





- Single / Dual Channel 2.3GS/s,14 Bit waveform generator, configurable as separate or synchronized channels
- Inter-channel control from -3ns to +3ns with 10ps resolution
- 1GHz sine and 500MHz square waves
- 16M waveform memory, 32M memory optional
- · 3 selectable output paths:
- 2Vp-p into 50 with 700MHz bandwidth, Differential DC output
- 4Vp-p into 50 with 350MHz bandwidth, Differential DC output
- -20 to +10 dBm into 50 with >1GHz bandwidth, RF AC output
- AM, FM, FSK, PSK, ASK, Amp. Hop, Freq. Hop, Sweep & Chirp
- · Powerful pulse composer for analog, digital and mixed signals
- 32 Bit LVDS Parallel / Separate Outputs (Option D)

The WX2181/2C, 2.3GS/s Single / Dual Channel Arbitrary Waveform Generator, offers unrivaled performance, even when compared to instruments designed to generate fewer types of signals or higher sampling rates. Its affordable footprint saves space and cost without compromising bandwidth and signal integrity.

#### **Universal Waveform Source**

Aside from its natural ability to generate arbitrary shapes with waveform granularity of 1 point, the WX2181/2C can also be used as a full-featured standard, modulation or pulse generator to solve various applications. Equipped with 2.3GS/s 14-bit DAC and 16M points (32M optional) memory, the WX2181/2C can generate literally any waveform, short or long, at frequencies up to 1GHz with 12 digits of resolution, resulting in the highest precision signal creation and regeneration without compromising signal fidelity or system integrity.

Signal Integrity and Purity

## MODELS WX2181/2C

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- Smart trigger allows: trigger hold-off, detect <=> pulse width, as well as wait-for-waveform-end or abort waveform and restart
- · Advanced sequencer for step, loop, nest and jumps scenarios
- Two differential markers per channel with programmable positions, width and levels
- Two instrument synchronization to form a four-channel system
- User friendly 4" color LCD display
- · Remote control through LAN, USB and GPIB
- Store/recall capability on memory stick or 4GB internal memory
- · LXI Class C compliant

One of the most important requirement in today's testing and measurement applications is high signal quality. With a typical SSB phase noise of <-115dBc at 100MHz, and <-95dBc at 1GHz, at 10 kHz carrier offset and with exceptionally good SFDR of <-70dBc at 1GHz carrier, Tabor's WX2181/2C unique platform delivers one of the best quality signals available on the market today, answering the ever-growing demand for clear and precise signals.

#### **IQ** Generation

The ability to generate IQ signals is fundamental for any RF or communication engineer. With the advanced arbitrary capabilities and highly synchronized channels, the WX is ideal for generating digital modulations. The new WX C-Series offers excellent EVM performance even at 1.8GHz IQ bandwidth with less than 1% EVM for a 16QAM modulation, making it, by far, the best performance for price IQ source available in the market today.

Common or Separate Clocks

Need a dual channel unit, a single channel unit... why choose? With the new WX2182C you can have it both ways. The WX2182C has two output channels, which can either operate independently, or synchronized to share the same sample clock source. As two separate channels, one has the advantage of having two separate instruments in one box, with each having the ability to be programmed to output different function shapes, frequency, amplitude levels and/or to operate in different run modes. Alternatively, the advantage of having two synchronized channels with less than 10ps skew and skew control is very significant in applications that require an accurate and controlled phase between the two channels, which is ideal for many X-Y modes and I&Q output applications.

#### DC or AC Coupled Outputs

Have a requirement for different output paths in your lab? Great! The WX2181/2C

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offers two single or differential ended DC coupled and one single ended AC coupled output amplifiers: 2Vp-p into 50 with 700MHz bandwidth, for applications demanding optimized transitions and aberrations; 4Vp-p into 50 with 350MHz bandwidth, for applications demanding high voltage or -20 to +10dBm path for applications requiring bandwidth and flatness for frequencies as high as 1GHz.

