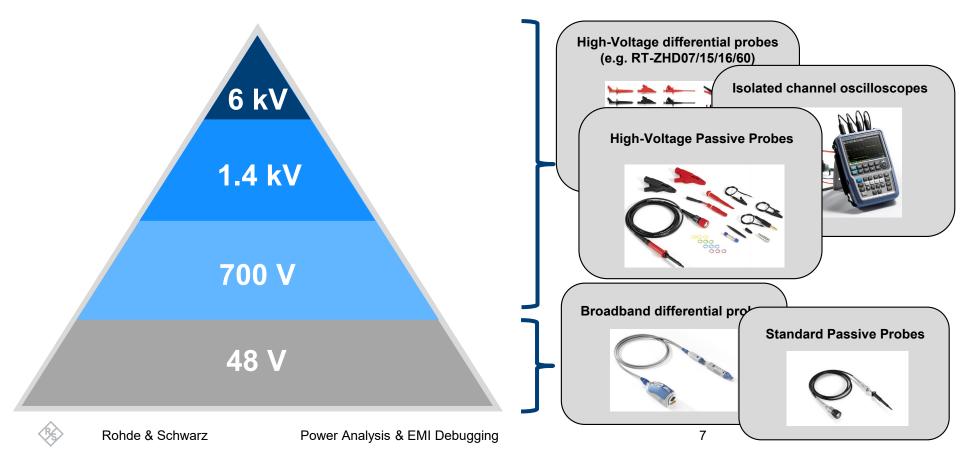
POWER INTEGRITY ACROSS ALL INTERFACES



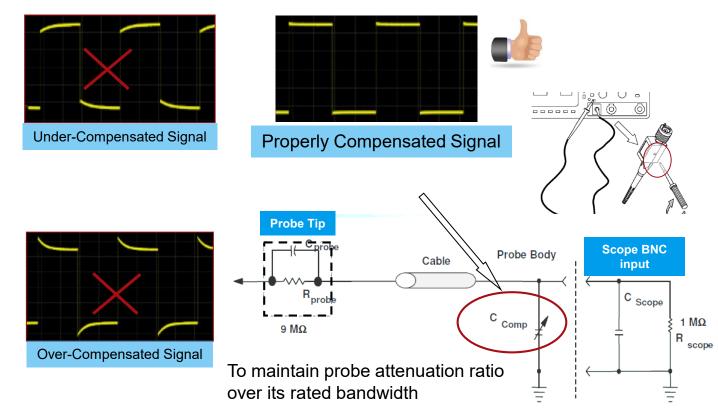
- ▶ Most circuit chipsets and design are based on DC supplies
- ► They rely on the source stability and expect them to be steady and quiet

RF

MEASURING VOLTAGE

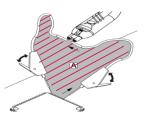


COMPENSATE YOUR PASSIVE PROBE BEFORE USE

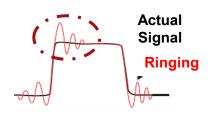




WHAT ELSE IS IMPORTANT



$$f_{\text{Resonant}} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L \cdot C}}$$

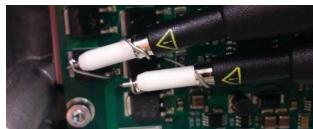


Wrong



Right

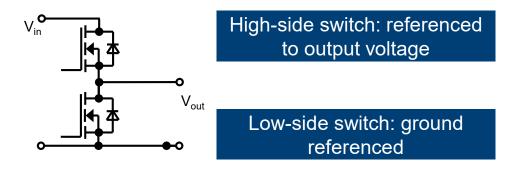




Keep Connections short

MEASURING VOLTAGE

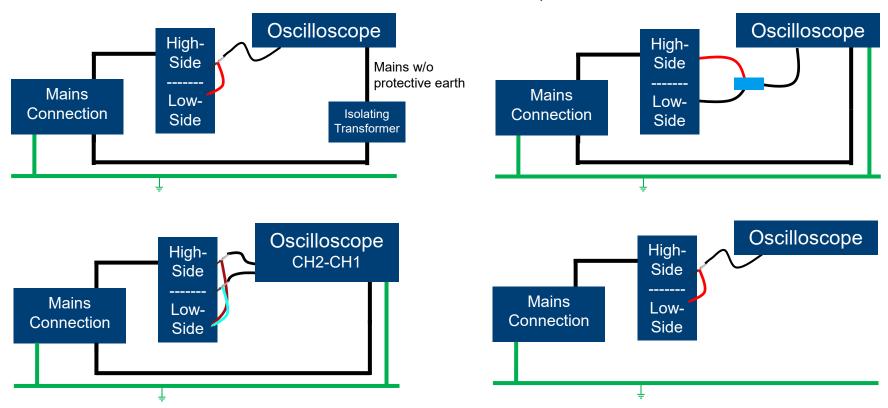
▶ Basic sub-circuit for inverter, sync buck converter/resonant (LLC) converter, sync boost converter consists of a so called high-side and low-side switch



- DC-Offset of high-side switch has to be considered by design of measurement setup
- Floating measurement on high-side switch is necessary

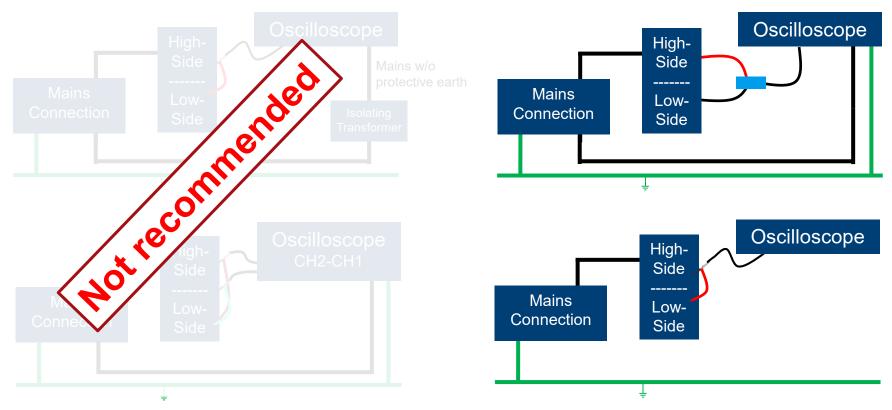


FLOATING MEASUREMENT TECHNIQUES





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FLOATING MEASUREMENT TECHNIQUES

	Floating the Scope	A minus B	High-Voltage Differential Probes	Isolated Channel Oscilloscope
Safety	Dangerous!	Ok	Very good	Very good
Flexibility	Limited all channels have ground connected	Limited, needs two channels per signal	Very good	Very good (limited by max ground potential rating)
Sensitivity	Very good	Very good	Good (typ. 50:1 or 100:1)	Very good (10:1 attenuation)
Accuracy	Very good	Not good	Very good	Very good
Bandwidth	Very good	Not good	Good (typ. <=200 MHz)	Very good (up to 500 MHz)
CMRR	Not good	Very bad	Very good	Good
Conclusion	Only recommended behind safety screen.	Not recommended!	Generally recommended	Recommended (with limitations)

