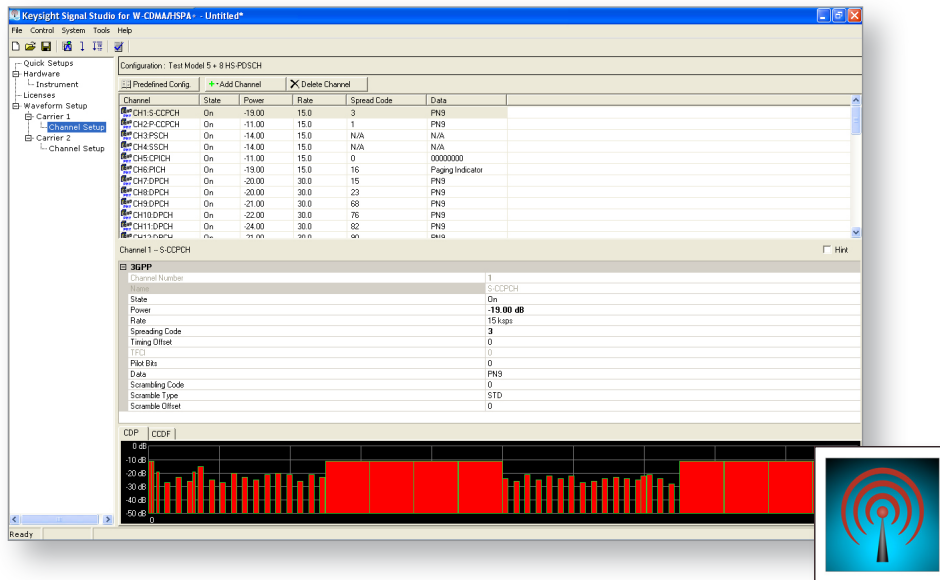


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Signal Studio for W-CDMA/HSPA+ N7600B

Technical Overview



- Create Keysight validated and performance optimized reference signals compliant to W-CDMA, HSPA and HSPA+ 3GPP Release 10
- Perform UE and BTS component testing with a broad collection of predefined 3GPP physical layer DL test models and UL sub-tests
- Use predefined reference measurement channels (RMC) and fixed reference channels (FRC) to perform UE and BTS receiver conformance testing
- Enable conformance testing with closed-loop HARQ feedback and verification of compressed mode, CELL_FACH, PRACH, and more in UL real-time mode
- Create DL DC+MIMO signals for UE receiver test and UL HS-DPCCH with 4C+MIMO feedback for BTS receiver test
- Accelerate the signal creation process with a user interface based on parameterized and graphical signal configuration and tree-style navigation

Keysight Signal Studio software is a flexible suite of signal-creation tools that will reduce the time you spend on signal simulation. For W-CDMA, HSPA and HSPA+, Signal Studio's performance-optimized reference signals—validated by Keysight—enhance the characterization and verification of your devices. Through its application-specific user-interface you'll create standards-based and custom test signals for component, transmitter, and receiver test.

Component and transmitter test

Signal Studio's basic capabilities use waveform playback mode to create and customize waveform files needed to test components and transmitters. Its userfriendly interface lets you configure signal parameters, calculate the resulting waveforms and download files for playback. The applications for these partiallycoded, statistically correct signals include

- Parametric test of components, such as amplifiers and filters
- Performance characterization and verification of RF sub-systems

Receiver test

Signal Studio's advanced capabilities enable you to create fully channel-coded signals for receiver bit-error-rate (BER), or block-error-rate (BLER) analysis. Applications include

- Performance verification and functional test of receivers, during RF/baseband integration and system verification
- Coding verification of baseband subsystems, including FPGAs, ASICs, and DSPs

In addition to waveform playback mode, some advanced capabilities operate in real-time mode, which is used to define the parameters of nonrepeating and dynamically changing signals needed for receiver testing. Its graphical interface provides a direct instrument connection for parameter transfer and closed-loop or interactive control during signal generation.

