

Agilent N7624B Signal Studio for 3GPP LTE FDD

Technical Overview



Create 3GPP LTE FDD Test Waveforms with Ease

The N7624B Signal Studio for 3GPP LTE FDD software simplifies creation of standardscompliant LTE and LTE-Advanced waveforms by providing quick access to parameters in its easily mastered tree-style navigation of the signal structure. The waveform playback mode of the software creates physical layer and transport channel coded arbitrary waveform files. These waveforms are used for measuring EVM, ACLR, and CCDF for power amplifier testing and for measuring HARQ functionality and block error rate (BLER) for receiver testing.

Signal Studio for 3GPP LTE FDD provides a cost effective, scalable test solution that enables thorough characterization and validation of your LTE FDD devices at an excellent price/performance ratio. For multi-format devices, or as your test needs evolve, you get more out of your test equipment by using high performance general purpose signal generator platforms that support a wide range of applications, including cellular and wireless formats.

Use the N7624B software to download your LTE FDD waveform files to a variety of Agilent baseband, RF, and microwave signal generators and DigRF test solutions.

Key Features

- Compliant to June 2010 3GPP LTE and December 2010 3GPP LTE-Advanced specifications
- Basic mode with physical layer coded signals for eNB- or UE-component modulation and power testing, including LTE-Advanced support
- · Advanced mode for eNB or UE Rx testing
- Predefined setups for E-UTRA test models (E-TM) and fixed reference channels (FRC)



Free Trial License

Summary of Features

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- · Advanced mode with transport-channel coded signals for eNB or UE Rx testing
- Predefined setups for E-UTRA test models (E-TM) and fixed reference channels (FRC)
- Extensive signal configuration flexibility to test per standard requirements and beyond
- · Add AWGN to evaluate performance in real-world conditions

Downlink features

- Automatic downlink control information (DCI) coding based on PDSCH allocation, UE scheduling and random access, and UL power control
- LTE-Advanced DL carrier aggregation per Release 10 LTE standard
- Up to 4x4 MIMO (spatial multiplexing or Tx diversity) with embedded fading, or real-time MIMO channel emulation with the Agilent PXB baseband generator and channel emulator
- Unique configuration for each code word, including data type, payload size, modulation type, and RV index
- · HARQ testing with up to 15 simulated retransmissions
- · User-defined RV index sequence for HARQ retransmission

Uplink features

- · Predefined configurations for all FRC including multi-user PUCCH and PRACH
- LTE-Advanced UL carrier aggregation and SC-FDMA with clustering per Release 10 LTE standard
- PUSCH frequency hopping and UL control information multiplexing with PUSCH
- · User-defined RV index sequence for HARQ retransmission
- SRS with frequency hopping with PUSCH frequency hopping, PUCCH with all formats, and multiple PRACH preambles
- PRACH preamble configuration wizard

Basic Capabilities for Component and Transmitter Test



Figure 1. Basic component test

The basic options for N7624B Signal Studio for 3GPP LTE FDD enable component and transmitter design and validation engineers to characterize modulation and power behavior and performance through metrics such as EVM, ACLR, and PAPR/CCDF under a wide variety of test conditions. Also, Signal Studio for 3GPP LTE FDD can be used for physical layer verification tests in RF receivers.

The easy-to-use Signal Studio graphical user interface provides quick access to LTE waveform parameters, including transmission bandwidth, cyclic prefix, and modulation type, enabling you to efficiently configure complex waveforms for testing LTE components.

For investigation of power and modulation characteristics under multiple test conditions, Signal Studio enables:

- Creation of spectrally-correct signals for ACLR, channel power, spectral mask, and spurious testing
- Settable parameters such as channel power and data channel modulation type (BPSK, QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM), for modulation verification and analysis such as EVM testing
- Quickly configure parameters for component tests with built-in E-UTRA test models (for DL) and reference measurement channels (for UL)
- Multi-carrier signal generation, each with modulation type and bandwidth, oversampling ratio, frequency offsets, timing offsets, power, symbol roll-off length, baseband filter, and cell ID

Signal Studio also provides CCDF, spectrum and time domain graphs to investigate the effects of power ramps, modulation formats, power changes, clipping, and other effects on device performance.



Figure 2a. CCDF curves for custom-configured signals

LTE-Advanced Signal Generation

LTE-Advanced downlink and uplink signals compliant to the 3GPP release 10 (December 2010) standard can be generated to test power and modulation characteristics of components and transmitters.

