



Agilent N6468A SFP+ Compliance Test Application

Methods of Implementation



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SFP+ Automated Testing — At a Glance

The Agilent N6468A SFP+ Compliance Test Application helps you verify host transmitter device under test (DUT) compliance to specifications with the Agilent Infiniium digital storage oscilloscopes.

The SFP+ Compliance Test Application:

- Lets you select individual or multiple tests to run.
- Lets you identify the device being tested and its configuration.
- Shows you how to make oscilloscope connections to the device under test.
- Automatically checks for proper oscilloscope configuration.
- Automatically sets up the oscilloscope for each test.
- Allows you to determine the number of trials for each test with the multi-trial run capability.
- Provides detailed information for each test that has been run, and lets you specify the thresholds at which marginal or critical warnings appear.
- Creates a printable HTML report of the tests that have been run.

NOTE

The tests performed by the SFP+ Compliance Test Application are intended to provide a quick check of the electrical health of the DUT. These testing are not a replacement for an exhaustive test validation plan.

Compliance test measurements are described in the *SFF-8431* and *IEEE 802.3 Standards*. For more information, see the SFF-8432 Standards Web site at www.sff-sig.org and IEEE 802 Standards Web site at www.ieee802.org.

Required Equipment and Software

In order to run the SFP+ Compliance Test Application, you need the following equipment and software:

- N6468A SFP+ Compliance Test Application software.
- The minimum version of Infiniium oscilloscope software (see the N6468A test application release notes).
- Wilder Technologies SFP+-TPA-HCB-P electrical compliance test fixtures.
- InfiniiMax probe amplifiers.
- Blocking capacitors.
- BNC to SMA or SMA to SMA converter.
- Keyboard, quantity = 1 (provided with the Agilent Infiniium oscilloscope).

- Mouse, quantity = 1 (provided with the Agilent Infiniium oscilloscope).
- Agilent also recommends using a second monitor to view the automated test application.

For more details on the required and recommended equipment, please refer to [“Required and Recommended Equipment”](#) on page 16.

Below is the required license:

- N6468A SFP+ Compliance Test Application license

In This Book

This manual describes the tests that are performed by the SFP+ Compliance Test Application in more detail; it contains information from (and refers to) the *SFF-8431* and *IEEE 802.3 Standards* and it describes how the tests are performed.

- [Chapter 1](#), “Overview” describes the tests supported by the SFP+ Compliance Test Application and the standard references.
- [Chapter 2](#), “Installing the SFP+ Compliance Test application” shows how to install and license the automated test application software (if it was purchased separately).
- [Chapter 3](#), “Preparing to Take Measurements” shows how to start the SFP+ Compliance Test Application and gives a brief overview of how it is used.
- [Chapter 4](#), “Host Transmitter Output Electrical Specifications Tests” contains more information on the host transmitter output tests.
- [Chapter 5](#), “Calibrating the Infiniium Oscilloscope and Probe” describes how to calibrate the oscilloscope in preparation for running the SFP+ automated tests.

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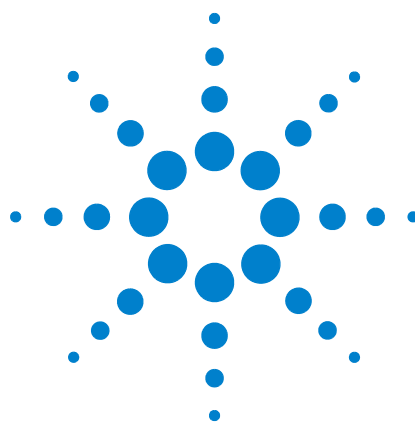
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1 Overview

The **SFP+ Compliance Test** application allows you to check the compliance of a host device. It also allows you to:

- Select individual or multiple tests to run.
- Identify the device being tested and its configuration.
- Make oscilloscope connections to the device under test (DUT).
- Automatically set up the oscilloscope for each test.
- Determine the number of trials for each test.
- Evaluate detailed information of each test that has been run. The result of maximum 64 worst trials can be displayed at any one time.
- Create a printable HTML report of the tests that have been run. This report includes pass/fail limits, margin analysis, and screen shots.

It performs the following tests as per the SFF 8431 and IEEE 802.3 standards.

Table 1 Host Transmitter Output Electrical Specifications Tests by Standard Reference

Test Name	Reference from the Specification	See
Signal Rise Time (20%-80%)/Signal Fall Time (80%-20%) Test	SFF-8431, Appendix D.7 SFF-8431, Appendix D.6 SFF-8431, Section 3.5.1, Table 12	page 29
Transmitter Qsq/Transmitter Qsq for Cu Test	SFF-8431, Appendix D.7 SFF-8431, Appendix D.8 SFF-8431, Section 3.5.1, Table 12 SFF-8431, Appendix E.2, Table 33	page 32
Voltage Modulation Amplitude for Cu (VMA) (p-p) Test	SFF-8431, Appendix E.2, Table 33 SFF-8431, Appendix D.7	page 35

Table 1 Host Transmitter Output Electrical Specifications Tests by Standard Reference

Data Dependent Jitter (DDJ) (p-p) Test	SFF-8431, Appendix D.3 SFF-8431, Section 3.5.1, Table 12	page 38
Data Dependent Pulse Width Shrinkage (DDPWS) (p-p) Test	SFF-8431, Appendix D.3 SFF-8431, Section 3.5.1, Table 12	page 40
Uncorrelated Jitter (UJ) (RMS) Test	SFF-8431, Section 3.5.1, Table 12 IEEE 802.3, Section 68.6.8	page 42
Transmitter Waveform Dispersion Penalty for Cu (TWDPc) Test	SFF-8431, Appendix E.2, Table 33 SFF-8431, Appendix G SFF-8431, Appendix D.9 IEEE 802.3, Section 68.6.6.1	page 45
Output AC Common Mode Voltage (rms) Test/Output AC Common Mode Voltage for Cu (rms) Test	SFF-8431, Appendix 3.5.1, Table 1 SFF-8431, Appendix D.15	page 49
Single Ended Voltage Range (Positive) Test/Single Ended Voltage Range (Negative) Test	SFF-8431, Section 3.5.1, Table 11	page 51
Total Jitter (TJ) (p-p) Test	SFF-8431, Section 3.5.1, Table 12 SFF-8431, Section 3.5.2, Appendix D.2	page 52
Eye Mask Hit Ratio Test	SFF-8431, Section 3.5.1, Table 12 SFF-8431, Section 3.5.1, Appendix D.2	page 55
Crosstalk Source VMA (p-p) Calibration	IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1	page 58
Crosstalk Source Rise Time (20% - 80%) Calibration	IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1 IEEE802.3ba-2010, Section 86A.5.3.3 IEEE802.3, Section 68.6.2	page 60

Table 1 Host Transmitter Output Electrical Specifications Tests by Standard Reference

Crosstalk Source Fall Time (80% - 20%) Calibration	IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1 IEEE802.3ba-2010, Section 86A.5.3.3 IEEE802.3, Section 68.6.2	page 62
Output Rise Time (20%-80%) Test/Output Fall Time (80%-20%) Test	IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1 IEEE802.3ba-2010, Section 86A.5.3.3 IEEE802.3, Section 68.6.2	page 65
Qsq (V/V) Test	IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1 IEEE802.3ba-2010, Section 86A.5.3.5	page 68
Data Dependent Pulse Width Shrinkage (DDPWS) (p-p) Test	IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1 IEEE802.3ba-2010, Section 86A.5.3.5	page 71
AC Common Mode Output Voltage (rms) Test	IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1 IEEE802.3ba-2010, Section 86A.5.3.1	page 73
Single Ended Output Voltage (Positive) Test/Single Ended Output Voltage (Negative) Test	IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1	page 75
J2 Jitter (p-p) Test	IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1	page 77
J9 Jitter (p-p) Test	IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1	page 79
Eye Mask Hit Ratio Test	IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1	page 81

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If you purchased the N6468A SFP+ Compliance Test application separately, you need to install the software and license key.



Installing the Software

- 1 Make sure you have the required version of the Infiniium oscilloscope software:
 - Minimum version of the Infiniium software required is 4.50.0010 as specified in the release notes.
 - To check the software version on the oscilloscope, choose **Help>About Infiniium...** from the main menu.
- 2 To obtain the SFP+ Compliance Test application, go to the Agilent Web site: <http://www.agilent.com/find/scope-apps-sw> to download the application software for the desired oscilloscope.
- 3 Select the desired oscilloscope from the list of oscilloscopes.
- 4 From the list of available drivers, firmware and software for the specified oscilloscope, click **N6468 SFP+ Compliance Test application** software link.
- 5 Follow the **How to Install procedure** on the screen and click the **Download** button to download the N6468 SFP+ Compliance Test application software.

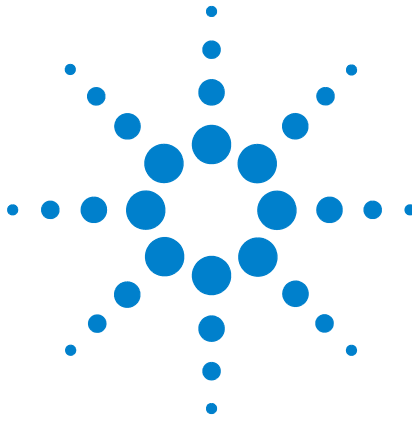
NOTE

Ensure that the operating system is compliant for the N6468 SFP+ Compliance Test application.

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- 6 Double-click on the downloaded file and follow the instructions to install the application software.

Installing the License Key

- 1 Request a license code from Agilent by following the instructions on the Entitlement Certificate. You will need the oscilloscope's "Option ID Number", which you can find in the **Help>About Infiniium...** dialog.
- 2 After you receive your license code from Agilent, choose **Utilities>Install Option License....**
- 3 In the Install Option License dialog, specify your license code and click **Install License**.
- 4 Click **OK** in the dialog that tells you to restart the Infiniium oscilloscope application software to complete the license installation.
- 5 Click **Close** to close the Install Option License dialog.
- 6 Choose **File>Exit**.
- 7 Restart the Infiniium oscilloscope application software to complete the license installation.



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Before running the N6468A SFP+ compliance automated tests, you need to acquire the appropriate test fixtures, and you should calibrate the oscilloscope. After the oscilloscope has been calibrated, you are ready to start the N6468A SFP+ Compliance Test application and perform the measurements.

Required and Recommended Equipment

Required Oscilloscope

The SFF-8431 specification specifies a measurement bandwidth of 12GHz for all electrical tests. Therefore, all 90000A/90000X/90000Q Infiniium scopes with a bandwidth of 12GHz and above are supported.

Required Fixtures and Accessories

Following fixtures and accessories are required to run the N6468A SFP+ Compliance application:

Required oscilloscope, fixtures and accessories

Required Fixtures/Accessories	Quantity	Recommended Oscilloscope
N6468A Host Compliance Board Test Fixture Kit (Recommended: Wilder SFP+-TPA-HCB-P)	1	Infiniium series
Blocking Capacitors	2	Infiniium series
BNC to SMA Converter	2	For Infiniium 90000A Series
SMA (male) to SMA (male) Converter	2	For Infiniium 90000X and 90000Q Series

N6468A Host Compliance Board Test Fixture Kit

To use the N6468A SFP+ electrical performance validation and compliance software, you need N6468A SFP+ Host Compliance Board Test Fixture Kit. A test fixture is used to probe the signals to run the tests. You can

purchase this fixture kit online from http://shop.wilder-tech.com/category_s/35.htm. Agilent recommends the use of Wilder SFP+-TPA-HCB-P.

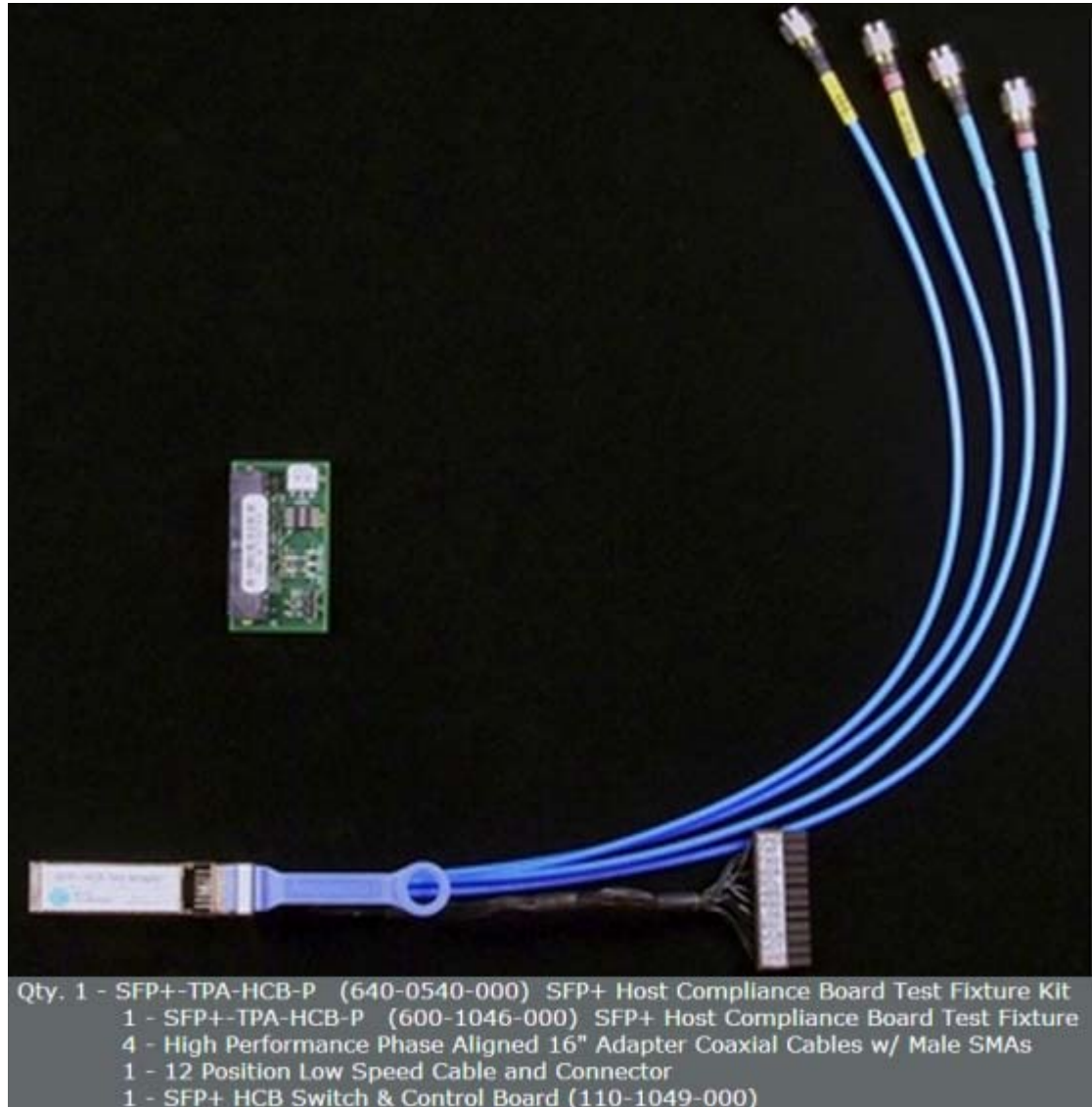


Figure 1 N6468A SFP+ Host Compliance Board Test Fixture Kit

Probing points on the main test fixture board allow most oscilloscope measurements to be made using an Agilent Infiniium GUI for the underlying scope. Some measurements are made using a BNC cable.

Blocking Capacitors

The host tests require the SFP+ host transmitter to be AC coupled to the oscilloscope. A blocking capacitor is used to achieve this. Blocking capacitors are coaxial components used to prevent the flow of DC frequencies between the oscilloscope and DUT. An AC coupling with a 3 dB corner frequency of 20 kHz eliminates the baseline wander effects.





Figure 2 Blocking Capacitor

Converter

Converters are required for Infiniium oscilloscopes to connect the output of the transmitter to the oscilloscope.

Table 2 Converter

Oscilloscope	Converter	Image
90000A	BNC to SMA Converter	
90000X/90000Q	SMA to SMA Converter	

Calibrating the Oscilloscope

If you haven't already calibrated the oscilloscope, see [Appendix 5](#), "Calibrating the Infiniium Oscilloscope and Probe".

NOTE

If the ambient temperature changes more than 5 degrees Celsius from the calibration temperature, internal calibration should be performed again. The delta between the calibration temperature and the present operating temperature is shown in the Utilities>Calibration menu.

NOTE

If you switch cables or probes between channels or other oscilloscopes, it is necessary to perform cable and probe calibration again. Agilent recommends that, once calibration is performed, you label the cables with the channel for which they were calibrated.

Setting Up DUT Connections

The SFP+ host transmitter is connected to the oscilloscope with two SMA cables. The SFP+ host transmitter is to be AC coupled to the oscilloscope for all measurements.

Connecting the Host Transmitter Board

You need to perform the following steps to connect the host compliance board (HCB) to an oscilloscope:

- 1 Plug the SFP+ Host Compliance Board (HCB) into the SFP+ DUT.
- 2 Connect DC blocks to the Lane 1 TX+ and TX- output of the HCB.
- 3 Connect the Lane 1 TX+ output of the HCB to Channel 1 using an SMA cable.
- 4 Configure the SFP+ host to transmit the required test pattern.

The following figure shows the connection diagram between the HCB and an oscilloscope:

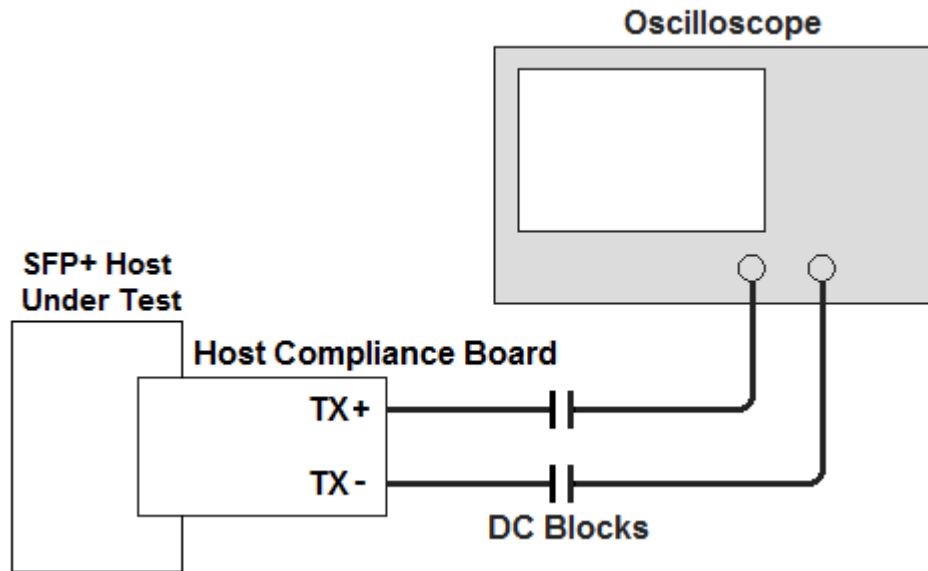


Figure 3 Host Transmitter Output Connection Diagram

Starting the SFP+ Compliance Test application

- 1 From the Infiniium oscilloscope's main menu, choose **Analyze>Automated Test Apps>N6468A SFP+ Test App**.

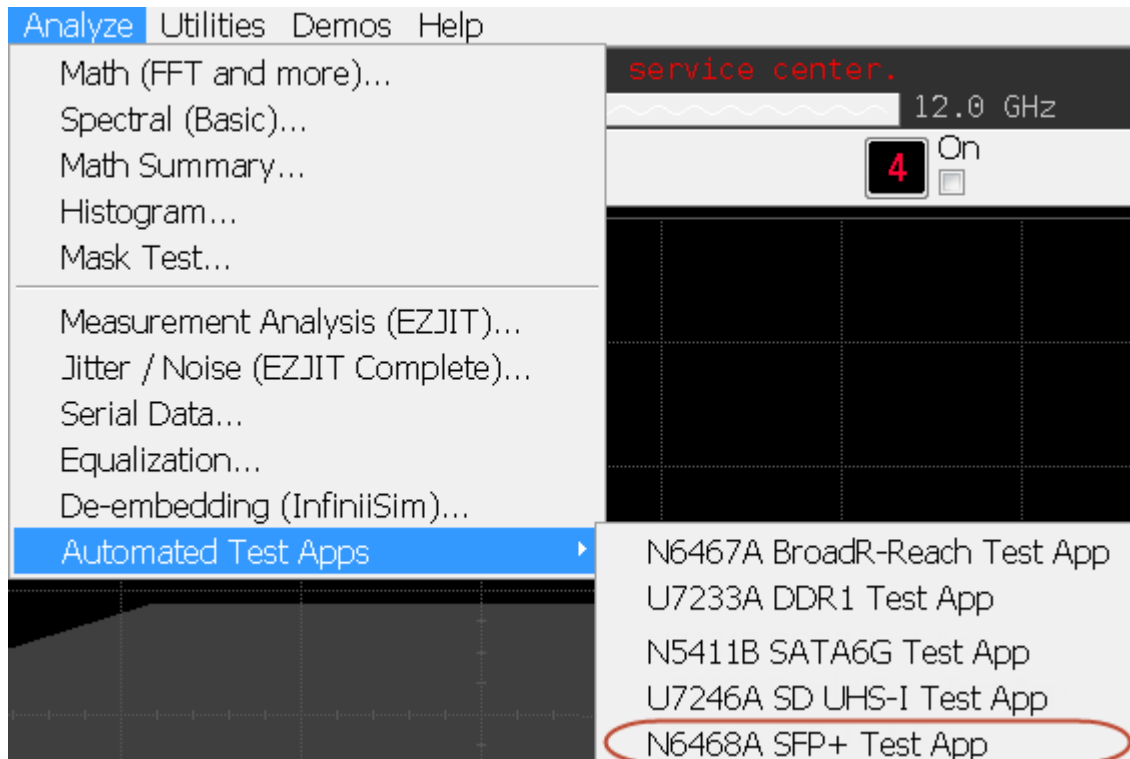


Figure 4 N6468 SFP+ Test Application Option

NOTE

If **N6468A SFP+ Test App** does not appear in the **Automated Test Apps** menu, the SFP+ Compliance Test application has not been installed. For information on the procedure to install SFP+ Compliance Test application see [Chapter 2](#), "Installing the SFP+ Compliance Test application"

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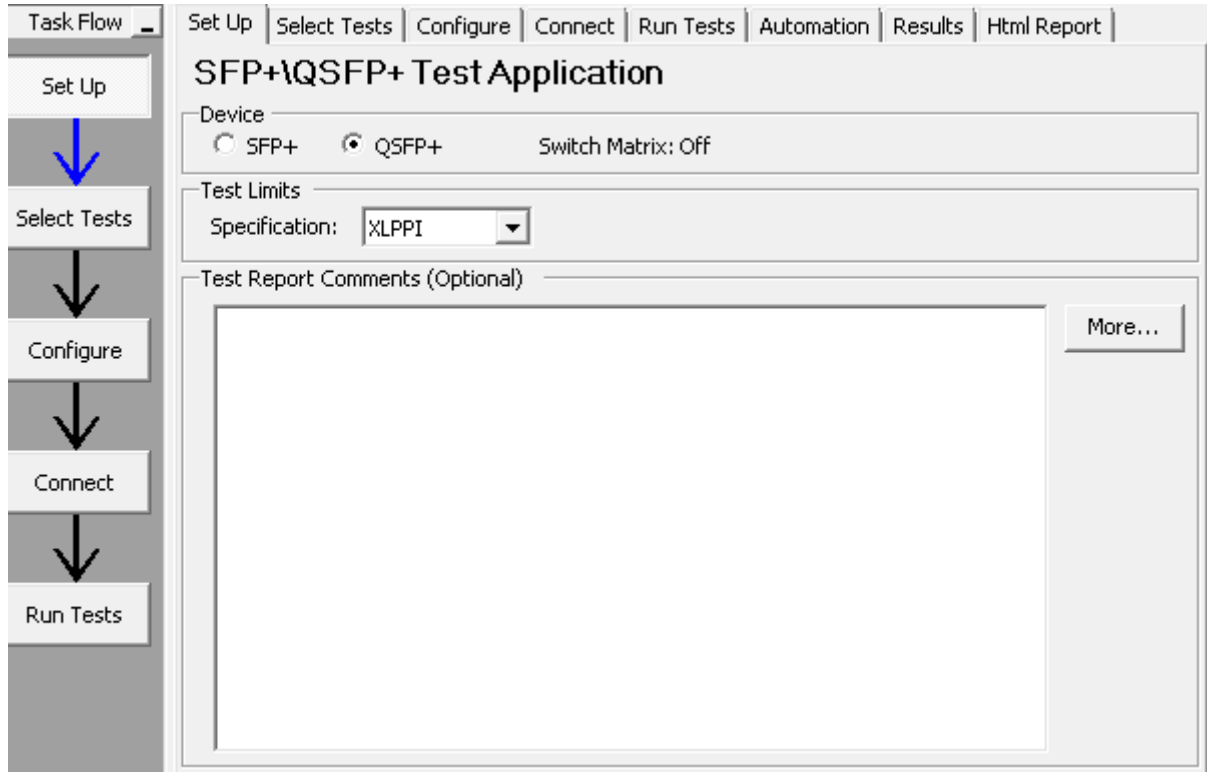


Figure 5 SFP+ Compliance Test Application

The above figure shows the SFP+ Compliance Test application main window. The **Task Flow** navigation pane and the tabs in the main pane show the steps required to configure and execute the automated tests:

- Set Up** Lets you select the Device as SFP+ or QSFP+ to execute the tests. Lets you select the test category for the desired host transmitter output test. Allows you to select the setting for direct copper cable attachment to check the compliance. Allows you to document test report comments.
- Select Tests** Lets you select the tests you want to run. The tests are organized hierarchically so you can select all tests in a group. After tests are run, status indicators show which tests have passed, failed, or not been run, and there are indicators for the test groups.
- Configure** Lets you configure test parameters. The information appears in the HTML report.
- Connect** Shows you how to connect the oscilloscope to the device under test for the tests to be run.

