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Development of an Integrated GPS-eLoran Signal Simulator

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Outline of this talk

- **The need for Loran**
 - Rewind previous speakers and think about what they said
- **Our simulator – the GeLSim 100**
 - The device for testing your eLoran receiver
- **Conclusions**
 - Come visit us with your checkbook



Why eLoran?

- Everyone here probably agrees that eLoran is a vital part of the National PNT architecture.
- Enough said.



VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT
OF THE
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE
RELYING ON THE
GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM

Final Report

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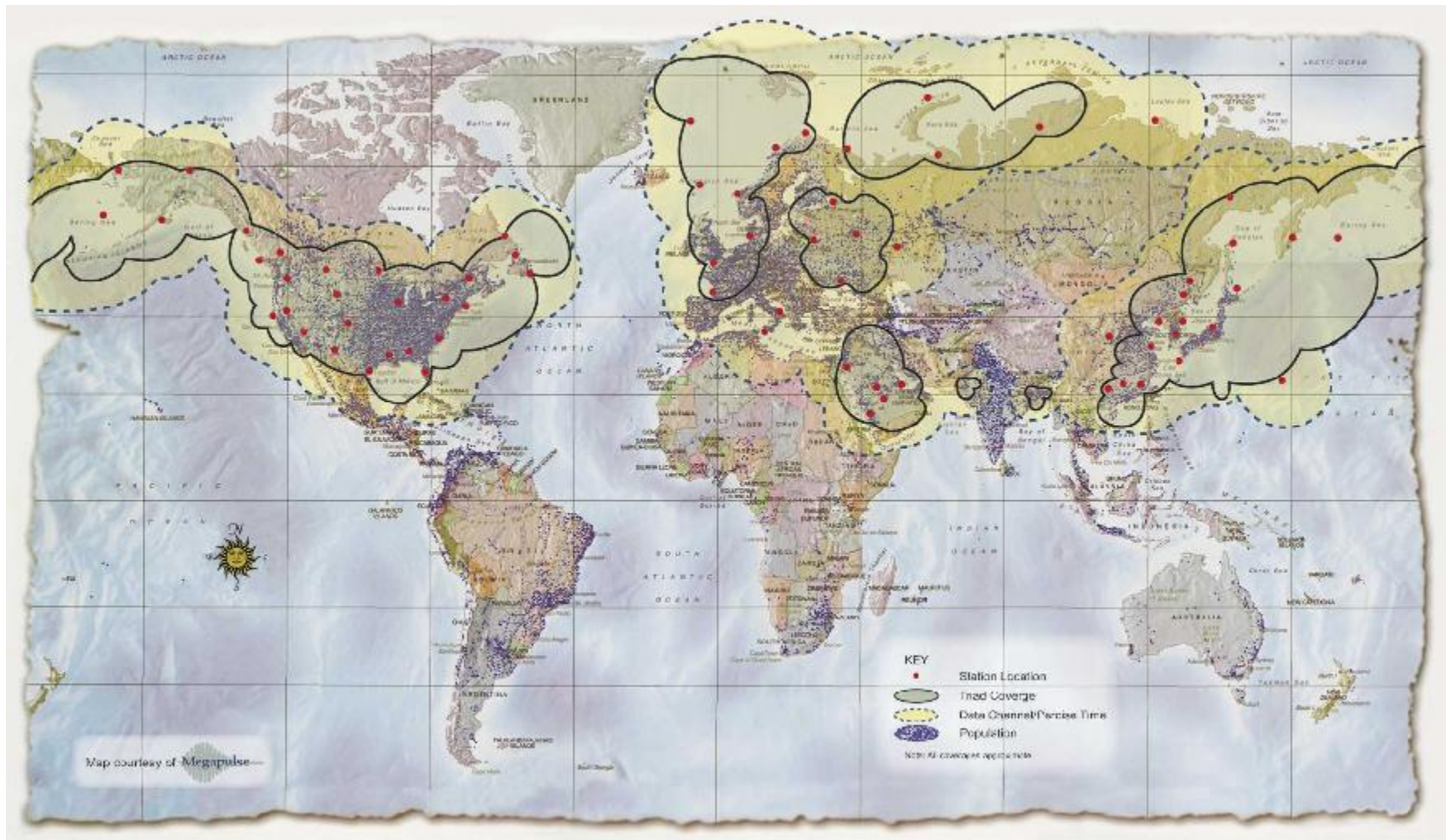
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Current Loran-C Coverage





Possible eLoran Coverage





Why an integrated simulator?

- **Integrated GNSS-eLoran receivers are the future**
- **Need to be able to test these receivers**
 - **Manufacturers**
 - **System/service providers**
 - **Government agencies**
 - **Universities**
 - **Others?**



Testing Needed

- **Need to test all aspects of Loran Receiver Performance**
 - Receiver's ability to demodulate LDC
 - Operate in the presence of noise, skywave, and crossrate
 - Ability to recognize blinking
- **Need to test Integration**
 - Position accuracy and reliability of integrated solution
 - Robustness and reaction of receiver to GNSS and Loran outages
- **Ability to test possible system changes**
 - New chains / rates
 - Multiple phase codes
 - Etc.

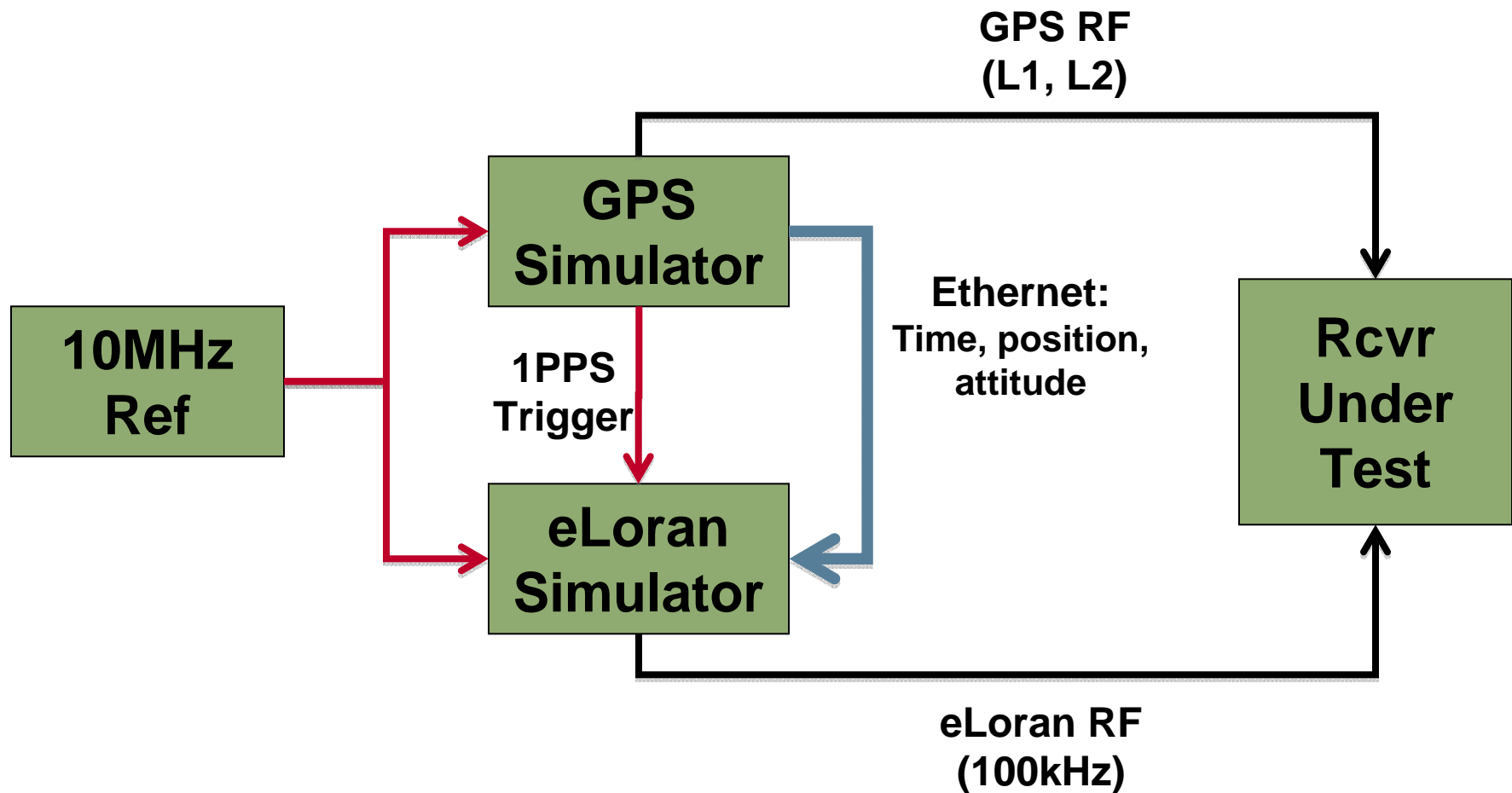


GeLSim 100

- **Integrated GPS-eLoran signal simulator**
 - GPS and eLoran signals synchronized in time/space
 - Generates both GPS and eLoran signals as user receiver would see them
 - Common scenario – generated on GPS simulator
 - Tied together with common clock
 - Time scale linkage
 - Synch with 1 PPS strobe to start scenario



