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# Impulse Noise Measurements on Cables

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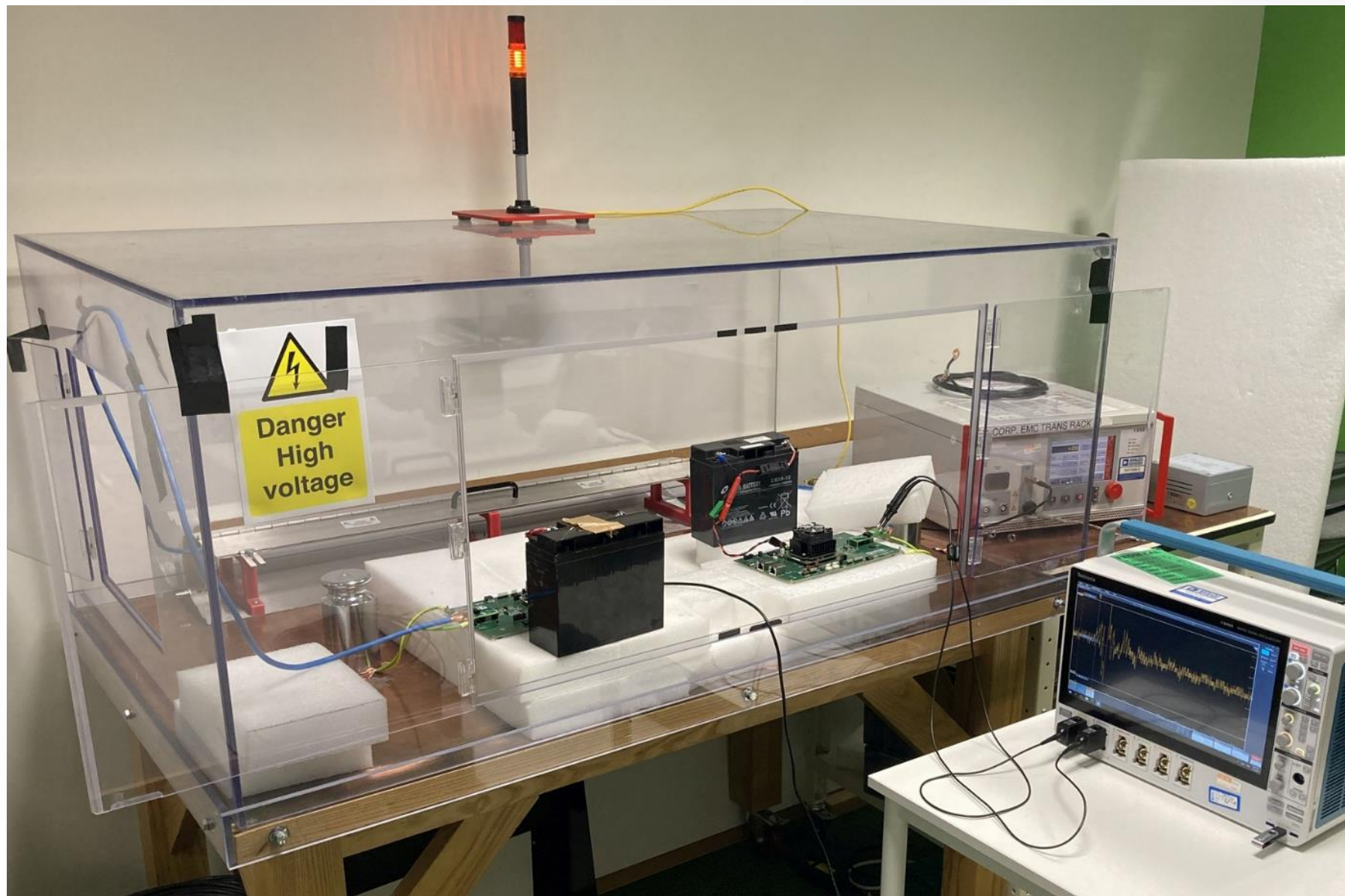
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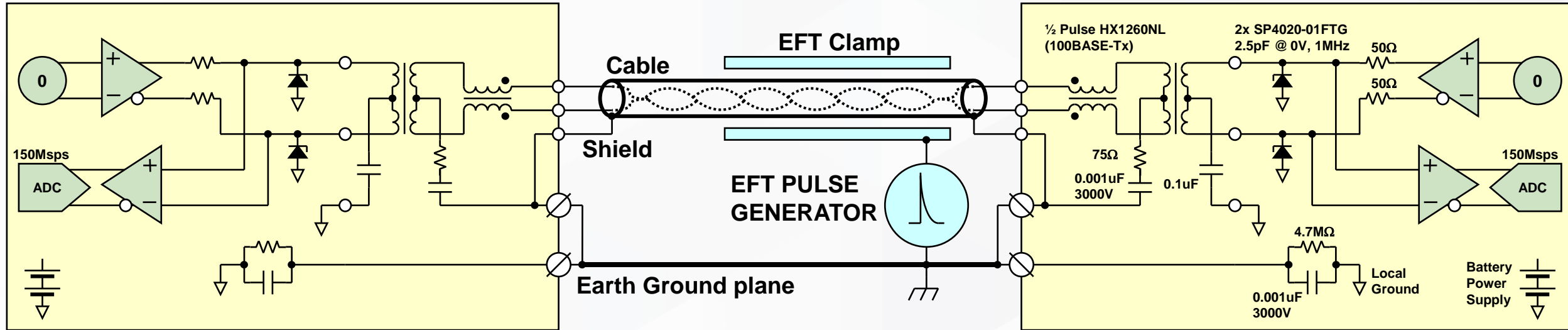
# Impulse Noise Measurements on Cables

- ▶ Electrical Fast Transients (EFT) Test
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  - Correlation with oscilloscope
  - Some learnings
  
- ▶ Fieldbus APL Cable
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  - Experiments with screw terminal connectors
  
- ▶ CAT cables
  - Cat5 / Cat6 / Cat6A
  - Experiment with connector
  
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- ▶ Summary

# Electrical Fast Transients (EFT) Test



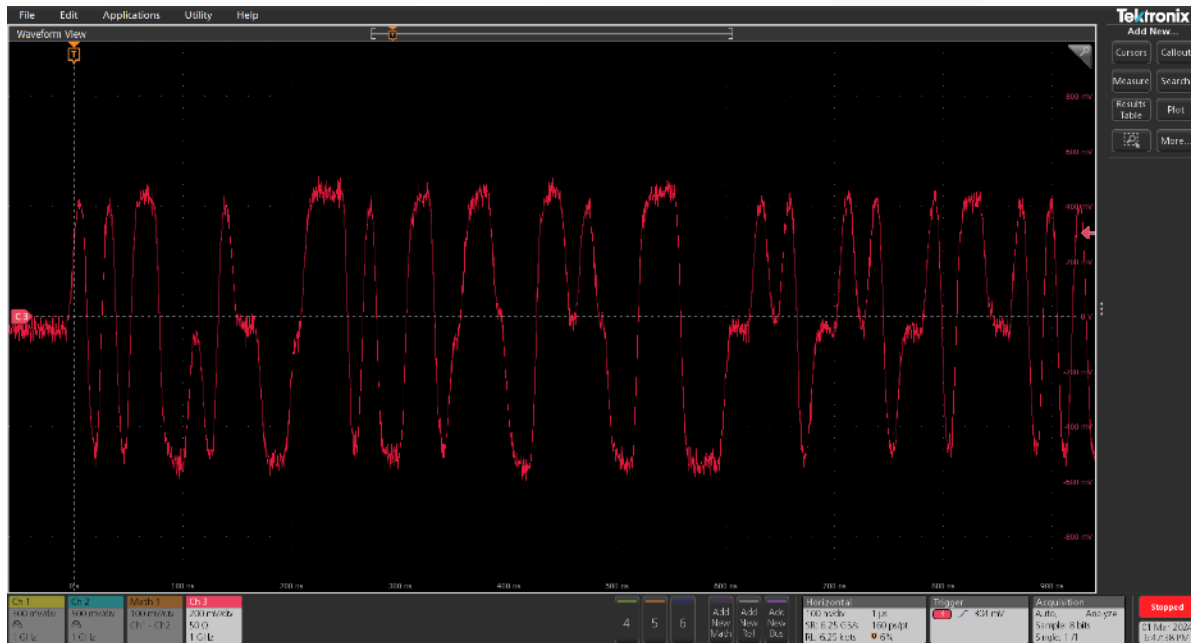
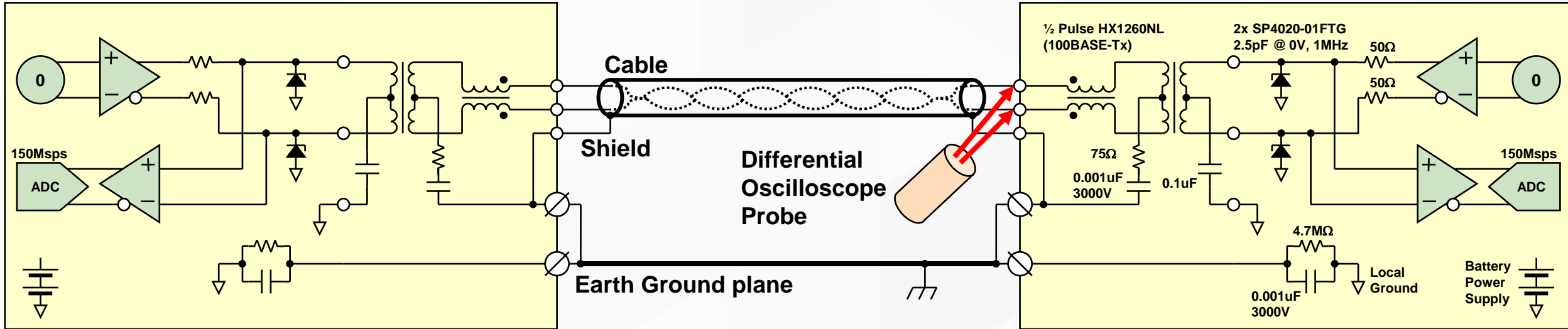
# Test Setup



