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Welcome

This help provides in-depth information on how to use the SignalVu™ Vector Signal Analysis Software. This help is also available in a PDF format for printing.

NOTE. *Most of the screen illustrations in this document are taken from the vector signal analysis software version that runs on the RSA5100A Real-time Signal Analyzers. These instruments support additional hardware-based functionality and buttons, such as Trig, that are not present in the SignalVu™ application.*

Product Description

SignalVu™ vector signal analysis software helps you easily validate wideband designs and characterize wideband spectral events. By combining the signal analysis engine of the RSA6100B Real-Time Analyzer with that of the industry's widest bandwidth digital oscilloscopes, designers can now evaluate complex signals up to 20 GHz without the need of an external down converter. You get the functionality of a vector signal analyzer, a signal analyzer and the powerful trigger capabilities of a digital oscilloscope, all in a single package. Whether your design validation needs include wideband radar, high data rate satellite links or frequency hopping communications, SignalVu vector signal analysis software can speed your time-to-insight by showing you time variant behavior of these wideband signals.

Key Features

Tightly integrated software and hardware control allows you to easily switch between SignalVu and oscilloscope user interfaces to optimize triggers and other acquisition parameters. Key features of SignalVu include:

- Direct observation of microwave signals to 20 GHz without an external down converter
- All signals up to the analog bandwidth of oscilloscope are captured in memory
- Customizable oscilloscope acquisition parameters for effective use of capture memory
- Four channel acquisitions help you correlate independent RF events
- Apply custom math and filtering to acquisition channels
- Extensive time-correlated, multi-domain displays connect problems in time, frequency, phase and amplitude for quicker understanding of cause and effect when troubleshooting
- Power measurements and signal statistics help you characterize components and systems: ACLR, Multi-Carrier ACLR, Power vs. Time, CCDF, OBW/EBW, and Spur Search
- Advanced Signal Analysis Suite (Opt. SVP) provides automated pulse measurements including rise time, pulse width and pulse-to-pulse phase provide deep insight into pulse train behavior
- General Purpose Digital Modulation Analysis (Opt. SVM) provides vector signal analyzer functionality
- Settling Time Measurements (Option SVT) provides Frequency and Phase settling time measurements
- Flexible OFDM Analysis (Option SVO) provides measurements for OFDM signals specified by 802.11a/g/j (Wifi) and 802.16 (ETSI)

- Audio Analysis (Option SVA) provides AM/FM audio measurements
- Tektronix OpenChoice® enables easy transfer to a variety of analysis programs such as Excel and Matlab

Options

To view a listing of the software options installed in your software, select **Help** > **About Your Tektronix Vector Signal Analysis Software**.

Options can be added to your instrument. For the latest information on available option upgrades, see the Tektronix Web site.

Documentation

In addition to the help, the following documents are available:

- **SignalVu Reference** (Tektronix part number 077-0224-XX). This document provides a brief overview of the SignalVu software. It identifies elements of the SignalVu screen, elements of different displays and includes a menu tree. The Reference Manual is provided as a printable PDF file.
- **SignalVu Programmer Manual** (077-0223-XX). This document provides supplementary information about the remote commands for the SignalVu software. The Programmer Manual is provided as a printable PDF file. For detailed descriptions of the remote commands, see the *RSA6100B Series Real-Time Spectrum Analyzers, RSA5100A Series Real-Time Signal Analyzers Programmer Manual* (077-0523-XX) and the *DPO7000, DPO70000B/C, DSA70000B/C, MSO70000/C, MSO5000, and DPO5000 Series Digital Oscilloscopes Programmer Manual* (077-0010-10 or later).
- **SignalVu Printable Help Document (PDF)** (077-0225-XX). A PDF file version of the help that can easily be printed.

The SignalVu documentation PDFs are located on the *Optional Applications Software for Windows-Based Oscilloscopes* DVD.

The most recent versions of the product documentation, in PDF format, can be downloaded from www.tektronix.com/manuals. You can find the manuals by searching on the product name.

Connecting Signals and Selecting the Analysis Channel

SignalVu analyzes signals acquired by the oscilloscope. The SignalVu software analyzes one, two, or four signals at a time, so you need to specify which oscilloscope input channels to use. Math and Ref channels can also be selected.

To specify which oscilloscope channel is analyzed:

1. Select **Settings** > **Acquire** to display the Acquire control panel.
2. Select the desired signal type from the **Signal Input** drop-down list along the left side of the control panel. Available choices are **RF** (uses one oscilloscope channel), **IQ** (uses two channels), and **Diff IQ** (uses four channels).
3. On the **Vertical** tab, use the **Source** drop-down list(s) to select the channels to analyze.
4. Use the oscilloscope controls in the TekScope application to achieve a stable, triggered signal.

For information on the oscilloscope input signal capabilities and how to trigger on a signal, see the oscilloscope's help. Note that SignalVu does not control triggering on the oscilloscope; you will need to use the oscilloscope triggering functions to achieve a stable, triggered signal on the oscilloscope.

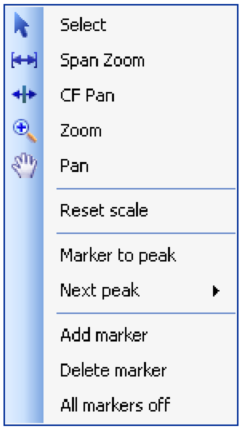
Front-Panel Controls

The front-panel controls remain dedicated to oscilloscope control functions when SignalVu is running. The front-panel buttons and knobs of the oscilloscope do not have any effect on the SignalVu software settings.

NOTE. *One button that affects the SignalVu software is the Run/Stop button. Pressing the Stop button will halt data acquisition in the SignalVu software.*

Touch-Screen Actions

You can use the touch screen to change marker settings and how waveforms are displayed by using the Touch-screen Actions menu.



To use the Touch-screen Actions menu, touch the display in a graph area and hold for one second, then remove your finger. You can also use a mouse to display the Touch-screen Action menu by clicking the right mouse button.

Icon	Menu	Description
	Select	Selects markers and adjusts their position.
	Span Zoom	Zooms the graph area about the selected point. Touch the graph display at a point of interest and drag to increase or decrease the span about the point of interest. Span Zoom adjusts the span control and can affect the acquisition bandwidth.
	CF Pan	Adjusts the Center Frequency according to horizontal movement.
	Zoom	Adjusts horizontal and vertical scale of the graph. The first direction with enough movement becomes the primary scale of adjustment. Adjustment in the secondary direction does not occur until a threshold of 30 pixels of movement is crossed. Dragging to the left or down zooms out and displays a smaller waveform (increases the scale value). Dragging to the right or up zooms in and displays a larger waveform (decreases the scale value).
	Pan	Adjusts horizontal and vertical position of the waveform. The first direction with enough movement becomes the primary direction of movement. Movement in the secondary direction does not occur until a threshold of 30 pixels of movement is crossed.
-	Reset Scale	Returns the horizontal and vertical scale and position settings to their default values.
-	Marker to peak	Moves the selected marker to the highest peak. If no marker is turned on, this control automatically adds a marker.
-	Next Peak	Moves the selected marker to the next peak. Choices are Next left, Next right, Next lower (absolute), and Next higher (absolute).
-	Add marker	Defines a new marker located at the horizontal center of the graph.
-	Delete marker	Removes the last added marker.
-	All markers off	Removes all markers.

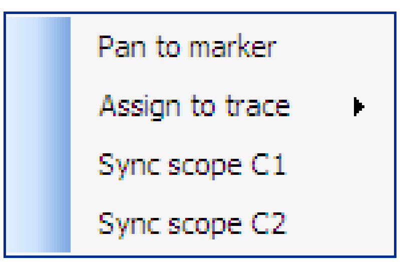
Touch-Screen Menu for Spurious Display

The Touch-screen actions menu in the Spurious display has some minor changes compared to the standard version used in other displays.

Icon	Menu	Description
-	Single-range	Changes the current multi-range display to a single range display. The displayed range is the range in which you display the touchscreen-actions menu. Selecting Single-range from the menu is equivalent to selecting Single on the Settings > Parameters tab.
-	Multi-range	Changes the current single-range display to a multi-range display. Selecting Multi-range from the menu is equivalent to selecting Multi on the Settings > Parameters tab.
-	Marker -> Sel Spur	Moves the selected marker to the selected spur.

SignalVu Markers Menu

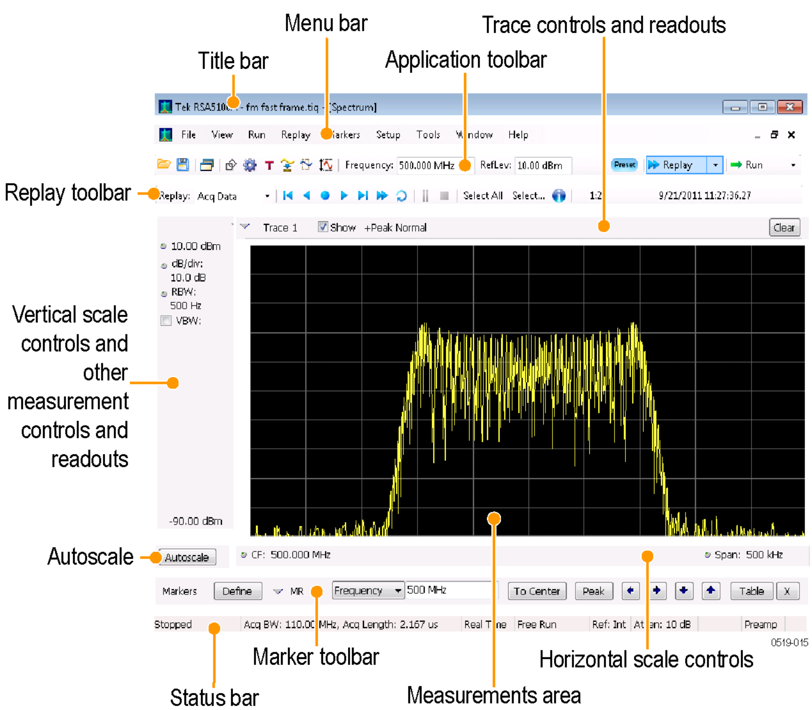
The SignalVu Markers menu appears when you right-click (or touch and hold) on a marker. The SignalVu Markers menu enables you to assign a marker to a different trace, synchronize markers with oscilloscope, cursors and pan the trace to place the marker at the measurement frequency.



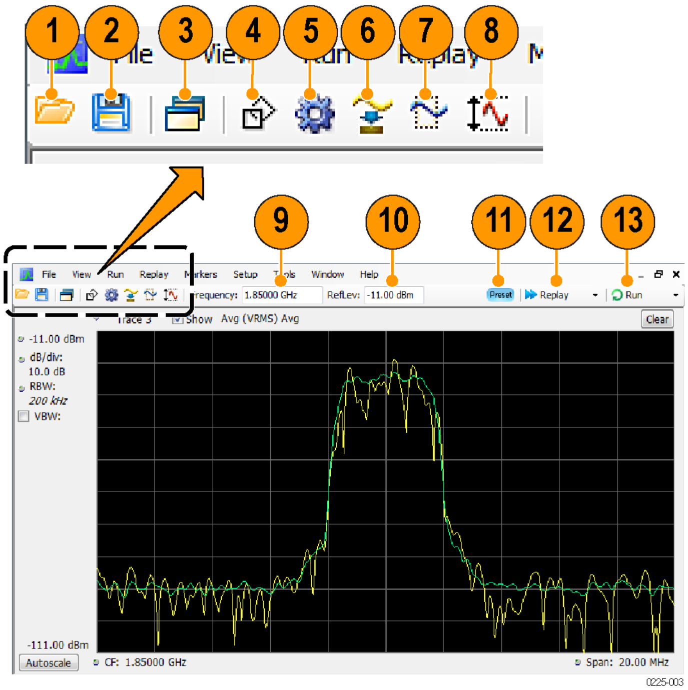
Icon	Menu	Description
-	Pan to marker	Adjusts horizontal position of the waveform to locate the selected marker at the measurement frequency.
-	Assign to trace	Assigns the selected marker to Trace 1, Trace 2, Trace 3 or the Math trace. A trace must be enabled to assign a marker to it.
-	Sync scope C1	Synchronizes the position of Cursor 1 with the location of the selected marker. Turns on cursors if necessary.
-	Sync scope C2	Synchronizes the position of Cursor 2 with the location of the selected marker. Turns on cursors if necessary.

Elements of the Display

The main areas of the application window are shown in the following figure.



Specific elements of the display are shown in the following figure.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Span: 20.00 MHz
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Ref number	Setting	Description
1	Recall	Displays the Open window in order to recall setup files, acquisition data files, or trace files.
2	Save	Opens the Save As dialog in order to save setup files, pictures (screen captures), acquisition data files, or export measurement settings or acquisition data.
3	Displays	Opens the Select Displays dialog box so that you can select measurement displays.
4	Markers	Opens or closes the Marker toolbar at the bottom of the window.
5	Settings	Opens the Settings control panel for the selected display. Each display has its own control panel.
6	Acquire	Opens the Acquire control panel so that you can define the acquisition settings.
7	Analysis	Opens the Analysis control panel so that you can define the analysis settings such as frequency, analysis time, and units.
8	Amplitude	Opens the Amplitude control panel so that you can define the Reference Level, configure internal attenuation, and enable/disable the (optional) Preamplifier.
9	Center Frequency	Displays the Center Frequency. To change the value, click the text and enter the frequency with a keyboard. For fine adjustments, you can use the mouse wheel.
10	Reference Level	Displays the reference level. To change the value, click the text and enter a number using a keyboard, or use a mouse scroll wheel.
11	Preset	Recalls the Preset (Main) (see page 319) preset.
12	Replay	Runs a new measurement cycle on the existing acquisition data record using any new settings.
13	Run	Starts and stops data acquisitions. When the instrument is acquiring data, the button label has green lettering. When stopped, the label has black lettering. You can specify the run conditions in the Run menu. For example, if you select Single Sequence in the Run menu, when you click the Run button, the instrument will run a single measurement cycle and stop. If you select Continuous, the instrument will run continuously until you stop the acquisitions.

Restoring Default Settings

To restore the instrument to its factory default settings:

- Select **File** > **Preset (Main)** to return the analyzer to its default settings.

Preset resets all settings and clears all acquisition data. Settings and acquisition data that have not been saved will be lost.

Presets

Menu Bar: File > More presets > Preset options

SignalVu includes a set of configuration files that are tailored to specific applications. These configuration files, referred to as Application Presets, open selected displays and load settings that are optimized to address specific application requirements. You can add to the default application presets by creating your own application presets. See Creating Application Presets (see page 17). You access the application presets through the Application Presets menu item.

Application Preset	Description
Modulation Analysis	The Modulation Analysis setup application preset provides you with the most common displays used during modulation analysis. Only present when Option SVM is installed.
Pulse Analysis	The Pulse Analysis application preset provides you with the most common displays used during pulse analysis, and makes changes to the default parameters to settings better optimized for pulsed signal analysis. Only present when Option SVP is installed.
Spectrum Analysis	The Spectrum Analysis application preset provide you with the settings commonly used for general purpose spectrum analysis.
Spur Search Multi Zone 9k-1GHz	The Spur Search application preset configures the instrument to show the Spurious display with the frequency range set to 9 kHz to 1 GHz.
Time-Frequency Analysis	The Time-Frequency preset configures the instrument with settings suited to analyzing signal behavior over time.
Main Presets	**Description**
Current	This Preset sets the instrument to display a Spectrum display with settings matched to show a Spectrum display with settings appropriate for typical spectrum analysis tasks. This preset was updated from the original factory preset with version 2.4 of the instrument software.
Original	This Preset is the original factory preset used with software versions 1.0 through 2.3. This version of the factory preset is included to allow users to maintain compatibility with existing remote control software.
User	**Description**
User Preset 1	This Preset is provided as a example for you to create your own Presets. This preset displays the Spectrum, Spectrogram, Frequency vs Time, and Time Overview displays.
User Preset 2	This Preset is provided as a example for you to create your own Presets. This preset displays the Spurious display configured to test for Spurious signals across four ranges.

Modulation Analysis

The Modulation Analysis application preset opens the following displays:

- Signal Quality: Shows a summary of modulation quality measurements (EVM, rho, Magnitude Error, Phase Error, and others).
- Constellation: Shows the I and Q information of the signal analyzed in an I vs. Q format.
- Symbol Table: Shows the demodulated symbols of the signal.

To use the Modulation Analysis preset (assuming that Modulation Analysis is the selected preset on the list of Application Presets and Preset action is set to Recall selected preset):

1. Select **File** > **More presets** > **Application**.
2. Set the measurement frequency.
3. Set the reference level so that the peak of your signal is about 10 dB below the top of the spectrum display.
4. Set the modulation parameters for your signal. This includes the Modulation Type, Symbol Rate, Measurement Filter, Reference Filter and Filter Parameter. All of these settings are accessed by pressing the Settings button.

For most modulated signals, the Modulation Analysis application preset should present a stable display of modulation quality. Additional displays can be added by using the Displays button, and other settings can be modified to better align with your signal requirements.

Pulse Analysis

The Pulse Analysis application preset opens the following displays:

- Time Overview: Shows amplitude vs. time over the analysis period.
- Pulse Trace: Shows the trace of the selected pulse and a readout of the selected measurement from the pulse table.
- Pulse Measurement Table: This shows a full report for the user-selected pulse measurements.

You can make a selected pulse and measurement appear in the Pulse Trace display by highlighting it in the Pulse Measurement Table. Key pulse-related parameters that are set by the Pulse Analysis application preset are:

- Measurement Filter: No Filter.
- Measurement Bandwidth: This is set to the maximum real-time bandwidth of the instrument. Note: The label on the “Measurement Bandwidth” setting is just “Bandwidth”. Like the main instrument Preset command and the other application presets, the Pulse Analysis application preset also sets most other instrument controls to default values.
- Analysis Period: This is set to 2 ms to ensure a good probability of catching several pulses for typical signals.

To use the Pulse Analysis preset (assuming that Pulse Analysis is the selected preset on the list of Application Presets and Preset action is set to Recall selected preset):

1. Select **File** > **More presets** > **Application**. Click **OK**.
2. Set the Center Frequency control to the carrier frequency of your pulsed signal.
3. Set the Reference Level to place the peak of the pulse signal approximately 0-10 dB down from the top of the Time Overview display.

   You may need to trigger on the signal to get a more stable display. This is set up with the oscilloscope's controls. A rising-edge trigger works well for many pulsed signals.
4. Set the Analysis Period to cover the number of pulses in your signal that you want to analyze. To do this, click in the data entry field of the Time Overview window and set the analysis length as needed.

Spectrum Analysis

The Spectrum Analysis application preset opens a Spectrum display and sets several parameters. The Spectrum Analysis preset sets the analyzer as follows.

- **Spectrum Analysis** : Sets the frequency range to maximum for the analyzer, and sets the RF/IF optimization to **Minimize Sweep Time**.

To use the Spectrum Analysis preset (assuming that Spectrum Analysis is the selected preset on the list of Application Presets and Preset action is set to Recall selected preset):

1. Select **File** > **More Presets** > **Application**.
2. Set the measurement frequency using the front-panel knob or keypad.
3. Adjust the span to show the necessary detail.

Time-Frequency Analysis

The Time-Frequency Analysis application preset opens the following displays:

- Time Overview: Shows a time-domain view of the analysis time ‘window’.
- Spectrogram: Shows a three-dimensional view of the signal where the X-axis represents frequency, the Y-axis represents time, and color represents amplitude.
- Frequency vs. Time: This display's graph plots changes in frequency over time and allows you to make marker measurements of settling times, frequency hops, and other frequency transients.
- Spectrum: Shows a spectrum view of the signal. The only trace showing in the Spectrum graph after selecting the Time-Frequency Analysis preset is the Spectrogram trace. This is the trace from the Spectrogram display that is selected by the active marker. Stop acquisitions with the Run button because its easier to work with stable results. In the Spectrogram display, move a marker up or down to see the spectrum trace at various points in time.

The analysis period is set to 5 ms.

To use the Time-Frequency Analysis preset (assuming that Time-Frequency Analysis is the selected preset on the list of Application Presets and Preset action is set to Recall selected preset):

1. Select **File** > **More presets** > **Application**.
2. When the preset's displays and settings have all been recalled and acquisitions are running, adjust the center frequency and span to capture the signal of interest.
3. Set the Reference Level to place the peak of the signal approximately 0-10 dB down from the top of the Spectrum graph.
4. If the signal is transient in nature, you might need to set a trigger to capture it. You will need to use the oscilloscope triggering functions to capture the signal.

When the signal has been captured, the spectrogram shows an overview of frequency and amplitude changes over time. To see frequency transients in greater detail, use the Frequency vs. Time display.

The Time-Frequency Analysis preset sets the analysis period to 5 ms. The Spectrum Span is 40 MHz. The RBW automatically selected for this Span is 300 kHz. For a 300 kHz RBW, the amount of data needed for a single spectrum transform is 7.46 µs. A 5 ms Analysis Length yields 671 individual spectrum transforms, each one forming one trace for the Spectrogram to display as horizontal colored lines. This preset scales the Spectrogram time axis (vertical axis) to -2, which means that the Spectrogram has done two levels of time compression, resulting in one visible line for each four transforms. This results in 167 lines in the Spectrogram for each acquisition, each covering 29.84 µs.

Creating User Presets

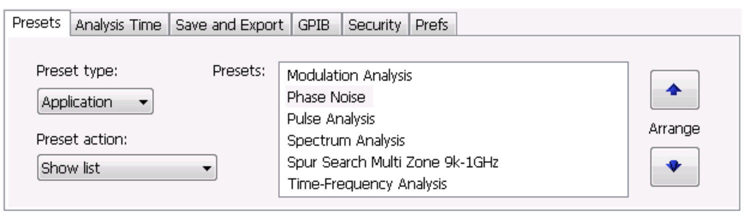
You can add your own application presets to the list that appears in the User Presets dialog box. Create a Setup file and save a copy of it to **C:\SignalVu Files\User Presets**. The name you give the file will be shown in the User Presets list. For instructions on how to save a Setup file, see Saving Data (see page 301).

Configuring How Presets Are Recalled

Recalling Presets results in either of two actions. One action is to immediately execute a Preset. The second action displays a list of Presets from which you select the Preset you want to recall. You specify which action occurs when you recall a preset using the Presets tab on the Options control panel.

Configuring how a preset is recalled. To configure how a preset is recalled:

1. Select **File** > **More presets** > **Preset options** This displays the Presets tab of the Options control panel.



2. Select the **Preset type** from the drop-down list that you want to configure. For each type listed there are unique presets that appear in the **Presets** box.
3. Select the **Preset action** from the drop-down list.
4. If you select **Recall selected preset** from the Preset action list, click in the Presets list box on the preset you wish to recall.

   The selected preset, indicated by a tan background highlight, is the Preset that is recalled.
5. Set the measurement frequency using the front-panel knob or keypad.
6. Adjust the span to show the necessary detail.

Recalling a Preset

To recall the factory defaults Preset:

- Press the **Preset** button on the front panel, select the Preset icon in the menu bar, or select **File > Preset (Main)**.

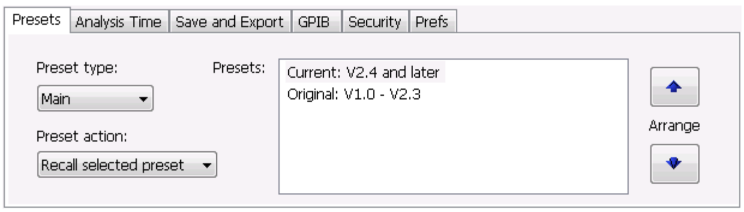
To recall a named preset (an Application or User Preset) from a menu:

- Select File > More presets > "Preset type". The Preset at the top of the Presets list for the selected Preset type will be recalled (if Preset action is set to Recall named preset).

Setting Options

Menu Bar: Tools > Options

There are several settings you can change that are not related to measurement functions. The Option settings control panel is used to change these settings.



Settings tab	Description
Presets	Use this tab to configure Presets. You can specify the action to take when a preset is recalled and which preset to recall when the Preset button is selected.
Analysis Time	Use this tab to specify the method used to automatically set the analysis and spectrum offsets when the Time Zero Reference (see page 279) is set to Trigger.
Save and Export	Use this tab to specify whether or not save files are named automatically and what information is saved in acquisition data files.
GPIB	Do not use this tab to set the GPIB address for the instrument. Use the **Utilities** > **GPIB Configuration** control window in the TekScope application to set the instrument GPIB address.
Security	Selecting the **Hide Sensitive readouts** check box causes the instrument to replace measurement readouts with a string of asterisks.
Prefs	Use this tab to select different color schemes for the measurement graphs and specify how markers should react when dragged.

Presets

The Presets tab allows you to specify actions taken when you press the Preset button.

Preset type. You can choose from the following preset types:

- Main – There are two choices: Current: 2.4 and later and Original: V1.0-V2.3. Choose Current unless you have existing tests or procedures that depend on values set by the older version of Preset.
- Application – There are several application presets, depending on installed options. Each preset selects a group of displays suited to the selected application type.
- User – These are setup files that have been saved by users in the folder C:\SignalVu Files\User Presets.

Preset action. The Preset action list allows you to specify what the instrument should do when you request a preset. The choices are:

- **Recall selected preset** – This action sets up the instrument to immediately recall the preset selected in the Preset box without any further input from the user.
- **Show list** – This action sets up the instrument to display a list box from which the user can select a preset to recall.

Presets. This list box displays the available presets for the selected Preset type. The preset highlighted in the list is the preset that will be recalled when Preset action is set to Recall selected preset.

Arrange. Use the Arrange buttons to change the order in which presets appear in the Presets dialog box when Preset action is set to Show list.

Analysis Time

The Analysis Time tab in the Options control panel is used to specify the method used to automatically set the analysis and spectrum offsets when the Time Zero Reference (see page 279) is set to Trigger. The available settings are:

- Include trigger point – Selects an algorithm that uses the measurements to determine how far in advance of the trigger to set the analysis offset. The analyzer tries to ensure that data about the trigger point is included in the analyses.
- Start at trigger point (legacy) – The method used by the instrument in prior versions, which sets the Analysis Offset to zero when possible. The analyzer tries to ensure that data following the trigger point is included in the analyses. Use this method if your measurements or procedures depend on past behavior of the Auto Analysis Offset function.

Save and Export

The Save and Export tab allows you to specify whether or not files are saved with an automatically generated name, and how much data is saved in an acquisition data file.

All files. The Automatically increment filename/number function can automatically name saved files by appending a number to a base file name. Use this tab to enable/disable automatic naming of files. For example, if **Automatically Increment Filename Number** is disabled, when you select Save from the File menu, you will have to enter a name for the file.

Acquisition data files. This setting specifies whether saved data files include the entire acquisition record or only the data for the analysis length (a subset of the acquisition record).

TIQ acquisition data files. Specifies which data records to save. You can choose from the following:

- Current acquisition: Saves the current acquisition.
- Current frame: If Fast Frame is enabled, saves only the current frame. The current frame is the one most recently analyzed.
- Selected frames: If Fast Frame is enabled, saves the specified frames.

- All in history: Saves all acquisition records in the history.
- Save TIQ file now: Invokes the Save As dialog box with the Save as type drop-down list set to TIQ.

Prefs

The Prefs tab enables you to set properties that apply to all displays.

Color scheme. The Color scheme setting provides three color schemes for the measurement graphs. The color scheme setting does not change the overall instrument application or Windows color scheme.

- Thunderstorm – This scheme displays graphs in shades of blue. This provides a less vibrant color scheme than the default setting.
- Blizzard – This scheme displays graphs with a white background to save ink when printing.
- Classic – The default setting. This scheme displays the graph area with a black background.

Markers snap to peaks when dragged. When selected, this setting causes makers to automatically jump to the next peak (see page 268) when you drag them. When this setting is deselected, you can drag a marker to any point on the trace.

Selecting Displays

Menu Bar: Setup > Displays

Application Toolbar: Displays

Use the **Select Displays** dialog to choose the displays that appear on the screen.

To select displays:

1. Select **Setup** > **Displays** or click the displays icon..
2. Select one of the choices under **Folders**. The folder chosen determines the choices available in **Available displays**.
3. Double-click the desired display in the **Available displays** box or select the desired display and click **Add**.
4. Click **OK**.

Interactions Between Displays

Different displays can require different settings, for example acquisition bandwidth, analysis length, or resolution bandwidth, to achieve optimum results. The instrument automatically adjusts some settings to optimize them for the selected display. The check mark indicator in the upper, left-hand corner of the display indicates the display for which the acquisition hardware is optimized. Depending on instrument settings, some displays might stop displaying results if they are not the selected display.

Available Measurements

The automatic measurements available include RF power measurements, analog modulation measurements, digital modulation measurements, and pulse measurements.

Power Measurements

Measurement	Description
Channel Power	The total RF power in the selected channel (located in the ACPR display).
Adjacent Channel Power Ratio	Measure of the signal power leaking from the main channel into adjacent channels.
Multi-Carrier Power Ratio	The ratio of the signal power in the reference channel or group of channels to the power in adjacent channels.
Peak/Avg Ratio	Ratio of the peak power in the transmitted signal to the average power in the transmitted signal (located in the CCDF display).
CCDF	The *Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function* (CCDF). CCDF shows how much time a signal spends at or above a given power level relative to the average power of a measured signal.

Digital Modulation Measurements

Measurements for all modulation types except nFSK, C4FM, OQPSK and SOQPSK

Measurement	Description
EVM	The normalized RMS value of the error vector between the measured signal and the ideal reference signal over the analysis length. The EVM is generally measured on symbol or chip instants and is reported in units of percent and dB. EVM is usually measured after best-fit estimates of the frequency error and a fixed phase offset have been removed. These estimates are made over the analysis length. Displays RMS and Peak values with location of Peak value.
Phase Error	The RMS phase difference between the measured signal and the ideal reference signal. Displays RMS and Peak values with location of Peak value.
Mag Error	The RMS magnitude difference between the measured signal and the reference signal magnitude. Displays RMS and Peak values with location of Peak value.
MER (RMS)	The MER is defined as the ratio of I/Q signal power to I/Q noise power; the result is indicated in dB.
IQ Origin Offset	The magnitude of the DC offset of the signal measured at the symbol times. It indicates the magnitude of the carrier feed-through signal.
Frequency Error	The frequency difference between the measured carrier frequency of the signal and the user-selected center frequency of the instrument.
Gain Imbalance	The gain difference between the I and Q channels in the signal generation path. Constellations with gain imbalance show a pattern with a width that is different form height.
Quadrature Error	The orthogonal error between the I and Q channels. The error shows the phase difference between I and Q channels away from the ideal 90 degrees expected from the perfect I/Q modulation. Not valid for BPSK modulation type.
Rho	The normalized correlated power of the measured signal and the ideal reference signal. Like EVM, Rho is a measure of modulation quality. The value of Rho is less than 1 in all practical cases and is equal to 1 for a perfect signal measured in a perfect receiver.

Measurements for OQPSK and SOQPSK modulation types

Measurement	Description
EVM	The normalized RMS value of the error vector between the measured signal and the ideal reference signal over the analysis length. The EVM is generally measured on symbol or chip instants and is reported in units of percent and dB. EVM is usually measured after best-fit estimates of the frequency error and a fixed phase offset have been removed. These estimates are made over the analysis length. Displays RMS and Peak values with location of Peak value.
Offset EVM	Offset EVM is like EVM except for a difference in the time alignment of the I and Q samples. For EVM, I and Q samples are collected at the same time, for every symbol decision point (twice the symbol rate for offset modulations). For Offset EVM, the I and Q symbol decision points are time-aligned before collecting the I and Q samples. In this case, one I and one Q sample is collected for each symbol (half as many samples as the same number of symbols for (non-offset) EVM.
Phase Error	The RMS phase difference between the measured signal and the ideal reference signal. Displays RMS and Peak values with location of Peak value.
Mag Error	The RMS magnitude difference between the measured signal and the reference signal magnitude. Displays RMS and Peak values with location of Peak value.
MER (RMS)	The MER is defined as the ratio of I/Q signal power to I/Q noise power; the result is indicated in dB.
IQ Origin Offset	The magnitude of the DC offset of the signal measured at the symbol times. It indicates the magnitude of the carrier feed-through signal.
Frequency Error	The frequency difference between the measured carrier frequency of the signal and the user-selected center frequency of the instrument.
Gain Imbalance	The gain difference between the I and Q channels in the signal generation path. Constellations with gain imbalance show a pattern with a width that is different form height.
Quadrature Error	The orthogonal error between the I and Q channels. The error shows the phase difference between I and Q channels away from the ideal 90 degrees expected from the perfect I/Q modulation. Not valid for BPSK modulation type.
Rho	The normalized correlated power of the measured signal and the ideal reference signal. Like EVM, Rho is a measure of modulation quality. The value of Rho is less than 1 in all practical cases and is equal to 1 for a perfect signal measured in a perfect receiver.

Measurements for nFSK modulation types

Measurement	Description
Peak FSK err	Peak value of the frequency deviation error at the symbol point.
RMS FSK Err	RMS value of the frequency deviation error at the symbol point.
Peak Mag Err	The Peak magnitude difference between the measured signal and the reference signal magnitude.
RMS Mag Err	The RMS magnitude difference between the measured signal and the reference signal magnitude.
Freq Error	The frequency difference between the measured carrier frequency of the signal and the user-selected center frequency of the instrument.
Freq Deviation	Frequency distance from the center frequency at the symbol point.
Symbol Rate Error	This compares the user-entered symbol rate to the instrument calculated symbol rate of the analyzed signal.
Symbol Rate	When in Auto-symbol rate, the instrument calculates the symbol rate of the signal and the instrument calculates the error between the user entered value and the instrument calculated value.

Measurements for C4FM modulation type

Measurement	Description
RMS Error Magnitude	RMS value of the frequency deviation error at the symbol point.
Carrier Frequency Error	Frequency difference between averaged signal frequency and the center frequency.
Deviation	Frequency distance from the center frequency at the symbol point.
Length	Number of symbols in the analysis area.

Analog Modulation Measurements

Measurements for AM modulation

Measurement	Description
+AM	Positive peak AM value.
-AM	Negative peak AM value.
Total AM	Total AM value, which is equal to the peak-peak AM value divided by 2.

Measurements for FM modulation

Measurement	Description
+Pk	Positive peak frequency deviation.
–Pk	Negative peak frequency deviation.
RMS	RMS value of the frequency deviation.
Pk-Pk/2	Peak-to-peak frequency deviation divided by 2.
Pk-Pk	Peak-to-peak frequency deviation.

Measurements for PM modulation

Measurement	Description
+Pk	Positive peak phase deviation.
–Pk	Negative peak phase deviation.
RMS	RMS value of the phase deviation.
Pk-Pk	Peak-to-peak phase deviation.

Pulse Measurements

Measurement	Description
Average ON Power	The average power transmitted during pulse on.
Peak Power	Maximum power during pulse on.
Average Transmitted Power	The average power transmitted, including both the time the pulse is on and the time it is off, and all transition times.
Pulse Width	The time from the rising edge to the falling edge at the –3 dB / –6 dB level (50%) of the user selected 100% level. Level is user selectable for Volts or Watts.
Rise Time	The time required for a signal to rise from 10% to 90% (or 20% to 80%) of the user selected 100% level.
Fall Time	The time required for a signal to fall from 90% to 10% (or 80% to 20%) of the user selected 100% level.
Repetition Interval	The time from a pulse rising edge to the next pulse rising edge.
Repetition Rate	The inverse of repetition interval.
Duty Factor (%)	The ratio of the width to the pulse period, expressed as a percentage.
Duty Factor (Ratio)	The ratio of the pulse width to the pulse period.
Ripple	Ripple is the peak-to-peak ripple on the pulse top. It does not include any preshoot, overshoot, or undershoot. By default, the first 25% and the last 25% of the pulse top is excluded from this measurement to eliminate distortions caused by these portions of the pulse. If the Amplitude units selected in the Amplitude panel (affects all amplitude measurements for the analyzer) are linear, the Ripple results will be in %Volts. For log units, the Ripple results will be in %Watts. The default for the general Units control is dBm, so the Ripple results default is %Watts. See also Ripple (see page 344).
Ripple dB	The Ripple measurement expressed in dB.
Droop	Droop is the power difference between the beginning and the end of the pulse On time. A straight-line best fit is used to represent the top of the pulse. The result is a percentage referenced to the Average ON Power.
Droop dB	The Droop measurement expressed in dB.
Overshoot	The amount by which the signal exceeds the 100% level on the pulse rising edge. Units are %Watts or %Volts.
Overshoot dB	The Overshoot measurement expressed in dB.
Pulse-Pulse Phase Difference	The phase difference between the selected pulse and the first pulse in the analysis window. The instantaneous phase is measured at a user-adjustable time following the rising edge of each pulse.

Measurement	Description
Pulse-Pulse Freq Difference	The difference between the frequency of the current pulse and frequency of the previous pulse. The instantaneous frequency is measured at a user-adjustable time following the rising edge of each pulse.
RMS Freq Error	The RMS Frequency Error measurement is the RMS average of the Freq Error vs. Time trace, computed over the Measurement Time.
Max Freq Error	The maximum frequency error is the difference between the measured carrier frequency of the signal and the user-selected center frequency of the analyzer.
RMS Phase Error	The RMS Phase Error measurement is the RMS average of the Phase vs Time trace, computed over the Measurement Time.
Max Phase Error	The phase is measured at each point during the pulse's ON time. The phase error for each point is the difference between the measured phase value and the calculated ideal phase value. After the phase error is calculated for all points in the acquisition record, the largest error in the positive direction and the largest in the negative direction are determined. Whichever of these two values has the greater absolute value is designated the Max Phase Error.
Freq Deviation	The Frequency Deviation measurement is the difference between the maximum and minimum measured values of the signal frequency during the Measurement Time.
Phase Deviation	The Phase Deviation is the difference between the maximum and minimum Phase values measured during the ON time of a pulse.
Impulse Response Amplitude	The difference in dB between the levels of the main lobe and highest side lobe.
Impulse Response Time	The difference in time between the main lobe and highest side lobe.
Time	This is the time in seconds relative to the time reference point in the first acquisition record in the data set.

Overview

The displays in the General Signal Viewing folder (Displays > Folders > General Signal Viewing) are:

- Amplitude vs Time
- Frequency vs Time
- Phase vs Time
- RF I & Q vs Time
- Spectrogram
- Spectrum
- Time Overview

These displays provide extensive time-correlated multi-domain views that connect problems in time, frequency, phase and amplitude for enabling you to more quickly understand cause and effect when troubleshooting.

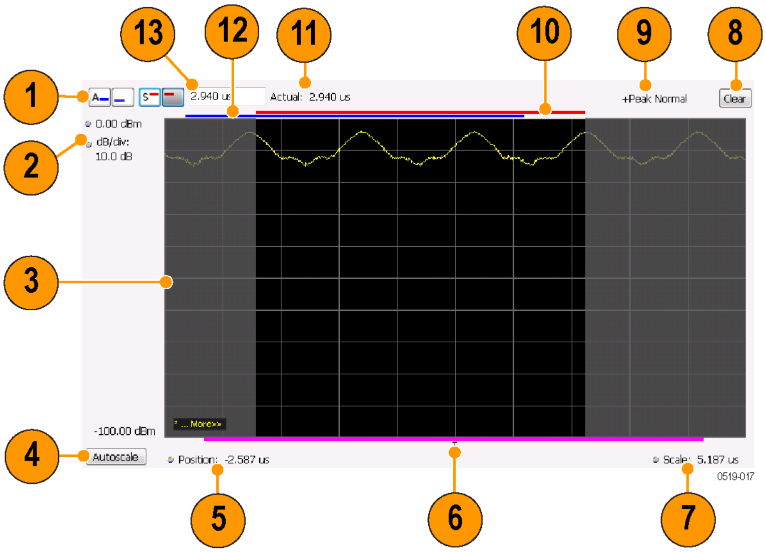
Time Overview Display

The Time Overview display shows the entire acquisition record and shows you how the spectrum time and analysis time fit within the acquisition record. This enables you to see how you can adjust the spectrum time and analysis time to measure portions of the data.

You can specify the maximum number of trace points in the Time Overview display. You can set the maximum number of trace points to 1K, 10K, 100K, 1M points or to Never decimate. If the Acquisition Length includes more than 10,000 sample points (and Max trace points is not set to Never decimate), the trace is decimated (using the +Peak method, similar to +Peak detection in a Spectrum display) to 10,000 points. This decimated trace is what is used for marker measurements.

The Time Overview window displays the Spectrum Length and Analysis Length. The Spectrum Length is the period of time within the acquisition record over which the spectrum is calculated. The Analysis Length is the period of time within the acquisition record over which all other measurements (such as Amplitude vs. Time) are made. The Spectrum Length and Analysis Length can be locked together so that the data used to produce the Spectrum display is also used for measurement displays; however, they do not have to be tied together. They are by default specified separately and used to analyze different parts of the acquisition record.

Elements of the Display



Item	Element	Description
1	Analysis Time Control	Click a button to select the value to be adjusted. In order, the buttons represent Analysis Offset, Analysis Length, Spectrum Offset, and Spectrum Length.
2	Position and Scale	Adjusts the vertical scale and position.
3	Amplitude vs. Time graph	The trace represents the entire acquisition record (at full horizontal scale). The graph indicates the Analysis Length or Spectrum Length on the graph with a darker background.
4	Autoscale button	Resets the horizontal scale to display the entire acquisition record and the vertical scale to show all trace points.
5	Horizontal Offset	Adjusts the horizontal offset.
6	Results Timeline	This fuchsia line indicates the portion of the record actually used for calculating the selected result. For example: if a pulse measurement is selected, it shows the period of the specific pulse. For a constellation display, it shows the points included in the demodulation.
7	Horizontal Scale	Adjusts the span of the graph. By decreasing the scale, the graph essentially becomes a window that you can move over the acquisition record by adjusting the offset.
8	Spectrum Length and Offset Indicator	This red line indicates the Spectrum Length and Offset. The longer the time, the longer the bar. Adjusting the offset shifts the bar left or right.
9	Function	This readout displays the Function setting (Setup > Settings > Trace).
10	Detection	This readout displays the Detection setting (Setup > Settings > Trace).
11	Actual length display	Displays the actual time for the selected value. If the user-adjusted length extends past the end of the acquisition record, the realizable analysis length is less than requested.
12	Analysis Length and Offset Indicator	This blue line indicates the Analysis Length and Offset. The longer the time, the longer the bar. Adjusting the offset shifts the bar left or right.
13	Setting Adjustment box	Click in this box to adjust the value selected by the Analysis Time Control buttons.

NOTE. *The area with black background (not gray) in the Amplitude vs. Time Graph highlights the control selected in the Analysis Time Control drop-down list.*

Changing the Time Overview Display Settings (see page 31)

Time Overview Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

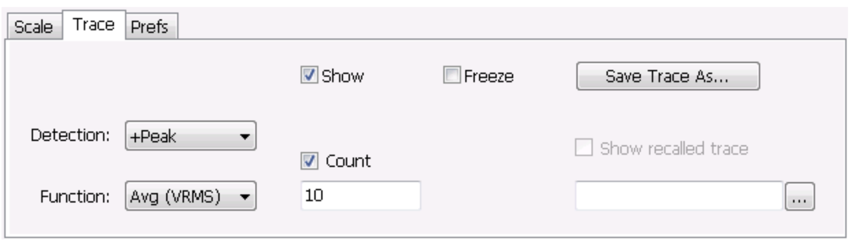
Application Toolbar: Settings

The Setup settings for Time Overview are shown in the following table.

Settings tab	Description
Scale (see page 61)	Adjusts the vertical and horizontal scale and offset of the display.
Trace (see page 32)	Allows you to select the types of trace to display and its function.
Prefs (see page 62)	Specifies whether or not certain display elements are shown.

Trace Tab

The Trace Tab allows you to set the display characteristics of displayed traces.



Setting	Description
Show	Shows / hides the selected trace.
Detection	Sets the Detection method used for the trace. Not available for saved traces. Available detection methods are +Peak, -Peak, +/-Peak, Avg (VRMS), and Sample. Not all detection methods are available in all displays.
Function	Selects the trace processing method. Available settings are: Normal, Average, Max Hold, and Min Hold.
(Number of Traces)	Sets the number of traces averaged to generate the displayed trace. (Present only when Function is set to Average.)
Freeze	Halts updates to the selected trace.
Save Trace As	Saves the selected trace to a file for later recall and analysis.
Show Recalled trace	Displays a saved trace instead of a live trace.

Detection

Trace Detection occurs when the trace is being decimated by the measurement. For example, if the maximum number of trace points is 100,000, and the selected analysis region is 200,000 samples, the measurement must decimate the 200,000 resulting trace points by 2 to prevent exceeding the 100,000 trace point limit. Since only one value can be selected for each trace point, an algorithm must be used to select (detect) the appropriate value to use.

The IQ samples in a data acquisition can be detected in a variety of ways. The number of IQ samples available to each trace point varies with both analysis length and trace length. For example, with Spectrum Length set to 'Auto' in the Analysis menu, the instrument analyzes just enough samples to produce one IQ sample pair per trace point. In this case, the detection method chosen has very little effect, as the +Peak, -Peak, Avg (VRMS) and Sample values are all equal. Changing the Spectrum Length causes the available detection methods to differ in value because they have a larger set of samples for the various detection methods to process.

The available detection methods (depending on the display) are:

- **+Peak** – Each point on the trace is the result of detecting the positive peak value present in the set of IQ samples available to that trace point.
- **-Peak** – Each point on the trace is the result of detecting the negative peak value present in the set of IQ samples available to that trace point.
- **+/-Peak** – Selects the highest and lowest values of all the samples contained in two consecutive acquisition intervals.
- **Avg (VRMS)** [Average V_{RMS}] – Each point on the trace is the result of determining the RMS Voltage value for all of the IQ samples available to the trace point. When displayed in either linear (Volts, Watts) or Log (dB, dBm), the correct RMS value results. When the averaging function is applied to a trace, the averaging is performed on the linear (Voltage) values, resulting in the correct average for RMS values.
- **Sample** – The result is calculated based on the first sample available in the set of IQ samples for each trace point.

Trace Processing

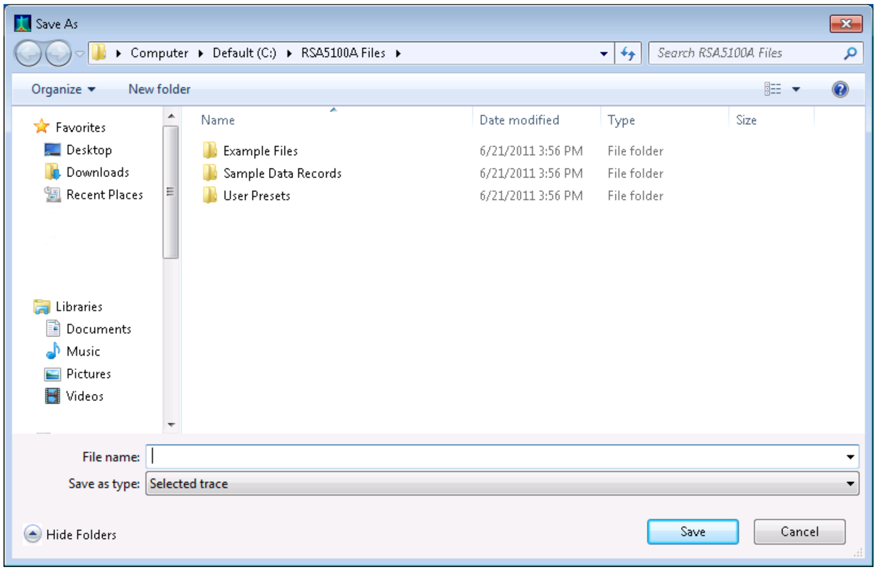
Traces can be processed to display in different ways. The Function setting controls trace processing.

- **Normal** - Each new trace is displayed and then replaced by the next trace. Each data point contains a single vertical value.
- **Average** - Multiple traces are averaged together to generate the displayed trace. There is one vertical value for each underlying frequency data point. Once the specified number of traces have been acquired and averaged to generate the displayed trace, each new trace takes the place of the oldest trace in the calculation. The **Number of Traces** setting specifies how many traces averaged.
- **Max Hold** - Displays the maximum value in the trace record for each display point. Each new trace display point is compared to the previous maximum value and the greater value is retained for display and subsequent comparisons.
- **Min Hold** - Displays the minimum value in the trace record for each display point. Each new trace display point is compared to the previous minimum value and the lesser value is retained for display and subsequent comparisons.

Saving Traces

To save a trace for later analysis:

1. Select the **Save Trace As** button. This displays the Save As dialog box.



2. Navigate to the desired folder or use the default.

3. Type a name for the saved trace and click **Save**.

Recalling Traces

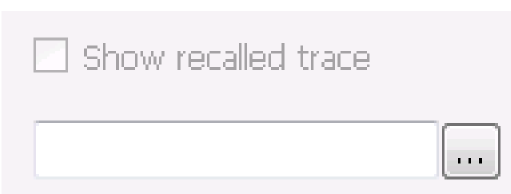
You can recall a previously saved trace for analysis or comparison to a live trace.

To select a trace for recall:

1. Select the trace into which the recalled trace will be loaded, from the Trace drop-down list.

2. Check the **Show** check box.

3. Click the **...** button to display the Open dialog box.



4. Navigate to the desired file and click **Open**.

5. Check the **Show Recalled Trace** check box.

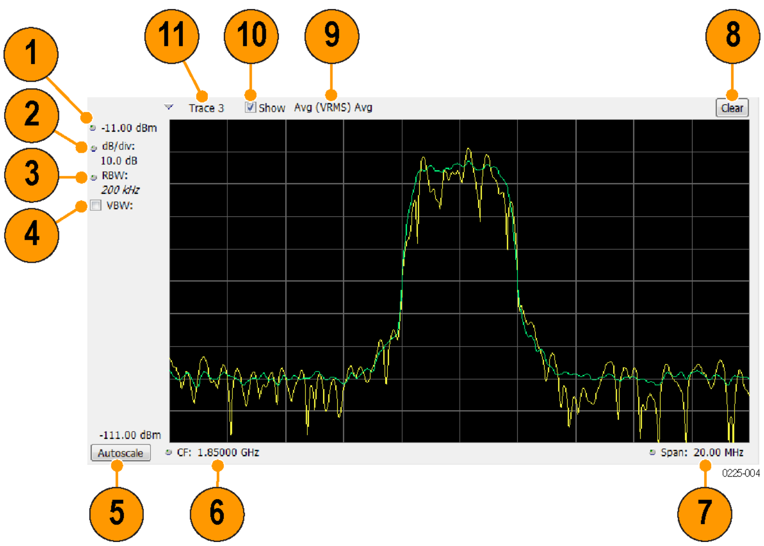
6. Verify that the trace's **Show** check box is selected (either on this tab or next to the drop-down list located at the top-left corner of the graph).

Spectrum Display

To display a spectrum:

1. Click the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**.
2. From the Folders box, select **General Signal Viewing**.
3. Double-click the **Spectrum** icon in the **Available displays** box. This adds the Spectrum icon to the **Selected displays** box (and removes it from the Available displays box). Alternatively, you can click the Spectrum icon and then click the Add button to select Spectrum for display.
4. Click the **OK** button.

Elements of the Spectrum Display



Item	Display element	Description
1	Vert Position	Sets the top of graph value. This is only a visual control for panning the graph. The Reference Level is adjusted in the Toolbar. By default, Vert Position = Ref Level.
2	dB/div	Sets the vertical scale value. The maximum value is 20.00 dB/division.
3	RBW	Sets the resolution bandwidth. Note that when the RBW is set to Auto, its value is italicized.
4	VBW	Enables the VBW (Video Bandwidth) filter. See Setup > Settings > BW Tab (see page 58).
5	Autoscale	Adjusts the Vertical and Horizontal scaling to display the entire trace on screen.
6	Position	Default function is CF - center frequency (equivalent to the Freq setting). If Horizontal scaling has been manually adjusted in Settings > Scale, then Offset will replace CF as the setting at the bottom-left corner of the screen.
7	Span / Scale	Default function is Span - frequency difference between the left edge of the display and the right edge. If Horizontal scaling has been manually adjusted in Settings > Scale, then Scale will replace Span as the setting at the bottom-right corner of the screen.
8	Clear	Restarts multi-trace functions (Avg, Hold).
9	Function	Readout of the Detection and Function selections for the selected trace.
10	Show	Controls whether the selected Trace is visible or not. When trace is Off, the box is not checked.
11	Trace	Selects a trace. Touching here pops up a context menu listing the available traces, whether they are enabled or not. If user selects a trace that is not currently enabled, it will be made enabled.

Touchscreen Actions on Markers in the Graph Area

Action	Description
Mouse click within 1/2 div. of a marker	Selects the marker and updates the marker display to show the selected marker's values.
Touch marker to select and then use knob, or arrow keys	Adjust the setting associated with the Marker.
Touch and drag a marker	Changes marker position to the "drop point".

Changing the Spectrum Display Settings (see page 36)

Spectrum Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings

The settings for the Spectrum display are shown in the following table.

Settings tab	Description
Freq & Span (see page 53)	Sets frequency and span parameters for the Spectrum Analysis display.
BW (see page 58)	Sets Resolution Bandwidth and windowing parameters.
Traces (see page 54)	Sets Trace display parameters.
Traces (Math) (see page 58)	Sets the traces used to create the Math trace.
Scale Tab (see page 37)	Sets vertical and horizontal scale and position parameters.
Prefs Tab (see page 62)	Specifies whether or not certain display elements are shown.

Scale Tab

The Scale tab allows you to change the vertical and horizontal scale settings. Changing the scale settings changes how the trace appears on the display but does not change control settings such as Measurement Frequency. In effect, these controls operate like pan and zoom controls.

Setting	Description
Vertical	
Scale	Changes the vertical scale.
Position	Vertical Position adjusts the top of graph amplitude value. This control allows you to move (“pan”) the traces up and down in the graph without changing the Reference Level.
Autoscale	Resets the Offset so that the trace appears below the top of the graph.
Horizontal	
Scale	Allows you to change the range of frequencies shown in the graph without changing the span or measurement frequency.
Position	Allows you pan the graph.
Autoscale	Resets Scale to the Span setting.
Reset Scale	Resets all settings to their default values.
Log scale	Resets the display to show the frequency axis in a logarithmic scale.

Spectrogram Display

The Spectrogram is a display with the vertical axis (time) composed of successive spectral displays, each having the amplitude represented by color or intensity. The horizontal axis represents frequency. The most recently acquired spectrum results are added to the bottom of the spectrogram. The addition of a new spectrum can occur at the fastest rate that new spectra can be plotted, or, if you choose, new spectra can be added at a timed rate. The spectrogram view is well-suited to displaying long-term trends of spectral data. The maximum number of lines that can be displayed in a spectrogram is 125,000.

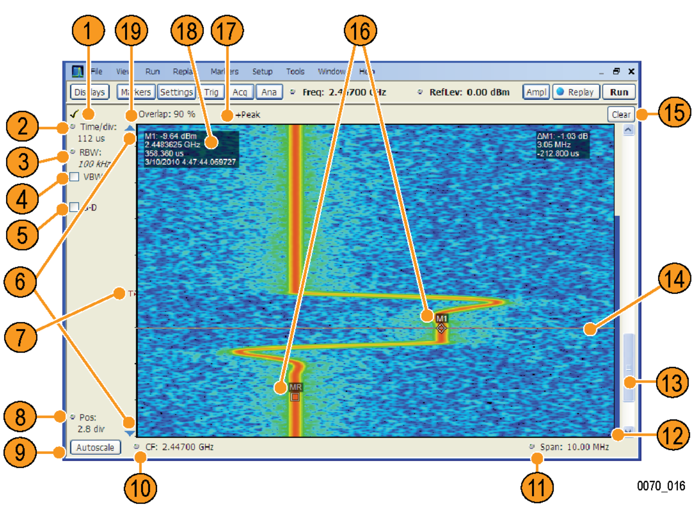
The spectrogram can also be displayed in a 3-D waterfall format. In the 3-D waterfall format, the spectrogram displays the time axis along a simulated Z-axis.

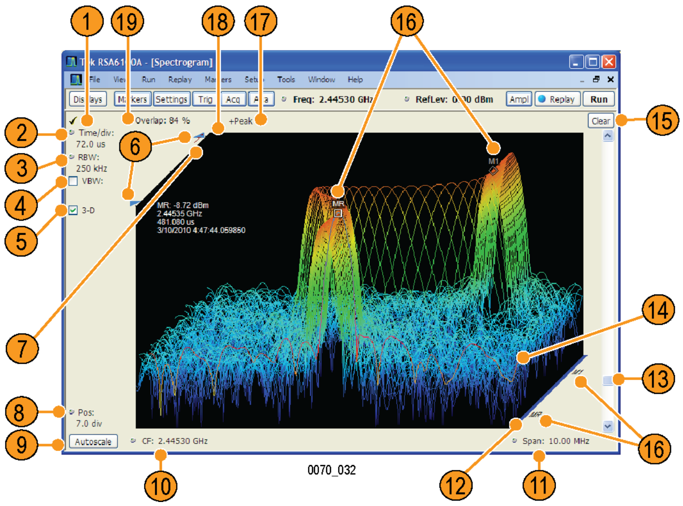
NOTE. *Spectrogram data is shared with the Spectrum display.*

To display a Spectrogram:

1. Select the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**. This displays the **Select Displays** dialog box.
2. From the **Folders** box, select **General Signal Viewing**.
3. Double-click the **Spectrogram** icon in the **Available Displays** box. This adds the Spectrogram icon to the Selected displays box.
4. Click the **OK** button. This displays the spectrogram view.
5. To display a 3-D version of the spectrogram, select the 3-D checkbox.

Elements of the Spectrogram Display

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Item	Display element	Description
1	Check mark indicator	The check mark indicator in the upper, left-hand corner of the display shows when the Spectrogram display is the optimized display.
2	Time/div	Sets the length of time represented by each vertical division. Divisions are indicated by tick marks along the left edge of the graph.
3	RBW	Sets the resolution bandwidth. Note that when the RBW is set to Auto, its value is italicized.
4	VBW	Enables the VBW (Video Bandwidth) filter. See Setup > Settings > BW Tab (see page 58).
5	3-D checkbox	Enables and disables the 3-D view.
6	Selected records indicators	Shows the positions of the start and stop records selected on the Select data records tab. Drag the indicators to select which records will be played by Replay All. Note that these are not visible while acquisitions are running; the instrument must be stopped for the indicators to be visible.
7	T	Trigger indicator. This icon indicates the trigger point within the current acquisition.
8	Pos	Position indicates the bottom line visible in graph. Changing this setting scrolls the window up and down through the displayed acquisition records.
9	Autoscale	Resets Vertical and Horizontal scale and Pos to default values.
10	CF	Sets the Center Frequency.
11	Span	Sets the span of the spectrogram display.
12	Current data record indicator	A blue line indicates the current data record. When the analysis length is short, the blue line appears as a thin line much like the selected indicator line. When the analysis length is relatively long, the blue line appears more like a blue bar.
13	Position scroll bar	Changes the position of the trace in the window. Changing the position scroll bar is the same as adjusting the Pos setting.
14	Selected indicator	This inverse-colored line indicates the Spectrogram line that will appear in the Spectrum display when the Spectrogram trace is enabled. This line is attached to the selected marker.
15	Clear	Clears the spectrogram display; however, data records in acquisition history remain in memory and are available for replay. To clear memory, select **File** > **Acquisition Data Info** > **Delete All Data**.
16	Marker indicators	These icons indicate the position of markers in the spectrogram. You can move markers by dragging the desired marker indicator.
17	Detection setting	Displays the selected Detection method (see Settings > Trace (see page 42) tab).
18	Marker readout	Marker readout for the selected marker. In the Spectrogram display, the marker readout includes a date and timestamp. The time is displayed in a 24-hour format. The timestamp readout can be shown or hidden independently of the other marker readouts (see Settings > Prefs (see page 62)).
19	Time Scale status readout	Three readouts can appear here depending on settings: Time/update, Spectrums/line, and Overlap. See Time Scale Status Readout (see page 41).

Time Scale Status Readout

Three types of readouts can appear in the display depending on settings:

- Time/update – Displays minutes:seconds when Spectrum Monitor is selected in the **Settings** > **Time & Freq Scale** tab in the **Vertical (Time)** section.
- Spectrums/line – Displays an integer number when vertical scale is Normal and each line contains the results from one or more frequency transforms (whether zoomed out or not).
- Overlap – Displays the overlap percentage when vertical scale is Normal and each line's transform shares some points with the transforms of lines before and after it (zoomed in). Overlap can only be done when the Analysis Length > 2x RBW frame length.

The Spectrogram can show results from one or multiple acquisitions and it can show one or multiple lines for each acquisition.

Changing the Spectrogram Display Settings (see page 41)

Spectrogram Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

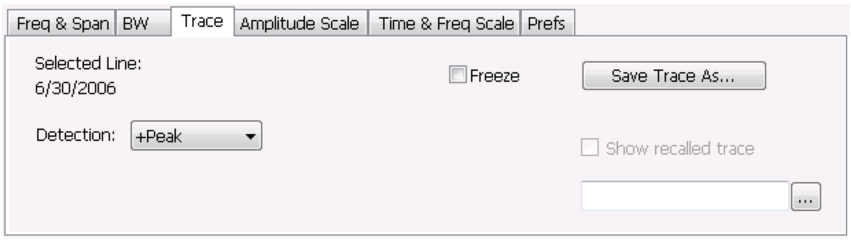
Application Toolbar: Settings

The Setup settings for the Spectrogram display are visible when Spectrogram is the selected display.

Settings tab	Description
Freq & Span (see page 53)	Sets frequency and span parameters for the Spectrogram display.
BW (see page 58)	Sets Resolution Bandwidth and windowing parameters.
Trace (see page 42)	Sets Trace display parameters.
Amplitude Scale (see page 43)	Selects between 2-D and 3-D, sets height scale, position and orientation for 3-D display. Sets color parameters for the spectrogram trace.
Time & Freq Scale (see page 43)	Sets the vertical and horizontal scale parameters for the spectrogram trace. The Spectrum Monitor controls are also on this tab.
Prefs (see page 62)	Specifies whether or not certain display elements are shown.

Trace Tab

The Spectrogram Trace tab controls let you specify the Detection method, save traces, and recall saved traces for display. The Spectrogram Trace tab does not have all the controls that other Trace tabs contain, however, it does have a unique display element, the Selected Line readout. For details on Detection, Freeze, and saving and recalling traces, see the Traces Tab (see page 54).

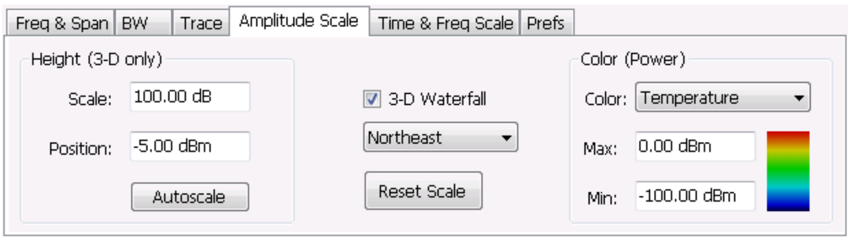


Selected Line

Displays the time at the Selected Line. If Markers are enabled, the selected line is positioned by the selected marker. If no markers are enabled, the selected line is the first line in the current analysis period.

Amplitude Scale Tab

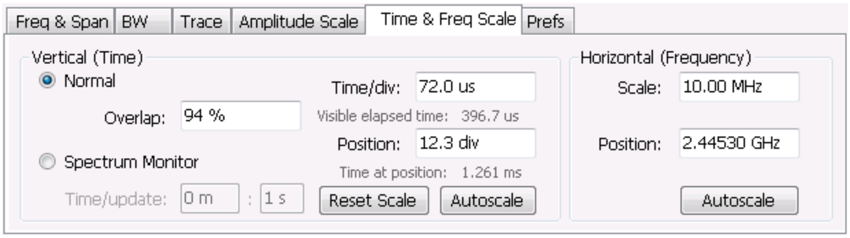
The Amplitude Scale tab allows you to change the vertical and horizontal scale settings, enable the 3-D Waterfall display, and set the color scheme used for the spectrogram trace.



Setting	Description
Height (3-D only)	
Scale	Changes the vertical scale for trace Amplitude in the graph (not the vertical scale for Time).
Position	Specifies the level displayed at the bottom edge of the graph. (Bottom front edge in the 3-D view).
Autoscale	Adjusts the vertical position and scale of the trace lines to bring them into the visible portion of the graph.
3–D Waterfall	Displays the spectrogram in a 3-D format.
Northeast	Shifts the perspective of the 3-D graph so that the oldest traces move back and to the right.
Northwest	Shifts the perspective of the 3-D graph so that the oldest traces move back and to the left.
Reset Scale	Resets the Height and Color settings to their default values.
Color (Power)	
Color	Displays a drop-down list that allows you to set the color scheme used for the spectrogram trace.
Max	Sets the maximum power level represented by the top of the color scale.
Min	Sets the minimum power level represented by the bottom of the color scale.

Time & Freq Scale Tab

The Time and Freq Scale tab allows you to change the vertical and horizontal scale settings, enable the 3-D Waterfall display, and set the color scheme used for the spectrogram trace.



Setting	Description
Vertical (Time)	
Normal	For most Spectrogram applications. Primary time scale control is Time/div. Time scale can be zoomed in or out.
Spectrum Monitor	For long-term signal monitoring applications. In spectrum monitor mode, each line in the spectrogram represents the period of time specified by the Time/update parameter. Time scale can be zoomed out, but not zoomed in (no overlap).
Time/update	Sets the time, in minutes and seconds, represented by each line of the spectrogram. Only available in Spectrum Monitor.
Reset Scale	Resets the Time/div and Pos settings to their default values.
Autoscale	Scales the vertical (time) axis to compress all existing trace lines into the visible area of the graph. Resets the Position value to zero, placing the most recent spectrogram line at the bottom of the spectrogram display. Only Position is affected by Autoscale when Spectrum Monitor is selected.
Time/div	Sets the time displayed per division.
Visible elapsed time	Displays the length of time visible in the display. This does not represent the total time available to view.
Position	Adjusts vertical position of the trace within the graph area. Setting represents the offset, in divisions, between the bottom of the graph and the bottom (most recent) line in the results trace.
Time at position	Displays the time of the spectrogram line shown at the bottom of the graph. This time is relative to the Time Zero Reference of the current acquisition.
Horizontal (Frequency)	
Scale	Sets the frequency range of the graph without changing the Span value.
Position	Sets the frequency displayed at the center of the graph. Changing this value does not change the Freq setting.
Autoscale	Sets the frequency scale to the Spectrogram Span value.

Spectrum Monitor

Spectrum Monitor performs long term monitoring. The monitor mode compresses time into each line of the spectrogram, which enables you to monitor long periods of time (from 1 second per line up to 600 minutes per line). With extended memory (Option 02) installed in the instrument, you can capture up to 125,000 lines. With standard memory installed in the instrument, the maximum number of lines you can capture is 31,250.

During each line's collection period, spectrum transforms are computed for each acquisition taken by the instrument. As each transform completes, it is incorporated into the current spectrogram line. How each line of the spectrogram is created in spectrum monitor mode depends on the detection setting (Settings > Trace). For example, if Detection is set to +Peak, each spectrogram line is effectively a peak hold display of all the spectral data captured since the prior line.

Amplitude Vs Time Display

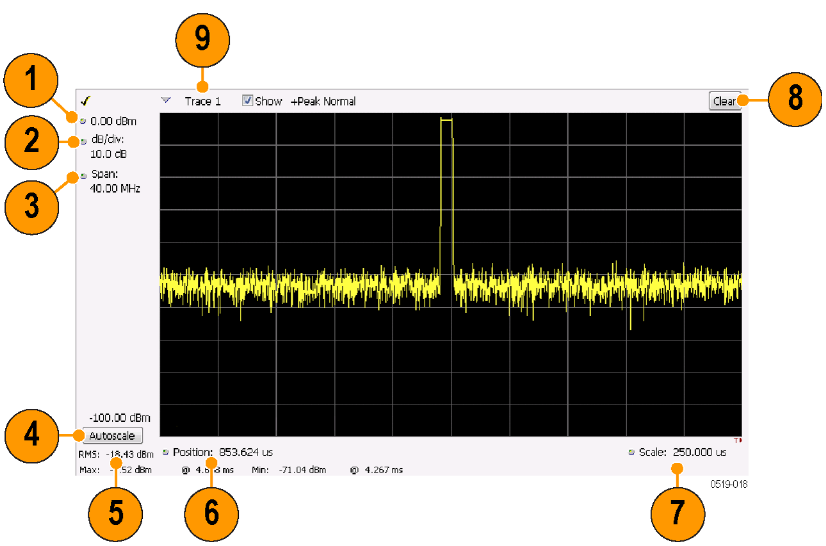
The Amplitude vs. Time display plots the signal amplitude against time. The amplitude appears on the vertical axis while time is plotted along the horizontal axis.

Note that the trace(s) in the Amplitude vs. Time display can be set to a maximum of 100,000 points (however, the actual number of trace points can extend up to 1,000,000 points if Max trace points is set to Never Decimate). If the Analysis Length includes more than the selected Max trace points value, the trace is decimated (using the method specified with the Detection control) to be equal to or less than the Max trace points setting (except when Max trace points is set to Never Decimate). This decimated (or undecimated) trace is what is used for marker measurements and for results export. You can set the Max trace points on the **Settings** > **Prefs** tab.

To show Amplitude vs. Time display:

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**.
2. In the **Select Displays** dialog, select **General Signal Viewing** in the **Folders** box.
3. In the **Available displays** box, double-click the **Amplitude vs. Time** icon or select the icon and click **Add**. The Amplitude vs. Time icon will appear in the **Selected displays** box and will no longer appear under Available displays.
4. Click **OK**.

Elements of the Display



Item	Display element	Description
1	Vert Position	Adjusts the vertical display offset.
2	Vertical scale adjustment	Adjusts the vertical scaling.
3	Span	Adjust the bandwidth of the data to be analyzed. (Not the period of time shown in the display.)
4	Autoscale	Adjusts the vertical and horizontal settings to provide the best display.
5	Offset	Adjust the horizontal offset.
6	Max and Min readouts	Displays the maximum and minimum amplitudes, as well as when those values occur.
7	Scale	Sets the time spanned by the graph.
8	Clear button	Restarts multi-trace functions (Avg, Hold).
9	Trace function	Displays the current trace function setting (Settings > Trace tab > Function).

Reference. Changing Amplitude vs Time Display Settings (see page 46)

Amplitude Vs Time Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

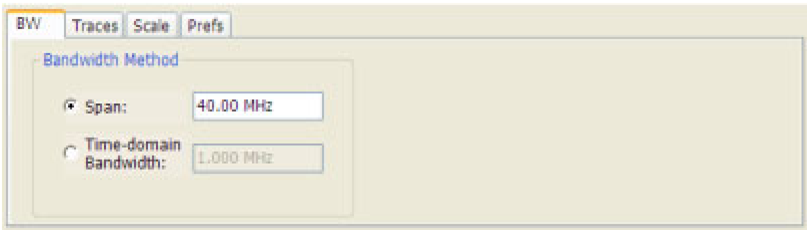
Application Toolbar: Settings

The settings for the Amplitude vs. Time display are shown in the following table.

Settings tab	Description
BW (see page 47)	Sets the Bandwidth Method used for setting the measurement bandwidth.
Traces (see page 54)	Allows you to select the type of trace to display and their functions.
Traces (Math) (see page 58)	Sets the traces used to create the Math trace.
Scale (see page 61)	Sets the vertical and horizontal scale parameters.
Prefs (see page 62)	Specifies whether certain display elements are visible.

Freq & BW Tab

The Freq & BW (Bandwidth) tab allows you to specify the measurement frequency the bandwidth parameters used for setting measurement bandwidth. This determines what Acq BW the measurement will request.



Settings	Description
Span	The frequency span used for analysis in the Amplitude vs. Time display. If the spectrum display is open, the span is automatically set to the analyzer bandwidth.
Time-domain Bandwidth	Time-domain Bandwidth is a filter used to process the input signal before the acquisition system analyzes the signal.

Frequency Vs Time Display

The Frequency vs. Time Display shows how the signal frequency varies with time.

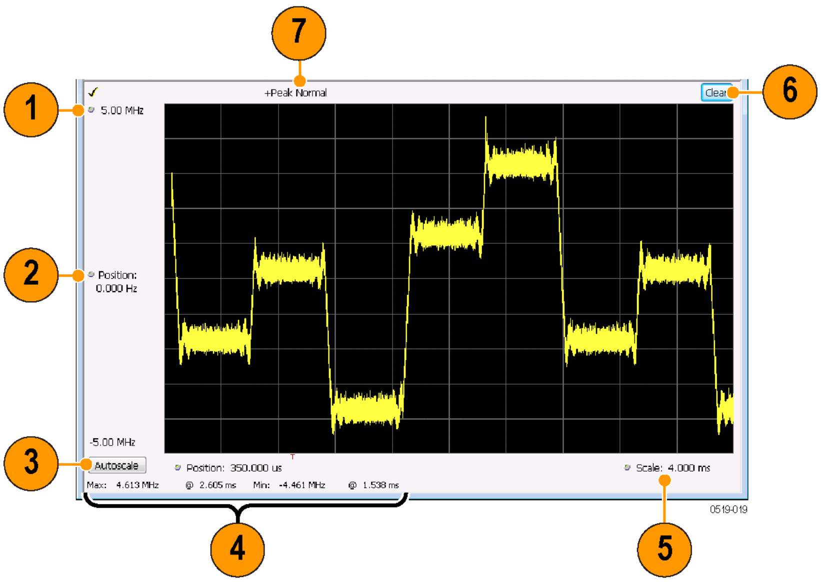
Note that the trace(s) in the Frequency vs. Time display can be set to a maximum of 100,000 points (however, the actual number of trace points can extend up to 1,000,000 points if Max trace points is set to Never Decimate). If the Analysis Length includes more than the selected Max trace points value, the trace is decimated (using the method specified with the Detection control) to be equal to or less than the Max trace points setting (except when Max trace points is set to Never Decimate). This decimated (or undecimated) trace is what is used for marker measurements and for results export. You can set the Max trace points on the **Settings** > **Prefs** tab.

To display the Frequency vs. Time Display:

1. Select the **Displays** button or **Setup** > **Displays**.
2. In the **Select Displays** dialog, select **General Signal Viewing** in the **Folders** box.

3. In the **Available displays** box, double-click the **Frequency vs. Time** icon or select the icon and click **Add**. The Frequency vs. Time icon will appear in the **Selected displays** box and will no longer appear under Available displays.
4. Click **OK** to display the Freq vs. Time display.

Elements of the Display



Item	Display element	Description
1	Top of graph adjustment	Use the knob to adjust the frequency range displayed on the vertical axis.
2	Offset adjustment	Adjusts the frequency shown at the center of the display.
3	Autoscale button	Adjusts the offset and range for both vertical and horizontal to provide the best display.
4	Maximum and Minimum frequency readouts	Displays the maximum and minimum values, as well as when those values occur.
5	Horizontal Scale	Sets the time spanned by the graph.
6	Clear button	Restarts Average trace.
7	Trace function	Displays the current trace function setting (Settings > Trace > Function).

Changing Frequency vs Time Display Settings (see page 48)

Frequency Vs Time Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings

The Setup settings for Frequency vs. Time are shown in the following table.

Settings tab	Description
Freq & Span (see page 53)	Sets the frequency and span parameters.
Trace (see page 54)	Sets the trace display parameters.
Scale (see page 61)	Sets the Vertical and Horizontal scale and offset parameters.
Prefs (see page 62)	Specifies whether certain display elements are visible.

Phase Vs Time Display

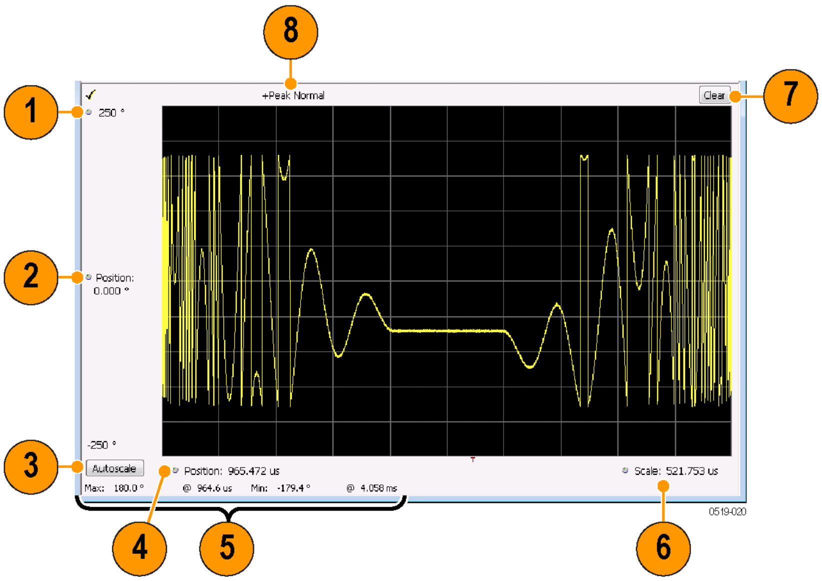
The Phase vs. Time display plots the signal phase against time. The phase appears on the vertical axis while time is plotted along the horizontal axis.

