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# ACT6000 Advanced Communication Tester

## À .what is it?

- Level Generator
- Selective Level Meter
- Spectrum & Network Analyzer
- TDR Faults Locator
- Digital Multimeter
- White Noise Generator

## À .what is it useful for ?

- Tests and Analysis on lines or any other communication way
- Attenuation & Frequency response
- Noise, Level, Distortion & Cross-talk
- Return-loss & Longitudinal Balance
- Faults location & Micro-Interruptions
- Noise immunity & Data-rate estimation

## General Applications



Air Traffic - Voice and data comms.



Highway data communications



Railway data communications



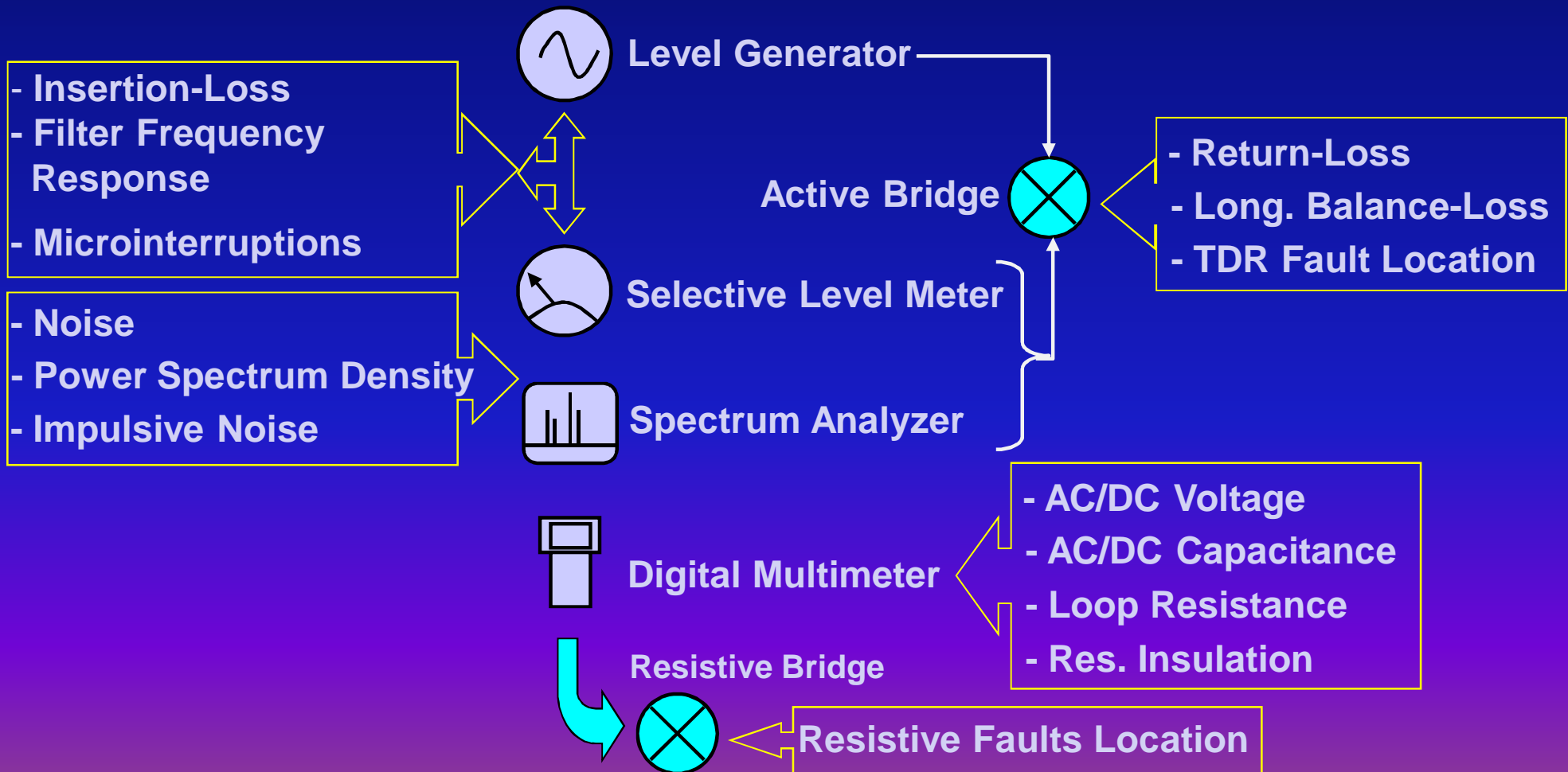
Electric Energy . Data & Speech Transport (PLC)



# ACT6000

## Advanced Communication Tester

### Base Circuits & Measurements





Application notes  
for  
PLC Carriers Qualification

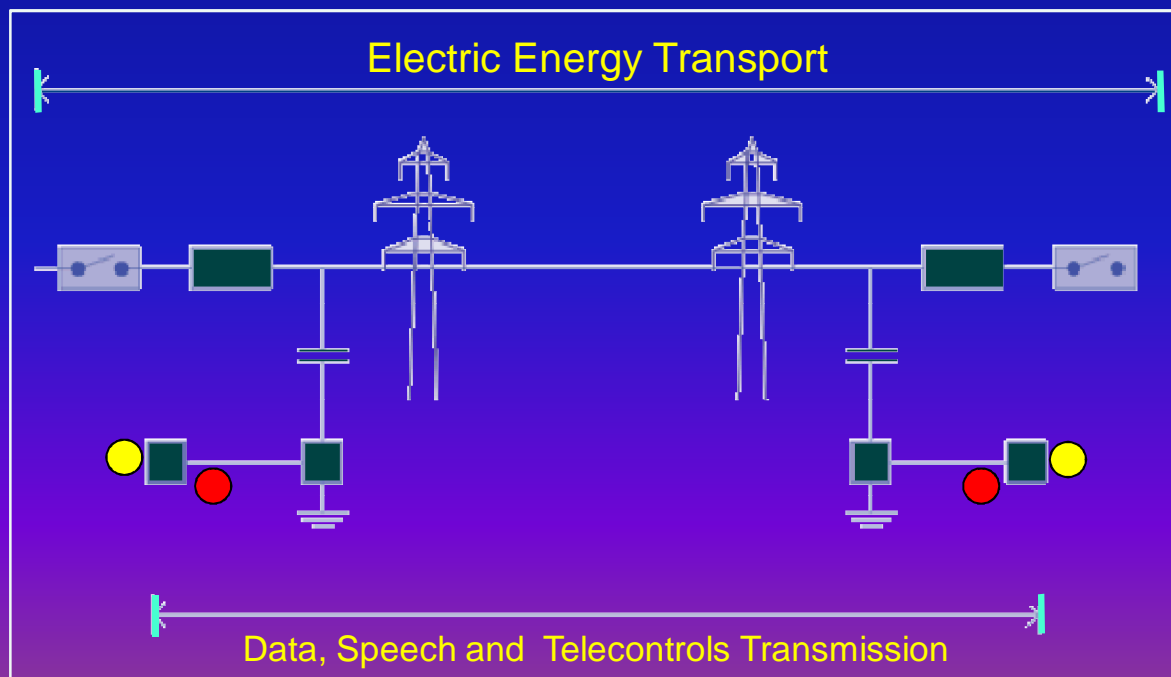


# ACT6000

## Advanced Communication Tester

### PLC Applications:

- Carrier and RF channels qualification / setting
- RF Filters Analysis and Setting
- Spectral Analysis AF: 200 ÷ 3400 Hz / RF: 20 - 6000 kHz
- AF Channels qualification / troubleshooting

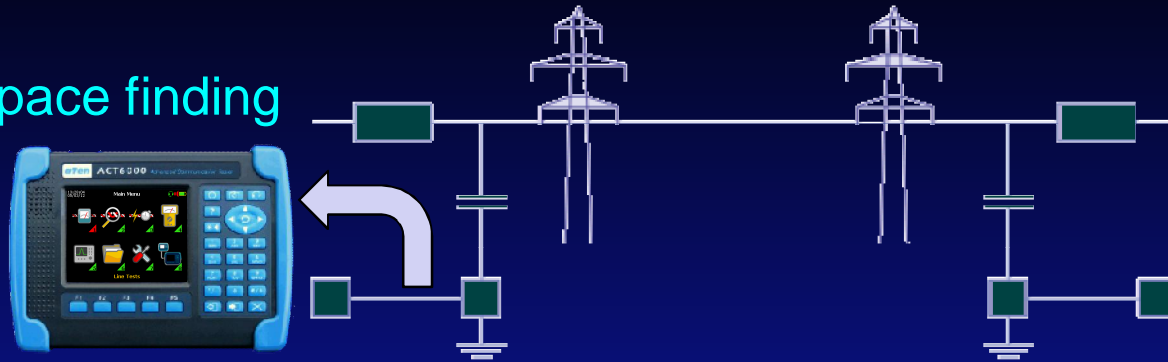


### Measurements

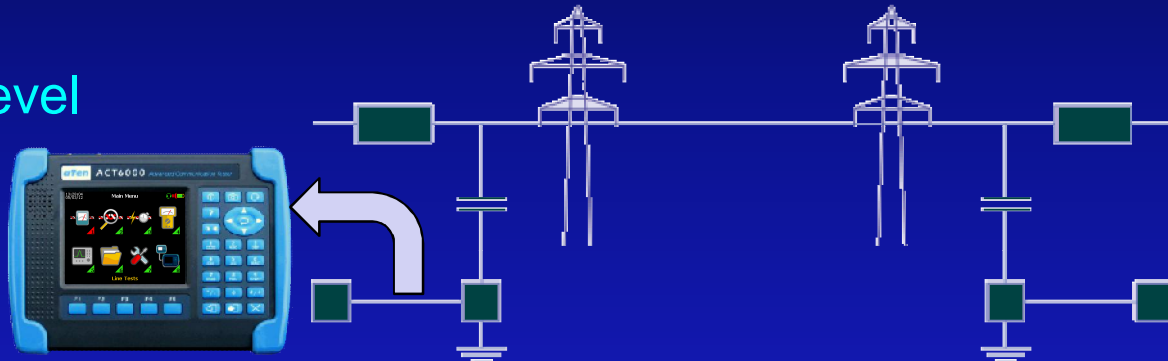
- -RF Band viewing / space finding
- RF Channel Noise level
- RF Channel Insertion-Loss
- RF Channel Filtering
- -AF Channel Analysis: Noise, Balancement, Return-Loss, Insertion-Loss
- AF Channel Microinterruptions
- AF Channel Impulsive Noise

