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# Measurement Results for Expressions for WLAN Wireless Test Benches

Measurement results from a wireless test bench have associated names that can be used in Expressions. Those expressions can further be used in specifying goals for Optimization and Monte Carlo/Yield analysis. For details on using expressions, see the *Measurement Expressions* (expmeas) documentation. For details on setting analysis goals using Optimization and Monte Carlo/Yield analysis, see *Tuning*, *Optimization*, and *Statistical Design* (optstat) documentation.

You can use an expression to determine the measurement result independent variable name and its minimum and maximum values. The following example expressions show how to obtain these measurement details where MeasResults is the name of the measurement result of interest:

 The Independent Variable Name for this measurement result is obtained by using the expression

indep(MeasResults)

• The *Minimum Independent Variable Value* for this measurement result is obtained by using the expression

min(indep(MeasResults))

• The *Maximum Independent Variable Value* for this measurement result is obtained by using the expression

max(indep(MeasResults))

The following five tables list the measurement result names and independent variable name for each test bench measurement. Expressions defined in a MeasEqn block must use the full *Measurement Results Name* listed. Expressions used in the Data Display may omit the leading test bench name. You can also locate details on the measurement result minimum and maximum independent variable values by

- Referring to the measurement parameter descriptions when they are available (not all measurement parameter descriptions identify these minimum and maximum values).
- Observing the minimum and maximum independent variable values in the Data Display for the measurement.

WLAN\_802\_11a\_TX Measurement Results

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Measurement Results Name	Independent Variable Name
Envelope	
WLAN_802_11a_TX.RF_V	time
WLAN_802_11a_TX.Meas_V	time
Constellation	
WLAN_802_11a_TX.RF_Constellation.BPSKConstellation	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.RF_Constellation.Constellation	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.RF_Constellation.QAMConstellation	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.Meas_Constellation.BPSKConstellation	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.Meas_Constellation.Constellation	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.Meas_Constellation.QAMConstellation	Index
Power	
WLAN_802_11a_TX.RF_Power.AvgPower_dBm	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.RF_Power.CCDF	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.RF_Power.PeakPower_dBm	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.RF_Power.SignalRange_dB	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.Meas_Power.AvgPower_dBm	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.Meas_Power.CCDF	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.Meas_Power.PeakPower_dBm	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.Meas_Power.SignalRange_dB	Index
Spectrum	
WLAN_802_11a_TX.RF_Spectrum	freq
WLAN_802_11a_TX.Meas_Spectrum	freq
EVM	
WLAN_802_11a_TX.RF_EVM.CPErms_percent	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.RF_EVM.EVMrms_percent	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.RF_EVM.EVM_dB	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.RF_EVM.IQ_Offset_dB	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.RF_EVM.PilotEVM_dB	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.RF_EVM.SyncCorrelation	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.Meas_EVM.CPErms_percent	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.Meas_EVM.EVMrms_percent	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.Meas_EVM.EVM_dB	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.Meas_EVM.IQ_Offset_dB	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.Meas_EVM.PilotEVM_dB	Index
WLAN_802_11a_TX.Meas_EVM.SyncCorrelation	Index

Measurement Results Name	Independent Variable Name
Envelope	·
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_V	time
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_V	time
Constellation	
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_Constellation.Header_Constellation	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_Constellation.Preamble_Constellation	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_Constellation.PSDU_Constellation	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_Constellation.Header_Constellation	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_Constellation.Preamble_Constellation	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_Constellation.PSDU_Constellation	Index
Power	
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_Power.AvgPower_dBm	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_Power.CCDF	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_Power.PeakPower_dBm	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_Power.SignalRange_dB	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_Power.AvgPower_dBm	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_Power.CCDF	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_Power.PeakPower_dBm	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_Power.SignalRange_dB	Index
Spectrum	
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_Spectrum	freq
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_Spectrum	freq
EVM	
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_EVM.Avg_EVMrms_pct	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_EVM.Avg_FreqError_Hz	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_EVM.Avg_IQ_Offset_dB	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_EVM.Avg_MagErr_rms_pct	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_EVM.Avg_PhaseErr_deg	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_EVM.SyncCorrelation	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_EVM.Avg_WLAN_80211b_1000_chip_Pk_EVM_pct	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_EVM.EVMrms_pct	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_EVM.EVM_Pk_chip_idx	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_EVM.EVM_Pk_pct	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_EVM.FreqError_Hz	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_EVM.IQ_Offset_dB	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_EVM.MagErr_Pk_chip_idx	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_EVM.MagErr_Pk_pct	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_EVM.MagErr_rms_pct	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_EVM.PhaseErr_deg	Index

WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_EVM.PhaseErr_Pk_chip_idx	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_EVM.PhaseErr_Pk_deg	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_EVM.SyncCorrelation	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.RF_EVM.WLAN_80211b_1000_chip_Pk_EVM_pct	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_EVM.Avg_EVMrms_pct	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_EVM.Avg_FreqError_Hz	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_EVM.Avg_IQ_Offset_dB	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_EVM.Avg_MagErr_rms_pct	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_EVM.Avg_PhaseErr_deg	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_EVM.SyncCorrelation	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_EVM.Avg_WLAN_80211b_1000_chip_Pk_EVM_pct	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_EVM.EVMrms_pct	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_EVM.EVM_Pk_chip_idx	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_EVM.EVM_Pk_pct	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_EVM.FreqError_Hz	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_EVM.IQ_Offset_dB	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_EVM.MagErr_Pk_chip_idx	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_EVM.MagErr_Pk_pct	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_EVM.MagErr_rms_pct	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_EVM.PhaseErr_deg	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_EVM.PhaseErr_Pk_chip_idx	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_EVM.PhaseErr_Pk_deg	Index
WLAN_802_11b_TX.Meas_EVM.SyncCorrelation	Index
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#### WLAN\_802\_11a\_RX\_Sensitivity Measurement Results

Measurement Results Name	Independent Variable Name
RX Sensitivity	
WLAN_802_11a_RX_Sensitivity.Meas_BERPRER.BER	Index
WLAN_802_11a_RX_Sensitivity.Meas_BERPRER.PER	Index

### WLAN\_802\_11b\_RX\_Sensitivity Measurement Results

Measurement Results Name	Independent Variable Name
RX ACR	
WLAN_802_11b_RX_Sensitivity.Meas_BERPRER.BER	Index
WLAN_802_11b_RX_Sensitivity.Meas_BERPRER.PER	Index

#### WLAN\_802\_11a\_RX\_ACR Measurement Results

Measurement Results Name	Independent Variable Name
RX ACR	
WLAN_802_11a_RX_ACR.Meas_BERPRER.BER	Index
WLAN_802_11a_RX_ACR.Meas_BERPRER.PER	Index

# RF DUT Limitations for WLAN Wireless Test Benches

This section describes test bench use with typical RF DUTs, improving test bench performance when certain RF DUT types are used, and improving simulation fidelity. Two sections regarding special attention for Spectum and EVM transmission measurements is also included.

The RF DUT, in general, may be a circuit design with any combination and quantity of analog and RF components, transistors, resistors, capacitors, etc. suitable for simulation with the Agilent Circuit Envelope simulator. More complex RF circuits will take more time to simulate and will consume more memory.

Test bench simulation time and memory requirements can be considered to be the combination of the requirements for the baseline test bench measurement with the simplest RF circuit plus the requirements for a Circuit Envelope simulation for the RF DUT of interest.

An RF DUT connected to a wireless test bench can generally be used with the test bench to perform default measurements by setting the test bench *Required Parameters*. Default measurement parameter settings can be used (exceptions described below), for a typical RF DUT that:

- Requires an input (RF) signal with constant RF carrier frequency.
   The test bench RF signal source output does not produce an RF signal whose RF carrier frequency varies with time. However, the test bench will support an output (RF) signal that contains RF carrier phase and frequency modulation as can be represented with suitable I and Q envelope variations on a constant RF carrier frequency.
- Produces an output (Meas) signal with constant RF carrier frequency.
   The test bench input (Meas) signal must not contain a carrier frequency whose frequency varies with time. However, the test bench will support an input (Meas) signal that contains RF carrier phase noise or contains time varying Doppler shifts of the RF carrier. These signal perturbations are expected to be represented with suitable I and Q envelope variations on a constant RF carrier frequency.
- Requires an input (RF) signal from a signal generator with a 50-ohm source resistance. Otherwise, set the SourceR parameter value in the *Basic Parameters* tab.
- Requires an input (RF) signal with no additive thermal noise (TX test benches) or source resistor temperature set to 16.85°C (RX test benches). Otherwise, set the SourceTemp (TX and RX test benches) and EnableSourceNoise (TX test benches) parameters in the *Basic Parameters* tab.
- Requires an input (RF) signal with no spectrum mirroring. Otherwise, set the MirrorSourceSpectrum parameter value in the *Basic Parameters* tab.
- Produces an output (Meas) signal that requires a 50-ohm external load resistance. Otherwise, set the MeasR parameter value in the *Basic Parameters* tab.
- Produces an output (Meas) signal with no spectrum mirroring. Otherwise, set the MirrorMeasSpectrum parameter value in the *Basic Parameters* tab.
- Relies on the test bench for any measurement-related bandpass signal filtering of the RF DUT output (Meas) signal.
  - When the RF DUT contains a bandpass filter with bandwidth that is on the order

- of the test bench receiver system ( $\sim 1$  times the test bench receiver bandwidth) and the user wants a complete characterization of the RF DUT filter, the default time CE\_TimeStep must be set smaller.
- When the RF DUT bandpass filter is much wider than the test bench receiver system (>2 times the test bench receiver bandwidth), the user may not want to use the smaller CE\_TimeStep time step to fully characterize it because the user knows the RF DUT bandpass filter has little or no effect in the modulation bandwidth in this case.

#### **Improving Test Bench Performance**

This section provides information regarding improving test bench performance when certain RF DUT types are used.

- Analog/RF models (TimeDelay and all transmission line models) used with Circuit Envelope simulation that perform linear interpolation on time domain waveforms for modeling time delay characteristics that are not an integer number of CE\_TimeStep units. Degradation is likely in some measurements, especially EVM.
   This limitation is due to the linear interpolation between two successive simulation time points, which degrades waveform quality and adversely affects EVM measurements.
  - To avoid this kind of simulator-induced waveform quality degradation: avoid use of Analog/RF models that rely on linear interpolation on time domain characteristics; or, reduce the test bench CE\_TimeStep time step by a factor of 4 below the default CE\_TimeStep (simulation time will be 4 times longer).
- Analog/RF lumped components (R, L, C) used to provide bandpass filtering with a bandwidth as small as the wireless signal RF information bandwidth are likely to cause degradation in some measurements, especially Spectrum. These circuit filters require much smaller CE\_TimeStep values than would otherwise be required for RF DUT circuits with broader bandwidths.
  - This limitation is due to the smaller Circuit Envelope simulation time steps required to resolve the differential equations for the L, C components when narrow RF bandwidths are involved. Larger time steps degrade the resolution of the simulated bandpass filtering effects and do not result in accurate frequency domain measurements, especially Spectrum and EVM measurements (when the wireless technology is sensitive to frequency domain distortions).
  - To determine that your lumped component bandwidth filter requires smaller CE\_TimeStep, first characterize your filter with Harmonic Balance simulations over the modulation bandwidth of interest centered at the carrier frequency of interest. Though it is difficult to identify an exact guideline on the Circuit Envelope time step required for good filter resolution, a reasonable rule is to set the CE\_TimeStep to 1/(double-sided 3dB bandwidth)/32.
  - To avoid this kind of simulator-induced waveform quality degradation, avoid the use of R, L, C lumped filters with bandwidths as narrow as the RF signal information bandwidth, or reduce the CE\_TimeStep.
- Analog/RF data-based models (such as S-parameters and noise parameters in S2P data files) used to provide RF bandpass filtering with a bandwidth as small as 1.5 times the wireless signal RF information bandwidth are likely to cause degradation in some measurements, especially EVM.
  - This limitation is due to causal S-parameter data about the signal carrier frequency

requiring a sufficient number of frequency points within the modulation bandwidth; otherwise, the simulated data may cause degraded signal waveform quality. In general, there should be more than 20 frequency points in the modulation bandwidth; more is required if the filter that the S-parameter data represents has fine-grain variations at small frequency steps.

- To avoid this kind of simulator-induced waveform quality degradation, avoid the use of data-based models with bandwidths as narrow as the RF signal information bandwidth, or increase the number of frequency points in the data file within the modulation bandwidth and possibly also reduce the CE\_TimeStep simulation time step.
- An additional limitation exists when noise data is included in the data file. Circuit
  Envelope simulation technology does not provide frequency-dependent noise within
  the modulation bandwidth for this specific case when noise is from a frequency
  domain data file. This may result in output noise power that is larger than expected;
  if the noise power is large enough, it may cause degraded signal waveform quality.
  To avoid this kind of simulator-induced waveform quality degradation avoid the use
  of noise data in the data-based models or use an alternate noise model.

#### **Improving Simulation Fidelity**

Some RF circuits will provide better Circuit Envelope simulation fidelity if the CE\_TimeStep is reduced.

- In general, the default setting of the test bench OversamplingRatio provides adequate wireless signal definition and provides the WTB\_TimeStep default value.
- Set CE\_TimeStep = 1/Bandwidth/OversampingRatio/N where N is an integer ≥ 1
- When CE\_TimeStep is less than the WTB\_TimeStep (i.e., N>1), the RF signal to the RF DUT is automatically upsampled from the WTB\_TimeStep and the RF DUT output signal is automatically downsampled back to the WTB\_TimeStep. This sampling introduces a time delay to the RF DUT of 10×WTB\_TimeStep and a time delay of the measured RF DUT output signal of 20×WTB\_TimeStep relative to the measured RF signal sent to the RF DUT prior to its upsampling.

#### **Special Attention for Spectrum Measurements**

The Spectrum Measurement spectrum may have a mask against which the spectrum must be lower in order to pass the wireless specification. The Spectrum measurement itself is based on DSP algorithms that result in as much as 15 dB low-level spectrum variation at frequencies far from the carrier.

To reduce this low-level spectrum variation, a moving average can be applied to the spectrum using the moving\_average(<data>, 20) measurement expression for a 20-point moving average. This will give a better indication of whether the measured signal meets the low-level spectrum mask specification at frequencies far from the carrier.

## **Special Attention for EVM Measurements**

For the EVM measurement, the user can specify a start time. The EVM for the initial wireless segment may be unusually high (due to signal startup transient effects or other reasons) that cause a mis-detected first frame that the user does not want included in the RF DUT EVM measurement.

To remove the degraded initial burst EVM values from the RF DUT EVM measurement, set the EVM\_Start to a value greater than or equal to the RF DUT time delay characteristic.

# **WLAN 802.11a Transmitter Test**

## **Introduction**

The WLAN\_802\_11a\_TX transmitter test bench (user equipment to base station) provides a way for users to connect to an RF circuit device under test (RF DUT) and determine its performance by activating various test bench measurements. This test bench provides signal measurements for RF envelope, signal power (including CCDF), constellation, spectrum, and EVM.

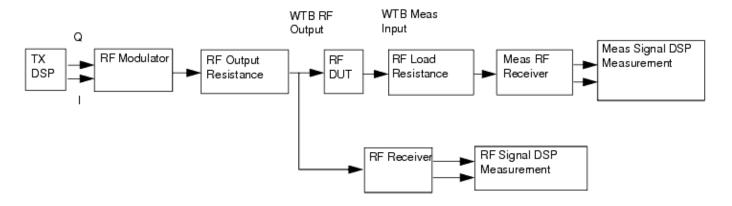
The signal and most of the measurements are designed according to IEEE Standard 802.11a-1999.

This WLAN signal source model is compatible with the Agilent Signal Studio Software option 417 for transmitter test. Details regarding Signal Studio for WLAN 802.11 are included at the website <a href="http://www.agilent.com/find/signalstudio">http://www.agilent.com/find/signalstudio</a>.

The RF DUT output signal can be sent to an Agilent ESG RF signal generator.

This test bench includes a DSP section, an RF modulator, RF output source resistance, RF DUT connection, RF receivers, and DSP measurement blocks, as illustrated in the following figure. The generated test signal is sent to the DUT.

#### **Transmitter Wireless Test Bench Block Diagram**

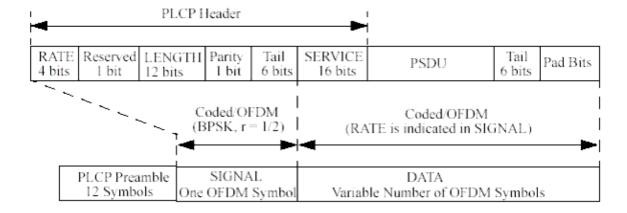


The WLAN 802.11a/g signal burst structure is illustrated in <u>802.11a/g Burst Structure</u> and <u>OFDM Training Structure</u>. Each burst, separated by an IdleInterval, is composed of the Short Preamble, Long Preamble, SIGNAL, and DATA fields. (In <u>802.11a/g Burst Structure</u> and <u>OFDM Training Structure</u>, PLCP means *physical layer convergence procedure*, PSDU means *PLCP service data units*, GI means *guard interval*; GI is set to 0.25 and Bandwidth is set to 20 MHz (resulting in OFDM\_SymbolTime = 4  $\mu$ ).

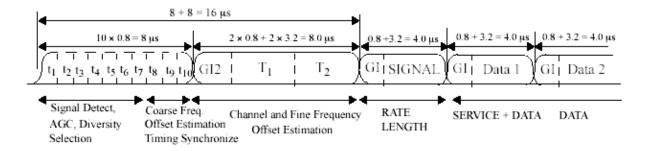
- Short Preamble consists of 10 short preambles (8 μ).
- Long Preamble consists of 2 long preambles (8  $\mu$ ). The two preamble fields combined compose the PLCP Preamble that has a constant time duration (16  $\mu$ ) for all source parameter settings.
- SIGNAL includes 802.11a/g bursts of information (such as data rate, payload data, and length).
- DATA contains payload data.

Channel coding, interleaving, mapping and IFFT processes are also included in SIGNAL and DATA parts generation. The SIGNAL field and each individual Data field (part of the overall DATA field) have a time duration defined as OFDM\_SymbolTime and includes a GuardInterval. OFDM \_SymbolTime depends on the Bandwidth (=64/Bandwidth).

#### 802.11a/g Burst Structure

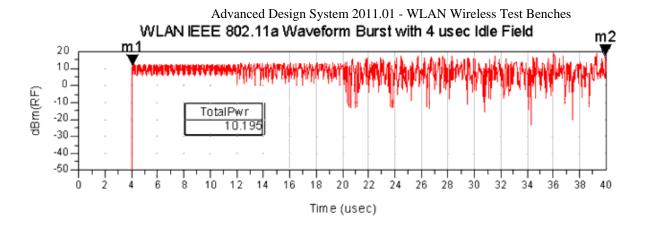


#### **OFDM Training Structure**



WLAN RF power delivered into a matched load is the average power delivered in the WLAN burst excluding the burst idle time. The following figure shows the RF envelope for an output RF signal with 10 dBm power.

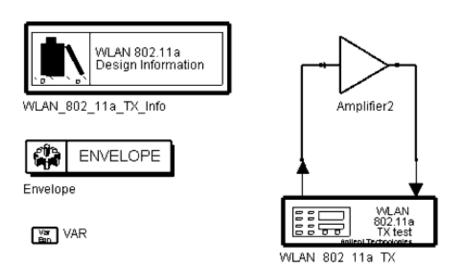
#### **RF Signal Envelope**



## **Test Bench Basics**

A template is provided for this test bench.

#### **WLAN 802.11a Transmitter Test Bench**



#### To access the template:

- 1. In an Analog/RF schematic window select *Insert > Template*.
- 2. In the *Insert > Template* dialog box, choose *WLAN\_802\_11a\_TX\_test*, click *OK*; click left to place the template in the schematic window.

An example design using this template is available; from the ADS Main window click  $File > Open > Example > WLAN > WLAN_RF_Verification_wrk > WLAN_802_11a_TX_test$ .

The basics for using the test bench are:

- Replace the DUT (Amplifier2 is provided with this template) with an RF DUT that is suitable for this test bench.
- CE\_TimeStep, FSource, SourcePower, and FMeasurement parameter default values are typically accepted; otherwise, set values based on your requirements.
- Activate/deactivate measurements based on your requirements.
- Run the simulation and view Data Display page(s) for your measurement(s).

For details, refer to <u>Test Bench Details</u>.

## **Test Bench Details**

The following sections provide details for setting up a test bench, setting measurement parameters for more control of the test bench, simulation measurement displays, and baseline performance.

Open and use the WLAN\_802\_11a\_TX template:

- 1. In an Analog/RF schematic window select *Insert > Template*.
- 2. In the *Insert > Template* dialog box, choose *WLAN\_802\_11a\_TX\_test*, click *OK*; click left to place the template in the schematic window.

Test bench setup is detailed here.

- 1. Replace the DUT (Amplifier2 is provided with this template) with an RF DUT that is suitable for this test bench.
  - For information regarding using certain types of DUTs, see *RF DUT Limitations for WLAN Wireless Test Benches* (adswtbwlan).
- 2. Set the Required Parameters



Refer to WLAN\_802\_11a\_TX (adswtbwlan) for a complete list of parameters for this test bench.

Generally, default values can be accepted; otherwise, values can be changed by the user as needed.

Set CE TimeStep.

Cosimulation occurs between the test bench (using ADS Ptolemy Data Flow simulation technology) and the DUT (using Agilent Circuit Envelope simulation technology). Each technology requires its own simulation time step with time-step coordination occurring in the interface between the technologies. CE\_TimeStep defines the Circuit Envelope simulation time step to be used with this DUT. The CE\_TimeStep must be set to a value equal to or a submultiple of (less than) WTB\_TimeStep; otherwise, simulation will stop and an error message will be displayed.

Note that WTB\_TimeStep is not user-settable. Its value is derived from other test bench parameter values; with default settings WTB\_TimeStep=25 nsec. The value is displayed in the Data Display pages as TimeStep.

WTB\_TimeStep =  $1/(Bandwidth \times Ratio)$ 

where

Bandwidth is the user-settable value (default 20 MHz)

Ratio is the oversampling ratio related to OversamplingOption as Ratio =  $2^{OversamplingOption}$ . OversamplingOption sets the number of waveform sampling points during the signal FFT time interval. During this time interval the minimum FFT sampling size is 64 (which corresponds to an FFT order of 6; i.e  $2^6$ ) and the FFT time interval is

Advanced Design System 2011.01 - WLAN Wireless Test Benches defined as 64/Bandwidth. For example, an OversamplingOption of 2 sets the FFT sampling size to  $64 \times 4=256$  (which corresponds to an FFT order of 8) during the signal FFT time interval.

- Set FSource, SourcePower, and FMeasurement.
  - FSource defines the RF frequency for the signal input to the RF DUT.
  - SourcePower defines the power level for FSource. SourcePower is defined as the average power during the non-idle time of the signal burst.
  - FMeasurement defines the RF frequency output from the DUT to be measured.
- 3. Activate/deactivate ( YES / NO ) test bench measurements (refer to WLAN\_802\_11a\_TX (adswtbwlan)). At least one measurement must be enabled:
  - RF\_EnvelopeMeasurement
  - Constellation
  - PowerMeasurement
  - SpectrumMeasurement
  - EVM Measurement
- 4. More control of the test bench can be achieved by setting *Basic Parameters*, *Signal Parameters*, and parameters for each activated measurement. For details, refer to *Setting Parameters* (adswtbwlan).
- 5. The RF modulator (shown in the block diagram in <u>Transmitter Wireless Test Bench Block Diagram</u>) uses FSource, SourcePower ( *Required Parameters* ), MirrorSourceSpectrum ( *Basic Parameters*), GainImbalance, PhaseImbalance, I\_OriginOffset, Q\_OriginOffset, and IQ\_Rotation ( *Signal Parameters* ).

The RF output resistance uses SourceR, SourceTemp, and EnableSourceNoise ( *Basic Parameters* ). The RF output signal source has a 50-ohm (default) output resistance defined by SourceR.

RF output (and input to the RF DUT) is at the frequency specified (FSource), with the specified source resistance (SourceR) and with power (SourcePower) delivered into a matched load of resistance SourceR. The RF signal has additive Gaussian noise power set by resistor temperature (SourceTemp) (when EnableSourceNoise=YES).

Note that the Meas\_in point of the test bench provides a resistive load to the RF DUT set by the MeasR value (50-ohm default) ( Basic Parameters ).

The Meas signal contains linear and nonlinear signal distortions and time delays associated with the RF DUT input to output characteristics.

The TX DSP block (shown in the block diagram in <u>Transmitter Wireless Test Bench Block Diagram</u>) uses other *Signal Parameters*.

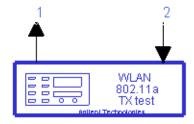
- 6. More control of Circuit Envelope analysis can be achieved by setting Envelope controller parameters. These settings include Enable Fast Cosim, which may speed the RF DUT simulation more than 10×. Setting these simulation options is described in Setting Fast Cosimulation Parameters and Setting Circuit Envelope Analysis Parameters in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation.
- To send the RF DUT output signal to an Agilent ESG RF signal generator, set Signal to ESG Parameters .

For details, refer to Signal to ESG Parameters (adswtbwlan).

8. After running a simulation, results will appear in a Data Display window for the measurement. Simulation Measurement Displays (adswtbwlan) describes results for each measurement. For general WTB Data Display details refer to Viewing WTB Analysis Results (adswtbsim).

## WLAN\_802\_11a\_TX

This section provides parameter information for *Required Parameters, Basic Parameters, Signal Parameters*, and parameters for the various measurements.



**Description:** WLAN 802.11a TX test

Library: WTB

Class: TSDFWLAN\_802\_11a\_TX **Derived From:** baseWTB\_TX

#### **Parameters**

Name	Description	Default	Sym	Unit	Туре	Range
Required Parameters						
CE_TimeStep	Circuit envelope simulation time step	1/20 MHz/4		sec	real	(0, ∞)
WTB_TimeStep	Set CE_TimeStep<= 1/Bandwidth/ 2^OversamplingOption. Expression variables are in Signal Parameters tab/category.					
FSource	Source carrier frequency: CH1 _2412.0MHz, CH3 _2422.0MHz, CH5 _2432.0MHz, CH6 _2437.0MHz, CH7 _2442.0MHz, CH9 _2452.0MHz, CH11 _2462.0MHz, CH11 _2462.0MHz, CH13 _2472.0MHz, CH36	CH1 _2412.0MHz		Hz	real enum	(0, ∞)

	Advanced Design System 20  _5180.0MHz, CH40  _5200.0MHz, CH44  _5220.0MHz, CH48  _5240.0MHz, CH52  _5260.0MHz, CH56  _5280.0MHz, CH60  _5300.0MHz, CH64  _5320.0MHz, CH149  _5745.0MHz, CH153  _5765.0MHz, CH157  _5785.0MHz, CH161  _5805.0MHz	011.01 - WLAN Wi	reless Test B	enches	
SourcePower	Source power	dbmtow(- 20.0)	W	real	[0, ∞)
FMeasurement	Measurement carrier frequency: Meas_CH1 _2412.0MHz, Meas_CH3 _2422.0MHz, Meas_CH5 _2432.0MHz, Meas_CH6 _2437.0MHz, Meas_CH7 _2442.0MHz, Meas_CH9 _2452.0MHz, Meas_CH11 _2462.0MHz, Meas_CH13 _2472.0MHz, Meas_CH36 _5180.0MHz, Meas_CH36 _5180.0MHz, Meas_CH44 _5220.0MHz, Meas_CH48 _5240.0MHz, Meas_CH48 _5240.0MHz, Meas_CH52 _5260.0MHz, Meas_CH56 _5280.0MHz, Meas_CH56 _5280.0MHz, Meas_CH60 _5300.0MHz, Meas_CH64 _5320.0MHz, Meas_CH64	Meas_CH1 _2412.0MHz	Hz	real enum	(0, ∞)

Advanced Design System 2011.01 - WLAN Wireless Test Benches Meas CH153 5765.0MHz, Meas\_CH157 5785.0MHz, Meas CH161 5805.0MHz MeasurementInfo Available Measurements Each measurement has parameters on its tab/category below. YES RF\_EnvelopeMeasurement Enable RF envelope enum measurement? NO, YES Constellation Enable constellation NO enum measurement? NO, YES NO PowerMeasurement Enable power enum measurement? NO, YES SpectrumMeasurement NO Enable spectrum enum measurement? NO, YES NO **EVM** Measurement Enable EVM enum measurement? NO, YES Basic Parameters SourceR 50 Ohm Source resistance Ohm real  $(0, \infty)$ -273.15 Celsius real SourceTemp Source resistor [-273.15, ∞) temperature EnableSourceNoise Enable source thermal NO enum noise? NO, YES MeasR Measurement resistance 50 Ohm Ohm real [10, 1.0e6] MirrorSourceSpectrum Mirror source spectrum NO enum about carrier? NO, YES MirrorMeasSpectrum Mirror meas spectrum NO enum about carrier? NO, YES NO RF\_MirrorFreq Mirror source frequency enum for spectrum/envelope measurement? NO, YES MeasMirrorFreq Mirror meas frequency NO enum for spectrum/envelope measurement? NO, YES TestBenchSeed Random number 1234567 int [0, ∞) generator seed Signal Parameters GainImbalance Gain imbalance, Q vs I 0.0 dB real  $(-\infty, \infty)$ PhaseImbalance Phase imbalance, Q vs I 0.0  $(-\infty, \infty)$ real deg I OriginOffset I origin offset (percent) 0.0  $(-\infty, \infty)$ real Q origin offset (percent) Q OriginOffset 0.0 real  $(-\infty, \infty)$ IQ Rotation IQ rotation 0.0 real (-∞, ∞) deg Bandwidth Bandwidth 20 MHz В Hz real (0, ∞) OversamplingOption Oversampling ratio Option 2 for S enum option: Option 0 for Ratio 4 Ratio 1, Option 1 for Ratio 2, Option 2 for Ratio 4, Option 3 for

Advanced Design System 2011.01 - WLAN Wireless Test Benches Ratio 8, Option 4 for Ratio 16, Option 5 for Ratio 32 DataRate Data rate (Mbps): Mbps\_54 R enum Mbps 6, Mbps 9, Mbps 12, Mbps 18, Mbps\_24, Mbps\_27, Mbps 36, Mbps 48, Mbps 54 IdleInterval Burst idle interval Ι 4.0 usec sec real [0, 1000usec] Payload data type: PN9, PN9 DataType enum PN15, FIX4, \_4\_1\_4\_0, 8\_1\_8\_0, \_16\_1\_16\_0, 32\_1\_32\_0, 64\_1\_64\_0 100 DataLength Data length (bytes per L int [1, 4095] burst) GuardInterval Guard interval (frac FFT 0.25 [0, 1] real size) RF Envelope MeasurementParameters RF\_EnvelopeDisplayPages RF envelope measurement display pages: WLAN\_802\_11a\_TX Envelope RF Figures WLAN 802 11a TX Envelope Meas Figures WLAN\_802\_11a\_TX Envelope Equations RF EnvelopeStart RF envelope 0.0 sec real [0, ∞) measurement start RF\_EnvelopeStop RF envelope 100.0 usec sec real [RF\_EnvelopeStart, measurement stop ∞) 3 RF\_EnvelopeBursts RF envelope int [0, 100] measurement bursts Constellation Parameters ConstellationDisplayPages Constellation measurement display pages: WLAN\_802\_11a\_TX Constellation Figures ConstellationStartBurst 0 [0, 100] Constellation int measurement start burst ConstellationBursts Constellation int [1, 100] measurement bursts PowerMeasurement Parameters PowerDisplayPages Power measurement display pages: WLAN\_802\_11a\_TX Power Figures/Tables/Equations **PowerBursts** Power measurement 3 int [1, 100]

	bursts				
SpectrumMeasurement Parameters					
SpectrumDisplayPages	Spectrum measurement display pages: WLAN_802_11a_TX Spectrum Equations WLAN_802_11a_TX Spectrum Figures/Tables				
SpecMeasStart	Spectrum measurement start	0.0	sec	real	[0, ∞)
SpecMeasStop	Spectrum measurement stop	100.0 usec	sec	real	[SpecMeasStart + 16* MaxTimeStep, ∞)
SpecMeasBursts	Spectrum measurement bursts	3		int	[0, 100]
SpecMeasResBW	Spectrum resolution bandwidth	100 kHz	Hz	real	[0, ∞)
SpecMeasWindow	Window type: none, Hamming 0.54, Hanning 0.50, Gaussian 0.75, Kaiser 7.865, _8510 6.0, Blackman, Blackman- Harris	Kaiser 7.865		enum	
EVM_Measurement Parameters					
EVM_DisplayPages	EVM measurement display pages: WLAN_802_11a_TX EVM Tables				
EVM_Start	EVM measurement start	0.0	sec	real	[0, ∞)
EVM_AverageType	Average type: Off, RMS (Video)	RMS (Video)		enum	
EVM_BurstsToAverage	Bursts used for RMS averaging	10		int	[1, ∞)
EVM_DataModulationFormat	Data subcarrier modulation format: Auto Detect, BPSK, QPSK, QAM 16, QAM 64	Auto Detect		enum	
EVM_SearchLength	Search length	0.001	sec	real	(0, ∞)
EVM_ResultLengthType	Resul length type: Auto select, Manual Override	Auto select		enum	
EVM_ResultLength	Manual override result length (symbols)	60		int	[1, 1367]
EVM_MeasurementOffset	Measurement offset (symbols)	0		int	[0, ∞)
EVM_MeasurementInterval	Measurement interval (symbols)	11		int	[1, ∞)
EVM_SymbolTimingAdjust	Timing adjustment (% FFT time)	-3.125		real	[-100* GuardInterval, 0]
EVM_SyncType	Synchronization type: Short Training Seq, Channel Estimation Seq	Short Training Seq		enum	
SignalToESG					

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Parameters					
EnableESG	Enable signal to ESG? NO, YES	NO		enum	
ESG_Instrument	ESG instrument address	[GPIB0:: 19::INSTR] [localhost] [4790]		instrument	
ESG_Start	Signal start	0.0	sec	real	[0, ∞)
ESG_Stop	Signal stop	100.0 usec	sec	real	[(ESG_Start +60*50ns/ pow(2.0, S)), (ESG_Start +32e6*50ns/ pow(2.0,S))]
ESG_Bursts	Bursts to ESG	3		int	[0, 1000]
ESG_Power	ESG RF ouput power (dBm)	-20.0		real	(-∞, ∞)
ESG_ClkRef	Waveform clock reference: Internal, External	Internal		enum	
ESG_ExtClkRefFreq	External clock reference freq	10 MHz	Hz	real	(0, ∞)
ESG_IQFilter	IQ filter: through, filter_2100kHz, filter_40MHz	through		enum	
ESG_SampleClkRate	Sequencer sample clock rate	80 MHz	Hz	real	(0, ∞)
ESG_Filename	ESG waveform storage filename	WLAN_54		string	
ESG_AutoScaling	Activate auto scaling? NO, YES	YES		enum	
ESG_ArbOn	Select waveform and turn ArbOn after download? NO, YES	YES		enum	
ESG_RFPowOn	Turn RF ON after download? NO, YES	YES		enum	
ESG_EventMarkerType	Event marker type: Neither, Event1, Event2, Both	Event1		enum	
ESG_MarkerLength	ESG marker length	10		int	[1, 60]

# **Pin Input**

Pin	Name	Description	Signal Type
2	Meas_In	Test bench measurement RF input from RF circuit	timed

## **Pin Output**

Pin	Name	Description	Signal Type
1	RF_Out	Test bench RF output to RF circuit	timed

## **Setting Parameters**

More control of the test bench can be achieved by setting parameters in the *Basic Parameters*, *Signal Parameters*, and *measurement* categories for the activated measurements.

