

# Open Source T&M for Hardware RE

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# The Problem

- Digital interfaces are getting faster
  - Probing is getting harder and more expensive
- Protocol stacks are growing in complexity
  - Need more decodes to understand behavior
  - Need extensibility for emerging or proprietary protocols
- Closed source implementations are problematic
  - \$\$\$\$
  - Hard to extend, modify, etc. RE needs adaptability

# The Solution: Open T&M Platform

- Distant descendent of internal tooling for my Ph.D
- Now released as open source
  - Used internally at IOA, but not “our” project
  - They paid for my travel so get credit on the slides 😊
- Industry adoption and support is growing
- Healthy, growing community userbase

# Probing Suite

- Excellent cost / performance ratio
- Vendor independent interface
- All models so far are solder-in for extended probing
  - Optimized for RE use case of many long captures
  - Handheld browser versions may come eventually

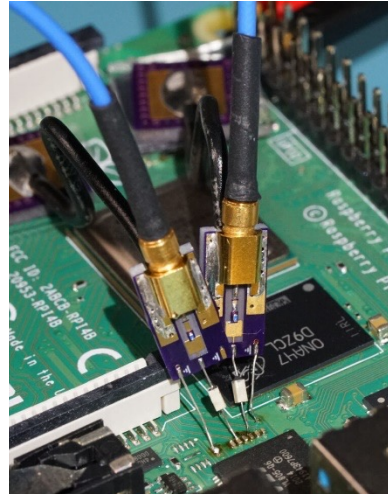
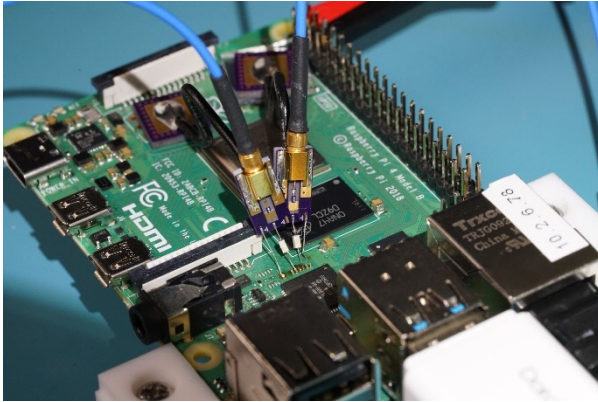
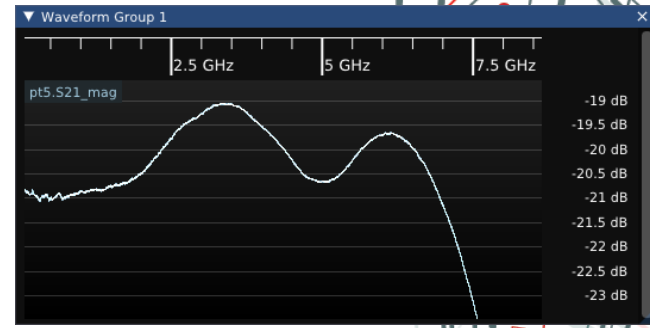
# Probing Suite

- Designs are on GitHub now for early adopters to DIY
- Working on plans for production runs later this year

# AKL-PT5

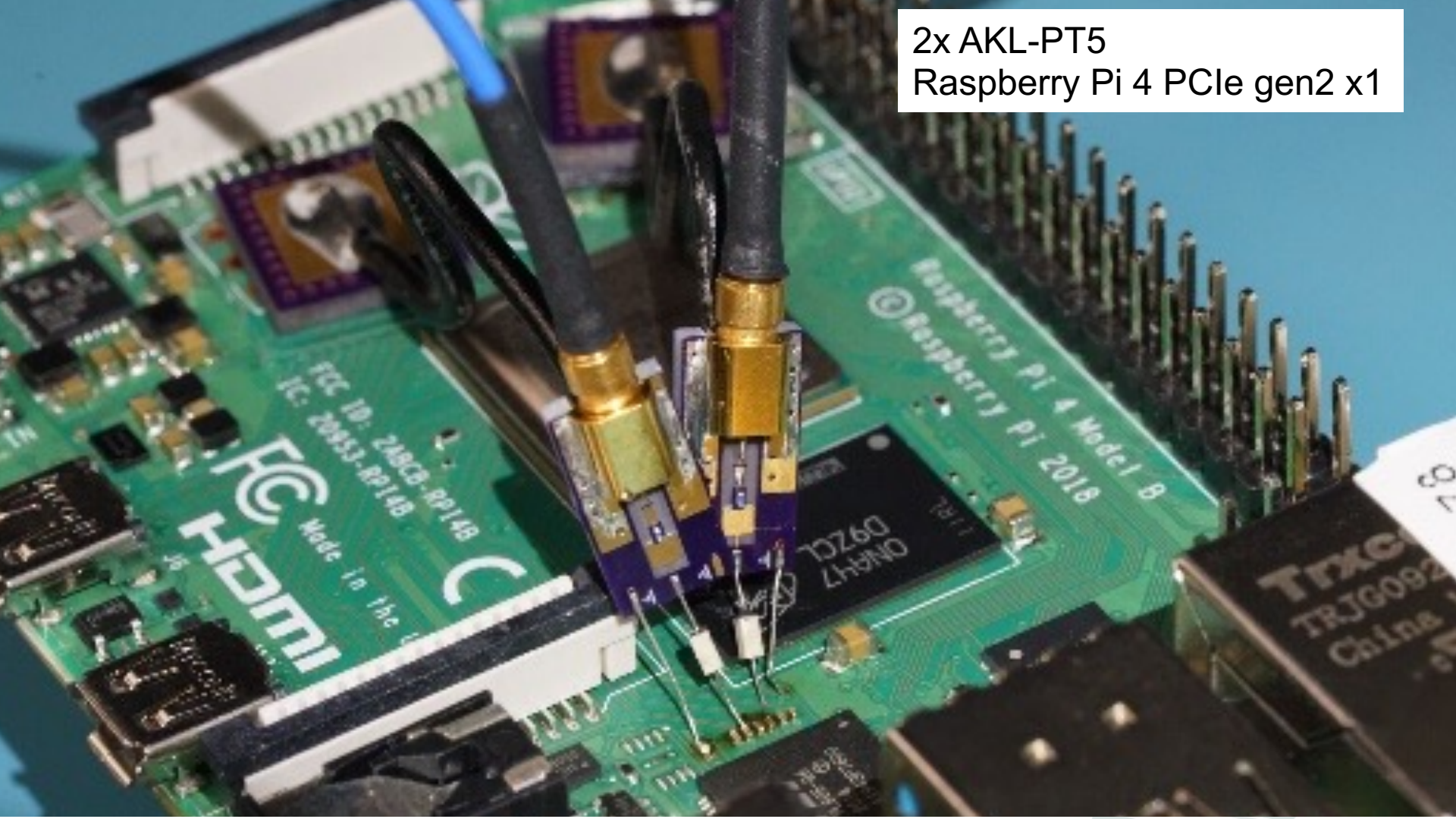
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- 7.5 GHz -3 dB BW (w/ cable de-embedded)
- 500 $\Omega$  10:1 DC coupled transmission line probe
- Suitable for decodes of PCIe gen3, USB3, 10Gbase-R





