



# Keysight Measurement Forum 2016



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## Key Solution to Power Integrity Measurements



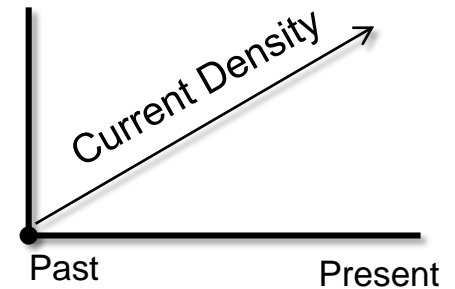
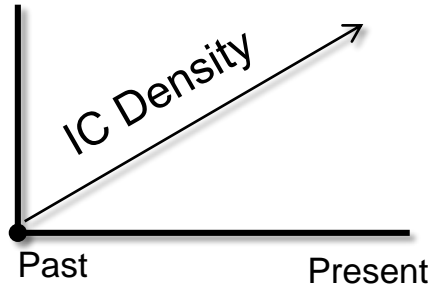
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# Agenda

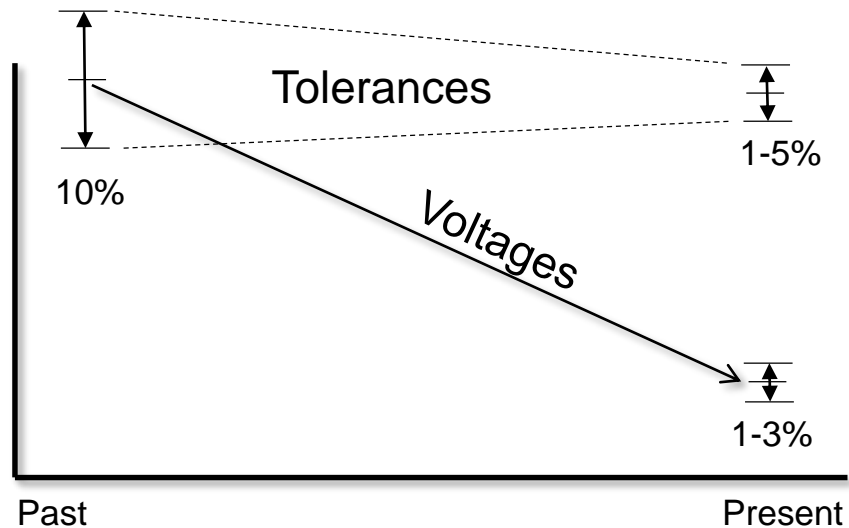
- Needs for Power Integrity Measurements
- Utilizing Oscilloscope
  - Infiniium S-Series with N7020A
- DC Power Analyzer
  - N6705B
- Current Waveform Analyzer
  - CX3300

# The Case For Power Integrity

Moore's Law: transistors on an integrated circuit will double every two years.



Goal: improve power consumption with each generation

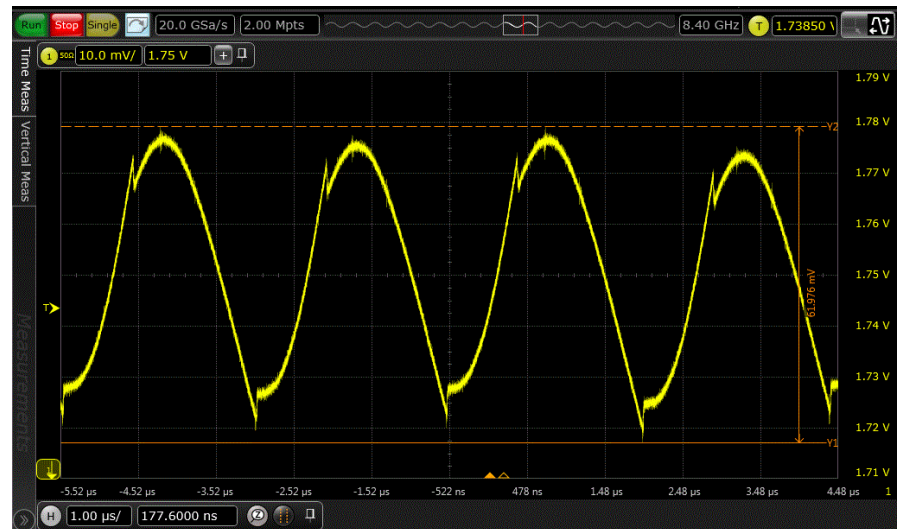


# Power Integrity Measurements

## The Need for Power Integrity Measurements

- Increased functionality, higher power density and higher frequency operation drives need for lower supply voltages
- Power rail tolerances are much tighter (from +/- 5% down to +/- 1%)
- Ripple, noise and transients riding on these lower DC supplies can adversely affect clocks and digital data—Power Supply Induced Jitter (PSIJ)

Believe it or not, this is what a typical 1.8V DC supply looks like if you zoom-in on the top of it.



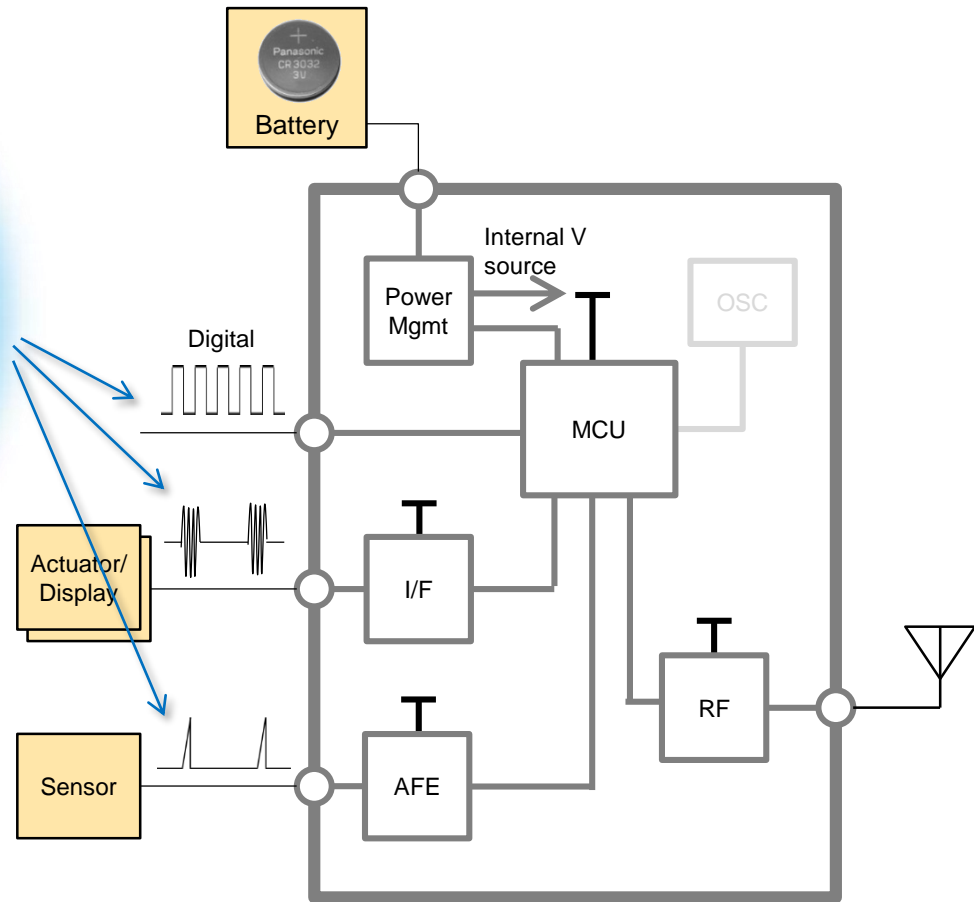
# Power Integrity Measurements

## Utilizing Oscilloscope

Oscilloscope

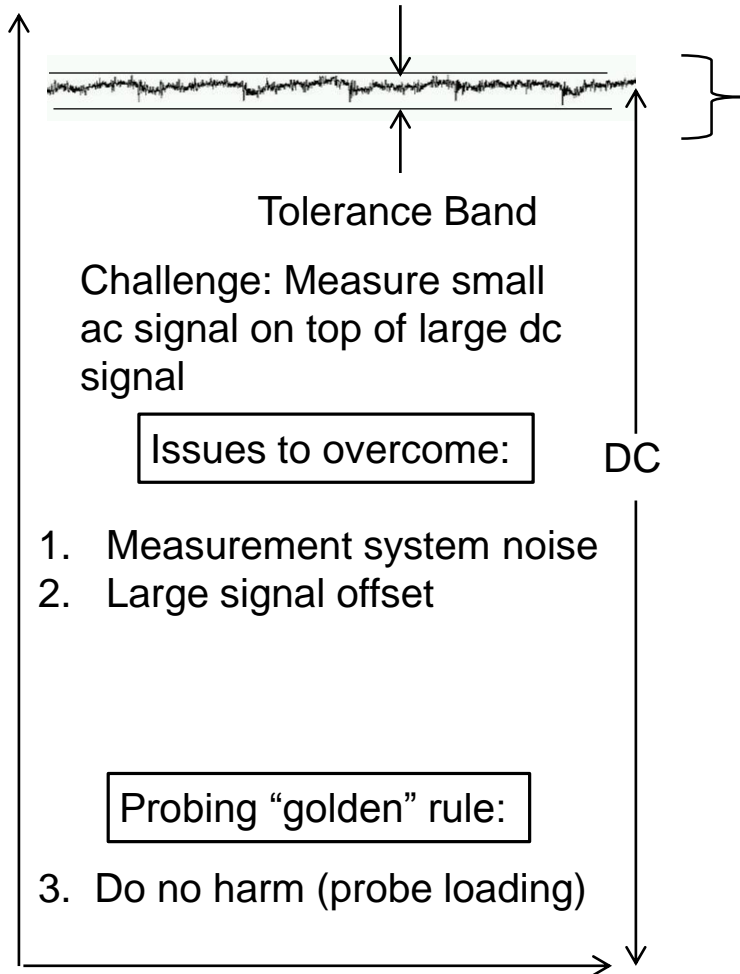


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# Power Integrity Measurements

## Fundamental Challenge



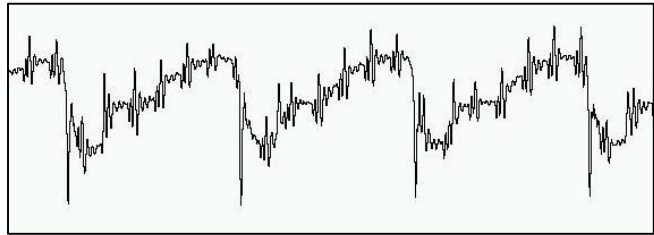
Challenge: Measure small ac signal on top of large dc signal

Issues to overcome:

1. Measurement system noise
2. Large signal offset

Probing "golden" rule:

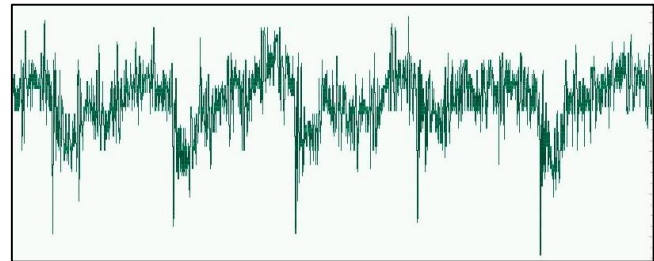
3. Do no harm (probe loading)



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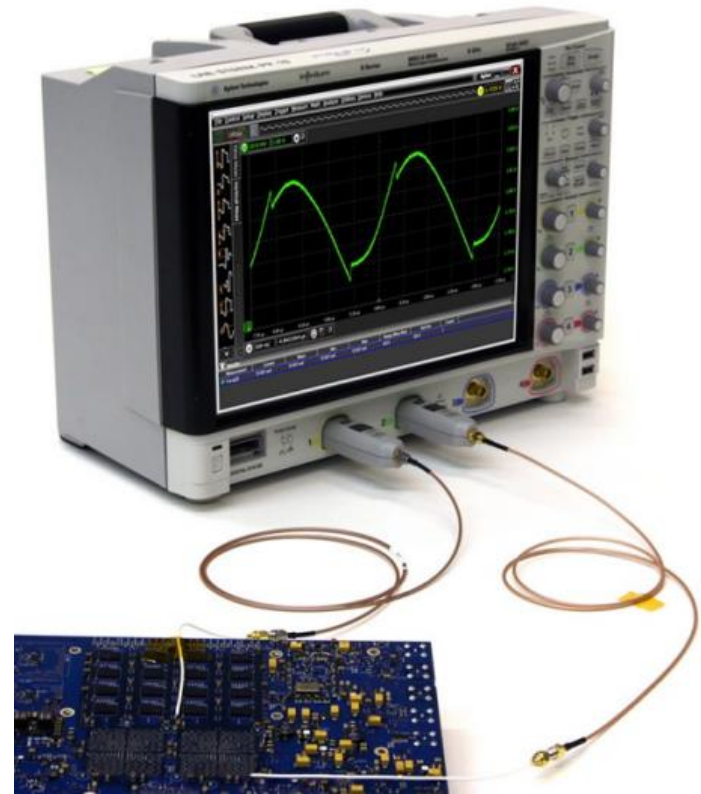
Measurement System Noise  
(Scope, Probe, Connection...)