Run Tests	Starts the automated tests. If the connections to the device under test need to be changed while multiple tests are running, the tests pause, show you how to change the connection, and wait for you to confirm that the connections have been changed before continuing.
Automation	Lets you construct scripts of commands that drive execution of the application.
Results	Contains more detailed information about the tests that have been run. You can change the thresholds at which marginal or critical warnings appear.
HTML Report	Shows a compliance test report that can be printed.

Online Help Topics

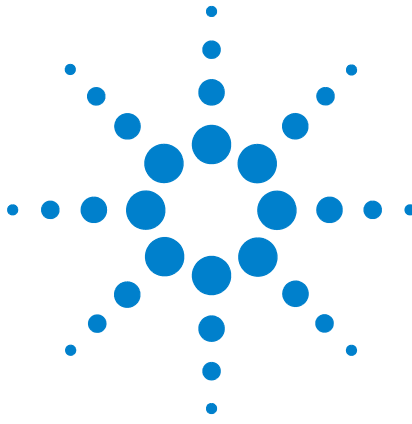
For information on using the SFP+ Compliance Test application, see its online help (which you can access by choosing **Help>Contents...** from the application's main menu).

The SFP+ Compliance Test application's online help describes the following:

- SFP+ Compliance Test Application—At a Glance
- Starting the SFP+ Compliance Test Application
 - To view/minimize the task flow pane
 - To view/hide the toolbar
- Creating or Opening a Test Project
 - To set load preferences
- Setting Up the Test Environment
- Enabling Switch Matrix
- Setting Up InfiniiSim
- Setting Up the Precision Probe/Cable
- Selecting Tests
- Configuring Tests
- Connecting the Oscilloscope to the DUT

- Running Tests
 - To select the "store mode"
 - To run multiple times
 - To send emails on pauses or stops
 - To pause or stop on events
 - To specify the event
 - To set the display preferences
 - To set the run preferences
- Automating the Application
- Viewing Results
 - To delete trials from the results
 - To show reference images and flash mask hits
 - To change margin thresholds
 - To change the test display order
 - To set trial display preferences
 - To set HTML Report preferences
- Viewing/Exporting/Printing the Report
 - To export the report
 - To print the report
- Understanding the Report
- Saving Test Projects
 - To set AutoRecovery preferences
- User-Defined Add-Ins
 - To install an add-in
 - To remove an add-in
- Controlling the Application via a Remote PC
 - To check for the App Remote license
 - To identify the remote interface version
 - To enable the remote interface
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4 Host Transmitter Output Electrical Specifications Tests

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This chapter provides the Methods of Implementation (MOIs) for host transmitter output electrical specifications tests using the SFP+ Compliance Test application. In this chapter, the host transmitter output electrical specifications tests are categorized as:

- SFP+ Host Transmitter Output Electrical Specifications at B
- XLPPi Host Electrical Output Specification at TP1a



SFP+ Host Transmitter Output Electrical Specifications at B

This section describes the Enhanced Small Form Factor Pluggable (SFP+) electrical interface specifications tests for host transmitter output at B. The SFP+ electrical interface specifications includes management, mechanical, low speed signalling, high speed signalling, and appendices providing parameter and test board definitions, and implementation and measurement descriptions. The SFP+ electrical interface specifications are compiled in SFF-8431.

The SFP+ electrical interface specifications for host transmitter output at B are categorized as:

- SFP+ SFI: The high speed serial electrical interface between the host and the SFP+ module is called SFI. The SFP+ SFI electrical interface specification determines the host compliance test points definition and measurements and SFP+ host system specifications.
- 10GSFP+ Cu: The electrical interface used to implement the passive direct attach SFP+ cable assemblies is called 10GSP+ Cu. This electrical specification determines additional requirements or exceptions to implement the SFP+ host system specifications.

The SFP+ electrical interface specifications for host transmitter output at B define the measurement standards to execute various tests based on the following tests pattern:

- Test pattern 8180
- Test pattern PRBS9
- Test pattern PRBS31

Test Pattern 8180

Test pattern 8180 represents a repeating square wave which consists of eight continuous 1s followed by eight continuous 0s. This test pattern is used to check the SFP+ compliance against SFF-8431 specification for the following tests:

- Signal Rise Time (20%-80%)/Signal Fall Time (80%-20%) Test
- Transmitter Qsq/Transmitter Qsq for Cu Test
- Voltage Modulation Amplitude VMA for Cu (VMA) (p-p) Test

Signal Rise Time (20%-80%)/Signal Fall Time (80%-20%) Test

The **Signal Rise Time (20%-80%)/Signal Fall Time (80%-20%)** test measures the signal rise time and signal fall time of a SFP+ host transmitter respectively. The purpose of this test is to verify that the signal rise time or signal fall time of the SFP+ host transmitter is within the conformance limits of 34 ps as per the specification.

NOTE

For information about the connection diagram, refer to “[Connecting the Host Transmitter Board](#)” on page 20.

Configuring Test Parameter

To execute the **Signal Rise Time (20%-80%)/Signal Fall Time (80%-20%)** test, you need to configure the **#Averages(16)** parameter. The **#Averages(16)** parameter is used to reduce the effect of noise on the measurement. The value of one average is calculated by averaging multiple acquisitions of the waveform. Sixteen (16) is used as the default value but you can increase or decrease this number to reduce or upsurge the effects of noise and random signal variations.

NOTE

Averaging can be used to reduce measurement noise and increase measurement resolution; however, the specification does not provide any constraints on how much averaging may be used but increase in the value of the **#Averages(16)** parameter leads to diminishing results.

Understanding the Test Flow

The following references from the SFF-8431 specification are considered to check the compliance of the DUT:

- [1] SFF-8431, Appendix D.7
- [2] SFF-8431, Appendix D.6
- [3] SFF-8431, Section 3.5.1, Table 12

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for measuring the **Signal Rise Time (20%-80%)/Signal Fall Time (80%-20%)** test based on the above mentioned references:

- 1 Triggers one cycle of the 8180 waveform on the rising edge.
- 2 Analyzes the signal rise/fall time of the signal at logic 0 and logic 1 voltage levels. The measurement procedure of the logic 0 and logic 1 state is defined as per reference [1]. The average voltage level in the central 20% of each time interval is measured.
- 3 Measures the 20% to 80% signal rise time using the logic 0 voltage level as base level and logic 1 voltage level as top level of the isolated edges in case of the **Signal Rise Time (20%-80%)** test. Measures the 80% to 20% fall time using the logic 1 voltage level as base level and logic 0 voltage level as top level of the isolated edges in case of the **Signal Fall Time (80%-20%)** test. From reference [2], the optical modulation amplitude (OMA) test pattern (eight ones, eight zeros) is being used as the normative test pattern. The 0% level and 100% level are the voltage

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levels of the logic 0 state and logic 1 state respectively as defined by the xMA measurement procedure in the specification.

- 4 Analyzes the signal and verifies that this is as per the conformance limits as specified in reference [3].

Viewing Test Results

For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. A sample reference image based on the measured values is captured by the oscilloscope. You can click the sample reference image to view the details. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help.

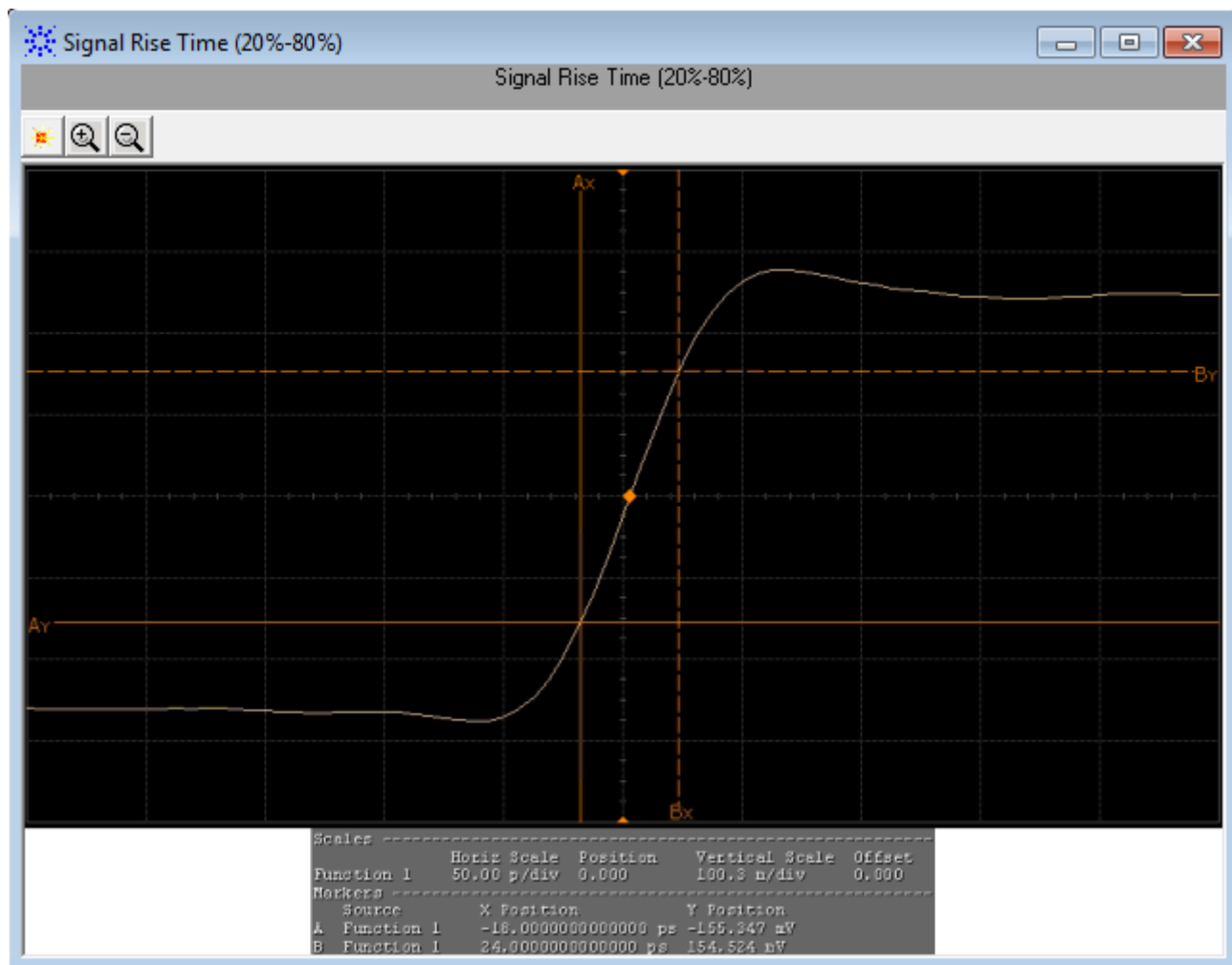


Figure 1 Reference Image for Signal Rise Time (20%-80%) Test

Transmitter Qsq/Transmitter Qsq for Cu Test

The **Transmitter Qsq/Transmitter Qsq for Cu** test is a measure of reciprocal of signal to noise ratio (SNR) of the SFP+ host transmitter.

$$Q_{sq} = \frac{1}{SNR}$$

As per SFF-8431, Appendix D.8, Q_{sq} is given by $1/RN$ when the logicONEnoise (RMS) equals logicZEROnoise (RMS), whereby, RN refers to relative noise and is calculated using the following formula:

$$Q_{sq} = \frac{1}{RN} = \frac{(VMA)}{(2 \times noise(RMS))}$$

To calculate RN,

- The value for voltage modulation amplitude (VMA) measurement is as defined in SFF-8431, Appendix D.7. For information on the measurement of VMA, refer to [“Voltage Modulation Amplitude for Cu \(VMA\) \(p-p\) Test”](#) on page 34.
- Noises at both logic levels are measured and the rms technique is applied according to the following equation:

$$noise(RMS) = \sqrt{\frac{(\text{LogicONEnoise}(RMS))^2 + \text{logicZEROnoise}(RMS)^2}{2}}$$

The purpose of this test is to verify that the signal to noise ratio of the SFP+ host transmitter is within the conformance limits of 50.

NOTE

For information about the connection diagram, refer to [“Connecting the Host Transmitter Board”](#) on page 20.

Configuring Test Parameter

To execute the **Transmitter Qsq/Transmitter Qsq for Cu** test, you need to configure the **#Waveforms(60)** parameter. The **#Waveforms(60)** parameter is used to reduce the effect of noise on the measurement. Sixty (60) is used as the default value but you can increase or decrease this number to reduce or upsurge the effects of noise and random signal variations.

Understanding the Test Flow

The following references from the SFF-8431 specification are considered to check the compliance of the DUT:

- [1] SFF-8431, Appendix D.7
- [2] SFF-8431, Appendix D.8
- [3] SFF-8431, Section 3.5.1, Table 12 (For **Transmitter Qsq** Test)
- [4] SFF-8431, Appendix E.2, Table 33 (For **Transmitter Qsq for Cu** Test)

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for executing the **Transmitter Qsq/Transmitter Qsq for Cu** test based on the above mentioned references:

- 1 Triggers one cycle of the 8180 waveform on the rising edge.
- 2 Analyzes the rise/fall time of the signal at logic 0 and logic 1 voltage levels. Reference [1] defines the measurement procedure of the logic 0 and logic 1 states. The average voltage level in the central 20% of each time interval is measured.
- 3 Measures the value for VMA using the logic 0 voltage level as base level and logic 1 voltage level. For information on the measurement of VMA, refer to “[Voltage Modulation Amplitude for Cu \(VMA\) \(p-p\) Test](#)” on page 34.
- 4 Measures the root mean square (RMS) noise for the logic 0 and logic 1 levels. From reference [2], the optical modulation amplitude (OMA) test pattern (eight ones, eight zeros) is being used as the normative test pattern. The 0% level and 100% level are the voltage levels of the logic 0 state and logic 1 state respectively as defined by the xMA measurement procedure in the specification.
- 5 Calculates the value of Q_{sq} using the formula mentioned above.
- 6 Analyzes the signal and verify that this is as per the conformance limits of 50 as specified in reference [3] for **Transmitter Qsq** test. Analyzes the signal and verify that this is as per the conformance limits of 63.1 as specified in reference [4] for **Transmitter Qsq for Cu** test.

Viewing Test Results

For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. A sample reference image based on the measured values is captured by the oscilloscope. You can click the sample reference image to view the details. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help.

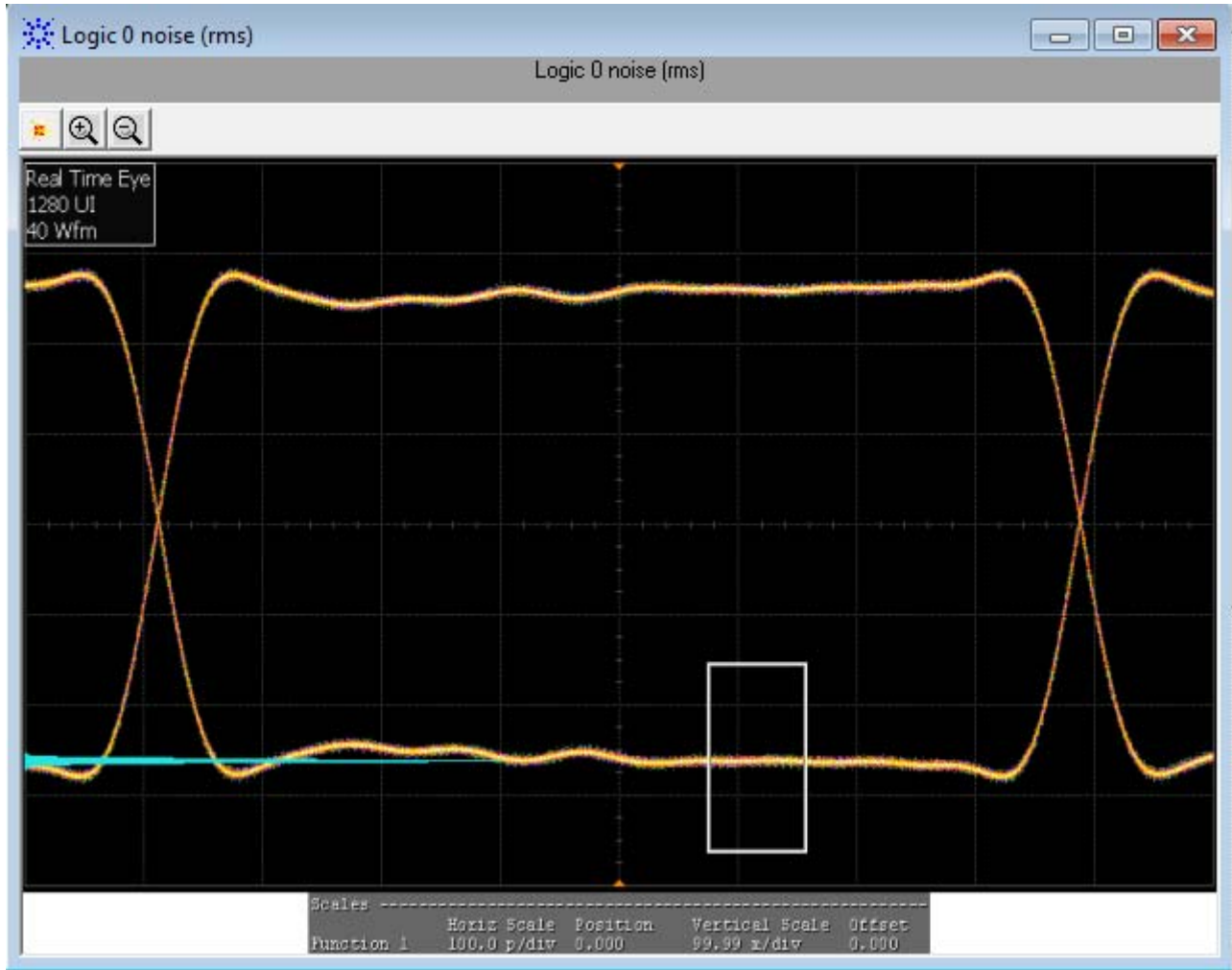


Figure 2 Reference Image for Transmitter Q_{sq} Test for Logic 0

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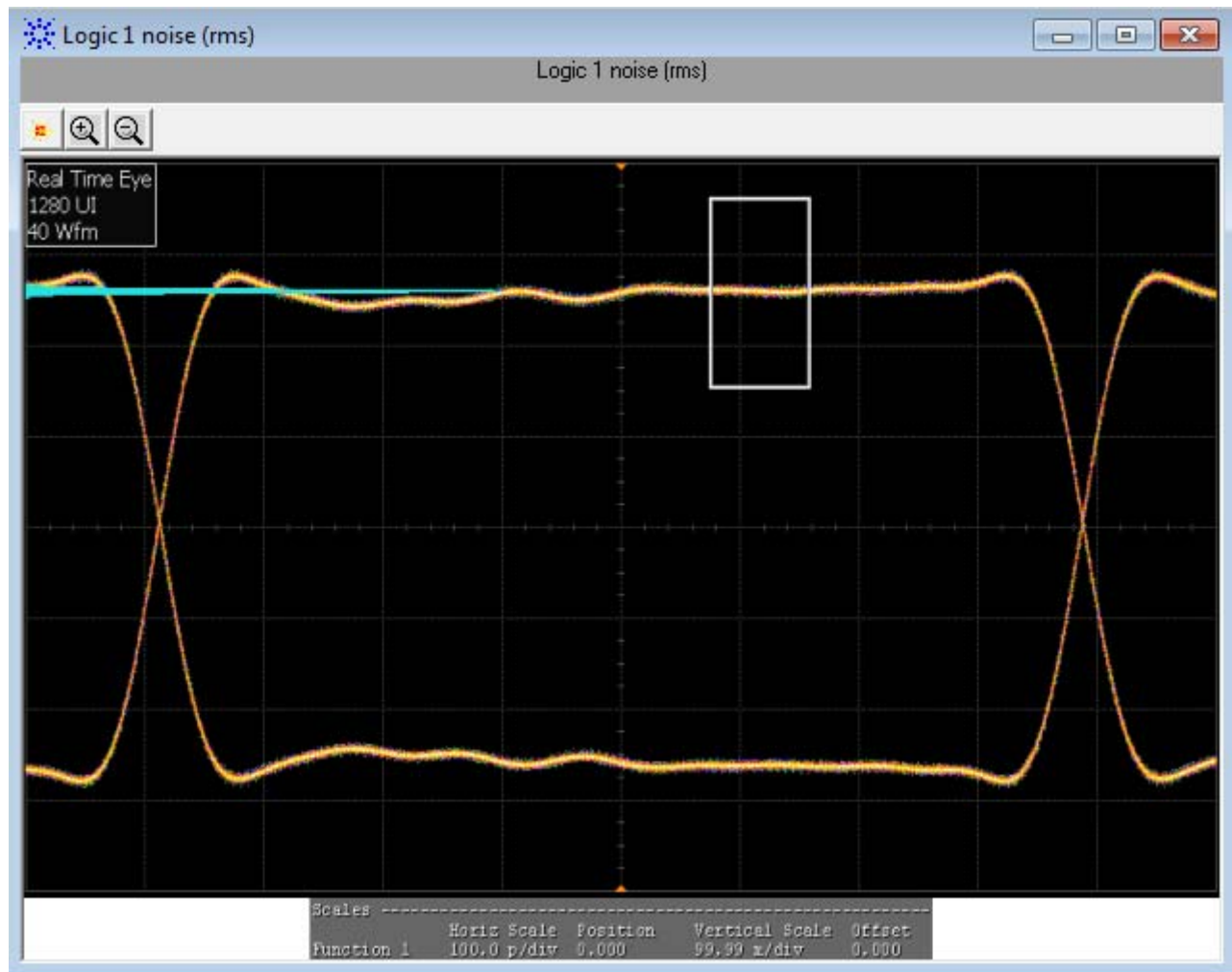


Figure 3 Reference Image for Transmitter Q_{sq} Test for Logic 1

Voltage Modulation Amplitude for Cu (VMA) (p-p) Test

The **Voltage Modulation Amplitude for Cu (VMA) (p-p)** test measures the voltage modulation amplitude (VMA) value from peak-to-peak (p-p) for a SFP+ host transmitter supporting passive direct attach cables.