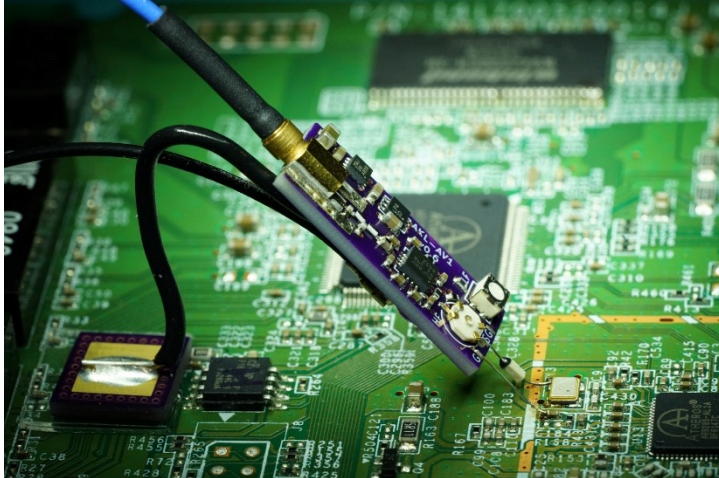
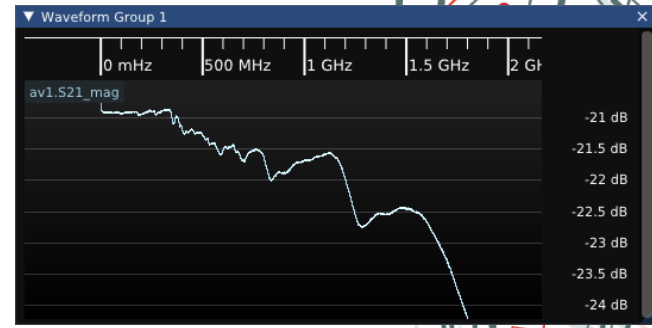
2x AKL-PT5  
Raspberry Pi 4 PCIe gen2 x1



# AKL-AV1

<https://github.com/azonenberg/starshipraider/tree/master/boards/probes/akl-av1>

- 1.75 GHz 10:1 high impedance voltage probe
- $5\text{M}\Omega \parallel 350\text{ fF}$  input
- Great for weak, loading-sensitive signals



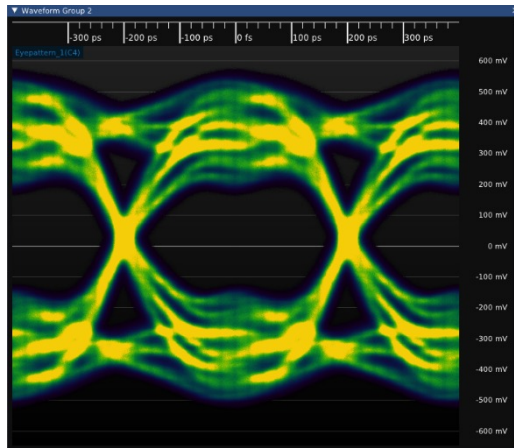
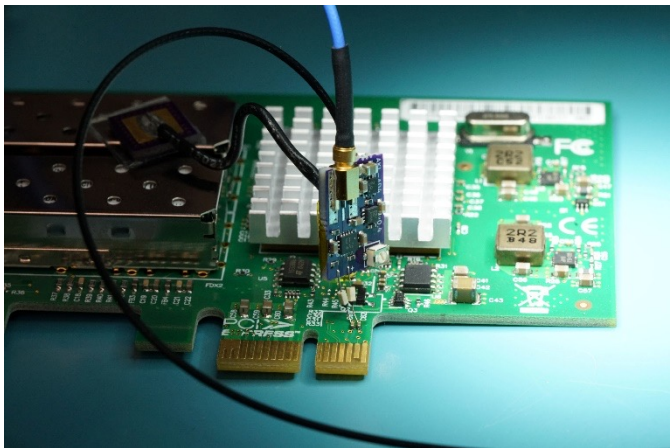
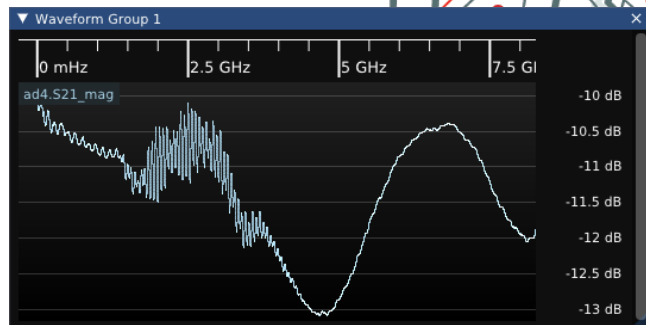




