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# Day Trading: The Sling Shot NIethod

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### Introduction

- Welcome
- Thanks TTM
- What you will learn
  - My Trading Style
  - -TTM Sling Shot Setup
    - Entry, Stops, Targets and Trade Management

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• Definition of terms 2 Mins.

• Indicators 10 Mins.

Ambush, Value Chart, Sling Shot

• Putting it together 15 Mins.

• Examples 10 Mins.

• Summary 5 Mins.

• Q&A 15-20 Mins.

### Michael's Background

- Graduated ODU '98
  - Bachelor of Science in Business Admin.
  - Information Systems concentration
- Business Analyst and Technology Lead
  - 9 years in the finance area
- Chief Exec. Mgr. KenHill Investments
  - Head Trader/Fund Manager

### Becoming a Full-time Trader

- Introduced to options in late 90's
- Actively traded 401k using mutual funds
- Real Estate investor in 2003
- Full-time trader for last 3 ½ years
  - Began w/ option spreads and swing trading equities
  - Day traded equities, moved to futures
  - Manage small fund since mid '07

### Trading Philosophy

 Focus on systematic entry rules with discretionary aspects of trade management and position size

 Use rigorous testing and preparation to instill discipline and confidence throughout the trading session

Setup Sizing Discipline Sychology

#### **Terms**

- Trader Personalities
  - Trend vs. Counter Trend
  - Breakout vs. Re-Tracement
- Back, Forward, and Rollout Testing
- Live vs. Simulation Trading
- Oscillator, Predictive, Lagging Indicators
- Divergence
- Discretionary vs. System Trading

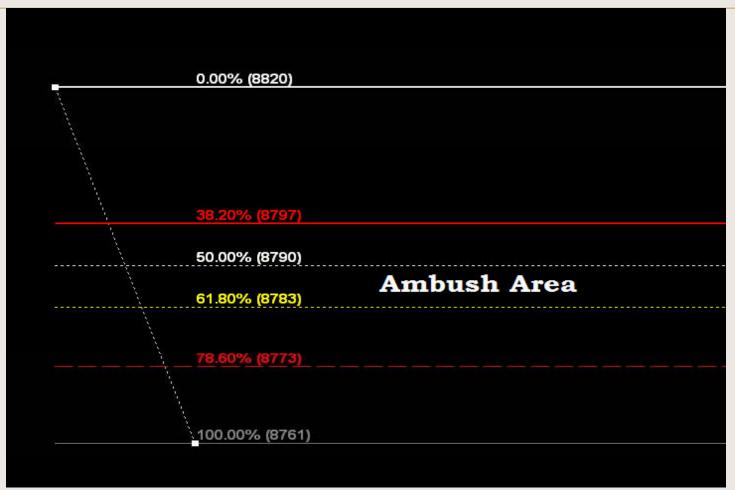
### Fibonacci Retracement

Specifically the "Ambush"

#### Fibonacci Retracement

 A term used in technical analysis that refers to the likelihood that a financial asset's price will retrace a large portion of an original move and find support or resistance at the key Fibonacci levels before it continues in the original direction. These levels are created by drawing a trendline between two extreme points and then dividing the vertical distance by the key Fibonacci ratios of 23.6%, 38.2%, 50%, 61.8%, 78.6% and 100%.

### Fib. Retracement



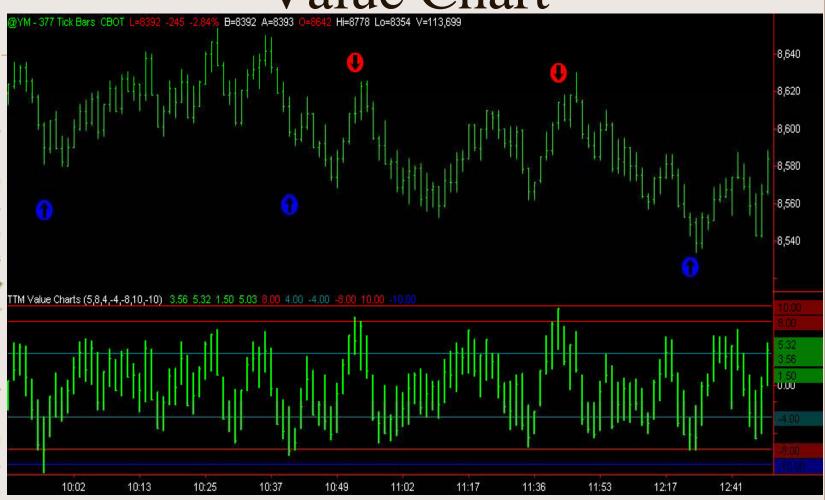
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### Fib. Retracement



Indicator which divides price into 5 evaluation ranges:





## Sling Shot

Moving Average Channel

### What is the TTM Sling Shot?

 An indicator developed from moving averages which provides the trader with specific areas in which to act, as well as, color-coding to assist in determining market direction.