**Note** For required parameter information, see Set the Required Parameters (adswtbwlan).

#### **Basic Parameters**

- 1. SourceR is the RF output source resistance.
- 2. SourceTemp is the RF output source resistance temperature (oC) and sets noise density in the RF output signal to (k(SourceTemp+273.15)) Watts/Hz, where k is Boltzmann's constant.
- 3. EnableSourceNoise, when set to NO disables the SourceTemp and effectively sets it to -273.15oC (0 Kelvin). When set to YES, the noise density due to SourceTemp is enabled.
- 4. MeasR defines the load resistance for the RF DUT output Meas signal into the test bench. This resistance loads the RF DUT output; it is also the reference resistance for Meas signal power measurements.
- 5. MirrorSourceSpectrum is used to invert the polarity of the Q envelope of the generated RF signal before it is sent to the RF DUT. Depending on the configuration and number of mixers in an RF transmitter, the signal at the input of the DUT may need to be mirrored. If such an RF signal is desired, set this parameter to YES.
- 6. MirrorMeasSpectrum is used to invert the polarity of the Q envelope in the Meas\_in RF signal input to the test bench (and output from the RF DUT). Depending on the configuration and number of mixers in the RF DUT, the signal at its output may be mirrored compared to the signal generated by the signal source (before any mirroring is done because of the MirrorSourceSpectrum setting). Proper demodulation and measurement of the RF DUT output signal requires that its RF envelope is not mirrored compared to the signal generated by the signal source (before any mirroring is done because of the MirrorSourceSpectrum setting). If the Meas\_in RF signal is mirrored, set this parameter to YES. Proper setting of this parameter is required for measurements on the Meas\_in signal in TX test benches (EVM, Constellation, CDP, PCDE) and results in measurement on a signal with no spectrum mirroring.
- 7. TestBenchSeed is an integer used to seed the random number generator used with the test bench. This value is used by all test bench random number generators, except those RF DUT components that use their own specific seed parameter. TestBenchSeed initializes the random number generation. The same seed value produces the same *random* results, thereby giving you predictable simulation results. To generate repeatable *random* output from simulation to simulation, use any positive seed value. If you want the output to be truly random, enter the seed value of 0.
- 8. RF\_MirrorFreq is used to invert the polarity of the Q envelope in the RF\_out RF signal for RF envelope, ppectrum, ACLR, and occupied bandwidth measurements. RF\_MirrorFreq is typically set by the user to NO when MirrorSourceSpectrum = NO; RF\_MirrorFreq is typically set by the user to YES when MirrorSourceSpectrum = YES. Both settings result in viewing the RF\_out signal with no spectrum mirroring. Other settings by the user result in RF\_out signal for RF\_Envelope and Spectrum

- measurements with spectrum mirroring.
- 9. MeasMirrorFreq is used to invert the polarity of the Q envelope in the Meas\_in RF signal for the RF envelope, spectrum, ACLR, and occupied bandwidth measurements. MeasMirrorFreq is typically set to NO by the user when the combination of the MirrorSourceSpectrum value and any signal mirroring in the users RF DUT results in no spectrum mirroring in the Meas\_in signal. MeasMirrorFreq is typically set to YES by the user when the combination of the MirrorSourceSpectrum and RF DUT results in spectrum mirroring in the Meas\_in signal.

  Other settings result in Meas\_in signal for RF\_Envelope and Spectrum measurements with spectrum mirroring. The MirrorMeasSpectrum parameter setting has no impact

## **Signal Parameters**

1. GainImbalance, PhaseImbalance, I\_OriginOffset, Q\_OriginOffset, and IQ\_Rotation are used to add certain impairments to the ideal output RF signal. Impairments are added in the order described here.

The unimpaired RF I and Q envelope voltages have gain and phase imbalance applied. The RF is given by:

$$V_{RF}(t) = A \bigg( V_I(t) \cos(\omega_c t) - g V_Q(t) \sin \bigg( \omega_c t + \frac{\phi \pi}{180} \bigg) \bigg)$$

where A is a scaling factor that depends on the SourcePower and SourceR parameters specified by the user,  $V_{\rm I}$  ( t ) is the in-phase RF envelope,  $V_{\rm O}$  ( t ) is the

quadrature phase RF envelope, g is the gain imbalance

on the setting or use of the MeasMirrorFreq parameter.

$$g = 10$$

$$\frac{GainImbalance}{20}$$

and,  $\varphi$  (in degrees) is the phase imbalance.

Next, the signal  $V_{\rm RF}$  ( t ) is rotated by IQ\_Rotation degrees. The I\_OriginOffset and

- Q\_OriginOffset are then applied to the rotated signal. Note that the amounts specified are percentages with respect to the output rms voltage. The output rms voltage is given by  $sqrt(2 \times SourceR \times SourcePower)$ .
- 2. Bandwidth is used to determine the actual bandwidth of WLAN systems and to calculate the sampling rate and timestep per sample. The default value is 20 MHz (defined in 802.11a/g specification); to double the rate for the 802.11a/g turbo mode, set Bandwidth to 40 MHz.
- 3. OversamplingOption sets the oversampling ratio of 802.11a/g RF signal source. Options from 0 to 5 result in oversampling ratio 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 where oversampling ratio =  $2^{\text{OversamplingOption}}$ . If OversamplingOption = 2, the oversampling ratio = 22 = 4 and the simulation RF bandwidth is larger than the signal bandwidth by a factor of 4 (e.g. for Bandwidth=20 MHz, the simulation RF bandwidth =  $20 \text{ MHz} \times 4 = 80 \text{ MHz}$ ).
- 4. DataRate specifies the data rate 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 27, 36, 48 and 54 Mbps. All data rates except 27 Mbps are defined in the 802.11a/g specification; 27 Mbps is from HIPERLAN/2. The following table lists key parameter values of 802.11a/g.

**Rate-Dependent Values** 

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Data Rate (Mbps)	Modulation	Coding Rate (R)	Coded Bits per Subcarrier ( $N_{BPSC}$ )	Coded Bits per OFDM Symbol ( $N_{CBPS}$ )	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Data Bits per} \\ \textbf{OFDM Symbol} \\ (^{N_{DBPS}} \ ) \end{array}$
6	BPSK	1/2	1	48	24
9	BPSK	3/4	1	48	36
12	QPSK	1/2	2	96	48
18	QPSK	3/4	2	96	72
24	16-QAM	1/2	4	192	96
27	16-QAM	9/16	4	192	108
36	16-QAM	3/4	4	192	144
48	64-QAM	2/3	6	288	192
54	64-QAM	3/4	6	288	216

- 5. IdleInterval specifies the idle interval between two consecutive bursts when generating a 802.11a signal source.
- 6. For DataType:
  - if PN9 is selected, a 511-bit pseudo-random test pattern is generated according to CCITT Recommendation 0.153.
  - if PN15 is selected, a 32767-bit pseudo-random test pattern is generated according to CCITT Recommendation 0.151.
  - if FIX4 is selected, a zero-stream is generated.
  - if x\_1\_x\_0 is selected (where x equals 4, 8, 16, 32, or 64) a periodic bit stream is generated, with the period being 2 x. In one period, the first x bits are 1s and the second x bits are 0s.
- 7. DataLength is used to set the number of data bytes in a burst. There are 8 bits per byte.
- 8. GuardInterval is used to set cyclic prefix in an OFDM symbol. The value range of GuardInterval is [0.0,1.0]. The cyclic prefix is a fractional ratio of the IFFT length. 802.11a/g defines GuardInterval=1/4 (0.8  $\mu$ ) and HIPERLAN/2 defines two GuardIntervals (1/8 and 1/4).

## **RF Envelope Measurement Parameters**

The RF Envelope measurement is not affected by the MirrorMeasSpectrum parameter. To apply spectrum mirroring to the measured RF\_out signal, set RF\_MirrorFreq=YES; to apply spectrum mirroring to the measured Meas\_in signal, set MeasMirrorFreq=YES ( Basic Parameters ).

- RF\_EnvelopeDisplayPages provides Data Display page information for this measurement. It cannot be changed by the user.
- RF\_EnvelopeStart sets the start time for collecting input data.
- RF\_EnvelopeStop sets the stop time for collecting input data when RF EnvelopeBursts = 0.
- RF\_EnvelopeBursts (when > 0) sets the number of bursts over which data will be collected.

Depending on the values of RF\_EnvelopeStart, RF\_EnvelopeStop, and RF\_EnvelopeBursts, the stop time may be adjusted.

For RF envelope measurement for both the RF\_out and Meas\_in signals: Let:

 $Start = TimeStep \times (int(RF_EnvelopeStart/TimeStep) + 0.5)$ 

 $Stop = TimeStep \times (int(RF\_EnvelopeStop/TimeStep) + 0.5)$ 

This means Start and Stop are forced to be an integer number of time-step intervals.

RF_EnvelopeBursts	Resultant Stop Time		
0	Stop		
> 0	Start + RF_EnvelopeBursts x BurstTime		

For the RF envelope of Meas\_in to contain at least one complete burst, set the Stop value to a minimum of BurstTime + (RF DUT time delay).

For information about TimeStep and SubframeTime, see <u>Test Bench Variables for Data Displays.</u>

#### **Constellation Parameters**

The Constellation measurement requires setting of the MirrorMeasSpectrum parameter set such that there is an even number of spectrum mirrorings from the combined test bench source and RF DUT. For example, if MirrorSourceSpectrum=NO and the RF DUT causes its output RF signal to have spectrum mirroring relative to its input signal, then set MirrorMeasSpectrum = YES.

- 1. ConstellationDisplayPages provides Data Display page information for this measurement. It cannot be changed by the user.
- 2. ConstellationStartBurst sets the start time for collecting the first burst data. The ConstellationStartBurst value can be set > 0 to avoid any start-up transient in the Constellation plots.
- 3. ConstellationBursts sets the number of bursts over which data will be collected.

The measurement start time is the time when ConstellationStartBurst is detected in the measured RF signal. The measurement stop time is this start time plus ConstellationBursts × BurstTime; BurstTime is defined in <u>Test Bench Equations Derived from Test Bench Parameters and Exported to Data Display</u>.

#### **Power Measurement Parameters**

- 1. PowerDisplayPages provides Data Display page information for this measurement. It cannot be changed by the user.
- 2. PowerBursts (when > 0) sets the number of bursts over which data will be collected.

The measurement start time is the time when the first burst is detected in the measured RF signal. The measurement stop time is this start time plus PowerBursts × BurstTime; BurstTime is defined in <u>Test Bench Equations Derived from Test Bench Parameters and Exported to Data Display.</u>

### **Spectrum Measurement Parameters**

The Spectrum measurement calculates the spectrum of the input signal. Averaging the spectrum over multiple bursts can be enabled as described in this section.

This measurement is not affected by the MirrorMeasSpectrum parameter. To apply spectrum mirroring to the measured RF\_out signal, set RF\_MirrorFreq = YES; to apply spectrum mirroring to the measured Meas\_in signal, set MeasMirrorFreq = YES.

In the following, TimeStep denotes the simulation time step, and FMeasurement denotes the measured RF signal characterization frequency.

1. The measurement outputs the complex amplitude voltage values at the frequencies of the spectral tones. It does not output the power at the frequencies of the spectral tones. However, one can calculate and display the power spectrum as well as the magnitude and phase spectrum by using the dBm, mag, and phase functions of the data display window.

Note that the dBm function assumes a 50-ohm reference resistance; if a different measurement was used in the test bench, its value can be specified as a second argument to the dBm function, for example, dBm(SpecMeas, Meas\_RefR) where SpecMeas is the instance name of the spectrum measurement and Meas\_RefR is the resistive load.

By default, the displayed spectrum extends from FMeasurement -  $1/(2 \times \text{TimeStep})$  Hz to FMeasurement +  $1/(2 \times \text{TimeStep})$  Hz. When FMeasurement <  $1/(2 \times \text{TimeStep})$ , the default spectrum extends to negative frequencies. The spectral content at these negative frequencies is conjugated, mirrored, and added to the spectral content of the closest positive frequency. This way, the negative frequency tones are displayed on the positive frequency axis as would happen in an RF spectrum analyzer measurement instrument. This process may introduce an error in the displayed frequency for the mirrored tones. The absolute error introduced is less than (Spectrum Frequency Step) / 2 (see <a href="Effect of Values for SpecMeasStart">Effect of Values for SpecMeasStart</a>, <a href="SpecMeasStop">SpecMeasBursts</a>, and <a href="SpecMeasResBW">SpecMeasResBW</a> for the definition of Spectrum Frequency Step).

The basis of the algorithm used by the spectrum measurement is the chirp-Z transform. The algorithm can use multiple bursts and average the results to achieve video averaging (see note 6).

- 2. SpectrumDisplayPages is not user editable. It provides information on the name of the Data Display pages in which this measurement is contained.
- 3. SpecMeasStart sets the start time for collecting input data.
- 4. SpecMeasStop sets the stop time for collecting input data when SpecMeasBursts = 0 and SpecMeasResBW = 0.
- 5. SpecMeasBursts sets the number of bursts over which data will be collected when SpecMeasBursts>0.
- 6. SpecMeasResBW sets the resolution bandwidth of the spectrum measurement when SpecMeasResBW>0.

Depending on the values of SpecMeasStart, SpecMeasStop, SpecMeasBursts, and SpecMeasResBW, the stop time may be adjusted or spectrum video averaging may occur (or both). The different cases are described in the table *Effect of Values for SpecMeasStart, SpecMeasStop, SpecMeasBursts, and SpecMeasResBW*. Referring to the table, let

```
Advanced Design System 2011.01 - WLAN Wireless Test Benches Start = TimeStep \times int((SpecMeasStart/TimeStep) + 0.5)
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 $Stop = TimeStep \times int((SpecMeasStop/TimeStep) + 0.5)$ 

(This means Start and Stop are forced to be an integer number of time step intervals.)

X = normalized equivalent noise bandwidth of the window

Equivalent noise bandwidth (ENBW) compares the window to an ideal, rectangular filter. It is the equivalent width of a rectangular filter that passes the same amount of white noise as the window. The normalized ENBW (NENBW) is ENBW multiplied by the duration of the signal being windowed. The table Window Options and Normalized Equivalent Noise Bandwidth lists the NENBW for the various window options. The Start and Stop times are used for both the RF\_out and Meas\_in signal spectrum analyses. The Meas\_in signal is delayed in time from the RF\_out signal by the value of the RF DUT time delay. Therefore, for RF DUT time delay greater than zero, the RF\_out and Meas\_in signal are inherently different and some spectrum display difference in the two is expected.

TimeStep and BurstTime are defined in the *Test Bench Variables for Data Displays* section.

Effect of Values for SpecMeasStart, SpecMeasStop, SpecMeasBursts, and SpecMeasResBW