Carrier aggregation is easily created through pre-defined scenario setups and configured through the intuitive user interface. Component carriers can be placed anywhere within the modulation bandwidth of the signal generator in contiguous or non-contiguous arrangements.

Power characteristics and spectral investigation for uplink signals are critical to LTE-Advanced. Enhanced uplink is supported through clustered SC-FDMA and simultaneous PUCCH/PUSCH transmission, enabling test of spurious emissions, CCDF, PAR, and other metrics.



Figure 2b. CCDF plot of 10 MHz enhancement uplink LTE-Advanced carrier

Advanced Capabilities for Receiver Test



Figure 3. Advanced capabilities test

For receiver design and verification, Signal Studio for 3GPP LTE FDD delivers signals to address applications in the design process, such as during Rx chipset design and verification or module integration and verification.

The advanced Option SFP enables engineers working on evolved universal terrestrial radio access network base stations (eNBs), to validate uplink receiver characteristics and performance based on the 3GPP TS 36.141 conformance test document. Signal Studio accelerates and simplifies receiver conformance testing by generating uplink signals, including transport-channel coding. Pre-defined configurations include:

- · FRC configurations for receiver characteristics testing
- · FRC configurations for performance requirements testing

The advanced carrier in Signal Studio uses a process- and incremental redundancy-based approach to payload data and its associated HARQ. Transport channel data is assigned to one or more processes, each with an initial redundancy variable (RV) index. For each ACK response sent to the eNB for a given process, RV index "0" is associated to that process. If a NACK response is sent to the eNB, the RV index is incremented based on a user-definable sequence.

The simulated ACK/NACK sequence and associated process retransmissions can be predefined in Signal Studio. When used in conjunction with the Agilent PXB, HARQ feedback (such as from an eNB) can be input from external CMOS 3.3V into the PXB.



Figure 4. UL signal configuration shows user-defined RV index sequence

3GPP LTE eNB Conformance Tests

Receiver characteristics

| Receiver characteristics | Wanted signal | Interfering signal | Dynamic range (between wanted and interferer) | Solution |
|--|---------------------------------|---|---|---|
| 7.2 Reference sensitivity level | FRC A1-1, 1-2, 1-3 QPSK Mod | None required for this test | | Signal Studio |
| 7.3 Dynamic range | FRC A2-1, 2-2, 2-3 160AM Mod | AWGN | Up to 12.7 dB | Signal Studio |
| 7.4 In-channel selectivity | FRC 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5 QPSK Mod | E-UTRA with all BW | Up to 20.1 dB | Signal Studio |
| 7.5 Adjacent channel selectivity | FRC A1-1, 1-2, 1-3 QPSK Mod | E-UTRA offsets up to 2.5 MHz ¹ | 48.1 dB | Signal Studio |
| 7.5 Narrowband blocking | FRC A1-1, 1-2, 1-3 QPSK Mod | E-UTRA offsets up to 4.66 MHz ¹ | 51.1 dB | Signal Studio |
| 7.6 Blocking (in-band) | FRC A1-1, 1-2, 1-3 QPSK Mod | Offsets up to 7.5 MHz ¹ | 57.1 dB | Signal Studio |
| 7.6 Blocking (out-of-band) | FRC A1-1, 1-2, 1-3 QPSK Mod | CW offset up to 12.75 GHz | 85.1 dB | Signal Studio with additional CW source |
| 7.7 Receiver spurious emissions | NA | NA | NA | Spectrum analyzer |
| 7.8 Receiver intermodulation | FRC A1-1, 1-2, 1-3 QPSK Mod | CW offset up to 7.5 MHz ¹ and E-UTRA offset up to 18.2 MHz ¹ | 48.1 dB | Signal Studio (with PXB) |
| 7.8 Receiver intermodulation (Narrow band intermodulation) | FRC A1-1, 1-2, 1-3 QPSK Mod | CW offset up to 415 kHz ¹ and E-UTRA offset up to 1780 kHz ¹ | 48.1 dB | Signal Studio (with PXB) |