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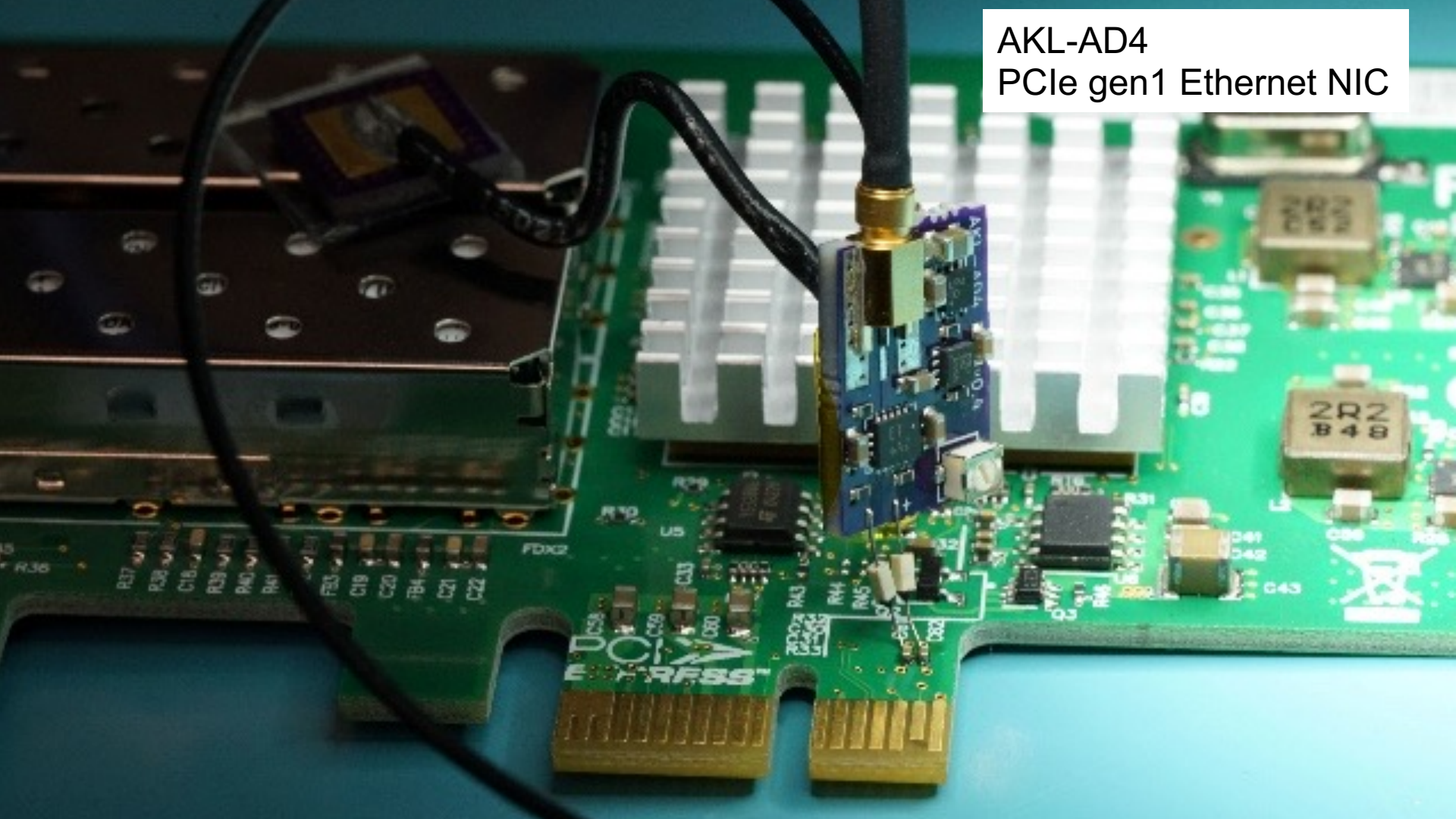
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- >8 GHz low impedance active diff probe
- Resistive input, 500 $\Omega$  to ground from each leg
- Two PT5 style inputs feeding a differential amplifier





AKL-AD4  
PCIe gen1 Ethernet NIC



# AKL-PR1

- $10\text{M}\Omega \parallel 9.5\text{ pF}$  passive R-C divider probe
- Low cost, high density probing for low data rates
- Works with cheap scopes that only have  $1\text{M}\Omega$  inputs
- Early stage WIP ( $\sim 200\text{ MHz}$ ), working on more BW

# Software Stack

- `libscopehal`: instrument driver abstraction
- `libscopeprotocols`: Decodes / math blocks
- `glscopeclient`: Mature GTK based GUI
- `ngscopeclient`: Next-gen all-Vulkan GUI (WIP)
- Industry-friendly 3-clause BSD license

