

LEDA Memo: 8 Bit Sampling of LWA Data

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In order to determine the suitability of an 8 bit ADC for sampling LWA data, we analyzed 24 hours of data from 6 LWA dual pol stands. The data was captured using the currently available 12 bit ADCs.

Initial analysis of the data showed that at least 97% of the samples lie within the range $[-128, 128)$. Without adjusting any gains there would be $< 3\%$ error using an 8 bit ADC. If the ADC gain is set so that the RMS is 20 the error rate of the ADC gets even lower. With the sampled data rescaled, saturation only occurs in $< 0.001\%$ of the samples using an 8 bit ADC (an error rate of 10^{-5}).

Stand	RMS	samples $\in [-128, 128)$	samples $\in [-128, 128)$ with RMS = 20
<i>Stand001X</i>	34.118798	99.9896%	99.9998%
<i>Stand001Y</i>	28.544380	99.9988%	99.9999%
<i>Stand010X</i>	55.174325	98.0064%	99.9997%
<i>Stand010Y</i>	46.112851	99.4528%	99.9999%
<i>Stand054X</i>	43.717739	99.6627%	99.9996%
<i>Stand054Y</i>	47.889111	99.2436%	99.9999%
<i>Stand248X</i>	26.123759	99.9996%	99.9998%
<i>Stand248Y</i>	30.7075512	99.9988%	100.0000%
<i>Stand251X</i>	58.756399	97.0939%	99.9996%
<i>Stand251Y</i>	58.047033	97.2851%	99.9997%
<i>Stand258X</i>	27.404131	99.9993%	99.9998%
<i>Stand258Y</i>	28.3805394	99.9995%	100.0000%

Histogramming of the data shows that the majority of samples lie within 8 bits. A log plot of the data emphasizes the short tails in the histogram, showing that adjusting the gain will be an effective way to reduce the error rate.

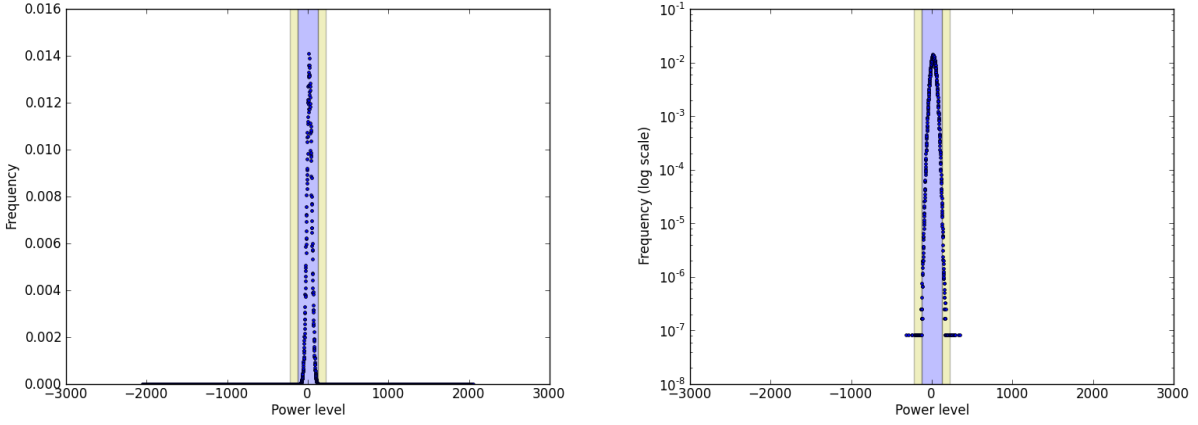


Figure 1: Data from Stand001X. RMS is 34.1188 Samples used : 3792000000. If the RMS is unchanged 99.9896 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128,128)$. With an RMS of 20 99.9998 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128,128)$.