#### **Powerful Segmentation and Sequencing**

Solving almost every complex application, powerful segmentation and sequencing produces a nearly endless variety of complex waveforms. The waveform memory can be divided into multiple waveform segments and sequenced in user-selectable fashion to create complex waveforms that have repeatable segments, jump and nest, saving you precious memory space. The WX2181/2C also allows you to generate up to 1000 sequence scenarios and sequence between them to generate an even higher level of flexibility in waveform creation.

#### **Dynamic Segment / Sequence Control**

Working in the real-time world and need fast waveform switching? The WX2181/2C has a rear panel control designed specifically for that. Having the dynamic control feature, in effect, can serve as replacement of the sequence table where the real-time application can decide when and for how long a waveform will be generated. For much more complex applications, this same input may serve as a dynamic switch for complete sequences, creating real-life scenarios for real-time applications.

#### **Smart Trigger**

Until now, you've been forced to trigger on a specific event. Tabor's all-new SmarTrigger feature was designed to enhance the trigger capability and facilitate wider flexibility of a specific pulse event. It allows triggering on either a pulse having a larger pulse width than a programmed time value (<time), a pulse having a smaller pulse width than a

programmed time value (>time), or even on a pulse having a pulse width between two limits (<>time). In addition, the SmarTrigger has a hold-off function, in which the output is held idle after the first trigger and starts a waveform cycle only with the first valid trigger after a hold-off interval has lapsed, allowing you to solve endless "negotiation" scenarios.

#### **Pulse / Pattern Creation**

Generating complex pulse trains has never been easier. The Pulse Composer is a powerful built-in tool that converts the WX2181/2C to a very sophisticated Pulse/ Pattern Generator, allowing to create literally any complex pulse train / pattern, whether it's a single pulse, multi-level, linear-points, initialization or preamble pattern definition, user-defined or even standard random patterns with programmable resolution, so it doesn't matter if your application is radar communications, nanotechnology or serial bus testing, the pulse/pattern composer is the right tool for your application. Moreover, all the WX2181/2C advanced trigger modes are applicable, hence one can choose to use the "step" mode to advance every bit independently or the "once" mode to advance a complete data block in one trigger event, enabling even more applications, such as trigger, clock and data protocols.

#### **Programmable Differential Markers**

The WX2181/2C is equipped with two programmable differential markers for each output channel. Differential simply means outstanding signal integrity for high frequencies, whereas the programmability allows you to set position, width, delay and amplitude for any required peripheral triggering need. While bench usage enables setting only one marker position, you can set multiple markers and program different marker properties for each transition instance remotely, allowing various triggering profiles.

#### **Digital Outputs (Option D)**

In today's world, many applications require multiple digital outputs or a parallel digital interpretation of the analog outputs. With the new digital option the WX now offers 32 programmable digital outputs, up to extra 16M of digital memory, up to 1.15Gb/s of data rate and controllable skew between outputs. Combined with Tabor's dedicated digital signal amplifier, WXD1, the WX is, by far, the best mixed signal source on the market to meet all of today's requirements.

#### **4-Channel Capability**

Need more than two channels to drive your application? With two WX2182C you can reach up to 4 synchronized channels system using a Master-Slave arrangement, allowing users to benefit from the same high quality performance even for multi-channel needs.

#### Easy to Use

Large and user-friendly 4" backlit color LCD display facilitates browsing through menus, updating parameters and displaying detailed and critical information for your waveform output. Combined with numeric keypad, ten quick-link function & run mode buttons, cursor position control and a dial, the front panel controls simplify the often complex operation of an arbitrary waveform generator.

#### **Multiple Environments to Write Your Code**

Model WX2181/2C comes with a complete set of drivers, allowing you to write your application in various environments such as: Labview, CVI, C++, VB, and MATLAB. You may also link the supplied dll to other Windows based API's or, use low-level SCPI commands (Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments) to program the instrument, regardless if your application is written for Windows, Linux or Macintosh operating systems.



