

**Objective**

The objective of this lab is to create a board which is Golden Arduino board which has less switching and noise than the commercial Arduino uno.

**Plan of Record**

In the POR we will articulate what the purpose of your board is, what it means to “work” and any special features you expect to implement.

In the POR, we will sketch out the board design and the risk reduction steps.

We will demonstrate the following features:

Boot load your Atmega 328 to turn it into an Arduino

Run the Arduino IDE on your board and any standard sketch

You must use the same header pin footprint for the pins so any shield will fit on your board

Using a special switching noise shield we will give you, you will measure the noise on a commercial board and on your board under identical conditions. Your noise should be 20% to 50% of the noise on the commercial board.

You will measure the near field emissions from your board, compared to an identical commercial version and find your near field emissions are << 10% that of the commercial Arduino board.

As a stretch goal, add test points to the digital buses and sniff the digital signals with a scope. For example, add a test point to the D+ and to the D- lines and to the TX and RX of the UART. This way, you will be able to see the actual bus traffic on these lines.

**Some of the features we will use in your design are:**

1. An Atmega 328 microcontroller
2. A CH340g USB to UART interface chip
3. A 16 MHz resonator for generating a clock. A 12 MHz resonator for the CH340g.
4. Appropriate decoupling capacitors
5. A connector for the SPI and boot loading pins
6. A TVS chip to protect the data pins from ESD
7. Power from the power plug or the USB connector, but not at the same time
8. A reset switch
9. A 3.3 V LDO, not used by a component on the board, but available on one of the header pins.
10. Header sockets that match the location of the standard Arduino board so that you can plug a shield into your Uno board.
11. Maximum board size 3.9 inches x 3.9 inches
12. Add a second row of header pins 300 mils center to center spaced on the outside of your digital I/O pins all connected to the ground plane. These will be used to demonstrate the lower switching noise when connections are made off your board.
13. Add a 22 uF decoupling capacitor close to the header pin locations on your board for the 5 V and 3.3 V rails. This will decouple connections from your golden Arduino board to any shields you will add.
14. Consider adding an isolation switch in the power path to your CH340g. (NOT between the VCC pin and decoupling capacitor!). This way you can turn the CH340g off and isolate it if you need to, in the debug process. Consider doing the same for your 328 uC.

## **Risk Identification**

To facilitate easy access, verification, and testing of components, switches, and test points on the PCB, the following naming conventions will be employed:

1. Component Naming: Each component, including Surface Mount Technology (SMT) and Through-Hole (TH) components, will be labeled with clear and distinct reference designators. These designators will ensure efficient tracking for testing and verification purposes.
2. Switch Labeling: Switches will be clearly labeled to indicate their function and purpose within the circuit. This labeling simplifies circuit isolation for testing and debugging and swift identification of the section being tested.
3. Test Point Identification: Test points will be strategically placed within the circuit and labeled appropriately to mark specific measurement locations. These labels will ensure that measurements can be taken at the desired points, streamlining the debugging process.

## **Best Design Practices**

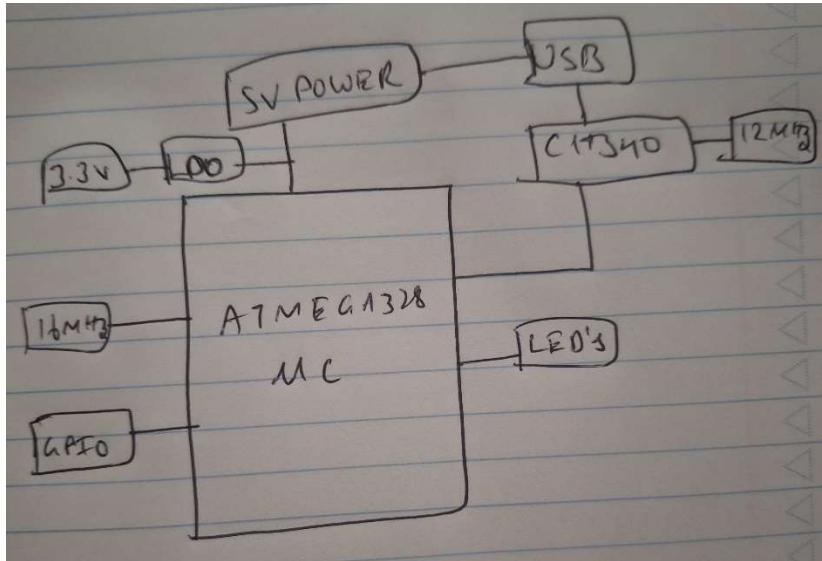
1. Trace Thickness: Use power traces with a thickness of 20 mils to support the required current flow without significant voltage drops. Employ thinner 6 mil traces for low-current signal lines to enhance overall PCB performance and reliability.
2. Component Integration: Include indicator LEDs, test points, and isolation switches in the circuit diagram. This simplifies troubleshooting and maintenance, enabling quick identification of specific points for evaluation or isolation during diagnostics.
3. Minimize Cross-Under Connections: Reduce the use of cross-under connections and, when necessary, keep them as short as possible. This minimization mitigates signal interference and crosstalk, preserving signal integrity and reducing the risk of electrical noise.
4. Decoupling Capacitor Placement: When you position decoupling capacitors close to the integrated circuits (ICs), it helps in reducing electrical noise .
5. Limiting Cross-Under: Using a smaller number of cross-under, and ensuring they are short, helps in decreasing interference and noise in the circuit.
- 6) Adding LDO: Employing a filter capacitor at the output of the Low Dropout Regulator (LDO) aids in reducing fluctuations in the voltage output, enhancing stability.

## **Expectations for what it means to “work”**

To confirm the operational status of the PCB, we must verify that it functions as intended and aligns with its design specifications:

- 1) Power Source: The board can be powered through a USB connection or a 5V power supply we have given a switch to alter the power between USB and 5V Power Supply
- Indicator LED: By giving supply LED will glow which indicates that both 5V and 3.3V circuit is working
- 2) Voltage Regulation: The voltage regulator used for stepping down voltage from 5V to 3.3V.
- Inrush Current Measurement: Calculate the inrush current using a 10x scope.
- 3) LDO Stability: Low Dropout Regulator (LDO) output should give us constant 3.3V or else it leads to instability.
- 4) Reduced Emissions: Reduce Noise in Near Field Emissions.
- 5) Indicators and Switches: Use of LEDs and switches will ease the process of debugging
- 6) ATmega328 Reset: Reset signal should be observed when we are triggering the reset signal
- 7) Boot loading via ISP: Boot loading via ISP with SPI Protocol should function as it is the main source for boot loading the Arduino Board.