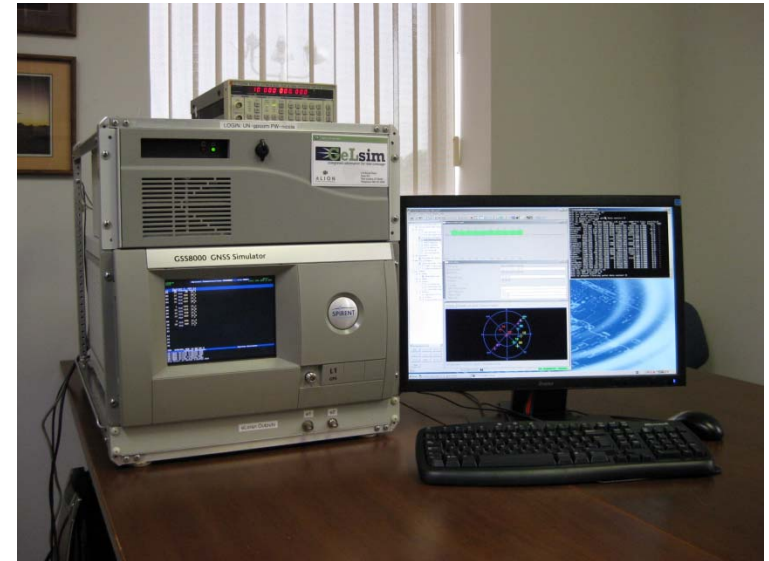
GeLSim 100





The Components

- **GPS Portion:**
 - **Mated to a Spirent GSS 8000**
 - L1, L2, L5, Glonass, Galileo, DGPS, WAAS available
 - Sophisticated scenario planning
 - Various interference options
- **eLoran Portion:**
 - **Fully configurable**
 - Station locations, rates, emission delays, etc.
 - **Position-based ASFs and signal strengths**
 - Station signal strength based upon predictions (conductivity & terrain)
 - **Vincenty method for TOA delay calculation**
 - **Standard PF and SF calculations**
 - **Loran Data Channel**
 - **E and H-field antenna outputs**



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THE LORAN SIMULATOR VERSION 1.1



System Configuration File Features

- **Loran tower names & locations**
 - Current locations supplied
 - New locations possible



Global selectable features include

- **Whether to apply ASF values to all signals**
 - Predicted CONUS grid supplied
 - User can modify with their own values if desired
- **Whether to apply atmospheric noise to all signals**
 - Use either a specified global noise value or a grid based on CCIR models
- **Whether to apply skywave or not**
 - User specified delay and scale factor
- **PCI strobe**
 - User selectable station
- **Antenna type**
 - E- or H-field antenna outputs
- **Ninth pulse data**
 - Currently either sequential symbols or user specified file of symbols
- **Output power scaling**
 - Either fixed (specified) scale factor or autoscaling
- **Data output (either RF or to file)**
 - Each file 1 epoch of passband data
 - User-specified directory
- **Antenna rotation offsets**
- **Antenna upside down or not**



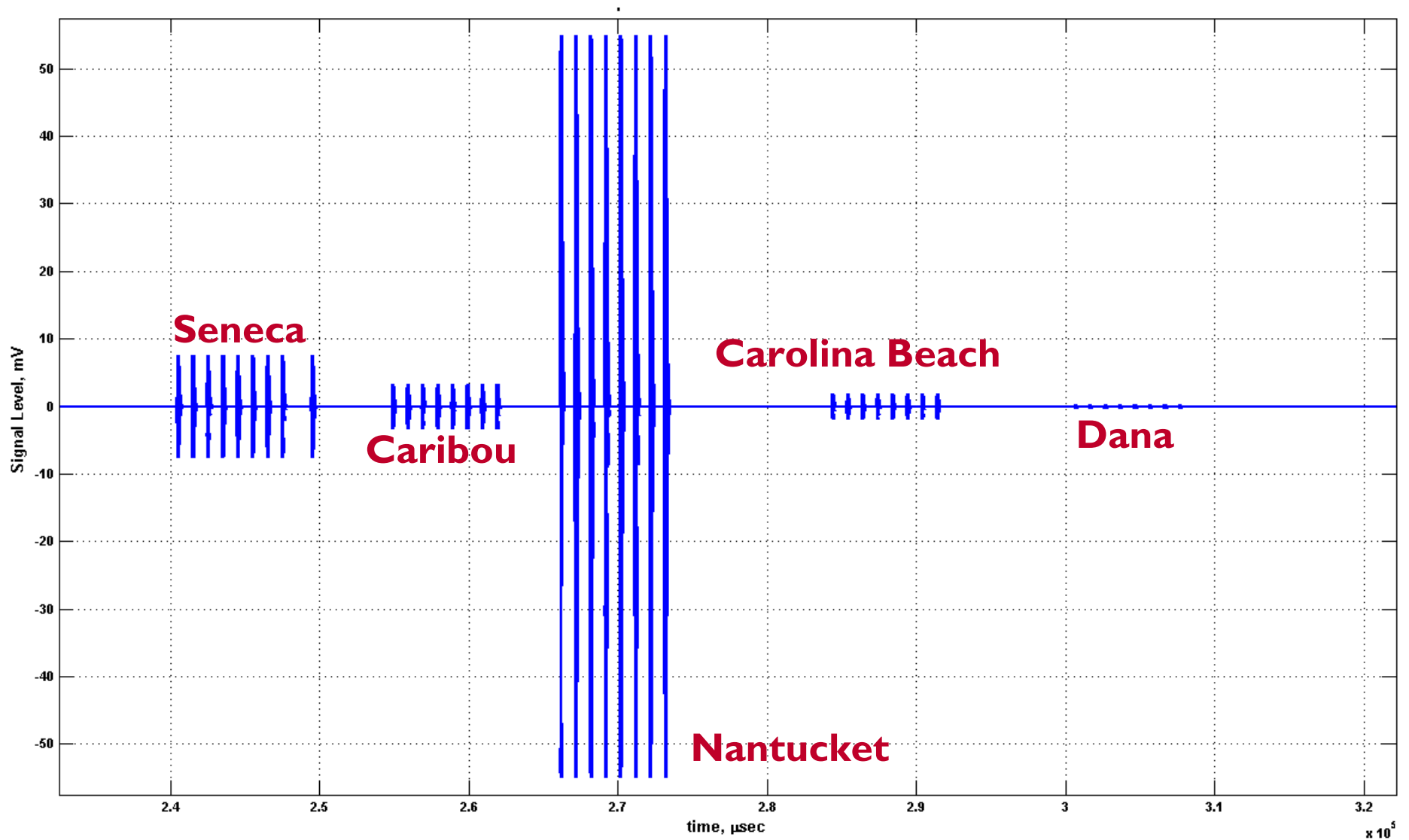
Features on an individual station basis

- Turn individual stations on/off
 - 1 - 30+ parallel Loran Stations
- User configurable chains/rates
 - Existing system chains/rates predefined but these can be changed by the user
- User configurable emission delays
 - Existing system values predefined but these can be changed by the user
- User configurable ECDs
 - Set the ECD desired at the receiver
- User configurable phase codes
 - Standard master/secondary codes pre-set but these are changeable on an individual station level
- Skywave delay parameters
 - Delay and scale factor
- 9th pulse LDC on any station
 - Currently same message on all stations
- System time bias and jitter
 - Offsets applied to all pulses in a Group of the station
- Pulse position jitter
 - Noise in the timing of individual pulses from the station
- Pulse amplitude variation
 - Variation in the amplitude of individual pulses from the station
- Blink on/off
 - User selectable for each station



