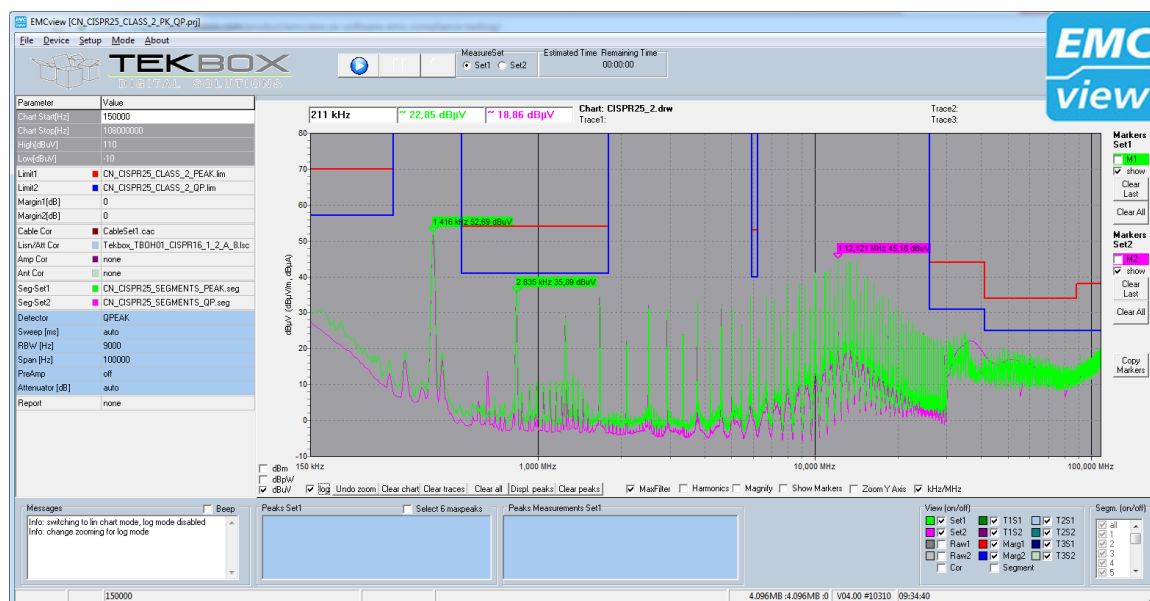


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## 1. Introduction

The EMCview software carries out automated conducted or radiated noise measurements. It currently supports all Rigol DSA and RSA spectrum analyzers, all Siglent SSA, SSA-plus, SVA models, Rohde & Schwarz FPC and FPH series analyzers, OWON XSA and HSA series, BK Precision models 2682/2683 and Teledyne LeCroy T3SA series. All relevant CISPR (= EN550xx) conducted and radiated noise measurement settings are pre-configured in the current version.

EMCview also supports RF-coverage measurements and tracking generator control for immunity testing.

This manual reflects the state of EMCview V8.0. **Some screenshots may be based on older SW versions and slightly differ from the latest versions. As EMCview is a very dynamic project, have a look at our website from time to time for new releases with new features. As the manual is only updated for each major release, refer to the readme files and the EMCview FAQ document for more detailed information on features.**

## 2. Installation

Download and install the VISA driver package from the National Instruments website.

Create a directory into which you copy *EMCview.exe*. Execute *EMCview.exe* to install the software. Copy the license file into the same directory as *EMCview.exe*. Click *EMCview.exe* within your program directory to run the program.

**Important:**

**Rigol DSA815 FW >= V00.01.16; Siglent SSA FW >= 1.2.9.3a; Siglent SVA FW >= V2.2.1.2.1 or higher  
R&S FPC1500: >= FW 1.5      PC-requirements: Windows 7, 8, 10; min 4MB RAM**

R&S FPC and FPH spectrum analyzers: In addition, install "R&S Instrumentview". Connect over USB cable with "SA TCP" = 172.16.10.10. Connection over LAN is not recommended, as it works very slowly.

In case of an update, in order to get any new project files updated as well, you need to delete the SRC folder of the installation directory. Else the SRC folder will not be updated to protect customer made or modified projects from being deleted or overwritten. Alternatively, install new versions in another directory, e.g. C:\EMCview\_New\.

If you want to re-size the main window, pull it with your mouse to fit it to the size of your display.

Limitation without license: The upper frequency of measurements is limited to 10MHz

Execute EMCview with parameter *s*, if you have a tiny display and need scrollbars.

## 3. Warning – spectrum analyzer input rating

**Always consider the maximum input ratings of any spectrum analyzer. Be aware that powerful surges and harmonics of a DUT may have the potential to damage the spectrum analyzer input stage.**

Be aware, that EMCview project files are set up to utilize the maximum sensitivity of the spectrum analyzer. The requirements of certain standards are tough, especially those of CISPR 25 class 5 and manufacturer specific automotive conducted noise standards. Consequently, the internal attenuator is set to OFF and the internal preamplifier is set to ON in order to avoid crossing the limit lines with the noise level of the analyzer. Furthermore, all conductive noise measurement projects use the LISN correction file for disabled attenuator/limiter.

**Take following precautions to protect the spectrum analyzer input before testing an unknown DUT:**

**Check the attenuator and preamplifier settings of the segment file upfront to any measurement**

Be especially careful when testing conducted emissions of inductive loads such as motors or switched inductive loads.

Whenever measuring an unknown source or DUT, protect the spectrum analyzer input with the internal limiter an external attenuator of 20dB or 30dB and check the spectrum for any high amplitude signals. Protect the spectrum analyzer input from harmful ESD events.

In case of conducted noise measurements with the 50µH LISN (TBLC08) follow the procedure in the LISN manual. With the LISN power switch OFF, the line selection switch OFF and the LISN attenuator/limiter on, first power the isolation transformer and thereafter turn ON the LISN power switch. Next, connect the powered spectrum analyzer via BNC cable to the LISN. The internal spectrum analyzer attenuator shall be

ON and the internal preamplifier shall be OFF. It is a good practice to keep the spectrum analyzer RF input disconnected or at least the line switch in OFF position when powering ON/OFF the DUT in order to protect the analyzer from potentially harmful switching transients.

In case of the 5 $\mu$ H LISN (TBOH01) use an external 20dB attenuator or consider using an external limiter such as the TBFL1 for a first check.

Before running a test with EMCview, monitor especially the frequency range 9 kHz to 2 MHz for potential high amplitude harmonics and check for spectrum analyzer messages "IF overload". Operate the spectrum analyzer with Max Hold for this purpose. In case of strong signals, increase the attenuator and reference Level of the analyzer or even add an external attenuator at the input.

**Modify the segment file with respect to attenuator and preamplifier settings accordingly. When doing a fast scan, consider the attenuator and preamplifier settings in the control box.**

Hint: attenuator and preamplifier settings in the segment files can easily be modified using a text editor with "find and replace all" capability.

## 4. Projects

In EMCview, any EMC standard is represented by one or more projects. A project summarizes all configurations necessary to carry out measurements. It consists of limit files, segment files, a cable file, a LISN file, an antenna file, an amplifier file and various settings such as graph boundaries, trace colors, and settings for peak measurements.

**Limit files:** configuration containing the frequency dependent limit values given in the corresponding standard.

**Segment files:** spectrum analyzer settings such as start and stop frequency, sweep time, resolution bandwidth, detector, attenuator and preamplifier settings. Refer to the CISPR16 standard or to the Tekbox document *Pre Compliance Conducted Emission Measurements V1\_1.pdf* for more detailed information. Radiated noise measurements often cover a wide frequency span and require different antennas for different frequency ranges. Consequently, it makes sense to split segment files. Segment files for radiated noise typically cover 150kHz -30MHz, 30MHz-300MHz, 300MHz-1GHz, 1GHz – 1,5GHz (DSA815 frequency range), etc.

**LISN files:** insertion loss/calibration data of the LISN over frequency, entered in dB with negative sign. Use LISN files also to implement conversion from dB $\mu$ V to dB $\mu$ A for conducted noise measurements with RF current probes. The default 50 $\mu$ H LISN file is using the correction data for the attenuator/limiter in OFF position. If you measure with attenuator/limiter engaged, select the corresponding LISN file.

**Antenna files:** antenna factor of the antennas used for radiated noise measurement; converts the dB $\mu$ V measured by the spectrum analyzer into dB $\mu$ V/m

**Cable files:** insertion loss of cables between DUT and spectrum analyzer

**Gain files:** amplifier gain or attenuator loss in the signal path, if any

These files can be created or edited either with a built in editor in the **Setup Menu** or with any text editor. The files are located in the **src** subdirectory. Press the **Tab** key after loading any configuration file.

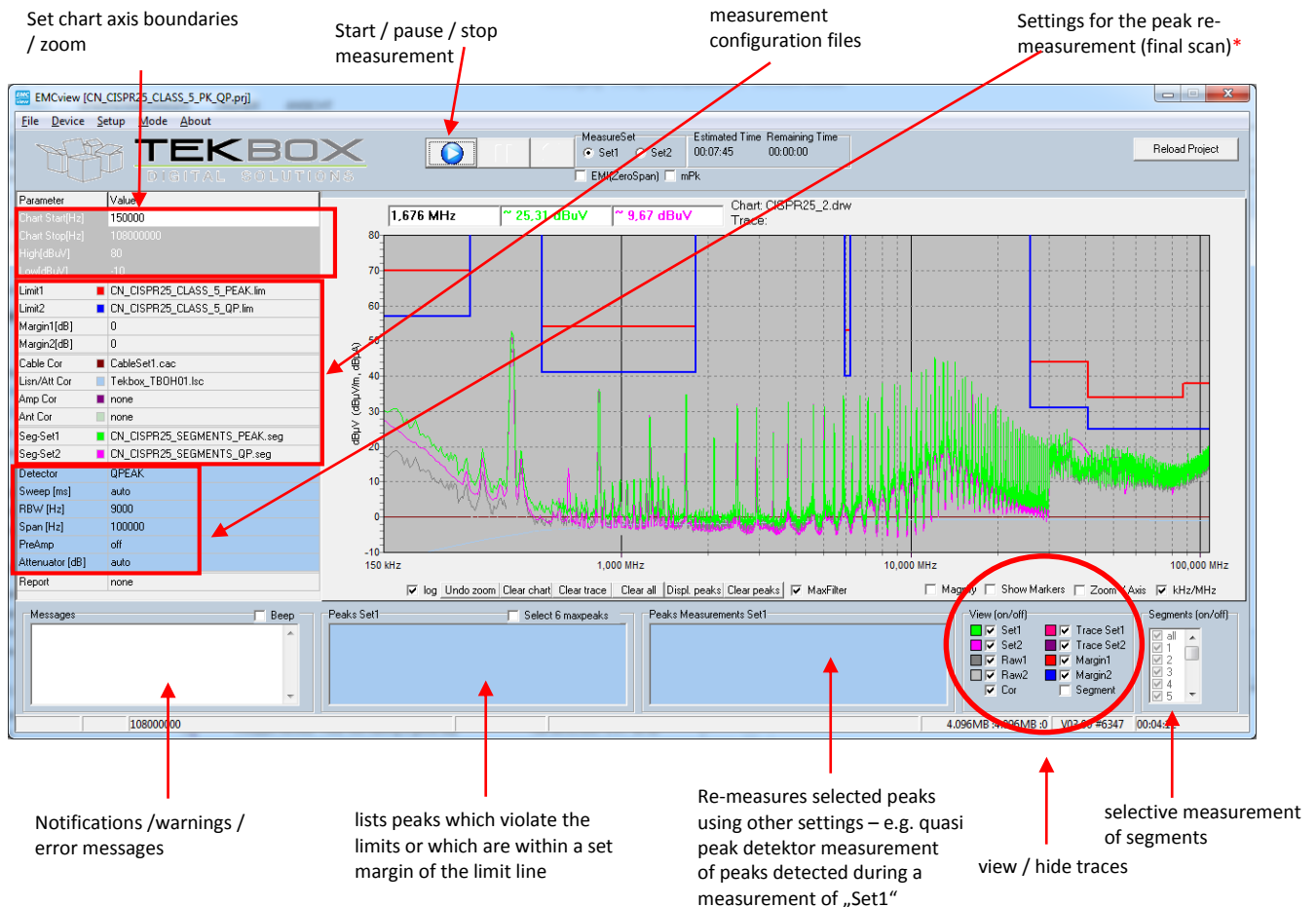
Project files for conducted noise measurements have file names starting with CN\_\*.prj. Project files for radiated noise measurements with antennas start with RN\_\*.prj. Project files for radiated noise measurements with TEM cells start with TC\_\*.prj.

Refer to the applicable standards for more details and insight. Standards and corresponding limits may change over time. Tekbox does not take any liability for the validity of the limits and other settings in the preconfigured projects.

Consider that most segment files have the default attenuator settings at 0dB and in some cases such as CISPR 25 the preamplifier of the spectrum analyzer is set to ON in order to achieve maximum sensitivity. When testing any device with switched mode power supplies, consider to change the attenuator setting to 10dB for the first run.

