ngscopeclient Operator Manual

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Introduction

ngscopeclient is a high performance, GPU accelerated remote user interface, signal processing, protocol analysis, and automation tool for test and measurement equipment. It runs on all major operating systems and can interoperate with a broad and continuously growing range of T&M products from many vendors.

This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it. There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law.

1.2 Documentation Conventions

Numbers are decimal unless explicitly specified otherwise. Binary or hexadecimal values use SystemVerilog notation, for example 'b10 means the binary value 10 (2) with no length specified, and 8'h41 means the 8-bit hexadecimal value 41 (decimal 65)

When referring to colors, HTML-style #RRGGBB or #RRGGBBAA notation is used. For example #ff0000 means pure red with unspecified alpha (assumed fully opaque) and #ff000080 means pure red with 50% opacity.

Printf-style format codes are used when describing output of protocol decodes. For example, "%02x" means data is formatted as hexadecimal bytes with leading zeroes.

Items to be selected from a menu are displayed in `monospace font`.

Multilevel menu paths are separated by a / character. For example, `Attenuation / 1x` means to open the `Attenuation` submenu and select the `1x` item.

If there are multiple options for a menu or configuration option, they are displayed in square brackets and separated by a | character. For example, `Move waveform to / Waveform Group [1|2]` means to select either `Waveform Group 1` or `Waveform Group 2` from the `Move waveform to` menu.

This project is under active development and is not anywhere near feature complete! As a result, this document is likely to refer to active bug or feature request tickets on the GitHub issue trackers. Issues are referenced as repository:ticket, for example scopehal-apps:3.

1.3 Key Concepts

1.3.1 User Interface

Most UI elements can be interacted with by left clicking (select), left dragging (move), using the scroll wheel (zoom), double clicking (open properties dialog), or right clicking (context menu).

Hovering the mouse over a main window UI element displays a series of icons in the status bar explaining how to interact with the element in question.

Hovering some UI elements, or a (?) help marker in a dialog box, displays a tooltip with additional information such as the full name of an object, metadata about a waveform, etc.

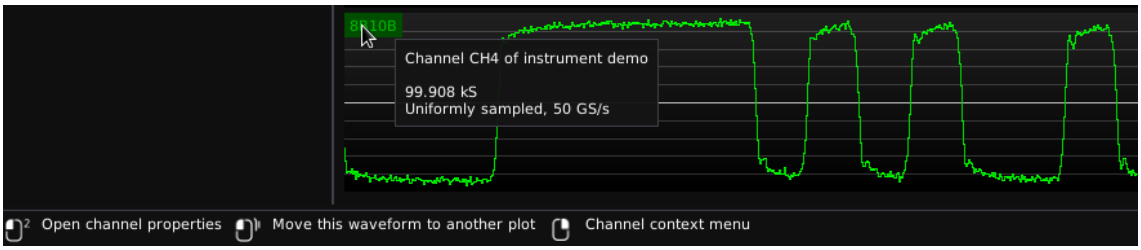

Figure 1.1: Tooltip and help message in status bar

Most text fields allow SI prefixes for scaling values (mV, μs, GHz, etc). Lowercase 'u' is interpreted as "micro", equivalent to the Greek letter μ. The unit is automatically added if not specified, for example typing "2.4G" in a frequency input field will be interpreted as meaning 2.4 GHz.

1.3.2 Design Philosophy

Users familiar with conventional benchtop oscilloscopes will notice some important distinctions between ngscopeclient and classical DSO user interfaces. While there is an initial learning curve getting used to the different ways of doing things, these changes allow for greater productivity and more complex analysis.

Legacy DSO user interfaces largely still imitate the front panel controls of analog CRT instruments dating back to the mid 1940s. A single view of each waveform shows the entire acquisition on a grid with a fixed number of divisions (emulating an etched graticule on a CRT) and both time and voltage scales are defined in terms of these divisions. While more recent DSOs do allow math functions, protocol decodes, zooms, and so on, this archaic concept has remained.

In ngscopeclient, the acquisition record length is completely decoupled from the X axis scale of the viewport, and there is no concept of a "zoom" waveform or measuring time in "divisions". Arbitrarily many views of a channel may be created, and each may be scaled and zoomed independently. Acquisition record length and duration are controlled separately, under instrument properties in the stream browser.

Similarly, vertical scale for waveforms is defined in terms of full-scale range, a far more intuitive and useful metric than arbitrary "divisions". While horizontal grid lines are still displayed in waveform views for convenience, their number, spacing, and locations may change. Tall plots will have more scale divisions than short ones, and the divisions are always located at round numbers even if this requires the grid to not be centered in the plot (Fig. 1.2)

Rather than optimizing for a touch screen (as is common for benchtop oscilloscopes), ngscopeclient's UI is heavily mouse driven and context based. Space used by always-visible buttons, sliders, etc is kept to a minimum in order to keep as much screen real estate as possible usable for waveform

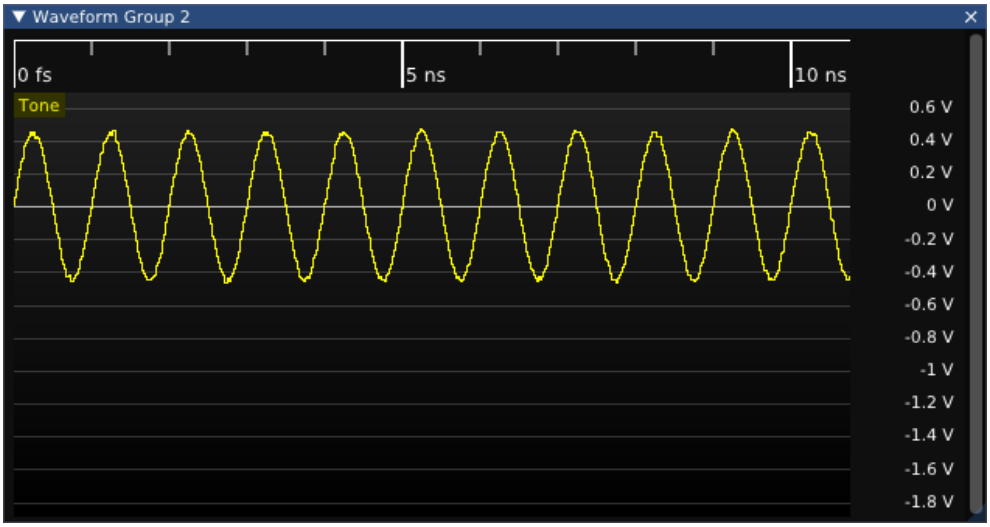

Figure 1.2: Example waveform showing off-center grid and round-numbered grid lines

display. Additional controls are displayed in menus or pop-up dialogs which can be closed, moved out of view, or docked as needed.

1.3.3 Terminology

The overall software package consists of *ngscopeclient* (graphical user interface frontend), *libscopehal* (C++ library for core APIs and instrument drivers), and *libscopeprotocols* (filter graph blocks). End users will normally use ngscopeclient, however it is possible to interface with libscopehal and libscopeprotocols directly from C++ code for writing low level test automation tools or even a fully custom application-specific user interface.

Data consists of two fundamental types: *scalars* and *waveforms*. A scalar is a single numeric value with an associated unit, for example "500 mV". A waveform is a sequence of *samples* plotted against another quantity, for example voltage versus time for an oscilloscope waveform or amplitude versus frequency for a spectrum analyzer waveform.

Samples may be of arbitrary type (analog value, digital bit, SPI bus event, etc.), but all samples in a single waveform must be of the same data type. Waveforms may be either *uniform* (sampled at constant rate with no gaps between samples) or *sparse* (sampled at arbitrary intervals, possibly with gaps between samples).

An *instrument* is a physical piece of hardware [1] which can be remote controlled and interacted with. The connection between ngscopeclient and an instrument is provided by a *transport*, such as a USBTMC interface, a GPIB data stream, or a TCP socket. A *driver* is a software component, either supplied as part of the libscopehal core or a third party plugin, which controls an instrument.

Each instrument has one or more[2] *channels*. A channel corresponds to a single logical "piece" of an instrument and may consist of one or more physical connectors: a typical oscilloscope channel has a single BNC input while a typical power supply output has two banana jacks.

Each channel may provide features associated with one or more instrument *types*, and not all channels on an instrument are guaranteed to be the same type(s). For example, an oscilloscope may consist of several channels providing both waveform acquisition (oscilloscope) and scalar acquisition (multimeter) capabilities, one channel providing only trigger input capability, and one channel

[1] Or a simulated mock-up of one, such as the "demo" oscilloscope driver used for testing
[2] Zero channels is legal in the API, however such an instrument would be of little practical use!

providing function generator output capability.

All channels, triggers, and math / protocol decode blocks are considered *nodes* within the *filter graph*. The filter graph is a directed acyclic graph (a set of nodes and connections between them, with no loops permitted) connecting all of the various data inputs and outputs of the experimental setup together.

Each node may have zero or more *inputs*, of either scalar or waveform type, and zero or more output *streams*. A stream is a data source which may or may not have an associated scalar or waveform value; for example a math block with missing inputs or an instrument which has not yet triggered do not have a meaningful value. A typical oscilloscope channel might have one waveform output stream, while a typical power supply channel might have two scalar output streams for measured current and voltage. A sink block for writing a waveform to a CSV file would have one input for each column in the generated file.

Instrument hardware limitations or the particular math/decode block's design will impose various restrictions on legal connections in the filter graph. For example, a trigger can normally only accept signals from hardware input channels on the same instrument. An FFT filter can only accept uniformly sampled analog waveforms. A UART protocol decode can only accept digital waveforms, so analog waveforms must be converted to digital by a thresholding filter before they can be decoded.

1.4 Stability Notes

The v0.x series of ngscopeclient and libscopehal is under active development. There is no expectation of API or ABI stability for the backend libraries; method signatures and memory layouts may change at any time.

The .scopesession file format is intended to be strictly upward compatibile; any potential crashes or parsing errors when opening older datasets in a newer version are due to bugs and should be reported as such.

There is no expectation of downward compatibility (sessions from a newer ngscopeclient version are very likely to not work in older versions).

Note that filters may occasionally change port or parameter configurations during refactoring, which may require some manual reconfiguration of older sessions in order to work properly.

1.5 Revision History

- May 26, 2026: [in progress] Initial draft

Chapter 2

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Chapter 3

Getting Started

3.1 Host System Requirements

The majority of development is performed on Linux operating systems (primarily Debian) so this is the most well tested platform, however Windows and Mac OS are also supported.

Any 64-bit Intel or AMD processor, or Apple Silicon Mac, should be able to run ngscopeclient. If AVX2 and/or AVX512F support is present ngscopeclient will use special optimized versions of some signal processing functions, however neither instruction set is required. Other (non Apple Silicon) ARM64 platforms may work if a compatible GPU is available, but have not been tested. We don't actively test on 32-bit platforms due to the significant RAM requirements, but we won't stop you from trying and would love to hear if you get it working.

A mouse with scroll wheel, or touchpad with scroll gesture support, is mandatory to enable full use of the UI. We may explore alternative input methods for some UI elements in the future.

Any GPU with Vulkan support should be able to run ngscopeclient, however Vulkan 1.2 will deliver better performance. The minimum supported GPUs are:

- NVIDIA: Maxwell architecture (GeForce GTX 700 series and newer, February 2014)
- AMD: GCN based (Radeon HD 7000 and newer, January 2012)
- Intel: Iris Plus 540 or HD Graphics 520 (Skylake, August 2015)
- Apple: all Apple Silicon devices (M1 and newer). Newer Intel devices with Metal support should work but have not been tested.

Note that many virtual machine graphics stacks (e.g. VMWare) do not provide Vulkan unless a PCIe passthrough GPU is being used.

The minimum RAM requirement to launch ngscopeclient is relatively small; however, actual memory consumption is heavily dependent on workload and can easily reach into the tens of gigabytes when doing complex analysis on many channels with deep history.

Typical RAM consumption examples:

- Default configuration with demo scope (4 channels 100K points, 10 waveforms of history, no analysis): 250 MB
- 4M point live streaming with 10 waveforms of history, eye pattern, 8B/10B decode, and jitter histogram: 650 MB

- Single 512M point waveform, no analysis or history: 2.1 GB
- 512M point P/N channel waveforms with CDR and eye pattern, no history: 8.3 GB

Large amounts of GPU RAM are required for working with deep waveforms, especially if you intend to perform complex analysis on them. Analog waveforms are stored in 32-bit floating point format internally, so a single 256 megapoint waveform will consume 1GB of GPU memory. Intermediate results in multi-step filter pipelines require GPU memory as well, even if not displayed.

The maximum supported waveform size depends on your Vulkan implementation but is typically 2^32 bytes (4 GB). This translates to one gigapoint analog or four gigapoints digital.

3.2 Instrument Support

ngscopeclient uses the libscopehal library to communicate with instruments, so any libscopehal-compatible hardware should work with ngscopeclient. See the Oscilloscope Drivers section for more details on which hardware is supported and how to configure specific drivers.

3.3 Installation

3.3.1 Official Releases

Prebuilt binary packages are available for some of our supported platforms.

The latest released binaries can be downloaded from GitHub at https://github.com/ngscopeclient/scopehal-apps/releases.

3.3.2 Development Builds

If you are feeling adventurous and want to try bleeding-edge code, or are testing a fix at a developer's request, packages for a limited set of platforms (currently Ubuntu 20.04, 22.04, 24.04, Arch, Fedora, Debian oldstable, Debian stable, MacOS, and Windows) are automatically built each commit as part of the GitHub CI pipeline. Unlike release packages, CI builds are not signed so you may encounter security warnings on some platforms when installing them.

To access development packages, log into GitHub (sorry, development binaries are not available to anonymous users - this is on GitHub's end and not under our control) and go to https://github.com/ngscopeclient/scopehal-apps/actions. Select build-ubuntu or build-windows as appropriate, click the commit you wish to test, and download the appropriate .msi, .rpm, .dmg, or .deb package.

3.4 Compilation

ngscopeclient can be compiled on Linux, macOS, and Windows. While the compilation process is generally similar, various steps differ among platform and distro.

3.4.1 Linux

1. Install dependencies.

Debian

Basic requirements:

```
sudo apt-get install build-essential git cmake pkgconf libgtk-3-dev libsigc++-2.0-\
dev libyaml-cpp-dev catch2 libglfw3-dev curl xzip libhidapi-dev lsb-release dpkg-\
dev file
```

On Debian bookworm and later, you can use system-provided Vulkan packages. Skip this if you choose to use the upstream Vulkan SDK instead:

```
sudo apt-get install libvulkan-dev glslang-dev glslang-tools spirv-tools glslc
```

To build the LXI component (needed if you have LXI- or VXI-11-based instruments):

```
sudo apt install liblxi-dev libtirpc-dev
```

To build the documentation, you will also need LaTeX packages:

```
sudo apt install texlive texlive-fonts-extra texlive-extra-utils
```

Ubuntu

Basic requirements:

```
sudo apt install build-essential git cmake pkgconf libgtk-3-dev libsigc++-2.0-dev \
libyaml-cpp-dev catch2 libglfw3-dev curl xzip libhidapi-dev lsb-release
```

On Ubuntu 22.10 and earlier (including 20.04 and 22.04), you will need to use the Vulkan SDK. Instructions for installing this are in a later step. On Ubuntu 23.04 and later, you can instead use system-provided Vulkan packages:

```
sudo apt-get install libvulkan-dev glslang-dev glslang-tools spirv-tools glslc
```

To build the LXI component (needed if you have LXI- or VXI-11-based instruments):

```
sudo apt install liblxi-dev libtirpc-dev
```

To build the documentation, you will also need LaTeX packages:

```
sudo apt install texlive texlive-fonts-extra texlive-extra-utils
```

Fedora

Basic requirements:

```
sudo dnf install git gcc g++ cmake make pkgconf gtk3-devel libsigc++30-devel yaml-\
cpp-devel catch-devel glfw-devel hidapi-devel lsb-release
```

System-provided Vulkan packages. Skip these if you choose to use the Vulkan SDK instead:

```
sudo dnf install vulkan-headers vulkan-loader-devel glslang-devel glslc libshaderc-\
devel spirv-tools-devel
```

To build the LXI component (needed if you have LXI- or VXI-11-based instruments):

```
sudo dnf install liblxi-devel libtirpc-devel
```

To build the documentation, you will also need LaTeX packages:

```
sudo dnf install texlive texlive-tex4ht texlive-dvipng texlive-make4ht texlive-\
luaxml texlive-makecell texlive-tocloft texlive-inconsolata texlive-gensymb texlive\
-newtx texlive-upquote
```

Alpine Linux

As Alpine Linux uses musl libc, you will need to use system-provided Vulkan packages, and not the Vulkan SDK.

```
apk add git gcc g++ cmake make pkgconf gtk+3.0-dev libsigc++-dev yaml-cpp-dev \
catch2-3 vulkan-loader-dev glslang-dev glslang-static glfw-dev shaderc-dev spirv-\
tools-dev libhidapi-dev lsb-release-minimal
```

If you are using an older stable release (such as CentOS 7), you may need to install some dependencies from source.

2. Install Vulkan SDK:

   In many cases, you can install the SDK components from distro-provided repositories, which is covered above. When possible, this is preferred over installing the Vulkan SDK. If you choose not to, or are running a Linux distro that does not provide these packages (for instance, Debian Bullseye, Ubuntu versions prior to 23.04, or other stable distros), the following instructions cover installing and loading the Vulkan SDK.

   The latest tested SDK at the time of documentation update is version 1.3.275.0. Newer SDKs are supported, but breaking changes sometimes take place. If you are using a newer SDK and run into problems, please file a bug report.

   Alternatively, to use the tarball packaged SDK, download and unpack the tarball. You can manually download the SDK, or do the following:

```
cd ~
mkdir VulkanSDK
cd VulkanSDK
curl -LO 'https://vulkan.lunarg.com/sdk/download/1.3.275.0/linux/vulkansdk-linux-\
x86_64-1.3.275.0.tar.xz'
tar xfv vulkansdk-linux-x86_64-1.3.275.0.tar.xz
```

   And then source the ‘setup-env.sh‘ file:

```
source "$HOME/VulkanSDK/1.3.275.0/setup-env.sh"
```

   When using the tarball-packaged SDK, you will need to source the ‘setup-env.sh‘ file any time you want to compile or run ngscopeclient. For convenience, you can add this to your ‘.bash_profile‘ or equivalent:

```
echo "source \"$HOME/VulkanSDK/1.3.275.0/setup-env.sh\"" >> ~/.bash_profile
```

3. Build scopehal and scopehal-apps:

```
cd ~
git clone --recursive https://github.com/ngscopeclient/scopehal-apps.git
cd scopehal-apps
mkdir build
cd build
cmake .. -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release -DBUILD_TESTING=OFF
make -j4
```

3.4.2 macOS

1. Install dependencies.

   You will need Xcode (either from the App Store or the Apple developer site); after installing, run it once for it to install system components. This provides gcc, g++, make, and similar required packages.

With Homebrew (brew.sh):

2. Basic requirements:

```
brew install pkg-config libsigc++ glfw cmake yaml-cpp catch2 libomp hidapi libpng
```

3. Vulkan SDK components (skip if using the Vulkan SDK):

```
brew install vulkan-headers vulkan-loader glslang shaderc spirv-tools molten-vk
```

4. Alternatively, install the Vulkan SDK:

   Download and install the Vulkan SDK.. The latest tested SDK at the time of documentation update is version 1.3.275.0. Newer SDKs are supported, but breaking changes sometimes take place. If you are using a newer SDK and run into problems, please file a bug report.

   And then source the 'setup-env.sh' file:

```
source "$HOME/VulkanSDK/1.3.275.0/setup-env.sh"
```

   When using the SDK, you will need to source the 'setup-env.sh' file any time you want to compile or run ngscopeclient. For convenience, you can add this to your '.zprofile' or equivalent:

```
echo "source \"$HOME/VulkanSDK/1.3.275.0/setup-env.sh\"" >> ~/.zprofile
```

5. Build scopehal and scopehal-apps:

```
cd ~
git clone --recursive https://github.com/ngscopeclient/scopehal-apps.git
cd scopehal-apps
mkdir build
cd build
cmake .. -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release -DCMAKE_PREFIX_PATH="$(brew --prefix);$(brew --\
prefix)/opt/libomp"
make -j4
```

3.4.3 Windows

On Windows, we make use of the MSYS2 development environment, which gives us access to the MingGW-w64 toolchain. Since this toolchain allows ngscopeclient to be compiled as a native Windows application, the project might be run outside of MSYS2.

Building from source

1. Download and install MSYS2. You can download it from msys2.org or github.com/msys2/msys2-installer/releases

   The following steps can be done in any MSYS-provided shell.

2. Install git and the toolchain:

```
pacman -S git wget mingw-w64-ucrt-x86_64-cmake mingw-w64-ucrt-x86_64-toolchain
```

3. Install general dependencies:

```
pacman -S mingw-w64-ucrt-x86_64-libsigc++ mingw-w64-ucrt-x86_64-yaml-cpp mingw-w64-\
ucrt-x86_64-glfw mingw-w64-ucrt-x86_64-catch mingw-w64-ucrt-x86_64-hidapi mingw-w64\
-ucrt-x86_64-libpng
```

4. Install Vulkan dependencies:

```
pacman -S mingw-w64-ucrt-x86_64-vulkan-headers mingw-w64-ucrt-x86_64-vulkan-loader \
mingw-w64-ucrt-x86_64-shaderc mingw-w64-ucrt-x86_64-glslang mingw-w64-ucrt-x86_64-\
spirv-tools
```

5. Install FFTW (required for a few unit tests):

```
pacman -S mingw-w64-ucrt-x86_64-fftw
```

6. Check out the code

```
cd ~
git clone --recursive https://github.com/ngscopeclient/scopehal-apps
```

   All following steps are to be done in a UCRT64 shell.

7. Build manually:

```
cd scopehal-apps
mkdir build
cd build
cmake ..
ninja -j4
```

8. Optional, to build MSI installer:

   Download and install WiX Toolset.
   You can download it from https://github.com/wixtoolset/wix3/releases
   If you install it to the path `"C:\Program Files (x86)\WiX Toolset v3.14"` run the following cmake command instead of `cmake ..` mentioned earlier:

```
cmake .. -DWIXPATH="C:\Program Files (x86)\WiX Toolset v3.14\bin"
```

   `ninja` compilation will now generate the installer after binaries.

9. Run scopehal and scopehal-apps:

   Building scopehal and scopehal-apps with MSYS2 will install required dependencies in MSYS2's libpath, so locally compiled builds of ngscopeclient have to be launched from a MSYS2 shell (use MSI installer to generate a standalone package including these libraries).

   The binaries can be found in the build directory, such as ngscopeclient in $HOME/scopehal-apps/build/src/ngscopeclient.

   Use the following commands to run ngscopeclient:

```
cd src/ngscopeclient/
./ngscopeclient.exe
```

   Or with some debug options:

```
./ngscopeclient.exe --debug --trace SCPISocketTransport
```

3.5 Running ngscopeclient

When running ngscopeclient with no arguments, an empty session (Fig. 3.1) is created. To perform useful work, you can:

- Open a saved session and reconnect to the instruments (`File | Open Online`)

- Open a saved session without reconnecting to the instruments (`File | Open Offline`)
- Open a recently used session (`File | Recent Files`)
- Import waveforms from a third party file format(`Add | Import`)
- Connect to an instrument (`Add | Oscilloscope`, `Add | Multimeter`, etc.)
- Generate a synthetic waveform (`Add | Generate`)

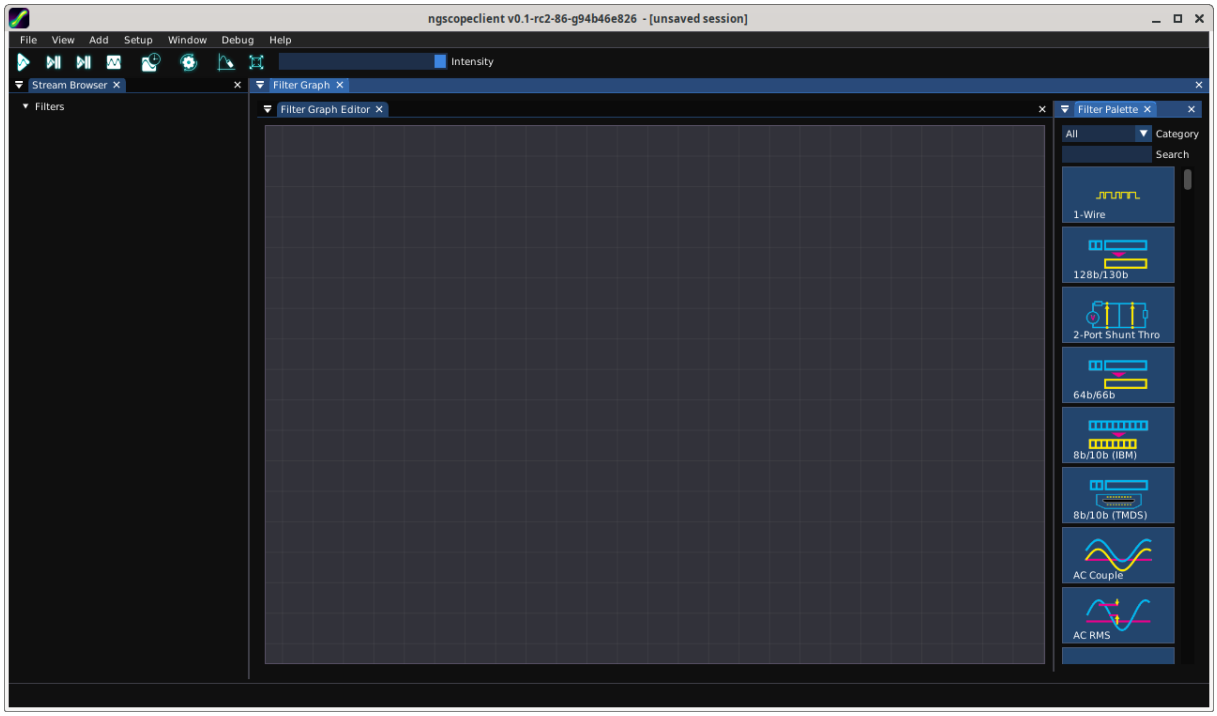

Figure 3.1: Empty ngscopeclient session

3.5.1 General arguments

- `--version`
  Print the application version and exit.
- `--help`, `-h`
  Print a brief description of the available command line arguments and exit.
- `--maximize`, `-m`
  Maximize ngscopeclient window on startup (overrides "Window startup mode" preference).
- `--restore`, `-r`
  Restore previous ngscopeclient window size and position (overrides "Window startup mode" preference).
- `Session files`
  If you wish to resume a prior session, pass the path to a session file saved from the graphical interface as the sole non-option argument.

  The file name must end in .scopesession.

- `Instrument connection strings`
  When starting a new session, you may provide one or more instrument connection strings as arguments, which will be added to the session.

  Connection strings are not accepted when resuming an existing session.

3.5.2 Console verbosity arguments

ngscopeclient takes standard liblogtools arguments for controlling console debug verbosity.

If no verbosity level is specified, the default is "notice" (3). (We suggest using `--debug` for routine use until the v1.0 release to aid in troubleshooting.)

- `--debug`
  Sets the verbosity level to "debug" (5).
- `-l [file]`, `--logfile [file]`
  Writes a copy of all log messages to `file`. This is preferred over simply redirecting output with pipes, as console escape sequences are stripped from the file log output.
- `-L [file]`, `--logfile-lines [file]`
  Same as `--logfile` except line buffering is turned on.
- `-q`, `--quiet`
  Reduces the verbosity level by one. Can be specified more than once to lower verbosity by several steps.
- `--trace [class]`, `--trace [class::function]`
  Enables extra debug output from the class `class` or the function `class::function`. Has no effect unless `--debug` is also specified.
- `--stdout-only`
  Sends all logging output to stdout. By default, error (level 1) and warning (level 2) messages go to stderr.
- `--verbose`
  Sets the verbosity level to "verbose" (4).

Chapter 4

Tutorials

This section contains step-by-step examples to help you familiar yourself with the basics of using ngscopeclient.

Many of them can be done offline using the built-in demo oscilloscope or saved example waveform datasets - no lab access required!

4.1 The Basics

- **Lab requirements:** None, can be performed offline
- **Learning goals:** Navigating the ngscopeclient UI and performing common operations

4.1.1 Connecting to an Oscilloscope

We need to be connected to an instrument to do much of anything useful. Let's use the built-in demo scope for that.

1. Start with a new, empty ngscopeclient session
2. Select `Add / Oscilloscope / Connect...` from the top menu.
3. Select the "demo" driver and "null" transport. Leave the path blank, since the demo scope doesn't need any connection information.
4. Give the demo scope a nickname of your choice. This will be used to disambiguate scope channels and properties dialogs if you have more than one instrument connected, as well as to let you reconnect to the instrument quickly in the future.
5. Click the "add" button. You should be presented with an oscilloscope view showing four empty channels stacked on top of each other.

Figure 4.1: Connection dialog

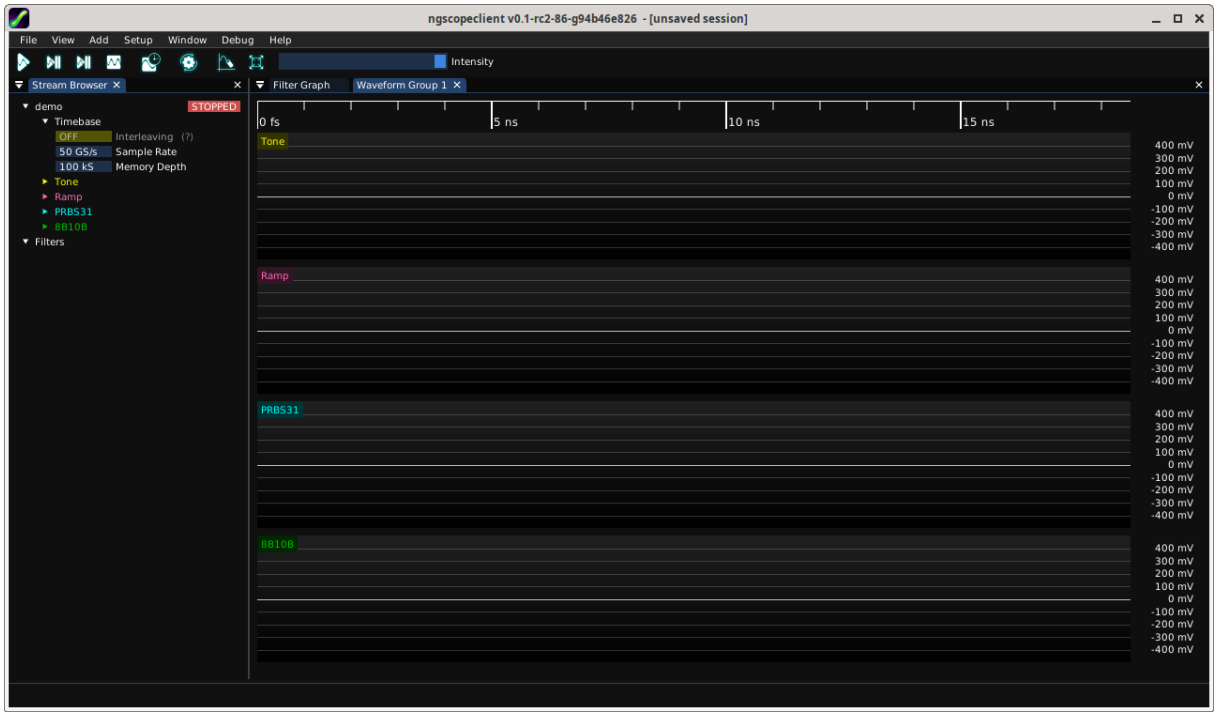

Figure 4.2: Application window after connecting to demo scope

4.1.2 Acquiring Waveforms

Looks pretty boring! Let's grab some waveforms so we have something to look at.

Note: The current demo scope is a simplistic instrument that doesn't implement realistic trigger semantics, so most of the usual trigger settings you might expect from real scopes (adjusting trigger level, horizontal position, selecting type of edge or condition) aren't available. It will always trigger immediately when armed and return waveforms at the same horizontal position.

1. Press the "single trigger" button (second from left on the toolbar). You should see waveforms appear in each channel.
2. Press the "normal trigger" button (leftmost on the toolbar). You should see the waveform display begin updating live.
3. Press the "stop" button (fourth from left on the toolbar) to stop acquiring waveforms.

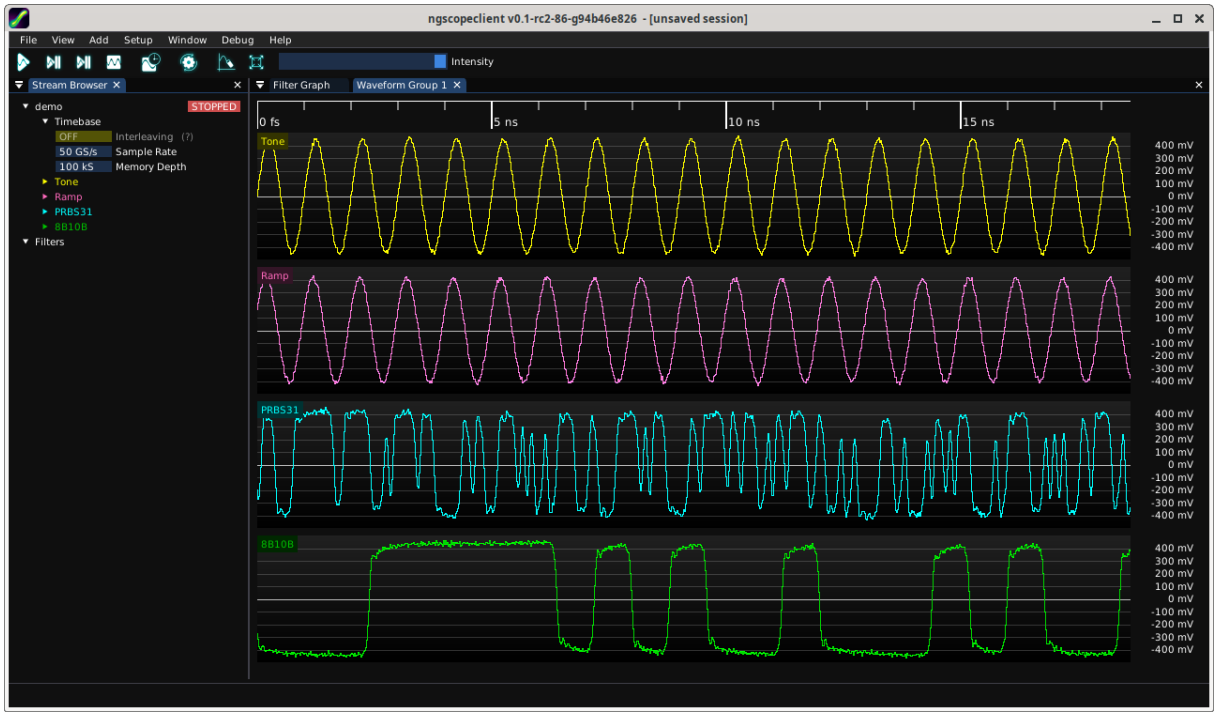

Figure 4.3: Our first waveforms

4.1.3 Navigating the Y Axis

All of the waveforms in the demo scope are centered around zero volts and just the right amplitude to fill the view. But in real life we're usually not that lucky. Let's try moving one of the waveforms around.

1. Move the mouse over the Y axis at the right side of one of the plots.
2. Click and drag with the left button to move the waveform vertically (adjusting frontend offset).
3. Scroll with the mouse wheel to scale the waveform vertically (adjusting frontend gain).

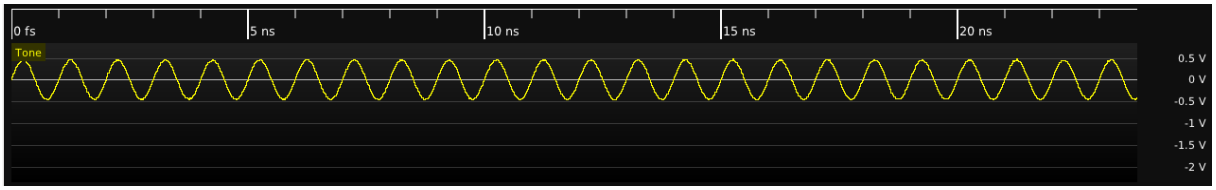

Figure 4.4: Demo channel after making some gain and offset tweaks

4.1.4 Navigating the X Axis

The timebase in ngscopeclient is decoupled from the viewport, so you can zoom and pan arbitrarily in the X axis without changing timebase settings.

Although we've only been looking at a 25*ns* wide window of the waveform so far, the default settings for the demo scope are 100K points at 50 Gsps (2μs record length). Let's explore the rest of the waveform.

(a) Move the mouse over the main plot area and scroll with the mouse wheel to zoom in or out, centering at the mouse cursor position.

(b) Move the mouse over the timeline at the top of the viewport and drag with the left button to move the waveform side to side without changing zoom.

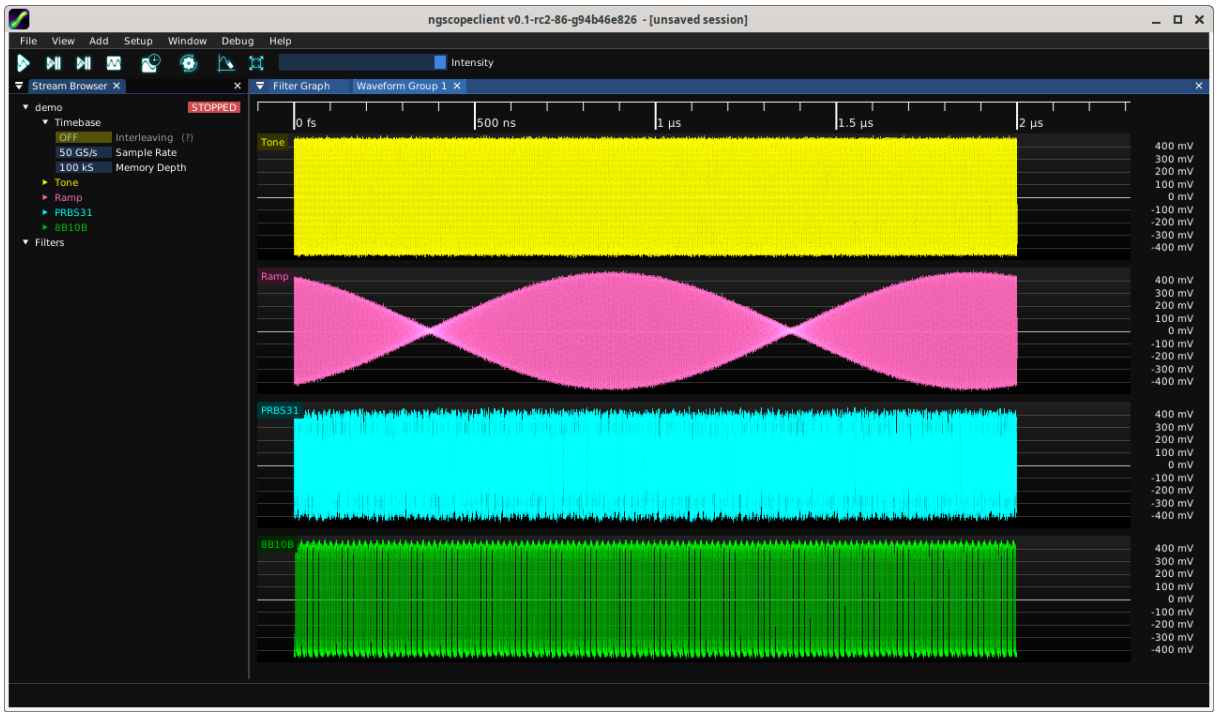

Figure 4.5: Demo session after zooming out to show entire waveform

Chapter 5

Main Window

The only fixed UI elements in ngscopeclient are the main menu and toolbar at the top of the window. All remaining space may be filled with waveform plots, properties dialogs, protocol analyzers, and other dockable windows as required for a given experimental setup. This flexibility allows almost the entire screen to be dedicated to waveform views, or more space allocated to controls and protocol decodes.

5.1 Menu

5.1.1 File

This menu contains commands for saving and loading session files.

- `Open Online...`
  Loads a session file and reconnects to the instrument(s) to continue existing work. Settings from the saved session will be applied and overwrite the current channel and timebase configuration of the instrument, if different.
- `Open Offline...`
  Loads a session file in offline mode, allowing you to work with saved waveform data without connecting to the instrument(s) the data was captured from.
- `Recent Files`
  Displays a list of recently accessed session files and allows them to be opened online or offline.
- `Save`
  Saves UI configuration and waveform data (including history) to a session file for future use.

  A session consists of a YAML file called *filename*.scopesession containing instrument and UI configuration, as well as a directory called *filename*_data which contains waveform metadata and sample values for all enabled instrument channels, including history.

  Note that both the .scopesession and the _data directory must be copied if moving the session to a new location in order to preserve waveform data. If you only wish to restore the filter graph and UI configuration without waveform content, the _data directory is not required.
- `Save As...`
  Saves the session to a new file, rather than the current one.
- `Close`
  Close the current session without exiting ngscopeclient.

- `Quit`
  Exits the application

5.1.2 View

- `Fullscreen`
  Toggles full-screen mode
- `Persistence Setup`
  Opens the Persistence Setup dialog, allowing you to control the decay coefficient for persistence maps.

5.1.3 Add

This menu allows new waveforms views or instrument connections to be created.

- `BERT`
  Connect to a new, or recently used, bit error rate tester
- `Function Generator`
  Connect to a new, or recently used, function generator
- `Load`
  Connect to a new, or recently used, electronic load
- `Misc`
  Connect to a new, or recently used, miscellaneous instrument
- `Multimeter`
  Connect to a new, or recently used, multimeter
- `Oscilloscope`
  Connect to a new, or recently used, oscilloscope
- `Power Supply`
  Connect to a new, or recently used, power supply
- `RF Generator`
  Connect to a new, or recently used, RF signal generator
- `SDR`
  Connect to a new, or recently used, software-defined radio
- `Spectrometer`
  Connect to a new, or recently used, optical spectrometer
- `VNA`
  Connect to a new, or recently used, vector network analyzer
- `Channels`
  Displays a list of filters and instrument channels which can be opened in a new waveform view
- `Generate`
  Allows synthetic waveforms to be generated for testing, simulation, and channel design applications
- `Import`
  Allows waveforms to be loaded from external data files in various interchange formats

5.1.4 Setup

- `Manage Instruments...`
  Opens the Manage Instruments dialog, which allows control over synchronization, deskewing, and cross-triggering of multiple instruments.
- `Timebase...`
  Opens the Timebase Properties dialog, allowing sample rate and memory depth of each connected instrument to be adjusted.
- `Trigger...`
  Opens the Trigger dialog, allowing configuration of trigger settings.
- `Preferences...`
  Opens the Preferences dialog.

5.1.5 Window

This menu provides access to various utility windows.

- `Analyzer`
  Opens protocol analyzer dialogs for active protocol decodes
- `Power Supply`
  Opens the properties dialog for a currently connected power supply
- `Lab Notes`
  Opens the Lab Notes dialog, allowing you to take notes on your experiment.
- `Log Viewer`
  Opens the Log Viewer dialog,, allowing you to see debug log messages generated by the application. This is the same log stream which is normally written to stdout, but this dialog allows it to be accessed even when the application was not launched from a shell session and stdout is thus inaccessible.
- `Measurements`
  Opens the Measurements window, displaying scalar-valued measurements coming from instrument channels or filter blocks.
- `Performance Metrics`
  Opens the Performance Metrics window, which provides access to debug information which can be helpful when debugging slow application performance, optimizing the code, or benchmarking instruments.
- `History`
  Opens the History dialog (see Chapter 10), which allows access to a rolling buffer of recently acquired waveforms.
- `Filter Graph`
  Reopens the filter graph editor if it had been closed.
- `Stream Browser`
  Reopens the stream browser if it had been closed.
- `Filter Palette`
  Reopens the filter palette if it had been closed.

- `New Workspace`
  Create a new workspace to organize other windows in.

5.1.6 Debug

Provides access to GUI toolkit test dialogs and other features intended only for developers.

- `SCPI Console`
  Opens a console window allowing you to send raw SCPI commands to a currently connected instrument.

  This is a low level debug tool primarily intended for use by driver developers. The console is interlocked with background threads polling the instrument, so that replies to commands typed in the console will not be mixed with replies which the instrument driver is expecting to its own commands. However, commands sent in the console will bypass any caching in the driver and can easily lead to the driver and instrument firmware states becoming mutually inconsistent.

- `ImGui Demo`

  Launches a GUI library demo window allowing you to test out various widgets and features

- `Memory Leaker`

  Allows you to allocate a large block of memory (up to 4GB per dialog instance, but multiple dialogs may be spawned) in order to induce video or system memory pressure.

5.1.7 Help

About: Displays program version and copyright information

Chapter 6

Dialogs

6.1 Lab Notes

The Lab Notes dialog allows you to take notes on your experimental setup. It contains two tabs: “setup notes" and "general notes".

The contents of the Setup Notes tab are displayed on the Speed Bump dialog when loading a session file. The General Notes are only displayed within the Lab Notes dialog and are intended purely as a place for recording interesting observations made during the experiment.

Minimal Markdown syntax (headings and bullets) is currently supported.[1]

Lab notes are saved as Markdown files in the data directory for the session and can be opened in any text editor or Markdown viewer. Note that they are overwritten each time the session is saved, so you should not modify them using an external tool while the session is open in ngscopeclient or your changes may be lost.

[1] Images and links are supported by the Markdown renderer library but the integration to properly use them is not yet finished; tables are not supported but this will likely be added in the future.

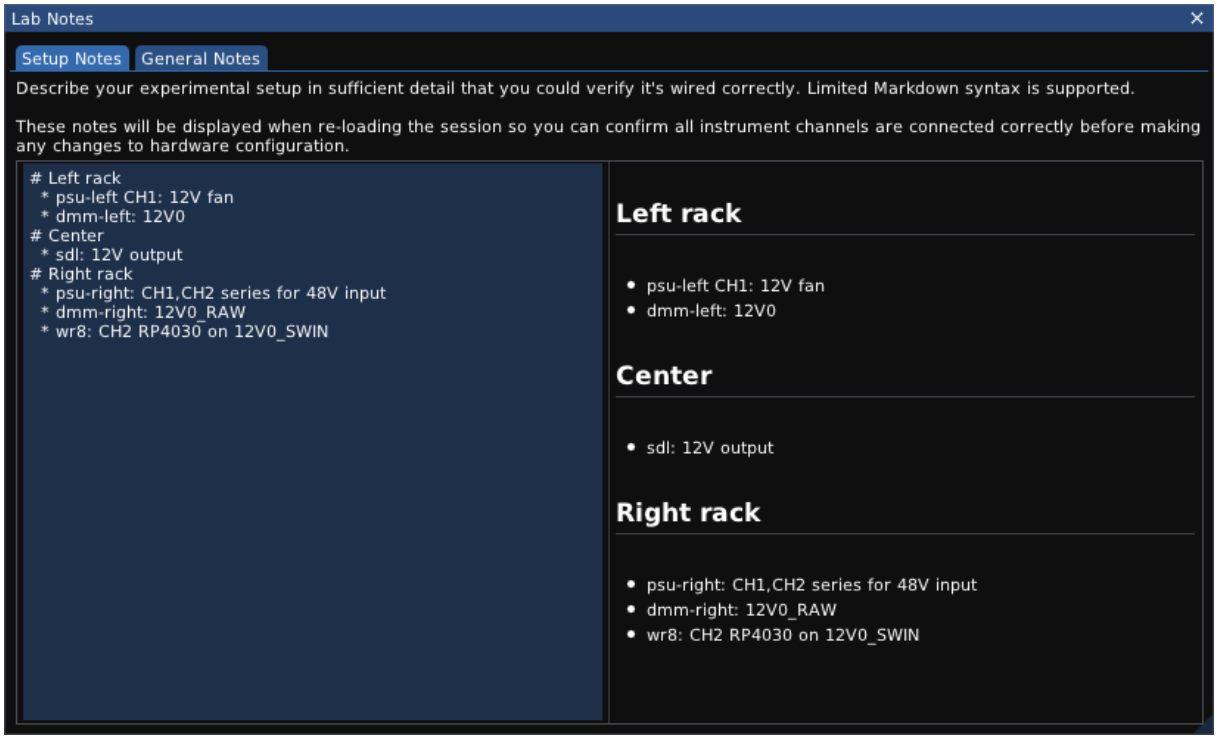

Figure 6.1: Lab notes dialog

6.2 Log Viewer

The Log Viewer dialog provides an alternate way to view log messages sent to stdout / stderr, which may be useful for debugging if the application was launched from a desktop icon or similar and there is no access to the console.

It can be found under the `Window | Log Viewer` menu.

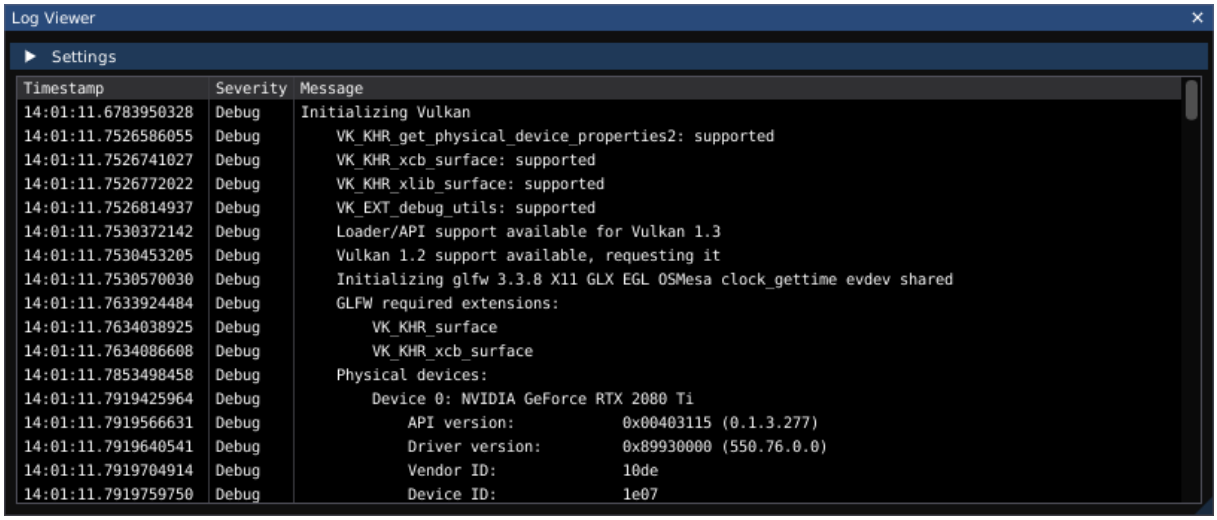

Figure 6.2: Log Viewer dialog

Expanding the “settings" panel allows log messages to be filtered to show more or less detail.

Additionally, if “trace" verbosity is selected, you can type class and/or function names using the

`classname`, `classname::function`, or `::globalfunction` syntax in order to enable high-verbosity messages printed via `LogTrace()`.

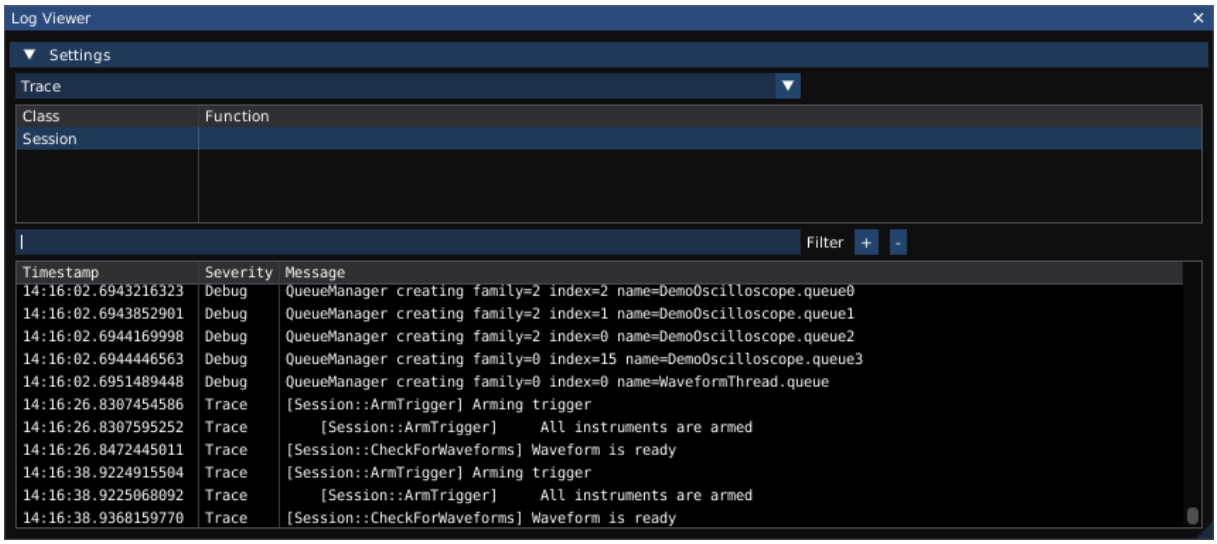

Figure 6.3: Log Viewer dialog with tracing active

6.3 Performance Metrics

The Performance Metrics dialog displays statistics on performance of rendering, waveform acquisition, and signal processing. This data is primarily intended for developers comparing before/after performance of optimizations and code changes.

