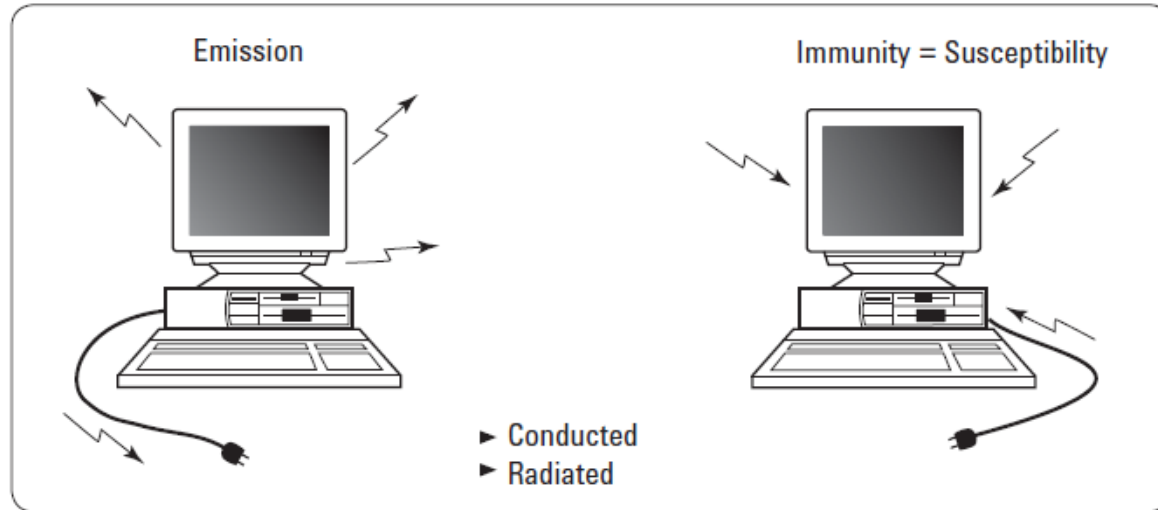




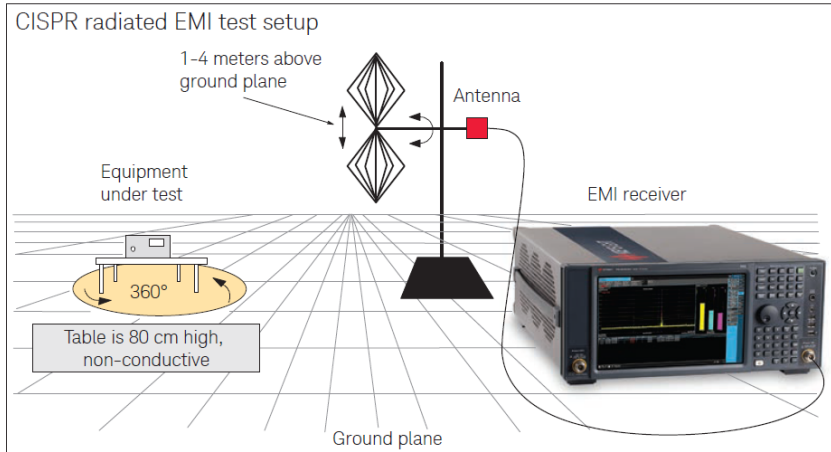
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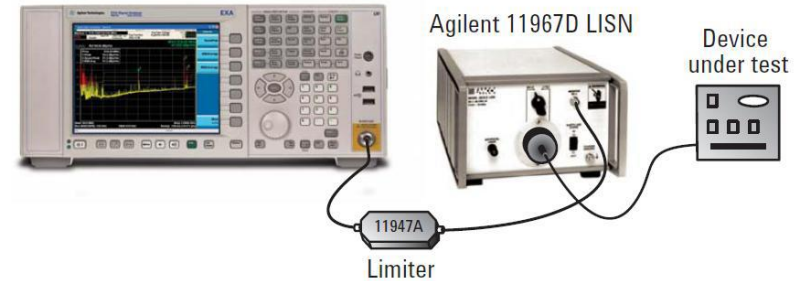
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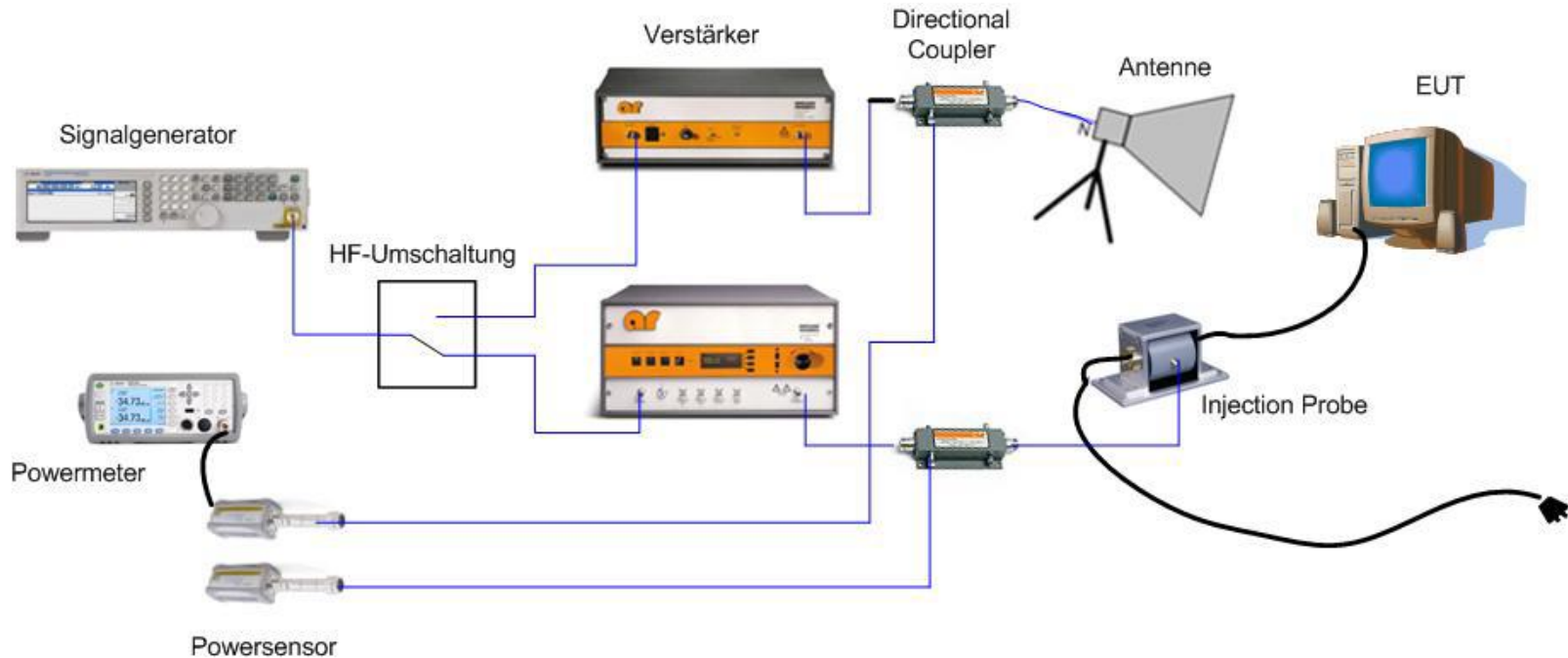
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X-Series analyzer with N6141A  
EMC measurement application

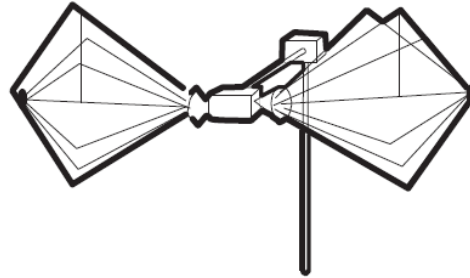


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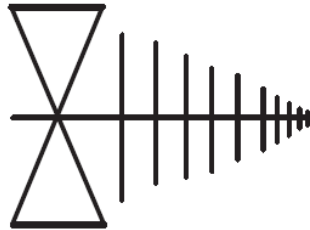