Note that the trace(s) in the Phase vs. Time display can be set to a maximum of 100,000 points (however, the actual number of trace points can extend up to 1,000,000 points if Max trace points is set to Never Decimate). If the Analysis Length includes more than the selected Max trace points value, the trace is decimated (using the method specified with the Detection control) to be equal to or less than the Max trace points setting (except when Max trace points is set to Never Decimate). This decimated (or undecimated) trace is what is used for marker measurements and for results export. You can set the Max trace points on the **Settings** > **Prefs** tab.

To display Phase vs. Time:

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**.
2. In the **Select Displays** dialog, select **General Signal Viewing** in the **Folders** box.
3. In the **Available displays** box, double-click the **Phase vs. Time** icon or select the icon and click **Add**. The Phase vs. Time icon will appear in the **Selected displays** box and will no longer appear under Available displays.
4. Click **OK** to show the Phase vs. Time display.

Elements of the Display



Item	Display element	Description
1	Top of graph adjustment	Adjusts the vertical scale. Use the knob to adjust the value of the top of the graph.
2	Vertical offset adjustment	Adjusts the phase error shown at the vertical center of the display.
3	Autoscale button	Adjusts the vertical and horizontal settings so that the entire trace fits in the view.
4	Horizontal Offset	Adjusts the horizontal position of the trace.
5	Max and Min readouts	Displays the maximum and minimum value of the phase error within the analysis times and the times at which they occurred.
6	Horizontal Scale	Sets the time spanned by the graph.
7	Clear button	Restarts multi-trace functions (Avg, Hold).
8	Trace function	Shows the trace function as set on the Settings > Trace tab.

Changing the Phase vs Time Display Settings (see page 50)

Phase Vs Time Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings

The settings for the Phase vs. Time display are shown in the following table.

Settings tab	Description
Freq & Span (see page 53)	Sets the frequency and span parameters.
Trace (see page 54)	Sets the trace display parameters.
Scale (see page 61)	Sets the Vertical and Horizontal scale and offset parameters.
Prefs (see page 62)	Specifies whether certain display elements are visible.

RF I & Q vs Time Display

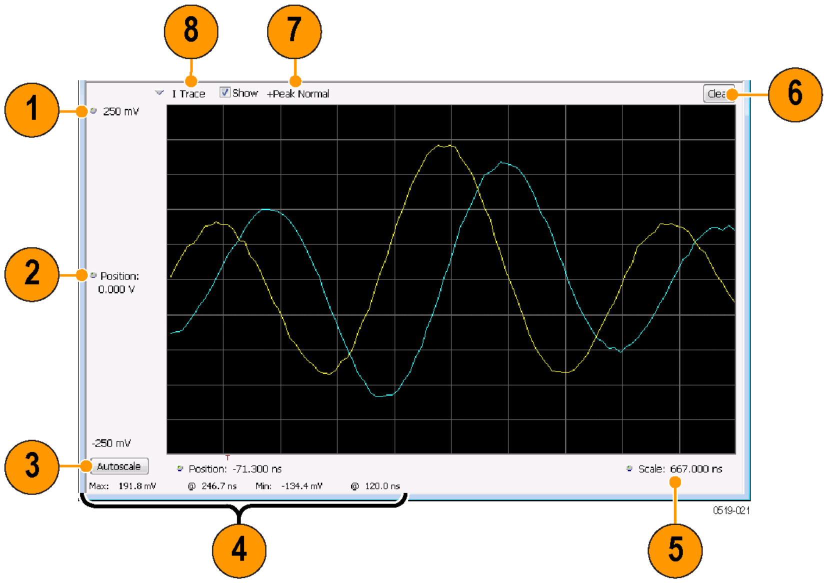
This is a plot of the baseband In-Phase (I) and Quadrature (Q) components of a modulated carrier. The plot is in the time domain, with I and/or Q values the Y-axis.

Note that the trace(s) in the RF I & Q vs. Time display can be set to a maximum of 100,000 points (however, the actual number of trace points can extend up to 1,000,000 points if Max trace points is set to Never Decimate). If the Analysis Length includes more than the selected Max trace points value, the trace is decimated (using the method specified with the Detection control) to be equal to or less than the Max trace points setting (except when Max trace points is set to Never Decimate). This decimated (or undecimated) trace is what is used for marker measurements and for results export. You can set the Max trace points on the **Settings** > **Prefs** tab.

To display an RF I & Q vs. Time display:

1. Select the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**. This shows the **Select Displays** dialog box.
2. From the **Folders** box, select **General Signal Viewing**.
3. Double-click the **RF I&Q vs. Time** icon in the **Available Displays** box. This adds the RF I & Q vs. Time icon to the **Selected displays** box.
4. Click the **OK** button.

Elements of the Display



Item	Display element	Description
1	Top of Graph adjustment	Use the knob to adjust the vertical scaling.
2	Vertical offset adjustment	Adjusts the level shown at the center of the display.
3	Autoscale button	Adjusts the offset and scale for both vertical and horizontal to provide the best display.
4	Maximum and Minimum level readouts	Displays the maximum and minimum values, within the Analysis Time, as well as the times at which they occurred.
5	Scale	Sets the time spanned by the graph.
6	Clear button	Restarts multi-trace functions (Avg, Hold).
7	Trace function	Displays the current trace function setting (Settings > Trace > Function). If the traces are averaged, the number of averages is displayed.
8	Trace Control	Selects which trace is displayed (using the drop-down list) and which trace is active (click on the trace name to display a menu).

Changing the RF I & Q vs Time Display Settings (see page 52)

RF I & Q vs Time Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings

The Setup settings for RF I&Q vs. Time are shown in the following table.

Settings tab	Description
Freq & Span (see page 53)	Sets the frequency and span parameters.
Trace (see page 54)	Sets the trace display parameters.
Scale (see page 61)	Sets the Vertical and Horizontal scale and offset parameters.
Prefs (see page 62)	Specifies whether certain display elements are visible.

General Signal Viewing Shared Measurement Settings

The control panel tabs in this section are identical or very similar for each of the displays in the General Signal Viewing folder (Setup > Displays). Some tabs are shared by all the displays, some tabs are shared by only a couple of displays.

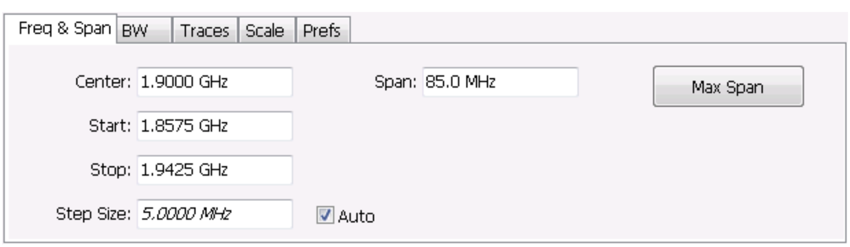
For some tabs, the control values are shared across all the General Signal Viewing displays. For other control values, each display has unique values for the controls. Details are provided for the specific tabs.

Common controls for general signal viewing displays

Settings tab	Description
Freq & Span (see page 53)	Sets the frequency and span parameters.
Trace (see page 54)	Sets the trace display parameters.
Traces – Math (see page 58)	Sets the traces used to create the Math trace.
BW (see page 58)	Sets the Bandwidth Method used for setting the measurement bandwidth.
Scale (see page 61)	Sets the Vertical and Horizontal scale and offset parameters.
Prefs (see page 62)	Specifies whether certain display elements are visible.

Freq & Span Tab

The Freq & Span tab provides access to settings that control frequency settings for the trace display. The control values set in this tab are shared by all the General Signal Viewing displays.



Setting	Description
Center	The frequency at the center of the selected Span.
Start	The lowest frequency in the span.
Stop	The highest frequency in the span.
Step Size	Sets the increment/decrement size for Center, Start and Stop values.
Span	The difference between the start and stop frequencies. This is the measurement bandwidth for the general signal viewing displays.
Max Span	Sets the Span to the maximum value.

Center, Start, Stop, and Span Frequencies Are Correlated

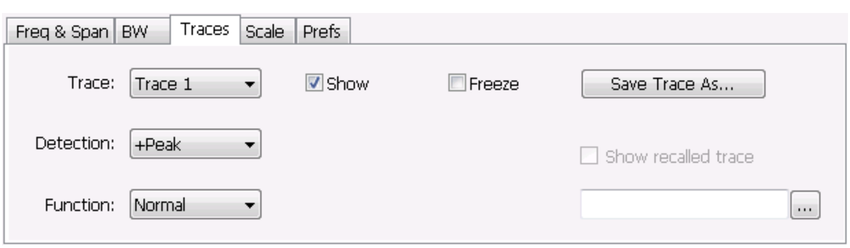
Changing the values for Center frequency, Start frequency, Stop frequency or Span will change the values for the other settings, depending on which setting you change. For example, if you change the Center frequency, the Start and Stop frequencies will be adjusted automatically to maintain the same Span.

Note however that if the Start and Stop frequencies are changed so that they are closer than the minimum span setting, the Start and Stop frequencies will be adjusted to maintain the minimum Span setting.

Setting Changed Manually	Settings Changed Automatically As a Result	Setting Not Automatically Changed
Start	Center, Span	Stop
Stop	Center, Span	Start
Center	Start, Stop	Span
Span	Start, Stop	Center

Traces Tab

The Traces Tab allows you to set the display characteristics of displayed traces.



Setting	Description
Trace	Selects a trace. (This setting is not present for every display.)
Show	Shows / hides the selected trace.
Detection	Sets the Detection method used for the trace. Not available for saved traces. Available detection methods are +Peak, -Peak, +/-Peak, Avg (VRMS), Sample, and CISPR Peak. Not all detection methods are available in all displays.
Function	Selects the trace processing method. Available settings are: Normal, Average, Max Hold, and Min Hold.
Count	Sets the number of traces averaged to generate the displayed trace. (Present only when Function is set to Average, Min Hold, or Max Hold.)
Freeze	Halts updates to the selected trace.
Save Trace As	Saves the selected trace to a file for later recall and analysis.
Show Recalled trace	Displays a saved trace instead of a live trace.

Trace

Available traces for Spectrum are: Trace 1, Trace 2, Trace 3, Math, and Spectrogram. Other displays support fewer traces. Traces 1-3 are based on the input signal and enable you to display the input signal using different processing. For example, you could display Trace 1 with Function set to Normal, Trace 2 with Function set to Max Hold and Trace 3 with Function set to Min Hold.

The Math trace is the result of subtracting one trace from another.

The Spectrogram trace applies only to the Spectrum display and is available only if the Spectrogram display is shown. The Spectrogram trace shows the trace selected in the Spectrogram as a spectrum trace.

Detection

Trace Detection is used to reduce the results of a measurement to the desired number of trace points. For example, if the maximum number of trace points is 100,000, and a measurement over the selected analysis length yields 200,000 points, the measurement must decimate these 200,000 trace points by 2 to prevent exceeding the 100,000 trace point limit. Since only one value can be represented for each trace point, an algorithm must be used to select (detect) the appropriate value to use.

The results array from an analysis can be detected (or “decimated”) in a variety of ways. The number of results points produced for each trace point varies with both analysis length and trace length. For example, the frequency transform used for the Spectrum display produces just one output value for each desired trace point. In this case, the detection method chosen has no effect, as no decimation is required. Increasing the Analysis Length (or for the Spectrum display, the Spectrum Length), causes the available detection method's output traces to differ from each other because they have a larger set of samples for the various detection methods to process.

The available detection methods (depending on the display) are:

- **+Peak** – The highest value is selected from the results to be compressed into a trace point.
- **-Peak** – The lowest value is selected from the results to be compressed into a trace point.

- **+/-Peak** – Both the highest and lowest values are selected from the results to be compressed into a trace point.
- **Avg (VRMS)** [Average V_{RMS}] – Each point on the trace is the result of determining the RMS Voltage value for all of the results values it includes. When displayed in either linear (Volts, Watts) or Log (dB, dBm), the correct RMS value results.
- **Avg (of logs)** – The detector is used to emulate legacy spectrum analyzer results and for the specification of displayed average noise level. In older swept analyzers, a voltage envelope detector is used in the process of measuring signal level, and the result is then converted to Watts and then to dBm. Averaging is then applied to the resultant traces.

  For CW signals, this method results in an accurate power measurement. However, with random noise and digitally modulated carriers, errors result from this 'average of logs' method. For random noise, the average of logs methods results in power levels -2.51 dB lower than that measured with a power meter, or with a signal analyzer that measures the rms value of a signal, and performs averaging on the calculated power in Watts and not dBm or other log-power units.

  This detector should be used when following a measurement procedure that specifies it, or when checking the Displayed Averaged Noise Level (DANL) of the instrument. The 'average of logs' detection and trace function is used for DANL specification to provide similar results to other spectrum/signal analyzers for comparison purposes. Use of the Average of Logs method of measurement is not recommended for digitally modulated carriers, as power measurement errors will occur.

NOTE. *The Detection setting does not affect the trace until the spectrum length is longer than the Auto setting.*

- **Sample** – The first value is selected from the set of results to be compressed into a trace point.
- **CISPR Peak** – The trace value is calculated by the methods described for peak detectors in the CISPR documents.

Trace Processing

Traces can be processed to display in different ways. The Function setting controls trace processing.

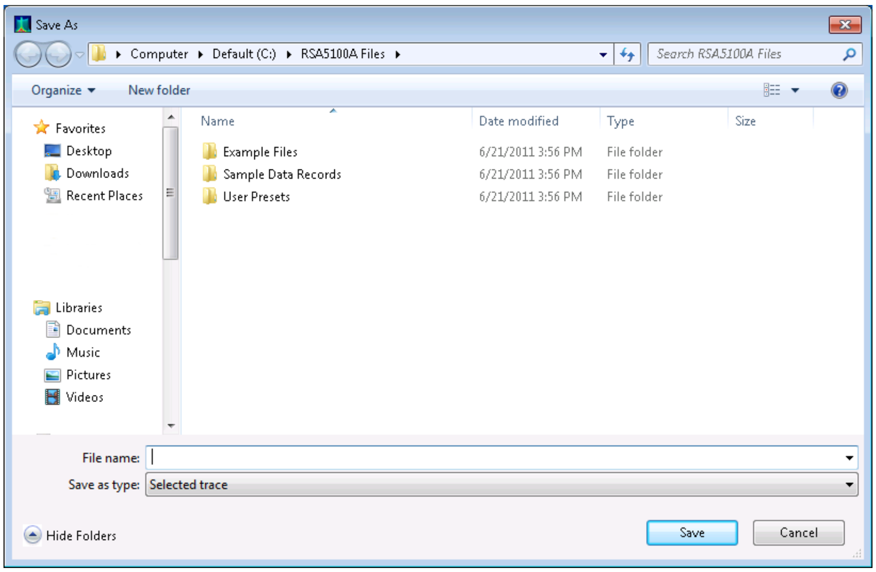
- **Normal** - Each new trace is displayed and then replaced by the next trace. Each data point contains a single vertical value.
- **Average** - Multiple traces are averaged together to generate the displayed trace, which will contain just one vertical value for each underlying frequency data point. Once the specified number of traces have been acquired and averaged to generate the displayed trace, additional traces contribute to the running average, except in Single Sequence run mode. In the case of Single Sequence, the instrument stops running after the specified number of traces have been averaged together. The **Number of Traces** setting specifies how many traces are averaged. The averaging is performed on the linear (Voltage) values, resulting in the correct RMS average).

- **Max Hold** - Displays the maximum value in the trace record for each display point. Each new trace's display point is compared to the previous maximum value and the greater value is retained for display and subsequent comparisons.
- **Min Hold** - Displays the minimum value in the trace record for each display point. Each new trace's display point is compared to the previous minimum value and the lesser value is retained for display and subsequent comparisons.

Saving Traces

To save a trace for later analysis:

1. Select the **Save Trace As** button. This displays the Save As dialog box.



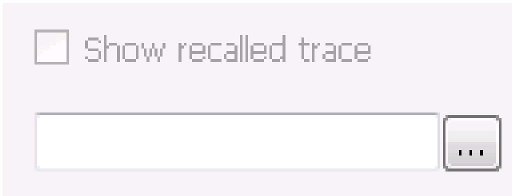
2. Navigate to the desired folder or use the default.
3. Type a name for the saved trace and click **Save**.

Recalling Traces

You can recall a previously saved trace for analysis or comparison to a live trace.

To select a trace for recall:

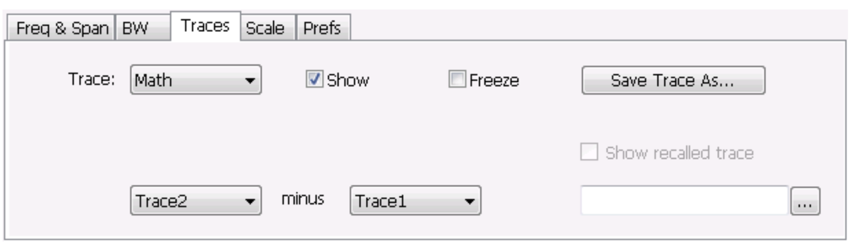
1. Select the trace into which the recalled trace will be loaded, from the Trace drop-down list.
2. Check the **Show** check box.
3. Click the **...** button to display the Open dialog box.



4. Navigate to the desired file and click **Open**.
5. Check the **Show Recalled Trace** check box.
6. Verify that the trace's **Show** check box is selected (either on this tab or next to the drop-down list located at the top-left corner of the graph).

Traces Tab – Math Trace

This tab is not a distinct tab, it is just how the Traces tab appears when Math is selected in the Traces drop-down list.

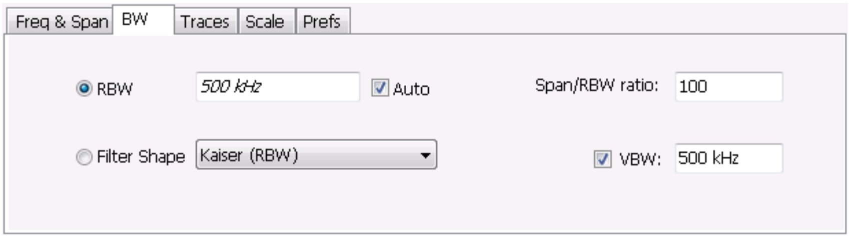


Trace 4 is a mathematically-derived trace defined as Trace A minus Trace B. You can select Trace 1, 2, or 3 to serve as either Trace A or Trace B.

Setting	Description
Trace	When set to Trace 4 (Math), this tab is displayed.
Show	Shows / hides the selected trace.
Freeze	Halts updates to the selected trace.
Save Trace As	Saves the selected trace to a file for later recall and analysis.
Trace minus Trace	Selects which traces serve as Trace A and Trace B.

BW Tab

The BW (bandwidth) tab allows you to change Resolution Bandwidth and Video Bandwidth settings, and set the windowing method used by the transform process by selecting a filter shape (not present for all displays).



Setting	Description
RBW	Sets the Resolution Bandwidth value to be used in the spectrum analysis view. The value is italicized when Auto is selected.
Auto	When Auto is checked, the RBW is calculated as a percentage of the Span. Kaiser is selected as the windowing method. When Auto is unchecked, the RBW is set by the user. Selecting any Window other than Kaiser changes the RBW setting to manual.
Span/RBW ratio	If Auto is checked, this value is used to calculate the RBW. If Auto is unchecked, this setting is not selectable.
Filter Shape	Specifies the windowing method used for the transform (when Auto is unchecked). (Spectrum and Spectrogram displays only.)
VBW	Adjusts the VBW (Video Bandwidth) value. (Spectrum and Spectrogram displays only.)

Filter Shape Settings

In the analyzer, computationally efficient discrete Fourier transform algorithms such as FFT (Fast Fourier Transform) or CZT (Chirp-Z Transform) are generally employed to transform time-domain signals into frequency-domain spectra. There is an assumption inherent in the mathematics of Discrete Fourier Transforms that the data to be processed is a single period of a periodically repeating signal. The discontinuities between successive frames will generally occur when the periodic extension is made to the signal. These artificial discontinuities generate spurious responses not present in the original signal, which can make it impossible to detect small signals in the presence of nearby large ones. This phenomenon is called spectral leakage.

Applying a filter, such as Kaiser, to the signal to be transformed is an effective method to combat the spectral leakage problem. Generally the filter has a bell shape. Multiplying the transform frame by the filter function eliminates or reduces the discontinuities at the ends of the frame, however, at the expense of increased RBW.

Filter Shape Characteristics

The choice of filter shape depends on its frequency response characteristics such as side-lobe level, equivalent noise bandwidth and maximum amplitude error. Use the following guidelines to select the best filter shape.

Filter Shape	Characteristics
Kaiser (RBW)	Best side-lobe level, shape factor closest to the traditional Gaussian RBW.
-6dB RBW (MIL)	These filters are specified for bandwidth at their -6 dB point, as required by military EMI regulations.
CISPR	These filters comply with the requirements specified in the P-CISPR 16 -1-1 document for EMI measurements.
Blackman-Harris 4B	Good side-lobe level.
Uniform (None)	Best frequency resolution, poor side-lobe level and amplitude accuracy.
Flat-Top	Best amplitude accuracy, best representation of brief events captured near the beginning or end of the time-domain data frame, poor frequency resolution.
Hanning	Good frequency resolution, high side-lobe roll-off rate.

VBW

The VBW setting enables/disables the Video Bandwidth filter. VBW is used in traditional swept analyzers to reduce the effect of noise on the displayed signal. The VBW algorithm in the analyzer emulates the VBW filters of traditional swept analyzers.

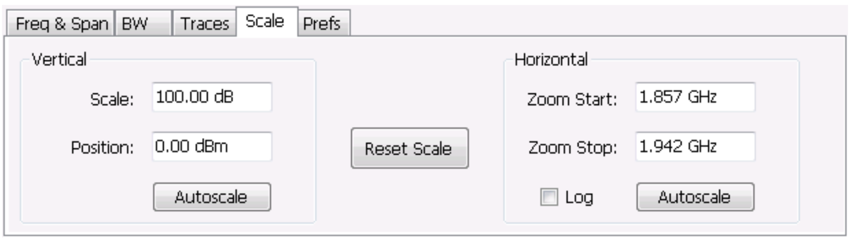
The maximum VBW value is the current RBW setting. The minimum VBW value is 1/10,000 of the RBW setting. VBW is disabled when the Filter shape is set to CISPR.

NOTE. *If you are following a procedure that says to "set VBW to three times the RBW value or greater", it means that the test should be conducted with no VBW effects. In the SignalVu software, this condition is met by disabling the VBW function.*

Scale Tab

The Scale tab allows you to change the vertical and horizontal scale settings. Changing the scale settings changes how the trace appears on the display but does not change control settings such as Measurement Frequency. In effect, these controls operate like pan and zoom controls.

The Scale tab values are unique to each display. Also, note that each display uses horizontal and vertical units that are appropriate for the display. For example, for the Spectrum display uses power (dBm) units and frequency (Hz) units; the Amplitude vs. Time display uses power (dBm) and time (seconds) units; and the Phase vs. Time display uses phase (degrees) and time (seconds) units.

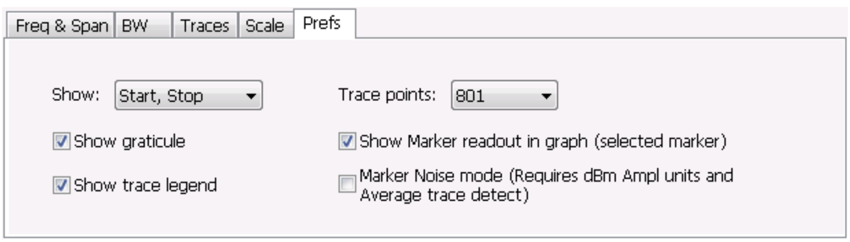


Setting	Description
Vertical	Controls the vertical position and scale of the trace display.
Scale	Changes the vertical scale.
Offset	Vertical Offset adjusts the reference level away from top of the graph.
Autoscale	Resets the scale of the vertical axis to contain the complete trace.
Horizontal	Controls the span of the trace display and position of the trace.
Zoom Start	Sets the starting frequency for ...
Zoom Stop	Sets the stop frequency for ...
Log	Resets the scale of the horizontal axis to contain the complete trace.
Reset Scale	Resets all settings to their default values.

Prefs Tab

The Prefs tab enables you to change parameters of the measurement display. The parameters available on the Prefs tab vary depending on the selected display, but include such items as enabling/disabling Marker Readout, switching the Graticule display on/off, and Marker Noise mode.

Each of the General Signal Viewing displays maintains its own separate values for the controls that appear on the Prefs tab. Some parameters appear with most displays while others appear with only one display. For example, the Show Marker readout in graph check box appears in the Prefs tab for every display. However, the Show Power Trigger level check box only appears on the Amplitude vs Time Prefs tab.



The following table explains the controls that can appear on the Prefs tab.

Setting	Description
Show:	Selects the horizontal settings that appear below the graph area. You can choose Start, Stop or Center, Span.
Trace points	Sets the number of trace points used for marker measurements and for results export.
Show trace legend	Enables display of a legend in the measurements area that shows the Detection method and Function setting for displayed traces. The color of the legend text matches the color of the associated trace.
Show graticule	Select to display or hide the graticule.
Show Marker readout in graph (selected marker)	Shows or hides the readout for the selected marker in the graph area.
Show timestamp in graph (selected line)	For spectrogram displays, this readout shows or hides the timestamp associated with the selected line or marker position.
Show Power Trigger Level	Displays or hides a green line in the graph that indicates the level at which the power trigger is set. The line is not displayed if Trigger is set to Free Run.
Marker Noise mode	Select to enable or disable the Marker Noise mode. Use this mode to measure noise on the trace. See Using Noise Markers in the Spectrum Display (see page 270).

Overview

The displays in the Analog Modulation folder (Displays > Folders > Analog Modulation) are:

- AM
- FM
- PM

The Analog Modulation displays provide measurements and time-domain trace displays.

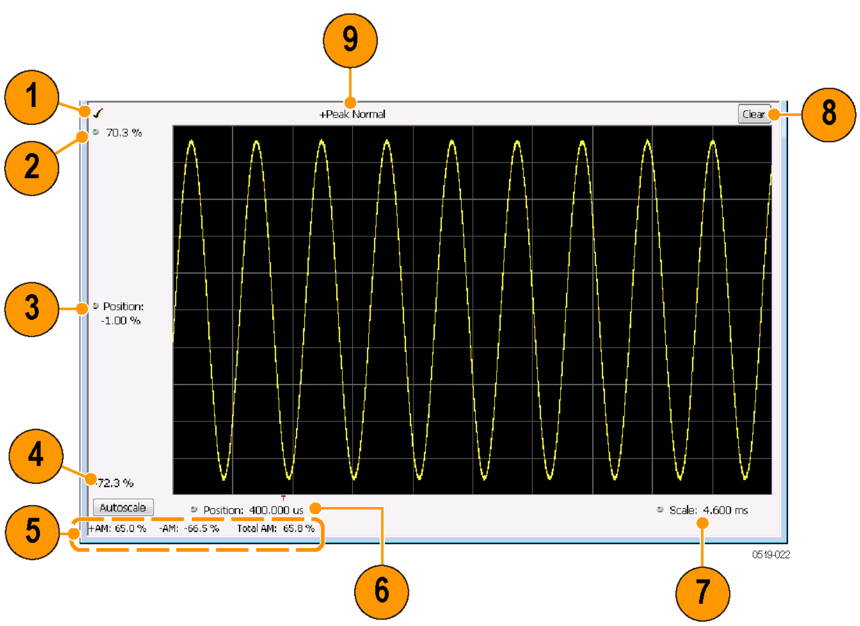
AM Display

The Amplitude Modulation Display is a graph of Modulation Factor vs Time. The AM display includes three numeric readouts.

To show the AM display:

1. Select the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**. This shows the **Select Displays** dialog box.
2. From the **Folders** box, select **Analog Modulation**.
3. Double-click the **AM** icon in the **Available Displays** box. This adds the AM icon to the **Selected displays** box.
4. Click the **OK** button. This shows the AM display.

Elements of the Display



Item	Element	Description
1	Check mark indicator	The check mark indicator in the upper, left-hand corner of the display shows when the AM display is the optimized display.
2	Top of Graph	Sets the %AM indicated at the top of the graph by increasing or decreasing the vertical scale. Changing the top value affects the bottom of graph value because the graph scales about vertical center. Also, note that the top of graph setting interacts with the internal vertical scale setting (which is not user settable).
3	Position	Specifies the %AM shown at the center of the graph display.
4	Bottom Readout	Displays the value of the modulation factor shown at the bottom of graph.
5	Measurement readouts	Displays numeric values for the +AM (positive modulation factor), –AM (negative modulation factor), and Total AM.
6	Position	Specifies the horizontal position of the trace on the graph display.
7	Scale	Adjusts the horizontal range of the graph. By decreasing the scale (time across the entire graph), the graph essentially becomes a window that you can move over the trace by adjusting the position.
8	Clear	Erases the trace from the graph.
9	Trace Detection readout	Displays the Settings > Trace > Detection setting.

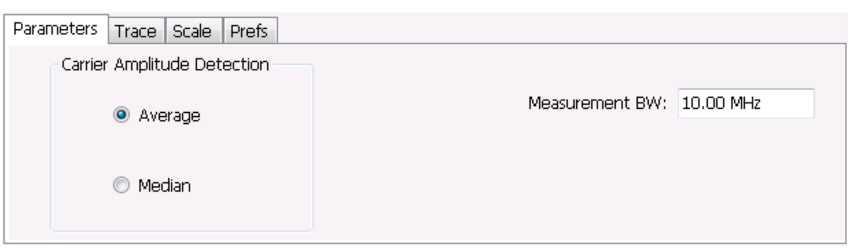
Changing the AM Settings (see page 64)

AM Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings

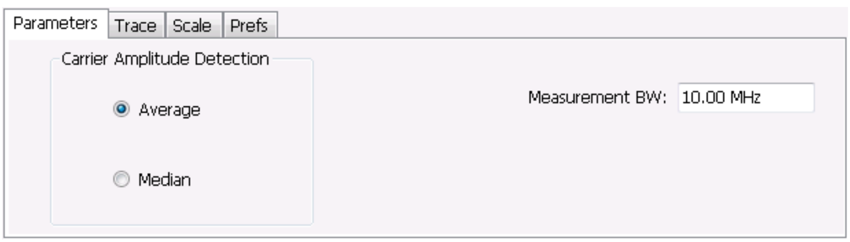
The AM Settings control panel provides access to settings that control parameters of the AM Display.



Setting	Description
Parameters (see page 65)	Sets the Carrier Amplitude Detection method. You can choose either Average or Median.
Trace (see page 66)	Sets Trace display parameters.
Scale (see page 69)	Sets vertical and horizontal scale and position parameters.
Prefs (see page 70)	Specifies whether or not certain display elements are shown. Specifies the maximum number of points shown in the display graph.

Parameters Tab

The Parameters tab enables you to specify two parameters that control the carrier amplitude detection.



Setting	Description
Average	Selects the Average method for computing the average baseline for measurements.
Median	Selects the Median method for computing the average baseline for measurements.
Measurement BW	Specifies the bandwidth about the center frequency at which measurements are made.

AM Modulation

An amplitude modulated carrier can be described mathematically by:
$X(t) = [A + a(t)] \, cos \, \omega_0 t$

A, in the above equation, represents the carrier amplitude, a(t) represents the time-varying modulation and ω_0 represents the carrier frequency.

The signal modulation envelope is given by:
$E_M(t) = A + a(t)$

There are several ways to express the AM modulation depth, expressed as a percentage.

Peak method

$$AM\,ModulationDepth = \frac{Max\,[A + a(t)]}{A}$$

Trough Method

$$AM\,ModulationDepth = \frac{Min\,[A + a(t)]}{A}$$

Max-Min Method

$$AMModulationDepth = \frac{Max\left[A + a\left(t\right)\right] - Min\left[A + a\left(t\right)\right]}{2A}$$

In each case, the value of the carrier amplitude, A, needs to be estimated from the input signal.

The instrument represents signals in a sampled form. The sampled envelope can be expressed as a function of sample index K and sampling period T as:
$E_M\left[KT\right] = A + a\left[KT\right]$

The instrument allows the choice of two methods for estimating the carrier amplitude:

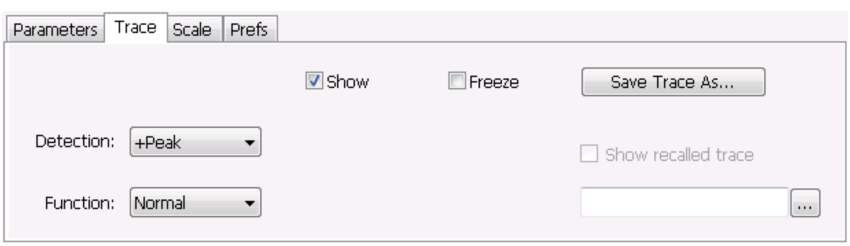
Average Method
$A = Average\ \{E_M\left[KT\right]\}$

Median Method
$A = Median\ \{E_M\left[KT\right]\}$

In both cases, the instrument computes the average and the median over the analysis period. It should be noted that the two methods give the same result for sinusoidal modulation where the sampling frequency is much higher than the modulation frequency.

Trace Tab

The Trace Tab allows you to set the display characteristics of a trace.



Setting	Description
Show	Shows/hides the trace. If the instrument continues to run, the measurement results below the graph display continue to update even if the trace is hidden.
Detection	Sets the Detection method used for the trace. Available detection methods are +Peak, -Peak, and Avg (VRMS). Not available for saved traces.
Function	Selects the trace processing method. The only available setting is Normal.
Freeze	Halts updates to the trace.
Save Trace As	Saves the trace to a file for later recall and analysis.
Show recalled trace	Displays a saved trace instead of a live trace.

Detection

Detection refers to the method of processing the data acquisition points when creating a trace. The IQ samples in a data acquisition can be detected in a variety of ways. The number of IQ samples available to each trace point varies with both analysis length and trace length. For example, with Spectrum Length set to 'Auto' in the Analysis menu, the instrument analyzes just enough samples to produce one IQ sample pair per trace point. In this case, the detection method chosen has very little effect, as the +Peak, -Peak, and Avg (VRMS) are all equal. Changing the Spectrum Length causes the available detection methods to differ in value because they have a larger set of samples for the various detection methods to process.

The available detection methods are:

- **+Peak** – Each point on the trace is the result of detecting the positive peak value present in the set of IQ samples available to that trace point.
- **-Peak** – Each point on the trace is the result of detecting the negative peak value present in the set of IQ samples available to that trace point.
- **Avg (VRMS)** [Average V_{RMS}] – Each point on the trace is the result of determining the RMS Voltage value for all of the IQ samples available to the trace point. When displayed in either linear (Volts, Watts) or Log (dB, dBm), the correct RMS value results. When the averaging function is applied to a trace, the averaging is performed on the linear (Voltage) values, resulting in the correct average for RMS values.

Trace Processing

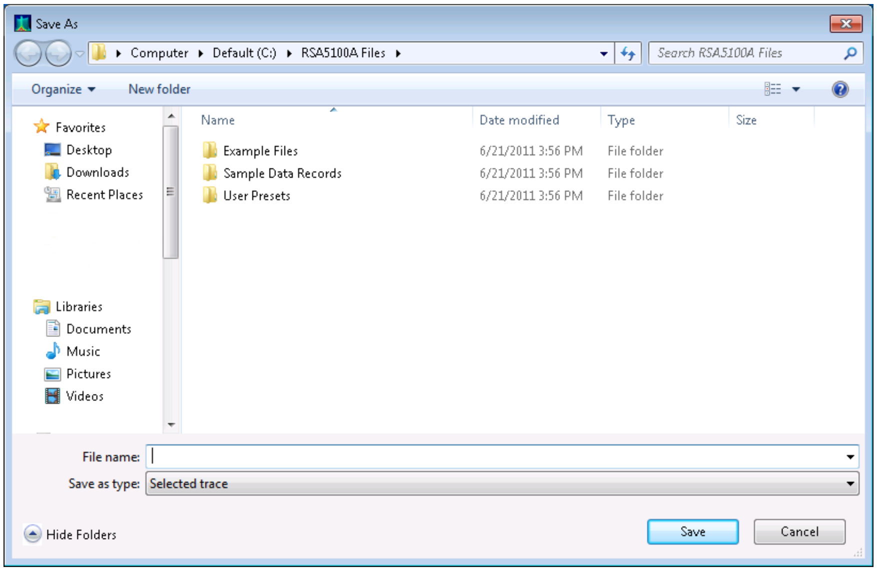
Traces can be processed to display in different ways. The Detection setting controls trace decimation, when needed. When the trace points each cover more than one sample data point, the vertical results values for multiple data points are combined into each trace point. Each trace point ends up with a single vertical value.

- **Average** - Each trace point is computed by averaging together the multiple results points it represents.
- **+Peak** - Each trace point represents the highest vertical value among the results it includes.
- **–Peak** - Each trace point represents the lowest vertical value among the results it includes.

Saving Traces

To save a trace for later analysis:

1. Select the **Save Trace As** button. This displays the Save As dialog box.



2. Navigate to the desired folder or use the default.

3. Type a name for the saved trace and click **Save**.

Recalling Traces

You can recall a previously saved trace for analysis or comparison to a live trace.

To select a trace for recall:

1. Click the **...** button to display the Open dialog box.

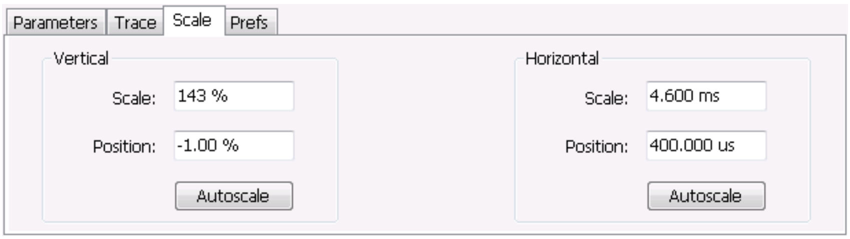
2. Navigate to the desired file and click **Open**.

3. Check the **Show Recalled Trace** check box.

4. Verify that the **Show** check box is selected.

Scale Tab

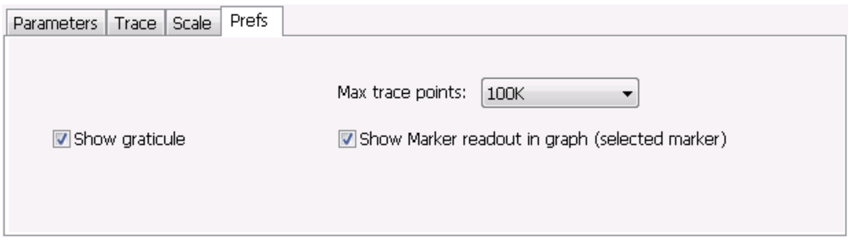
The Scale tab allows you to change the vertical and horizontal scale settings. Changing the scale settings changes how the trace appears on the display but does not change control settings such as Measurement Frequency. In effect, these controls operate like pan and zoom controls.



Setting	Description
Vertical	
Scale	Changes the range shown between the top and bottom of the graph.
Position	Adjusts the level shown at the center of the graph.
Autoscale	Resets the Position so that the entire trace is in the graph.
Horizontal	
Scale	Changes the range shown between the left and right sides of the graph.
Position	Adjusts the position of the acquisition record shown at the left edge of the graph.
Autoscale	Resets the Scale and Position settings to provide the optimum display.

Prefs Tab

The Prefs tab enables you to change appearance characteristics of the AM display.



Setting	Description
Show graticule	Shows or hides the graticule.
Show Marker readout in graph (selected marker)	Shows or hides the readout for the selected marker in the graph area.
Max trace points	The trace in the AM display can be set to a maximum of 100,000 points (however, the actual number of trace points can extend up to 500,000 points if Max trace points is set to Never Decimate). If the Analysis Length includes more than the selected Max trace points value, the trace is decimated (using the method specified with the Detection control) to be equal to or less than the Max trace points setting (except when Max trace points is set to Never Decimate). This decimated (or undecimated) trace is what is used for marker measurements and for results export.

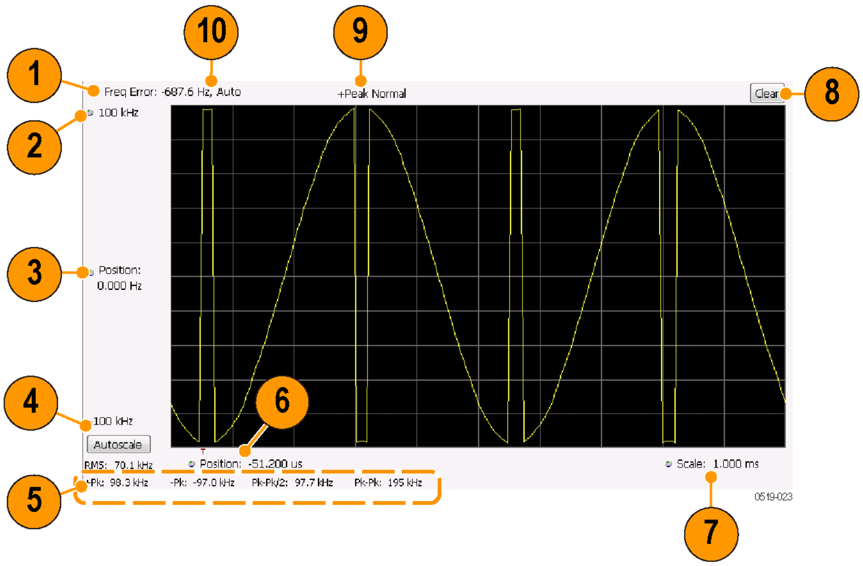
FM Display

The Frequency Modulation Display shows Frequency Deviation vs. Time. The vertical axis units are Hertz and the horizontal axis units are seconds. When taking measurements, only the first burst in the Analysis period is analyzed. No trace points are shown for data outside the first detected burst, nor are measurements made on data outside the first detected burst.

To show the FM display:

1. Select the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**. This shows the **Select Displays** dialog box.
2. From the **Folders** box, select **Analog Modulation**.
3. Double-click the **FM** icon in the **Available Displays** box. This adds the FM icon to the **Selected displays** box.
4. Click the **OK** button. This shows the FM display.

Elements of the Display



Item	Element	Description
1	Check mark indicator	The check mark indicator in the upper, left-hand corner of the display shows when the FM display is the optimized display.
2	Top of Graph control	Sets the frequency indicated at the top of the graph. Since the Position value at the vertical center of this graph remains constant as the Top of Graph value is adjusted, the Vertical Scale increases as the Top of Graph value increases, which also affects the bottom of graph readout. Vertical Scale can also be controlled from the Settings control panel's Scale tab.
3	Position	Specifies the frequency shown at the center of the graph display. Changing this value moves the trace up and down in the graph, which affects the Top of Graph and Bottom of Graph values as well.
4	Bottom of Graph Readout	Displays the frequency value at the bottom of the graph.
5	Measurement readouts	Displays numeric values for the +Pk (positive frequency deviation), –Pk (negative frequency deviation), RMS (RMS value of the deviation), Pk-Pk (peak-to-peak frequency deviation), and Pk-Pk/2 (peak-to-peak frequency deviation divided by two).
6	Position	Specifies the horizontal position of the trace on the graph display.
7	Scale	Adjusts the time range of the graph. By decreasing the scale (full-scale time over 10 divisions), the graph essentially becomes a window that you can move over the acquisition record by adjusting the horizontal position.
8	Clear	Clears the trace and numeric measurement results.
9	Trace Detection readout	Displays the Settings > Trace > Detection setting.
10	Freq Error	This readout can show Freq Error or Freq Offset. When it displays Freq Error, it shows the difference between the instrument Frequency setting and the measured value of the signal's carrier frequency. When it displays Freq Offset, it shows the frequency offset specified on the Settings > Parameters tab. If Freq Error is displayed, it also indicates that the Carrier frequency detection setting is Auto. If Freq Offset is displayed, it indicates that the Carrier frequency detection setting is manual.

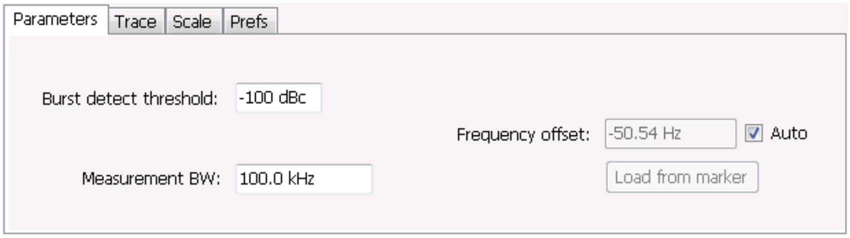
Changing the FM Settings (see page 72)

FM Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings

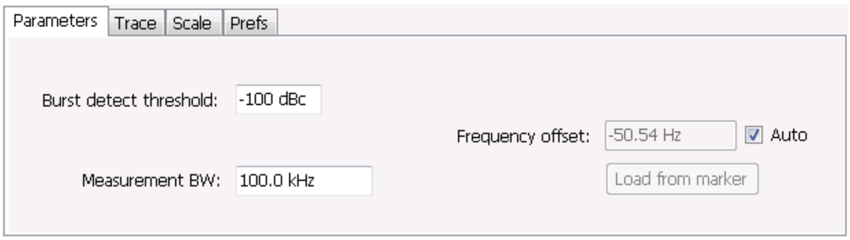
The FM Settings control panel provides access to settings that control parameters of the FM Display.



Setting	Description
Parameters (see page 203)	Sets the burst detection threshold, measurement bandwidth, and carrier frequency detection method.
Trace (see page 75)	Sets Trace display parameters.
Scale (see page 77)	Sets vertical and horizontal scale and position parameters.
Prefs (see page 78)	Specifies whether or not certain display elements are shown. Specifies the maximum number of points shown in the display graph.

Parameters Tab

The Parameters tab enables you to specify parameters for carrier detection.



Setting	Description
Burst detect threshold	This parameter specifies the power level used to determine whether a burst is present. A valid burst is required to take measurements. The burst detected first is used for the analysis. The units for burst detect threshold are dBc, relative to the maximum acquisition sample data points level.
Measurement BW	Specifies the bandwidth about the center frequency at which measurements are made.
Frequency offset	Displays the carrier signal's offset from the instrument's measurement frequency. Auto is used to select the method for determining the carrier frequency. When Auto is selected, the instrument determines the carrier frequency by analyzing the signal. When Auto is deselected, you can set the carrier frequency offset using Frequency Offset.
Load from Marker	Pressing this button sets the frequency offset to the frequency offset of the selected marker. (Pressing this button automatically deselects Auto.)

Frequency Offset

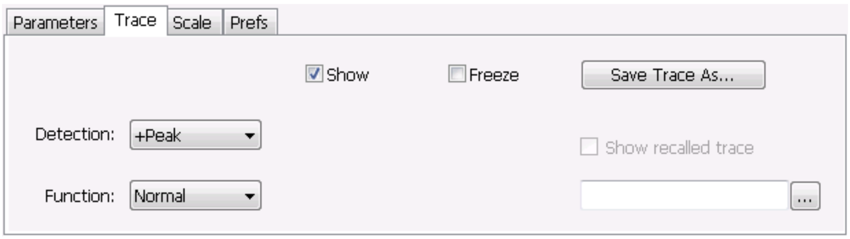
In Auto (Auto is selected), the instrument scans the measurement bandwidth about the measurement frequency and looks for the highest-powered signal. This is defined as the carrier frequency. In Manual (Auto is deselected), the carrier frequency is specified by adding/subtracting the specified Frequency offset from the measurement frequency. Range: -(Measurement BW*1.1)/2 to +(Measurement BW*1.1)/2. If the **Load Δ from marker** button is pressed, the frequency offset is determined from the phase difference between the two markers on screen compared to the time between the two markers. This function is useful for removing frequency slope from the phase modulated signal.

Load from Marker

When the Auto check box is selected, the instrument scans the measurement bandwidth about the center frequency and looks for the highest-powered signal. This is defined as the carrier frequency. When the Auto check box is deselected, the carrier frequency is specified by adding/subtracting the specified Frequency offset from the center frequency. Pressing the Load from marker button loads the marker frequency into the Frequency offset box.

Trace Tab

The Trace Tab allows you to set the display characteristics of displayed trace.



Setting	Description
Show	Shows / hides the trace. If the instrument continues to run, the measurement results below the graph display continue to update even if the trace is hidden.
Detection	Sets the Detection method used for the trace. Available detection methods are +Peak, -Peak, and Avg (VRMS). Not available for saved traces.
Function	Selects the trace processing method. The only available setting is Normal.
Freeze	Halts updates to the trace.
Save Trace As	Saves the trace to a file for later recall and analysis.
Show Recalled trace	Displays a saved trace instead of a live trace.

Detection

Detection refers to the method of processing the data acquisition points when creating a trace. The IQ samples in a data acquisition can be detected in a variety of ways. The number of IQ samples available to each trace point varies with both analysis length and trace length. For example, with Spectrum Length set to ‘Auto’ in the Analysis menu, the instrument analyzes just enough samples to produce one IQ sample pair per trace point. In this case, the detection method chosen has very little effect, as the +Peak, -Peak, and Avg (VRMS) are all equal. Changing the Spectrum Length causes the available detection methods to differ in value because they have a larger set of samples for the various detection methods to process.

The available detection methods are:

- **+Peak** – Each point on the trace is the result of detecting the positive peak value present in the set of IQ samples available to that trace point.
- **-Peak** – Each point on the trace is the result of detecting the negative peak value present in the set of IQ samples available to that trace point.
- **Avg (VRMS)** [Average V_{RMS}] – Each point on the trace is the result of determining the RMS Voltage value for all of the IQ samples available to the trace point. When displayed in either linear (Volts, Watts) or Log (dB, dBm), the correct RMS value results. When the averaging function is applied to a trace, the averaging is performed on the linear (Voltage) values, resulting in the correct average for RMS values.

Trace Processing

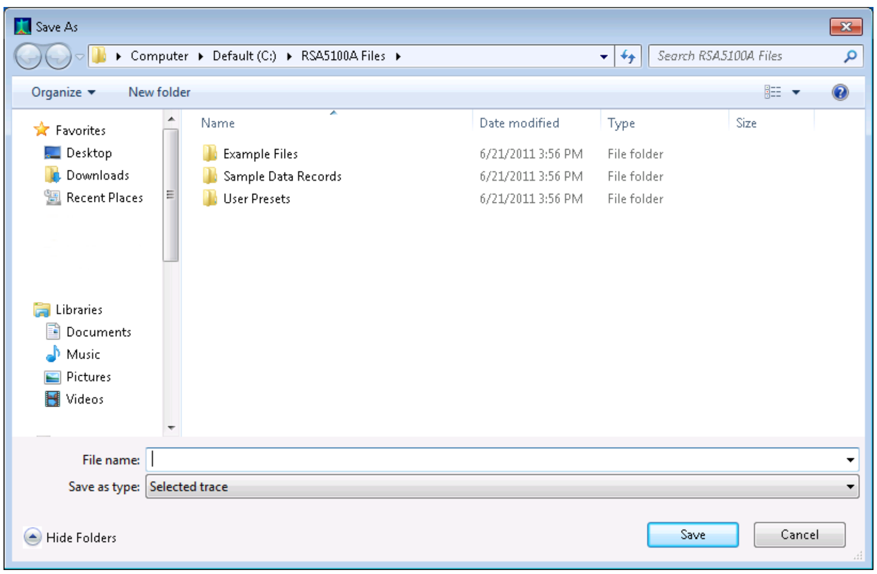
Traces can be processed to display in different ways. The Function setting controls trace processing.

- **Normal** - Each new trace is displayed and then replaced by the next trace. Each data point contains a single vertical value.
- **Average** - Each trace point is computed by averaging together the multiple results points it represents.
- **+Peak** - Each trace point represents the highest vertical value among the results it includes.
- **–Peak** - Each trace point represents the lowest vertical value among the results it includes.

Saving Traces

To save a trace for later analysis:

1. Select the **Save Trace As** button. This displays the Save As dialog box.



2. Navigate to the desired folder or use the default.
3. Type a name for the saved trace and click **Save**.

Recalling Traces

You can recall a previously saved trace for analysis or comparison to a live trace.

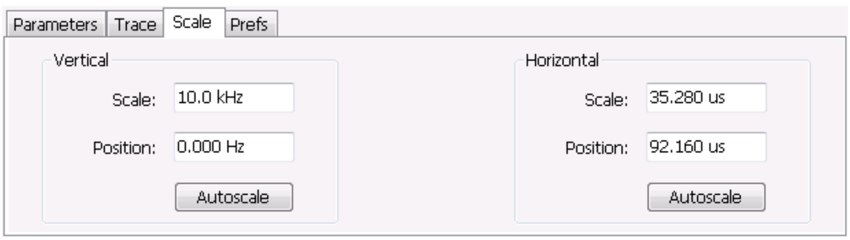
To select a trace for recall:

1. Click the **...** button to display the Open dialog box.
2. Navigate to the desired file and click **Open**.

3. Check the **Show Recalled Trace** check box.
4. Verify that the **Show** check box is selected.

Scale Tab

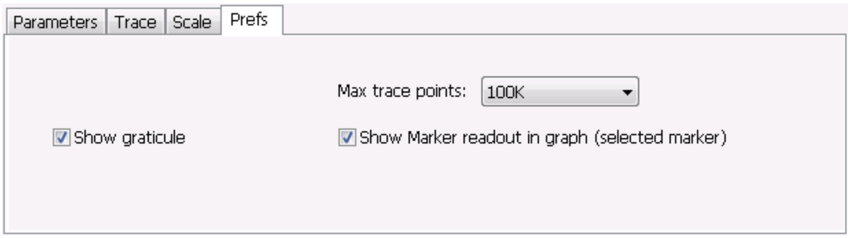
The Scale tab allows you to change the vertical and horizontal scale settings. Changing the scale settings changes how the trace appears on the display but does not change control settings such as Measurement Frequency. In effect, these controls operate like pan and zoom controls.



Setting	Description
Vertical	
Scale	Changes the range shown between the top and bottom of the graph.
Position	Adjusts the frequency shown at the center of the graph.
Autoscale	Resets the Position so that the entire trace fits within the graph.
Horizontal	
Scale	Changes the range shown between the left and right sides of the graph.
Position	Adjusts the position of the acquisition record shown at the left edge of the graph.
Autoscale	Resets the Scale and Position settings to provide the optimum display.

Prefs Tab

The Prefs tab enables you to change appearance characteristics of the FM display.

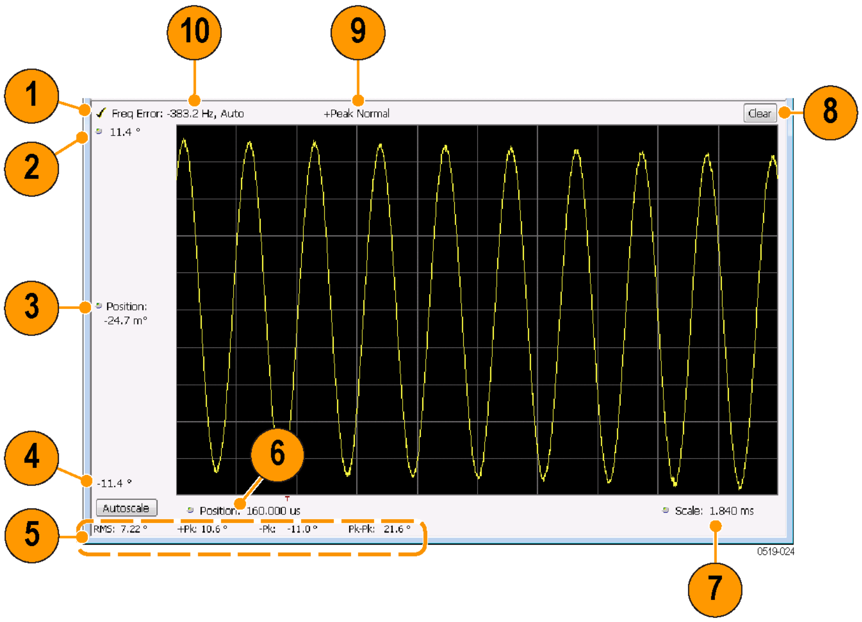


Setting	Description
Show graticule	Shows or hides the graticule.
Show Marker readout in graph (selected marker)	Shows or hides the readout for the selected marker in the graph area.
Max trace points	The trace in the FM display can be set to a maximum of 100,000 points (however, the actual number of trace points can extend up to 500,000 points if Max trace points is set to Never Decimate). If the Analysis Length includes more than the selected Max trace points value, the trace is decimated (using the method specified with the Detection control) to be equal to or less than the Max trace points setting (except when Max trace points is set to Never Decimate). This decimated (or undecimated) trace is what is used for marker measurements and for results export.

PM Display

The Phase Modulation Display shows Phase vs. Time. The vertical axis units are degrees and the horizontal axis units are seconds. When taking measurements, only the first burst in the Analysis period is analyzed. No trace points are shown for data outside the first detected burst, nor are measurements made on data outside the first detected burst.

Elements of the Display



Item	Element	Description
1	Check mark indicator	The check mark indicator in the upper, left-hand corner of the display shows when the PM display is the optimized display.
2	Top of Graph control	Sets the phase value indicated at the top of the graph. Since the Position value at the vertical center of this graph remains constant as the Top of Graph value is adjusted, the Vertical Scale increases as the Top of Graph value increases, which also affects the bottom of graph readout. Vertical Scale can also be controlled from the Settings control panel's Scale tab.
3	Position	Specifies the phase shown at the center of the graph display. Changing this value moves the trace up and down in the graph, which affects the Top of Graph and Bottom of Graph values as well.
4	Bottom of Graph Readout	Displays the phase value at the bottom of the graph.
5	Measurement readouts	Displays numeric values for the +Pk (positive phase deviation), –Pk (negative phase deviation), Pk-Pk (peak-to-peak phase deviation), and RMS (RMS value of the phase deviation).
6	Position	Specifies the horizontal position of the trace on the graph display.
7	Scale	Adjusts the time range of the graph. By decreasing the scale (full-scale time over 10 divisions), the graph essentially becomes a window that you can move over the acquisition record by adjusting the horizontal position.
8	Clear	Clears the measurement results.
9	Trace Detection readout	Displays the Trace Detection setting (see Settings > Trace > Detection).
10	Freq Error	This readout can show Freq Error or Freq Offset. When it displays Freq Error, it shows the difference between the instrument Frequency setting and the measured value of the signal's carrier frequency. When it displays Freq Offset, it shows the frequency offset specified on the Settings > Parameters tab. If Freq Error is displayed, it also indicates that the Carrier frequency detection setting is Auto. If Freq Offset is displayed, it indicates that the Carrier frequency detection setting is manual.

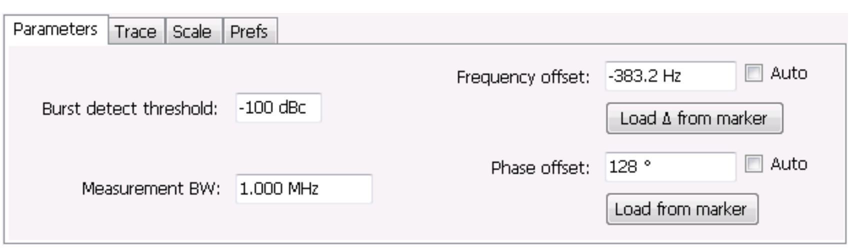
Changing the PM Settings (see page 80)

PM Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings

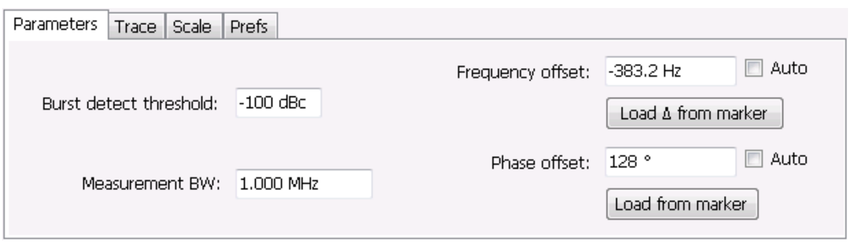
The PM Settings control panel provides access to settings that control parameters of the PM Display.



Setting	Description
Parameters (see page 81)	Sets the Carrier Frequency Detection method. You can choose either Automatic or Manual. Sets burst threshold and phase detection method.
Trace (see page 82)	Sets Trace display parameters.
Scale (see page 85)	Sets vertical and horizontal scale and position parameters.
Prefs (see page 86)	Specifies whether or not certain display elements are shown. Specifies the maximum number of points shown in the display graph.

Parameters Tab

The Parameters tab enables you to specify parameters that control the carrier frequency and phase detection.



Setting	Description
Burst detect threshold	Specifies the power level used to determine whether a burst is present. A valid burst is required to take measurements. The burst detected first is used for the analysis. The units for burst detect threshold are dBc, relative to the maximum acquisition sample data points level.
Measurement BW	Specifies the bandwidth about the center frequency at which measurements are made.
Frequency offset	Displays the carrier signal's frequency offset from the instrument's Measurement Frequency. Auto is used to select the method for determining the carrier frequency. When Auto is selected, the instrument determines the carrier frequency by analyzing the signal. When Auto is deselected, you can set the carrier frequency offset using Frequency Offset.
Load Δ from Marker	Pressing this button disables the Auto Frequency Offset function and sets the Frequency offset to the frequency offset calculated from the difference between MR (the marker reference) and the selected marker (or M1 if MR is currently the selected marker).
Phase offset	Displays the phase offset. When Auto is selected, the instrument determines the phase offset. When Auto is deselected, the user sets the phase offset with this control.
Load from marker	Pressing this button sets the phase offset to the phase offset of the selected marker. (Pressing this button automatically deselects Auto.)

Frequency Offset

In Auto (Auto is selected), the instrument scans the measurement bandwidth about the Measurement Frequency and looks for the highest-powered signal. This is defined as the carrier frequency. In Manual

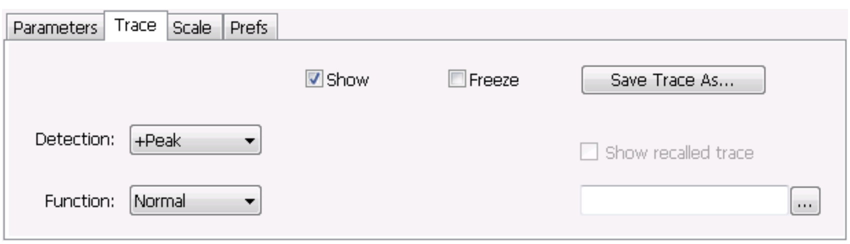
(Auto is deselected), the carrier frequency is specified by adding/subtracting the specified Frequency offset from the Measurement Frequency. Range: -(Measurement BW*1.1)/2 to +(Measurement BW*1.1)/2. If the **Load Δ from marker** button is pressed, the frequency offset is determined from the phase difference between the two markers on screen compared to the time between the two markers. This function is useful for removing frequency slope from the phase modulated signal.

Phase Offset

In Auto (Auto is selected), the instrument sets the phase offset to fit the waveform to the screen centering 0° phase on the vertical axis. The actual phase offset is indicated on the Phase Offset readout. In Manual (Auto is deselected), the instrument sets the phase offset using the value specified in Phase offset. For example, when Phase offset is set to 10°, the waveform shifts upward by 10° on screen. Selecting **Load from marker** sets the phase offset to the value of the selected marker. Range: –180 to +180°.

Trace Tab

The Traces Tab allows you to set the display characteristics of displayed trace.



Setting	Description
Show	Shows / hides the trace. If the instrument continues to run, the measurement results below the graph display continue to update even if the trace is hidden.
Detection	Sets the Detection method used for the trace. Available detection methods are +Peak, -Peak, and Avg (VRMS). Not available for saved traces.
Function	Selects the trace processing method. The only available setting is Normal.
Freeze	Halts updates to the trace.
Save Trace As	Saves the trace to a file for later recall and analysis.
Show Recalled trace	Displays a saved trace instead of a live trace.

Detection

Detection refers to the method of processing the data acquisition points when creating a trace. The IQ samples in a data acquisition can be detected in a variety of ways. The number of IQ samples available to each trace point varies with both analysis length and trace length. For example, with Spectrum Length set to ‘Auto’ in the Analysis menu, the instrument analyzes just enough samples to produce one IQ sample pair per trace point. In this case, the detection method chosen has very little effect, as the +Peak, -Peak, and Avg (VRMS) are all equal. Changing the Spectrum Length causes the available detection methods to differ in value because they have a larger set of samples for the various detection methods to process.

The available detection methods are:

- **+Peak** – Each point on the trace is the result of detecting the positive peak value present in the set of IQ samples available to that trace point.
- **-Peak** – Each point on the trace is the result of detecting the negative peak value present in the set of IQ samples available to that trace point.
- **Avg (VRMS)** [Average V_{RMS}] – Each point on the trace is the result of determining the RMS Voltage value for all of the IQ samples available to the trace point. When displayed in either linear (Volts, Watts) or Log (dB, dBm), the correct RMS value results. When the averaging function is applied to a trace, the averaging is performed on the linear (Voltage) values, resulting in the correct average for RMS values.

Trace Processing

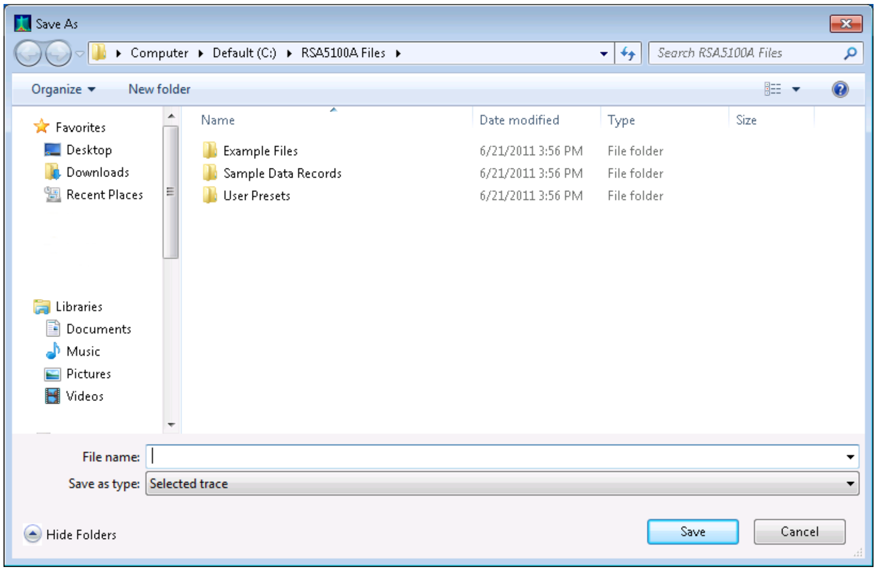
Traces can be processed to display in different ways. The Function setting controls trace processing.

- **Normal -** Each new trace is displayed and then replaced by the next trace. Each data point contains a single vertical value.
- **Average -** Each trace point is computed by averaging together the multiple results points it represents.
- **+Peak -** Each trace point is represents the highest vertical value among the results it includes.
- **–Peak -** Each trace point is represents the lowest vertical value among the results it includes.

Saving Traces

To save a trace for later analysis:

1. Select the **Save Trace As** button. This displays the Save As dialog box.



2. Navigate to the desired folder or use the default.

3. Type a name for the saved trace and click **Save**.

Recalling Traces

You can recall a previously saved trace for analysis or comparison to a live trace.

To select a trace for recall:

1. Click the **...** button to display the Open dialog box.

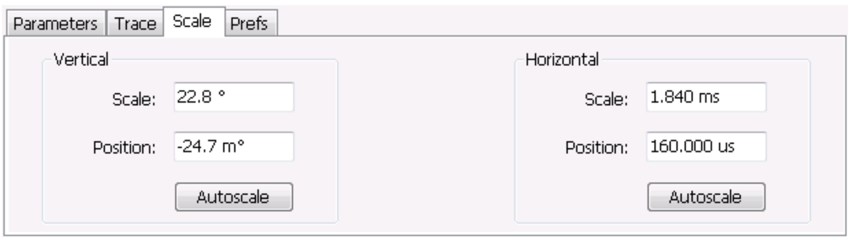
2. Navigate to the desired file and click **Open**.

3. Check the **Show Recalled Trace** check box.

4. Verify that the **Show** check box is selected.

Scale Tab

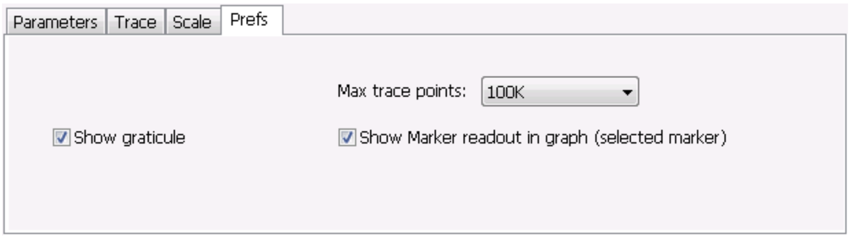
The Scale tab allows you to change the vertical and horizontal scale settings. Changing the scale settings changes how the trace appears on the display but does not change control settings such as Measurement Frequency. In effect, these controls operate like pan and zoom controls.



Setting	Description
Vertical	
Scale	Changes the range shown between the top and bottom of the graph.
Position	Adjusts the phase shown at the center of the graph.
Autoscale	Resets the Position so that the entire trace in the graph.
Horizontal	
Scale	Changes the range shown between the left and right sides of the graph.
Position	Adjusts the phase shown at the left edge of the graph.
Autoscale	Resets the Scale and Position settings to show the entire trace within the graph.

Prefs Tab

The Prefs tab enables you to change appearance characteristics of the PM display.



Setting	Description
Show graticule	Shows or hides the graticule.
Show Marker readout in graph (selected marker)	Shows or hides the readout for the selected marker in the graph area.
Max trace points	The trace in the PM display can be set to a maximum of 100,000 points (however, the actual number of trace points can extend up to 500,000 points if Max trace points is set to Never Decimate). If the Analysis Length includes more than the selected Max trace points value, the trace is decimated (using the method specified with the Detection control) to be equal to or less than the Max trace points setting (except when Max trace points is set to Never Decimate). This decimated (or undecimated) trace is what is used for marker measurements and for results export.

Overview

The displays in the RF Measurements folder (Displays > Folders > RF Measurements) are:

- CCDF
- Channel Power and ACPR
- MCPR
- Occupied Bandwidth
- SEM (Spectrum Emission Mask)
- Settling Time Measurements
- Spurious

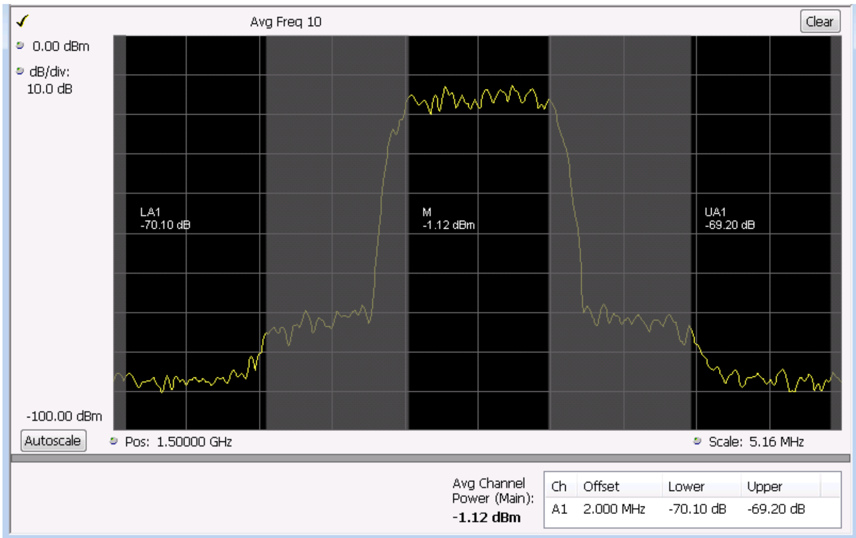
The RF Measurements power measurements and signal statistics help you characterize components and systems.

Power Measurements

Measurement	Description
Channel Power	The total RF power in the selected channel (located in the ACPR display).
Adjacent Channel Power Ratio	Measure of the signal power leaking from the main channel into adjacent channels.
Multi-Carrier Power Ratio	The ratio of the signal power in the reference channel or group of channels to the power in adjacent channels.
Peak/Avg Ratio	Ratio of the peak power in the transmitted signal to the average power in the transmitted signal (located in the CCDF display).
CCDF	The *Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function* (CCDF). CCDF shows how much time a signal spends at or above a given power level relative to the average power of a measured signal.

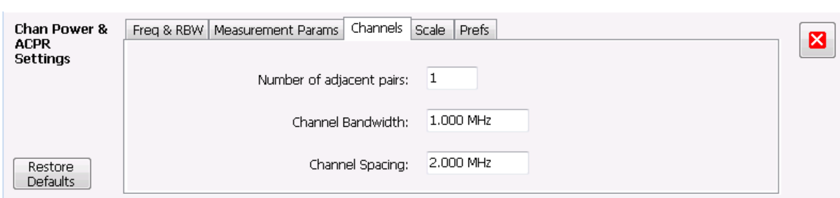
Channel Power and ACPR (Adjacent Channel Power Ratio) Display

Use the **Channel Power and ACPR** measurement to measure channel power by itself, or adjacent channel leakage ratio with one main channel.



Measuring Adjacent Channel Power Ratio

1. Select the **Displays** button.
2. Select **RF Measurements** from the **Folders** box.
3. Double-click **Chan Power and ACPR** in the Available displays box. Click **OK** to complete your selection.
4. Press the front-panel **Freq** button and use the front panel keypad or knob to adjust the frequency to that of your main channel.
5. Press the **Settings** button. This displays the control panel for Chan Power and ACPR (the tab displayed will be the tab displayed the last time the Settings panel was opened).



6. To set the number of adjacent channels, select the **Channels** tab. Enter the number of channels in the **Number of adjacent pairs** value box. If zero is entered for the number of adjacent pairs, the resultant measurement will be channel power only.

NOTE. *As you add adjacent channels, the span of the display is adjusted so that all the channels can be seen. Use the horizontal scale and offset to zoom the display in on any portion of the trace.*

7. To set the spacing between channel centers, enter the required value in the **Channel Spacing** value box.

8. To set the channel bandwidth, enter the required value in the **Channel Bandwidth** value box.
9. After you have configured the channel settings, click the close button ( ) in the Settings panel or press the **Settings** button again to remove the settings panel.
10. Press the **Run** button to take the measurements.

Viewing Results

Measurement results are displayed in a table below the graph and within the graph itself (which can be enabled/disabled in the Settings > Prefs tab). To see all measurements, you might need to scroll the table. The size of the results table can be changed by dragging the horizontal divider bar between the graph and table areas.

Avg Channel Power (Main):
-10.66 dBm

Ch	Offset	Lower	Upper
A1	5 MHz	-58.76 dB	-59.33 dB
A2	10 MHz	-58.39 dB	-58.40 dB
A3	15 MHz	-58.58 dB	-57.74 dB

Heading	Description
Channel	Identifies the displayed channels. A1 means the first adjacent channel. A2 means second adjacent channel. Adjacent channels are numbered according to their offset from the Main channel. The closest channel is numbered 1. The next closest channel is numbered 2; and so forth.
Lower	The power measured for the lower adjacent channel. Adjacent channel power measurements are displayed in dB relative to the Main channel.
Upper	The power measured for the upper adjacent channel. Adjacent channels power measurements are displayed in dB relative to the Main channel.
Avg Channel Power (Main)	The power measured for the Main channel. The detection type used for measuring channel power and adjacent channel powers is Average. This means that the average of the linear (pre-log) samples is used to determine the power. The Main channel power is displayed in dBm.

Setting Channel Power and ACPR Settings Parameters (see page 90)

RF Channel Power Measurement

The RF channel power gives an indication of the total average (and other measures) RF power in a given channel.

For some communications systems, there is an “out-of-service” total power measurement defined in the specifications that calls for a specified constant modulation. In this case, the output power should be relatively constant. For many measurements, this may not be the case, and the Power Measurement results will vary as the signal varies.

Average power is the square root of the sum of the squares of the voltage samples over the measurement time.

The defined “channel” width for the Power Measurement defines the bandwidth and shape of the filter used to remove any RF power on frequencies outside of the channel bandwidth.

Channel Power

The total RF power in the selected frequency band. The detection type used for measuring channel power is Average. This means that the average of the linear (pre-log) samples is used to determine the channel power. To measure channel power, use the ACLR measurement, and set the number of adjacent channels to zero. This results in only the channel power being measured.

Average Channel Power

The total RF power in the selected channel (located in the ACPR display).

Adjacent Channel Leakage Power Ratio

Adjacent Channel Leakage power Ratio (ACLR) is the ratio of the mean power centered on the assigned channel frequency to the mean power centered on an adjacent channel frequency. In the 3GPP specification, both the main channel and adjacent channels are required to be filtered with RRC (Root Raised Cosine) filters.

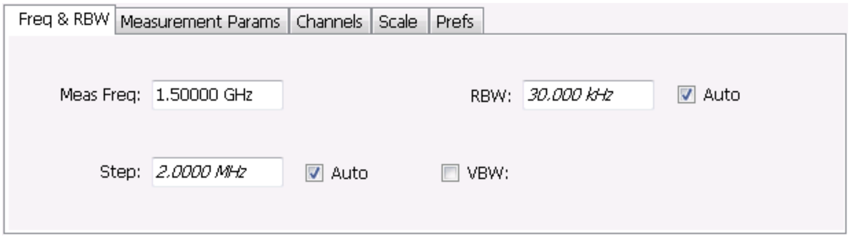
Adjacent Channel Power

Measure of the signal power leaking into nearby channels.