# Power Integrity Measurements

## Infiniium S-Series High-Definition Oscilloscope

- Low noise front end at small vertical settings
- Full 10-bit ADC support with full BW down to 16 mV full screen
- Analog and DSP-based bandwidth limit filters
- Measurement capability including FFTs, axis annotation, dynamic delta markers



Keysight N7020A Power Rail Probe:

[www.keysight.com/find/N7020A](http://www.keysight.com/find/N7020A)

# Power Integrity Measurements

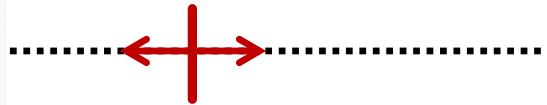
Both Ends of The Spectrum

Specialized

General Purpose



N7020A Power Rail Probe

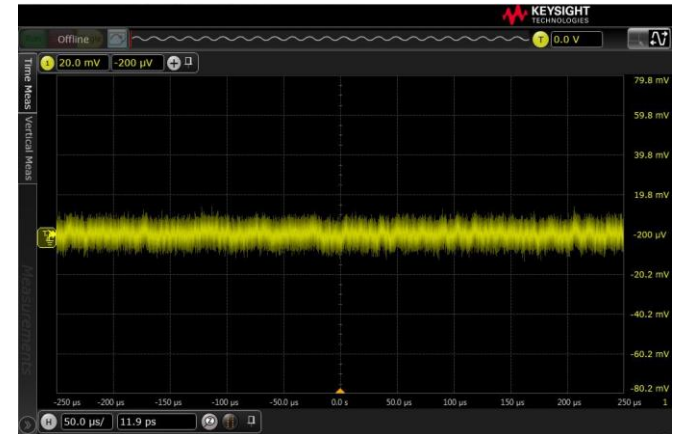


10:1 Passive Probe

# Power Integrity Measurements

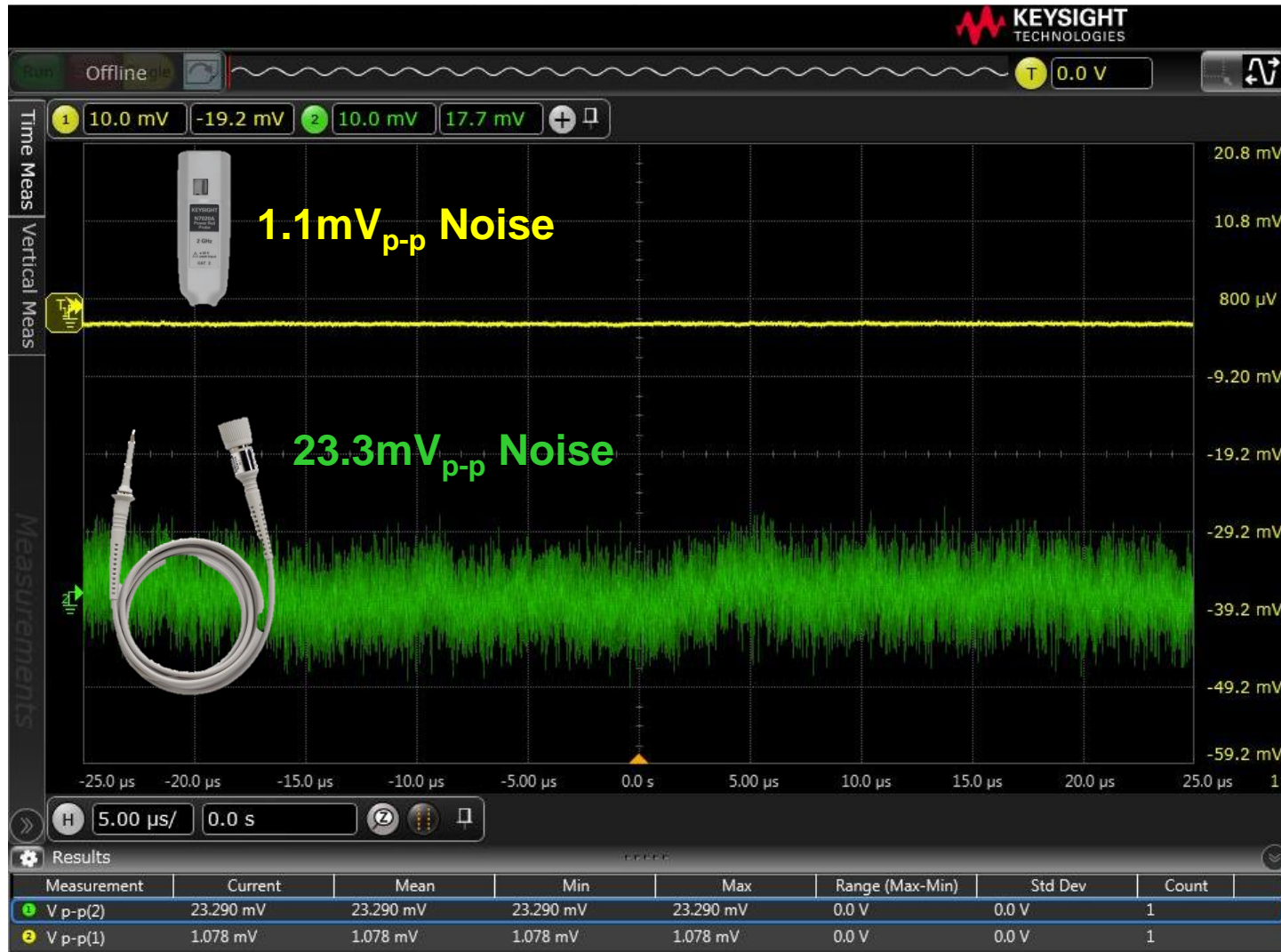
## First things first—Null Measurement (Sanity Check)

- Null measurement: Baseline noise of the oscilloscope measurement system to verify that the tools being used are appropriate for the task at hand.
  - Set-up you scope and probe as they will be used—V/div, connection accessories...
  - Short the input and measure the baseline noise.



# Power Integrity Measurements

## Null Measurement Compare—Ends of The Spectrum



# Power Integrity Measurements

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## N7020A Power Rail Probe

Termination: 50Ω

Attenuation: 1:1

Bandwidth: 2GHz

Probe offset: Yes(+/-24V)

## Passive Probe

Termination: 1MΩ

Attenuation: 10:1

Bandwidth: 500MHz

Probe offset: No

Good for quantitative measurements



Good for qualitative measurements

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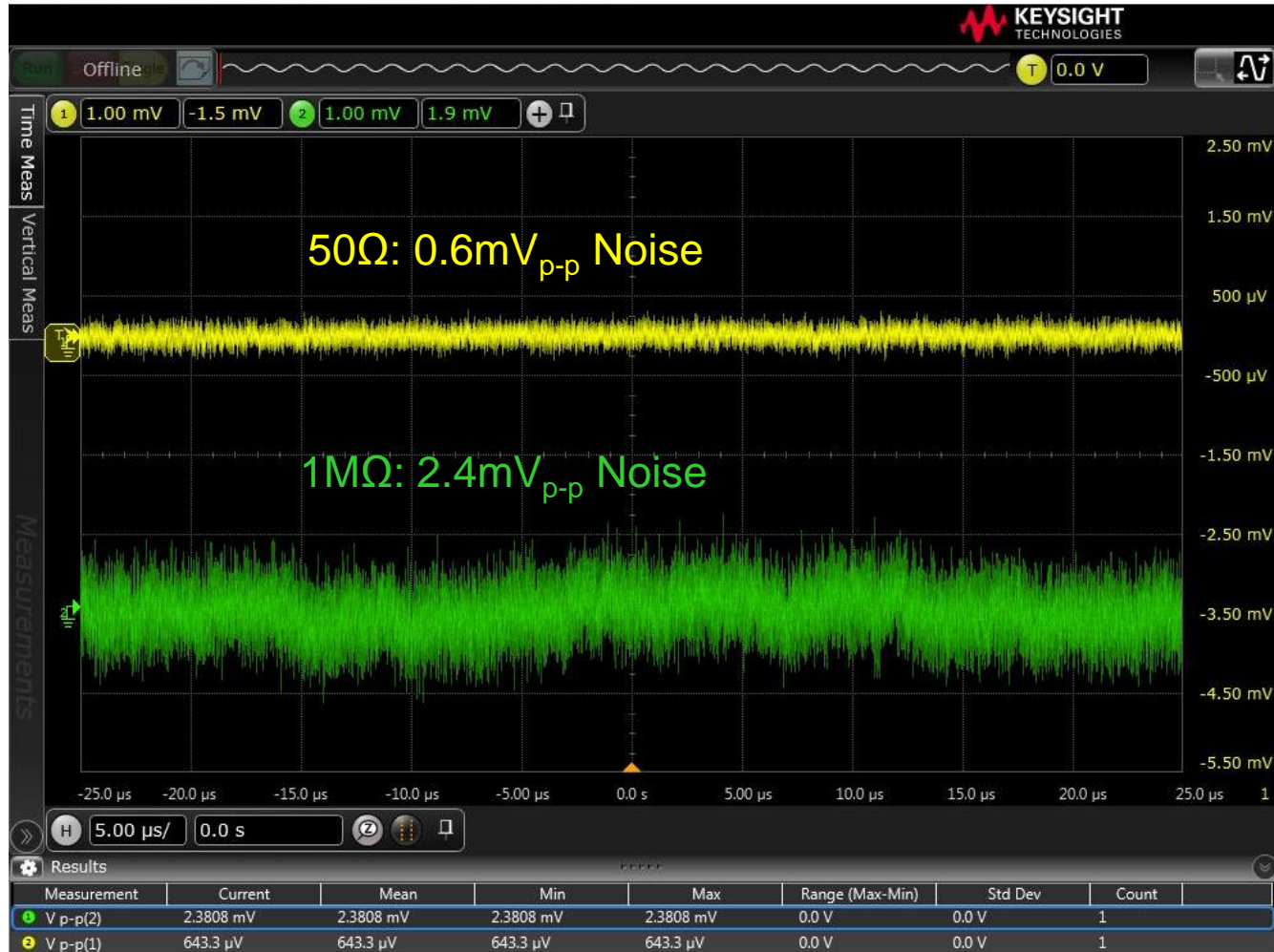
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# Power Integrity Measurements

## Scope Input Termination—Lowest Noise Path



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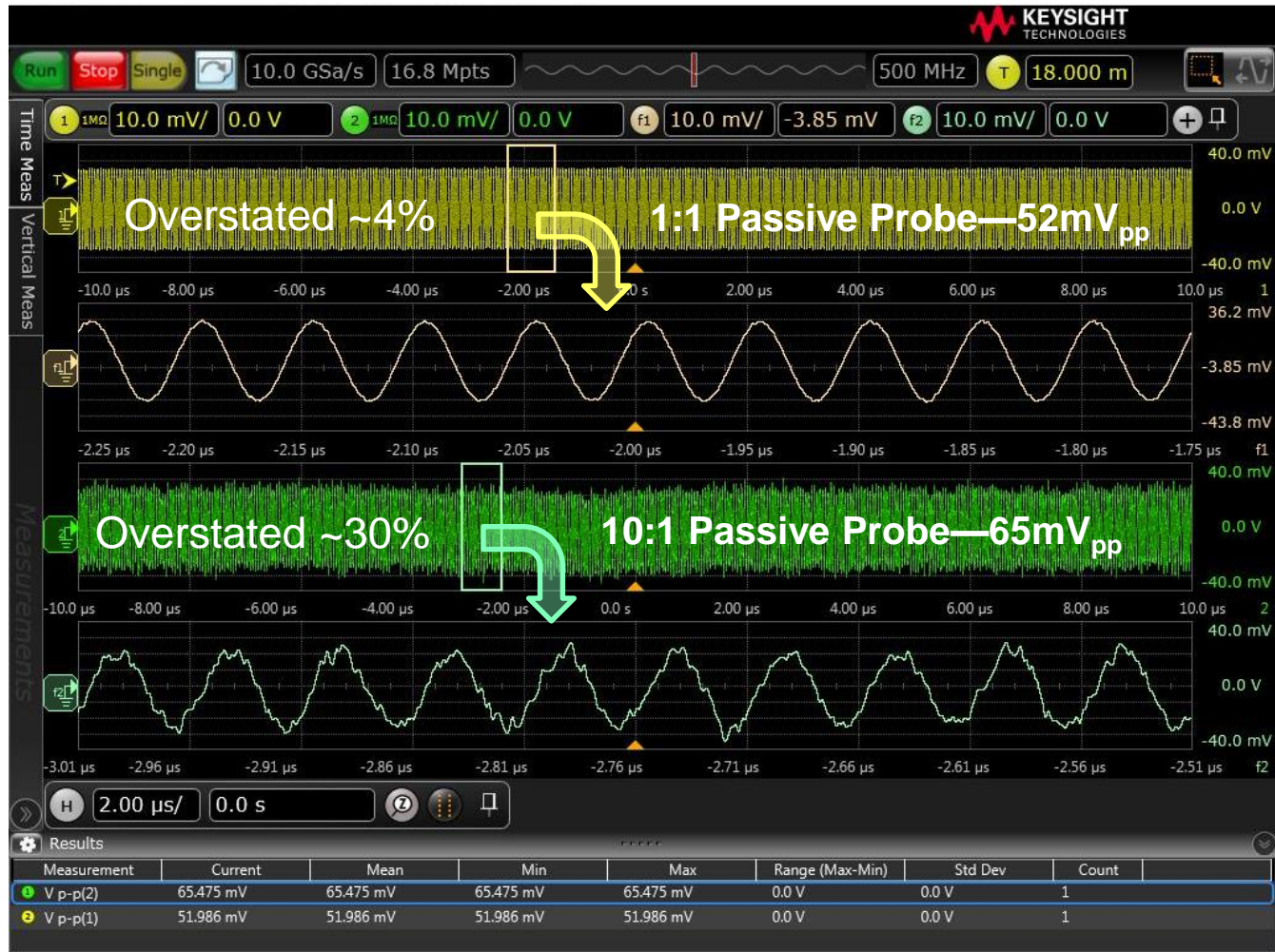
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# Power Integrity Measurements

