MIL-STD-1553 Differential Data Bus Testing Suite

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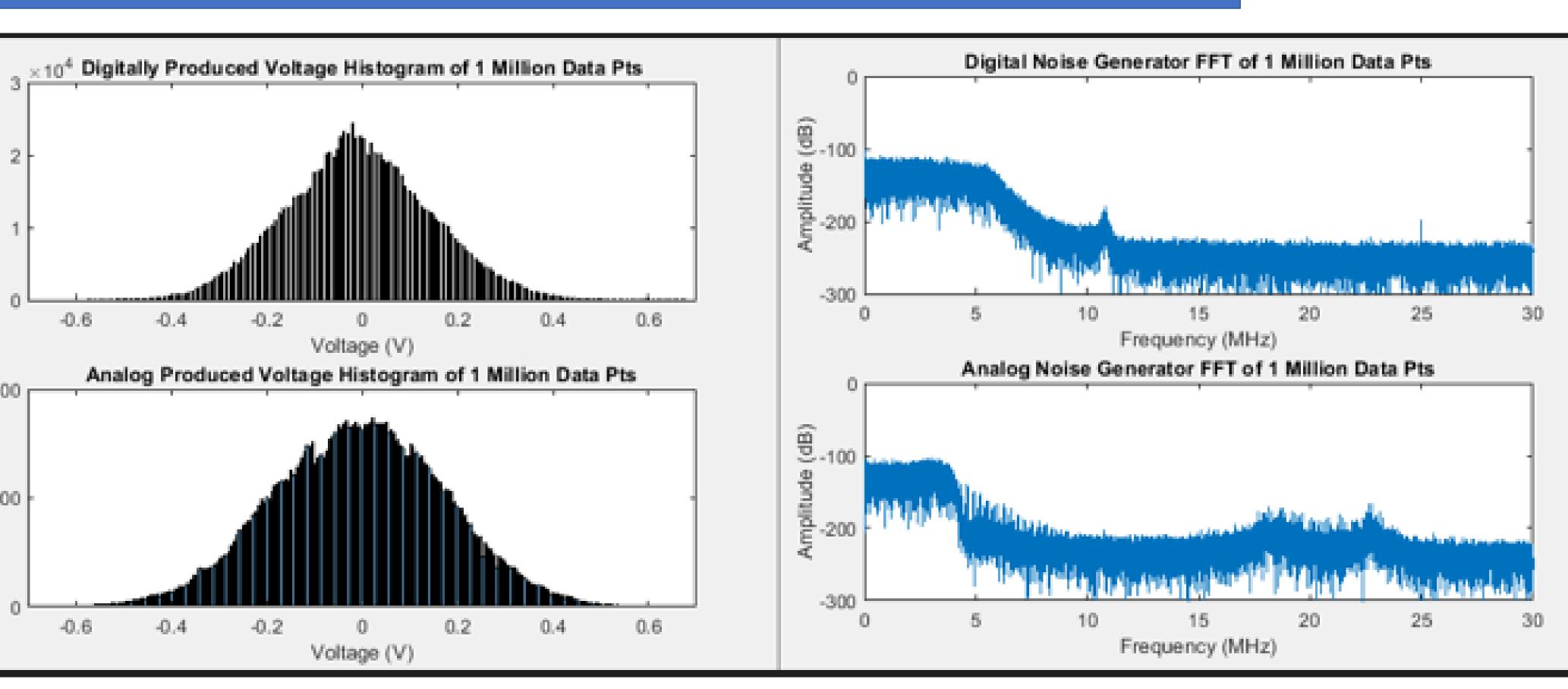
The Problem

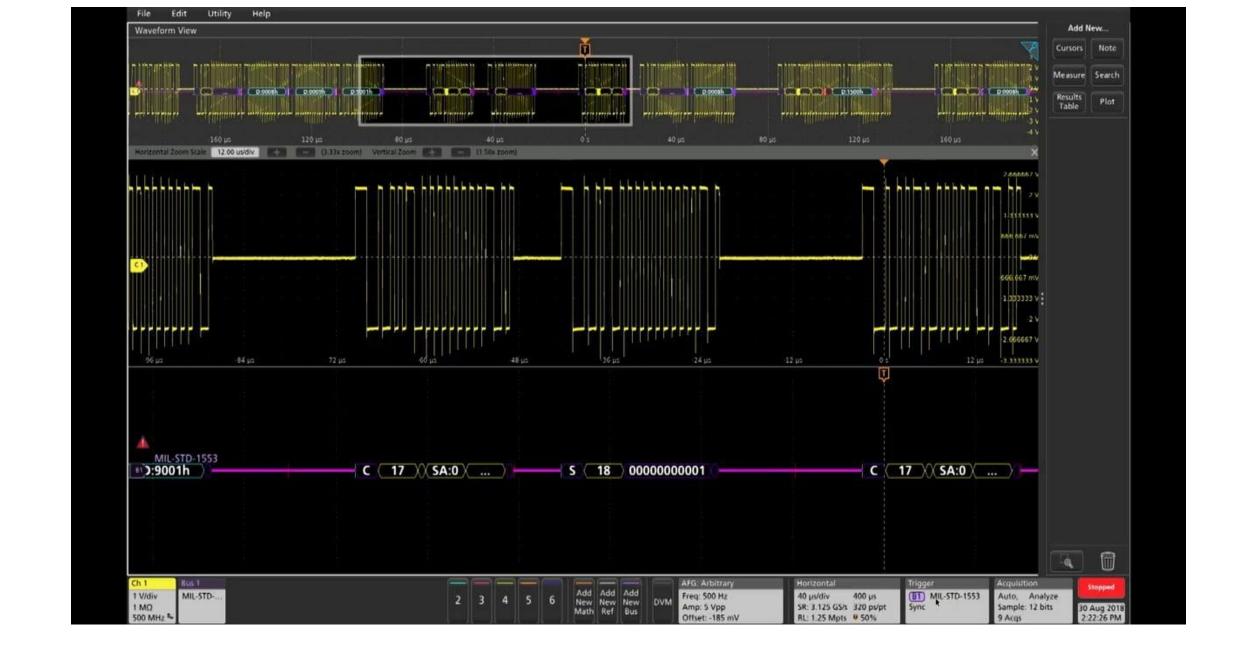
The differential data bus on avionics equipment must be subjected to a rigorous testing procedure outlined by the MIL-STD-1553 handbook. Very few options can perform all the tests that are required.