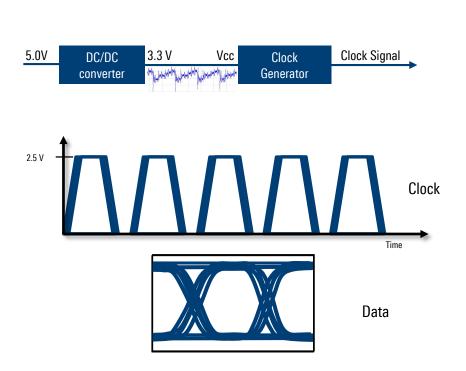


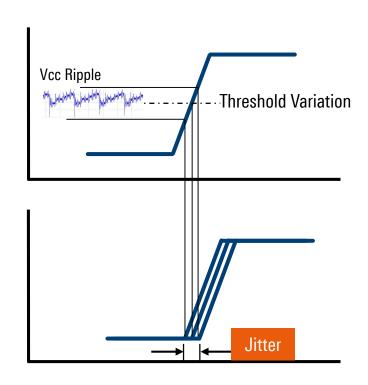
WHICH PROBE TO USE

	RT-ZD10	RT-ZHD07/15/16/60	RT-ZH10/11	RT-ZI10/10C/11
Type / Interface	Active differential / R&S	Active differential / R&S	Passive / BNC	Passive / BNC only for R&S®Scope Rider
Bandwidth	1 GHz	100 MHz / 200 MHz	400 MHz	500 MHz
Max. Input Signal	5 V (without RT-ZA15) 60 V (with RT-ZA15)	750 Vpeak to 6000 Vpeak	1000 Vrms 6000 Vpeak	1000 Vrms 5000 Vpeak
CMRR	80 dB @ 10 Hz 40 dB @ 10 kHz to 1 MHz 30 dB @ 1 MHz to 100 MHz 20 dB @ 100 MHz to 1 GHz	80 dB @ DC – 60 Hz 60 dB @ 1 MHz 30 dB @ 100 MHz	N/A	Depends on measurement scenario
Offset	Up to 50 V	Up to 2000 VDC	N/A	N/A
DC Voltmeter	R&S Probemeter	R&S Probemeter	N/A	N/A



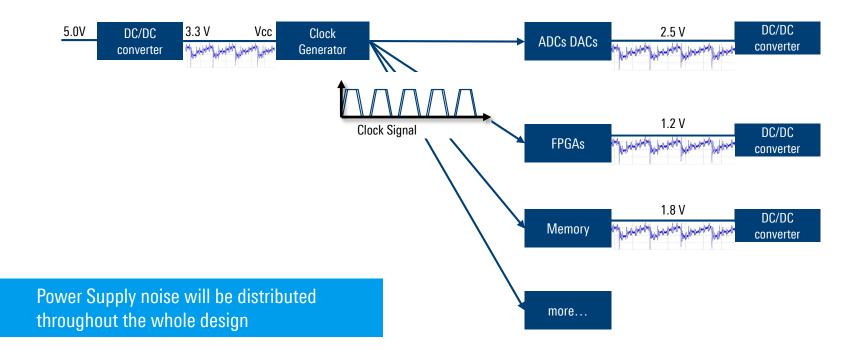
NOISY POWER INFLUENCE SIGNAL INTEGRITY





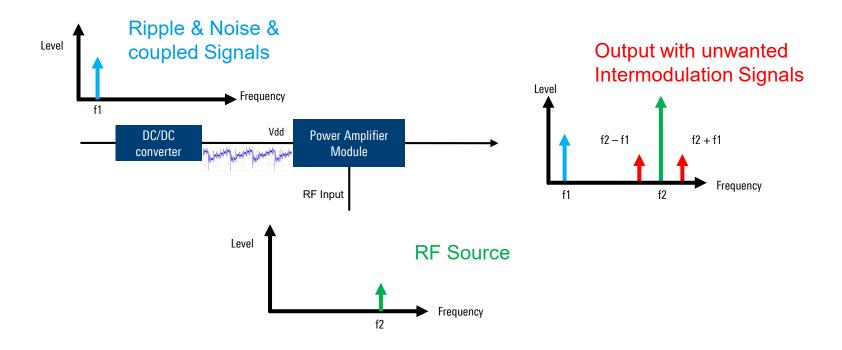


POWER NOISE PROPAGATE TO OTHER CIRCUITS





POWER NOISE AFFECTING RF PERFORMANCE

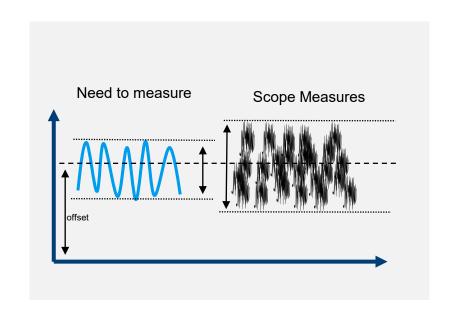




CHALLENGES ON MEASURING DC POWER

- ► Attenuation ratio increases displayed noise floor of the instrument.
- ► Limited offset capabilities:
 - Vertical resolution is reduced as Offset has to be measured too.
- ► Decreasing voltage and tolerance levels:

Rail Value	Tolerance	Need to measure
3.3 V	1%	33 mV
1.8 V	2 %	36 mV
1.2 V	2 %	T mV _{pp}
1 V	1 %	10 mv _{pp}



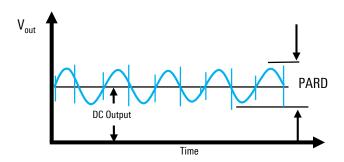


DC OR AC?



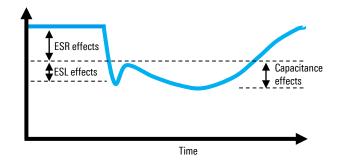


TYPES OF POWER NOISES

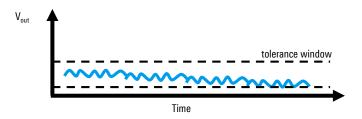


- ► PARD (Periodic and Random Disturbances):
 - Switching noise
 - Ripple
 - Transients
 - Random noise

► Load step response



► Supply drift





LOW VOLTAGE APPROACHES ON DC POWER LINES





Standard 10:1 (passive) probe



Low BW
1:1
passive
probe



50 Ω cable (with blocking cap or AC coupling)



Specialized power rail probe

MEASUREMENT APPROACH:

10:1 Passive Probe (ZP-10)



Standard 10:1 passive probe

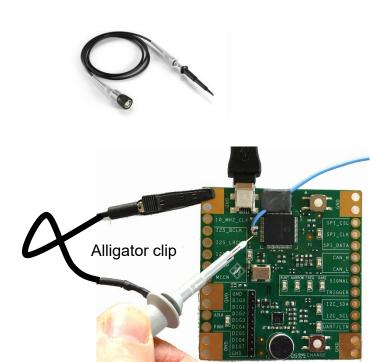
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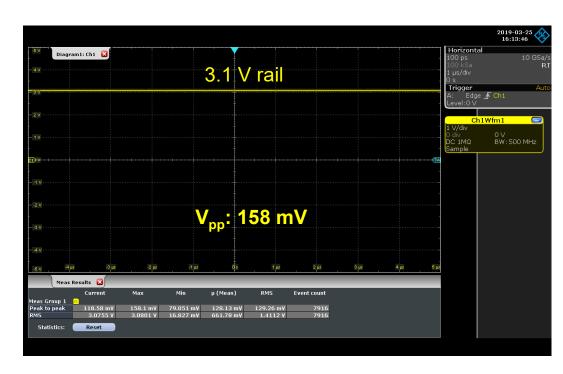
 50Ω cable (with blocking cap)