1. From channel edge of wanted signal

• Either ARB or real-time Signal Studio can be used

• Tests do not require channel emulation

• Test are performed open loop, i.e. no HARQ feedback required

Performance requirements

| Performance requirements | Wanted signal | Notes | Feedback | Solution |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 8.2.1 PUSCH in multipath fading propagation conditions | FRC A3, A4, A5 QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM | Multiple propagation profiles, interfering signal is AWGN | HARQ | Signal Studio with PXB |
| 8.2.2. UL Timing Adjustment | FRC A7, A8 QPSK, 16QAM | Requires simulation of stationary UE and moving UE with moving propagation with ETU200 profile | HARQ and timing adjustment | Signal Studio with PXB |
| 8.2.3 HARQ-ACK multiplexed on PUSCH | FRC A3-1, A4-3 to A4-8 QPSK, 16QAM | Requires ETU70 profile | HARQ | Signal Studio with PXB |
| 8.2.4 High speed train conditions | FRC A3-2 to A3-7 QPSK | Requires high speed train channel emulation | HARQ | Signal Studio with PXB |
| 8.3.1 ACK missed detection for single user PUCCH format 1a | РИССН АСК | Multiple propagation profiles; interfering signal is AWGN | | Signal Studio with PXB |
| 8.3.2 CQI missed detection for PUCCH format 2 | Ρυςςη ςσι | Interfering signal is AWGN | | Signal Studio with PXB |
| 8.3.3 ACK missed detection for multi user PUCCH format 1a | РИССН АСК | Requires 3 interferers | | Signal Studio with PXB |
| 8.4.1 PRACH false alarm probability and missed detection | PRACH preamble | Requires 1x4 Rx diversity | | Signal Studio with PXB |

• All tests require channel emulation and AWGN

• All tests require 1x2 Rx diversity

• Real-time LTE Signal Studio is required for 8.2 tests

• ARB-based Signal Studio or real-time LTE Signal Studio is required for 8.3 and 8.4 tests

Supported Standards

N7624B Signal Studio for 3GPP LTE FDD supports the following 3GPP standard revisions:

| 3GPP functional freeze date | 3GPP technical specification | Version |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------|
| December 2010 | 36.211 | 10.0.0 |
| | 36.212 | 10.0.0 |
| | 36.213 | 10.0.0 |
| June 2010 | 36.141 | 9.4.0 |
| | 36.211 | 9.1.0 |
| | 36.212 | 9.2.0 |
| | 36.213 | 9.2.0 |
| | 36.321 | 9.3.0 |
| | 36.331 | 9.3.0 |
| | 36.521-1 | 9.1.0 |

Older versions of the 3GPP LTE specification are also supported. See software for details.

Basic and Advanced Capabilities Summary

| Feature/Parameter | Basic | Advanced |
|---|-------|----------|
| LTE FDD support | • | • |
| LTE-Advanced FDD support | • | |
| Calibrated AWGN (requires instrument option) | • | • |
| Real-time modulation filter (ESG/MXG only) | | • |
| Code domain and CCDF graphs | • | • |
| Multi-carrier timing, and clipping | • | • |
| Downlink | | |
| Downlink MIMO configurations (up to 4x4) | | • |
| Automatic DCI generation | | • |
| ETM Setting Wizard for E-UTRA to match transmission tests | • | |
| Preconfigured support for FRC signals | | • |
| HARQ processing for DL-SCH | | • |
| PDSCH selectable modulation: QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM | • | • |
| DL-SCH selectable MCS | | • |
| Uplink | | |
| Preconfigured support for FRC signals with transport channel coding | | • |
| HARQ processing for UL-SCH (bundling of ACK/NACK) | | • |
| PRACH signal generation, all formats | • | |
| User-definable HARQ and RV index transmission pattern | | • |

Performance Characteristics

Agilent N5162A/N5182A MXG signal generator with Option UNV Signal Studio for 3GPP LTE FDD (2009-12) distortion performance

| Radio forma | at: | 1-carrier | basic | LTE F | DD dc | ownlinł | < | | | |
|-------------|---------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|---------|---------|--------|-------|---|
| Frequencies | s measured : | 740, 880, | 945, | 1485, | 1850, | 1960, 2 | 2140, a | and 26 | 70 MH | Z |
| Power: | | —10 dBm | | | | | | | | |
| Bandwidth | F-UTRA test m | indel/ | Offs | et | F-UT | 'RΔ | Offset | | LITRA | |

