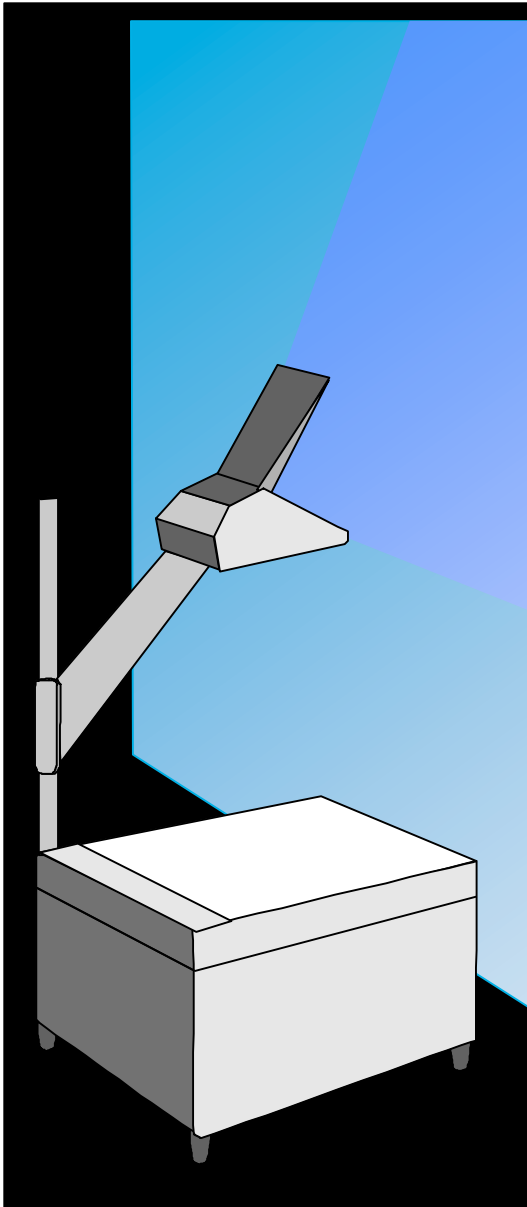


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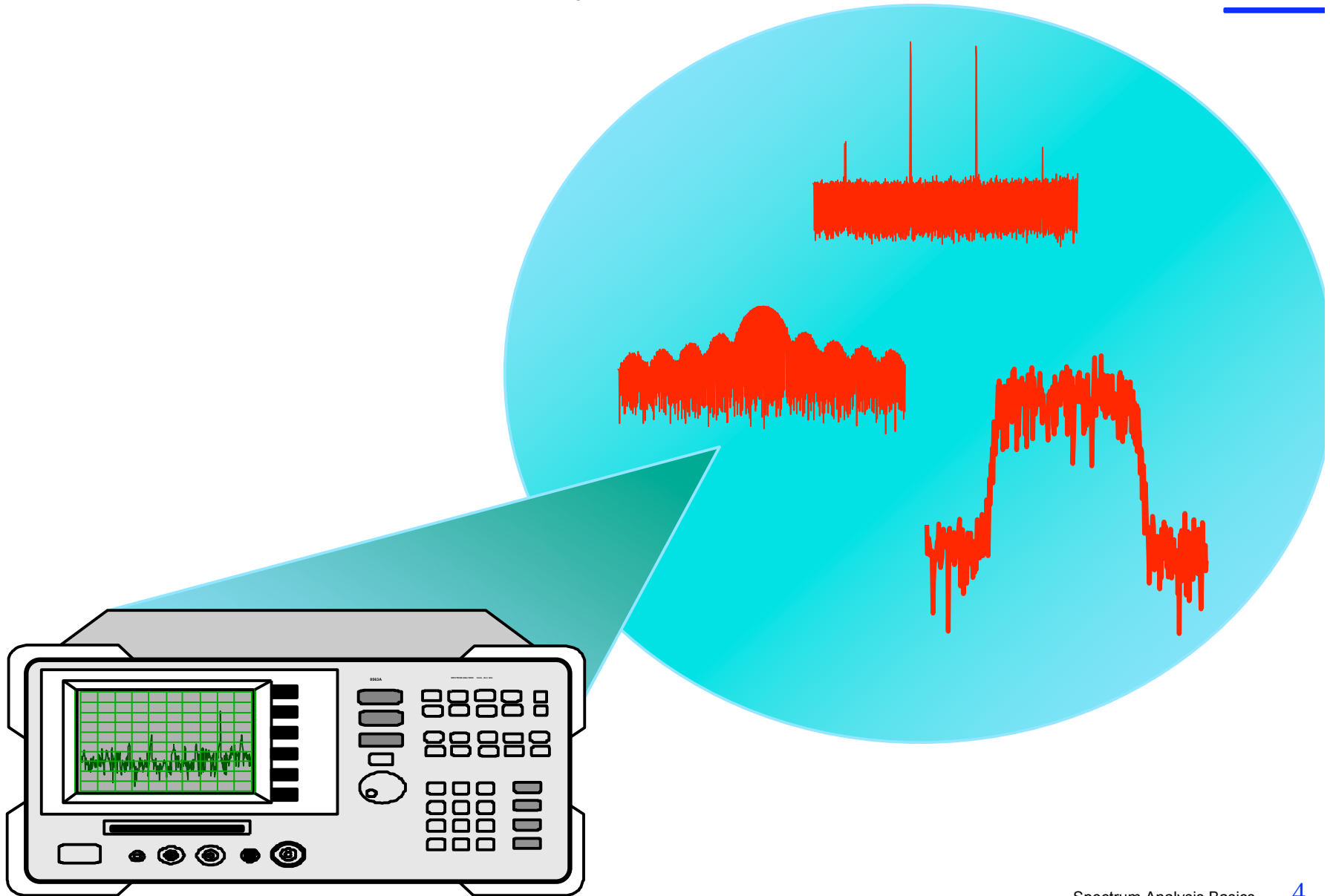
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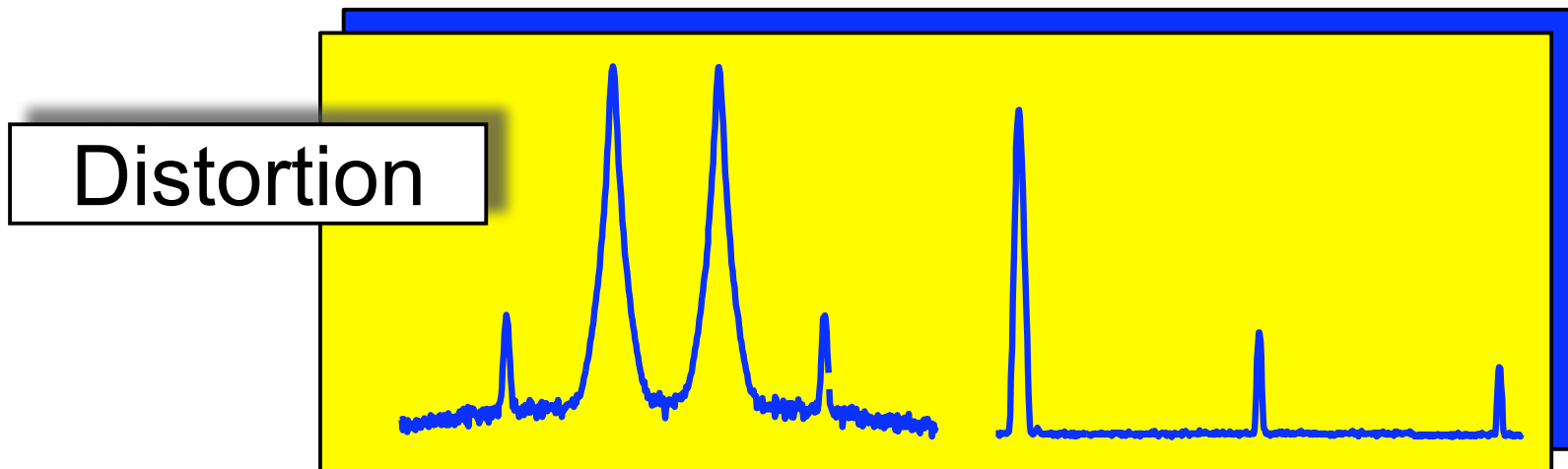
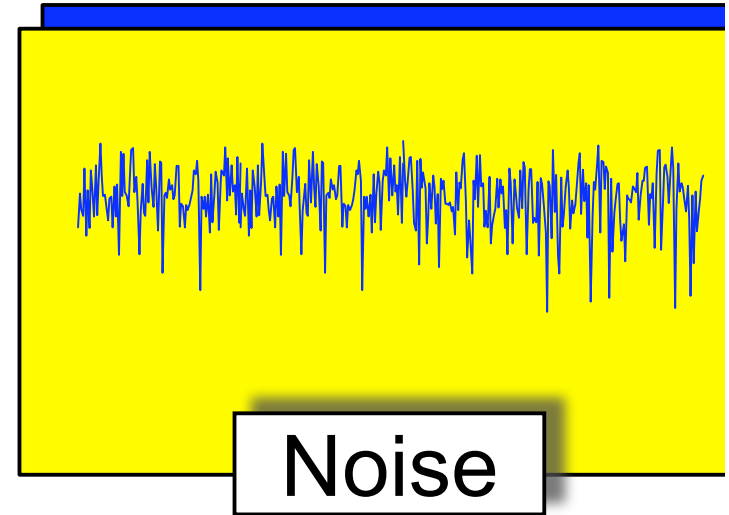
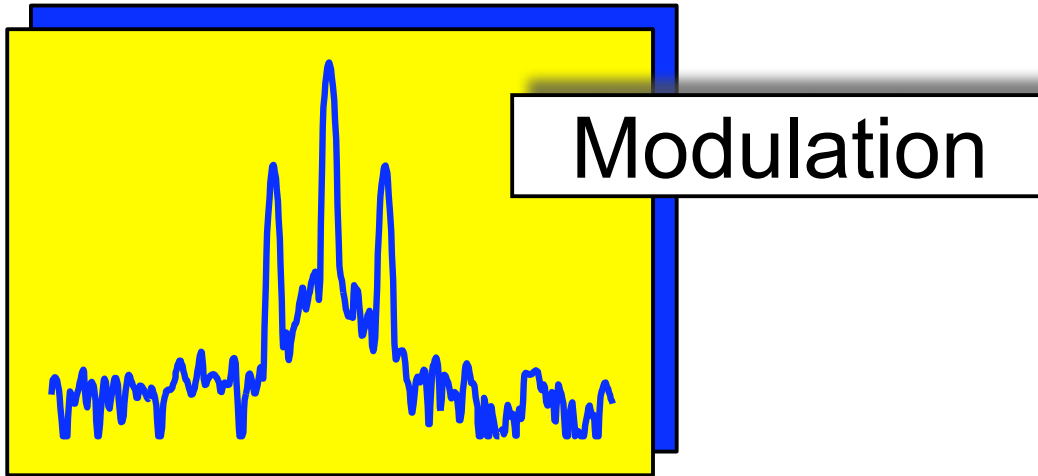
Overview

What is Spectrum Analysis?



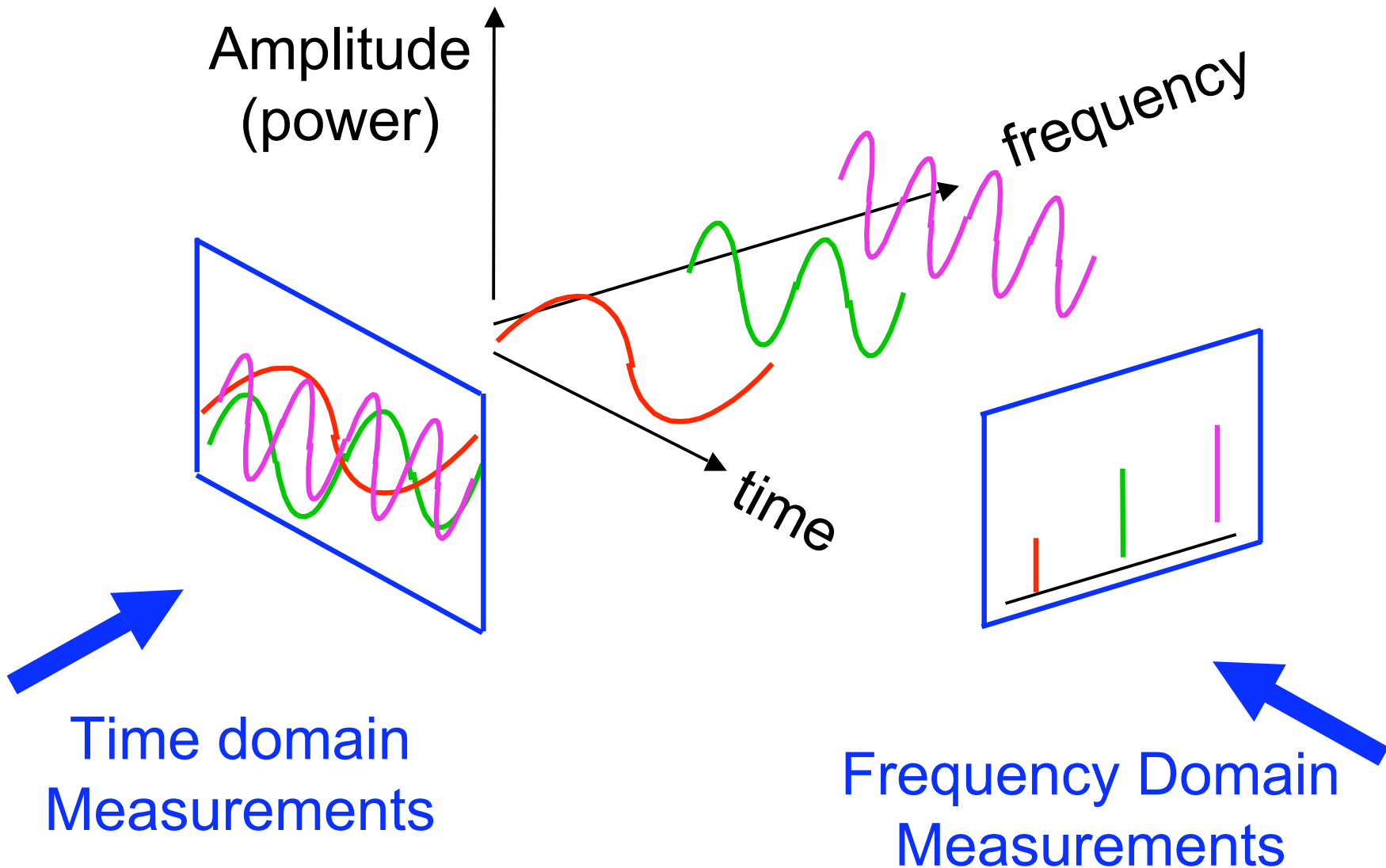
Overview

Types of Tests Made



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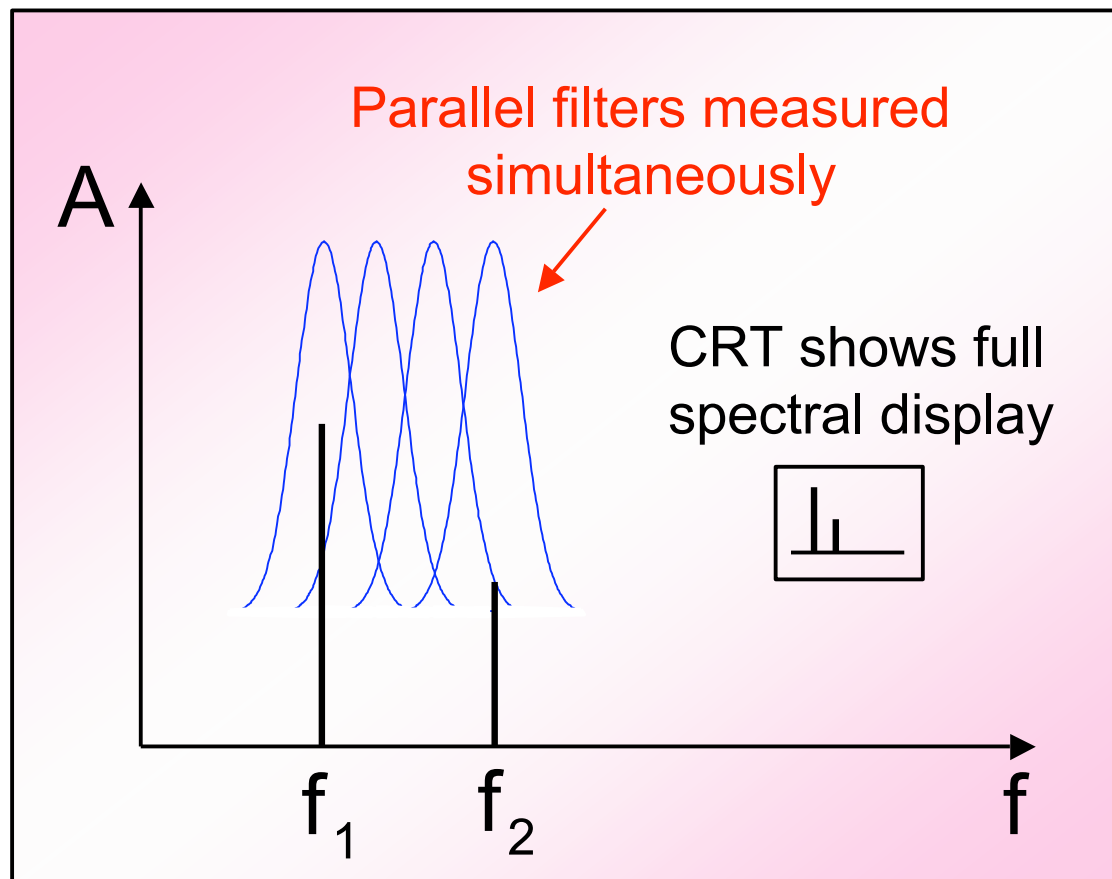
Frequency versus Time Domain



Overview

Different Types of Analyzers

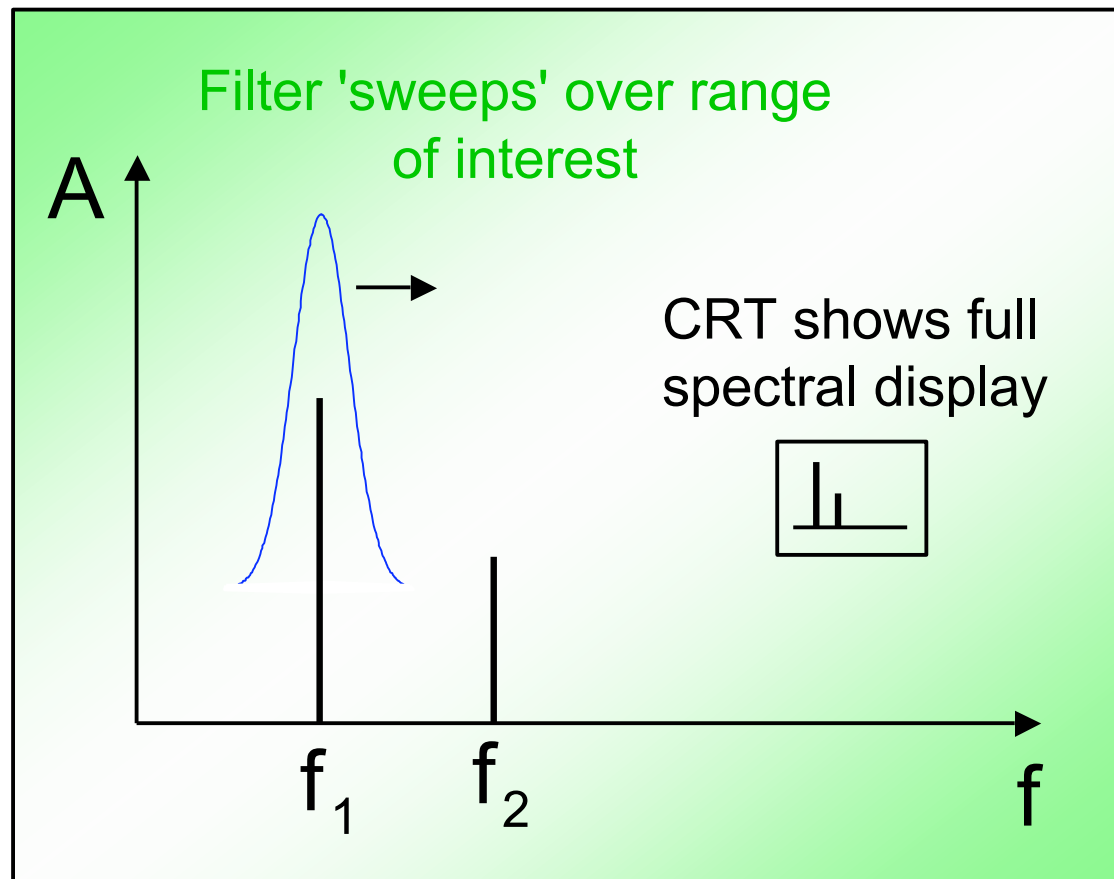
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Overview

Different Types of Analyzers

Swept Analyzer

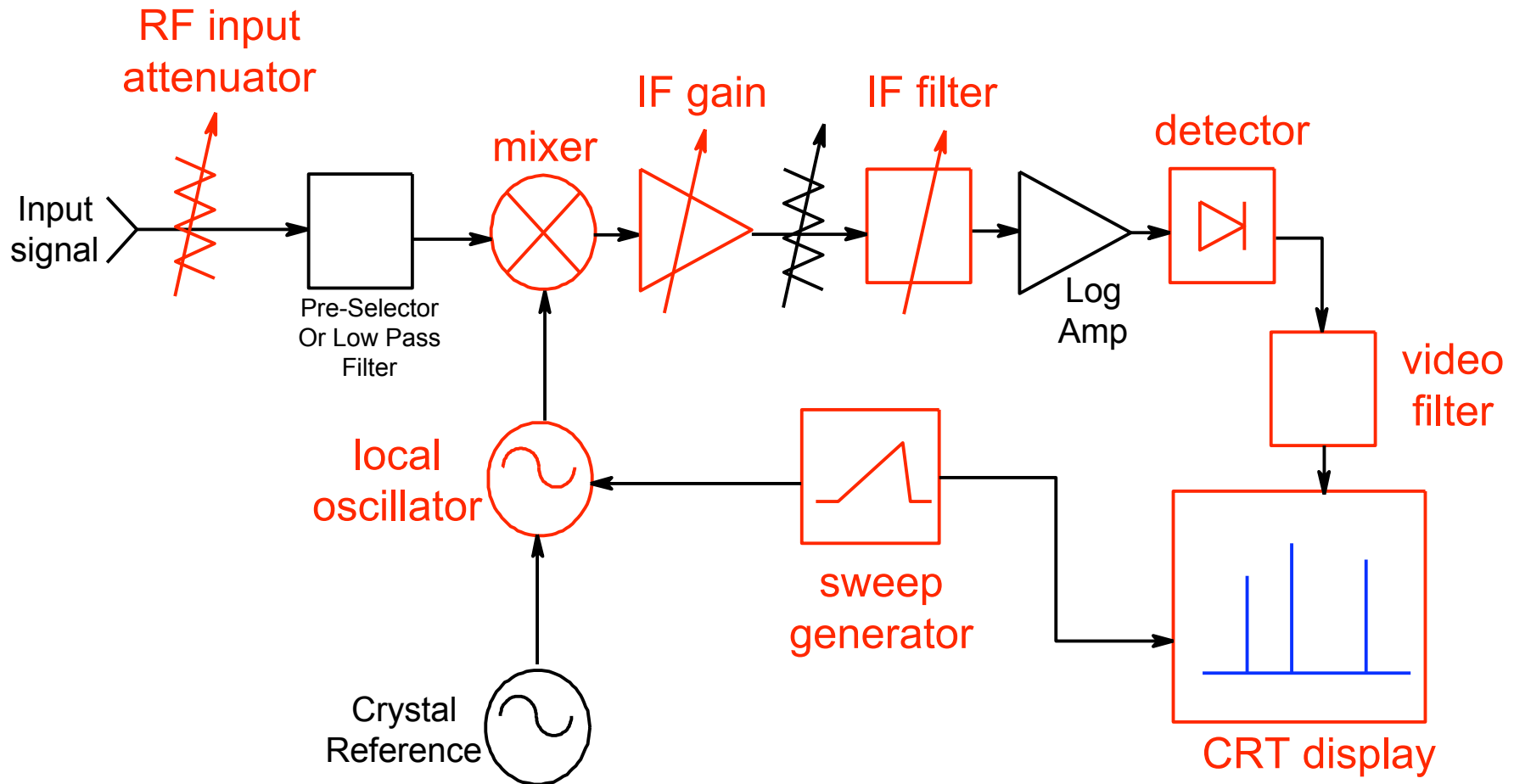


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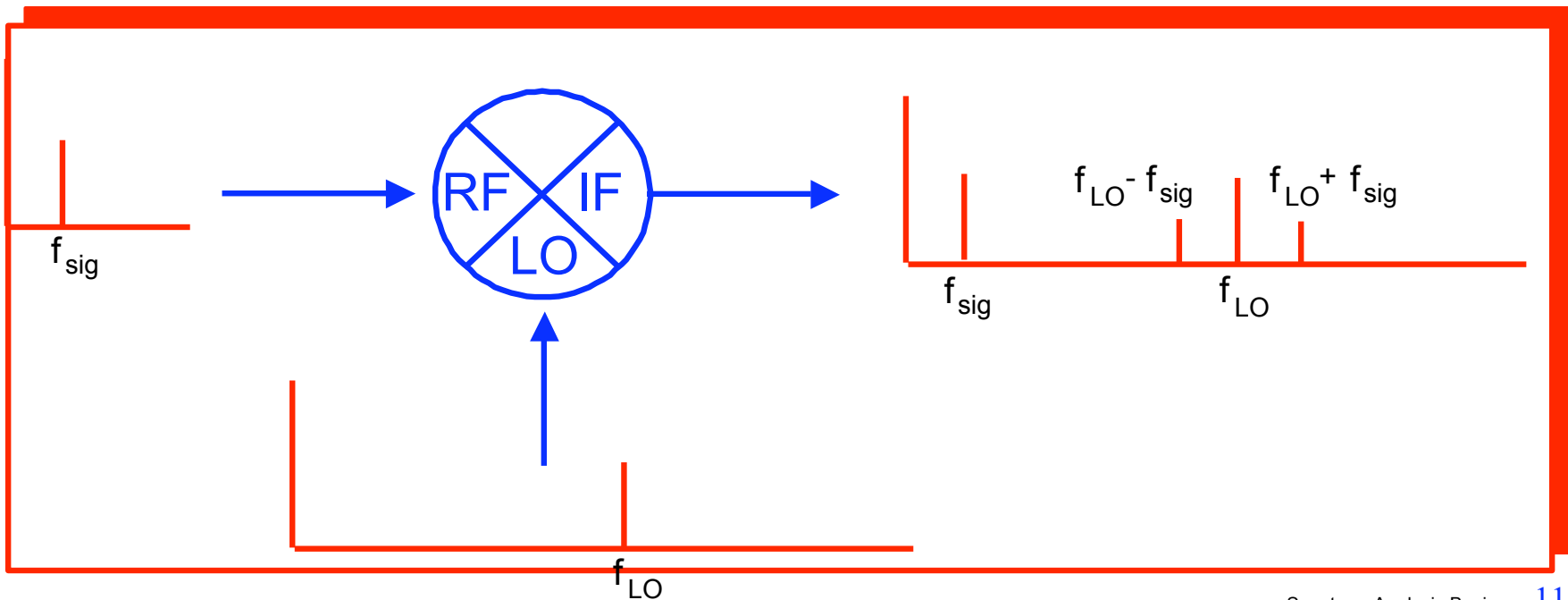
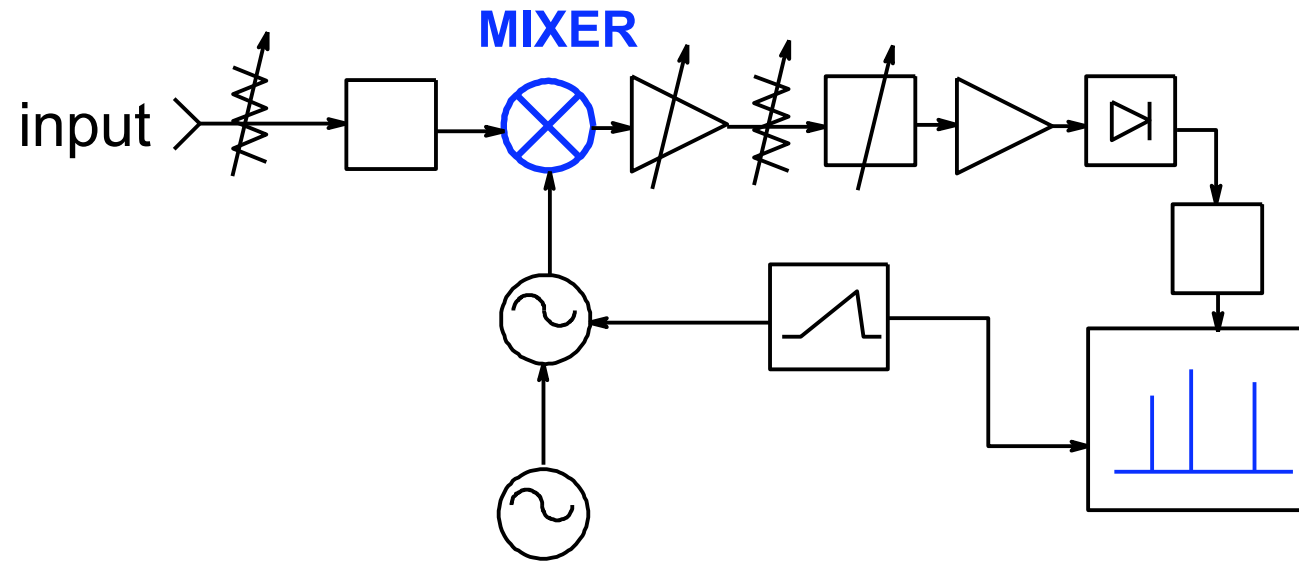
Theory of Operation