It can be found under the `Window | Performance Metrics` menu.

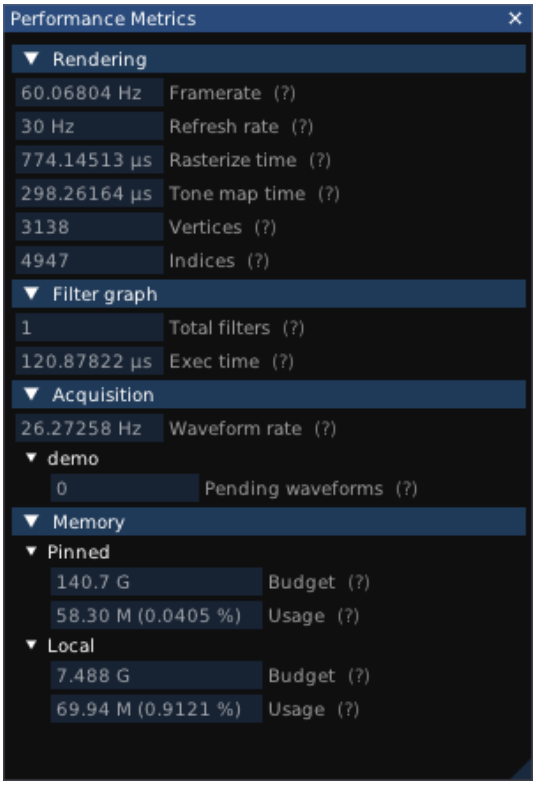

Figure 6.4: Performance Metrics dialog

6.3.1 Rendering

Displays render loop framerate, monitor refresh rate, total time spent last frame in the rasterization and tone mapping shaders, and the number of vertices and indices drawn as Vulkan geometry. Note that waveforms are drawn by a compute shader and do not contribute towards the vertex/index totals, other than a single textured rectangle used for displaying the shader output.

6.3.2 Filter graph

Number of filter blocks in the current graph, and run time for the most recent evaluation of the filter graph.

6.3.3 Acquisition

Displays the acquisition rate, in waveforms per second. This data is collected using a rather simple mechanism and may not be usefully accurate if multiple trigger groups are in use.

Additionally, this section displays the number of pending waveforms for each instrument (waveforms which have been acquired but not yet passed to the filter graph). This number should normally be flickering between zero and one if acquisition is active and zero otherwise; larger values indicate that the instrument is supplying data faster than ngscopeclient can process it.

6.3.4 Memory

Displays the total amount of available pinned memory (CPU-side memory eligible to be shared with the GPU) and local memory (memory attached to the GPU), as well as the amount of each

currently in use.

6.4 Preferences

The Preferences dialog allows you to configure various application settings which are not specific to a particular experimental setup. It can be found under the `Setup | Preferences` menu.

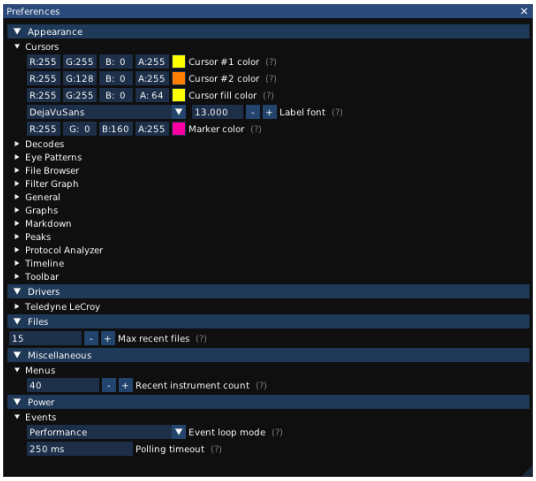

Figure 6.5: Preferences dialog

6.4.1 Appearance

This section allows you to configure fonts, colors, and other display settings for the application.

Stream Browser

Numeric value display

Numeric value display in Stream Browser can take one of the following values:

- *Console font*: use the font defined for console.
- *7 segment*: use 7 segment style display.
- *Default font*: use the application default font.

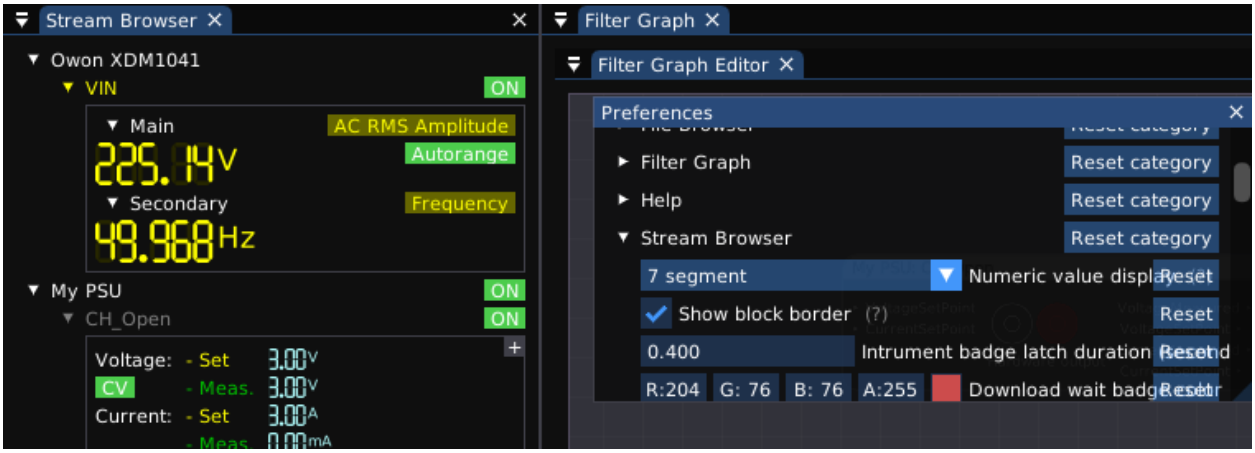

Figure 6.6: 7 Segment

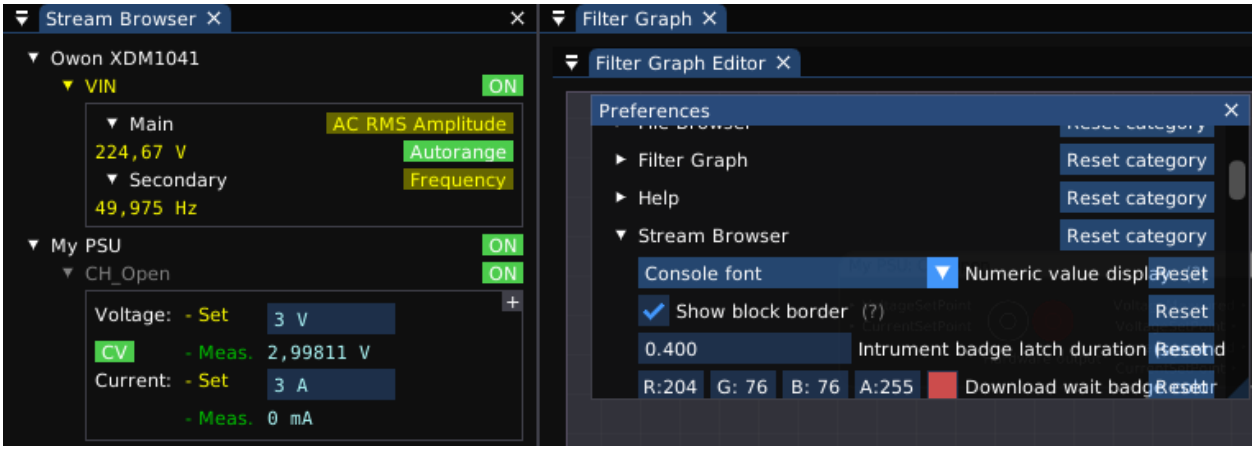

Figure 6.7: Console font

Show block border

When ticked, adds a visual border around stream browser blocks (e.g. channel properties)

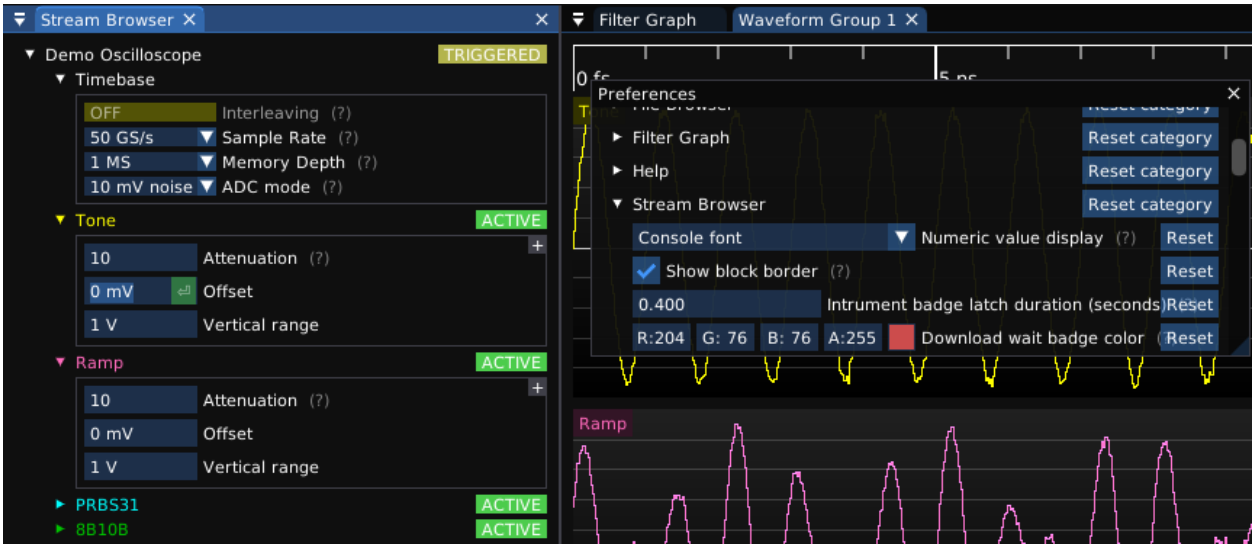

Figure 6.8: With block border

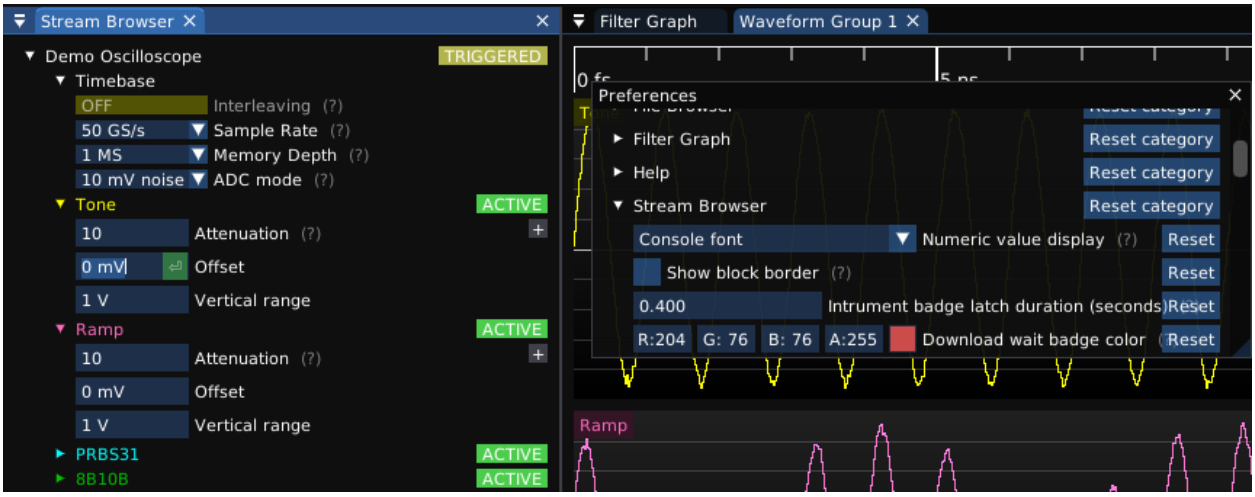

Figure 6.9: Without block border

Windowing

Window startup mode

Window startup mode can be set to one of the following values:

- *Windowed*: the application is started in a fixed 1280x720 window.
- *Maximized*: the window is maximized on the main screen.
- *Last State*: the window is restored at the last position and size.

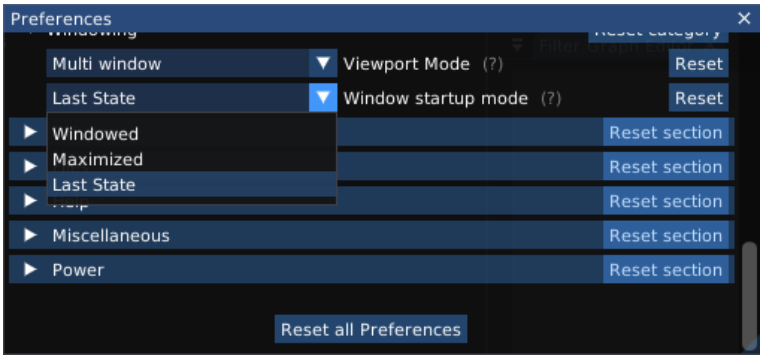

Figure 6.10: 7 Segment

6.4.2 Drivers

This section allows you to configure default configurations for various instrument drivers.

General

- *Headless scope default state*: When connecting to a headless oscilloscope (one without a front panel display), specify the set of channels which should be shown after connecting.

Rigol DHO

- *Data Width* (default auto): Specifies whether to use 8 bit or 16 bit transfer format when downloading samples from the instrument, or automatically decide based on hardware configuration.

Siglent SDS HD

- *Data Width* (default auto): Specifies whether to use 8 bit or 16 bit transfer format when downloading samples from the instrument, or automatically decide based on hardware configuration.

Teledyne LeCroy

- *Force 16 bit mode* (default on): Always use 16-bit format for downloading data from the instrument, even if it only has an 8-bit ADC. This doubles the amount of network bandwidth required and may reduce waveforms-per-second performance, but provides smoother waveforms.

  Note that Teledyne LeCroy scopes perform DSP flatness corrections between the ADC and the data presented via the API, meaning that even if the hardware only has an 8-bit ADC, downloading data with 16-bit precision will result in improved accuracy.

6.4.3 Files

- *Max recent files*: Specify the number of files to display under the `File | Recent Files` menu.

6.4.4 Miscellaneous

Menus

- *Recent instrument count*: Specify the number of recently used instruments to remember

6.4.5 Power

Events

This section provides settings allowing power vs performance tradeoffs. The default settings are appropriate for a desktop or laptop running on AC power; if running on a laptop with battery power you may wish to tune these to extend battery lifespan.

- *Event loop mode*: Controls the operating mode for the main application event loop.
  - In Performance mode, run at the screen refresh rate. This allows for the highest possible waveform processing rate and the smoothest interactivity, but may waste energy if you are spending a lot of time looking at the screen without actively acquiring or processing waveforms.
  - In Power mode, run at a greatly reduced frequency (default 4 Hz but configurable by the Polling Timeout setting) unless a redraw is triggered by mouse movement or keyboard input. This will limit the rate of waveform acquisition and lead to a slightly jerkier user interface, but saves power.
- *Polling timeout*: If the event loop is in Power mode, specifies the timeout before the event loop will run if there is no user input.

6.5 Speed Bump

The Speed Bump dialog is displayed when loading a session file online (reconnecting to and reconfiguring hardware), prior to committing changes to the instrument, if:

- The session file contains any user-created notes on the lab setup, or
- Any of the instrument settings in the session file do not match the current configuration of the corresponding instrument, and the direction of the change has potential to cause damage to the instrument or DUT (increasing output voltage, removing input attenuation, etc).

This is intended as a safeguard to prevent damaging hardware by accidentally loading the wrong session file. It also provides an opportunity to confirm that you have re-created the original experimental setup exactly if you are switching a lab bench between multiple projects and using saved sessions to restore instrument state.

Pressing the Abort button cancels loading of the session without applying any of the potentially dangerous changes. The instruments may be partially reconfigured in this state, as some changes (such as sample rate or memory depth configuration) are always safe to make and thus may have been applied prior to the warning being displayed.

Pressing the Proceed button allows ngscopeclient to proceed with loading the session and reconfiguring hardware. You must check the “I have reviewed the instrument configuration" box in order to enable the Proceed button.

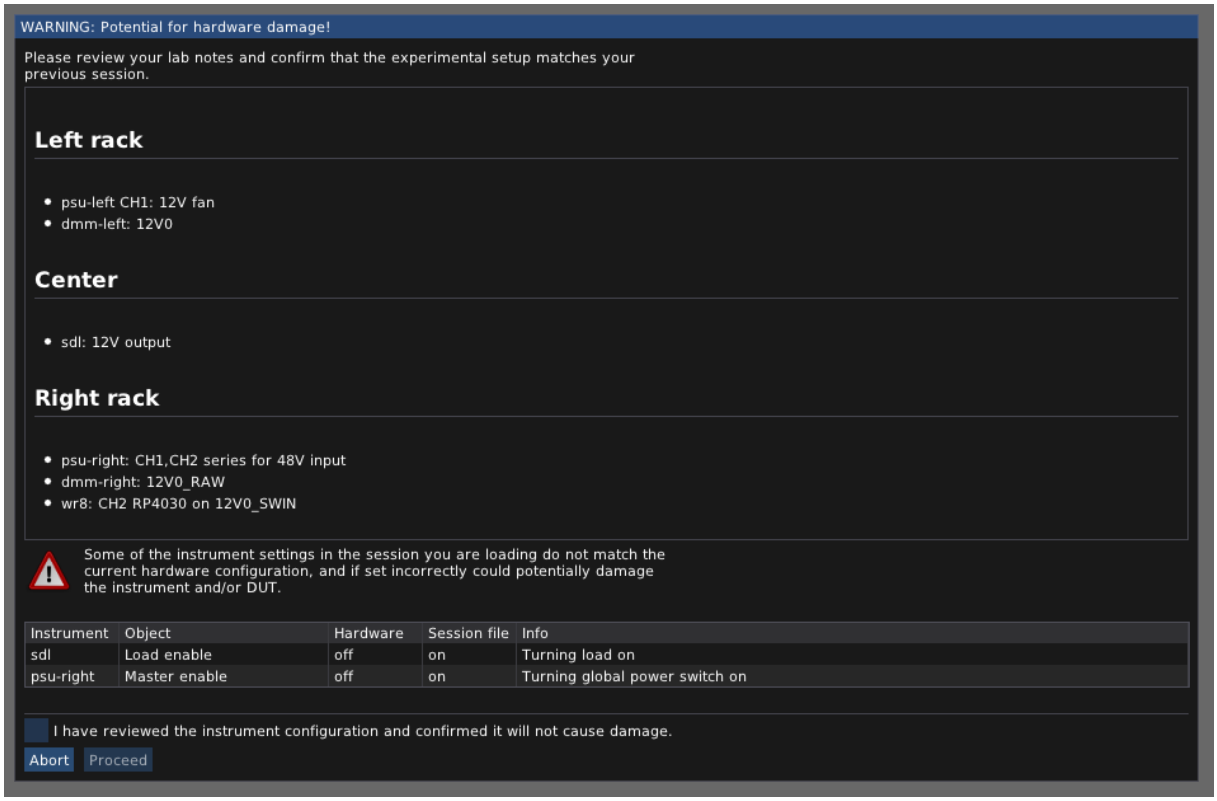

Figure 6.11: Speed Bump dialog

Chapter 7

Workspaces and Window Management

7.1 Window Management and Docking

All dialog boxes, waveform groups, and other GUI elements in ngscopeclient may be used docked or free-floating as needed.

To dock a window, drag the title bar (if floating) or tab title (if docked) to the desired location (Fig. 7.1).

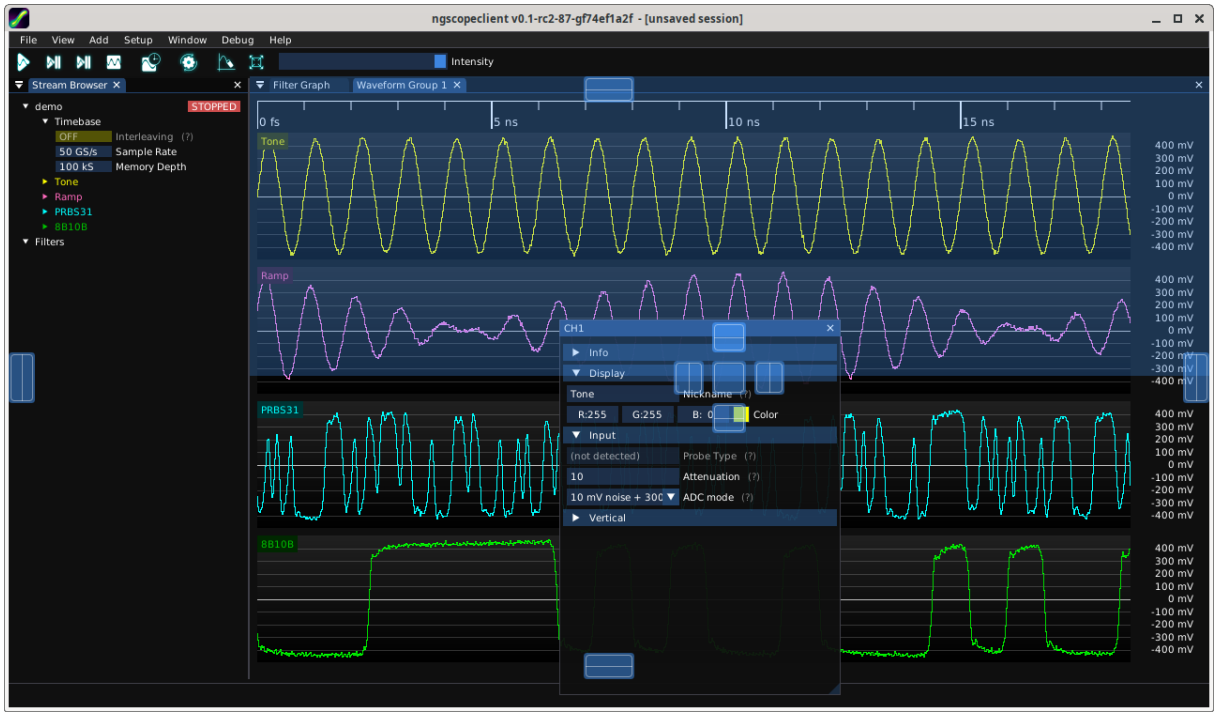

Figure 7.1: Docking a floating window

On MacOS, Linux X11, and Windows you can drag dialogs or waveform areas out of the main ngscopeclient window to create multiple top-level windows. This can be useful for complex experimental setups or on multi-monitor workstations.

NOTE: Multi-window mode is not currently available on Linux Wayland due to GUI toolkit limitations however we hope to support this in the future.

7.2 Workspaces

To create more complex windowing layouts, you may find it helpful to create *workspaces*.

A workspace is a window which has no function of its own, and simply serves as a container for docking other windows into. The workspace can itself be docked into another workspace or the main application window, allowing creation of complex multi-window or multi-tab layouts to suit your experimental needs (Fig. 7.2, 7.3, 7.4).

In the default ngscopeclient window layout, for example, the "Filter Graph" tab is a workspace which contains both the filter graph editor and the filter palette.

To rename a workspace, right click on the window title (if floating) or tab title (if docked) and enter the desired name.

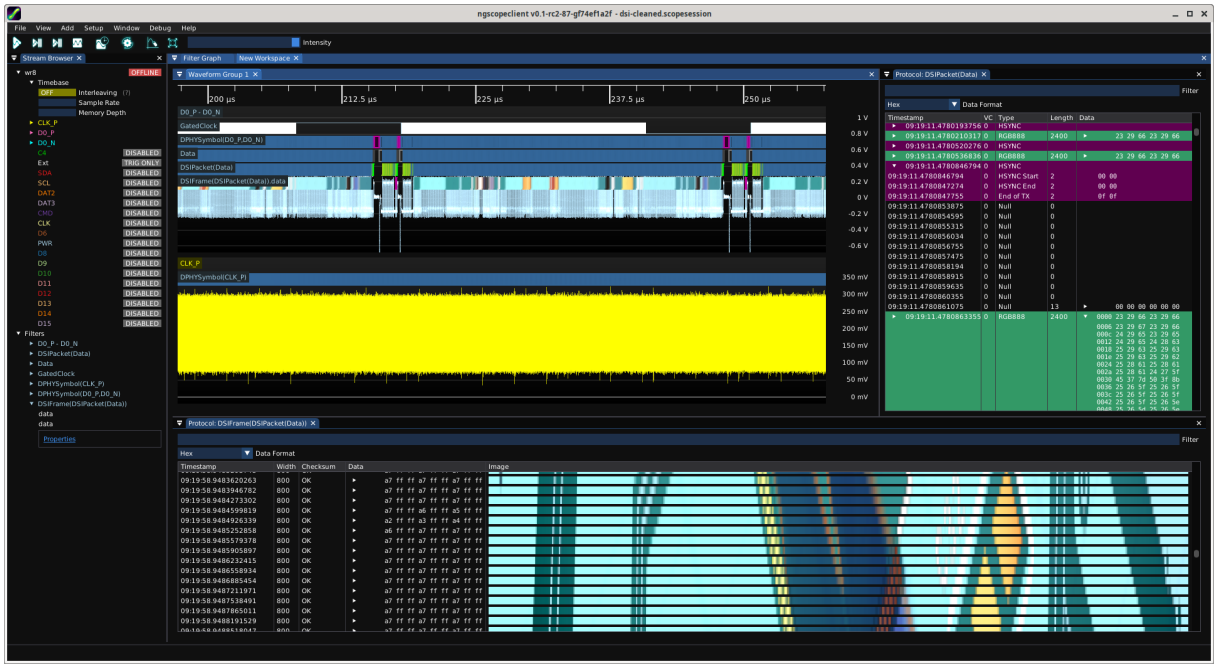

Figure 7.2: A docked workspace containing a waveform group and two protocol analyzer tabs

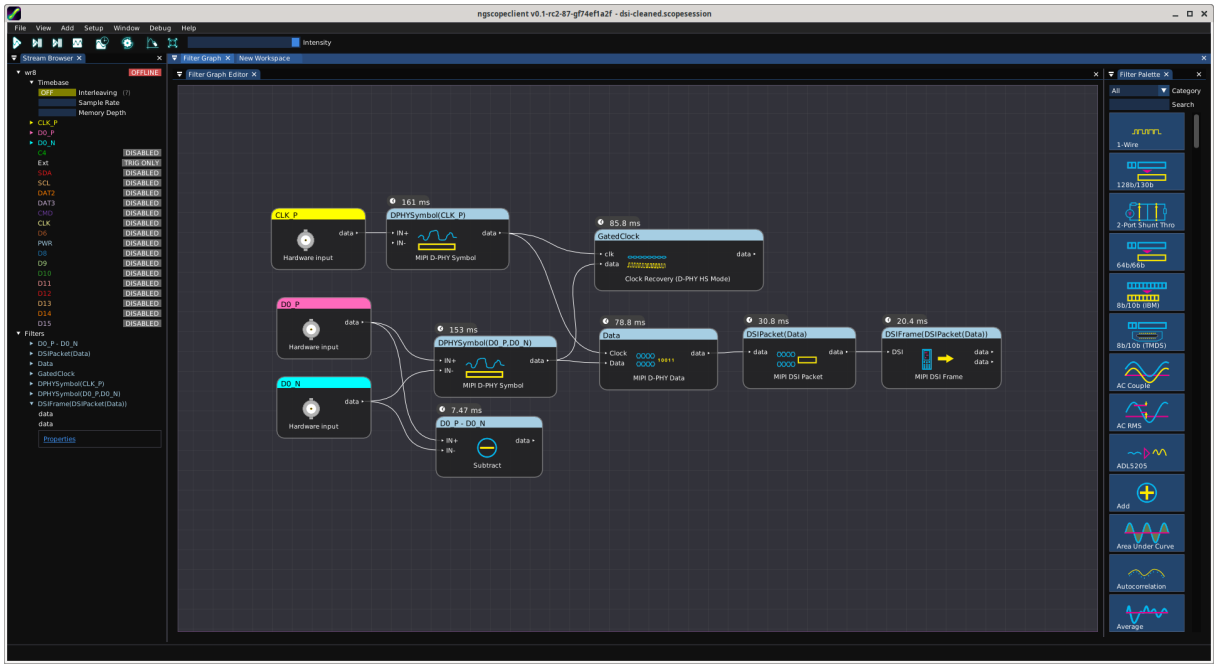

Figure 7.3: Switching from the waveform workspace to the filter graph editor workspace

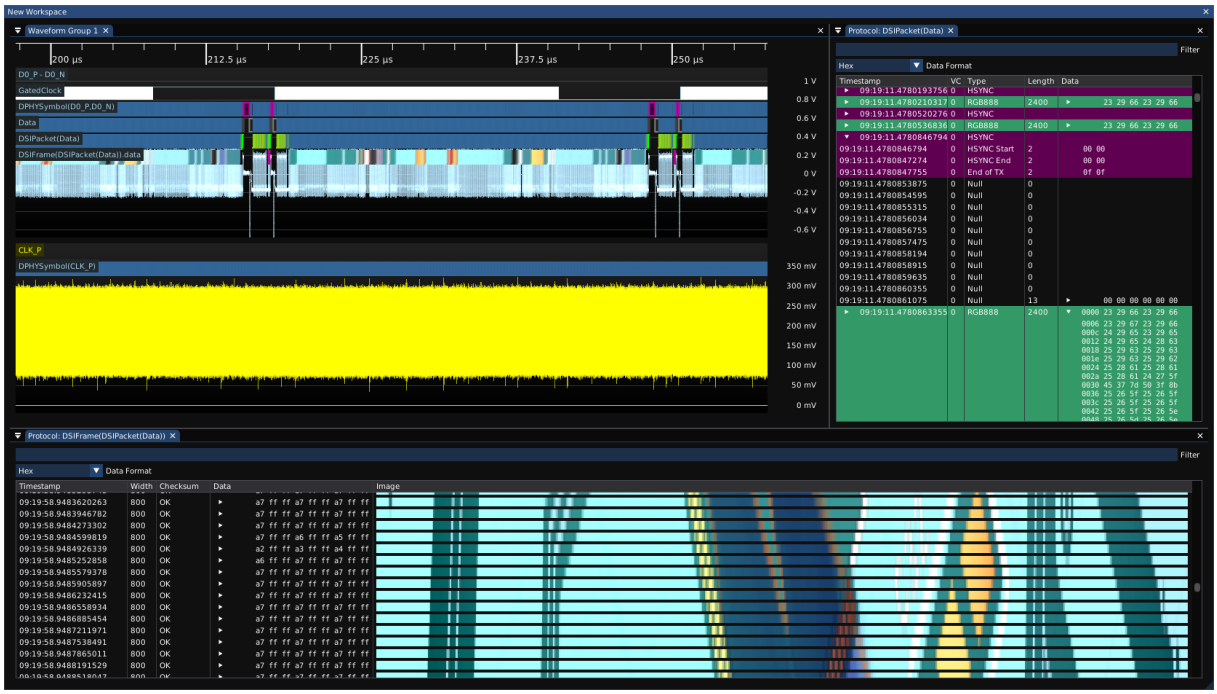

Figure 7.4: Free-floating workspace not docked to the main application window

Chapter 8

Waveform Groups

A waveform group is a collection of one or more waveform views stacked vertically under a common timeline. All waveform views within a group are equally sized and share the same timeline and vertical cursor(s), but may have independent vertical range and offset settings.

When a new oscilloscope is added to an empty ngscopeclient session, all enabled channels on the attached instrument(s) are displayed in a single waveform group (Figure 8.1). If no channels are enabled at connection time, the first channel will be enabled and displayed.

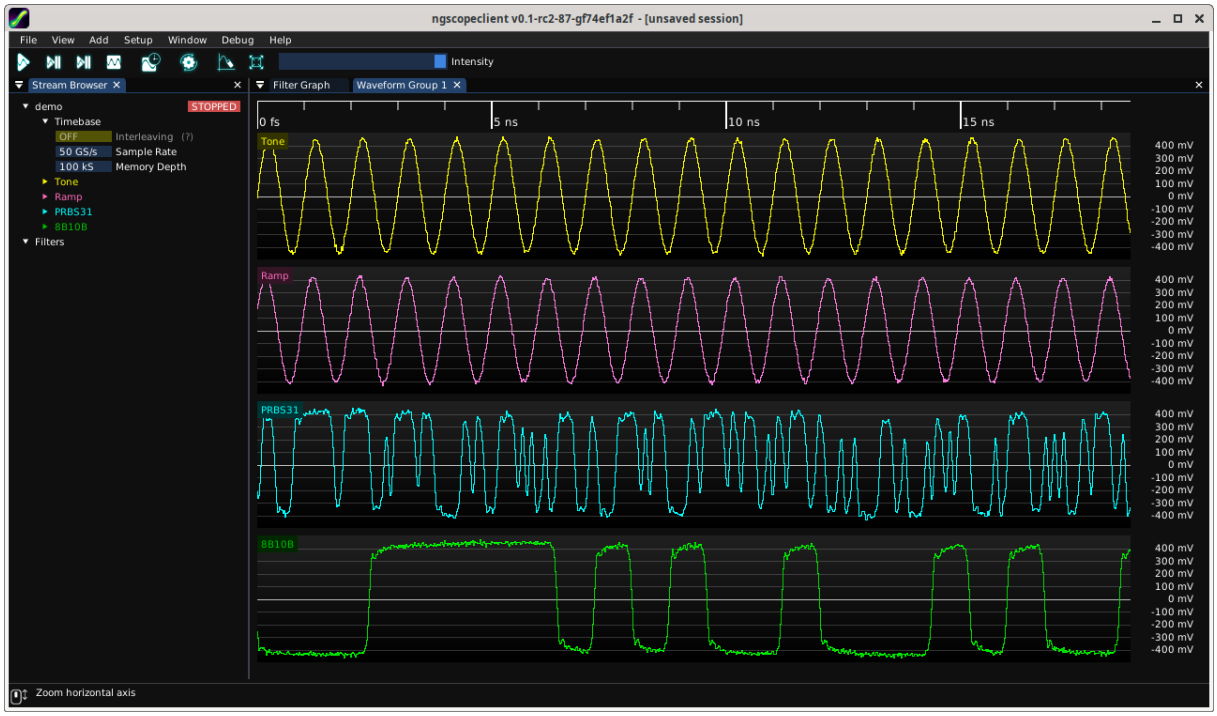

Figure 8.1: Top level ngscopeclient window with a single waveform group

As you add protocol decodes or look at different parts of a waveform, it may be helpful to create additional waveform groups. Typical reasons for creating additional groups include:

- Zooming into one set of signals to see detail on short time scales while maintaining a high level overview of others
- Viewing signals with incompatible horizontal units. For example, a FFT has horizontal units of frequency while an analog waveform has horizontal units of time. Eye patterns also have horizontal units of time, but are always displayed as two UIs wide and cannot be zoomed.

8.1 Managing Groups

New waveform groups are automatically created when adding a channel which is not compatible with any existing group. For example, if your session has a single group containing time-domain waveforms, adding a FFT filter block will result in a new waveform group being created to contain the FFT. Additional frequency-domain waveforms will then be added to this group by default.

A new group may also be created at any time by clicking on a channel name and dragging it to the top, bottom, left, or right edge of an existing group. An overlay (Fig. 8.2) will be displayed showing the resulting split. For example, dropping the channel on the right side of the window produces the layout shown in Fig. 8.3.

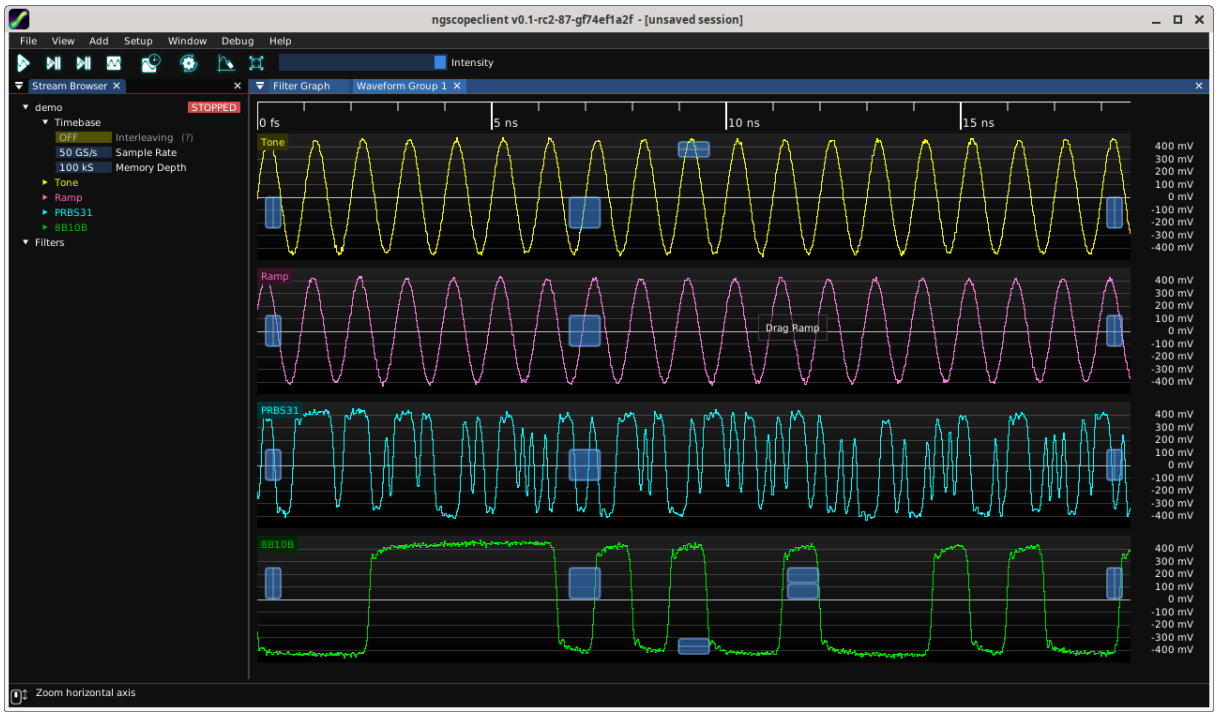

Figure 8.2: Overlays showing drag-and-drop locations for splitting waveform groups

Waveform groups may be resized arbitrarily by dragging the separator between them. The title bar of a group may also be dragged, allowing the entire group to be undocked as a floating window. Floating windows can be re-docked by dragging the title bar back into the main ngscopeclient window (or another floating window), creating new tabs or splitting existing groups as desired (Fig. 8.4).

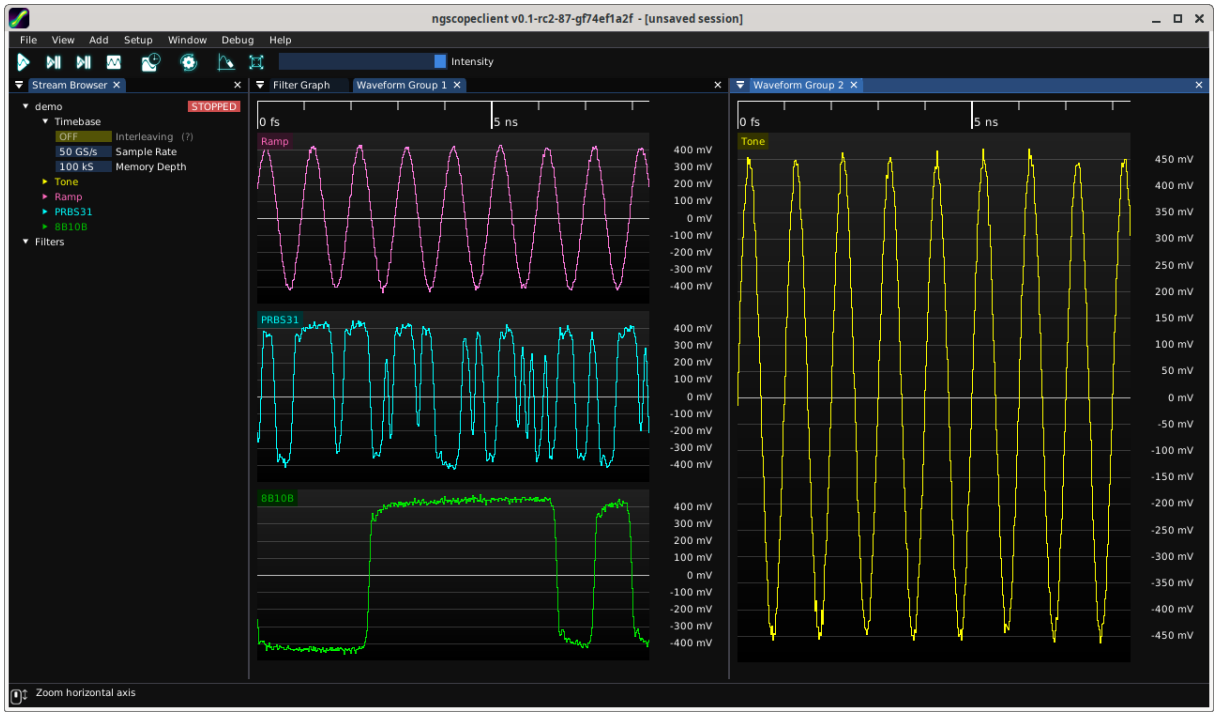

Figure 8.3: Result of dropping a waveform to the right side split area

Figure 8.4: Example of complex window layout with multiple tabs, splitters between docked waveform groups, and a group in a floating window

Chapter 9

Waveform Views

A waveform view is a single 2D plot area within a waveform group.

Arbitrarily many channels of waveform or protocol data may be displayed within a single view, however all analog channels within a single view share the same Y axis unit, gain, and offset. Digital channels and protocol decodes can be overlaid on analog waveforms or displayed in their own dedicated views.

2D density plots, such as eye patterns, spectrograms, and waterfall plots, cannot share a waveform view with any other channel.

9.1 Navigation

Scrolling with the mouse wheel adjusts the horizontal scale of the current waveform group, zooming in or out centered on the position of the mouse cursor.

9.2 Plot Area

The plot area shows the waveform being displayed. The horizontal grid lines line up with the voltage scale markings on the Y axis. If the plot area includes Y=0, the grid line for zero is slightly brighter.

The waveform is drawn as a semi-transparent line so that when zoomed out, the density of voltage at various points in the graph may be seen as lighter or darker areas. This is referred to as “intensity grading".

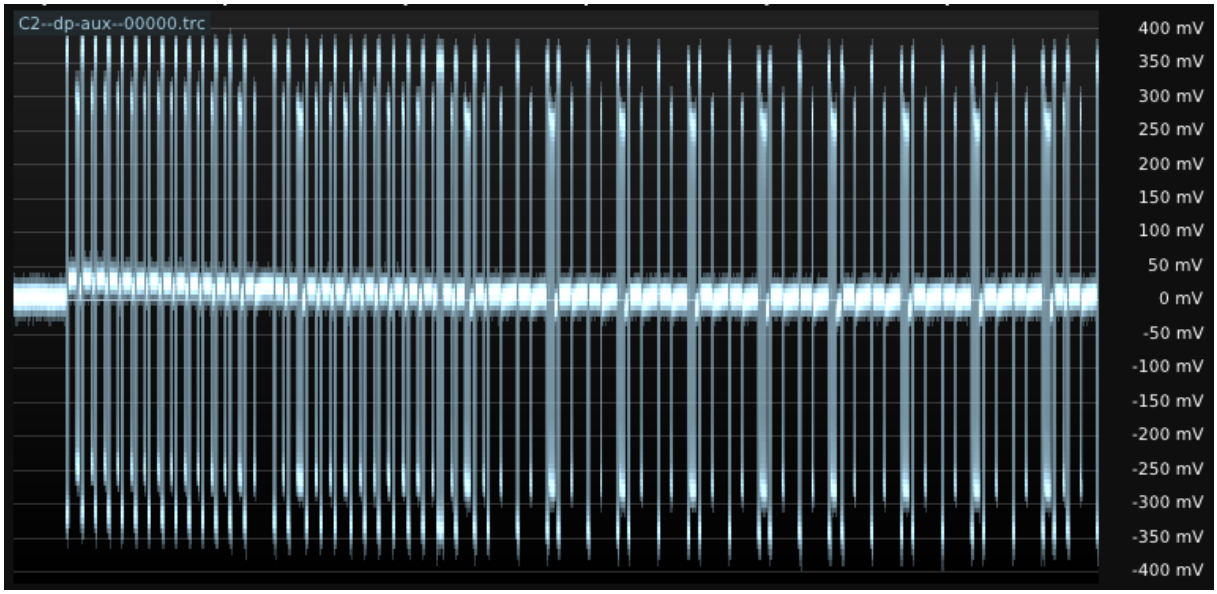

Figure 9.1: Intensity-graded waveform

9.3 Y Axis Scale

Each waveform view has its own Y axis scale, which is locked to the ADC range of the instrument.

Channel gain may be configured by scrolling with the mouse wheel, and offset may be adjusted by dragging the scale with the left mouse button. Pressing the middle mouse button on the Y axis will auto-scale the vertical gain and offset to show the full span of all channels in the view with 5% of vertical margin.

If a left-pointing arrow (as seen in Fig. 9.2) is visible, one of the channels in the view is selected as a trigger source. Click on the arrow and drag up or down to select the trigger level. Some trigger types, such as window triggers, have two arrows for upper and lower levels.

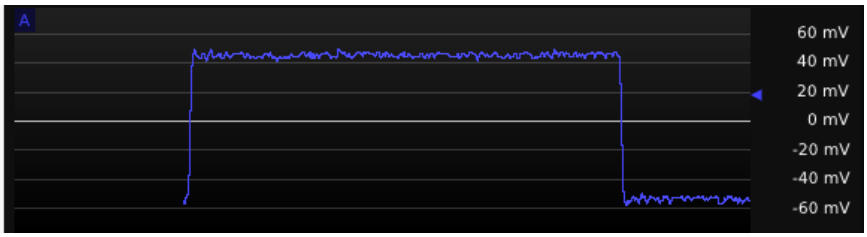

Figure 9.2: Waveform view showing trigger arrow on Y axis

9.4 Channel Label

The top left corner of each waveform view contains a legend with a label for each channel being displayed in the view.

Mousing over the channel name displays a tooltip (Fig. 9.3) with some helpful information about the waveform. The exact information displayed in the tooltip depends on the type of data being displayed, for example analog waveforms display sample rate and record length while eye patterns display the number of integrated UIs.

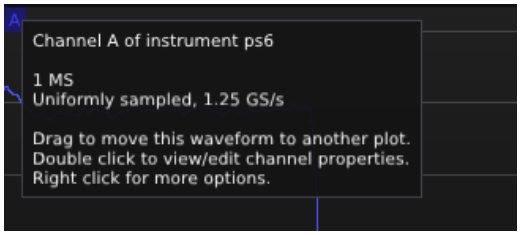

Figure 9.3: Example tooltip on channel label

The label may be dragged with the left mouse button to move the waveform to a different location. Dragging to the left or right edge of a waveform view, or the top or bottom edge of the topmost or bottommost waveform in a group, will split the group. Dragging to the left half of another waveform view, whether in the same group or a different group, moves the channel to that view. Dragging to the right half of the view adds a new view within the same group containing only the dragged waveform.

Double-clicking the label opens the channel properties dialog (Fig. 9.4). As with all dialogs in ngscopeclient, the properties dialog may be left in the default floating state or docked.

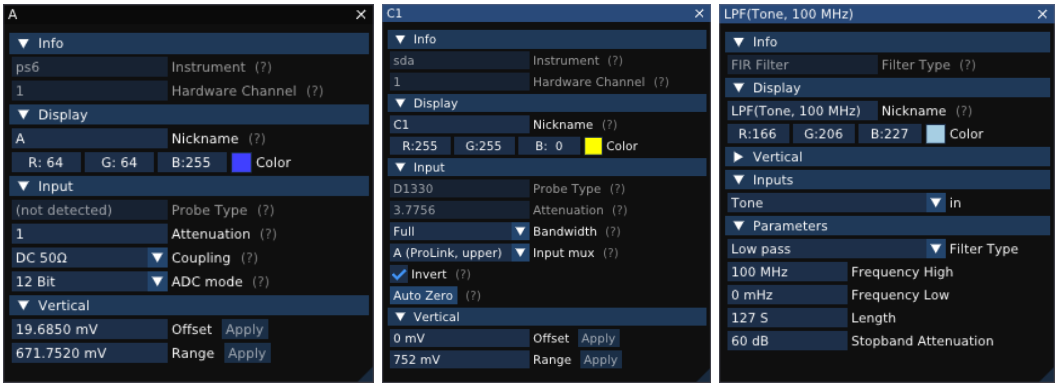

Figure 9.4: Example of properties dialogs for three different channels

The properties dialog will always contain an editable nickname for the channel, a color chooser, and some basic information about the instrument channel or filter block sourcing the data. Additional settings may be available but will vary depending on the type of instrument or filter. In Fig. 9.4, the left dialog shows a direct coaxial input to a Pico PicoScope 6824E, which has variable ADC resolution. The center dialog shows an active differential probe with auto-zero capability, connected to a Teledyne LeCroy SDA816Zi-A which has a mux for selecting between two input connectors for each channel. The right dialog shows a FIR filter with several configurable settings.

Right clicking on the label opens a context menu. The context menu allows setting of persistence mode, deleting the waveform, and creating new filter blocks or protocol decodes with the selected waveform as an input.

9.5 Cursors and Markers

Cursors are movable annotations which can be used to temporarily mark points of interest in a waveform and examine data values. Markers are similar to cursors but intended for long-term marking of specific points in a single acquisition and do not provide readout functionality.

9.5.1 Vertical Cursors

A vertical cursor describes a point in time *relative to the start of the acquisition.* When new waveforms are acquired, the cursor remains at the same offset in the new waveform. When the view is panned horizontally, the cursor scrolls with the waveform and remains at the same point in the waveform.

To add a vertical cursor (Fig. 9.5), right click in the view and select a single or double cursor from the `Cursors | X Axis` menu.

Vertical cursors are attached to a waveform group and will span all views within the group. Multiple groups may have independent vertical cursors active simultaneously.

Figure 9.5: Single vertical cursor

Figure 9.6: Double vertical cursor

To place a single cursor, click on the waveform at the desired location. To place double cursors, click at the starting location to place the first cursor then drag to the ending location and release the mouse to place the second cursor. Once placed, either cursor can be moved by clicking on it and dragging to the new location.

In the timeline each cursor will display its X-axis position. If both cursors are active, the delta between them is shown. If the X axis uses time units, the frequency with period equal to the cursor spacing is also shown.

When a cursor is active, a dockable pop-up dialog appears displaying the value of each waveform in the group at the cursor location. If two cursors are active, both values as well as the difference between them is shown (Fig. 9.6)

9.5.2 Markers

A marker is a named location in *absolute* time intended for marking specific events (such as protocol packets or glitches) which may need to be re-examined in the future. When new waveforms are acquired, the marker remains attached to the same point in the old waveform and will disappear from view until the old waveform is re-loaded from the history window. In Fig. 9.7, two of the three markers are visible while the third is in a different waveform.