Apply your signals in real-world testing

Once you have setup your signals in Signal Studio, you can download them to a variety of Keysight instruments. Signal Studio software complements these platforms by providing a cost-effective way to tailor them to your test needs in design, development and production test.

- Vector signal generators
 - X-Series: MXG and EXG
 - PSG
 - ESG
 - First-generation MXG
 - PXIe M9381A
- EXT wireless communication test set
- PXB baseband generator and channel emulator
- M9252A DigRF host adaptor
- SystemVue simulation software

Typical Measurements

Test components with basic capabilities

- IMD / NPR
- ACLR
- CCDF
- EVM
- Modulation accuracy
- Code domain power
- Channel power
- Occupied bandwidth

Verify receivers with advanced capabilities

- Sensitivity
- Maximum input level
- Selectivity
- Blocking
- Intermodulation
- Power control

Component and Transmitter Test



Figure 1. Typical component test configuration using Signal Studio's basic capabilities with a Keysight X-Series signal generator and an X-Series signal analyzer

Basic N7600B Signal Studio functionality enables you to characterize device performance under a wide variety of test conditions. Create physical layer W-CDMA/HSPA and HSPA+ signals, so you can work on BTS and UE components to investigate the power and modulation qualities of your device under test. You can also simplify and accelerate testing of standards-based test scenarios with included downlink test models and reference measurement channels, the physical layer definitions of H-Sets 1-11, and uplink Release 6-8 subtests.

- Create spectrally-correct signals for ACLR, channel power, spectral mask, and spurious testing
- Set parameters such as channel power and data channel modulation type (BPSK, QPSK, 4PAM, 16QAM, 64QAM), including HS-DPDCH, S-CCPCH, and E-DPDCH channels, for modulation verification and analysis such as code-domain or EVM testing
- Generate multicarrier signals for up to 128 carriers, each with adjustable timing, phase offsets, and clipping, as well as scramble code, TFCI field, and transmitter diversity
- Automatically calculate cubic metric and set k-value
- View CCDF graphs for insight into the waveform power statistics as system parameters such as modulation, power, OVFSF codes and clipping are varied
- Generate slot-length based waveforms to help make fast PA tests with a waveform sequence

Receiver Test

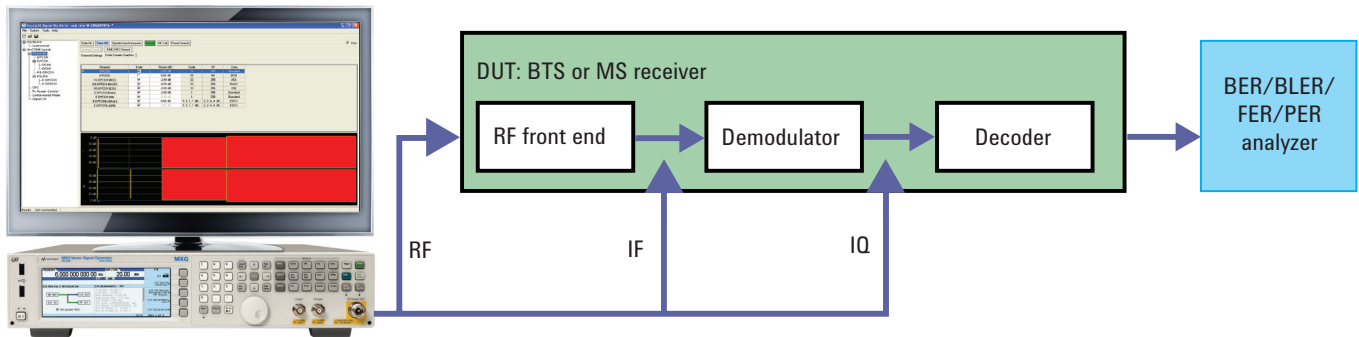


Figure 2. Generate fully channel-coded signals to evaluate the BER, BLER, PER, or FER of your receiver with Keysight X-Series signal generators and Signal Studio's advanced capabilities

Advanced N7600B Signal Studio functionality enables you to characterize receiver performance under a wide variety of test conditions. Create transport layer coded W-CDMA, HSPA and HSPA+ signals, to validate receiver characteristics and performance. Using advanced waveform playback mode enables you to generate long uplink and downlink waveforms, with over 1000 frames for continuous PN9 sequence generation, to validate both BTS and UE receiver characteristics and performance. The real-time mode enables you to define the parameters of non-repeating uplink signals for BTS receiver testing and provides a direct instrument connection to dynamically change signal parameters and respond to closed-loop feedback.