Spectrum Analyzer Block Diagram



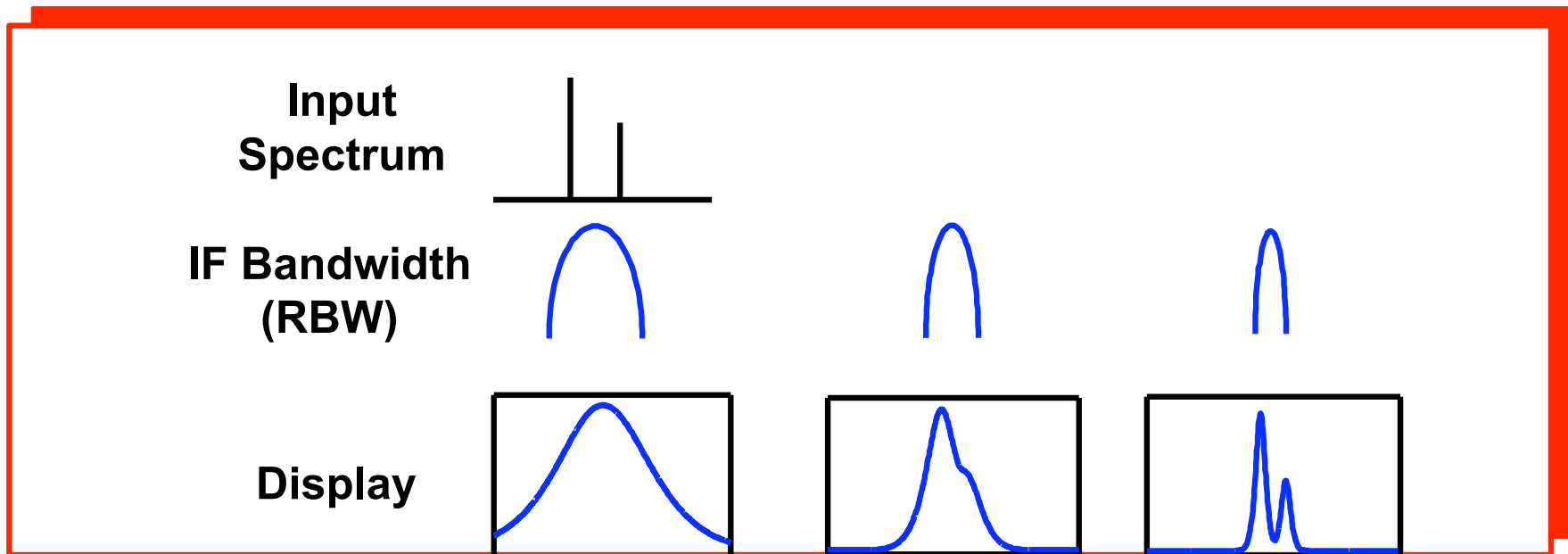
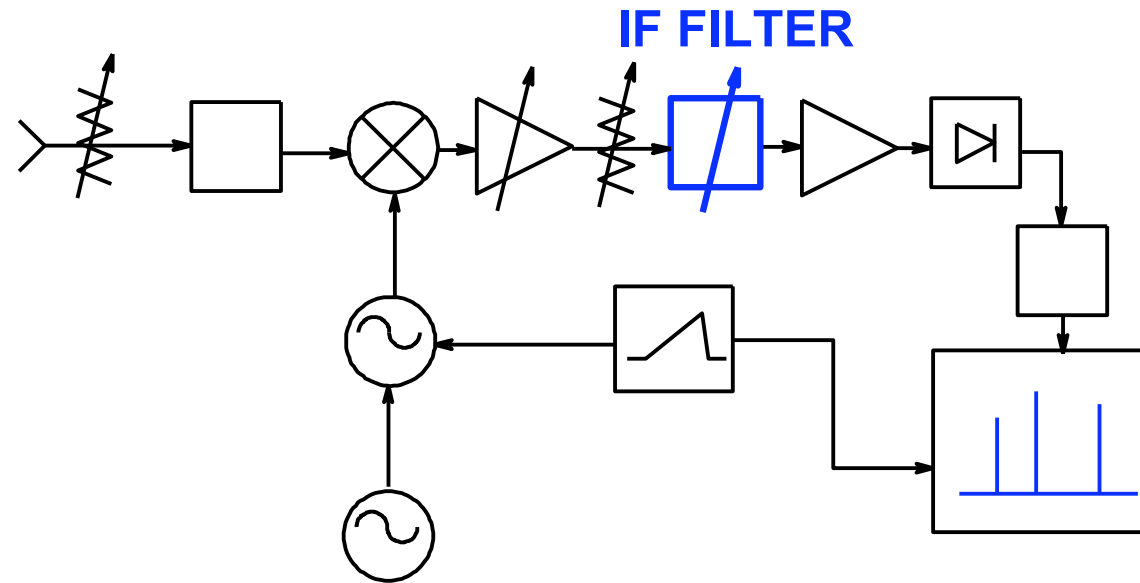
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Mixer



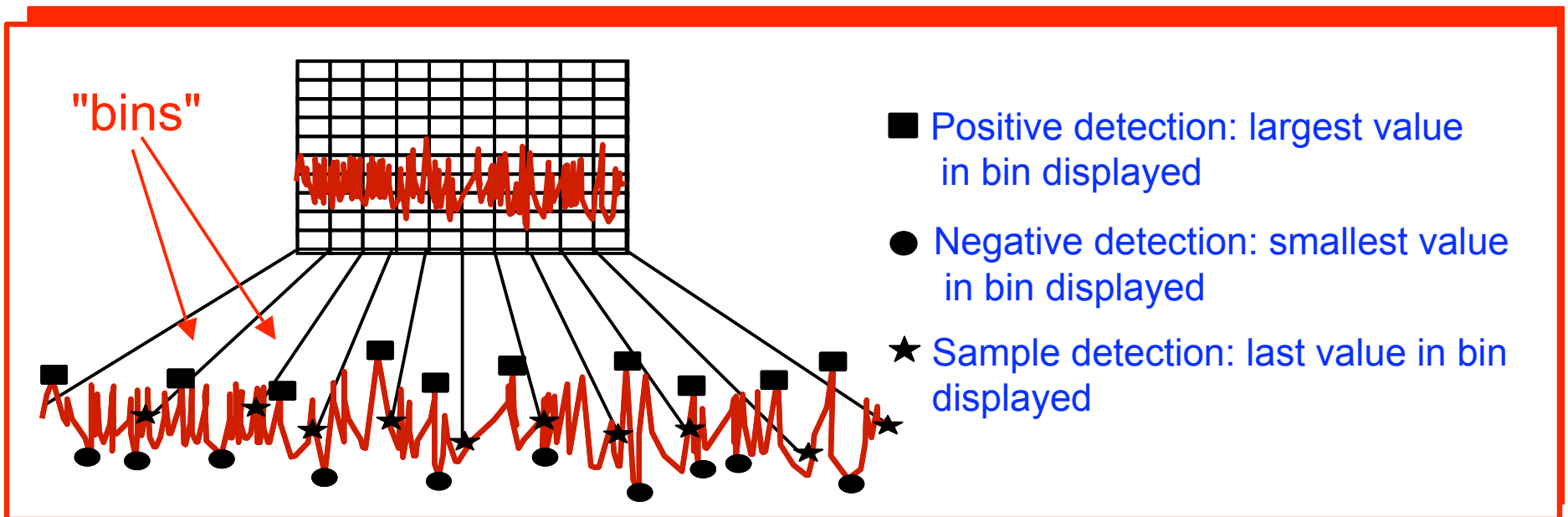
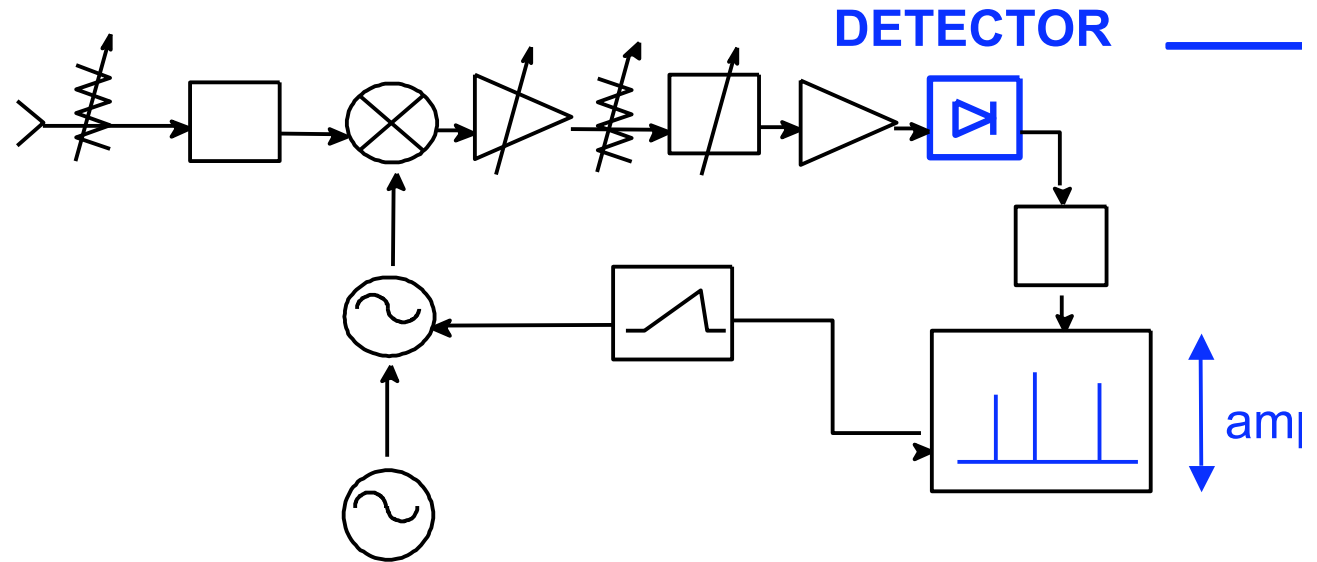
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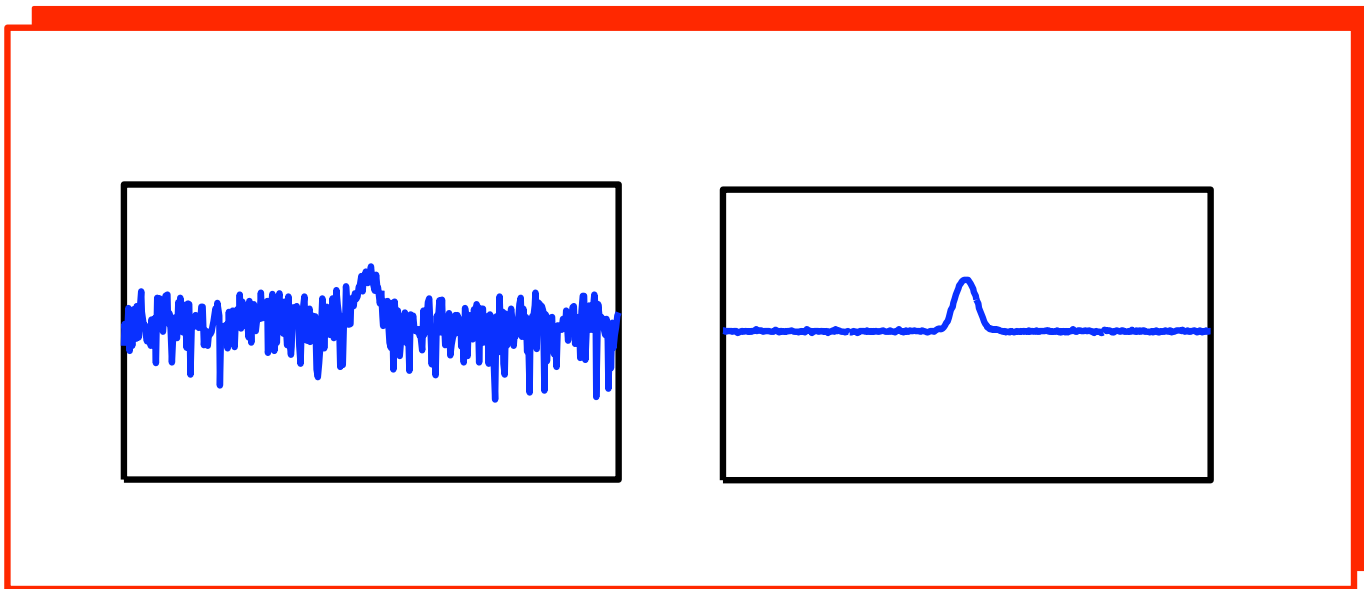
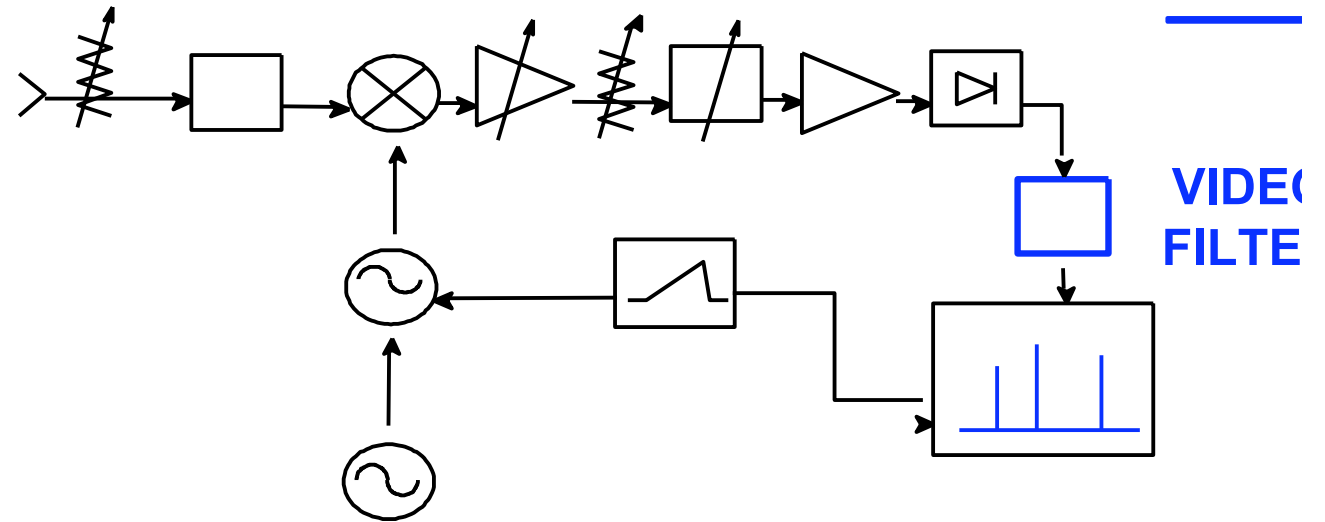
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Detector



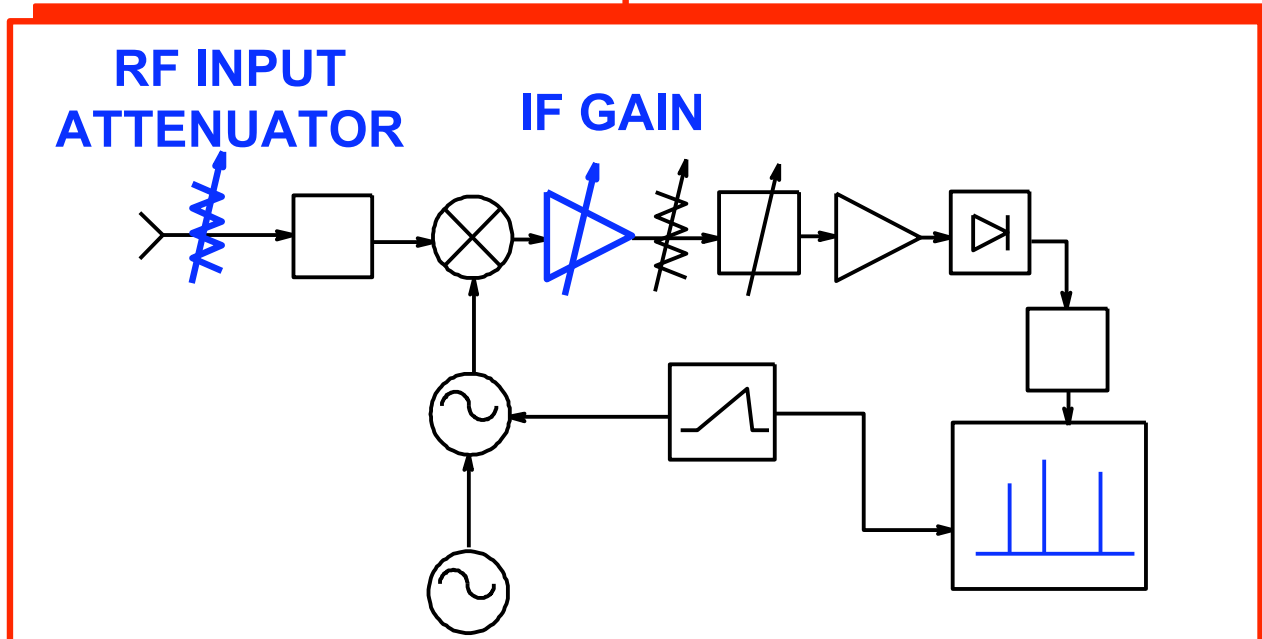
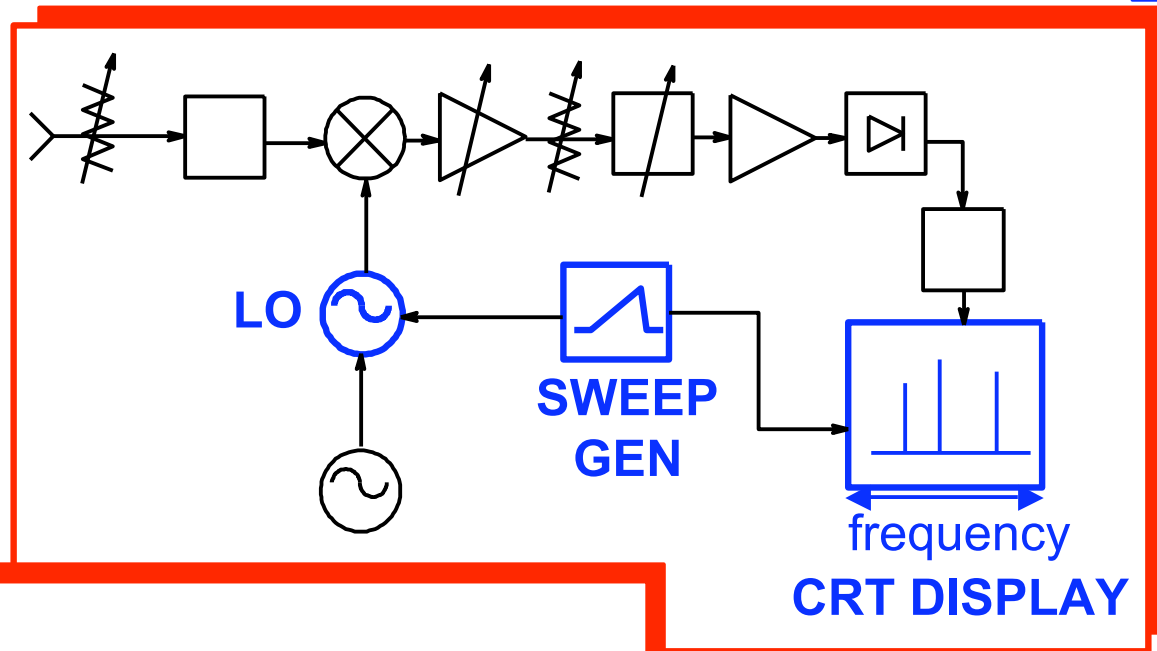
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Video Filter



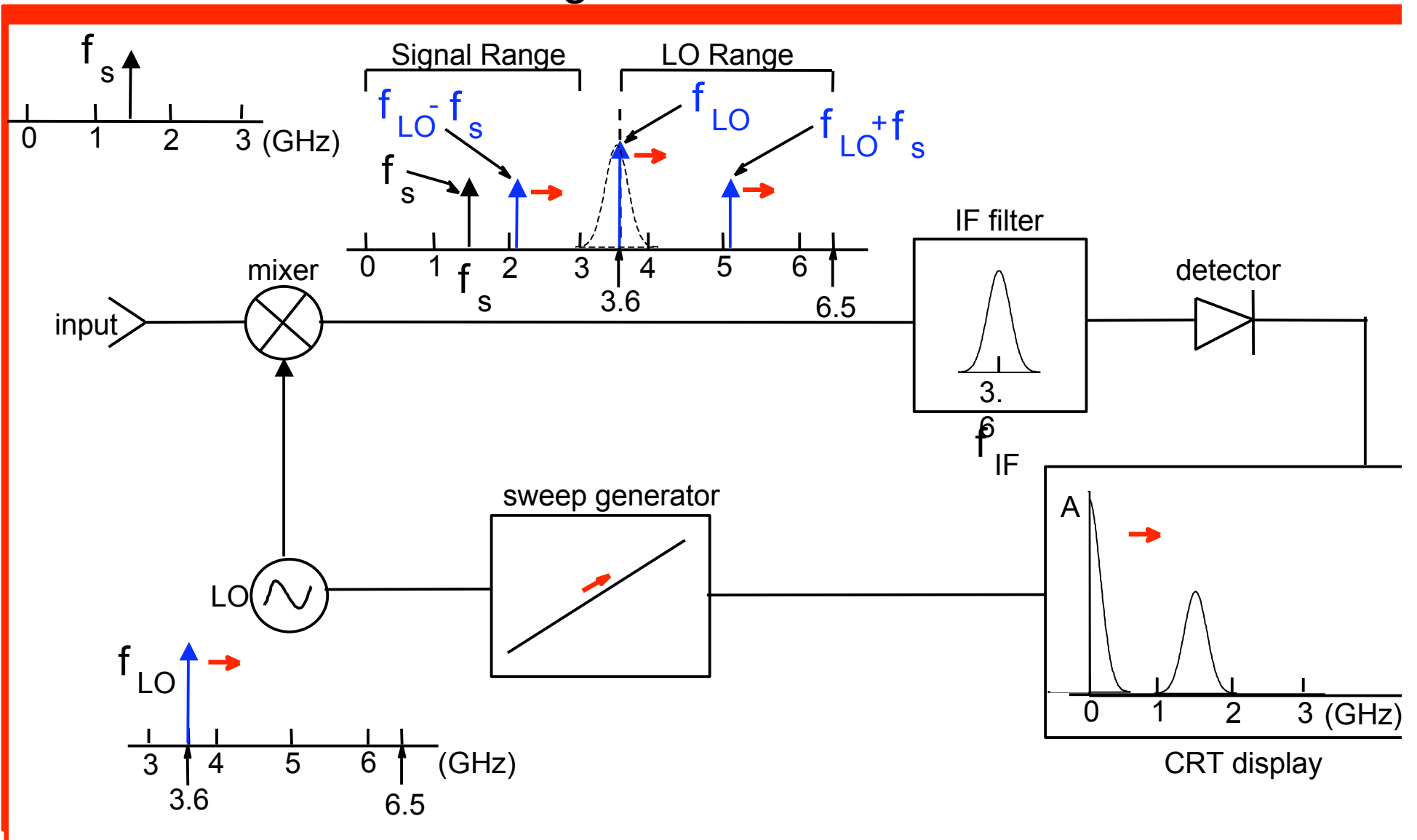
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Other Components