Unlike vertical cursors, which are local to a single waveform group, cursors are global and will appear at the same timestamp in all waveform groups. This allows an event of interest to be examined in detail in one view, while a different view provides a global overview of the entire acquisition or examines another event (Fig. 9.8).

Creating a marker automatically pins the active waveform so it will not be removed from history as new data is acquired. The waveform cannot be un-pinned unless all markers are deleted first, or the waveform itself is manually deleted.

Newly created markers will have default numeric names such as M1, M2, etc. This name can be changed from the history window.

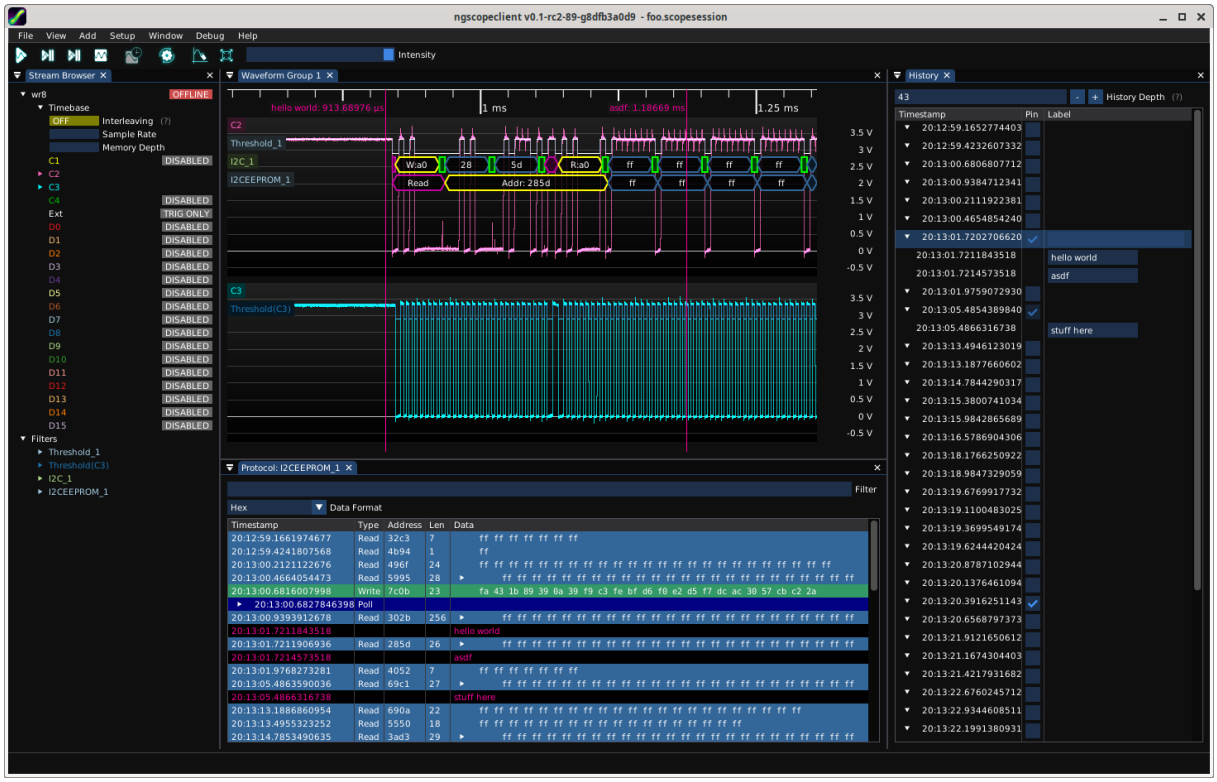

Figure 9.7: Session with three markers, two on the currently displayed waveform and one on a future waveform

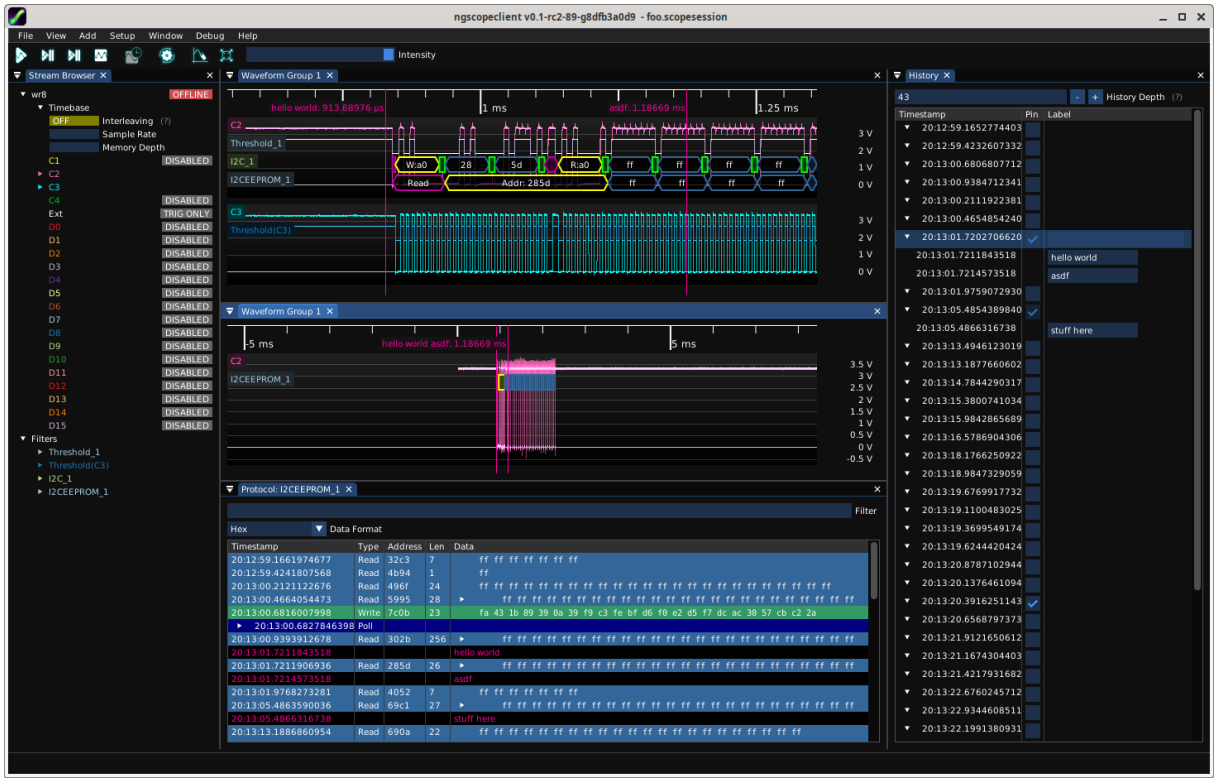

Figure 9.8: A single marker seen at multiple time scales in different views

Chapter 10

History

ngscopeclient saves a rolling buffer of previous waveforms in memory, allowing you to go back in time and see previous state of the system being debugged. This buffer is included in saved sessions, allowing a full snapshot of system behavior to be loaded for future analysis. History is always captured up to the configured depth, regardless of whether the history view window is displayed or not.

Clicking on a timestamp in the history view (Fig. 10.1) pauses acquisition and loads the historical waveform data for analysis.

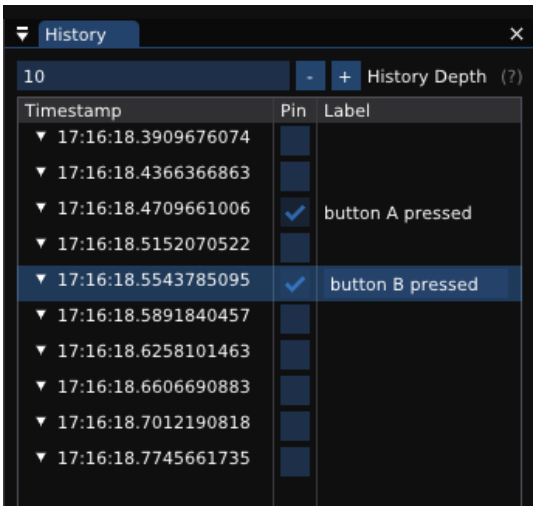

Figure 10.1: Waveform history view

Hovering the mouse over a row in the history view (Fig. 10.2) displays a tooltip with the full date and time of the acquisition, as well as some information about which instruments and channels had data in the capture (if some channels were enabled or disabled during the lab session, the set of active channels may have changed throughout history).

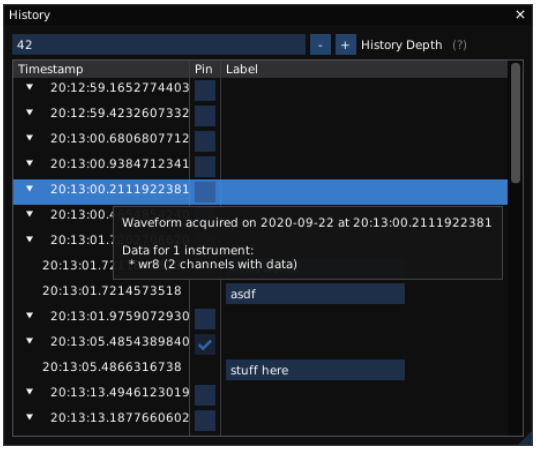

Figure 10.2: Tooltip on waveform history entry

The history depth defaults to 10 waveforms, but can be set arbitrarily within the limits of available RAM. All history must fit in system RAM in the current software version; spilling to disk is planned for the future (scopehal-apps:311). Older waveforms beyond the history limit are deleted automatically as new waveforms are acquired. Any single waveform in history may also be deleted by right clicking on the line and selecting “delete" from the menu.

10.1 Pinning

Interesting waveforms may be “pinned" in the history by checking the box in the “pin" column of the history view. Pinned waveforms are retained in the history buffer even when new waveforms arrive; only unpinned waveforms are eligible for automatic deletion to make space for incoming data.

If a waveform contains markers (9.5.2), it is automatically pinned and cannot be unpinned unless the marker (or entire waveform) is manually deleted. This prevents accidental loss of an important waveform: if the event was important enough to mark and name, it is probably worth keeping around.

10.2 Labeling

Arbitrary text names may be assigned to a waveform by clicking the corresponding cell in the “label" column. As with waveforms containing markers, waveforms with a label are automatically pinned since assigning a label implies the waveform is important.

Chapter 11

Stream Browser

11.1 Introduction

The stream browser is the primary navigation pane for quick access to instrument settings and channels. By default in a new ngscopeclient session it is docked to the left side of the window but it can be repositioned as needed.

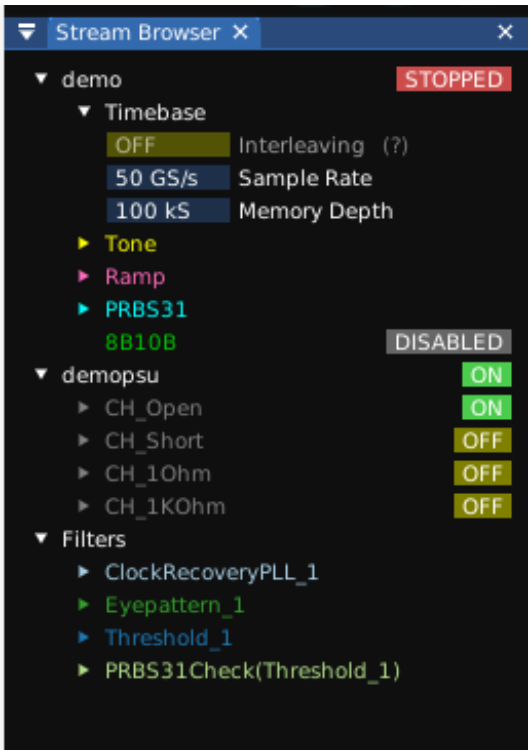

Figure 11.1: Example configuration of the stream browser

NOTE: The stream browser is one of the more recent additions to ngscopeclient and is undergoing rapid development. Some changes to appearance and interaction metaphors should be expected in upcoming versions as we unify the user interface to be more consistent for all types of instrument.

11.2 Filters

The "filters" node contains a list of all filter graph blocks active in the current session. Expanding the node for a given filter will show a list of output streams.

11.3 Instruments

The node for each instrument contains a list of all channels on the instrument, whether enabled or not. Depending on the type of instrument, additional nodes with commonly used settings such as timebase configuration may be available.

Color coded “badges" are displayed in the right margin next to channels or instruments in some cases, displaying context-dependent information such as trigger state, power supply or signal generator on/off status, etc. These badges are clickable to change the relevant setting.

11.4 Adding streams

Instrument channels, filters, and streams can be dragged from the browser to other parts of ngscopeclient in order to visualize or interact with data from them. For example:

- Drag a scalar stream to the measurements window to display its real-time value
- Drag a currently-inactive channel to the filter graph view to add a node for the channel so it can be used
- Drag a stream to a waveform area to display it in that plot

Chapter 12

Filter Graph Editor

12.1 Introduction

The filter graph editor allows complex signal processing pipelines to be developed in a graphical fashion and is the first window created automatically in a new session. It may be reopened from the `Window | Filter Graph` menu item if closed.

The graph editor view (Fig. 12.1) shows nodes for every instrument channel, trigger, and filter block used in the current session. Additional nodes for inactive channels may be created by dragging them from the stream browser into the graph editor canvas.

Nodes cannot overlap and will automatically move out of the way if another node is dragged on top of them.

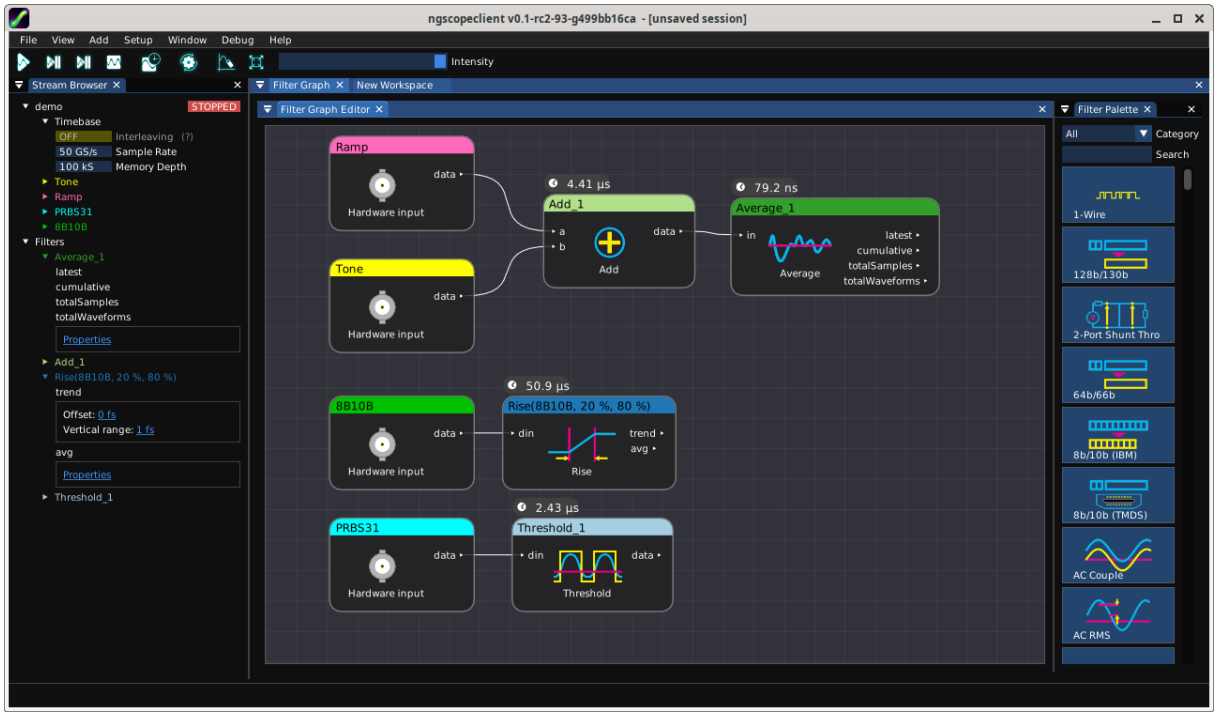

Figure 12.1: Filter graph editor showing instrument channels and several processing blocks

12.2 Interaction

The view may be zoomed with the mouse wheel, or panned by dragging with the right mouse button, to navigate large filter graphs which do not fit on a single screen at a reasonable zoom level. Right clicking on a node opens a pop-up properties view (Fig. 12.2).

Figure 12.2: Filter graph editor showing properties popup

Nodes display inputs at left and outputs at right. To connect two existing nodes, click on an input or output port and drag to the port you wish to connect it to. An input can only connect to one output at a time; if the destination already is connected to a different signal the previous connection will be removed and replaced with the new one.

A tooltip with a green plus sign is displayed during dragging if the proposed connection is valid. If the tooltip displays a red X instead, the connection is invalid (connecting two inputs, two outputs, or an input and output of incompatible data types).

To create a new node, click on an input or output port and drag to an empty area of the canvas (Fig. 12.3, Fig. 12.4). A context menu will appear, presenting a list of filters which can accept (if dragging from an output) or produce (if dragging from an input) the desired data type. If dragging from an input, the context menu will also include any currently unused instrument channels.

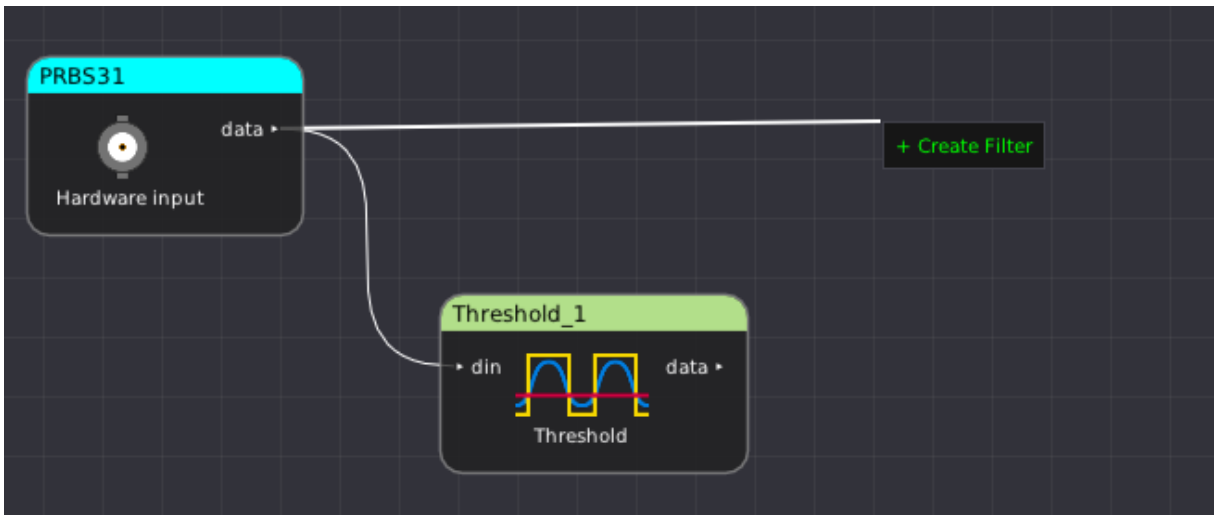

Figure 12.3: Filter graph editor dragging from an output to an empty area of the canvas

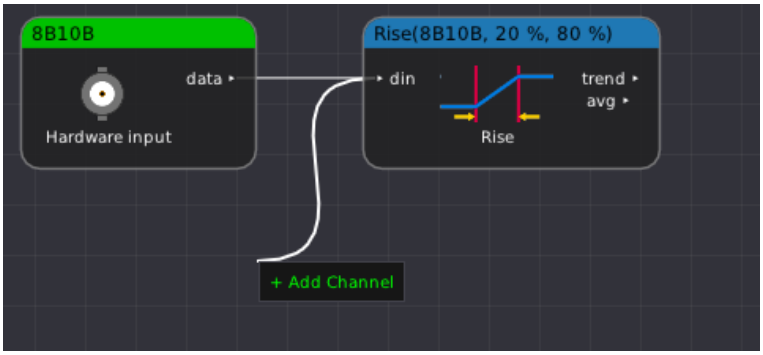

Figure 12.4: Filter graph editor dragging from an input to an empty area of the canvas

When a new node is added to the filter graph, each output channel will be automatically added to an existing waveform view if a compatible one is present. If no compatible view is available, a new view and/or group will be created.

Node title bars are color-coded to match the display color of the waveform trace, allowing easy navigation between waveform views and the graph editor.

Each node also includes a caption stating the type of node (“hardware input", “hardware output", or the name of the filter block) and, in most cases, an icon depicting the functionality of the block.[1]

12.3 Grouping

In order to better organize complex experimental setups, nodes may be organized in groups. Groups cannot be nested.

To create a group, right click an unused area of the graph editor canvas and select “New Group" from the context menu. This will spawn a new, empty group near the mouse cursor position.

The group will have an automatically generated name (Fig. 12.5) by default. This name may be changed by right clicking on the group’s title bar and typing a new name in the pop-up.

[1] Not all filters currently have icons. We are working with multiple artists to create more filter icons and welcome additional contributions.

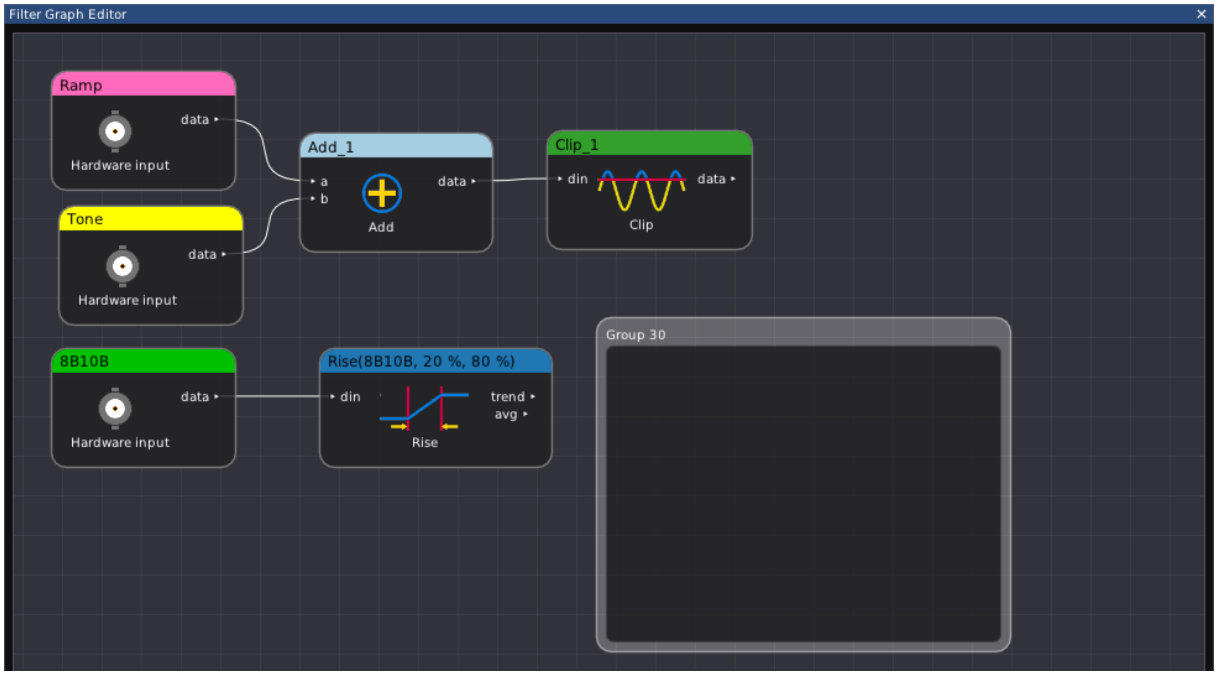

Figure 12.5: Newly created node group

To add a node to a group, simply drag the node by its title bar and move it into the group (Fig. 12.6). All paths from the node to the remainder of the filter graph will be routed through “hierarchical ports" at the left and right edges of the group, reducing clutter. Nodes may be freely moved around within the group to organize them, or dragged out of the group to remove them from the group.

A group (together with its contents) may be moved by dragging the group’s title bar with the left mouse button, or resized by dragging any of its corners. When a group is moved, it will push other nodes or groups out of the way to prevent overlapping.

If not needed, a group can be deleted by selecting it with the left mouse button and pressing the “delete" key. Deleting a group does not remove any nodes contained within it.

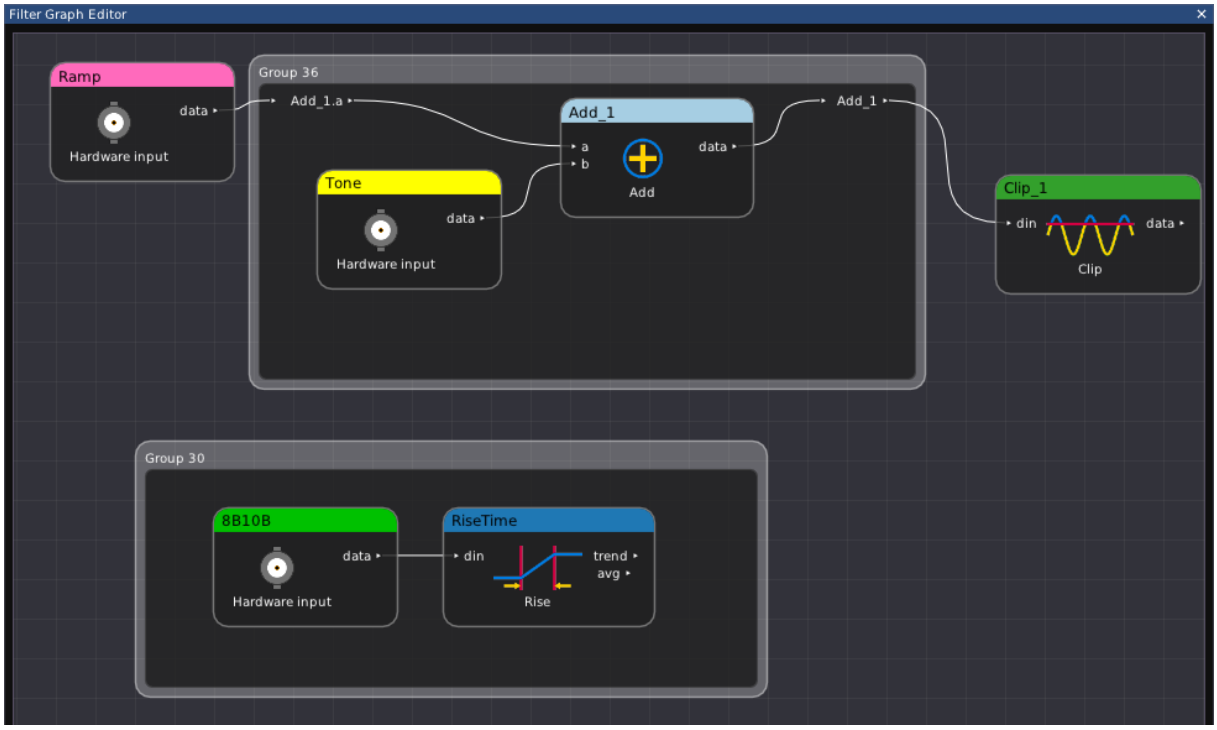

Figure 12.6: Groups containing several nodes with hierarchical ports

Chapter 13

Transports

Libscopehal uses a “transport" object in order to pass commands and data to instruments, in order to decouple the specifics of LXI, USBTMC, etc. from individual instrument drivers. This section describes the supported transports and their usage and limitations.

Not all transports are possible to use with any given driver due to hardware limitations or software/firmware quirks. For details on which transport(s) are usable with a particular instrument, consult the documentation for that device's driver.

13.1 gpib

SCPI over GPIB.

This transport takes up to four arguments: GPIB board index, primary address, secondary address, and timeout value. Only board index and primary address are required. We currently support using a single GPIB device per GPIB board (interface) in a ngscopeclient session. You cannot currently access multiple devices in the same or across instances. Better support for multiple instrument on a single board is planned.

NOTE: The current implementation of this driver only works on Linux, using the linux-gpib library. Since linux-gpib is licensed under GNU GPL, this driver is packaged separately and must be installed from https://github.com/ngscopeclient/scopehal-plugins-gpl. A future version which interfaces with the Linux kernel GPIB subsystem via the ioctl interface, without using linux-gpib, is planned for the future which will eliminate the need for a plugin.

Example:

```
ngscopeclient myscope:keysightdca:gpib:0:7
```

13.2 lan

SCPI over TCP with no further encapsulation.

This transport takes two arguments: hostname/IP and port number.

If port number is not specified, uses TCP port 5025 (IANA assigned) by default. Note that Rigol oscilloscopes use the non-standard port 5555, not 5025, so the port number must always be specified when using a Rigol instrument.

Example:

```
ngscopeclient myscope:rigol:lan:192.0.2.9:5555
```

13.3 lxi

SCPI over LXI VXI-11.

Note that due to the remote procedure call paradigm used by LXI, it is not possible to batch multiple outstanding requests to an instrument when using this transport. Some instruments may experience reduced performance when using LXI as the transport. Drivers which require command batching may not be able to use LXI VXI-11 as the transport even if the instrument supports it.

Example:

```
ngscopeclient myscope:tektronix:lxi:192.0.2.9
```

13.4 null

This transport does nothing, and is used as a placeholder for development simulations or non-SCPI instruments.

NOTE: Due to limitations of the current command line argument parsing code, an argument must be provided to all transports, including this one, when connecting via the command line. Since the argument is ignored, any non-empty string may be used.

Example:

```
ngscopeclient sim:demo:null:blah
```

13.5 socketcan

This transport provides a bridge for accessing the native Linux SocketCAN API from the scopehal driver layer. When paired with the "socketcan" oscilloscope driver and a suitable CAN peripheral, it allows ngscopeclient to be used as a CAN bus protocol analyzer. Since SocketCAN is a Linux-only API, this transport is not available on other platforms.

This transport takes one argument: the device name (e.g. "can0")

```
ngscopeclient dongle:socketcan:socketcan:can0
```

13.6 twinlan

This transport is used by some Antikernel Labs oscilloscopes, as well as most of the bridge servers used for interfacing libscopehal with USB/Thunderbolt oscilloscopes. It takes three arguments: hostname/IP and two port numbers.

It uses two TCP sockets on different ports. The first carries SCPI text (as in the "lan" transport), and the second is for binary waveform data.

If port numbers are not specified, the SCPI port defaults to the IANA standard of 5025, and the data port defaults to 5026. If the SCPI port but not the data port is specified, the data port defaults to the SCPI port plus one.

```
ngscopeclient ts1:thunderscope:twinlan:localhost:5025:5026
```

13.7 uart

SCPI over RS-232 or USB-UART.

This transport takes 3 arguments: device path (required), baud rate (optional), and flags (optional). If baud rate is not specified, it defaults to 115200.

Example:

```
ngscopeclient myscope:rigol:uart:/dev/ttyUSB0:115200
```

Some devices, like the NanoVNA, need to activate the DTR line to communicate. This can be achieved by adding the DTR flag to the connection string.

Example:

```
ngscopeclient NanoVNA-F:nanovna:uart:COM6:115200:DTR
```

13.8 usbtmc

SCPI over USB Test & Measurement Class protocol.

This transport takes two arguments: the path to the usbtmc kernel device object and the TMC transfer size (optional). As Workaround for Siglent SDS1x04x-E set size to 48.

NOTE: The current implementation of this driver only works on Linux. There is currently no support for USBTMC on Windows (scopehal:301)

Example:

```
ngscopeclient myscope:siglent:usbtmc:/dev/usbtmc0:48
```

13.9 vicp

SCPI over Teledyne LeCroy Virtual Instrument Control Protocol.

This transport takes two arguments: hostname/IP and port number.

If port number is not specified, uses TCP port 1861 (IANA assigned) by default.

Example:

```
ngscopeclient myscope:lecroy:vicp:192.0.2.9
```

13.10 hid

This transport layer is usually used by binary drivers to communicate with Test & Measurement equiment over USB.

This transport takes two arguments: vendor ID (hex) and product ID (hex).

Optionally a third argument can be added with the instrument's serial number. If not provided, the instrument's serial number is automatically pulled at first connection and stored in the connection string.

Example:

```
ngscopeclient AlientekDP100:alientek_dp:hid:2e3c:af01
```

Chapter 14

BERT Drivers

This chapter describes all of the available drivers for bit error rate testers (BERTs)

14.1 Antikernel Labs

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
AKL-TXB1	akl.crossbar	lan	

14.1.1 akl.crossbar

This is the driver for the AKL-TXB1 trigger crossbar and CDR trigger system. The front panel transceiver ports can also be used as a BERT.

14.2 MultiLANE

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
ML4039-BTP	mlbert	lan	Use scopehal-mlbert-bridge

14.2.1 mlbert

This driver is intended to connect via the scopehal-mlbert-bridge server for network transparency and does not directly link to the MultiLANE SDK or talk directly to the instrument. The bridge requires a Windows PC since MultiLANE's SDK is Windows only, however the libscopehal clientside driver can run on any supported OS.

It was developed using a ML4039-BTP but may work with other similar models as well.

Chapter 15

Function Generator Drivers

This chapter describes all of the available drivers for standalone function generators.

Function generators which are part of an oscilloscope are described in the Oscilloscope Drivers section.

15.1 Owon

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
XDG 2000/3000 series	owon_xdg	lan/usbtmc	Only tested via lan transport, but USBTMC is available too.

15.1.1 owon_xdg

This driver supports all XDG 2000/3000 series function / arbitrary waveform generators.

It has been tested on an Owon XDG 2035.

The default communication port for lan is 3000.

15.2 Rigol

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
DG4000 series	rigol_awg	lan	Only tested via lan transport, but USBTMC and serial are available too

15.2.1 rigol_awg

This driver supports all DG4000 series function / arbitrary waveform generators.

15.3 Siglent

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
SDG2000X series	siglent_awg	lan	Only tested via lan transport, but USBTMC is available too

15.3.1 siglent_sdg

This driver supports the SDG2000X series and possibly higher end models as well.

Chapter 16

Electronic Load Drivers

This chapter describes all of the available drivers for electronic loads.

16.1 Siglent

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
SDL1000X/X-E series	siglent_load	lan	Only tested via lan transport, but USBTMC and serial are available too

16.1.1 siglent_load

This driver supports all SDL1000 family loads (SDL1020X-E, SDL1020X, SDL1030X-E, SDL1030X).

Chapter 17

Multimeter Drivers

This chapter describes all of the available drivers for multimeters.

Multimeters which are part of an oscilloscope are described in the Oscilloscope Drivers section.

17.1 Owon

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
Owon XDM1041/1241	owon_xdm	uart	Driver developed and tested on this meter
Owon XDM2041	owon_xdm	uart	Not tested but should work

17.1.1 owon_xdm

This driver supports Owon XDM 1000 and 2000 series multimeters.

17.2 Rohde & Schwarz

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
HMC8012	rs_hmc8012	lan	Only tested via lan transport, but USBTMC and serial are available too

17.2.1 rs_hmc8012

This driver supports the HMC8012 multimeter, which is the only device in the family.

Chapter 18

Miscellaneous Drivers

This chapter describes all of the available drivers for miscellaneous instruments which do not fit in any other category.

18.1 Generic

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
N/A	csvstream	Any	

18.1.1 csvstream

This driver exposes the most recent line from a stream of comma-separated value (CSV) data as a series of analog scalar channels.

It is primarily intended for extracting low rate I2C sensor readings and ADC values from an embedded DUT, so that that these values may be plotted alongside multimeter/power supply readings or other data coming from more conventional instrumentation.

The data may come from any supported transport, however it is expected that the most likely scenario is either direct connection to a local serial port ("uart" transport), or a TCP socket connected to either a remote UART using socat or an embedded TCP server ("lan" transport).

Data must be generally line oriented and UTF-8 or 7-bit ASCII encoded.

In order to enable csvstream data to share a UART also used by other traffic such as a debug console or syslog, all lines must contain one of three magic prefixes as shown below. Any content in the line before the prefix (such as a timestamp) is ignored.

Upon initial connection, the driver will have a single channel called "CH1". At any time, if the number of fields in a received CSV line exceeds the current channel count, a new channel will be created. If a partial line is received, the values in the missing columns are unchanged but the channel will not be deleted.

- **CSV-NAME**: Contains channel name data. Example:
  CSV-NAME,Temperature,3V3,RxLevel
- **CSV-UNIT**: Contains channel unit data (using the text encodings used by the libscopehal Unit class). Example:
  CSV-UNIT,°C,V,dBm

- **CSV-DATA**: Contains channel value data. Example:
  CSV-DATA,31.41,3.291,-59.1

Chapter 19

Oscilloscope Drivers

This chapter describes all of the available drivers for oscilloscopes and logic analyzers.

19.1 Agilent

Agilent devices support a similar similar SCPI command set across most device families.

Please see the table below for details of current hardware support:

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
DSO5000 series	agilent	lan	Not recently tested, but should work.
DSO6000 & MSO6000 series	agilent	lan	Working. No support for digital channels yet.
DSO7000 & MSO7000 series	agilent	lan	Untested, but should work. No support for digital channels yet.
EDUX1000 series	agilent	lan	Untested but should be identical to DSOX1200 but with lower sample memory.
DSOX1200 series	agilent	lan	Working. No support for wavegen yet.
MSOX-2000 series	agilent	lan	
MSOX-3000 series	agilent	lan	

19.1.1 agilent

Typical Performance (MSO6034A, LAN)

Interestingly, performance sometimes gets better with more channels or deeper memory. Not sure why.

Channels	Memory depth	WFM/s
1	1K	66
4	1K	33
4	4K	33
1	40K	33
1	4K	22
1	20K	22
4	20K	22
1	100K	22
4	10K	17
4	40K	12
1	200K	11
1	400K	8
4	100K	6.5
4	200K	4
1	1M	3.7
4	400K	2.3
1	1M	1
4	1M	1
4	4M	0.2

Typical Performance (MSOX3104T, LAN)

Channels	Memory depth	WFM/s
1	2.5K	3.3
4	2.5K	2.5
1	2.5M	1.0
4	2.0M	0.5

19.2 Antikernel Labs

Device Family	Driver	Notes
Internal Logic Analyzer IP	akila	
BLONDEL Oscilloscope Prototype	aklabs	

19.2.1 akila

This driver uses a raw binary protocol, not SCPI.

Under-development internal logic analyzer analyzer core for FPGA design debug. The ILA uses a UART interface to a host system. Since there's no UART support in scopehal yet, socat must be used to bridge the UART to a TCP socket using the "lan" transport.

19.2.2 aklabs

This driver uses two TCP sockets. Port 5025 is used for SCPI control plane traffic, and port 50101 is used for waveform data using a raw binary protocol.

19.3 Demo

The "demo" driver is a simulation-only driver for development and training purposes, and does not connect to real hardware.

It ignores any transport provided, and is normally used with the "null" transport.

The demo instrument is intended to illustrate the usage of ngscopeclient for various types of analysis and to aid in automated testing on computers which do not have a connection to a real oscilloscope, and is not intended to accurately model the response or characteristics of real world scope frontends or signals.

It supports memory depths of 10K, 100K, 1M, and 10M points per waveform at rates of 1, 5, 10, 25, 50, and 100 Gsps. Four test signals are provided, each with 10 mV of Gaussian noise and a 5 GHz low-pass filter added (although this can be disabled under the channel properties)

Test signals:

- 1.000 GHz tone
- 1.000 GHz tone mixed with a second tone, which sweeps from 1.100 to 1.500 GHz
- 10.3125 Gbps PRBS-31
- 1.25 Gbps repeating two 8B/10B symbols (K28.5 D16.2)

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
Simulator	demo	null	

19.4 Batronix

A driver for Batronix Magnova oscilloscope is available in the codebase. It has been developped, with the help of Batronix team, according to official SCPI documentation for Magnova oscilloscope (Magnova® SCPI Manual - Version 1.5). This driver has been developed and tested on a Magnova BMO350 running firmware version 1.7.1.

Here are the known limitations of this driver (that should be fixed with further Magnova firmware updates):

- For now, Magnova's SCPI implementation does not support digital signal acquisition.
- Selecting specific Arbitrary waveform from function generator is not possible with current Magnova SCPI implementation.

- Time Scale / Memory Depth / Sample Rate synchronization only work if the scope is in "Extended Capture" mode (Acquire menu).

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
Magnova BMO	Batronix	lan	Connection path: <IP>:5025

Typical Performance (Magnova BMO350, LAN)

Channels	Memory depth	WFM/s
1	20K	9.9
2	10K	6.6
4	12.5K	3.99
1	100K	9.7
4	125K	3.97
1	5M	4.5
4	5M	1.26

These figures were obtained from a Magnova BMO350 running firmware version 1.7.1.

19.5 Digilent

Digilent oscilloscopes using the WaveForms SDK are all supported using the “digilent" driver in libscopehal. This driver connects using the “twinlan" transport to a socket server which links against the Digilent WaveForms SDK. This provides network transparency, and allows the Digilent bridge server to be packaged separately for distribution and only installed by users who require it.

As of 2022-03-09, analog input channels on the Analog Discovery Pro and Analog Discovery 2 have been tested and are functional, however only basic edge triggering is implemented so far. Analog inputs on other devices likely work, however only these two have been tested to date.

Analog outputs, digital inputs, and digital outputs are currently unimplemented, but are planned to be added in the future.

19.5.1 digilent

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
Electronics Explorer	digilent	twinlan	Not tested, but probably works
Analog Discovery	digilent	twinlan	Not tested, but probably works
Analog Discovery 2	digilent	twinlan	No digital channel support No analog output support
Analog Discovery Pro	digilent	twinlan	No digital channel support No analog output support
Digital Discovery	digilent	twinlan	No digital channel support, so pretty useless for now

Typical Performance (ADP3450, USB -> LAN)

Channels	Memory depth	WFM/s
4	64K	25.8
2	64K	32.3
1	64K	33.0

19.6 DrAndyHaas

19.6.1 haasoscope pro

HaasoscopePro is an affordable 2 GHz bandwidth 3.2 GS/s (expandable to 6.4 GS/s) 12-bit open-source open-hardware USB oscilloscope. For more info see the HaasoscopePro github. This driver connects to a Haasoscope Pro GUI, which must first be running, over a LAN socket. It supports 50 Hz of update rate for moderate memory depth.

Device Family	Driver	Notes
DrAndyHaas	haasoscope pro	lan on port 32001

19.7 DreamSource Lab

DreamSourceLabs oscilloscopes and logic analyzers supported in their fork of sigrok ("libsigrok4DSL" distributed as part of their "DSView" software package) are supported through the "dslabs" driver in libscopehal. This driver connects using the "twinlan" transport to a socket server which links against libsigrok4DSL. This provides network transparency, and allows the DSLabs bridge server to be packaged separately for distribution and only installed by users who require it.

As of 2022-03-22, a DSCope U3P100 and a DSLogic U3Pro16has been tested and works adequately. Other products may work also, but are untested.

On DSCope: Only edge triggers are supported. 'Any' edge is not supported. "Ch0 && Ch1" and "Ch0 || Ch1" trigger modes are not supported.

On DSLogic: Only edge triggers are supported. All edges are supported. There is currently no way to configure a trigger on more than one channel. Serial / multi-stage triggers are not supported.

Known issues pending fixes/refactoring:

- Interleaved sample rates are not correctly reported in the timebase dialog (but are in the waveform display)
- Trigger position is quantized to multiples of 1% of total capture
- Non-localhost performance, and responsiveness in general may suffer as a result of hacky flow control on waveform capture
- DSLogic depth configuration is confusing and performance could be improved (currently only buffered more is supported)
- DSLogic devices trigger even if pre-trigger buffer has not been filled, leading to a small pre-trigger waveform in some cases

19.7.1 dslabs

Family / Device	Driver	Transport	Notes
DScope U3P100	dslabs	twinlan	Tested, works
DSLogic U3P16	dslabs	twinlan	Tested, works
DSCope (others)	dslabs	twinlan	Not tested, but probably works
DSLogic (others)	dslabs	twinlan	Not tested, but probably works

Typical DSCope Performance (DSCope U3P100, USB3, localhost)

Channels	Memory depth	Sample Rate	WFM/s	UI-unconstrained WFM/s
2	1M	100MS/s	14	50
2	5M	500MS/s	4.5	14
1	5M	1GS/s	8.3	32

Typical DSLogic Performance (DSLogic U3Pro16, USB3, localhost)

Channels	Memory depth	Sample Rate	WFM/s	UI-unconstrained WFM/s
16	500k	100MS/s	16	44
16	500k	500MS/s	16	55

19.8 EEVengers

19.8.1 thunderscope

This driver connects to the TS.NET application to control a ThunderScope.

It supports full-rate 1 Gsps streaming given suitably fast hardware.

Device Family	Driver	Notes
ThunderScope	thunderscope	Use twinlan transport to TS.NET

19.9 Enjoy Digital

TODO (scopehal:79)

19.10 Generic

Drivers in this section are not specific to a particular manufacturer's products and support a wide variety of similar devices.

19.10.1 socketcan

This driver exposes the Linux SocketCAN API as a stream of CAN messages which can be displayed as-is or used as input to other filter graph blocks. When paired with the “socketcan" transport and a suitable CAN peripheral, it allows ngscopeclient to be used as a CAN bus protocol analyzer. Since SocketCAN is a Linux-only API, this driver is not available on other platforms.

19.11 Hantek

TODO (scopehal:26)

19.12 Keysight

Keysight devices support a similar similar SCPI command set across most device families. Many Keysight devices were previously sold under the Agilent brand and use the same SCPI command set, so they are supported by the “agilent" driver.

Please see the table below for details of current hardware support:

19.12.1 agilent

Device Family	Driver	Notes
MSOX-2000 series	agilent	
MSOX-3000 series	agilent	
MSOX-3000T series	agilent	

19.12.2 keysightdca

A driver for the Keysight/Agilent/HP DCA series of equivalent-time sampling oscilloscopes.

Device Family	Driver	Notes
86100A	keysightdca	

19.13 Pico Technology

Pico oscilloscopes all have slightly different command sets, but are supported using the “pico" driver in libscopehal. This driver connects via the “twinlan" transport to a socket server scopehal-pico-bridge which connects to the appropriate instrument using Pico’s binary SDK.

Device Family	Driver	Notes
2000 series	pico	2205 MSO, 2206, 2207, 2208 only
2000A series	pico	2204A and 2205A not supported yet
2000B series	pico	
3000 series	pico	3204/5/6 MSO only
3000A series	pico	
3000B series	pico	
3000C series	pico	
3000D series	pico	
4000 series	pico	4444 and 4824 only
4000A series	pico	
5000A series	pico	
5000B series	pico	
5000D series	pico	
6000E series	pico	

19.13.1 pico

Typical Performance (6824E, LAN)

Channels	Memory depth	WFM/s
8	1M	15.2
4	1M	30.5
2	1M	64.4
1	10M	12.2
1	50M	3.03

19.14 Rigol

Rigol oscilloscopes have subtle differences in SCPI command set, but this is implemented with quirks handling in the driver rather than needing different drivers for each scope family.

NOTE: DS1054Z firmware 00.04.02.SP4 is known to have problems with SCPI remote control (https://github.com/ngscopeclient/scopehal-apps/issues/790); it is unclear what other models and firmware versions may be affected by this bug. If you encounter problems, please ensure your scope is running the latest firmware release from Rigol before opening a support ticket.

Device Family	Driver	Notes
DS1100D/E	rigol	
DS1000Z	rigol	
MSO5000	rigol	
DHO800	rigol	
DHO900	rigol	(no digital channels)
DHO1000	rigol	(untested)
DHO4000	rigol	(untested)
MHO900 / MHO98	rigol	(no digital channels)

19.14.1 rigol

Typical Performance (MSO5000 series, LAN)

Channels	Memory depth	WFM/s
4	10K	0.96
4	100K	0.91
4	1M	0.59
4	10M	0.13
1	100M	0.0601
4	25M	0.0568
2	50M	0.0568

Typical Performance (DHO800/900 series, LAN)

Channels	Memory depth	WFM/s
1	1K	11.9 (live mode available for 1Kpt/single channel)
2	1K	3.4
4	1K	1.66
1	10K	3.31
2	10K	2.90
4	10K	1.65
1	100K	3.30
4	100K	1.64
1	1M	1.63
4	1M	0.57
1	10M	0.30
4	10M	0.07

19.15 Rohde & Schwarz

19.15.1 rs

There is partial support for RTM3000 (and possibly others, untested) however it appears to have bitrotted.

TODO (scopehal:59)

19.15.2 rs_rto6

This driver supports the newer RTO6 family scopes (and possibly others, untested).

19.15.3 rs_rtb2k

A driver for RTB2000 and RTB2 oscilloscope. Analog and digital channels are supported. An external trigger and a line trigger are available. The function generator can be used with some restrictions.

Here is a list of notes on how to use it:

- The bit depth can be changed between 8 bits and 16 bits in the driver settings.
- The selection lists with the sample rate and memory depth only work correctly with a fixed memory depth.
- Entries in the selection list for the memory depth are rounded up, resulting in several identical entries.
- When the oscilloscope is in Run mode and connected to ngscopeclient, data acquisition starts automatically.
- When connecting the oscilloscope with line trigger to ngscopeclient, a trigger channel must be selected before changing the trigger. Otherwise, the program will crash.
- The progress bar for downloading digital channels is only displayed for one channel.
- If only the first logic probe is connected, only these 8 channels are displayed. The second logic probe is not recognized during operation.
- The triggers for pattern and bus are missing.

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
RTB	rs.rtb2k	lan	Connection path: <IP>:5025

Typical Performance (RTB2000, LAN)

Channels	Memory depth	WFM/s
1	10K	3.4
2	10K	2.6
4	10K	1.8
1	100K	2.6
2	100K	2.0
4	100K	1.4
4	1M	0.3

These figures were obtained from a RTB2000 running firmware version 3.000 on an Raspberry Pi 500.

19.16 Saleae

TODO (scopehal:16)

19.17 Siglent

A driver for SDS2000X+/HD is available in the codebase which has been developed according to Siglent offical documentation (Programming Guide PG01-E11A). This driver should be functional across the 'next generation' SDS800X HD, SDS1000X HD, SDS2000X+, SDS2000X HD, SDS5000X, SDS6000A/L/Pro and SDS7000A scopes. It has been primarily developed using the SDS2000X+ and SDS2000X HD. Some older generation scopes are supported as well.

Digital channels are not supported on any scope yet, due to lack of an MSO probe to test with. Many trigger types are not yet supported.

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
SDS1000X-E series	siglent	lan	Initialises, triggers and downloads waveforms. More testing needed
SDS2000X-E series	siglent	lan	Initialises, triggers and downloads waveforms. More testing needed
SDS800X HD series	siglent	lan	Basic functionality complete/tested.
SDS1000X HD series	siglent	lan	Basic functionality complete, needs testing.
SDS2000X+ series	siglent	lan	Basic functionality complete.
SDS2000X HD series	siglent	lan	Tested and works well on SDS2354x HD.
SDS3000X HD series	siglent	lan	Basic functionality complete, needs testing.
SDS5000X series	siglent	lan	Initialises, triggers and downloads waveforms. More testing needed
SDS6000A/L/Pro series	siglent	lan	Tested and works well on SDS6204A. 10/12 bit models NOT supported, but unavailable for dev (not sold in western markets).
SDS7000A series	siglent	lan	Basic functionality complete, needs testing.

