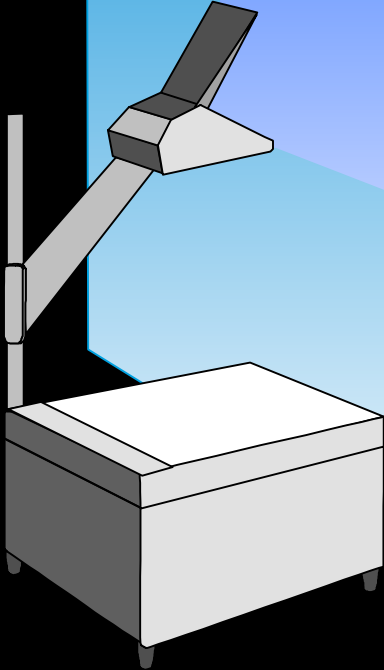


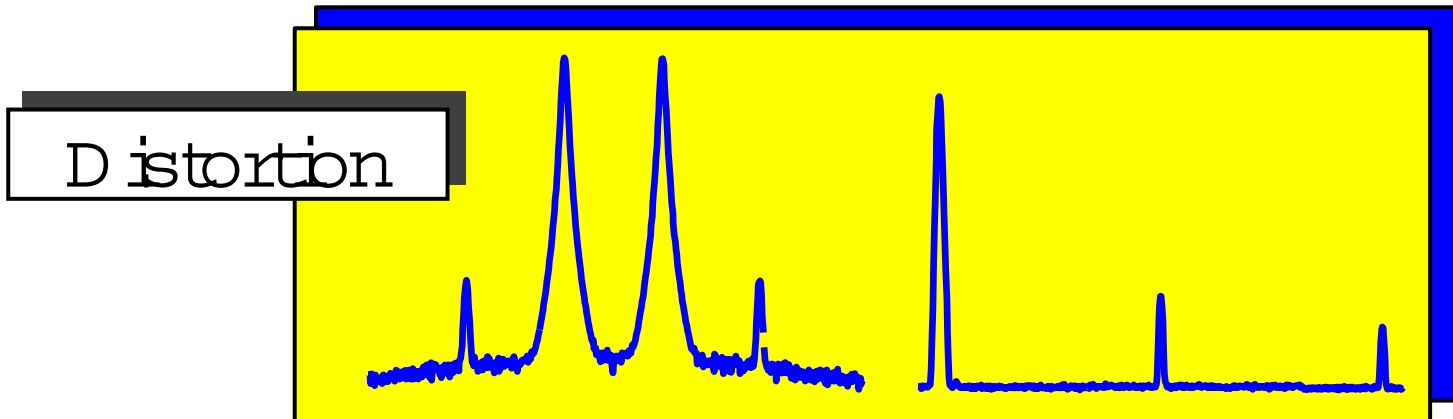
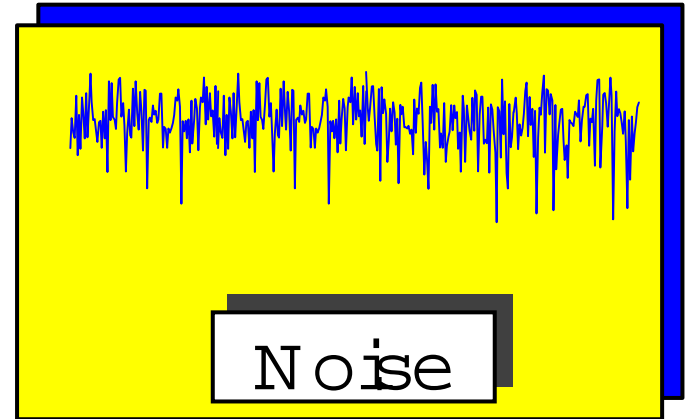
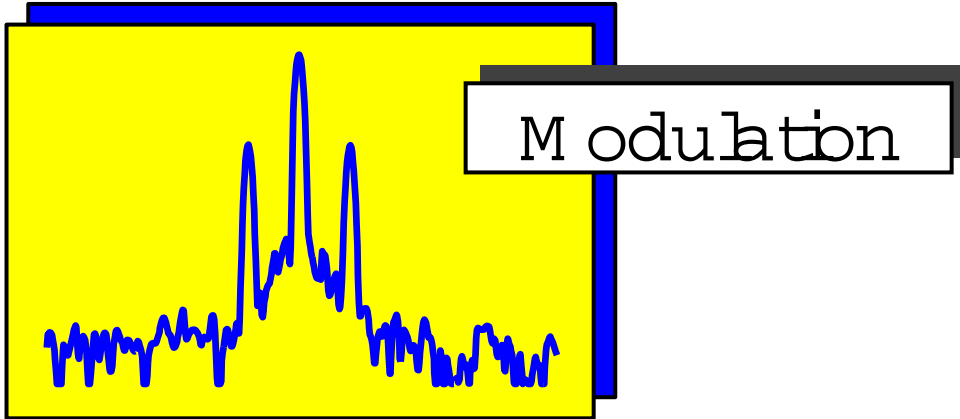
# Agenda



- Overview :
  - What is spectrum analysis?
  - What measurements do we make?
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- Spectrum analyzer hardware
- Specifications :
  - Which are important and why?
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  - Making the analyzer more effective
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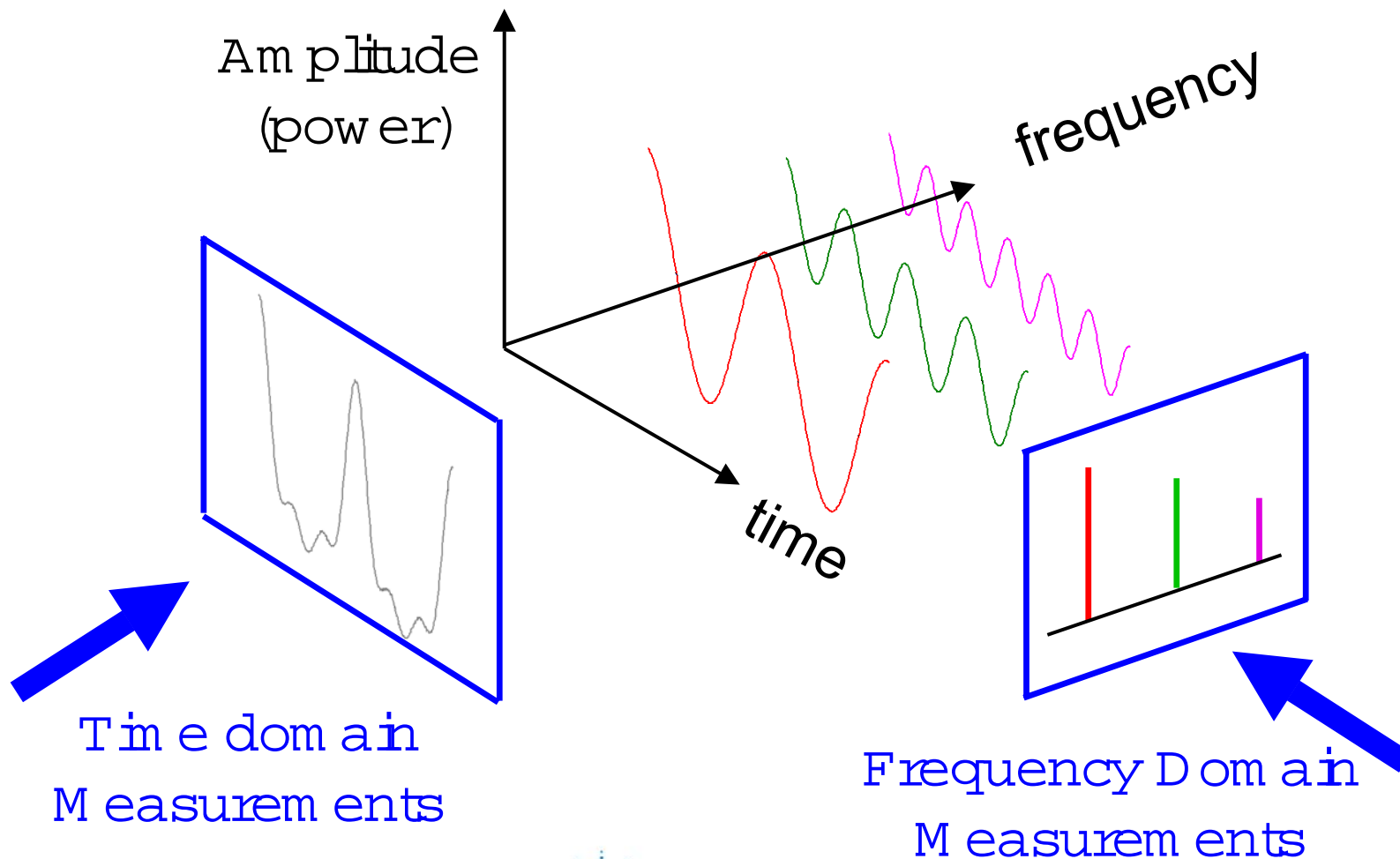
# Overview