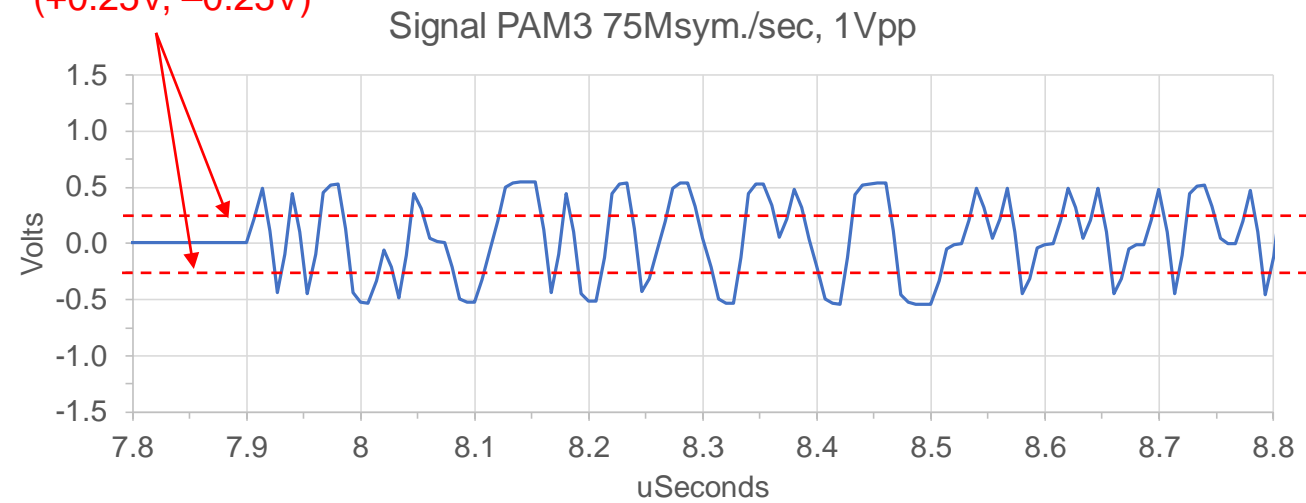
- ▶ Electrical Fast Transient (EFT) Test
- ▶ Specified in IEC61000-4-4
- ▶ Voltage 1kV
  - We used only positive pulses
- ▶ Frequency 100kHz
- ▶ Burst 750us
- ▶ Repetition 300ms



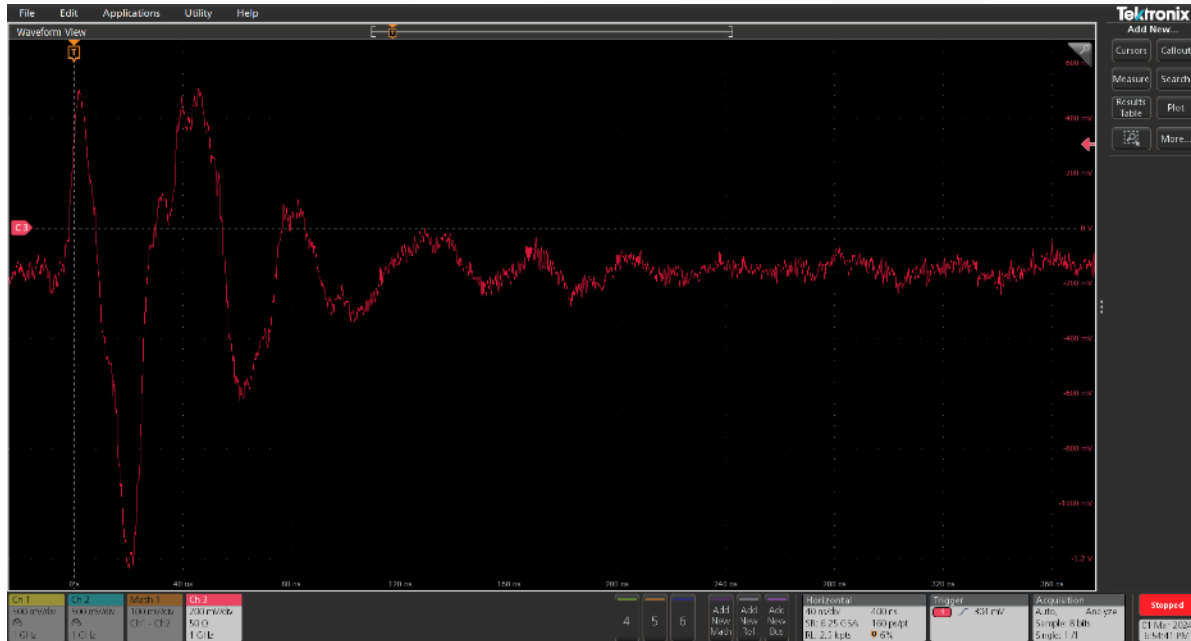
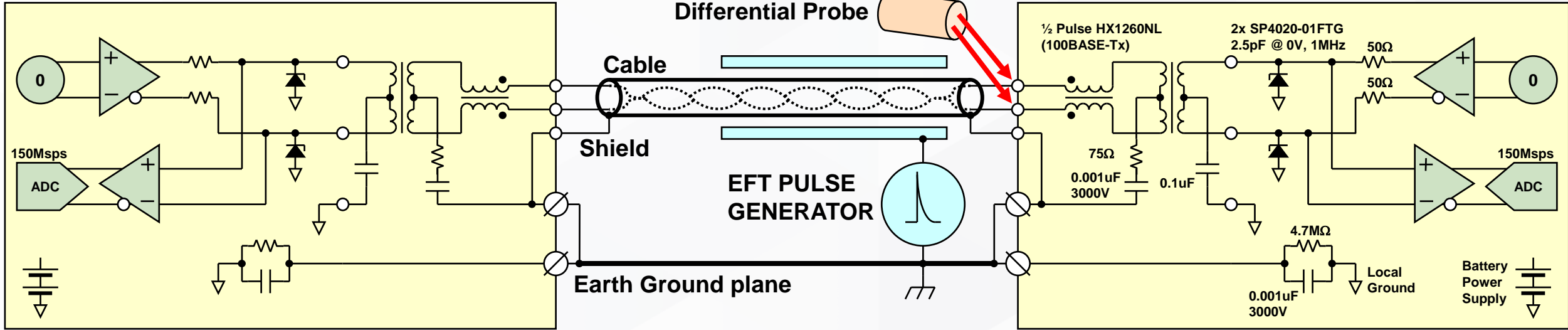
# Test Setup - Check Signal - Transmit / Receive



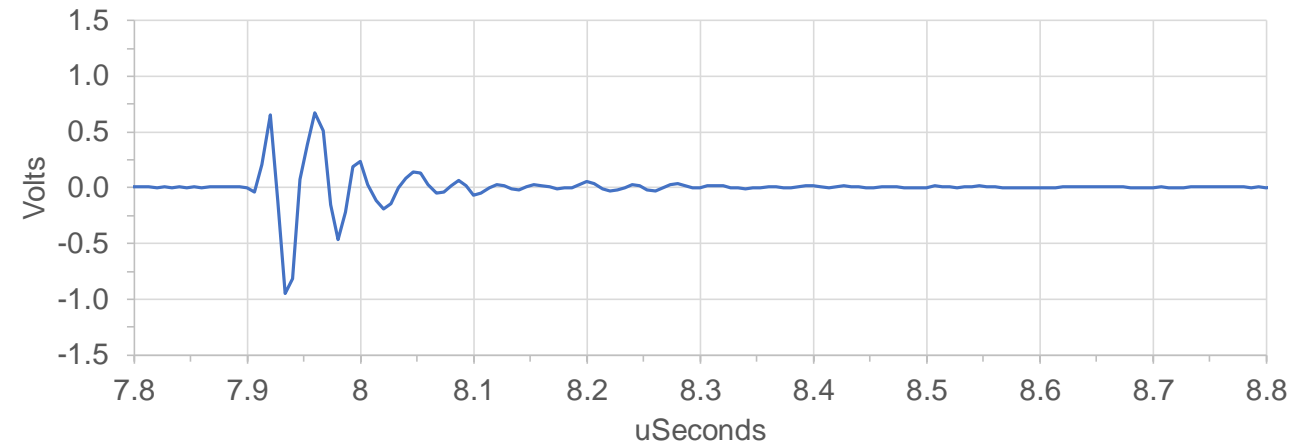
Assumed slicer thresholds at PAM3 1Vpp  
(+0.25V, -0.25V)



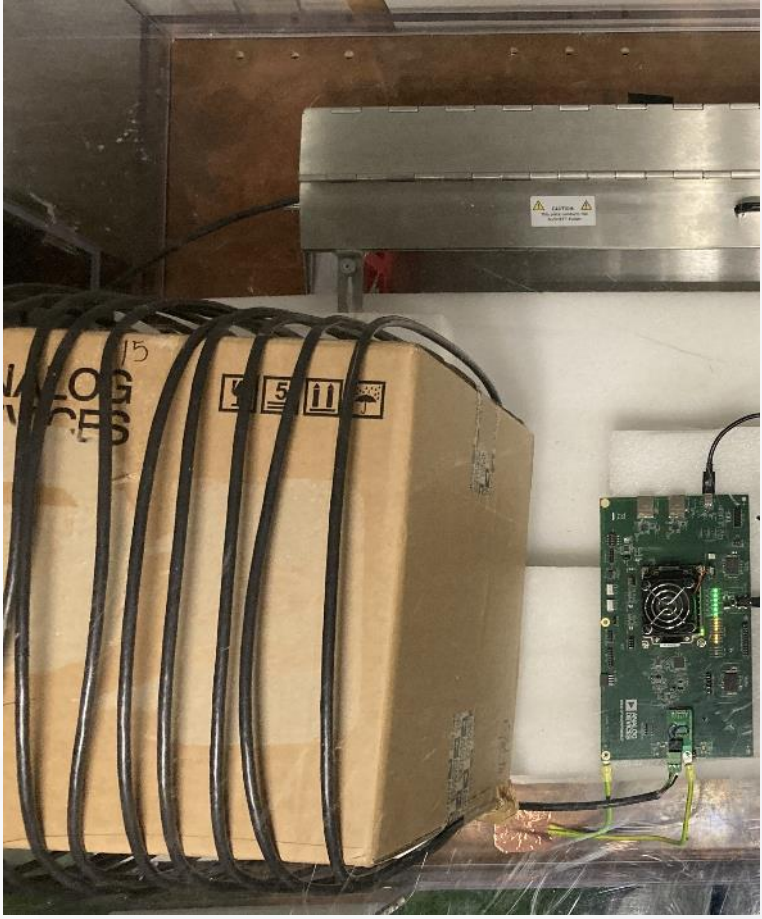
# Test Setup - Check EFT (reduced to 200V)