Attenuation Ratio Effects Noise—Ex. 50mV<sub>pp</sub> Sine Wave



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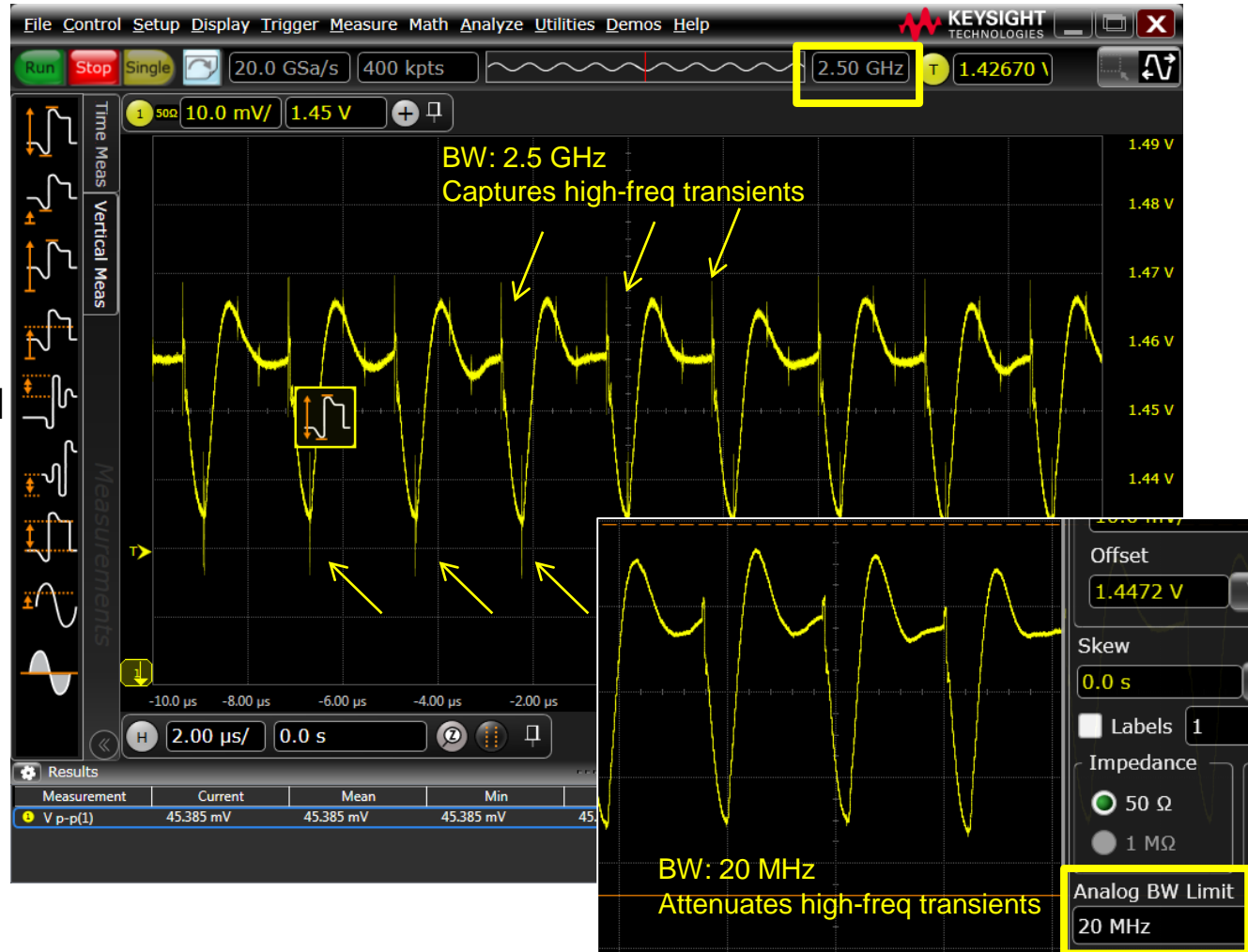
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# Power Integrity Measurements

Tradeoff with BW limiting—Use What is Needed

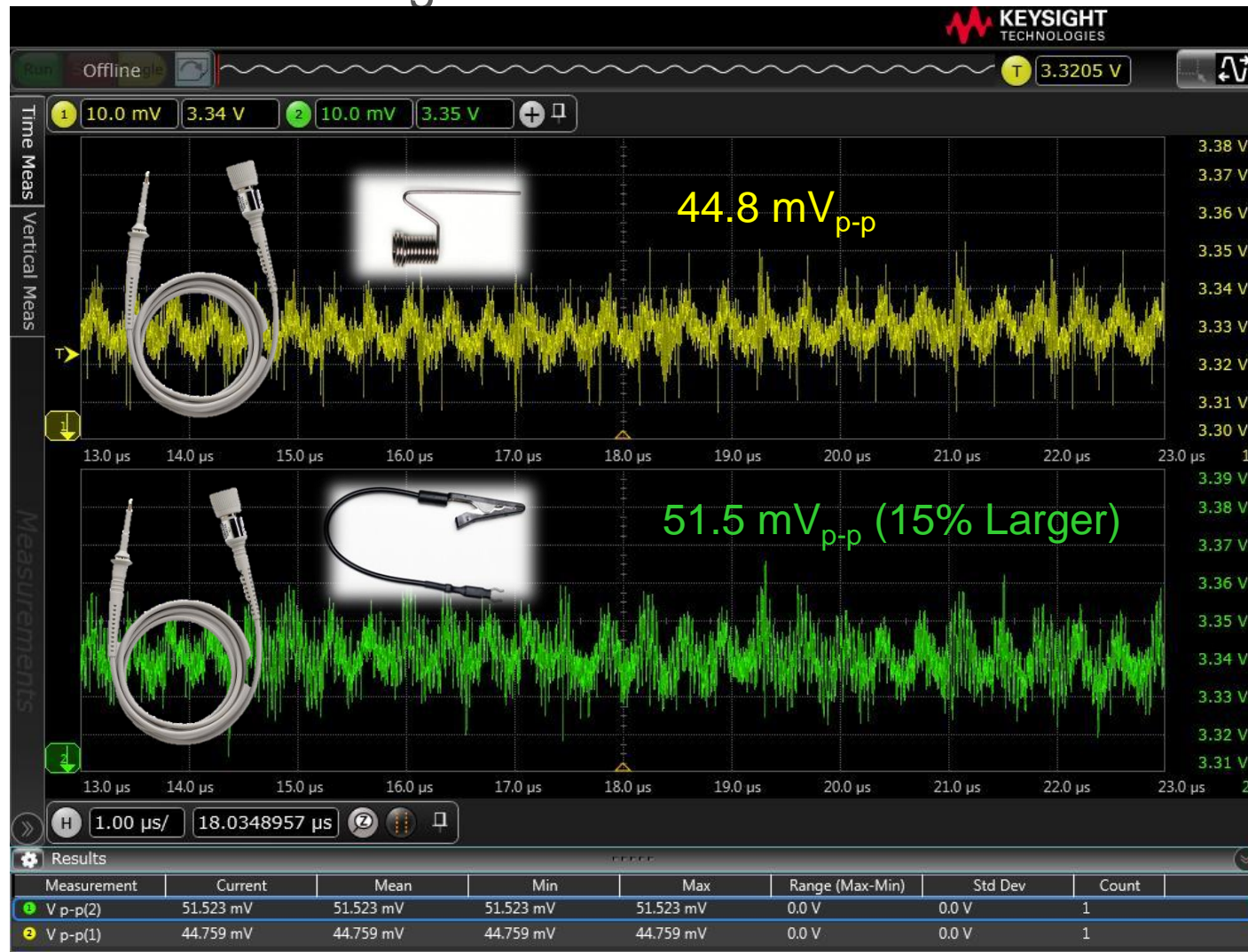
Switching currents cause transients that can easily exceed 1GHz.

Supply noise is a leading cause of clock/data jitter.



# Power Integrity Measurements

## Gnd Connection Length Effects Noise: Ex. Passive Probe



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# Power Integrity Measurements

## Large DC Signal Offset



At larger V/div

- Sensitivity is decreased
- Scope noise relative to small ac signal is increased.

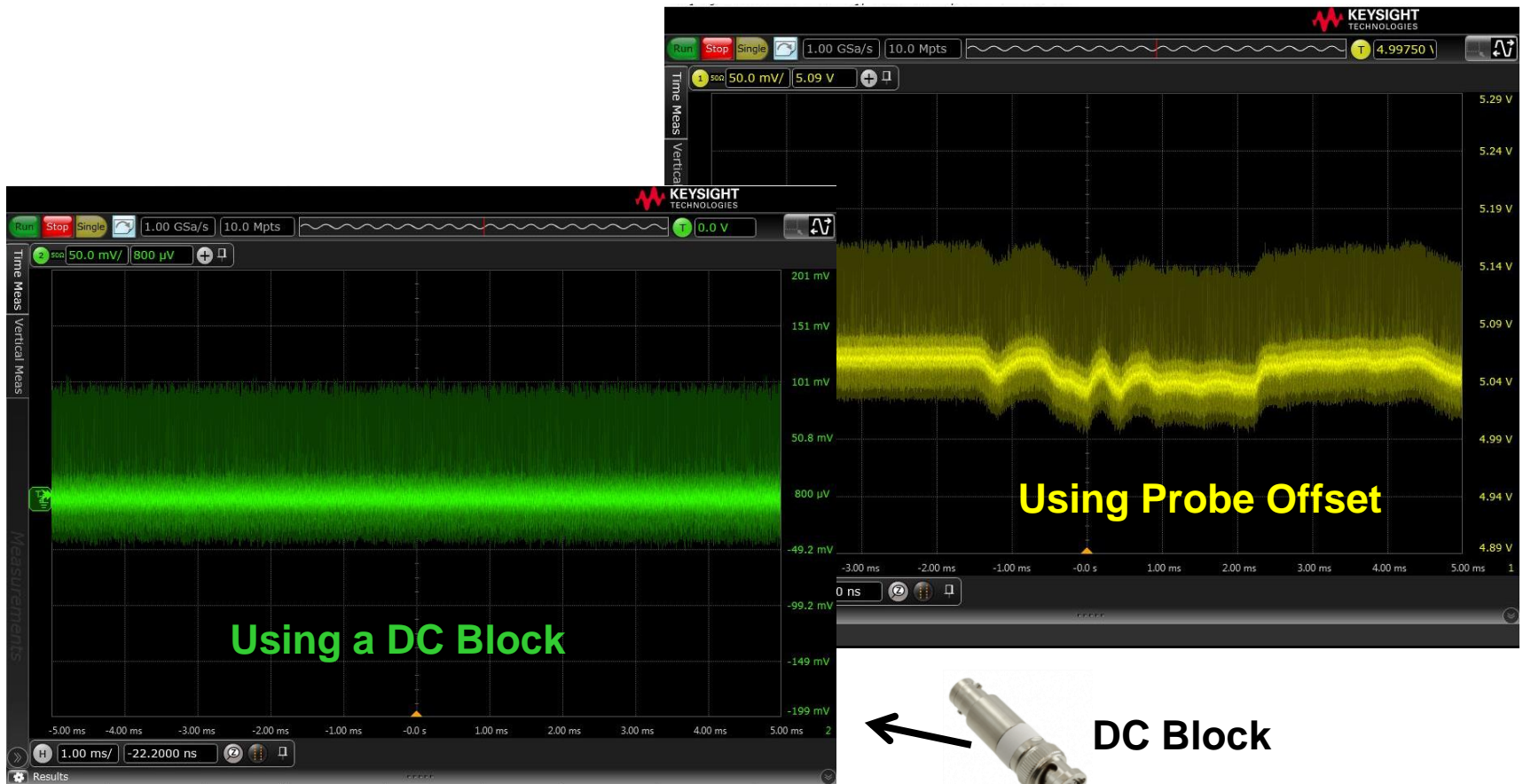


Remove DC Signal Offset

- Probe Offset
- DC Block

# Power Integrity Measurements

## Removing Large DC Signal—Probe Offset or DC Block



# Power Integrity Measurements

## Summary

Specialized



General Purpose



1. Begin with a Null measurement.
2. Choose the low noise path.
3. Reduce attenuation ratio.
4. BW—use what is needed.
5. Minimize ground loop area.
6. Use probe offset.
7. Minimize loading.