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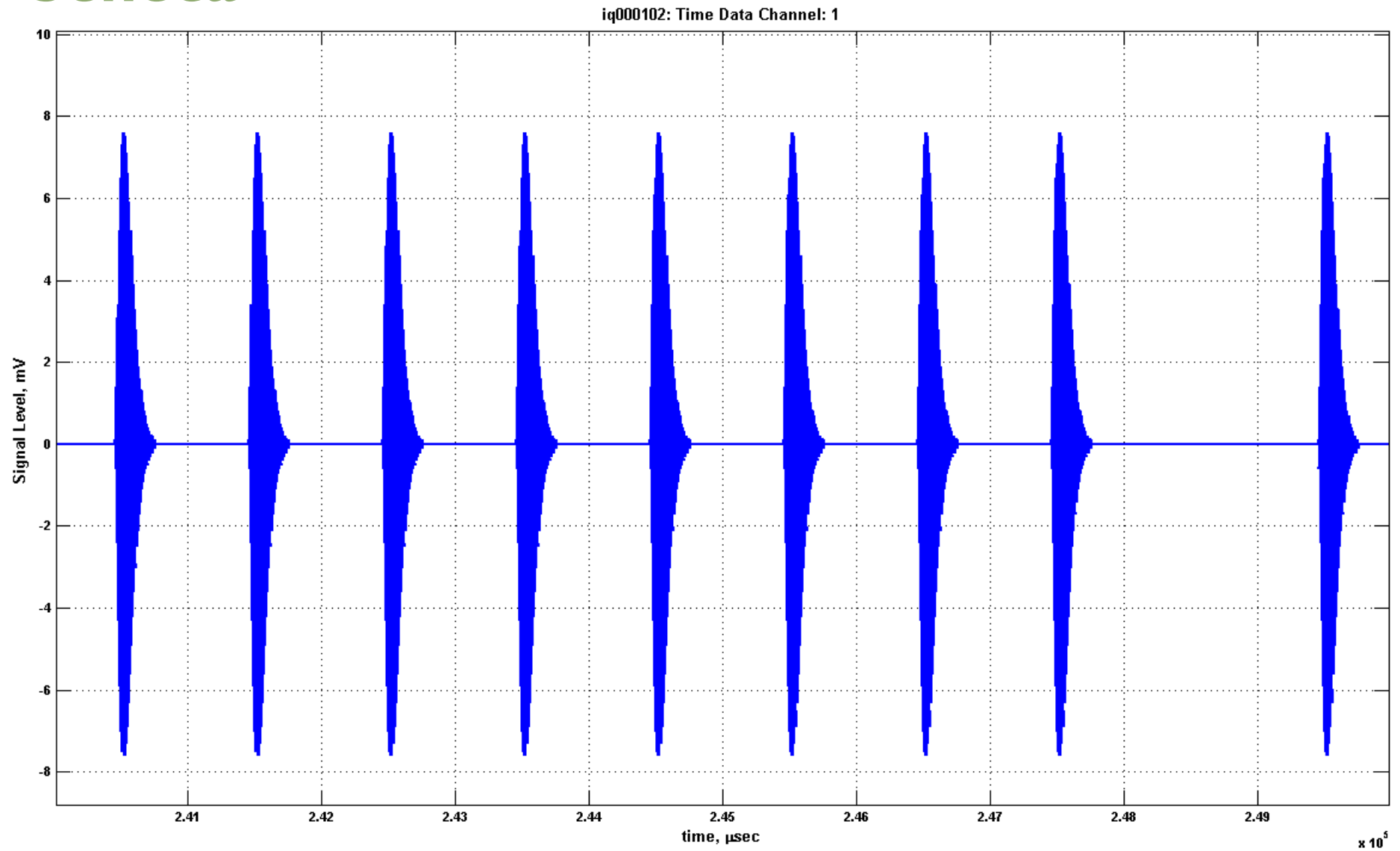
eLoran Simulator Output





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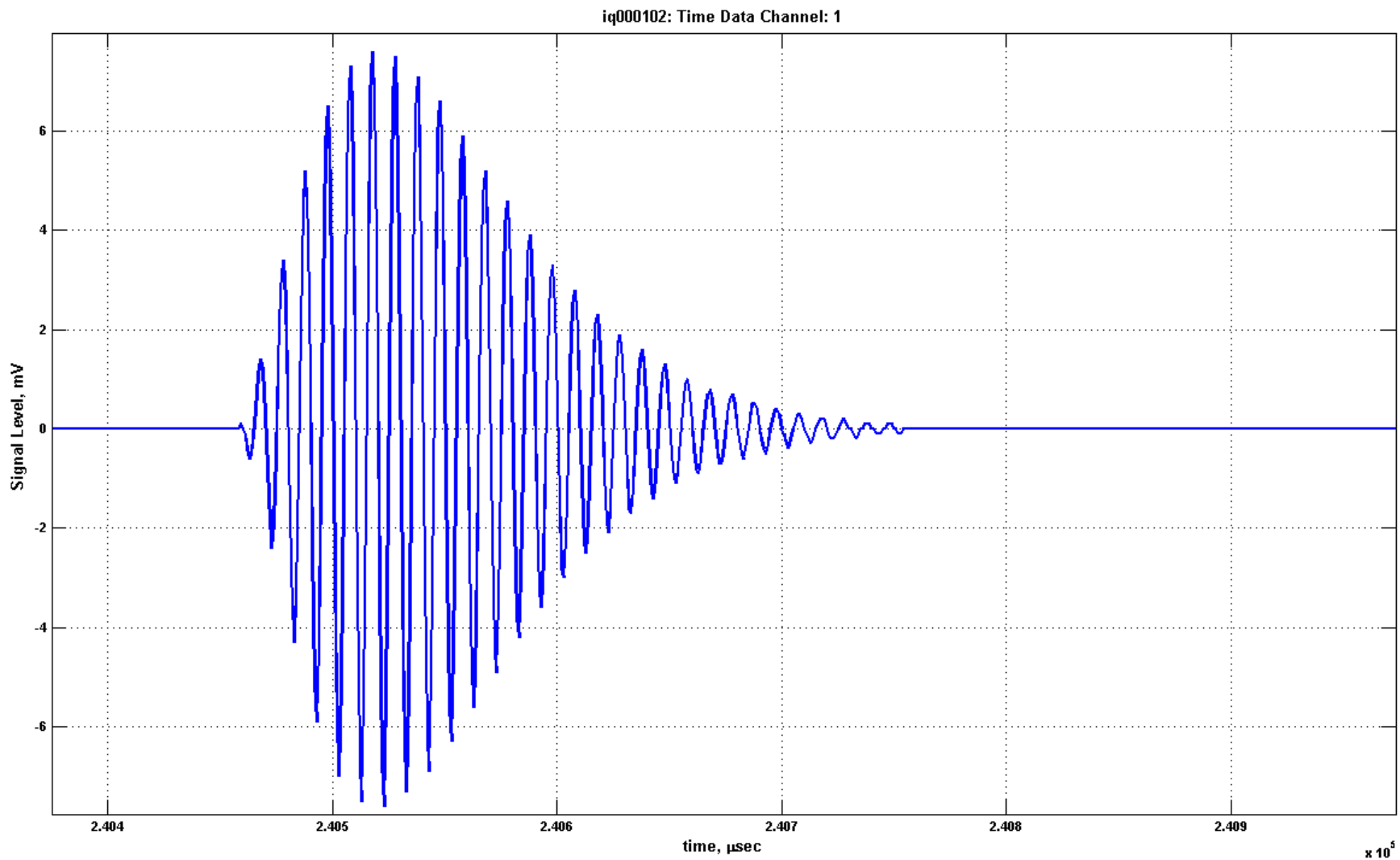
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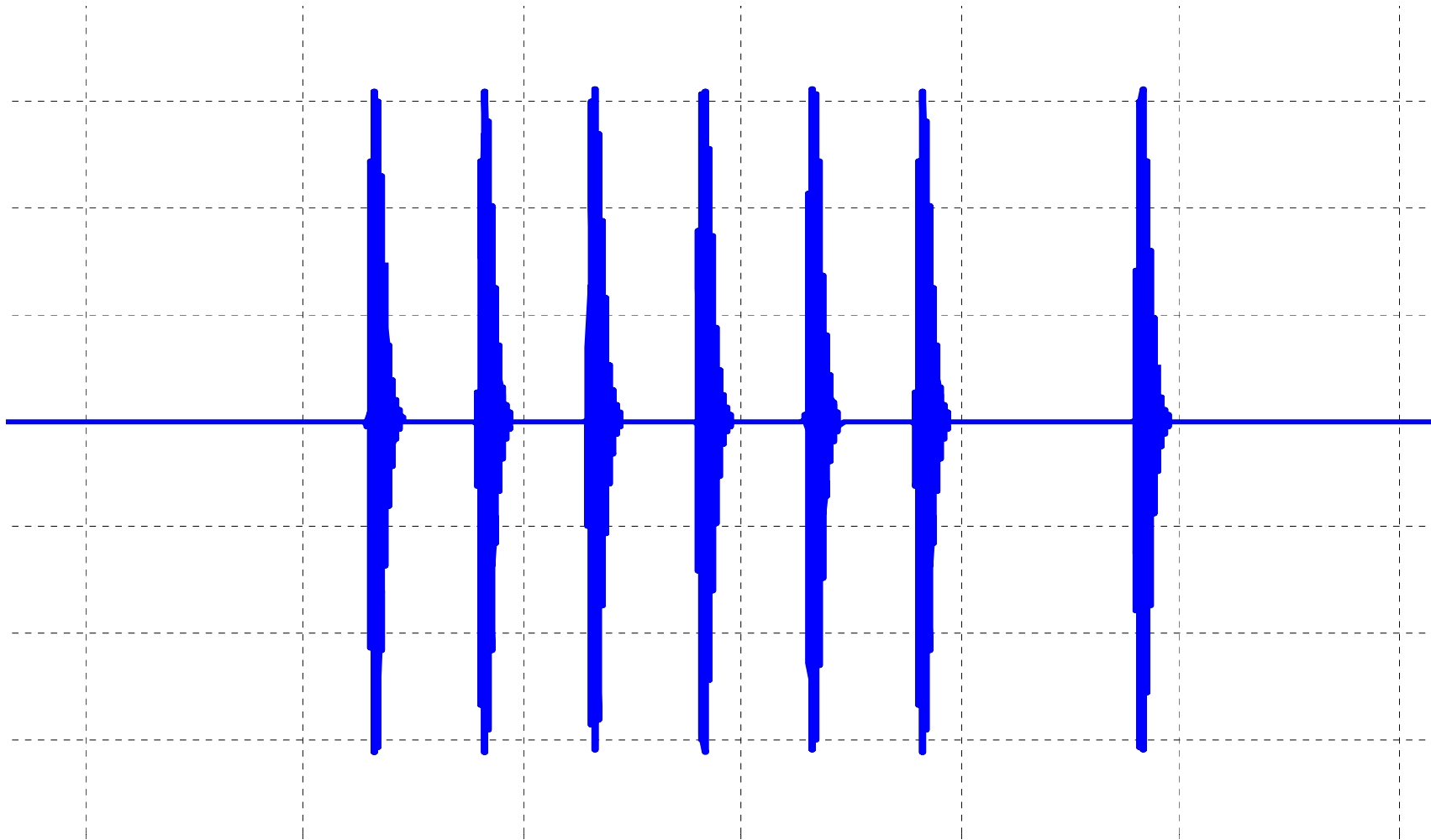
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One Pulse