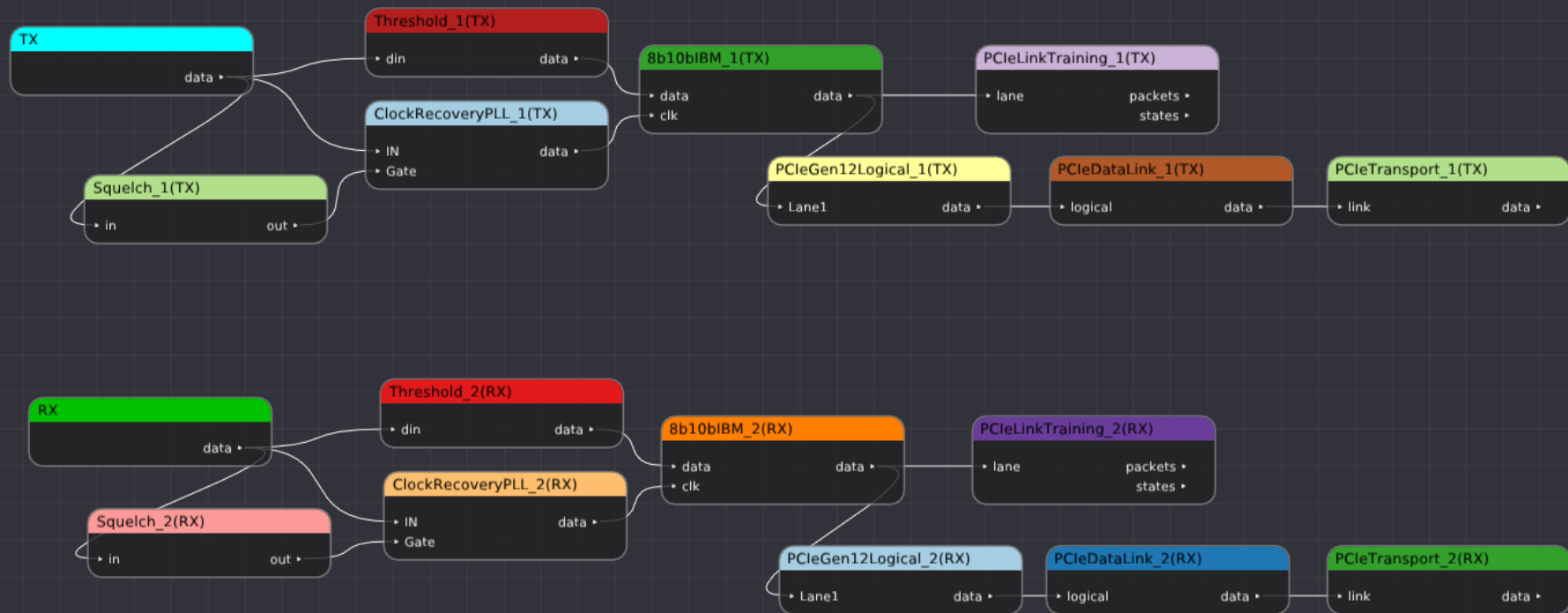


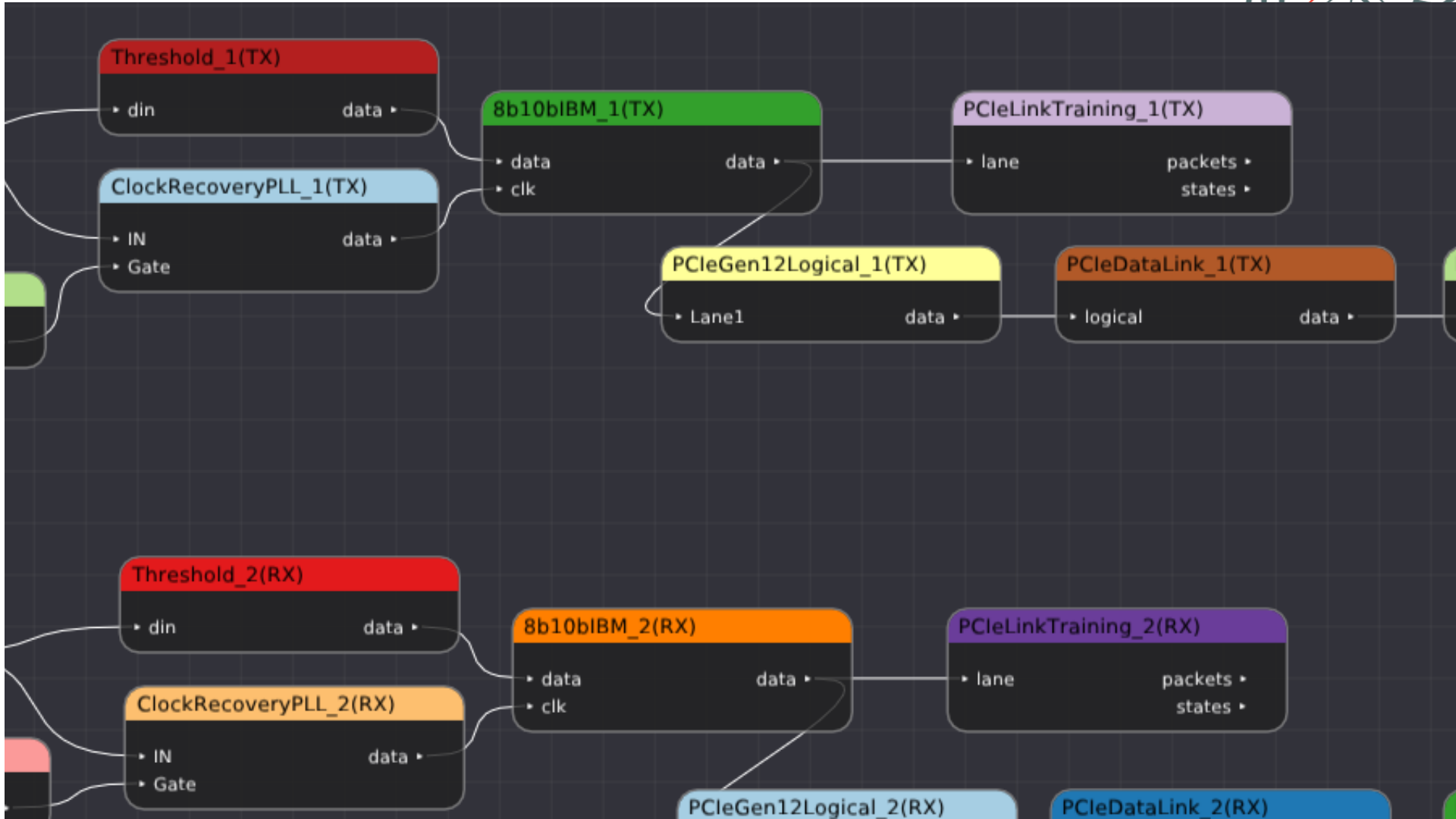
# Supported scopes (partial list)

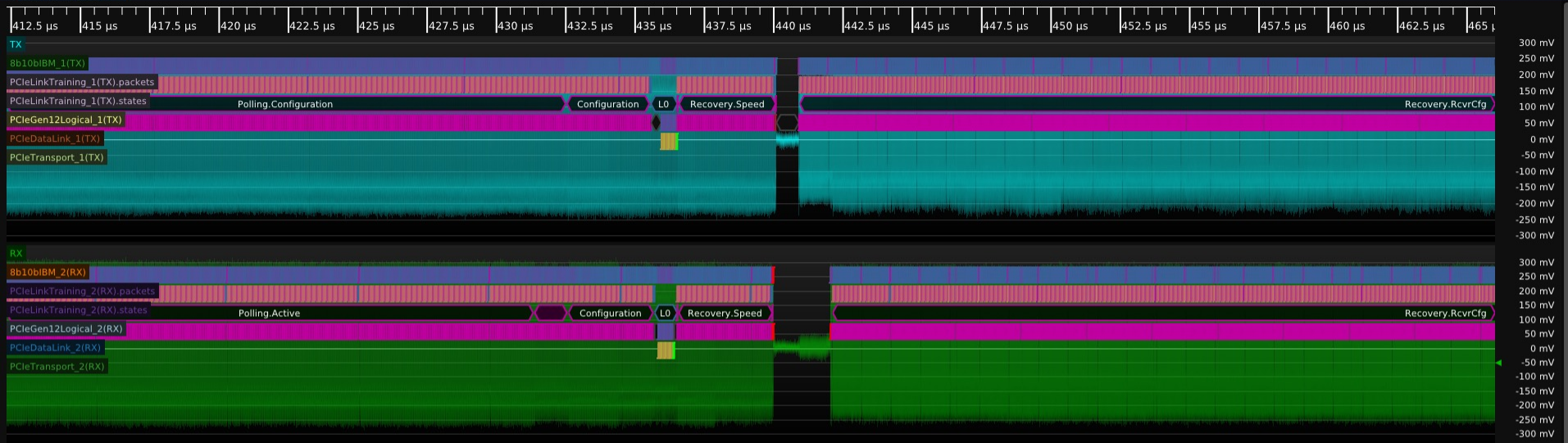
- Digilent Analog Discovery family
- PicoScope 3000/6000 series
- R&S RTO6 series (also RTP? Same SW platform)
- Tek MSO 4/5/6 series
- Teledyne LeCroy MAUI platform
- Siglent SDS2000/5000/6000 series
- ThunderScope (not yet released)