Bonus Tip: Use a specialized tool

Good for quantitative measurements



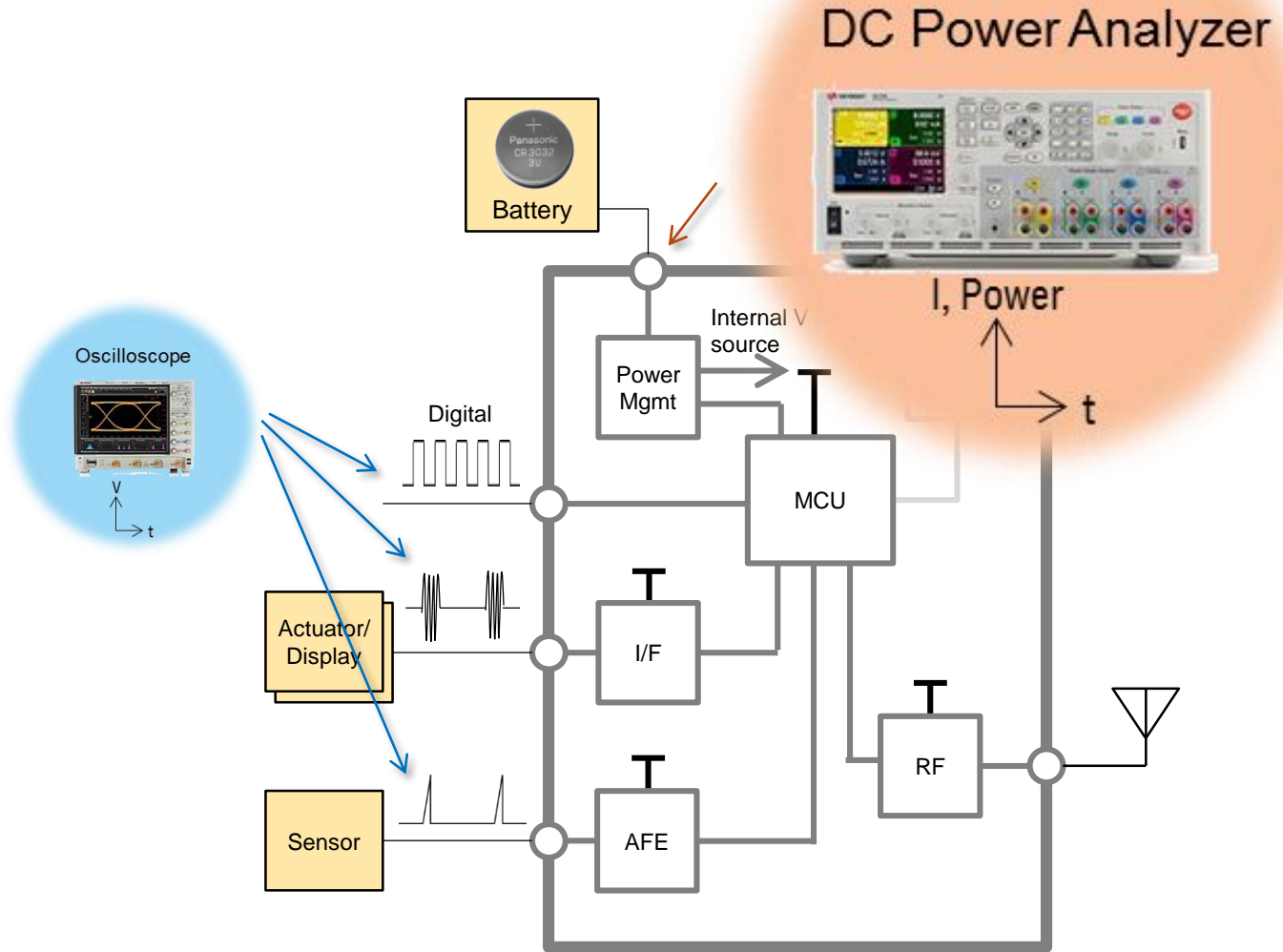
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# N7020A Specifications

Specification	Pigtail / Browser
Probe Bandwidth	2 GHz / 350MHz
Attenuation ratio	1:1
Risetime(10% to 90%)	175ps / 1ns
Offset range	+/-24V
Input impedance @ DC	50k $\Omega$
Probe type	Single-ended

# Power Integrity Measurements

## DC Power Analyzer



# N6705B DC Power Analyzer

## Award Winning Solution

The N6705 boosts the productivity of the R&D Engineer

### Multiple instrument functionality in a single box

- 1 to 4 advanced power supplies
  - Digital voltmeter and ammeter
  - Arbitrary waveform generator
  - Oscilloscope
  - Datalogger
- All functions and measurements available from the front panel
  - Utilizes the same modules in the N6700 family
  - 600W total output power

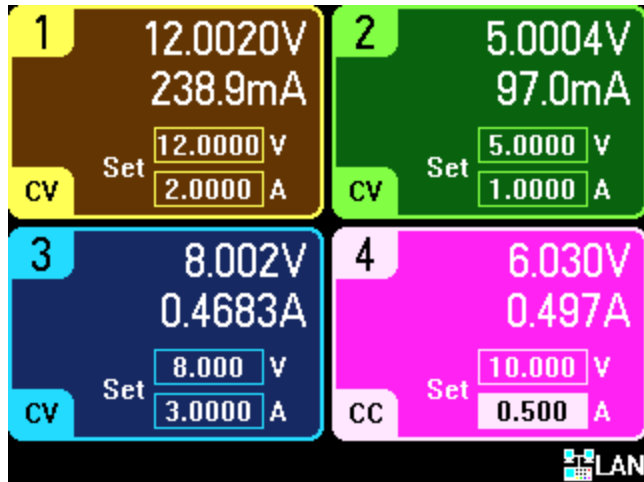


Gain insights into a DUT's power consumption – in minutes, not hours – without writing a single line of code!



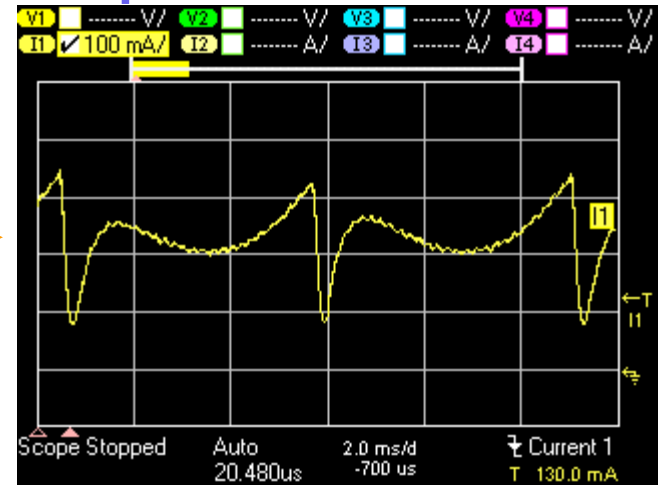
# N6705B Front Panel Measure Screen

## Meter View

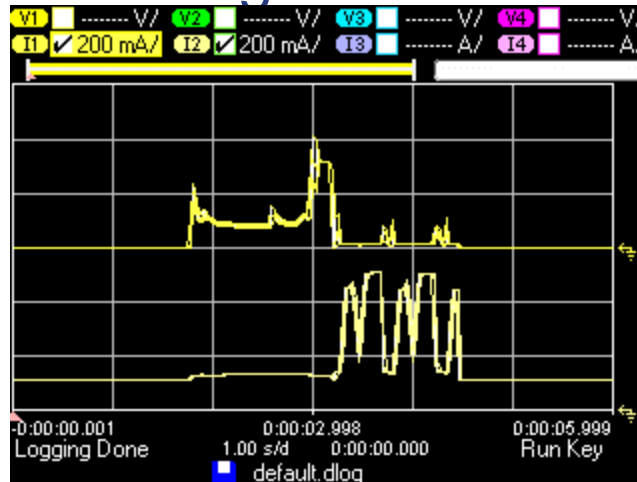


All Free from Programming

## Scope View



## Data Log View

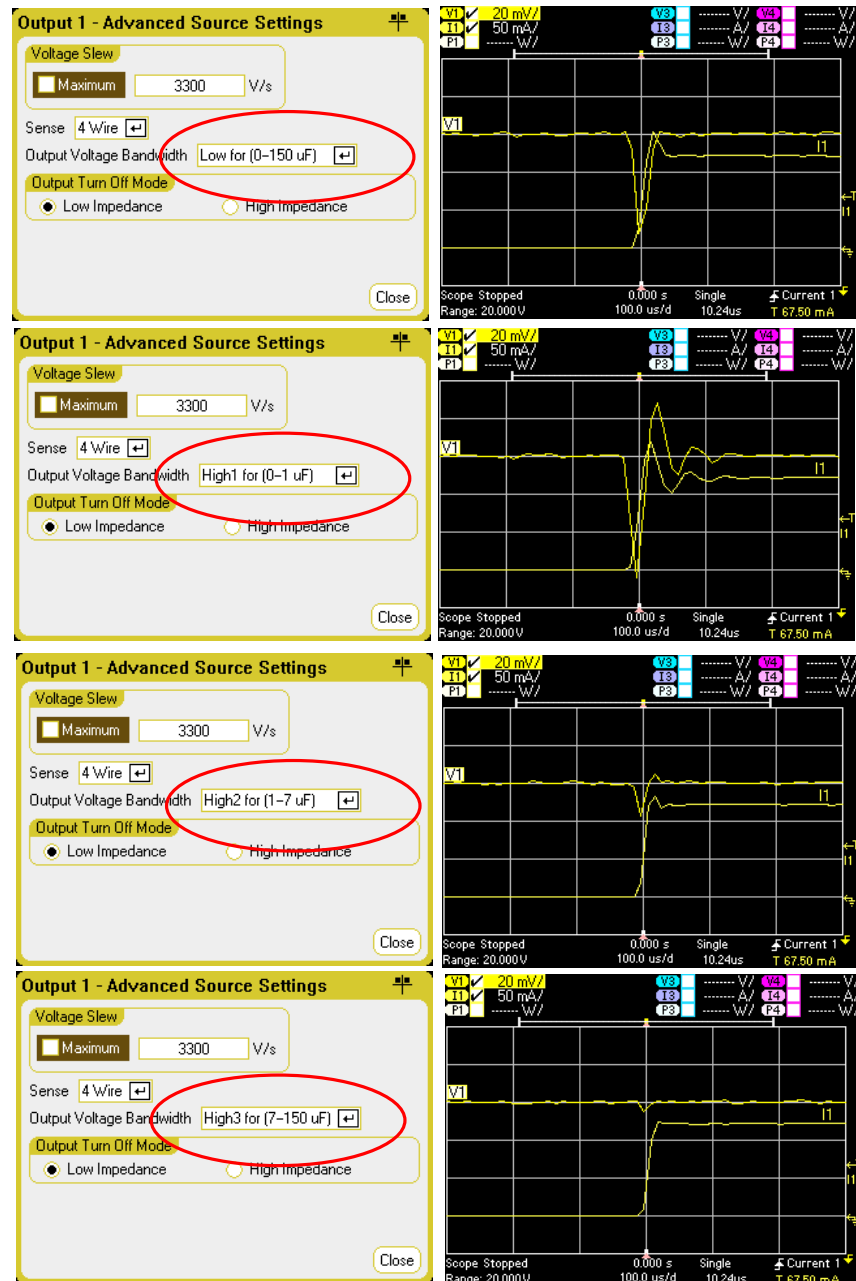


# Output Bandwidth Control

**APPLICATION:** Optimize the output voltage response due to different capacitive loading conditions

This example was using the Pulse Load Demo Board that has 10  $\mu\text{F}$  of DUT capacitance

For stable operation the maximum capacitance loading is 150  $\mu\text{F}$

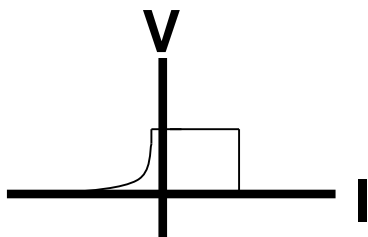
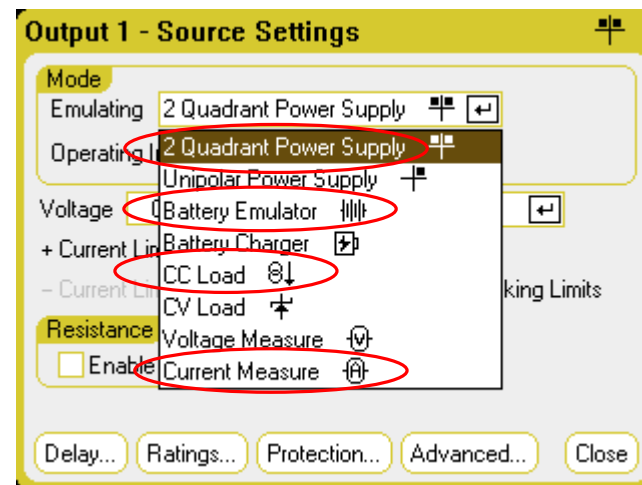


# Emulation Modes

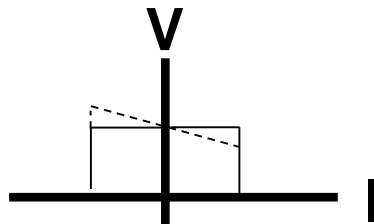
**APPLICATION:** To simplify using the new SMU modules select one of the emulating modes, keeps operation in quadrant and behavior that is best fit for the application

Most commonly used are:

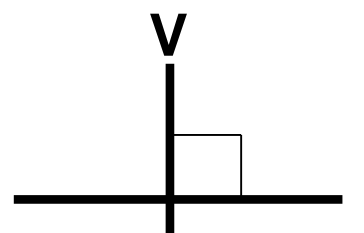
- 2-Quadrant
- Battery Emulator
- CC Load
- Current Measure