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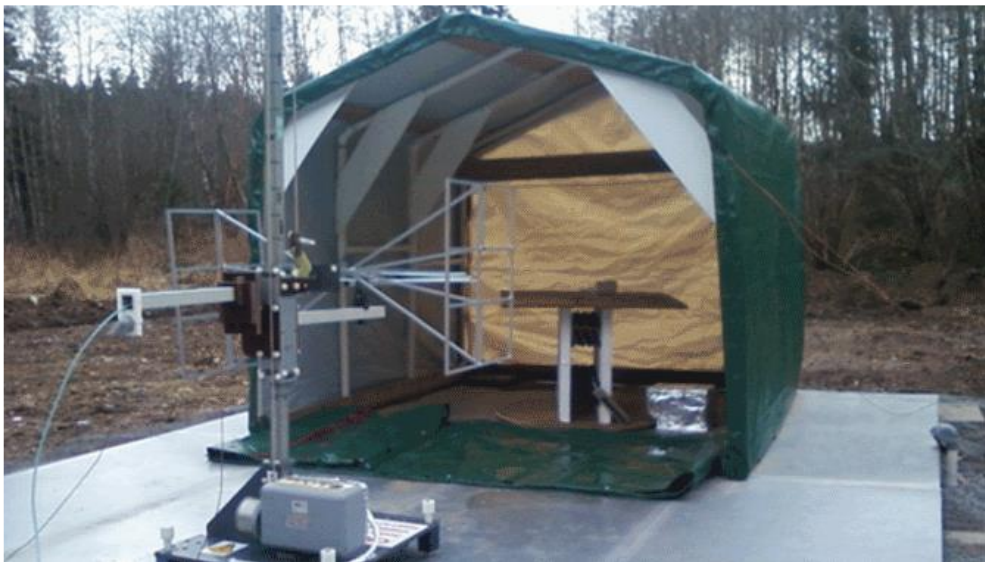
Broadband antenna  
(30 - 1000 MHz)



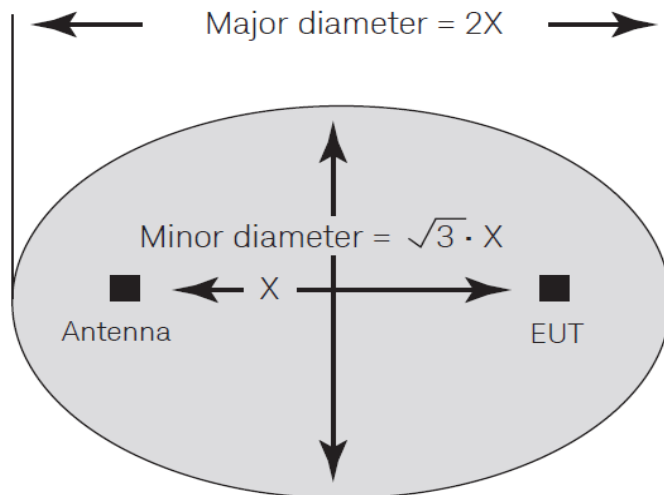
Log periodic antenna  
(200 - 1000 MHz)



# EMC – merilno okolje



Open Area Test Site (OATS)



# EMC – merilno okolje

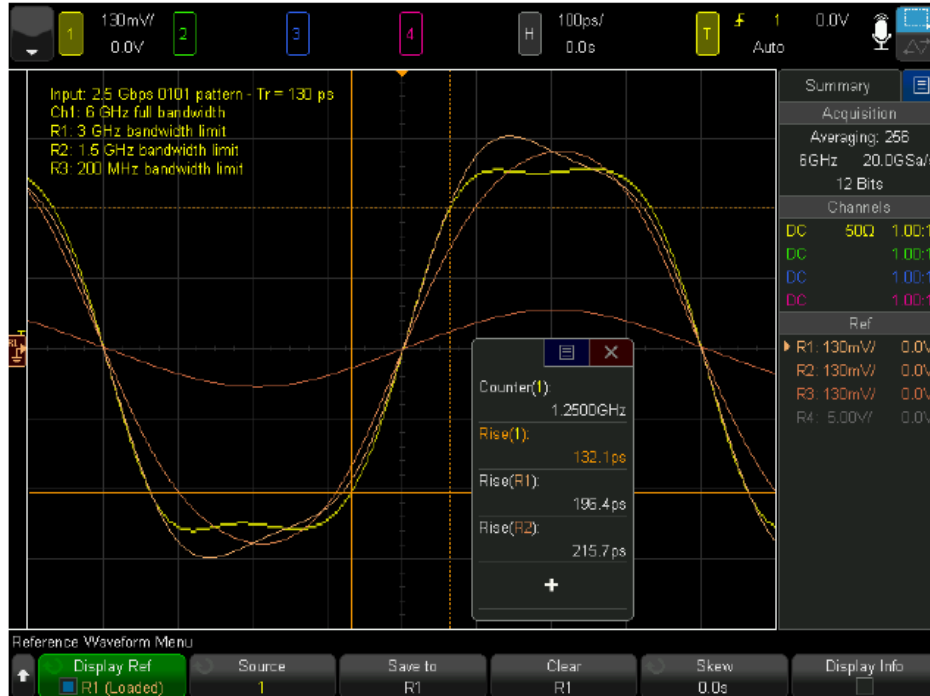


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# Time-domain measurements

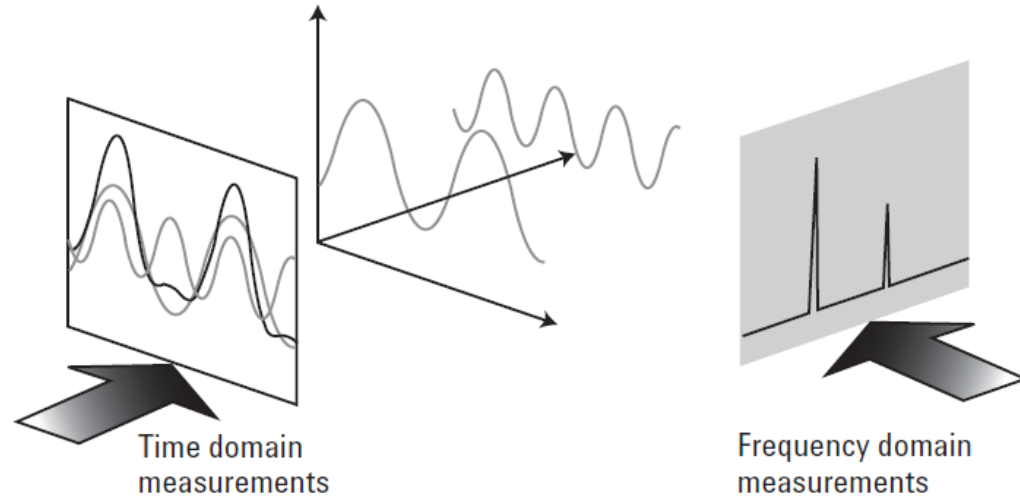


Time-domain measurements include:

- Pulse rise and fall times,
- Overshoot
- Ringing
- Period and frequency
- Positive and negative width
- Tmin, Tmax, Tvolt
- Channel-to-channel phase
- ...



# What is a spectrum?



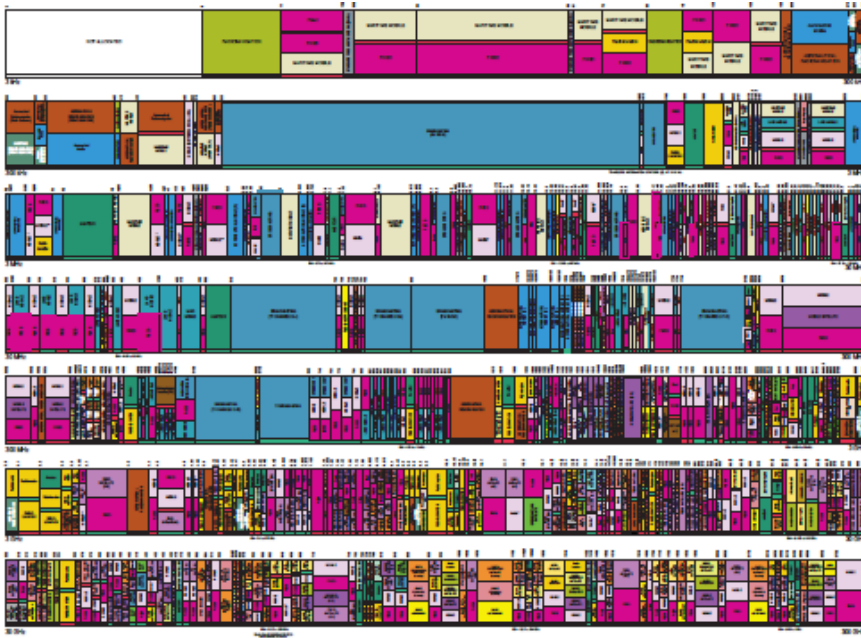
A spectrum is a collection of sine waves that, when combined properly, produce the time-domain signal under examination.

