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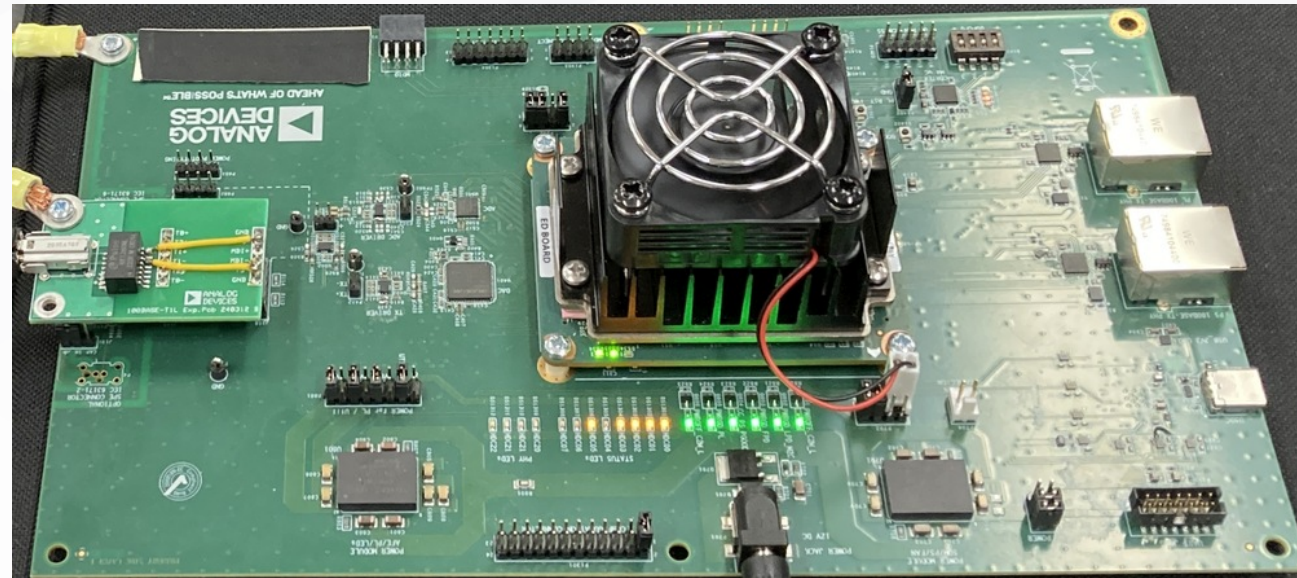
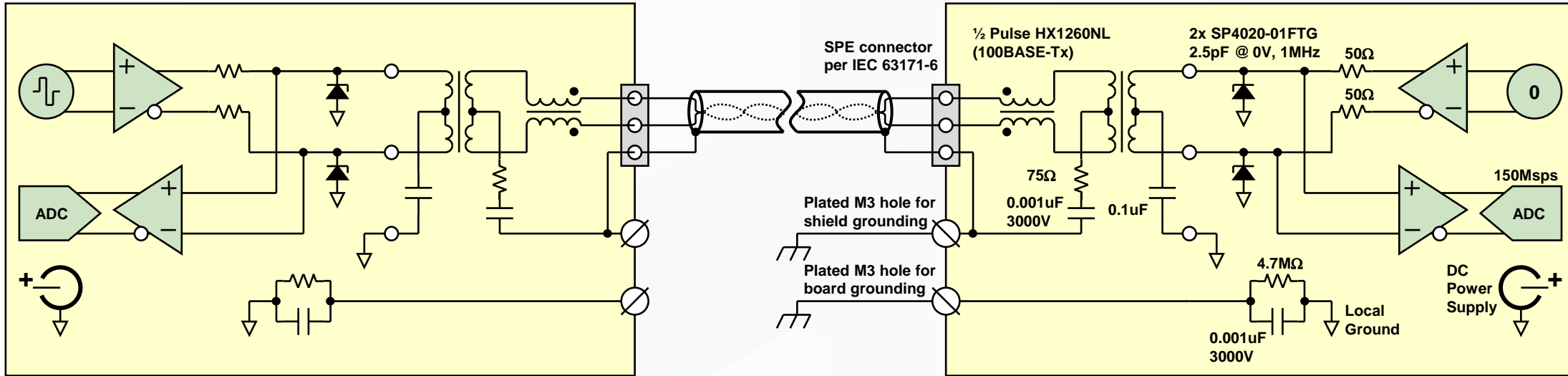
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    - 200ns rise/fall time, 90m max hybrid cable length
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  - Oscilloscope capture
  
- ▶ Discussion
  - Signal to pulse noise margin

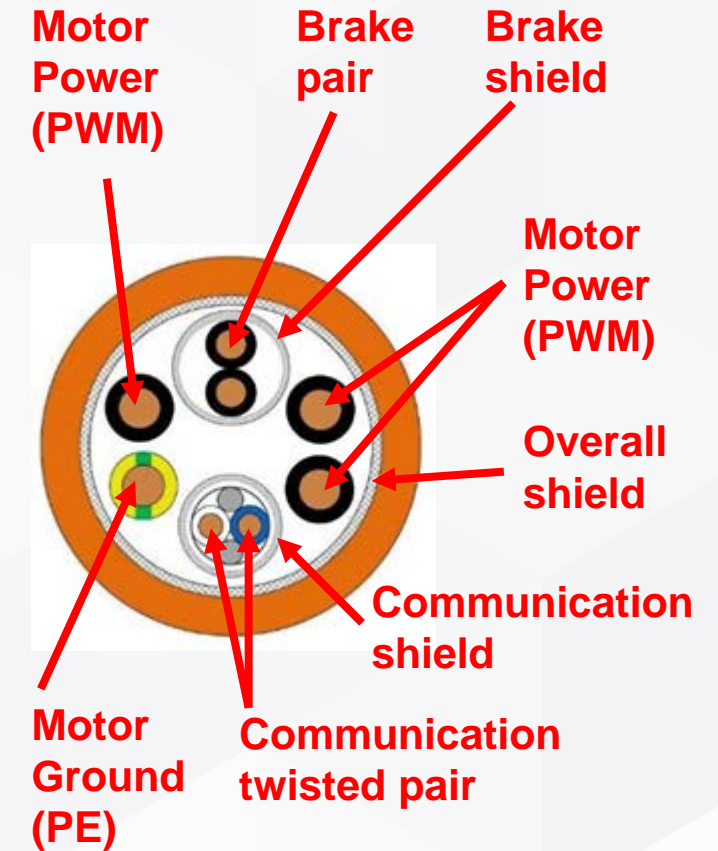
The motor windings must be protected from the PWM reflections increasing the voltage - by limiting the rise/fall time in proportion to the cable length.

# Data Acquisition (DAQ) used for measurements



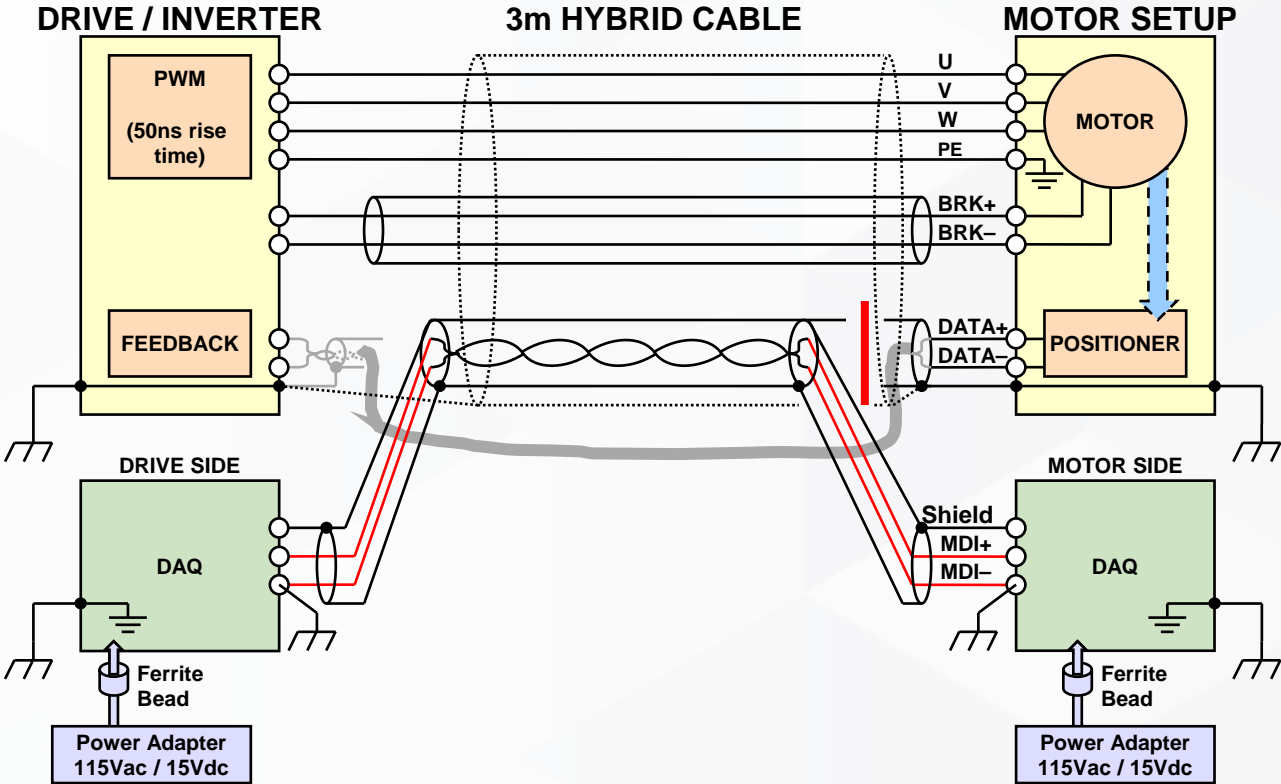
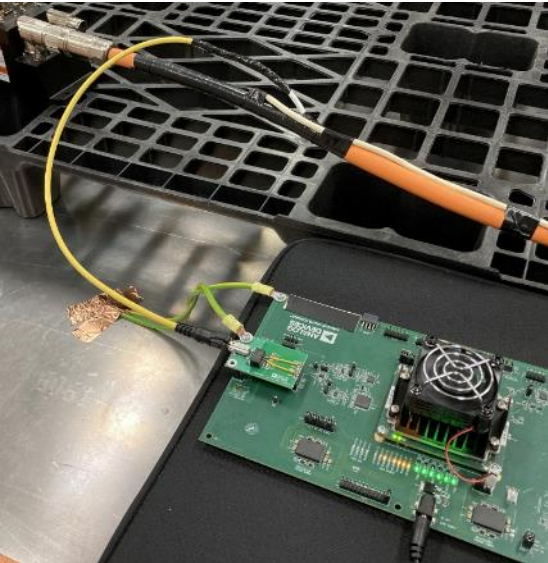
# Hybrid Cable

- ▶ Cable for connecting of motor setup incl. encoder and positioner with motor drive / controller
- ▶ Cable includes power & brake lines together with communication lines within one cable
- ▶ FFE[ 4G2,5+(2x1)ST/N+(2xAWG22)ST/SN/RE ]ST/PUR



# Variant 1 ArmorKinetix Distributed Servo Drive (DSD)

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- ▶ 3m Hybrid Cable
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- ▶ Drive controls PWM to motor
  - Held in position at zero speed is worst case
- ▶ PC uses USB to attach to each DAQ to collect measurement