Also in case of an "IF Overload" message of the analyzer, stop the measurement and disconnect the analyzer and increase the attenuator setting before proceeding with the measurement.

## 5. Workspace

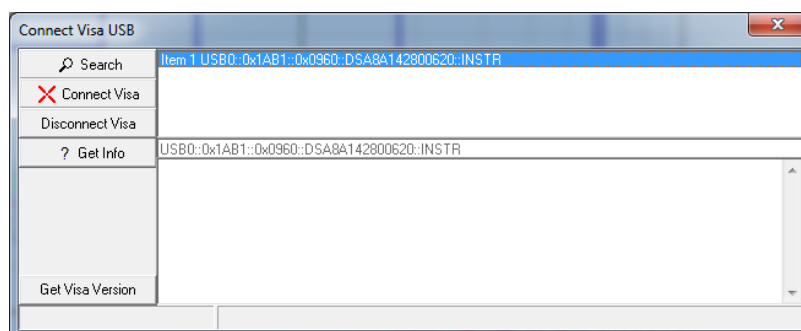


\* With EMCview V8.0, peak re-measurement UI was simplified and settings reduced to the drift span

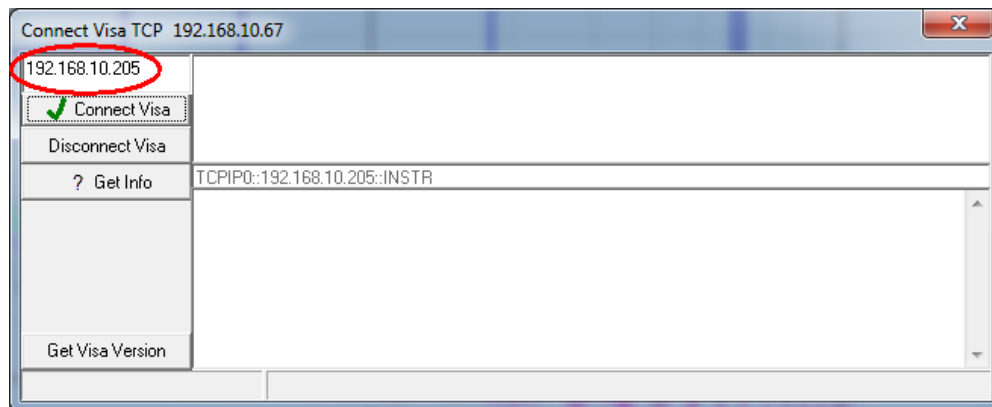
## 6. Connecting to the spectrum analyzer

**Via USB:** Launch EMCview and connect the spectrum analyzer to the PC via USB.

In the menu line, click **DEVICE**, then **DSA USB** and **SEARCH**. You should then see the Rigol analyzer listed in the search window. Click at the line with the Rigol Analyzer and then click the **CONNECT VISA** button. You can validate the connection by clicking the **GET INFO** button. Furthermore, you should see a “licensed” status message in the very left lower corner of EMCview. Close the window with the **x** button. Do not close it with the **Disconnect Visa** button, as it would disconnect the spectrum analyzer.



**Via Ethernet:** Launch EMCview and connect the spectrum analyzer to the PC via an Ethernet cable. On the analyzer LAN settings, change to manual IP and enter an IP address, e.g. 192.168.10.205. In the menu line, click **DEVICE**, then **DSA TCP**. Enter the IP address of the spectrum analyzer into the box at the upper right corner. Click the **CONNECT VISA** button. You can validate the connection by clicking the **GET INFO** button. Furthermore, you should see a “licensed” status message in the very left lower corner of EMCview. Close the window with the **x** button. Do not close it with the **Disconnect Visa** button, as it would disconnect the spectrum analyzer.

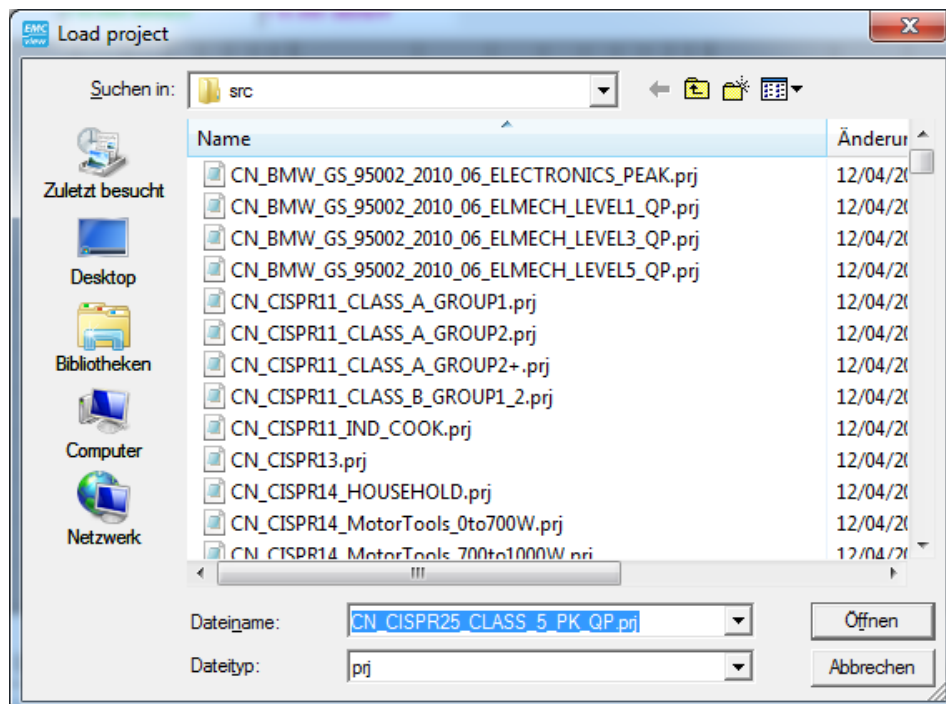


## 7. Prepare measurements

Click **File, Load Project** and select an appropriate standard for your DUT.

The predefined limit lines and segment files for the selected standard will pop up in the box at the left side of the window. The limit lines will appear in the graph chart.

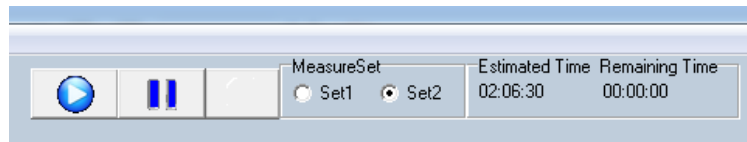
If you miss any standard, you can create new limit lines, segment files and correction files in the menu **Setup**. Alternatively and most likely the faster approach, you can copy, rename and modify one of the existing files using a text editor.



If you change to any other configuration file during an ongoing session with EMCview, press the **Reload Project files** button in the right upper corner.

## 8. Measurement

After correct set up and configuration, just press the **Play** button at the top of the window. The analyzer will start carrying out the measurement defined in *Segment-Set 1*. The associated limit line is *Limit1*. After the measurement is completed, click the *Set2* button at the top of the window. Press the **Play** button. The analyzer will start carrying out the measurement defined in *Segment-Set 2*. The associated limit line is *Limit2*.



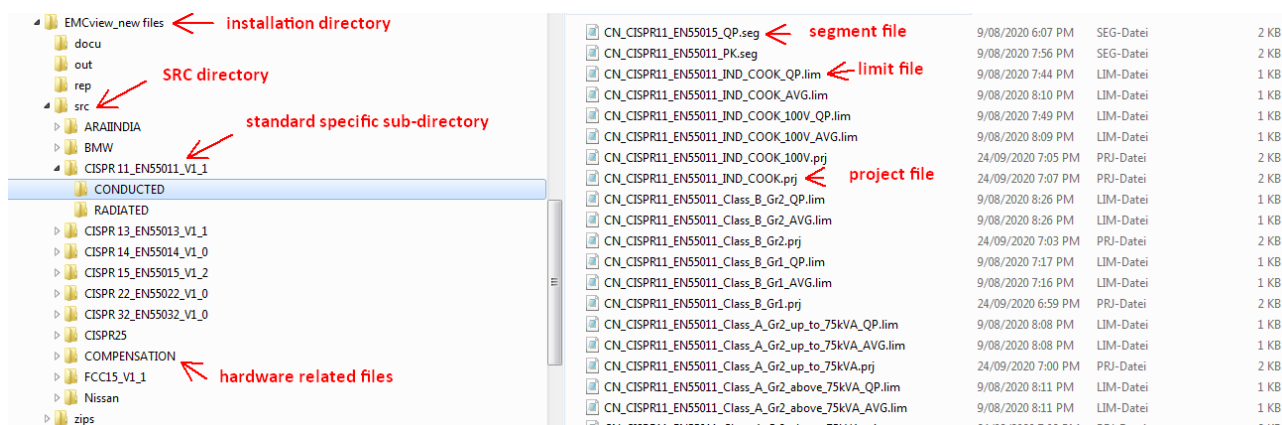
Most project files define Peak or Average measurements as Set1 and Quasi-Peak measurements as Set2. By default, all segments are measured and displayed consecutively.

## 9. SRC folder - General

The SRC – folder is a sub directory of the installation directory of EMCview. The SRC folder contains:

- Project files, which
  - define graph boundaries – start frequency, stop frequency, minimum amplitude, maximum amplitude
  - reference limit line files – conducted emission limits, radiated emission limits as per relevant standard
  - reference segment files – spectrum analyzer parameters such as start frequency, stop frequency, RBW, detector, sweep time, internal attenuation, pre-amplifier setting
  - define settings for peak re-measurement
- Limit files, which then are loaded and displayed on the graph
- Segment files, which control the spectrum analyzer settings and measurement
- Compensation files, which characterize hardware such as LISN, current probes, antennas, amplifiers, attenuators, cables and any other devices which influence the frequency response of the measurement set up.

Up to EMCview V7.0, the SRC folder did not contain any sub directories. With V7.0, each standard is contained in an individual sub directory, which then contains further sub directories for conducted noise, radiated noise and TEM cell measurements, where foreseen by the standard. There is also a separate sub directory for compensation files. All files in the SRC folder are plain text files, which can be created or edited with any text editor. Alternatively, the files can be created within EMCview menu **SETUP**, however using a text editor is most probably a more efficient method.





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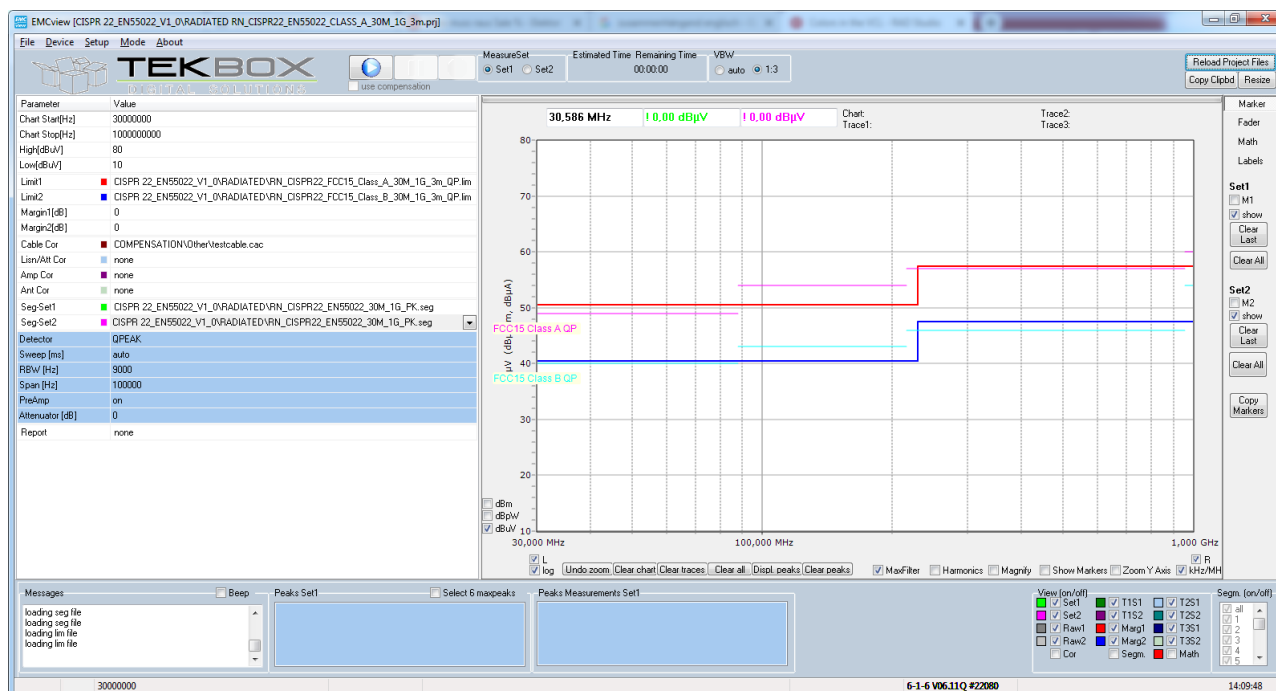


It is important to understand, that the SRC folder remains untouched, when updating EMCview. This prevents overwriting or deleting any files, which were created or modified by the user. Consequently, any new projects, which may have been added to the updated software, will not be added during the installation process. In order to have the SRC directory updated during a SW update, save your customized files to another directory and then delete the SRC directory. Thereafter you can merge your customized files with the updated SRC directory. Alternatively, create another installation directory for EMCview, such as C:\EMCview\_NEW\, etc.