NOTE

For information about the connection diagram, refer to ["Connecting the Host Transmitter Board"](#) on page 20.

Understanding the Test Flow

The following references from the SFF-8431 specification are considered to check the compliance of the DUT:

[1] SFF-8431, Appendix E.2, Table 33

[2] SFF-8431, Appendix D.7

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for executing the **Voltage Modulation Amplitude for Cu (VMA) (p-p)** test based on the above mentioned references:

- 1 Triggers one cycle of the 8180 waveform on the rising edge. One cycle of the 8180 waveform is divided into two equally spaced time intervals of 8 units interval long.
- 2 Measures the logic 0 voltage level as the average voltage level in the central 20% of the negative pulse.
- 3 Measures the logic 1 voltage level as the average voltage level in the central 20% of the positive pulse.
- 4 Measures the value for VMA as the difference between the logic 0 voltage level as base level and logic 1 voltage level as defined in Reference [2]. Reference [1] specifies minimum value of VMA as 300 mV.

Viewing Test Results

For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. A sample reference image based on the measured values is captured by the oscilloscope. You can click the sample reference image to view the details. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help.

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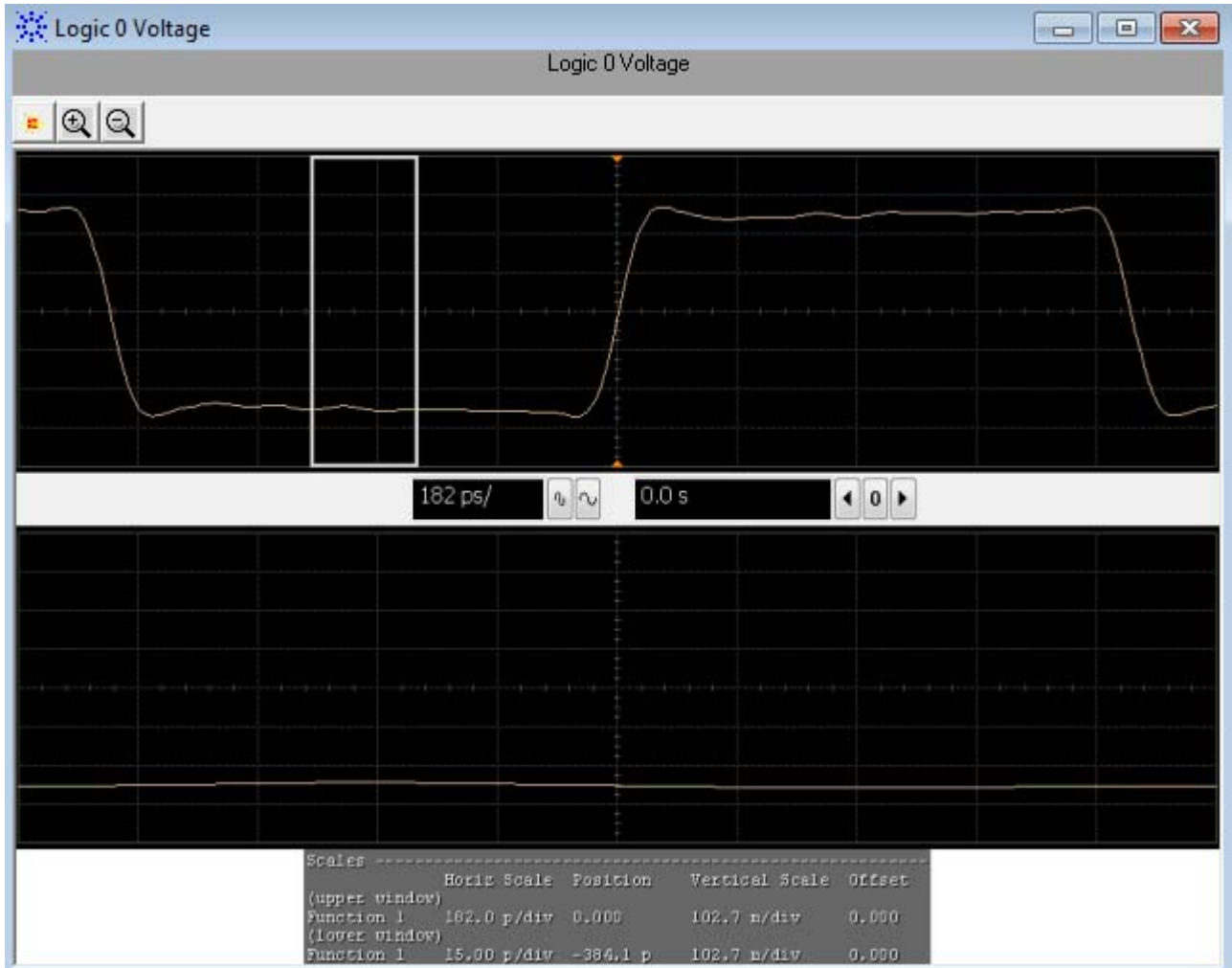


Figure 4 Reference Image for VMA for Cu (p-p) Test for Logic 0

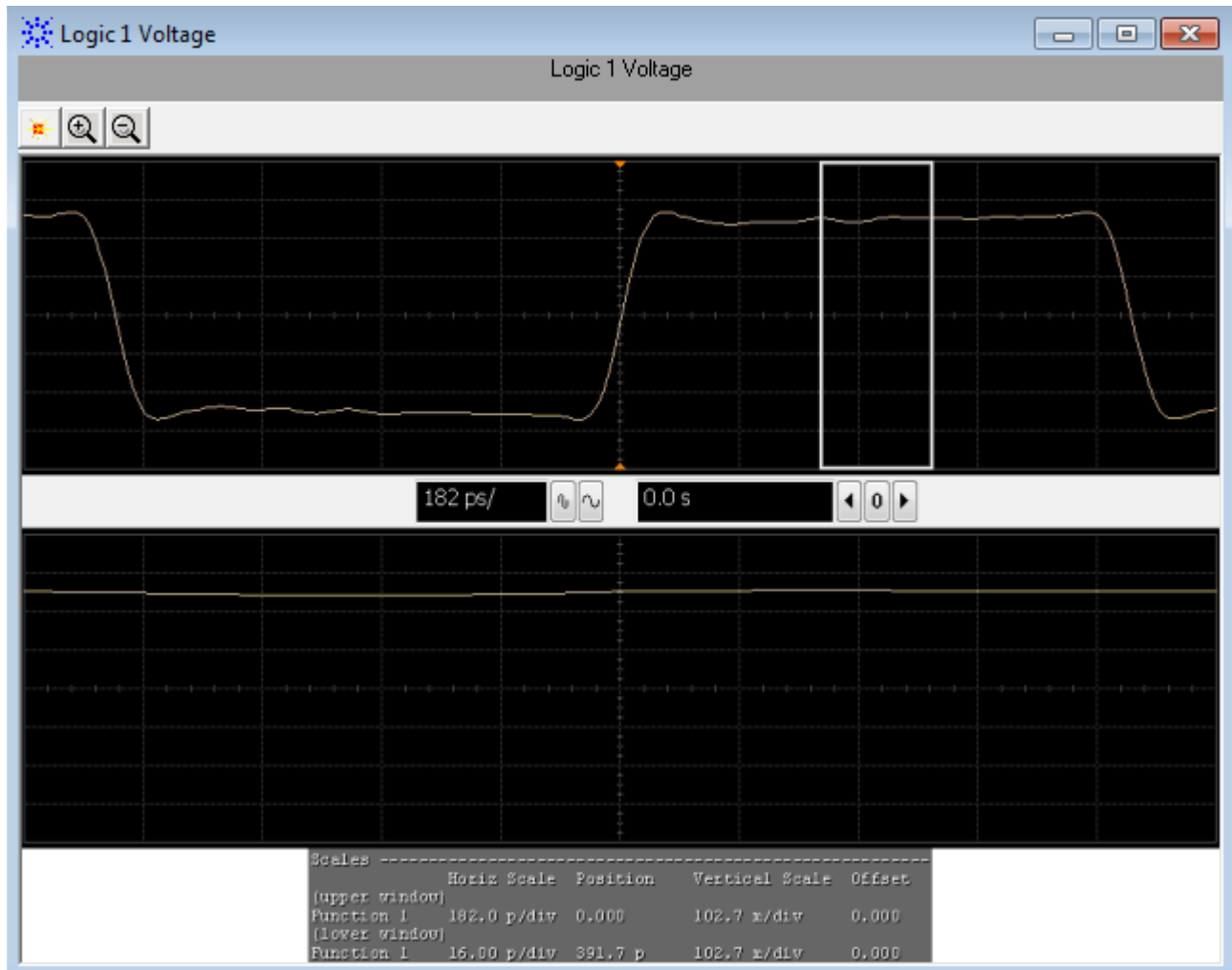


Figure 5 Reference Image for VMA for Cu (p-p) Test for Logic 1

Test Pattern PRBS9

PRBS9 test pattern represents a pseudorandom binary sequence with a repetition period of $2^9 - 1$. This test pattern is used to measure jitter for the following tests:

- Data Dependent Jitter (DDJ) (p-p) Test
- Data Dependent Pulse Width Shrinkage (DDPWS) (p-p) Test
- Uncorrelated Jitter (UJ) (RMS) Test
- Transmitter Waveform Distortion Penalty for Cu (TWDPc) Test

Data Dependent Jitter (DDJ) (p-p) Test

The **Data Dependent Jitter (DDJ) (p-p)** test measures the undesired deviation of data at threshold-crossing time from true periodicity of an assumed periodic signal in reference to a clock source. The purpose of this test is to measure the deviation of data threshold-crossing time from peak-to-peak (p-p) using the SFP+ host compliance application.

NOTE

For information about the connection diagram, refer to [“Connecting the Host Transmitter Board”](#) on page 20.

Understanding the Test Flow

The following references from the SFF-8431 specification are considered to check the compliance of the DUT:

- [1] SFF-8431, Appendix D.3
- [2] SFF-8431, Section 3.5.1, Table 12

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for executing the **Data Dependent Jitter (DDJ) (p-p)** test based on the above mentioned references:

- 1 Triggers 1024 cycles of the PRBS9 waveform.
- 2 Turns on EZJIT complete and sets the pattern analysis mode to periodic. As the PRBS9 pattern is relatively short, the DDJ pattern completes in periodic pattern analysis mode.
- 3 Analyzes the signal and verifies that this is as per the conformance limits of 100.0mUI as specified in reference [2]. DDJ is the jitter that is correlated to its data pattern and is described by the formula:

$$DDJ = \max(\Delta t_1, \Delta t_2 \dots \Delta t_n) - \min(\Delta t_1, \Delta t_2 \dots \Delta t_n)$$

whereby, Δt_n is the difference between the expected time and actual time of edge n.

Viewing Test Results

For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. A sample reference image based on the measured values is captured by the oscilloscope. You can click the sample reference image to view the details. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help.

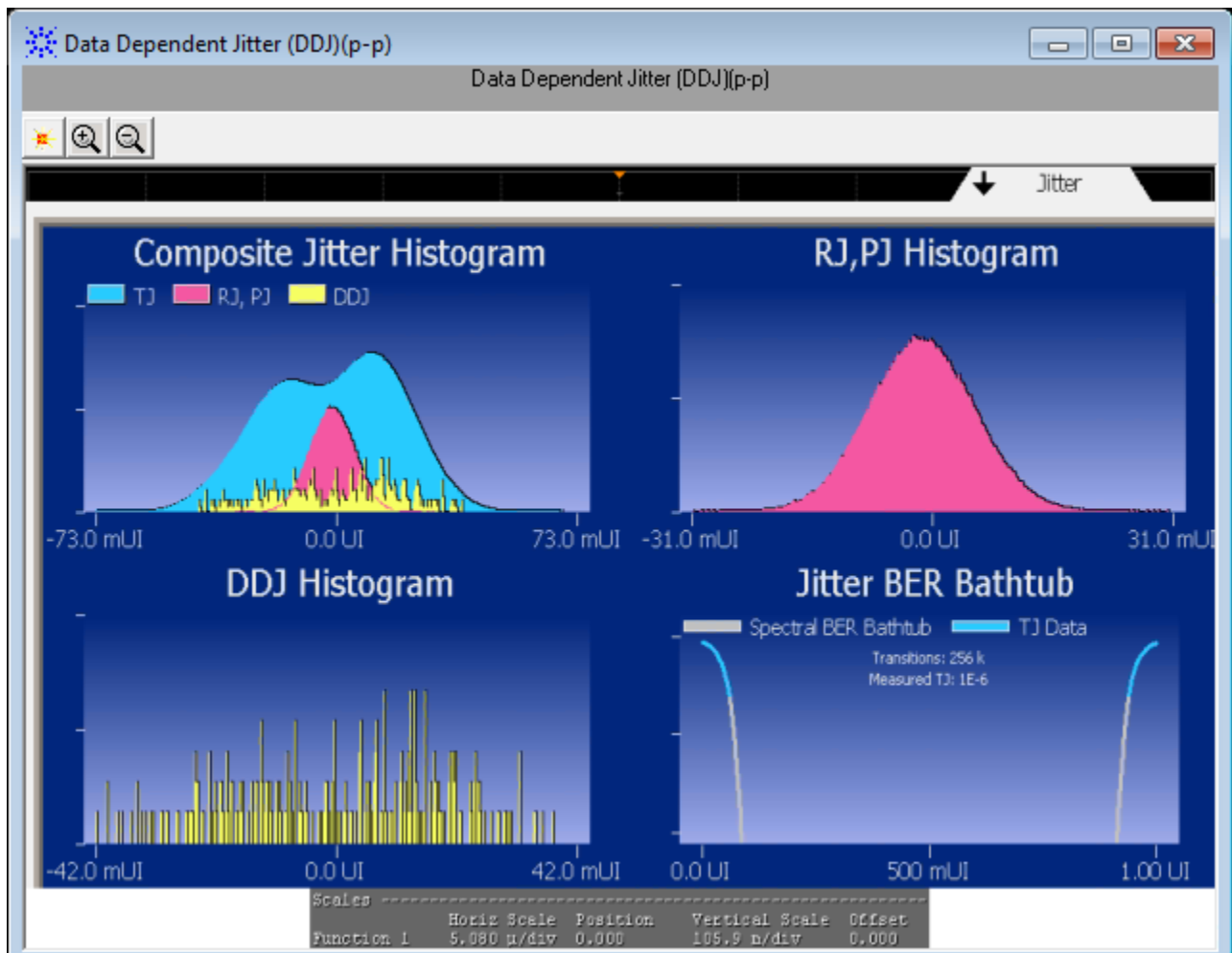


Figure 6 Reference Image for Data Dependent Jitter (DDJ) (p-p) Test

Data Dependent Pulse Width Shrinkage (DDPWS) (p-p) Test

The **Data Dependent Pulse Width Shrinkage (DDPWS) (p-p)** test measures the value of data dependent pulse width shrinkage (DDPWS) from peak-to-peak (p-p) of a SFP+ host transmitter.

NOTE

For information about the connection diagram, refer to [“Connecting the Host Transmitter Board”](#) on page 20.

Understanding the Test Flow

The following references from the SFF-8431 specification are considered to check the compliance of the DUT:

- [1] SFF-8431, Appendix D.3
- [2] SFF-8431, Section 3.5.1, Table 12

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for executing the **Data Dependent Pulse Width Shrinkage (DDPWS) (p-p)** test based on the above mentioned references:

- 1 Triggers 1024 cycles of the PRBS9 waveform.
- 2 Turns on EZJIT complete and sets the pattern analysis mode to periodic. As the PRBS9 pattern is relatively short, the DDPWS pattern completes in periodic pattern analysis mode.
- 3 Analyzes the signal and verifies that this is as per the conformance limits of 100.0mUI as specified in reference [2]. For a capture with n edges, DDPWS is measured as the difference between one symbol period and the minimum pulse width of the entire capture. It is given by the algorithm:

$$DDPWS = T - \min(t_2 - t_1, t_3 - t_2, \dots, t_{n+1} - t_n)$$

whereby, T is the symbol period of the data stream and t_n is the time of occurrence of edge n .

Viewing Test Results

For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. A sample reference image based on the measured values is captured by the oscilloscope. You can click the sample reference image to view the details. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help.

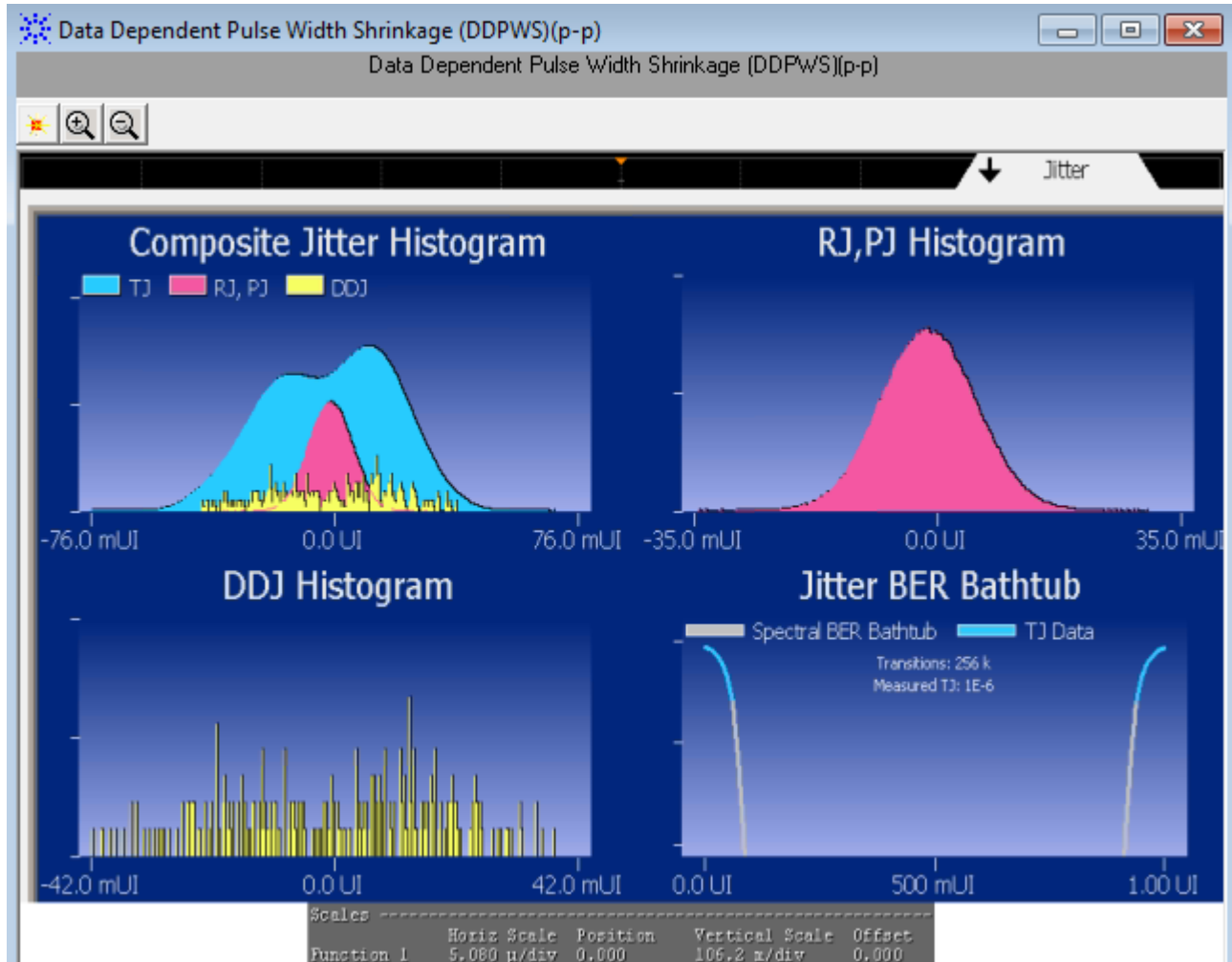


Figure 7 Reference Image for Data Dependent Pulse Width Shrinkage (p-p) Test

Uncorrelated Jitter (UJ) (RMS) Test

The **Uncorrelated Jitter (UJ) (RMS)** test measures any jitter that is un-correlated to the 64B/66B bit stream of a SFP+ host transmitter. The measured jitter value is not related to the data pattern. For information about the definition and considerations for UJ, refer to IEEE 802.3 CL68.6.8 and SFF-8431, Appendix D.7.

NOTE

For information about the connection diagram, refer to ["Connecting the Host Transmitter Board"](#) on page 20.

Configuring Test Parameter

To execute the UJ test, you need to configure the **#Hits(100)** parameter. The **#Hits(100)** parameter is used as the default value but you can increase or decrease this number to specify the minimum number of hits on the histogram acquired for the **Uncorrelated Jitter (UJ) (RMS)** test.

Understanding the Test Flow

The following references from the SFF-8431 and IEEE 802.3 specifications are considered to check the compliance of the DUT:

[1] SFF-8431, Section 3.5.1, Table 12

[2] IEEE 802.3, Section 68.6.8

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for executing the **Uncorrelated Jitter (UJ) (RMS)** test based on the above mentioned references:

- 1 Triggers and persists multiple cycles of the PRBS9 waveform on the scope.
- 2 Places a histogram on the average power level of the rising edge and falling edge.
- 3 Measures the standard deviation, σ , of the rising and falling edge.
- 4 Calculates the RMS value of the UJ using the formula as specified in reference [2] and is given by:

$$\text{Uncorrelated Jitter (rms)} = \sqrt{(\sigma_r^2 + \sigma_f^2)/2}$$

Where, σ_r is the standard deviation of the rising edge

σ_f is the standard deviation of the falling edge

The standard deviation of the rising and falling edge is measured using a histogram window that is positioned at the average power level of the signal.