# Instrument Use and Modality for RF Tests

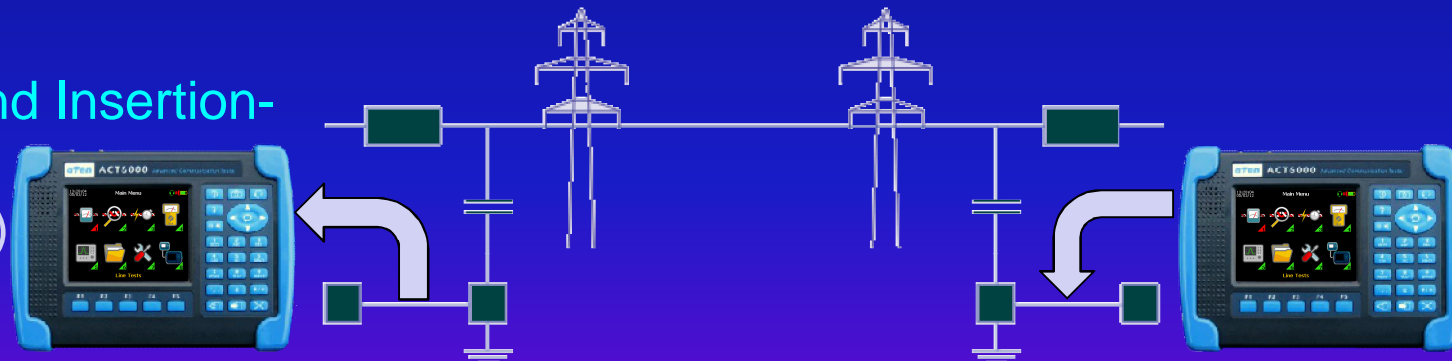
RF Band viewing / space finding  
(single instrument)



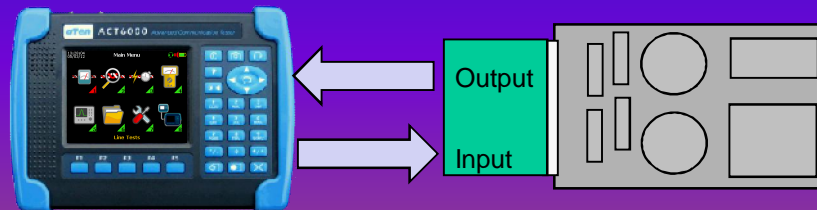
RF Channel Noise level  
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RF Channel / W Band Insertion-Loss  
(double instruments)



-RF Channel Filtering  
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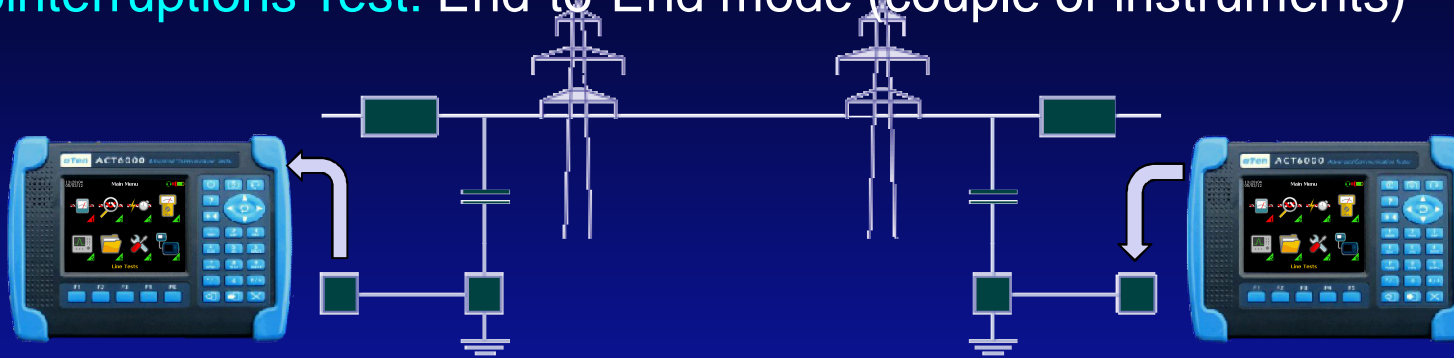


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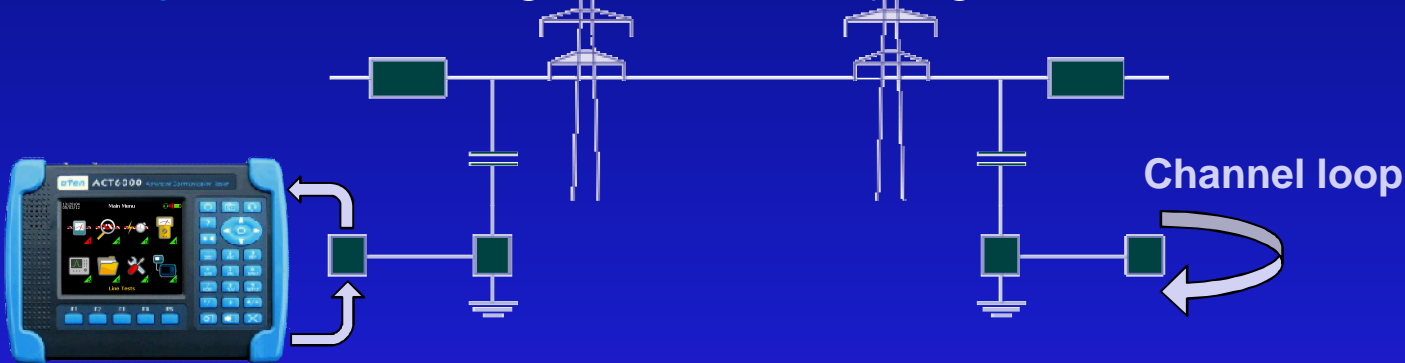
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# Instrument Use and Modality for AF Tests

- AF Channel Analysis in End-to-End (Automatic Master / Slave) mode: Noise, Balancement, Return-Loss, Insertion-Loss on Audio Band
- AF Microinterruptions Test: End-to-End mode (couple of instruments)



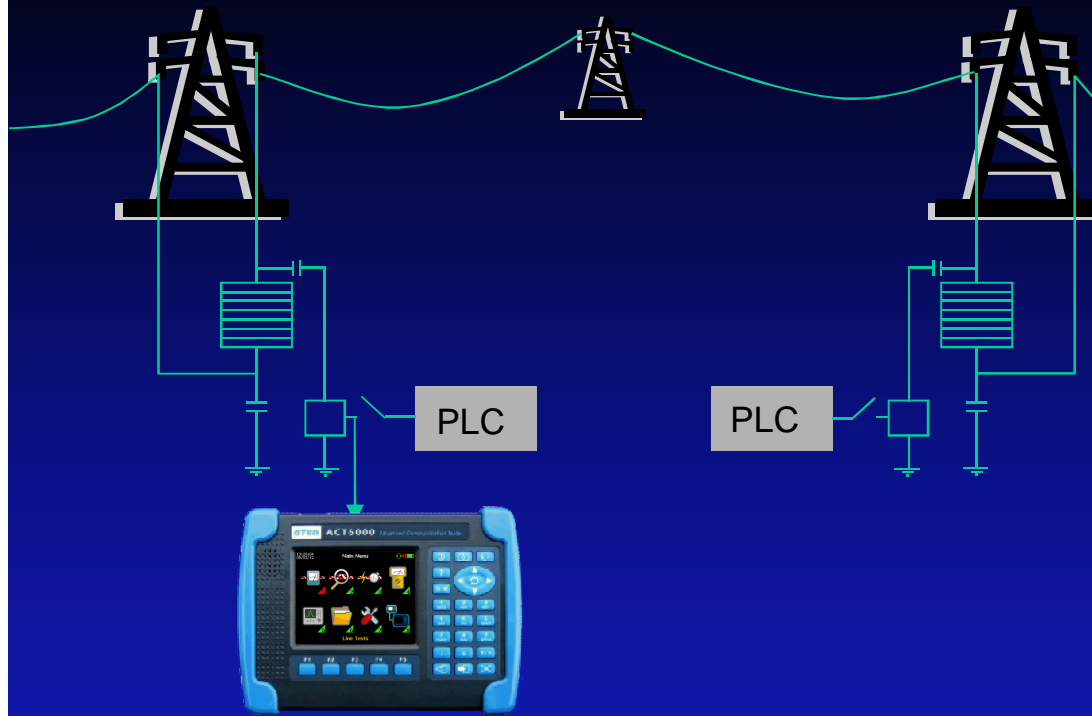
- AF Microinterruptions Test: Single-End mode (single instrument + loopback)



- AF Microinterruptions Test: Pilot Tone monitoring (single instrument)