```
Case SpecMeasBursts = 0
     SpecMeasResBW = 0
     Resultant stop time = Stop
     Resultant resolution BW = X/(Stop - Start)
      Resultant spectrum frequency step = 1/(Stop-Start)
     Video averaging status = None
Case | SpecMeasBursts > 0
     SpecMeasResBW = 0
     Resultant stop time = Start + SpecMeasBurst x BurstTime
     Notes: For SpecMeasBursts > 0 and SpecMeasResBW = 0
     Video averaging occurs over all burst time intervals
      Resultant resolution BW = X / BurstTime
     Resultant spectrum frequency step = 1/BurstTime
     Video averaging status = Yes, when SpecMeasBursts > 1
Case | SpecMeasBursts = 0
     SpecMeasResBW > 0
     Resultant stop time = Start + N x BurstTimeInterval
     where
     N = int((Stop - Start)/BurstTimeInterval) + 1
     For SpecMeasBursts = 0 and SpecMeasResBW > 0
     Define BurstTimeInterval = TimeStep \times int((X/SpecMeasResBW/TimeStep) + 0.5)
     This means BurstTimeInterval is forced to a value that is an integer number of time step
     (Stop-Start) time is forced to be an integer number (N) of BurstTimeIntervals
     N has a minimum value of 1
     Video averaging occurs over all BurstTimeIntervals
     The resolution bandwidth achieved is ResBW = X / BurstTimeInterval, which is very close to
     SpecMeasResBW but may not be exactly the same if X/SpecMeasResBW/TimeStep is not an exact
     integer.
     Resultant resolution BW = ResBW
     Resultant spectrum frequency step = ResBW
     Video averaging status = Yes when N > 1
Case | SpecMeasBursts > 0
     SpecMeasResBW > 0
      Resultant stop time = Start + M x BurstTimeInterval
     where
     M = int((SpecMeasBursts \times BurstTime)/BurstTimeInterval) + 1
     For SpecMeasBursts > 0 and SpecMeasResBW > 0
     Define BurstTimeInterval = TimeStep x int(( X /SpecMeasResBW/TimeStep) + 0.5)
     This means BurstTimeInterval is forced to a value that is an integer number of time step
     (Stop-Start) time is forced to be an integer number (M) of the BurstTimeIntervals
     M has a minimum value of 1
     Video averaging occurs over all BurstTimeIntervals
     The resolution bandwidth achieved is ResBW = X / BurstTimeInterval, which is very close to
     SpecMeasResBW but may not be exactly the same if X/SpecMeasResBW/TimeStep is not an exact
     integer.
     Resultant resolution BW = ResBW
     Resultant spectrum frequency step = ResBW
     Video averaging status = Yes, when M > 1
```

7. SpecMeasWindow specifies the window that will be applied to each burst before its spectrum is calculated. Different windows have different properties, affect the resolution bandwidth achieved, and affect the spectral shape. Windowing is often necessary in transform-based (chirp-Z, FFT) spectrum estimation in order to reduce spectral distortion due to discontinuous or non-harmonic signal over the measurement time interval. Without windowing, the estimated spectrum may suffer from spectral leakage that can cause misleading measurements or masking of weak signal spectral detail by spurious artifacts.

The windowing of a signal in time has the effect of changing its power. The spectrum measurement compensates for this and the spectrum is normalized so that the power contained in it is the same as the power of the input signal. Window Type Definitions:

none:

$$w\left(kT_{s}\right) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1.0 & 0 \leq k \leq N \\ 0.0 & otherwise \end{array} \right.$$

where N is the window size

• Hamming 0.54:

$$w\left(k\,T_{s}\right) \; = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 0.54 - 0.46\cos\!\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}\right) & 0 \leq k \leq N \\ 0.0 & otherwise \end{array} \right.$$

where N is the window size

• Hanning 0.5:

$$w(kT_s) = \begin{cases} 0.5 - 0.5\cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}\right) & 0 \le k \le N \\ 0.0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

where N is the window size

• Gaussian 0.75:

$$w\left(kT_{s}\right) = \begin{cases} exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(0.75\frac{(2k-N)}{N}\right)^{2}\right) & 0 \leq \left|k-\frac{N}{2}\right| \leq \frac{N}{2} \\ 0.0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

where N is the window size

Kaiser 7.865:

$$w\left(k\,T_{s}\right) \,=\, \left\{ \begin{array}{l} I_{0}\!\!\left(7.865\!\left[1-\!\left(\frac{k-\alpha}{\alpha}\right)^{2}\right]^{1/2}\!\right) \\ \hline I_{0}\!\!\left(7.865\right) & 0 \leq k \leq N \\ 0.0 & otherwise \end{array} \right.$$

where N is the window size,  $\alpha = N / 2$ , and I  $_0$  (.) is the 0th order modified Bessel function of the first kind

• 8510 6.0 (Kaiser 6.0):

$$w\left(kT_{s}\right) = \begin{cases} I_{0}\left(6.0\left[1-\left(\frac{k-\alpha}{\alpha}\right)^{2}\right]^{1/2}\right) \\ I_{0}(6.0) & 0 \leq k \leq N \end{cases}$$

$$0.0 & otherwise$$

where N is the window size,  $\alpha = N / 2$ , and I  $_0$  (.) is the 0th order modified Bessel function of the first kind

• Blackman:

$$w\left(k\,T_{s}\right) \; = \; \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0.42 - 0.5\cos\!\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}\right) + 0.08\cos\!\left(\frac{4\pi k}{N}\right) & 0 \leq k \leq N \\ 0.0 & otherwise \end{array} \right.$$

where N is the window size

• Blackman-Harris:

$$w\left(k\,T_{s}\right) \; = \; \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0.35875 - 0.48829\cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}\right) + 0.14128\cos\left(\frac{4\pi k}{N}\right) - 0.01168\cos\left(\frac{6\pi k}{N}\right) & 0 \leq k \leq N \\ 0.0 & otherwise \end{array} \right.$$

where N is the window size.

#### Window Options and Normalized Equivalent Noise Bandwidth

<b>Window and Default Constant</b>	NENBW
none	1
Hamming 0.54	1.363
Hanning 0.50	1.5
Gaussian 0.75	1.883
Kaiser 7.865	1.653
8510 6.0	1.467
Blackman	1.727
Blackman-Harris	2.021

#### **EVM Measurement Parameters**

The EVM measurement requires setting the MirrorMeasSpectrum parameter such that there is an even number of spectrum mirrorings from the combined test bench source and RF DUT. For example, if MirrorSourceSpectrum = NO and the RF DUT causes its output RF signal to have spectrum mirroring relative to its input signal, then set MirrorMeasSpectrum = YES.

The EVM measurement provides results for EVMrms\_percent, EVM\_dB, PilotEVM\_dB, CPErms\_percent, IQ\_Offset\_dB, and SyncCorrelation. Following is a description of the algorithm and parameter information.

- 1. EVM\_DisplayPages provides Data Display page information for this measurement. It cannot be changed by the user.
- 2. Starting at the time instant specified by the EVM\_Start, a signal segment of length EVM\_SearchLength is captured. This signal segment is searched to detect a complete burst. The burst search algorithm looks for a burst-on and a burst-off transition. In order for the burst search algorithm to detect a burst, an idle part must exist between consecutive bursts and the bursts must be at least 15 dB above the noise floor.

The EVM\_Start time is used for both the RF\_out and Meas\_in EVM analyses. The Meas\_in signal is delayed in time from the RF\_out signal by the RF DUT time delay value. Therefore, for RF DUT time delay >0, the RF\_out and Meas\_in signals are inherently different and some EVM difference in the two is expected even if the RF

DUT does not introduce any distortion except time delay.

determined by observing the plot.

If the captured signal segment does not contain a complete burst, the algorithm will not detect any burst and the analysis that follows will most likely produce the wrong results. Therefore, EVM\_SearchLength must be long enough to capture at least one complete burst. Since the time instant specified by the EVM\_Start parameter can be soon after the beginning of a burst, it is strongly recommended that EVM\_SearchLength is set to a value approximately equal to 2 x BurstTime + 3 x Idle, where BurstTime is the duration of a burst and Idle is the duration of the idle part. If EVM\_Start is known to be close to the beginning of a burst then EVM\_SearchLength can be set to BurstTime + 2 x Idle. If the duration of the burst or the idle part is

After a burst is detected, synchronization is performed based on the value of EVM\_SyncType. The burst is then demodulated. The burst is then analyzed to get the EVM measurement results.

unknown, then the RF envelope of the signal can be plotted and these durations

- 3. If EVM\_AverageType is set to Off, only one burst is detected, demodulated, and analyzed.
  - If EVM\_AverageType is set to RMS (Video), after the first burst is analyzed the signal segment corresponding to it is discarded and new signal samples are collected to fill in the signal buffer of length EVM\_SearchLength. When the buffer is full again, a new burst search is performed, and when a burst is detected, it is demodulated and analyzed. These steps repeat until EVM\_BurstsToAverage bursts are processed. If a burst is misdetected for any reason the results from its analysis are discarded. EVM results obtained from all successfully detected, demodulated, and analyzed bursts are averaged to give the final result.
- 4. EVM\_DataModulationFormat can be used to specify the data subcarrier modulation format. If EVM\_DataModulationFormat is set to Auto Detect, the algorithm will use the information detected within the OFDM burst (SIGNAL symbol RATE data field) to automatically determine the data subcarrier modulation format. Otherwise, the format determined from the OFDM burst will be ignored and the format specified by EVM\_DataModulationFormat will be used in the demodulation for all data subcarriers. This parameter has no effect on demodulation of the pilot subcarriers and the SIGNAL symbol, whose format is always BPSK.
- 5. The EVM\_ResultLengthType and EVM\_ResultLength parameters control how much data is acquired and demodulated.
  - When EVM\_ResultLengthType is set to Auto select, the measurement result length is automatically determined from information in the decoded SIGNAL symbol (LENGTH data field). In this case, EVM\_ResultLength defines a maximum result length for the burst in symbol times; that is, if the measurement result length that is automatically detected is larger than EVM\_ResultLength it will be truncated to EVM\_ResultLength. When EVM\_ResultLengthType is set to Manual Override, the measurement result length is set to EVM\_ResultLength regardless of what is detected from the SIGNAL symbol of the burst. The value specified in EVM\_ResultLength includes the SIGNAL symbol but does not include any part of the burst preamble.

The following table of summarizes the differences between how Auto Select and Manual Override modes determine the measurement result length. The table lists the measurement result lengths actually used for Auto Select and Manual Override modes for three different values of the EVM\_ResultLength parameter (30, 26 and 20 symbol-times). An input burst length of 26 symbol-times is assumed.

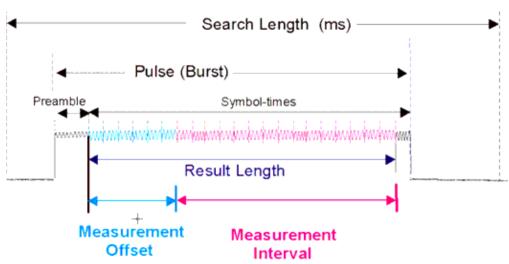
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EVM_ResultLengthType	EVM_ResultLength	Measurement Result Length Actually Used
Auto Select	20	20
Auto Select	26	26
Auto Select	30	26
Manual Override	20	20
Manual Override	26	26
Manual Override	30	30

Note that when EVM\_ResultLengthType is set to Manual Override and EVM\_ResultLength=30 (greater than the actual burst size) the algorithm will demodulate the full 30 symbol-times even though this is 4 symbol-times beyond the burst width.

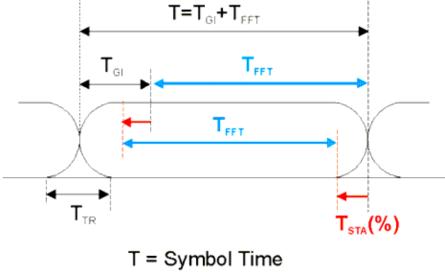
6. The EVM\_MeasurementInterval and EVM\_MeasurementOffset parameters can be used to isolate a specific segment of the EVM\_ResultLength symbols for analysis. Only the segment specified by these two parameters will be analyzed in order to get the EVM results. The following figure shows the interrelationship between EVM\_SearchLength, EVM\_ResultLength, EVM\_MeasurementInterval, and EVM MeasurementOffset.

Interrelationship Between EVM\_SearchLength, EVM\_ResultLength, EVM\_MeasurementInverval, and EVM\_MeasurementOffset



- 7. Normally, when demodulating an OFDM symbol, the guard interval is skipped and an FFT is performed on the last portion of the symbol time. However, this means that the FFT will include the transition region between this and the following symbol. To avoid this, it is generally beneficial to back away from the end of the symbol time and use part of the guard interval.
  - The EVM\_SymbolTimingAdjust parameter controls how far the FFT part of the symbol is adjusted away from the end of the symbol time. The value is in terms of percent of the used (FFT) part of the symbol time. Note that this parameter value is negative, because the FFT start time is moved back by this parameter. The following figure illustrates this concept. When setting this parameter, be careful to not back away from the end of the symbol time too much because this may make the FFT include corrupt data from the transition region at the beginning of the symbol time.
- 8. EVM\_SyncType specifies whether the synchronization type will be the Short Training

#### EVM\_SymbolTimingAdjust Definition



T<sub>GI</sub> = Guard Interval

 $T_{\text{EFT}} = FFT/IFFT$  Time Period

 $T_{TR}$  = Symbol Transition Time

T<sub>STA</sub> = Symbol Timing Adjust (%)

## **Signal to ESG Parameters**

The EVM measurement collects Meas\_in signal data and downloads it to an Agilent E4438C Vector Signal Generator. Connection Manager architecture is used to communicate with the instrument; parameters specify how data is interpreted. Prerequisites for using the Signal to ESG option are:

- ESG Vector Signal Generator E4438C; for information, visit the web site <a href="http://www.agilent.com/find/esg">http://www.agilent.com/find/esg</a>.
- PC workstation running an instance of the connection manager server.
- Supported method of connecting the instrument to your computer through the Connection Manager architecture; for information, see *Connection Manager*.

#### **Parameter Information**

- 1. EnableESG specifies if the signal is downloaded to the ESG instrument. If set to NO, no attempt will be made to communicate with the instrument.
- 2. ESG\_Instrument specifies a triplet that identifies the VSA resource of the instrument to be used in the simulation, the connection manager server hostname (defaults to *localhost*), and the port at which the connection manager server listens for incoming requests (defaults to 4790). To ensure that this field is populated correctly, click

- Select Instrument, enter the server hostname and port, click OK to see the Remote Instrument Explorer dialog, select a VSA resource identifier, and click OK. For details about selecting instruments, see Instrument Discovery in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation.
- 3. ESG\_Start and ESG\_Stop (when ESG\_Bursts =0) specify when to start and stop data collection. The number of samples collected, ESG\_Stop ESG\_Start + 1, must be in the range 60 samples to 64 Msamples, where 1 Msample = 1,048,576 samples. The ESG requires an even number of samples; the last sample will be discarded if ESG Stop ESG Start + 1 is odd.
- 4. ESG\_Bursts sets the number of bursts over which data will be collected. If ESG\_Bursts is greater than zero, then ESG\_Stop is forced to ESG\_Start + ESG\_Bursts x BurstTime where BurstTime is IdleTime + ShortPreambleTime + LongPreambleTime + SIGNAL\_Time + DataTime.
- 5. ESG\_ClkRef specifies an internal or external reference for the ESG clock generator. If set to External, the ESG\_ExtClkRefFreq parameter sets the frequency of this clock.
- 6. ESG\_IQFilter specifies the cutoff frequency for the reconstruction filter that lies between the DAC output and the Dual Arbitrary Waveform Generator output inside the ESG.
- 7. ESG\_SampleClkRate sets the sample clock rate for the DAC output.
- 8. ESG\_Filename sets the name of the waveform inside the ESG that will hold the downloaded data.
- 9. The ESG driver expects data in the range {-1, 1}. If ESG\_AutoScaling is set to YES, inputs are scaled to the range {-1, 1}; if ESG\_AutoScaling is set to NO, raw simulation data is downloaded to the ESG without scaling, but data outside the range {-1, 1} is clipped to -1 or 1. If set to YES, scaling is also applied to data written to the local file (ESG\_Filename setting).
- 10. If ESG\_ArbOn is set to YES, the ESG will start generating the signal immediately after simulation data is downloaded; if set to NO, waveform generation must be turned on at the ESG front panel.
- 11. If ESG\_RFPowOn is set to YES, the ESG will turn RF power on immediately after simulation data is downloaded. If ESG\_RFPowOn is set to NO (default), RF power must be turned on at the ESG front panel.
- 12. ESG\_EventMarkerType specifies which ESG Event markers are enabled: Event1, Event2, Both, or Neither. Event markers are used for synchronizing other instruments to the ESG. When event markers are enabled, Event1 and/or Event2 is set beginning from the first sample of the downloaded Arb waveform over the range of points specified by the ESG\_MarkerLength parameter. This is equivalent to setting the corresponding event from the front panel of the ESG.
- 13. ESG\_MarkerLength specifies the range of points over which the markers must be set starting from the first point of the waveform. Depending on the setting of ESG\_EventMarkerType, the length of trigger Event1 or Event2 (or both) is set to a multiple of the pulsewidth that, in turn, is determined by the sample clock rate of the DAC output.

## Simulation Measurement Displays

After running the simulation, results are displayed in Data Display pages for each measurement activated.



#### 1 Note

Measurement results from a wireless test bench have associated names that can be used in Data Display Expressions. For more information, refer to Measurement Results for Expressions for WLAN Wireless Test Benches (adswtbwlan).

## **RF Envelope Measurement**

The RF Envelope measurement (not defined in IEEE 802.11a) shows the envelope time and spectrum of each field in the IEEE 802.11a RF signal burst (long preamble, short preamble, SIGNAL, and DATA fields). Two signals are tested, the RF source signal at the RF DUT input and the Meas signal at the RF DUT output.

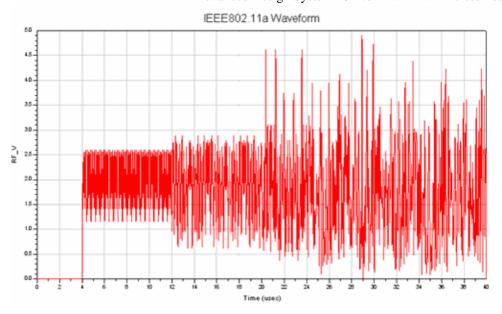
From the RF signal, the basic signal burst information is given in the following table.

Parameter	<b>Default Setting</b>
RF_FSource	5200.0 MHz
RF_R	50.0 Ohm
BurstTime	40.0 usec
TimeStep	12.5 nsec
IdleTime	4.0 usec
LongPreambleTime	8.0 usec
ShortPreambleTime	8.0 usec
OFDM_SymbolTime	4.0 usec
DataTime	16.0 usec
SIGNAL_Time	4.0 usec

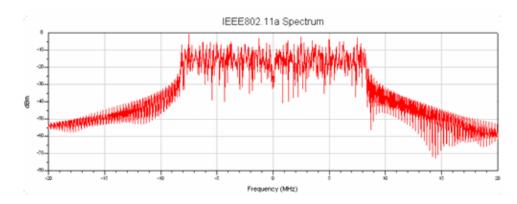
For the RF signal, the time domain envelope and envelope spectrum of one complete burst of 11a are shown, as well as burst fields for short preamble, long preamble, SIGNAL, and DATA in the following ten figures.

In Time Envelope of One Complete RF Signal Burst for Default Settings, the initial 4.0 μ interval is the idle time when the transmitter sends no signal, and follows the short preamble, long preamble, SIGNAL, and DATA fields.

Time Envelope of One Complete RF Signal Burst for Default Settings



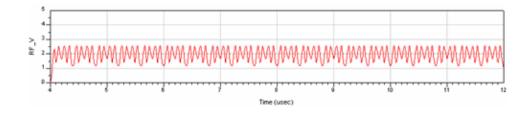
#### Spectrum of IEEE 802.11a RF Signal



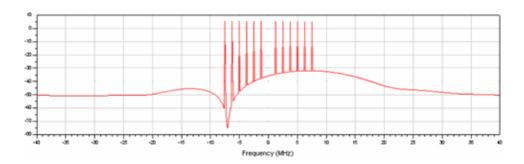
RF Signal Short Preamble Envelope shows the Short Preamble waveform which is 8.0  $\mu$ . 12 subcarriers are clearly visible as shown in RF Signal Short Preamble Spectrum.

RF Signal Long Preamble Envelope shows the Long Preamble waveform, which is also 8.0  $\mu$ , lasting from 12.0 to 20.0  $\mu$ . The spectrum is shown in RF Signal Long Preamble Spectrum.

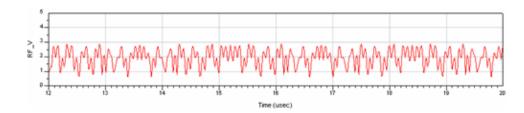
#### **RF Signal Short Preamble Envelope**



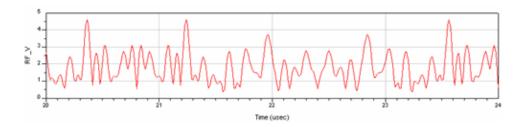
#### **RF Signal Short Preamble Spectrum**



#### **RF Signal Long Preamble Envelope**

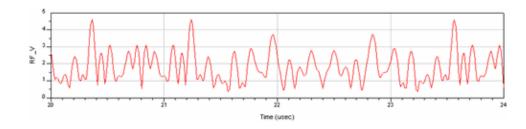


#### **RF Signal Long Preamble Spectrum**



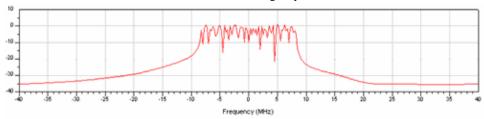
SIGNAL is 4.0  $\mu$  lasting from 20.0 to 24.0  $\mu$  (<u>RF Signal SIGNAL Envelope</u>). The spectrum is shown in <u>RF Signal SIGNAL Spectrum</u>.

#### **RF Signal SIGNAL Envelope**



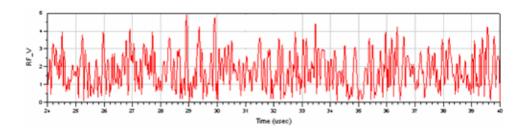
#### **RF Signal SIGNAL Spectrum**

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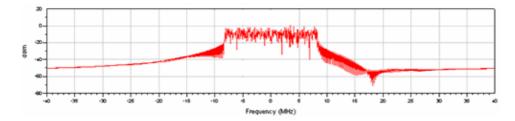


DATA is 16.0  $\mu$  lasting from 24.0 to 40.0  $\mu$  (<u>RF Signal DATA Envelope</u>). The spectrum is shown in RF Signal DATA Spectrum.

#### **RF Signal DATA Envelope**



#### **RF Signal DATA Spectrum**

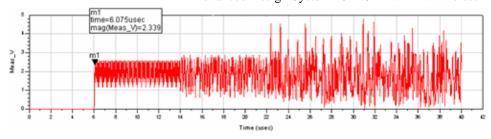


For the Meas signal test, all measurements are the same as RF signal measurements, except the Meas signal will contain any linear and nonlinear distortions, and time envelope measurements will have the RF DUT time delay. Envelope and spectrum measurements for Meas signal are shown in Meas Signal Envelope for One Entire Burst through Meas Signal DATA Spectrum.

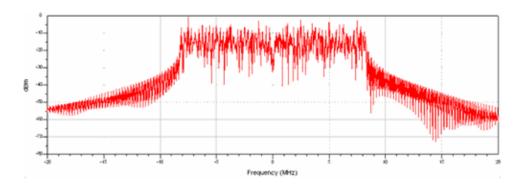
In <u>Meas Signal Envelope for One Entire Burst</u>, Marker m1 must be set by the user to the start of the Short Preamble. This will determine the RF DUT time delay that identifies where each Meas burst structure begins and ends. The delay can be calculated by subtracting the idle time from the time marked by m1; for example, in <u>Meas Signal Envelope for One Entire Burst</u> delay= $6.075\mu$ - $4.0\mu$ = $2.075\mu$ . Because the mark may not accurately point to the start position, the calculated delay may have some error.

**Meas Signal Envelope for One Entire Burst** 

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#### **IEEE 802.11a Meas Signal Spectrum**



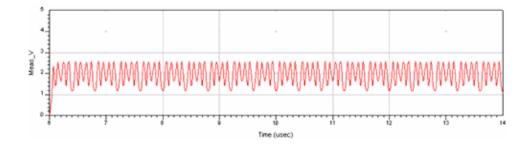
<u>Meas Signal Short Preamble Envelope</u> shows the Short Preamble of 8.0  $\mu$  lasting from 6.0 to 14.0  $\mu$  due to a 2.0  $\mu$  delay. 12 subcarriers of Short Preamble are shown in <u>Meas Signal Short Preamble Spectrum</u>.

Meas Signal Long Preamble Envelope shows the Long Preamble is also 8.0  $\mu$  lasting from 14.0 to 22.0  $\mu$  due to a 2.0  $\mu$  delay. The spectrum is shown in Meas Signal Long Preamble Spectrum.

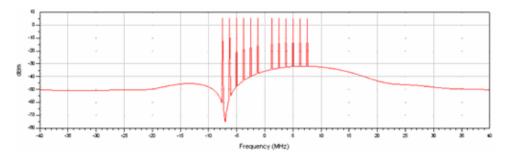
<u>Meas Signal SIGNAL Envelope</u> shows SIGNAL is 4.0  $\mu$  lasting from 22.0 to 26.0  $\mu$ . The spectrum is shown in Meas Signal SIGNAL Spectrum.

<u>Meas Signal DATA Envelope</u> shows DATA is 16.0  $\mu$  lasting from 26.0 to 42.0  $\mu$ . The spectrum is shown in <u>Meas Signal DATA Spectrum</u>.

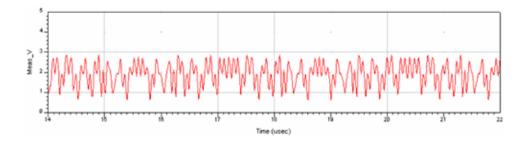
#### **Meas Signal Short Preamble Envelope**



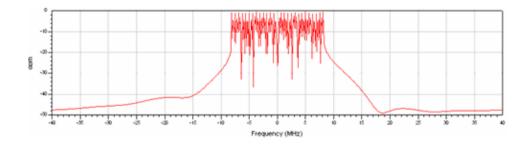
**Meas Signal Short Preamble Spectrum** 



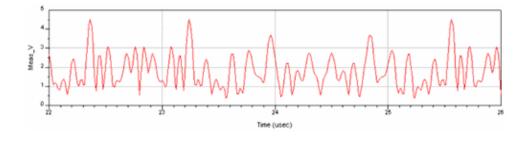
#### **Meas Signal Long Preamble Envelope**



#### **Meas Signal Long Preamble Spectrum**

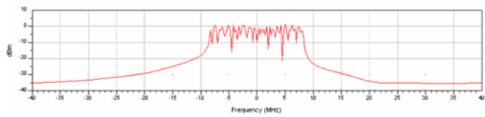


#### **Meas Signal SIGNAL Envelope**

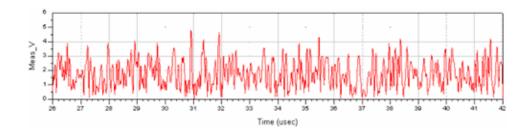


#### **Meas Signal SIGNAL Spectrum**

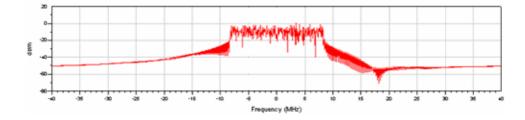
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#### **Meas Signal DATA Envelope**



#### **Meas Signal DATA Spectrum**



#### **Constellation Measurement**

The constellation measurement (not defined in IEEE 802.11a) shows the RF and Meas signal constellations.

In IEEE 802.11a, four types of modulation are implemented. Data rates and modulation types are listed in the table <u>Data Rates and Modulation Types</u>. Basic signal information is listed in the table <u>Basic Constellation Measurement Parameters</u>.

A 54 Mbps data rate is used for this measurement; 64-QAM modulation results are shown in the figures <u>RF Signal Constellation</u> and <u>Meas Signal Constellation</u>; BPSK constellations for the SIGNAL field are also shown.

**Data Rates and Modulation Types** 

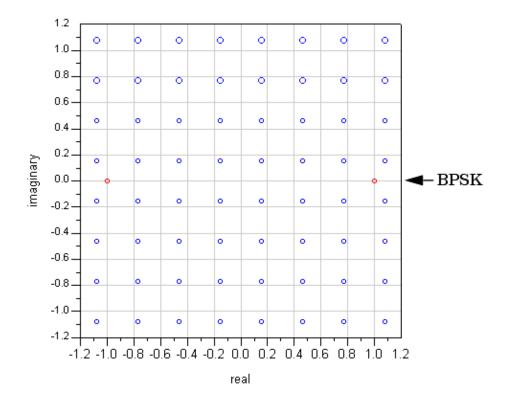
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Data Rate (Mbits/s)	Modulation
6	BPSK
9	BPSK
12	QPSK
18	QPSK
24	16-QAM
36	16-QAM
48	64-QAM
54	64-QAM

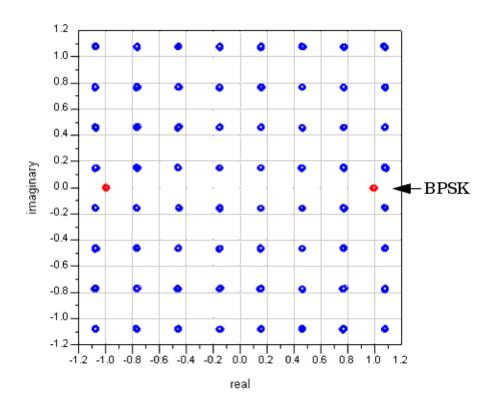
#### **Basic Constellation Measurement Parameters**

Parameter	<b>Default Setting</b>
RF_FSource	5200.0 MHz
RF_R	50.0 Ohm
DataTime	16.0 usec
BurstTime	40.0 usec
TimeStep	12.5 nsec
BitRate	54.0 Mbps
Meas_FMeasurement	5200.0 MHz
Meas_R	50.0 Ohm

#### **RF Signal Constellation**



#### **Meas Signal Constellation**



#### **Power Measurement**

The power measurement (not defined in IEEE 802.11a) shows the CCDF curves of the transmitter and peak-to-average ratios for the RF and Meas signals. The basic power measurement parameters are listed in the following table.

#### **Basic Power Measurement Parameters**

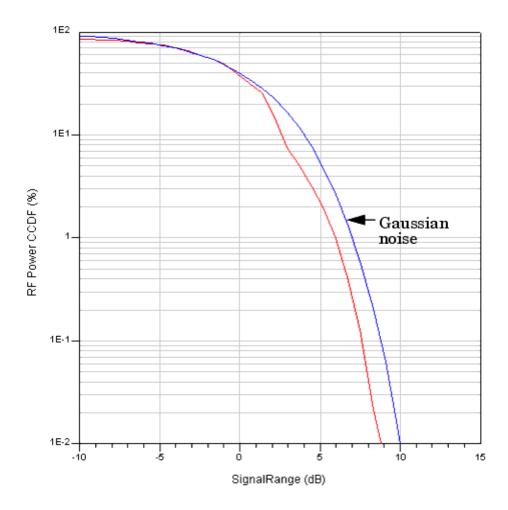
Parameter	<b>Default Setting</b>
RF_FSource	5200.0 MHz
RF_R	50.0 Ohm
Meas_FMeasurement	5200.0 MHz
Meas_R	50.0 Ohm
RF_Power_dBm	16.021 dBm

CCDF measurement results for RF and Meas signals are shown in the figures <u>RF Power CCDF</u> and <u>Meas Power CCDF</u>.

Reference CCDF measurements for Gaussian noise can be calculated by calling the function power\_ccdf\_ref () in the . dds files directly, as shown in Reference CCDF Calculation.

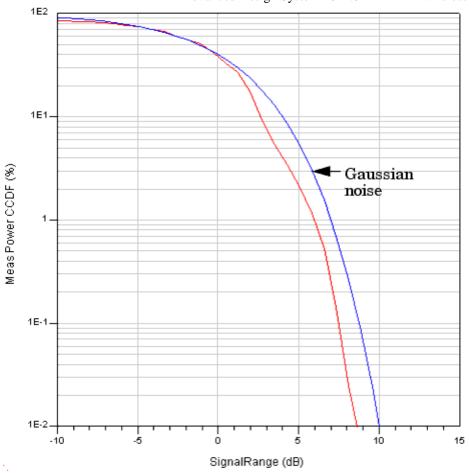
Functions for calculating peak-to-average-ratios and results are shown in <u>RF Signal Peak-to-Average-Ratio Calculation and Results</u> and <u>Meas Signal Peak-to-Average-Ratio Calculation and Results</u>.

#### **RF Power CCDF**



#### **Meas Power CCDF**

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#### **Reference CCDF Calculation**

Eqn RF\_CCDF\_Ref=100\*power\_ccdf\_ref(RF\_Power.SignalRange\_dB)

Eqn Meas\_CCDF\_Ref=100\*power\_ccdf\_ref(Meas\_Power.SignalRange\_dB)

#### **RF Signal Peak-to-Average-Ratio Calculation and Results**

Eqn RF\_Peak\_to\_Avg\_dB = RF\_Power.PeakPower\_dBm - RF\_Power.AvgPower\_dBm

RF_Power.PeakPower_dBm	RF_Power.AvgPower_dBm	RF_Peak_to_Avg_dB
23.921	15.618	8.303

#### Meas Signal Peak-to-Average-Ratio Calculation and Results

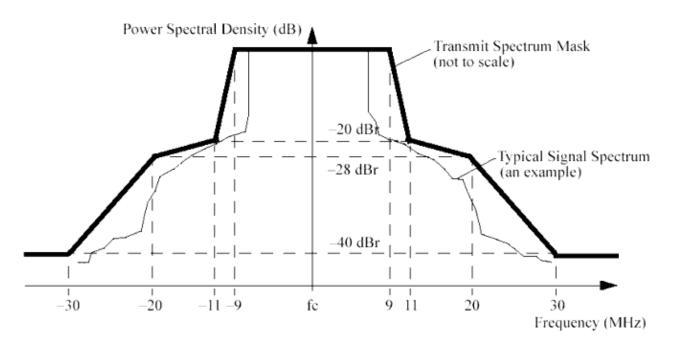
## Eqn Meas\_Peak\_to\_Avg\_dB=Meas\_Power.PeakPower\_dBm - Meas\_Power.AvgPower\_dBm

Meas_Power.PeakPower_dBm	Meas_Power_AvgPower_dBm	Meas_Peak_to_Avg_dB
23.659	15.548	8.113

## **Spectrum Measurement**

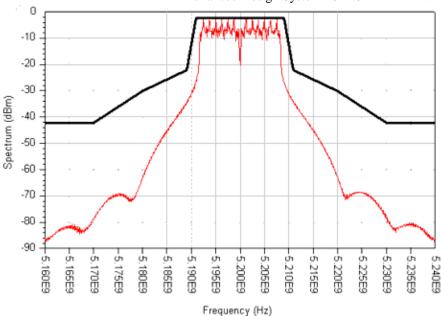
The Spectrum measurement is used to verify that the transmitted spectrum meets the spectrum mask according to IEEE 802.11a-1999, section 17.3.9.2. The transmitted spectrum must have a 0 dBr (dB relative to the maximum spectral density of the signal) bandwidth not exceeding 18 MHz (centered at the carrier frequency), -20 dBr at 11 MHz frequency offset, -28 dBr at 20 MHz frequency offset, and -40 dBr at 30 MHz frequency offset and above. The WLAN spectrum measurement has a resolution bandwidth of 100 kHz. The transmitted spectral density must fall within the spectral mask, as shown in the following figure.

#### **Transmit Spectrum Mask**

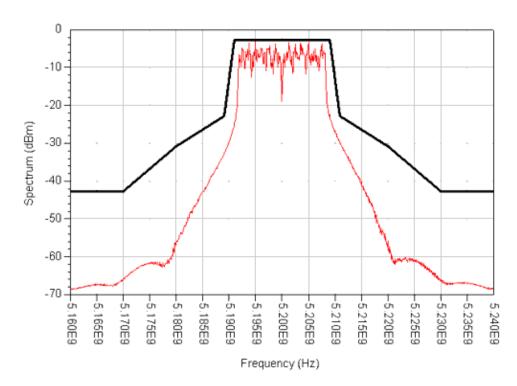


Measurement results for RF and Meas signals are shown in the figures <u>RF Signal Spectrum</u> and <u>Meas Signal Spectrum</u>. The RF and Meas signal spectrums are within the spectrum mask and therefore meet specification requirements.

#### **RF Signal Spectrum**



#### **Meas Signal Spectrum**



#### **EVM Measurement**

The EVM measurement is a modulation accuracy measurement and determines the relative constellation RMS error (EVM) according to IEEE 802.11a-1999, section 17.3.9.6.3. The RMS error is averaged over subcarriers, OFDM frames, and packets; results cannot exceed a data-rate-dependent value given in the following table.

#### **Allowed Relative Constellation Error Values**

Data Rate (Mbits/s)	Relative Constellation Error (dB)	EVM (%RMS)
6	-5	56.2
9	-8	39.8
12	-10	31.6
18	-13	22.3
24	-16	15.8
36	-19	11.2
48	-22	7.9
54	-25	5.6

Note: The 27 Mbps data rate is not defined in the 802.11a specification and is therefore not supported in this measurement.

This measurement provides EVMrms\_percent, EVM\_dB, PilotEVM\_dB, CPErms\_percent, IQ Offset dB, and so on.

PilotEVM is the RMS value of EVMs (in dB) of the four pilot subcarriers for all symbols over the entire burst. For 802.11a this includes the SIGNAL symbol. Common pilot error (CPE) shows the difference between the measured and ideal pilot subcarrier symbols. SyncCorrelation is a cross correlation of the preamble synchronization of the measured signal to an ideal signal; it is a figure of merit indicating the quality of the preamble segment used for synchronization. The preamble segment used to calculate the SyncCorrelation is either the short training or the channel estimation sequence.

Basic parameters for this measurement are listed in the following table.

#### **Basic Signal Parameters.**

Parameter	<b>Default Setting</b>
RF_FSource	5200.0MHz
RF_R	50.00hm
Meas_FMeasurement	5200.0MHz
Meas_R	50.00hm
RF_Power_dBm	16.021dBm
BytesPerBurst	100
BitRate	54Mbps
OFDM_SymbolGuardInterval	0.25
TimeStep	12.5nsec

EVM measurement results shown in the figures <u>RF Signal EVM</u> and <u>Meas Signal EVM</u> for the 54 Mbps data rate do not exceed -25 dB; therefore the measurements meet the specification requirements.

**RF Signal EVM** 

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RF_EVM.EVM_dB -136.730779	RF_EVM.EVMrms_percent 0.000015
	,
RF_EVM.PilotEVM_dB -138.524406	RF_EVM.CPErms_percent 0.000002
100.027700	
RF_EVM.SyncCorrelation	RF_EVM.IQ_Offset_dB
0.997451	-158.612219

#### **Meas Signal EVM**

Meas_EVM.EVMrms_percent
0.511819
Meas_EVM.CPErms_percent
0.090730
Meas_EVM.IQ_Offset_dB
-67.731014

## **Test Bench Variables for Data Displays**

Reference variables used to set up this test bench are listed in the tables <u>Test Bench</u> <u>Constants for WLAN Signal Setup</u> and <u>Test Bench Equations Derived from Test Bench Parameters and Exported to Data Display.</u>

DataBitsPerOFDMSymbol and BitRate values are listed in the table DataBitsPerOFDMSymbol and BitRate Values.

#### **Test Bench Constants for WLAN Signal Setup**

Constant	Value
MinFFT_Size	64 (= 26)
BitsPerByte	8
ServiceBits	16
TailBits	6
Ratio	Oversampling ratio related to the OversamplingOption as Ratio = 20versamplingOption
DataBitsPerOFDMSymbol	Dependent on DataRate
OFDMSymbolsPerBurst	(int ((ServiceBits+BitsPerByte * DataLength+TailBits)/ DataBitsPerOFDMSymbol))+Tail
TailCondition	ServiceBits+BitsPerByte * DataLength+TailBits - DataBitsPerOFDMSymbol * (int ((ServiceBits+BitsPerByte * DataLength+TailBits)/ DataBitsPerOFDMSymbol))
Tail	0 if TailCondition=0, else 1

Test Bench Equations Derived from Test Bench Parameters and Exported to Data Display

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Data Display Parameter	Equation with Test Bench Parameters
RF_FSource	FSource
RF_Power_dBm	10*log10(SourcePower)+30
RF_R	SourceR
TimeStep	1/(Bandwidth*Ratio) This is the test bench simulation time step.
