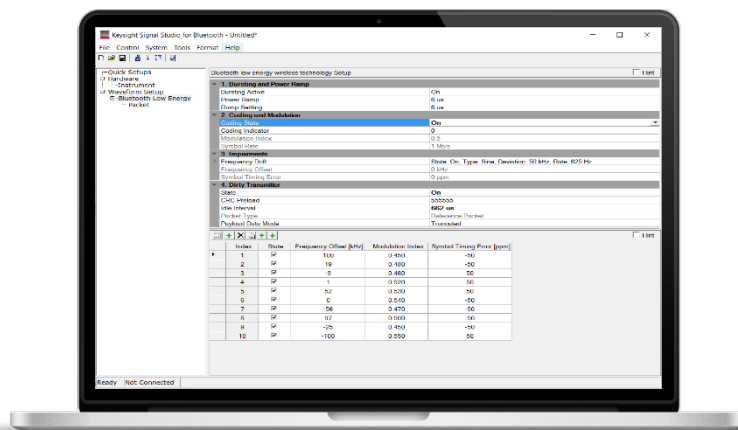# N7606C Signal Studio for *Bluetooth*®

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- Create Keysight validated and performance optimized reference signals compliant to *Bluetooth* BR (basic rate), EDR (enhanced data rate), LE (low energy) 4.0, LE 4.2 (longer packet length), *Bluetooth* 5 (higher data rate and longer range), and *Bluetooth* 5.1/5.2/5.3

- Support Qualcomm® Bluetooth High Speed Link format with mode as QHS-P2/P3/P4/P5/P6

- Utilize fully-coded *Bluetooth* packets and modulated data streams for both basic and enhanced data rates

- Support data length extension to 255 bytes for *Bluetooth* LE 4.2

- Support 2Ms/s symbol rate for higher data rate and channel coding for long range for *Bluetooth* 5

- Support *Bluetooth* 5.1 with Constant Tone Extension field for AoA and AoD transmitter or receiver testing

- Use dirty transmitter test setup for receiver sensitivity tests with DHx, 2-DHx, 2-EVx, 3-DHx and 3-EVx packet types

- Accelerate the signal creation process with a user interface based on parameterized and graphical signal configuration and tree-style navigation

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Simplify *Bluetooth* Signal Creation

Keysight Signal Studio software is a flexible suite of signal-creation tools that will reduce the time you spend on signal simulation. For Bluetooth, 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 user friendly interface lets you configure signal parameters, calculate the resulting waveforms and download files for playback. The applications for these partially coded, 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), block-error-rate (BLER), packet-error-rate (PER), or frame error rate (FER) 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

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: N5182A/B1 MXG, N5172B EXG, N5166B CXG
- E8267D PSG
- E4438C ESG[1]
- M9381A PXIe VSG
- E6640A EXM wireless communication test set
- M9420/21A PXIe VXT vector transceiver

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[1] N7610C 2020 or above doesn't support MXG-A N5182A and ESG E4438C.

Typical measurements

Test components with basic capabilities

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

Verify receivers with advanced capabilities

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

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

Signal Studio enables you to create and customize *Bluetooth* waveforms to characterize the power and modulation performance of your components. The simple user interface allows you to create standards-based *Bluetooth* packets and modulated data streams for *Bluetooth* BR (basic rate), EDR (enhanced data rate), LE (low energy) 4.0, 4.2 (longer packet length), *Bluetooth* 5 (higher data rate and longer range), and *Bluetooth* 5.1/5.2/5.3 (AoA/AoD), and Qualcomm Bluetooth High Speed Link.

- Create signals for ACLR, channel power, spectral mask, and spurious testing
- Set parameters such as channel power, link type and modulation type for modulation verification and analysis, such as EVM tests
- View CCDF, spectrum and time domain graphs to investigate the effects of power ramps, modulation formats, power changes, and other effects on device performance
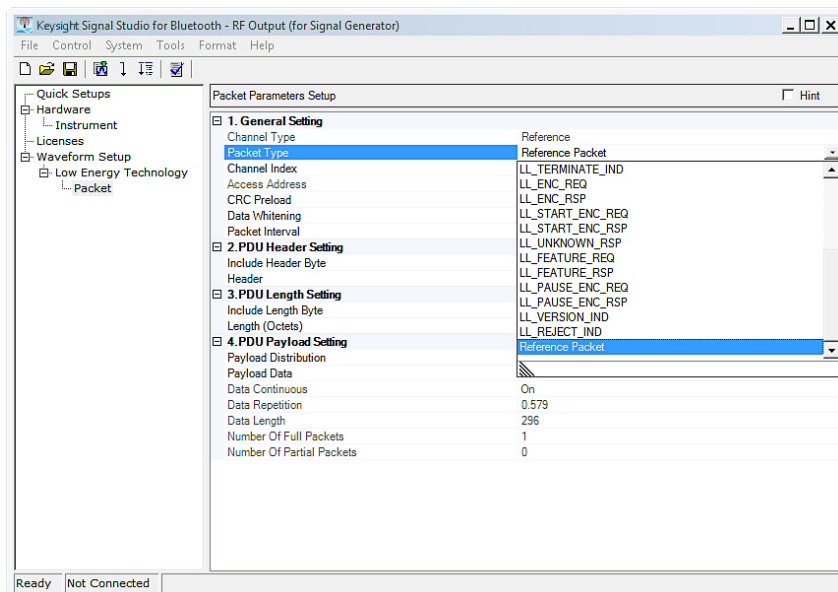

