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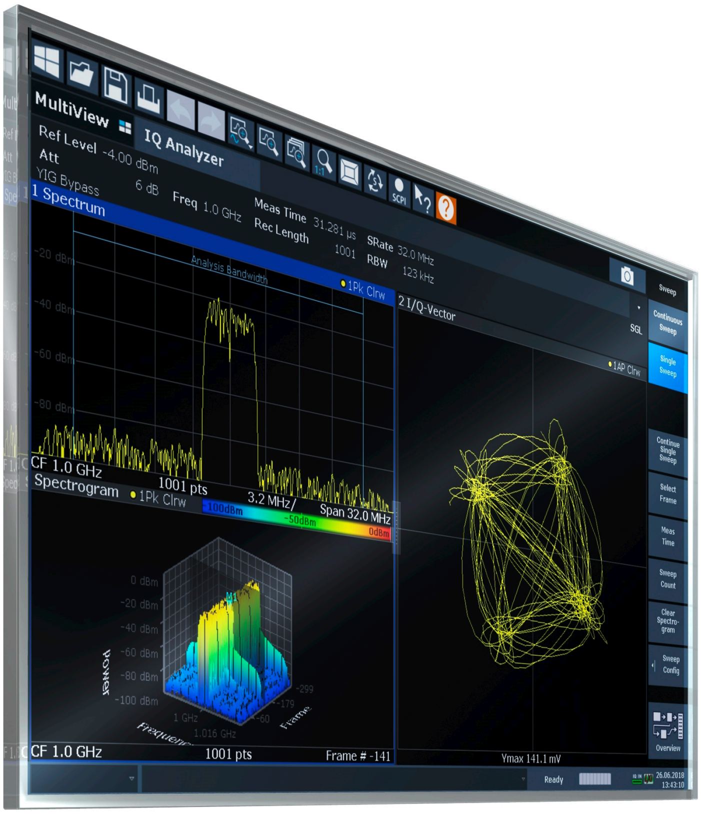
I/Q Analyzer
User Manual



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- R&S®ESW8 (1328.4100K09)
- R&S®ESW26 (1328.4100K26)
- R&S®ESW26 (1328.4100K27)
- R&S®ESW44 (1328.4100K44)
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1 Preface

1.1 About this manual

This R&S ESW I/Q Analyzer User Manual provides all the information **specific to the application and processing I/Q data**. All general instrument functions and settings common to all applications are described in the main R&S ESW User Manual.

The main focus in this manual is on the measurement results and the tasks required to obtain them. The following topics are included:

- **Welcome to the I/Q Analyzer application**
  Introduction to and getting familiar with the application
- **Typical Applications for the I/Q Analyzer and optional input interfaces**
  Example measurement scenarios for I/Q data import and analysis
- **Measurements and Result Displays**
  Details on supported measurements and their result types
- **Basics on I/Q Data Acquisition**
  Background information on basic terms and principles in the context of the I/Q Analyzer application as well as processing I/Q data in general
- **Configuration and Analysis**
  A concise description of all functions and settings available to import, capture and analyze I/Q data in the I/Q Analyzer, with or without optional interfaces, with their corresponding remote control command
- **How to Work with I/Q Data**
  The basic procedure to perform an I/Q Analyzer measurement or capture data via the R&S "Digital Baseband" interface with step-by-step instructions
- **Optimizing and Troubleshooting the Measurement**
  Hints and tips on how to handle errors and optimize the test setup
- **Remote Commands to perform Measurements with I/Q Data**
  Remote commands required to configure and perform I/Q Analyzer measurements or process digital I/Q data in a remote environment, sorted by tasks;
  (Commands required to set up the environment or to perform common tasks on the instrument are provided in the main R&S ESW User Manual.)
  Programming examples demonstrate the use of many commands and can usually be executed directly for test purposes.
- **Annex**
  Reference material, e.g. I/Q file formats and a detailed description of the LVDS connector
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1.2 Documentation overview

This section provides an overview of the R&S ESW user documentation. Unless specified otherwise, you find the documents at:

www.rohde-schwarz.com/manual/esw

1.2.1 Getting started manual

Introduces the R&S ESW and describes how to set up and start working with the product. Includes basic operations, typical measurement examples, and general information, e.g. safety instructions, etc.

A printed version is delivered with the instrument. A PDF version is available for download on the Internet.

1.2.2 User manuals and help

Separate user manuals are provided for the base unit and the firmware applications:

- Base unit manual
  Contains the description of all instrument modes and functions. It also provides an introduction to remote control, a complete description of the remote control commands with programming examples, and information on maintenance, instrument interfaces and error messages. Includes the contents of the getting started manual.
- Firmware application manual
  Contains the description of the specific functions of a firmware application, including remote control commands. Basic information on operating the R&S ESW is not included.

The contents of the user manuals are available as help in the R&S ESW. The help offers quick, context-sensitive access to the complete information for the base unit and the firmware applications.

All user manuals are also available for download or for immediate display on the Internet.

1.2.3 Service manual

Describes the performance test for checking the rated specifications, module replacement and repair, firmware update, troubleshooting and fault elimination, and contains mechanical drawings and spare part lists.

The service manual is available for registered users on the global Rohde & Schwarz information system (GLORIS):

https://gloris.rohde-schwarz.com

1.2.4 Instrument security procedures

Deals with security issues when working with the R&S ESW in secure areas. It is available for download on the internet.

1.2.5 Printed safety instructions

Provides safety information in many languages. The printed document is delivered with the product.

1.2.6 Specifications and brochures

The specifications document, also known as the data sheet, contains the technical specifications of the R&S ESW. It also lists the firmware applications and their order numbers, and optional accessories.

The brochure provides an overview of the instrument and deals with the specific characteristics.

See www.rohde-schwarz.com/brochure-datasheet/esw

1.2.7 Release notes and open source acknowledgment (OSA)

The release notes list new features, improvements and known issues of the current firmware version, and describe the firmware installation.

The firmware uses several valuable open source software packages. An open source acknowledgment document provides verbatim license texts of the used open source software.

See www.rohde-schwarz.com/firmware/esw

1.2.8 Application notes, application cards, white papers, etc.

These documents deal with special applications or background information on particular topics.

See www.rohde-schwarz.com/application/esw

1.2.9 Videos

Find various videos on Rohde & Schwarz products and test and measurement topics on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/@RohdeundSchwarz

1.3 Conventions used in the documentation

1.3.1 Typographical conventions

The following text markers are used throughout this documentation:

Convention	Description
"Graphical user interface elements"	All names of graphical user interface elements on the screen, such as dialog boxes, menus, options, buttons, and softkeys are enclosed by quotation marks.
[Keys]	Key and knob names are enclosed by square brackets.
`Filenames, commands, program code`	Filenames, commands, coding samples and screen output are distinguished by their font.
Input	Input to be entered by the user is displayed in italics.
Links	Links that you can click are displayed in blue font.
"References"	References to other parts of the documentation are enclosed by quotation marks.

1.3.2 Conventions for procedure descriptions

When operating the instrument, several alternative methods may be available to perform the same task. In this case, the procedure using the touchscreen is described. Any elements that can be activated by touching can also be clicked using an additionally connected mouse. The alternative procedure using the keys on the instrument or the on-screen keyboard is only described if it deviates from the standard operating procedures.

The term "select" may refer to any of the described methods, i.e. using a finger on the touchscreen, a mouse pointer in the display, or a key on the instrument or on a keyboard.

1.3.3 Notes on screenshots

When describing the functions of the product, we use sample screenshots. These screenshots are meant to illustrate as many as possible of the provided functions and possible interdependencies between parameters. The shown values may not represent realistic usage scenarios.

The screenshots usually show a fully equipped product, that is: with all options installed. Thus, some functions shown in the screenshots may not be available in your particular product configuration.

2 Welcome to the I/Q Analyzer application

The R&S ESW I/Q Analyzer is a firmware application that adds functionality to perform I/Q data acquisition and analysis to the R&S ESW.

The R&S ESW I/Q Analyzer features:

- Acquisition of analog I/Q data
- Import of stored I/Q data from other applications
- Spectrum, magnitude, I/Q vector and separate I and Q component analysis of any I/Q data on the instrument
- Export of I/Q data to other applications

This user manual contains a description of the functionality that the application provides, including remote control operation.

All functions not discussed in this manual are the same as in the base unit and are described in the R&S ESW User Manual. The latest version is available for download at the product homepage http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/product/esw.

Additional information

Several application notes discussing I/Q analysis are available from the Rohde & Schwarz website:

1EF85: Converting R&S I/Q data files

1EF92: Wideband Signal Analysis

1MA257: Wideband mm-Wave Signal Generation and Analysis

1EF84: Differential measurements with Spectrum Analyzers and Probes

Installation

The R&S ESW I/Q Analyzer application is part of the standard base unit and requires no further installation.

2.1 Starting the I/Q Analyzer application

The I/Q Analyzer is an application on the R&S ESW.

To activate the I/Q Analyzer application

1. Select the [MODE] key.

   A dialog box opens that contains all applications currently available on your R&S ESW.

2. Select the "I/Q Analyzer" item.

The R&S ESW opens a new channel for the I/Q Analyzer application.

The measurement is started immediately with the default settings.

It can be configured in the I/Q Analyzer "Overview" dialog box, which is displayed when you select the "Overview" softkey from any menu (see Chapter 5.1, "Configuration overview", on page 32).

Multiple Channels and Sequencer Function

When you activate an application, a new channel is created which determines the measurement settings for that application (channel). The same application can be activated with different measurement settings by creating several channels for the same application.

The number of channels that can be configured at the same time depends on the available memory on the instrument.

Only one measurement can be performed at any time, namely the one in the currently active channel. However, in order to perform the configured measurements consecutively, a Sequencer function is provided.

If activated, the measurements configured in the currently defined channels are performed one after the other in the order of the tabs. The currently active measurement is indicated by a symbol in the tab label.

The result displays of the individual channels are updated in the tabs (as well as the "MultiView") as the measurements are performed. Sequential operation itself is independent of the currently *displayed* tab.

For details on the Sequencer function see the R&S ESW User Manual.

2.2 Understanding the display information

The following figure shows a measurement diagram during I/Q Analyzer operation. All different information areas are labeled. They are explained in more detail in the following sections.

Figure 2-1: Screen elements in the I/Q Analyzer application

1+4 = Window title bar with diagram-specific (trace) information
2 = Channel bar for firmware and measurement settings
3 = Diagram area
5 = Diagram footer with diagram-specific information, depending on result display
6 = Instrument status bar with error messages and date/time display

Channel bar information

In the I/Q Analyzer application, the R&S ESW shows the following settings:

Table 2-1: Information displayed in the channel bar for the I/Q Analyzer application

"Ref Level"	Reference level
"m.+el.Att"	Mechanical and electronic RF attenuation
"Ref Offset"	Reference level offset
"Freq"	Center frequency
"Meas Time"	Measurement time
"Rec Length"	Defined record length (number of samples to capture)
"SRate"	Defined sample rate for data acquisition
"RBW"	(Spectrum evaluation only) Resolution bandwidth calculated from the sample rate and record length

In addition, the channel bar also displays information on instrument settings that affect the measurement results even though this is not immediately apparent from the display of the measured values (e.g. transducer or trigger settings). This information is displayed only when applicable for the current measurement.

For details see the R&S ESW Getting Started manual.

Window title bar information

For each diagram, the header provides the following information:

Figure 2-2: Window title bar information in the I/Q Analyzer application

1 = Window number
2 = Window type
3 = Trace color
4 = Trace number
5 = Detector
6 = Trace mode

Diagram footer information

The information in the diagram footer (beneath the diagram) depends on the evaluation:

- Center frequency
- Number of sweep points
- Range per division (x-axis)
- Span (Spectrum)

Status bar information

Global instrument settings, the instrument status and any irregularities are indicated in the status bar beneath the diagram.

Furthermore, the progress of the current operation is displayed in the status bar.

3 Measurement and result displays

Access: "Overview" > "Display Config"

Or: [MEAS] > "Display Config"

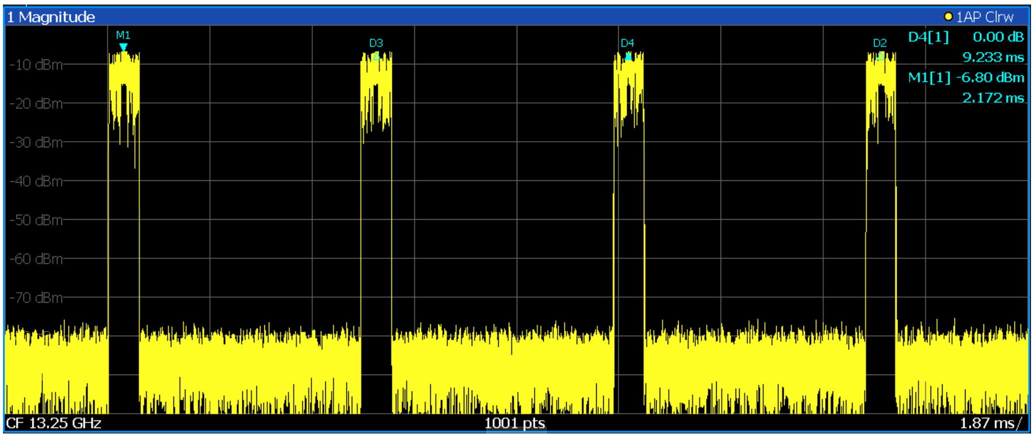
The I/Q Analyzer can capture I/Q data. The I/Q data that was captured by or imported to the R&S ESW can then be evaluated in various different result displays. Select the result displays using the SmartGrid functions.

Up to 6 evaluations can be displayed in the I/Q Analyzer at any time, including several graphical diagrams, marker tables or peak lists.

For details on working with the SmartGrid see the R&S ESW Getting Started manual.

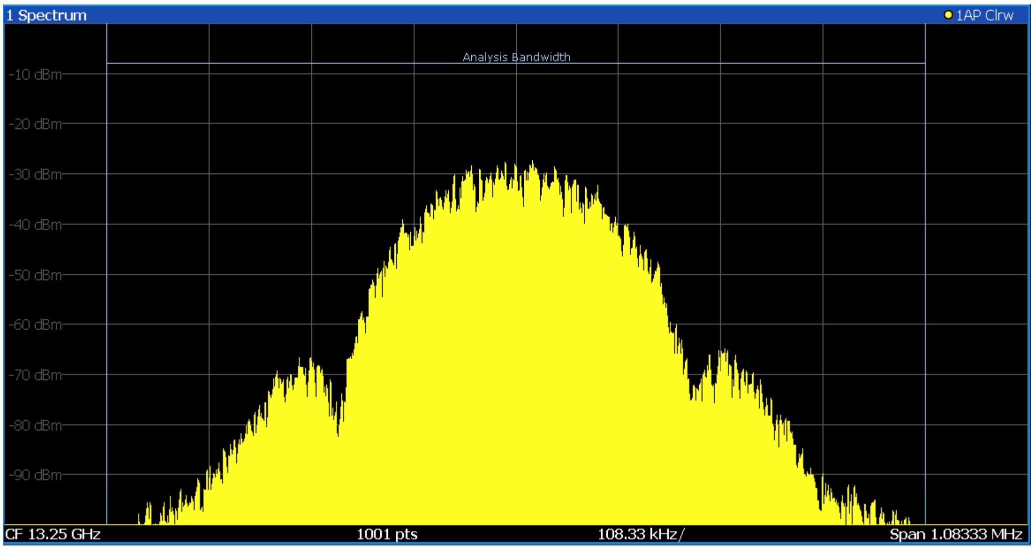
Result displays for I/Q data:

Magnitude
Shows the level values in time domain.



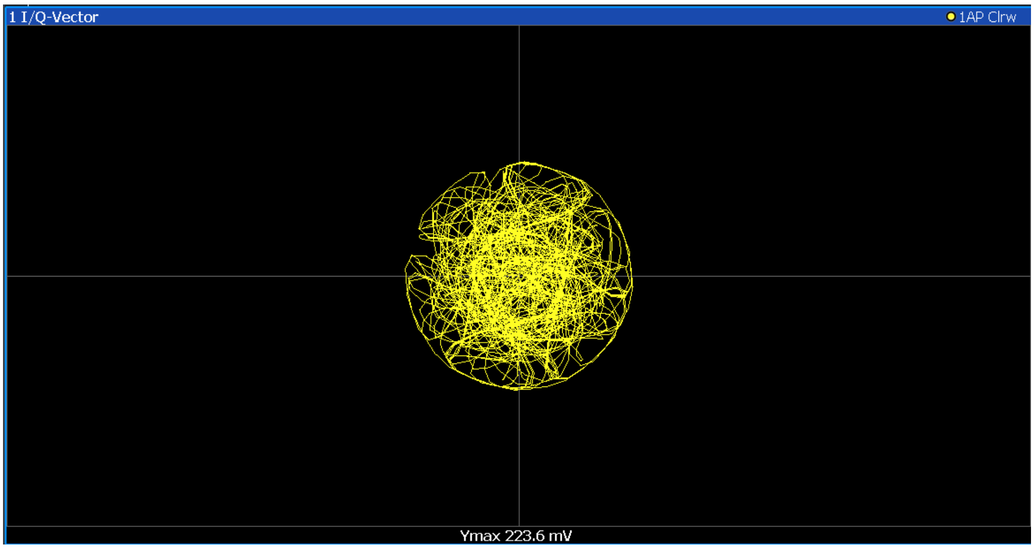
Remote command:
`LAY:ADD:WIND? '1',RIGH,MAGN`, see `LAYout:ADD[:WINDow]?` on page 136
Results:
`TRACe<n>[:DATA]?` on page 100

Spectrum
Displays the frequency spectrum of the captured I/Q samples.



Remote command:
`LAY:ADD:WIND? '1',RIGH,FREQ`, see `LAYout:ADD[:WINDow]?` on page 136
Results:
`TRACe<n>[:DATA]?` on page 100

I/Q-Vector
Displays the captured samples in an I/Q-plot. The samples are connected by a line.

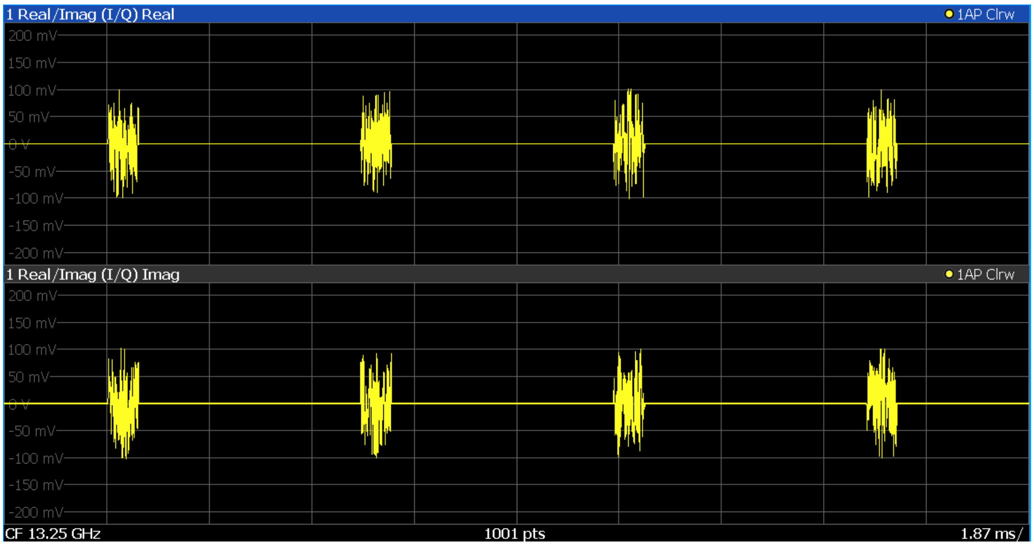


Note: For the I/Q vector result display, the number of I/Q samples to record ("Record Length") must be identical to the number of trace points to be displayed ("Sweep Points"; for I/Q Analyzer: 10001). For record lengths outside the valid range of sweep points the diagram does not show valid results.

Remote command:
`LAY:ADD:WIND? '1',RIGH,VECT`, see `LAYout:ADD[:WINDow]?` on page 136
Results:
`TRACe<n>[:DATA]?` on page 100

Real/Imag (I/Q)

Displays the I and Q values in separate diagrams.



Remote command:

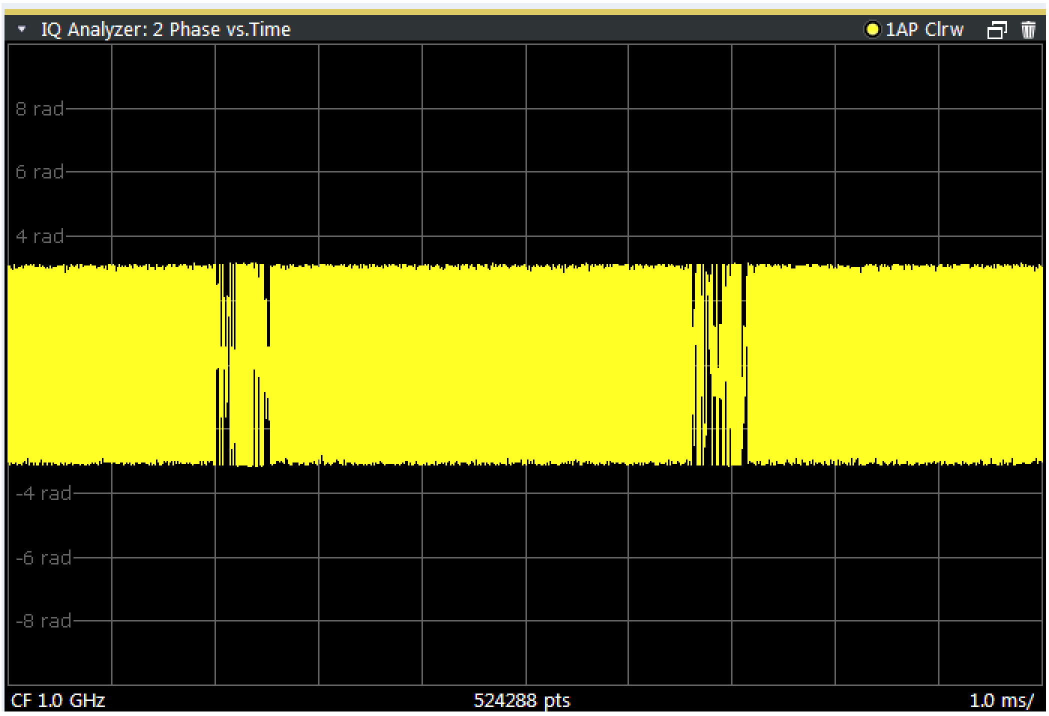
`LAY:ADD:WIND? '1',RIGH,RIM`, see `LAYout:ADD[:WINDow]?` on page 136

Results:

`TRACe<n>[:DATA]?` on page 100

Phase vs. Time

Shows the phase values in the time domain.



Remote command:

`LAY:ADD? '1',RIGH, PHASe`, see `LAYout:ADD[:WINDow]?` on page 136

Marker Table

Displays a table with the current marker values for the active markers.

This table is displayed automatically if configured accordingly.

2 Marker

Type	Ref	Trc	Stimulus	Response	Function	Function Result
N1		1	13.197 GHz	-25.87 dBm	Count	13.197052
D1	N1	1	-7.942 GHz	-49.41 dB		
D2	N1	2	-3.918 GHz	-21.90 dB		
D3	N1	3	4.024 GHz	-21.99 dB		

Tip: To navigate within long marker tables, simply scroll through the entries with your finger on the touchscreen.

Remote command:

`LAY:ADD? '1',RIGH, MTAB`, see `LAYout:ADD[:WINDow]?` on page 136

Results:

`CALCulate<n>:MARKer<m>:X` on page 105

`CALCulate<n>:MARKer<m>:Y?` on page 105

Marker Peak List

The marker peak list determines the frequencies and levels of peaks in the spectrum or time domain. How many peaks are displayed can be defined, as well as the sort order. In addition, the detected peaks can be indicated in the diagram. The peak list can also be exported to a file for analysis in an external application.

3 Marker Peak List

Wnd	No	X-Value	Y-Value
2	1	1.086245 ms	-75.810 dBm
2	2	2.172490 ms	-6.797 dBm
2	3	3.258736 ms	-76.448 dBm
2	4	4.831918 ms	-76.676 dBm
2	5	6.255274 ms	-76.482 dBm
2	6	6.798397 ms	-6.800 dBm
2	7	9.233084 ms	-76.519 dBm
2	8	10.075861 ms	-76.172 dBm
2	9	11.405574 ms	-6.801 dBm

Tip: To navigate within long marker peak lists, simply scroll through the entries with your finger on the touchscreen.

Remote command:

`LAY:ADD? '1',RIGH, PEAK`, see `LAYout:ADD[:WINDow]?` on page 136

Results:

`CALCulate<n>:MARKer<m>:X` on page 105

`CALCulate<n>:MARKer<m>:Y?` on page 105

4 Basics on I/Q data acquisition and processing

Some background knowledge on basic terms and principles used when describing I/Q data acquisition on the R&S ESW in general, and in the I/Q Analyzer application in particular, is provided here for a better understanding of the required configuration settings.

The I/Q Analyzer provides various possibilities to acquire the I/Q data to be analyzed:

- Capturing analog I/Q data from the "RF Input" connector
- Importing I/Q data from a file

Background information for all these scenarios and more is provided in the following sections.

4.1 Increasing measurement sensitivity (or avoiding an input mixer overload)

Measurements often confront you with unknown or unintentional signals with unknown signal levels (and often with pulse characteristics). Such signals can either have very weak signal levels, in which case you might miss them during the measurement. Or they can have very strong signal levels, in which case they can damage the input mixer.

Protecting the input mixer

Always consider how to protect the input mixer from damage when setting up a measurement.

► **NOTICE!** EMC measurements often measure unknown signals that contain pulses with possibly strong signal levels. Strong signal levels can damage the input mixer.

Read the following topics carefully before you apply a signal to learn more about protecting the input mixer and avoid an overload.

Note that pulses have different level characteristics. Refer to the specifications document for more information on the allowed maximum pulse energy.

The signal level at the input mixer is calculated as follows.

Mixer Level = Input Level - attenuation + gain

The R&S ESW is equipped with an overload protection mechanism. This mechanism becomes active as soon as the signal level at the input mixer exceeds the specified limit. It ensures that the connection between RF input and input mixer is cut off.

In this case, you must decrease the level at the RF input connector and then close the message box. Then measurements are possible again.

4.1.1 Using the RF attenuator

The first tool provided by the R&S ESW to control measurement sensitivity is the RF attenuator.

The RF attenuator is available in all hardware configurations of the R&S ESW.

Attenuation has the following effects on the measurement:

- High attenuation protects the input mixer: the main purpose of the attenuator is to protect the input mixer.
- High attenuation makes sure that the measurement results are reliable (signals that are stronger than allowed can distort the results)
- High attenuation helps you to avoid intermodulation
- High attenuation increases inherent noise (i.e. the noise floor) and thus decreases measurement sensitivity: if you increase attenuation by 10 dB, the sensitivity is reduced by 10 dB (in other words: the displayed noise increases by 10 dB)

Depending on the required test setup, you must find a compromise between a high sensitivity, low intermodulation and input mixer protection. We recommend to let the R&S ESW determine the ideal attenuation automatically.

You can determine the attenuation automatically with the auto ranging feature in the receiver application and the auto attenuation feature in the other applications. Determining the attenuation automatically might not necessarily utilize the maximum dynamic range, but still yields valid and reliable results.

When you select the attenuation manually and are measuring unknown signals, especially DUTs with a high RFI voltage, always select the highest possible attenuation level before you apply the signal.

If you need a better sensitivity or signal-to-noise ratio, make sure that the applied signal does not exceed the specified limits, before you lower the attenuation.

For further protection of the input mixer, the R&S ESW does not allow you to select attenuation levels of less than 10 dB unless you explicitly turn on this feature ("10 dB Minimum Attenuation").

Protecting the input mixer

1. **NOTICE!** EMC measurements often measure unknown signals that contain pulses with possibly strong signal levels. Strong signal levels can damage the input mixer.

Select an appropriate attenuation when you measure unknown signals or RFI voltage in combination with an artificial network (LISN). Do not apply a 0 dB attenuation for such measurements.
During phase switching, such test setups generate very strong pulses which can damage the input mixer.

2. Make sure that the signal level at the RF input does not exceed the allowed limits when you allow attenuation of less than 10 dB in combination with auto ranging Exceeding the limits can damage the input mixer.

4.1.2 Using the preamplifier

The second tool that allows you to control measurement sensitivity is the preamplifier.

In addition to the standard preamplifier available in every R&S ESW, an additional low noise amplifier is available as an optional component (R&S ESW-B24).

Signal gain has the following effects on the measurement:

- The preamplifier allows you to detect even weak signals.
- The preamplifier reduces the noise figure of the R&S ESW and thus increases its sensitivity. Thus, it is recommended to use the preamplifier for measurements that require maximum sensitivity.
- The preamplifier reduces the dynamic range. To perform a measurement using the maximum dynamic range, turn off the preamplifier.
- The preamplifier is located after the preselection filters, reducing the risk of overloading the input mixer by strong out-of-band signals.
- The optional low noise amplifier is located in front of the preselection filters which increases the measurement sensitivity.

The gain of the preamplifier is automatically considered in the level display. The disadvantage of a lower large-signal immunity (intermodulation) is reduced by the "preselector".

4.1.3 Using the preselector

The "preselector" is another tool to control measurement sensitivity.

Preselection has the following effects on the measurement:

- Preselection rejects most of the spectral energy which helps to protect the input mixer and thus makes sure that the measurement results are valid and reliable.
- Preselection filters out signals that you do not want to be displayed (selectivity) and thus allows you to analyze only the frequency range you are interested in.

The preselector of the R&S ESW consists of several filters which are automatically applied during measurements. The filter that is used depends on the frequency that is currently measured. You can see the list of filters and the progress in the "Preselector" result display. The currently applied filter is indicated by a green LED, filters that are outside the scan range are ignored.

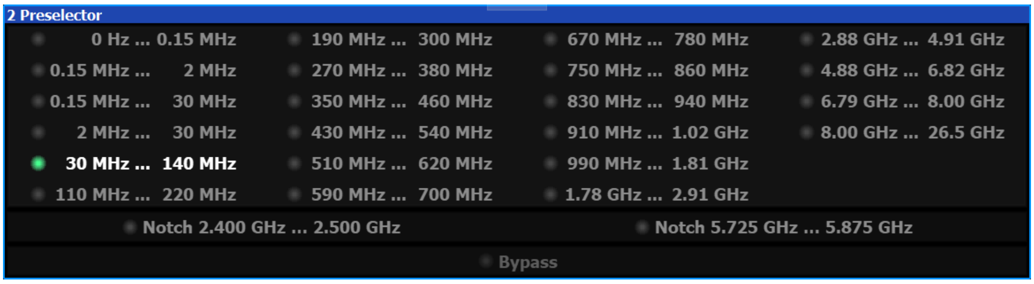


Figure 4-1: Preselector result display. The green LED indicates the currently applied filter.

In the frequency range from 150 kHz to 30 MHz, you can preselect in a single stage (150 kHz to 30 MHz). Or, you can split the preselection into two stages, each of which applies a separate filter: one from 150 kHz to 2 MHz, and another from 2 MHz to 30 MHz.

In addition, the R&S ESW provides several notch filters to suppress certain frequency ranges completely.

Using the preselector

Switching the filters is a mechanical process. Avoid excessive filters switches, because the hardware can wear out.

Note that results in a frequency band are only displayed if there is at least one valid measurement point in the corresponding range. If a particular measurement point is captured by more than one filter, the R&S ESW displays the combined results.

Notch filter

The R&S ESW provides additional notch filters that suppress signals in the frequency bands from 2.4 GHz to 2.5 GHz and 5.725 GHz to 5.875 GHz.

4.2 Processing analog I/Q data from RF input

Complex baseband data

In the telephone systems of the past, baseband data was transmitted unchanged as an analog signal. In modern phone systems and in radio communication, however, the baseband data is modulated on a carrier frequency, which is then transmitted. The receiver must demodulate the data based on the carrier frequency. When using modern modulation methods (e.g. QPSK, QAM etc.), the baseband signal becomes complex. Complex data (or: *I/Q* data) consists of an imaginary (I) and a real (Q) component.

Sweep vs sampling

The standard Spectrum application on the R&S ESW performs frequency sweeps on the input signal and measurements in the frequency and time domain. Other applications on the R&S ESW, such as the I/Q Analyzer, sample and process the individual I and Q components of the complex signal.

I/Q Analyzer - processing complex data from RF input

The I/Q Analyzer is a standard application used to capture and analyze I/Q data on the R&S ESW. By default, it assumes the I/Q data is modulated on a carrier frequency and input via the "RF Input" connector on the R&S ESW.

The A/D converter samples the IF signal at a rate of 200 MHz. The digital signal is down-converted to the complex baseband, lowpass-filtered, and the sample rate is reduced. The analog filter stages in the analyzer cause a frequency response which adds to the modulation errors. An **equalizer filter** before the **resampler** compensates for this frequency response. The continuously adjustable sample rates are realized using an optimal decimation filter and subsequent resampling on the set sample rate.

A dedicated memory (**capture buffer**) is available in the R&S ESW for a maximum of 400 Msamples (400*1000*1000) of complex samples (pairs of I and Q data). The number of complex samples to be captured can be defined (for restrictions refer to Chapter 4.2.1, "Sample rate and maximum usable I/Q bandwidth for RF input", on page 21).

The block diagram in Figure 4-2 shows the analyzer hardware from the IF section to the processor.

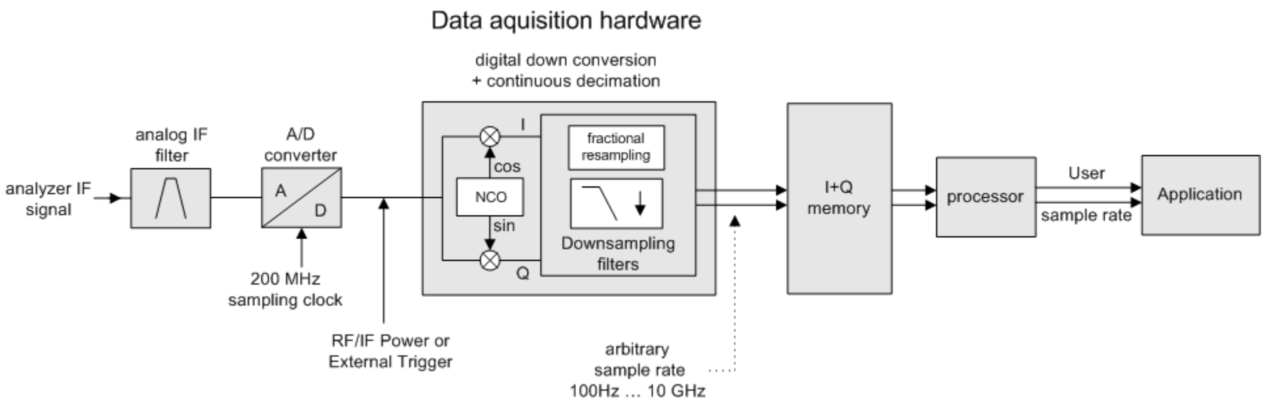


Figure 4-2: Block diagram illustrating the R&S ESW signal processing for analog I/Q data

4.2.1 Sample rate and maximum usable I/Q bandwidth for RF input

Definitions

- **Input sample rate (ISR)**: the sample rate of the useful data provided by the device connected to the input of the R&S ESW

- (User, Output) **Sample rate (SR)**: the user-defined sample rate (e.g. in the "Data Acquisition" dialog box in the "I/Q Analyzer" application) which is used as the basis for analysis or output
- **Usable I/Q (analysis) bandwidth**: the bandwidth range in which the signal remains undistorted in regard to amplitude characteristic and group delay; this range can be used for accurate analysis by the R&S ESW
- **Record length**: the number of I/Q samples to capture during the specified measurement time; calculated as the measurement time multiplied by the sample rate

For the I/Q data acquisition, digital decimation filters are used internally in the R&S ESW. The passband of these digital filters determines the *maximum usable I/Q bandwidth*. In consequence, signals within the usable I/Q bandwidth (passband) remain unchanged, while signals outside the usable I/Q bandwidth (passband) are suppressed. Usually, the suppressed signals are noise, artifacts, and the second IF sideband. If frequencies of interest to you are also suppressed, try to increase the output sample rate, which increases the maximum usable I/Q bandwidth.

As a rule, the usable I/Q bandwidth is proportional to the output sample rate. Yet, when the I/Q bandwidth reaches the bandwidth of the analog IF filter (at very high output sample rates), the curve breaks.

4.2.1.1 Relationship between sample rate, record length and usable I/Q bandwidth

Up to the maximum bandwidth, the following rule applies:

*Usable I/Q bandwidth = 0.8 * Output sample rate*

Regarding the record length, the following rule applies:

*Record length = Measurement time * sample rate*

Maximum record length for RF input

The maximum record length, that is, the maximum number of samples that can be captured, depends on the sample rate.

Table 4-1: Maximum record length

Sample rate	Maximum record length
100 Hz to 200 MHz	440 Msamples
200 MHz to 20 GHz (upsampling)	220 Msamples

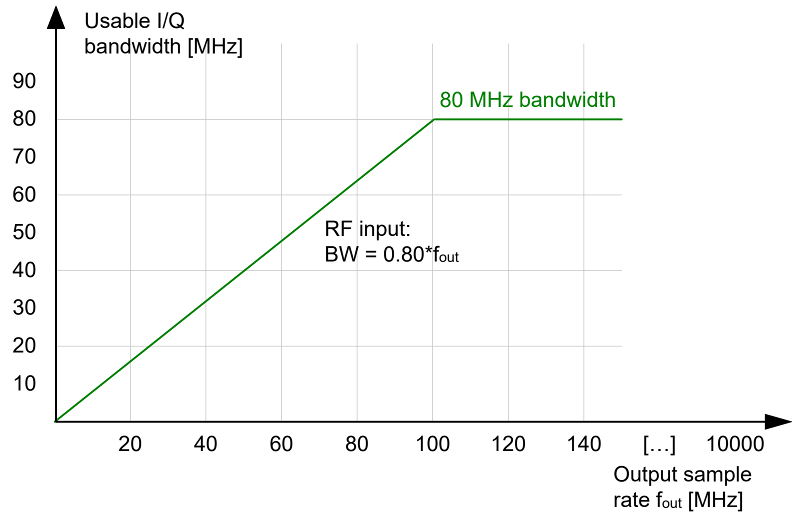


Figure 4-3: Relationship between maximum usable I/Q bandwidth and output sample rate

4.3 Basics on input from I/Q data files

The I/Q data to be evaluated in a particular R&S ESW application cannot only be captured by the application itself, it can also be loaded from a file, provided it has the correct format. The file is then used as the input source for the application.

For example, you can capture I/Q data using the I/Q Analyzer application, store it to a file, and then analyze the signal parameters for that data later using the AM/FM/PM Modulation Analysis application.

The I/Q data file must be in one of the following supported formats:

- `.iq.tar`
- `.iqw`
- `.csv`
- `.mat`
- `.wv`
- `.aid`

An application note on converting Rohde & Schwarz I/Q data files is available from the Rohde & Schwarz website:

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When importing data from an I/Q data file using the import functions provided by some R&S ESW applications, the data is only stored temporarily in the capture buffer. It overwrites the current measurement data and is in turn overwritten by a new measurement. If you use an I/Q data file as input, the stored I/Q data remains available for any number of subsequent measurements. Furthermore, the (temporary) data import requires the current measurement settings in the current application to match the settings that were applied when the measurement results were stored (possibly in a different application). When the data is used as an input source, however, the data acquisition settings in the current application (attenuation, center frequency, measurement bandwidth, sample rate) can be ignored. As a result, these settings cannot be changed in the current application. Only the measurement time can be decreased, to perform measurements on an extract of the available data (from the beginning of the file) only.