**Controller and Touch Interface (On/Off/Speed)**

**Power and Comm to Drive (not SPE)**

**Drive-end DAQ**

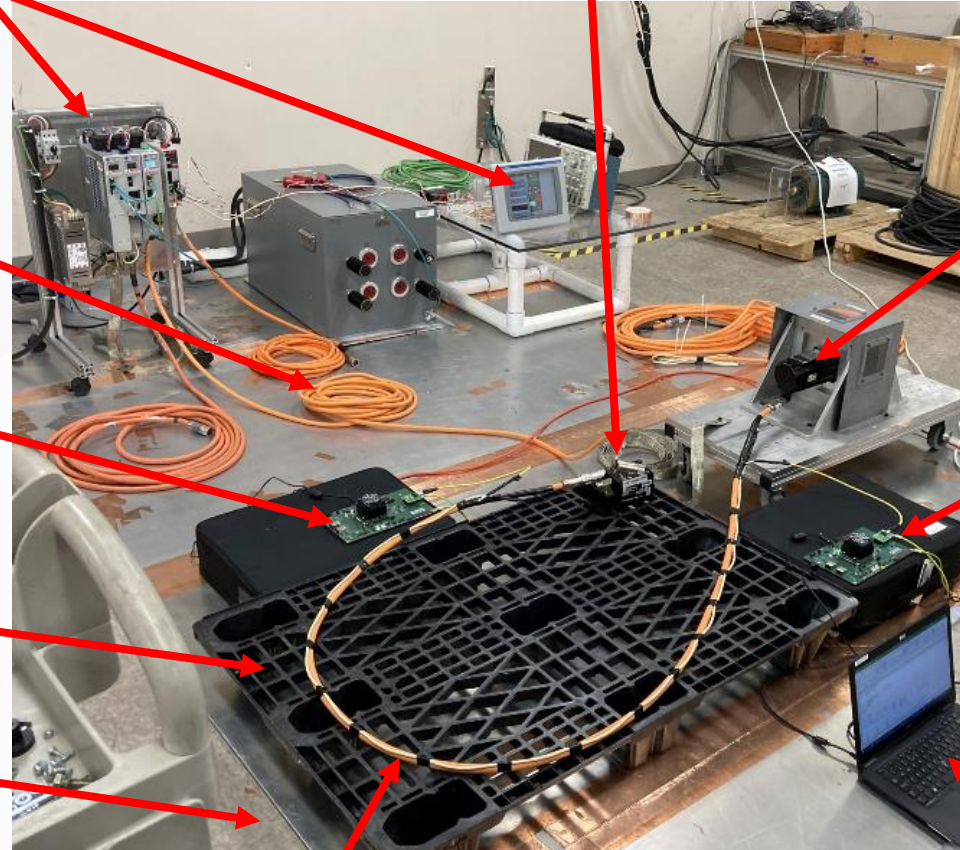
**Raised Platform**

**Conductive Reference Plane**

**Drive**

**Motor**

**Motor-end DAQ**

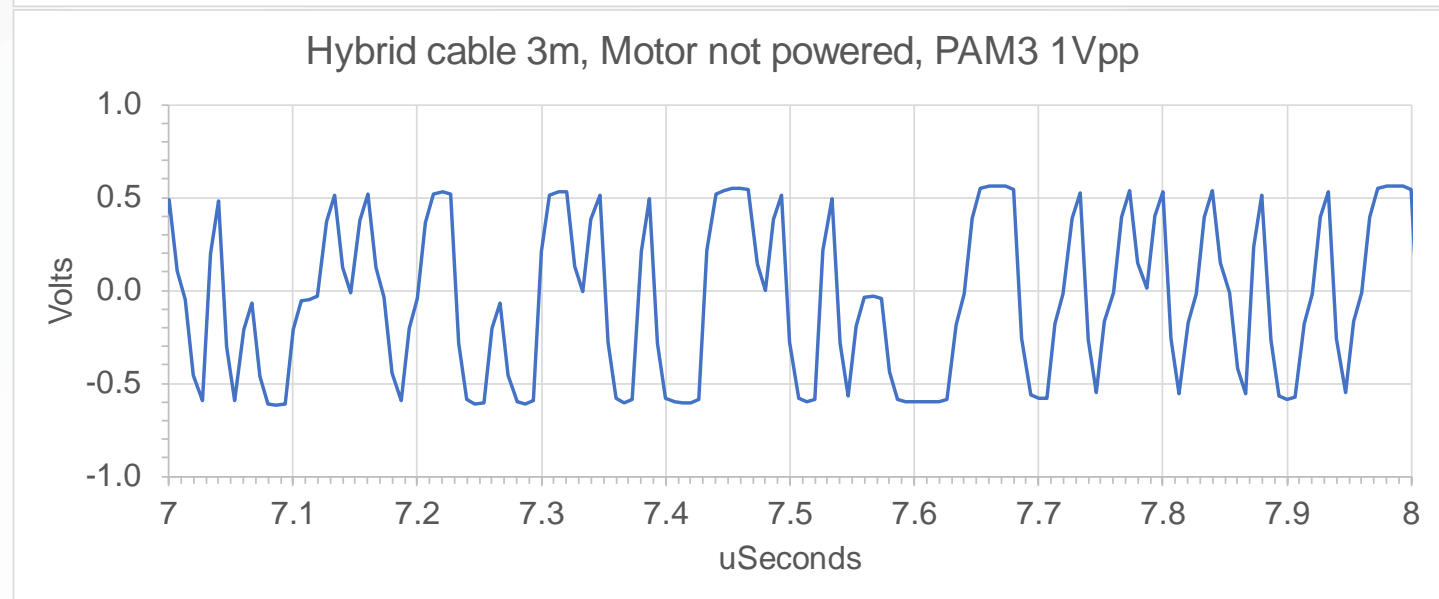
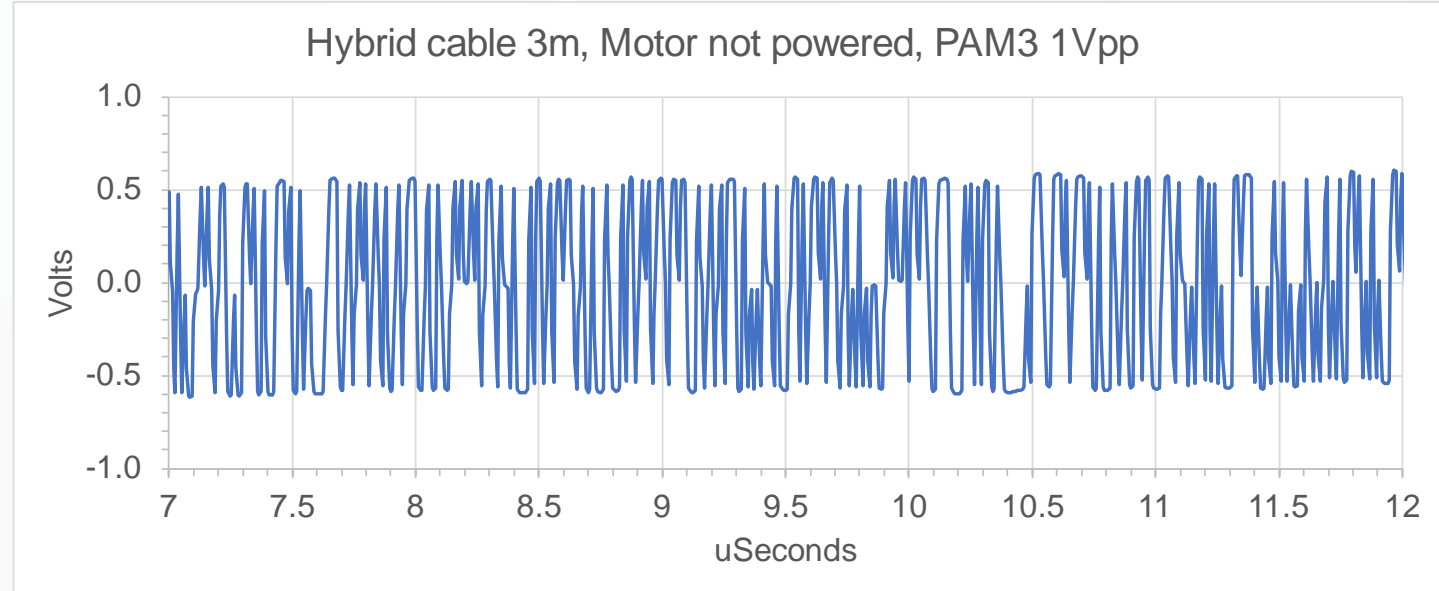


**3 m Hybrid PWM Cable (modified for measurement)**

**Measurement collection PC with USB for DAQ attachment**

# PAM3 1Vpp Signal

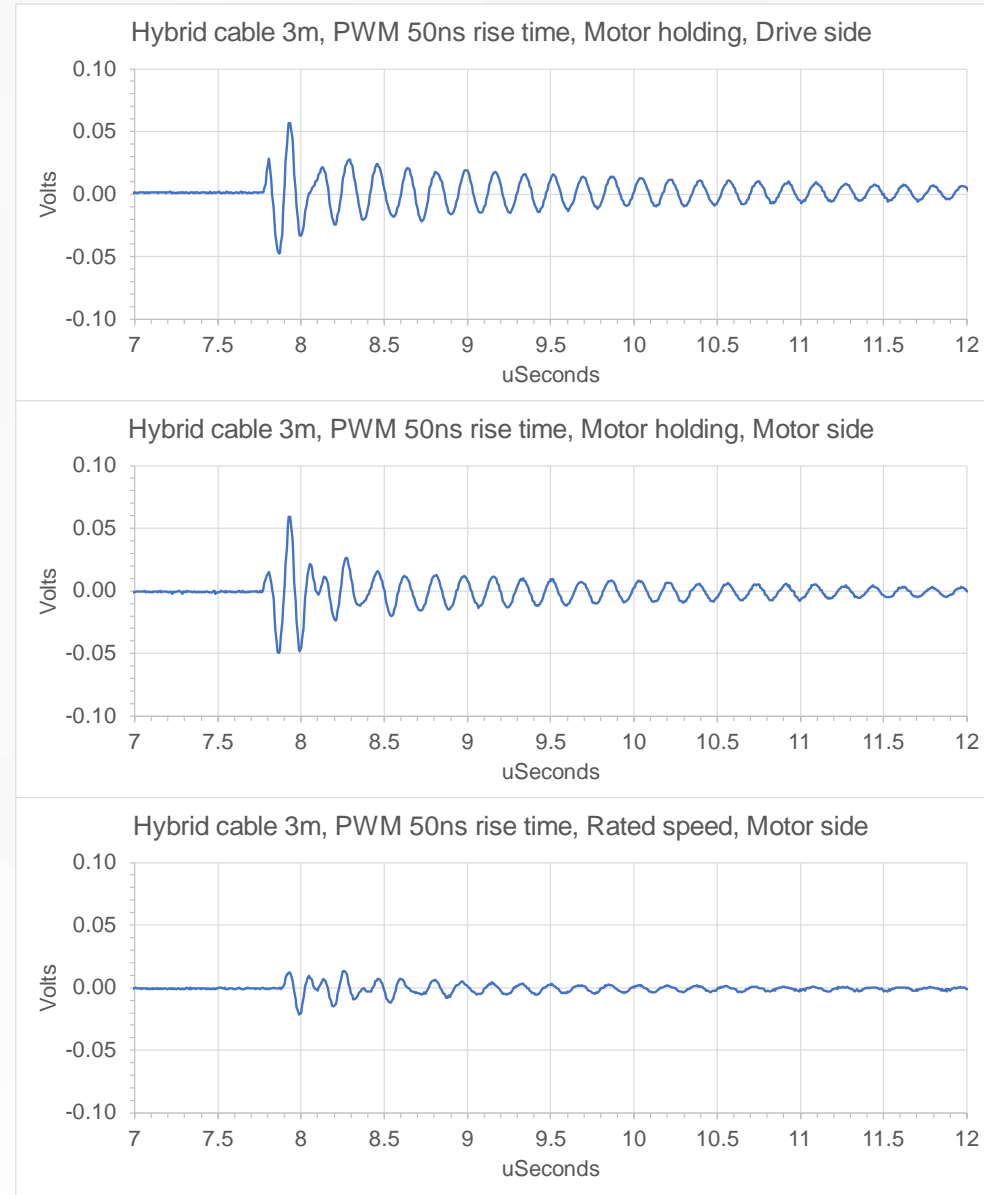
- ▶ The Data Acquisition (DAQ) on one side of the cable transmitting PAM3 1Vpp signal
- ▶ The DAQ on the other side of cable capturing the signal
- ▶ No visible attenuation / distortion of the signal on 3m hybrid cable



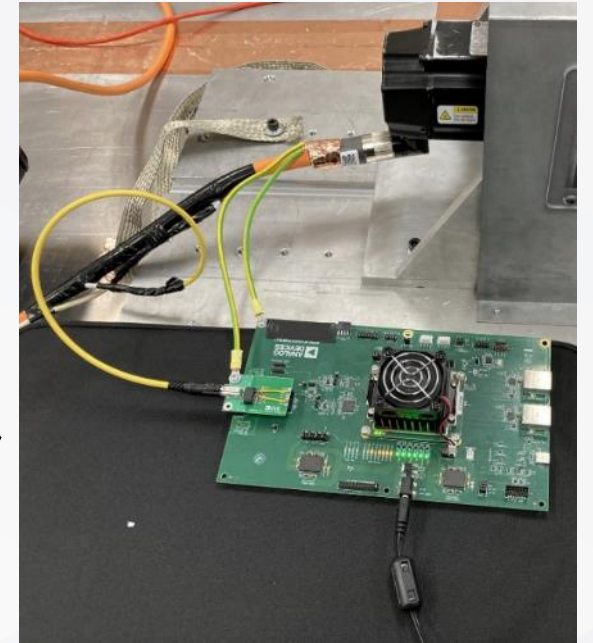
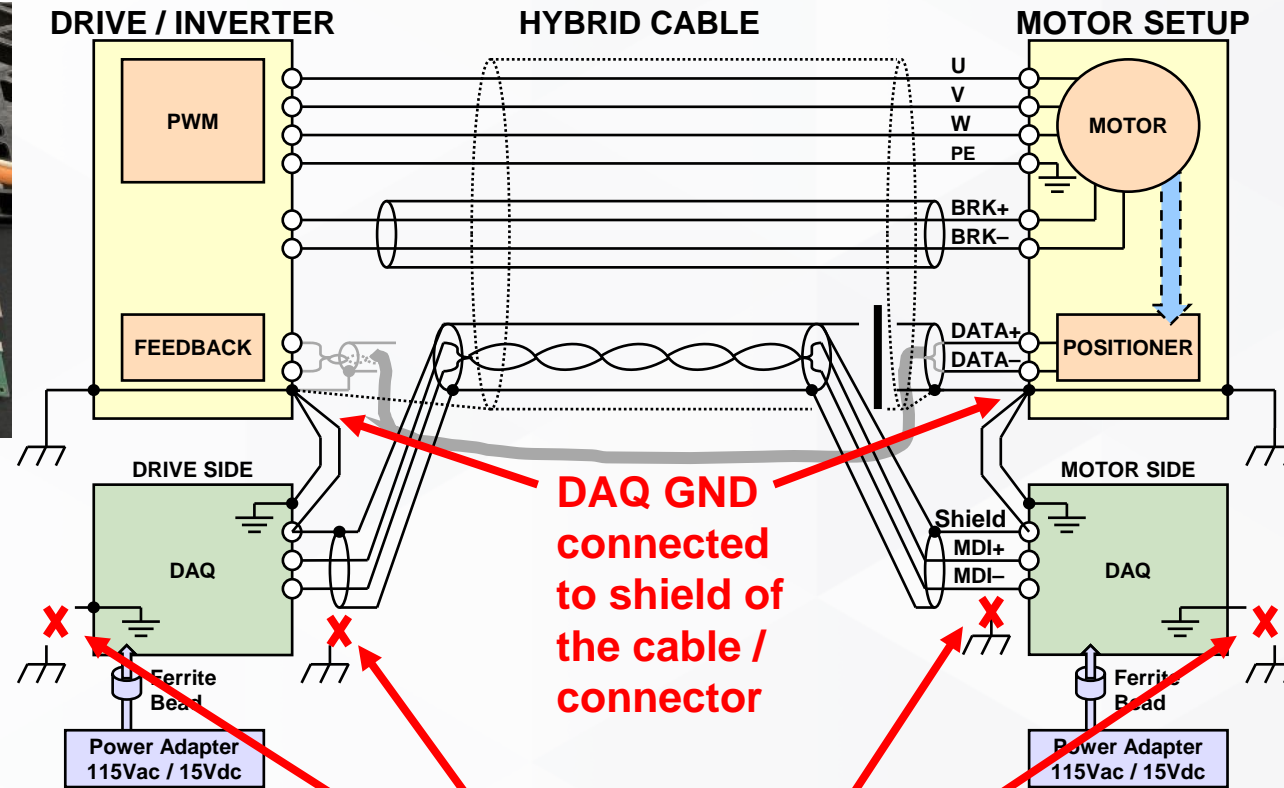
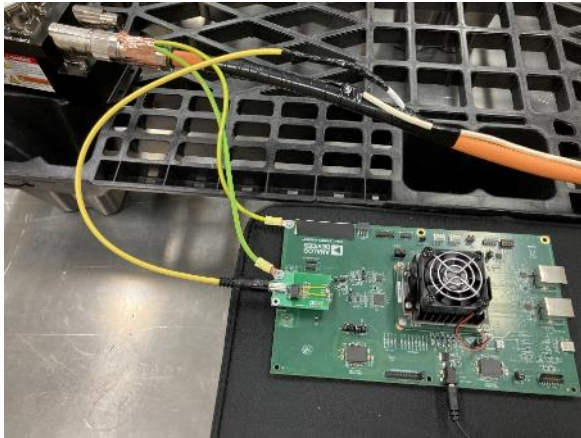


# Signal Coupled to Communication Pair

- ▶ The Drive outputs 3-phase PWM signal
- ▶ The Drive keeps the Motor in “hold” position
  - Motor supplied by PWM signal, but not turning
  - Identified as the worst-case condition
- ▶ The DAQ on both sides capturing the signal coupled from the PWM power lines to the communication differential pair
- ▶ The bottom capture is the same setup
- ▶ The Motor is turning the (max.) rated speed
  - The signal coupled to the communication pair is much lower amplitude