Specialized power rail probe



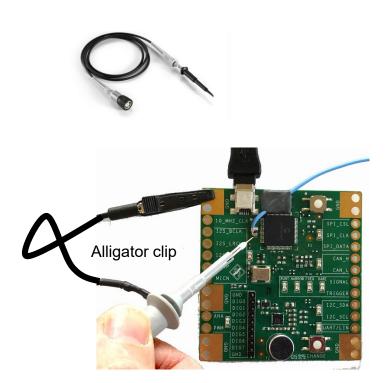
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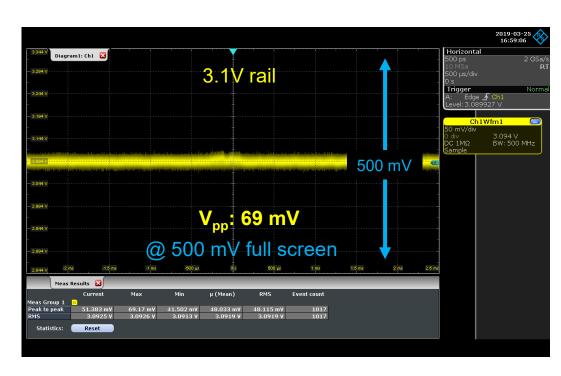






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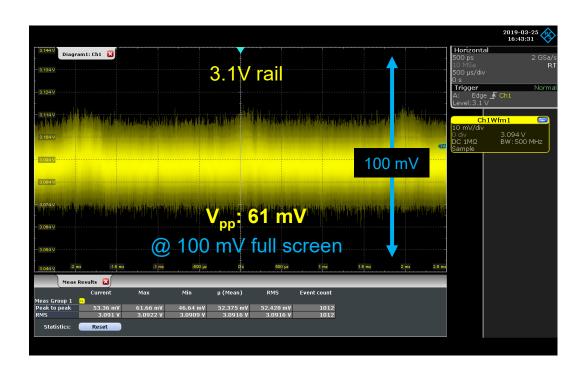




NOISE IS A FUNCTION OF FULL SCREEN VERTICAL

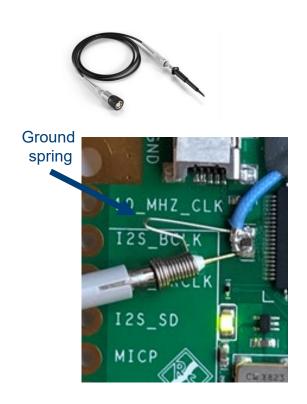


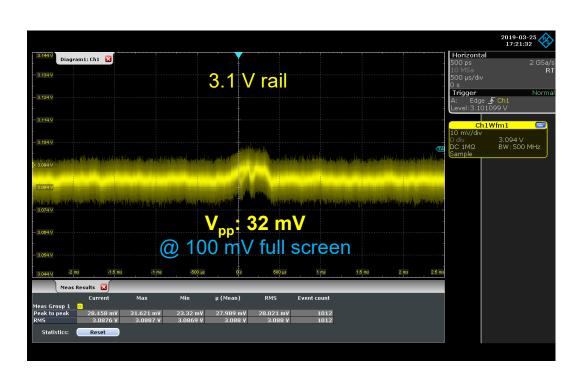






STANDARD 10:1 PASSIVE PROBE WITH GROUND SPRING







10:1 PASSIVE PROBE



Advantages

- ► Comes standard with most scopes
 - no extra expense
- ► 1 MΩ loading at DC
 - Preserves expected DC value
- ► Easy to connect using browser tip
 - Multiple ground alternatives

Disadvantages

- ▶ Significant noise
 - 10:1 attenuation
 - Minimum vertical setting of 10 mV/div
- ► Long grounds
- ► BW limited (500 MHz for ZP-10)
- ▶ No solder-in alternative



MEASUREMENT APPROACH:

1:1 Passive Probe (ZP-1X)



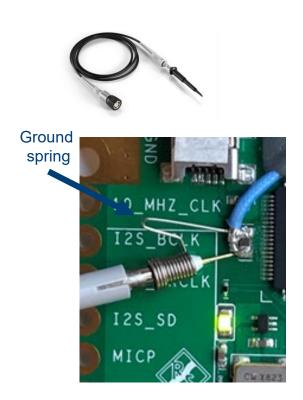
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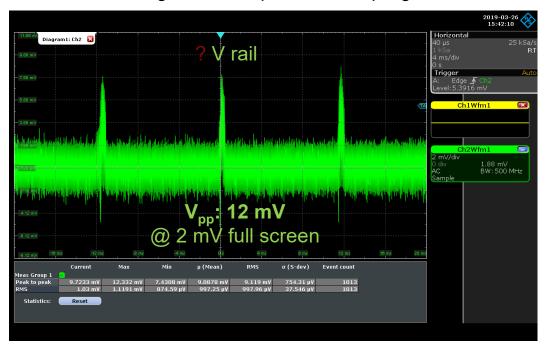
Specialized power rail probe



38 MHZ 1:1 PASSIVE PROBE WITH GROUND SPRING (ZP-1X)



Not enough offset, required AC coupling





1:1 PASSIVE PROBE



Advantages

- ► Low cost
- Excellent 1 MΩ loading at DC
 - preserves expected DC value
- ➤ Ability to scale to 1 mV/div
- ► Easy to connect using browser tip
 - Ground spring ground alternative

Disadvantages

- ► Limited BW
 - 38 MHz for ZP-1X
 - under reports V_{pp} measurements
 - masks high freq signal coupling
- ► Limited offset may require AC coupling
- ▶ No solder-in alternative



MEASUREMENT APPROACH: 50Ω PATH

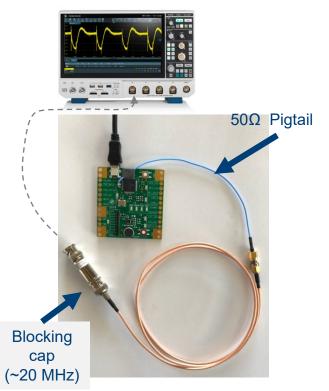


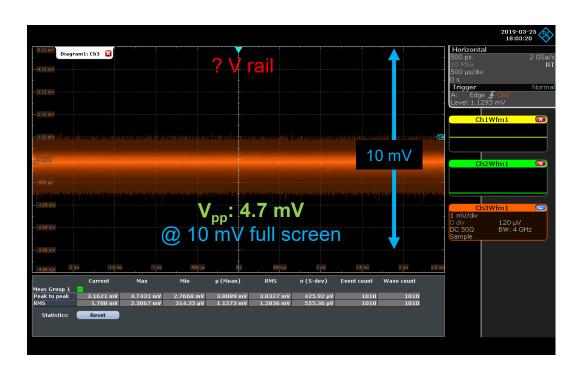
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Specialized power rail probe

50Ω PATH WITH BLOCKING CAP (3DB BW = ~20 MHZ)







50Ω PATH





Advantages

- \blacktriangleright 50 Ω scope path typically has less noise than 1M Ω scope path
- ► SMA connector or solder-in pigtail allows for measurement consistency and ease of access

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Disadvantages

- ► 50 Ω loading at DC reduces power rail voltage
- ► Insufficient offset (requires blocking cap or AC coupling)
 - Masks DC drift
 - Eliminates ability to see true DC voltage



MEASUREMENT APPROACH: 50Ω PATH





10:1 passive probe

Low BW
1:1
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probe

 50Ω cable (with blocking cap)

Specialized power rail probe



POWER RAIL PROBE (RT-ZPR20, RT-ZPR40)



Advantages

- ► Low noise (1:1 attenuation ratio)
- ▶ Built-in offset
- ► Excelling loading at DC
 - Power rail retains DC value
- ▶ Browser and solder-in connection

Disadvantages

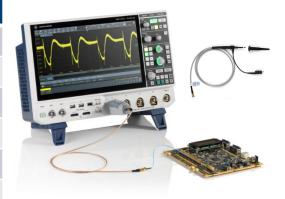
- ▶ Initial investment expense
- ► Requires solder-in/SMA for full BW



LOW VOLTAGE RT-ZPR20/40 POWER RAIL PROBES

- Designed uniquely for measuring small perturbations on power rails
- ► Active, single-ended probe
- ► Low noise with 1:1 attenuation
- Best in class offset compensation capability