OFDM_SymbolTime	MinFFT_Size*(1+GuardInterval)/Bandwidth This is the time duration for one OFDM symbol.
OFDM_SymbolsPerBurst	OFDMSymbolsPerBurst This is the number of OFDM symbols in the Data field of a burst.
OFDM_SymbolGuardInterval	GuardInterval This is the guard interval (as a ratio of OFDM_SymbolTime) associated with each OFDM symbol.
IdleTime	IdleInterval This is the time duration of the zero level idle field at the front of each burst.
ShortPreambleTime	8.0 usec This is the time duration of the short preamble field after the idle field in each burst.
LongPreambleTime	8.0 usec This is the time duration of the long preamble field after the short preamble field in each burst.
SIGNAL_Time	OFDM_SymbolTime This is the time duration of the SIGNAL field after the long preamble field in each burst.
DataTime	OFDM_SymbolsPerBurst*OFDM_SymbolTime This is the time duration of the Data field after the SIGNAL field in each burst.
BurstTime	IdleTime + ShortPreambleTime + LongPreambleTime + SIGNAL_Time + DataTime
BytesPerBurst	DataLength This is the number of bytes of data in the Data field in each burst.
BitRate	Dependent on DataRate This is the bit rate for the transmitted WLAN signal.
Meas_FMeasurement	FMeasurement
Meas_R	MeasR

## DataBitsPerOFDMSymbol and BitRate Values

DataRate	<b>DataBitsPerOFDMSymbol</b>	BitRate
Mbps_6	24	6e6
Mbps_9	36	9e6
Mbps_12	48	12e6
Mbps_18	72	18e6
Mbps_24	96	24e6
Mbps_27	108	27e6
Mbps_36	144	36e6
Mbps_48	192	48e6
Mbps_54	216	54e6

## **Baseline Performance**

- Test Computer Configuration
  - Pentium IV 2.4 GHz, 512 MB RAM, Red Hat Linux 7.3
- Conditions
  - Measurements made with default test bench settings.
  - RF DUT is an RF system behavior component.
  - Number of time points in one WLAN 802.11a burst is a function of Bandwidth, OversamplingOption, IdleInterval, GuardInterval, DataRate, and DataLength. Bandwidth = 20 MHz

OversamplingOption = Option 2 for Ratio 4

IdleInterval =  $4 \mu$ 

GuardInterval = 0.25

DataRate = 54 Mbps

DataLength = 100

- $\circ$  Resultant WTB\_TimeStep = 12.5 nsec; BurstTime = 40  $\mu$  time points per burst = 3200
- Simulation times and memory requirements:

WLAN_802_11a_TXMeasurement	Bursts Measured	Simulation Time (sec)	ADS Processes (MB)
RF_Envelope	3	10	58
Constellation	3	5	51
Power	3	4	50
Spectrum	3	4	50
EVM	10	13	53

#### **Expected ADS Performance**

Expected ADS performance is the combined performance of the baseline test bench and the RF DUT Circuit Envelope simulation with the same signal and number of time points. For example, if the RF DUT performance with Circuit Envelope simulation alone takes 2 hours and consumes 200 MB of memory (excluding the memory consumed by the core ADS product), then add these numbers to the Baseline Performance numbers to determine the expected ADS performance. This is valid only if the full memory consumed is from RAM. If RAM is less, larger simulation times may result due to increased disk access time for swap memory usage.

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  - Setting up a Wireless Test Bench Analysis in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation explains how to use test bench windows and dialogs to perform analysis tasks.
  - Setting Circuit Envelope Analysis Parameters in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation explains how to set up circuit envelope analysis parameters such as convergence criteria, solver selection, and initial guess.
  - Setting Automatic Behavioral Modeling Parameters in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation explains how to improve simulation speed.

#### **WLAN Links**

European Radiocommunications Office:

http://www.ero.dk

U.S. Frequency Allocations Chart:

http://www.ntia.doc.gov/osmhome

IEEE 802.11b Compliance Organization:

http://www.wi-fi.org

IEEE 802.11 Working Group:

http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/802/11/index.html

# WLAN 802.11a Receiver Adjacent Channel Rejection Test

## Introduction

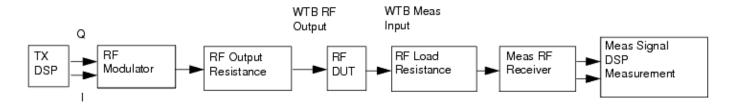
WLAN\_802\_11a\_RX\_ACR is the test bench for WLAN receiver adjacent and non-adjacent channel rejection testing. The test bench enables users to connect to an RF DUT and determine its performance.

The signal and the measurement are designed according to IEEE Standard 802.11a-1999.

This WLAN signal source model is compatible with the Agilent Signal Studio Software option 417. Details regarding Signal Studio for WLAN 802.11 are included at the website <a href="http://www.agilent.com/find/signalstudio">http://www.agilent.com/find/signalstudio</a>.

This test bench includes a TX DSP section, an RF modulator, RF output source resistance, an RF DUT connection, RF receivers, and DSP measurement blocks as illustrated in Receiver Wireless Test Bench Block Diagram. The generated test signal is sent to the DUT.

#### **Receiver Wireless Test Bench Block Diagram**



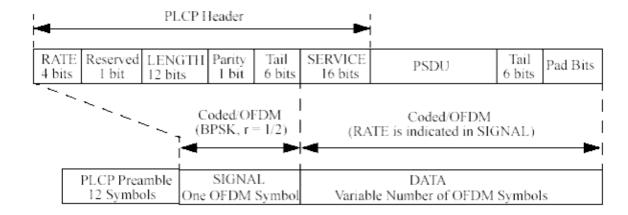
The WLAN 802.11a/g signal burst is illustrated in the figures 802.11a/g Burst Format and OFDM Training Structure. Each burst, separated by IdleInterval, consists of Short Preamble, Long Preamble, SIGNAL, and DATA fields.

- Short Preamble consists of 10 short preambles (8 μ).
- Long Preamble consists of 2 long preambles (8  $\mu$ ). The two preamble fields combined compose the PLCP Preamble that has a constant duration (16  $\mu$ ) for all source parameter settings.
- SIGNAL includes 802.11a/g bursts of information (such as data rate, payload data, and length).
- DATA contains payload data.

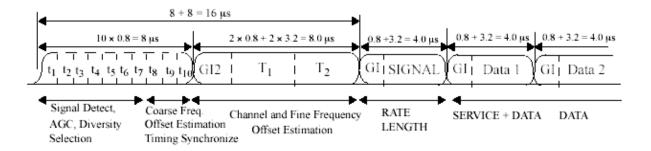
Channel coding, interleaving, mapping and IFFT processes are also included in SIGNAL and DATA parts generation. The SIGNAL field and each individual Data field (part of the overall DATA field) have a time duration defined as OFDM\_SymbolTime and includes a GuardInterval. OFDM \_SymbolTime depends on Bandwidth (=64/Bandwidth).

In the figures 802.11a/g Burst Format and OFDM Training Structure, PLCP means physical layer convergence procedure, PSDU means PLCP service data units, GI means guard interval; GI is set to 0.25 and Bandwidth is set to 20 MHz (resulting in OFDM\_SymbolTime =  $4 \mu$ ).

#### 802.11a/g Burst Format

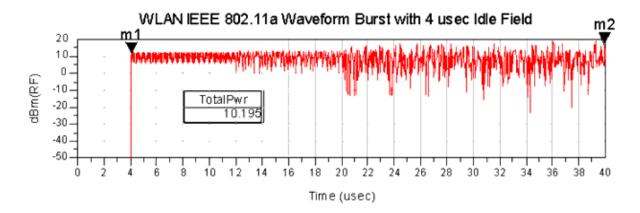


#### **OFDM Training Structure**



The WLAN RF power delivered into a matched load is the average power delivered in the WLAN burst excluding the burst idle time. The figure <u>WLAN 802.11a RF Signal Envelope</u> shows the RF envelope for an output RF signal with 10 dBm power.

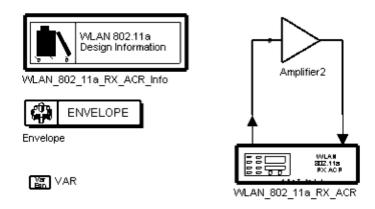
#### WLAN 802.11a RF Signal Envelope



## **Test Bench Basics**

A template is provided for this test bench.

#### WLAN 802.11a Receiver ACR Test Bench



### To access the template:

- 1. In an Analog/RF schematic window select *Insert > Template*.
- 2. In the Insert > Template dialog box, choose WLAN\_802\_11a\_RX\_ACR\_test , click OK ; click left to place the template in the schematic window. An example design using this template is available; from the ADS Main window click File > Open > Example > WLAN > WLAN\_RF\_Verification\_wrk > WLAN\_802\_11a\_RX ACR\_test .

The basics for using the test bench are:

- Replace the DUT (Amplifier2 is provided with this template) with an RF DUT that is suitable for this test bench.
- CE\_TimeStep, FSource, SourcePower, and FMeasurement parameter default values are typically accepted; otherwise, set values based on your requirements.
- Activate/deactivate measurements based on your requirements.
- Run the simulation and view Data Display page(s) for your measurement(s).

For details, refer to Test Bench Details.

## **Test Bench Details**

The following sections provide details for setting up a test bench, setting measurement parameters for more control of the test bench, simulation measurement displays, and baseline performance.

Open and use the WLAN 802 11a RX ACR template:

- 1. In an Analog/RF schematic window select *Insert > Template*.
- 2. In the Insert > Template dialog box, choose WLAN 802 11a RX ACR test, click OK ; click left to place the template in the schematic window.

Test bench setup is detailed here.

- 1. Replace the DUT (Amplifier 2 is provided with this template) with an RF DUT that is suitable for this test bench.
  - For information regarding using certain types of DUTs, see RF DUT Limitations for WLAN Wireless Test Benches (adswtbwlan).
- 2. Set the Required Parameters



Refer to WLAN 802 11a RX ACR (adswtbwlan) for a complete list of parameters for this test bench.

Generally, default values can be accepted; otherwise, values can be changed by the user as needed.

Set CE\_TimeStep.

Cosimulation occurs between the test bench (using ADS Ptolemy Data Flow simulation technology) and the DUT (using Circuit Envelope simulation technology). Each technology requires its own simulation time step with timestep coordination occurring in the interface between the technologies. CE\_TimeStep defines the Circuit Envelope simulation time step to be used with this DUT. The CE\_TimeStep must be set to a value equal to or a submultiple of (less than) WTB TimeStep; otherwise, simulation will stop and an error message will be displayed.

Note that WTB\_TimeStep is not user-settable. Its value is derived from other test bench parameter values; with default settings WTB TimeStep=6.25 nsec. The value is displayed in the Data Display pages as TimeStep.

WTB TimeStep =  $1/(Bandwidth \times Ratio)$ 

#### where

Bandwidth is the user-settable value (default = 20 MHz)

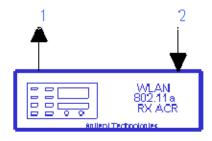
Ratio is the oversampling ratio value specified by OversamplingOption (not the enum index). Ratio sets the number of waveform sampling points during the signal FFT time interval. During this time interval the minimum FFT sampling size is 64 (which corresponds to an FFT order of 6; i.e 2 {6}) and the FFT time interval is defined as 64/Bandwidth.

Advanced Design System 2011.01 - WLAN Wireless Test Benches For example, a Ratio of 4 sets the FFT sampling size to  $64 \times 4=256$  (which corresponds to an FFT order of 8) during the signal FFT time interval.

- Set FSource, SourcePower, and FMeasurement.
  - FSource defines the RF frequency for the signal input to the RF DUT. The
    FSource value is exported to the Choosing Analyses window Fundamental
    Tones field when the user clicks OK in the Wireless Test Bench Setup
    window.
  - SourcePower defines the power level for FSource. SourcePower is defined as the average power during the non-idle time of the signal burst.
  - FMeasurement defines the RF frequency output from the DUT to be measured.
- 3. More control of the test bench can be achieved by setting *Basic Parameters*, *Signal Parameters*, and measurement parameters. For details, refer to *Setting Parameters* (adswtbwlan).
- 4. The RF modulator (shown in the block diagram in Receiver Wireless Test Bench Block Diagram) uses FSource, SourcePower ( Required Parameters ), MirrorSourceSpectrum ( Basic Parameters), GainImbalance, PhaseImbalance, I OriginOffset, Q OriginOffset, and IQ Rotation ( Signal Parameters ). The RF output resistance uses SourceR and SourceTemp ( Basic Parameters ). The RF output signal source has a 50-ohm (default) output resistance defined by SourceR. RF output (and input to the RF DUT) is at the frequency specified (FSource), with the specified source resistance (SourceR) and with power (SourcePower) delivered into a matched load of resistance SourceR. The RF signal has additive Gaussian noise power set by resistor temperature (SourceTemp). Note that the Meas in point of the test bench provides a resistive load to the RF DUT set by the MeasR value (50-ohm default) ( Basic Parameters ). The Meas signal contains linear and nonlinear signal distortions and time delays associated with the RF DUT input to output characteristics. The TX DSP block (shown in the block diagram in Receiver Wireless Test Bench Block Diagram) uses other Signal Parameters.
- 5. More control of Circuit Envelope analysis can be achieved by setting Envelope controller parameters. These settings include Enable Fast Cosim, which may speed the RF DUT simulation more than 10×. Setting these simulation options is described in Setting Fast Cosimulation Parameters and Setting Circuit Envelope Analysis Parameters in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation.
- 6. After running a simulation, results will appear in a Data Display window for the measurement. Simulation Measurement Displays (adswtbwlan) describes results for each measurement. For general WTB Data Display details refer to Viewing WTB Analysis Results (adswtbsim).

## WLAN\_802\_11a\_RX\_ACR

This section provides parameter information for *Required Parameters, Basic Parameters, Signal Parameters*, and parameters for the various measurements.



Description WLAN 802.11a RX ACR Library WTB Class TSDFWLAN\_802\_11a\_RX\_ACR Derived From baseWTB\_RX

#### **Parameters**

Name	Description	Default	Sym	Unit	Туре	Range
RequiredParameters						
CE_TimeStep	Circuit envelope simulation time step	1/20 MHz/8		sec	real	(0, ∞)
WTB_TimeStep	Set CE_TimeStep < = 1/Bandwidth/2 OversamplingOption					
	Expression variables are in Signal Parameters tab/category.					
FSource	Source carrier frequency: CH1 _2412.0MHz, CH3 _2422.0MHz, CH5 _2432.0MHz, CH6 _2437.0MHz, CH7 _2442.0MHz, CH9 _2452.0MHz, CH11 _2462.0MHz, CH11 _2462.0MHz, CH13 _2472.0MHz, CH36 _5180.0MHz, CH40 _5200.0MHz, CH44 _5220.0MHz, CH48 _5240.0MHz,	CH1 _2412.0MHz		Hz	real enum	(0, ∞)

	CH52 _5260.0MHz, CH56 _5280.0MHz, CH60 _5300.0MHz, CH64 _5320.0MHz, CH149 _5745.0MHz, CH153 _5765.0MHz, CH157 _5785.0MHz, CH161 _5805.0MHz				
SourcePower	Source power	dbmtow(- 62.0)	W	real	[0, ∞)
FMeasurement	Measurement carrier frequency: Meas_CH1 _2412.0MHz, Meas_CH3 _2422.0MHz, Meas_CH5 _2432.0MHz, Meas_CH6 _2437.0MHz, Meas_CH7 _2442.0MHz, Meas_CH9 _2452.0MHz, Meas_CH11 _2462.0MHz, Meas_CH13 _2472.0MHz, Meas_CH36 _5180.0MHz, Meas_CH40 _5200.0MHz, Meas_CH44 _5220.0MHz, Meas_CH48 _5240.0MHz, Meas_CH52 _5260.0MHz, Meas_CH56 _5280.0MHz, Meas_CH66 _5300.0MHz, Meas_CH64 _5320.0MHz, Meas_CH64 _5320.0MHz, Meas_CH153 _5765.0MHz, Meas_CH157 _5785.0MHz, Meas_CH161 _5805.0MHz	Meas_CH1 _2412.0MHz	Hz	real	(0, ∞)
BasicParameters					

SourceR	Advanced Design System 2011.01 - WLA   Source resistance	50 Ohm	Dene		real	(0, ∞)
SourceTemp	Source resistor temperature	16.85		Celsius	real	[-273.15, ∞)
MeasR	Measurement resistance	50 Ohm		Ohm	real	[10, 1.0e6]
MirrorSourceSpectrum	Mirror source spectrum about carrier? NO, YES	NO			enum	
MirrorMeasSpectrum	Mirror meas spectrum about carrier? NO, YES	NO			enum	
TestBenchSeed	Random number generator seed	1234567			int	[0, ∞)
SignalParameters						
GainImbalance	Gain imbalance, Q vs I	0.0		dB	real	(-∞, ∞)
PhaseImbalance	Phase imbalance, Q vs I	0.0		deg	real	(-∞, ∞)
I_OriginOffset	I origin offset (percent)	0.0			real	(-∞, ∞)
Q_OriginOffset	Q origin offset (percent)	0.0			real	(-∞, ∞)
IQ_Rotation	IQ rotation	0.0		deg	real	(-∞, ∞)
Bandwidth	Bandwidth	20 MHz	В	Hz	real	(0, ∞)
OversamplingOption	Oversampling ratio option: Option 0 for Ratio 1, Option 1 for Ratio 2, Option 2 for Ratio 4, Option 3 for Ratio 8, Option 4 for Ratio 16, Option 5 for Ratio 32	Option 3 for Ratio 8	S		enum	
DataRate	Data rate (Mbps): Mbps_6, Mbps_9, Mbps_12, Mbps_18, Mbps_24, Mbps_27, Mbps_36, Mbps_48, Mbps_54	Mbps_54	R		enum	
IdleInterval	Burst idle interval	4.0 usec	I	sec	real	[0, 1000usec]
DataType	Payload data type: PN9, PN15, FIX4, _4_1_4_0, _8_1_8_0, _16_1_16_0, _32_1_32_0, _64_1_64_0	PN9			enum	
DataLength	Data length (bytes per burst)	1000	L		int	[1, 4095]
GuardInterval	Guard interval (frac FFT size)	0.25			int	[0, 1]
AdjChSignalParameters						
AdjChFSourceOffset	Adjacent channel carrier frequency offset	-20 MHz		Hz	real	(-∞, ∞)
AdjChPower	Adjacent channel power	dbmtow(- 63.0)		W	real	[0, ∞)
MeasurementParameters						
DisplayPages	RX adjacent channel rejection measurement display pages: WLAN_802_11a_RX_ACR Table					
DecoderType	Decoder type: Hard, Soft, CSI	CSI			enum	
TrunLen	Path memory truncation length	60			int	[20, 200)
StartBurst	Start burst	0			int	[0, 1000]
StopBurst	Stop burst	100			int	[0, 1000]

## **Pin Input**

Pin	Name	Description	Signal Type
2	Meas_In	Test bench measurement RF input from RF circuit	timed

## **Pin Output**

Pin	Name	Description	Signal Type
1	RF_Out	Test bench RF output to RF circuit	timed

## **Setting Parameters**

More control of the test bench can be achieved by setting parameters in the *Basic* Parameters, Signal Parameters, and measurement categories for the activated measurements.



#### 1 Note

For required parameter information, see Set the Required Parameters (adswtbwlan).

#### **Basic Parameters**

- 1. SourceR is the RF output source resistance.
- 2. SourceTemp is the RF output source resistance temperature (oC) and sets noise density in the RF output signal to (k(SourceTemp+273.15)) Watts/Hz, where k is Boltzmann's constant.
- 3. MeasR defines the load resistance for the RF DUT output Meas signal into the test bench. This resistance loads the RF DUT output; it is also the reference resistance for Meas signal power measurements.
- 4. MirrorSourceSpectrum is used to invert the polarity of the Q envelope of the generated RF signal before it is sent to the RF DUT. Depending on the configuration and number of mixers in an RF transmitter, the signal at the input of the DUT may need to be mirrored. If such an RF signal is desired, set this parameter to YES.
- 5. MirrorMeasSpectrum is used to invert the polarity of the Q envelope in the Meas in RF signal input to the test bench (and output from the RF DUT). Depending on the configuration and number of mixers in the RF DUT, the signal at its output may be mirrored compared to the signal generated by the signal source (before any mirroring is done because of the MirrorSourceSpectrum setting). Proper demodulation and measurement of the RF DUT output signal requires that its RF envelope is not mirrored compared to the signal generated by the signal source (before any mirroring is done because of the MirrorSourceSpectrum setting). If the Meas in RF signal is mirrored, set this parameter to YES. Proper setting of this parameter is required for measurements on the Meas\_in signal in RX text benches and results in measurement on a signal with no spectrum mirroring.
- 6. TestBenchSeed is an integer used to seed the random number generator used with the test bench. This value is used by all test bench random number generators, except those RF DUT components that use their own specific seed parameter. TestBenchSeed initializes the random number generation. The same seed value produces the same *random* results, thereby giving you predictable simulation results. To generate repeatable random output from simulation to simulation, use any positive seed value. If you want the output to be truly random, enter the seed value of 0.

## **Signal Parameters**

1. GainImbalance, PhaseImbalance, I\_OriginOffset, Q\_OriginOffset, and IQ\_Rotation are used to add certain impairments to the ideal output RF signal. Impairments are

added in the order described here.

The unimpaired RF I and Q envelope voltages have gain and phase imbalance applied. The RF is given by:

$$V_{RF}(t) = A \bigg( V_I(t) \cos(\omega_c t) - g V_Q(t) \sin\!\left(\omega_c t + \frac{\phi \pi}{180}\right) \bigg)$$

where A is a scaling factor that depends on the SourcePower and SourceR parameters specified by the user,  $V_{\rm I}(t)$  is the in-phase RF envelope,  $V_{\rm O}(t)$  is the

quadrature phase RF envelope, g is the gain imbalance

$$g = 10 \frac{GainImbalance}{20}$$

and,  $\varphi$  (in degrees) is the phase imbalance.

Next, the signal  $V_{RF}(t)$  is rotated by IQ\_Rotation degrees. The I\_OriginOffset and

- Q\_OriginOffset are then applied to the rotated signal. Note that the amounts specified are percentages with respect to the output rms voltage. The output rms voltage is given by  $sqrt(2 \times SourceR \times SourcePower)$ .
- 2. Bandwidth is used to determine the actual bandwidth of WLAN systems and to calculate the sampling rate and timestep per sample. The default value is 20 MHz (defined in 802.11a/g specification); to double the rate for the 802.11a/g turbo mode, set Bandwidth to 40 MHz.
- 3. OversamplingOption sets the oversampling ratio of 802.11a/g RF signal source. Options from 0 to 5 result in oversampling ratio 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 where oversampling ratio =  $2^{\text{OversamplingOption}}$ . If OversamplingOption = 2, the oversampling ratio = 22 = 4 and the simulation RF bandwidth is larger than the signal bandwidth by a factor of 4 (e.g. for Bandwidth=20 MHz, the simulation RF bandwidth = 20 MHz × 4 = 80 MHz).
- 4. DataRate specifies the data rate 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 27, 36, 48 and 54 Mbps. All data rates except 27 Mbps are defined in the 802.11a/g specification; 27 Mbps is from HIPERLAN/2.

The following table lists key parameter values of 802.11a/g.

#### **Rate-dependent parameters**

Data Rate (Mbps)	Modulation	Coding Rate (R)		Coded Bits per OFDM Symbol ( $N_{CBPS}$ )	Data Bits per OFDM Symbol ( $N_{DBPS}$ )
6	BPSK	1/2	1	48	24
9	BPSK	3/4	1	48	36
12	QPSK	1/2	2	96	48
18	QPSK	3/4	2	96	72
24	16-QAM	1/2	4	192	96
27	16-QAM	9/16	4	192	108
36	16-QAM	3/4	4	192	144
48	64-QAM	2/3	6	288	192
54	64-QAM	3/4	6	288	216

- 5. IdleInterval specifies the idle interval between two consecutive bursts when generating a 802.11a signal source.
- 6. For DataType:
  - if PN9 is selected, a 511-bit pseudo-random test pattern is generated according

Advanced Design System 2011.01 - WLAN Wireless Test Benches to CCITT Recommendation 0.153.

- if PN15 is selected, a 32767-bit pseudo-random test pattern is generated according to CCITT Recommendation 0.151.
- if FIX4 is selected, a zero-stream is generated.
- if x\_1\_x\_0 is selected (where x equals 4, 8, 16, 32, or 64) a periodic bit stream is generated, with the period being 2 x. In one period, the first x bits are 1s and the second x bits are 0s.
- 7. DataLength is used to set the number of data bytes in a burst. There are 8 bits per byte.
- 8. GuardInterval is used to set cyclic prefix in an OFDM symbol. The value range of GuardInterval is [0.0,1.0]. The cyclic prefix is a fractional ratio of the IFFT length. 802.11a/g defines GuardInterval=1/4 (0.8 µsec) and HIPERLAN/2 defines two GuardIntervals (1/8 and 1/4).

### **Adjacent Channel Rejection Parameters**

- 1. AdjChFSourceOffset: Adjacent channel carrier frequency offset.
- 2. AdjChPower: Adjacent channel power.

#### **Measurement Parameters**

This measurement requires setting of the MirrorMeasSpectrum parameter such that there is an even number of spectrum mirrorings from the combined test bench source and RF DUT. For example, if MirrorSourceSpectrum=NO and the RF DUT causes its output RF signal to have spectrum mirroring relative to its input signal, then set MirrorMeasSpectrum=YES.

- 1. DisplayPages provides Data Display page information for this measurement. It cannot be changed by the user.
- 2. DecoderType has three modes: Hard, Soft, and CSI. When DecoderType=Hard, if b < 0, -1.0 is output, otherwise 1.0 is output; when DecoderType=Soft, if b < -1.0, -1.0 is output; if b > 1.0, 1.0 is output; when DecoderType=CSI, b is multiplied by CSI (=  $|H(i)|^2$ ) and output. CSI means Channel Status Information and estimated channel impulse responses (H(i)) are the CSI here.
- 3. TrunLen sets the most recent TrunLen information bits in each surviving sequence are stored. Once the path with the shortest distance is identified, the symbol associated with the path TrunLen periods ago is conveyed to the output as a decoded information symbol.
- 4. StartBurst sets the start burst. A value of 0 is the first burst.
- 5. StopBurst sets the stop burst. A StopBurst value of 100 results in measuring 101 bursts.

## Simulation Measurement Displays

After running the simulation, results are displayed in the Data Display pages for each measurement activated.



#### 1 Note

Measurement results from a wireless test bench have associated names that can be used in Data Display Expressions. For more information, refer to Measurement Results for Expressions for WLAN Wireless Test Benches (adswtbwlan).

#### Measurement

This measurement shows BER and PER results.

Adjacent or non-adjacent channel rejection is measured by setting the desired signal strength 3 dB above the rate-dependent sensitivity (as specified in Table 91 of IEEE Std. 802.11a-1999) and raising the power of the interfering signal until the 10% packet error rate (PER) is caused for a DataLength (PSDU) of 1000 bytes. The power difference between the interfering and the desired channel is the corresponding adjacent or nonadjacent channel rejection. The interfering signal in the adjacent or non-adjacent channel must be a conformant OFDM PHY signal, unsynchronized with the signal in the channel under test. For a conformant OFDM PHY the corresponding rejection must be no less than that specified in Table 91 of IEEE Std. 802.11a-1999 and listed in the following table.

#### **Receiver Requirements**

Data Rate (Mbps)	Minimum Sensitivity (dBm)	1 -	Alternate Adjacent Channel Rejection (dB)
6	-82	16	32
9	-81	15	31
12	-79	13	29
18	-77	11	27
24	-74	8	24
36	-70	4	20
48	-66	0	16
54	-65	-1	15

Simulation results for data rate of 54 Mbps with SourcePower at -62 dBm are shown in Simulation Results for 54 Mbps data rate and -62 dBm SourcePower.

The receiver channel rejection is defined in Table 91 of IEEE Std. 802.11a-1999. The PER shall be less than 10% when the power of the interfering signal is raised to the ratedependent channel rejection level.

Defined in IEEE802.11a Specification

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real(RF_FSource)/(1 MHz)	real(RF_Power_dBm)		real(f	RF_R)	real(Meas_FMeasurement)	(1 MHz)	real(Meas_R)	
5200.000		-62.000		50.000	50.000 5200.000			50.000
real(BurstTime)/( 1 useo)		real(TimeStep)/(	1 nsec)	real(1d	leTime)I(1 useo)		real(DataTime)/(1 uses)	
	176.000		6.250		4.000			152.000
real(LongPreambleTime)(1 us	ec)	real(ShortPreambleT	ime)/(1 usec)	real(OFDM_	SymbolTime)/(1 usec)	T	real(OFDMSymbolsPerBurst	
	8.000		8,000		4.000			38,000
real(BytesPerBurst)		real(BitRate)/(1		real(OFDM_	Symbol@uardInterval)		real(RF_SourceTemp)	
11	000.000		54.000		0.250			16.850
real(RF_/	AdjChFSo	urceOffset)/(1 MHz)			real(AdjChF	ower_dBr	m)	
			-20.000					-63.000

#### Meas BER PER

	BER	PER
Γ	0.00003125	0.03000000

# **Test Bench Variables for Data Displays**

The following tables identify the reference variables used to set up this test bench:

#### **Test Bench Constants for WLAN Signal Setup**

Constant	Value
MinFFT_Size	64 (= 2 <sup>6</sup> )
BitsPerByte	8
ServiceBits	16
TailBits	6
Ratio	Oversampling ratio related to the OversamplingOption as Ratio = 2 <sup>OversamplingOption</sup>
DataBitsPerOFDMSymbol	Dependent on DataRate in the next table.
OFDMSymbolsPerBurst	(int ((ServiceBits+BitsPerByte*DataLength+TailBits)/ DataBitsPerOFDMSymbol))+Tail
TailCondition	ServiceBits+BitsPerByte*DataLength+TailBits - DataBitsPerOFDMSymbol *(int ((ServiceBits+BitsPerByte*DataLength+TailBits)/ DataBitsPerOFDMSymbol))
Tail	if (TailCondition = 0) then 0 else 1

#### **DataRate Determines DataBitsPerOFDMSymbol and BitRate Values**

DataRate	DataBitsPerOFDMSymbol (see previous table)	BitRate (see next table)
Mbps_6	24	6e6
Mbps_9	36	9e6
Mbps_12	48	12e6
Mbps_18	72	18e6
Mbps_24	96	24e6
Mbps_27	108	27e6
Mbps_36	144	36e6
Mbps_48	192	48e6
Mbps_54	216	54e6

### Test Bench Equations Derived from Test Bench Parameters and Exported to the Data Display

Data Display Parameter	Equation with Test Bench Parameters
RF_FSource	FSource
RF_Power_dBm	10*log10(SourcePower)+30
RF_R	SourceR
RF_SourceTemp	SourceTemp in degrees Celsius
TimeStep	1/(Bandwidth*Ratio) This is the test bench simulation time step.
OFDM_SymbolTime	MinFFT_Size*(1+GuardInterval)/Bandwidth This is the duration for one OFDM symbol.
OFDM_SymbolsPerBurst	OFDMSymbolsPerBurst This is the number of OFDM symbols in the Data field of a burst.
OFDM_SymbolGuardInterval	GuardInterval This is the guard interval (as a ratio of the OFDM_SymbolTime) associated with each OFDM symbol.
IdleTime	IdleInterval This is the duration of the zero level idle field at the front of each burst.
ShortPreambleTime	8.0 usec This is the duration of the short preamble field after the idle field in each burst.
LongPreambleTime	8.0 usec This is the duration of the long preamble field after the short preamble field in each burst.
SIGNAL_Time	OFDM_SymbolTime This is the duration of the SIGNAL field after the long preamble field in each burst.
DataTime	OFDM_SymbolsPerBurst*OFDM_SymbolTime This is the duration of the Data field after the SIGNAL field in each burst.
BurstTime	IdleTime + ShortPreambleTime + LongPreambleTime + SIGNAL_Time + DataTime
BytesPerBurst	DataLength This is the number of bytes of data in the Data field in each burst.
BitRate	Dependent on DataRate in the previous table. This is the bit rate for transmitted WLAN signal.
Meas_FMeasurement	FMeasurement
MeasR	MeasR

### **Baseline Performance**

- Test Computer Configuration
  - Pentium IV 2.4 GHz, 512MB RAM, Red Hat Linux 7.3
- Conditions
  - Measurements made with default test bench settings.
  - RF DUT is an RF system behavior component.
  - Number of time points in one WLAN 802.11a burst is a function of Bandwidth, OversamplingOption, IdleInterval, GuardInterval, DataRate, DataLength

Bandwidth = 20 MHz

OversamplingOption = Option 3 for Ratio 8

IdleInterval =  $4 \mu sec$ 

GuardInterval = 0.25

DataRate = 54 Mbps

DataLength = 1000

- Resultant WTB\_TimeStep = 6.25 nsec; BurstTime = 176 μsec; time points per burst = 2816
- Simulation time and memory requirements.

WLAN_802_11a_RX_ACR	<b>Bursts Measured</b>	Simulation Time (sec)	ADS Processes (MB)
RX ACR	100	117	71

#### **Expected ADS Performance**

Expected ADS performance is the combined performance of the baseline test bench and the RF DUT Circuit Envelope simulation with the same signal and number of time points. For example, if the RF DUT performance with Circuit Envelope simulation alone takes 2 hours and consumes 200 MB of memory (excluding the memory consumed by the core ADS product), then add these numbers to the Baseline Performance numbers to determine the expected ADS performance. This is valid only if the full memory consumed is from RAM. If RAM is less, larger simulation times may result due to increased disk access time for swap memory usage.

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  - Setting up a Wireless Test Bench Analysis in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation explains how to use test bench windows and dialogs to perform analysis tasks.
  - Setting Circuit Envelope Analysis Parameters in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation explains how to set up circuit envelope analysis parameters such as convergence criteria, solver selection, and initial guess.