Setup check, short fieldbus Cable, EFT reduced to 200V



# Some Common (Sense) Learnings



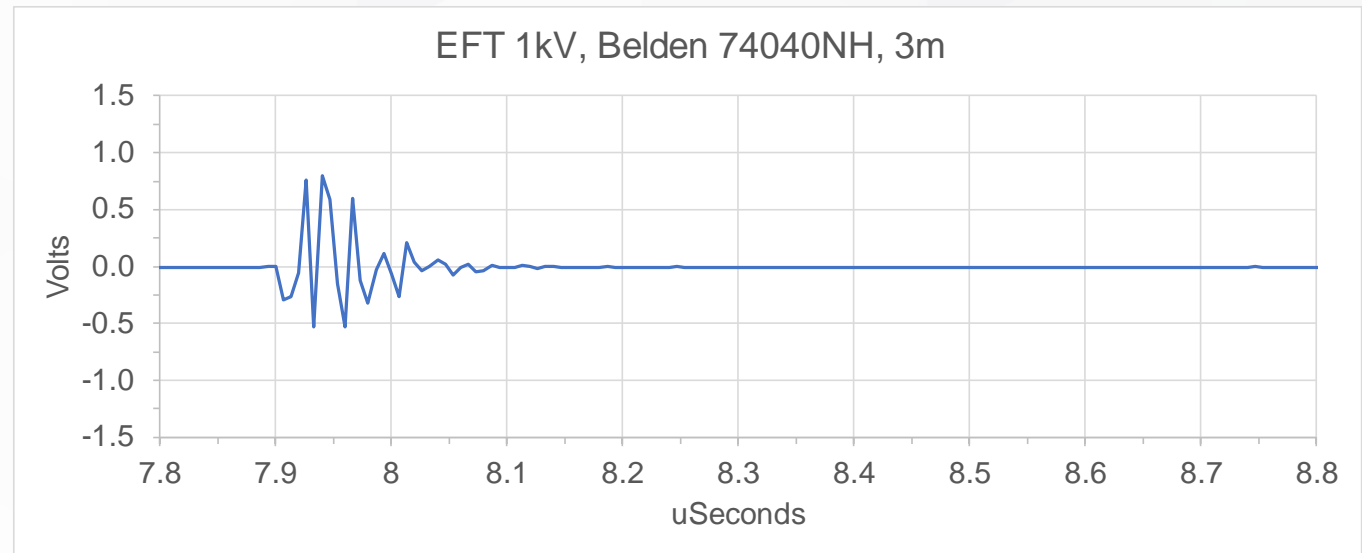
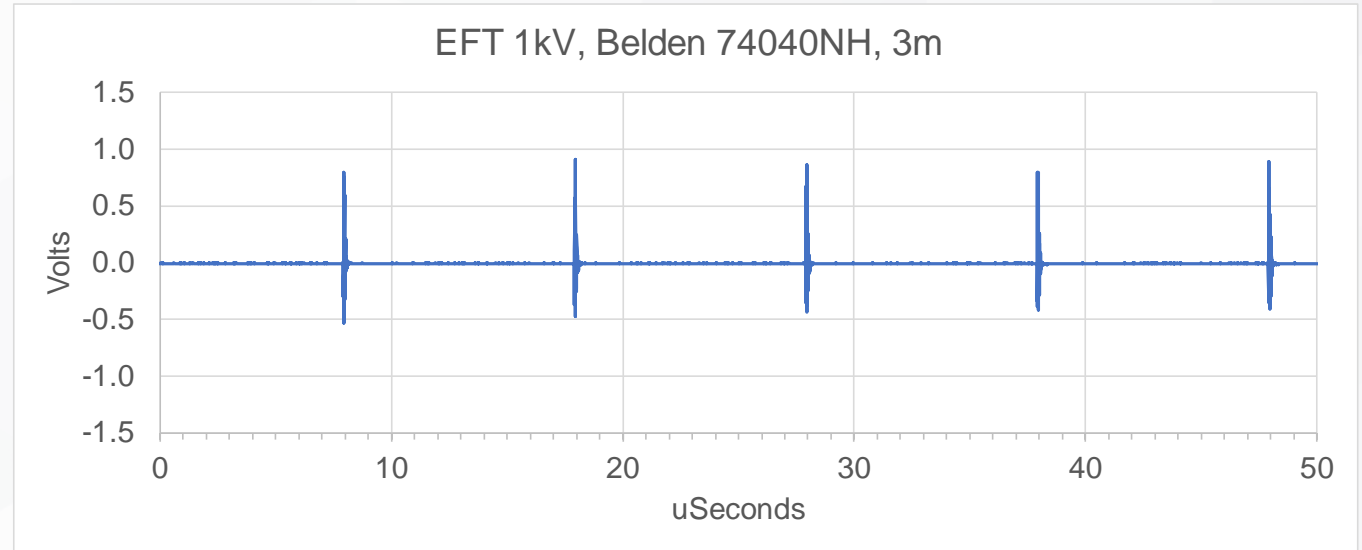
# Fieldbus / APL Cable 1



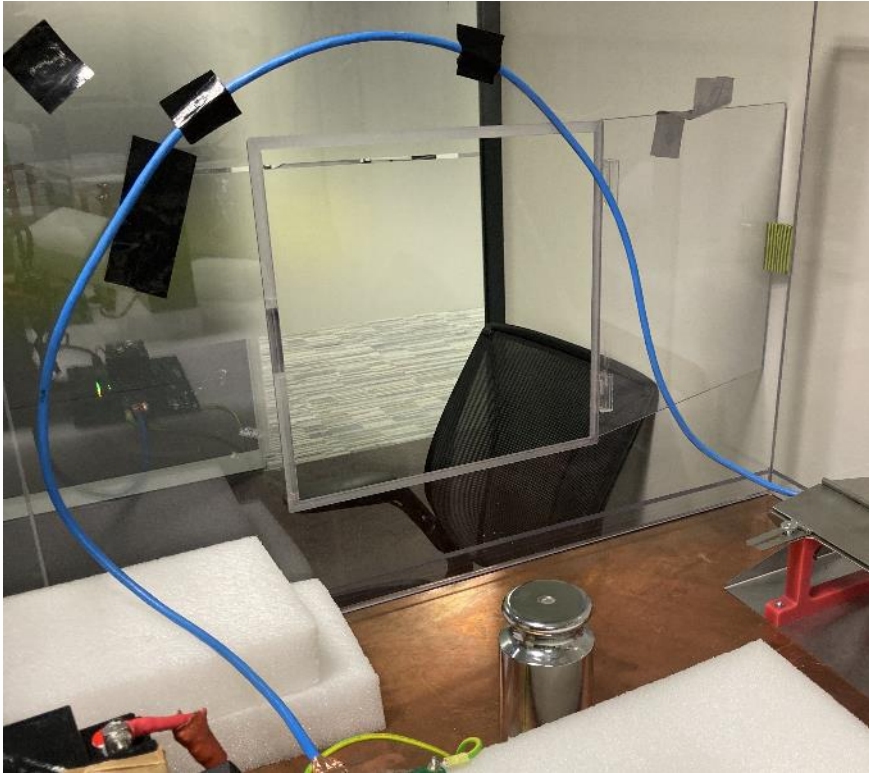


# Fieldbus / APL Cable 1

- ▶ Belden 74040NH
- ▶ "DataTuff Ind SPE 1km10Mb"
- ▶ AWG18

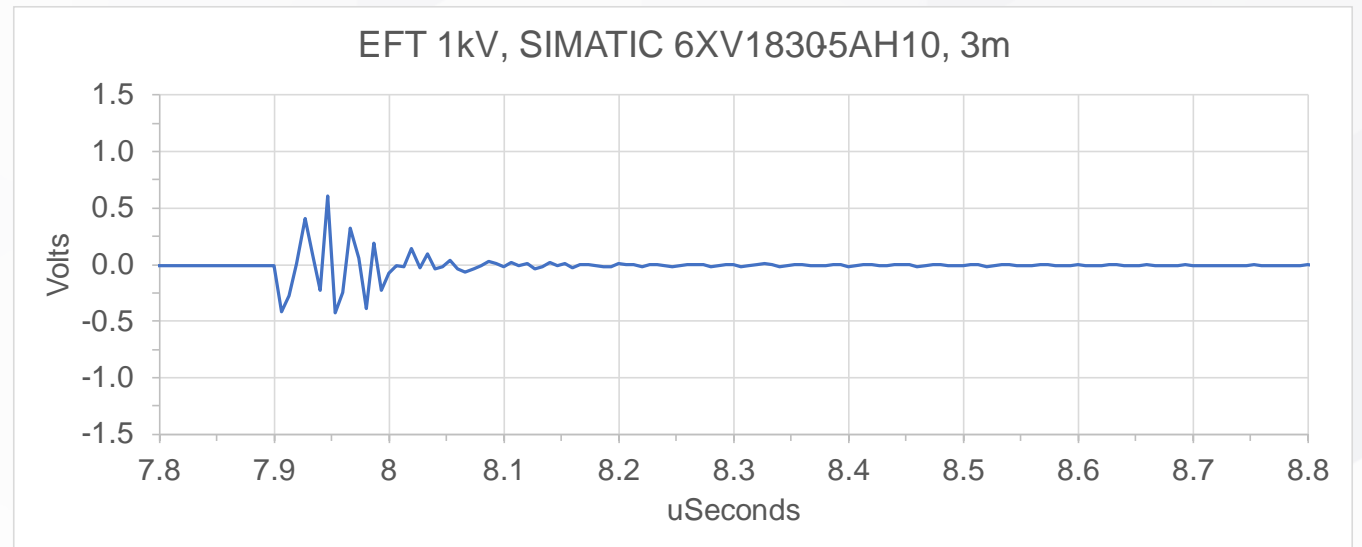
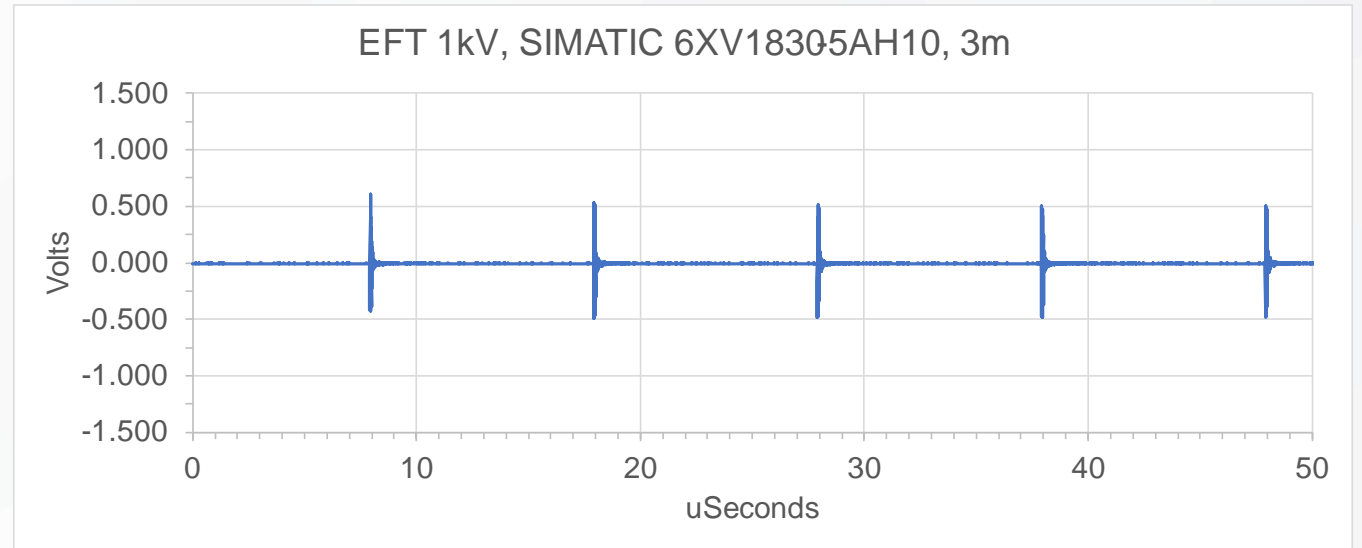