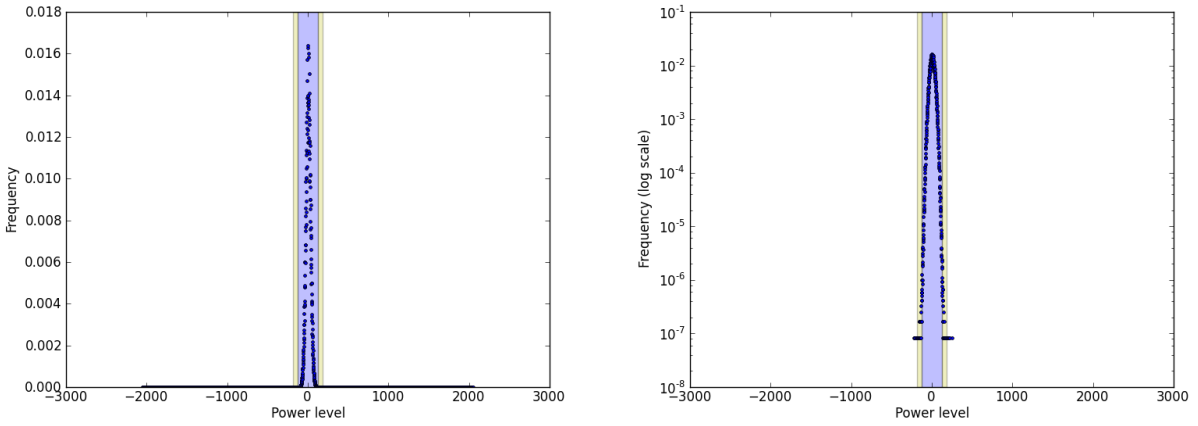


Figure 2: Data from Stand001Y. RMS is 28.5444 Samples used : 3792000000. If the RMS is unchanged 99.9988 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128,128)$. With an RMS of 20 99.9999 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128,128)$.

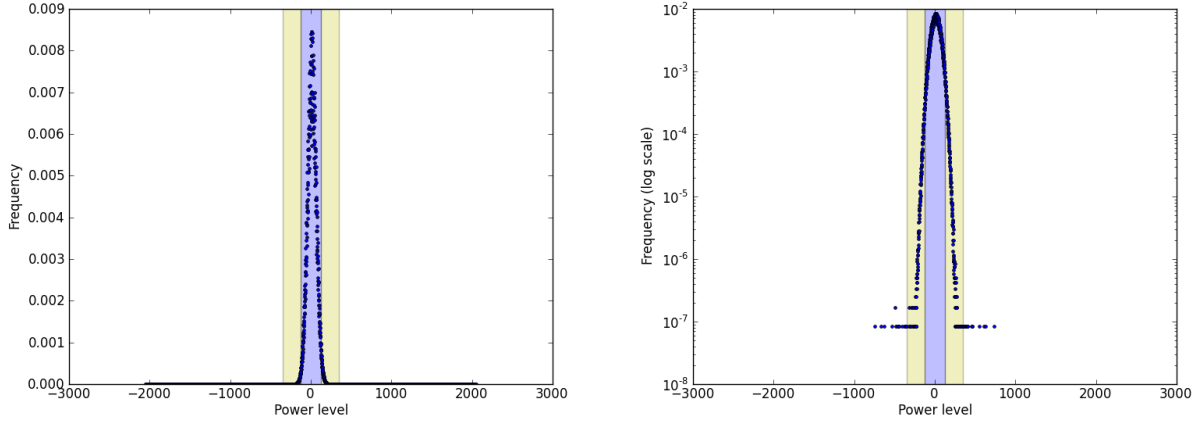


Figure 3: Data from Stand010X. RMS is 55.1743 Samples used : 3792000000. If the RMS is unchanged 98.0064 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128,128)$. With an RMS of 20 99.9997 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128,128)$.

