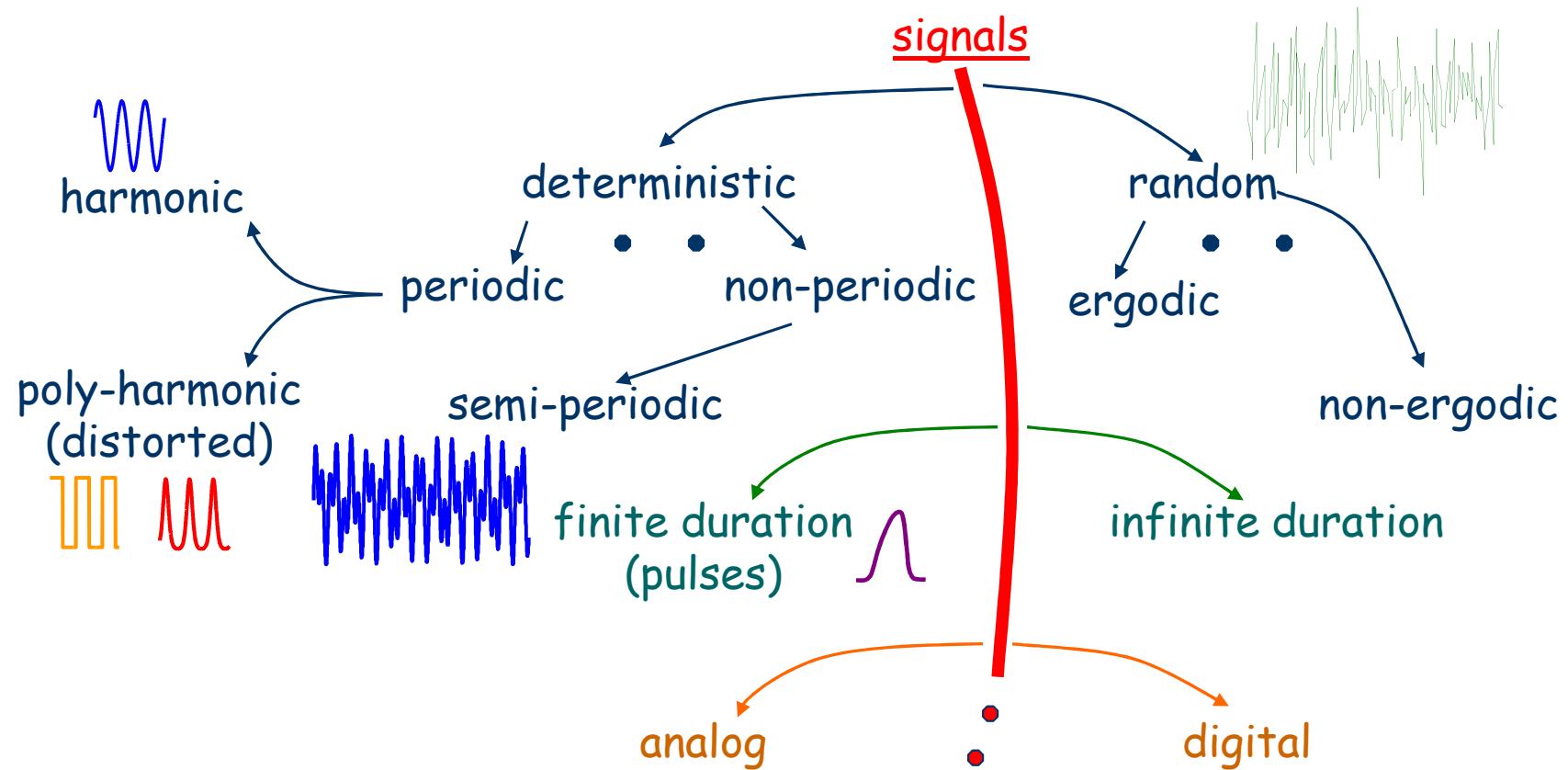


# Signals and their parameters



# Signal

physical quantity, conveying somehow an information about the state of a physical system **or** mathematical model used for this purpose



a set of possible meaningful parameters depends on the kind of a signal  
it is generally wise to know what we are going to measure and what we  
may come across

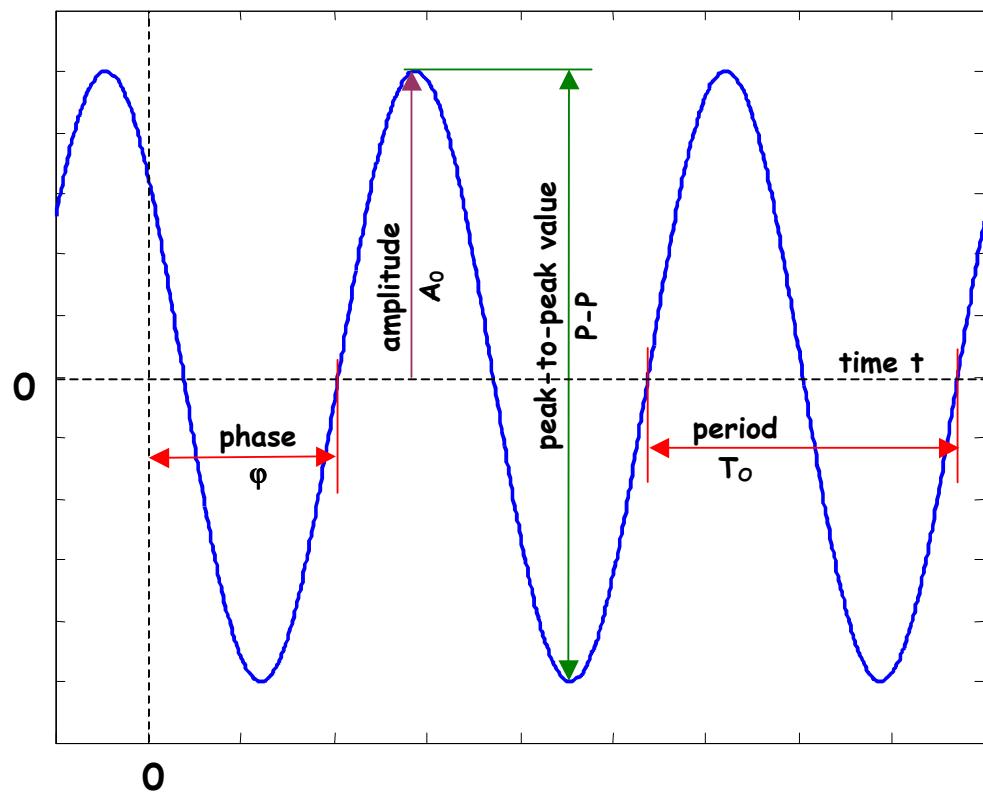


# Basic signals and their parameters

constant signal (DC)



harmonic signal (sinusoidal, AC)

