

## TECH NOTE :: ClipX Peak value monitoring of a periodic process

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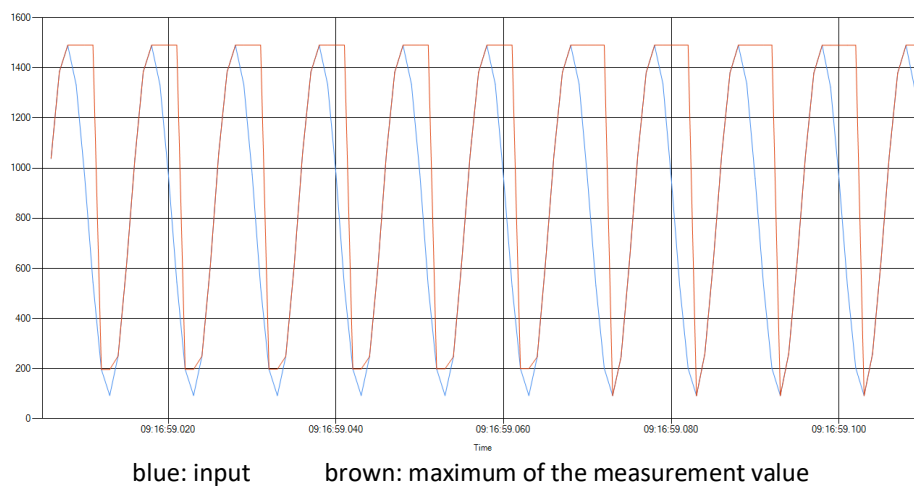
### Brief description

In this application note the peak value monitoring of a periodic signal, e.g. force curve of a high speed press (e.g. coin press or tablet press) with a ClipX.

Three methods are shown:

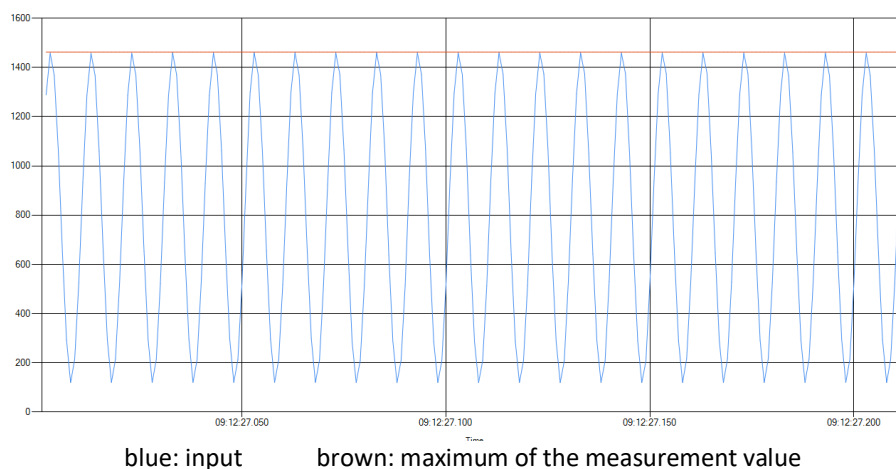
1. The first method captures, monitors and periodically resets the maximum value.

Usable up to 999.9Hz



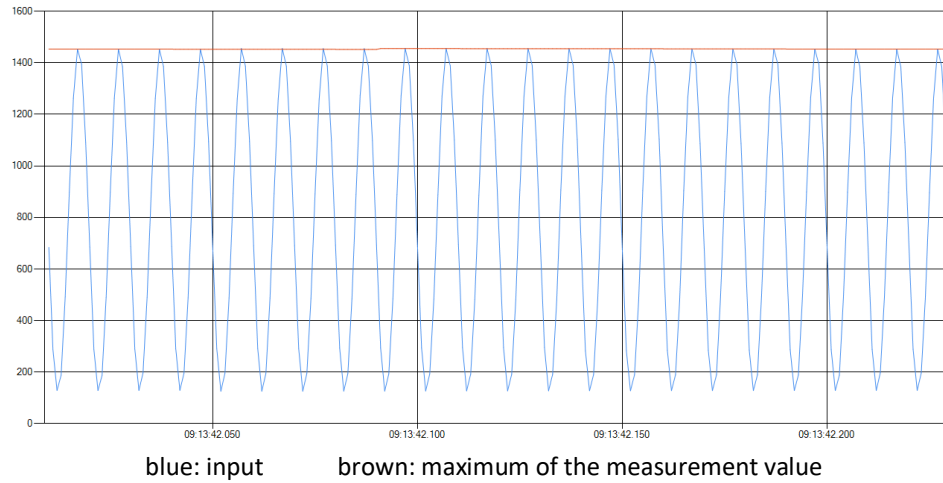
2. The second method holds the maximum cyclically (capture and hold) so that the maximum of the last period is shown.

