

Worst Case Linearization Error

For continuously transmitting signals (100% duty cycle), the worst case linearization error is given by the difference between non linearized voltage and linearized voltage using CW parameters. The error is increasing with the voltage levels. In our particular case, the measured voltages averaged over the signal period are below 1mV. We use 1mV in the below calculation to have the worst case condition. The signal PAR (Peak to Average Ratio) is 6dB and the diode compression point 100mV.

The maximum voltage through the diode is given by:

$$v_{peak} = v_{meas\ avg} * PAR_{linear}$$

$$v_{peak} = 1 * 4 = 4\ mV$$

The linearized voltage using CW parameter is given by:

$$v_{lin\ peak} = v_{peak} + \frac{v_{peak}^2}{diode\ compression\ point}$$

$$v_{lin\ peak} = 4 + \frac{4^2}{100} = 4.16\ mV$$

The worst case linearization error is:

$$lin\ error = \frac{v_{lin\ peak} - v_{peak}}{v_{peak}} = \frac{4.16 - 4}{4} = 0.04 = 4\%$$