Channel Power and ACPR Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

The settings for the Channel Power and ACPR display are shown in the following table.

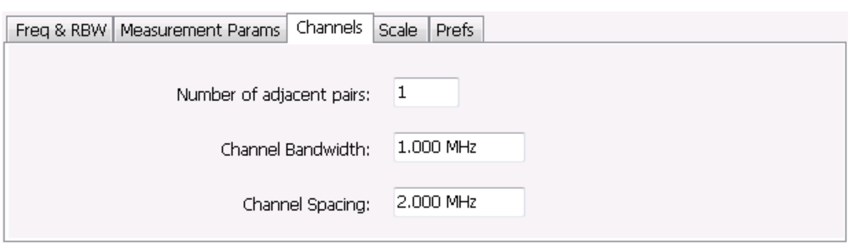


Settings tab	Description
Freq & RBW (see page 97)	Specify the frequency and resolution bandwidth used for the ACPR measurement.
Measurement Params (see page 98)	Specify several parameters that control the measurement, such as channel filter, chip rate, averaging, and correcting for noise floor.
Channels (ACPR) (see page 91)	This tab specifies the BW and offset parameters of the Channels for the selected ACPR measurement.
Scale (see page 154)	Specifies the vertical and horizontal scale settings.
Prefs (see page 155)	Specifies whether certain display elements are visible.

Restore defaults. Sets parameters for a 1-channel WCDMA measurement.

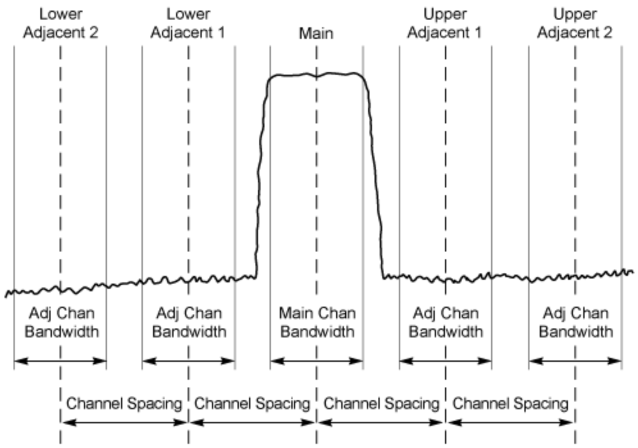
Channels Tab for ACPR

The Channels tab is where you specify parameters for the channels measured in the ACPR display.



Setting	Description
Number of adjacent pairs	Specifies the number of adjacent channel pairs. Range: 1 - 50; Resolution 1.
Channel Bandwidth	Specifies the frequency width of each channel (all channels share the same value).
Channel Spacing	Specifies the difference in frequency between the centers of each channel.

The following figure illustrates the settings controlled from the Channels tab.



Changing the Number of Adjacent Pairs

1. Select **Number of adjacent pairs** number entry box.
2. Enter a value for the number of adjacent pairs using the knob or the keypad.

NOTE. *As you change the value for the number of adjacent pairs, the analyzer will update the spectrum display to identify the adjacent channels.*

3. Select the Close box when you have finished making changes.

Changing the Channel Bandwidth

1. Select the **Channel Bandwidth** number entry box.
2. Enter a value for the number of adjacent pairs using the knob or the keypad.

NOTE. *As you change the value for the number of adjacent pairs, the analyzer will update the display to indicate the channel bandwidth*

3. Select the Close box when you have finished making changes.

Channel Spacing

1. Select **Channel Spacing** number entry box.
2. Enter a value for the difference in center frequency between channels using the knob or the keypad.

NOTE. *As you change the value for the number of adjacent pairs, the analyzer will update the display to indicate the channel bandwidth*

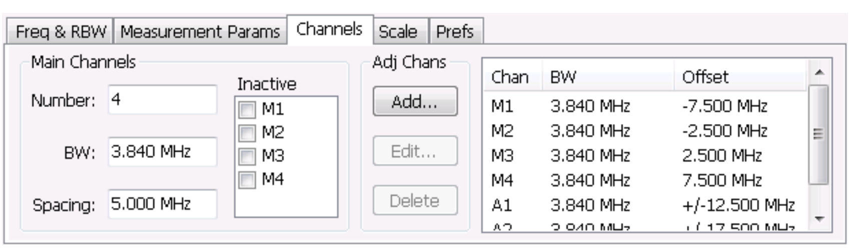
3. Select **Close** when you have finished making changes.

MCPR (Multiple Carrier Power Ratio) Display

Use the MCPR measurement to measure adjacent channel power ratio for multiple main channels or when adjacent channel pairs have different offsets and/or bandwidths. The MCPR display show the Reference Power and the ratio of each adjacent channel to the Reference Power. You can select whether the Reference Power is the total of all active channels or a single channel.

Measuring Multiple Carrier Power Ratio

1. Press the front-panel **Displays** button.
2. From the **Select Displays** window, select **RF Measurements** from the Folders box.
3. Double-click the **MCPR** icon in the **Available displays** box. Click **OK** to complete your selection.
4. Press the front-panel **Freq** button and use the front panel keypad or knob to adjust the frequency to that of the main channel. Select **Meas. Freq** to set the measurement frequency. Use the front panel knob to adjust the frequency.
5. Press the **Settings** button. This displays the control panel for MCPR (the tab displayed will be the tab displayed the last time the Settings panel was opened).

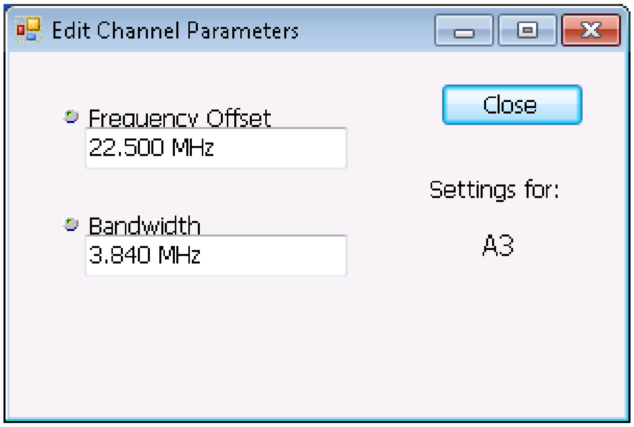


6. Click on the **Channels** tab. To set the number of Main channels, enter the number of Main channels in the **Number** text entry box under **Main Channels**.

NOTE. *As you add channels, the span of the display will be adjusted so that all the channels can be seen.*

7. To set the bandwidth of all main channels, enter a value in the **BW** value box.
8. To set the spacing between the main channels, enter a value in the **Spacing** value box.
9. To prevent a main channel power level from being included in the Power Reference (Total) calculation, select the channel to be excluded in the **Inactive** box.

10. To add adjacent channels, click the **Add** button under **Adj Chans**.



11. To edit Frequency Offset or Bandwidth, click within the value box and use the front-panel knob or your keyboard to set the value. Click **Close** to save your changes.

NOTE. *Frequency Offset is the difference between the center frequency of the selected channel and the Measurement Frequency. All channels (Main or Adjacent) are specified by their offset from the Measurement Frequency.*

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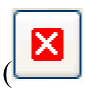
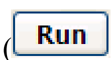
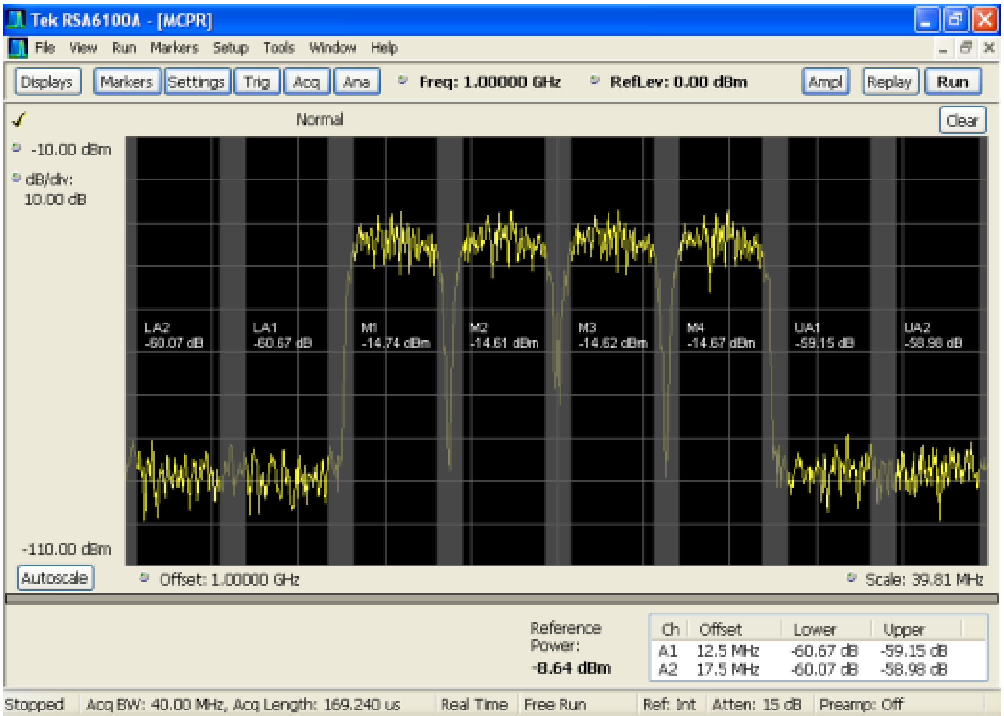
12. After you have configured the Main and Adjacent channels, click the close button () in the Settings panel or the **Settings** button to remove the settings panel.

13. Click the Run button (

) to take the measurements.

Viewing Results

MCPR measurement results are displayed both in the spectrum graph and in a table below the spectrum display. Individual Main channel power measurements appear in the graph under their channel identifiers. Individual adjacent channel power ratios also appear in the graph under the adjacent channel identifier.



The following table details the entries in the results table.

Heading	Description
Ch	Identifies the adjacent channels. Adjacent channels are numbered according to their offset from the Main channel. The closest channel is numbered 1. The next closet channel is numbered 2; and so forth. The prefix “L” means lower; “U” means upper.
Offset	The offset is the difference in frequency between the Measurement Frequency and the center frequency of the channel.
Lower	Displays the ratio of the lower adjacent channel power to the Power Reference.
Upper	Displays the ratio of the upper adjacent channel power to the Power Reference.
Power Reference	Depending on the selected Power Ref, this readout displays either the power of the selected main channel or the total power in the active main channels.

Depending on the number of adjacent channels, to see all the measurements, you might need to drag the divider bar between the main display and the results table at the bottom of the window to change the height of the results table.

Setting MCPR Measurement Parameters (see page 98)

Multiple Carrier Power Ratio

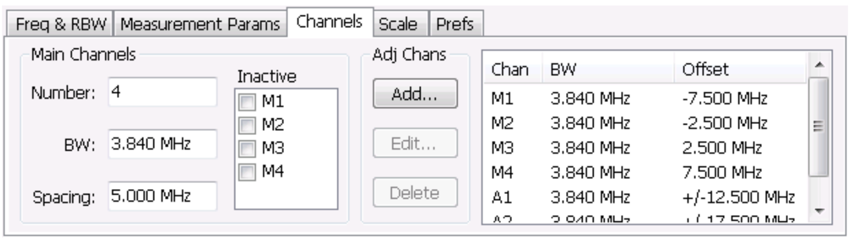
The ratio of the signal power in an adjacent channel to the power in one or more main channels.

MCPR Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings

The Setup control panel tabs for MCPR (Multiple Carrier Power Ratio) are:

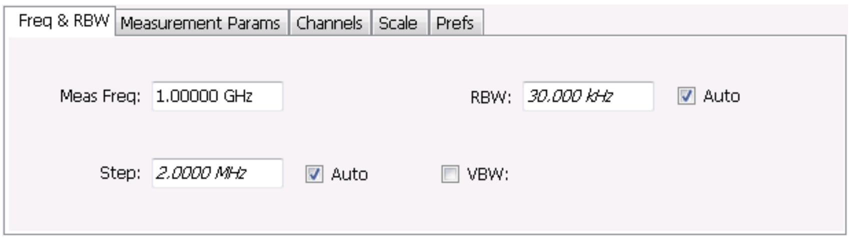


Settings tab	Description
Freq & RBW (see page 97)	Specify the frequency and resolution bandwidth used for the MCPR measurements.
Measurement Params (see page 98)	Specifies parameters controlling how the MCPR measurement is made.
Channels (see page 100)	Specifies the parameters of the channels to be measured.
Scale (see page 154)	Specifies the vertical and horizontal scale and offset values.
Prefs (see page 155)	Specifies whether or not certain display elements are shown.

Restore defaults. Sets parameters for a 4-carrier WCDMA measurement.

Freq & RBW Tab for ACPR and MCPR Displays

The Freq & RBW tab specifies frequency parameters for the Channel Power & ACPR measurements and MCPR measurement.



Setting	Description
Center Freq	Specifies the center/measurement frequency.
Step	The Step control sets the increment/decrement size for the adjustment of the center frequency. If Auto is enabled, the analyzer will adjust the Step size as required.
RBW	Select Auto or Manual. Adjusts the RBW for the entire measurement. This setting is Independent of the Spectrum view's RBW setting.
VBW	Adjusts the VBW (Video Bandwidth) value. VBW Maximum = current RBW value. VBW Minimum = 1/10,000 RBW setting.

NOTE. *While the center frequency and step settings on this control tab are shared between ACPR, MCPR and Occupied Bandwidth, the RBW setting is not shared. The RBW setting is unique for each measurement.*

VBW

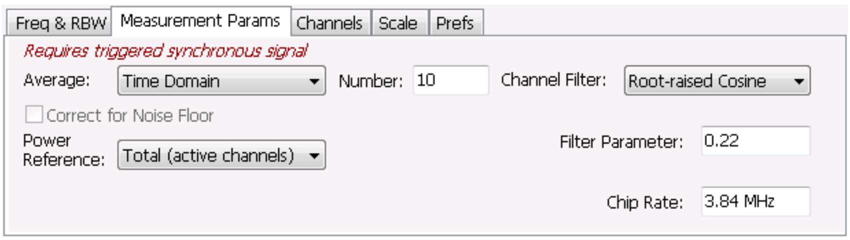
The VBW setting enables/disables the Video Bandwidth filter. VBW is used in traditional swept analyzers to reduce the effect of noise on the displayed signal. The VBW algorithm in the analyzer emulates the VBW filters of traditional swept analyzers.

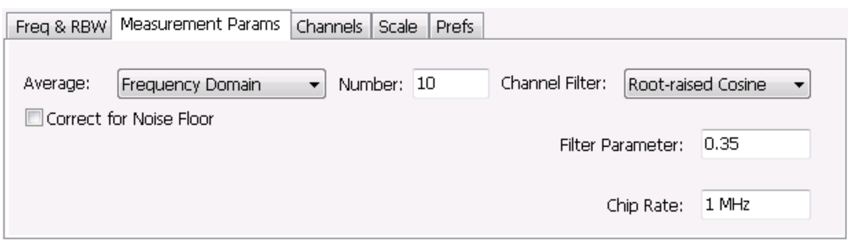
The maximum VBW value is the current RBW setting. The minimum VBW value is 1/10,000 of the RBW setting.

NOTE. *If you are following a procedure that says to "set VBW to three times the RBW value or greater", it means that the test should be conducted with no VBW effects. In the SignalVu software, this condition is met by disabling the VBW function.*

Measurement Params for ACPR and MCPR Displays

The Measurement Params tab is where you set parameters that control the ACPR and MCPR measurements.





Parameter	Description
Average	Enables/disables measurement averaging. Averaging can be enabled in either the Frequency Domain or Time Domain.
Frequency-domain	This setting takes the average linear value of the traces (so that rms values are preserved). The number of averages is user-defined. Frequency domain averaging is available in spans larger (or smaller) than the maximum real time bandwidth. This is the mode to use unless you need to extract maximum dynamic range from an ACPR measurement.
Time-domain	This setting takes the average linear value of the traces. It is useful if you need to extract maximum dynamic range from an ACPR measurement. The number of traces is user defined. But, the signals must be triggered and repeating. That is, the signal needs to be exactly the same for each acquisition. When this condition is met, each waveform contains the same signal, but the random noise changes from acquisition to acquisition and the average value of the random noise is lowered, while the signal value remains constant. Time domain averaging is not available in spans wider than the maximum real-time bandwidth.
Number	Specifies the number of acquisitions to be averaged when Averaging is set to Frequency Domain. Specifies the number of successive capture records that are averaged when Averaging is set to Time Domain.
Correct for Noise Floor	Enables/disables the Noise Floor Correction function.
Power Reference	Specifies power against which the results are compared. Choices available are each of the existing main channels and “Total (active channels”. Only present when MCPR is the selected display.
Channel Filter	Specify the channel filter used. Select between None (default) and Root-raised Cosine.
Filter Parameter	Value entry box for the Root-raised Cosine filter Adjacent Channel Filter. Present only when the Channel Filter is set to Root-raised Cosine.
Chip Rate	Value entry box for the Root-raised Cosine chip rate. Present only when the Channel Filter is set to Root-raised Cosine.

Correct for Noise Floor

When this setting is enabled, the instrument applies a correction to the ACPR or MCPR measurement to reduce the effect of instrument noise on the results. It generates this correction by taking a preliminary acquisition to measure the instrument noise floor. Once this is done, the measurement proceeds, applying the correction to each result. When any relevant settings (reference level, attenuator, frequency, or span) are changed, the instrument performs a new noise measurement and correction.

The noise correction signal is created by switching off the input to the RTSA and performing acquisitions of the instrument internal noise. 100 acquisitions are averaged to create the noise reference signal. A single value of noise is measured for each channel defined by the measurement. The noise reference from each channel is subtracted from the incoming signal power for each channel to create the corrected result. All calculations are performed in Watts, and then converted to the desired units.

The amount of noise correction is limited to 12 dB to avoid the possibility of a negative power measurement. This is a rare condition that could occur if the subtraction of the reference power from the channel power results in a negative value (or ‘infinite’ dBm).

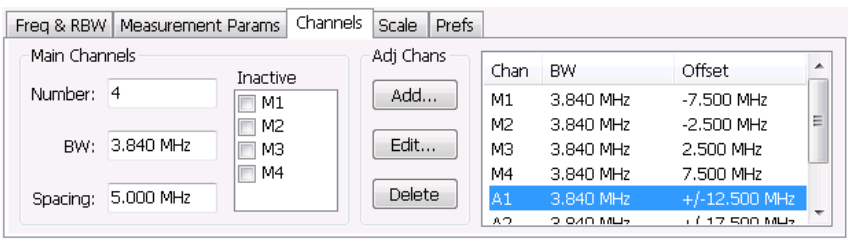
The measured values differ from the displayed trace in two ways. First, any filtering applied to the channels is not displayed on the trace. Second, the single value of measured noise for a channel is subtracted from each trace point in the channel, rather than offsetting the entire channel by a single amount. This produces a smooth trace with no discontinuities at the channel edges.

Channels Tab for MCPR

Path: Setup > Settings > Channels

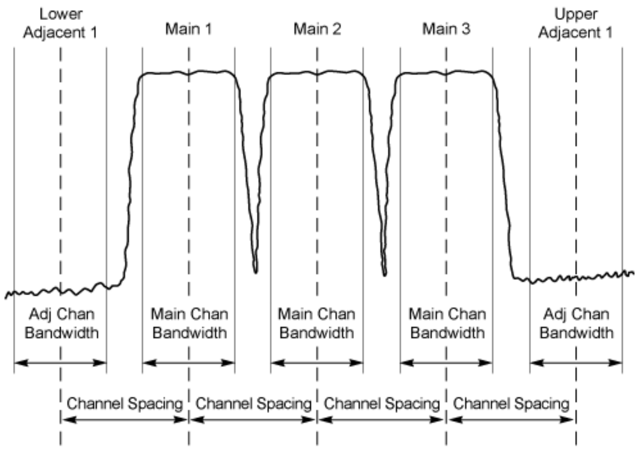
Application Toolbar / Front Panel: Settings

The Channels tab is where you specify the parameters for the channels measured in the MCPR display.



Setting	Description
Main Channels	
Number	Sets the number of Main channels.
BW	Sets the bandwidth of the Main channels.
Spacing	Sets the frequency difference between the centers of the Main channels.
Inactive	Selected channels are ignored by the measurement routine.
Adj Chans	
Add	Opens the Edit Channel Parameters dialog, which you use to specify the parameters of a new pair of adjacent channels. You can add up to 50 adjacent channel pairs.
Edit	Opens the Edit Channel Parameters dialog box. (You must first select a channel to enable the Edit button.)
Delete	Deletes the selected main channel or adjacent channel pair.
Add Adj.	Add a new pair of adjacent channels at the bottom. Their parameters are copied from the channels just above them.
Channel Definition table	A table of the parameters for every channel. Offset is the frequency difference between the Center Frequency and center of the selected channel. Nothing in the table is editable directly.

The following figure illustrates the settings controlled from the Channels tab.



Editing Channel Parameters

To edit the offset or bandwidth of a Main channel:

1. Select the value in the **BW** or **Spacing** number entry boxes.
2. Adjust the value as required. All the Main channels share the same BW and Spacing.
3. Select the appropriate check box to make a channel Inactive, as appropriate.
4. Select the Close box when you have finished making changes.

To edit the offset or bandwidth of an Adjacent channel:

1. Select the channel to be edited in the channel definition table.
2. Select **Edit**. This displays the **Edit Channel Parameters** dialog box.
3. Adjust the values for the **Frequency Offset** or **Bandwidth** as required.
4. Select the Close box when you have finished making changes.

Adding Channels

To add a main channel:

1. Select the **Number** entry box.
2. Use the knob to enter a value for the desired number of Main channels.
3. Select the Close box when you have finished making changes.

To add an adjacent channel pair:

1. Select **Add**. This displays the **Edit Channel Parameters** dialog box.
2. Use the knob to enter values for the **Frequency Offset** and **Bandwidth** as required. The Frequency Offset is measured from the Center frequency of the Main channels.
3. Select the Close box when you have finished making changes.

Deleting Channels

To delete a main channel:

1. Select the **Number** entry box.
2. Use the knob to reduce the number of channels or enter a new value using the front-panel keypad.
3. Select the Close box when you have finished making changes.

To delete an adjacent channel:

1. Select the channel to be deleted in the channel definition table.
2. Select **Delete**. This removes the selected channel from the channel table.
3. Select the Close box when you have finished making changes.

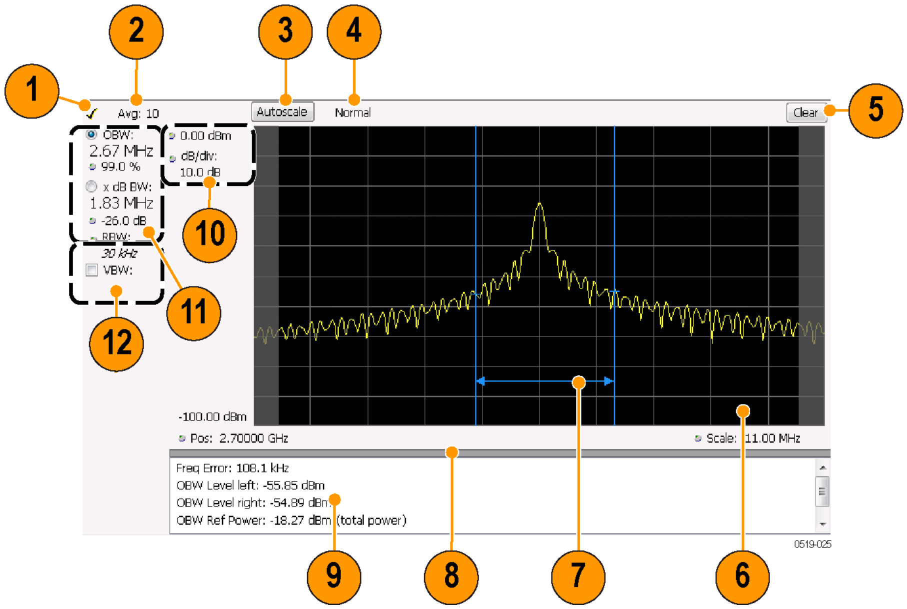
Occupied BW & x dB BW Display

The Occupied BW display shows the bandwidth within which 99% (a user-defined value, the default is 99%) of the power transmitted within the measurement bandwidth falls.

To show the Occupied BW display:

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**.
2. In the **Select Displays** dialog, select **RF Measurements** in the **Folders** box.
3. In the **Available displays** box, double-click the **Occupied Bandwidth** icon or select the icon and click **Add**. The Occupied Bandwidth icon will appear in the **Selected displays** box and will no longer appear under Available displays.
4. Click **OK** to display the Occupied Bandwidth.

Elements of the Display



Item	Display element	Description
1	Check mark indicator	The check mark indicator denotes the display for which the acquisition hardware is optimized. This indictor appears only when the display is the selected display.
2	Averaging readout	Appears when averaging is enabled (Settings > Parameters tab > Average results). Displays "Avg: n of m" while averaging the results and "Avg: m" once the requested number of results have been averaged.
3	Autoscale	Adjusts the vertical and horizontal settings so that the entire trace fits in the graph.
4	Trace function readout	Displays either Normal or MaxHold to indicate trace function.
5	Clear	Resets count for Average and MaxHold functions. Enabled only when Averaging or MaxHold is enabled. Pressing Clear will clear the trace and, if acquisition is running, restart the averaging or hold process.
6	Graph	Displays the input signal. Shaded areas indicate the measurement bandwidth (Settings > Parameters tab > Measurement BW).
7	Blue lines	The blue lines indicate where the selected results (selected in the Main results area) are being measured on the trace.
8	Grid divider	Determines the portion of the display allocated to the graph and detailed results area. You can move the grid divider all the way to the top or bottom and any position in between.
9	Detailed results area	Displays additional measurements results.
10	Position and dB/div	Position sets the top of graph value. The dB/div setting is the vertical scale value.
11	Main results area	Displays results for Occupied Bandwidth (OBW) and x dB bandwidth. Use the two radio buttons to select which of the two results are illustrated in the graph with the blue lines and arrows. There are also controls for adjusting OBW % Power, x dB BW, and RBW.
12	VBW	Enables the VBW (Video Bandwidth) filter. Displays current VBW filter setting. See Setup > Settings > Freq & RBW tab (see page 97).

Detailed Results Readouts

Measurement	Description
Freq Error	The frequency difference between the measured carrier frequency of the signal and the user-selected center frequency of the analyzer.
OBW Level left	The signal level at the left edge of the occupied bandwidth.
OBW Level right	The signal level at the right edge of the occupied bandwidth.
OBW Ref Power	The total power measured within the measurement bandwidth.
x dB BW Ref Power	The peak power measured within the measurement bandwidth.

Changing the Occupied Bandwidth Settings (see page 105)

Occupied Bandwidth

Bandwidth within which some defined percentage of the power transmitted on a single channel lies.

Occupied BW & x dB BW Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

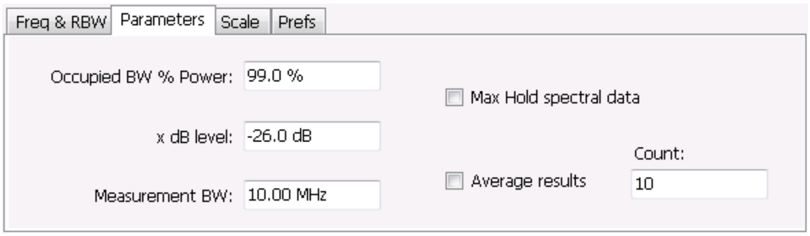
Application Toolbar: Settings

The control panel tabs for the Occupied Bandwidth display are shown in the following table.

Settings tab	Description
Freq & RBW (see page 150)	Allows you to specify the Center Frequency, Step size and RBW.
Parameters (see page 106)	Allows you to specify the Occupied BW % Power, x dB level, Measurement BW, enable averaging and the Max Hold function.
Scale (see page 154)	Allows you to set the vertical and horizontal scale parameters.
Prefs (see page 155)	The Prefs tab enables you to set characteristics of the measurement display.

Parameters Tab

The Parameters tab enables you to specify parameters that control the Occupied BW measurement.



Setting	Description
Occupied BW % Power	Specifies the proportion of power within the occupied bandwidth (referenced against the total power in the measurement bandwidth).
x dB level	x dB level defines the x dB BW level search threshold.
Measurement BW	Specifies the frequency range used by the measurement.
Max Hold spectral data	Enables the Max Hold function.
Average results	Enables/disables results averaging. Note that this is not an averaging of the trace, but an averaging of the results.
Count	Specifies the number of results averaged to calculate the Occupied BW. Range: 2 to 10,000.

x dB Level

The x dB level determines the x dB BW. The instrument analyzes the spectrum trace to locate the frequencies at which the level is x dB down from the peak level calculated over the measurement bandwidth. The frequency difference between the upper and lower crossing thresholds is the x dB BW.

Range: -80.0 to -1.0 dB; Resolution: 0.1%; Inc/dec small: 0.1%, large: 1%; Default: -26 dB

Max Hold Spectral Data

Max Hold displays the maximum value in the acquisition record for each display point. Each new trace display point is compared to the previous maximum value and the greater value is retained for display and subsequent comparisons.

Spurious Display

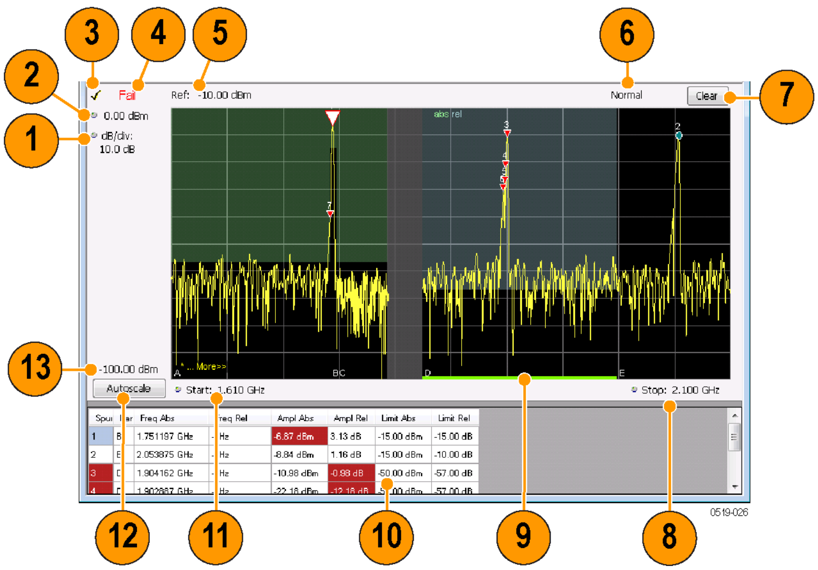
To show the Spurious display:

1. Click the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**.
2. From the Folders box, select **RF Measurements**.

3. Double-click the **Spurious** icon in the **Available displays** box. This adds the Spurious icon to the **Selected displays** box (and removes it from the Available displays box). Alternatively, you can click the Spurious icon and then click the Add button to select Spectrum for display.

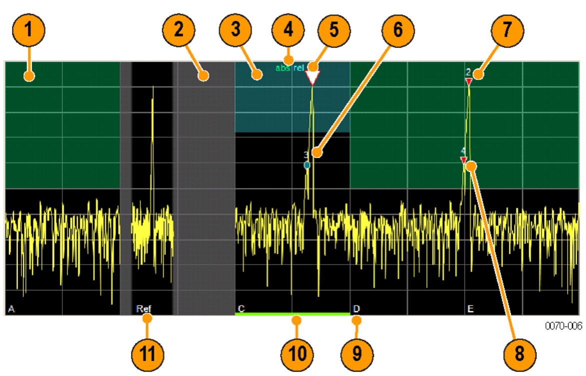
4. Click the **OK** button.

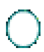
Elements of the Spurious Display



Item	Display element	Description
1	dB/ div	Sets the vertical scale value. The maximum value is 20.00 dB/division.
2	Vert Position	Sets the top of graph value. This is only a visual control for panning the graph. The Reference Level is adjusted in the Toolbar and the Ampl control panel. By default, Vert Position = Ref Level.
3	Check Mark Indicator	Indicates the display for which the acquisition hardware is optimized.
4	Pass / Fail readout	Indicates whether one or more spurs have exceeded a limit specified on the **Settings** > **Limits** tab.
5	Ref:	If enabled, displays the power reference level.
6	Trace function	Indicates the trace processing method. If Average or Max Hold is selected, this readout displays the number of traces being processed (averaged or compared for the Max Hold value).
7	Clear	Restarts multi-trace functions (Average, Max Hold).
8	Stop	Adjusts the graph stop frequency. This setting affects only visual scaling, not measurement parameters.
9	Green bar	Indicates the range that is selected on the Settings > Ranges and Settings > Limits tabs.
10	Spur table	Displays spur measurements. See the following table for details.
11	Start	Adjusts the graph start frequency. This setting affects only visual scaling, not measurement parameters.
12	Autoscale	Adjusts the Vertical and Horizontal scaling to display the entire trace on screen. Selects Multi-range display mode.
13	Bottom-of-graph readout	Indicates the amplitude at the bottom of the graph. This value changes with the dB/div and Vertical Position settings.

Elements of the Spurious Graph Display



Item	Display element	Description
1		The green line or shading indicates an Abs (absolute) limit. The absolute limit is enabled when the mask is set to Abs, Abs & Rel, or Abs OR Rel. Note that absolute and relative amplitude masks can overlap.
2		The gray-shaded area indicates a portion of the spectrum where no measurements are being taken.
3		The cyan line or shading indicates a Relative limit. The relative limit is enabled when the mask is set to Rel, Abs & Rel, or Abs OR Rel. Note that absolute and relative amplitude masks can overlap.
4	abs rel	Reminder that green-shaded areas highlight absolute limits and cyan-shaded areas highlight relative limits.
5		This indicates the selected spur, when it is in violation of the limits. In Run mode, this is the peak spur violation. The selected marker is highlighted in the Spur table below the graph with a blue background.
6		A spur marker. Indicates a spur that does not exceed the mask settings. See the Settings > Ranges and Limits tab (see page 114).
7		A violation marker. Indicates a spur that exceeds the mask settings. See the Settings > Ranges and Limits tab (see page 114).
- -		Indicates the selected spur when it is not in violation of the limits. The selected marker is highlighted in the Spur table below the graph with a blue background.
8	1, 2, 3...	A Spur number. The number indicates the row in the spur table that corresponds to the spur. The instrument can display up to 999 spurs.
9	A, B, C, D...	Identifies the enabled ranges.
10	Green bar	Indicates the range selected on the Settings > Ranges and Limits (see page 114) tab.
11	Ref	Indicates the location of the power reference. See Settings > Reference (see page 112).

Elements of the Spur Table

Spur	Range	Freq Abs	Freq Rel	Ampl Abs	Ampl Rel	Limit Abs	Limit Rel
1	B	1.751145 GHz	-- Hz	-5.91 dBm	4.09 dB	-15.00 dBm	-15.00 dB
2	E	2.053875 GHz	-- Hz	-8.99 dBm	1.01 dB	-15.00 dBm	-10.00 dB
3	D	1.903950 GHz	-- Hz	-10.48 dBm	-0.48 dB	-50.00 dBm	-57.00 dB
4	A	1.748826 GHz	-- Hz	-39.57 dBm	-29.57 dB	-57.00 dBm	-30.00 dB
5	D	1.899062 GHz	-- Hz	-40.31 dBm	-30.31 dB	-50.00 dBm	-57.00 dB

Column	Description
Spur	A number that identifies a spur in the graph area. The instrument can display a maximum of 999 spurs.
Range	The letter representing the frequency range where the spur is located.
Freq Abs	The absolute frequency at which the spur occurs.
Freq Rel	The relative frequency at which the spur occurs. The relative frequency is the difference between the absolute frequency (absolute) and the carrier frequency.
Ampl Abs	The absolute amplitude of the spur.
Ampl Rel	The relative amplitude at which the spur occurs. The relative amplitude is the difference between the absolute amplitude and the carrier amplitude. See the Settings > Limits tab.
Lim Abs	The value of the absolute amplitude limit at the spur frequency. This value can vary even with small spur frequency changes if the start and stop limit values are different. See the Settings > Ranges and Limits tab (see page 114).
Lim Rel	The relative amplitude limit at which the spur occurs. This value can vary even with small spur frequency changes if the start and stop relative amplitude limit values are different. See the Settings > Ranges and Limits tab (see page 114).
Blue background	The cell in the Spur column with a blue background identifies the selected spur.
Red background	Cells in the Spur column with a red background identify violations. Cells in the results area with a red background identify the measurement that exceeded a limit.

Rearranging the Columns in the Spur Table

You can rearrange the order of the columns in the Spur Table. To move a column, click on the column heading and drag it to the desired position.

Sorting the Rows in the Spur Table

You can sort the rows in the Spur table by clicking on the column heading. For example, if you click on the Freq Abs heading, the results in the Spur table will be sorted by frequency. If you click on Range, the rows will be sorted by range. Clicking a second time on the same heading reverses the order.

Changing the Spurious Display Settings (see page 110)

Spurious Display Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings

The control panel tabs for the Spurious display are shown in the following table.

Settings tab	Description
Parameters (see page 111)	Specifies whether the graph displays one range or multiple ranges. Specifies whether all spurs are shown or only spurs over specified limits. Enables the use of CISPR filters and detectors.
Reference (see page 112)	Specifies the Power Reference level.
Ranges (see page 114)	Specifies start and stop frequencies of ranges and which ranges to take measurements in. Sets parameters that define a spur. Review, save and load the Range table from this tab.
Limits (see page 114)	Specifies Pass/Fail limit parameters.
Trace (see page 151)	Specifies the trace Function.
Scale (see page 154)	Specifies the vertical and horizontal scale settings.
Prefs (see page 155)	Specifies the appearance features of the graph area.

Restore defaults. Sets the Spurious parameters to their default values.

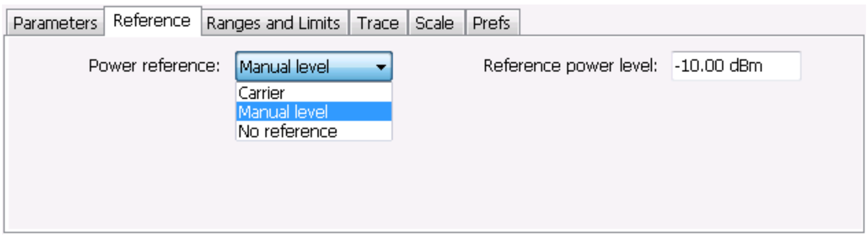
Parameters Tab

The Parameters tab enables you to specify settings that control the Spurious measurement.

Setting	Description
Frequency Ranges	
Multi	Enables the instrument to display all enabled ranges in the graph.
Single	Limits the graph to the display of only one range. The displayed range is set to the range that contains the selected spur.
List Spurs	
All spurs	Displays any spur that exceeds the Threshold and Excursion values set on the Ranges tab.
Over Limit	Displays only spurs that exceed both the Threshold and Excursion values set on the Ranges tab and the limits specified on the Limits tab.

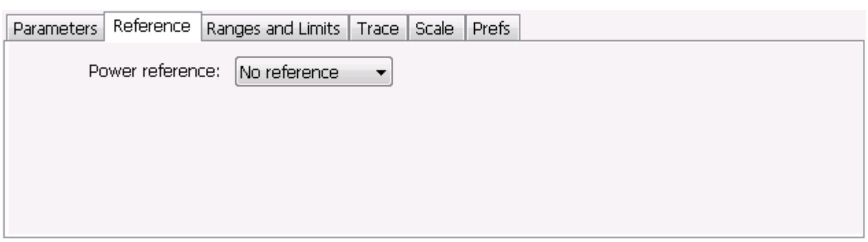
Reference Tab

The Reference tab enables you to specify the Power Reference parameter. The Power reference parameter is used to calculate relative values in the Spur table and to calculate relative amplitude limits.



Setting	Description
Power Reference	Specifies the power reference level used for relative values and limits.
No reference	Power level readings are calculated only for absolute values, no relative values are calculated.
Manual level	The reference level for relative measurements is specified by the Reference power level setting.
Carrier	The reference level for relative measurements is based on the power level calculated at the specified carrier frequency.

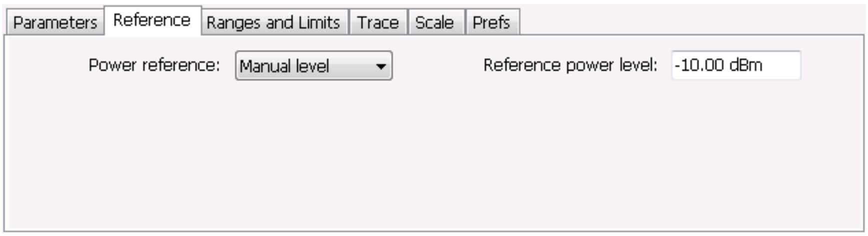
Setting the Power Reference Level to No Reference



To set the power reference to No Reference:

- Select **No reference** from the **Power reference** drop-down list.

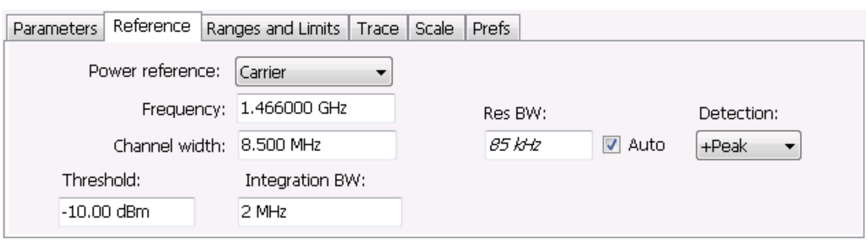
Setting the Power Reference Level to Manual Level



To set the power reference to manual level:

1. Select **Manual level** from the **Power reference** drop-down list. This displays the **Reference power level** entry box.
2. Specify the desired power level in the **Reference power level** entry box.

Setting the Power Reference Level to Carrier



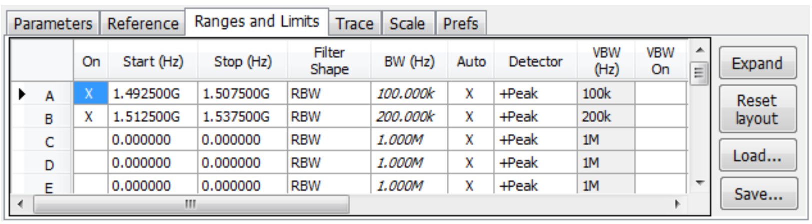
To set the power reference to Carrier:

1. Select **Carrier** from the **Power reference** drop-down list.
2. To set the Carrier frequency, specify the necessary values in the **Frequency** and **Channel width** entry boxes .
3. Specify the **Threshold** level.
4. Specify the **Integration BW**. The Integration BW is the bandwidth over which the carrier is measured.
5. If necessary, specify the Resolution Bandwidth by changing the value in the **Res BW** entry box. Auto is the recommended setting.
6. Set the **Detection** method. Select **+Peak**, **Avg (VRMS)**, or **Avg (of logs)**.

NOTE. *If the power level measured over the Integration BW about the carrier frequency is below the threshold level, the instrument concludes that no carrier is present and no relative measurements will be taken. Absolute measurements will still be taken.*

Ranges and Limits Tab

Use the Ranges and Limits tab to specify the parameters that control the Spurious measurement. From the Ranges and Limits tab, you specify the start and stop frequencies for ranges, whether or not a range is enabled, the parameters that specify what constitutes a spur, measurement filter shape and bandwidth, and the detection method used for processing signals, as well as the pass/fail parameters for Limit Testing.



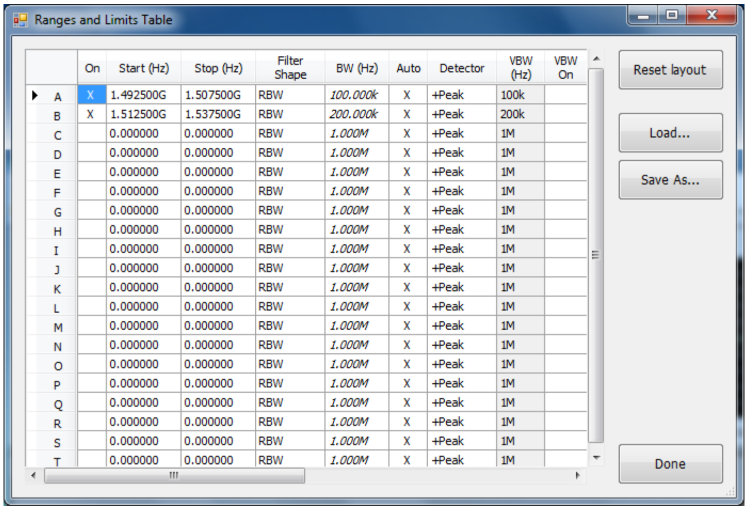
Setting	Description
Expand	Displays the Ranges and Limits Table in a new, resizeable window.
Reset layout	You can reorder columns in the Ranges and Limits Table by dragging the columns to a new position. Clicking Reset Layout returns the column order to the factory default order.
Load	Click to load a saved Ranges and Limits table from a file.
Save	Click to save the current Ranges and Limits table to a file.

To specify the ranges and limits for the Spurious measurement:

- Edit the values in the Ranges and Limits table.

You can edit the Ranges and Limits table in two ways:

- Edit values directly from the Ranges and Limits tab. You will need to scroll the table to access all settings.
- Click the **Expand** button. This displays the Ranges and Limits Table in a new window that can be sized to the fullscreen.



The following table describes the parameters that are set in the Ranges and Limits Table.

Ranges and Limits Table Settings

Setting	Description
On	Specifies whether or not measurements are taken in the specified range.
Start (Hz)	Readout of the start frequency for the selected range.
Stop (Hz)	Readout of the stop frequency for the selected range.
Filter shape	Specifies the filter shape used for the Spurious measurement.
BW (Hz)	Specifies the bandwidth used for the selected filter shape.
Auto	Sets the BW automatically. If CISPR is selected for Filter shape, this control is disabled.
Detector	Sets the processing method used for compressing excess intermediate data into the desired number of trace points.
VBW (Hz)	Adjusts the VBW (Video Bandwidth) value. VBW Maximum: RBW current value; VBW Minimum: 1/10,000 RBW setting. Disabled when Filter shape is set to CISPR.
VBW On	Specifies whether the VBW filter is applied.
Thrshld (dBm)	Threshold specifies the level that must be exceeded for a signal peak to be recognized as a spur. A signal peak must also exceed the Excursion setting to be considered a spur.
Excrsn (dB)	Excursion specifies the peak to peak magnitude that must be exceeded for a signal peak to be recognized as a spur. A signal transition must also exceed the Threshold setting to be considered a spur.
Mask	Selects the type of limits used for Pass/Fail testing. Spurs that exceed the mask settings are considered violations. The available choices are shown below.
Abs	Spurs that exceed the Absolute limits settings are identified as violations.
Rel	Spurs that exceed the Relative limits settings are identified as violations.
Abs & Rel	Spurs that exceed both the Absolute and Relative limits settings are identified as violations.
Abs OR Rel	Spurs that exceed either the Absolute or Relative limits settings are identified as violations.

Setting	Description
Off	Turns off limit testing for the selecting range. Measurements are still taken in the range, but violations are not flagged. Signal peaks that exceed the Threshold and Excursions values will still be identified as spurs.
(Abs Start and Abs Stop)	Absolute amplitude limits are not based on the measured carrier amplitude or manual reference. Start and stop values can be different.
Abs Start (dBm)	Abs Start specifies the limit at the start frequency of the range.
Abs Stop (dBm)	Abs Stop specifies the limit at the stop frequency of the range.
Abs Same	Sets the limit at the start and stop frequencies to the value set for the start frequency.
(Rel Start and Rel Stop)	Relative amplitude limits are calculated from the Power Reference. If the Power Reference is set to the Carrier level, the relative amplitude limits will change with the carrier level. Start and stop values can be different.
Rel Start (dB)	Specifies the limit at the start frequency of the range.
Rel Stop (dB)	Specifies the limit at the stop frequency of the range.
Rel Same	Sets the limit at the stop frequency to the value set for the start frequency.
Save As	Click to save the current Ranges and Limits table to a file.
Load	Click to load a saved Ranges and Limits table from a file.
Done	Save changes and close the Ranges and Limits Table window.

Changing the Range Start and Stop Frequencies

To change the range start and stop frequencies, edit the Start and Stop frequencies in the Ranges and Limits Table:

1. Click the **Expand** button on the **Settings** > **Range and Limits** tab. This displays the Ranges and Limits Table.
2. Click the **On** box for a range to take measurements in the range.
3. Click on the Start or Stop frequency setting to change it. Type in a number for the frequency and a letter as a multiplier. You can use k, m, or g to set the frequency multiplier.
4. Click **Done** to save your changes.

Specifying Spur Requirements

A spur is a signal peak that exceeds both the Threshold and Excursion settings in the Ranges and Limits table. The Threshold and Excursion settings are absolute values; they are not calculated relative to a reference. The Threshold and Excursion settings are specific to the selected range. If you want to use different settings for spurs in different ranges, you have to set the values separately for each range. The Excursion control is used to avoid interpreting a single spur as multiple narrower spurs by requiring the amplitude to drop by the Excursion amount between spurs. Raising the Threshold value means that fewer, larger signals will be identified as spurs.

To specify the spur requirements for a range:

1. Click the **Expand** button on the **Range and Limits** tab. This displays the Ranges and Limits Table.
2. Select the **Range** (A–T) for which you want to specify the spur requirements.

3. Set the **Thrshld** value.
4. Set the **Excrsn** value.

Setting Limits

Use the Limits settings in the Ranges and Limits Table to specify the pass/fail parameters for the Spurious measurement. When the Mask setting is set to any value except off, the instrument identifies any signal peak that exceeds the specified limits as a violation and displays Fail on the screen. If no signal peak exceeds the limits, the instrument displays Pass on the screen.

Performing Pass/Fail Limit Testing

To set limits:

1. Click the **Expand** button on the **Range and Limits** tab. This displays the Ranges and Limits Table.
2. Adjust the Start and Stop frequencies as required for each range you want to test.
3. For ranges that you wish to test, verify that the **On** box is checked.
4. For each range you wish to test, select the desired **Mask** type from the drop-down list.
5. Set the limits as desired in the **Abs Start**, **Abs Stop**, **Rel Start**, and **Rel Stop** boxes. The values you can edit depend on the mask type you select.
6. Verify that the **Thrshld** and **Excrsn** values are set as required. These are the values that define a spur.
7. Click **Done** to save your changes and close the Range and Limits Table window.
8. Click **Run** to begin testing.

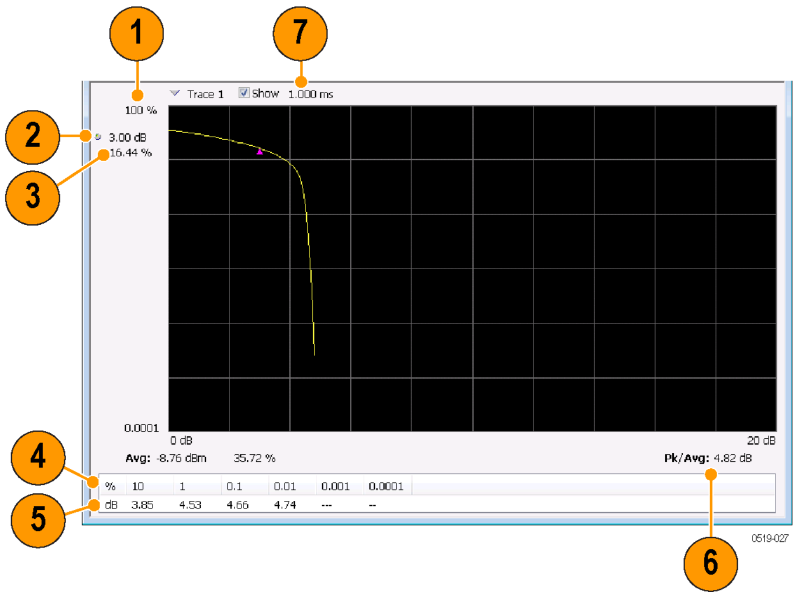
CCDF Display

The CCDF (Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function) is a statistical characterization that plots power level on the x-axis and probability on the y-axis of a graph. Each point on the CCDF curve shows what percentage of time a signal spends at or above a given power level. The power level is expressed in dB relative to the average signal power level. The CCDF Display also shows the Average power level and the Peak/Average ratio.

To show the CCDF display:

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**. This shows the **Select Displays** dialog box.
2. From the **Folders** box, select **RF Measurements**.
3. Double-click the **CCDF** icon in the **Available Displays** box. This adds the CCDF icon to the **Selected displays** box.
4. Click the **OK** button.

Elements of the CCDF Display



Item	Display element	Description
1	100%	The top of the graph represents the 100% probability that the signal will be at or above the average signal level.
2	Power level select	Adjust to display the value of the CCDF curve at a specific power level. The selected power level is indicated by a small triangle on the CCDF curve.
3	CCDF value	Readout of the value of the CCDF curve at the selected power level.
4	Avg	Readout of the Average power level and the CCDF value at the Average power level.
5	Readout Table	Readout of the CCDF curve at six points.
6	Pk / Avg	Readout of the Peak to Average power ratio.
7	Measurement time	Readout of the length of time used for the measurement. Displays **--- s** when the Measurement time is set to continuous.

Changing the CCDF Display Settings (see page 118)

CCDF Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

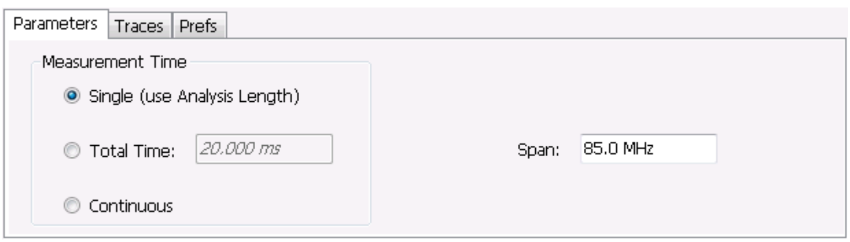
The control panel tabs for the CCDF Display are shown in the following table.

Settings tab	Description
Parameters (see page 119)	Specifies the time to be measured.
Traces (see page 151)	Select the trace to be measured and select reference trace for display.
Prefs (see page 155)	Specifies whether on not certain display elements are shown.

Restore defaults. Sets the CCDF parameters to their default values.

Parameters Tab

The Parameters tab enables you to specify several parameters that control signal acquisition for the CCDF Display.



Setting	Description
Single	When Single is selected, the CCDF measurement is based on the Analysis Time parameters set on Analysis control panel (Setup > Analysis > Analysis Time), shared by all displays. In Single, CCDF is time-correlated with the other open displays.
Total Time	When Total Time is selected, you can adjust its value. The value set here does not affect the Analysis Length value set in the Analysis control panel. If the Total Time value is longer than the Analysis Length, CCDF uses multiple acquisitions to collect signal data.
Continuous	When Continuous is selected, the CCDF measurement combines each new record (Actual Analysis Length) into the existing result. It does not erase and start over until user presses STOP or CLEAR.
Span	Specifies the range of frequencies used for analysis.

Single

To have statistically meaningful results, CCDF works best when calculated on at least 1 ms of data. Depending on the Analysis Time setting, the CCDF display may present error messages:

- If the Actual Analysis Time is greater than 1 ms, the CCDF Display will calculate the trace without any problems.
- If the Actual Analysis time is less than 1 ms, the CCDF Display will measure the data as best if can, but if it receives fewer than 20 samples, the CCDF display will clear the trace and report "Not enough samples".

Settling Time Measurement Overview

The Settling Time measurement (Option 12) is used to measure frequency and phase settling time of frequency-agile oscillators and subsystems. Automated measurements can reduce user-to-user measurement variations, improve repeatability and measurement confidence, and save time in gathering results.

Measurement Definitions

Settling time. The time measured from a reference point to when the signal of interest settles to within user-defined tolerance.

Settled frequency. The final reference frequency, determined automatically or manually. The tolerance band is centered about this settled frequency.

Settled phase. The final reference phase, determined automatically or manually. The tolerance band is centered about this settled phase.

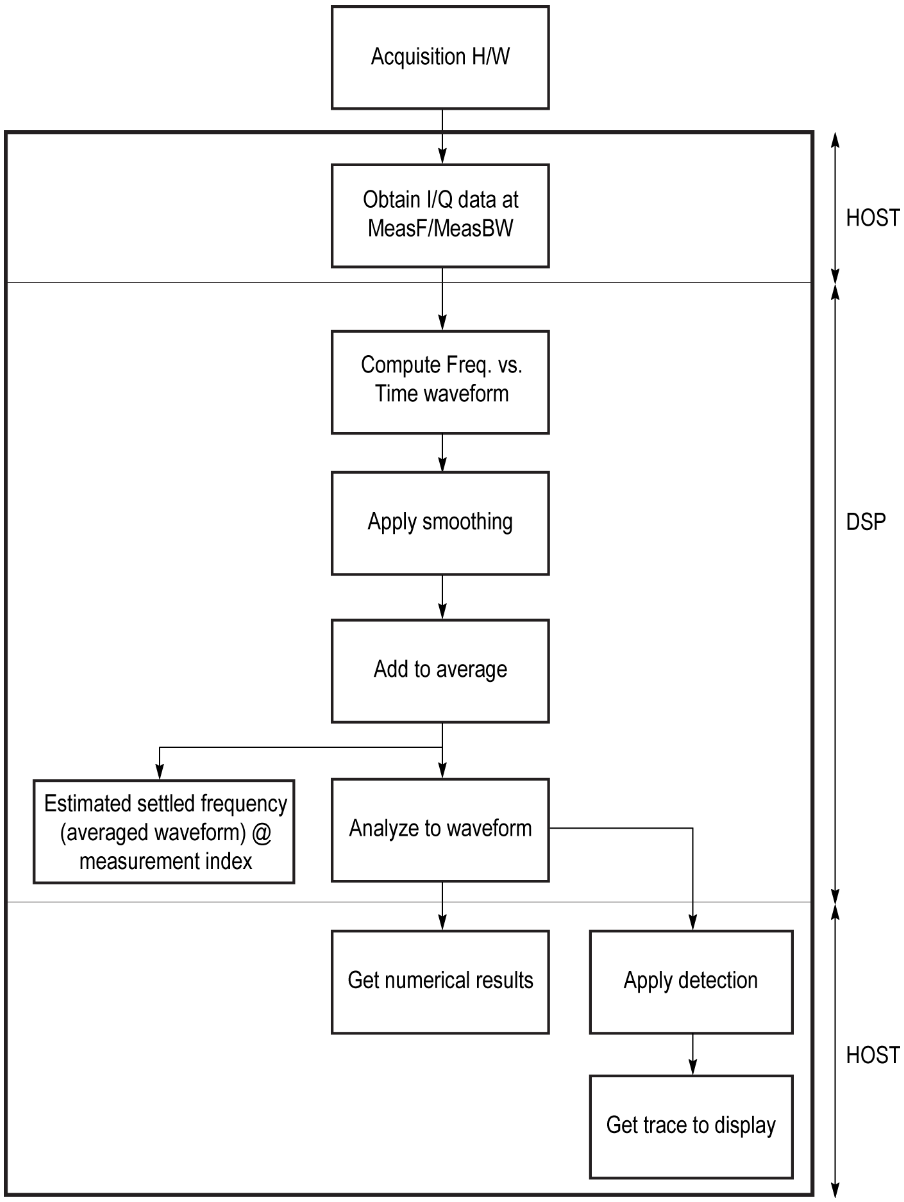
Mask Testing

Mask testing is a tool to automatically determine the pass/fail state of the Device-Under-Test. The mask is defined over three or fewer user-defined time zones, with an independent limit band for each time zone. If the mask is violated, the area of violation is highlighted in red on screen, and a Fail message is displayed. The pass/fail status of the mask test can be queried over GPIB for rapid results. To configure Mask testing, see the Mask tab (see page 135).

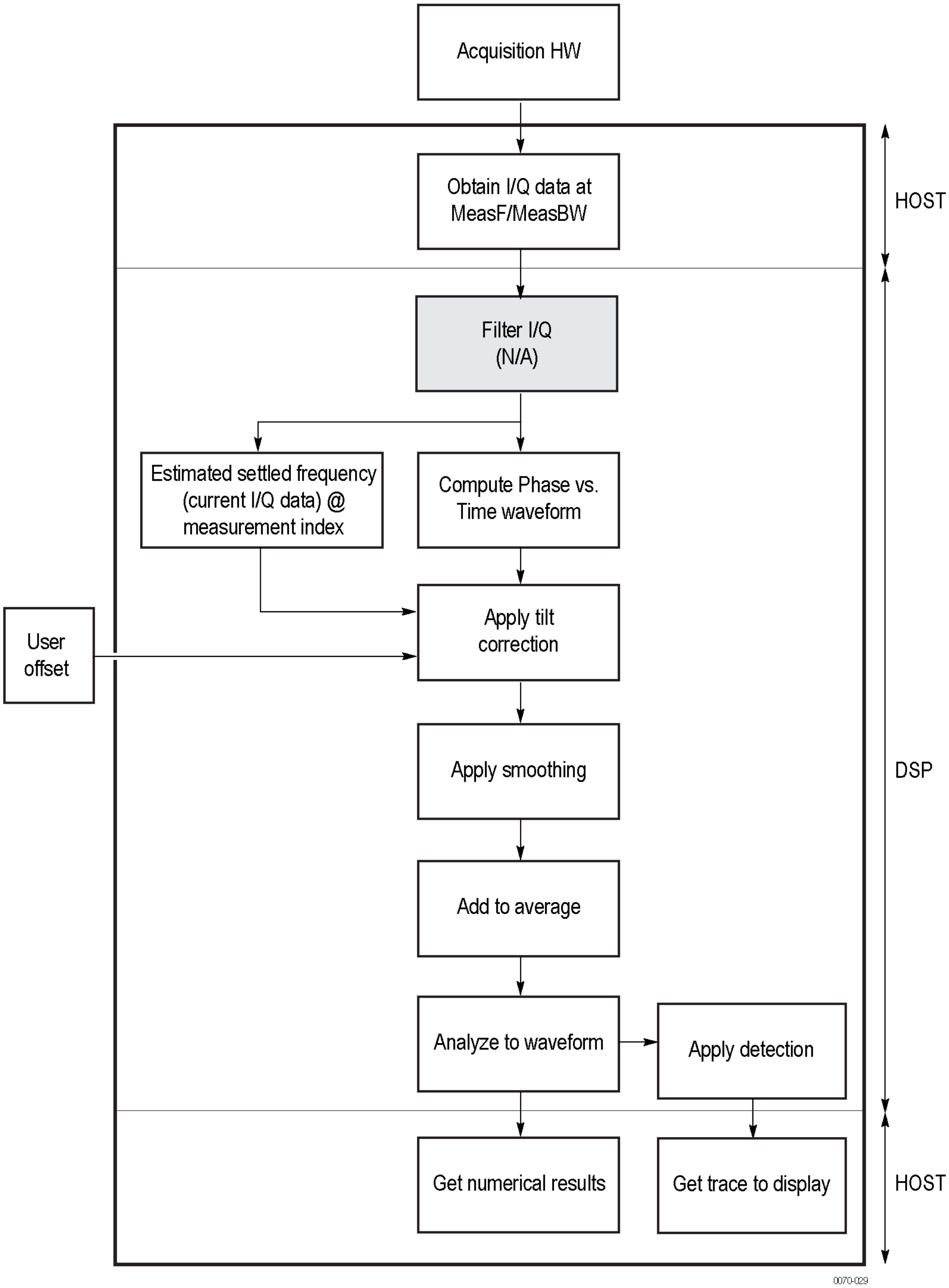
The instrument's Search function can watch the Settling Time measurement for either pass or fail results, and perform actions such as stopping or saving data when the defined condition occurs. See Search (Limits Testing) Settings (see page 273) for details on configuring Search.

Frequency Settling Time Theory of Operation

The following paragraphs describe how a frequency and phase settling measurement is made.



Frequency settling time flow diagram



Phase settling time flow diagram

Acquisition hardware collects I and Q samples at the measurement frequency. Sample Rate is based on the measurement bandwidth setting.

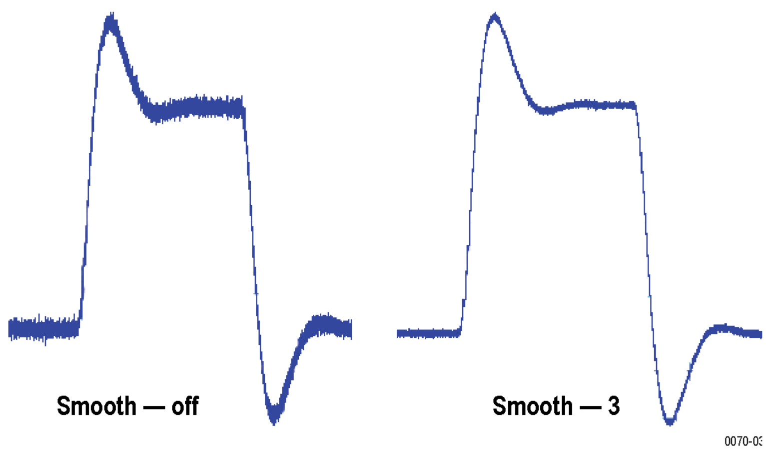
The instantaneous phase is computed as:

$$Ph_{(n)} = atan\left(\frac{Q_{(n)}}{I_{(n)}}\right)$$

The instantaneous frequency is the derivative of the phase:

$$Fr_{(n)} = (Ph_{(n-1)} - Ph_{(n+1)}) \times \left(\frac{F_{sampling}}{(2\times 2PI)}\right)$$

Data smoothing is applied (if selected by the user). This filtering method uses ±n adjacent samples to produce an average value that is used to replace the values of the original 2n samples. An example is shown below.

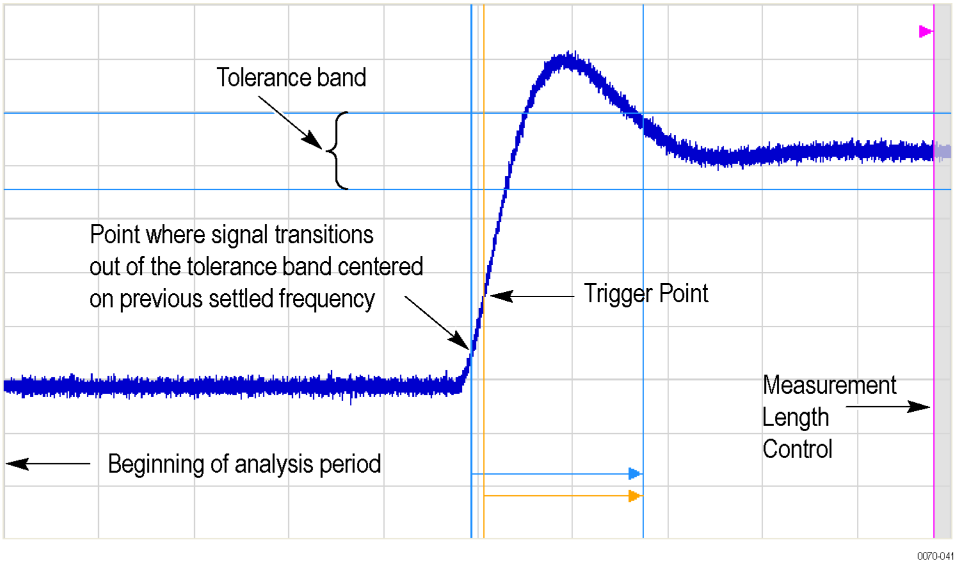


If averaging is turned on, the smoothed data array is averaged with data arrays of previous acquisitions on a point-by-point basis. Smoothing has the advantage of reducing noise-like variations in the measurement, but carries the risk of masking real measurement data. The amount of smoothing applied must be determined by evaluating the waveform you see for artifacts that result from the process.

Next, Settled Frequency is calculated. Settled frequency is the average frequency determined by looking back in time from the point set by the Measurement Length control over a minimum of 256 samples. This value is used to determine the frequency level about which to center the Tolerance range. The measurement then searches backward through the data until it finds the first point that exceeds the tolerance range. A maximum of 20 million acquisition data samples can be processed by the measurement.

Settling Time is measured as the time from the start reference to the point where the frequency remains within the tolerance band. The start reference can be any of three points:

- The trigger point
- The beginning of the analysis period. This result can only be computed when the instrument can find a previous settled state within the measurement period
- The point at the end of the previous frequency hop where the frequency first leaves the tolerance band. This result can only be computed when the instrument can find a previous settled state within the measurement period.



Settling time start reference points

All measurements are now complete and the numeric settling time values can be sent to the display. However, no result traces have been produced yet. Detection is used to reduce the measured points (which can number up to 10 million) to a number more easily processed by the display processor. +/- Peak detection is always used, preserving the maximum positive and negative excursions for display. Reducing the number of points in the result reduces the time resolution of the markers. If averaging is on, the measurement results are computed on the average of the undecimated results.

Phase Settling Time Overview

Phase settling time is determined, as described previously, with the addition of tilt correction.

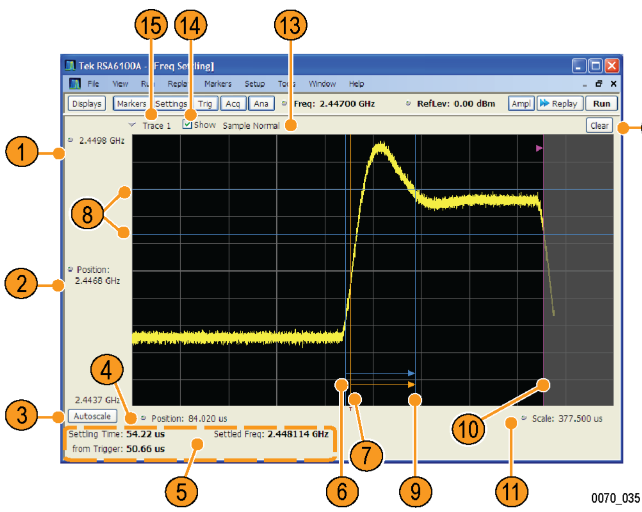
The instrument estimates tilt (or slope of the phase) using linear least square fitting over (at least) 256 samples of the phase vs. time waveform, looking backwards from the point set by the Measurement Length. The instrument adjusts the phase waveform so that its phase is of zero value at the point set by the Measurement Length.

Settling Time Displays

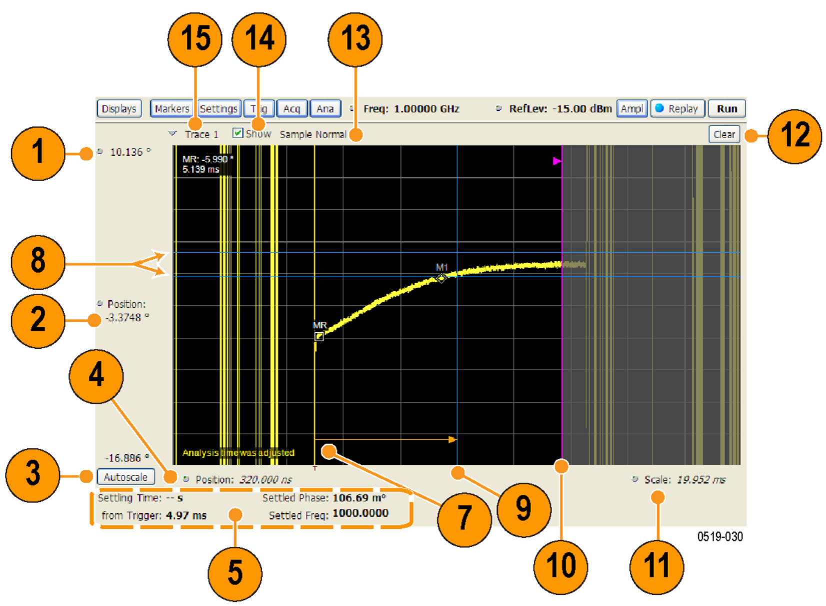
The Frequency Settling Time measurement is used to measure the frequency settling time of frequency-agile oscillators and subsystems. The Phase Settling Time measurement is used to measure the phase settling time of phase-agile oscillators and subsystems. Automated measurements can reduce user-to-user measurement variations, improving repeatability and measurement confidence and saving time in gathering results. To measure phase settling, a phase reference is required. This means that the measurement tool must be frequency- referenced to the device under test, or must act as the frequency reference to the device under test. To lock the reference to an external source, go to Setup > Configure In/Out > Frequency Reference and choose **External**. Values from 1 MHz to 25 MHz in 1 MHz steps can be used as an external reference.

To show a Settling Time display:

1. Click the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**.
2. From the Folders box, select **RF Measurements**.
3. Double-click the **Freq Settling** icon or the **Phase Settling** icon in the **Available displays** box. This adds the selected display to the **Selected displays** box (and removes it from the Available displays box).
4. Click the **OK** button.



Frequency settling time display



Phase settling time display

Elements of the Display

Item	Display element	Description
1	Top of graph	Sets the frequency/phase that appears at the top of the graph. However, note that the top of graph setting, vertical scale setting (Settings > Scale tab), and Vertical Position settings interact. Adjusting this value changes the frequency/phase at the top of the graph by adjusting the scale setting. **Phase Settling Time**: Sets
2	Vertical Position	Sets the frequency/phase value at the vertical center of the graph.
3	Autoscale	Adjusts the Vertical and Horizontal scaling to display the entire trace on screen.
4	Horizontal Position	Sets the horizontal position of the trace on the graph.
5	Measurement readouts	Displays measurement results. See *Measurement Readout Text Color* below.
6	Signal transition start indicator	A blue vertical line that indicates the staring point of the Settling Time measurement that is based on the signal transition away from the previous settled state, if a previous settled state is found within the measurement period.
7	Trigger point indicator	An orange line and “T” (which appears below the graph) that indicates the location of the trigger point in time.
8	+/- Tolerance indicators	A pair of blue horizontal lines that show the tolerance range.
9	Settled time indicator	A blue vertical bar that shows the point on the trace at which the measurement has determined the signal frequency or phase to be settled.
10	Measurement length indicator	A magenta vertical line that specifies the end of the allowed measurement period. This is a control, not a result.
11	Scale	Adjusts the horizontal (time) scale of the graph.
12	Clear	Restarts multi-trace functions (Avg, Hold) and erases the trace.
13	Function	Displays the Detection and Function selections for the selected trace. (Detection is always +/-Peak for Settling Time measurements.)
14	Show	Controls whether the selected Trace is visible or not. When trace is Off, the box is not checked.
15	Trace	Selects a trace. Touching here displays a menu that shows the available traces and whether they are enabled or not. If you select a trace that is not currently enabled, it will be enabled.

Measurement Readout Text Color

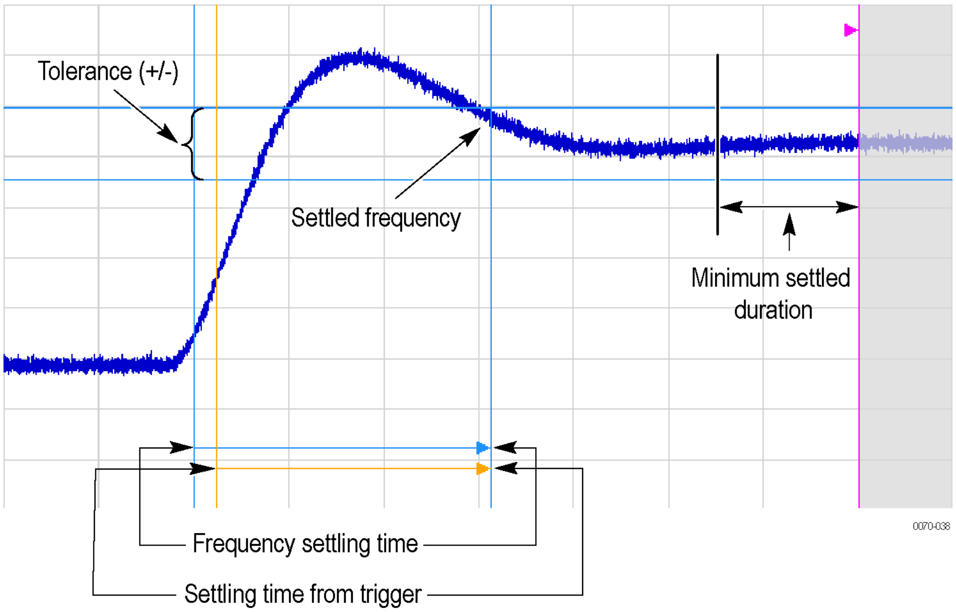
The measurement readouts can appear in either black text or red text. Measurement results that appear in black text indicate:

- the signal is settled AND
- the signal is settled longer than the minimum settled duration AND
- the settling time is valid OR the settling time from trigger is valid

If any of the conditions listed are not met, the measurement results text is red.