## 10. SRC folder – Limit files

With EMCview V7.0, every limit file can contain a main limit line plus up to 15 auxiliary limit lines. In addition, EMCview can display a margin line for each main limit line. The main limit line will be used as reference for margin lines and to calculate peaks, which exceed the major limit line or the margin line. Auxiliary limit lines are basically graphic content which cannot be used for any processing purpose. Main limit lines must be coherent, whereas auxiliary limit lines can be segmented / interrupted.

Example: CISPR22 Class A and Class B as main limit lines and FCC 15 Class A and FCC 15 Class B as auxiliary limit lines



### Limit File syntax:

```
[Application]
Software=TekBox RP-W32-D7
Version=Demo
Date=18.01.2017 09:42:29
[General]
Name=RN_CISPR22_FCC15_Class_A_30M_1G_3m_QP.lim * file name
Freq_Interplot_Mode=lin
Level_Interplot_Mode=log
[Data]
Freq1=30.000.000
Lev1=50.5
Freq2=230.000.000
Lev2=50.5
Freq3=230.000.010
```

- \* start header
- \* Main limit line (CISPR 22 Class A)
- \* first frequency point [Hz]
- \* amplitude level of the first frequency point [dBμV]
- \* second frequency point
- \* amplitude level of the second frequency point [dBμV]
- \* third frequency point (using a point with 10 Hz offset)

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Lev3=57.5  
 Freq4=1.000.000.000  
 Lev4=57.5

[Data\_Limit1]

Caption=FCC15 Class A QP

Color=\$FF00FF

Style=psSolid

Freq1=30.000.000

Lev1=49.6

Freq2=88.000.000

Lev2=49.6

Break2=1

Freq3=88.000.000

Lev3=54

Freq4=216.000.000

Lev4=54

Break4=1

Freq5=216.000.000

Lev5=56.9

Freq6=960.000.000

Lev6=56.9

Break6=1

Freq7=960.000.000

Lev7=60

Freq8=1.000.000.000

Lev8=60

[Data\_Limit2]

Caption=enter label here

Color=\$FFFF00

Style=psDash

Freq1=.....

.....

creates a vertical step and keeps the line coherent)

- \* amplitude level of the last point of the main limit line
- \* start first auxiliary limit line (FCC 15 Class A)
- \* text label for 1<sup>st</sup> auxiliary limit line
- \* line color "Fuchsia" (alternatively enter clFuchsia instead of the Hex value)
- \* line style "solid"
- \* first frequency point of auxiliary limit line [Hz]
- \* amplitude of the first frequency point of the first limit line [dBμV]
- \* second frequency point of auxiliary limit line [Hz]
- \* amplitude of the second frequency point of the first limit line [dBμV]
- \* suppress the limit line between second and third frequency point
- \* third frequency point of auxiliary limit line [Hz]

- \* end of 1<sup>st</sup> auxiliary limit line
- \* start 2<sup>nd</sup> auxiliary limit line
- \* text label for auxiliary limit line
- \* line color "Aqua" (alternatively enter clAqua instead of the Hex value)
- \* line style "dashed"

Colors:



Value	Meaning	Hex Value	Color
clBlack	Black	\$000000	
clMaroon	Maroon	\$000080	
clGreen	Green	\$008000	
clOlive	Olive Green	\$008080	
clNavy	Navy Blue	\$800000	
clPurple	Purple	\$800080	
clTeal	Teal	\$808000	
clGray	Gray	\$808080	
clSilver	Silver	\$C0C0C0	
clRed	Red	\$0000FF	
clLime	Lime Green	\$00FF00	
clYellow	Yellow	\$00FFFF	
clBlue	Blue	\$FF0000	
clFuchsia	Fuchsia	\$FF00FF	
clAqua	Aqua	\$FFFF00	
clWhite	White	\$FFFFFF	
clMoneyGreen	Mint Green	\$C0DCC0	
clSkyBlue	Sky Blue	\$F0CAA6	
clCream	Cream	\$F0FBFF	
clMedGray	Medium Gray	\$A4A0A0	
clNone	Represents no colors (black)	\$1FFFFFFF	

Line styles:

psSolid  
psDash  
psDot  
psDashDot  
psDashDotDot

Main limit lines are usually linked to a corresponding segment file. Limit 1 is coupled with Segment Set1 and Limit 2 is coupled with Segment Set2.

Labels of auxiliary limit lines can be moved, by dragging it with the mouse.

Interrupted main limit lines, such as specified for example in CISPR 25 are created by setting the frequency sections without limitations to a high value such as for example 150 dB $\mu$ V and thereby shifting it outside the upper amplitude boundary of the graph window (though of course, the upper boundary could be as high or higher than 150dB $\mu$ V]. Vertical steps are created by entering two frequency points very close to each other. Use a frequency difference of 10 Hz between the two adjacent points, for example. See [Freq2](#) and [Freq3](#) in the example file above.

The default color of main limit lines can be modified in the **SETUP** menu. The line style is always solid.

Color and line style of auxiliary limit lines can be edited or modified inside the limit file, as shown in the example above.

## 11. SRC folder - Segments

It is very important to understand the concept of segments. A segment defines a frequency sweep of the spectrum analyzer. A segment is a piece of frequency spectrum, with a defined start frequency and a defined stop frequency of the sweep. Segments are defined in the segment files, which are located in the **src** folder of the EMCview directory. Segment files can be identified by the **.seg** extension. A segment file basically defines a measurement run. The entire frequency span of the measurement run is split into many adjacent frequency segments, means a series of frequency sweeps, which will be measured consecutively. EMCview then stitches together the results of the individual sweeps to a single graph.

You may ask, why the entire spectrum is not measured just with a single sweep. The reason is, that a sweep is not a continuous measurement, but a series of discrete frequency steps, at which measurements are taken. A typical spectrum analyzer for EMC pre-compliance measurements has a display with 601 pixels in X (frequency)-axis direction. Consequently a sweep is divided into 601 discrete frequency steps.

A consequence of this architectural detail can be seen, if you set your spectrum analyzer to full span and feed it with a constant frequency signal, e.g. 98 MHz. Assuming a full span of 3 GHz, measurement point # 19 is at 95 MHz and measurement point #20 is at 100 MHz. Full span resolution bandwidth typically is set to 1 MHz. Pressing max peak at the analyzer will detect the maximum amplitude at measurement point #20 and consequently report a peak at 100 MHz and not at 98 MHz. Worse, depending on the frequency offset of the applied signal with respect to the nearest measurement point, it will also report a lower amplitude, as the applied signal sits somewhere at the shoulder of the RBW filter.

To prevent incorrect measurements, CISPR 16 specifies that adjacent frequency points shall not be spaced more than half the resolution bandwidth of the analyzer. As an example, CISPR band B, the frequency range 150 kHz to 30 MHz, must be measured with a resolution bandwidth of 9 kHz. This results in a frequency spacing of 4.5 kHz between adjacent measurement points and a maximum sweep span of  $601 * 4.5 \text{ kHz} = 2.7 \text{ MHz}$ .

Consequently, a CISPR compliant measurement can only be carried out in slices. Doing it manually would be very inefficient and this is why automatic measurement tools such as EMCview are needed for any serious pre-compliance tests.

Segment files of EMCview do not only define the start and stop frequencies of sweeps, but also set additional spectrum analyzer parameters which will be associated to every single frequency segment:

Resolution Bandwidth - EMC standards specify the RBW depending on the frequency band

Sweep time - EMC standards specify the sweep time depending on RBW and detector type

Detector - EMC standards specify which detectors need to be engaged

Internal Attenuator - the internal attenuator setting effects the base noise level of the spectrum analyzer. At the same time, the user must be aware of potentially overdriving the analyzer input and potential intermodulation distortion which would falsify the measurement.

Internal Pre-amplifier - activating the internal pre-amplifier will lower the base noise of the analyzer. This may be necessary for standards which have very low limits. However, similar considerations as for the internal attenuator have to be applied.

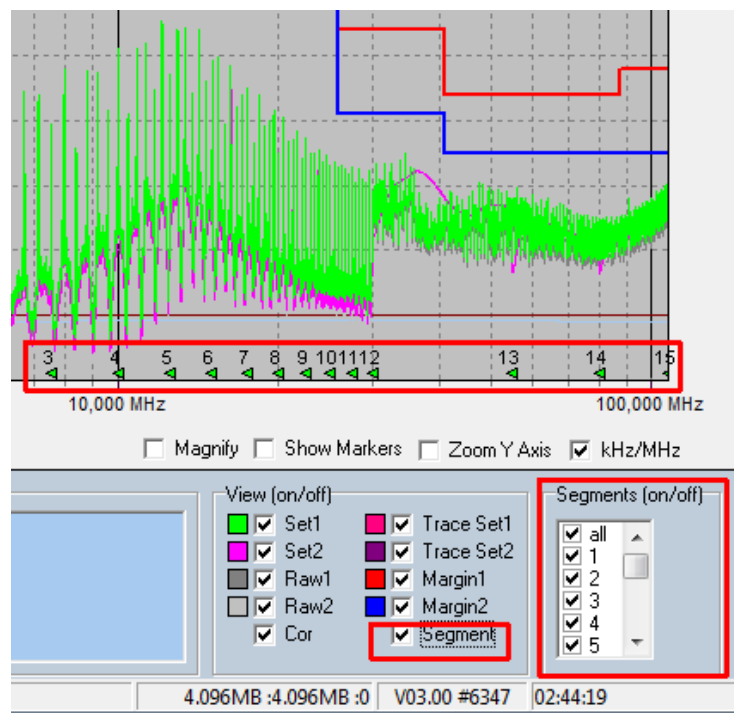
As mentioned, segment files are located in the **src** folder of the EMCview directory. They are plain text files and can be edited or created with the built in editing feature in menu **Setup / Edit Segments**, or perhaps more simply and conveniently with any text editor. A segment will look as below:

FRQa__1=9.000	* segment number (#1) and start frequency (9 kHz) of the segment
FRQb__1=50.000	* segment number (#1) and stop frequency (50 kHz) of the segment
BW__1=200	* segment number (#1) and RBW (200 Hz) of the segment
Sweep_1=1000000	* segment number (#1) and sweep time (1000000 ms) of the segment
Att__1=0	* segment number (#1) and internal attenuation (0dB) of the segment
PreAmp1=off	* segment number (#1) and pre amplifier setting (off) of the segment
Detector1=QPEAK	* segment number (#1) and detector type (quasi peak) of the segment

If you want to focus on a certain frequency range when carrying out EMC related improvements of a DUT, you can shorten time by selectively measure the segments of interest:

Activate displaying the segments by clicking the corresponding box in **View (on/off) / Segment**. You will then get the frequency segments displayed at the bottom of the graph. Select the segments that you want to measure in the **Segments (on/off)** box. Upon starting a measurement, only the selected segments will be measured and other segments will be skipped.

By default, skipped segments will be replaced with a straight line. Alternatively, in menu **Setup / Options / Misc**, you can select keeping segments from the previous measurement, when skipping it in consecutive measurements.



As Quasi-Peak measurements take much time, an alternative, time saving measurement method is recommended.

Use a scan with Peak detector and then compare the result against the Quasi-Peak limits. The result of the Peak detector is always higher or worst case same as the result of a measurement with Quasi Peak detector. This means, that when passing the Quasi Peak limits with a Peak detector measurement, the DUT is definitely compliant with Quasi-Peak limits. If the result of the Peak measurement exceeds Quasi Peak limits, there is still the chance that a measurement with Quasi Peak detector would be within the Quasi Peak limits. Consequently, a selective Quasi Peak measurement will be carried out, which only looks at the spurious frequencies where the Quasi Peak limit is exceeded.

The Peak Scan chapter further down describes how such a measurement is carried out.

Pressing the **Pause** button interrupts ongoing measurements. The current segment will however be completed, before the measurement pauses. To continue the measurement, press the **Play** button.

## 12. SRC folder – compensation files

Any measurement setup has a frequency response which needs to be compensated. The measurement data delivered by the spectrum analyzer is considered “raw-data”. In order to display Raw Data, activate the **RAW1**, **RAW2** check boxes in the **View (on/off)** menu at the right bottom of the EMCview window.