For input files that contain multiple data streams from different channels, you can define which data stream to be used for the currently selected channel in the input settings. You can define whether the data stream is used only once, or repeatedly, to create a larger amount of input data.

When using input from an I/Q data file, the [RUN SINGLE] function starts a single measurement (i.e. analysis) of the stored I/Q data, while the [RUN CONT] function repeatedly analyzes the same data from the file.

Pre-trigger and post-trigger samples

In applications that use pre-triggers or post-triggers, if no pre-trigger or post-trigger samples are specified in the I/Q data file, or too few trigger samples are provided to satisfy the requirements of the application, the missing pre- or post-trigger values are filled up with zeros. Superfluous samples in the file are dropped, if necessary. For pre-trigger samples, values are filled up or omitted at the beginning of the capture buffer. For post-trigger samples, values are filled up or omitted at the end of the capture buffer.

4.4 Receiving and providing trigger signals

Using one of the "trigger" connectors of the R&S ESW, the R&S ESW can use a signal from an external device as a trigger to capture data. Alternatively, the internal trigger signal used by the R&S ESW can be output for use by other connected devices. Using the same trigger on several devices is useful to synchronize the transmitted and received signals within a measurement.

For details on the connectors see the R&S ESW "Getting Started" manual.

External trigger as input

If the trigger signal for the R&S ESW is provided by an external device, the trigger signal source must be connected to the R&S ESW and the trigger source must be defined as "External" in the R&S ESW.

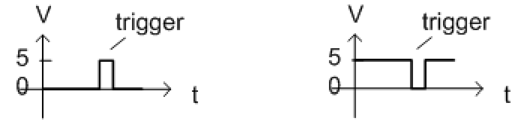
Trigger output

The R&S ESW can provide output to another device either to pass on the internal trigger signal, or to indicate that the R&S ESW itself is ready to trigger.

The trigger signal can be output by the R&S ESW automatically, or manually by the user. If it is provided automatically, a high signal is output when the R&S ESW has triggered due to a sweep start ("Device Triggered"), or when the R&S ESW is ready to receive a trigger signal after a sweep start ("Trigger Armed").

Manual triggering

If the trigger output signal is initiated manually, the length and level (high/low) of the trigger pulse is also user-definable. Note, however, that the trigger pulse level is always opposite to the constant signal level defined by the output "Level" setting, e.g. for "Level" = "High", a constant high signal is output to the connector until "Send Trigger" is selected. Then, a low pulse is provided.

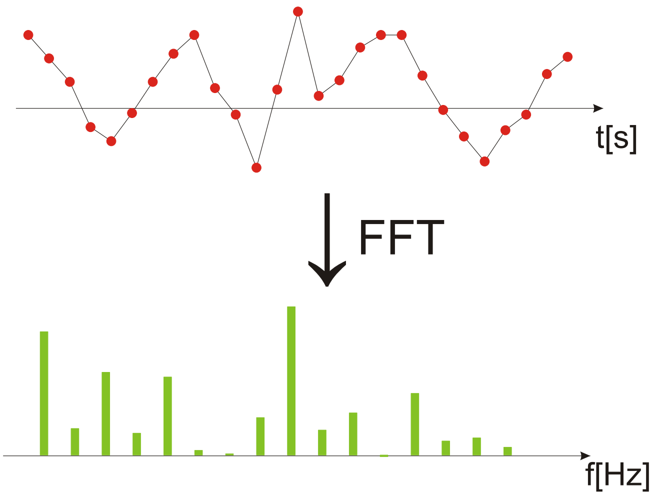


low-level constant, high-level trigger

high-level constant, low-level trigger

4.5 Basics on FFT

The I/Q Analyzer measures the power of the signal input over time. To convert the time domain signal to a frequency spectrum, an FFT (Fast Fourier Transformation) is performed which converts a vector of input values into a discrete spectrum of frequencies.



4.5.1 Window functions

The Fourier transformation is not performed on the entire captured data in one step. Only a limited number of samples is used to calculate an individual result. This process is called windowing.

After sampling in the time domain, each window is multiplied with a specific window function. Windowing helps minimize the discontinuities at the end of the measured signal interval and thus reduces the effect of spectral leakage, increasing the frequency resolution.

Various different window functions are provided in the R&S ESW to suit different input signals. Each of the window functions has specific characteristics, including some advantages and some trade-offs. Consider these characteristics to find the optimum solution for the measurement task.

Ignoring the window function - rectangular window

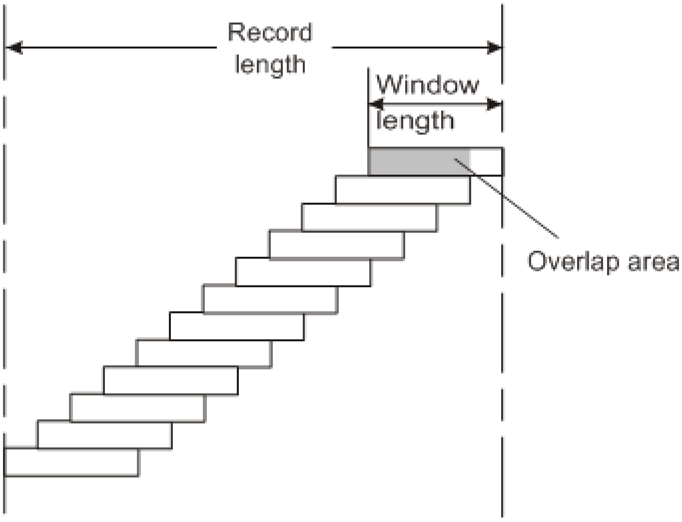
The rectangular window function is in effect not a function at all, it maintains the original sampled data. This may be useful to minimize the required bandwidth. However, be aware that if the window does not contain exactly one period of your signal, heavy sidelobes may occur, which do not exist in the original signal.

Table 4-2: Characteristics of typical FFT window functions

Window type	Frequency resolution	Magnitude resolution	Sidelobe suppression	Measurement recommendation
Rectangular	Best	Worst	Worst	No function applied. Separation of two tones with almost equal amplitudes and a small frequency distance
Blackman-Harris (default)	Good	Good	Good	Harmonic detection and spurious emission detection
Gauss (Alpha = 0.4)	Good	Good	Good	Weak signals and short duration
Flattop	Worst	Best	Good	Accurate single tone measurements
5-Term	Good	Good	Best	Measurements with very high dynamic range

4.5.2 Overlapping

The I/Q Analyzer calculates multiple FFTs per measurement by dividing one captured record into several windows. Furthermore, the I/Q Analyzer allows consecutive windows to overlap. Overlapping "reuses" samples that were already used to calculate the preceding FFT result.



In advanced FFT mode with averaging, the overlapping factor can be set freely. The higher the overlap factor, the more windows are used. This leads to more individual results and improves detection of transient signal effects. However, it also extends the duration of the calculation. The size of the window can be defined manually according to the record length, the overlap factor, and the FFT length.

An FFT overlap of 67%, for example, means the second FFT calculation uses the last 67% of the data of the first FFT. It uses only 33% new data. The third FFT still covers 33% of the first FFT and 67% of the second FFT, and so on.

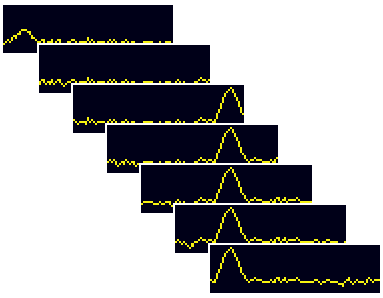


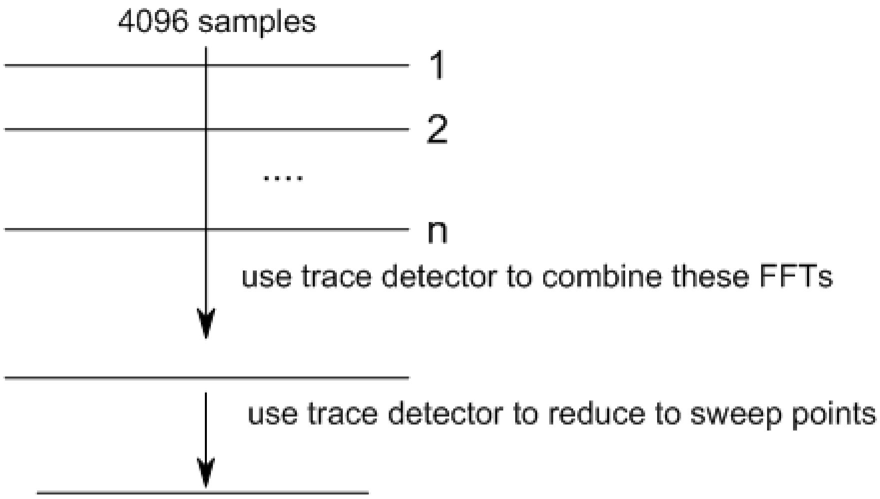
Figure 4-4: Overlapping FFTs

In "Manual" or "Auto" FFT mode, an FFT length of 4096 and a window length of 4096 (or the record length, if shorter) is used to calculate the spectrum.

Combining results - trace detector

If the record length permits, multiple overlapping windows are calculated and combined to create the final spectrum using the selected trace detector. If necessary, the trace detector is also used to reduce the number of calculated frequency points (defined by the FFT length) to the defined number of sweep points. By default, the Autopeak trace detector is used.

Since the frequency points are reduced to the number of sweep points, using a detector other than "Auto Peak" and fewer than 4096 sweep points can lead to false level results.



4.5.3 Dependencies between FFT parameters

FFT analysis in the R&S ESW is highly configurable. Several parameters, including the resolution bandwidth, record length, and FFT length, are user-definable. Note, however, that several parameters are correlated and not all can be configured independently of the others.

Record Length

Defines the number of I/Q samples to capture. By default, the number of sweep points is used. The record length is calculated as the measurement time multiplied by the sample rate.

If you change the record length, the Meas Time is automatically changed, as well.

For FFTs using only a single window ("Single" mode), the record length (which is then identical to the FFT length) must not exceed 512k.

FFT Length

Defines the number of frequency points determined by each FFT calculation. The more points are used, the higher the resolution in the spectrum becomes, but the longer the calculation takes.

In "Auto" or "Manual" mode, an FFT length of 4096 is used.

If the FFT length is longer than the Window Length the sample data is filled up with zeros up to the FFT length. The FFT is then performed using interpolated frequency points.

For an FFT length that is not a power of 2, a DFT (discrete Fourier transform) is performed, which requires more time for calculation, but avoids the effects of interpolation.

To display all calculated frequency points (defined by the FFT length), the number of sweep points is set to the FFT length automatically in advanced FFT mode.

Window Length

Defines the number of samples to be included in a single window in averaging mode. (In single mode, the window length corresponds to the "Record Length" on page 65.)

Values from 3 to 4096 are available in "Manual" mode; in "Advanced" FFT mode, values from 3 to 524288 are available. However, the window length must not be longer than the FFT Length.

If the window length is shorter than the FFT Length, the sample data is filled up with zeros up to the FFT length.

If the window length is longer than the Record Length (that is, not enough samples are available), a window length the size of the Record Length is used for calculation.

The window length and the Window Overlap determine how many FFT calculations must be performed for each record in averaging mode (see "Transformation Algorithm" on page 66).

4.5.4 Frequency resolution of FFT results - RBW

The **resolution bandwidth** defines the minimum frequency separation at which the individual components of a spectrum can be distinguished. Small values result in high precision, as the distance between two distinguishable frequencies is small. Higher values decrease the precision, but increase measurement speed.

The RBW is determined by the following equation:

$$RBW = NormalizedBandwidth * \frac{Sample\ Rate}{Window\ Length}$$

Equation 4-1: Definition of RBW

(Note: The normalized bandwidth is a fixed value that takes the noise bandwidth of the window function into consideration.)

The maximum RBW is restricted by the Analysis Bandwidth, or by the following equation, whichever is higher:

$$RBW_{max} = \frac{NormalizedBandwidth * Sample\ Rate}{3}$$

If a higher spectral resolution is required, the number of samples must be increased by using a higher sample rate or longer record length.

The minimum achievable RBW depends on the sample rate and record length, according to the following equation:

$$RBW_{min} = \frac{NormalizedBandwidth * Sample\ Rate}{min(4096, Record\ Length)}$$

To simplify operation, some parameters are coupled and automatically calculated, such as record length and RBW.

RBW mode

Depending on the selected RBW mode, the resolution bandwidth is either determined automatically or can be defined manually.

Auto mode:

This is the default mode in the I/Q Analyzer. The RBW is determined automatically depending on the Sample Rate and Window Length, where the window length corresponds to the Record Length, or a maximum of 4096.

If the record length is larger than the window length, multiple windows are combined; the FFT length is 4096.

A Flatop window function is used.

Manual mode:

The RBW is user-definable.

The Window Length is adapted to comply with Equation 4-1. Since only window lengths with integer values can be employed, the Sample Rate is adapted, if necessary, to obtain an integer window length value.

If the record length is larger than the window length, multiple windows are combined; the FFT length is 4096.

A Flatop window function is used.

Advanced FFT mode

The RBW is determined by the advanced FFT parameters, depending on the selected FFT calculation methods method.

4.5.5 FFT calculation methods

FFT calculation can be performed using different methods.

Single

In single mode, one FFT is calculated for the entire record length, that means the window length is identical to the record length.

If the defined FFT Length is larger than the record length, zeros are appended to the captured data to reach the FFT length.

Figure 4-5: FFT parameters for single FFT calculation

Averaging

In averaging mode, several overlapping FFTs are calculated for each record; the results are combined to determine the final FFT result for the record.

The number of FFTs to be combined is determined by the Window Overlap and the Window Length.

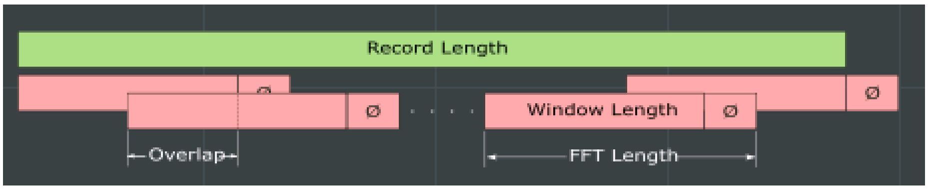


Figure 4-6: FFT parameters for averaged FFT calculation

5 Configuration

Access: [MODE] > "I/Q Analyzer"

When you switch to an I/Q Analyzer measurement channel the first time, a set of parameters is passed on from the currently active application. After initial setup, the parameters for the measurement channel are stored upon exiting and restored upon re-entering the channel. Thus, you can switch between applications quickly and easily.

When you activate a measurement channel for the I/Q Analyzer application, data acquisition from the input signal is started automatically with the default configuration. It can be configured in the I/Q Analyzer "Overview" dialog box, which is displayed when you select the "Overview" softkey from any menu.

The main configuration settings and dialog boxes are also available via the "I/Q Analyzer" menu which is displayed when you press the [MEAS CONFIG] key.

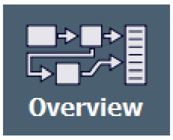
The remote commands required to perform these tasks are described in Chapter 8, "Remote commands in the I/Q analyzer", on page 78.

Importing and Exporting I/Q Data

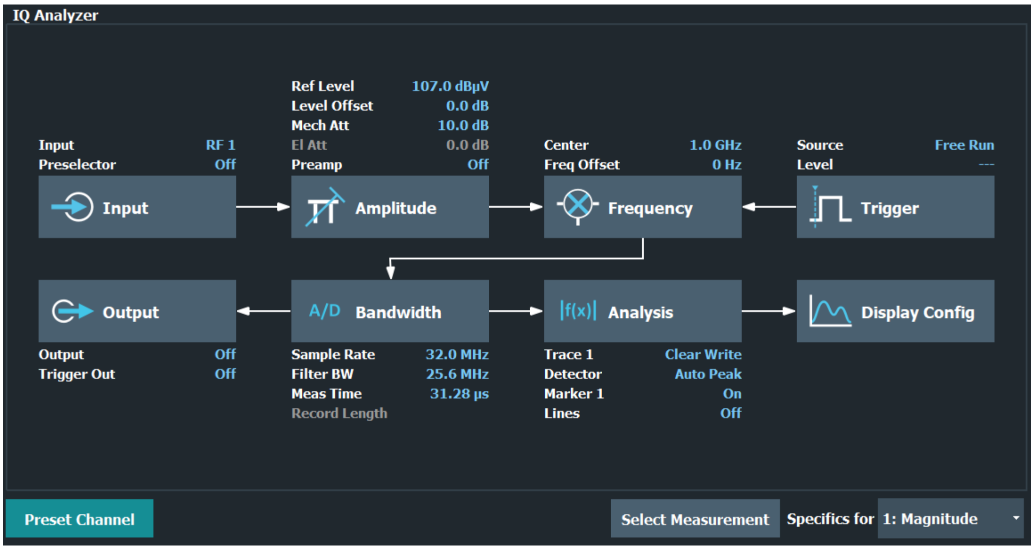
The I/Q data to be evaluated in the I/Q Analyzer application can not only be captured by the I/Q Analyzer itself, it can also be imported to the R&S ESW, provided it has the correct format. Furthermore, the captured I/Q data from the I/Q Analyzer can be exported for further analysis in external applications.

For details see Chapter 5.2, "I/Q data import and export", on page 34Chapter 5.2, "I/Q data import and export", on page 34.

5.1 Configuration overview



Throughout the measurement channel configuration, an overview of the most important currently defined settings is provided in the "Overview". The "Overview" is displayed when you select the "Overview" icon, which is available at the bottom of all softkey menus.



In addition to the main measurement settings, the "Overview" provides quick access to the main settings dialog boxes. The individual configuration steps are displayed in the order of the data flow. Thus, you can easily configure an entire measurement channel from input over processing to output and analysis by stepping through the dialog boxes as indicated in the "Overview".

The Overview varies depending on the application; for detailed descriptions see the corresponding application User Manual.

The "Overview" for the I/Q Analyzer Master provides quick access to the following configuration dialog boxes (listed in the recommended order of processing):

1. Configuring the input
   See Chapter 5.3, "Configuring data input and output", on page 47
2. Configuring level characteristics
   See Chapter 5.4, "Configuring the amplitude", on page 52
3. Configuring Frequency Characteristics
   See Chapter 5.5, "Configuring frequency characteristics", on page 57
4. Configuring triggered and gated measurements
   See Chapter 5.6, "Configuring triggered measurements", on page 59
5. Configuring the output
   See Chapter 5.3, "Configuring data input and output", on page 47
6. Configuring the bandwidth
   See Chapter 5.7, "Data acquisition", on page 63
7. Analyzing results
   See the User Manual of the R&S ESW
8. Configuring the display

See Chapter 5.9, "Display configuration", on page 69

To configure settings

► Select any button in the "Overview" to open the corresponding dialog box.
Select a setting in the channel bar (at the top of the measurement channel tab) to change a specific setting.

For step-by-step instructions on configuring I/Q Analyzer measurements, see Chapter 7.1, "How to perform measurements in the I/Q Analyzer application", on page 74.

Preset Channel

Select "Preset Channel" in the lower left-hand corner of the "Overview" to restore all measurement settings *in the current channel* to their default values.

Note: Do not confuse "Preset Channel" with the [Preset] *key*, which restores the entire instrument to its default values and thus closes *all channels* on the R&S ESW (except for the default channel)!

Remote command:
`SYSTem:PRESet:CHANnel[:EXEC]` on page 87

Specific Settings for

The channel can contain several windows for different results. Thus, the settings indicated in the "Overview" and configured in the dialog boxes vary depending on the selected window.

Select an active window from the "Specific Settings for" selection list that is displayed in the "Overview" and in all window-specific configuration dialog boxes.

The "Overview" and dialog boxes are updated to indicate the settings for the selected window.

5.2 I/Q data import and export

Baseband signals mostly occur as so-called complex baseband signals, i.e. a signal representation that consists of two channels; the in phase (I) and the quadrature (Q) channel. Such signals are referred to as I/Q signals. I/Q signals are useful because the specific RF or IF frequencies are not needed. The complete modulation information and even distortion that originates from the RF, IF or baseband domains can be analyzed in the I/Q baseband.

Importing and exporting I/Q signals is useful for various applications:

- Generating and saving I/Q signals in an RF or baseband signal generator or in external software tools to analyze them with the R&S ESW later
- Capturing and saving I/Q signals with an RF or baseband signal analyzer to analyze them with the R&S ESW or an external software tool later

As opposed to storing trace data, which may be averaged or restricted to peak values, I/Q data is stored as it was captured, without further processing. The data is stored as complex values in 32-bit floating-point format. Multi-channel data is not supported. The I/Q data is stored in a format with the file extension `.iq.tar`. For a detailed description see Chapter 5.2.3, "I/Q data file format (iq-tar)", on page 39.

An application note on converting Rohde & Schwarz I/Q data files is available from the Rohde & Schwarz website:

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The import and export functions are available in the "Save/Recall" menu which is displayed when you select the "Save" or "Open" icon in the toolbar.

5.2.1 Import/export functions

Access: "Save"/ "Open" icon in the toolbar > "Import" / "Export"

The R&S ESW provides various evaluation methods for the results of the performed measurements. However, you may want to evaluate the data with further, external applications. In this case, you can export the measurement data to a standard format file (ASCII or XML). Some of the data stored in these formats can also be re-imported to the R&S ESW for further evaluation later, for example in other applications.

The following data types can be exported (depending on the application):

- Trace data
- Table results, such as result summaries, marker peak lists etc.
- I/Q data (in applications that process I/Q data)

The following data types can be imported (depending on the application):

- I/Q data (in applications that process I/Q data)

I/Q data can only be imported and exported in applications that process I/Q data, such as the I/Q analyzer or other optional applications.

See the corresponding user manuals for those applications for details.

These functions are only available if no measurement is running.

In particular, if a continuous measurement is active, the import/export functions are not available.

Import
Access: "Save/Recall" > Import

Provides functions to import data.

I/Q Import ← Import
Opens a file selection dialog box to select an import file that contains I/Q data. This function is only available in single sweep mode and only in applications that process I/Q data, such as the I/Q Analyzer or optional applications.

"File Explorer": Instead of using the file manager of the R&S ESW firmware, you can also use the Microsoft Windows File Explorer to manage files.

Input from I/Q data files is imported as it was stored, including any correction factors, for example from transducers or SnP files. Any currently configured correction factors at the time of import, however, are not applied.

Remote command:
`MMEMory:LOAD:IQ:STATe` on page 143

File Explorer ← I/Q Import ← Import
Opens the Microsoft Windows File Explorer.

Remote command:
not supported

Export
Access: "Save/Recall" > Export

Opens a submenu to configure data export.

Export Configuration ← Export
Opens the "Traces" dialog box to configure the trace and data export settings.

I/Q Export ← Export
Opens a file selection dialog box to define an export file name to which the I/Q data is stored. This function is only available in single sweep mode.

"File Explorer": Instead of using the file manager of the R&S ESW firmware, you can also use the Microsoft Windows File Explorer to manage files.

It is not available in the Spectrum application, only in applications that process I/Q data, such as the I/Q Analyzer or optional applications.

For details, see the description in the R&S ESW I/Q Analyzer User Manual ("Importing and Exporting I/Q Data").

Note: Storing large amounts of I/Q data (several Gigabytes) can exceed the available (internal) storage space on the R&S ESW. In this case, it can be necessary to use an external storage medium.

Note: Secure user mode.

In secure user mode, settings that are stored on the instrument are stored to volatile memory, which is restricted to 256 MB. Thus, a "memory limit reached" error can occur although the hard disk indicates that storage space is still available.

To store data permanently, select an external storage location such as a USB memory device.

For details, see "Protecting Data Using the Secure User Mode" in the "Data Management" section of the R&S ESW base unit user manual.

Remote command:
MMEMory:STORe<n>:IQ:STATe on page 144
MMEMory:STORe<n>:IQ:COMMent on page 143

File Type ← I/Q Export ← Export
The I/Q data file can be in stored in one of the following supported formats:
- .iq.tar
- .iqw
- .csv
- .mat
- .aid

For details on formats, see Chapter A.4, "Reference: supported I/Q file formats", on page 158.

File Explorer ← I/Q Export ← Export
Opens the Microsoft Windows File Explorer.

Remote command:
not supported

5.2.2 How to export and import I/Q data

I/Q data can only be exported in applications that process I/Q data, such as the I/Q Analyzer or optional applications.

Capturing and exporting I/Q data

1. Press [PRESET].
2. Press [MODE] and select the I/Q Analyzer application or any other application that supports I/Q data.
3. Configure the data acquisition.
4. Press [RUN SINGLE] to perform a single sweep measurement.
5. Select the "Save" icon in the toolbar.
6. Select "I/Q Export".
7. In the file selection dialog box, select a storage location and enter a file name.

8. Select "Save".

   The captured data is stored to a file.
   The file type is determined by the file extension. If no file extension is provided, the file type is assumed to be `.iq.tar`. For `.mat` files, Matlab® v4 is assumed.

Importing I/Q data

1. Press [MODE] and select the "I/Q Analyzer" or any other application that supports I/Q data.
2. If necessary, switch to single sweep mode by pressing [RUN SINGLE].
3. Select the "Open" icon in the toolbar.
4. Select "I/Q Import".
5. Select the storage location and the file name.
   The file type is determined by the file extension. If no file extension is provided, the file type is assumed to be `.iq.tar`. For `.mat` files, Matlab® v4 is assumed.
6. Select "Open".

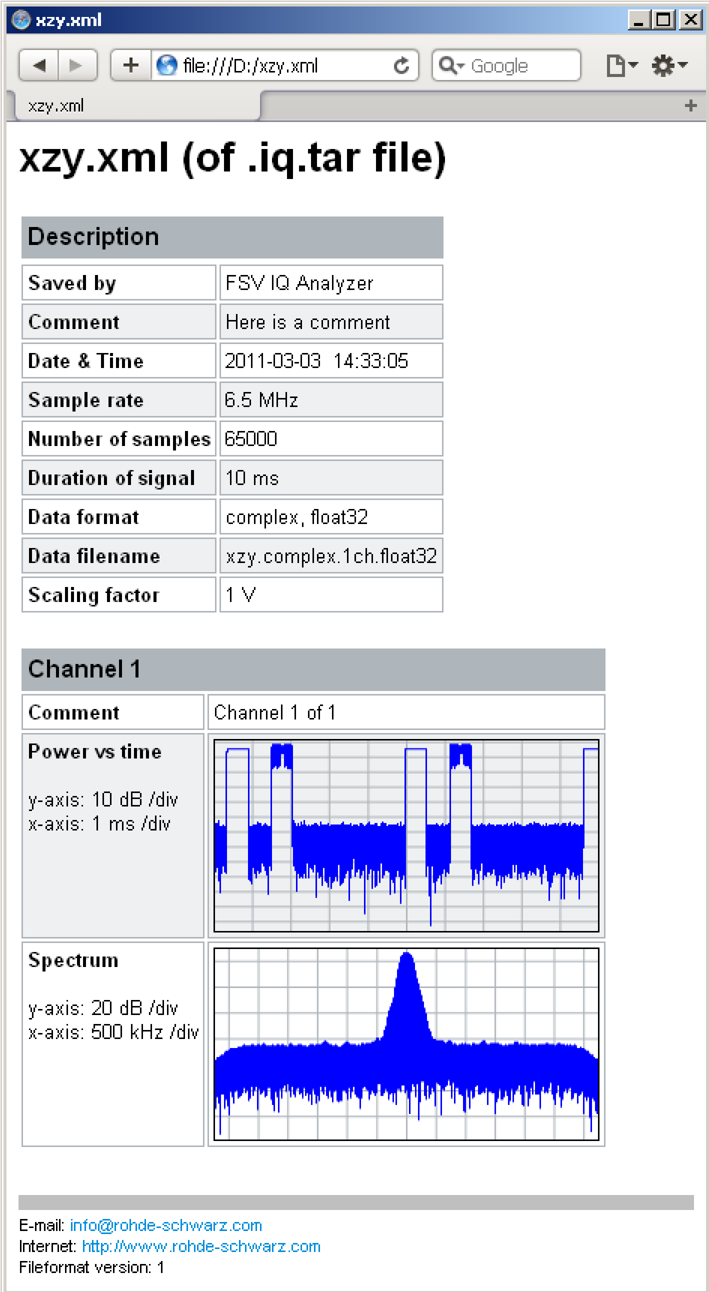
   The stored data is loaded from the file and displayed in the current application.

Previewing the I/Q data in a web browser

The `iq-tar` file format allows you to preview the I/Q data in a web browser.

1. Use an archive tool (e.g. WinZip® or PowerArchiver®) to unpack the `iq-tar` file into a folder.
2. Locate the folder using Windows Explorer.
3. Open your web browser.

4. Drag the I/Q parameter XML file, e.g. `example.xml`, into your web browser.



5.2.3 I/Q data file format (iq-tar)

I/Q data is packed in a file with the extension `.iq.tar`. An `iq-tar` file contains I/Q data in binary format together with meta information that describes the nature and the source of data, e.g. the sample rate. The objective of the `iq-tar` file format is to separate I/Q data from the meta information while still having both inside one file. In addition, the file format allows you to include user-specific data and to preview the I/Q data in a web browser (not supported by all web browsers).

The iq-tar container packs several files into a single .tar archive file. Files in .tar format can be unpacked using standard archive tools (see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_file_archivers) available for most operating systems. The advantage of .tar files is that the archived files inside the .tar file are not changed (not compressed) and thus it is possible to read the I/Q data directly within the archive without the need to unpack (untar) the .tar file first.

Sample iq-tar files

Some sample iq-tar files are provided in the C:\R_S\Instr\User\Demo\ directory on the R&S ESW.

An application note on converting Rohde & Schwarz I/Q data files is available from the Rohde & Schwarz website:

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Contained files

An iq-tar file must contain the following files:

- **I/Q parameter XML file**, e.g. xyz.xml
  Contains meta information about the I/Q data (e.g. sample rate). The filename can be defined freely, but there must be only one single I/Q parameter XML file inside an iq-tar file.
- **I/Q data binary file**, e.g. xyz.complex.float32
  Contains the binary I/Q data of all channels. There must be only one single I/Q data binary file inside an iq-tar file.

Optionally, an iq-tar file can contain the following file:

- **I/Q preview XSLT file**, e.g. open_IqTar_xml_file_in_web_browser.xslt
  Contains a stylesheet to display the I/Q parameter XML file and a preview of the I/Q data in a web browser (not supported by all web browsers).
  A sample stylesheet is available at http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/file/open_IqTar_xml_file_in_web_browser.xslt.

5.2.3.1 I/Q parameter XML file specification

The content of the I/Q parameter XML file must comply with the XML schema RsIqTar.xsd available at: http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/file/RsIqTar.xsd.

In particular, the order of the XML elements must be respected, i.e. iq-tar uses an "ordered XML schema". For your own implementation of the iq-tar file format make sure to validate your XML file against the given schema.

The following example shows an I/Q parameter XML file. The XML elements and attributes are explained in the following sections.

Sample I/Q parameter XML file: xyz.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl"
href="open_IqTar_xml_file_in_web_browser.xslt"?>
<RS_IQ_TAR_FileFormat fileFormatVersion="1"
xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="RsIqTar.xsd"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <Name>R&S ESW</Name>
  <Comment>Here is a comment</Comment>
  <DateTime>2011-01-24T14:02:49</DateTime>
  <Samples>68751</Samples>
  <Clock unit="Hz">6.5e+006</Clock>
  <Format>complex</Format>
  <DataType>float32</DataType>
  <ScalingFactor unit="V">1</ScalingFactor>
  <NumberOfChannels>1</NumberOfChannels>
<DataFilename>xyz.complex.float32</DataFilename>
<UserData>
  <UserDefinedElement>Example</UserDefinedElement>
</UserData>
  <PreviewData>...</PreviewData>
</RS_IQ_TAR_FileFormat>
```

Minimum data elements

The following data elements are the minimum required for a valid `iq-tar` file. They are always provided by an `iq-tar` file export from a Rohde & Schwarz product. If not specified otherwise, it must be available in all `iq-tar` files used to import data to a Rohde & Schwarz product.

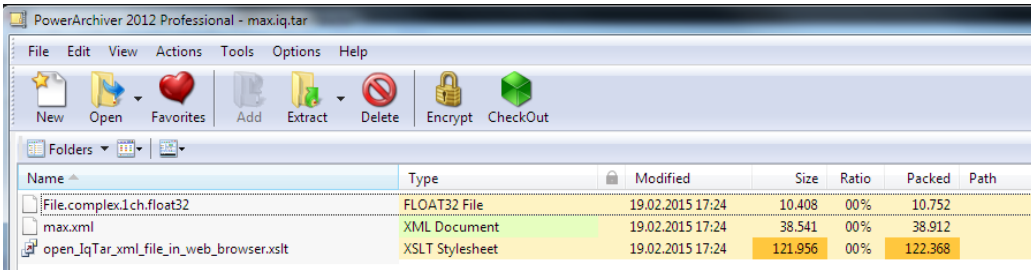
Element	Possible Values	Description
`<RS_IQ_TAR_FileFormat>`	-	The root element of the XML file. It must contain the attribute `fileFormatVersion` that contains the number of the file format definition.
`<Name>`	string	Optional: describes the device or application that created the file.
`<Comment>`	string	Optional: contains text that further describes the contents of the file.
`<DateTime>`	yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Contains the date and time of the creation of the file. Its type is `xs:dateTime` (see `RsIqTar.xsd`).
`<Samples>`	integer	Contains the number of samples of the I/Q data. For multi-channel signals all channels have the same number of samples. One sample can be: • A complex number represented as a pair of I and Q values • A complex number represented as a pair of magnitude and phase values • A real number represented as a single real value See also `<Format>` element.

Element	Possible Values	Description
`<Clock>`	double	Contains the clock frequency in Hz, i.e. the sample rate of the I/Q data. A signal generator typically outputs the I/Q data at a rate that equals the clock frequency. If the I/Q data was captured with a signal analyzer, the signal analyzer used the clock frequency as the sample rate. The attribute `unit` must be set to "Hz".
`<Format>`	complex | real | polar	Specifies how the binary data is saved in the I/Q data binary file (see `<DataFilename>` element). Every sample must be in the same format. The format can be one of the following: • `complex`: Complex number in cartesian format, i.e. I and Q values interleaved. I and Q are unitless • `real`: Real number (unitless) • `polar`: Complex number in polar format, i.e. magnitude (unitless) and phase (rad) values interleaved. Requires `DataType` = `float32` or `float64`
`<DataType>`	int8 | int16 | int32 | float32 | float64	Specifies the binary format used for samples in the I/Q data binary file (see `<DataFilename>` element and Chapter 5.2.3.2, "I/Q data binary file", on page 45). The following data types are allowed: • `int8`: 8 bit signed integer data • `int16`: 16 bit signed integer data • `int32`: 32 bit signed integer data • `float32`: 32 bit floating point data (IEEE 754) • `float64`: 64 bit floating point data (IEEE 754)
`<ScalingFactor>`	double	Optional: describes how the binary data can be transformed into values in the unit Volt. The binary I/Q data itself has no unit. To get an I/Q sample in the unit Volt the saved samples have to be multiplied by the value of the `<ScalingFactor>`. For polar data only the magnitude value has to be multiplied. For multi-channel signals the `<ScalingFactor>` must be applied to all channels. The attribute `unit` must be set to "`V`". The `<ScalingFactor>` must be > 0. If the `<ScalingFactor>` element is not defined, a value of 1 V is assumed.
`<NumberOfChannels>`	integer	Optional: specifies the number of channels, e.g. of a MIMO signal, contained in the I/Q data binary file. For multi-channels, the I/Q samples of the channels are expected to be interleaved within the I/Q data file (see Chapter 5.2.3.2, "I/Q data binary file", on page 45). If the `<NumberOfChannels>` element is not defined, one channel is assumed.
`<DataFilename>`		Contains the filename of the I/Q data binary file that is part of the `iq-tar` file. It is recommended that the filename uses the following convention: <xyz>.<Format>.<Channels>ch.<Type> • <xyz> = a valid Windows file name • <Format> = complex, polar or real (see `Format` element) • <Channels> = Number of channels (see `NumberOfChannels` element) • <Type> = float32, float64, int8, int16, int32 or int64 (see `DataType` element) Examples: • xyz.complex.1ch.float32 • xyz.polar.1ch.float64 • xyz.real.1ch.int16 • xyz.complex.16ch.int8

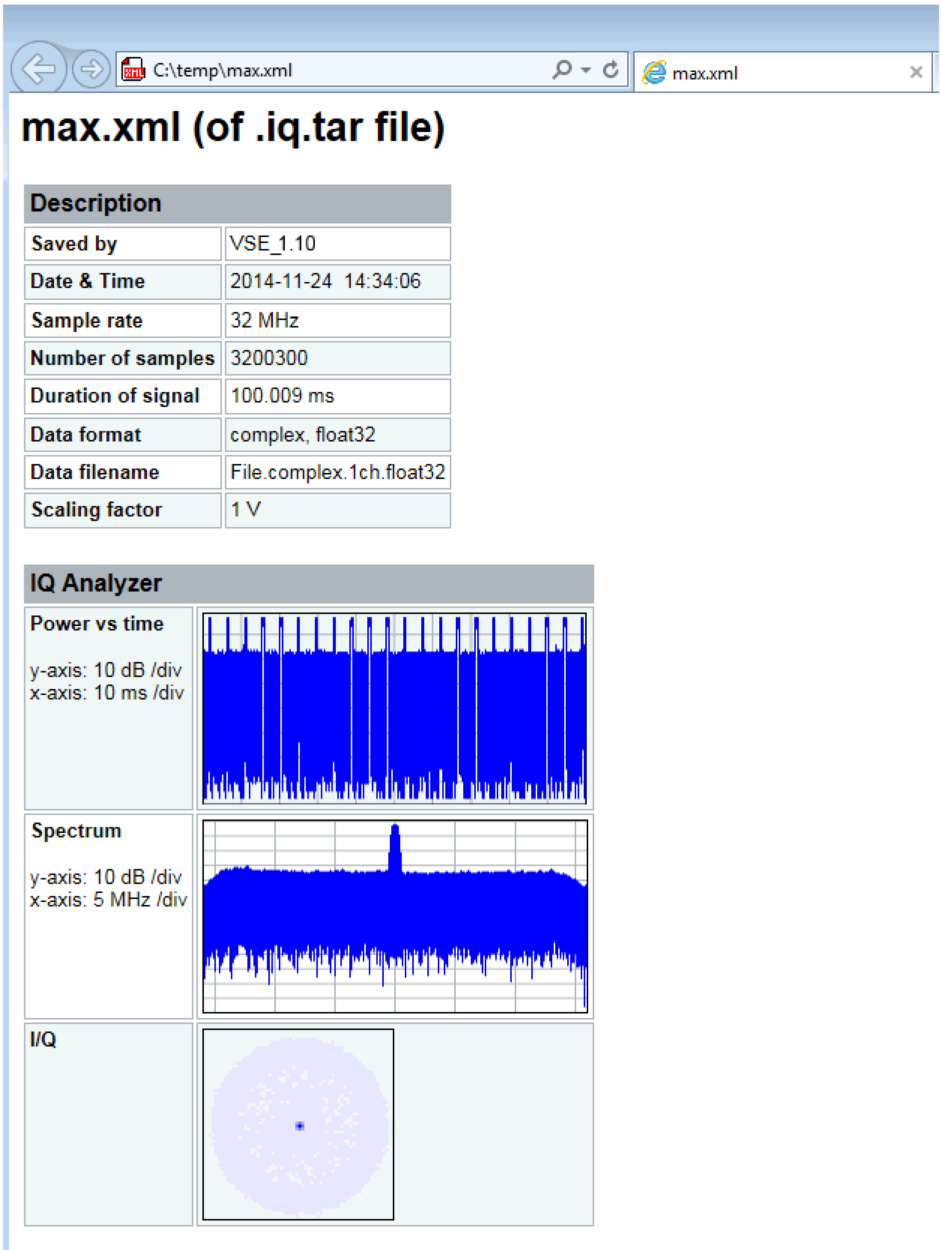
Element	Possible Values	Description
`<UserData>`	xml	Optional: contains user, application or device-specific XML data which is not part of the `iq-tar` specification. This element can be used to store additional information, e.g. the hardware configuration. User data must be valid XML content.
`<PreviewData>`	xml	Optional: contains further XML elements that provide a preview of the I/Q data. The preview data is determined by the routine that saves an `iq-tar` file (e.g. R&S ESW). For the definition of this element refer to the `RsIqTar.xsd` schema. Note that the preview can be only displayed by current web browsers that have JavaScript enabled and if the XSLT stylesheet `open_IqTar_xml_file_in_web_browser.xslt` is available.

Example

The following example demonstrates the XML description inside the `iq-tar` file. Note that this preview is not supported by all web browsers.



Open the xml file in a web browser. If the stylesheet `open_IqTar_xml_file_in_web_browser.xslt` is in the same directory, the web browser displays the xml file in a readable format.