# Fieldbus / APL Cable 2



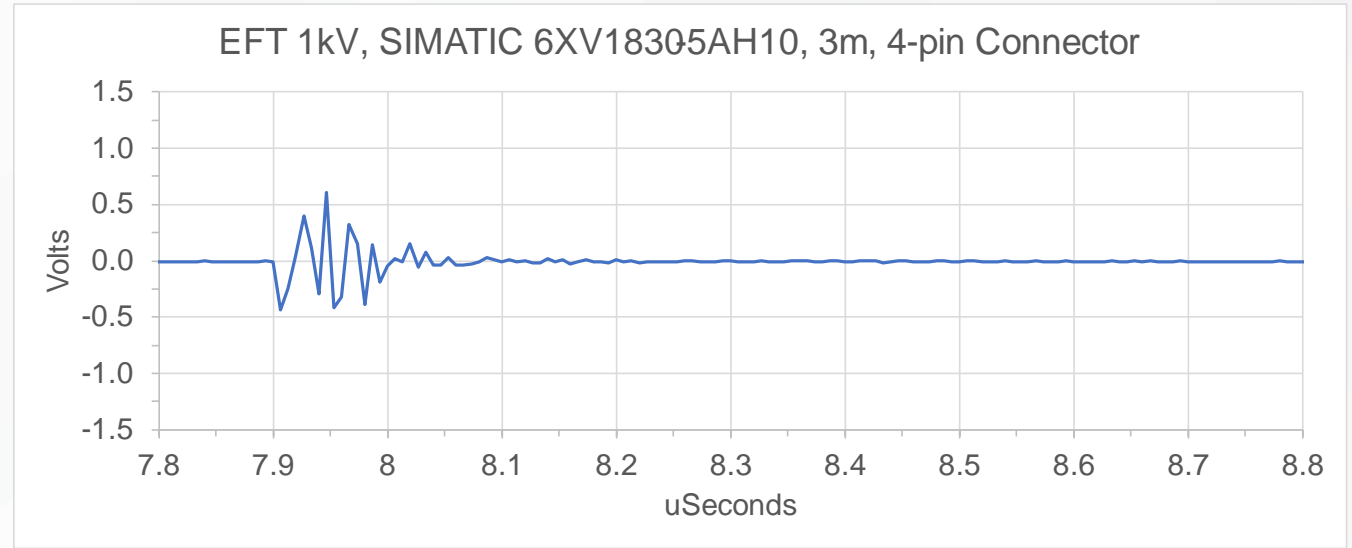
# Fieldbus / APL Cable 2

- ▶ SIMATIC 6XV1830-5AH10
- ▶ "Process Cable GP/ Ethernet-APL cable"
- ▶ AWG18

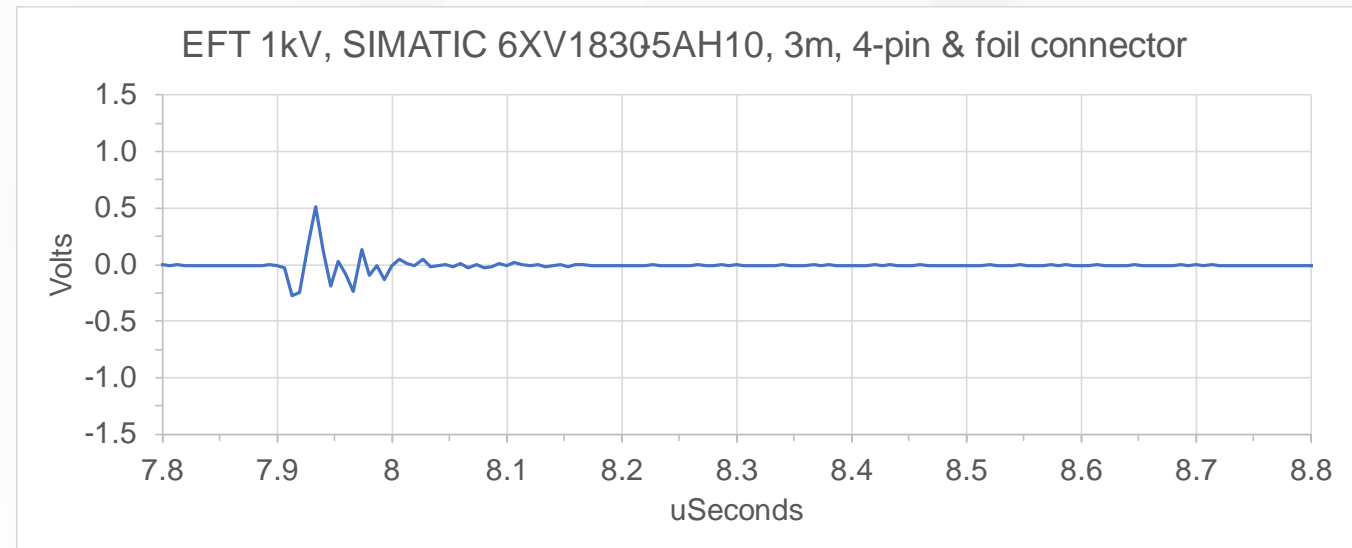
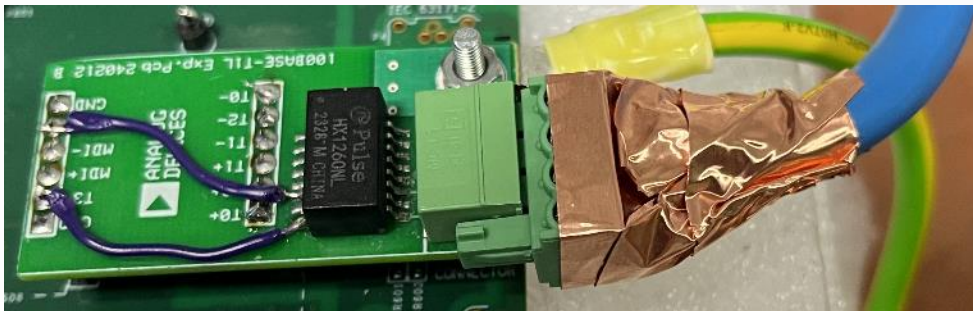


# Fieldbus / APL Cable 2 – Connector Experiments

- ▶ SIMATIC 6XV1830-5AH10 (AWG18)
- ▶ 4-pin connector
  - To make parasitic coupling more balanced



- ▶ Connector wrapped in copper foil

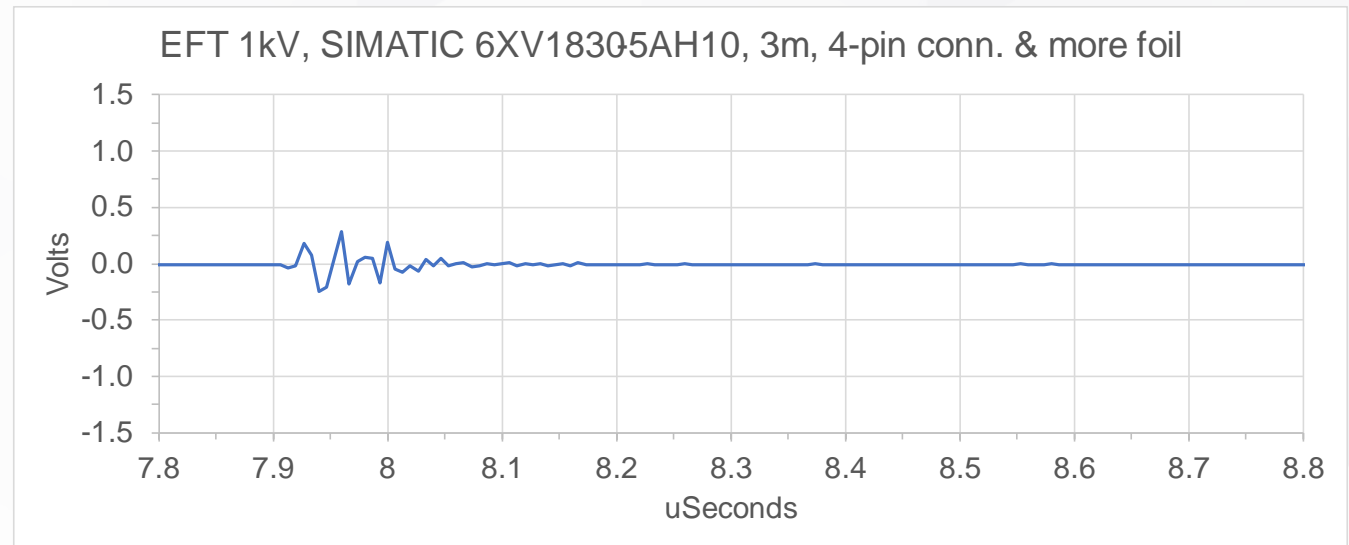
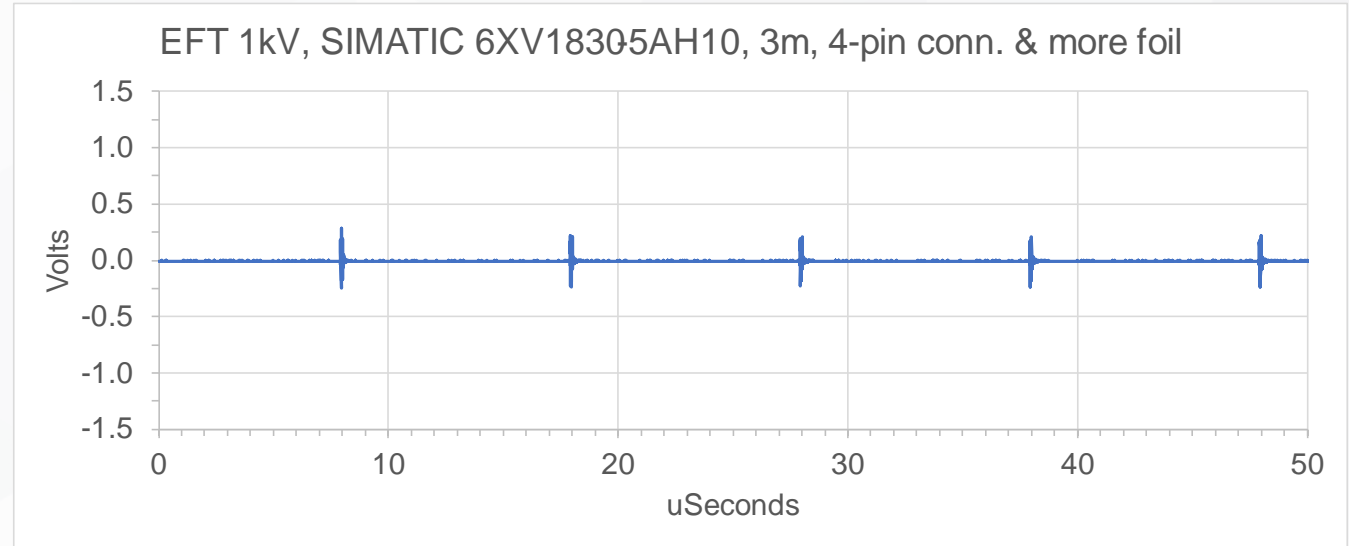