In order to convert the Raw Data into a valid response, compensation files have to be applied. This could be the LISN file or the trans-impedance file of a current probe in case of conducted noise measurements. In case of a radiated noise measurement, an antenna factor file would describe the antenna properties and provide the dB $\mu$ V to dB $\mu$ V/m conversion. The measurement set up may also contain cable losses, amplifiers or attenuators that need to be taken into calculation. The combined frequency response can be displayed by activating the **Cor** box in the **View (on/off)** menu at the right bottom of the EMCview window.

Open existing files from within the COMPENSATION sub directory of the SRC folder to see how to create it. A compensation file is composed of frequency points with the corresponding value (gain, attenuation, antenna factor, trans-impedance, etc.)

The frequency range of the compensation file should always cover at least the span of the segment file of the corresponding project.

Consider the calculation below, if you are not sure about which sign needs to be entered for the compensation values:

**Graph amplitude = Raw amplitude [dBμV] – cable file [dB] – LISN file [dB] + ant file [dB] – amp file [dB]**

Raw amplitude: spectrum analyzer measurement values

For more information, such as how to deal with current monitoring probe trans-impedance, antenna factors, unit conversion and other operations that can be carried out using the correction files, have a look at our EMCview application notes.

Compensation files for Tekbox products can be downloaded on the corresponding product pages of the Tekbox website.

### 13. SRC folder – project files

Project files contain a summary of settings for a dedicated measurement set up. In contrary to limit files, segment files and compensation files, which are created with an editor, project files are usually created from within EMCview, by setting the graph boundaries, loading the desired limit files and segment files and then saving it as a project using menu **File / Save Proj.**

Nevertheless, a user familiar with EMCview, may also use a text editor to create project files.

EMCview contains a large number of pre-defined projects. The projects are loaded using menu **File / Load Proj.** Most conducted noise projects reference to Tekbox LISN or current probes. They can easily be changed, if you have measurement equipment from other manufacturers. Other projects may not yet contain any compensation files and need to be completed with suitable files for the equipment of your measurement set up.

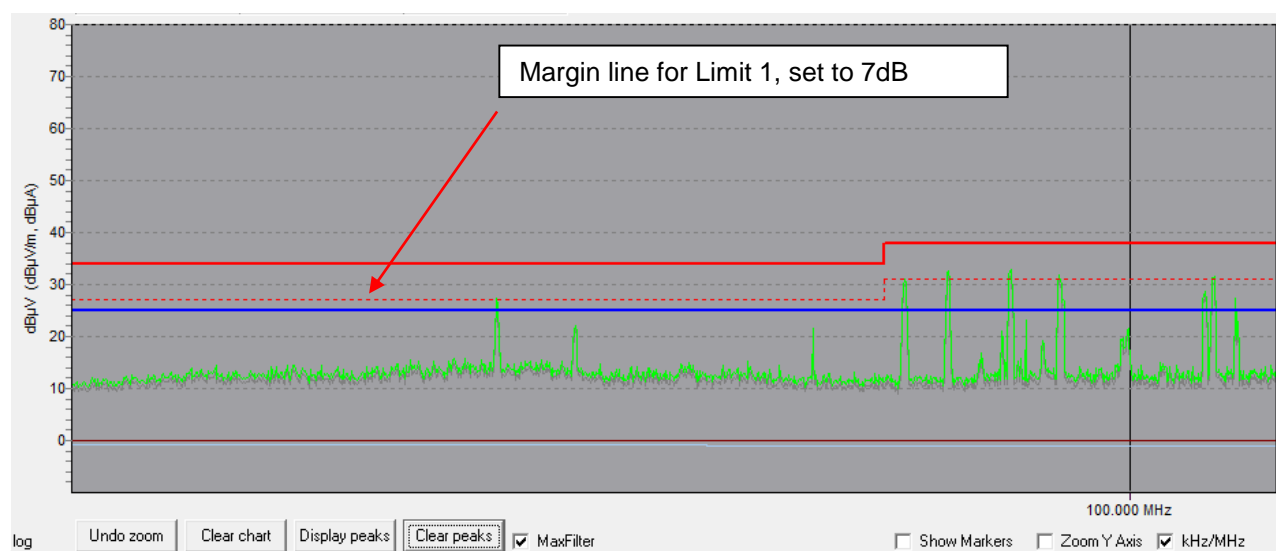
Tekbox will regularly provide updates with additional projects. They are part of the installation package, but they can also be downloaded separately from our web site and manually copied into the SRC folder. Tekbox also provides compensation files for Tekbox products, which you can find on the corresponding product pages of [www.tekbox.com](http://www.tekbox.com).

### 14. Peak scan

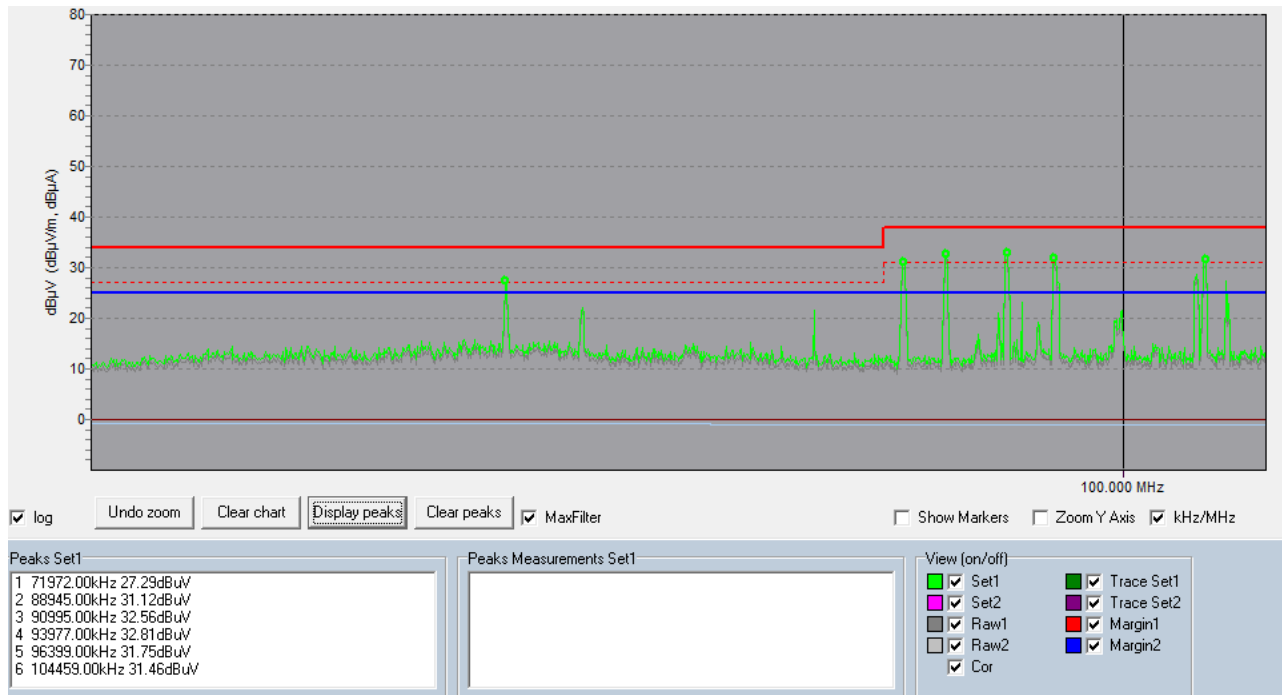
Any measurement value of the Set1 run that violates the limit line is indicated with a small bubble on top of the peak. Activating the **MaxFilter** box at the bottom of the graph will only mark the highest peaks, if several consecutive measurement values violate the limit lines.

You can define **Margins** with respect to the limit lines of each measurement set. The SW would then indicate peaks, which cross the margin lines.

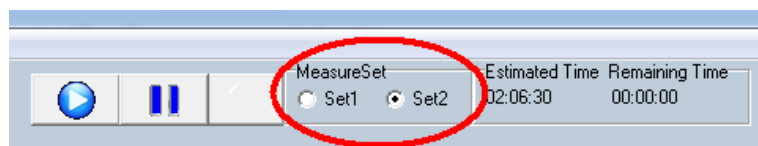
Enter the margin with positive sign to create a dashed line offset below the limit line. Margins with negative sign can be created as well.



By default, the margins are set to 0, so any peak crossing the limit line would be indicated. Setting margin1 to e.g. 7dB would select all peaks coming within 7 dB close to the limit line of the graph measured with Settings1. Peaks crossing the margin line or limit line can be listed in the in the **Peaks window** by pressing the **Display peaks** button. See chapter 19 on how to manually select peaks and transfer it into the peaks list.

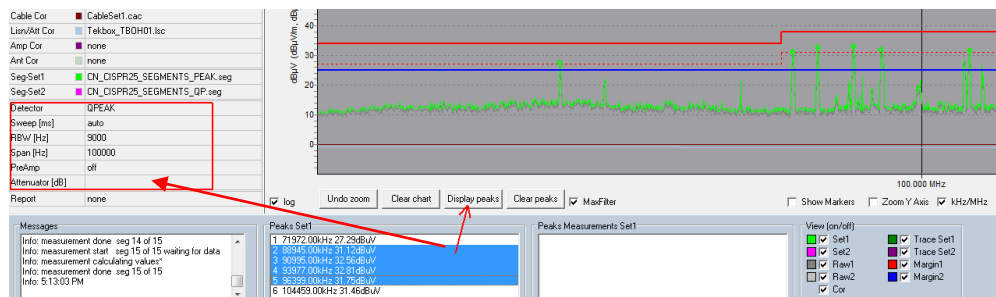


In order to display peaks for the second graph, change **MeasureSet** to set 2



## 15. Final scan / peak re-measurement

Select any peaks from the list by pressing the **Ctrl** button and select it with the left mouse button. Then click the right mouse button and click **Measure**. There are two measurement options. The recommended choice is **Measure (consider drift)**.



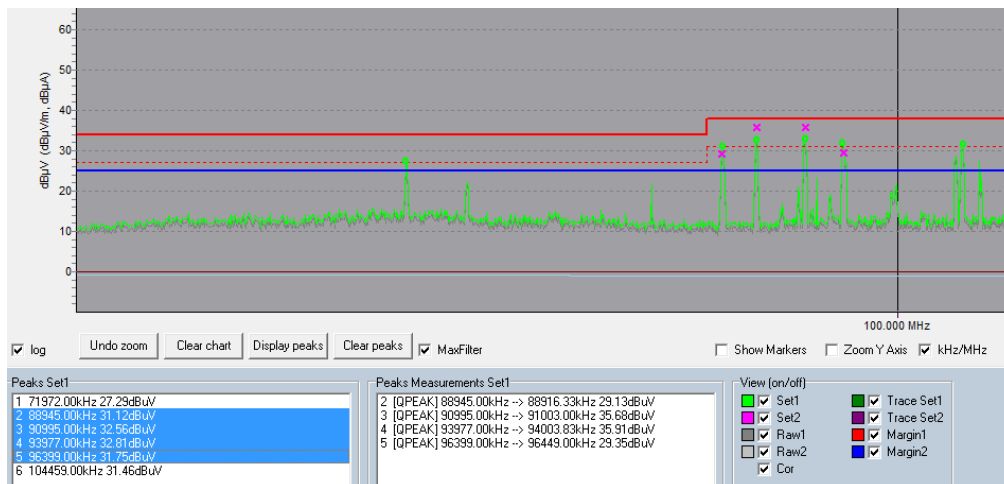
The software will then re-measure, using the selected peaks as center frequency and using the detector, sweep time, RBW, Span and PreAmp settings defined in the control box. This feature is a short cut to make

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a fast Quasi Peak measurement for selected peaks, instead of making a time consuming full span QP measurement.

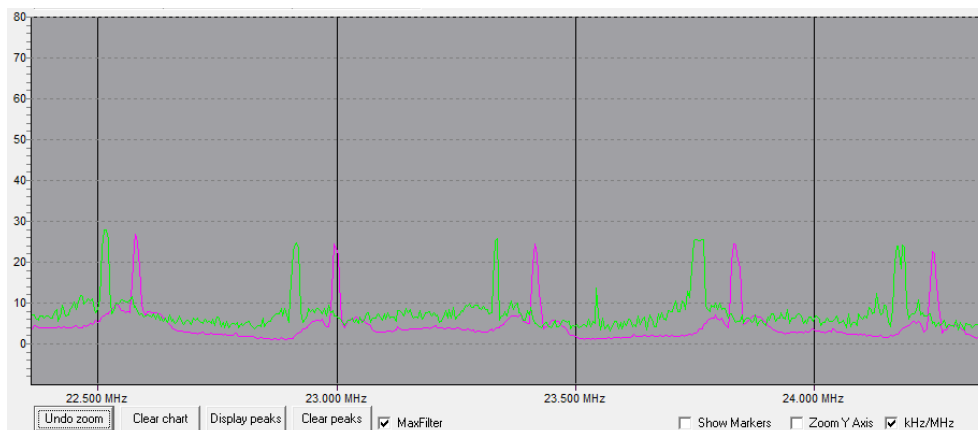
Note that with EMCview V 8.0, the settings for peak re-measurement were reduced to the drift span in order to simplify the user interface and avoid settings which may result in incorrect measurements. All other settings will be derived from the segment file settings. Refer to the EMCview FAQ document for more detailed information on fast QP measurements.