# Change in grounding – DAQ GND to cable GND

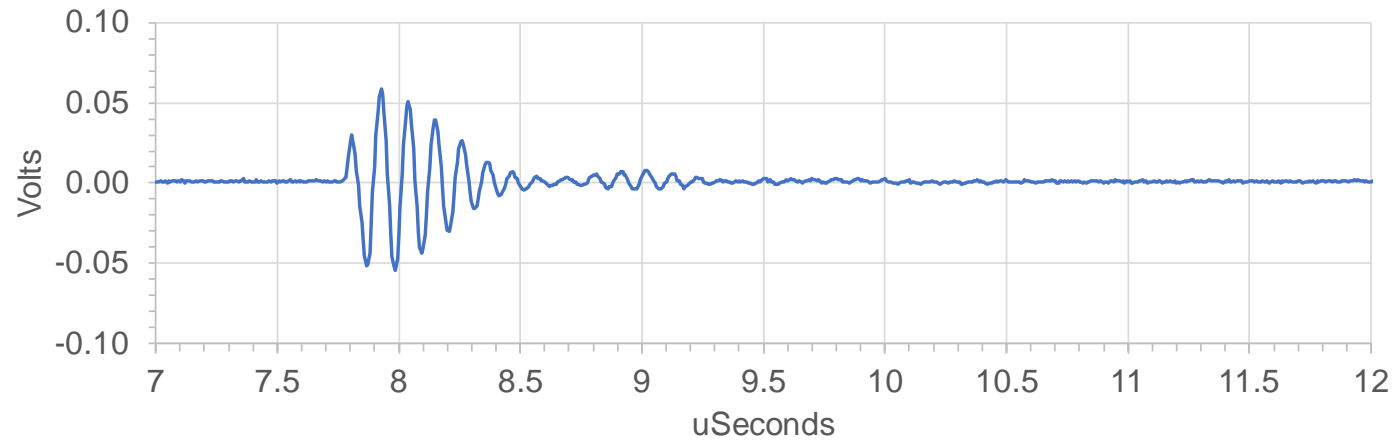


**DAQ GND disconnected from setup ground plain**

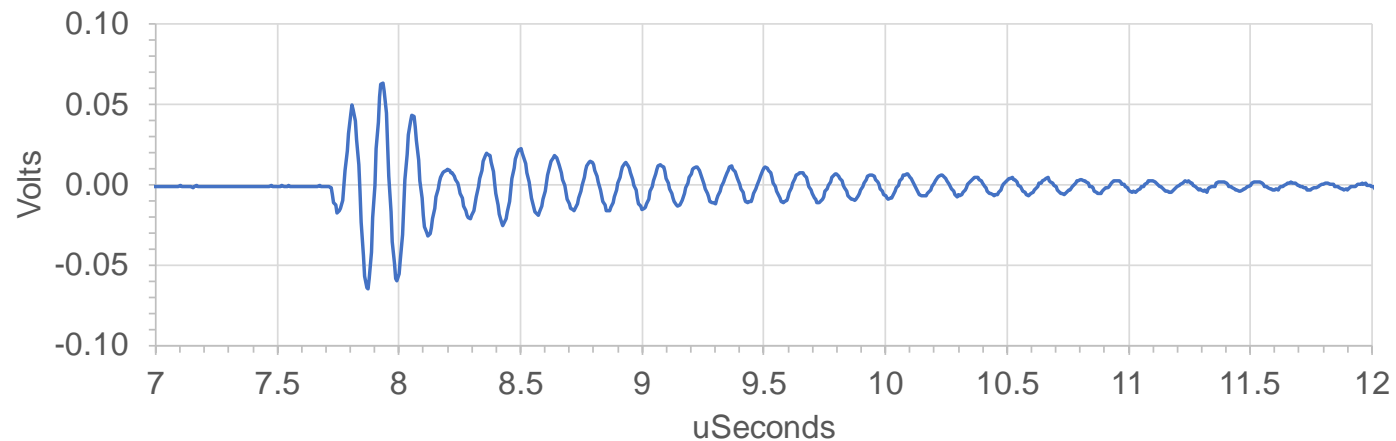
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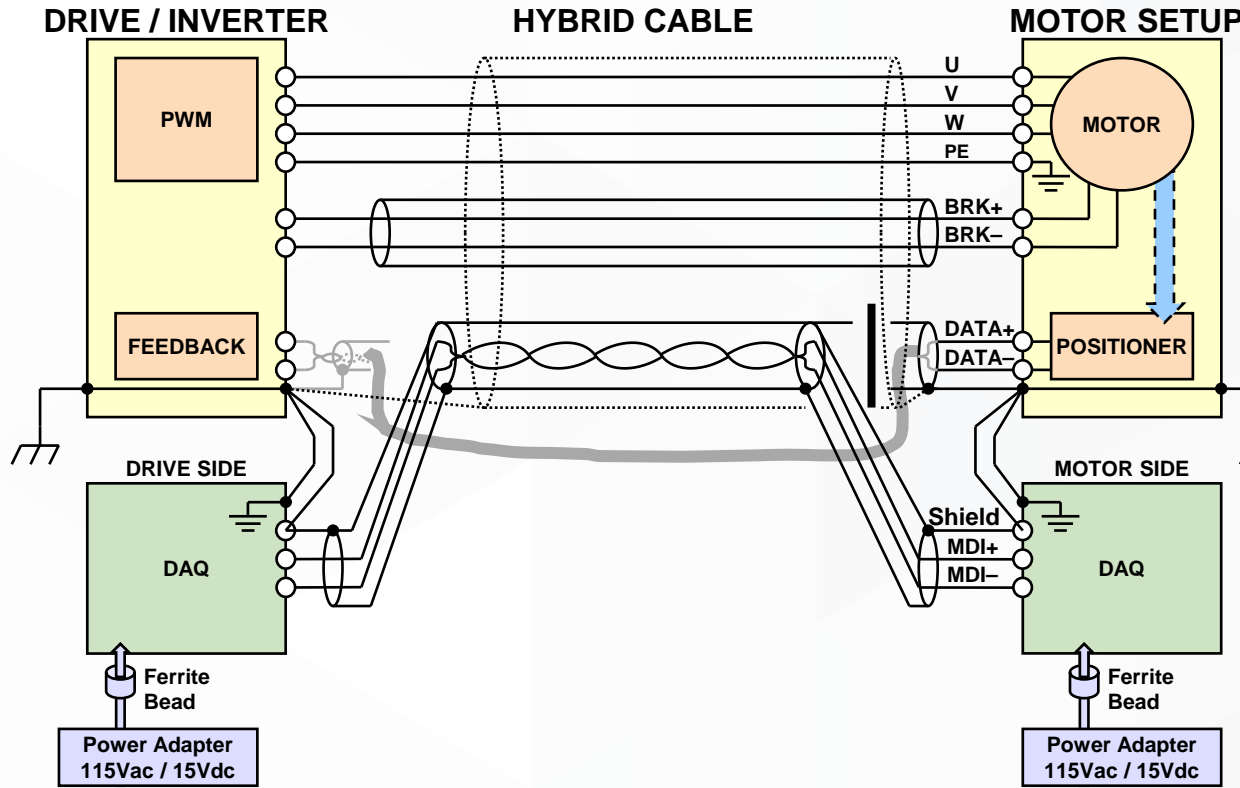
Hybrid cable 3m, PWM 50ns rise time, Motor holding, Drive side, DAQs grounded to cable connectors



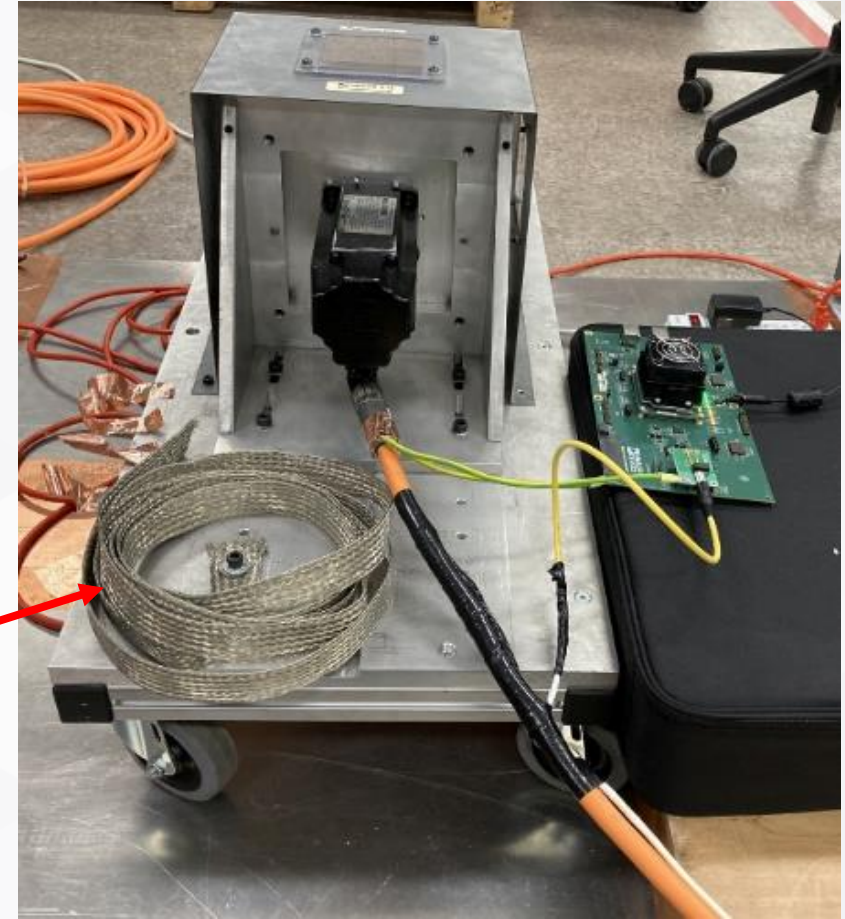
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# Change in grounding – Motor GND only via cable