# Filter graph model

- If you've used GNU Radio this should be familiar
- Chain source/sinks and processing blocks
- Multithreaded, GPU accelerated execution



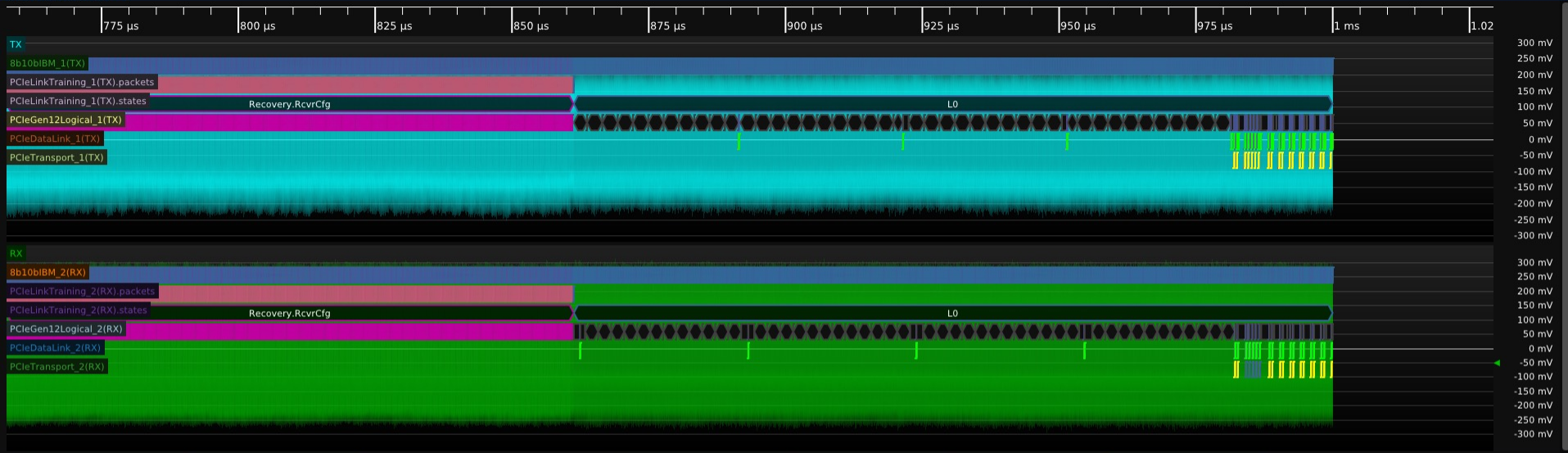




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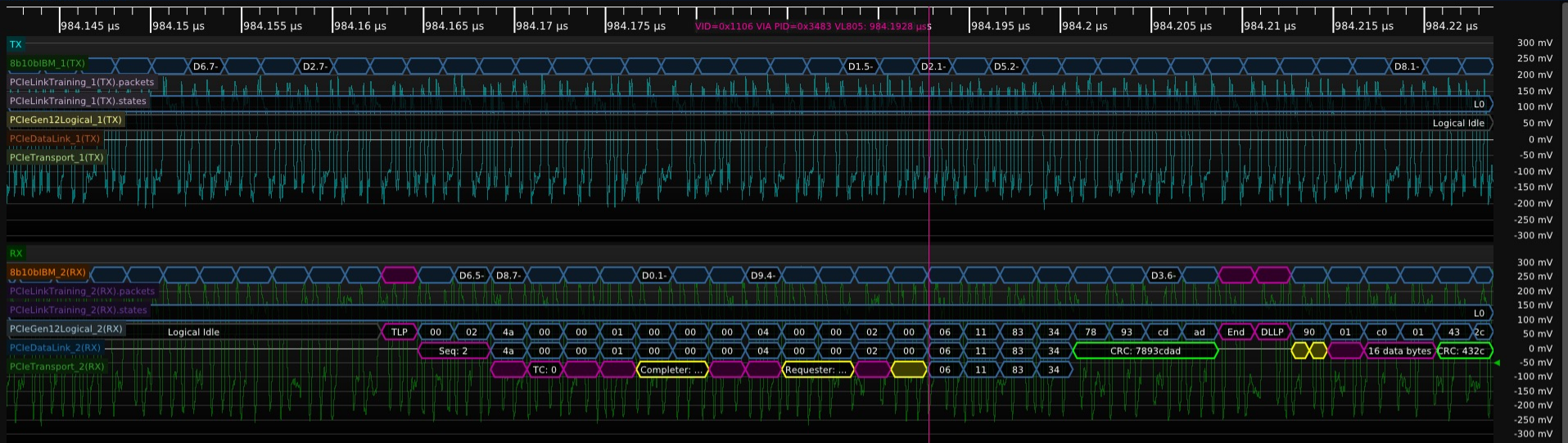
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▼ Waveform Group 1



▼ Protocol: PCieLinkTraining\_1(TX) Protocol: PCieLinkTraining\_2(RX)

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▼ Protocol: PCIeTransport\_1(TX) Protocol: PCIeDataLink\_2(RX) Protocol: PCIeDataLink\_1(TX) Protocol: PCIeTransport\_2(RX)