Key Specifications	
Attenuation	1:1
Probe BW	2 GHz / 4 GHz
Browser BW	350 MHz
Dynamic Range	±850 mV
Offset Range	>±60 V
Noise Scope (RTO) standalone Scope + Probe Noise (at 1 GHz, 1mV/div)	107 μV AC _{rms} 120 μV AC _{rms}
Input Resistance	50 kΩ @ DC
R&S ProbeMeter	Integrated
Coupling	DC or AC







MAKING ACCURATE POWER RAIL MEASUREMENTS

- 1. Measurement accuracy
 - Minimizing measurement noise
 - Sufficient offset (zoom to utilize full scope ADC, seeing DC drift)
 - Sufficient BW to capture transients
 - Minimal DC loading
- Frequency domain evaluation of coupling/switching
- 3. Time required to find worst-case violations



RT-ZPR:

Adds ~10% more noise to RTO/MXO scope measurements) +/- 60V offset

Up to 4 GHz BW to capture high-frequency transients Input impedance of 50 K Ω @ DC



MEASUREMENT ACCURACY:

10:1



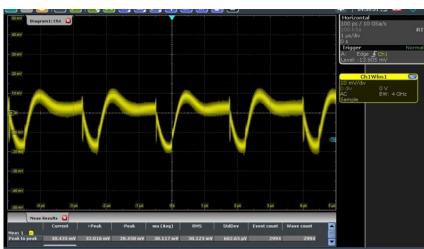


Noise Due to Probe Attenuation Ratio



MEASUREMENT ACCURACY: HIGH BW NEEDED





1:1 ZP1X passive 38 MHz BW

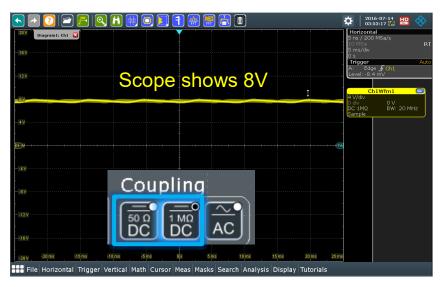


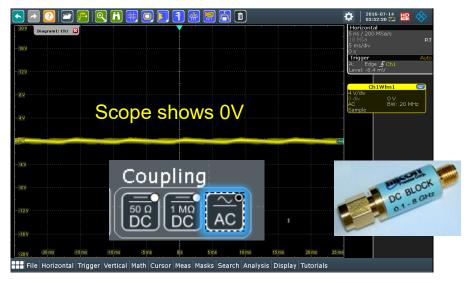


1:1 ZPR20 active 2 GHz BW Captures high-freq transients



CHALLENGES WITH INSUFFICIENT SCOPE OFFSET

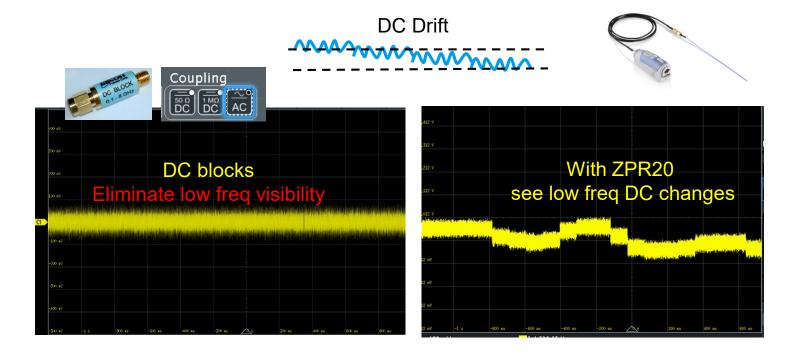




Can't zoom in (1V offset on RTO @ 20 mV/div) -

Can bring to center screen and zoom in User can't tell absolute vertical value User can't see DC offset issues

CHALLENGES WITH INSUFFICIENT SCOPE OFFSET

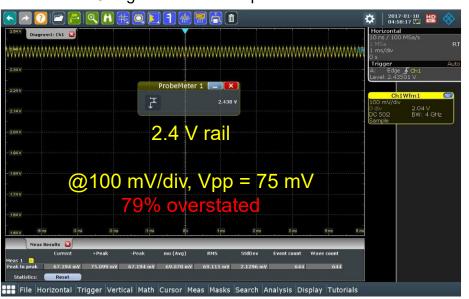




USING OFFSET TO USE MOST SENSITIVE VERTICAL SETTING



Using max built-in scope offset



Using built-in probe offset



MAKING MOST ACCURATE POWER RAIL MEASUREMENTS

- Measurement accuracy
- 2. Frequency domain evaluation of coupling/switching
- 3. Time required to find worst-case violations



RT-ZPR + RTO:

4 GHz BW to capture high-frequency transients HW-accelerated FFT Color graded FFTs

RT-ZPR + MXO:

1.5 GHz BW to capture high-frequency transients

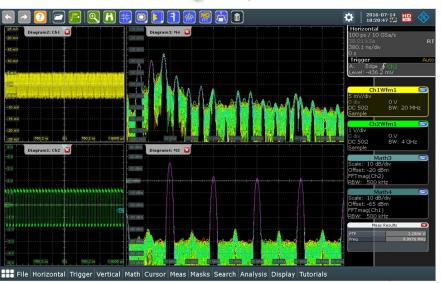


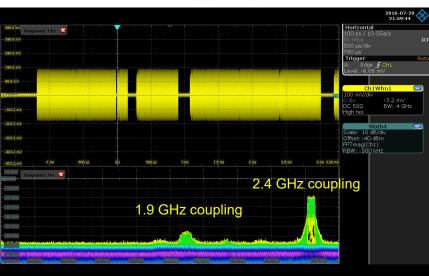
FINDING COUPLED SIGNALS











Switching (low freq FFT)

EMI/coupling (high freq FFT)



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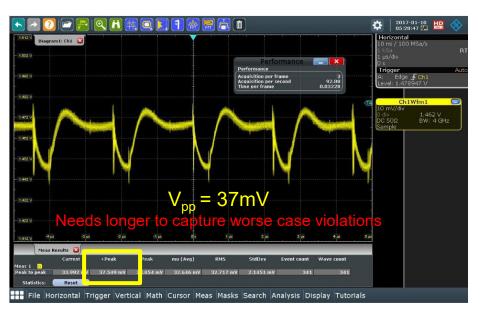
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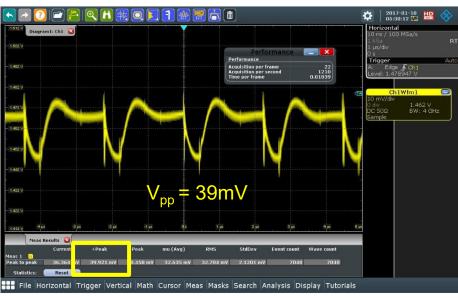
Up to 1 Mio wfms/s
Measurements with statistics

RT-ZPR + MXO:

Up to 4.5 Mio wfms/s
Measurements with statistics

FIND WORSE-CASE VIOLATIONS FASTER





Emulating competitive update rate of 100 wf/s

< 500 Vpp measurements in 5 seconds

>5000 Vpp measurements in 5 seconds



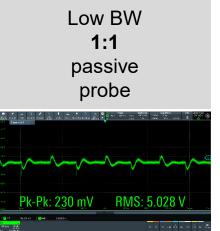
DIFFERENT SETUP COULD HAVE DISTINCTIVE RESULTS



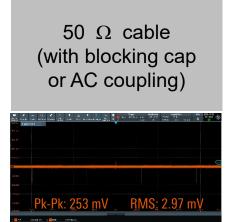




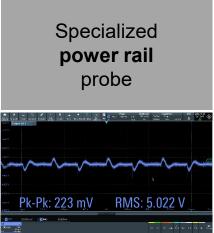












UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCES



Standard 10:1 (passive) probe



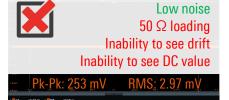


Low BW **1:1** passive probe

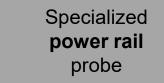


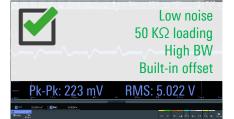


 $50~\Omega$ cable (with blocking cap or AC coupling)