Typical Performance (SDS2104X+, LAN)

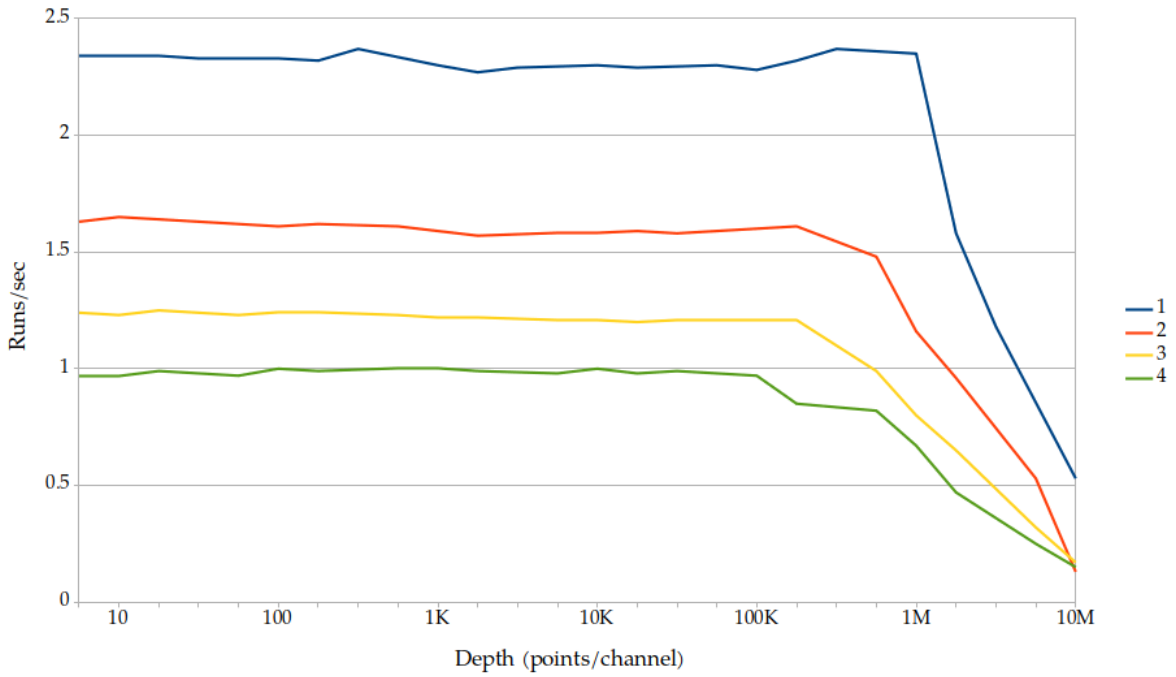

Figure 19.1: Siglent sample speed for various combinations of depth and channels

Channels	Memory depth	WFM/s
1	5-100K	2.3
2	5-100K	1.6
3	5-100K	1.2
4	5-100K	1
1	10M	0.5
2-4	10M	0.15

These figures were obtained from a SDS2104X+ running firmware version 1.3.7R5. Different scopes and software revisions may vary.

Typical Performance (SDS2104X HD, LAN)

Channels	Memory depth	WFM/s
1	10K	8.2
2	10K	7.7
4	10K	5.4
1	100K	7.1
4	100K	4.2
1	5M	0.72
4	5M	0.09

These figures were obtained from a SDS2104X HD running firmware version 1.2.2.9.

19.18 Teledyne LeCroy / LeCroy

Teledyne LeCroy (and older LeCroy) devices use the same driver, but two different transports for LAN connections.

While all Teledyne LeCroy / LeCroy devices use almost identical SCPI command sets, Windows based devices running XStream or MAUI use a custom framing protocol (“vicp") around the SCPI data while the lower end RTOS based devices use raw SCPI over TCP (“lan").

Please see the table below for details on which configuration to use with your hardware.

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
DDA	lecroy	vicp	Tested on DDA5000A series
HDO	lecroy	vicp	Tested on HDO9000 series
LabMaster	lecroy	vicp	Untested, but should work for 4-channel setups
MDA	lecroy	vicp	Untested, but should work
SDA	lecroy	vicp	Tested on SDA 8Zi and 8Zi-A series
T3DSO	???	???	Untested
WaveAce	???	???	Untested
WaveJet	???	???	Untested
WaveMaster	lecroy	vicp	Same hardware as SDA/DDA
WaveRunner	lecroy	vicp	Tested on WaveRunner Xi, 8000, and 9000 series
WaveSurfer	lecroy	vicp	Tested on WaveSurfer 3000 series

19.18.1 lecroy

This is the primary driver for MAUI based Teledyne LeCroy / LeCroy devices.

This driver has been tested on a wide range of Teledyne LeCroy / LeCroy hardware. It should be compatible with any Teledyne LeCroy or LeCroy oscilloscope running Windows XP or newer and the MAUI or XStream software.

Typical Performance (HDO9204, VICP)

Channels	Memory depth	WFM/s
1	100K	>50
1	400K	29 - 35
2	100K	30 - 40
4	100K	17 - 21
1	2M	9 - 11
1	10M	2.2 - 2.6
4	1M	5.2 - 6.5
1	64M	0.41 - 0.42
2	64M	0.21 - 0.23
4	64M	0.12 - 0.13

Typical Performance (WaveRunner 8404M-MS, VICP)

Channels	Memory depth	WFM/s
1	80K	35 - 45
2	80K	35 - 45
2	800K	16 - 17
2	8M	3.1 - 3.2

19.18.2 lecroy_fwp

This is a special performance-enhanced extension of the base “lecroy" driver which takes advantage of the FastWavePort feature of the instrument to gain high speed access to waveform data via shared memory. Waveforms are pulled from shared memory when a synchronization event fires, then pushed to the client via a separate TCP socket on port 1862.

On low latency LANs, typical performance increases observed with SDA 8Zi series instruments are on the order of 2x throughput vs using the base driver downloading waveforms via SCPI. On higher latency connections such as VPNs, the performance increase is likely to be even higher because the push-based model eliminates the need for polling (which performs increasingly poorly as latency increases).

To use this driver, your instrument must have the XDEV software option installed and the scopehal-fwp-bridge server application running. If the bridge or option are not detected, the driver falls back to SCPI waveform download and will behave identically to the base “lecroy" driver.

There are some limitations to be aware of with this driver:

- Maxmimum memory depth is limited to no more than 40M samples per channel, regardless of installed instrument memory. This is an architectural limitation of the FastWavePort API; the next generation FastMultiWavePort API eliminates this restriction however scopehal-fwp-bridge does not yet support it due to poor documentation.
- MSO channels are not supported, because neither FastWavePort nor FastMultiWavePort provide shared memory access to digital channel data. There is no known workaround for this given current instrument APIs.
- A maximum of four analog channels are supported even if the instrument actually has eight. There are no major technical blockers to fixing this under FastWavePort however no 8-channel instruments are available to the developers as of this writing, so there is no way to test potential fixes. FastMultiWavePort has a limit of four channels per instance, but it may be possible to instantiate multiple copies of the FastMultiWavePort block to work around this.
- Math functions F9-F12 are used by the FastWavePort blocks and cannot be used for other math functions.

19.19 Tektronix

This driver is being primarily developed on a MSO64. It supports SCPI over LXI VXI-11 or TCP sockets.

The hardware supports USBTMC, however waveform download via USBTMC does not work with libscopehal for unknown reasons.

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
MSO5 series	tektronix	lan, lxi	
MSO6 series	tektronix	lan, lxi	

19.19.1 Note regarding “lan" transport on MSO5/6

The default settings for raw SCPI access on the MSO6 series use a full terminal emulator rather than raw SCPI commands. To remove the prompts and help text, go to Utility | I/O, then under the Socket Server panel select protocol “None" rather than the default of “Terminal".

Typical Performance (MSO64, LXI, embedded OS)

Channels	Memory depth	WFM/s
1	50K	10.3 - 11.4
2	50K	6.7 - 7.2
4	50K	5.1 - 5.3
1	500K	8.7 - 9.5
4	500K	3.8 - 3.9

19.20 tinySA

This driver is meant to be used with tinySA and tinySA ULTRA spectrum analyzers.

It has been developed and tested on a tinySA ULTRA.

The communication with the device is made with UART transport layer.

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
tinySA	tiny_sa	uart	Not tested but should work
tinySA ULTRA	tiny_sa	uart	Driver tested on this device

19.21 Xilinx

TODO (scopehal:40)

Chapter 20

SDR Drivers

This chapter describes all of the available drivers for software-defined radios.

20.1 Ettus Research

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
USRP	uhd	twinlan	

20.1.1 uhd

This driver connects via a TCP socket to a socket server scopehal-uhd-bridge which connects to the appropriate instrument using the UHD API.

This provides network transparency for USB-attached instruments, as well as a license boundary between the BSD-licensed libscopehal core and the GPL-licensed UHD API.

20.2 Microphase

The AntSDR running antsdr_uhd firmware is supported by the “uhd" driver for Ettus Research SDRs. There is currently no support for the IIO firmware.

Chapter 21

Spectrometer Drivers

This chapter describes all of the available drivers for optical (UV/VIS/IR) spectrometers.

21.1 ASEQ Instruments

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
LR1	aseq	twinlan	Use scopehal-aseq-bridge

21.1.1 aseq

This driver supports the ASEQ Instruments LR1 spectrometer (and possibly others, not tested) via an external bridge server and the ASEQ USB control API.

Chapter 22

Power Supply Drivers

This chapter describes all of the available drivers for power supplies.

22.1 Alientek

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
DP100	alientek_dp	hid	

22.1.1 alientek_dp

This driver works on Alientek DP100 mini Digital Power Supply.

Path for connection (vendorId:productId) is: 2e3c:af01.

22.2 GW Instek

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
GPD-X303S series	gwinstek_gpdx303s	uart	9600 Baud default. Tested with GPD-3303S. No support for tracking modes yet.

22.2.1 gwinstek_gpdx303s

Supported models should include GPD-2303S, GPD-3303S, GPD-4303S, and GPD-3303D.

22.3 Kuaiqu

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
Kuaiqu SSPS-S series	kuaiqu_psu	uart	
Kuaiqu SPPS*D series	kuaiqu_psu	uart	
Kuaiqu SPPS-D series	kuaiqu_psu	uart (9600 baud)	Tested on a Kuaiqu SPPS-D3010-232
Kuaiqu R-SPPS series	kuaiqu_psu	uart	

22.3.1 kuaiqu_psu

This driver supports all Kuaiqu programmable PSUs, including SSPS-S, SPPS*D, SPPS-D and R-SPPS series.

It has been tested on a Kuaiqu SPPS-D3010-232.

22.4 Riden

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
Riden RD series	riden_rd	uart	Tested on a Riden RD6006

22.4.1 kuaiqu_psu

This driver supports all Riden RD series DC Power Supplies.

It has been tested on a Riden RD6006.

22.5 Rigol

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
DP832, DP832A	rigol_dp8xx	uart, usbtmc, lan	No support for tracking modes yet.

22.5.1 rigol_dp8xx

This driver supports the DP832 and DP832A.

22.6 Rohde & Schwarz

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
HMC804x series	rs_hmc804x	uart, usbtmc, lan	No support for tracking modes yet.

22.6.1 rs_hmc804x

This driver should support the HMC8041, HMC8042, and HMC8043 but has only been tested on the HMC8042.

22.7 Siglent

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
SPD3303X series	siglent_spd	lan	Tested with SPD3303X-E

22.7.1 siglent_spd

Supported models should include SPD3303X, SPD3303X-E.

NOTE: Channel 3 of the SPD3303x series does not support software voltage/current adjustment. It has a fixed current limit of 3.2A, and output voltage selectable to 2.5, 3.3, or 5V via a mechanical switch. While channel 3 can be turned on and off under software control, there is no readback capability whatsoever for channel 3 in the SCPI API.

As a result - regardless of actual hardware state - the driver will report channel 3 as being in constant voltage mode. Additionally, the driver will report channel 3 as being off until it is turned on by software. Once the output has been turned on, the driver will track the state and report a correct on/off state as long as no front panel control buttons are touched.

22.8 Sinilink

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
XY series	siniLink	uart	Tested on a XYS3580

22.8.1 siniLink

This driver should be compatible with most Sinilink XY series powersupplies.

Chapter 23

RF Generator Drivers

This chapter describes all of the available drivers for RF synthesizers, vector signal generators, and similar devices.

23.1 Siglent

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
SSG3000X	Unknown	Unknown	May be compatible with the siglent_ssg driver, but not tested
SSG5000A	Unknown	Unknown	May be compatible with the siglent_ssg driver, but not tested
SSG5000X	siglent_ssg	lan	Only tested via lan transport, but USBTMC and serial are available too

23.1.1 siglent_ssg

This driver was developed on a SSG5060X-V and should support the other models in the SSG5000X family (SSG5040X, SSG5060X, and SSG5040X-V). It is unknown whether it will function at all with the SSG3000X or 5000A families in its current state; additional development will likely be needed for full support.

Chapter 24

VNA Drivers

This chapter describes all of the available drivers for vector network analyzers.

24.1 Copper Mountain

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
Planar	coppermt	lan	Not tested, but docs say same command set
S5xxx	coppermt	lan	Tested on S5180B
S7530	coppermt	lan	Not tested, but docs say same command set
SC50xx	coppermt	lan	Not tested, but docs say same command set
C1xxx	coppermt	lan	Not tested, but docs say same command set
C2xxx	coppermt	lan	Not tested, but docs say same command set
C4xxx	coppermt	lan	Not tested, but docs say same command set
M5xxx	coppermt	lan	Not tested, but docs say same command set

24.1.1 coppermt

This driver supports the S2VNA and S4VNA software from Copper Mountain.

As of this writing, only 2-port VNAs are supported. 4-port VNAs will probably work using only the first two ports, but this has not been tested.

24.2 NanoVNA

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
NanoVNA	nanovna	uart	Not tested but should work
NanoVNA-D	nanovna	uart	Not tested but should work
NanoVNA-F	nanovna	uart	Not tested but should work
DeepVNA 101	nanovna	uart	Development and tests made on this device (a.k.a. NanoVNA-F Deepelec)
NanoVNA-F_V2	nanovna	uart	Not tested but should work
NanoVNA-H	nanovna	uart	Not tested but should work
NanoVNA-H4	nanovna	uart	Not tested but should work

24.2.1 nanovna

This driver supports the NanoVNA with different variants of the original design and firmware (see above).

Communication with the device uses UART transport layer with a connection string looking like this (DTR flag is required):

```
COM6:115200:DTR
```

Paginated sweep has been implemented to achieve memory depths greater then the device's internal limit.

Pagination is also used at low RBW to prevent the connection from timing out during sweep.

NanoVNA V2 (with binary protocol) is NOT supported.

24.3 Pico Technology

Device Family	Driver	Transport	Notes
PicoVNA 106	picovna	lan	
PicoVNA 108	picovna	lan	

24.3.1 picovna

This driver supports the PicoVNA 5 software from Pico Technology. The older PicoVNA 3 software does not provides a SCPI interface and is not compatible with this driver.

Chapter 25

Triggers

25.1 Trigger Properties

The `Setup / Trigger` menu opens the trigger properties dialog (Fig. 25.1).

The Type dropdown allows the type of trigger to be chosen. The list of available triggers depends on the instrument model and installed software options.

The Position field specifies the time from the *start* of the waveform to the trigger point. Positive values move the trigger later into the waveform, negative values introduce a delay between the trigger and the start of the waveform. [1]

Figure 25.1: Trigger properties dialog

The remaining settings in the trigger properties dialog depend on the specific trigger type chosen.

25.2 Serial Pattern Triggers

All serial pattern triggers take one or two pattern fields, a radix, and a condition.

For conditions like “between" or “not between" both patterns are used, and no wildcards are allowed. For other conditions, only the first pattern is used.

Patterns may be specified as ASCII text, hex, or binary. “Don’t care" nibbles/bits may be

[1] This is a different convention than most oscilloscopes, which typically measure the trigger position from the *midpoint* of the waveform. Since ngscopeclient decouples the acquisition length from the UI zoom setting, measuring from the midpoint makes little sense as there are no obvious visual cues to the midpoint’s location.

specified in hex/binary patterns as “X", for example “3fx8" or “1100010xxx1".

25.3 Dropout

Triggers when a signal stops toggling for a specified amount of time.

25.3.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog or digital	Input signal

25.3.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Edge	Enum	Specifies the polarity of edge to look for (rising or falling)
Dropout Time	Int	Dropout time needed to trigger
Level	Float	Voltage threshold
Reset Mode	Enum	Specifies whether to reset the timer on the opposite edge

25.4 Edge

Triggers on edges in the signal.

Edge types “rising" and “falling" are self-explanatory. “Any" triggers on either rising or falling edges. “Alternating" is a unique trigger mode only found on certain Agilent/Keysight oscilloscopes, which alternates each waveform between rising and falling edge triggers.

25.4.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog or digital	Input signal

25.4.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Edge	Enum	Specifies the polarity of edge to look for
Level	Float	Voltage threshold

25.5 Glitch

TODO: This is supported on at least LeCroy hardware, but it’s not clear how it differs from pulse width.

25.6 Pulse Width

Triggers when a high or low pulse meeting specified width criteria is seen.

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog or digital	Input signal

25.6.1 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Condition	Enum	Match condition (greater, less, between, or not between)
Edge	Enum	Specifies the polarity of edge to look for
Level	Float	Voltage threshold
Lower Bound	Int	Lower width threshold
Upper Bound	Int	Upper width threshold

25.7 Runt

Triggers when a pulse of specified width crosses one threshold, but not a second.

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog	Input signal

25.7.1 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Condition	Enum	Match condition (greater, less, between, or not between)
Edge Slope	Enum	Specifies the polarity of edge to look for
Lower Interval	Int	Lower width threshold
Lower Level	Float	Lower voltage threshold
Upper Interval	Int	Upper width threshold
Upper Level	Float	Upper voltage threshold

25.8 Slew Rate

Triggers when an edge is faster or slower than a specified rate.

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog	Input signal

25.8.1 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Condition	Enum	Match condition (greater, less, between, or not between)
Edge Slope	Enum	Specifies the polarity of edge to look for
Lower Interval	Int	Lower width threshold
Lower Level	Float	Lower voltage threshold
Upper Interval	Int	Upper width threshold
Upper Level	Float	Upper voltage threshold

25.9 UART

Triggers when a byte or byte sequence is seen on a UART.

25.9.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog or digital	Input signal

25.9.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Bit Rate	Int	Baud rate
Condition	Enum	Match condition
Level	Float	Voltage threshold
Parity Mode	Enum	Odd, even, or no parity
Pattern	String	First match pattern
Pattern 2	String	Second match pattern
Polarity	Enum	Idle high (normal UART) or idle low (RS232)
Radix	Enum	Radix for the patterns
Stop Bits	Float	Number of stop bits
Trigger Type	Enum	Match data pattern or parity error

25.10 Window

Triggers when a signal goes above or below specified thresholds.

The available configuration settings for this trigger vary from instrument to instrument.

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog	Input signal

25.10.1 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Condition	Enum	Specifies whether to trigger on entry or exit from the window, and whether to trigger immediately or after a time limit.
Edge	Enum	Specifies which edge of the window to trigger on
Lower Level	Float	Lower voltage threshold
Upper Level	Float	Upper voltage threshold

Chapter 26

Filters

26.1 Introduction

26.1.1 Key Concepts

ngscopeclient and libscopehal are based on a “filter graph" architecture internally. The filter graph is a directed acyclic graph with a set of source nodes (waveforms captured from hardware, loaded from a saved session, or generated numerically) and sink nodes (waveform views, protocol analyzer views, and statistics) connected by edges representing data flow.

A filter is simply an intermediate node in the graph, which takes input from zero or more waveform nodes and outputs a waveform which may be displayed, used as input to other filters, or both. A waveform is a series of data points which may represent voltages, digital samples, or arbitrarily complex protocol data structures.

As a result, there is no internal distinction between math functions, measurements, and protocol decodes, and it is possible to chain them arbitrarily. Consider the following example:

- Two analog waveforms representing serial data and clock are acquired
- Each analog waveform is thresholded, producing a digital waveform
- The two digital waveforms are decoded as I^2C, producing a series of packets
- The I^2C packets are decoded as writes to a serial DAC, producing an analog waveform
- A moving average filter is applied to the analog waveform
- A measurement filter finds the instantaneous frequency of each cycle of the DAC output

In this document we use the term “filter" consistently to avoid ambiguity.

26.1.2 Conventions

A filter can take arbitrarily many inputs (vector or scalar values from the filter graph), arbitrarily many parameters (static scalar configuration settings), and outputs arbitrarily many vector or scalar outputs.

If the output signal is a multi-field type (as opposed to a single scalar, e.g. voltage, at each sample) the “Output Signal" section will include a table describing how various types of output data are displayed.

All filters with complex output use a standardized set of colors to display various types of data fields in a consistent manner. These colors are configurable under the `Appearance / Decodes` preferences category.

Color name	Use case	Default Color
Address	Memory addresses	#ffff00
Checksum Bad	Incorrect CRC/checksum	#ff0000
Checksum OK	Valid CRC/checksum	#00ff00
Control	Miscellaneous control data	#c000a0
Data	User data	#336699
Error	Malformed/unreadable data	#ff0000
Idle	Inter-frame gaps	#404040
Preamble	Preamble/sync words	#808080

26.2 128b/130b

Decodes the 128b/130b line code used by PCIe gen 3/4/5. This filter performs block alignment and descrambling, but no decoding of block contents.

128b/130b, as a close relative of 64b/66b, is a serial line code which divides transmitted data into 128-bit blocks and scrambles them with a LFSR, then appends a 2-bit type field (which is not scrambled) to each block for synchronization. Block synchronization depends on always having an edge in the type field so types 2'b00 and 2'b11 are disallowed.

For PCIe over 128b/130b, block type 2'b01 contains 128 bits of upper layer protocol data while block type 2'b10 contains an ordered set.

Note that this filter only performs block alignment and descrambling. No decoding or parsing is applied to the 128-bit blocks, other than searching for skip ordered sets (beginning with 0xaa) and using them for scrambler synchronization.

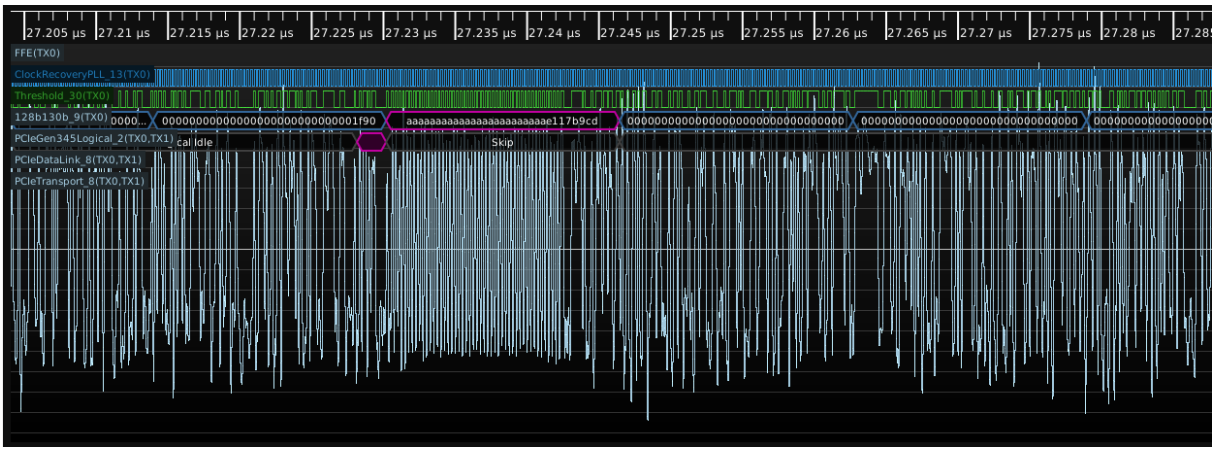

Figure 26.1: Example 128b/130b decode

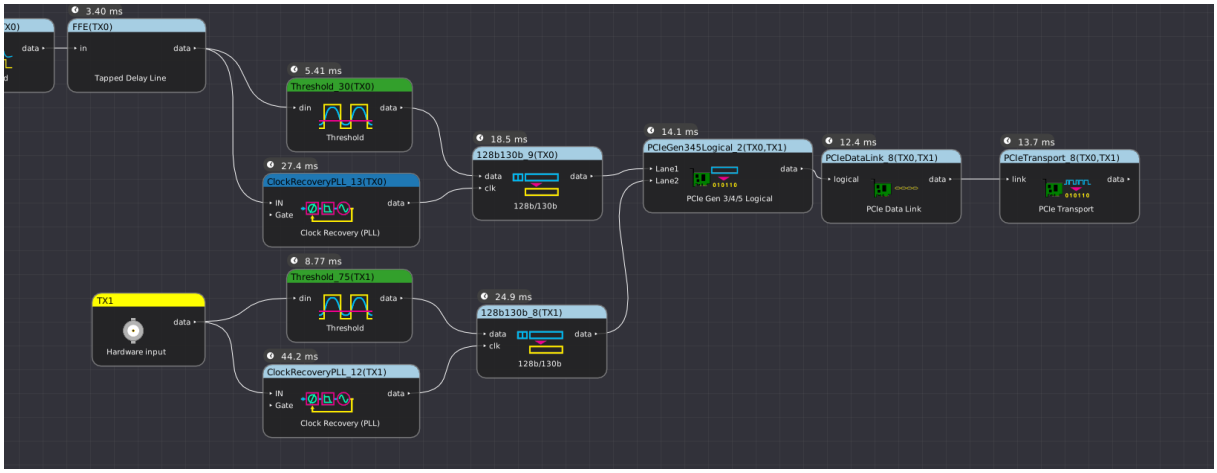

Figure 26.2: Example filter graph using 128b/130b to decode a 2-lane PCIe gen3 link

26.2.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
data	Digital	Serial 128b/130b data line
clk	Digital	DDR bit clock, typically generated by use of the Clock Recovery (PLL) filter on the input data.

26.2.2 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.2.3 Output Signal

The 128B/130B filter outputs a time series of 128B/130B sample objects. These consist of a control/data flag and a 128-bit data block.

Stream name	Type	Description
data	Sparse protocol	Output decode

Type	Description	Color	Format
Ordered set	Block with type 2'b10	Control	%032x
Data	Block with type 2'b01	Data	%032x
Error	Block with type 2'b00 or 2'b11	Error	%032x

26.3 2-Port Shunt Through

Measures the impedance of a DUT connected to a VNA in a 2-port shunt-through topology (VNA ports 1 and 2 connected, with DUT attached between the connection point and ground). This is commonly used for measuring very low impedance networks, such as power distribution networks.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.4 64b/66b

Decodes the 64/66b line code used by 10Gbase-R and other serial protocols, as originally specified in IEEE 802.3 clause 49.2.

64b/66b is a serial line code which divides transmitted data into 64-bit blocks and scrambles them with a LFSR, then appends a 2-bit type field (which is not scrambled) to each block for synchronization. Block synchronization depends on always having an edge in the type field so types 2'b00 and 2'b11 are disallowed.

Note that this filter only performs block alignment and descrambling. No decoding is applied to the 64-bit blocks, as different upper-layer protocols assign different meaning to them. In 10Gbase-R, type 2'b01 denotes "64 bits of upper layer data" and type 2'b10 denotes "8-bit type field and 56 bits of data whose meaning depends on the type", however this is not universal and some other protocols use these fields for different purposes.

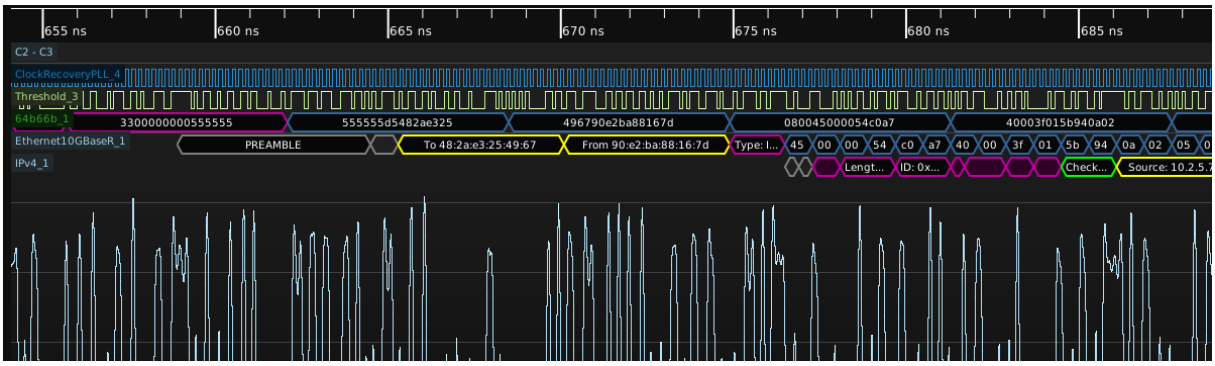

Figure 26.3: Example 64b/66b decode

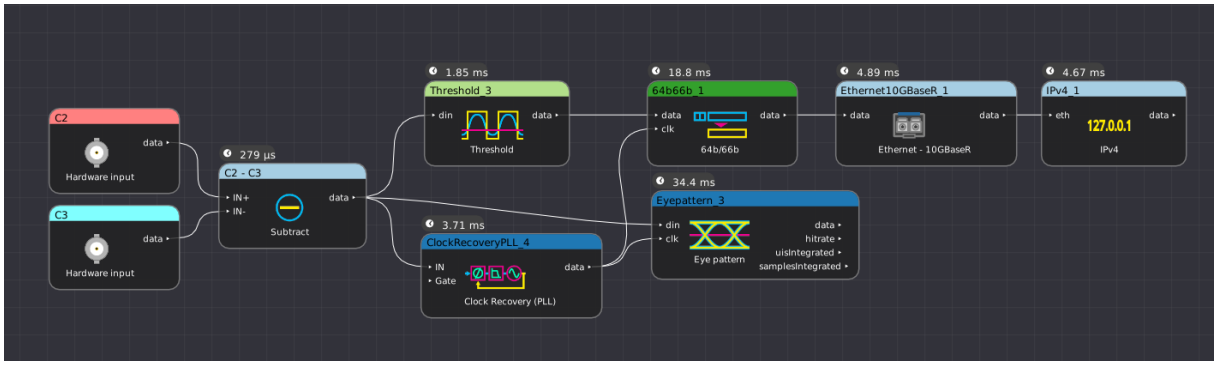

Figure 26.4: Example filter graph using 64b/66b to decode a 10Gbase-R signal

26.4.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
data	Digital	Serial 64b/66b data line
clk	Digital	DDR bit clock, typically generated by use of the Clock Recovery (PLL) filter on the input data.

26.4.2 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.4.3 Output Signal

The 64B/66B filter outputs a time series of 64B/66B sample objects. These consist of a control/data flag and a 64-bit data block.

Stream name	Type	Description
data	Sparse protocol	Output decode

Type	Description	Color	Format
Control	Block with type 2'b10	Control	%016x
Data	Block with type 2'b01	Data	%016x
Error	Block with type 2'b00 or 2'b11	Error	%016x

26.5 8B/10B (IBM)

Decodes the standard 8b/10b line code used by SGMII, 1000base-X, DisplayPort, JESD204A/B, PCIe gen 1/2, SATA, USB 3.0, and many other common serial protocols.

8b/10b is a dictionary based code which converts each byte of message data to a ten-bit code. In order to maintain DC balance and limit run length to a maximum of five identical bits in a row, all 8-bit input codes have one of:

- One legal coding, with exactly five zero bits
- Two legal codings, one with four zero bits and one with six

The transmitter maintains a “running disparity" counter and chooses the appropriate coding for each symbol to ensure DC balance. There are twelve legal codes which are not needed for encoding data values; these are used to encode frame boundaries, idle/alignment sequences, and other control information.

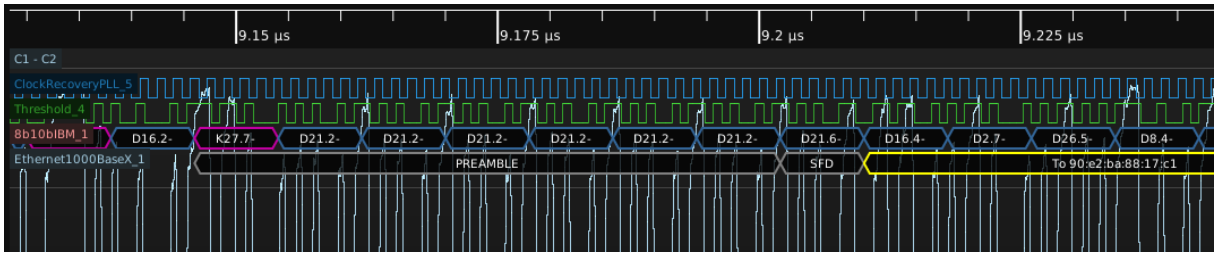

Figure 26.5: Example 8b/10b decode

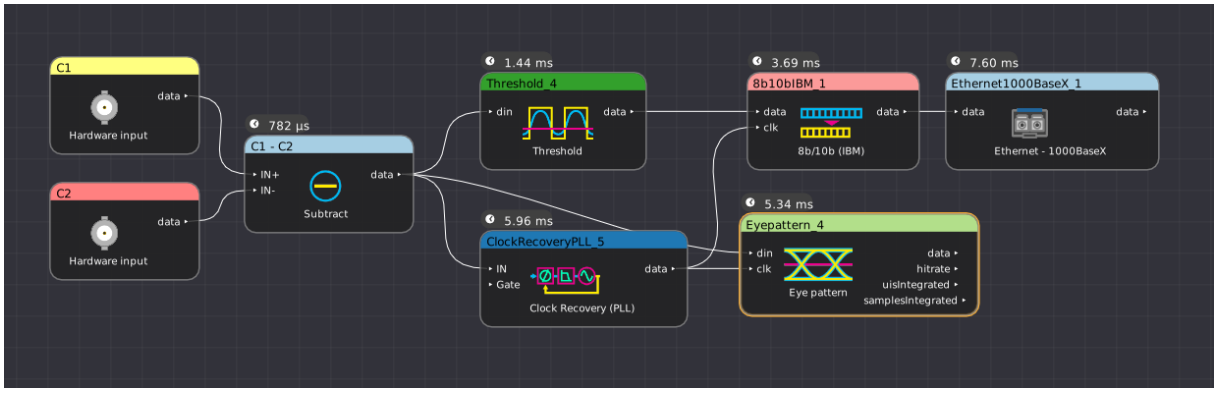

Figure 26.6: Example filter graph using 8b/10b to decode a differential 1000base-X link

26.5.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
data	Digital	Serial 8b/10b data line
clk	Digital	DDR bit clock, typically generated by use of the Clock Recovery (PLL) filter on the input data.

26.5.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Comma Search Window	Integer	Number of unit intervals to search when performing comma alignment. A larger window increases the probability of a correct lock if commas are infrequent, but significantly slows down the decode. The default is 20000 UI.
Display Format	Enum	**Dotted (K28.5 D21.5)**: displays the 3b4b and 5b6b code blocks separately, with K or D prefix, as well as the current running disparity. **Hex (K.bc b5)**: displays data as hex byte values and control codes with a K prefix.

26.5.3 Output Signal

The 8B/10B filter outputs a time series of 8B/10B sample objects. These consist of a control/data flag, the current running disparity, and a byte of data.

Stream name	Type	Description
data	Sparse protocol	Output decode

Type	Description	Color	Format
Control	Control codes	Control	K%d.%d+ or K%02x
Data	Upper layer protocol data	Data	D%d.%d+ or %02x
Error	Malformed data	Error	ERROR

26.6 8B/10B (TMDS)

Decodes the 8-to-10 Transition Minimized Differential Signalling line code used in DVI and HDMI.

Like the 8B/10B (IBM) line code, TMDS is an 8-to-10 bit serial line code. TMDS, however, is designed to *minimize* the number of toggles in the data stream for EMC reasons, rendering it difficult to synchronize a CDR PLL to. As a result, HDMI and DVI provide a reference clock at the pixel clock rate (1/10 the serial data bit rate) along with the data stream to provide synchronization.

However, libscopeprotocols does not currently provide a frequency synthesis PLL which can recover a pixel clock from the 1/10 rate clock (scopehal:221). As a result, it is currently necessary to perform per-lane CDR on the TMDS data in order to decode it. This is sufficient for protocol decoding, but is not suitable for high-fidelity eye pattern measurements since skew/jitter between the TMDS lane and the clock lane will not be accounted for.

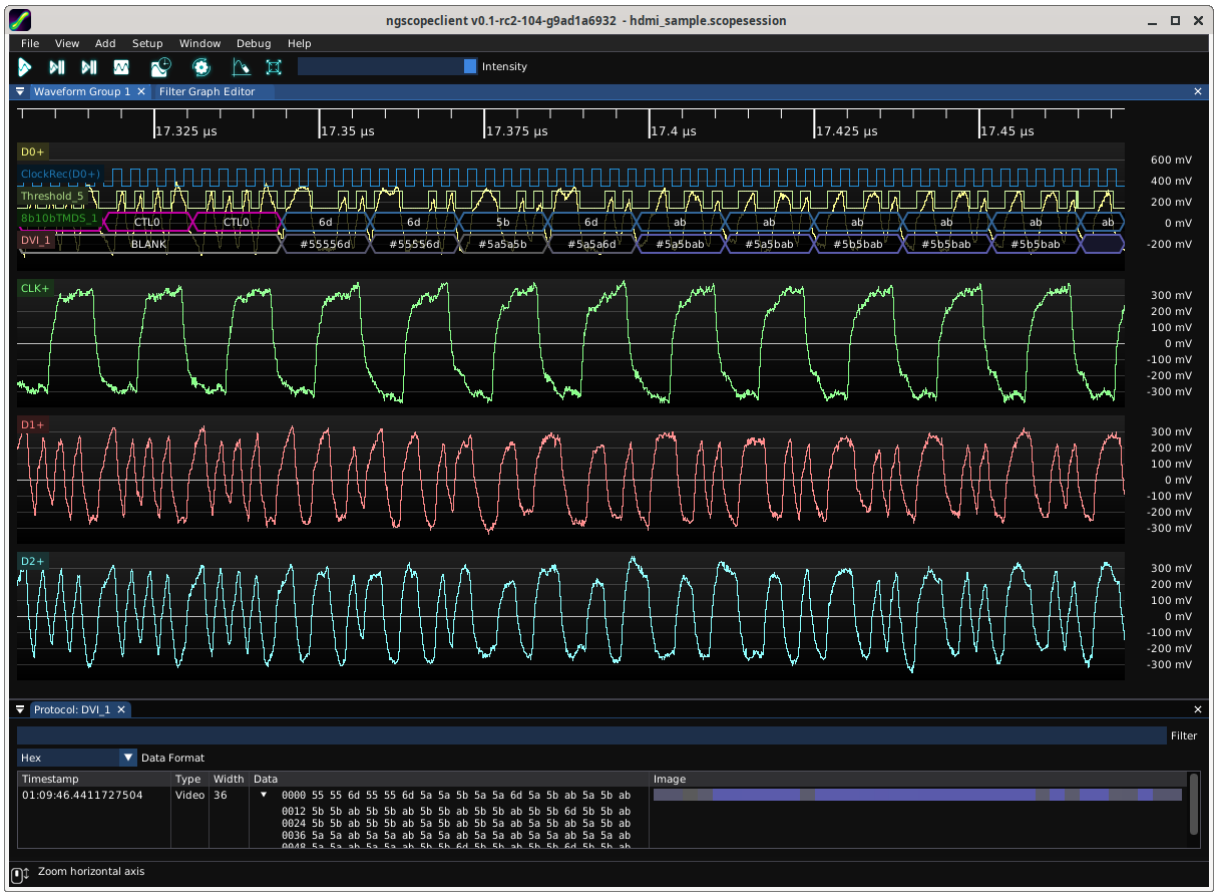

Figure 26.7: Example TMDS decode

26.6.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
data	Digital	Serial TMDS data line
clk	Digital	DDR *bit* clock, typically generated by use of the Clock Recovery (PLL) filter on the input data. Note that this is 5x the rate of the pixel clock signal.

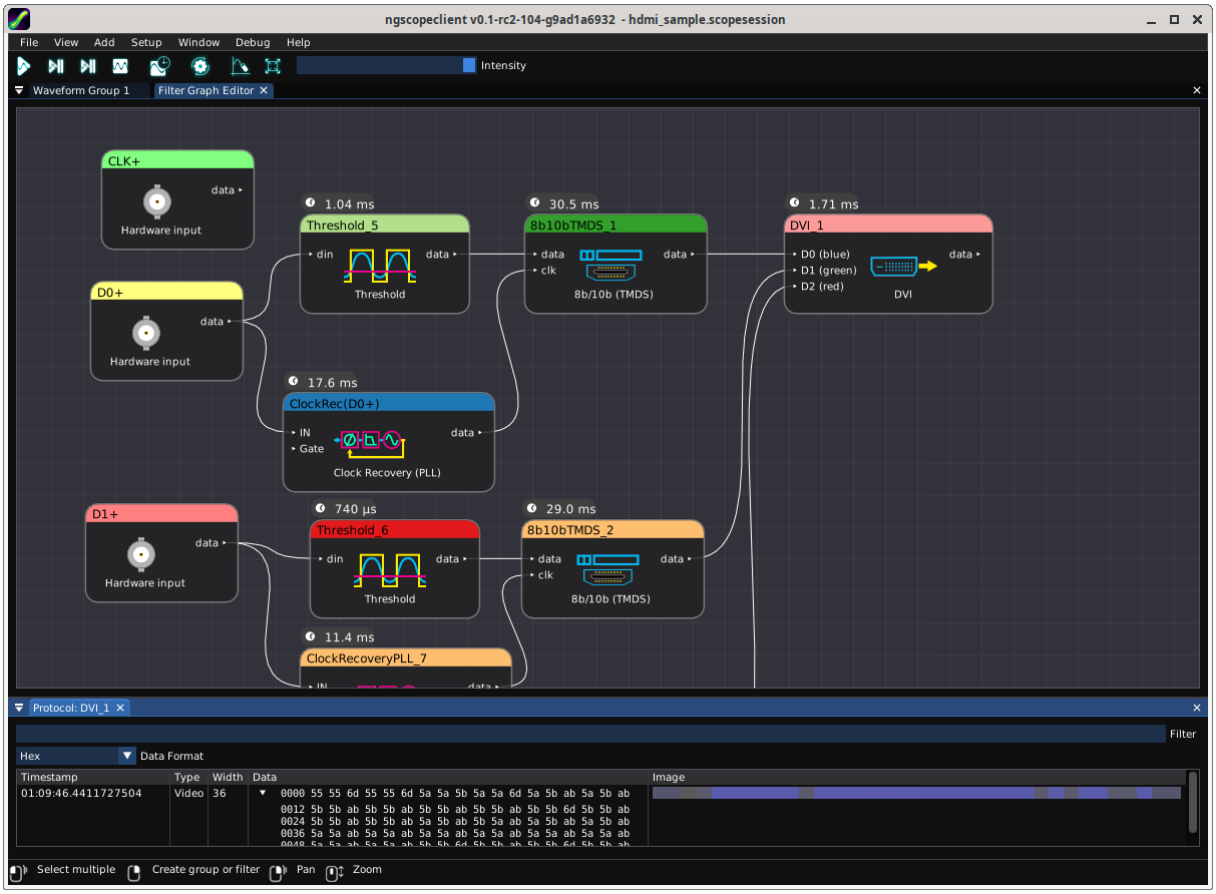

Figure 26.8: Example filter graph decoding TMDS from a single-ended input. Note that this example recovers the clock from the input signal rather than multiplying up the reference clock.

26.6.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Lane Number	Integer	Lane number within the link (0-3)

26.6.3 Output Signal

The TMDS filter outputs a time series of TMDS sample objects. These consist of a type field and a byte of data.

The output of the TMDS decode is commonly fed to the DVI or HDMI protocol decoders.

Stream name	Type	Description
data	Sparse protocol	Output decode

Type	Description	Color	Format
Control	Control codes (H/V sync)	Control	CTL%d
Data	Pixel/island data	Data	%02x
Error	Malformed data	Error	ERROR
Guard band	HDMI data/video guard band	Preamble	GB

26.7 AC Couple

Automatically removes a DC offset from an analog waveform by subtracting the average of all samples from each sample.

This filter should only be used in postprocessing already acquired data, or other situations in which AC coupling in the hardware (via an AC coupled probe, or coaxial DC block) is not possible.

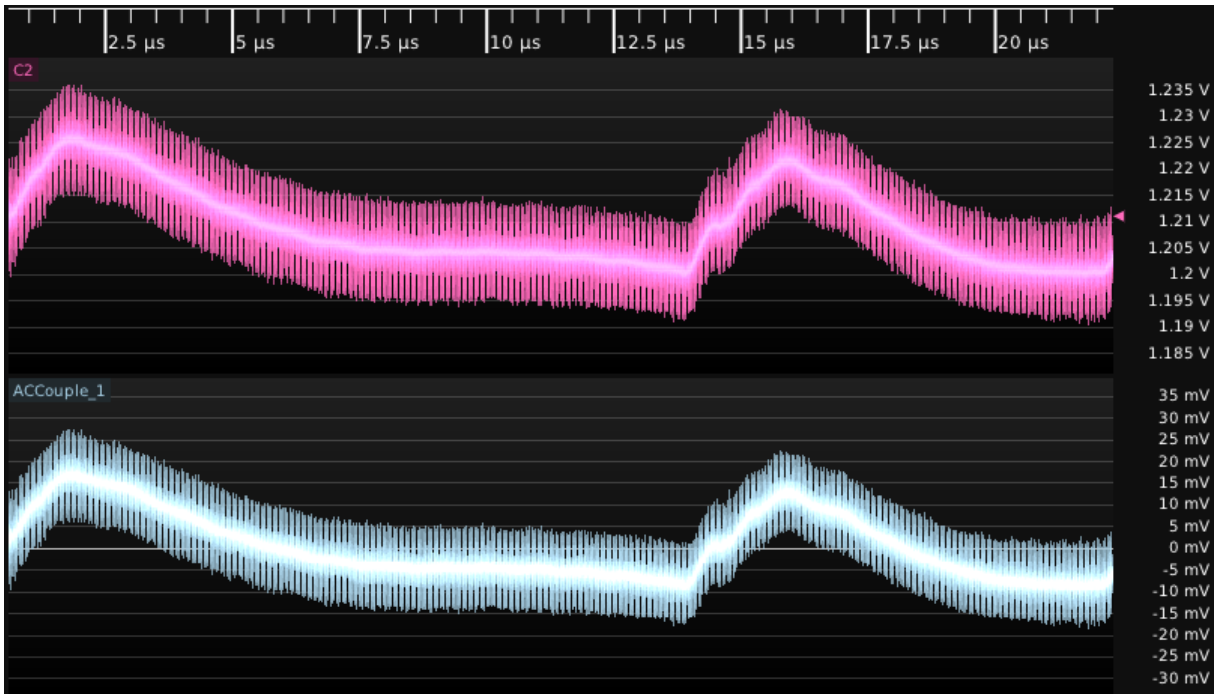

Figure 26.9: Example input and output of the AC Couple filter

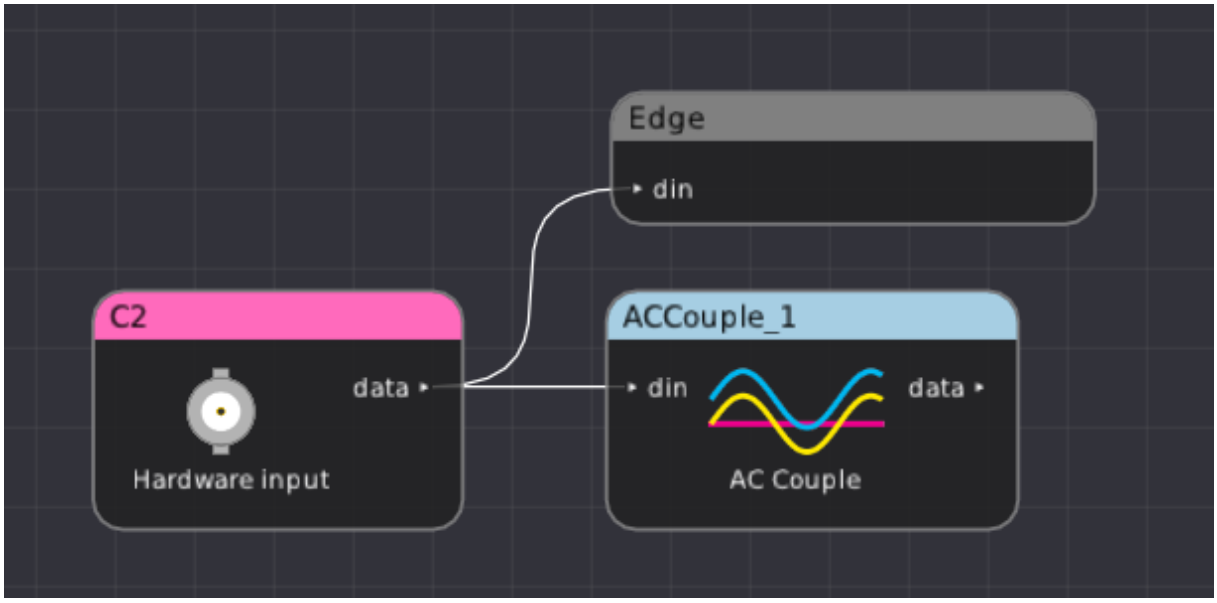

Figure 26.10: Example filter graph AC coupling an input waveform

26.7.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog	Input waveform

26.7.2 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.7.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs an analog waveform with identical configuration (sparse or uniform) and sample rate to the input, vertically shifted to center the signal at zero volts.

Stream name	Type	Description
data	Analog	Output decode

26.8 AC RMS

Measures the Root Mean Square amplitude of the waveform after removing any DC offset. The DC offset is calculated by averaging all samples in the waveform.

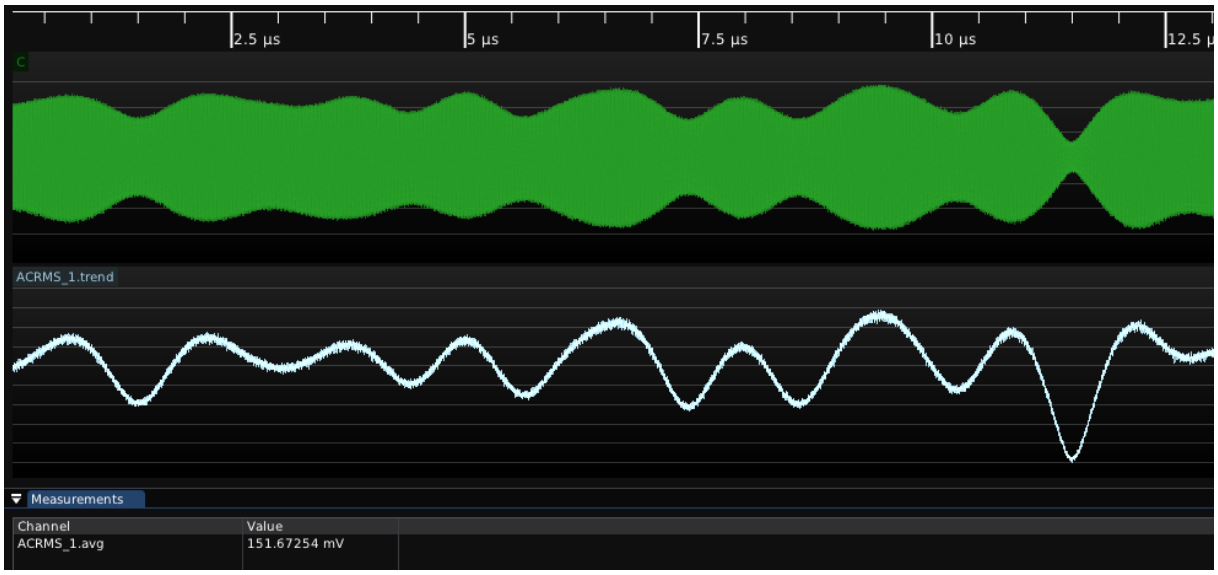

Figure 26.11: Example usage of the AC RMS filter on a QAM modulated signal

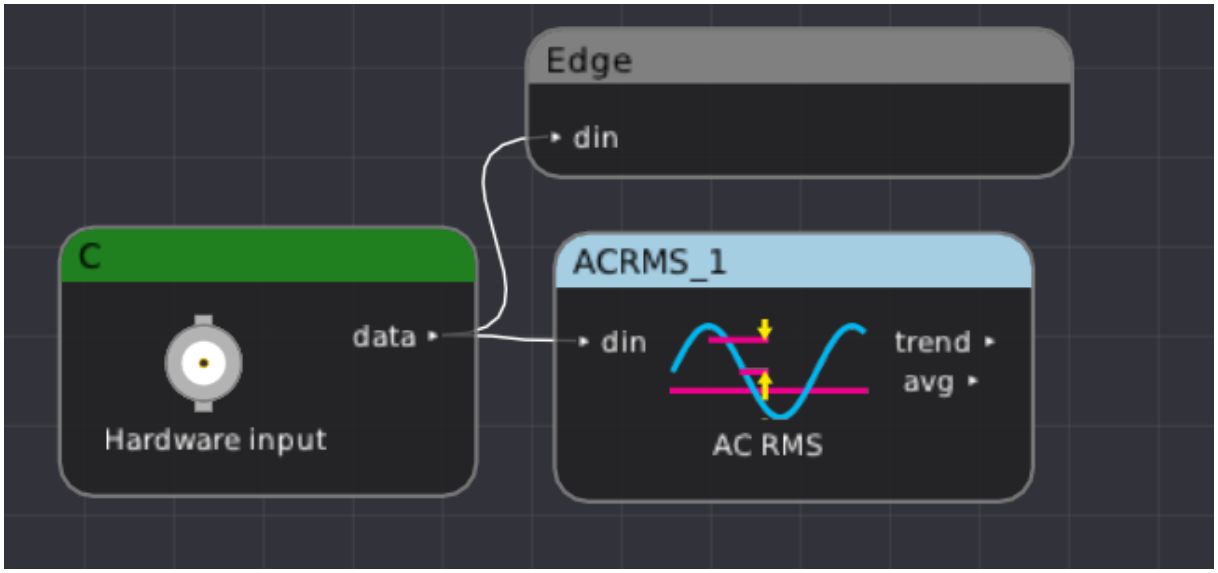

Figure 26.12: Example filter graph measuring RMS value of a waveform

26.8.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog	Input waveform

26.8.2 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.8.3 Output Signal

This filter has two output streams.