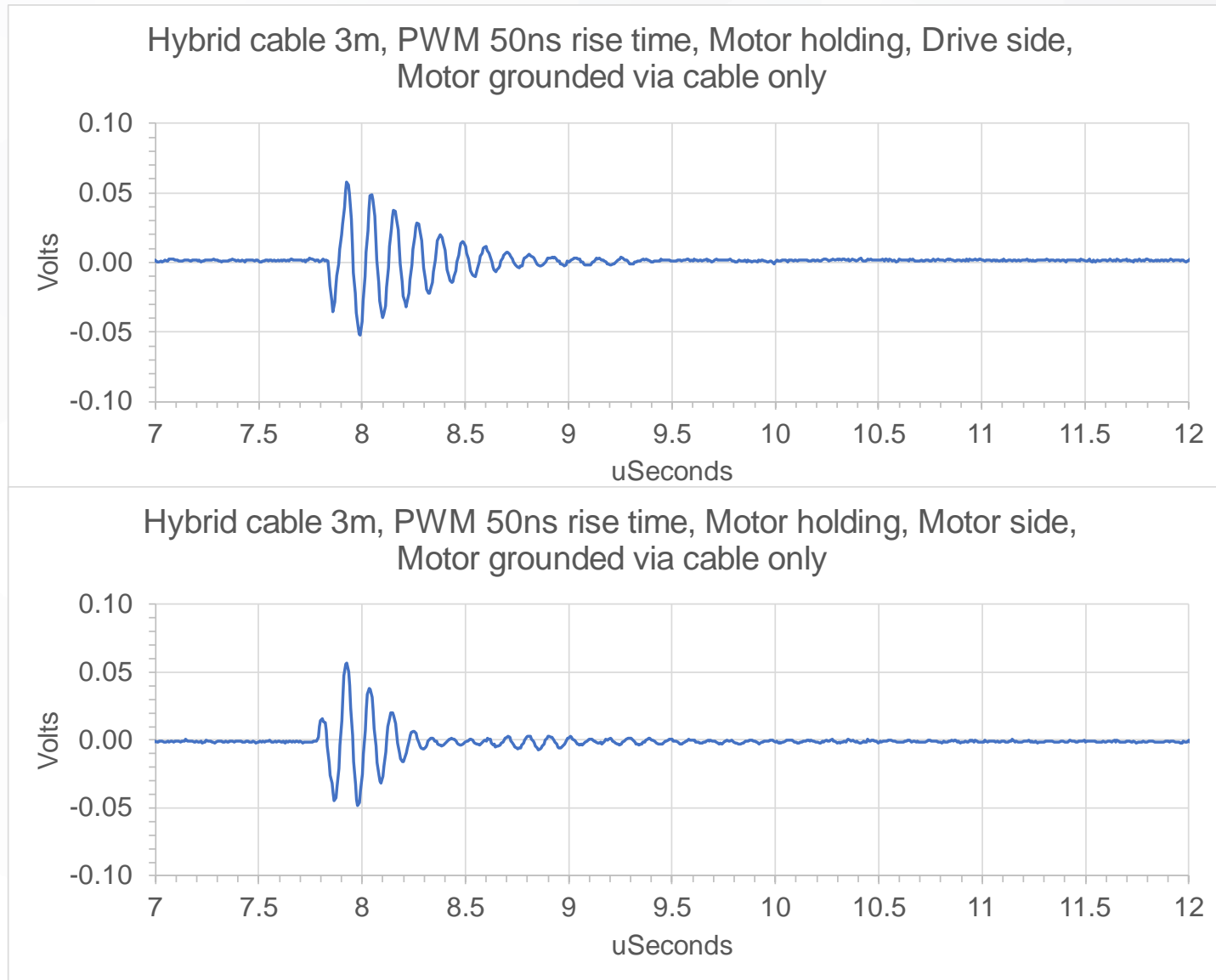


**Motor GND disconnected from setup ground plain**



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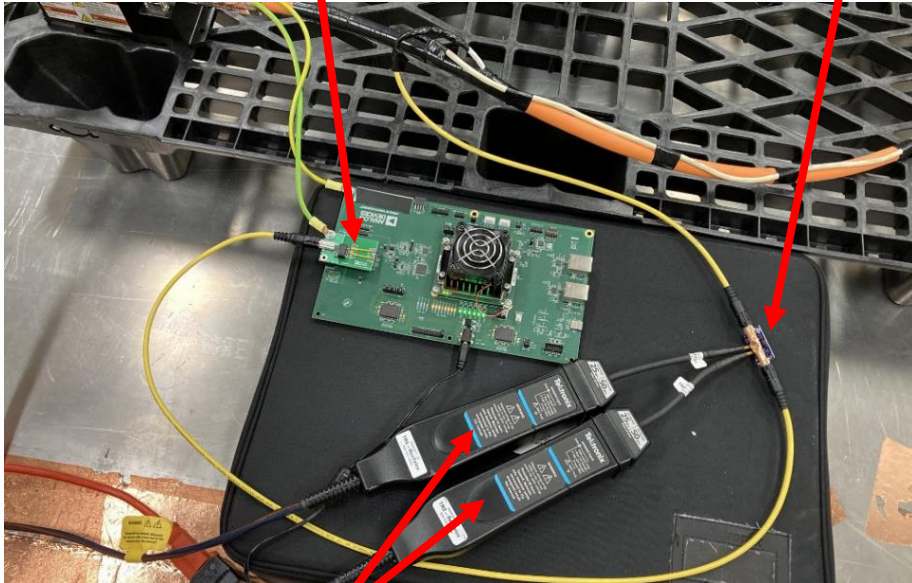
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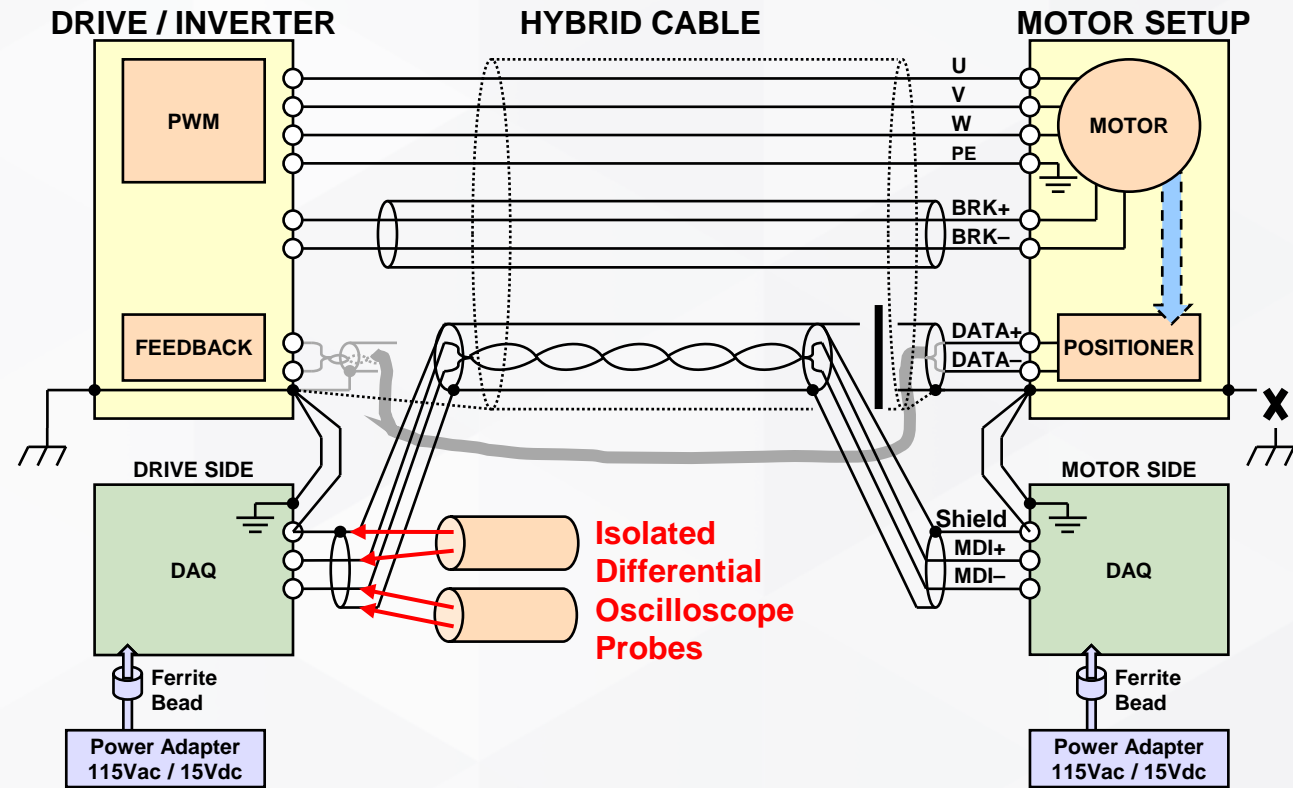
# Oscilloscope Captures (ArmorKinetix, 3 m, 50 ns)

**Simultaneous DAQ Measurement**

**In-line Measurement PCB**



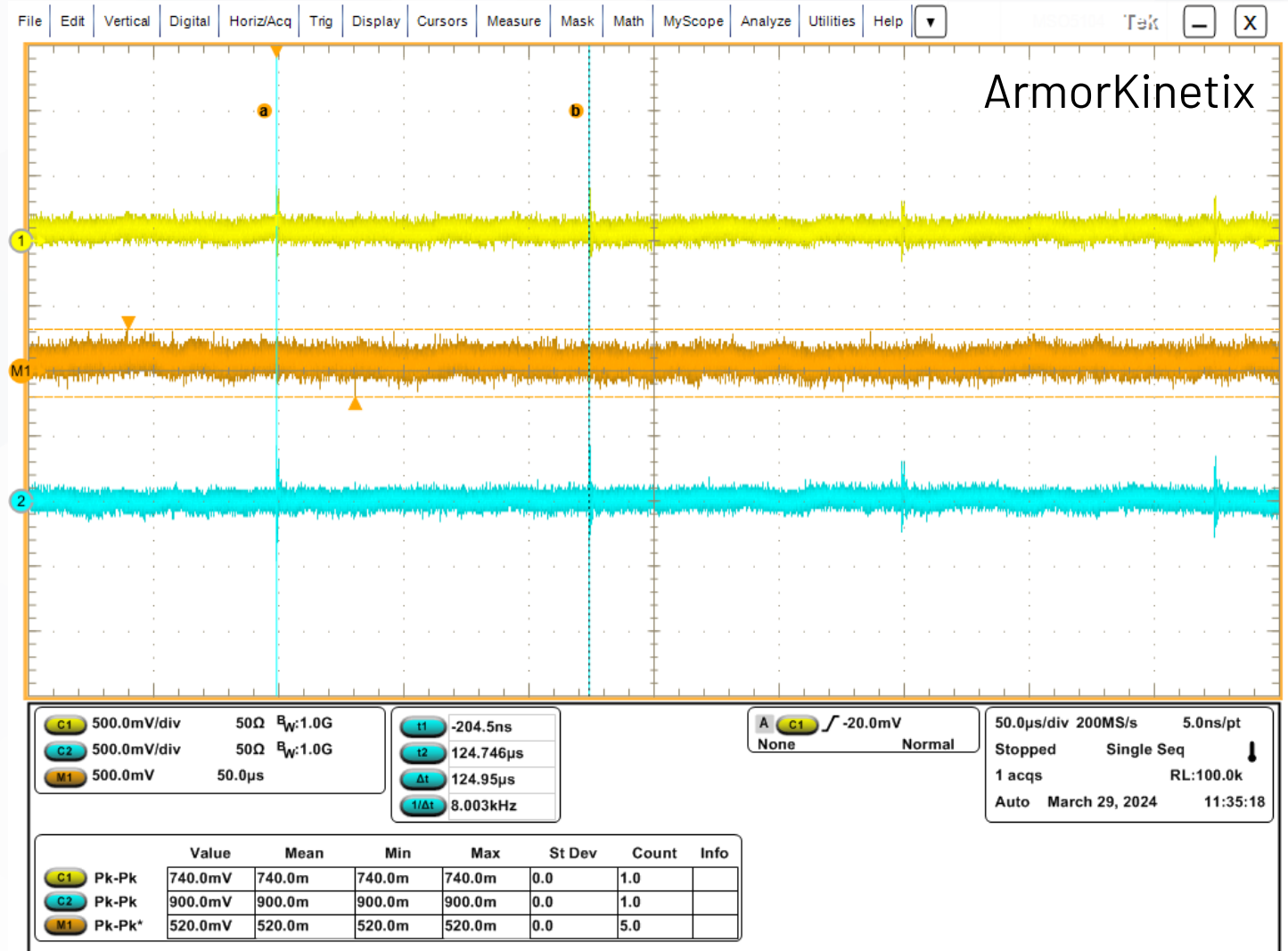
**Isolated Probe Pair**



- ▶ CH1 and CH2 each measure CM to shield at SPE +/-
- ▶ Scope M1 calculates DM
- ▶ Allows line-side and PHY-side comparison

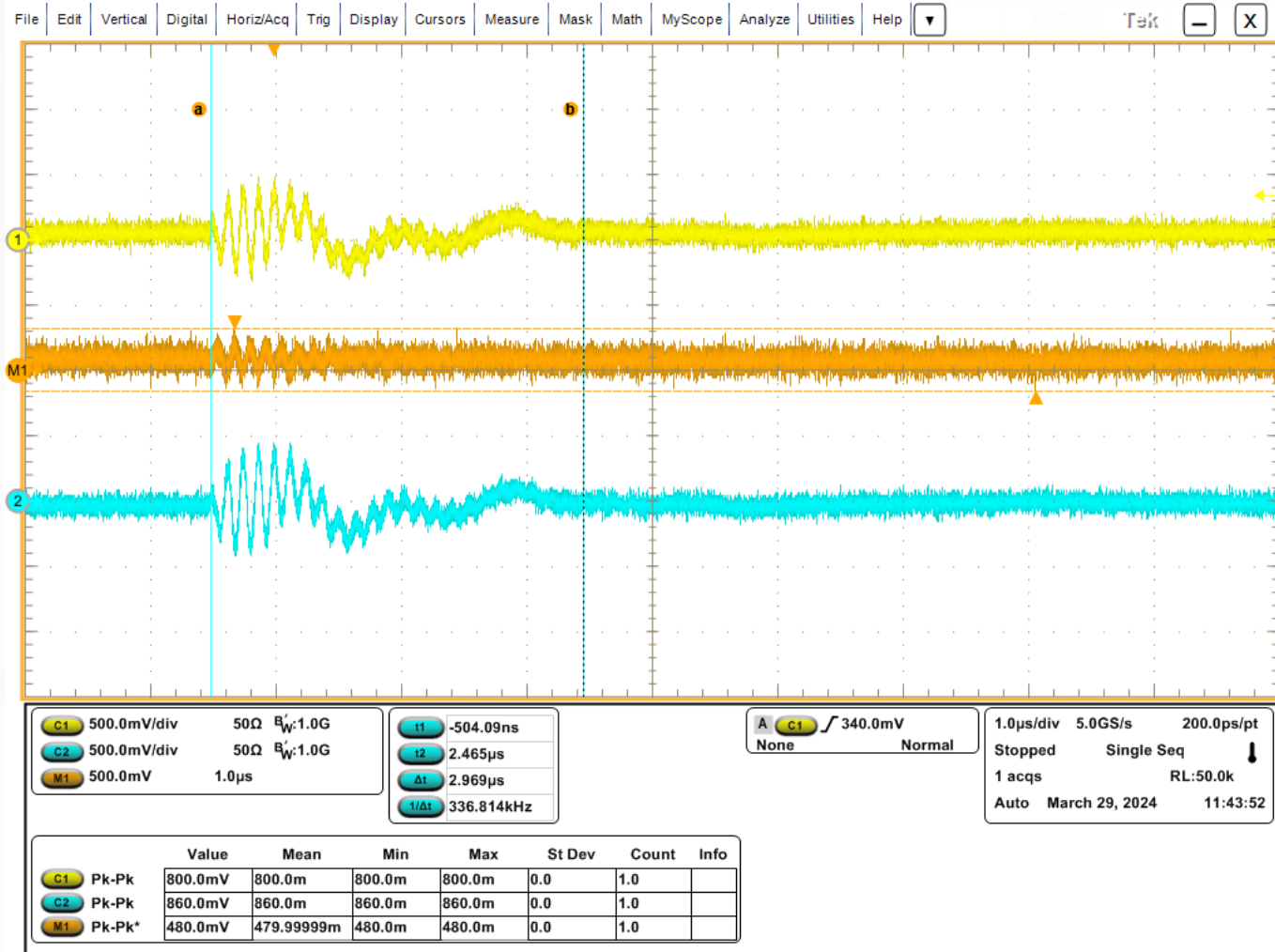
# Oscilloscope Capture – PWM

- ▶ Wide capture without ADI test pattern to confirm presence of PWM
  - DAQ has limited storage
  
- ▶ PWM transients every 125 us



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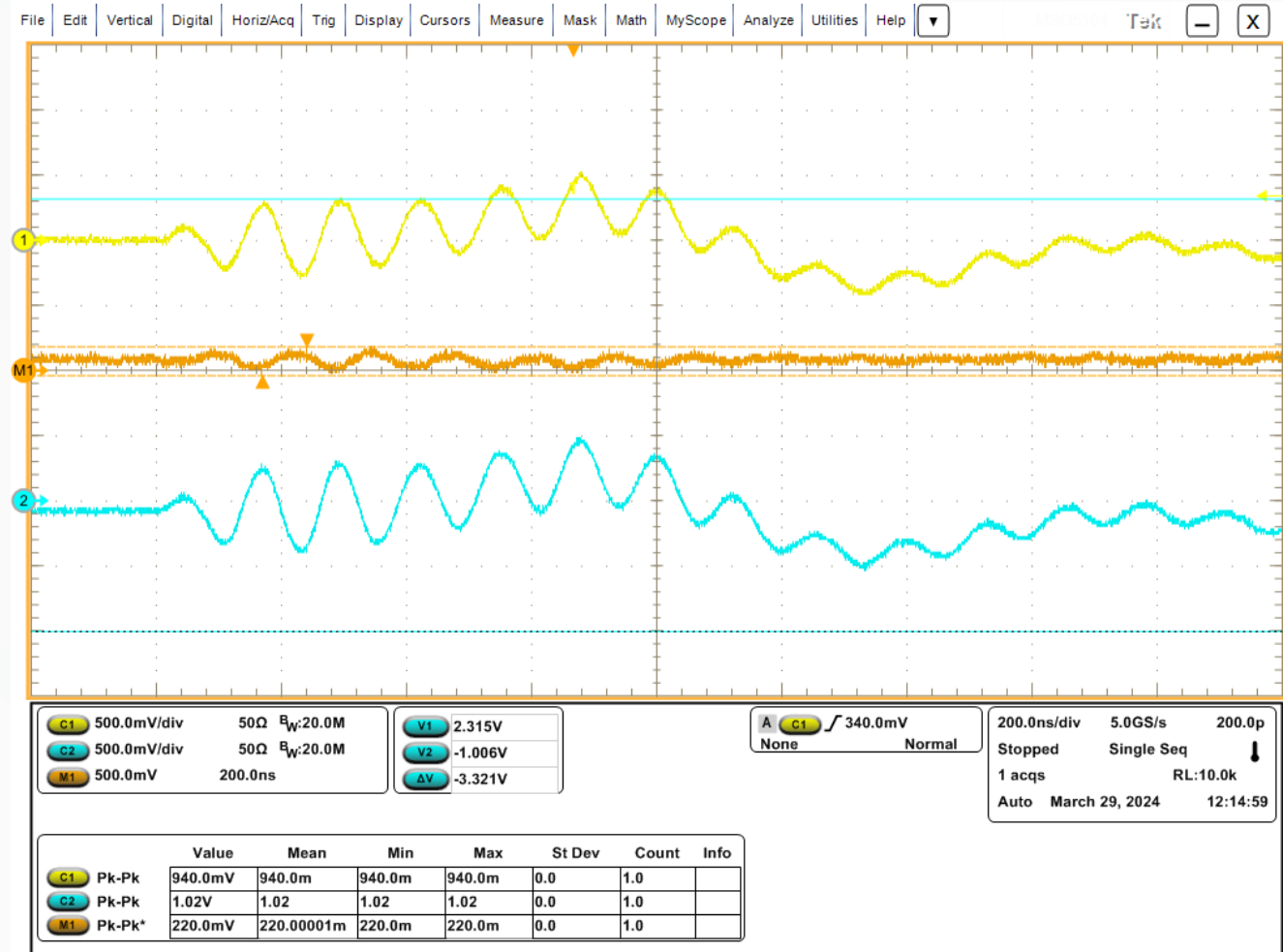
- ▶ ArmorKinetix with 3 m cable
- ▶ Short capture to see single PWM event
  - Without ADI test pattern
- ▶ PWM pulses response persists for > 3 us
- ▶ Oscilloscope filters @ 1 GHz
  - DM measures less than CM by ~2x
  - M1 = 480 mVpp **exceeds** amplitude at DAQ