Figure 2. *Bluetooth* low energy packet configuration
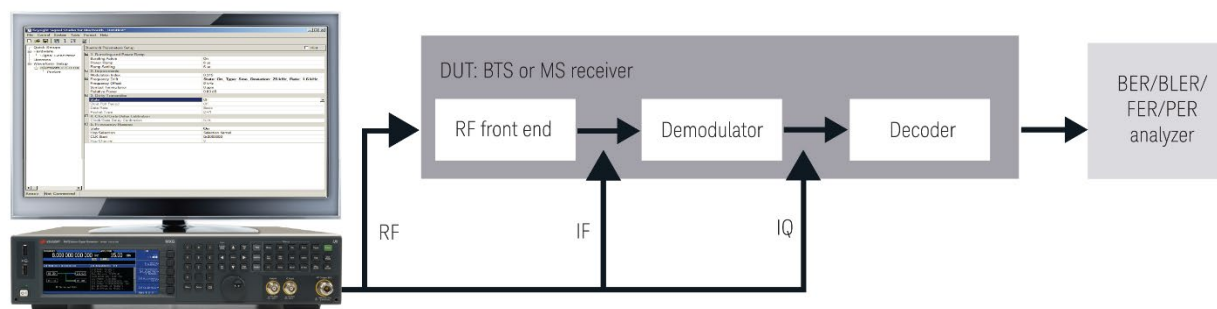
Receiver Test

Figure 3. 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.

Signal Studio's advanced capability allows you to create fully-coded Bluetooth signals with a variety of different packet types and PDU settings. Choose continuous PN data patterns for BER analysis, or select user-defined data patterns or custom user files for the data packets. Frequency hopping can be configured in the baseband waveform for Bluetooth BR and EDR with selection kernel sequence or user-defined hopping sequence. Signal impairments such as dirty transmitter, carrier frequency offset, symbol timing error, frequency drift, relative power offsets, and AWGN can also be added.

To simplify BER test setup, an automated clock/gate/payload delay optimization routine is provided in the software for use with the E4438C ESG signal generator. Using the routine, the data, clock, and gate signal timing alignment at the input of the ESG's internal BER analyzer (Option UN7) is easily determined and modified to ensure accurate test results.
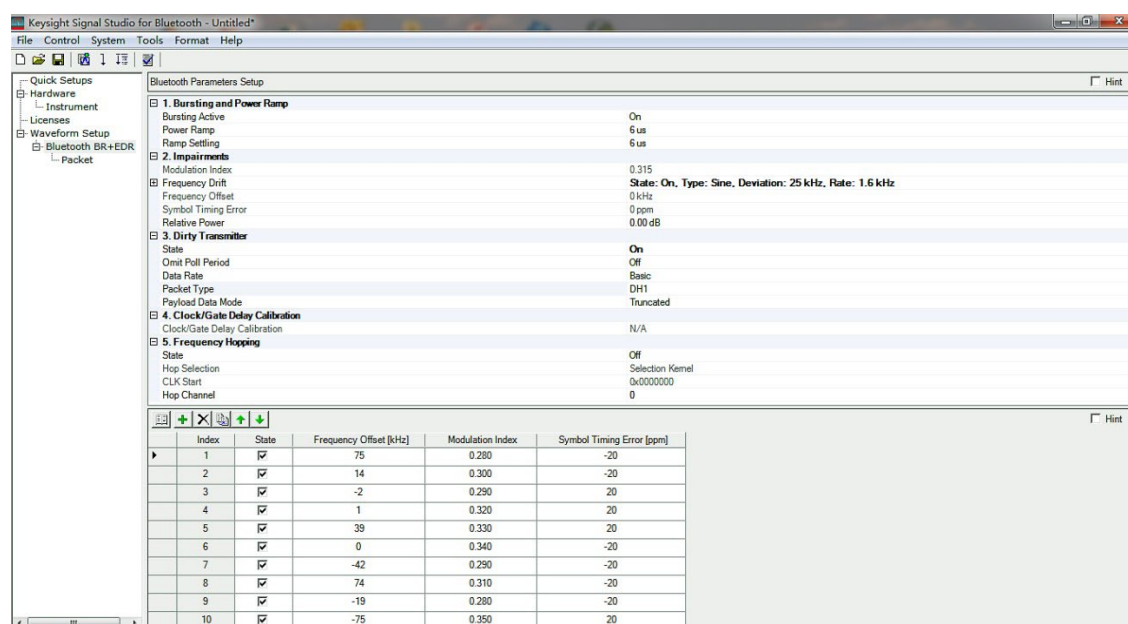