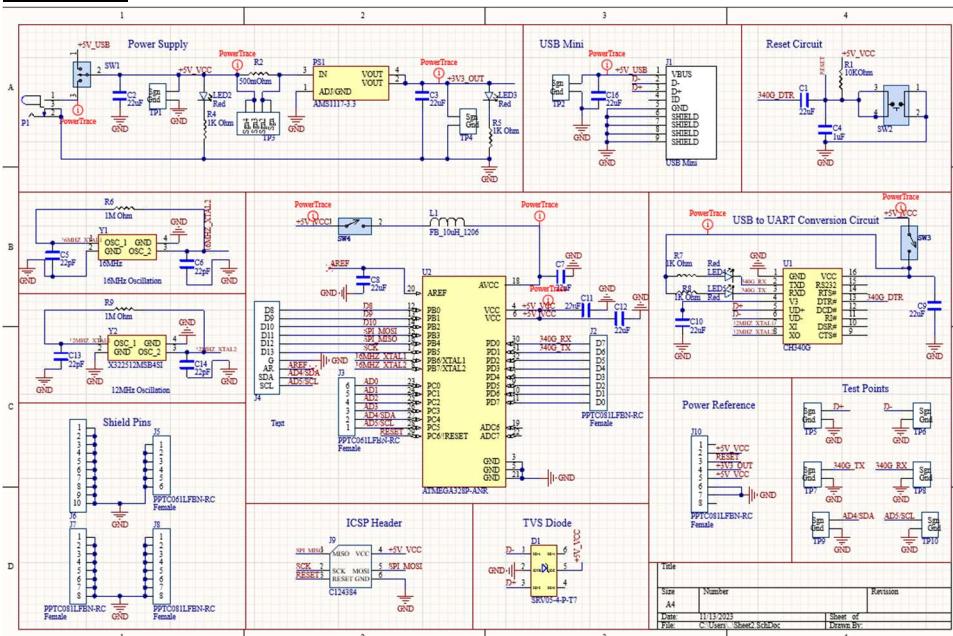
## Circuit Sketch



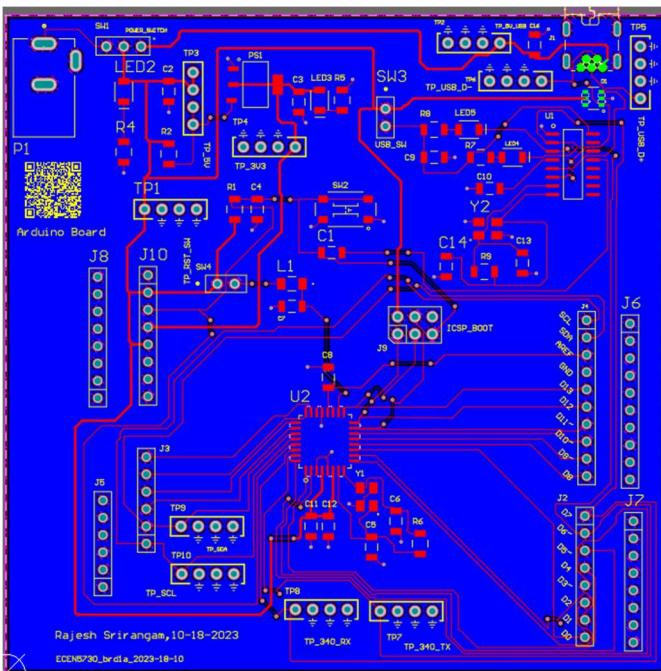
## BOM

| A              | B                        | C                      | D                   | E                    | F        | G          |
|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------|------------|
| Comment        | Description              | Designator             | Footprint           | LibRef               | Quantity | LCSC Part# |
| 22uF           | 22uF ±10% 25V X5R 120C1  | 1206_Passive_Capacitor | C_22uF_1206         | 1                    | 1        | C12891     |
| 22uF           | 22uF ±10% 25V X5R 120C2  | 1206_Passive_Capacitor | C_22uF_1206         | 1                    | 1        | C12891     |
| 22uF           | 22uF ±10% 25V X5R 120C3  | 1206_Passive_Capacitor | C_22uF_1206         | 1                    | 1        | C12891     |
| 1uF            | MULTILAYER CERAMIC C4    | 1206_Passive_Capacitor | C_1uF_1206          | 1                    | 1        | C1848      |
| 22pF           | 22pF ±5% 1kV COG 1206C5  | 1206_Passive_Capacitor | C_22pF_1206         | 1                    | 1        | C107174    |
| 22pF           | 22pF ±5% 1kV COG 1206C6  | 1206_Passive_Capacitor | C_22pF_1206         | 1                    | 1        | C107174    |
| 22uF           | 22uF ±10% 25V X5R 120C7  | 1206_Passive_Capacitor | C_22uF_1206         | 1                    | 1        | C12891     |
| 22uF           | 22uF ±10% 25V X5R 120C8  | 1206_Passive_Capacitor | C_22uF_1206         | 1                    | 1        | C12891     |
| 22uF           | 22uF ±10% 25V X5R 120C9  | 1206_Passive_Capacitor | C_22uF_1206         | 1                    | 1        | C12891     |
| 22uF           | 22uF ±10% 25V X5R 120C10 | 1206_Passive_Capacitor | C_22uF_1206         | 1                    | 1        | C12891     |
| 22uF           | 22uF ±10% 25V X5R 120C11 | 1206_Passive_Capacitor | C_22uF_1206         | 1                    | 1        | C12891     |
| 22uF           | 22uF ±10% 25V X5R 120C12 | 1206_Passive_Capacitor | C_22uF_1206         | 1                    | 1        | C12891     |
| 22pF           | 22pF ±5% 1kV COG 1206C13 | 1206_Passive_Capacitor | C_22pF_1206         | 1                    | 1        | C107174    |
| 22pF           | 22pF ±5% 1kV COG 1206C14 | 1206_Passive_Capacitor | C_22pF_1206         | 1                    | 1        | C107174    |
| 22uF           | 22uF ±10% 25V X5R 120C16 | 1206_Passive_Capacitor | C_22uF_1206         | 1                    | 1        | C12891     |
| SRV05-4-P-T7   | TVS SOT-23-6 ROHS        | D1                     | TVS                 | D_TVS_Diode          | 1        | C85364     |
| USB Mini       | Through Hole USB Conn    | J1                     | USB_MINI_B          | J_USB_B_Mini         | 1        | C46398     |
| PPTC081FBN-RC  | 8 Position Header Conn   | J2                     | 8_PIN_ARC-DIG_100M  | JF_8_PIN_FEMAR_ARC-D | 1        | C27438     |
| PPTC061FBN-RC  | 6 Position Header Conn   | J3                     | 6_PIN_100MIL_Female | JF_6_PIN_FEMALE      | 1        | C40877     |
| PPTC101FBN-RC  | 10 Position Header Conn  | J4                     | 10_PIN_ARDUINO_100  | JF_10_PIN_FEMAR_ARDU | 1        | C225507    |
| PPTC061FBN-RC  | 6 Position Header Conn   | J5                     | 6_PIN_100MIL_Female | JF_6_PIN_FEMALE      | 1        | C40877     |
| PPTC101FBN-RC  | 10 Position Header Conn  | J6                     | 10_PIN_100MIL_Fema  | JF_10_PIN_FEMALE     | 1        | C225507    |
| PPTC081FBN-RC  | 8 Position Header Conn   | J7                     | 8_PIN_100MIL_Female | JF_8_PIN_FEMALE      | 1        | C27438     |
| PPTC081FBN-RC  | 8 Position Header Conn   | J8                     | 8_PIN_100MIL_Female | JF_8_PIN_FEMALE      | 1        | C27438     |
| NRPN032PAEN-RC | Connector Header Thro    | J9                     | ICSP                | J_ICSP               | 1        | C124384    |
| PPTC081FBN-RC  | 8 Position Header Conn   | J10                    | 8_PIN_100MIL_Female | JF_8_PIN_FEMALE      | 1        | C27438     |
| FB_10uH_1206   | 25mA 10uH ±10% 800m      | L1                     | AIML-1206_ABR-M     | FB_10uH_1206         | 1        | C1051      |
| Red            | Red 621-631nm 1206 L     | LED2                   | LED_1206            | LED_RED_1206         | 1        | C93133     |