```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl" href="open_IqTar_xml_file_in_web_browser.xslt"?>
<RS_IQ_TAR_FileFormat fileFormatVersion="1" xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation=
"http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/file/RsIqTar.xsd" xmlns:xsi=
"http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <Name>VSE_1.10a 29 Beta</Name>
  <Comment></Comment>
  <DateTime>2015-02-19T15:24:58</DateTime>
  <Samples>1301</Samples>
  <Clock unit="Hz">32000000</Clock>
  <Format>complex</Format>
  <DataType>float32</DataType>
```

```
  <ScalingFactor unit="V">1</ScalingFactor>
  <NumberOfChannels>1</NumberOfChannels>
  <DataFilename>File.complex.1ch.float32</DataFilename>

<UserData>
    <RohdeSchwarz>
      <DataImportExport_MandatoryData>
        <ChannelNames>
          <ChannelName>IQ Analyzer</ChannelName>
        </ChannelNames>
        <CenterFrequency unit="Hz">0</CenterFrequency>
      </DataImportExport_MandatoryData>
      <DataImportExport_OptionalData>
        <Key name="Ch1_NumberOfPostSamples">150</Key>
        <Key name="Ch1_NumberOfPreSamples">150</Key>
      </DataImportExport_OptionalData>
    </RohdeSchwarz>
  </UserData>

</RS_IQ_TAR_FileFormat>
```

Example: ScalingFactor

Data stored as `int16` and a desired full scale voltage of 1 V

`ScalingFactor` = 1 V / maximum int16 value = 1 V / 2^{15} = 3.0517578125e-5 V

Scaling Factor	Numerical value	Numerical value x ScalingFactor
Minimum (negative) int16 value	$-2^{15} = -32768$	-1 V
Maximum (positive) int16 value	$2^{15}-1 = 32767$	0.999969482421875 V

5.2.3.2 I/Q data binary file

The I/Q data is saved in binary format according to the format and data type specified in the XML file (see `<Format>` element and `<DataType>` element). To allow reading and writing of streamed I/Q data, all data is interleaved, i.e. complex values are interleaved pairs of I and Q values and multi-channel signals contain interleaved (complex) samples for channel 0, channel 1, channel 2 etc. If the `<NumberOfChannels>` element is not defined, one channel is presumed.

Example: Element order for real data (1 channel)

```
I[0],                    // Real sample 0
I[1],                    // Real sample 1
I[2],                    // Real sample 2
...
```

Example: Element order for complex cartesian data (1 channel)

```
I[0], Q[0],                    // Real and imaginary part of complex sample 0
I[1], Q[1],                    // Real and imaginary part of complex sample 1
I[2], Q[2],                    // Real and imaginary part of complex sample 2
...
```

Example: Element order for complex polar data (1 channel)

```
Mag[0], Phi[0],                // Magnitude and phase part of complex sample 0
Mag[1], Phi[1],                // Magnitude and phase part of complex sample 1
Mag[2], Phi[2],                // Magnitude and phase part of complex sample 2
...
```

Example: Element order for complex cartesian data (3 channels)

Complex data: I[channel no][time index], Q[channel no][time index]

```
I[0][0], Q[0][0],            // Channel 0, Complex sample 0
I[1][0], Q[1][0],            // Channel 1, Complex sample 0
I[2][0], Q[2][0],            // Channel 2, Complex sample 0

I[0][1], Q[0][1],            // Channel 0, Complex sample 1
I[1][1], Q[1][1],            // Channel 1, Complex sample 1
I[2][1], Q[2][1],            // Channel 2, Complex sample 1

I[0][2], Q[0][2],            // Channel 0, Complex sample 2
I[1][2], Q[1][2],            // Channel 1, Complex sample 2
I[2][2], Q[2][2],            // Channel 2, Complex sample 2
...
```

Example: Element order for complex cartesian data (1 channel)

This example demonstrates how to store complex cartesian data in float32 format using MATLAB®.

```
% Save vector of complex cartesian I/Q data, i.e. iqiqiq...
N = 100
iq = randn(1,N)+1j*randn(1,N)
fid = fopen('xyz.complex.float32','w');
for k=1:length(iq)
  fwrite(fid,single(real(iq(k))),'float32');
  fwrite(fid,single(imag(iq(k))),'float32');
end
fclose(fid)
```

Example: PreviewData in XML

```
  <PreviewData>
    <ArrayOfChannel length="1">
      <Channel>
        <PowerVsTime>
          <Min>
```