Elements of the Frequency Settling Time Graph

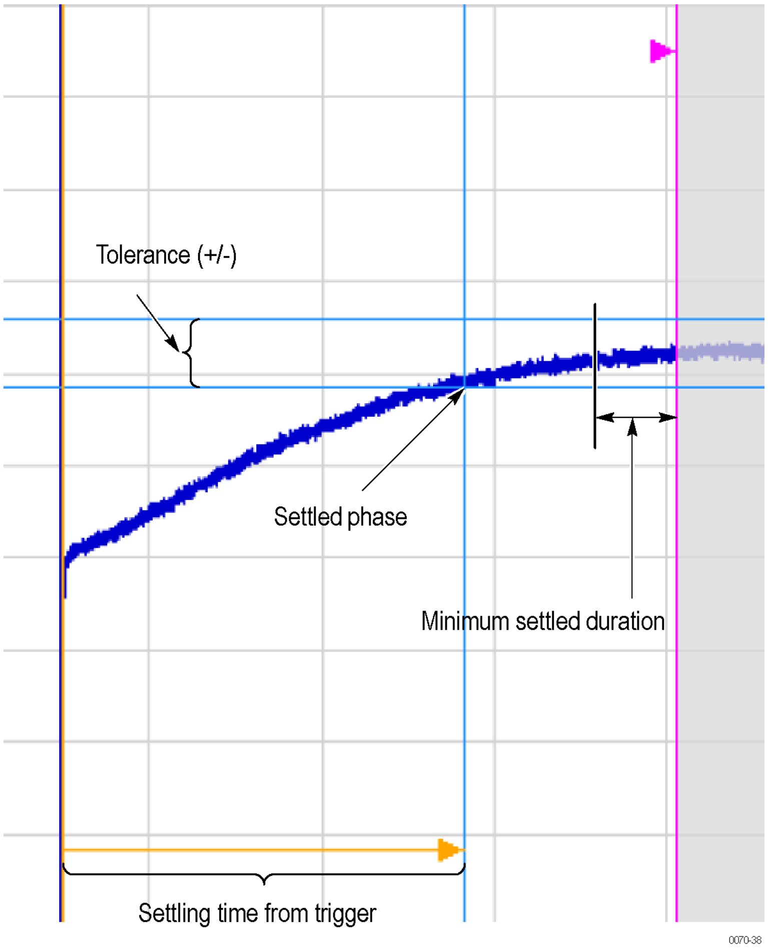
The following illustration shows the various indicators that appear in the Frequency Settling Time graph.



NOTE. *The blue vertical bar that indicates the end of the previous settled state may not always appear. For frequency settling time, this can happen because the starting frequency is outside the measurement bandwidth.*

Elements of the Phase Settling Time Graph

The following illustration shows the various indicators that appear in the Phase Settling Time graph. For most phase settling time measurements, there is not a previous settled state within the measurement period, making it impossible to measure the settling time from the previous settled value. However, the settling time from trigger is typically available.



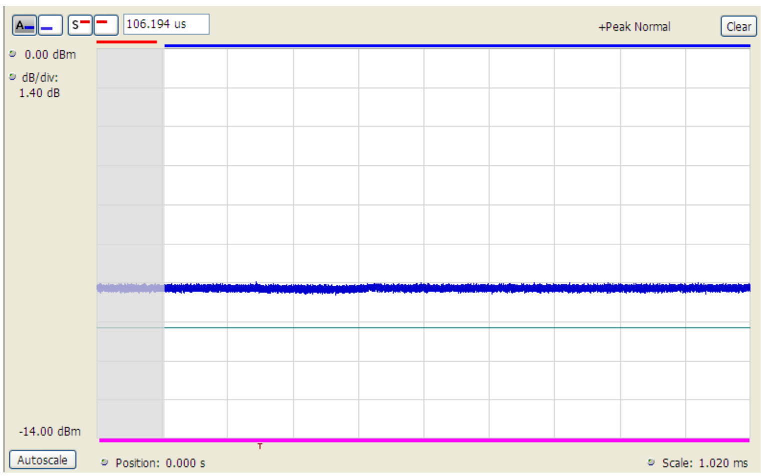
NOTE. The blue vertical bar indicating the measurement start time may not appear. Zero phase is referenced to the measured hop, as the phase will not typically have a settled value during the previous hop.

Measuring Settling Time

1. Select the **Displays** button.
2. Select **RF Measurements** from the **Folders** box.
3. Double-click the **Freq Settling** icon or **Phase Settling** icon in the Available displays box. Click **OK** to complete your selection.
4. Select **General Signal Viewing** from the **Folders** box.
5. Double-click the **Time Overview** icon in the Available displays box. Click **OK** to complete your selection.
6. Press the front-panel **Freq** button and use the front-panel keypad or knob to adjust the frequency to that of the signal you want to measure.

7. Select the Trig button.
8. In the Trigger control panel, select Triggered. Configure the trigger settings an needed to achieve a triggered signal.

   For the next step in measuring settling time, you must set the starting point of the measurement. To do this, you will use the Time Overview display.
9. Select the Time Overview display.
10. At the left edge of the graph, drag across the graph to adjust the analysis offset. Adjust the Analysis Offset to locate the start of the settling time measurement just ahead of the signal transition where you want to measure the settling time. Any portion of the signal in the gray area will be excluded from the settling time measurement.



Setting the starting point of the settling time measurement

   Even if the signal transition is difficult to see on the Time Overview display, you can set the starting point based on the location of the Trigger indicator below the graph. Or open the Frequency vs. Time graph to see the frequency transition.
11. Click in the Settling Time display to select it.
12. Select the **Settings** button to display the **Settling Time Settings** control panel.
13. On the **Define** tab, adjust the Meas BW (see page 132) to improve the signal-to-noise ratio as appropriate. Make sure the bandwidth covers the settled frequency, particularly when the instrument Measurement Frequency is not locked to the spectrum Center Frequency (Analysis control panel > Frequency tab).
14. Set the Target reference (see page 133) to Auto or Meas freq as appropriate. If you select Meas freq, also set Offset to fine-tune the measurement frequency if necessary.
15. Set the Tolerance (see page 133) as required for your measurement.

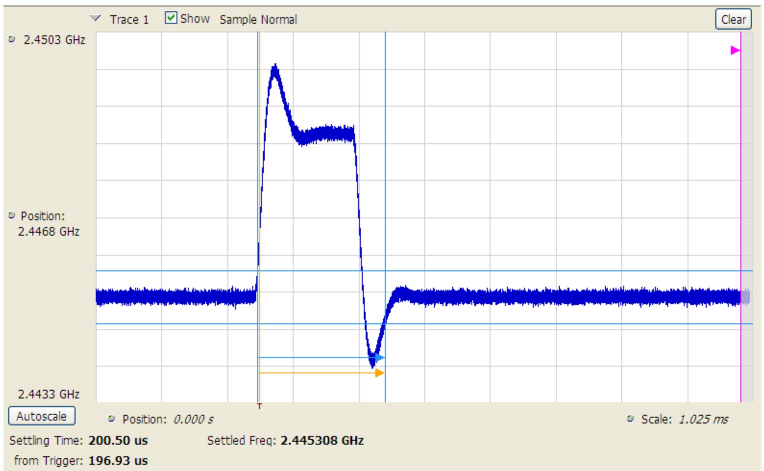
   If your signal must be settled for a period of time before it is considered settled, you can specify a minimum settled duration for the settling time measurement.

16. Select the Time Params tab. Adjust the Min settled duration (see page 134) as required.

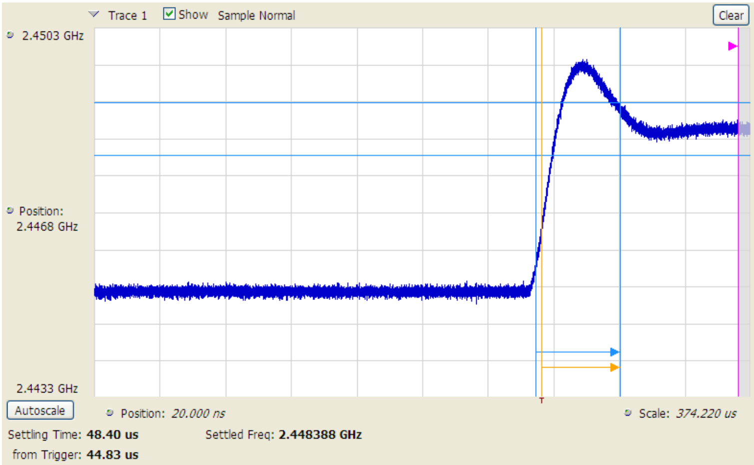
To get the measurement made in the correct location on the signal, you must adjust the measurement length. You do this by dragging the magenta line in the Settling Time graph.

17. Drag the measurement length indicator (magenta line) to the correct location on the signal. Choose a point at which the signal appears to be well settled. The measurement will then find the exact time at which the signal actually settled to within the specified tolerance.

Note the difference in the settling time in the two illustrations that follow. In both examples, the Target reference is set to Auto. The only difference is the measurement length, as shown by the magenta line.



Frequency settling time display before setting the measurement length



Frequency settling time display after setting the measurement length

Settling Time Settings

The settings for the Frequency and Phase Settling Time displays are shown in the following table.

Settings tab	Description
Define (see page 132)	Sets the measurement parameters that characterize the settling time measurement.
Time Params (see page 134)	Sets measurement end-time and minimum settled duration parameters.
Mask (see page 135)	Enable or disables mask testing and sets the parameters that specify the three zones used for mask testing.
Trace (see page 135)	Specifies trace display characteristics and which traces are displayed.
Scale (see page 154)	Sets vertical and horizontal scale and position parameters.
Prefs (see page 155)	Specifies whether or not to show certain display elements, the maximum number of points in the exported trace, and the displayed precision of the settling time measurement.

Settling Time Displays Shared Measurement Settings

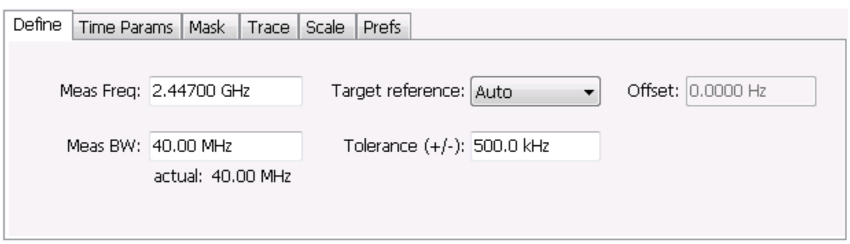
The control panel tabs in this section are shared by the Frequency and Phase Settling Time displays. These control panel tabs are not shared with other RF Measurement displays. With few exceptions, each display shares values for each of the controls on these tabs. For example, Vertical Scale values are independent for each of the displays (degrees for Phase Settling Time and Hertz for Frequency Settling Time).

Common controls for settling time measurement displays

Settings tab	Description
Define (see page 132)	Specifies the parameters that characterize the settling time measurement.
Time Params (see page 134)	Specifies the Measurement length and minimum settled duration for the settling time measurement.
Mask (see page 135)	Specifies the parameters used for Mask testing.
Trace (see page 135)	Specify which traces to show and how they are computed.
Scale (see page 138)	Specifies the vertical and horizontal scale settings.
Prefs (see page 139)	Specifies display parameters of the Settling Time displays.

Define Tab for Settling Time Displays

The Define tab for the Frequency Settling Time measurement controls several parameters that affect how the measurement is made.



Meas Freq

Select the frequency of the signal to be measured. Measurement Frequency can be selected as the target frequency (see *Target Reference*).

NOTE. *If Lock Center Frequency of Spectrum Display to Measurement Frequency is unchecked, then Measurement Frequency is independent of Center Frequency) Range: Entire input frequency of the instrument*

Meas BW

This control limits the bandwidth of the Settling Time measurement. You use the measurement bandwidth setting to improve the signal-to-noise ratio of the measurement, resulting in lower measurement uncertainty. However, if the measurement bandwidth is set too low, resulting in fewer samples per second, it can reduce the number of points within the measurement length below the 256 stable samples required, thus causing the analysis to fail. The measurement bandwidth is 100 Hz to 110 MHz (Option 110) or 100 Hz to 40 MHz (Standard). To see the effect of measurement bandwidth on measurement uncertainty, see the *RSA6100B Series Specifications and Performance Verification Reference*, Tektronix part number 077-0647-XX. This manual is supplied on the Documents CD or can be downloaded from www.tek.com/manuals.

Target Reference

The target reference is a calculated or user-specified value of final settled frequency within the measurement period. When set to **Auto**, the instrument determines this value by averaging at least the last 256 samples at the end of the measurement period. When set to **Meas freq**, the Target Reference is set to the Measurement Frequency of the instrument. You can enter a manual offset from the target frequency to fine-tune the Target Reference when **Meas freq** is selected.

Tolerance(+/-)

The Tolerance is the frequency or phase range within which the signal must remain to be considered settled. This is set as a ± value by the user. In the frequency settling time measurement, the tolerance band is centered about the target value. In the phase settling time measurement, the tolerance band is centered about the settled phase value.

The target frequency depends on the Target reference value setting:

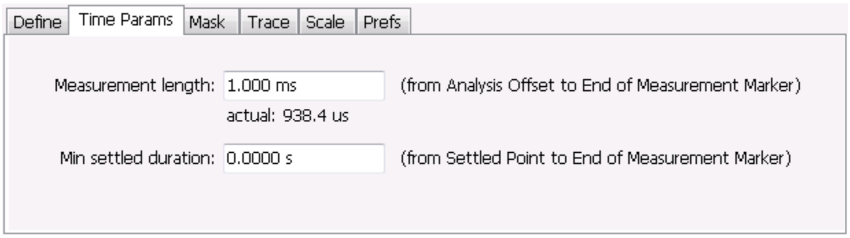
- If Target Reference is set to **AUTO**, then the target value is the settled value (the frequency at which the signal is considered settled).
- If Target Reference is set to MeasFreq, then the Target value = **Meas Frequency** + **Offset**.

Offset

Offset is used for fine-tuning the Target Reference when **Meas freq** is selected. The value for Offset is entered manually.

Time Params Tab for Settling Time Displays

The Time Params tab is used to set the Measurement length and minimum settled duration parameters.



Measurement Length

Measurement length locates the end of the measurement period for settling time. This value is set independently of the analysis period for other measurements in the analyzer. This allows other measurements to display multiple frequency hops during an analysis, while focusing the settling time analysis on a single hop. You can set the measurement length either by entering a value in the entry box, or by dragging the magenta bar to the desired location in the graph. Traces and the display to the right of the measurement time are shown in grey to indicate that this section of the waveform is not being used in the measurement. If your signal does not settle to within your tolerance band, make sure that the measurement time ends during the settled portion of the waveform. The beginning of the settling time measurement is set with the analysis offset control, the same as other measurements in the instrument. Use analysis offset to exclude earlier hops from the measurement. See Analysis Time (see page 279) for setting the analysis offset control.

If there is more than one phase or frequency hop in the signal to be analyzed, use the Measurement Length control to instruct the analyzer which hop to measure. First, adjust the main Analysis Offset control to a point in time slightly earlier than the transition you wish to measure. Do this in the Time Overview display or the Analysis Settings control panel. Then adjust the Measurement Length so the end of the Settling Time measurement falls within the apparent settled period after the signal transition. The reason it is important for the user to set this control is that the Settling Time measurements start at this point and look backwards in time (towards the signal transition) to find the latest trace point that is not inside the tolerance band.

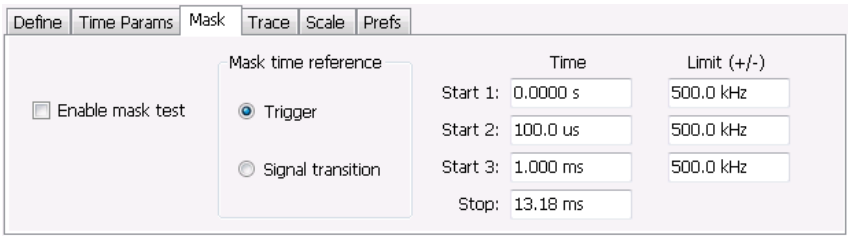
NOTE. *If your signal does not settle to within your tolerance bands, make sure that the measurement time ends during the settled portion of the waveform.*

Min Settled Duration

The minimum settled duration is the amount of time the signal must remain within the tolerance band to be considered settled. Some user specifications require that the signal be settled for a minimum period. If this is not required in your application, set this value to the default of 0 seconds.

Mask Tab for Settling Time Displays

The Mask tab is used to specify the parameters used for Mask testing.



Enable Mask Test

Enables or disables mask testing.

Start 1, 2, 3

Sets the starting point for the time zone of interest. If you don't want to use all three zones, set the Start Time for the unneeded zones to a time after the end of the Measurement Length.

Stop

Sets the end point for the final time zone of interest.

Limit (+/-)

Sets the mask violation limits for each time zone.

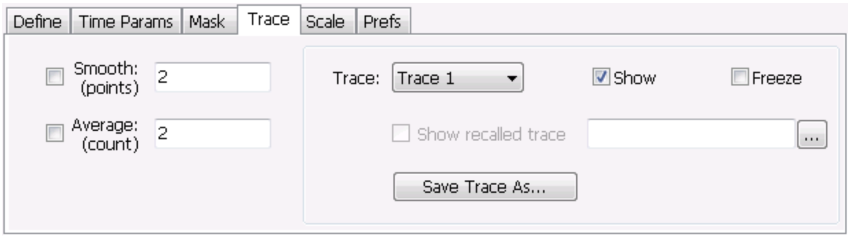
Mask Time Reference

When mask testing is enabled, the Mask time reference selection specifies the starting point of the mask. You can choose to start the mask test at the trigger point or at the point on the trace where the signal began its transition from its previous settled frequency or phase level to the level you intend to measure.

This capability is useful because some applications do not have a trigger signal available. For those situations where a trigger signal is available, the specification for the device-under-test may require that measurements be referenced to that signal.

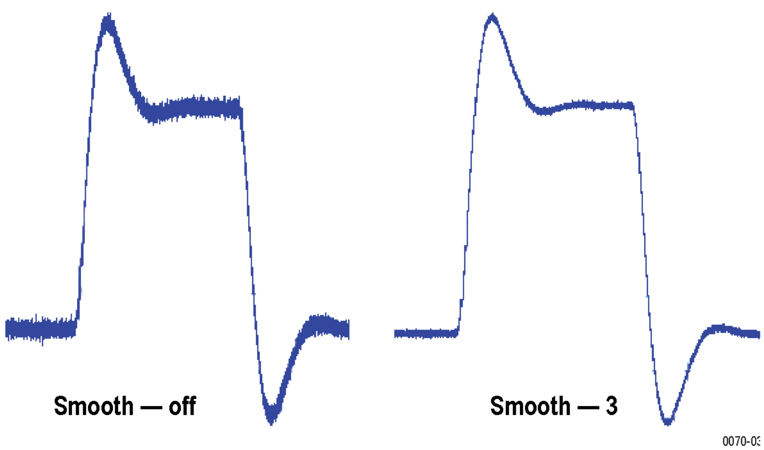
Trace Tab for Settling Time Displays

The Traces Tab allows you to set the display characteristics of displayed traces.



Smooth

Smooth is a low-pass filter function that uses n points in the trace to determine the smoothed value. For example, in the case of n=3, 3 consecutive points are averaged to determine the result of the smoothed output. This is very useful for single-shot signals that contain significant noise where multiple trace averages cannot be used. However, smoothing does have limits, and the user should visually determine whether smoothing is removing noise from the measurement, or if it is affecting the signal. The following illustration shows the effect smoothing has on the displayed trace.



The range for the Smooth function is 2–1000. The setting resolution is 1. The knob increments this value by 1, and the arrow keys increment it in steps of 1, 2, 5, 10. When smoothing is enabled, it applies to both traces. Smooth is turned off by default.

Average

This sets the number of acquisitions to be averaged together to produce the result. Averaging reduces random variations but maintains the correct waveshape for repeating signal aberrations. To use averaging, the signal must be repetitive. For example, the tuning direction must always be same for each measurement to be averaged. Signals that vary in tuning direction will tend to average positive-going effects with negative-going effects and the settling time characteristics will cancel out.

The range for the Average function is 2–1000. The resolution is 1. When averaging is enabled, it applies to both traces. Average is turned off by default.

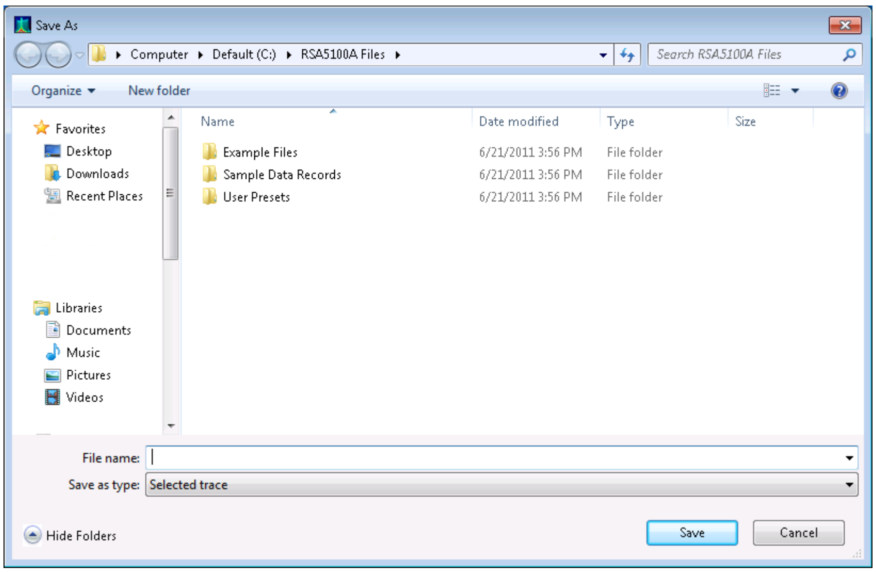
Trace

Selects a trace for display. Choices are Trace 1 and 2. Either trace can be a recalled trace.

Saving Traces

To save a trace for later analysis:

1. Select the **Save Trace As** button. This displays the Save As dialog box.



2. Navigate to the desired folder or use the default.
3. Type a name for the saved trace and click **Save**.

Recalling Traces

You can recall a previously saved trace for analysis or comparison to a live trace.

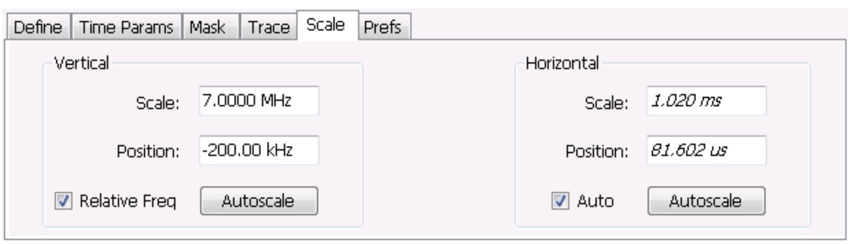
To select a trace for recall:

1. Select the trace into which the recalled trace will be loaded, from the Trace drop-down list.
2. Check the **Show** check box.
3. Click the **...** button to display the Open dialog box.

4. Navigate to the desired file and click **Open**.
5. Check the **Show Recalled Trace** check box.
6. Verify that the trace's **Show** check box is selected (either on this tab or next to the drop-down list located at the top-left corner of the graph).

Scale Tab for Settling Time Displays

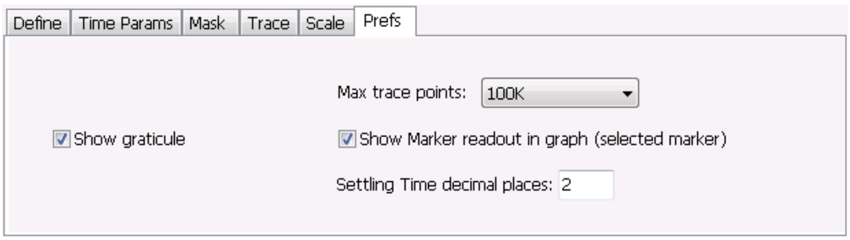
The Scale tab allows you to change the vertical and horizontal scale settings. Changing the scale settings changes how the trace appears on the display but does not change control settings such as Measurement Frequency. In effect, these controls operate like pan and zoom controls.



Setting	Description
Vertical	
Scale	Changes the vertical scale or span of the graph.
Position	Sets the frequency (or phase) at the vertical center of the graph.
Relative Freq	Sets the vertical (position) display readouts to show frequency values relative to the center frequency or as absolute values.
Autoscale	Resets the Scale and Position to center the trace in the graph.
Horizontal	
Scale	Sets the range of time shown in the graph.
Position	Allows you to pan the graph left and right.
Autoscale	Resets Scale and Position to the automatically determined settings.

Prefs Tab for Settling Time Displays

The Prefs tab allows you to change display parameters of the Settling Time displays.



The following table explains the controls that can appear on the Prefs tab.

Setting	Description
Max trace points	Sets the number of trace points used for marker measurements and for results export.
Show graticule	Select to display or hide the graticule.
Show Marker readout in graph (selected marker)	Shows or hides the readout for the selected marker in the graph area.
Settling Time decimal places	Specifies the precision of the settling time measurement readout that appears below the graph. This setting does not affect the precision of internal calculations.

SEM Display

The SEM (Spectrum Emission Mask) display measures out-of-band emissions immediately outside the channel bandwidth that result from the modulation process and non-linearity in the transmitter. The Spectrum Emission Mask display allows you to define up to six pair of masks, or offsets, that specify the limits for out-of-band emissions and performs a pass/fail tests of the signal against the defined offsets and limits.

To show the Spectrum Emission Mask display:

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**.
2. In the **Select Displays** dialog, select **RF Measurements** in the **Folders** box.
3. In the Available displays box, double-click the **SEM** icon or select the icon and click **Add**. The SEM icon will appear in the **Selected displays** box and will no longer appear under Available displays.
4. Click **OK** to show the Spectrum Emission Mask display.

Elements of the Display

Item	Display element	Description
1	Check Mark Indicator	Indicates the display for which the acquisition hardware is optimized.
2	Top of graph setting	Sets the level that appears at the top of the graph.
3	dB/div	Sets the vertical scale value. The maximum value is 20.00 dB/division.
4	Bottom-of-graph readout	Indicates the amplitude at the bottom of the graph. This value changes with the dB/div and Vertical Position settings.
5	Autoscale	Adjusts the Vertical and Horizontal scaling to display the entire trace on screen
6	CF / Pos	Default function is CF - center frequency (equivalent to the Measurement Freq setting). If Horizontal scaling has been manually adjusted in Setup > Settings > Scale, then Pos replaces CF as the setting at the bottom-left corner of the screen. Adjusting Pos shifts the trace left or right in the graph, but does not change the measurement frequency.
7	Span / Scale	Default function is Span - frequency difference between the left edge of the display and the right edge. If Horizontal scaling has been manually adjusted in Settings > Scale, then Scale will replace Span as the setting at the bottom-right corner of the screen.
8	Clear	Erases the current results from the display.
9	Function readout	Readout of the Function selection for the Reference channel (Setup > Processing > Function).
10	Detection readout	Readout of the Detection selection for the Reference channel (Setup > Processing > Detection).
11	Pass / Fail readout	Readout indicating whether any part of the trace has exceeded the any of the limits defined in the Offsets & Limits table (Setup > Settings > Offsets & Limits Table).

Pass / Fail Readout

This readout displays either **Pass** or **Fail XX%**. When the signal exceeds the mask in any offset, it is considered a mask violation, and results in **Fail XX%** being displayed. If there are no mask violations, **Pass** is displayed.

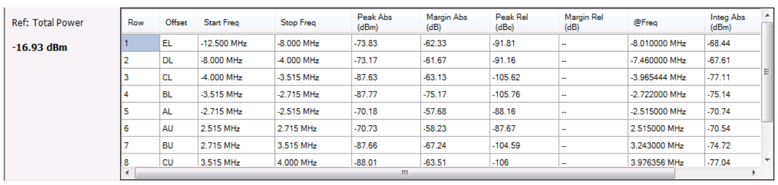
How the fail percentage is determined. Each offset has two sides, one lower and one upper. For example, Offset A has two sides: AL (lower side) and AU (upper side). In the SEM display, there is a maximum of six offsets (A-F) and each offset can have a maximum of two sides (if Both is selected for Side in the Offsets & Limits table). This results in a total of six offsets multiplied by two sides per offset, which results in 12 offsets. Mask violations can occur in any of these offsets. The failure percentage is calculated as follows:

Fail percentage = Number of offsets with mask violations x 100 / Total number of enabled offsets

For example: Assume there are three enabled offsets: A, B, C, and all these offsets have both lower and upper sides. Thus, the total number of enabled offsets is equal to six. Suppose there are mask violations in the offsets AL and CU, then the number of offsets having mask violations is equal to 2. Therefore, Fail percentage = 2 * 100 / 6 = 33%.

Results Display

The Results Display shows the measurement results for the SEM display.


Ref: Total Power

-16.93 dBm

Row	Offset	Start Freq	Stop Freq	Peak Abs (dBm)	Margin Abs (dB)	Peak Rel (dBc)	Margin Rel (dB)	@Freq	Integ Abs (dBm)
1	EL	-12.500 MHz	-8.000 MHz	-73.83	-62.33	-91.81	--	-8.010000 MHz	-68.44
2	DL	-8.000 MHz	-4.000 MHz	-73.17	-61.67	-91.16	--	-7.460000 MHz	-67.61
3	CL	-4.000 MHz	-3.515 MHz	-87.63	-63.13	-105.62	--	-3.965444 MHz	-77.11
4	BL	-3.515 MHz	-2.715 MHz	-87.77	-75.17	-105.76	--	-2.722000 MHz	-75.14
5	AL	-2.715 MHz	-2.515 MHz	-70.18	-57.68	-88.16	--	-2.515000 MHz	-70.74
6	AU	2.515 MHz	2.715 MHz	-70.73	-58.23	-87.67	--	2.515000 MHz	-70.54
7	BU	2.715 MHz	3.515 MHz	-87.66	-67.24	-104.59	--	3.243000 MHz	-74.72
8	CU	3.515 MHz	4.000 MHz	-88.01	-63.51	-106	--	3.976356 MHz	-77.04

Readout	Description
Ref:	A two-part readout to the left of the table that displays information about the Reference Channel. The first part of the readout displays the Measurement Type selected on the Parameters tab. The second part of the readout displays the measurement result for the Reference channel.
Row	A sequence number for ordering the offsets. Click to organize by row number, resort rows from high to low or low to high.
Offset	The Offset name. A combination of the offset (A-F) and the location (U for upper and L for Lower).
Start Freq	The start frequency of the offset (relative to the Measurement Freq).
Stop Freq	The stop frequency of the offset (relative to the Measurement Freq).
Peak Abs	Absolute power peak power at worst case margin of the offset
Margin Abs	The worst case difference between the trace and the absolute limit line. Note that an offset can have different start and stop levels, thus, the margin can vary if the offset start and stop levels are different.
Peak Rel	Relative peak power of worst case margin of the offset. Relative with respect to the reference power level.
Margin Rel	The worst-case difference between the trace and the relative limit line. Because an offset can have different start and stop levels, the margin can vary if the offset start and stop levels are different.
@Freq	The frequency at which the worst margin occurs.
Integ Abs	The absolute integrated power of the offset.
Integ Rel	The relative integrated power of the offset (with respect to the reference power).

Reordering results in the results table. You can sort the results in the Results table by clicking the column heading containing the values you want to sort on. You can sort results for the following columns: Row, Offset, Start Frequency, Stop Frequency, Peak Abs, and Peak Rel.

Rearranging columns in the results table. You can rearrange the order of the columns and their size. To rearrange columns, select the column heading you want to move and drag it to the new position; the new location is indicated by a dark blue bar that appears between column headings.

You can resize the columns by selecting the divider between columns and dragging it to a new position.

Spectrum Emission Mask Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings

The settings for the Spectrum Emission Mask display are visible when SEM is the selected display. To display the SEM Settings, select **Setup** > **Settings**.

Settings tab	Description
Parameters Tab (see page 143)	Specifies several characteristics that control how the measurement is made.
Processing Tab (see page 144)	Specifies settings for detection on the Reference channel and the offsets. Specifies the function setting.
Ref Channel Tab (see page 145)	Specifies how the measurements on the reference channel are performed.
Offsets & Limits Table (see page 145)	Specifies characteristics of offsets and mask limits.
Scale Tab (see page 148)	Specifies the vertical and horizontal scale settings.
Prefs Tab (see page 149)	Specifies the appearance features of the graph area and the maximum trace points.
Standard settings	Displays Select Standard dialog window to enable you to load settings for three standards: 3GPP Downlink, WLAN 820.11g, and WiMax 802.16 (ETSI).

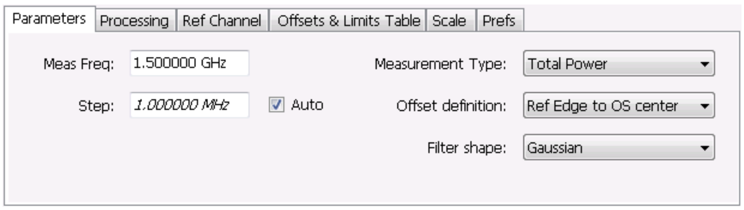
Standard Settings

Selecting one of the standard settings loads factory-defined settings appropriate to the selected standard. In each case, one specific SEM definition is used. There may be many SEM definitions in any given standard. Check the SEM definition for your test against the standards-based reference documents. The following table describes the standards on which the standard settings are based.

Setting	Description
3GPP Downlink	3GPP 25.141 (Release 9), BS Maximum output power P ≥ 43 dBm
WLAN 802.11g	IEEE Std 802.11 - 2007, 20 MHz Channel spacing
WiMax 802.16 (ETSI)	ETSI EN 301-021, 10 MHz Channel spacing, System Type G

Parameters Tab – SEM

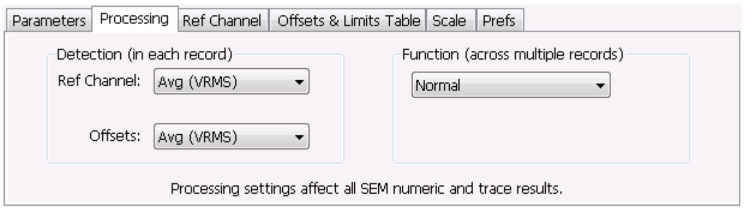
The Parameters tab specifies several characteristics that control how the Spectrum Emission Mask measurements are made.



Setting	Description
Meas Freq	Specify the frequency of the signal to be measured.
Step	Sets the increment size when changing the Frequency using the knob or mouse wheel.
Auto	When Auto is enabled, the step size is adjusted automatically based on the span setting.
Measurement Type	Specifies the type of measurement for the reference channel; used as a reference for the offsets.
Total Power	Sets the reference to the integrated power of the reference channel within the reference's integration bandwidth.
PSD	Sets the reference to the mean of the power spectral density (dBm/Hz) of the reference channel. The trace and the absolute and relative limits line are also in dBm/Hz
Peak	Sets the reference to the Peak power of the reference channel.
Offset definition	Defines the relative position of the start/stop frequency of an offset. Choose the offset definition based on the standard.
Ref center to OS center	Specifies that the start/stop frequencies are defined from the center frequency of the reference channel to the center of the filter BW.
Ref center to OS edge	Specifies that the start/stop frequencies are defined from the center frequency of the reference channel to the center of the (inner) edge of the filter BW of the offset.
Ref Edge to OS center	Specifies that the start/stop frequencies are defined from the edge of the reference channel to the center of the filter BW of the offset.
Ref Edge to OS edge	Specifies that the start/stop frequencies are defined from the edge of the reference channel to the (inner) edge of the filter BW of the offset.
Filter Shape	Specifies the shape of the filter determined by the window that is applied to the data record, in the spectrum analysis, to reduce spectral leakage. 3GPP specifies a Gaussian window shape be applied to the reference channel measurements.
Gaussian	This filter shape provides optimal localization in the frequency domain.
Rectangular	This filter shape provides the best frequency, worst magnitude resolution. This is essentially the same as no window.

Processing Tab – SEM

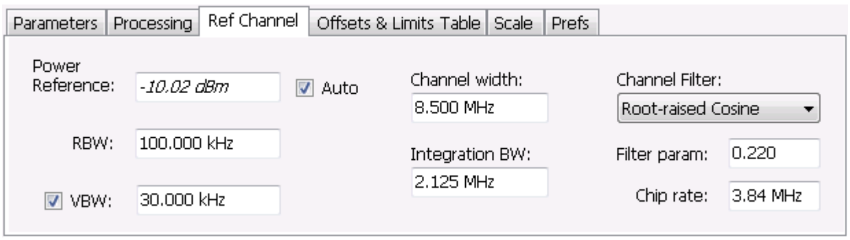
The Processing tab controls the Detection settings for the Reference Channel and Offsets, as well as selecting the Function.



Settings tab	Description
Detection (in each sweep)	
Ref Channel	Specifies the Detection method used for the Reference Channel. Detection is used to produce the desired measurement result (peak or average) and to reduce the results of a measurement to the desired number of trace points.
Avg (VRMS)	For each sweep, each point of the trace is the result of determining the RMS voltage value for the last 'n counts' of the collected traces for the same point. When 'n count' has not been reached, partial averaging results are displayed.
+Peak	Selects the +Peak detection method. With this method, the highest value is selected from the results to be compressed into a trace point.
Offsets	Specifies the detection method used for the offsets.
Avg (VRMS)	Selects the Average Vrms detection method. With this method, each point on the trace in each offset is the result of determining the RMS Voltage value for all of the results values it includes.
+Peak	Selects the +Peak detection method. With this method, the highest value in each offset is selected from the results to be compressed into a trace point.
Function (across multiple sweeps)	
Function	Selects the trace processing method. Available settings are: Normal, Avg (VRMS), and Hold.
Normal	When a new trace has been computed, it replaces the previous trace.
Max Hold	With each sweep, each trace point in the new trace is compared to the point’s value in the old trace and the greater value is retained for display and subsequent comparisons.
Avg (VRMS)	For each sweep, each point on the trace is the result of determining the RMS Voltage value for all of the collected traces' values for the same point.

Ref Channel Tab

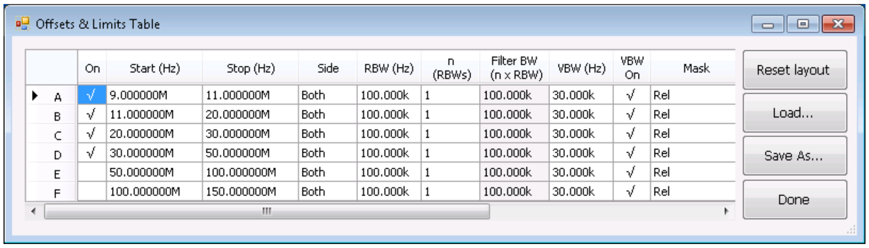
The Ref Channel tab controls how the measurement of the Reference channel is performed.



Settings tab	Description
Power Reference	The value used to calculate relative measurements.
Auto	When Auto is unchecked, you can enter a value for the reference power, and the measured reference power is not used or displayed
RBW	Sets the RBW for the Reference Channel.
VBW	Enables/disables the Video Bandwidth filter. VBW is used in traditional swept analyzers to reduce the effect of noise on the displayed signal. The VBW algorithm in the analyzer emulates the VBW filters of traditional swept analyzers. When the checkbox next to VBW is not checked, the VBW filter is not applied. SEM standards specify what value of VBW should be applied, if any.
Channel width	Specifies the width of the reference channel.
Integration BW	Specifies the integration bandwidth used to compute the total power in the reference channel.
Channel Filter	Specifies the measurement filter used in the Reference Channel. Choices are None and Root-raised Cosine.
Filter param	Specifies the alpha value (or roll-off factor) of the Root-raised cosine filter. Present only when Channel Filter is set to Root-raised Cosine.
Chip rate	Specifies the chip rate used for the Root-raised Cosine filter. Present only when Channel Filter is set to Root-raised Cosine.

Offsets & Limits Table Tab – SEM

The Offsets & Limits Table tab is used to specify parameters that define Offsets and masks.



	On	Start (Hz)	Stop (Hz)	Side	RBW (Hz)	n (RBWs)	Filter BW (n x RBW)	VBW (Hz)	VBW On	Mask
A	√	9.000000M	11.000000M	Both	100.000k	1	100.000k	30.000k	√	Rel
B	√	11.000000M	20.000000M	Both	100.000k	1	100.000k	30.000k	√	Rel
C	√	20.000000M	30.000000M	Both	100.000k	1	100.000k	30.000k	√	Rel
D	√	30.000000M	50.000000M	Both	100.000k	1	100.000k	30.000k	√	Rel
E		50.000000M	100.000000M	Both	100.000k	1	100.000k	30.000k	√	Rel
F		100.000000M	150.000000M	Both	100.000k	1	100.000k	30.000k	√	Rel

Expanded display of Offsets & Limits Table

Setting	Description
Buttons	
Expand	Displays the Offsets & Limits Table in a new, resizeable window.
Reset Layout	You can reorder columns in the Offsets & Limits Table by dragging the columns to a new position. Clicking Reset Layout returns the column order to the factory default order.
Load	Click to load a saved Offsets & Limits table from a file.
Save As	Click to save the current Offsets & Limits table to a file.
Done	When the table is expanded, click Done when you have finished editing the table to save your changes and close the expanded table display.
Table columns	
On	Specifies whether or not measurements are taken in the specified offset.
Start (Hz)	Start Frequency of the selected offset.
Stop (Hz)	Stop Frequency of the selected offset.
Side	Specifies whether the specified range appears on both side of the carrier frequency or just one side (left or right).
RBW (Hz)	Specifies the RBW for the selected range.
n (RBWS)	An integer value that specifies how many times to multiply the RBW to set the Filter bandwidth.
Filter BW (n x RBW)	Displays the Filter BW. Filter BW is the equivalent BW of each point in the offset. When n > 1, an integration technique is used to achieve the Filter BW using narrower RBWs. For most SEM measurements, this value is set to 1. The 3GPP standard suggests n greater than 1.
VBW (Hz)	Adjusts the VBW (Video Bandwidth) value. VBW Maximum: RBW current value; VBW Minimum: 1/10,000 RBW setting.
VBW On	Specifies whether the VBW filter is applied.
Mask	Select the type of limits used for Pass/Fail testing. Signal excursions that exceed the mask settings are considered violations. The available choices are shown below.
Abs Start (dBm)	Specifies the mask level at the inner edge of the selected offset.
Abs Stop (dBm)	Specifies the mask level at the outer edge of the selected offset.
Abs Same	Specifies whether the value for the inner and outer edges of the offset must be the same value. When enabled, the Abs Stop cell is grayed-out and set to the value of the Abs Start cell.
Rel Start (dBm)	Specifies the mask level for the Relative mask at the inner edge of the selected offset.
Rel Stop (dBm)	Specifies the mask level for the Relative mask at the outer edge of the selected offset.
Rel Same	Specifies whether the inner and outer edges of the offset must be the same value. When enabled, the Rel Stop cell is grayed-out and its value is set to the value of the Rel Start cell.

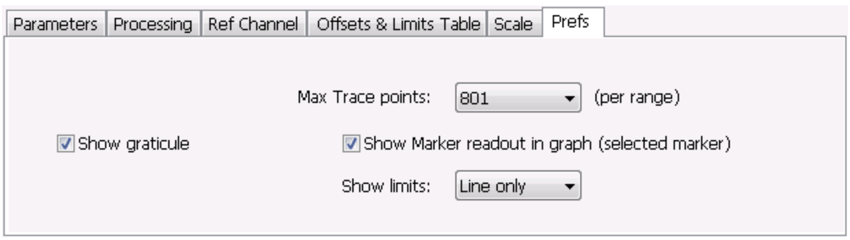
Scale Tab – SEM

Use the Scale tab to change the vertical and horizontal scale settings. Changing the scale settings changes how the trace appears on the display. In effect, these controls operate like pan and zoom controls.

Setting	Description
Vertical	Controls the vertical position and scale of the trace display.
Scale	Changes the vertical scale units.
Position	Adjusts the reference level away from top of the graph.
Autoscale	Resets the scale of the vertical axis to contain the complete trace.
Horizontal	Controls the span of the trace display and position of the trace.
Scale	Specifies the frequency range displayed in the graph
Position	Specifies the frequency shown at the center of the graph.
Autoscale	Resets the scale of the horizontal axis to optimize the display of the trace.
Reset Scale	Resets all settings to their default values.

Prefs Tab – SEM

The Prefs tab enables you to change parameters of the measurement display. The parameters available on the Prefs tab vary depending on the selected display, but include such items as enabling/disabling Marker Readout, switching the Graticule display on/off, and Marker Noise mode. Some parameters appear with most displays while others appear with only one display.



Setting	Description
Show graticule	Controls the vertical position and scale of the trace display.
Max Trace points (per range)	When the spectrum analysis produces more than the selected maximum number of points, the method specified in Detection control is used to decimate the result. This setting applies to both the Reference channel and offsets.
Show Marker readout in graph	Adjusts the reference level away from top of the graph.
Show limits	Controls the appearance of mask limits in the graph.
Shaded	Shows limits using a shaded area. Green shading is used to identify Absolute limits. Blue shading is used to indicate Relative limits.
Line only	Shows limits using only a line. A green line is used to identify Absolute limits. A blue line is used to indicate Relative limits.
None	No lines or shading are used to indicate limits in the graph. Violations of the mask are still identified by red shading.

RF Measurements Shared Measurement Settings

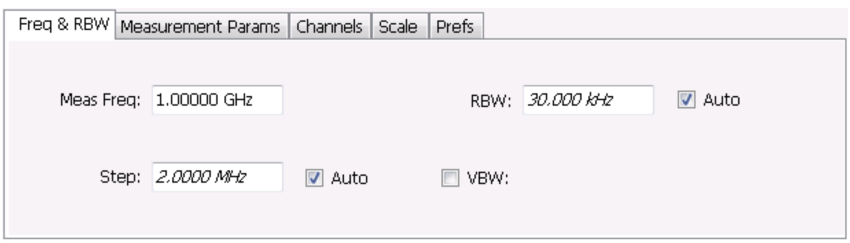
The control panel tabs in this section are shared by multiple displays in the RF Measurement folder (Setup > Displays). With few exceptions, each display maintains separate values for each of the controls on these tabs. For example, Scale values are independent for each of the displays.

Common controls for RF measurement displays

Settings tab	Description
Freq & RBW (see page 150)	Allows you to specify the Center Frequency, Step size and RBW.
Traces (see page 151)	Specifies trace parameters such as detection method and whether smoothing in enabled. Traces can also be saved and loaded for reference from this tab.
Scale (see page 154)	Specify vertical and horizontal scale settings.
Prefs (see page 155)	Specify appearance features of the graph area.

Freq & RBW Tab

The Freq & RBW tab specifies frequency parameters for some of the RF Measurements displays.



Setting	Description
Meas Freq	Specifies the measurement frequency.
Step	The Step control sets the increment/decrement size for the adjustment of the center frequency. If Auto is enabled, the analyzer will adjust the Step size as required.
RBW	Select Auto or Manual. Adjusts the RBW for the entire measurement. This setting is Independent of the Spectrum view's RBW setting.
VBW	Adjusts the VBW (Video Bandwidth) value.

NOTE. *While the measurement frequency and step settings on this control tab are shared between ACPR, MCPR and Occupied Bandwidth, the RBW setting is not shared. The RBW setting is unique for each measurement.*

VBW

The VBW setting enables/disables the Video Bandwidth filter. VBW is used in traditional swept analyzers to reduce the effect of noise on the displayed signal. The VBW algorithm in the analyzer emulates the VBW filters of traditional swept analyzers.

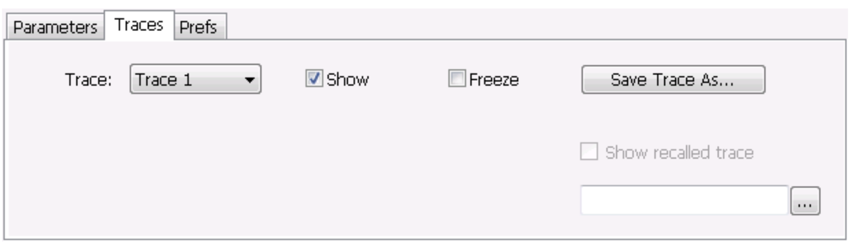
The maximum VBW value is the current RBW setting. The minimum VBW value is 1/10,000 of the RBW setting.

***NOTE.** If you are following a procedure that says to "set VBW to three times the RBW value or greater", it means that the test should be conducted with no VBW effects. In the SignalVu software, this condition is met by disabling the VBW function.*

Traces Tab

The Traces tab enables you to select traces for display. You can choose to display live traces and/or recalled traces. The Trace tab (see page 135) for Settling Time displays is described in the Settling Time controls section.

***NOTE.** Not all RF Measurements support multiple traces and/or save and recall of traces.*



Setting	Description
Trace	Selects a trace for display. Choices are Trace 1, 2, and Gaussian (CCDF display only). Trace 1 and 2 can be recalled traces.
Show	Shows / hides the selected trace.
Freeze	Halts updates to the selected trace.
Save Trace As	Saves the selected trace to a file for later recall and analysis.
Show recalled trace	Used to select a saved trace for display.
Detection (Phase Noise only)	Sets the Detector used for the trace. Only +/- Peak and Avg (VRMS) are available for the Phase Noise display. This setting is not available for saved traces. +/-Peak detection results in a trace with two Y values for each X location, with shading between.
Function	Selects the trace processing method (Spurious display only). Possible settings are: Normal, Average (VRMS), Avg (of logs), and Max Hold.
Smoothing (Phase Noise only)	When enabled, diminishes point-to-point trace variations. Smoothing +/- Peak traces treats + and - lines independently. The smoothing value adjusts how many points are in each filter set. Range: 1 - 20; Default: 5.

Trace Processing

The trace can be processed to display in different ways. The Function setting controls trace processing.

- **Max Hold** - Displays the maximum value in the trace record for each display point. Each new trace display point is compared to the previous maximum value and the greater value is retained for display and subsequent comparisons.
- **Normal** - Displays the trace record for each display point without additional processing.
- **Avg (VRMS)** [Average V_{RMS}] – Each point on the trace is the result of determining the RMS Voltage value for all of the IQ samples available to the trace point. When displayed in either linear (Volts, Watts) or Log (dB, dBm), the correct RMS value results. When the averaging function is applied to a trace, the averaging is performed on the linear (Voltage) values, resulting in the correct average for RMS values.
- **Avg (of logs)** – This is a trace function used to emulate legacy spectrum analyzer results and for the specification of displayed average noise level. In older swept analyzers, a voltage envelope detector is used in the process of measuring signal level, and the result is then converted to Watts and then to dBm. Averaging is then applied to the resultant traces.

  For CW signals, this method results in an accurate power measurement. However, with random noise and digitally modulated carriers, errors result from this 'average of logs' method. For random noise, the average of logs methods results in power levels -2.51 dB lower than that measured with a power meter, or with a spectrum analyzer that measures the rms value of a signal, and performs averaging on the calculated power in Watts and not dBm or other log-power units.

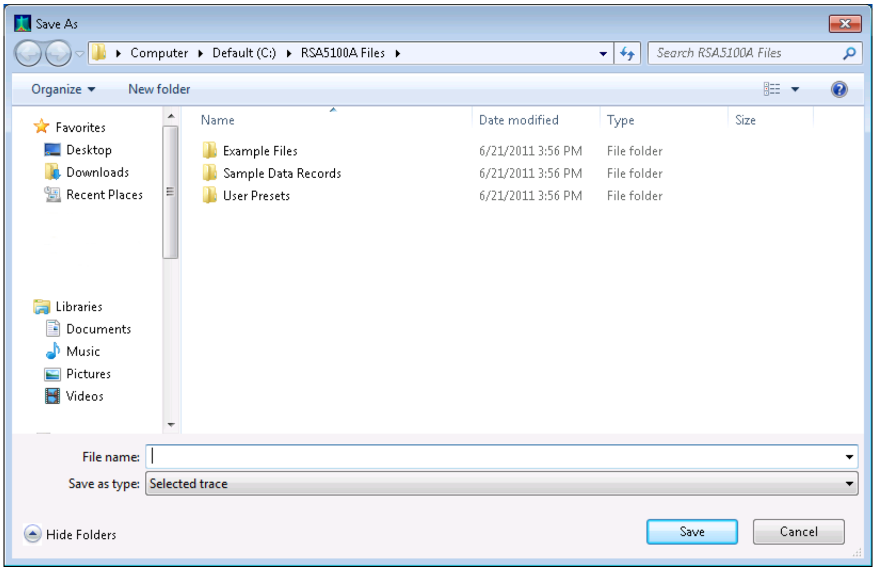
  This detector should be used when following a measurement procedure that specifies it, or when checking the Displayed Averaged Noise Level (DANL) of the instrument. The 'average of logs' detection and trace function is used for DANL specification to provide similar results to other spectrum/signal analyzers for comparison purposes. Use of the Average of Logs method of measurement is not recommended for digitally modulated carriers, as power measurement errors will occur.

NOTE. *The Detection setting does not affect the trace until the spectrum length is longer than the Auto setting.*

Saving Traces

To save a trace for later analysis:

1. Select the **Save Trace As** button. This displays the Save As dialog box.



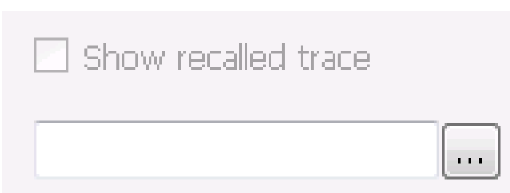
2. Navigate to the desired folder or use the default.
3. Type a name for the saved trace and click **Save**.

Recalling Traces

You can recall a previously saved trace for analysis or comparison to a live trace.

To select a trace for recall:

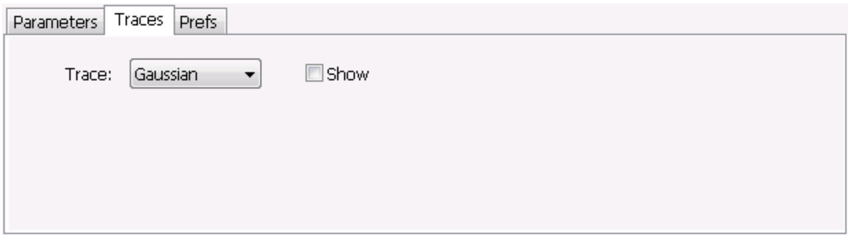
1. Select the trace into which the recalled trace will be loaded, from the Trace drop-down list.
2. Check the **Show** check box.
3. Click the **...** button to display the Open dialog box.



1. Navigate to the desired file and click **Open**.
2. Check the **Show Recalled Trace** check box.
3. Verify that the trace's **Show** check box is selected (either on this tab or next to the drop-down list located at the top-left corner of the graph).

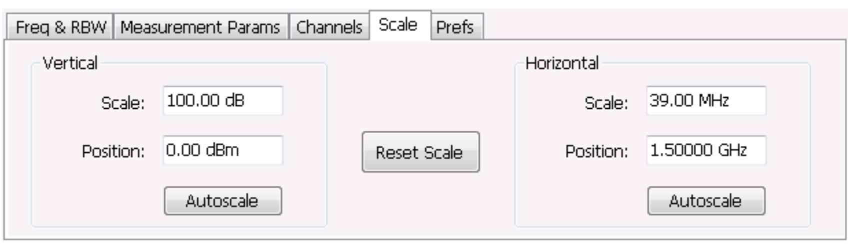
Gaussian Trace

The Gaussian trace is a reference trace that you can compare your trace against. Because the Gaussian trace is for reference, there are no settings for the trace other than whether or not it is shown.



Scale Tab

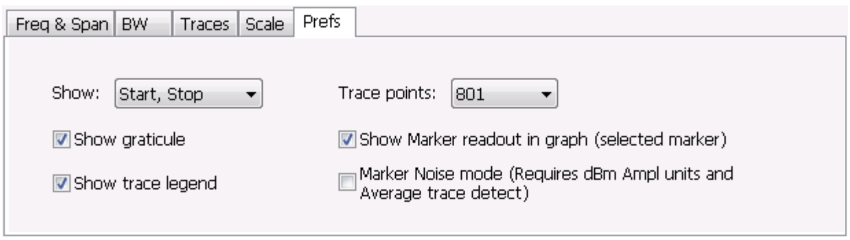
The Scale tab allows you to change the vertical and horizontal scale settings. Changing the scale settings changes how the trace appears on the display but does not change control settings such as Center Frequency.



Setting	Description
Vertical	Controls the vertical position and scale of the trace display.
Scale	Changes the vertical scale units. This is only accessible when the vertical units are set to dBm.
Offset	Adjusts the Reference Level away from the top of the trace display.
Autoscale	Resets the scale of the vertical axis to contain the complete trace.
Horizontal	Controls the span of the trace display and position of the trace.
Scale	Allows you to, in effect, change the span.
Offset	Allows you to pan a zoomed trace without changing the Measurement Frequency. Offset is only enabled when the span, as specified by Freq / div, is less than the acquisition bandwidth.
Autoscale	Resets the scale of the horizontal axis to contain the complete trace.
Log (Spurious only)	Resets the display to show the frequency axis in a logarithmic scale.

Prefs Tab

The Prefs tab enables you to change parameters of the measurement display. The parameters available on the Prefs tab vary depending on the selected display, but include such items as enabling/disabling Marker Readout, switching the Graticule display on/off, and Marker Noise mode. Some parameters appear with most displays while others appear with only one display.



Setting	Description
Show graticule	Shows or hides the graticule.
Show Marker readout in graph (selected marker)	Shows or hides the readout for the selected marker in the graph area.
Max trace points	In general, time-domain traces can include up to 100K points and frequency-domain traces can include up to 10K points. When the analysis produces a results array longer than the selected trace length, the trace is decimated (using the method specified with the Detection control) to be equal to or less than the Max trace points setting (except when Max trace points is set to Never Decimate). This decimated (or undecimated) trace is what is used for marker measurements and for results export.
Settling Time decimal places (Frequency and Phase Settling Time displays only)	Specifies the number of decimal places shown in the results readout below the graph. This setting does not affect the precision of internal calculations.
Show trace legend (Phase Noise display only)	Displays or hides the trace legend.

Overview

The OFDM Analysis option provides measurements for OFDM signals specified by 802.11a/g/j (Wifi) and 802.16 (ETSI) (commonly known as Fixed WiMAX) standards. User controls allow you to modify signal parameters for analysis of non-standard signals. The analysis results give multiple views of OFDM signal characteristics to allow diagnosing signal imperfections and impairments quickly and easily. Display controls provide the ability to selectively display the analysis results to help locate trouble-spots in the signal.

The displays in the OFDM Measurements folder (Displays > Folders > OFDM Measurements) are:

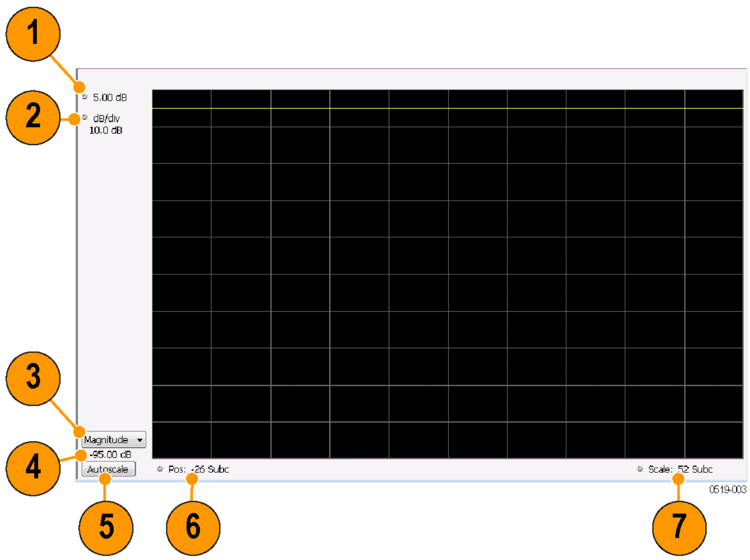
- OFDM Channel Response
- OFDM Constellation
- OFDM EVM
- OFDM Mag Error
- OFDM Phase Error
- OFDM Power Display
- OFDM Summary Display
- OFDM Symbol Table

OFDM Channel Response Display

The OFDM Channel Response display plots the channel response (magnitude or phase) versus the subcarrier or frequency.

To show the OFDM Channel Response display:

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**.
2. In the **Select Displays** dialog, select **OFDM Analysis** in the **Folders** box.
3. In the Available displays box, double-click the **OFDM Chan Response** icon or select the icon and click **Add**. The OFDM Chan Response icon will appear in the **Selected displays** box and will no longer appear under Available displays.
4. Click OK to show the OFDM Chan Response display.
5. Set the Frequency appropriate for the signal.
6. Select Setup > Settings to display the control panel.
7. Select the Modulation Params tab. Set the Standard, Guard Interval and Spacing and Bandwidth controls as appropriate for the input signal.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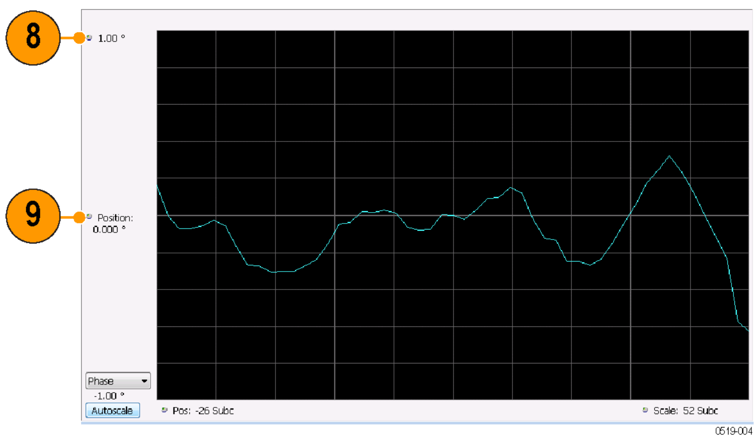
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Scale: 52 Subc
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Elements of the Display

Item	Display element	Description
1	Top-of-graph (magnitude)	Sets the level that appears at the top of the magnitude graph. This is only a visual control for panning the graph. The Reference Level is adjusted in the Toolbar and the Ampl control panel. By default, Vert Position = Ref Level.
2	dB/div (magnitude)	Sets the vertical scale value. The maximum value is 20.00 dB/division.
3	Display selector	Selects the display type. Channel Response Magnitude or Phase can be displayed as a Magnitude or Phase graph.
4	Bottom-of-graph readout (magnitude)	Indicates the amplitude at the bottom of the graph. This value changes with the dB/div and Vertical Position settings.
5	Autoscale	Adjusts the Vertical and Horizontal scaling to display the optimize the trace display on screen.
6	Pos	Shifts the trace left or right in the graph. The readout indicates the subcarrier or frequency shown at the left edge of the display.
7	Scale	Specifies the number of subcarriers shown in the graph.
8	Top-of-graph (phase)	Sets the phase value indicated at the top of the graph. Since the Position value at the vertical center of this graph remains constant as the Top of Graph value is adjusted, the Vertical Scale increases as the Top of Graph value increases, which also affects the bottom of graph readout.
9	Position (phase)	Specifies the phase shown at the center of the graph display. Changing this value moves the trace up and down in the graph, which affects the Top of Graph and Bottom of Graph values as well.
10	Bottom-of-graph (phase)	Indicates the phase at the bottom of the graph. This value changes with the Position setting.

OFDM Channel Response Settings

The OFDM Channel Response Settings control panel provides access to settings that control parameters of the Channel Response Display.

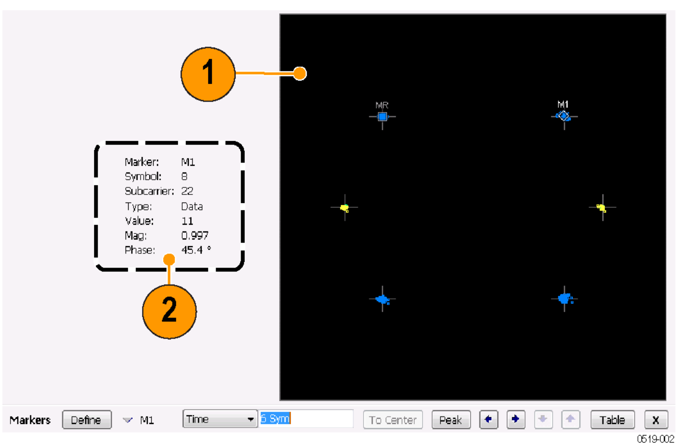
Settings tab	Description
Modulation Params (see page 174)	Specifies the input signal standard and additional user-settable signal parameters.
Advanced Params (see page 175)	Specifies parameters used by the instrument to analyze the input signal.
Data Range Tab (see page 176)	Specifies which symbols and subcarriers of the signal to display.
Analysis Time Tab (see page 176)	Specifies parameters that define the portion of the acquisition record that is used for analysis. Also allows you to specify the time units (Symbols or Seconds) for OFDM Analysis displays.
Prefs Tab (see page 180)	Specifies the units of the display and whether elements of the graphs are displayed.

OFDM Constellation Display

Display shows the OFDM signal subcarriers' amplitude and phase in IQ constellation form.

To show the OFDM Constellation display:

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**.
2. In the **Select Displays** dialog, select **OFDM Constellation** in the **Folders** box.
3. In the Available displays box, double-click the **OFDM Constellation** icon or select the icon and click **Add**. The OFDM Constellation icon will appear in the **Selected displays** box and will no longer appear under Available displays.
4. Click **OK** to show the OFDM Constellation display.
5. Set the **Frequency** appropriate for the signal.
6. Select **Setup** > **Settings** to display the control panel.
7. Select the **Modulation Params** tab. Set the Standard, Guard Interval and Spacing and Bandwidth controls as appropriate for the input signal.



Elements of the Display

Item	Display element	Description
1	Plot	Constellation graph.
2	Marker Readout	If markers are enabled, the marker readout shows the selected Marker, Symbol, Subcarrier, Type, Value, Magnitude, and Phase for the symbol at the marker location. Located to the left of the constellation plot or below it, depending on the size of the window.

OFDM Constellation Settings

The OFDM Constellation Settings control panel provides access to settings that control parameters of the Constellation Display.

Settings tab	Description
Modulation Params (see page 174)	Specifies the input signal standard and additional user-settable signal parameters.
Advanced Params (see page 175)	Specifies parameters used by the instrument to analyze the input signal.
Data Range (see page 176)	Specifies which symbols and subcarriers of the signal to display.
Analysis Time Tab (see page 176)	Specifies parameters that define the portion of the acquisition record that is used for analysis. Also allows you to specify the Units (Symbols or Seconds) for OFDM Analysis displays.
Trace (see page 178)	Enables you to freeze the display or hide the measurement or average trace.
Scale Tab (see page 178)	Specifies the Zoom scale, and vertical and horizontal positions of the display.
Prefs Tab (see page 180)	Specifies the units of the display and whether elements of the graphs are displayed.

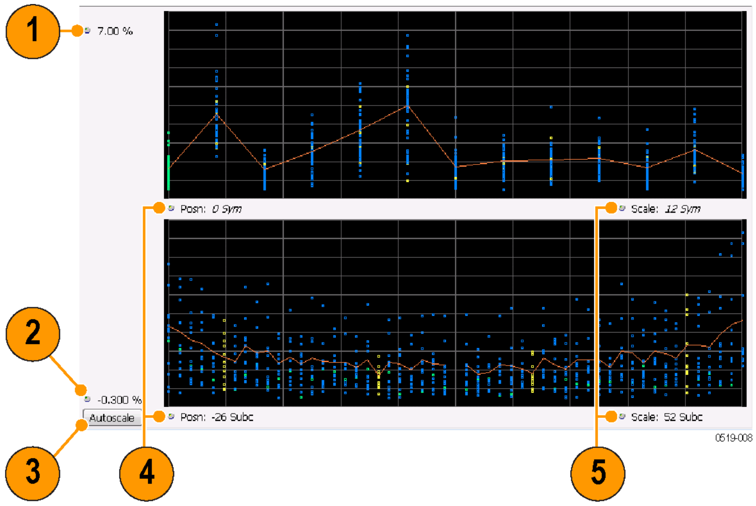
OFDM EVM Display

The OFDM EVM display shows the data symbols' individual subcarrier Error Vector Magnitude values versus symbol interval (time) and subcarrier (frequency).

To show the OFDM EVM display:

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**.
2. In the **Select Displays** dialog, select **OFDM EVM** in the **Folders** box.
3. In the Available displays box, double-click the **OFDM EVM** icon or select the icon and click **Add**. The OFDM EVM icon will appear in the **Selected displays** box and will no longer appear under Available displays.
4. Click **OK** to show the OFDM EVM display.
5. Set the **Frequency** appropriate for the signal.

6. Select **Setup** > **Settings** to display the control panel.
7. Select the **Modulation Params** tab. Set the Standard as appropriate. Set the Standard, Guard Interval and Spacing and Bandwidth controls as appropriate for the input signal.



Elements of the Display

Item	Display element	Description
1	Top of graph	Sets the EVM value that appears at the top of the graph. This is only a visual control for panning the graph.
2	Bottom of graph	Sets the EVM value that appears at the bottom of the graph. This is only a visual control for panning the graph.
3	Autoscale	Adjusts the vertical and horizontal settings to provide the best display.
4	Pos	Specifies the horizontal position of the trace on the graph display.
5	Scale	Adjusts the horizontal range of the graph. By decreasing the scale, the graph essentially becomes a window that you can move over the analysis results by adjusting the position.

OFDM EVM Settings

The settings for the OFDM EVM display are shown in the following table.

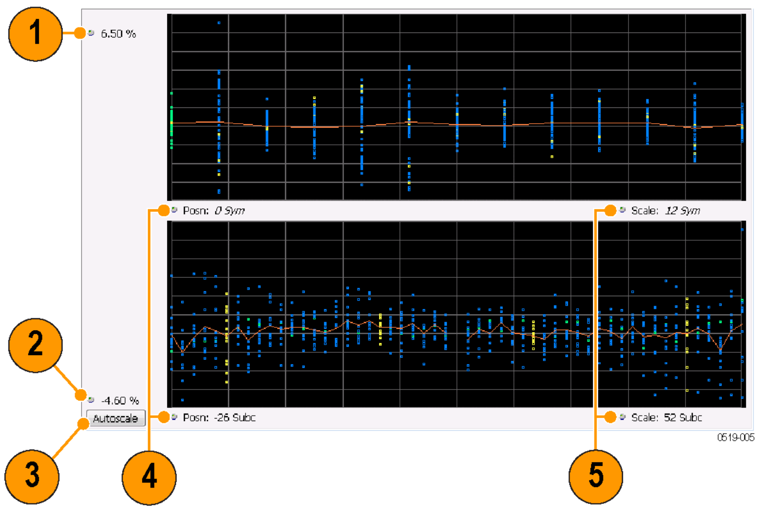
Settings tab	Description
Modulation Params (see page 174)	Specifies the type of modulation used for the input signal and other parameters.
Advanced Params (see page 175)	Specifies parameters used by the instrument to analyze the input signal.
Data Range (see page 176)	Specifies which symbols and subcarriers of the signal to display.
Analysis Time (see page 176)	Specifies parameters that define the portion of the acquisition record that is used for analysis. Also allows you to specify the Units (Symbols or Seconds) for OFDM Analysis displays.
Trace (see page 178)	Enables you to freeze the display or hide the measurement or average trace.
Scale (see page 178)	Specifies the vertical, subcarrier, and symbols scale and position settings.
Prefs (see page 180)	Specifies the units of the display and whether elements of the graphs are displayed.

OFDM Magnitude Error Display

The OFDM Mag Error display shows the data symbols' individual subcarrier Magnitude Error values versus symbol interval (time) and subcarrier (frequency).

To show the OFDM Magnitude Error display:

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**.
2. In the **Select Displays** dialog, select **OFDM Analysis** in the **Folders** box.
3. In the Available displays box, double-click the **OFDM Mag Error** icon or select the icon and click **Add**. The OFDM Mag Error icon will appear in the **Selected displays** box and will no longer appear under Available displays.
4. Click **OK** to show the OFDM Mag Error display.
5. Set the **Frequency** appropriate for the signal.
6. Select **Setup** > **Settings** to display the control panel.
7. Select the **Modulation Params** tab. Set the Standard, Guard Interval and Spacing and Bandwidth controls as appropriate for the input signal.



Elements of the Display

Item	Display element	Description
1	Top of graph	Sets the Magnitude Error value that appears at the top of the graph. This is only a visual control for panning the graph.
2	Bottom of graph	Sets the Magnitude Error value that appears at the bottom of the graph. This is only a visual control for panning the graph.
3	Autoscale	Adjusts the vertical and horizontal settings to provide the best display.
4	Pos	Specifies the horizontal position of the trace on the graph display.
5	Scale	Adjusts the horizontal range of the graph. By decreasing the scale, the graph essentially becomes a window that you can move over the analysis results by adjusting the position.

OFDM Magnitude Error Settings

The settings for the OFDM Mag Error display are shown in the following table.

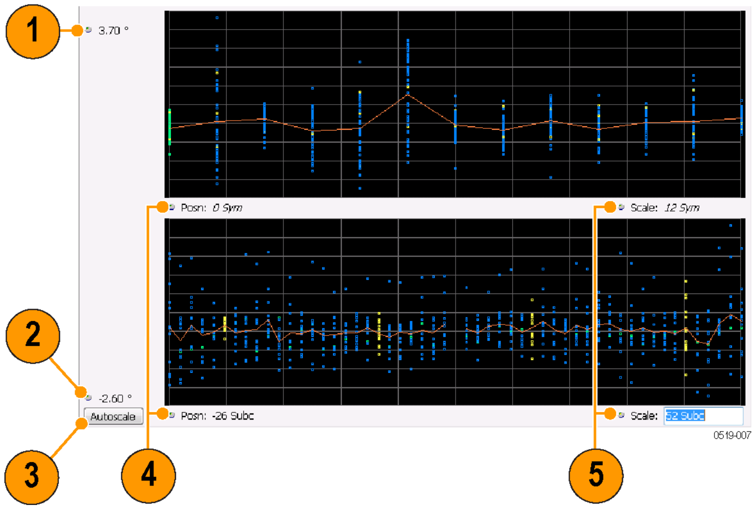
Settings tab	Description
Modulation Params (see page 174)	Specifies the type of modulation used for the input signal and other parameters.
Advanced Params (see page 175)	Specifies parameters used by the instrument to analyze the input signal.
Data Range (see page 176)	Specifies which symbols and subcarriers of the signal to display.
Analysis Time Tab (see page 176)	Specifies parameters that define the portion of the acquisition record that is used for analysis. Also allows you to specify the Units (Symbols or Seconds) for OFDM Analysis displays.
Trace (see page 178)	Enables you to display or hide the measurement or average trace.
Scale Tab (see page 178)	Specifies the vertical, subcarrier, and symbols scale and position settings.
Prefs Tab (see page 180)	Specifies the units of the display and whether elements of the graphs are displayed.

OFDM Phase Error Display

The OFDM Phase Error display shows the data symbols' individual subcarrier Phase Error values versus symbol interval (time) and subcarrier (frequency).

To show the OFDM Phase Error display:

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**.
2. In the **Select Displays** dialog, select **OFDM Analysis** in the **Folders** box.
3. In the Available displays box, double-click the **OFDM Phase Error** icon or select the icon and click **Add**. The OFDM Phase Error icon will appear in the **Selected displays** box and will no longer appear under Available displays.
4. Click **OK** to show the OFDM Phase Error display.
5. Set the **Frequency** appropriate for the signal.
6. Select **Setup** > **Settings** to display the control panel.
7. Select the **Modulation Params** tab. Set the Standard, Guard Interval and Spacing and Bandwidth controls as appropriate for the input signal.



Elements of the Display

Item	Display element	Description
1	Top of graph	Sets the Phase Error value that appears at the top of the graph. This is only a visual control for panning the graph.
2	Bottom of graph	Sets the Phase Error value that appears at the bottom of the graph. This is only a visual control for panning the graph.
3	Autoscale	Adjusts the vertical and horizontal settings to provide the best display.
4	Pos	Specifies the horizontal position of the trace on the graph display.
5	Scale	Adjusts the horizontal range of the graph. By decreasing the scale, the graph essentially becomes a window that you can move over the analysis results by adjusting the position.

OFDM Phase Error Settings

The settings for the OFDM Phase Error display are shown in the following table.

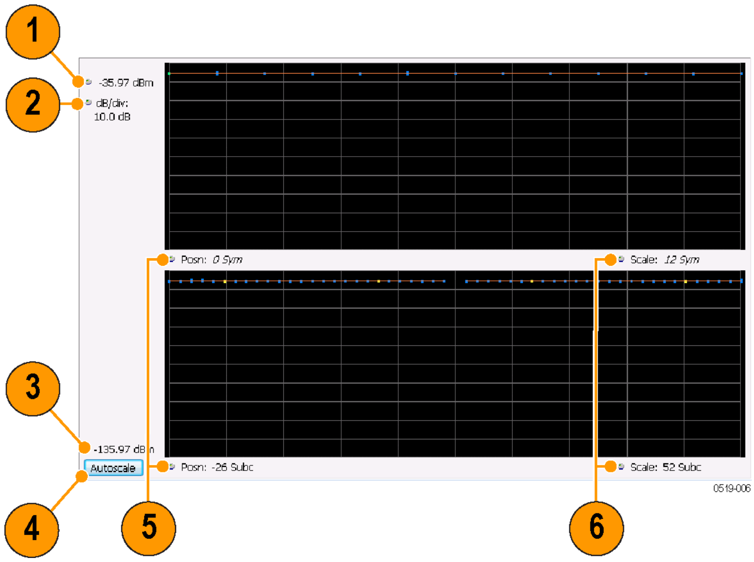
Settings tab	Description
Modulation Params (see page 174)	Specifies the type of modulation used for the input signal and other parameters.
Advanced Params (see page 175)	Specifies parameters used by the instrument to analyze the input signal.
Data Range (see page 176)	Specifies which symbols and subcarriers of the signal to display.
Analysis Time Tab (see page 176)	Specifies parameters that define the portion of the acquisition record that is used for analysis. Also allows you to specify the Units (Symbols or Seconds) for OFDM Analysis displays.
Trace (see page 178)	Enables you to display or hide the measurement or average trace.
Scale Tab (see page 178)	Specifies the vertical, subcarrier, and symbols scale and position settings.
Prefs Tab (see page 180)	Specifies the units of the display and whether elements of the graphs are displayed.