Viewing Test Results

For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. A sample reference image based on the measured values is captured by the oscilloscope. You can click the sample reference image to view the details. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help.

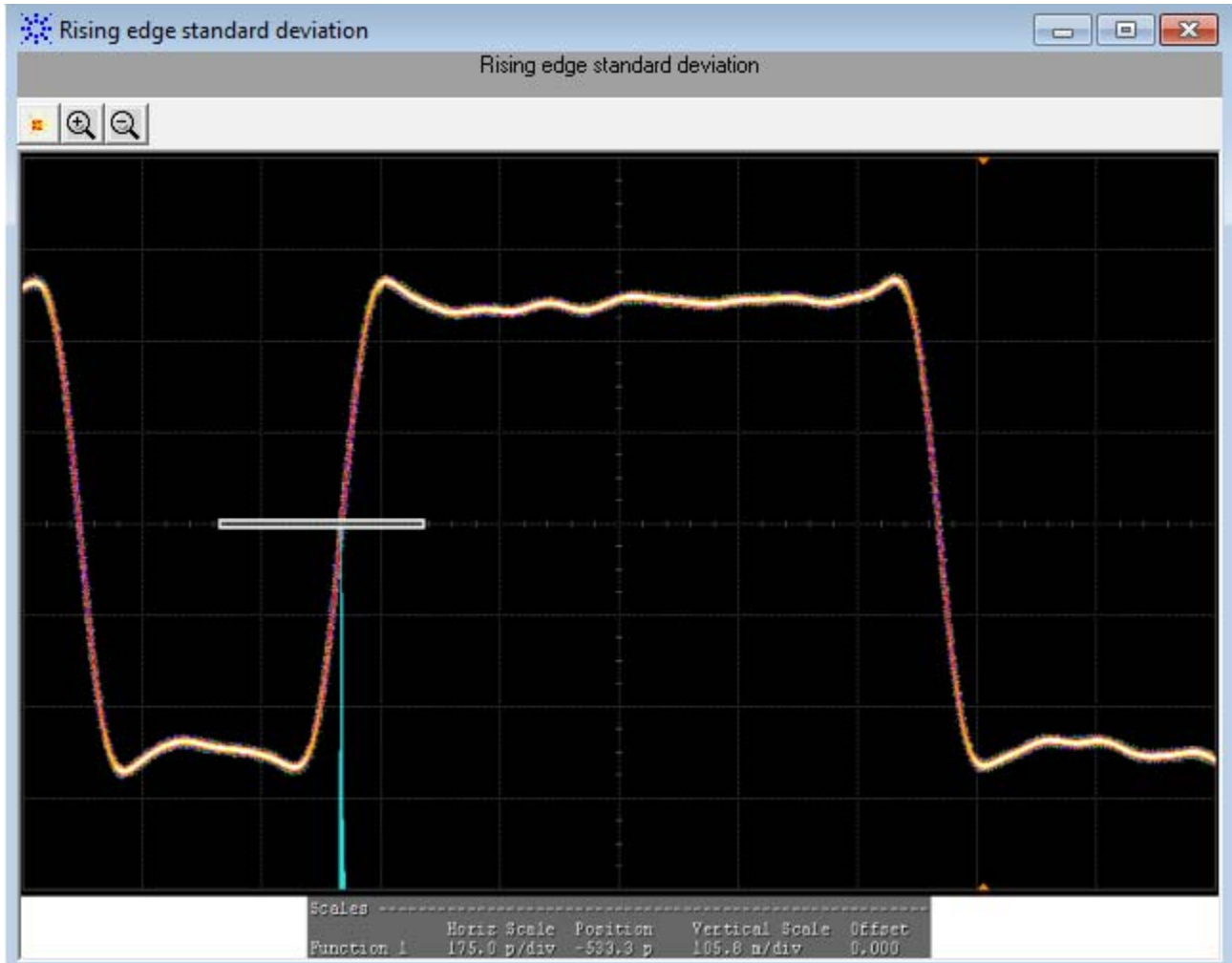


Figure 8 Reference Image for Uncorrelated Jitter (RMS) Test for Rising Edge

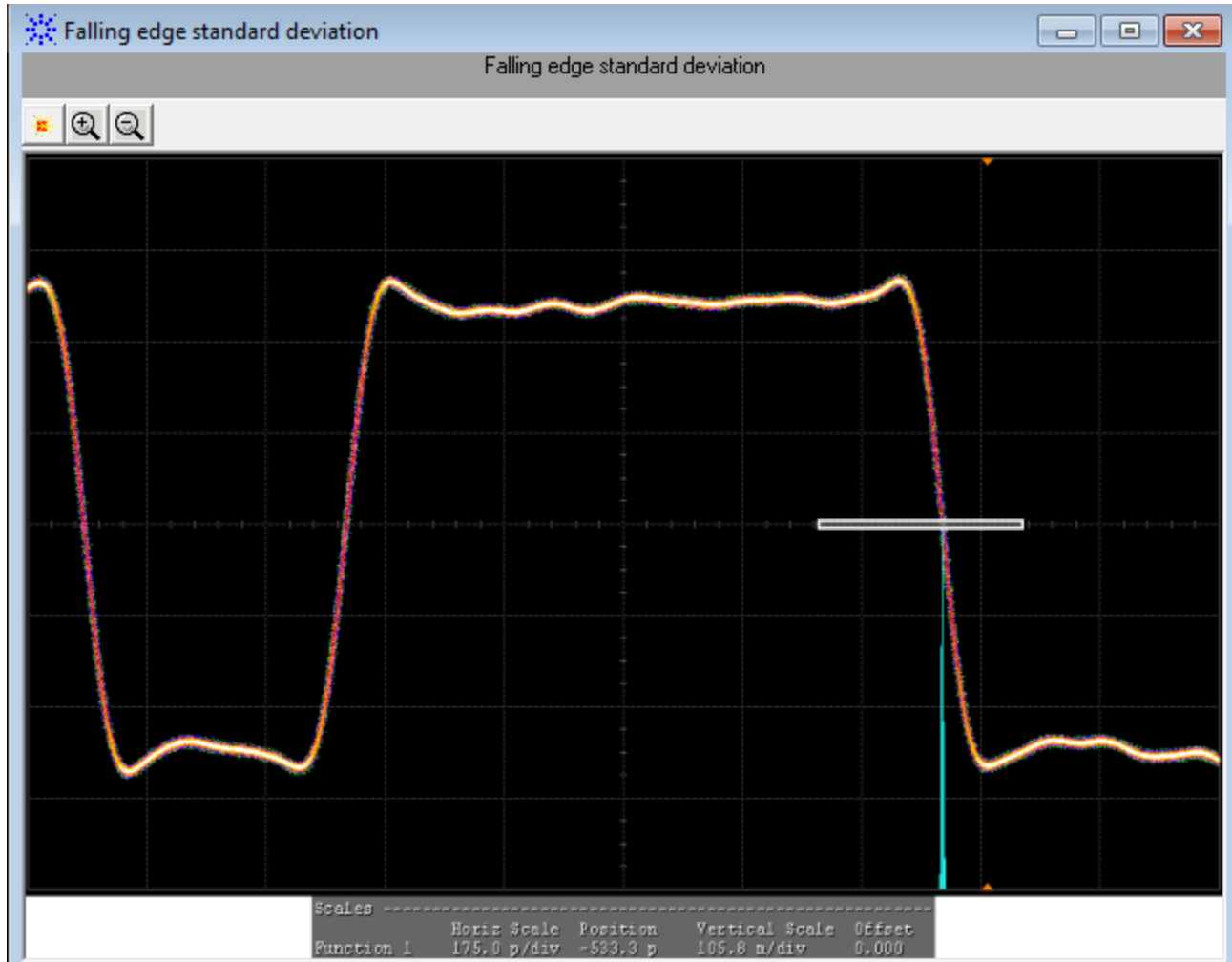


Figure 9 Reference Image for Uncorrelated Jitter (RMS) Test for Falling Edge

Transmitter Waveform Dispersion Penalty for Cu (TWDPc) Test

The **transmitter waveform dispersion penalty for Cu (TWDPc)** test measures the transmitter waveform dispersion penalty of a SFP+ host transmitter supporting passive direct attach cables. Waveform distortion penalty (WDP) is a measure of dispersion penalty due to a particular transmitter with reference to emulated transmission lines and receiver.

The WDP algorithm expects 16 samples per UI. For a 10GBase-T signal, this would require a sampling rate of around 160GSa/s. This sampling rate is not possible for most of the scopes, so interpolation is enabled during acquisition to achieve the required number of samples. $\text{Sin}(x)/x$ is one of the methods recommended in SFF-8431, Appendix D.9 and this is also the same interpolation method used by Infiniium.

The interpolated data pattern will need to be further processed as the algorithm required does not have exactly 16 samples per unit interval. Re-sampling is done by performing a simple interpolation, followed by decimation to achieve the exact number of samples.

NOTE

For information about the connection diagram, refer to [“Connecting the Host Transmitter Board”](#) on page 20.

Understanding the Test Flow

The following references from the SFF-8431 and IEEE 802.3 specifications are considered to check the compliance of the DUT:

- [1] SFF-8431, Appendix E.2, Table 33
- [2] SFF-8431, Appendix G
- [3] SFF-8431, Appendix D.9
- [4] IEEE 802.3, Section 68.6.6.1

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for executing the **Transmitter waveform dispersion penalty for Cu (TWDPc)** test:

- 1 Triggers one cycle of the PRBS9 waveform with averaging and $\sin(x)/x$ interpolation enabled.
- 2 Saves the waveform.
- 3 Processes the saved waveform as specified in [“Compiling the Matlab Deployment Project”](#) on page 45. For a compliant SFP+ host transmitter, reference [1] specifies a maximum TWDPc of 10.7dBe.

NOTE

Averaging is applied in order to reduce uncorrelated jitter and noise effects as recommended in reference [3].

Compiling the Matlab Deployment Project

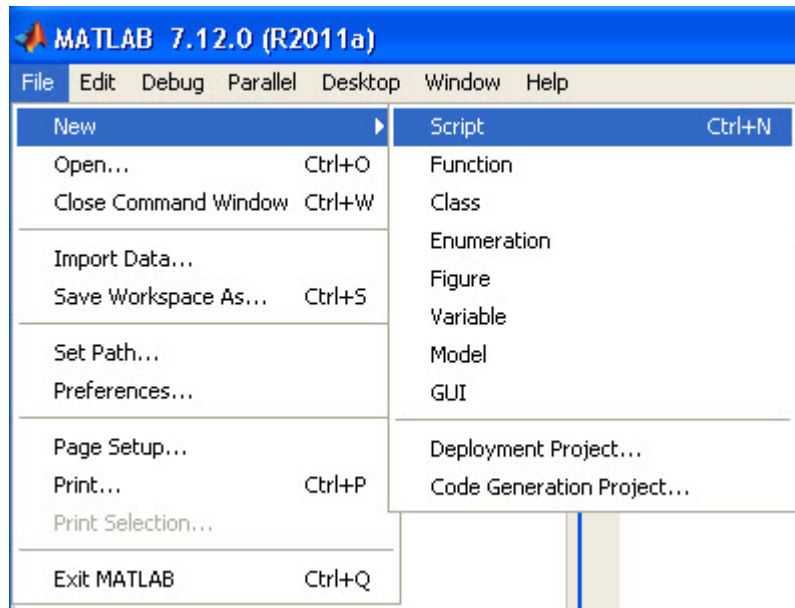
You need to perform the following steps to compile the Matlab script:

- 1 Launch MATLAB.
- 2 From the **File** menu, select **New** and click **Script** to create a matlab “.m” file using the script provided in Appendix G of the SFF-8431 specification.

NOTE

Matlab 2011a(32-bit) is required to compile the script.

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- 3 From the **File** menu, select **New** and click **Script** to create another matlab “.m” file using the following code:

```
function
SFF8431xWDPWrapper (WaveformFile, TxDataFile, EqNf, EqNb, SymbolRate,
Usage)

% wrapper for the SFF-8431 code

% convert input

EqNf = str2double (EqNf);
EqNb = str2double (EqNb);
SymbolRate = str2double (SymbolRate);

% copy the PRBS9 file into the working folder
XmitData = load (TxDataFile); %#ok<NASGU>
save ('prbs9_950.txt', '-ascii', 'XmitData');

[xWDP, MeasuredxMA] = SFF8431xWDP (WaveformFile, EqNf, EqNb, SymbolRate
, Usage);

% display the results. this will be captured on stdout. app will
parse

% stdout for the results. Do not change this order!
disp (xWDP);
disp (' ');
disp (MeasuredxMA);

end
```

- 4 From the **File** menu, select **New** and click **Deployment Project** to create a new Matlab deployment project.

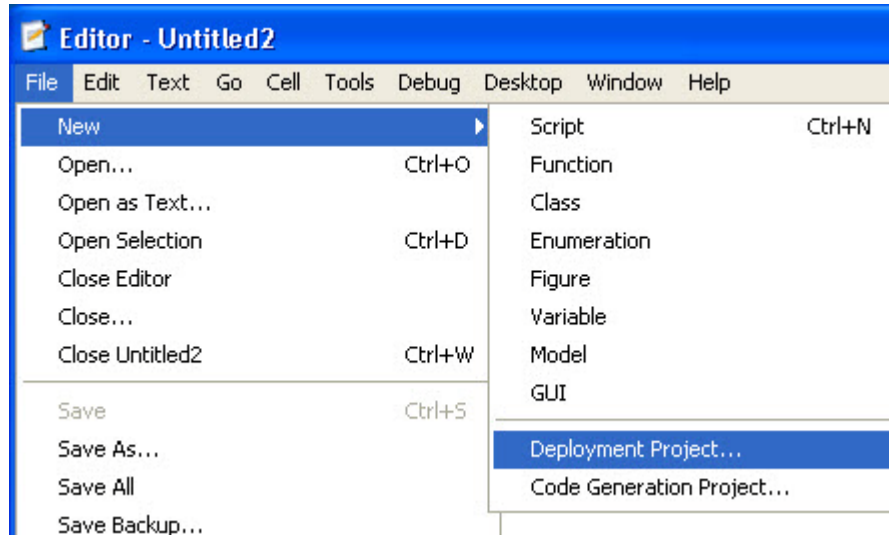


Figure 10 New Deployment Project

The Deployment Project dialog box appears.

- 5 Enter a name of the deployment project.
- 6 Specify a location to save the project.
- 7 Select **Console Application** in the Type drop-down list, and click **OK**.

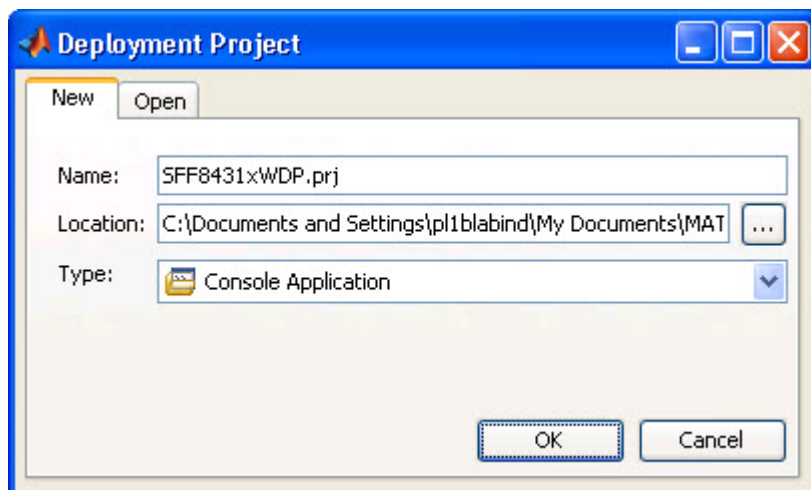


Figure 11 The Deployment Project Dialog Box

The Console Application dialog box appears.

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- 8 Add the file created in step 2 into the **Main File** section.
- 9 Add the file created in step 1 into the **Shared Resources and Helper Files** section.

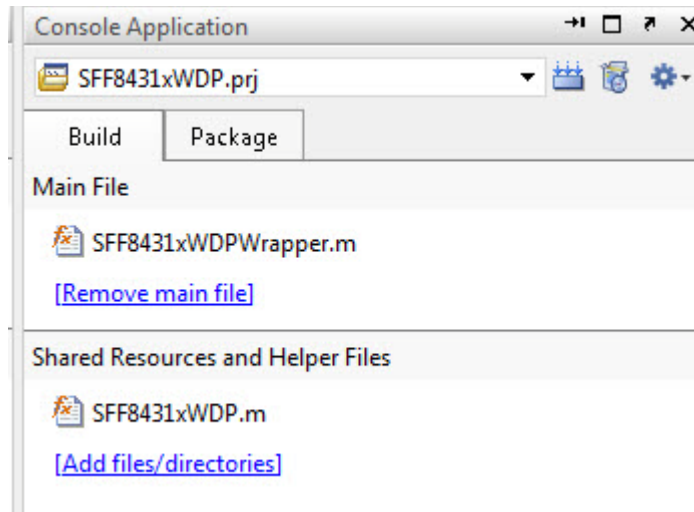



Figure 12 The Console Application Dialog Box

- 10 Click  to build the project and save the output file at the following location:

"C:\Program Files (x86)\Agilent\Infinium\Apps\SFP+Test\app\matlab"

Viewing Test Results

For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help.

Test Pattern PRBS31

PRBS31 test pattern represents a pseudorandom binary sequence with a repetition period of $2^{31}-1$. The sequence is defined in IEEE Std 802.3, 49.2.8. This test pattern is used to check the compliance of the SFP+ host transmitter output using the following tests:

- Output AC Common Mode Voltage (rms) Test/Output AC Common Mode Voltage for Cu (rms) Test
- Single Ended Voltage Range (Positive) Test/Single Ended Voltage Range (Negative) Test

- Total Jitter (TJ) (p-p) Test
- Eye Mask Hit Ratio Test

Output AC Common Mode Voltage (rms) Test/Output AC Common Mode Voltage for Cu (rms) Test

The **Output AC Common Mode Voltage (rms)/Output AC Common Mode Voltage for Cu (rms)** test measures the output AC common mode voltage of a SFP+ host transmitter without/with passive direct attach cables attached respectively.

NOTE

For information about the connection diagram, refer to [“Connecting the Host Transmitter Board”](#) on page 20.

Understanding the Test Flow

The following references from the SFF-8431 specification are considered to check the compliance of the DUT:

- [1] SFF-8431, Appendix 3.5.1, Table 1 for **Output AC Common Mode Voltage (rms)** test
- [2] SFF-8431, Appendix E.2, Table 33 for **Output AC Common Mode Voltage (rms) for Cu** test
- [3] SFF-8431, Appendix D.15

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for executing the **Output AC Common Mode Voltage (rms)/Output AC Common Mode Voltage for Cu (rms)** test:

- 1 Triggers the PRBS31 waveform.
- 2 Folds the PRBS31 waveform.
- 3 Places a histogram with a width of 1 unit interval across the folded waveform. According to the procedure specified in reference [2], the output AC common mode voltage (rms) is measured by applying a histogram over one UI of the common mode signal. Multiple unit intervals are overlapped to get an averaged measurement. The scope is set to free run triggering as the oscilloscopes do not have the memory depth for 1 cycle of the PRBS31 waveform. For a compliant SFP+ host transmitter, reference [1] specifies a maximum AC common mode voltage of 15mV, rms for **Output AC Common Mode Voltage (rms)** test. For a compliant SFP+ host transmitter, reference [2] specifies a maximum AC common mode voltage of 12mV, rms for **Output AC Common Mode Voltage (rms) for Cu** test.

Viewing Test Results

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For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. A sample reference image based on the measured values is captured by the oscilloscope. You can click the sample reference image to view the details. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help

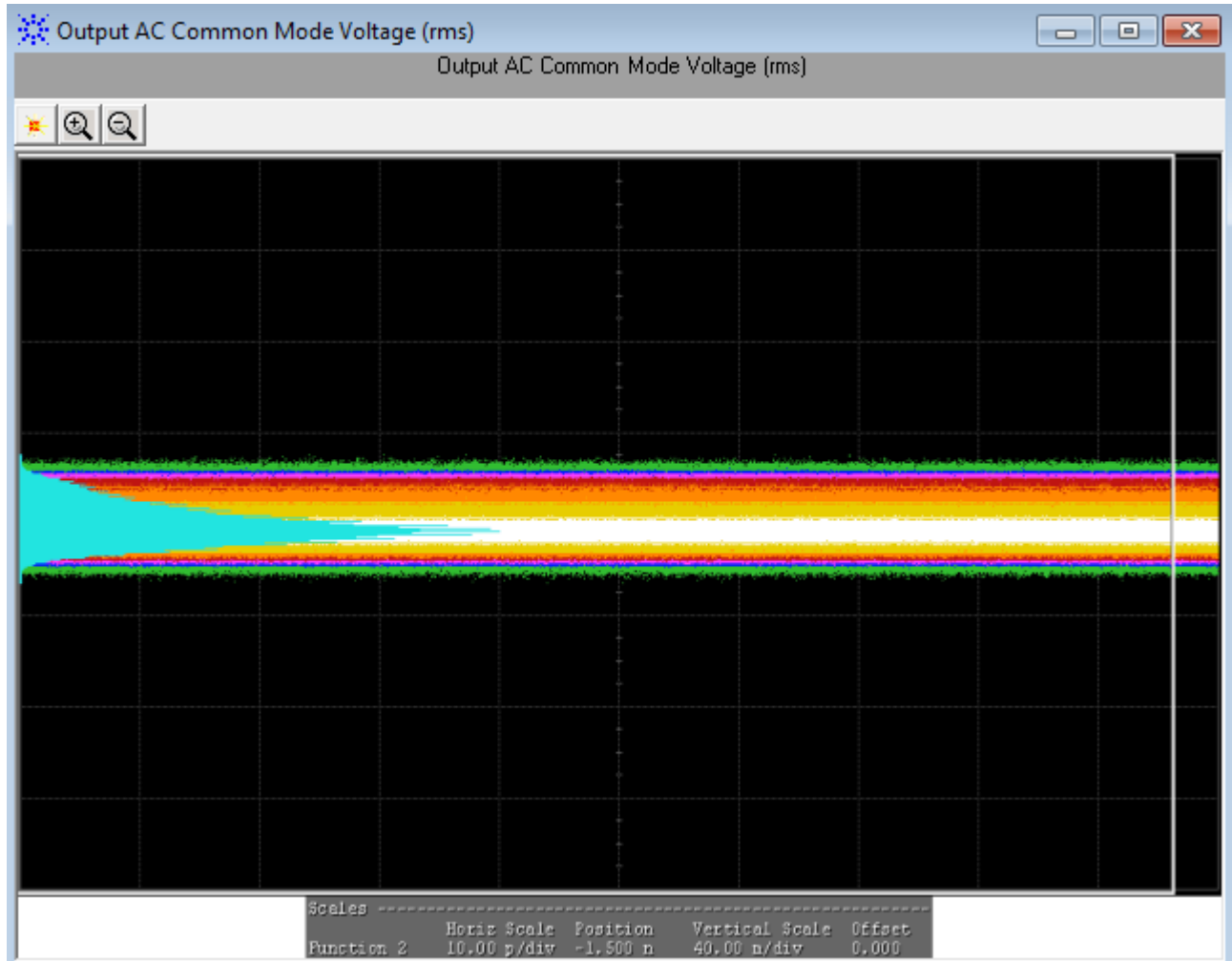


Figure 13 Reference Image for Output AC Common Mode Voltage (RMS) Test

Single Ended Voltage Range (Positive) Test/Single Ended Voltage Range (Negative) Test

The **Single Ended Voltage Range (Positive) test/Single Ended Voltage Range (Negative) test** measures the voltage range of the positive (TX+) and negative (TX-) signals respectively of a SFP+ host transmitter.