Types of Tests Made



# Overview

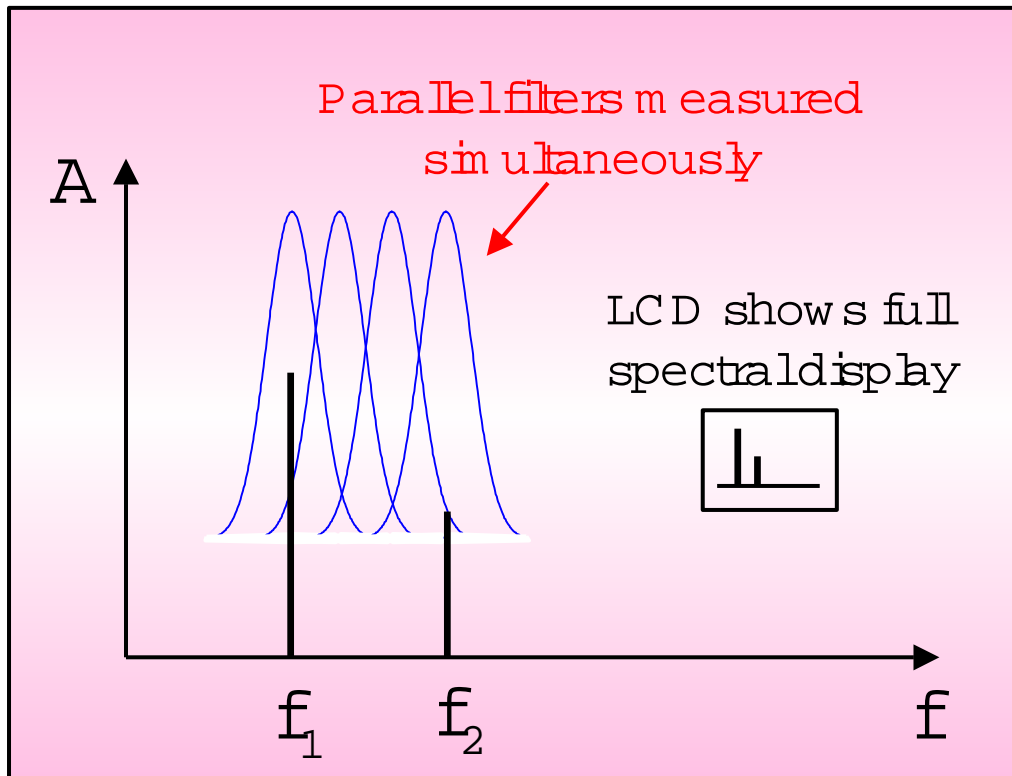
Frequency versus Time Domain



# Overview

## Different Types of Analyzers

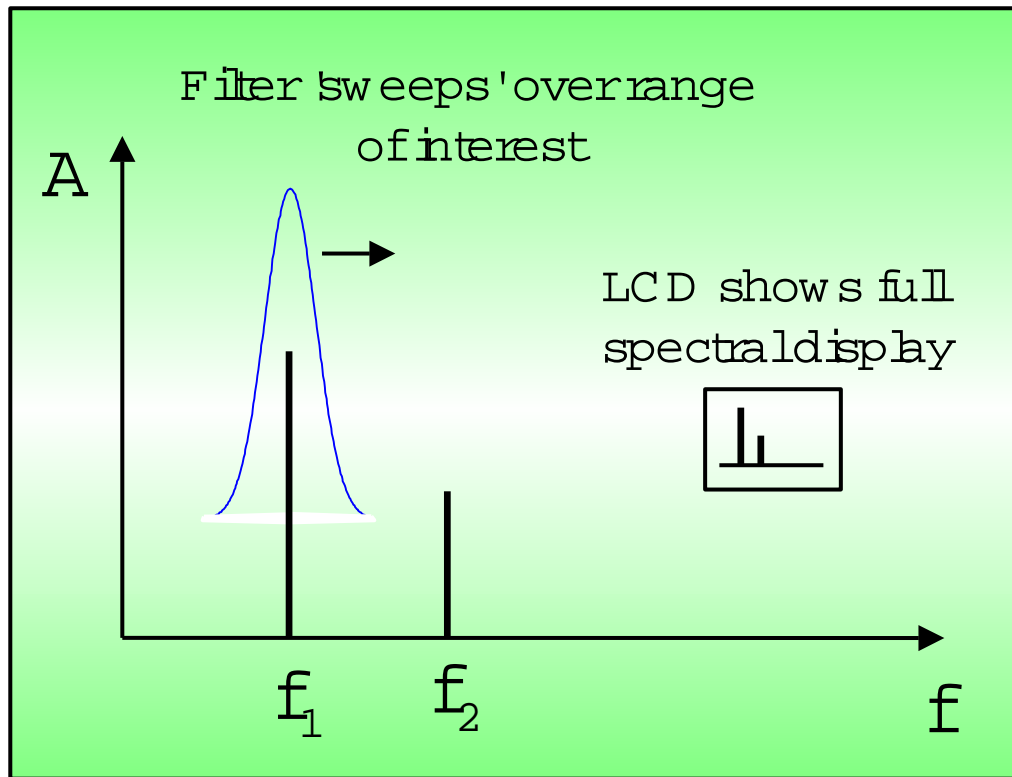
### Fourier Analyzer



# Overview

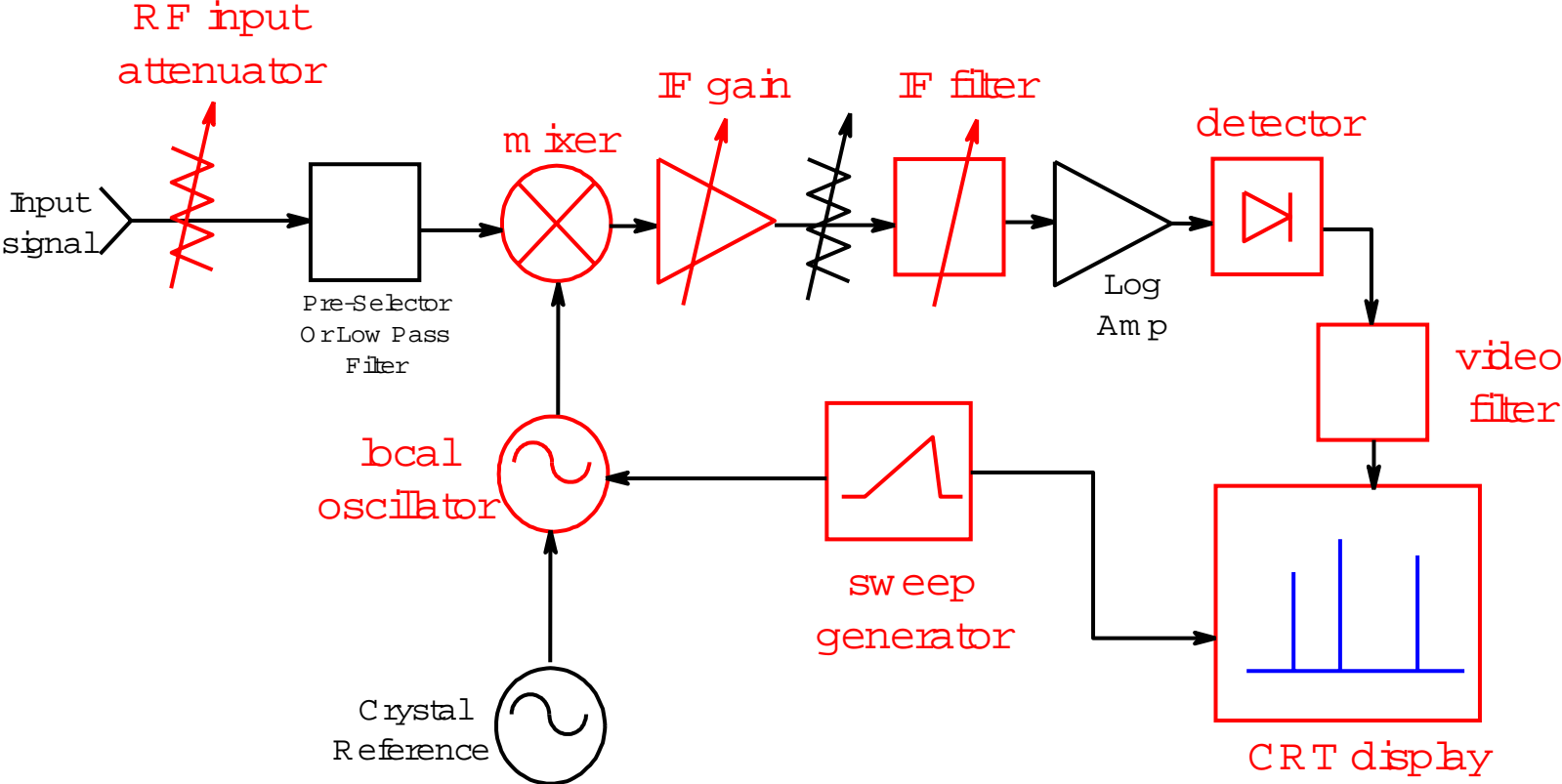
## Different Types of Analyzers

### Swept Analyzer



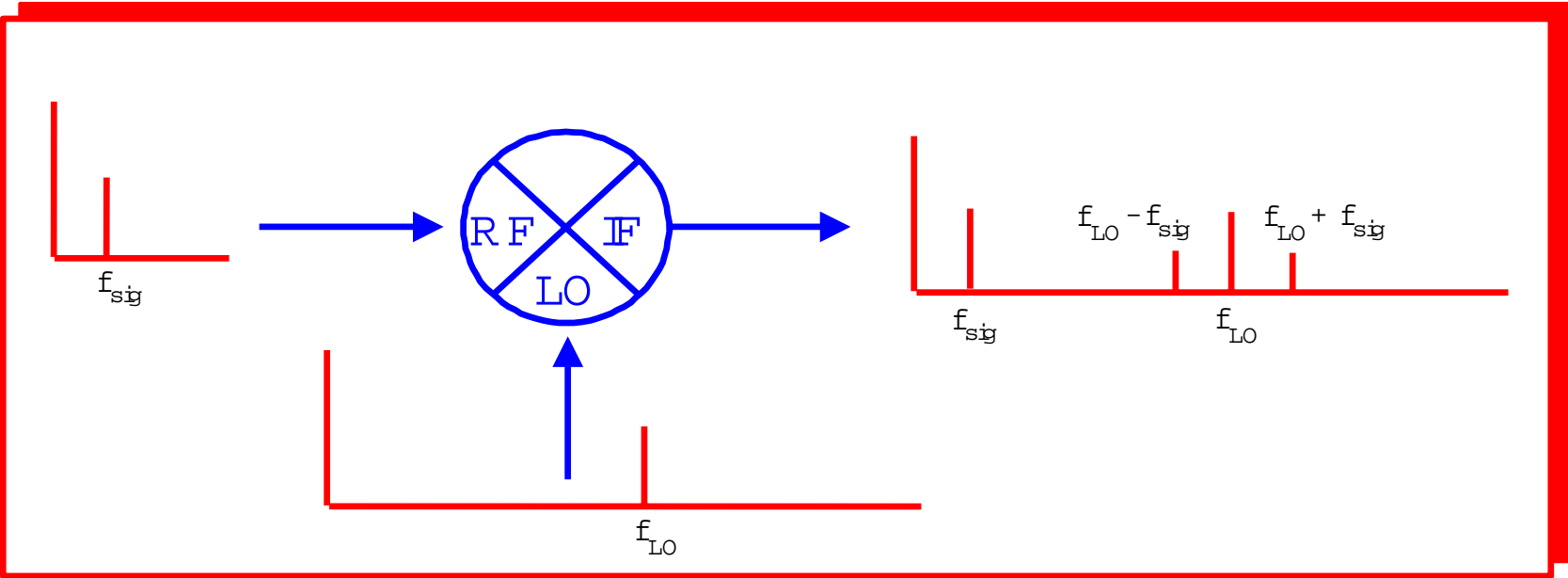
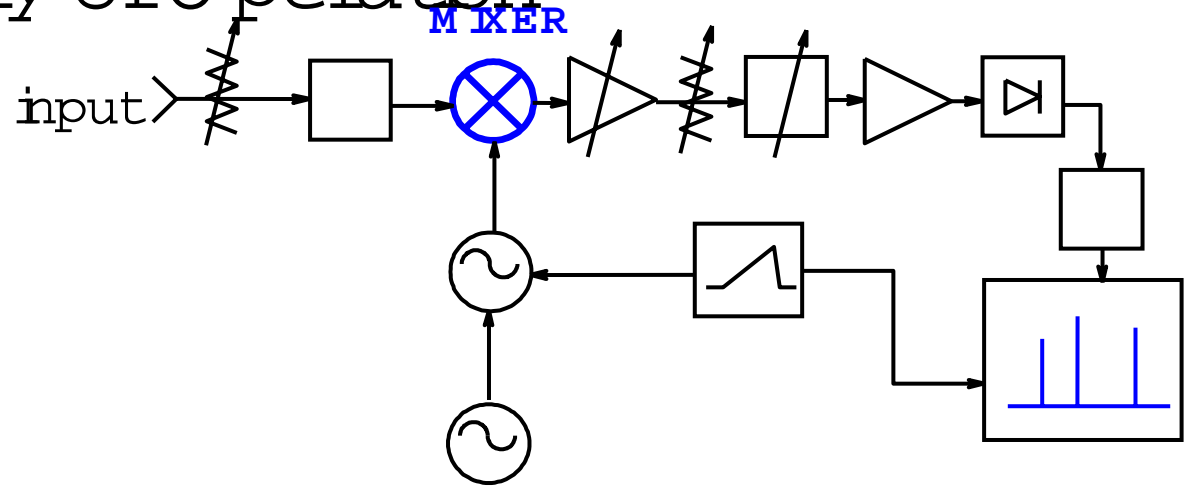
# Theory of Operation