BTS receiver testing

- Save time with pre-defined uplink configurations for conformance testing including:
 - UL RMC 12.2 kbps¹ to 384 kbps and FRC 1-8 for BLER and BER testing
 - PRACH with single or multiple preambles for BLER testing
- Flexible channel configuration enables BTS CELL_FACH state verification
- Customizable HSPA+ configurations including DTX patterns for CPC simulation and appropriate feedback on HS-DPCCH for multi-cell², MIMO, and multi-cell² with MIMO configurations
- Closed-loop conformance testing with real-time BTS feedback including HARQ ACK/NACK, transmit power control and E-TFCI switching
- Test BER/BLER using a compressed frame signal
- Multiple PRACH for BER testing
- Flexible control of transport channel parameters enable testing beyond 3GPP requirements
- Up to 128 carriers to simulate multi-user with unique scramble code, timing offset, power offset, and slot format for BTS capacity test

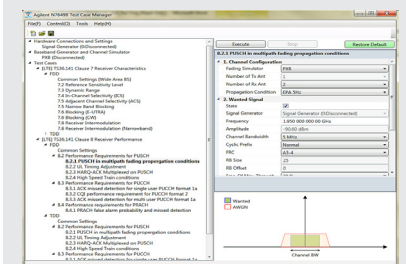
UE receiver testing using waveform playback mode

- Pre-defined RMC 12.2 kbps¹ to 384 kbps and H-Set 1-12, including requirements for 64QAM and MIMO
- Complete receiver evaluation with DC, MIMO, DC+MIMO, CPC, compressed mode and more
- Simplify synchronization with automatic calculation of BCH payload including SFN, MCC, MNC and LAC
- Automatically configure HS-SCCH and HS-PDSCH to handle modulation, coding, HARQ, and other parameters
- Verify transport channel decoding with up to 8 DCH and 8 FACH/PCH for HS-PDSCH and S-CCPCH
- Advanced functional testing with E-AGCH, E-RGCH, and E-HICH with transport layer coding

Conformance test made easy with N7649B Test Case Manager

Test Case Manager (TCM) provides a simplified user interface for quick and easy set-up of standard-compliant conformance test configurations for eNB receiver tests. With TCM, simply choose one of the test cases from TS36.141 clause 7 and clause 8 from the tree menu and specify a few parameters such as eNB type, carrier frequency, etc. TCM then automatically generates standard-compliant wanted and interference waveforms and sets up the signal generators according to the standard requirement.

For more information, please visit www.keysight.com/find/N7649b



1. More than one signal generator is needed to generate both the wanted signal and the interference signal.
2. Multi-cell includes dual-cell, 3-cell and 4-cell.