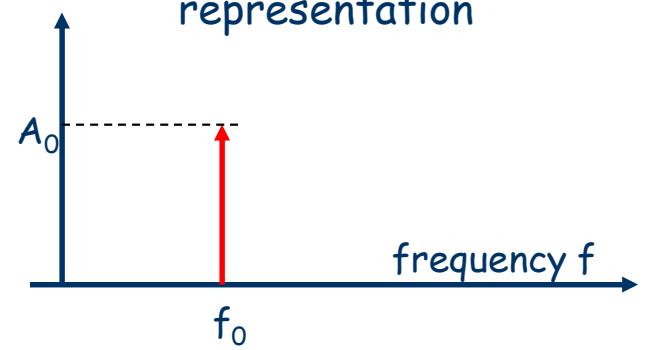


$$y(t) = A_0 \sin(2\pi f_0 t - \varphi)$$

$$T_O = \frac{1}{f_O}$$

$$y(t + nT_O) = y(t)$$

frequency spectrum representation

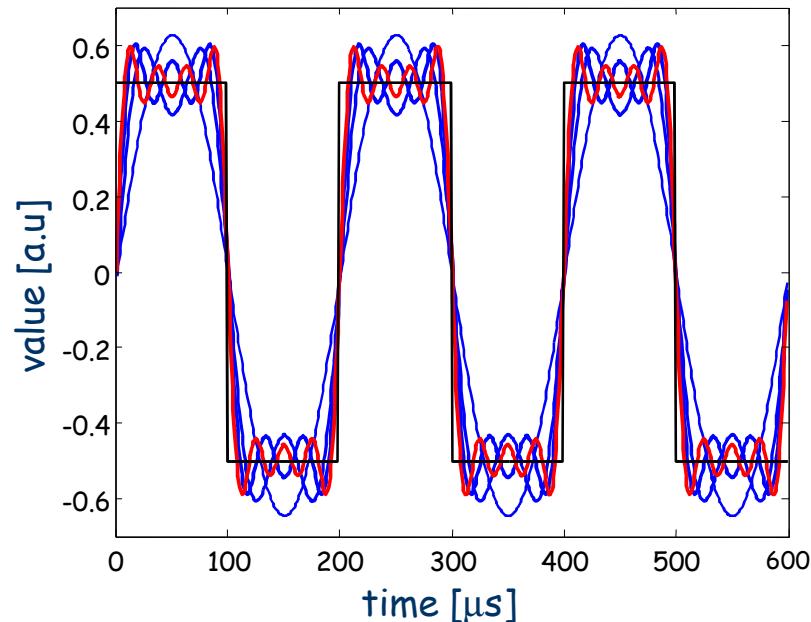




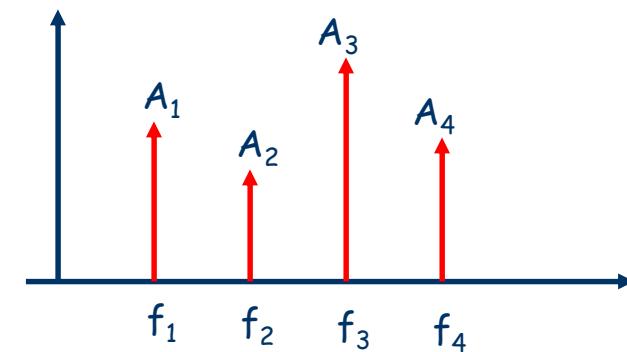
# Poly-harmonic signal

time representation

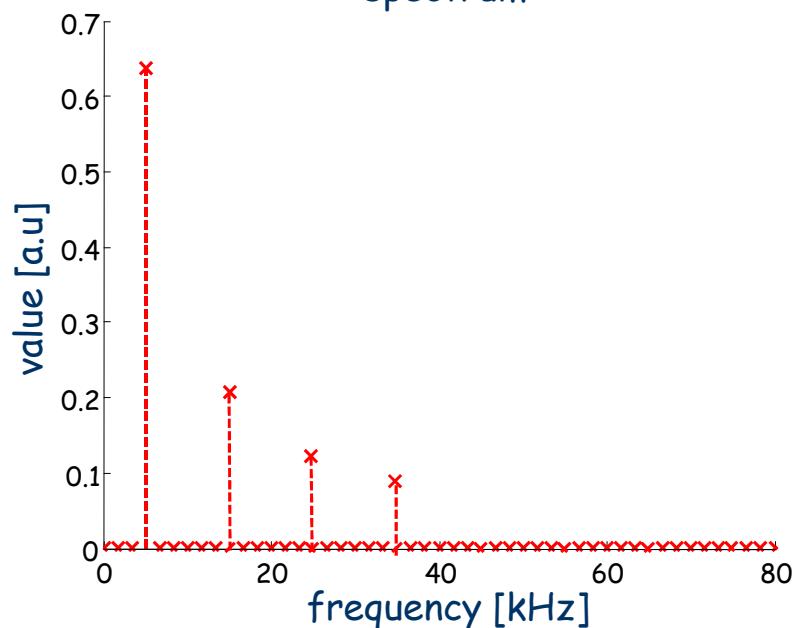
$$y(t) = \sum_n A_n \sin(2\pi \cdot n \cdot f_o \cdot t + \phi_n)$$



spectrum

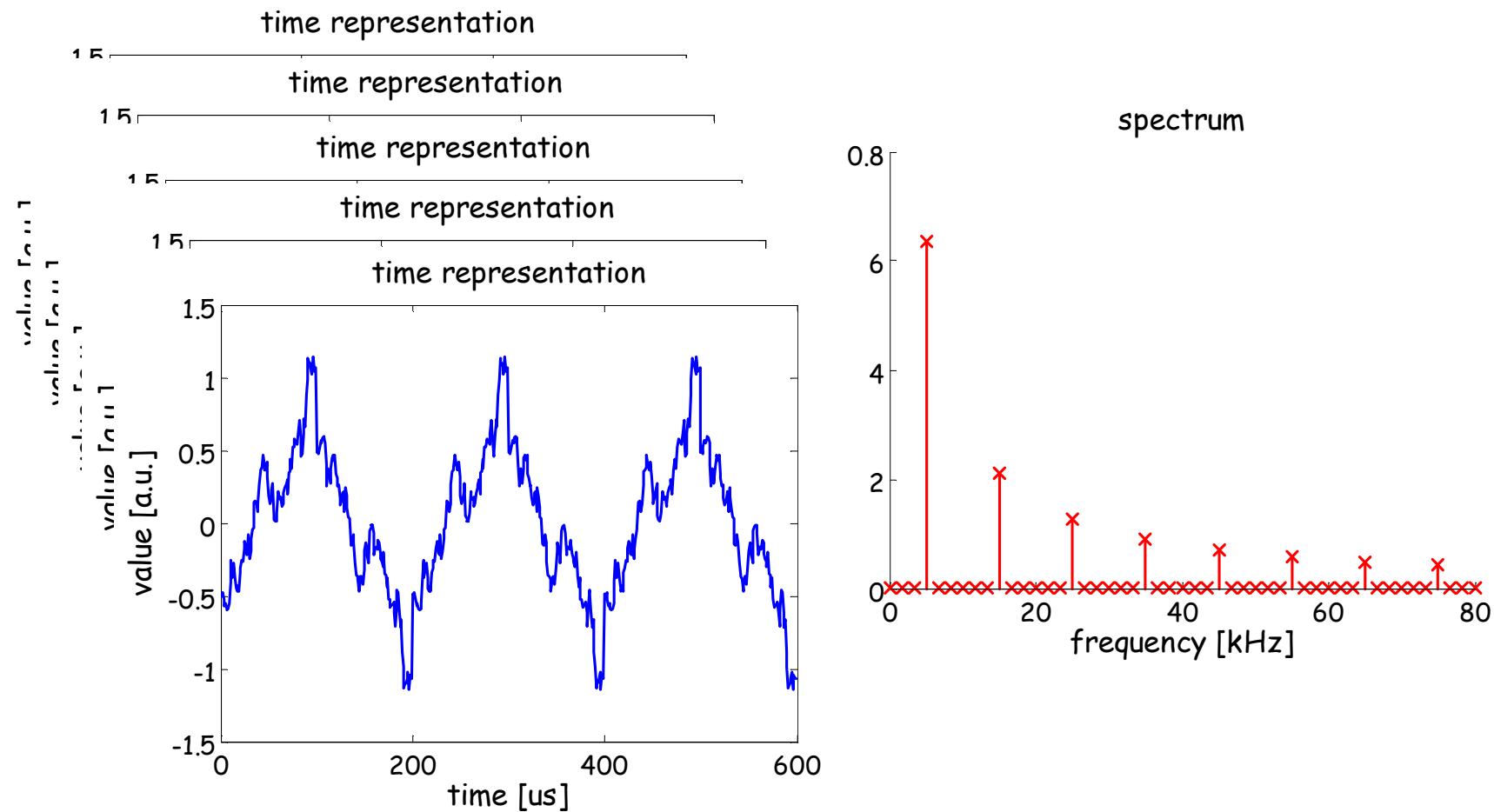


spectrum



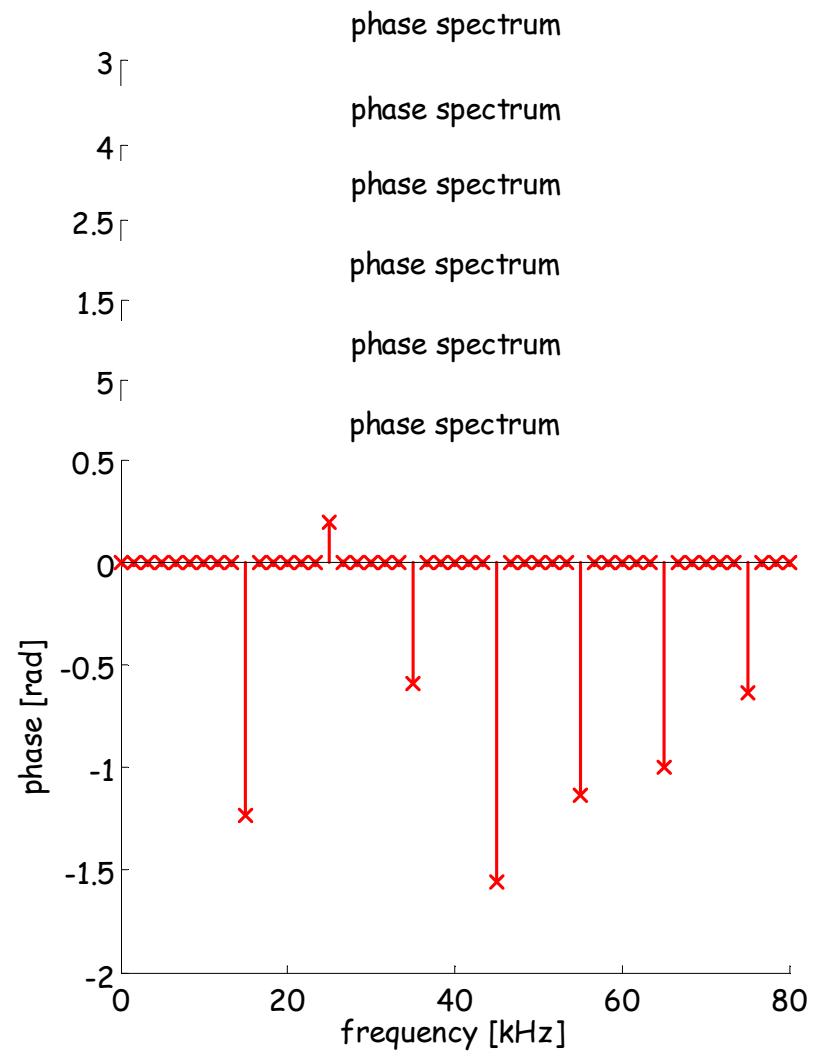
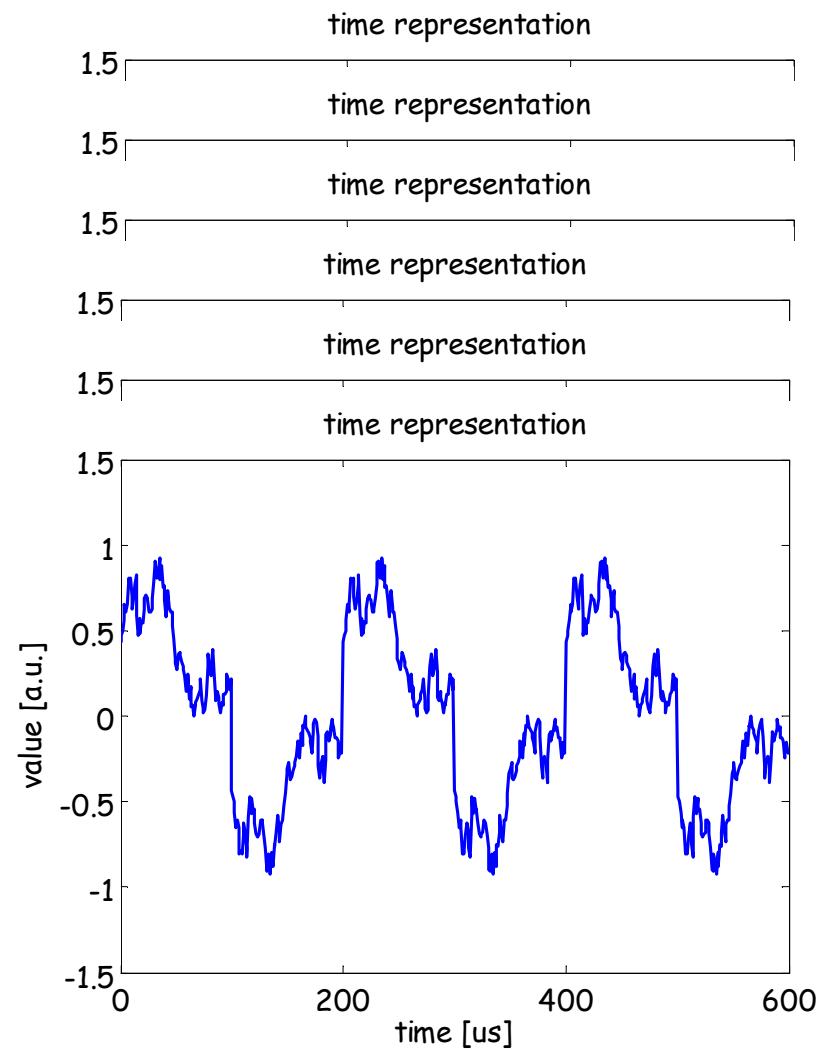