## 2.3GS/s Single/Dual Channel **Arbitrary Waveform Generators Specification**

#### CONFIGURATION

**Output Channels** 1/2, Synchronized/fully separated

#### STANDARD WAVEFORMS

Type: Sine, triangle, square, ramp, pulse sin(x)/x exponential

> rise, exponential decay, gaussian, noise and DC

Frequency Range:

1μHz to 1GHz Sine Square, Pulse 1uHz to 500MHz All others 1μHz to 250MHz

SINE

Start Phase: 0 to 360°

PhaseResolution: 0.01

Harmonics Distortic (typ.) 3Vpp<sup>HV</sup> 0dBm<sup>AC</sup> 1Vpp <-44dBc (1) 5MHz to 200MHz <-40dBc<sub>(1)</sub><-40dBc

200MHz to 375MHz <-40dBc <-40dBc <-40dBc <-35dBc<sub>/</sub>... <-40dBc (1) <-35dBc (1) 375MHz to 500MHz <-50dBc 500MHz to 700MHz <-32dBc c-32dBc <-55dBc 700MHz to 1GHz <-70dBc<sup>(1)</sup> <-70dBc <-70dBc

Measured with 1GHz lowpass fiter

Non-Harmonics Distortion (typ.):

1MHz to 100MHz <-80dBc 100MHz to 250MHz <-75dBc <-70dBc 250MHz to 500MHz 500MHz to 1GHz <-65dBc

SSB Phase Noise (10kHz offset):

<-120dBc/Hz 1MHz Carrier 10MHz Carrier <-118dBc/Hz 100MHz Carrier <-115dBc/Hz 250MHz Carrier <-108dBc/Hz 500MHz Carrier <-100dBc/Hz 1GHz Carrier <-95dBc/Hz

Flatness (AC Path):

Cross Range ±0.5dB

**PULSE** 

Pulse Mode: Single or double, programmable Polarity: Normal, inverted or complement

Period: 2ns to 1.6s Resolution: 500ps Pulse Width: 1ns to 1.6s

Rise/Fall Time:

Fast DC Path 600ps (typical < 500ps) HV Path 1ns (typical < 900ps) Linear 1ns to 1.6s

Delay: 1ns to 1.6s Double Pulse Delay: 1ns to 1.6s

Amplitude: Range

DC Path 50mVp-p to 2Vp-p into 50Ω HV Path 100mVp-p to 4Vp-p into 50Ω

Levels

-2V to +1.95V Low Level -1.95V to +2V High Level

#### NOTES:

- 1. All pulse parameters, except rise and fall times, may be freely programmed within the selected pulse period provided that the ratio between the period and the smallest incremental unit does not exceed the ratio of 16,000,000 to 1
- 2. Rise and fall times, may be freely programmed provided that the ratio between the rise/fall time and the smallest incremental unit does not exceed the ratio of 1.000.000 to 1.
- 3. The sum of all pulse parameters must not exceed the pulse period setting.

#### PULSE / PATTERN COMPOSER

#### MULTI-LEVEL / LINEAR-POINTS

Number of Levels: 1 to 1000 500ps to 1s Transition type: Fast or Linear Memory: 100k

Amp. Resolution: 4 digits

Time Resolution: 500ps to 100ns (auto or user)

**PATTERN** 

Pattern Source: PRBS or user-defined PRBS7, PRBS9, PRBS11, PRBS Type:

PRBS15, PRBS23, PRBS31,

USER

1Bit/s to 500MBit/s Data Rate:

Number of Levels: 2, 3, 4, 5 ±2V High/Low Levels: Resolution: 4 digits Loops: 1 to 1e6 Preamble: 1 to 16e6 Length: 2 to 16e6

#### ARBITRARY WAVEFORMS

10MS/s to 2.3GS/s Vertical Resolution: 14 bits

Waveform Memory: 16M points standard. 32M points optional

Min. Segment Size: 192 points Resolution: 16 points No. of Segments: 1 to 32k

Waveform Granularity: 1 point Dynamic control: Software command or rear

panel segment control port Jump Timing: Coherent or asynchronous

#### SEQUENCED WAVEFORMS

Multi Seauence: 1 to 1,000 unique scenarios Sequencer Steps: 1 to 48k steps.