Features Summary

W-CDMA / HSPA+	Component & transmitter testing		Receiver testing	
	Basic waveform playback mode		Advanced waveform playback mode	Advanced real-time mode ¹
	(3GPP Rel 7)	(3GPP Rel 8)		
Signal Studio				
W-CDMA/HSPA support	●	●	●	●
HSPA+ support		●	●	●
Calibrated AWGN (requires instrument option)	●	●	●	●
Extended waveform/signal length			●	●
CCDF, spectrum, and time domain graphics	●	●	●	
Code domain graph	●	●	●	●
Multi-carrier timing, phase offsets, and clipping	●	●	●	
128-carrier support	●	●	●	
Short length waveform	●	●		
Downlink				
Preconfigured channel setups (including test models 1-5)	●			
Preconfigured channel setups (including test models 1-6, and Home Node B, RMC ² , and RMC+HSET 1-11 ²)		●		
S-CCPCH selectable modulation: QPSK, 16QAM		●	●	
HS-PDSCH selectable modulation: QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM		●	●	
Preconfigured channel setups for RMC and RMC+HSET 1-12 (including transport channel coding)			●	
Control channel message support (BCCH-BCH message)			●	
Flexible DCH, FACH, PCH configuration			●	
HS-SCCH HARQ process configuration and management			●	
DC order support in HS-SCCH			●	
Closed-loop transport diversity coded signal			●	
Transport layer channel coding for E-AGCH, E-RGCH and E-HICH			●	
CPC			●	
Flexible transport position on DPCH and S-CCPCH			●	
E-RGCH and E-HICH share channelization code			●	
Compressed Mode (with DCH transport channel coding ³)			●	
MIMO and dual cell			●	

1. Advanced real-time mode applicable for UL signal generation only.
2. Without transport layer coding.
3. DCH transport channel coding is only available for SF/2 compressed mode method.

Features Summary (continued)

W-CDMA / HSPA+	Component & transmitter testing		Receiver testing	
	Basic waveform playback mode		Advanced waveform playback mode	Advanced real-time mode ¹
	(3GPP Rel 7)	(3GPP Rel 8)		
Uplink				
Preconfigured sub-tests	•	•		
Preconfigured sub-tests supporting E-DCH with 16QAM		•		
Cubic metric settings	•	•		
E-DPDCH selectable modulation: BPSK, 4PAM		•		•
Base-station conformance test configurations (RMC/FRC) with transport channel coding for BER/BLER testing			•	•
Configurable transport coding parameters for DPDCH			•	•
User-definable DPCCH and HS-DPCCH transmission patterns			•	•
Alternate settings for E-DPCCH and E-DPDCH			•	•
Feedback on HS-DPCCH for DL MIMO and dual cell			•	•
Feedback on HS-DPCCH for multi-cell, MIMO, and multi-cell+MIMO			•	
UL-DTX mode for CPC			•	•
Flexible DCH/E-DCH configurations				•
Closed loop testing				
HARQ				•
Transmit power control				
E-TFCI switching				
PRACH with transport channel coding for BLER testing			•	•
Multiple PRACH with transport channel coding for BER testing				•
Compressed mode				•
CELL_FACH			•	•

1. Advanced real-time mode applicable for UL signal generation only.

Supported Standards and Test Configurations

3GPP technical specification	Version	3GPP functional freeze date
25.211	10.0.0	September 2010
25.212	10.3.0	September 2012
25.213	10.0.0	September 2010
25.214	10.6.0	March 2012
25.215	10.0.0	March 2011
25.101	10.0.0	January 2011
25.141	10.7.0	September 2012
25.306	10.8.0	September 2012
25.321	10.7.0	September 2012
34.108	11.3.0	September 2012
34.121	10.4.0	September 2012

BTS conformance tests (3GPP TS 25.141)

BTS transmitter characteristics

Transmitter characteristics (Section 6)		Keysight solution	
Test models type	Test model use case	Signal Studio mode	Recommended hardware
Test model 1	Occupied bandwidth Spectrum emission mask ACLR Spurious emissions Transmit intermodulation Base station maximum output power Total power dynamic range (at Pmax) Home base station output power for adjacent channel protection Frequency error (at Pmax) IPDL time mask	Waveform playback	X-Series EXG/MXG or M9381A PXIe VSG
Test model 2	Output power dynamics CPICH power accuracy		
Test model 3	Peak code domain error		
Test model 4	EVM measurement Total power dynamic range Frequency error		
Test model 5	EVM for base stations supporting HS-PDSCH transmission using 16QAM modulation (at Pmax)		
Test model 6	Relative CDE for base stations supporting HS-PDSCH transmission using 64QAM modulation		