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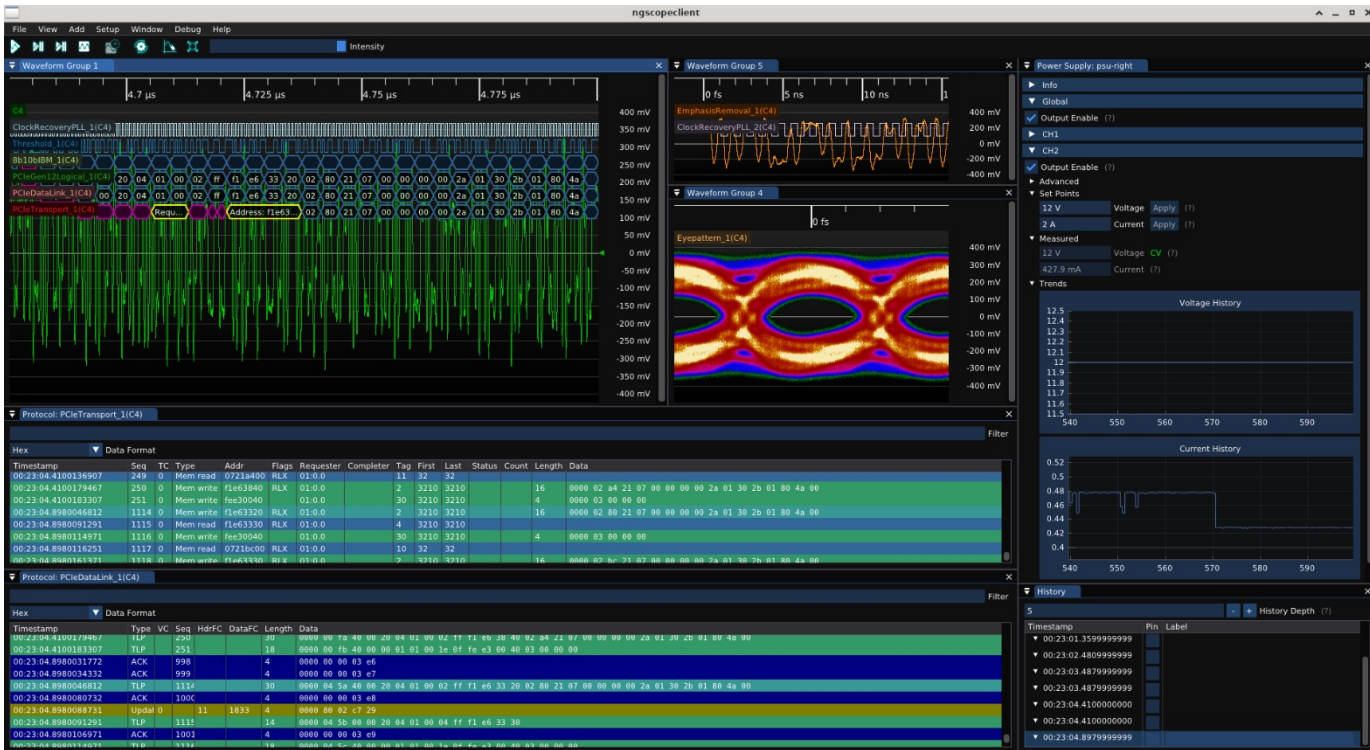
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- 1000baseX
- 10Gbase-R
- 8b/10b
- 64b/66b
- CAN
- DDR 1/3 cmd bus
- I2C
- I2C EEPROM
- Intel eSPI
- \*MII
- MIL-STD-1553
- MIPI D-PHY, DSI
- PCIe gen 1/2/3 (4/5?)
- [Q]SPI
- Serial flash
- UART
- USB LS/FS/HS
- And more (150+)

# DSP / SI capabilities

- Eye pattern
- FIR filters
- FFT / spectrogram
- Jitter decomposition / spectrum
- S-parameter cascade / de-embed (no AFR... yet)
- Time domain S-param channel emulation / de-embed



# PCIe protocol decode + SI



# PCIe protocol decode

▼ Protocol: PCIeTransport\_1(C4)

Hex▼ Data Format

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00:23:04.4100183307	251	0	Mem write	fee30040		01:0.0		30	3210	3210			4	0000 03 00 00 00
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▼ Protocol: PCIeDataLink\_1(C4)

Hex▼ Data Format

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00:23:04.4100183307	TLP		251			18	0000 00 fb 40 00 00 01 01 00 1e 0f fe e3 00 40 03 00 00 00
00:23:04.8980031772	ACK		998			4	0000 00 00 03 e6
00:23:04.8980034332	ACK		999			4	0000 00 00 03 e7
00:23:04.8980046812	TLP		1114			30	0000 04 5a 40 00 20 04 01 00 02 ff f1 e6 33 20 02 80 21 07 00 00 00 00 2a 01 30 2b 01
00:23:04.8980080732	ACK		1000			4	0000 00 00 03 e8
00:23:04.8980088731	Update	0		11	1833	4	0000 80 02 c7 29
00:23:04.8980091291	TLP		1115			14	0000 04 5b 00 00 20 04 01 00 04 ff f1 e6 33 30
00:23:04.8980106971	ACK		1001			4	0000 00 00 03 e9
00:23:04.8980114971	TLP		1116			18	0000 04 5c 40 00 00 01 01 00 1e 0f fe e3 00 40 03 00 00 00

# Extensibility

- Decodes and drivers are single C++ classes
  - Can be in main codebase or a plugin
- New decodes can layer on / fork any existing one
- Recent real-world examples:
  - Proprietary framing over 64b/66b
  - Proprietary upper layer over SATA link layer
  - Custom firmware speaking I2C
  - 1-Wire with slightly out of spec timing
  - SPA on PCIe device w/ TLP trigger

# Multi instrument capability

- Can interface with more than scopes!
  - Multimeters
  - Power supplies
  - RF signal generators
  - Function generators
  - (WIP) VNAs
- Can connect to multiple scopes simultaneously
  - Cross trigger cascade w/ calibrated delay