Seament Loops: 1 to 16M cycles, each segment Sequence Loops: 1 to 1M ("Once" mode only) Step Advance Modes: Continuous, once (x "N") and

stepped

#### SEQUENCED SEQUENCES

Sequence Scenarios: 1 Scenario

Dynamic Control: Software command or rear panel sequence control port

Table Length: 1 to 1k steps

Advance Control: Continuous, once and stepped

1 to 1,000,000 cycles Sequence Loops:

#### MODULATION

#### COMMON CHARACTERISTICS

Carrier Waveform: Sine, square, triangle Carrier Frequency: 10kHz to 1GHz

Modulation Source: Internal

Modulation Shape: Sine, square, triangle, ramp

Modulation Freq.: 100Hz to 100MHz **Deviation Range:** 10mHz to 500MHz

#### **FSK / FREQUENCY HOPPING**

**FSK Baud Rate:** 10mbps to 500Mbps

Hop Table Size: 2 to 256 Hop Type: Fast or Linear

Fixed or programmable per step Dwell Time Mode:

**Dwell Time:** 2ns to 10s Dwell Time Res.: 2ns

#### SWEEP / CHIRP

Sweep Type: Linear or log Sweep Direction: Up or down Sweep Time: 1.4 µs to 10ms

Modulation Shape: Pulse

Pulse Repetition:

200ns to 20s Range Resolution 3 digits 100ppm Accuracy

AM

Modulation Shape: Sine, square, triangle, ramp

Modulation Freg.: 100Hz to 1MHz Modulation Depth: 0.1 to 200%

#### **ASK / AMPLITUDE HOPPING**

**ASK Baud Rate:** 10mbps to 500Mbps Hop Table Size: 2 to 256

Hop Type: Fast or Linear

Dwell Time Mode: Fixed or programmable per step

**Dwell Time:** 2ns to 10s Resolution

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(n)PSK and (n)QAM

Modulation Type: PSK, BPSK, QPSK, OQPSK, PI/4

DQPSK. 8PSK. 16PSK. 16QAM. 64QAM, 256QAM and User

Defined

Symbol Rate Range: 10mbps to 500Mbps

Symbol Accuracy:1ppm Table Size: 2 to 256

COMMON CHARACTERISTICS

**FREQUENCY** 

Resolution:

Accuracy/Stability: Same as reference ACCURACY REFERENCE CLOCK

1 ppm from 19°C to 29°C 1ppm/°C below 19°C or above 29°C; 1 ppm/year aging rate

External Same as accuracy and stability of the external ref.

**OUTPUTS** 

MAIN OUTPUTS

DC-coupled, or AC-coupled Couplina: Connectors: Front panel SMAs Impedance: 50Ω nominal, each output Protection:

Protected against temporary short to case ground

DC-COUPLED

Type: Single-ended or differential

Resolution: 4 digits

 $\pm$ (2% +2 mV), offset = 0V Accuracy:

Overshoot: 5%, typical

DC PATH

Rise/Fall Time: <600ps (typical <500ps)

Amplitude Range:

Single-ended 50mVp-p to 2Vp-p 100mVp-p to 4Vp-p Differential

**HV PATH** 

Rise/Fall Time: 1ns (typical < 900ps)

Amplitude Range:

50mVp-p to 4Vp-p Single-ended Differential 100mVp-p to 8Vp-p

Double into high impedance

**OFFSET** 

Offset Range: -1.5V to + 1.5V into  $50\Omega$ 

Offset Resolution: 4 digits Offset Accuracy: ±2% + 15mV RF, AC-COUPLED

Type: Single-ended

-20dBm to +10dBm into 50Ω, Amplitude Range:

Resolution: 4 digits Accuracy: +(3% + 0.5 dBm)

Bandwidth: 1GHz

MARKER OUTPUTS

Number of Markers: Two markers per channel Differential (+) and (-) outputs Type:

Connectors:

Skew Between 100ps, typical Markers:

Impedance: Amplitude Voltage:

0V to 1.25V, single-ended; 0V Window

to 2.5V differential Low level 0V to 0.8V, single-ended; 0V to 1.6V differential High level 0.5V to 1.25V, single-ended;