## Spectrum Analyzer Block Diagram



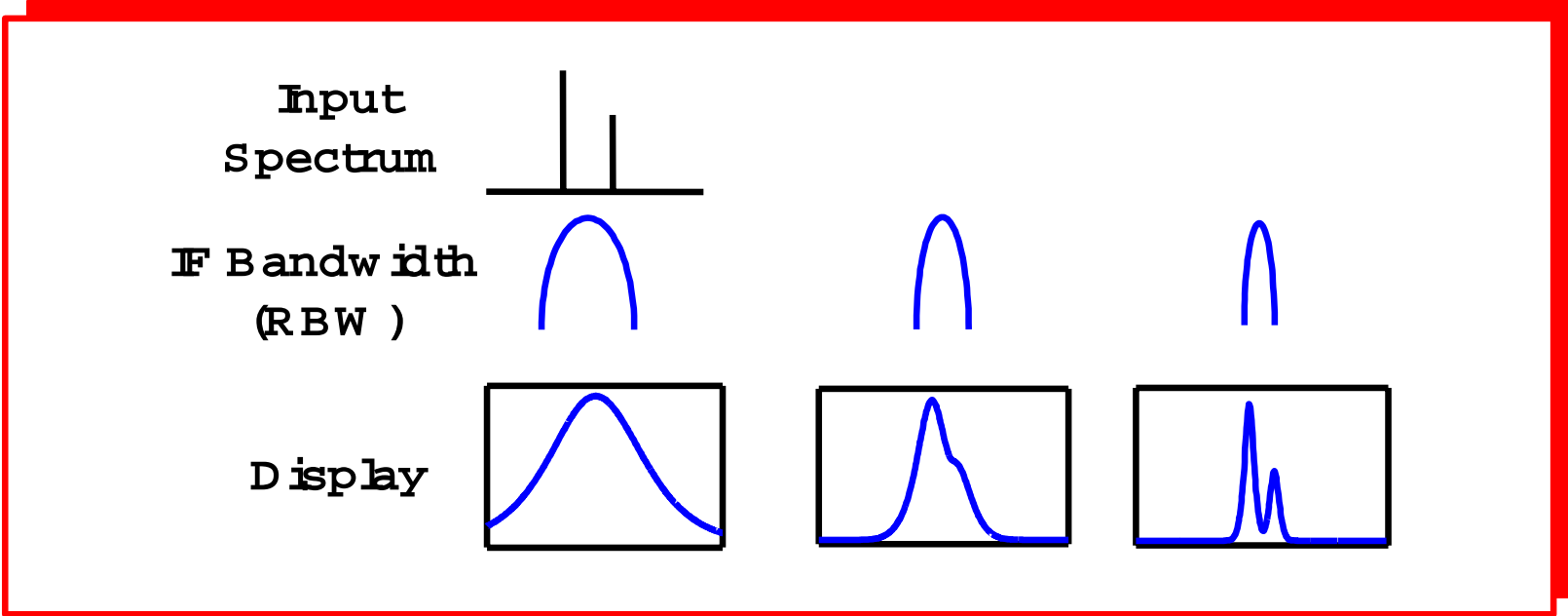
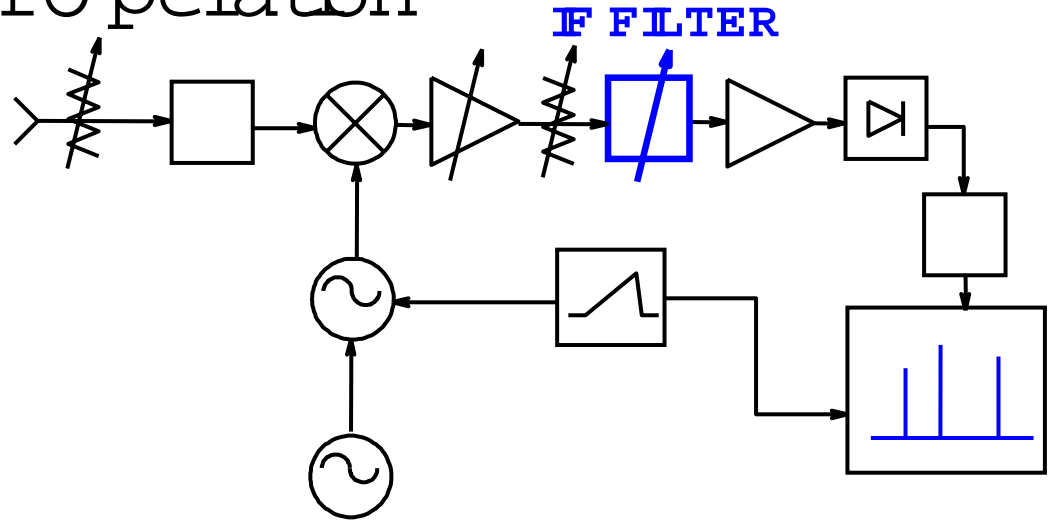
# Theory of operation

Mixer



# Theory of operation

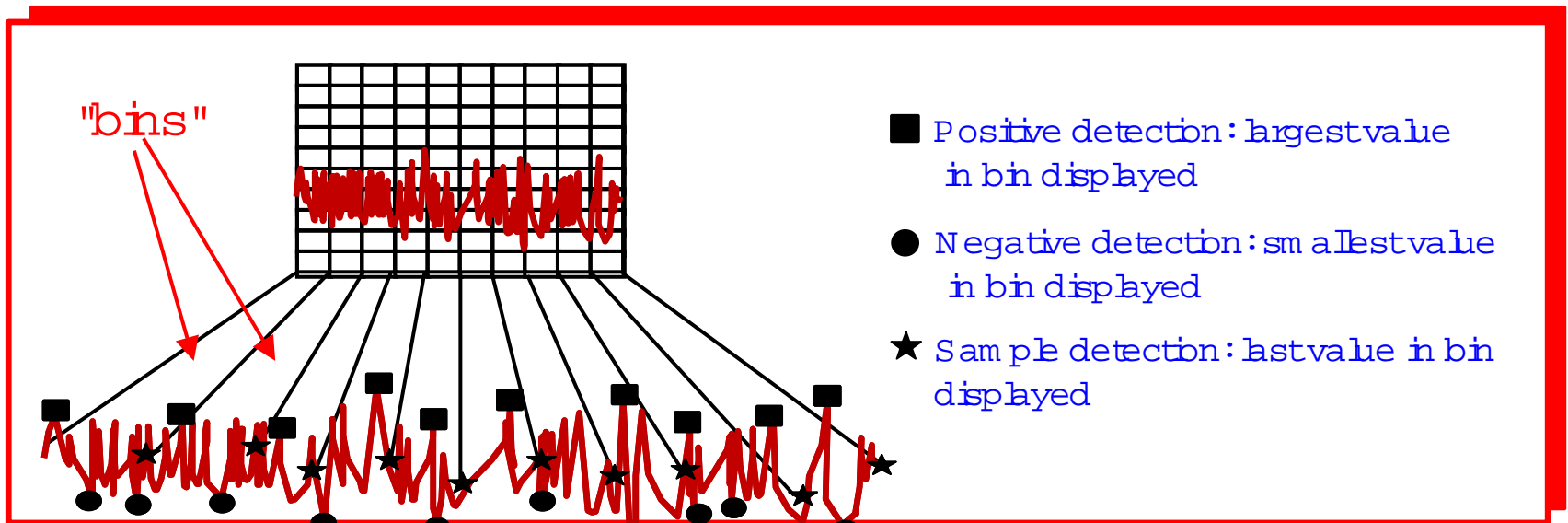
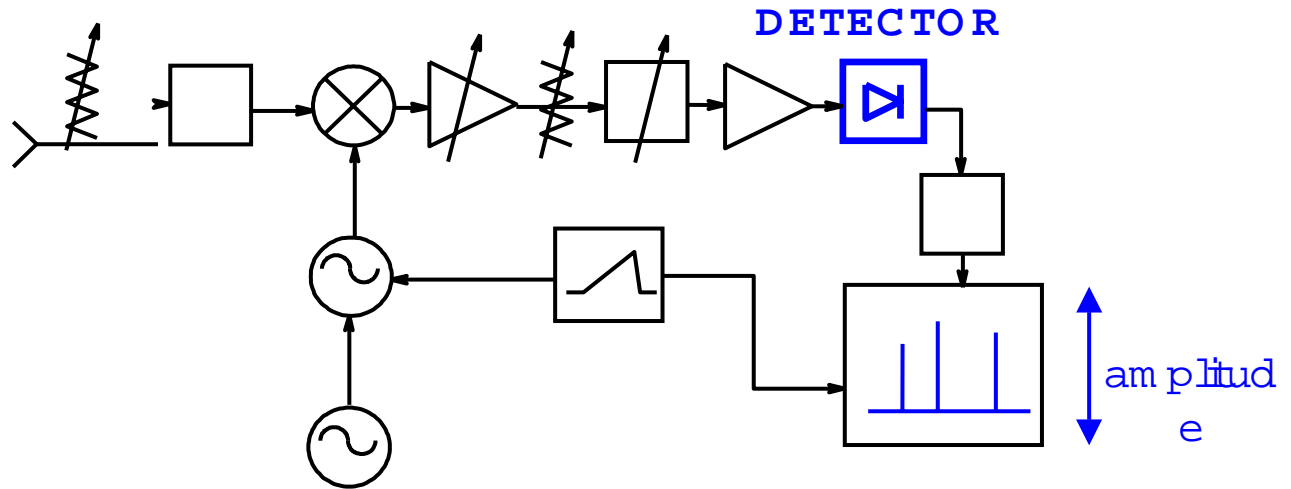
IF Filter





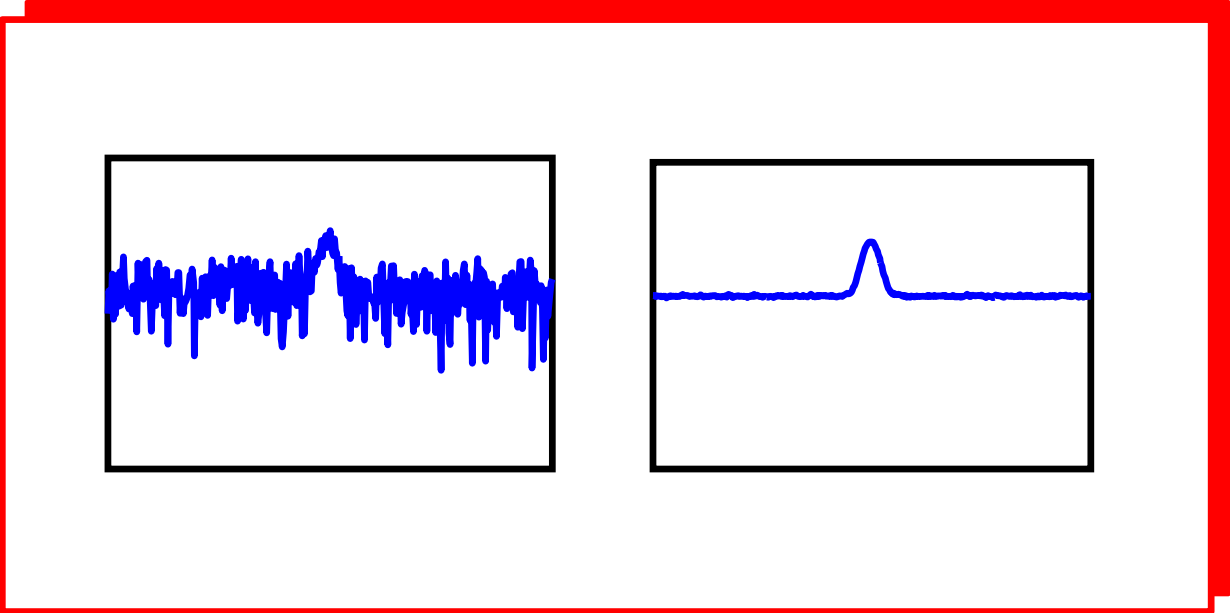
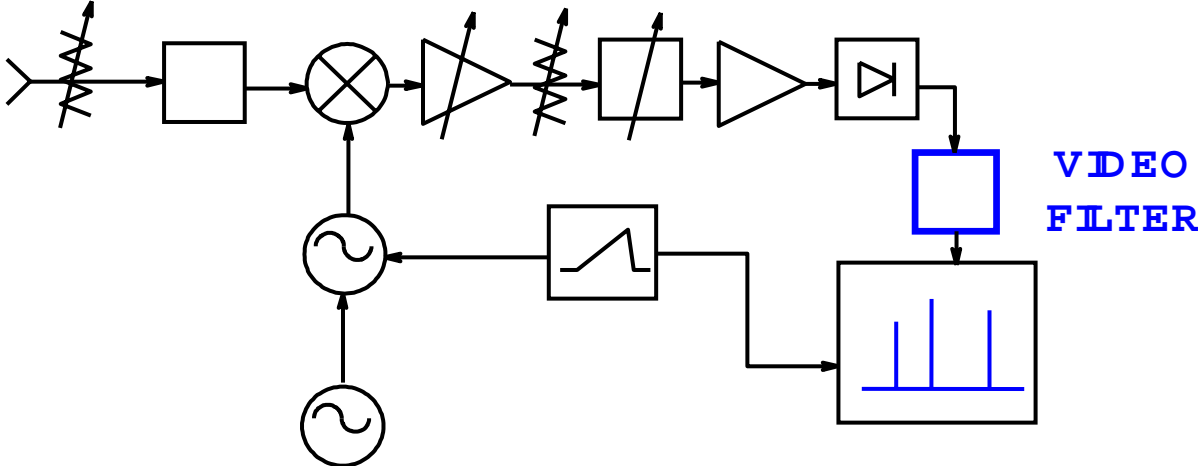
# Theory of Operation