NOTE

For information about the connection diagram, refer to “[Connecting the Host Transmitter Board](#)” on page 20.

Understanding the Test Flow

The following reference from the SFF-8431 specification is considered to check the compliance of the DUT:

[1] SFF-8431, Section 3.5.1, Table 11

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for executing the **Single Ended Voltage Range (Positive) test/Single Ended Voltage Range (Negative) test** based on the above mentioned references:

- 1 Triggers the PRBS31 waveform.
- 2 Measures the peak-to-peak (p-p) voltage. For a compliant SFP+ host transmitter, reference [1] specifies the single ended voltage range to be between -0.3V and 4.0V.

Viewing Test Results

For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. A sample reference image based on the measured values is captured by the oscilloscope. You can click the sample reference image to view the details. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help.

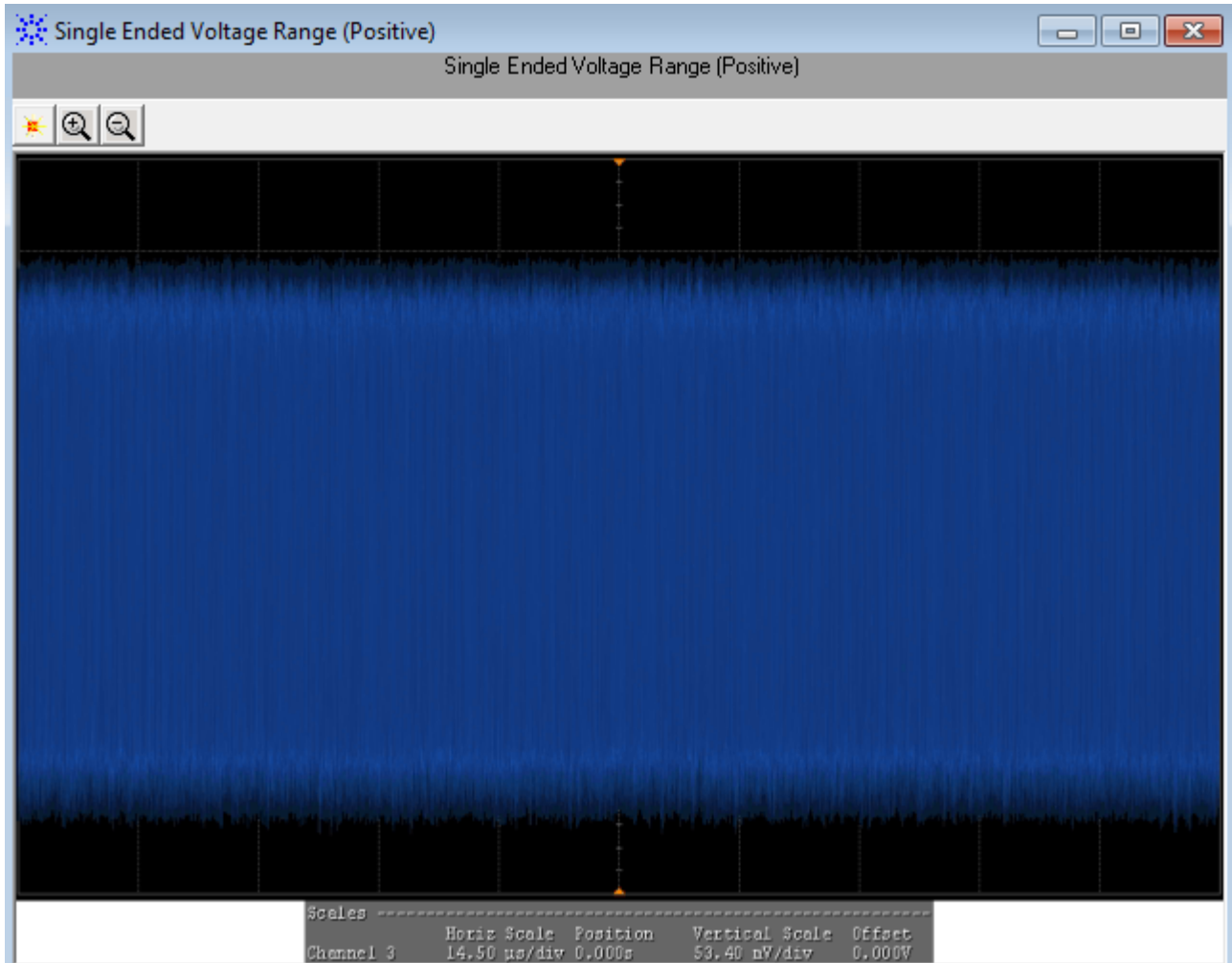


Figure 14 Reference Image for Single Ended Voltage Range (Positive) Test

Total Jitter (TJ) (p-p) Test

The **Total Jitter (TJ) (p-p)** test measures the total jitter of a SFP+ host transmitter.

NOTE

For information about the connection diagram, refer to [“Connecting the Host Transmitter Board”](#) on page 20.

Understanding the Test Flow

The following references from the SFF-8431 specification are considered to check the compliance of the DUT:

[1] SFF-8431, Section 3.5.1, Table 12

[2] SFF-8431, Section 3.5.2, Appendix D.2

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for executing the **Total Jitter (TJ) (p-p)** test based on the above mentioned references:

- 1 Triggers the PRBS31 waveform.
- 2 Turns on EZJIT Complete, and set the pattern analysis mode to **Arbitrary** as the signal is relatively long.
- 3 Obtains the results for TJ for a compliant SFP+ host transmitter. Reference [1] specifies a maximum TJ of 0.28UI, peak-to-peak.

NOTE

The clock recovery method used is the one recommended in reference [2], which is a second order PLL with a loop bandwidth of 4MHz and a slope of -20dB/decade with a peaking of 0.1dB.

Viewing Test Results

For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. A sample reference image based on the measured values is captured by the oscilloscope. You can click the sample reference image to view the details. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help.

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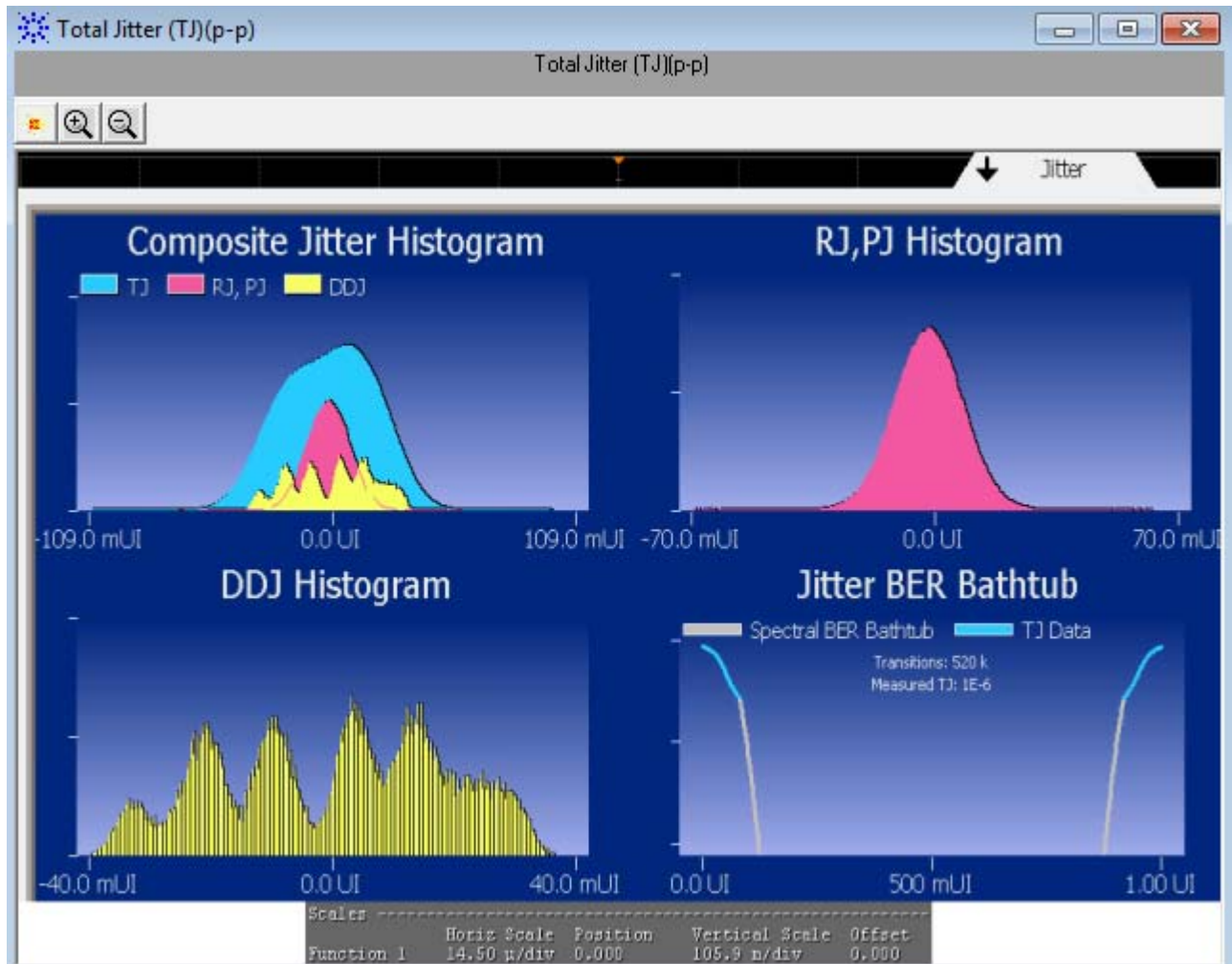


Figure 15 Reference Image for Total Jitter (TJ) (p-p) Test

Eye Mask Hit Ratio Test

The **Eye Mask Hit Ratio** test measures the eye mask hit ratio of SFP+ host transmitter. The eye mask is defined by the parameters X1, X2, Y1, and Y2. The eye is defined as measured using a receiver with an electrical -3dB bandwidth of 12GHz such as Bessel-Thomson response. As per the relevant standard, the mask hit ratio is set to 5×10^{-5} .

NOTE

For information about the connection diagram, refer to ["Connecting the Host Transmitter Board"](#) on page 20.

Understanding the Test Flow

The following references from the SFF-8431 specification are considered to check the compliance of the DUT:

[1] SFF-8431, Section 3.5.1, Table 12

[2] SFF-8431, Section 3.5.1, Appendix D.2

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for executing the **Eye Mask Hit Ratio** test:

Enables the **Mask Test** and loads the test. Enabling the **Mask Test** allows you to conform the waveform as per the industry standards.

4 Triggers the PRBS31 waveform for the **Mask Test**.

5 Calculates the eye mask hit ratio. For a compliant SFP+ host transmitter, reference [1] specifies an eye mask hit ratio that is less than 5×10^{-15} .

The eye mask hit ratio is calculated using the formula:

$$\text{Hit Ratio} = \frac{\text{Total Mask Violations}}{\text{Total Number of Samples in 1UI}}$$

And the total number of samples in 1UI is given by:

$$\text{Total Number of Samples in 1 UI} = \text{Sampling Rate} \times 1UI$$

NOTE

The clock recovery method used is the one recommended in reference [2], which is a second order PLL with a loop bandwidth of 4MHz and a slope of -20dB/decade with a peaking of 0.1dB.

Viewing Test Results

For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. A sample reference image based on the measured values is captured by the oscilloscope. You can click the sample reference image to view the details. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help.

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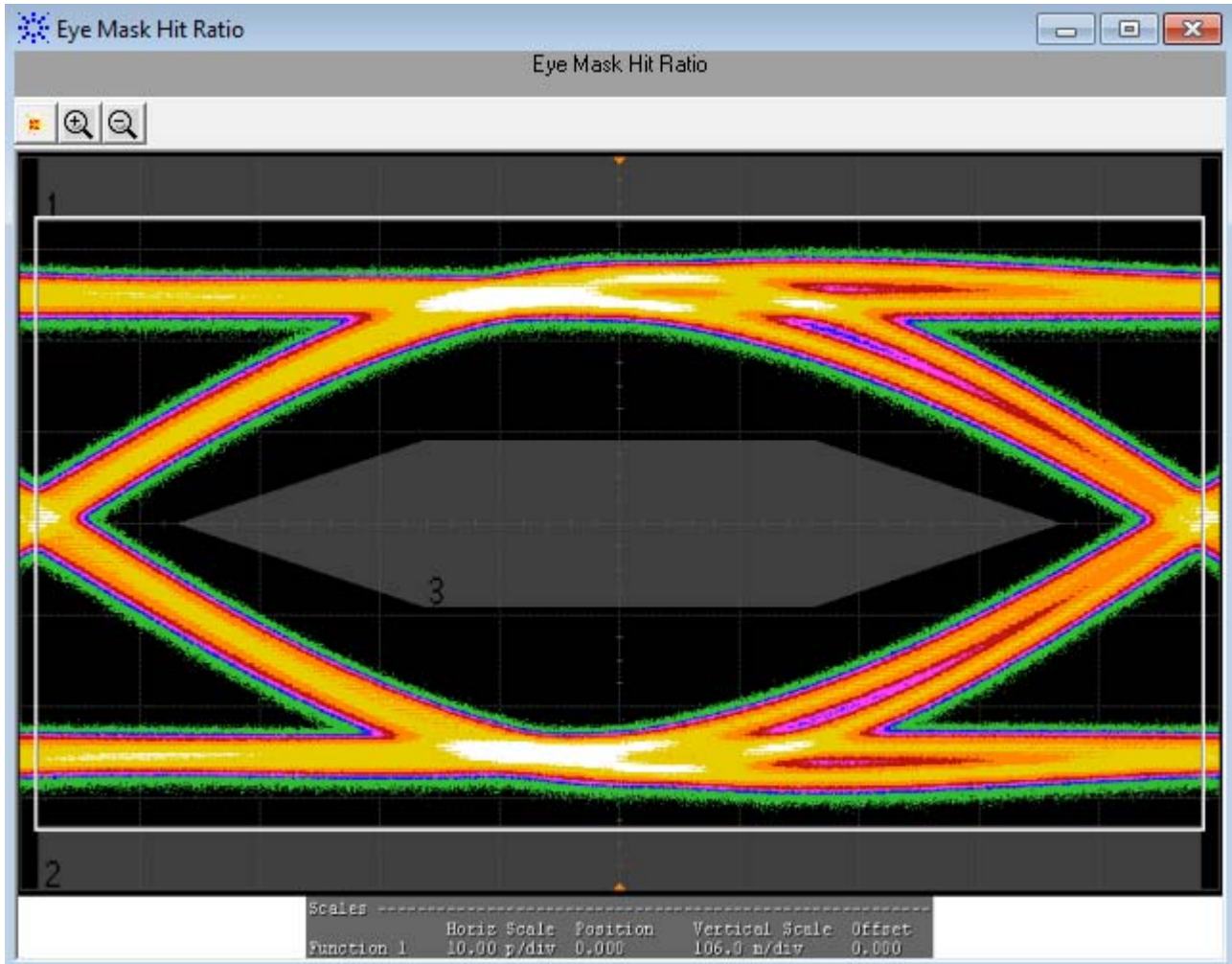


Figure 16 Reference Image for Eye Mask Hit Ratio Test

XLPPPI Host Electrical Output Specification at TP1a

XLPPPI host electrical output specification at TP1a describes the 40Gb/s parallel physical interface (XLPPPI, four lanes) used with 40GBASE-SR4 or 40GBASE-LR4 as an optional instantiation of the physical medium dependent (PMD) service interface. The PMD service interface supports the exchange of encoded data between the physical medium attachment (PMA) entity and PMD entity. The PMD translates the encoded data to and from signals suitable for the specified medium. The XLPPPI electrical interface specifications are compiled in IEEE 802.3.

The XLPPPI electrical interface specifications for host transmitter output at TP1a defines the measurement standards to execute various tests based on the following tests pattern:

- Test pattern 8180
- Test pattern PRBS9
- Test pattern PRBS31

Before executing the tests based on the above mentioned test patterns, you may need to calibrate the input signals to control the crosstalk effects at the source.

Crosstalk Source Calibration

Crosstalk source calibration when applied to all the input lanes of the XLPPPI host allows the SFP+ test application to verify that the test results at the output lane and signals are as per the conformance limits in the specification. You may need to do the crosstalk source calibration for the input signals based on the following crosstalk source signals:

- Crosstalk Source VMA (p-p) Calibration
- Crosstalk Source Rise Time (20%-80%) Calibration
- Crosstalk Source Fall Time (80%-20%) Calibration

The following section describes the execution of the above mentioned crosstalk source signals by the SFP+ application.

Crosstalk Source VMA (p-p) Calibration

The **Crosstalk Source VMA (p-p)** calibration measures the voltage modulation amplitude (VMA) for the crosstalk source calibration process.

NOTE

For information about the connection diagram, refer to [“Connecting the Host Transmitter Board”](#) on page 20.

Understanding the Calibration Flow

The following reference from the IEEE802.3 specification is considered for the crosstalk source VMA (p-p) calibration process:

[1] IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for executing the **Crosstalk Source VMA (p-p)** calibration:

- 1 Triggers one cycle of the 8180 waveform on the rising edge. One cycle of the 8180 waveform is divided into two equally spaced time intervals of 8 units interval long.
- 2 Measures the logic 0 voltage level as the average voltage level in the central 20% of the negative pulse.
- 3 Measures the logic 1 voltage level as the average voltage level in the central 20% of the positive pulse.
- 4 Measures the value for VMA as the difference between the logic 0 voltage level as base level and logic 1 voltage level as defined in Reference [2]. Reference [1] specifies minimum value of VMA as 300 mV.

Viewing Crosstalk Source Calibration Result

For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. A sample reference image based on the measured values is

captured by the oscilloscope. You can click the sample reference image to view the details. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help.



Figure 17 Reference Image for Crosstalk Source VMA (p-p) for Logic 0

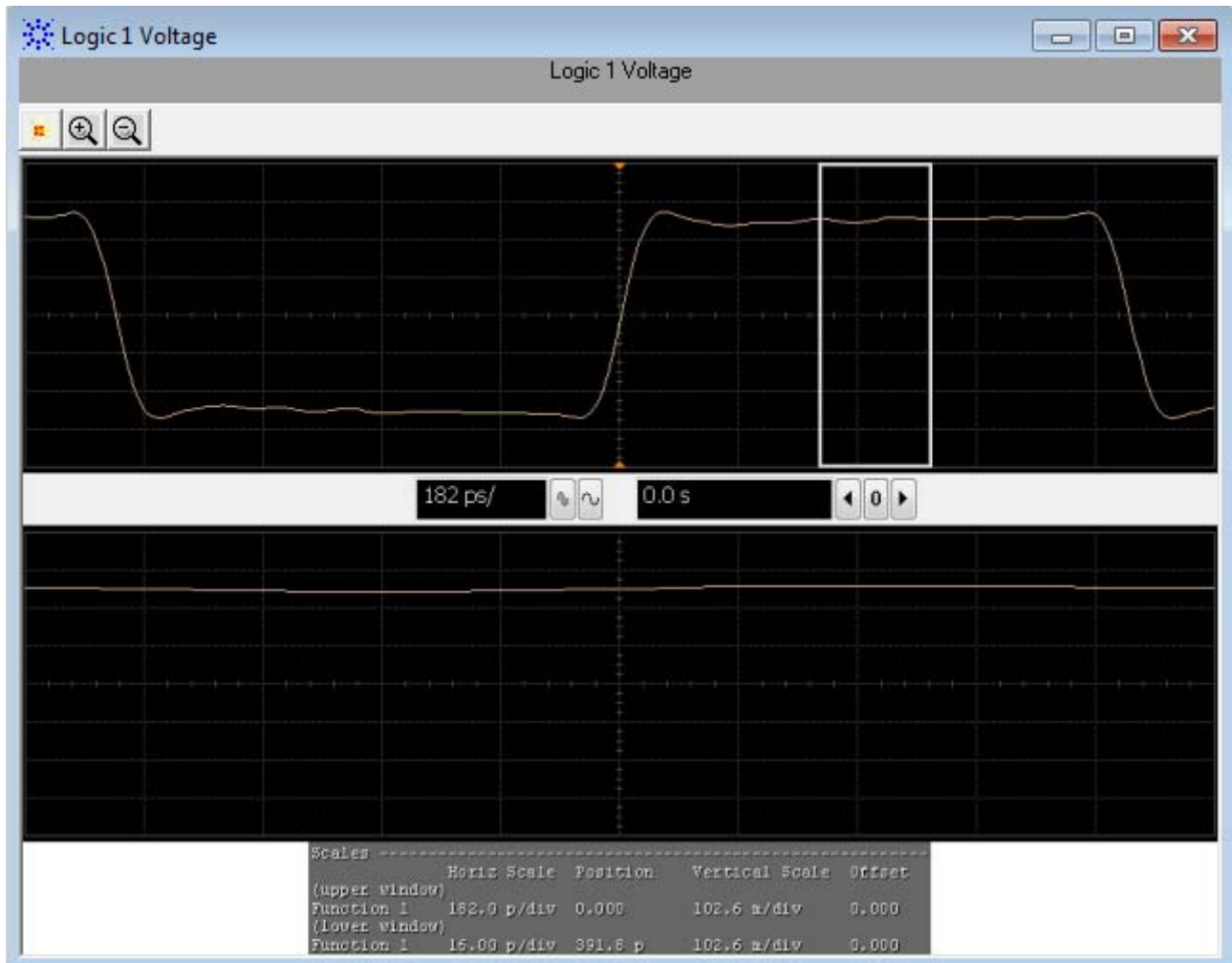


Figure 18 Reference Image for Crosstalk Source VMA (p-p) for Logic 1

Crosstalk Source Rise Time (20% - 80%) Calibration

The **Crosstalk Source Rise Time** calibration measures the 20%-80% rise time for the crosstalk source calibration process.

NOTE For information about the connection diagram, refer to [“Connecting the Host Transmitter Board”](#) on page 20.

Understanding the Calibration Flow

The following references from the IEEE802.3 specification are considered for the crosstalk source calibration process:

[1] IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1

[2] IEEE802.3ba-2010, Section 86A.5.3.3

[3] IEEE802.3, Section 68.6.2

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for executing the **Crosstalk Source Rise Time (20%-80%)** calibration:

- 1 Triggers one cycle of the 8180 waveform on the rising edge.
- 2 Measures the logic 0 and logic 1 voltage levels. The measurement procedure of the logic 0 and logic 1 state is defined as per reference [3]. The average voltage level in the central 20% of each time interval is measured.
- 3 Measures the 20% to 80% rise time using the logic 0 voltage level as base level and logic 1 voltage level as top level of the isolated edges. From reference [2], the optical modulation amplitude (OMA) test pattern (eight ones, eight zeros) is being used as the normative test pattern. The 0% level and 100% level are the voltage levels of the logic 0 state and logic 1 state respectively as defined by the xMA measurement procedure in the specification.
- 4 Analyzes the signal and verifies that this is as per the conformance limits as specified in reference [1].