0V to 2.5V, differential

Resolution: 10mV

Accuracy: 10% of setting Width control: 2 SCLK to segment length;

Position control:

Range 0 to seament length

Resolution 2 points 4ns±1/2 clock (Output to marker)

Initial delay: Variable delay:

Control Separate for each channel

Range 0 to 3ns Resolution 10ps

Accuracy  $\pm$ (10% of setting +20ps)

Rise/Fall Time: <1ns, typical

**DIGITAL OUTPUTS (OPTION D)** 

Number of Bits: 32 output channels

Type: Differential (+) and (-) outputs Connectors:

High speed I/O receptacle, 68-nin VRDPC

Skew Between Bits: 100ps, typical

LVDS Level: Impedance: 100Ω Max. Data Rate: 1.15Gb/s Pattern Memory: Up to 16MWord

Dedicated or parallel Source

SYNC OUTPUT

Connector: Front panel SMA Source: Channel 1 or channel 2 Single ended

Type: Waveform Type:

16 points width WCOM Waveform complete

Impedance:

Amplitude: 1V; doubles into high impedance

Variable Position Control:

0 to segment length Range

Resolution Rise/Fall Time 2ns, typical

Variable Width control:

Range 16 points to segment length

Resolution 16 points

**INPUTS** 

TRIGGER INPUT

Front panel SMA Input Impedance: 1k0 or 500, selectable Polarity: Positive, negative, or both

Damage Level: ±20Vdc Frequency Range: 0 to 15MHz

Trigger Level Control:

Range -5V to 5V into 50Ω; -10V to 10V into  $1k\Omega$ 

Resolution 12 bit (2.5mV) Accuracy ±(5% of setting + 2.5mV)

Sensitivity 0.2Vp-p Min. Pulse Width: 10 ns

**EVENT INPUT** 

Connector: Rear panel BNC

Input Impedance: 10kΩ or 2.2kΩ pull up to +5V Polarity: Positive, negative or either

Damage Level: ±20Vdc Frequency Range: 0 to 15MHz

Trigger Level Control:

-5V to 5V Range Resolution 12 bit (2.5mV)

 $\pm$ (5% of setting + 2.5mV) Accuracy Sensitivity 0.2 Vp-p minimum

Min. Pulse Width: 10 ns

SEQUENCE/SEGMENT CONTROL INPUT

Connectors: Rear panel D-sub, 8 bit lines

Input Impedance: 10k0 Input Level: TTI

**EXTERNAL REFERENCE INPUT** 

10 MHz to 100 MHz, programmable Input Frequency:

Input Impedance:

-5dBm to 5dBm Voltage Swing:

Damage Level: 10dBm



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#### EXTERNAL SAMPLE CLOCK INPUT

Damage Level: Input Voltage Range:

AC 0.25Vp-p to 1Vp-p DC  $\pm$ 10V max.

#### **RUN MODES**

Continuous:

A selected output function shape is output continuously.

Self Armed:

No start commands are

required to generate waveforms

Armed: The output dwells on a DC level and waits for an enable command and then the output waveform is output continuously:

waveform is output continuously; An abort command turns off the

waveform

**Triggered:** A trigger signal activates a single-shot or counted burst of

output waveforms and then the instrument waits for the next

trigger signal.

Normal Mode The first trigger signal activates the output; consecutive triggers

are ignored for the duration of the output waveform

Override Mode: The first trigger signal activates the output: consecutive triggers

restart the output waveform regardless if the current waveform has been completed or not.

A waveform is output when a gate signal is asserted. The waveform is repeated until the

gate signal is de-asserted. Last period is always completed. Upon trigger, outputs a Dual or multiple pre-programmed

number of waveform cycles from 1 through 1M.