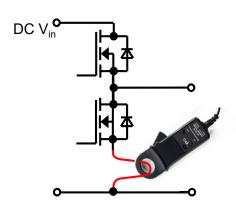




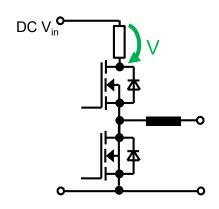


CURRENT MEASUREMENT

Clamp-on probes



Shunt resistors



Rogowski probes



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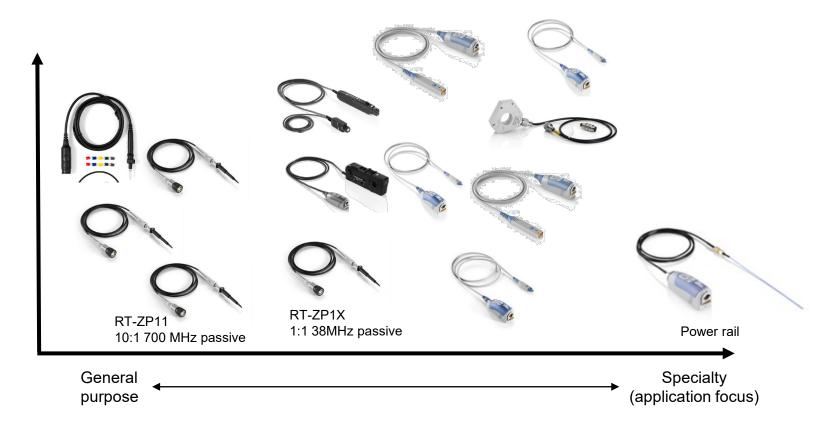
CURRENT MEASUREMENTS PROBE TYPES

	Clamp-on probes	Shunt resistors	Rogowski Probes
Bandwidth	~120 MHz (5 A range) ~20 kHz (~1000 A range) (depends on current range)	Up to ∼GHz	~50 MHz
Current range	~5 A (120 MHz) ~1000 A (20 kHz) (depends on bandwidth)	Depends on shunt-value (typically limited by max. Energy per current pulse)	~A to ~kA
DC measurement	Yes	Yes	No
Important advantages	DC measurement capabilityEasy "clamp-on" measurement	Very high bandwidth	 High bandwidth at high current Easy "wrap-around" measurement (little space needed)
Important drawbacks	 Extra space needed, adds loop-inductance Derating of maximum current with measurement frequency 	Design-in neededFixed measurement rangeLimited maximum thermal load	No DC measurementNoise sensitivityAccuracy depends on position of conductor in loop
Typ. applications	All kind of general purpose current measurement	Switching analysis (double-pulse test)	Switching analysisMotor drives



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LOTS OF PROBES FOR DIFFERENT APPLICATIONS



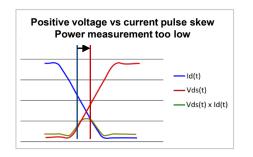


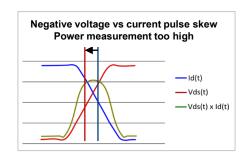
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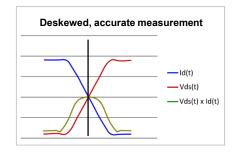
PROBING TECHNIQUES: WHY DESKEWING?

► Measuring Switching Loss











Deskewing with reference voltage and current pulses is essential for accurate power measurements



USE CASE: RIPPLE MEASUREMENT



60A Load

>6000 waveforms captured in a few seconds

We can easily measure a 9 mV pp Ripple sitting on the FPGA power supply



USE CASE: CURRENT IN PARALLELED MOSFETS

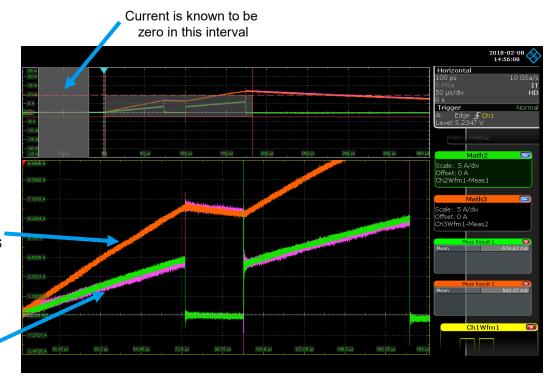
► Advanced Math capabilities:

 Gates measurement used to "calibrate" DC value of measurement results with Rogowski probe



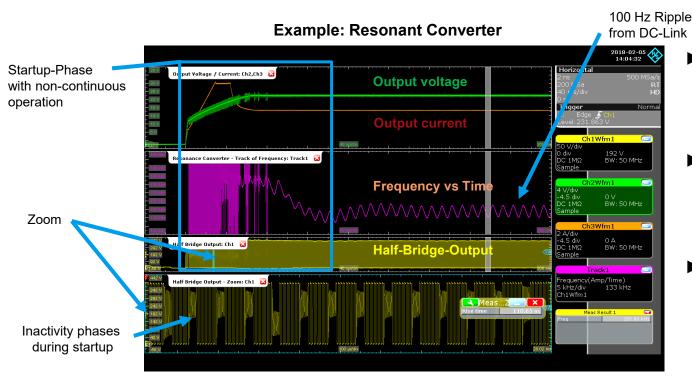
Sum current through two parallel MOSFETS

Individual currents through each MOSFET





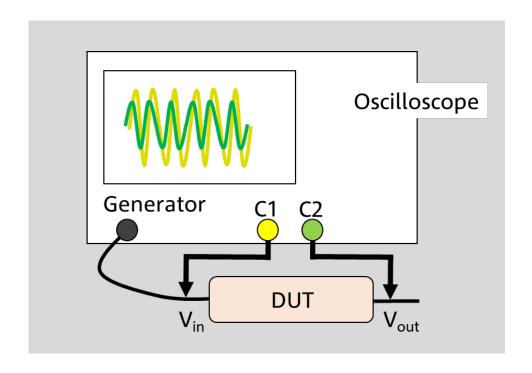
USE CASE: START-UP BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS



▶ Deep memory:

- 160 ms Startup-Phase in this Example
- ► High sampling rate:
 - Rise time ~100ns
- Advanced analysis capabilities:
 - Track functionality

BODE PLOTS WITH OSCILLOSCOPES



- Internal signal generator provides swept stimulus (enables generator even is user hasn't purchased generator license)
- Scope measures V_{in} and V_{out} amplitudes and phase at each frequency
- 3. Scope calculates and plots gain (logarithmically) and phase (linearly)

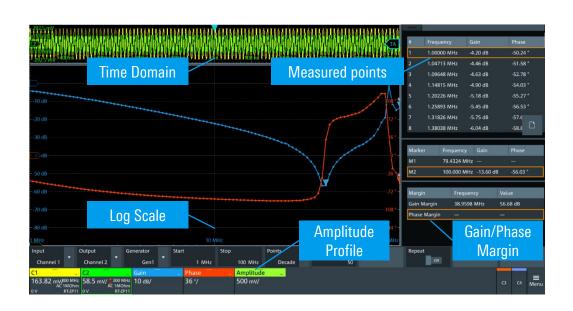




USE CASE: CONTROL LOOP STABILITY



- ► Flexible tools for:
 - Frequency response, S21
 - Control loop response
 - Power supply rejection ratio