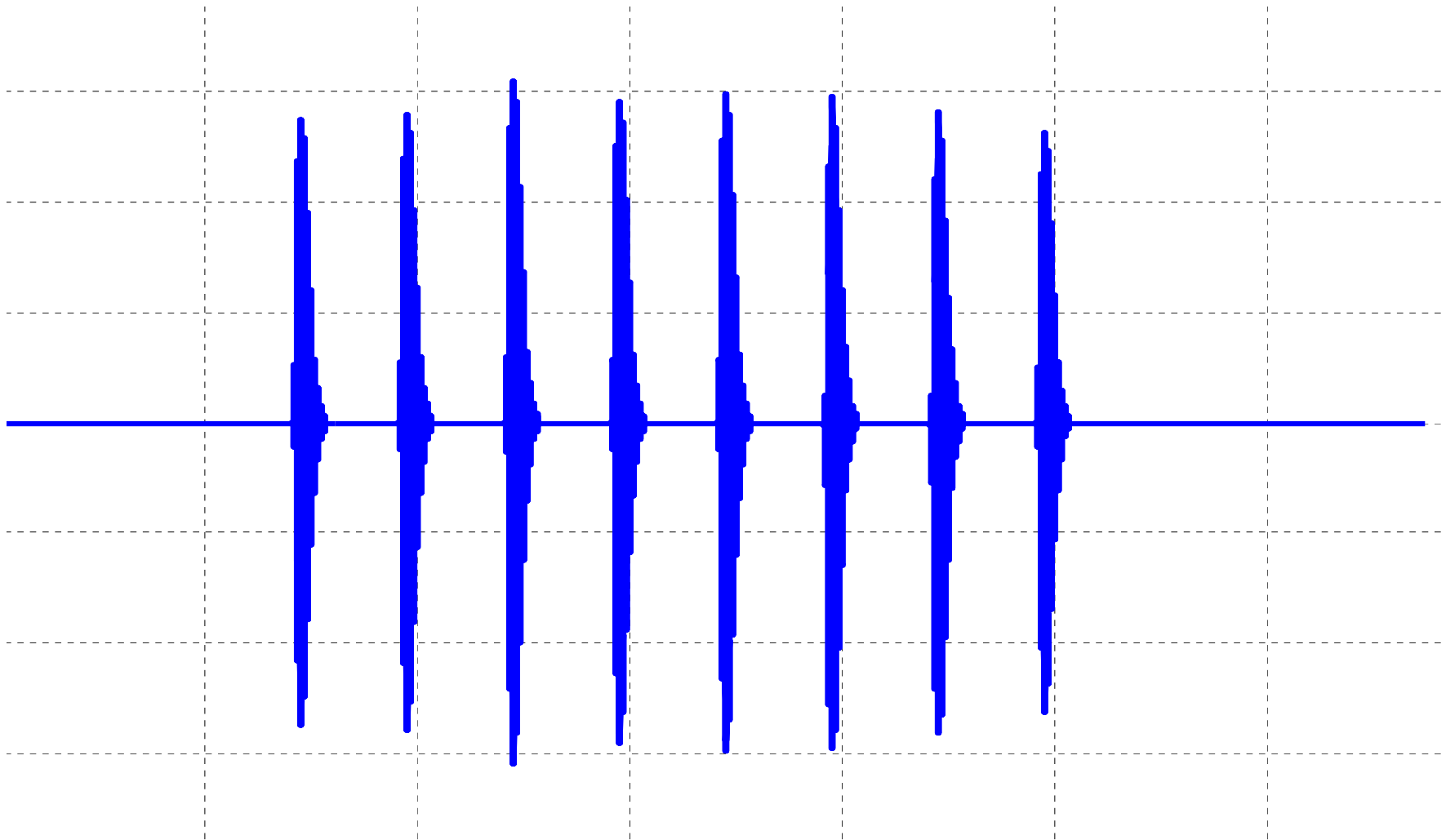


Blink Enabled (Master)