# RF Band E Spectral Viewing / Channel space finding

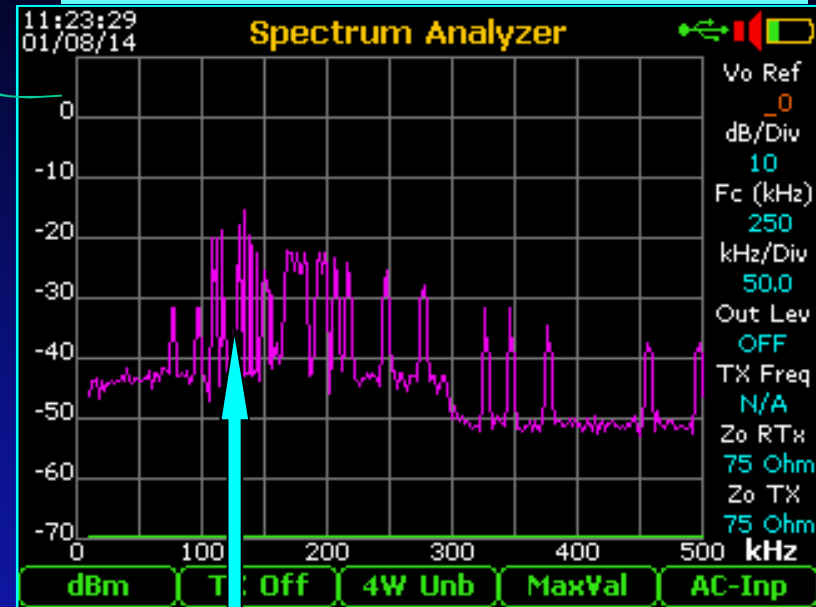


**ACT6000**  
Spectrum Analyzer

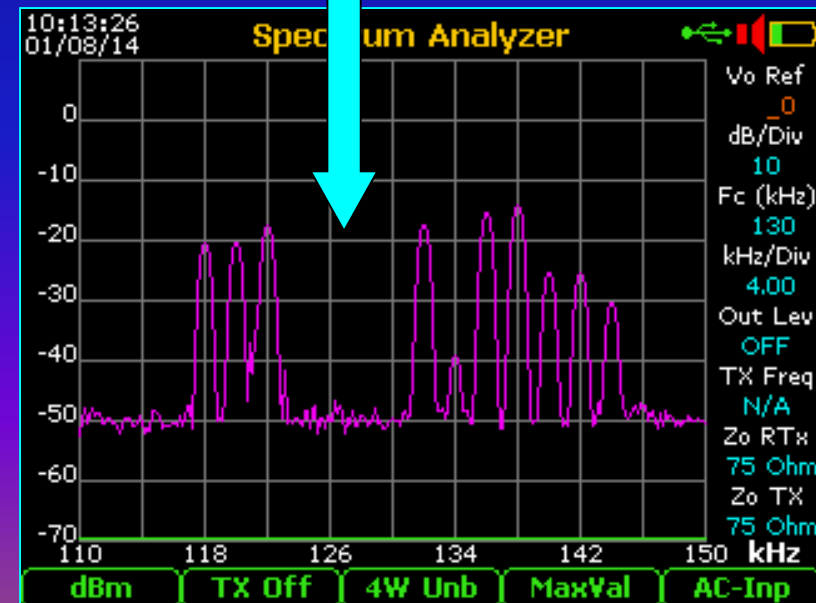
## Spectrum Analyzer Specifications

Frequency range	: from 200 Hz to 6 MHz (two band)
Input impedances balanced	: base band: 150, 200, 600 $\Omega$ and $>10$ k $\Omega$ ; middle band: 100, 110, 120, 135, 150 $\Omega$ and $>10$ k $\Omega$ ;
Input impedances unbalanced	: 50 and 75 $\Omega$ by Banana/BNC optional adapter.
- <b>Base band</b>	: 200 25000 Hz, by FFT analyzer (Kaiser window).
Span	: 6250 (+ zoom), 12500 and 25000 Hz.
Resolution horizontal.	: 250 pixel / 10 div. : 625, 1.250, 2.500 Hz / div.
Resolution vertical	: 192 pixel / 8 div.: 1, 2, 3 $\div$ 20 dB / divi.
Resolution (BW)	: 50, 100, 200 .. Hz (other resolutions interpolated).
- <b>Middle band</b>	: 1 kHz to 6 MHz, by Digital SSB quad. conversion.
Span	: 30 ranges: from 10 to 8000 kHz, 10 per decade.
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Resolution vertical	: 92 pixel / 8 div.: 1 $\div$ 20 dB / division.
Resolution (BW)	: 0.2, 0.5, 1, 2, 5, 8 kHz (other resolutions interpol.)
Noise floor	: $\approx$ 140 dBm/Hz.
Input range	: from noise floor $\div$ +12 dBm @ 100 $\delta$ .