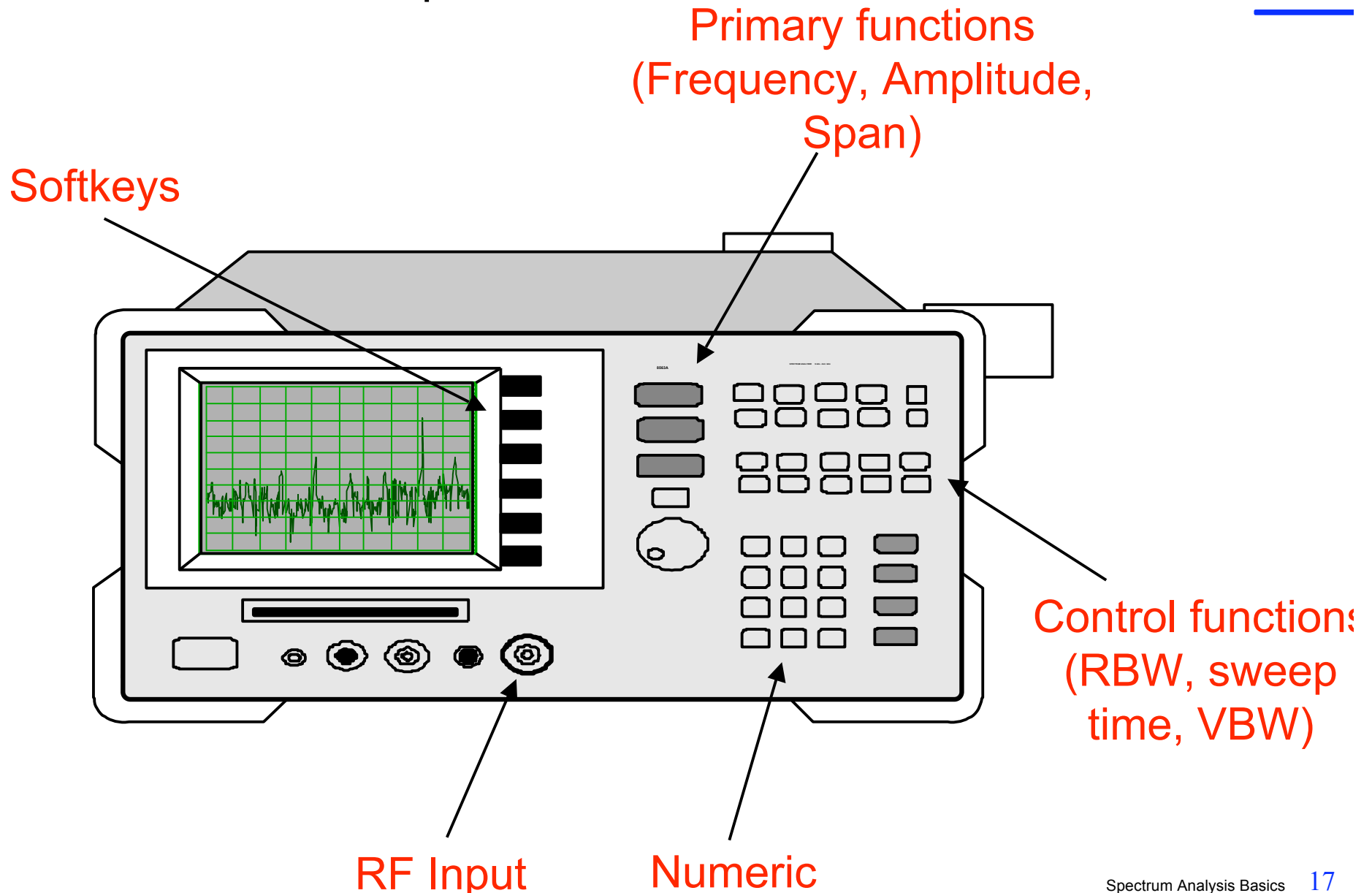
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How it all works together

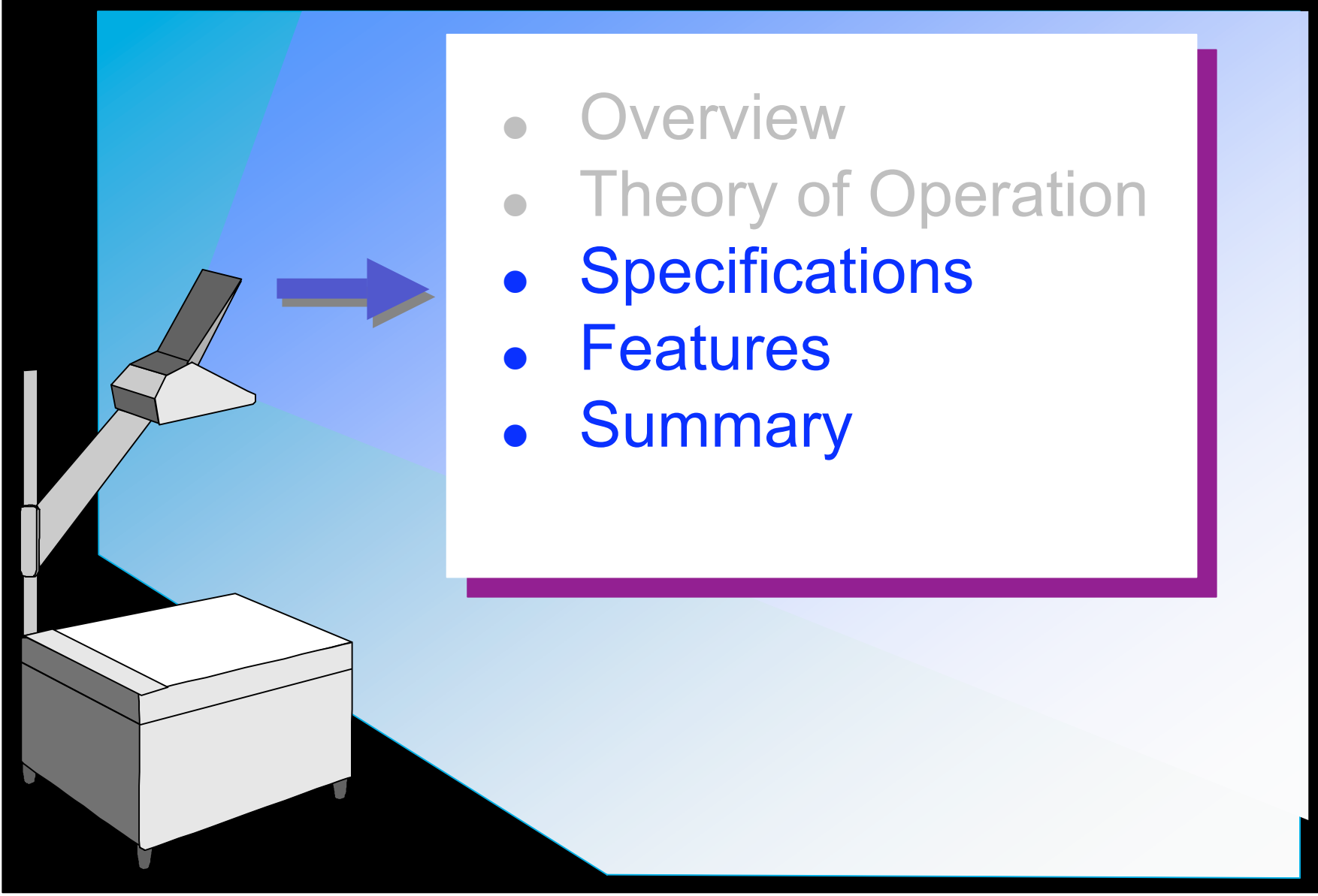


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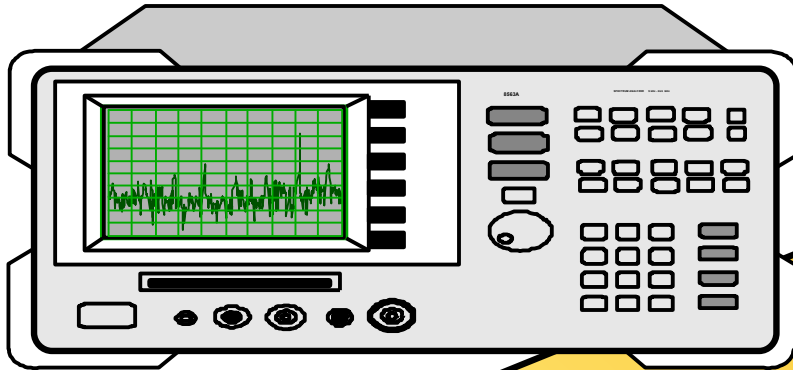
Front Panel Operation



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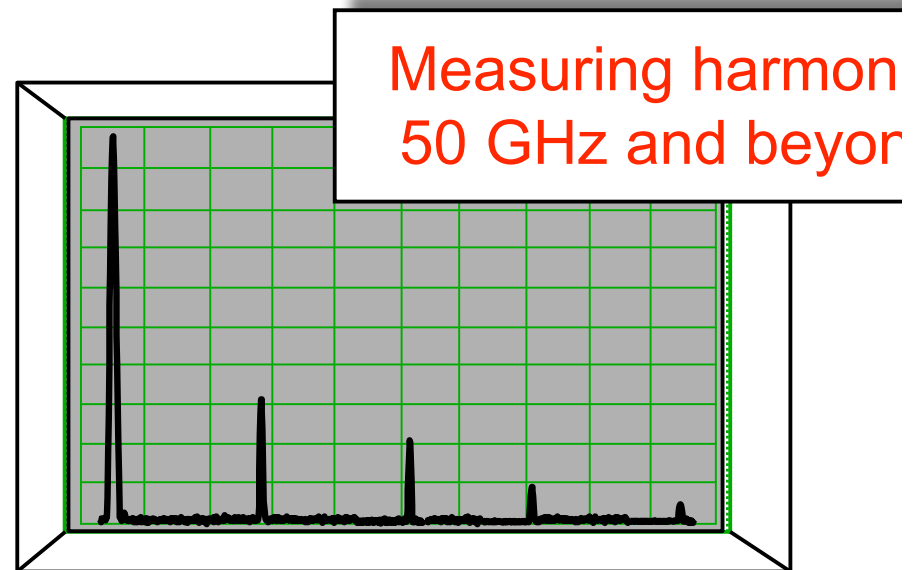
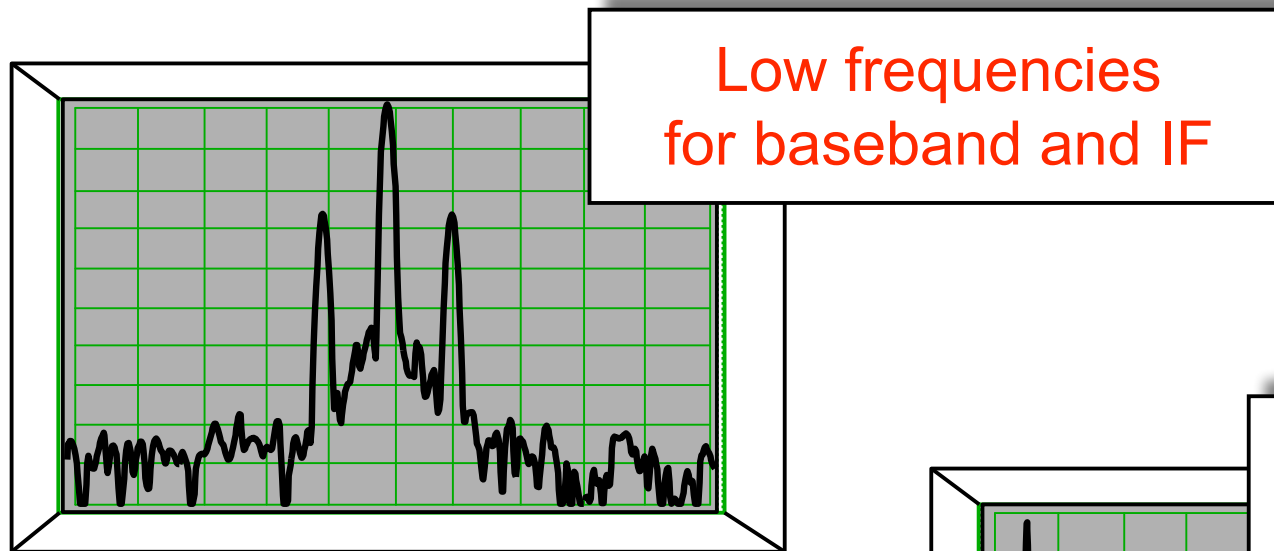
Specifications



- Frequency Range
- Accuracy, Frequency & Amplitude
- Resolution
- Sensitivity
- Distortion
- Dynamic Range

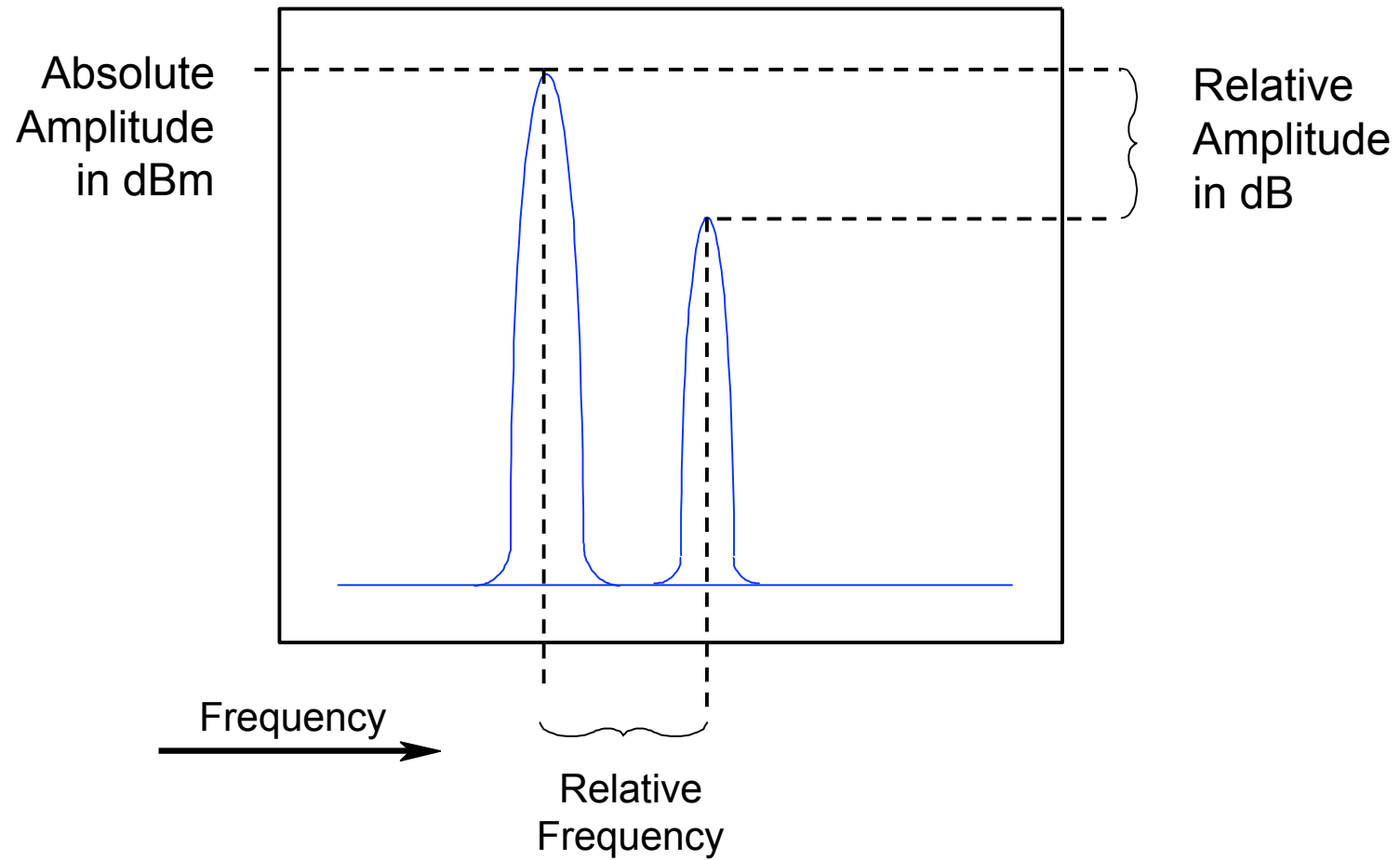
Specifications

Frequency Range



Specifications

Accuracy



Specifications

Accuracy: Frequency Readout Accuracy

Typical datasheet specification:

Spans < 2 MHz: \pm (freq. readout \times freq. ref. Accuracy
+ 1% of frequency span
+ 15% of resolution bandwidth
+ 10 Hz "residual error")

Specifications

Accuracy: Frequency Readout Accuracy Example

Single Marker Example:

2 GHz

400 kHz span

3 kHz RBW

Calculation:

$(2 \times 10^9 \text{ Hz}) \times (1.3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ yr.ref.error})$	=	260 Hz
1% of 400 kHz span	=	4000 Hz
15% of 3 kHz RBW	=	450 Hz
10 Hz residual error	=	10 Hz
Total =	\pm	4720 Hz

Specifications

Accuracy: Relative Amplitude Accuracy

- **Display fidelity**
- **Frequency response**
- **△ RF Input attenuator**
- **△ Reference level**
- **△ Resolution bandwidth**
- **△ CRT scaling**

Specifications

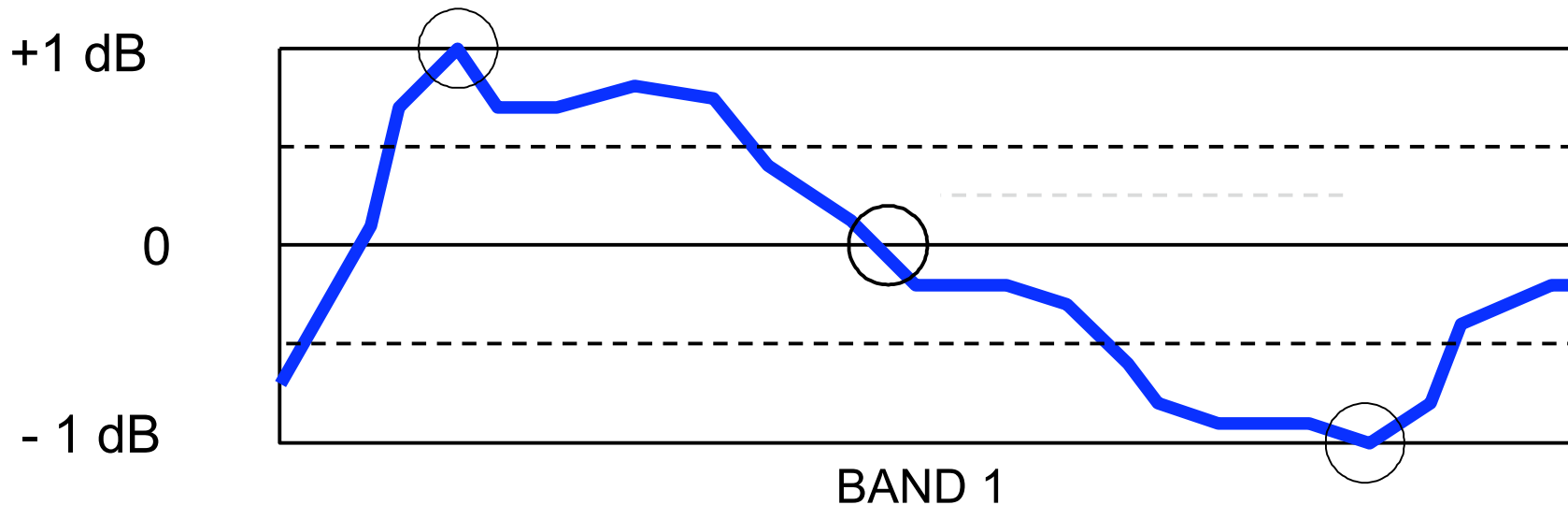
Accuracy: Relative Amplitude Accuracy - Display Fidelity

- Applies when signals are not placed at the same reference amplitude
- Display fidelity includes
 - Log amplifier or linear fidelity
 - Detector linearity
 - Digitizing circuit linearity
- Technique for best accuracy

Specifications

Accuracy: Relative Amplitude Accuracy - Freq. Response

Signals in the Same Harmonic Band



Specification: ± 1 dB

Specifications

Accuracy: Relative Amplitude Accuracy

- **△ RF Input attenuator**
- **△ Reference level**
- **△ Resolution bandwidth**
- **△ CRT scaling**

Specifications

Accuracy: Absolute Amplitude Accuracy

- **Calibrator accuracy**
- **Frequency response**
- **Reference level uncertainty**

Specifications

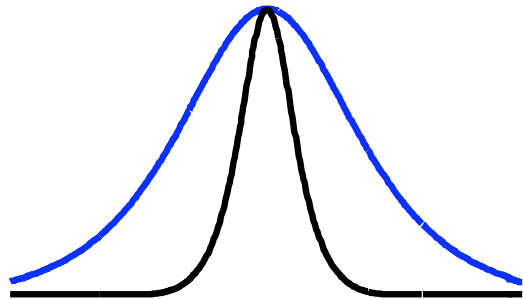
Accuracy: Other Sources of Uncertainty

- **Mismatch** (RF input port not exactly 50 ohms)
- **Compression due to overload** (high-level input signal)
- **Distortion products**
- **Amplitudes below the log amplifier range**
- **Signals near noise**
- **Noise causing amplitude variations**
- **Two signals incompletely resolved**

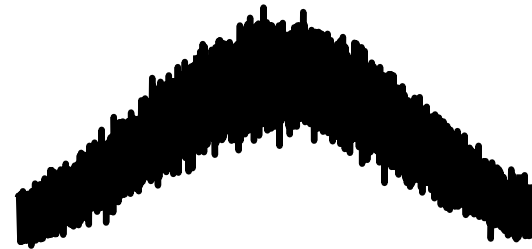
Specifications

Resolution

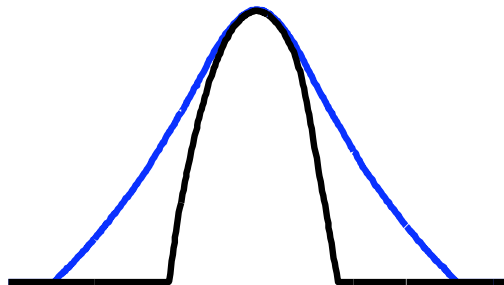
What Determines Resolution?