# Poly-harmonic signal - cont.





# Poly-harmonic signal - cont.



spectrum has two components - amplitude and phase



# Basic parameters

average - AVG (mean value)

periodic signal

$$y_{AV} = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} y(t) dt$$

non-periodic signal  
random signal

$$y_{AV} = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\tau} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+\tau} y(t) dt$$

root-mean-square - RMS

$$y_{RMS} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} y^2(t) dt}$$

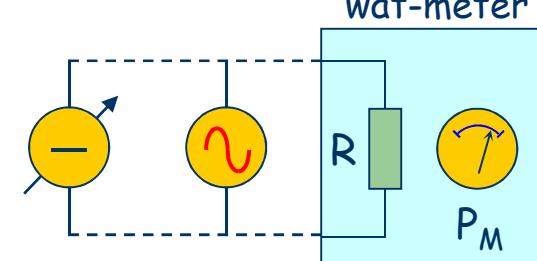
$$y_{RMS} = \sqrt{\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\tau} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+\tau} y^2(t) dt}$$

What is the meaning of a RMS value?

the value of constant voltage (or current) dissipating on a resistance R  
the same amount of electrical power as given AC signal

$$P_{AV} = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} u(t) \cdot i(t) dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} u(t) \cdot \frac{u(t)}{R} dt = \frac{1}{R} \frac{1}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} u^2(t) dt$$

substitution measurement  
of the RMS value

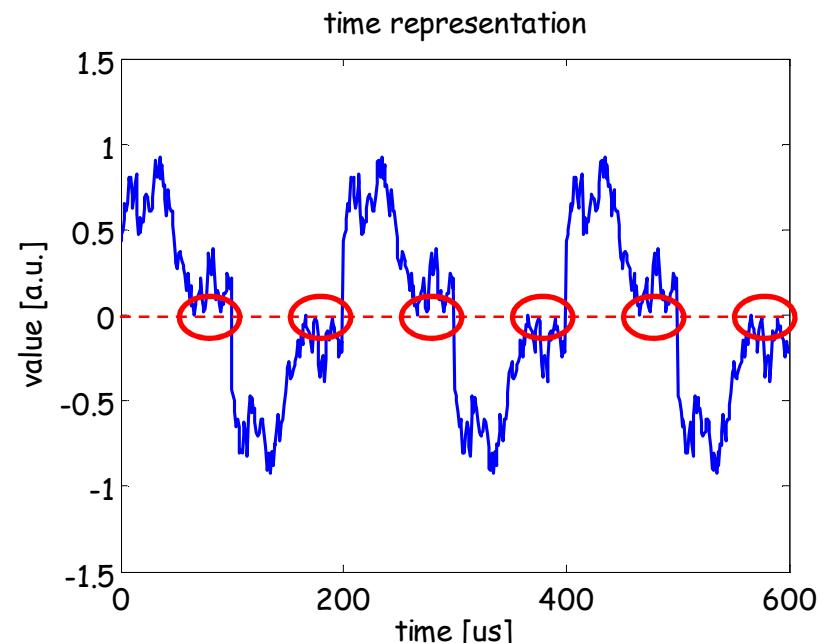
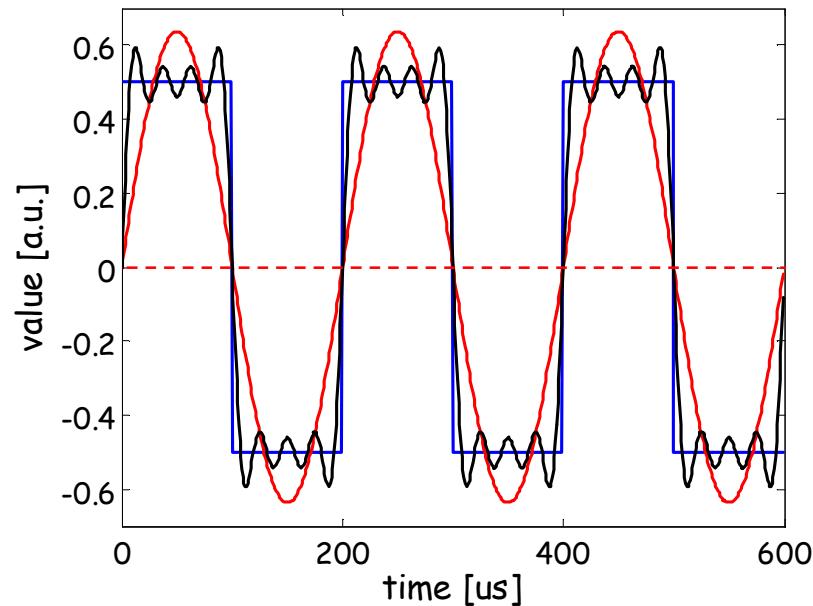
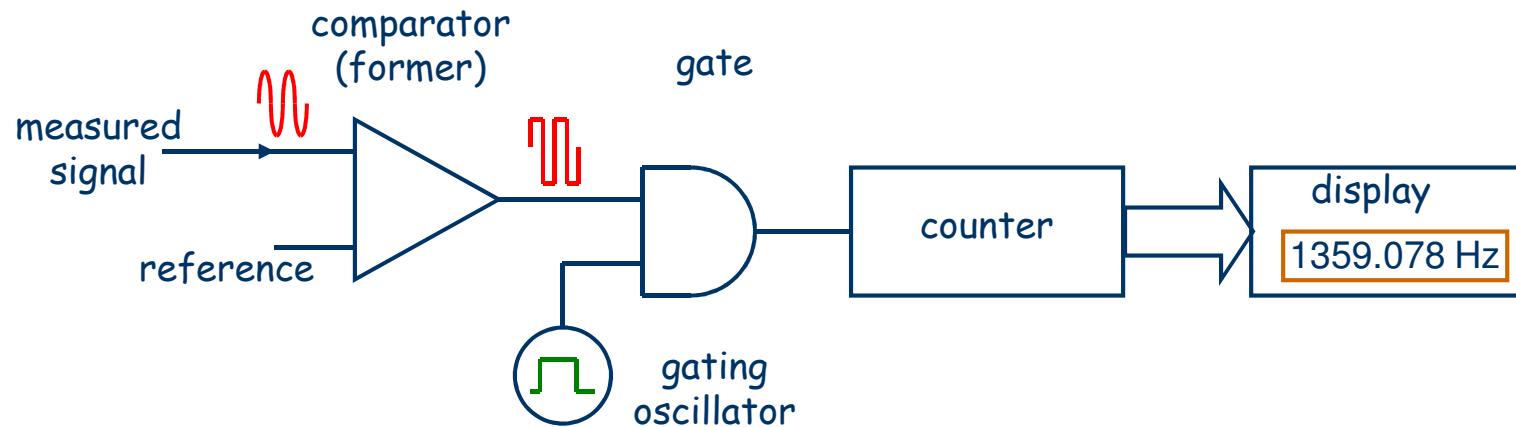


$$P_{AV} = \frac{U_{RMS}^2}{R} = R \cdot I_{RMS}^2; \quad U_{RMS} = \sqrt{R \cdot P_{AV}}$$

DC-component, AC-component, RMS-AC



# Electronic frequency measurement





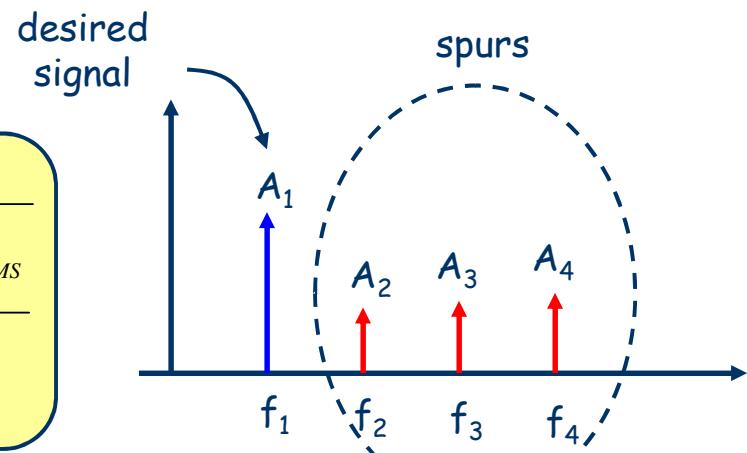
# Basic parameters - cont.