Stream name	Type	Description
trend	Sparse analog	One sample per cycle of the input waveform containing the RMS value across that cycle
avg	Scalar	RMS value across the entire waveform

26.9 Add

This filter adds two inputs. Either input may be a vector (waveform) or scalar.

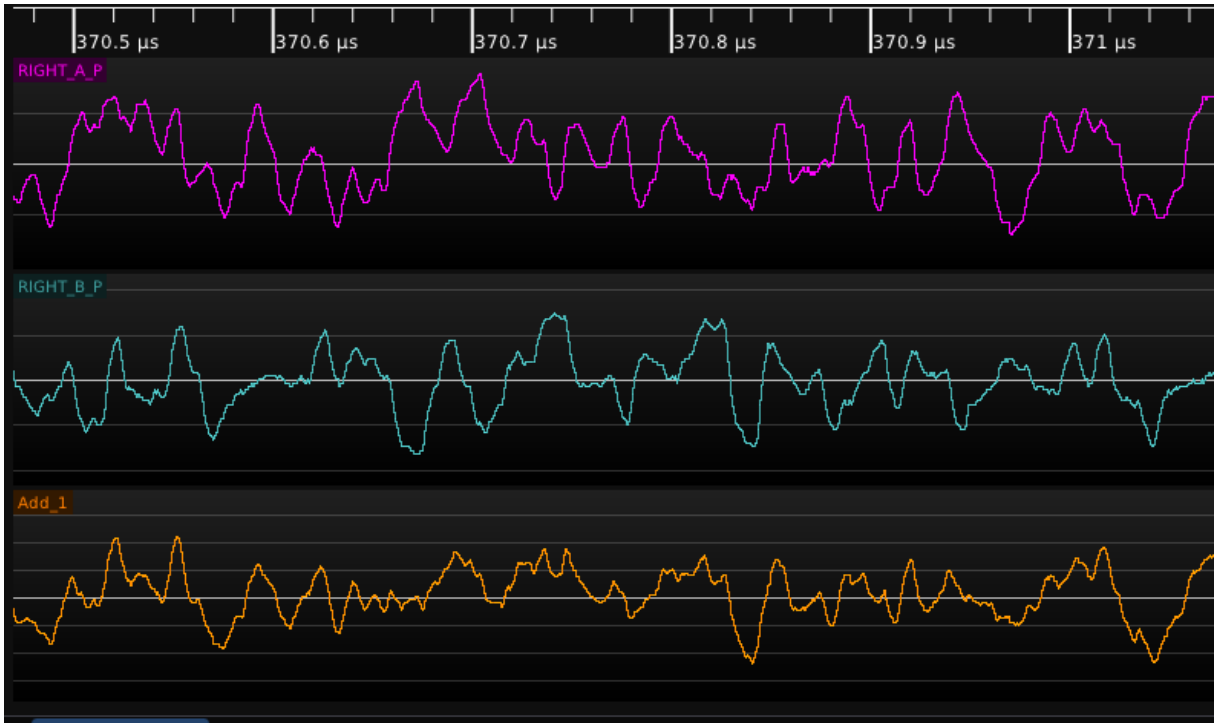

Figure 26.13: Example usage of adding two analog waveforms

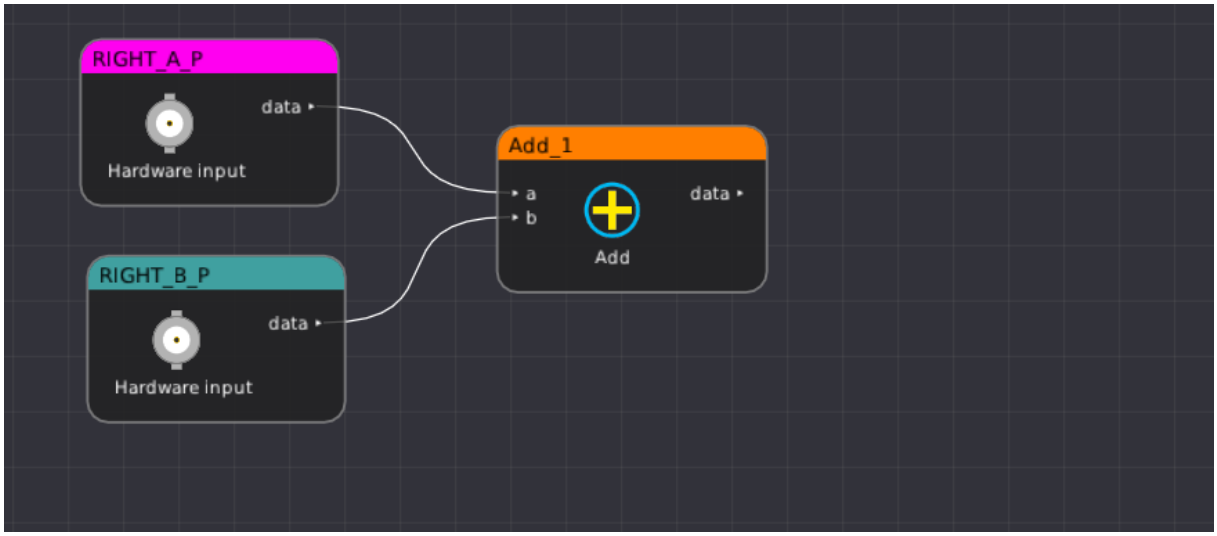

Figure 26.14: Example filter graph adding two analog waveforms

26.9.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
a	Analog waveform or scalar	First input waveform
b	Analog waveform or scalar	Second input waveform

26.9.2 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.9.3 Output Signal

If both inputs are vectors, this filter outputs a waveform containing the pairwise sum; i.e. sample i of the output is $a[i] + b[i]$. No resampling is performed on the inputs so incorrect or unexpected results may occur if they do not share the same timebase. Both inputs must be the same type (both sparse or both uniform), mixing sparse and uniform (even if the sample timestamps are the same) is not allowed.

If both inputs are scalars, this filter outputs their sum.

If one input is a vector and the other is a scalar, this filter outputs the sum of the scalar and each element of the waveform, i.e. sample i of the output is $a + b[i]$ for the scalar + vector case and $a[i] + b$ for the vector + scalar.

Stream name	Type	Description
data	Analog	One sample per cycle of the input waveform containing the sum of the a and b inputs at that time

26.10 Area Under Curve

Measures the area under the curve by integrating the data points. By default, area measured above ground is considered as positive and area measured below the ground is considered negative (“true area"). The negative area can also be considered as positive (“absolute area"). The measurement can be performed on the full record or on each cycle.

The following examples demonstrate usage of the filter on a sinusoid.

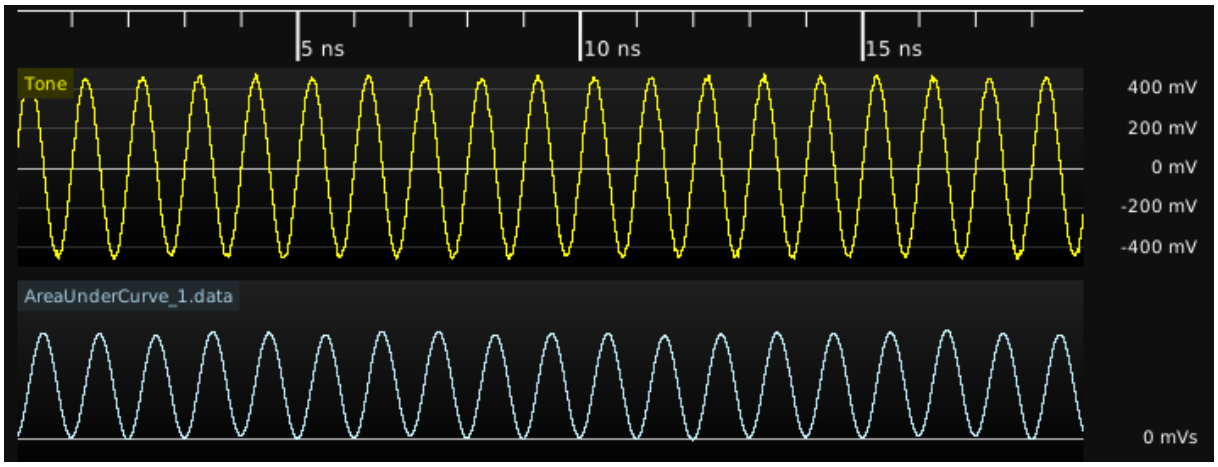

Figure 26.15: True area full record measurement. In this mode, the filter outputs $\int_0^i x$ at sample i, so we get $\int sin(x) = cos(x)$.

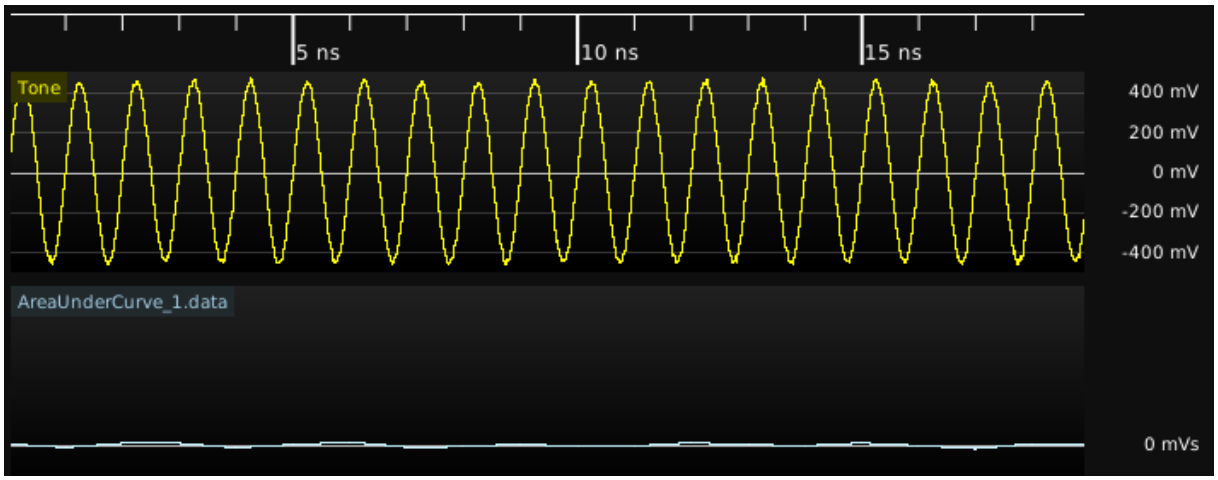

Figure 26.16: True area per cycle measurement. In this mode, the filter outputs $\int_{t1}^{t2} x$ at each zero crossing bounded interval so we get $\int_0^{2\pi} sin(x) = 0$ (plus measurement noise).

26.10.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog	Input waveform

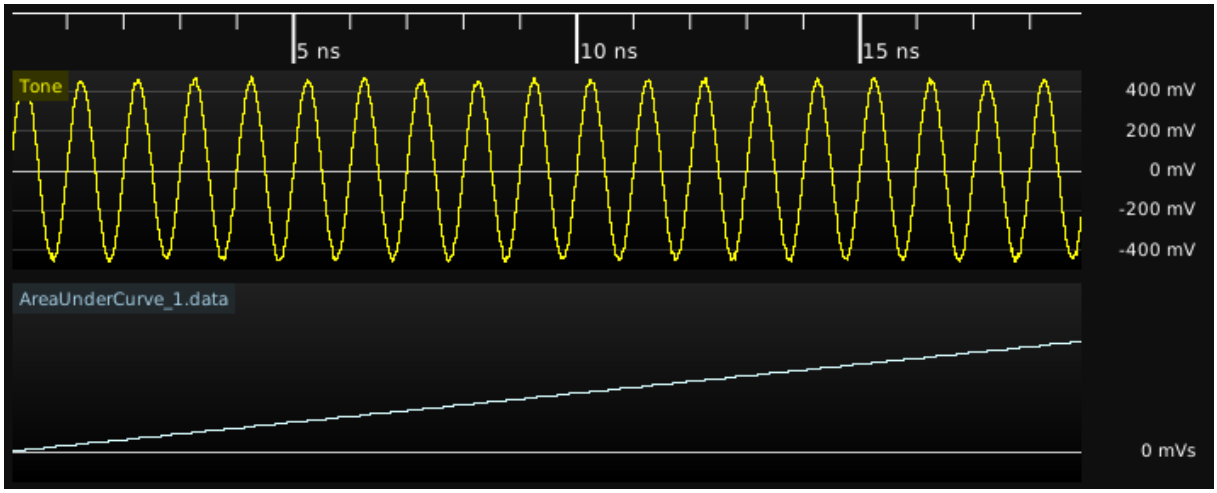

Figure 26.17: Absolute area full record measurement. In this mode, the filter outputs $\int_0^i |x|$ at sample i, so we get a continually increasing signal.

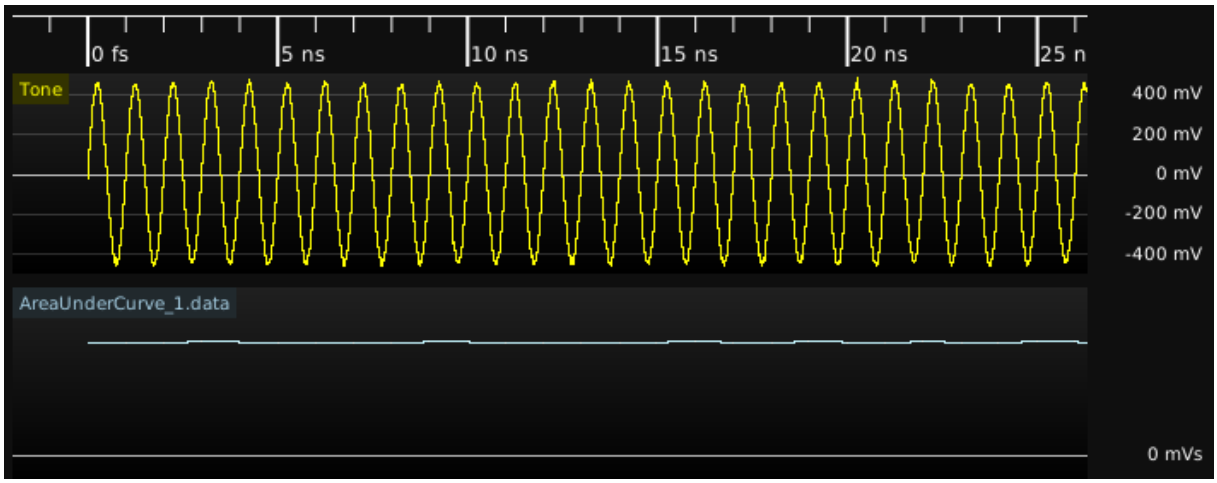

Figure 26.18: Absolute area per cycle measurement. In this mode, the filter outputs $\int_{t1}^{t2} |x|$ at each zero crossing bounded interval, so we get $\int 0^{2\pi} |sin(x)| = 4$ (plus measurement noise).

26.10.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Measurement Type	Enum	**Full Record**: Measure the area of entire waveform **Per Cycle**: Measure the area of each cycle in the waveform
Area Type	Enum	**True Area**: Consider area below ground as negative (integrate X) **Absolute Area**: Consider area below ground as positive (integrate $\|X\|$)

26.10.3 Output Signal

For full record measurement, this filter outputs a waveform indicating total area measured till the time on the waveform (integrating from zero to the current sample).

For per cycle measurement, this filter outputs a waveform representing area of each cycle (inte-

grating between zero crossings).

26.11 ADL5205

Decodes SPI data traffic to one half of an ADL5205 variable gain amplifier.

TODO: Screenshot

26.11.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
spi	SPI bus	The SPI data bus

26.11.2 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.11.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs one ADL5205 sample object for each write transaction, formatted as “write: FA=2 dB, gain=8 dB".

26.12 Autocorrelation

This filter calculates the autocorrelation of an analog waveform. Autocorrelation is a measure of self-similarity calculated by multiplying the signal with a time-shifted copy of itself. In Fig. 26.19, strong peaks can be seen at multiples of the 8b/10b symbol rate.

For best performance, it is crucial to keep the maximum offset as low as possible, since filter run time is proportional to offset range multiplied by waveform length. A GPU implementation of this filter is planned for the future (scopehal:998) which will significantly increase speed.

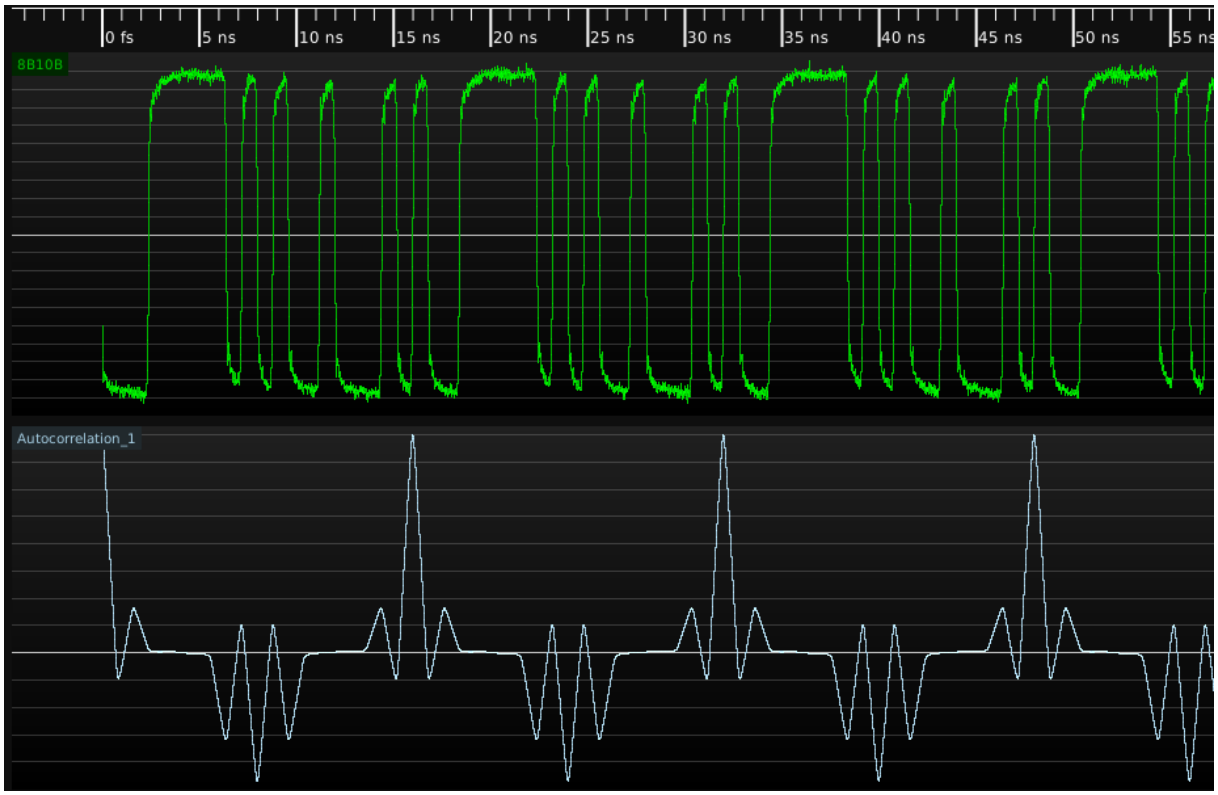

Figure 26.19: Example waveforms showing autocorrelation of an 8b/10b signal

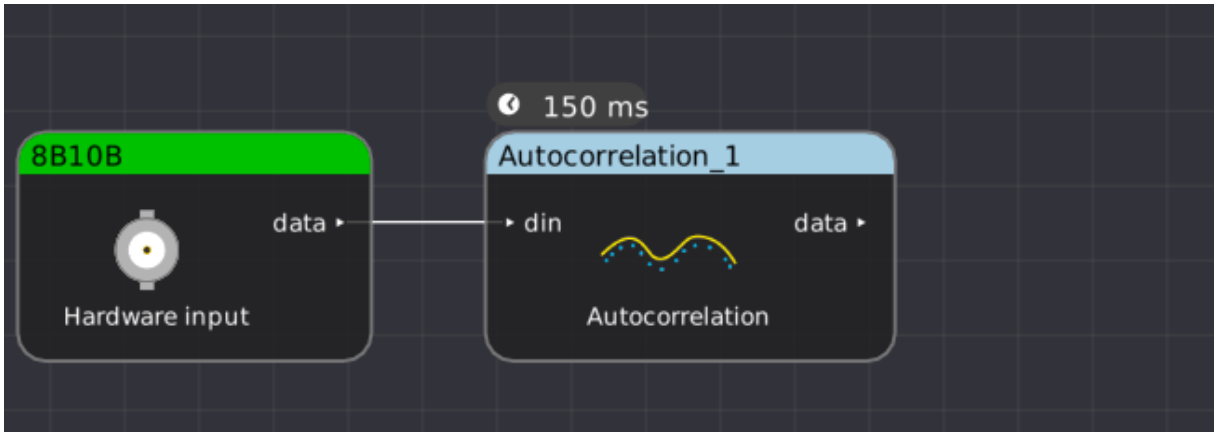

Figure 26.20: Example filter graph showing usage of autocorrelation filter

26.12.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Uniform analog	Input waveform

26.12.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Max offset	Integer	Maximum shift (in samples)

26.12.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs an analog waveform with the same timebase as the input, one sample for each correlation offset.

Stream name	Type	Description
data	Uniform analog	Autocorrelation waveform

26.13 Average

This filter calculates the average of its input.

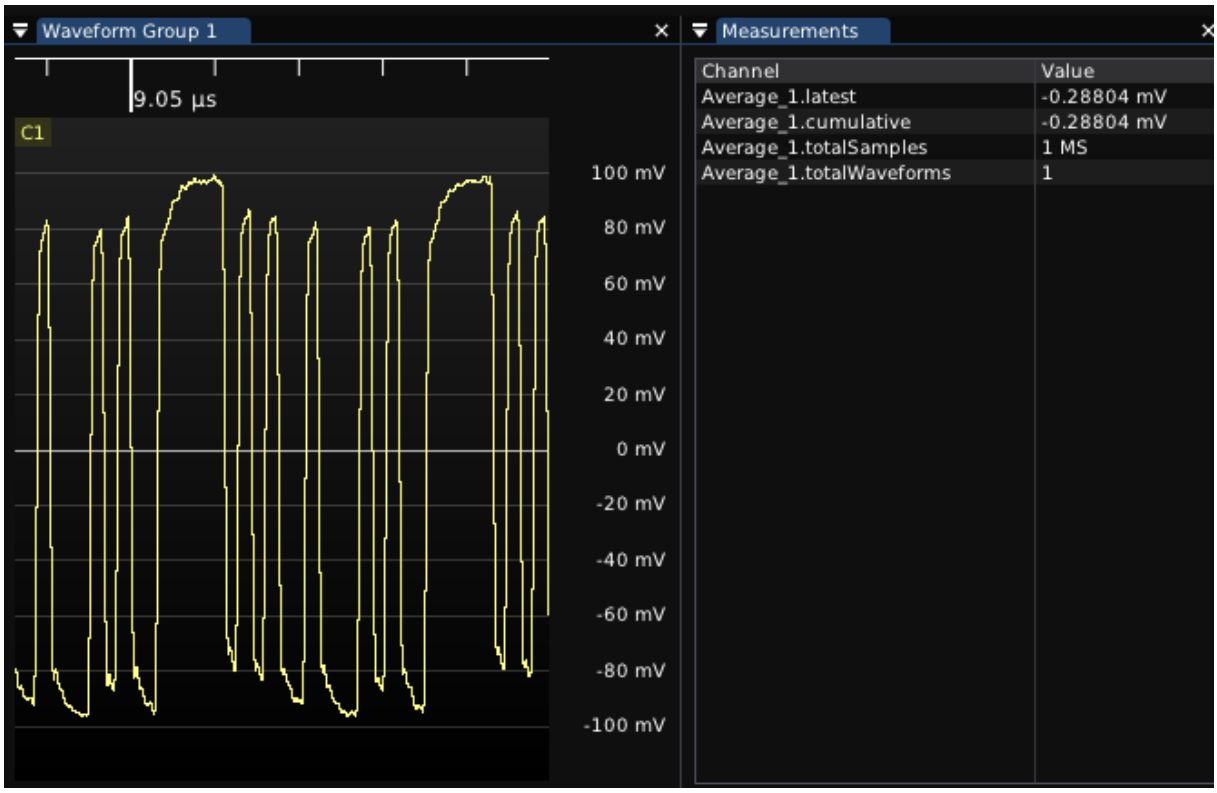

Figure 26.21: Typical usage of average filter

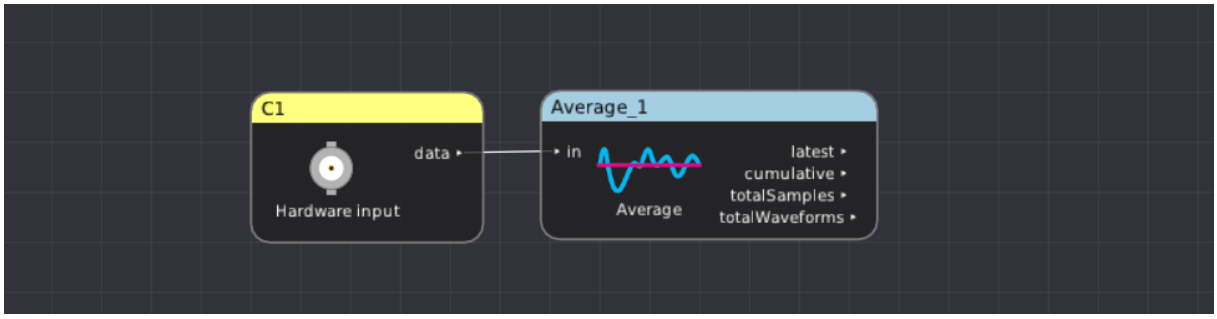

Figure 26.22: Example filter graph showing usage of average filter

26.13.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
in	Analog or scalar	Input waveform

26.13.2 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.13.3 Output Signal

Signal name	Type	Description
latest	Scalar	Average of the filter's current input
cumulative	Scalar	Average of all input since the last clear-sweeps
totalSamples	Scalar	Total number of integrated samples
totalWaveforms	Scalar	Total number of integrated waveforms

26.14 Bandwidth

Calculates the -3 dB bandwidth of a network, given the insertion loss magnitude.

The bandwidth is measured relative to a user-specified reference level; for example the bandwidth of a -20 dB attenuator can be measured by setting the reference level to -20 dB.

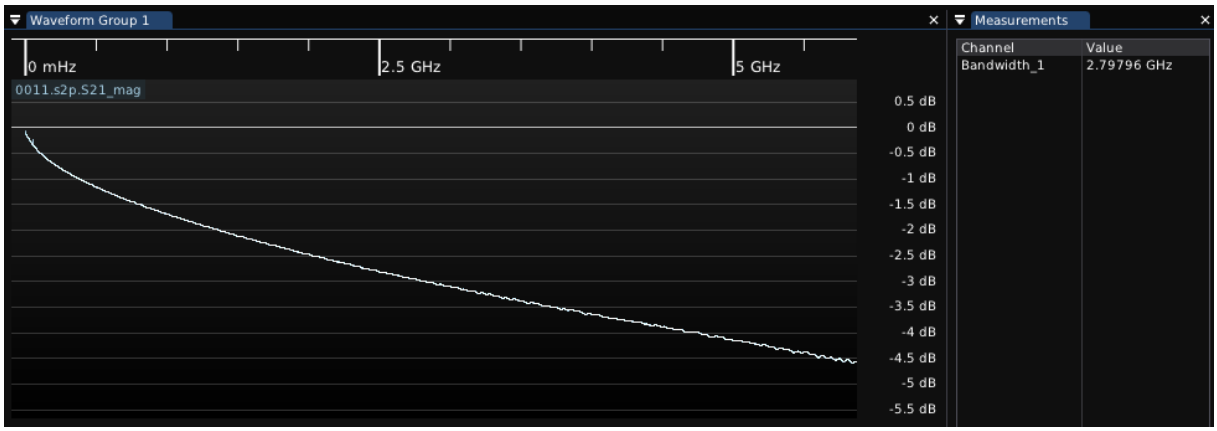

Figure 26.23: Measuring the -3 dB bandwidth of a cable

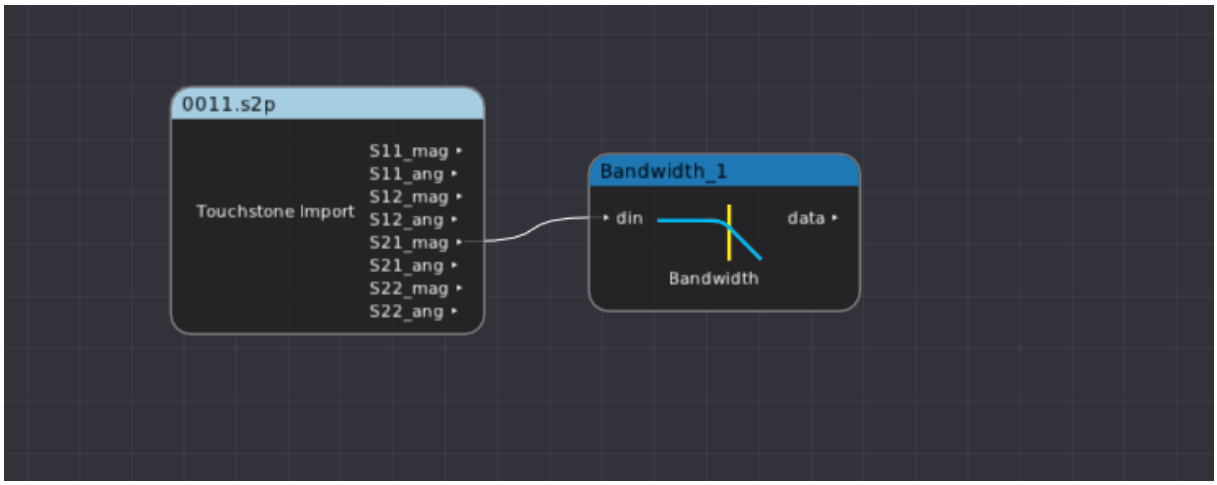

Figure 26.24: Example filter graph showing usage of bandwidth filter on an imported Touchstone file

26.14.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog	Input waveform (typically S21)

26.14.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Reference Level	Float	Nominal (DC / mid band) insertion loss of the network

26.14.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs a scalar containing the first frequency in the network which is at least -3 dB below the reference level. If the input waveform is entirely below this level, the lowest frequency in the input is returned. If the input waveform is entirely above this level, the highest frequency in the input is returned.

Signal name	Type	Description
data	Scalar	Calculated bandwidth

26.15 Base

Calculates the base (average logical zero level) of a digital waveform.

It is most commonly used as a scalar to view the base of the entire waveform. At times, however, it may be useful to view the base waveform. For example, in Fig. 26.25, the vertical eye closure caused by channel ISI is readily apparent.

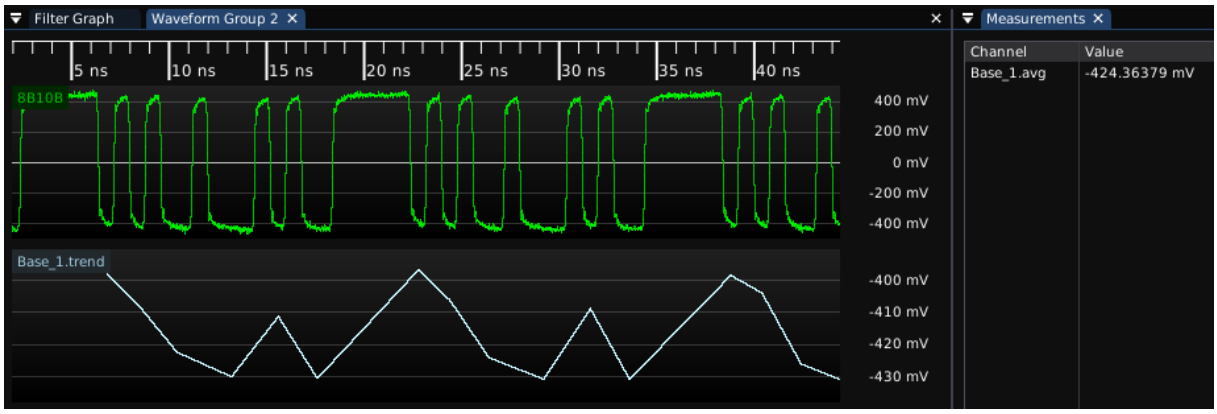

Figure 26.25: Example of base measurement on a serial data stream

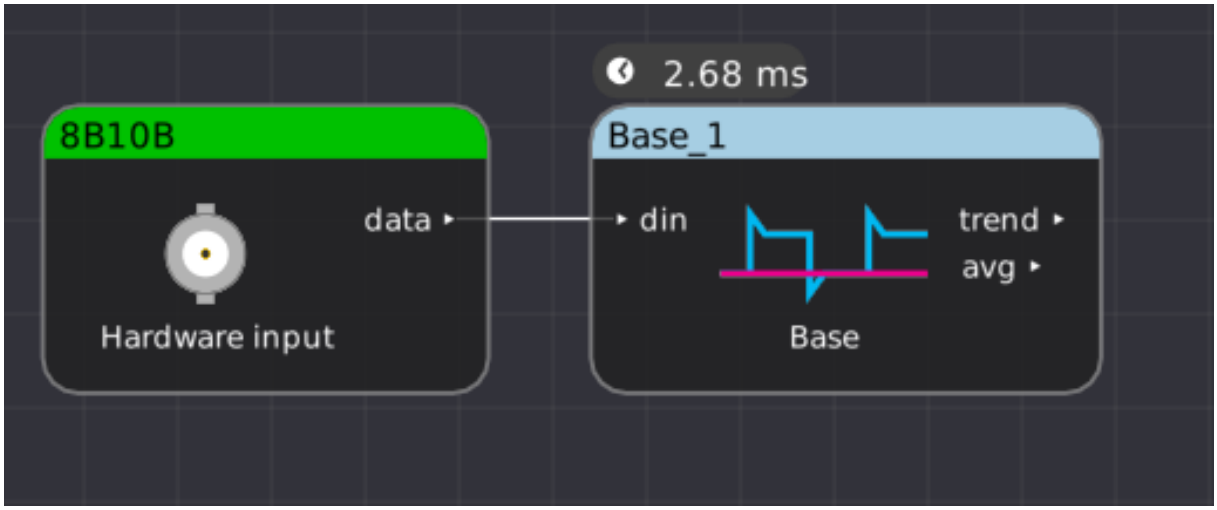

Figure 26.26: Example filter graph showing usage of base filter

26.15.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog	Input waveform

26.15.2 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.15.3 Output Signal

Signal name	Type	Description
trend	Analog	Cycle-by-cycle base
avg	Scalar	Average base of the entire waveform

26.16 BIN Import

Loads an Agilent / Keysight / Rigol binary waveform file.

26.16.1 Inputs

This filter takes no inputs.

26.16.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
BIN File	Filename	Path to the file being imported

26.16.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs a uniformly sampled analog waveform for each channel in the file. The number of output streams is variable based on how many channels are present in the file.

NOTE: Waveform files generated by the Rigol MSO5000 and possibly other scopes using a similar firmware stack are known to be malformed and will not load properly. We are exploring ways to repair and load these damaged files in the future (scopehal:975).

26.17 Burst Width

Measures the burst width of each burst in a waveform. A burst is a sequence of adjacent crossings of the average value of the waveform (for analog waveforms) or toggles (for digital waveforms).

The burst width is the duration of this sequence. Bursts are separated by a user-defined idle time that can be provided as a parameter to this filter. The measurement is made on each burst in the waveform.

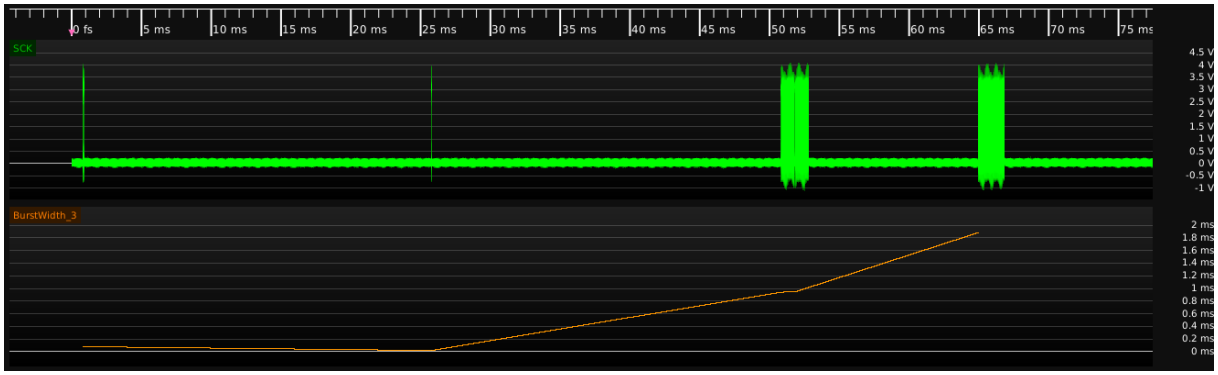

Figure 26.27: Example of burst width measurement

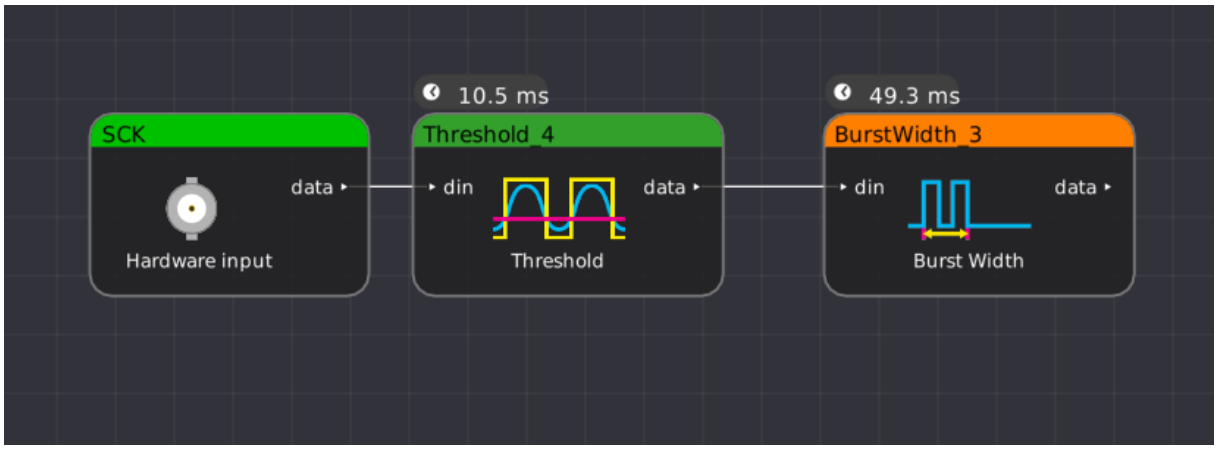

Figure 26.28: Example filter graph showing usage of burst width filter

26.17.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog	Input waveform

26.17.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Idle Time	Integer	Minimum idle time with no toggles, before declaring start of a new burst

26.17.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs a sparse analog waveform with one sample for each burst in the input signal.

26.18 Bus Heatmap

Computes a “spectrogram" visualization of bus activity with address on the Y axis and time on the X axis, in order to identify patterns in memory or bus activity.

The current version only supports CAN bus however other common memory interfaces will be added in the future.

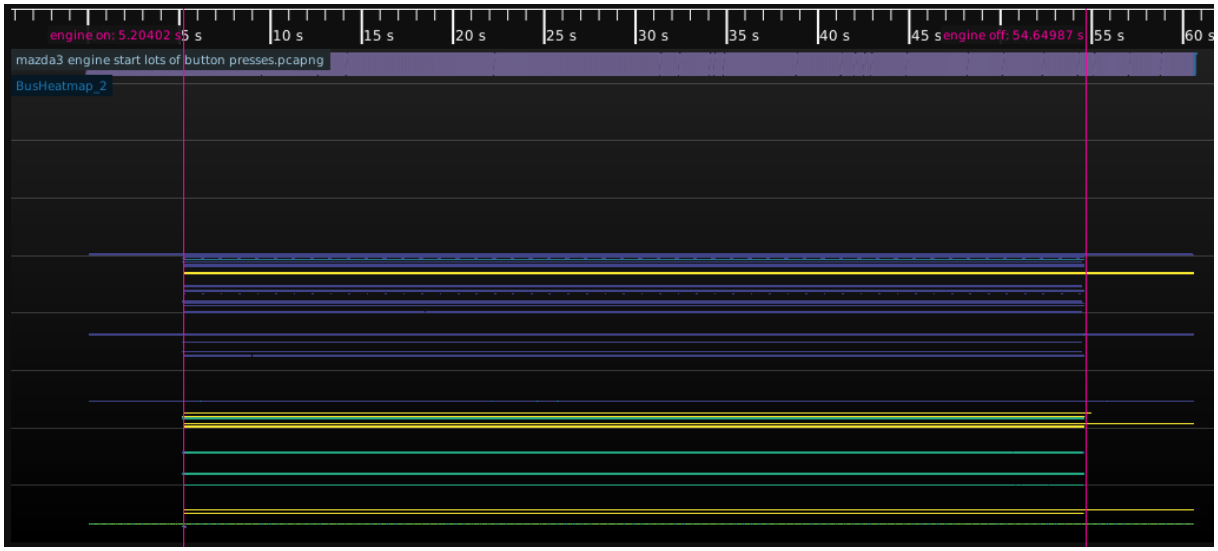

Figure 26.29: CAN bus activity on a car’s OBD port showing the vehicle being started, running for 50 seconds, then shutting down

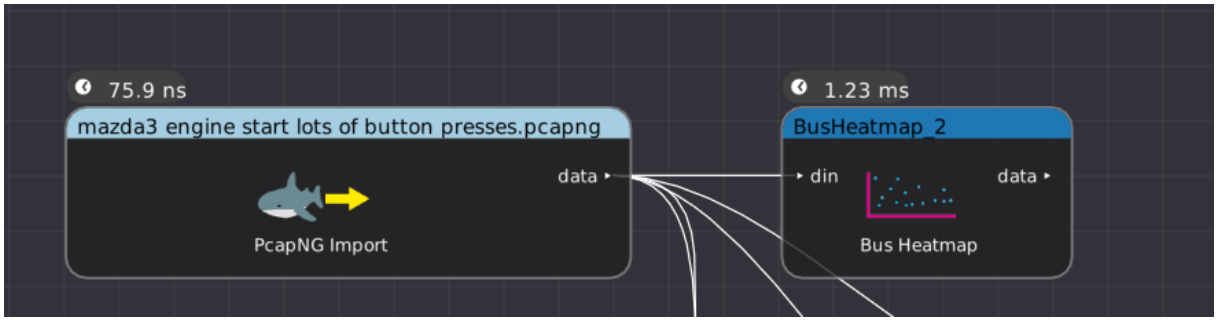

Figure 26.30: Example filter graph showing usage of bus heatmap filter on an imported CAN bus capture

26.18.1 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Max Address	Integer	Maximum address to display in the plot
X Bin Size	Integer	Width of each pixel in the X axis (timebase units)
Y Bin Size	Integer	Number of addresses to merge into each pixel in the Y axis

26.18.2 Output Signal

This filter outputs a 2D density plot that is (max address) / (y bin size) pixels high and (memory depth) / (x bin size) pixels wide, spanning the entire duration of the input and the full address range requested.

All packets within the input waveform have the start time and address rounded to the closest bin in X and Y. The corresponding pixel in the integration buffer is incremented, then the final waveform is normalized to cover the full range of the selected color ramp.

Signal name	Type	Description
data	Density map	Calculated heatmap

26.19 CAN

Decodes the Control Area Network (CAN) bus, commonly used in vehicle control systems. Both standard (11 bit) and extended (29 bit) IDs are supported.

CAN-FD frames are detected and flagged as such, but the current decode cannot parse them fully. Full support is planned (scopehal:334).

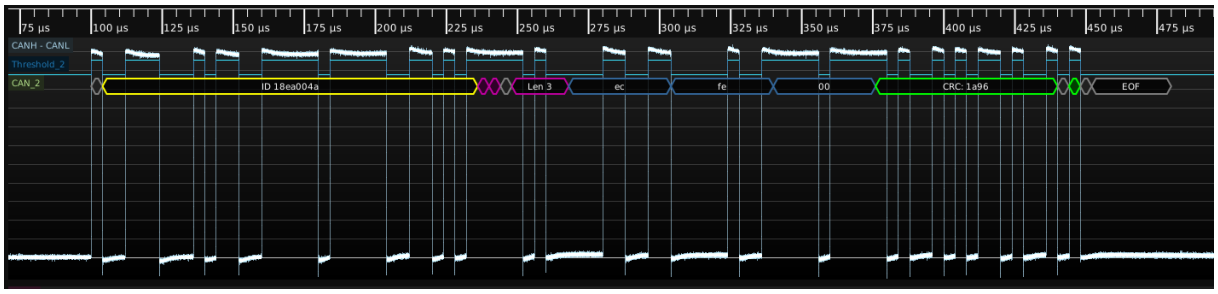

Figure 26.31: Example of decoding a single extended-format frame with 3 bytes of data

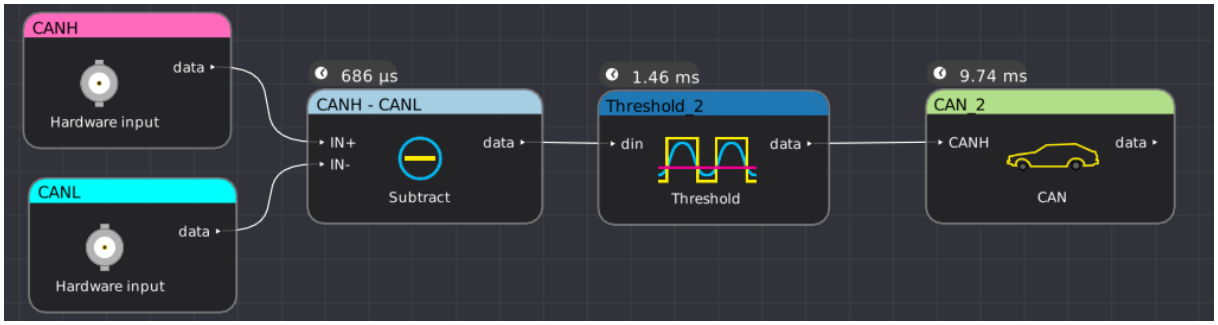

Figure 26.32: Example filter graph showing usage of CAN bus decode

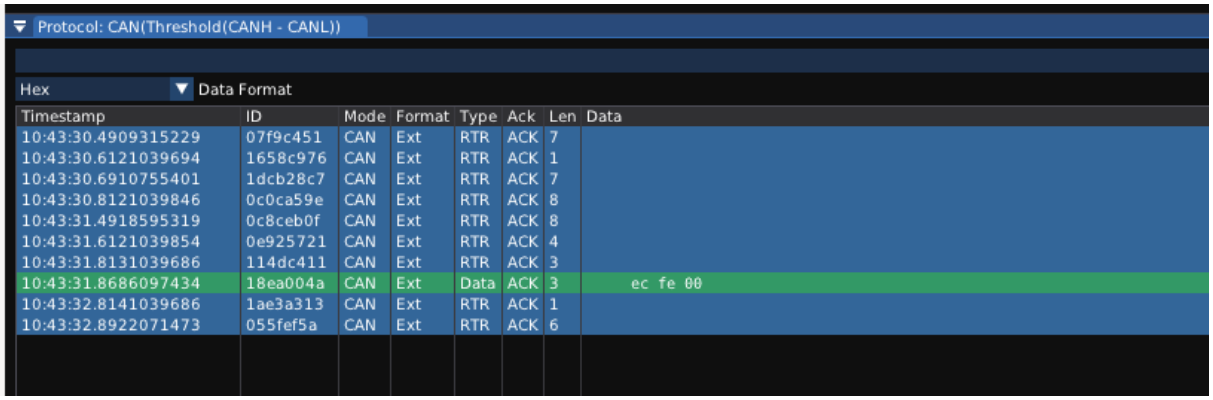

Figure 26.33: Example packet output

26.19.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
CANH	Digital	Thresholded CANH (or CANH-CANL) signal

26.19.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Bit Rate	Integer	Bit rate of the bus (most commonly 250 or 500 Kbps)

26.19.3 Output Signal

The CAN bus decode outputs a time series of CAN sample objects. These consist of a type field and a byte of data.

Signal name	Type	Description
data	Protocol	Decoded waveform data

Type	Description	Color	Format
Control	Start of frame	Preamble	SOF
ID	CAN ID	Address	ID %x
RTR	Remote Transmission Request	Control	DATA | REQ
FD mode	CAN-FD mode	Control	FD | STD
R0	Reserved bits	Preamble	RSVD
DLC	Data Length Code	Control	Len 3
Data	Payload data	Data	%02x
Valid CRC	Good checksum	Checksum OK	CRC: %04x
Invalid CRC	Bad checksum	Checksum Bad	CRC: %04x
CRC delimiter	Bus turnaround	Preamble	CRC DELIM
ACK	Acknowledgement	Checksum OK	ACK
NAK	Missing acknowledgement	Checksum Bad	NAK
ACK delimiter	Bus turnaround	Preamble	ACK DELIM
EOF	End of frame	Preamble	EOF

26.19.4 Protocol Analyzer

TODO

26.20 CAN Analyzer

This filter adds a protocol analyzer table to CAN data sources which do not natively provide one.

The most common use of this block is processing packets acquired from the socketcan driver, since the current libscopehal object model does not allow instruments to output protocol packets directly.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.21 CAN Bitmask

Extracts a bit-masked value from a stream of CAN bus packets and outputs a Boolean waveform.

The typical use of this is to display a Boolean control or status signal, such as turn signal indicator state, as a waveform.