| Bandwidth | E-UTRA test model/ modulation | E-UTRA | E-UTRA (dBc) | UTRA | (dBc) |
|-----------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 5 MHz | E-TM1.1/QPSK | Adjacent (5 MHz) | -71.7 ¹ | Adjacent (5 MHz) | -71.64 |
| 5 MHz | E-TM1.1/QPSK | Adjacent (10 MHz) | -73.8 ¹ | Adjacent (10 MHz) | -76.1 ⁴ |
| 5 MHz | E-TM1.2/QPSK | Adjacent (5 MHz) | -71.6 ¹ | Adjacent (5 MHz) | -71.3 ⁴ |
| 5 MHz | E-TM1.2/QPSK | Adjacent (10 MHz) | -73.9 ¹ | Adjacent (10 MHz) | -76.0 ⁴ |
| 10 MHz | E-TM1.1/QPSK | Adjacent (10 MHz) | -70.9 ² | Adjacent (7.5 MHz) | -71.7 ⁴ |
| 10 MHz | E-TM1.1/QPSK | Adjacent (20 MHz) | -71.6 ² | Adjacent (12.5 MHz) | -73.0 ⁴ |
| 10 MHz | E-TM1.2/QPSK | Adjacent (10 MHz) | -70.6 ² | Adjacent (7.5 MHz) | -71.5 ⁴ |
| 10 MHz | E-TM1.2/QPSK | Adjacent (20 MHz) | -70.7 ² | Alternate (12.5 MHz) | -73.2 ⁴ |
| 20 MHz | E-TM1.1/QPSK | Adjacent (20 MHz) | -67.8 ³ | Alternate (12.5 MHz) | -74.2 ⁴ |
| 20 MHz | E-TM1.1/QPSK | Adjacent (40 MHz) | -68.3 ³ | Alternate (17.5 MHz) | -74.1 ⁴ |
| 20 MHz | E-TM1.2/QPSK | Adjacent (20 MHz) | -67.5 ³ | Alternate (12.5 MHz) | -74.0 ⁴ |
| 20 MHz | E-TM1.2/QPSK | Adjacent (40 MHz) | -68.4 ³ | Alternate (17.5 MHz) | -74.1 ⁴ |

1. 4.5 MHz integration bandwidth used.

2. 9.0 MHz integration bandwidth used.

3. 18.0 MHz integration bandwidth used.

4. 3.84 MHz integration bandwidth used.

Agilent N5162A/N5182A MXG signal generator with Option UNV (Continued) Signal Studio for 3GPP LTE FDD (2009-12) $\rm EVM^1$ performance

| Radio format: | 1-carrier basic LTE FDD downlink |
|------------------------|---|
| Frequencies measured : | 740, 880, 945, 1485, 1850, 1960, 2140, and 2670 MHz |
| Power: | –10 dBm |

| Bandwidth | Modulation | E-UTRA test model | Measurement | Measured EVM |
|-----------|--|--|--|-----------------|
| 5 MHz | 640AM - 1RB 640AM - Full RB 160AM QPSK QPSK 160AM | E-TM2 E-TM3.1 E-TM3.2 (de-boosted) E-TM3.2 (boosted) E-TM3.3 (de-boosted) E-TM3.3 (boosted) | PDSCH EVM PDSCH EVM De-boosted PDSCH EVM Boosted PDSCH EVM De-boosted PDSCH EVM Boosted PDSCH EVM | 0.7% |
| 10 MHz | 640AM - 1RB 640AM - Full RB 160AM 0PSK 0PSK 160AM | E-TM2 E-TM3.1 E-TM3.2 (de-boosted) E-TM3.2 (boosted) E-TM3.3 (de-boosted) E-TM3.3 (boosted) | PDSCH EVM PDSCH EVM De-boosted PDSCH EVM Boosted PDSCH EVM De-boosted PDSCH EVM Boosted PDSCH EVM | 0.7% |
| 20 MHz | 640AM - 1RB 640AM - Full RB 160AM QPSK QPSK 160AM | E-TM2 E-TM3.1 E-TM3.2 (de-boosted) E-TM3.2 (boosted) E-TM3.3 (de-boosted) E-TM3.3 (boosted) | PDSCH EVM PDSCH EVM De-boosted PDSCH EVM Boosted PDSCH EVM De-boosted PDSCH EVM Boosted PDSCH EVM | 0.7% |