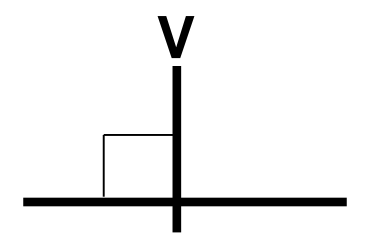
Standard  
DC Supply



Battery Emulator  
with programmable Rout



Battery Charger



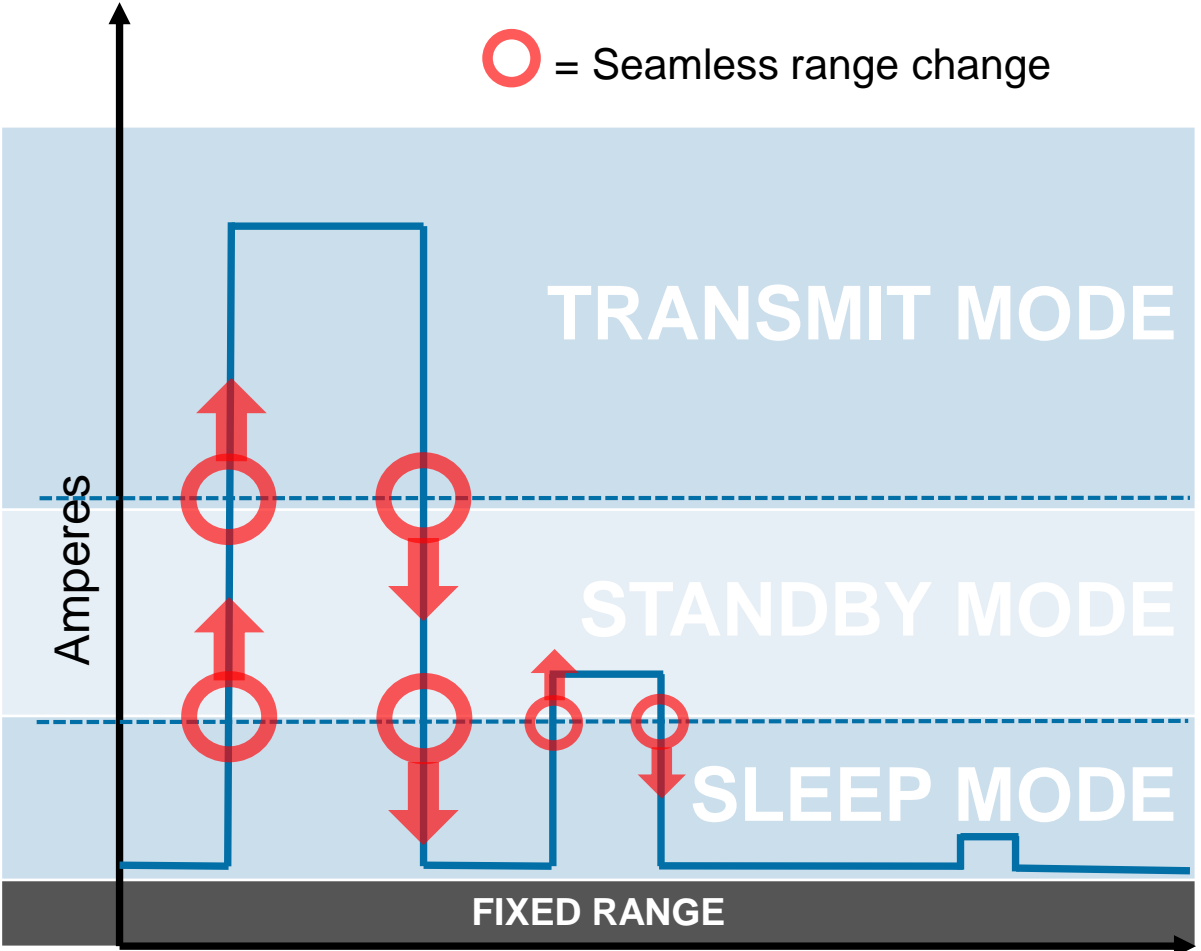
CC or CV Load  
(Electronic Load)

# Seamless Current Measurement

Think: Vertical Mega-Zoom

Range	Measurement Accuracy
3 A	$\pm(0.03\% + 250 \mu\text{A})$
100 mA	$\pm(0.025\% + 10 \mu\text{A})$
1 mA	$\pm(0.025\% + 100 \text{ nA})$
10 $\mu\text{A}$	$\pm(0.025\% + 8 \text{ nA})$

Seamless Range Changes



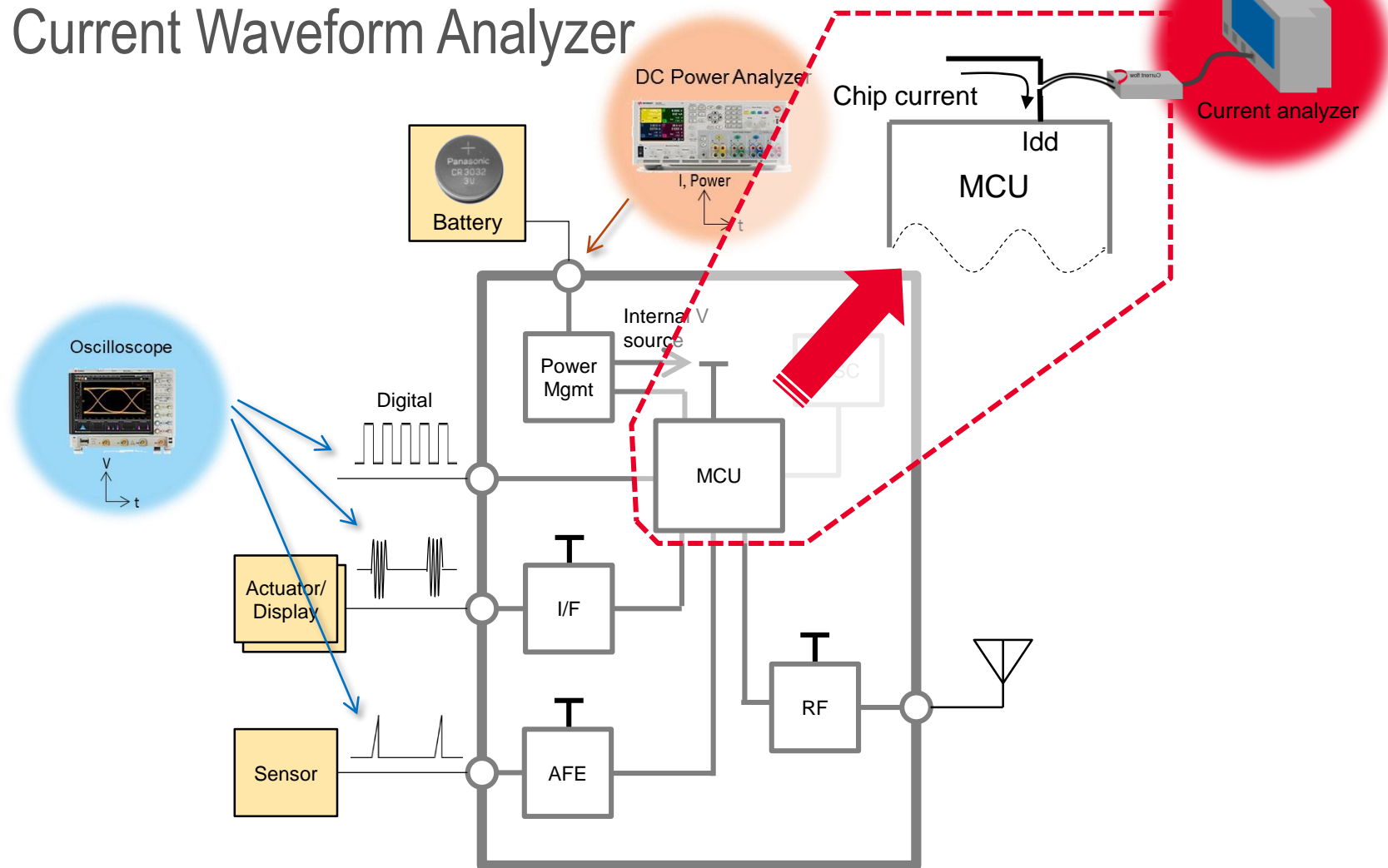
**See the complete current waveform you've never seen before**  
**– from nA to A –**  
**in one pass and one picture**

# N6705B Mainframe Specifications

Specification	
Max Slot No. for modules	4
Max power of total modules	600W
AWG function	BW 100kHz / 500W
Scope function	BW 200kHz, ADC 18bits
Module type	Basic : N6730/40/70 High-performance : N6750 Precision : N6760 SMU : N6780

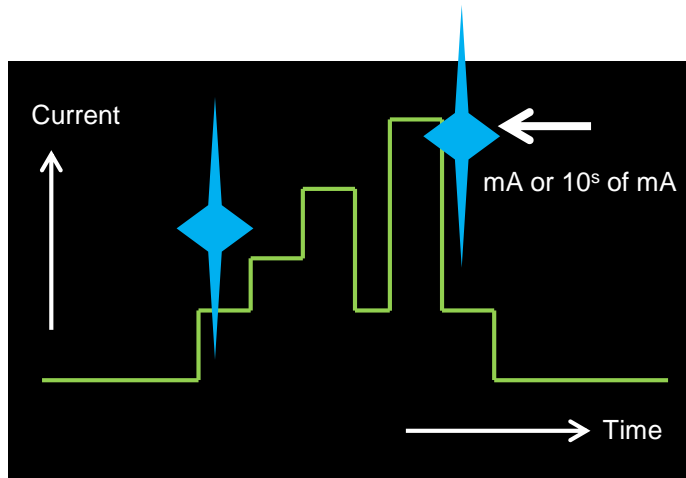
# Power Integrity Measurements

## Current Waveform Analyzer

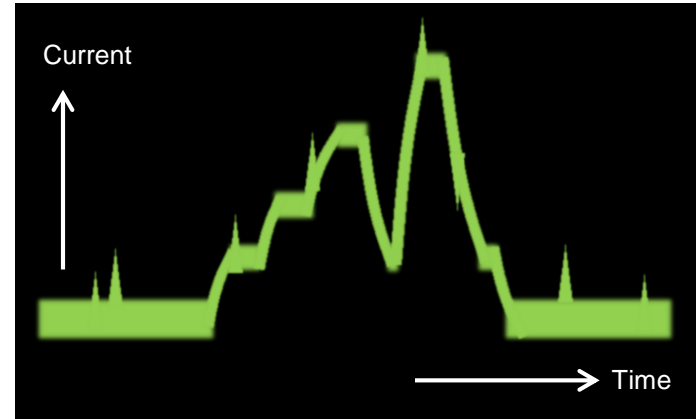


# Challenges to measure low-level current waveforms?

Measure the low current waveform are always noisy and slow



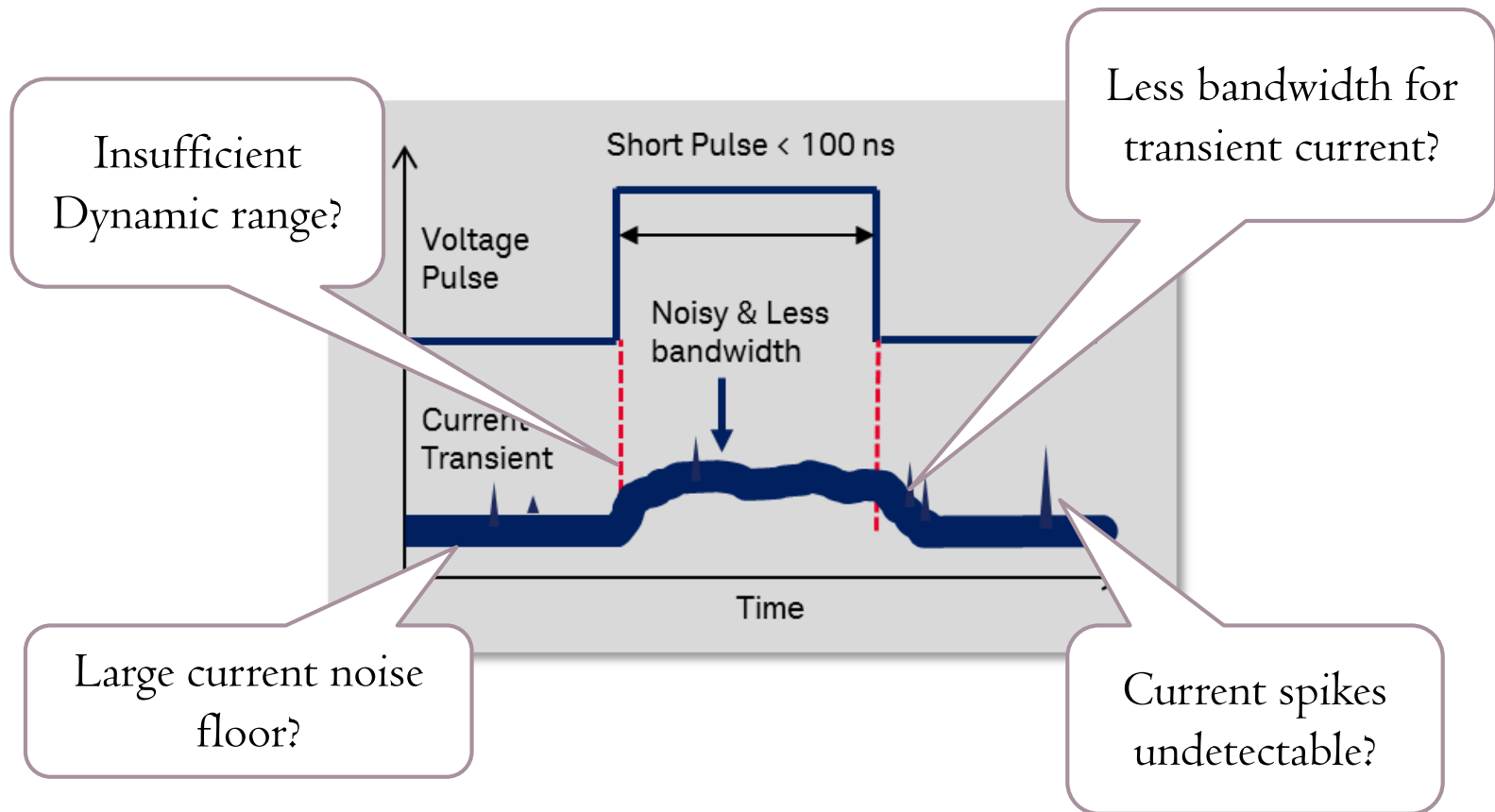
Expected waveforms



Always like this !

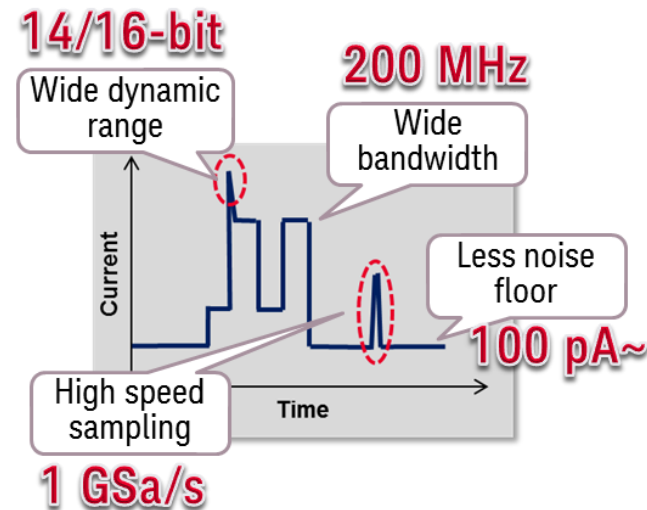
As a result, it is quite difficult to analyze the current profile in detail.