#### TRIGGER CHARACTERISTICS

#### **EXTERNAL**

Gated:

Burst:

 $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{Source:} & \text{Channel 1, channel 2, or both} \\ \textbf{Connector:} & \text{SMA} \\ \textbf{Input Impedance:} & 1 k\Omega \text{ or } 50\Omega, \text{ selectable} \\ \end{array}$ 

**Polarity:** Positive, negative, or both **Damage Level:** ±20Vdc

Frequency Range: ±20Vac 0 to 15MHz

Trigger Level Control:

Range -5V to 5V into  $50\Omega$ ; -10V to 10V into  $1k\Omega$  Resolution 12 bit (2.5mV)

Accuracy  $\pm (5\% \text{ of setting} + 2.5\text{mV})$ Sensitivity 0.2Vp-p

Pulse Width: 10 ns, minimum

System Delay: 200 SCLK periods + 50ns
Trigger Delay: Separate for each channel
Range 0 to 8,000,000 SCLK periods

Resolution 4 points

Accuracy Same as SCLK accuracy
Smart Trigger: Detects a unique pulse width
Conditioned Trigger: < pulse width, > pulse width

or <>pulse width Pulse Width Range 50ns to 2s

Resolution 2ns

Accuracy  $\pm (5\% \text{ of setting } + 20 \text{ns})$  **Trigger Hold-off:** Ignores triggers for a hold-off

Hold-off range 100ns to 2s Resolution 2ns

Accuracy  $\pm (5\% \text{ of setting } + 20 \text{ns})$ 

**Trigger jitter:** 4 SCLK periods

#### INTERNAL

Source: Common or separate

Modes:
Timer Waveform start to waveform start
Delayed Waveform stop to waveform start

Timer:

Range 200ns to 10s Resolution 3 digits Accuracy 100ppm

Delay
Range 152 to 8,000,000 SCLK periods
Resolution Even numbers, divisible by 4

#### MANUAL

Source: Soft trigger command from the front panel or remote

#### INTER-CHANNEL SKEW CONTROL

#### COURSE TUNING

Initial skew: 200ps
Control:
Range 0 to waveform-length points
Resolution 4 points
Accuracy: Same as SCLK accuracy

#### **FINE TUNING**

Initial skew: 200ps

Control:
Range -3ns to +3ns
Resolution 10ps

Accuracy: (10% of setting + 20ps)

#### TWO INSTRUMENTS SYNCHRONIZATION

Initial Skew: 20ns + 0 to 8 SCLK
Offset Control: 0 to Waveform length
Offset Resolution: 4 SCLK increments
Skew Control: -5ns to 5ns
Skew Resolution: 10ps

#### **GENERAL**

Voltage Range: 100VAC to 240VAC Frequency Range: 50Hz to 60Hz Power Consumption: 150VA

Display Type: TFT LCD, 4 ", 320 x 240 pixels

Interfaces:

USB 1 x front, USB host, (A type); 1 x rear, USB device, (B type) LAN 1000/100/10 BASE-T

GPIB IEEE 488.2 standard interface

Segment control 2 x D-sub, 9 pin

Dimensions:

With Feet 315 x 102 x 395 mm (WxHxD)
Without Feet 315 x 88 x 395 mm (WxHxD)

Weight:

Without Package 4.5kg Shipping Weight 6kg

Temperature:

Operating 0°C to 40°C
Storage -40°C to 70°C
Humidity: 85% RH, non condensing
Safety: CE Marked, IEC61010-1
EMC: IEC 61326-1:2006

Calibration: 2 years

Warranty <sup>(1)</sup>: 5 years standard

#### ORDERING INFORMATION

MODEL	DESCRIPTION
WX2181C	2.3GS/s Single Channel Arbitrary Waveform Generator
WX2182C	2.3GS/s Dual Channel Arbitrary Waveform Generator
OPTIONS	
Option 1: Option D: Option 520D:	32M Memory (per channel) 32 Bits / Digital Outputs Tek AWG520 Hardware and Firmware Emulator

#### ACCESSORIES

Sync Cable: Multi-instrument synchronization
S-Rack Mount: 19" Single Rack Mounting Kit
Case Kit: Professional Carrying Bag

Note: Options and Accessories

Mote: Options and Accessories must be specified at the time of your purchase.

<sup>(1)</sup> Standard warranty in India is 1 year.