Usable up to 999.9Hz



3. The third method uses a tolerance window to capture the maximum value periodically and holds it for one period.

Useable up to 100Hz (Inaccuracies may occur at higher frequencies)



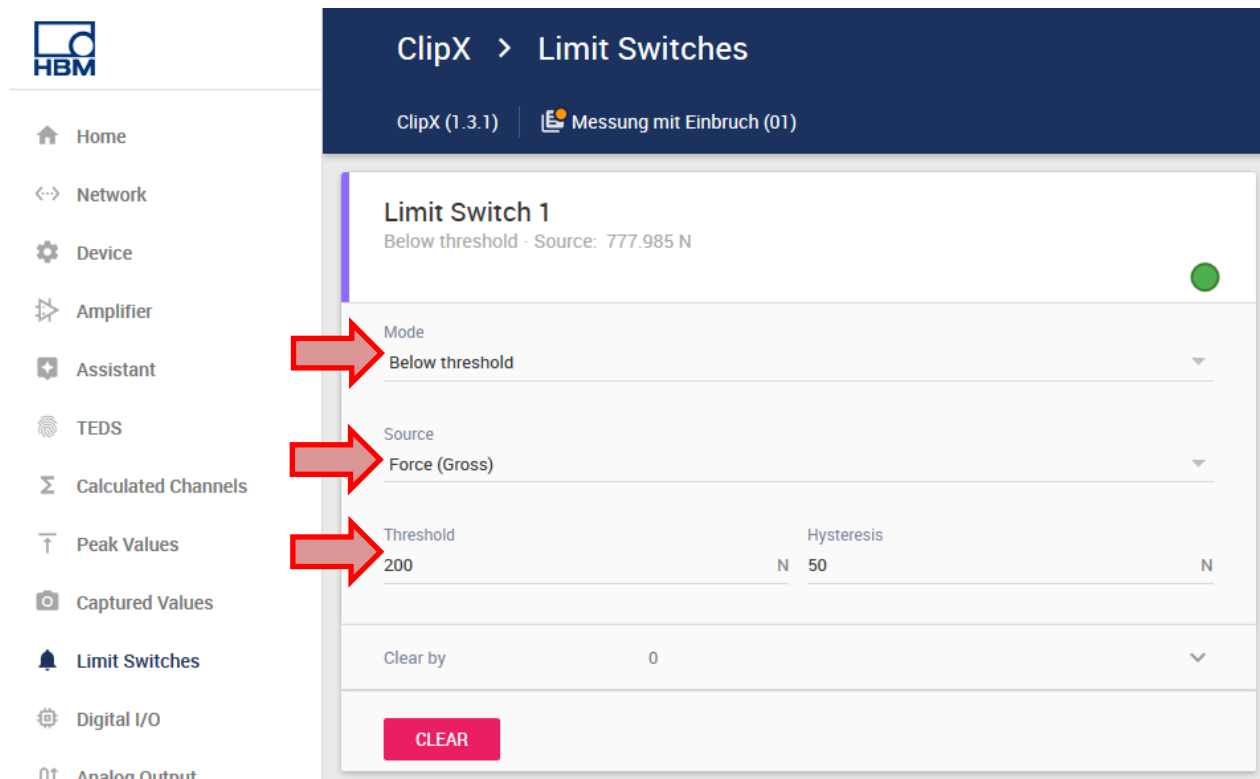
Hint: With each method a signal can be output via fieldbus or the digital output, if the maximum value exceeds a certain limit.

## Operation

### 1. Method – Capturing and monitoring with periodically deletion

At first a limit switch is set which resets the maximum value periodically

- Switch to the menu item 'Limit Switches'
- Choose "Below threshold" as mode and the gross force signal as source
- The threshold should be set low to hold the maximum value for a longer time
- To avoid the activation of the limit switch by noise add a hysteresis



**ClipX > Limit Switches**

ClipX (1.3.1) | Messung mit Einbruch (01)

**Limit Switch 1**  
Below threshold - Source: 777.985 N

Mode: Below threshold

Source: Force (Gross)