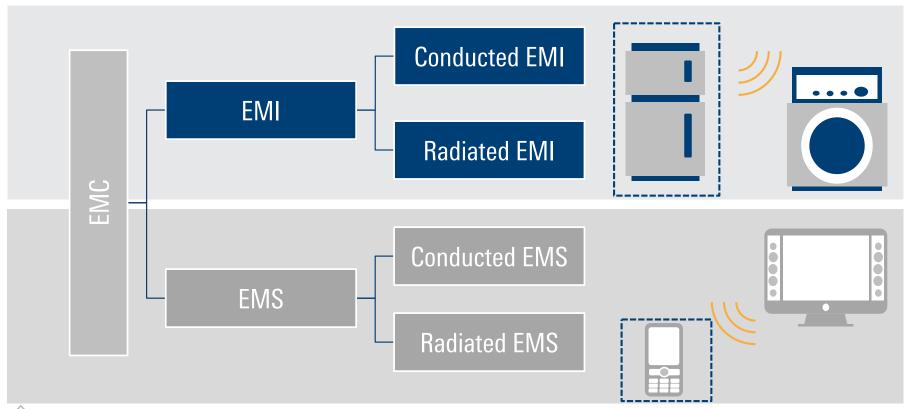


All-in-one tool analytic tool and future enhancements for impedance & lower start frequency

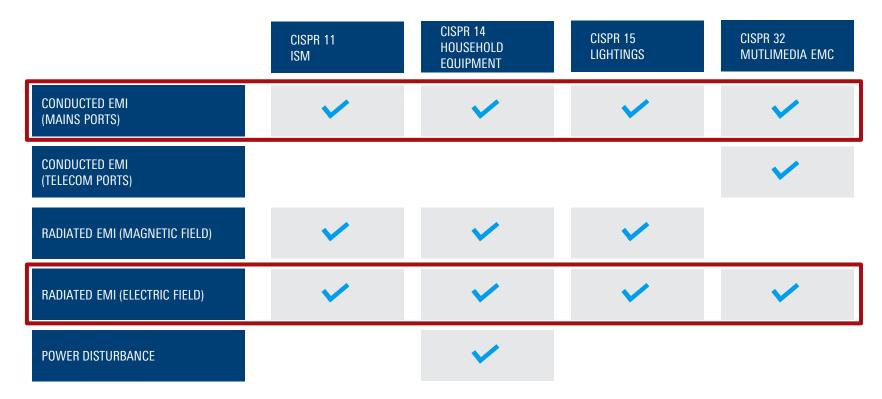


INSTRUMENT NOISE

WHAT IS EMC?

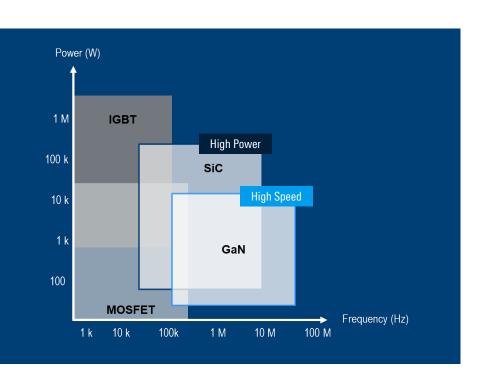


EMI TESTS IN SUMMARY





THE DRIVE FOR WIDE BAND-GAP MATERIAL



Silicon Carbide

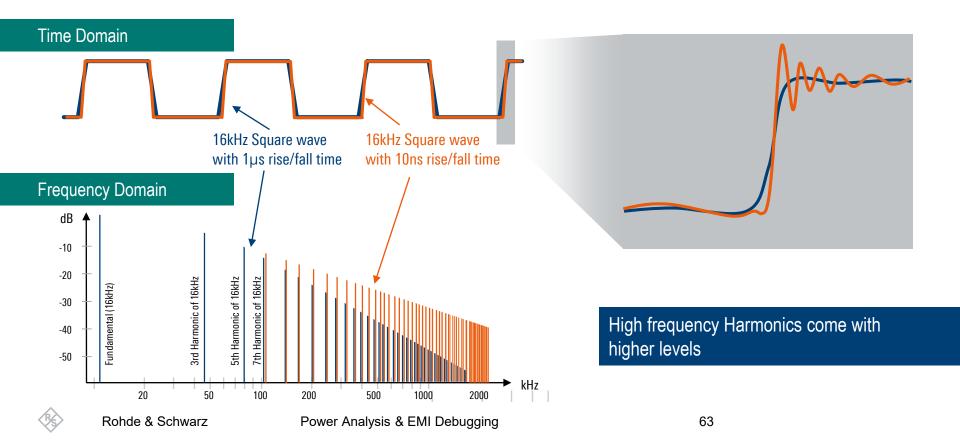
- ► High power voltages (>1kV)
- Industrial applications

Gallium Nitrite

- ► Mid-range power (<1kV), high current (>100A)
- ► Limited form-factor

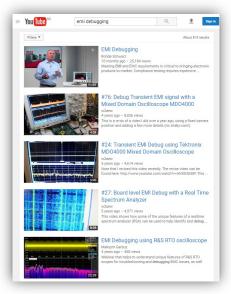


IMPACT OF FASTER SWITCHING AND STEEP EDGES ON EMI



EMI DEBUGGING WITH SCOPE IS NOT NEW?!





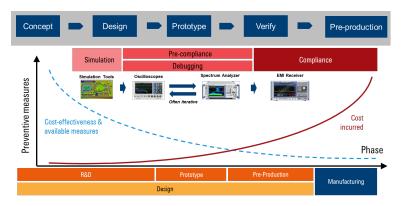


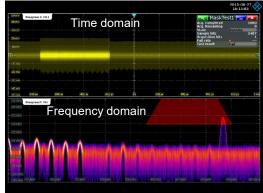
Better instruments progressively changes debug methodologies



EMI DEBUGGING WITH OSCILLOSCOPES?

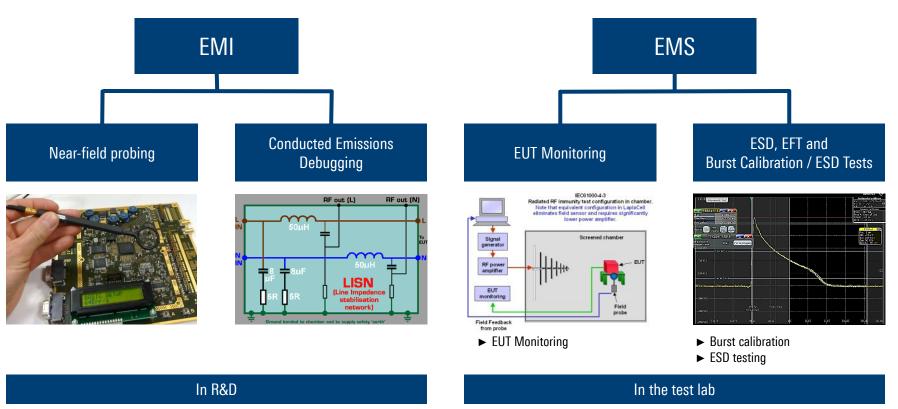
- ► Available on every R&D engineers desk
- Oscilloscopes show both time and frequency domain
- ► Today's oscilloscopes provide excellent sensitivity and usability