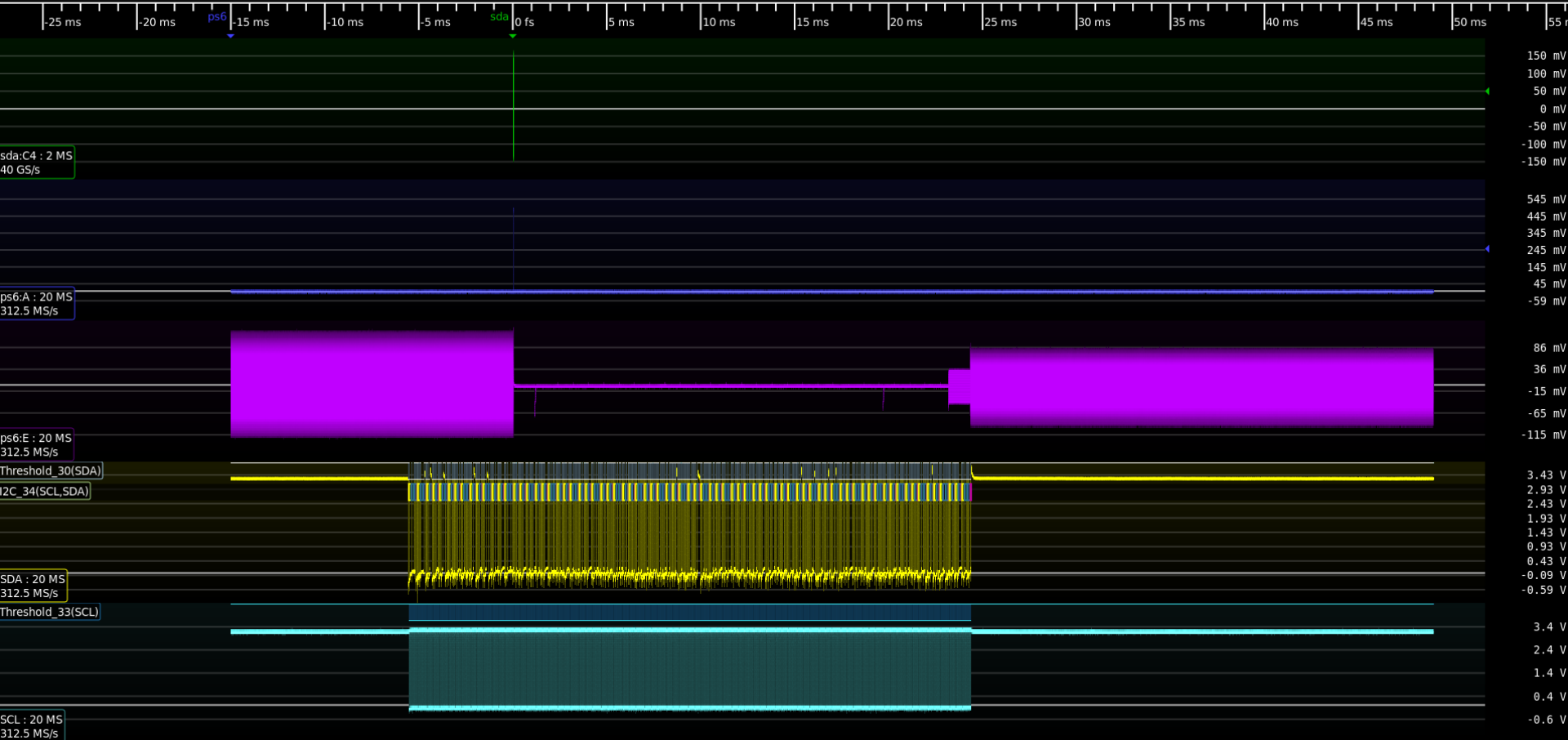
# Multi scope case study

- 10 Gbps retimer with I2C management interface
  - 5 OOM difference in data rates!
- Some management commands cause dropouts
- We want to study this in more detail



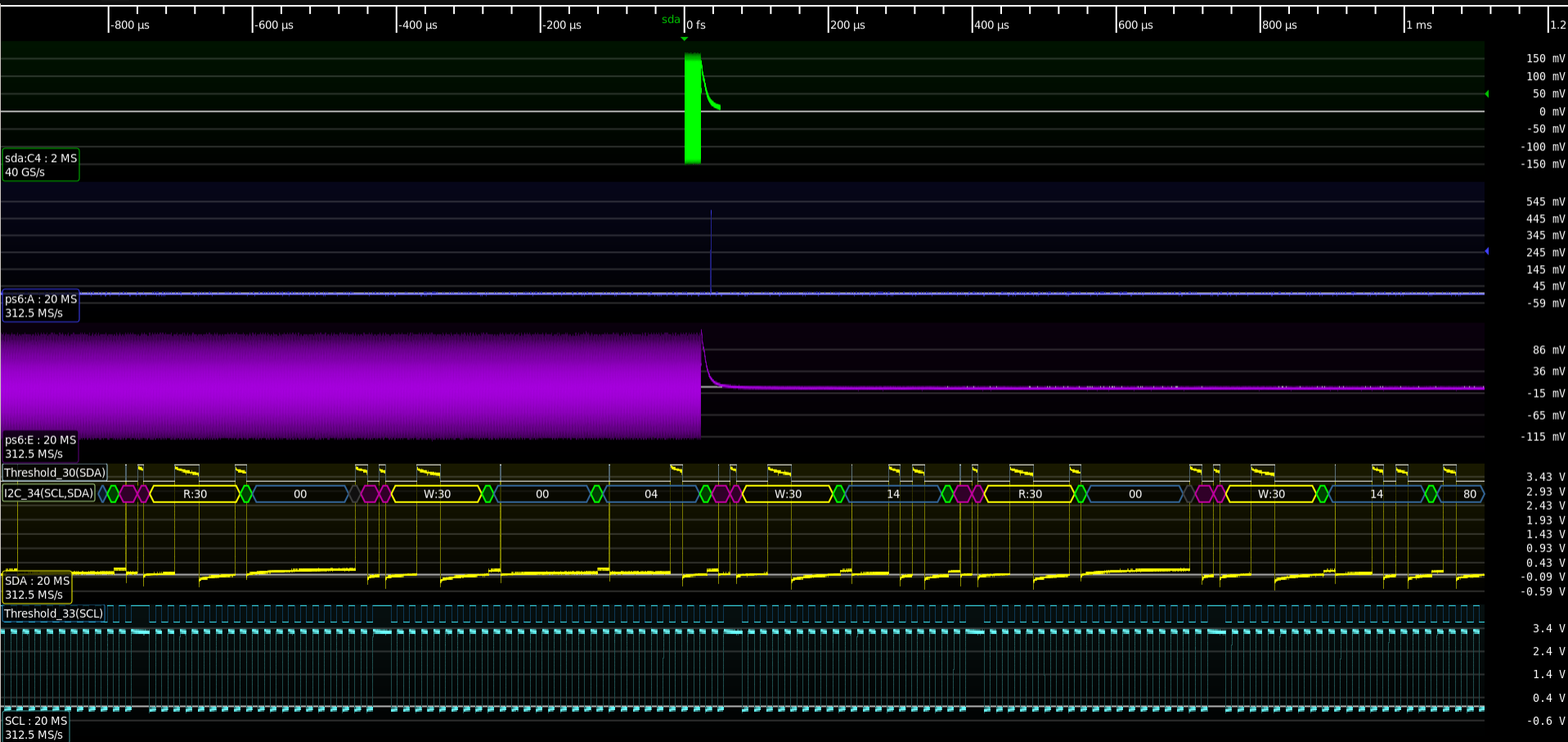
# Multi scope case study

- Obvious option: fast scope w/ 2G points of memory
  - But where do you find this?
  - My SDA is 128M points. Even LabMaster is only 1.5G
- Better option: Fast scope and slow scope
  - Teledyne LeCroy SDA 816Zi (2 MS @ 40 Gsps)
  - PicoScope 6824E (20 MS @ 312.5 Msps)
  - “Only” 2 OOM diff in sample rates for this demo
  - 312 Msps is overkill for I2C, could go much slower