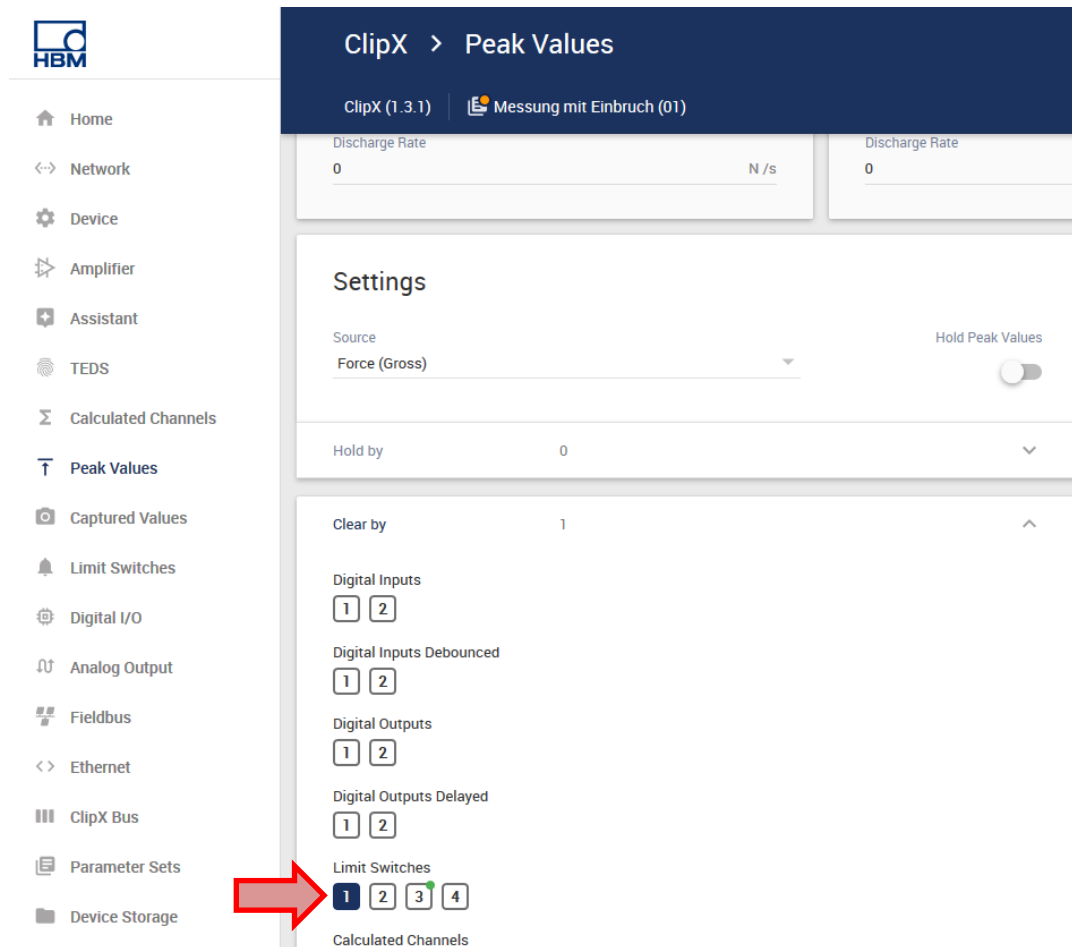
Threshold: 200 N      Hysteresis: 50 N

Clear by: 0

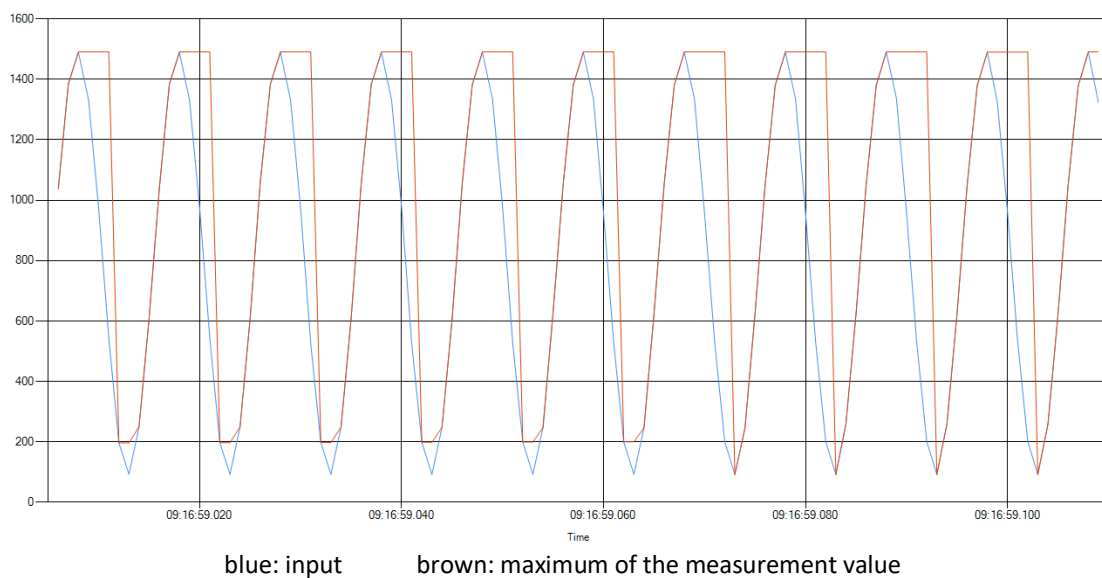
**CLEAR**

Switch to the menu item 'Peak Values'.

At 'Source' the gross signal and at 'Clear by' the created limit switch is set:



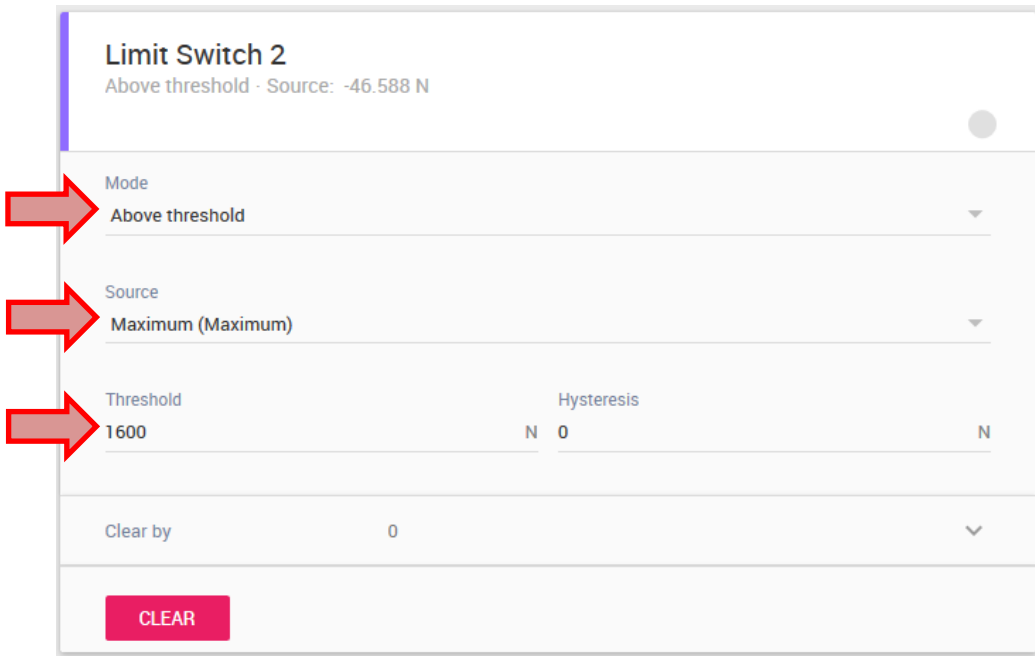
The measurement of the force and the maximum value with the ClipX Dataviewer 2 tool with a period duration of 10ms (100Hz) looks like this:



Now there is the possibility to create another limit switch to monitor the maximum force. The limit switch can output a signal if the maximum permissible load is exceeded.

Therefore switch to the menu item 'Limit Switches'.

- Choose "Above threshold" as mode and 'Maximum (Maximum)' as source
- At 'Threshold' the maximum permissible load is entered



**Limit Switch 2**  
Above threshold · Source: -46.588 N

Mode  
Above threshold

Source  
Maximum (Maximum)

Threshold  
1600

Hysteresis  
N 0

Clear by  
0

**CLEAR**

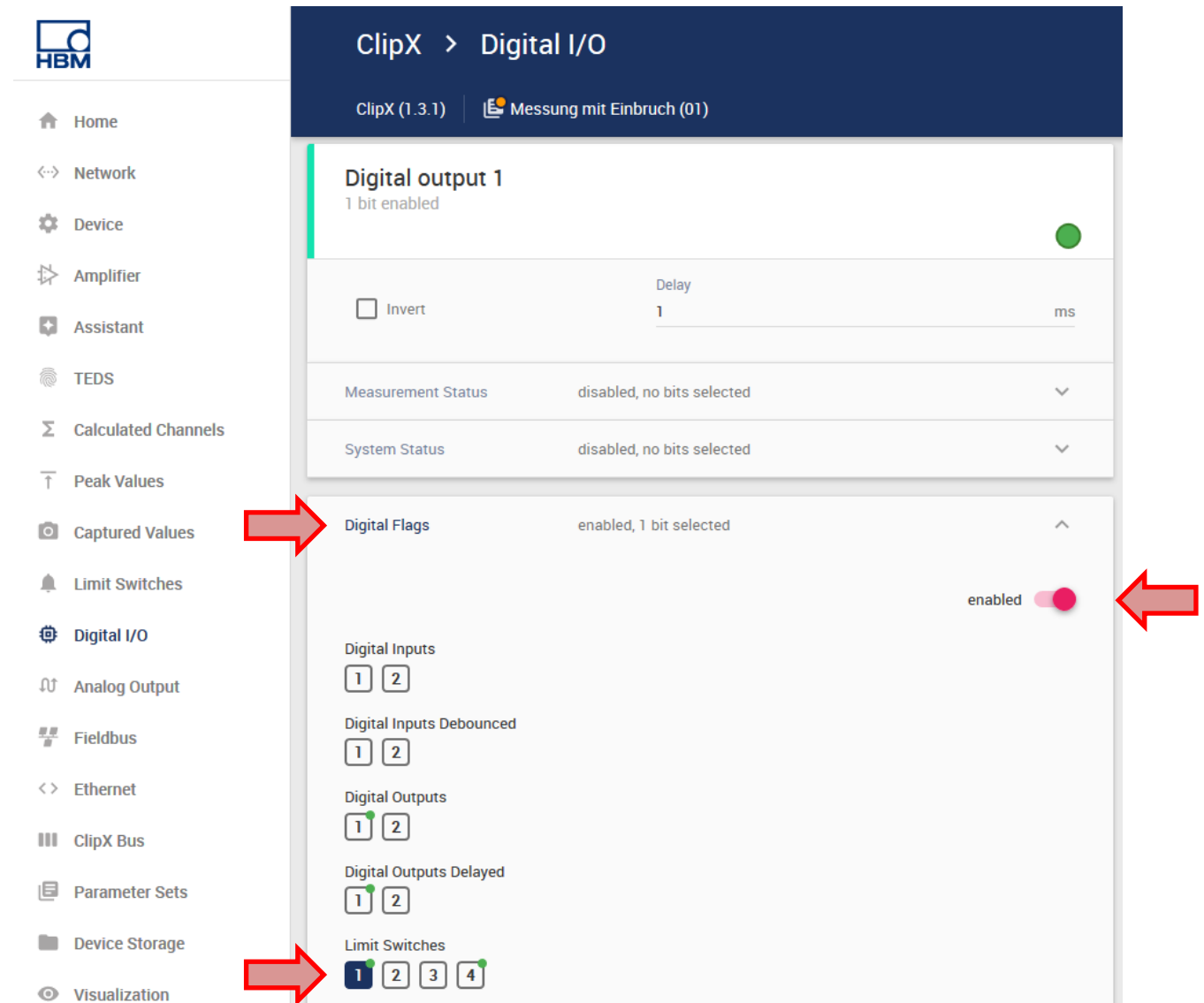
The flag of the limit switch can be transmitted via fieldbus or the digital output.