# No Perfect Solutions to Capture Complete Low-level Current Waveform

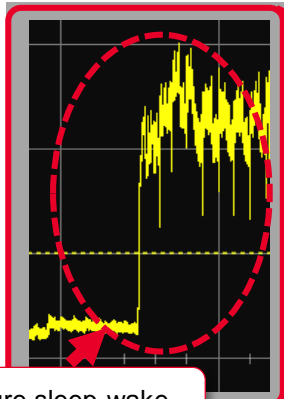


# Keysight is now developing a new analyzer enabling clear and precise current waveform measurements

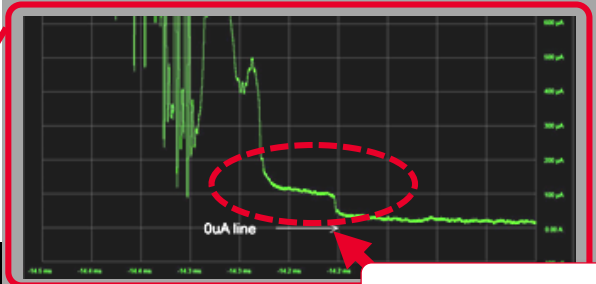
The new analyzer provides enough capabilities to clearly and easily visualize the low-level current waveforms as you expected !



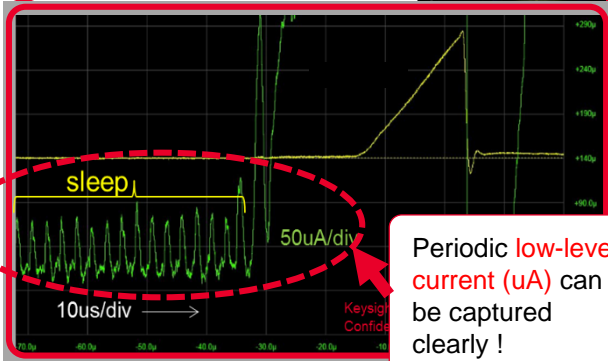
# New analyzer let you see the current waveform that you've never seen before!!



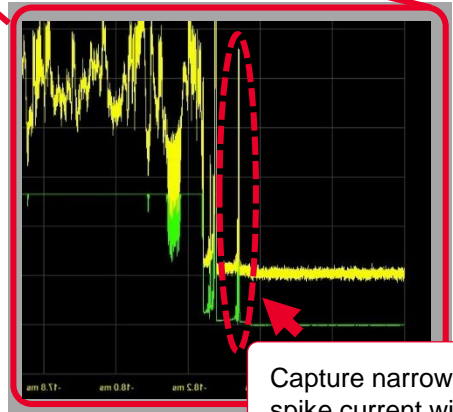
Capture sleep-wake-sleep waveform for power consumption optimization



Capture transient current with high speed sampling

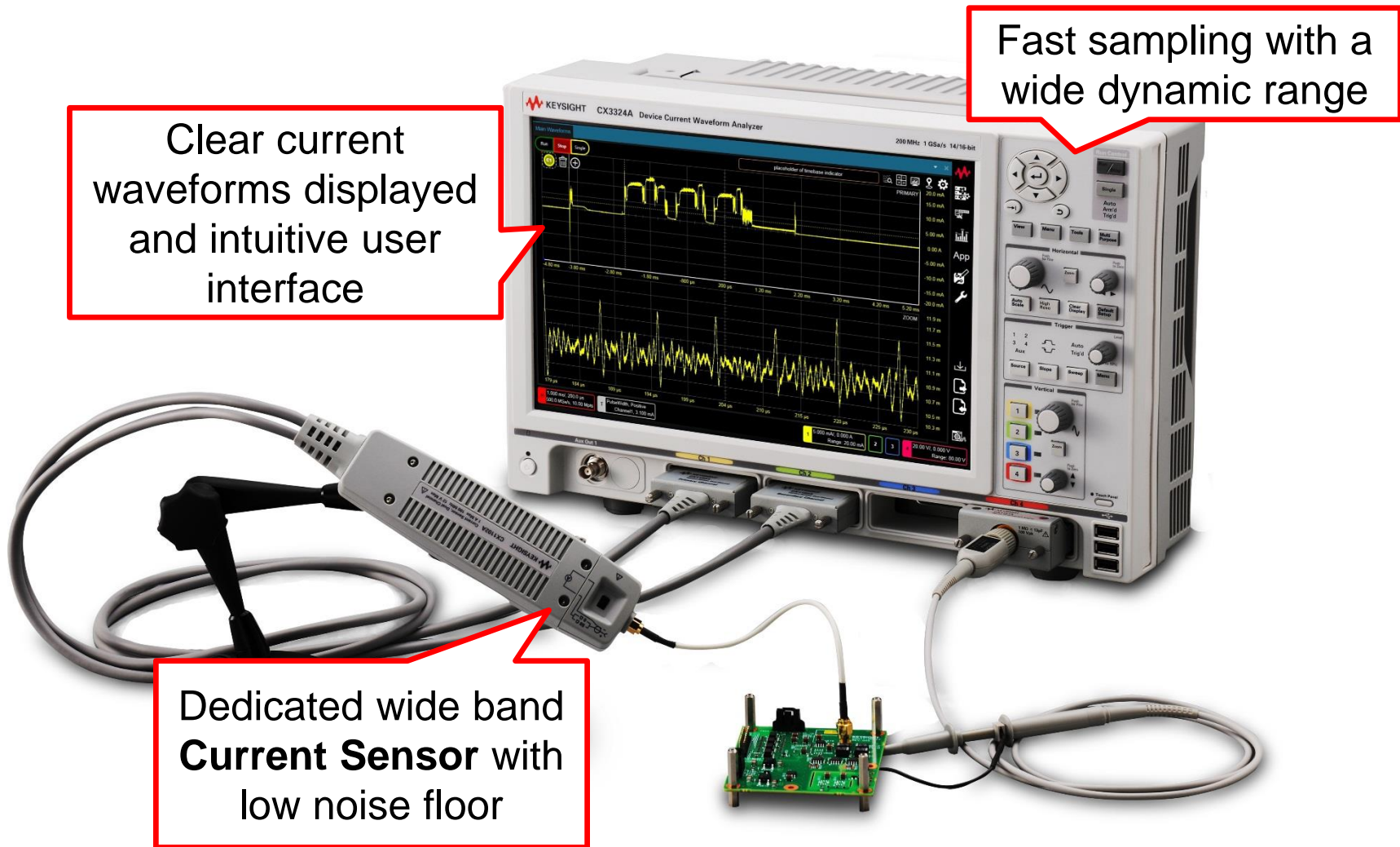


Periodic low-level current (uA) can be captured clearly !



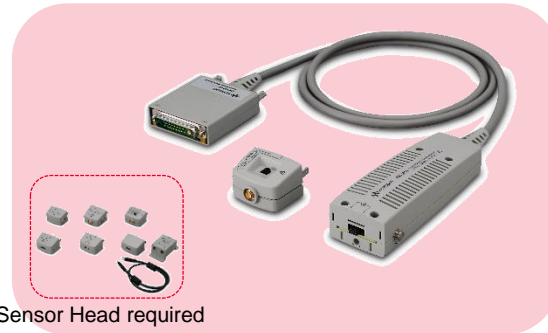
Capture narrow spike current with sufficient bandwidth

# New Analyzer for Current Waveform Measurement



# Current Sensors

## High-frequency noise suppressed low-burden current sensing



### Current Sensor, Single Channel

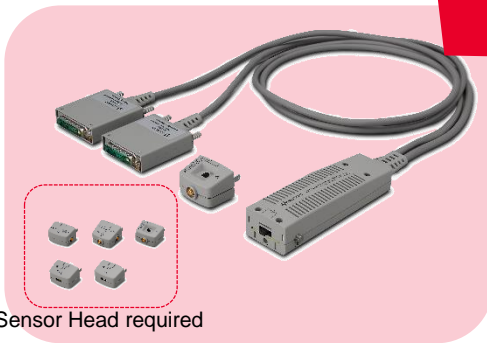
- ✓ 100 MHz max bandwidth
- ✓ 40 nA to 10 A
- ✓ +/- 40 V Common mode voltage
- ✓ Changeable Sensor head along with DUT type

Sensor Head required

### Basic Current Sensor

#### Current Sensor, Dual Channel

- ✓ 100 MHz max bandwidth
- ✓ 40 nA to 1 A
- ✓ +/- 12 V Common mode voltage
- ✓ Provide 100dB Dynamic Range by 2 channels
- ✓ Changeable Sensor head along with DUT type



Sensor Head required

Wider Dynamic Range(100dB)



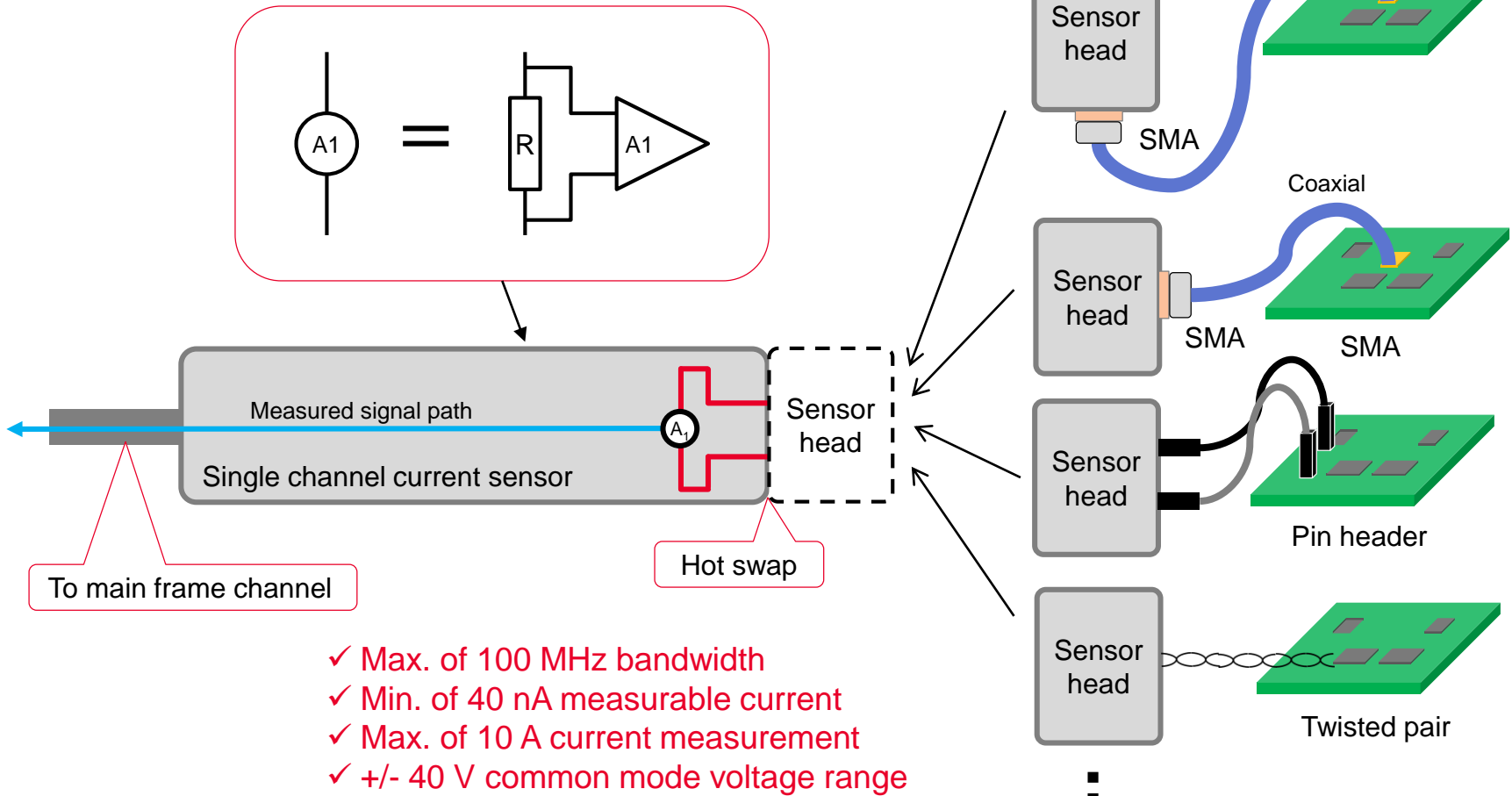
### Current Sensor, Low Side

- ✓ 200 MHz max bandwidth
- ✓ 150 pA to 20 mA
- ✓ +/- 0.5 V Common mode voltage
- ✓ Input : SMA Connector

Low Noise Floor(sub nA)  
&  
Wider Bandwidth(200MHz)