### Advantages of TTM Sling Shot?

- Reduces 2 pitfalls traders encounter
  - Overtrading
  - Impulse Trading
- Provides systematic way for "Adding to Winners"
- Keeps trader patient during "choppy" markets

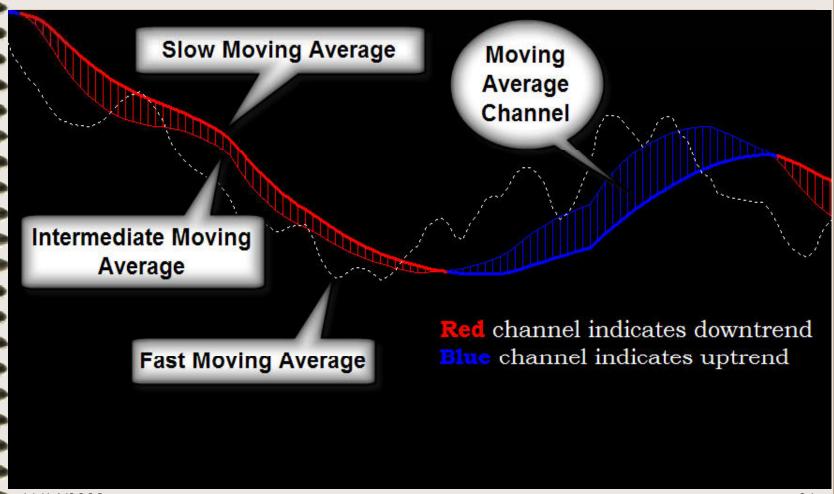
### Disadvantages of TTM SS?

- Misses certain types of "abnormal" market moves
- Choppy price action can make it difficult to hold on to "runners"

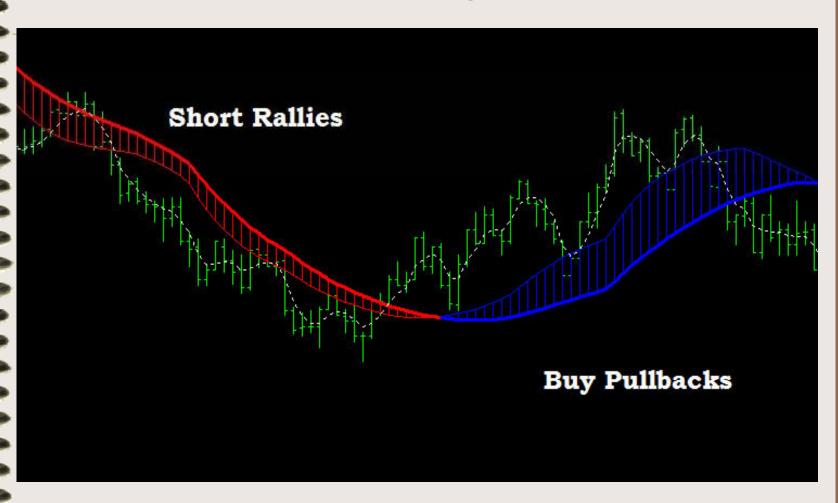
 Lack of discipline can lead to excessive draw downs

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### TTM Sling Shot



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### Putting it Together

Sling Shot
Trading Method

### Putting it Together Cont.

- My Current Settings
  - @YM
  - -377T
  - 5, 38.2, 61.8 MA's
  - 9:35 3:15 EST
- Trade Management
  - Stop ~20 pts. (cut in ½ after 1st target hit)
  - Targets +8-10, 16-20, open

### Putting it Together Cont.

- Entry Rules
  - Short Setup
    - Sling Shot channel rotates from Blue to Red
    - 1st Rally into channel
    - Short +8 VC reading, Ambush, 50T TTM Rotation
  - Long Setup
    - Sling Shot channel rotates from Red to Blue
    - 1st Pullback into channel
    - Buy -8 VC reading, Ambush, 50T TTM Rotation

### Putting it Together Cont.

- Overall Trading Rules
  - Trading Times
    - 9:35 11:45 and 1:30 3:15
  - 3 Full Stops In a row DONE Trading
  - Position Size
    - Full if ALL 3 conditions met
    - ½ if 2 of 3 conditions met
    - ¼ if 1 of 3 conditions met

