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Peak Deviation and Center Frequency Measurements For CT2 and DECT Radios

Application Note

Agilent Technologies 53310A Modulation Domain Analyzer

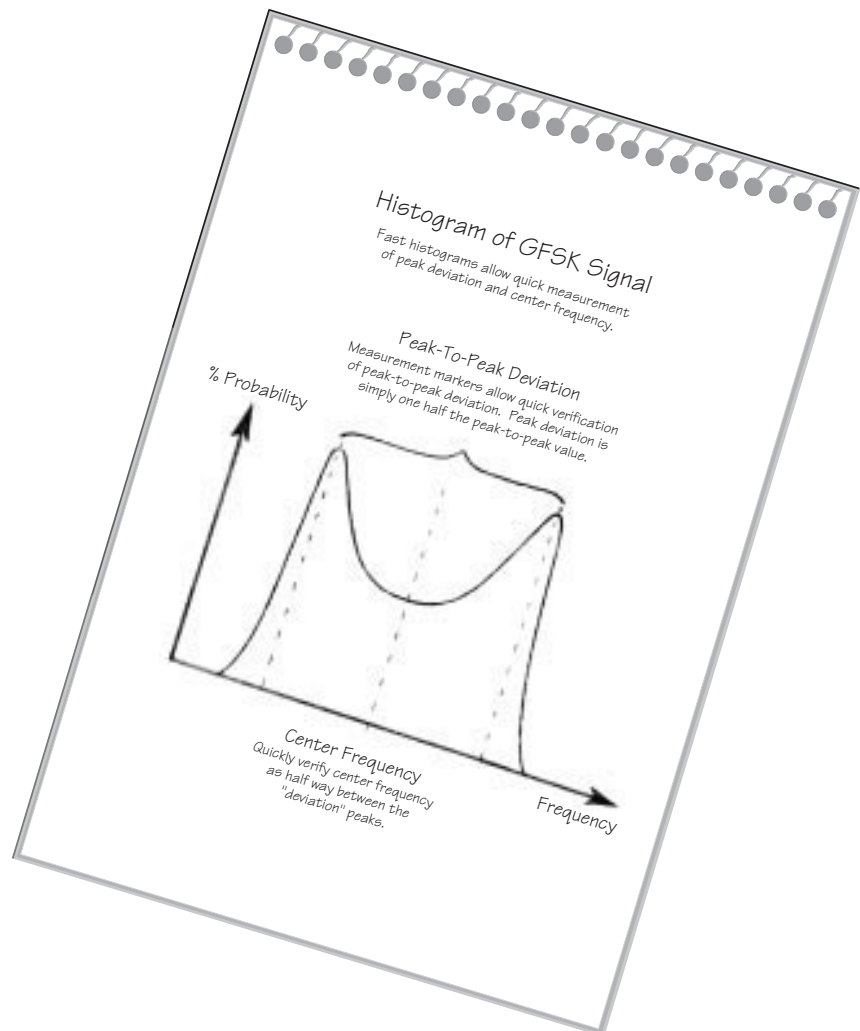
Easy Analysis of GMSK Modulation for CT2 and DECT Radios

Situation

The use of digital modulation in mobile communications systems is growing rapidly. Information in the form of 1s and 0s is often transmitted as two different frequencies. This is known as Frequency Shift Keying (FSK), or Gaussian Frequency Shift Keying (GFSK) if the data is filtered. In most systems Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) techniques are also used to increase the number of users on each frequency channel. This TDMA, or bursting, means that the transmitter is only on for a few hundred microseconds at a time.

Problem

Measuring the peak deviation and center frequency of such signals is required to meet the regulatory standards. However, measuring the deviation accurately on a bursted signal is difficult or impossible with conventional modulation analyzers. In addition, pulse counters only "average" the frequency within a burst, so the center frequency value will be a function of the particular data sequence transmitted. With wide deviations, discriminator techniques are cumbersome. Complete CT2 or DECT transmitter characterization is limited using conventional test techniques.



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Solution

The Agilent 53310A Modulation Domain Analyzer with Option 031 automatically measures center frequency and peak deviation on bursted CT2 and DECT carriers. Results are automatically calculated from histogram plots which show the probability distribution of thousands of fast frequency measurements. The deviation peaks of the filtered FSK modulation are revealed directly in the histogram. The center frequency is the midpoint of the deviation peaks. Built-in analysis automatically calculates the center frequency and deviation for you.

Related Applications

- Examining GMSK modulation in GSM and PCN radios
- Examining frequency hopping sequences of hopped cellular radios or secure communication systems
- Examining turn-on time of mobile radios
- Examining channel switching and lock times in mobile radios
- Characterizing VCO and phase-locked loop response

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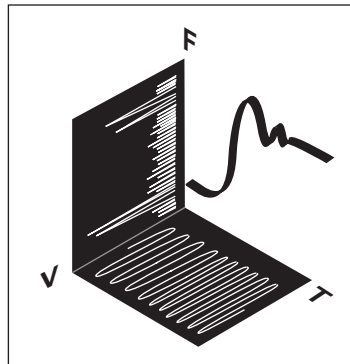
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