## harmonic distortion

$$y(t) = \sum_n A_n \sin(2\pi \cdot f_n \cdot t + \varphi_n)$$

$$h = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} A_{nRMS}^2}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{nRMS}^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} A_{nRMS}^2}}{y_{RMS}}$$

$$THD = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} A_{nRMS}^2}}{A_{1RMS}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} A_{nRMS}^2}{A_{1RMS}^2}}$$

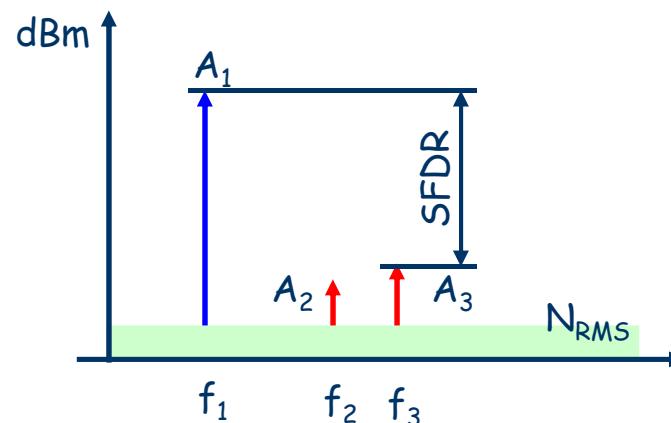


## extension for non-harmonic signals:

Total Harmonic Distortion + Noise THD+N

Spurious-Free Dynamic Range SFDR

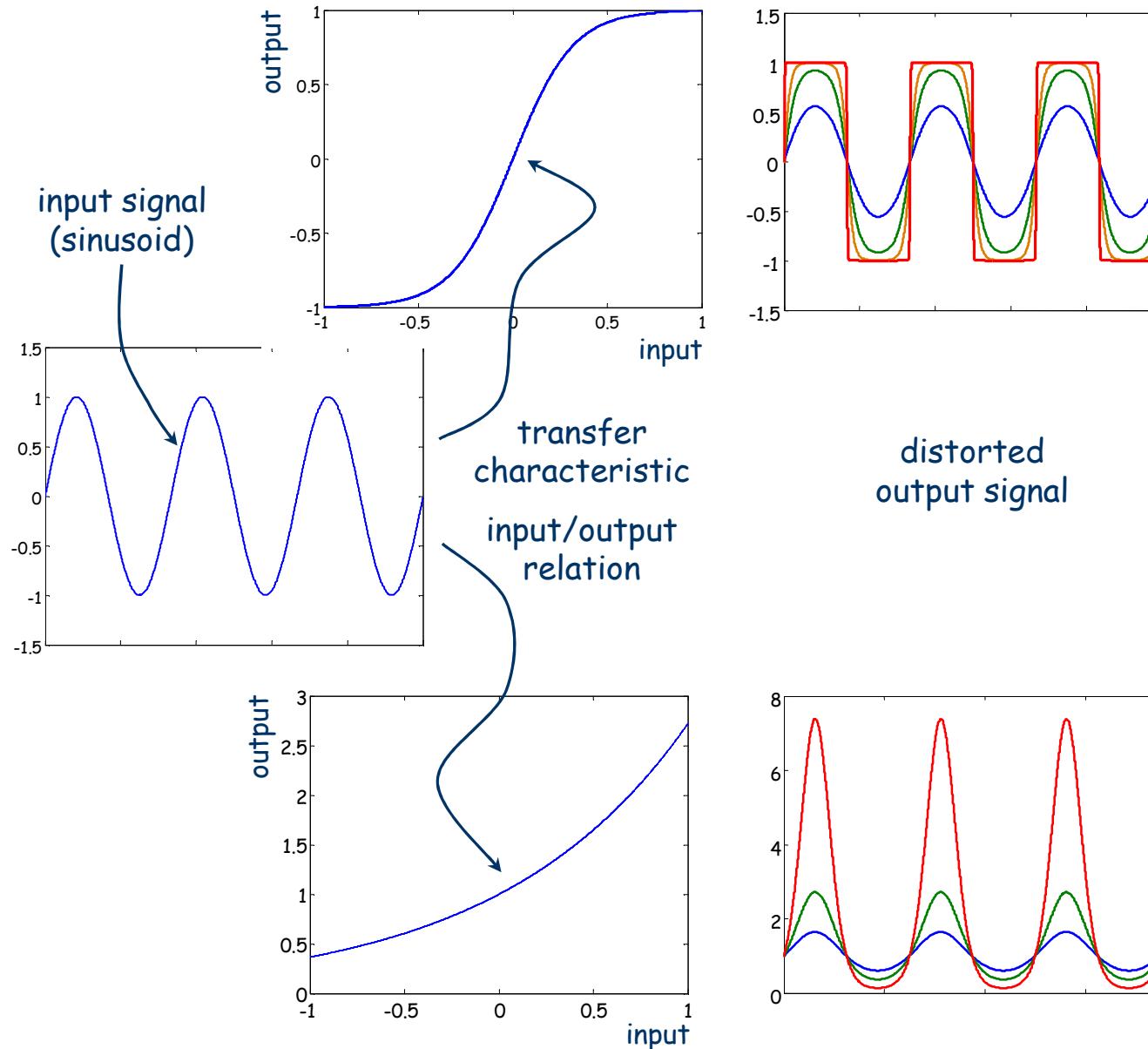
$$THD + N = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} A_{nRMS}^2 + N_{RMS}^2}{A_{1RMS}^2}}$$