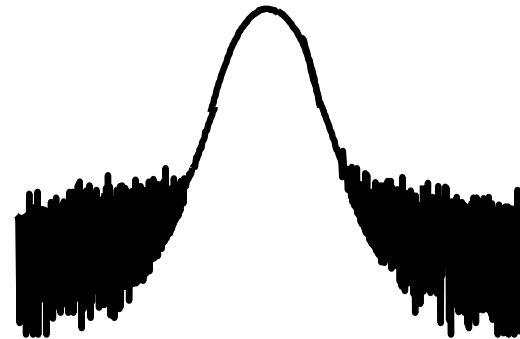
Resolution
Bandwidth



Residual FM



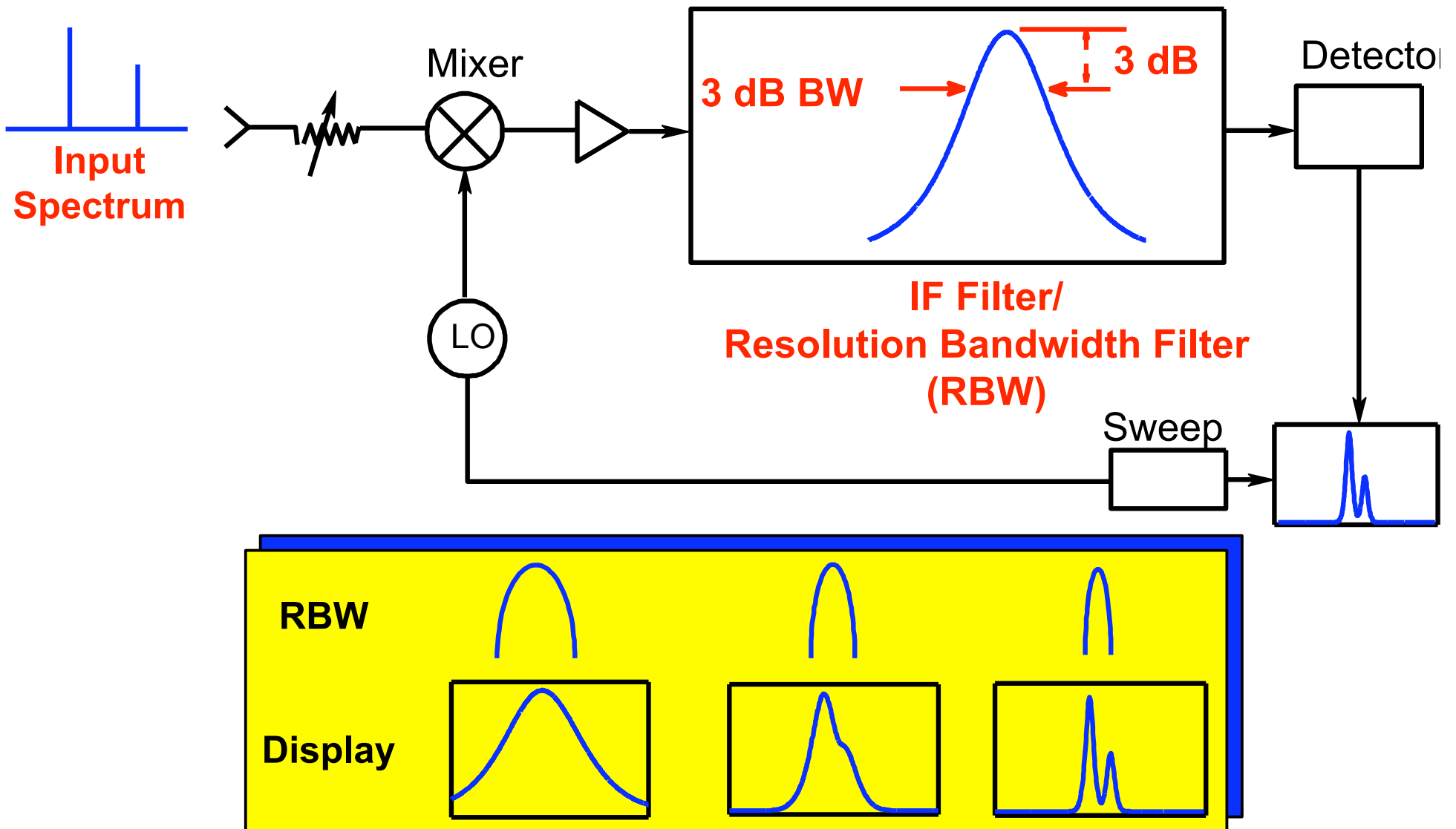
RBW Type and
Selectivity



Noise Sidebands

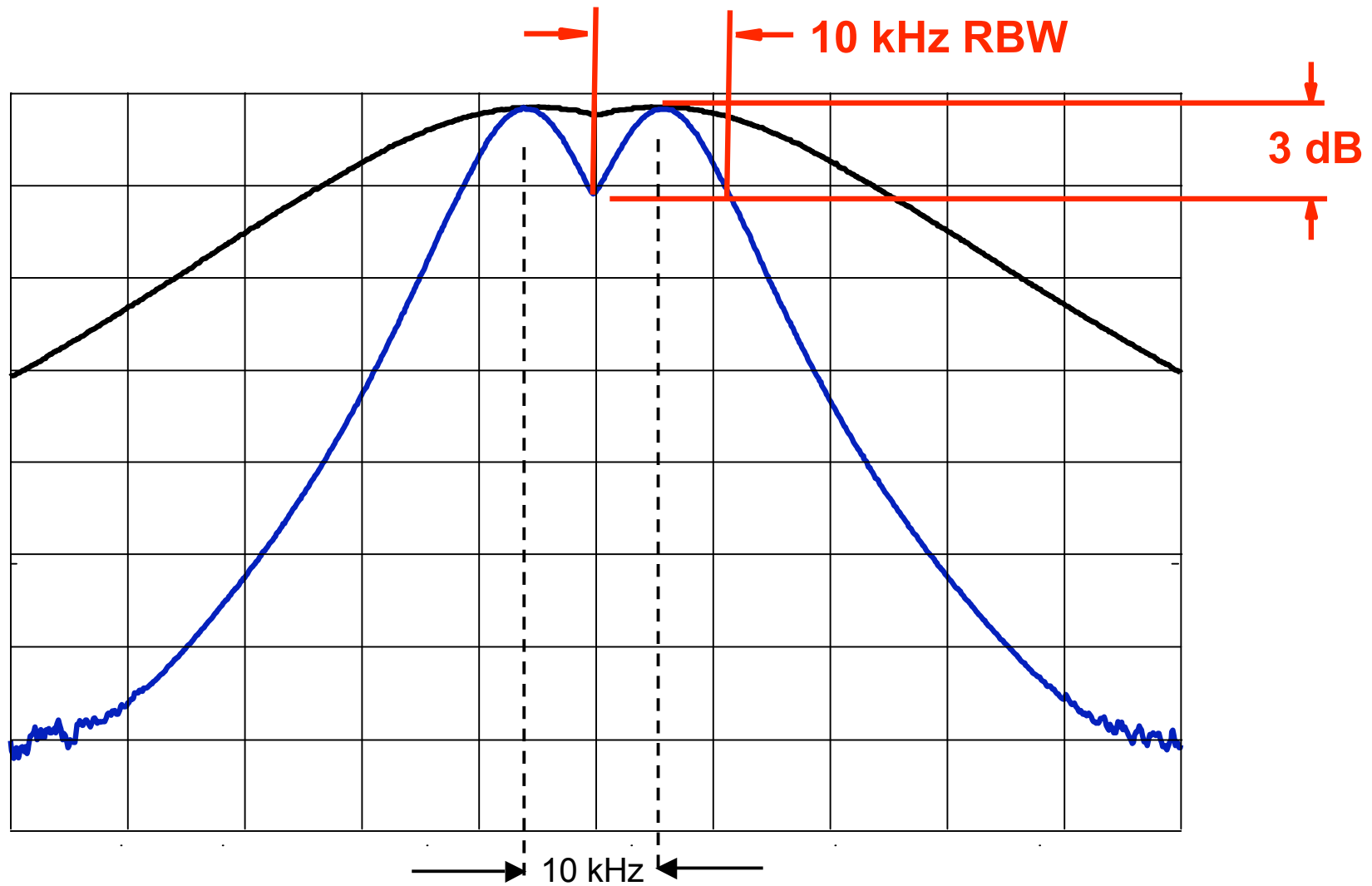
Specifications

Resolution: Resolution Bandwidth



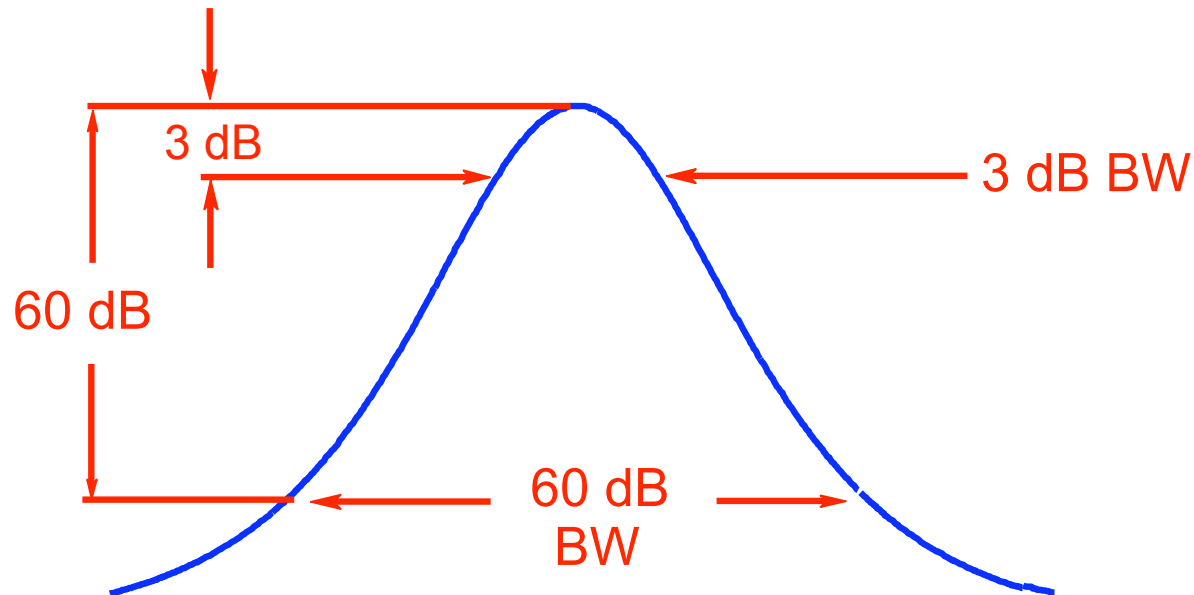
Specifications

Resolution: Resolution Bandwidth



Specifications

Resolution: RBW Type and Selectivity



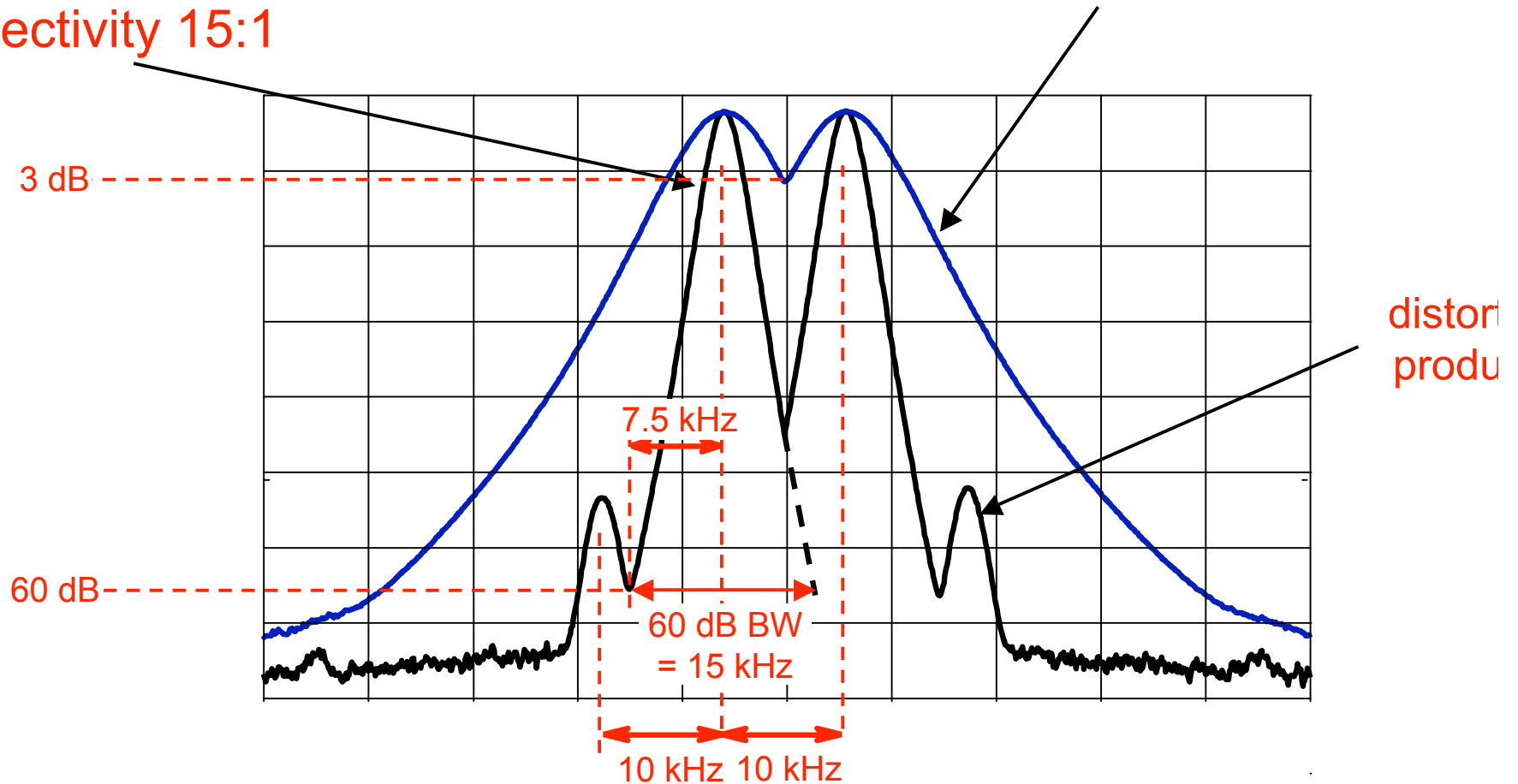
$$\text{Selectivity} = \frac{60 \text{ dB BW}}{3 \text{ dB BW}}$$

Specifications

Resolution: RBW Type and Selectivity

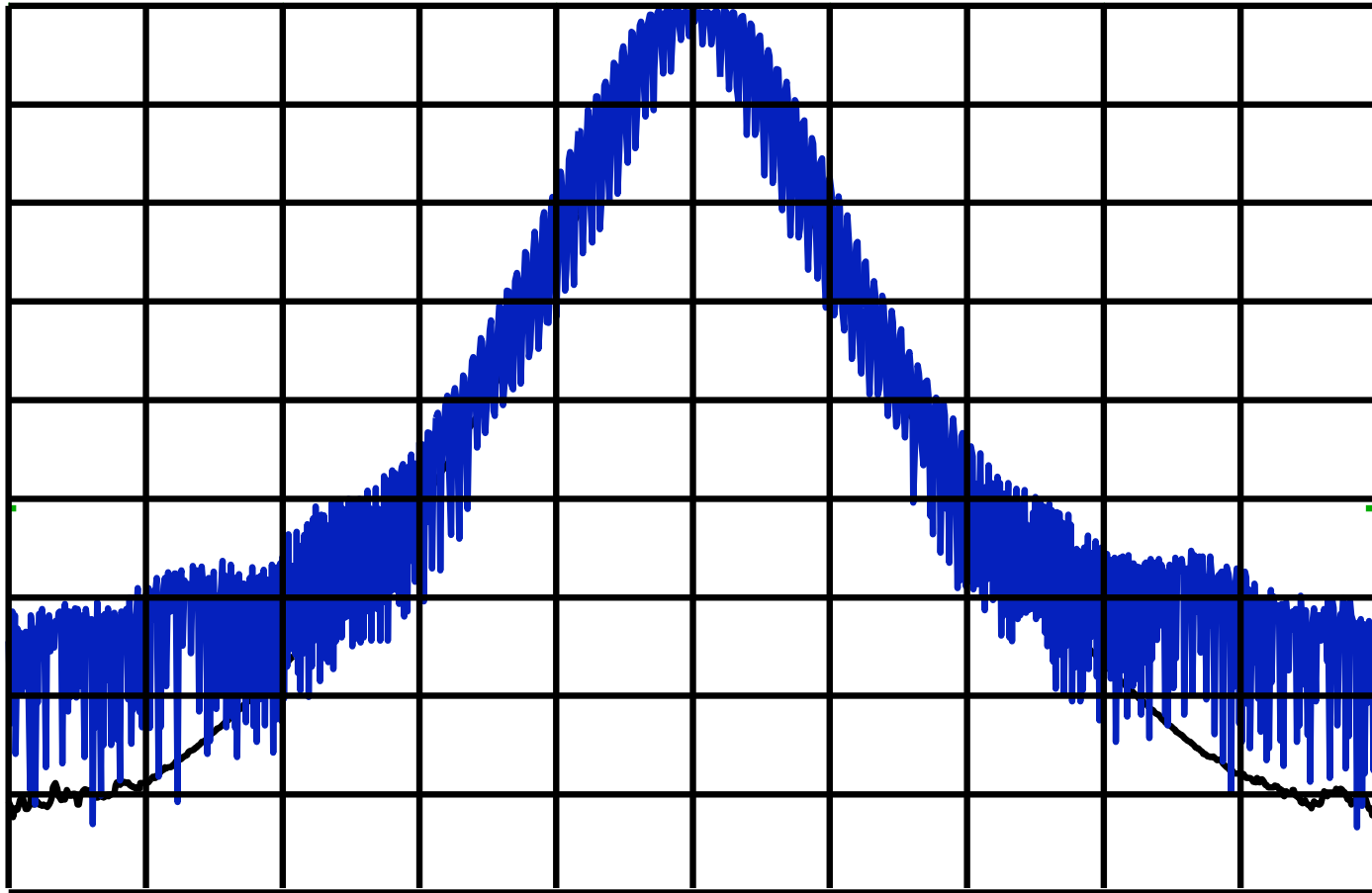
RBW = 1 kHz
Selectivity 15:1

RBW = 10 kHz



Specifications

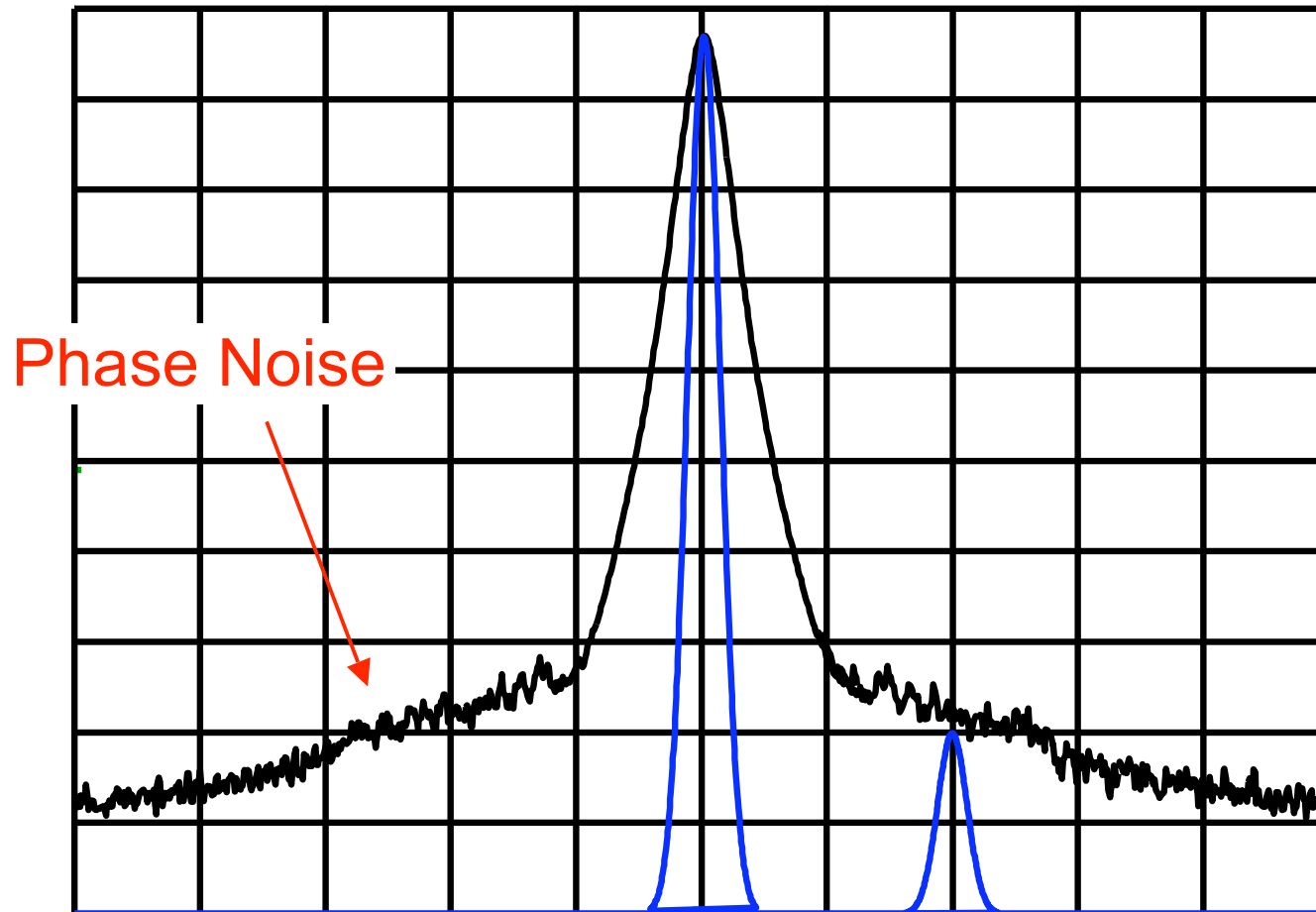
Resolution: Residual FM



Residual FM
"Smears" the Signal

Specifications

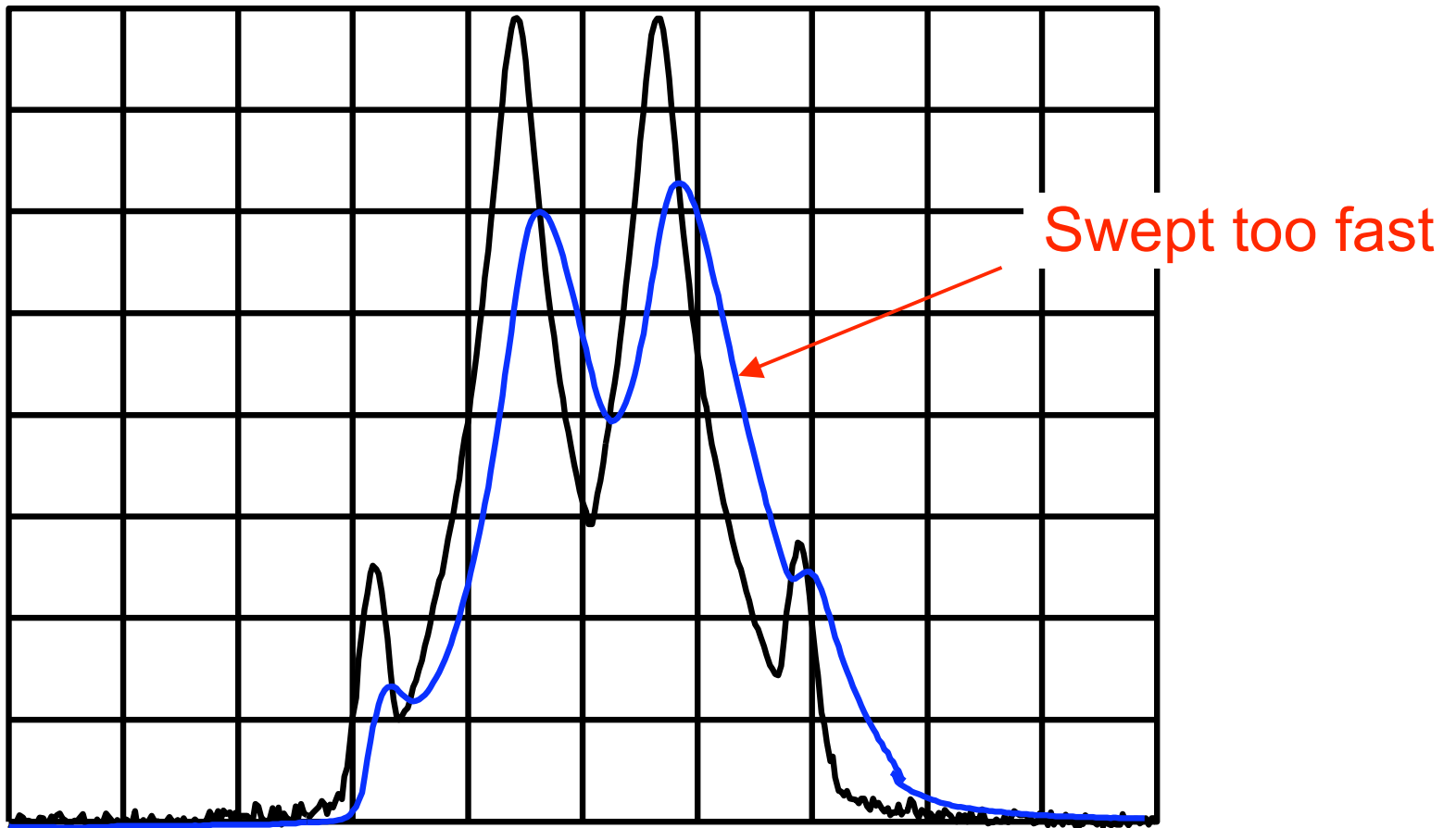
Resolution: Noise Sidebands



Noise Sidebands can prevent resolution of unequal signals

Specifications

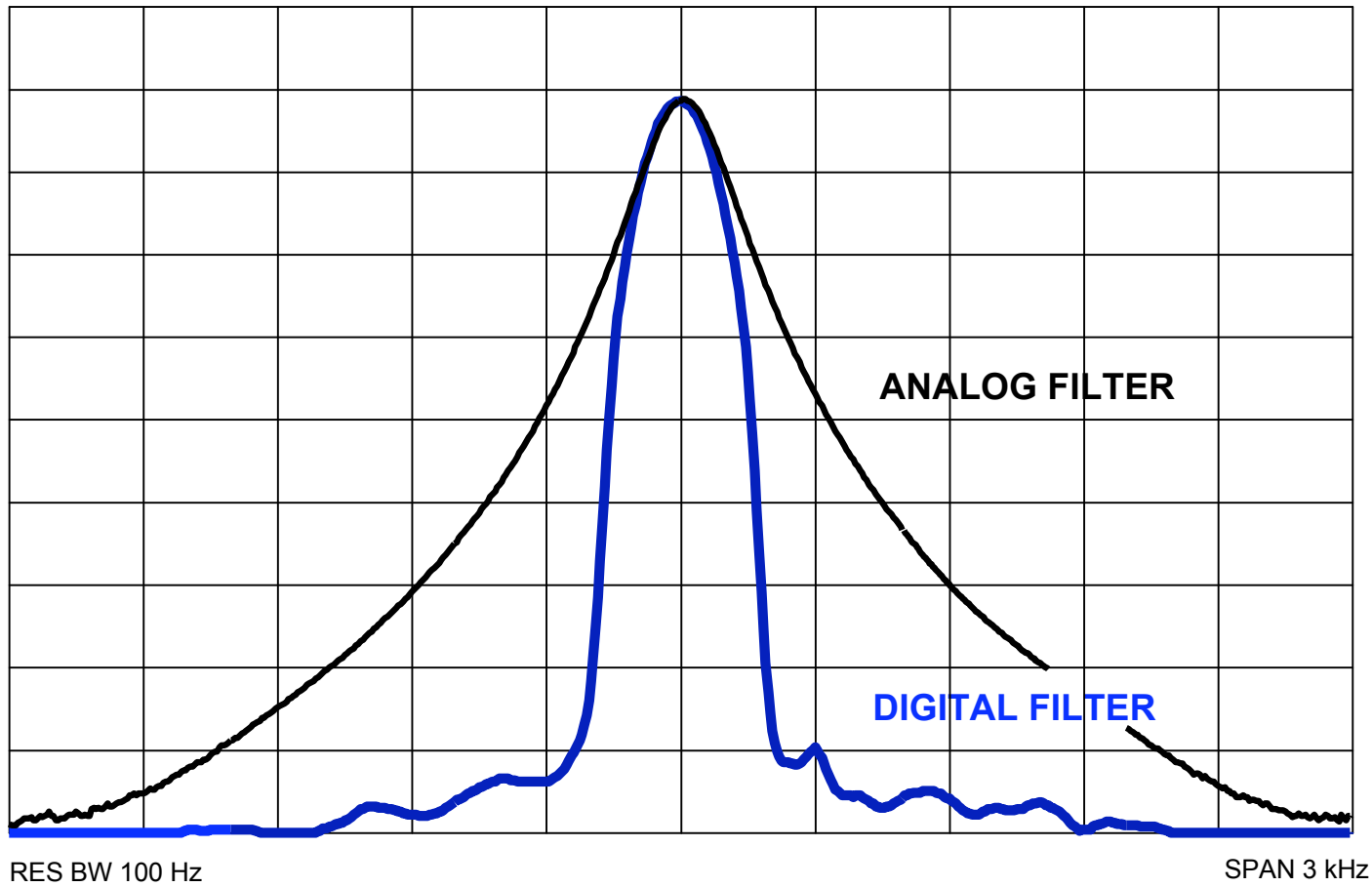
Resolution: RBW Determines Measurement Time