1. Symbol timing adjust: max of EVM window start/end.

Recommended Configuration

N5162A MXG ATE vector signal generator

N7624B Signal Studio software with the following options¹:

| N7624B-HFP | Basic LTE FDD Release 9, fixed, perpetual license |
|------------|---|
| N7624B-JFP | Basic LTE-Advanced FDD Release 10, fixed, perpetual license |
| N7624B-SFP | Advanced LTE FDD Release 9, fixed, perpetual license |
| N7624B-3FP | Connect to N5162A/N5182A signal generator, fixed, perpetual license |

N5162A MXG ATE with the following options:

| N5162A | MXG ATE vector signal generator |
|-------------------------|---|
| N5162A-503 | Frequency range from 100 kHz to 3 GHz |
| N5162A-652 ² | Internal baseband generator (60 MSa/s, 8 Msa) |
| N5162A-019 | Upgrade baseband generator memory to 64 MSa |

Other N5162A³ MXG ATE options to consider:

| N5162A-403 ⁴ | Calibrated AWGN |
|-------------------------|--|
| N5162A-506 | Frequency range from 100 kHz to 6 GHz |
| N5162A-654 ² | Internal baseband generator (125 MSa/s, 8 Msa) |
| N5162A-UNV⁵ | Enhanced dynamic range |
| N5162A-1EA | High output power |
| N5162-1EQ | Low output power (less than –110 dBm) |
| N5162A-UNZ | Fast switching |

- 1. Recommended options are for a fixed, perpetual license; transportable and time-based license options are also available.
- 2. Options 652 and 654 are not required if you are using the PXB to play your waveforms.
- 3. Firmware version A.01.60 with internal channel corrections is recommended for multicarrier configurations.
- 4. Option 403 is not required if you are using the PXB to play your waveforms. The PXB has a separate AWGN option that is included in the N5106A-2B2 bundle. To use AWGN on the ESG or MXG without the PXB, Option 403 is required.
- 5. For improved ACP performance.

N5182A MXG vector signal generator

N7624B Signal Studio software with the following options¹:

| N7624B-HFP | Basic LTE FDD Release 9, fixed, perpetual license |
|------------|---|
| N7624B-JFP | Basic LTE-Advanced FDD Release 10, fixed, perpetual license |
| N7624B-SFP | Advanced LTE FDD Release 9, fixed, perpetual license |
| N7624B-3FP | Connect to N5162A/N5182A signal generator, fixed, perpetual license |

N5182A MXG with the following options:

| N5182A | MXG vector signal generator |
|-------------------------|---|
| N5182A-503 | Frequency range from 100 kHz to 3 GHz |
| N5182A-652 ² | Internal baseband generator (60 MSa/s, 8 Msa) |
| N5182A-019 | Upgrade baseband generator memory to 64 MSa |
| | |

Other N5182A³ MXG options to consider:

| N5182A-403 ⁴ | Calibrated AWGN |
|-------------------------|--|
| N5182A-506 | Frequency range from 100 kHz to 6 GHz |
| N5182A-654 ² | Internal baseband generator (125 MSa/s, 8 Msa) |
| N5182A-UNV⁵ | Enhanced dynamic range |
| N5182A-1EA | High output power |
| N5182A-1EQ | Low output power (less than –110 dBm) |
| N5182A-UNZ | Fast switching |

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- 3. Firmware version A.01.60 with internal channel corrections is recommended for multicarrier configurations.
- 4. Option 403 is not required if you are using the PXB to play your waveforms. The PXB has a separate AWGN option that is included in the N5106A-2B2 bundle. To use AWGN on the ESG or MXG without the PXB, Option 403 is required.
- 5. For improved ACP performance.

Agilent E4438C ESG vector signal generator

N7624B Signal Studio software with the following options¹:

| N7624B-HFP | Basic LTE FDD Release 9, fixed, perpetual license |
|------------|--|
| N7624B-JFP | Basic LTE-Advanced FDD Release 10, fixed, perpetual license |
| N7624B-SFP | Advanced LTE FDD Release 9, fixed, perpetual license |
| N7624B-1FP | Connect to E4438C signal generator, fixed, perpetual license |

E4438C ESG with the following options:

| E4438C ² | ESG vector signal generator |
|---------------------|---|
| E4438C-503 | Frequency range, 250 kHz to 3 GHz |
| E4438C-601 | Internal baseband generator, 8 Msa memory with digital bus capability |