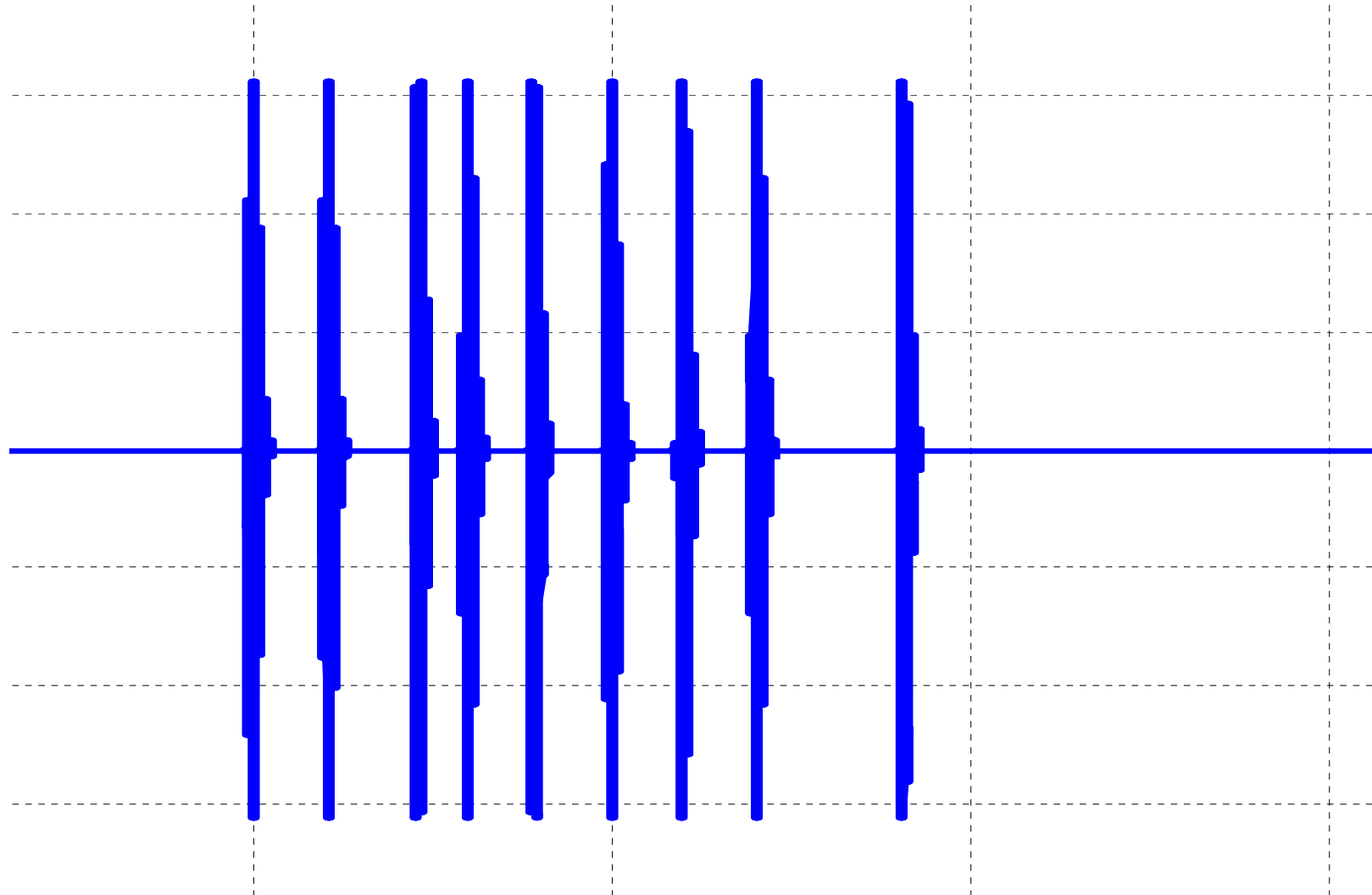


Pulse Amplitude Jitter



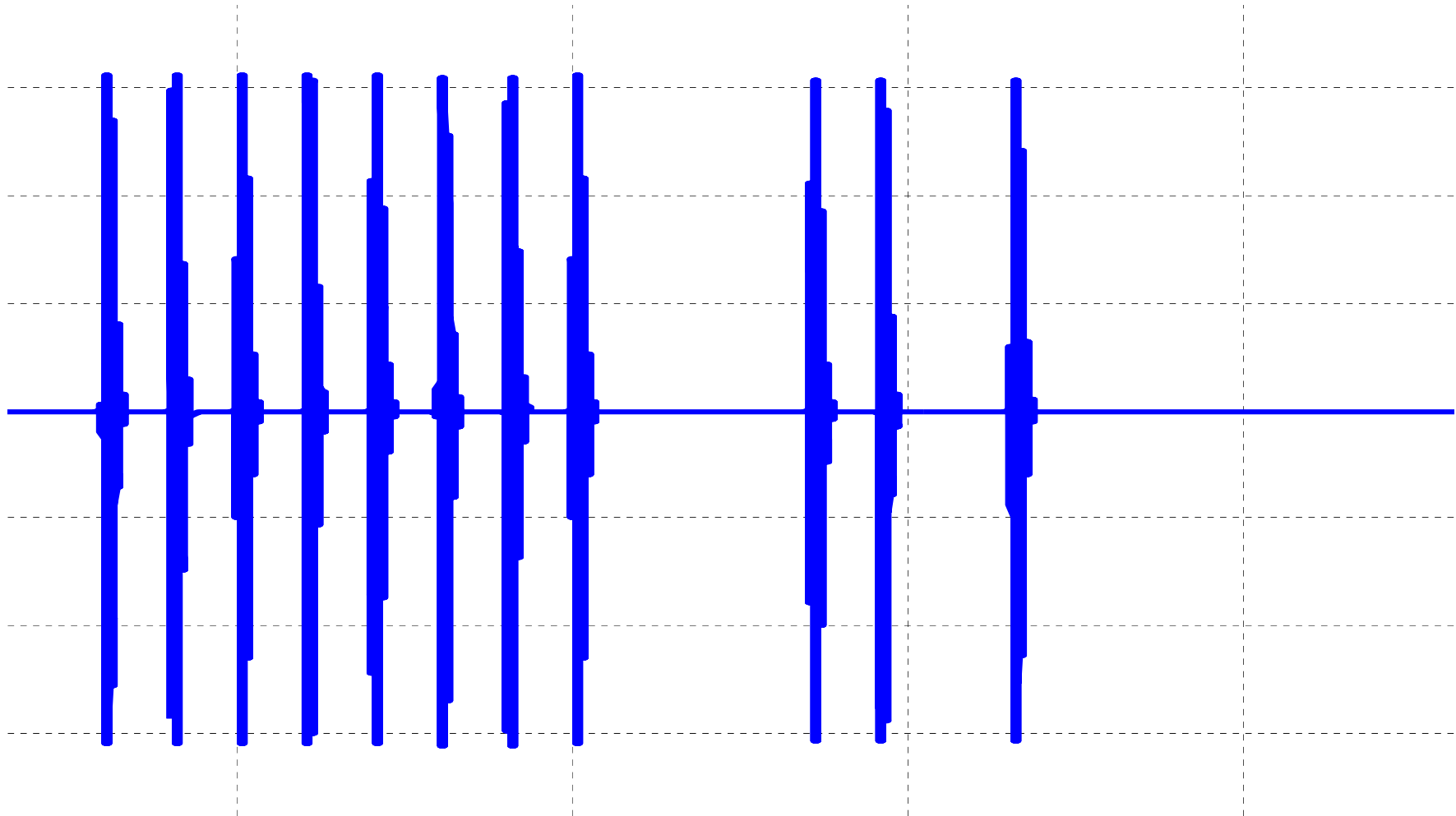


Pulse Timing Jitter (Exaggerated)