**Penalty For Sweeping Too Fast
Is An Uncalibrated Display**

Specifications

Resolution: Digital Resolution Bandwidths



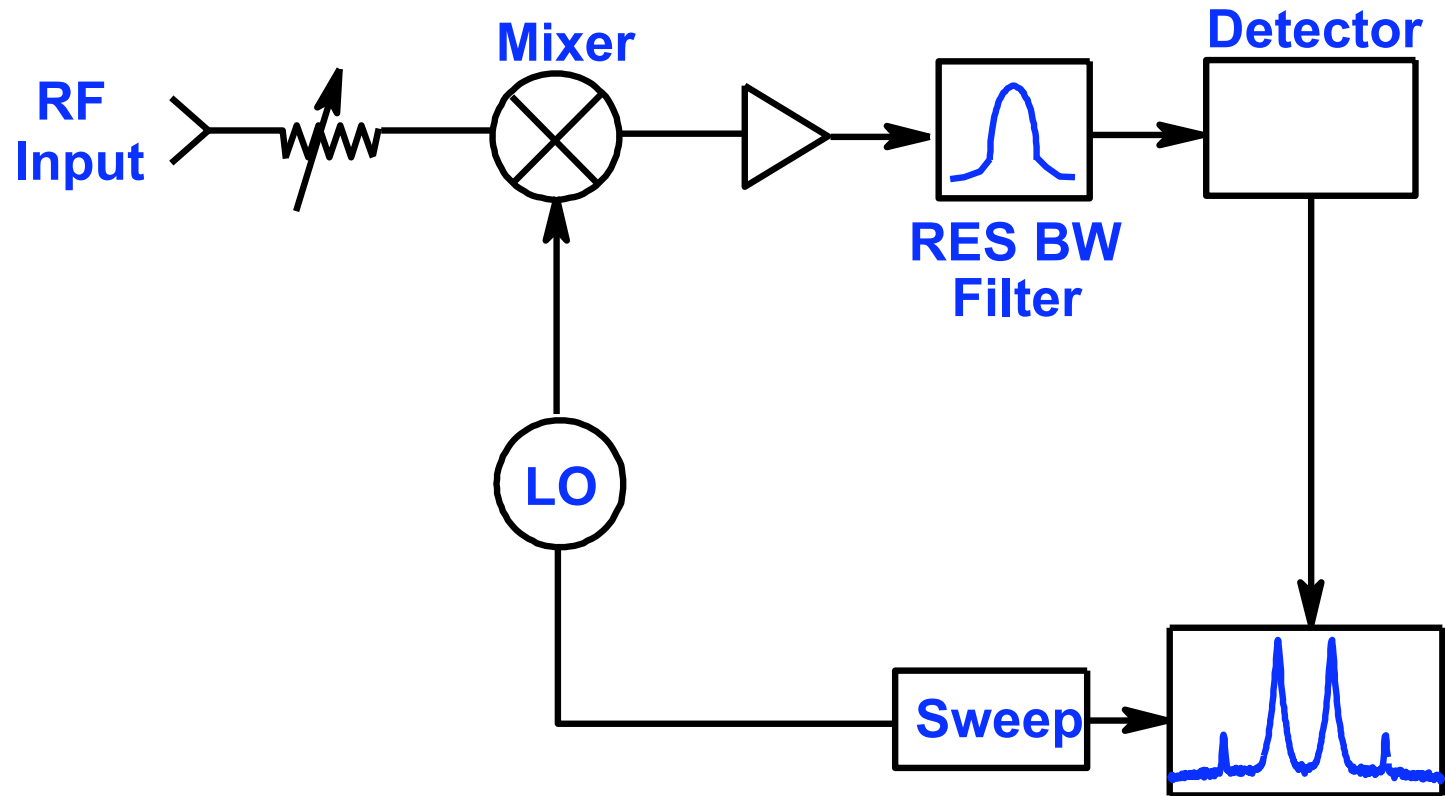
Typical Selectivity

Analog 15:1

Digital 5:1

Specifications

Sensitivity/DANL

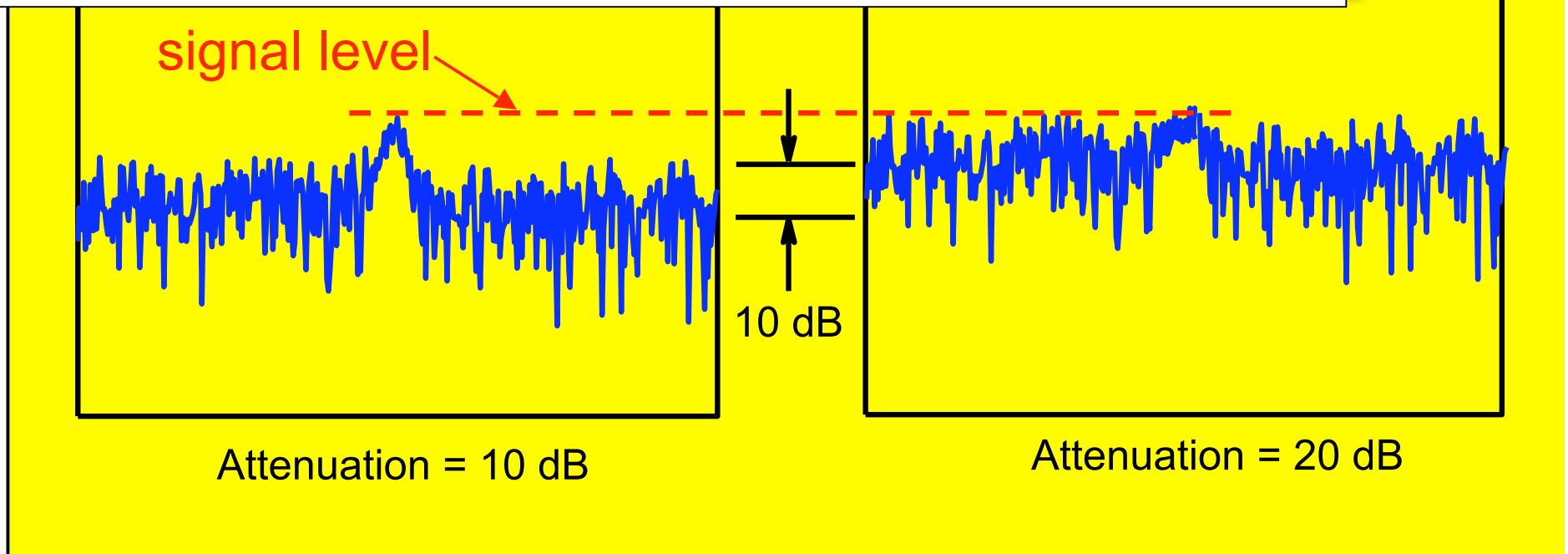


A Spectrum Analyzer Generates and Amplifies Noise Just Like Any Active Circuit

Specifications

Sensitivity/DANL

Effective Level of Displayed Noise is a Function of RF Input Attenuation

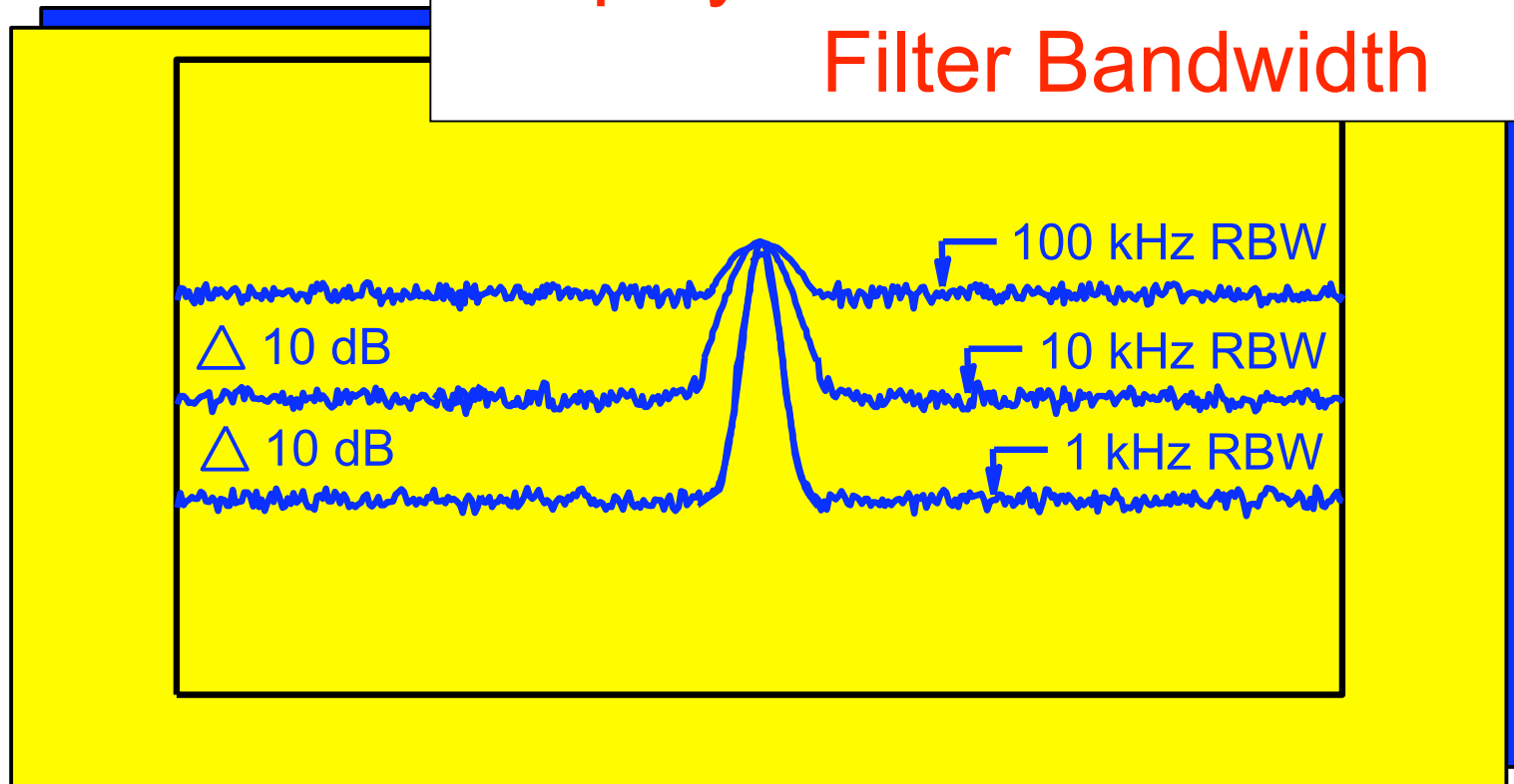


Signal-To-Noise Ratio Decreases as RF Input Attenuation is Increased

Specifications

Sensitivity/DANL: IF Filter (RBW)

Displayed Noise is a Function of I
Filter Bandwidth

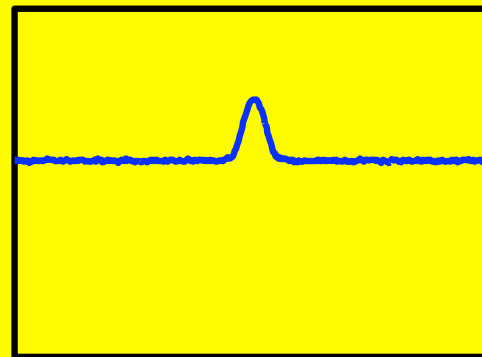
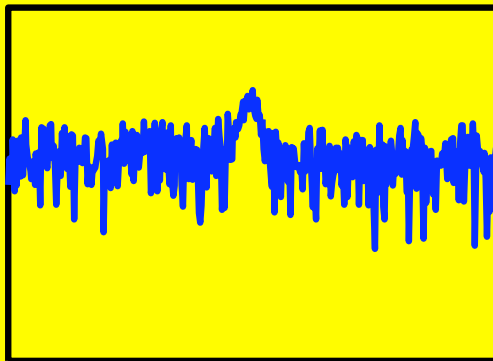


Decreased BW = Decreased Noise

Specifications

Sensitivity/DANL: VBW

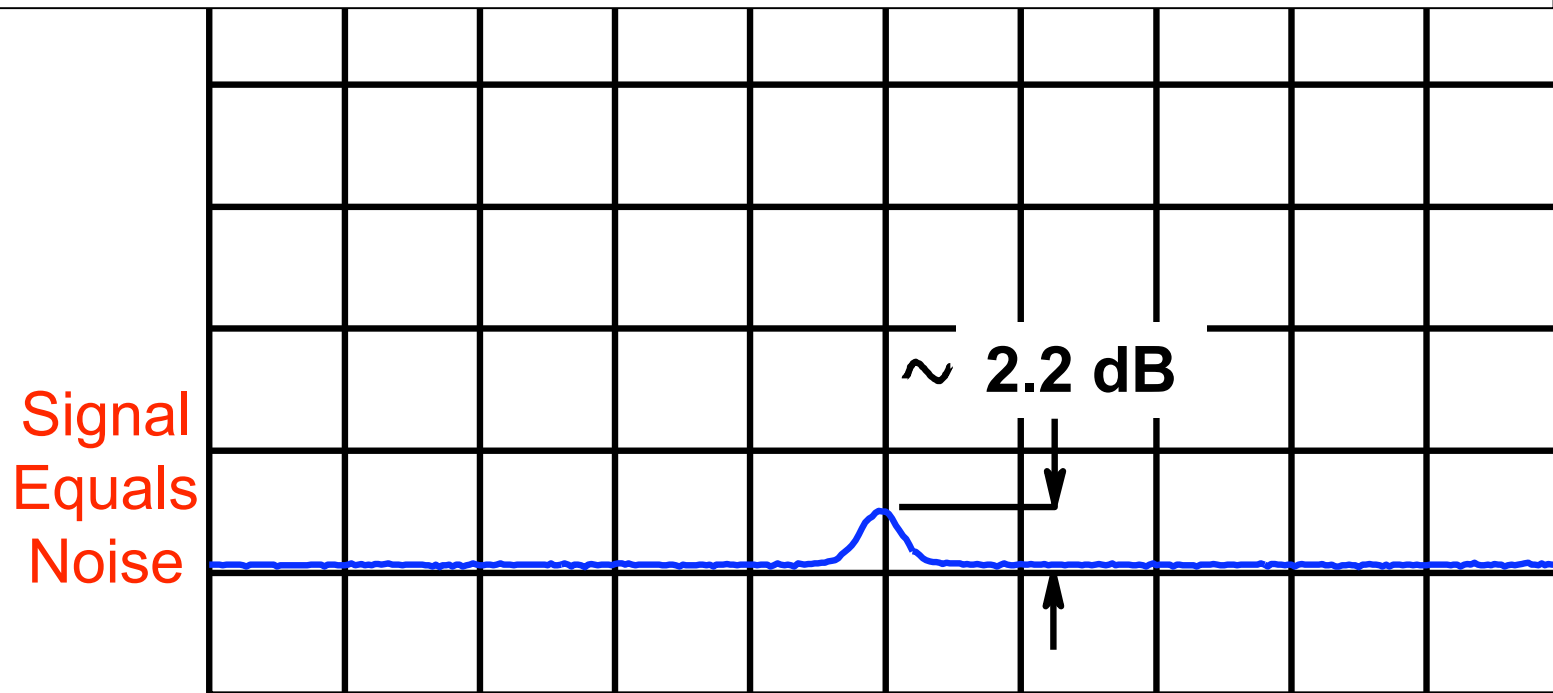
Video BW Smooths Noise for Easier Identification of Low Level Signals



Specifications

Sensitivity/DANL

Sensitivity is the Smallest Signal That Can Be Measured



Specifications

Sensitivity/DANL

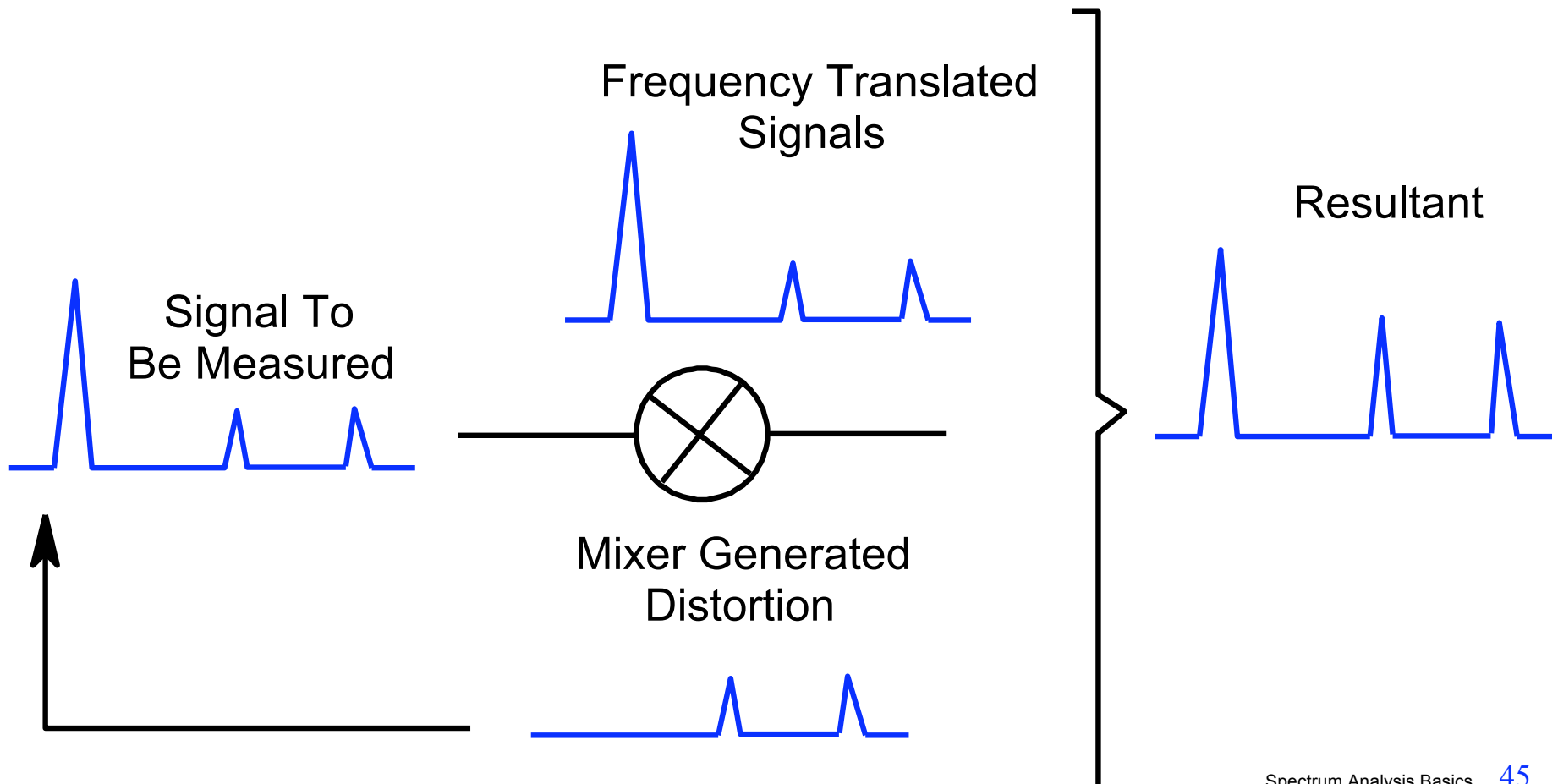
For Best Sensitivity Use:

- ★ **Narrowest Resolution BW**
- ★ **Minimum RF Input Attenuation**
- ★ **Sufficient Video Filtering
(Video BW < .01 Res BW)**