Other N5182A MXG options to consider:

| E4438C-403 | Calibrated noise personalities |
|------------|--|
| E4438C-602 | Internal baseband generator, 64 Msa memory with digital bus capability |

- 1. Recommended options are for a fixed, perpetual license; transportable and time-based license options are also available.
- 2. E4438C requires firmware revision C.04.86 or later. If using with the PXB, firmware C.05.23 or later is required. Download firmware from **www.agilent.com/find/upgradeassistant**.
- Option 403 is not required if you are using the PXB to play your waveforms. The PXB has a separate AWGN option that is included in the N5106A-2B2 bundle. To use AWGN on the ESG or MXG without the PXB, Option 403 is required.

Agilent 16800/16900 logic analyzer and Agilent N5343A/N5344A DigRF exerciser

Use the N7624B Signal Studio application to generate and download custom waveforms to your Agilent 16800/16900 series logic analyzer or N5343A/N5344A DigRF exerciser. The integration of DigRF logic analysis tools with Agilent N7624B Signal Studio for 3GPP LTE FDD provides a cross-domain solution to help you rapidly deploy your DigRF based designs.

N7624B Signal Studio software with the following options¹:

| N7624B-R7L | Connect to 16800/16900/N5343A/N5344A, fixed, perpetual license |
|------------|--|
| N7624B-R82 | Basic LTE FDD Release 9 for 16800/16900/N5343A/N5344A, fixed, perpetual license |
| N7624B-R8B | Advanced LTE FDD Release 9 for 16800/16900/N5343A/N5344A, fixed, perpetual license |

1. Recommended options are for a fixed, perpetual license; transportable and time-based license options are not available for 16800/16900 logic analyzers or N5343A/N5344A DigRF exerciser.

Agilent N5106A PXB baseband generator and channel emulator

Download standards-based 3GPP LTE FDD waveforms from the N7624B Signal Studio for 3GPP LTE FDD software to the Agilent N5106A PXB baseband generator and channel emulator and apply these waveforms to simulate real-world channel conditions for your DUT with single channel and multiple channel coexistence configurations.

N7624B Signal Studio software with the following options:

| N7624B-6FP | Connect to N5106A PXB, fixed, perpetual license |
|------------|--|
| N7624B-HFP | Basic LTE FDD Release 9, fixed, perpetual license |
| N7624B-SFP | Advanced LTE FDD Release 9, fixed, perpetual license |

N5106A PXB with the following options (both of the following bundles are required for verifying MIMO performance)

| N5106A-2B2 N5106A-TFP | 2x2 MIMO baseband generation and channel emulation bundle LTE channel models |
|--------------------------|--|
| This bundle inclu | udes: |
| N5106A-616 | 6 DSP blocks on 3 baseband cards |
| N5106A-634 | 4 I/O channels - 4 analog I/O out and 4 digital I/O on 2 I/O cards |
| N5106A-EFP | Baseband generation |
| N5106A-JFP | Calibrated AWGN |
| N5106A-QFP | Fading and SISO channel models |

MIMO considerations

For MIMO testing with the PXB, refer to the PXB online documentation.

The recommended configurations listed above can be used for MIMO test setups using multiple signal generators with synchronized waveform playback. For some applications such as beamforming or long-term tests, it may be desirable to have more precise baseband timing alignment (error of less than one cycle of the baseband generator clock) and/or RF phase coherency between the signal generators. The E4438C ESG signal generator has special options available to provide these capabilities. The N5182A MXG and N5162A MXG ATE provide precise baseband timing alignment as a standard feature, and Option 012 provides LO IN/OUT for RF phase coherency. For more information about the performance of various hardware configurations for MIMO testing, see the MIMO Characteristic Performance Analysis in the online documentation. This topic includes links to detailed descriptions of the following hardware configurations:

- Multiple antennas solution without baseband timing or phase coherence for MxN MIMO
- Multiple antennas solution with baseband timing alignment without phase coherence for MxN MIMO
- Multiple antennas solution with baseband timing alignment and RF phase coherence for MxN MIMO

Free Trials

Try the software today. Evaluate the user interface and generate signals for 14-days prior to purchase.