Detector



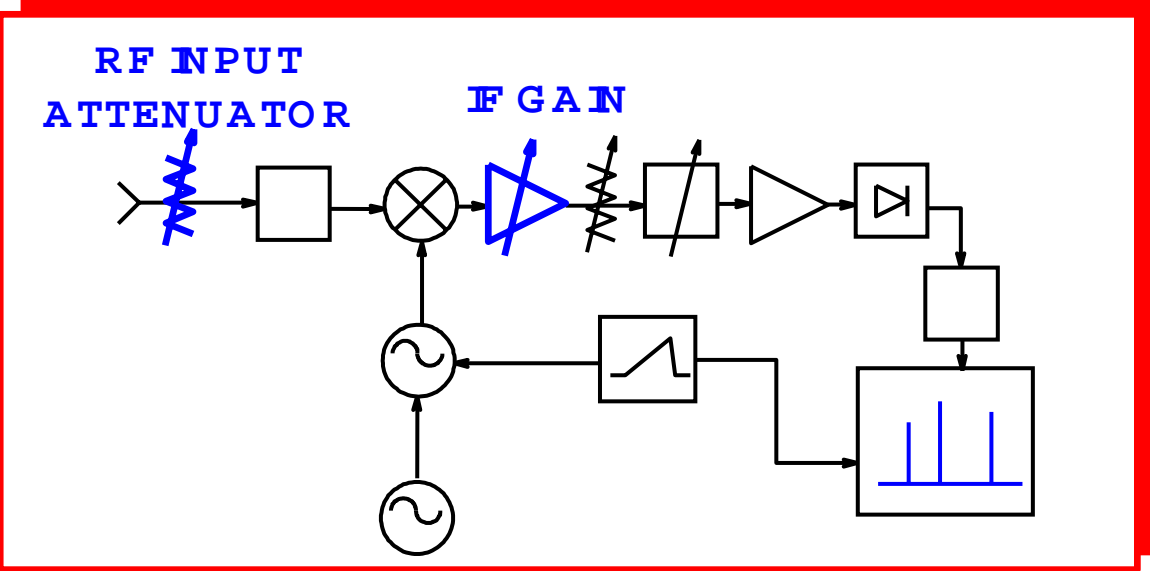
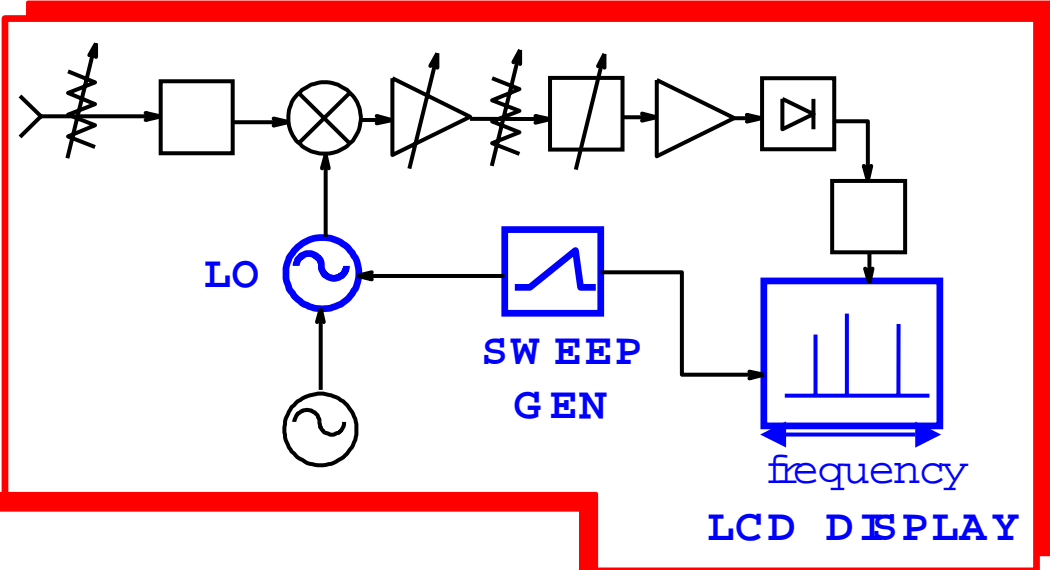
# Theory of Operation

