COMPASS

Coherent Multi-Channel Playback & Acquisition Streaming System

Fully Integrated Coherent Multi-Channel Capture and Playback

- 10 MHz to 20 GHz
- 1 GHz IBW
- Up to 4 Coherent Channels
- Up to 196 TB Storage
Capability for RADAR & EW Test

An oscilloscope and a spectrum analyzer are two of the most fundamental instruments in an RF engineer’s toolbox. Without them, they’re basically running blind. While multi-channel scopes have been around for years, until now, there has been no equivalent of a multi-channel spectrum analyzer. Just as a multi-channel scope is essential for measuring behavioral relationships between circuit elements, a multi-channel spectrum recorder is needed to observe the RF relationships between RADAR and countermeasure devices.

With the new Giga-tronics COMPASS platform, you get a multi-channel streaming recorder that captures spectrum coherently across all channels without dropping samples along with deep memory storage that supports hours of collection for later off-line analysis. COMPASS can be configured with playback capability to recreate the spectrum just recorded or to recreate a spectrum recorded earlier on another platform.

COMPASS recording exhibits high dynamic range like you’d expect from a spectrum analyzer, but also has the wide instantaneous bandwidth (IBW) needed to observe modern RADAR and EW waveforms. With 1 GHz of IBW at RF and 2 GHz of IBW direct to digital, COMPASS can process today’s signals, as well as, tomorrow’s emerging threats.
Key Attributes

COHERENT
All Channels Time Synchronous
Skew between all channels remains constant and is always less than 1 nanosecond.

MULTI-CHANNEL
Signal Capture and Playback
Up to four RF channels with any combination of record or playback functions.

WIDE IBW CAPTURE
1 GHz RF Streaming Capture Bandwidth
6 GSPS 12-bit ADC with superior ENOB. Variable clock speed allows matching sample rate to bandwidth of signals to be recorded thus optimizing storage.

WIDE IBW PLAYBACK
1 GHz RF Streaming Data Playback
4.8 GSPS Dual-Channel 16-bit DAC with superior ENOB. Variable playback rates allows reuse of files recorded on different systems.

DYNAMIC RANGE
> 90 dB dynamic range
Six selectable input ranges and 10 selectable output attenuator settings helps maintain > 90 dB of dynamic range during record and playback.

OPEN ARCHITECTURE
Upgrade as Technology Improves
Add 3rd party hardware and software, such as, GPUs, GPS, IRIG, reflective memory and other IO.

STORAGE
Up to 192 TB of RAID Storage
Configurable with up to 192 TB of solid state RAID storage supports > 7 hours of record or playback per channel at the maximum sample rate.

ANALYSIS
Post Run Mission Data Analysis
Received waveform pulse parameter (PDW) extraction and software storage utility available.
Industry Challenges Solved

Test & Validation of Coherent Electronic Attack Systems

- Multiple coherent transmit channels can simulate a single emitter as seen from multiple platforms.
- Simulate cooperative attack from multiple emitters

Ground Truth

- Coherent receive channels can record exactly what was transmitted
- Record responses from SUT for comparison with transmitted signals

Very Wide Bandwidth Situations

- Stagger tune multiple record or playback channels for simulating or capturing very wide instantaneous bandwidth signals
- Stitch inputs and outputs in the digital domain

Legacy System Recording & Playback

- Record legacy and difficult to program simulator outputs for repeatable playback without the need for the original simulator
- Playback recorded signals at any frequency while maintaining the original spectral content and time/bandwidth parameters
- Investigate vulnerabilities across tactical platforms
- Use as a proxy for real hardware before capability becomes available

Agile Coherent Capture

- Track desired signal with one channel while searching adjacent frequency segments for spurious signals with the 2nd channel.
- Track the “emitter of interest” and compare with SUT response
COMPASS Architecture

- SSD RAID ARRAY
- High Performance PC Workstation
- Giga-tronics Precision Coherent Reference
- PCIe connection
- DAC
- ADC
- Microwave Up-Converter GT-ASGM18A
- 100 MHz to 20 GHz
- Microwave Down-Converter GT-ASAM18A
- 500 MHz to 18 GHz
- RF IN
- RF OUT
- Giga-tronics ASGA Platform

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Post Run / Mission Data Analysis

- Turnkey Software Utility with Graphical User Interface
- Received Waveform Pulse Parameter Extraction (PDW)
- PDW Storage Software Available
- In-line DSP for Real-Time Analysis and Display of Signal Parameters in both Time and Frequency
The Answer is Yes!

The COMPASS solution was designed to be easily configured to meet a range of applications. It can be ordered as capture only, playback only or a combination of capture and playback all in a single integrated solution. And although the modular architecture supports customizing the features, such as, the number of channels, whether the channels are for recording or playback and the amount of storage, it is built from standard off-the-shelf components. That’s why it’s available within 16 weeks after receipt of order.

However, if your application falls outside of what a standard COMPASS configuration can deliver, such as, more channels, smaller size, longer record times or if you must operate in a rugged environment, for example, just give Giga-tronics a call – the answer will likely be YES! Our engineers will engage with you in a conversation to understand your requirements and to design a configuration tailored to your specific needs. Inquiries can begin by simply contacting Giga-tronics at sales@gigatronics.com.

• 2 Channel RF recorder
• 1 GHz IBW
• 192 TB SSD RAID Array
• 7 Hours/CH record time
• Rugged transit case

Example Custom Configuration
Standard Warranty

Giga-tronics warrants to the Customer that all manufactured products conform to published specifications and are free from defects in material and workmanship for one year. The period begins on the date of shipment and only applies to normal operation of the product within the appropriate service condition. Giga-tronics shall have no responsibility hereunder for any defect or damage caused by improper storage, improper installation, unauthorized modification, misuse, neglect, inadequate maintenance, accident, or any part which has been repaired or altered by anyone other than Giga-tronics or its authorized representative, or not in accordance with Giga-tronics furnished instructions. https://go-asg.gigatronics.com/warranty

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