```
          <ArrayOfFloat length="256">
            <float>-134</float>
            <float>-142</float>
            ...
            <float>-140</float>
          </ArrayOfFloat>
        </Min>
        <Max>
          <ArrayOfFloat length="256">
            <float>-70</float>
            <float>-71</float>
            ...
            <float>-69</float>
          </ArrayOfFloat>
        </Max>
      </PowerVsTime>
      <Spectrum>
        <Min>
          <ArrayOfFloat length="256">
            <float>-133</float>
            <float>-111</float>
            ...
            <float>-111</float>
          </ArrayOfFloat>
        </Min>
        <Max>
          <ArrayOfFloat length="256">
            <float>-67</float>
            <float>-69</float>
            ...
            <float>-70</float>
            <float>-69</float>
          </ArrayOfFloat>
        </Max>
      </Spectrum>
      <IQ>
        <Histogram width="64" height="64">0123456789...0</Histogram>
      </IQ>
    </Channel>
  </ArrayOfChannel>
</PreviewData>
```


5.3 Configuring data input and output

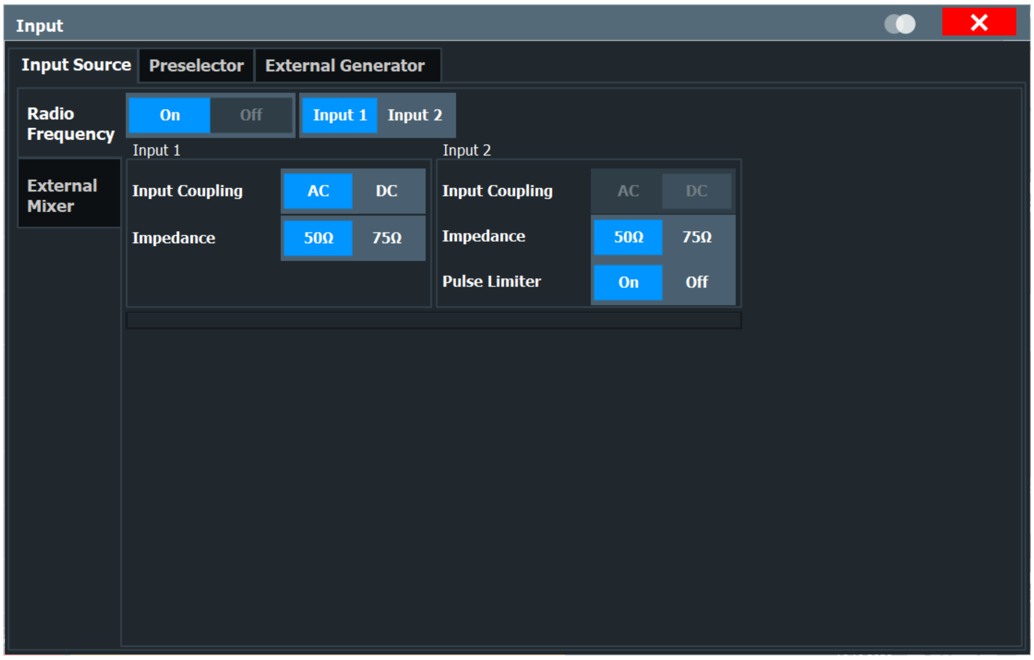
Access: "Overview" > "Input"

The R&S ESW can analyze signals from different input sources and provide various types of output (such as video or trigger signals).

5.3.1 Configuring the RF input

Access: "Overview" > "Input" > "Input Source" > "Radio Frequency"

The R&S ESW supports various signal input sources. The default input source is the RF input.



The remote commands required to configure the RF input are described in Chapter 8.6.1, "Input configuration", on page 106.

Input Selection
Selects the RF input connector you would like to use for a measurement.

Note that you cannot use both RF inputs simultaneously.

Remote command:
Global: `INPut:TYPE` on page 108

Input Coupling
The RF input of the R&S ESW can be coupled by alternating current (AC) or direct current (DC).

Note that the "Input Coupling" feature is only available for input 2 when the pulse limiter is turned off. When the pulse limiter is on, the input is always DC coupled.

AC coupling blocks any DC voltage from the input signal. AC coupling is activated by default to prevent damage to the instrument. Very low frequencies in the input signal can be distorted.

However, some specifications require DC coupling. In this case, you must protect the instrument from damaging DC input voltages manually. For details, refer to the specifications document.

Remote command:
`INPut:COUPling` on page 107

Impedance
For some measurements, the reference impedance for the measured levels of the R&S ESW can be set to 50 Ω or 75 Ω.

Select 75 Ω if the 50 Ω input impedance is transformed to a higher impedance using a 75 Ω adapter of the RAZ type. (That corresponds to 25Ω in series to the input impedance of the instrument.) The correction value in this case is 1.76 dB = 10 log (75Ω/ 50Ω).

This value also affects the unit conversion.

Remote command:
`INPut:IMPedance` on page 107

Pulse Limiter
The pulse limiter, available for the second RF input, is a protection mechanism against high level pulses or signals (which can damage the input mixer).

When you turn on the pulse limiter, the attenuation is always at least 10 dB. Attenuation smaller than 10 dB is only available when you turn off the pulse limiter.

Remote command:
`INPut:ATTenuation:LIMiter[:STATe]` on page 107

5.3.2 Configuring external mixers

Access: "Overview" > "Input" > "Input Source" > "External Mixer"

Controlling external mixer is available with the optional External Mixer support.

The functionality is the same as in the spectrum application.

For more information about configuring external mixers, refer to the user manual of the spectrum application.

5.3.3 Configuring the preselector

Access: "Overview" > "Input / Frontend" > "Preselector"

The preselector works the same as in the Receiver application.

For more information refer to the user manual of the R&S ESW.

5.3.4 Configuring external generators

Access: "Overview" > "Input / Frontend" > "External Generator"

Controlling external generators is available with the optional External Generator Control. The functionality is the same as in the Receiver application.

For more information about using external generators, refer to the user manual of the R&S ESW.

5.3.5 Configuring outputs (IF / video / demodulation)

Access: "Overview" > "Output" > "Output Config"

The R&S ESW provides several outputs that you can use to transfer a signal to other devices. The R&S ESW allows you to configure the output as required.

The output functionality is similar to that in Receiver application.

For more information refer to the user manual of the R&S ESW.

5.3.6 Configuring line impedance stabilization networks (LISN)

Access: "Overview" > "Output" > "LISN"

The R&S ESW supports several LISN models and provides functionality to control these devices. The functionality is the same as in the Receiver application.

For more information refer to the user manual of the R&S ESW.

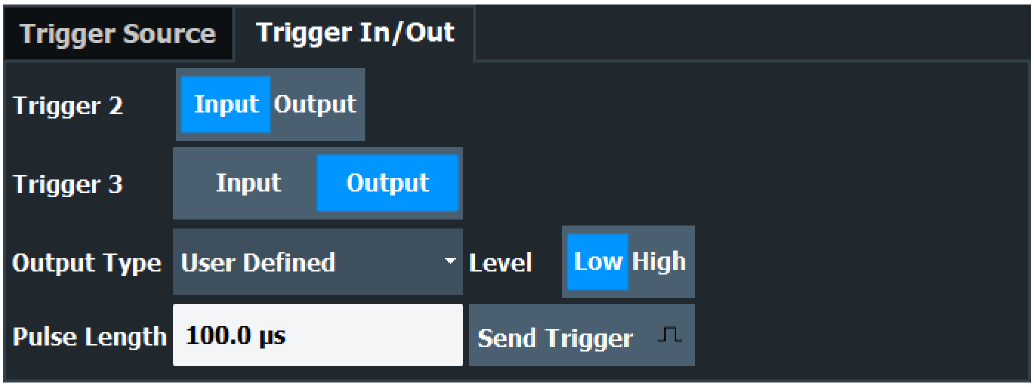
5.3.7 Configuring additional outputs

Access: "Overview" > "Output" > "Additional Outputs"

The R&S ESW provides additional outputs that you can use for various tasks. The functionality is the same as in the Receiver application.

For more information refer to the user manual of the R&S ESW.

Trigger 2/3



The trigger input and output functionality depends on how the variable "Trigger Input/ Output" connectors are used.

Note: Providing trigger signals as output is described in detail in the R&S ESW User Manual.

"Trigger 1" — "Trigger 1" is input only.

"Trigger 2" — Defines the usage of the variable "Trigger Input/Output" connector on the front panel

"Trigger 3" — Defines the usage of the variable "Trigger 3 Input/Output" connector on the rear panel

"Input" — The signal at the connector is used as an external trigger source by the R&S ESW. Trigger input parameters are available in the "Trigger" dialog box.

"Output" — The R&S ESW sends a trigger signal to the output connector to be used by connected devices.
Further trigger parameters are available for the connector.

Remote command:
`OUTPut:TRIGger<tp>:DIRection` on page 121

Output Type ← Trigger 2/3
Type of signal to be sent to the output

"Device Triggered" — (Default) Sends a trigger when the R&S ESW triggers.

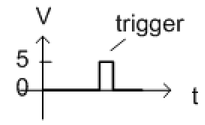
"Trigger Armed" — Sends a (high level) trigger when the R&S ESW is in "Ready for trigger" state.
This state is indicated by a status bit in the `STATus:OPERation` register (bit 5), as well as by a low-level signal at the "AUX" port (pin 9).
For details, see the description of the `STATus:OPERation` register in the R&S ESW User Manual and the description of the "AUX" port in the R&S ESW Getting Started manual.

"User Defined" — Sends a trigger when you select "Send Trigger".
In this case, further parameters are available for the output signal.

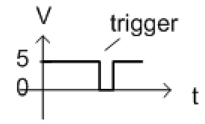
Remote command:
`OUTPut:TRIGger<tp>:OTYPe` on page 122

Level ← Output Type ← Trigger 2/3
Defines whether a high (1) or low (0) constant signal is sent to the trigger output connector (for "Output Type": "User Defined".

The trigger pulse level is always opposite to the constant signal level defined here. For example, for "Level" = "High", a constant high signal is output to the connector until you select the Send Trigger function. Then, a low pulse is provided.



low-level constant, high-level trigger



high-level constant, low-level trigger

Remote command:
`OUTPut:TRIGger<tp>:LEVel` on page 121

Pulse Length ← Output Type ← Trigger 2/3
Defines the duration of the pulse (pulse width) sent as a trigger to the output connector.

Remote command:
`OUTPut:TRIGger<tp>:PULSe:LENGth` on page 123

Send Trigger ← Output Type ← Trigger 2/3
Sends a user-defined trigger to the output connector immediately.

Note that the trigger pulse level is always opposite to the constant signal level defined by the output Level setting. For example, for "Level" = "High", a constant high signal is output to the connector until you select the "Send Trigger" function. Then, a low pulse is sent.

Which pulse level is sent is indicated by a graphic on the button.

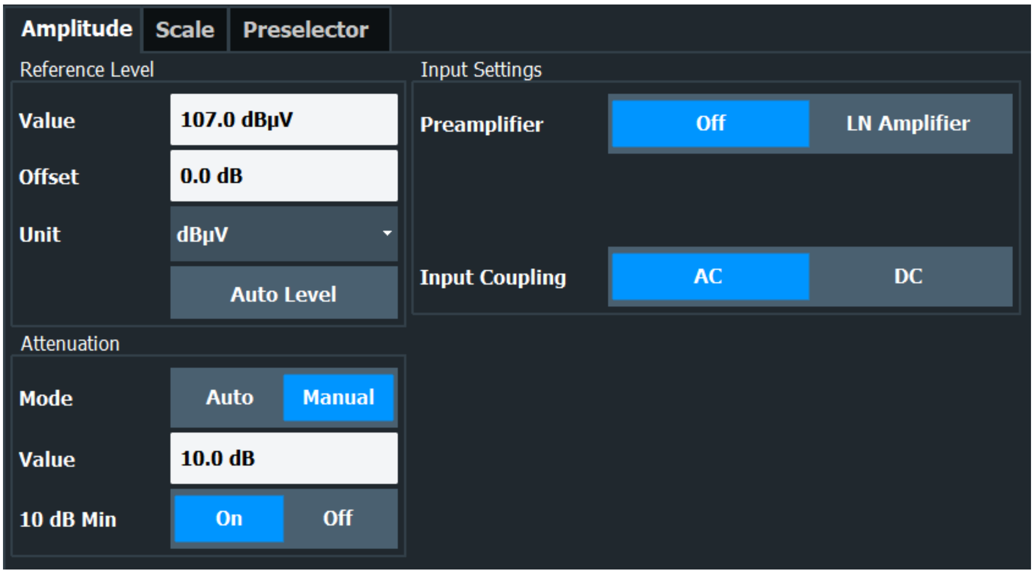
Remote command:
`OUTPut:TRIGger<tp>:PULSe:IMMediate` on page 122

5.4 Configuring the amplitude

The amplitude is configured in the "Amplitude" dialog box. Amplitude settings are similar to those of the Spectrum application, except for a few functions

5.4.1 Configuring level characteristics

Access: "Overview" > "Amplitude" > "Amplitude"



Functions to configure amplitude characteristics described elsewhere:

- "Input Coupling" on page 49
- "Impedance" on page 49
- Scaling settings are described in Chapter 5.4.2, "Scaling the level axis", on page 56.
- The preselector settings are described in the R&S ESW User Manual.

The remote commands required to configure amplitude characteristics are described in Chapter 8.6.2, "Amplitude configuration", on page 109, Chapter 8.6.3, "Signal attenuation", on page 110 and Chapter 8.6.4, "Preamplifier configuration", on page 111.

Reference Level

Defines the expected maximum reference level. Signal levels above this value are possibly not measured correctly. Signals above the reference level are indicated by an "IF Overload" or "OVLD" status display.

The reference level can also be used to scale power diagrams; the reference level is then used for the calculation of the maximum on the y-axis.

Since the hardware of the R&S ESW is adapted according to this value, it is recommended that you set the reference level close above the expected maximum signal level. Thus you ensure an optimal measurement (no compression, good signal-to-noise ratio).

Note that for input from the External Mixer (R&S ESW-B21) the maximum reference level also depends on the conversion loss; see the R&S ESW base unit user manual for details.

Remote command:
DISPlay[:WINDow<n>][:SUBWindow<w>]:TRACe<t>:Y[:SCALe]:RLEVel on page 110

Shifting the Display (Offset) ← Reference Level

Defines an arithmetic level offset. This offset is added to the measured level. In some result displays, the scaling of the y-axis is changed accordingly.

Define an offset if the signal is attenuated or amplified before it is fed into the R&S ESW so the application shows correct power results. All displayed power level results are shifted by this value.

The setting range is ±200 dB in 0.01 dB steps.

Note, however, that the *internal* reference level (used to adjust the hardware settings to the expected signal) ignores any "Reference Level Offset". Thus, it is important to keep in mind the actual power level the R&S ESW must handle. Do not rely on the displayed reference level (internal reference level = displayed reference level - offset).

Remote command:
DISPlay[:WINDow<n>][:SUBWindow<w>]:TRACe<t>:Y[:SCALe]:RLEVel:OFFSet on page 110

Unit ← Reference Level

The R&S ESW measures the signal voltage at the RF input.

In the default state, the level is displayed at a power level of 1 mW (= dBm). Via the known input impedance (50 Ω or 75 Ω, see "Impedance" on page 49), conversion to other units is possible.

Remote command:
INPut:IMPedance on page 107
CALCulate<n>:UNIT:POWer on page 109

Setting the Reference Level Automatically (Auto Level) ← Reference Level

Automatically determines a reference level which ensures that no overload occurs at the R&S ESW for the current input data. At the same time, the internal attenuators are adjusted. As a result, the signal-to-noise ratio is optimized, while signal compression and clipping are minimized.

To determine the required reference level, a level measurement is performed on the R&S ESW.

If necessary, you can optimize the reference level further. Decrease the attenuation level manually to the lowest possible value before an overload occurs, then decrease the reference level in the same way.

You can change the measurement time for the level measurement if necessary (see "Changing the Automatic Measurement Time (Meas Time Manual)" on page 71).

Remote command:
[SENSe:]ADJust:LEVel on page 135

Attenuation
Defines the attenuation of the signal.

You can attenuate the signal in 1 dB steps. The range is specified in the datasheet. Attenuation of less than 10 dB is only possible if you turn off 10 dB Minimum Attenuation.

If you are using the preamplifier in frequency ranges above 8 GHz, the available attenuation can be reduced.

For more information, see the Preamplifier description in the R&S ESW base unit user manual.

The auto ranging feature in the receiver remains active even if you change the attenuation and preamplifier properties in other measurement channels and then return to the receiver application.

The R&S ESW also allows you to determine the best attenuation automatically.
- In the receiver application, turn on the "Auto Ranging" feature.
- In the other applications, select attenuation "Mode" → "Auto"

Remote command:
Global: `INPut:ATTenuation[:VALue]` on page 111
Attenuation mode: `INPut:ATTenuation:AUTO` on page 111

10 dB Minimum Attenuation
Turns the availability of attenuation levels of less than 10 dB on and off.

When you turn on this feature, the attenuation is always at least 10 dB. This minimum attenuation protects the input mixer and avoids accidental setting of 0 dB, especially if you measure EUTs with high RFI voltage.

When you turn it off, you can also select attenuation levels of less than 10 dB.

The setting applies to a manual selection of the attenuation as well as the automatic selection of the attenuation.

Remote command:
`INPut:ATTenuation:PROTection[:STATe]` on page 111

Preamplifier
Configures the preamplifier.

In addition to the standard preamplifier, a low noise amplifier is available as an optional hardware component.

- **"Off"**
  Turns off the preamplifier.
- **"LN Amplifier"**
  Turns on the optional low noise amplifier.
- **"Auto Preamp"**
  Turns on the preamplifier (only possible when the preselector is "On").
  Using both preamplifiers at the same time is not possible.

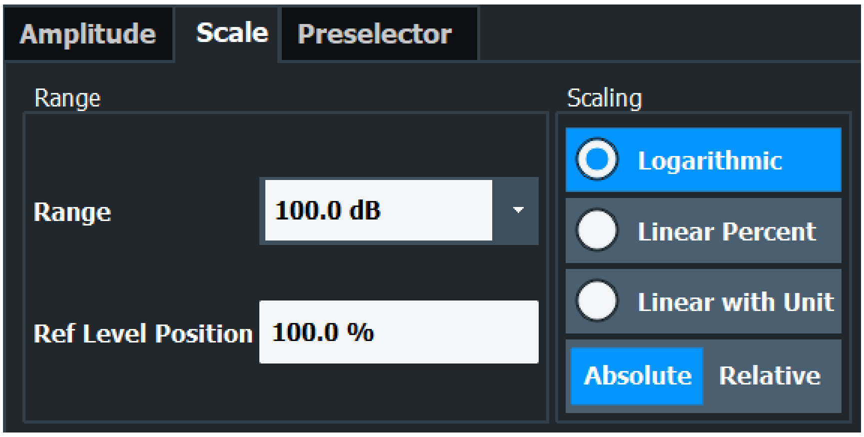
Note that if you want to use the standard preamplifier, you have to route the signal through the preselector.

More information.

Remote command:
Preamplifier:
State (global): INPut:GAIN:STATe on page 112
Low noise preamplifier:
State (global): INPut:GAIN:LNA:STATe on page 112

5.4.2 Scaling the level axis

Access: "Overview" > "Amplitude" > "Scale"



The remote commands required to scale the y-axis are described in Chapter 8.6.5, "Y-Axis scaling", on page 112.

Range
Defines the displayed y-axis range in dB.

The default value is 100 dB.

Remote command:
DISPlay[:WINDow<n>][:SUBWindow<w>]:TRACe<t>:Y[:SCALe] on page 112

Ref Level Position
Defines the reference level position, i.e. the position of the maximum AD converter value on the level axis in %.

0 % corresponds to the lower and 100 % to the upper limit of the diagram.

Values from -120 % to +280 % are available.

Larger values are useful for small scales, such as a power range of 10 dB or 20 dB, and low signal levels, for example 60 dB below the reference level. In this case, large reference level position values allow you to see the trace again.

Remote command:
DISPlay[:WINDow<n>][:SUBWindow<w>]:TRACe<t>:Y[:SCALe]:RPOSition on page 113

Scaling
Defines the scaling method for the y-axis.

"Logarithmic"	Logarithmic scaling (only available for logarithmic units - dB..., and A, V, Watt)
"Linear with Unit"	Linear scaling in the unit of the measured signal
"Linear Percent"	Linear scaling in percentages from 0 to 100
"Absolute"	The labeling of the level lines refers to the absolute value of the reference level (not available for "Linear Percent")
"Relative"	The scaling is in dB, relative to the reference level (only available for logarithmic units - dB...). The upper line of the grid (reference level) is always at 0 dB.

Remote command:
DISPlay[:WINDow<n>][:SUBWindow<w>]:TRACe<t>:Y:SPACing on page 114
DISPlay[:WINDow<n>][:SUBWindow<w>]:TRACe<t>:Y[:SCALe]:MODE on page 113

Y-Axis Max
Defines the maximum value of the y-axis in the currently selected diagram in either direction (in Volts). Thus, the y-axis scale starts at -<Y-Axis Max> and ends at +<Y-Axis Max>.

The maximum y-axis value depends on the current reference level. If the reference level is changed, the "Y-Axis Max" value is automatically set to the new reference level (in V).

This command is only available if the evaluation mode for the I/Q Analyzer is set to "I/Q-Vector" or "Real/Imag (I/Q)".

Remote command:
DISPlay[:WINDow<n>][:SUBWindow<w>]:TRACe<t>:Y[:SCALe] on page 112

5.4.3 Configuring the preselector

Access: "Overview" > "Amplitude" > "Preselector"

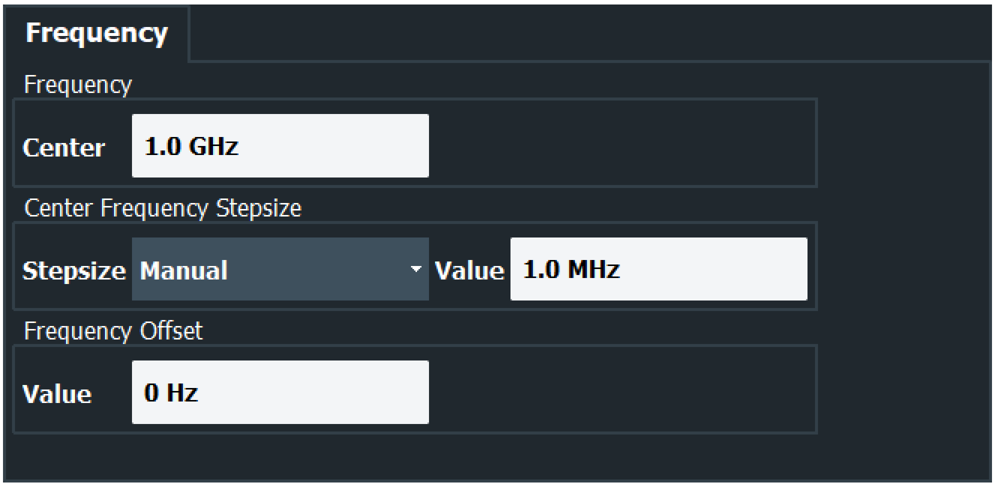
The preselector works the same as in the Receiver application.

For more information refer to the user manual of the R&S ESW.

5.5 Configuring frequency characteristics

Access: "Overview" > "Frequency"

Frequency settings for the input signal can be configured via the "Frequency" dialog box, which is displayed when you do one of the following:



The remote commands required to configure the frequency are described in Chapter 8.6.6, "Frequency configuration", on page 114.

Center Frequency

Defines the center frequency of the signal in Hertz.

The allowed range of values for the center frequency depends on the frequency span.

span > 0: $span_{min}/2 \leq f_{center} \leq f_{max} – span_{min}/2$

f_{max} and $span_{min}$ depend on the instrument and are specified in the specifications document.

Remote command:
`[SENSe:]FREQuency:CENTer` on page 115

Center Frequency Stepsize

Defines the step size by which the center frequency is increased or decreased using the arrow keys.

When you use the rotary knob the center frequency changes in steps of only 1/10 of the span.

The step size can be coupled to another value or it can be manually set to a fixed value.

"= Center" Sets the step size to the value of the center frequency. The used value is indicated in the "Value" field.

"Manual" Defines a fixed step size for the center frequency. Enter the step size in the "Value" field.

Remote command:
`[SENSe:]FREQuency:CENTer:STEP` on page 115

Frequency Offset
Shifts the displayed frequency range along the x-axis by the defined offset.

This parameter has no effect on the instrument's hardware, on the captured data, or on data processing. It is simply a manipulation of the final results in which absolute frequency values are displayed. Thus, the x-axis of a spectrum display is shifted by a constant offset if it shows absolute frequencies. However, if it shows frequencies relative to the signal's center frequency, it is not shifted.

A frequency offset can be used to correct the display of a signal that is slightly distorted by the measurement setup, for example.

The allowed values range from -1 THz to 1 THz. The default setting is 0 Hz.

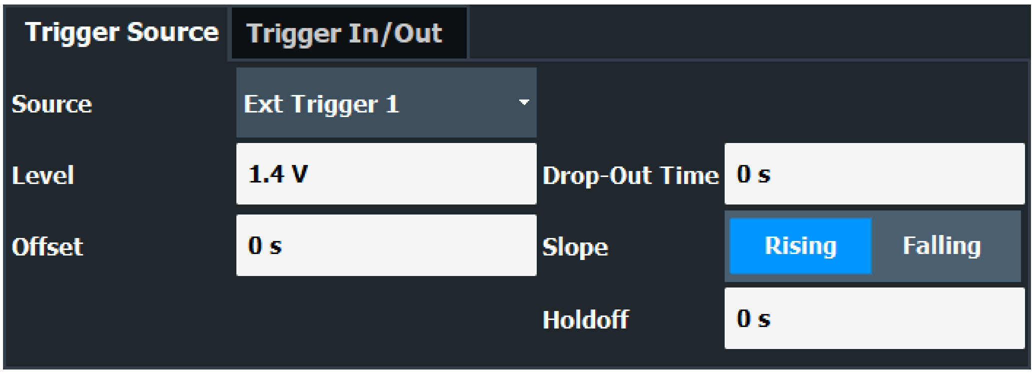
Remote command:
`[SENSe:]FREQuency:OFFSet` on page 116

5.6 Configuring triggered measurements

Access: "Overview" > "Trigger"

Trigger settings determine when the input signal is measured.

External triggers from one of the [TRIGGER INPUT/OUTPUT] connectors on the R&S ESW are configured in a separate tab of the dialog box.



Conventional gating as in the Spectrum application is not available for the I/Q Analyzer; however, a special gating mode is available in remote control, see Chapter 8.6.9, "Gated measurements", on page 123.

For step-by-step instructions on configuring triggered measurements, see the user manual of the R&S ESW spectrum application.

Functionality to configure trigger output is the same as in the Receiver and Spectrum applications. For more information refer to the corresponding user manuals.

The remote commands required to configure triggered measurements are described in Chapter 8.6.7, "Trigger configuration", on page 116.

Trigger Source

Selects the trigger source. If a trigger source other than "Free Run" is set, "TRG" is displayed in the channel bar and the trigger source is indicated.

Remote command:

`TRIGger<tp>[:SEQuence]:SOURce` on page 120

Free Run ← Trigger Source

No trigger source is considered. Data acquisition is started manually or automatically and continues until stopped explicitly.

Remote command:

`TRIGger<tp>[:SEQuence]:SOURce` on page 120

Ext. Trigger 1/2 ← Trigger Source

Data acquisition starts when the TTL signal fed into the specified input connector meets or exceeds the specified trigger level.

Note: "External Trigger 1" automatically selects the trigger signal from the "TRIGGER 1 INPUT" connector on the front panel.
In the I/Q Analyzer application, only "External Trigger 1" is supported.

For details, see the "Instrument Tour" chapter in the R&S ESW Getting Started manual.

"External Trigger 1"
Trigger signal from the "TRIGGER 1 INPUT" connector.

"External Trigger 2"
Trigger signal from the "TRIGGER 2 INPUT / OUTPUT" connector.
Note: Connector must be configured for "Input" in the "Output" configuration
(See the R&S ESW user manual).

"External Trigger 3"
Trigger signal from the "TRIGGER 3 INPUT / OUTPUT" connector on the rear panel.
Note: Connector must be configured for "Input" in the "Output" configuration.

Remote command:
TRIGger<tp>[:SEQuence]:SOURce on page 120

IF Power ← Trigger Source

The R&S ESW starts capturing data as soon as the trigger level is exceeded around the third intermediate frequency.

For frequency sweeps, the third IF represents the start frequency. The trigger threshold depends on the defined trigger level, as well as on the RF attenuation and preamplification. A reference level offset, if defined, is also considered. The trigger bandwidth at the intermediate frequency depends on the RBW and sweep type. For details on available trigger levels and trigger bandwidths, see the instrument specifications document.

For measurements on a fixed frequency (e.g. zero span or I/Q measurements), the third IF represents the center frequency.

This trigger source is only available for RF input.

The available trigger levels depend on the RF attenuation and preamplification. A reference level offset, if defined, is also considered.

For details on available trigger levels and trigger bandwidths, see the specifications document.

Remote command:
TRIGger<tp>[:SEQuence]:SOURce on page 120

I/Q Power ← Trigger Source

This trigger source is only available in the I/Q Analyzer application and in applications that process I/Q data.

Triggers the measurement when the magnitude of the sampled I/Q data exceeds the trigger threshold.

The trigger bandwidth corresponds to the bandwidth setting for I/Q data acquisition.

Remote command:
TRIGger<tp>[:SEQuence]:SOURce on page 120

RF Power ← Trigger Source

Defines triggering of the measurement via signals which are outside the displayed measurement range.

For this purpose, the <instrument> uses a level detector at the first intermediate frequency.

The input signal must be in the frequency range between 500 MHz and 8 GHz.

The resulting trigger level at the RF input depends on the RF attenuation and preamplification. For details on available trigger levels, see the instrument's specifications document.

Note: If the input signal contains frequencies outside of this range (e.g. for fullspan measurements), the sweep can be aborted. A message indicating the allowed input frequencies is displayed in the status bar.

A "Trigger Offset", "Trigger Polarity" and "Trigger Holdoff" (to improve the trigger stability) can be defined for the RF trigger, but no "Hysteresis".

Remote command:
TRIGger<tp>[:SEQuence]:SOURce on page 120

Time ← Trigger Source
Triggers in a specified repetition interval.

See "Repetition Interval" on page 62.

Remote command:
TRIGger<tp>[:SEQuence]:SOURce on page 120

Trigger Level
Defines the trigger level for the specified trigger source.

For details on supported trigger levels, see the instrument specifications document.

For time triggers, the repetition interval is defined. See "Repetition Interval" on page 62.

Remote command:
TRIGger[:SEQuence]:LEVel:IFPower on page 118
TRIGger[:SEQuence]:LEVel:IQPower on page 119
TRIGger<tp>[:SEQuence]:LEVel[:EXTernal] on page 118
TRIGger[:SEQuence]:LEVel:RFPower on page 119

Repetition Interval
Defines the repetition interval for a time trigger.

The shortest interval is 2 ms.

Set the repetition interval to the exact pulse period, burst length, frame length or other repetitive signal characteristic. If the required interval cannot be set with the available granularity, configure a multiple of the interval that can be set. Thus, the trigger remains synchronized to the signal.

Remote command:
TRIGger[:SEQuence]:TIME:RINTerval on page 121

Trigger Offset
Defines the time offset between the trigger event and the start of the sweep.

Offset > 0:	Start of the sweep is delayed
Offset < 0:	Sweep starts earlier (pretrigger) Only possible for zero span (e.g. I/Q Analyzer application) and gated trigger switched off Maximum allowed range limited by the sweep time: $Pretrigger_{max}$ = sweep $time_{max}$

Tip: To determine the trigger point in the sample (for "External" or "IF Power" trigger source), use the TRACe:IQ:TPISample? command.

Remote command:
TRIGger<tp>[:SEQuence]:HOLDoff[:TIME] on page 117

Hysteresis
Defines the distance in dB to the trigger level that the trigger source must exceed before a trigger event occurs. Setting a hysteresis avoids unwanted trigger events caused by noise oscillation around the trigger level.

This setting is only available for "IF Power" trigger sources. The range of the value is between 3 dB and 50 dB with a step width of 1 dB.

Remote command:
`TRIGger[:SEQuence]:IFPower:HYSTeresis` on page 118

Drop-Out Time
Defines the time that the input signal must stay below the trigger level before triggering again.

Remote command:
`TRIGger[:SEQuence]:DTIMe` on page 117

Trigger Holdoff
Defines the minimum time (in seconds) that must pass between two trigger events. Trigger events that occur during the holdoff time are ignored.

Remote command:
`TRIGger[:SEQuence]:IFPower:HOLDoff` on page 117

Slope
For all trigger sources except time, you can define whether triggering occurs when the signal rises to the trigger level or falls down to it.

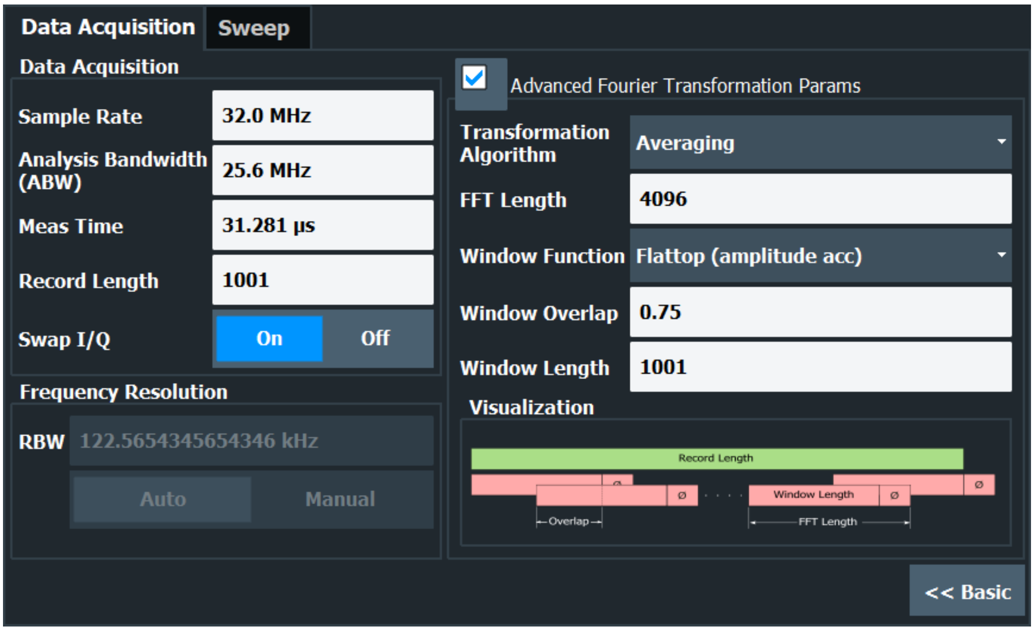
For gated measurements in "Edge" mode, the slope also defines whether the gate starts on a falling or rising edge.

Remote command:
`TRIGger<tp>[:SEQuence]:SLOPe` on page 119

5.7 Data acquisition

Access: "Overview" > "Bandwidth" > "Data Acquisition"

The data acquisition settings define which parts of the input signal are captured for further evaluation in the applications.



The remote commands required to perform these tasks are described in Chapter 8.6.10, "Data acquisition", on page 125.

Sample Rate

Defines the I/Q data sample rate of the R&S ESW. This value depends on the defined Analysis Bandwidth.

The following rule applies:

sample rate = analysis bandwidth / 0.8

For details on the dependencies see Chapter 4.2.1, "Sample rate and maximum usable I/Q bandwidth for RF input", on page 21.

Remote command:
`TRACe:IQ:SRATe` on page 131

Analysis Bandwidth

Defines the flat, usable bandwidth of the final I/Q data. This value depends on the defined Sample Rate.

The following rule applies:

*analysis bandwidth = 0.8 * sample rate*

Remote command:
TRACe:IQ:BWIDth on page 129

Meas Time
Defines the I/Q acquisition time. By default, the measurement time is calculated as the number of I/Q samples ("Record Length") divided by the sample rate. If you change the measurement time, the Record Length is automatically changed, as well.

For details on the maximum number of samples see also Chapter 4.2.1, "Sample rate and maximum usable I/Q bandwidth for RF input", on page 21.

Remote command:
[SENSe:]SWEep:TIME on page 95

Record Length
Defines the number of I/Q samples to record. By default, the number of sweep points is used. The record length is calculated as the measurement time multiplied by the sample rate. If you change the record length, the Meas Time is automatically changed, as well.

Note: For the I/Q vector result display, the number of I/Q samples to record ("Record Length") must be identical to the number of trace points to be displayed ("Sweep Points"). Thus, the sweep points are not editable for this result display. If the "Record Length" is edited, the sweep points are adapted automatically.
For record lengths outside the valid range of sweep points, i.e. fewer than 101 points or more than 100001 points, the diagram does not show valid results.

Remote command:
TRACe:IQ:RLENgth on page 129
TRACe:IQ:SET on page 129

Swap I/Q
Activates or deactivates the inverted I/Q modulation. If the I and Q parts of the signal from the DUT are interchanged, the R&S ESW can do the same to compensate for it.

On	I and Q signals are interchanged Inverted sideband, Q+j*I
Off	I and Q signals are not interchanged Normal sideband, I+j*Q

Remote command:
[SENSe:]SWAPiq on page 128

RBW
Defines the resolution bandwidth for Spectrum results. The available RBW values depend on the sample rate and record length.

(See Chapter 4.5.4, "Frequency resolution of FFT results - RBW", on page 29).

Depending on the selected RBW mode, the value is either determined automatically or can be defined manually. As soon as you enter a value in the input field, the RBW mode is changed to "Manual".

If the "Advanced Fourier Transformation Params" option is enabled, advanced FFT mode is selected and the RBW cannot be defined directly.

Note that the RBW is correlated with the Sample Rate and Record Length (and possibly the Window Function and Window Length). Changing any one of these parameters may cause a change to one or more of the other parameters. For more information see Chapter 4.5, "Basics on FFT", on page 25.

"Auto mode"	(Default) The RBW is determined automatically depending on the Sample Rate and Record Length.
"Manual mode"	The RBW can be defined by the user. The user-defined RBW is used and the Window Length (and possibly Sample Rate) are adapted accordingly.
"Advanced FFT mode"	This mode is used if the "Advanced Fourier Transformation Params" option is enabled. The RBW is determined by the advanced FFT parameters.

Remote command:
`[SENSe:]IQ:BWIDth:MODE` on page 126
`[SENSe:]IQ:BWIDth:RESolution` on page 126

Advanced FFT mode / Basic Settings

Shows or hides the "Advanced Fourier Transformation" parameters in the "Data Acquisition" dialog box.

These parameters are only available and required for the advanced FFT mode.

Note that if the advanced FFT mode is used, the RBW settings are not available.

For more information see Chapter 4.5.4, "Frequency resolution of FFT results - RBW", on page 29.

Transformation Algorithm ← Advanced FFT mode / Basic Settings

Defines the FFT calculation method.

"Single"	One FFT is calculated for the entire record length; if the FFT Length is larger than the record length, zeros are appended to the captured data.
"Averaging"	Several overlapping FFTs are calculated for each record; the results are combined to determine the final FFT result for the record. The number of FFTs to be averaged is determined by the Window Overlap and the Window Length.

Remote command:
`[SENSe:]IQ:FFT:ALGorithm` on page 127

FFT Length ← Advanced FFT mode / Basic Settings

Defines the number of frequency points determined by each FFT calculation. The more points are used, the higher the resolution in the spectrum becomes, but the longer the calculation takes.

In advanced FFT mode, the number of sweep points is set to the FFT length automatically.

Note: If you use the arrow keys or the rotary knob to change the FFT length, the value is incremented or decremented by powers of 2.

If you enter the value manually, any integer value from 3 to 524288 is available.

Remote command:
`[SENSe:]IQ:FFT:LENGth` on page 127

Window Function ← Advanced FFT mode / Basic Settings
In the I/Q analyzer you can select one of several FFT window types.

The following window types are available:
- Blackman-Harris
- Flattop
- Gauss
- Rectangular
- 5-Term

Remote command:
`[SENSe:]IQ:FFT:WINDow:TYPE` on page 128

Window Overlap ← Advanced FFT mode / Basic Settings
Defines the part of a single FFT window that is re-calculated by the next FFT calculation when using multiple FFT windows.

Remote command:
`[SENSe:]IQ:FFT:WINDow:OVERlap` on page 128

Window Length ← Advanced FFT mode / Basic Settings
Defines the number of samples to be included in a single FFT window in averaging mode. (In single mode, the window length corresponds to the "Record Length" on page 65.)

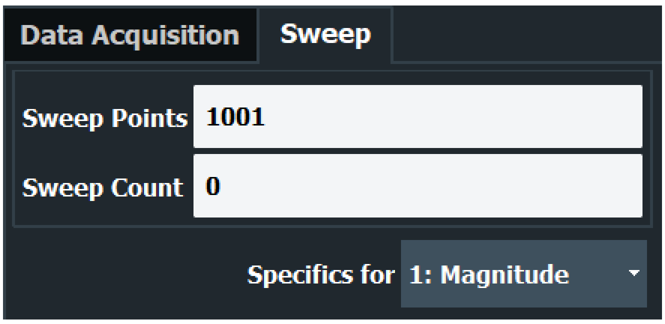
Values from 3 to 4096 are available in "Manual" mode; in "Advanced" FFT mode, values from 3 to 524288 are available.

However, the window length may not be longer than the FFT Length.

Remote command:
`[SENSe:]IQ:FFT:WINDow:LENGth` on page 127

5.8 Sweep settings

Access: "Overview" > "Bandwidth" > "Sweep"



Sweep Points

In the I/Q Analyzer application, a specific frequency bandwidth is swept for a specified measurement time. During this time, a defined number of samples (= "Record Length") are captured. These samples are then evaluated by the applications. Therefore, in this case the number of sweep points does not define the amount of data to be acquired, but rather the number of trace points that are evaluated and displayed in the result diagrams.

Remote command:
`[SENSe:]SWEep[:WINDow<n>]:POINts` on page 95

Sweep/Average Count

Defines the number of sweeps to be performed in the single sweep mode. Values from 0 to 200000 are allowed. If the values 0 or 1 are set, one sweep is performed.

The sweep count is applied to all the traces in all diagrams.

If the trace modes "Average", "Max Hold" or "Min Hold" are set, this value also determines the number of averaging or maximum search procedures.

In continuous sweep mode, if "Sweep Count" = 0 (default), averaging is performed over 10 sweeps. For "Sweep Count" =1, no averaging, maxhold or minhold operations are performed.

Remote command:
`[SENSe:]SWEep:COUNt` on page 94
`[SENSe:]AVERage:COUNt` on page 93

Continuous Sweep / Run Cont

After triggering, starts the sweep and repeats it continuously until stopped. This is the default setting.

While the measurement is running, "Continuous Sweep" and [RUN CONT] are highlighted. The running measurement can be aborted by selecting the highlighted softkey or key again. The results are not deleted until a new measurement is started.

Note: Sequencer. If the Sequencer is active, "Continuous Sweep" only controls the sweep mode for the currently selected channel. However, the sweep mode only takes effect the next time the Sequencer activates that channel, and only for a channel-defined sequence. In this case, a channel in continuous sweep mode is swept repeatedly.
Furthermore, [RUN CONT] controls the Sequencer, not individual sweeps. [RUN CONT] starts the Sequencer in continuous mode.

Remote command:
Measurement mode: `INITiate<n>:CONTinuous` on page 90
Run measurement: `INITiate<mt>[:IMMediate]` on page 91

Single Sweep / Run Single
After triggering, starts the number of sweeps set in "Sweep Count". The measurement stops after the defined number of sweeps has been performed.

While the measurement is running, "Single Sweep" and [RUN SINGLE] are highlighted. The running measurement can be aborted by selecting the highlighted softkey or key again.

Note: Sequencer. If the Sequencer is active, "Single Sweep" only controls the sweep mode for the currently selected channel. However, the sweep mode only takes effect the next time the Sequencer activates that channel, and only for a channel-defined sequence. In this case, the Sequencer sweeps a channel in single sweep mode only once.
Furthermore, [RUN SINGLE] controls the Sequencer, not individual sweeps. [RUN SINGLE] starts the Sequencer in single mode.

If the Sequencer is off, only the evaluation for the currently displayed channel is updated.

For details on the Sequencer, see the R&S ESW User Manual.

Remote command:
Measurement mode: `INITiate<n>:CONTinuous` on page 90
Run measurement: `INITiate<mt>[:IMMediate]` on page 91

Continue Single Sweep
After triggering, repeats the number of sweeps set in "Sweep Count", without deleting the trace of the last measurement.

While the measurement is running, "Continue Single Sweep" and [RUN SINGLE] are highlighted. The running measurement can be aborted by selecting the highlighted softkey or key again.

Remote command:
`INITiate<n>:CONMeas` on page 90

5.9 Display configuration

Access: "Overview" > "Display Config"

The captured signal can be displayed using various evaluation methods. All evaluation methods available for the current application are displayed in the evaluation bar in SmartGrid mode when you do one of the following:

For a description of the available evaluation methods see Chapter 3, "Measurement and result displays", on page 13.

5.10 Adjusting settings automatically

Access: [AUTO SET]

Some settings can be adjusted by the R&S ESW automatically according to the current measurement settings. To do so, a measurement is performed. You can configure this measurement.

Adjusting settings automatically during triggered measurements

When you select an auto adjust function, a measurement is performed to determine the optimal settings. If you select an auto adjust function for a triggered measurement, you are asked how the R&S ESW should behave:

- (Default:) The measurement for adjustment waits for the next trigger
- The measurement for adjustment is performed without waiting for a trigger.
  The trigger source is temporarily set to "Free Run". After the measurement is completed, the original trigger source is restored. The trigger level is adjusted as follows for "IF Power" and "RF Power" triggers:
  Trigger level = Reference level - 15 dB

Remote command:

[SENSe:]ADJust:CONFigure:TRIGger on page 134

Adjusting all Determinable Settings Automatically (Auto All)

Activates all automatic adjustment functions for the current measurement settings, including:

- Auto Frequency
- Auto Level

Remote command:
[SENSe:]ADJust:ALL on page 132

Adjusting the Center Frequency Automatically (Auto Frequency)

The R&S ESW adjusts the center frequency automatically.

The optimum center frequency is the frequency with the highest S/N ratio in the frequency span. As this function uses the signal counter, it is intended for use with sinusoidal signals.

Remote command:
[SENSe:]ADJust:FREQuency on page 134

Setting the Reference Level Automatically (Auto Level)

Automatically determines a reference level which ensures that no overload occurs at the R&S ESW for the current input data. At the same time, the internal attenuators are adjusted. As a result, the signal-to-noise ratio is optimized, while signal compression and clipping are minimized.

To determine the required reference level, a level measurement is performed on the R&S ESW.

If necessary, you can optimize the reference level further. Decrease the attenuation level manually to the lowest possible value before an overload occurs, then decrease the reference level in the same way.

You can change the measurement time for the level measurement if necessary (see "Changing the Automatic Measurement Time (Meas Time Manual)" on page 71).

Remote command:
`[SENSe:]ADJust:LEVel` on page 135

Resetting the Automatic Measurement Time (Meas Time Auto)
Resets the measurement duration for automatic settings to the default value.

Remote command:
`[SENSe:]ADJust:CONFigure:LEVel:DURation:MODE` on page 133

Changing the Automatic Measurement Time (Meas Time Manual)
This function allows you to change the measurement duration for automatic setting adjustments. Enter the value in seconds.

Note: The maximum measurement duration depends on the currently selected measurement and the installed (optional) hardware. Thus, the measurement duration actually used to determine the automatic settings can be shorter than the value you define here.

Remote command:
`[SENSe:]ADJust:CONFigure:LEVel:DURation:MODE` on page 133
`[SENSe:]ADJust:CONFigure:LEVel:DURation` on page 132

Upper Level Hysteresis
When the reference level is adjusted automatically using the Auto Level function, the internal attenuators and the preamplifier are also adjusted. To avoid frequent adaptation due to small changes in the input signal, you can define a hysteresis. This setting defines an upper threshold that the signal must exceed (compared to the last measurement) before the reference level is adapted automatically.

Remote command:
`[SENSe:]ADJust:CONFigure:HYSTeresis:UPPer` on page 133

Lower Level Hysteresis
When the reference level is adjusted automatically using the Auto Level function, the internal attenuators and the preamplifier are also adjusted. To avoid frequent adaptation due to small changes in the input signal, you can define a hysteresis. This setting defines a lower threshold that the signal must fall below (compared to the last measurement) before the reference level is adapted automatically.

Remote command:
`[SENSe:]ADJust:CONFigure:HYSTeresis:LOWer` on page 133

6 Analysis

Access

- "Overview" > "Analysis"

General result analysis settings concerning the trace, markers, lines etc. are similar to the analysis functions in the spectrum application, except for the features described here.

For more information, refer to the R&S ESW user manual.

6.1 Trace configuration

Access

- "Overview" > "Analysis" > "Trace"

The functionality available for traces in the I/Q analyzer is similar to the spectrum application.

For more information, refer to the R&S ESW user manual.

Spectrograms in the I/Q analyzer application

Basically, spectrograms work the same as in the receiver application.

However, in the I/Q analyzer application, they have the following distinctive features.

- Not all result displays support spectrograms.
- Compared to the receiver or spectrum application, a spectrogram cannot be added as an independent result display. Instead, spectrograms relate to a certain measurement window (or result display). Result diagram and spectrogram are a single entity in that case and cannot be divided.

To view results in a spectrogram, select a window (indicated by a blue frame), then select [TRACE] > "Spectrogram Config".

Spectrograms are either displayed in "Split" mode (spectrogram is displayed below the trace diagram), in "Full" mode (trace diagram is not displayed), or not displayed at all ("Off)".

When the "Spectrogram Config"softkey is grayed out, spectrograms are not supported by the selected result display.

State

Activates and deactivates a Spectrogram subwindow.

"Split"	Displays the Spectrogram as a subwindow in the original result display.

"Full" Displays the Spectrogram in a subwindow in the full size of the original result display.

"Off" Closes the Spectrogram subwindow.

Remote command:
`CALCulate<n>:SPECtrogram:LAYout` on page 142

6.2 Marker settings

Access

- "Overview" > "Analysis" > "Marker"
- "Overview" > "Analysis" > "Marker Function"

The functionality available for markers in the I/Q analyzer is similar to the spectrum application.

For more information, refer to the R&S ESW user manual.

Branch for Peaksearch
Defines which data is used for marker search functions in I/Q data.

This function is only available for the display configuration "Real/Imag (I/Q)" (see "Real/Imag (I/Q)" on page 15).

Note: The search settings apply to all markers, not only the currently selected one.

"Real"
Marker search functions are performed on the real trace of the I/Q measurement.

"Imag"
Marker search functions are performed on the imaginary trace of the I/Q measurement.

"Magnitude"
Marker search functions are performed on the magnitude of the I and Q data.

Remote command:
`CALCulate<n>:MARKer<m>:SEARch` on page 142

7 How to work with I/Q data

The following step-by-step procedures demonstrate in detail how to perform various tasks when working with I/Q data.

7.1 How to perform measurements in the I/Q Analyzer application

The following step-by-step instructions demonstrate how to capture I/Q data on the R&S ESW and how to analyze data in the I/Q Analyzer application.

7.1.1 How to capture baseband (I/Q) data as RF input

By default, the I/Q Analyzer assumes the I/Q data is modulated on a carrier frequency and input via the "RF Input" connector on the R&S ESW.

1. Select [MODE] and select the "I/Q Analyzer" application.
2. Select "Overview" to display the "Overview" for an I/Q Analyzer measurement.
3. Select "Input" to select and configure the "RF Input" signal source.
4. Select "Amplitude" to define the attenuation, reference level or other settings that affect the input signal's amplitude and scaling.
5. Select "Frequency" to define the input signal's center frequency.
6. Optionally, select "Trigger" and define a trigger for data acquisition, for example an I/Q Power trigger to start capturing data only when a specific power is exceeded.
7. Select "Bandwidth" and define the bandwidth parameters for data acquisition:
   - "Sample Rate" or "Analysis Bandwidth" the span of the input signal to be captured for analysis, or the rate at which samples are captured (both values are correlated)
   - "Measurement Time" how long the data is to be captured
   - "Record Length": the number of samples to be captured (also defined by sample rate and measurement time)
8. Select "Display Config" and select up to six displays that are of interest to you. Arrange them on the display to suit your preferences.
9. Exit the SmartGrid mode.

10. Start a new sweep with the defined settings.
    a) Select the Sequencer icon (▣) from the toolbar.
    b) Set the Sequencer state to "Off".
    c) Select [RUN SINGLE].

7.1.2 How to analyze data in the I/Q Analyzer

1. Select [MODE] and select the "I/Q Analyzer" application.
2. Select "Overview" to display the "Overview" for an I/Q Analyzer measurement.
3. Select "Display Config" and select up to six displays that are of interest to you. Arrange them on the display to suit your preferences.
4. Exit the SmartGrid mode and select "Overview" to display the "Overview" again.
5. Select "Analysis" in the "Overview" to make use of the advanced analysis functions in the displays.
    - Configure a trace to display the average over a series of sweeps (on the "Trace" tab; if necessary, increase the "Average Count").
    - Configure markers and delta markers to determine deviations and offsets within the signal (on the "Marker" tab).

7.2 How to export and import I/Q data

I/Q data can only be exported in applications that process I/Q data, such as the I/Q Analyzer or optional applications.

Capturing and exporting I/Q data

1. Press [PRESET].
2. Press [MODE] and select the I/Q Analyzer application or any other application that supports I/Q data.
3. Configure the data acquisition.
4. Press [RUN SINGLE] to perform a single sweep measurement.
5. Select the ▣ "Save" icon in the toolbar.
6. Select "I/Q Export".
7. In the file selection dialog box, select a storage location and enter a file name.
8. Select "Save".

    The captured data is stored to a file.

The file type is determined by the file extension. If no file extension is provided, the file type is assumed to be `.iq.tar`. For `.mat` files, Matlab® v4 is assumed.

Importing I/Q data

1. Press [MODE] and select the "I/Q Analyzer" or any other application that supports I/Q data.
2. If necessary, switch to single sweep mode by pressing [RUN SINGLE].
3. Select the "Open" icon in the toolbar.
4. Select "I/Q Import".
5. Select the storage location and the file name.
   The file type is determined by the file extension. If no file extension is provided, the file type is assumed to be `.iq.tar`. For `.mat` files, Matlab® v4 is assumed.
6. Select "Open".

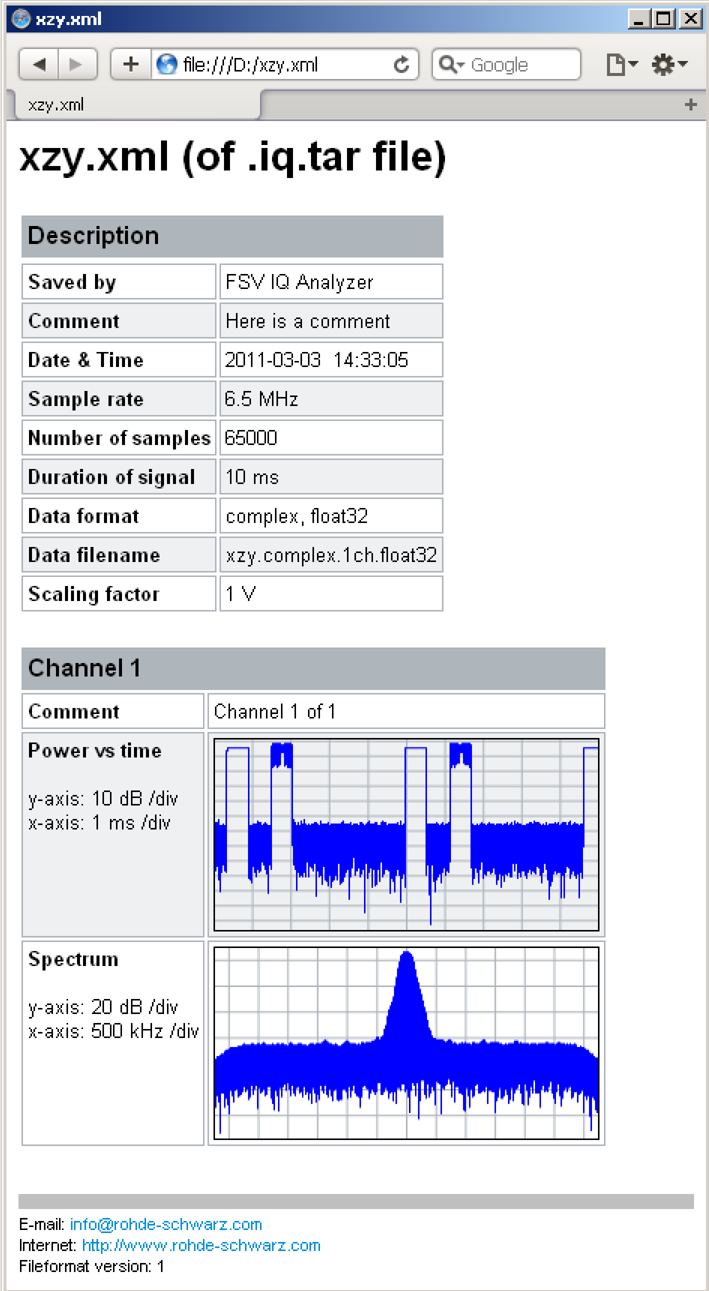
   The stored data is loaded from the file and displayed in the current application.

Previewing the I/Q data in a web browser

The `iq-tar` file format allows you to preview the I/Q data in a web browser.

1. Use an archive tool (e.g. WinZip® or PowerArchiver®) to unpack the `iq-tar` file into a folder.
2. Locate the folder using Windows Explorer.
3. Open your web browser.

4. Drag the I/Q parameter XML file, e.g. `example.xml`, into your web browser.



8 Remote commands in the I/Q analyzer

The following commands are specific to performing measurements in the I/Q Analyzer application or using the optional Digital Baseband Interface in a remote environment. The R&S ESW must already be set up for remote operation in a network as described in the base unit manual.

8.1 Introduction

Commands are program messages that a controller (e.g. a PC) sends to the instrument or software. They operate its functions ('setting commands' or 'events') and request information ('query commands'). Some commands can only be used in one way, others work in two ways (setting and query). If not indicated otherwise, the commands can be used for settings and queries.

The syntax of a SCPI command consists of a header and, usually, one or more parameters. To use a command as a query, you have to append a question mark after the last header element, even if the command contains a parameter.

A header contains one or more keywords, separated by a colon. Header and parameters are separated by a "white space" (ASCII code 0 to 9, 11 to 32 decimal, e.g. blank). If there is more than one parameter for a command, they are separated by a comma from one another.

Only the most important characteristics that you need to know when working with SCPI commands are described here. For a more complete description, refer to the user manual of the R&S ESW.

Remote command examples

Note that some remote command examples mentioned in this general introduction are possibly not supported by this particular application.

8.1.1 Conventions used in descriptions

The following conventions are used in the remote command descriptions:

- **Command usage**

If not specified otherwise, commands can be used both for setting and for querying parameters.
If a command can be used for setting or querying only, or if it initiates an event, the usage is stated explicitly.

- **Parameter usage**
  If not specified otherwise, a parameter can be used to set a value, and it is the result of a query.
  Parameters required only for setting are indicated as **Setting parameters**.
  Parameters required only to refine a query are indicated as **Query parameters**.
  Parameters that are only returned as the result of a query are indicated as **Return values**.
- **Conformity**
  Commands that are taken from the SCPI standard are indicated as **SCPI confirmed**. All commands used by the R&S ESW follow the SCPI syntax rules.
- **Asynchronous commands**
  A command which does not automatically finish executing before the next command starts executing (overlapping command) is indicated as an **Asynchronous command**.
- **Reset values (*RST)**
  Default parameter values that are used directly after resetting the instrument (`*RST` command) are indicated as ***RST** values, if available.
- **Default unit**
  The default unit is used for numeric values if no other unit is provided with the parameter.
- **Manual operation**
  If the result of a remote command can also be achieved in manual operation, a link to the description is inserted.

8.1.2 Long and short form

The keywords have a long and a short form. You can use either the long or the short form, but no other abbreviations of the keywords.

The short form is emphasized in uppercase letters. Note however, that this emphasis only serves the purpose to distinguish the short from the long form in the manual. For the instrument, the case does not matter.

Example:

`SENSe:FREQuency:CENTer` is the same as `SENS:FREQ:CENT`.

8.1.3 Numeric suffixes

Some keywords have a numeric suffix if the command can be applied to multiple instances of an object. In that case, the suffix selects a particular instance (e.g. a measurement window).

Numeric suffixes are indicated by angular brackets (<n>) next to the keyword.

If you do not quote a suffix for keywords that support one, a 1 is assumed.

Example:

`DISPlay[:WINDow<1...4>]:ZOOM:STATe` enables the zoom in a particular measurement window, selected by the suffix at `WINDow`.

`DISPlay:WINDow4:ZOOM:STATe ON` refers to window 4.

8.1.4 Optional keywords

Some keywords are optional and are only part of the syntax because of SCPI compliance. You can include them in the header or not.

If an optional keyword has a numeric suffix and you need to use the suffix, you have to include the optional keyword. Otherwise, the suffix of the missing keyword is assumed to be the value 1.

Optional keywords are emphasized with square brackets.

Example:

Without a numeric suffix in the optional keyword:

`[SENSe:]FREQuency:CENTer` is the same as `FREQuency:CENTer`

With a numeric suffix in the optional keyword:

`DISPlay[:WINDow<1...4>]:ZOOM:STATe`

`DISPlay:ZOOM:STATe ON` enables the zoom in window 1 (no suffix).

`DISPlay:WINDow4:ZOOM:STATe ON` enables the zoom in window 4.

8.1.5 Alternative keywords

A vertical stroke indicates alternatives for a specific keyword. You can use both keywords to the same effect.

Example:

`[SENSe:]BANDwidth|BWIDth[:RESolution]`

In the short form without optional keywords, `BAND 1MHZ` would have the same effect as `BWID 1MHZ`.

8.1.6 SCPI parameters

Many commands feature one or more parameters.

If a command supports more than one parameter, they are separated by a comma.

Example:

`LAYout:ADD:WINDow Spectrum,LEFT,MTABle`

Parameters can have different forms of values.

8.1.6.1 Numeric values

Numeric values can be entered in any form, i.e. with sign, decimal point or exponent. For physical quantities, you can also add the unit. If the unit is missing, the command uses the basic unit.

Example:

With unit: `SENSe:FREQuency:CENTer 1GHZ`

Without unit: `SENSe:FREQuency:CENTer 1E9` would also set a frequency of 1 GHz.

Values exceeding the resolution of the instrument are rounded up or down.

If the number you have entered is not supported (e.g. for discrete steps), the command returns an error.

Instead of a number, you can also set numeric values with a text parameter in special cases.

- MIN/MAX
  Defines the minimum or maximum numeric value that is supported.
- DEF
  Defines the default value.
- UP/DOWN
  Increases or decreases the numeric value by one step. The step size depends on the setting. Sometimes, you can customize the step size with a corresponding command.

Querying numeric values

When you query numeric values, the system returns a number. For physical quantities, it applies the basic unit (e.g. Hz for frequencies). The number of digits after the decimal point depends on the type of numeric value.

Example:

Setting: `SENSe:FREQuency:CENTer 1GHZ`

Query: `SENSe:FREQuency:CENTer?` would return `1E9`

Sometimes, numeric values are returned as text.

- INF/NINF
  Infinity or negative infinity. Represents the numeric values 9.9E37 or -9.9E37.
- NAN
  Not a number. Represents the numeric value 9.91E37. NAN is returned if errors occur.

8.1.6.2 Boolean

Boolean parameters represent two states. The "on" state (logically true) is represented by "ON" or the numeric value 1. The "off" state (logically untrue) is represented by "OFF" or the numeric value 0.

Querying Boolean parameters

When you query Boolean parameters, the system returns either the value 1 ("ON") or the value 0 ("OFF").

Example:

Setting: `DISPlay:WINDow:ZOOM:STATe ON`

Query: `DISPlay:WINDow:ZOOM:STATe?` would return `1`

8.1.6.3 Character data

Character data follows the syntactic rules of keywords. You can enter text using a short or a long form. For more information, see Chapter 8.1.2, "Long and short form", on page 79.

Querying text parameters

When you query text parameters, the system returns its short form.

Example:

Setting: `SENSe:BANDwidth:RESolution:TYPE NORMal`

Query: `SENSe:BANDwidth:RESolution:TYPE?` would return `NORM`

8.1.6.4 Character strings

Strings are alphanumeric characters. They have to be in straight quotation marks. You can use a single quotation mark (') or a double quotation mark (").

Example:

`INSTRument:DELete 'Spectrum'`

8.1.6.5 Block data

Block data is a format which is suitable for the transmission of large amounts of data.

The ASCII character # introduces the data block. The next number indicates how many of the following digits describe the length of the data block. The data bytes follow. During the transmission of these data bytes, all end or other control signs are ignored until all bytes are transmitted. #0 specifies a data block of indefinite length. The use of the indefinite format requires an `NL^END` message to terminate the data block. This format is useful when the length of the transmission is not known or if speed or other considerations prevent segmentation of the data into blocks of definite length.

8.2 Common suffixes

In the I/Q Analyzer application, the following common suffixes are used in remote commands:

Table 8-1: Common suffixes used in remote commands in the I/Q Analyzer application

Suffix	Value range	Description
<m>	1..16	Marker
<n>	1..16	Window (**in the currently selected channel**)
<t>	1..6	Trace
	1 to 8	Limit line
<i>	1..3	Selects one of the analog output channels (1, 2 or Phones).
<k>	1..8 (Limit line) 1 | 2 (Display line)	Selects a limit or display line.
<peak>	1..3000	Selects a peak.
<sr>	1..10	Selects a scan range.

Selecting windows in multiple channels

Note that the suffix <n> always refers to a window in the currently selected channel.

8.3 Application selection

I/Q Analyzer measurements require a special measurement channel on the R&S ESW. It can be activated using the common `INSTrument:CREate[:NEW]` or `INSTrument:CREate:REPLace` commands. In this case, some - but not all - parameters from the previously selected application are passed on to the I/Q Analyzer channel. In order to retain *all* relevant parameters from the current application for the I/Q measurement, use the `TRACe:IQ[:STATe]` command to change the application of the current channel.

A measurement is started immediately with the default settings when the channel is activated.

Different remote modes available

In remote control, two different modes for the I/Q Analyzer measurements are available:

- A quick mode for pure data acquisition
  This mode is activated by default with the `TRACe:IQ[:STATe]` command. The evaluation functions are not available; however, performance is slightly improved.
- A more sophisticated mode for acquisition and analysis.
  This mode is activated when a new channel is opened for the I/Q Analyzer application (`INST:CRE:NEW`/ `INST:CRE:REPL`) or by an additional command (see `TRACe:IQ:EVAL` on page 87).

INSTrument:CREate:DUPLicate

Duplicates the currently selected channel, i.e creates a new channel of the same type and with the identical measurement settings. The name of the new channel is the same as the copied channel, extended by a consecutive number (e.g. "IQAnalyzer" -> "IQAnalyzer 2").

The channel to be duplicated must be selected first using the `INST:SEL` command.

Example:
`INST:SEL 'Receiver'`
`INST:CRE:DUPL`
Duplicates the channel named 'Receiver' and creates a new channel named 'Receiver 2'.

Usage: Event

INSTrument:CREate[:NEW] <ChannelType>, <ChannelName>

Adds a measurement channel. You can configure up to 10 measurement channels at the same time (depending on available memory).

Parameters:

<ChannelType> Channel type of the new channel.
For a list of available channel types, see `INSTrument:LIST?` on page 85.

<ChannelName> String containing the name of the channel.
Note that you cannot assign an existing channel name to a new channel. If you do, an error occurs.

Example:
```
INST:CRE SAN, 'Spectrum 2'
```
Adds a spectrum display named "Spectrum 2".

INSTrument:CREate:REPLace <ChannelName1>, <ChannelType>, <ChannelName2>

Replaces a channel with another one.

Setting parameters:

<ChannelName1> String containing the name of the channel you want to replace.

<ChannelType> Channel type of the new channel.
For a list of available channel types, see INSTrument:LIST? on page 85.

<ChannelName2> String containing the name of the new channel.
Note: If the specified name for a new channel already exists, the default name, extended by a sequential number, is used for the new channel (see INSTrument:LIST? on page 85).
Channel names can have a maximum of 31 characters, and must be compatible with the Windows conventions for file names. In particular, they must not contain special characters such as ":", "*", "?".

Example:
```
INST:CRE:REPL 'Receiver',REC,'REC2'
```
Replaces the channel named "Receiver" by a new channel of type "Receiver" named "REC2".

Usage: Setting only

INSTrument:DELete <ChannelName>

Deletes a channel.

If you delete the last channel, the default "Receiver" channel is activated.

Setting parameters:

<ChannelName> String containing the name of the channel you want to delete.
A channel must exist to delete it.

Example:
```
INST:DEL 'Receiver'
```
Deletes the channel with the name 'Receiver'.

Usage: Setting only

INSTrument:LIST?

Queries all active channels. The query is useful to obtain the names of the existing channels, which are required to replace or delete the channels.

Return values:

<ChannelType>, <ChannelName>
For each channel, the command returns the channel type and channel name (see tables below).
Tip: to change the channel name, use the `INSTrument:REName` command.

Example:
`INST:LIST?`
Result for 2 channels:
`'REC','Receiver','REC','Receiver 2'`

Usage: Query only

Table 8-2: Available channel types and default channel names

Application	<ChannelType> Parameter	Default Channel Name*)
Receiver	RECeiver	Receiver
CISPR APD	n/a Use `CALCulate:STATistics:CAPD[:STATe]`	CISPR APD
Real-Time Spectrogram	RTSG	Real-Time Spectrogram
Multi CISPR APD	MAPD	Multi CISPR APD
Spectrum	SANalyzer	Spectrum
I/Q Analyzer	IQ	IQ Analyzer
Real-Time Spectrum	RTIM	Real-Time Spectrum
Analog Modulation Analysis	ADEMod	Analog Demod
Note: the default channel name is also listed in the table. If the specified name for a new channel already exists, the default name, extended by a sequential number, is used for the new channel.		

INSTrument:REName <ChannelName1>, <ChannelName2>

Renames a channel.

Setting parameters:

<ChannelName1>
String containing the name of the channel you want to rename.

<ChannelName2>
String containing the new channel name.
Note that you cannot assign an existing channel name to a new channel. If you do, an error occurs.
Channel names can have a maximum of 31 characters, and must be compatible with the Windows conventions for file names. In particular, they must not contain special characters such as ":", "*", "?".

Example:
`INST:REN 'Receiver','REC'`
Renames the channel with the name 'Receiver' to 'REC'.

Usage: Setting only

INSTrument[:SELect] <ChannelType> | <ChannelName>

Activates a new channel with the defined channel type, or selects an existing channel with the specified name.

Also see

- `INSTrument:CREate[:NEW]` on page 84

Parameters:

<ChannelType> Channel type of the new channel.
For a list of available channel types see `INSTrument:LIST?` on page 85.

<ChannelName> String containing the name of the channel.

Example: `INST IQ`
Activates a channel for the I/Q Analyzer application (evaluation mode).
`INST 'MyIQSpectrum'`
Selects the channel named 'MyIQSpectrum' (for example before executing further commands for that channel).

SYSTem:PRESet:CHANnel[:EXEC]

Restores the default <instrument> settings in the current channel.

Use `INST:SEL` to select the channel.

Example: `INST:SEL 'Spectrum2'`
Selects the channel for "Spectrum2".
`SYST:PRES:CHAN:EXEC`
Restores the factory default settings to the "Spectrum2" channel.

Usage: Event

Manual operation: See "Preset Channel" on page 34

TRACe:IQ:EVAL <State>

Turns I/Q data analysis on and off.

Before you can use this command, you have to turn on the I/Q data acquisition using `INST:CRE:NEW IQ` or `INST:CRE:REPL`, or using the `TRACe:IQ[:STATe]` command to replace the current channel while retaining the settings.

Parameters:

<State> ON | OFF | 0 | 1

OFF | 0
Switches the function off

ON | 1
Switches the function on

Example:

`TRAC:IQ ON`
Enables I/Q data acquisition
`TRAC:IQ:EVAL ON`
Enables the I/Q data analysis mode.

TRACe:IQ[:STATe] <State>

Activates the simple I/Q data acquisition mode (see Chapter 8.3, "Application selection", on page 83).

Executing this command also has the following effects:

- The sweep, amplitude, input and trigger settings from the measurement are retained.
- All measurements are turned off.
- All traces are set to "Blank" mode.
- The I/Q data analysis mode is turned off (`TRAC:IQ:EVAL OFF`).

Note: To turn trace display back on or to enable the evaluation functions of the I/Q Analyzer, execute the `TRAC:IQ:EVAL ON` command (see `TRACe:IQ:EVAL` on page 87).

Parameters:

<State>

ON | OFF | 0 | 1

OFF | 0
Switches the function off

ON | 1
Switches the function on

Example:

`TRAC:IQ ON`
Switches on I/Q data acquisition

8.4 Measurements control

Different measurement procedures

Two different procedures to capture I/Q data remotely are available:

- Measurement and result query with one command (see `TRACe:IQ:DATA?` on page 96)
  This method causes the least delay between measurement and output of the result data, but it requires the control computer to wait actively for the response data.
- Setting up the instrument, starting the measurement via `INIT` and querying the result list at the end of the measurement (see `TRACe:IQ:DATA:MEMory?` on page 98)
  With this method, the control computer can be used for other activities during the measurement. However, the additional time needed for synchronization via service request must be taken into account.

ABORt

This command aborts the measurement in the current measurement channel and resets the trigger system.

To prevent overlapping execution of the subsequent command before the measurement has been aborted successfully, use the `*OPC` or `*WAI` command after `ABORt` and before the next command.

For details, see the "Remote Basics" chapter in the R&S ESW User Manual.

To abort a sequence of measurements by the Sequencer, use the `INITiate:SEQuencer:ABORt` command.

Note on blocked remote control programs:

If a sequential command cannot be completed, for example because a triggered sweep never receives a trigger, the remote control program will never finish. The remote channel to the R&S ESW is blocked for further commands. In this case, you must interrupt processing on the remote channel first to abort the measurement.

To do so, send a "Device Clear" command from the control instrument to the R&S ESW on a parallel channel to clear all currently active remote channels. Depending on the used interface and protocol, send the following commands:

- **Visa**: `viClear()`
- **GPIB**: `ibclr()`
- **RSIB**: `RSDLLibclr()`

Now you can send the `ABORt` command on the remote channel that runs the measurement.

Example: `ABOR;INIT:IMM`
Aborts the measurement and restarts it.

Usage: Event

INITiate<n>:CONMeas

Restarts a (single) measurement that has been stopped (using `ABORt`) or finished in single sweep mode.

The measurement is restarted at the beginning, not where the previous measurement was stopped.

Suffix:
<n> irrelevant

Example: `INIT:CONT OFF`
Switches to single sweep mode.
`DISP:WIND:TRAC:MODE AVER`
Switches on trace averaging.
`SWE:COUN 20`
Setting the sweep counter to 20 sweeps.
`INIT;*WAI`
Starts the measurement and waits for the end of the 20 sweeps.
`INIT:CONM;*WAI`
Continues the measurement (next 20 sweeps) and waits for the end.
Result: Averaging is performed over 40 sweeps.

Usage: Asynchronous command

Manual operation: See "Continue Single Sweep" on page 69

INITiate<n>:CONTinuous <State>

Controls the sweep mode for an individual channel.

Note that in single sweep mode, you can synchronize to the end of the measurement with *OPC, *OPC? or *WAI. In continuous sweep mode, synchronization to the end of the measurement is not possible. Thus, it is not recommended that you use continuous sweep mode in remote control, as results like trace data or markers are only valid after a single sweep end synchronization.

For details on synchronization see Remote control via SCPI.

If the sweep mode is changed for a channel while the Sequencer is active, the mode is only considered the next time the measurement in that channel is activated by the Sequencer.

Suffix:

<n> 1 | 2
INITiate1 selects single or continuous bargraph measurements.
INITiate2 selects single or continuous scans.

Parameters:

<State> ON | OFF | 0 | 1

ON | 1
Continuous sweep

OFF | 0
Single sweep

*RST: 1 (some applications can differ)

Example:
`INIT:CONT OFF`
Switches the sweep mode to single sweep.
`INIT:CONT ON`
Switches the sweep mode to continuous sweep.

Manual operation:
See "Continuous Sweep / Run Cont" on page 68
See "Single Sweep / Run Single" on page 69

INITiate<mt>[:IMMediate]

The command initiates a new sweep.

For a single sweep, the R&S ESW stops measuring when it has reached the end frequency. When you start a continuous measurement, it stops only if you abort it deliberately.

If you are using trace modes MAXHold, MINHold and AVERage, previous results are reset when you restart the measurement.

- **Single measurements**
  Synchronization to the end of the measurement is possible with `*OPC`, `*OPC?` or `*WAI`.
- **Continuous measurements**
  Synchronization to the end of the measurement is not possible.
  It is thus recommended to use a single measurement for remote controlled measurements, because results like trace data or markers are only valid after synchronization.

Suffix:
<mt> INITiate1 initiates a bargraph measurement.
INITiate2 initiates a scan.

Example: //Start a single scan (with a scan count = 20), and wait until the measurement is done
```
INIT2:CONT OFF
SWE:COUN 20
INIT2;*WAI
```

Usage: Event

Manual operation: See "Continuous Sweep / Run Cont" on page 68
See "Single Sweep / Run Single" on page 69

INITiate:SEQuencer:ABORt

Stops the currently active sequence of measurements.

You can start a new sequence any time using INITiate:SEQuencer:IMMediate on page 92.

Usage: Event

INITiate:SEQuencer:IMMediate

Starts a new sequence of measurements by the Sequencer.

Before this command can be executed, the Sequencer must be activated (see SYSTem:SEQuencer on page 95).

Example: `SYST:SEQ ON`
Activates the Sequencer.
`INIT:SEQ:MODE SING`
Sets single sequence mode so each active measurement is performed once.
`INIT:SEQ:IMM`
Starts the sequential measurements.

INITiate:SEQuencer:MODE <Mode>

Defines the capture mode for the entire measurement sequence and all measurement groups and channels it contains.

Note: To synchronize to the end of a measurement sequence using `*OPC`, `*OPC?` or `*WAI`, use `SINGle` Sequencer mode.

Parameters:

<Mode>

SINGle
Each measurement group is started one after the other in the order of definition. All measurement channels in a group are started simultaneously and performed once. After *all* measurements are completed, the next group is started. After the last group, the measurement sequence is finished.

CONTinuous
Each measurement group is started one after the other in the order of definition. All measurement channels in a group are started simultaneously and performed once. After *all* measurements are completed, the next group is started. After the last group, the measurement sequence restarts with the first one and continues until it is stopped explicitly.

*RST: CONTinuous

[SENSe:]AVERage:COUNt <AverageCount>
TRACe:IQ:AVERage:COUNt <NumberSets>

This command defines the number of I/Q data sets that the averaging is based on.

Parameters:

<NumberSets> Range: 0 to 32767
*RST: 0

Example:

`TRAC:IQ ON`
Switches on acquisition of I/Q data.
`TRAC:IQ:AVER ON`
Enables averaging of the I/Q measurement data
`TRAC:IQ:AVER:COUN 10`
Selects averaging over 10 data sets
`TRAC:IQ:DATA?`
Starts the measurement and reads out the averaged data.

[SENSe:]AVERage<n>[:STATe<t>] <State>
TRACe:IQ:AVERage[:STATe] <State>

This command turns averaging of the I/Q data on and off.

Before you can use the command you have to turn the I/Q data acquisition on with `TRACe:IQ[:STATe]`.

If averaging is on, the maximum amount of I/Q data that can be recorded is 512kS (524288 samples).

Parameters:

<State> ON | OFF | 0 | 1

OFF | 0
Switches the function off

ON | 1
Switches the function on

Example:
`TRAC:IQ ON`
Switches on acquisition of I/Q data.
`TRAC:IQ:AVER ON`
Enables averaging of the I/Q measurement data.
`TRAC:IQ:AVER:COUN 10`
Selects averaging over 10 data sets.
`TRAC:IQ:DATA?`
Starts the measurement and reads out the averaged data.

[SENSe:]SWEep:COUNt <SweepCount>

Defines the number of sweeps that the application uses to average traces.

In continuous sweep mode, the application calculates the moving average over the average count.

In single sweep mode, the application stops the measurement and calculates the average after the average count has been reached.

Example:
`SWE:COUN 64`
Sets the number of sweeps to 64.
`INIT:CONT OFF`
Switches to single sweep mode.
`INIT;*WAI`
Starts a sweep and waits for its end.

Manual operation: See "Sweep/Average Count" on page 68

[SENSe:]SWEep:COUNt:CURRent?

This query returns the current number of started sweeps or measurements. This command is only available if a sweep count value is defined and the instrument is in single sweep mode.

Return values:
<CurrentCount>

Example:
`SWE:COUNt 64`
Sets sweep count to 64
`INIT:CONT OFF`
Switches to single sweep mode
`INIT`
Starts a sweep (without waiting for the sweep end!)
`SWE:COUN:CURR?`
Queries the number of started sweeps

Usage: Query only

[SENSe:]SWEep[:WINDow<n>]:POINts <SweepPoints>

This command defines the number of sweep points to analyze after a sweep.

Suffix:
<n>

Parameters:

<SweepPoints> <numeric value> (integer)

Range: 101 to 100001
*RST: 1001

Example: `SWE:POIN 251`

Manual operation: See "Sweep Points" on page 68

[SENSe:]SWEep:TIME <Time>

Defines the sweep time. It automatically decouples the time from any other settings.

Parameters:

<Time> refer to specifications document

*RST: depends on current settings (determined automatically)
Default unit: S

Manual operation: See "Meas Time" on page 65

SYSTem:SEQuencer <State>

Turns the Sequencer on and off. The Sequencer must be active before any other Sequencer commands (`INIT:SEQ...`) are executed, otherwise an error occurs.

A detailed programming example is provided in the "Operating Modes" chapter in the R&S ESW User Manual.

Parameters:

<State> ON | OFF | 0 | 1

ON | 1
The Sequencer is activated and a sequential measurement is started immediately.

OFF | 0
The Sequencer is deactivated. Any running sequential measurements are stopped. Further Sequencer commands (`INIT:SEQ...`) are not available.

*RST: 0

Example:

```
SYST:SEQ ON
```
Activates the Sequencer.
```
INIT:SEQ:MODE SING
```
Sets single Sequencer mode so each active measurement is performed once.
```
INIT:SEQ:IMM
```
Starts the sequential measurements.
```
SYST:SEQ OFF
```

8.5 Result retrieval

Storing large amounts of I/Q data

When storing large amounts of I/Q data to a file, consider the following tips to improve performance:

- If capturing and storing the I/Q data is the main goal of the measurement and evaluation functions are not required, use the basic I/Q data acquisition mode (see `TRACe:IQ[:STATe]` on page 88).
- Use a HiSlip or raw socket connection to export the data from the R&S ESW to a PC.
- Export the data in binary format rather than ASCII format (see Chapter A.1, "Formats for returned values: ASCII format and binary format", on page 148).
- Use the "Compatible" or "IQPair" data mode (see Chapter A.2, "Reference: format description for I/Q data files", on page 149).
- If only an extract of the available data is relevant, use the `TRACe<n>[:DATA]:MEMory?` command to store only the required section of data.

8.5.1 I/Q data

TRACe:IQ:DATA?

Initiates a measurement with the current settings and returns the captured data from I/Q measurements.

Corresponds to:

```
INIT:IMM;*WAI;:TRACe:IQ:DATA:MEMory?
```

However, the `TRACe:IQ:DATA?` command is quicker in comparison.

Note: Using the command with the *RST values for the `TRACe:IQ:SET` command, the following minimum buffer sizes for the response data are recommended: ASCII format 10 kBytes, binary format: 2 kBytes

Return values:

<Results> Measured voltage for I and Q component for each sample that has been captured during the measurement.
The number of samples depends on `TRACe:IQ:SET`. In ASCII format, the number of results is 2* the number of samples.
The data format depends on `TRACe:IQ:DATA:FORMat` on page 97.

Default unit: V

Example:

`TRAC:IQ:STAT ON`
Enables acquisition of I/Q data
`TRAC:IQ:SET NORM,10MHz,32MHz,EXT,POS,0,4096`
Measurement configuration:
Sample Rate = 32 MHz
Trigger Source = External
Trigger Slope = Positive
Pretrigger Samples = 0
Number of Samples = 4096
`FORMat REAL,32`
Selects format of response data
`TRAC:IQ:DATA?`
Starts measurement and reads results

Usage: Query only

TRACe:IQ:DATA:FORMat <Format>

Selects the order of the I/Q data.

For details see Chapter A.2, "Reference: format description for I/Q data files", on page 149.

Parameters:

<Format> COMPatible | IQBLock | IQPair

COMPatible
I and Q values are separated and collected in blocks: A block (512k) of I values is followed by a block (512k) of Q values, followed by a block of I values, followed by a block of Q values etc. (I,I,I,I,Q,Q,Q,Q,I,I,I,I,Q,Q,Q,Q...)

IQBLock
First all I-values are listed, then the Q-values (I,I,I,I,I,I,...Q,Q,Q,Q,Q,Q)

IQPair
One pair of I/Q values after the other is listed (I,Q,I,Q,I,Q...).

*RST: IQBL

TRACe:IQ:DATA:MEMory? [<OffsetSamples>,<NoOfSamples>]

Queries the I/Q data currently stored in the capture buffer of the R&S ESW.

By default, the command returns all I/Q data in the memory. You can, however, narrow down the amount of data that the command returns using the optional parameters.

If no parameters are specified with the command, the entire trace data is retrieved.

In this case, the command returns the same results as `TRACe:IQ:DATA?`. (Note, however, that the `TRAC:IQ:DATA?` command initiates a new measurement before returning the captured values, rather than returning the existing data in the memory.)

The command returns a comma-separated list of the measured values in floating point format (comma-separated values = CSV). The number of values returned is 2 * the number of complex samples.

The total number of complex samples is displayed in the channel bar in manual operation and can be calculated as:

<SampleRate> * <CaptureTime>

(See `TRACe:IQ:SET`, `TRACe:IQ:SRATe` on page 131 and `[SENSe:]SWEep:TIME` on page 95)

Query parameters:

<OffsetSamples> Selects an offset at which the output of data should start in relation to the first data. If omitted, all captured samples are output, starting with the first sample.

Range: 0 to <# of samples> – 1, with <# of samples> being the maximum number of captured values

*RST: 0

<NoOfSamples> Number of samples you want to query, beginning at the offset you have defined. If omitted, all captured samples (starting at offset) are output.

Range: 1 to <# of samples> - <offset samples> with <# of samples> maximum number of captured values

*RST: <# of samples>

Return values:

<IQData> Measured value pair (I,Q) for each sample that has been recorded.
By default, the first half of the list contains the I values, the second half the Q values. The order can be configured using `TRACe:IQ:DATA:FORMat`.
The data format of the individual values depends on `FORMat[:DATA]` on page 99.

Default unit: V

Example:
`TRAC:IQ:STAT ON`
Enables acquisition of I/Q data
`TRAC:IQ:SET NORM,10MHz,32MHz,EXT,POS,100,4096`
Measurement configuration:
Sample Rate = 32 MHz
Trigger Source = External
Trigger Slope = Positive
Pretrigger Samples = 100
Number of Samples = 4096
`INIT;*WAI`
Starts measurement and wait for sync
`FORMat REAL,32`
Determines output format
To read the results:
`TRAC:IQ:DATA:MEM?`
Reads all 4096 I/Q data
`TRAC:IQ:DATA:MEM? 0,2048`
Reads 2048 I/Q data starting at the beginning of data acquisition
`TRAC:IQ:DATA:MEM? 2048,1024`
Reads 1024 I/Q data from half of the recorded data
`TRAC:IQ:DATA:MEM? 100,512`
Reads 512 I/Q data starting at the trigger point (<Pretrigger Samples> was 100)

Example:
// Perform a single I/Q capture.
`INIT;*WAI`
// Determine output format (binary float32)
`FORMat REAL,32`
// Read 1024 I/Q samples starting at sample 2048.
`TRAC:IQ:DATA:MEM? 2048,1024`

Usage: Query only

8.5.2 I/Q trace data

FORMat[:DATA] <Format>[, <BitLength>]

Selects the data format that is used for transmission of trace data from the R&S ESW to the controlling computer.

Note that the command has no effect for data that you send to the R&S ESW. The R&S ESW automatically recognizes the data it receives, regardless of the format.

Parameters:

<Format>

ASCii
ASCii format, separated by commas.
This format is almost always suitable, regardless of the actual data format. However, the data is not as compact as other formats can be.

REAL
Floating-point numbers (according to IEEE 754) in the "definite length block format".
The format setting `REAL` is used for the binary transmission of trace data.

<BitLength>

Length in bits for floating-point results

16
16-bit floating-point numbers.
Compared to `REAL,32` format, half as many numbers are returned.

32
32-bit floating-point numbers
For I/Q data, 8 bytes per sample are returned for this format setting.

64
64-bit floating-point numbers
Compared to `REAL,32` format, twice as many numbers are returned.

Example: `FORM REAL,32`

FORMat:DEXPort:DSEParator <Separator>

Selects the decimal separator for data exported in ASCII format.

Parameters:

<Separator>

COMMa
Uses a comma as decimal separator, e.g. *4,05*.

POINt
Uses a point as decimal separator, e.g. *4.05*.

*RST: *RST has no effect on the decimal separator. Default is POINt.

Example: `FORM:DEXP:DSEP POIN`
Sets the decimal point as separator.

TRACe<n>[:DATA]? <ResultType>

This command queries current trace data and measurement results.

The data format depends on FORMat[:DATA] on page 99.

Suffix:
<n> Window

Query parameters:
<ResultType> Selects the type of result to be returned.
See Table 8-3.

Example: TRAC? TRACE3
Queries the data of trace 3.

Manual operation: See "Magnitude" on page 13
See "Spectrum" on page 13
See "I/Q-Vector" on page 14
See "Real/Imag (I/Q)" on page 15

Table 8-3: Return values for result type parameters

Parameter	Result display / measurement	Results
TRACE1 | ... | TRACE6	Returns the sweep point values as shown in the result display. For the auto peak detector, the command returns positive peak values only. (To retrieve negative peak values, define a second trace with a negative peak detector.)	
	"Magnitude" "Spectrum"	Magnitude of the I and Q values (I+jQ) for each sweep point (=1001 values)
	"Real/Imag (I/Q)"	First the real parts for each trace point, then the imaginary parts (I_1,...,I_{1001}, Q_1,...,Q_{1001}).
	"I/Q Vector"	The I and Q values for each trace point are returned (1001 pairs of I and Q values).
LIST	SEM measurements	Peak list evaluation, one peak per range is returned.
	Spurious emission measurements	Peak list evaluation For each peak, the command returns 11 values in the following order: ● <No>: range number ● <StartFreq>,<StopFreq>: start and stop frequency of the range ● <RBW>: resolution bandwidth ● <PeakFreq>: frequency of the peak in a range ● <PowerAbs>: absolute power of the peak in dBm ● <PowerRel>: power of the peak in relation to the channel power in dBc ● <PowerDelta>: distance from the peak to the limit line in dB, positive values indicate a failed limit check ● <LimitCheck>: state of the limit check (0 = PASS, 1 = FAIL) ● <Unused1>,<Unused2>: reserved (0.0)
SPURious	Peak list evaluation of Spurious Emission measurements.	
SPECtrogram | SGRam	For every frame in the spectrogram, the command returns the power levels that have been measured, one for each sweep point. The number of frames depends on the size of the history depth. The power level depends on the configured unit. Only REAL,32 format is supported.	

TRACe<n>[:DATA]:MEMory? <Trace>,<OffsSwPoint>,<NoOfSwPoints>

Queries the previously captured trace data for the specified trace from the memory. As an offset and number of sweep points to be retrieved can be specified, the trace data can be retrieved in smaller portions, making the command faster than the `TRAC:DATA?` command. This is useful if only specific parts of the trace data are of interest.

If no parameters are specified with the command, the entire trace data is retrieved; in this case, the command returns the same results as `TRAC:DATA? TRACE1`.

Suffix:

<n> — Window

Query parameters:

<Trace> — TRACE1 | TRACE2 | TRACE3 | TRACE4 | TRACE5 | TRACE6

<OffsSwPoint> — The offset in sweep points related to the start of the measurement at which data retrieval is to start.

<NoOfSwPoints> — Number of sweep points to be retrieved from the trace.

Return values:

<SweepPointValues>

Example: `TRAC:DATA:MEM? TRACE1,25,100`
Retrieves 100 sweep points from trace 1, starting at sweep point 25.

Usage: Query only

TRACe<n>[:DATA]:X? <Trace>

This command queries the measurement results as displayed on the x-axis in the graphical result displays.

Suffix:

<n> — 1..n
Window

Query parameters:

<Trace> — TRACE1 | ... | TRACE6

Selects the trace to be queried.
Note that the available number of traces depends on the result display.
For example, the "Magnitude Capture" result display only supports TRACE1, while the "Time Domain" result display supports TRACE1 to TRACE6.

Return values:

<Result> — <numeric value>

X-axis values of the captured samples in chronological order.

Example: `TRAC:DATA TRACE1`
Queries the results displayed on trace 1.

Usage: Query only

8.5.3 Marker and peak search results

CALCulate<n>:MARKer<m>:FUNCtion:FPEaks:SORT <SortMode>

Selects the order in which the results of a peak search are returned.

Suffix:

<n> Window

<m> Marker

Parameters:

<SortMode>

X
Sorts the peaks according to increasing position on the x-axis.

Y
Sorts the peaks according to decreasing position on the y-axis.

*RST: X

Example: `CALC:MARK:FUNC:FPE:SORT Y`
Sets the sort mode to decreasing y values

CALCulate<n>:MARKer<m>:FUNCtion:FPEaks:X?

Queries the position of the peaks on the x-axis.

The order depends on the sort order that has been set with `CALCulate<n>:MARKer<m>:FUNCtion:FPEaks:SORT`.

Suffix:

<n> irrelevant

<m> irrelevant

Return values:

<PeakPosition> Position of the peaks on the x-axis. The unit depends on the measurement.

Usage: Query only

CALCulate<n>:MARKer<m>:FUNCtion:FPEaks:Y?

Queries the position of the peaks on the y-axis.

The order depends on the sort order that has been set with `CALCulate<n>:MARKer<m>:FUNCtion:FPEaks:SORT`.

Suffix:

<n> irrelevant

<m> irrelevant

Return values:

<PeakPosition> Position of the peaks on the y-axis. The unit depends on the measurement.

Usage: Query only

CALCulate<n>:DELTamarker<m>:X <Position>

Moves a delta marker to a particular coordinate on the x-axis.

If necessary, the command activates the delta marker and positions a reference marker to the peak power.

Suffix:

<n> Window

<m> Marker

Parameters:

<Position> Numeric value that defines the marker position on the x-axis.

Range: The value range and unit depend on the measurement and scale of the x-axis.

Example: `CALC:DELT:X?`
Outputs the absolute x-value of delta marker 1.

CALCulate<n>:DELTamarker<m>:Y?

Queries the result at the position of the specified delta marker.

Suffix:

<n> 1..n

<m> 1..n

Return values:

<Result> Result at the position of the delta marker.
The unit is variable and depends on the one you have currently set.

Default unit: DBM

Usage: Query only

CALCulate<n>:MARKer<m>:X <Position>

Moves a marker to a specific coordinate on the x-axis.

If necessary, the command activates the marker.

If the marker has been used as a delta marker, the command turns it into a normal marker.

Suffix:

<n> Window

<m> Marker

Parameters:

<Position> Numeric value that defines the marker position on the x-axis.
The unit depends on the result display.

Range: The range depends on the current x-axis range.
Default unit: Hz

Example: `CALC:MARK2:X 1.7MHz`
Positions marker 2 to frequency 1.7 MHz.

Manual operation: See "Marker Table" on page 16
See "Marker Peak List" on page 16

CALCulate<n>:MARKer<m>:Y?

Queries the result at the position of the specified marker.

Suffix:

<n> 1..n

<m> 1..n

Return values:

<Result> Default unit: DBM

Usage: Query only

Manual operation: See "Marker Table" on page 16
See "Marker Peak List" on page 16

MMEMory:STORe<n>:LIST <FileName>

Exports the SEM and spurious emission list evaluation to a file.

The file format is *.dat.

Secure User Mode

In secure user mode, settings that are stored on the instrument are stored to volatile memory, which is restricted to 256 MB. Thus, a "memory limit reached" error can occur although the hard disk indicates that storage space is still available.

To store data permanently, select an external storage location such as a USB memory device.

For details, see "Protecting Data Using the Secure User Mode" in the "Data Management" section of the R&S ESW base unit user manual.

Suffix:
<n> Window

Parameters:
<FileName> String containing the path and name of the target file.

Example: `MMEM:STOR:LIST 'test'`
Stores the current list evaluation results in the `test.dat` file.

8.6 Measurement configuration

8.6.1 Input configuration

8.6.1.1 RF input

INPut:ATTenuation:PROTection:RESet

Resets the attenuator and reconnects the RF input with the input mixer for the R&S ESW after an overload condition occurred and the protection mechanism intervened. The error status bit (bit 3 in the `STAT:QUES:POW` status register) and the `INPUT OVLD` message in the status bar are cleared.

The command works only if the overload condition has been eliminated first.

Example: `INP:ATT:PROT:RES`

INPut:COUPling <CouplingType>

Selects the coupling type of the RF input.

Parameters:

<CouplingType> AC | DC

AC
AC coupling

DC
DC coupling

*RST: AC

Example: `INP:COUP DC`

Manual operation: See "Input Coupling" on page 49

INPut:IMPedance <Impedance>

Selects the nominal input impedance of the RF input. In some applications, only 50 Ω are supported.

Parameters:

<Impedance> 50 | 75

numeric value
User-defined impedance from 50 Ohm to 100000000 Ohm (=100 MOhm)
User-defined values are only available for the Spectrum application, the I/Q Analyzer, and some optional applications.

*RST: 50 Ω
Default unit: OHM

Example: `INP:IMP 75`

Manual operation: See "Impedance" on page 49
See "Unit" on page 54

INPut:ATTenuation:LIMiter[:STATe] <State>

This command turns the pulse limiter on and off.

The pulse limiter is an additional protection mechanism for the second RF input that attenuates high level pulses.

Parameters:

<State> ON | OFF | 1 | 0

*RST: ON

Example: //Turn on pulse limiter
`INP:ATT:LIM ON`

Manual operation: See "Pulse Limiter" on page 49

INPut:TYPE <Input>

The command selects the input path.

Parameters:

<Input>

INPUT1
Selects RF input 1.

INPUT2
Selects RF input 2.

*RST: INPUT1

Example: //Select input path
`INP:TYPE INPUT1`

Manual operation: See "Input Selection" on page 48

8.6.1.2 External mixer (Optional)

The remote commands to configure external mixers are the same as in the Spectrum application.

For a comprehensive list of commands, refer to the user manual of the R&S ESW Spectrum application.

8.6.1.3 Preselector configuration

The remote commands to configure the preselector are the same as in the Receiver application.

For a comprehensive list of commands, refer to the user manual of the R&S ESW.

8.6.1.4 External generator configuration (Optional)

The remote commands to configure external generator are the same as in the Receiver application.

For a comprehensive list of commands, refer to the user manual of the R&S ESW.

8.6.1.5 LISN configuration

The remote commands to configure LISNs are the same as in the Receiver application.

For a comprehensive list of commands, refer to the user manual of the R&S ESW.

8.6.2 Amplitude configuration

Commands to configure the amplitude described elsewhere.

- [SENSe:]ADJust:LEVel on page 135

CALCulate<n>:MARKer<m>:FUNCtion:REFerence

Matches the reference level to the power level of a marker.

If you use the command in combination with a delta marker, that delta marker is turned into a normal marker.

Suffix:

<n> Window

<m> Marker

Example: `CALC:MARK2:FUNC:REF`
Sets the reference level to the level of marker 2.

CALCulate<n>:UNIT:POWer <Unit>

Selects the power unit.

The unit applies to all power-based measurement windows with absolute values.

In addition, the unit of the reference level is adapted to the same unit.

Suffix:

<n> irrelevant

Parameters:

<Unit> *RST: dBm

Example: `CALC:UNIT:POW DBM`
Sets the power unit to dBm.

Manual operation: See "Unit" on page 54

DISPlay[:WINDow<n>][:SUBWindow<w>]:TRACe<t>:Y[:SCALe]:RLEVel <ReferenceLevel>

Defines the reference level (for all traces in all windows).

With a reference level offset ≠ 0, the value range of the reference level is modified by the offset.

Suffix:

<n>	irrelevant
<w>	subwindow Not supported by all applications
<t>	irrelevant

Parameters:

<ReferenceLevel> The unit is variable.

Range: see specifications document
*RST: 0 dBm
Default unit: DBM

Example: `DISP:TRAC:Y:RLEV -60dBm`

Manual operation: See "Reference Level" on page 53

DISPlay[:WINDow<n>][:SUBWindow<w>]:TRACe<t>:Y[:SCALe]:RLEVel:OFFSet <Offset>

Defines a reference level offset (for all traces in all windows).

Suffix:

<n>	irrelevant
<w>	subwindow Not supported by all applications
<t>	irrelevant

Parameters:

<Offset> Range: -200 dB to 200 dB
*RST: 0dB
Default unit: DB

Example: `DISP:TRAC:Y:RLEV:OFFS -10dB`

Manual operation: See "Shifting the Display (Offset)" on page 54

8.6.3 Signal attenuation

INPut:ATTenuation:AUTO <State>

This command turns automatic determination of the attenuation level on and off.

When you turn it on, the R&S ESW selects an attenuation that results in a good signal-to-noise ratio without overloading the RF input.

Parameters:

<State> ON | OFF

ON
Selects automatic attenuation mode.

OFF
Selects manual attenuation mode.

*RST: ON

Example: //Turn on auto ranging
`INP:ATT:AUTO ON`

Manual operation: See "Attenuation" on page 55

INPut:ATTenuation:PROTection[:STATe] <State>

This command turns the availability of attenuation levels of 10 dB or less on and off.

Parameters:

<State> ON | OFF | 1 | 0

*RST: 1

Example: //Turn on input protection
`INP:ATT:PROT ON`

Manual operation: See "10 dB Minimum Attenuation" on page 55

INPut:ATTenuation[:VALue] <Attenuation>

This command defines the attenuation at the RF input.

To protect the input mixer, attenuation levels of 10 dB or less are possible only if you have turned off the input protection with `INPut:ATTenuation:PROTection[:STATe]` on page 111.

Example: //Define attenuation
`INP:ATT 40dB`

Manual operation: See "Attenuation" on page 55

8.6.4 Preamplifier configuration

INPut:GAIN:LNA:STATe <State>

This command turns the optional low noise amplifier on and off.

Note that it is not possible to use the low noise amplifier and the preamplifier at the same time.

Parameters:

<State> ON | OFF | 1 | 0

*RST: OFF

Example: //Turn on low noise preamplifier
`INP:GAIN:LNA:STAT ON`

Manual operation: See "Preamplifier" on page 55

INPut:GAIN:STATe <State>

This command turns the preamplifier on and off.

Parameters:

<State> ON | OFF | 1 | 0

*RST: OFF

Example: //Turn on preamplifier
`INP:GAIN:STAT ON`

Manual operation: See "Preamplifier" on page 55

8.6.5 Y-Axis scaling

DISPlay[:WINDow<n>][:SUBWindow<w>]:TRACe<t>:Y[:SCALe] <Range>

Defines the display range of the y-axis (for all traces).

Note that the command works only for a logarithmic scaling. You can select the scaling with `DISPlay[:WINDow<n>][:SUBWindow<w>]:TRACe<t>:Y:SPACing`.

Suffix:

<n> Window

<w> subwindow
Not supported by all applications

<t> irrelevant

Parameters:

<Range> Range: 1 dB to 200 dB
*RST: 100 dB
Default unit: HZ

Example: `DISP:TRAC:Y 110dB`

Manual operation: See "Range" on page 56
See "Y-Axis Max" on page 57

DISPlay[:WINDow<n>][:SUBWindow<w>]:TRACe<t>:Y[:SCALe]:AUTO ONCE

Automatic scaling of the y-axis is performed once, then switched off again (for all traces).

Suffix:

<n> Window

<t> irrelevant

DISPlay[:WINDow<n>][:SUBWindow<w>]:TRACe<t>:Y[:SCALe]:MODE <Mode>

Selects the type of scaling of the y-axis (for all traces).

When the display update during remote control is off, this command has no immediate effect.

Suffix:

<n> Window

<w> subwindow

<t> irrelevant

Parameters:

<Mode>

ABSolute
absolute scaling of the y-axis

RELative
relative scaling of the y-axis

*RST: ABSolute

Example: `DISP:TRAC:Y:MODE REL`

Manual operation: See "Scaling" on page 57

DISPlay[:WINDow<n>][:SUBWindow<w>]:TRACe<t>:Y[:SCALe]:RPOSition <Position>

Defines the vertical position of the reference level on the display grid (for all traces).

The R&S ESW adjusts the scaling of the y-axis accordingly.

For measurements with the optional external generator control, the command defines the position of the reference value.

Suffix:

<n> Window

<w> subwindow
Not supported by all applications

<t> irrelevant

Parameters:

<Position> 0 PCT corresponds to the lower display border, 100% corresponds to the upper display border.
*RST: 100 PCT = frequency display; 50 PCT = time display
Default unit: PCT

Example: `DISP:TRAC:Y:RPOS 50PCT`

Manual operation: See "Ref Level Position" on page 56

DISPlay[:WINDow<n>][:SUBWindow<w>]:TRACe<t>:Y:SPACing <ScalingType>

Selects the scaling of the y-axis (for all traces, <t> is irrelevant).

Suffix:

<n> Window

<w> subwindow

<t> Trace

Parameters:

<ScalingType>

LOGarithmic
Logarithmic scaling.

LINear
Linear scaling in %.

LDB
Linear scaling in the specified unit.

PERCent
Linear scaling in %.

*RST: LOGarithmic

Example: `DISP:TRAC:Y:SPAC LIN`
Selects linear scaling in %.

Manual operation: See "Scaling" on page 57

8.6.6 Frequency configuration

CALCulate<n>:MARKer<m>:FUNCtion:CENTer

Matches the center frequency to the frequency of a marker.

If you use the command in combination with a delta marker, that delta marker is turned into a normal marker.

Suffix:

<n> Window

<m> Marker

Example: `CALC:MARK2:FUNC:CENT`
Sets the center frequency to the frequency of marker 2.

[SENSe:]FREQuency:CENTer <Frequency>

Defines the center frequency.

Parameters:

<Frequency> For the allowed range and f_{max}, refer to the specifications document.
*RST: fmax/2
Default unit: Hz

Example:
```
FREQ:CENT 100 MHz
FREQ:CENT:STEP 10 MHz
FREQ:CENT UP
```
Sets the center frequency to 110 MHz.

Manual operation: See "Center Frequency" on page 58

[SENSe:]FREQuency:CENTer:STEP <StepSize>

Defines the center frequency step size.

You can increase or decrease the center frequency quickly in fixed steps using the `SENS:FREQ UP` AND `SENS:FREQ DOWN` commands, see `[SENSe:]FREQuency:CENTer` on page 115.

Parameters:

<StepSize> For f_{max}, refer to the specifications document.
Range: 1 to fMAX
*RST: 0.1 x span
Default unit: Hz

Example: //Set the center frequency to 110 MHz.
```
FREQ:CENT 100 MHz
FREQ:CENT:STEP 10 MHz
FREQ:CENT UP
```

Manual operation: See "Center Frequency Stepsize" on page 58

[SENSe:]FREQuency:CENTer:STEP:AUTO <State>

Couples or decouples the center frequency step size to the span.

In time domain (zero span) measurements, the center frequency is coupled to the RBW.

Parameters:

<State> ON | OFF | 0 | 1

*RST: 1

Example: `FREQ:CENT:STEP:AUTO ON`

Activates the coupling of the step size to the span.

[SENSe:]FREQuency:OFFSet <Offset>

Defines a frequency offset.

If this value is not 0 Hz, the application assumes that the input signal was frequency shifted outside the application. All results of type "frequency" will be corrected for this shift numerically by the application.

See also "Frequency Offset" on page 59.

Parameters:

<Offset> Range: -1 THz to 1 THz

*RST: 0 Hz

Default unit: HZ

Example: `FREQ:OFFS 1GHZ`

Manual operation: See "Frequency Offset" on page 59

8.6.7 Trigger configuration

*OPC should be used after requesting data. This will hold off any subsequent changes to the selected trigger source, until after the sweep is completed and the data is returned.

TRIGger[:SEQuence]:DTIMe <DropoutTime>

Defines the time the input signal must stay below the trigger level before a trigger is detected again.

Parameters:

<DropoutTime> Dropout time of the trigger.

Range: 0 s to 10.0 s
*RST: 0 s
Default unit: S

Manual operation: See "Drop-Out Time" on page 63

TRIGger<tp>[:SEQuence]:HOLDoff[:TIME] <Offset>

Defines the time offset between the trigger event and the start of the sweep (data capturing).

A negative offset is possible for time domain measurements.

For the trigger sources "External" or "IF Power", a common input signal is used for both trigger and gate. Therefore, changes to the gate delay affect the trigger offset as well.

Suffix:

<tp> irrelevant

Parameters:

<Offset> Range for measurements in the frequency domain:
0 s to 30 s
Range for measurements in the time domain:
negative sweep time to 30 s

*RST: 0 s
Default unit: s

Example: //Define a trigger offset
```
TRIG:HOLD 500us
```

Manual operation: See "Trigger Offset" on page 62

TRIGger[:SEQuence]:IFPower:HOLDoff <Period>

Defines the holding time before the next trigger event.

Note that this command can be used for **any trigger source**, not just IF Power (despite the legacy keyword).

Note: If you perform gated measurements in combination with the IF Power trigger, the R&S ESW ignores the holding time for frequency sweep, FFT sweep, zero span and I/Q data measurements.

Parameters:

<Period> Range: 0 s to 10 s
*RST: 0 s
Default unit: S

Example: `TRIG:SOUR EXT`
Sets an external trigger source.
`TRIG:IFP:HOLD 200 ns`
Sets the holding time to 200 ns.

Manual operation: See "Trigger Holdoff" on page 63

TRIGger[:SEQuence]:IFPower:HYSTeresis <Hysteresis>

Defines the trigger hysteresis, which is only available for "IF Power" trigger sources.

Parameters:
<Hysteresis> Range: 3 dB to 50 dB
*RST: 3 dB
Default unit: DB

Example: `TRIG:SOUR IFP`
Sets the IF power trigger source.
`TRIG:IFP:HYST 10DB`
Sets the hysteresis limit value.

Manual operation: See "Hysteresis" on page 63

TRIGger<tp>[:SEQuence]:LEVel[:EXTernal] <Level>

Defines the level the external signal must exceed to cause a trigger event.

Note that the variable [Input/Output] connectors must be set for use as input using the `OUTPut:TRIGger<tp>:DIRection` command.

In the I/Q Analyzer application, only `EXTernal` is supported.

Suffix:
<tp> irrelevant

Parameters:
<Level> Default unit: V

Example: //Define a trigger level of 2 V for an external trigger source
`TRIG:SOUR EXT`
`TRIG:LEV 2V`

Manual operation: See "Trigger Level" on page 62

TRIGger[:SEQuence]:LEVel:IFPower <TriggerLevel>

Defines the power level at the third intermediate frequency that must be exceeded to cause a trigger event.

Note that any RF attenuation or preamplification is considered when the trigger level is analyzed. If defined, a reference level offset is also considered.

Parameters:

<TriggerLevel> For details on available trigger levels and trigger bandwidths, see the specifications document.

*RST: -20 dBm
Default unit: DBM

Example: `TRIG:LEV:IFP -30DBM`

Manual operation: See "Trigger Level" on page 62

TRIGger[:SEQuence]:LEVel:IQPower <TriggerLevel>

Defines the magnitude the I/Q data must exceed to cause a trigger event.

Note that any RF attenuation or preamplification is considered when the trigger level is analyzed. If defined, a reference level offset is also considered.

Parameters:

<TriggerLevel> Range: -130 dBm to 30 dBm
*RST: -20 dBm
Default unit: DBM

Example: `TRIG:LEV:IQP -30DBM`

Manual operation: See "Trigger Level" on page 62

TRIGger[:SEQuence]:LEVel:RFPower <TriggerLevel>

Defines the power level the RF input must exceed to cause a trigger event. Note that any RF attenuation or preamplification is considered when the trigger level is analyzed. If defined, a reference level offset is also considered.

The input signal must be between 500 MHz and 8 GHz.

Parameters:

<TriggerLevel> For details on available trigger levels and trigger bandwidths, see the specifications document.

*RST: -20 dBm
Default unit: DBM

Example: `TRIG:LEV:RFP -30dBm`

Manual operation: See "Trigger Level" on page 62

TRIGger<tp>[:SEQuence]:SLOPe <Type>

Selects the trigger slope.

Suffix:

<tp> irrelevant

Parameters:

<Type> **POSitive**
Triggers when the signal rises to the trigger level (rising edge).

NEGative
Triggers when the signal drops to the trigger level (falling edge).

*RST: POSitive

Example: //Select trigger slope
`TRIG:SLOP NEG`

Manual operation: See "Slope" on page 63

TRIGger<tp>[:SEQuence]:SOURce <Source>

Selects the trigger source.

Note on external triggers:

If a measurement is configured to wait for an external trigger signal in a remote control program, remote control is blocked until the trigger is received and the program can continue. Make sure that this situation is avoided in your remote control programs.

Suffix:
<tp> irrelevant

Parameters:
<Source> See table below.

*RST: IMMediate

Example: //Select external trigger input as source of the trigger signal
`TRIG:SOUR EXT`

Manual operation: See "Trigger Source" on page 60
See "Free Run" on page 60
See "Ext. Trigger 1/2" on page 60
See "IF Power" on page 61
See "I/Q Power" on page 61
See "RF Power" on page 61
See "Time" on page 62

Table 8-4: Available trigger sources

SCPI parameter	Trigger source
EXTernal	Trigger signal from the [Trigger Input] connector.
EXT2 | EXT3	Trigger signal from the [Trigger Input/Output] connector. Note: Connector must be configured for "Input".
IFPower	Second intermediate frequency.
IMMediate	Free Run trigger.
IQPower	Magnitude of sampled I/Q data. For applications that process I/Q data, such as the I/Q analyzer or optional applications.
RFPower	First intermediate frequency.
TIME	Time interval

TRIGger[:SEQuence]:TIME:RINTerval <Interval>

Defines the repetition interval for the time trigger.

Parameters:

<Interval> numeric value

Range: 2 ms to 5000 s
*RST: 1.0 s
Default unit: S

Example: `TRIG:SOUR TIME`
Selects the time trigger input for triggering.
`TRIG:TIME:RINT 5`
The sweep starts every 5 s.

Manual operation: See "Repetition Interval" on page 62

8.6.8 Trigger output

OUTPut:TRIGger<tp>:DIRection <Direction>

Selects the trigger direction for trigger ports that serve as an input as well as an output.

Suffix:

<tp> Selects the used trigger port.
2 = trigger port 2 (front)
3 = trigger port 3 (rear panel)

Parameters:

<Direction> INPut | OUTPut

INPut
Port works as an input.

OUTPut
Port works as an output.

*RST: INPut

Manual operation: See "Trigger 2/3" on page 51

OUTPut:TRIGger<tp>:LEVel <Level>

Defines the level of the (TTL compatible) signal generated at the trigger output.

Works only if you have selected a user-defined output with `OUTPut:TRIGger<tp>:OTYPe`.

Suffix:
<tp> 1..n
Selects the trigger port to which the output is sent.
2 = trigger port 2 (front)
3 = trigger port 3 (rear)

Parameters:
<Level>

HIGH
5 V

LOW
0 V

*RST: LOW

Example: `OUTP:TRIG2:LEV HIGH`

Manual operation: See "Level" on page 52

OUTPut:TRIGger<tp>:OTYPe <OutputType>

Selects the type of signal generated at the trigger output.

Suffix:
<tp> 1..n
Selects the trigger port to which the output is sent.
2 = trigger port 2 (front)
3 = trigger port 3 (rear)

Parameters:
<OutputType>

DEVice
Sends a trigger signal when the R&S ESW has triggered internally.

TARMed
Sends a trigger signal when the trigger is armed and ready for an external trigger event.

UDEFined
Sends a user-defined trigger signal. For more information, see `OUTPut:TRIGger<tp>:LEVel`.

*RST: DEVice

Manual operation: See "Output Type" on page 51

OUTPut:TRIGger<tp>:PULSe:IMMediate

Generates a pulse at the trigger output.

Suffix:
<tp> 1..n
Selects the trigger port to which the output is sent.
2 = trigger port 2 (front)
3 = trigger port 3 (rear)

Manual operation: See "Send Trigger" on page 52

OUTPut:TRIGger<tp>:PULSe:LENGth <Length>

Defines the length of the pulse generated at the trigger output.

Suffix:

<tp> Selects the trigger port to which the output is sent.
2 = trigger port 2 (front)
3 = trigger port 3 (rear)

Parameters:

<Length> Pulse length in seconds.
Default unit: S

Example: `OUTP:TRIG2:PULS:LENG 0.02`

Manual operation: See "Pulse Length" on page 52

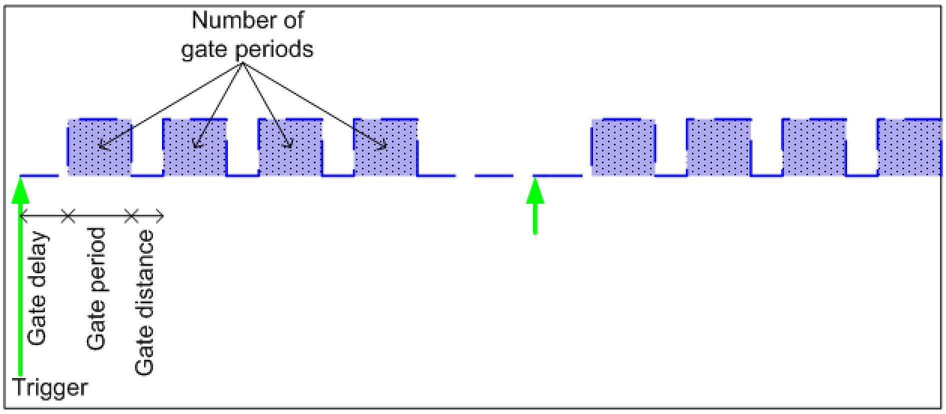
8.6.9 Gated measurements

Usually in spectrum analysis, measurements are based on a certain length of time called the gate area. With I/Q gating, you can define the gate area using the gate length, the distance between the capture periods and the number of periods. The gate length and the distance between the capture periods are specified in samples.

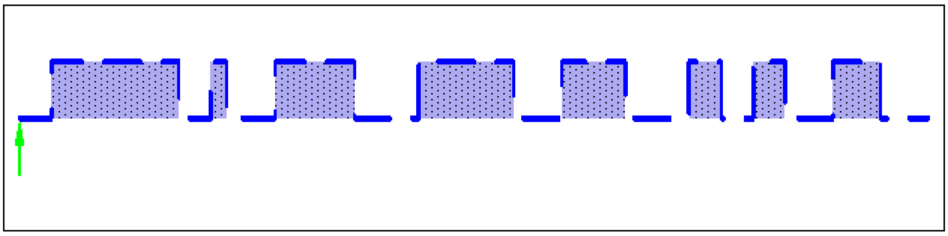
I/Q gating is only available using remote commands; manual configuration is not possible.

Using I/Q gating, the gate area can be defined using the following methods:

- Edge triggered capturing
  After a trigger signal, the gate period is defined by a gate length and a gate distance. All data in the gate period is captured until the required number of samples has been captured.



- Level triggered capturing
  After a trigger signal, all data is captured in which the gate signal is set to 1, which means it has exceeded a level. In this case, the gate signal can be generated by the IFP trigger, for example: each time the IFP level is exceeded, the IFP trigger signal is set to 1 and the samples in this area are captured as gate samples.



The number of complex samples to be captured prior to the trigger event can be selected (see TRACe:IQ:SET on page 129) for all available trigger sources, except for "Free Run".

TRACe:IQ:EGATe[:STATe] <State>

Turns gated measurements with the I/Q analyzer on and off.

Before you can use the command you have to turn on the I/Q analyzer and select an external or IF power trigger source.

Parameters:

<State> ON | OFF

Example: TRAC:IQ:EGAT ON

TRACe:IQ:EGATe:GAP <Samples>

Defines the interval between several gate periods for gated measurements with the I/Q analyzer.

Parameters:

<Samples> <numeric value>

Max = (440 MS * sample rate/200MHz) -1
pretrigger samples defined by TRACe:IQ:SET;
sample rate defined by TRACe:IQ:SRATe)

Range: 1…Max (samples)
*RST: 1

Example: `TRAC:IQ:EGAT:GAP 2`

TRACe:IQ:EGATe:LENGth <GateLength>

Defines the gate length for gated measurements with the I/Q analyzer.

Parameters:

<GateLength> <numeric value>

Max = (440 MS * sample rate/200MHz) -1
pretrigger samples defined by TRACe:IQ:SET;
sample rate defined by TRACe:IQ:SRATe)

Range: 1…Max (samples)
*RST: 100

Example: `TRAC:IQ:EGAT:LENG 2000`

TRACe:IQ:EGATe:NOF <Number>

Defines the number of gate periods after the trigger signal for gated measurements with the I/Q analyzer.

Parameters:

<Number> Range: 1 to 1023
*RST: 1

Example: `TRAC:IQ:EGAT:NOF 2`

TRACe:IQ:EGATe:TYPE <Type>

Selects the gate mode for gated measurements with the I/Q analyzer.

Note: The IF power trigger holdoff time is ignored if you are using the "Level" gate mode in combination with an IF Power trigger.

Parameters:

<Type> **LEVel**

EDGE

*RST: EDGE

Example: `TRAC:IQ:EGAT:TYPE LEV`

8.6.10 Data acquisition

Commands to configure the data acquisition described elsewhere.

- `[SENSe:]SWEep:COUNt` on page 94
- `[SENSe:]SWEep[:WINDow<n>]:POINts` on page 95
- `[SENSe:]SWEep:TIME` on page 95

[SENSe:]IQ:BWIDth:MODE <Mode>

Defines how the resolution bandwidth is determined.

Parameters:

<Mode> AUTO | MANual | FFT

AUTO
(Default) The RBW is determined automatically depending on the sample rate and record length.

MANual
The user-defined RBW is used and the (FFT) window length (and possibly the sample rate) are adapted accordingly. The RBW is defined using the `[SENSe:]IQ:BWIDth:RESolution` command.

FFT
The RBW is determined by the FFT parameters.

*RST: AUTO

Example:
`IQ:BAND:MODE MAN`
Switches to manual RBW mode.
`IQ:BAND:RES 120000`
Sets the RBW to 120 kHz.

Manual operation: See "RBW" on page 65

[SENSe:]IQ:BWIDth:RESolution <Bandwidth>

Defines the resolution bandwidth manually if `[SENSe:]IQ:BWIDth:MODE` is set to `MAN`.

Defines the resolution bandwidth. The available RBW values depend on the sample rate and record length.

For details see Chapter 4.5.4, "Frequency resolution of FFT results - RBW", on page 29.

Parameters:

<Bandwidth> refer to specifications document

*RST: RBW: AUTO mode is used
Default unit: HZ

Example:
`IQ:BAND:MODE MAN`
Switches to manual RBW mode.
`IQ:BAND:RES 120000`
Sets the RBW to 120 kHz.

Manual operation: See "RBW" on page 65

[SENSe:]IQ:FFT:ALGorithm <Method>

Defines the FFT calculation method.

Parameters:

<Method>

SINGle
One FFT is calculated for the entire record length; if the FFT length is larger than the record length (see `[SENSe:]IQ:FFT:LENGth` and `TRACe:IQ:RLENgth`), zeros are appended to the captured data.

AVERage
Several overlapping FFTs are calculated for each record; the results are averaged to determine the final FFT result for the record.
The user-defined window length and window overlap are used. See `[SENSe:]IQ:FFT:WINDow:LENGth` and `[SENSe:]IQ:FFT:WINDow:OVERlap`.

*RST: AVER

Example: `IQ:FFT:ALG SING`

Manual operation: See "Transformation Algorithm" on page 66

[SENSe:]IQ:FFT:LENGth <NoOfBins>

Defines the number of frequency points determined by each FFT calculation. The more points are used, the higher the resolution in the spectrum becomes, but the longer the calculation takes.

Parameters:

<NoOfBins> integer value

Range: 3 to 524288
*RST: 4096

Example: `IQ:FFT:LENG 2048`

Manual operation: See "FFT Length" on page 66

[SENSe:]IQ:FFT:WINDow:LENGth <NoOfFFT>

Defines the number of samples to be included in a single FFT window when multiple FFT windows are used.

Parameters:

<NoOfFFT> integer value

Range: 3 to 4096
*RST: record length

Example: `IQ:FFT:WIND:LENG 500`

Manual operation: See "Window Length" on page 67

[SENSe:]IQ:FFT:WINDow:OVERlap <Rate>

Defines the part of a single FFT window that is re-calculated by the next FFT calculation.

Parameters:

<Rate> double value

Percentage rate

Range: 0 to 1
*RST: 0.75

Example: `IQ:FFT:WIND:OVER 0.5`
Half of each window overlaps the previous window in FFT calculation.

Manual operation: See "Window Overlap" on page 67

[SENSe:]IQ:FFT:WINDow:TYPE <Function>

In the I/Q Analyzer you can select one of several FFT window types.

Parameters:

<Function>

BLACkharris
Blackman-Harris

FLATtop
Flattop

GAUSsian
Gauss

RECTangular
Rectangular

P5
5-Term

*RST: FLAT

Example: `IQ:FFT:WIND:TYPE GAUS`

Manual operation: See "Window Function" on page 67

[SENSe:]SWAPiq <State>

Defines whether or not the recorded I/Q pairs should be swapped (I<->Q) before being processed. Swapping I and Q inverts the sideband.

This is useful if the DUT interchanged the I and Q parts of the signal; then the R&S ESW can do the same to compensate for it.

Parameters:

<State>

ON | 1
I and Q signals are interchanged
Inverted sideband, Q+j*I

OFF | 0
I and Q signals are not interchanged
Normal sideband, I+j*Q
*RST: 0

Manual operation: See "Swap I/Q" on page 65

TRACe:IQ:BWIDth

Defines or queries the bandwidth of the resampling filter.

The bandwidth of the resampling filter depends on the sample rate.

Parameters:
<Bandwidth> For details on the maximum bandwidth see Chapter 4.2.1, "Sample rate and maximum usable I/Q bandwidth for RF input", on page 21.
Default unit: HZ

Manual operation: See "Analysis Bandwidth" on page 64

TRACe:IQ:RLENgth <NoOfSamples>

Sets the record length for the acquired I/Q data.

Increasing the record length also increases the measurement time.

Note: Alternatively, you can define the measurement time using the `SENS:SWE:TIME` command.

Parameters:
<NoOfSamples> Number of samples to record.
See Chapter 4.2.1, "Sample rate and maximum usable I/Q bandwidth for RF input", on page 21.
*RST: 1001

Example: `TRAC:IQ:RLEN 256`

Manual operation: See "Record Length" on page 65

TRACe:IQ:SET <NORM>, <0>, <SampleRate>, <TriggerMode>, <TriggerSlope>, <PretriggerSamp>, <NumberSamples>

Sets up the R&S ESW for I/Q measurements.

If you do not use this command to set up I/Q measurements, the R&S ESW will use its current settings for I/Q measurements.

If the I/Q Analyzer has not been turned on previously, the command also switches to the I/Q Analyzer.

Note: If you use the default settings with `TRACe:IQ:DATA?`?, the following minimum buffer sizes for the response data are recommended:

ASCII format: 10 kBytes

Binary format: 2 kBytes

Parameters:

<NORM> — This value is always `NORM`.

<0> — Default unit: HZ
This value is always `0`.

<SampleRate> — Sample rate for the data acquisition.
Range: 100 Hz to 20 GHz, continuously adjustable
*RST: 32000000
Default unit: HZ

<TriggerMode> — Selection of the trigger source used for the measurement.
IMMediate | EXTernal | EXT2 | EXT3 | IFPower
For IMM mode, gating is automatically deactivated.
*RST: IMM

<TriggerSlope> — Used trigger slope.
POSitive | NEGative
*RST: POS

<PretriggerSamp> — Defines the trigger offset in terms of pretrigger samples. Negative values correspond to a trigger delay.
This value also defines the interval between the trigger signal and the gate edge in samples.
Range: -1399999999 to 1399999999
*RST: 0

<NumberSamples> — Number of measurement values to record (including the pretrigger samples).
See Chapter 4.2.1, "Sample rate and maximum usable I/Q bandwidth for RF input", on page 21.
*RST: 1001

Example:

```
TRAC:IQ:SET NORM,0,32MHz,EXT,POS,0,2048
```

Reads 2048 I/Q-values starting at the trigger point.
sample rate = 32 MHz
trigger = External
slope = Positive

```
TRAC:IQ:SET NORM,0,4 MHz,EXT,POS,1024,512
```

Reads 512 I/Q-values from 1024 measurement points before the trigger point.
filter type = NORMAL
sample rate = 4 MHz
trigger = External
slope = Positive

Manual operation: See "Record Length" on page 65

TRACe:IQ:SRATe <SampleRate>

Sets the final user sample rate for the acquired I/Q data. Thus, the user sample rate can be modified without affecting the actual data capturing settings on the R&S ESW.

Note: The smaller the user sample rate, the smaller the usable I/Q bandwidth, see Chapter 4.2.1, "Sample rate and maximum usable I/Q bandwidth for RF input", on page 21.

Parameters:

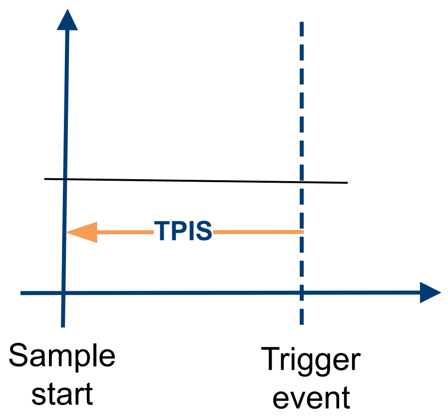
<SampleRate> The valid sample rates are described in Chapter 4.2.1, "Sample rate and maximum usable I/Q bandwidth for RF input", on page 21.

*RST: 32 MHz
Default unit: HZ

Manual operation: See "Sample Rate" on page 64

TRACe:IQ:TPISample?

Queries the time offset from the sample start to the trigger event (trigger point in sample = TPIS). Since the R&S ESW usually samples with a much higher sample rate than the specific application actually requires, the trigger point determined internally is much more precise than the one determined from the (downsampled) data in the application. Thus, the TPIS indicates the offset from the sample start to the actual trigger event.



This value can only be determined in triggered measurements using external or IFPower triggers, otherwise the value is 0.

Return values:

<TPIS> numeric value

Default unit: s

Example: `TRAC:IQ:TPIS?`
Result for a sample rate of 1 MHz: between 0 and 1/1 MHz, i.e. between 0 and 1 µs (the duration of 1 sample).

Usage: Query only

8.6.11 Automatic configuration

[SENSe:]ADJust:ALL

Initiates a measurement to determine and set the ideal settings for the current task automatically (only once for the current measurement).

This includes:

- Reference level

Example: `ADJ:ALL`

Manual operation: See "Adjusting all Determinable Settings Automatically (Auto All)" on page 70

[SENSe:]ADJust:CONFigure:LEVel:DURation <Duration>

To determine the ideal reference level, the R&S ESW performs a measurement on the current input data. This command defines the length of the measurement if `[SENSe:]ADJust:CONFigure:LEVel:DURation:MODE` is set to `MANual`.

Parameters:

<Duration> Numeric value in seconds

Range: 0.001 to 16000.0
*RST: 0.001
Default unit: s

Example:
`ADJ:CONF:DUR:MODE MAN`
Selects manual definition of the measurement length.
`ADJ:CONF:LEV:DUR 5ms`
Length of the measurement is 5 ms.

Manual operation: See "Changing the Automatic Measurement Time (Meas Time Manual)" on page 71

[SENSe:]ADJust:CONFigure:LEVel:DURation:MODE <Mode>

To determine the ideal reference level, the R&S ESW performs a measurement on the current input data. This command selects the way the R&S ESW determines the length of the measurement .

Parameters:

<Mode>

AUTO
The R&S ESW determines the measurement length automatically according to the current input data.

MANual
The R&S ESW uses the measurement length defined by `[SENSe:]ADJust:CONFigure:LEVel:DURation` on page 132.

*RST: AUTO

Manual operation: See "Resetting the Automatic Measurement Time (Meas Time Auto)" on page 71
See "Changing the Automatic Measurement Time (Meas Time Manual)" on page 71

[SENSe:]ADJust:CONFigure:HYSTeresis:LOWer <Threshold>

When the reference level is adjusted automatically using the `[SENSe:]ADJust:LEVel` on page 135 command, the internal attenuators and the preamplifier are also adjusted. To avoid frequent adaptation due to small changes in the input signal, you can define a hysteresis. This setting defines a lower threshold the signal must fall below (compared to the last measurement) before the reference level is adapted automatically.

Parameters:

<Threshold>

Range: 0 dB to 200 dB
*RST: +1 dB
Default unit: dB

Example: `SENS:ADJ:CONF:HYST:LOW 2`
For an input signal level of currently 20 dBm, the reference level is only adjusted when the signal level falls below 18 dBm.

Manual operation: See "Lower Level Hysteresis" on page 71

[SENSe:]ADJust:CONFigure:HYSTeresis:UPPer <Threshold>

When the reference level is adjusted automatically using the `[SENSe:]ADJust:LEVel` on page 135 command, the internal attenuators and the preamplifier are also adjusted. To avoid frequent adaptation due to small changes in the input signal, you can define a hysteresis. This setting defines an upper threshold the signal must exceed (compared to the last measurement) before the reference level is adapted automatically.

Parameters:

<Threshold>
Range: 0 dB to 200 dB
*RST: +1 dB
Default unit: dB

Example: `SENS:ADJ:CONF:HYST:UPP 2`

Example: For an input signal level of currently 20 dBm, the reference level is only adjusted when the signal level rises above 22 dBm.

Manual operation: See "Upper Level Hysteresis" on page 71

[SENSe:]ADJust:CONFigure:TRIGger <State>

Defines the behavior of a triggered measurement when adjusting a setting automatically (using `SENS:ADJ:LEV ON`, for example).

Parameters:

<State> ON | OFF | 0 | 1

ON | 1
(default:) The measurement for adjustment waits for the next trigger.

OFF | 0
The measurement for adjustment is performed without waiting for a trigger (corresponds to "Continue" in manual operation).

*RST: 0

Example:

```
//Use default ref level at 0.00 dBm.
//Define an RF power trigger at -20 dBm
:TRIG:SEQ:SOUR RFP
:TRIG:SEQ:LEV:RFP -20
//Perform adjustment measurement without waiting for trigger
SENS:ADJ:CONF:TRIG OFF
//Perform auto level adjustment
:SENS:ADJ:LEV;*WAI
```

[SENSe:]ADJust:FREQuency

Sets the center frequency to the frequency with the highest signal level in the current frequency range.

Example: `ADJ:FREQ`

Manual operation: See "Adjusting the Center Frequency Automatically (Auto Frequency)" on page 70

[SENSe:]ADJust:LEVel

Initiates a single (internal) measurement that evaluates and sets the ideal reference level for the current input data and measurement settings. Thus, the settings of the RF attenuation and the reference level are optimized for the signal level. The R&S ESW is not overloaded and the dynamic range is not limited by an S/N ratio that is too small.

Example: `ADJ:LEV`

Manual operation: See "Setting the Reference Level Automatically (Auto Level)" on page 54

8.6.12 Result display configuration

DISPlay:FORMat <Format>

Determines which tab is displayed.

Parameters:

<Format>

SPLit
Displays the MultiView tab with an overview of all active channels

SINGle
Displays the measurement channel that was previously focused.

*RST: SING

Example: `DISP:FORM SPL`

DISPlay[:WINDow<n>]:SIZE <Size>

Maximizes the size of the selected result display window *temporarily*. To change the size of several windows on the screen permanently, use the `LAY:SPL` command (see `LAYout:SPLitter` on page 138).

Suffix:

<n> Window

Parameters:

<Size>

LARGe
Maximizes the selected window to full screen.
Other windows are still active in the background.

SMALl
Reduces the size of the selected window to its original size.
If more than one measurement window was displayed originally, these are visible again.

*RST: SMALl

Example: `DISP:WIND2:SIZE LARG`

LAYout:ADD[:WINDow]? <WindowName>, <Direction>, <WindowType>

Adds a window to the display in the active channel.

Is always used as a query so that you immediately obtain the name of the new window as a result.

To replace an existing window, use the `LAYout:REPLace[:WINDow]` command.

Query parameters:

<WindowName> String containing the name of the existing window the new window is inserted next to.
By default, the name of a window is the same as its index. To determine the name and index of all active windows, use the `LAYout:CATalog[:WINDow]?` query.

<Direction> LEFT | RIGHt | ABOVe | BELow
Direction the new window is added relative to the existing window.

<WindowType> text value
Type of result display (evaluation method) you want to add.
See the table below for available parameter values.

Return values:

<NewWindowName> When adding a new window, the command returns its name (by default the same as its number) as a result.

Example: `LAY:ADD? '1',LEFT,MTAB`
Result:
`'2'`
Adds a new window named '2' with a marker table to the left of window 1.

Usage: Query only

Manual operation: See "Magnitude" on page 13
See "Spectrum" on page 13
See "I/Q-Vector" on page 14
See "Real/Imag (I/Q)" on page 15
See "Phase vs. Time" on page 15
See "Marker Table" on page 16
See "Marker Peak List" on page 16

Table 8-5: <WindowType> parameter values for IQ Analyzer application

Parameter value	Window type
FREQ	"Spectrum"
MAGN	"Magnitude"
MTABle	"Marker table"
PEAKlist	"Marker peak list"
PHASe	"Phase vs. time"
RIMAG	"Real/Imag (I/Q)"
VECT	"I/Q Vector"

LAYout:CATalog[:WINDow]?

Queries the name and index of all active windows in the active channel from top left to bottom right. The result is a comma-separated list of values for each window, with the syntax:

<WindowName_1>,<WindowIndex_1>..<WindowName_n>,<WindowIndex_n>

Return values:

<WindowName> string

Name of the window.
In the default state, the name of the window is its index.

<WindowIndex> **numeric value**
Index of the window.

Example: `LAY:CAT?`
Result:
`'2',2,'1',1`
Two windows are displayed, named '2' (at the top or left), and '1' (at the bottom or right).

Usage: Query only

LAYout:IDENtify[:WINDow]? <WindowName>

Queries the **index** of a particular display window in the active channel.

Note: to query the **name** of a particular window, use the `LAYout:WINDow<n>:IDENtify?` query.

Query parameters:

<WindowName> String containing the name of a window.

Return values:

<WindowIndex> Index number of the window.

Example: `LAY:IDEN:WIND? '2'`
Queries the index of the result display named '2'.
Response:
`2`

Usage: Query only

LAYout:REMove[:WINDow] <WindowName>

Removes a window from the display in the active channel.

Setting parameters:

<WindowName> String containing the name of the window. In the default state, the name of the window is its index.

Example: `LAY:REM '2'`
Removes the result display in the window named '2'.

Usage: Setting only

LAYout:REPLace[:WINDow] <WindowName>,<WindowType>

Replaces the window type (for example from "Diagram" to "Result Summary") of an already existing window in the active channel while keeping its position, index and window name.

To add a new window, use the `LAYout:ADD[:WINDow]?` command.

Setting parameters:

<WindowName> String containing the name of the existing window.
By default, the name of a window is the same as its index. To determine the name and index of all active windows in the active channel, use the `LAYout:CATalog[:WINDow]?` query.

<WindowType> Type of result display you want to use in the existing window.
See `LAYout:ADD[:WINDow]?` on page 136 for a list of available window types.

Example: `LAY:REPL:WIND '1',MTAB`
Replaces the result display in window 1 with a marker table.

Usage: Setting only

LAYout:SPLitter <Index1>, <Index2>, <Position>

Changes the position of a splitter and thus controls the size of the windows on each side of the splitter.

Note that windows must have a certain minimum size. If the position you define conflicts with the minimum size of any of the affected windows, the command does not work, but does not return an error.

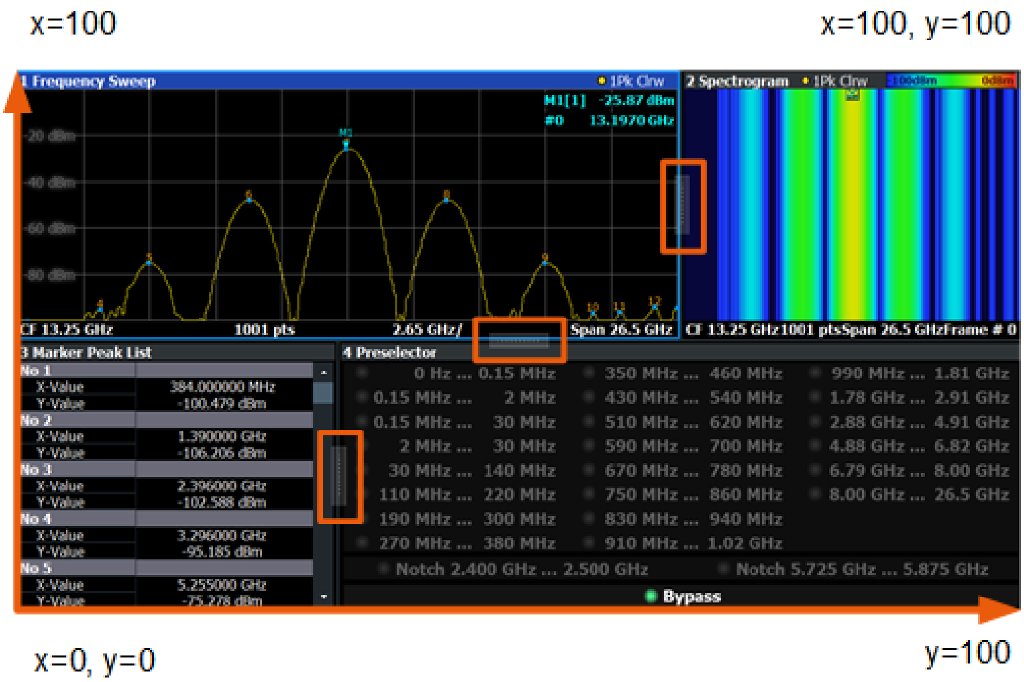


Figure 8-1: SmartGrid coordinates for remote control of the splitters

Setting parameters:

<Index1> The index of one window the splitter controls.

<Index2> The index of a window on the other side of the splitter.

<Position> New vertical or horizontal position of the splitter as a fraction of the screen area (without channel and status bar and softkey menu).
The point of origin (x = 0, y = 0) is in the lower left corner of the screen. The end point (x = 100, y = 100) is in the upper right corner of the screen. (See Figure 8-1.)
The direction in which the splitter is moved depends on the screen layout. If the windows are positioned horizontally, the splitter also moves horizontally. If the windows are positioned vertically, the splitter also moves vertically.
Range: 0 to 100

Example:
```
LAY:SPL 1,3,50
```
Moves the splitter between window 1 ('Frequency Sweep') and 3 ('"Marker Table"') to the center (50%) of the screen, i.e. in the figure above, to the left.

Example: `LAY:SPL 1,4,70`
Moves the splitter between window 1 ('Frequency Sweep') and 3 ('"Marker Peak List"') towards the top (70%) of the screen.
The following commands have the exact same effect, as any combination of windows above and below the splitter moves the splitter vertically.
`LAY:SPL 3,2,70`
`LAY:SPL 4,1,70`
`LAY:SPL 2,1,70`

Usage: Setting only

LAYout:WINDow<n>:ADD? <Direction>,<WindowType>

Adds a measurement window to the display. Note that with this command, the suffix <n> determines the existing window next to which the new window is added. Unlike `LAYout:ADD[:WINDow]?`, for which the existing window is defined by a parameter.

To replace an existing window, use the `LAYout:WINDow<n>:REPLace` command.

Is always used as a query so that you immediately obtain the name of the new window as a result.

Suffix:
<n> Window

Query parameters:
<Direction> LEFT | RIGHt | ABOVe | BELow

<WindowType> Type of measurement window you want to add.
See `LAYout:ADD[:WINDow]?` on page 136 for a list of available window types.

Return values:
<NewWindowName> When adding a new window, the command returns its name (by default the same as its number) as a result.

Example: `LAY:WIND1:ADD? LEFT,MTAB`
Result:
`'2'`
Adds a new window named '2' with a marker table to the left of window 1.

Usage: Query only

LAYout:WINDow<n>:IDENtify?

Queries the **name** of a particular display window (indicated by the <n> suffix) in the active channel.

Note: to query the **index** of a particular window, use the `LAYout:IDENtify[:WINDow]?` command.

Suffix:
<n> Window

Return values:
<WindowName> String containing the name of a window.
In the default state, the name of the window is its index.

Example: `LAY:WIND2:IDEN?`
Queries the name of the result display in window 2.
Response:
`'2'`

Usage: Query only

LAYout:WINDow<n>:REMove

Removes the window specified by the suffix <n> from the display in the active channel.

The result of this command is identical to the `LAYout:REMove[:WINDow]` command.

Suffix:
<n> Window

Example: `LAY:WIND2:REM`
Removes the result display in window 2.

Usage: Event

LAYout:WINDow<n>:REPLace <WindowType>

Changes the window type of an existing window (specified by the suffix <n>) in the active channel.

The effect of this command is identical to the `LAYout:REPLace[:WINDow]` command.

To add a new window, use the `LAYout:WINDow<n>:ADD?` command.

Suffix:
<n> Window

Setting parameters:
<WindowType> Type of measurement window you want to replace another one with.
See `LAYout:ADD[:WINDow]?` on page 136 for a list of available window types.

Example: `LAY:WIND2:REPL MTAB`
Replaces the result display in window 2 with a marker table.

Usage: Setting only

8.7 Analysis

The remote commands to configure traces, markers and limit lines are the same as in the Spectrum application.

For comprehensive list of commands, refer to the user manual of the R&S ESW.

CALCulate<n>:MARKer<m>:SEARch <MarkRealImag>

Selects the trace type a marker search is performed on.

Suffix:

<n> irrelevant

<m> irrelevant

Parameters:

<MarkRealImag>

REAL
Marker search functions are performed on the real trace of the "I/Q" measurement.

IMAG
Marker search functions are performed on the imaginary trace of the "I/Q" measurement.

MAGN
Marker search functions are performed on the magnitude of the I and Q data.

*RST: REAL

Example:

```
CALC4:MARK:SEAR IMAG
```

Manual operation: See "Branch for Peaksearch" on page 73

CALCulate<n>:SPECtrogram:LAYout <State>

This command selects the state and size of spectrograms.

The command is available for result displays that support spectrograms.

Suffix:

<n> Window

Parameters:

<State>

FULL
Only the spectrogram is displayed, the trace diagram is not.

SPLIT
Spectrogram and trace diagram share a window.

OFF
Only the trace diagram is displayed, the spectrogram is not.

*RST: OFF

Example: `CALC4:SPEC:LAY FULL`
Shows the spectrogram in window 4. The corresponding trace diagram is hidden.

Manual operation: See "State" on page 72

8.8 I/Q data import and export

Alternatively to capturing I/Q data by the I/Q Analyzer itself, stored I/Q data from previous measurements or other applications can be imported to the I/Q Analyzer. Furthermore, I/Q data processed in the I/Q Analyzer can be stored to a file for further evaluation in other applications.

For details on importing and exporting I/Q data see Chapter 5.2, "I/Q data import and export", on page 34.

MMEMory:LOAD:IQ:STATe 1, <FileName>

Restores I/Q data from a file.

Setting parameters:

<FileName> string
String containing the path and name of the source file.
The file type is determined by the file extension. If no file extension is provided, the file type is assumed to be `.iq.tar`.
For `.mat` files, Matlab® v4 is assumed.

Example: `MMEM:LOAD:IQ:STAT 1, 'C:\R_S\Instr\user\data.iq.tar'`
Loads IQ data from the specified file.

Usage: Setting only

Manual operation: See "I/Q Import" on page 36

MMEMory:STORe<n>:IQ:COMMent <Comment>

Adds a comment to a file that contains I/Q data.

Suffix:

<n> irrelevant

Parameters:

<Comment> String containing the comment.

Example: `MMEM:STOR:IQ:COMM 'Device test 1b'`
Creates a description for the export file.
`MMEM:STOR:IQ:STAT 1, 'C:\R_S\Instr\user\data.iq.tar'`
Stores I/Q data and the comment to the specified file.

Manual operation: See "I/Q Export" on page 36

MMEMory:STORe<n>:IQ:STATe <1>, <FileName>

Writes the captured I/Q data to a file.

By default, the contents of the file are in 32-bit floating point format.

Suffix:
<n> 1..n

Parameters:
<1>

<FileName> String containing the path and name of the target file.
The file type is determined by the file extension. If no file extension is provided, the file type is assumed to be `.iq.tar`.
For `.mat` files, Matlab® v4 is assumed.

Example: `MMEM:STOR:IQ:STAT 1, 'C:\R_S\Instr\user\data.iq.tar'`
Stores the captured I/Q data to the specified file.

Usage: Asynchronous command

Manual operation: See "I/Q Export" on page 36

8.9 Querying the status registers

The I/Q Analyzer uses the standard status registers of the R&S ESW.

For details on the common R&S ESW status registers refer to the description of remote control basics in the user manual of the R&S ESW.

*RST does not influence the status registers.

8.10 Programming examples

The following programming examples demonstrate how to capture I/Q data and perform I/Q data analysis using the I/Q Analyzer in a remote environment.

8.10.1 I/Q analysis with graphical evaluation

This example demonstrates how to configure and perform a basic I/Q data acquisition and analyze the data using the I/Q Analyzer in a remote environment.

```
//--------------Activating the I/Q Analyzer application ---------------------
*RST
//Reset the instrument
INST:CRE IQ,'IQANALYZER'
//Creates a new measurement channel named 'IQANALYZER'.
INIT:CONT OFF
//Switches to single sweep mode

//--------------Configuring Data Acquisition-------------
TRAC:IQ:SRAT 32MHZ
//Defines the sample rate.
TRAC:IQ:RLEN 1000
//Sets the record length (number of samples to capture) to 1000 samples.
TRAC:IQ:BWID?
//Queries the bandwidth of the resampling filter, determined by the sample rate
FORM:DATA REAL,32
//Formats the data as 32-byte real values.
TRAC:IQ:DATA:FORM IQBL
//Lists all I values first, then all Q values in the trace results.

//--------------Configuring the Trace--------------------
TRAC:IQ:AVER ON
//Defines averaging for the I/Q trace.
TRAC:IQ:AVER:COUN 10
//Defines an average over 10 sweeps.

DISP:TRAC1:MODE WRIT
DISP:TRAC2:MODE MAXH
DISP:TRAC3:MODE MINH
//Changes the trace modes.

//--------------Performing the Measurement---------------------
INIT;*WAI
//Initiates a new measurement and waits until the sweep has finished.