The Peaks Measurements box then displays the results of the fast quasi peak measurement.

In addition, the graph shows a cross at the respective frequency and level.

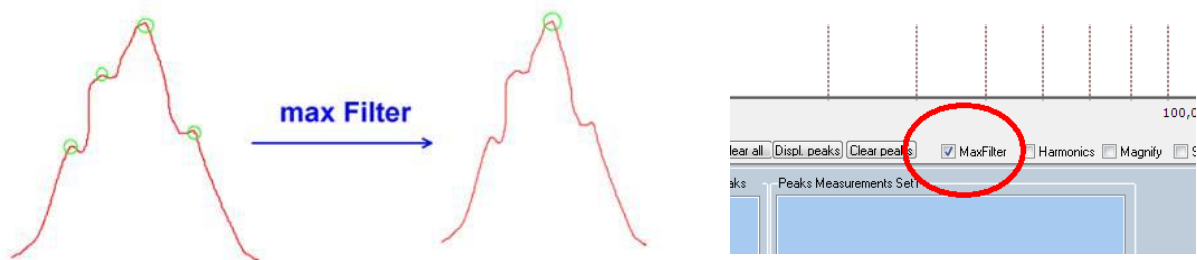
Consider the span setting of the peak re-measurement, with respect to a potential drift of the peaks. The higher the drift over time (e.g. drift of the frequency of a switched mode regulator), the wider make the span. The software will scan the measurement values of the entire span for the highest peak. Consequently, the frequency of the re-measured peak may deviate from the initial peak frequency. The capability of setting a Span for a peak re-measurement is an essential feature of EMCview, often missed by similar tools.



The example above illustrates the purpose of the span setting. Harmonics of a switched mode regulator, which drifted over the time that passed between carrying out the peak measurement (green graph) and the quasi peak measurement (purple graph). If measured at exactly the peak frequencies of the green graph using the option **Measure (ignore drift)**, it would completely miss the signals when re-measuring with quasi peak detector. However, by setting a span of 200 kHz, the quasi peak signal is measured correctly. Use the option **Measure (ignore drift)** only if the spurious are harmonics of a crystal clock.

In the measurement graph, peak markers, which are very close to each other may appear to be at the same frequency, unless zoomed in. Zoomed in, it would look similar as below:





Activate the Max Filter box to get rid of these artefacts.

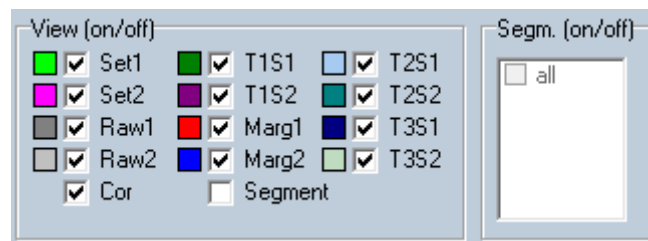
## 16. View / hide graphs

The graph window can display several traces:

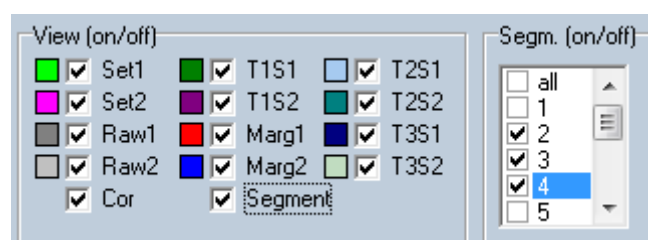
Set 1	corrected graph of the measurement defined by Seg-Set1 and Limit1
Set 2	corrected graph of the measurement defined by Seg-Set1 and Limit1
Raw 1	raw data of Set1 – no LISN, cable, etc. correction
Raw 2	raw data of Set2 – no LISN, cable, etc. correction
Cor	correction data of LISN, cable, etc.
Trace1 Set1	imported data from a previous measurement to overlay for comparison purpose
Trace1 Set2	imported data from a previous measurement to overlay for comparison purpose
Trace2 Set1	imported data from a previous measurement to overlay for comparison purpose
Trace2 Set2	imported data from a previous measurement to overlay for comparison purpose
Trace3 Set1	imported data from a previous measurement to overlay for comparison purpose
Trace3 Set2	imported data from a previous measurement to overlay for comparison purpose
Margin1	margin with respect to Limit1
Margin2	margin with respect to Limit2
Segment	displays the frequency segments, which are defined in the segment file click Segment to enable measurement of selected segments only

Hide or view traces using the tick boxes in the lower right corner of the window.

Configure colors of traces, limit lines and the background of the graph window in the **Setup** menu, **edit colors**.



Upon selecting the **Segment** box, the segments defined in the segment file of the current project are displayed on the frequency axis. Select the segments that you want to re-measure in the segment box in the lower right corner of the EMCview window.



## 17. Zoom graphs

You can zoom or set the boundaries of the graph by entering frequency and amplitude values into the boxes **Chart Start[Hz]**, **Chart Stop[Hz]**, **High[dBμV]**, **Low[dBμV]**. Press the TAB button or click another box to confirm the entered values. During an ongoing measurement, access to the control box is disabled. Alternatively, you can use the mouse and pull a rectangle in the graph section. When zooming with the mouse, you can **Undo Zoom** with a button under the graph window. You can also switch between **linear** and **logarithmic** frequency axis. When zooming in very deeply, the display may be changed automatically to linear frequency display in order to get a useful grid. Switching to logarithmic frequency axis is not possible then, unless you **Undo Zoom**.

Parameter	Value
Chart Start[Hz]	9000
Chart Stop[Hz]	30000000
High[dBμV]	120
Low[dBμV]	-11
Limit1	<input type="checkbox"/> none
Limit2	<input type="checkbox"/> none
Margin1[dB]	0
Margin2[dB]	0
Cable Cor	<input type="checkbox"/> none
Lisn/Att Cor	<input type="checkbox"/> none
Amp Cor	<input type="checkbox"/> none
Ant Cor	<input type="checkbox"/> none
Seg-Set1	<input type="checkbox"/> none
Seg-Set2	<input type="checkbox"/> none
Detector	QPEAK
Sweep [ms]	auto
RBW [Hz]	9000
Span [Hz]	200000
PreAmp	off
Attenuator [dB]	10
Report	none

To restrict zooming to the y-axis, click the Y-axis check box.  
In order to use the magnifying glass to check the graph, click **Magnify**.

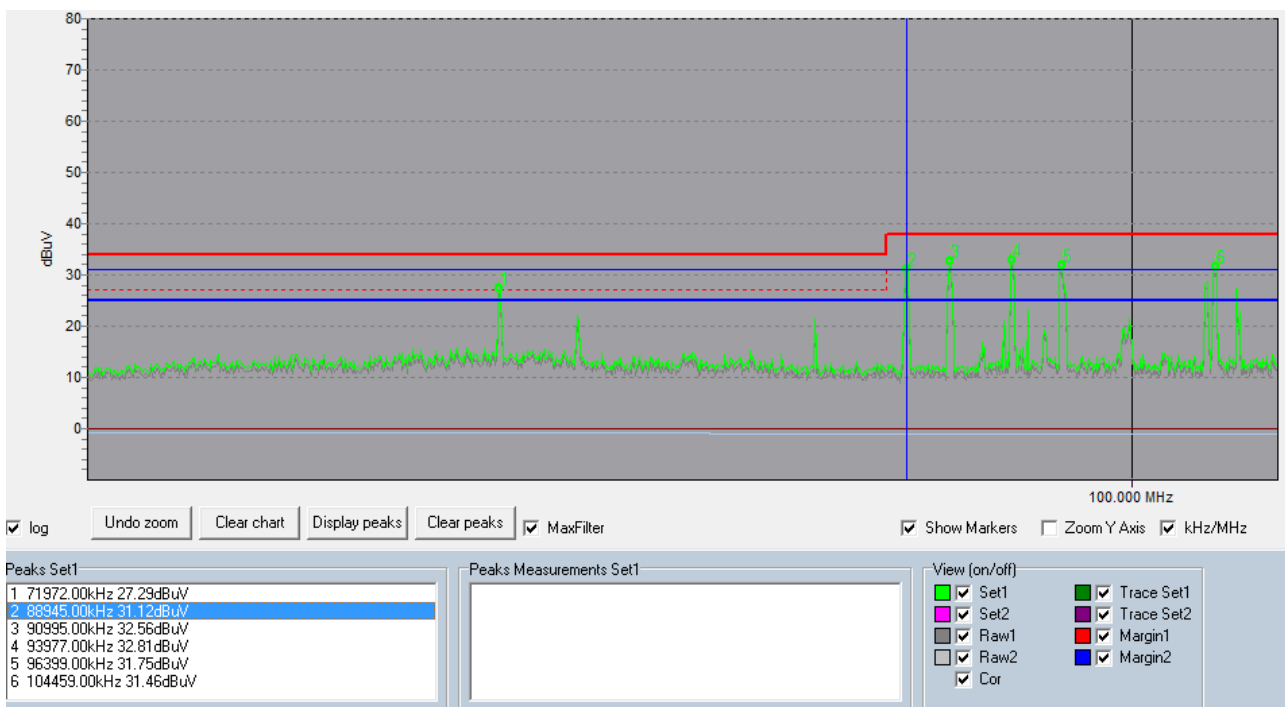
## 18. Amplitude units

By default, the spectrum analyzer results are taken in dBμV. Antenna or current probe measurements need conversion files, taking into account antenna factors or trans-impedance to get the y-axis values displayed in dBμV/m or dBμA. See the corresponding application notes on the EMCview page for more details. Other than that, units can be selected by ticking the check-boxes next to the lower left corner of the graph window.

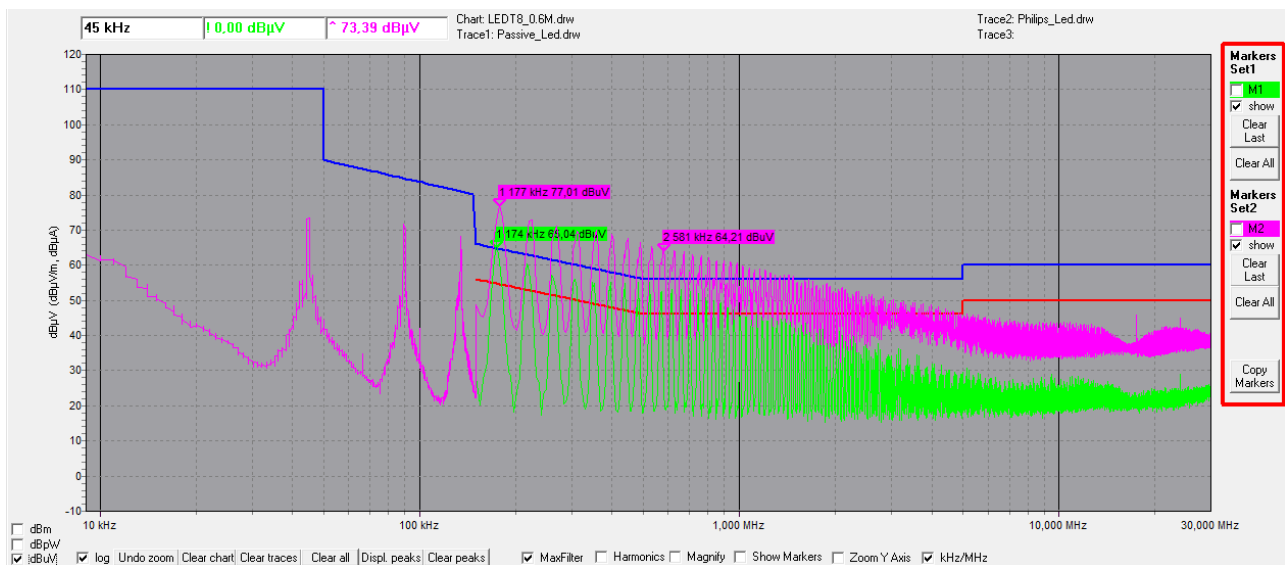
## 19. Markers

Clicking **Show Markers** adds the corresponding peak number of the peak list to the graph.  
Double clicking any marker in the list will place a cross hair.