EMC APPLICATION FIELDS OF OSCILLOSCOPES



TEST RECEIVER VS OSCILLOSCOPE



Scan spectral energy for fixed duration

Using different band-limited detectors

Log scale display with limit lines

Right tool and compliant to standard



Time domain captured calculated FFT spectrum

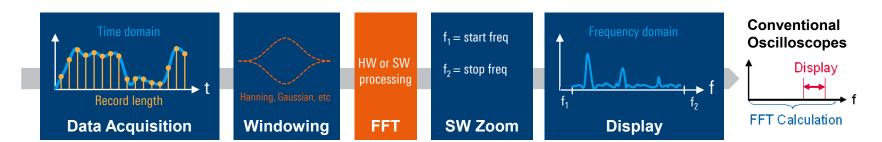
Wideband capture with limited ADC sensitivity

Typically linear spectrum display

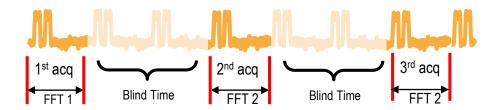
Companion for early debug testing



TRADITIONAL FFT CALCULATION IS SLOW



- ► Calculate FFT over entire acquisition
- Conventional Scope usually acquire one RL and reconstruct FFT then go on to acquire the next RL to compute the next FFT → Missing sporadic event

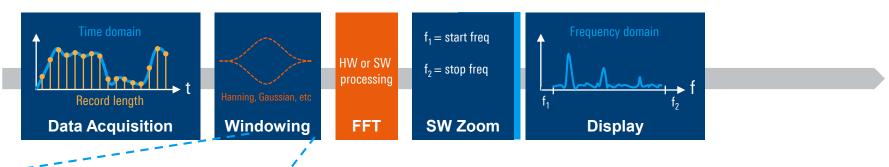


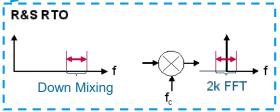
Disadvantages of conventional FFT:

- Very slow speed / update rate
- ► Limited RBW due to insufficient RL
- Complex configuration (TD settings)

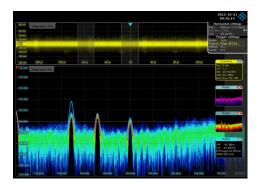


R&S MODERN OSCILLOSCOPE SPEEDING UP FFT





- Calculate only FFT over span of interest
- f_C = center frequency of FFT

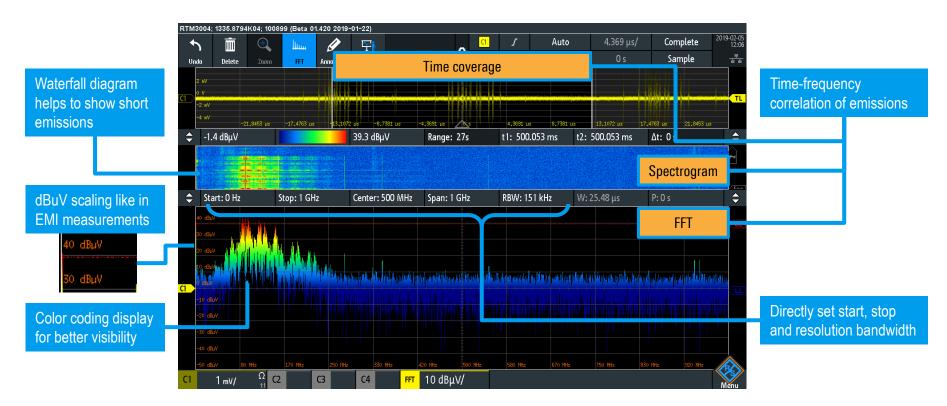


Advantages of R&S approach:

- ► Higher speed / update rate
- ► Good RBW without magnification
- ► Flexible configuration
- Multiple overlapping FFT able to find spurious faults



MODERN SCOPE FFT CAPABILITIES



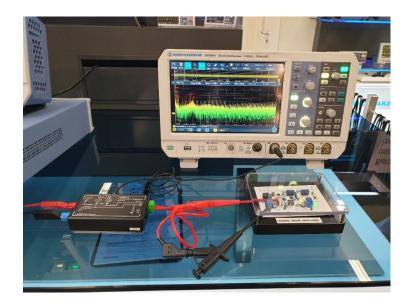


EMI DEBUGGING WITH OSCILLOSCOPES

Radiated Emission
Debugging after failed Pre-Compliance or Compliance

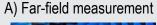


Conducted Emission
Pre-test and debugging in the R&D lab





COMMON EMI DEBUGGING PROCEDURE: ANALYSIS STEPS







B) "Know your DUT": List of potential interferer sources

Source	Frequency	
Clock frequency	e.g. 25 MHz + Multiples	
Ethernet PHY	e.g. 125 MHz + Multiples	
Voltage converter / power adapter	broadband	

C) Reference measurement without DUT





D) Interferer current measurement to find out the coupling type



E) Nearfield probe to localize the interferer source



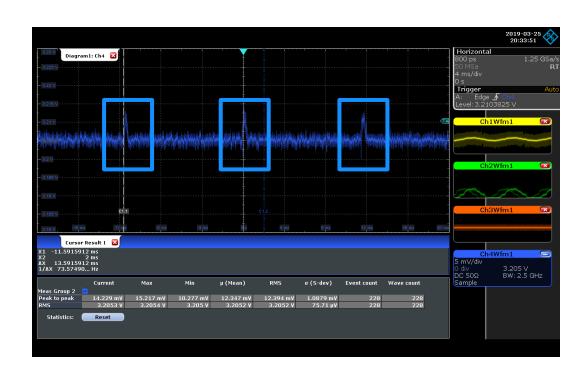
F) Applying counter-measures and validation



EXTRA CREDIT: WHAT'S CAUSING PERIODIC RAIL SPIKES?

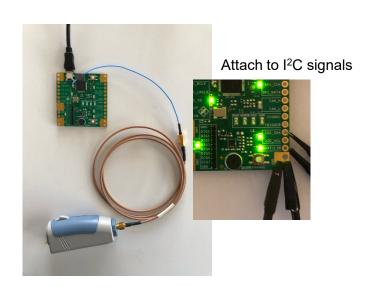
Adjust timebase to 4 ms / div

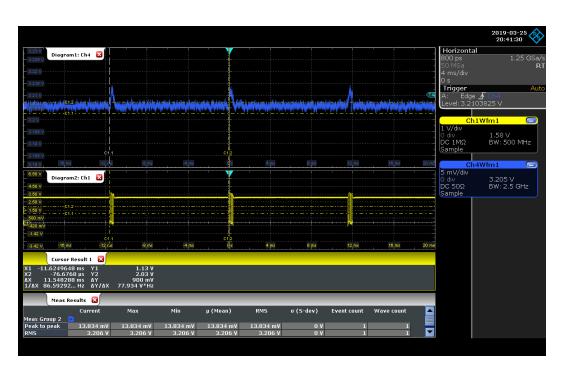






POWER RAIL PEAKING CORRESPONDS TO I²C PACKETS

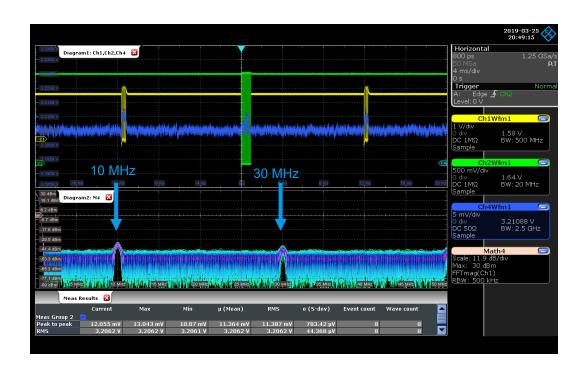






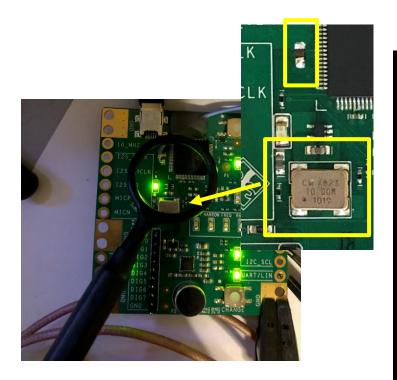
FFT ON POWER RAIL SHOW 10 MHZ AND HARMONIC TONES

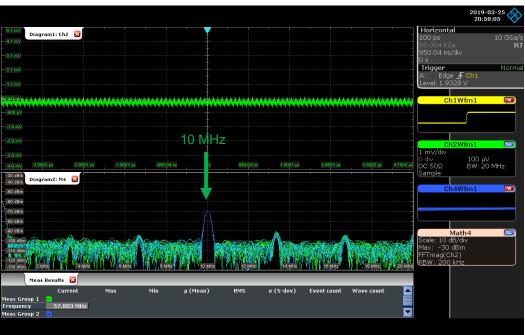






NEAR FIELD PROBE (HZ-15)