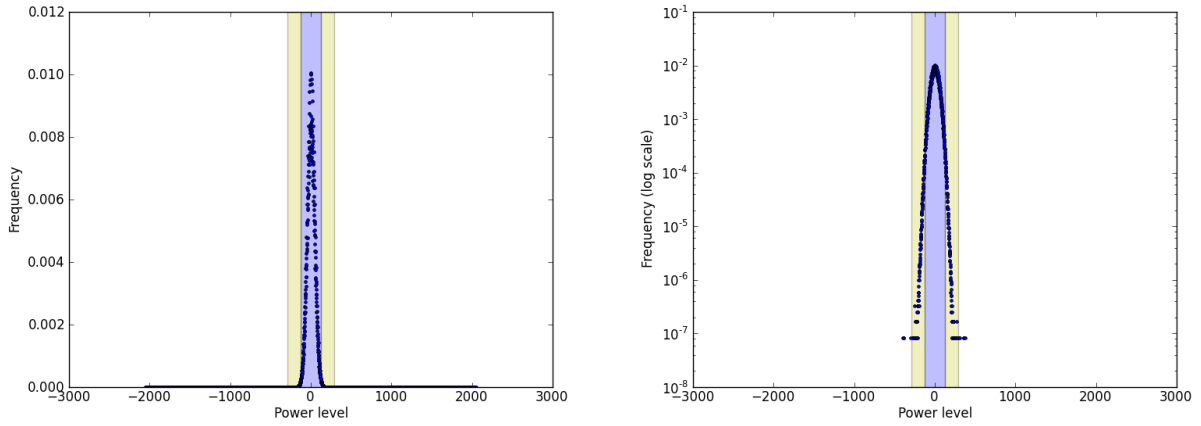


Figure 4: Data from Stand010Y. RMS is 46.1129 Samples used : 3792000000. If the RMS is unchanged 99.4528 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128,128)$. With an RMS of 20 99.9999 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128,128)$.

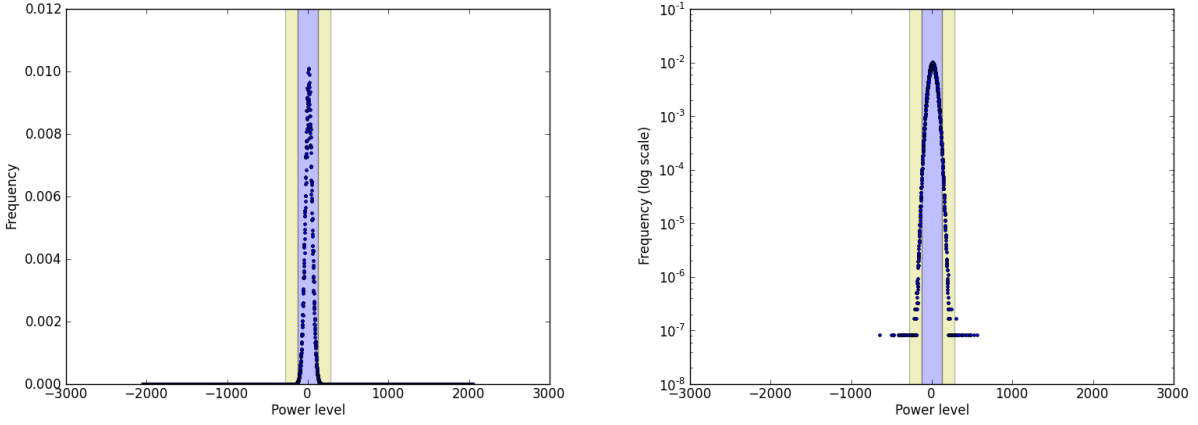


Figure 5: Data from Stand054X. RMS is 43.7177 Samples used : 3792000000. If the RMS is unchanged 99.6627 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128,128)$. With an RMS of 20 99.9996 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128,128)$.