# Types of signal analyzers



- Swept-tuned, superheterodyne analyzers (measuring receivers, spectrum analyzers)
- Fourier analyzers
- Vector signal analyzers

# Why measure spectra?



Spectrum monitoring

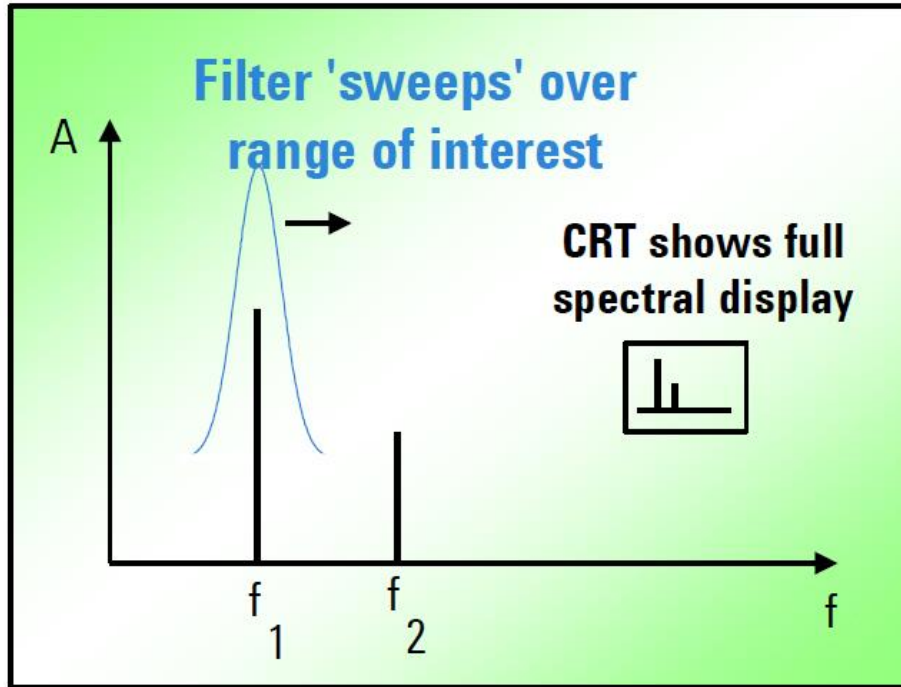
- Government regulatory agencies
- Security

Electromagnetic interference

- radiated or
- conducted unwanted emissions

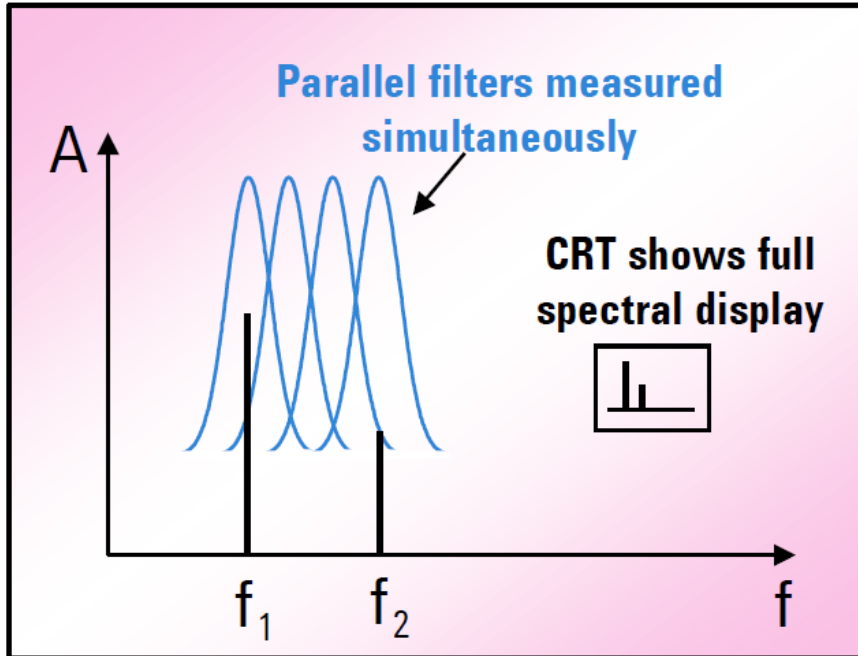
TEMPEST

# Swept-tuned receiver



These analyzers "sweep" across the frequency range of interest, displaying all the frequency components present.

# Fourier analyzers



Fourier analyzers take the time domain information, digitize it, and then perform the mathematics required to convert to the frequency domain, and display it. The concept is as if there were a bank of parallel filters measuring the range of frequencies simultaneously.

# Measuring receivers

Measuring receivers are widely used in metrology and calibration lab environments, spectrum monitoring and electromagnetic-compatibility facilities.

Measuring receivers are used **with calibrated antennas** to

- determine the signal-strength and standards-compliance of broadcast signals,
- investigate and quantify radio-frequency interference,
- determine compliance of a device with electromagnetic interference and TEMPEST standards and regulations.

Measuring receivers are also used **without antennas** to

- Calibrate RF attenuators and signal generators.

# Measuring receivers

## N5531X X-Series Measuring Receiver

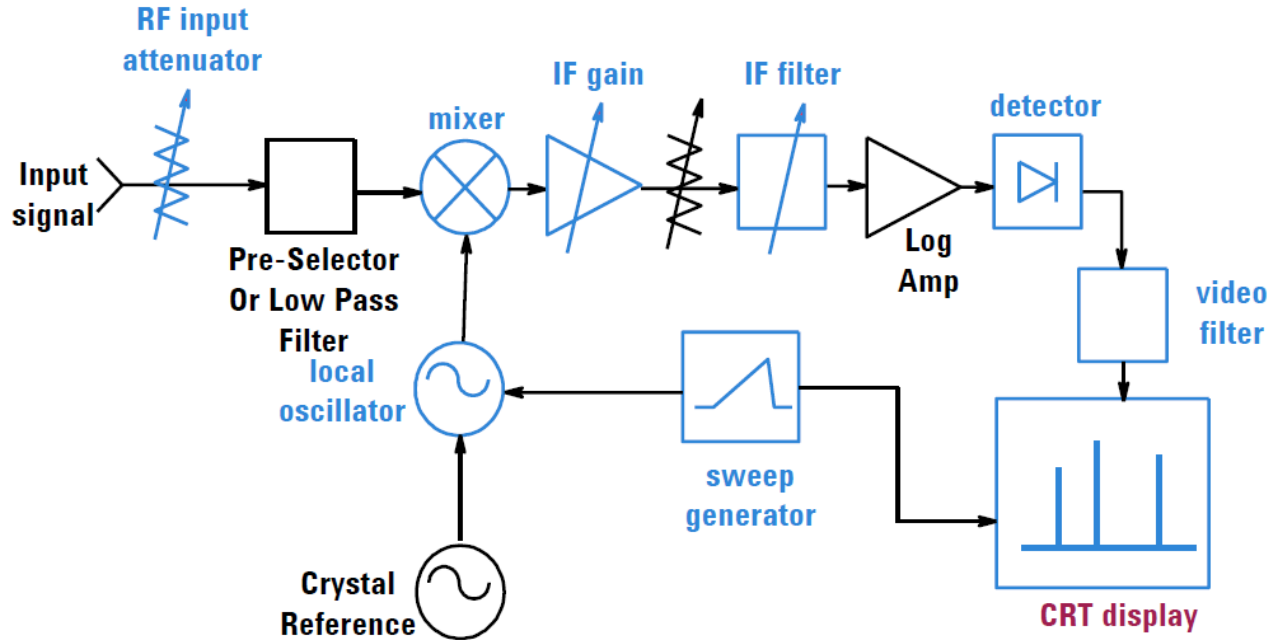


Frequencies up to 110 GHz  
Maximum information bandwidth 11 GHz

## Key measurements include:

- Frequency counter
- Absolute RF power
- Tuned RF level
- TRFL with tracking
- AM depth, FM deviation, PM deviation
- Modulation rate, Modulation distortion
- Modulation SINAD
- Audio frequency
- Audio AC level
- Audio distortion
- Audio SINAD
- Auto carrier triggering
- CCITT filters