Viewing Crosstalk Result

For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. A sample reference image based on the measured values is captured by the oscilloscope. You can click the sample reference image to view the details. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help.

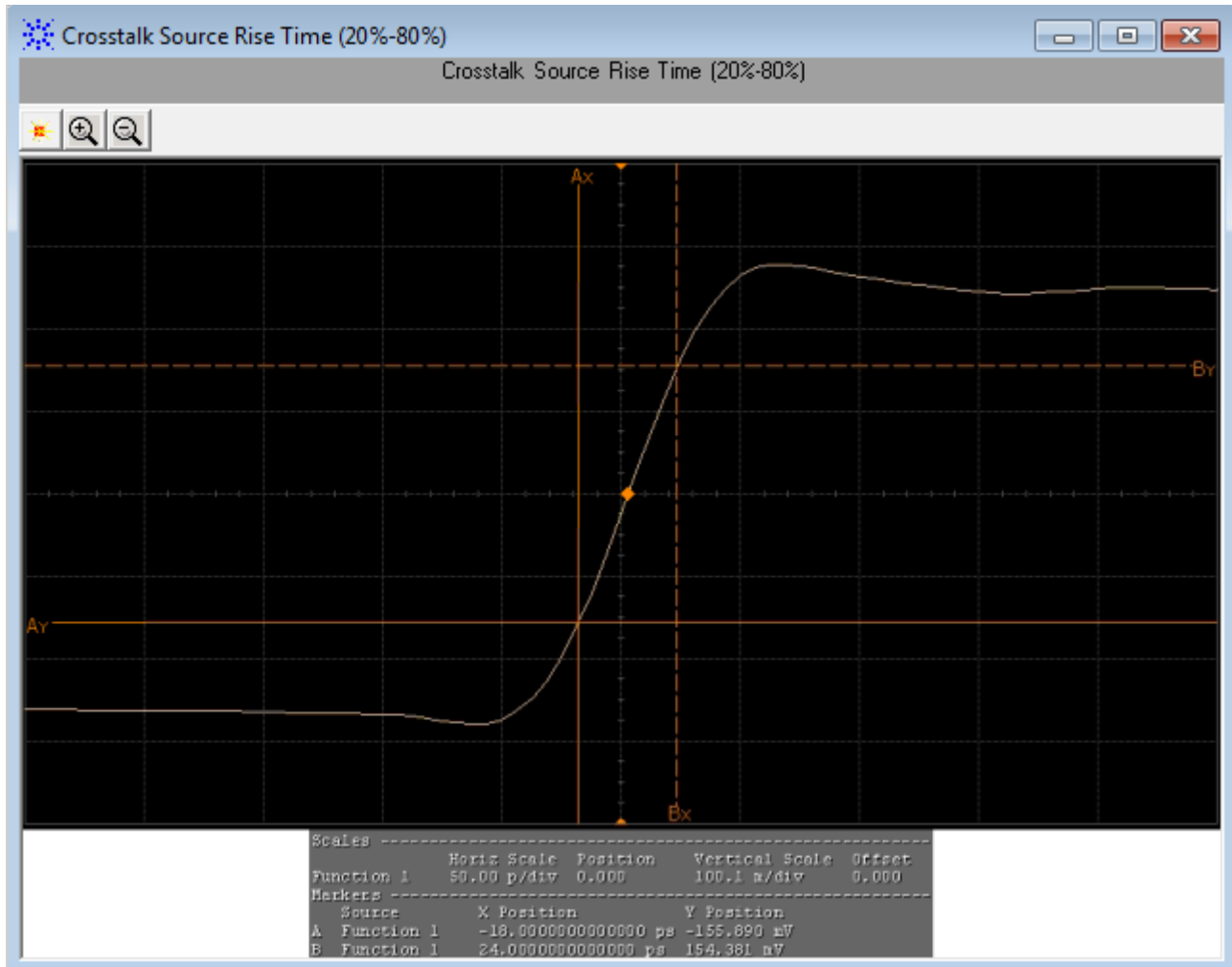


Figure 19 Reference Image for Crosstalk Source Rise Time (20%-80%)

Crosstalk Source Fall Time (80% - 20%) Calibration

The **Crosstalk Source Fall Time** calibration measures the (80%-20%) fall time for the crosstalk source calibration process.

NOTE For information about the connection diagram, refer to [“Connecting the Host Transmitter Board”](#) on page 20.

Understanding the Calibration Flow

The following references from the IEEE802.3 specification are considered for the crosstalk source calibration process:

[1] IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1

[2] IEEE802.3ba-2010, Section 86A.5.3.3

[3] IEEE802.3, Section 68.6.2

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for executing the **Crosstalk Source Fall Time (80%-20%)** test:

- 1 Triggers one cycle of the 8180 waveform on the rising edge.
- 2 Measures the logic 0 and logic 1 voltage levels. The measurement procedure of the logic 0 and logic 1 state is defined as per reference [3]. The average voltage level in the central 20% of each time interval is measured.
- 3 Measures the 80% to 20% fall time using the logic 0 voltage level as base level and logic 1 voltage level as top level of the isolated edges. From reference [2], the optical modulation amplitude (OMA) test pattern (eight ones, eight zeros) is being used as the normative test pattern. The 0% level and 100% level are the voltage levels of the logic 0 state and logic 1 state respectively as defined by the xMA measurement procedure in the specification.
- 4 Analyzes the signal and verifies that this is as per the conformance limits as specified in reference [1].

Viewing Crosstalk Result

For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. A sample reference image based on the measured values is captured by the oscilloscope. You can click the sample reference image to view the details. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help.

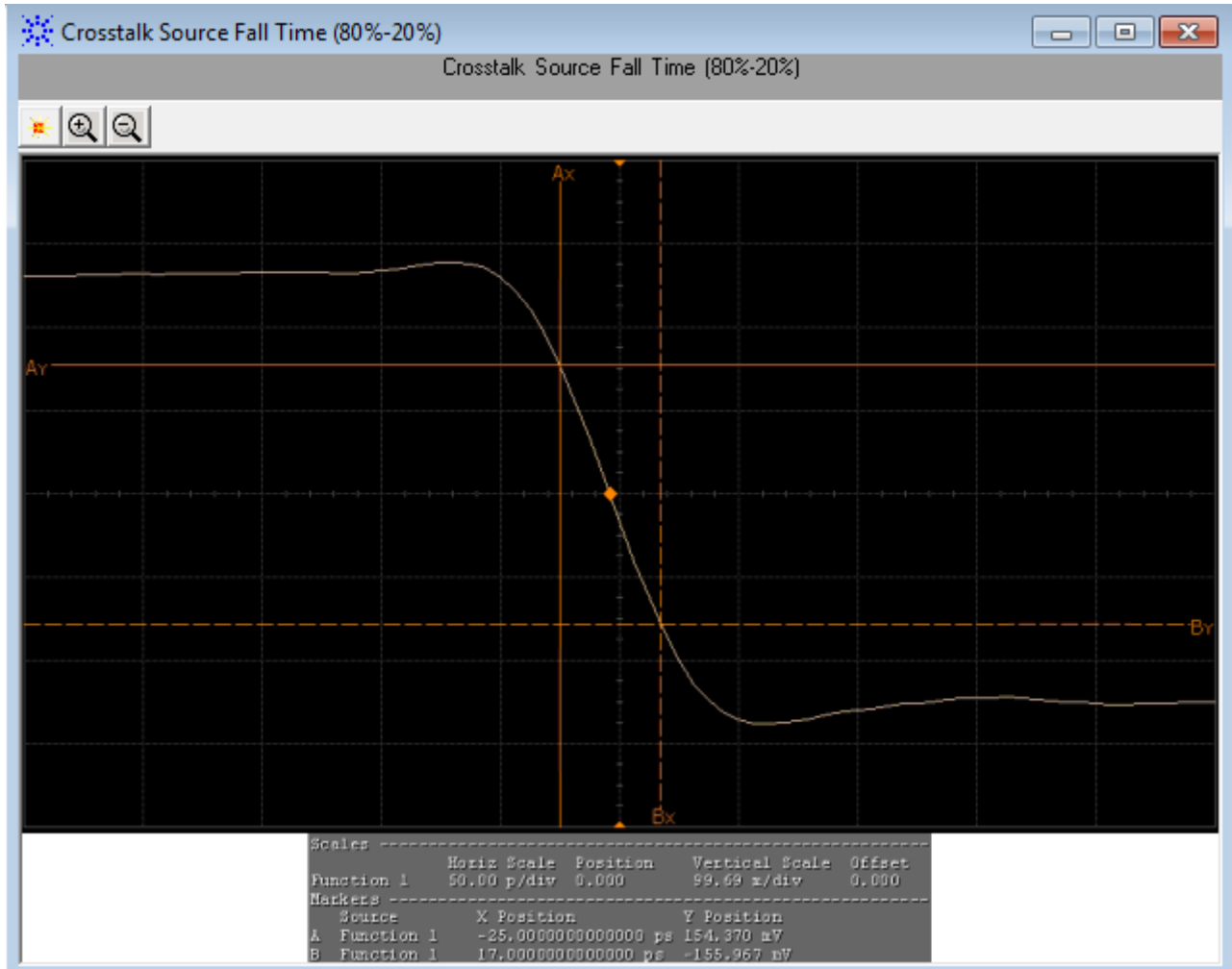


Figure 20 Reference Image for Crosstalk Source Fall Time (80%-20%)

After the crosstalk source calibration is applied to all the input lanes of the XLPPi host, the SFP+ test application executes various tests based on the following test pattern to conform that the test results at the output lane and signals are as per the conformance limits in the specification.

Test Pattern 8180

Test pattern 8180 represents a repeating square wave which consists of eight continuous 1s followed by eight continuous 0s. This test pattern is used to check the XLPPi compliance against the IEEE 802.3 specification for the following tests:

- Output Rise Time (20%-80%) Test/Output Fall Time (80%-20%) Test
- Qsq (V/V) Test

Output Rise Time (20%-80%) Test/Output Fall Time (80%-20%) Test

The **Output Rise Time (20%-80%)**/**Output Fall Time (80%-20%)** test measures the rise and fall time of a XLPPI host transmitter respectively. The purpose of this test is to verify that the rise or fall time of the XLPPI host transmitter is within the conformance limits of 28 ps as per the specification.

NOTE

For information about the connection diagram, refer to [“Connecting the Host Transmitter Board”](#) on page 20.

Configuring Test Parameter

To execute the **Output Rise Time (20%-80%)**/**Output Fall Time (80%-20%)** test, you need to configure the **#Averages(16)** parameter. The **#Averages(16)** parameter is used to reduce the effect of noise on the measurement. The value of one average is calculated by averaging multiple acquisitions of the waveform. Sixteen (16) is used as the default value but you can increase or decrease this number to reduce or upsurge the effects of noise and random signal variations.

NOTE

Averaging can be used to reduce measurement noise and increase measurement resolution; however, the specification does not provide any constraints on how much averaging may be used but increase in the value of the **#Averages(16)** parameter leads to diminishing results.

Understanding the Test Flow

The following references from the IEEE-802.3 specification are considered to check the compliance of the DUT:

- [1] IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1
- [2] IEEE802.3ba-2010, Section 86A.5.3.3
- [3] IEEE802.3, Section 68.6.2

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for measuring the **Output Rise Time (20%-80%)**/**Output Fall Time (80%-20%)** test based on the above mentioned references:

- 1 Triggers one cycle of the 8180 waveform on the rising edge.
- 2 Analyzes the rise/fall time of the signal at logic 0 and logic 1 voltage levels. The measurement procedure of the logic 0 and logic 1 state is defined as per reference [3]. The average voltage level in the central 20% of each time interval is measured.

- 3 Measures the 20% to 80% rise time using the logic 0 voltage level as base level and logic 1 voltage level as top level of the isolated edges in case of the **Output Rise Time (20%-80%)** test. Measures the 80% to 20% fall time using the logic 1 voltage level as base level and logic 0 voltage level as top level of the isolated edges in case of the **Output Fall Time (80%-20%)** test. From reference [2], the optical modulation amplitude (OMA) test pattern (eight ones, eight zeros) is being used as the normative test pattern. The 0% level and 100% level are the voltage levels of the logic 0 state and logic 1 state respectively as defined by the xMA measurement procedure in the specification.
- 4 Analyzes the signal and verifies that this is as per the conformance limits as specified in reference [1].

Viewing Test Results

For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. A sample reference image based on the measured values is captured by the oscilloscope. You can click the sample reference image to view the details. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help.

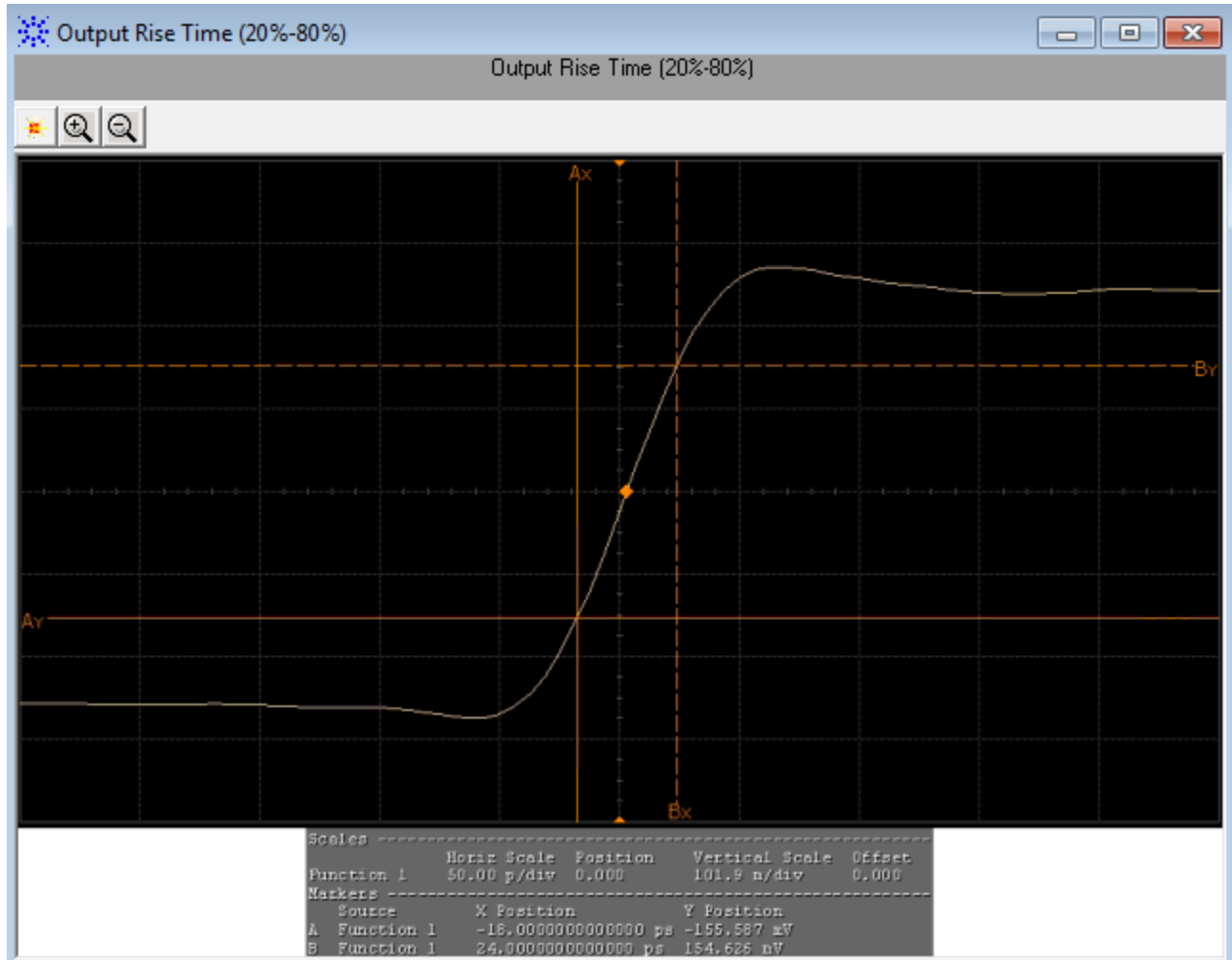


Figure 21 Reference Image for Output Rise Time (20%-80%) Test

Q_{sq} (V/V) Test

The **Q_{sq} (V/V)** test is a measure of reciprocal of signal to noise ratio (SNR) of the XLPPI host transmitter.

$$Q_{sq} = \frac{1}{SNR}$$

As per IEEE802.3ba-2010, Section 86A.5.3.5, Q_{sq} is calculated using the following formula:

$$Q_{sq} = \frac{(VMA)}{(n1 + n0)}$$

whereby,

- n1 is the RMS noise of logic one
- n2 is the RMS noise of logic zero

The purpose of this test is to verify that the signal to noise ratio of the XLPPI host transmitter is within the conformance limits of 45.

NOTE

For information about the connection diagram, refer to [“Connecting the Host Transmitter Board”](#) on page 20.

Configuring Test Parameter

To execute the **Qsq (V/V)** test, you need to configure the **#Waveforms(60)** parameter. The **#Waveforms(60)** parameter is used to reduce the effect of noise on the measurement. Sixty (60) is used as the default value but you can increase or decrease this number to reduce or upsurge the effects of noise and random signal variations.

Understanding the Test Flow

The following references from the IEEE802.3 specifications are considered to check the compliance of the DUT:

[1] IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1

[2] IEEE802.3ba-2010, Section 86A.5.3.5

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for executing the **Qsq (V/V)** test based on the above mentioned references:

- 1 Triggers one cycle of the 8180 waveform on the rising edge.
- 2 Analyzes the rise/fall time of the signal at logic 0 and logic 1 voltage levels.
- 3 Measures the value for VMA using the logic 0 voltage level as base level and logic 1 voltage level. For information on the measurement of VMA, refer to [“Voltage Modulation Amplitude for Cu \(VMA\) \(p-p\) Test”](#) on page 34.
- 4 Measures the root mean square (RMS) noise for the logic 0 and logic 1 levels. From reference [2], the optical modulation amplitude (OMA) test pattern (eight ones, eight zeros) is being used as the normative test pattern. The 0% level and 100% level are the voltage levels of the logic 0 state and logic 1 state respectively as defined by the xMA measurement procedure in the specification.
- 5 Calculates the value of Q_{sq} using the formula mentioned above.
- 6 Analyzes the signal and verify that this is as per the conformance limits of 45 as specified in reference [1].

Viewing Test Results

For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. A sample reference image based on the measured values is captured by the oscilloscope. You can click the sample reference image to view the details. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help.

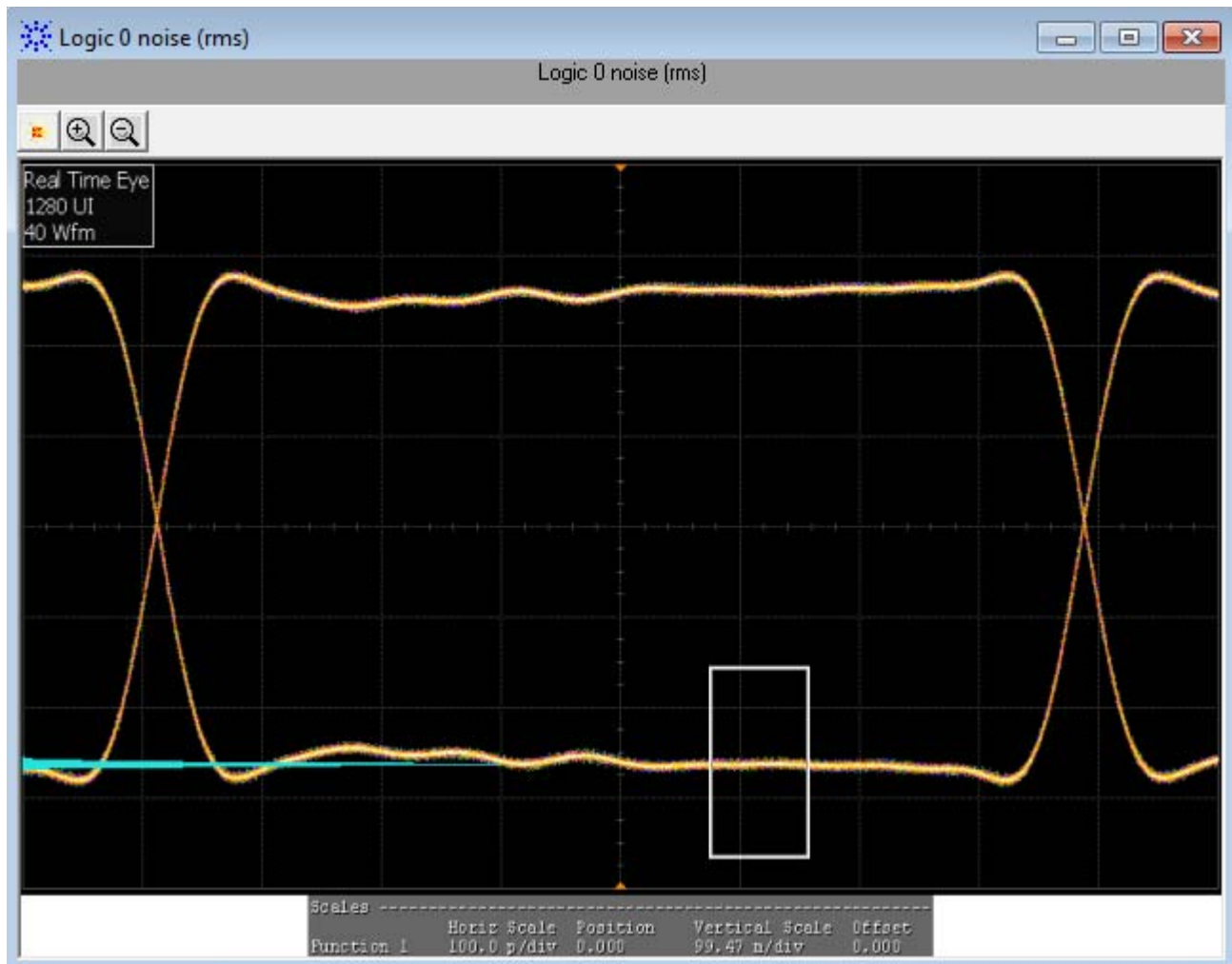


Figure 22 Reference Image for Qsq (V/V) Test for Logic 0

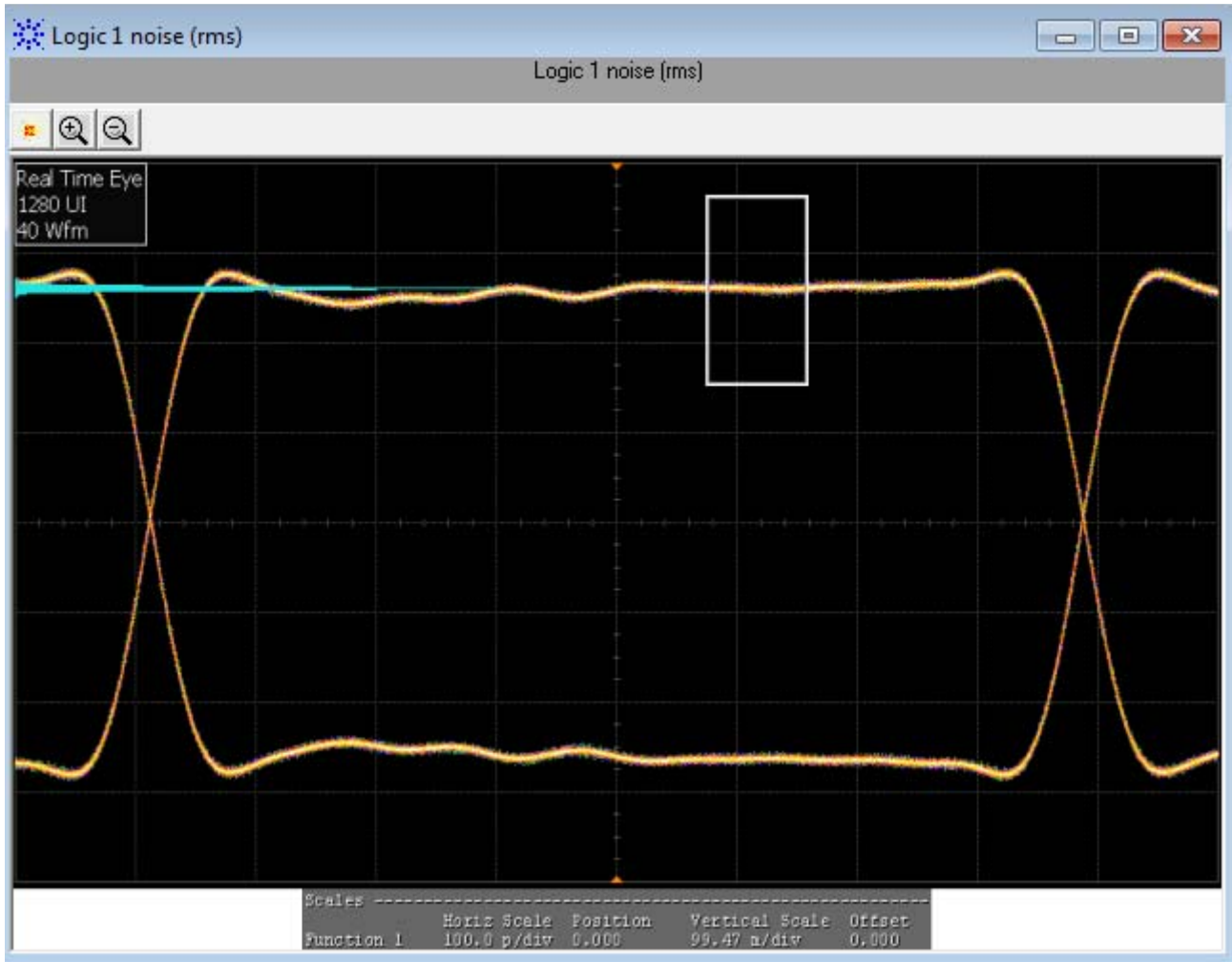


Figure 23 Reference Image for Qsq (V/V) Test for Logic 1

Test Pattern PRBS9

PRBS9 test pattern represents a pseudorandom binary sequence with a repetition period of $2^9 - 1$. This test pattern is used to measure the jitter for the **Data Dependent Pulse Width Shrinkage (DDPWS) (p-p)** test.