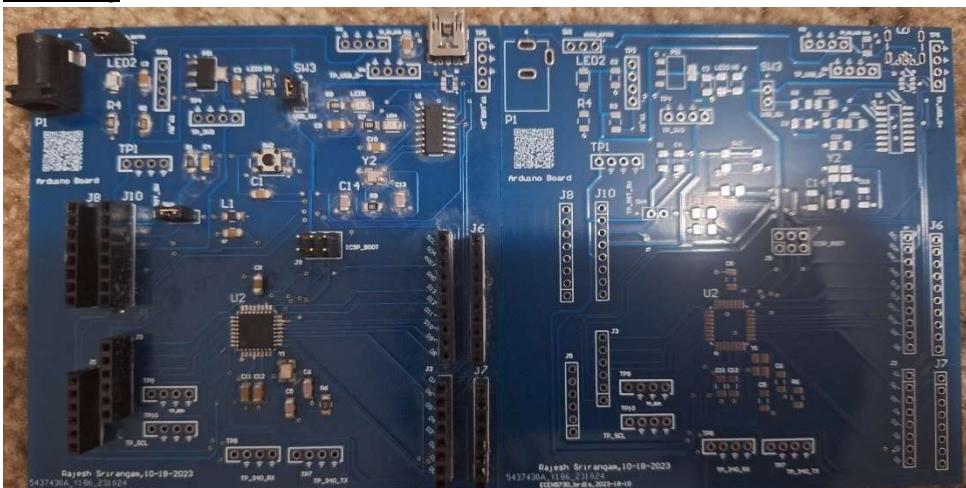
## Schematic



## Layout



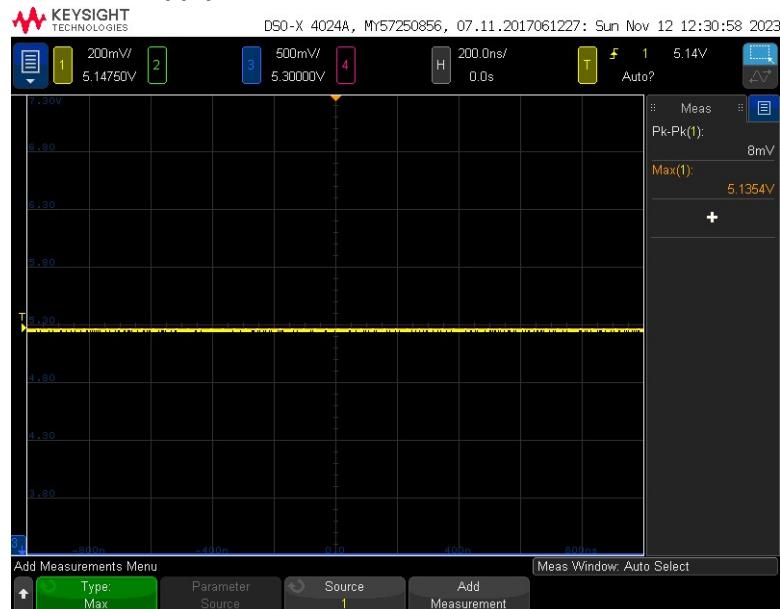
## Assembly



In this Pic ,Left Side is Assembled Board and Right Side is the Bare Board

### Board Bring Up, Analysis and Calculations

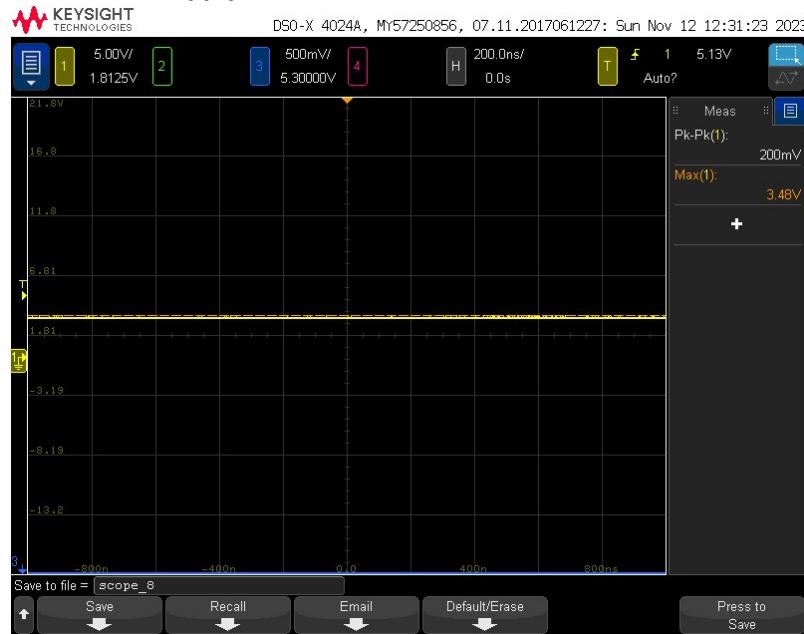
#### 5V Power Supply



**Fig(1) Yellow Trace-5V Power Supply**

In this Fig(1) we can say that the golden Arduino is receiving the 5V Power Supply when placed under the 5V test point

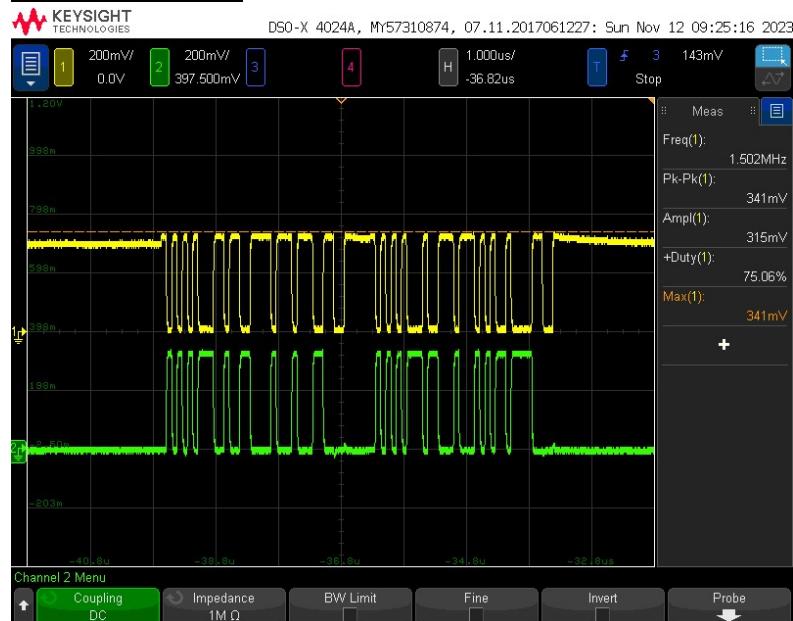
### 3.3V Power Supply



**Fig (2) Yellow Trace-3.3V Power Supply**

In this Fig(2) we can say that the golden Arduino is receiving the 3.3V Power Supply when placed under the 3.3V test point

### USB D+ and USB D-



**Fig(3)-Yellow Trace-USB D+ Signal and USB D- Signal**

Here, The signals D+ and D- transmit the data signal and its polarities are inverted. These signal patterns are evident in the scope images only when the board is powered via a mini-USB cable and is connected to a USB port. The presence of a functional USB port confirms the correct connection of D+ and D- and

validates the proper functioning of CH340G.