Specifications

Distortion

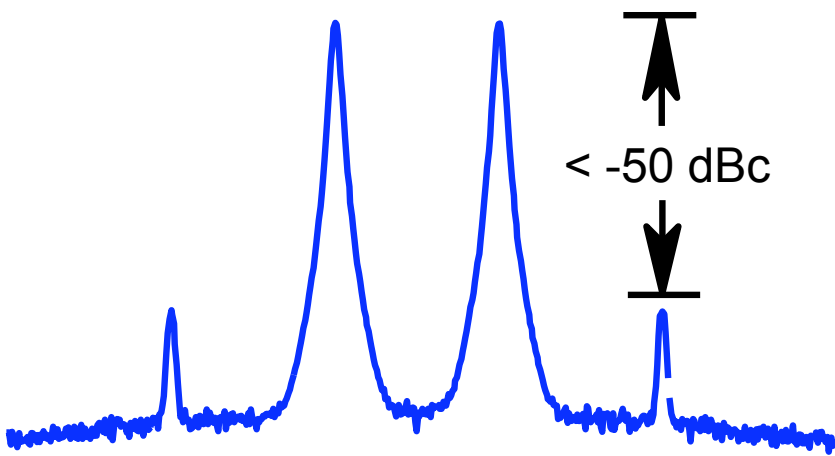
Mixers Generate Distortion



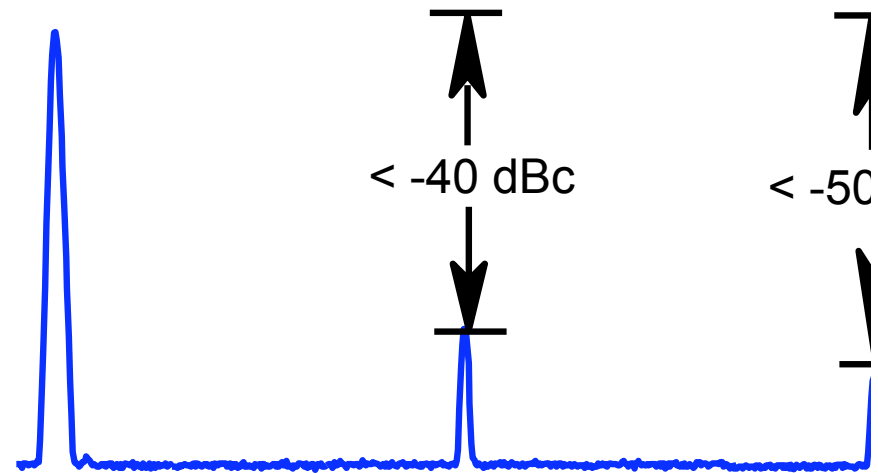
Specifications

Distortion

Most Influential Distortion is the Second and Third Order



Two-Toned Intermod

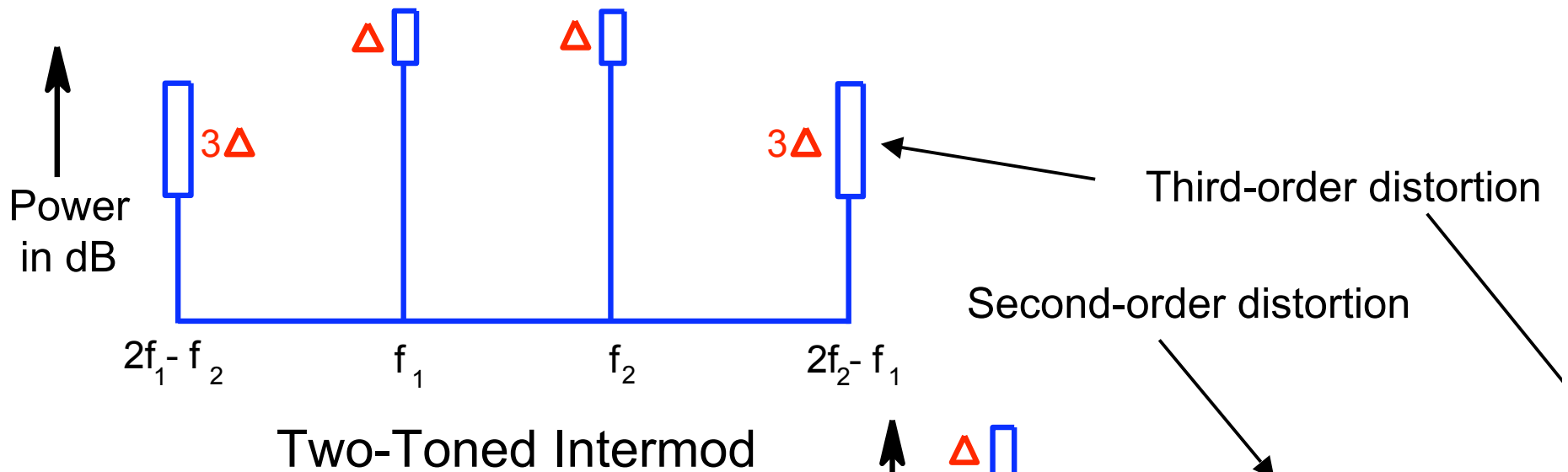


Harmonic Distortion

Specifications

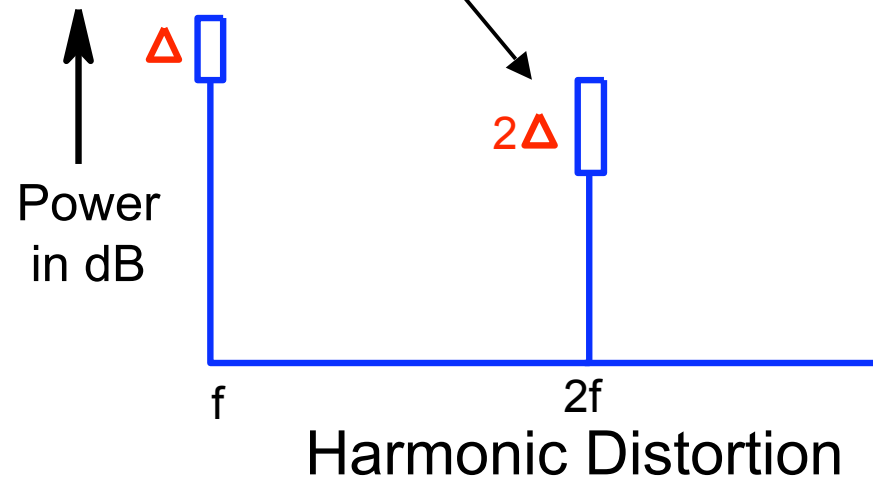
Distortion

Distortion Products Increase as a Function of Fundamental's Power



Two-Toned Intermod

Second Order: 2 dB/dB of Fundamental
Third Order: 3 dB/dB of Fundamental

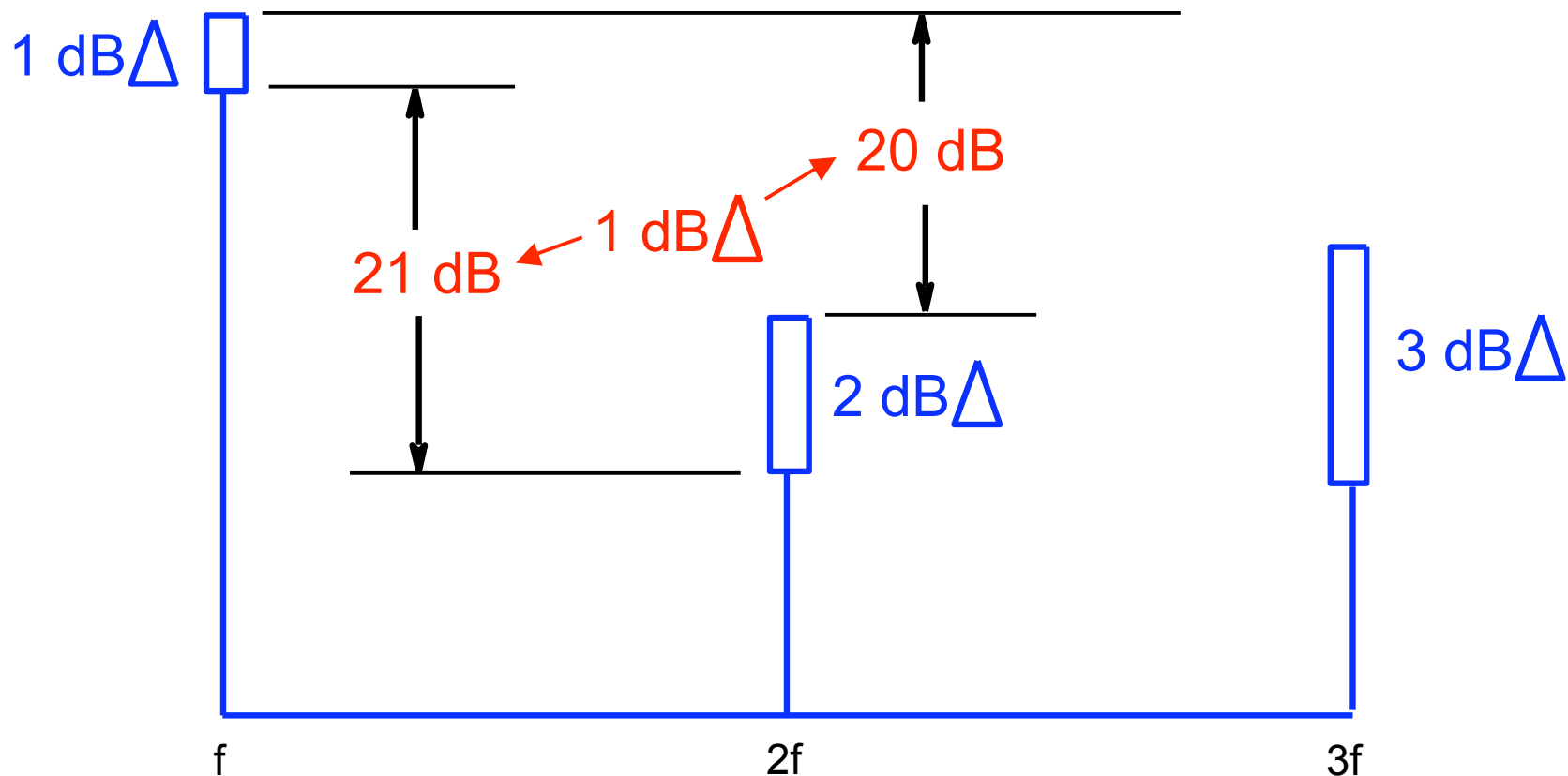


Harmonic Distortion

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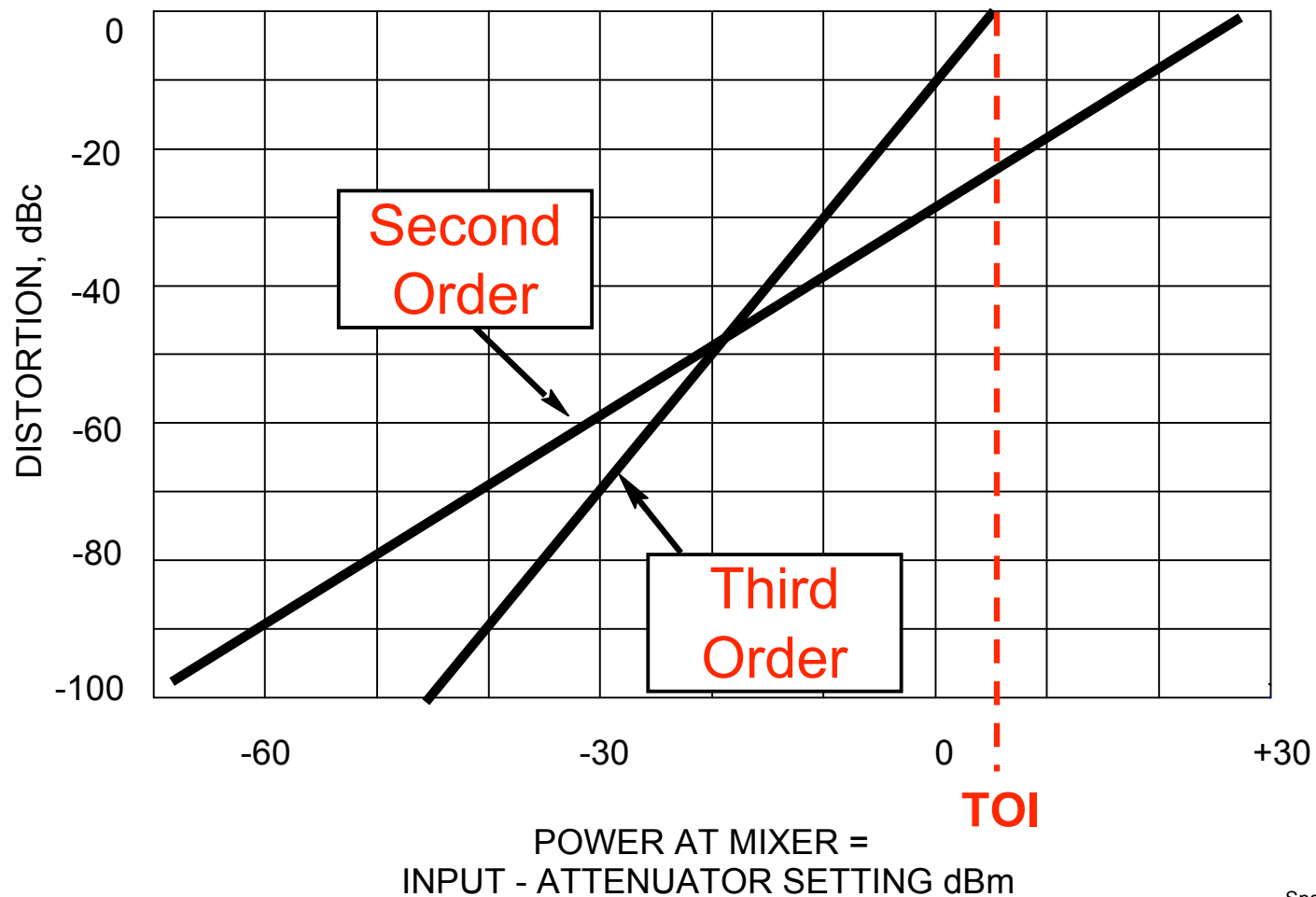
Relative Amplitude Distortion Changes with Input Power Level



Specifications

Distortion

Distortion is a Function of Mixer Level

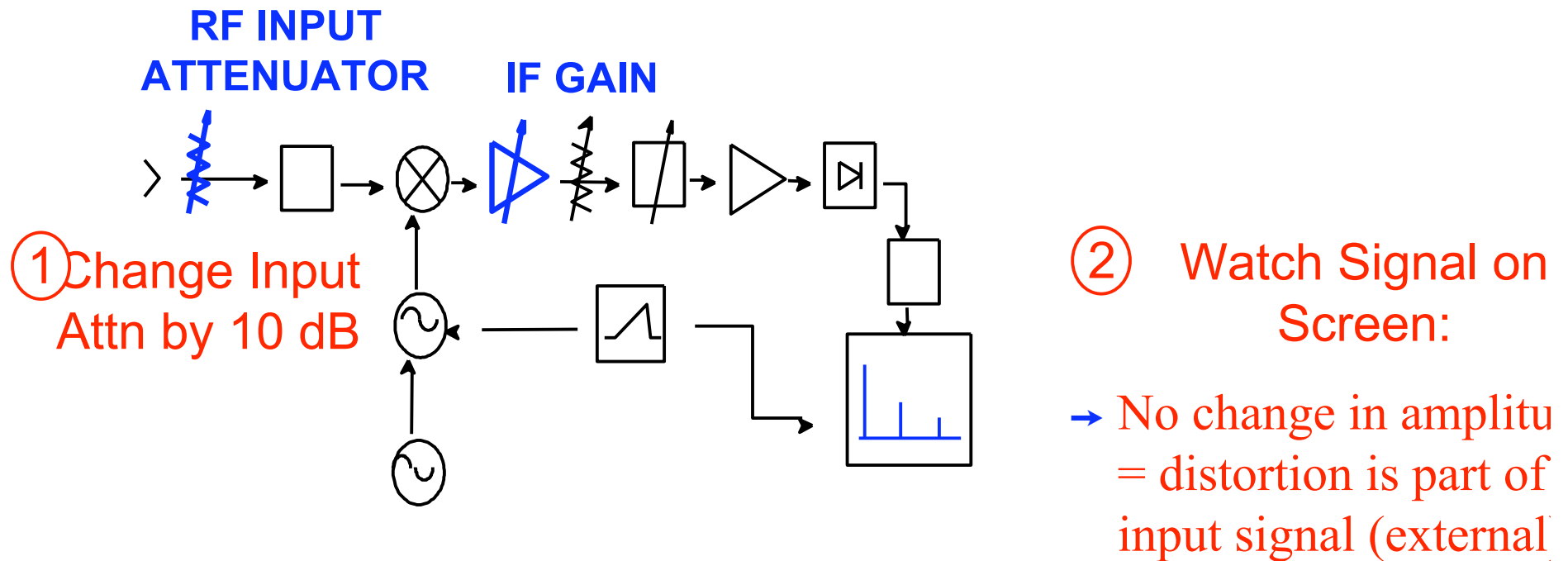


Specifications

Distortion

Distortion Test:

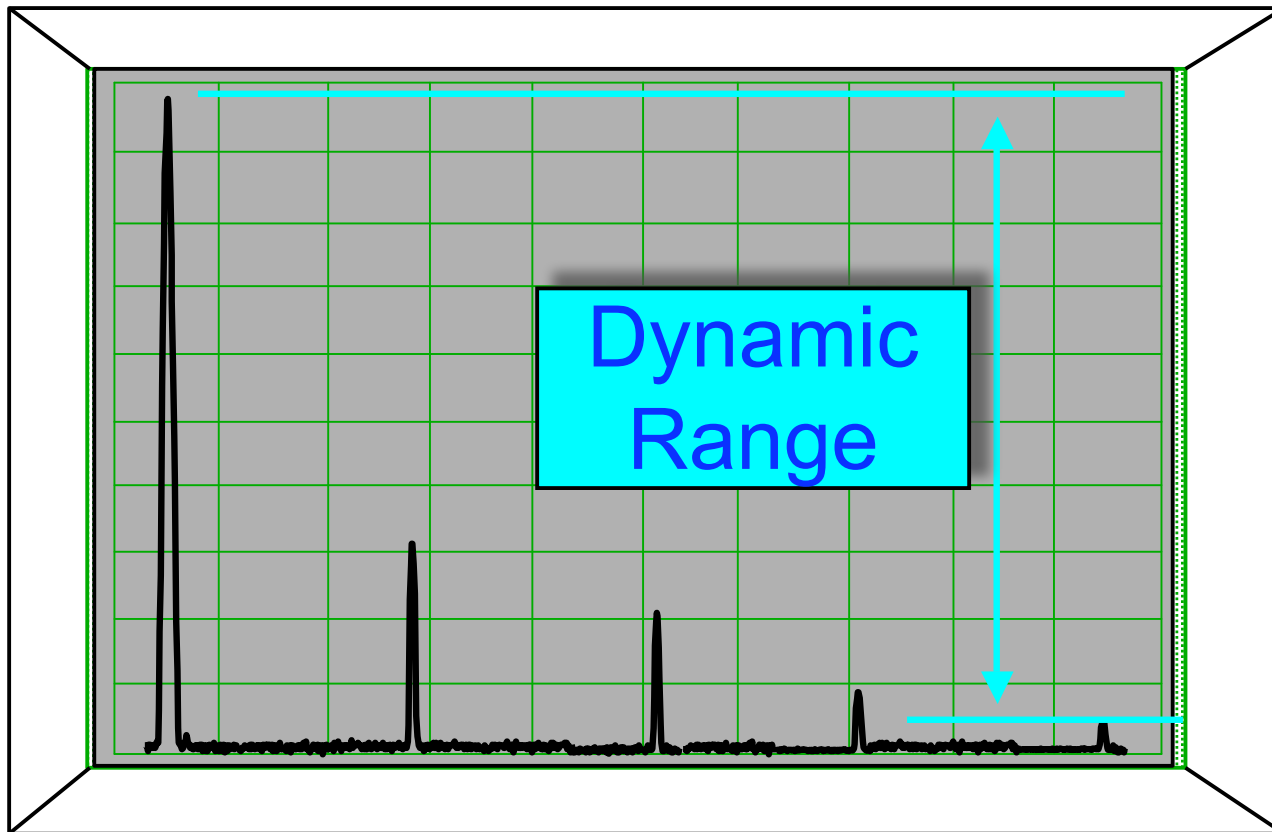
Is it Internally or Externally Generated?



→ Change in amplitude = at least some of the distortion is being generated inside

Specifications

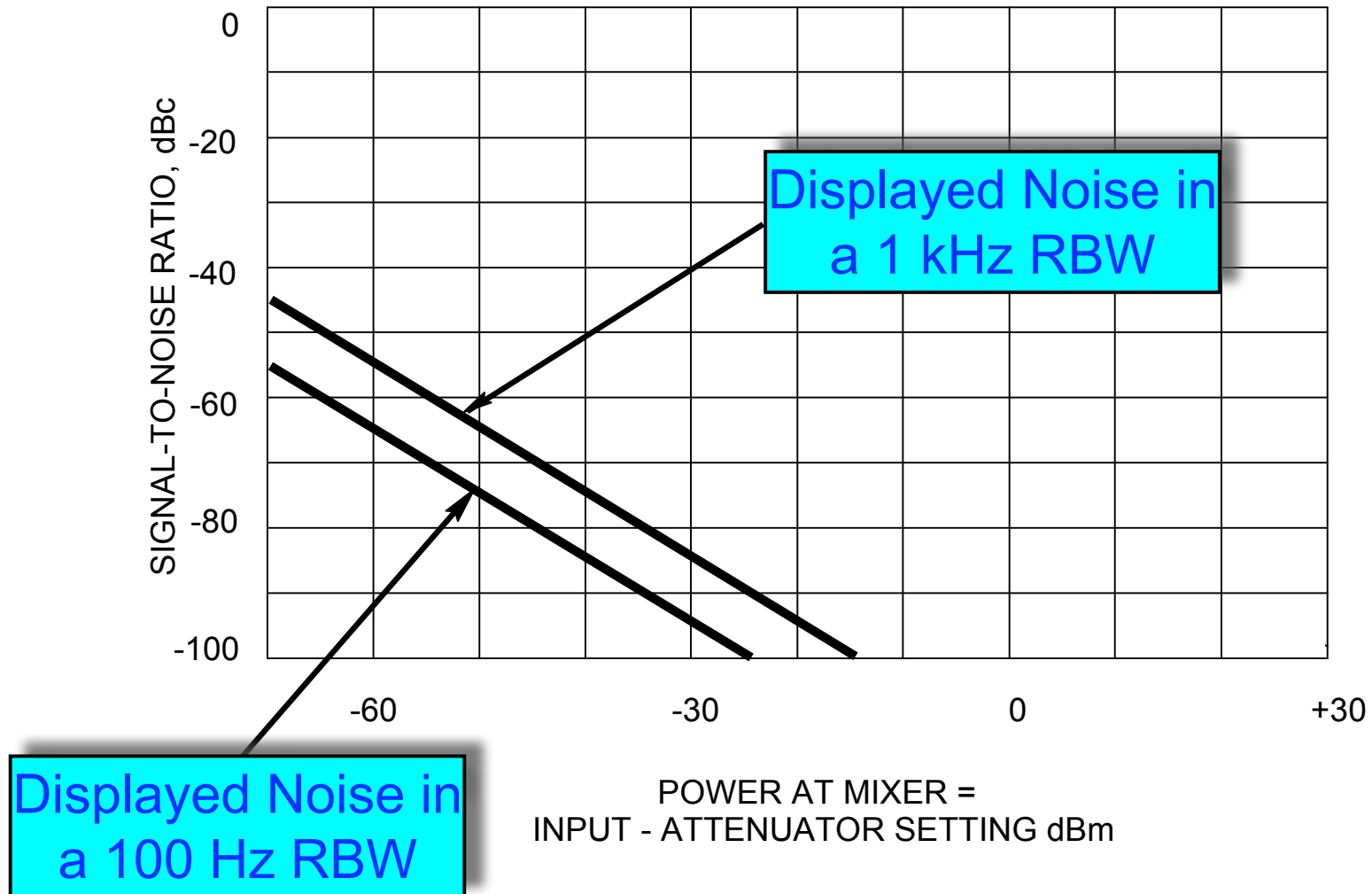
Dynamic Range



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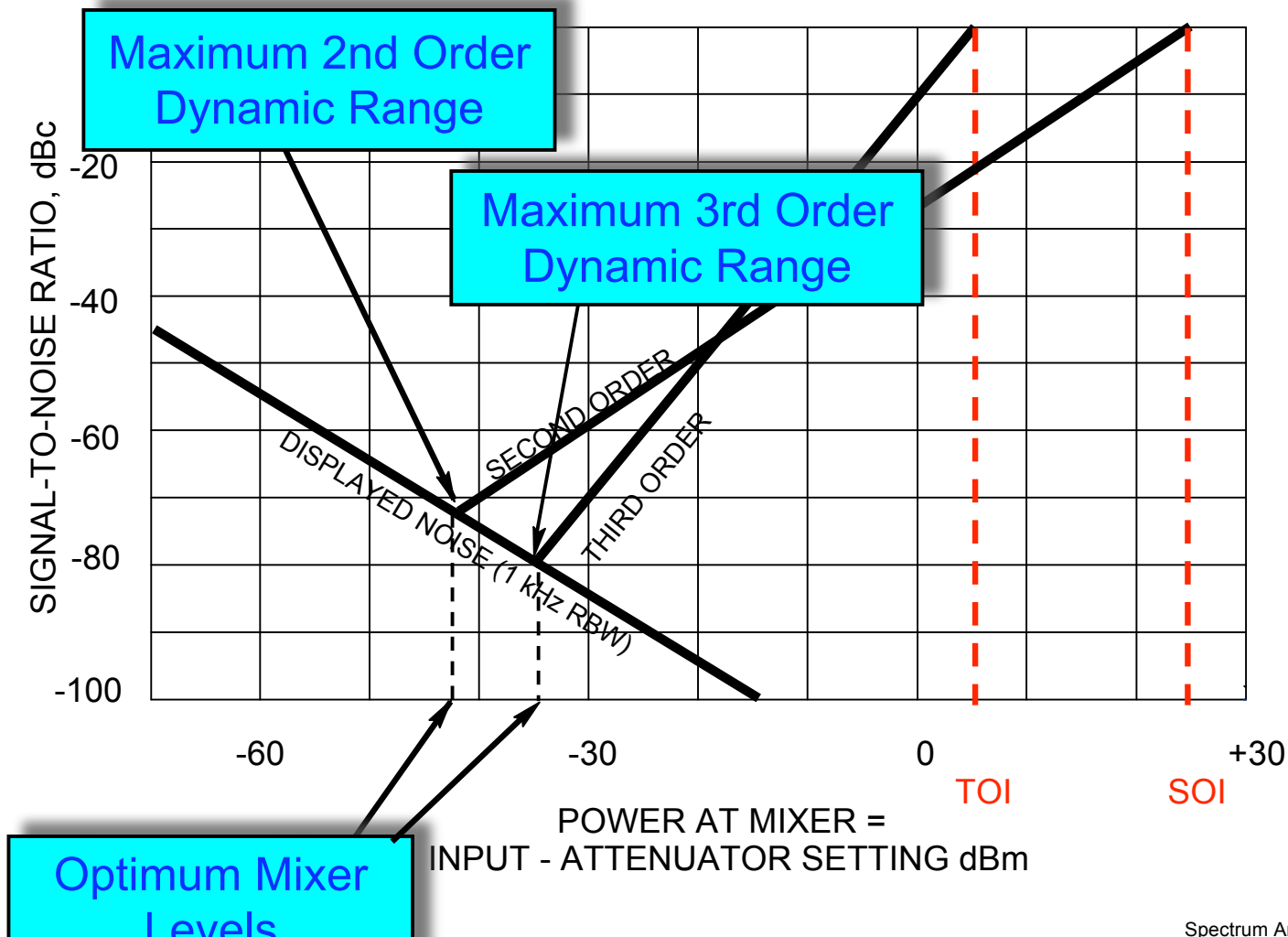
Signal-to-Noise Ratio Can Be Graphed



Specifications

Dynamic Range

Dynamic Range Can Be Presented Graphically



Specifications

Dynamic Range

Calculated Maximum Dynamic Range

$$\text{MDR}_3 = 2/3 (\text{DANL} - \text{TOI})$$

$$\text{MDR}_2 = 1/2 (\text{DANL} - \text{SOI})$$

$$\text{Where TOI} = \text{Mixer Level} - \text{dBc}/2$$

$$\text{SOI} = \text{Mixer Level} - \text{dBc}$$

$$\text{Optimum Mixer Level} = \text{DANL} - \text{MDR}$$

$$\text{Attenuation} = \text{Signal} - \text{Optimum Mixer Level}$$

Specifications

Dynamic Range

Example Calculation

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MDR}_3 &= 2/3 [(-115) - (+5)] \\ &= -80 \text{ dBc (1 kHz RBW)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Where TOI} &= (-30) - (-70)/2 \\ &= +5 \text{ dBm} \end{aligned}$$

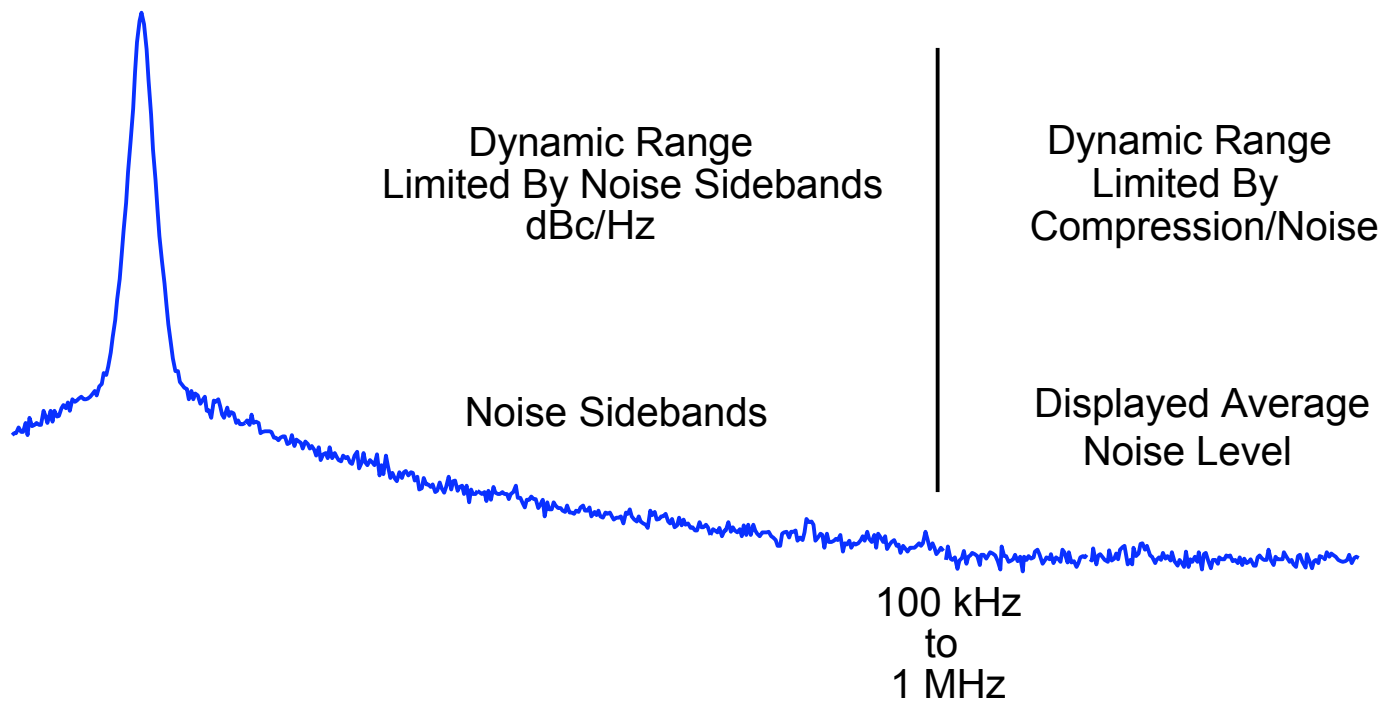
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Optimum Mixer Level} &= (-115) - (-80) \\ &= -35 \text{ dBm} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Attenuation} &= (0) - (-35) \\ &= +35 \text{ dBm} \end{aligned}$$

Specifications

Dynamic Range

Dynamic Range for Spur Search Depends on Closeness to Carrier



Specifications

Dynamic Range

Actual Dynamic Range is the Minimum of:

Maximum dynamic range calculation

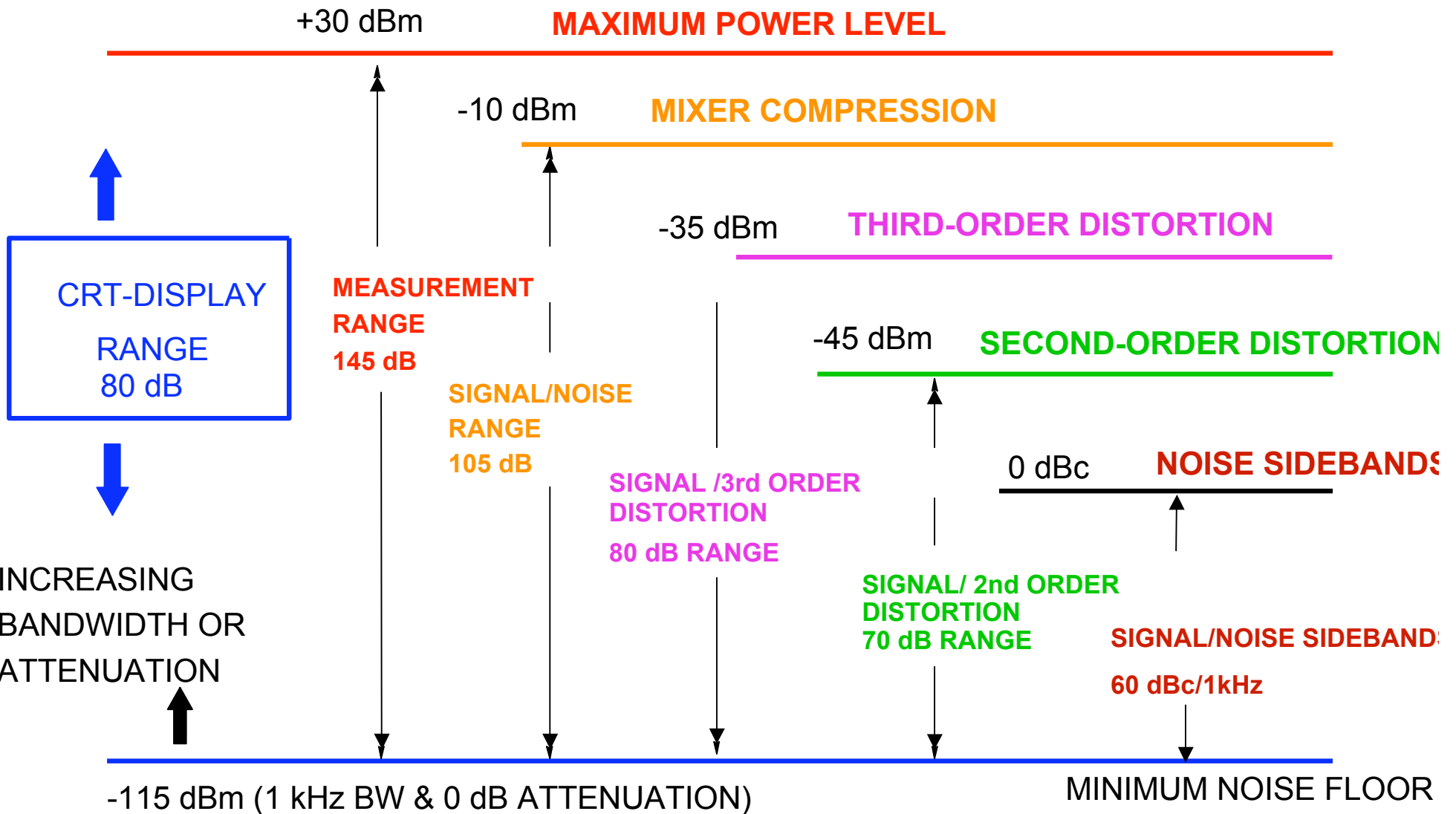
Calculated from:

- distortion
- sensitivity

Noise sidebands at the offset frequency

Specifications

Dynamic Range



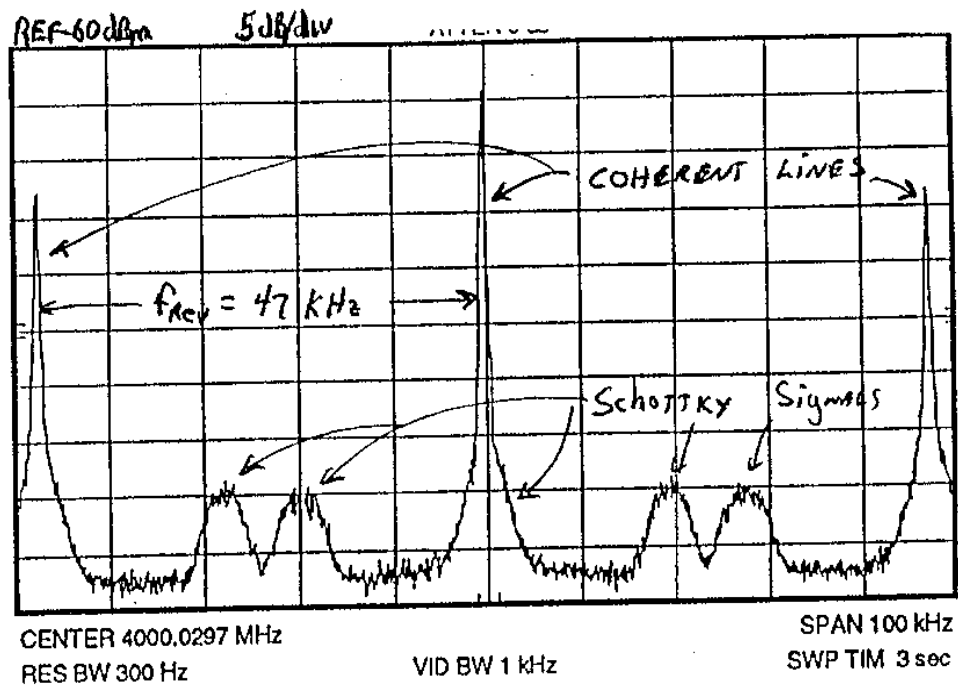


Figure 5. Typical Tevatron vertical bunched beam spectrum at 4 GHz as measured by the vertical proton pickup.

Console Location 3,
Pbar SA Plot

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STACK PROFILE GREEN BEFORE RED AFTER TUNING 29 MA

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Scale 10 dB/div

Atten 0 dB

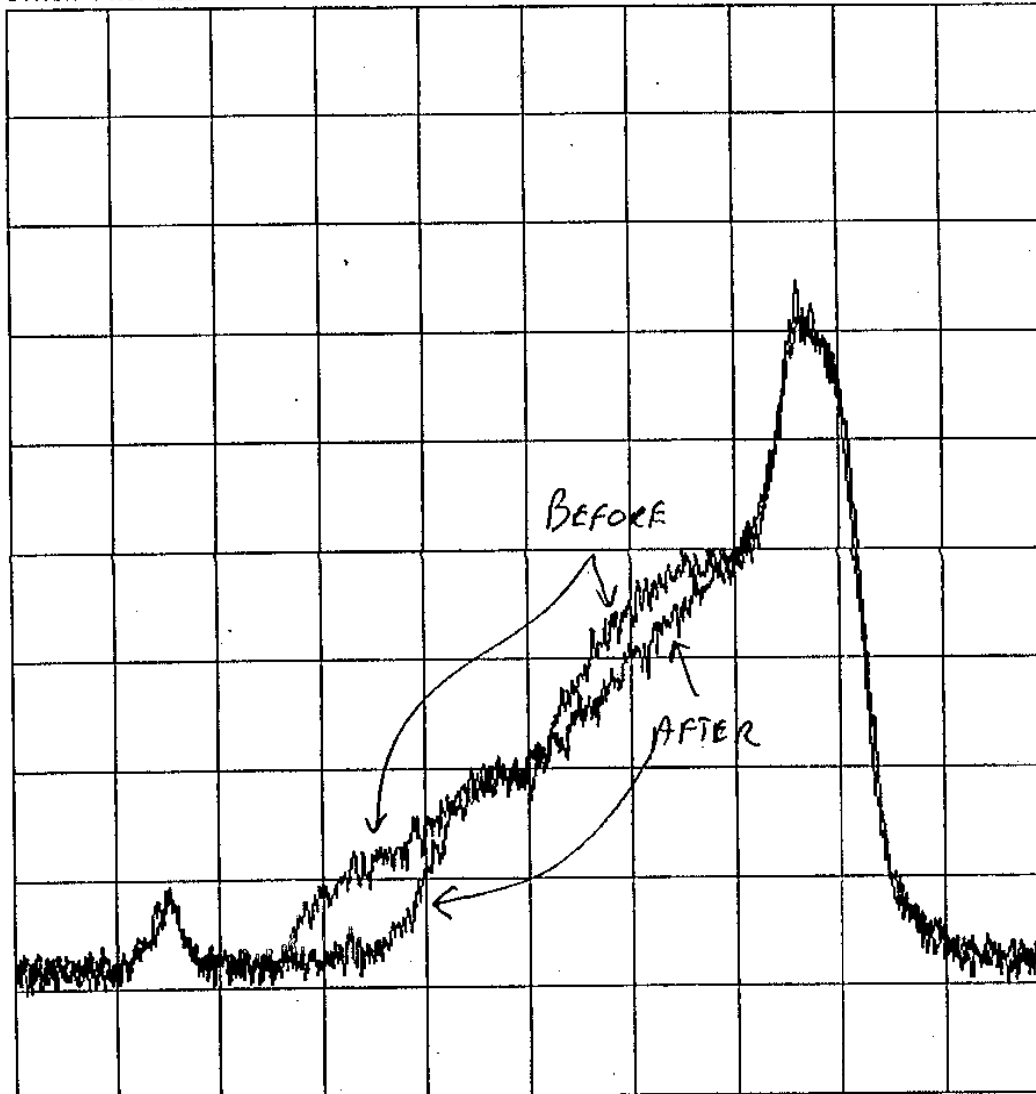
Sup 1 sec

Vid BW 300 Hz

Res BW 300 Hz

Ref Lvl -30 dB

VID AVG



Start Freq 79.2100001 MHz

Stop Freq 79.2600001 MHz

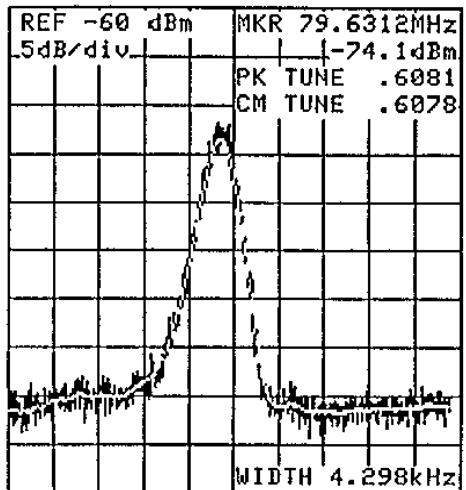
ACCUMULATOR

12/10/94 2343

BEAM CURRENT 66.36 mA
 STACKING RATE 6.117 mA/h
 HARMONIC NUMBER 126
 REV FREQUENCY 628958 Hz
 DELTAP/P .1951 %
 HORIZONTAL TUNE .6088
 VERTICAL TUNE .6072
 HORZ CHROMATICITY -.0607
 VERT CHROMATICITY -.1879

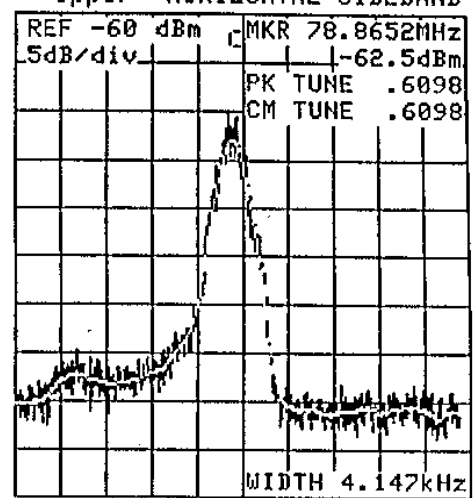
Correct Chromaticity
 CALCULATION 10/06/92

"Lower" HORIZONTAL SIDEBAND



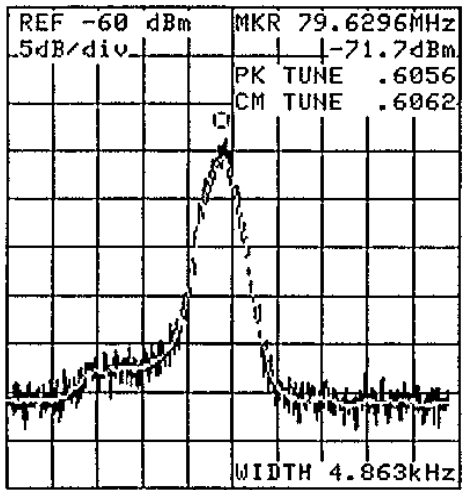
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"Upper" HORIZONTAL SIDEBAND



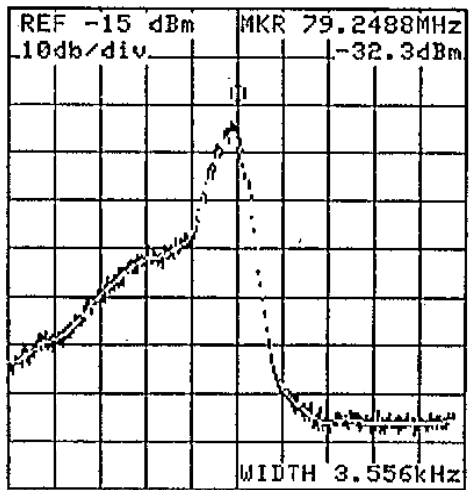
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"Lower" VERTICAL SIDEBAND



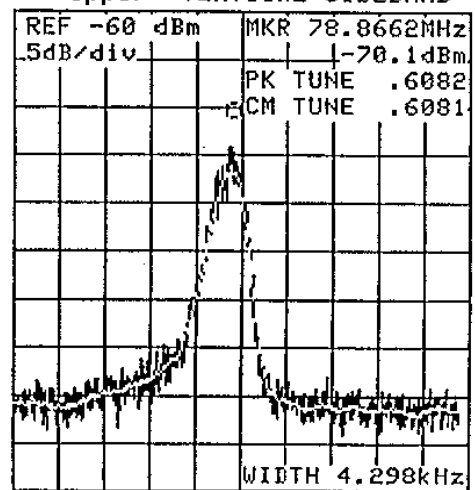
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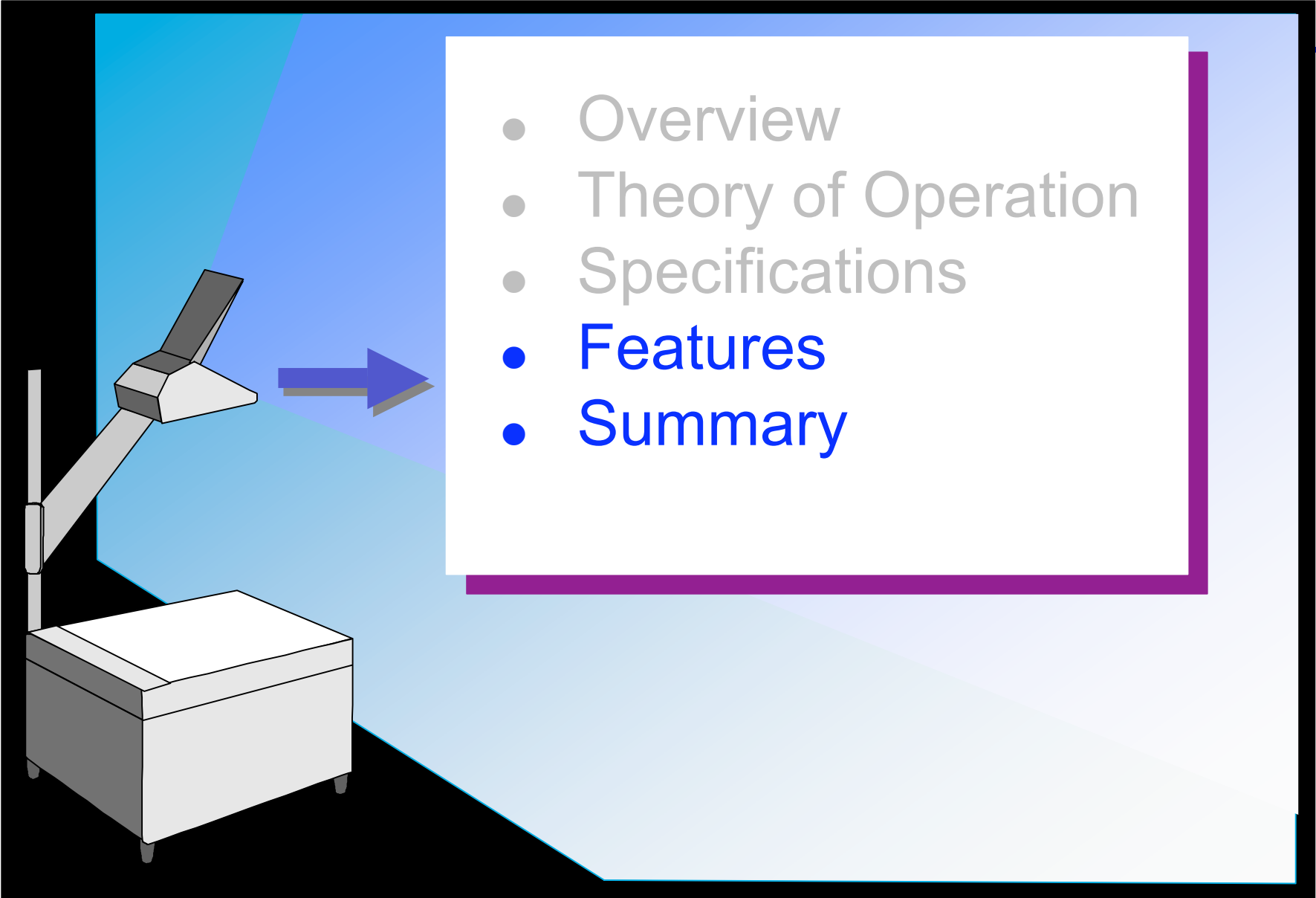
CENTER 79.249MHz SPAN 40 kHz

"Upper" VERTICAL SIDEBAND

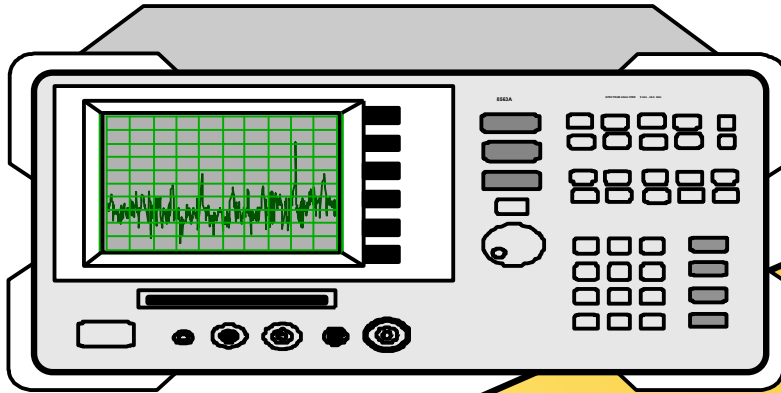


CENTER 78.867MHz SPAN 37.7kHz

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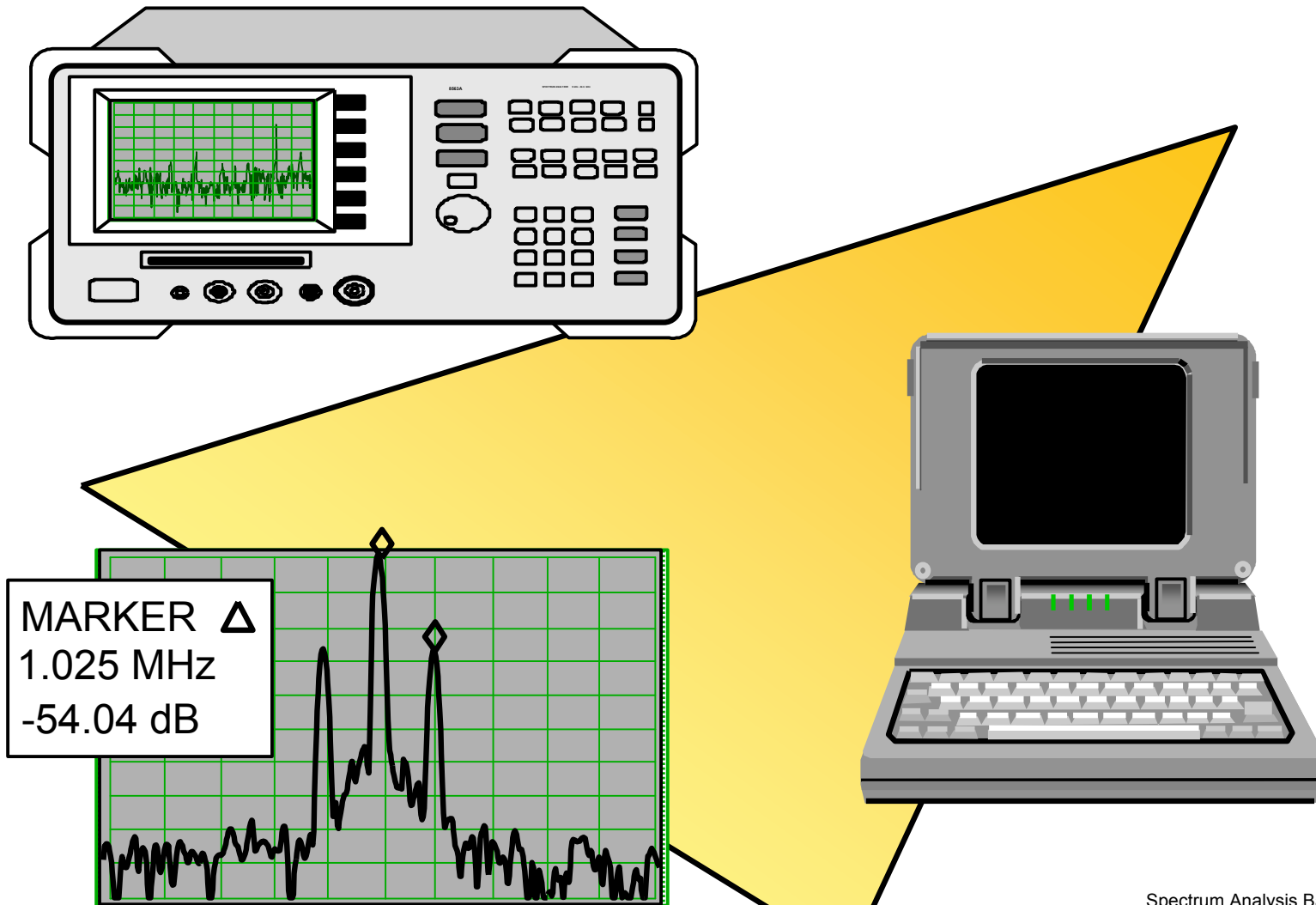
- ✓ noise marker
- ✓ averaging

► Stimulus Response Measurements

- ✓ tracking generator

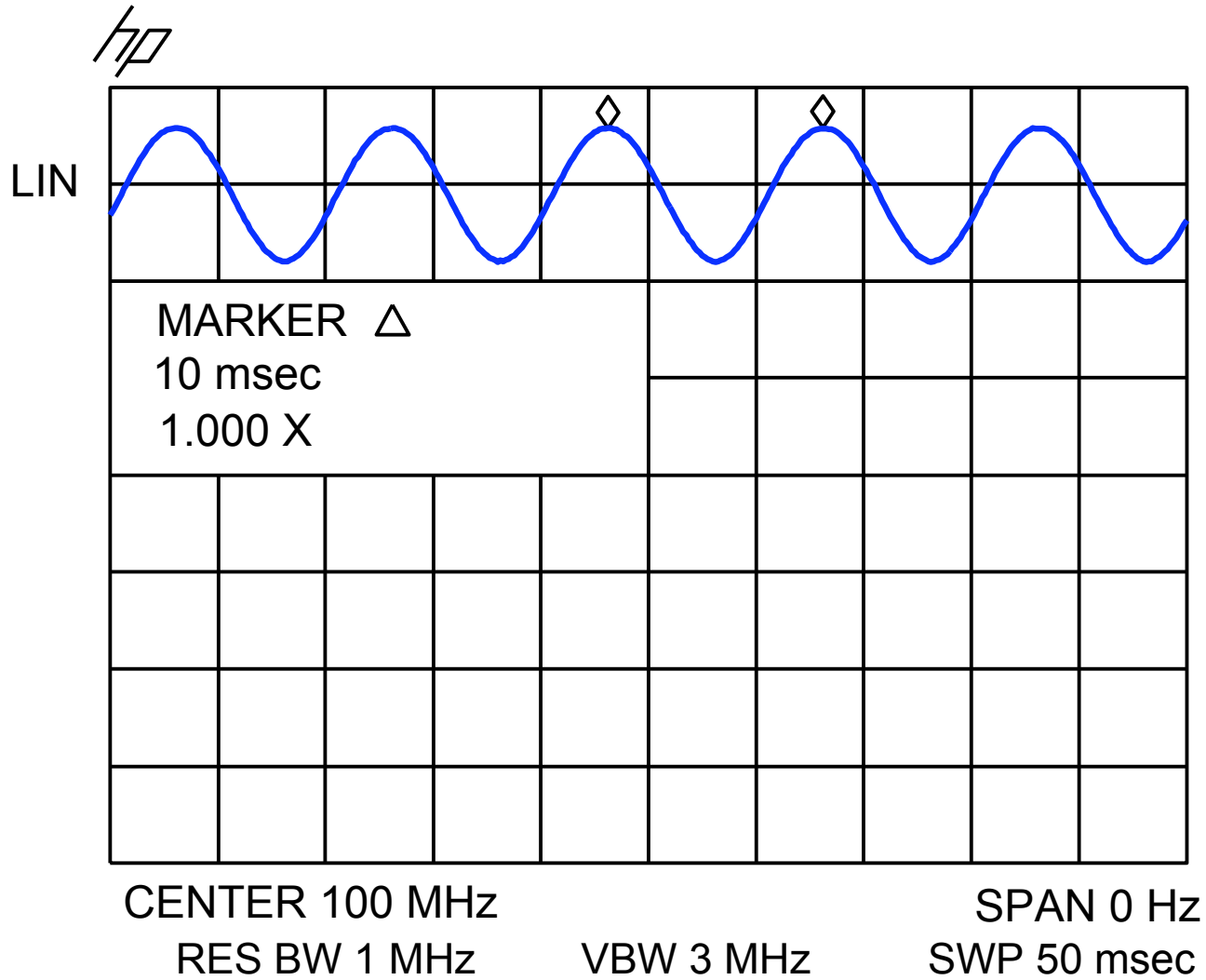
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Basic Operation: Remote Operation, Markers & Limit Lines