## Video Filter



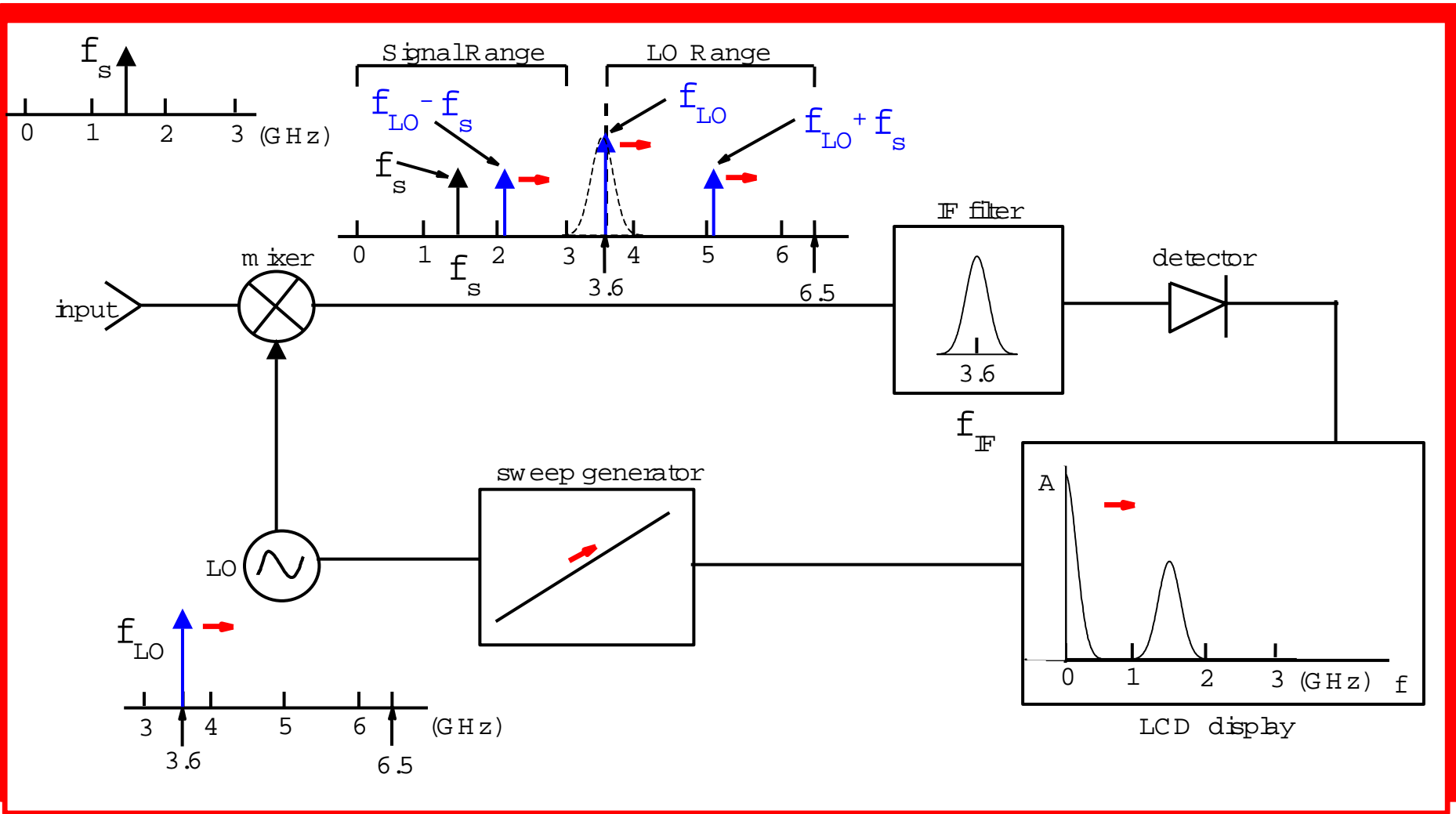
# Theory of Operation

Other Components



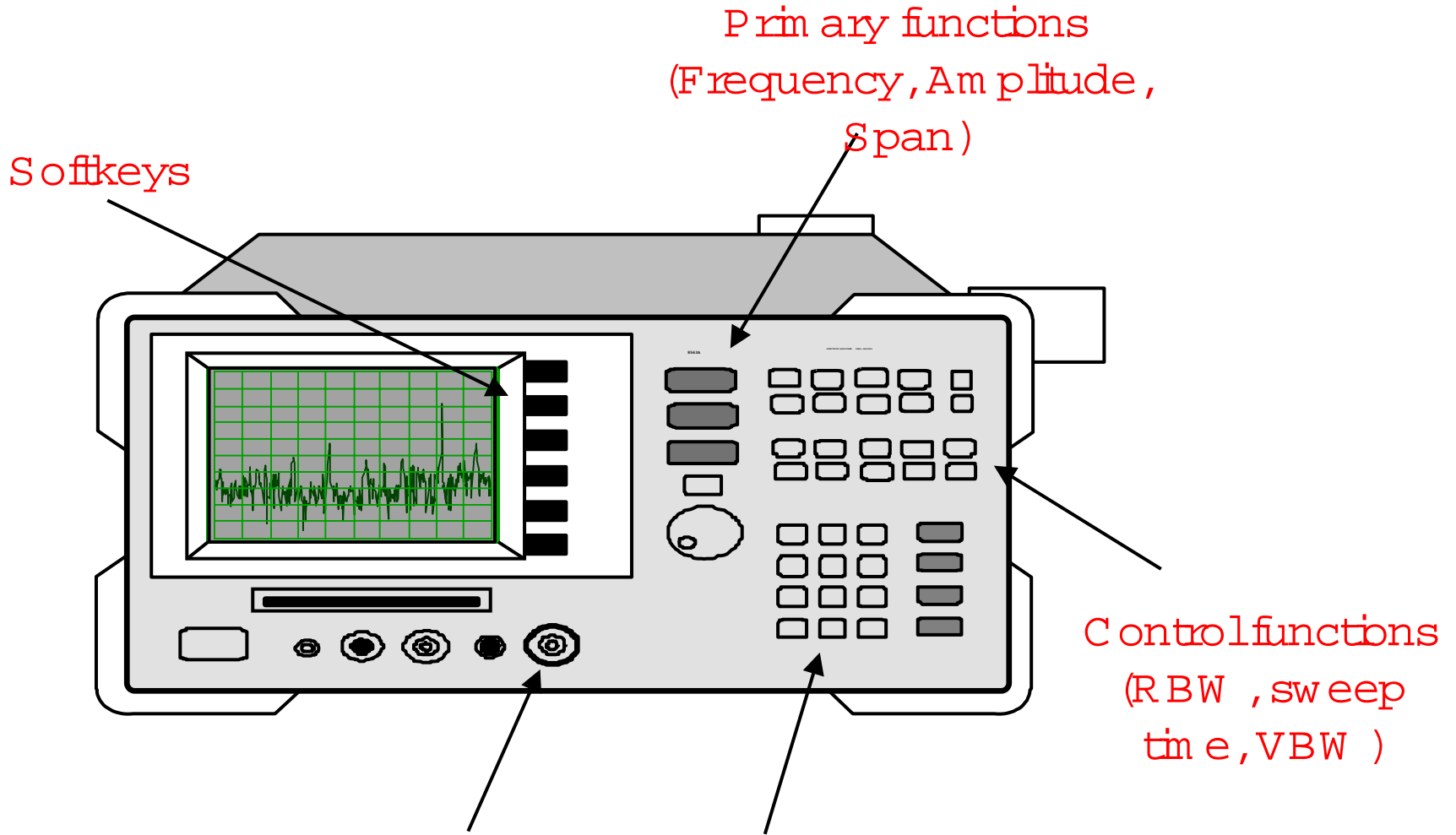
# Theory of operation

How it all works together

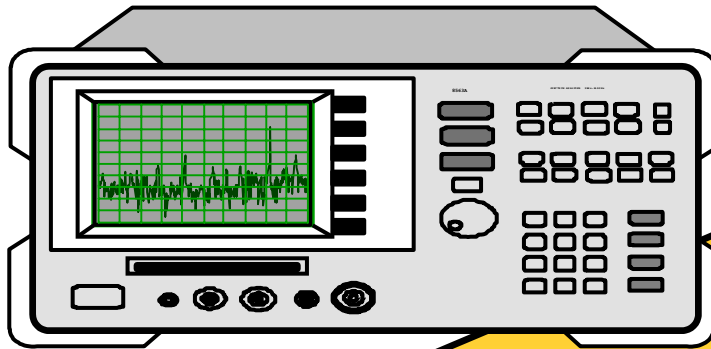


# Theory of Operation

## Front Panel Operation



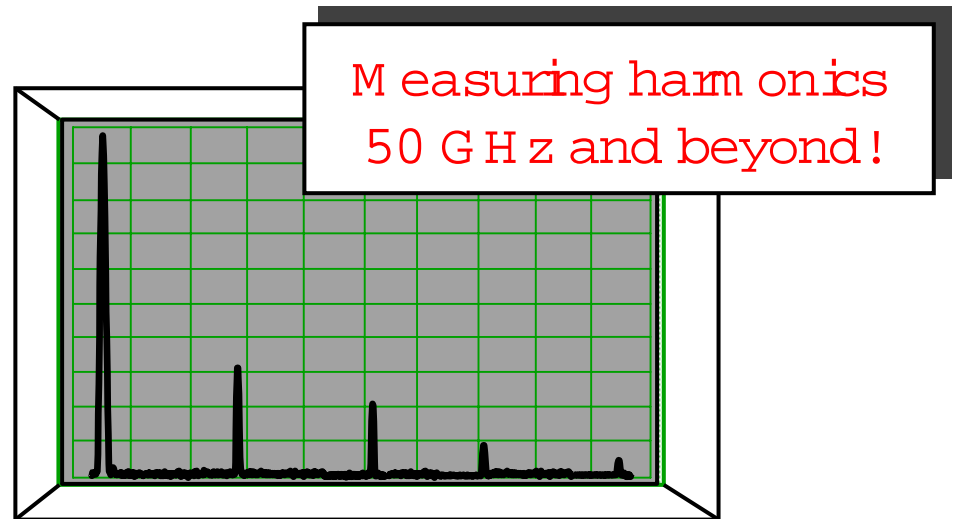
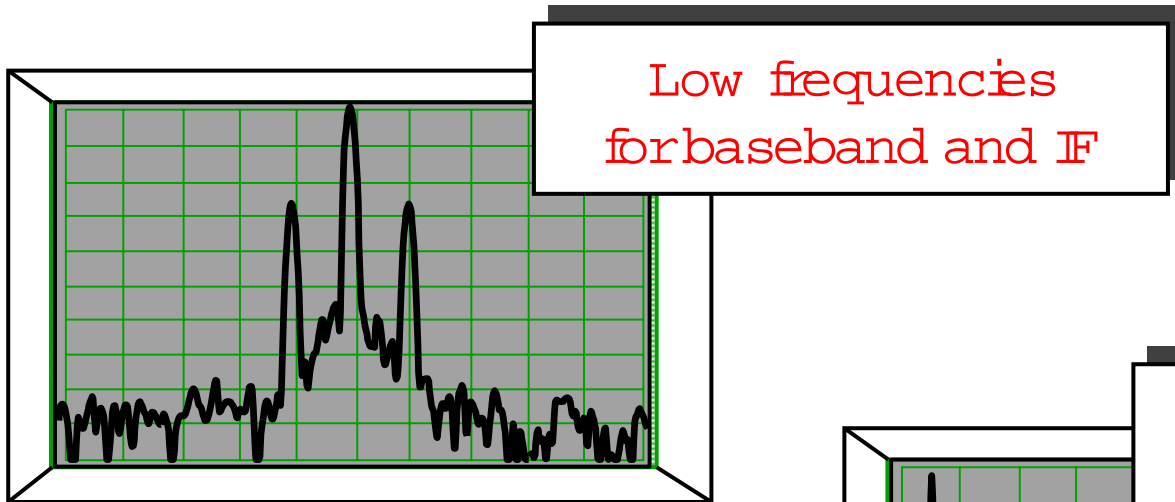
# Specifications



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

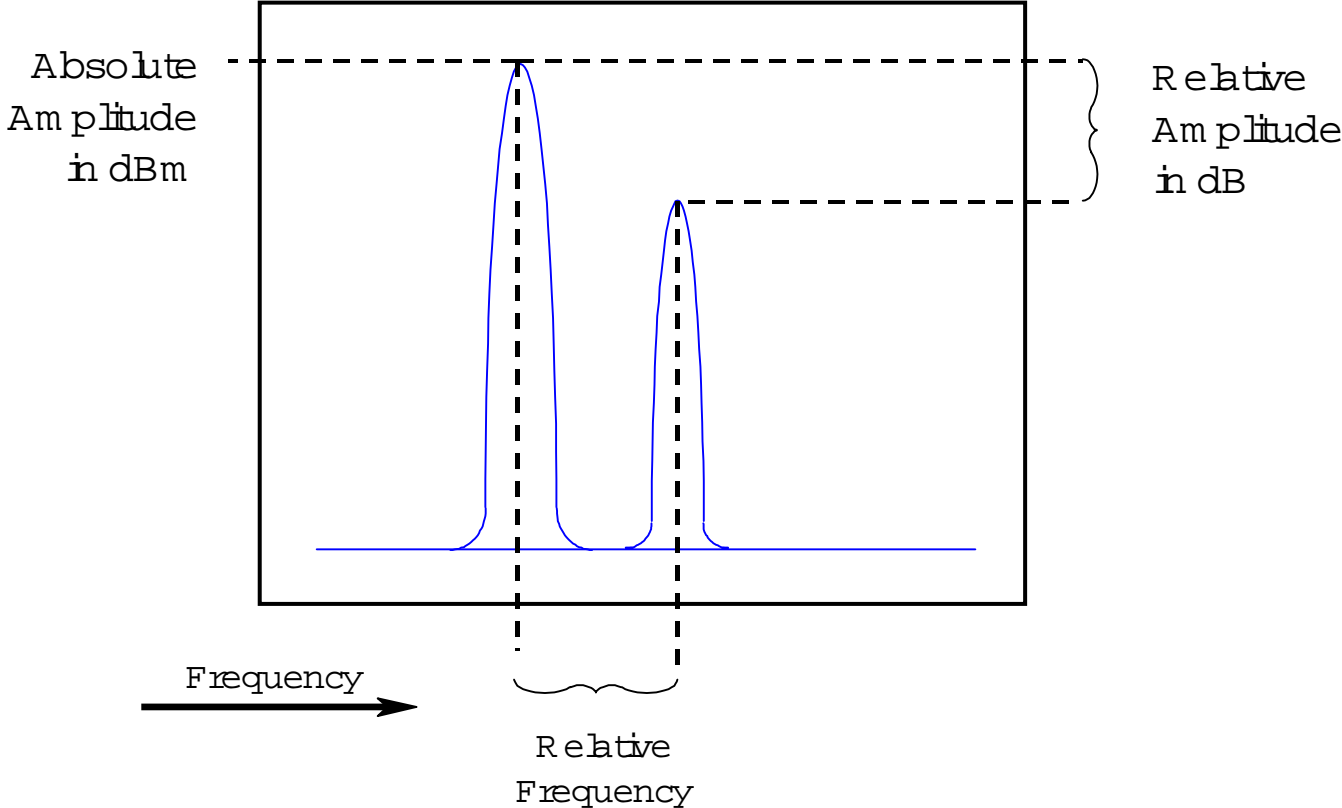
# Specifications

## Frequency Range



# Specifications

## Accuracy





# Specifications

Accuracy: Frequency Readout Accuracy

Typical datasheet specification:

Spans < 2 MHz:  $(\text{freq. readout} \times \text{freq. ref. accuracy} + 1\% \text{ of frequency span} + 15\% \text{ of resolution bandwidth} + 10 \text{ Hz "residual error"})$