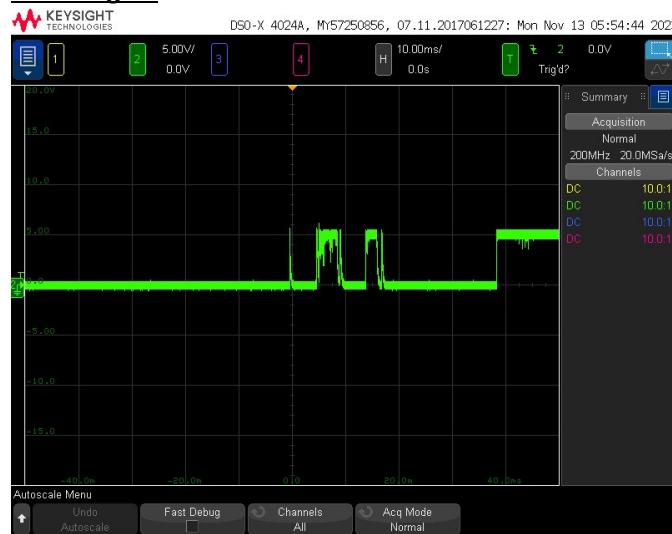
### In Rush Current



**Fig(4)-Yellow Trace -Low Side of 0.5ohms,Green Trace-High Side of 0.5ohms,Pink Trace-Math Function**

We can observe the circuit's inrush current is 8A (4 V/500 mOhm) and this high current consumption is caused by the decoupling capacitors as the power is initially applied, the decoupling capacitors when they charge up, they draw significant current from the power supply which leads to lower the equivalent series resistance and the higher inrush current is observed.

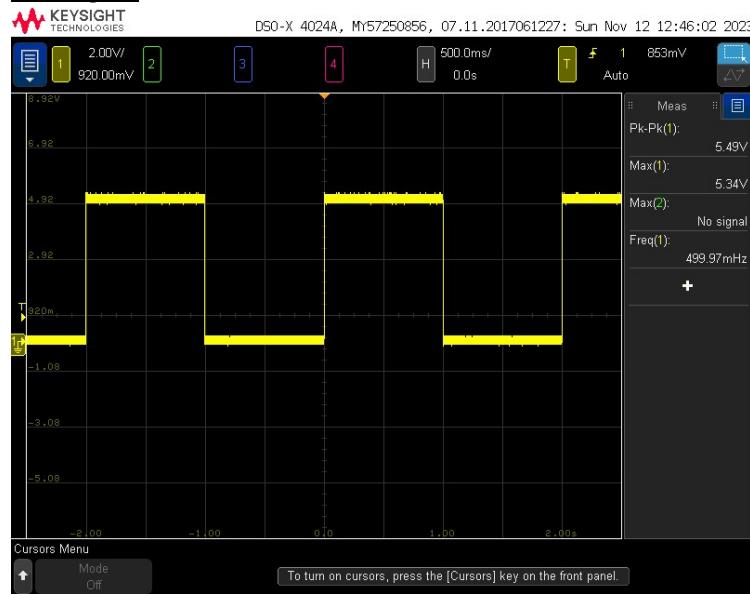
### Reset Signal



**Fig(5) Green Trace – Reset Signal**

When the reset button is pressed, the Reset signal, which is in high state will switch to to low state before shifting to high state.

## D13 Signal

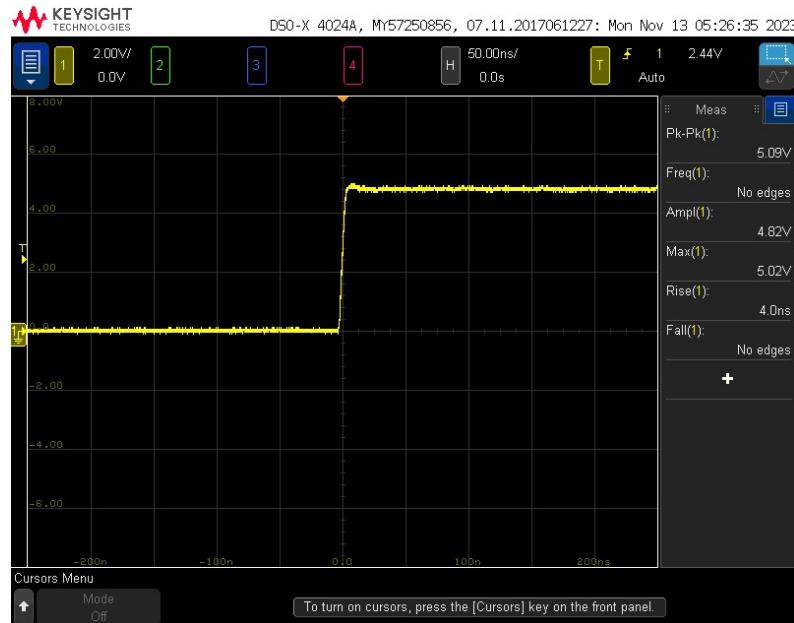


Fig(6) Yellow Trace – D13 Signal

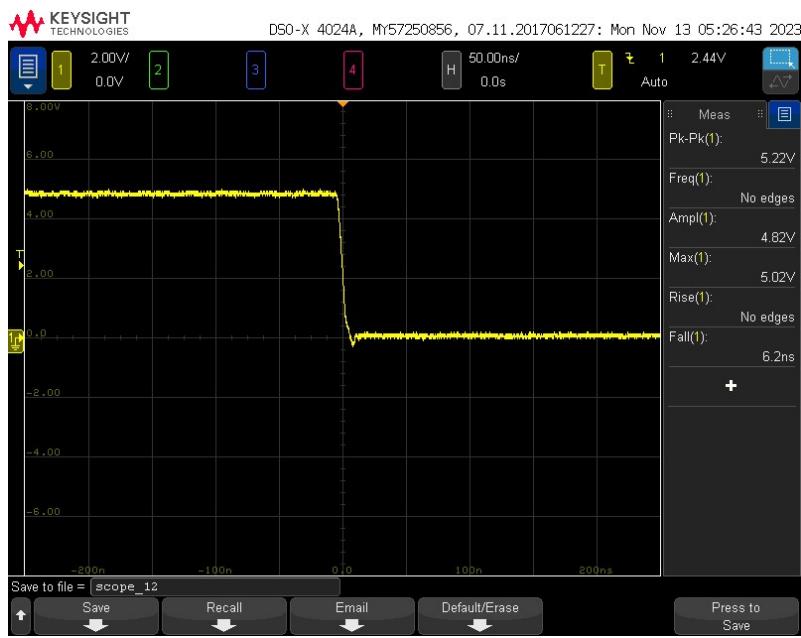
In this Fig(6) we can observe that for the D13 Signal we are observing a frequency of 0.5Hz and also the amplitude of 5V.