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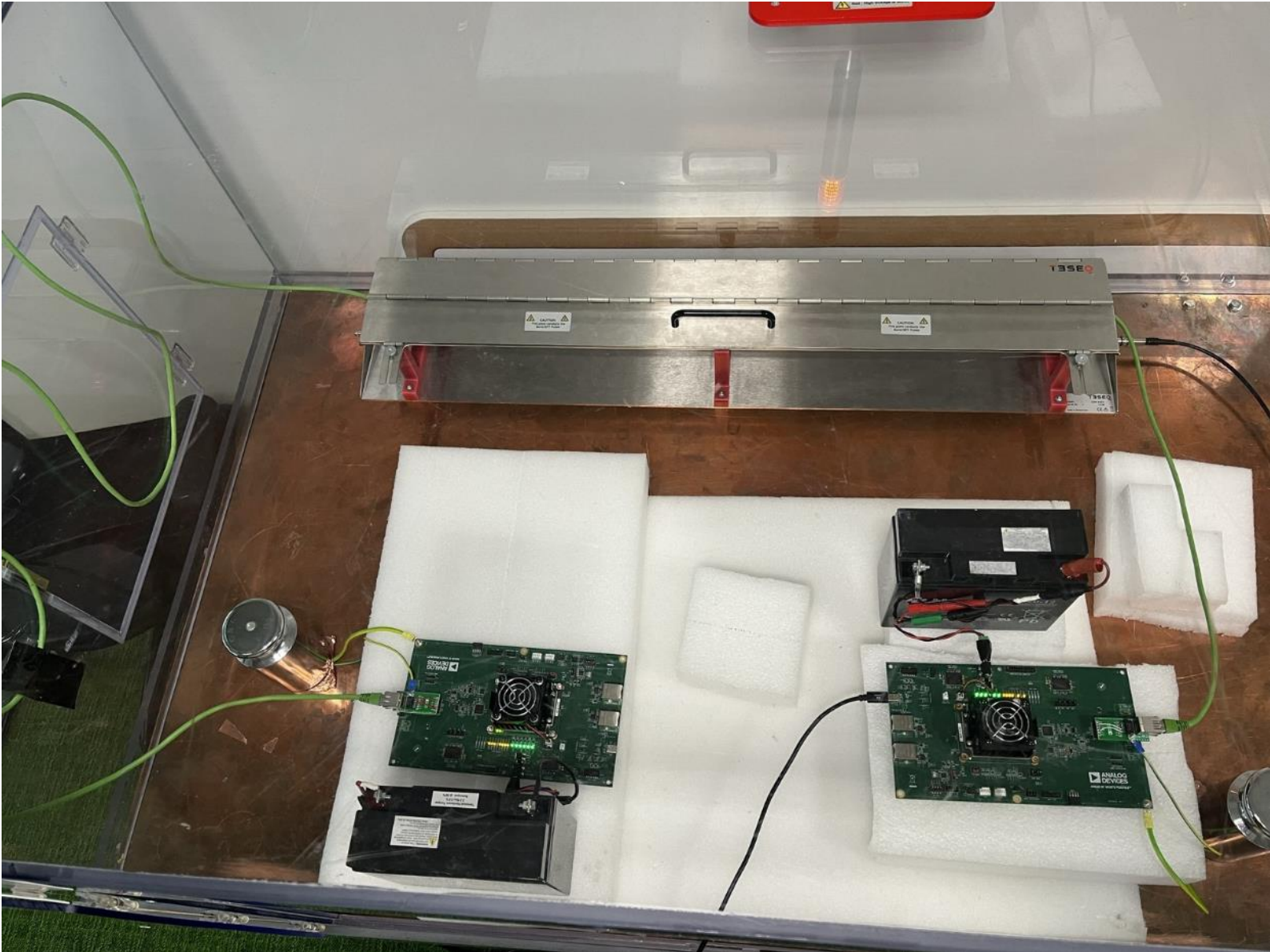
- ▶ SIMATIC 6XV1830-5AH10 (AWG18)
- ▶ 4-pin connector
- ▶ Completely wrapped in conductive copper foil, near side:



- ▶ far side:

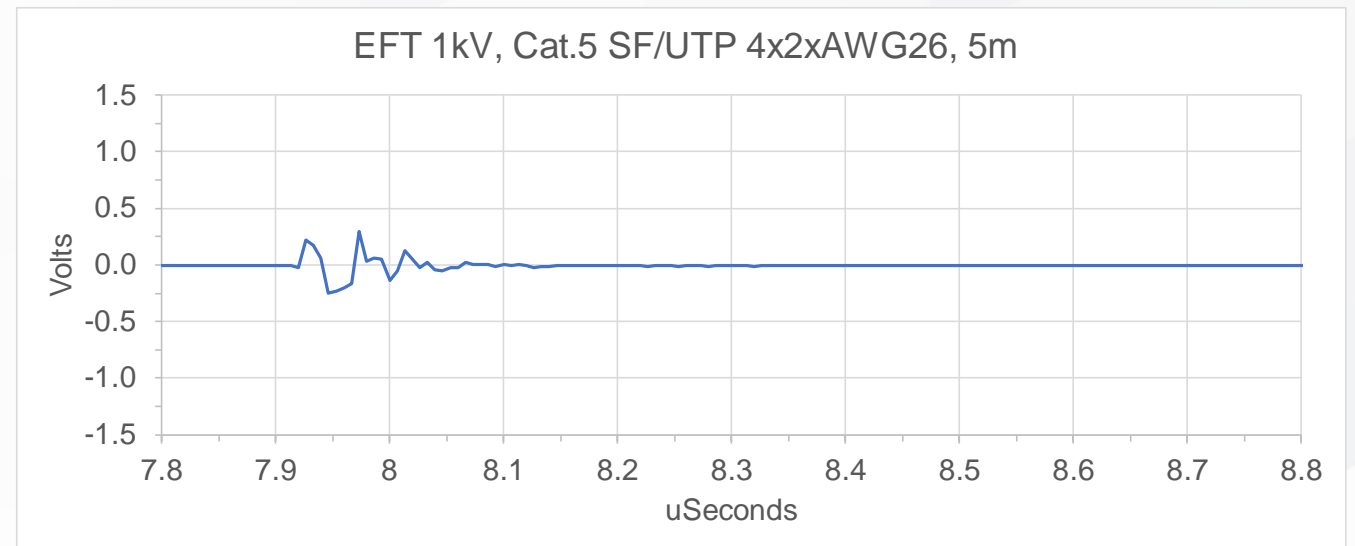
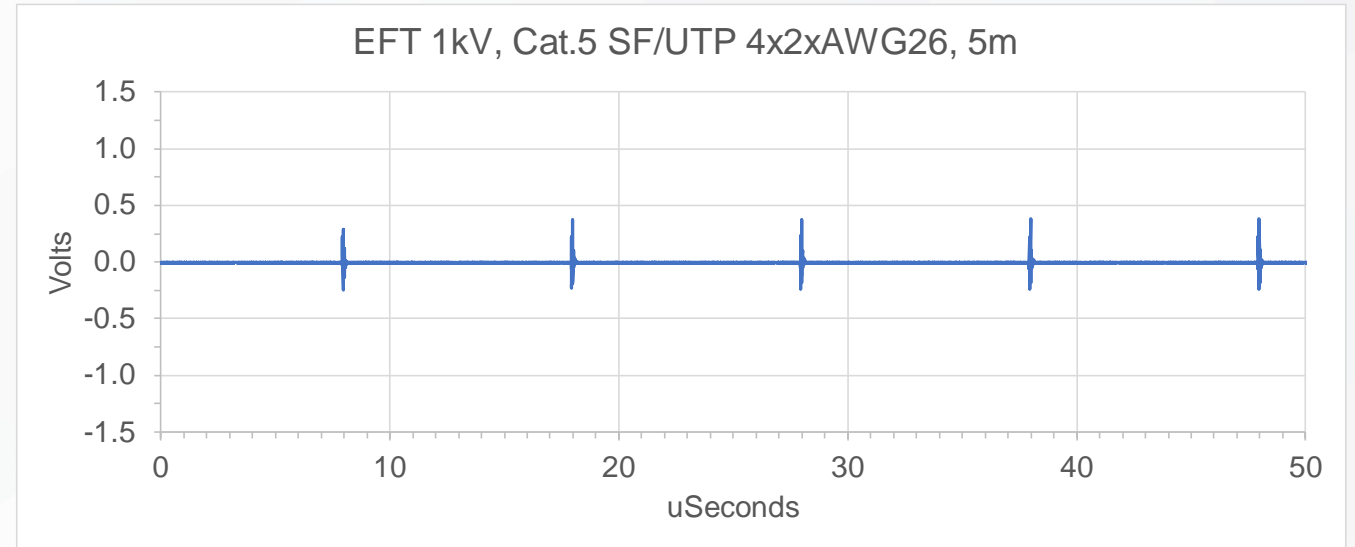