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Modulation Measurements: Time Domain

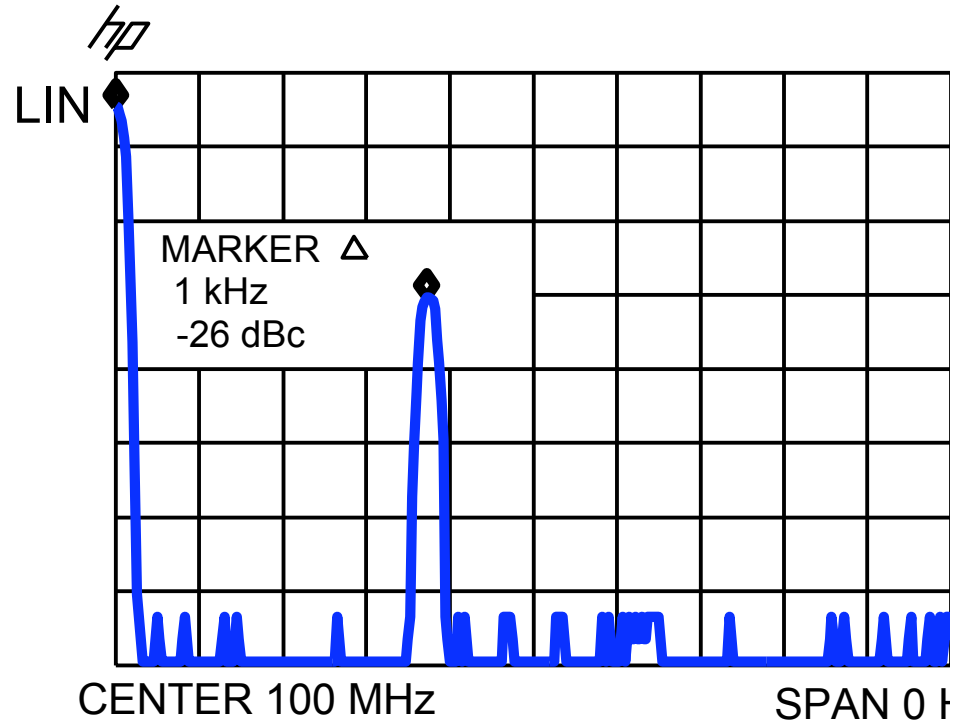
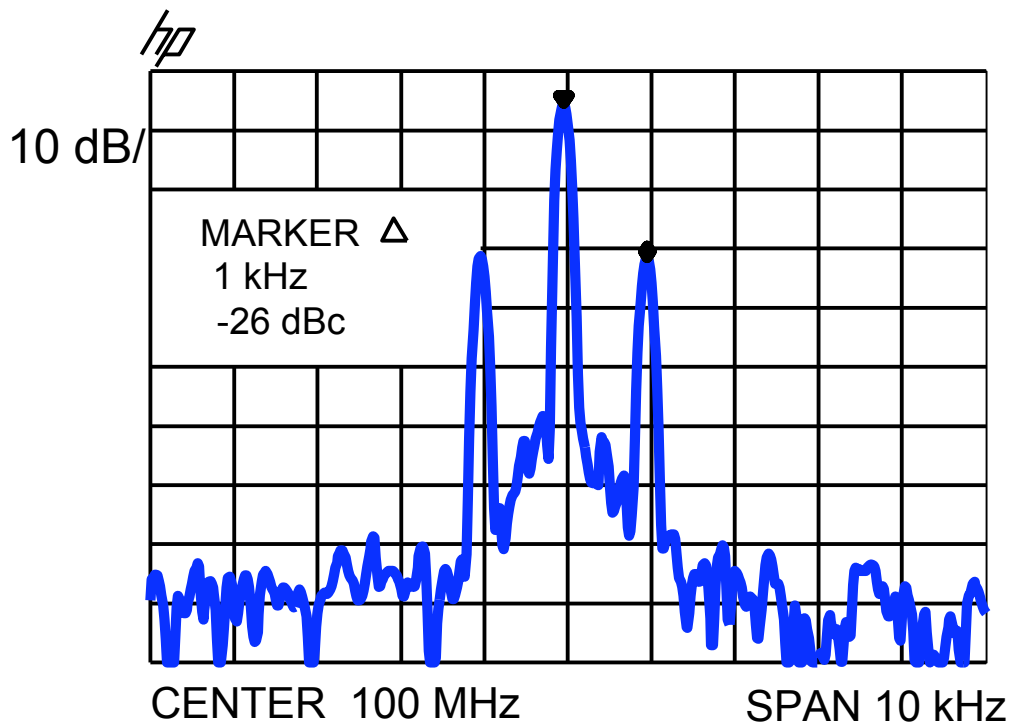


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Modulation Measurements: FFT

Swept Frequency Domain

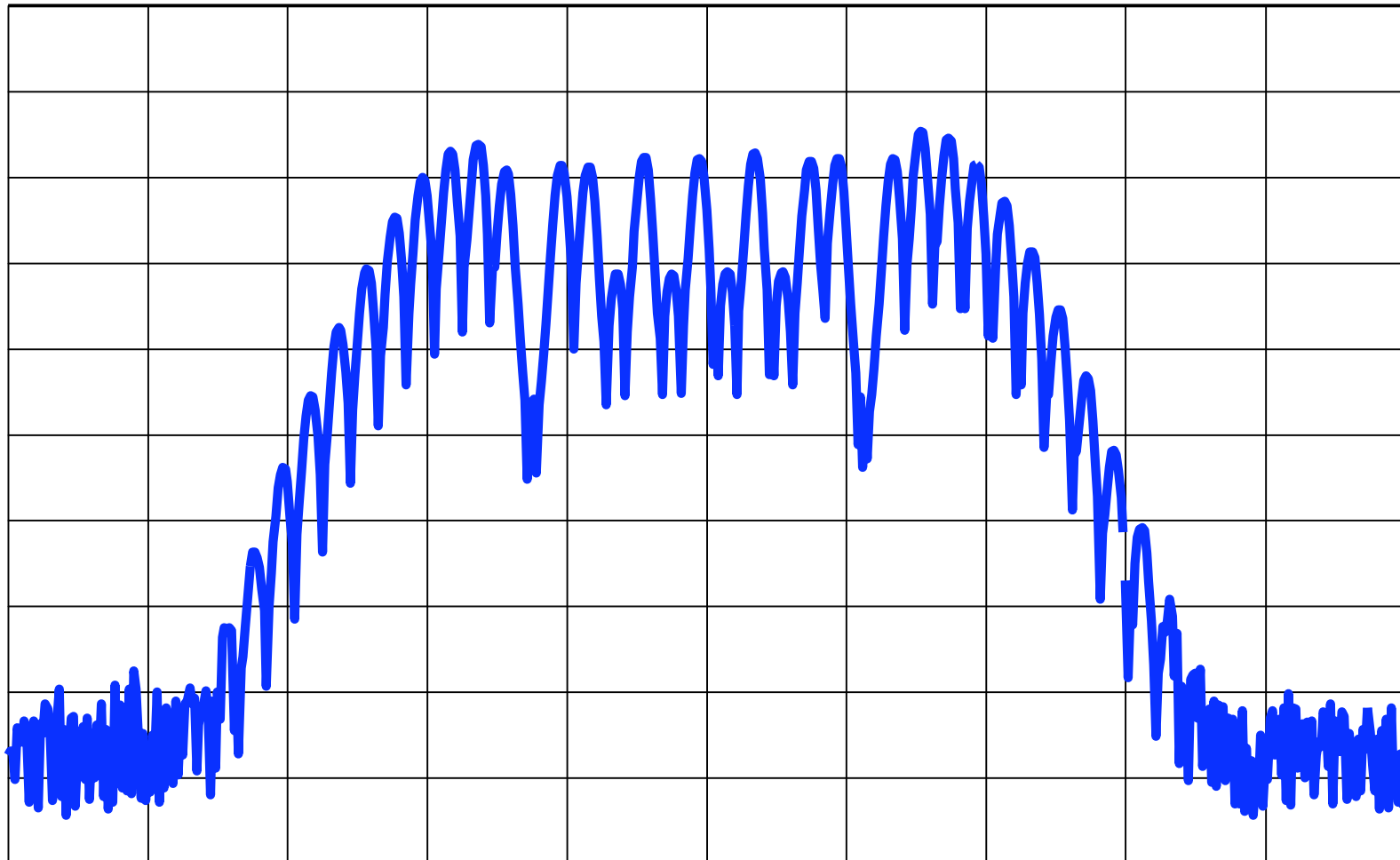
FFT Frequency Domain



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Modulation Measurements: FFT

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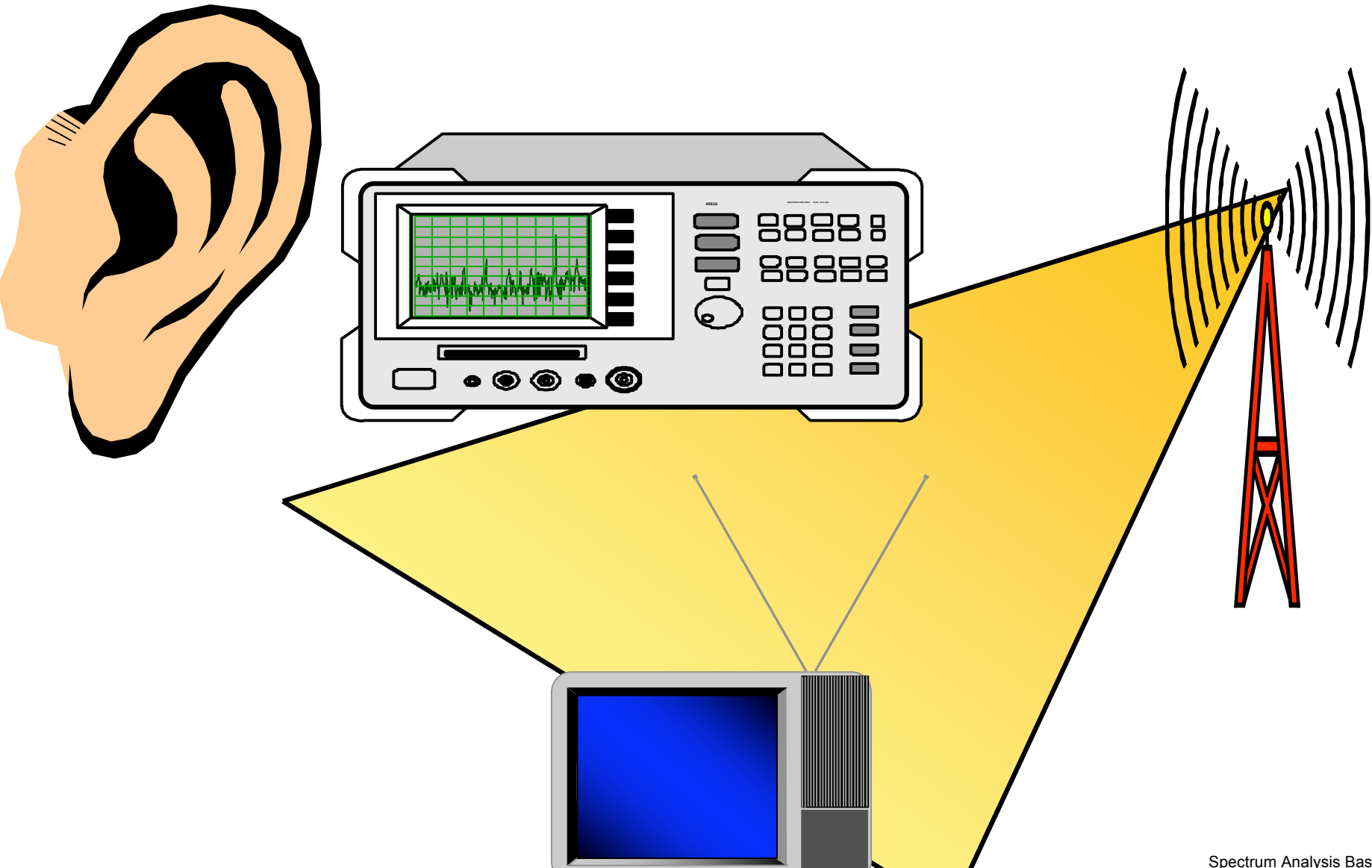
100 MHz

SPAN

50 kHz

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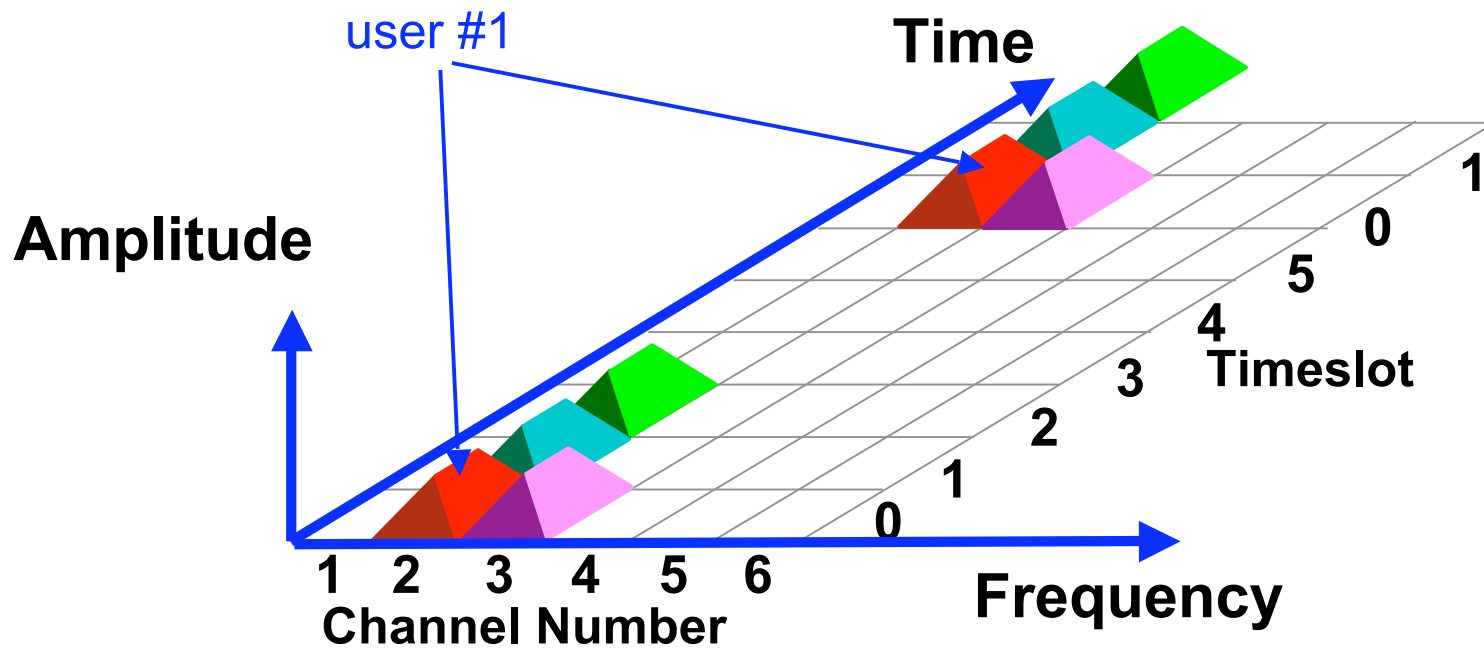
Modulation Measurements: AM/FM Detector with Speake



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Modulation Measurements: Time-Gating

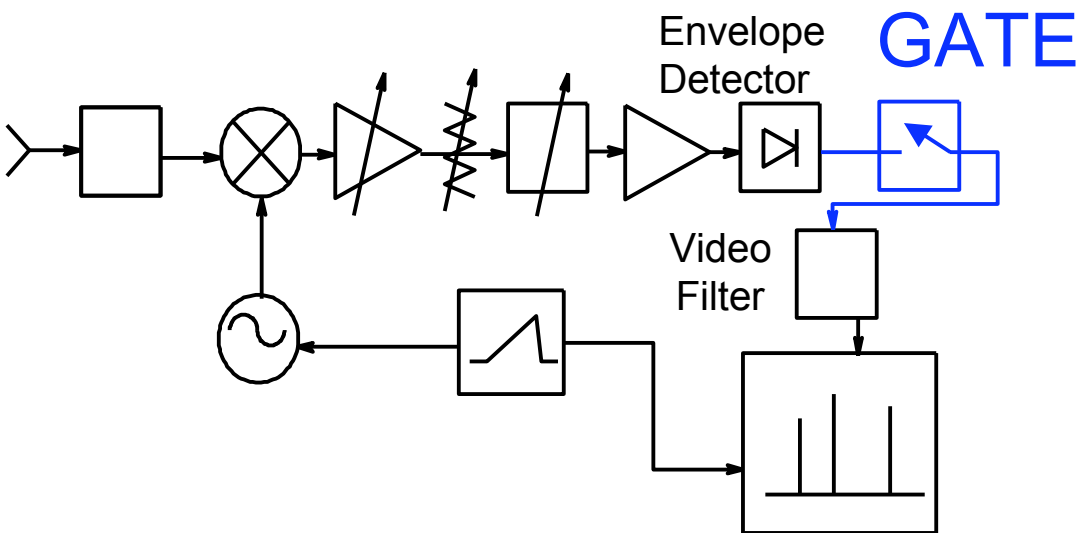
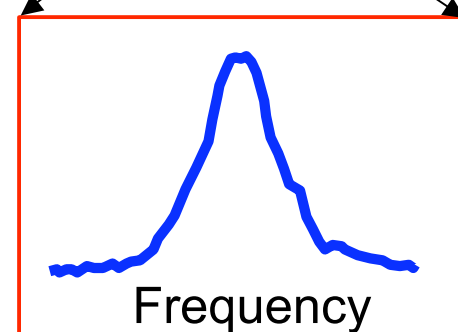
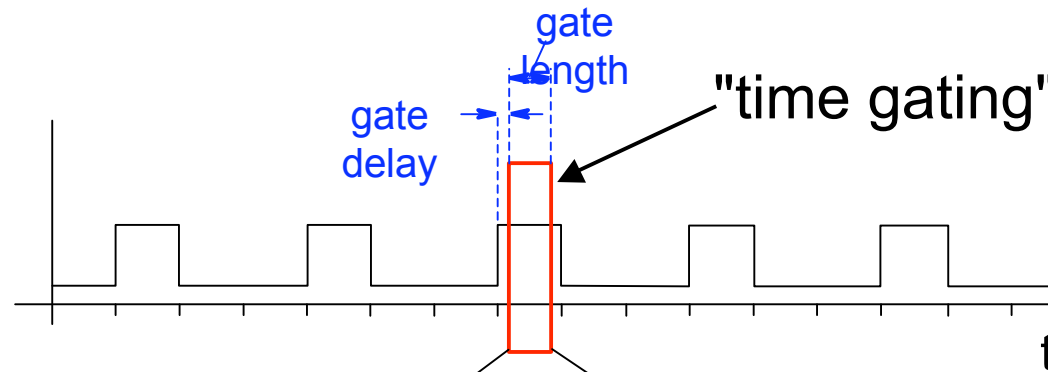
Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA)



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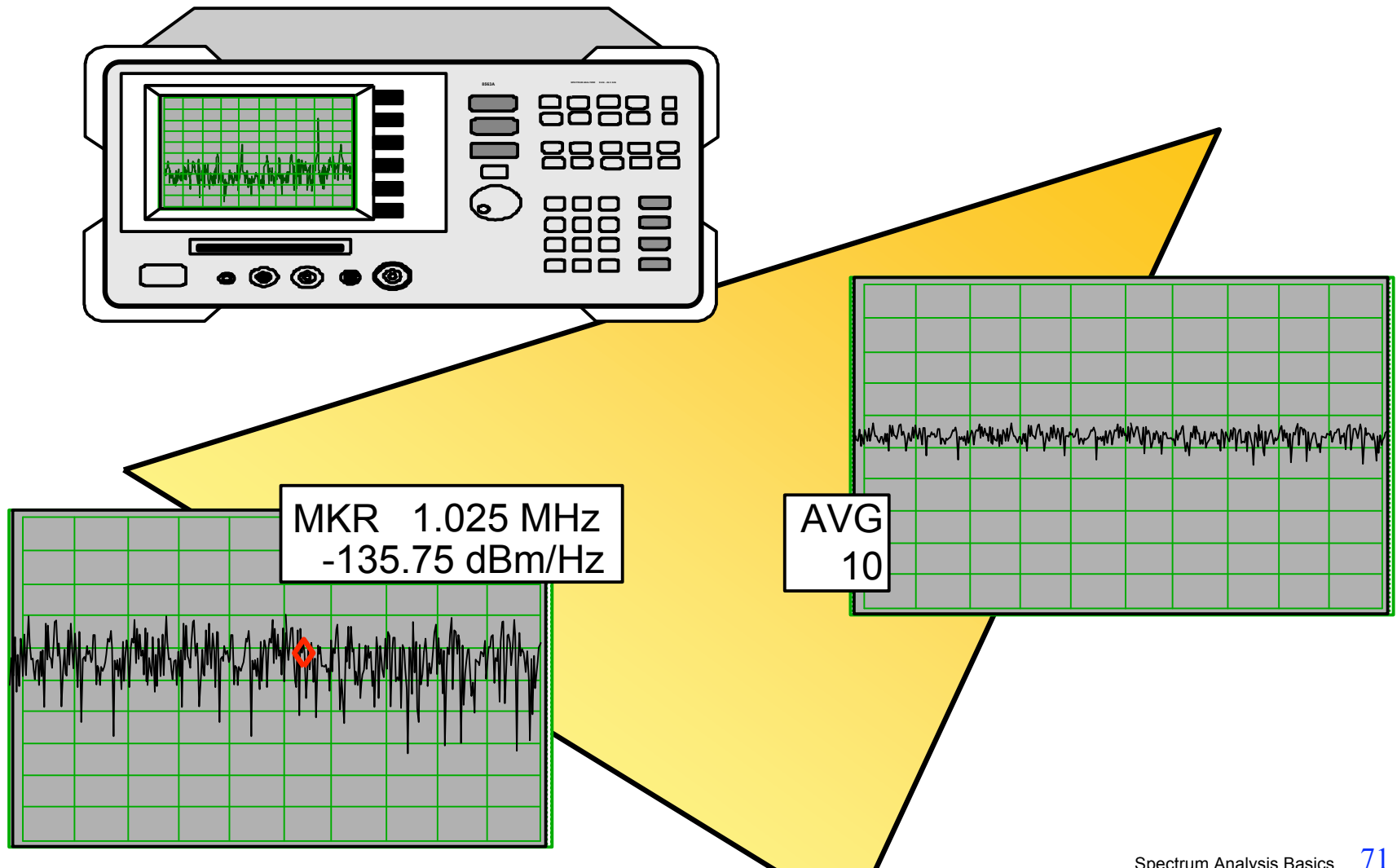
Modulation Measurements: Time-Gating

Time-Gated Measurements in the Frequency Domain



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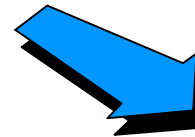
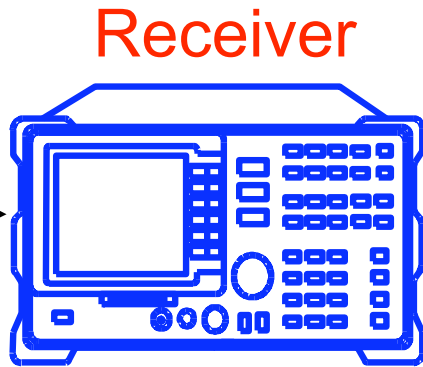
Noise Measurements: Noise Marker & Video Averaging



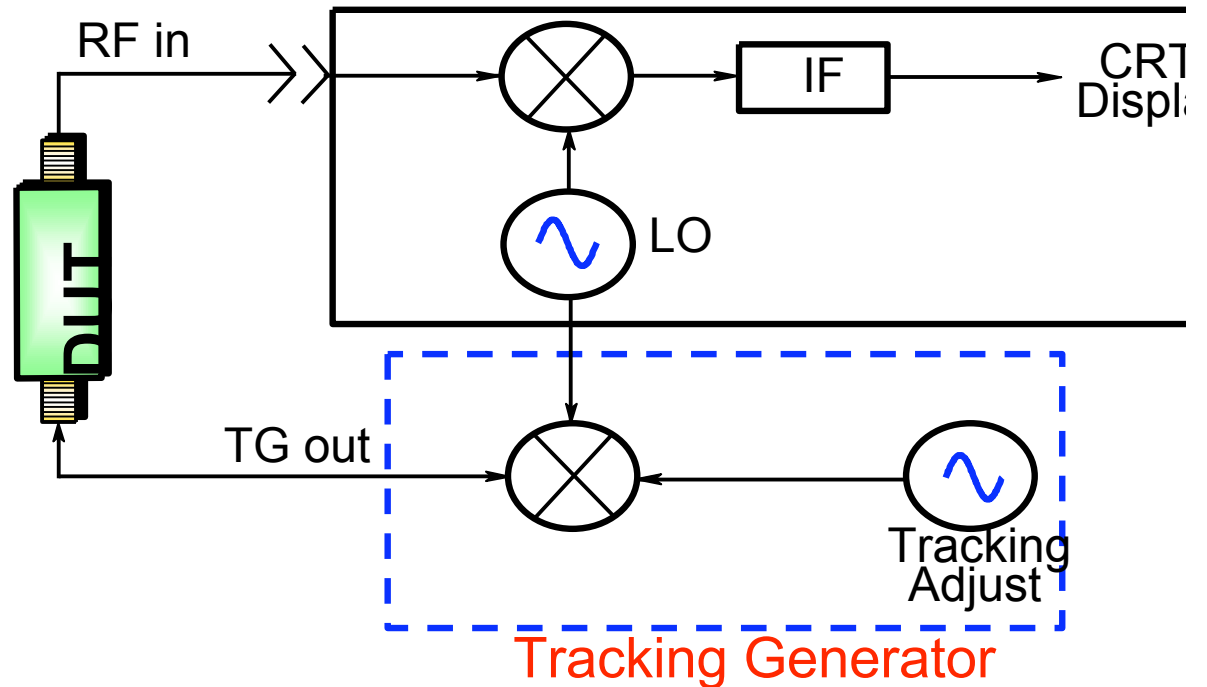
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Stimulus Response: Tracking Generator

Source



Spectrum Analyzer



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