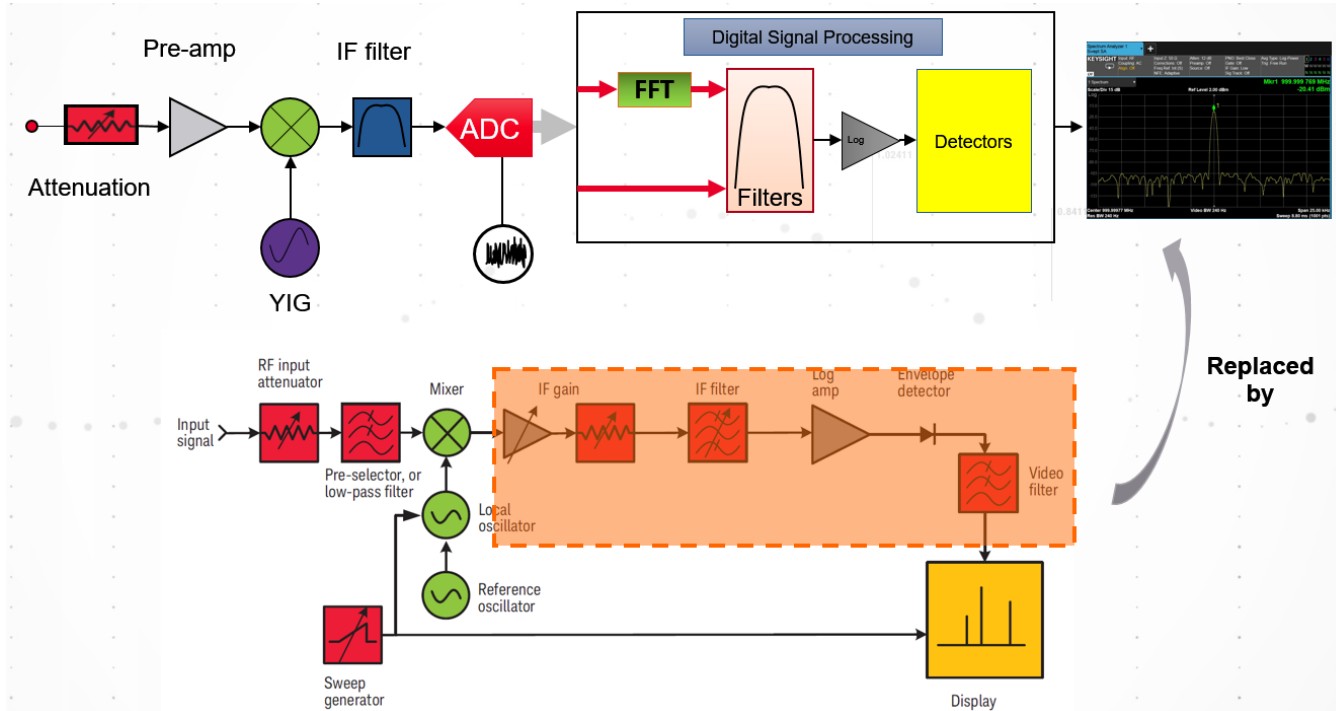
# Theory of Operation





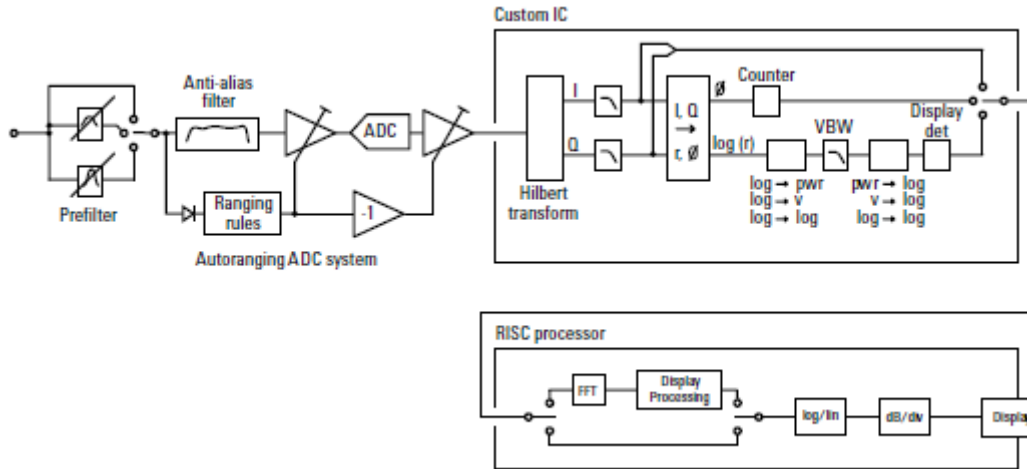
# Theory of Operation

## Modern Spectrum Analyzer



# Digital IF Overview

## The All-digital IF



## Advantages:

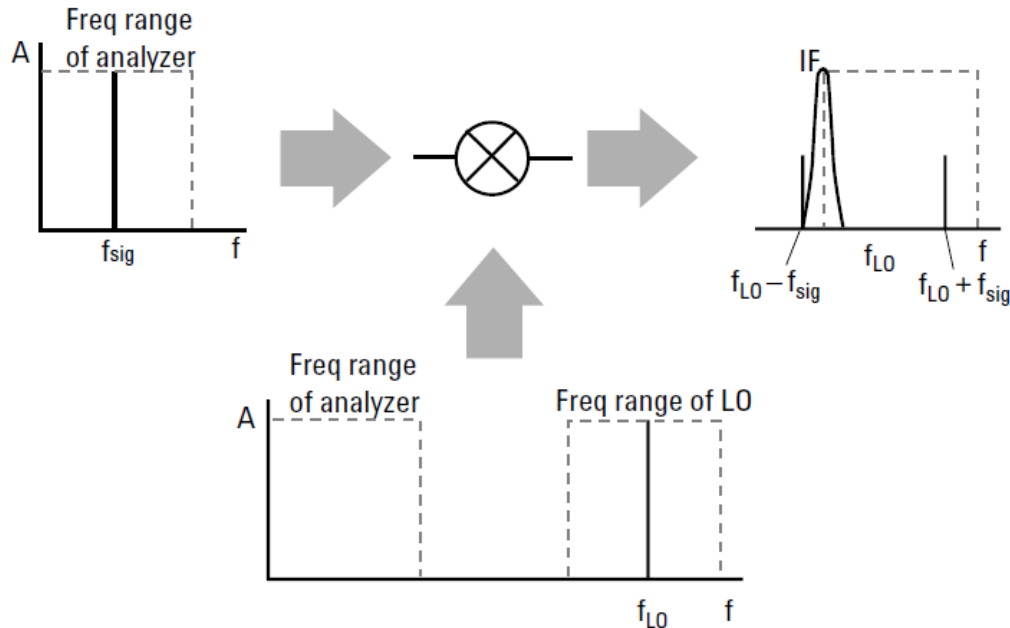
- Faster response/shorter sweep times
- Better selectivity
- Better bandwidth accuracy
- Smaller gain variation between RWBs
- Preserves amplitude and phase info
- FFT possible
- Advanced display possibilities
- Frequency counter
- More accurate log amplifier

# Theory of Operation

## Time Domain Scan

CISPR band C / D	Stepped scan	TDS	Accelerated TDS
30 MHz to 1 GHz Quasi-peak detector, one second dwell time; 120 kHz resolution bandwidth	9 hours	46 seconds	6 seconds
Four antenna positions (Left and right sides / vertical and horizontal orientations)	36 hours	184 seconds	24 seconds