Data Dependent Pulse Width Shrinkage (DDPWS) (p-p) Test

The **Data Dependent Pulse Width Shrinkage (DDPWS) (p-p)** test measures the value of DDPWS from peak-to-peak (p-p) of a XLPPI host transmitter.

NOTE

For information about the connection diagram, refer to [“Connecting the Host Transmitter Board”](#) on page 20.

Understanding the Test Flow

The following references from the SFF-8431 specification are considered to check the compliance of the DUT:

- [1] IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1
- [2] IEEE802.3ba-2010, Section 86A.5.3.5

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for executing the **Data Dependent Pulse Width Shrinkage (DDPWS) (p-p)** test based on the above mentioned references:

- 1 Triggers 1024 cycles of the PRBS9 waveform.
- 2 Turns on EZJIT complete and sets the pattern analysis mode to periodic. As the PRBS9 pattern is relatively short, the DDPWS pattern completes in periodic pattern analysis mode.
- 3 Analyzes the signal and verifies that this is as per the conformance limits of 0.07UI as specified in reference [1]. For a capture with n edges, DDPWS is measured as the difference between one symbol period and the minimum pulse width of the entire capture. It is given by the algorithm:

$$DDPWS = T - \min(t_2 - t_1, t_3 - t_2, \dots, t_{256+1} - t_{256})$$

whereby, T is the symbol period of the data stream and t_n is the crossing time of edge n.

Viewing Test Results

For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. A sample reference image based on the measured values is captured by the oscilloscope. You can click the sample reference image to view the details. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help.

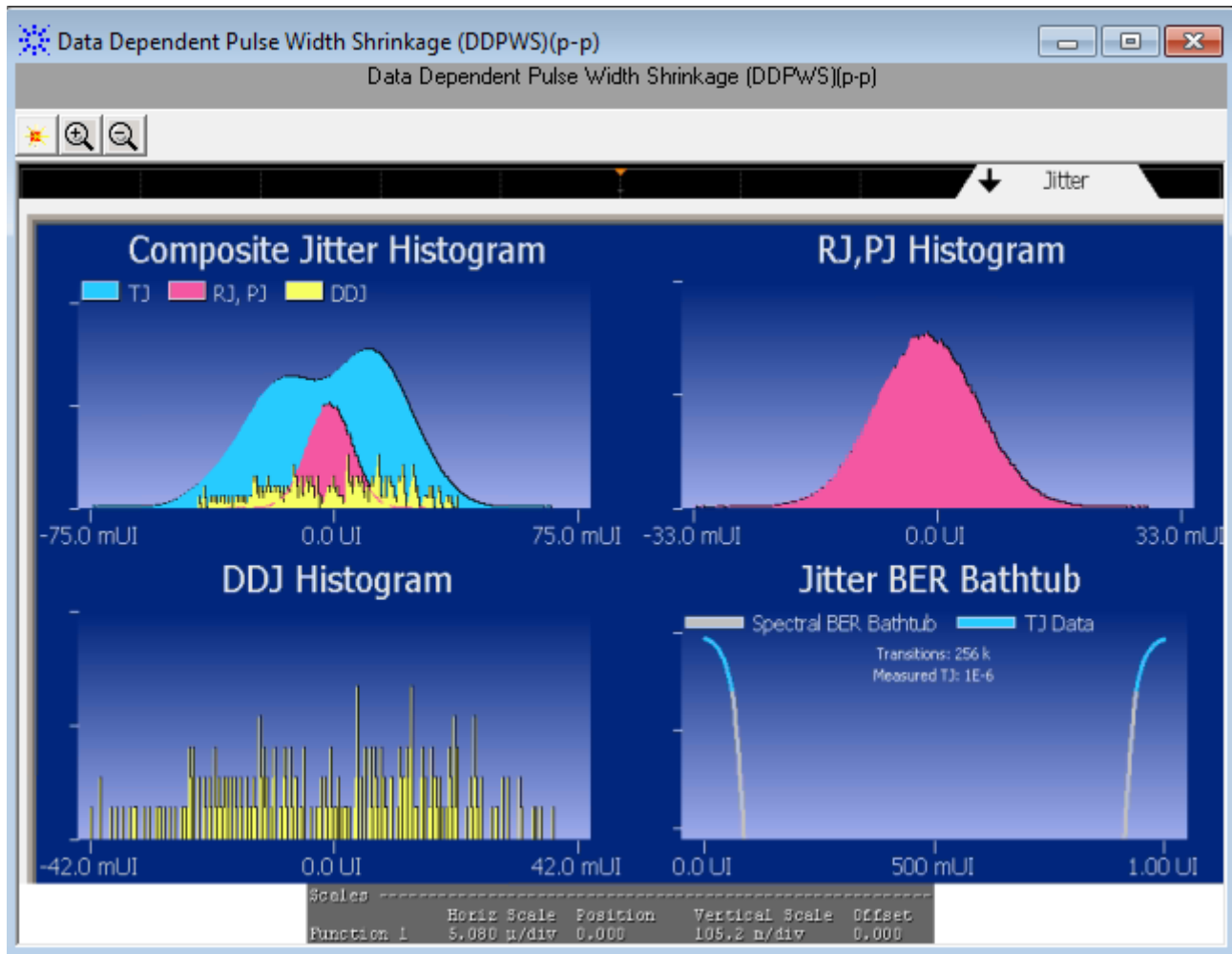


Figure 24 Reference Image for DDPWS (p-p) Test

Test Pattern PRBS31

PRBS31 test pattern represents a pseudorandom binary sequence with a repetition period of $2^{31}-1$. The sequence is defined in IEEE Std 802.3, 49.2.8. This test pattern is used to check the compliance of the XLPP1 host transmitter output using the following tests:

- AC Common Mode Output Voltage (rms) Test
- Single Ended Output Voltage (Positive) Test/Single Ended Output Voltage (Negative) Test
- J2 Jitter (p-p) Test
- J9 Jitter (p-p) Test
- Eye Mask Hit Ratio Test

AC Common Mode Output Voltage (rms) Test

The **AC Common Mode Output Voltage (rms)** test measures the output AC common mode voltage of a XLPPI host transmitter.

NOTE

For information about the connection diagram, refer to [“Connecting the Host Transmitter Board”](#) on page 20.

Understanding the Test Flow

The following references from the IEEE802.3 specification are considered to check the compliance of the DUT:

[1] IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1

[2] IEEE802.3ba-2010, Section 86A.5.3.1

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for executing the **AC Common Mode Output Voltage (rms)** test:

- 1 Triggers the PRBS31 waveform.
- 2 Folds the PRBS31 waveform.
- 3 Places a histogram with a width of 1 unit interval across the folded waveform. According to the procedure specified in reference [2], the RMS AC common mode voltage is measured by applying a histogram over one UI of the common mode signal. Multiple unit intervals are overlapped to get an averaged measurement. The scope is set to free run triggering as the oscilloscopes do not have the memory depth for 1 cycle of the PRBS31 waveform. For a compliant XLPPI host transmitter, reference [1] specifies a maximum AC common mode voltage of 15mV, rms.

Viewing Test Results

For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. A sample reference image based on the measured values is captured by the oscilloscope. You can click the sample reference image to view the details. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help

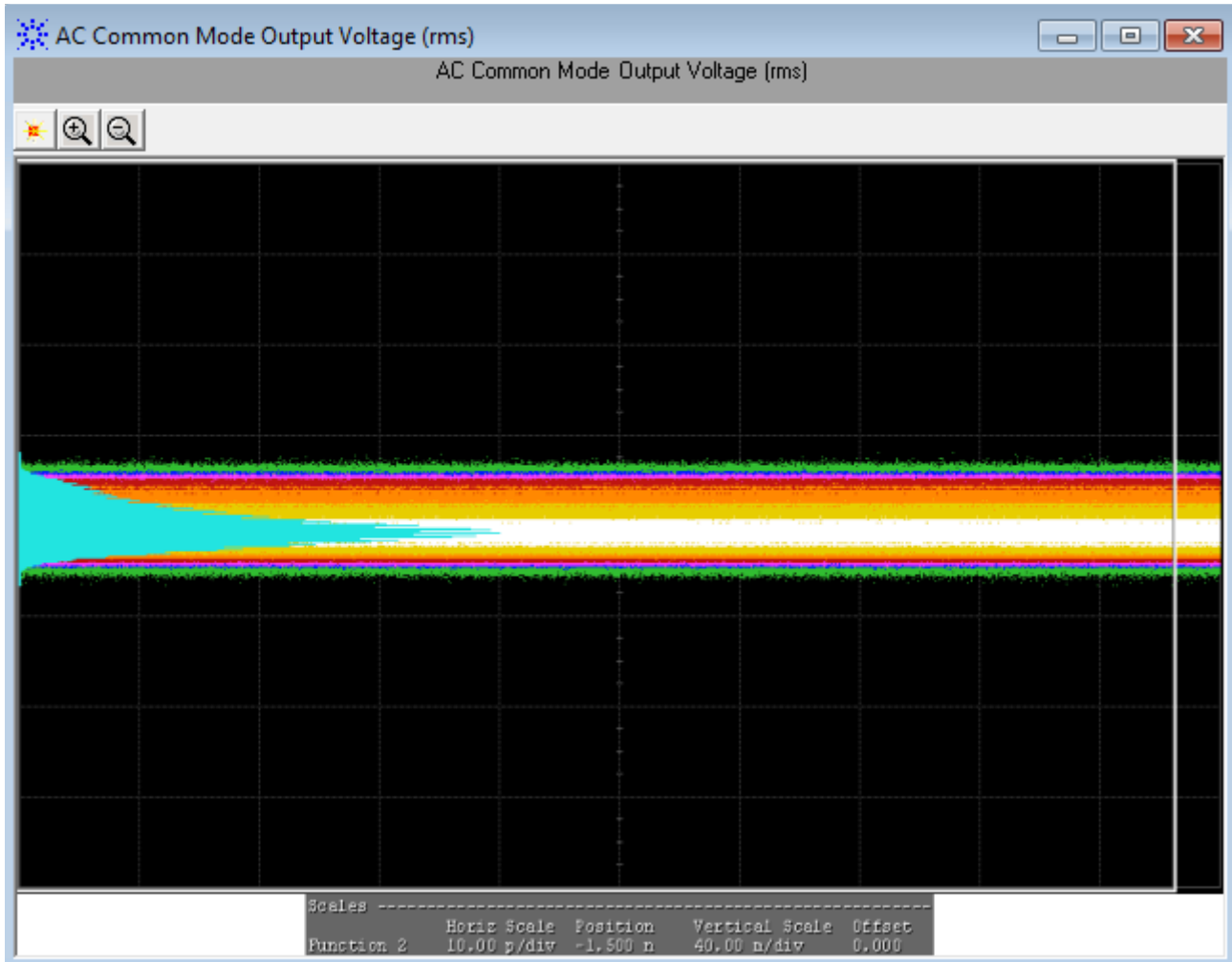


Figure 25 Reference Image for AC Common Mode Output Voltage (rms) Test

Single Ended Output Voltage (Positive) Test/Single Ended Output Voltage (Negative) Test

The **Single Ended Output Voltage (Positive)/Single Ended Output Voltage (Negative)** test measures the voltage range of the positive (TX+) and negative (TX-) signals respectively of a XLPP1 host transmitter.

NOTE For information about the connection diagram, refer to [“Connecting the Host Transmitter Board”](#) on page 20.

Understanding the Test Flow

The following reference from the IEEE802.3 specification is considered to check the compliance of the DUT:

[1] IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for executing the **Single Ended Output Voltage (Positive)/Single Ended Output Voltage (Negative)** test based on the above mentioned reference:

- 1 Triggers the PRBS31 waveform.
- 2 Measures the peak-to-peak (p-p) voltage. For a compliant XLPPI host transmitter, reference [1] specifies the single ended voltage range to be between -0.3V and 4.0V.

Viewing Test Results

For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. A sample reference image based on the measured values is captured by the oscilloscope. You can click the sample reference image to view the details. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help.

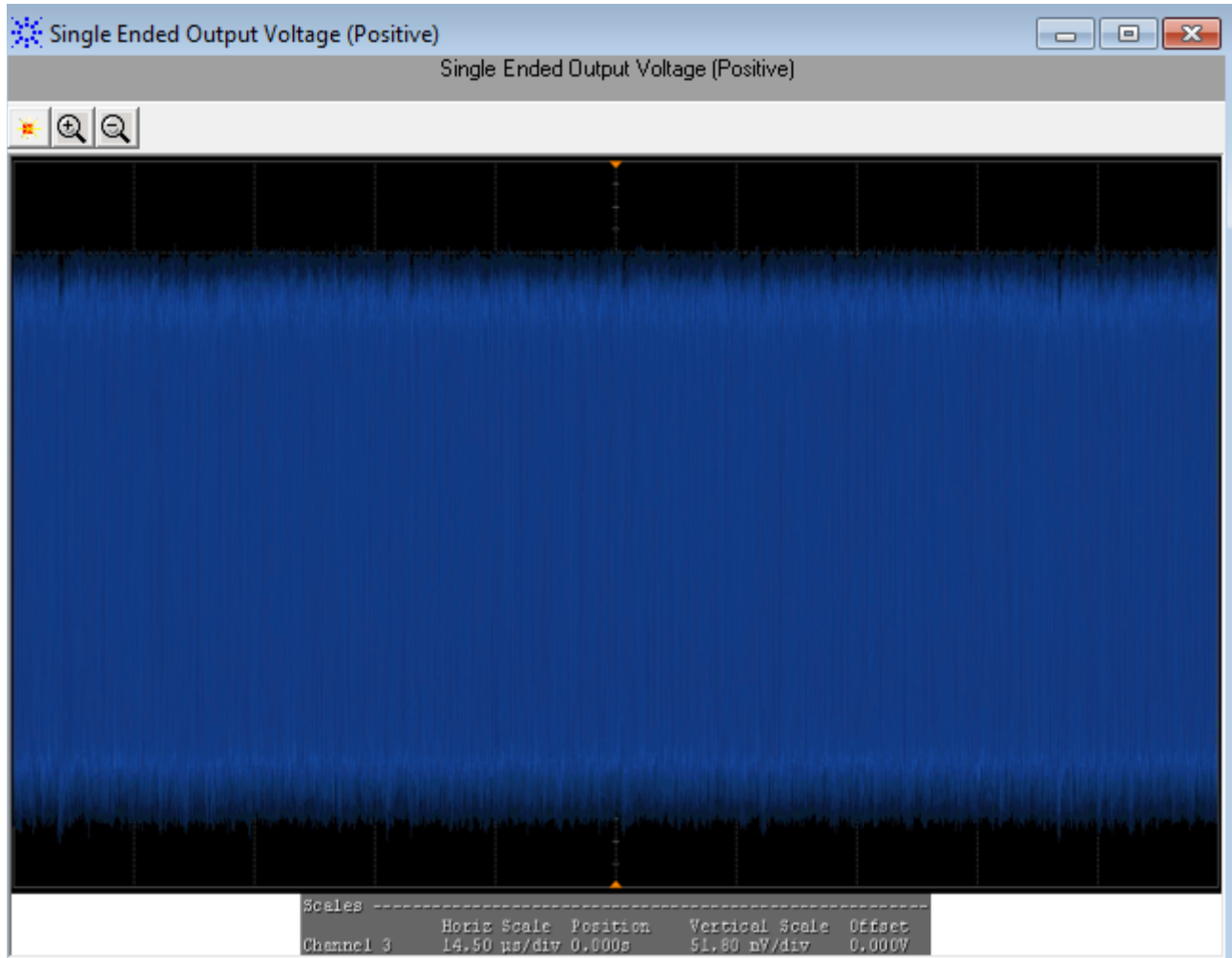


Figure 26 Reference Image for Single Ended Output Voltage (Positive) Test

J2 Jitter (p-p) Test

The **J2 Jitter (p-p)** test measures the J2 jitter of a XLPPi host transmitter and is defined as the time interval that includes all but 10^{-2} of the jitter distribution, which is the time interval from the 0.5th to the 99.5th percentile of the jitter histogram.

NOTE

For information about the connection diagram, refer to ["Connecting the Host Transmitter Board"](#) on page 20.

Understanding the Test Flow

The following reference from the IEEE802.3 specification is considered to check the compliance of the DUT:

[1] IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for executing the **J2 Jitter (p-p)** test based on the above mentioned reference:

- 1 Triggers the PRBS31 waveform.
- 2 Turns on EZJIT Complete, and set the pattern analysis mode to **Arbitrary** as the signal is relatively long.
- 3 Obtains the results for J2 for a compliant XLPPI host transmitter. Reference [1] specifies a maximum J2 of 0.17UI, peak-to-peak.

NOTE

The clock recovery method used is a second order PLL with a loop bandwidth of 4MHz and a slope of -20dB/decade with a peaking of 0.1dB.

Viewing Test Results

For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. A sample reference image based on the measured values is captured by the oscilloscope. You can click the sample reference image to view the details. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help.

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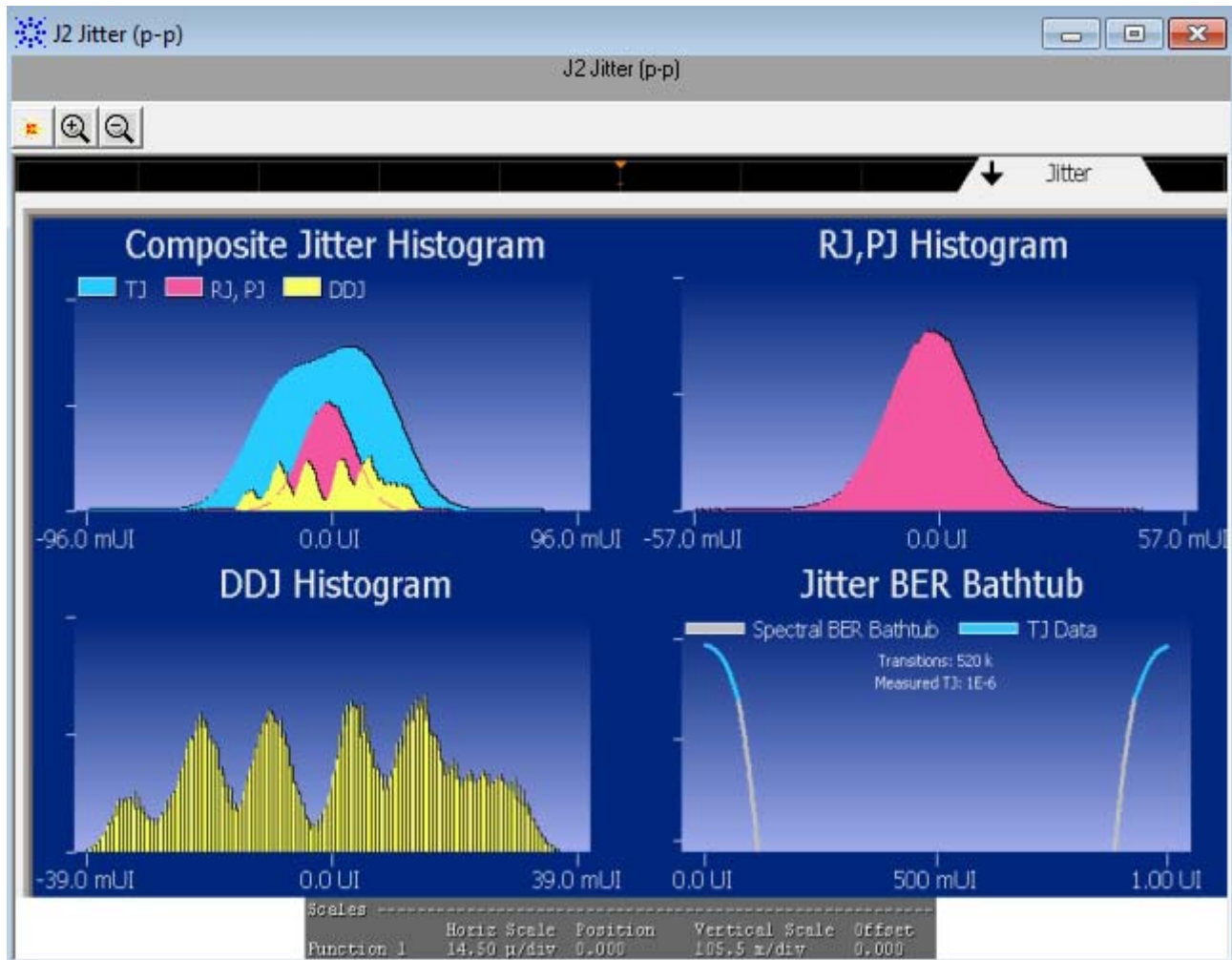


Figure 27 Reference Image for J2 Jitter (p-p) Test

J9 Jitter (p-p) Test

The **J9 Jitter (p-p)** test measures the J9 jitter of a XLPP1 host transmitter and is defined as the time interval that includes all but 10^{-9} of the jitter distribution.