## Comparison between Golden Arduino and Commercial Arduino

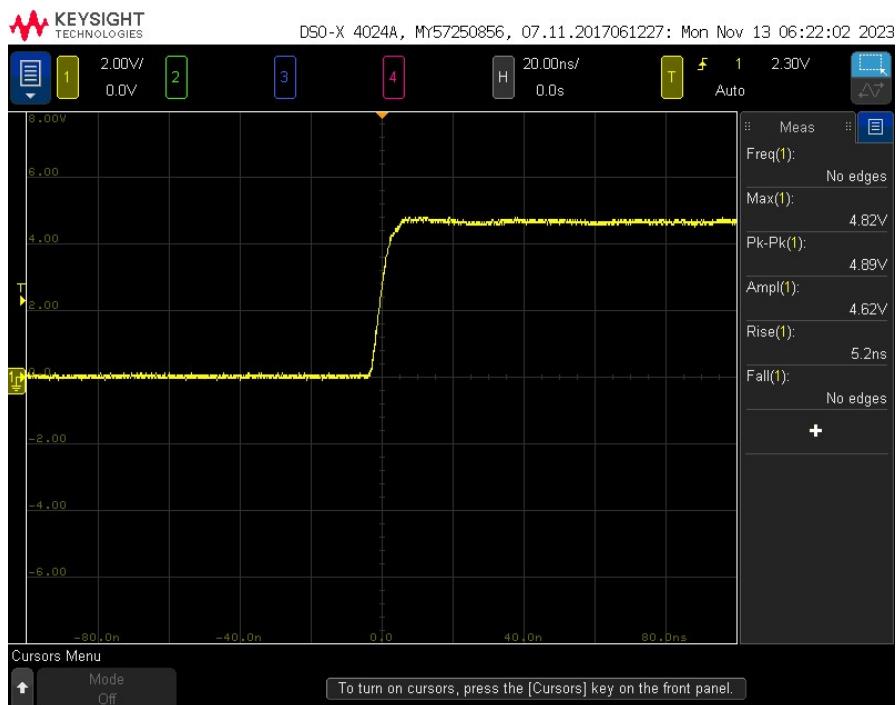
### D13 Signal



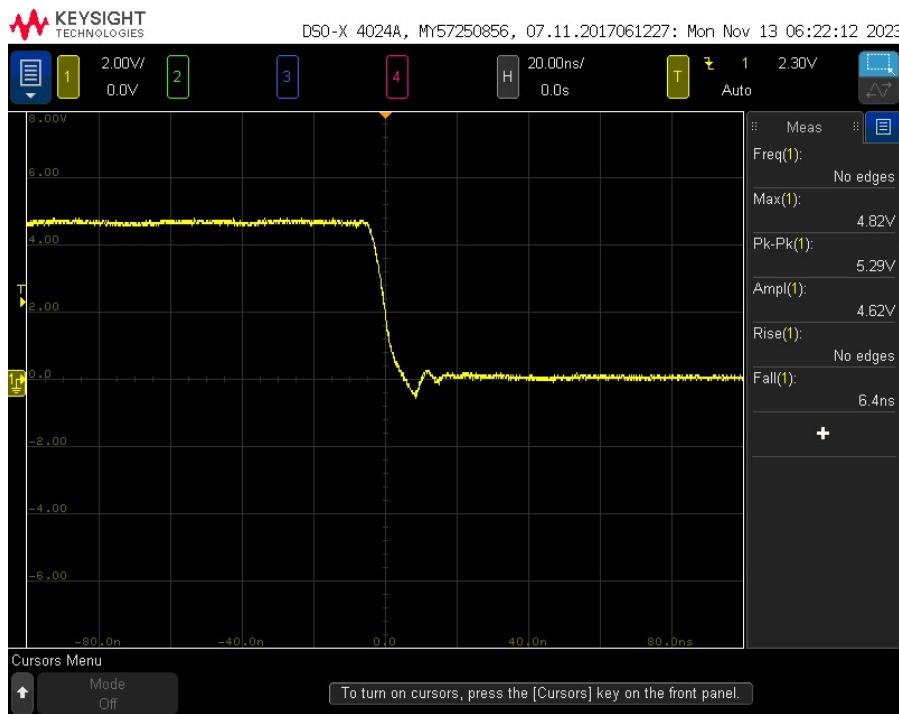
Fig(7) Yellow Trace – D13 Signal Rise time (Golden Arduino)



**Fig(8) Yellow Trace – D13 Signal Fall time (Golden Arduino)**



**Fig(9) Yellow Trace – D13 Signal Rise time (Commercial Arduino)**



**Fig(10) Yellow Trace – D13 Signal Fall time (Commercial Arduino)**

#### **Analysis of D13 Signal Between Golden board and Commercial Board**

| Boards           | Rise Time (ns) | Fall Time(ns) |
|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Golden Board     | 4              | 6.2           |
| Commercial Board | 5.2            | 6.4           |

#### **Observation**

From this table we can say that Golden board has less switching noise with the comparison of Commercial Arduino Board as the high-rise time will lead to high switching noise.

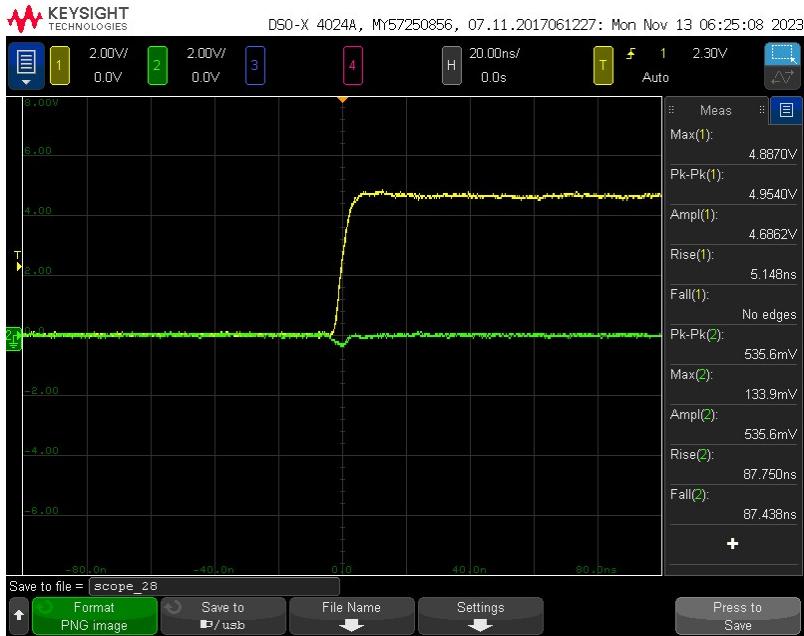
## Quiet Low Measurement



Fig(11) Yellow Trace – D13 Signal Rise time ,Green Trace – Quiet Low Signal (Golden Arduino )



Fig(12) Yellow Trace – D13 Signal Fall time ,Green Trace – Quiet Low Signal (Golden Arduino )



Fig(13) Yellow Trace – D13 Signal Rise time ,Green Trace – Quiet Low Signal (Commercial Arduino )



Fig(14) Yellow Trace – D13 Signal Fall time ,Green Trace – Quiet Low Signal (Commercial Arduino )

#### Analysis of Quiet Low Signal Between Golden board and Commercial Board

| Boards                     | Peak to peak voltage observed at Rise time | Peak to Peak Voltage observed at fall time |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| Golden Arduino             | 220mV                                      | 903mV                                      |
| Commercial Arduino         | 535mv                                      | 1.4V                                       |
| Noise Reduction Percentage | 38%  | 46%  |

## **Observation**

From this table we can say that Golden board has less switching noise on Quiet Low with the comparison of Commercial Arduino Board as we reduce the switching noise on the rise time like 38 % and Fall time by 46%.