## Wide band analysis 0 E 500 kHz

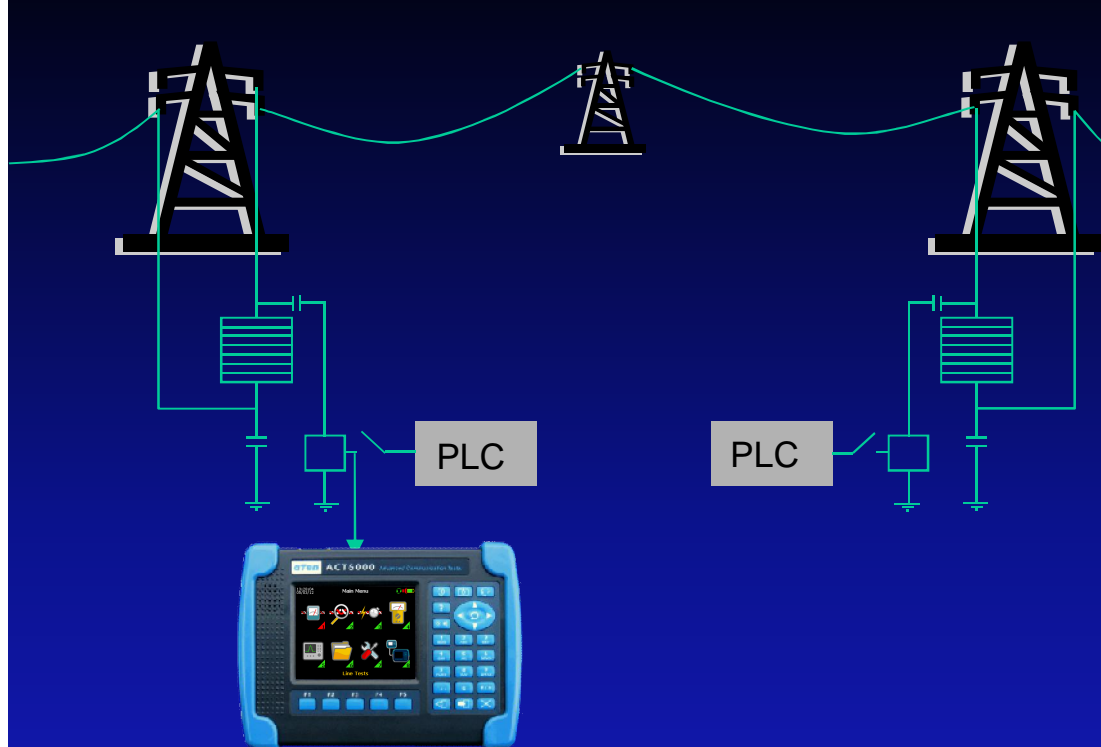


## Narrow band analysis 110-150 kHz

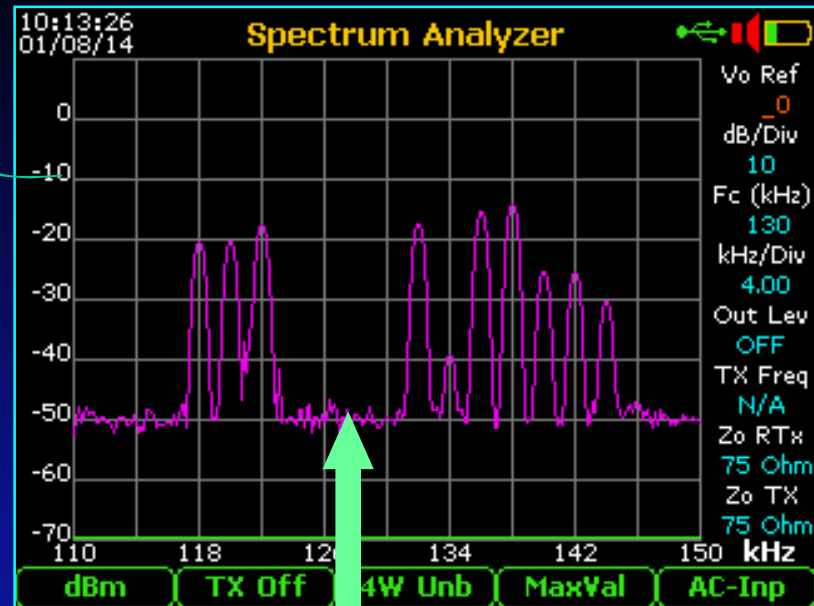




# RF Band E Spectral Noise measurement & S/N Ratio

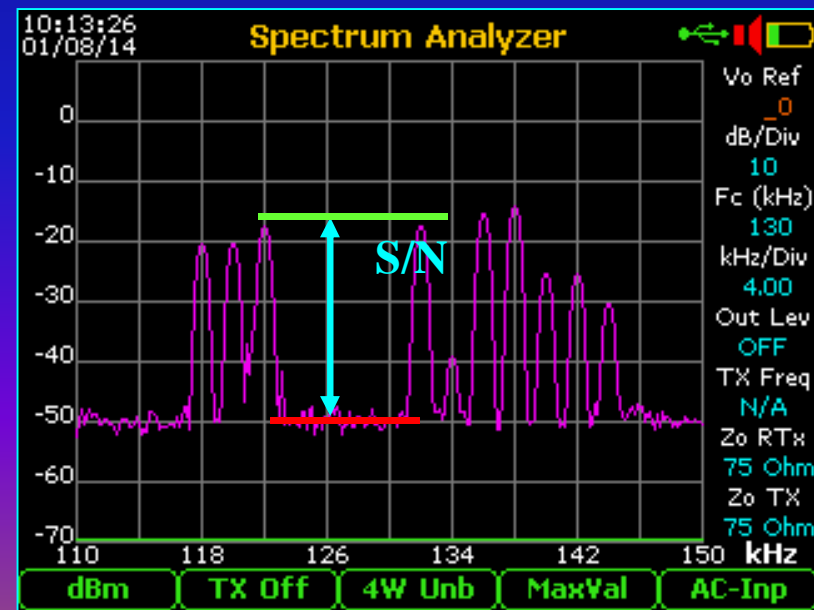


**ACT6000**  
Spectrum Analyzer



Noise Level  $\cong$  -50 dBm

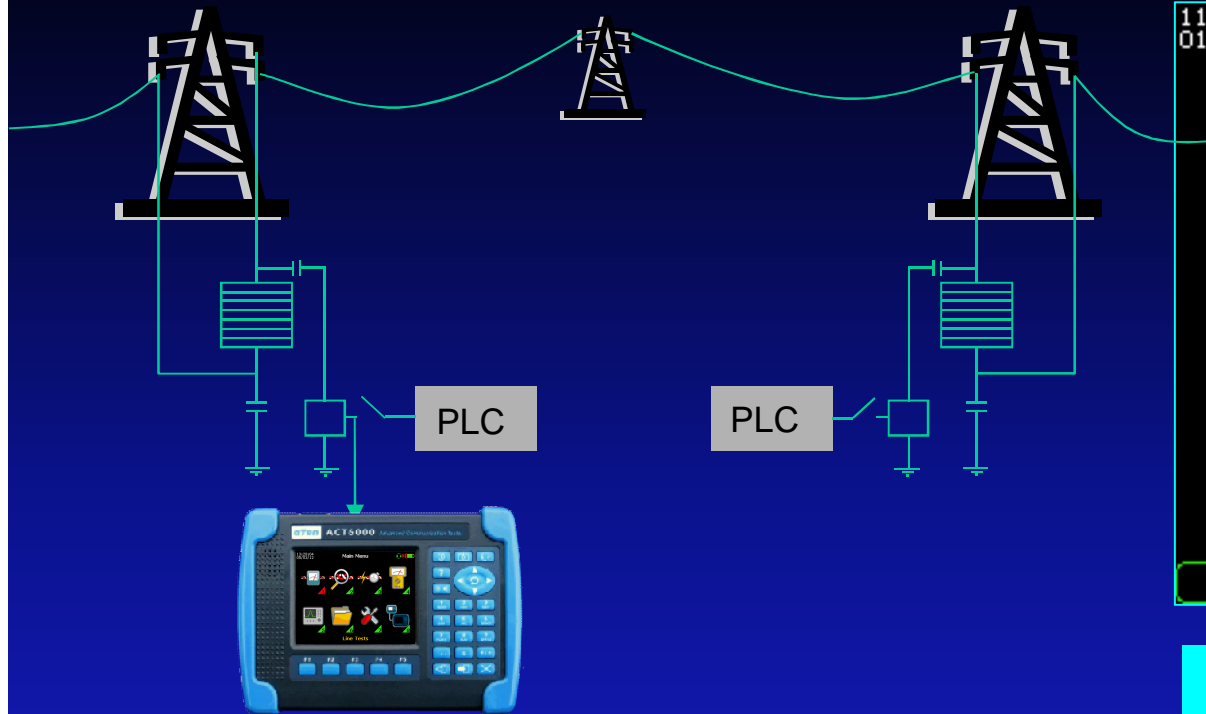
S/N Ratio  $\cong$  33 dB



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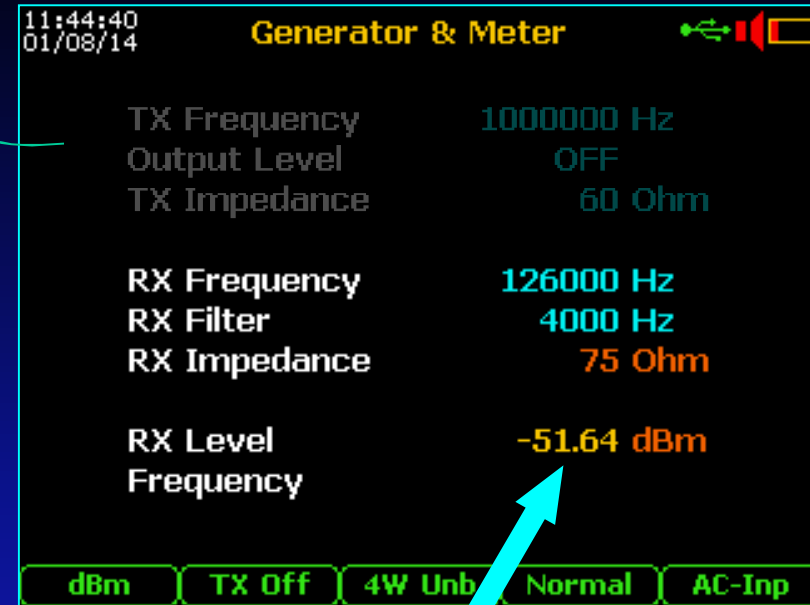
# RF Band Channel Noise measurement



**ACT6000**  
Selective Level Meter

## Selective Level Meter Specifications

Frequency range: from 20 Hz to 6 MHz (two bands);  
 Manual tuning: 1 Hz up to 5.999999 MHz;  
 Resolution: 1 Hz.  
 Level measurement mode: dBm, dBV, dBu, Volt and relative (dBr).  
 Input range: -120 +12 dBm @ 100 /  
 Resolution: 0.1 dB.  
 Level meter accuracy:  $\pm 0.2$  dB from 400 Hz to 20 kHz @ 600  $\Omega$ ;  
 $\pm 0.2$  dB up to 2 MHz,  $\pm 0.3$  dB up to 6 MHz;  
 Noise floor (TX OFF): -140 dBm/Hz.  
 Input impedances balanced: base band: 150, 200, 600  $\Omega$  and >10 k $\Omega$ ;  
 middle band: 100, 110, 120, 135, 150  $\Omega$   
 and >10 k $\Omega$ ;  
 Input impedances unbalanced: 50 and 75 by Banana/BNC adapter.



Noise @ 126 kHz / 4kHz band

## Noise filters

**Base band:** Psophometric; C-Message;  
 0.3 ÷ 3.4 kHz, 0.02 ÷ 3.4 kHz, 0.3 ÷ 6.0 kHz,  
 0.02 ÷ 6.0 kHz, 0.3 ÷ 15.0 kHz, 0.02 ÷ 15.0 kHz,  
 0.3 ÷ 20.0 kHz, 20 ÷ 20.0 kHz, 20.0 kHz flat.

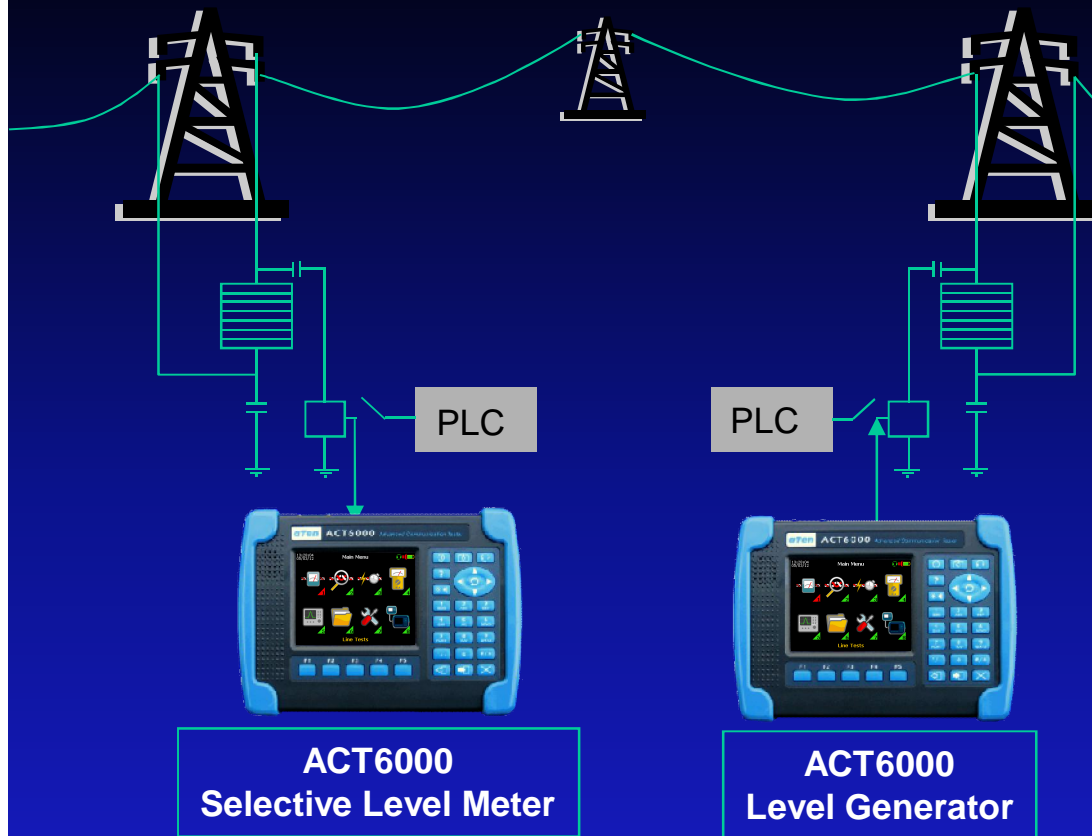
## Selective filters / notch

**Base band:** (200 Hz ÷ 20 kHz) pass band and notch  
 for S/N+D (dB and %) test;  
 Selectivity: - 10 Hz @  $f_o < 200$  Hz;  
 - 5%  $f_o$  @  $> 200$  Hz  $f_o < 4$  kHz;  
 - 200 Hz @  $f_o > 4$  kHz.  
 - Telegraphic channel: 120, 240, 360, 480 Hz.

## Middle band (20 kHz ÷ 6 MHz)

Selectivity: 25, 100, 200, 400 Hz and 1.74, 3.1, 4.0, 8.0, 16.0 kHz.

# RF Band Channel Insertion-Loss



**ACT6000  
Selective Level Meter**

**ACT6000  
Level Generator**

## Level Generator Specifications

- Sine output frequency range : base band: from 20 Hz to 20 kHz;  
middle band: from 20 kHz to 6 MHz;
- Frequency Resolution : 1 Hz up to 5.999999 MHz;
- Frequency setup mode : manual on single frequency and step mode on programmable band / steps.
- Output level : -60 ÷ +20 dBm @ 150 Ω / 0.1 dB steps.
- Output level accuracy : ±0.2 dB from 400 Hz to 20 kHz @ 600 Ω;  
±0.2 dB up to 2 MHz, ±0.3 dB up to 6 MHz; @ 100 Ω
- Balanced output impedances : base band: 150, 200 and 600 Ω  
middle band: 100, 110, 120, 135, 150 and 1350 Ω.
- Unbalanced output impedances : 50 and 75 Ω by Banana/BNC optional adapter.

Level sent @ 126 kHz

11:53:52  
01/08/14

**Generator & Meter**

TX Frequency	1260000 Hz
Output Level	0.0 dBm
TX Impedance	75 Ohm
RX Frequency	126000 Hz
RX Filter	25 Hz
RX Impedance	75 Ohm
RX Level	-15.46 dBm
Frequency	

dBm TX On 4W Unb Normal AC-Inp

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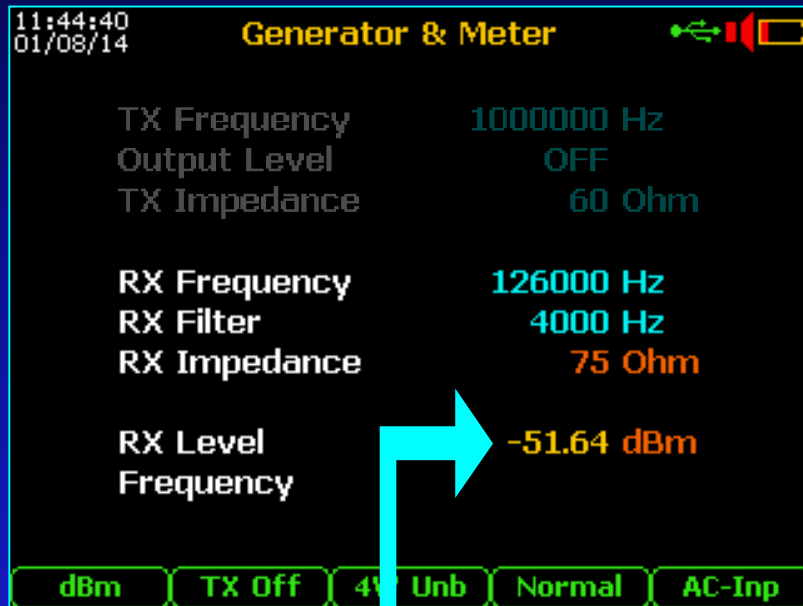
**Generator & Meter**

TX Frequency	1000000 Hz
Output Level	OFF
TX Impedance	75 Ohm
RX Frequency	126000 Hz
RX Filter	25 Hz
RX Impedance	75 Ohm
RX Level	-15.45 dBm
Frequency	