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You can also set markers manually:

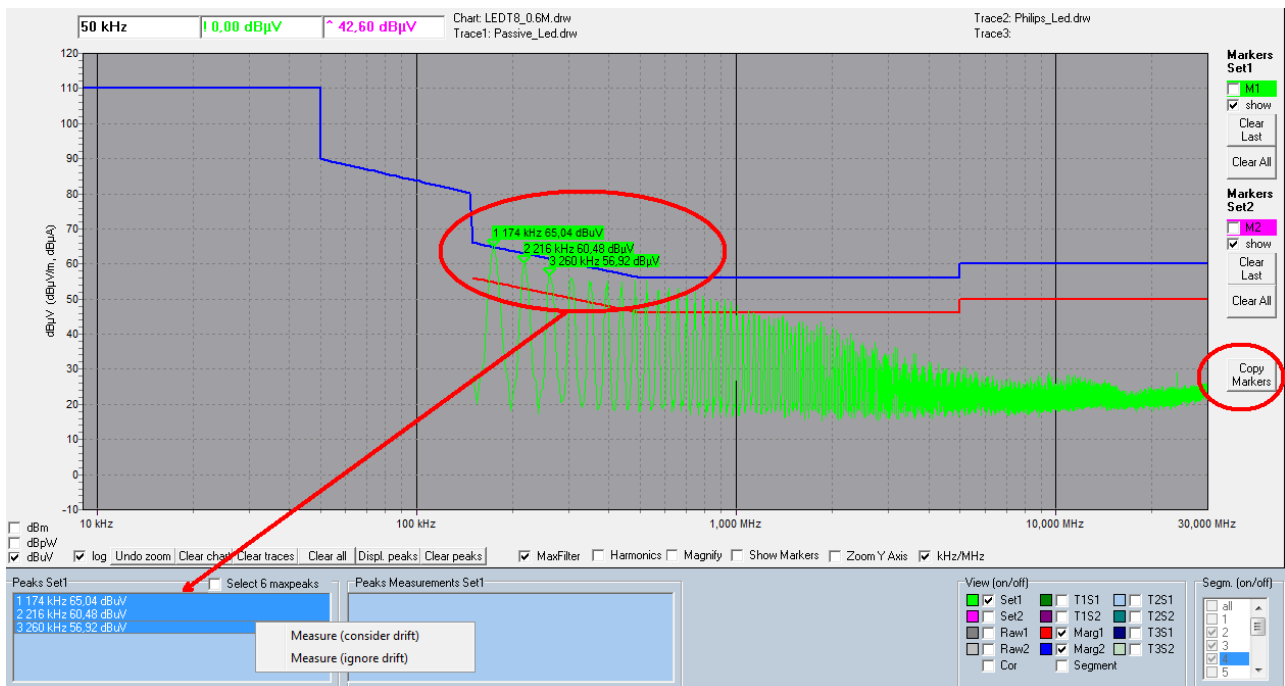


Click Marker on the upper right side of the EMCview window.

Click the M1 check box. Thereafter, click at a point of the corresponding graph (Set1) to set a marker.

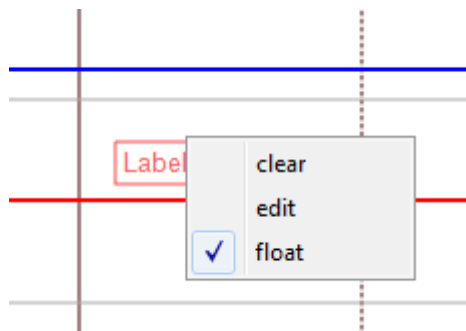
Click the M2 checkbox, if you want to set a marker to the graph measured according the configuration specified for Set2.

If required, manually set markers can be copied into the Peak list for subsequent re-measurement.



## 20. Labels

If you want to add comments to the graph, click the **Labels** button at the right side of the graph. Click **Set Label** and a text field will appear in the left upper corner of the graph window. Drag the text field to the desired position within the graph. Right click into the text field and a context menu will appear:



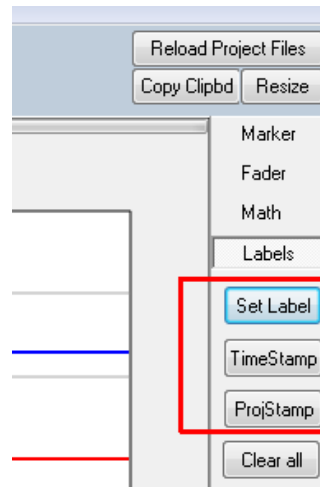
Click **edit** to edit the text. De-activate **float**, if you want to lock the label on its position. The label cannot be dragged anymore thereafter.

By default, the text field has a frame. If you want to remove the frame, enter menu **Setup / Options** and set it to transparent.

If you want to change the font size of the labels, edit the **emcview.ini** file that you can find in the installation folder of EMCview. Change the **TextSize1** parameter to the desired value.

The color of the labels can be changed in the **Setup / Edit Colors** menu of EMCview. Note that you can only change the color of all labels, but not change colors of individual labels.

Within Labels, you can also set a **Time Stamp** Label and a Project Stamp label. Any time, the **TimeStamp** button is clicked, it will update date and time. In **Setup / Options** menu, you can set the time stamp label being updated, any time you press the **Copy Clipbd** button.



## 21. Options

In menu **Setup / Options** you can set various preferences:

**Path / Out:** by default, all files are saved in the EMCview\Out directory. Here you can change your preferred default output directory.

**Misc / Enable dialog box to conform closing EMCview:** Close EMCview immediately or upon confirming in a dialog box

**Misc / Load last project:** Launch EMCview with the project file used when last exiting EMCview

**Misc / Show TG box to enable TG during RF measurement sweep:** In preparation of a future feature to create amplitude correction files using the tracking generator of the analyzer

**Misc / Enable sweep step size in %:** Add a selection box in the generator feature to select sweep step size either in Hz or in %

**Misc / Report marked peaks only:** In order to avoid an excessively long peak list in the report file, the listed peaks can be limited to selected (marked) peaks from the peaks list

**Misc / Show full names of loaded charts and traces:** When loading charts or traces, they will be displayed on top of the graph window. If the file names are excessively long and exceed the available display space, they will be cropped to a suitable length.

**Misc / Keep old segments, when re-measuring selected segments:** When making selective measurements, keep results of previous measurements for skipped segments instead of connecting it with a straight line.

**Misc / Show checkbox for consecutive measurement of both sets:** This adds a checkbox next to the measurement button to choose to automatically run Set2 after Set1 has finished.

**Misc / Monitor SCPI communication link:** Indicates in the status line, if the communication link between PC and analyzer is interrupted (green hook/red x).

**Misc / Show VISA errors:** Displays Visa error messages in a pop up window

**Labels / Draw labels transparent:** Removes frame and background of the label text boxes

**Labels / Update time stamp when copying to clipboard:** Updates the time stamp label, when the graph window is copied to the clip board

## 22. Fader

The “fader” is a feature to cancel ambient noise when measurements are carried out in a non-shielded setup. It needs to be mentioned upfront, that it is no alternative to measurements in shielded chambers or tents. Main reason for implementing the fader feature was repeated customer request.

The fader is based on making a measurement of the ambient noise, with the DUT not powered and then subtracting the ambient noise from a consecutive measurement, with the DUT powered.

However, ambient noise is hardly ever static. Cellular radio signals are highly dynamic both in frequency and amplitude. Broadcast stations create ambient noise with static frequency, however they drift in amplitude.

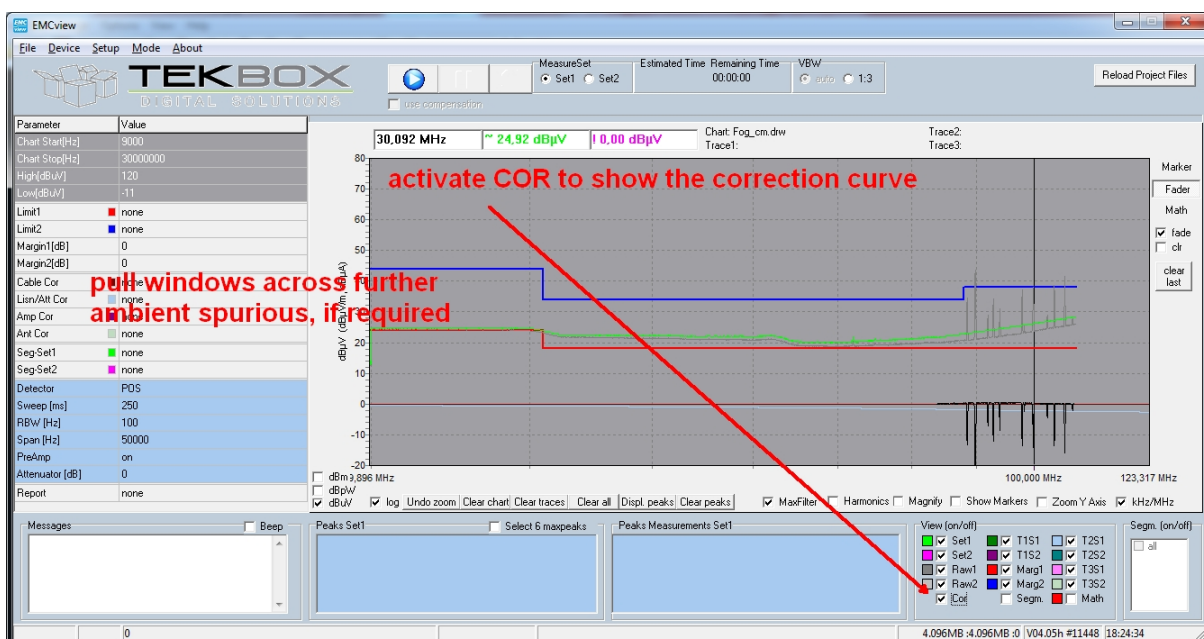
Subtracting such signals will not cancel completely or may result in negative spikes, if their amplitude does not remain constant, but decrease or increase in the time between taking the un-powered measurement and the powered measurement.

Consequently the fader does not take the entire ambient noise spectrum, but gives the user the capability to select portions of the noise spectrum that he wants to subtract.

To use the fader, first take a measurement with the DUT not being powered. Then click the **Fader** button at the right side of the graph window and activate the **fade** box. Then left click the mouse to pull a window across the noise that you want to get subtracted when you do a powered measurement.

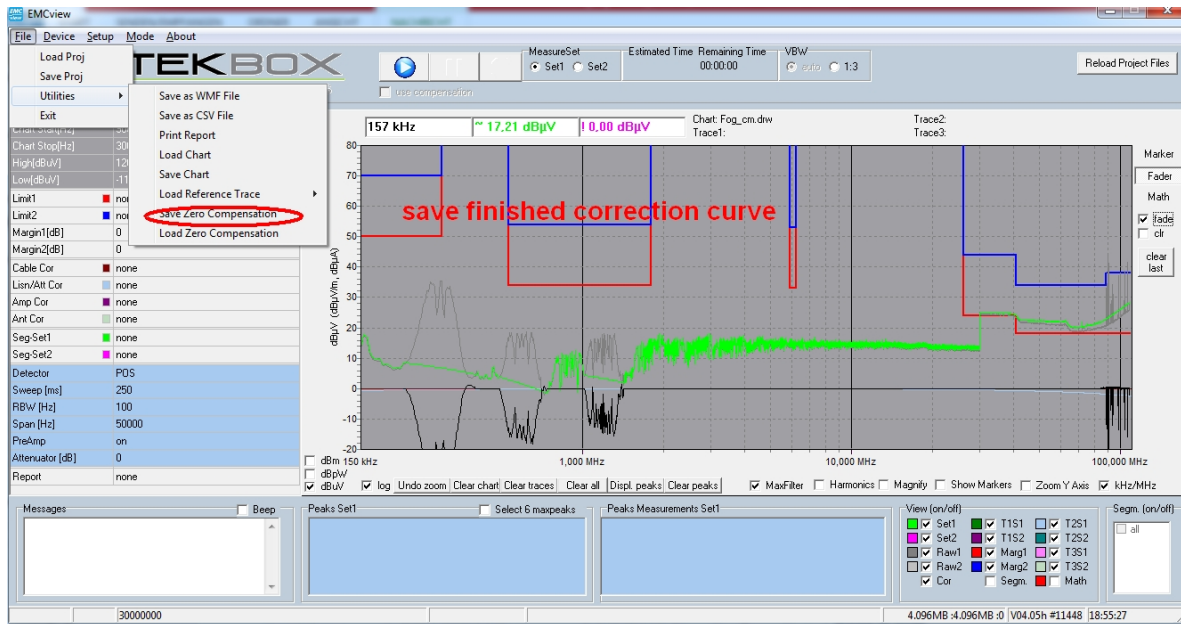


Activate the **Cor** box to see the resulting correction curve.





Repeat this process for other noise spurious, if required.



Next save the correction curve in **File, Utilities, Save Zero Compensation**.

In order to apply the correction curve to the powered measurement, load the correction curve in **File, Utilities, Load Zero Compensation**. Then click the box **use compensation (fader compensation)** located under the **Play** button.

Then start another measurement run, with the DUT being powered. The correction curve will then immediately be applied to this measurement.