//---------------Retrieving Results----------------------------

TRAC:DATA? TRACE1
TRAC:DATA? TRACE2
TRAC:DATA? TRACE3
//Returns the magnitude for each sweep point

LAY:REPL:WIND '1',RIMAG
//Changes the result display to Real/Imag (I/Q)
```

```
CALC:MARK:SEAR MAGN
//Configures searches to search both I and Q branches.
CALC:MARK:Y?
//Queries the result of the peak search on both branches.

TRAC:IQ:DATA:MEM? 0,500
//Returns the first 500 samples of the stored I/Q data for the measurement.
//For each sample, first the I-value, then the Q-value is listed.

TRAC:IQ:DATA:MEM? 500,500
//Returns the second half of the 1000 captured sample values.
```

8.10.2 Basic I/Q analysis with improved performance

This example demonstrates how to configure and perform a basic I/Q data acquisition and analyze the data using the I/Q Analyzer functionality in a remote environment.

```
//--------------Activating the I/Q Analyzer application ---------------------
*RST
//Reset the instrument

INIT:CONT OFF
//Switches to single sweep mode
TRACE:IQ ON
//Switches the (internal) operating mode of the current measurement channel to
//simple I/Q data acquisition mode while retaining the relevant parameters
//from the Spectrum mode.

//--------------Configuring Data Acquisition-------------
TRACE:IQ:SET NORM,0,32000000,IQP,POS,0,1000
//Configures the sample rate as 32 MHz, IQP trigger, positive trigger slope,
//no pretrigger samples, 1000 samples to capture
FORM REAL,32
//The data is formatted as real values.

//--------------Configuring I/Q Gating--------------------------
TRAC:IQ:EGAT ON
//Turns on gated measurement.
TRAC:IQ:EGAT:TYPE LEV
//Select the level gate type.
TRAC:IQ:EGAT:LENG 20
//Sets the gate length to 20 samples.
TRAC:IQ:EGAT:GAP 20
//Sets the interval between gate periods to 20 samples.
TRAC:IQ:EGAT:NOF 2
//Sets the number of gate periods after the trigger signal to 2.
TRIG:SOUR IQP
//Defines the magnitude of the sampled I/Q data to be used as a trigger.
```

```
TRIG:LEV:IQP -30dbm
//Sets the trigger level.

//---------------Performing the Measurement and Retrieving Results--------------
TRAC:IQ:DATA?; *WAI;
//Performs a measurement and returns the RF input voltage at each sample point
//(first 1000 I-values, then 1000 Q-values).

TRAC:IQ:DATA:MEM? 0,500
//Returns the first 500 samples of the stored trace data for the measurement.
//For each sample, first the I-value, then the Q-value is listed.

TRAC:IQ:DATA:MEM? 500,500
//Returns the second half of the 1000 captured sample values.
```

Annex

A Annex: reference

A.1 Formats for returned values: ASCII format and binary format

When trace data is retrieved using the `TRAC:DATA` or `TRAC:IQ:DATA` command, the data is returned in the format defined using the `FORMat[:DATA]` on page 99. The possible formats are described here.

- ASCII Format (FORMat ASCII):
  The data is stored as a list of comma-separated values (CSV) of the measured values in floating point format.
- Binary Format (FORMat REAL,16/32/64):
  The data is stored as binary data (definite length block data according to IEEE 488.2), each measurement value being formatted in 16-bit/32-bit/64-bit IEEE 754 floating-point-format.
  The schema of the result string is as follows:
  `#<Length of length><Length of data><value1><value2>…<value n>`
  with:

<Length of length>	Number of digits of the following number of data bytes
<Length of data>	Number of following data bytes
<Value>	2-byte/4-byte/8-byte floating point value

Example: #41024<Data>... contains 1024 data bytes

Data blocks larger than 999,999,999 bytes

According to SCPI, the header of the block data format allows for a maximum of 9 characters to describe the data length. Thus, the maximum REAL 32 data that can be represented is 999,999,999 bytes. However, the R&S ESW is able to send larger data blocks. In this case, the length of the data block is placed in brackets, e.g. #(1234567890)<value1><value2>…

Reading out data in binary format is quicker than in ASCII format. Thus, binary format is recommended for large amounts of data.

A.2 Reference: format description for I/Q data files

This section describes how I/Q data is transferred to the memory during remote control (see TRACe:IQ:DATA:FORMat command).

For details on the format of the individual values, see Chapter A.1, "Formats for returned values: ASCII format and binary format", on page 148.

For details on the format of I/Q export files (using the "I/Q Export" function), see the R&S ESW User Manual.

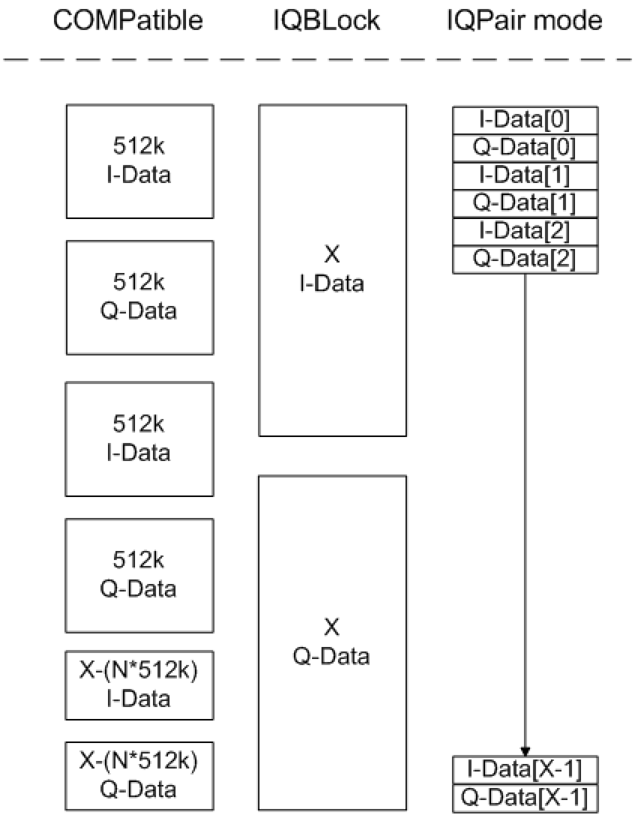


Figure A-1: I/Q data formats

Note: 512k corresponds to 524288 samples

For maximum performance, the formats "Compatible" or "IQPair" should be used. Furthermore, for large amounts of data, the data should be in binary format to improve performance.

In binary format, the number of I- and Q-data can be calculated as follows:

$$\#\,of\ I-Data = \#\,of\ Q-Data = \frac{\#\,of\ DataBytes}{8}$$

For the format "QBLock", the offset of Q-data in the output buffer can be calculated as follows:

$$Q-Data-Offset = \frac{(\#\,of\ DataBytes)}{2} + LengthIndicatorDigits$$

with "LengthIndicatorDigits" being the number of digits of the length indicator including the #. In the example above (#41024…), this results in a value of 6 for "LengthIndicatorDigits" and the offset for the Q-data results in 512 + 6 = 518.

A.3 I/Q data file format (iq-tar)

I/Q data is packed in a file with the extension `.iq.tar`. An `iq-tar` file contains I/Q data in binary format together with meta information that describes the nature and the source of data, e.g. the sample rate. The objective of the `iq-tar` file format is to separate I/Q data from the meta information while still having both inside one file. In addition, the file format allows you to include user-specific data and to preview the I/Q data in a web browser (not supported by all web browsers).

The `iq-tar` container packs several files into a single `.tar` archive file. Files in `.tar` format can be unpacked using standard archive tools (see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_file_archivers) available for most operating systems. The advantage of `.tar` files is that the archived files inside the `.tar` file are not changed (not compressed) and thus it is possible to read the I/Q data directly within the archive without the need to unpack (untar) the `.tar` file first.

Sample iq-tar files

Some sample `iq-tar` files are provided in the `C:\R_S\Instr\User\Demo\` directory on the R&S ESW.

An application note on converting Rohde & Schwarz I/Q data files is available from the Rohde & Schwarz website:

1EF85: Converting R&S I/Q data files

Contained files

An `iq-tar` file must contain the following files:

- **I/Q parameter XML file**, e.g. `xyz.xml`
  Contains meta information about the I/Q data (e.g. sample rate). The filename can be defined freely, but there must be only one single I/Q parameter XML file inside an `iq-tar` file.
- **I/Q data binary file**, e.g. `xyz.complex.float32`
  Contains the binary I/Q data of all channels. There must be only one single I/Q data binary file inside an `iq-tar` file.

Optionally, an `iq-tar` file can contain the following file:

- **I/Q preview XSLT file**, e.g. `open_IqTar_xml_file_in_web_browser.xslt`
  Contains a stylesheet to display the I/Q parameter XML file and a preview of the I/Q data in a web browser (not supported by all web browsers).
  A sample stylesheet is available at http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/file/open_IqTar_xml_file_in_web_browser.xslt.

A.3.1 I/Q parameter XML file specification

The content of the I/Q parameter XML file must comply with the XML schema `RsIqTar.xsd` available at: http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/file/RsIqTar.xsd.

In particular, the order of the XML elements must be respected, i.e. `iq-tar` uses an "ordered XML schema". For your own implementation of the `iq-tar` file format make sure to validate your XML file against the given schema.

The following example shows an I/Q parameter XML file. The XML elements and attributes are explained in the following sections.

Sample I/Q parameter XML file: xyz.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl"
href="open_IqTar_xml_file_in_web_browser.xslt"?>
<RS_IQ_TAR_FileFormat fileFormatVersion="1"
xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="RsIqTar.xsd"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <Name>R&S ESW</Name>
  <Comment>Here is a comment</Comment>
  <DateTime>2011-01-24T14:02:49</DateTime>
  <Samples>68751</Samples>
  <Clock unit="Hz">6.5e+006</Clock>
  <Format>complex</Format>
  <DataType>float32</DataType>
  <ScalingFactor unit="V">1</ScalingFactor>
  <NumberOfChannels>1</NumberOfChannels>
<DataFilename>xyz.complex.float32</DataFilename>
<UserData>
  <UserDefinedElement>Example</UserDefinedElement>
</UserData>
  <PreviewData>...</PreviewData>
</RS_IQ_TAR_FileFormat>
```

A.3.1.1 Minimum data elements

The following data elements are the minimum required for a valid `iq-tar` file. They are always provided by an `iq-tar` file export from a Rohde & Schwarz product. If not specified otherwise, it must be available in all `iq-tar` files used to import data to a Rohde & Schwarz product.

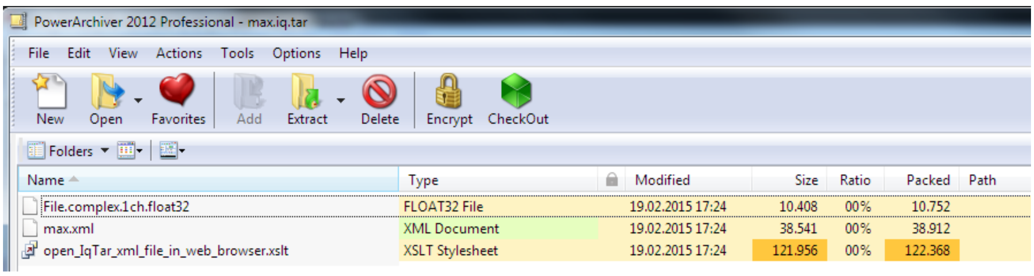
Element	Possible Values	Description
<RS_IQ_TAR_FileFormat>	-	The root element of the XML file. It must contain the attribute `fileFormatVersion` that contains the number of the file format definition.
<Name>	string	Optional: describes the device or application that created the file.

Element	Possible Values	Description
<Comment>	string	Optional: contains text that further describes the contents of the file.
<DateTime>	yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Contains the date and time of the creation of the file. Its type is `xs:dateTime` (see `RsIqTar.xsd`).
<Samples>	integer	Contains the number of samples of the I/Q data. For multi-channel signals all channels have the same number of samples. One sample can be: ● A complex number represented as a pair of I and Q values ● A complex number represented as a pair of magnitude and phase values ● A real number represented as a single real value See also `<Format>` element.
<Clock>	double	Contains the clock frequency in Hz, i.e. the sample rate of the I/Q data. A signal generator typically outputs the I/Q data at a rate that equals the clock frequency. If the I/Q data was captured with a signal analyzer, the signal analyzer used the clock frequency as the sample rate. The attribute `unit` must be set to "Hz".
<Format>	complex | real | polar	Specifies how the binary data is saved in the I/Q data binary file (see `<DataFilename>` element). Every sample must be in the same format. The format can be one of the following: ● `complex`: Complex number in cartesian format, i.e. I and Q values interleaved. I and Q are unitless ● `real`: Real number (unitless) ● `polar`: Complex number in polar format, i.e. magnitude (unitless) and phase (rad) values interleaved. Requires `DataType` = `float32` or `float64`
<DataType>	int8 | int16 | int32 | float32 | float64	Specifies the binary format used for samples in the I/Q data binary file (see `<DataFilename>` element and Chapter 5.2.3.2, "I/Q data binary file", on page 45). The following data types are allowed: ● `int8`: 8 bit signed integer data ● `int16`: 16 bit signed integer data ● `int32`: 32 bit signed integer data ● `float32`: 32 bit floating point data (IEEE 754) ● `float64`: 64 bit floating point data (IEEE 754)
<ScalingFactor>	double	Optional: describes how the binary data can be transformed into values in the unit Volt. The binary I/Q data itself has no unit. To get an I/Q sample in the unit Volt the saved samples have to be multiplied by the value of the `<ScalingFactor>`. For polar data only the magnitude value has to be multiplied. For multi-channel signals the `<ScalingFactor>` must be applied to all channels. The attribute `unit` must be set to "`V`". The `<ScalingFactor>` must be > 0. If the `<ScalingFactor>` element is not defined, a value of 1 V is assumed.
<NumberOfChannels>	integer	Optional: specifies the number of channels, e.g. of a MIMO signal, contained in the I/Q data binary file. For multi-channels, the I/Q samples of the channels are expected to be interleaved within the I/Q data file (see Chapter 5.2.3.2, "I/Q data binary file", on page 45). If the `<NumberOfChannels>` element is not defined, one channel is assumed.

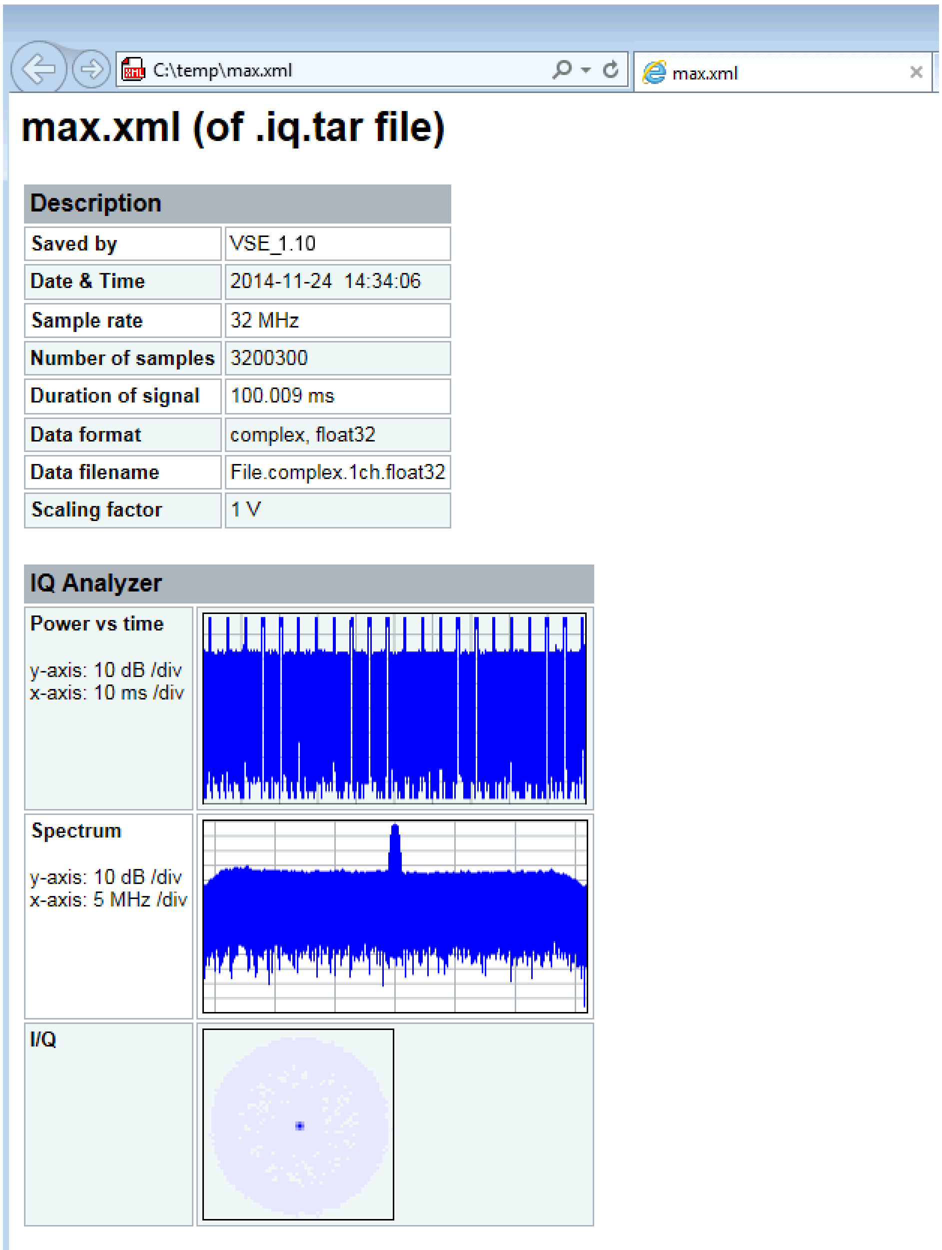
Element	Possible Values	Description
<DataFilename>		Contains the filename of the I/Q data binary file that is part of the iq-tar file. It is recommended that the filename uses the following convention: <xyz>.<Format>.<Channels>ch.<Type> ● <xyz> = a valid Windows file name ● <Format> = complex, polar or real (see Format element) ● <Channels> = Number of channels (see NumberOfChannels element) ● <Type> = float32, float64, int8, int16, int32 or int64 (see DataType element) Examples: ● xyz.complex.1ch.float32 ● xyz.polar.1ch.float64 ● xyz.real.1ch.int16 ● xyz.complex.16ch.int8
<UserData>	xml	Optional: contains user, application or device-specific XML data which is not part of the iq-tar specification. This element can be used to store additional information, e.g. the hardware configuration. User data must be valid XML content.
<PreviewData>	xml	Optional: contains further XML elements that provide a preview of the I/Q data. The preview data is determined by the routine that saves an iq-tar file (e.g. R&S ESW). For the definition of this element refer to the RsIqTar.xsd schema. Note that the preview can be only displayed by current web browsers that have JavaScript enabled and if the XSLT stylesheet open_IqTar_xml_file_in_web_browser.xslt is available.

A.3.1.2 Example

The following example demonstrates the XML description inside the iq-tar file. Note that this preview is not supported by all web browsers.



Open the xml file in a web browser. If the stylesheet open_IqTar_xml_file_in_web_browser.xslt is in the same directory, the web browser displays the xml file in a readable format.




```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl" href="open_IqTar_xml_file_in_web_browser.xslt"?>
<RS_IQ_TAR_FileFormat fileFormatVersion="1" xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation=
"http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/file/RsIqTar.xsd" xmlns:xsi=
"http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <Name>VSE_1.10a 29 Beta</Name>
  <Comment></Comment>
  <DateTime>2015-02-19T15:24:58</DateTime>
  <Samples>1301</Samples>
  <Clock unit="Hz">32000000</Clock>
  <Format>complex</Format>
  <DataType>float32</DataType>
```

```
  <ScalingFactor unit="V">1</ScalingFactor>
  <NumberOfChannels>1</NumberOfChannels>
  <DataFilename>File.complex.1ch.float32</DataFilename>

<UserData>
    <RohdeSchwarz>
      <DataImportExport_MandatoryData>
        <ChannelNames>
          <ChannelName>IQ Analyzer</ChannelName>
        </ChannelNames>
        <CenterFrequency unit="Hz">0</CenterFrequency>
      </DataImportExport_MandatoryData>
      <DataImportExport_OptionalData>
        <Key name="Ch1_NumberOfPostSamples">150</Key>
        <Key name="Ch1_NumberOfPreSamples">150</Key>
      </DataImportExport_OptionalData>
    </RohdeSchwarz>
  </UserData>

</RS_IQ_TAR_FileFormat>
```

Example: ScalingFactor

Data stored as `int16` and a desired full scale voltage of 1 V

`ScalingFactor` = 1 V / maximum int16 value = 1 V / 2^{15} = 3.0517578125e-5 V

Scaling Factor	Numerical value	Numerical value x ScalingFactor
Minimum (negative) int16 value	$- 2^{15}$ = - 32768	-1 V
Maximum (positive) int16 value	$2^{15}-1$= 32767	0.999969482421875 V

A.3.2 I/Q data binary file

The I/Q data is saved in binary format according to the format and data type specified in the XML file (see `<Format>` element and `<DataType>` element). To allow reading and writing of streamed I/Q data, all data is interleaved, i.e. complex values are interleaved pairs of I and Q values and multi-channel signals contain interleaved (complex) samples for channel 0, channel 1, channel 2 etc. If the `<NumberOfChannels>` element is not defined, one channel is presumed.

Example: Element order for real data (1 channel)

```
I[0],                    // Real sample 0
I[1],                    // Real sample 1
I[2],                    // Real sample 2
...
```

Example: Element order for complex cartesian data (1 channel)

```
I[0], Q[0],                   // Real and imaginary part of complex sample 0
I[1], Q[1],                   // Real and imaginary part of complex sample 1
I[2], Q[2],                   // Real and imaginary part of complex sample 2
...
```

Example: Element order for complex polar data (1 channel)

```
Mag[0], Phi[0],               // Magnitude and phase part of complex sample 0
Mag[1], Phi[1],               // Magnitude and phase part of complex sample 1
Mag[2], Phi[2],               // Magnitude and phase part of complex sample 2
...
```

Example: Element order for complex cartesian data (3 channels)

Complex data: I[channel no][time index], Q[channel no][time index]

```
I[0][0], Q[0][0],            // Channel 0, Complex sample 0
I[1][0], Q[1][0],            // Channel 1, Complex sample 0
I[2][0], Q[2][0],            // Channel 2, Complex sample 0

I[0][1], Q[0][1],            // Channel 0, Complex sample 1
I[1][1], Q[1][1],            // Channel 1, Complex sample 1
I[2][1], Q[2][1],            // Channel 2, Complex sample 1

I[0][2], Q[0][2],            // Channel 0, Complex sample 2
I[1][2], Q[1][2],            // Channel 1, Complex sample 2
I[2][2], Q[2][2],            // Channel 2, Complex sample 2
...
```

Example: Element order for complex cartesian data (1 channel)

This example demonstrates how to store complex cartesian data in float32 format using MATLAB®.

```
% Save vector of complex cartesian I/Q data, i.e. iqiqiq...
N = 100
iq = randn(1,N)+1j*randn(1,N)
fid = fopen('xyz.complex.float32','w');
for k=1:length(iq)
  fwrite(fid,single(real(iq(k))),'float32');
  fwrite(fid,single(imag(iq(k))),'float32');
end
fclose(fid)
```

Example: PreviewData in XML

```
  <PreviewData>
    <ArrayOfChannel length="1">
      <Channel>
        <PowerVsTime>
          <Min>
```

```
          <ArrayOfFloat length="256">
            <float>-134</float>
            <float>-142</float>
            ...
            <float>-140</float>
          </ArrayOfFloat>
        </Min>
        <Max>
          <ArrayOfFloat length="256">
            <float>-70</float>
            <float>-71</float>
            ...
            <float>-69</float>
          </ArrayOfFloat>
        </Max>
      </PowerVsTime>
      <Spectrum>
        <Min>
          <ArrayOfFloat length="256">
            <float>-133</float>
            <float>-111</float>
            ...
            <float>-111</float>
          </ArrayOfFloat>
        </Min>
        <Max>
          <ArrayOfFloat length="256">
            <float>-67</float>
            <float>-69</float>
            ...
            <float>-70</float>
            <float>-69</float>
          </ArrayOfFloat>
        </Max>
      </Spectrum>
      <IQ>
        <Histogram width="64" height="64">0123456789...0</Histogram>
      </IQ>
    </Channel>
  </ArrayOfChannel>
</PreviewData>
```


A.4 Reference: supported I/Q file formats

Various file types are supported for I/Q data import and export. The most important characteristics for each format are described here.

For best performance and to ensure comprehensive meta data is available, use the iq.tar format. This is a widely used file format for Rohde & Schwarz products.

Table A-1: Characteristics of data file formats

File format	File extension	Comment
IQ.tar	`.iq.tar`	An `IQ.tar` file contains I/Q data in binary format together with meta information that describes the nature and the source of data, e.g. the sample rate. The objective of the `IQ.tar` file format is to separate I/Q data from the meta information while still having both inside one file. In addition, the file format allows a preview of the I/Q data in a web browser, and inclusion of user-specific data. Several streams of data can be provided in one file.
IQW	`.iqw`	A binary file format containing one channel of complex IQ data. The file contains float32 data in a binary format (interleaved IQIQ or in blocks, IIIQQQ). The file does not contain any additional information as a header. This format requires setting the sample rate and measurement time or record length manually.
CSV	`.csv`	A file containing I/Q data as comma-separated values (CSV). Additional metadata can be included.
Simple CSV	`.csv`	(Import only) Simple CSV contains I/Q data only, without any header or meta data. That is, the file contains only (I,Q) data pairs, separated by commas. Several streams of data can be provided in one file. This format requires setting the sample rate and measurement time or record length manually.
Matlab® v4	`.mat`	A file containing I/Q data in Matlab® file format v4. Channel-related information is stored in matlab variables with names starting with '`ChX_`'. '`X`' represents the number of the channel with a lower bound of 1, e.g. the variable `Ch1_ChannelName` contains the name of the first channel. The corresponding data is contained in `ChX_Data`. Optional user data can be saved to variables named `UserDataX`, where '`X`' starts at 0. The variable `UserData_Count` contains the number of `UserData` variables. For compatibility reasons user data needs to be saved as a 2xN char array, where the first row contains the key of the user data and the second row the actual value. Both rows must have the same column count and are therefore right-padded with white spaces. Variables can be written to the `*.mat` files in arbitrary order. **Limitations**: In general, the file format is limited to a maximum of 2 GB. A maximum of 100000000 values can be stored in a single variable, e.g. 50000000 complex data samples.
Matlab® v7.3	`.mat`	A file containing I/Q data in Matlab® file format v7.3.
Simple Matlab®	`.mat`	(Import only) Simple Matlab® format contains I/Q data only, without any meta data. That is, the file contains only variables (double, double) for the corresponding channel data. This format requires setting the sample rate and measurement time or record length manually.
AMMOS intermediate frequency data format	`.aid`	Format used to transmit real or complex baseband signals. The IF signal is sent along with information that characterizes the datastream and datastream source. All datastreams have a frame-based structure, consisting of a global frame header coupled with a data-type specific frame body (i.e. the frame payload).
wv	`.wv`	(Import only) Proprietary file format used by Rohde & Schwarz signal generators to store waveform data. A waveform file contains a header and raw I/Q samples.

A.4.1 I/Q data file format (iq-tar)

I/Q data is packed in a file with the extension `.iq.tar`. An `iq-tar` file contains I/Q data in binary format together with meta information that describes the nature and the source of data, e.g. the sample rate. The objective of the `iq-tar` file format is to separate I/Q data from the meta information while still having both inside one file. In addition, the file format allows you to include user-specific data and to preview the I/Q data in a web browser (not supported by all web browsers).

The `iq-tar` container packs several files into a single `.tar` archive file. Files in `.tar` format can be unpacked using standard archive tools (see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_file_archivers) available for most operating systems. The advantage of `.tar` files is that the archived files inside the `.tar` file are not changed (not compressed) and thus it is possible to read the I/Q data directly within the archive without the need to unpack (untar) the `.tar` file first.

Sample iq-tar files

Some sample `iq-tar` files are provided in the `C:\R_S\Instr\User\Demo\` directory on the R&S ESW.

An application note on converting Rohde & Schwarz I/Q data files is available from the Rohde & Schwarz website:

1EF85: Converting R&S I/Q data files

Contained files

An `iq-tar` file must contain the following files:

- **I/Q parameter XML file**, e.g. `xyz.xml`
  Contains meta information about the I/Q data (e.g. sample rate). The filename can be defined freely, but there must be only one single I/Q parameter XML file inside an `iq-tar` file.
- **I/Q data binary file**, e.g. `xyz.complex.float32`
  Contains the binary I/Q data of all channels. There must be only one single I/Q data binary file inside an `iq-tar` file.

Optionally, an `iq-tar` file can contain the following file:

- **I/Q preview XSLT file**, e.g. `open_IqTar_xml_file_in_web_browser.xslt`
  Contains a stylesheet to display the I/Q parameter XML file and a preview of the I/Q data in a web browser (not supported by all web browsers).

A sample stylesheet is available at http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/file/open_IqTar_xml_file_in_web_browser.xslt.

A.4.1.1 I/Q parameter XML file specification

The content of the I/Q parameter XML file must comply with the XML schema RsIqTar.xsd available at: http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/file/RsIqTar.xsd.

In particular, the order of the XML elements must be respected, i.e. iq-tar uses an "ordered XML schema". For your own implementation of the iq-tar file format make sure to validate your XML file against the given schema.

The following example shows an I/Q parameter XML file. The XML elements and attributes are explained in the following sections.

Sample I/Q parameter XML file: xyz.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl"
href="open_IqTar_xml_file_in_web_browser.xslt"?>
<RS_IQ_TAR_FileFormat fileFormatVersion="1"
xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="RsIqTar.xsd"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <Name>R&S ESW</Name>
  <Comment>Here is a comment</Comment>
  <DateTime>2011-01-24T14:02:49</DateTime>
  <Samples>68751</Samples>
  <Clock unit="Hz">6.5e+006</Clock>
  <Format>complex</Format>
  <DataType>float32</DataType>
  <ScalingFactor unit="V">1</ScalingFactor>
  <NumberOfChannels>1</NumberOfChannels>
<DataFilename>xyz.complex.float32</DataFilename>
<UserData>
  <UserDefinedElement>Example</UserDefinedElement>
</UserData>
  <PreviewData>...</PreviewData>
</RS_IQ_TAR_FileFormat>
```

Minimum data elements

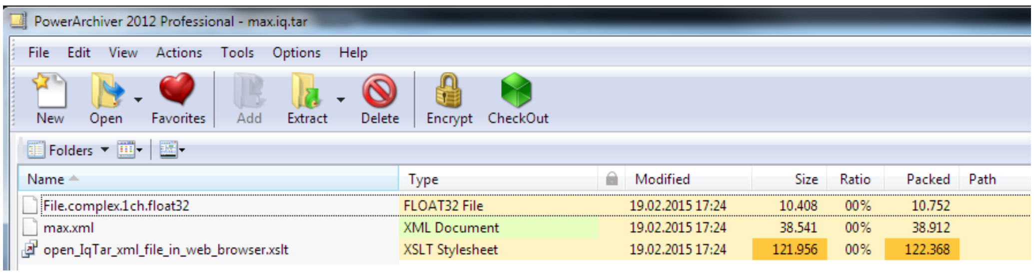
The following data elements are the minimum required for a valid iq-tar file. They are always provided by an iq-tar file export from a Rohde & Schwarz product. If not specified otherwise, it must be available in all iq-tar files used to import data to a Rohde & Schwarz product.

Element	Possible Values	Description
<RS_IQ_TAR_FileFormat>	-	The root element of the XML file. It must contain the attribute fileFormatVersion that contains the number of the file format definition.
<Name>	string	Optional: describes the device or application that created the file.
<Comment>	string	Optional: contains text that further describes the contents of the file.
<DateTime>	yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Contains the date and time of the creation of the file. Its type is xs:dateTime (see RsIqTar.xsd).
<Samples>	integer	Contains the number of samples of the I/Q data. For multi-channel signals all channels have the same number of samples. One sample can be: ● A complex number represented as a pair of I and Q values ● A complex number represented as a pair of magnitude and phase values ● A real number represented as a single real value See also <Format> element.
<Clock>	double	Contains the clock frequency in Hz, i.e. the sample rate of the I/Q data. A signal generator typically outputs the I/Q data at a rate that equals the clock frequency. If the I/Q data was captured with a signal analyzer, the signal analyzer used the clock frequency as the sample rate. The attribute unit must be set to "Hz".
<Format>	complex | real | polar	Specifies how the binary data is saved in the I/Q data binary file (see <DataFilename> element). Every sample must be in the same format. The format can be one of the following: ● complex: Complex number in cartesian format, i.e. I and Q values interleaved. I and Q are unitless ● real: Real number (unitless) ● polar: Complex number in polar format, i.e. magnitude (unitless) and phase (rad) values interleaved. Requires DataType = float32 or float64
<DataType>	int8 | int16 | int32 | float32 | float64	Specifies the binary format used for samples in the I/Q data binary file (see <DataFilename> element and Chapter 5.2.3.2, "I/Q data binary file", on page 45). The following data types are allowed: ● int8: 8 bit signed integer data ● int16: 16 bit signed integer data ● int32: 32 bit signed integer data ● float32: 32 bit floating point data (IEEE 754) ● float64: 64 bit floating point data (IEEE 754)
<ScalingFactor>	double	Optional: describes how the binary data can be transformed into values in the unit Volt. The binary I/Q data itself has no unit. To get an I/Q sample in the unit Volt the saved samples have to be multiplied by the value of the <ScalingFactor>. For polar data only the magnitude value has to be multiplied. For multi-channel signals the <ScalingFactor> must be applied to all channels. The attribute unit must be set to "V". The <ScalingFactor> must be > 0. If the <ScalingFactor> element is not defined, a value of 1 V is assumed.

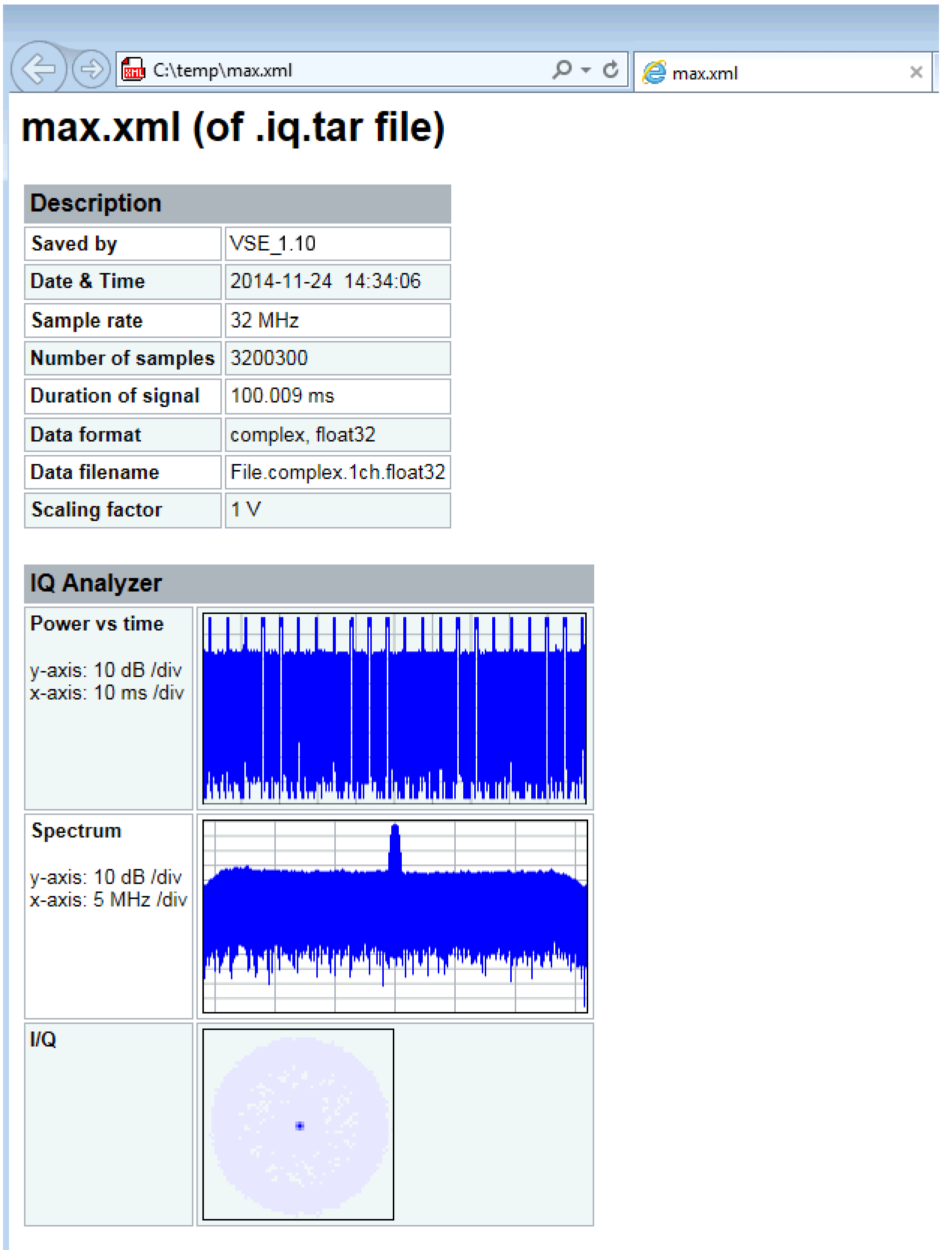
Element	Possible Values	Description
`<NumberOfChannels>`	integer	Optional: specifies the number of channels, e.g. of a MIMO signal, contained in the I/Q data binary file. For multi-channels, the I/Q samples of the channels are expected to be interleaved within the I/Q data file (see Chapter 5.2.3.2, "I/Q data binary file", on page 45). If the `<NumberOfChannels>` element is not defined, one channel is assumed.
`<DataFilename>`		Contains the filename of the I/Q data binary file that is part of the `iq-tar` file. It is recommended that the filename uses the following convention: <xyz>.<Format>.<Channels>ch.<Type> ● <xyz> = a valid Windows file name ● <Format> = complex, polar or real (see `Format` element) ● <Channels> = Number of channels (see `NumberOfChannels` element) ● <Type> = float32, float64, int8, int16, int32 or int64 (see `DataType` element) Examples: ● xyz.complex.1ch.float32 ● xyz.polar.1ch.float64 ● xyz.real.1ch.int16 ● xyz.complex.16ch.int8
`<UserData>`	xml	Optional: contains user, application or device-specific XML data which is not part of the `iq-tar` specification. This element can be used to store additional information, e.g. the hardware configuration. User data must be valid XML content.
`<PreviewData>`	xml	Optional: contains further XML elements that provide a preview of the I/Q data. The preview data is determined by the routine that saves an `iq-tar` file (e.g. R&S ESW). For the definition of this element refer to the `RsIqTar.xsd` schema. Note that the preview can be only displayed by current web browsers that have JavaScript enabled and if the XSLT stylesheet `open_IqTar_xml_file_in_web_browser.xslt` is available.

Example

The following example demonstrates the XML description inside the `iq-tar` file. Note that this preview is not supported by all web browsers.



Open the xml file in a web browser. If the stylesheet `open_IqTar_xml_file_in_web_browser.xslt` is in the same directory, the web browser displays the xml file in a readable format.