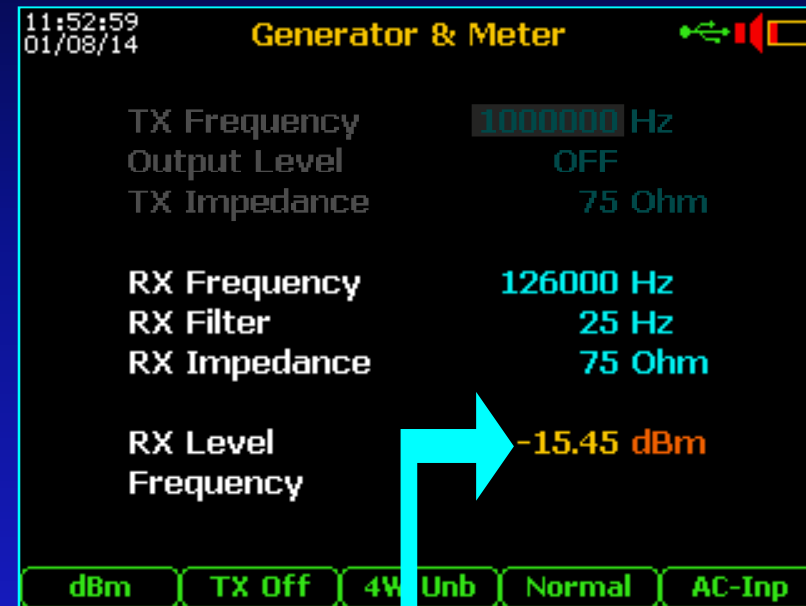
dBm TX Off 4W Unb Normal AC-Inp

Level received / 25 Hz band

# RF Band Channel Signal to Noise Ratio



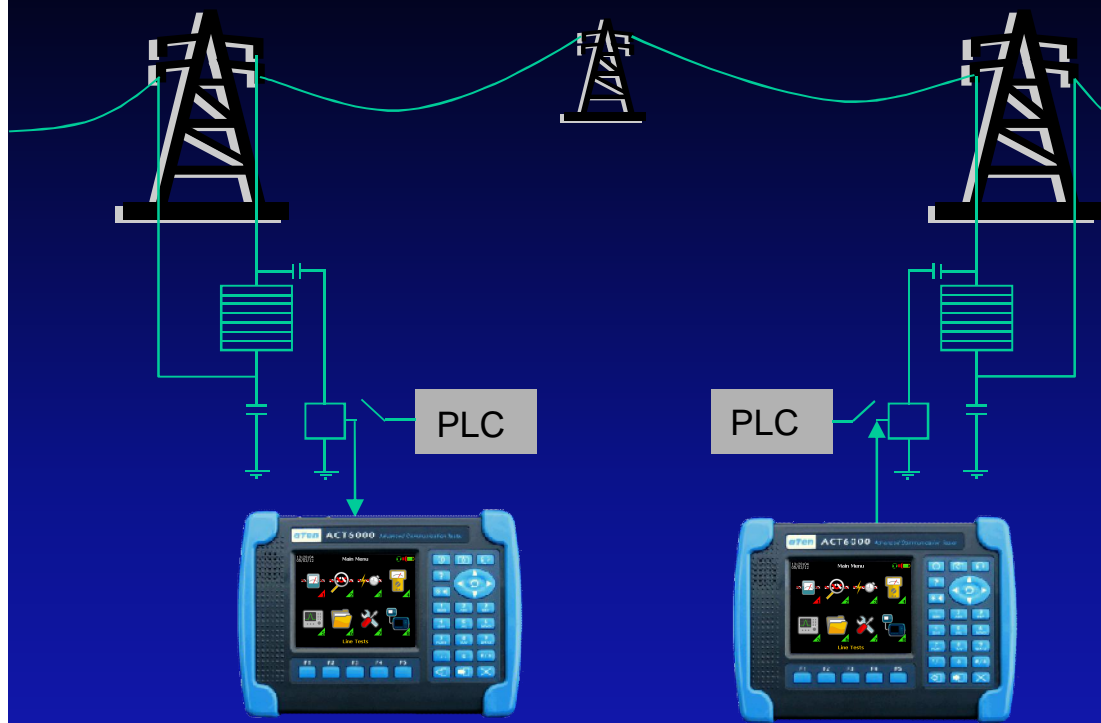
Noise @ 126 kHz / 4kHz band



Signal level / 25 Hz band

S/N Ratio:  $(51.6 \text{ dBm} - 15.4 \text{ dB}) \cong 36.2 \text{ dB}$

# RF Band E Wide Band Insertion-Loss



**ACT6000**  
Spectrum Analyzer  
(Max value capture)

**ACT6000**  
Step Level  
Generator

## Step Level Generator

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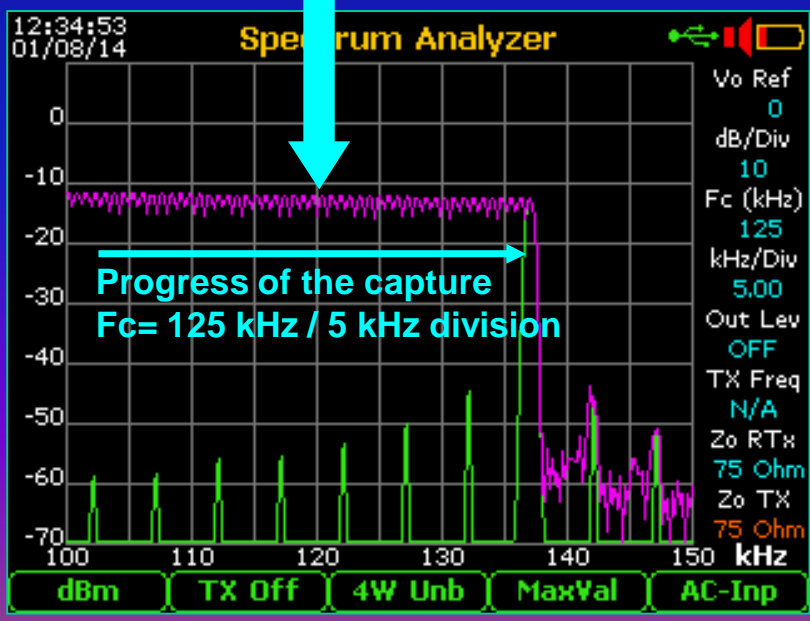
**Step Generator**

Start Frequency	100000 Hz
Stop Frequency	150000 Hz
Step Frequency	50 Hz
Output Level	0.0 dBm
TX Impedance	75 Ohm
TX Frequency	125000 Hz

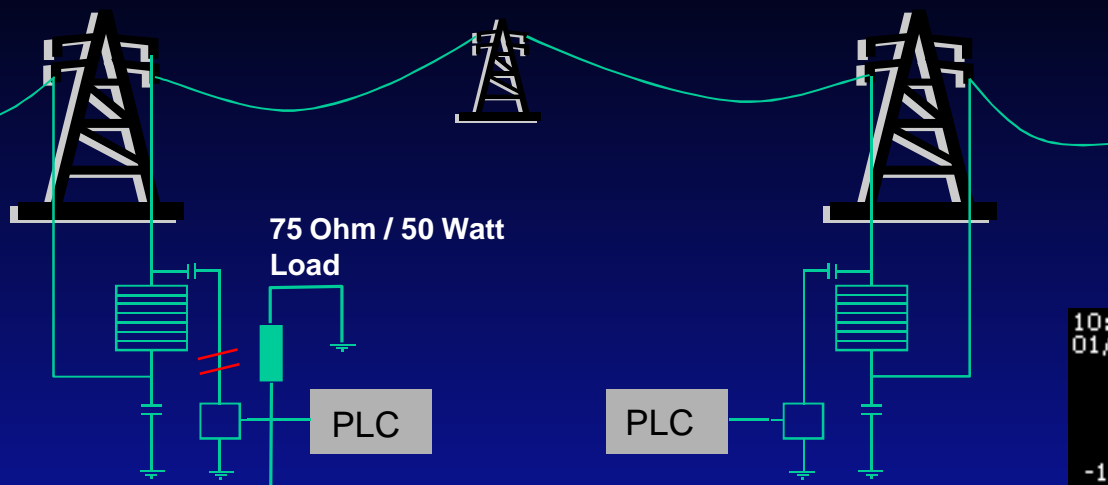
Progress of the steps  
100 E 150 kHz band / 50 Hz step