OFDM Power Display

The OFDM Power display shows the data symbols' individual subcarrier Power values versus symbol interval (time) and subcarrier (frequency).

To show the OFDM Power display:

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**.
2. In the **Select Displays** dialog, select **OFDM Analysis** in the **Folders** box.
3. In the Available displays box, double-click the **OFDM Power** icon or select the icon and click **Add**. The OFDM Power icon will appear in the **Selected displays** box and will no longer appear under Available displays.
4. Click **OK** to show the OFDM Power display.
5. Set the **Frequency** appropriate for the signal.
6. Select **Setup** > **Settings** to display the control panel.
7. Select the **Modulation Params** tab. Set the Standard, Guard Interval and Spacing and Bandwidth controls as appropriate for the input signal.



Elements of the Display

Item	Display element	Description
1	Vertical Position	Sets the top of graph value. This is only a visual control for panning the graph. The Reference Level is adjusted in the Toolbar and the Ampl control panel. By default, Vert Position = Ref Level.
2	dB/div	Sets the vertical scale value. The maximum value is 20.00 dB/division.
2	Bottom of graph readout	Indicates the amplitude at the bottom of the graph. This value changes with the dB/div and Vertical Position settings.
3	Autoscale	Adjusts the vertical and horizontal settings to provide the best display.
4	Pos	Specifies the horizontal position of the trace on the graph display.
5	Scale	Adjusts the horizontal range of the graph. By decreasing the scale, the graph essentially becomes a window that you can move over the analysis results by adjusting the position.

OFDM Power Settings

The settings for the OFDM Power display are shown in the following table.

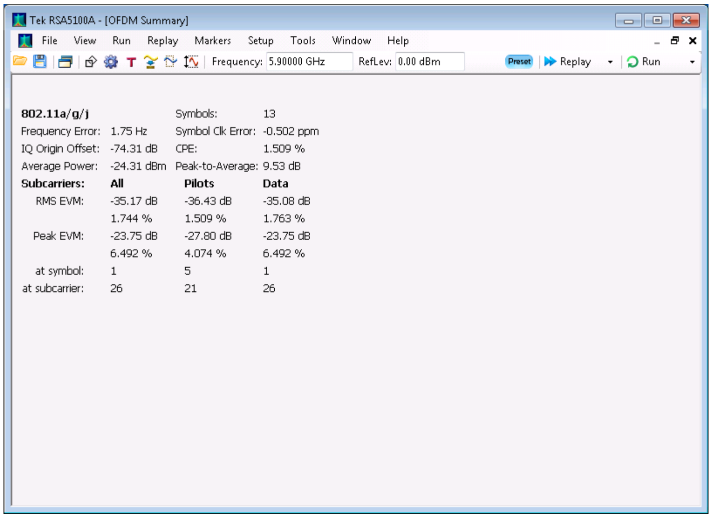
Settings tab	Description
Modulation Params (see page 174)	Specifies the type of modulation used for the input signal and other parameters.
Advanced Params (see page 175)	Specifies parameters used by the instrument to analyze the input signal.
Data Range (see page 176)	Specifies which symbols and subcarriers of the signal to display.
Analysis Time (see page 176)	Specifies parameters that define the portion of the acquisition record that is used for analysis. Also allows you to specify the Units (Symbols or Seconds) for OFDM Analysis displays.
Trace (see page 178)	Enables you to display or hide the measurement or average trace.
Scale (see page 178)	Specifies the vertical, subcarrier, and symbols scale and position settings.
Prefs (see page 180)	Specifies the units of the display and whether elements of the graphs are displayed.

OFDM Summary Display

The OFDM Summary display shows several measurements of OFDM signal quality.

To show the OFDM Summary display:

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**.
2. In the **Select Displays** dialog, select **OFDM Analysis** in the **Folders** box.
3. In the Available displays box, double-click the **OFDM Summary** icon or select the icon and click **Add**. The OFDM Summary icon will appear in the **Selected displays** box and will no longer appear under Available displays.
4. Click **OK** to show the OFDM Summary display.
5. Set the **Frequency** appropriate for the signal.
6. Select **Setup** > **Settings** to display the control panel.
7. Select the **Modulation Params** tab. Set the Standard, Guard Interval and Spacing and Bandwidth controls as appropriate for the input signal.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IQ Origin Offset: -74.31 dB
CPE: 1.509 %
Average Power: -24.31 dBm
Peak-to-Average: 9.53 dB
Subcarriers: All Pilots Data
RMS EVM: -35.17 dB -36.43 dB -35.08 dB
1.744 % 1.509 % 1.763 %
Peak EVM: -23.75 dB -27.80 dB -23.75 dB
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at symbol: 1 5 1
at subcarrier: 26 21 26

Elements of the Display

Measurement	Description
Standard	Display of the standard selected on the Setup > Settings > Modulation Params tab.
Frequency Error	The frequency difference between the measured carrier frequency of the signal and the measurement frequency setting.
IQ Origin Offset	The average magnitude of the DC subcarrier level relative to total signal power. It indicates the level of carrier feedthrough detected at the center (DC) subcarrier.
Average Power	The average power of all symbols in the analysis. Calculated over only the data symbols in the packet.
Symbols	How many symbols were analyzed.
Symbol Clk Error	The symbol clock error in parts per million.
CPE	CPE, Common Pilot Error, is the RMS magnitude error of the pilots over all analyzed symbols.
Peak-to-Average	The ratio of the highest instantaneous signal power level to the average signal power. Calculated over only the data symbols in the packet.
EVM	The RMS and Peak values of the normalized subcarrier Error Vector Magnitude values. The normalized subcarrier EVM values are calculated as the difference between the detected received signal subcarrier constellation points and ideal reference points estimated by the instrument from the received signal. Values are reported in units of percent and dB. Peak values include the symbol and subcarrier location. RMS and Peak values are displayed for groupings of all subcarriers, Pilots only and Data only. Results are calculated over the entire signal packet analyzed, covering the number of Symbols indicated in the Summary display.

OFDM Summary Settings

The settings for the OFDM Summary display are shown in the following table.

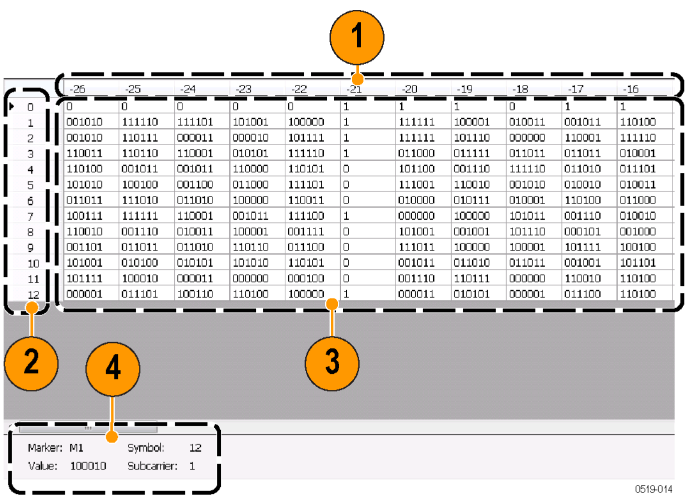
Settings tab	Description
Modulation Params (see page 174)	Specifies the type of modulation used for the input signal and other parameters.
Advanced Params (see page 175)	Specifies parameters used by the instrument to analyze the input signal.
Data Range (see page 176)	Specifies which symbols and subcarriers of the signal to display.
Analysis Time (see page 176)	Specifies parameters that define the portion of the acquisition record that is used for analysis. Also allows you to specify the Units (Symbols or Seconds) for OFDM Analysis displays.
Prefs (see page 180)	Specifies the units of the display and whether elements of the graphs are displayed.

OFDM Symbol Table Display

The OFDM Symbol Table display shows decoded data bits for each subcarrier in each symbol in the analyzed signal packet. Results are presented with subcarrier (frequency) indices in the horizontal dimension and symbol (time) intervals in the vertical dimension.

To show the OFDM Symbol Table display:

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**.
2. In the **Select Displays** dialog, select **OFDM Analysis** in the **Folders** box.
3. In the Available displays box, double-click the **OFDM Symb Table** icon or select the icon and click **Add**. The OFDM Symbol icon will appear in the **Selected displays** box and will no longer appear under Available displays.
4. Click **OK** to show the OFDM Symbol Table display.
5. Set the **Frequency** appropriate for the signal.
6. Select **Setup** > **Settings** to display the control panel.
7. Select the **Modulation Params** tab. Set the Standard, Guard Interval and Spacing and Bandwidth controls as appropriate for the input signal.



Item	Description
1	Subcarrier identifiers.
2	Symbol identifiers.

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Item	Description
3	Subcarrier data values.
4	Marker readout when markers are enabled.

OFDM Symbol Table Settings

The settings for the OFDM Symbol Table display are shown in the following table.

Settings tab	Description
Modulation Params (see page 174)	Specifies the type of modulation used for the input signal and other parameters.
Advanced Params (see page 175)	Specifies parameters used by the instrument to analyze the input signal.
Data Range (see page 176)	Specifies which symbols and subcarriers of the signal to display.
Analysis Time (see page 176)	Specifies parameters that define the portion of the acquisition record that is used for analysis. Also allows you to specify the Units (Symbols or Seconds) for OFDM Analysis displays.
Prefs (see page 180)	Specifies the units of the display and whether elements of the graphs are displayed.

OFDM Analysis Shared Measurement Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings

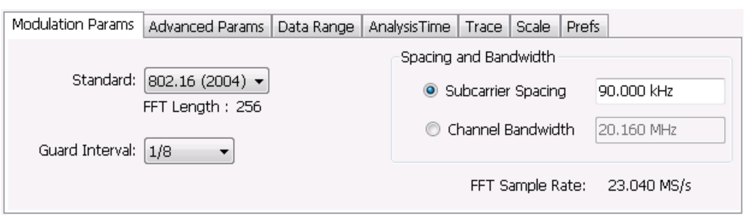
The control panel tabs in this section are shared between the displays in the OFDM Analysis folder (Setup > Displays). Some tabs are shared by all the displays, some tabs are shared by only a couple of displays. The settings available on some tabs change depending on the selected display.

Common controls for OFDM analysis displays

Settings tab	Description
Modulation Params (see page 174)	Specifies the type of modulation used for the input signal and other parameters.
Advanced Params (see page 175)	Specifies parameters used by the instrument to analyze the input signal.
Data Range (see page 176)	Specifies which symbols and subcarriers of the signal to display.
Analysis Time (see page 176)	Specifies parameters that define the portion of the acquisition record that is used for analysis. Also allows you to specify the Units (Symbols or Seconds) for OFDM Analysis displays.
Trace (see page 178)	Enables you to display or hide the measurement or average trace.
Scale (see page 178)	Specifies the vertical, subcarrier, and symbols scale and position settings.
Prefs (see page 180)	Specifies the units of the display and whether elements of the graphs are displayed.

Modulation Params Tab – OFDM

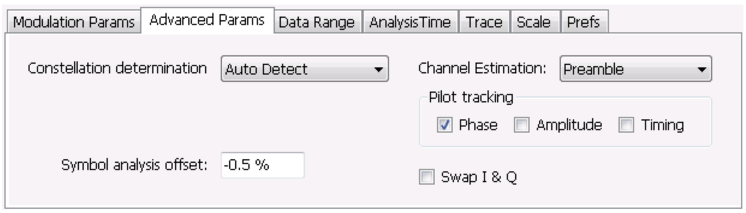
The Modulation Params tab specifies the type of modulation used by the input signal and other parameters that control the demodulation of the input signal.



Settings	Description
Standard	Specifies the standard used for the input signal. Choices are 802.11a/g/j and 820.16 (ETSI).
Guard Interval	Specifies the guard interval used in the input signal. Choices are 1/4, 1/8, 1/16/, 1/32, and User. When you select User, you can enter a percentage value to specify the size of the guard interval as a percentage of the useful symbol interval. The Guard Interval range is 0–100%.
Spacing and Bandwidth	Specifies the spacing between subcarriers and the nominal channel bandwidth. Only one of these settings can be set at a time, the other setting is automatically calculated.
Sample Rate	Indicates the FFT sample rate, based on the bandwidth or subcarrier setting.

Advanced Params Tab – OFDM

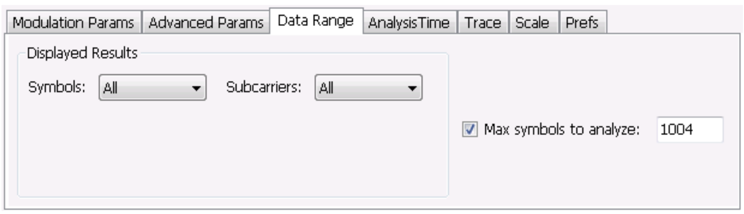
The Advanced Params tab contains parameters that control the analysis of the input signal.



Settings	Description
Constellation determination	Specifies the method used to detect the constellation. Automatic analyzes the signal to determine the appropriate constellation, Manual allows you to specify the constellation type. Manual choices are: BPSK, QPSK, 16QAM, and 64QAM.
Symbol analysis offset	Specifies the analysis offset in the symbol interval. This value is a percentage of the Guard Interval. The allowable range is -100% to 0%. -100% positions the FFT to start at the beginning of the Guard Interval, 0% positions it to start at the end of the Guard Interval. Default value is -50% which usually gives the best measurement results.
Channel Estimation	Specifies the method used to estimate channel frequency response and equalization. This control can be used to diagnose changes in frequency response over the signal packet.
Preamble	When you select Preamble, the instrument uses only the Preamble to estimate channel frequency response. This response is then used to equalize the entire signal packet.
Preamble + Data	When you select Preamble + Data, the instrument makes an initial channel frequency response estimate from the Preamble. Then estimates the channel response for each data symbol using the decoded data content to derive equalization for each symbol individually. This allows compensation for time-varying channel response over the packet.
Pilot tracking	Specifies if pilot subcarriers should be used to correct amplitude, phase, and symbol timing variations over the packet. The choices available are Phase, Amplitude, and Timing. The default setting is Phase.
Swap I & Q	Select the checkbox to swap the I and Q components of a signal. This compensates the input signal for spectral inversion.

Data Range Tab – OFDM

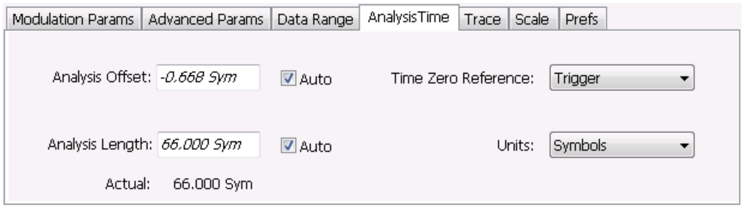
The Data Range tab enables you to control how much signal is analyzed, as well as specify the range of results that are displayed in the Constellation, EVM, Magnitude Error, Phase Error, Power and Symbol Table graphs.



Settings	Description
Symbols	Specifies which symbols are displayed in the graphs.
All	Select All to display all symbols.
Range	Select Range to specify a subset of symbols for display.
Start	Specifies the first symbol to include in the display.
Number	Specifies how many symbols to display in the graphs.
Single	Select Single to display a single symbol.
Index	Use Index to specify the symbol you want to display.
Subcarriers	Specifies which subcarriers are displayed.
All	Select All to display all subcarriers in the signal.
Pilots Only	Select Pilot to display only pilot subcarriers.
Data Only	Select Data to display only data subcarriers.
Single	Specifies a specific subcarrier for display.
Index	Specifies the specific subcarrier to be displayed.
Range	Specifies a range to subcarriers to be displayed.
Start	Specifies the start value of the range to be displayed.
Stop	Specifies the ending value of the range to be displayed.
Max symbols to analyze	Specifies how many symbols are analyzed. You can use this setting to speed analysis by limiting the number of symbols being analyzed.

Analysis Time Tab – OFDM

The Analysis Time tab contains parameters that define how the signal is analyzed in the OFDM Analysis displays.



Settings	Description
Analysis Offset	Specifies the location of the first time sample to use in measurements.
Auto	When enabled, causes the instrument to set the Analysis Offset value based on the requirements of the selected display.
Analysis Length	Specifies the length of the analysis period to use in measurements. Length is specified in either symbols or seconds, depending on the Units setting.
Auto	When enabled, causes the instrument to set the Analysis Length value based on the requirements of the selected display.
Actual	This is a displayed value, not a setting. It is the Analysis Length (time or symbols) being used by the analyzer, this value may not match the Analysis Length requested (in manual mode).
Time Zero Reference	Specifies the zero point for the analysis time.
Units	Specifies the units of the Analysis Length to either Symbols or Seconds.

Analysis Offset

Use analysis offset to specify where measurements begin. Be aware that you cannot set the Analysis Offset outside the range of time covered by the current acquisition data. (all time values are relative to the Time Zero Reference).

You can set the Analysis Length so that the requested analysis period falls partly or entirely outside the current range of acquisition data settings. When the next acquisition is taken, its Acquisition Length will be increased to cover the new Analysis Length, as long as the Sampling controls are set to Auto. If the Sampling parameters are set to manual, or if the instrument is analyzing saved data, the actual analysis length will be constrained by the available data length, but in most cases, measurements are able to be made anyway. The instrument will display a notification when measurement results are computed from less data than requested. Range: 0 to [(end of acquisition) - Analysis Length)]. Resolution: 1 effective sample (or symbol).

Analysis Length

Use the analysis length to specify how long a period of time is analyzed. As you adjust this value, the actual amount of time for Analysis Length, in Symbol or Seconds units, is shown below the control in the "Actual" readout. This setting is not available when Auto is checked. Range: minimum value depends on modulation type. Resolution: 1 symbol.

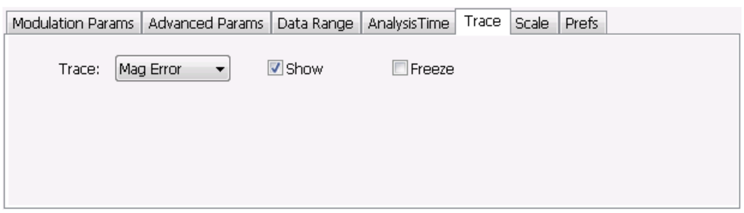
Time Zero Reference

All time values are measured from this point (such as marker position or horizontal position (in Y vs Time displays). Choices are: Acquisition Start or Trigger.

Parameter	Description
Acquisition Start	Offset is measured from the point at which acquisition begins.
Trigger	Offset is measured from the trigger point.

Trace Tab – OFDM

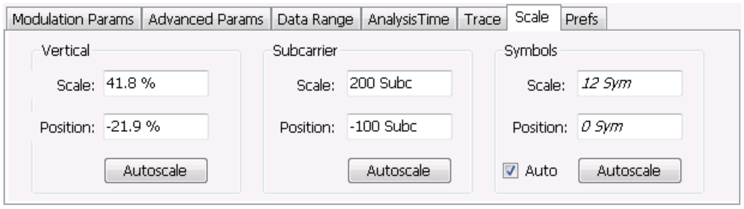
The Trace tab allows you to set the trace display characteristics of the selected display. This tab is not available for all OFDM displays.



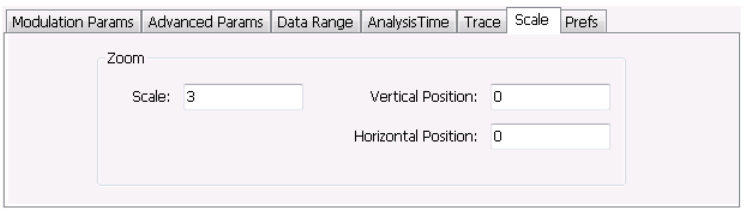
Settings	Description
Trace	Use this drop-down list to select whether or not the Average trace or the measurement trace is displayed. The measurement trace depends on the selected display.
Show	Select or deselect this checkbox to show or hide the trace selected in the Trace drop-down list.
Freeze	Selecting Freeze halts updates to the trace.

Scale Tab – OFDM

The Scale tab allows you to change the scale settings that control how the trace appears on the display but does not change control settings such as Measurement Frequency. There are two versions of the Scale tab for OFDM displays. One version is used only for the Constellation display and the other version is used for the OFDM EVM, OFDM Magnitude Error, OFDM Phase Error, and OFDM Power displays.



Scale tab for OFDM EVM, OFDM Mag Error, OFDM Phase Error, and OFDM Power displays

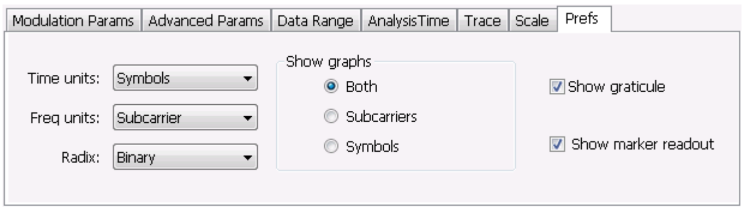


Scale tab for OFDM Constellation display

Settings	Description
Vertical	Controls the vertical position and scale of the trace display.
Scale	Changes the vertical scale of the graph.
Position	Adjusts the reference level away from top of the graph.
Autoscale	Resets the scale of the vertical axis to contain the complete trace.
Subcarrier	Controls the scale of the subcarrier graph and position of the trace.
Scale	Specifies how many subcarriers are displayed horizontally.
Position	Specifies the subcarrier that appears at the left edge of the subcarrier graph.
Autoscale	Resets the scale of the horizontal axis to contain the complete trace.
Symbols	Controls the scale of the Symbols graph.
Scale	Specifies the number of symbols that appear in the symbols graph.
Position	Specifies the symbol that appears at the left edge of the Symbols graph.
Autoscale	Resets the scale and position settings to optimize the display.
Auto	When Auto is checked, the scale and position values for the Symbols graph are automatically adjusted to maintain the optimal display.
Zoom	Sets the Constellation display size and position.
Scale	Sets the magnification value for the Constellation display.
Vertical Position	Sets the vertical location of the Constellation display within the graph. Range is -3.7 to +3.7.
Horizontal Position	Sets the horizontal location of the Constellation display within the graph. Range is -3.7 to +3.7.

Prefs Tab – OFDM

The Prefs tab enables you to change appearance characteristics of the OFDM Analysis displays. Not all settings on the Prefs tab shown below appear for every OFDM display.



Settings	Description
Time units	Specifies whether the displayed time units are seconds or symbols.
Freq units	Specifies whether the displayed frequency units are frequency (Hz) or subcarrier channel.
Radix	Specifies whether symbol values are displayed in binary or hex format (for example, in the Symbol Table or markers readouts).
Show graphs	Specifies which graph types are displayed.
Both	Displays both the Subcarrier and Symbol graphs.
Subcarriers	Displays only the subcarrier graph.
Symbols	Displays only the symbol graph.
Show graticule	Displays or hides the graticule in the graphs.
Show marker readout	Displays or hides the marker readouts in the graphs.

Overview

The displays in the Pulsed RF folder (Displays > Folders > Pulsed RF) are:

- Pulse Statistics
- Pulse Table
- Pulse Trace

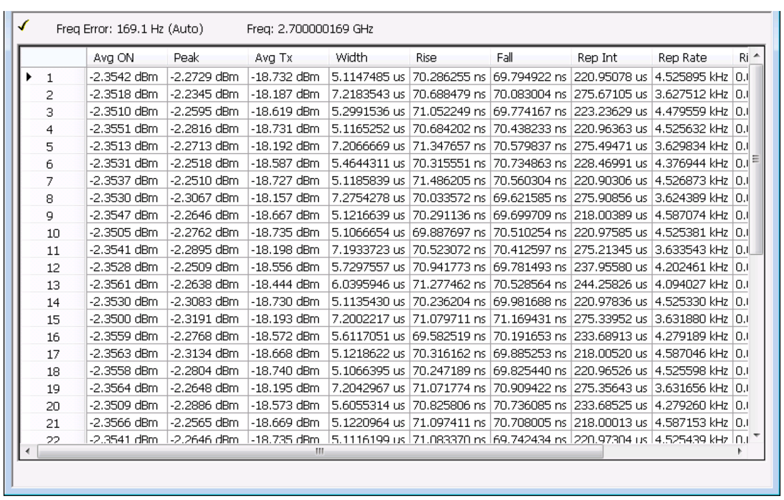
The Pulse measurements provide deep insight into pulse train behavior.

Pulse Measurements

The analyzer takes the following pulse measurements: Average ON Power, Peak Power, Average Transmitted Power, Pulse Width, Rise Time, Fall Time, Repetition Interval (Sec), Repetition Rate (Hz), Duty Factor (%), Duty Factor (Ratio), Ripple, Droop, Pulse-Pulse Phase Difference, Pulse-Pulse Frequency Difference, RMS Frequency Error, Maximum Frequency Error, RMS Phase Error, Maximum Phase Error, Frequency Deviation, Phase Deviation, and Time. See Available Measurements (see page 23) for definitions.

Pulse Table Display

The Pulse Table lists selected measurements in a spreadsheet format, showing the pulse numbers and all the results for each measurement on all the detected pulses. Pulses are numbered from one.


Freq Error: 169.1 Hz (Auto) Freq: 2.700000169 GHz

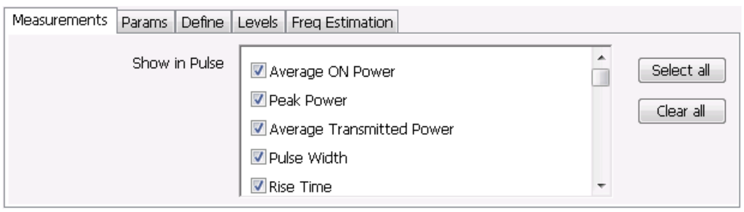
	Avg ON	Peak	Avg Tx	Width	Rise	Fall	Rep Int	Rep Rate	Ri
1	-2.3542 dBm	-2.2729 dBm	-18.732 dBm	5.1147485 us	70.286255 ns	69.794922 ns	220.95078 us	4.525895 kHz	0.
2	-2.3518 dBm	-2.2345 dBm	-18.187 dBm	7.2183543 us	70.688479 ns	70.083004 ns	275.67105 us	3.627512 kHz	0.
3	-2.3510 dBm	-2.2595 dBm	-18.619 dBm	5.2991536 us	71.052249 ns	69.774167 ns	223.23629 us	4.479559 kHz	0.
4	-2.3551 dBm	-2.2816 dBm	-18.731 dBm	5.1165252 us	70.684202 ns	70.438233 ns	220.96363 us	4.525632 kHz	0.
5	-2.3513 dBm	-2.2713 dBm	-18.192 dBm	7.2066669 us	71.347657 ns	70.579837 ns	275.49471 us	3.629834 kHz	0.
6	-2.3531 dBm	-2.2518 dBm	-18.587 dBm	5.4644311 us	70.315551 ns	70.734863 ns	228.46991 us	4.376944 kHz	0.
7	-2.3537 dBm	-2.2510 dBm	-18.727 dBm	5.1185839 us	71.486205 ns	70.560304 ns	220.90306 us	4.526873 kHz	0.
8	-2.3530 dBm	-2.3067 dBm	-18.157 dBm	7.2754278 us	70.033572 ns	69.621585 ns	275.90856 us	3.624389 kHz	0.
9	-2.3547 dBm	-2.2646 dBm	-18.667 dBm	5.1216639 us	70.291136 ns	69.699709 ns	218.00389 us	4.587074 kHz	0.
10	-2.3505 dBm	-2.2762 dBm	-18.735 dBm	5.1066654 us	69.887697 ns	70.510254 ns	220.97585 us	4.525381 kHz	0.
11	-2.3541 dBm	-2.2895 dBm	-18.198 dBm	7.1933723 us	70.523072 ns	70.412597 ns	275.21345 us	3.633543 kHz	0.
12	-2.3528 dBm	-2.2509 dBm	-18.556 dBm	5.7297557 us	70.941773 ns	69.781493 ns	237.95580 us	4.202461 kHz	0.
13	-2.3561 dBm	-2.2638 dBm	-18.444 dBm	6.0395946 us	71.277462 ns	70.528564 ns	244.25826 us	4.094027 kHz	0.
14	-2.3530 dBm	-2.3083 dBm	-18.730 dBm	5.1135430 us	70.236204 ns	69.981688 ns	220.97836 us	4.525330 kHz	0.
15	-2.3500 dBm	-2.3191 dBm	-18.193 dBm	7.2002217 us	71.079711 ns	71.169431 ns	275.33952 us	3.631880 kHz	0.
16	-2.3559 dBm	-2.2768 dBm	-18.572 dBm	5.6117051 us	69.582519 ns	70.191653 ns	233.68913 us	4.279189 kHz	0.
17	-2.3563 dBm	-2.3134 dBm	-18.668 dBm	5.1218622 us	70.316162 ns	69.885253 ns	218.00520 us	4.587046 kHz	0.
18	-2.3558 dBm	-2.2804 dBm	-18.740 dBm	5.1066395 us	70.247189 ns	69.825440 ns	220.96526 us	4.525598 kHz	0.
19	-2.3564 dBm	-2.2648 dBm	-18.195 dBm	7.2042967 us	71.071774 ns	70.909422 ns	275.35643 us	3.631656 kHz	0.
20	-2.3509 dBm	-2.2886 dBm	-18.573 dBm	5.6055314 us	70.825806 ns	70.736085 ns	233.68525 us	4.279260 kHz	0.
21	-2.3566 dBm	-2.2565 dBm	-18.669 dBm	5.1220964 us	71.097411 ns	70.708005 ns	218.00013 us	4.587153 kHz	0.
22	-2.3541 dBm	-2.2646 dBm	-18.735 dBm	5.1116199 us	71.083370 ns	69.742434 ns	220.97304 us	4.525439 kHz	0.

Displaying the Pulse Table

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**.
2. Select **PulsedRF** in the Folders box.
3. **Double-click Pulse Table** in the **Available displays** box to add the display to the Selected displays box.
4. Click **OK**.

Selecting the Measurements to Show

1. With the Pulse Table selected, press the **Settings** button.
2. In the Pulse Table Settings control panel, select the **Measurements** tab.



3. Select the measurements you wish to take from the list of measurements or click **Select all** to choose all measurements.
4. Click the close box ( ) to remove the Settings control panel.

Changing the Pulse Table Display Settings (see page 182)

Pulse Table Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings

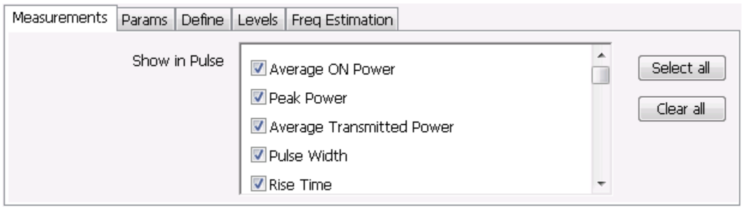
The Settings control panel tabs for the Pulse Table Display are shown in the following table.

Settings tab	Description
Measurements (see page 183)	Selects the measurements to be show in the Pulse Table.
Params (see page 187)	Specifies several parameters that control how pulses are counted and defined.
Define (see page 189)	Specifies parameters that control where measurements are taken on a pulse.
Levels (see page 194)	Specifies parameters that control the method and levels used to calculate some pulse values.
Freq Estimation (see page 194)	Specifies the reference used for computing frequency errors.

Restore defaults. Sets the Pulse Table parameters to their default values.

Measurements Tab

The Measurements tab is used to specify the measurements that appear in the Pulse Table.



Show in Pulse

Checked measurements appear in the Pulse Table.

Select all

Click **Select all** to choose all measurements for display in the Pulse Table.

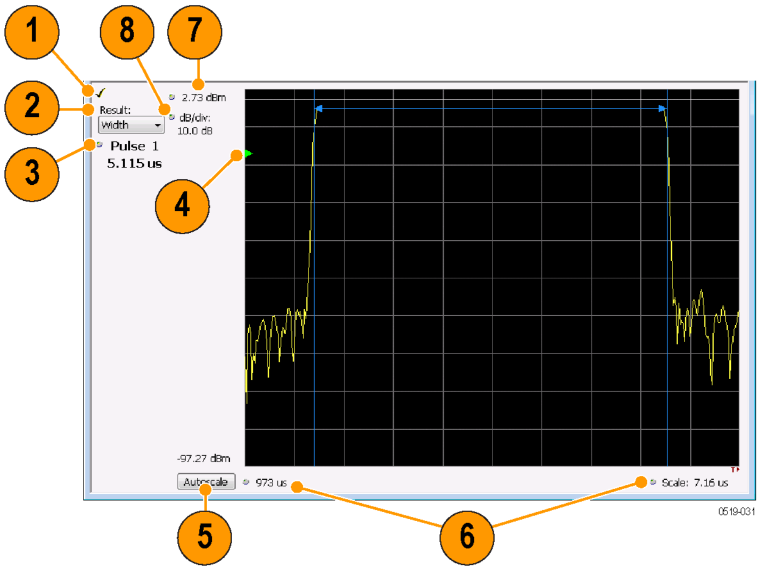
Clear all

Click **Clear all** to remove all measurements from the Pulse Table display.

Pulse Trace Display

The Pulse Trace display shows one measurement result and a trace graph illustrating that measurement for a selected pulse number. You can also choose to display arrows and lines in the graph that illustrate where on the pulse the measurement is being taken.

Elements of the Pulse Trace Display



Item	Display element	Description
1	Optimized indicator	The check mark indicator in the upper, left-hand corner of the display shows when the Pulse Trace display is the optimized display.
2	Result	Use this list to select the measurement to show. The measurement chosen here selects the same result to be displayed in the Statistics view and highlighted in the Table view. Selecting a result in any of these views causes the same result to be selected in all of them.
3	Pulse	Selects which pulse result is shown. Like the Result, this selection is shared with the Statistics and Table views. The maximum number of pulses that can be measured is limited to 10000.
4	Pulse threshold indicator	This green triangle indicates the power threshold used to detect pulses. See Settings > Params > Power threshold to detect pulses.
5	Autoscale	Set the axes to values that show all trace points.
6	Horizontal offset and scale	Located along the bottom edge of the trace display, these controls specify the offset and scale on the horizontal axis.
7	Top of graph adjustment	Sets the power level shown at the top of the graph. If the number is greater than the Ref Level, a white line will appear in the graph to indicate the Ref Level.
8	Vertical scale	Sets the vertical scale value.

Changing the Pulse Trace Display Settings (see page 185)

Pulse Trace Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings

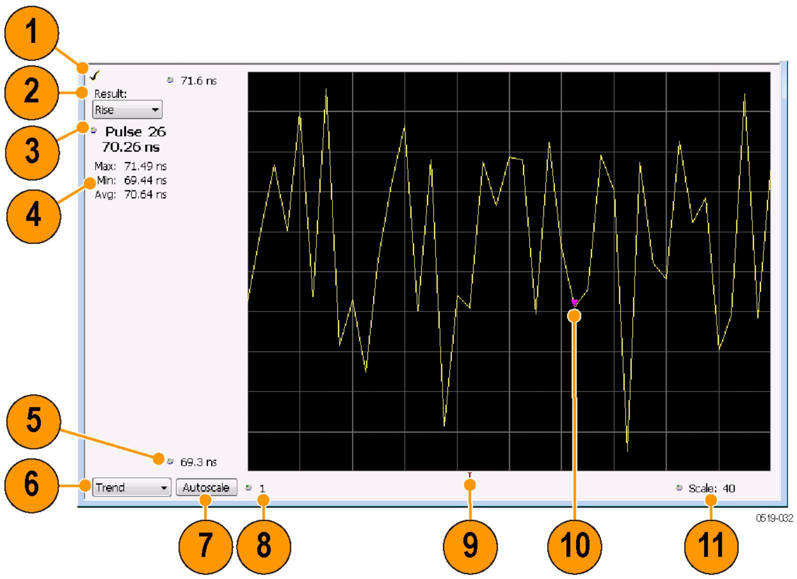
The Setup settings for the Pulse Trace display are shown in the following table.

Settings tab	Description
Params (see page 187)	Specifies several parameters that control how pulses are counted and defined.
Define (see page 189)	Specifies parameters that control where measurements are taken on a pulse.
Levels (see page 194)	Specifies parameters that control the method and levels used to calculate some pulse values.
Freq Estimation (see page 194)	Specifies the reference used for computing frequency error.
Scale (see page 196)	Specifies the vertical and horizontal scale settings.
Prefs (see page 197)	Specifies whether on not certain display elements are shown.

Pulse Statistics Display

The Pulse Statistics view displays a plot of a pulse measurement's values for every pulse in the analysis period. For example, the Pulse Statistics display will show the rise time measurement for each of 30 pulses, with rise time on the Y axis and pulse number on the X axis. Alternatively, the Statistics Display can show an FFT trace for the values of a measurement over all the pulses analyzed. Numeric readouts of Max, Min, and Average in this display summarize results for the selected pulse measurement.

Elements of the Pulse Statistics Display



Item	Display element	Description
1	Optimized indicator	The check mark indicator in the upper, left-hand corner of the display shows when the Pulse Statistics display is the optimized display.
2	Result	Use this list to select which measurement statistics to display. The measurement chosen here selects the same result to be displayed in the Pulse Trace display and the Pulse Table display. Selecting a result in any of these views causes the same result to be selected in all of them.
3	Pulse	Selects which pulse's result is shown. Like the Result, this selection is shared with the Statistics and Table views.
4	Statistics summary	Display of measurement statistics for the selected Result.
5	Vertical range	Located at the top of the left graph edge and at the bottom of the left graph edge, use these controls to adjust the values at the top of the graph and the bottom of the graph.
6	Plot	Selects from Trend, Time Trend, FFT, and Histogram for the graph.
7	Autoscale	Set the axes to values that show all trace points.
8	Horizontal offset	Adjusting this value moves the graph right or left.
9	Trigger indicator	Indicates the trigger point on the pulse train if the trigger occurred during the time frame of the pulse measurements.
10	Pulse indicator	For Trend and Time Trend plot types, this indicates the pulse selected by the Pulse setting. For the FFT plot type, this indicator marks the trace point at the selected frequency. For Histogram plot types, this indicator marks the selected results bin.
11	Scale	Adjusts the horizontal scale.

Changing the Pulse Statistics Display Settings (see page 187)

Pulse Statistics Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings

The settings for the Pulse Statistics Display are shown in the following table.

Settings tab	Description
Params (see page 187)	Specifies several parameters that control how pulses are counted and defined.
Define (see page 189)	Specifies parameters that control where measurements are taken on a pulse.
Levels (see page 194)	Specifies parameters that control the method and levels used to calculate some pulse values.
Freq Estimation (see page 194)	Specifies the reference used for computing frequency errors.
Scale (see page 196)	Specifies the vertical and horizontal scale settings.
Prefs (see page 197)	Specifies whether or not certain elements of the display are shown.

Pulsed RF Shared Measurement Settings

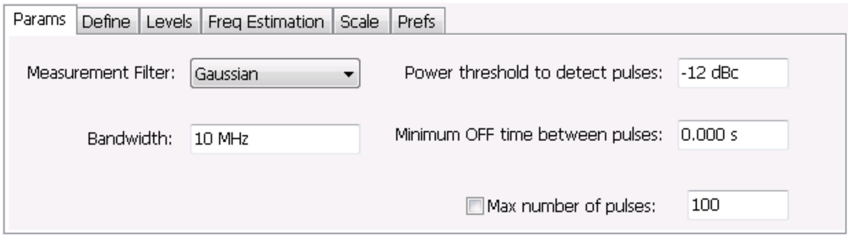
The control panel tabs in this section are shared by the displays in the Pulsed RF folder (Setup > Displays). Changing a setting on one tab changes that setting for all the Pulsed RF displays.

Common controls for pulsed RF displays

Settings tab	Description
Params (see page 187)	Specifies several parameters that control how pulses are counted and defined.
Define (see page 189)	Specifies parameters that control where measurements are taken on a pulse.
Levels (see page 194)	Specifies parameters that control the method and levels used to calculate some pulse values.
Freq Estimation (see page 194)	Specifies the reference used for computing frequency errors.
Scale (see page 196)	Specifies the vertical and horizontal scale settings.
Prefs (see page 197)	Specifies whether or not certain elements of the display are shown.

Params Tab

The Params tab enables you to adjust several measurement parameters for Pulsed RF displays.



Setting	Description
Measurement Filter	Specify whether a filter is used to limit the bandwidth of the input signal.
Bandwidth	Sets the bandwidth of the measurement filter.
Power threshold to detect pulses	Specifies the level used for locating pulses in the data.
Minimum OFF time between pulses	Specifies the time the signal must fall below the power threshold for two pulses to be considered separate pulses.
Max number of pulses	Specifies the number of pulses to measure within the analysis time.

Measurement Filter

Three choices are available for the measurement filter:

- **No Filter - Max BW**: The widest acquisition bandwidth available is used. The **Bandwidth** setting is disabled, but shows the value in use.
- **No Filter**: - This is the default. The Bandwidth control is enabled for you to specify an acquisition bandwidth.
- **Gaussian** - The Bandwidth control is enabled for you to specify a value. The instrument uses an acquisition bandwidth two times wider than the entered value.

Power Threshold to Detect Pulses

Specifies the minimum power level the trace must exceed to be detected as a pulse. The range for this setting is: -3 to -70 dBc. The setting resolution is 1 dB. The default value is -10 dB.

Max Number of Pulses

If the Analysis Time contains fewer pulses than specified, the analyzer will measure all the pulse within the analysis time. If there are more pulses in the Analysis Time, than the specified number, the analyzer measures the specified number of pulses and ignores the rest. The range for this setting is: 1 - 10000. The setting resolution is: 1. If this setting is not checked, the analyzer will measure all pulses within the Analysis Time, up to a maximum of 10000 pulses.

To determine the maximum number of pulses that can be analyzed, use the following equation:

$$Max\ number\ of\ pulses\ that\ can\ analyzed = Pulse\ Rate \times capacity$$

where:

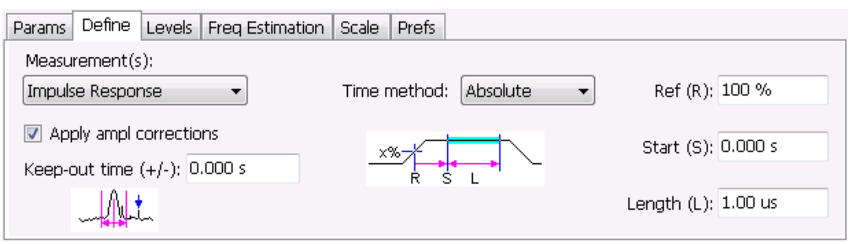
- Pulse rate is the number of pulses per second (frequency).
- Capacity is a length of time which is displayed on the **Acquire** > **Sampling Parameters** tab.

Note that the maximum number of pulses is affected by several parameters. For example, measurement bandwidth affects the sample rate. The measurement algorithm also can reduce the maximum number of pulses that can be analyzed (by increasing the sample rate) based on the characteristics of the signal.

Additionally, when FastFrame is enabled, determining the maximum number of pulses is even more challenging. In FastFrame mode, the signal analyzer samples the signal around events of interest and ignores the signal between events of interest. Thus, if the instrument is only looking at pulses and ignoring the signal between pulses, the number of pulses that can be analyzed depends strongly on the characteristics of the pulse itself (for example, fewer wide pulses can be analyzed than narrow pulses, all other things being equal).

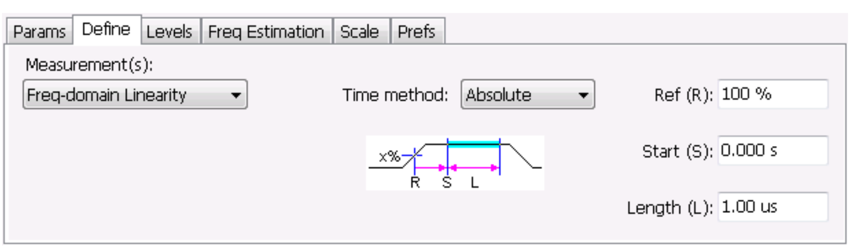
Define Tab

The Define tab enables you to specify parameters that control where measurements are made on a pulse. The settings available depend on the measurement selected.



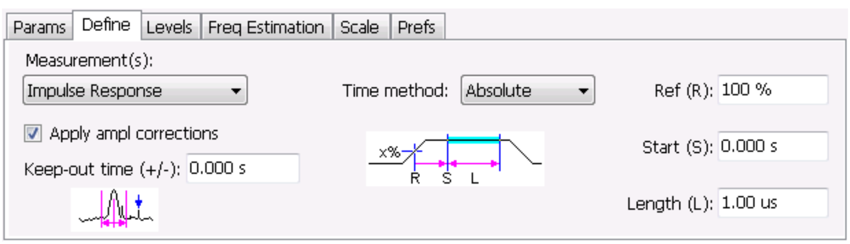
The following paragraphs describe the settings that appear on the Define tab according to the Measurement(s) selection.

Freq-Domain Linearity



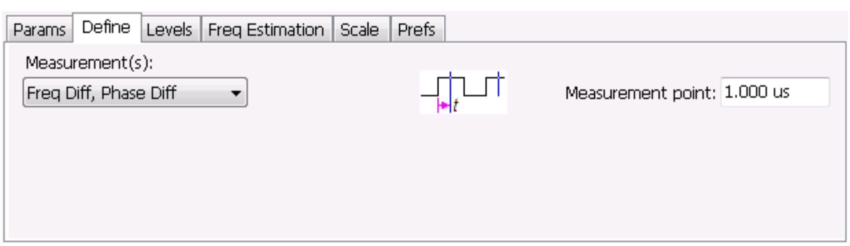
Setting	Description
Time method	Specifies how the measurement's duration is determined. The choices are Absolute and Relative.
Absolute time method	
Ref (R)	Ref specifies the level along the pulse rising edge that is defined as the point from which Start time is counted. Choices: 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 90% 100%; Default: 100%
Start (S)	Start specifies the time the instrument waits after the rising-edge reference before starting to measure the pulse. The Start time is measured from the point along the pulse rising edge specified by the Ref setting. Start Range: ±100 ms; Resolution: 3 digits; inc/dec small: 1 ns, large: 1,2,5,10...; Default: 0
Length (L)	Length specifies the period of time that is used for pulse measurements The measurement time begins at the Start point and continues for the amount of time specified by Length.
Relative time method	
Length	In the Relative time method, Length specifies the percentage of the top of the pulse that is used for measurements. The instrument automatically determines the pulse top. The measurement length is centered within the pulse ON time.

Impulse Response



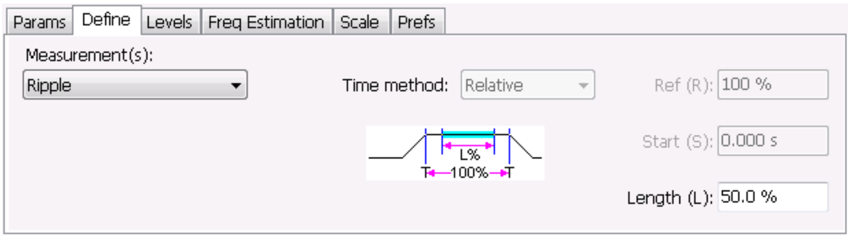
Setting	Description
Apply ampl corrections	Enable/disable corrections that remove errors due to the window function and to the time offset of the side lobe.
Keep-out time (+/-)	The Keep-out time specifies a region that is ignored when the trace is analyzed for side lobes. The setting defines a region to the left and to the right of the center of the main lobe. Lobes that fall within this time region are not eligible to be the “highest side lobe”.
Time method	Specifies how measurement parameters are determined. The choices are Absolute and Relative.
Absolute time method	
Ref (R)	Ref specifies the level along the pulse rising edge that is defined as the point from which Start time is counted. Choices: 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 90% 100%; Default: 100%
Start (S)	Start specifies the time the instrument waits after the rising-edge reference before starting to measure the pulse. The Start time is measured from the point along the pulse rising edge specified by the Ref setting. Start Range: ±100 ms; Resolution: 3 digits; inc/dec small: 1 ns, large: 1,2,5,10...; Default: 0
Length (L)	Amount of time that should be included in the measurement. The measurement time begins at the Start point and continues for the amount of time specified by Length.
Relative time method	In the Absolute time method, Length specifies the period of time that is used for pulse measurements.
Length	In the Relative time method, Length specifies the percentage of the top of the pulse that is used for measurements. The instrument automatically determines the pulse top. The measurement length is centered within the pulse ON time.

Freq Diff, Phase Diff



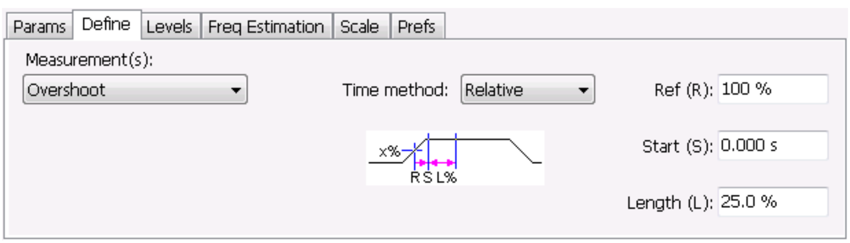
Setting	Description
Measure point	Specifies the period in time after the 50% rising edge at which frequency and phase difference measurements are made.

Ripple



Setting	Description
Length	Length specifies the percentage of the top of the pulse that is used for measurements. The instrument automatically determines the pulse top. The measurement length is centered within the pulse ON time. Only the Relative Time method is available for Ripple.

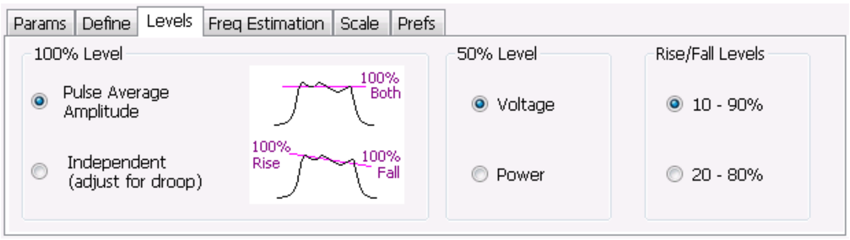
Overshoot



Setting	Description
Time method	Specifies how measurement parameters are determined. The choices are Absolute and Relative.
Absolute time method	
Ref (R)	Ref specifies the level along the pulse rising edge that is defined as the point from which Start time is counted. Choices: 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 90% 100%; Default: 100%
Start (S)	Start specifies the time the instrument waits after the rising-edge reference before starting to measure the pulse. The Start time is measured from the point along the pulse rising edge specified by the Ref setting. Start Range: ±100 ms; Resolution: 3 digits; inc/dec small: 1 ns, large: 1,2,5,10...; Default: 0
Length (L)	Amount of time that should be included in the measurement. The measurement time begins at the Start point and continues for the amount of time specified by Length.
Relative time method	
Ref	Ref specifies the level along the pulse rising edge that is defined as the point from which Start time is counted. Choices: 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 90% 100%; Default: 100%
Start	Start specifies the time the instrument waits after the rising-edge reference before starting to measure the pulse. The Start time is measured from the point along the pulse rising edge specified by the Ref setting. Start Range: ±100 ms; Resolution: 3 digits; inc/dec small: 1 ns, large: 1,2,5,10...; Default: 0
Length	In the Relative time method, Length specifies the percentage of the top of the pulse that is used for measurements. The instrument automatically determines the pulse top. The measurement length is centered within the pulse ON time.

Levels Tab

Use the Levels tab to set parameters that control the method and levels used to calculate some pulse values.



Setting	Description
100% Level	Specifies the method used to determine the 100% level(s).
50% Level	Specifies the method used to determine the 50% level on the pulse.
Rise/Fall Levels	Select whether to use the 10% to 90% or 20% to 80% points (based on voltage level) to define the rise and fall times.

100% Level

Use the 100% Level settings to select the method used to determine the 100% level(s) used for calculating pulse parameters, for example, Rise, Fall, and Width.

The Pulse Average Amplitude defines the pulse top as the average of the values of all the points along the pulse top. This average is used as the 100% level, from which the 10, 20, 50, 80 and 90% levels are calculated. Pulse measurements are referenced against these various levels. For example, Rise is the time between the 10 and 90% (or 20 and 80%) levels on the rising edge of the pulse. When the Pulse Average Amplitude method is selected, the same 100% level is used for both rising and falling edges.

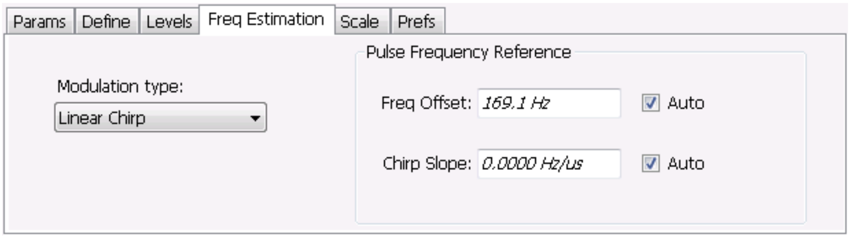
Because some RF pulse types have droop (a height difference between the beginning and ending points of the pulse top), the 100% percent level on the rising edge may not be equal to the 100% level on the falling edge. The Independent method of pulse point location is designed for pulses with different 100% levels at their rising and falling edges. The Independent method calculates the 100% level for the rising edge separately from the 100% level of the falling edge. As a result, the 10, 20, 50, 80 and 90% levels are also different for the rising and falling edges, allowing for more accurate measurements on pulses with droop.

50% Level

Select Voltage to use -6 dB as the 50% point. Select Power to use -3 dB as the 50% level.

Freq Estimation Tab

Use the Freq Estimation tab to specify parameters used for determining frequency offset.



Setting	Description
Modulation type	Specifies which algorithm to use for estimating frequency error.
Pulse Frequency Reference	Specifies the method used to determine the pulse frequency error and if applicable, the chirp slope.
Auto	Selecting Auto causes the instrument to calculate the frequency offset and if applicable, the chirp slope.
Freq Offset	If Auto is not enabled, specify the value for frequency offset here. If Auto is enabled, the offset is set to zero and this readout displays the calculated frequency error.
Chirp BW	If Auto is not enabled, specify the value for Chirp Slope here. If Auto is enabled, this readout displays the calculated Chirp slope. This setting is used only when the modulation type is set to Linear Chirp.

Modulation Type

Frequency estimation is performed by the instrument using selectable methods, depending on signal type. The selections for modulation type are CW (constant phase), CW (changing phase), Linear Chirp and Other. Select the method of frequency method based upon a best match to your signal based on the following descriptions:

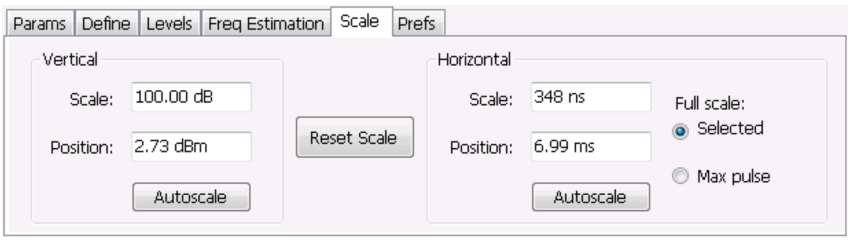
- CW (constant phase): The signal is not designed to change in either frequency or phase during the measured pulse train.
- CW (changing phase): The signal does not change the carrier phase within each pulse, although it could change the phase from one pulse to another pulse. The signal is not designed to make frequency changes.
- Linear Chirp: The signal changes frequency in a linear manner during each pulse. The signal has the same carrier phase at the same time offset from the rising edge of the pulse.
- Other: The signal is not one of the listed types. You must manually enter the Frequency Offset value.

The following table maps the appropriate signal type selection with the signal characteristics.

Signature	Phase offset from one pulse to another	
	Zero	Any (unknown)
CW	CW Constant Phase	CW Changing Phase
LFM	Linear Chirp	N/A

Scale Tab

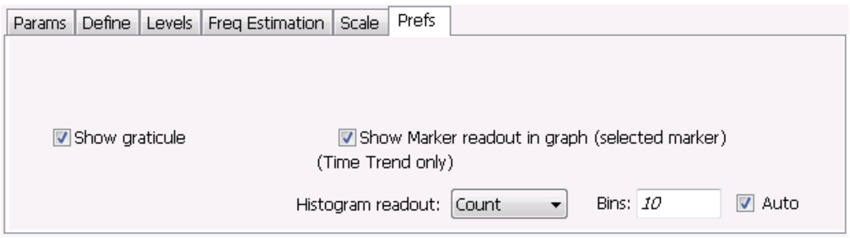
The Scale tab allows you to change the vertical and horizontal scale settings. Changing the scale settings changes how the trace appears on the display but does not change control settings such as Measurement Frequency. In effect, these controls operate like pan and zoom controls.



Setting	Description
Vertical	Controls the vertical position and scale of the trace display.
Scale	Changes the vertical scale. The units for this setting depend on the statistic selected from the Result drop-down list in the Pulse Statistics display.
Position	Adjusts the Reference Level away from the top of the trace display. The units for this setting depend on the statistic selected from the Result drop-down list in the Pulse Statistics display.
Autoscale	Resets the scale of the vertical axis to contain the complete trace.
Horizontal	Controls the span of the trace display and position of the trace.
Scale	Allows you to change the span.
Position	Allows you to pan a zoomed trace.
Full Scale (Pulse Trace display only)	Specifies the Horizontal scale default.
Selected	Sets the horizontal scale default to be based on the result value for the currently-select pulse.
Max Pulse	Sets the horizontal scale default to be based on the largest value for the selected pulse measurement.
Autoscale	Resets the scale of the horizontal axis to contain the complete trace.
Plot (Pulse Statistics display only)	Specifies the FFT, Trend, Time Trend, or Histogram plot.
Reset Scale	Restores all settings to their default values.

Prefs Tab

The Prefs tab enables you to change parameters of the measurement display. The parameters available on the Prefs tab vary depending on the selected display.



Settings on the Pulsed RF Displays Prefs Tab

The following table describes the settings that appear on the Prefs tab of the Pulsed RF displays: Pulse Statistics and Pulse Trace. There is no Prefs tab for the Pulse Table display.

Setting	Description
Show graticule	Displays or hides the graticule in the trace display.
Show Marker readout in graph	When a marker is enabled, this setting displays or hides the maker readout, but not the maker itself, on Time Trend plots.
Histogram readout (present only when Histogram is the selected plot type)	Controls the parameters Histogram readout and Bins. Histogram readout can be set to either Count or %. Count indicates the number of hits that fell into each bin. % indicates percentage of the total count (for the acquisition) that fell into each bin.
Bins	Specifies how many "bins" or histogram bars the results are distributed into.

Overview

Audio Analysis measures basic time- and frequency-domain parameters of analog audio signals modulated on a carrier (AM, FM and PM modulation) or unmodulated (non-carrier) audio signals (Direct).

For modulated signals, the measurement analysis first demodulates the signal to provide the *Audio signal* waveform. Direct input signals bypass the demodulation step. For FM and PM demodulation, the carrier frequency error is estimated during demodulation.

The Audio signal waveform excursions are then measured to determine the Peak and RMS waveform parameters. Next, the analysis detects the highest-amplitude frequency component within the audio bandwidth, and makes a high-accuracy frequency measurement of the frequency component. This value is called the *Audio Frequency*.

A spectral analysis of the Audio signal waveform is performed to determine the presence and level of harmonically- and/or non-harmonically-related narrowband spurs and wideband noise. The Audio signal, harmonic and non-harmonic spurs, and noise level data are combined to produce signal summary parameters including SINAD, Modulation Distortion, Signal-to-Noise, Total Harmonic Distortion, and Total Non-Harmonic Distortion.

Controls are provided to allow the user to select audio filters of Low Pass, High Pass, FM De-emphassis, or Standard-defined response, as well as completely user-definable filter response. Filtering can be applied as needed to modify the audio spectrum result before measurement to remove unwanted spurs or noise.

Flexible control parameters are provided to allow setting the Audio Bandwidth for analysis, the Resolution Bandwidth (RBW) and RBW filter type of the spectral analysis, and number and level qualifications for Harmonic and Non-harmonic spur detection. Multiple-spectrum averaging can be enabled to provide a smoothed spectrum for results with less variability than single-spectrum results.

The Audio Spectrum display shows the frequency spectrum waveform with detected harmonic and non-harmonic components identified by markers, and a corresponding table of frequency and level values for the spur components. The markers and table provide easy visualization of the significant spurs and their relation to the fundamental Audio frequency signal.

Audio Spectrum Display

The Audio Spectrum display shows audio modulation characteristics. You can choose to show just the spectrum of the audio signal or show the audio spectrum of the signal and the results of distortion measurements. The Audio Spectrum display can show a table listing the frequency of a Harmonic Distortion (HD) and Non-Harmonic Distortion (NHD) and its level. The Spectrum graph indicates these harmonics and non-harmonics with special markers.

To display the Audio Spectrum display:

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**. This shows the **Select Displays** dialog box.
2. From the **Folders** box, select **Audio Analysis**.

3. Double-click the **Audio Spectrum** icon in the **Available Displays** box. This adds the Audio Spectrum icon to the **Selected displays** box.

4. Click the **OK** button. This shows the Audio Spectrum display.

Elements of the Audio Spectrum Display

Item	Display element	Description
1	Vertical position	Sets the top of graph value.
2	dB/div	Sets the vertical scale value. The maximum value is 20.00 dB/division.
3	Audio BW	Specifies the measurement bandwidth of the Audio Spectrum display, which in turn can influence the acquisition bandwidth.
4	Table	Displays a table that shows the distortion measurement results and displays indicators on the graph that highlight the location of the harmonics on the trace.
5	Bottom of graph readout	Displays the bottom of graph value.
6	Non-harmonic threshold indicator	Displays the threshold for detecting non-harmonic components.
7	Analysis results	Display of the audio analysis results.

Audio Spectrum Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Front Panel / Application Toolbar: Settings

The measurement settings for the Audio Spectrum display are shown in the following table.

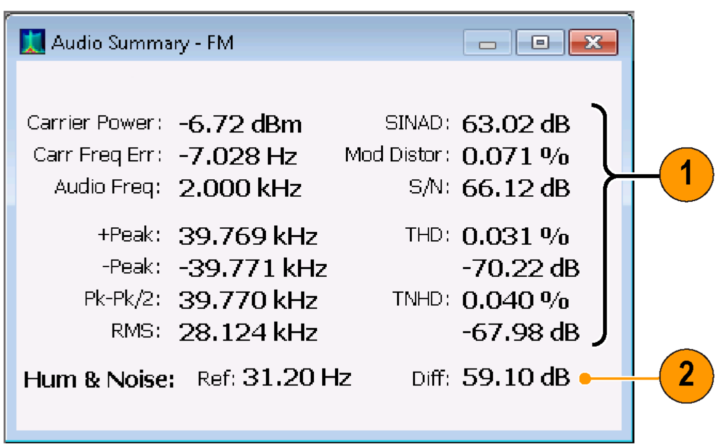
Settings tab	Description
Params1 Tab (see page 203)	Specifies signal type, Audio Bandwidth, RBW, RBW filter, and Ref Audio Frequency.
Params2 Tab (see page 206)	Specifies Harmonics and Non-Harmonics measurement parameters.
Audio Filters Tab (see page 206)	Specifies the audio filter characteristics.
Scale Tab (see page 209)	Sets vertical and horizontal scale and position parameters.
Prefs Tab (see page 212)	Specifies vertical units, and whether on not some features are displayed in the graph.

Audio Summary Display

To display the Audio Summary display:

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**. This shows the **Select Displays** dialog box.
2. From the **Folders** box, select **Audio Analysis**.
3. Double-click the **Audio Summary** icon in the **Available Displays** box. This adds the Audio Summary icon to the **Selected displays** box.
4. Click the **OK** button. This shows the Audio Summary display.

The Audio Summary Display



Item	Display element	Description
1	Measurement results	Measurement results are displayed in this area. The displayed measurements vary with signal type.
2	Hum & Noise results	Hum & Noise analysis readout. Hum & Noise appears only when enabled on the Hum & Noise tab

Audio Summary Displayed Measurements

Table 1: Audio Summary Measurements

Signal type	Item	Description
AM, FM, PM	Carrier Power	Average power of the carrier signal with modulation removed.
Direct	Signal Power	Average power of the input signal
FM, PM	Carr Freq Err	Carrier frequency error
AM, FM, PM. Direct	Audio Freq	Fundamental audio frequency
	+Peak	+Peak modulation excursion (where the modulation excursion readout depends on the signal type) [1]
	-Peak	-Peak modulation excursion (where the modulation excursion readout depends on the signal type) [1]
	Peak-Peak/2	Half peak-peak modulation excursion (where the modulation excursion readout depends on the signal type) [1]
	RMS	RMS modulation excursion (where the modulation excursion readout depends on the signal type) [1]
	SINAD	Signal to noise and distortion
	Mod Distor	Modulation distortion
	S/N	An estimate of the Signal level to Noise (only) level, with the HD and NHD components removed
	THD	Total harmonic distortion
	TNHD	Total non-harmonic distortion
	Ref	Ref is the RMS modulation value stored when the **Capture Reference** button is pressed. (Displayed only when Hum & Noise is enabled.)
	Diff	Diff is the difference between the current RMS mod value and the Ref value captured previously. (Displayed only when Hum & Noise is enabled.)

[1] For AM signal types, modulation excursion is "% Modulation Depth". For FM signal types, modulation excursion is "Frequency Deviation". For PM signal types, modulation excursion is "Phase Deviation". For Direct, there is no modulation excursion, it is actually "signal excursion".

Audio Summary Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Front Panel / Application Toolbar: Settings

The measurement settings for the Audio Summary display are shown in the following table.

Settings tab	Description
Params1 Tab (see page 203)	Specifies signal type, Audio Bandwidth, RBW, RBW filter, and Ref Audio Frequency.
Params2 Tab (see page 206)	Specifies Harmonics and Non-Harmonics measurement parameters.
Audio Filters Tab (see page 206)	Specifies the audio filter characteristics.
Hum Noise Tab (see page 211)	Specifies whether or not Hum & Noise is measured and enables the capture of a signal to be used as a reference of the Hum & Noise measurement.

Audio Analysis Measurement Settings

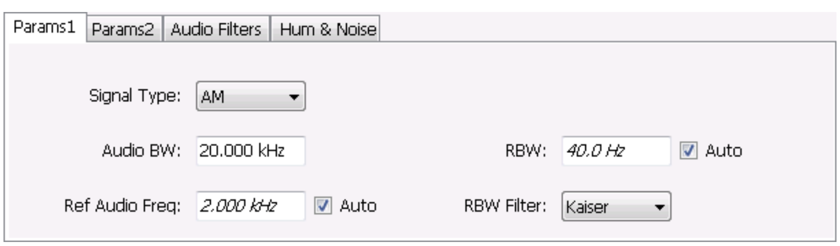
The control panel tabs in this section are shared by the displays in the Audio Analysis folder (Setup > Displays).

Common controls for Audio Analysis displays

Settings tab	Description
Params1 Tab (see page 203)	Specifies characteristics about the audio signal and how measurements are made.
Params2 Tab (see page 206)	Specifies parameters that control how measurements are made on harmonics.
Audio Filters Tab (see page 206)	Specifies characteristics of filters applied to the signal before measurements are taken.
Scale Tab (see page 209)	Sets vertical and horizontal scale and position parameters.
Prefs Tab for Audio Analysis (see page 212)	The Prefs tab enables you to change appearance characteristics of the Audio Analysis displays.

Params1 Tab

The Params1 tab is used to specify characteristics of the audio signal to be measured and how the signal will be measured.



Params1 tab for AM signal types

Setting	Description
Signal Type	Specifies the type of signal to be analyzed. The available choices are AM, FM, PM, and Direct.
Audio BW	Specifies the bandwidth used for audio analysis.
Ref Audio Freq	A measured value when Auto is selected. If you want to specify the reference audio frequency, uncheck Auto and enter a value manually. If Ref Audio Freq is set manually, be aware that the automated detection is still performed, but it is limited to a frequency range of ±1% of the Audio BW centered around the manually specified value.
Carrier Freq Error / Carrier Freq Offset	(FM and PM only) A measured value, when Auto is selected. If Auto is unchecked, you can specify the Carrier Frequency Offset.
RBW	Displays the Resolution Bandwidth for Audio measurements. This value is automatically set by default to 1/500 of the measurement bandwidth. To manually specify the RBW, uncheck Auto. The minimum RBW value is limited to the larger of 1 Hz or AudioBW/10000. The maximum is limited to AudioBW/100.
RBW Filter	Specifies the windowing method used for the transform.

Setting Frequency for Direct Signal Types

Direct (unmodulated) signal analysis is only possible with the instrument Frequency control set to 0 Hz. You will receive a warning to set Frequency to 0 Hz when Direct signal type is selected, if you haven't already done so. Modulated signal types may be selected with Frequency set to 0 Hz, but results are not meaningful in that case. For modulated signals, Frequency should always be set to a value ≥ Audio Bandwidth to avoid self-interference of the signal due to spectral folding.

Setting Audio Bandwidth

For AM, FM and PM, the Audio Bandwidth control sets not only the demodulated signal bandwidth, but also determines the pre-demodulation bandwidth. Set it to a value at least half the pre-demodulation signal bandwidth, as in this equation:

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Audio BW ≥ Signal Bandwidth / 2
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NOTE. *When performing audio analysis, you should allow the Audio BW control to automatically set the acquisition bandwidth, rather than manually adjusting the Acq BW control on the Sampling Parameters tab of the Acquire control panel. The audio measurement will cause the Acq BW setting to be ≥ Audio BW (Direct) or ≥ 2 × Audio BW (AM, FM, PM).*

For Direct signals, set Audio Bandwidth large enough to include any significant harmonics/non-harmonics or other signal component of interest. For example, to measure up to the 10th harmonic of a signal with a 5 kHz fundamental component, set Audio Bandwidth to 10 x 5 kHz = 50 kHz.

For modulated signals, Audio Bandwidth must be set wide enough to include all significant signal modulation components in addition to the desired audio analysis bandwidth. For AM this is similar to Direct. For example, to measure up to the 10th harmonic of an AM signal with 3 kHz fundamental component, set Audio Bandwidth to 10 x 3 kHz = 30 kHz. This ensures that the bandwidth of the data provided by the system to the measurement will be at least of 60 kHz (2 x 30 kHz) which is sufficient for this signal and analysis requirement.

FM and PM are more complex. For FM, the analysis bandwidth needs to be at least twice as wide as the the sum of peak Frequency Deviation and the Fundamental Frequency (Carsons rule). This is a parallel condition along with setting Audio Bandwidth large enough for the maximum audio bandwidth to analyze. Therefore, for FM, Audio Bandwidth should be:

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AudioBW (FM) = MAX( MaxAudioAnalysisFreq, FreqDeviation+FundamentalFreq )
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where MaxAudioAnalysisFreq is the highest audio frequency desired in the analysis. For example, for an FM signal with fundamental signal of 5 kHz and peak frequency deviation (one-sided) of 10 kHz, Acquisition Bandwidth should be at least (2*(10k+5k)) = 30 kHz, or an Audio Bandwidth of 15 kHz. Also if the analysis should extend to the 8th harmonic, then the Audio Bandwidth needs to be at least 8*5 kHz = 40 kHz. So Audio Bandwidth should be set to 40 kHz. Using the equation:

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AudioBW(FM) = MAX( 8x5kHz, (10+5)kHz ) = MAX( 40 kHz, 15kHz) = 40 kHz
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The formula for PM is:

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AudioBW (PM) = MAX (MaxAudioAnalysisFreq, PMFreqDeviation+FundamentalFreq)
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where

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PMFreqDeviation = PMPhaseDeviationInRadians x FundamentalFreq
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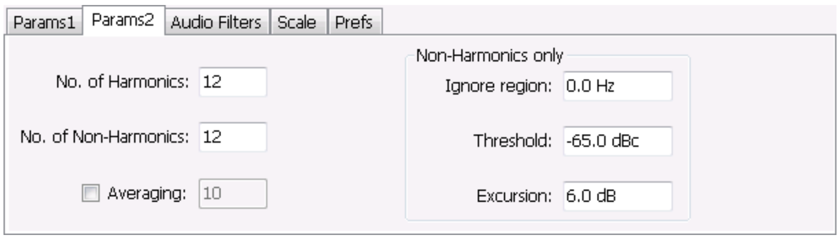
RBW Filter Shape

Select Kaiser in most cases for best measurement performance. Select Flattop only if you want to use standard markers to measure signal amplitude with highest accuracy.

Params2 Tab

The Params2 tab is used to specify how the signal harmonics are measured and to control spectrum averaging.



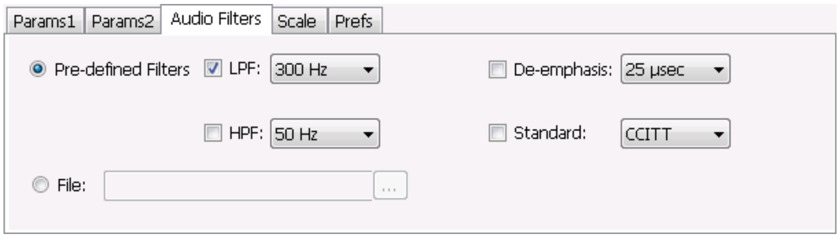
Setting	Description
No. of Harmonics	Specifies the number of harmonics to detect. The detected harmonics are tagged with a number on the spectrum trace. The available range is 1–20.
No. of Non-Harmonics	Specifies the number of non-harmonics to detect. The detected non-harmonics are tagged with a number on the spectrum trace. The available range is 0–20.
Averaging	Specifies the number of averages used to compute the results. Range: 2–100.
Ignore region	Specifies the region about the signal frequency where the instrument will ignore non-harmonics.
Non-Harmonic Threshold	Specifies the level which a spectrum peak must exceed to be declared a non-harmonic signal component.
Non-Harmonic Excursion	Specifies the difference in level between a spectrum peak and the average noise level that must be exceeded for the peak to be declared a non-harmonic signal component.

About Averaging In Audio Analysis Displays

Analysis averaging is implemented using a “block” method. This means that the entire record required for multiple spectrum computations is acquired and analyzed within one analysis cycle. The result of each analysis update is a complete, independent result from a set of N spectrums averaged together, where N is the Averaging control value.. Since each update is a fully averaged result, no partially averaged results are output before a final result is available, so each output is fully valid. However, with large Averaging values, acquisition record sizes and measurement times may become large, so care should be taken to select the minimum amount of averaging needed.

Audio Filters Tab

The Audio Filters tab is used to specify filters to be applied to the acquired audio signal before measurements are taken. You can select from pre-defined filters or use a filter you define in a text file. You can also specify the de-emphasis time constant applied to the audio signal and the telecom weighting filters used to measure noise.



Pre-defined Filters

You can specify low-pass filter (LPF) and high-pass filter (HPF) settings, a de-emphasis time constant and/or a telecom weighting filter to match the response of your receiver. Alternatively, you can create a text file to specify the frequency response points.

To use pre-defined filters:

1. Select the **Pre-defined Filters** option button.
2. Select the LPF, HPF, De-emphasis and Standard check boxes as appropriate.
3. Select the desired filter parameter from the drop-down list for each of the enabled filters or select User from the list if you wish to use a custom value. For LPF and HPF, the listed frequencies represent the 3dB cutoff point of the filter.
4. If you select **User** from the drop-down list, enter a value in the text entry box that appears.

To disable all filtering:

1. Select the **Pre-defined Filters** option button.
2. Deselect all four filter check boxes.

Table 2: Predefined audio filters

Filter type	Available settings
LPF (Low Pass Filter) (5th-order Butterworth response)	300 Hz
	3 kHz
	15 kHz
	30 kHz
	80 kHz
	300 kHz
	User [1]
HPF (High Pass Filter) (5th-order Butterworth response)	20 Hz
	50 Hz
	300 Hz
	400 Hz
	User [1]

Table 2: Predefined audio filters (cont.)

Filter type	Available settings
De-emphasis (FM only)	25 μs
	50 μs
	75 μs
	750 μs
	User. Range: 25 μs to 10 ms
Standard	CCITT
	C-message

1 User-entered values are restricted to maximum of 0.9 * Audio BW, and will automatically adjust downward to meet this limit (if required) when AudioBW is decreased.

Standard. Use this setting to specify the telecom weighting filter. The characteristics of these filters are described in ITU-T Recommendation O.41, Psophometer for Use on Telephone-type Circuits.

Using Custom Audio Filters

If you want to use audio filters that have a different response shape than the pre-defined filters, you can create a custom audio filter using a text or CSV file to specify the desired filter frequency response.