The Requirements

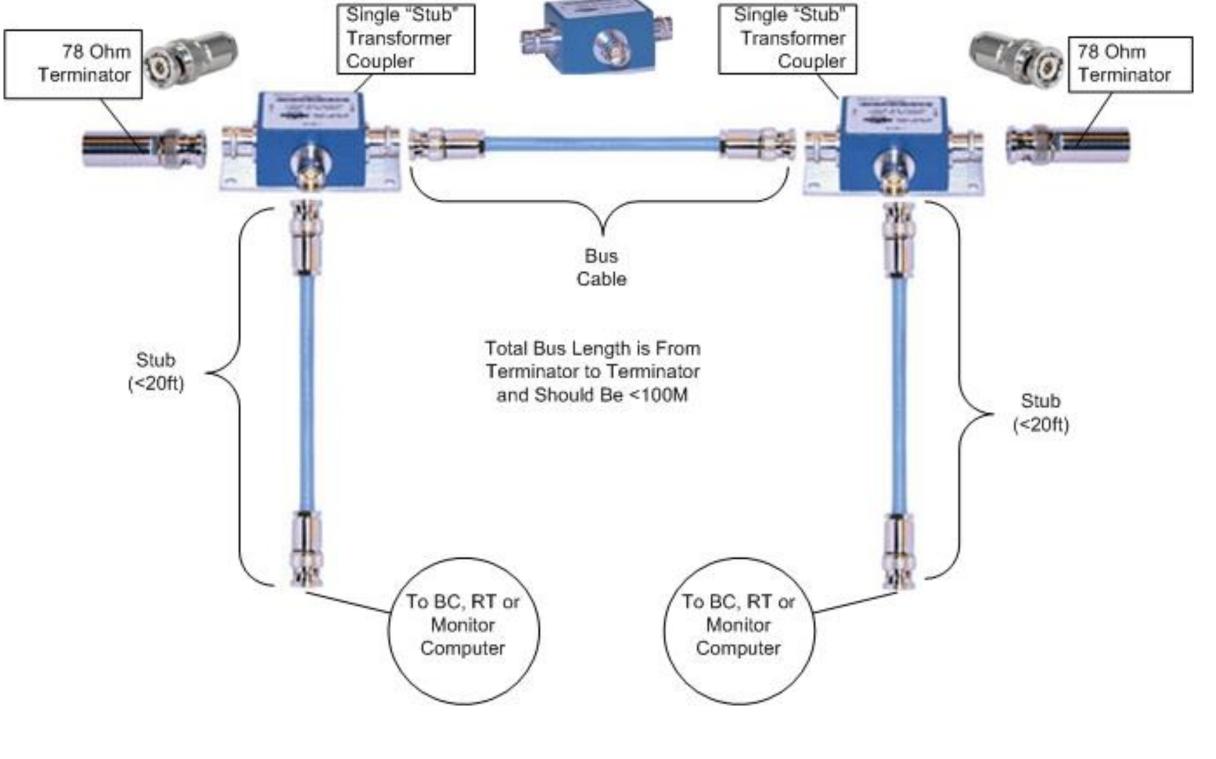
To provide the ability to perform all these tests in a user-friendly test suite, including providing custom made hardware and software.





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The Build

The GUI, report script, oscilloscope capturing script, and testing scripts were written in python.
The noise generator logic was written in VHDL. The PCB was designed in Altium.

The Software

A GUI (graphical user interface) was created for user test control in python, all results are printed to a report using python, test failures are captured by a python oscilloscope capturing script, and the noise generation logic was written in VHDL.

The Hardware

A digital white noise generator was created using a digital to analog convertor (DAC), and a custom PCB was created to accomplish the electrical tests outlined in the MIL-STD-1553 handbook. An oscilloscope, function generator, and portable cart were also included.