$$SFDR[dBc] = A_1[dBm] - A_3[dBm]$$



# Non-linear distortion



$k$	$h$ [%]	THD [%]
0.2	3	3
0.5	13	13
1	25	26
10	42	46

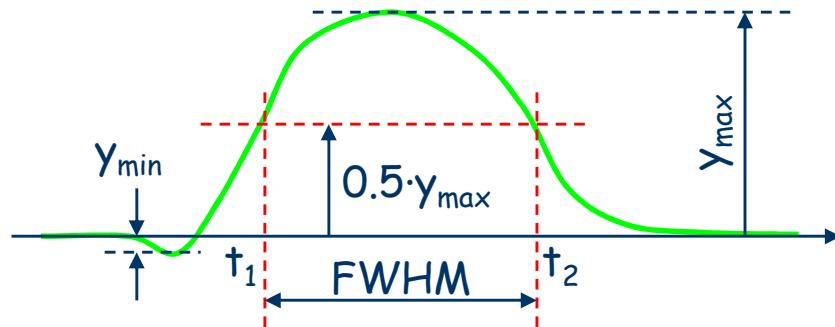
$$y = \tanh(k \cdot \pi \cdot x)$$

$k$	$h$ [%]	THD [%]
0.5	12	13
1	24	24
2	41	45

$$y = \exp(k \cdot x)$$



# Pulsed waveforms



„charge“

$$Q = \int i(t) dt$$

„energy“

$$E = \int y^2(t) dt$$

peak value

$$y_{\max} = \max |y(t)|$$

peak-peak value

$$y_{p-p} = \max y(t) - \min y(t)$$

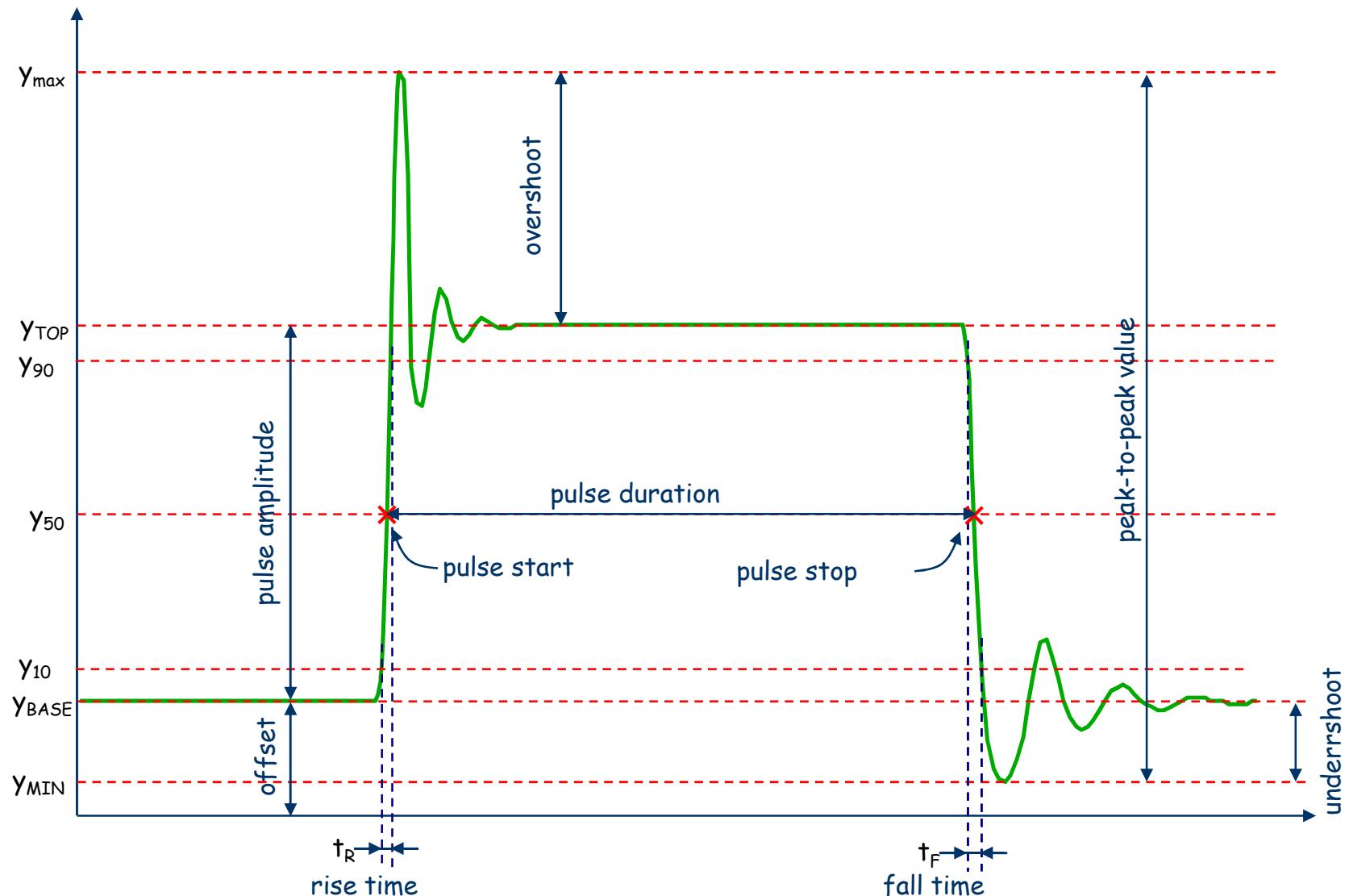
FWHM

Full Width at Half Maximum

$$t_{FWHM} = t_2 - t_1 \Big|_{y(t_1)=y(t_2)=0.5y_{\max}}$$



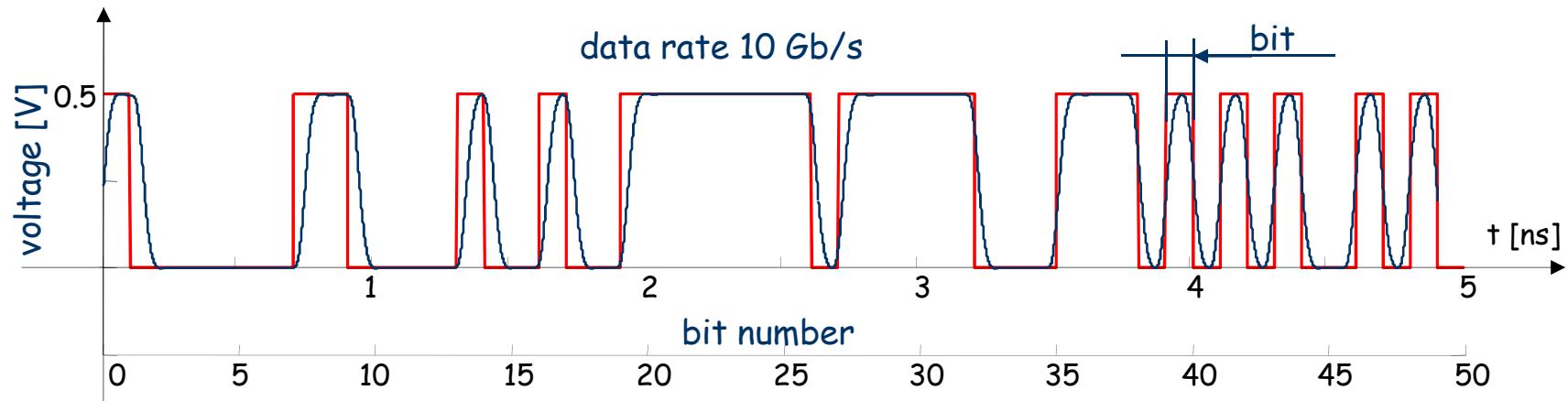
# Pulsed waveforms (ANSI/IEEE 194-1977)





# Digital telecommunication signal

binary synchronous signal



frame

continuous stream of data



binary asynchronous signal

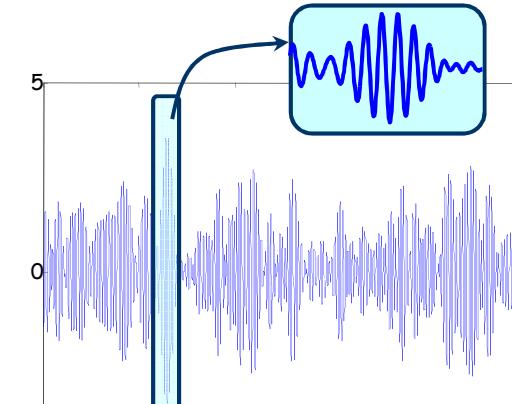
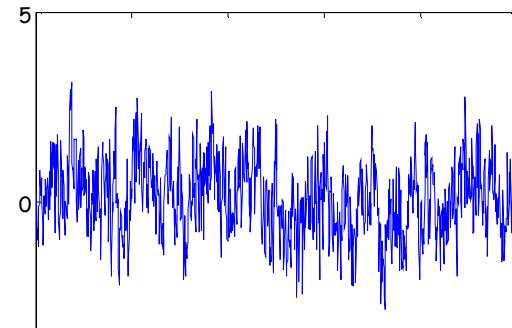
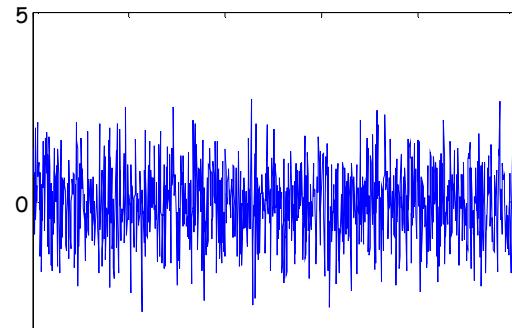
data packet



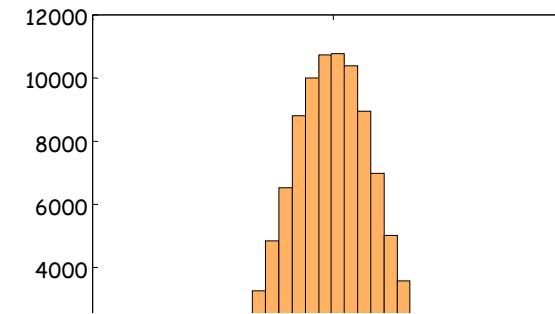
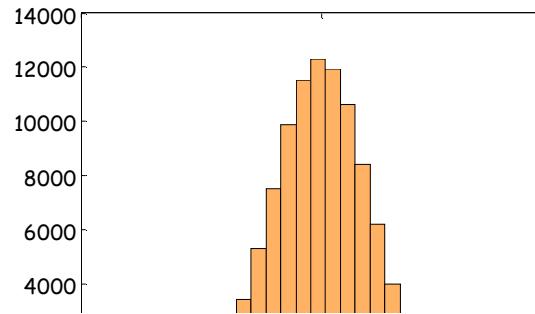
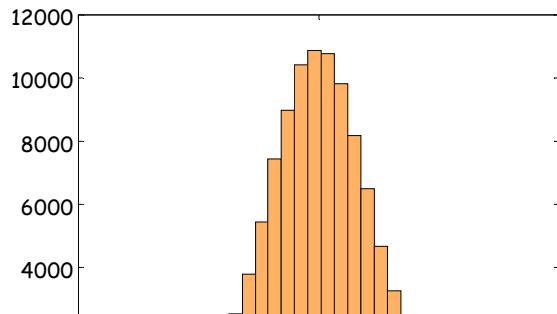
# Random signals