## 2. Method – Capturing, monitoring and holding the maximum value

Now the maximum value is hold until the end of the period.  
Therefor the same limit switch as in the first method is needed (see page 2).

After that the limit switch is linked to a digital output:

- Switch to 'Digital I/O'
- At 'Digital Flags' link the created limit switch and set it enabled



The screenshot displays the HBM ClipX software interface for configuring digital I/O. The sidebar on the left contains the following menu items: Home, Network, Device, Amplifier, Assistant, TEDS, Calculated Channels, Peak Values, Captured Values, Limit Switches, **Digital I/O** (highlighted with a red arrow), Analog Output, Fieldbus, Ethernet, ClipX Bus, Parameter Sets, Device Storage, and Visualization.

The main panel is titled 'ClipX > Digital I/O' and shows the configuration for 'Digital output 1' (1 bit enabled). It includes a green status indicator. Below this, there are sections for 'Invert' (unchecked), 'Delay' (1 ms), 'Measurement Status' (disabled, no bits selected), and 'System Status' (disabled, no bits selected).

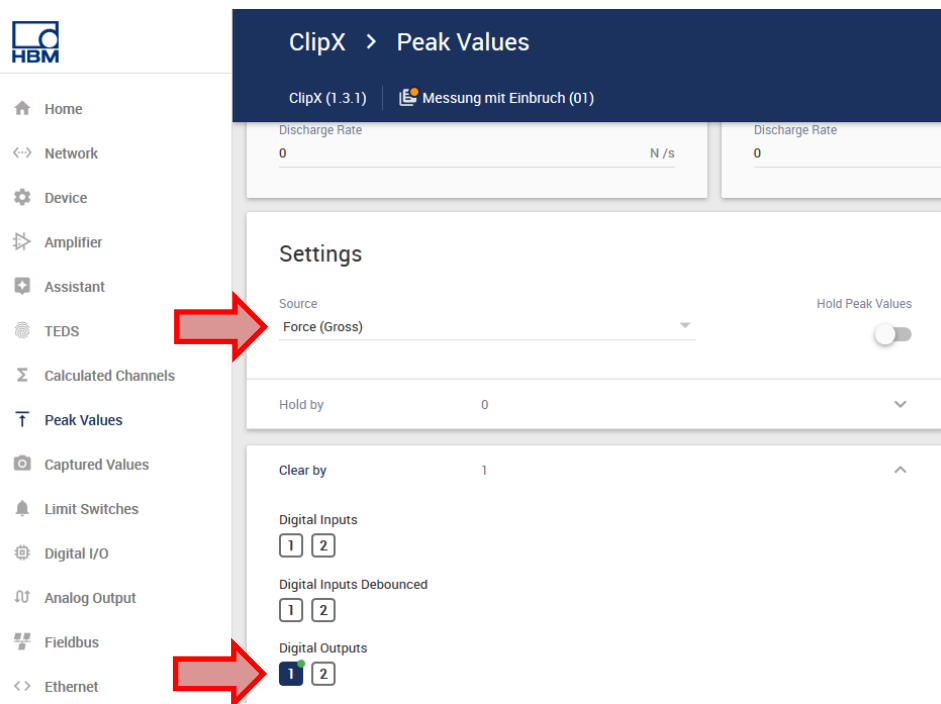
The 'Digital Flags' section is highlighted with a red arrow and shows 'enabled, 1 bit selected'. It contains several sub-sections with numbered buttons:
 

- Digital Inputs: 1, 2
- Digital Inputs Debounced: 1, 2
- Digital Outputs: 1, 2
- Digital Outputs Delayed: 1, 2
- Limit Switches: 1, 2, 3, 4

 A red arrow points to the 'Limit Switches' section, specifically to button '1', which is highlighted with a green dot.