Frequency

# Specifications

Accuracy: Frequency Readout Accuracy Example

## Single Marker Example:

2 GHz

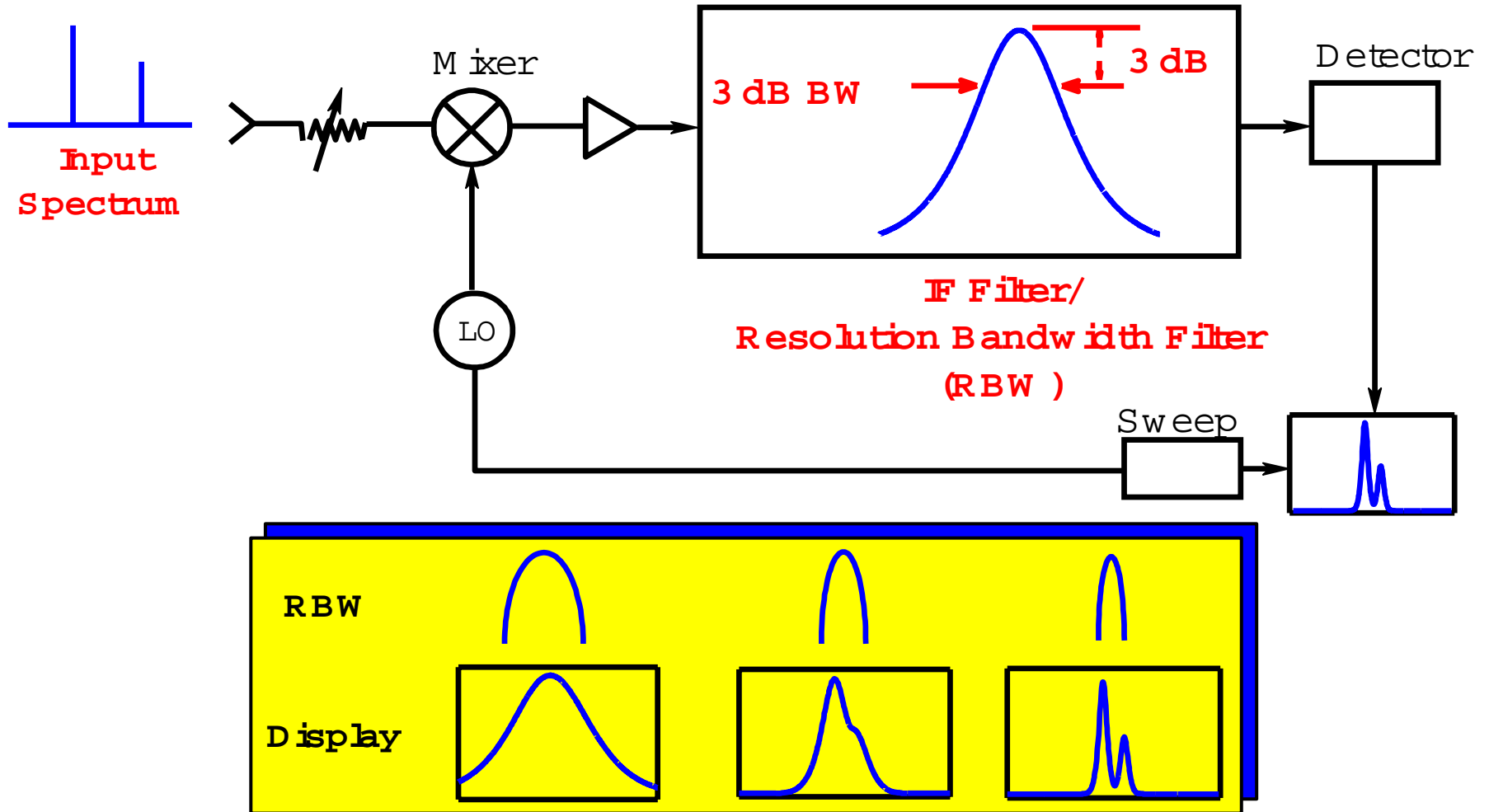
400 kHz span

3 kHz RBW

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

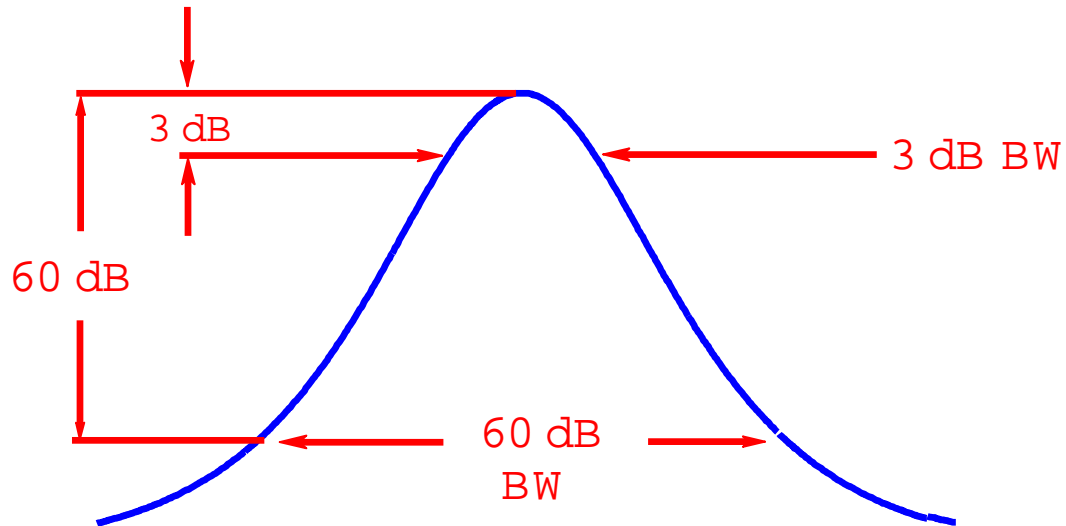
# Specifications

Resolution: Resolution Bandwidth



# Specifications

Resolution: RBW Type and Selectivity



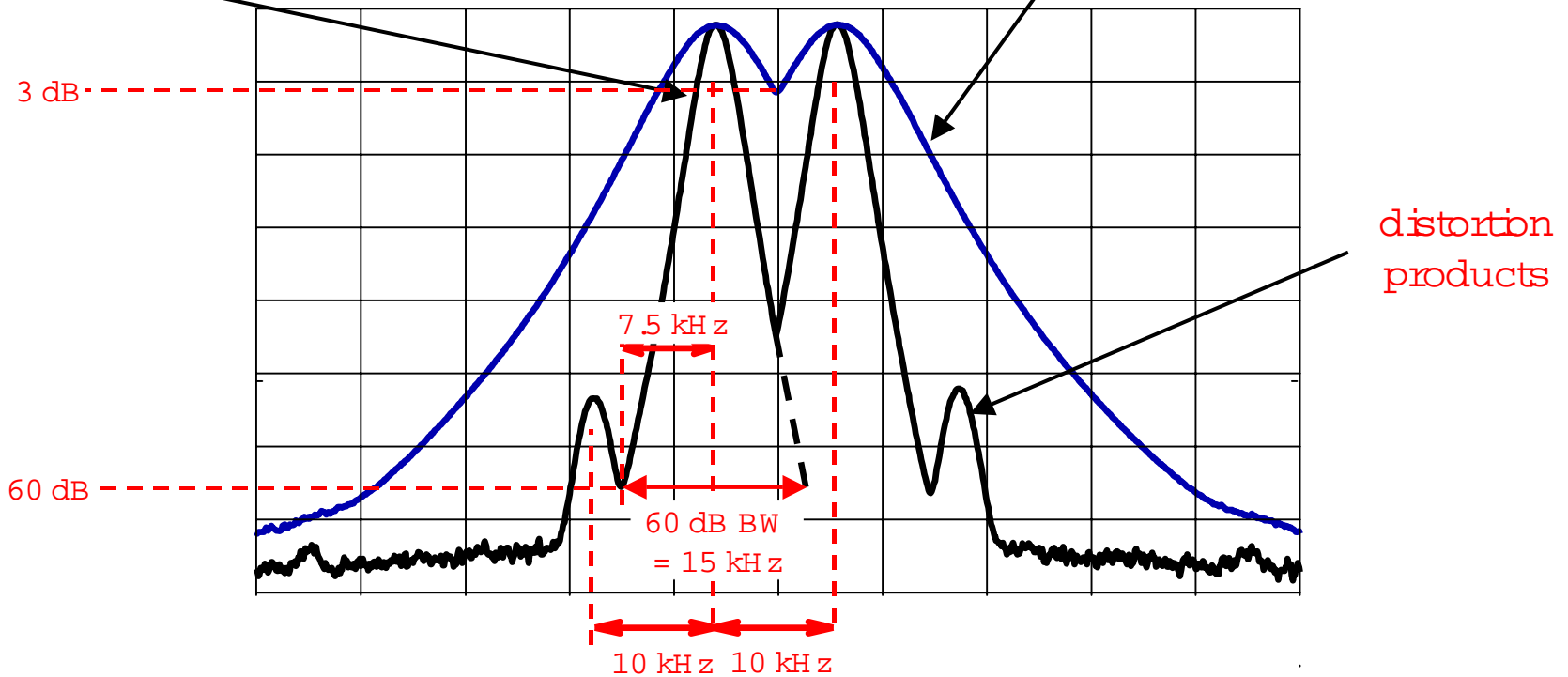
$$\text{Selectivity} = \frac{60 \text{ dB BW}}{3 \text{ dB BW}}$$