BTS receiver characteristics

Receiver characteristics (Section 7)	Keysight solution		
	Wanted signal Signal Studio mode ^{1,2}	Interfering signal Signal Studio mode ³	Recommended hardware
7.2 Reference sensitivity level	Waveform playback or real-time	N/A	X-Series MXG or M9381A PXIe VSG
7.3 Dynamic range	Waveform playback with AWGN or real-time with AWGN		
7.4 Adjacent channel selectivity	Waveform playback or real-time	Waveform playback	2 X-Series MXG or 2 M9381A PXIe VSGs
7.5 Blocking (in-band)		CW	
7.5 Blocking (out-of-band)			
7.5 Blocking (Co-location with other base stations)		Waveform playback	
7.5 Narrowband blocking		CW and waveform playback	3 X-Series MXGs or 3 M9381A PXIe VSGs
7.6 Intermodulation	Real-time	N/A	X-Series MXG
7.6 Intermodulation (Narrow band intermodulation)			
7.7 Spurious emissions	This requires a signal analyzer such as the Keysight X-Series		
7.8 Verification of the internal BER calculation	Real-time	N/A	X-Series MXG

1. Predefined setups for all Reference Measurement Channel (RMC) are available.
 2. Waveform playback requires basic and advanced arbitrary options.
 3. Only basic option of Waveform playback required.

BTS performance requirements

Performance requirements (Section 8)	Keysight solution	
	Wanted signal Signal Studio mode ¹	Recommended hardware ^{2,3}
8.2 Demodulation in static propagation condition	Waveform playback or real-time	X-Series MXG, PXB or M9381A PXle VSG
8.3 Demodulation of DCH in multipath fading conditions		
8.4 Demodulation of DCH in moving propagation conditions		
8.5 Demodulation of DCH in birth/death propagation conditions		
8.5A Demodulation of DCH in high speed train conditions		
8.8.1 RACH preamble detection in static propagation conditions		
8.8.2 RACH preamble detection in multipath fading case 3		
8.8.2A RACH preamble detection in high speed train conditions		
8.8.3 Demodulation of RACH message in static propagation conditions		
8.8.4 Demodulation of RACH message in multipath fading case 3		
8.8.5 Demodulation of RACH message in high speed train conditions		
8.11.1 ACK false alarm in static propagation conditions		
8.11.2 ACK false alarm in multipath fading conditions		
8.11.3 ACK mis-detection in static propagation conditions		
8.11.4 ACK mis-detection in multipath fading conditions		
8.12 Demodulation of E-DPDCH in multipath fading conditions	Real-time (with HARQ feedback)	X-Series MXG or PXB
8.13 Performance of signaling detection for E-DPCCH in multipath fading conditions		

1. Waveform playback requires basic and advanced arbitrary options.
2. Hardware recommendation is assuming single antenna testing. 2-antenna receiver diversity testing requires 3 BBG blocks on the PXB.
3. A separate MXG is required for each antenna port on the base station receiver.

Performance Characteristics

Definitions

Specification (spec):

Represents warranted performance of a calibrated instrument that has been stored for a minimum of 2 hours within the operating temperature range of 0 to 55 °C, unless otherwise stated, and after a 45 minute warm-up period. The specifications include measurement uncertainty. Data represented in this document are specifications unless otherwise noted.

Typical (typ):

Represents characteristic performance, which 80% of the instruments manufactured will meet. This data is not warranted, does not include measurement uncertainty, and is valid only at room temperature (approximately 25 °C).

Measured (meas):

An attribute measured during the design phase for purposes of communicating expected performance, such as amplitude drift vs. time. This data is not warranted and is measured at room temperature (approximately 25 °C).

The following performance characteristics apply to the instruments indicated in the respective tables. For performance characteristics of other instruments, refer to the respective product data sheet.