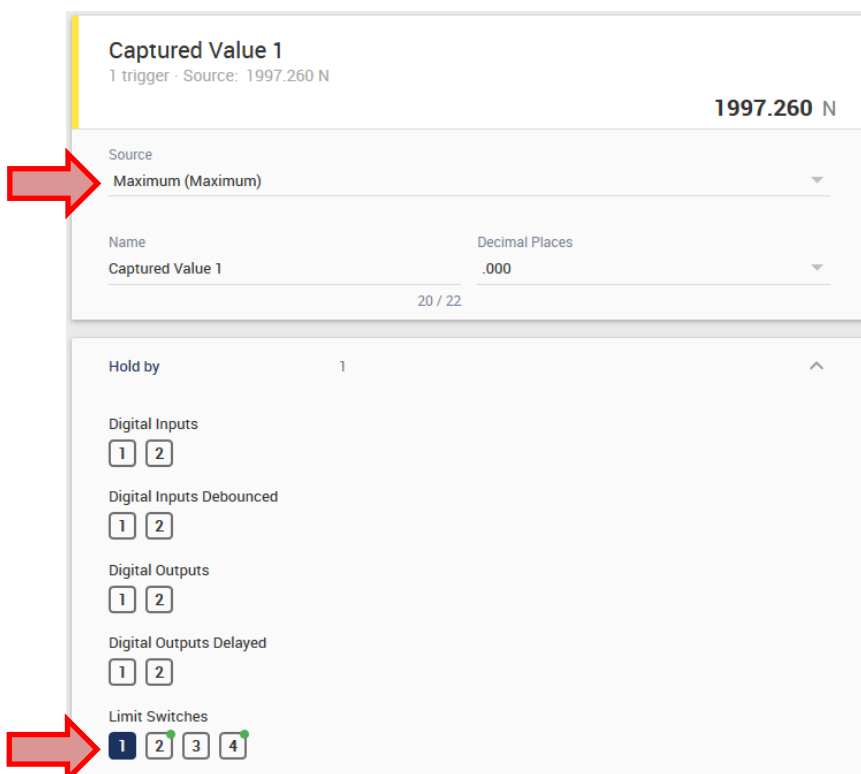
On the right side of the 'Digital Flags' section, there is a toggle switch labeled 'enabled' which is currently turned on (pink). A red arrow points to this toggle switch.

In the menu item 'Peak Values' the gross signal is set as source and at 'Clear by' the digital output is selected:

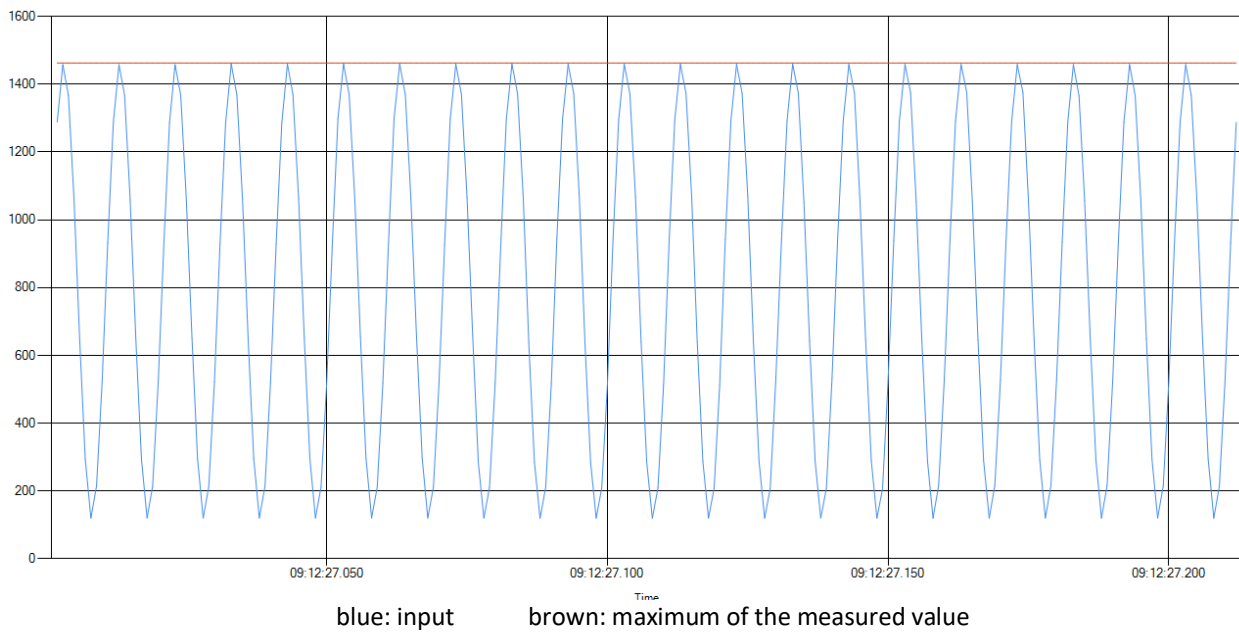


So that the maximum value is not periodically reset (as in the first procedure), the maximum value is held in the "Captured Values" menu.

Switch to the mentioned menu and set 'Maximum (Maximum)' as source and activate the limit switch at 'Hold by':



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As in the first method a limit switch can be set to monitor the maximum value (see page 4).