# CAT5 Cable



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- ▶ (Beckhoff) ZK1090-9191-0050
- ▶ Cat.5 SF/UTP 4x2xAWG26
- ▶ Single pair used
- ▶ Unused pairs not connected, floating



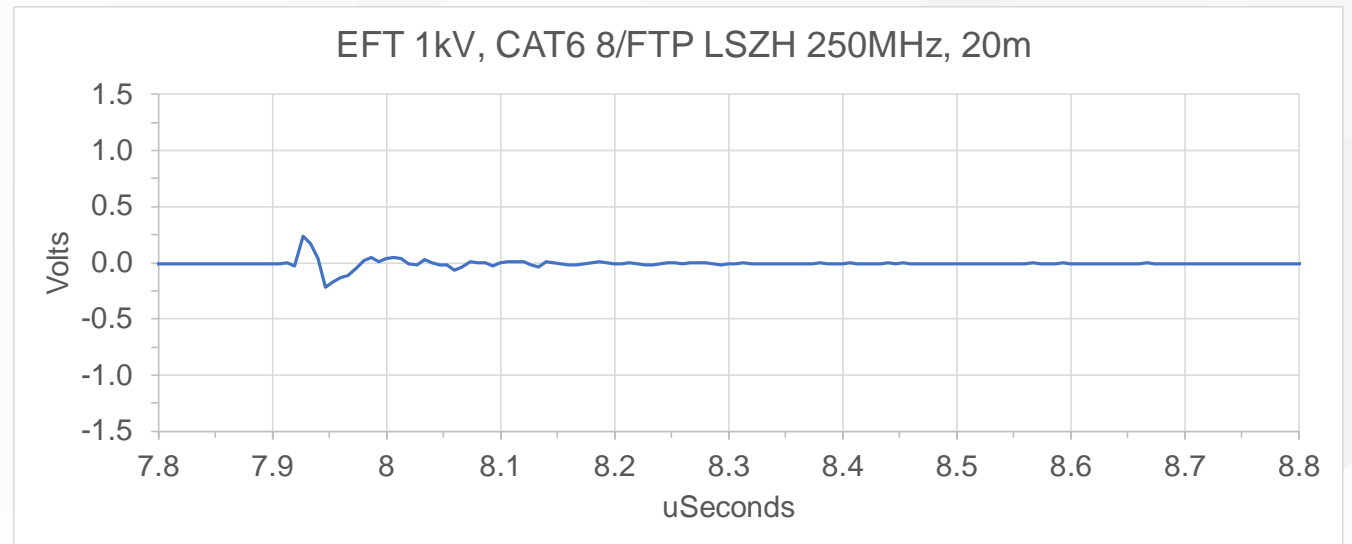
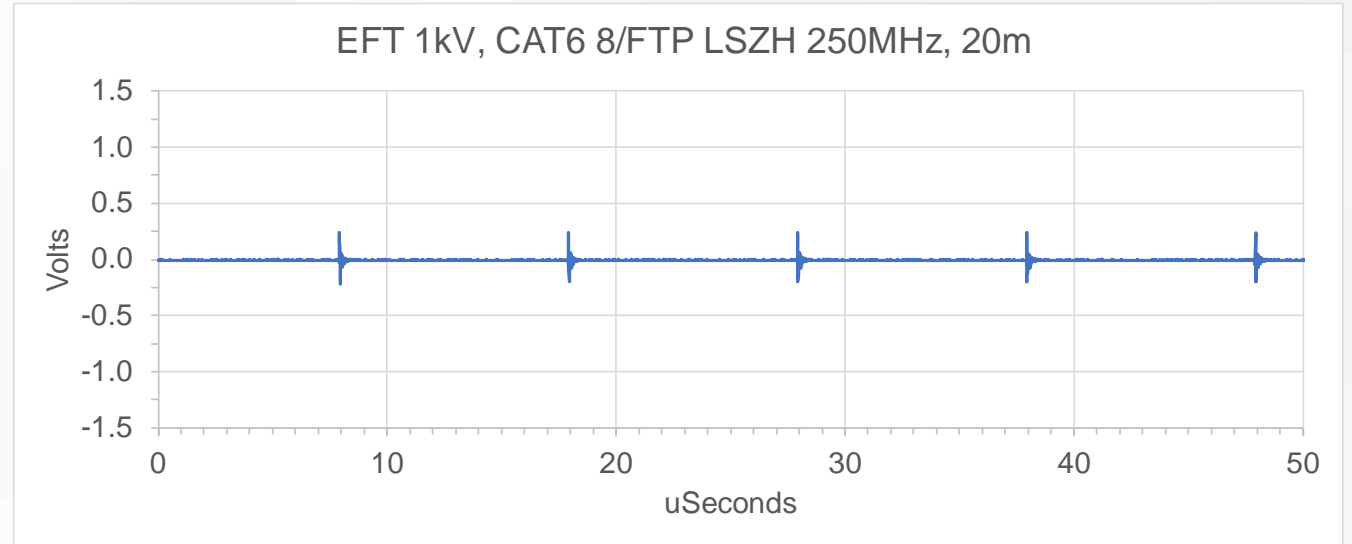
# CAT6 Cable





# CAT6 Cable

- ▶ (GHMT Roline)
- ▶ CAT6 8/FTP LSZH 250MHz
- ▶ Single pair used
- ▶ Unused pairs not connected, floating

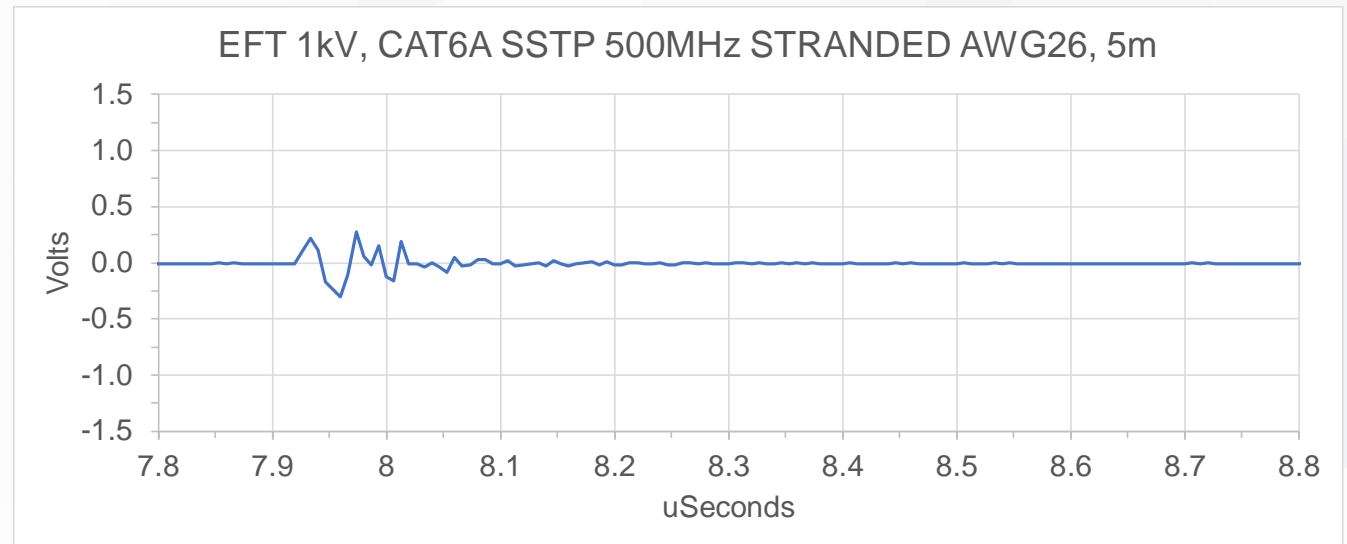
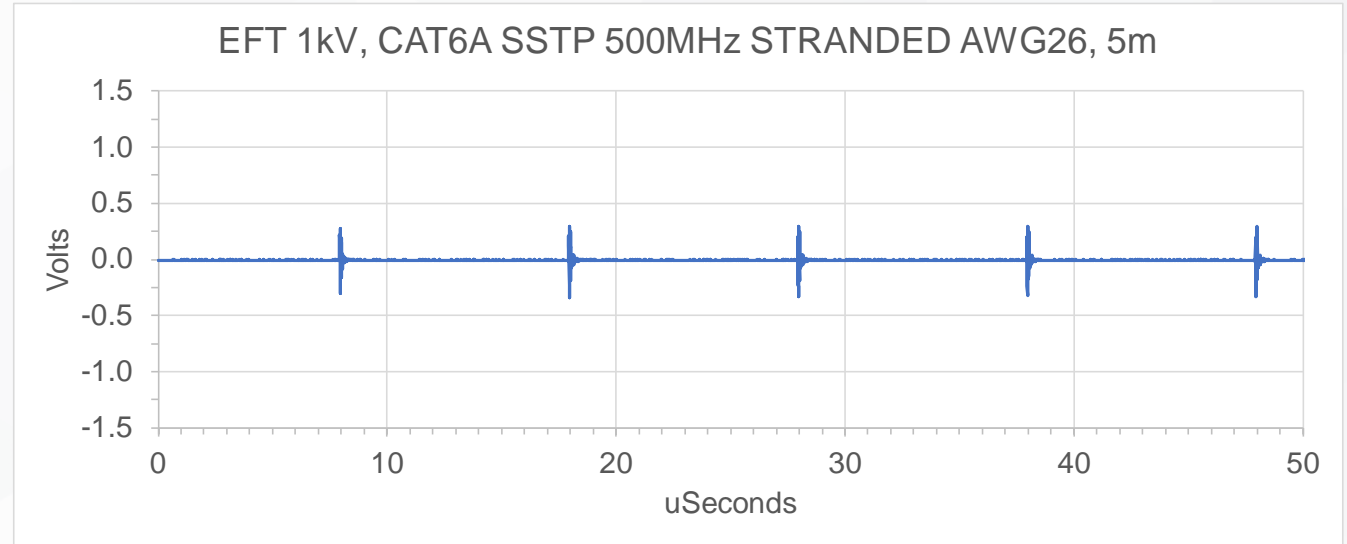