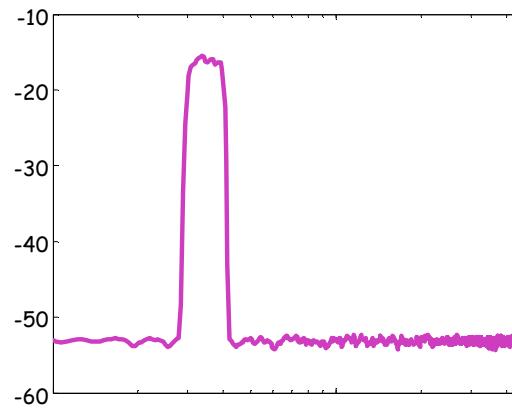
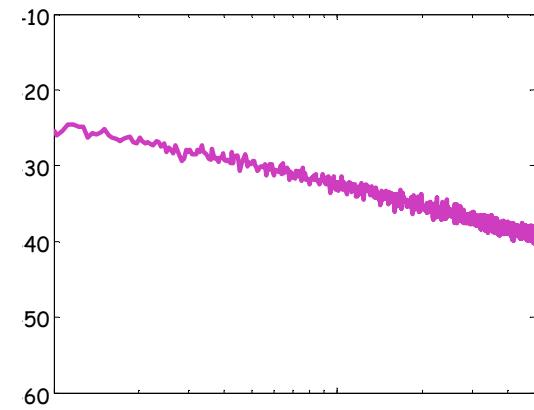
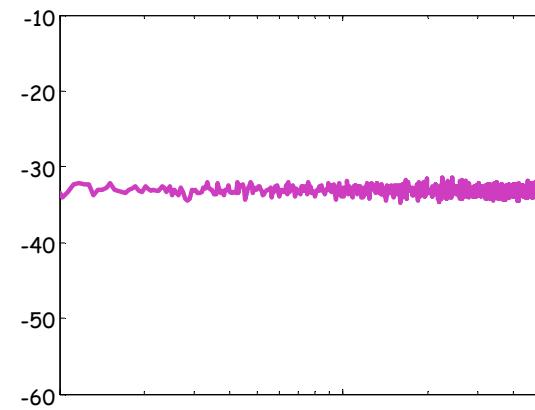
noise



time plot



histogram

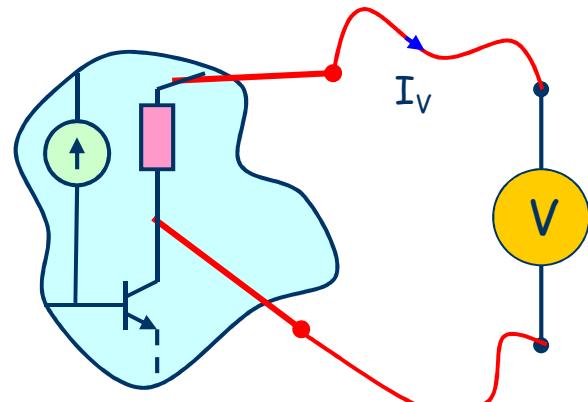


spectrum



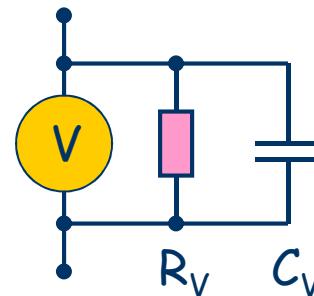
# Measurement primer – voltage

ideal voltmeter



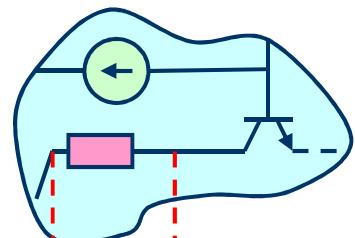
$$I_V = 0 \Rightarrow R_V = \infty \\ Z_V = \infty$$

real voltmeter



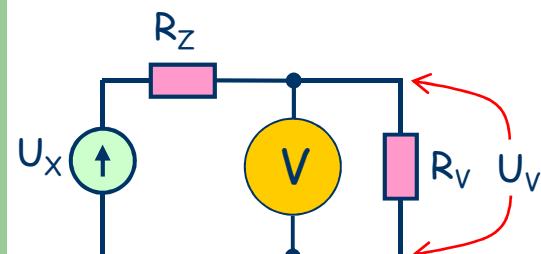
$$R_V \sim 10 M\Omega - 10 G\Omega \\ C_V \sim 100 pF - 1 nF$$

voltage divider effect



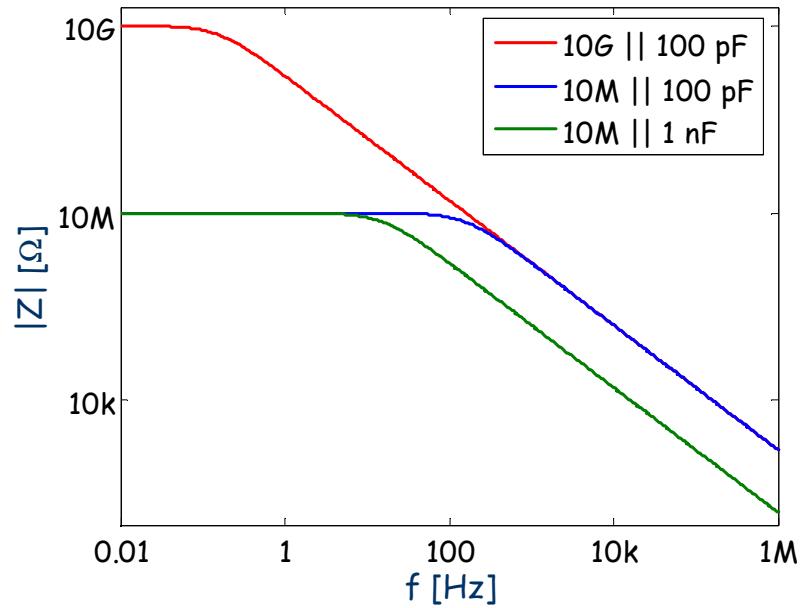
$$U_V = U_X \frac{R_V}{R_Z + R_V}$$

$$\frac{\Delta U_X}{U_X} = \frac{R_Z}{R_Z + R_V}$$



$$\frac{\Delta U_X}{U_X} < 1\% \Rightarrow \\ R_V > 100 \cdot R_Z$$

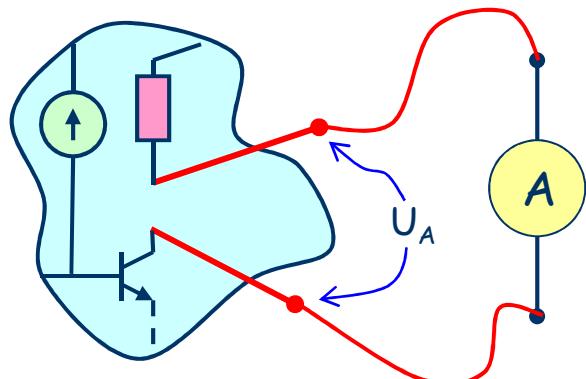
impedance of a voltmeter





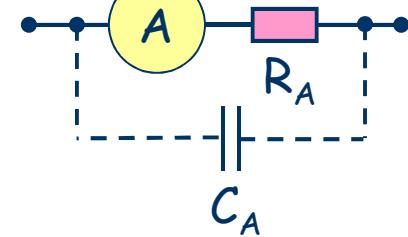
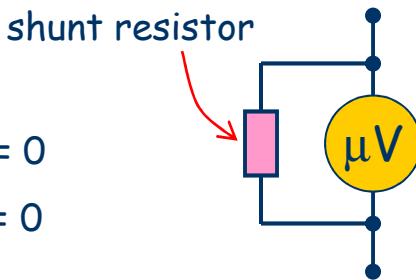
# Measurement primer – current