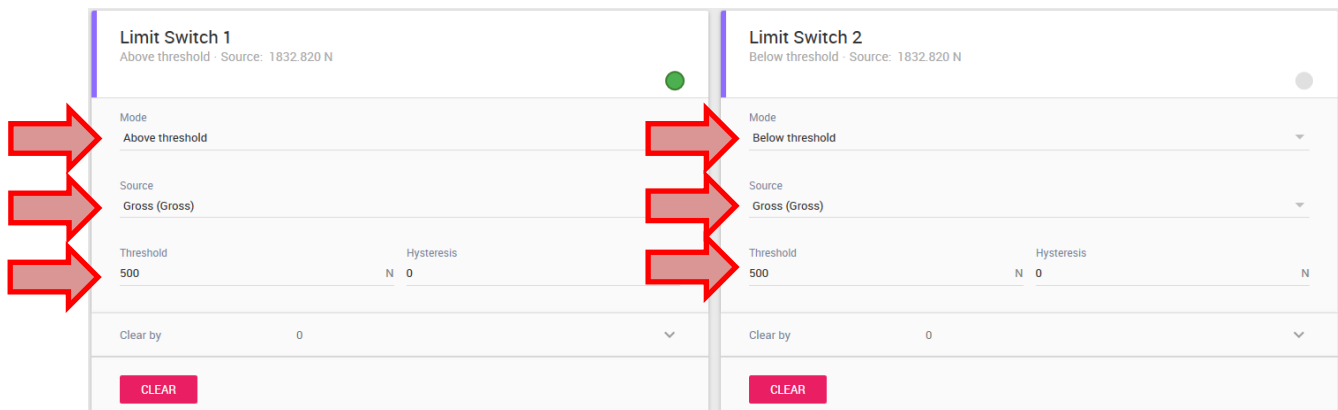
### 3. Method – Monitoring the maximum value using a tolerance window

This method should (like the second method) monitor the maximum value and hold it for one period.

To create the tolerance window we need to define a start and a stop condition. In the case of periodic signals, the start can be defined by exceeding a certain value and the stop by falling below the same value.

In this example the forces appear periodically in an interval of 0 N up to 1600 N. We choose 500 N as threshold.

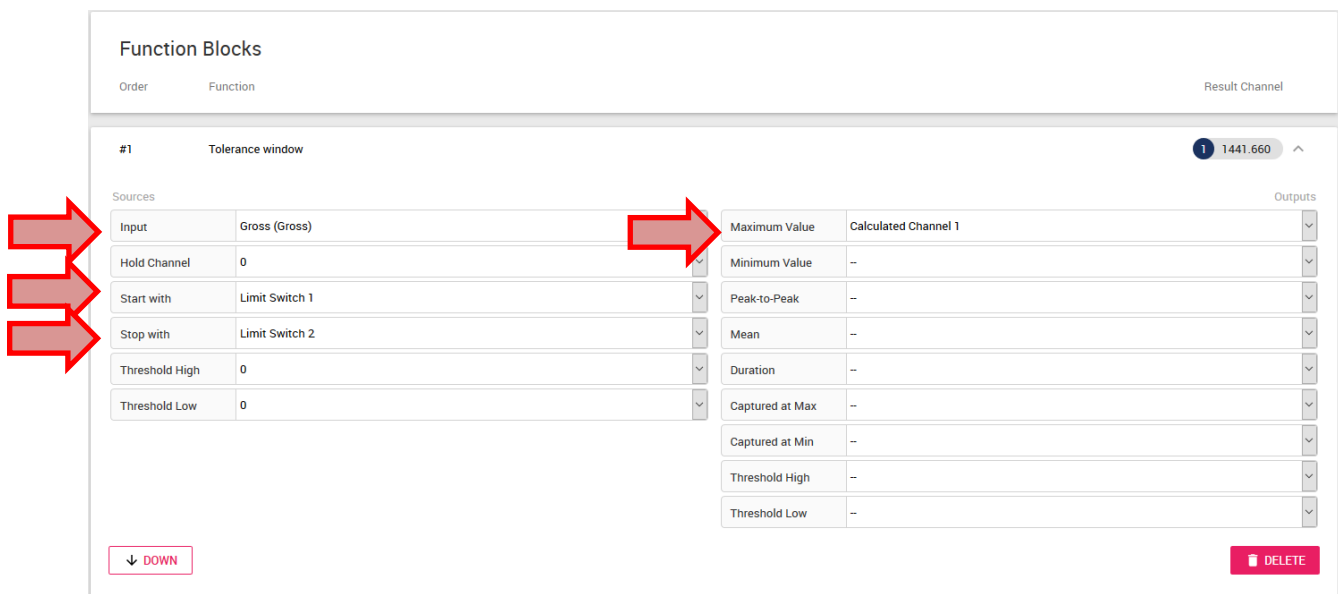
- Switch to the menu 'Limit Switches'
- Select the gross force signal as source
- Enter the threshold
- As mode select one time 'Above Threshold' and one time 'Below Threshold'
- To avoid the activation of the limit switch by noise add a hysteresis



Now the tolerance window is added which should capture the maximal value.