  - Setting Automatic Behavioral Modeling Parameters in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation to learn how to improve simulation speed.

#### **WLAN Links**

European Radiocommunications Office: http://www.ero.dk

U.S. Frequency Allocations Chart: <a href="http://www.ntia.doc.gov/osmhome">http://www.ntia.doc.gov/osmhome</a>

IEEE 802.11b Compliance Organization: http://www.wi-fi.org

IEEE 802.11 Working Group: <a href="http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/802/11/index.html">http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/802/11/index.html</a>

# **WLAN 802.11a Receiver Sensitivity Test**

### **Introduction**

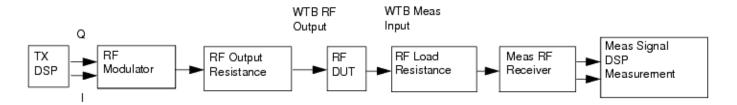
WLAN\_802\_11a\_RX\_Sensitivity is the test bench for WLAN receiver minimum and maximum input level sensitivity testing. The test bench enables users to connect to an RF DUT and determine its performance; signal measurements include BER and PER with minimum and maximum input levels.

The signal and the measurement are designed according to IEEE Standard 802.11a-1999.

This WLAN signal source model is compatible with the Agilent Signal Studio Software option 417. Details regarding Signal Studio for WLAN 802.11 are included at the website <a href="http://www.agilent.com/find/signalstudio">http://www.agilent.com/find/signalstudio</a>.

This test bench includes a TX DSP section, an RF modulator, RF output source resistance, an RF DUT connection, RF receivers, and DSP measurement blocks as illustrated in <a href="Receiver Wireless Test Bench Block Diagram">Receiver Wireless Test Bench Block Diagram</a>. The generated test signal is sent to the DUT.

#### **Receiver Wireless Test Bench Block Diagram**

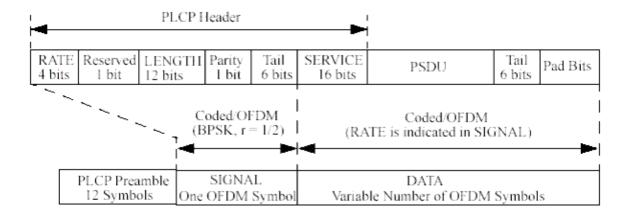


The 802.11a/g signal burst is illustrated in <u>802.11a/g Burst Format</u> and <u>OFDM Training Structure</u>. Each burst is separated by IdleInterval and consists of Short Preamble, Long Preamble, SIGNAL, and DATA fields.

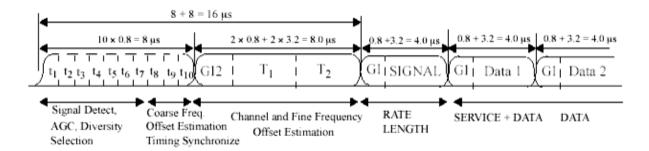
- Short Preamble field consists of 10 short preambles (8  $\mu$ ).
- Long Preamble field consists of 2 long preambles (8  $\mu$ ). The two preamble fields combined compose the PLCP Preamble that has a constant duration (16  $\mu$ ) for all source parameter settings.
- SIGNAL field includes 802.11a/g bursts of information (data rate, payload data, and length).
- DATA field contains payload data.
   Channel coding, interleaving, mapping, and IFFT processes are also included in SIGNAL and DATA parts generation. The SIGNAL field and each individual Data field (part of the overall DATA field) have a duration defined as OFDM\_SymbolTime and includes a GuardInterval. OFDM \_SymbolTime depends on Bandwidth (=64/Bandwidth).

In <u>802.11a/g Burst Format</u> and <u>OFDM Training Structure</u>, PLCP means *physical layer convergence procedure*, PSDU means *PLCP service data units*, GI means *guard interval*; GI is set to 0.25 and Bandwidth is set to 20 MHz (resulting in OFDM SymbolTime =  $4 \mu$ ).

#### 802.11a/g Burst Format

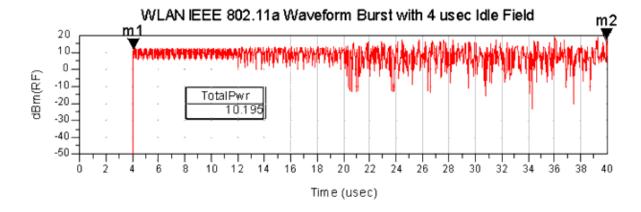


#### **OFDM Training Structure**



The WLAN RF power delivered into a matched load is the average power delivered in the WLAN burst excluding the burst idle time. WLAN 802.11a RF Signal Envelope shows the RF envelope for an output RF signal with 10 dBm power.

#### WLAN 802.11a RF Signal Envelope



### **Test Bench Basics**

A template is provided for this test bench.

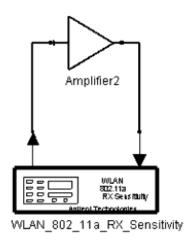
#### **WLAN 802.11a Receiver Test Bench**











#### To access the template:

- 1. In an Analog/RF schematic window select *Insert > Template*.
- 2. In the Insert > Template dialog box, choose WLAN\_802\_11a\_RX\_Sensitivity\_test , click OK; click left to place the template in the schematic window. An example design using this template is available; from the ADS Main window click File > Open > Example > WLAN > WLAN\_RF\_Verification\_wrk > WLAN\_802\_11a\_RX\_Sensitivity\_test . The basics for using the test bench are:
  - Replace the DUT (Amplifier2 is provided with this template) with an RF DUT that is suitable for this test bench.
  - CE\_TimeStep, FSource, SourcePower, and FMeasurement parameter default values are typically accepted; otherwise, set values based on your requirements.
  - Activate/deactivate measurements based on your requirements.
  - Run the simulation and view Data Display page(s) for your measurement(s). For details, refer to Test Bench Details.

### **Test Bench Details**

The following sections provide details for setting up a test bench, setting measurement parameters for more control of the test bench, simulation measurement displays, and baseline performance.

Open and use the WLAN\_802\_11a\_RX\_Sensitivity template:

- 1. In an Analog/RF schematic window select *Insert > Template*.
- 2. In the Insert > Template dialog box, choose WLAN 802 11a RX Sensitivity test, click OK; click left to place the template in the schematic window.

Test bench setup is detailed here.

1. Replace the DUT (Amplifier 2 is provided with this template) with an RF DUT that is suitable for this test bench.

For information regarding using certain types of DUTs, see RF DUT Limitations for WLAN Wireless Test Benches (adswtbwlan).

#### 2. Set the Required Parameters



#### **1** Note

Refer to WLAN 802 11a RX Sensitivity (adswtbwlan) for a complete list of parameters for this test

Generally, default values can be accepted; otherwise, values can be changed by the user as needed.

Set CE TimeStep.

Cosimulation occurs between the test bench (using ADS Ptolemy Data Flow simulation technology) and the DUT (using Circuit Envelope simulation technology). Each technology requires its own simulation time step with timestep coordination occurring in the interface between the technologies. CE\_TimeStep defines the Circuit Envelope simulation time step to be used with this DUT. The CE\_TimeStep must be set to a value equal to or a submultiple of (less than) WTB TimeStep; otherwise, simulation will stop and an error message will be displayed.

Note that WTB\_TimeStep is not user-settable. Its value is derived from other test bench parameter values; with default settings WTB TimeStep=12.5 nsec. The value is displayed in the Data Display pages as TimeStep.

WTB TimeStep =  $1/(Bandwidth \times Ratio)$ where

Bandwidth is the user-settable value (default = 20 MHz)

Ratio is the oversampling ratio value specified by OversamplingOption (not the enum index). Ratio sets the number of waveform sampling points during the signal FFT time interval. During this time interval the minimum FFT sampling size is 64 (which corresponds to an FFT order of 6; i.e  $2^{6}$  ) and the FFT time interval is defined as 64/Bandwidth. For example, a Ratio of 4 sets the FFT sampling size to  $64 \times 4=256$  (which corresponds to an FFT order of 8) during the signal FFT time interval.

- Set FSource, SourcePower, and FMeasurement.
  - FSource defines the RF frequency for the signal input to the RF DUT.

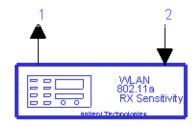
- SourcePower defines the power level for FSource. SourcePower is defined as the average power during the non-idle time of the signal burst.
- FMeasurement defines the RF frequency output from the DUT to be measured.
- 3. More control of the test bench can be achieved by setting *Basic Parameters*, *Signal Parameters*, and measurement parameters. For details, refer to *Setting Parameters* (adswtbwlan).
- 4. The RF modulator (shown in the block diagram in Receiver Wireless Test Bench Block Diagram) uses FSource, SourcePower (Required Parameters), MirrorSourceSpectrum (Basic Parameters), GainImbalance, PhaseImbalance, I\_OriginOffset, Q\_OriginOffset, and IQ\_Rotation (Signal Parameters). The RF output resistance uses SourceR and SourceTemp (Basic Parameters). The RF output signal source has a 50-ohm (default) output resistance defined by SourceR. RF output (and input to the RF DUT) is at the frequency specified (FSource), with the specified source resistance (SourceR) and with power (SourcePower) delivered into a matched load of resistance SourceR. The RF signal has additive Gaussian noise power set by resistor temperature (SourceTemp). Note that the Meas\_in point of the test bench provides a resistive load to the RF DUT set by the MeasR value (50-ohm default) (Basic Parameters). The Meas signal contains linear and nonlinear signal distortions and time delays associated with the RF DUT input to output characteristics. The TX DSP block (shown in the block diagram in Receiver Wireless Test Bench Block
- 5. More control of Circuit Envelope analysis can be achieved by setting Envelope controller parameters. These settings include Enable AVM (Fast Cosim), which may speed the RF DUT simulation more than 10×. Setting these simulation options is described in Setting Automatic Verification Modeling Parameters and Setting Circuit Envelope Analysis Parameters in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation.

Diagram) uses other Signal Parameters.

6. After running a simulation, results will appear in a Data Display window for the measurement. Simulation Measurement Displays (adswtbwlan) describes results for each measurement. For general WTB Data Display details refer to Viewing WTB Analysis Results (adswtbsim).

# WLAN\_802\_11a\_RX\_Sensitivity

This section provides parameter information for *Required Parameters, Basic Parameters, Signal Parameters*, and parameters for the various measurements.



**Description** WLAN 802.11a RX sensitivity **Library** WTB **Class** TSDFWLAN\_802\_11a\_RX\_Sensitivity **Derived From** baseWTB\_RX

#### **Parameters**

Name	Description	Default	Sym	Unit	Туре	Range
RequiredParameters						
CE_TimeStep	Circuit envelope simulation time step	1/20 MHz/4		sec	real	(0, ∞)
WTB_TimeStep	Set CE_TimeStep <=1/Bandwidth /2 <sup>OversamplingOption</sup>					
FSource	Source carrier frequency: CH1 _2412.0MHz, CH3 _2422.0MHz, CH5 _2432.0MHz, CH6 _2437.0MHz, CH7 _2442.0MHz, CH9 _2452.0MHz, CH11 _2462.0MHz, CH11 _2462.0MHz, CH13 _2472.0MHz, CH36 _5180.0MHz, CH40 _5200.0MHz, CH44 _5220.0MHz, CH48 _5240.0MHz,	CH1 _2412.0MHz		Hz	real	(0,∞)

CH149 _5745.0MHz, CH153 _5765.0MHz, CH157 _5785.0MHz, CH161 _5805.0MHz				
SourcePower Source power	dbmtow(- 65.0)	W	real	[0, ∞)
FMeasurement  Measurement carrier frequency:  Meas_CH1  _2412.0MHz,  Meas_CH5  _2432.0MHz,  Meas_CH6  _2437.0MHz,  Meas_CH7  _2442.0MHz,  Meas_CH9  _2452.0MHz,  Meas_CH9  _2452.0MHz,  Meas_CH11  _2462.0MHz,  Meas_CH13  _2472.0MHz,  Meas_CH36  _5180.0MHz,  Meas_CH40  _5200.0MHz,  Meas_CH44  _5220.0MHz,  Meas_CH48  _5240.0MHz,  Meas_CH52  _5260.0MHz,  Meas_CH56  _5280.0MHz,  Meas_CH56  _5280.0MHz,  Meas_CH60  _5300.0MHz,  Meas_CH60  _5300.0MHz,  Meas_CH64  _5320.0MHz,  Meas_CH64  _5320.0MHz,  Meas_CH60  _5300.0MHz,  Meas_CH60  _5300.0MHz,  Meas_CH61  _5785.0MHz,  Meas_CH157  _5785.0MHz,  Meas_CH157  _5785.0MHz,  Meas_CH161  _5805.0MHz	Meas_CH1 _2412.0MHz	Hz	real	(0, ∞)
BasicParameters				

SourceR	Source resistance	50 Ohm		Ohm	real	(0, ∞)
SourceTemp	Source resistor temperature	16.85		Celsius	real	[-273.15, ∞)
MeasR	Measurement resistance	50 Ohm		Ohm	real	[10, 1.0e6]
MirrorSourceSpectrum	Mirror source spectrum about carrier? NO, YES	NO			enum	
MirrorMeasSpectrum	Mirror meas spectrum about carrier? NO, YES	NO			enum	
TestBenchSeed	Random number generator seed	1234567			int	[0, ∞)
SignalParameters						
GainImbalance	Gain imbalance, Q vs I	0.0		dB	real	(-∞, ∞)
PhaseImbalance	Phase imbalance, Q vs I	0.0		deg	real	(-∞, ∞)
I_OriginOffset	I origin offset (percent)	0.0			real	(-∞, ∞)
Q_OriginOffset	Q origin offset (percent)	0.0			real	(-∞, ∞)
IQ_Rotation	IQ rotation	0.0		deg	real	(-∞, ∞)
Bandwidth	Bandwidth	20 MHz	В	Hz	real	(0, ∞)
OversamplingOption	Oversampling ratio option: Option 0 for Ratio 1, Option 1 for Ratio 2, Option 2 for Ratio 4, Option 3 for Ratio 8, Option 4 for Ratio 16, Option 5 for Ratio 32	Option 2 for Ratio 4	S		enum	
DataRate	Data rate (Mbps): Mbps_6, Mbps_9, Mbps_12, Mbps_18, Mbps_24, Mbps_27, Mbps_36, Mbps_48, Mbps_54	Mbps_54	R		enum	
IdleInterval	Burst idle interval	4.0 usec	I	sec	real	[0, 1000usec
DataType	Payload data type: PN9, PN15, FIX4, _4_1_4_0, _8_1_8_0, _16_1_16_0, _32_1_32_0, _64_1_64_0	PN9			enum	
DataLength	Data length (bytes per burst)	1000	L		int	[1, 4095]
GuardInterval	Guard interval (frac FFT size)	0.25			real	[0, 1]
MeasurementParameters						
DisplayPages	RX sensitivity display pages:					
DecoderType	Decoder type: Hard, Soft, CSI	CSI			enum	
TrunLen	Path memory truncation length	60			int	[20, 200)
StartBurst	Start burst	0			int	[0, 1000]
StopBurst	Stop burst	100			int	[0, 1000]

# **Pin Inputs**

Pin	Name	Description	Signal Type
2	Meas_In	Test bench measurement RF input from RF circuit	timed

# **Pin Outputs**

Pin	Name	Description	Signal	Туре
1	RF_Out	Test bench RF output to RF circuit	timed	

### **Setting Parameters**

More control of the test bench can be achieved by setting parameters in the *Basic* Parameters, Signal Parameters, and measurement categories for the activated measurements.



#### 1 Note

For required parameter information, see Set the Required Parameters (adswtbwlan).

#### **Basic Parameters**

- 1. SourceR is the RF output source resistance.
- 2. SourceTemp is the RF output source resistance temperature (oC) and sets noise density in the RF output signal to (k(SourceTemp+273.15)) Watts/Hz, where k is Boltzmann's constant.
- 3. MeasR defines the load resistance for the RF DUT output Meas signal into the test bench. This resistance loads the RF DUT output; it is also the reference resistance for Meas signal power measurements.
- 4. MirrorSourceSpectrum is used to invert the polarity of the Q envelope of the generated RF signal before it is sent to the RF DUT. Depending on the configuration and number of mixers in an RF transmitter, the signal at the input of the DUT may need to be mirrored. If such an RF signal is desired, set this parameter to YES.
- 5. MirrorMeasSpectrum is used to invert the polarity of the Q envelope in the Meas in RF signal input to the test bench (and output from the RF DUT). Depending on the configuration and number of mixers in the RF DUT, the signal at its output may be mirrored compared to the signal generated by the signal source (before any mirroring is done because of the MirrorSourceSpectrum setting). Proper demodulation and measurement of the RF DUT output signal requires that its RF envelope is not mirrored compared to the signal generated by the signal source (before any mirroring is done because of the MirrorSourceSpectrum setting). If the Meas in RF signal is mirrored, set this parameter to YES. Proper setting of this parameter is required for measurements on the Meas\_in signal in RX text benches and results in measurement on a signal with no spectrum mirroring.
- 6. TestBenchSeed is an integer used to seed the random number generator used with the test bench. This value is used by all test bench random number generators, except those RF DUT components that use their own specific seed parameter. TestBenchSeed initializes the random number generation. The same seed value produces the same *random* results, thereby giving you predictable simulation results. To generate repeatable random output from simulation to simulation, use any positive seed value. If you want the output to be truly random, enter the seed value of 0.

### **Signal Parameters**

1. GainImbalance, PhaseImbalance, I\_OriginOffset, Q\_OriginOffset, and IQ\_Rotation are used to add certain impairments to the ideal output RF signal. Impairments are

added in the order described here.

The unimpaired RF I and Q envelope voltages have gain and phase imbalance applied. The RF is given by:

$$V_{RF}(t) = A \Big( V_I(t) \cos(\omega_c t) - g V_Q(t) \sin\!\left(\omega_c t + \frac{\phi \pi}{180}\right) \Big)$$

where A is a scaling factor that depends on the SourcePower and SourceR parameters specified by the user,  $V_{\rm I}(t)$  is the in-phase RF envelope,  $V_{\rm O}(t)$  is the

quadrature phase RF envelope, g is the gain imbalance

$$g = 10 \frac{GainImbalance}{20}$$

and,  $\varphi$  (in degrees) is the phase imbalance.

Next, the signal  $V_{\rm RF}(\ t\ )$  is rotated by IQ\_Rotation degrees. The I\_OriginOffset and

- Q\_OriginOffset are then applied to the rotated signal. Note that the amounts specified are percentages with respect to the output rms voltage. The output rms voltage is given by  $sqrt(2 \times SourceR \times SourcePower)$ .
- 2. Bandwidth is used to determine the actual bandwidth of WLAN systems and to calculate the sampling rate and timestep per sample. The default value is 20 MHz (defined in 802.11a/g specification); to double the rate for the 802.11a/g turbo mode, set Bandwidth to 40 MHz.
- 3. OversamplingOption sets the oversampling ratio of 802.11a/g RF signal source. Options from 0 to 5 result in oversampling ratio 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 where oversampling ratio =  $2^{\text{OversamplingOption}}$ . If OversamplingOption = 2, the oversampling ratio = 22 = 4 and the simulation RF bandwidth is larger than the signal bandwidth by a factor of 4 (e.g. for Bandwidth=20 MHz, the simulation RF bandwidth =  $20 \text{ MHz} \times 4 = 80 \text{ MHz}$ ).
- 4. DataRate specifies the data rate 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 27, 36, 48 and 54 Mbps. All data rates except 27 Mbps are defined in the 802.11a/g specification; 27 Mbps is from HIPERLAN/2.

The following table lists key parameter values of 802.11a/g.

#### **Rate-Dependent Values**

Data Rate (Mbps)	Modulation	Coding Rate (R)		_	Data Bits per OFDM Symbol (N <sub>DBPS</sub> )
6	BPSK	1/2	1	48	24
9	BPSK	3/4	1	48	36
12	QPSK	1/2	2	96	48
18	QPSK	3/4	2	96	72
24	16-QAM	1/2	4	192	96
27	16-QAM	9/16	4	192	108
36	16-QAM	3/4	4	192	144
48	64-QAM	2/3	6	288	192
54	64-QAM	3/4	6	288	216

- 5. IdleInterval specifies the idle interval between two consecutive bursts when generating a 802.11a signal source.
- 6. For DataType:
  - if PN9 is selected, a 511-bit pseudo-random test pattern is generated according

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- if PN15 is selected, a 32767-bit pseudo-random test pattern is generated according to CCITT Recommendation 0.151.
- if FIX4 is selected, a zero-stream is generated.
- if x\_1\_x\_0 is selected (where x equals 4, 8, 16, 32, or 64) a periodic bit stream is generated, with the period being 2 x. In one period, the first x bits are 1s and the second x bits are 0s.
- 7. DataLength is used to set the number of data bytes in a burst. There are 8 bits per byte.
- 8. GuardInterval is used to set cyclic prefix in an OFDM symbol. The value range of GuardInterval is [0.0,1.0]. The cyclic prefix is a fractional ratio of the IFFT length. 802.11a/g defines GuardInterval=1/4 (0.8 µsec) and HIPERLAN/2 defines two GuardIntervals (1/8 and 1/4).

#### **Measurement Parameters**

Measurement requires setting the MirrorMeasSpectrum parameter such that there is an even number of spectrum mirrorings from the combined test bench source and RF DUT. For example, if MirrorSourceSpectrum=NO and the RF DUT causes its output RF signal to have spectrum mirroring relative to its input signal, then set MirrorMeasSpectrum=YES.

- 1. DisplayPages provides Data Display page information for this measurement. It cannot be changed by the user.
- 2. DecoderType has three modes: Hard, Soft, and CSI. When DecoderType=Hard, if b < 0, -1.0 is output, otherwise 1.0 is output; when DecoderType=Soft, if b < -1.0, -1.0 is output; if b > 1.0, 1.0 is output; when DecoderType=CSI, b is multiplied by CSI  $(= |H(i)|^2)$  and output. CSI means Channel Status Information and estimated channel impulse responses (H(i)) are the CSI here.
- 3. TrunLen sets the most recent TrunLen information bits in each surviving sequence are stored. Once the path with the shortest distance is identified, the symbol associated with the path TrunLen periods ago is conveyed to the output as a decoded information symbol.
- 4. StartBurst sets the start burst. A value of 0 is the first burst.
- 5. StopBurst sets the stop burst. A StopBurst value of 100 results in measuring 101 bursts.

## Simulation Measurement Displays

After running the simulation, results are displayed in the Data Display pages for each measurement activated.



#### **1** Note

Measurement results from a wireless test bench have associated names that can be used in Data Display Expressions. For more information, refer to Measurement Results for Expressions for WLAN Wireless Test Benches (adswtbwlan).

### **Sensitivity Measurement**

The sensitivity measurement shows BER and PER results.

The following table defines receiver minimum sensitivity measured at the receiver antenna connector for each data rate in the 802.11a specification. SourcePower can be set at the value in the table to perform receive minimum sensitivity tests. According to specification [1] 17.3.10.1, the packet error rate (PER) shall be less than 10% at a DataLength (PSDU length) of 1000 bytes at rate-dependent input levels listed in Table 3-2 or less. If the SourcePower is less than the value in the table when PER is less than 10%, the sensitivity measurement is passed.

#### **Minimum Sensitivity Performance Requirement**

Data Rate (Mbps)	Minimum sensitivity (dBm)
6	-82
9	-81
12	-79
18	-77
24	-74
36	-70
48	-66
54	-65

Simulation results for data rate of 54 Mbps and SourcePower of -65 dBm are displayed in the figure Simulation Results for 54 Mbps Data Rate and -65 dBm SourcePower.

The receiver maximum input level sensitivity is defined in section 17.3.10.4, IEEE Std 802.11a-1999. The PER must be less than 10% at a DataLength (PSDU length) of 1000 bytes for a maximum input level of -30 dBm measured at the receiver antenna connector for any baseband modulation.

Simulation Results for 54 Mbps Data Rate and -65 dBm SourcePower

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			Defin	red in IEEE802.11	a Specification				
neal(RF_FSource)/(1 M	Hz)	real(RF_	Power_dbm)	14.407	kF_R)	real(Meas_FMeasurement)	(1 MHz)	real(Meas_R)	
	200.000		-65,000		50.000		200.000		50.000
real(BurstTime)f( 1 us	+c) 176.000	real(Time	Step)( 1 nzec) 12:500		m+)(1 usec) 4,000	real(DataTime)I(1 up	152.000	real(\$10NAL_Time)(1 o	4.000
real(LongFreambleTr		1.000	real(ShortPreamble)	Time)(1 uses) 8:000	real(OFDM_	SymbolTime)(1 used) 4,000	16.8	(OFDMSymb+bPerBurd)	38.000
reak(BytesPeri		0.000	XxlaRiffson	( Mbpr) 54,000	real(OFDM_	Symbol Guardinterval) 0.250		real(RF_SourceTemp)	15.050
				Meas S	ensitivity				
		EsNO_6	31.85122129	6	0.000000	00 PER	0.0000	0000	

Parameters in the Data Display are described in the table <u>Test Bench Equations Derived</u> <u>from Test Bench Parameters and Exported to Data Display</u>. EbN0\_RF\_dB is the local Eb/N0 measured at the input of the RF DUT and calculated by the following equations:

$$T = real(RF\_SourceTemp) + 273.15$$
 
$$k = Boltzmann's constant$$
 
$$N0\_dBm = 10*log10(k * T) + 30$$
 
$$EbN0\_RF\_dB = real(RF\_Power\_dBm) - N0\_dBm - 10*log10(real(BitRate))$$

Local Eb/No and system Eb/No are described in *Receiver Eb/No Definitions*] in *Wireless Test Bench Simulation* documentation.

### **Test Bench Variables for Data Displays**

The following tables identify the reference variables used to set up this test bench:

**Test Bench Constants for WLAN Signal Setup** 

Constant	Value
MinFFT_Size	64 (= 2 <sup>6</sup> )
BitsPerByte	8
ServiceBits	16
TailBits	6
Ratio	Oversampling ratio related to the OversamplingOption as Ratio = 2 <sup>OversamplingOption</sup>
DataBitsPerOFDMSymbol	Dependent on DataRate in next table.
OFDMSymbolsPerBurst	(int ((ServiceBits+BitsPerByte*DataLength+TailBits)/ DataBitsPerOFDMSymbol))+Tail
TailCondition	ServiceBits+BitsPerByte*DataLength+TailBits - DataBitsPerOFDMSymbol *(int ((ServiceBits+BitsPerByte*DataLength+TailBits)/ DataBitsPerOFDMSymbol))
Tail	if (TailCondition = 0) then 0 else 1

**DataRate Determines DataBitsPerOFDMSymbol and BitRate Values** 

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DataRate	DataBitsPerOFDMSymbol (see previous table)	BitRate (see next table)
Mbps_6	24	6e6
Mbps_9	36	9e6
Mbps_12	48	12e6
Mbps_18	72	18e6
Mbps_24	96	24e6
Mbps_27	108	27e6
Mbps_36	144	36e6
Mbps_48	192	48e6
Mbps_54	216	54e6

### Test Bench Equations Derived from Test Bench Parameters and Exported to Data Display

Data Display Parameter	Equation with Test Bench Parameters
RF_FSource	FSource
RF_Power_dBm	10*log10(SourcePower)+30
RF_R	SourceR
RF_SourceTemp	SourceTemp in degrees Celcius
TimeStep	1/(Bandwidth*Ratio) This is the test bench simulation time step.
OFDM_SymbolTime	MinFFT_Size*(1+GuardInterval)/Bandwidth This is the duration for one OFDM symbol.
OFDM_SymbolsPerBurst	OFDMSymbolsPerBurst This is the number of OFDM symbols in the Data field of a burst.
OFDM_SymbolGuardInterval	GuardInterval This is the guard interval (as a ratio of the OFDM_SymbolTime) associated with each OFDM symbol.
IdleTime	IdleInterval This is the duration of the zero level idle field at the front of each burst.
ShortPreambleTime	8.0 usec This is the duration of the short preamble field after the idle field in each burst.
LongPreambleTime	8.0 usec This is the duration of the long preamble field after the short preamble field in each burst.
SIGNAL_Time	OFDM_SymbolTime This is the duration of the SIGNAL field after the long preamble field in each burst.
DataTime	OFDM_SymbolsPerBurst*OFDM_SymbolTime This is the duration of the Data field after the SIGNAL field in each burst.
BurstTime	IdleTime + ShortPreambleTime + LongPreambleTime + SIGNAL_Time + DataTime
BytesPerBurst	DataLength This is the number of bytes of data in the Data field in each burst.
BitRate	Dependent on DataRate in previous table. This is the bit rate for transmitted WLAN signal.
Meas_FMeasurement	FMeasurement
Meas_R	MeasR

### **Baseline Performance**

- Test Computer Configuration
  - Pentium IV 2.4 GHz, 512 MB RAM, Red Hat Linux 7.3
- Conditions
  - Measurements made with default test bench settings.
  - RF DUT is an RF system behavior component.
  - Number of time points in one WLAN 802.11a burst is a function of Bandwidth, OversamplingOption, IdleInterval, GuardInterval, DataRate, DataLength Bandwidth = 20 MHz

OversamplingOption = Option 2 for Ratio 4

IdleInterval =  $4 \mu sec$ 

GuardInterval = 0.25

DataRate = 54 Mbps

DataLength = 1000

• Resultant WTB\_TimeStep = 12.5 nsec; BurstTime = 176  $\mu$  time points per burst = 14080

WLAN_802_11a_RX_Sensitivity Measurement	Bursts Measured	Simulation Time (sec)	ADS Processes (MB)
RX Sensitivity	100	52	56

#### **Expected ADS Performance**

Expected ADS performance is the combined performance of the baseline test bench and the RF DUT Circuit Envelope simulation with the same signal and number of time points. For example, if the RF DUT performance with Circuit Envelope simulation alone takes 2 hours and consumes 200 MB of memory (excluding the memory consumed by the core ADS product), then add these numbers to the Baseline Performance numbers to determine the expected ADS performance. This is valid only if the full memory consumed is from RAM. If RAM is less, larger simulation times may result due to increased disk access time for swap memory usage.

### References

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  - Setting up a Wireless Test Bench Analysis in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation explains how to use test bench windows and dialogs to perform analysis tasks.
  - Setting Circuit Envelope Analysis Parameters in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation explains how to set up circuit envelope analysis parameters such as convergence criteria, solver selection, and initial guess.
  - Setting Automatic Behavioral Modeling Parameters in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation to learn how to improve simulation speed.

#### **WLAN Links**

European Radiocommunications Office: <a href="http://www.ero.dk">http://www.ero.dk</a>

U.S. Frequency Allocations Chart: <a href="http://www.ntia.doc.gov/osmhome">http://www.ntia.doc.gov/osmhome</a>

IEEE 802.11b Compliance Organization: http://www.wi-fi.org

IEEE 802.11 Working Group: <a href="http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/802/11/index.html">http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/802/11/index.html</a>

# **WLAN 802.11b Receiver Sensitivity Test**

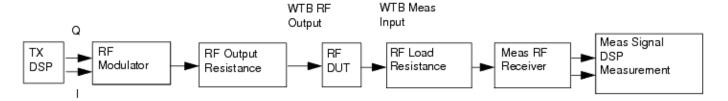
### **Introduction**

WLAN\_802\_11b\_RX\_Sensitivity is the test bench for WLAN receiver minimum and maximum input level sensitivity testing. The test bench enables users to connect to an RF DUT and determine its performance.

The signal and the measurements are designed according to the IEEE Standard 802.11b-1999 specification.

This WLAN signal source model is compatible with the Agilent Signal Studio Software option 417. Details regarding Signal Studio for WLAN 802.11 are included at the website <a href="http://www.agilent.com/find/signalstudio">http://www.agilent.com/find/signalstudio</a>.

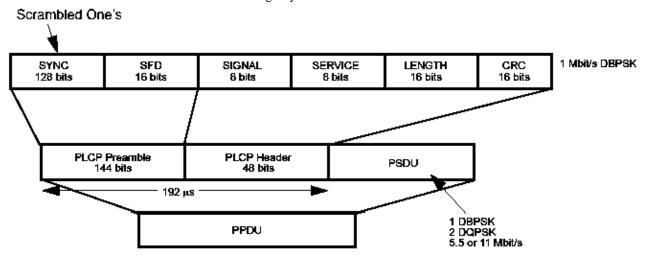
This test bench includes a TX DSP section, an RF modulator, RF output source resistance, an RF DUT connection, RF receivers, and DSP measurement blocks as illustrated in the following figure. The generated test signal is sent to the DUT.



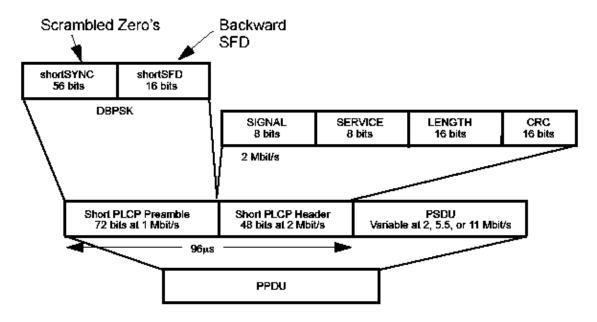
#### **Receiver Wireless Test Bench Block Diagram**

The 802.11b baseband signal source frame structure is illustrated in the figures <u>Long PLCP Frame Format</u> and <u>Short PLCP Frame Format</u>. Each frame is separated by an IdleInterval; one 802.11b frame consists of PLCP Preamble, PLCP Header and Data (PSDU) parts. (PPDU means *physical layer protocol data units*; SFD means *start frame delimiter*; CRC means *cyclic redundancy code*; PLCP means *physical layer convergence procedure*; PSDU means *PLCP service data units*.)

**Long PLCP Frame Format** 

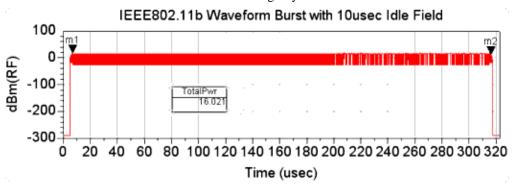


#### **Short PLCP Frame Format**



The WLAN 11b RF power delivered into a matched load is the average power delivered in the WLAN burst excluding the burst idle time. The figure  $\frac{WLAN~802.11b~RF~Signal}{Envelope}$  shows the RF envelope for an output RF signal with 16 dBm power and a 10  $\mu$  idle time.

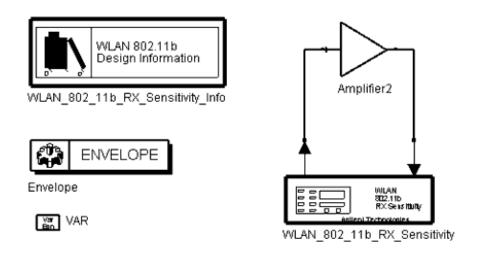
WLAN 802.11b RF Signal Envelope



### **Test Bench Basics**

A template is provided for this test bench.

#### **WLAN 802.11b Receiver Sensitivity Test Bench**



#### To access the template:

- 1. In an Analog/RF schematic window select Insert > Template.
- 2. In the *Insert > Template* dialog box, choose *WLAN\_802\_11b\_RX\_Sensitivity\_test*, click *OK*; click left to place the template in the schematic window.

An example design using this template is available; from the ADS Main window click *File* > Open > Example > WLAN > WLAN\_RF\_Verification\_wrk > WLAN\_802\_11b\_RX\_Sensitivity\_test.

The basics for using the test bench are:

- Replace the DUT (Amplifier2 is provided with this template) with an RF DUT that is suitable for this test bench.
- CE\_TimeStep, FSource, SourcePower, and FMeasurement parameter default values are typically accepted; otherwise, set values based on your requirements.
- Activate/deactivate measurements based on your requirements.
- Run the simulation and view Data Display page(s) for your measurement(s).

For details, refer to Test Bench Details.

### **Test Bench Details**

The following sections provide details for setting up a test bench, setting measurement parameters for more control of the test bench, simulation measurement displays, and baseline performance.

Open and use the WLAN\_802\_11b\_RX\_Sensitivity template:

- 1. In an Analog/RF schematic window select Insert > Template.
- 2. In the *Insert > Template* dialog box, choose *WLAN\_802\_11b\_RX\_Sensitivity\_test*, click *OK*; click left to place the template in the schematic window.

Test bench setup is detailed here.

1. Replace the DUT (Amplifier 2 is provided with this template) with an RF DUT that is suitable for this test bench.

For information regarding using certain types of DUTs, see *RF DUT Limitations for WLAN Wireless Test Benches* (adswtbwlan).

2. Set the Required Parameters



Refer to WLAN\_802\_11b\_RX\_Sensitivity (adswtbwlan) for a complete list of parameters for this test bench.

Generally, default values can be accepted; otherwise, values can be changed by the user as needed.

• Set CE\_TimeStep.

Cosimulation occurs between the test bench (using ADS Ptolemy Data Flow simulation technology) and the DUT (using Circuit Envelope simulation technology). Each technology requires its own simulation time step with time-step coordination occurring in the interface between the technologies. CE\_TimeStep defines the Circuit Envelope simulation time step to be used with this DUT. The CE\_TimeStep must be set to a value equal to or a submultiple of (less than) WTB\_TimeStep; otherwise, simulation will stop and an error message will be displayed.

Note that WTB\_TimeStep is not user-settable. Its value is derived from other test bench parameter values; with default settings

WTB\_TimeStep= $1/(11.0e6 \times 4)$  sec. The value is displayed in the Data Display pages as TimeStep.

WTB\_TimeStep =  $1/(11.0e6 \times Ratio)$ 

where

11.0e6 means the baseband bandwidth of 11b is 11.0MHz.

Ratio is the OversamplingRatio value specified. OversamplingRatio sets the number of waveform sampling points during one chip time interval.

- Set FSource, SourcePower, and FMeasurement.
  - FSource defines the RF frequency for the signal input to the RF DUT.
  - SourcePower defines the power level for FSource. SourcePower is defined

- as the average power during the non-idle time of the signal burst.
- FMeasurement defines the RF frequency output from the DUT to be measured.
- 3. More control of the test bench can be achieved by setting *Basic Parameters*, *Signal Parameters*, and measurement parameters. For details, refer to *Setting Parameters* (adswtbwlan).
- 4. The RF modulator (shown in the block diagram in Receiver Wireless Test Bench Block Diagram) uses FSource, SourcePower (Required Parameters), MirrorSourceSpectrum (Basic Parameters), GainImbalance, PhaseImbalance, I\_OriginOffset, Q\_OriginOffset, and IQ\_Rotation (Signal Parameters). The RF output resistance uses SourceR and SourceTemp (Basic Parameters). The RF output signal source has a 50-ohm (default) output resistance defined by SourceR. RF output (and input to the RF DUT) is at the frequency specified (FSource), with the specified source resistance (SourceR) and with power (SourcePower) delivered into a matched load of resistance SourceR. The RF signal has additive Gaussian noise power set by resistor temperature (SourceTemp). Note that the Meas\_in point of the test bench provides a resistive load to the RF DUT set by the MeasR value (50-ohm default) (Basic Parameters). The Meas signal contains linear and nonlinear signal distortions and time delays associated with the RF DUT input to output characteristics.
- <u>Diagram</u>) uses other *Signal Parameters*.
  5. More control of Circuit Envelope analysis can be achieved by setting Envelope controller parameters. These settings include Enable Fast Cosim, which may speed

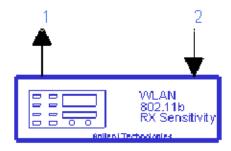
The TX DSP block (shown in the block diagram in Receiver Wireless Test Bench Block

- the RF DUT simulation more than 10×. Setting these simulation options is described in Setting Fast Cosimulation Parameters and Setting Circuit Envelope Analysis Parameters in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation.

  6. After running a simulation, results will appear in a Data Display window for the
- After running a simulation, results will appear in a Data Display window for the measurement. Simulation Measurement Displays (adswtbwlan) describes results for each measurement. For general WTB Data Display details refer to Viewing WTB Analysis Results (adswtbsim).

# WLAN\_802\_11b\_RX\_Sensitivity

This section provides parameter information for *Required Parameters, Basic Parameters, Signal Parameters,* and parameters for the various measurements.



**Description** WLAN 802.11b RX sensitivity **Library** WTB **Class** TSDFWLAN\_802\_11b\_RX\_Sensitivity **Derived From** baseWTB\_RX

#### **Parameters**

Name	Description	Default	Sym	Unit	Туре	Range
RequiredParameters						
CE_TimeStep	Circuit envelope simulation time step	1/11 MHz/4		sec	real	(0, ∞)
WTB_TimeStep	Set CE_TimeStep < = 1/11e6/OversamplingRatio. OversamplingRatio is in Signal Parameters tab.					
FSource	Source carrier frequency: CH1_2412.0MHz, CH3_2422.0MHz, CH5_2432.0MHz, CH6_2437.0MHz, CH7_2442.0MHz, CH9_2452.0MHz, CH11_2462.0MHz, CH13_2472.0MHz	CH1_2412.0MHz		Hz	real enum	(0, ∞)
SourcePower	Source power	dbmtow(-76.0)		W	real	[0, ∞)
FMeasurement	Measurement carrier frequency: Meas_CH1_2412.0MHz, Meas_CH3_2422.0MHz, Meas_CH5_2432.0MHz, Meas_CH6_2437.0MHz, Meas_CH7_2442.0MHz, Meas_CH9_2452.0MHz, Meas_CH11_2462.0MHz, Meas_CH11_2462.0MHz, Meas_CH13_2472.0MHz	Meas_CH1_2412.0MHz		Hz	real enum	(0, ∞)

	Advanced Design System 2011.0				
BasicParameters					
SourceR	Source resistance	50 Ohm	Ohm	real	(0, ∞)
SourceTemp	Source resistor temperature	16.85	Celsius	real	[- 273.15, ∞)
MeasR	Measurement resistance	50 Ohm	Ohm	real	[10, 1.0e6]
MirrorSourceSpectrum	Mirror source spectrum about carrier? NO, YES	NO		enum	
MirrorMeasSpectrum	Mirror meas spectrum about carrier? NO, YES	NO		enum	
TestBenchSeed	Random number generator seed	1234567		int	[0, ∞)
SignalParameters					
GainImbalance	Gain imbalance, Q vs I	0.0	dB	real	(-∞, ∞)
PhaseImbalance	Phase imbalance, Q vs I	0.0	deg	real	(-∞, ∞)
I_OriginOffset	I origin offset (percent)	0.0		real	(-∞, ∞)
Q_OriginOffset	Q origin offset (percent)	0.0		real	(-∞, ∞)
IQ_Rotation	IQ rotation	0.0	deg	real	(-∞, ∞)
OversamplingRatio	Oversampling ratio	4	S	int	[2, 9]
DataRate	Data rate (Mbps): Mbps_5.5, Mbps_11	Mbps_11	R	enum	
PreambleFormat	Preamble format: Long, Short	Long	Н	enum	
CIkLockedFlag	Lock header clock? NO, YES	YES		enum	
PwrRamp	RF power ramp shape: None, Linear, Cosine	Linear	Р	enum	
IdleInterval	Burst idle interval	10.0 usec	I sec	real	[0, 1000us
FilterType	Shaping filter type: NoneFilter, Gaussian, Root Cosine, Ideal Lowpass	Root Cosine		enum	
RRC_Alpha	RRC roll-off factor	0.22		real	(0.0, 1.0]
GaussianFilter_bT	Gaussian filter bT coefficient	0.5		real	(0.0, 1.0]
FilterLength	Filter length (chips)	10		int	[1, 200]
DataType	Payload data type: PN9, PN15, FIX4, _4_1_4_0, _8_1_8_0, _16_1_16_0, _32_1_32_0, _64_1_64_0	PN9		enum	
DataLength	Data length (bytes per burst)	1024	L	int	[1, 2312]
MeasurementParameters					
DisplayPages	RX sensitivity measurement display pages:				
ForwardTaps	Number of equalizer forward taps	6		int	[1, 256]
FeedbackTaps	Number of equalizer feedback taps	3		int	[1, 128]
EqualizerScaleFactor	LMS algorithm scale factor	0.0006		real	(0, 1.0)

StartBurst	Start burst	0		int	[0, 1000]
StopBurst	Stop burst	125		int	[0, 1000]

# **Pin Inputs**

Pin	Name	Description	Signal Type
2	Meas_In	Test bench measurement RF input from RF circuit	timed

# **Pin Outputs**

Pin	Name	Description	Signal Type
1	RF_Out	Test bench RF output to RF circuit	timed

# **Setting Parameters**

More control of the test bench can be achieved by setting parameters in the *Basic* Parameters, Signal Parameters, and measurement categories for the activated measurements.



#### 1 Note

For required parameter information, see Set the Required Parameters (adswtbwlan).

### **Basic Parameters**

- 1. SourceR is the RF output source resistance.
- 2. SourceTemp is the RF output source resistance temperature (oC) and sets noise density in the RF output signal to (k(SourceTemp+273.15)) Watts/Hz, where k is Boltzmann's constant.
- 3. MeasR defines the load resistance for the RF DUT output Meas signal into the test bench. This resistance loads the RF DUT output; it is also the reference resistance for Meas signal power measurements.
- 4. MirrorSourceSpectrum is used to invert the polarity of the Q envelope of the generated RF signal before it is sent to the RF DUT. Depending on the configuration and number of mixers in an RF transmitter, the signal at the input of the DUT may need to be mirrored. If such an RF signal is desired, set this parameter to YES.
- 5. MirrorMeasSpectrum is used to invert the polarity of the Q envelope in the Meas in RF signal input to the test bench (and output from the RF DUT). Depending on the configuration and number of mixers in the RF DUT, the signal at its output may be mirrored compared to the signal generated by the signal source (before any mirroring is done because of the MirrorSourceSpectrum setting). Proper demodulation and measurement of the RF DUT output signal requires that its RF envelope is not mirrored compared to the signal generated by the signal source (before any mirroring is done because of the MirrorSourceSpectrum setting). If the Meas in RF signal is mirrored, set this parameter to YES. Proper setting of this parameter is required for measurements on the Meas\_in signal in RX text benches and results in measurement on a signal with no spectrum mirroring.
- 6. TestBenchSeed is an integer used to seed the random number generator used with the test bench. This value is used by all test bench random number generators, except those RF DUT components that use their own specific seed parameter. TestBenchSeed initializes the random number generation. The same seed value produces the same *random* results, thereby giving you predictable simulation results. To generate repeatable random output from simulation to simulation, use any positive seed value. If you want the output to be truly random, enter the seed value of 0.

# **Signal Parameters**

1. GainImbalance, PhaseImbalance, I\_OriginOffset, Q\_OriginOffset, and IQ\_Rotation are used to add certain impairments to the ideal output RF signal. Impairments are

added in the order described here.

The unimpaired RF I and Q envelope voltages have gain and phase imbalance applied. The RF is given by:

$$V_{RF}(t) = A \Big( V_I(t) \cos(\omega_c t) - g V_Q(t) \sin\!\left(\omega_c t + \frac{\phi \pi}{180}\right) \Big)$$

where A is a scaling factor that depends on the SourcePower and SourceR parameters specified by the user,  $V_{\rm I}(\ t\ )$  is the in-phase RF envelope,  $V_{\rm Q}$  ( t ) is the

quadrature phase RF envelope, g is the gain imbalance

$$g = 10 \frac{GainImbalance}{20}$$

and,  $\varphi$  (in degrees) is the phase imbalance.

Next, the signal  $V_{RF}(t)$  is rotated by IQ\_Rotation degrees. The I\_OriginOffset and

- Q\_OriginOffset are then applied to the rotated signal. Note that the amounts specified are percentages with respect to the output rms voltage. The output rms voltage is given by  $sqrt(2 \times SourceR \times SourcePower)$ .
- 2. OversamplingRatio sets the oversampling ratio of 802.11b RF signal source. Eight oversampling ratios (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9) are supported. If OversamplingRatio = 4, the simulation RF bandwidth is larger than the signal bandwidth by a factor of 4 (e.g. for Bandwidth=11 MHz, the simulation RF bandwidth = 11 MHz  $\times$  4 = 44 MHz).
- 3. DataRate specifies the data rate 1, 2, 5.5, or 11 Mbps (data rates are defined in 802.11b).
- PreambleFormat is used to set the format of the framed signal preamble/header sections; refer to Long PLCP Frame Format (adswtbwlan) and Short PLCP Frame Format (adswtbwlan).
- 5. ClkLockedFlag is used to toggle the clock locked flag in the header. This is Bit 2 in the Service field of the PPDU frame. This bit is used to indicate to the receiver if the carrier and the symbol clock use the same local oscillator. If ClkLockedFlag=YES, this bit is set to 1; if ClkLockedFlag=NO, this bit is set to 0.
- 6. PwrRamp is used to select the shape of the RF burst in framed mode; power up/down ramp type is none, linear, or cosine.
  - Cosine ramp gives least amount of out-of-channel interference.
  - None starts transmitting the signal at full power, and is the simplest power ramp to implement. The power up/down ramp is set to 2 µsec when PwrRamp = none.
  - Linear ramp shapes the burst in a linear fashion.
- 7. IdleInterval sets an idle duration time between two consecutive bursts when generating the 802.11b signal source.
- 8. FilterType is used to specify that a baseband filter is applied to reduce the transmitted bandwidth, thereby increasing spectral efficiency. The 802.11b specification does not indicate the type of filter to be used, but the transmitted signal must meet the spectral mask requirements. Four options for baseband filtering are available:
  - None (no filter)
  - Gaussian The Gaussian filter does not have zero ISI. Wireless system architects
    must determine how much of the ISI can be tolerated in a system and combine
    that with noise and interference. The Gaussian filter is Gaussian-shaped in time
    and frequency domains, and it does not ring as root cosine filters do.
    The effects of this filter in the time domain are relatively short and each symbol
    interacts significantly (or causes ISI) with only the preceding and succeeding
    symbols. This reduces the tendency for particular sequences of symbols to
    interact which makes amplifiers easier to build and more efficient.

- Root Cosine (also referred to as square root raised-cosine) These filters have the
  property that their impulse response rings at the symbol rate. Adjacent symbols
  do not interfere with each other at the symbol times because the response
  equals zero at all symbol times except the center (desired) one.
  Root cosine filters heavily filter the signal without blurring the symbols together
  at the symbol times. This is important for transmitting information without
  errors caused by ISI. Note that ISI exists at all times except at symbol
  (decision) times.
- Ideal Lowpass In the frequency domain, this filter appears as a lowpass, rectangular filter with very steep cut-off characteristics. The passband is set to equal the symbol rate of the signal. Due to a finite number of coefficients, the filter has a predefined length and is not truly ideal. The resulting ripple in the cut-off band is effectively minimized with a Hamming window. A symbol length of 32 or greater is recommended for this filter.
- 9. RRC\_Alpha is used to set the sharpness of a root cosine filter when FilterType=Root Cosine.
- 10. GaussianFilter\_bT is the Gaussian filter coefficient. B is the 3 dB bandwidth of the filter; T is the duration of the symbol period. BT determines the extent of the filtering of the signal. Common values for BT are 0.3 to 0.5.
- 11. FilterLength is used to set the number of symbol periods to be used in the calculation of the symbol.
- 12. For DataType:
  - if PN9 is selected, a 511-bit pseudo-random test pattern is generated according to CCITT Recommendation 0.153
  - if PN15 is selected, a 32767-bit pseudo-random test pattern is generated according to CCITT Recommendation 0.151
  - if FIX4 is selected, a zero-stream is generated
  - if x\_1\_x\_0 is selected, where x equals 4, 8, 16, 32, or 64, a periodic bit stream is generated, with the period being 2 x. In one period, the first x bits are 1s and the second x bits are 0s.
- 13. DataLength is used to set the number of data bytes in a frame.
- 14. The signal for this test bench uses the CCK modulation format.

### **Measurement Parameters**

This measurement requires setting the MirrorMeasSpectrum parameter such that there is an even number of spectrum mirrorings from the combined test bench source and RF DUT. For example, if MirrorSourceSpectrum = NO and the RF DUT causes its output RF signal to have spectrum mirroring relative to its input signal, then set MirrorMeasSpectrum = YES.

- 1. DisplayPages is not user-editable. It provides information on the name of the Data Display pages in which this measurement is contained.
- 2. ForwardTaps sets the number of forward taps for decision feedback equalizer (DFE) in 802.11b receiver.
- 3. FeedbackTaps sets the number of feedback taps for DFE in 802.11b receiver.
- 4. EqualizerScaleFactor sets the scale factor of DFE, which determines the convergence speed of DFE in 802.11b receiver.
- 5. StartBurst sets the start burst. A value of 0 is the first burst.
- 6. StopBurst parameter sets the stop burst. A value of 125 results in measuring 126

bursts.

# Simulation Measurement Displays

After running the simulation, results are displayed in the Data Display pages for each measurement activated.



### **1** Note

Measurement results from a wireless test bench have associated names that can be used in Data Display Expressions. For more information, refer to Measurement Results for Expressions for WLAN Wireless Test Benches (adswtbwlan).

#### Measurement

The sensitivity measurement shows BER and PER results.

The receiver minimum input level sensitivity is defined in section 18.4.8.1, IEEE Std 802.11b-1999. The PER must be less than 8% at a DataLength (PSDU) of 1024 bytes (octets) for an input level of -76dBm measured at the receiver antenna connector. This PER must be specified for 11Mbit/s CCK modulation.

Simulation results are shown in the following figure.

#### Simulation Results for 11 Mbps Data Rate and -76 dBm SourcePower

real(RF_FSource)(1 MHz)	14	eal(RF_Power_dBm)	real(F	RF_R)	real(Meas_FMeasurement)/(1 MHz)		real(Meas_R)
2412.000		-76.000		50.000	2412.000		50.0
real(BurstTime)/( 1 usec)		real(TimeStep)/(		real(Id	leTime)(1 usec)		real(DataTime)/(1 usec)
ggc	3.72727		22.72727		50.00000		744,727
real(BitRate)/(1 Mbps)		re al (BytesPerB		real(S	amplesPerBurst)		real(RF_SourceTemp)
	11.000		1024.000		43592,000		16.9

### Meas Sensitivity

EbNO_dB	BER	PER
27.56123203	0.000000000	0.000000000

Parameters used in the Data Display are described in the table DataRate Determines Value for BitRate. EbNO\_RF\_dB is the local Eb/NO measured at the input of the RF DUT and calculated by the following equations:

$$T = real(RF SourceTemp) + 273.15$$

k = Boltzmann's constant

N0 dBm = 
$$10*log10(k*T) + 30$$

$$EbN0_RF = real(RF_Power_dBm) - N0_dBm - 10*log10(real(BitRate))$$

Local Eb/No and system Eb/No are described in EbNo Definition (adswtbsim) in Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation.

# **Test Bench Variables for Data Displays**

The following tables identify the reference variables used to set up this test bench:

### **Test Bench Constants for WLAN Signal Setup**

Constant	Value
BitsPerByte	8
RampTime	if(PwrRamp==0) then 0.0 else 2*2.0 usec
LongPreambleTime	192.0 usec
ShortPreambleTime	96.0 usec
PLCPTime	if(PreambleFormat==0) then LongPreambleTime else ShortPreambleTime
PSDUTime	DataLength*BitsPerByte/BitRate Dependent on DataRate in next table.
BandWidth	11.0e6

#### **DataRate Determines Value for BitRate**

DataRate	BitRate (see the next table)
Mbps_5.5	5.5e6
Mbps_11	11e6

Test Bench Equations Derived from Test Bench Parameters and Exported to Data Display

Data Display Parameter	Equation with Test Bench Parameters
RF_FSource	FSource
RF_Power_dBm	10*log10(SourcePower)+30
RF_R	SourceR
RF_SourceTemp	SourceTemp in degrees Celsius
TimeStep	1/(Bandwidth*OversamplingRatio) This is the test bench simulation time step
IdleTime	IdleInterval This is the duration of the zero level idle field at the front of each burst
DataTime	PSDUTime This is the durtion of the PSDU field after the PLCP field in each burst
BurstTime	RampTime+PLCPTime+PSDUTime+IdleTime
SamplesPerBurst	BurstTime/TimeStep This is the numnber of Samples in the burst
BytesPerBurst	DataLength This is the number of bytes of data in the Data field in each burst
BitRate	Dependant on DataRate in previous table This is the bit rate for transmitted WLAN signal
Meas_FMeasurement	FMeasurement
Meas_R	MeasR

# **Baseline Performance**

- Test Computer Configuration
  - Pentium IV 2.4 GHz, 512 MB RAM, Red Hat Linux 7.3
- Conditions
  - Measurements made with default test bench settings.
  - RF DUT is an RF system behavior component.
  - Number of time points in one WLAN 802.11b burst is a function of OversamplingRatio, PwrRamp, PreambleFormat, IdleInterval, DataRate, DataLength

OversamplingRatio = 4

PwrRamp = Linear

PreambleFormat = Long

IdleInterval =  $50.0 \mu sec$ 

DataRate = 11 Mbps

DataLength = 1024

- Resultant WTB\_TimeStep = 22.727 nsec; BurstTime = 990.727 μsec; time points per burst = 43592
- Simulation time and memory requirements.

Measurement	<b>Bursts Measured</b>	Simulation Time (sec)	ADS Processes (MB)
RX Sensitivity	125	170	74

## **Expected ADS Performance**

Expected ADS performance is the combined performance of the baseline test bench and the RF DUT Circuit Envelope simulation with the same signal and number of time points. For example, if the RF DUT performance with Circuit Envelope simulation alone takes 2 hours and consumes 200 MB of memory (excluding the memory consumed by the core ADS product), then add these numbers to the Baseline Performance numbers to determine the expected ADS performance. This is valid only if the full memory consumed is from RAM. If RAM is less, larger simulation times may result due to increased disk access time for swap memory usage.

# References

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  - http://standards.ieee.org/getieee802/download/802.11b-1999.pdf
- 2. IEEE P802.11g/D8.2, "Part 11: Wireless LAN Medium Access Control (MAC) and Physical Layer (PHY) specifications: Further Higher Data Rate Extension in the 2.4 GHz Band," April, 2003.
  - http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/servlet/opac?punumber=4040922
- 3. CCITT, Recommendation 0.151(10/92).
- 4. CCITT, Recommendation 0.153(10/92).

Setting up a Wireless Test Bench Analysis in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation explains how to use test bench windows and dialogs to perform analysis tasks.

Setting Circuit Envelope Analysis Parameters in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation explains how to set up circuit envelope analysis parameters such as convergence criteria, solver selection, and initial guess.

Setting Automatic Behavioral Modeling Parameters in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation to learn how to improve simulation speed.

#### **WLAN Links**

European Radiocommunications Office: http://www.ero.dk

U.S. Frequency Allocations Chart: <a href="http://www.ntia.doc.gov/osmhome">http://www.ntia.doc.gov/osmhome</a>

IEEE 802.11b Compliance Organization: http://www.wi-fi.org

IEEE 802.11 Working Group: <a href="http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/802/11/index.html">http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/802/11/index.html</a>

# **WLAN 802.11b Transmitter Test**

# Introduction

WLAN\_802\_11b\_TX is the test bench for WLAN transmitter testing. The test bench provides a way for users to connect to an RF DUT and determine its performance by activating various test bench measurements. This test bench provides signal measurements for RF envelope, signal power (including CCDF), constellation, spectrum, and EVM.

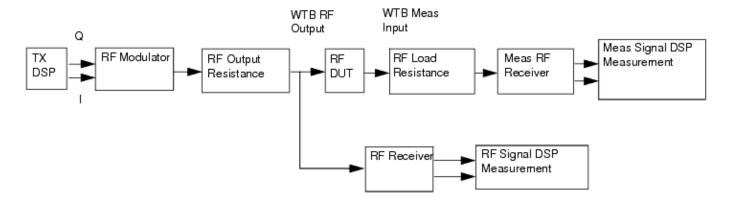
The signal and most of the measurements are designed according to the IEEE Standard 802.11b-1999.

This signal source model is compatible with the Agilent Signal Studio Software option 417 for transmitter test. Details regarding Signal Studio for WLAN 802.11 are included at the website <a href="http://www.agilent.com/find/signalstudio">http://www.agilent.com/find/signalstudio</a>.

The RF DUT output signal can be sent to an Agilent ESG RF signal generator.

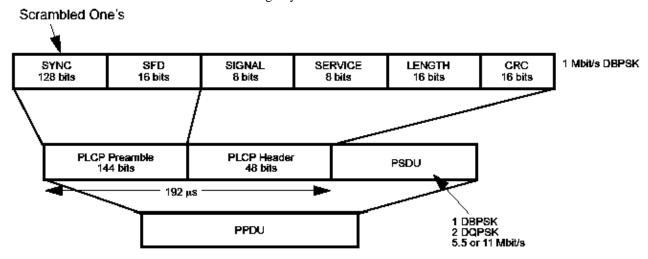
This test bench includes a DSP section, an RF modulator, RF output source resistance, RF DUT connection, RF receivers, and DSP measurement blocks, as illustrated in the following figure. The generated test signal is sent to the DUT.

#### **Transmitter Wireless Test Bench Block Diagram**

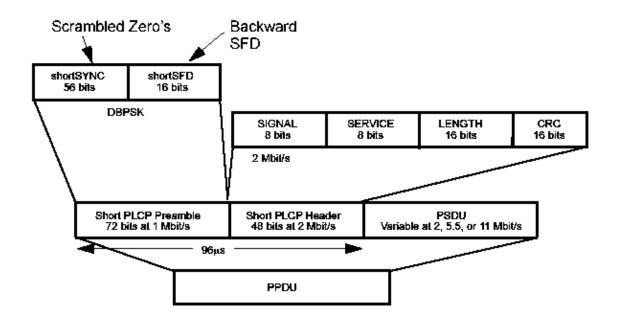


The 802.11b baseband signal source frame structure is illustrated in the figures <u>Long PLCP Frame Format</u> and <u>Short PLCP Frame Format</u>. Each frame is separated by an IdleInterval; one 802.11b frame consists of PLCP Preamble, PLCP Header and Data (PSDU) parts. (PPDU means *physical layer protocol data units*; SFD means *start frame delimiter*; CRC means *cyclic redundancy code*; PLCP means *physical layer convergence procedure*; PSDU means *PLCP service data units*.)

**Long PLCP Frame Format** 

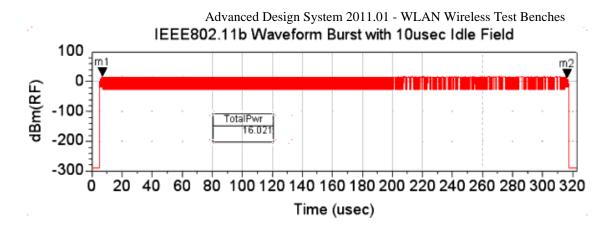


#### **Short PLCP Frame Format**



The WLAN 11b RF power delivered into a matched load is the average power delivered in the WLAN burst excluding the burst idle time. The following figure shows the RF envelope for an output RF signal with 16 dBm power and a 10  $\mu$  idle time.

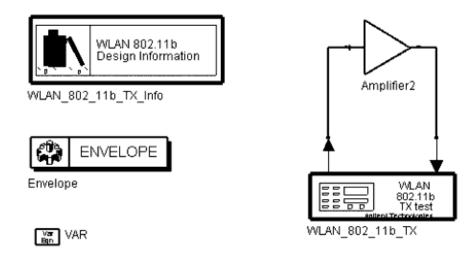
WLAN 802.11b RF Signal Envelope



# **Test Bench Basics**

A template is provided for this test bench.

#### **WLAN 802.11b Transmitter Test Bench**



### To access the template:

- 1. In an Analog/RF schematic window select *Insert > Template*.
- 2. In the *Insert* > *Template* dialog box, choose *WLAN\_802\_11b\_TX\_test* , click *OK* ; click left to place the template in the schematic window.

An example design using this template is available; from the ADS Main window click  $File > Open > Example > WLAN > WLAN_RF_Verification_wrk > WLAN 802 11b TX test .$ 

The basics for using the test bench are:

- Replace the DUT (Amplifier2 is provided with this template) with an RF DUT that is suitable for this test bench.
- CE\_TimeStep, FSource, SourcePower, and FMeasurement parameter default values are typically accepted; otherwise, set values based on your requirements.
- Activate/deactivate measurements based on your requirements.
- Run the simulation and view Data Display page(s) for your measurement(s).
   For details, refer to <u>Test Bench Details</u>.

# **Test Bench Details**

The following sections provide details for setting up a test bench, setting measurement parameters for more control of the test bench, simulation measurement displays, and baseline performance.

Open and use the WLAN\_802\_11b\_TX template:

- 1. In an Analog/RF schematic window select *Insert > Template*.
- 2. In the *Insert > Template* dialog box, choose *WLAN\_802\_11b\_TX\_test*, click *OK*; click left to place the template in the schematic window.

Test bench setup is detailed here.

1. Replace the DUT (Amplifier2 is provided with this template) with an RF DUT that is suitable for this test bench.

For information regarding using certain types of DUTs, see *RF DUT Limitations for WLAN Wireless Test Benches* (adswtbwlan).

2. Set the Required Parameters



Refer to WLAN\_802\_11b\_TX (adswtbwlan) for a complete list of parameters for this test bench.

Generally, default values can be accepted; otherwise, values can be changed by the user as needed.

Set CE TimeStep.

Cosimulation occurs between the test bench (using ADS Ptolemy Data Flow simulation technology) and the DUT (using Agilent Circuit Envelope simulation technology). Each technology requires its own simulation time step with timestep coordination occurring in the interface between the technologies.

CE\_TimeStep defines the Circuit Envelope simulation time step to be used with this DUT. The CE\_TimeStep must be set to a value equal to or a submultiple of (less than) WTB\_TimeStep; otherwise, simulation will stop and an error message will be displayed.

Note that WTB\_TimeStep is not user-settable. Its value is derived from other test bench parameter values; with default settings

WTB\_TimeStep=1/(11.0e6\*6) sec. The value is displayed in the Data Display pages as TimeStep.

WTB\_TimeStep =  $1/(11.0e6 \times Ratio)$  where

11.0e6 means the baseband bandwidth of 11b is 11.0MHz.

Ratio is the OversamplingRatio value specified. OversamplingRatio sets the number of waveform sampling points during one chip time interval.

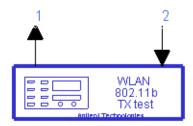
- Set FSource, SourcePower, and FMeasurement.
  - FSource defines the RF frequency for the signal input to the RF DUT. The
    FSource value is exported to the Choosing Analyses window Fundamental
    Tones field when the user clicks OK in the Wireless Test Bench Setup
    window.

- SourcePower defines the power level for FSource. SourcePower is defined as the average power during the non-idle time of the signal burst.
- FMeasurement defines the RF frequency output from the DUT to be measured.
- 3. Activate/deactivate ( YES / NO ) test bench measurements (refer to WLAN\_802\_11b\_TX (adswtbwlan)). At least one measurement must be enabled:
  - RF\_EnvelopeMeasurement
  - Constellation
  - PowerMeasurement
  - SpectrumMeasurement
  - EVM\_Measurement
- 4. More control of the test bench can be achieved by setting *Basic Parameters*, *Signal Parameters*, and parameters for each activated measurement. For details, refer to *Setting Parameters* (adswtbwlan).
- 5. The RF modulator (shown in the block diagram in <u>Transmitter Wireless Test Bench Block Diagram</u>) uses FSource, SourcePower ( <u>Required Parameters</u>), MirrorSourceSpectrum ( <u>Basic Parameters</u>), GainImbalance, PhaseImbalance, I\_OriginOffset, Q\_OriginOffset, and IQ\_Rotation ( <u>Signal Parameters</u>). The RF output resistance uses SourceR, SourceTemp, and EnableSourceNoise ( <u>Basic Parameters</u>). The RF output signal source has a 50-ohm (default) output resistance defined by SourceR. RF output (and input to the RF DUT) is at the frequency specified (FSource), with the specified source resistance (SourceR) and with power (SourcePower) delivered into a
  - specified source resistance (SourceR) and with power (SourcePower) delivered into a matched load of resistance SourceR. The RF signal has additive Gaussian noise power set by resistor temperature (SourceTemp) (when EnableSourceNoise=YES).