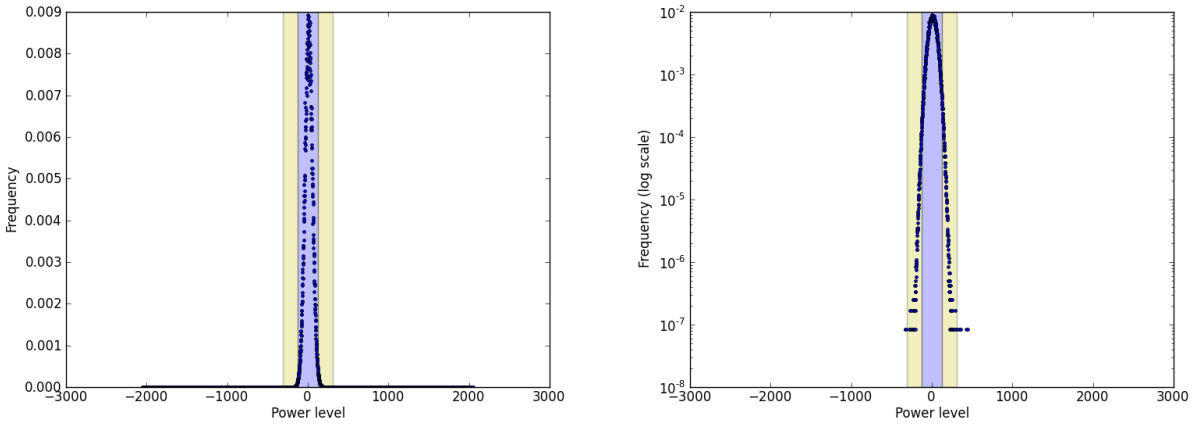


Figure 6: Data from Stand054Y. RMS is 47.8891 Samples used : 3792000000. If the RMS is unchanged 99.2436 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128,128)$. With an RMS of 20 99.9999 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128,128)$.

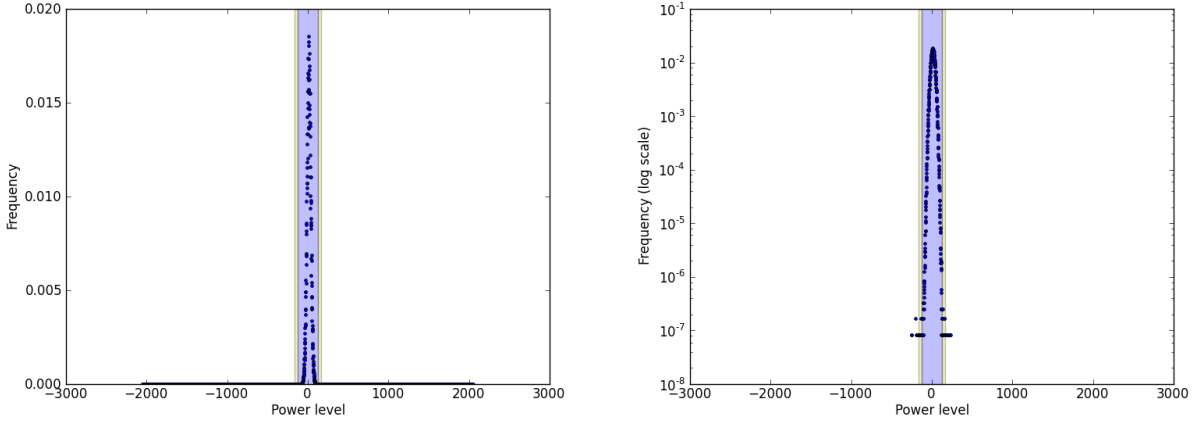


Figure 7: Data from Stand248X. RMS is 26.1238 Samples used : 3792000000. If the RMS is unchanged 99.9996 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128,128)$. With an RMS of 20 99.9998 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128,128)$.

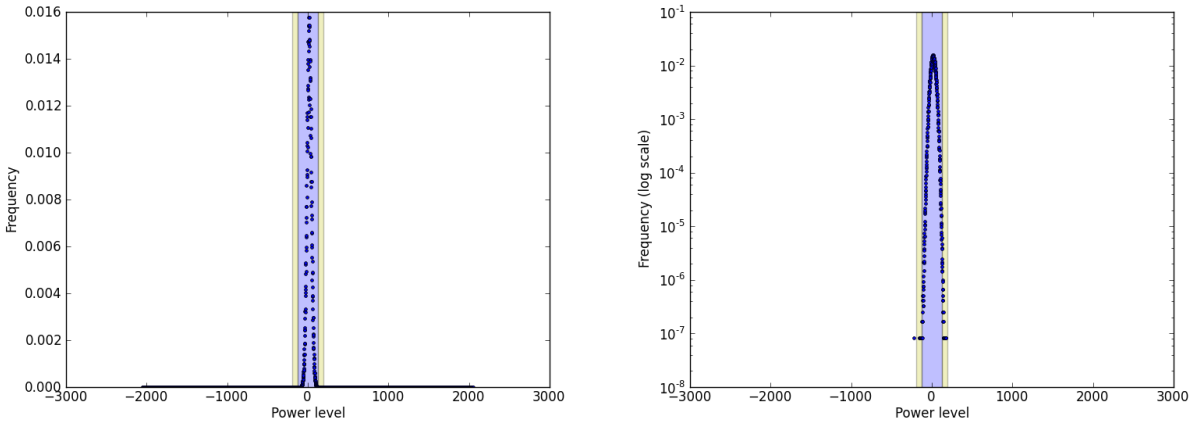


Figure 8: Data from Stand248Y. RMS is 30.7076 Samples used : 3792000000. If the RMS is unchanged 99.9988 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128,128)$. With an RMS of 20 100.0000 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128,128)$.