4W Unb Start Stop

## Step Level capturing

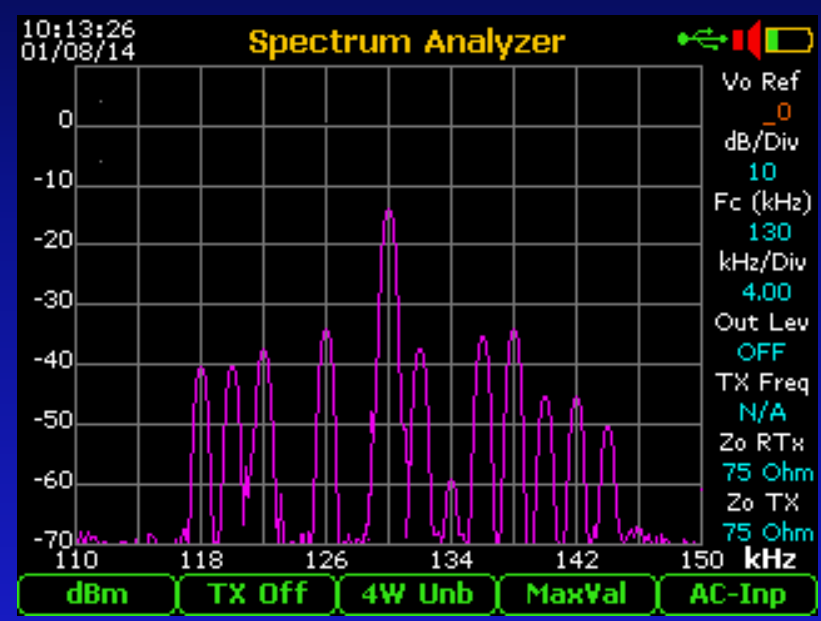


# RF Band E Power Spectral Analysis

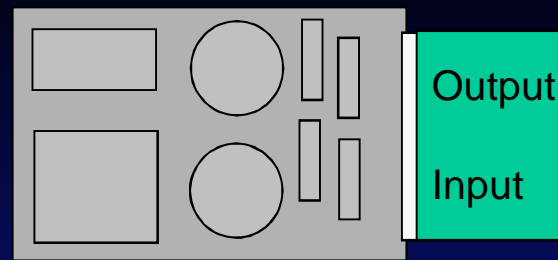


75 Ohm / 50 Watt Load

50 dB Attenuator  
High Input / 75 Ohm Output



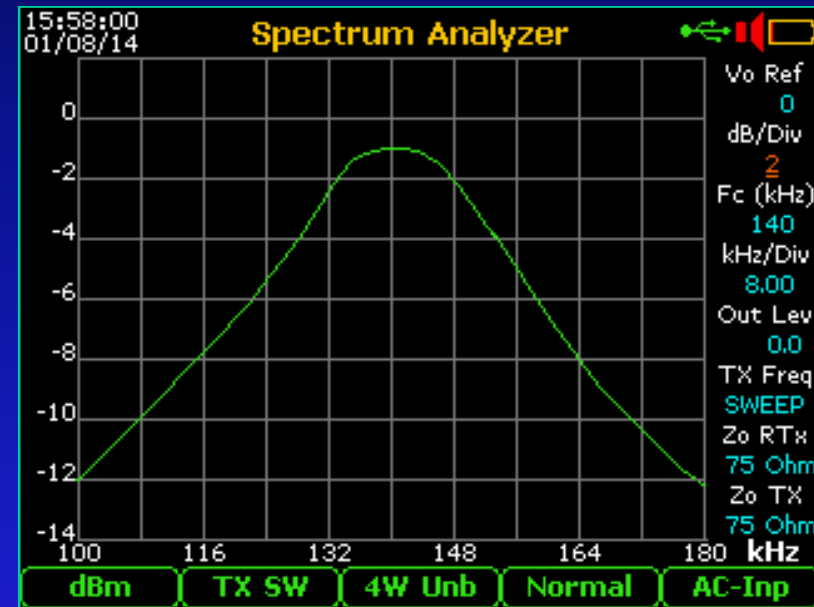
# RF Band Channeling Filter Tuning



Channelling Selective Filter



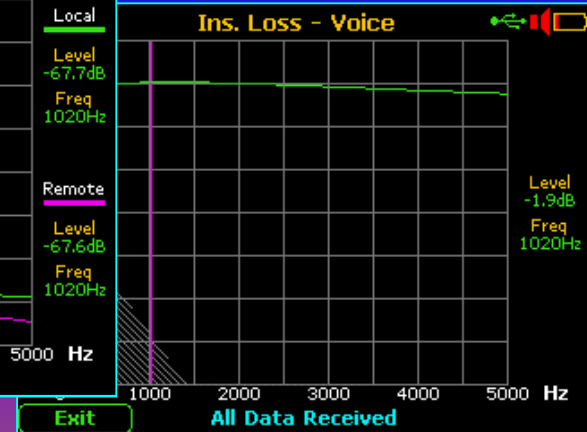
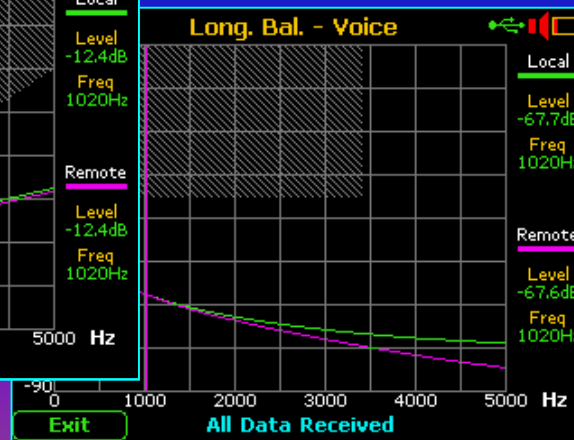
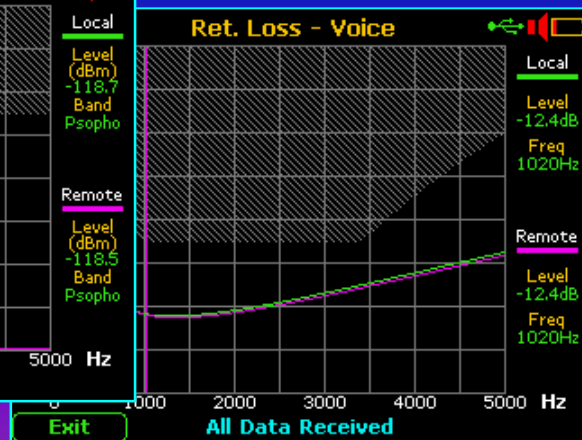
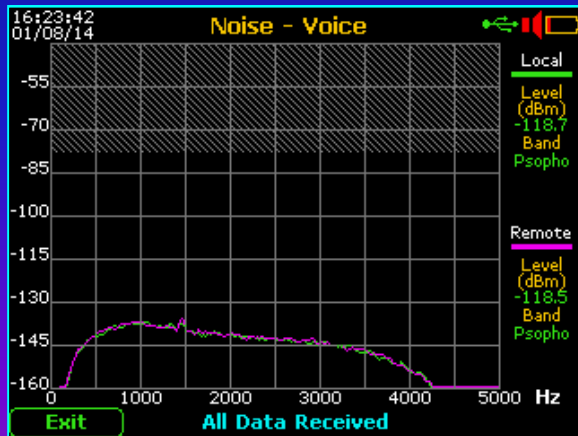
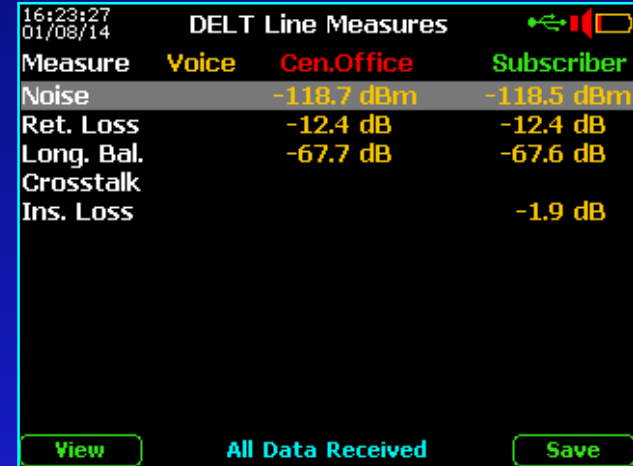
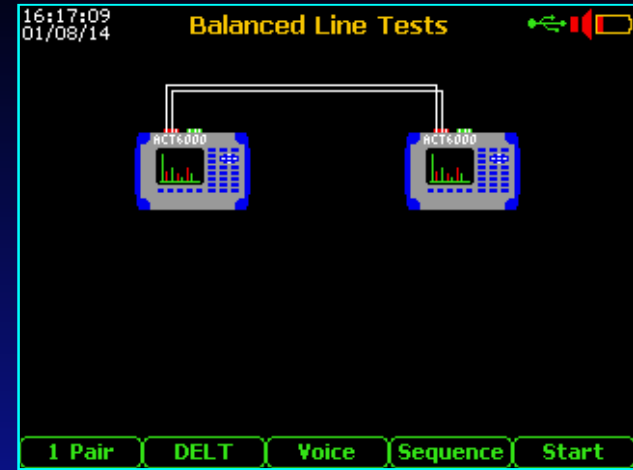
ACT6000  
Network Analyzer



## Network Analyzer Specifications

Frequency range	: from 200 Hz to 6 MHz (two band)
Input impedances balanced	: base band: 150, 200, 600 $\Omega$ and $>10$ k $\Omega$ ; middle band: 100, 110, 120, 135, 150 $\Omega$ and $>10$ k $\Omega$ ;
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Span	: 6250 (+ zoom), 12500 and 25000 Hz.
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Resolution vertical	: 192 pixel / 8 div.: 1, 2, 3 $\div$ 20 dB / divi.
Resolution (BW)	: 50, 100, 200 .. Hz (other resolutions interpolated).
- <b>Middle band</b>	: 1 kHz to 6 MHz, by Digital SSB quad. conversion.
Span	: 30 ranges: from 10 to 8000 kHz, 10 per decade.
Resolution horizontal	: 250 pixel / 10 div: 1, 2, 4, 8, 16.. $\div$ 800 kHz / divi.
Resolution vertical	: 92 pixel / 8 div.: 1 $\div$ 20 dB / division.
Resolution (BW)	: 0.2, 0.5, 1, 2, 5, 8 kHz (other resolutions interpol.)
Noise floor	: $\approx$ 140 dBm/Hz.
Input range	: from noise floor $\div$ +12 dBm @ 100 $\delta$ .
Network Analyzer	: by tracking generator sweep or single frequency in 2/4 wires mode