# CAT6A Cable



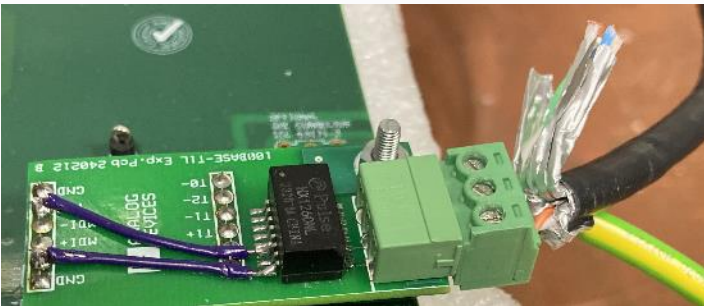
# CAT6A Cable

- ▶ (Manufacturer unknown)
- ▶ "CAT6A SSTP LSOH 500MHz 4 PAIRS STRANDED AWG26 100 ohm"
  - Each pair individually foil shielded
  - Cable stranded
- ▶ Single pair used
- ▶ Unused pairs not connected, floating

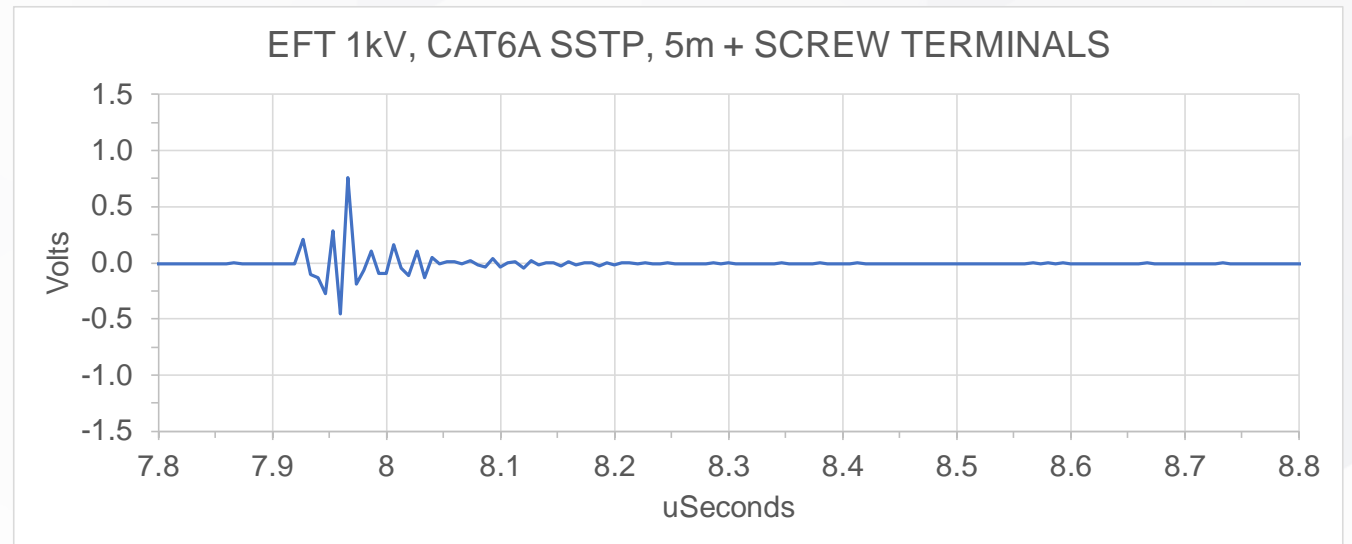
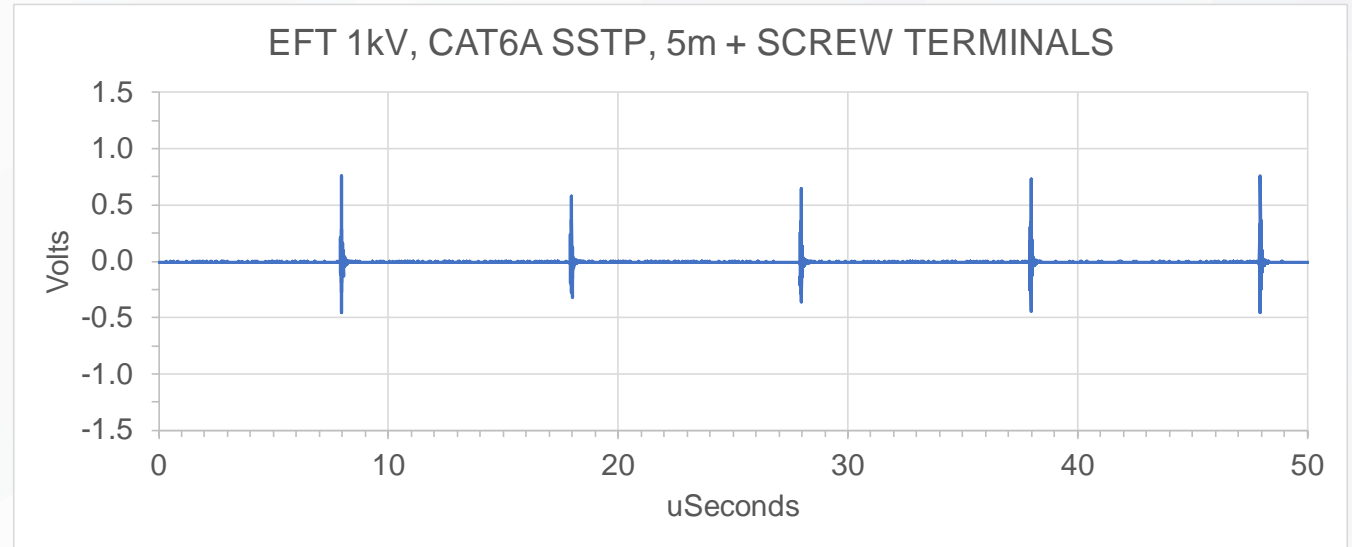


# CAT6A Cable – Connector Experiment

- ▶ (Manufacturer unknown)
- ▶ "CAT6A SSTP LSOH 500MHz 4 PAIRS STRANDED AWG26 100 ohm"
- ▶ Single pair used
- ▶ Unused pairs not connected, floating
- ▶ Connectors changed to screw terminals



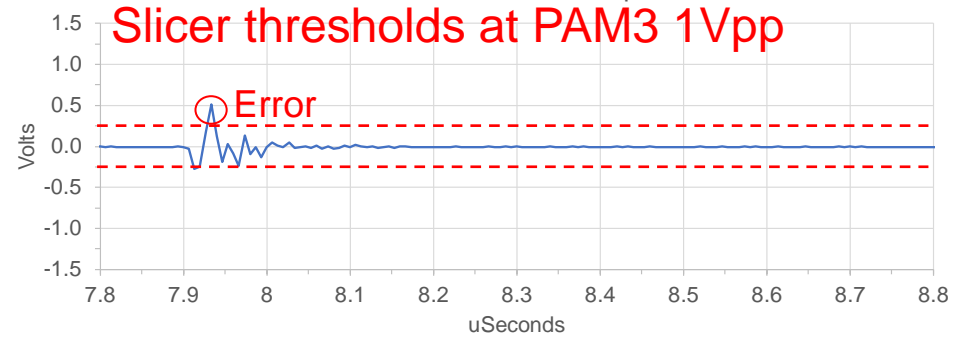
- And completely wrapped in conductive copper foil...



# EFT Noise vs. Slicer Thresholds

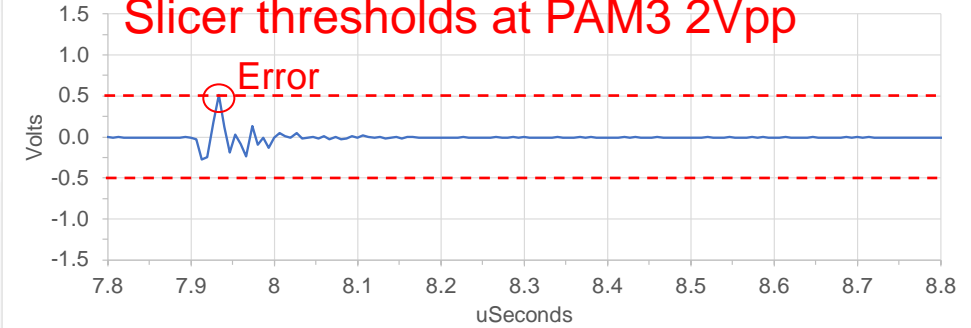
EFT 1kV, SIMATIC 6XV18305AH10, 3m, 4-pin & foil connector

**Slicer thresholds at PAM3 1Vpp**

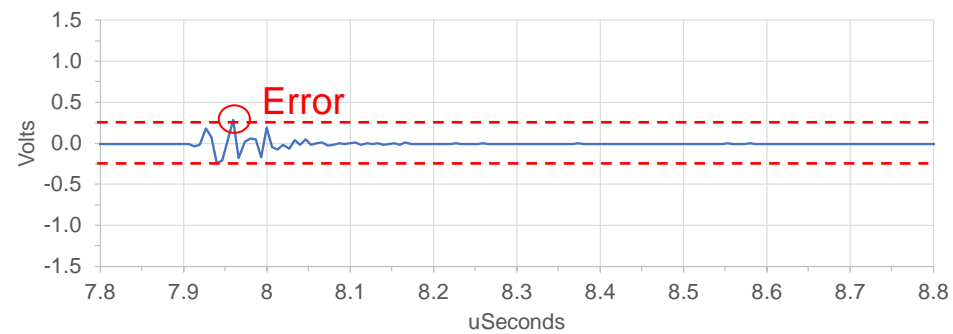


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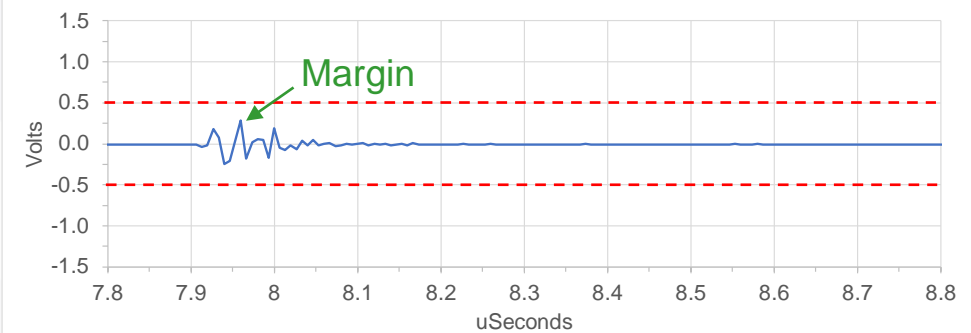
**Slicer thresholds at PAM3 2Vpp**