Figure 4. Configure impairments such as dirty transmitter and frequency drift for Bluetooth EDR transceiver test.

Features Summary

Bluetooth	Component and receiver testing

	Advanced waveform playback mode
Bluetooth BR+EDR	

- Bursting on/off
- Power ramp and ramp settling time
- Impairments
  - ◦ Modulation index
  - ◦ Frequency drift
    - ‑ Type: Linear, sine
    - ‑ Deviation: -100 kHz to 100 kHz
    - ‑ Rate: 300 Hz, 500 Hz, 1.6 kHz, 10 kHz
  - ◦ Frequency offset: -100 kHz to 100 kHz
  - ◦ Symbol timing error
- Dirty transmitter setup
  - ◦ Include or omit poll period
  - ◦ Packet type: DH1, DH3, DH5
  - ◦ Predefined test profile or add custom impairment sets with frequency offset, modulation index, and symbol timing error
- Packet parameter setup
  - ◦ Link type: SCO, ACL
  - ◦ Packet type: NULL, POLL, FHS, DM1, DM1, DH1, HV1, HV2, HV3, DV, AUX1, DM3, DH3, DM5, DH5, ID
  - ◦ Modulation: GFSK (BT=0.5)
  - ◦ Packet data type: Use standard packet type or raw data only
  - ◦ Set *Bluetooth* device address (BD_ADDR: LAP, UAP, NAP), active member address (AM_ADDR)
  - ◦ Flow control bit, ARQ control bit, sequential number index
- Payload parameter setup
  - ◦ Single or multiple packet
  - ◦ LLID, flow indicator
  - ◦ Payload data length and data types: PN9, PN15, user-defined
  - ◦ Data whitening on/off
- Dirty transmitter setup
  - ◦ Data rate: basic, 2 Mbps, 3 Mbps
  - ◦ Packet type: 2-DH1, 2-DH3, 2-DH5, 2EV-3, 2EV5, 3-DH1, 3-DH3, 3-DH5, 3EV-3, 3EV-5
  - ◦ Predefined test profiles
- Frequency hopping
  - ◦ Hop selection: Selection kernel, user defined
  - ◦ CLK start
- Packet parameter setup
  - ◦ Link type: SCO (basic data rate), eSCO (basic or enhanced data rate), ACL (basic or enhanced data rate)
  - ◦ Packet type: 2-DH1, 3-DH1, 2-DH3, 3-DH3, 2-DH5, 3-DH5, EV3, 2-EV3, 3-EV3, EV4, EV5, 2-EV5, 3-EV5
  - ◦ Modulation: GFSK (BT=0.5) + DQPSK (2 Mbps), GFSK (BT=0.5) + D8PSK (3 Mbps)