### Examples

### Sling Shot – Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 1:42pm



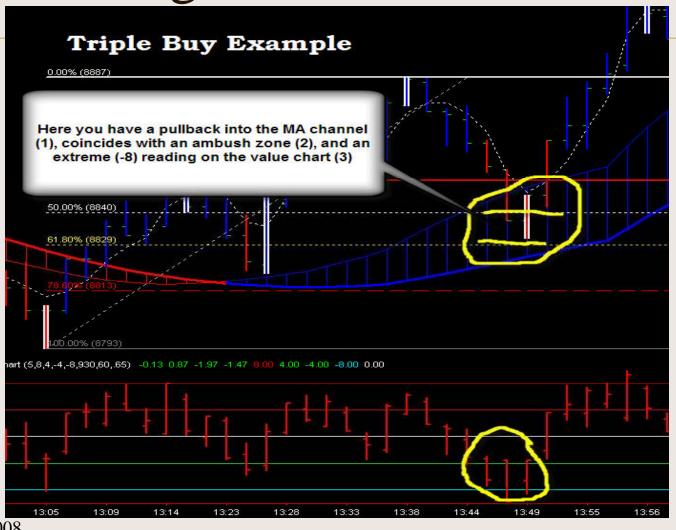
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### Sling Shot – Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 9:57am



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### Sling Shot – Full Size



### Sling Shot – 500V YM (Dow)



### Sling Shot – 89T TF (Russell)



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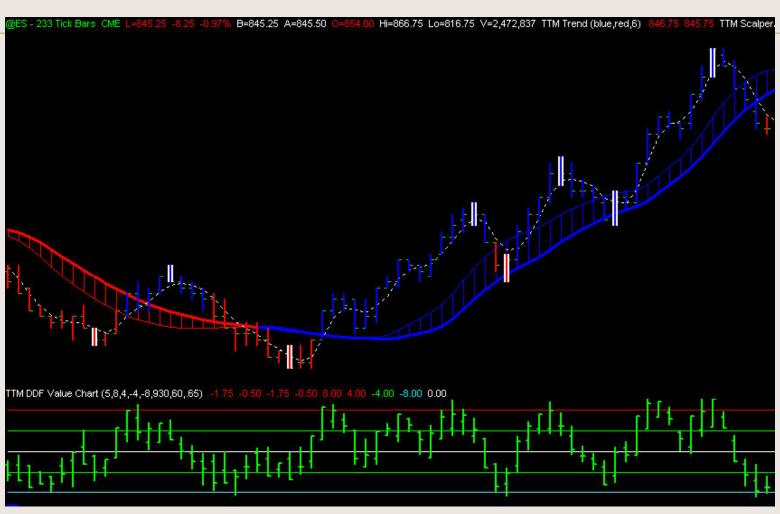


### Sling Shot – 89T TF (Russell)



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### Sling Shot -233T ES (S&P)



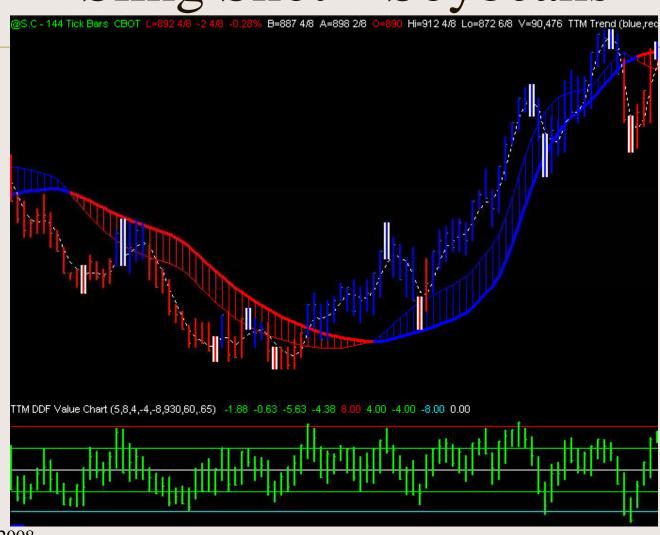
### Sling Shot – 512T ES (S&P)



### Sling Shot – Corn



### Sling Shot – Soybeans



### Sling Shot – Missing a Move



### Sling Shot – Missing a Move



### Sling Shot – Doldrums



### Sling Shot – Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>



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### Summary

- Be PATIENT, wait for Setup => then trigger
- Clearly defined criteria produces consistent results
- Combination of filters that fit YOUR trading style
- Testing results leads to trading with confidence
- NEW TRADERS Do not try to tackle ALL this at ONCE, take it step by step

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