# Theory of Operation

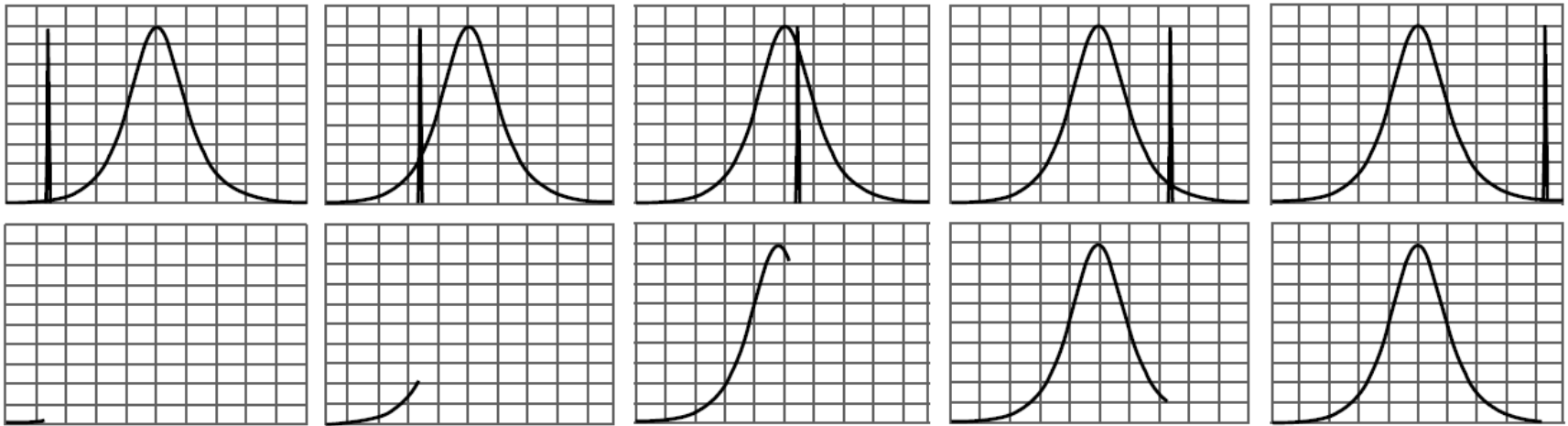


$$f_{LO} = f_{sig} + f_{IF}$$

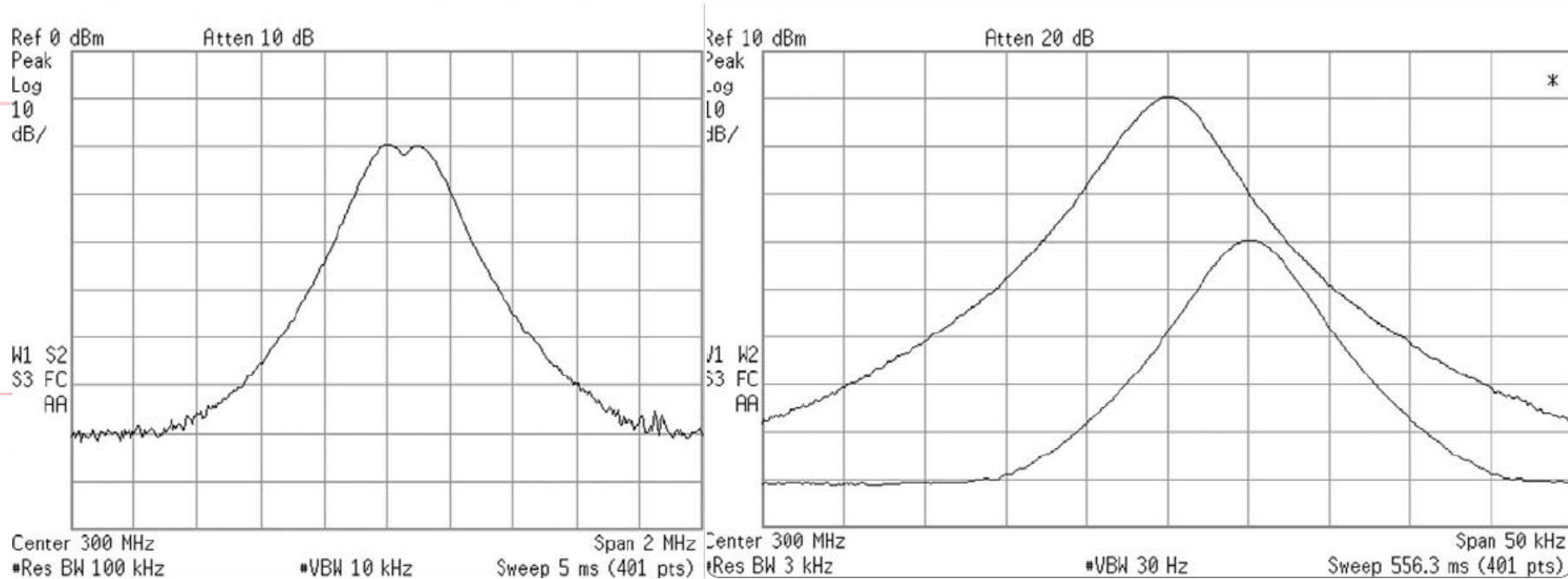
$f_{sig}$  = signal frequency  
 $f_{LO}$  = local oscillator frequency, and  
 $f_{IF}$  = intermediate frequency (IF)

# Theory of Operation

Resolving signals – Resolution bandwidth filter shape



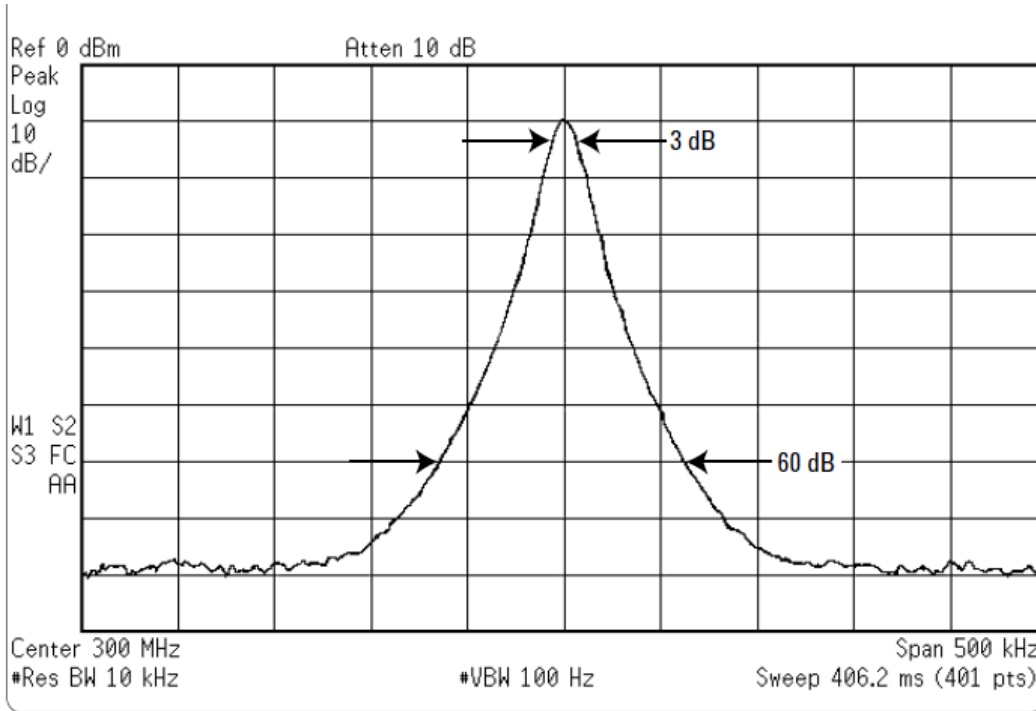
# Theory of Operation



Resolving equal-amplitude signals

Resolving non equal-amplitude signals

# Theory of Operation



**Bandwidth selectivity:**  
ratio of the 60 dB bandwidth to  
the 3 dB bandwidth.

Analog filters: 12,7:1

Digital filters: 4,1:1

# Theory of Operation

## Bandwidth selectivity

Filter skirt at a given offset is calculated as:

$$H(\Delta f) = -10(N) \log_{10} [(\Delta f/f_0)^2 + 1]$$

Where:  $H(\Delta f)$  is the filter skirt rejection in dB

$N$  is the number of filter poles

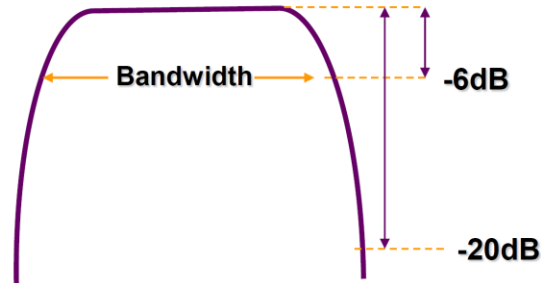
$\Delta f$  is the frequency offset from the center in Hz, and

$$f_0 = \frac{\text{RBW}}{2\sqrt{2^{1/N} - 1}}$$



# Theory of Operation

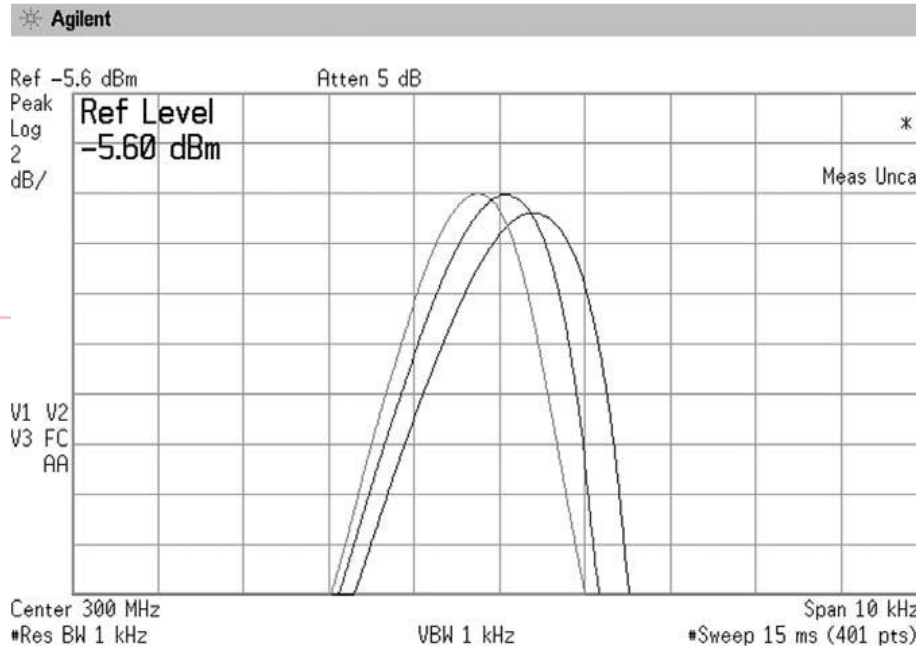
## CISPR Bandwidth Requirements



Measurement Range	CISPR Band	CISPR Bandwidth
9 KHz – 150KHz	A	200 Hz
150 KHz – 30 MHz	B	9 KHz
30 MHz – 1 GHz	C/D	120 KHz
> 1GHz	E	1 MHz