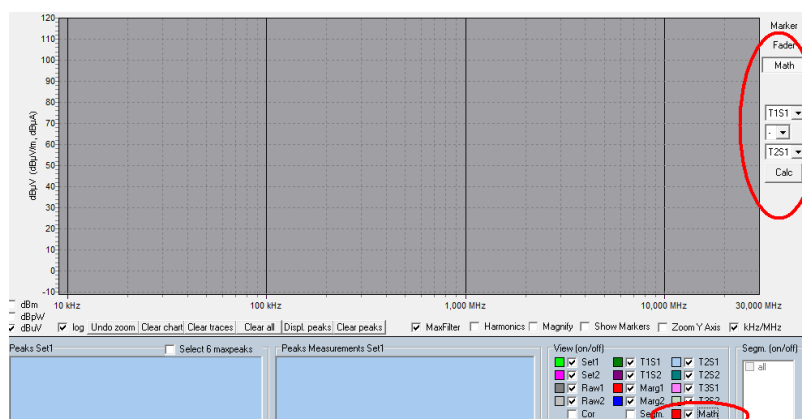
As mentioned – don't expect miracles from this feature. A perfect cancellation will only be achieved for ambient noise signals that remained perfectly constant with respect to frequency and amplitude. Also be aware, that any DUT noise hidden under the ambient noise will not be recovered.

## 23. Math

"Math" is a feature to add, subtract, multiply or divide traces. The traces need to be loaded into EMCview before being able to carry out mathematical operations.

Click the **Math** button located right to the graph window. Then select the traces, select the mathematical operation and click the **Calc** button to get the result displayed in the graph window. In order to view the resulting graph, activate the **Math** button in the **View (on/off)** window.

If you take for example conducted noise measurements of the positive and negative supply line and want to merge it to a worst case graph, load the traces and use the **MAX** operation.



## 24. Saving graphs and measurement results

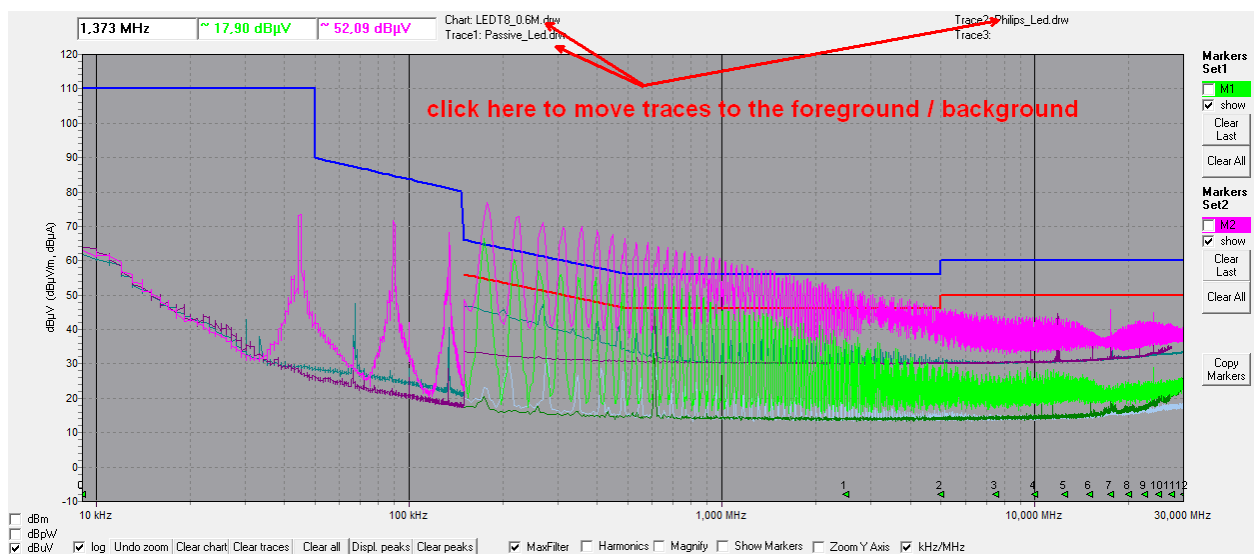
Save data in **File** menu, **Utilities**, **Save Chart**. The chart (graph) of any measurement can be reloaded into EMCview clicking **Load Chart**. Clicking Load Chart overwrites any graph present on the screen. Reload and overlay older measurements to a fresh measurement for comparison purpose by clicking **Load Reference Trace** in the same menu. This feature adds (overlays) one or two more graphs to the existing measurement or chart. Restarting a measurement will clear the graph of the previous measurement, but not affect the **Reference Trace**.

In order to bring any of the reference traces to the foreground, click at the line listing the trace file. Click at the text again to bring it to the background.

Click **Save as WMF File** to save chart screen shots.

Click **Save as CSV File** to save the measurement result as table.

You can **save peak lists** as text file, right clicking in the peak window and selecting **Save to File** in the context menu.

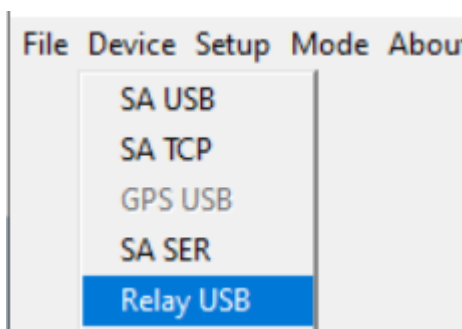


Charts are always saved including the amplitude correction data. If you figure out, that you applied wrong correction files, after completing a measurement, you can save the chart and then reload it as raw data and select different amplitude correction files.

## 25. Control of additional equipment with EMCview

With EMCview V5.48 or higher, commands for ASCII controllable devices can be added to the segment files. You can use a device such as KMTronic 4UCRB Relay Controller to switch coaxial antenna relays or external attenuators.

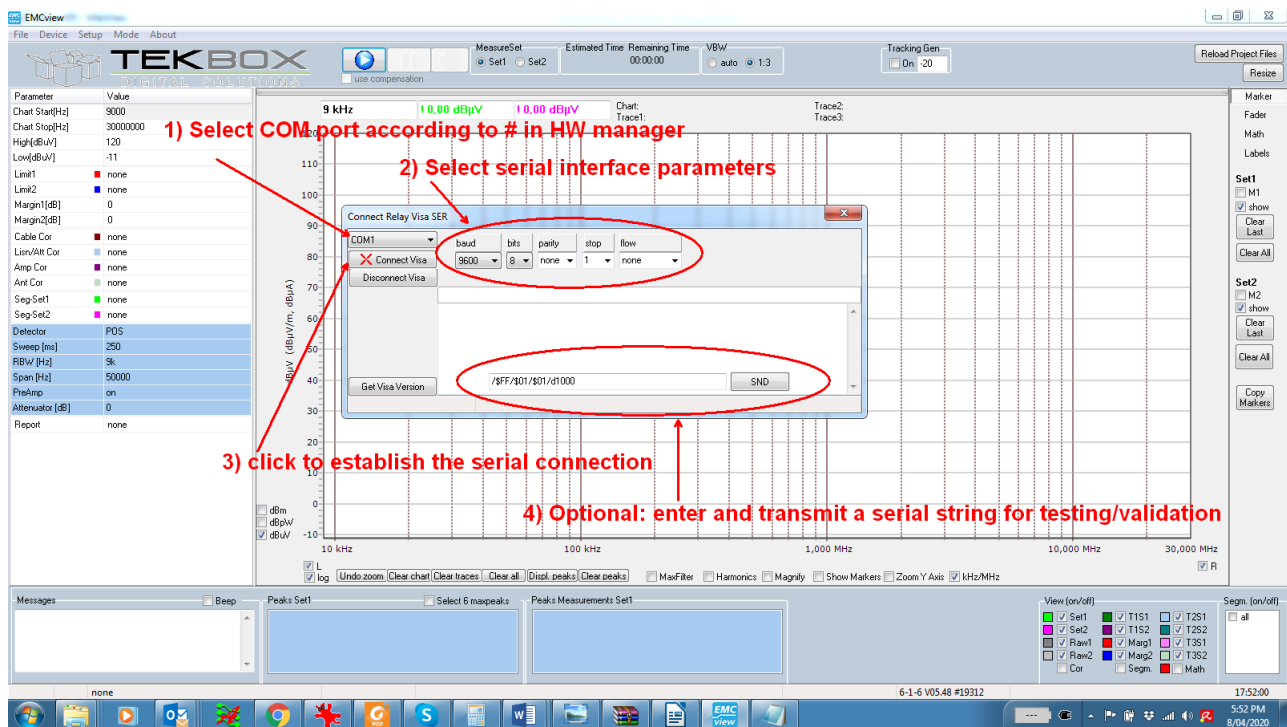
Go to menu **DEVICE** to connect to the relay controller:



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Next select the COM port and set up the parameters for the serial interface of the relay controller or any other serial device. Establish the connection and optionally transmit a string for testing/validation:



In order to automatically transmit test strings, they need to be entered into the desired segment file. You can add two serial command strings to each segment. Command SCPI\_A will be executed before the sweep of the corresponding segment. Command SCPI\_B will be executed after the sweep of the corresponding segment.

Example: Segment file with commands for the KMTronic 4UCRB Relay Controller

```
[Application]
Software=TekBox RP-W32-D10
Version=Release
Date=18.02.2020 13:52:22
[General]
Name=CN_CISPR15_SEGMENTS_AUG_relais.seg
[Data]
FRQa__1=150000
FRQb__1=2500000
BW___1=9000
Sweep_1=25000
Att___1=10
PreAmp1=off
Detector1=UAV
SCPI_A_1=/$FF/$01/$01/d1000
SCPI_B_1=/$FF/$01/$00/d1000
FRQa__2=2500000
FRQb__2=5000000
BW___2=9000
Sweep_2=25000
Att___2=10
PreAmp2=off
Detector2=UAV
```

SCPI\_A\_x: command sent at the beginning of the segment

SCPI\_B\_x: command sent at the end of the segment

### Explanation:

**SCPI\_A\_x** with x being the segment number; command sent at the beginning of the segment

**SCPI\_B\_x** with x being the segment number; command sent at the end of the segment

**SCPI\_B\_x** is optional. A single command at the beginning of the segments would be sufficient to turn ON/OFF a relay.

**/\$FF/\$01/\$01**: serial string to turn on output 1 of the KMTronic 4UCRB Relay Controller. It will send the characters FF 01 01. This string is not EMCview specific. Its syntax has to be chosen according to the manual of the corresponding device. FF 01 01 means turn ON Output 1 of the 4UCRB. EMCview will send whatever string is entered in this place.

**/d1000**: wait 1000 ms before starting the sweep. Maximum value: 9999 ms

Special control commands can be entered as **/\$XX** (upper case, always 2 characters)

Example:

**/\$0A** LF, Line Feed (not **/\$0a**)

**/\$0D** CR, Carriage Return (not **/\$cr**)

## 26. Using RF current probe measurements to extrapolate to radiated E-field strength

Signal- and power supply cables carrying conducted noise act as antennas and consequently cause radiated emissions.

Henry Ott and Clayton Paul outlined a method to convert RF current probe measurements into electric field strength radiated from cables carrying RF currents. It is a derivation/simplification of the full treatment outlined in "Antenna Theory – Analysis and Design" (C. Balanis).

This application note is based on an excellent article on the website of Andy Eadie from EMC FASTPASS. The application note explains how this method can be applied, using Tekbox EMCview software. It automatically creates a graph of radiated emissions, converting a common mode current conducted noise measurement carried out with a RF current probe and a spectrum analyzer.

Andy Eadie's article can be found here:

<https://emcfastpass.com/current-probe-e-field-emi-testing/>

### "The Formula"

$$E = \frac{4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} (f \cdot I \cdot L) \sin\theta}{r}$$

E = electric field strength [V/m]

f = frequency [Hz]

I = CM current [A]

L = cable length [m]

r = measurement distance [m]

$\Theta = \pi/2$

According to Andy Eadie's article, this formula delivers a very accurate result up until approximately 200 MHz with a 1m cable.

The Tekbox application note *AN\_ RF current to electric field strength extrapolation* shows two methods how to calculate and display the E-field using EMCview. Refer to this document for detailed instructions.