# Specifications

Resolution: RBW Type and Selectivity

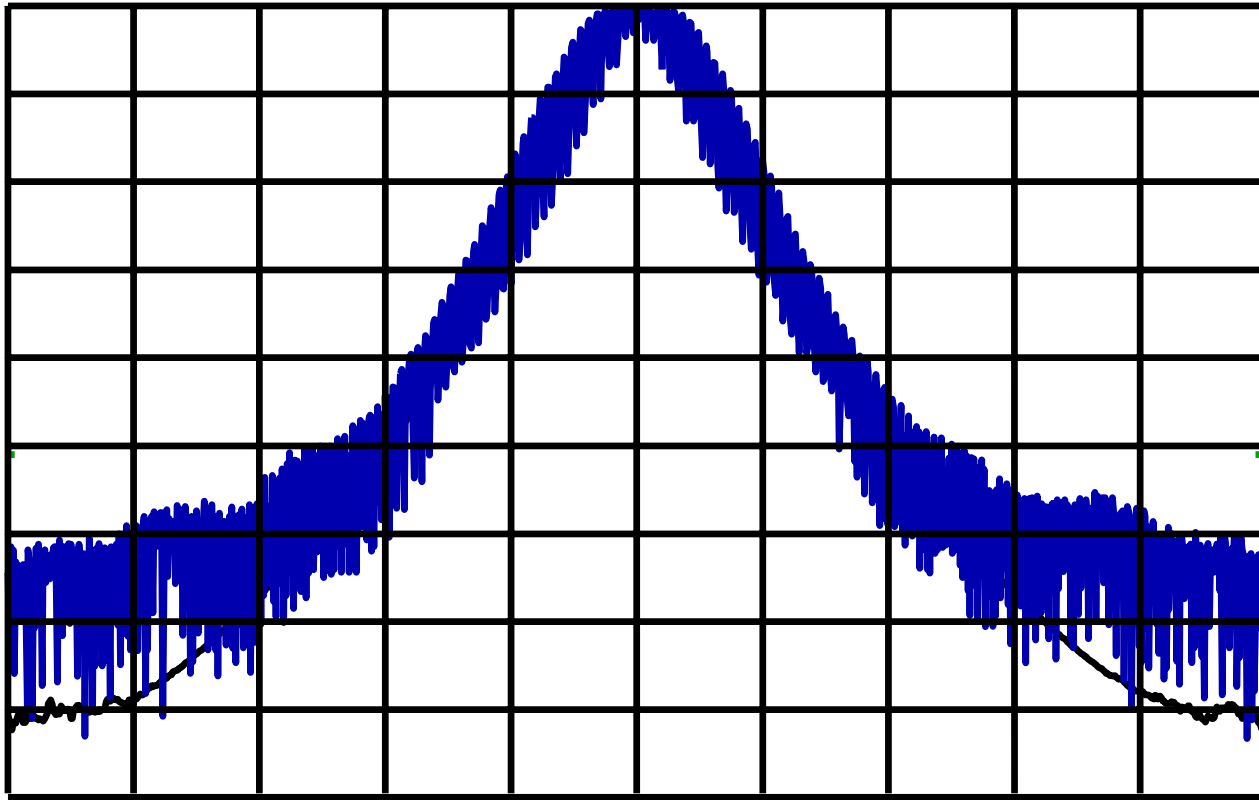
RBW = 1 kHz  
Selectivity 15:1

RBW = 10 kHz



# Specifications

Resolution: Residual FM

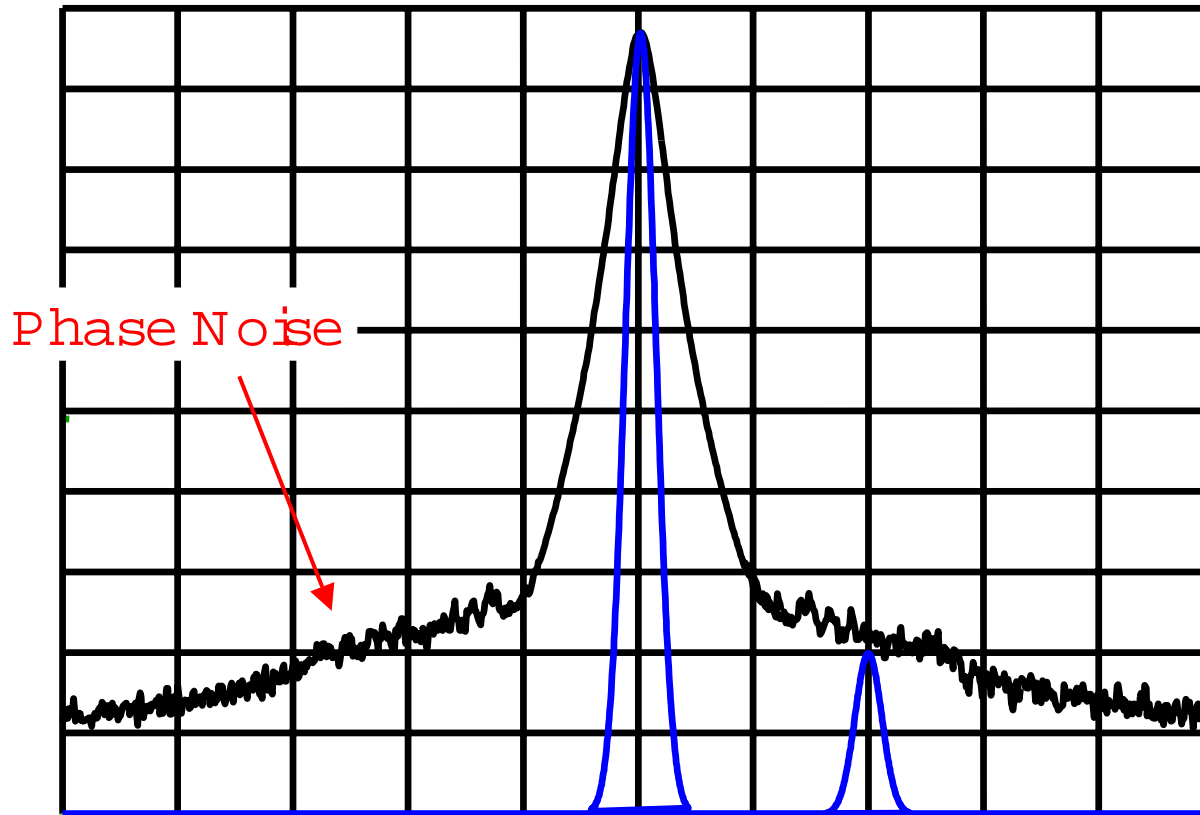


Residual FM

"Smears" the Signal

# Specifications

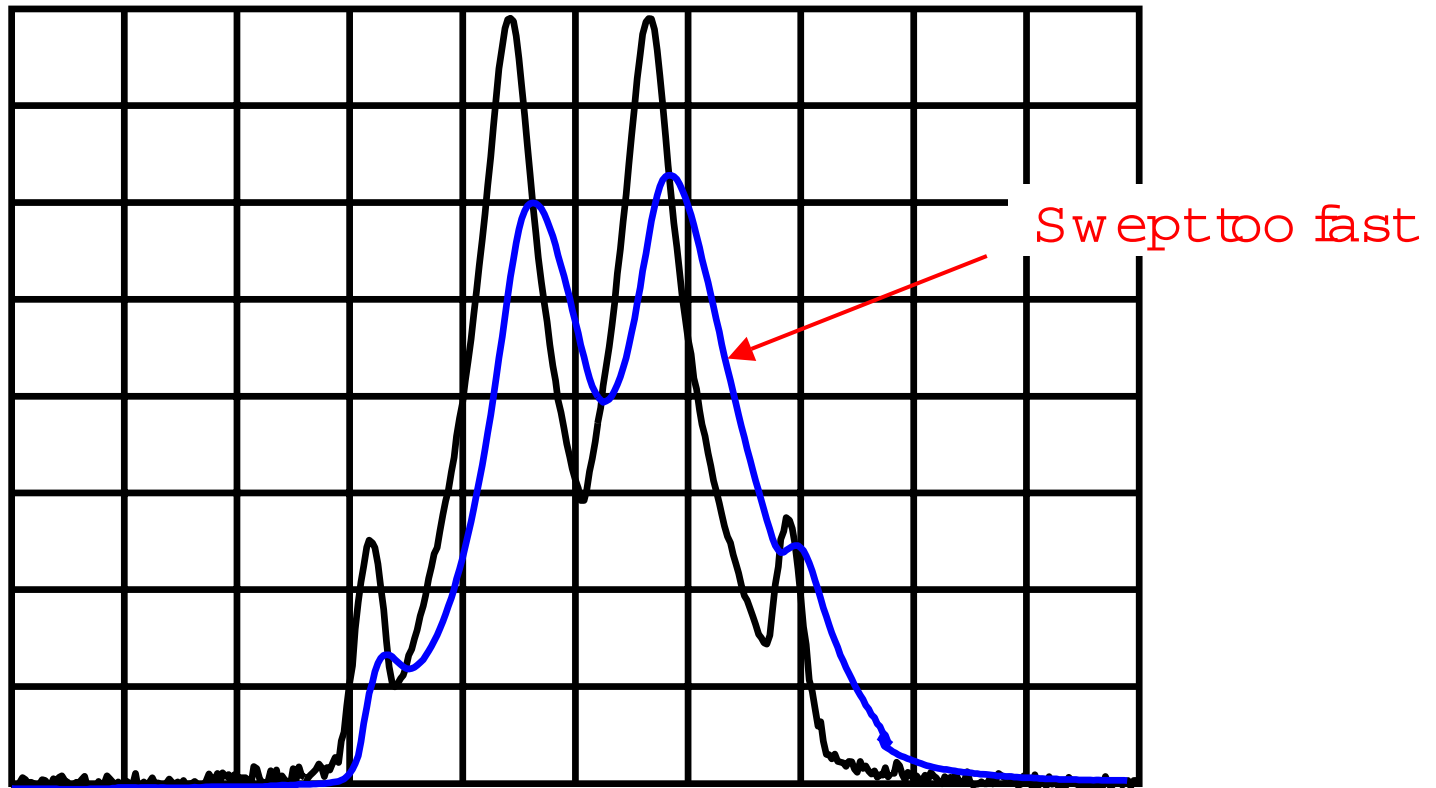
Resolution: Noise Sidebands



Noise Sidebands can prevent resolution of unequal signals

# Specifications

Resolution: RBW Determines Measurement Time



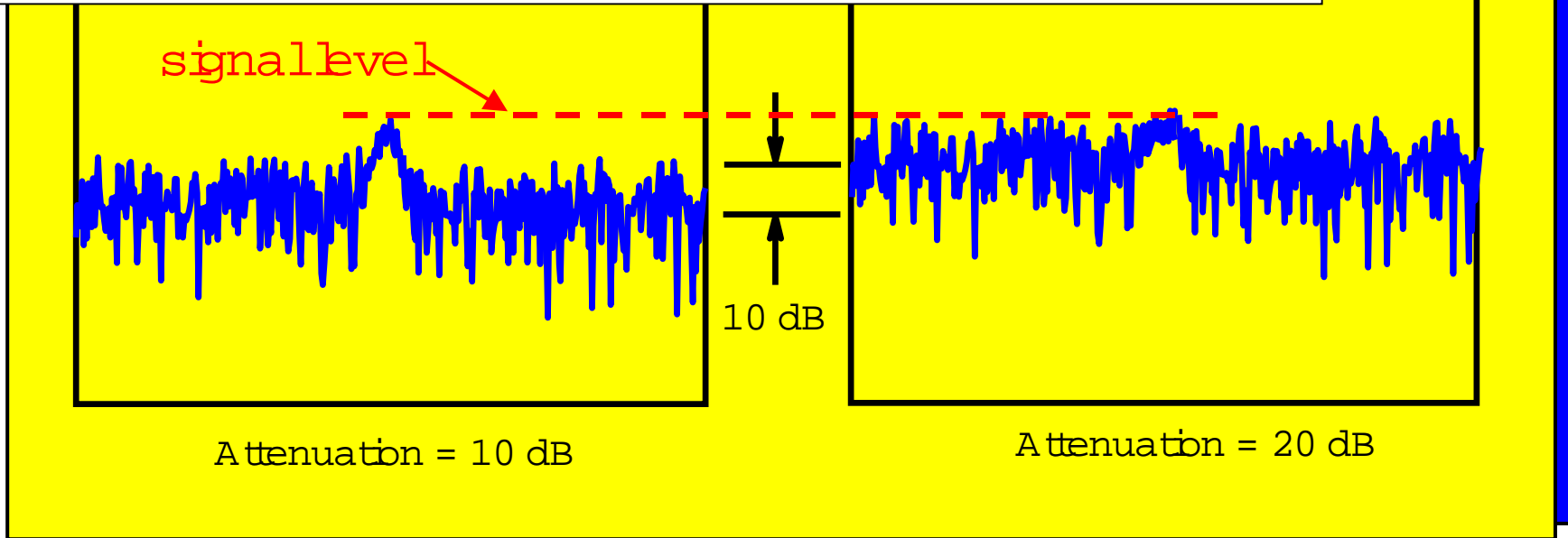
**Penalty For Sweeping Too Fast  
Is An Uncalibrated Display**



# Specifications

Sensitivity/DANL

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



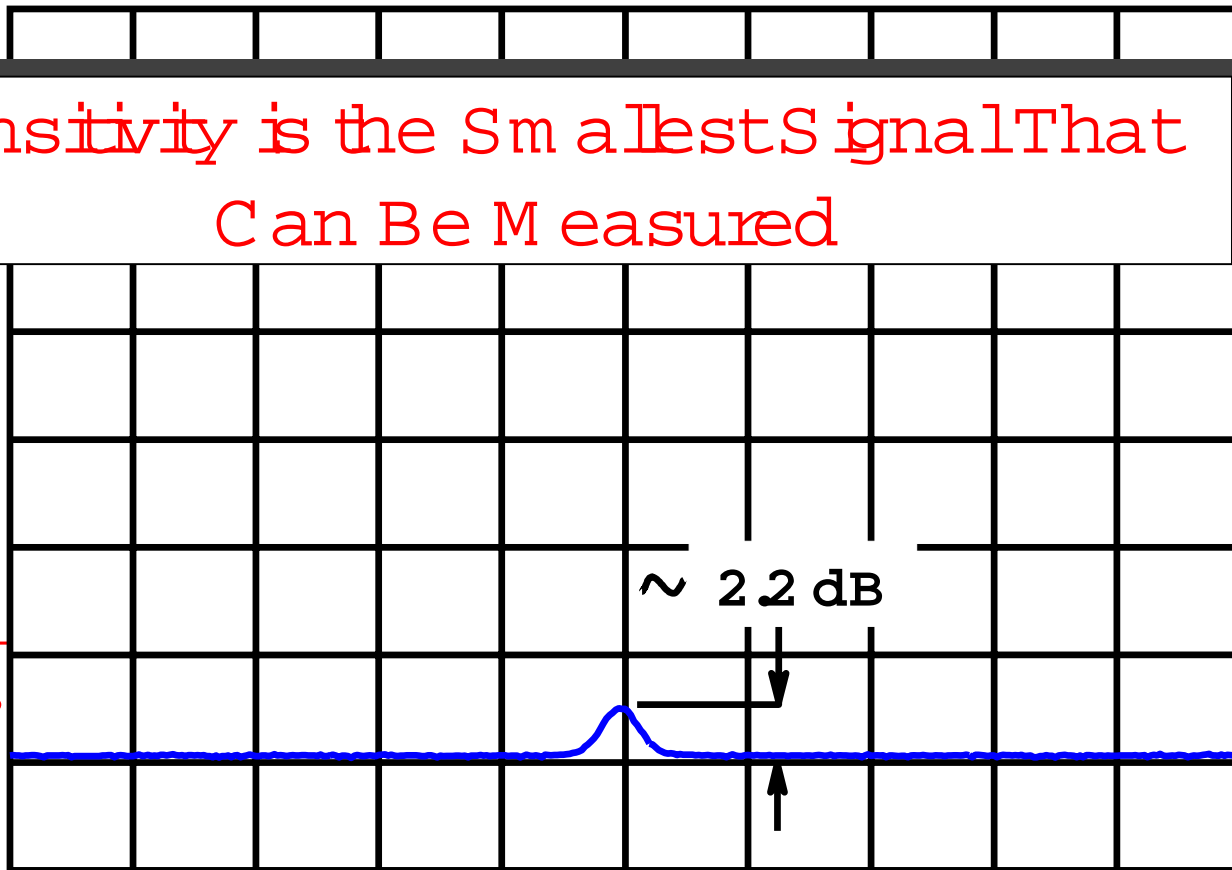
Signal-to-Noise Ratio Decreases as RF Input Attenuation is Increased

# Specifications

Sensitivity/DANL

Sensitivity is the Smallest Signal That  
Can Be Measured

Signal  
Equals  
Noise



# Specifications

Sensitivity/DANL

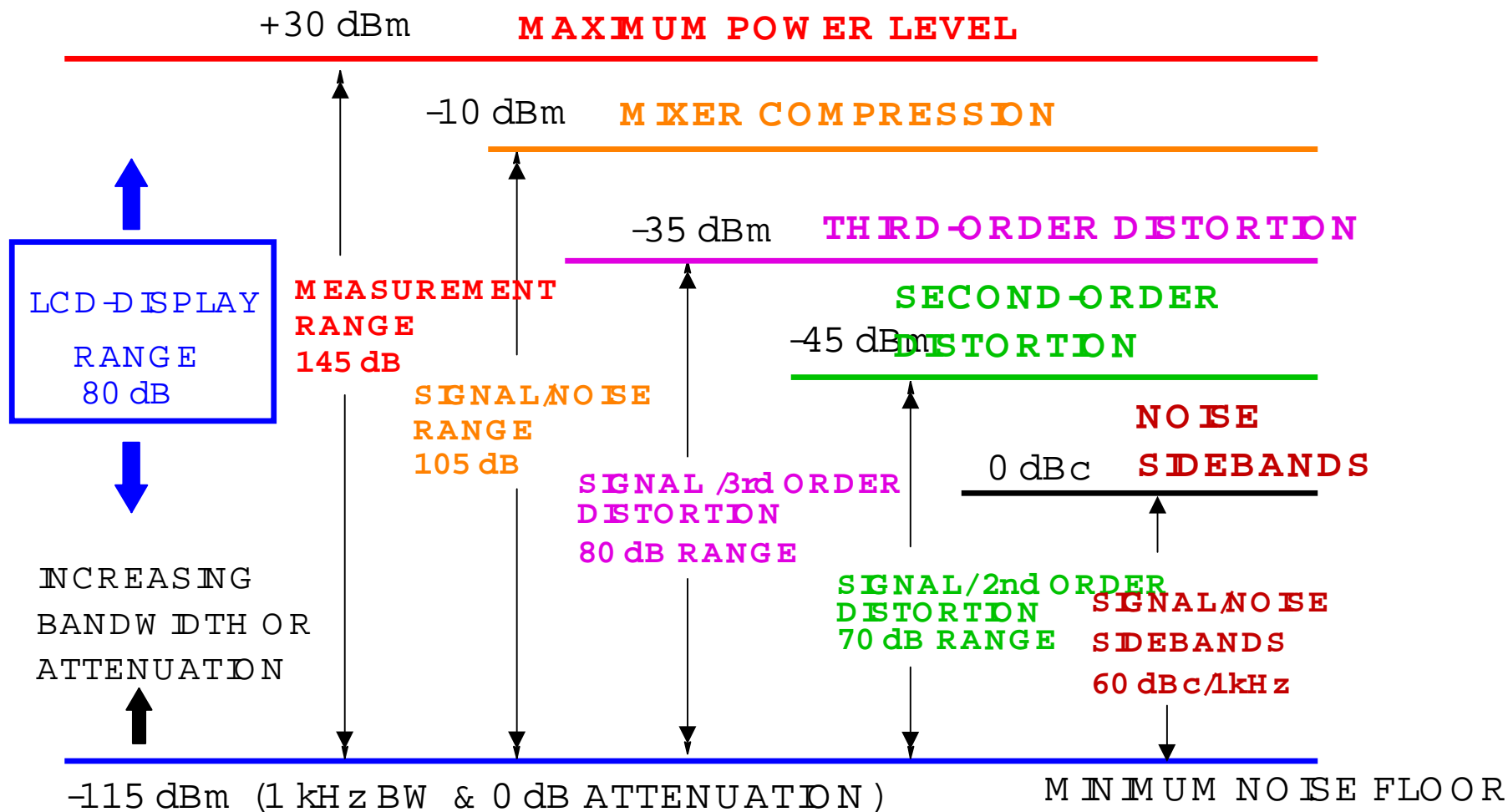
For Best Sensitivity Use:

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



# Specifications

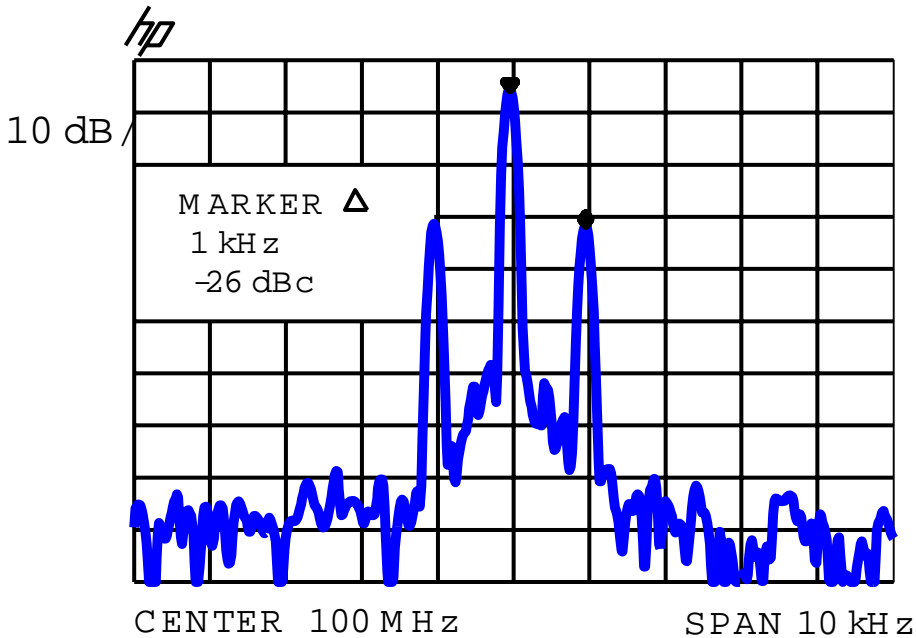
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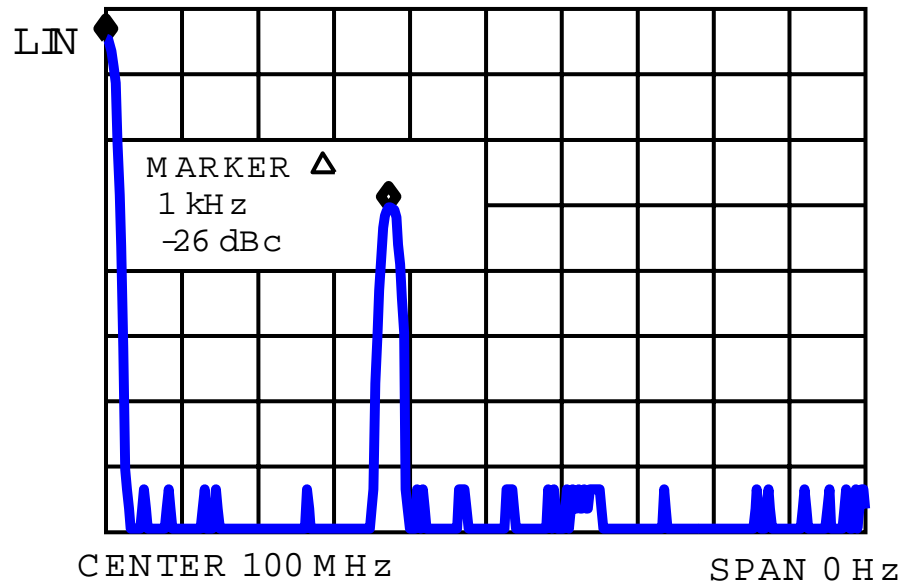
# Features

Modulation Measurements: FFT

Swept Frequency Domain

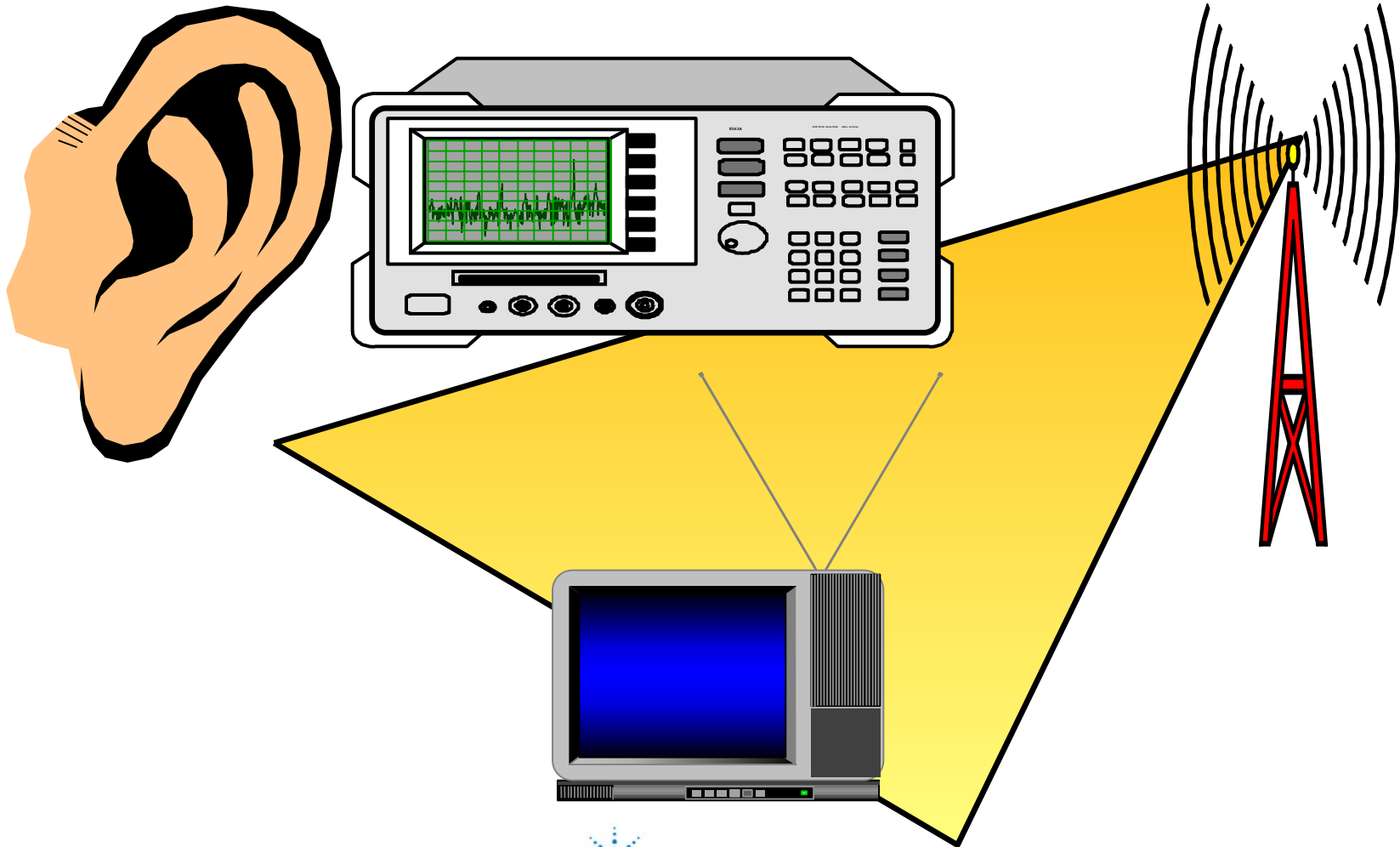


FFT Frequency Domain



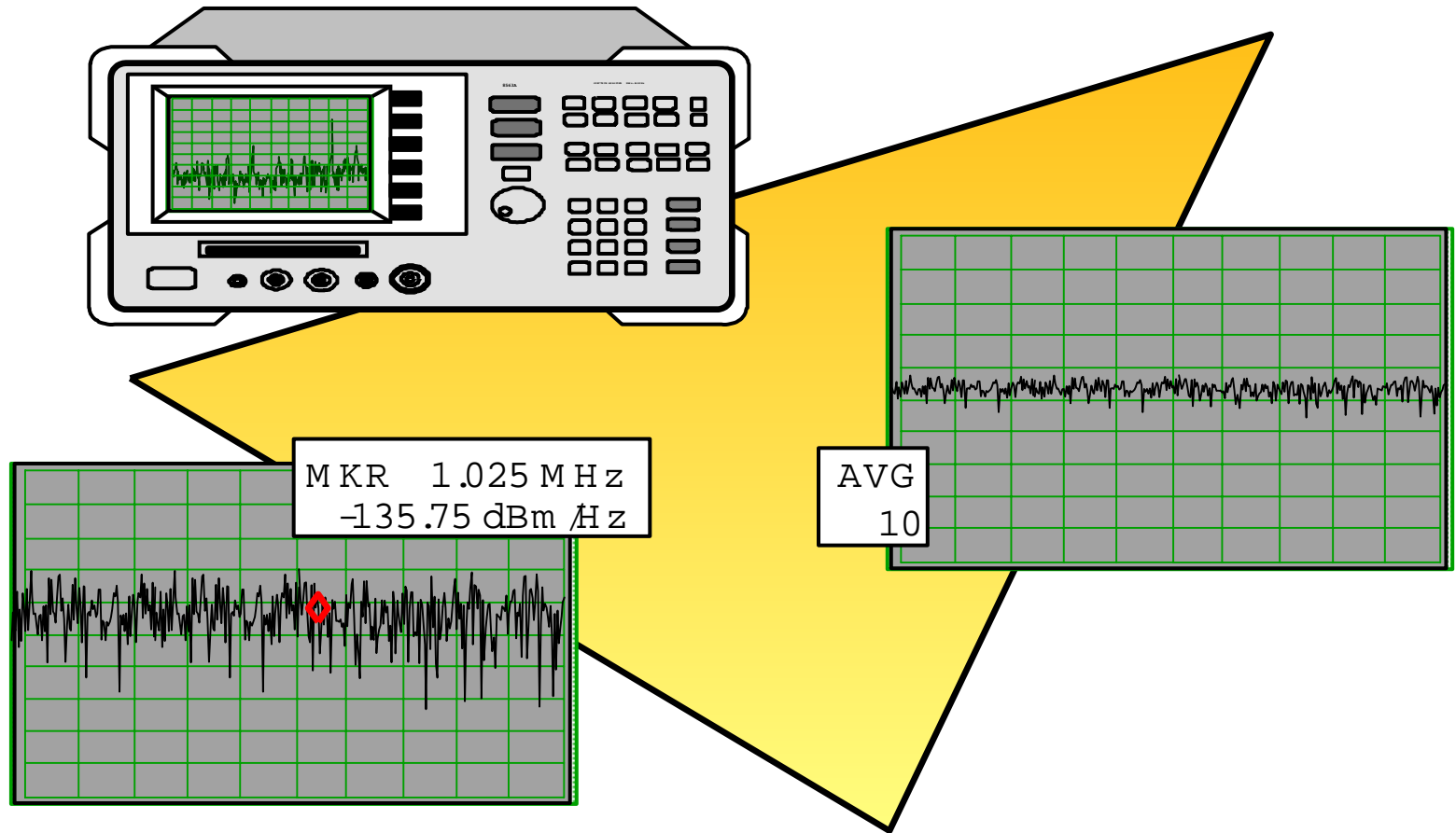
# Features

Modulation Measurements: AM / FM Detector with Speakers



# Features

Noise Measurements: Noise Marker & Video Averaging



# Features

Stimulus Response: Tracking Generator