# Theory of Operation

## Sweep time



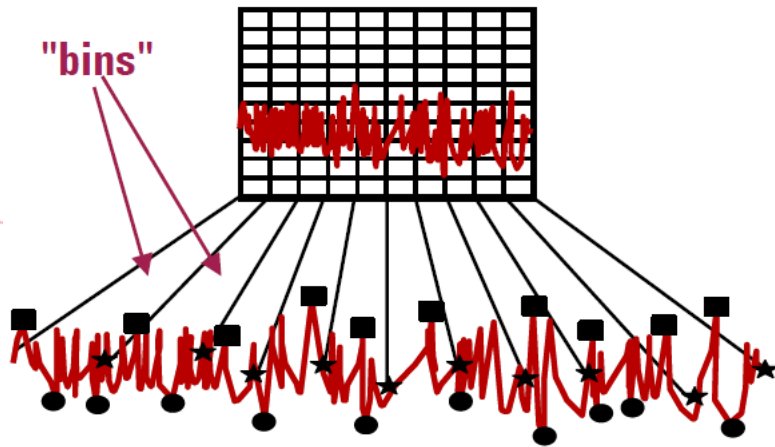
Analog resolution filters  
IF filters require finite times to charge  
and discharge:

$$\text{Time in passband} = (\text{RBW})(\text{ST})/\text{Span}$$

Sweeping an analyzer too fast causes a  
drop in displayed amplitude and a shift  
in indicated frequency.

# Theory of Operation

## Detector types

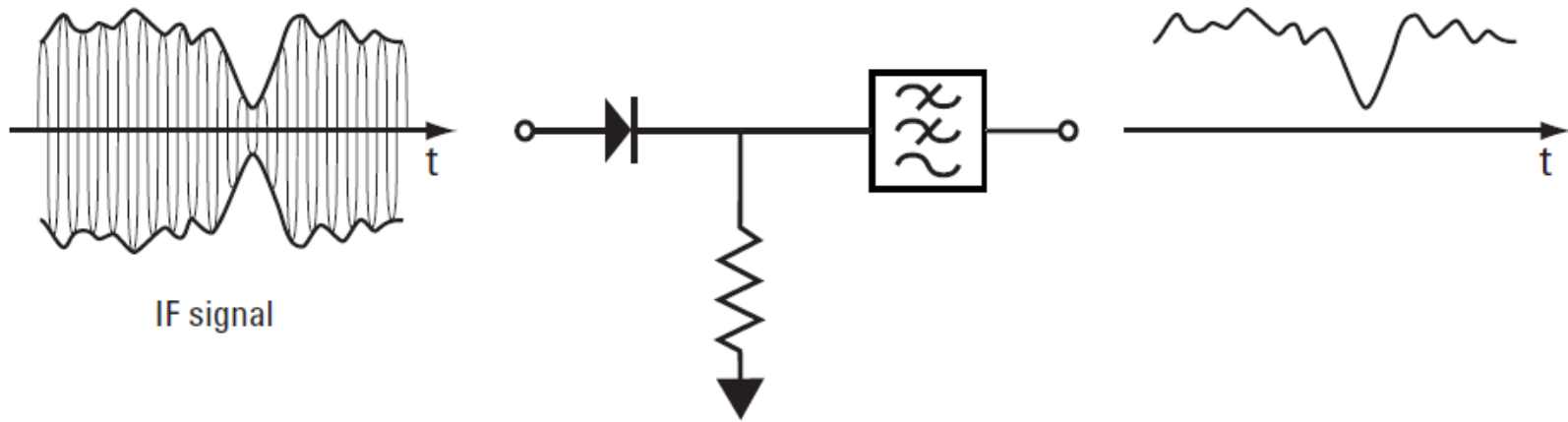


- Positive detection:  
largest value in bin displayed;  
best for sinusoidal signal
- Negative detection:  
smallest value in bin displayed;  
differentiates CW from impulsive signals
- ★ Sample detection:  
value in the centre of bin displayed;  
best for noise

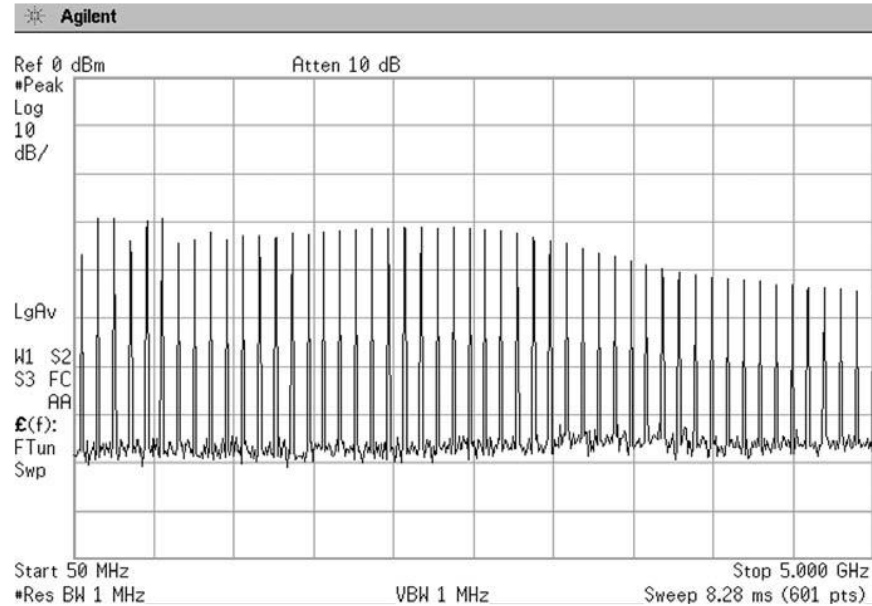
# Theory of Operation

## Envelope detector

converts the IF signal to video (DC):