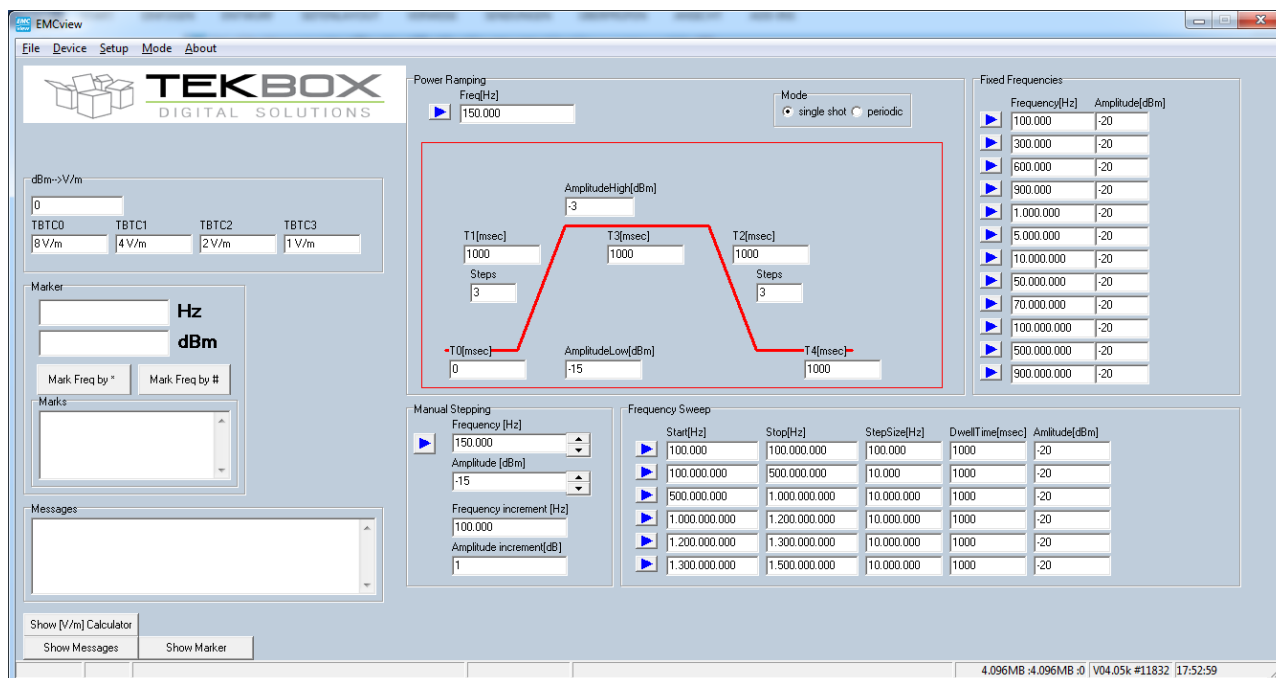
## 27. Create Reports

Click **Setup**, **Edit Report**. Click **Clear** and then enter the report details. Click **Save** and enter a file name.

In order to print the report, click **File**, **Utilities**, **Print Report**. If you want to keep the report as a file, print using a pdf writer. To do so, set a pdf writer as default printer in Windows settings.

## 28. Tracking generator control mode for immunity testing

A spectrum analyzer equipped with tracking generator, together with a TEM Cell and a modulated power amplifier from Tekbox can be used very effectively for pre-compliance immunity testing. In order to simplify tracking generator control, click menu **Mode / Generator**.



There are three modes to control the tracking generator:

- Power Ramping** generates a configurable power ramp profile at a fixed frequency; either as a single pulse or periodic.
- Frequency Sweep** carries out a frequency sweep with configurable start and stop frequency, frequency step size, output level and dwell time per frequency point.
- Fixed Frequencies** sets the generator to a fixed output frequency and output level
- Manual Stepping** manually step frequency and amplitude of the tracking generator

Consider that the amplitude of most tracking generators are limited to the range -20dBm to 0 dBm and to an amplitude step size of 1 dB. For lower output levels, use an external attenuator; for higher output levels use an external amplifier.

An immunity pre-compliance test will typically start with a frequency sweep. The DUT is placed inside a TEM cell and a wideband amplifier will boost the TG signal to the necessary level to create a strong electric field inside the TEM cell. Observe the DUT for any misbehavior during the sweep. In case of observing any DUT malfunction, press the **Mark Frequency** tab to record the frequency.

In order to save time during later re-testing, after modification of the DUT, change to fixed frequency mode, using critical frequencies observed during the sweep.

Check our website for corresponding application notes and for the EMCview FAQ document from time to time.

## 29. RF coverage measurement mode

In RF coverage measurement mode, the field strength of up to 3 transmitters can be monitored in parallel. GPS coordinates are assigned to every measurement sample. EMCview currently supports Opus / Eride chipset based GPS receivers with NMEA output via USB. A suitable GPS receiver is also available from Tekbox.

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In order to make RF coverage measurements, connect to the spectrum analyzer and GPS receiver in the **Device** menu. Click **Mode**, **RF Coverage** to enter RF coverage measurement mode.

### 29.1 Configuration

Enter the frequencies that you want to observe along with the spectrum analyzer settings:

Parameter	Value
Freq A[Hz]	173575000
Freq B[Hz]	88500000
Freq C[Hz]	146725000
High[dBm]	-10
Low[dBm]	-110
Cable Cor	none
Amp Cor	none
Ant Cor	none
Detector	VAV
Sweep [ms]	auto
RBW [Hz]	10000
Span [Hz]	25000
PreAmp	off
Attenuator [dB]	0

If Freq(B) and or Freq(C) are not required for the measurement, simply delete the contents of the corresponding box.

High[dBm], Low[dBm] values specify the y-axis display range of the graph. The values on the X-axis correspond to the index of the consecutive measurement samples.

Init SA	Start	Stop	Latch Points	Latch File	Interval [ms]	Speed [km/h]	Length [km]	Resolution [m]	Points	clr master logfile
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> skip non moving	<input type="checkbox"/> Beep		100		2000	30	40	16.67	2400	<input type="checkbox"/> simulate moving

- Init SA:** transfers the measurement settings to the spectrum analyzer and initialize the SW for a new measurement
- Start:** start measurement or continue interrupted measurement; requires a GPS fix and established connection to the spectrum analyzer.
- Stop:** stop measurement
- Latch Points:** select the number of measurement points, after which a KML file will be created automatically. If the total number of measurement points exceeds the settings in **Latch Points**, additional KML files will be created.
- Latch File:** creates a KML file upon pressing the button
- Interval [ms]:** time in between two consecutive measurements (measurement interval). Minimum time largely depends on number of observed frequencies, sweep time and measurement response time of the analyzer. With the analyzer settings in the example above, 3 frequencies can be monitored every 2 seconds. If the set interval time is too low, a timing error will be occur and increment the T3-Err counter at the bottom of the graph.
- Speed [km/h]:** enter the estimated average speed of your measurement drive here to calculate the resolution of your measurement
- Length [km]:** enter the estimated length of your measurement drive here to calculate the resulting number of measurement points
- Resolution[m]:** average distance between two measurement points based on the entered value of Speed and the settings for the measurement interval.
- Points:** resulting number of measurement points based on the estimation of the length of the measurement drive and the settings for the measurement interval.
- Clr master logfile:** the data of every measurement point is logged into a text file with file name **coverage.txt**. Any additional measurement will be appended to existing data in the log file. Press this button to delete the contents of the log file. The log file is located in the sub directory **\out**.
- Skip non moving:** Don't log any measurement points if the speed reported by the GPS receiver is zero

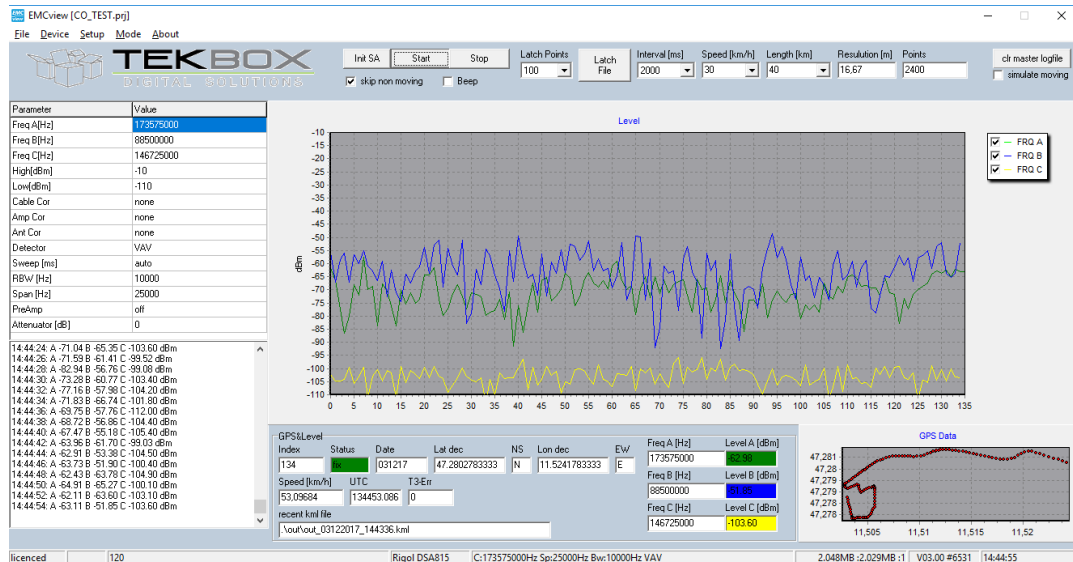


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Simulate moving: only to validate the measurement setup; don't click for an actual measurement. The SW generates a random offset to the coordinates measured by the GPS receiver to simulate a test drive.

## 29.2 Status and measurement results



The main graph displays the measured field strength of the observed transmitters on the y- Axis and the index number of the corresponding measurement on the X-axis.  
The GPS data window displays the coordinates of consecutive measurement points.

Index: index counter; number of current measurement sample  
Status: displays GPS fix  
Date: current date  
Lat dec: current latitude in decimal format  
NS: latitude north/south  
Long dec: current longitude in decimal format  
EW: latitude east/west  
Speed: current speed  
UTC: current time  
T3-Err: error counter, counts timer errors caused by insufficient length of measurement interval  
Freq A: observed frequency A  
Level A: field strength/ amplitude of transmitter A  
Freq B: observed frequency B  
Level B: field strength/ amplitude of transmitter B  
Freq C: observed frequency C  
Level C: field strength/ amplitude of transmitter C  
Recent kml file: shows the path and file name of the latest generated kml file: default directory is **\out**. The kml file is created automatically and consists of the string **out\_date\_time.kml**.

## 29.3 Log file

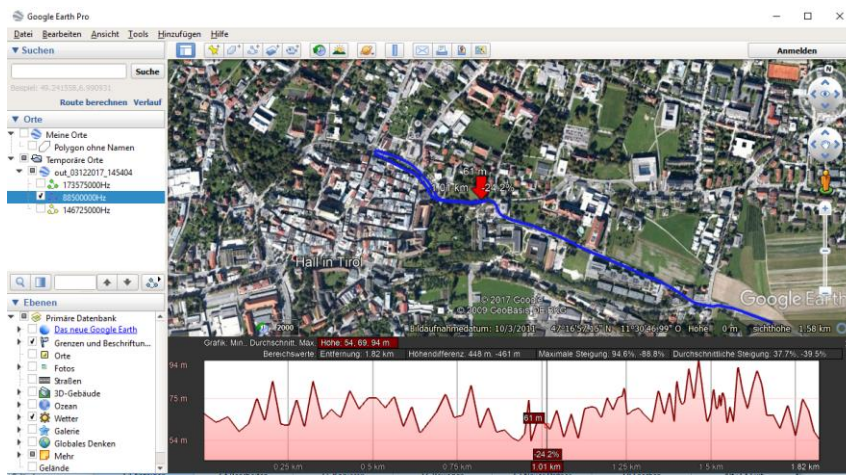
The index file is a text file containing an index for each sample, date, time, longitude, latitude, speed, observed frequencies and corresponding field strength.

Example:

```
Index;Fix;Date;UTC;Lat;NS;Long;EW;Speed[km/h];FreqA[Hz];LevA[dBm];FreqB[Hz];LevB[dBm];FreqC[Hz];LevC[dBm]
0;fix;031217;133951.086;47.2786633333;N;11.5031383333;E;19,8164;173575000;-61.62;88500000;-55.71;146725000;-102.30
1;fix;031217;133953.086;47.2785533333;N;11.5031883333;E;23,46484;173575000;-66.53;88500000;-67.06;146725000;-104.70
2;fix;031217;133955.086;47.2784366667;N;11.5032450000;E;24,20564;173575000;-77.26;88500000;-58.54;146725000;-104.80
3;fix;031217;133957.086;47.2783266667;N;11.5033033333;E;22,35364;173575000;-86.61;88500000;-56.00;146725000;-104.00
....
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## 29.4 KML file

The KML file can be used to project the measurement drive into Google Earth Professional. The altitude-profile graph feature of Google Earth Professional is utilized to display a field strength profile. The [m] unit displayed by Google Earth is equivalent to the measured amplitude in [-dBm]. Consequently, peaks in the graph represent lower field strength values, means the graph is mirrored on the x-axis. In Google Earth menu **View**, **reset tilt**. If you don't see the track, in **Layers**, activate **More**. In order to see the field strength profile, click the **Edit** menu and then show **elevation profile**.



## 30. Further information

**Read the EMCview FAQ document for more detailed information. Also check our website from time to time for software updates, new project packages and useful application notes.**

## 31. History

Version	Date	Author	Changes
V 1.0	20.04.2017	Mayerhofer	Creation of the document
V 1.1	26.04.2017	Mayerhofer	Chapter 2 (warnings) added
V 1.2	21.06.2017	Mayerhofer	Siglent support added
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V 2.1	1.4.2021	Mayerhofer	Information on changed peak re-measurement UI with EMCview V8.0