To use a custom audio filter:

1. Verify that Audio Spectrum or Audio Summary is the selected display.
2. Click the Settings icon or select **Setup** > **Settings**.
3. Select the **Audio Filters** tab.
4. Click the **File** button.
5. Click the **...** button and navigate to the location of the custom audio filter file you wish to use. Select the file you want to use and click Open.
6. Acquire a new trace or replay a saved file to see the effect of the custom filter.

Creating a Custom Audio Filter. A custom audio filter file is either a plain text file or a CSV format file. The file contains frequency (in Hz) and amplitude (in dB) value pairs which specify the filter frequency response shape. Each pair must be on a separate line. The filter response between the points is interpolated using a cubic spline fit.

The following table shows the first few lines of a custom audio filter text file.

0,	-100
16.66,	-85
50,	-63
100,	-41
200,	-21
300,	-10.6

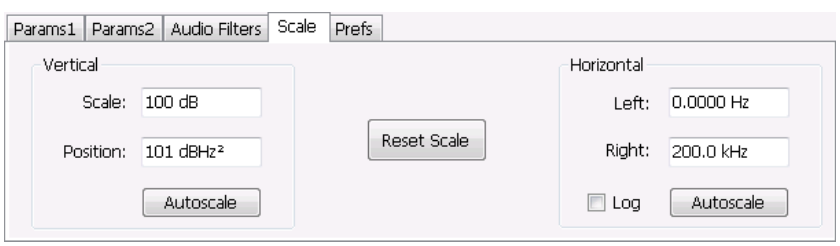
400,	-6.3
500,	-3.6
600,	-2
700,	-0.9
800,	0
...	...

Format and rule-checking on custom audio filter files is performed as follows:

- The maximum number of frequency and amplitude pairs is 1000.
- Column 1 (frequency values in Hertz).
  - Non-negative values only (zero is allowed).
  - Strictly increasing order of frequencies (frequency value on each line > frequency value on previous line).
  - There is no upper limit on the frequency value.
- Column 2 (amplitude values in dB units, where gain is a positive value and attenuation is a negative value).
  - Values are restricted to the range -200 to +20 dB.

Scale Tab

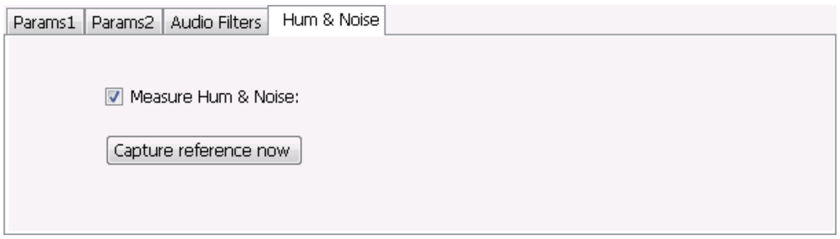
The Scale tab allows you to change the vertical and horizontal scale settings. Changing the scale settings changes how the trace appears on the display but does not change acquisition control settings. In effect, these controls operate like pan and zoom controls.



Setting	Description
Vertical	
Scale	Changes the range shown between the top and bottom of the graph.
Position	Adjusts the level shown at the top of the graph for linear units or the top of the graph for log units (for example, dBm).
Autoscale	Resets the Position so that the highest trace points are in the graph. For linear units (Volts, Watts), the Autoscale also adjusts Scale.
Horizontal	
Left	Changes the frequency shown at the left side of the graph.
Right	Changes the frequency shown at the right side of the graph.
Autoscale	Resets the Left and Right settings to show the entire trace.
Log	Sets the graph horizontal axis to a logarithmic scale.
Reset Scale	Resets the Vertical and Horizontal settings to their default values.

Hum & Noise Tab

Hum & Noise (available only when the Audio Summary display is the active display) is useful for comparing residual power or modulation if the Ref value is captured when the Signal is On (Direct) or modulated (AM/FM/PM). When the signal is turned off (Direct) or modulation turned off (AM/FM/PM), Diff indicates how much residual Hum and Noise are still present in the measurement value.



To display Hum & Noise measurement:

1. Select **Setup** > **Displays**.
2. In the Select Displays window, select the **Audio Analysis** folder.
3. Double-click the **Audio Summary** icon so that it appears in the **Selected displays** box.
4. Click **OK**
5. With the Audio Summary display selected, select **Setup** > **Settings**.
6. Select the **Hum & Noise** tab. Click on the **Measure Hum & Noise** checkbox so that it is checked.

   The Hum & Noise values appear at the bottom list of measurements in the Audio Summary display.
7. Acquire an appropriate signal.
8. While the analyzer is analyzing a signal you want to use as a reference, click the **Capture reference now** button to save a reference value.

The Hum & Noise measurement compares the value of a specific signal quantity captured by the **Capture reference now** button with the current measured value of that quantity. For Direct signal types (set on the Params1 tab), the Signal Level is captured and compared. The Diff measurement is:

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SignalLevel(current) - SignalLevel(Ref)
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in dB.

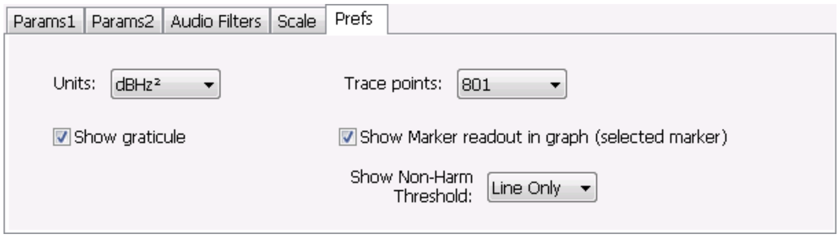
For AM, FM, and PM signal types, the RMS modulation value (related to Modulation Depth, Frequency Deviation or Phase Deviation) is captured and compared. The Diff measurement is:

$$20 \times \log_{10}(\text{RMS(current)}/\text{RMS(Ref)})$$

in dB.

Prefs Tab

The Prefs tab enables you to change appearance characteristics of the Audio Spectrum display.



Setting	Description
Units:	Specifies the vertical scale units. The units available depend on the signal type selected.
Show graticule	Select to display or hide the graticule.
Trace points	Sets the number of trace points used for marker measurements and for results export.
Show Marker readout in graph (selected marker)	Shows or hides the readout for the selected marker in the graph area.
Show Non-Harm Threshold	Shows or hides the non-harmonic threshold line.

Overview

The displays in the General Purpose (GP) Digital Modulation folder (Displays > Folders > GP Digital Modulation) are:

- Constellation
- Demod I & Q vs Time
- EVM vs Time
- Eye Diagram
- Frequency Deviation vs Time
- Magnitude Error vs Time
- Phase Error vs Time
- Signal Quality
- Symbol Table
- Trellis Diagram

The General Purpose Digital Modulation Analysis (Option 21) provides vector signal analyzer functionality. A wide variety of modulation types are supported, allowing you to view your signals in Constellation, Eye and Trellis diagrams, measure the quality of the modulation, display time-domain waveforms for demodulated I & Q signals, EVM, Phase Error, Magnitude Error, and more.

Modulation Measurements

NOTE. *A maximum of approximately 80,000 samples can be analyzed by the General Purpose Digital Modulation measurements (the actual value varies with modulation type).*

Measurement	Description
EVM	The normalized RMS value of the error vector between the measured signal and the ideal reference signal over the analysis length. The EVM is generally measured on symbol or chip instants and can be reported in units of percent or dB. EVM is usually measured after best-fit estimates of the frequency error and a fixed phase offset have been removed.
Phase Error	The RMS phase difference between the measured signal and the ideal reference signal.
Magnitude Error	The RMS magnitude difference between the measured signal and the ideal reference signal.
IQ Origin Offset	The magnitude of the DC offset of the signal measured at the symbol times. It indicates the magnitude of the carrier feed-through signal.
Gain Imbalance	The gain difference between the I and Q channels in the signal generation path. Constellations with gain imbalance show a pattern with a width that is different from height.
Rho ρ	The normalized correlated power of the measured signal and the ideal reference signal. Like EVM, Rho is a measure of modulation quality. The value of Rho is less than 1 in all practical cases and is equal to 1 for a perfect signal measured in a perfect receiver.
Frequency Error	The frequency difference between the measured carrier frequency of the signal and the user-selected center frequency of the analyzer.
Quadrature Error	The orthogonal error between the I and Q channels. The error shows the phase difference between I and Q channels away from the ideal 90 degrees expected from the perfect I/Q modulation. Constellations with quadrature error will show some leakage of I into Q and vice versa.

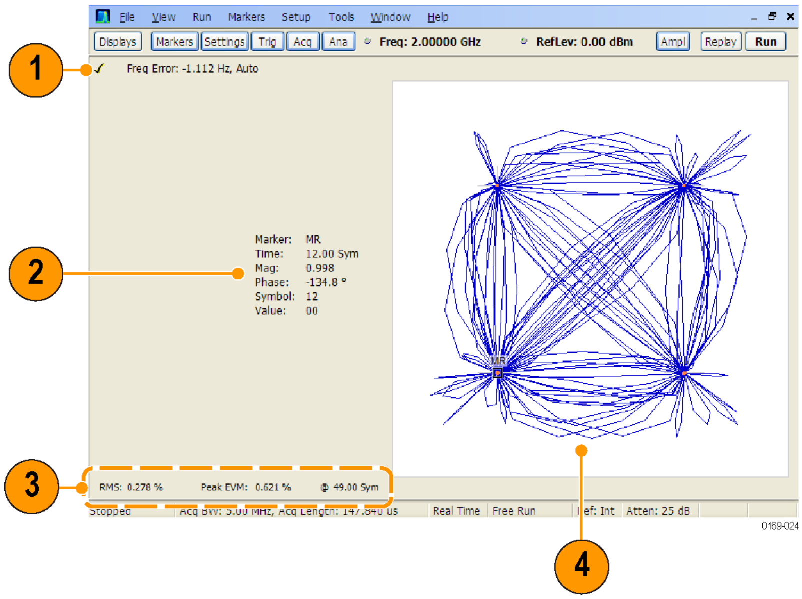
Constellation Display

The Constellation Display shows a digitally-modulated signal in constellation form.

To show the Constellation Display:

1. Select the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**. This shows the **Select Displays** dialog box.
2. From the **Folders** box, select **GP Digital Modulation**.
3. Double-click the **Constellation** icon in the **Available Displays** box. This adds the Constellation icon to the **Selected displays** box.
4. Click the **OK** button. This shows the Constellation display.

Elements of the Constellation Display



Item	Display element	Description
1	Check mark indicator	The check mark indicator in the upper, left-hand corner of the display shows when the Constellation display is the optimized display.
2	Marker Readout	Located to the left of the constellation plot or below it, depending on the size of the window. If markers are enabled, the marker readout shows the time, mag, phase, symbol marker and symbol value of the point with the selected marker.
3	EVM Readouts	The EVM readouts are located below the Constellation plot. The readout shows EVM Peak (%) and location, RMS (%).
4	Plot	Constellation graph.

Changing Constellation Settings (see page 215)

Constellation Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings.

The settings for the Constellation view are shown in the following table.

NOTE. *You might be able to save time configuring the Constellation display by pressing the Standard Settings button from the Settings control panel. This allows you to select a preset optimized for a standard from the Select Standard dialog box. See* *Standard Settings Button. (see page 238)*

Settings tab	Description
Modulation Params (see page 239)	Specifies the type of modulation, symbol rate, and filters to be used in demodulating the input signal.
Freq & BW (see page 243)	Sets values for frequency error/offset, measurement bandwidth, and frequency deviation (not every control is present for every modulation type).
Equalizer Tab (see page 244)	Enable the Equalizer and adjust its parameters.
Advanced Params (see page 246)	Specifies additional parameters that are less frequently used.
Find (see page 249)	Used to set parameters for finding a burst within the data record and for entering a Synch word.
Analysis Time (see page 249)	Contains parameters that define the portion of the acquisition record that is used for analysis. Also allows you to specify the Units (Seconds or Symbols) for the GP Digital Modulation displays.
Trace (see page 251)	Allows you to set the trace display characteristics.
Prefs (see page 253)	Enables you to set characteristics of the measurement display.

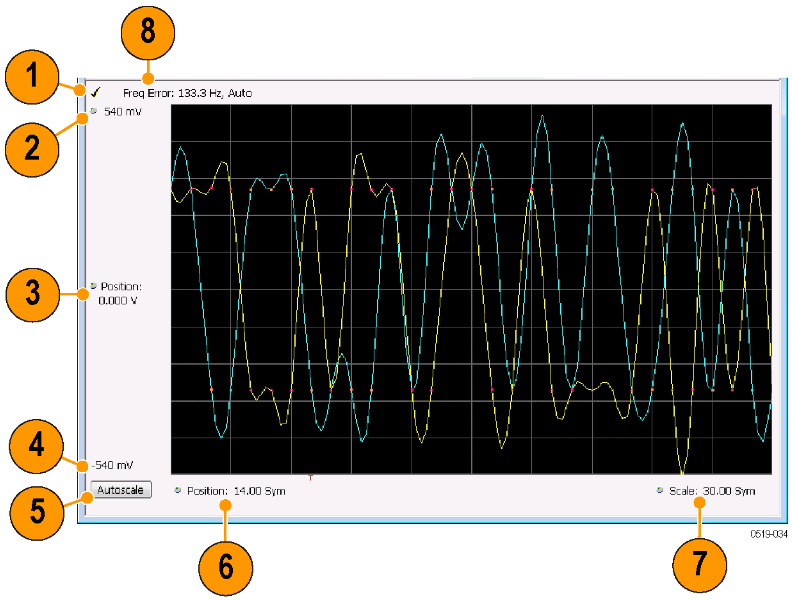
Demod I & Q vs Time Display

The Demod I & Q vs Time displays demodulated I and Q vs. Time. You can choose to display I only, Q only, or both.

Elements of the Display

To show the Demod I & Q vs Time display:

1. Select the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**. This shows the **Select Displays** dialog box.
2. From the **Folders** box, select **GP Digital Modulation**.
3. Double-click the **Demod I&Q vs Time** icon in the **Available Displays** box. This adds the Demod I&Q vs Time icon to the **Selected displays** box.
4. Click the **OK** button. This shows the Demod I&Q vs Time display.



Item	Element	Description
1	Check mark indicator	The check mark indicator in the upper, left-hand corner of the display shows when the Demod I & Q vs Time display is the optimized display.
2	Top of Graph	Sets the I and Q amplitude value indicated at the top of the graph. Changing the top value affects the bottom of graph readout. Also, note that the top of graph setting interacts with the internal vertical scale setting (which is not user settable) such that the range between the top and bottom of the graph increases or decreases automatically.
3	Position	Specifies the I and Q amplitude value shown at the center of the graph display.
4	Bottom Readout	Displays the I and Q amplitude value shown at the bottom of graph.
5	Autoscale	Adjusts the vertical and horizontal settings to provide the best display.
6	Position	Specifies the horizontal position of the trace on the graph display.
7	Scale	Adjusts the span of the graph. By decreasing the scale (time per division), the graph essentially becomes a window that you can move over the acquisition record by adjusting the offset.
8	Freq Error	This readout can show Freq Error or Freq Offset. When it displays Freq Error, it shows the difference between the instrument Frequency setting and the measured value of the signal's carrier frequency. When it displays Freq Offset, it shows the frequency offset specified on the Settings > Freq & BW (see page 243) tab. If Freq Error is displayed, it also indicates that the Carrier frequency detection setting is Auto. If Freq Offset is displayed, it indicates that the Carrier frequency detection setting is manual.

Changing Demod I&Q Settings. (see page 218)

Demod I & Q vs Time Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings.

The settings for the Demod I & Q vs Time display are shown in the following table.

NOTE. *You might be able to save time configuring the Demod I & Q display by pressing the Standard Settings button from the Settings control panel. This allows you to select a preset optimized for a standard from the Select Standard dialog box. See Standard Settings Button. (see page 238)*

Settings tab	Description
Modulation Params (see page 239)	Specifies the type of modulation used for the input signal and other parameters.
Freq & BW (see page 243)	Specifies settings for frequency error, measurement BW and Frequency Deviation. Each of these settings is set internally when set to Auto. Alternatively, you can specify values appropriate for specific measurement needs.
Equalizer Tab (see page 244)	Enable the Equalizer and adjust its parameters.
Advanced Params (see page 246)	Specifies additional parameters.
Find (see page 249)	Used to set parameters for finding a burst within the data record and for entering a Synch word.
Analysis Time (see page 249)	Contains parameters that define the portion of the acquisition record that is used for analysis. Also allows you to specify the Units (Seconds or Symbols) for the GP Digital Modulation displays.
Trace (see page 251)	Allows you to set the trace display characteristics.
Scale (see page 253)	Specifies the horizontal and vertical scale settings.
Prefs (see page 253)	Enables you to set characteristics of the measurement display.

EVM vs Time Display

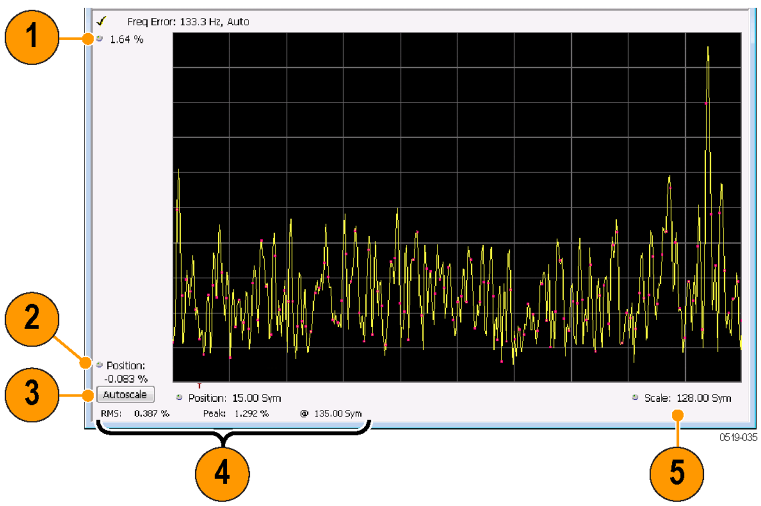
The EVM vs. Time Display shows the Error Vector Magnitude plotted over Time.

NOTE. *A maximum of approximately 80,000 samples can be analyzed by the General Purpose Digital Modulation measurements (the actual value varies with modulation type).*

To show an EVM vs. Time display:

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**. This shows the **Select Displays** dialog box.
2. From the **Folders** box, select **GP Digital Modulation**.
3. Double-click the **EVM vs. Time** icon in the **Available Displays** box. This adds the EVM vs. Time icon to the **Selected displays** box.
4. Click the **OK** button. This displays the EVM vs. Time view.

Elements of the EVM vs Time Display



Item	Display element	Description
1	Top of graph adjustment	Use the knob to adjust the vertical scale.
2	Position	Adjusts the vertical position.
3	Autoscale	Adjusts the Horizontal and Vertical scale to show the entire trace.
4	Peak and RMS value readout	Shows the maximum result, the time it occurred, and the RMS of the result over the entire analysis length.
5	Scale	Sets the length of time shown in the graph.

Changing the EVM vs Time Display Settings (see page 219)

EVM vs Time Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

The settings for the EVM vs. Time display are shown in the following table.

NOTE. *You might be able to save time configuring the EVM vs. Time display by pressing the Standard Settings button from the Settings control panel. This allows you to select a preset optimized for a standard from the Select Standard dialog box. See* *Standard Settings Button. (see page 238)*

Settings tab	Description
Modulation Params (see page 239)	Specifies the type of modulation used in the input signal and other parameters that controls the demodulation of the input signal.
Freq & BW (see page 243)	Specifies settings for frequency error, measurement BW and Frequency Deviation. Each of these settings is set internally when set to Auto. Alternatively, you can specify values appropriate for specific measurement needs.
Equalizer Tab (see page 244)	Enable the Equalizer and adjust its parameters.
Advanced Params (see page 246)	Specifies Freq Offset, Magnitude normalization parameters, and enables swapping I and Q.
Find (see page 249)	The Find tab is used to set parameters for finding bursts within the data record.
Analysis Time (see page 249)	The Analysis Time tab contains parameters that define how the signal is analyzed in the general purpose digital modulation displays.
Trace (see page 251)	Specifies the display characteristics of the displayed trace.
Scale (see page 253)	Specifies the horizontal and vertical scale settings.
Prefs (see page 253)	Specifies whether certain display elements are visible.

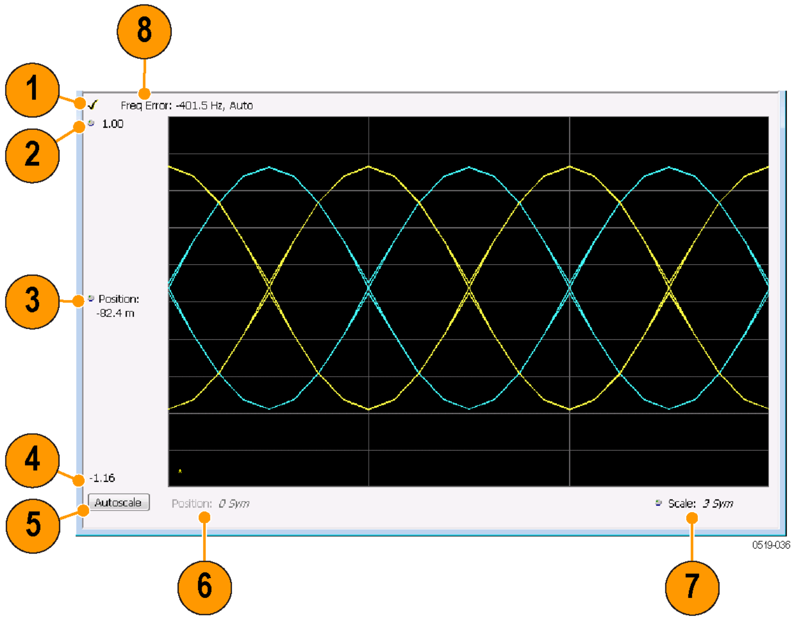
Eye Diagram Display

The Eye Diagram Display shows a digitally modulated signal overlapped on itself to reveal variations in the signal.

To show an Eye Diagram display:

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**. This shows the **Select Displays** dialog box.
2. From the **Folders** box, select **GP Digital Modulation**.
3. Double-click the **Eye Diagram** icon in the **Available Displays** box. This adds the Eye Diagram icon to the **Selected displays** box.
4. Click the **OK** button. This displays the Eye Diagram view.

Elements of the Display



Item	Element	Description
1	Check mark indicator	The check mark indicator in the upper, left-hand corner of the display shows when the Frequency Deviation vs Time display is the optimized display.
2	Top of Graph	The vertical scale is normalized with no units (except for nFSK and C4FM modulation types where the vertical units are Hz).
3	Position	Specifies the value shown at the center of the graph display.
4	Bottom Readout	Displays the value indicated by the bottom of graph.
5	Autoscale	Adjusts the vertical and horizontal settings to provide the best display.
6	Position	Displays the horizontal position of the trace on the graph display.
7	Scale	Adjusts the span of the graph in symbols.
8	Freq Error	Displays the difference between the maximum and minimum measured values of the signal frequency during the Measurement Time. The displayed frequency error is followed by either **Auto** or **Manual**. This indicates the selected carrier frequency detection method (see Settings > Freq & BW).

Changing Eye Diagram Settings (see page 221)

Eye Diagram Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings.

The settings for the Eye Diagram display are shown in the following table.

NOTE. *You might be able to save time configuring the Eye Diagram display by pressing the Standard Settings button from the Settings control panel. This allows you to select a preset optimized for a standard from the Select Standard dialog box. See* *Standard Settings Button. (see page 238)*

Settings tab	Description
Modulation Params (see page 239)	Specifies the type of modulation used for the input signal and other parameters.
Freq & BW (see page 243)	Specifies settings for frequency error, measurement BW and Frequency Deviation. Each of these settings is set internally when set to Auto. Alternatively, you can specify values appropriate for specific measurement needs.
Advanced Params (see page 246)	Specifies additional parameters.
Find (see page 249)	Used to set parameters for finding a burst within the data record and for entering a Synch word.
Analysis Time (see page 249)	Contains parameters that define the portion of the acquisition record that is used for analysis. Also allows you to specify the Units (Seconds or Symbols) for the GP Digital Modulation displays.
Trace (see page 251)	Allows you to set the trace display characteristics.
Scale (see page 253)	Specifies the horizontal and vertical scale settings.
Prefs (see page 253)	Enables you to set characteristics of the measurement display.

Frequency Deviation vs Time Display

The Frequency Deviation vs Time display

To show a Frequency Deviation vs Time display:

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**. This shows the **Select Displays** dialog box.
2. From the **Folders** box, select **Frequency Deviation vs Time**.
3. Double-click the **Frequency Deviation vs Time** icon in the **Available Displays** box. This adds the Frequency Deviation vs Time icon to the **Selected displays** box.
4. Click the **OK** button. This displays the Frequency Deviation vs Time view.

Elements of the Display

Item	Element	Description
1	Check mark indicator	The check mark indicator in the upper, left-hand corner of the display shows when the Frequency Deviation vs Time display is the optimized display.
2	Top of Graph	Sets the frequency deviation value indicated at the top of the graph. Changing the top value affects the bottom of graph readout. Also, note that the top of graph setting interacts with the internal vertical scale setting (which is not user settable) such that the range between the top and bottom of the graph increases or decreases automatically.
3	Position	Specifies the frequency deviation value shown at the center of the graph display.
4	Bottom Readout	Displays the value of the frequency deviation value shown at the bottom of graph.
5	Autoscale	Adjusts the vertical and horizontal settings to provide the best display.
6	Position	Specifies the horizontal position of the trace on the graph display.
7	Scale	Adjusts the span of the graph. By decreasing the scale (time per division), the graph essentially becomes a window that you can move over the acquisition record by adjusting the offset.
8	Freq Error	Displays the difference between the maximum and minimum measured values of the signal frequency during the Measurement Time. The displayed frequency error is followed by either **Auto** or **Manual**. This indicates the selected carrier frequency detection method (see Settings > Freq & BW).

Changing Frequency Deviation vs Time Settings (see page 224)

Frequency Deviation vs Time Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings

The Setup settings for Frequency Deviation vs. Time are shown in the following table.

NOTE. *You might be able to save time configuring the Frequency vs. Time display by pressing the Standard Settings button from the Settings control panel. This allows you to select a preset optimized for a standard from the Select Standard dialog box. See Standard Settings Button. (see page 238)*

Settings tab	Description
Modulation Params (see page 239)	Specifies the type of modulation used for the input signal and other parameters.
Freq & BW (see page 243)	Specifies settings for frequency error, measurement BW and Frequency Deviation. Each of these settings is set internally when set to Auto. Alternatively, you can specify values appropriate for specific measurement needs.
Equalizer Tab (see page 244)	Enable the Equalizer and adjust its parameters.
Advanced Params (see page 246)	Specifies additional parameters.
Find (see page 249)	Used to set parameters for finding a burst within the data record and for entering a Synch word.
Analysis Time (see page 249)	Contains parameters that define the portion of the acquisition record that is used for analysis. Also allows you to specify the Units (Seconds or Symbols) for the GP Digital Modulation displays.
Trace (see page 251)	Allows you to set the trace display characteristics.
Scale (see page 253)	Specifies the horizontal and vertical scale settings.
Prefs (see page 253)	Enables you to set characteristics of the measurement display.

Magnitude Error vs Time Display

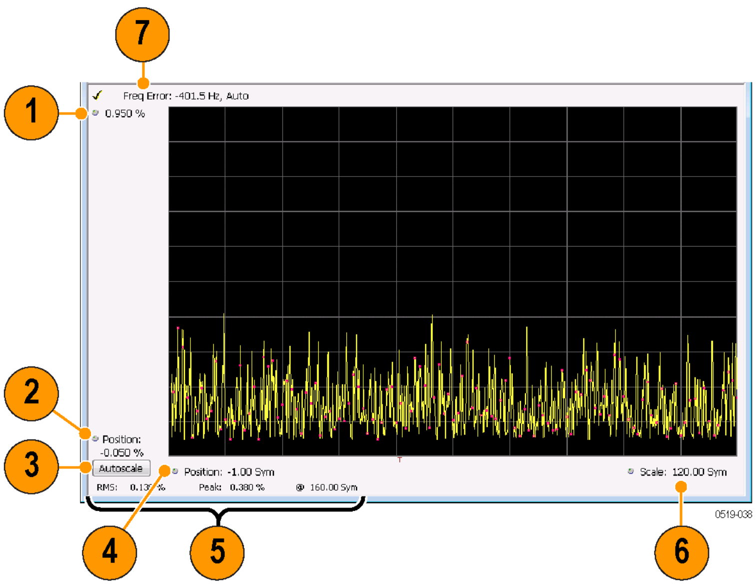
The Magnitude Error displays the magnitude of the symbol error. The amplitude appears on the vertical axis while time is plotted along the horizontal axis.

NOTE. *A maximum of approximately 80,000 samples can be analyzed by the General Purpose Digital Modulation measurements (the actual value varies with modulation type).*

To display Magnitude Error vs. Time:

1. Select the **Displays** button or **Setup** > **Displays**. This displays the Select Displays dialog box.
2. Select **GP Digital Modulation** in the **Folders** box.
3. Double-click the **Mag Error vs. Time** icon or select the icon and click **Add**. The icon will appear in the **Selected displays** box and will no longer appear under Available displays.
4. Click **OK**.

Elements of the Display



Item	Display element	Description
1	Top of graph adjustment	Use the knob to adjust the value of the vertical scale.
2	Position	Adjusts the level shown at the bottom of the display.
3	Autoscale button	Adjusts the vertical and horizontal settings to provide the best display.
4	Horizontal Position	Adjusts the horizontal position of the signal. Units can be either Symbols or Seconds (Settings > Analysis Time tab > Units).
5	Peak and RMS value readout	Displays the Peak value of the magnitude error, the RMS value of the magnitude error, and the time at which it occurs within the acquisition. Units can be either Symbols or Seconds (Settings > Analysis Time tab > Units).
6	Horizontal Scale	Sets the time spanned by the graph. Units can be either Symbols or Seconds (Settings > Analysis Time tab > Units).
7	Freq Error	Freq Error is the difference between the Center Frequency and the measured frequency of the signal being tested. This readout will be Freq Offset if the Freq Offset parameter on the Settings > Advanced Params (see page 246) tab is set to Manual.

Changing Magnitude Error vs Time Display Settings (see page 226)

Magnitude Error vs Time Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings

The Setup settings for Magnitude Errors vs. Time are shown in the following table.

NOTE. *You might be able to save time configuring the Magnitude vs. Time display by pressing the Standard Settings button from the Settings control panel. This allows you to select a preset optimized for a standard from the Select Standard dialog box. See Standard Settings Button. (see page 238)*

Settings tab	Description
Modulation Params (see page 239)	Specifies the type of modulation used for the input signal and other parameters.
Freq & BW (see page 243)	Specifies settings for frequency error, measurement BW and Frequency Deviation. Each of these settings is set internally when set to Auto. Alternatively, you can specify values appropriate for specific measurement needs.
Equalizer Tab (see page 244)	Enable the Equalizer and adjust its parameters.
Advanced Params (see page 246)	Specifies additional parameters.
Find (see page 249)	Used to set parameters for finding a burst within the data record and for entering a Synch word.
Analysis Time (see page 249)	Contains parameters that define the portion of the acquisition record that is used for analysis. Also allows you to specify the Units (Seconds or Symbols) for the GP Digital Modulation displays.
Trace (see page 251)	Allows you to set the trace display characteristics.
Scale (see page 253)	Specifies the horizontal and vertical scale settings.
Prefs (see page 253)	Enables you to set characteristics of the measurement display.

Phase Error vs Time Display

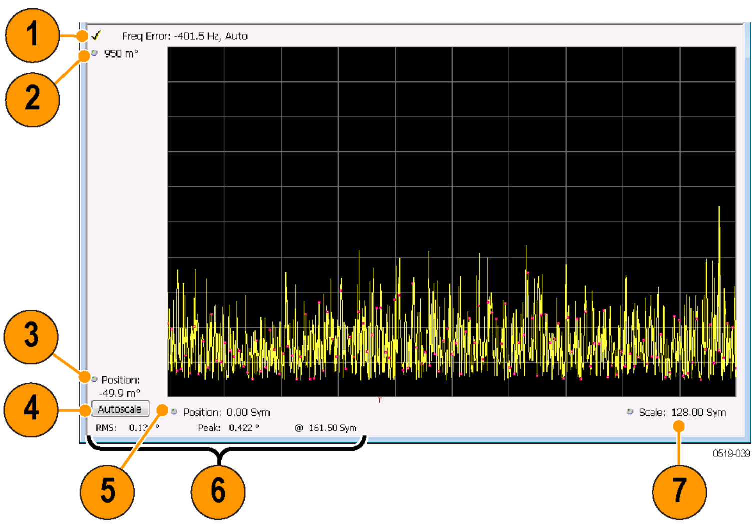
The Phase Error vs. Time display shows the phase angle of the symbol error over time. The phase is plotted along the vertical axis while time is plotted along the horizontal axis.

NOTE. *A maximum of approximately 80,000 samples can be analyzed by the General Purpose Digital Modulation measurements (the actual value varies with modulation type).*

To show the Phase Error display:

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**.
2. In the **Select Displays** dialog, select **GP Digital Modulation** in the **Folders** box.
3. In the **Available displays** box, double-click the **Phase Error** icon or select the icon and click **Add**. The Phase Error icon will appear in the **Selected displays** box and will no longer appear under Available displays.
4. Click **OK** to display the Phase Error.

Elements of the Phase Error vs Time Display



Item	Display element	Description
1	Freq Error	Freq Error is the difference between the Center Frequency and the measured frequency of the signal being tested. This readout will be Freq Offset if the Freq Offset parameter on the Settings > Advanced Params (see page 246) tab is set to Manual.
2	Top of graph adjustment	Adjusts the phase angle shown at the top of the graph.
3	Position	Adjusts the vertical offset.
4	Autoscale	Adjusts the vertical and horizontal settings so that the entire trace fits in the graph.
5	Offset	Adjusts the horizontal offset.
6	Peak and RMS readouts	Displays the Peak value of the phase error and the time at which it occurred. Also displays the RMS value over the analysis length.
7	Scale	Sets the time spanned by the graph.

Changing the Phase Error vs Time Display Settings (see page 228)

Phase Error vs. Time Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings

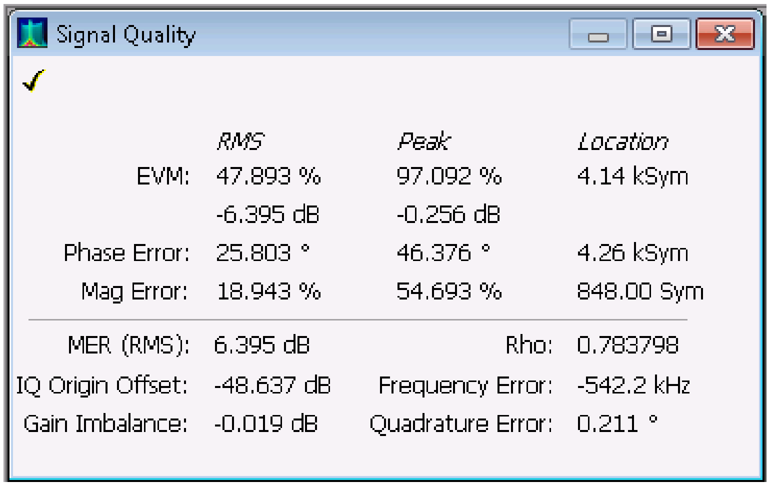
The settings for the Phase Error vs. Time display are shown in the following table.

***NOTE.** You might be able to save time configuring the Phase Error vs. Time display by pressing the Standard Settings button from the Settings control panel. This allows you to select a preset optimized for a standard from the Select Standard dialog box. See Standard Settings Button. (see page 238)*

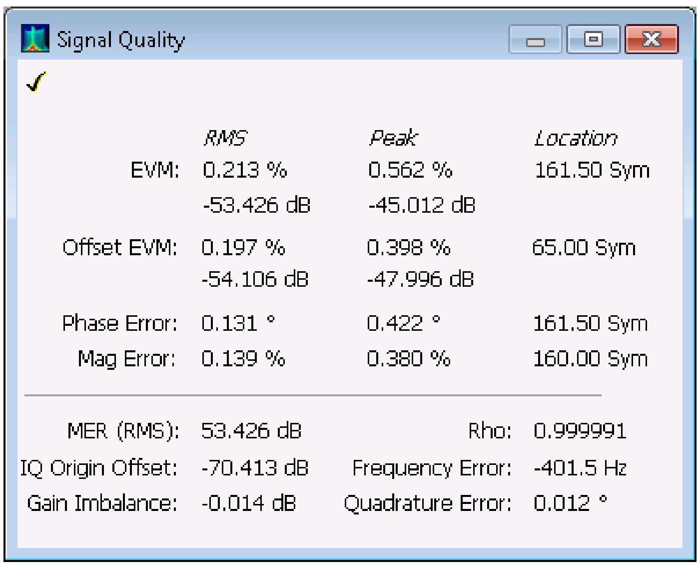
Settings tab	Description
Modulation Params (see page 239)	Specifies the type of modulation used for the input signal and other parameters.
Freq & BW (see page 243)	Specifies settings for frequency error, measurement BW and Frequency Deviation. Each of these settings is set internally when set to Auto. Alternatively, you can specify values appropriate for specific measurement needs.
Equalizer Tab (see page 244)	Enable the Equalizer and adjust its parameters.
Advanced Params (see page 246)	Specifies additional parameters.
Find (see page 249)	Used to set parameters for finding a burst within the data record and for entering a Synch word.
Analysis Time (see page 249)	Contains parameters that define the portion of the acquisition record that is used for analysis. Also allows you to specify the Units (Seconds or Symbols) for the GP Digital Modulation displays.
Trace (see page 251)	Allows you to set the trace display characteristics.
Scale (see page 253)	Specifies the horizontal and vertical scale settings.
Prefs (see page 253)	Enables you to set characteristics of the measurement display.

Signal Quality Display

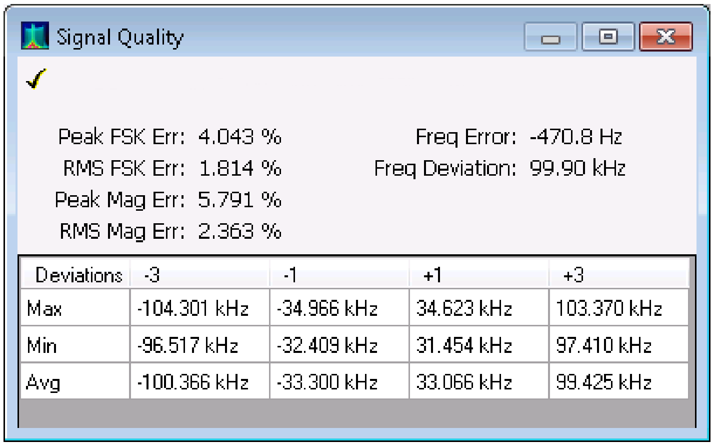
The Signal Quality display shows several measurements of signal quality. The measurements displayed depend on the modulation type. There is a set of measurements displayed for all modulation types except nFSK and C4FM. There is a second set of measurements displayed for nFSK and C4FM modulation types.



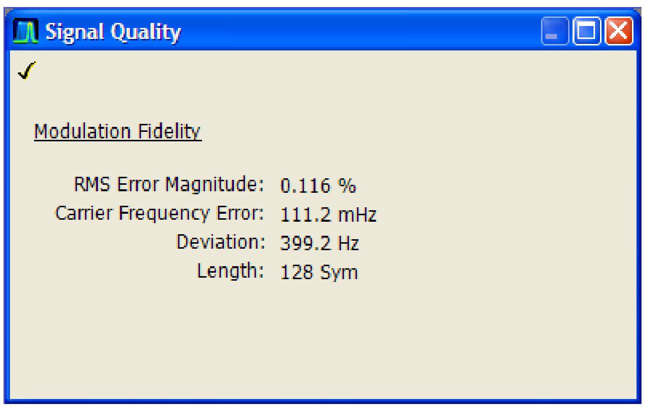
Signal Quality display for all modulation types except nFSK, C4FM, OQPSK, and SOQPSK



Signal Quality display for OQPSK and SOQPSK modulation types



Signal Quality display for nFSK modulation type



Signal Quality display for C4FM modulation type

Elements of the Display

Measurements for all modulation types except nFSK, C4FM, OQPSK and SOQPSK

Measurement	Description
EVM	The normalized RMS value of the error vector between the measured signal and the ideal reference signal over the analysis length. The EVM is generally measured on symbol or chip instants and is reported in units of percent and dB. EVM is usually measured after best-fit estimates of the frequency error and a fixed phase offset have been removed. These estimates are made over the analysis length. Displays RMS and Peak values with location of Peak value.
Phase Error	The RMS phase difference between the measured signal and the ideal reference signal. Displays RMS and Peak values with location of Peak value.
Mag Error	The RMS magnitude difference between the measured signal and the reference signal magnitude. Displays RMS and Peak values with location of Peak value.
MER (RMS)	The MER is defined as the ratio of I/Q signal power to I/Q noise power; the result is indicated in dB.
IQ Origin Offset	The magnitude of the DC offset of the signal measured at the symbol times. It indicates the magnitude of the carrier feed-through signal.
Frequency Error	The frequency difference between the measured carrier frequency of the signal and the user-selected center frequency of the instrument.
Gain Imbalance	The gain difference between the I and Q channels in the signal generation path. Constellations with gain imbalance show a pattern with a width that is different form height.
Quadrature Error	The orthogonal error between the I and Q channels. The error shows the phase difference between I and Q channels away from the ideal 90 degrees expected from the perfect I/Q modulation. Not valid for BPSK modulation type.
Rho	The normalized correlated power of the measured signal and the ideal reference signal. Like EVM, Rho is a measure of modulation quality. The value of Rho is less than 1 in all practical cases and is equal to 1 for a perfect signal measured in a perfect receiver.

Measurements for OQPSK and SOQPSK modulation types

Measurement	Description
EVM	The normalized RMS value of the error vector between the measured signal and the ideal reference signal over the analysis length. The EVM is generally measured on symbol or chip instants and is reported in units of percent and dB. EVM is usually measured after best-fit estimates of the frequency error and a fixed phase offset have been removed. These estimates are made over the analysis length. Displays RMS and Peak values with location of Peak value.
Offset EVM	Offset EVM is like EVM except for a difference in the time alignment of the I and Q samples. For EVM, I and Q samples are collected at the same time, for every symbol decision point (twice the symbol rate for offset modulations). For Offset EVM, the I and Q symbol decision points are time-aligned before collecting the I and Q samples. In this case, one I and one Q sample is collected for each symbol (half as many samples as the same number of symbols for (non-offset) EVM.
Phase Error	The RMS phase difference between the measured signal and the ideal reference signal. Displays RMS and Peak values with location of Peak value.
Mag Error	The RMS magnitude difference between the measured signal and the reference signal magnitude. Displays RMS and Peak values with location of Peak value.
MER (RMS)	The MER is defined as the ratio of I/Q signal power to I/Q noise power; the result is indicated in dB.
IQ Origin Offset	The magnitude of the DC offset of the signal measured at the symbol times. It indicates the magnitude of the carrier feed-through signal.
Frequency Error	The frequency difference between the measured carrier frequency of the signal and the user-selected center frequency of the instrument.
Gain Imbalance	The gain difference between the I and Q channels in the signal generation path. Constellations with gain imbalance show a pattern with a width that is different form height.
Quadrature Error	The orthogonal error between the I and Q channels. The error shows the phase difference between I and Q channels away from the ideal 90 degrees expected from the perfect I/Q modulation. Not valid for BPSK modulation type.
Rho	The normalized correlated power of the measured signal and the ideal reference signal. Like EVM, Rho is a measure of modulation quality. The value of Rho is less than 1 in all practical cases and is equal to 1 for a perfect signal measured in a perfect receiver.

Measurements for nFSK modulation types

Measurement	Description
Peak FSK err	Peak value of the frequency deviation error at the symbol point.
RMS FSK Err	RMS value of the frequency deviation error at the symbol point.
Peak Mag Err	The Peak magnitude difference between the measured signal and the reference signal magnitude.
RMS Mag Err	The RMS magnitude difference between the measured signal and the reference signal magnitude.
Freq Error	The frequency difference between the measured carrier frequency of the signal and the user-selected center frequency of the instrument.
Freq Deviation	Frequency distance from the center frequency at the symbol point.
Symbol Rate Error	This compares the user-entered symbol rate to the instrument calculated symbol rate of the analyzed signal.
Symbol Rate	When in Auto-symbol rate, the instrument calculates the symbol rate of the signal and the instrument calculates the error between the user entered value and the instrument calculated value.

Measurements for C4FM modulation type

Measurement	Description
RMS Error Magnitude	RMS value of the frequency deviation error at the symbol point.
Carrier Frequency Error	Frequency difference between averaged signal frequency and the center frequency.
Deviation	Frequency distance from the center frequency at the symbol point.
Length	Number of symbols in the analysis area.

Changing the Signal Quality Display Settings (see page 233)

Signal Quality Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings

The Setup settings for Signal Quality are accessible only when the Signal Quality display is selected.

NOTE. *You might be able to save time configuring the Signal Quality display by pressing the Standard Settings button from the Settings control panel. This allows you to select a preset optimized for a standard from the Select Standard dialog box. See* *Standard Settings Button. (see page 238)*

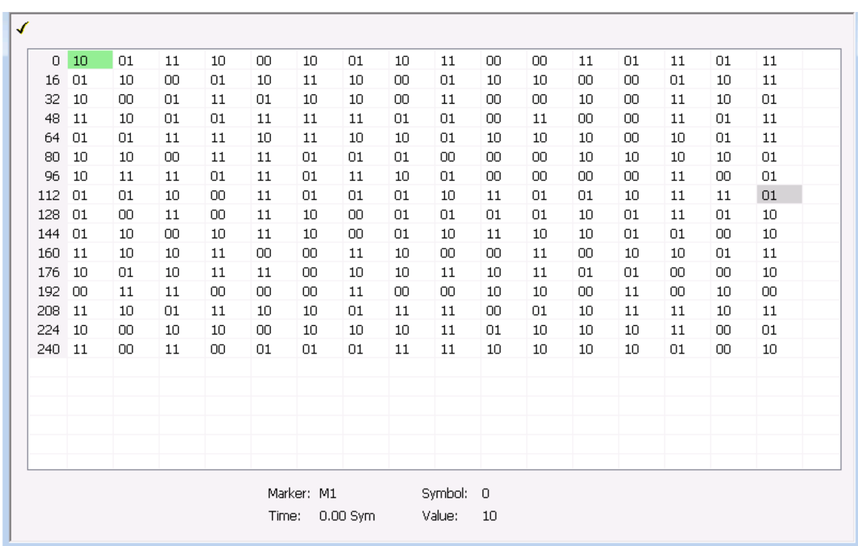
Settings tab	Description
Modulation Params (see page 239)	The Modulation tab specifies the type of modulation used for the input signal and other parameters.
Freq & BW (see page 243)	Specifies settings for frequency error, measurement BW and Frequency Deviation. Each of these settings is set internally when set to Auto. Alternatively, you can specify values appropriate for specific measurement needs.
Equalizer Tab (see page 244)	Enable the Equalizer and adjust its parameters.
Advanced Params (see page 246)	The Advanced Params tab specifies frequency offset, magnitude normalization method and allows you to swap the I and Q signals.
Find (see page 249)	Find tab is used to set parameters for finding bursts within the data record.
Analysis Time (see page 249)	The Analysis Time tab contains parameters that define the portion of the acquisition record that is used for analysis.
Prefs (see page 253)	The Prefs tab enables you to set characteristics of the measurement display.

Symbol Table Display

The Symbol Table Display is like the Constellation Display except that a text table is used to display data bits at a symbol rather than a graph. The Synch Word characters, if used, are in bold font.

To display the Symbol Table:

1. Select the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**. This displays the **Select Displays** dialog box.
2. From the **Folders** box, select **GP Digital Modulation**.
3. Double-click the **Symbol Table** icon in the **Available Displays** box. This adds the Symbol Table icon to the **Selected displays** box.
4. Click the **OK** button. This displays the Symbol Table view.



0	10	01	11	10	00	10	01	10	11	00	00	11	01	11	01	11
16	01	10	00	01	10	11	10	00	01	10	10	00	00	01	10	11
32	10	00	01	11	01	10	10	00	11	00	00	10	00	11	10	01
48	11	10	01	01	11	11	11	01	01	00	11	00	00	11	01	11
64	01	01	11	11	10	11	10	10	01	10	10	10	00	10	01	11
80	10	10	00	11	11	01	01	01	00	00	00	10	10	10	10	01
96	10	11	11	01	11	01	11	10	01	00	00	00	00	11	00	01
112	01	01	10	00	11	01	01	01	10	11	01	01	10	11	11	01
128	01	00	11	00	11	10	00	01	01	01	01	10	01	11	01	10
144	01	10	00	10	11	10	00	01	10	11	10	10	01	01	00	10
160	11	10	10	11	00	00	11	10	00	00	11	00	10	10	01	11
176	10	01	10	11	11	00	10	10	11	10	11	01	01	00	00	10
192	00	11	11	00	00	00	11	00	00	10	10	00	11	00	10	00
208	11	10	01	11	10	10	01	11	11	00	01	10	11	11	10	11
224	10	00	10	10	00	10	10	10	11	01	10	10	10	11	00	01
240	11	00	11	00	01	01	01	11	11	10	10	10	10	01	00	10

Using Markers

Markers are indicators in the display that you can position on a trace to measure values such as frequency, power, and time. A Marker always displays its position and, if the Delta readout is enabled, will display the difference between its position and that of the Marker Reference. Within the Symbol Table, colored cells indicate the location of markers. The selected Marker is highlighted with a light green background. All other markers are highlighted with a light gray background. In the Symbol Table, the marker readout below the table shows the marker location in time, symbol numbers and symbol value.

Changing the Symbol Table Display Settings (see page 235)

Symbol Table Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings

The Setup settings for the Symbol Table view are shown in the following table.

NOTE. *You might be able to save time configuring the Symbol Table display by pressing the Standard Settings button from the Settings control panel. This allows you to select a preset optimized for a standard from the Select Standard dialog box. See Standard Settings Button. (see page 238)*

Settings tab	Description
Modulation Params (see page 239)	The Modulation tab specifies the type of modulation used for the input signal and other parameters.
Freq & BW (see page 243)	Specifies settings for frequency error, measurement BW and Frequency Deviation. Each of these settings is set internally when set to Auto. Alternatively, you can specify values appropriate for specific measurement needs.
Equalizer Tab (see page 244)	Enable the Equalizer and adjust its parameters.
Advanced Params (see page 246)	The Advanced Params tab specifies additional parameters.
Find (see page 249)	Find tab is used to set parameters for finding bursts within the data record.
Analysis Time (see page 249)	The Analysis Time tab contains parameters that define the portion of the acquisition record that is used for analysis.
Prefs (see page 253)	The Prefs tab enables you to set characteristics of the measurement display.

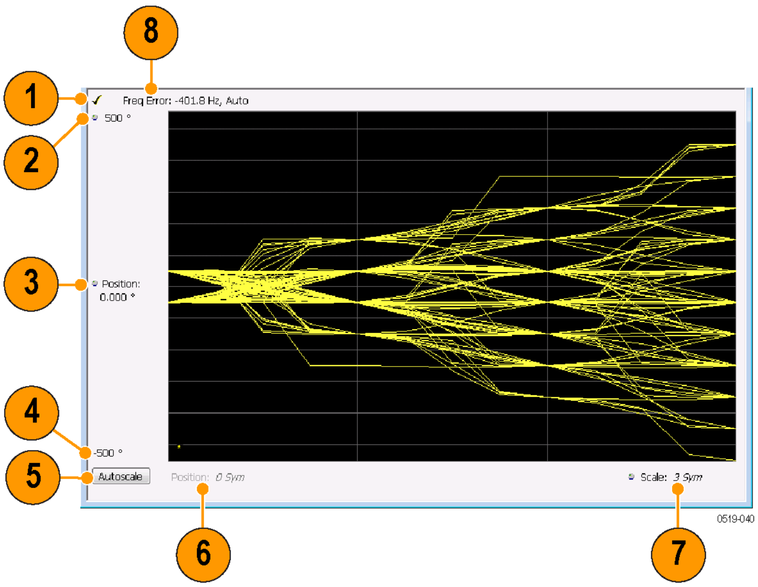
Trellis Diagram Display

The Trellis Diagram display

To show an Trellis Diagram display:

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**. This shows the **Select Displays** dialog box.
2. From the **Folders** box, select **GP Digital Modulation**.
3. Double-click the **Trellis Diagram** icon in the **Available Displays** box. This adds the Trellis Diagram icon to the **Selected displays** box.
4. Click the **OK** button. This displays the Trellis Diagram view.

Elements of the Display



Item	Element	Description
1	Check mark indicator	The check mark indicator in the upper, left-hand corner of the display shows when the Frequency Deviation vs Time display is the optimized display.
2	Top of Graph	Sets the phase value indicated at the top of the graph. Changing the top value affects the bottom of graph readout. Also, note that the top of graph setting interacts with the internal vertical scale setting (which is not user settable) such that the range between the top and bottom of the graph increases or decreases automatically.
3	Position	Specifies the phase value shown at the center of the graph display.
4	Bottom Readout	Displays the value of the phase value shown at the bottom of graph.
5	Autoscale	Adjusts the vertical and horizontal settings to provide the best display.
6	Position	Displays the horizontal position of the trace on the graph display.
7	Scale	Adjusts the span of the graph in symbols.
8	Freq Error	Displays the difference between the maximum and minimum measured values of the signal frequency during the Measurement Time. The displayed frequency error is followed by either **Auto** or **Manual**. This indicates the selected carrier frequency detection method (see Settings > Freq & BW).

Changing the Trellis Diagram Settings (see page 237)

Trellis Diagram Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

Application Toolbar: Settings.

The settings for the Trellis Diagram display are shown in the following table.

NOTE. *You might be able to save time configuring the Trellis Diagram display by pressing the Standard Settings button from the Settings control panel. This allows you to select a preset optimized for a standard from the Select Standard dialog box. See Standard Settings Button. (see page 238)*

Settings tab	Description
Modulation Params (see page 239)	Specifies the type of modulation used for the input signal and other parameters.
Freq & BW (see page 243)	Specifies settings for frequency error, measurement BW and Frequency Deviation. Each of these settings is set internally when set to Auto. Alternatively, you can specify values appropriate for specific measurement needs.
Equalizer Tab (see page 244)	Enable the Equalizer and adjust its parameters.
Advanced Params (see page 246)	Specifies additional parameters.
Find (see page 249)	Used to set parameters for finding a burst within the data record and for entering a Synch word.
Analysis Time (see page 249)	Contains parameters that define the portion of the acquisition record that is used for analysis. Also allows you to specify the Units (Seconds or Symbols) for the GP Digital Modulation displays.
Trace (see page 251)	Allows you to set the trace display characteristics.
Scale (see page 253)	Specifies the horizontal and vertical scale settings.
Prefs (see page 253)	Enables you to set characteristics of the measurement display.

GP Digital Modulation Shared Measurement Settings

The displays in the GP Digital Modulation folder (Setup > Displays) are each a different format for presenting the results of a single underlying analysis. For this reason, all controls that affect the analysis parameters are shared by all the displays in the GP Digital Modulation folder.

Changing a setting on one tab changes that setting for all the GP Digital Modulation displays. For example, if you change the Modulation Type for the Constellation Display, it also changes the Modulation type setting for the Signal Quality display. There are some controls that affect only the way an individual display presents its results, such as graph scaling.

Common controls for GP digital modulation displays

Settings tab	Description
Modulation Params (see page 239)	Specifies the type of modulation, symbol rate, and filters to be used in demodulating the input signal.
Freq & BW (see page 243)	Sets values for frequency error/offset, measurement bandwidth, and frequency deviation (not every control is present for every modulation type).
Equalizer Tab (see page 244)	Enable the Equalizer and adjust its parameters.
Advanced Params (see page 246)	Specifies additional parameters that are less frequently used.
Find (see page 249)	Used to set parameters for finding a burst within the data record and for entering a Synch word.
Analysis Time (see page 249)	Contains parameters that define the portion of the acquisition record that is used for analysis. Also allows you to specify the Units (Seconds or Symbols) for the GP Digital Modulation displays.
Trace (see page 251)	Allows you to set the trace display characteristics.
Prefs (see page 253)	Enables you to set characteristics of the measurement display.

Standard Settings Button

On every GP Digital Modulation control panel there is a button labeled **Standard Settings**. This button is used to recall settings optimized for analyzing the selected standard. See the following table for a list of the standards for which standard settings are available. Choosing a standard from the dialog box changes only settings for GP Digital Modulation displays.

All of the presets in the Standard Settings Dialog make the following settings:

- Analysis Length: Auto
- Points per Symbol: 4
- Data Differential: No
- Burst Mode: Off
- Burst Detection Threshold: –10 dBc

Parameter values set by presets in the standard settings dialog

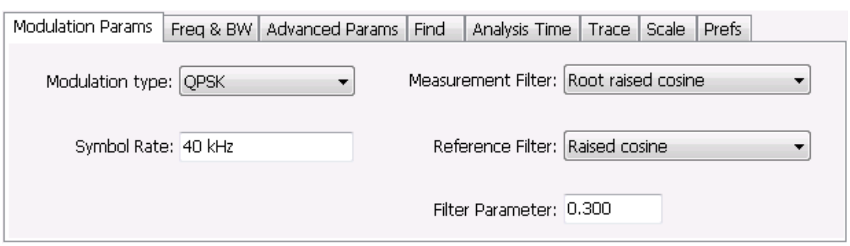
Standard	Modulation	Symbol Rate	Meas. Filter	Reference Filter	Filter Parameter	Other
802.15.4	OQPSK	1e6	None	Half sine	NA	
SBPSK-MIL	SBPSK	2.4e3	None	SBPSK-MIL	NA	
SOQPSK-MIL	SOQPSK	2.4e3	None	SOQPSK-MIL	NA	[1]
CPM-MIL	CPM	19.2e3	None	None	NA	
SOQPSK-ARTM Tier 1	SOQPSK	2.5e6	None	SOQPSK-ARTM	NA	[1]
Project25 Phase 1	C4FM	4.8e3	C4FM-P25	RC	0.2	
CDMA2000–Base	QPSK	1.2288e6	IS-95 TXE-Q_MEA	IS-95 REF	NA	
W-CDMA	QPSK	3.84e6	RRC	RC	0.22	

[1] Center Symbol Position, Half Shift Removed

Modulation Params Tab

Menu bar: Setup > Settings > Modulation Params

The Modulation Params tab specifies the type of modulation on the input signal and other parameters that control the demodulation of the input signal.



Parameter	Description
Modulation type	Specifies the type of modulation on the input signal.
Symbol Rate	Specifies the symbol rate in Hertz.
Measurement Filter	Specifies the filter used for measurements.
Reference Filter	Specifies the filter used as a reference.
Filter Parameter	Enter a value used for defining the Reference Filter. (Not present for some filter types)
Modulation index	(Present only for CPM modulation type)

Modulation Type

The modulation types that can be demodulated and analyzed are:

Modulation type	Description
QPSK	Quadrature Phase Shift Keying
8PSK	8-Phase Shift Keying
D8PSK	Differential Eight Phase Shift Keying
D16PSK	Differential Sixteen Phase Shift Keying
PI/2DBPSK	Pi/2 Differential Binary Phase Shift Keying
DQPSK	Differential Quadrature Phase Shift Keying
PI/4DQPSK	Pi/4 Differential Quadrature Phase Shift Keying
BPSK	Binary Phase Shift Keying
OQPSK	Offset Quadrature Phase Shift Keying
16QAM	16-state Quadrature Amplitude Modulation
32QAM	32-state Quadrature Amplitude Modulation
64QAM	64-state Quadrature Amplitude Modulation
128QAM	128-state Quadrature Amplitude Modulation
256QAM	256-state Quadrature Amplitude Modulation
MSK	Minimum Shift Keying
2FSK	2-Frequency Shift Keying
4FSK	4-Frequency Shift Keying
8FSK	8-Frequency Shift Keying
16FSK	16-Frequency Shift Keying
CPM	Continuous Phase Modulation
SOQPSK	Shaped Offset Quadrature Phase Shift Keying
SBPSK	Shaped Binary Phase Shift Keying
C4FM	Constant Envelope 4-Level Frequency Modulation

Symbol Rate

Specifies the symbol rate for demodulating digitally modulated signals. The symbol rate and the bit rate are related as follows:

(Symbol rate) = (Bit rate)/(Number of bits per symbol)

For example, the number of bits per symbol is 3 for 8PSK.

Measurement and Reference Filters

The available measurement and reference filters depend on the selected modulation type. If a particular filter is not practical for a selected modulation type, it is not presented as an available filter. To determine which filters are available, make certain that your desired modulation type is selected. See the following table.

Modulation type	Measurement filters	Reference filters
BPSK PI/2DBPSK 8PSK D8PSK DQPSK PI/4DQPSK 16QAM 32QAM 64QAM 128QAM 256QAM QPSK	None RootRaisedCosine RaisedCosine Gaussian User Rectangular (freq) IS-95TX_MEA IS-95TXEQ_MEA	None RaisedCosine Gaussian User Rectangular (freq) IS-95REF
MSK	None Root Raised Cosine RaisedCosine Gaussian User Rectangular (freq)	None Gaussian User
OQPSK	None RootRaisedCosine User IS-95TX_MEA IS-95TXEQ_MEA	None Half sine RaisedCosine User IS-95REF
SOQPSK	None User	SOQPSK-MIL SOQPSK-ARTM User
CPM	None User	None User
2FSK 4FSK 8FSK 16FSK	None Gaussian RootRaisedCosine RaisedCosine Rectangular (freq) User	None Gaussian RaisedCosine User
C4FM	C4FM-P25	RaisedCosine User
SBPSK	None User	SBPSK-MIL User

The measurement filter is applied before the demodulation bit is detected and the ideal reference is calculated.

The reference filter is applied to the internally generated ideal reference signal before the EVM is calculated.

How to Select Filters

In a signal transmitter/receiver system, the baseband signal might be filtered for bandwidth limiting or for another kind of necessary shaping that needs to be applied. Normally, a filter in the transmitter (Ft) and a filter in the receiver (Fr) are applied.

The Measurement Filter setting in the analyzer corresponds to the baseband filter in the receiver (Fr): This setting tells the analyzer what filter your receiver uses. When the analyzer is set to the same filter used by the receiver, the analyzer sees the signal as your receiver would. The Measurement Filter setting should be the same as the filter used in the receiver under normal operation (as opposed to testing).

The Reference Filter setting in the analyzer corresponds to the baseband filter in the transmitter-receiver combination (Fr * Ft). The baseband filter for the transmitter-receiver combination is often referred to as the *System Filter*. This filter is called the reference filter because it is used to recreate a reference signal that is compared to the received signal. This recreated reference signal is the *ideal signal* with Fr * Ft applied; differences between this *ideal signal* and the received signal enables the determination of signal quality, such as EVM measurements.

The following is an example of a hypothetical signal that is transmitted into a vector signal analyzer for analysis:

> Assume that a signal is transmitted using a baseband filter (Ft). It then travels through a transmission medium (air/cable/etc) where it may affected by the communication channel (Fc). The signal is received and filtered by the receiver's filter (Fr). At this point, the signal has passed through Ft and Fr, and in addition, the communication channel might have affected it (so: Ft * Fr * Fc). This double-filtered signal is demodulated as it was received to determine the symbols/bits in it. The obtained bits are used to regenerate a baseband ideal signal that can be compared against the received signal to determine signal quality. However, to determine the effect of the environment on the signal quality, the ideal signal must be filtered by the REFERENCE FILTER (Ft * Fr), so that the ideal signal and the filtered signal differ only by the effect of the environment. So, the received signal is the ideal signal filtered by `Ft * Fr * Fc` and the reference signal is the ideal signal filtered by `Ft * Fr`, since they only differ by the effect of Fc, the comparison will show the effect of the communication channel on the signal. The communication channel can also include the hardware path the signal follows after (Tx) or before (Rx) digitizing; this would account for Tx/Rx hardware linear and non-linear distortion.

Common examples of how these filters are used are shown below:

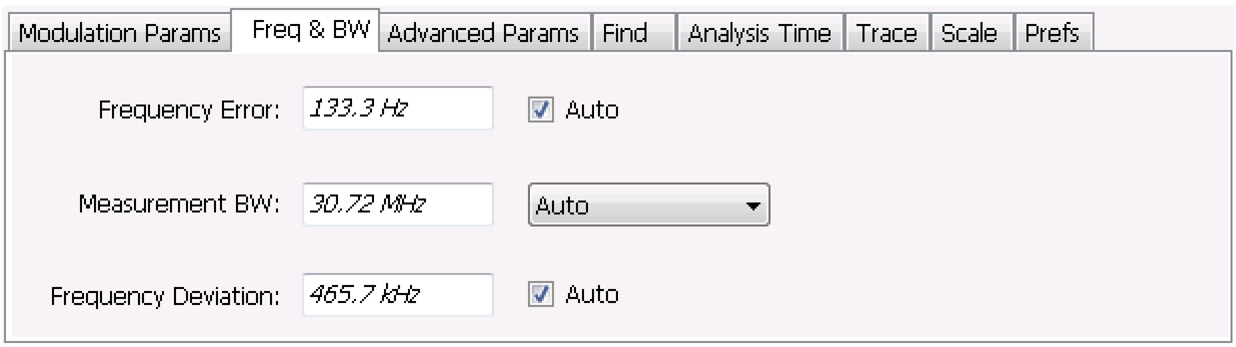
- For Transmit Filter = Root Raised Cosine (RRC), Measurement Filter = RRC, the Reference Filter = RRC ^2 = Raised Cosine
- For Transmit Filter = Raised Cosine (RC), Measurement Filter = None, the Reference Filter = Raised Cosine (When the Measurement Filter = None, the Reference Filter = Transmit Filter)
- For Transmit Filter = Gaussian, Measurement Filter = None, the Reference Filter = Gaussian

Filter Parameter

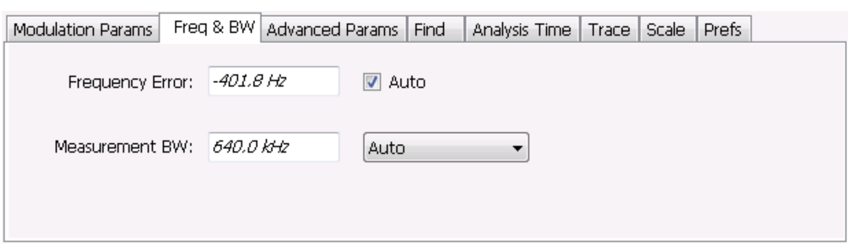
The filter parameter specifies the alpha for the Root Raised Cosine or Raised Cosine filter, or the bandwidth-time product (BT) for the Gaussian filter, when selected as the Reference filter. Some filter types have a fixed parameter value that is specified by industry standard, while other filter types by definition have no filter parameter. For filter types with no filter parameter, there is no filter parameter control present in the control panel.

Freq & BW Tab

The Freq & BW tab specifies a group of settings that affect how measurements are made.



Freq & BW tab with nFSK or C4FM modulation type selected and Frequency Error readout enabled (Auto selected)

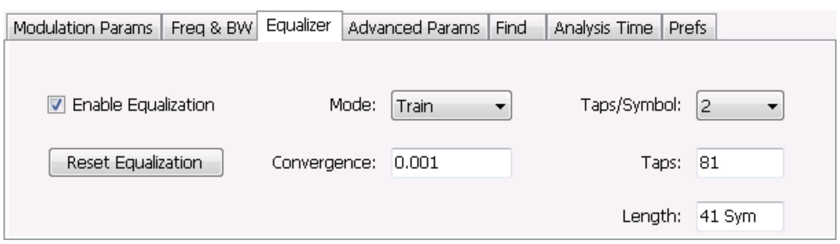


Freq & BW tab with SOQPSK modulation type selected and Frequency Offset enabled (Auto deselected)

Setting	Description
Frequency Error / Frequency Offset	When Auto is enabled, this readout displays frequency error and the measurement is made at the calculated frequency. When Auto is disabled, this setting changes to Frequency Offset. When set to Frequency Offset, this setting is used to demodulate a signal that is not at the center frequency. The measurement is made at the user-entered offset. The Measurement Filter (if any, specified on the Modulation Params tab) is applied about the offset frequency whether set automatically or manually.
Measurement BW	This setting allows you to override the automatic bandwidth calculation and directly enter a bandwidth value. If you enter a value for the measurement bandwidth, be aware that the actual bandwidth of data provided to the measurement will be at least as wide as the value you request and may be as much as two times wider than requested. This override of the selected measurement bandwidth is done so that the instrument uses sufficient bandwidth relative to the chosen symbol rate to ensure good signal quality measurements.
Frequency Deviation	For nFSK modulation types, this setting specifies the frequency deviation. Select Auto to make the instrument do this automatically. Deselect Auto to enter a value manually. This setting is present for only nFSK and C4FM modulation types.

Equalizer Tab

The Equalizer tab enables you to apply an adaptive equalizer to a digitally modulated signal to compensate for linear distortions in the signal. The Equalizer is available only for displays in the GP Digital Modulation folder (Select Displays window). The analyzer implements a decision directed, feed-forward FIR filter to correct linear distortion in the input signal.



Parameter	Description
Enable Equalization	This setting turns the Equalizer on and off.
Reset Equalization	Initializes the equalizer filter for training.
Mode	Specifies whether the equalizer is in learning (Train) mode or analysis (Hold) mode.
Convergence	Specifies the update rate. Maximum value: 0.002. Default value: 0.0005
Taps/Symbol	The number of filter coefficients per symbol used by the filter. Available choices are 1, 2, 4, and 8.
Taps	The number of filter coefficients. Range: 3 to 100 (you can set a higher number, but 100 is the practical limit).
Length	Specifies the number of symbols analyzed (or filter length).

Selecting the Mode

When enabled, the Equalizer is in either Train mode or Hold mode. When the equalizer is in Train mode, it will update internal filter parameters whenever you adjust the Convergence, Taps/Symbol, Taps, or Length values. When it is in Hold mode, the Equalizer uses the parameter values (both internal and the values accessible on the Equalizer tab) in effect when it was placed into Hold mode.

NOTE. *The Equalizer does not need to be retrained if the modulation type is changed. You can train the Equalizer by using a simpler modulation type (such as QPSK), place the Equalizer into Hold mode and can then measure more complex modulation types such as QAM.*

Training the Equalizer

To obtain the desired results using the Equalizer, you must first train the Equalizer. This is an iterative process where you adjust some filter parameters (and the analyzer adjusts internal parameters) to achieve the lowest error possible on the acquired signal.

To configure the Equalizer:

1. Press the **Displays** button or select **Setup** > **Displays**.
2. In the **Select Displays** window, select **GP Digital Modulation** from **Folders**.
3. Add **Signal Quality** to the **Selected Displays** and select **OK**.
4. With the Signal Quality display selected, select **Setup** > **Settings**.
5. Select the **Modulation Params** tab set the parameters as necessary for the signal.
6. Select the **Equalizer** tab.
7. Set the **Convergence** value to 0.0005.
8. Set **Taps/Symbol** to 2.
9. Click the **Reset Equalization** button to reset the equalizer.
10. Set the **Mode** to **Train**.
11. Click **Enable Equalization** so it is checked.
12. On the Signal Quality display, examine the value for EVM.
13. Change the Convergence, Taps/Symbol, and Taps values iteratively to achieve a minimum EVM value.

NOTE. *Changing the Taps/symbol or Taps values resets the equalizer.*

Using the Equalizer

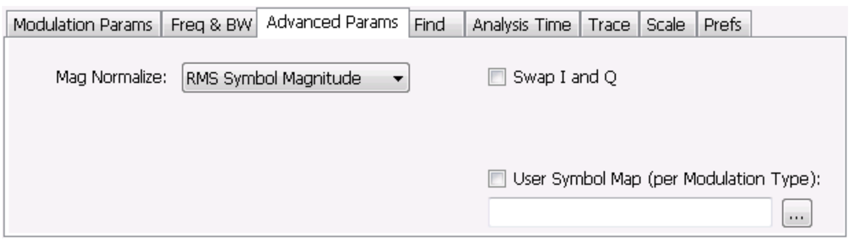
To use the equalizer:

1. Select and configure a **GP Digital Modulation** display.
2. Select **Setup** > **Settings**.

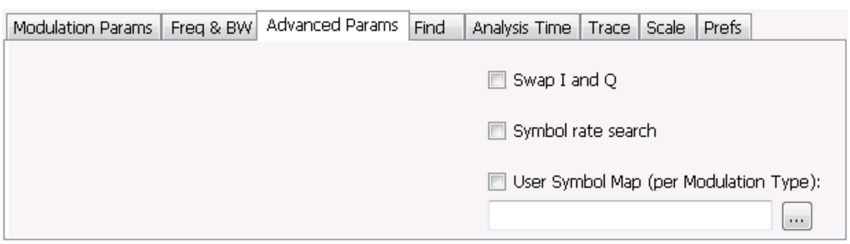
3. Select the **Equalizer** tab.
4. Select **Enable Equalization** so it is checked.
5. Verify that Mode is set to **Hold** if you have previously trained the Equalizer. If you have not previously trained the Equalizer, train the Equalizer (see page 245) and then set the Mode to Hold.

Advanced Params Tab

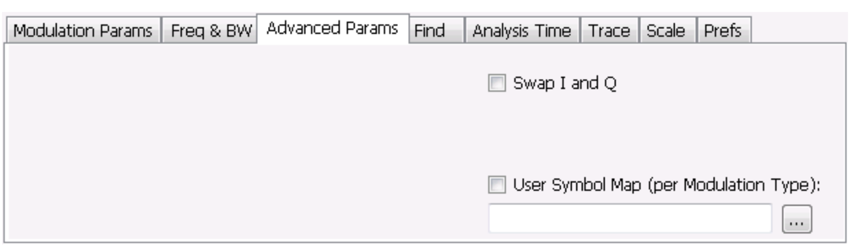
The Advanced Params tab specifies additional parameters that control the demodulation of the signal.



Advanced Params tab for all modulation types except nFSK and C4FM



Advanced Params tab for modulation type nFSK



Advanced Params tab for modulation type C4FM

Parameter	Description
Mag Normalize (not present for nFSK or C4FM modulation types)	Select RMS Symbol Magnitude or Max Symbol Magnitude. This setting applies to Mag Error and EVM.
Swap I and Q	When enabled, the I and Q data are exchanged before demodulating.
Symbol rate search (Present only for nFSK modulation types)	Determines whether to automatically detect or manually set the symbol rate. When selected, automatically detects the symbol rate to perform analysis. The calculated symbol rate is displayed in the Signal Quality display. The Symbol Rate Error is also calculated and displayed when Symbol rate search is enabled.
User Symbol Map (per Modulation Type)	Enables the use of custom symbol maps. This enables you to specify the location of symbols in the display. This control can be set independently for each of the modulation types.

Mag Normalize

Specifies whether Magnitude Normalization uses the RMS Symbol Magnitude or the Maximum Symbol Magnitude as the basis for normalization. Use RMS Symbol Magnitude on QPSK modulations (equal magnitude symbol locations), and use Maximum Symbol Magnitude for signals that have a large difference in magnitude among the symbol locations (such as 128QAM). It prevents the instrument from using the very low magnitude center symbols when normalizing the constellation. The outer symbols are a better normalization reference than the center in this case.

Swap I and Q

Use the Swap I and Q control to correct a signal sourced by a downconverter that inverts the frequency of the signal under test.

User Symbol Map

A User Symbol Map is a text file that specifies the location of symbols in the display. The symbol map is unique for each modulation type. The easiest way to create a custom symbol map is to start with the default symbol map and modify it. The default symbol map file is located at C:\RSA6100B Files. The default symbol map file is named **DefaultSymbolMaps.txt**. See Symbol Maps (see page 254) for illustrations of the default symbol mapping.

To specify a user symbol map:

1. Click the **...** button.
2. Navigate to the directory containing the user symbol text file you want to use.
3. Select the desired file in the Open window and click **Open**.
4. Select **User Symbol Map** to enable the user symbol map.

Editing the User Symbol Map. The symbol map is a plain text file and can be edited with any plain text editor.

CAUTION. *Whenever you reinstall the program software, the existing DefaultSymbolMaps.txt file will be overwritten. To create a custom symbol map, you should make a copy of the default symbol map file, edit the copy to suit your needs, and save it with a new name. Guidance on how to edit the symbol map file is contained within the default symbol map file.*

The following excerpt from the default symbol map file explains the structure of the file and how to edit it.