NOTE

For information about the connection diagram, refer to ["Connecting the Host Transmitter Board"](#) on page 20.

Understanding the Test Flow

The following reference from the IEEE802.3 specification is considered to check the compliance of the DUT:

[1] IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for executing the **J9 Jitter (p-p)** test based on the above mentioned reference:

- 1 Triggers the PRBS31 waveform.
- 2 Turns on EZJIT Complete, and set the pattern analysis mode to **Arbitrary** as the signal is relatively long.
- 3 Obtains the results for J9 for a compliant XLPPI host transmitter. Reference [1] specifies a maximum J9 of 0.29UI, peak-to-peak.

NOTE

The clock recovery method used is a second order PLL with a loop bandwidth of 4MHz and a slope of -20dB/decade with a peaking of 0.1dB.

Viewing Test Results

For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. A sample reference image based on the measured values is captured by the oscilloscope. You can click the sample reference image to view the details. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help.

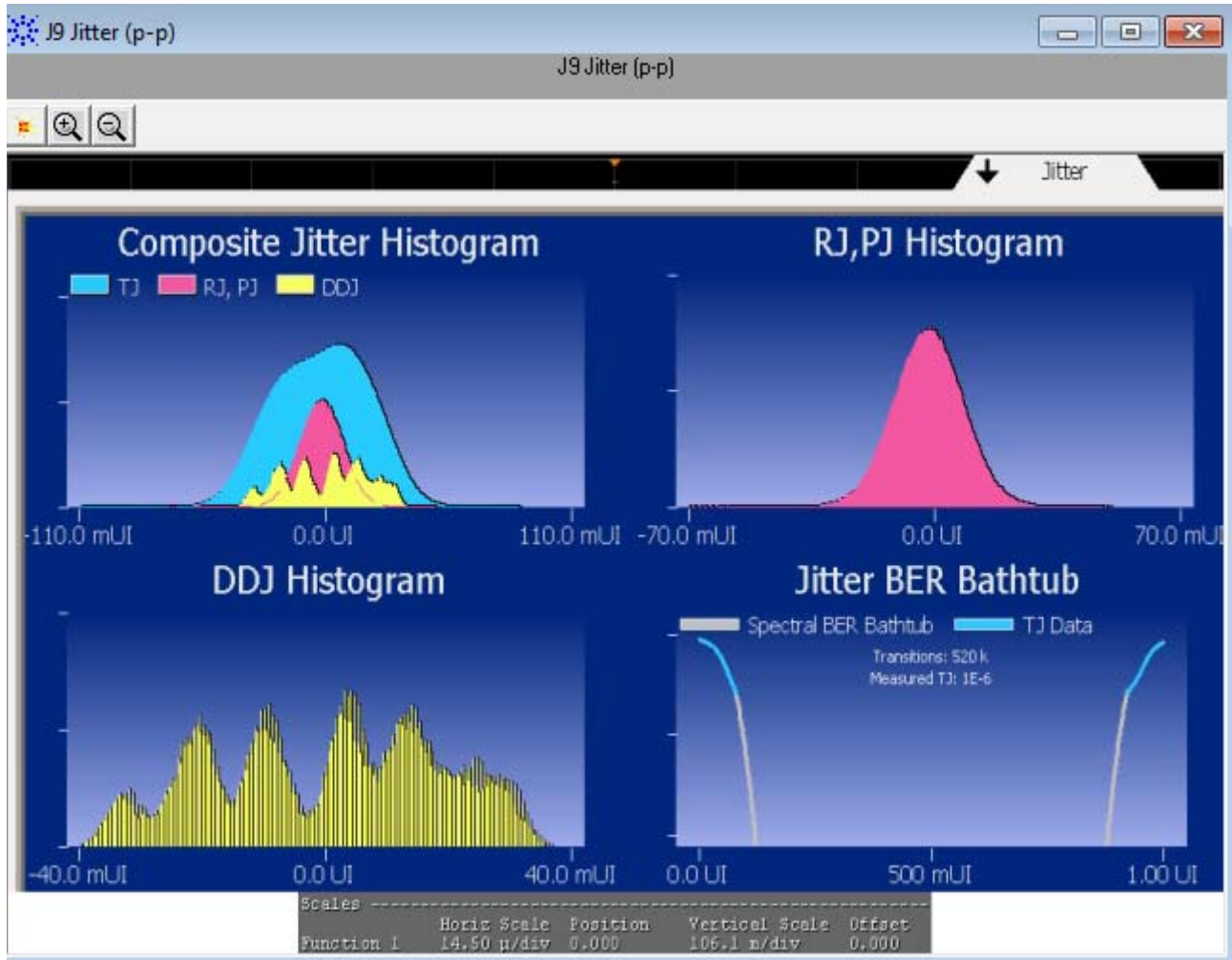


Figure 28 Reference Image for J9 Jitter (p-p) Test

Eye Mask Hit Ratio Test

The **Eye Mask Hit Ratio** test measures the mask hit ratio of XLPP1 host transmitter. The eye mask is defined by the parameters X1, X2, Y1, and Y2. The eye is defined as measured using a receiver with an electrical -3dB bandwidth of 12GHz such as Bessel-Thomson response. As per the relevant standard, the mask hit ratio is set to $5 \cdot 10^{-5}$.

NOTE For information about the connection diagram, refer to [“Connecting the Host Transmitter Board”](#) on page 20.

Understanding the Test Flow

The following reference from the IEEE802.3 specification is considered to check the compliance of the DUT:

[1] IEEE802.3ba-2010, Annex 86A, Table 86A-1

The SFP+ test application performs the following automated steps for executing the **Eye Mask Hit Ratio** test:

- 1 Enables the **Mask Test** and loads the test. Enabling the **Mask Test** allows you to conform the waveform as per the industry standards.
- 2 Triggers the PRBS31 waveform for the **Mask Test**.
- 3 Calculates the mask hit ratio. For a compliant XLPPI host transmitter, reference [1] specifies an Eye Mask Hit Ratio that is less than 5×10^{-15} .

The eye mask hit ratio is calculated using the formula:

$$\text{Hit Ratio} = \frac{\text{Total Mask Violations}}{\text{Total Number of Samples in 1UI}}$$

And the total number of samples in 1UI is given by:

$$\text{Total Number of Samples in 1 UI} = \text{Sampling Rate} \times 1UI$$

NOTE

The clock recovery method used is a second order PLL with a loop bandwidth of 4MHz and a slope of -20dB/decade with a peaking of 0.1dB.

Viewing Test Results

For each test trial, its result is displayed on the **Results** tab. Click the desired test to view its result. Details of the test results are described in the lower pane. A sample reference image based on the measured values is captured by the oscilloscope. You can click the sample reference image to view the details. For information about the test results, refer to **Viewing Results** in the online help.

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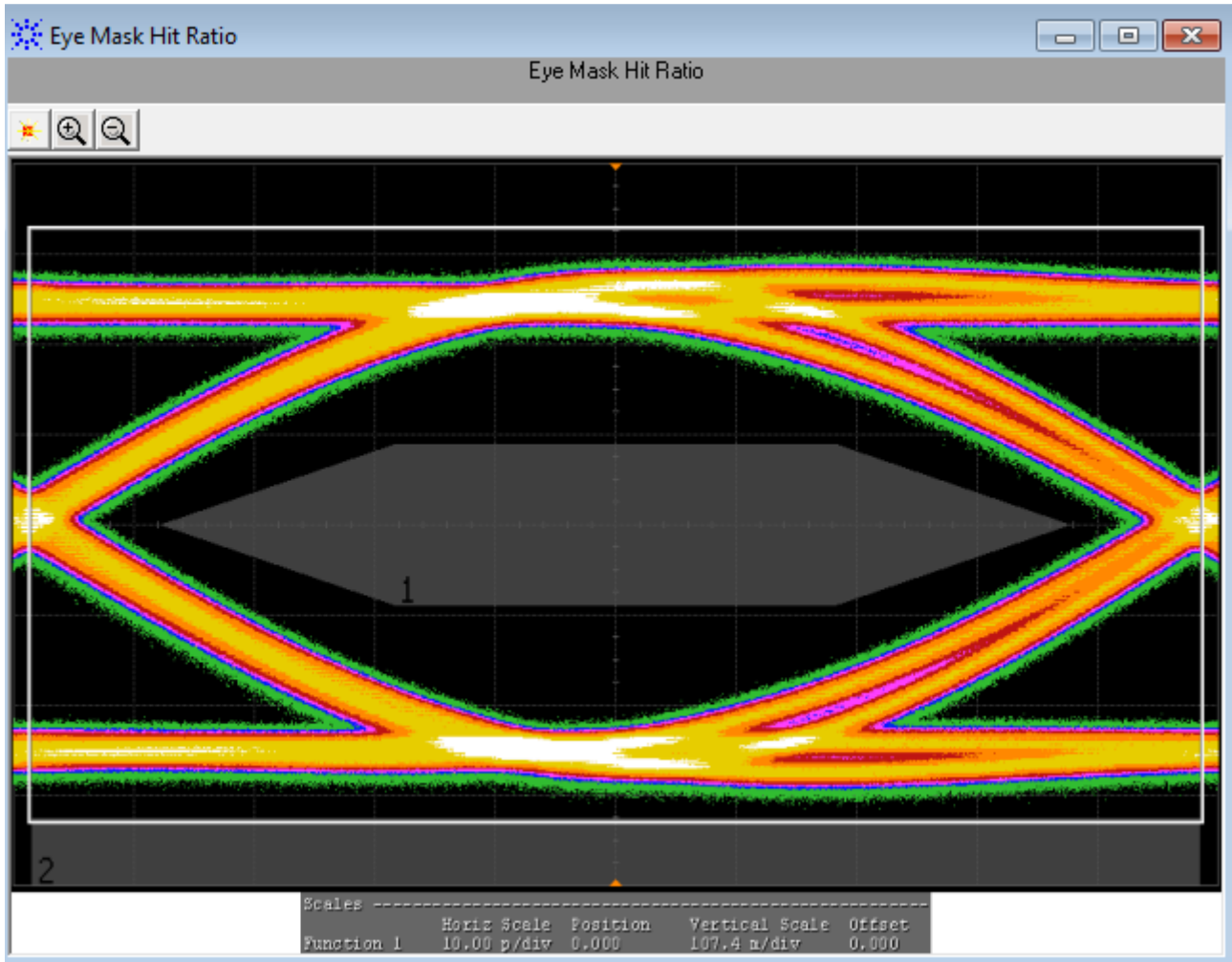
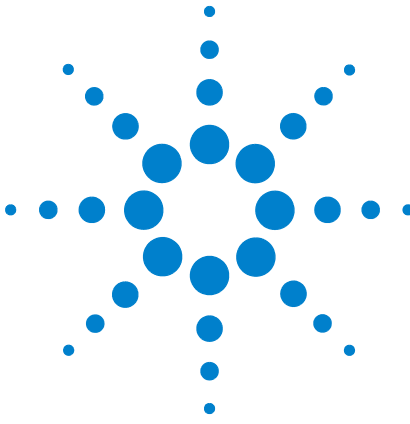


Figure 29 Reference Image for Eye Mask Hit Ratio Test



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This appendix describes the Agilent Infiniium digital storage oscilloscope calibration procedures.

Required Equipment for Calibration

To calibrate the Infiniium oscilloscope in preparation for running the SFP+ automated tests, you need the following equipment:

- Keyboard, qty = 1, (provided with the Agilent Infiniium oscilloscope).
- Mouse, qty = 1, (provided with the Agilent Infiniium oscilloscope).
- Precision 3.5 mm BNC to SMA male adapter, Agilent p/n 54855-67604, qty = 2, (provided with the Agilent Infiniium oscilloscope).
- Calibration cable (provided with the 54850A series, 80000 and 90000A series Infiniium oscilloscopes). Use a good quality 50 Ω BNC cable.
- BNC shorting cap (provided with the Agilent Infiniium oscilloscope).

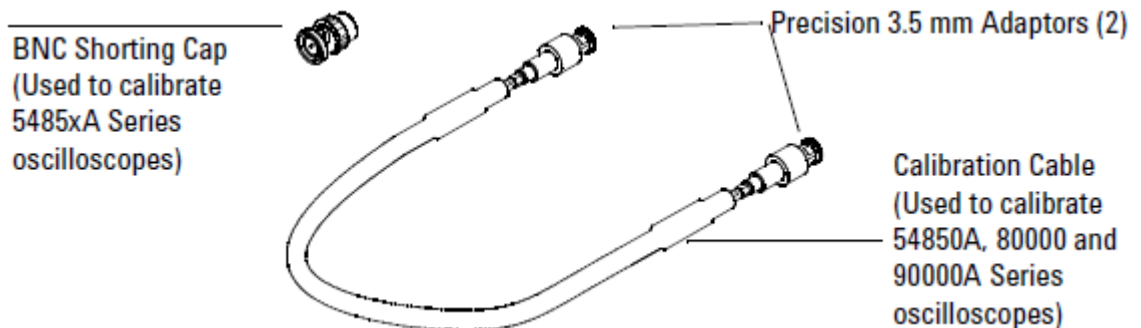


Figure 30 Accessories provided with the Agilent Infiniium Oscilloscope

Internal Calibration

To perform an internal diagnostic and calibration cycle for the oscilloscope (referred as Calibration for the Agilent oscilloscope), follow these steps:

- 1 Set up the oscilloscope with the following steps:
 - a Connect the keyboard, mouse, and power cord to the rear of the oscilloscope.
 - b Plug in the power cord.
 - c Turn on the oscilloscope by pressing the power button located on the lower left of the front panel.
 - d Allow the oscilloscope to warm up at least 30 minutes prior to starting the calibration procedure in step 3 below.
- 2 Locate and prepare the accessories that will be required for the internal calibration:
 - a Locate the BNC shorting cap.
 - b Locate the calibration cable.
 - c Locate the two Agilent precision SMA/BNC adapters.
 - d Attach one SMA adapter to the other end of the calibration cable - hand tighten snugly.
 - e Attach another SMA adapter to the other end of the calibration cable - hand tighten snugly.

- 3 Referring to [Figure 31](#) below, perform the following steps:
 - a Click on the Utilities>Calibration menu to open the Calibration dialog box.

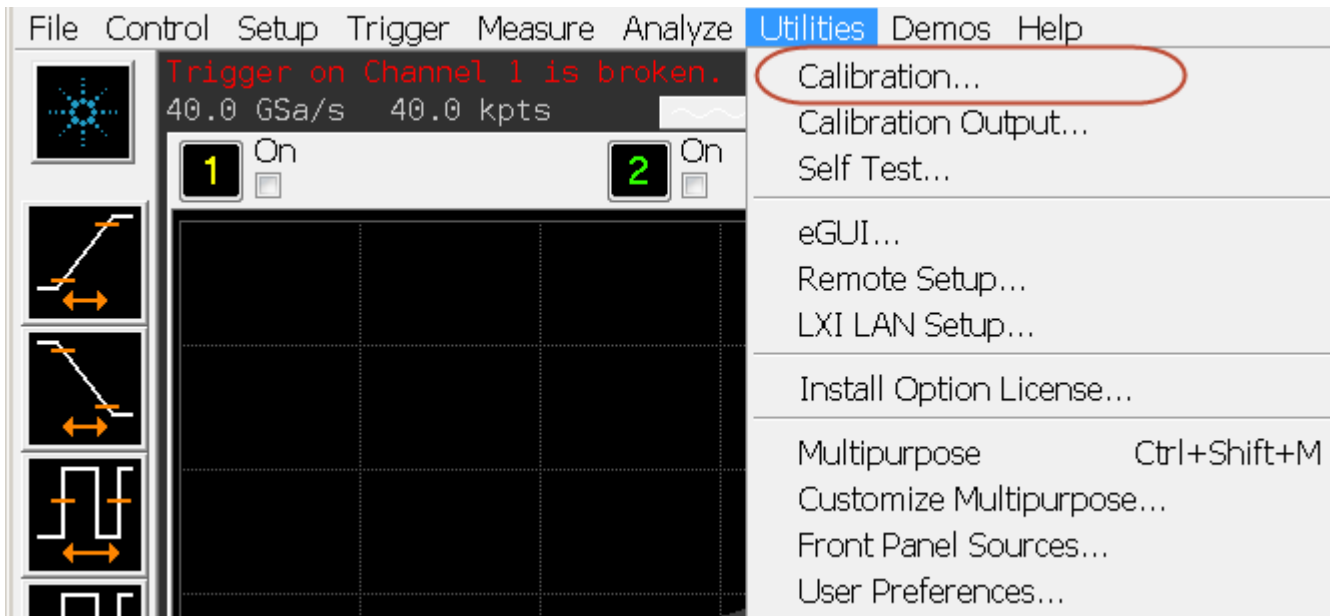
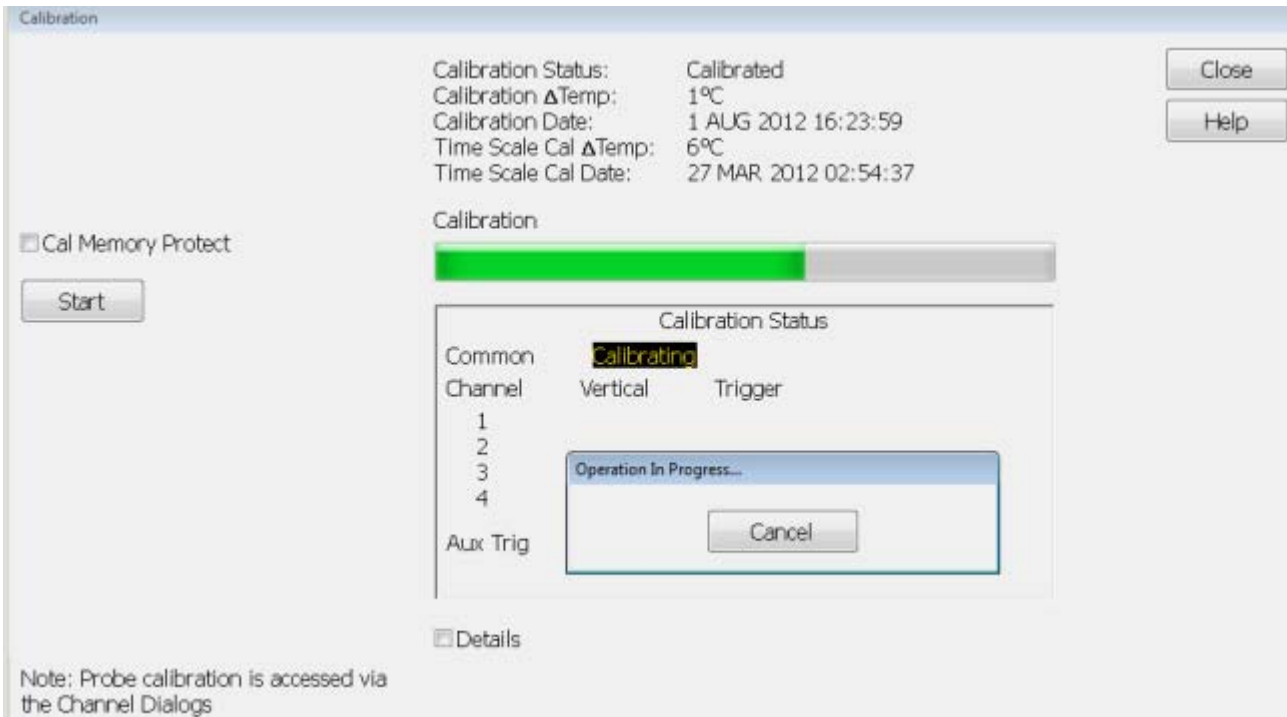


Figure 31 The Calibration Option

- 4 Referring to [Figure 32](#) below, perform the following steps to start the calibration:
 - a Uncheck the Cal Memory Protect checkbox.
 - b Click the Start button to begin the calibration.
 - c Follow the on-screen instructions.

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- d During the calibration of channel 1, if you are prompted to perform a Time Scale Calibration, as shown in [Figure 32](#) below.

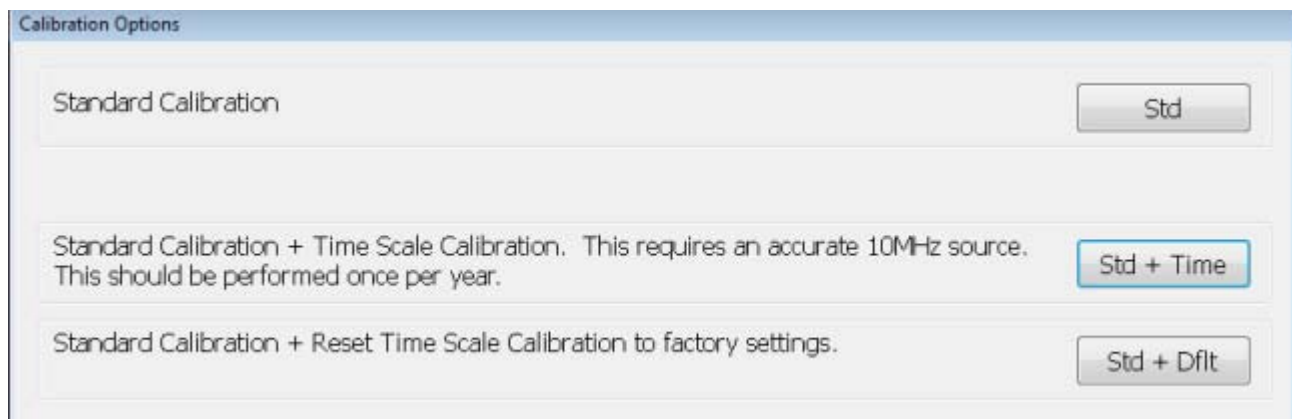


Figure 32 Time Scale Calibration Dialog box

- e Click on the Default button to continue the calibration, using the Factory default calibration factors.
- f When the calibration procedure is complete, you will be prompted with a Calibration Complete message window. Click the OK button to close this window.
- g Confirm that the Vertical and Trigger Calibration Status for all Channels passed.
- h Click the Close button to close the calibration window.
- i The internal calibration is completed.
- j Read receiver below.

NOTE

These steps do not need to be performed every time a test is run. However, if the ambient temperature changes more than 5 degrees Celsius from the calibration temperature, this calibration should be performed again. The delta between the calibration temperature and the present operating temperature is shown in the Utilities>Calibration menu.

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