ideal ammeter

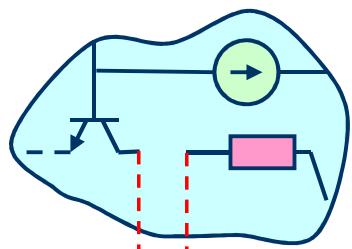


$$U_A = 0 \Rightarrow R_A = 0 \\ Z_V = 0$$

real ammeter

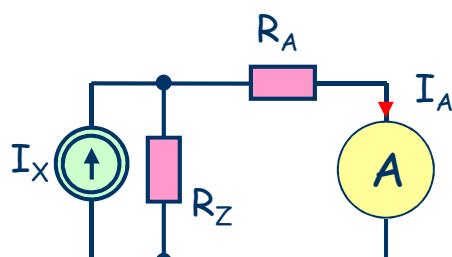


current divider effect



$$I_A = I_x \frac{R_Z}{R_Z + R_A}$$

$$\frac{\Delta I_x}{I_x} = \frac{R_A}{R_Z + R_V}$$



$$\frac{\Delta I_x}{I_x} < 1\% \Rightarrow \\ R_A < 0.01 \cdot R_Z$$

$$R_A \\ 0-400 \mu A: 1 \text{ mV}/\mu A$$

$$0-400 \text{ mA}: 1 \text{ mV}/\text{mA} \\ 0-20 \text{ A}: 10 \text{ mV/A}$$



$$0-5 \text{ mA}: 100 \Omega$$

$$0-500 \text{ mA}: 1 \Omega$$

$$0-10 \text{ A}: 0.01 \Omega$$

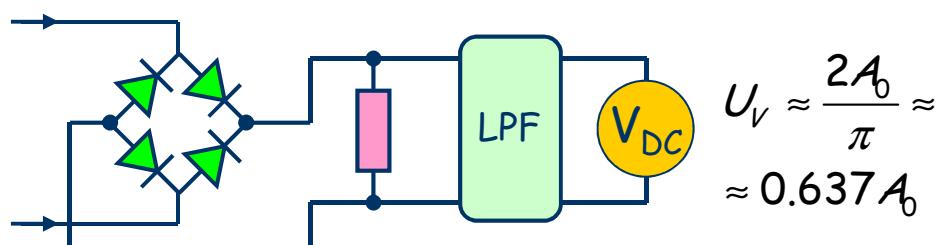
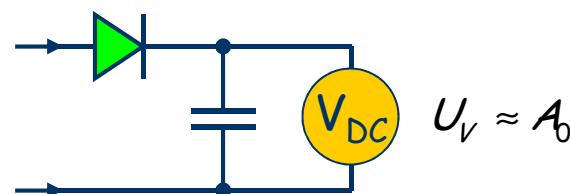
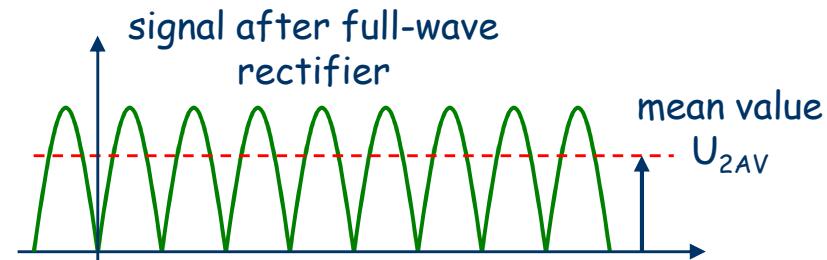
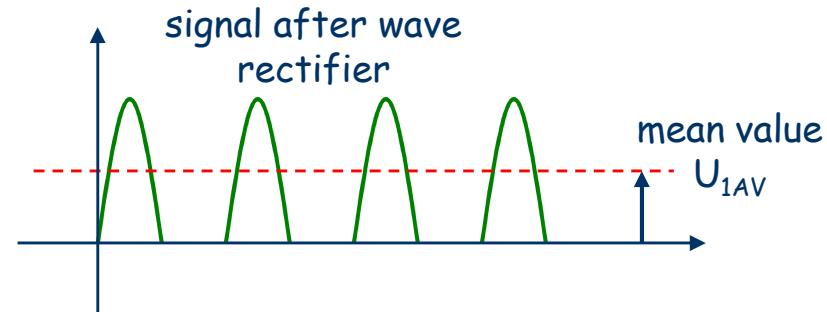
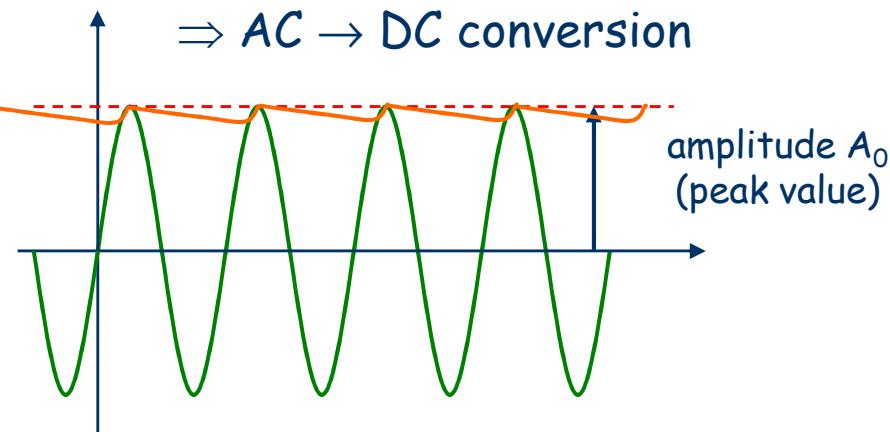
$$C_A$$

~ ???



# Measurement primer – AC voltages/currents

accuracy of DC measurements is much greater than accuracy of AC measurements



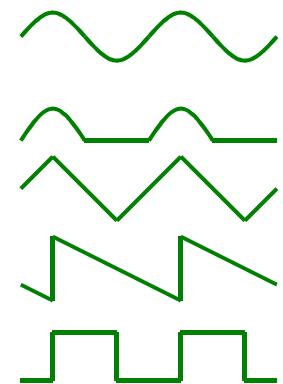


# Measurement primer – AC voltages/currents

I would like to measure the RMS value ???

waveform factor

$$k_w = \frac{Y_{RMS}}{Y_{1AV}}$$



crest factor

$$k_c = \frac{Y_{max}}{Y_{RMS}}$$

	$k_w$	$k_c$
sinusoid	1.111	1.414
rectified	1.571	2
triangle	1.155	1.732
sawtooth	1.155	1.732
square wave	1	1

sinusoid

$$U_{RMS}^{\sin} = k_w \cdot U_{1AV} \approx 1.11 \cdot U_{1AV}$$

distorted signal

$$U_{RMS}^d = (U_{RMS}^{\sin} / k_w^{\sin}) \cdot k_w^d$$

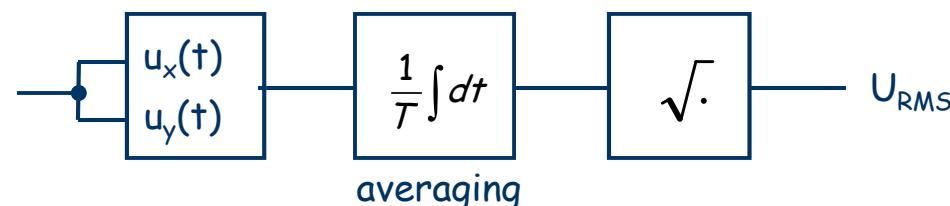


# RMS value measurement

„exact“ approach - True RMS Detector

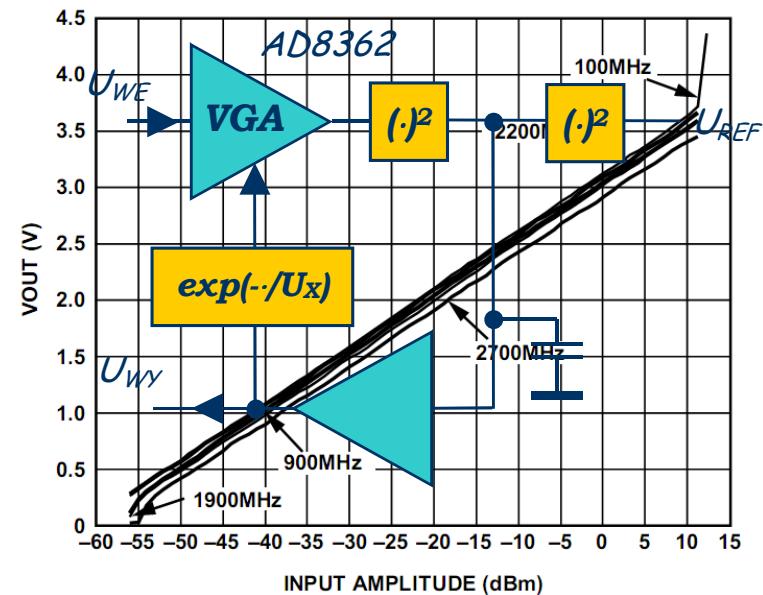
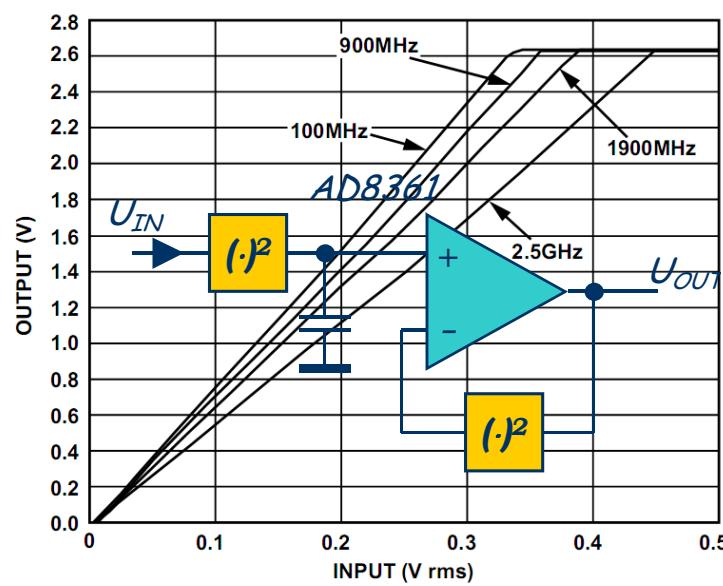
$$U_{RMS} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} u^2(t) dt}$$