```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<?xml-stylesheet type="text/xsl" href="open_IqTar_xml_file_in_web_browser.xslt"?>
<RS_IQ_TAR_FileFormat fileFormatVersion="1" xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation=
"http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/file/RsIqTar.xsd" xmlns:xsi=
"http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <Name>VSE_1.10a 29 Beta</Name>
  <Comment></Comment>
  <DateTime>2015-02-19T15:24:58</DateTime>
  <Samples>1301</Samples>
  <Clock unit="Hz">32000000</Clock>
  <Format>complex</Format>
  <DataType>float32</DataType>
```

```
  <ScalingFactor unit="V">1</ScalingFactor>
  <NumberOfChannels>1</NumberOfChannels>
  <DataFilename>File.complex.1ch.float32</DataFilename>

<UserData>
    <RohdeSchwarz>
      <DataImportExport_MandatoryData>
        <ChannelNames>
          <ChannelName>IQ Analyzer</ChannelName>
        </ChannelNames>
        <CenterFrequency unit="Hz">0</CenterFrequency>
      </DataImportExport_MandatoryData>
      <DataImportExport_OptionalData>
        <Key name="Ch1_NumberOfPostSamples">150</Key>
        <Key name="Ch1_NumberOfPreSamples">150</Key>
      </DataImportExport_OptionalData>
    </RohdeSchwarz>
  </UserData>

</RS_IQ_TAR_FileFormat>
```

Example: ScalingFactor

Data stored as `int16` and a desired full scale voltage of 1 V

`ScalingFactor` = 1 V / maximum int16 value = 1 V / 2^{15} = 3.0517578125e-5 V

Scaling Factor	Numerical value	Numerical value x ScalingFactor
Minimum (negative) int16 value	$- 2^{15}$ = - 32768	-1 V
Maximum (positive) int16 value	2^{15}-1= 32767	0.999969482421875 V

A.4.1.2 I/Q data binary file

The I/Q data is saved in binary format according to the format and data type specified in the XML file (see `<Format>` element and `<DataType>` element). To allow reading and writing of streamed I/Q data, all data is interleaved, i.e. complex values are interleaved pairs of I and Q values and multi-channel signals contain interleaved (complex) samples for channel 0, channel 1, channel 2 etc. If the `<NumberOfChannels>` element is not defined, one channel is presumed.

Example: Element order for real data (1 channel)

```
I[0],                         // Real sample 0
I[1],                         // Real sample 1
I[2],                         // Real sample 2
...
```

Example: Element order for complex cartesian data (1 channel)

```
I[0], Q[0],                 // Real and imaginary part of complex sample 0
I[1], Q[1],                 // Real and imaginary part of complex sample 1
I[2], Q[2],                 // Real and imaginary part of complex sample 2
...
```

Example: Element order for complex polar data (1 channel)

```
Mag[0], Phi[0],             // Magnitude and phase part of complex sample 0
Mag[1], Phi[1],             // Magnitude and phase part of complex sample 1
Mag[2], Phi[2],             // Magnitude and phase part of complex sample 2
...
```

Example: Element order for complex cartesian data (3 channels)

Complex data: I[channel no][time index], Q[channel no][time index]

```
I[0][0], Q[0][0],           // Channel 0, Complex sample 0
I[1][0], Q[1][0],           // Channel 1, Complex sample 0
I[2][0], Q[2][0],           // Channel 2, Complex sample 0

I[0][1], Q[0][1],           // Channel 0, Complex sample 1
I[1][1], Q[1][1],           // Channel 1, Complex sample 1
I[2][1], Q[2][1],           // Channel 2, Complex sample 1

I[0][2], Q[0][2],           // Channel 0, Complex sample 2
I[1][2], Q[1][2],           // Channel 1, Complex sample 2
I[2][2], Q[2][2],           // Channel 2, Complex sample 2
...
```

Example: Element order for complex cartesian data (1 channel)

This example demonstrates how to store complex cartesian data in float32 format using MATLAB®.

```
% Save vector of complex cartesian I/Q data, i.e. iqiqiq...
N = 100
iq = randn(1,N)+1j*randn(1,N)
fid = fopen('xyz.complex.float32','w');
for k=1:length(iq)
  fwrite(fid,single(real(iq(k))),'float32');
  fwrite(fid,single(imag(iq(k))),'float32');
end
fclose(fid)
```

Example: PreviewData in XML

```
  <PreviewData>
    <ArrayOfChannel length="1">
      <Channel>
        <PowerVsTime>
          <Min>
```

```
          <ArrayOfFloat length="256">
            <float>-134</float>
            <float>-142</float>
            ...
            <float>-140</float>
          </ArrayOfFloat>
        </Min>
        <Max>
          <ArrayOfFloat length="256">
            <float>-70</float>
            <float>-71</float>
            ...
            <float>-69</float>
          </ArrayOfFloat>
        </Max>
      </PowerVsTime>
      <Spectrum>
        <Min>
          <ArrayOfFloat length="256">
            <float>-133</float>
            <float>-111</float>
            ...
            <float>-111</float>
          </ArrayOfFloat>
        </Min>
        <Max>
          <ArrayOfFloat length="256">
            <float>-67</float>
            <float>-69</float>
            ...
            <float>-70</float>
            <float>-69</float>
          </ArrayOfFloat>
        </Max>
      </Spectrum>
      <IQ>
        <Histogram width="64" height="64">0123456789...0</Histogram>
      </IQ>
    </Channel>
  </ArrayOfChannel>
</PreviewData>
```


A.4.2 CSV file format

CSV files contain I/Q data as comma-separated values. Additional metadata can be saved.

A.4.2.1 Mandatory data elements

Parameter Name	Possible Values
Name	String
Comment	String
DateTime	Year-Month-DayTHour:Min:Sec
Format	complex
DataType	float32
NumberOfChannels	Integer
Ch<n>_ChannelName	String
Ch<n>_Samples	Integer
Ch<n>_Clock[Hz]	double
Ch<n>_CenterFrequency[Hz]	Double
IQ Data Header	<Channel Name>_I; <Channel Name>_Q (IQ data value)
-----	Double ; Double (IQ data I/Q pairs)

A.4.2.2 Optional data elements

Parameter name	Possible Values
Ch<n>_AttenuElecState	ON | OFF
Ch<n>_AttenuElecValue[dB]	Integer
Ch<n>_AttenuMech[dB]	Integer
Ch<n>_CalibrationState	ON | OFF
Ch<n>_DeviceHwInfo	String
Ch<n>_DeviceId	String
Ch<n>_DeviceOptions	String
Ch<n>_DeviceVersions	String
Ch<n>_FilterSettings	FLAT | GAUSS | OFF
Ch<n>_HighPassFilterState	ON | OFF
Ch<n>_Impedance[Ohm]	50 | 75

Parameter name	Possible Values
Ch<n>_InputCoupling	AC | DC
Ch<n>_InputPath	RF
Ch<n>_MeasBandwidth[Hz]	double
Ch<n>_NumberOfPostSamples	Integer
Ch<n>_NumberOfPreSamples	Integer
Ch<n>_PreampGain[dB]	Integer
Ch<n>_PreampState	ON | OFF
Ch<n>_RefLevelOffset[dB]	Double
Ch<n>_RefLevel[dBm]	Double
Ch<n>_RefOscillatorInput	OFF | ON
Ch<n>_RefOscillatorFreq[Hz]	Double
Ch<n>_TrgSource	Extern <1 ..4> | I/Q Power | IF Power | RF Power | Power Sensor | Time
Ch<n>_TrgLevel[dB]	Double
Ch<n>_TrgHysteresis[dB]	Double
Ch<n>_TrgTpis[s]	Double
Ch<n>_TrgOffset[s]	Double
Ch<n>_TrgSlope	Rising | Falling | Rising/Falling
Ch<n>_TrgHoldoff[s]	Double
Ch<n>_TrgDropOut[s]	Double
Ch<n>_YigPreSelectorState	ON | OFF

A.4.2.3 Example

```
DataImportExport_MandatoryData;
Name;ExampleFile
Comment;Example Comment
DateTime;2015-02-19T15:26:33
Format;complex
DataType;float32
NumberOfChannels;1
Ch1_ChannelName;Example_Channel
Ch1_Samples;10
Ch1_Clock[Hz];3,2000000E+007
Ch1_CenterFrequency[Hz];100,0000000E+007
DataImportExport_EndHeaderSection;
Example_Channel_I;Example_Channel_Q
-5,9390777E-006;-3,4644620E-006
9,8984629E-007;-8,4631858E-005
```

```
-5,9885701E-005;4,1078620E-005
2,0786772E-005;7,8692778E-005
-4,9492314E-006;-1,5095156E-004
1,6332464E-005;1,8312156E-005
-5,4936470E-005;4,5532928E-005
-4,8997390E-005;9,7004937E-005
-1,1383232E-005;4,5532928E-005
-8,2157239E-005;3,2170003E-005
```

A.4.2.4 Simple CSV format

The simple `.CSV` format contains I/Q data only, without any header or meta data. That is, the file contains only (I,Q) data pairs, separated by commas. Several streams of data can be provided in one file, one after the other.

Example:

```
7.0663854e-003,1.7059683e-005,
7.0817876e-003,7.5836733e-006,
7.0711789e-003,-1.2189972e-005,
```

A.4.3 IQW file format

IQW is a binary file format containing one channel of complex IQ data.

Format description details:

- IQDataFormat: Complex
- IQDataType: Float32
- Byte order: Intel
- Data order: IQIQIQ (I/Q paired or interleaved) or IIIQQQ (I/Q blocks, default)

Mandatory Data Elements

Only the binary I/Q data.

Optional Data Elements

None.

A.4.4 Matlab® v. 4 / v. 7.3 file format

In Matlab® files, channel-related information is stored in Matlab® variables with names starting with '`ChX_`'. '`X`' represents the number of the channel with a lower bound of 1, e.g. the variable `Ch1_ChannelName` contains the name of the first channel. The corresponding data is contained in `ChX_Data`.

Optional user data can be saved to variables named `UserDataX`, where '`X`' starts at 0. The variable `UserData_Count` contains the number of `UserData` variables. For compatibility reasons user data needs to be saved as a 2xN char array, where the first row contains the key of the user data and the second row the actual value. Both rows must have the same column count and are therefore right-padded with white spaces.

Variables can be written to the `*.mat` files in arbitrary order.

The Matlab® v7.3. file format requires the Matlab® Compiler Runtime (MCR) to be installed on the system and registered in the `PATH` environment variable.

A.4.4.1 Mandatory data elements

Variable name	Class	Format / possible values
Name	char	
Comment	char	
DateTime	char	Year-Month-DayTHour:Min:Sec
Format	char	complex
DataType	char	float32
NumberOfChannels	Double	
Ch<n>_ChannelName	char	
Ch<n>_Samples	double	
Ch<n>_Clock_Hz	double	
Ch<n>_CFrequency_Hz	Double	
Ch<n>_Data	Double, Double	I,Q
UserData_Count	Double	(Number of optional user data variables)

A.4.4.2 Optional data elements

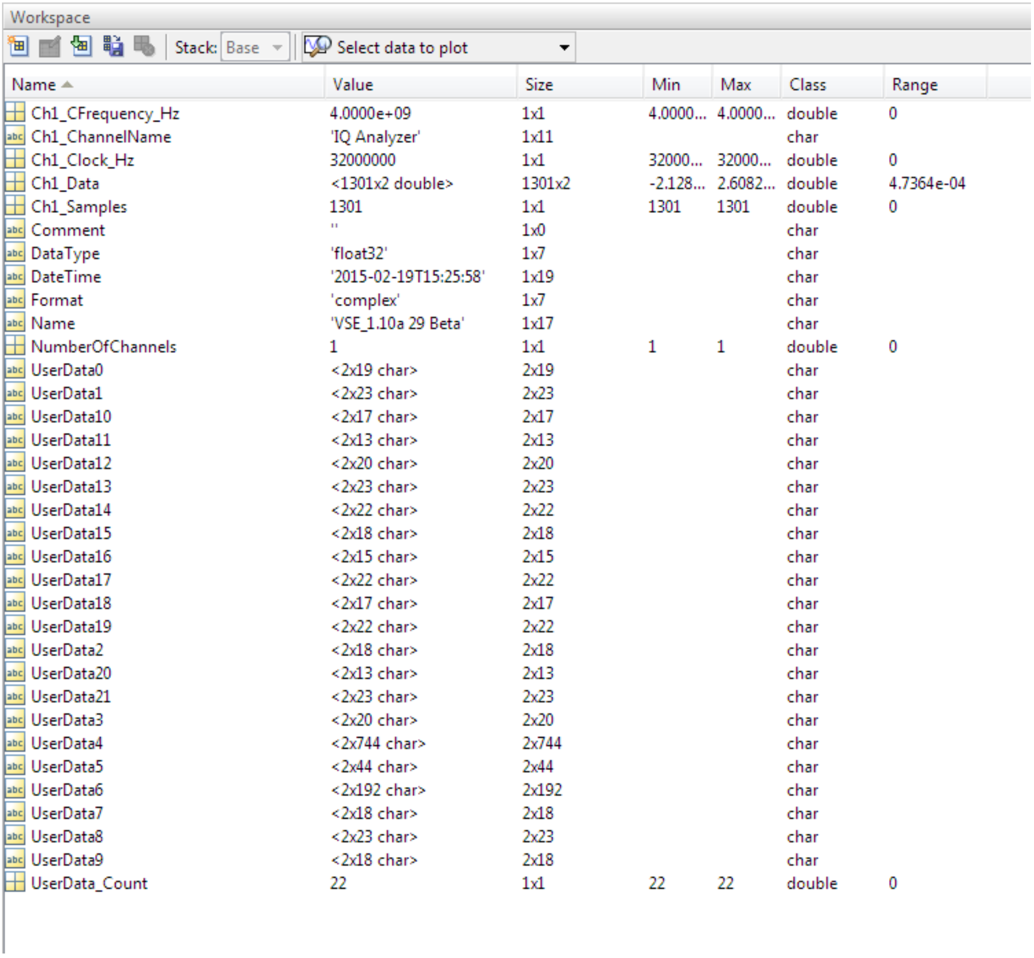
Optional user data can be saved to variables named `UserDataX`, where '`X`' starts at 0. The variable `UserData_Count` contains the number of `UserData` variables. For compatibility reasons user data needs to be saved as a 2xN char array, where the first row contains the key of the user data and the second row the actual value. Both rows must have the same column count and are therefore right-padded with white spaces.

Variable name	Class	Format
UserData<n>	char	Optional Data Parameter name, Value

Table A-2: Optional parameter names to be defined in UserData<n> variables

Parameter name	Possible Values
Ch<n>_AttenuElecState	ON | OFF
Ch<n>_AttenuElecValue_dB	Integer
Ch<n>_AttenuMech_dB	Integer
Ch<n>_CalibrationState	ON | OFF
Ch<n>_DeviceHwInfo	String
Ch<n>_DeviceId	String
Ch<n>_DeviceOptions	String
Ch<n>_DeviceVersions	String
Ch<n>_FilterSettings	FLAT | GAUSS | OFF
Ch<n>_HighPassFilterState	ON | OFF
Ch<n>_Impedance_Ohm	50 | 75
Ch<n>_InputCoupling	AC | DC
Ch<n>_InputPath	RF
Ch<n>_MeasBandwidth_Hz	double
Ch<n>_NumberOfPostSamples	Integer
Ch<n>_NumberOfPreSamples	Integer
Ch<n>_PreampGain_dB	Integer
Ch<n>_PreampState	ON | OFF
Ch<n>_RefLevelOffset_dB	Double
Ch<n>_RefLevel_dBm	Double
Ch<n>_RefOscillatorInput	OFF | ON
Ch<n>_RefOscillatorFreq_Hz	Double
Ch<n>_TrgSource	Extern <1 ..4> | I/Q Power | IF Power | RF Power | Power Sensor | Time
Ch<n>_TrgLevel_dB	Double
Ch<n>_TrgHysteresis_dB	Double
Ch<n>_TrgTpis_s	Double
Ch<n>_TrgOffset_s	Double
Ch<n>_TrgSlope	Rising | Falling | Rising/Falling
Ch<n>_TrgHoldoff_s	Double
Ch<n>_TrgDropOut_s	Double
Ch<n>_YigPreSelectorState	ON | OFF

A.4.4.3 Example



Workspace

Stack: Base | Select data to plot

Name	Value	Size	Min	Max	Class	Range
Ch1_CFrequency_Hz	4.0000e+09	1x1	4.0000...	4.0000...	double	0
Ch1_ChannelName	'IQ Analyzer'	1x11			char	
Ch1_Clock_Hz	32000000	1x1	32000...	32000...	double	0
Ch1_Data	<1301x2 double>	1301x2	-2.128...	2.6082...	double	4.7364e-04
Ch1_Samples	1301	1x1	1301	1301	double	0
Comment	''	1x0			char	
DataType	'float32'	1x7			char	
DateTime	'2015-02-19T15:25:58'	1x19			char	
Format	'complex'	1x7			char	
Name	'VSE_1.10a 29 Beta'	1x17			char	
NumberOfChannels	1	1x1	1	1	double	0
UserData0	<2x19 char>	2x19			char	
UserData1	<2x23 char>	2x23			char	
UserData10	<2x17 char>	2x17			char	
UserData11	<2x13 char>	2x13			char	
UserData12	<2x20 char>	2x20			char	
UserData13	<2x23 char>	2x23			char	
UserData14	<2x22 char>	2x22			char	
UserData15	<2x18 char>	2x18			char	
UserData16	<2x15 char>	2x15			char	
UserData17	<2x22 char>	2x22			char	
UserData18	<2x17 char>	2x17			char	
UserData19	<2x22 char>	2x22			char	
UserData2	<2x18 char>	2x18			char	
UserData20	<2x13 char>	2x13			char	
UserData21	<2x23 char>	2x23			char	
UserData3	<2x20 char>	2x20			char	
UserData4	<2x744 char>	2x744			char	
UserData5	<2x44 char>	2x44			char	
UserData6	<2x192 char>	2x192			char	
UserData7	<2x18 char>	2x18			char	
UserData8	<2x23 char>	2x23			char	
UserData9	<2x18 char>	2x18			char	
UserData_Count	22	1x1	22	22	double	0

A.4.4.4 Simple matlab® format

As of R&S ESW software version 1.50, a simple `.mat` format is supported. This format contains I/Q data only, without any meta data. That is, the file contains only variables (double, double) for the corresponding channel data.

When you load a simple Matlab® file, you must define the used sample rate (and optionally analysis bandwidth) manually.

A.4.5 AID format

AID is a format used to transmit real or complex baseband signals. The IF signal is sent along with information that characterizes the datastream and datastream source.

All datastreams have a frame based structure using the same format, consisting of a global *Frame header* coupled with a data-type specific *Frame body* (i.e. the frame payload).

The header and the body of the frame consist of a number of 32-bit words. The *Frame header* has a predefined structure and size. The size and structure of the *Frame body* depends on the payload type. This is an important factor in the choice of the frame size.

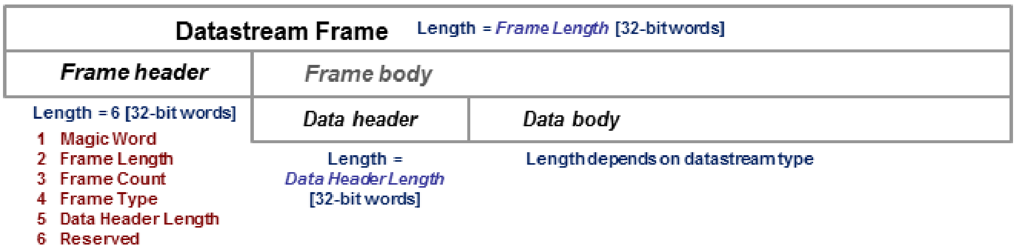


Figure A-2: Generic Datastream Frame structure

Global Frame header

The *Frame header* contains information used for frame synchronization, frame sequencing, payload identification and frame sizing. It consist of six 32-bit words as depicted in the following figure and is defined in **`rs_gx40x_global_frame_header_if_defs.h`**

Table A-3: Global Frame header (structure name: typFRH_FRAMEHEADER)

Word position in frame	Member name Member type	Description
1	**uintMagicWord** ptypUINT	**Magic Word** - 32-bit word, always identical (`0xFB746572`), defines the start of the *Frame header* and is used for frame synchronization. The *Magic Word* and the *Frame Length* are used to identify the beginning of each frame.
2	**uintFrameLength** ptypUINT	**Frame Length** - gives the length of the frame including both *Frame header* and *Frame body*. The length is expressed in 32-bit words. The minimum length is six in case the *Frame body* is empty and the maximum length is limited to the value: • `kFRH_FRAME_LENGTH_MAX = 0x100000` (`1048576 =` 2^{20}) in case of normal frames • `kFRH_FRAME_LENGTH_MAX_EX = 0x400000` (`64* 1048576 =` 2^{26}) in case of extended frames (an extended frame is marked by Bit#0 of the Reserved word of the frame header). Only some datastream types allow the extended frame size, see the definitions in the `rs_gx40x_global_frame_types_if_defs.h`. The next *Magic Word* which denotes the next frame in this data stream will occur `uintFrameLength` [32-bit words] after the *Magic Word* in this frame.
3	**uintFrameCount** ptypUINT	**Frame Count** - sequence counter modulo 2^{32}. Determines the position of this frame in the datastream and is used for sequencing and lost frame detection.
4	**uintFrameType** ptypUINT	**Frame Type** - identifies the data type contained in this frame and gives the specific structure of the frame payload. The complete list of frame types (i.e. datastream types) can be found in the following header file: `rs_gx40x_global_frame_types_if_defs.h`

Word position in frame	Member name Member type	Description
5	**uintDataHeaderLength** ptypUINT	**Data Header Length** - gives the length of the *data header* positioned at the beginning of the *Frame body*. The length is expressed in 32-bit words (`0` means no data header). This information can be used by the software to recognize the version of the datastream format and thus its compatibility to read and correctly interpret the datastream. It enables forward-compatibility with future datastream versions. This value will not vary for a continuous data stream.
6	**uintReserved** ptypUINT	• Bits `#31` to `#1` - Reserved (not yet used, must be `0`) • Bit `#0` - Marks the frame with extended size (up to kFRH_FRAME_LENGTH_MAX_EX 32-bit words).

The *Data Header Length* information is very important for the correct addressing of the data samples. This information gives the exact position in the frame where the *Data body* begins independent of the version of the *data header* (different versions consist of different number of parameters). From the frame beginning (indicated by the *Magic Word*), the first six 32-bit words represent the *Frame header* and the next *Data Header Length* 32-bit words represent the *data header*. After `6+uintDataHeaderLength` 32-bit words starts the *Data body*, i.e. the first data sample.

Frame body

The *Frame body* contains the payload of the frame and its structure depends on the datastream type, as defined by the *Frame Type* element in the *Frame header*.

The *Frame body* is structured into a *data header* followed by the *Data body*. The *data header* contains datastream specific information of the payload.

Bit numbering

Throughout this format description it is assumed that bit #0 is the bit of least numeric significance.

A.4.5.1 Data body

The IF Data format is valid for the following datastream types:

Table A-4: IF Datastream types

Datastream type ID	Description	Sample data type
ekFRH_DATASTREAM__IFDATA_32RE_32IM_FIX ekFRH_DATASTREAM__IFDATA_32RE_32IM_FIX_RESCALED	Complex IF Data samples, 32-bit real-part and 32-bit imaginary-part, fixed point	typIFD_SAMPLE_32RE_32IM_FIX
ekFRH_DATASTREAM__IFDATA_16RE_16IM_FIX	Complex IF Data samples, 16-bit real-part and 16-bit imaginary-part, fixed point	typIFD_SAMPLE_16RE_16IM_FIX

Datastream type ID	Description	Sample data type
ekFRH_DATASTREAM__IFDATA_16RE_16RE_FIX	Real IF Data samples, 16-bit real-part, two samples in each 32-bit word, fixed point	typIFD_SAMPLE_16RE_16RE_FIX
ekFRH_DATASTREAM__IFDATA_32RE_32IM_FLOAT_RESCALED	Complex IF Data samples, 32-bit real-part und 32-bit imaginary-part, floating point	typIFD_SAMPLE_32RE_32IM_FLOAT

For the datastream types defined in Table A-4, the same frame body structure is used, the only difference is the carried sample data type.

IF Data Frame Structure

The structure of the IF Datastream is defined in the `rs_gx40x_global_ifdata_header_if_defs.h` header file.

The Data Frame consists of the global *frame header* of type `typFRH_FRAMEHEADER`, as described in "Global Frame header" on page 174, followed by the datastream-specific *Frame body*.

The corresponding "Frame Type" value from the *frame header* for this datastream type can be found in the global frame types header file: `rs_gx40x_global_frame_types_if_defs.h`.

The *frame body* consists of: the *data header* which describes the datastream payload and the *data body* which contains the actual datastream payload.

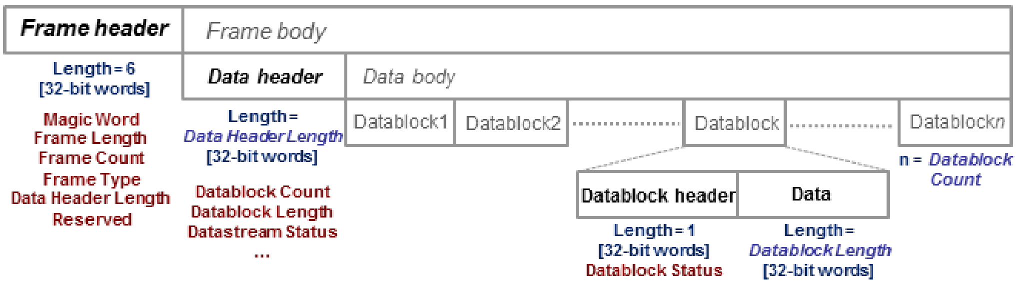


Figure A-3: IF Data frame format

IF data header

The data header describes the datastream payload (such as number of data samples contained in this frame), and contains common properties of the data samples.

The **basic** data header contains several fields that are always sent.

The **extended** data header contains extra information fields sent after the fields of the basic structure.

The length of the data header, as specified by the `uintDataHeaderLength` parameter from the frame header. This parameter provides information about which data header type is used - i.e. the basic header or the extended header.

The IF data header structure, of type `typIFD_IFDATAHEADER`, is described in the following table (data header length = 14 [32-bit words]).

Table A-5: IF DATA header (typIFD_IFDATAHEADER)

Word position in frame	**Member name** **Member type**	**Description**
7	**uintDatablockCount** ptypUINT	**Datablock Count** - represents the number of IF signal data blocks in the IF data frame.
8	**uintDatablockLength** ptypUINT	**Datablock Length** - The number 32-bit words in each IF signal data block excluding the data block header (has to be of the form 2^N with N≥2). This may not be the same as the number of IF signal data samples, as the size of a sample may be 16, 32 or 64 bits.
9 10	**bigtimeTimeStamp** ptypBIGTIME	64-bit **Timestamp** [µs] - Absolute time of the first IF signal data sample, in the first data block of IF signal data in this frame.
11	**uintStatusword** ptypUINT	**Status Word** - extra information that help the receiver react by parameter changes. ● Bit `#31` - Reserved ● Bit `#30` - **dBFS flag** – `1` indicates that all samples in this frame are considered to be dBFS (dB full scale). – `0` indicates that the values *Antenna Voltage Reference* and *Reciprocal gain correction* (see the *Status Word* description of the datablock header) can be used to calculate the corresponding level for each sample. ● Bits `#29` to `#8` - Reserved (not yet used, must be `0`) ● Bits `#7` to `#0` - User flags for special signaling between IF Data processing components.
12	**uintSignalSourceID** ptypUINT	**Signal Source Identifier** or antenna identifier (value 0x0 if not used)

Word position in frame	Member name Member type	Description
13	**uintSignalSourceState** ptypUINT	Current **Signal Source State** (value 0x0 if not used) ● gives the *Configuration Set Identifier* of the Task Data Set (in GX400) currently being applied by the IF signal source OR ● the current *Scan Step Number* in the case of scan operation In the case of memory scanning, the scan step number starts at 0 for the scan channel (memory location) configured with the lowest frequency, and increments (+1) for every channel configured for scanning in the memory scan list. In the case of frequency scanning, the scan step number starts at 0 for the scan step at the lowest frequency, and increments (+1) for every step taken within the configured frequency scan range.
14 15	**uintTunerFrequency_Low** **uintTunerFrequency_High** ptypUINT	64-bit **Tuner Center Frequency** [Hz] - least significant 32 bits (uintTunerFrequency_Low) followed by most significant 32 bits (uintTunerFrequency_High)
16	**uintBandwidth** ptypUINT	IF signal 3dB **Bandwidth** [Hz]
17	**uintSamplerate** ptypUINT	**Sample Rate** of the AD Converter [samples / second] - due to digital filtering within the source, the resulting sample rate of the samples within this frame is: Sample Rate × Interpolation / Decimation
18	**uintInterpolation** ptypUINT	**Interpolation Factor** referred to the ADC signal sample rate. The value 0x1 indicates no interpolation

Word position in frame	Member name Member type	Description
19	**uintDecimation** ptypUINT	**Decimation Factor** referred to the ADC signal sample rate. The value `0x1` indicates no decimation
20	**intAntennaVoltageRef** ptypINT	**Antenna Voltage Reference (AntVoltRef)** is the device specific correction value for the tuner front-end Rx attenuation (expresses anything from antenna input connector to ADC) and is expressed in `[0.1 dBµV]`. This is the level which, while the AGC amplification is at maximum attenuation, is required at the antenna input to produce the full scale value at the ADC. Using this value together with the RecipGain (Reciprocal Gain) value, one can calculate the true signal level at the antenna input connector (see "Data samples" on page 181). The RecipGain value is given in the Status Word of the IF Datablock header Table A-4

The extended IF data header structure, of type `typIFD_IFDATAHEADER_EX`, is described in the following table (total data header length = 19 [32-bit words]).

Table A-6: Extended IF data header (typIFD_IFDATAHEADER_EX) - extra fields only

Word position in frame	Member name Member type	Description
21 22	**bigtimeStartTimeStamp** ptypBIGTIME_NS	64-bit **Timestamp** [ns] - Absolute time of the first sample of the datastream since starting the datastream ("Sample Counter" == 0). This value remains constant until the datastream is stopped and started again or until the tuner performs an internal synchronization.
23 24	**uintSampleCounter_Low** **uintSampleCounter_High** ptypUINT	**Sample Count** - 64-bit counter from the first sample of the first datablock in this frame. Note that this value can be reset when the datastream is stopped and started again or when the tuner performs an internal synchronization. The Sample Count of the next IF frame can be deduced from Datablock Count, Datablock Length and the number of 32-bit words per sample. In this way the number of sample Dropouts can be estimated (that can be replaced with Null values). The exact time is given by *t = Start Time + Sample Count * Decimation / (Sample rate * Interpolation)*.
25	**intKFactor** ptypINT	**kFactor** - Correction factor of the current antenna, given in `0.1dB/m`. Used to determine the field strength (in [dBµV/m]) at the antenna from the voltage level at the antenna input of the receiver. Contains antenna gain, cable attenuation, antenna switch matrix attenuation and anything else from air to antenna input. (the value `0x80000000` is used if no kFactor is defined).

The values contained in the data header fields represent the status at the beginning of the frame. A modification happening during the transmission of a frame will only be noted in the data header of the next frame.

IF Data Body

The IF data body contains zero or more IF Data samples arranged as an array of `typIFD_DATABLOCK` data blocks (the actual IF signal datastream payload). The number of datablocks is specified by the `Datablock Count` parameter from the data header.

Each datablock (`typIFD_DATABLOCK`) has its own datablock header: `datablockheaderDatablockHeader` (of type `typIFD_DATABLOCKHEADER`) and a datablock body that contains the actual data sample.

Table A-7: IF Datablock header (typIFD_DATABLOCKHEADER)

Member name **Member type**	**Description**
uintStatusword ptypUINT	Status of the Datablock • Bits `#31` to `#16` - **RecipGain** - Automatic Gain Control (AGC) **Reciprocal Gain Correction** value that was applied when generating the following IF Data samples. The RecipGain is represented as 16-bit unsigned decimal value (the 16-bit unsigned decimal has to be divided by 2^{16} = 65535 to obtain the unsigned fractional between 0 and 1). For example a correction value of `-17.5dB` gives a value for RecipGain of `0.1333` which will be represented as `0x2220`. Using this value together with the value for the antenna voltage reference, one can calculate the true signal level at the antenna input connector (see "Data samples" on page 181). • Bits `#15` to `#8` - Reserved (must be `0`). • Bits `#7` to `#2` - User flags for special signaling between IF Data processing components. Set to `0` if not used. • Bit `#1` - **Blanking flag** - this flag is set (`1`) to indicate that the data in this block may have been falsified by some external event. • Bit `#0` - **Invalidity flag** - this flag is set (`1`) to indicate that the data within this block may be corrupt (e.g. the input signal exceeded the range of the AD converter, or the analog signal input from which the data was converted was overloaded), OR any one of the fields in the IF datastream header does not represent the data in this block correctly.

The datablock body is defined as an array of size `uintDatablockLength` with `uintData` elements interpreted using the corresponding sample type format ("typIFD_SAMPLE...." as described in the following table). The actual IF data samples have to be extracted from the array. Their structure and size is given by the IF datastream format (Table A-4). The possible IF data sample formats are described in the table below:

Table A-8: IF data sample format

Sample type	Sample format	Most significant bits	Least significant bits	Data type
typIFD_SAMPLE _32RE_32IM_FIX typIFD_SAMPLE _32RE_32IM_FLOAT	64-bit I/Q format	First 32-bit Real component		ptypINT or ptypFLOAT_SP
		Second 32-bit Imaginary component		ptypINT or ptypFLOAT_SP

Sample type	Sample format	Most significant bits	Least significant bits	Data type
typIFD_SAMPLE _16RE_16IM_FIX	32-bit I/Q format	16-bit Imaginary component	16-bit Real component	ptypINT
typIFD_SAMPLE _16RE_16RE_FIX	16-bit Real format	16-bit sample number `I+1`	16-bit sample number `I`	ptypINT

The term 'fix' ('fixed' point) indicates signed (2s-complement) fixed point fractional numbers.

Data samples

The absolute signal level in [dBµV] may be calculated as follows:

Level [dBµV] = 10*log($I_{rel}^2+Q_{rel}^2$) [dB] + 20*log (RecipGain / 2^{16}) [dB] + 0.1*AntVoltRef [dBµV]

where I and Q are the real and imaginary parts of each signal sample.

The absolute signal level in [µV] may be calculated as follows:

I [µV] = I_{rel} * (RecipGain / 2^{16}) * AntVoltLin

Q [µV] = Q_{rel} * (RecipGain / 2^{16}) * AntVoltLin

where AntVoltLin [µV] = $10^{(0.1 * AntVoltRef) / 20}$

Depending on the sample format, as presented in Table A-8, I and Q values can be represented as signed integers on 32-bits (I_{int32}) or 16-bits (I_{int16}) or as 32-bit float values (I_{float}). The relative values of I and Q can be calculated with the following formulas (same applies for Q_{rel}):

- $I_{rel} = I_{int32}/(2^{31}-1)$ where I_{int32} is a signed integer, the most significant bit gives the sign (0 is positive, 1 is negative)
- $I_{rel} = I_{int16}/(2^{15}-1)$ where I_{int16} is a signed integer, the most significant bit gives the sign (0 is positive, 1 is negative)
- $I_{rel} = I_{float}$

In the first two cases I_{rel} and Q_{rel} represent relative signal level values between -1 and 1. The absolute signal levels are retrieved through the parameter AntVoltRef as presented above. In the third case, I_{rel} and Q_{rel} can represent directly the absolute signal levels - in this case the RecipGain and AntVoltRef are not used (and are set to RecipGain=1, AntVoltRef=0).

Example

Word position in frame	Frame component name	Hex value	Description
1	**uintMagicWord**	FB746572	Frame synchronisation
2	**uintFrameLength**	0000001E	Entire frame length = 30 (in 32-bit units)

Word position in frame	Frame component name	Hex value	Description
3	**uintFrameCount**	000000FE	Running frame number = 254
4	**uintFrameType**	00000004	The type of data contained in this frame
5	**uintDataHeaderLength**	0000000E	data header length = 14 (in 32-bit units)
6	**uintReserved**	00000000	Reserved field
7	**uintDatablockCount**	00000002	Number of data blocks in this frame = 2
8	**uintDatablockLength**	00000004	The data block length (in 32-bit units) excluding the data block header = 4. Every data block in this frame will have the same length.
9 10	**bigtimeTimeStamp**	00035CED 1D63F4D0	Absolute time [µs] of the first IF signal data sample in this frame
11	**uintStatusword**	00000000	No status change indications.
12	**uintSignalSourceID**	00000003	Antenna ID = 3
13	**uintSignalSourceState**	00000A73	Tuner scan status = position 2675
14	**uintTunerFrequency_Low**	42Ef9EC0	Tuner center frequency = 1,123 GHz
15	**uintTunerFrequency_High**	00000000	
16	**uintBandwidth**	01312d00	The IF Data bandwidth = 20 MHz
17	**uintSamplerate**	0493E000	ADC sample rate = 76,8 Msample/s
18	**uintInterpolation**	00000001	Interpolation factor = none
19	**uintDecimation**	00000003	Decimation factor referred to the ADC sample rate = 3
20	**intAntennaVoltageRef**	0000001E	Antenna reference voltage = 3dBµV
21	**uintStatusword**	22200000	Beginning of the first Datablock. Statusword contains AGC correction factor = 0.1333 and no flags indications.
22	**uintData**	23873454	Real part of first sample
23	**uintData**	34234523	Imaginary part of first sample
24	**uintData**	56567543	Real part of second sample
25	**uintData**	34563456	Imaginary part of second sample
26	**uintStatusword**	41000004	Beginning of the second Datablock. Statusword contains AGC correction factor = 0.2539 and one user flag indication.
27	**uintData**	45345222	Real part of third sample
28	**uintData**	546672ab	Imaginary part of third sample
29	**uintData**	5BB25346	Real part of fourth sample
30	**uintData**	BBF7673e	Imaginary part of fourth sample

A.4.6 WV format

WV is a format used by Rohde & Schwarz signal generators to store waveforms. A waveform file contains a header and raw I/Q samples.

A.4.6.1 Mandatory elements

Each waveform file must begin with the TYPE tag. The sequence of the remaining tags is arbitrary.

Element	Description
`TYPE`	Designates the file type and source of creation (instrument type). Also includes an ASCII-coded checksum of the data part of the WAVEFORM tag, used to detect transmission errors.
`CLOCK`	The clock frequency (sample rate), in Hz
`EMPTYTAG-Length`	Length is an ASCII integer value that specifies the number of bytes in the EMPTYTAG, i.e. defines the number of bytes from the colon : to the end bracket }
`WAVEFORM-Length`	The actual waveform data (I/Q stream) Length specifies the number of bytes in a WAVEFORM tag and is calculated as follows: Length = Number of I/Q pairs * 4 (2 bytes per I and 2 bytes per Q value) + 1 byte (the length of the #) The binary data is represented by 16-bit signed integer in 2's complement notation. It contains the I and Q component alternately, starting with the I component. Each component consists of 2 bytes in Little endian format representation, i.e least significant byte (LSB) first. The values of the 2 bytes in an I component and a Q component are in the range 0x0 to 0xFFFF (-32767 to +32767).

A.4.6.2 Optional elements

The following elements are optional in a `.wv` file.

Element	Description
`DATE`	Date and time at which the file was created Syntax: yyyy-mm-dd;hh:mm:ss
`LEVEL OFFS`	Offset of RMS and peak level relative to the 16-bit full scale modulation (-32767 to + 32767) = 0 dB.
`SAMPLES`	Number of I/Q samples in the waveform in ASCII format

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