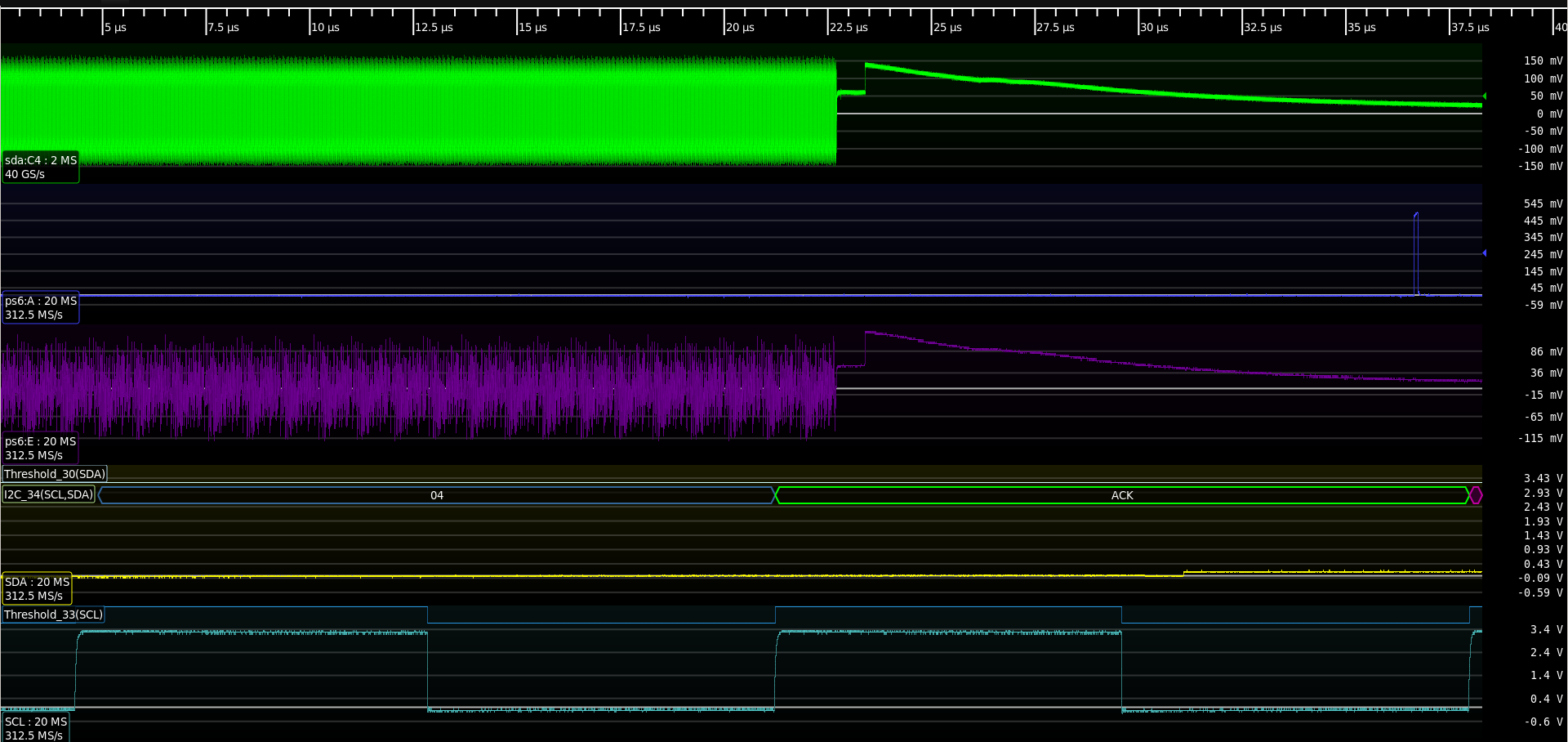


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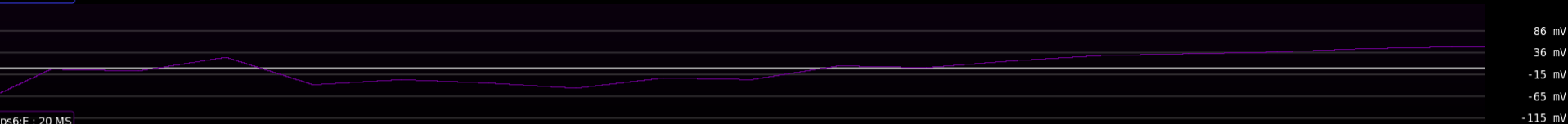
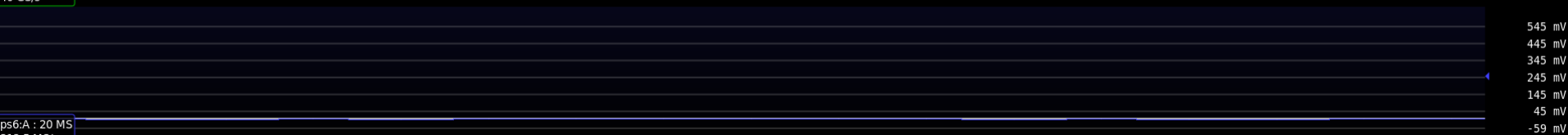
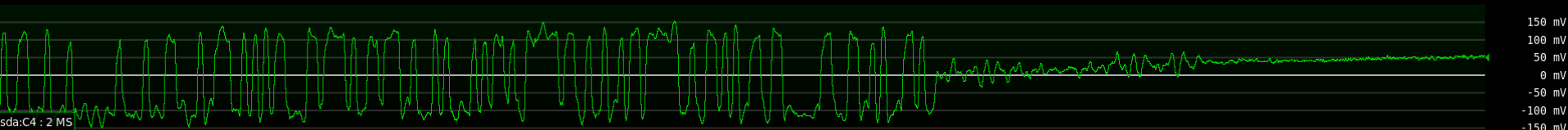






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# Questions?

- <https://github.com/glscopeclient/scopehal-apps/>