# Oscilloscope Capture – PWM

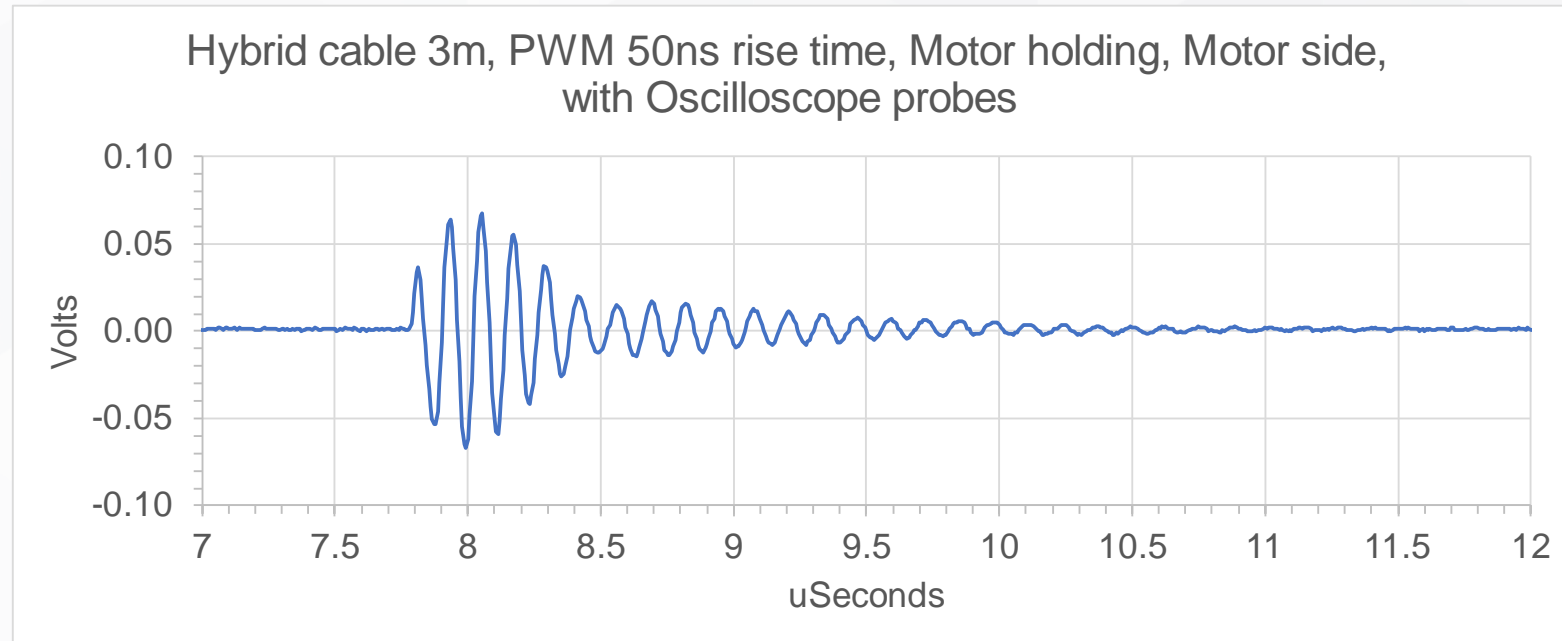
- ▶ ArmorKinetix with 3 m cable
- ▶ Short capture to see oscillations in single PWM event
  - Without ADI test pattern
- ▶ Oscilloscope filters @ **20 MHz**
  - It was presumed that the HF interference ADDED to the desired signal to create mismatch of the oscilloscope measurement with the ADI board (which has some HF filtering)
  - DM measures less than CM by ~5x
  - M1 = 220 mVpp better matches amplitude at DAQ
- ▶ Oscillations are ~125 ns (8 MHz)
  - Relates to cable electrical length



# Signal Coupled to Communication Pair

(in presence of oscilloscope probes)

- ▶ PWM pulses response persists ~3 $\mu$ s
- ▶ Differential amplitude ~140mVpp
- ▶ Oscillations are ~125ns





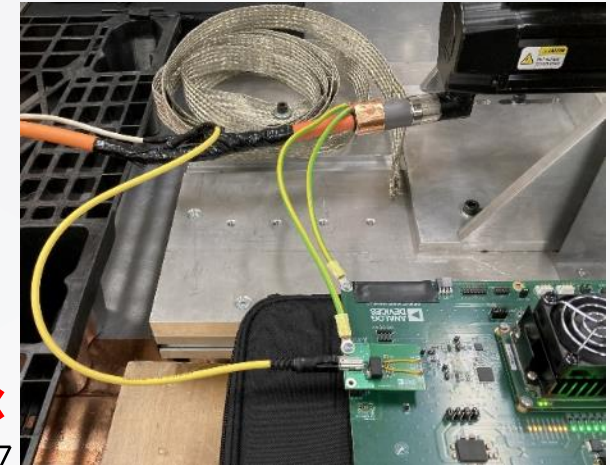
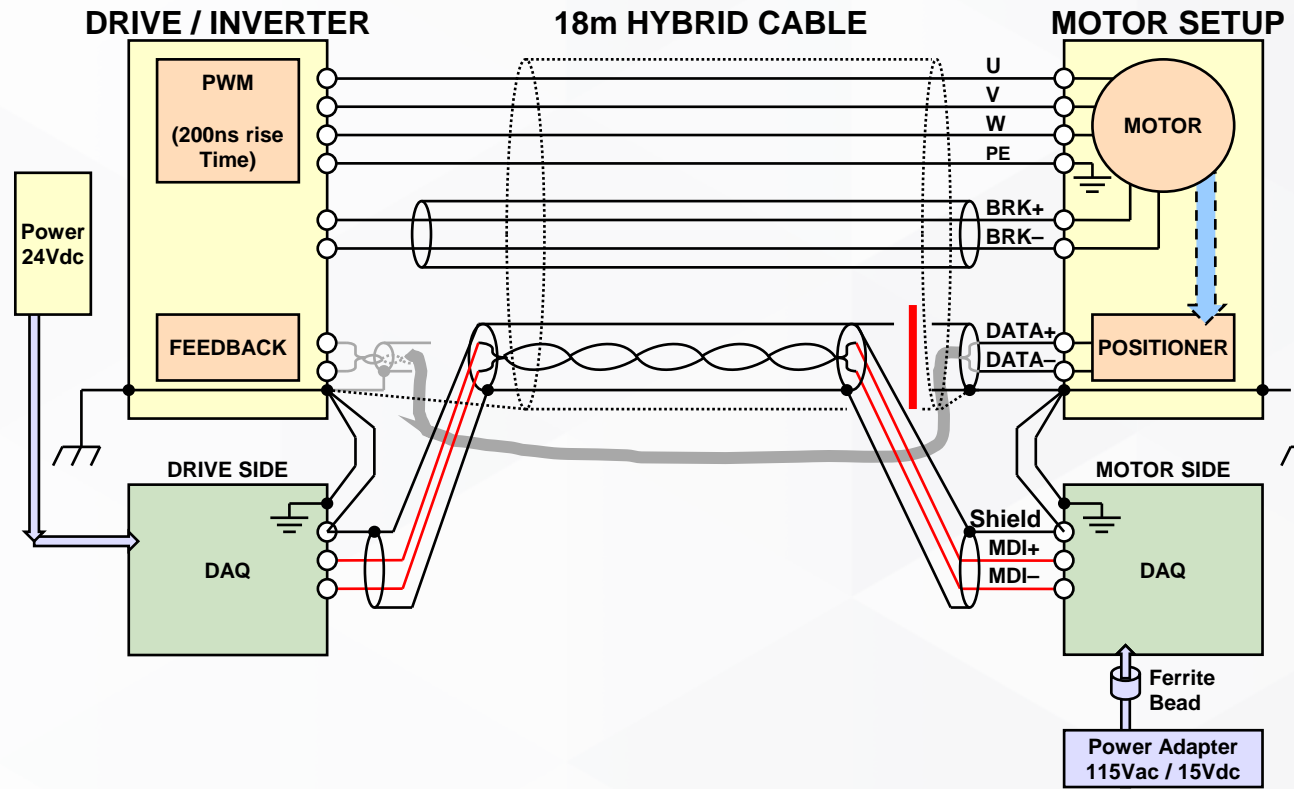
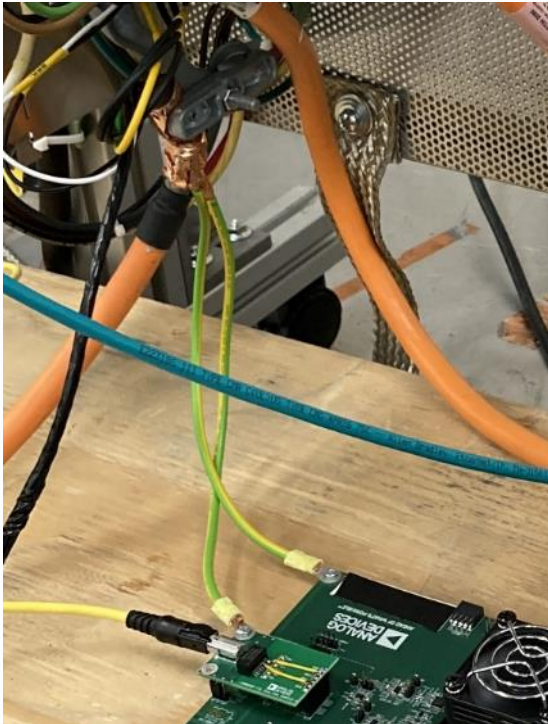
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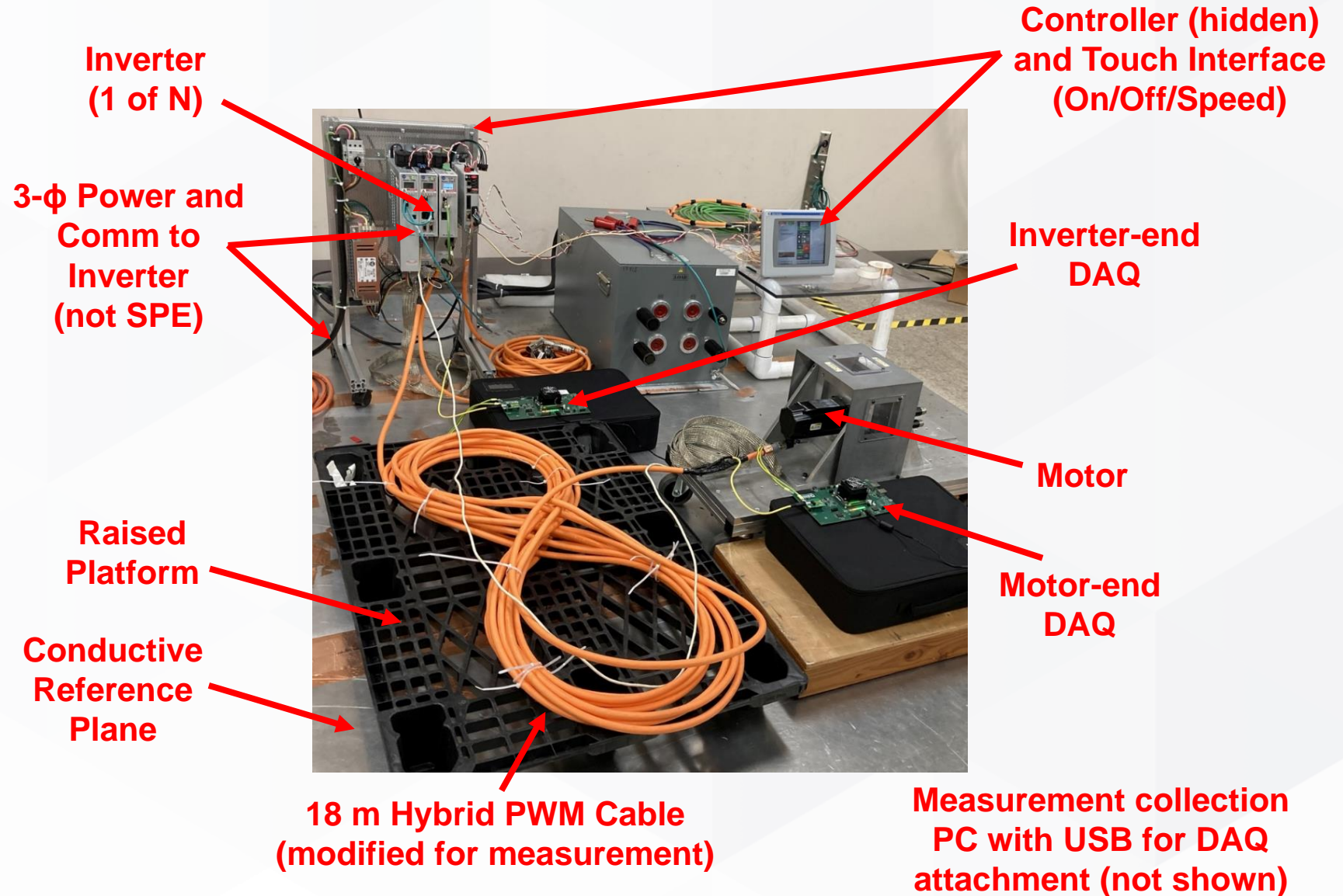
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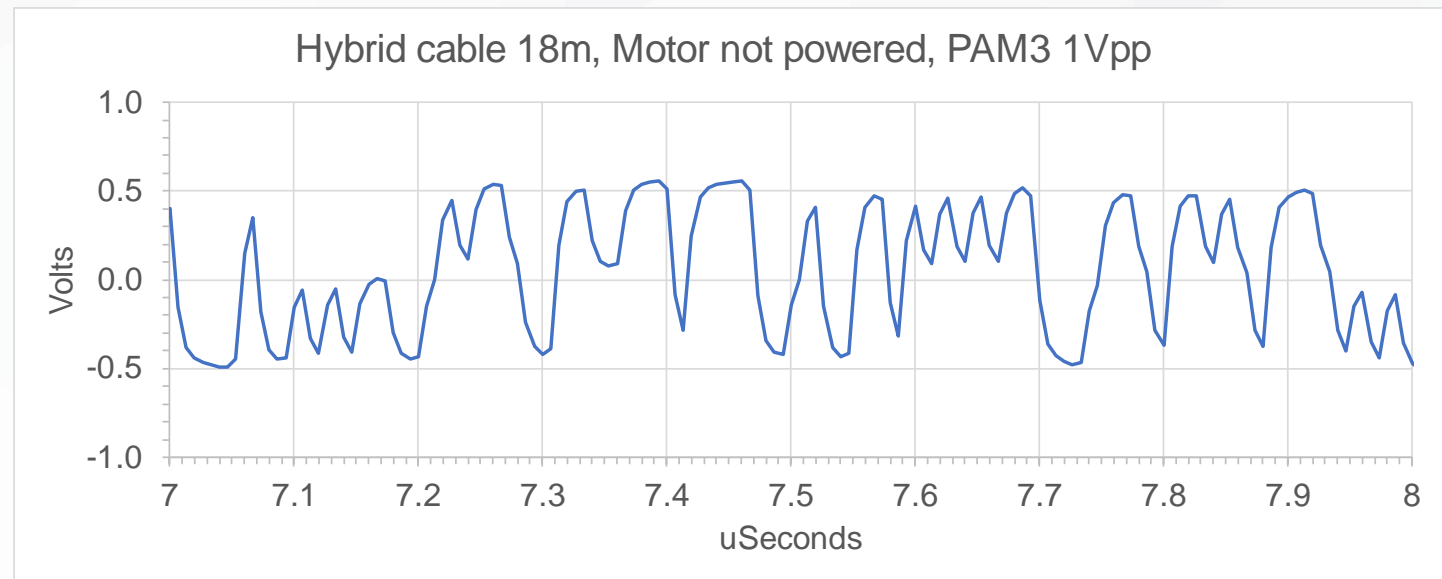
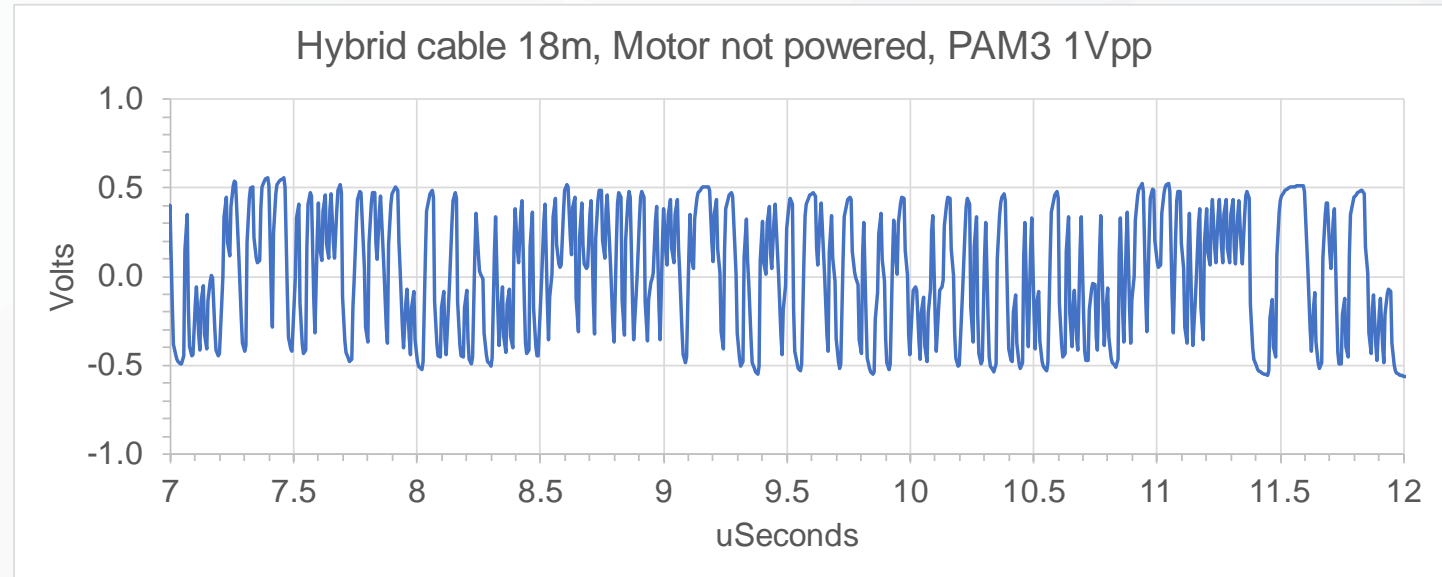
# Kinetix 5700 Dual Axis Inverter