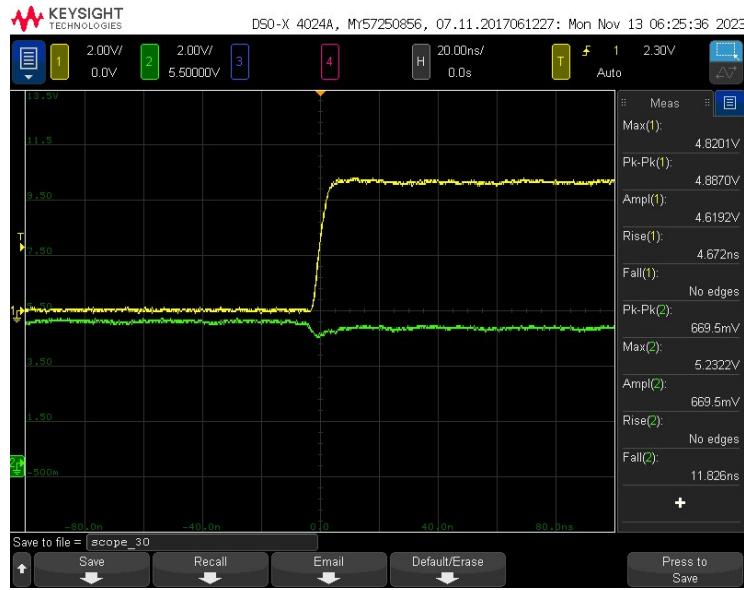
## **Quiet High Measurement**



Fig(15) Yellow Trace – D13 Signal Fall time ,Green Trace – Quiet High Signal(Golden Arduino)



Fig(16) Yellow Trace – D13 Signal Fall time ,Green Trace – Quiet High Signal(Golden Arduino)



**Fig(17) Yellow Trace – D13 Signal Rise time ,Green Trace – Quiet High Signal(Commercial Arduino)**



**Fig(18) Yellow Trace – D13 Signal Fall time ,Green Trace – Quiet High Signal(Commercial Arduino)**

#### Analysis of Quiet High Signal Between Golden board and Commercial Board

| Boards                     | Peak to peak voltage observed at Rise time | Peak to Peak Voltage observed at fall time |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| Golden Arduino             | 334mV                                      | 294mV                                      |
| Commercial Arduino         | 669mv                                      | 669mV                                      |
| Noise Reduction Percentage | 47%  | 36%  |

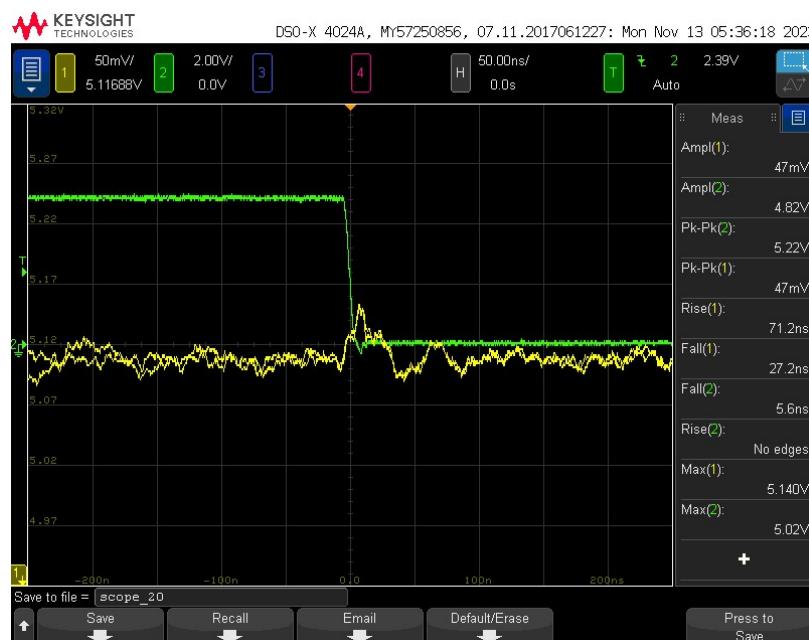
## **Observation**

From this table we can say that Golden board has less switching noise on Quiet High with the comparison of Commercial Arduino Board as we reduce the switching noise on the rise time like 47 % and Fall time by 36%.

### **Switching Noise Measurement for 5V Power Rail (Slammer Circuit On)**



**Fig(18) Yellow Trace – 5V Power Rail, Green Trace – D13 Signal(Golden Arduino)**



**Fig(19) Yellow Trace –5V Power Rail, Green Trace – D13 Signal(Golden Arduino)**



Fig(20) Yellow Trace –5V Power Rail, Green Trace – D13 Signal(Commercial Arduino)



Fig(21) Yellow Trace –5V Power Rail, Green Trace – D13 Signal(Commercial Arduino)

### **Analysis of 5V Power Rail Switching Noise Between Golden board and Commercial Board**

| Boards                     | Peak to peak voltage observed at Rise time | Peak to Peak Voltage observed at fall time |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| Golden Arduino             | 50mV                                       | 47mV                                       |
| Commercial Arduino         | 114mV                                      | 114mV                                      |
| Noise Reduction Percentage | 44%  | 51%  |

### **Observation**

From this table we can say that Golden board has less switching noise on 5V Power Rail with the comparison of Commercial Arduino Board as we reduce the 5V Power Rail switching noise on the rise time like 44 % and Fall time by 51%.

### **Slammer Circuit trigger for Quiet High Rail Switching Noise Measurement**



**Fig(22) Yellow Trace –Slammer Trigger Rail, Green Trace – Quiet high(Golden Arduino)**



Fig(23) Yellow Trace –Slammer Trigger Rail, Green Trace – Quiet High(Golden Arduino)



Fig(24) Green Trace –Slammer Trigger Rail, Yellow Trace – Quiet High(Commercial Arduino)