Distortion performance at 1800 to 2200 MHz frequency (Playback mode)

Configuration	Offset	N5172B EXG/N5182B MXG X-Series vector signal generators						M9381A PXIe VSG	
		Standard (≤ 2 dBm)		Option UNV (≤ 2 dBm)		Option UNV with Option 1EA (≤ 5 dBm)		Standard (≤ 4 dBm)	Option 1EA (≤ 12 dBm)
		Specification (dBc)	Typical (dBc)	Specification (dBc)	Typical (dBc)	Specification (dBc)	Typical (dBc)	Typical (dBc)	Typical (dBc)
1 DPCH 1 carrier	Adjacent (5 MHz)	-69	-73	-71	-75	-71	-75	-69	-63
	Alternate (10 MHz)	-70	-75	-72	-77	-71	-77	-75	-77
TM1+64 DPCH 1 carrier	Adjacent (5 MHz)	-68	-70	-71	-73	-71	-72	-71	-54
	Alternate (10 MHz)	-69	-73	-72	-76	-71	-76	-73	-73
TM1+64 DPCH 4 carrier	Adjacent (5 MHz)	-63	-65	-65	-67	-64	-66	-71	-54
	Alternate (10 MHz)	-64	-66	-66	-68	-66	-68	-73	-73

Distortion performance at 1800 to 2200 MHz frequency (real-time mode)

Note: This table applies to the N5172B EXG and N5182B MXG X-Series vector signal generators

Configuration	Offset	Standard (≤ -7 dBm) Measured (dBc)	Option UNV with Option 1EA (≤ 5 dBm) Measured (dBc)
UL RMC12.2k	Adjacent (5 MHz)	-72	-73
	Alternate (10 MHz)	-74	-76

EVM performance at 1800 to 2200 MHz frequency

Configuration	Channel configuration	N5182B EXG/N5182B MXG X-Series vector signal generators		M9381A PXIe EVM
		EVM Note: EVM power level ≤ 7 dBm. With Option 1EA, EVM power level is ≤ 13 dBm.		EVM Note: EVM power level ≤ 10 dBm. With Option 1EA, EVM power level is ≤ 12 dBm.
Playback mode W-CDMA	1 DPCH	1.2% (spec)	0.8% (typ)	0.56% (typ)
Real-time mode W-CDMA	UL RMC12.2k	0.53% (meas)		N/A

Ordering Information

Software licensing and configuration

Signal Studio offers flexible licensing options, including:

- **Fixed license:** Allows you to create unlimited I/Q waveforms with a specific Signal Studio product and use them with a single, specific platform.
- **Transportable/floating license:** Allows you to create unlimited I/Q waveforms with a specific Signal Studio product and use them with a single platform (or PC in some cases) at a time. You may transfer the license from one product to another.
- **Waveform license:** Allows you to generate up to 545 user-configured I/Q waveforms with any Signal Studio product and use them with a single, specific platform.

The table below lists fixed, perpetual licenses only; additional license types may be available. For detailed licensing information and configuration assistance, please refer to the Licensing Options web page at www.keysight.com/find/SignalStudio_licensing

N7600B Signal Studio for W-CDMA/HSPA+

Model-Option	Description
Connectivity	
N7600B-1FP	Connect to E4438C, fixed perpetual license
N7600B-2FP	Connect to E8267D, fixed perpetual license
N7600B-3FP	Connect to N5182/62 MXG, N5172 EXG, fixed perpetual license
N7600B-6FP	Connect to N5106A PXB, fixed perpetual license
N7600B-7FP	Connect to Keysight simulation software
N7600B-8FP	Connect to E6607 EXT, fixed perpetual license
N7600B-9FP	Connect to M9381A or M9252A
Capability	
N7600B-EFP	Basic W-CDMA / HSPA R7
N7600B-FFP	Basic W-CDMA / HSPA+ R8
N7600B-QFP	Advanced W-CDMA / HSPA+ R10
N7600B-WFP	Advanced W-CDMA / HSPA+ real-time R8 UL

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Hardware configurations

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PC requirements

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Signal Studio Software Updates

To update previously purchased N7600B software to include the latest feature updates, you can purchase the N7600B-MEU minor enhancement update fixed perpetual license.

For more information, visit

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