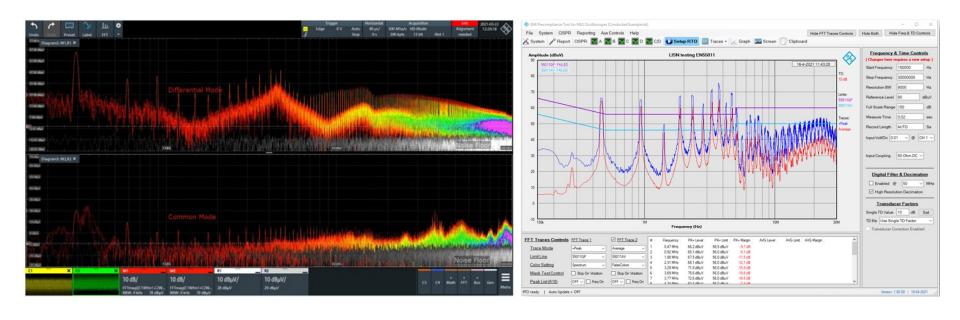


10 MHz EMI.... coming from 10 MHz oscillator



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EMI PRECOMPLIANCE APPLICATION:

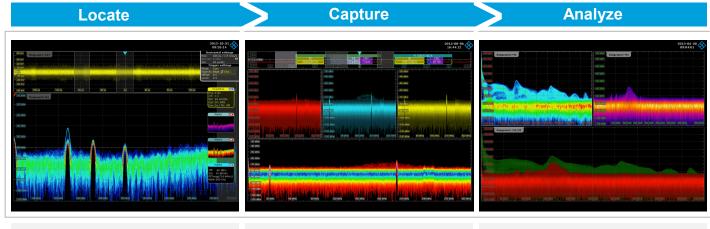




R&S OSCILLOSCOPE USP ON EMI DEBUGGING TECHNIQUES

Hardware Specifications

DDC, HW-based FFT, 1 mV/div at full BW, high ENOB, Acquisition bandwidth



High speed FFT
Multi-channels FFT
(Overlay of multi-channels FFT)
Overlapped FFT
Real time FFT
Intensity grading display

Time domain

Digital trigger system
Serial and parallel bus trigger
Mask violation

Frequency domain Mask violation

Multi-traces
Gated FFT
Correlated time and freq. domain
Sampled memory
(Post analysis)
History mode



MXO4 SPECIFICATIONS AT A GLANCE



MXO 4 Series Key Specifications				
Channels	4			
Bandwidth	200, 350 & 500 MHz, 1 & 1.5* GHz			
Max. Sample Rate	5 GSa/s			
Record Length	400 Mpts / channel (option: 800 Mpts on 2 ch)			
Vertical resolution	12 bit ADC, up to 18 bit			
Acquisition rate	4.5 Mwfm/s			
HW options	MSO 16 ch2 ch 100 MHz generator			
Display	13.3" Full HD			
OS	Linux			

*interleaved





WORLD'S FASTEST UPDATE RATE & TRIGGER RATE

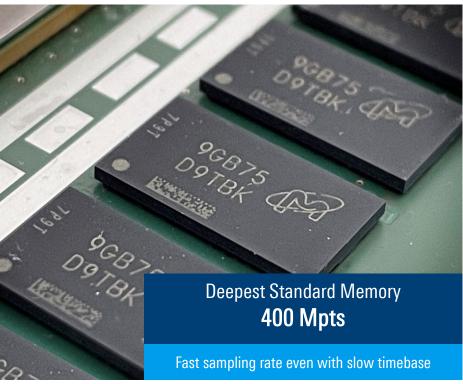
Power Analysis & EMI Debugging



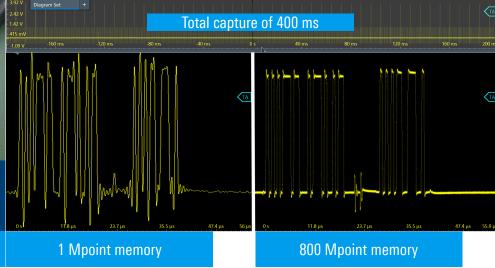
- ► New R&S ASIC technology
 - 4.5 M wfms/s (not a special mode)
 - 100% trigger captures up to 4.5 M events/sec
 - Trigger re-arm time < 21 ns</p>



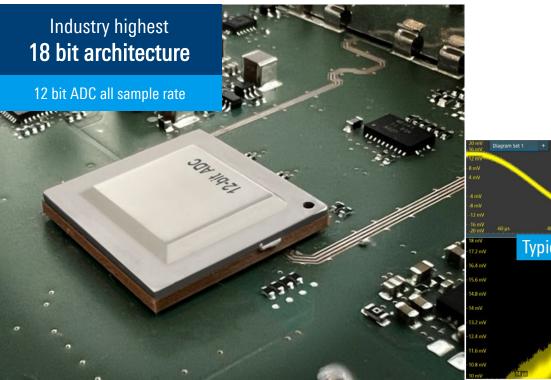
CAPTURE MORE TIME



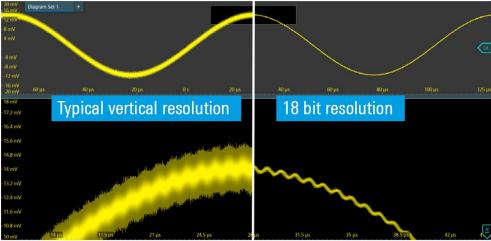
- ▶ 400 Mpts / ch
- ► Optional 800 Mpts (interleaved)



SEE YOUR SIGNALS ACCURATELY



- ▶ 12-bit ADC all the time
- ► 18-bit architecture (with HD mode)



OSCILLOSCOPES FOR POWER ELECTRONICS WHICH R&S OSCILLOSCOPE TO USE

	Scope Rider	RTM	MXO 4	RTO
Bandwidth	• 60 MHz to 500 MHz	• 100 MHz to 1 GHz	• 100 MHz to 1.5 GHz	• 200 MHz to 6 GHz
Probes	PassiveBattery operated or with external power supply	Full probe portfolio available	Full probe portfolio available	Full probe portfolio available
Important Features	Isolated channelsHarmonic analysisBattery operated10 Bit ADC	Deep memoryPower analysisEMI debugging10 Bit ADC	 Deep memory Power analysis EMI debugging 12 Bit ADC (18 Bit HD Mode) 	 Advanced measurement and analysis functions Very deep memory EMI debugging 16 Bit HD Mode Excellent signal fidelity
Application	Performance & Efficiency	General Purpose	Performance & Efficiency	Performance & Efficiency + EMI Debugging



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