**Fig(25) Green Trace –Slammer Trigger Rail, Yellow Trace – Quiet High(Commercial Arduino)**

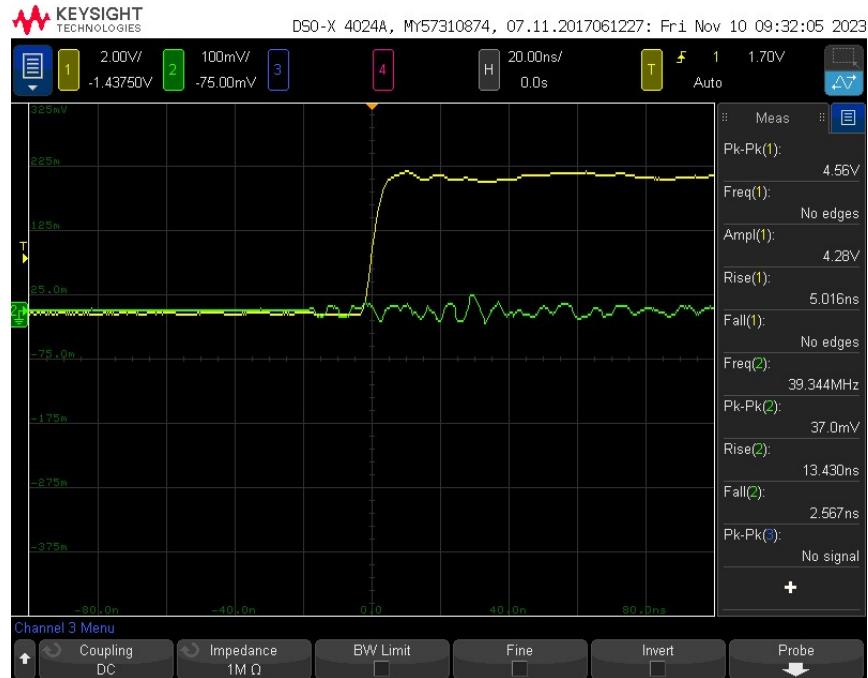
#### Analysis of 5V Power Rail Switching Noise Between Golden board and Commercial Board

| Boards                     | Peak to peak voltage observed at Rise time | Peak to Peak Voltage observed at fall time |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| Golden Arduino             | 328mV                                      | 221mV                                      |
| Commercial Arduino         | 570mV                                      | 420mV                                      |
| Noise Reduction Percentage | 38%  | 47%  |

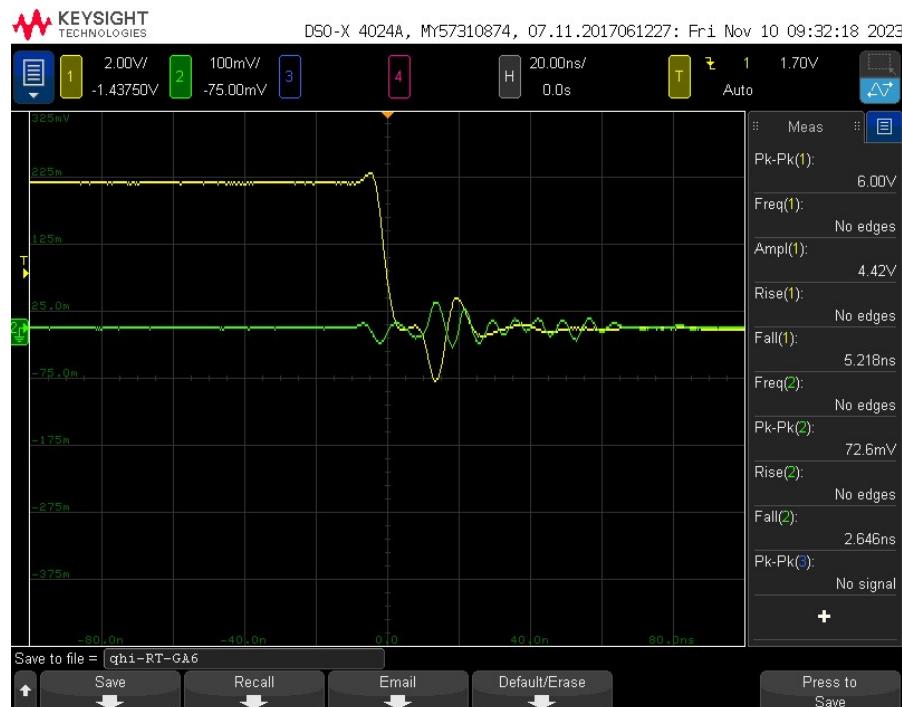
From this table we can say that Golden board has less switching noise on 5V Power Rail with the comparison of Commercial Arduino Board as we reduce the Quiet High switching noise on the rise time like 38 % and Fall time by 47%.Here the D7 Pin is Responsible for the Slammer Circuit Trigger as it is connected to the MOSFET.

## Near Field Emission

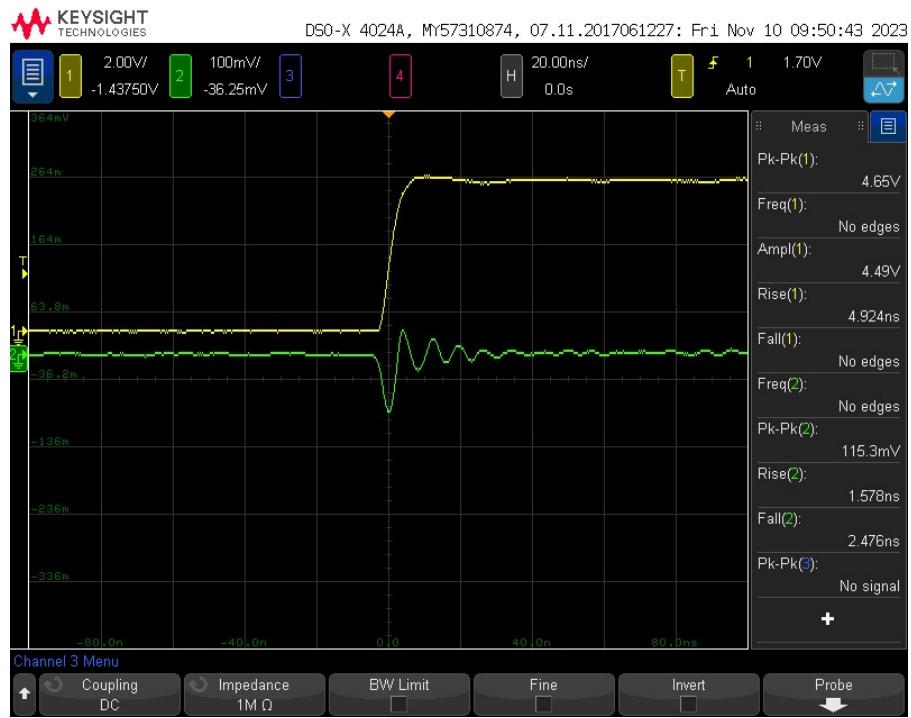
Here we will use 10x probe with ground tip as a small loop where this probe produce an Electromagnetic wave which is the source for near-field emissions. We will place loop probe below the board and we will see the Near Field Emission Noise effected on the board.