multiplier



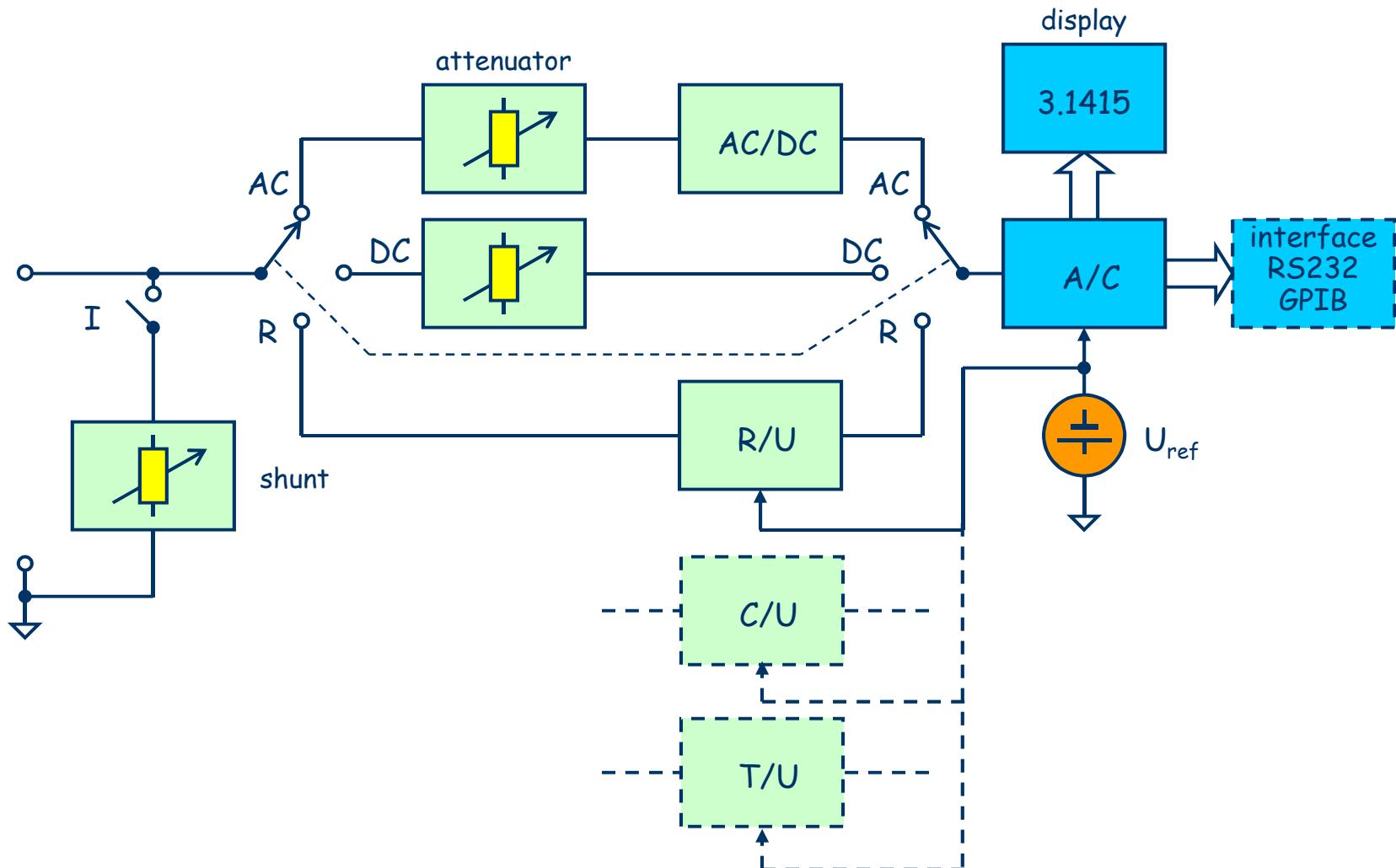
averaging

square root





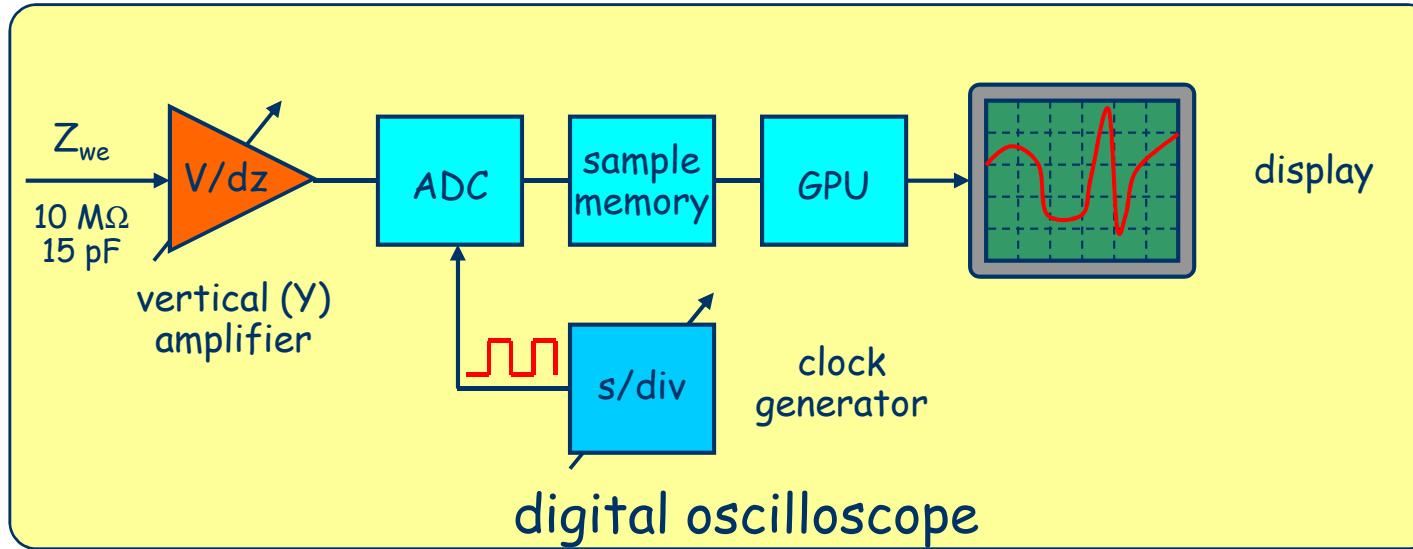
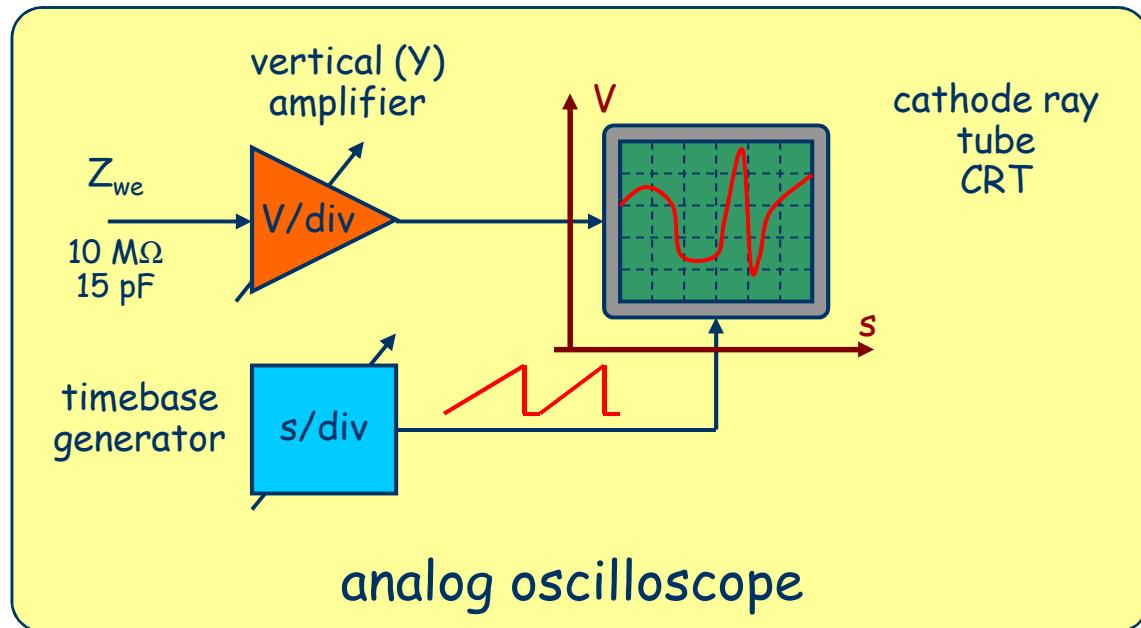
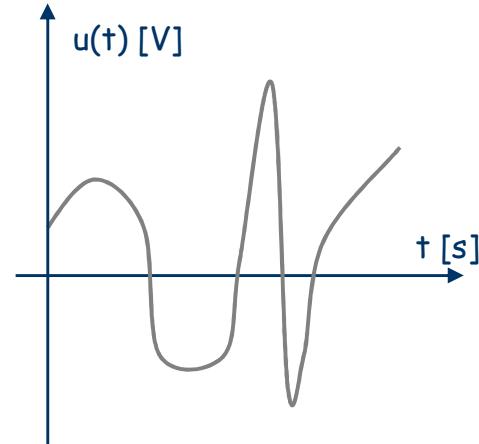
# Primer – multimeter (digital – DMM)





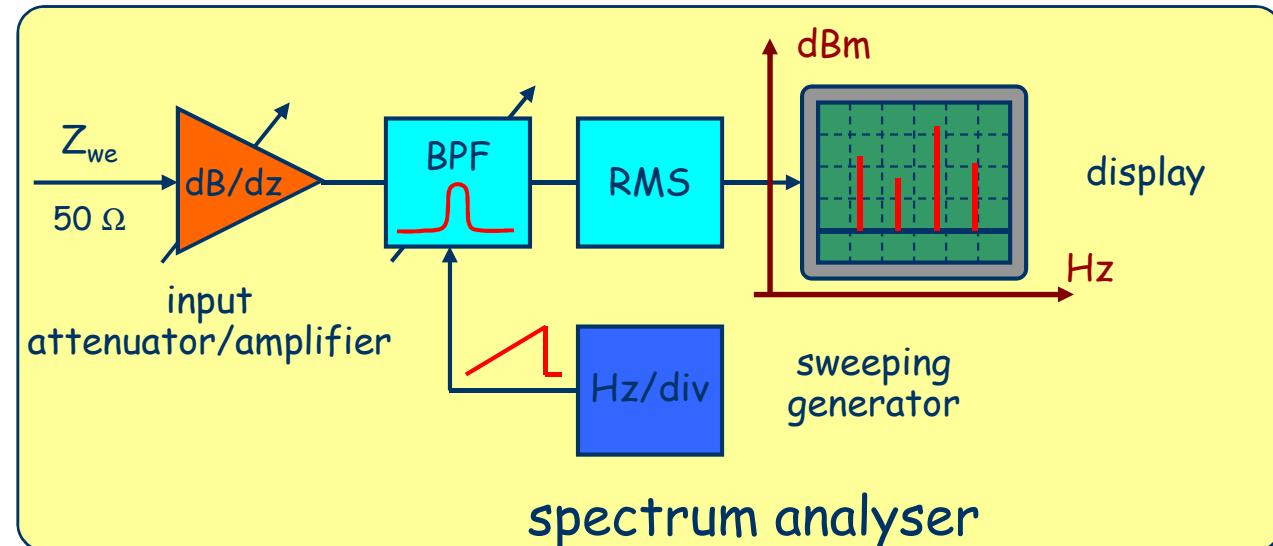
# Primer – time parameters

oscilloscope (scope)





# Primer – spectrum measurements



measuring amplitude characteristics