- ▶ PWM with 200ns rise time
- ▶ 18m Hybrid Cable
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- ▶ PC uses USB to attach to each DAQ to collect measurement



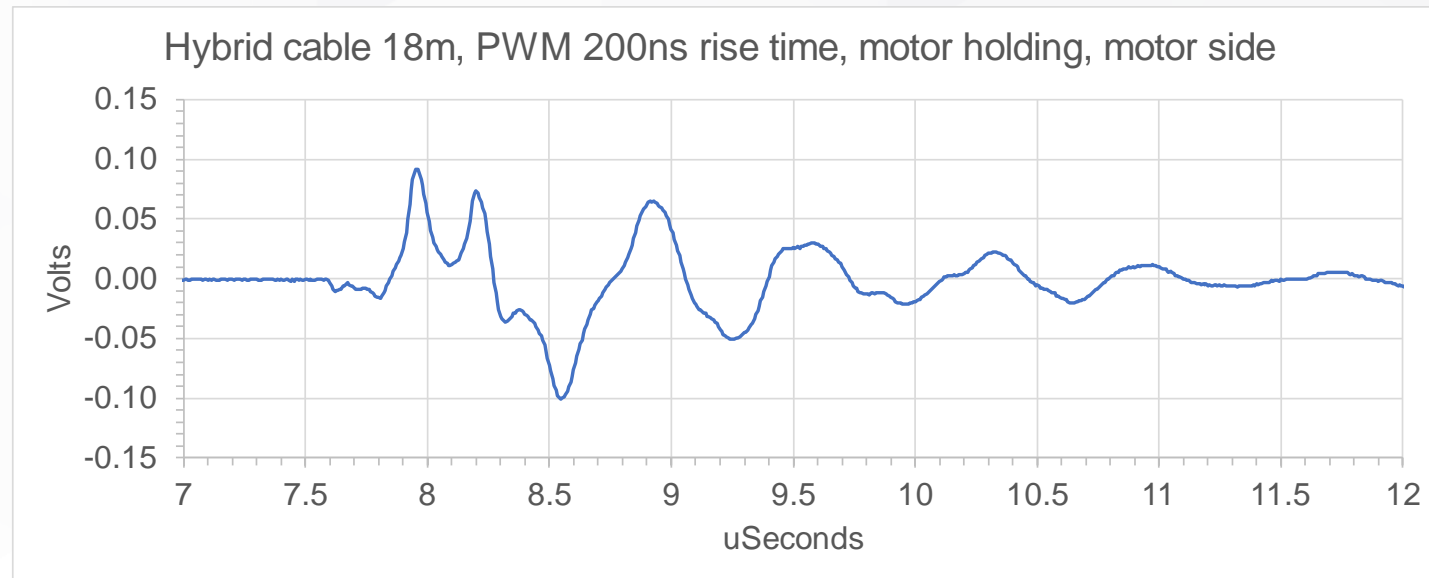
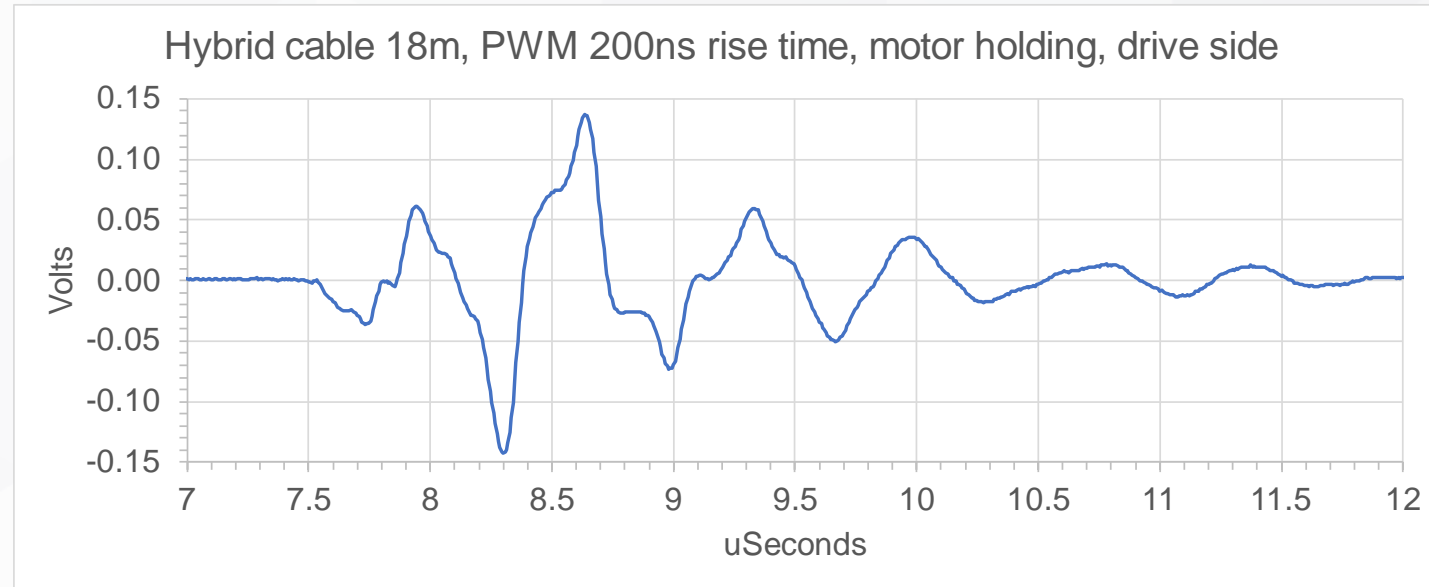
# PAM3 1Vpp Signal

- ▶ The Data Acquisition (DAQ) on one side of the cable transmitting PAM3 1Vpp signal
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- ▶ Little attenuation / distortion of the signal on 18m hybrid cable



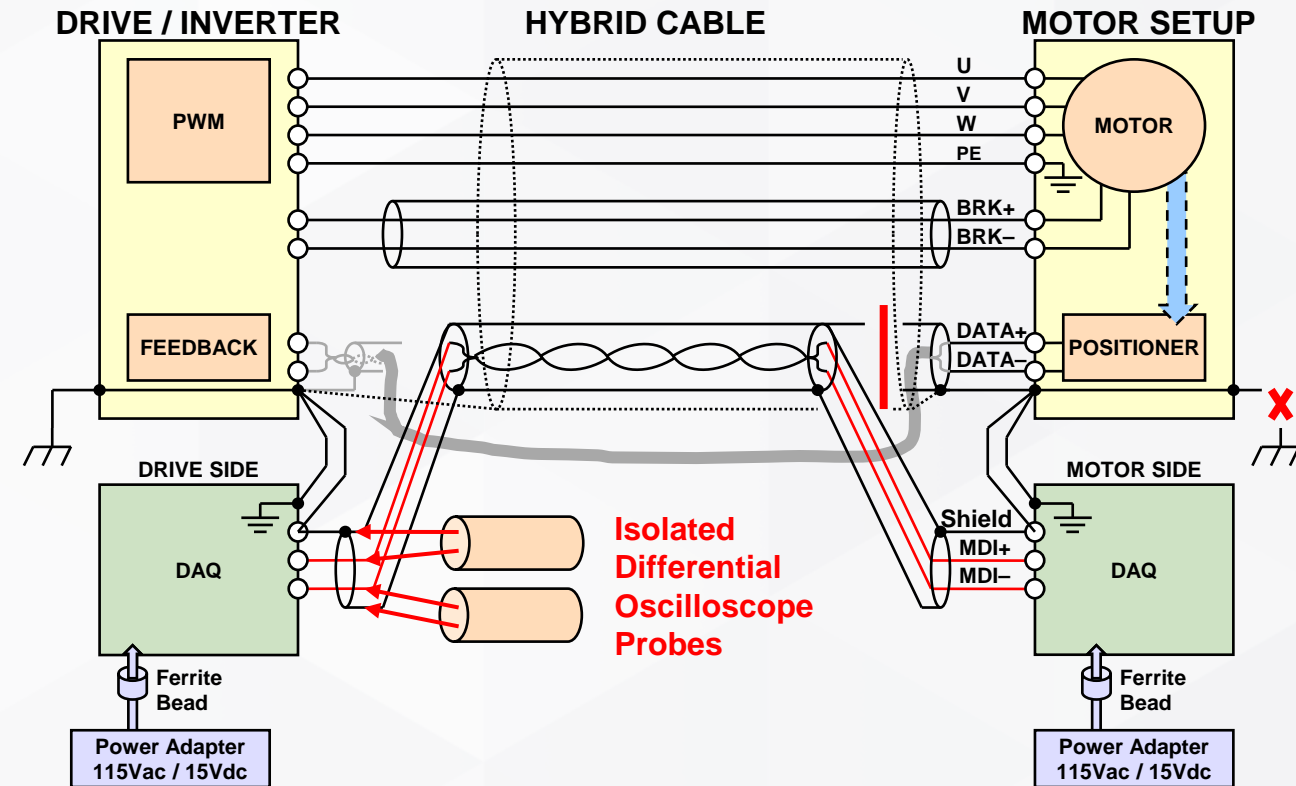
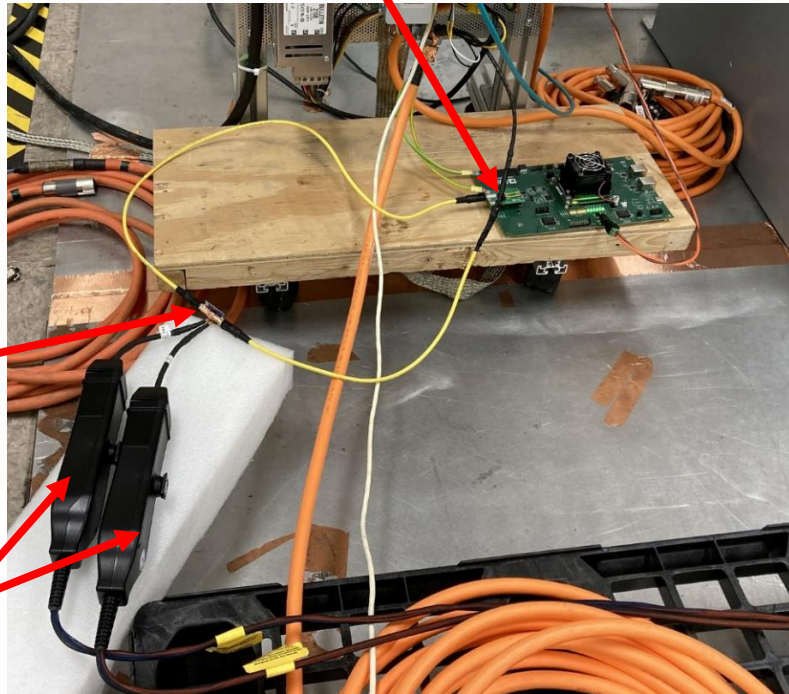
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# Oscilloscope Captures (Kinetix 5700, 18 m, 200 ns)