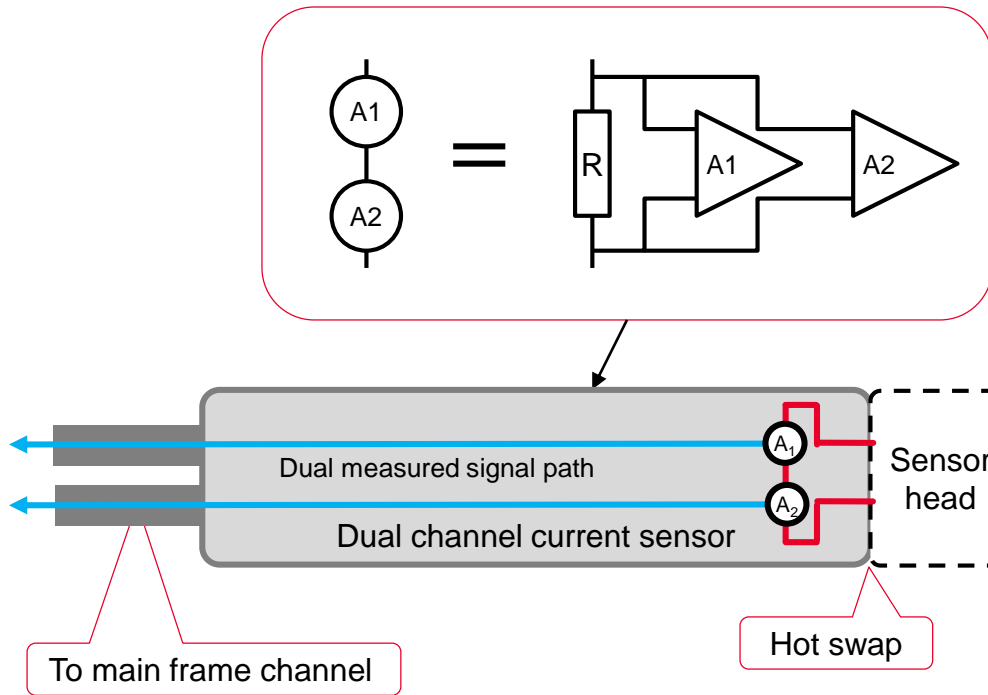
# How to measure current

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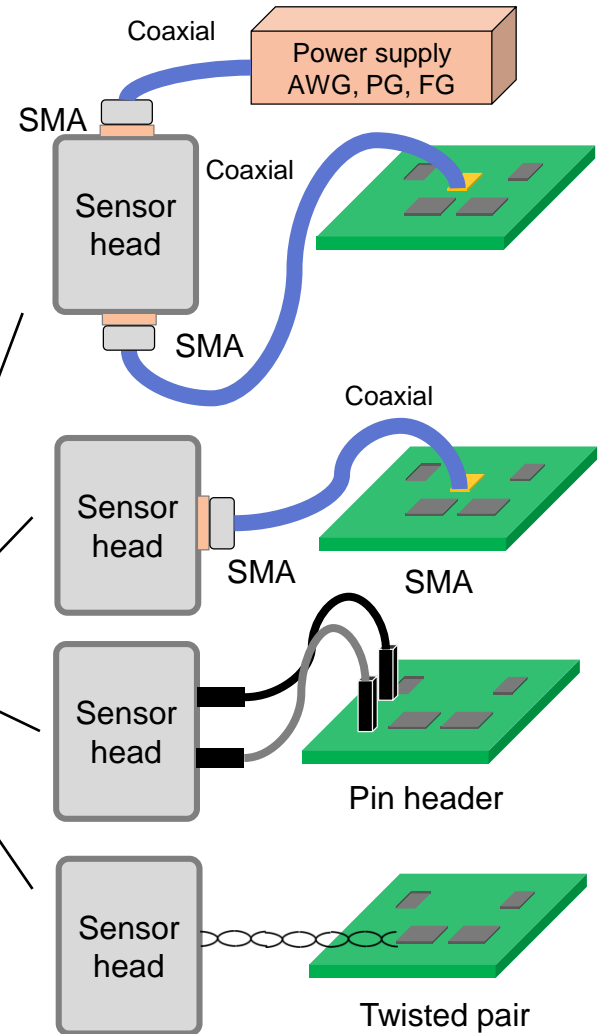


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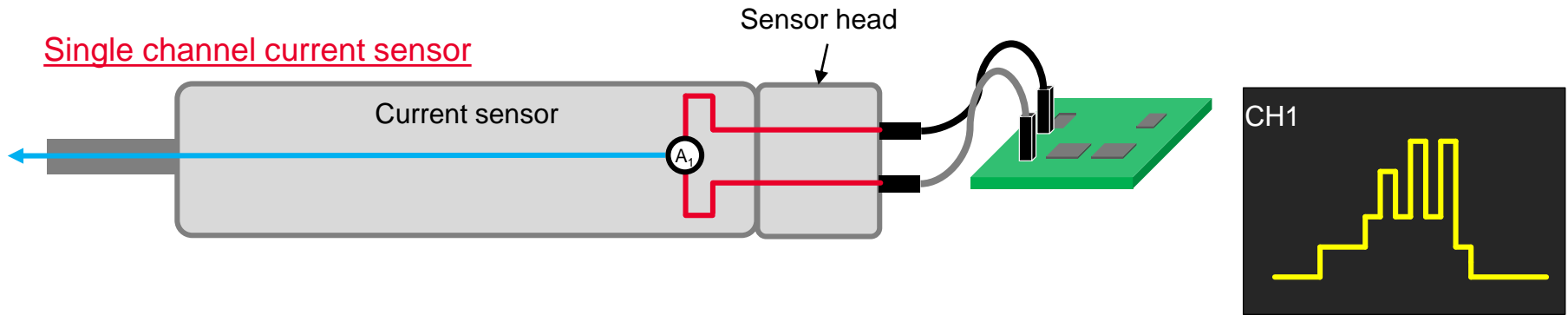
- ✓ 100 dB equivalent dynamic range
- ✓ Max. of 100 MHz bandwidth
- ✓ Min. of 40 nA measurable current
- ✓ Max. of 1 A current measurement
- ✓ +/- 12 V common mode voltage range



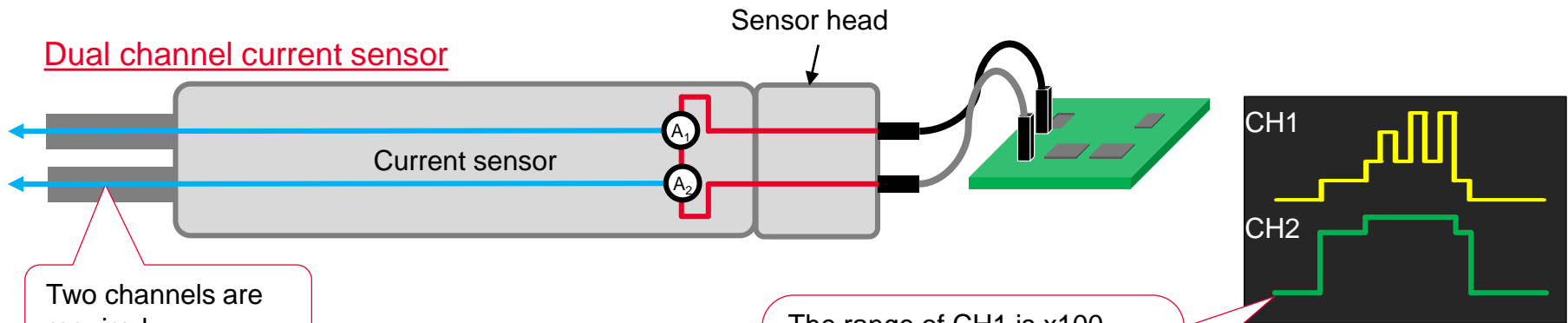
# Dual channel current sensor

Almost 100 dB dynamic range is available

## Single channel current sensor



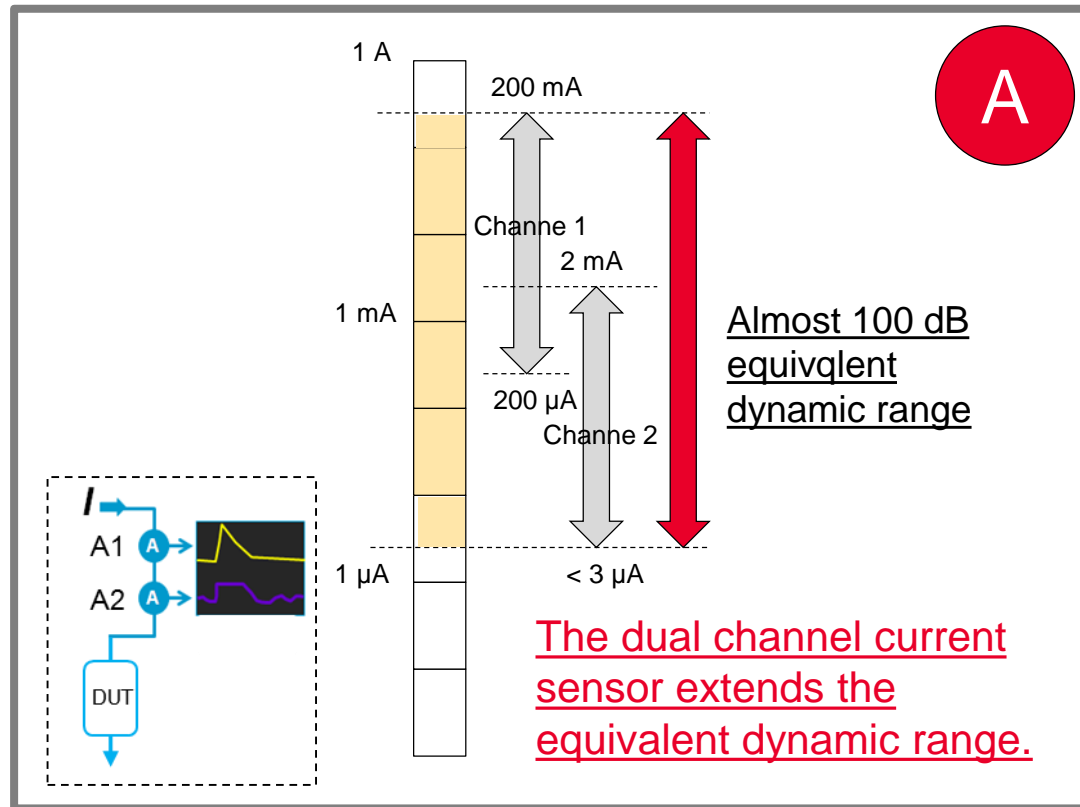
## Dual channel current sensor



The range of CH1 is x100 larger than that of CH2.  
→ Enabling a wide range of current measurement from min of CH2 to max of CH2.

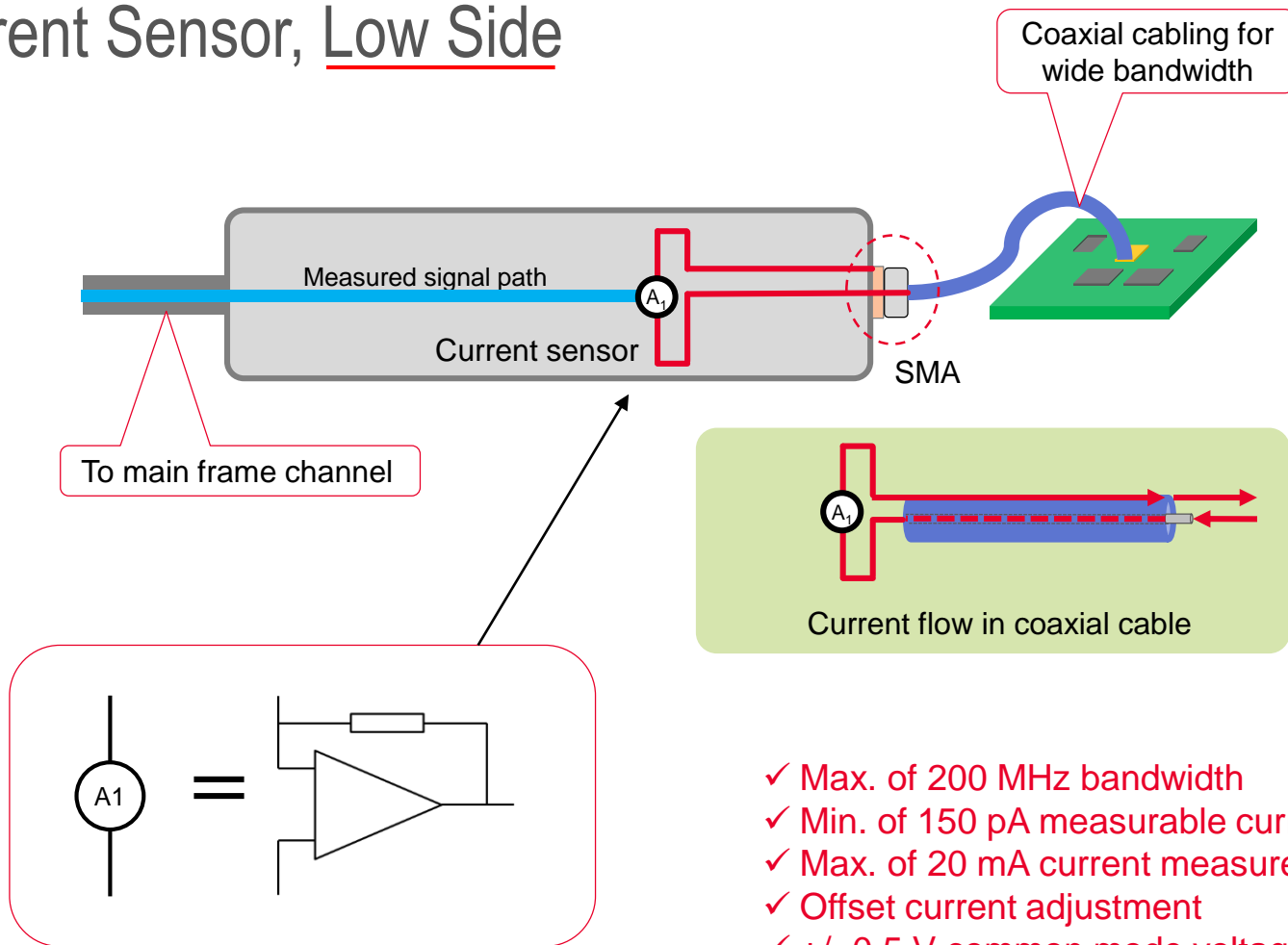
# How to cover such a wide dynamic range?