    Note that the Meas\_in point of the test bench provides a resistive load to the RF DUT
  - set by the MeasR value (50-ohm default) ( *Basic Parameters* ). The Meas signal contains linear and nonlinear signal distortions and time delays
  - associated with the RF DUT input to output characteristics.
  - The TX DSP block (shown in the block diagram in <u>Transmitter Wireless Test Bench Block Diagram</u>) uses other *Signal Parameters* .
- 6. More control of Circuit Envelope analysis can be achieved by setting Envelope controller parameters. These settings include Enable Fast Cosim, which may speed the RF DUT simulation more than 10×. Setting these simulation options is described in Setting Fast Cosimulation Parameters and Setting Circuit Envelope Analysis Parameters in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation.
- 7. To send the RF DUT output signal to an Agilent ESG RF signal generator, set Signal to ESG Parameters .
  - For details, refer to Signal to ESG Parameters (adswtbwlan).
- 8. After running a simulation, results will appear in a Data Display window for the measurement. Simulation Measurement Displays (adswtbwlan) describes results for each measurement. For general WTB Data Display details refer to Viewing WTB Analysis Results (adswtbsim).

# WLAN\_802\_11b\_TX

This section provides parameter information for *Required Parameters, Basic Parameters, Signal Parameters,* and parameters for the various measurements.



**Description** WLAN 802.11b TX test **Library** WTB **Class** TSDFWLAN\_802\_11b\_TX **Derived From** baseWTB\_TX

### **Parameters**

Name	Description	Default	Sym	Unit	Туре	Range
Required Parameters						
CE_TimeStep	Circuit envelope simulation time step	1/11 MHz/6		sec	real	(0, ∞)
WTB_TimeStep	Set CE_TimeStep < = 1/11e6/ OversamplingRatio.					
FSource	Source carrier frequency: CH1 _2412.0MHz, CH3 _2422.0MHz, CH5 _2432.0MHz, CH6 _2437.0MHz, CH7 _2442.0MHz, CH9 _2452.0MHz, CH11 _2462.0MHz, CH13 _2472.0MHz	CH1 _2412.0MHz		Hz	real enum	(0, ∞)
SourcePower	Source power	dbmtow(-20.0)		W	real	[0, ∞)
FMeasurement	Measurement carrier frequency:	Meas_CH1 _2412.0MHz		Hz	real enum	(0, ∞)

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MeasurementInfo	_2472.0MHz Available Measurements				
RF_EnvelopeMeasurement	Enable RF envelope measurement? NO, YES	YES		enum	
Constellation	Enable constellation measurement? NO, YES	NO		enum	
PowerMeasurement	Enable power measurement? NO, YES	NO		enum	
SpectrumMeasurement	Enable spectrum measurement? NO, YES	NO		enum	
EVM_Measurement	Enable EVM measurement? NO, YES	NO		enum	
Basic Parameters					
SourceR	Source resistance	50 Ohm	Ohm	real	(0, ∞)
SourceTemp	Source resistor temperature	-273.15	Celsius	real	[-273.15, ∞)
EnableSourceNoise	Enable source thermal noise? NO, YES	NO		enum	
MeasR	Measurement resistance	50 Ohm	Ohm	real	[10, 1.0e6]
MirrorSourceSpectrum	Mirror source spectrum about carrier? NO, YES	NO		enum	
MirrorMeasSpectrum	Mirror meas spectrum about carrier? NO, YES	NO		enum	
RF_MirrorFreq	Mirror source frequency for spectrum/envelope measurement? NO, YES	NO		enum	
MeasMirrorFreq	Mirror meas	NO		enum	

	frequency for spectrum/envelope measurement? NO, YES	m 2011.01 - WLA	N WIFELESS	lest Ben	cnes	
TestBenchSeed	Random number generator seed	1234567			int	[0, ∞)
Signal Parameters						
GainImbalance	Gain imbalance, Q vs I	0.0		dB	real	(-∞, ∞)
PhaseImbalance	Phase imbalance, Q vs I	0.0		deg	real	(-∞, ∞)
I_OriginOffset	I origin offset (percent)	0.0			real	(-∞, ∞)
Q_OriginOffset	Q origin offset (percent)	0.0			real	(-∞, ∞)
IQ_Rotation	IQ rotation	0.0		deg	real	(-∞, ∞)
OversamplingRatio	Oversampling ratio	6	S		int	[2, 9]
DataRate	Data rate (Mbps): Mpbs_1, Mbps_2, Mbps_5.5, Mbps_11	Mbps_11	R		enum	
Modulation	Modulation format: CCK, PBCC	CCK			enum	
PreambleFormat	Preamble/header format: Long, Short	Long	Н		enum	
ClkLockedFlag	Lock header clock? NO, YES	YES			enum	
PwrRamp	RF power ramp shape: None, Linear, Cosine	Linear	Р		enum	
IdleInterval	Burst idle interval	10.0 usec	I	sec	real	[0, 1000us]
FilterType	Shaping filter type: NoneFilter, Gaussian, Root Cosine, Ideal Lowpass	Gaussian			enum	
RRC_Alpha	RRC roll-off factor	0.22			real	(0.0, 1.0]
GaussianFilter_bT	Gaussian filter bT coefficient	0.5			real	(0.0, 1.0]
FilterLength	Filter length (chips)	10			int	[1, 200]
DataType	Payload data type: PN9, PN15, FIX4, _4_1_4_0, _8_1_8_0, _16_1_16_0, _32_1_32_0, _64_1_64_0	PN9			enum	
DataLength	Data length (bytes per burst)	160	L		int	[1, 2312]
RF_Envelope Measurement Parameters						

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RF_EnvelopeDisplayPages	RF Envelope measurement display pages:				
RF_EnvelopeStart	RF envelope measurement start	0.0	sec	real	[0, ∞)
RF_EnvelopeStop	RF envelope measurement stop	100.0 usec	sec	real	[RF_EnvelopeStart ∞)
RF_EnvelopeBursts	RF envelope measurement bursts	3		int	[0, 100]
Constellation Parameters					
ConstellationDisplayPages	Constellation measurement display pages:				
Constellation_ForwardTaps	Number of equalizer forward taps	6		int	[1, 256]
Constellation_FeedbackTaps	Number of equalizer feedback taps	3		int	[1, 128]
Constellation_EquAlpha	LMS algorithm scale factor	0.001		real	(0, 1.0)
ConstellationStartBurst	Constellation measurement start burst	0		int	[0, 100]
ConstellationBursts	Constellation measurement bursts	3		int	[1, 100]
PowerMeasurement Parameters					
PowerDisplayPages	Power measurement display pages:				
PowerBursts	Power measurement bursts	3		int	[1, 100]
SpectrumMeasurement Parameters					
SpectrumDisplayPages	Spectrum measurement display pages:				
SpecMeasStart	Spectrum measurement start	0.0	sec	real	[0, ∞)
SpecMeasStop	Spectrum measurement stop	100.0 usec	sec	real	[SpecMeasStart + 16*MaxTimeStep, ∞]
SpecMeasBursts	Spectrum measurement bursts	3		int	[0, 100]
SpecMeasResBW	Spectrum resolution bandwidth	100 kHz	Hz	real	[0, ∞)
SpecMeasWindow	Window type:	Kaiser 7.865		enum	

Advanced Design System 2011.01 - WLAN Wireless Test Benches none, Hamming 0.54, Hanning 0.50, Gaussian 0.75, Kaiser 7.865, 8510 6.0, Blackman, Blackman-Harris EVM\_Measurement Parameters EVM DisplayPages EVM measurement display pages: EVM\_Start EVM measurement 0.0 sec real [0, ∞) start Average type: Off, RMS (Video) EVM AverageType enum RMS (Video) Bursts used for [1, ∞) EVM BurstsToAverage 10 int RMS averaging EVM\_DataModulationFormat Data subcarrier Auto Detect enum modulation format: Auto Detect, Barker 1, Barker 2, CCK 5.5, CCK 11, PBCC 5.5, PBCC 11, PBCC 22, PBCC 33 EVM\_SearchLength 0.001  $(0, \infty)$ Search length sec real EVM\_ResultLengthType Resul length type: Auto select enum Auto select, Manual Override EVM\_ResultLength Max result length 2816 int [1, 108344] (chips) EVM\_MeasurementInterval Measurement 2794 int [1, ∞) interval (chips) 22 EVM MeasurementOffset Measurement int  $(0, \infty)$ offset (chips) Clock adjustment 0.0 [-0.5, +0.5]EVM\_ClockAdjust real interval (chips) EVM EqualizationFilter Equalization filter? NO enum NO, YES Equalization filter 21 EVM FilterLength int [3, ∞) length (chips) Descramble mode: EVM\_DescrambleMode ON enum OFF, Preamble Only, Preamble&Header Only, ON SignalToESG Parameters EnableESG Enable signal to NO enum ESG? NO, YES ESG Instrument ESG instrument [GPIB0::19::INSTR] instrument address [localhost][4790] ESG\_Start Signal start 0.0 sec real [0, ∞) 100.0 usec [(ESG\_Start ESG\_Stop Signal stop sec real +60/

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					(ESG_Start +32/ 11/S)]
ESG_Bursts	Bursts to ESG	3		int	[0, 1000]
ESG_Power	ESG RF ouput power (dBm)	-20.0		real	(-∞, ∞)
ESG_ClkRef	Waveform clock reference: Internal, External	Internal		enum	
ESG_ExtClkRefFreq	External clock reference freq	10 MHz	Hz	real	(0, ∞)
ESG_IQFilter	IQ filter: through, filter_2100kHz, filter_40MHz	through		enum	
ESG_SampleClkRate	Sequencer sample clock rate	80 MHz	Hz	real	(0, ∞)
ESG_Filename	ESG waveform storage filename	WLAN_11b		string	
ESG_AutoScaling	Activate auto scaling? NO, YES	YES		enum	
ESG_ArbOn	Select waveform and turn ArbOn after download? NO, YES	YES		enum	
ESG_RFPowOn	Turn RF ON after download? NO, YES	YES		enum	
ESG_EventMarkerType	Event marker type: Neither, Event1, Event2, Both	Event1		enum	
ESG_MarkerLength	ESG marker length	10		int	[1, 60]

# **Pin Inputs**

Pin	Name	Description	Signal Type
2	Meas_In	Test bench measurement RF input from RF circuit	timed

# **Pin Outputs**

Pin	Name	Description	Signal Type
1	RF_Out	Test bench RF output to RF circuit	timed

# **Setting Parameters**

More control of the test bench can be achieved by setting parameters in the *Basic Parameters*, *Signal Parameters*, and *measurement* categories for the activated measurements.



For required parameter information, see Set the Required Parameters (adswtbwlan).

### **Basic Parameter Detail**

- 1. SourceR is the RF output source resistance.
- 2. SourceTemp is the RF output source resistance temperature (oC) and sets noise density in the RF output signal to (k(SourceTemp+273.15)) Watts/Hz, where k is Boltzmann's constant.
- 3. EnableSourceNoise, when set to NO disables the SourceTemp and effectively sets it to -273.15oC (0 Kelvin). When set to YES, the noise density due to SourceTemp is enabled.
- 4. MeasR defines the load resistance for the RF DUT output Meas signal into the test bench. This resistance loads the RF DUT output; it is also the reference resistance for Meas signal power measurements.
- 5. MirrorSourceSpectrum is used to invert the polarity of the Q envelope of the generated RF signal before it is sent to the RF DUT. Depending on the configuration and number of mixers in an RF transmitter, the signal at the input of the DUT may need to be mirrored. If such an RF signal is desired, set this parameter to YES.
- 6. MirrorMeasSpectrum is used to invert the polarity of the Q envelope in the Meas\_in RF signal input to the test bench (and output from the RF DUT). Depending on the configuration and number of mixers in the RF DUT, the signal at its output may be mirrored compared to the signal generated by the signal source (before any mirroring is done because of the MirrorSourceSpectrum setting). Proper demodulation and measurement of the RF DUT output signal requires that its RF envelope is not mirrored compared to the signal generated by the signal source (before any mirroring is done because of the MirrorSourceSpectrum setting). If the Meas\_in RF signal is mirrored, set this parameter to YES. Proper setting of this parameter is required for measurements on the Meas\_in signal in TX test benches (EVM, Constellation, CDP, PCDE) and results in measurement on a signal with no spectrum mirroring.
- 7. TestBenchSeed is an integer used to seed the random number generator used with the test bench. This value is used by all test bench random number generators, except those RF DUT components that use their own specific seed parameter. TestBenchSeed initializes the random number generation. The same seed value produces the same random results, thereby giving you predictable simulation results. To generate repeatable random output from simulation to simulation, use any positive seed value. If you want the output to be truly random, enter the seed value of 0.
- 8. RF\_MirrorFreq is used to invert the polarity of the Q envelope in the RF\_out RF signal for RF envelope, ppectrum, ACLR, and occupied bandwidth measurements.

  RF\_MirrorFreq is typically set by the user to NO when MirrorSourceSpectrum = NO;

  RF\_MirrorFreq is typically set by the user to YES when MirrorSourceSpectrum = YES.

  Both settings result in viewing the RF\_out signal with no spectrum mirroring. Other

settings by the user result in RF\_out signal for RF\_Envelope and Spectrum measurements with spectrum mirroring.

9. MeasMirrorFreq is used to invert the polarity of the Q envelope in the Meas\_in RF signal for the RF envelope, spectrum, ACLR, and occupied bandwidth measurements. MeasMirrorFreq is typically set to NO by the user when the combination of the MirrorSourceSpectrum value and any signal mirroring in the users RF DUT results in no spectrum mirroring in the Meas\_in signal. MeasMirrorFreq is typically set to YES by the user when the combination of the MirrorSourceSpectrum and RF DUT results in spectrum mirroring in the Meas\_in signal.

Other settings result in Meas\_in signal for RF\_Envelope and Spectrum measurements with spectrum mirroring. The MirrorMeasSpectrum parameter setting has no impact on the setting or use of the MeasMirrorFreq parameter.

# **Signal Parameters**

1. GainImbalance, PhaseImbalance, I\_OriginOffset, Q\_OriginOffset, and IQ\_Rotation are used to add certain impairments to the ideal output RF signal. Impairments are added in the order described here.

The unimpaired RF I and Q envelope voltages have gain and phase imbalance applied. The RF is given by:

$$V_{RF}(t) = A \left( V_I(t) \cos(\omega_c t) - g V_Q(t) \sin\left(\omega_c t + \frac{\phi \pi}{180}\right) \right)$$

where A is a scaling factor that depends on the SourcePower and SourceR parameters specified by the user,  $V_{\rm I}(\ t\ )$  is the in-phase RF envelope,  $V_{\rm Q}$  ( t ) is the

quadrature phase RF envelope, g is the gain imbalance

$$g = 10 \frac{GainImbalance}{20}$$

and,  $\varphi$  (in degrees) is the phase imbalance.

Next, the signal  $V_{RF}(t)$  is rotated by IQ\_Rotation degrees. The I\_OriginOffset and

- Q\_OriginOffset are then applied to the rotated signal. Note that the amounts specified are percentages with respect to the output rms voltage. The output rms voltage is given by  $sqrt(2 \times SourceR \times SourcePower)$ .
- 2. OversamplingRatio sets the oversampling ratio of 802.11b RF signal source. Eight oversampling ratios (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9) are supported. If OversamplingRatio=4, the simulation RF bandwidth is larger than the signal bandwidth by a factor of 4 (e.g. for Bandwidth=11 MHz, the simulation RF bandwidth=11 MHz  $\times$  4 = 44 MHz).
- 3. DataRate specifies the data rate 1, 2, 5.5, or 11 Mbps (data rates are defined in 802.11b).
- 4. Modulation specifies modulation format CCK or PBCC (802.11b formats) for 5.5 Mbps and 11 Mbps data rates.
- 5. PreambleFormat is used to set the format of the framed signal preamble/header sections; refer to Long PLCP Frame Format (adswtbwlan) and Short PLCP Frame Format (adswtbwlan).
- 6. ClkLockedFlag is used to toggle the clock locked flag in the header. This is Bit 2 in the Service field of the PPDU frame. This bit is used to indicate to the receiver if the carrier and the symbol clock use the same local oscillator. If ClkLockedFlag=YES, this bit is set to 1; if ClkLockedFlag=NO, this bit is set to 0.
- 7. PwrRamp is used to select the shape of the RF burst in framed mode; power up/down

ramp type is none, linear, or cosine.

- Cosine ramp gives least amount of out-of-channel interference.
- None starts transmitting the signal at full power, and is the simplest power ramp to implement. The power up/down ramp is set to  $2 \mu$  when PwrRamp = none.
- Linear ramp shapes the burst in a linear fashion.
- 8. IdleInterval sets an idle time between two consecutive bursts when generating the 802.11b signal source.
- 9. FilterType is used to specify that a baseband filter is applied to reduce the transmitted bandwidth, thereby increasing spectral efficiency. The 802.11b specification does not indicate the type of filter to be used, but the transmitted signal must meet the spectral mask requirements. Four options for baseband filtering are available:
  - None (no filter)
  - Gaussian The Gaussian filter does not have zero ISI. Wireless system architects
    must determine how much of the ISI can be tolerated in a system and combine
    that with noise and interference. The Gaussian filter is Gaussian-shaped in time
    and frequency domains, and it does not ring as root cosine filters do.
    The effects of this filter in the time domain are relatively short and each symbol
    interacts significantly (or causes ISI) with only the preceding and succeeding
    symbols. This reduces the tendency for particular sequences of symbols to
    interact which makes amplifiers easier to build and more efficient.
  - Root Cosine (also referred to as square root raised-cosine) These filters have the
    property that their impulse response rings at the symbol rate. Adjacent symbols
    do not interfere with each other at the symbol times because the response
    equals zero at all symbol times except the center (desired) one.
    Root cosine filters heavily filter the signal without blurring the symbols together
    at the symbol times. This is important for transmitting information without
    errors caused by ISI. Note that ISI exists at all times except at symbol
    (decision) times.
  - Ideal Lowpass In the frequency domain, this filter appears as a lowpass, rectangular filter with very steep cut-off characteristics. The passband is set to equal the symbol rate of the signal. Due to a finite number of coefficients, the filter has a predefined length and is not truly *ideal*. The resulting ripple in the cut-off band is effectively minimized with a Hamming window. A symbol length of 32 or greater is recommended for this filter.
- 10. RRC\_Alpha is used to set the sharpness of a root cosine filter when FilterType=Root Cosine.
- 11. GaussianFilter\_bT is the Gaussian filter coefficient. B is the 3 dB bandwidth of the filter; T is the duration of the symbol period. BT determines the extent of the filtering of the signal. Common values for BT are 0.3 to 0.5.
- 12. FilterLength is used to set the number of symbol periods to be used in the calculation of the symbol.
- 13. For DataType:
  - if PN9 is selected, a 511-bit pseudo-random test pattern is generated according to CCITT Recommendation 0.153
  - if PN15 is selected, a 32767-bit pseudo-random test pattern is generated according to CCITT Recommendation 0.151
  - if FIX4 is selected, a zero-stream is generated
  - if x\_1\_x\_0 is selected, where x equals 4, 8, 16, 32, or 64, a periodic bit stream is generated, with the period being 2 x. In one period, the first x bits are 1s and the second x bits are 0s.
- 14. DataLength is used to set the number of data bytes in a frame.

## **RF Envelope Measurement Parameters**

The RF Envelope measurement is not affected by the MirrorMeasSpectrum parameter. To apply spectrum mirroring to the measured RF\_out signal, set RF\_MirrorFreq=YES; to apply spectrum mirroring to the measured Meas\_in signal, set MeasMirrorFreq=YES ( Basic Parameters ).

- RF\_EnvelopeDisplayPages provides Data Display page information for this measurement. It cannot be changed by the user.
- RF\_EnvelopeStart sets the start time for collecting input data.
- RF\_EnvelopeStop sets the stop time for collecting input data when RF\_EnvelopeBursts = 0.
- RF\_EnvelopeBursts (when > 0) sets the number of bursts over which data will be collected.

Depending on the values of RF\_EnvelopeStart, RF\_EnvelopeStop, and RF\_EnvelopeBursts, the stop time may be adjusted.

For RF envelope measurement for both the RF\_out and Meas\_in signals: Let:

Start = TimeStep × (int(RF\_EnvelopeStart/TimeStep) + 0.5)

Stop = TimeStep  $\times$  (int(RF\_EnvelopeStop/TimeStep) + 0.5)

This means Start and Stop are forced to be an integer number of time-step intervals.

RF_EnvelopeBursts	Resultant Stop Time
0	Stop
> 0	Start + RF_EnvelopeBursts x BurstTime

For the RF envelope of Meas\_in to contain at least one complete burst, set the Stop value to a minimum of BurstTime + (RF DUT time delay).

For the RF envelope of Meas\_in to contain at least one complete burst, the Stop value should be set to a minimum of BurstTime + (RF DUT time delay).

For information about TimeStep and BurstTime, see <u>Test Bench Equations Derived from Test Bench Parameters and Exported to the Data Display</u>.

### **Constellation Parameters**

The Constellation measurement requires setting of the MirrorMeasSpectrum parameter set such that there is an even number of spectrum mirrorings from the combined test bench source and RF DUT. For example, if MirrorSourceSpectrum=NO and the RF DUT causes its output RF signal to have spectrum mirroring relative to its input signal, then set

MirrorMeasSpectrum = YES.

- 1. ConstellationDisplayPages provides Data Display page information for this measurement. It cannot be changed by the user.
- 2. Constellation\_ForwardTaps sets the number of forward taps for the decision feedback equalizer in 802.11b.
- 3. Constellation\_FeedbackTaps sets the number of feedback taps for the decision feedback equalizer in 802.11b.
- 4. Constellation\_EquAlpha sets the feedback taps scale factor for the decision feedback equalizer, which determines the convergence speed of the DFE in the 802.11b receiver.
- 5. ConstellationStartBurst sets the start time for collecting the first burst data. The ConstellationStartBurst value can be set > 0 to avoid any start-up transient in the Constellation plots.
- 6. ConstellationBursts sets the number of bursts over which data will be collected.

The measurement start time is the time when ConstellationStartBurst is detected in the measured RF signal. The measurement stop time is this start time plus ConstellationBursts × BurstTime; BurstTime is defined in <u>Test Bench Equations Derived from Test Bench Parameters and Exported to the Data Display.</u>

### **Power Measurement Parameters**

- 1. PowerDisplayPages provides Data Display page information for this measurement. It cannot be changed by the user.
- 2. PowerBursts (when > 0) sets the number of bursts over which data will be collected.

The measurement start time is the time when the first burst is detected in the measured RF signal. The measurement stop time is this start time plus PowerBursts × BurstTime; BurstTime is defined in <u>Test Bench Equations Derived from Test Bench Parameters and Exported to the Data Display</u>.

# **Spectrum Measurement Parameters**

The Spectrum measurement calculates the spectrum of the input signal. Averaging the spectrum over multiple bursts can be enabled as described in this section.

This measurement is not affected by the MirrorMeasSpectrum parameter. To apply spectrum mirroring to the measured RF\_out signal, set RF\_MirrorFreq = YES; to apply spectrum mirroring to the measured Meas\_in signal, set MeasMirrorFreq = YES.

In the following, TimeStep denotes the simulation time step, and FMeasurement denotes the measured RF signal characterization frequency.

1. The measurement outputs the complex amplitude voltage values at the frequencies of the spectral tones. It does not output the power at the frequencies of the spectral tones. However, one can calculate and display the power spectrum as well as the magnitude and phase spectrum by using the dBm, mag, and phase functions of the

data display window.

Note that the dBm function assumes a 50-ohm reference resistance; if a different measurement was used in the test bench, its value can be specified as a second argument to the dBm function, for example, dBm(SpecMeas, Meas\_RefR) where SpecMeas is the instance name of the spectrum measurement and Meas\_RefR is the resistive load.

By default, the displayed spectrum extends from FMeasurement -  $1/(2 \times \text{TimeStep})$  Hz to FMeasurement +  $1/(2 \times \text{TimeStep})$  Hz. When FMeasurement <  $1/(2 \times \text{TimeStep})$ , the default spectrum extends to negative frequencies. The spectral content at these negative frequencies is conjugated, mirrored, and added to the spectral content of the closest positive frequency. This way, the negative frequency tones are displayed on the positive frequency axis as would happen in an RF spectrum analyzer measurement instrument. This process may introduce an error in the displayed frequency for the mirrored tones. The absolute error introduced is less than (Spectrum Frequency Step) / 2 (see <a href="Effect of Values for SpecMeasStart">Effect of Values for SpecMeasStart</a>, <a href="SpecMeasStop">SpecMeasBursts</a>, and <a href="SpecMeasResBW">SpecMeasResBW</a> for the definition of Spectrum Frequency Step).

The basis of the algorithm used by the spectrum measurement is the chirp-Z transform. The algorithm can use multiple bursts and average the results to achieve video averaging (see note 6).

- 2. SpectrumDisplayPages is not user editable. It provides information on the name of the Data Display pages in which this measurement is contained.
- 3. SpecMeasStart sets the start time for collecting input data.
- 4. SpecMeasStop sets the stop time for collecting input data when SpecMeasBursts = 0 and SpecMeasResBW = 0.
- 5. SpecMeasBursts sets the number of bursts over which data will be collected when SpecMeasBursts>0.
- 6. SpecMeasResBW sets the resolution bandwidth of the spectrum measurement when SpecMeasResBW>0.

Depending on the values of SpecMeasStart, SpecMeasStop, SpecMeasBursts, and SpecMeasResBW, the stop time may be adjusted or spectrum video averaging may occur (or both). The different cases are described in <a href="ffect of Values for SpecMeasStart"><u>Effect of Values for SpecMeasStart</u></a>, SpecMeasStart, SpecMeasStop, SpecMeasStart, SpecMeasStop, SpecMeasBursts, and <a href="fect of Values for SpecMeasStart"><u>SpecMeasStart</u></a>, SpecMeasBursts, and <a href="feet of Values for SpecMeasStart"><u>SpecMeasStart</u></a>, SpecMeasStart</a>, SpecMeasS

 $Start = TimeStep \times int((SpecMeasStart/TimeStep) + 0.5)$ 

 $Stop = TimeStep \times int((SpecMeasStop/TimeStep) + 0.5)$ 

(This means Start and Stop are forced to be an integer number of time step intervals.)

X = normalized equivalent noise bandwidth of the window

Equivalent noise bandwidth (ENBW) compares the window to an ideal, rectangular filter. It is the equivalent width of a rectangular filter that passes the same amount of white noise as the window. The normalized ENBW (NENBW) is ENBW multiplied by the duration of the signal being windowed. Window Options and Normalized Equivalent Noise Bandwidth lists the NENBW for the various window options. The Start and Stop times are used for both the RF\_out and Meas\_in signal spectrum analyses. The Meas\_in signal is delayed in time from the RF\_out signal by the value

of the RF DUT time delay. Therefore, for RF DUT time delay greater than zero, the RF\_out and Meas\_in signal are inherently different and some spectrum display difference in the two is expected.

TimeStep and BurstTime are defined in the *Test Bench Variables for Data Displays* section.

#### Effect of Values for SpecMeasStart, SpecMeasStop, SpecMeasBursts, and SpecMeasResBW

Case 1	SpecMeasBursts = 0 SpecMeasResBW = 0 Resultant stop time = Stop Resultant resolution BW = X/(Stop - Start) Resultant spectrum frequency step = 1/(Stop-Start) Video averaging status = None		
Case 2	SpecMeasBursts > 0 SpecMeasResBW = 0 Resultant stop time = Start + SpecMeasBurst x BurstTime Notes: For SpecMeasBursts > 0 and SpecMeasResBW = 0 Video averaging occurs over all burst time intervals Resultant resolution BW = X /BurstTime Resultant spectrum frequency step = 1/BurstTime Video averaging status = Yes, when SpecMeasBursts > 1		
Case 3	SpecMeasBursts = 0 SpecMeasResBW > 0 Resultant stop time = Start + N x BurstTimeInterval where N = int((Stop -Start)/BurstTimeInterval) + 1 For SpecMeasBursts = 0 and SpecMeasResBW > 0 Define BurstTimeInterval = TimeStep x int((X/SpecMeasResBW/TimeStep) + 0.5) This means BurstTimeInterval is forced to a value that is an integer number of time step intervals. (Stop-Start) time is forced to be an integer number (N) of BurstTimeIntervals N has a minimum value of 1 Video averaging occurs over all BurstTimeIntervals The resolution bandwidth achieved is ResBW = X / BurstTimeInterval, which is very close to SpecMeasResBW but may not be exactly the same if X/SpecMeasResBW/TimeStep is not an exact integer. Resultant resolution BW = ResBW Resultant spectrum frequency step = ResBW Video averaging status = Yes when N > 1		
Case 4	SpecMeasBursts > 0 SpecMeasResBW > 0 Resultant stop time = Start + M x BurstTimeInterval where M = int((SpecMeasBursts x BurstTime)/BurstTimeInterval) + 1 For SpecMeasBursts > 0 and SpecMeasResBW > 0 Define BurstTimeInterval = TimeStep x int(( X /SpecMeasResBW/TimeStep) + 0.5) This means BurstTimeInterval is forced to a value that is an integer number of time step intervals. (Stop-Start) time is forced to be an integer number (M) of the BurstTimeIntervals M has a minimum value of 1 Video averaging occurs over all BurstTimeIntervals The resolution bandwidth achieved is ResBW = X / BurstTimeInterval, which is very close to SpecMeasResBW but may not be exactly the same if X/SpecMeasResBW/TimeStep is not an exact integer. Resultant resolution BW = ResBW Resultant spectrum frequency step = ResBW Video averaging status = Yes, when M > 1		

7. SpecMeasWindow specifies the window that will be applied to each burst before its spectrum is calculated. Different windows have different properties, affect the resolution bandwidth achieved, and affect the spectral shape. Windowing is often necessary in transform-based (chirp-Z, FFT) spectrum estimation in order to reduce spectral distortion due to discontinuous or non-harmonic signal over the measurement time interval. Without windowing, the estimated spectrum may suffer from spectral leakage that can cause misleading measurements or masking of weak signal spectral detail by spurious artifacts.

The windowing of a signal in time has the effect of changing its power. The spectrum measurement compensates for this and the spectrum is normalized so that the power contained in it is the same as the power of the input signal. Window Type Definitions:

• none:

$$w\left(k\,T_{s}\right) \,=\, \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1.0 & 0 \leq k \leq N \\ 0.0 & otherwise \end{array} \right.$$

where N is the window size

• Hamming 0.54:

$$w(kT_s) = \begin{cases} 0.54 - 0.46\cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}\right) & 0 \le k \le N \\ 0.0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

where N is the window size

• Hanning 0.5:

$$w\left(k\,T_{s}\right) \; = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 0.5 - 0.5 \cos\!\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}\right) & 0 \leq k \leq N \\ 0.0 & otherwise \end{array} \right.$$

where N is the window size

• Gaussian 0.75:

$$w\left(k\,\boldsymbol{T}_{s}\right) \;=\; \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\!\!\left(0.75\frac{(2k-N)}{N}\right)^{2}\right) & \quad 0 \leq \left|k-\frac{N}{2}\right| \leq \frac{N}{2} \\ 0.0 & \quad otherwise \end{array} \right.$$

where N is the window size

• Kaiser 7.865:

$$w\left(kT_{s}\right) = \begin{cases} I_{0}\!\!\left(7.865\!\left[1-\!\left(\frac{k-\alpha}{\alpha}\right)^{2}\right]^{1/2}\right) \\ \hline I_{0}\!\!\left(7.865\right) & 0 \leq k \leq N \\ 0.0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

where N is the window size,  $\alpha$  = N / 2, and  $I_0(.)$  is the 0th order modified