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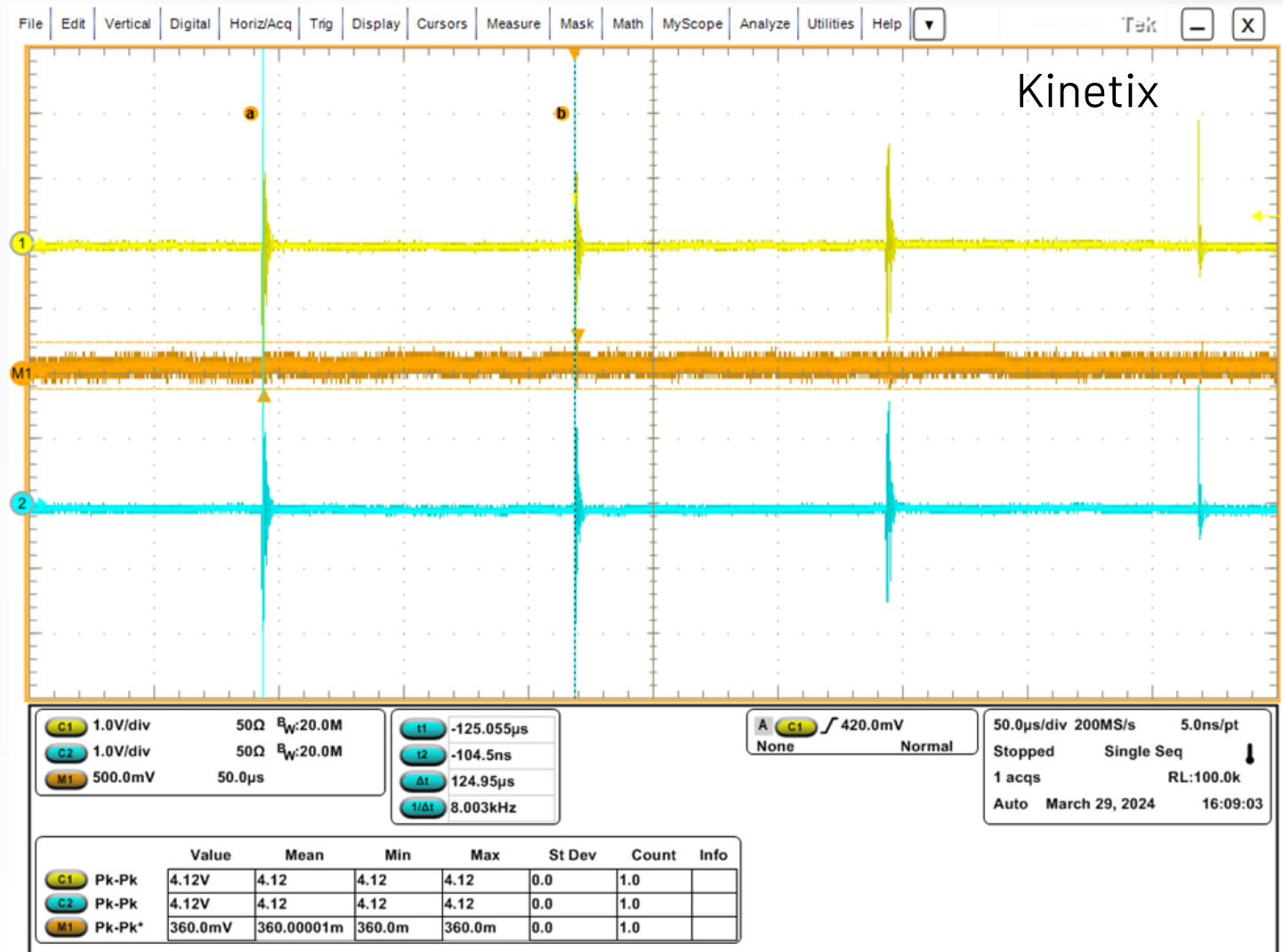


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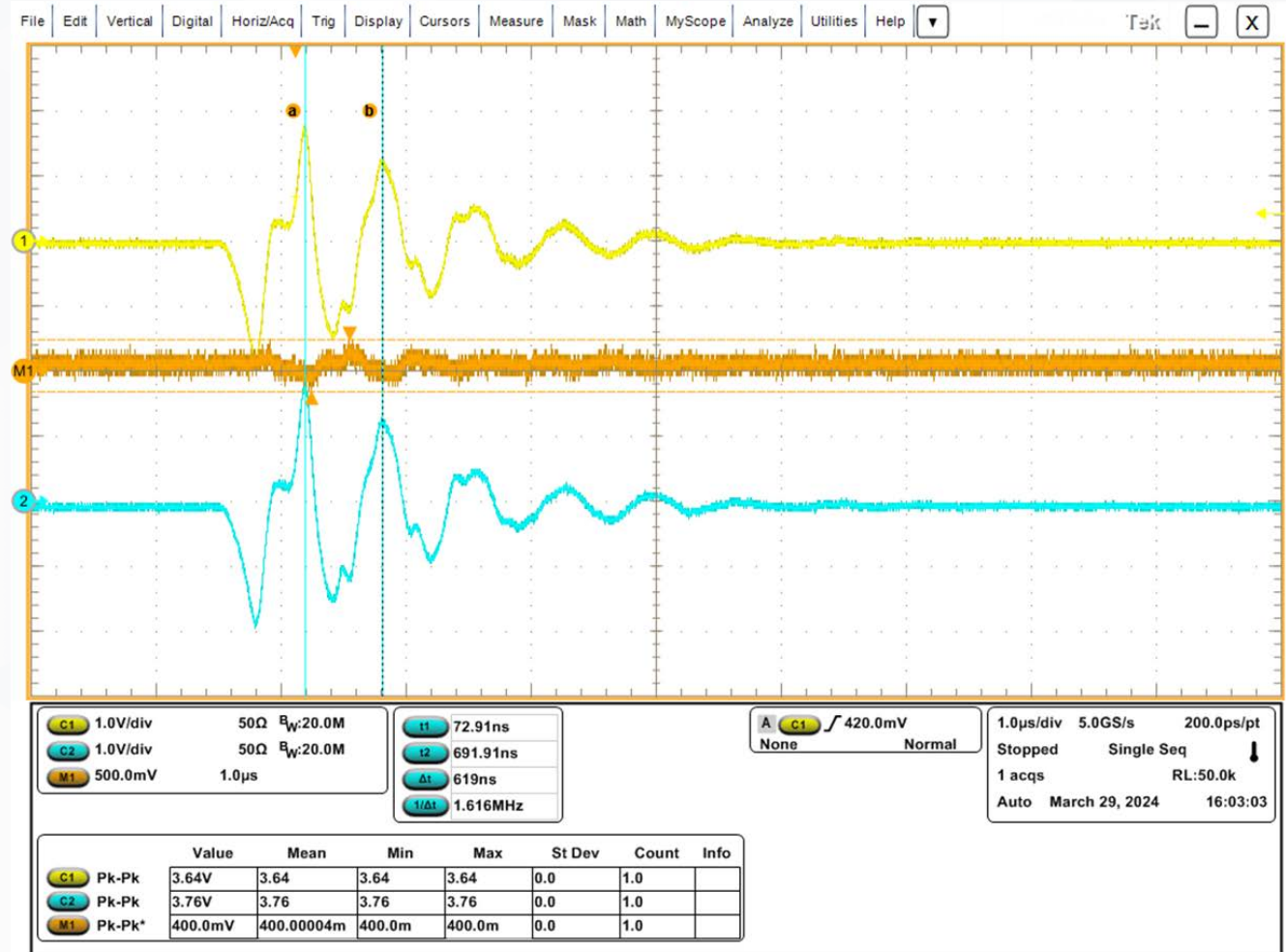
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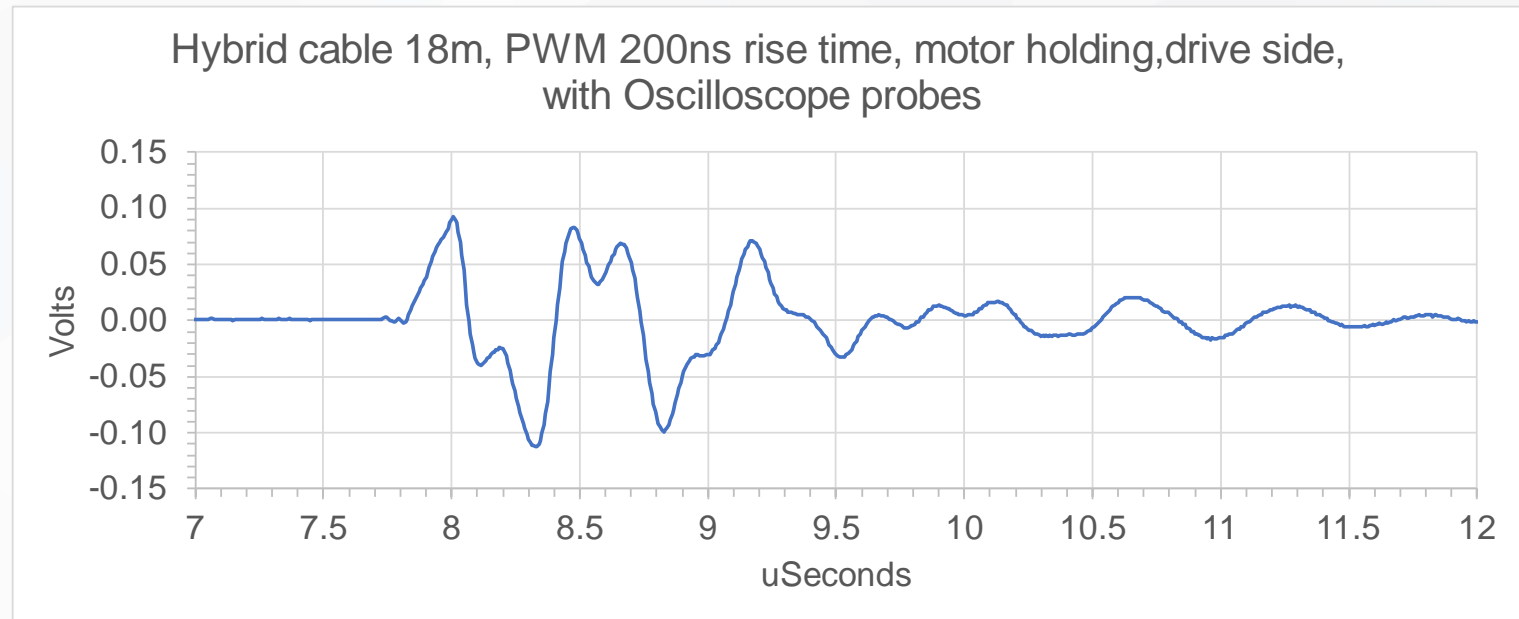
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  - ▶ Oscilloscope filters @ 20 MHz
    - DM measures less than CM by ~9x
    - M1 = 400 mVpp exceeds amplitude at DAQ
  - ▶ PWM pulses response persists for > 4.5 us
  - ▶ Oscillations are ~620 ns (1.6 MHz)
    - Relates to cable electrical length
    - Waveform appears to have multiple frequency components
    - The measurement varies by a couple 100 kHz in multiple captures, possibly due to independent addition of frequency components



# Signal Coupled to Communication Pair

- ▶ PWM pulses response persists > 4 us
  - DAQ has limited buffer
- ▶ Differential amplitude ~200 mVpp
- ▶ Oscillations are ~600 ns
  - Multiple frequency components





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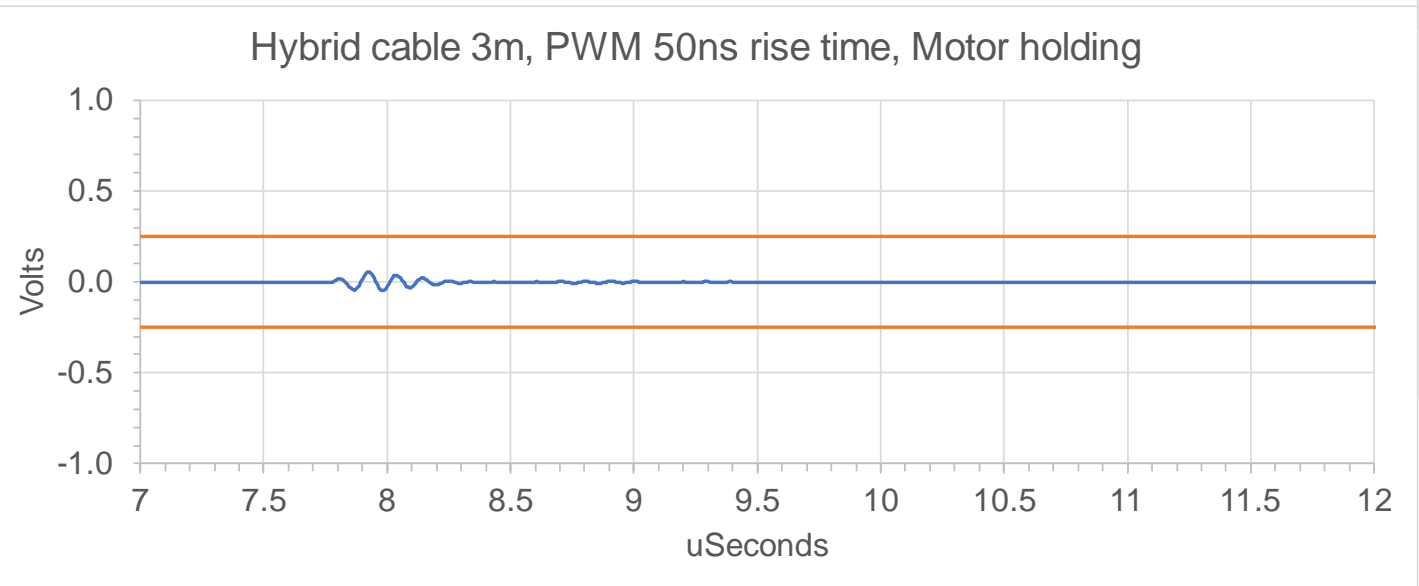
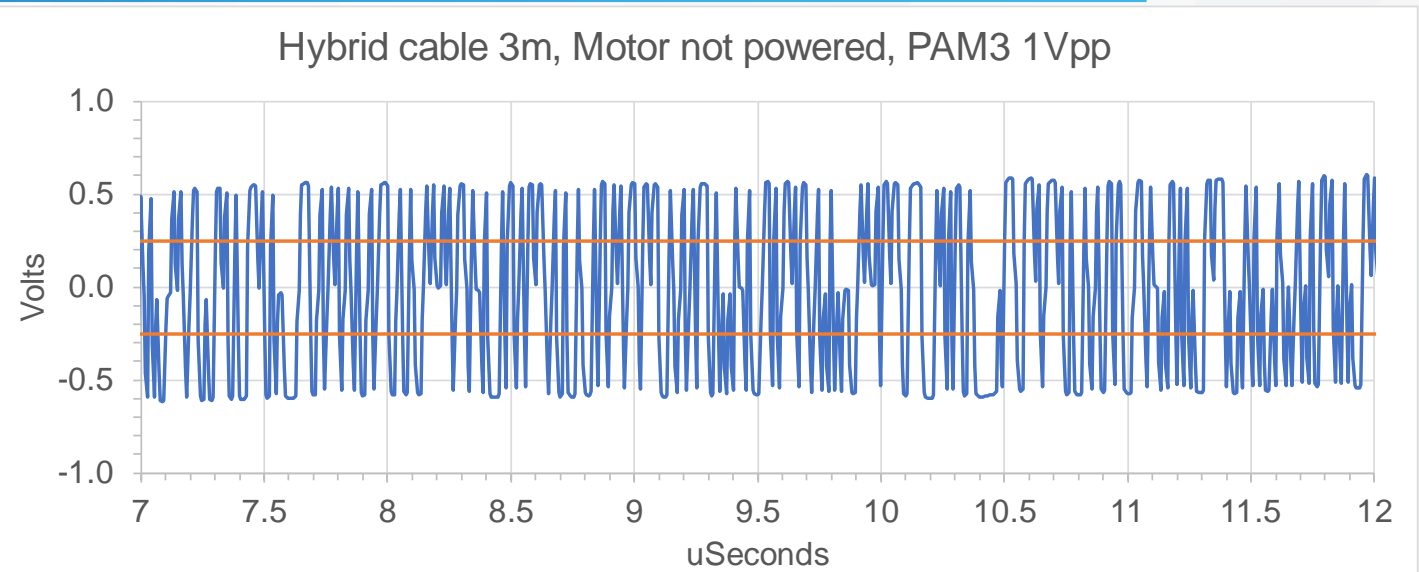
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# Discussion