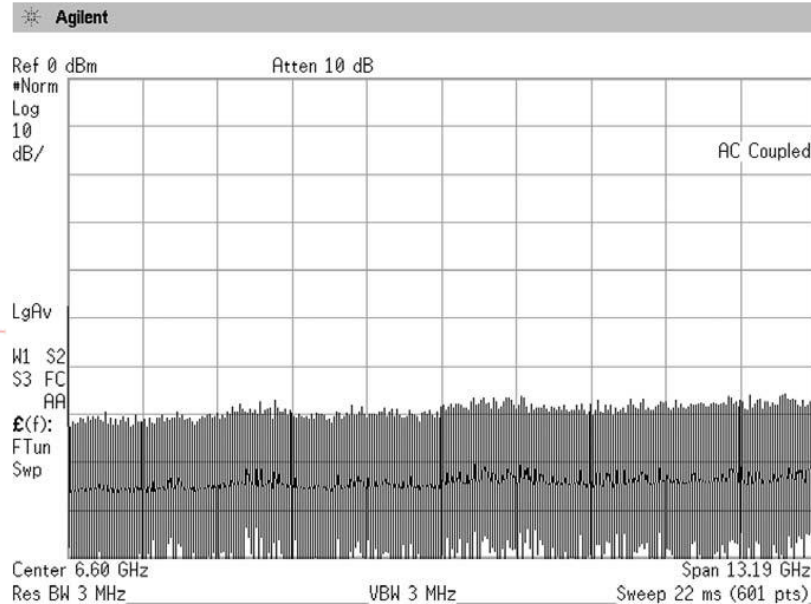
# Theory of Operation



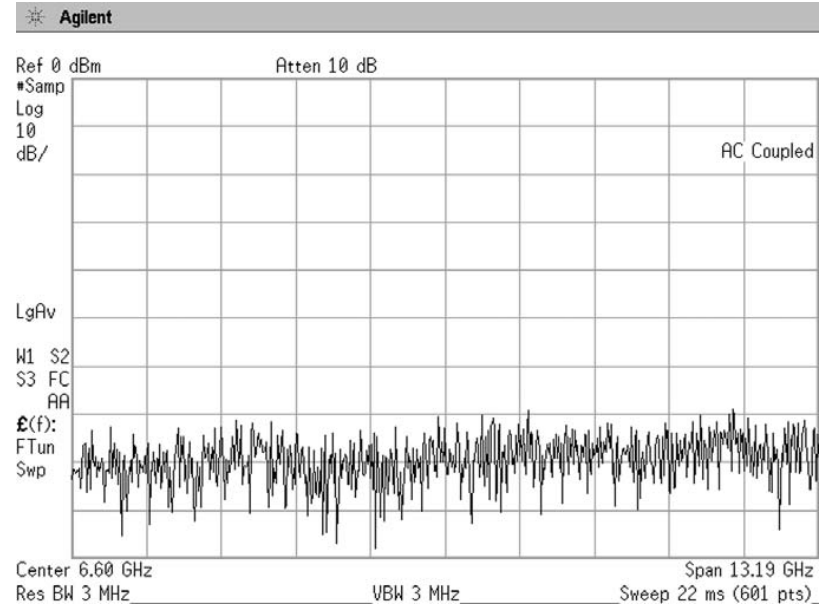
Peak detector used

# Theory of Operation

Normal („rosenfell“) detection – „smart“ detection



Normal mode



Sample mode

# Theory of Operation

## Average detection

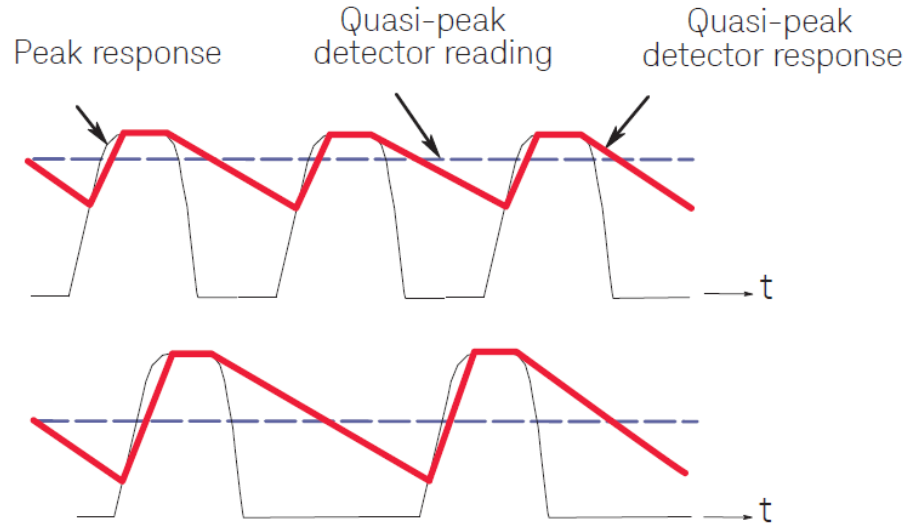
- *Power (rms) averaging* averages rms levels
- *Voltage averaging* averages the linear voltage data of the envelope signal
- *Log-power (video) averaging* averages the logarithmic amplitude values (dB)

## EMI detectors: average and quasi-peak detection (QPD)

- *envelope-detected signal passes through a low-pass filter with a bandwidth much less than the RBW; the filter integrates (averages) the higher frequency components such as noise.*
- *The measured value of the QPD drops as the repetition rate of the measured signal decreases.*

# Theory of Operation

Quasi-peak detector output varies with impulse rate

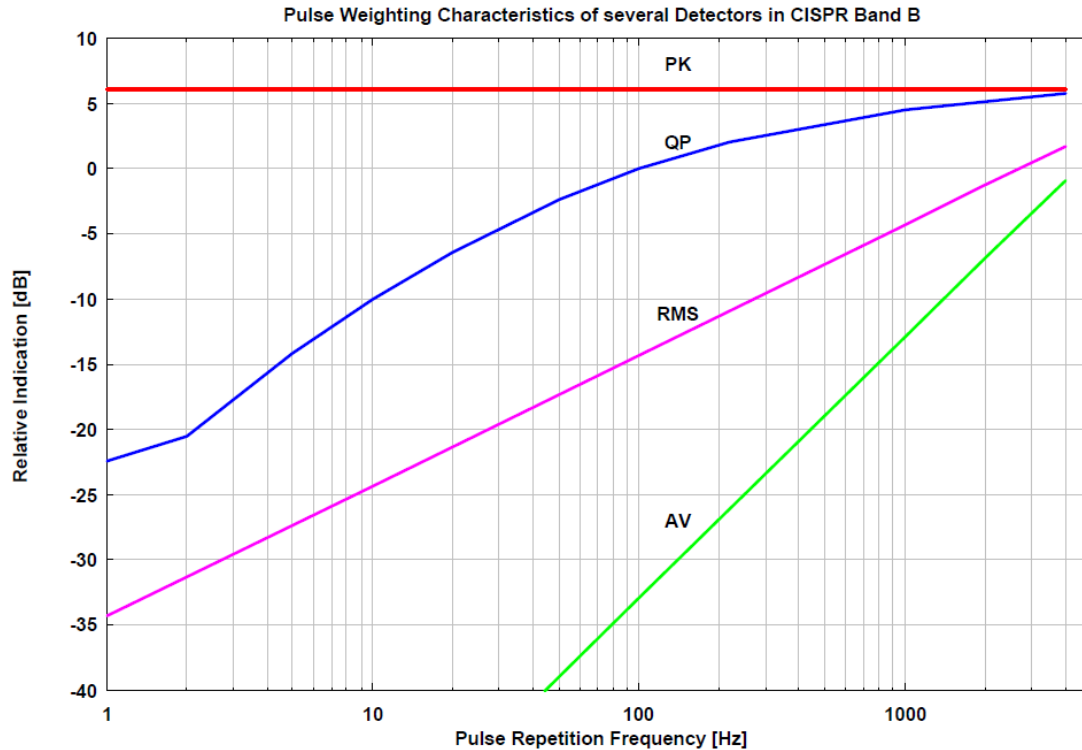


## Quasi-peak detection

As the impulse repetition rate increases, the quasi-peak detector does not have time to discharge as much, resulting in a higher voltage output



# Theory of Operation



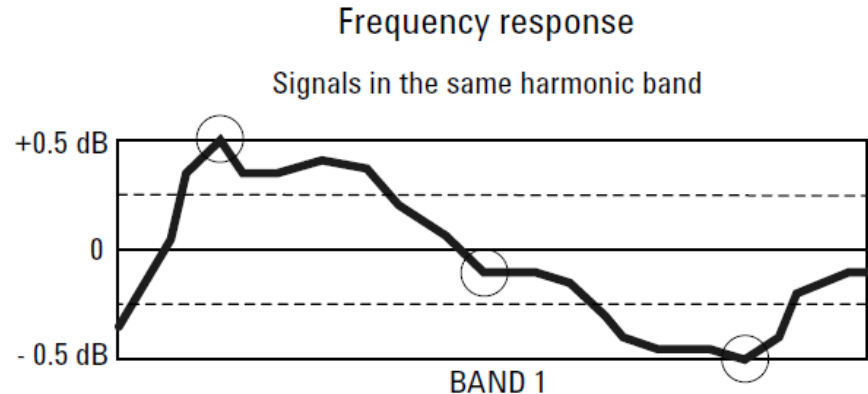
# Amplitude and Frequency Accuracy

- Input filter/preselector

Preselector – a tunable band pass filter – is used in the higher frequency bands has a larger *frequency response variation*, ranging from 1.5 dB to 3 dB.

- Mixer and the local oscillator

- both add to the *frequency response uncertainty*. Some spectrum analyzers have a *band switching uncertainty*



# Amplitude and Frequency Accuracy

- **Absolute amplitude accuracy**

Absolute frequency response specification is referenced to built-in calibrator amplitude and frequency.