The dual channel current sensor covers more than required



# How to measure current

## Current Sensor, Low Side



- ✓ Max. of 200 MHz bandwidth
- ✓ Min. of 150 pA measurable current
- ✓ Max. of 20 mA current measurement
- ✓ Offset current adjustment
- ✓ +/- 0.5 V common mode voltage range

# CX3300 series Specifications

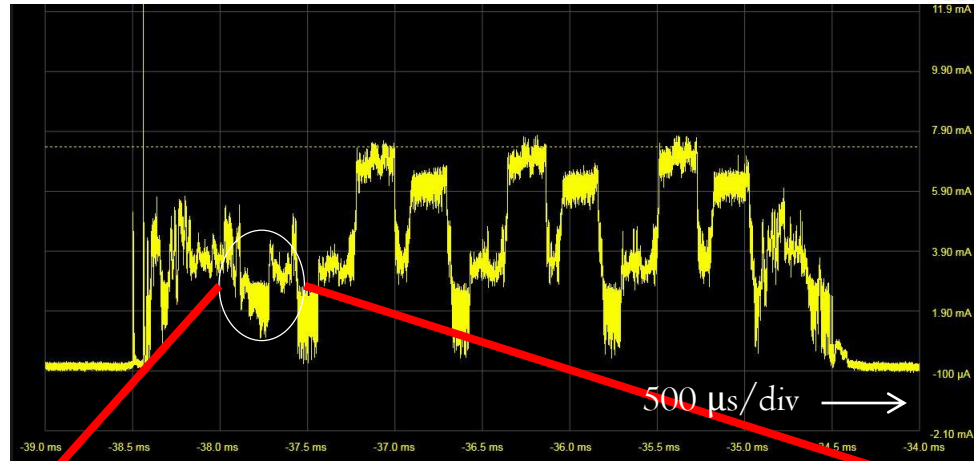
Specification	
Current measurement range	150 pA to 10 A
Power measurement range	10 pW to 400 W
Maximum measurement bandwidth	200 MHz
Maximum sampling rate	1 GSa/s
Measurement dynamic range	14-bit (Normal Mode) 16-bit (High-Res. mode)
Maximum memory size	256 Mpts/ch
Number of channels	2 or 4

# Current waveform Measurement Example

In the active period of BLE(Bluetooth Low Energy) module  
Measured by Current Sensor, Single Channel

@200MPS/SPS, 20Mpts  
Bandwidth 10MHz

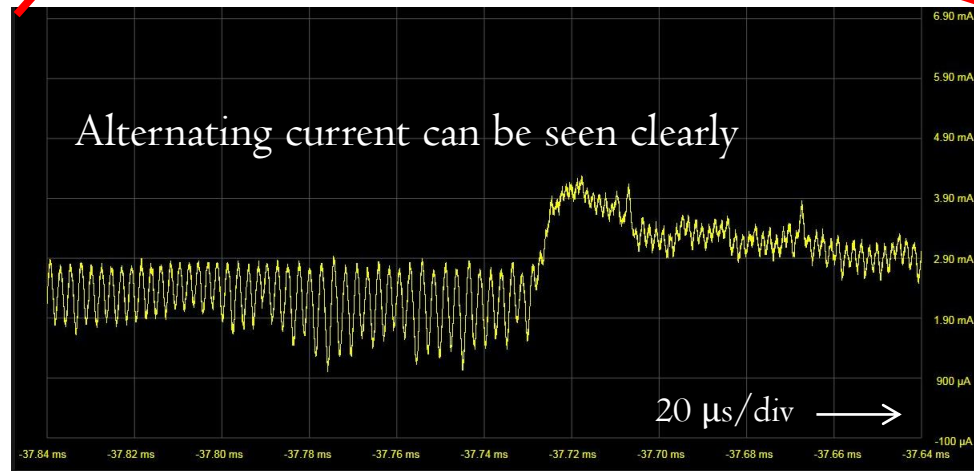
Current profile



200 mA range  
2 mA/div



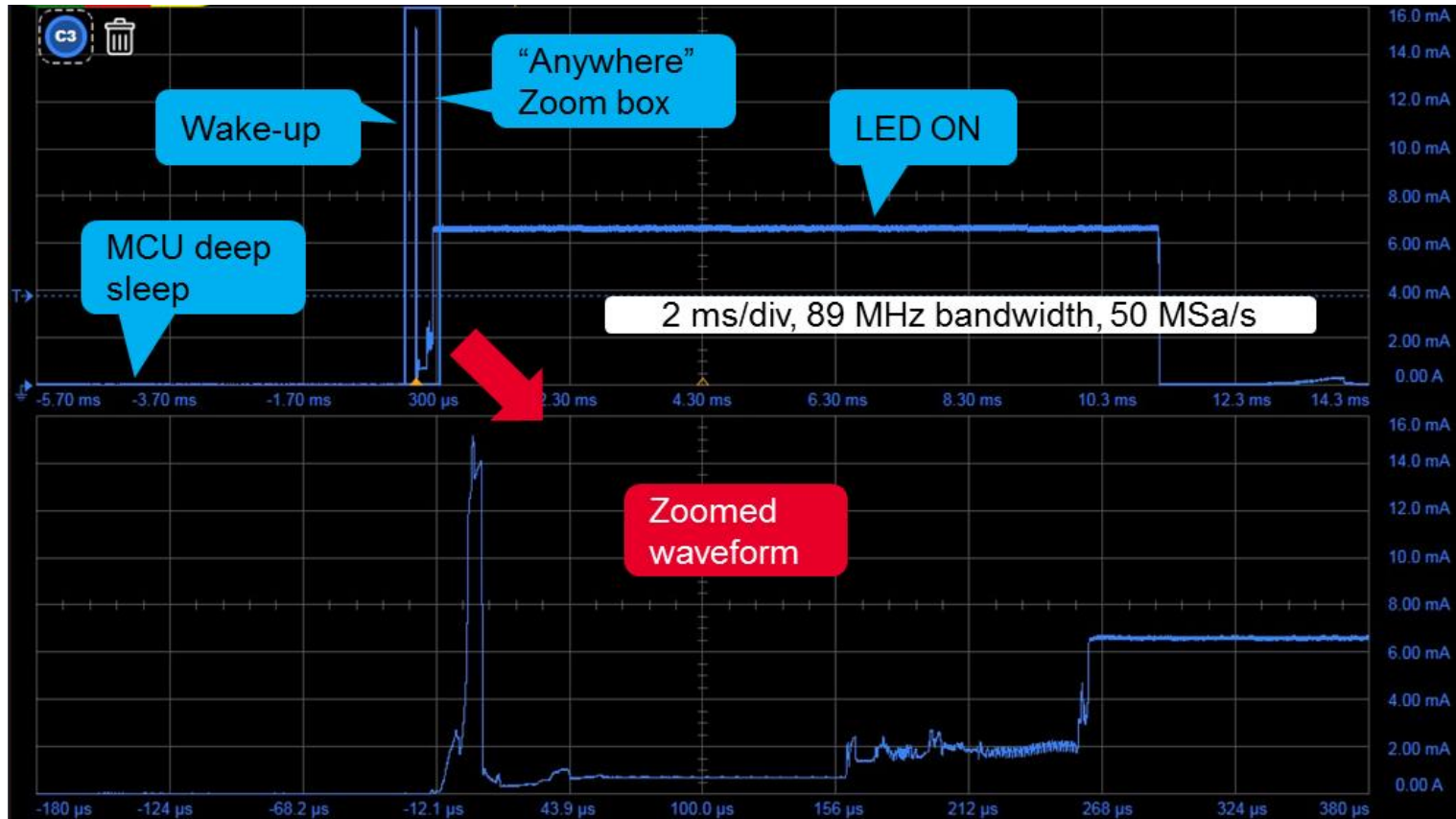
Zoomed waveform



200 mA range  
1 mA/div

# “Anywhere” Zoom example

## MCU with LED

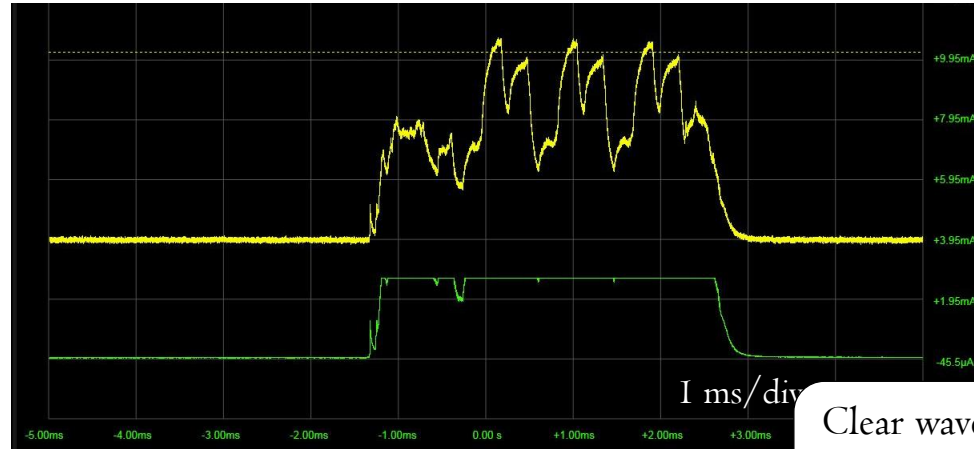


# Current Profile measurement Example

Bluetooth Low Energy Chip  
Measured by Current Sensor, Dual Channel

@200MPSPS, 20Mpts  
Bandwidth 10MHz

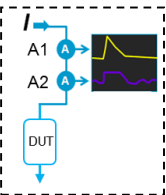
With Decoupling Capacitor (47 uF)



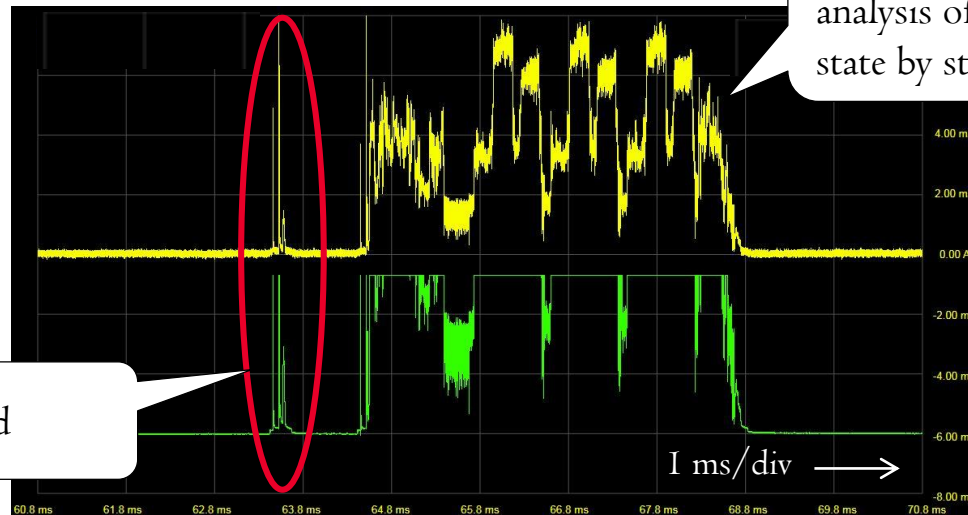
200 mA range  
2 mA/div

2 mA range  
1 mA/div

Clear waveform allows detailed analysis of power consumption state by state



Without Decoupling Capacitor

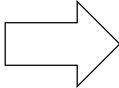

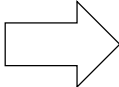

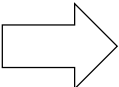

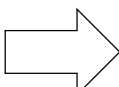

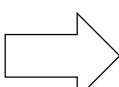



200 mA range  
2 mA/div

2 mA range  
1 mA/div

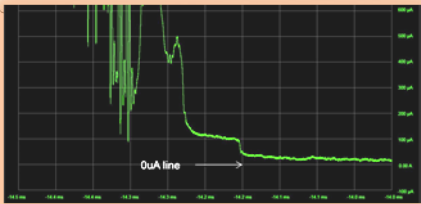
Peak current is detected

# This analyzer solves the issues

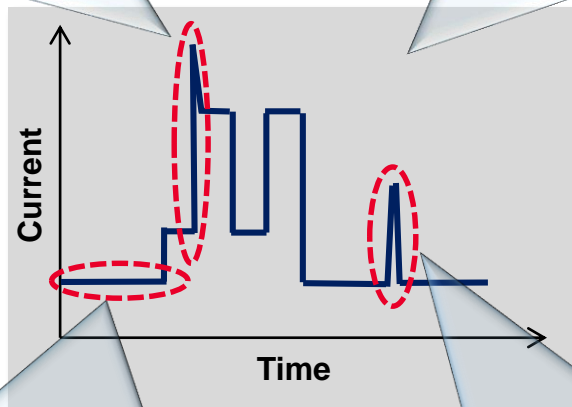
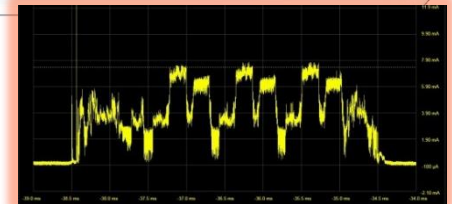
1. Transient current in Sleep mode is not visible due to large noise floor.   Sleep mode current is now visible.
2. Multiple instruments are required to estimate the total current consumptions.   One-time measurement covers from sleep to active current.
3. Measuring state transition current such as Sleep to Wake-up is very difficult due to less dynamic range.   The wide dynamic range visualizes the transition.
4. Capturing narrow and sharp peak / spike current is very difficult due to less bandwidth.   The wideband measurement captures high speed phenomena.
5. Extra time is required to support your customers on the current and power consumption issues.   It can be the Golden Instrument for current measurement.

# Your benefits from this analyzer

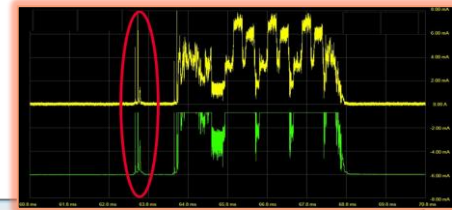
You can minimize extra current consumption by monitoring actual transition current waveforms.



You can optimize and debug current profile by monitoring detailed waveforms in active period.



You can reduce sleep current consumption by monitoring actual waveforms.



You don't miss undesirable spike current or tell how much current it reaches.