# Variant 1

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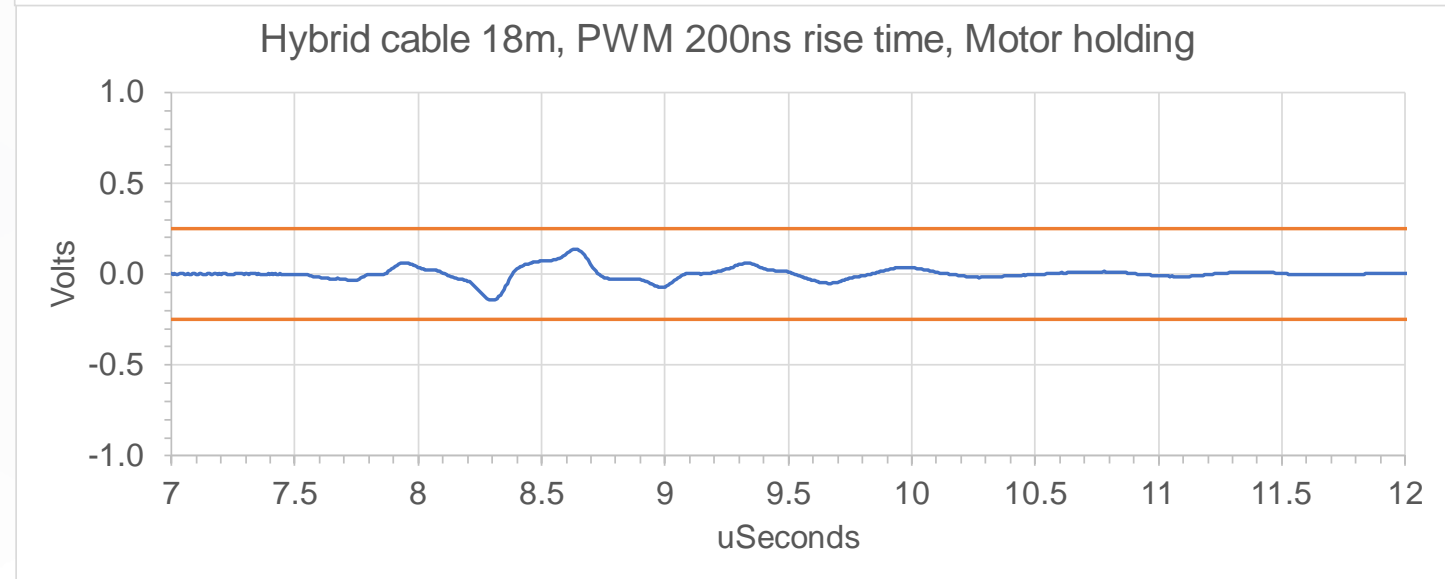
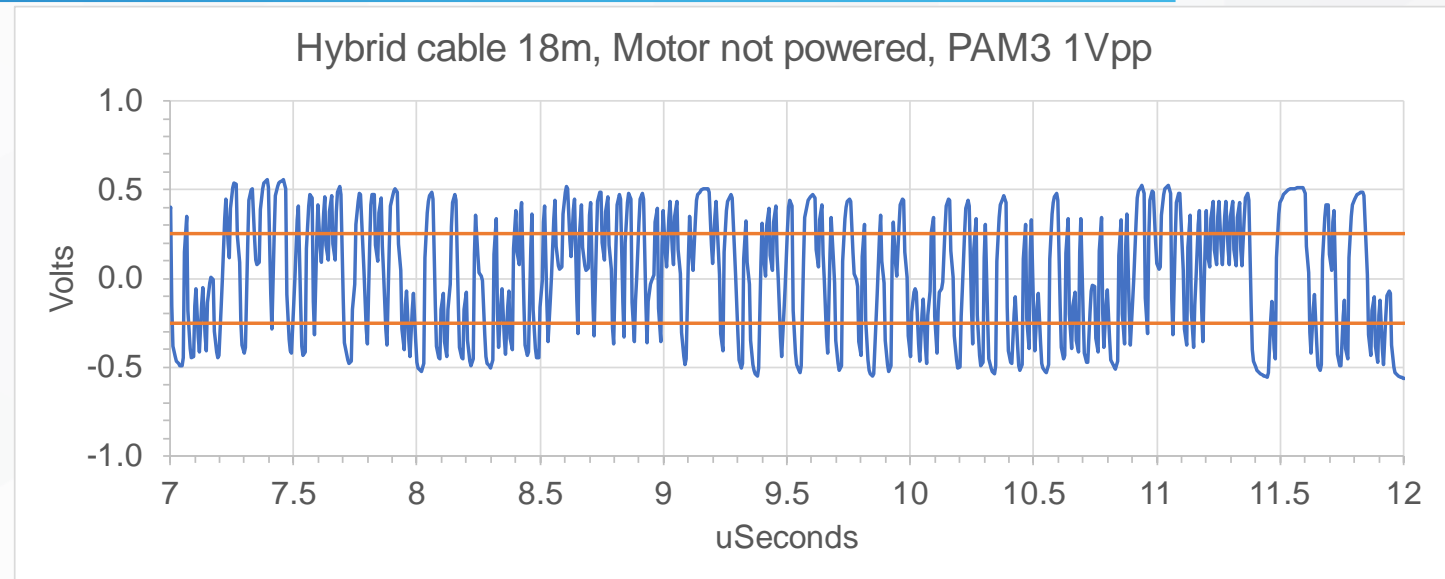
- ▶ PWM with 50ns rise time
- ▶ 3m Hybrid Cable (specified max. 4m)
- ▶ PAM3 test signal 1Vpp
  - Passing through 3m cable without visible attenuation
  - Assumed slicer thresholds  $\pm 250\text{mV}$
- ▶ Interference signal from motor power PWM coupled to shielded twisted communication pair
  - Motor in holding position
  - Motor not grounded
  - DAQ grounded to cable/connector
- ▶ Pulse disturbance approx.  $\pm 55\text{mV}$ 
  - Amplitude and frequency will depend on cable length, termination, etc...
- ▶ Sufficient signal / pulse noise margin
  - Will get only better at higher PAM3 amplitude



# Variant 2

## Kinetix 5700 Dual Axis Inverter

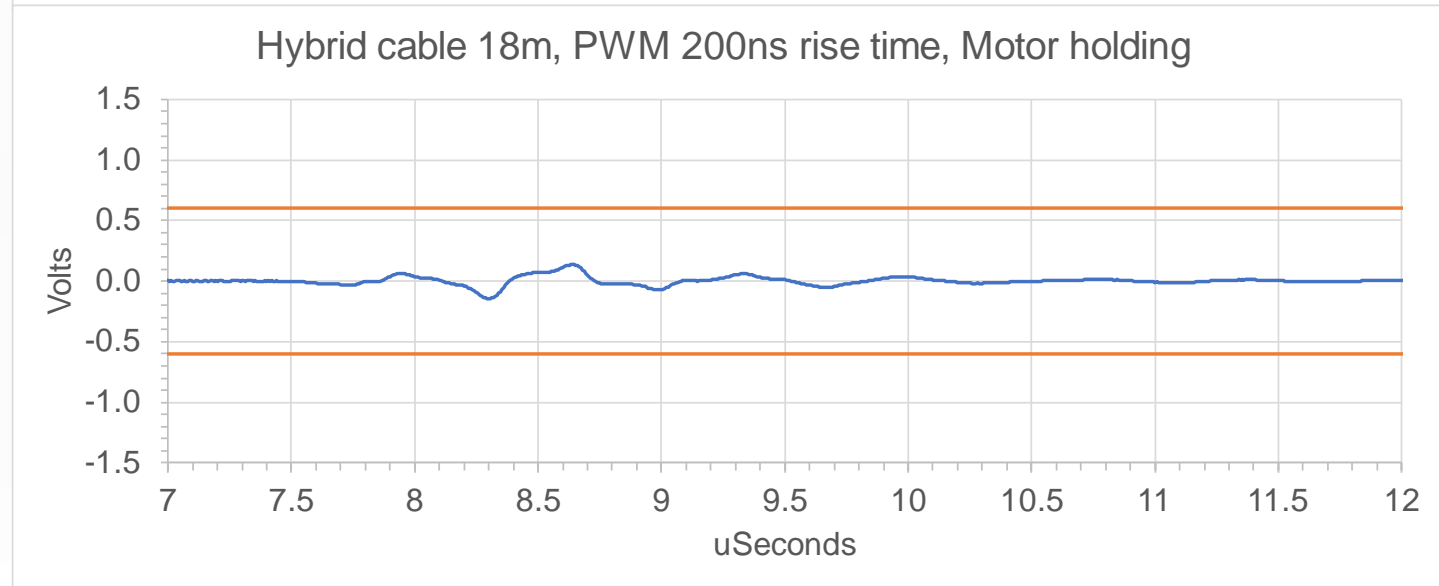
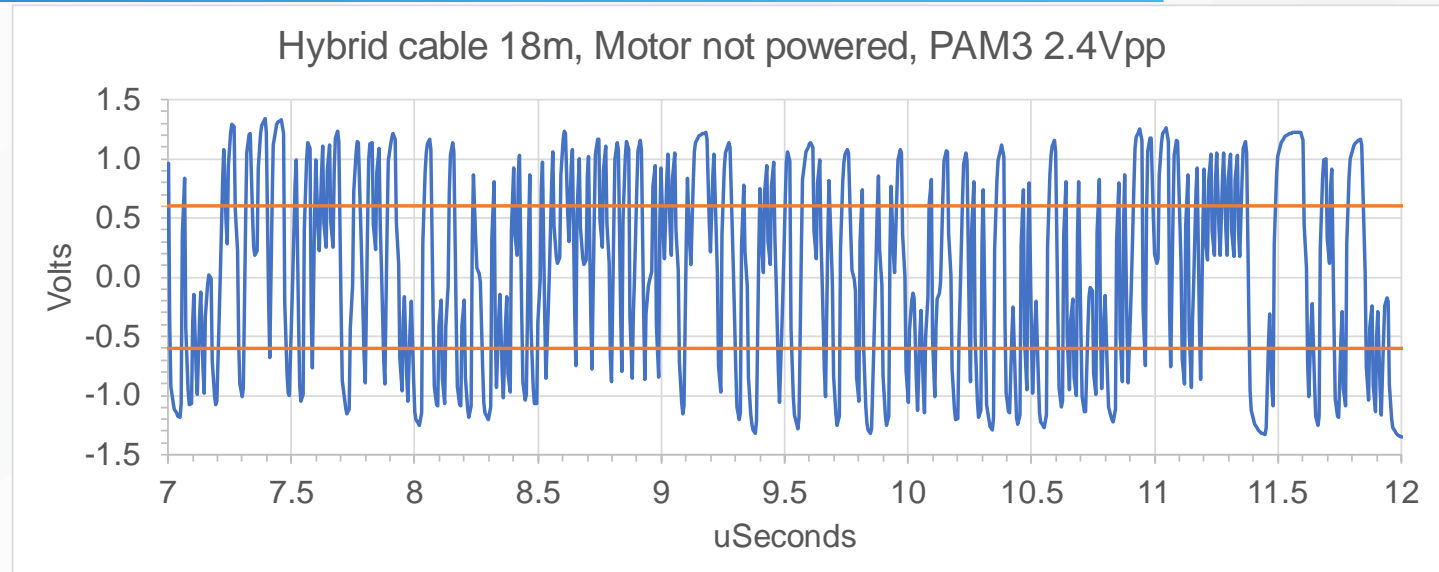
- ▶ PWM with 200ns rise time
- ▶ 18m Hybrid Cable (specified max. 90m)
- ▶ PAM3 test signal 1Vpp
  - Passing through 18m cable with little attenuation
  - Assumed slicer thresholds  $\pm 250\text{mV}$
- ▶ Interference signal from motor power PWM coupled to shielded twisted communication pair
  - Motor in holding position
  - Motor not grounded
  - DAQ grounded to cable/connector
- ▶ Pulse disturbance approx.  $\pm 140\text{mV}$ 
  - Amplitude and frequency will depend on cable length, termination, etc...
- ▶ Some signal / pulse noise margin
  - Should be better at higher PAM3 amplitude



# Variant 2 – but with Higher PAM3 Amplitude

Kinetix 5700 Dual Axis Inverter

- ▶ PAM3 signal 2.4Vpp
  - Mathematically scaled from 1Vpp data
    - For visual comparison
    - Validated in a different setup
  - Assumed slicer thresholds =>  $\pm 600\text{mV}$
- ▶ Pulse disturbance approx.  $\pm 140\text{mV}$
- ▶ Better / sufficient signal / pulse noise margin





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# Thank you!