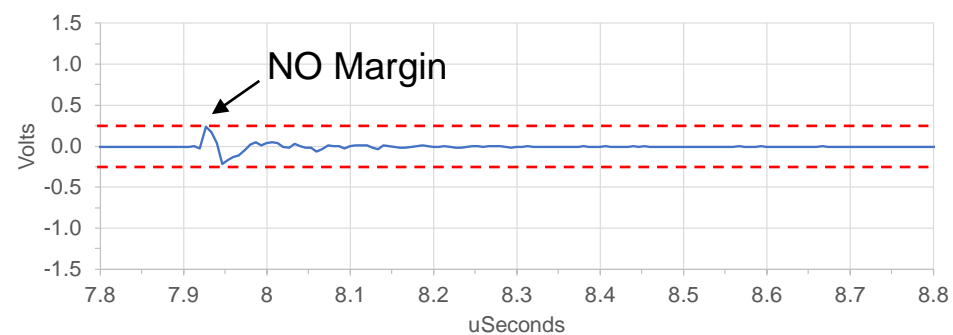
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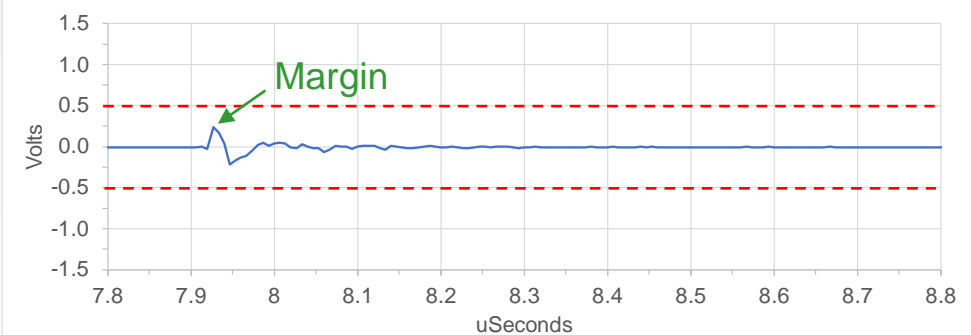
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EFT 1kV, CAT6 8/FTP LSZH 250MHz, 20m

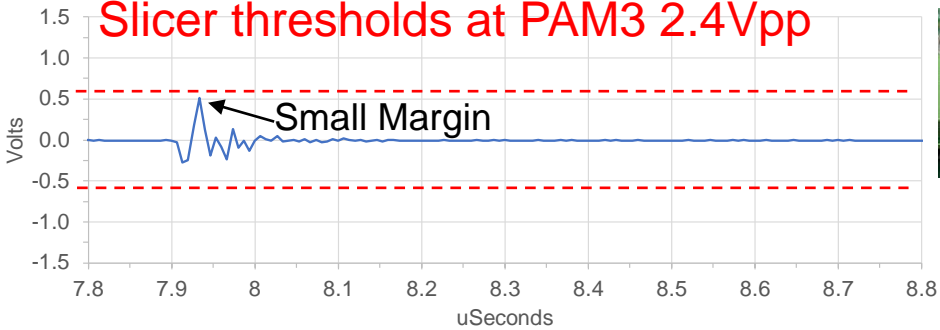


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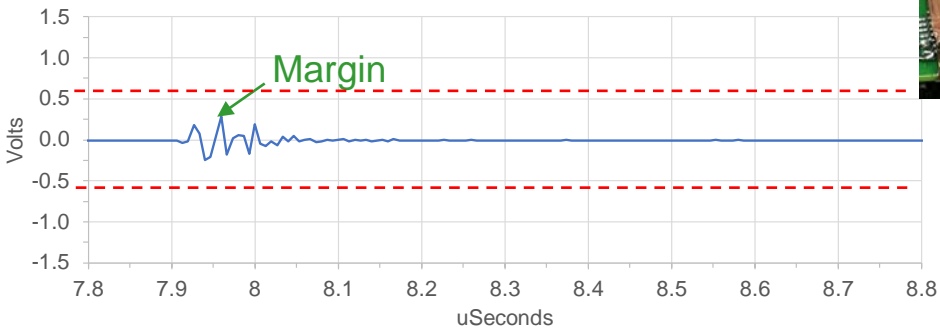


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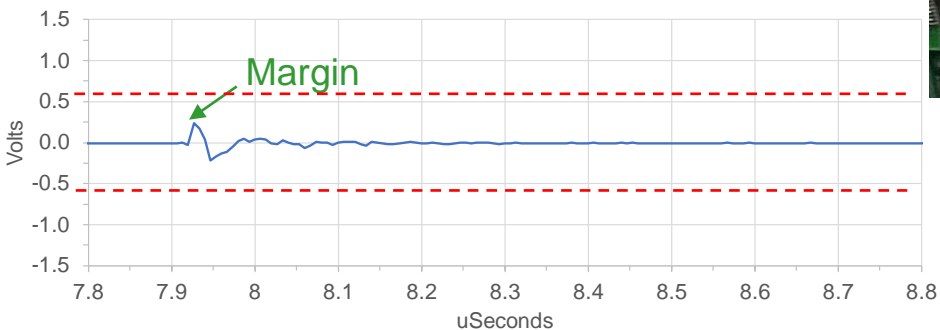
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**Slicer thresholds at PAM3 2.4Vpp**



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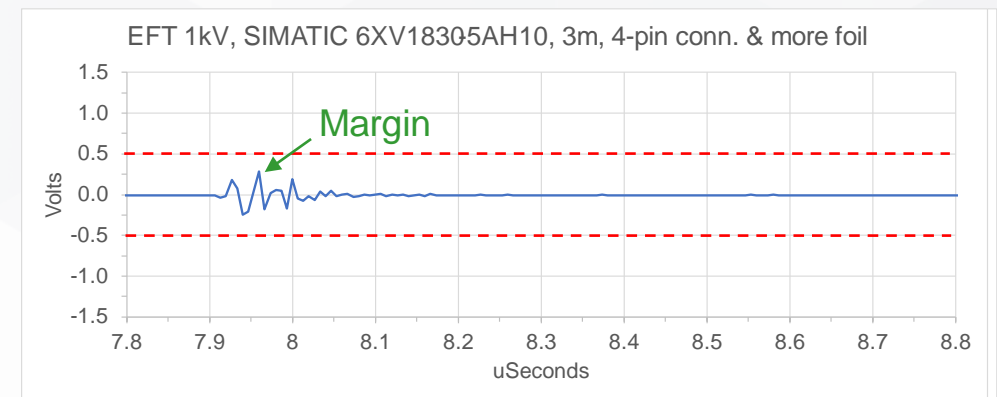
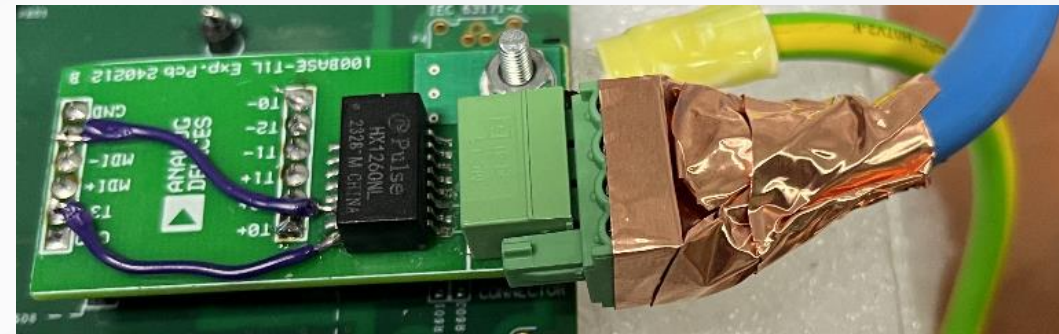
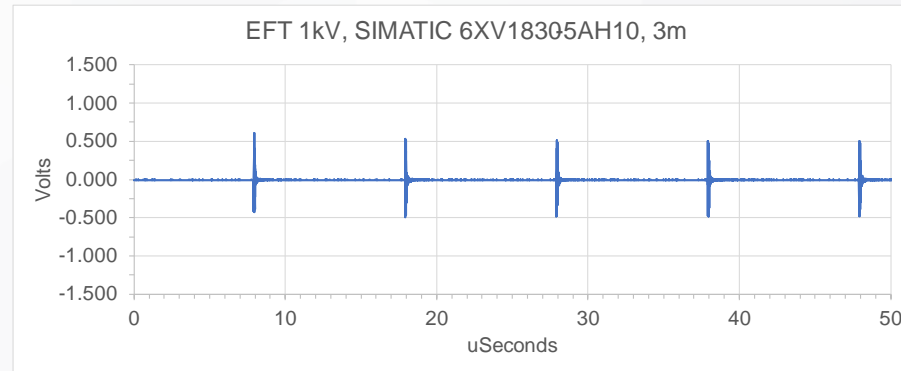


EFT 1kV, CAT6 8/FTP LSZH 250MHz, 20m



- ▶ The slicer error margin depends on number of levels to be detected / distance between levels
  - Different between PAM3 / PAM4 / PAM5
  - Examples here for PAM3
- ▶ The slicer error margins depend on signal amplitude
  - Higher signal amplitude = better SNR
  - However:
    - Need to consider signal levels vs. power supplies
      - TX 2.4Vpp @ (3.3V ±5%) works on 10BASE-T1L
      - 2.4Vpp may be more challenging at higher speed
    - Need to consider other EMC, specifically emissions

- ▶ Electrical Fast Transients (EFT)
- ▶ Measured with data acquisition system
- ▶ Several cables – all shielded
- ▶ Screw terminal connectors challenging
- ▶ Margin of coupled EFT versus slicer errors
  - Depends on the noise coupling
  - Depends on signal modulation & amplitude
- ▶ EFT is not the only noise in the system
  - Addition to Crosstalk, Gaussian noise..
  - Looking for more real noise measurements
    - Motor drive?
    - Other ideas / applications / sources?
- ▶ More insides from cable vendors?
- ▶ More insides from connector vendors?



# Thank You

Questions?