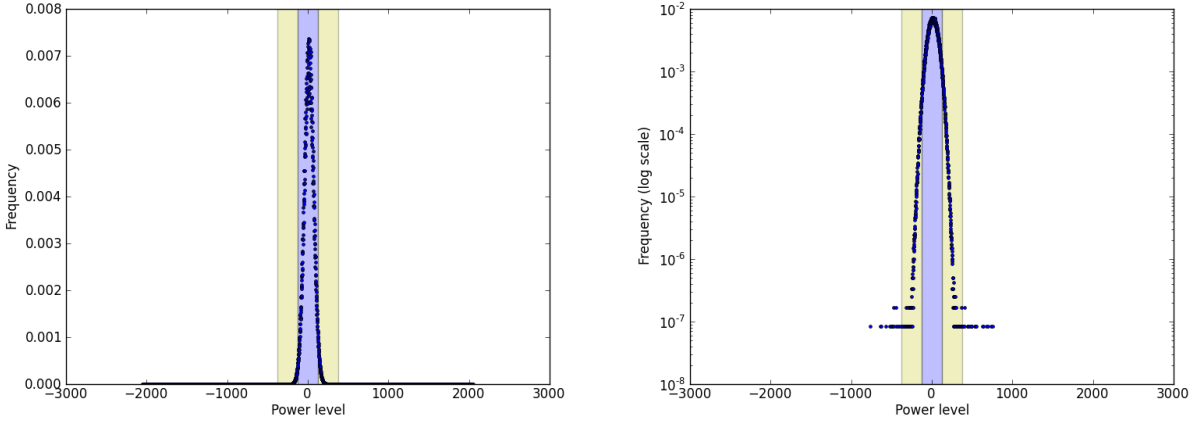


Figure 9: Data from Stand251X. RMS is 58.7564 Samples used : 3792000000. If the RMS is unchanged 97.0939 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128,128)$. With an RMS of 20 99.9996 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128,128)$.

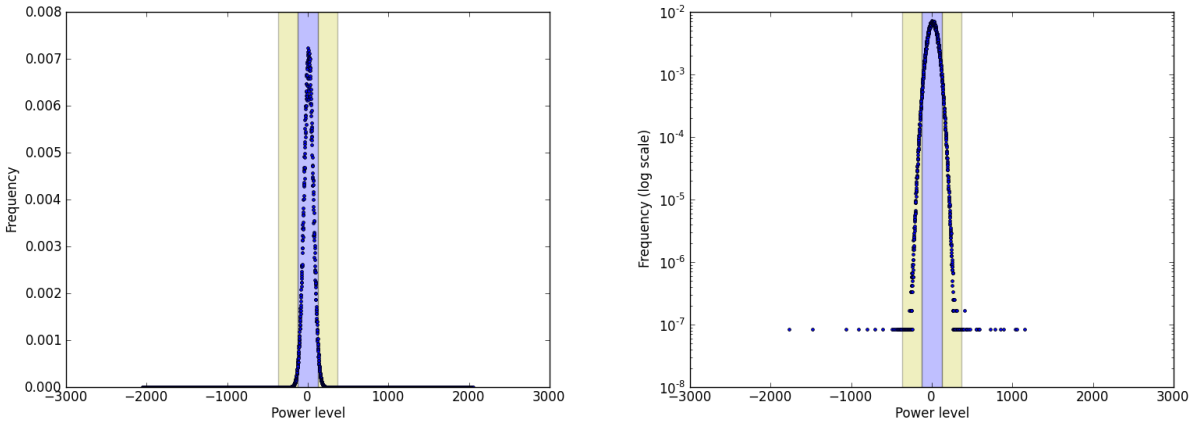


Figure 10: Data from Stand251Y. RMS is 58.0470 Samples used : 3792000000. If the RMS is unchanged 97.2851 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128,128)$. With an RMS of 20 99.9997 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128,128)$.