Bessel function of the first kind

• 8510 6.0 (Kaiser 6.0):

$$w(kT_s) = \begin{cases} I_0 \left(6.0 \left[1 - \left(\frac{k - \alpha}{\alpha}\right)^2\right]^{1/2}\right) \\ I_0(6.0) \\ 0.0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

where N is the window size, a = N / 2, and  $I_0(.)$  is the 0th order modified Bessel function of the first kind

• Blackman:

$$w\left(k\,T_{s}\right) \; = \; \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0.42 - 0.5\cos\!\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}\right) + 0.08\cos\!\left(\frac{4\pi k}{N}\right) & 0 \leq k \leq N \\ 0.0 & otherwise \end{array} \right.$$

where N is the window size

• Blackman-Harris:

$$w\left(k\,T_{\varepsilon}\right) \;=\; \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0.35875 - 0.48829\cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}\right) + 0.14128\cos\left(\frac{4\pi k}{N}\right) - 0.01168\cos\left(\frac{6\pi k}{N}\right) & 0 \leq k \leq N \\ 0.0 & otherwise \end{array} \right.$$

where N is the window size.

**Window Options and Normalized Equivalent Noise Bandwidth** 

<b>Window and Default Constant</b>	NENBW
none	1
Hamming 0.54	1.363
Hanning 0.50	1.5
Gaussian 0.75	1.883
Kaiser 7.865	1.653
8510 6.0	1.467
Blackman	1.727
Blackman-Harris	2.021

### **EVM Measurement Parameters**

This measurement requires setting of the MirrorMeasSpectrum parameter such that there is an even number of spectrum mirrorings from the combined test bench source and RF DUT. For example, if MirrorSourceSpectrum = NO and the RF DUT causes its output RF signal to have spectrum mirroring relative to its input signal, then set MirrorMeasSpectrum = YES.

This measurement provides results for:

- Avg\_WLAN\_80211b\_1000\_chip\_Pk\_EVM\_pct: average EVM in percentage as specified by the standard (section 18.4.7.8 Transmit modulation accuracy in 802.11b specification; pages 55-57) except that the EVM value is normalized
- WLAN\_80211b\_1000\_chip\_Pk\_EVM\_pct: EVM in percentage as specified by the standard (section 18.4.7.8 Transmit modulation accuracy in 802.11b specification;

- pages 55-57) with the exception that the EVM value is normalized versus burst
- Avg\_EVMrms\_pct: average EVM rms in percentage as defined in the Agilent 89600 VSA
- EVMrms\_pct: EVM rms in percentage as defined in the Agilent 89600 VSA versus burst
- EVM\_Pk\_pct: peak EVM in percentage versus burst
- EVM\_Pk\_chip\_idx: peak EVM chip index versus burst
- Avg\_MagErr\_rms\_pct: average magnitude error rms in percentage
- MagErr\_rms\_pct: magnitude error rms in percentage versus burst
- MagErr Pk pct: peak magnitude error in percentage versus burst
- MagErr\_Pk\_chip\_idx: peak magnitude error chip index versus burst
- Avg\_PhaseErr\_deg: average phase error in degrees
- PhaseErr\_deg: phase error in degrees versus burst
- PhaseErr Pk deg: peak phase error in degrees versus burst
- PhaseErr\_Pk\_chip\_idx: peak phase error chip index versus burst
- Avg\_FregError\_Hz: average frequency error in Hz
- FreqError\_Hz: frequency error in Hz versus burst
- Avg\_IQ\_Offset\_dB: average IQ offset in dB
- IQ Offset dB: IQ offset in dB versus burst
- Avg SyncCorrelation: average sync correlation
- SyncCorrelation: sync correlation versus burst

Results named Avg\_ are averaged over the number of bursts specified by the user (if AverageType is set to RMS (Video)). Results that are not named Avg\_ are results versus burst.

## **Algorithm and Parameter Information**

- 1. EVM\_DisplayPages provides Data Display page information. It is not user editable.
- 2. Starting at the time instant specified by EVM\_Start, a signal segment of length EVM\_SearchLength is captured. This signal segment is searched in order for a complete burst to be detected. The burst search algorithm looks for both a burst on and a burst off transition. In order for the burst search algorithm to detect a burst, an idle part must exist between consecutive bursts and the bursts must be at least 15 dB above the noise floor.

EVM\_Start time is used for both the RF\_out and Meas\_in EVM analyses. The Meas\_in signal is delayed in time from the RF\_out signal by the value of the RF DUT time delay. Thus for RF DUT time delay greater than zero, the RF\_out and Meas\_in signal are inherently different and some EVM difference in the two is expected even if the RF DUT does not introduce any distortion except for time delay.

If the captured signal segment does not contain a complete burst, the algorithm will not detect any burst and the analysis that follows will most likely produce the wrong results. Therefore, EVM\_SearchLength must be long enough to capture at least one complete burst. Since the time instant specified by the EVM\_Start parameter can be a little after the beginning of a burst, it is strongly recommended that

EVM\_SearchLength is set to a value approximately equal to  $2 \times BurstTime + 3 \times Idle$ , where BurstTime is the duration of a burst and Idle is the duration of the idle part. If it is known that EVM\_Start is close to the beginning of a burst then

EVM\_SearchLength can be set to BurstTime  $+ 2 \times Idle$ . If the duration of the burst or the idle part is unknown, then the RF envelope of the signal can be plotted and these

durations determined by observing the plot.

After a burst is detected, the I and Q envelopes of the input signal are extracted. In the RF\_out (Meas\_in) EVM analysis, the FSource (FMeasurement) parameter sets the frequency of the internal local oscillator signal for the I and Q envelope extraction. Then synchronization is performed based on the preamble. Finally, the burst is demodulated and analyzed to get the EVM measurement results.

- 3. If EVM\_AverageType is set to Off, only one pulse is detected, demodulated, and analyzed.
  - If EVM\_AverageType is set to RMS (Video), after the first pulse is analyzed the signal segment corresponding to it is discarded and new signal samples are collected from the input to fill in the signal buffer of length EVM\_SearchLength. When the buffer is full again a new pulse search is performed and when a pulse is detected it is demodulated and analyzed. These steps are repeated until EVM\_BurstsToAverage pulses are processed.
  - If for any reason a pulse is misdetected the results from its analysis are discarded. The EVM results obtained from all the successfully detected, demodulated, and analyzed pulses are averaged to give the final averaged results. The EVM results from each successfully analyzed pulse are also recorded (in the variables without the "Avg\_" prefix in their name).
- 4. EVM\_DataModulationFormat allows the user to specify the modulation format used in the PSDU part of the burst. If EVM\_DataModulationFormat is set to Auto Detect, the algorithm will use the information detected in the PLCP header part of the burst to automatically determine the modulation format. Otherwise, the modulation format determined from the PLCP header is ignored and the modulation format specified by the EVM\_DataModulationFormat parameter is used in the demodulation of the PSDU part of the burst.
- 5. EVM\_ResultLengthType and EVM\_ResultLength control how much data is acquired and demodulated.
  - When EVM\_ResultLengthType is set to Auto Select, the measurement result length is automatically determined from the information in the PLCP header part of the burst. In this case, the EVM\_ResultLength defines a maximum result length for the burst in chips; that is, if the measurement result length that is automatically detected is larger than EVM\_ResultLength it will be truncated to EVM\_ResultLength. The maximum result length specified by EVM\_ResultLength includes the PLCP preamble and PLCP header.
  - When EVM\_ResultLengthType is set to Manual Override, the measurement result length is set to EVM\_ResultLength regardless of what is detected in the PLCP header part of the burst. The result length specified by EVM\_ResultLength includes the PLCP preamble and PLCP header.
    - The following table lists measurement result lengths actually used based on Auto Select and Manual Override modes for different EVM\_ResultLength values; an input burst of 2816 chips is assumed.
    - Note that when EVM\_ResultLengthType=Manual Override and EVM\_ResultLength=3300 (greater than the actual burst size) the algorithm will demodulate the full 3300 chips even though this is 484 chips beyond the pulse width.

EVM_ResultLengthType	EVM_ResultLength	Measurement Result Length Actually Used
Auto Select	2200	2200
Auto Select	2816	2816
Auto Select	3300	2816
Manual Override	2200	2200
Manual Override	2816	2816
Manual Override	3300	3300

- 6. With the EVM\_MeasurementInterval and EVM\_MeasurementOffset parameters the user can isolate a specific segment of the EVM\_ResultLength for analysis. Only the segment specified by these two parameters will be analyzed in order to determine the EVM results. The values of EVM\_MeasurementInterval and EVM\_MeasurementOffset are in number of chips and are relative to the ideal starting point of the PLCP preamble portion of the burst. For a signal that uses the long PLCP format, the ideal starting point of the PLCP preamble is exactly 128 symbol times (128×11 chips) before the start of the SFD sync pattern. For a signal that uses the short PLCP format, the ideal starting point of the PLCP preamble is exactly 56 symbol times (56×11 chips) before the start of the SFD sync pattern.
- 7. Although the algorithm synchronizes to the chip timing of the signal, it is possible for the synchronization to be slightly off. EVM\_ClockAdjust allows the user to specify a timing offset which is added to the chip timing detected by the algorithm; EVM\_ClockAdjust should be used only when trying to debug unusual signals.
- 8. EVM\_EqualizationFilter and EVM\_FilterLength define whether an equalization filter will be used or not and what the filter length (in number of chips) should be. An equalization filter can dramatically improve EVM results because the equalizer can compensate for ISI caused by the transmit filter. An equalization filter can also compensate for distortion introduced by the DUT. If the filter used in the transmitter is Gaussian, then a Gaussian filter with the same BT is automatically used as a reference filter for EVM analysis. In this case, turning the equalizer off will give a more accurate measure of distortion caused by the DUT.

# **Signal to ESG Parameters**

The EVM measurement collects Meas\_in signal data and downloads it to an Agilent E4438C Vector Signal Generator. Connection Manager architecture is used to communicate with the instrument; parameters specify how data is interpreted. Prerequisites for using the Signal to ESG option are:

- ESG Vector Signal Generator E4438C; for information, visit the web site <a href="http://www.agilent.com/find/esg">http://www.agilent.com/find/esg</a>.
- PC workstation running an instance of the connection manager server.
- Supported method of connecting the instrument to your computer through the Connection Manager architecture; for information, see *Connection Manager* .

#### **Parameter Information**

1. EnableESG specifies if the signal is downloaded to the ESG instrument. If set to NO,

no attempt will be made to communicate with the instrument.

- 2. ESG\_Instrument specifies a triplet that identifies the VSA resource of the instrument to be used in the simulation, the connection manager server hostname (defaults to localhost), and the port at which the connection manager server listens for incoming requests (defaults to 4790). To ensure that this field is populated correctly, click Select Instrument, enter the server hostname and port, click OK to see the Remote Instrument Explorer dialog, select a VSA resource identifier, and click OK. For details about selecting instruments, see Instrument Discovery in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation.
- 3. ESG\_Start and ESG\_Stop (when ESG\_Bursts =0) specify when to start and stop data collection. The number of samples collected, ESG\_Stop ESG\_Start + 1, must be in the range 60 samples to 64 Msamples, where 1 Msample = 1,048,576 samples. The ESG requires an even number of samples; the last sample will be discarded if ESG\_Stop ESG\_Start + 1 is odd.
- 4. ESG\_Bursts sets the number of bursts over which data will be collected. If ESG\_Bursts is greater than zero, then ESG\_Stop is forced to ESG\_Start + ESG\_Bursts x BurstTime where BurstTime is IdleTime + ShortPreambleTime + LongPreambleTime + SIGNAL\_Time + DataTime.
- 5. ESG\_ClkRef specifies an internal or external reference for the ESG clock generator. If set to External, the ESG\_ExtClkRefFreq parameter sets the frequency of this clock.
- 6. ESG\_IQFilter specifies the cutoff frequency for the reconstruction filter that lies between the DAC output and the Dual Arbitrary Waveform Generator output inside the ESG.
- 7. ESG\_SampleClkRate sets the sample clock rate for the DAC output.
- 8. ESG\_Filename sets the name of the waveform inside the ESG that will hold the downloaded data.
- 9. The ESG driver expects data in the range {-1, 1}. If ESG\_AutoScaling is set to YES, inputs are scaled to the range {-1, 1}; if ESG\_AutoScaling is set to NO, raw simulation data is downloaded to the ESG without scaling, but data outside the range {-1, 1} is clipped to -1 or 1. If set to YES, scaling is also applied to data written to the local file (ESG\_Filename setting).
- 10. If ESG\_ArbOn is set to YES, the ESG will start generating the signal immediately after simulation data is downloaded; if set to NO, waveform generation must be turned on at the ESG front panel.
- 11. If ESG\_RFPowOn is set to YES, the ESG will turn RF power on immediately after simulation data is downloaded. If ESG\_RFPowOn is set to NO (default), RF power must be turned on at the ESG front panel.
- 12. ESG\_EventMarkerType specifies which ESG Event markers are enabled: Event1, Event2, Both, or Neither. Event markers are used for synchronizing other instruments to the ESG. When event markers are enabled, Event1 and/or Event2 is set beginning from the first sample of the downloaded Arb waveform over the range of points specified by the ESG\_MarkerLength parameter. This is equivalent to setting the corresponding event from the front panel of the ESG.
- 13. ESG\_MarkerLength specifies the range of points over which the markers must be set starting from the first point of the waveform. Depending on the setting of ESG\_EventMarkerType, the length of trigger Event1 or Event2 (or both) is set to a multiple of the pulsewidth that, in turn, is determined by the sample clock rate of the DAC output.

# Simulation Measurement Displays

After running the test bench simulation and opening the Data Display pages, the simulation results will be displayed for each measurement selected.



#### 1 Note

Measurement results from a wireless test bench have associated names that can be used in Data Display Expressions. For more information, refer to Measurement Results for Expressions for WLAN Wireless Test Benches (adswtbwlan).

## **RF Envelope Measurement**

The RF envelope measurement (not defined in IEEE 802.11b) is used to show the time envelope of each field in IEEE 802.11b RF signal burst, such as ramp, preamble and header, and PSDU. Two signals are tested: the RF signal at the input of the RF DUT and the Meas signal at the output of the RF DUT.

From the RF signal, the basic signal burst information (long preamble time, short preamble time, data time) are listed in the following table.

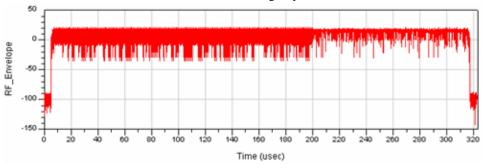
#### **RF Signal Burst Information**

Parameter	Test Bench Default Value
RF_FSource	2412.0 MHz
RF_R	50.0 Ohm
Meas_FMeasurement	2412.0 MHz
Meas_R	50.0 Ohm
BurstTime	322.364 usec
IdleTime	10.0 usec
BitRate	11.0 Mbps
RF_Power_dBm	16.021 dBm
BytesPerBurst	160
DataTime	116.364 usec

For the RF signal, the time envelope of one complete burst of 11b are shown, as well as the time envelope of ramp, Preamble and Header, PSDU in the following four figures

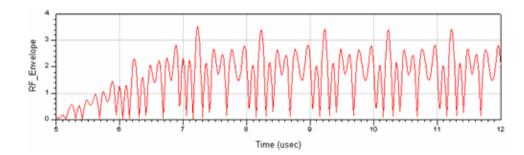
The figure RF Signal Time Envelope of One Complete Burst shows an entire 11b burst with a long preamble setting. The initial time interval of 5.0  $\mu$  is the idle time when the transmitter sends no signal. The second time interval of 2.0  $\mu$  is the ramp which simulates the transmitter switching power-on or power-off. The third interval of 192 µ is the Preamble and Header; if short preamble setting is selected, this part is 96 µ. The next interval of 160 octets is where the PSDU is attached which carries the data payload.

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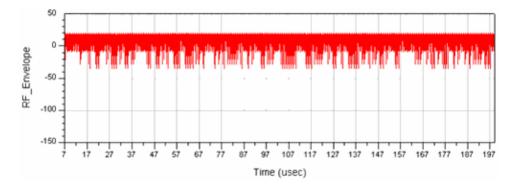
In the figure RF Signal Time Envelope of Ramp Time, you can see the ramp from 5.0  $\mu$  to 7.0  $\mu$ , indicating the transmitter is power-on, and the ramp attached PSDU indicates the transmitter is power-off.

### **RF Signal Time Envelope of Ramp Time**



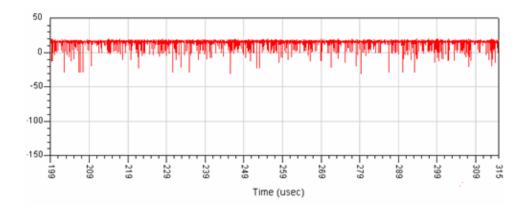
The figure Time Envelope of Long Preamble and Header for RF Signal shows the time envelope of the Long Preamble and header. Long Preamble and header lasts from 7.0  $\mu$  to 199.0  $\mu$ . The initial 144  $\mu$  interval is the Long Preamble. The next 48  $\mu$  interval is the header. If Short Preamble is set, the Long Preamble interval is 72  $\mu$ , and the header interval is 24  $\mu$ .

#### Time Envelope of Long Preamble and Header for RF Signal



In the figure <u>Time Envelope of DATA for RF Signal</u>, DATA is approximately 116  $\mu$  and lasts from 199.0  $\mu$  to 315.0  $\mu$ .

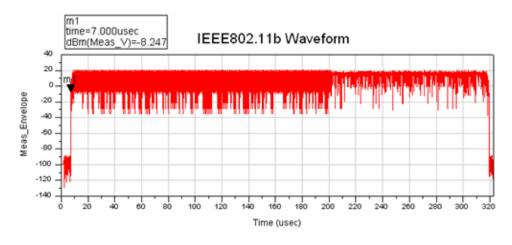
### Time Envelope of DATA for RF Signal



In Meas signal testing, all measurements are similar to that for the RF signal, the difference is that Meas signal contains any linear and nonlinear distortions and time delay from RF DUT. All time envelope measurements for the Meas signal have the RF DUT time delay. The envelope measurements for Meas signal are shown in the following four figures

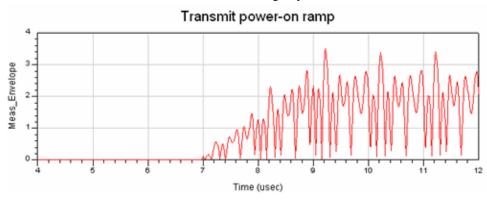
In the figure <u>Time Envelope of One Entire Burst for Meas Signal</u>, Marker m1 must be set manually by the user to the start of the Short Preamble; this is used to determine the RF DUT time delay. This RF DUT delay is used to identify where each Meas burst structure begins and ends. The delay can be calculated by subtracting half idle time from the time marked m1; for example, in this figure, the delay= $7.0\mu$ - $5.0\mu$ = $2.0\mu$ . If the marker does not point to the accurate position, the calculated delay will not be accurate.

#### Time Envelope of One Entire Burst for Meas Signal

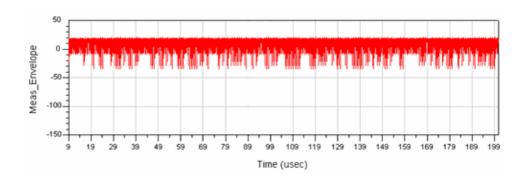


In the figure Time Envelope of Short Preamble for Meas Signal, you can see the ramp from 7.0 to 9.0  $\mu$ . Meas Signal Long Preamble and Header Time Envelope shows the Long Preamble and Header is 192.0  $\mu$  and lasts 9.0 to 201.0  $\mu$ . Meas Signal Data Time Envelope shows the DATA is approximately 116.0  $\mu$  and lasts 201.0 to 317.0  $\mu$ .

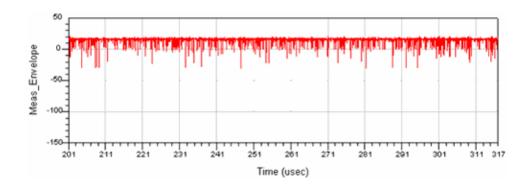
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### **Meas Signal Long Preamble and Header Time Envelope**



#### **Meas Signal Data Time Envelope**



### **Constellation Measurement**

The constellation measurement (not defined in IEEE 802.11b) measures the constellation of PSDU.

In IEEE 802.11b: 1, 2, 5.5, and 11 Mbps data rates for long preamble are supported in PSDU; 2, 5.5, and 11 data rates for short preamble are supported. DBPSK, DQPSK, CCK, or PBCC modulations correspond to each data rate; modulation types based on data rates are given in the table <u>Data Rates and Modulation Types</u>.

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The basic parameters for this measurement are given in the table <u>Basic Constellation</u> <u>Measurement Parameters</u>.

### **Data Rates and Modulation Types**

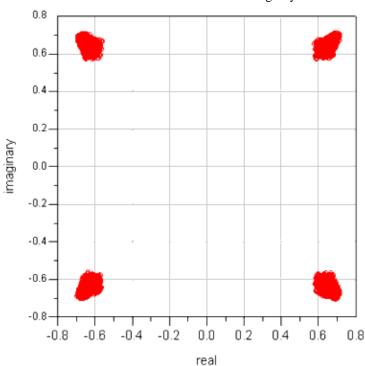
Data Rate (Mbits/s)	Modulation
1	DBPSK
2	DQPSK
5.5	CCK, PBCC
11	CCK, PBCC

### **Basic Constellation Measurement Parameters**

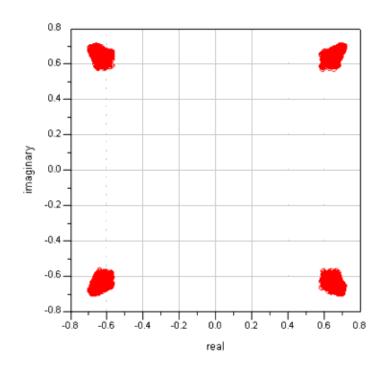
Parameter	Default
RF_FSource	2412.0 MHz
RF_R	50.0 Ohm
DataTime	116.36 usec
BurstTime	322.364.0 usec
TimeStep	15.151515 nsec
BitRate	11.0 Mbps
Meas_FMeasurement	2412.0.0 MHz
Meas_R	50.0 Ohm

For the 11Mbps data rate selected in this measurement, CCK modulation is used; the constellations for RF and Meas signals are shown in the figures <a href="RF Signal Constellation">RF Signal Constellation</a> and <a href="Meas Signal Constellation">Meas Signal Constellation</a>.

**RF Signal Constellation** 



### **Meas Signal Constellation**



# **Power Measurement**

The power measurement (not defined in IEEE 802.11b) shows the CCDF (complementary cumulative distribution function) transmission curves and peak-to-average ratio for the RF and Meas signals.

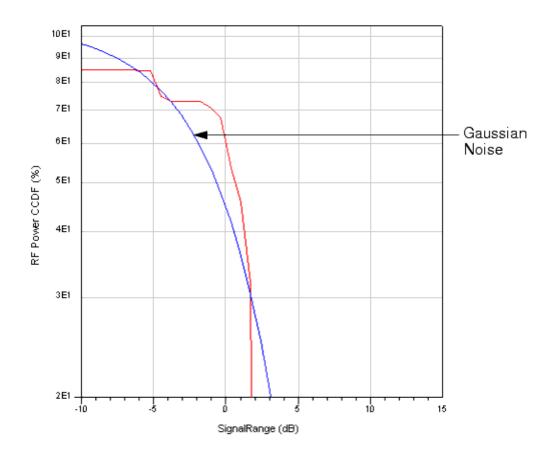
The basic parameters for this measurement are listed in the table  ${\hbox{\tt Basic Power}}$   ${\hbox{\tt Measurement Parameters}}.$ 

Measurement results are shown in the figures RF Power CCDF and Meas Power CCDF.

### **Basic Power Measurement Parameters**

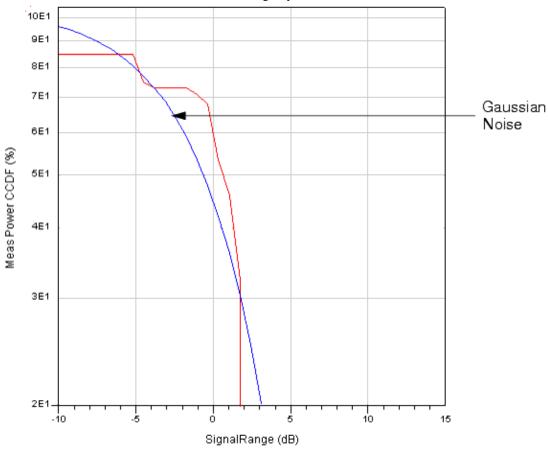
Parameter	Default	
RF_FSource	2412.0MHz	
RF_R	50.00hm	
Meas_FMeasurement	2412.0MHz	
Meas_R	50.00hm	
RF_Power_dBm	16.021dBm	

### **RF Power CCDF**



**Meas Power CCDF** 

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In these figures, the blue curves are the reference CCDF for Gaussian noise. They can be calculated by calling the function <code>power\_ccdf\_ref()</code> in the . <code>dds</code> files directly, as shown in Reference CCDF Calculation.

### **Reference CCDF Calculation**

The function for calculating the peak-average-ratio for as well as the results are shown in the figures <u>RF Signal Peak-Average-Ratio Calculation and Results</u> and <u>Meas Signal Peak-Average-Ratio Calculation and Results</u>.

### **RF Signal Peak-Average-Ratio Calculation and Results**

Eqn	RF_Peak_to_Avg_dB = RF_	Power.PeakPower_dBm - RF	_Power.AvgPower_dBm
	RF_Power.PeakPower_dBm	RF_Power.AvgPower_dBm	RF_Peak_to_Avg_dB
	21.078	15.846	5.233

### Meas Signal Peak-Average-Ratio Calculation and Results

Eqn	Eqn RF_Peak_to_Avg_dB = RF_Power.PeakPower_dBm - RF_Power.AvgPower_dBm			
	RF_Power.PeakPower_dBm	RF_Power_AvgPower_dBm	RF_Peak_to_Avg_dB	
	21.078	15.846	5.233	

# **Spectrum Measurement**

The Spectrum measurement is used to verify whether the transmitted spectrum meets the spectrum mask according to IEEE Std 802.11b-1999, section 18.4.7.3 requirements. The transmitted spectrum must be less -30 dBr (dB relative to the SINx/x peak) for

and

and must be less than -50 dBr for

f<fc-22MHz

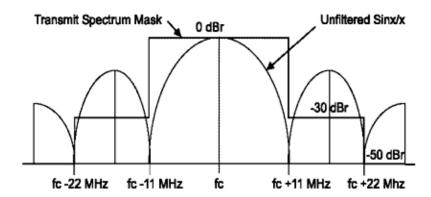
and

f>fc+22MHz

where fc is the channel center frequency.

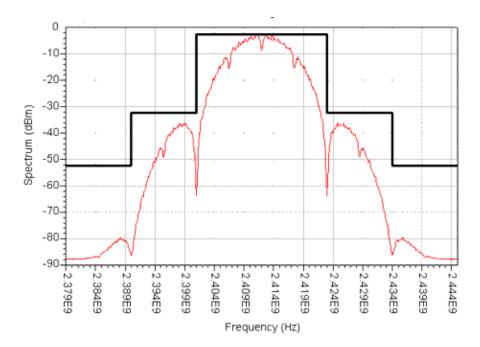
The transmitted spectral density of the transmitted signal must fall within the spectral mask illustrated in <u>Transmit Spectrum Mask</u>; measurements must be made using a 100 kHz resolution bandwidth and a 100 kHz video bandwidth.

### **Transmit Spectrum Mask**

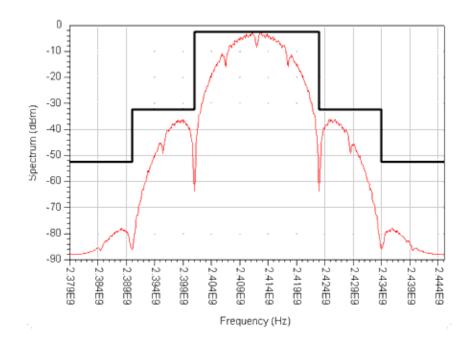


Measurement results are shown in the figures <u>RF Signal Spectrum</u> and <u>Meas Signal Spectrum</u>. From these figures, you can see that the spectrums are within the spectrum mask; therefore, the transmitted spectrum meets the specification requirement. Please note, the shapes of spectrums are dependent on the shape of transmitter filter, filter length, and roll factor. The spectrums of these figures are generated by a Gaussian filter with filter length of 10 and roll factor of 0.5.

### **RF Signal Spectrum**



### **Meas Signal Spectrum**



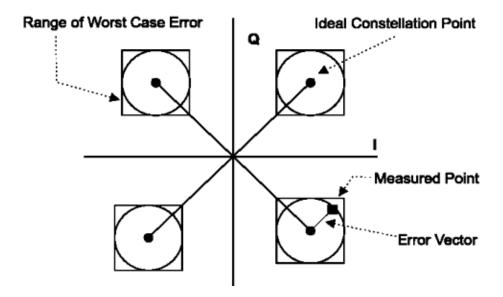
### **EVM Measurement**

The EVM measurement tests the transmit modulation accuracy (EVM) according to IEEE Std 802.11b-1999, section 18.4.7.8. The transmit modulation accuracy requirement for the high rate PHY is based on the difference between the actual and the ideal signal waveform. Modulation accuracy is determined by measuring the peak vector error magnitude during each chip period. Worst-case vector error magnitude cannot exceed 0.35 for the normalized sampled chip data. The ideal complex I and Q constellation points associated with DQPSK modulation, (0.707,0.707), (0.707, -0.707), (-0.707, 0.707), are used as the reference.

Measurements are from baseband I and Q sampled data after recovery through a reference receiver system. The figure <u>Modulation Accuracy Measurement Example</u> illustrates the ideal DQPSK constellation point and range of worst-case error specified for modulation accuracy.

This measurement provides averaged EVM rms specified by percent and the transient EVM varied with burst.

#### **Modulation Accuracy Measurement Example**



The basic parameters used for this measurement are given in the table <u>Basic EVM</u> Measurement Parameters.

**Basic EVM Measurement Parameters** 

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Parameter	<b>Default Value</b>
RF_FSource	2412.0 MHz
RF_R	50.0 Ohm
Meas_FMeasurement	2412.0 MHz
Meas_R	50.0 Ohm
RF_Power_dBm	16.021 dBm
BytesPerBurst	160
BitRate	11 Mbps
BurstTime	322.364 usec
DataTime	116.364 nsec

Averaged results are shown in the figures RF Signal Averaged EVM and Meas Signal Averaged EVM.

### **RF Signal Averaged EVM**

RF_EVM.Avg_WLAN_80211b_1000_chip_Pk_EVM_pct 4.554		
RF_EVM.Avg_EVMrms_pct 4.290	EVM.Avg_MagErr_rms_pct 3.985	RF_EVM.Avg_PhaseErr_deg 0.911
RF_EVM.Avg_FreqError_Hz -0.079	RF_EVM.Avg_IQ_Offset_dB -38.174	RF_EVM.Avg_SyncCorrelation 0.999

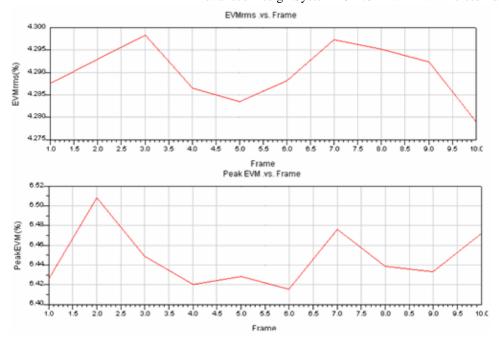
### **Meas Signal Averaged EVM**

RF_EVM.Avg_WLAN_80211b_1000_chip_Pk_EVM_pct 4.554			
RF_EVM.Avg_EVMrms_pct        EVM.Avg_MagErr_rms_pct         RF_EVM.Avg_PhaseErr_deg           4.290         3.985         0.91			
RF_EVM.Avg_FreqError_Hz -0.079	RF_EVM.Avg_IQ_Offset_dB -38.174	RF_EVM.Avg_SyncCorrelation 0.999	

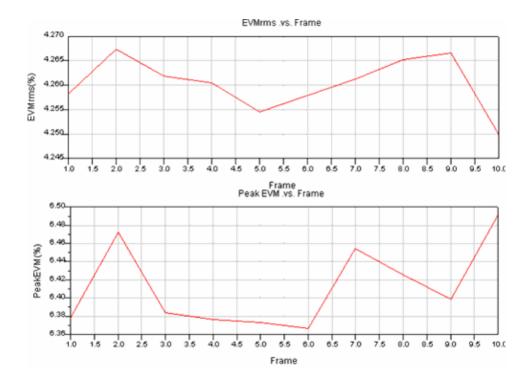
The variation of EVM rms and peak EVM with bursts are shown in the figures RF Signal Variation of EVM rms and Peak EVM with Bursts and Meas Signal Variation of EVM rms and Peak EVM with Bursts. The RF EVM or Meas EVM do not exceed the 35% value required by specification and therefore meet specification requirements.

RF Signal Variation of EVM rms and Peak EVM with Bursts

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#### Meas Signal Variation of EVM rms and Peak EVM with Bursts



# **Test Bench Variables for Data Displays**

The following tables identify the reference variables used to set up this test bench:

**Test Bench Constants for WLAN 11b Signal Setup** 

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Constant	Value
BitsPerByte	8
RampTime	if(PwrRamp==0) then 0.0 else 2*2.0usec endif
LongPreambleTime	192.0usec
ShortPreambleTime	96.0usec
PLCPTime	if(PreambleFormat==0) then LongPreambleTime else ShortPreambleTime endif
PSDUTime	DataLength*BitsPerByte/BitRate Dependent on DataRate in the next table
BandWidth	11.0MHz

### **DataRate Determines BitRate Value**

DataRate	BitRate (see the next table)	
Mbps_1	1e6	
Mbps_2	2e6	
Mbps_5.5	5.5e6	
Mbps_11	11e6	

## Test Bench Equations Derived from Test Bench Parameters and Exported to the Data Display

<b>Data Display Parameter</b>	Equation with Test Bench Parameters	
RF_FSource	FSource	
RF_Power_dBm	10*log10(SourcePower)+30	
RF_R	SourceR	
RF_SourceTemp	SourceTemp	
TimeStep	1/(Bandwidth*OversamplingRatio)	
IdleTime	IdleInterval	
DataTime	PSDUTime	
BurstTime	RampTime+PLCPTime+PSDUTime+IdleTime	
SamplesPerBurst	BurstTime/TimeStep	
BytesPerBurst	DataLength	
BitRate	Dependant on DataRate in the previous table. This is the bit rate for transmitted WLAN signal.	
Meas_FMeasurement	FMeasurement	
Meas_R	MeasR	

# **Baseline Performance**

- Test Computer Configuration
  - Pentium IV 2.4 GHz, 512 MB RAM, Red Hat Linux 7.3
- Conditions
  - Measurements made with default test bench settings.
  - RF DUT is an RF system behavior component.
  - The number of time points in one WLAN 802.11b burst is a function of OversamplingRatio, PwrRamp, PreambleFormat, IdleInterval, DataRate, DataLength.

OversamplingRatio = 6

PwrRamp = Linear

PreambleFormat = Long

IdleInterval =  $10.0 \mu$ 

DataRate = 11 Mb/s

DataLength = 160

- Resultant WTB\_TimeStep = 15.152 nsec; BurstTime = 322.364 μ time points per burst = 21276
- Simulation times and memory requirements:

WLAN_802_11b_TX Measurement	<b>Bursts Measured</b>	Simulation Time (sec)	ADS Processes (MB)
RF_Envelope	3	23	110
Constellation	3	9	72
Power	3	6	60
Spectrum	3	7	57
EVM	10	23	63

### **Expected ADS Performance**

Expected ADS performance is the combined performance of the baseline test bench and the RF DUT Circuit Envelope simulation with the same signal and number of time points. For example, if the RF DUT performance with Circuit Envelope simulation alone takes 2 hours and consumes 200 MB of memory (excluding the memory consumed by the core ADS product), then add these numbers to the Baseline Performance numbers to determine the expected ADS performance. This is valid only if the full memory consumed is from RAM. If RAM is less, larger simulation times may result due to increased disk access time for swap memory usage.

# References

- 1. IEEE Standard 802.11b-1999, "Part 11: Wireless LAN Medium Access Control (MAC) and Physical Layer (PHY) specifications: High-speed Physical Layer Extension in the 2.4 GHz Band," 1999.
  - http://standards.ieee.org/getieee802/download/802.11b-1999.pdf
- 2. IEEE P802.11g/D8.2, "Part 11: Wireless LAN Medium Access Control (MAC) and Physical Layer (PHY) specifications: Further Higher Data Rate Extension in the 2.4 GHz Band," April, 2003.
  - http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/servlet/opac?punumber=4040922
- 3. CCITT, Recommendation 0.151(10/92).
- 4. CCITT, Recommendation 0.153(10/92).

Setting up a Wireless Test Bench Analysis in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation explains how to use test bench windows and dialogs to perform analysis tasks.

Setting Circuit Envelope Analysis Parameters in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation explains how to set up circuit envelope analysis parameters such as convergence criteria, solver selection, and initial guess.

Setting Automatic Behavioral Modeling Parameters in the Wireless Test Bench Simulation documentation to learn how to improve simulation speed.

### **WLAN Links**

European Radiocommunications Office: <a href="http://www.ero.dk">http://www.ero.dk</a>

U.S. Frequency Allocations Chart: <a href="http://www.ntia.doc.gov/osmhome">http://www.ntia.doc.gov/osmhome</a>

IEEE 802.11b Compliance Organization: http://www.wi-fi.org

IEEE 802.11 Working Group: <a href="http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/802/11/index.html">http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/802/11/index.html</a>