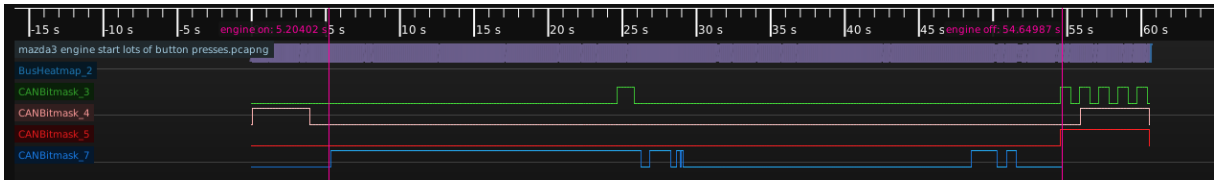

Figure 26.34: Example of decoding several bitfields from a CAN bus waveform

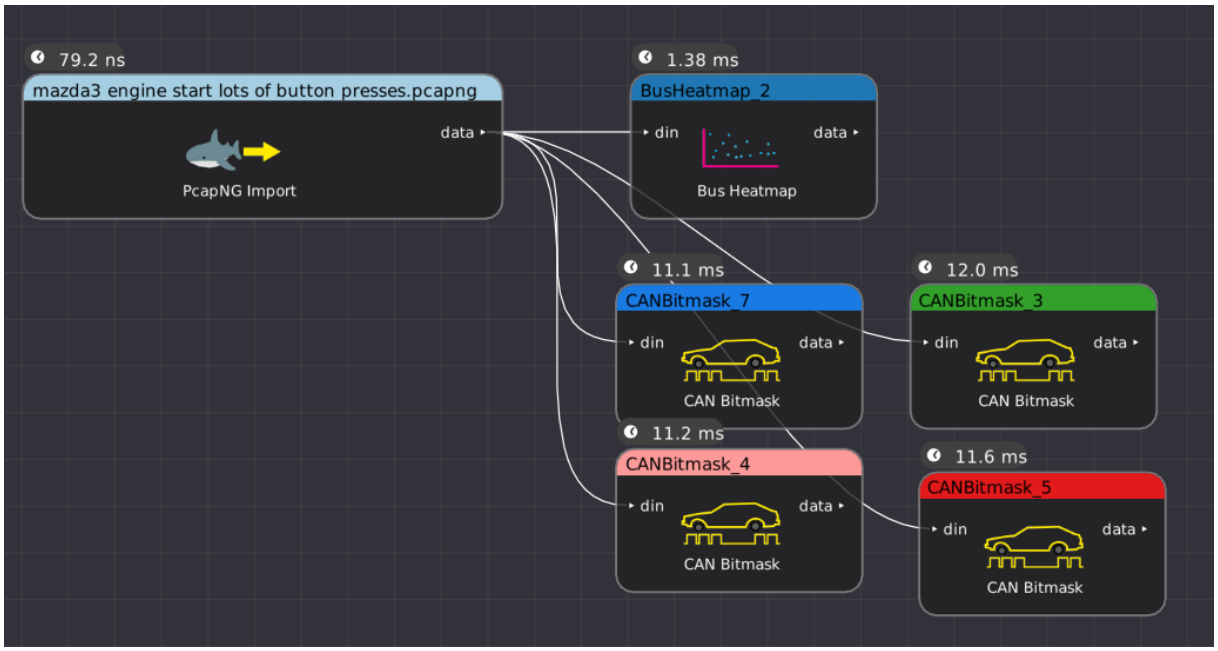

Figure 26.35: Example filter graph showing usage of CAN bitmask decode

26.21.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	CAN bus	Input waveform

26.21.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Bus Address	Hex	CAN ID to match
Initial Value	Bool	Starting value to display before the first matching CAN packet is seen
Pattern Bitmask	Hex	64-bit mask for selecting bits within the CAN packet
Pattern Target	Hex	64-bit pattern to look for

26.21.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs a sparse digital waveform with one sample per CAN packet matching the target CAN ID.

If the packet value, interpreted as a 64-bit big endian integer, equals the target when ANDed with the bitmask, the output is 1. Otherwise the output is zero.

26.22 Can-Utils Import

Loads a log file generated by the `candump` utility from the Linux `can-utils` software package and displays it as a series of CAN packets.

Example capture command: `candump -l can0`

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.23 Channel Emulation

This filter models the effects of applying an arbitrary channel, described via a single path of a set of S-parameters, to a waveform. Fig. 26.36 shows the result of passing a 10.3125 Gbps PRBS through S21 of a 300mm FR-4 channel with insertion loss of approximately 7 dB at the fundamental. The ISI and phase shift introduced by the channel can be seen clearly.

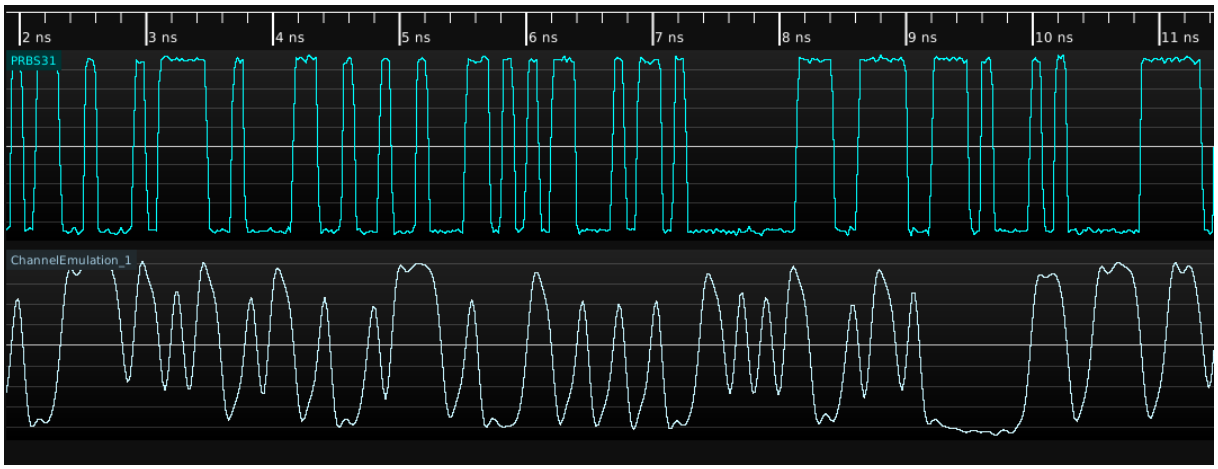

Figure 26.36: Example of channel emulation on a serial data stream

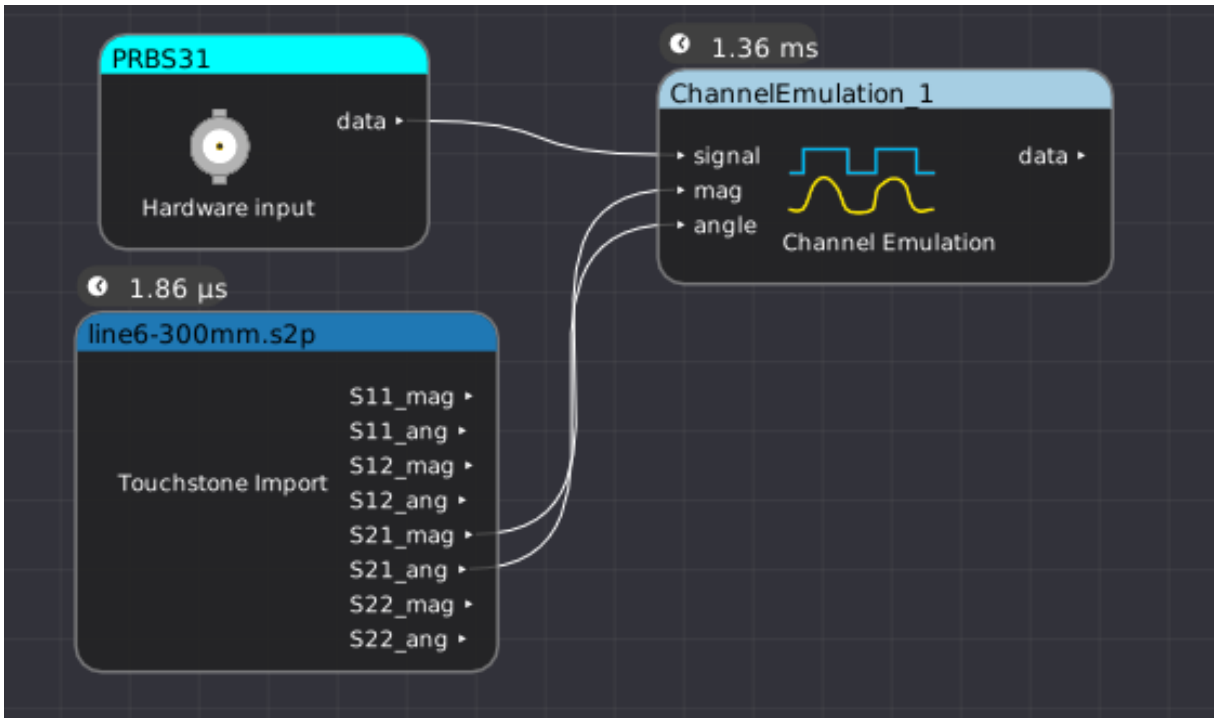

Figure 26.37: Example filter graph showing usage of channel emulation filter

The channel model works in the frequency domain. An FFT is performed on the input, then each complex point is scaled by the interpolated magnitude and rotated by the phase, then an inverse FFT is used to transform the signal back into the time domain.

The group delay of the channel is then estimated and samples are discarded from the beginning of the waveform to prevent causality violations. For example, when performing channel emulation using a network with a 1ns group delay, the output waveform will begin 1ns after the input (since

the channel output before this depends on input samples before the start of the waveform). Note that the automatic group delay estimation uses points from roughly the center of the S-parameter dataset in the current implementation; channels which do not have a significant passband around this frequency will give incorrect group delay estimates. The “Group Delay Truncation Mode" parameter can be set to manual in this case, selecting the “Group Delay Truncation" parameter instead of the automatically estimated value.

By choosing appropriate stimulus waveforms and S-parameter paths, many different kinds of analysis can be performed. For example, given a 4-port network describing two transmission lines (with ports 1 and 3 as input, and 2 and 4 as output):

- Applying S_{11} to a step or impulse waveform gives TDR response of the port 1-2 channel.
- Applying S_{21} to an impulse waveform gives impulse response of the port 1-2 channel
- Applying S_{21} to a serial data stream gives the port 1-2 signal as it would be seen by a receiver
- Applying S_{31} to a serial data stream gives the NEXT between the port 1-2 and 3-4 channels
- Applying S_{41} to a serial data stream gives the FEXT between the port 1-2 and 3-4 channels

Note that only the single S-parameter path provided is considered, and reflections elsewhere in the system are not modeled. As a result, multiple applications of this filter to emulate a large circuit piecewise (for example, a cable followed by a fixture) may give inaccurate results since reflections between the two networks are not considered. In this situation, it is preferable to use a circuit simulator or the S-Parameter Cascade filter to calculate combined S-parameters of the entire circuit and then perform the channel emulation once.

26.23.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
signal	Analog	Input waveform
mag	Analog	S-parameter magnitude channel
ang	Analog	S-parameter angle channel

26.23.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Max Gain	Float	Maximum gain to apply
Group Delay Truncation	Int	Group delay override for manual mode
Group Delay Truncation Mode	Enum	Specifies manual or automatically estimated group delay

26.23.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs an analog waveform with the same timebase as the input, with the emulated channel applied.

26.24 Clip

This filter limits the maximum or minimum value of a waveform to a given value. It can be configured to clip “above" in which case it imposes an upper limit or “below" in which case it imposes a lower limit.

Clipping both top and bottom is not currently supported, however two instances of the filter can be chained to achieve the same result.

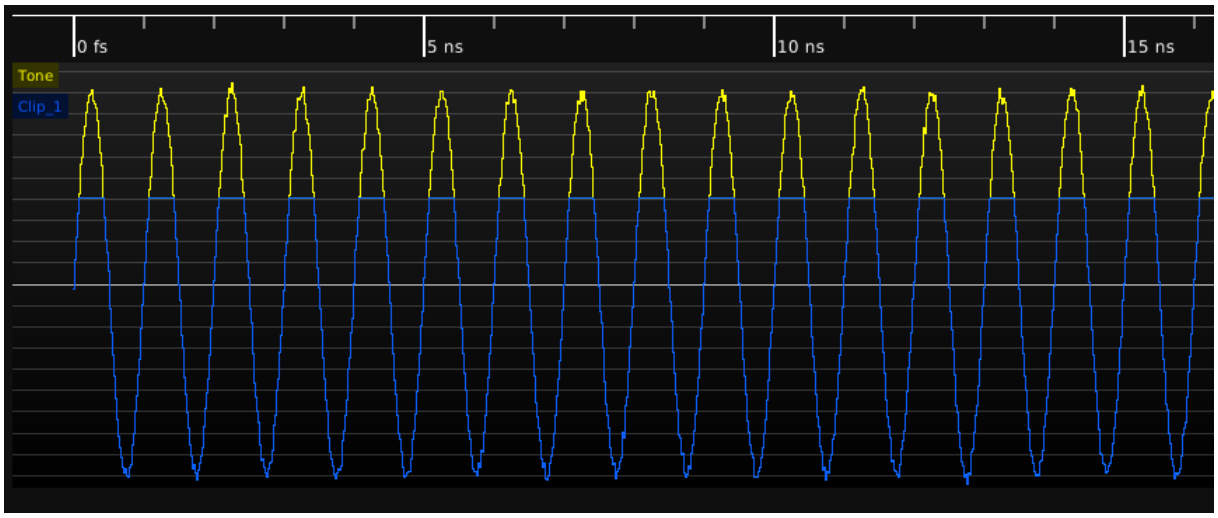

Figure 26.38: Example of clipping a sinewave

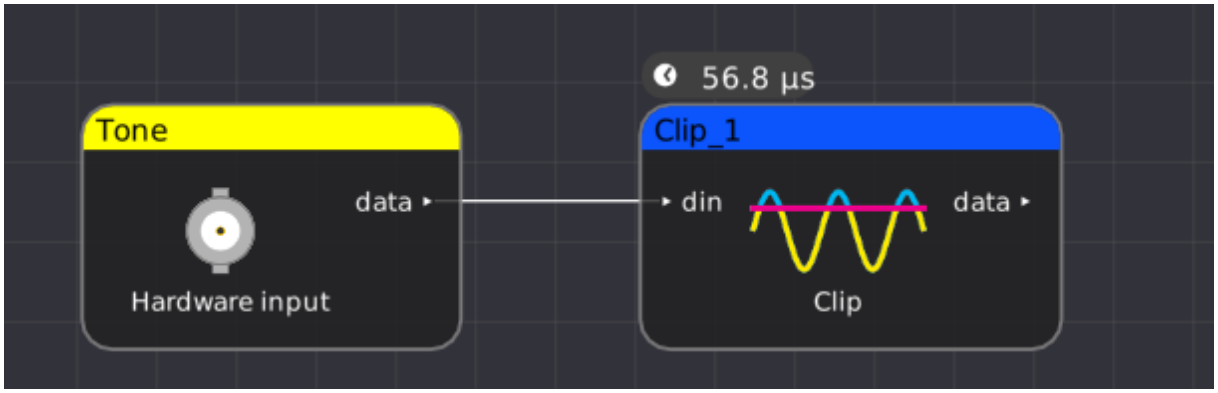

Figure 26.39: Example filter graph showing usage of clip filter

26.24.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog	Input waveform

26.24.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Behavior	Enum	Select between clipping values above or below selected value
Level	Float	Maximum/minimum signal level

26.24.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs an analog waveform with the same timebase as the input, clipped as specified by the parameters.

26.25 Clock Recovery (D-PHY HS Mode)

Extracts a double-rate clock from a MIPI D-PHY clock+data stream, which is gated to only toggle when the data input is in HS mode. This can be used for generating eye patterns of the HS-mode data.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.26 Clock Recovery (PLL)

This filter uses a PLL to recover a clock from a serial NRZ data stream. The recovered clock is double-rate and phased 90°with respect to the data, such that the data can be sampled directly by both edges of the PLL output clock.

When the optional clock gating input is low, the output does not toggle and any edges in the input signal are ignored. This is most commonly used as a squelch to disable decoding and eye processing in between bursts of data. As soon as the gate goes high, the PLL will instantly phase shift the internal NCO to align with the next transition in the input signal and then begin running closed-loop continuing from the previous NCO frequency value.

This filter uses a single threshold suitable for NRZ inputs. Using either the upper or lower level is also sufficient for MLT-3 since the +1 to -1 crossing is disallowed, but attempting to do the same on a PAM signal will add data-dependent jitter (since the slew rate for, for example, a -2 to +2 transition is different than that for a -1 to +1 transition). For proper results on PAM signals, use the PAM edge detector filter to find level crossings and then apply the CDR to the detected transitions.

The current implementation of this filter uses a simple bang-bang control loop which is reasonably fast and provides generally acceptable jitter transfer performance for most purposes (passing high frequency jitter but rejecting spread spectrum modulation), but does not precisely match the jitter transfer characteristics of any particular serial data standard. In the future, several standard PLL responses including the Fibre Channel golden PLL (scopehal:163) will be supported as options.

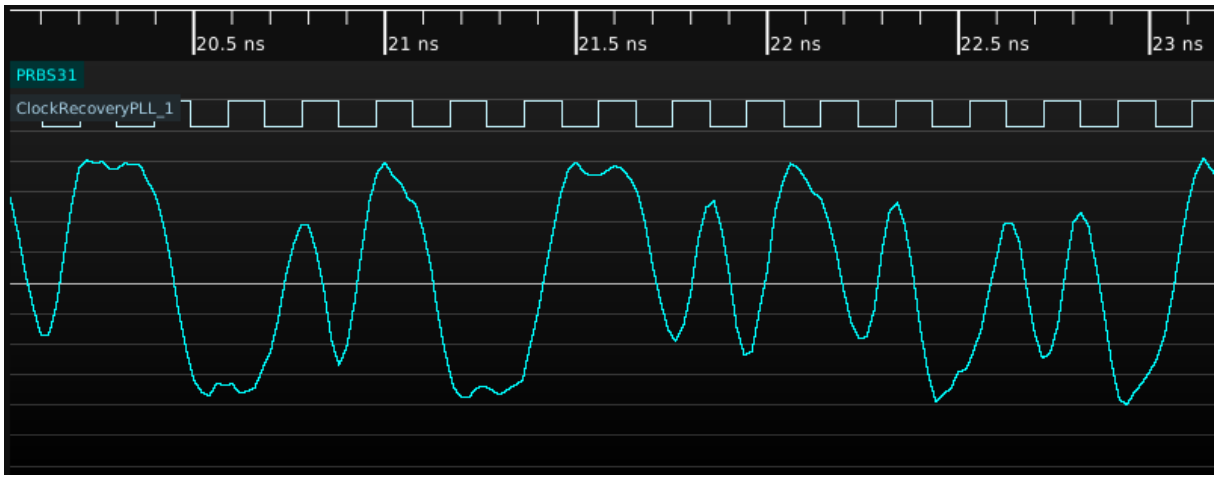

Figure 26.40: Example of CDR PLL on a serial data stream

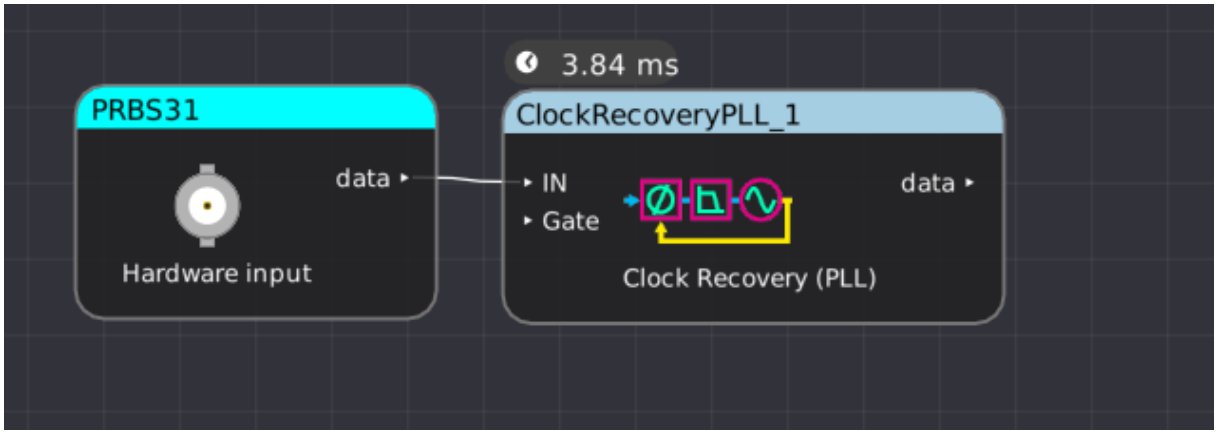

Figure 26.41: Example filter graph showing usage of CDR PLL filter

26.26.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
IN	Analog or digital	Input waveform
Gate	Digital	Clock enable signal. Leave unconnected to disable gating.
Edges	Digital	Output of external edge detector filter (used for PAM4, not needed for NRZ)

26.26.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Symbol rate	Float	Symbol rate, in Hz
Threshold	Float	Decision threshold for the edge detector, in volts. Ignored for digital inputs.

26.26.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs an digital waveform with one sample per transition of the recovered clock.

26.27 Clock Recovery (UART)

This filter uses a DLL to recover a sampling clock from UART or similar protocol at a known baud rate. The single-rate recovered clock idles low and toggles for each bit in each frame and is phased 90°with respect to data, such that each bit can be sampled on the rising edge of the DLL output clock. This filter can be used for generating an eye pattern of the serial signal.

The current implementation limits support to serial protocols with 10 bits/symbols per frame. Consider using the PLL-based clock recovery for unsupported serial formats if applicable.

The current implementation does not synchronize by aligning falling clock edges with symbol edges.

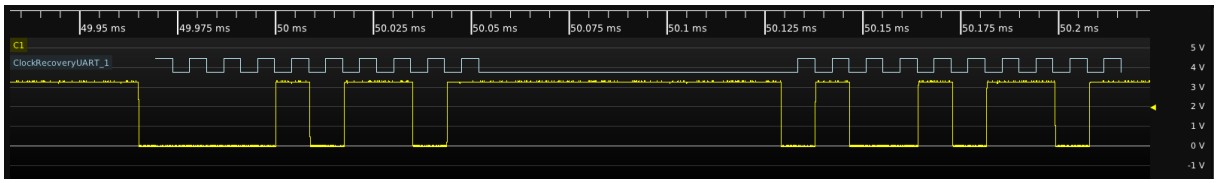

Figure 26.42: Example of UART CDR on two serial data frames separated by a short delay

26.27.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog	Input waveform

26.27.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Baud rate	Float	Symbol rate, in bps
Threshold	Float	Decision threshold for the edge detector, in volts

26.27.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs a digital waveform with the sampling clock recovered from the analog stream.

26.28 Complex Import

Loads waveform data from a raw binary file containing I/Q samples in one of several formats. Regardless of sample format, the samples must be interleaved in I-Q-I-Q order.

Supported formats (native endianness, no byte swapping is performed):

- Signed int8
- Unsigned int8
- Signed int16
- Float32
- Float64

Integer sample data is rescaled to a nominal +/- 1V p-p. Floating point data is not rescaled and the raw floating point values are output as volts.

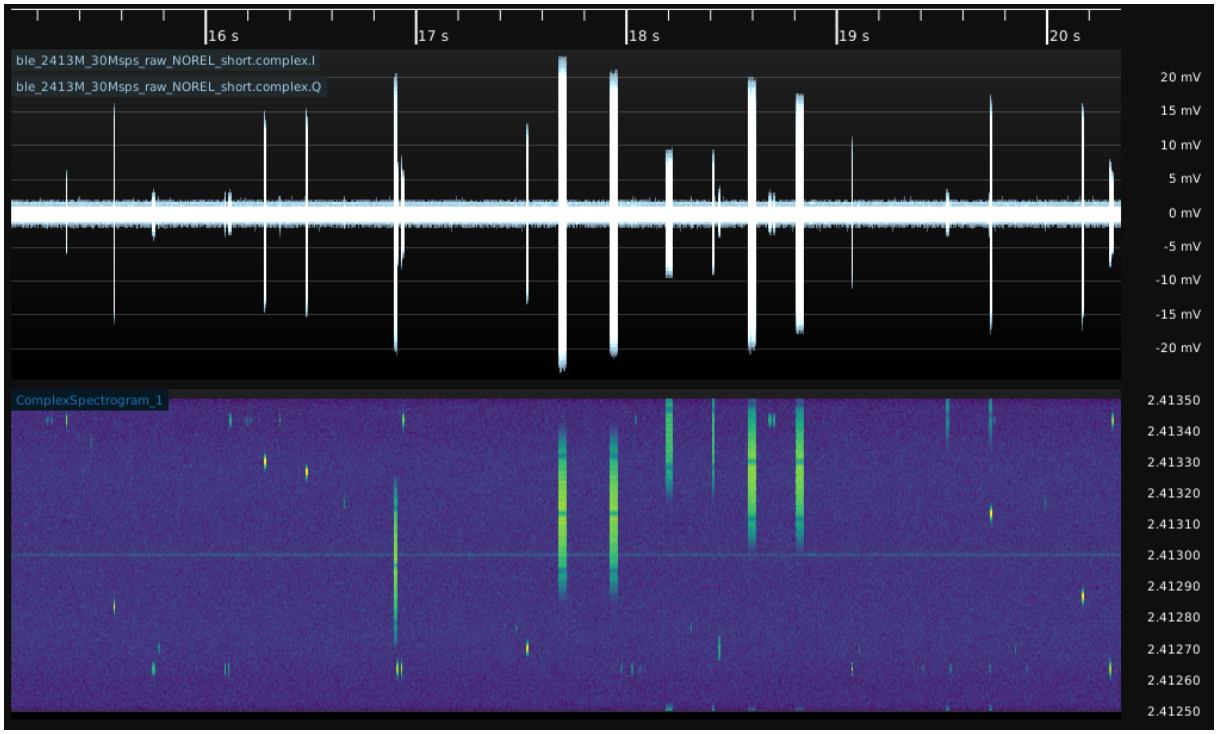

Figure 26.43: Example of importing and processing complex data

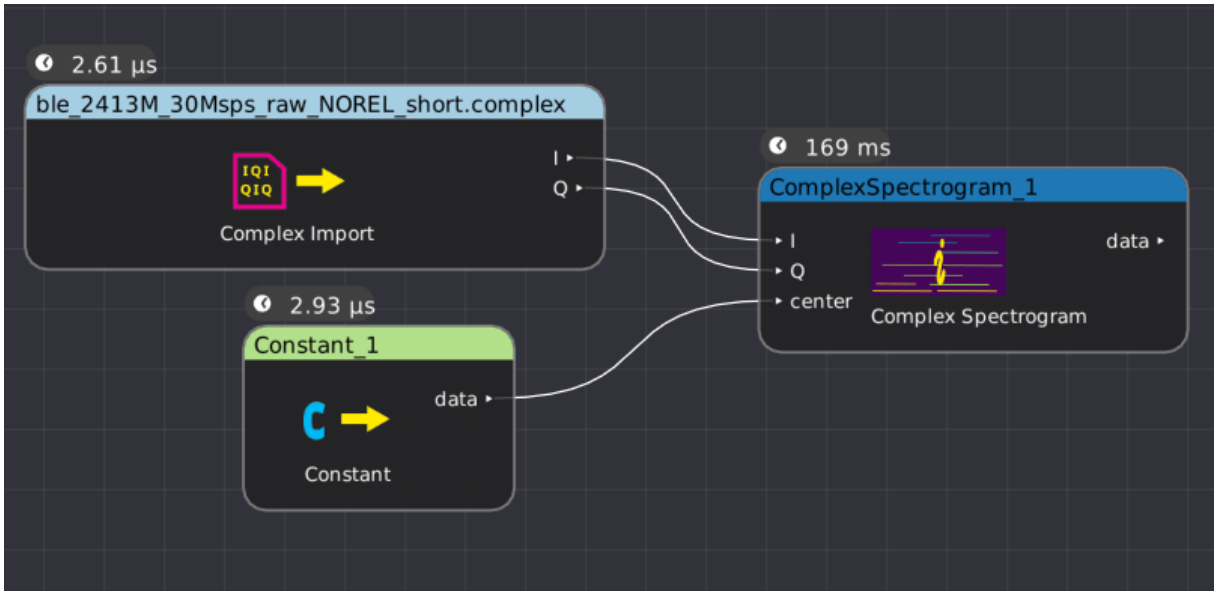

Figure 26.44: Example filter graph showing usage of complex import filter

26.28.1 Inputs

This filter takes no inputs.

26.28.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Complex File	String	Path to the input file
File Format	Enum	Data type of the samples
Sample Rate	Int	Sampling frequency

26.28.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs two streams named “I" and “Q" containing the I/Q waveform data.

26.29 Complex Spectrogram

Plots a spectrogram of complex I/Q data.

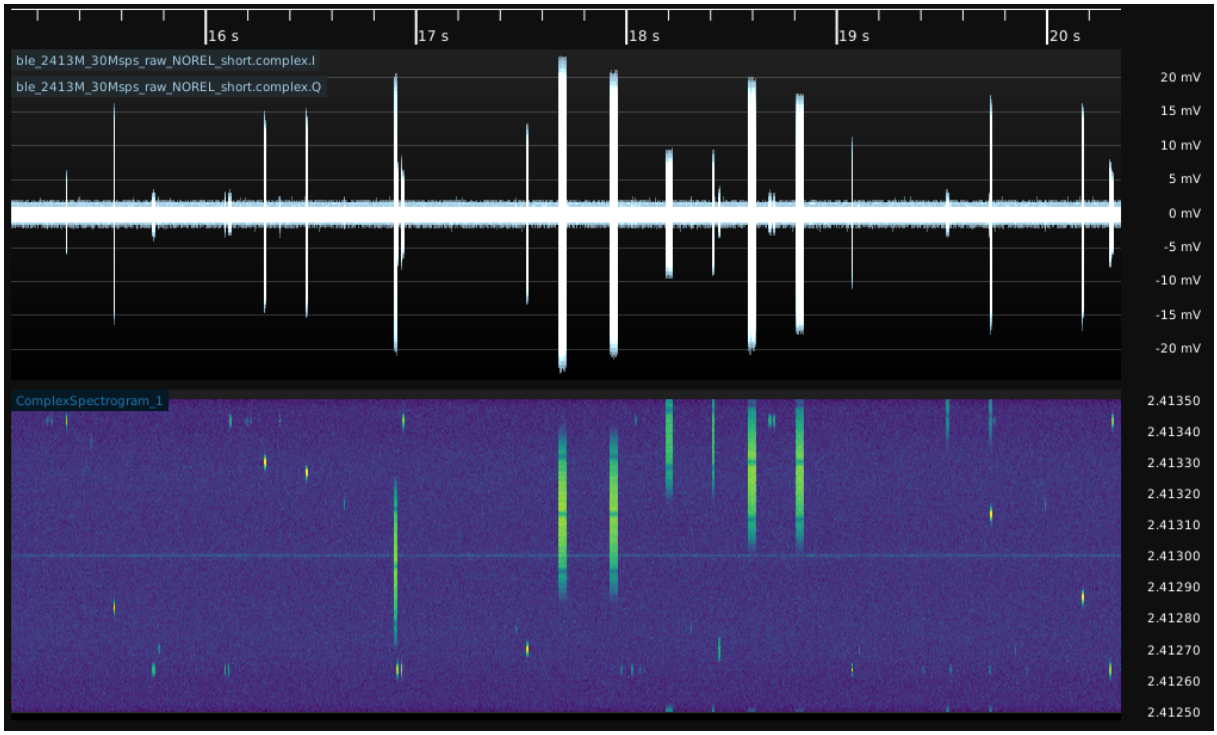

Figure 26.45: Example of a complex spectrogram

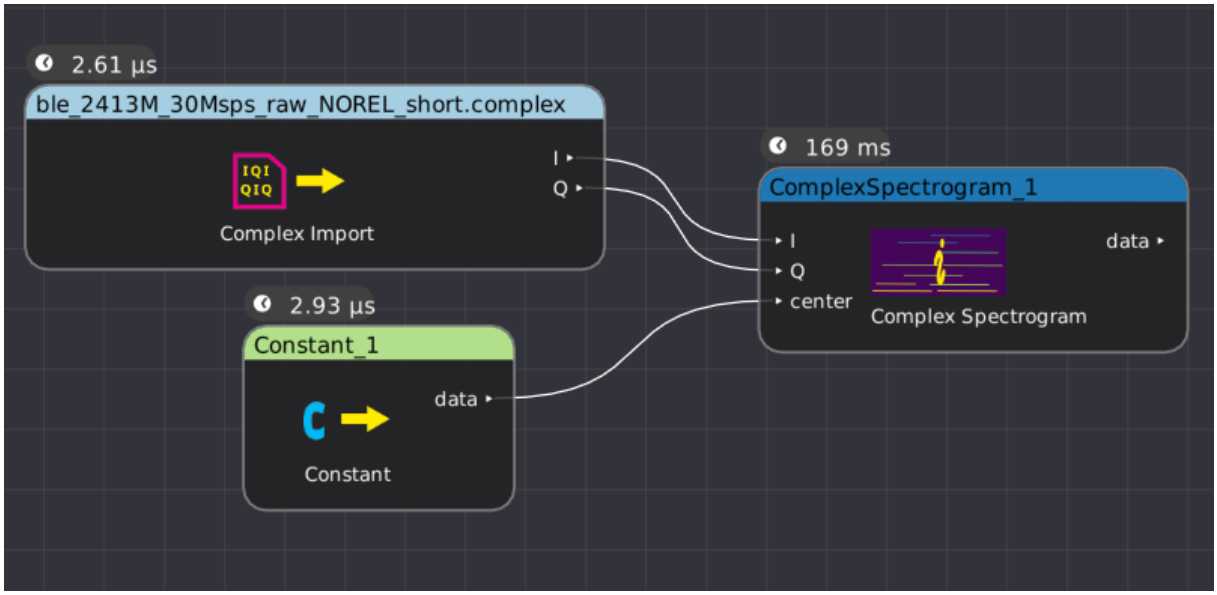

Figure 26.46: Example filter graph showing usage of complex spectrogram filter

26.29.1 Inputs

Parameter name	Type	Description
I	Analog	Real part of input signal
Q	Analog	Imaginary part of input signal
center	Analog scalar	IF frequency to display the zero point of the complex waveform at

26.29.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
FFT length	Int	Number of FFT points per spectrogram
Range Max	Float	Amplitude, in dBm, to use as the full-scale intensity value
Range Min	Float	Amplitude, in dBm, to use as the minimum-scale intensity value
Window	Enum	Window function to use for the FFTs

26.29.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs a 2D density plot showing amplitude vs frequency and time.

26.30 Constant

This filter outputs a scalar with a constant value, which may be used as input to other filter graph blocks.

26.30.1 Inputs

This filter takes no inputs.

26.30.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Value	Float	The value to output
Unit	Enum	Data type of the constant value

26.30.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs a single scalar with a constant value.

26.31 Constellation

This filter takes I/Q streams and a double-rate recovered symbol clock and outputs a constellation diagram.

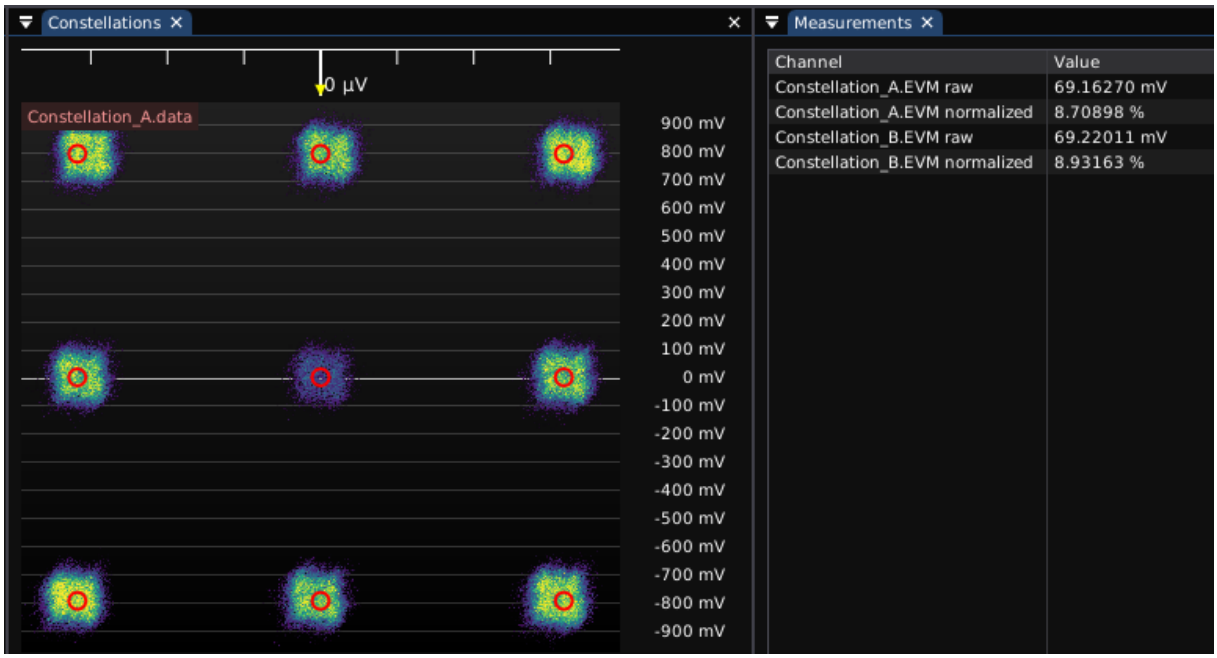

Figure 26.47: Example of a 9-point 2D-PAM3 constellation

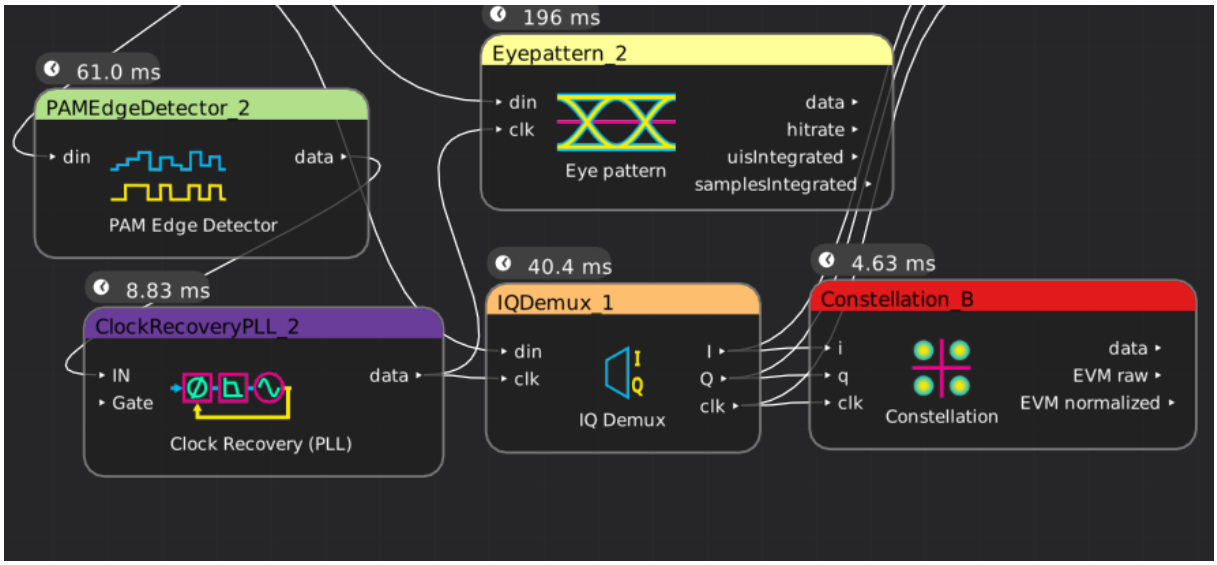

Figure 26.48: Example filter graph showing usage of constellation filter on 2D-PAM3 data

26.31.1 Inputs

Parameter name	Type	Description
I	Analog	Real part of input signal
Q	Analog	Imaginary part of input signal
clk	Digital	Recovered symbol clock

26.31.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Center I	Float	Voltage for center of the constellation in I axis
Center Q	Float	Voltage for center of the constellation in Q axis
Modulation	Enum	Modulation to use for EVM calculations
Range	Float	Nominal full-scale range

26.31.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs a 2D density plot showing amplitude vs frequency and time, as well as error vector magnitude (EVM) measurements.

Parameter name	Type	Description
data	Density plot	Constellation image
EVM raw	Analog scalar	Raw EVM in volts
EVM normalized	Analog scalar	Normalized EVM in percent

26.32 Coupler De-Embed

Given waveforms from both coupled ports of a dual directional coupler and the S-parameters of the coupler, de-embeds the coupler response in order to recover the forward and reverse waveforms.

NOTE: The current implementation of this filter requires the `VK_KHR_push_descriptor` Vulkan extension. A fallback implementation for GPUs without this extension will be added at some point in the future.

Both coupled-port waveforms must be the same sample rate, memory depth, and de-skewed relative to one another.

This filter uses a multi-step algorithm to de-embed both the insertion loss of the coupled path and enhance the apparent directivity of the coupler:

1. De-embed the coupled path response from the coupled port waveforms in order to calculate an initial estimate of the input port waveforms. The same FFT-based algorithm as the De-Embed filter is used.
2. Given the initial estimated input port waveforms, calculate the leakage from the forward path to the reverse coupled port, and from the reverse path to the forward coupled port. The same FFT-based algorithm as the Channel Emulation filter is used. This estimate is imperfect since it assumes perfect directivity, so a small amount of the legitimate waveform is incorrectly included in the leakage waveform.
3. Subtract the leakage waveforms from the measured coupled port waveforms. This removes most of the leakage (as well as a small amount of the legitimate waveform).
4. De-embed the coupled path response from the subtracted waveform in order to get a revised estimate of input port waveforms. This is the final output of the filter.

26.32.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
forward	Analog	Forward coupled port waveform
reverse	Analog	Reverse coupled port waveform
forwardCoupMag	Analog	Magnitude response of forward coupled path
forwardCoupAng	Analog	Angle response of forward coupled path
reverseCoupMag	Analog	Magnitude response of reverse coupled path
reverseCoupAng	Analog	Angle response of reverse coupled path
forwardLeakMag	Analog	Magnitude response of forward leakage path
forwardLeakAng	Analog	Angle response of forward leakage path
reverseLeakMag	Analog	Magnitude response of reverse leakage path
reverseLeakAng	Analog	Angle response of reverse leakage path

26.33 CSV Export

Saves waveform data to a comma-separated-value file.

The Update Mode parameter specifies how and when the file is modified:

- **Append (continuous):** Every time the filter graph runs, the inputs are appended to the end of the file.
- **Append (manual):** When the “Export" button in the filter properties box is clicked, the inputs are appended to the end of the file.
- **Overwrite (continuous):** Every time the filter graph runs, the input waveforms replace the current contents of the file.
- **Overwrite (manual):** When the “Export" button in the filter properties box is clicked, the input waveforms replace the current contents of the file.

26.33.1 Inputs

This filter takes a variable number of inputs, named “column1", “column2", etc, which may be of analog, digital, or arbitrary protocol type. 2D persistence maps are not supported.

26.33.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
File name	String	Path to the CSV file
Update mode	Enum	Specifies how and when to update the file)

26.33.3 Output Signal

This filter stores its output to a file and has no filter graph output ports.

26.34 CSV Import

Loads waveform data from a comma-separated-value file.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.35 Current Shunt

Converts a voltage waveform acquired across a known resistance into a current waveform.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.36 DDJ

Calculates the peak-to-peak data-dependent jitter for a serial data stream.

This filter uses the non-repeating-pattern method, which allows DDJ to be computed for arbitrary waveforms rather than requiring a short, repeating PRBS. In this method, per-UI jitter (TIE) measurements are split across 2^n histogram bins, one for each possible combination of the preceding n bits. The jitter samples for each bin are then averaged to remove the effects of other jitter, leaving only the DDJ. The final DDJ value is reported as the difference between the minimum and maximum histogram bins.

The current implementation uses a fixed window size of $n = 8$ UI. If the channel has significant memory effects or reflections with delays of more than 8 UI, DDJ maybe underestimated.

The current implementation only supports NRZ signals and cannot measure DDJ for MLT3 or PAM waveforms.

26.36.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
TIE	Analog	TIE waveform computed by the TIE filter
Threshold	Digital	Thresholded digital sample values
Clock	Digital	Double rate, center aligned sampling clock for threshold values

26.36.2 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.36.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs an analog waveform with a single sample containing the computed DDJ value.

Additionally, the raw DDJ histogram is stored internally and may be accessed by other filters via the C++ API. There is currently no way to display the histogram content.

26.37 DDR1 Command Bus

Decodes the command bus for first-generation DDR SDRAM.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.38 DDR3 Command Bus

Decodes the command bus for third-generation DDR SDRAM.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.39 De-Embed

Applies the inverse of a channel (described by a single path in an S-parameter dataset, normally S_{21}) to a signal, in order to calculate what the waveform would have looked like at the input to a cable, fixture, etc. given the signal seen at the output.

The channel model works in the frequency domain. An FFT is performed on the input, then each complex point is scaled by the interpolated magnitude and rotated by the phase, then an inverse FFT is used to transform the signal back into the time domain.

The group delay of the channel is then estimated and samples are discarded from the end of the waveform to prevent causality violations. For example, when performing a de-embed using a network with a 1ns group delay, the output waveform will end 1ns before the input does (since the channel output after this depends on input samples after the end of the stimulus waveform). Note that the automatic group delay estimation uses points from roughly the center of the S-parameter dataset in the current implementation; channels which do not have a significant passband around this frequency will give incorrect group delay estimates. The “Group Delay Truncation Mode" parameter can be set to manual in this case, selecting the “Group Delay Truncation" parameter instead of the automatically estimated value.

Note that only the single S-parameter path provided is considered, and reflections elsewhere in the system are not modeled. As a result, multiple applications of this filter to de-embed a large circuit piecewise (for example, a cable followed by a probe) may give inaccurate results since reflections between the two networks are not considered. In this situation, it is preferable to use a circuit simulator or the S-Parameter Cascade filter to calculate combined S-parameters of the entire circuit and then perform a single de-embed.

The maximum gain the de-embed applies is capped (default 20 dB) in order to prevent amplifying noise outside the passband of the network being de-embedded.

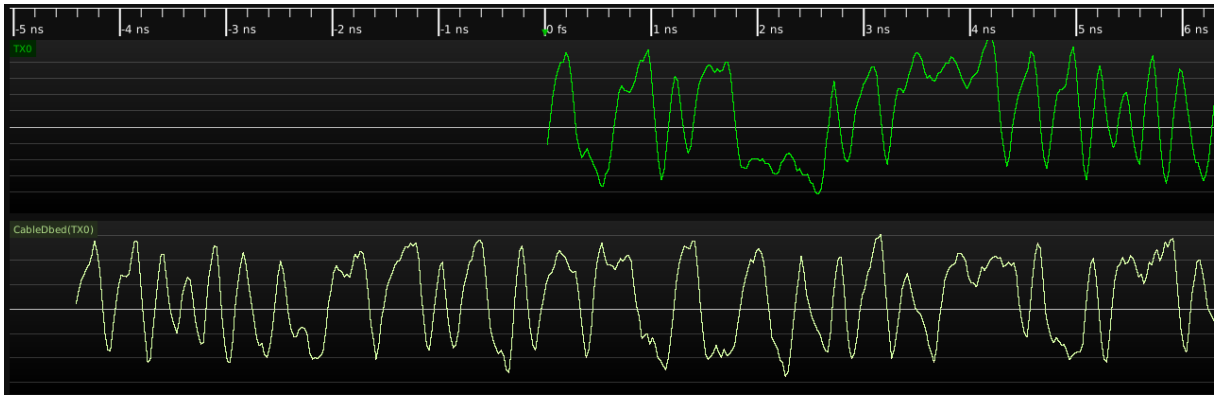

Figure 26.49: Example of de-embedding a cable from a measurement

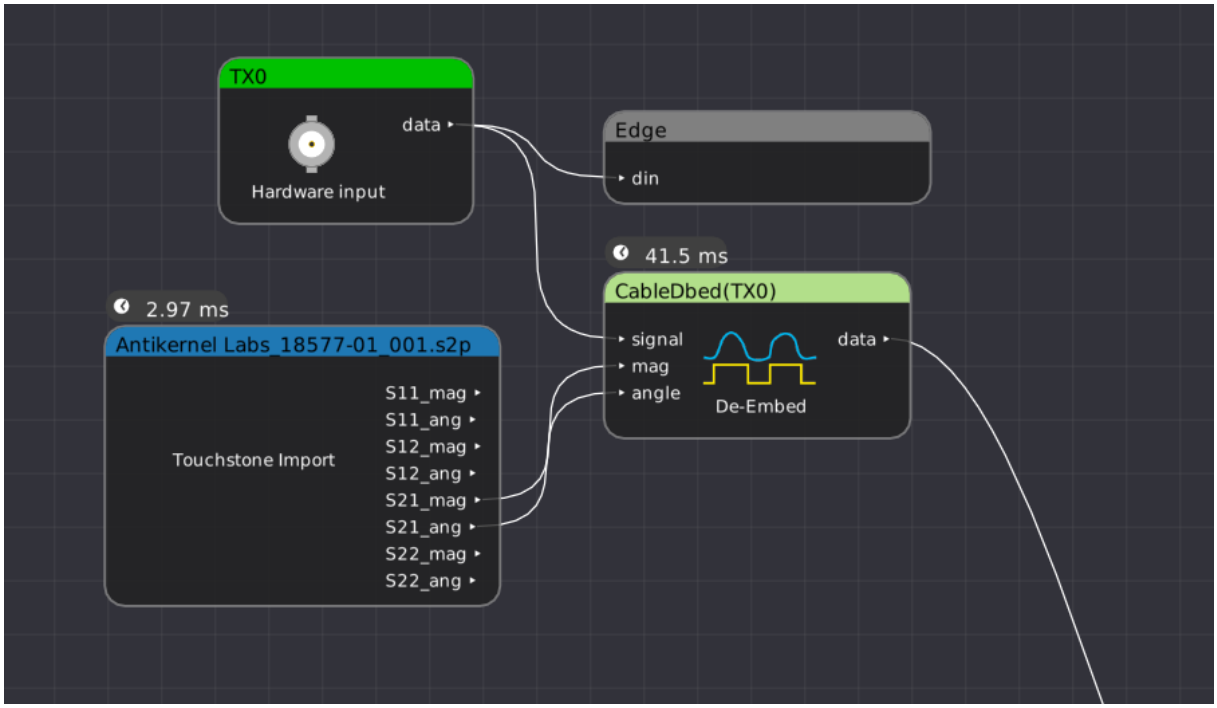

Figure 26.50: Example filter graph showing usage of de-embed filter

26.39.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
signal	Analog	Input waveform
mag	Analog	S-parameter magnitude channel
ang	Analog	S-parameter angle channel

26.39.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Max Gain	Float	Maximum gain to apply
Group Delay Truncation	Int	Group delay override for manual mode
Group Delay Truncation Mode	Enum	Specifies manual or automatically estimated group delay

26.39.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs an analog waveform with the same timebase as the input, with the emulated channel applied.

26.40 Deskew

Moves an analog waveform earlier or later in time to compensate for trigger offsets, probe length mismatch, etc. It is generally preferable to deskew using the skew adjustment on the channel during acquisition if supported by hardware; this filter is provided for correction in postprocessing or for use with instruments that do not have hardware deskew capability.