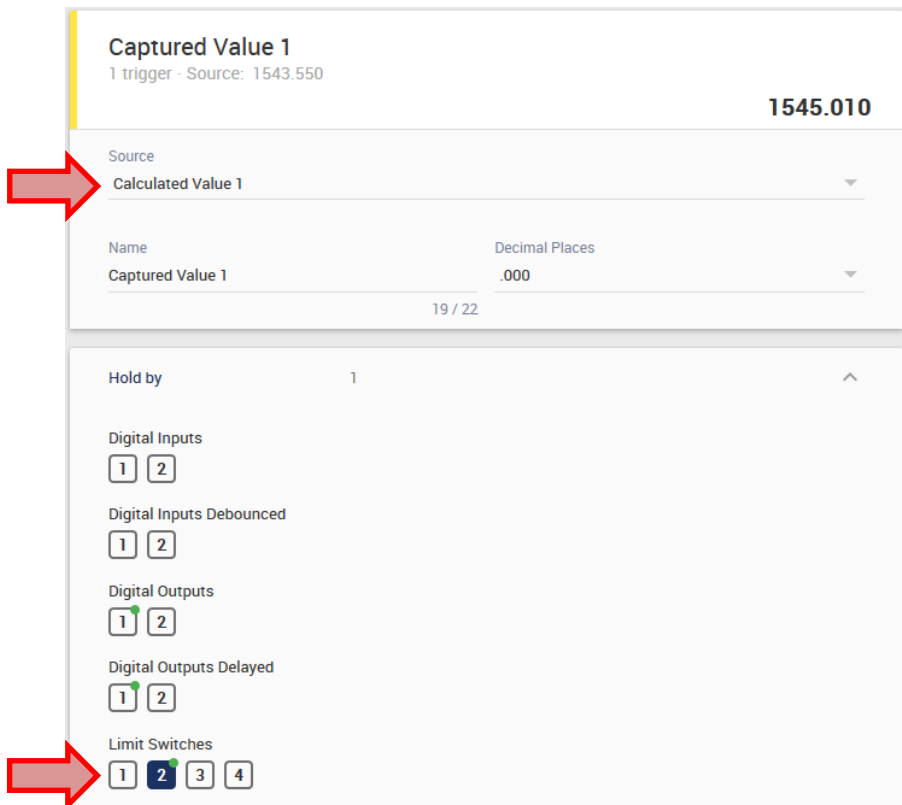
Therefor switch to the menu 'Calculated Channels' and follow the steps:

- Add a new calculated channel of the type 'tolerance window'
- Select the gross force signal as source
- At 'Start with' add the limit switch with the mode 'Above threshold'
- At 'Stop with' add the limit switch with the mode 'Below threshold'
- Link the maximum value to a calculated channel



The signal on the calculated channel is similar to the signal of the first method because it reset during the period (at the end of the tolerance window). To fix this and hold the maximum value until the next period, follow the following steps:

- Switch to the menu 'Captured Values'
- Select the calculated channel as source
- At 'Hold by' select the limit switch which stops the tolerance window



**Captured Value 1**  
1 trigger · Source: 1543.550

**1545.010**

Source  
Calculated Value 1

Name                      Decimal Places  
Captured Value 1                      .000

19 / 22

Hold by                      1

Digital Inputs  
1 2

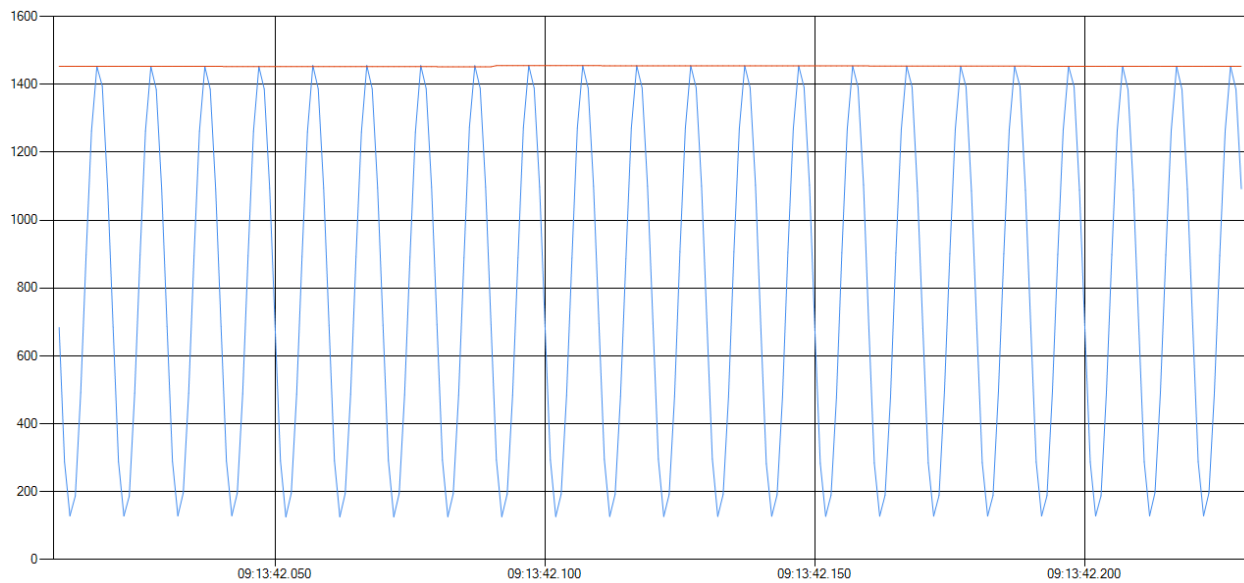
Digital Inputs Debounced  
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Digital Outputs  
1 2

Digital Outputs Delayed  
1 2

Limit Switches  
1 2 3 4

The measurement of the force and the maximum value with the ClipX Dataviewer 2 tool with a period duration of 10ms (100Hz) looks like this:



blue: input

brown: maximum of the measurement value

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### Disclaimer

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