# AF Channel - Analysis in End-to-End Automatic Master / Slave mode

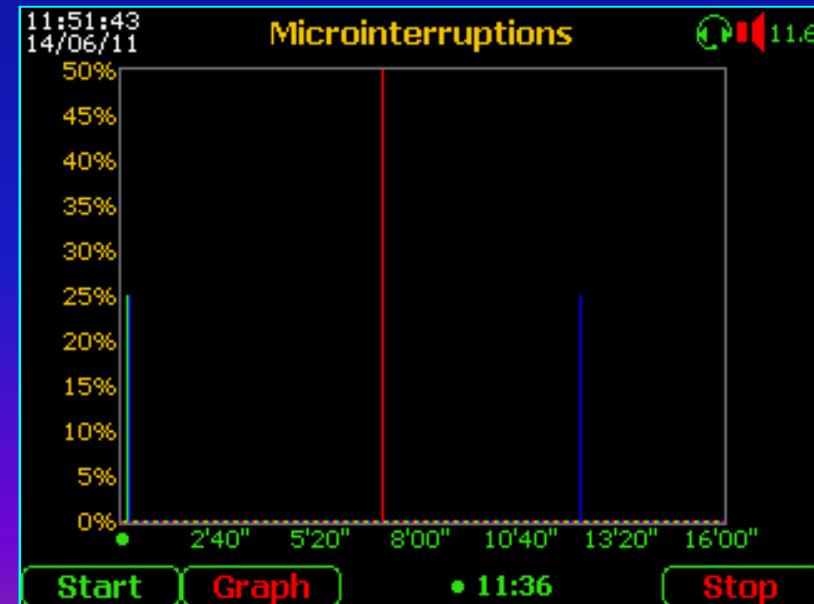
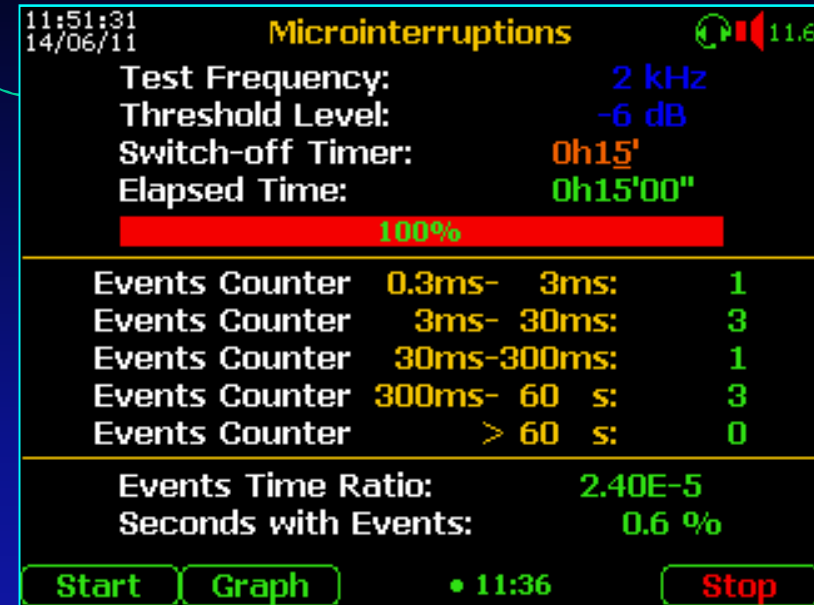
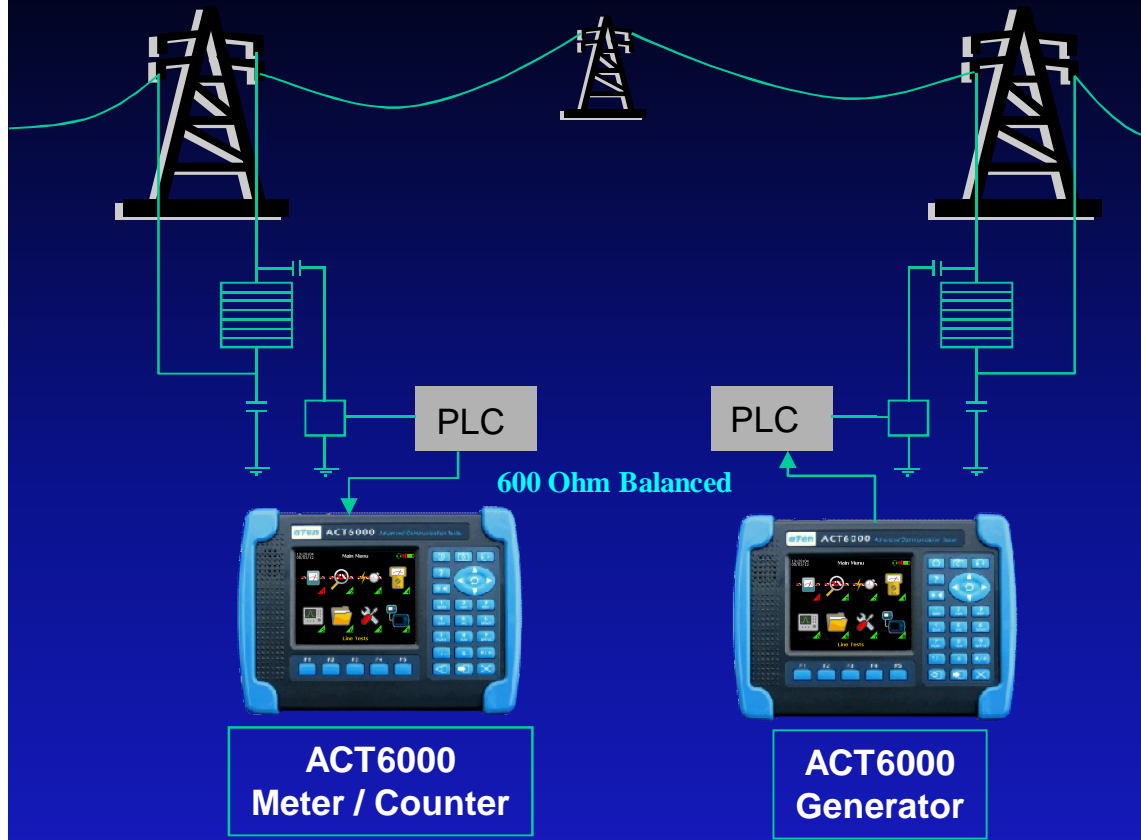


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# AF Channel - Microinterruptions Test - End-to-End



## Micro-Interruptions Specifications

### - O.62 (Base and Middle Band )

Threshold level : -3 ÷ -20 dB - 2 kHz Test Tone (default) or on programmable input frequency 200 Hz to 6 MHz.

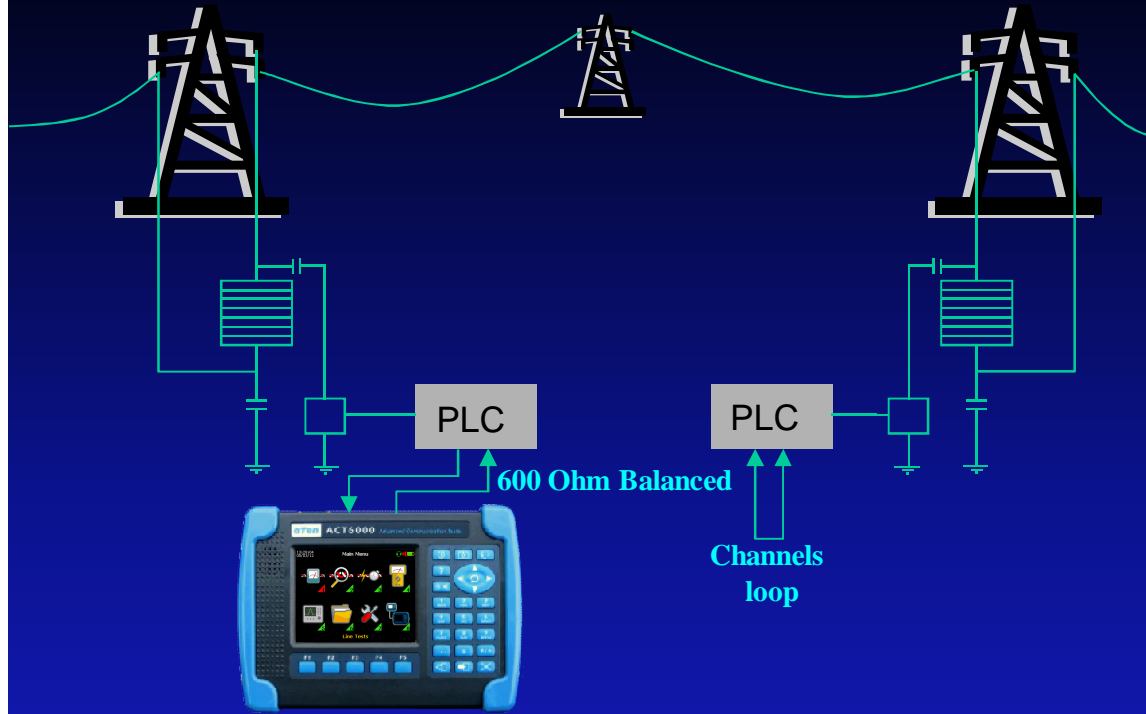
Monitoring time : 4 min. ÷ 24 ours.

Events indicators : - 5 Counters (0.3ms ÷ >1min);  
- Event/Time ;  
- Seconds with Events.

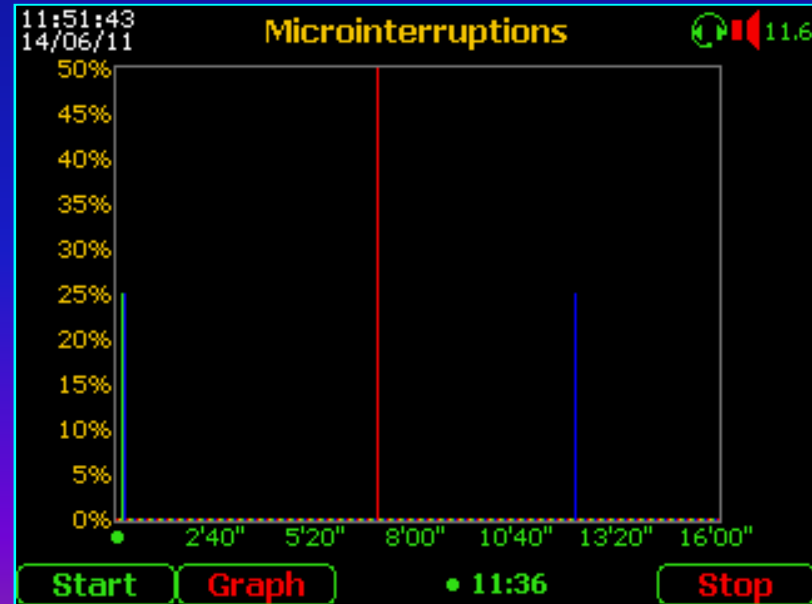
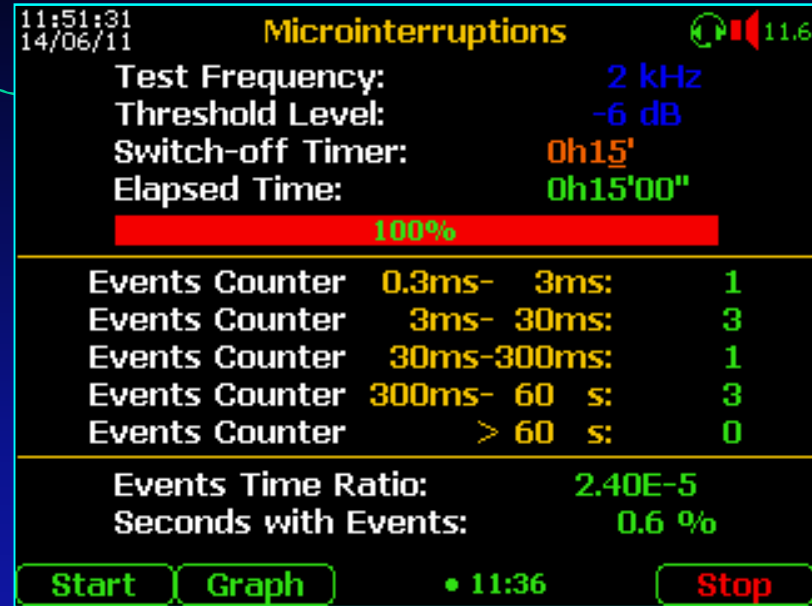
Readout : Tabular and Time Domain Histogram representation.

Measure facilities : 2 kHz reference tone output from TX connector for loopback tests.