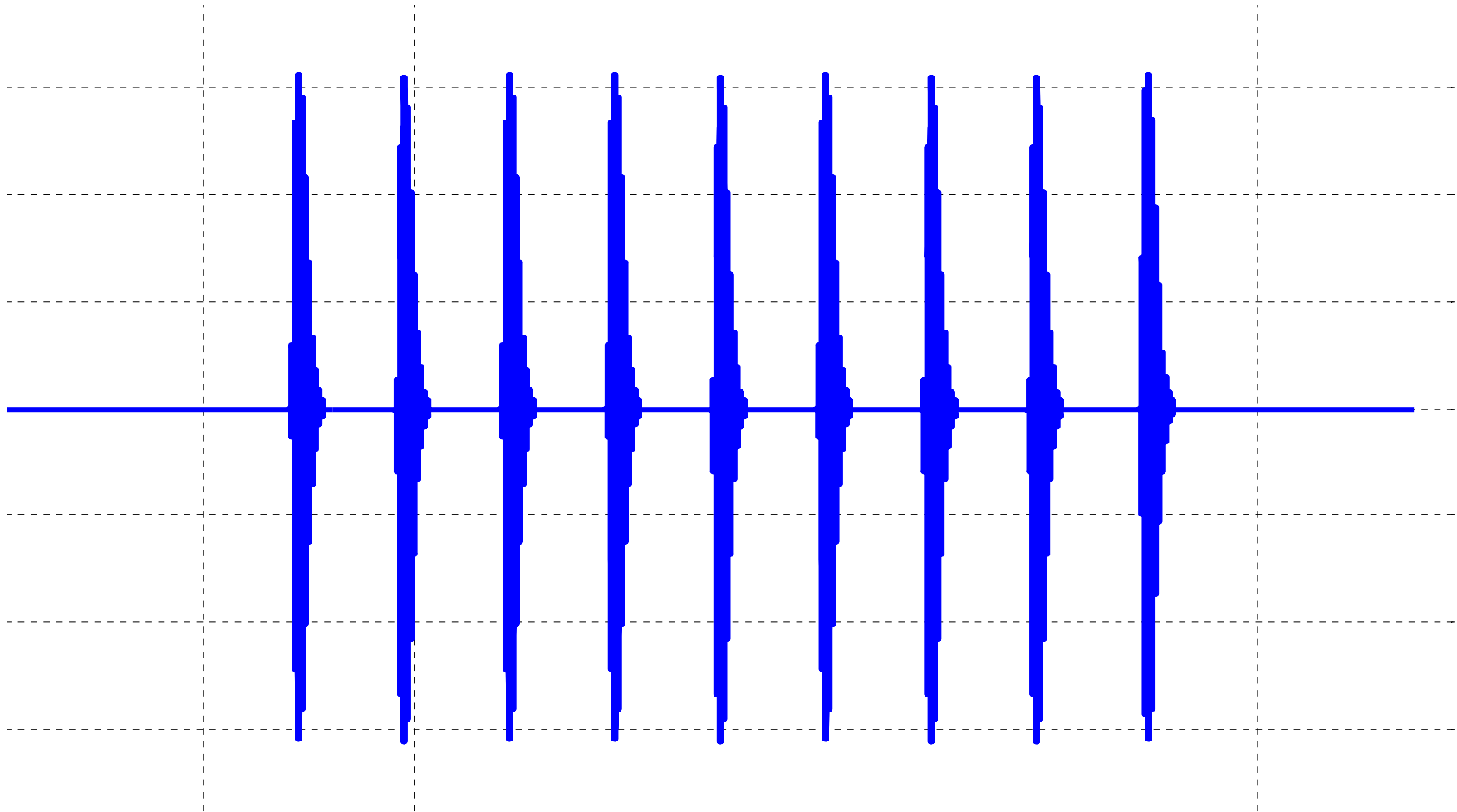


Blanking



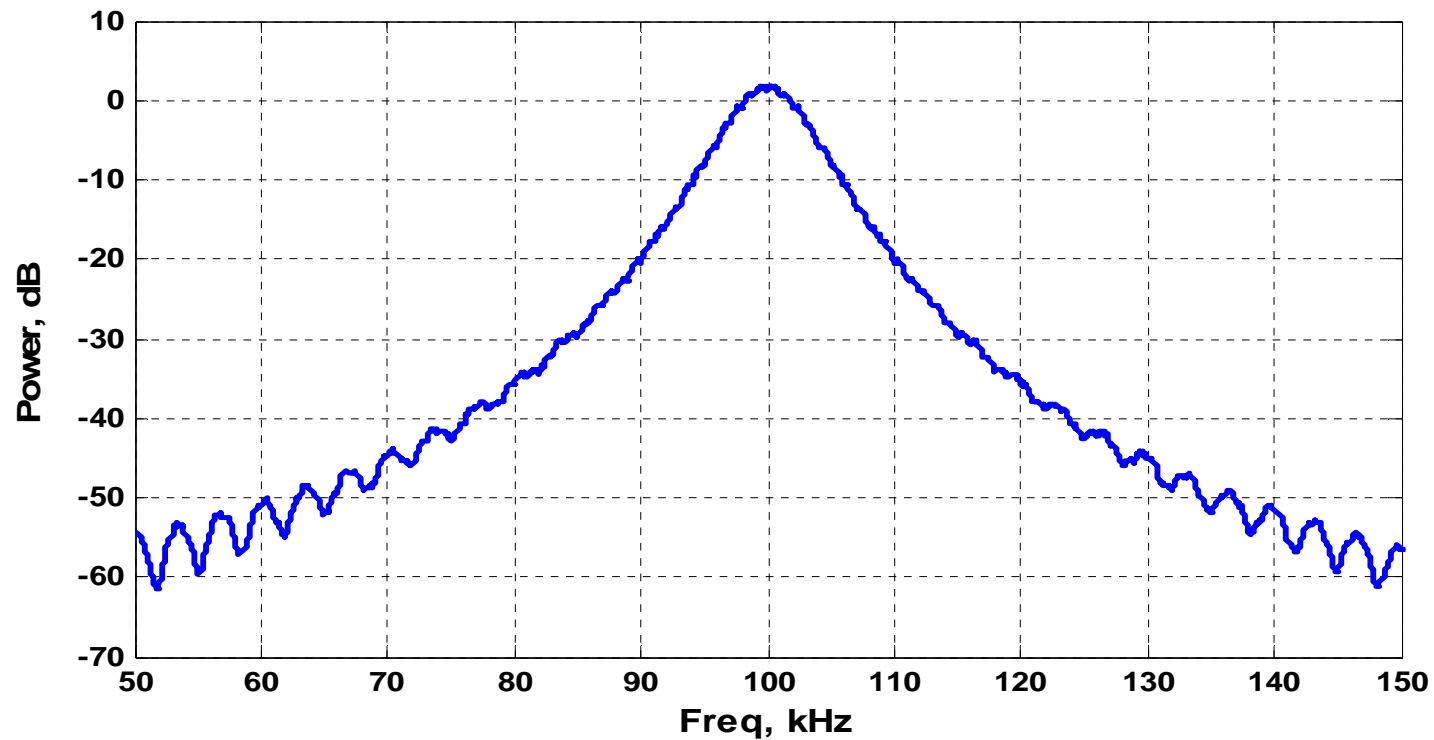
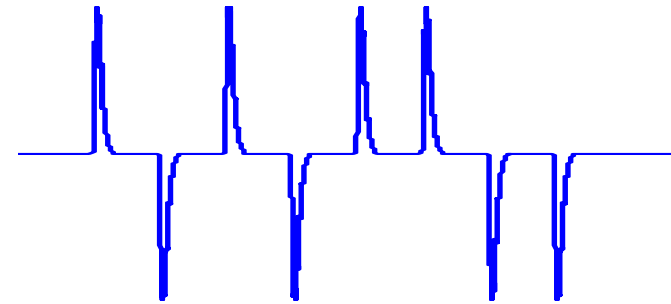
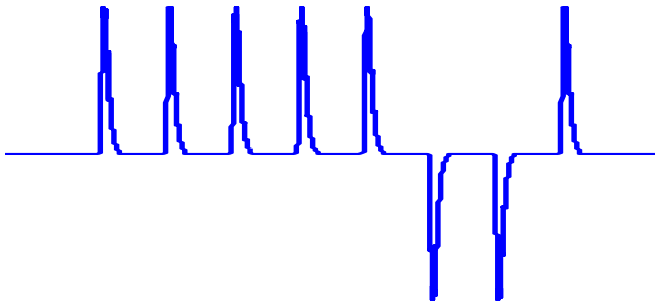