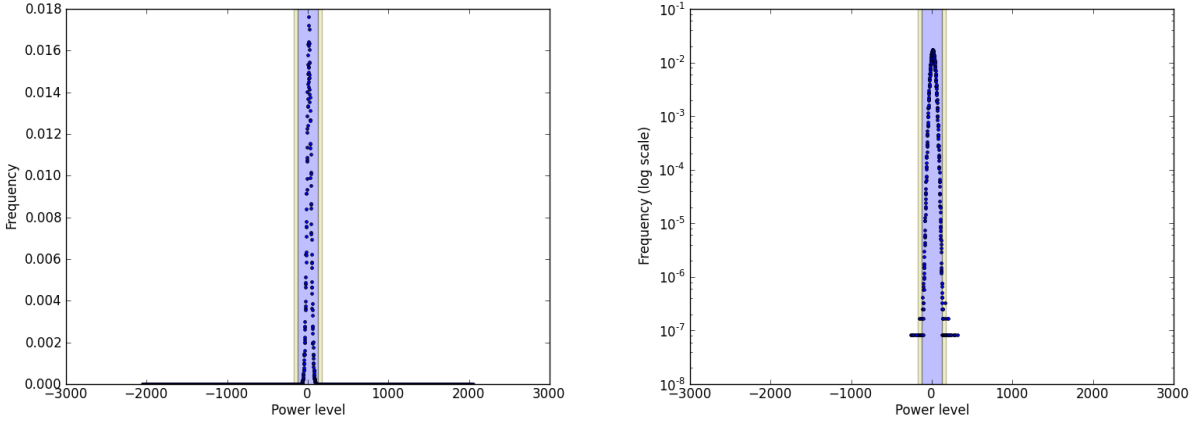


Figure 11: Data from Stand258X. RMS is 27.4041 Samples used : 3792000000. If the RMS is unchanged 99.9993 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128, 128]$. With an RMS of 20 99.9998 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128, 128]$.

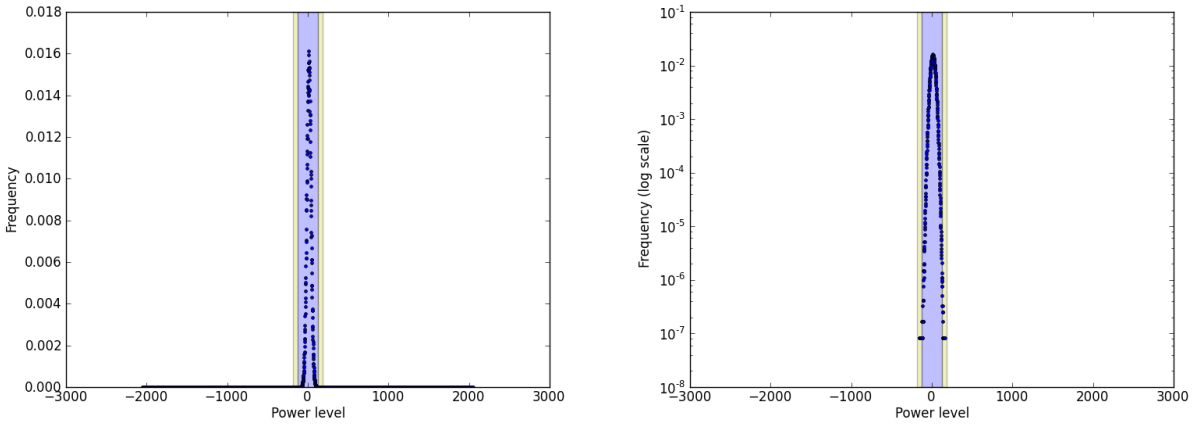


Figure 12: Data from Stand258Y. RMS is 28.3805 Samples used : 3792000000. If the RMS is unchanged 99.9995 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128, 128]$. With an RMS of 20 100.0000 percent of the samples will lie within $[-128, 128]$.