To evaluate the user interface

- · Every Signal Studio software package can be installed on your PC
- · No license is required

To generate signals¹

- · One-time, 14-day free trial license
- · Enables signal generation on MXG, ESG, or PSG vector signal generators
- · 14-day clock starts upon license redemption
- · Enables the playback of waveforms on a specific signal generator
- · Enables all optional capabilities in the software
- Can be redeemed for multiple signal generators, one per instrument serial number

To redeem a trial license²

- Method 1: Go to www.agilent.com/find/signalstudio, select a Signal Studio product, and then select "Free Trial License"
- Method 2: Install the Signal Studio software and select "Get a Free Trial" in the Online Documentation main menu

Upon trial license expiration

- · The trial license will expire 14 days after it is redeemed
- Upon expiration, the signal generator no longer generates signals created by the Signal Studio software
- · To continue generating signals, a right-to-use license must be purchased
- 1. Most Signal Studio software products offer a free trial license. The product summary table indicates which Signal Studio products offer a free 14-day trial.
- 2. Internet access is required. You will be navigated to the Agilent Software Licensing Website.

Flexible Right-to-Use Licenses

Signal Studio software can be installed on multiple users' PCs to create signals for use with Agilent instruments equipped with right-to-use licenses. Flexible right-to-use licensing options are available to meet your specific test needs, schedules, and budget requirements.¹

Transportable, perpetual license

- Enables generation of the signals created by a specific Signal Studio product on a specific instrument, at any one time
- · License is transportable from one instrument to another up to 10 times per month
- · Permanent ownership of license
- · Ideal for cost-effective single/multi-user, multi-instrument use cases
- Transportable licenses are priced at only a 30% premium relative to fixed, perpetual license

Floating, perpetual license²

- Enables generation of the signals created by a specific Signal Studio product on a specific instrument at any one time
- · License is transportable from one instrument (or PC) to another
- · Permanent ownership of license
- · Ideal for cost-effective single/multi-user, multi-instrument use cases
- Floating licenses are priced at only a 30% premium relative to fixed, perpetual license

Fixed, time-based license³

- Enables generation of the signals created by a specific Signal Studio product on a specific instrument
- · License is fixed to a single instrument (not transportable)
- Time-perishable lease of license (1 month)
- Ideal for cost-effective single/multi-user, single-instrument short term and project based use cases
- 1-month time-based licenses are priced at 10% of the fixed, perpetual license

Fixed, perpetual license

- Enables generation of the signals created by a specific Signal Studio product on a specific instrument
- License is fixed to a single instrument (not transportable)
- Permanent ownership of license
- Ideal for single/multi-user, single-instrument use cases

Waveform license⁴

- Enables generation of up to 545 user-configured Signal Studio I/Q waveform files
- License I/Q waveform files from any N76xxB Signal Studio software product on a specific instrument
- License is fixed to a single instrument (not transportable)
- Permanent ownership of license
- Ideal for cost-effective deployment of Signal Studio test signals in manufacturing
- Available in packs of 5 or 50 waveform licenses
- Evaluate each of the waveforms for up to 48 hours before assigning individual licenses

- Each Signal Studio software license enables signal generation on a specific signal generator (i.e. model number and serial number) at any one time. The product summary table lists the right-to-use licenses available for each Signal Studio software product.
- Only available on Agilent 16800/16900 Series logic analyzers or N5343A/N5344A DigRF exerciser.
- 3. Upon license expiration, the instrument stops generating signals created by the specific Signal Studio software product. To continue generating signals on the instrument, a new right-to-use license must be purchased. Time-based licenses cannot be upgraded to enable additional capability after initial purchase.
- Only available on N5182A MXG, N5162A MXG ATE, or E4438C ESG vector signal generators; up to 9 waveform 5-packs (MXG/ESG Options 221-229); up to 10 waveform 50-packs (MXG/ ESG Options 250-259).

Additional Information

Explore the online documentation

For more information about this Signal Studio software, explore the online documentation (Help), which includes this technical overview, release notes, user interface descriptions, tutorials, installation information, and an easy-to-use configuration assistant to help you determine the right option combination for your test needs. Access the online documentation at: www.agilent.com/find/n7624b

Related Websites

Signal Creation Software www.agilent.com/find/signalstudio

Agilent's LTE Design and Test Solutions www.agilent.com/find/lte

Related literature

Move Forward to What's Possible in TD-LTE, Brochure, 5990-4245EN http://cp.literature.agilent.com/litweb/pdf/5990-4245EN.pdf

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