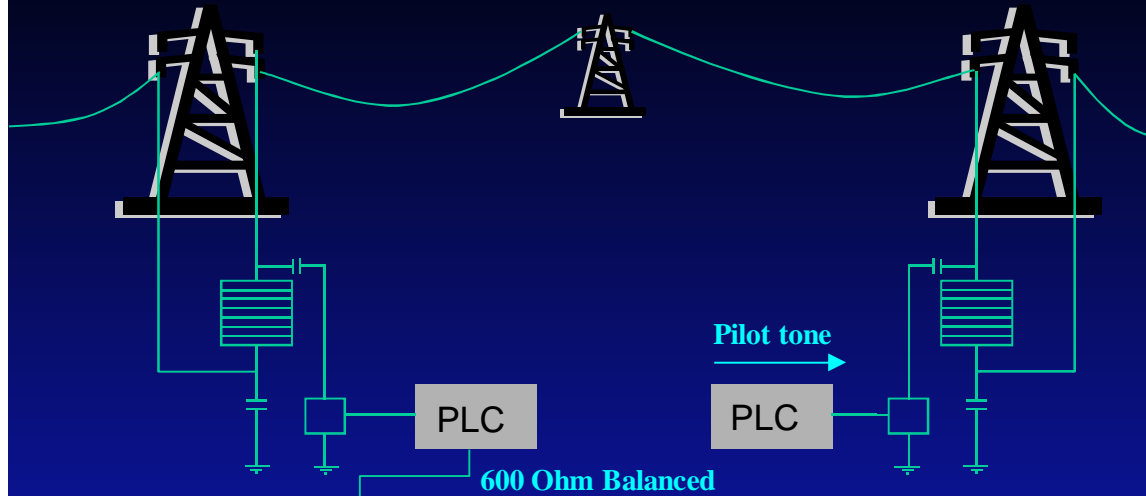
# AF Channel - Microinterruptions Test - Single-End + loopback



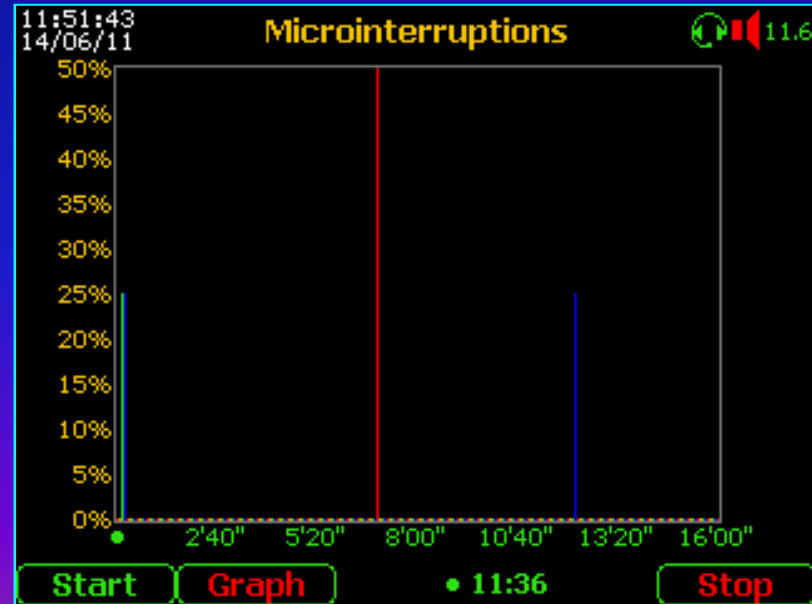
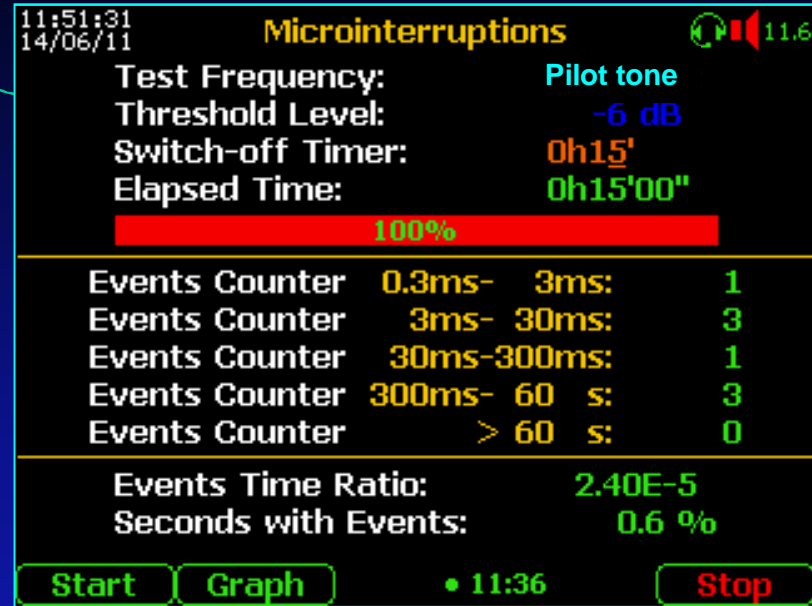
**ACT6000**  
Generator and  
Meter /Counter



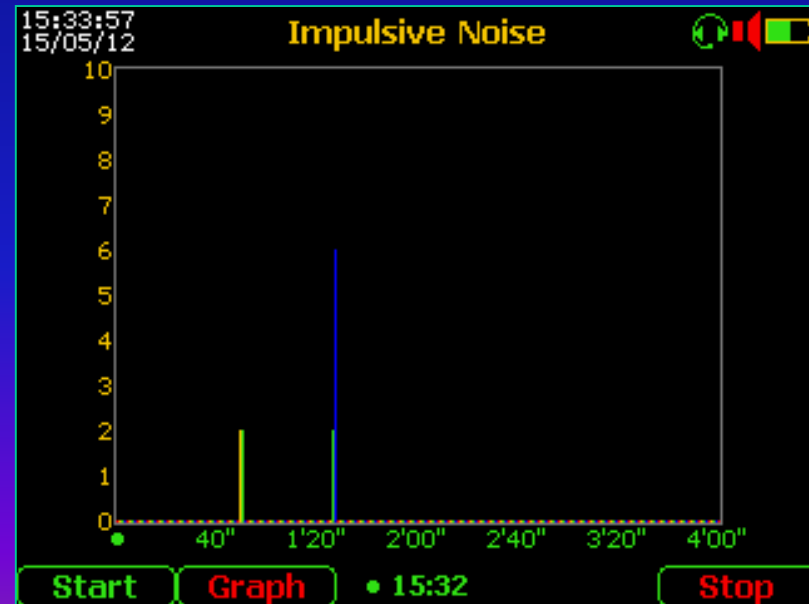
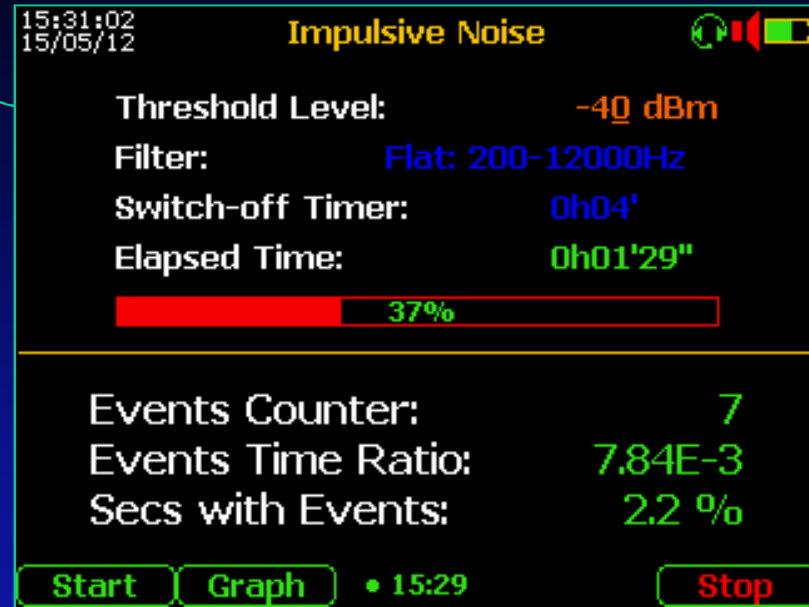
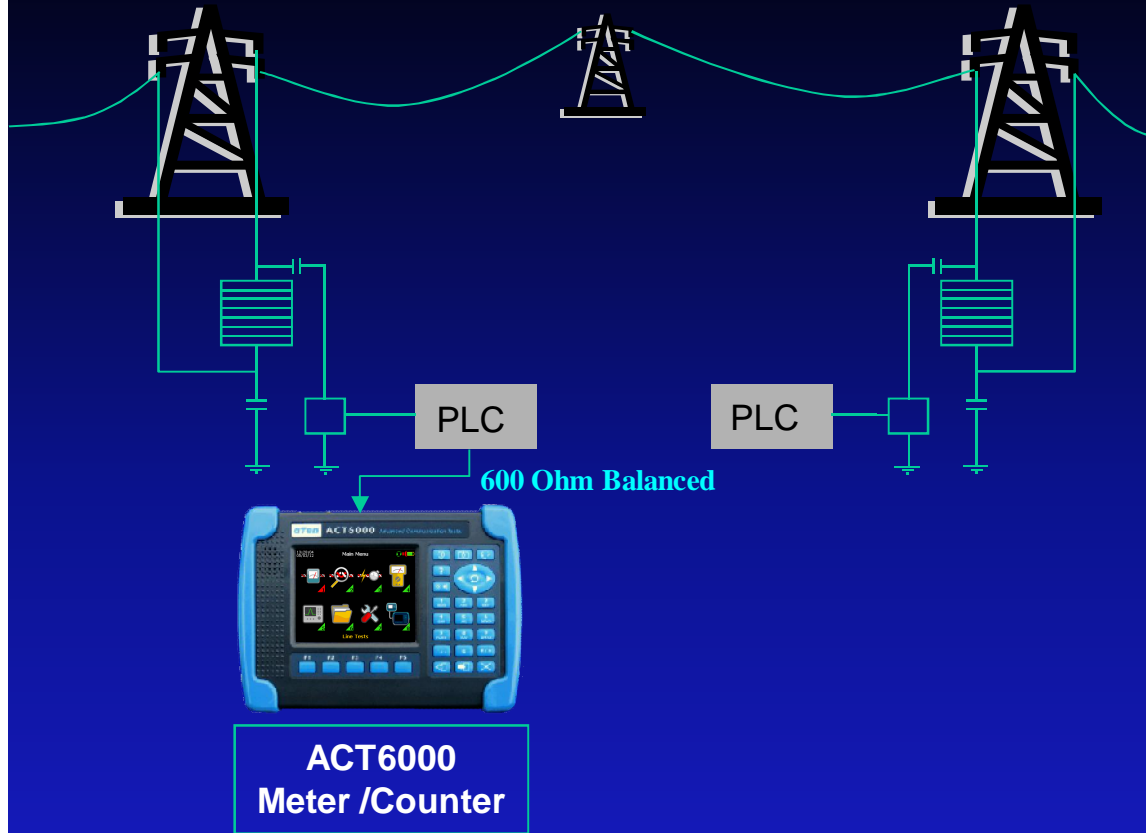
# AF Channel - Microinterruptions Test - Pilot Tone Monitoring



**ACT6000  
Meter /Counter**



# AF Channel - Impulsive Noise Test



## Impulsive Noise Specifications

### O.71 (Base and Middle Band)

- Threshold level : 0 ÷ -60 dBm.
- Base band BW filters : - 200 ÷ 12,000 Hz Flat,  
- 600 ÷ 3,000 Hz,  
- 300 ÷ 500 Hz.
- Monitoring time : 4 min. ÷ 24 hours.
- Events indicators : - 1 Event Counter;  
- Event/Time Ratio;  
- Secs. with Events.
- Readout : Tabular and Time Domain Histogram representation.