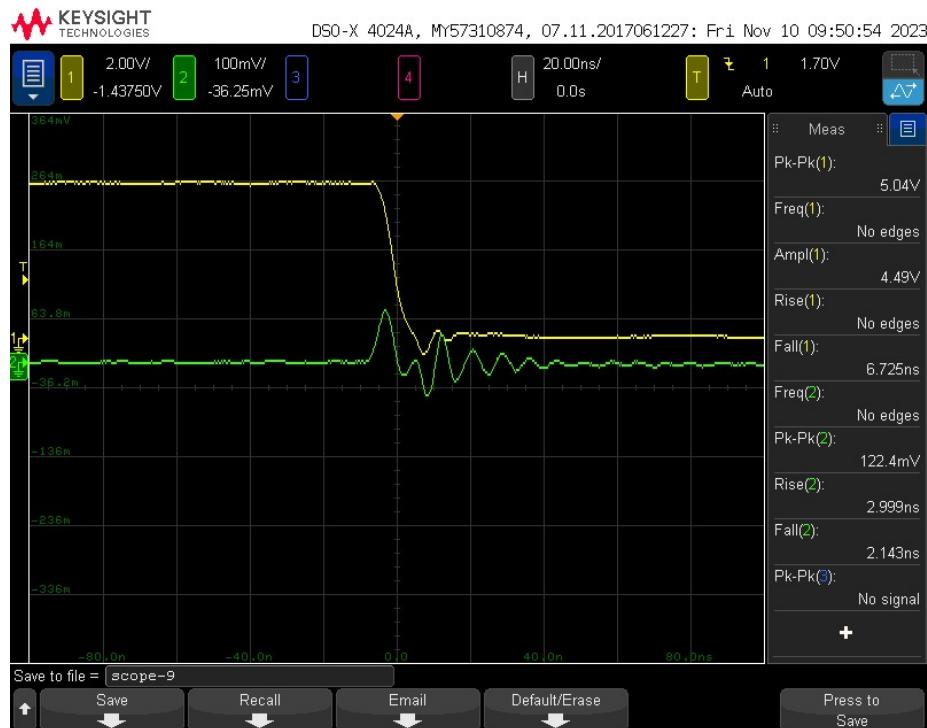
Fig(26) Green Trace –Near Field Emission, Yellow Trace –D13 Signal(Golden Arduino)



Fig(27) Green Trace –Near Field Emission, Yellow Trace –D13 Signal(Golden Arduino)



Fig(28) Green Trace –Near Field Emission, Yellow Trace –D13 Signal(Commercial Arduino)



Fig(29) Green Trace –Near Field Emission, Yellow Trace –D13 Signal(Commercial Arduino)

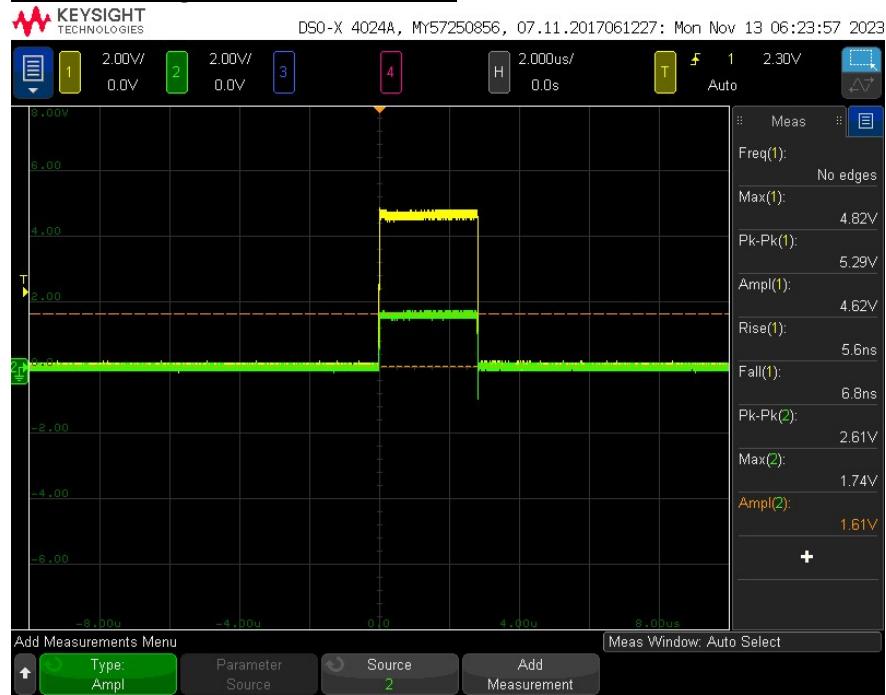
## **Analysis of Near Field Emission Noise Between Golden board and Commercial Board**

| Boards                     | Peak to peak voltage observed at Rise time | Peak to Peak Voltage observed at fall time |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| Golden Arduino             | 37mV                                       | 72mV                                       |
| Commercial Arduino         | 115mV                                      | 122mV                                      |
| Noise Reduction Percentage | 64%  | 48%  |

### **Observation**

From this table we can say that Golden board has less switching noise on 5V Power Rail with the comparison of Commercial Arduino Board as we reduce the Near Field Emission noise on the rise time like 64 % and Fall time by 48%.

### **Current through the 63 Ohm resistor**



Here the voltage across the 63 Ohm resistor is 1.61 V and the current across the 63Ohm resistor is  $(1.74/63)=26\text{mA}$

## **What Worked**

### **Your definition of what it means to work**

I can see the power voltages such as 5V and 3.3V on the test points.

I am getting the expected frequency of 12 MHz and 16MHz on the Arduino Board

I bring up the board and lit up all the LEDs to ensure that my core signals are working, which can be observed through naked-eye LED visualization.

Able to load the blink code and successfully boot loaded the board.

### **What you actually measured to verify your board “worked”?**

We are able to calculate 630hm resistor current, able to get the related the power to Board like 5V and 3.3V when placed test point, measuring the switching noise and Near Field Emission Noise on the board by placing the shield on to the board.

### **Your expectations for any performance features**

Here our expectations was to observe the switching noise in 20-50% switching noise range and we are able to see that switching noise range in comparison with the commercial Arduino that what end goal of this lab.

### **Demonstration of Best Measurement Practices?**

The use of spring tips, as they reduce noise on the probe, is beneficial.

Opt for the 10x test point instead of the 1x test point.

For signals, employ a 6 mils trace width, and for power rails, use 20 mils.

Utilize test points and switches for debugging and testing purposes.

Ensure that you check circuit continuity via a DMM for self-verification.

### **Summary for the Analysis done for the Quiet High, Quiet Low, 5V Power Rail, Slammer Trigger, Near Field Emission, D13 Signal**

Here I have observed that our commercial Arduino board is providing us with a lot of switching noise in comparison with the Golden Arduino Board as we are going with best design practices for the Golden Arduino Board we are able to see less switching noise .

## **What did not work**

There are no hard errors on my PCB.

### **What worked and you did well and want to do in future designs**

By including test points for all the related signals, I can obtain the expected voltages or outputs.

The switch has helped me isolate the circuit, and the naming convention for the test points has been extremely beneficial.

Maintaining modularity in the test points for my easy reference is essential for future designs.

### **What did not work, and you will want to do differently in future designs.**

Everything worked for me and may be trying to get less in rush current for my future design.

### **Were there any hard errors- why did they go wrong**

No hard errors observed

### **Were there any soft errors that you would like to do differently next time?**

There is a dimension issue when placing the shield on one side of the connector. On the other side, everything is fine. Small wires were used on the side where it was not fitting correctly, mainly related to the power section of the shield. TAs has been very helpful in providing suggestions for resolving this issue. For the next time I want to give priority to dimension placing for shield and will go for the routing.

## **Key Takeaways and Learning**

1) Use of decoupling capacitor near the IC to reduce switching noise

2) Implementing the ferrite bead to filter the noise present on the AVCC pin

3) Use less cross under and also maintain the cross under distance short to reduce the noise

4) Avoid the crosstalk and also reduce the cross talk by implementing continuous return path

- 5) Signal pathways are placed further apart, as it reduces electromagnetic interference
- 6)Addition of test points and switches are helpful for debugging and troubleshooting