9th Pulse Modulation



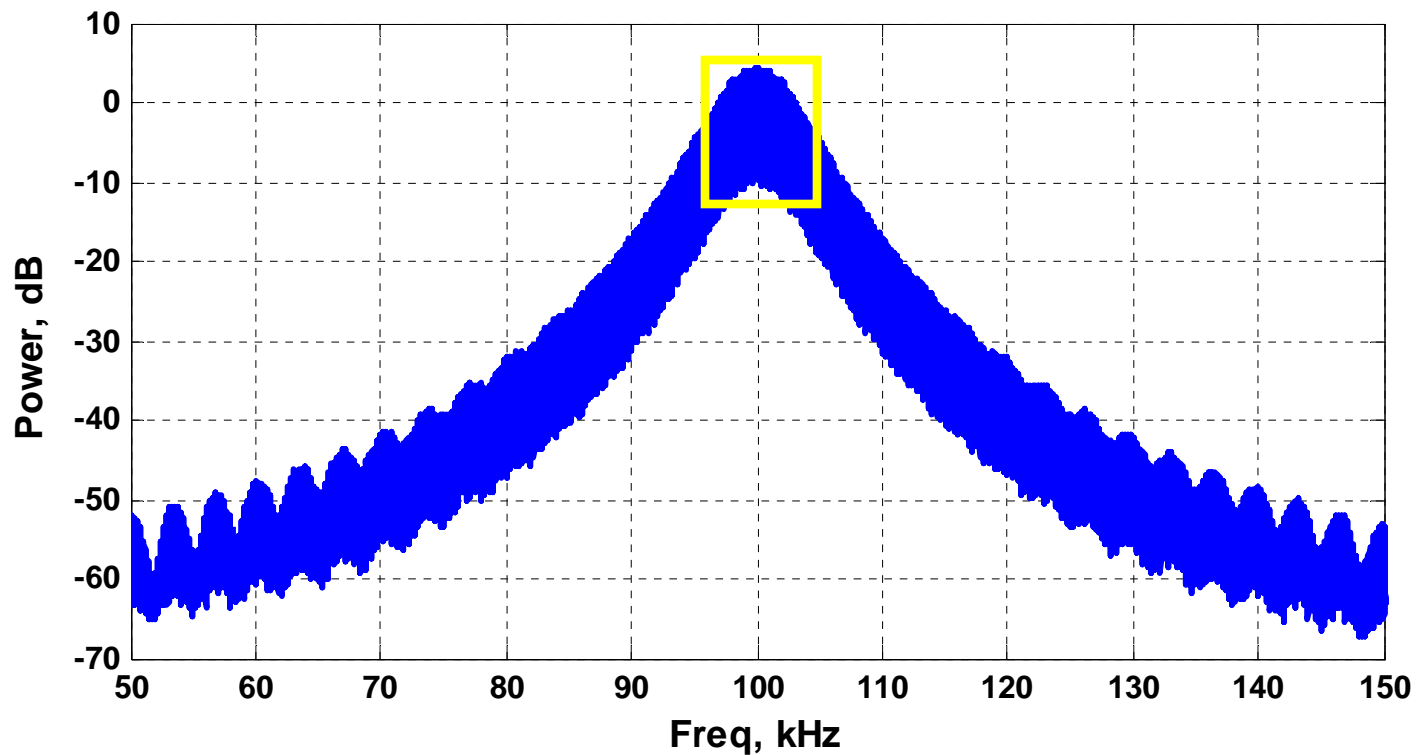


Current (Unbalanced) Phase Codes



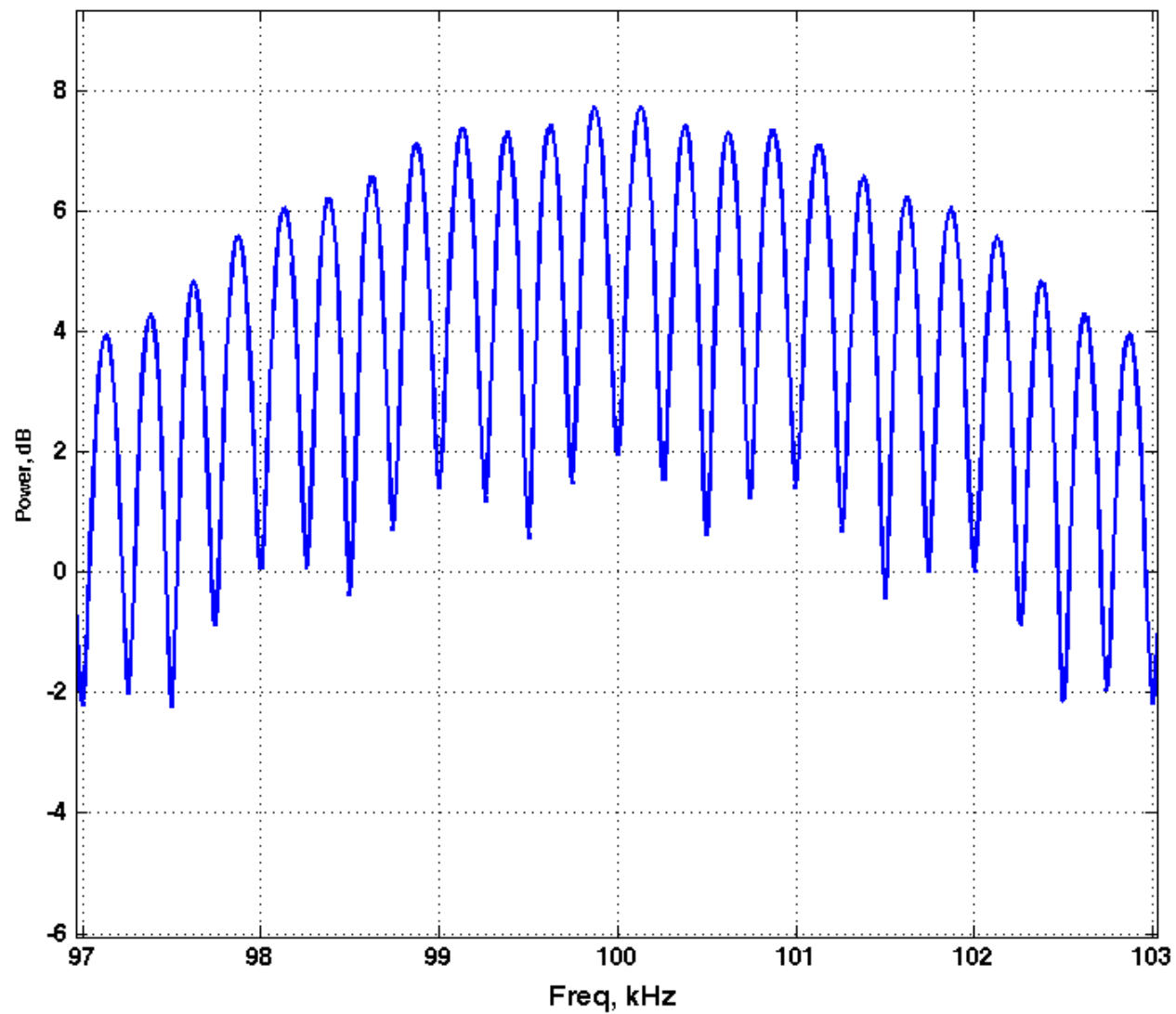


Example of Balanced Phase Codes



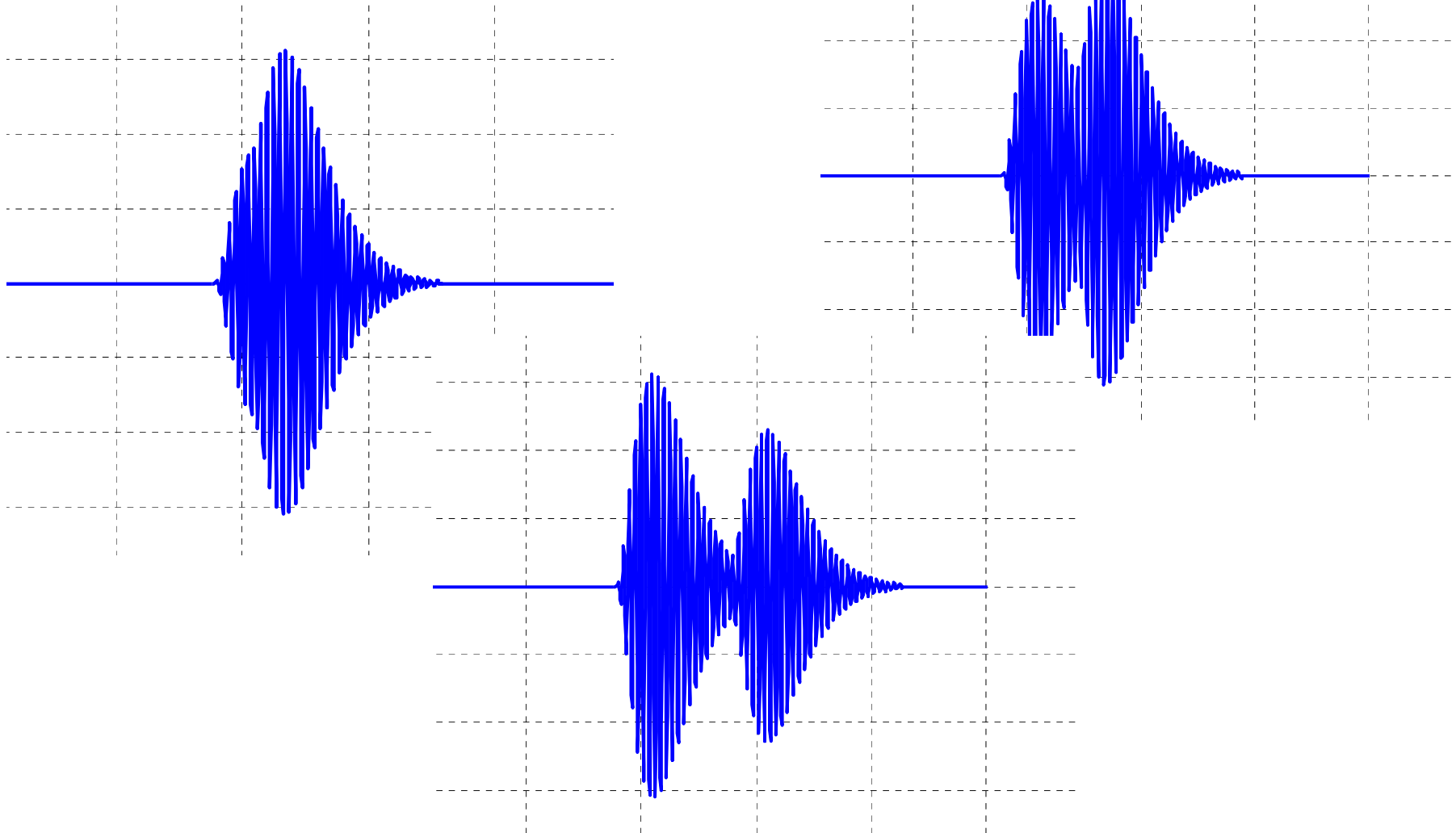


Close up of spectrum



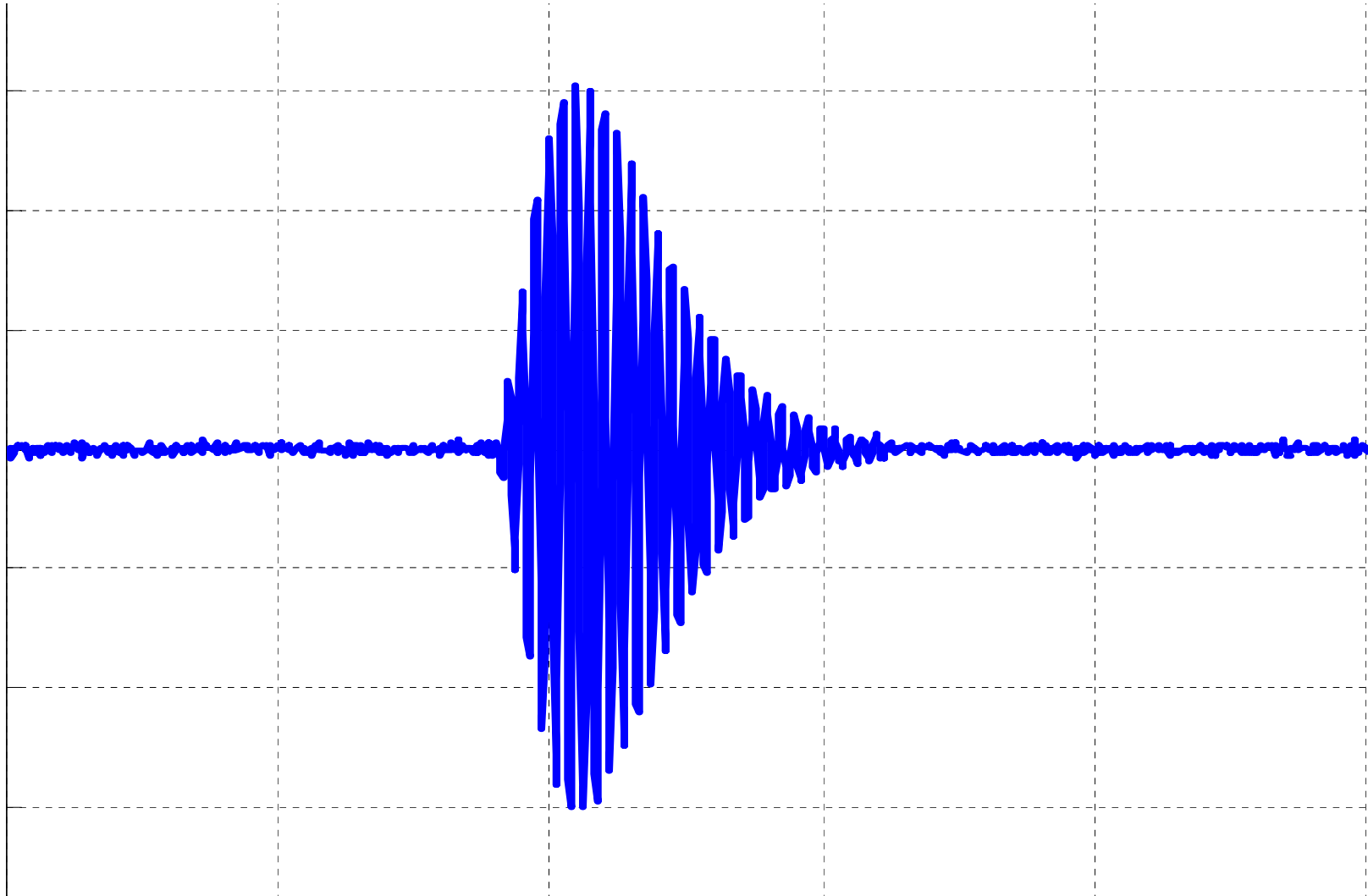


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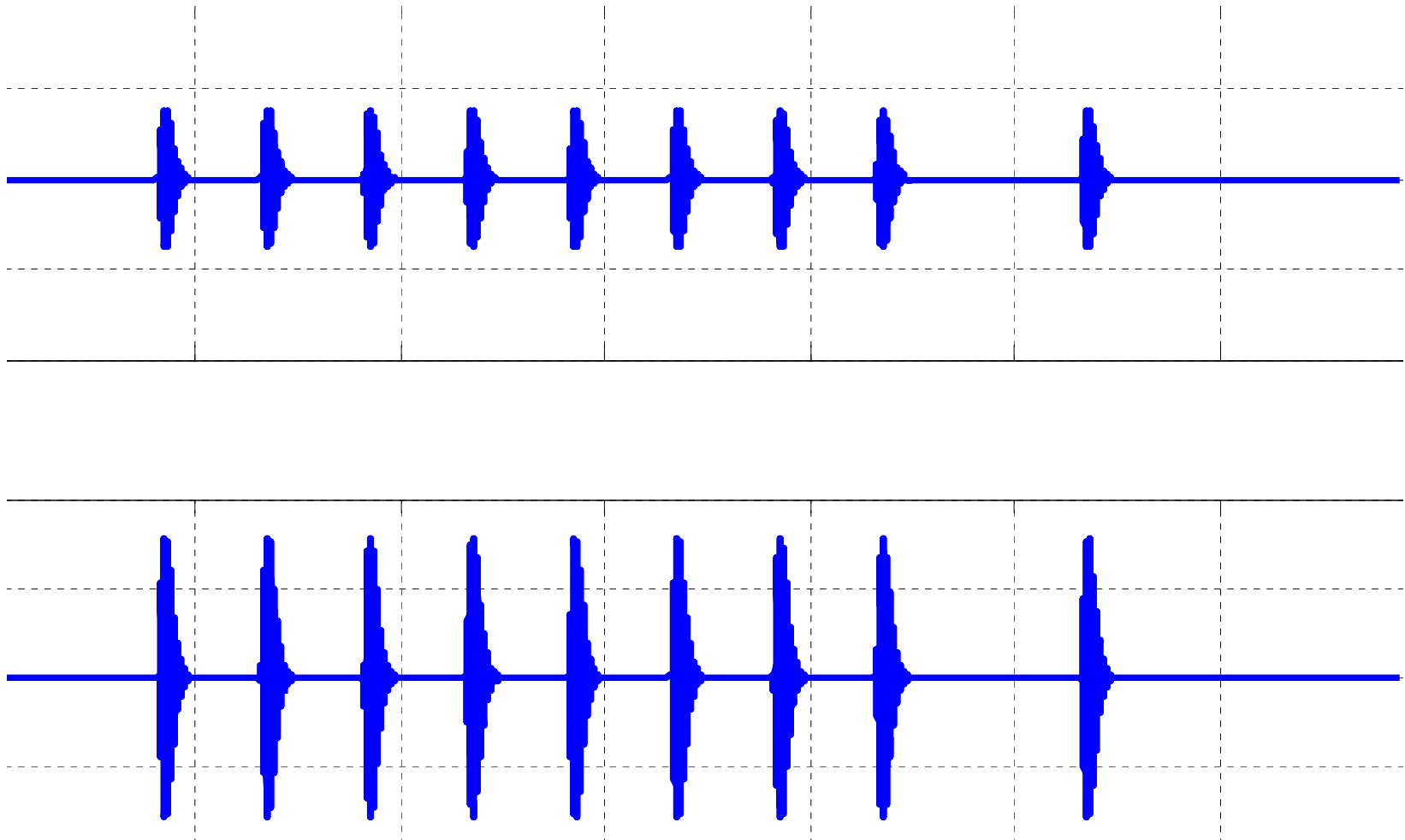


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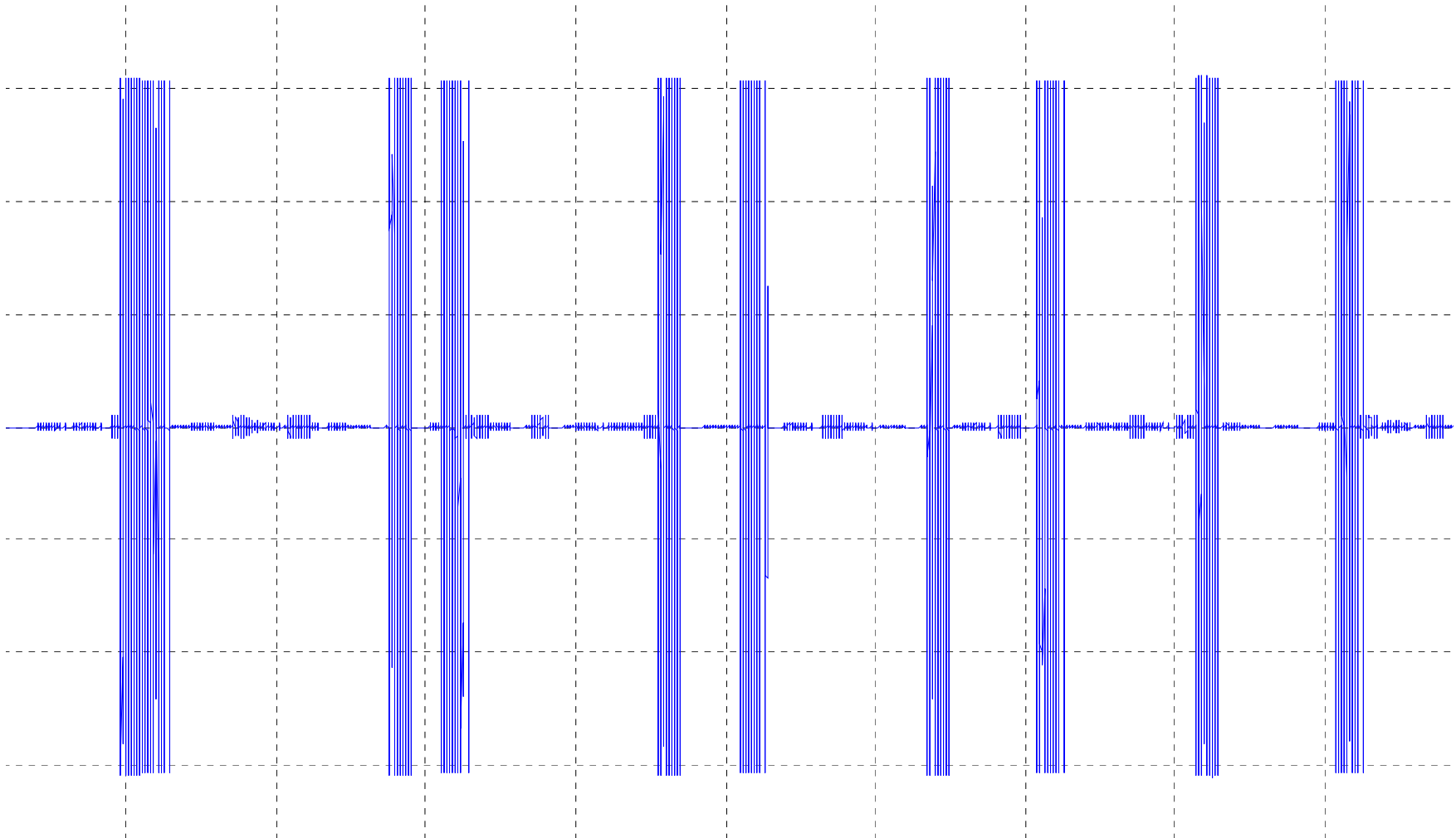


H-field Outputs





Combined (Multi-Chain)





Simulator Limitations

- **Lack of conductivity data**
 - Canada
 - Europe
 - Etc
- **Impacts ability to compute signal strengths and ASFs in non CONUS areas**
 - CA stations are included but results may not be accurate



The Loran Simulator 2.0

- Different LDC messages for each station
- Eurofix LDC
- Doppler shifts in TOAs due to vehicle velocity
- 1 PPS output
- Alternative propagation model for cases beyond existing grid
- Propagation grids for non-US towers
- Accurate time messages over LDC
- More complex skywave model
- Graphical User Interface
- On the fly system faults
 - Scenario time driven events (signals off air)
- Chayka?
- More noise options
 - Impulsive noise models
 - CW noise
 - P-static



Conclusions

- **We think eLoran is coming to a theatre near you**
- **See us at the booth for a demo!**

Questions?

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