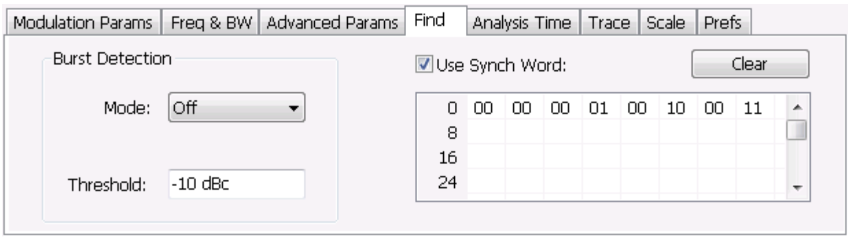
```
## Symbol Mapping Definitions
## Version 1.2

## This file defines the mapping of modulation states to symbol values.
##
## File Format :
## -------------
## 1.  Comments begin with '##' and may appear after the last field in a line
## 2.  A symbol map begins and ends with a line containing the name of the
## modulation type.  These names must exactly match the name of one of the
## modulation types in the RSA software
## 3.  Empty cells may be included to preserve the constellation shape.
## 4.  Blank lines are ignored.
## 5.  A modulation type which does not match the name of an existing
## type will be ignored.
##
## Usage :
## -------
## 1.  The file is intended to be edited with Notepad or similar text editor
```

The following text is an example of a symbol map.

```
## Symbol Map for 32 QAM
## (Resembles the shape of the constellation)
                32QAM
        00011 00010 00001 00000
01001 01000 00111 00110 00101 00100
01111 01110 01101 01100 01011 01010
10101 10100 10011 10010 10001 10000
11011 11010 11001 11000 10111 10110
        11111 11110 11101 11100
                32QAM
```

Find Tab

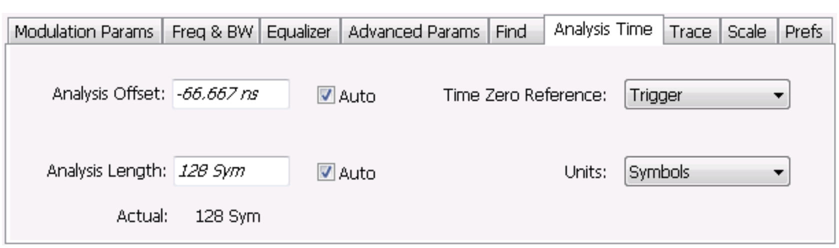
The Find tab is used to set parameters for finding bursts within the data record. This is a post-acquisition operation. Synch Word search controls are also on this tab.



Setting	Description
Burst Detection: Mode	Select whether to analyze bursts - Auto: If a burst is found, analyze just that burst period. If a burst is not found, analyze the whole analysis length. - On: If a burst is found, analyze just that burst period. If a burst is not found, display an error message. - Off: Analyze the whole analysis length. If the signal isn't adequate for demodulation, an error message is shown.
Burst Detection: Threshold	Sets the level required for the signal to qualify as a burst. Enter a value in dBc down from top of the signal.
Use Synch Word	When enabled, specifies the string of symbols to look for. Enter the search string with external keyboard or the on-screen keyboard.
Clear	Blanks the search string field.

Analysis Time Tab

The Analysis Time tab contains parameters that define how the signal is analyzed in the general purpose digital modulation displays.



The settings values on this tab are the same as those on the main Analysis control panel for the instrument with the only difference being that Analysis Length can be set in either Seconds or Symbols in this location.

Setting	Description
Analysis Offset	Specifies the location of the first time sample to use in measurements.
Auto	When enabled, causes the instrument to set the Analysis Offset value based on the requirements of the selected display.
Analysis Length	Specifies the length of the analysis period to use in measurements. Length is specified in either seconds or symbols, depending on the Units setting. For most modulation types, the Analysis Length set when Auto is enabled is 128 symbols. For some modulation types, a longer length is used.
Auto	When enabled, causes the instrument to set the Analysis Length value based on the requirements of the selected display.
Time Zero Reference	Specifies the zero point for the analysis time.
Actual	This is a displayed value, not a setting. It is the Analysis Length (time or symbols) being used by the analyzer; this value may not match the Analysis Length requested (in manual mode).
Units	Sets the units of the Analysis Length to either Symbols or Seconds.

Analysis Offset

Use analysis offset to specify where measurements begin. Be aware that you cannot set the Analysis Offset outside the range of time covered by the current acquisition data. (all time values are relative to the Time Zero Reference).

You can set the Analysis Length so that the requested analysis period falls partly or entirely outside the current range of acquisition data settings. When the next acquisition is taken, its Acquisition Length will be increased to cover the new Analysis Length, as long as the Sampling controls are set to Auto. If the Sampling parameters are set to manual, or if the instrument is analyzing saved data, the actual analysis length will be constrained by the available data length, but in most cases, measurements are able to be made anyway. The instrument will display a notification when measurement results are computed from less data than requested. Range: 0 to [(end of acquisition) - Analysis Length)]. Resolution: 1 effective sample (or symbol).

Analysis Length

Use the analysis length to specify how long a period of time is analyzed by a measurement. As you adjust this value, the actual amount of time for Analysis Length, in Symbol or Seconds units, is shown below the control in the "Actual" readout. This setting is not available when Auto is checked. Range: minimum value depends on modulation type. Resolution: 1 symbol. A maximum of approximately 80,000 samples can be analyzed (the actual value varies with modulation type).

Time Zero Reference

All time values are measured from this point (such as marker position or horizontal position (in Y vs Time displays). Choices are: Acquisition Start or Trigger.

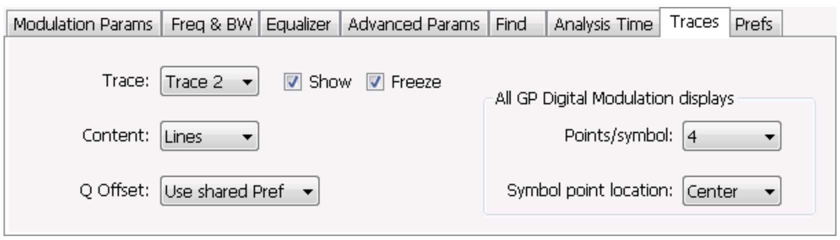
Parameter	Description
Acquisition Start	Offset is measured from the point at which acquisition begins.
Trigger	Offset is measured from the trigger point.

Trace Tab

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings > Trace

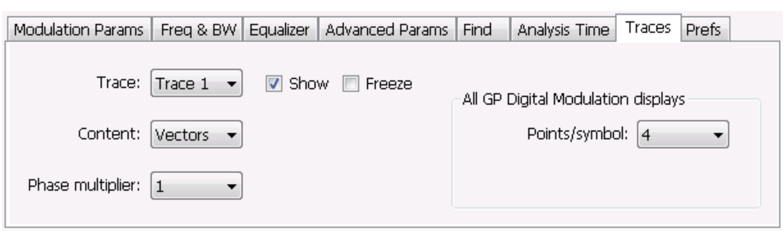
Application Toolbar/Front Panel: Settings

The Trace tab allows you to set the trace display characteristics of the selected display.

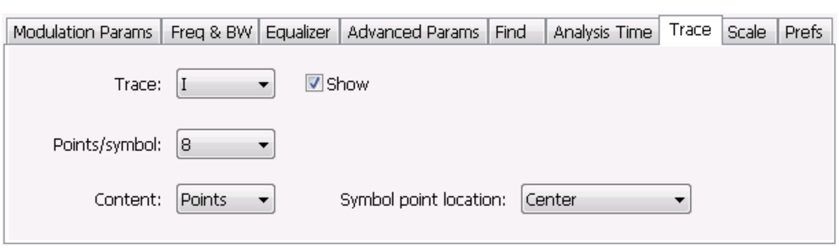


Example traces tab for constellation display set to SOQPSK modulation type

Note that some settings are not present for all modulation types and some settings are not present for all displays.



Example trace tab for constellation display set to CPM modulation type



Example trace tab for Demod I&Q display

Setting	Description
Trace	Selects the trace that is hidden or displayed based on whether or not Show is selected.
Show	Specifies whether the trace selected by Trace is displayed or hidden.
Freeze	Halts updates to the trace selected by the Trace setting. Present for the Constellation display only.
Content	Selects whether to display the trace as vectors (points connected by lines), points (symbols only without lines), or lines (lines drawn between symbols, but no symbols are displayed). The choices available depend on the display.
Q Offset	For traces with offset modulation (OQPSK and SOQPSK), this setting enables the trace to be displayed with Q offset or without Q offset. Choices available are **Remove Q offset**, **Include Q Offset**, and **Use Shared Pref**. Selecting Use Shared Pref causes the analyzer to add or remove Q offset according to the **Remove Q Offset** setting located on the Prefs tab. Setting the Q Offset on the Traces tab changes the Q offset only for the Constellation display. If other GP Digital Modulation displays are shown, they will use the use the Remove Q Offset setting on the Prefs tab regardless of the Q Offset setting on the traces tab for the Constellation display. The Q Offset setting is available only when the modulation type is set to OQPSK or SOQPSK.
Points/symbol	Select how many points to use between symbols when connecting the dots. Values: 1, 2, 4, 8.
Symbol point location	Selects whether to evaluate the symbol value at the center or the end of the eye opening. This control is only present for some of the supported modulation types.
Phase Multiplier	Sets the multiplication constant for the phase multiplication display: ×1 (default), ×2, ×4, ×8, ×16, or ×32. The phase multiplication display facilitates observation of noisy CPM signals by multiplying measurement signal phase by the constant to reduce the number of phase states and expand the phase difference between adjacent symbols.

Comparing Two Traces in the Constellation Display

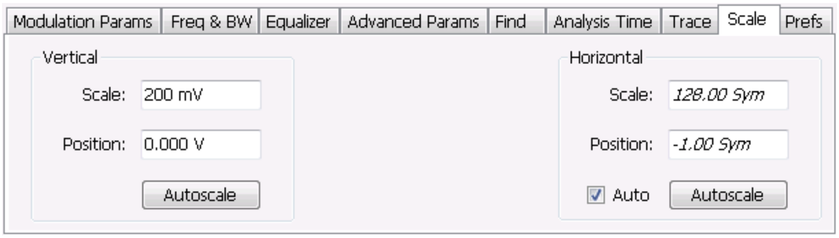
When the Constellation display is the selected display, you can use the Traces tab to enable the display of a second trace. The second trace is a version of the current acquisition. You can choose to freeze a trace in order to display the current live trace to an earlier version of itself, you can display the trace as a second trace with or without Q Offset, or you can choose to display both traces frozen in order to compare the trace to itself at different times.

To display a second trace in the Constellation display:

1. If more than one display is present, select the Constellation display to ensure it is the selected display.
2. Click the settings icon or select **Setup** > **Settings** from the menu bar.
3. Select the **Traces** tab.
4. Select **Trace 2** from the **Trace** drop-down list.
5. Click the **Show** checkbox so that it is checked.
6. Specify the **Content** as desired. Trace 2 lines appear in blue to aid in distinguishing Trace 2 from Trace 1.

Scale Tab

The Scale tab allows you to change the vertical and horizontal scale settings. Changing the scale settings changes how the trace appears on the display but does not change control settings such as Measurement Frequency.



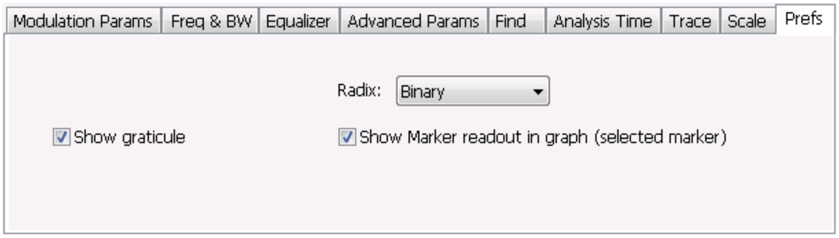
Setting	Description
Vertical	Controls the vertical position and scale of the trace display.
Scale	Changes the vertical scale units.
Position	Position adjusts the reference level away from top of the graph.
Autoscale	Resets the scale of the vertical axis to contain the complete trace.
Horizontal	Controls the span of the trace display and position of the trace.
Scale	Allows you to, in effect, change the span.
Position	Allows you to pan a zoomed trace without changing the Measurement Frequency. Position is only enabled when the span, as specified by Freq/div, is less than the acquisition bandwidth.
Autoscale	Resets the scale of the horizontal axis to contain the complete trace.
Auto	

A Note About Units

The Units used for the horizontal scale can be either Seconds or Symbols. To set the units for the horizontal scale, display the **Analysis Time** tab. On the tab, select the appropriate units from the **Units** drop-down list.

Prefs Tab

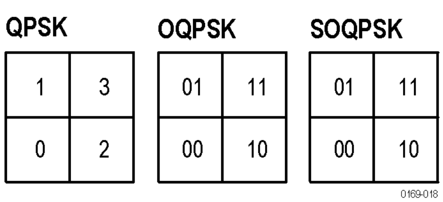
The Prefs tab enables you to change appearance characteristics of the GP Digital Modulation displays.

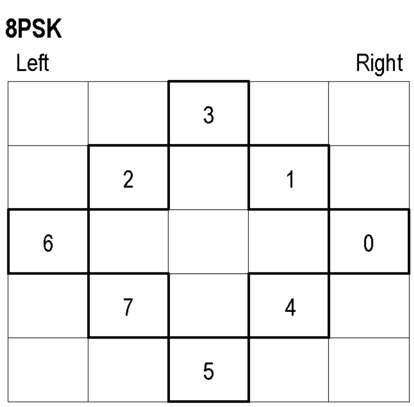


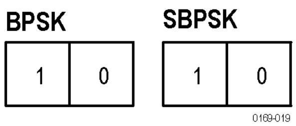
Setting	Description
Show graticule	Shows or hides the graticule.
Show Marker readout in graph (selected marker)	Shows or hides the readout for the selected marker in the graph area.
Radix	Specifies how symbols are displayed in the Symbol Table display and in the Marker readout in the Constellation display.
Remove Q offset	The I and Q data traces are displayed with an offset of half a symbol when the modulation type is set to SOQPSK or OQPSK. You can remove this offset by selecting **Remove Q offset**. (Which is only present when the modulation type is set to OQPSK or SOQPSK.)
Show EVM and Offset EVM results	Adds EVM results in the display when enabled (Offset EVM is always displayed). Present only in Signal Quality display and with SOQPSK and OQPSK modulation types only

Symbol Maps

This topic shows the symbol mapping for each digital modulation technique.







D8PSK

Phase shift (radians)	Symbol value (binary)
0	000
π/4	001
π/2	011
3π/4	010
π	110
5π/4	111
3π/2	101
7π/4	100

Pi/2 DBPSK

Phase shift (radians)	Symbol value (binary)
+π/2	0
–π/2	1

DQPSK

Phase shift (radians)	Symbol value (binary)
0	00
π/2	01
π	11
3π/2	10

Pi/4 DQPSK

Phase shift (radians)	Symbol value (binary)
+π/4	00
+3π/4	01
–π/4	10
-3π/4	11

MSK

Phase shift direction	Symbol value (binary)
–	0
+	1

16QAM

Left Right

3	2	1	0
7	6	5	4
B	A	9	8
F	E	D	C

0169-010

32QAM

Left Right

	3	2	1	0	
9	8	7	6	5	4
F	E	D	C	B	A
15	14	13	12	11	10
1B	1A	19	18	17	16
	1F	1E	1D	1C	

0169-011

64QAM

Left Right

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
F	E	D	C	B	A	9	8
17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10
1F	1E	1D	1C	1B	1A	19	18
27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20
2F	2E	2D	2C	2B	2A	29	28
37	36	35	34	33	32	31	30
3F	3E	3D	3C	3B	3A	39	38

0169-012

128QAM

		5D	5F	4F	4D	1A	1B	0B	0A		
		5C	5E	4E	4C	18	19	09	08		
4A	48	54	56	46	44	10	11	15	14	1C	1D
4B	49	55	57	47	45	12	13	17	16	1E	1F
5B	59	51	53	43	41	02	03	07	06	0E	0F
5A	58	50	52	42	40	00	01	05	04	0C	0D
6D	6C	64	65	61	60	20	22	32	30	38	3A
6F	6E	66	67	63	62	21	23	33	31	39	3B
7F	7E	76	77	73	72	25	27	37	35	29	2B
7D	7C	74	75	71	70	24	26	36	34	28	2A
		68	69	79	78	2C	2E	3E	3C		
		6A	6B	7B	7A	2D	2F	3F	3D		

0169-017

256QAM

Left Right

EF	FD	EB	F9	E7	F5	E3	F1	0F	3F	4F	7F	8F	BF	CF	FF
CE	DC	CA	D8	C6	D4	C2	D0	0C	3C	4C	7C	8C	BC	CC	FC
AF	BD	AB	B9	A7	B5	A3	B1	0B	3B	4B	7B	8B	BB	CB	FB
8E	9C	8A	98	86	94	82	90	08	38	48	78	88	B8	C8	F8
6F	7D	6B	79	67	75	63	71	07	37	47	77	87	B7	C7	F7
4E	5C	4A	58	46	54	42	50	04	34	44	74	84	B4	C4	F4
2F	3D	2B	39	27	35	23	31	03	33	43	73	83	B3	C3	F3
0E	1C	0A	18	06	14	02	10	00	30	40	70	80	B0	C0	F0
E1	D1	A1	91	61	51	21	11	01	13	05	17	09	1B	0D	1F
E2	D2	A2	92	62	52	22	12	20	32	24	36	28	3A	2C	3E
E5	D5	A5	95	65	55	25	15	41	53	45	57	49	5B	4D	5F
E6	D6	A6	96	66	56	26	16	60	72	64	76	68	7A	6C	7E
E9	D9	A9	99	69	59	29	19	81	93	85	97	89	9B	8D	9F
EA	DA	AA	9A	6A	5A	2A	1A	A0	B2	A4	B6	A8	BA	AC	BE
ED	DD	AD	9D	6D	5D	2D	1D	C1	D3	C5	D7	C9	DB	CD	DF
EE	DE	AE	9E	6E	5E	2E	1E	E0	F2	E4	F6	E8	FA	EC	FE

0169-013

2FSK

Left Right

0	1

4FSK

Left Right

0	1	3	2

0169-014

8FSK

Left Right

0	1	2	3	7	6	5	4

0169-015

16FSK

Left → Right

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8

C4FM

Left → Right

11	10	00	01

CPM

Phase shift (h = modulation index)	Symbol value (binary)
–3h	11
–h	10
+h	01
+3h	00

Overview: User Defined Measurement and Reference Filters

The Modulation Parameters control tab for GP Digital Modulation displays enables you to load custom measurement and reference filters. If the existing filters do not meet your requirements, you can create your own filters for use in the measurement and reference settings. This section describes the structure of user filters and provides two examples of customized filters. See User Filter File Format (see page 260).

Loading a User Measurement Filter

To load a your own measurement filter:

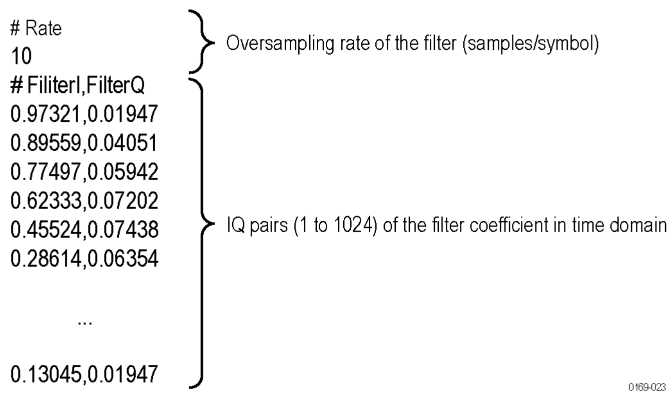
1. From the Modulation Params control tab (Settings > Modulation Params), click on the drop-down list for **Measurement Filter**.
2. Select one of the filter names that starts with **User**. This displays the **Manage user filters** window.
3. Enter a name for the filter in one of the **Name (editable)** boxes. This name will appear in the drop-down list on the Modulation Params tab, prefaced with **User**. The maximum number of characters for the filter name is 20.

4. Click the **Browse** button and navigate to the directory containing the filter you want to load. Select the filter and click **Open**. If you wish to use a filter that is not in the list, select **User other** and locate and open the file you wish to use.

5. Click **OK** to load the filter and return to the Modulation Params page.

User Filter File Format

The filter file is selected on the Modulation Params control panel tab used by the GP Digital Modulation displays (Option 21 only). It stores the user-defined measurement or reference filter coefficient data in CSV format. The following figure shows the file structure.



User filter file structure

A filter file is a plain text file, in comma-separated-variable format. The file extension must be CSV.

The filter file contains the following variables:

Rate. Specifies the oversampling rate (the number of samples per symbol). The filter coefficient data will be interpolated by the specified rate.

FilterI,FilterQ. Specifies IQ pairs (1 to 1024) of the filter coefficient in time domain.

Rules for Creating a Filter File

- A line beginning with “#” is a comment line.
- Enter a positive value for the oversampling rate.
- A decimal number can be expressed by fixed point or floating point. For example, 0.01 and 1.0E-2 are both valid.
- “0” (zero) and “,0” (comma zero) can be omitted. For example, “1.5,0”, “1.5,”, and “1.5” are equivalent.
- Lines with only a comma and blank lines are skipped.

Example filters. For your reference, two example filters, Raised Cosine and Gaussian, are shown here. Both filters contain 65 data points with an oversampling rate of 8.

Raised Cosine (α = 0.3)

(Row 1 to 18)	(Row 19 to 36)	(Row 37 to 54)	(Row 55 to 68)
# Rate	0.0383599,0	0.973215,0	0.0743803,0
8	0,0	0.895591,0	0.0720253,0
# FilterI,FilterQ	-0.047715,0	0.774975,0	0.0594205,0
0,0	-0.0984502,0	0.623332,0	0.0405144,0
-0.0062255,0	-0.143898,0	0.455249,0	0.0194761,0
-0.0136498,0	-0.174718,0	0.286147,0	0,0
-0.0209294,0	-0.181776,0	0.130455,0	-0.0151973,0
-0.0263419,0	-0.157502,0	0,0	-0.0246357,0
-0.0280807,0	-0.0971877,0	-0.0971877,0	-0.0280807,0
-0.0246357,0	0,0	-0.157502,0	-0.0263419,0
-0.0151973,0	0.130455,0	-0.181776,0	-0.0209294,0
0,0	0.286147,0	-0.174718,0	-0.0136498,0
0.0194761,0	0.455249,0	-0.143898,0	-0.0062255,0
0.0405144,0	0.623332,0	-0.0984502,0	0,0
0.0594205,0	0.774975,0	-0.047715,0	
0.0720253,0	0.895591,0	0,0	
0.0743803,0	0.973215,0	0.0383599,0	
0.063548,0	1,0	0.063548,0	

Gaussian (BT = 0.5)

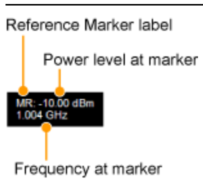
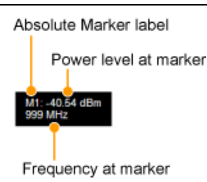
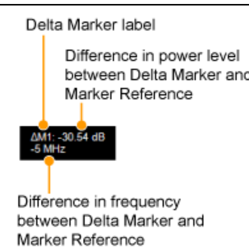
(Row 1 to 18)	(Row 19 to 36)	(Row 37 to 54)	(Row 55 to 68)
# Rate	0.00191127,0	0.978572,0	0.000401796,0
8	0.00390625,0	0.917004,0	0.000172633,0
# FilterI,FilterQ	0.00764509,0	0.822878,0	7.10E--05,0
2.33E-10,0	0.0143282,0	0.707107,0	2.80E-05,0
9.11E-10,0	0.0257149,0	0.581862,0	1.06E-05,0
3.42E-09,0	0.0441942,0	0.458502,0	3.81E-06,0
1.23E- 08,0	0.0727328,0	0.345977,0	1.32E-06,0
4.21E-08,0	0.114626,0	0.25,0	4.37E-07,0
1.39E-07,0	0.172989,0	0.172989,0	1.39E-07,0
4.37E-07,0	0.25,0	0.114626,0	4.21E-08,0
1.32E-06,0	0.345977,0	0.0727328,0	1.23E-08,0
3.81E-06,0	0.458502,0	0.0441942,0	3.42E-09,0
1.06E-05,0	0.581862,0	0.0257149,0	9.11E-10,0
2.80E-05,0	0.707107,0	0.0143282,0	2.33E-10,0
7.10E-05,0	0.822878,0	0.00764509,0	
0.000172633,0	0.917004,0	0.00390625,0	
0.000401796,0	0.978572,0	0.00191127,0	
0.000895512,0	1,0	0.000895512,0	

Using Markers

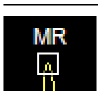
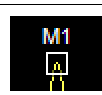
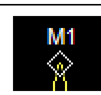
Markers are indicators in the display that you can position on a trace to measure values for the X and Y axes, such as frequency, power, and time. A Marker always displays its position and, if enabled, will display the difference between its position and that of the Marker Reference (MR).

You can display up to five markers including the marker reference. Markers can all be placed on the same trace or they can be placed on different traces. There are two types of Markers: Reference and Delta Markers. The Marker Reference (labeled MR in the graph) makes absolute measurements and is also used for calculating differences when Delta readouts are enabled. The Delta Markers (labeled M1 to M4 in the graph) are used to measure other points on the trace or the difference between the Marker Reference and the Delta marker.

The following table shows the appearance of the three types of marker readouts.

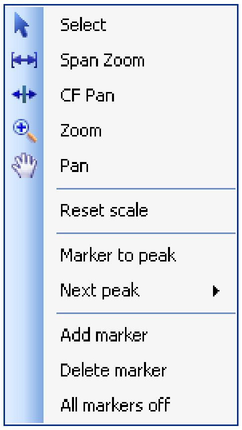
Marker Reference Readout	Absolute Marker Readout	Delta Marker Readout
		

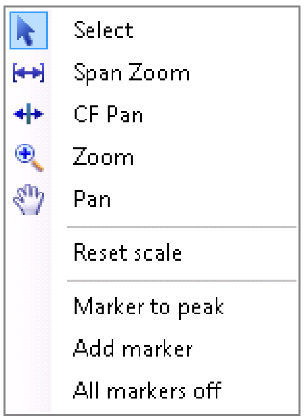
The following table shows the appearance of the marker indicators as they appear on the trace.

Marker Reference	Absolute Marker	Delta Marker
		

Controlling Markers with the Touchscreen Actions Menu

In addition to controlling the marker actions from the front panel or screen menu items, you can use the touch screen actions menu to move markers or add and delete markers.



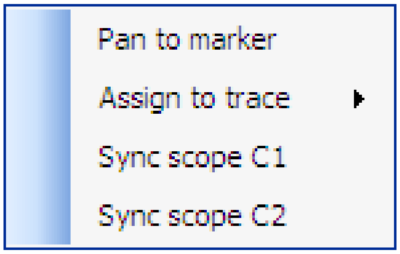


To use the Touchscreen Actions menu, touch the display and hold for one second, then remove your finger. You can also use a mouse to display the Touchscreen Action menu by clicking the right mouse button.

Menu item	Description
Marker to peak	Moves the selected marker to the highest peak. If no marker is turned on, this control automatically adds a marker.
Next Peak	Moves the selected marker to the next peak. Choices are Next left, Next right, Next lower (absolute), and Next higher (absolute).
Add marker	Defines a new marker located at the horizontal center of the graph.
Delete marker	Removes the last added marker.
All markers off	Removes all markers.

Markers Context Menu

The Markers context menu appears when you right-click (or touch and hold) on a marker. The Markers context menu enables you to assign a marker to a different trace, synchronize markers with oscilloscope cursors and pan the trace to place the marker at the measurement frequency.

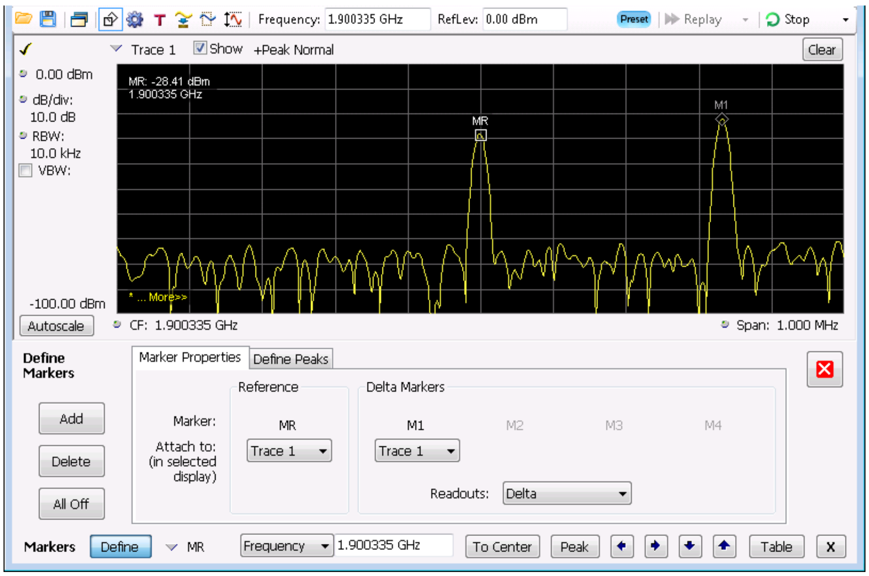


Icon	Menu	Description
-	Pan to marker	Adjusts horizontal position of the waveform to locate the selected marker at the measurement frequency.
-	Assign to trace	Assigns the selected marker to Trace 1, Trace 2, Trace 3 or the Math trace. A trace must be enabled to assign a marker to it.
-	Sync scope C1	Synchronizes the position of oscilloscope Cursor 1 with the location of the selected marker. Turns on cursors if necessary.
-	Sync scope C2	Synchronizes the position of oscilloscope Cursor 2 with the location of the selected marker. Turns on cursors if necessary.

Measuring Frequency and Power in the Spectrum Display

To measure the frequency and power at a point on a Spectrum trace:

1. Select **Markers** > **Define Markers**.
2. Select the **Marker Properties** tab.
3. Click **Add**. This displays a drop-down list under **MR** (Marker Reference), found inside the **Reference** box. The first marker defined is always designated the Marker Reference. Subsequently defined markers are designated as Delta Markers (you can also select and adjust markers by clicking on an existing marker on a trace).
4. From the drop-down list, select the trace to which you want to assign the marker.



5. Click the close control panel button to remove the Define Markers control panel.
6. Click on the marker on the trace to activate that marker.
7. Drag the marker in the graph using the touchscreen or a mouse to move the marker to the desired location on the trace. You can also click on the marker location text box in the Markers toolbar at the bottom of the screen and adjust it with your mouse wheel. The Peak button in the Markers toolbar and the arrow buttons to the right of it control marker peak searching on the trace.
8. Read the frequency and power level of the marker position on the display.
9. Read the signal density, frequency and power level of the marker position on the display.

Marker Action Controls

Controls for enabling and moving markers and for initiating marker peak searches are found in several locations. There are buttons for a few of the most common marker activities on the front panel of the instrument, used along with the knob for adjusting marker positions. The Markers menu contains selections for peak searches and the Marker toolbar also has buttons for peak searches. All graphs that support the markers offer a pop-up menu for marker actions.

Peak

Selecting **Peak** from the Markers menu moves the selected marker to the highest level peak within the acquisition record.

Next Peak

Selecting Next Peak displays a submenu that enables you to move the selected marker to the next peak.

Setting	Description
Next Left	Moves the selected marker to the next peak to the left of the current marker position.
Next Right	Moves the selected marker to the next peak to the right of the current marker position.
Next Lower (absolute)	Moves the selected marker to the lower level peak (in absolute terms) on the trace.
Next Higher (absolute)	Moves the selected marker to the higher level peak (in absolute terms) on the trace.

Marker to Center Frequency

Changes the center frequency to match the frequency of the selected marker.

Sync Scope C1/C2 to Active Marker

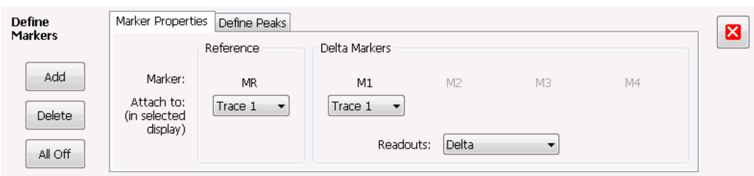
Moves the selected oscilloscope cursor (Cursor 1 or Cursor 2) to the location on the oscilloscope waveform that matches the location of the active maker on the SignalVu active marker. If the oscilloscope cursors are off, this command turns them on. These commands are also available from the Markers context menu.

Enabling Markers and Setting Marker Properties

The Define Markers Control Panel is used to enable markers and set their properties. You can set up to five markers including the marker reference. Markers are shown in most displays.

Markers have two types of on-screen readouts: Absolute and Delta. When **Readouts** is set to **Absolute**, each readout displays only the marker's position on the trace. In Frequency displays, this means the marker readout shows the frequency and power of the trace at the marker position. When **Readouts** is set to **Delta**, each delta marker (M1-M4) readout displays both the marker's position on the trace and the difference between its position and the position of the Reference Marker (MR).

Defining Markers



1. Select **Markers** > **Define Markers** to display the Define Markers control panel.
2. Select **Add** to turn on the next marker. A drop-down list under the marker label allows you to assign the marker to a trace.

NOTE. *The first marker defined will always be **MR**. The MR marker is the reference for delta marker readouts.*

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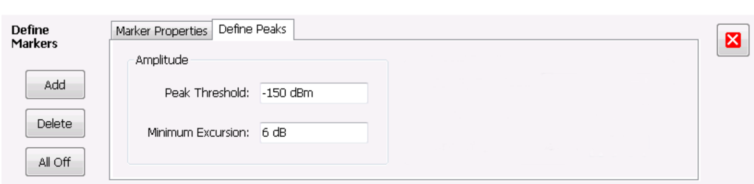
3. Select the trace to which the marker should be attached from the drop-down list.
4. Click **Add** to add additional markers.
5. Click the close button to remove the Define Markers control panel.

Defining Peaks

You can specify two amplitude values that define peaks.



Amplitude	
Peak Threshold	Peak Threshold specifies the level that the signal must exceed to be considered a peak.
Minimum Excursion	Minimum Excursion specifies how much the signal must decrease and then increase before another peak can be declared.

1. Select **Markers** > **Define Markers** to display the Define Markers control panel.
2. Select the **Define Peaks** tab.
3. To define the level for Peak Threshold, enter a value in the Peak Threshold number entry box.
4. To define the amount the trace must dip, enter a value in the Peak Excursion number entry box.
5. Click the close button to remove the Define Markers control panel.

Using the Markers Toolbar

Application toolbar: Markers

Menu bar: View > Marker Toolbar

Select **Marker Toolbar** to display or hide the Marker Toolbar in the application window. The Marker Toolbar enables you to operate existing markers or define new markers.

Enabling a marker or adjusting the position of a marker automatically opens the Markers toolbar.

Icon / Readout	Description
Define	Opens the Define Markers control panel.
M1	Selected marker readout. This readout shows which marker is selected. The pop-up menu allows you to choose the selected marker, add markers, and turn all markers off.
Frequency 1.4875 GHz	Marker position controls. For frequency displays, this readout shows the marker position in Hertz. For time displays, this readout shows the marker position in seconds. The position of the selected marker can be changed by selecting the numeric readout and using the knob to adjust the value.
To Center	Changes the analyzer's Center Frequency to the frequency of the selected marker. Not selectable for time markers.
Peak	Moves the marker to the highest peak on the signal. On displays that scale about zero on the vertical axis (for example, Magnitude Error, EVM, and Frequency vs. Time), the highest peak selected by the Peak button is an "absolute value", therefore, negative peaks are included in the search for the highest peak.
	Moves the selected marker to the next peak to the **left** of the current position.
	Moves the selected marker to the next peak to the **right** of the current position.
	Moves the selected marker to the next **lower** peak value. The peak value here refers to the numeric value of the peak amplitude. Thus, when repeatedly moving the marker, it can move to the right or left depending on the location of the next lower value.
	Moves the selected marker to the next **higher** peak value. The peak value here refers to the numeric value of the peak amplitude. Thus, when repeatedly moving the marker, it can move to the right or left depending on the location of the next higher value.
Table	Displays/hides the marker table from the display.
X	Removes the Marker Toolbar from the display.

Using Noise Markers in the Spectrum Display

In the Spectrum display, you can set Markers to Noise Mode to measure noise on the trace. Markers in Noise Mode operate just as they do in normal mode, but the readouts for the markers are in dBm/Hz and dBc/Hz.

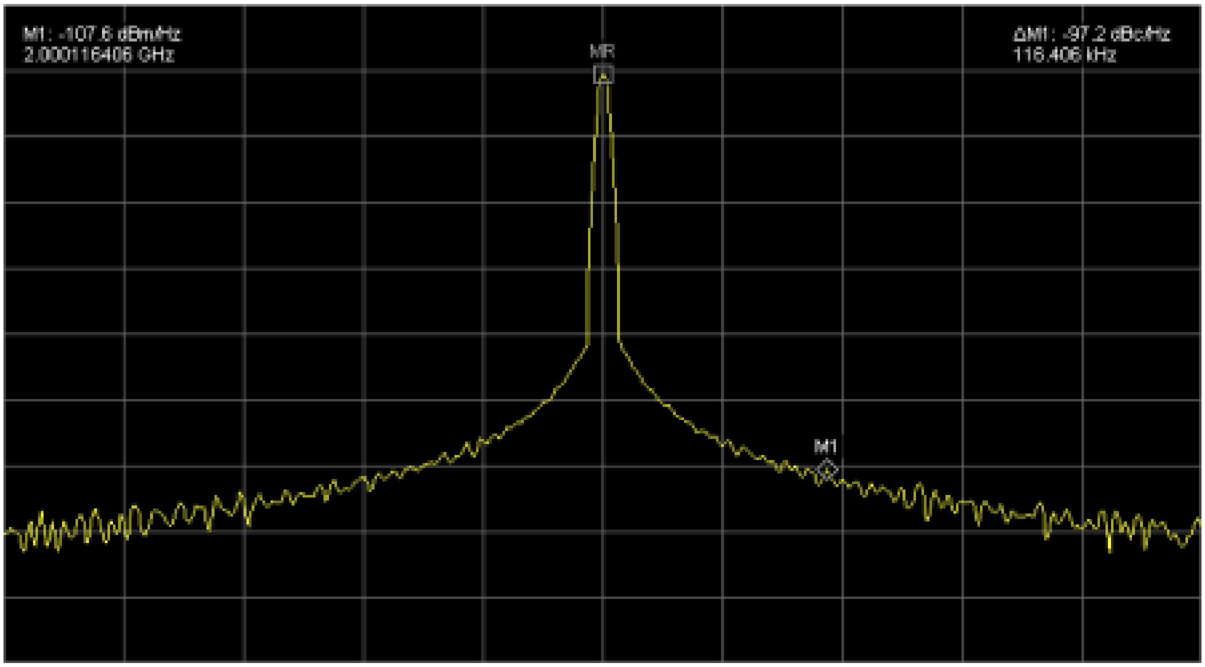
dBm/Hz is the power in milliwatts referenced to a 1 Hz bandwidth. To make this measurement, the analyzer assumes that the measured signal is random noise. It then converts the measured power (made at any RBW) to the power that would be measured had a 1 Hz filter been applied for the measurement.

dBc/Hz represents dBm/Hz referenced to a carrier. Here, it is assumed that the carrier is a CW signal, and its signal level does not change when the RBW is changed, so the Reference Marker measurement on the carrier is unchanged from any other marker measurement. However, the delta marker values are converted to dBm/Hz, and then a difference value, in dBc/Hz, is calculated between each delta measurement and the reference.

Measuring Noise

To measure noise on a Spectrum trace:

1. Select **Markers** > **Define** to display the Markers control panel.
2. Click **Add**. The first marker defined is always designated the Marker Reference. Subsequently defined markers are designated as Delta Markers (you can also select and adjust markers by clicking on an existing marker in the display).
3. Click **Add** again so that there are at least two markers defined.
4. Check that **Readouts** is set to Delta.
5. If you have more than one trace defined, use the drop-down list for each marker to set it to the trace on which you want to measure noise.
6. Select the **Settings** button to display the Spectrum settings control panel.
7. Click the **Prefs** tab.
8. Click the **Marker Noise Mode** check box so it is checked.
9. Click the **Traces** tab.
10. Verify that Detection is set to **Average** for the trace you are using for this measurement.
11. Click the **Ana** (Analysis) button.
12. Select the **Units** tab.
13. Select **dBm** for the Amplitude units.
14. Click the Close button to remove the control panel.
15. Move the markers to the desired locations on the trace.
16. Read the frequency and power level for the selected marker in the upper corners of the display. To display the delta measurement in dBc/Hz, select the delta marker (M1, M2, M3 or M4) by clicking on it or by selecting it in the drop-down marker list in the Markers toolbar.


M1: -107.6 dBm/Hz
2.000116406 GHz
MR
ΔM1: -97.2 dBc/Hz
116.406 kHz
M1

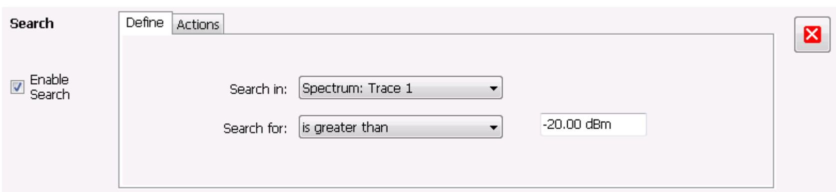
The Search Tool (Limits Testing)

You can specify pass/fail conditions for the Spectrum, Spurious, Frequency Settling Time and Phase Settling Time displays. When these conditions are met, the instrument can perform actions such as stopping acquisitions or saving data.

Search (Limits Testing) Settings

Menu Bar: Tools > Search

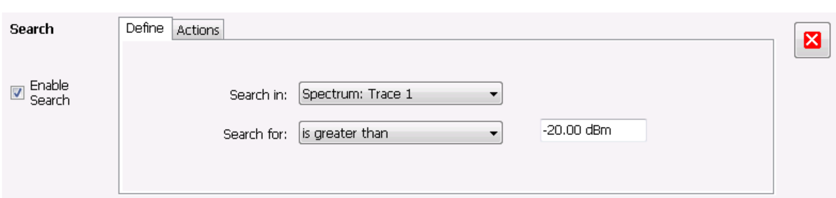
Selecting **Search** displays the Search control panel. These settings define search parameters and specify actions to be performed when the search condition is met.

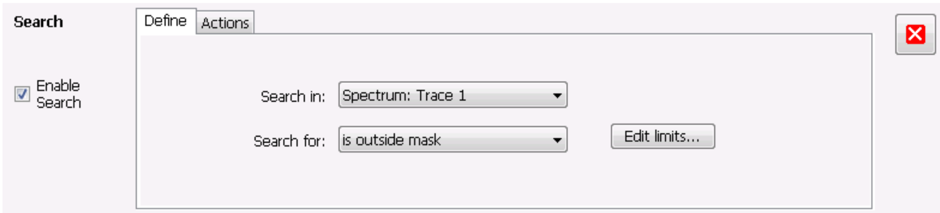


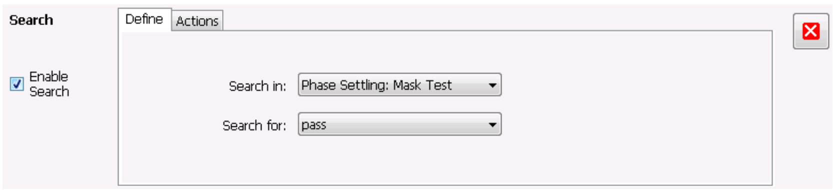
Setting	Description
Enable Search	Select to perform a search.
Define (see page 273)	Specifies which result to search and what to search for.
Actions (see page 278)	Specifies the action to take when the search condition is met.

Define Tab (Search)

The Define tab sets the parameters for a search. From this tab, you specify which trace to search and what kind of violation to search for.







Setting	Description
Search in	Specifies which result to search.
Search for	Specifies what to search for. You can specify a search based on a signal level or a mask.

Search In

The choices for **Searching** are: Phase Settling: Mask Test, Freq Settling: Mask Test, Spectrum Trace 1, Spectrum Trace 2, Spectrum Trace 3, Spectrum Math Trace, Spectrogram Trace, and Spurious. The available choices include only results from displays that are currently open.

NOTE. *If you select a trace result that is not the selected trace in the target display, you will not see the results of the Search until you select the trace in the target measurement display that is the "Search in" trace.*

Search For

The **Search for** setting has selections that vary based on which display's results you are testing.

Pass/Fail Searches for Spurious and Settling Time

The Frequency Settling Time, Phase Settling Time measurements, and Spurious measurements each include their own mask test functions that provide pass/fail results. Controls for defining and enabling these mask tests are found in the displays' own control panels. Search can be configured to look for either a Pass result or a Fail result in one of these measurements and then perform your specified Search actions when that result occurs.

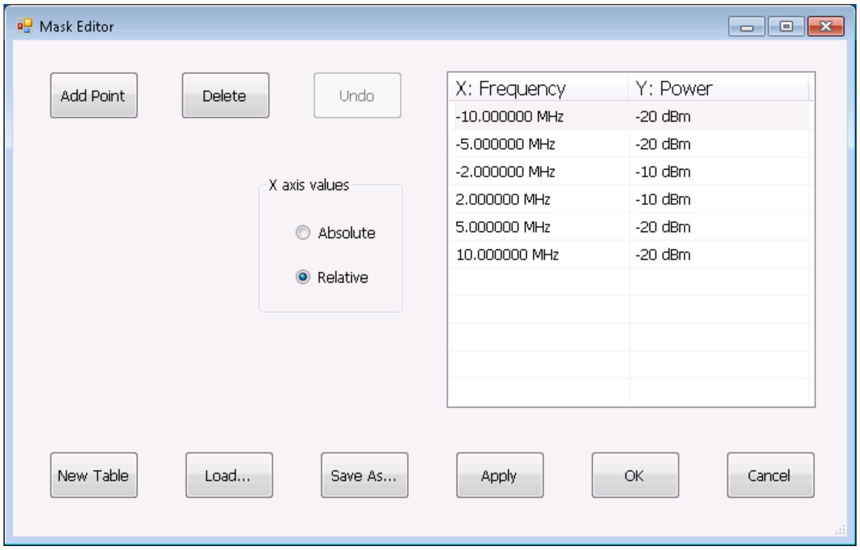
Greater Than/Less Than Searches for Spectrum

If you select a greater than/less than search, you also specify the level that defines a violation. When you select either **is greater than** or **is less than**, a text entry box appears to the right of the drop-down list.

Use the text entry box to specify the signal level you wish to search for. While not as flexible as mask testing, this type of search is quicker to set up.

Mask-Based Searches for Spectrum

If you specify a mask-based search for the Spectrum display, then you need to edit the mask to specify the levels that define a violation. When you select **is outside mask** or **is inside mask**, an Edit limits button is displayed. Select the Edit limits button to display the Mask Editor.



To edit a search mask for a Spectrum display search:

1. Click **Edit limits** to display the Mask Editor.
2. Click **New Table** to create a table. This clears the existing points and loads the default table.
3. Select the **X axis values** setting:
   a. Select **Absolute** to specify mask point locations based on signal frequency.
   b. Select **Relative** to specify mask point locations as offsets from the center frequency.
4. To edit values in the table:
   a. To edit an existing value, double-click on the cell you want to edit.
   b. To add a new point to the table, click on **Add Point**. Edit the values as required and click **Apply** when you are finished with your changes.

To specify a frequency multiplier, you can type K, M, or G. For the power level, you only need to specify a numeric value. The unit is set to the current Units setting (Setup > Analysis > Units).

1. To delete a point from the table, select the point to be removed, and click **Delete**.
2. To close the Mask Editor without saving your changes, click **Cancel** (if you have already clicked Apply, this only cancels changes since the last time Apply was clicked).

3. If Search mode is already enabled and the instrument is in Run mode, you can run a Search using your changed points without closing the Mask Editor, by clicking **Apply**.
4. To save changes and close the Mask Editor, click **OK**.
5. To save the mask to a file for later recall, click **Save As.**
6. From the Save As dialog, name the file and save it in the desired location.

Masks are saved only in CSV (Comma Separated Value) format.

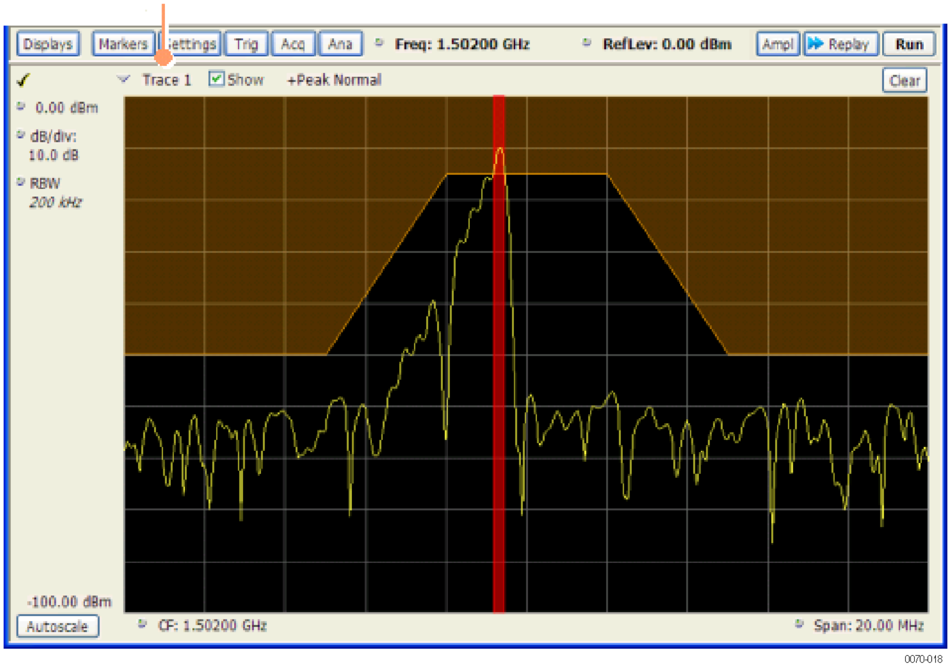
Performing a Mask-Based Search

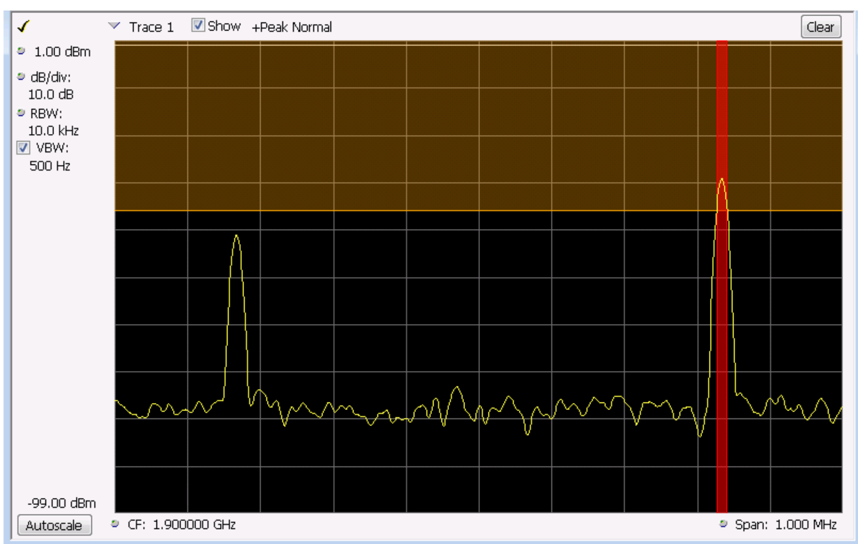
To perform a Search using a mask:

1. Select **Tools** > **Search**.
2. Click the **Enable Search** check box.
3. Select the trace that you wish to search from the **Searching** drop-down list.
4. Verify that the trace you selected to search is the selected trace in the display.
5. Select either **is outside mask** or **is inside mask** from the **Search for** drop-down list.
6. Click the **Edit limits** button.
7. Edit the table as necessary or click **Load** to use a previously saved mask.
8. If you load a saved a mask, use the Open dialog box to locate and open the mask file.
9. Click **OK**.

The following figure shows the results of an **is outside mask** Search. The vertical red bar highlights results that match the Search definition.

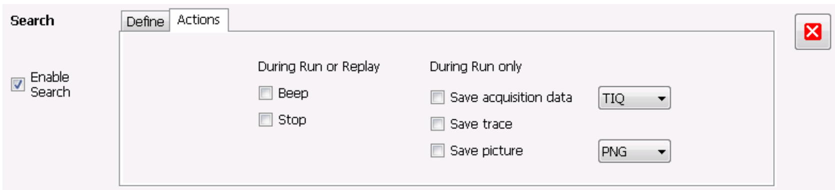
This readout identifies the selected trace





Actions Tab

The Actions tab is used to specify an action to be taken when the search condition is met.



Setting	Description
During Run or Replay	Actions specified here will occur in either Run mode or Replay mode.
Beep	The analyzer beeps when the search condition is met. There will be no sound if the instrument hardware does not support audible output.
Stop	The analyzer stops when the search condition is met.
During Run Only	Actions specified here are taken only during Run mode (while acquiring live data).
Save acquisition data	Saves acquisition data to a file when the search condition is met. Use the drop-down list to specify the format of the saved data. The available file formats are: TIQ, CSV, and MAT (see page 301).
Save trace	Saves Trace data to a file when the search condition is met.
Save picture	Saves a screen capture to a file when the search condition is met. Use the drop-down list to specify the format of the saved picture. The available file formats are: PNG, JPG, and BMP (see page 301). Note that no trace will be saved if the searched trace isn't a saveable trace type. For example, a Spurious trace is not saveable.

AutoSave File Naming

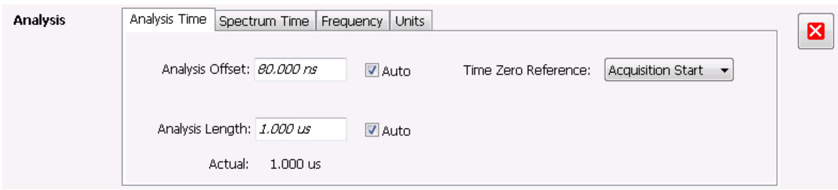
When one of the AutoSave actions is enabled, the name of the saved file is automatically incremented even if the **Automatically generate filenames** option (Tools > Options > Save and Export) is not enabled. When the file is saved, it will be saved to the last location a file was saved. You can check this location by selecting **File** > **Save As**. The Save dialog will show you the current save location. If you want to save the file in a different location, save a file (any type) in the desired location. This resets the save destination to the new location.

Analysis Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Analysis

Application Toolbar: Ana

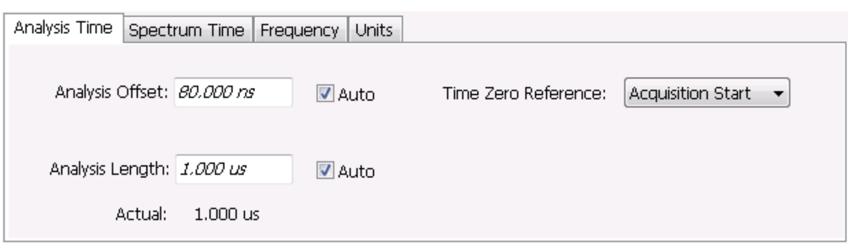
The Analysis control panel provides access to settings that are used by all displays. These settings affect only post processing and they do not control hardware settings.



Setting	Description
Analysis Time (see page 279)	Specifies the length of time to use in measurements.
Spectrum Time (see page 281)	Specifies whether the Spectrum Analysis display uses the same Analysis Time parameters as all the other displays or if it uses a different Offset and Length.
Frequency (see page 281)	Specifies the measurement frequency (center frequency).
Units (see page 284)	Specifies the Power units for all displays.

Analysis Time Tab

The Analysis Time tab contains parameters that define the portion of the acquisition record that is used for analysis.



Setting	Description
Analysis Offset	Specifies the location of the first time sample to use in measurements.
Auto	When enabled, causes the instrument to set the Analysis Offset value based on the requirements of the selected display.
Analysis Length	Specifies the length of time to use in measurements.
Auto	When enabled, causes the instrument to set the Analysis Length value based on the requirements of the selected display.
Time Zero Reference	Specifies the zero point for the analysis time.
Actual	This is a displayed value, not a setting. It is the Analysis Length (time) being used by the analyzer; this value may not match the Analysis Length requested (in manual mode).

Analysis Offset

Use analysis offset to specify where measurements begin. Range: 0 to [(end of acquisition) - Analysis Length)]. Resolution: 1 effective sample (or symbol).

Analysis Length

Use the analysis length to specify how long a period of time is analyzed by a measurement. After you enter a value, this box changes to show the actual value in use, which is constrained by Acquisition Time. This setting is not available when Auto is checked. Range: minimum value depends on modulation type to Acquisition Length. Resolution: 1 effective sample (or symbol).

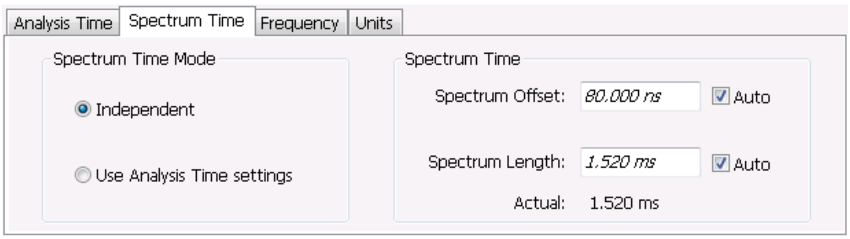
Time Zero Reference

The analysis offset is measured from this point. Choices are: Acquisition Start or Trigger Point.

Parameter	Description
Acquisition Start	Offset is measured from the point at which acquisition begins.
Trigger Point	Offset is measured from the trigger point.

Spectrum Time Tab

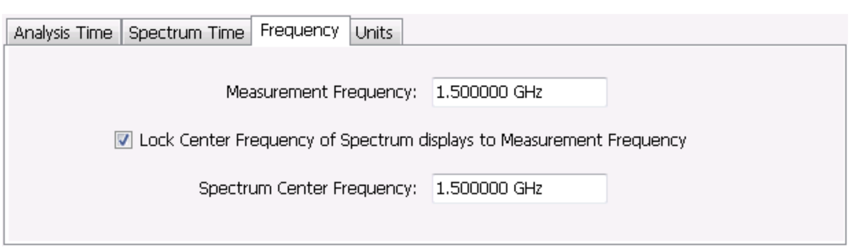
This tab controls whether the Spectrum display uses the same Analysis Time parameters as all the other views or uses a different Offset and Length.



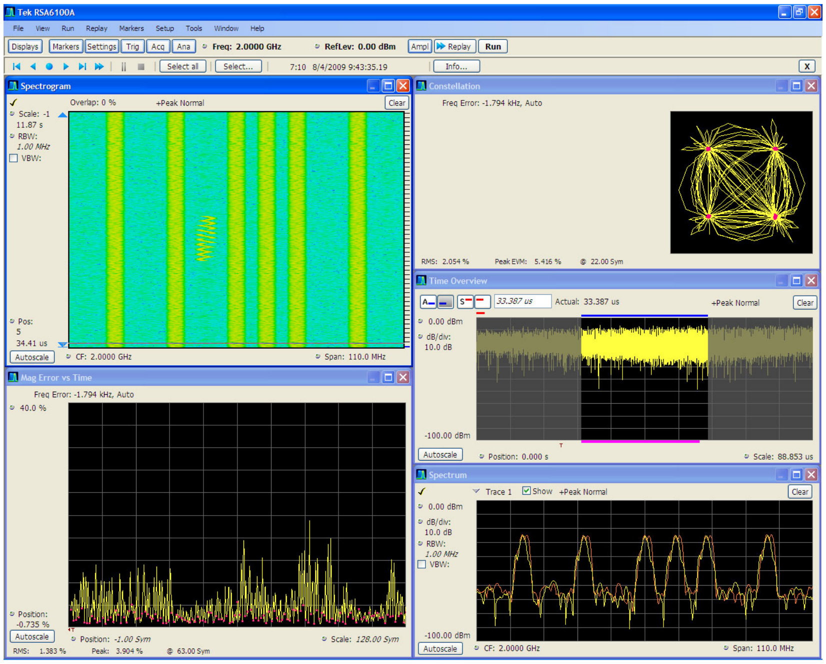
Settings	Description
Spectrum Time Mode	
Independent	Causes the spectrum analysis views to use the settings unique to those displays.
Use Analysis Time settings	Causes the spectrum analysis views to use the settings on the Analysis Time tab.
Spectrum Time (only available when *Independent* is selected)	
Spectrum Offset	Sets the beginning of Spectrum Time with respect to the selected time reference point (selectable in the Analysis Time tab as either Acquisition Start or Trigger).
Spectrum Length	The amount of data, in terms of time, from which spectrum traces are computed.
Auto	When enabled, causes the instrument to set the Spectrum Length value based on the RBW setting.
Actual	This is a displayed value, not a setting. It is the Spectrum Length (time) being used by the analyzer; this value may not match the Spectrum Length requested (in manual mode). The actual spectrum length is always an integer multiple of the time needed to support the RBW value.

Frequency Tab

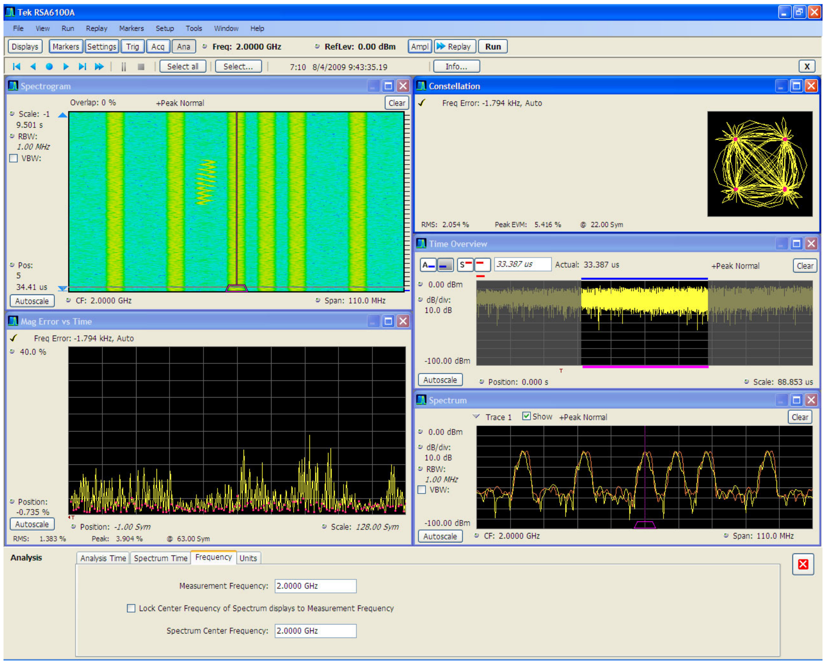
The Frequency tab specifies two frequency values: the Measurement Frequency and the Spectrum Center Frequency. The Measurement Frequency is the frequency at which most displays take measurements. The Spectrum Center Frequency is the center frequency used by the Spectrum, DPX Spectrum, Spectrogram and Time Overview displays.



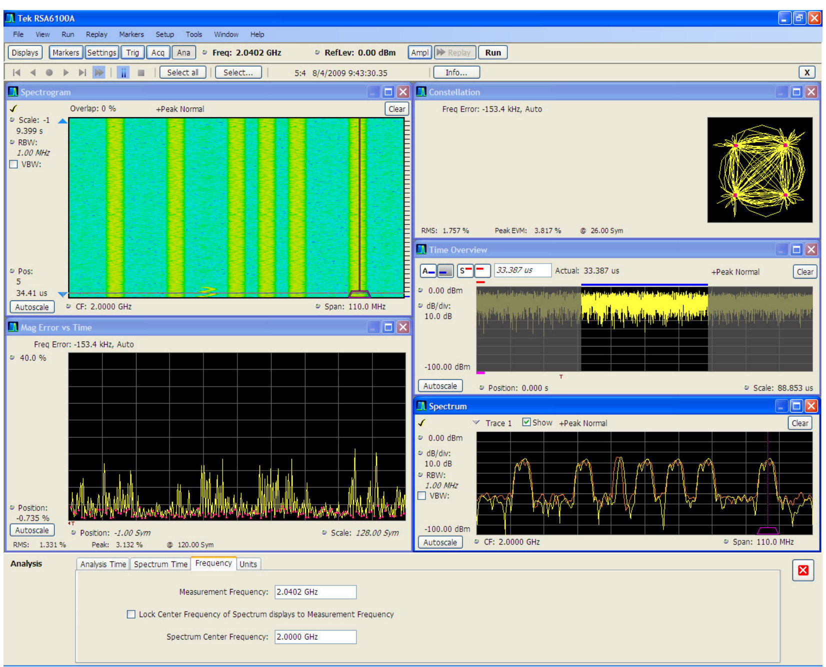
The following screen capture shows a display with both the Measurement Frequency and the Spectrum Center Frequency locked together.



Normally, the Measurement Frequency and the Spectrum Center Frequency are locked together so that both have the same setting. But in some situations, for example, where a signal contains a set of channels, it is useful to unlock the Measurement Frequency from the Spectrum Center Frequency. When the Spectrum Center Frequency is unlocked from the Measurement Frequency, you can adjust the Measurement Frequency so that measurements can be taken at different frequencies without resetting the center frequency. The following screen capture shows the magenta-colored measurement frequency indicator still located at the center frequency.



The following screen capture shows the measurement frequency indicator located at 2.0402 GHz while the Spectrum Center Frequency is still located at 2.0000 GHz.



You can drag the Measurement Frequency indicator on the screen to set the measurement frequency. Note the base of the Measurement Frequency indicator. The width of the box indicates the widest measurement bandwidth in use among the open displays. You can see how the width of this box changes with the measurement bandwidth by, in this example, adjusting the Measurement BW setting for the Constellation display (Settings > Freq & BW tab). As you adjust the setting, you will see how the width of the box at the base of the Measurement Frequency Indicator changes.

The Measurement Frequency indicator is useful for interpreting system behavior when MeasFreq is unlocked. If a measurement has a wide bandwidth relative to the spectrum span, and the Measurement Frequency is far from spectrum center, the measurement is likely to fail because its required frequency range exceeds the frequency range of the available data. In such a case, the navigation control will show that the measurement bandwidth extends outside the Spectrum's span.

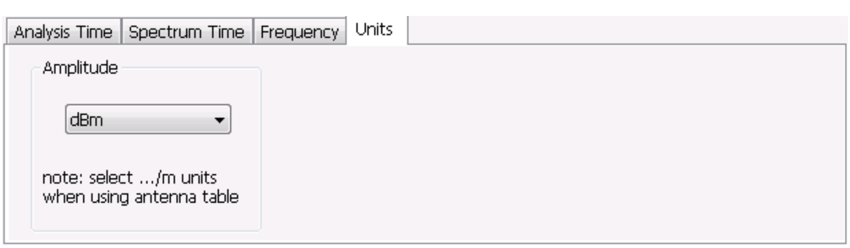
There are interactions between frequency unlocking and RF & IF Optimization (see the Amplitude control panel (see page 291)). When **Best for multiple displays** is the selected optimization, the instrument is allowed to use its full bandwidth to meet the needs of all open displays. This is the most user-friendly optimization because it decreases the number of **Acq BW too small** errors, but it can increase noise and slightly decrease measurement accuracies. For all other optimization types, the instrument optimizes the acquisition bandwidth for the selected display, improving measurement quality somewhat, but reducing concurrent measurement capability.

There are also interactions with trigger settings. When the Spectrum Center Frequency is unlocked from Measurement Frequency, the RF triggers (Trigger Source = RF Input) can tune to either Spectrum Center Frequency or Measurement Frequency. When a spectrum display is selected, the trigger frequency is the same as the Spectrum Center Frequency. When one of the other displays that uses Measurement Frequency is selected, the trigger is tuned to the Measurement Frequency also. This allows you to trigger on the signal you are measuring. But, there is an exception: when the selected RF & IF Optimization is **Best for multiple displays**, the trigger is always tuned to the Spectrum Center Frequency.

The reason the trigger frequency is affected by Measurement Frequency and RF & IF Optimization, is that these functions control how the acquisition is tuned. The optimization **Best for multiple displays** keeps the acquisition centered about the Spectrum Center Frequency at all times. To accommodate off-center Measurement Frequencies, it just widens the acquisition bandwidth. Other optimizations tune the acquisition frequency to match that of whichever display is currently selected. The RF trigger module receives the same acquisition data as all the measurements, tuned to the center of the current acquisition bandwidth.

Units Tab

The Units tab specifies the global Amplitude units for all the views in the analysis window.



Replay Overview

The Replay function enables you to reanalyze data with different settings and even different measurements. You can replay all the acquisitions in memory, a single acquisition, a single frame within an acquisition (if Fast Frame is enabled), or any contiguous set of data records from acquisition history.

Displaying the Replay Control Panel

To display the Replay control panel:

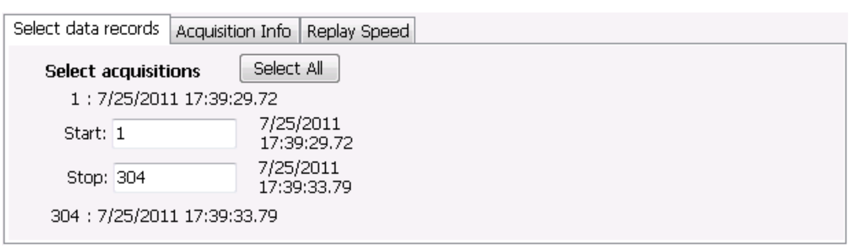
- From the menu bar, select **Replay** > **Select data records from history**.

Selecting the Data Type to Replay

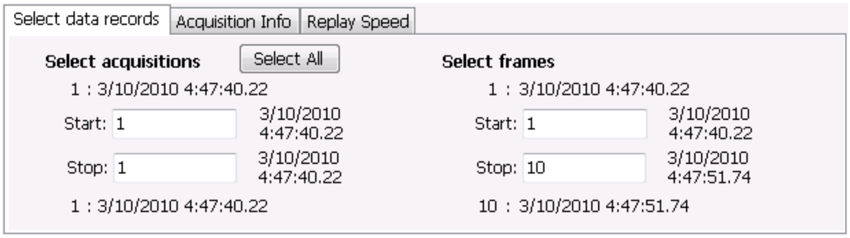
To replay acquisition data, choose **Acq Data** .

Select Data Records Tab

The Select data records tab is used to select which data records to replay. A data record is the smallest unit that can be replayed. Note that what constitutes a data record can vary. If FastFrame is not enabled, a data record consists of a single acquisition. If FastFrame is enabled, each acquisition can contain multiple frames, and a data record consists of a single frame.



Without FastFrame enabled



With FastFrame enabled

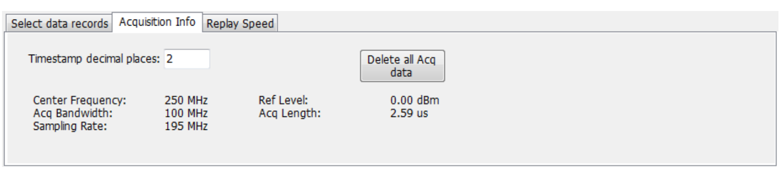
Date and Time Stamps. The line that appears above each Start box (one for acquisitions and one for frames when FastFrame is enabled) is a date stamp that displays the date and time the first record in the current acquisition was acquired. The line that appears below each Stop box is a date stamp that displays the date and time the last record in the current acquisition was acquired.

The line that appears to the right of each Start box displays the date and time the selected acquisition or frame was acquired. The line that appears to the right of each Stop box displays the date and time the selected record or frame in the current acquisition was acquired.

Select All button. Selecting Select All resets the Start and Stop values. The Start value is reset to the first acquisition or frame of the current acquisition. The Stop value is reset to the last acquisition or frame in the current acquisition.

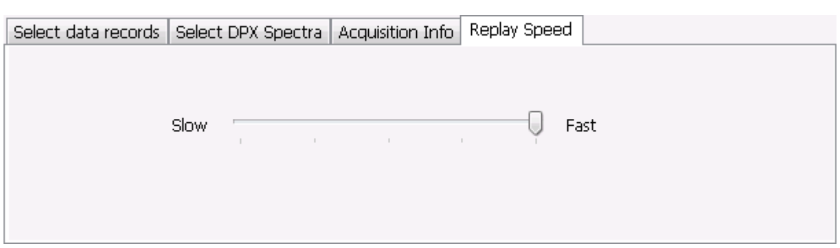
Acquisition Info Tab

Displays information about acquisition settings and sets the number of decimal places used for displaying the time stamp.



Replay Speed Tab

Sets the speed at which data records are replayed.



Replay Menu

The Replay menu provides controls that let you choose how to replay acquisitions. The replay function enables you to, in effect, "rerun" an analysis while applying different measurements to the same set of acquisition data.

Menu item	Description
Acq Data	Select Acq Data to replay acquisitions.
Replay all selected records	Replays the sequence of records specified by Start and Stop on the Select data records tab.
Loop overall selected records	Replays the sequence of records specified by Start and Stop on the Select data records tab continuously.
Replay current record	Replays the currently selected acquisition (or frame).
Replay from selected	Displays a submenu that you use to specify which records are to be replayed.
First record	Replays the first record within the selected set.
Previous	Replays the previous record within the selected set.
Next	Replays the next record within the selected set.
Last record	Replays the last record within the selected set.
Pause	Suspends replay of the data records as soon as the current record's replay action is completed. Press Pause again to begin replay with the next record in the sequence.
Stop	Halts the replay of acquisitions. If replay is started after Stop has been selected, replay starts from the first acquisition.
Select all	Selects all acquisitions for replay.
Select records from history	Displays the Select data records tab of the Replay control panel. Use the Select data records tab to specify which acquisitions and frames you would like to replay.
Replay toolbar	Displays or hides the Replay toolbar.

Acq Data

Selecting **Acq Data** selects acquisition data as the source for replay. Selecting Acq Data does not start replay, it only selects the type of acquisition data that will be replayed.

Replay All Selected Records

Selecting **Replay all selected records** replays all the selected data records. The set of selected records may comprise a single record, all records in acquisition history, or a subset of the records in history.

Replay Current Record

Selecting **Replay current record** replays the current data record. You can identify the current acquisition record by looking at the Replay toolbar. The first number to the right of the Select button identifies the current data record. For example, if the number is 2:10, it means the current record is the tenth frame of the second acquisition in history.

Replay from Selected

Select **Replay from selected** to replay records as selected from the submenu. The records replayed can be from the acquisition memory (history) or from a saved acquisition data file that has already been recalled as the current acquisition data.

Pause

Select Pause to suspend playback. Selecting Pause again restarts the replay at the point it was paused.

Stop

Select **Stop** to halt the replay of data. Selecting any Replay action restarts replay of records from the beginning.

Select All

Select **Select all** to select all data records for replay.

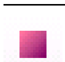
Select Records from History

Selecting **Select records from history** displays the **Select data records** tab of the **Replay** control panel. The Select data records tab allows you to specify which records in the acquisition history will be used when the Replay button is selected.

Replay Toolbar

Displays or hides the Replay toolbar that appears below the main tool bar.

Replay toolbar

Item	Description
Replay	Selects data type to be replayed.
	Replays the first record in the selected set.
	Replays the previous record in the selected set.
	Replays the current record in the selected set.
	Replays the next record in the selected set.
	Replays the last record in the selected set.
	Replays all records in the selected set.
	Replays all records in the selected set continuously until stopped.
	Pauses replay. Pressing pause suspends replay with the current record. Selecting pause again starts Replay with the next record.
	Stops replay. Starting any replay action after pressing stop starts a new Replay action rather than continuing from the record at which the previous replay action was stopped.
Select All	Pressing **Select all** selects all records in history for replay. Selecting Select all resets the **Start** and **Stop** values on the Select data records tab of the Replay control panel.
Select...	Pressing **Select** displays the Select data records tab of the Replay control panel. The Select data records tab allows you to select records from acquisition history for replay.

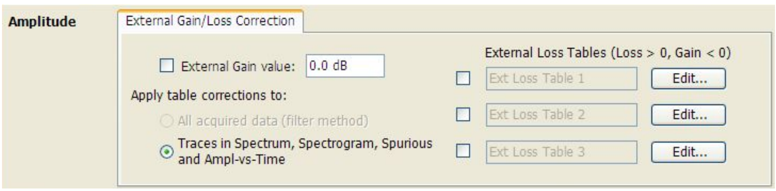
Item	Description
1:10 3/10/2010 4:47:51.74	This readout shows information about the data record being replayed. The information displayed shows the acquisition and frame number and time stamp for the current data record.
	The Info button displays the Acquisition Info tab of the Replay control panel. The Acquisition Info tab displays information about the acquisition data such as acquisition bandwidth, sampling rate and acquisition length. All data records in the acquisition history were acquired with identical parameters. When any of these parameters are changed, all records in history are deleted as soon as the first record acquired under the new parameter values is received.

Amplitude Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Amplitude

Application Toolbar: Ampl

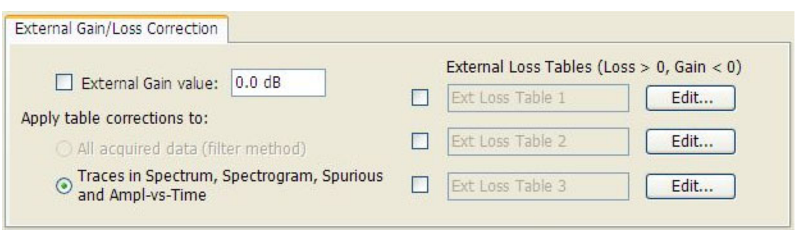
The Amplitude control panel provides access to power-related settings that are used by all displays within the SignalVu application.



Setting	Description
External Gain/Loss Correction (see page 291)	Specifies whether a correction is applied to the signal to compensate for the use of external equipment.

External Gain/Loss Correction Tab

The External Gain/Loss Correction tab allows you to apply a correction to a signal to compensate for the use of external equipment, such as an amplifier or attenuator.