Specifications of a variety of different spectrum analyzers:

## Amplitude uncertainties ( $\pm$ dB)

Relative	
RF attenuator switching uncertainty	0.18 to 0.7
Frequency response	0.38 to 2.5
Reference level accuracy (IF attenuator/gain change)	0.0 to 0.7
Resolution bandwidth switching uncertainty	0.03 to 1.0
Display scale fidelity	0.07 to 1.15
Absolute	
Calibrator accuracy	0.24 to 0.34

# Amplitude and Frequency Accuracy

## Improving overall uncertainty

- Sources of uncertainty can be considered independent variables – calculate the root sum of squares (RSS) error.
- Do the measurement without changing unnecessary setting.
- Use a power meter and compare the reading of the spectrum analyzer at the desired frequencies with the reading of the power meter.
- Use more accurate calibrator, or one closer to the frequency of interest.

# Amplitude and Frequency Accuracy

## Specifications, typical performance, and nominal values

**Specifications** – 100% of the units tested will meet the specification.

**“2 sigma” or 95% confidence value** – not all units meet the specification.

**Typical performance** – 80% of the units exhibit with a 95% confidence level.

**Nominal values** – generally are not tested during the manufacturing process.

# Amplitude and Frequency Accuracy

## The digital IF section

- Digital IF architecture eliminates or minimizes many of the uncertainties experienced in analog spectrum analyzers:
- Reference level accuracy (IF gain uncertainty)
- Display scale fidelity – no log amplifier; however, other factors, such as RF compression (especially for input signals above  $-20$  dBm), ADC range gain alignment accuracy, and ADC linearity (or quantization error) contribute to display scale uncertainty.
- RBW switching uncertainty – minimized with excellent repeatability and error compensation.

# Amplitude and Frequency Accuracy

## Frequency accuracy

For **absolute frequency measurements** a typical readout accuracy might be stated as follows:

$$\pm[(\text{freq readout} \times \text{freq ref error}) + A\% \text{ of span} + B\% \text{ of RBW} + C \text{ Hz}]$$

When making **relative measurements**, span accuracy comes into play, e.g. 0,5% of span.

**Marker count accuracy** might be stated as:

$$\pm[(\text{marker freq} \times \text{freq ref error}) + \text{counter resolution}]$$

# Sensitivity

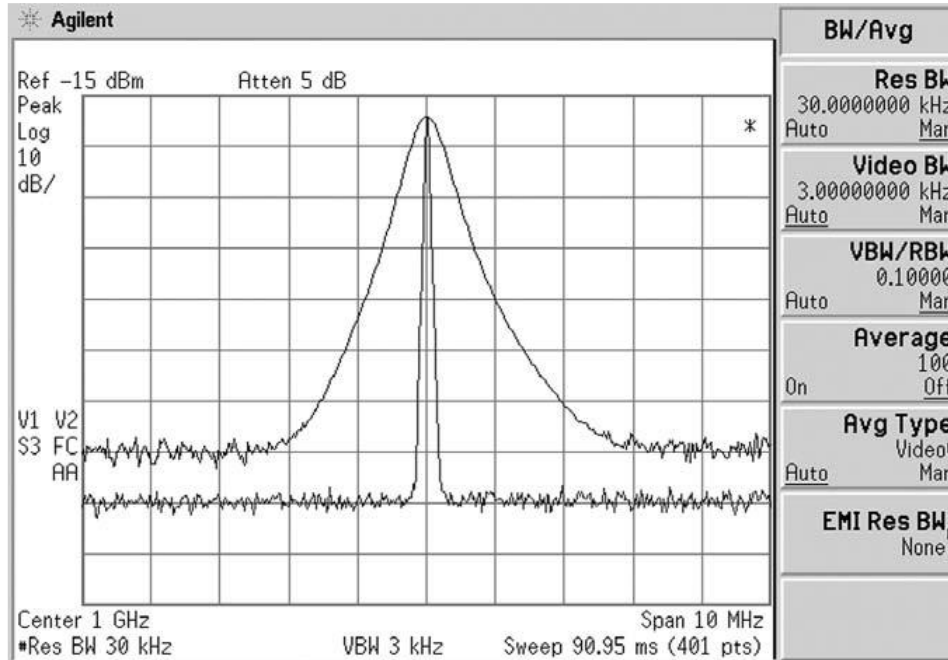
The limitation in search out and measure low-level signals is the noise generated within the spectrum analyzer itself, commonly referred to as the *Displayed Average Noise Level, or DANL*

$$\text{noise energy} = kTB$$

At room temperature, the noise power density normalized to 1 Hz BW is  $-174$  dBm/Hz. We get the lowest DANL by selecting minimum (zero) RF attenuation.



# Sensitivity



Displayed level changes with RBW:

$$10 \log (BW2/BW1)$$

BW1 = starting resolution bandwidth  
BW2 = ending resolution bandwidth

Video filter does not affect the average noise level and so does not affect the sensitivity of an analyzer.

# Preamplifiers

With appropriate preamplifier in front of the spectrum analyzer, we can obtain a system noise figure that is lower than that of the spectrum analyzer alone and we can improve system sensitivity.

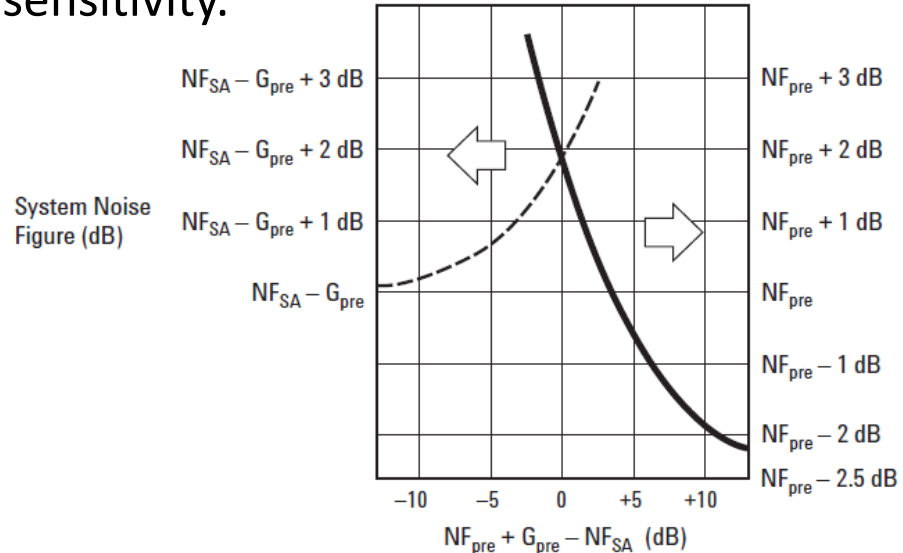
If  $NF_{pre} + G_{pre} \geq NF_{sa} + 15 \text{ dB}$ ,

Then  $NF_{sys} = NF_{pre} - 2.5 \text{ dB}$

And

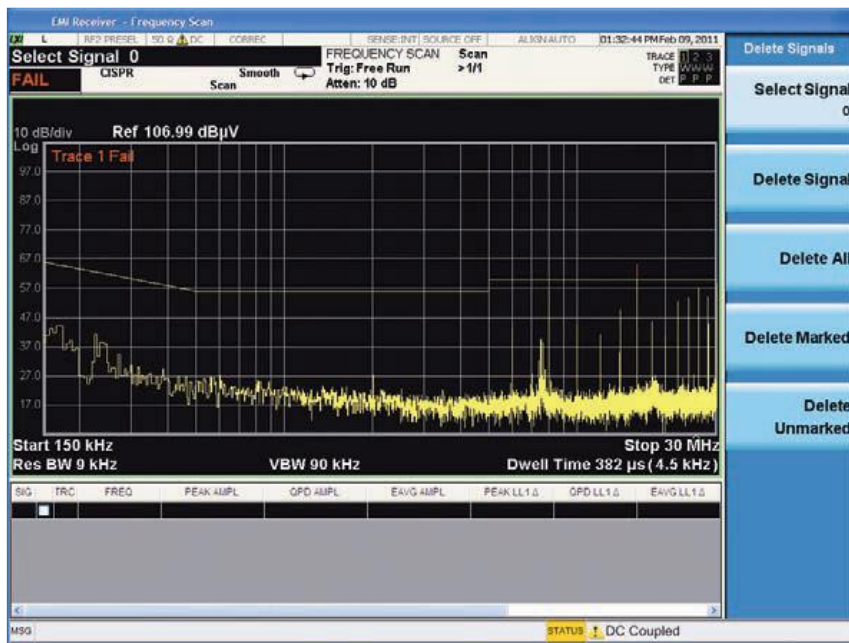
If  $NF_{pre} + G_{pre} \leq NF_{sa} - 10 \text{ dB}$ ,

Then  $NF_{sys} = NF_{sa} - G_{pre}$



# Možne rešitve za EMC merjene

Programska oprema olajša nastavljenje  
merilne opreme



PXE - Vrhunski merilni sprejemnik s TDS



Hvala za pozornost!