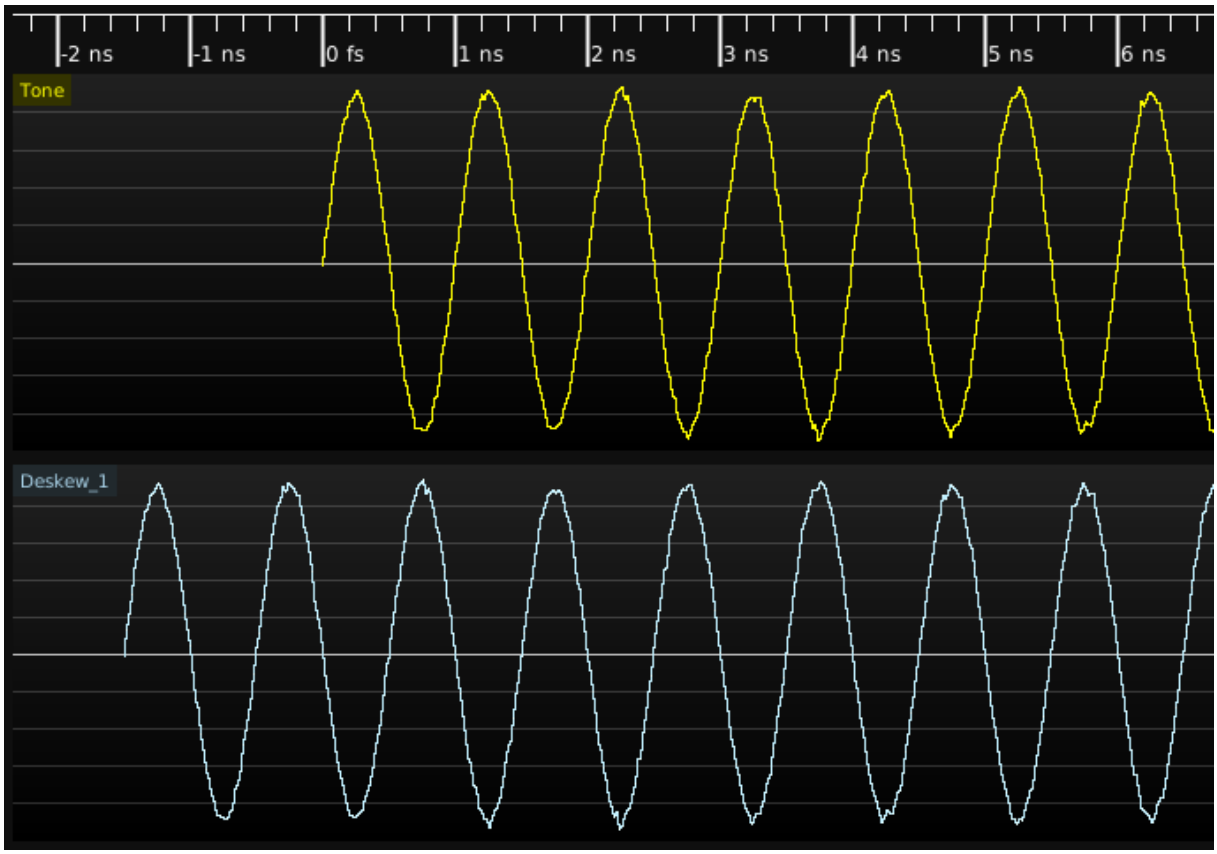

Figure 26.51: Example of deskewing a signal

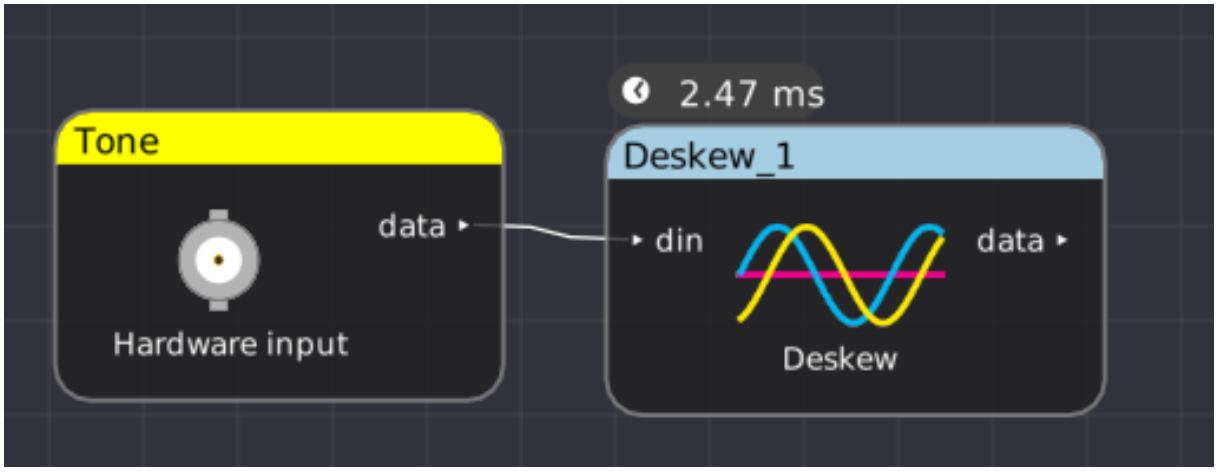

Figure 26.52: Example filter graph showing usage of deskew filter

26.40.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog	Input waveform

26.40.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Skew	Float	Time offset to shift the waveform

26.40.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs an analog waveform with one sample for each sample in the input, phase shifted by the requested offset.

26.41 Digital to NRZ

Convert a digital signal (and associated clock) to an analog NRZ waveform. This filter uses a simplistic piecewise linear rise/fall time model: the output stays at the logic low/high voltage until the input changes, then ramps at a constant rate to the new value. For more accurate modeling of edge shape use the IBIS Driver filter with the appropriate IBIS model for your DUT.

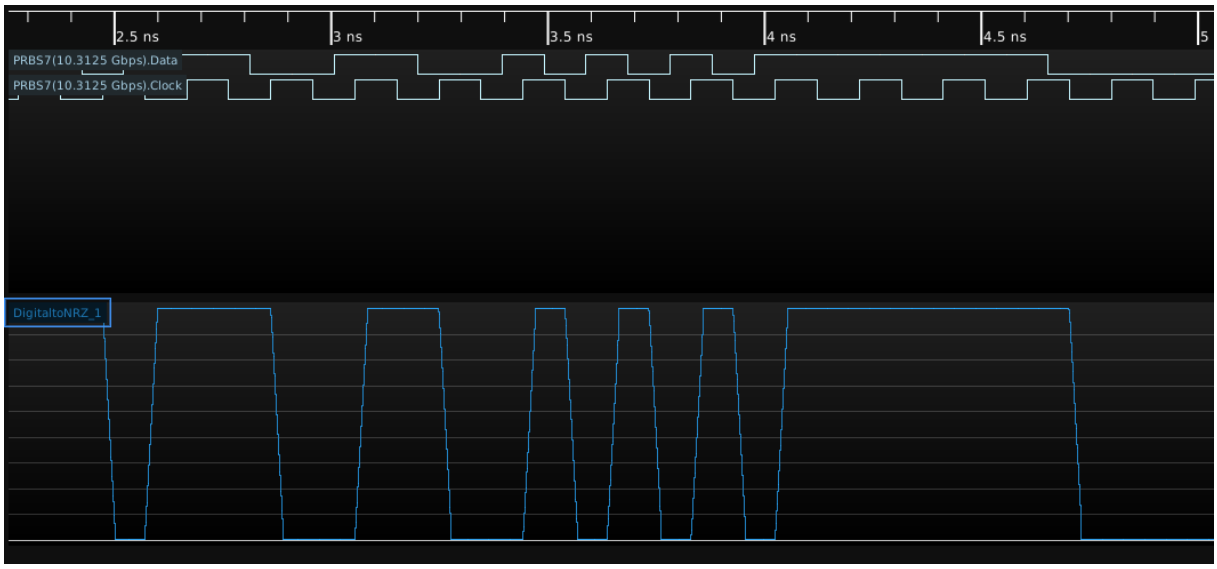

Figure 26.53: Example of converting digital waveform to analog NRZ

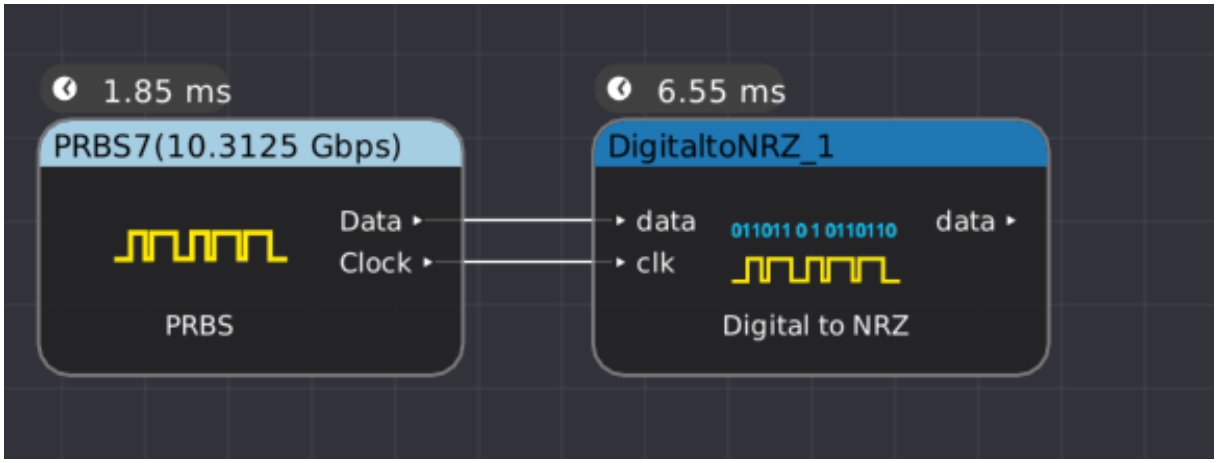

Figure 26.54: Example filter graph showing usage of digital to NRZ filter

26.41.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
data	Digital	Digital data to send
clk	Digital	Clock for data

26.41.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Level 0	Float	Voltage to send when the input is a logic 0
Level 1	Float	Voltage to send when the input is a logic 1
Sample Rate	Int	Sample rate for the generated waveform
Transition Time	Int	Rising and falling edge time

26.41.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs an analog NRZ version of the provided digital input, sampled uniformly at the specified rate.

26.42 Digital to PAM4

Convert a digital signal (and associated clock) to an analog PAM-4 waveform. This filter uses a simplistic piecewise linear rise/fall time model: the output stays at the current symbol's voltage until the input changes, then ramps at a constant rate to the new value. For more accurate modeling of edge shape use the IBIS Driver filter with the appropriate IBIS model for your DUT.

The input data is a digital serial bit stream at twice the PAM4 symbol rate. Two consecutive input bits map to a single PAM-4 output sample.

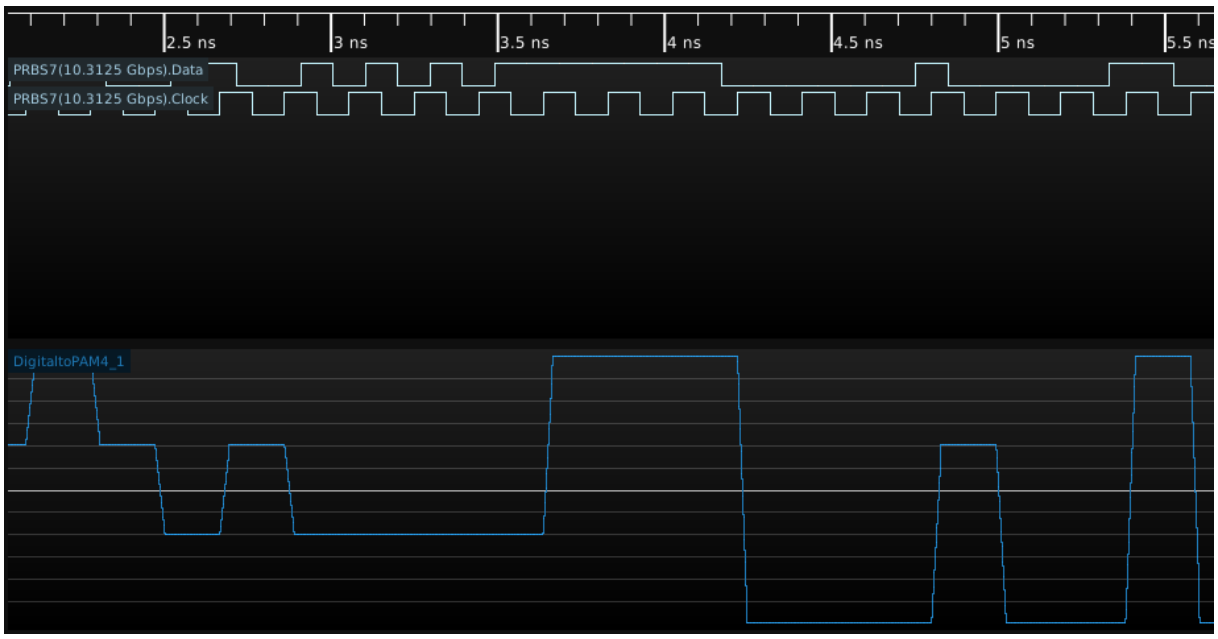

Figure 26.55: Example of converting digital waveform to analog PAM-4

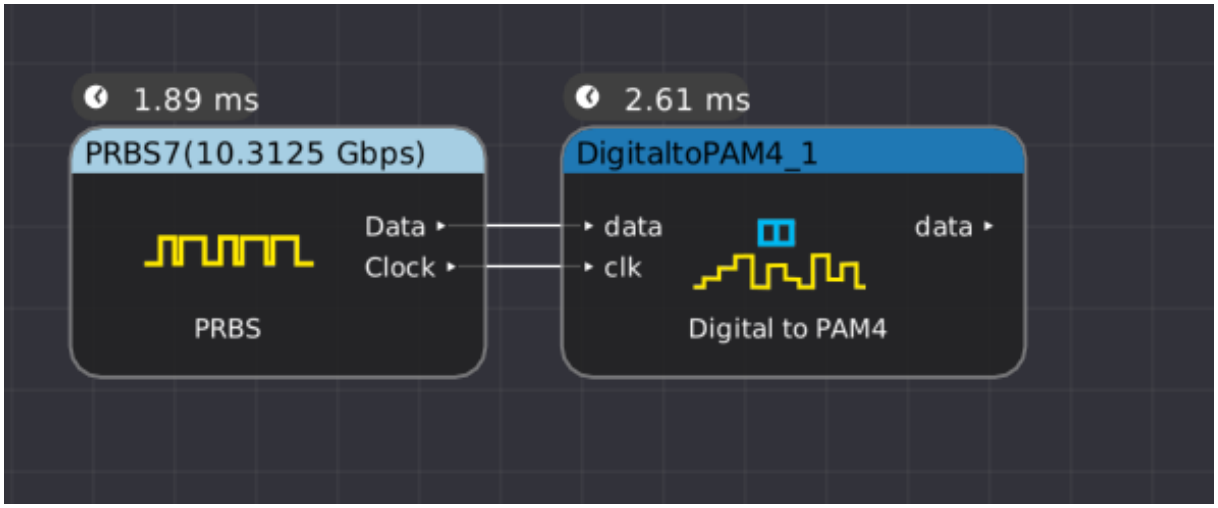

Figure 26.56: Example filter graph showing usage of digital to PAM-4 filter

26.42.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
data	Digital	Serial digital data to send
clk	Digital	Clock for data

26.42.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Level 00	Float	Voltage to send when the input is a logic 0-0
Level 01	Float	Voltage to send when the input is a logic 0-1
Level 10	Float	Voltage to send when the input is a logic 1-0
Level 11	Float	Voltage to send when the input is a logic 1-1
Sample Rate	Int	Sample rate for the generated waveform
Transition Time	Int	Rising and falling edge time

26.42.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs an analog PAM-4 version of the provided digital input, sampled uniformly at the specified rate.

26.43 DisplayPort - Aux Channel

Decodes the Auxiliary Channel of DisplayPort

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.44 Divide

Divides one waveform by another.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.45 Downconvert

Performs digital downconversion by mixing a directly sampled RF signal with a two-phase local oscillator, then outputs the downconverted signal. No LO rejection filtering or decimation is performed.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.46 Downsample

Optionally low-pass filters a signal to prevent aliasing, then decimates by an integer factor.

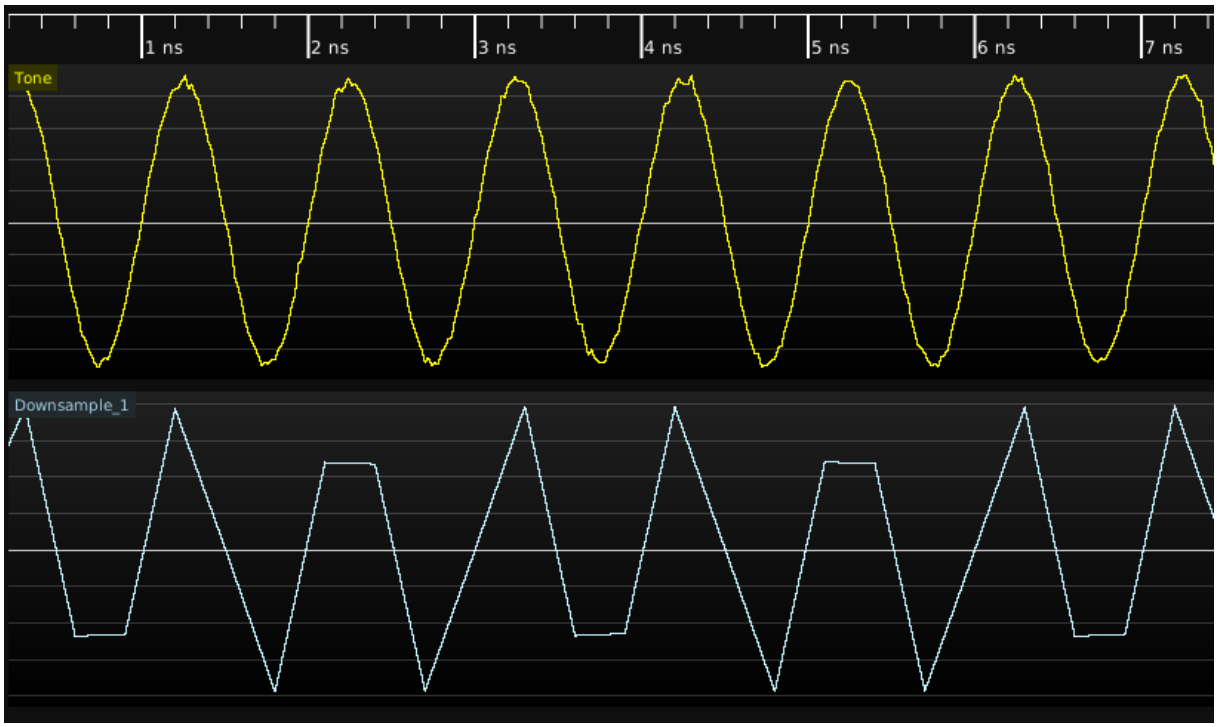

Figure 26.57: Example of downsampling a sinusoid

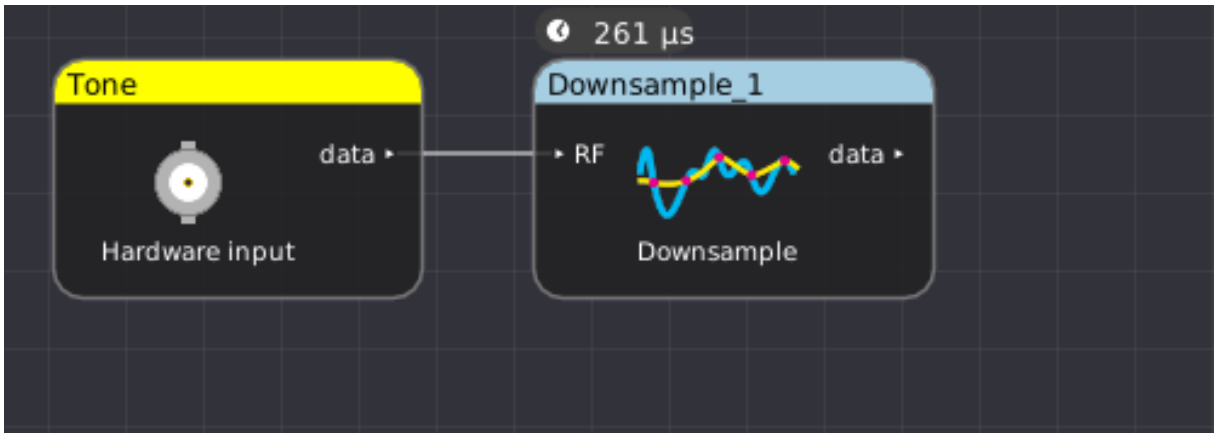

Figure 26.58: Example filter graph showing usage of downsample filter

26.46.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
RF	Analog	Input waveform

26.46.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Antialiasing Filter	Bool	If true, applies a low-pass filter to the input before decimating
Downsample Factor	Int	Divisor for output sample rate

26.46.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs a decimated version of the input.

26.47 DRAM Clocks

Given a DRAM command bus and a DQS strobe, produce separate gated DQ clock streams for read and write bursts.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.48 DRAM Trcd

Calculates T_{rcd} (RAS-to-CAS delay) for each newly opened row in a DRAM command bus stream.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.49 DRAM Trfc

Calculates T_{rfc} (refresh-to-refresh delay) for each refresh operation in a DRAM command bus stream.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.50 Duty Cycle

Calculates the duty cycle of a bimodal waveform. The duty cycle is defined as the percentage of time spent in the high state divided by the period.

Analog waveforms are automatically thresholded at the average voltage.

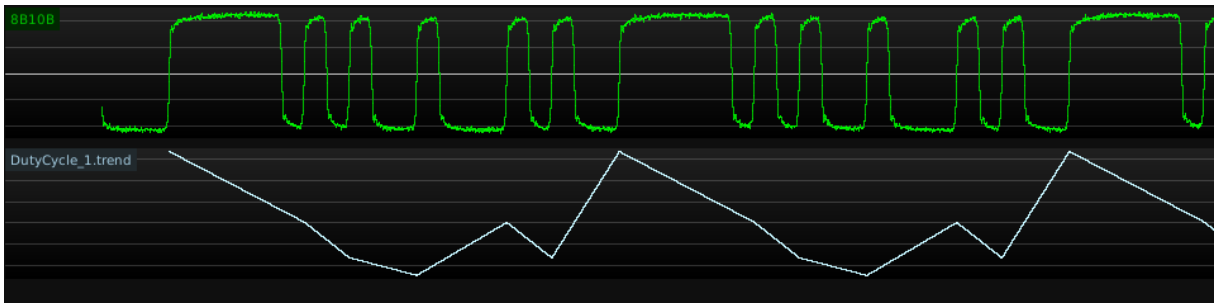

Figure 26.59: Example of measuring duty cycle of a digital waveform

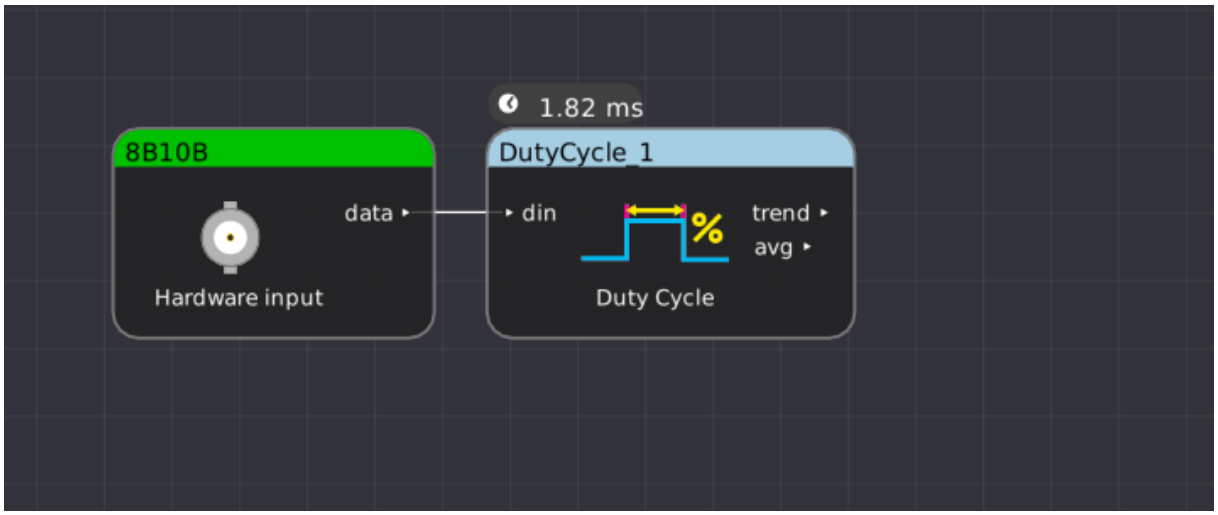

Figure 26.60: Example filter graph showing usage of duty cycle filter

26.50.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog or digital	Input waveform

26.50.2 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.50.3 Output Signal

Signal name	Type	Description
trend	Analog	Instantaneous duty cycle of each cycle of the waveform
avg	Analog scalar	Average duty cycle over the entire input signal

26.51 DVI

Decodes Digital Visual Interface (DVI) video signals.

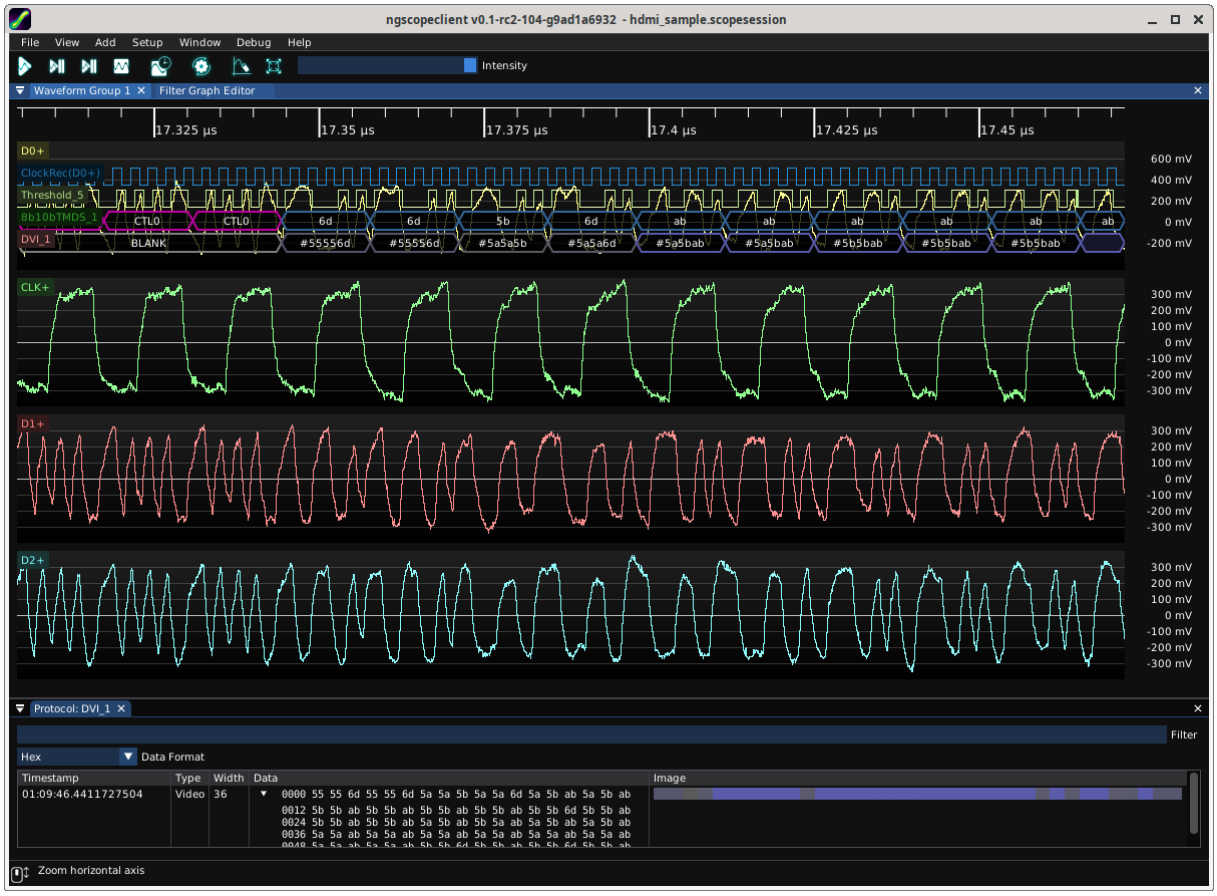

Figure 26.61: Example of decoding a DVI signal

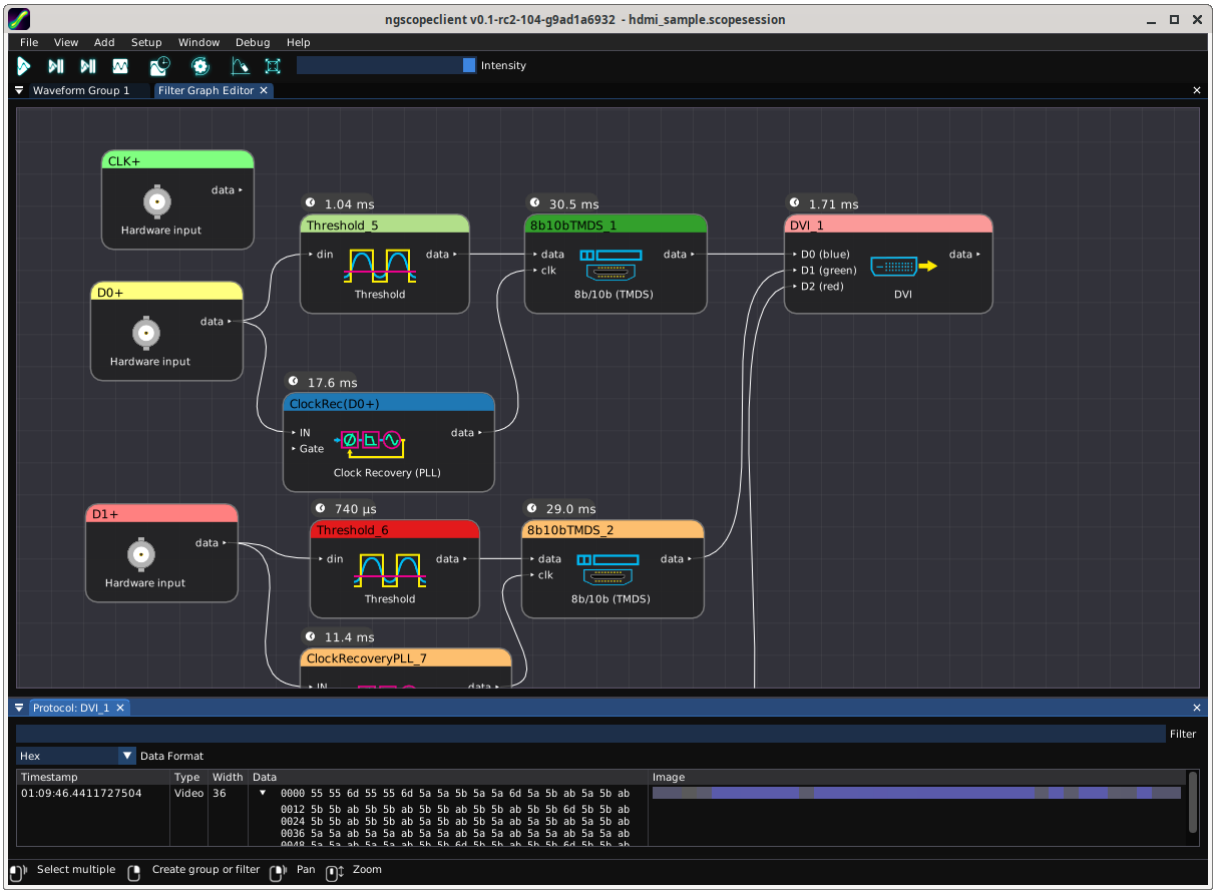

Figure 26.62: Example filter graph showing usage of DVI decode filter

26.51.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
D0 (blue)	Protocol	TMDS decode for lane 0
D1 (green)	Protocol	TMDS decode for lane 1
D2 (blue)	Protocol	TMDS decode for lane 2

26.51.2 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.51.3 Output Signal

The output is a sequence of DVI scan lines including RGB pixel values.

26.52 Emphasis

Adds pre/de emphasis to a signal by convolving it with a tapped delay line filter. This introduces a small phase shift.

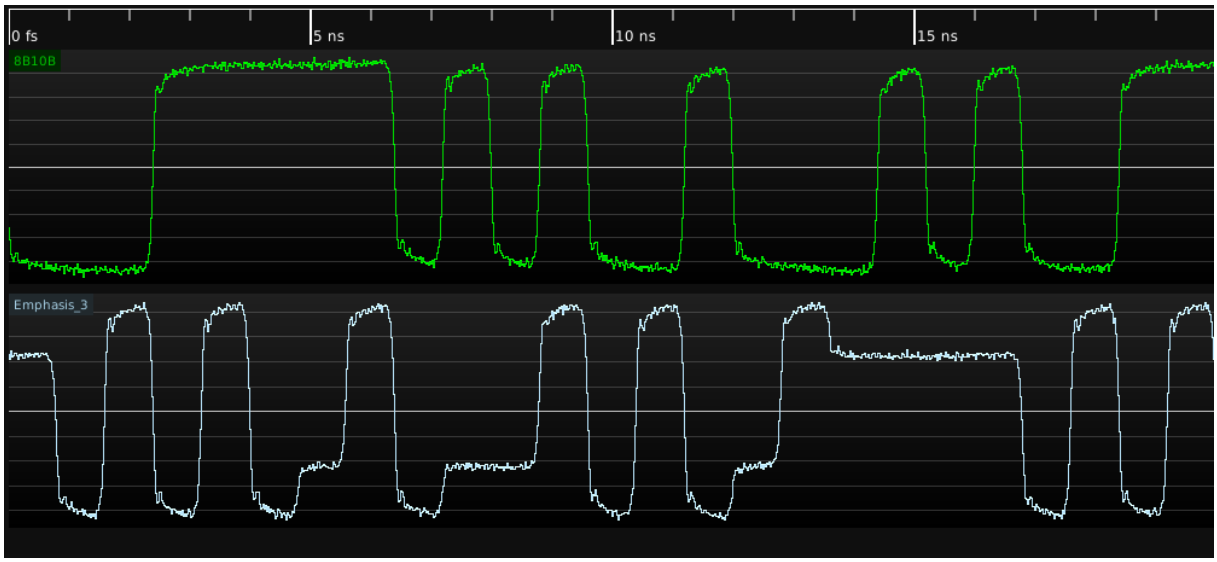

Figure 26.63: Example of applying 6 dB of de-emphasis to a 1.25 Gbps 8B/10B signal

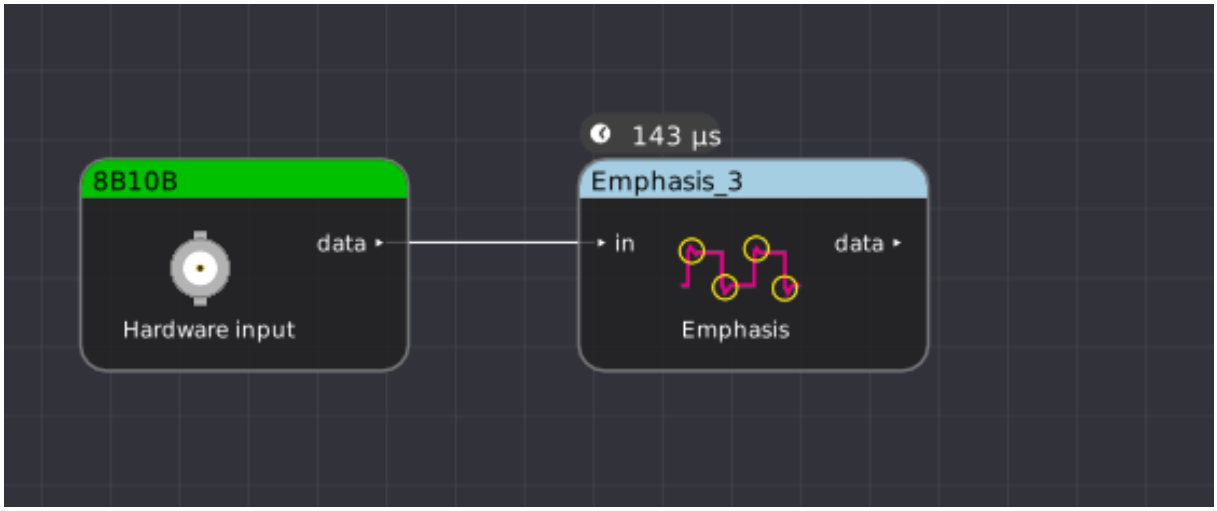

Figure 26.64: Example filter graph showing usage of emphasis filter

26.52.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
in	Analog	Input waveform

26.52.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Data Rate	Int	Data rate, in symbols per second
Emphasis Amount	Float	Amount of pre/de emphasis to add, in dB
Emphasis Type	Enum	Type of emphasis to add (pre-emphasis or de-emphasis)

26.52.3 Output Signal

The output is an analog signal with the requested amount of emphasis applied.

26.53 Emphasis Removal

Removes pre/de emphasis from a signal by convolving it with a tapped delay line filter. This introduces a small phase shift.

This filter is typically used when probing a signal at the transmitter which has a high level of emphasis. Removing the emphasis can increase the eye opening in the digitized signal and make interpretation easier.

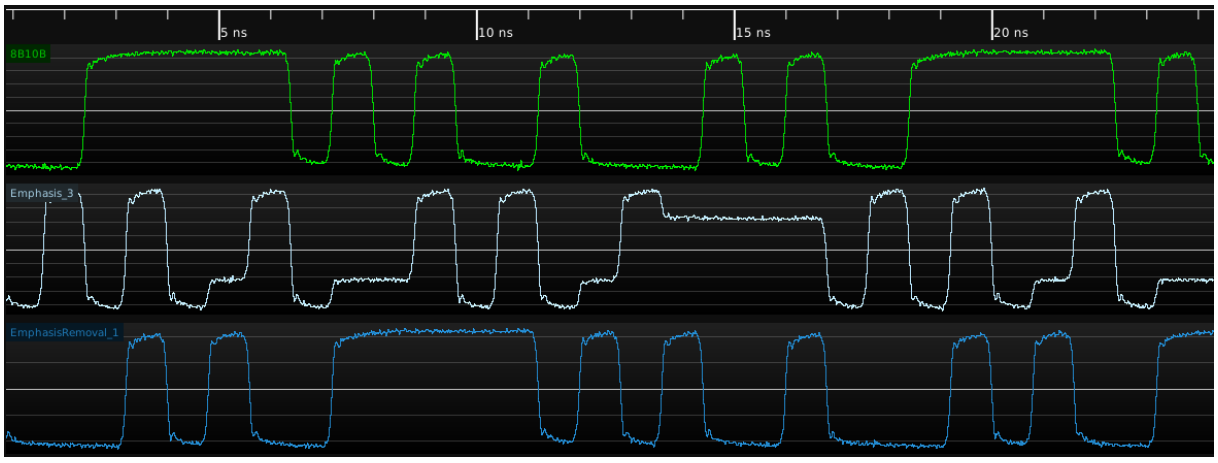

Figure 26.65: Example of applying 6 dB of de-emphasis to a 1.25 Gbps 8B/10B signal then removing it

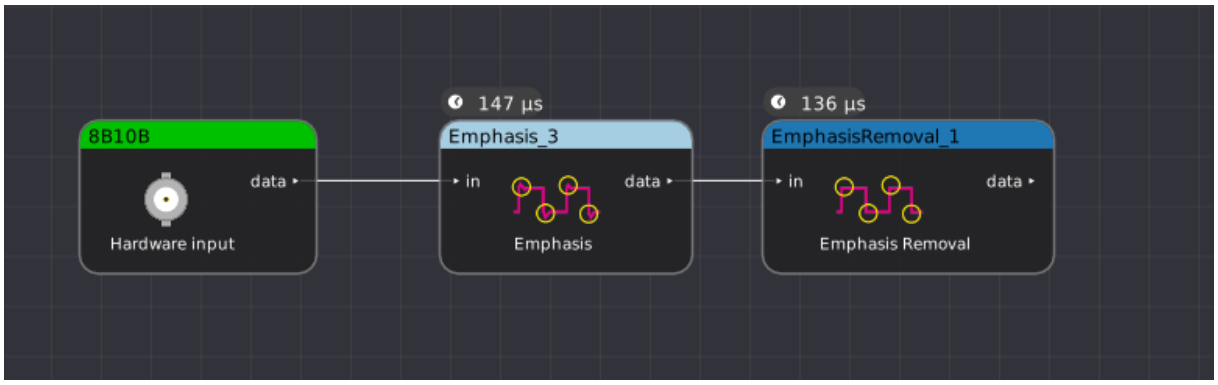

Figure 26.66: Example filter graph showing usage of emphasis removal filter

26.53.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
in	Analog	Input waveform

26.53.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Data Rate	Int	Data rate, in symbols per second
Emphasis Amount	Float	Amount of pre/de emphasis to remove, in dB
Emphasis Type	Enum	Type of emphasis to remove (pre-emphasis or de-emphasis)

26.53.3 Output Signal

The output is an analog signal with the requested amount of emphasis removed.

26.54 Enhanced Resolution

Applies a FIR low-pass filter to a signal to increase the vertical resolution and reduce noise at the cost of reduced bandwidth. This technique assumes a small amount of Gaussian noise is present in the input waveform, such that a signal whose true value is midway between two ADC codes will randomly fluctuate between the two quantized values, with an average equal to the true value.

Each half bit of resolution reduces the bandwidth by an additional factor of two beyond the Nyquist limit. For example, a 1.5 bit resolution improvement reduces the bandwith to Fnyquist / 8. The filter properties dialog displays the calculated -3 dB bandwidth based on the current input sample rate.

26.54.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
in	Analog	Input signal

26.54.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Bits	Enum	Number of additional bits of resolution to add

26.55 Envelope

Finds the minimum and maximum of each sample in the input over time, and outputs them as separate streams.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.56 Ethernet - 10baseT

Decodes the 10base-T Ethernet PCS/PMA as specified in IEEE 802.3-2018 clause 14.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.57 Ethernet - 100baseT1

Decodes the 100base-T1 single-pair / automotive Ethernet PMA/PCS, as specified in IEEE 802.3-2018 clause 96.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.58 Ethernet - 100baseT1 Link Training

Decodes the link training stage of 100base-T1 single-pair / automotive Ethernet, as specified in IEEE 802.3-2018 clause 96.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.59 Ethernet - 100baseTX

Decodes the 100base-TX Ethernet PMA/PCS as specified in IEEE 802.3-2018 clause 24 and 25, and the ANSI X3T12 FDDI PHY.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.60 Ethernet - 1000baseX

Decodes the 1000base-X Ethernet PCS as specified in IEEE 802.3-2018 clause 36.

Signal name	Type	Description
data	8b/10b	Output of 8b/10b protocol decode

26.60.1 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.60.2 Output Signal

The 1000base-X filter outputs a series of Ethernet frame segment objects.

Type	Description	Color	Format
Preamble	Preamble	Preamble	PREAMBLE
Preamble	Start of frame delimiter	Preamble	SFD
Address	Src/dest MAC	Address	From 02:00:11:22:33:44
Control	Ethertype	Control	Type: IPv4 Type: 0xbeef
Control	VLAN tag	Control	VLAN 10, PCP 0
Data	Frame data	Data	a5
Checksum OK	Valid FCS	Checksum OK	CRC: 0xdeadbeef
Checksum Bad	Invalid FCS	Checksum Bad	CRC: 0xbaadc0de
Error	Malformed data	Error	ERROR

TODO: Document protocol analyzer output

26.61 Ethernet - 10Gbase-R

Decodes the 10Gbase-R Ethernet PCS as specified in IEEE 802.3-2018 clause 49.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.62 Ethernet - QSGMII

Converts a 5 Gbps Quad SGMII data stream for a multiport gigabit Ethernet PHY into four separate 1.25 Gbps SGMII data streams, containing data for each of the PHY ports, which can be independently decoded.

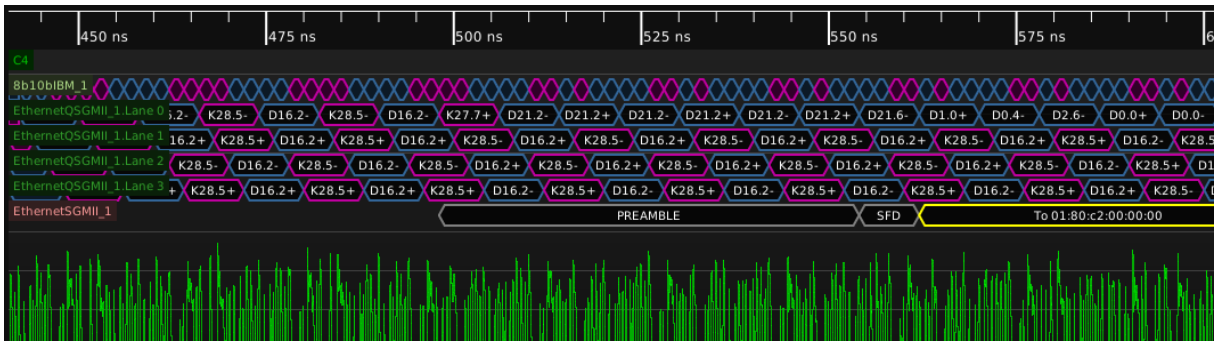

Figure 26.67: Example of decoding a QSGMII signal

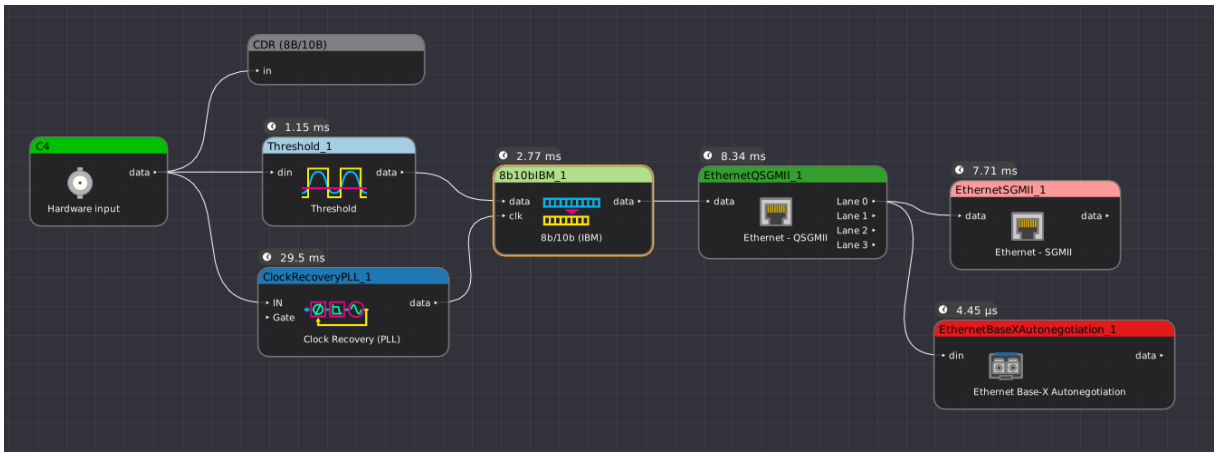

Figure 26.68: Example filter graph showing usage of QSGMII filter

26.62.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
data	Protocol	QSGMII Input waveform

26.62.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Display Format	Enum	Specifies Dx.x or hexadecimal format for 8B/10B output

26.62.3 Output Signal

The output is four separate 8B/10B data streams suitable for feeding to the SGMII decode filter

Signal name	Type	Description
Lane 0	Protocol	SGMII data stream for PHY 0
Lane 1	Protocol	SGMII data stream for PHY 1
Lane 2	Protocol	SGMII data stream for PHY 2
Lane 3	Protocol	SGMII data stream for PHY 3

26.63 Ethernet - RMII

Decodes the Reduced Media Independent Interface as specified in the RMII specification.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.64 Ethernet - SGMII

Decodes Serial GMII data at 10, 100, or 1000 Mbps rates to Ethernet frames.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.65 Ethernet Autonegotiation

Decodes the Base-T autonegotiation signaling for Ethernet as specified in IEEE 802.3-2018 clause 28.

This filter outputs a stream of 16-bit negotiation codewords, which is typically fed to the Ethernet Autonegotiation Page filter.

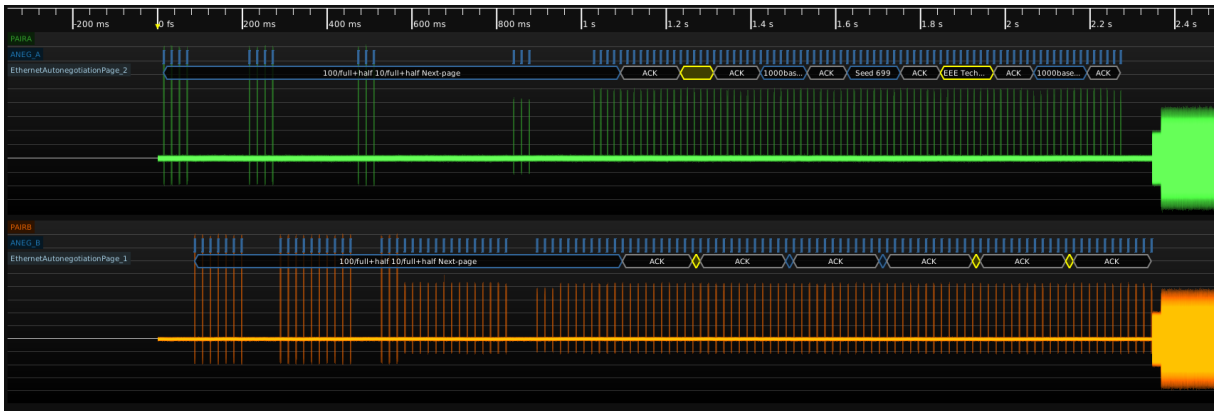

Figure 26.69: Example of decoding Ethernet autonegotiation traffic

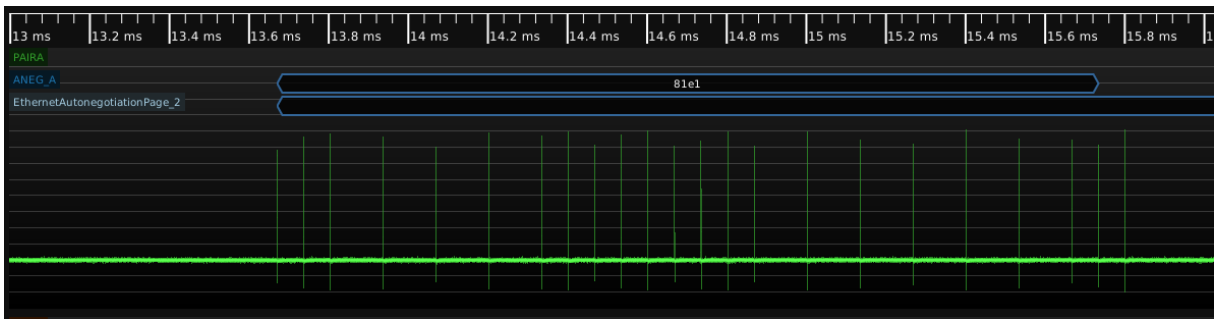

Figure 26.70: Decoding a single 16-bit link code word

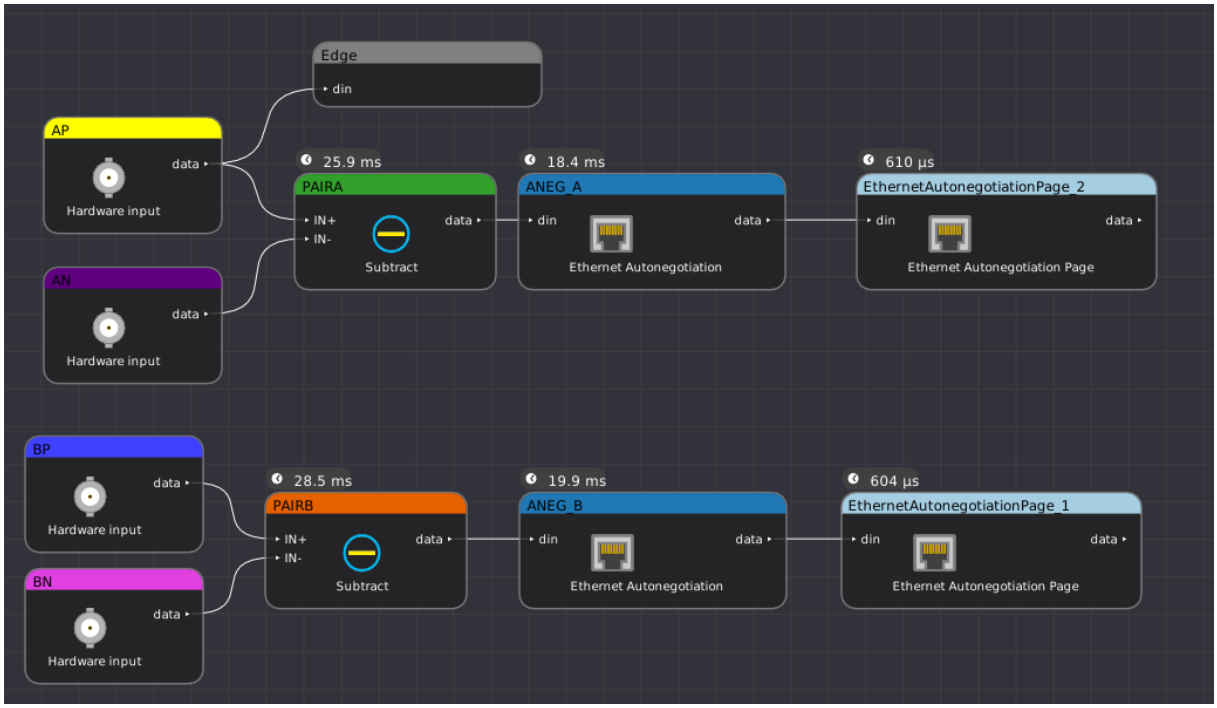

Figure 26.71: Example filter graph showing usage of autonegotiation filter

26.65.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog	Ethernet differential pair waveform

26.65.2 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.65.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs a stream of 16-bit link codewords.