External Gain Value

Use the External Gain Value setting to apply a flat gain/loss correction to the signal. Positive values represent a gain and negative values represent a loss. The range is –50 to +30 dB. Resolution is 0.1 dB.

NOTE. *Selecting Preset clears the check box, but it does not change the value.*

Apply External Corrections To

Table corrections can be applied only to *traces* in the Spectrum, Spectrogram, Spurious and Amplitude vs Time displays.

External Loss Tables

Use an External Loss Table to apply a frequency dependent gain/loss correction to the signal. When an External Loss Table is selected, the analyzer adjusts the signal according to the values in the table. An external loss table allows you to compensate the signal level for variations in cable loss, antenna frequency response or preamp frequency response.

You can create external loss tables from the analyzer application and save them as files. External loss tables are saved as plain text files in CSV (Comma Separated Value) format. The tables have a CSV file extension.

You can change the title for each table. However, note that the title is only a label. It is not tied to the file name of any table you may have loaded or saved.

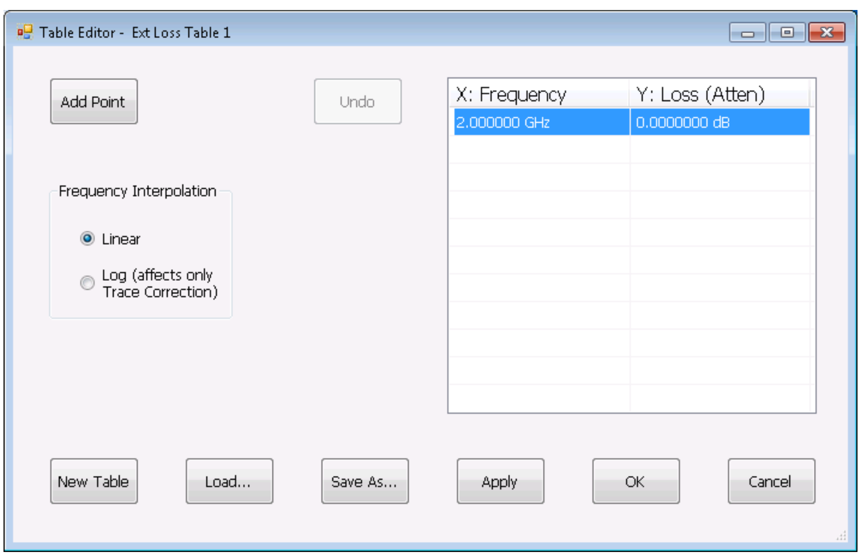
NOTE. *If you are using an External Loss Table for antenna corrections, be sure to set the Amplitude units (Setup > Analysis > Units) to dBuA/m or dBuV/m.*

Creating an External Loss Table

You can create an external loss table with the analyzer application. No external application is required.

To create an external loss table:

1. Click **Edit.** to display the Table Editor.



2. Click **New Table** to create a table. This clears all entries in the existing table and loads the default table.

3. To edit values in the table:

   a. To edit an existing value, double-click on the cell you want to edit.

   b. To add a new point to the table, click on **Add Point**. Edit the values as required.

   c. Click **Apply** if you want to test your table without closing the editor (the table must be enabled with the check box in the control panel and measurements must already be running).

   To specify a frequency multiplier, you can type K, M, or G.

4. To delete a point from the table, select the point to be removed, and click **Delete**.

5. Select the Frequency Interpolation method:

   - Select Linear when the frequency scale of the spectrum or spurious measurements are linear.
   - Select Log when the frequency scale of the spectrum is logarithmic.

6. When you have entered all the necessary values, click **Save As** (to save the table in a file) or click **OK**.

7. From the Save As dialog, name the file and save it in the desired location.

External loss tables are saved in CSV (Comma Separated Value) format.

Loading an External Loss Table

To load an external loss table file:

1. Click **Edit** to display the Table Editor.

2. Click **Load** to display the Open dialog box.

3. Navigate to the location of the desired file, select it and click Open.

4. Click **OK**.

Continuous Versus Single Sequence

Menu Bar: Run > Single Sequence / Continuous

Selecting Single Sequence sets the acquisition mode so that when you press Run, a single acquisition sequence is performed and the instrument stops once the acquisition sequence is completed. Selecting **Continuous** sets the acquisition mode so that an acquisition sequence is started as soon as you select Continuous and as one acquisition sequence completes, another begins.

Note that an acquisition sequence can require more than one acquisition. For example, in a spectrum view, the trace function might be set to Average 100 acquisitions Thus, a complete acquisition sequence would consist of 100 acquisitions that are averaged together to create the trace that is displayed.

Run

Menu Bar: Run > Run

Application Bar: Run

Selecting **Run** begins a new acquisition/measurement cycle.

Resume

Menu Bar: Run > Resume

Restarts data acquisition, but does not reset accumulated results, such as Average or MaxHold. This allows you to stop acquisitions temporarily, then continue. If the accumulation is already complete, for example, 10 acquisitions or 10 averages have already been completed, each subsequent Resume command will cause one more acquisition to be taken, and its results added to the accumulation. Not available if instrument settings have been changed.

Abort

Menu Bar: Run > Abort

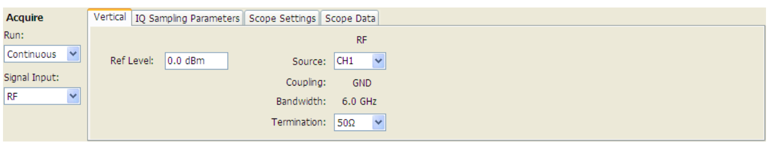
Selecting **Abort** immediately halts the current acquisition/measurement cycle. In-process measurements and acquisitions are not allowed to complete. Visibility and accuracy of results is unspecified after an abort.

Acquire

Menu Bar: Setup > Acquire

Application Toolbar: Acq

Selecting **Acquire** displays the Acquire control panel. These settings control the hardware acquisition parameters for the oscilloscope. Normally, sampling parameters are automatically adjusted for selected measurements. You can use Acquire to change these parameters if necessary.



Setting	Description
Vertical (see page 296)	Sets the channel used and reference level.
IQ Sampling Parameters (see page 298)	Set Sampling parameters.
Scope Settings (see page 299)	Sets the SignalVu software to control oscilloscope acquisition parameters or use the current oscilloscope settings.
Scope Data (see page 300)	Displays the sample rate and record length reported by the oscilloscope.

Run

Run mode specifies whether the analyzer will stop acquiring data after it completes a measurement sequence.

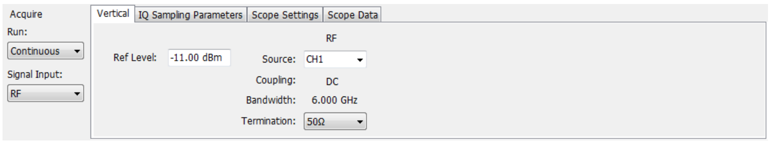
- **Continuous** - In Continuous mode, once the analyzer completes a measurement sequence, it begins another.
- **Single** - In Single mode, once the analyzer completes a measurement sequence, it stops.

NOTE. *A measurement sequence can require more than one acquisition. If the analyzer is configured to average 100 traces together, the measurement sequence will not be completed until 100 traces have been acquired and averaged.*

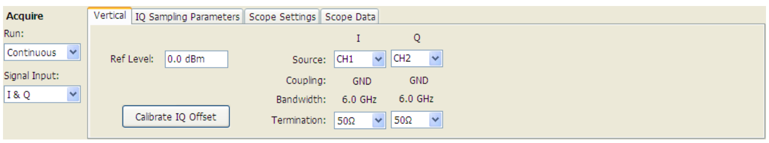
Vertical

Use the Vertical tab to specify which oscilloscope channel is used for analysis by the SignalVu software. The number of signals analyzed by SignalVu depends on the selected signal input type. The Signal Input can be set to:

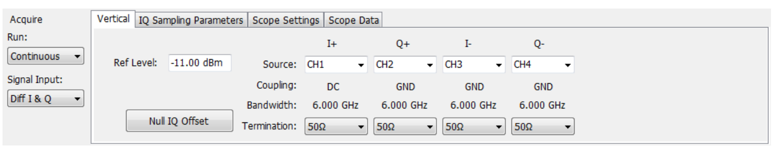
- RF
- I & Q
- Diff I & Q (Differential I & Q)



Vertical tab with signal input set to RF



Vertical tab with signal input set to I&Q



Vertical tab with signal input set to Diff I&Q

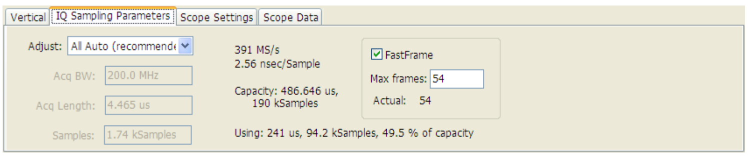
Setting	Description
Signal Input	Specifies the input signal type.
Ref Level	Specifies the Reference Level, which determines the oscilloscope's Vertical Scale setting. If Vertical settings are not enabled in the Scope Settings tab, or while analyzing a recalled data file, the Reference Level control only adjusts vertical display position.
Null IQ Offset	Removes DC offset that may be applied within the oscilloscope to eliminate offset between I and Q channels.
Source	Specifies the input source. Choices available are: CH1, CH2, CH3, CH4, Math1, Math2, Math3, Math4, Ref1, Ref2, Ref3, and Ref4.
Coupling	Display of the coupling setting on the selected channel.
Bandwidth	Display of the oscilloscope bandwidth setting.
Termination	Display of the termination setting for the selected channel.

Offset Frequency

If the Signal Input is set to I&Q or Diff I&Q, the **Freq:** readout serves as the offset frequency readout. When the Signal Type is set to I&Q or Diff I&Q, the default measurement frequency is 0 Hz. However, for signals that have near-zero IFs, the measurement frequency can be changed by entering an offset frequency value in the measurement frequency entry box (**Freq:** in the application toolbar).

IQ Sampling Parameters

The IQ Sampling Parameters tab enables you to set the controls for real-time acquisition. Depending on the setting chosen for Adjust, two additional parameters can be set. Normally, the best results are achieved by leaving the Adjust control set to All Auto.



Sampling Control

There are three acquisition parameters that interact with each other: acquisition bandwidth, oscilloscope acquisition sampling rate, and memory usage. The oscilloscope's sampling rate is displayed in the status bar at the bottom of the SignalVu window. This sample rate is decimated by the SignalVu software to meet the requirements of the current measurement settings (such as the selected span, acquisition bandwidth or resolution bandwidth of a measurement). The resulting decimated sample rate is shown in the figure above (391 MSamples/sec). This is the sample rate of the IQ data analyzed and acquisition data file stored by SignalVu.

Adjust	User Sets		Analyzer Calculates
All Auto	N /A	N /A	All values based on the selected measurement
Acq BW / Acq Samples	Acq BW	Acq Samples	Acq Length
Acq BW / Acq Length	Acq BW	Acquisition Length	Acq Samples

Acquisition Memory Usage

The center portion of the tab shows how the acquisition memory is used.

Readout	Description
Samples/s, sec/Sample	Readout of the acquisition sample rate and sample period.
Capacity	The maximum period of time and number of samples that can be acquired with the current sampling parameters.
Using	The total amount of acquisition memory that will be used based on the current settings.

FastFrame

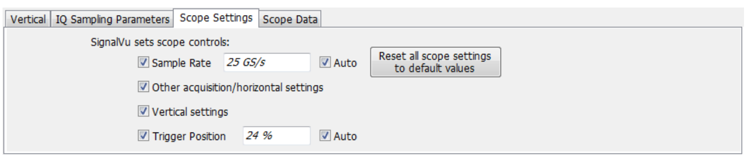
FastFrame is a feature that allows you to segment the acquisition record into a series of frames, or data records. A typical use of FastFrame is to record data samples around signal events of interest, while not wasting memory on irrelevant data between these events. FastFrame acquisitions are only valid for live waveforms and is not supported for Math or Reference Waveforms.

Setting	Description
FastFrame	Enables FastFrame acquisition mode.
Max Frames	Specifies the maximum number of frames to record in a single acquisition process.

The Actual readout shows the actual number of frames that will be acquired into the acquisition memory. This number changes based on the Acq BW, Acq Samples, and Acq Length values. This number will never be greater than the value set by Max Frames.

Scope Settings

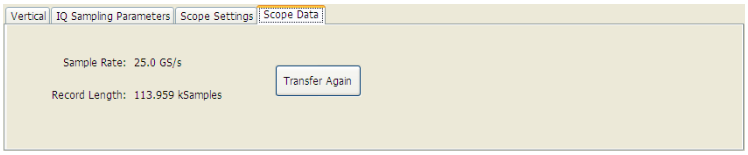
The Scope Settings tab is where you specify which oscilloscope settings are controlled by the SignalVu software.



Setting	
Sample Rate	When enabled, SignalVu adjusts the sample rate as required based on measurement settings in the analysis software. Sample rate determines the maximum available measurement bandwidth.
Auto	When Sample Rate is enabled and Auto is enabled, SignalVu adjusts the sample rate automatically. When Sample Rate is enabled and Auto is disabled, you can specify the sample rate using the text entry box. You can set the sample rate to any of the standard oscilloscope sample rate settings. If you choose an arbitrary value, SignalVu will adjust the value to the closest standard sample rate.
Other acquisition/horizontal settings	When enabled, SignalVu adjusts the oscilloscope horizontal and acquisition settings of the oscilloscope as needed to provide the best results. For example, SignalVu sets Sampling Mode to Real Time Only and Horizontal Mode to Manual when it is allowed to control these parameters. Checking these boxes helps reduce variability in the SignalVu results.
Vertical settings	When enabled, SignalVu adjusts the oscilloscope's vertical settings. Vertical settings include Coupling, Bandwidth, Scale and Termination. SignalVu sets these to values appropriate for RF signals. The Scale value sent to the oscilloscope is calculated from SignalVu's Reference Level control value.
Trigger Position	When enabled, SignalVu controls the trigger position on the oscilloscope. When enabled, the trigger position can be specified manually by entering a value into the text entry box or automatically, which allows SignalVu to set the trigger position.
Reset all scope settings to default values	Press this button to change all oscilloscope settings to the oscilloscope's default values.

Scope Data Tab

Displays the sample rate and record length reported by the oscilloscope.



Transfer Again

The Transfer Again button, selectable only when SignalVu is stopped, causes SignalVu to request the last acquisition made by the oscilloscope be transferred again and analyzed. This enables you to change measurement settings and then reanalyze the acquisition data with the revised measurement settings in effect. If FastFrame is enabled, all frames are replayed when the transfer is completed.

The Transfer Again function is most useful when measurements in SignalVu are set up to require less acquisition bandwidth than what is available from the oscilloscope (based on the sample rate used by the oscilloscope to acquire the waveform record). In this case, the data is decimated before being supplied to SignalVu (because SignalVu doesn't need the excess bandwidth. If you need a wider bandwidth than SignalVu was originally set up for and the original scope acquisition supports the new value, you can change the SignalVu settings, then click **Transfer again**. This time, the waveform data is sent to SignalVu with its bandwidth (sample rate) adjusted to match the current measurement settings.

Saving and Recalling Data, Settings, and Pictures

You can save different types of data for later recall and analysis.

Data type	Description	Save as type
Setup files	Saves all of the setup information for all displays, except those settings that are not part of Preset.	Setup (.Setup)
Picture of Selected Display (PNG/JPG/BMP)	Saves a capture of the screen in the specified format. This option is useful for including the graphic in reports or other applications. Marker readouts and other information are included.	Picture (.BMP, .PNG, .JPG)
Results Export files	Saves the trace and numeric data for the selected display. The trace and numeric data are saved as CSV files.	Results export (various)
Measurement Settings	Saves a list of settings relevant to the selected measurement to a text file. This option is useful for including the measurement settings in reports.	Measurement settings export (TXT)
Trace	Saves a trace for later recall into the display from which it was saved.	Selected trace (various)
Data	Saves data for reanalysis later or as data to use with external software (either CSV (comma-separated value) or MAT (MATLAB format).	Acquisition data with setup (TIQ); or Acquisition data export (CSV or MAT)

Saving Files

Saving files follows the same procedure regardless of the type of data being saved. To save setups (including application presets), pictures, results, or acquisition data:

1. Select **Save As** from the **File** menu to open the **Save As** dialog box.
2. Navigate to the folder where you want to save the setups, or use the default location.
   - To save setups so that they appear in the Application Presets window, save your setup in the folder **C:\SignalVu Files\User Presets**. The saved setup will appear in the Application Presets window with the name you give the file.
3. Enter a file name.
4. Select the type of file to save from the **Save as type** drop-down list.
5. Click **Save**.

Recalling Files

You can recall three types of files: Setup files, Selected Trace, and Acquisition data with setup. Recalling data follows the same procedure regardless of the type of data being recalled.

1. Select **Recall** from the **File** menu to open the **Open** dialog box.
2. Navigate to the folder containing the file you want to recall.
3. Select the type of file to recall from the **Files of type** drop-down list. This selection determines the files that appear in the Open dialog box.
4. Select the file to recall.
5. Click **Open**.

Recalling Oscilloscope Waveform Files in SignalVu

You can recall waveform files in two ways. First, SignalVu can recall waveforms from the TekScope application. Second, SignalVu can recall waveform files directly when certain requirements are met. To recall waveforms from the TekScope application, you must recall the desired waveform file with the TekScope application as a reference waveform.

NOTE. *Before recalling a waveform (WFM) file, adjust the SignalVu settings as you want them. Otherwise, increasing the span or changing center frequency after recalling the waveform might result in the error message "Acq BW too small.".*

Recalling Waveforms from the TekScope Application. To recall a waveform from the oscilloscope reference memory:

1. Recall the waveform file using the TekScope application.
2. From the SignalVu application, select **Acq** to display the Acquire control panel.
3. Specify the **Signal Input** as appropriate.
4. Set the **Source** to specify the reference waveform that contains the waveform file you recalled.
5. Click **Run** to analyze the recalled waveform.

Recalling a Waveform File Directly with SignalVu. When recalling an oscilloscope waveform file directly with SignalVu, keep these requirements in mind:

- When SignalVu is set for Signal Input = RF, the waveform to be recalled must be a single-channel waveform such as CH1, Ref 3, etc. or a "Displayed Analog" file saved with only one channel active.
- When SignalVu is set for Signal Input = IQ, the waveform recall must specify a file that also has a "twin", another file with the same base name. An example would be "xxx_CH1.wfm" and "xxx_CH2.wfm". Saving as Displayed Analog with 2 channels acquired automatically saves two wfm files with matching base names.
- When SignalVu is set for Signal Input = Diff IQ, there need to be 4 files available with the same base name.

To recall an oscilloscope waveform file directly with SignalVu:

1. From the SignalVu application, select **Acq** to display the Acquire control panel.
2. Specify the **Signal Input** as appropriate.
3. Set the **Source** to specify the reference waveform that contains the waveform file you recalled.
4. Click **Replay** to analyze the recalled waveform.

Setup Files

You can set up the instrument as desired and then save the settings in a setup file. This enables you to quickly setup the instrument by recalling previously saved setups.

Exporting Results

Save for further analysis of results in other programs, such as MATLAB or Excel.

Pictures of the Selected Display

You can save pictures of the instrument display for documentation purposes. When saving pictures of the display, you can select from three file types: BMP, JPG, or PNG.

Measurement Settings

You can save a list of settings relevant to the selected display to a file for documentation purposes. The exported file uses tab characters to separate values. The settings included in the file depend on the selected display. The contents of the file are the same as a Results export except it does not include the results.

Saving Acquisition Data with Setup

Save for later analysis with the analyzer. The setup is saved as part of the acquisition data file so you can choose when recalling data whether or not to also recall the associated acquisition and analysis parameters.

Saving Acquisition Data Export in CSV Format

Save for examining results in other programs, such as MATLAB or Excel.

Data, Settings, and Picture File Formats

You can save different types of data for later recall and analysis.

Saved File Types

File type	File extension	Description
Setup files	.setup	Setup files enable you to save instrument settings for later recall. Using these files saves setup time and ensures consistent measurements.
Picture	.png/.jpg/.bmp	Screen capture of SignalVu application window. They are useful for documenting results in test reports.
Results Export	.csv	Results files contain the trace points and numeric values that were produced by the selected measurement. The header of a Results file includes key acquisition and analysis settings to aid in the interpretation of the data. The file is saved as a plain text file, but the contents are formatted as CSV (comma-separated values). Results files can be opened from applications such as Microsoft Excel and MATLAB.
Measurement Settings	.txt	Measurement settings files contain a list of settings that describe how the instrument is set up for the selected measurement. The list contains measurement settings (for example, Span), trace settings (for example, whether or not a trace is selected) and global settings (for example, Frequency and Reference Level). The list of settings contained in the file varies depending on which display is selected.
Selected Trace	varies with display	Trace files contain the trace results data in binary format. These files are only readable by the SignalVu application. Several of the instrument's measurements allow you to recall a Trace file for visually comparing a saved trace to a live trace.
Acquisition Data with Setup	.tiq	These files contain the acquisition data record and complete instrument setup (in binary format). Use these files to save data for later recall and analysis. When you save an Acquisition Data file, the current Setup is always saved with the file. At the time of recall, you will be asked whether you want to restore only the acquisition data or both data and setup. If the instrument is already set up for a specific measurement, you will probably want to recall only the acquisition data. Recalling both data and setup returns the instrument to the same state it was in at the time you saved the file.
Acquisition Data	.csv	These files contain IQ sample data before it has been processed by a measurement. The acquisition data points are saved as IQ pairs. Use this format to import the acquisition data into Microsoft Excel for further analysis.
Acquisition Data	.mat	These files contain IQ sample data before it has been processed by a measurement. The acquisition data points are saved as IQ pairs. Use this format to import the acquisition data into MATLAB for further analysis.
Range file	.csv	These files contain a list of settings that describe how the instrument is set up for the Spurious measurement. The file contains the number of ranges enabled, the start and stop frequencies for each enabled range, the limits for each enabled range, the mask type and more.

Results Export File Format

The Results Export format contains trace points and/or scalar results produced by the measurement. The file contains general information about the measurement settings at the top of the file and the results data in the second part of the file. Groups of settings or results are headed with [text], as described below.

At the top of the file is the measurement name and the date and time data was acquired.

The first group of settings is [Global Parameters]. These settings include the Measurement Frequency, Acquisition Data, Reference Level and others.

The second group of settings is [Parameters]. These settings are specific parameters which vary depending on the measurement.

The next group is [Trace Parameters], which may not be present, depending on the measurement. Within this group, there are parameters specific to a trace. There will be a Trace Parameters group for each trace shown on the display.

The next group is [Results]. These are scalar results for the measurement.

Next is [Traces]. The Traces group consists of one or more [Trace] groups. There is one Trace group for each trace. Each [Trace] group contains background information about the trace (units, number of points, x scaling, and others depending on the measurement) at the top of the group, followed by the trace points.

Acquisition Data with Setup File (.tiq) Format

The file consists of two parts - the header that is in XML and the data that is in binary format.

Header. The header consists entirely of the DataFile element. This element is broken down into sub-elements.

1. DataSetsCollection
2. Setup

DataSetsCollection. The DataSetsCollection contains a DataDescription element, a DataSet element, and a ProductSpecific element.

Binary data. Binary data is a sequence of Int32 values, which are IQ pairs (I,Q,I,Q, ...) in binary Little Endian format.

To convert these values to volts, multiply the individual values by the Scaling value in the DataDescription.

The binary data starts at an offset into the file == the "offset" attribute in the DataFile element. This offset number will always start at the 19th character into the file (starting with 1), and will always be 9 characters long.

NOTE. *You should not casually modify the XML header, because this will change the offset to the start of the binary data.*

Acquisition Data Files (.csv)

The acquisition data files have two sections. At the top of the file is the following information:

- SamplingFrequency - The sampling frequency in Hertz.
- NumberSamples - The number of IQ samples in the file.
- DateTime - When the data was acquired.
- Frequency - The center frequency in Hertz.
- AcquisitionBandwidth - The acquisition bandwidth Hz.

Following the AcquisitionBandwidth are the data. The data are IQ pairs, in volts.

Groups of settings or results are headed with [some text].

The first thing in the file is the measurement name and the date/time when the acquisition was taken.

The first group [Parameters] are global parameters. Measurement Bandwidth in this group is the measurement bandwidth used by the General Signal Viewing measurements (Spectrum, Amplitude vs. Time, etc). It also includes some source settings, like Acq BW, Dither, Preamp, and RF Attenuation.

The second group [Parameters] are measurement-specific parameters.

Another group which can occur is [Trace Parameters]. Within this group, there will be a set of parameters, one for each trace that is currently shown.

Another group is [Results]. These are scalar results for the measurement.

Another group is [Traces]. It has [Trace] groups under it, one for each trace. Each [Trace] group has some background information about the trace (units, number of points, x scaling, etc), and the trace points themselves.

Acquisition Data Files (.mat)

The acquisition data files saved in MATLAB format contain the following MATLAB variables:

- InputCenter - The center frequency in Hertz.
- XDelta - The sample period in seconds.
- Y - A complex array containing IQ pairs.
- InputZoom - The acquisition bandwidth in Hertz.

The MATLAB format used to save acquisition data has the following properties and limitations:

- Files are stored in MATLAB Level 5 format.
- MATLAB Level 5 file size is limited to 2 GB.

- The instrument acquisition memory limit is 1 GB (1.024 Gigabytes). Because of the way acquisition data is processed, 1 GB of acquisition memory requires 2 GB of memory to store. When header information (instrument settings) is added to the acquisition data, the resulting file size is >2 GB.
- If acquisition memory is filled (1 GB), exporting the data to MATLAB format will result in a file that exceeds 2 GB in Matlab level 5 format. A PC with sufficient memory is required to open the file. If memory is not sufficient, Matlab will warn the user. To check how much acquisition memory is filled, select Setup > Acquire > Sampling Parameters. When the instrument is stopped, or you are analyzing a recalled data file, you can find the acquisition length under File > Acquisition Data Info.

Printing Screen Shots

You can print shots (screen captures) two ways: use File > Print or save a picture file and print the file using a separate graphics program. Printing a screen capture is the same as printing with any windows program. For details on the available file formats for saving a screen capture, refer to Data, Settings, and Picture File Formats (see page 303). For details on saving a picture to a file, see Saving and Recalling Data, Settings, and Pictures (see page 301).

To print a screen from the instrument:

1. Select **File** > **Print**.
2. Select **File** > **Print Preview** if you wish to review the screen shot before sending it to the printer.
3. Select **File** > **Print** to print the file to a printer.

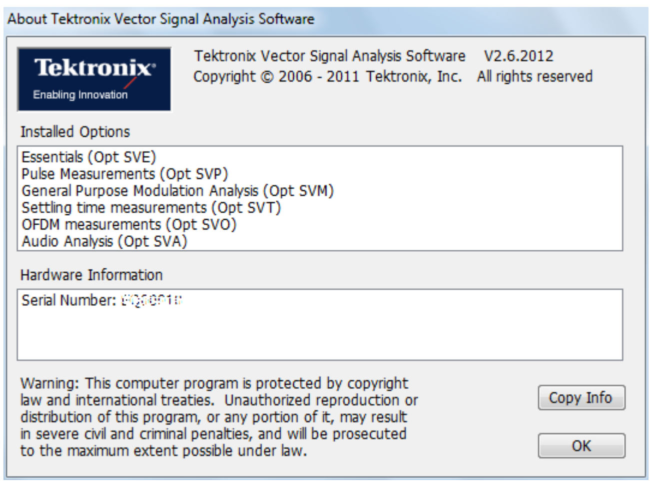
Online Help

Menu Bar: Help > User Manual

This menu item displays this help. The help is a standard Windows help system. The Online Help menu item is the only method available to display the help; there are no other links to the help within the software.

About the Vector Signal Analysis Software

This window displays information about the SignalVu software and oscilloscope hardware it is running on.



Version

At the top of the window is a line that displays the version of the vector signal analysis application software.

Installed Options

This text box lists the software options installed. This window does not list the options installed on the oscilloscope, just those that are installed with the vector signal analysis software.

Hardware Information

This text box lists the serial number of the oscilloscope on which the software is running.

Copy Info

The Copy Info button copies information about the instrument to the Windows clipboard. This information may be useful if you need to have your instrument serviced. The following text is an example of the information copied when you click Copy Info:

Tektronix Vector Signal Analysis Software

V1.3.560

Installed Options:

Essentials (Opt SVE)

Pulse Measurements (Opt SVP)

General Purpose Modulation Analysis (Opt SVM)

Hardware Information:

Serial Number: B000001

Menu Overview

The main menus are:

Menu	Description
File (see page 311)	Select measurements, open and save files, print documents, and preset.
View (see page 316)	Change display size, display the Marker toolbar and Status bar.
Run (see page 317)	Start, stop and abort acquisitions, select single or continuous acquisition mode.
Replay (see page 287)	Replay measurements; select which record(s) to play, Replay/Stop/Pause, or enable continuous loop.
Markers (see page 319)	Define markers and search for signal peaks.
Setup (see page 319)	Change settings for acquisition, analysis, and measurements.
Tools (see page 320)	Perform searches and configure user preferences.
Window (see page 320)	Controls the size and layout of displays within the SignalVu application.
Help (see page 320)	Access the help and display information about the SignalVu software.

File Menu

Command	Description
Recall (see page 311)	The Recall dialog enables you to recall saved data, setups and traces.
Save (see page 312)	Saves a file without asking for a file parameters (based on most recent settings).
Save As (see page 312)	Displays the Save dialog enabling you to specify the parameters of the save operation.
Acquisition save options (see page 19)	Displays the Save and Export tab of the Options control panel which allows you to specify how much data is saved in acquisition files.
FastSave Acquisitions	Displays the FastSave tab of the Acquire control panel which allows you to configure FastSave acquisitions.
Acquisition data info (see page 286)	Displays the Acquisition Info tab (see page 286) of the Replay control panel. The info on this tab describes such acquisition parameters as acquisition bandwidth, sampling rate, RF attenuation, and acquisition length.
Measurement Data Info (see page 314)	Displays the characteristics of the most recently analyzed record in the display.
Print (see page 315)	Prints the selected display.
Print Preview (see page 315)	Displays a preview of the print output.
Preset (Main) (see page 315)	Preset resets the instrument to factory defaults. Acquisition data and settings that have not been saved will be lost.
More presets (see page 316)	Displays a control panel where you can configure options for Presets.
Exit	Closes the SignalVu application. Exit does not shut down the instrument.

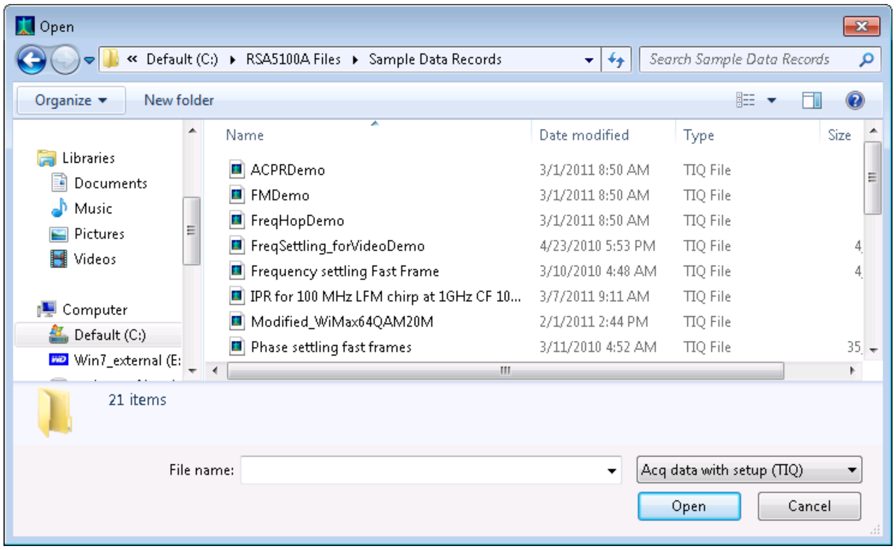
Recall

Menu Bar: File > Recall

Use the Recall command to load previously saved acquisition data, setups or trace data.

To Recall Data or Setups

1. Select **File** > **Recall**. This displays the **Open** dialog box.



2. Select the file type to be recalled and click **Open**.

Save / Save As

Menu Bar: File > Save / Save As

Use Save / Save As to store acquisition data, setups, and traces. Save is also used to export traces, results and pictures of the display for use in other programs.

Difference Between Save and Save As

Use Save As to specify what kind of data you want to save and where the data should be saved. Use Save to quickly save the same data as you saved the last time you executed a Save, without having to specify the data type and location.

For example, suppose you want to save a picture of a spectrum trace each time you adjust a circuit to document how the adjustments affect the output of the circuit. The first time you want to save a picture of the display, you will need to select Save As. From the Save As dialog box, you specify the type of data you want to save (Picture of Selected Display) and specify the location of the saved file. As long as the Save and Export option (see page 18) is set to automatically name saved files, the next time you want to save a picture of the display, you can just press Save on the front panel and a picture of the selected display will be saved without requiring you to type a file name or the location of the file to be saved.

What Data Types Can Be Saved

Data type	Description
Acquisition Data	Data collected during acquisition that can be recalled for later analysis. Data is saved in a format readable only by RSA6100B/RSA5100A Series instruments or oscilloscopes running SignalVu software.
Setup	Configuration information detailing instrument settings. Data can be saved in a format readable only by RSA6100B/RSA5100A Series instruments or oscilloscopes running SignalVu software or in a text file.
Selected Trace	Saves the selected trace for later analysis by the analyzer. Data is saved in a format readable only by RSA6100B/RSA5100A Series instruments or oscilloscopes running SignalVu software.
Exported Traces and Numeric Results	Save traces and results in a file format that can be used by other programs.
Pictures of the Display	Save screen images in graphic image file formats that can be used in other programs.
Exported Acquisition Data	Save acquisition data records in a file format that can be used by other programs. Acquisition data can be saved in either comma-separated-variable format or MATLAB format.

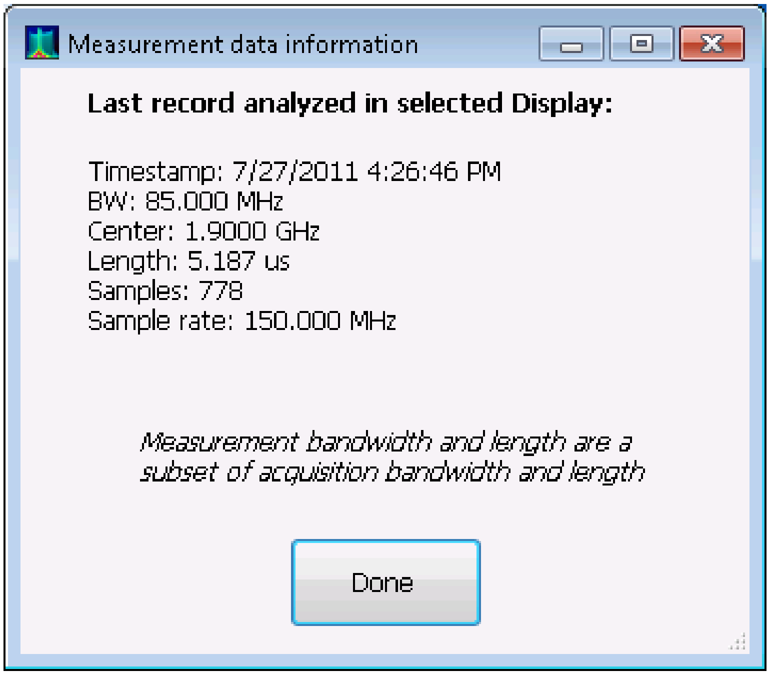
Data, Settings, and Picture File Formats (see page 303).

Options for Saving Pictures of the Display

Option	Setting	Description
Image Format	PNG	Saves exported screen captures in Portable Network Graphics format.
	JPG	Saves exported screen captures in Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPEG) format.
	BMP	Saves exported screen captures in Windows bitmap format.

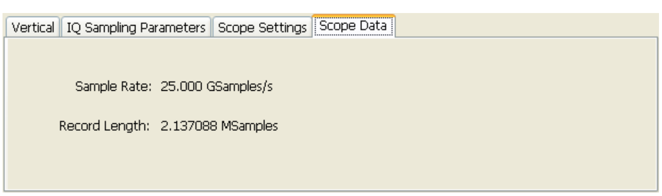
Measurement Data Info

The Measurement Data Info command in the File menu displays a listing of acquisition-related information about the last data analyzed by the selected measurement. The last data can be from the current acquisition or it could be from a recalled data file.



Scope Data

The Scope Data tab displays the sample rate and record length of the data received from the oscilloscope or from a recalled oscilloscope waveform file.



Print

Menu Bar: File > Print

Print displays the Windows Print dialog box for printing a screen capture of the display. To save ink when printing, use the Colors tab to set the color scheme. See Options Settings (see page 18).

Print Preview

Menu Bar: File > Print Preview

Print Preview shows how a print out will appear when it is printed.

Preset (Main)

Menu Bar: File > Preset

Preset resets settings and clears all acquisition data. Settings and acquisition data that have not been saved will be lost.

After Preset resets the analyzer settings, it displays the Spectrum view.

Preset does not affect time or date settings; the Windows operating system settings, or Tools > Alignments or Tools Options menu items.

More Presets

SignalVu includes a set of configuration files that are tailored to specific applications. These configuration files, referred to as Application Presets, open selected displays and load settings that are optimized to address specific application requirements. You can add to the default application presets by creating your own application presets. For detailed information about these presets, see Application Presets (see page 13). See Creating Application Presets (see page 17). You access the application presets through the Application Presets menu item. Early versions of the RSA software allowed users to add their own setups to the list of Application presets, but this capability has been replaced with User Presets.

View Menu

The View menu enables you to control the display of items in the application window.

Command	Description
Full Screen (see page 316)	Toggles all views between full-screen size and user-selected size.
Marker Toolbar (see page 269)	Shows or hides the Marker toolbar. Enables you to define Markers and perform Peak searches.
Status Bar (see page 316)	Shows or hides the Status bar.

Full Screen

Menu Bar: View > Full Screen

When unchecked, clicking **Full Screen** resizes the application window to fill the screen. Full Screen mode maximizes the application window, and turns off the application title bar.

When checked, clicking **Full Screen** restores the application window to its previous size. The application title bar is restored.

Status Bar

The Status Bar displays information on specific instrument settings. It contains only status information; it does not display any error information. The Status bar has no controls. It can be hidden.

Elements of the Status Bar

Area within Bar	Description
Run Status	Displays the running state. For example, some run states are Acquiring, Analyzing, Ready, or Stopped.
Status message area	Displays status messages (for example, Data from ADC Overrange). When there no status messages to report, displays current acquisition parameters (for example, Acq Length: 22.320 us).
Acquisition parameters	Displays parameters of the acquisition, such as acquisition bandwidth and acquisition length.
Scope Sample Rate	Displays the oscilloscope sample rate, for example, 25.00 GS/s.

Run Status Indicators

Indicator	Description
Acquiring	The analyzer is capturing the signal.
Analyzing	The analyzer has captured the signal and is processing the signal record.
Replaying	The analyzer is analyzing recalled waveform or acquisition records.
Stopped	If Stopped is displayed, Signal acquisition has been halted. This can occur because the Run button has been pressed or because a trigger event has occurred, signal acquisition has occurred and Run mode was set to Single.

Showing or Hiding the Status Bar

- Select **View** > **Status** to toggle the display of the Status bar.

Run Menu

The Run menu provides access to commands that control the signal acquisition.

Command	Description
Run (see page 295)	If acquisition mode is Stopped, selecting Run begins a new measurement/acquisition cycle. If acquisition mode is Run, pressing Run halts the current measurement/acquisition cycle after it completes.
Resume	Restarts data acquisition, but does not reset accumulated results, such as Average or MaxHold. This allows you to stop acquisitions temporarily, then continue. If the accumulation is already complete, for example, 10 acquisitions or 10 averages have already been completed, each subsequent Resume command will cause one more acquisition to be taken, and its results added to the accumulation. Resume is not available if instrument settings have been changed.
Abort (see page 295)	Immediately halts the current measurement/acquisition cycle.
Single Sequence (see page 318)	Selects the single-sequence acquisition mode. This is only a mode selector; it does not initiate an acquisition.
Continuous (see page 318)	Selects the continuous acquisition mode. Selecting Continuous does initiate acquisitions.

Single Sequence Acquisition Mode

Menu Bar: Run > Single

Selecting **Single** sets the Run mode to Single. In Single mode, as soon as one acquisition sequence completes, acquisition stops.

Note that a single acquisition sequence can require more than one acquisition. For example, in a spectrum view, the trace function might be set to Average 100 acquisitions. Thus, a complete acquisition sequence would consist of 100 acquisitions to produce 100 intermediate traces that are averaged together to create the final trace that is displayed. Once the 100 acquisitions have been completed, acquisition stops.

This is only a mode selector, it does not initiate an acquisition.

Continuous Acquisition Mode

Menu bar: Run > Continuous

Selecting **Continuous** places the analyzer in the Continuous acquisition mode. In Continuous mode, the analyzer acquires and displays acquisitions repeatedly. The Continuous and Single Sequence acquisition modes are mutually exclusive.

Selecting Continuous restarts acquisitions.

Replay Menu

Reruns measurements using the current acquisition data or a saved file. Use this to compute new results for old data after you change settings. If you are working with a recalled oscilloscope waveform file, you should recall the file again rather than using Replay.

Markers Menu

The Markers menu provides to settings that define and control the location of markers.

Setting	Description
Peak (see page 267)	Moves the selected marker to the highest peak on the trace.
Next Peak >	Moves the selected marker to next peak depending on the setting chosen.
Marker to Center Frequency	Sets center frequency to the frequency of the selected marker.
Define Markers (see page 268)	Displays the Define Marker control panel.
Sync Scope C1 to Active Marker	Moves oscilloscope Cursor 1 to the location on the oscilloscope waveform that matches the location of the active maker on the SignalVu active marker. If the oscilloscope cursors are off, this command turns them on.
Sync Scope C2 to Active Marker	Moves oscilloscope Cursor 2 to the location on the oscilloscope waveform that matches the location of the active maker on the SignalVu active marker. If the oscilloscope cursors are off, this command turns them on.

Setup Menu

The Setup menu provides access to control panels that specify parameters for numerous vector signal analyzer functions.

Command	Description
Displays (see page 21)	Displays the Displays control panel.
Settings (see page 330)	Displays the Settings control panel for the selected display.
Acquire (see page 296)	Displays the Acquire control panel.
Analysis (see page 279)	Displays the Analysis control panel.
Preset (Main) (see page 319)	Initiates the factory Preset.
More presets (see page 316)	Recalls Application, DPX, or User Presets, or displays the Presets tab of the Options control panel (Setup > Options).

Preset (Main)

Menu Bar: Setup > Preset (Main)

Preset (Main) resets settings and clears all acquisition data. Settings and acquisition data that have not been saved will be lost.

After Preset (Main) resets the analyzer settings, it displays the Spectrum display.

Preset does not affect time or date settings, the Windows operating system settings, or Tools > Alignments or Tools Options menu items.

Tools Menu

Provides access to several utilities for controlling instrument functions.

Command	Description
Search (see page 273)	Enables you to locate and highlight specified signal levels in Spectrum displays.
Options (see page 18)	Displays the Options control panel.
Restore Scope	Moves the SignalVu application to the background and displays the TekScope application in the foreground.

Arranging Displays

Use the Window menu to arrange how windows are displayed. Displays can be set to appear full screen (one display at a time) or with all (selected) displays visible at once. When all displays are visible at once, you can rearrange the displays by dragging the title bar of a window (deselect Window > Lock Windows to move displays around).

Command	Description
Close View	Closes the selected view.
Cascade	Positions windows in a cascade view (not available when Lock Windows is selected).
Tile Horizontally	Positions widows in a horizontal orientation (top to bottom).
Tile Vertically	Positions widows in a vertical orientation (side by side).
Lock Windows	Locks the windows into their current position, preventing them from being moved. If the windows are locked, the Cascade arrangement is not selectable.
(List of windows)	A numbered list of open windows.

Help Menu

The Help menu provides access to the help and version information about the vector signal analyzer software.

Command	Description
User Manual On-line	Displays the help.
User Manual (PDF)	Displays a PDF version of the help.
Application Reference (PDF)	Displays a PDF version of the SignalVu Application Note.
Quick Start Manual (PDF)	Displays a PDF version of the SignalVu Reference Manual.
About Tektronix Vector Signal Analysis Software	Displays information about the vector signal analyzer software and installed options.

Error and Information Messages

The following list describes some of the common error and information messages that might appear during instrument operation. Messages that apply specifically to one or more measurements appear in the displays. Messages that pertain globally, such as those about hardware status, are shown in the Status Bar at the bottom of the analyzer application window.

Acq BW too small for current setup

The display needs a wider acquisition bandwidth than what the current data record contains. This can be due to any of the following reasons:

- The sampling parameters are being manually controlled.

In the Acquire control panel > Sampling Parameters tab, set the Adjust control to All Auto to allow the software to pick the sample rate and record length that it needs.

- A display other than the one you intended has been selected. The selected display has requested a smaller acquisition bandwidth to achieve a better accuracy or dynamic range for its particular measurement.

Select the display that contains the message. Click Run if the instrument is not already acquiring data.

- Acquisitions are not running and the measurement now requests a wider bandwidth than the last acquisition.

Click Run to perform a new acquisition with a wider bandwidth.

- The data is from a recalled TIQ file.

There is no way to increase the acquisition bandwidth for saved IQ data. You must adjust the measurement settings so that less bandwidth is required.

- The data is from a recalled oscilloscope waveform file.

In the Acquire control panel, compare the Samples/s readout on the IQ Sampling Parameters tab to the Sample Rate readout on the Scope Data tab. If the sample rate for the oscilloscope data is more than twice the value of the IQ sample rate, it means that the recalled waveform data was decimated for a previous analysis that didn't need the full bandwidth of the oscilloscope waveform. Recall the oscilloscope waveform file again to force the software to perform a new conversion based on your new measurement settings. Each time you change measurement settings in a way that increases the required acquisition bandwidth, you will need to recall the oscilloscope waveform file.

- The current Frequency setting is different than that of the data record, causing the measurement bandwidth to fall at least partly outside the bandwidth of the data.

If you are using a recalled oscilloscope waveform file, try recalling it again with the new Frequency setting. This will force a new conversion from oscilloscope samples to IQ samples.

Analysis failure: <description of error>

The instrument is unable to complete a measurement due to difficulty in characterizing the signal. For example, due to either the signal or settings, the instrument may not be able to recognize a pulse so it can compute the pulse measurements.

- Try changing settings to improve analysis. For example, when Pulse Trace is displayed, try changing the settings on the Settings > Params.

Analysis failure: Carrier detection failed

The instrument was unable to locate a carrier signal. Try adjusting the Carrier Threshold or Integration BW values, if the measurement has these controls.

Analysis Length was limited

This message appears if the "Results Length", the time over which the measurement computed its results, is less than the Actual Analysis Length reported in the Analysis Time control panel tab and the Time Overview display. The Results Length is indicated by the magenta line below the Time Overview graph. This can occur because the acquisition contained more data samples than a measurement can process (for example, digital demodulation is limited to 80,000 samples) or the measurement had to use some of the first and last samples for pre-measurement processes.

Analysis length too small for current setup

Increase the Analysis Length or decrease the RBW (Spectrum, ACPR, MCPR).

Avg Tx not available in Volts units

The Average Transmitted Power measurement is not defined for Volts.

Can't get acquisition data record

No acquisition record currently exists in memory (run an acquisition or recall a file), or an error has occurred. Repeat the acquisition.

Can't replay data from swept acq

The measurement could not produce results because it is a real-time only measurement but was asked to reanalyze (Replay) an acquisition taken in swept mode.

Can't replay. Live data needed for swept settings

The measurement could not produce results because it was asked to reanalyze (Replay) the acquisition but it is in Swept acquisition mode. Swept-mode measurements cannot analyze recalled data.

CISPR accuracy limited by acq memory. Adjust RBW or freq range

The CISPR function was applied, but the available data did not represent a long enough time to satisfy CISPR requirements. Increasing RBW reduces the amount of time needed for analysis. Reducing frequency range (for example, by reducing Span), decreases sample rate, allowing the available memory to cover a longer time period.

Data acquired during hardware failure

An acquisition was completed even though a hardware failure was detected. This message refers to the acquisition data currently being analyzed, but not necessarily to the current status of the instrument.

If this data is from a saved file, the error cannot be cleared.

Data acquired during RF ADC overrange

An acquisition was completed but the signal was outside the range of the analog-to-digital converter at the time this data was acquired. This message refers to the acquisition data currently being analyzed, but not necessarily to the current status of the instrument.

If this data is from a saved file, this error cannot be cleared.

Data acquired during RF digital gain overflow

This data was acquired when the input signal contained peaks greater than 6 dB above the Reference Level setting.

If the data is from a file, this error cannot be cleared.

Data from unaligned instrument

The acquisition data was captured when the instrument was not aligned. This message refers to the acquisition data currently being analyzed, but not necessarily to the current status of the instrument. Measurements made on this data might not be accurate.

Data from uncalibrated instrument

Disabled: data is from swept acquisition

The display needs to run in real-time mode. The display associated with this message cannot run now because it is not the selected display, and the selected display is performing multiple acquisitions (it is in swept mode).

- Change the settings of the selected display so it is performing real-time acquisitions.
- Select the associated display to make it the selected display. When it is selected, it will force the acquisition parameters to change to meet its own needs.

Frequency exceeds preamp range

This is a warning that signals below the minimum preamp operating frequency are likely to be severely attenuated (this is 100 kHz for option 51, 1 MHz for option 50).

Needs swept acq or larger AcqBW - Acquire data while display is selected

The display is not running because it needs to perform multiple acquisitions (it must be in swept mode) but it is not the selected display. Only the selected display can perform multiple acquisitions.

- Select the display showing this message to give it control of acquisitions parameters.

Sometimes, only one display can work and the others will be blank and show errors. This happens when different displays have conflicting demands on the acquisition data record.

Export failure: file not saved

An error occurred while exporting Results. The file was not created.

- Export the results again.

Export failure: unable to open results file for export. File not saved.

The Export Results file could not be opened for writing, so the export of results was not completed.

- Verify that there is sufficient free space on hard disk.

Insufficient data for CISPR. Acquire while display is selected

This message appears when a measurement is not the selected measurement and CISPR filters are selected. Set the measurement to be the selected measurement and reacquire the signal.

IQ Processing Error: 8012

This message occurs in GP Digital Modulation displays. The most likely cause for this message is that there are not enough symbols to analyze. This can happen if

- The Analysis Length is set too short. Increase the Analysis Length on the Analysis Time tab.
- The Analysis Offset has pushed the Analysis Time so far out that the actual Analysis Length is too short, even though the user-requested Analysis Length would have been long enough without the excessive offset. Decrease the Analysis Offset on the Analysis Time tab.
- The input signal is bursted, and the burst does not contain enough symbols.

Needs swept acq or larger Acq BW - Acquire data while display is selected

The display has one of two problems: It is not the selected display, which prevents it from controlling the hardware acquisition parameters, and setting the acquisition mode to Swept; or its settings require a wider data bandwidth.

- Select the display that you are interested in and it will change the acquisition to meet its own needs.
- Increase the acquisition bandwidth manually or by changing the selected display's settings to cause the wider bandwidth.

No Math trace: unmatched trace lengths

A math trace could not produced because the traces selected to generate the math trace do not have the same number of points. This can easily happen if both traces are recalled, but were saved under different “Points” settings. This can also occur if one of the selected traces is a live trace and the other trace is a recalled trace.

- In a Spectrum display, as long as one trace is live, you can change the “Points” setting (Setup > Settings > Freq & Span tab) to match the recalled trace.
- If you are using two recalled traces to generate the Math trace. You must recreate at least one of the traces.

No burst detected

The Burst Detection Mode (see page 249) is On, but no burst was detected in the signal.

- Check that the Threshold setting is properly set.

Not enough samples for current setup

The measurement was not able to run because the combination of analysis length, offset, and measurement bandwidth relative to acquisition bandwidth, were such that not enough samples were available for the measurement to analyze. This can occur when two or more displays are shown and one display requires a wide acquisition bandwidth and another display requires a much narrower bandwidth. The display requiring the much narrower bandwidth must decimate and filter the acquisition record which can result in too few samples left for the measurement.

- Increase the Analysis Length to provide more samples.
- Close any displays you don't currently need.

Not enough samples – try increasing MeasBW

The measurement was not able to run because there are not enough samples available for the measurement to analyze. The Settling Time measurement requires at least 256 samples. This can occur when two or more displays are shown and one display requires a wide acquisition bandwidth and another display requires a much narrower bandwidth. The display requiring the much narrower bandwidth must decimate and filter the acquisition record which can result in too few samples left for the measurement.

- Increase the Analysis Length to provide more samples.
- Close any displays you don't currently need.

No FFT (not all pulses have results)

If a pulse cannot be measured (because its shape is too indistinct or it does not meet the parameters that define a pulse (see page 187)), its results will be “- -" for every measurement on that pulse. The instrument cannot compute an FFT.

No pulses found

The instrument was unable to find any complete pulses in the signal.

- Make sure the analysis length (see page 279) includes at least one complete pulse cycle, from before one rising edge until after the next rising edge.

Pulse Detection Error

The instrument was unable to detect a pulse.

- The pulse Measurement Filter (see page 187) needs to be smaller. Try reducing the bandwidth and/or selecting the Gaussian filter.
- Detection threshold is not set to the proper level for the signal. Adjust the Power threshold to detect pulses (see page 187).
- The pulse interval is too long for the current settings. Try decreasing the filter bandwidth (see page 187), as this may reduce the number of data points to a manageable quantity.

RBW conflict. Increase Span or Analysis Length

The measurement is not running because the actual RBW used by the measurement is too large for the current acquisition span. Typically, the analysis length is too short as well.

- Either increase the span or increase the Analysis Length.

RBW decreased

The current span or acquisition bandwidth is too small to allow a wider RBW filter.

- Increase the span or acquisition bandwidth if the decreased RBW is not acceptable.

RBW increased

The current Spectrum Length (or Analysis Length if Spectrum Length is not Independent) is too small to allow the requested RBW.

- Increase the Spectrum Length (or Analysis Length) if the increased RBW is not acceptable.

RBW limited by AcqBW to: XX Hz

The requested RBW is too close to the acquisition BW. Increase the frequency range of the measurement (for example, Span).

RBW too small/large for current Acq BW

If the RBW is set manually, it is possible for the acquisition bandwidth to be incompatible with the RBW setting.

- Change the RBW setting.
- Adjust the Acq BW setting, either directly (Setup > Acquire > Sampling Params: select on of the manual modes) or by adjusting the measurement bandwidth of the selected display (Setup > Acquire > Sampling Params: All Auto).

Recall error: Setup not completely restored

An error occurred while recalling a Setup file. Thus, the current setup may be a combination of settings from the Setup file and the previous Setup.

- Recall the setup again.

Recall failure: problem with file or file contents

An error occurred while recalling a Setup, Trace or Data file. This can occur because of a problem opening the file (operating system error) or because of a problem with the contents of the file.

- Recall the file again.

Restoring acquisition data

This is a status message displayed while data is being restored from a file.

Save failure: file not saved

An error occurred while saving a Setup or Data file.

- Save the file again.

Saving acquisition data

This is a status message displayed while data is being saved to a file.

Selected VBW does not use full Spectrum Length

This message can occur when the Spectrum Length is greater than required for the VBW filter. If you look at the Time Overview display, the Magenta line for Results Length indicates the part of the Spectrum Length that was actually used. The measurement results are correct, but don't include some of the data in the selected Spectrum Length. To clear this message, you can set the Spectrum Length to Auto.

Setup error: <description of error>

When this message appears, it includes text that explains the problem. For example, the ACPR display might show: “Setup error: channels can’t overlap”. Setup errors are the result of conflicts in instrument settings. These types of errors occur when a user makes manual changes to settings. In the example above, the channel settings in the Channel Power and ACPR display have been set so that the channels overlap in frequency.

- Adjust the instrument settings, or change a setting back to Auto, to eliminate the error.

Setup error: Integration BW exceeds Measurement BW

When this message appears, it includes text that explains the problem. Setup errors are the result of conflicts in instrument settings. These types of errors occur when a user makes manual changes to settings.

- Adjust the instrument settings, or change a setting back to Auto, to eliminate the error.

Setup error: Measurement time for Freq & Phase results

The Measurement time for Freq & Phase results (see page 189) specifies how far across the pulse top the instrument should wait before measuring the Phase Difference and Frequency Difference for each pulse. If this value is set too large for any of the pulses in the signal, the measurement point ends up on the falling edge or during the pulse off time.

- Decrease the Measurement time for Freq & Phase results setting (Settings > Define tab).

Unexpected software error. Please cycle power and try again. If the problem persists, contact your Tektronix Service Center.

An unrecoverable error has occurred, and the instrument application software will shut down.

- Switch the instrument off and restart it or relaunch the TekScope and SignalVu applications.

VBW not applied - Acq BW too small

Increase VBW or measurement bandwidth. Make sure Sampling Parameters are set to Auto.

VBW not applied - Spectrum Length too short

This message occurs when the requested VBW can't be produced because the Spectrum Length is too short.

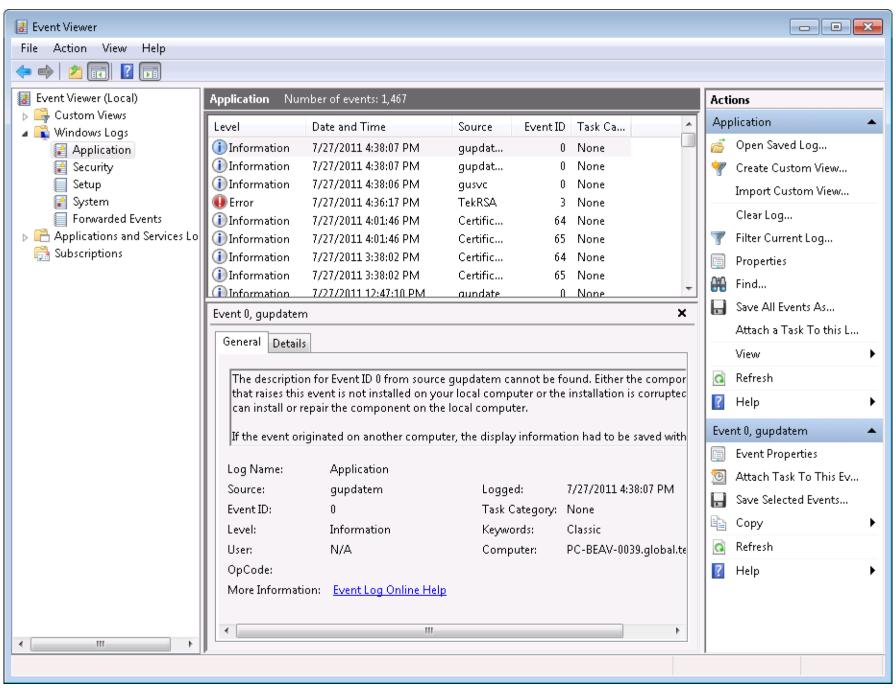
To clear this problem, set the Spectrum Length to Auto or manually increase the Spectrum Length (see Setup > Analysis > Spectrum Time tab). If Spectrum Length is coupled to Analysis Length, set Analysis Length to Auto or manually increase it (see Setup > Analysis > Analysis Time tab).

Displaying the Windows Event Viewer

When the analyzer generates an error message, information about the error is logged to the Windows Event Viewer.

To display the Windows Event Viewer:

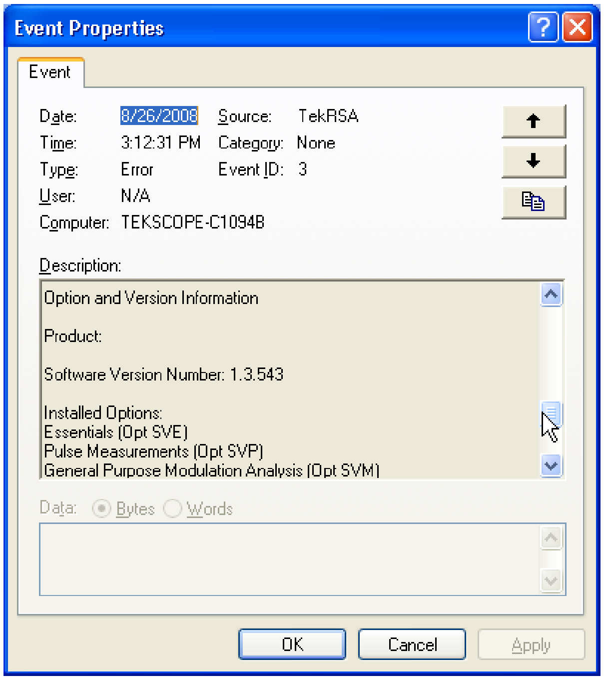
1. Select Start > Control Panel.
2. Select Administrative Tools. (If your instrument displays control panels in Category View, select System and Security. and then select Administrative Tools.)
3. Double-click **Event Viewer**.
4. From the Event Viewer window, select **Windows Logs**, then select **Application**. This displays a list of all errors that have been reported to the operating system from applications.



Errors reported to the Event Viewer from the analyzer application appear under Source as TekRSA.

5. Double-click the last error reported for TekRSA to see details on the most recently reported error. Please note that many items reported as "errors" are simply informational and do not mean that your instrument is impaired. Contact the Tektronix Customer Support Center or Service Center if you

are concerned about an error shown in the Event Viewer. Do not send an instrument out for repair based solely on these event reports.



Dealing with Sluggish Instrument Operation

Over time you might notice that acquisitions seem to be occurring sluggishly. This can occur if the disk is too full or if someone has accidently deleted the instrument cache file. While the instrument automatically recreates a missing 4 GB cache file, if the disk is too full when the replacement cache file is created, the cache file can be fragmented and result in sluggish performance.

If your instrument appears to be performing acquisitions slowly, do the following:

- Delete unnecessary files to create free space. After deleting unnecessary files, run a commercial disk defragmentation program.
- If removing unnecessary files and defragging the hard drive does not improve instrument performance, reinstall the operating system and application software. To do this, back up all your data and files, and then reinstall the instrument operating system. After reinstalling the operating system, reinstall the application software.

How to Find Out If Instrument Software Upgrades Are Available

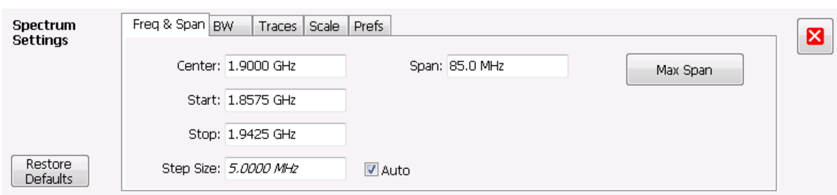
Software upgrades might be available from Tektronix. They can either be downloaded from the Tektronix Web site or they can be ordered from your local Tektronix representative. To see if a software upgrade is available for your instrument, use your browser to go to www.tektronix.com/software. Search by the instrument model number.

To add additional software options or features, you will need an option key from Tektronix. When you receive the software from Tektronix, install it on your instrument. When prompted, enter the option key, and then follow the online instructions to complete the upgrade.

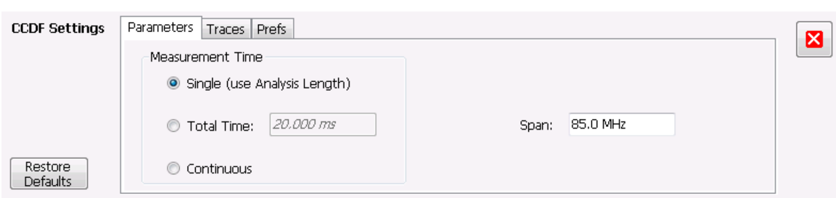
Settings

Menu Bar: Setup > Settings

The Settings menu item enables access to control panels that allow you to change settings for the selected display. The control panel that appears when you select **Settings** depends on the selected display. The Settings control panel for the Spectrum display is shown in the following figure.



The control panel for the CCDF display is shown in the following figure.



Settings Control Panels

ACPR Settings (see page 90)

Acquire (see page 296)

AM Settings (see page 64)

Amplitude vs Time Settings (see page 46)

Analysis Settings (see page 279)

Accuracy

The closeness of the indicated value to the true value.

ACLR

Adjacent Channel Leakage power Ratio is the ratio of the RRC (Root Raised Cosine) filtered mean power centered on the assigned channel frequency to the RRC filtered mean power centered on an adjacent frequency (defined in 3GPP).

ACPR Measurement

Adjacent Channel Power Ratio (ACPR) is the ratio of the mean power centered on the assigned channel frequency to the mean power centered on an adjacent channel frequency. In the 3GPP specification, it is called ACLR (Adjacent Channel Level Ratio) and both the main channel and adjacent channels are required to be filtered with RRC (Root Raised Cosine) filters.

Acquisition

A series of time-contiguous frames. This is also called a Block.

Analysis Length

The length of time in the Analysis Time.

Analysis Time

The portion of the acquisition record over which one or more measurements are calculated.

ASK

Acronym for Amplitude Shift Keying. The process, or result of a process, in which the amplitude of the carrier is varied in accordance with the state of a digital input signal.

Block

An integer number of time-contiguous frames. See also: Acquisition.

Calibrator

A signal generator producing a specified output used for calibration purposes.

Carrier

The RF signal upon which modulation resides.

Carrier Frequency

The frequency of the CW component of the carrier signal.

Carrier Signal

The electrical signal, typically a sine wave, upon which modulation is impressed.

Carrier-to-Noise Ratio (C/N)

The ratio of carrier signal power to average noise power in a given bandwidth surrounding the carrier; usually expressed in decibels.

CCDF - Complimentary Cumulative Distribution Function

The Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) represents the probability that the peak power above average power of a measured signal exceeds a threshold.

CCDF is a plot of the percent of time that a signal's power value exceeds it average value versus the amount by which it exceeds the average. The CCDF plot has a log of probability on the Y-axis (100% at the top) and dB above average amplitude on the X-axis (0 at the left).

CDMA

Acronym for Code Division Multiple Access.

Center Frequency

The frequency corresponding to the center of a frequency span of the analyzer display.

Check Mark Indicator

The check mark indicator in the upper-left corner of the display indicates the display for which the acquisition hardware is optimized. When you have more than one display open, the display with the check mark indicator has control over the acquisition hardware. To give a display priority over any others, click its title bar.

CISPR

International special committee on radio interference. (Comité international spécial des perturbations radioélectriques)

CW

Acronym for Continuous Wave.

CW Signal

Continuous wave signal - a sine wave.

DANL

Acronym for Displayed Average Noise Level. See Sensitivity (see page 346).

dBfs

A unit to express power level in decibels referenced to full scale. Depending on the context, this is either the full scale of the display screen or the full scale of the analog-to-digital converter (ADC).

dBm

A unit of expressed power level in decibels referenced to 1 milliwatt.

dBmV

A unit to express voltage levels in decibels referenced to 1 millivolt.

dBuV

A unit to express voltage levels in decibels referenced to 1 microvolt.

Decibel

Ten times the logarithm of the ratio of one electrical power to another.

Detection

The process by which a long waveform is decimated (reduced) down to the desired number of trace points, by dividing the waveform into intervals and choosing a single value to represent each interval in the trace.

Display Reference Level

A designated vertical position representing a specified input level. The level may be expressed in dBm, volts, or any other units.

Distortion

Degradation of a signal, often a result of nonlinear operations, resulting in unwanted signal components. Harmonic and intermodulation distortion are common types.

Dynamic Range

The maximum ratio of the levels of two signals simultaneously present at the input which can be measured to a specified accuracy.

EVM

Acronym for Error Vector Magnitude.

Export

Save data to a file in a format other than application-native.

FastFrame

FastFrame segments the acquisition record into a series of frames and then captures acquisitions as single frames. You can then view and measure each frame individually.

FFT

Fast Fourier Transform - a mathematical process to calculate the frequency spectrum of a discrete number of time domain sample points.

Filter

A circuit that separates electrical signals or signal components based on their frequencies.

FM

Acronym for Frequency Modulation.

Frame

A series of time-contiguous samples, long enough in duration and at a sufficient sample rate to produce a spectrum view of a specified span and RBW.

Frequency

A series of time-contiguous samples, long enough in duration and at a sufficient sample rate to produce a spectrum view of a specified span and RBW.

Frequency Band

The continuous range of frequencies extending between two limiting frequencies, expressed in hertz.

Frequency Domain View

The representation of the power of the spectral components of a signal as a function frequency; the spectrum of the signal.

Frequency Drift

Gradual shift or change in displayed frequency over the specified time due to internal changes in the analyzer, where other conditions remain constant. Expressed in hertz per second.

Frequency Range

The range of frequencies over which the performance of the instrument is specified.

Frequency Span

A continuous range of frequencies extending between two frequency limits.

Frequency Settling Time

The time measured from a reference point to when the signal of interest settles to within user-defined tolerance.

GPIB

Acronym for General Purpose Interface Bus, the common name for the communications interface system defined in IEEE Std. 488.

Graticule

The calibrated grid overlaying the display screen of analyzers, oscilloscopes, and other test instruments.

Grayed Out

An on-screen control is “Grayed Out” if it is not adjustable.

I/Q

Acronym for In-phase / Quadrature.

IF

Acronym for Intermediate Frequency.

Import

Bring data into the application from a file of some format other than application-native.

Impulse Response

The Impulse Response trace display shows normalized power on the vertical axis and time on the horizontal axis.

Input Impedance

The impedance at the desired input terminal. Usually expressed in terms of VSWR, return loss, or other related terms for low impedance devices and resistance-capacitance parameters for high impedance devices.

LISN

Acronym for Line Impedance Stabilization Network.

Local Oscillator (LO)

An oscillator which produces the internal signal that is mixed with an incoming signal to produce the IF signal.

Marker

A visually identifiable point on a waveform trace, used to extract a readout of domain and range values represented by that point.

Max Hold

Digitally stored display mode which, at each frequency address, compares the incoming signal level to the stored level and retains the greater level. In this mode, the display indicates the peak level at each frequency after several successive acquisitions.

MCPR (Multiple Carrier Power Ratio)

The ratio of the signal power in the reference channel or group of channel to the power in adjacent channels.

Min Hold

Digitally stored display mode which, at each frequency address, compares the incoming signal level to the stored level and retains the lower level. In this mode, the display indicates the minimum level at each frequency after several successive sweeps.

Modulate

To regulate or vary a characteristic of a signal, typically in order to transmit information.

Modulating Signal

The signal which modulates a carrier. The signal which varies or regulates some characteristic of another signal.

Modulation

The process of varying some characteristic of a signal with a second signal.

Noise

Unwanted random disturbances superimposed on a signal which tend to obscure it.

Noise Bandwidth (NBW)

The exact bandwidth of a filter that is used to calculate the absolute power in dBm/Hz.

Noise Floor

The noise intrinsic to a system that represents the minimum limit at which input signals can be observed; ultimately limited by thermal noise (kTB). The analyzer noise floor appears as a “grassy” baseline in the display, even when no signal is present.

Open (Recall)

Bring data into the application from a file of application-native format.

OQPSK

Acronym for Offset QPSK (Quadrature Phase Shift Keying).

Phase Settling Time

The time measured from a reference point to when the signal of interest settles to within user-defined tolerance.

PM

Acronym for Phase Modulation.

Primary Marker

The marker displayed in the Single Marker mode whose frequency and/or position is changed when tuning with the general purpose knob.

PSK

Acronym for Phase Shift Keying. The process, or result of a process, in which the carrier phase is varied discretely in accordance with a digital code.

QAM

Acronym for Quadrature Amplitude Modulation. The process, or result of a process, in which the amplitude and phase of the carrier are varied concurrently by synthesizing two orthogonal ASK waves (see ASK).

Real-Time Analysis

Measurement technique based on triggering on an RF signal, seamlessly capturing it into memory, and analyzing it in the frequency, time, and modulation domains.

Real-Time Bandwidth

The frequency span over which real-time seamless capture can be performed, which is a function of the digitizer and the IF bandwidth of a Real-Time Signal Analyzer.

Real-Time Seamless Capture

The ability to acquire and store an uninterrupted series of time domain samples that represent the behavior of an RF signal over a long period of time.

Reference Level

The signal level represented by the uppermost graticule line of the analyzer display.

Residual FM (Incidental FM)

Short term displayed frequency instability or jitter due to instability in the analyzer local oscillators. Given in terms of peak-to-peak frequency deviation and expressed in hertz or percent of the displayed frequency.

Residual Response

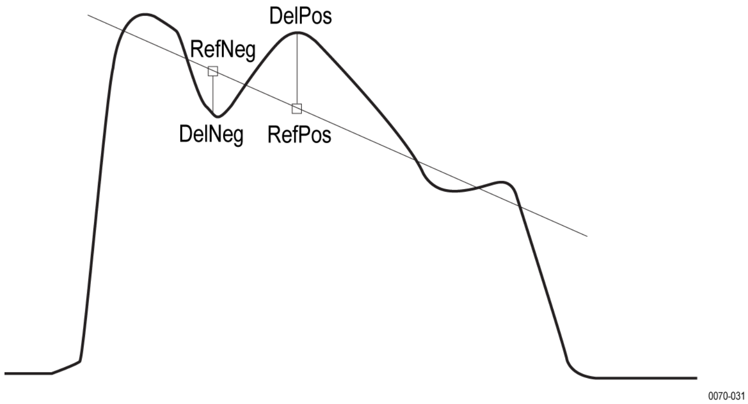
A spurious response in the absence of an input signal. (Noise and zero pip are excluded.)

RBW

The RBW determines how well the analyzer can resolve or separate two or more closely spaced signal components.

Ripple

The Ripple measurement result is displayed in either Watts or Volts. The amplitude units selected on the Setup > Analysis > Units tab determine whether the measurement is presented in Watts or Volts. Volts are shown for linear units (for example, volts or amps); Watts are shown for non-linear units (for example, watts or dBm).



The Ripple measurement, in Watts, is calculated as follows:

$$\%Ripple\,(Watts) = 100 \times (RatioPos + RatioNeg)$$

Where:

$$RatioNeg = \left(\left(\left(\frac{DelNeg}{RefNeg}\right) + 1\right)^2\right) - 1$$

$$RatioPos = \left(\left(\left(\frac{DelPos}{RefPos}\right) + 1\right)^2\right) - 1$$

- DelPos = Delta Positive in Volts
- RefPos = Reference Positive in Volts
- DelNeg = Delta Negative in Volts (this is a positive value)
- RefNeg = Reference Negative in Volts

The Ripple measurement, in Volts, is calculated as follows:

$$\%Ripple\,(Volts) = 100 \times (RatioPosV + RatioNegV)$$

Where:

- RatioPosV = DelPos/RefPos
- RatioNegV = DelNeg/RefNeg

Secondary Marker

The “second” marker displayed only in the Delta Marker mode.

Sensitivity

Measure of a analyzer's ability to display minimum level signals, usually expressed as displayed average noise level (DANL (see page 336)).

Shape Factor (Skirt Selectivity)

The ratio of the frequency separation of the two (60 dB/3 dB) down points on the response curve to the static resolution bandwidth.

Signal

As used in this help, the signal refers to the input signal before it is processed. The signal is an input.

Span

Span is the range of frequencies displayed in a spectrum window. Span, start frequency and stop frequency are related by the following equation: Span = (stop frequency) - (start frequency). The settings for center, start and stop frequencies are related to the setting for span; when one parameter is changed, the others are changed automatically.

Span Per Division (Span/Div)

Frequency difference represented by each major horizontal division of the graticule.

Spectrogram

Frequency vs. time vs. amplitude display where the frequency is represented on the x-axis and time on the y-axis. The power level is indicated by variations in color.

Spectrum

The frequency domain representation of a signal showing the power distribution of its spectral component versus frequency.

Spectrum Analysis

The technique or process of determining the frequency content of an RF signal.

Spectrum Analyzer

A device for determining the frequency components of a signal.

Spectrum Time

Analysis Time for spectrum analysis views. Spectrum time can be the same as Analysis Time, but it can be different.

Spur

A spur is a signal peak that exceeds a user-definable threshold (See Spurious > Settings > Ranges) and excursion setting. A spur that also exceeds a limit (either Absolute or Relative) specified on the Settings > Limits tab is considered a violation.

Spurious Response

A response to a analyzer wherein the displayed frequency is not related to the input frequency.

Time Measurement

This is the time in seconds relative to the time reference point in the first acquisition record in the data set.

Time Reference

The point in time during the acquisition record used as the zero point for counting time. The time reference can be set to either the start of the acquisition record or the trigger point.

Trace

As used in this help, trace refers to the displayed signal. The displayed signal can be a processed version of the input signal (for example, it may be averaged.) The trace is a result or output.

Vector Signal Analyzer

Like a spectrum analyzer, a device for determining the frequency components of a signal. However, unlike a standard spectrum analyzer, the vector signal analyzer is optimized for analyzing digitally modulated RF signals.

Vertical Scale Factor, Vertical Display Factor

The number of dB, volts, etc., represented by one vertical division of a spectrum analyzer display screen.

Violation

A violation is a spur that exceeds either an Absolute or Relative limit (depending on the selected mask) specified on the Settings > Limits tab. A spur is a signal peak that exceeds a user-definable threshold (See Spurious > Settings > Ranges) and excursion setting.

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