26.66 Ethernet Autonegotiation Page

Decodes a stream of 16-bit negotiation codewords to ability values, as specified in IEEE 802.3-2018 annex 28A, 28B, and 28C.

Note that the autonegotiation protocol is stateful, so it is not possible to definitively decode a single code word or small group of them in isolation. For accurate decoding, the input waveform should start with the Base Page (sent during the link-down state before a link partner has been detected).]

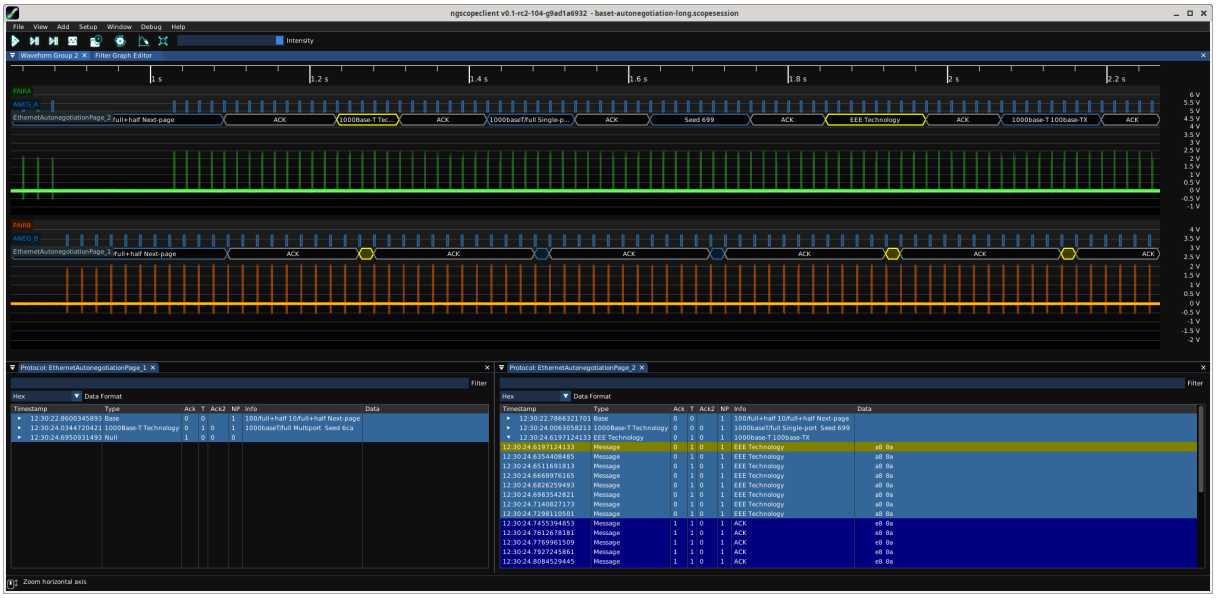

Figure 26.72: Example of decoding Ethernet autonegotiation traffic

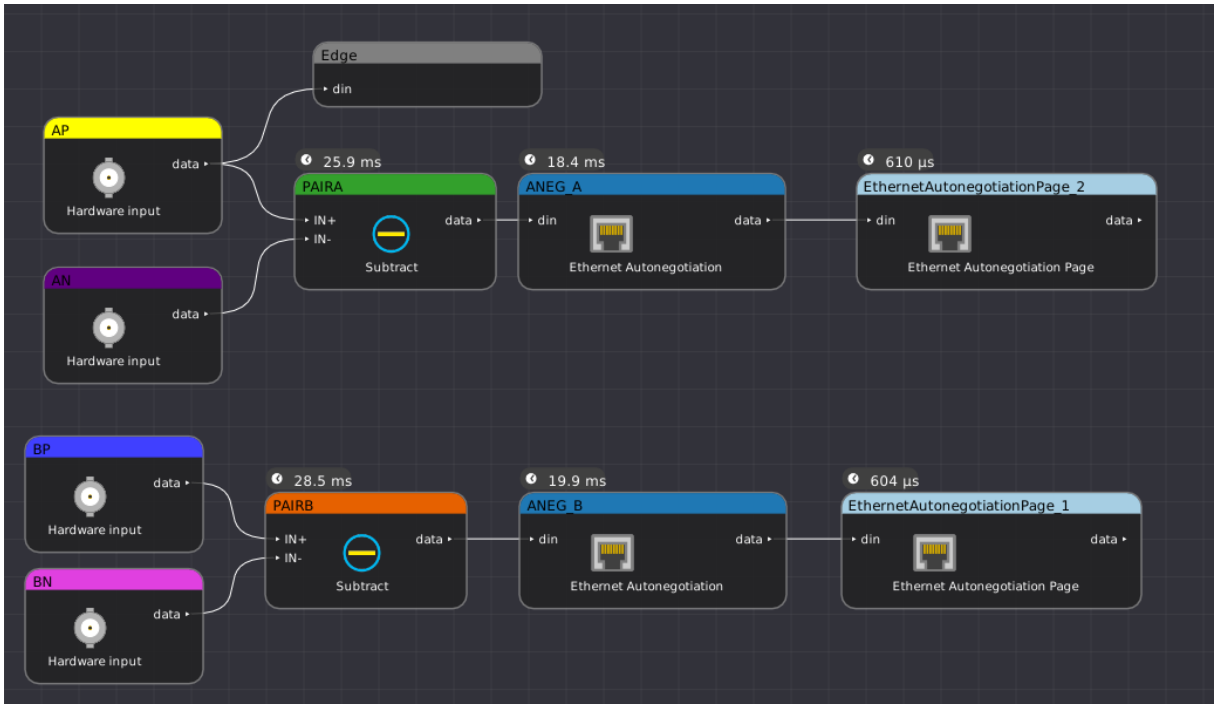

Figure 26.73: Example filter graph showing usage of autonegotiation page filter

26.66.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Protocol	Link codewords from the Ethernet autonegotiation filter

26.66.2 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.66.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs a stream of decoded PHY ability values.

26.67 Ethernet Base-X Autonegotiation

Decodes the Base-X autonegotiation signaling for Ethernet as specified in IEEE 802.3-2018 clause 37.

Also supports the extended autonegotiation used by SGMII.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.68 Exponential Moving Average

Calculates an exponential moving average of the input waveform, averaging the data at each sample index with the previous values of the same over multiple consecutive acquisitions.

The average is calculated recursively; for sample value S and half life T, the recurrence relation is:

$$Out[i] = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{\frac{1}{x}}}\right)(Out[i-1]) + \left(\frac{1}{2^{\frac{1}{x}}}\right)(S)$$

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.68.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog	Input signal

26.68.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Half-life	Integer	Half life of the average, in waveforms

26.69 Eye Bit Rate

Measures the bit rate of an eye pattern.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.70 Eye Height

Measures the vertical opening of an eye pattern.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.71 Eye P-P Jitter

Measures the peak-to-peak jitter of an eye pattern.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.72 Eye Pattern

Calculates an eye pattern given an analog waveform and a clock (typically generated by the Clock Recovery (PLL) filter).

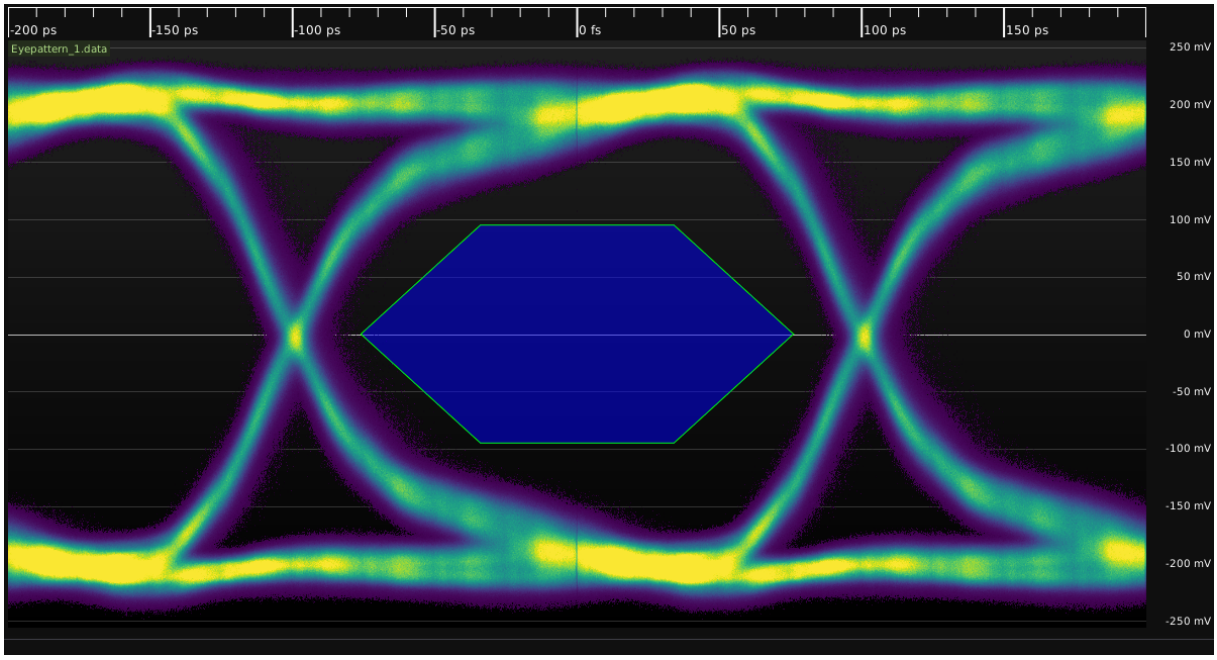

Figure 26.74: Typical usage of the eye pattern filter

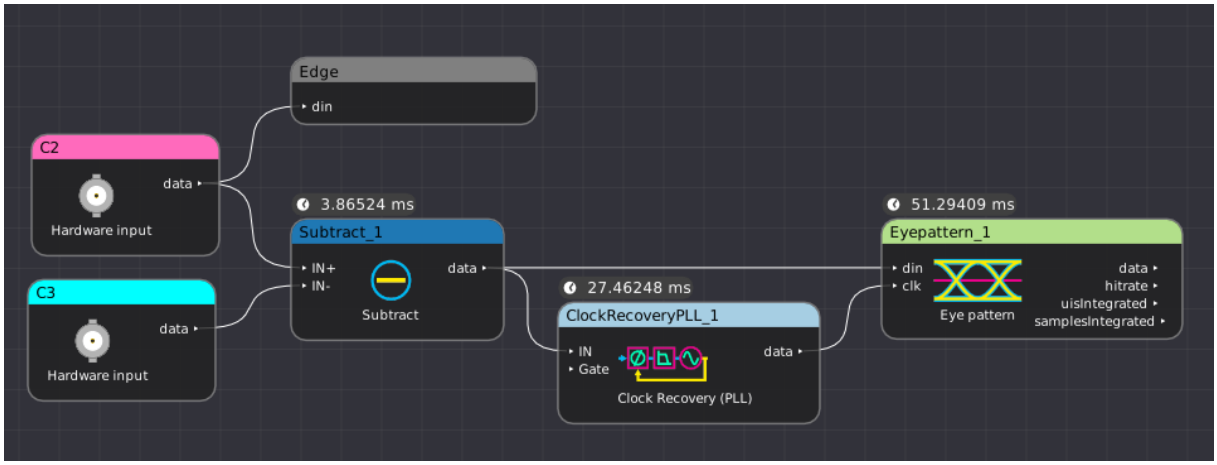

Figure 26.75: Example filter graph for computing an eye pattern from a differential input

26.72.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog	Input waveform
clk	Digital	Symbol clock

26.72.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Bit Rate	Int	Symbol rate (if not using automatic bit rate calculation)
Bit Rate Mode	Enum	Specifies whether to automatically calculate the symbol rate from the input clock, or use a user-specified symbol rate
Center Voltage	Float	Vertical midpoint of the eye (normally 0)
Clock Edge	Float	Selects whether the sampling clock is rising edge triggered, falling edge triggered, or DDR (default)
Mask	Filename	Path to a YAML file containing pass/fail mask polygons
Saturation Level	Float	Saturation level for normalizing eye patterns, in range [0, 1.0]. 1.0 is the default and maps the full input range to the full output range; lower values saturate. For example 0.5 means the bottom half of count values map to the full scale output range and anything larger is clipped to full scale.
Vertical Range	Float	Full scale Y-axis range (if not autoscaling)
Vertical Scale Mode	Enum	Specifies whether to autoscale the input or use a user-specified full scale range

26.72.3 Output Signal

Stream name	Type	Description
data	Eye	Output eye pattern
hitrate	Scalar	Fraction of samples touching the mask (mask hits / samples integrated). If no mask is set, this output will always be zero.
uisIntegrated	Scalar	Number of unit intervals integrated by the eye
samplesIntegrated	Scalar	Number of samples integrated by the eye

26.73 Eye Period

Measures the UI width of an eye pattern.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.74 Eye Width

Measures the horizontal opening of an eye pattern.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.75 Fall

Measures the fall time of each falling edge in a waveform.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.76 FFT

Calculates a Fast Fourier Transform and displays the magnitude response.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.77 FIR

Applies a finite-impulse-response filter to a signal.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.78 Frequency

Measures the frequency of each cycle in a waveform.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.79 Full Width at Half Maximum

Calculates the full width at the half of maximum value of all peaks in a signal.

Figure 26.76: Example of full width at half maximum of a Sinewave input waveform.

26.79.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog	Input waveform

26.79.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Peak Threshold	Float	Pulses with peak values below this threshold are not considered

26.79.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs two analog waveforms. One shows the value of full width at half maximum value of all the peaks in the signal. Another output waveform shows the amplitude of all the corresponding peaks.

26.80 Gate

This filter outputs a copy of its input with zero delay if the enable signal is high. If the enable signal is low, the output is either unchanged (latched) or no waveform is produced (gated).

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.81 Glitch Removal

This filter removes 'glitches' from a digital waveform. A Minimum Width is specified, and any 'pulse' (period during which the waveform has the same value) shorter than that pulse is ignored, the previous pulse continuing. Common use is to remove glitches from a f Hz signal by filtering pulses shorter than $\frac{1}{1.1f}$ s.

26.81.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
data	Digital	Input data.

26.81.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Minimum Width	Float	Minimum width of a pulse allowed through.

26.81.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs a digital waveform which has no samples shorter than Minimum Width. The output waveform does not have any samples until the first pulse of at least Minimum Width, and the last state continues to the end of the waveform.

26.82 Group Delay

Calculates the group delay of a phase-vs-frequency waveform, $\frac{d\phi}{d\omega}$.

26.82.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
Phase	Analog	Phase angle vs frequency

26.82.2 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.82.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs an analog waveform with one sample per frequency point, containing the group delay at that frequency.

26.83 Histogram

Computes a histogram from incoming data. Histogram counts are accumulated across multiple processed waveforms and cleared on "Clear Sweeps." Number of histogram bins is determined from the bin size parameter and the max/min values configured. Default behavior is to autorange the input and have 100fs bins. Samples outside a configured manual range will fall into the highest/lowest bin and the "CLIPPING" flag will be set on the output waveform.

26.83.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
data	Analog	Input data. Usually in units of fs.

26.83.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Autorange	Bool	If the filter should automatically range the maximum and minimum bins
Min Value	Float	Lower end of the lowest bin when Autorange disabled
Max Value	Float	Higher end of the highest bin when Autorange disabled
Bin Size	Float	Size of a bin. Number of bins is determined from this and max/min values

26.83.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs an analog waveform with one sample per bin and a value in counts. The "CLIPPING" flag on a waveform indicates that input samples fell outside the configured range of bins (when not using Autoranging.)

26.84 Horizontal Bathtub

Calculates a bathtub curve across a horizontal slice through an eye pattern.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.85 HDMI

Decodes HDMI

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.86 I^2C

Decodes the Phillips I^2C bus protocol.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.87 I^2C EEPROM

Decodes common I^2C EEPROM memory devices

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.88 I^2C Register

Decodes low level I^2C bus traffic into a series of register read-write transactions targeting a specific device address.

This filter assumes that the device has a fixed sized address pointer. Register writes consist of a write to the device's address, the register address, then write data. Reads consist of a write to the device's address, the register address, a read from the device's address, and read data.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.89 IBIS Driver

Converts a digital waveform and double-rate clock to an analog waveform using the rising and falling edge waveforms from an IBIS model.

This filter assumes a perfect 50Ω load or other matched load as specified in the IBIS model; clamp behavior of the driver in response to channels with significant reflection is not currently modeled.

IBIS-AMI is not currently supported, however this is planned (scopehal:192).

Model name and termination conditions are dynamically created enumerations; the set of legal values for these fields depends on the specific .ibs file loaded.

Note that IBIS corners specify minimum, typical, or maximum *output voltage*, not timing or other properties.

26.89.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
data	Digital	Digital waveform to transmit
clk	Digital	Transmit clock (double rate)

26.89.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Corner	Enum	Name of the corner to use
File Path	String	Filesystem path to the IBIS model
Model Name	Enum	Name of the I/O cell model within the IBIS model to use
Sample Rate	Int	Sample rate to use for the output waveform
Termination	Enum	Name of the termination condition to use

26.89.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs an analog waveform containing uniformly spaced samples at the specified rate.

26.90 Invert

Inverts an analog waveform by negating each sample.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.91 Intel eSPI

Decodes the Enhanced Serial Peripheral Interface protocol, used between Intel CPUs and peripherals such as baseboard management controllers (BMCs) and embedded controllers (ECs).

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.92 IPv4

Internet Protocol version 4

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.93 IQ Demux

Given a sampled data waveform containing consecutively sampled I and Q values, output separate sampled I and Q waveforms and a half-rate clock.

I is always sampled before Q.

Two alignment methods are supported: None (first clock edge in the input is arbitrarily declared to be I) and 100Base-T1 (the alignment with the least (0,0) symbols is preferred)

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.94 IQ Squelch

Gates I/Q data to eliminate noise between packets. Signal regions with amplitude below the squelch threshold are replaced with an equal number of zero-valued samples.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.95 J1939 Analog

Outputs an analog signal extracted from a specific J1939 PGN

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.96 J1939 Bitmask

Outputs a Boolean signal indicating whether a specific J1939 PGN matches a bitmask

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.97 J1939 PDU

Decodes CAN bus IDs to decode the J1939 PDU1 and PDU2 format.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.98 J1939 Source Match

Filters a sequence of J1939 PDUs to output only those which are sent from a specified source address

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.99 J1939 Transport

Decodes the J1939 transport layer (PGNs 60416 and 60160) and reassembles multi-part packets into single logical packets. All other PGNs pass through this filter unchanged.

As of now, only broadcast mode (BAM) packets are decoded, due to lack of CM test datasets.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.100 Jitter

Adds random and/or periodic jitter to a digital waveform by displacing each sample.

Random jitter is unbounded and has a Gaussian distribution with a user-specified standard deviation. Periodic jitter is sinusoidal and has a bounded range of -1 to +1 times the specified amplitude. Only a single frequency of Pj is supported, however several instances of this filter may be chained in order to inject Pj at multiple frequencies. The starting phase of the Pj sinusoid is random.

26.100.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Digital	Input waveform

26.100.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Rj Stdev	Float	Standard deviation of random jitter
Pj Frequency	Float	Frequency of periodic jitter
Pj Amplitude	Float	Amplitude of periodic jitter

26.100.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs a digital waveform with one sample per sample in the input waveform, with sample time shifted by the sum of random and periodic jitter terms. The output waveform will have 1fs timebase resolution and not be dense packed, regardless of the input timebase configuration.

26.101 Jitter Spectrum

Calculates an FFT of a TIE waveform.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.102 JTAG

Joint Test Action Group

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.103 Magnitude

Calculates the magnitude of a complex valued signal

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.104 Maximum

This filter calculates the maximum of its input.

26.104.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
in	Analog	Input waveform

26.104.2 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.104.3 Output Signal

Signal name	Type	Description
latest	Scalar	Maximum of the filter's current input
cumulative	Scalar	Maximum of all input since the last clear-sweeps
totalSamples	Scalar	Total number of integrated samples
totalWaveforms	Scalar	Total number of integrated waveforms

26.105 MDIO

Decodes the Management Data Input/Output interface on Ethernet PHYs. At the moment, only Clause 22 format is supported.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.106 Memory

Takes a snapshot of the input which remains “frozen" until manually updated. Typically used for comparing past and present values of a signal on the same plot.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.107 MIL-STD-1553

Decodes the MIL-STD-1553 avionics data bus.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.108 Minimum

This filter calculates the minimum of its input.

26.108.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
in	Analog	Input waveform

26.108.2 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.108.3 Output Signal

Signal name	Type	Description
latest	Scalar	Minimum of the filter's current input
cumulative	Scalar	Minimum of all input since the last clear-sweeps
totalSamples	Scalar	Total number of integrated samples
totalWaveforms	Scalar	Total number of integrated waveforms

26.109 MIPI D-Phy Data

Converts two streams of D-Phy Symbols (one data and one clock) into bytes and control events.

Only a single data lane is supported at the moment, but multi-lane support will be added in the future.

This filter only supports high speed data; escape mode data is handled by the D-PHY Escape Mode filter.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.110 MIPI D-Phy Escape Mode

Converts a stream of D-PHY Symbols for a data lane into low-power data.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.111 MIPI D-Phy Symbol

Decodes one or two analog channels to MIPI D-PHY symbols (HS/LS line states). Either the positive half, or both positive and negative, of the pair may be provided.

If only the positive half is provided, it is possible to decode HS data and clocks, but not the LP-01 and LP-10 states, as these are indistinguishable from LP-00 and LP-11. This prevents proper decoding of Escape Mode data, although Start-Of-Transmission sequences may be inferred from context.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.112 MIPI DSI Frame

Converts a MIPI DSI Packet stream into video scanlines.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.113 MIPI DSI Packet

Converts two streams of D-Phy Symbol's (one data and one clock) into MIPI DSI packets.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.114 Moving Average

Calculates a moving average (box filter) over an analog waveform.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.115 Multiply

Multiplies one waveform or scalar by another. No resampling is performed; if both inputs are waveforms they must have identical sample rates and be aligned in time.

Unit conversions are performed, for example the product of a voltage and current waveform is a power waveform.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.116 NCO

Numerically controlled oscillator: creates a sinusoidal waveform whose frequency tracks a target value

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.117 Noise

Adds Gaussian noise with a specified standard deviation to a waveform.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.118 Overshoot

Measures overshoot of a signal's rising edges past the top value

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.119 PAM4 Demodulator

Converts an analog PAM4 waveform and recovered clock into a digital serial waveform and recovered clock at twice the symbol rate. This allows conventional NRZ protocol decodes to be applied to a PAM4 data stream.

Gray coding is assumed, as used by all major PAM-4 networking standards.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.120 PAM Edge Detector

Finds level crossings in a PAM signal (of arbitrary order) and outputs a digital waveform which toggles each time the PAM signal transitions to a new level. This may be used as the input to a CDR PLL block which is designed to work on NRZ input.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.121 PcapNG Export

Exports a series of packets to a PCAPNG file (or pipe). As of this writing, Ethernet is the only implemented link layer.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.122 PcapNG Import

Imports a PcapNG file as a list of packets. As of this writing, CAN is the only implemented link layer.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.123 PCIe Data Link

Decodes the Data Link layer of PCI Express. At this layer DLLPs are fully decoded. TLP sequence numbers are visible and CRC16s are checked, however TLP content is displayed as hex dumps.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.124 PCIe Gen 1/2 Logical

Decodes the Logical Sub-Block of the PCI Express 1.0 and 2.0 PHY. This layer decodes 8B/10B symbols and the LFSR scrambler. TLP and DLLP start/end markers are identified but no packet decoding is performed.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.125 PCIe Gen 3/4/5 Logical

Decodes the Logical Sub-Block of the PCI Express 3.0, 4.0, and 5.0 PHY. This layer converts 128b/130b symbols into a stream of protocol packets and content. TLP and DLLP start/end markers are identified but no packet decoding is performed.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.126 PCIe Link Training

Decodes the initial PCIe gen1/2 link training sequence. Training to gen3 and higher speeds is not yet implemented.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.127 PCIe Transport

Decodes the Transaction layer of PCI Express. At this layer TLPs are fully decoded, however only a unidirectional view of the system is visible (only TX or only RX).

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.128 Peak Hold

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.129 Peak-to-Peak

Measures the peak-to-peak amplitude of a signal

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.130 Peaks

Finds peaks in a waveform (typically a spectrum of some sort)

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.131 Period

Measures the period of a waveform

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.132 Phase

Displays the relative phase of a signal as a function of time. Typically used for visualizing PSK modulations.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.133 Phase Nonlinearity

Given a phase angle waveform, outputs the difference between the actual phase and linear phase. A perfectly linear network will be displayed as a horizontal line at Y=0; leading or lagging phase will show up as spikes above or below zero.

The nominal linear phase response is calculated based on the averge group delay between two user-supplied frequencies. Moving the reference frequencies further apart reduces the impact of phase noise in the data (since more points are being averaged) however both points must be located well within the linear region of the network in order to give accurate results.

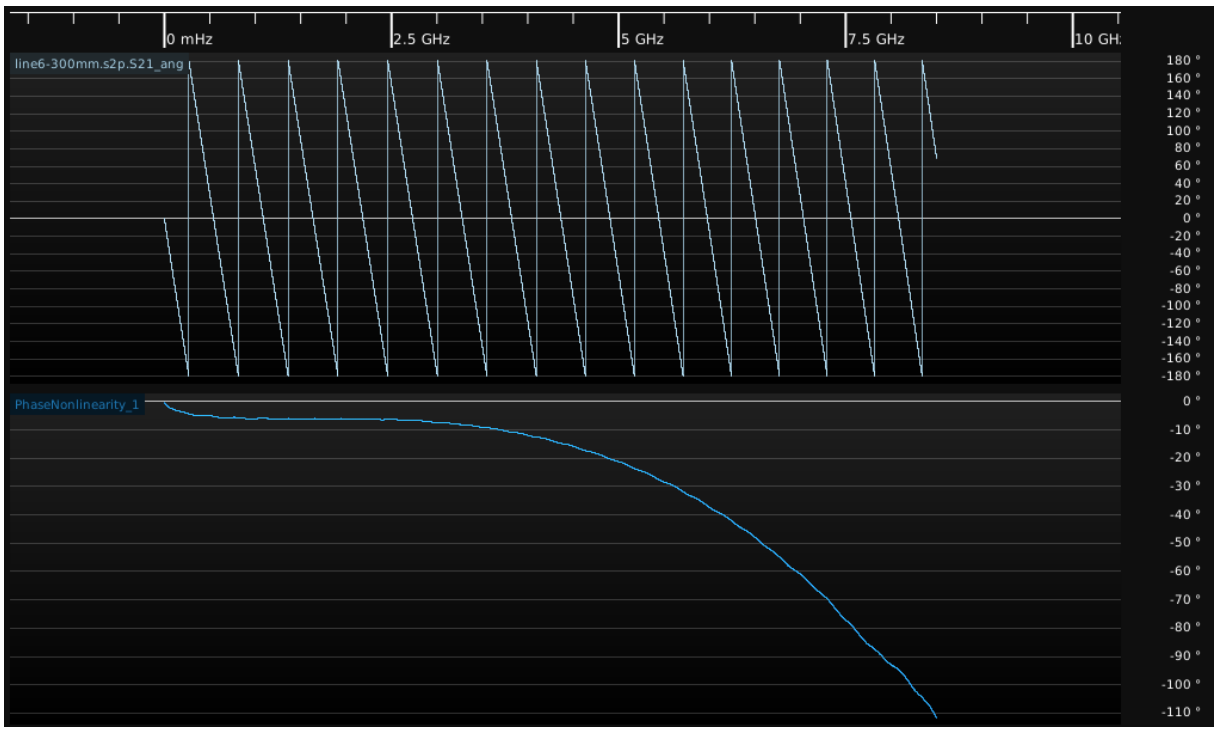

Figure 26.77: Example of nonlinear phase of a dispersive transmission line

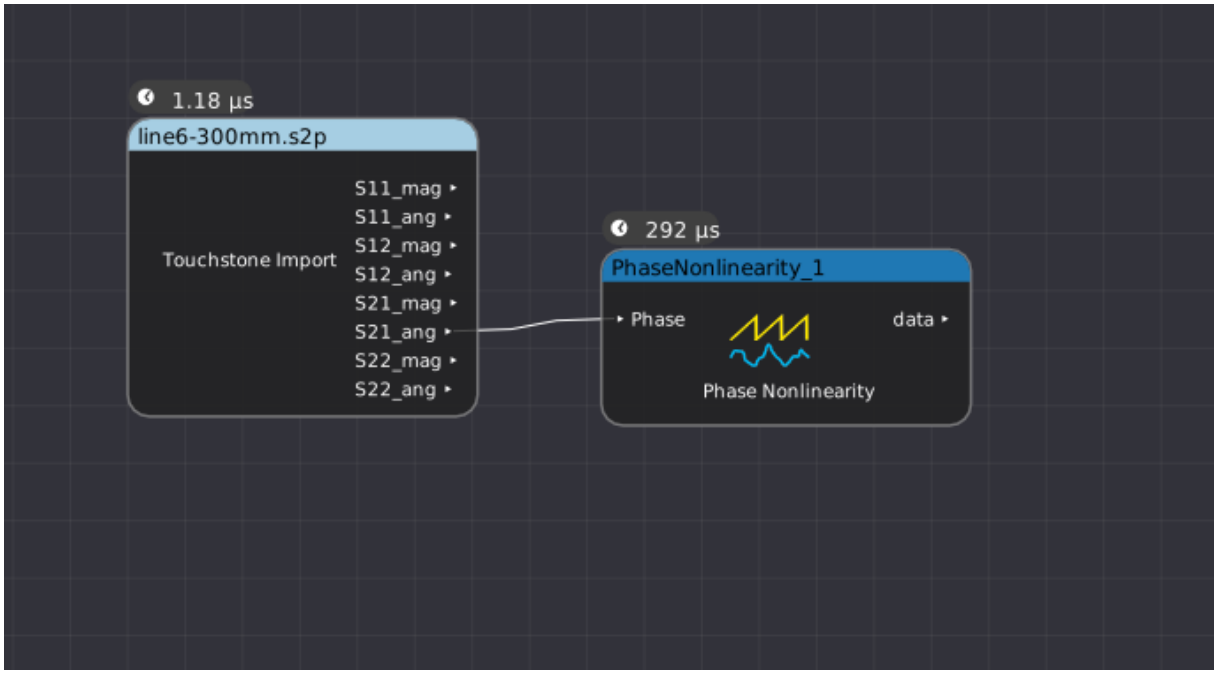

Figure 26.78: Example filter graph for measuring nonlinearity

26.133.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
Phase	Analog	Input waveform

26.133.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Ref Freq Low	Float	Lower reference frequency
Ref Freq High	Float	Upper reference frequency

26.133.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs an analog waveform with one sample for each sample in the input, containing the deviation from linear phase.

26.134 Point Sample

This filter samples the value of a waveform at a given X coordinate and outputs the sampled value as a scalar.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.135 PRBS

Generates a pseudorandom bit sequence, and double rate bit clock, with a specified bit rate from a list of standard polynomials.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.136 Pulse Width

This filter measures the length and amplitude of pulses and outputs that as a waveform. It auto-thresholds analog inputs at 50%.

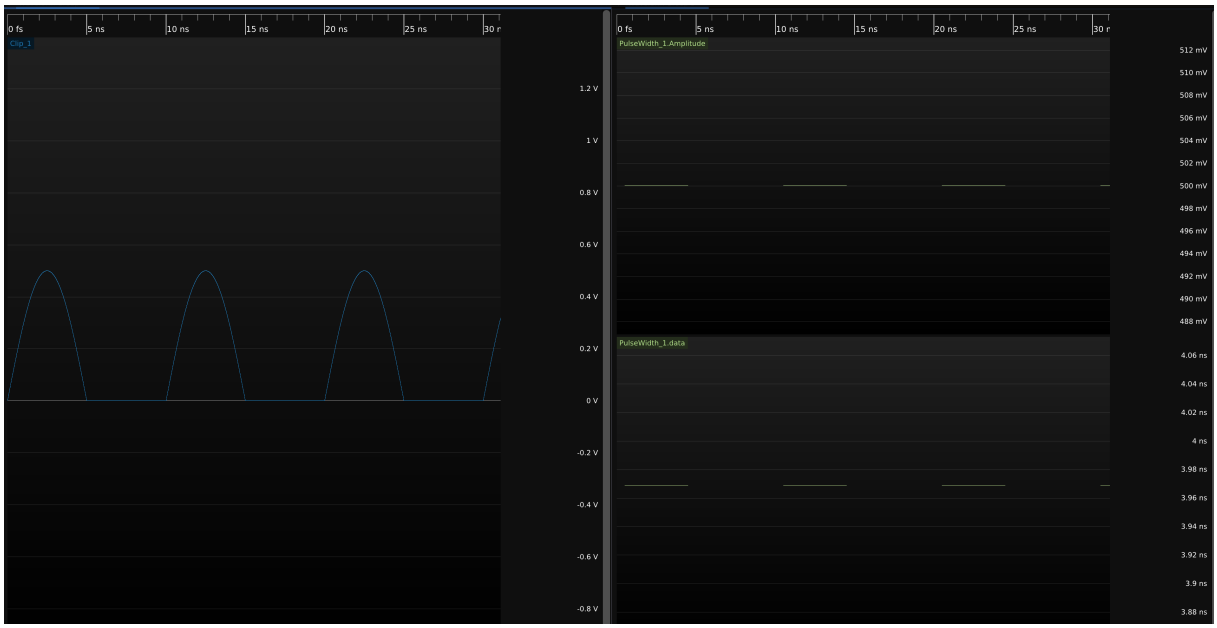

Figure 26.79: Example of pulse width measurement of a clipped sinewave input waveform.

26.136.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog	Input waveform

26.136.2 Output Signal

This filter outputs two output waveforms. One is a sparse analog waveform with the same timebase as the input, containing one sample per pulse with a duration and value equal to the length of the pulse. Other is a similar sparse analog waveform, but its values are equal to the amplitude of the pulses. In case, the input is uniform or sparse digital, this second output waveform is uniform or sparse digital respectively instead of analog.

26.137 QSPI

Quad SPI as used in serial Flash. Note that this filter *only* decodes quad mode streams, not x1 SPI.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.138 Quadrature

Quadrature pulses from a rotary encoder

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.139 Reference Plane Extension

Given a set of S-parameters, shifts the reference plane on one or two ports and outputs a new set of S-parameters.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.140 RGB LED

Decodes the single-wire serial protocol used by common addressable RGB LEDs such as the WS2812

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.141 RIS

Performs random interleaved sampling (RIS) on a repetitive, uniformly sampled analog waveform in order to create a waveform with a higher effective sample rate.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.142 Rise

Calculates the rise time for each cycle of a waveform

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.143 Rj + BUj

Removes data-dependent jitter (DDJ) from a TIE waveform, leaving uncorrelated jitter (Rj and BUj).

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.144 RMS

Measures the Root Mean Square value of the waveform, including any DC component

26.144.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog	Input waveform

26.144.2 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.144.3 Output Signal

This filter has two output streams.

Stream name	Type	Description
trend	Sparse analog	One sample per cycle of the input waveform containing the RMS value across that cycle
avg	Scalar	RMS value across the entire waveform

26.145 S-Parameter Cascade

Cascades two two-port networks and outputs a two-port network equivalent to the two input networks in series.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.146 Sawtooth

Generates a sawtooth waveform.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.147 S-Parameter De-Embed

Given a two port network equal to the cascade of two others, plus S-parameters for one of the two sub-networks, output S-parameters for the other.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.148 Scalar Pulse Delay

Delays a scalar pulse by approximately the specified real time.

This filter is intended for use in control or test applications to trigger a measurement after an experimental setup has had time to stabilize.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.149 Scalar Stairstep

Outputs a scalar value which ramps from a starting value to an ending value in a stairstep pattern, with configurable step duration and spacing.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.150 SD Card Command

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future) Decodes the Secure Digital card command bus protocol

26.151 Setup / Hold

Calculates the setup and hold times of a data signal relative to a clock.

Setup time is measured from data valid (leaving the undefined region between Vil and Vih) to clock invalid (entering the undefined region). Hold time is measured from clock valid to data invalid.

The overall setup and hold times reported by the filter are the minimums observed across the entire waveform.

If the undefined regions of data and clock signals ever overlap, both setup and hold time are reported as zero.

26.151.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
data	Analog	Input data
clock	Analog	Input clock

26.151.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Vih	Float	High level threshold for the input buffer
Vil	Float	Low level threshold for the input buffer
Clock Edge	Enum	**Rising**: Sample data on the rising clock edge **Falling**: Sample data on the falling clock edge **Both**: Sample data on both clock edges

26.151.3 Output Signal

Signal name	Type	Description
tsetup	Analog scalar	Lowest setup time observed in the waveform
thold	Analog scalar	Lowest hold time observed in the waveform

26.152 Sine

Generates a pure sine wave with specified frequency, amplitude, sample rate, and DC bias.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.153 SNR

Computes simple $\frac{\mu}{\sigma}$ (mean over standard deviation) signal-to-noise ratio for the input signal.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.153.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
in	Analog	Input Waveform

26.153.2 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.153.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs a scalar value representing the $\frac{\mu}{\sigma}$ SNR for the whole waveform. For sparse waveforms samples are weighted by length and gaps are not considered.

26.154 Spectrogram

Displays a 2D plot of frequency vs time using configurable FFT length.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.155 SPI

Serial Peripheral Interface.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.156 SPI Flash

Flash memory attached to a SPI or quad SPI bus. Typically these chips have part numbers that start with “25".

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.157 Squelch

Detects periods with no signal.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.158 Step

Generates a single step from one voltage level to another. Typically used for measuring step response of a channel or doing TDR transforms on S-parameters.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.159 Subtract

Subtracts one waveform from another. No resampling is performed; both inputs must have identical sample rates.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.159.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
IN+	Analog	Positive input waveform
IN-	Analog	Negative input waveform

26.159.2 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.159.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs an analog waveform with one sample for each sample in the input, containing the difference of the two input waveforms.

26.160 SWD

The Serial Wire Debug protocol between a Debug Probe and an ARM Microcontroller, typically from the CORTEX-M family. This decode recognises all SWD frame elements and validates type and parity of both incoming and outgoing messages. It also identifies line resets and line protocol change messages.

The SWD Protocol defines that the target will read and write on the rising edge of SWCLK. It does not place any constraint on when the probe reads and writes. For the purposes of graphical depiction each protocol element starts at a falling edge and continues to be valid until the next falling edge, following the graphical convention established in the ARM documentation.

Reference: ARM Debug Interface v5 Architecture Specification, Chapter 4.

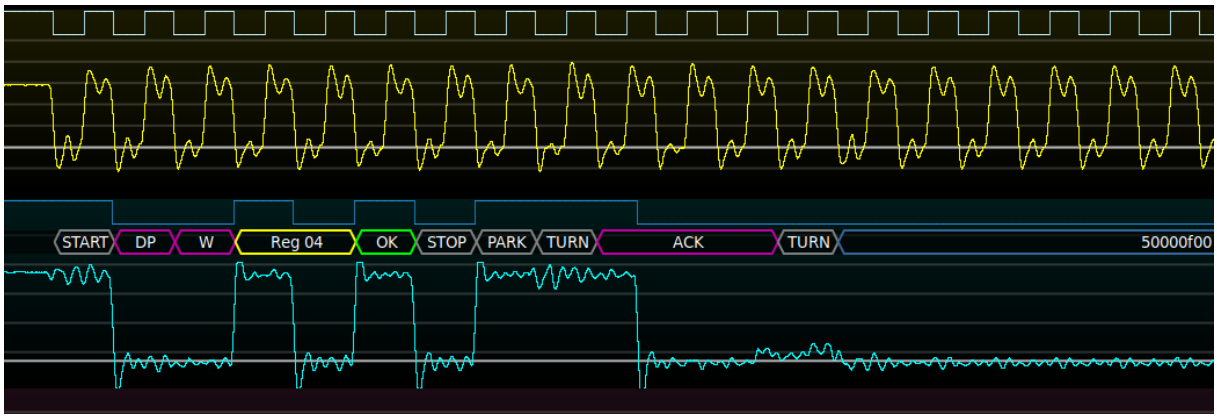

Figure 26.80: Example of SWD protocol decode

26.160.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
SWDIO	Digital	Serial Wire Data In/Out (To/From target)
SWCLK	Digital	Serial Wire Clock In (To Target from Debug Probe)

26.160.2 Parameters

No parameters are required for configuration of SWD. The protocol is clocked by SWCLK.

26.160.3 Output Signal

The SWD bus decode outputs a time series of SWD message elements, each of which may be one or a number of bits long. Each message element consist of a type and optional numeric content.

Type	Description	Color	Format
Line Control	Line Reset	Preamble	LINE RESET
Line Mode	Line Mode Change to SWD	Control	JTAG TO SWD
Line Mode	Line Mode Change to JTAG	Control	SWD TO JTAG
Line Mode	Line Mode Change to Dormant	Control	SWD TO DORMANT
Line Mode	Leave Dormant Mode	Control	LEAVE DORMANT
Start	Start of frame	Preamble	START
APnDP	Selection between AP and DP	Control	AP|DP
RnW	Read or Write mode	Control	R|W
ADDR	AP or DP Address	Address	Reg %02x
Parity	Good Header Parity	Control	OK
Parity	Bad Header Parity	Control	BAD
Stop	End of Header	Preamble	STOP
Park	Line Release	Preamble	PARK
Turnaround	Line Direction Change	Preamble	TURN
Acknowledge	Good Response from target to request	Control	ACK|WAIT
Acknowledge	Bad Response from target to request	Control	FAULT|ERROR
Data	Payload to/From Target	Data	%08x

26.161 SWD MEM-AP

Converts SWD accesses to MEM-AP registers into memory read-write transactions.

Reference: ARM Debug Interface v5 Architecture Specification, chapter 8.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.162 Tachometer

Converts pulses from a tachometer to shaft speed

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.163 Tapped Delay Line

Generic FIR filter with arbitrary tap values and delays. Can be used as-is for testing FIR filter coefficients calculated by hand, but most commonly used as a base class for more specialized filters.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.164 TCP

Decodes the Transmission Control Protocol (RFC 675). As of this writing, only IPv4 is supported as a network layer protocol. IPv6 support is planned once an IPv6 protocol decode has been written.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.165 TDR

Converts a TDR waveform from volts to reflection coefficient or impedance.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.166 Time Outside Level

Measures the total integrated time a signal remains above a high reference level or below a low reference level or both.

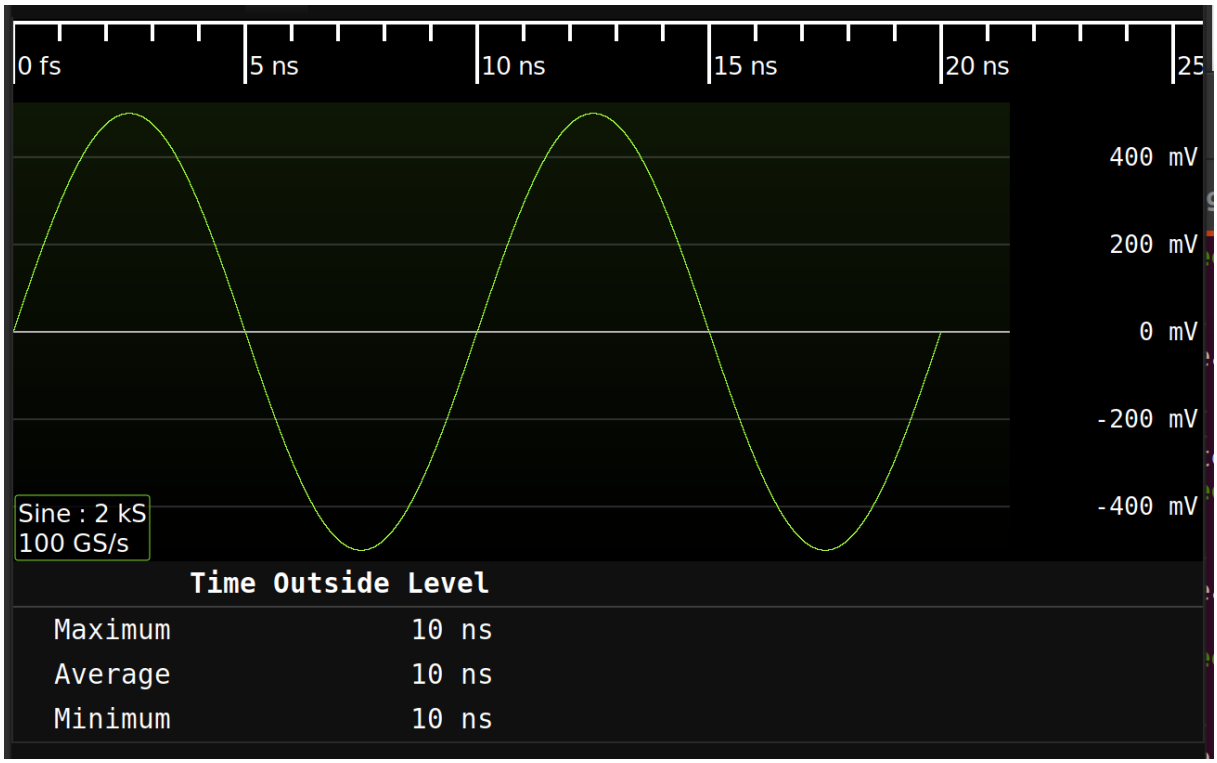

Figure 26.81: Example of time outside high level measurement with a high level threshold of 0mV

26.166.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog	Input waveform

26.166.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
High Level	Float	High level reference voltage
Low Level	Float	Low level reference voltage
Measurement Type	Enum	**High Level**: Measure the total time the signal is above high level reference voltage **Low Level**: Measure the total time the signal is below low level reference voltage **Both**: Measure the total time the signal is both above and below high level and low level reference voltages respectively

26.167 Thermal Diode

Converts an analog voltage measurement of a thermal diode to a temperature value

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.168 Threshold

Converts an analog waveform to digital by thresholding at a constant level (no hysteresis).

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.168.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog	Input waveform

26.168.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Threshold	Float	Decision threshold

26.168.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs an digital waveform with one sample for each sample in the input, which is true if the corresponding input sample is above the threshold and false if less than or equal.

26.169 TIE

Calculates the time interval error of a data or clock signal with respect to an ideal “golden" clock (typically obtained from a CDR PLL).

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.170 Top

Calculates the top (logical one level) of each cycle in a digital waveform. It is most commonly used as an input to statistics, to view the average top of the entire waveform.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.170.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog	Input waveform

26.170.2 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.170.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs an analog waveform with one sample for each group of logical ones in the input signal, containing the average value of the one level.

26.171 Touchstone Export

Saves S-parameter data to a Touchstone file.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.172 Touchstone Import

Loads a Touchstone file and displays the complex data in magnitude/angle format

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.173 Trend

Plots a trend of a scalar value over time

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.174 TRC Import

Loads waveform data from a Teledyne LeCroy TRC waveform file.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.175 UART

Decode serial ports

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.176 Unwrapped Phase

Given a phase angle waveform which wraps within the interval $[-180°, +180°]$, unwrap the phase angle.

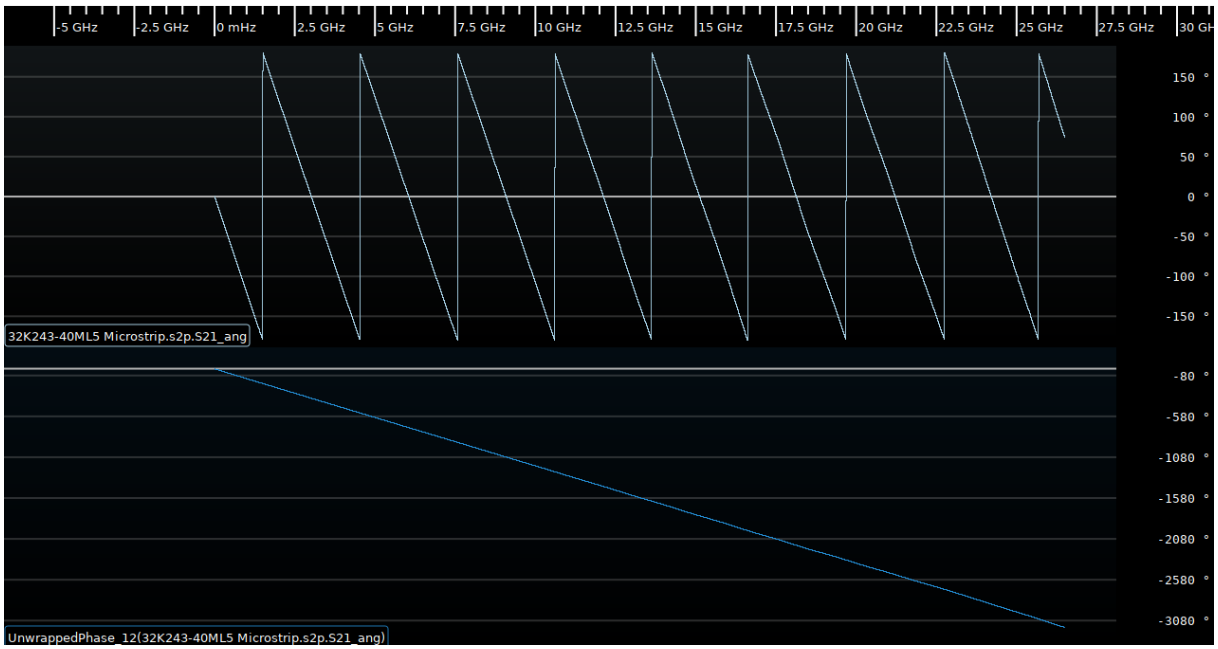

Figure 26.82: Example of wrapped and unwrapped phase of a transmission line

26.176.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
Phase	Analog	Input waveform

26.176.2 Parameters

This filter takes no parameters.

26.176.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs an analog waveform with one sample for each sample in the input, containing the unwrapped phase angle.

26.177 USB 1.0 / 2.x Activity

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.178 USB 1.0 / 2.x Packet

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.179 USB 1.0 / 2.x PCS

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.180 USB 1.0 / 2.x PMA

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.181 Undershoot

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.182 Upsample

Upsamples a waveform using sin(x)/x interpolation.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.183 VCD Import

Loads digital waveform data from a Value Change Dump (VCD) file.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.184 Vector Frequency

Calculates the instantaneous frequency (rotational velocity) of a complex I/Q signal.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.185 Vector Phase

Calculates the instantaneous phase of a complex I/Q signal.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.186 Vertical Bathtub

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.187 VICP

Decodes the Teledyne LeCroy Virtual Instrument Control Protocol (VICP)

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.188 Waterfall

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.189 WAV Import

Loads waveform data from a Microsoft WAV audio file.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.190 WFM Import

Loads waveform data from a Tektronix .wfm file.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.191 Windowed Autocorrelation

Calculates the cross-correlation between a fixed size block of the input signal and another block of the same size.

This will produce maximal response for a signal which has periodicity with the specified period and block size.

For example, period 4 and block size 2 will match aa**aa**.

This can be used to identify OFDM symbols.

26.192 Window

Selects a temporal subset of an input waveform. Useful for running intensive analyses only on a region of interest. Start and end times are rounded to the sample that starts at or nearest after the given time.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)

26.192.1 Inputs

Signal name	Type	Description
din	Analog or Digital	Input waveform

26.192.2 Parameters

Parameter name	Type	Description
Start Time	Float	Start of selected window
Duration	Float	Length of selected window

26.192.3 Output Signal

This filter outputs a subset of the input signal. If the input is sparse, so is the output and vice versa. No samples are added.

26.193 X-Y Sweep

This filter converts a sweeping X scalar value and a corresponding Y scalar value into a waveform plotting X against Y.

Note that this filter assumes that the X value is sweeping in an upwards ramp, and is not intended for use with arbitrary X-Y data. In particular, the output is a standard sparse waveform type rather than an X-Y density map.

(This filter description is a stub and will be expanded in the future)