Bluetooth	Component and receiver testing
	Advanced waveform playback mode
Bluetooth low energy (version 4.0 and 4.2)	• Bursting on/off
	• Power ramp and ramp settling time
	• Impairments
	◦ Modulation index
	◦ Frequency drift
	‐ Type: Linear, sine
	‐ Deviation: -100 to 100 kHz
	‐ Rate: 750 Hz, 625 Hz
	◦ Frequency offset: -100 kHz to 100 kHz
	◦ Symbol timing error
	• Dirty transmitter setup
	◦ Truncated or continuous reference packet
	◦ Variable packet interval
	• Packet parameter setup
	◦ Link type: SCO, ACL
	‐ Reference channel: Reference
	‐ Advertising channel: Adv_Ind, Adv_Direct_Ind, Adv_Nonconn_Ind, Adv_Scan_Ind, Scan_Req, Scan_Rsp, Connect_Req,
	‐ Data channel: LL_Data, LL_Connection_Update_Req, LL_Channel_Map_Req, LL_Terminate_Ind, LL_Enc_Req, LL_Enc_Rsp, LL_Start_Enc_Req, LL_Start_Enc_Rsp, LL_Unknown_Rsp, LL_Feature_Req, LL_Feature_Rsp, LL_Pause_Enc_Req, LL_Pause_Enc_Rsp, LL_Version_Ind, LL_Reject_Ind, Reference
	‐ Packet settings: Channel index, access Address, CRC preload, data whitening, packet interval
	• PDU header settings
	◦ Packet type dependent: Public state of advertiser address, scanner address, and initiator address; logical link (LL) data or control, NESN (sequence number of next expected packet), SN (sequence number), MD (more data bit), include header byte, header value
	• Payload parameter setup
	◦ Packet type dependent: Advertiser address, scanner address, profile ID, more profile indication bit, encrypted request bit, advertiser name, initiator address, logical link connection access address, CRC initialization, hop length, channel map, sleep clock accuracy, pairing identity, encrypted mode, key diversifier, control type, interval, latency, timeout,
	◦ Single or multiple packet
	◦ Payload data length and data types: PN9, PN15, user-defined
	◦ Payload length is extended to 255 bytes for version 4.2
Bluetooth 5	• Supports channel coding for long range
	• Supports higher symbol rate for 2Ms/s

Bluetooth	Component and receiver testing
	Advanced waveform playback mode

Bluetooth 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3	• 'CTEInfo Present' under the PDU header setting as True or False
	• Constant Tone Extension Info setting
	  ◦ CTE Time from 2 to 20 in units of 8 us
	  ◦ CTE Type as AoA Constant Tone Extension, AoD Constant Tone Extension with 1 us or 2 us
	  ◦ DUT Type as Transmitter or Receiver
	  ◦ For Receiver, Slot length, Antenna Number and Amplitude Phase settings can be specified

Qualcomm Bluetooth high-speed link	• Support the mode as QHS-P2/P3/P4/P5/P6 • Support the modulation type as pi/4-QPSK, pi/4-DQPSK, 8PSK, and D8PSK • Support the high-speed link data rate as 2/3/4/5/6 Mbps • Support the PDU header settings with LLID, NESN, SN, and MD

Supported Standards

Version	*Bluetooth* Special Interest Group specification	IEEE specification	Adoption date
Bluetooth 1.1	Core version 1.1	802.15.1-2002 802.15.1-2005	2002 2005
Bluetooth 2.1 + EDR	Core version 2.1 + EDR		July 2007
Bluetooth low energy	Core version 4.0 Core version 4.2 Core version 5 Core version 5.1 Core version 5.3		June 2010 December 2014 December 2016 December 2018 July 2021
Qualcomm Bluetooth high-speed link	80-YD148-1/2/3		August 2015

Performance Characteristics

Definitions

Measured (meas):

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

The following measured performance characteristics apply after execution of an I/Q calibration when the instrument is maintained within ± 5 °C of the calibrated temperature.

Link type	Parameters		Characteristic		N5172B EXG, N5182A/B MXG	M9381A	E4438C ESG
ACL (Basic data rate)	Packet type	DH1	FSK error		0.60%	0.65%	0.79%
	Modulation type	GFSK (BT = 0.5)					
	Packet data type	Standard					
	Frequency	2402 MHz					
	Amplitude	−10 dBm					
ACL (Enhanced data rate)	Packet type	3-DH1	ACP at frequency = 2402 + k MHz	K = 2	−68 dBm	−68.75 dBm	−65.95 dBm
	Modulation type	GFSK (BT = 0.5) + D8PSK					
	Packet data type	Standard		K = 3,4,5,…,78	−71 dBm	−75.40 dBm	−71 dBm
	Frequency	2402 MHz					
	Amplitude	−10 dBm					
LE (low energy)	Packet type	Reference	FSK error		0.39%[2]	—	—
	Modulation type	2Ms/s					
	Packet data type	GFSK (BT = 0.5)					
	Payload	Single packet					
	Frequency	2.404 GHz					
	Amplitude	−10 dBm					

[2] This specification only applies to the N5182B

Ordering Information

Software licensing and configuration

Signal Studio offers flexible licensing options, including:

- **Node-locked:** Allows you to use the license on one specified instrument/computer.
- **Transportable:** Allows you to use the license on one instrument/computer at a time. This license may be transferred to another instrument/computer using Keysight's online tool.
- **Floating:** Allows you to access the license on networked instruments/computers from a server, one at a time. For concurrent access, multiple licenses may be purchased.
- **Time-based:** License is time limited to a defined period, such as 12-months.

Hardware configurations

To learn more about compatible hardware and required configurations, please visit:
www.keysight.com/find/SignalStudio_platforms

PC requirements

A PC is required to run Signal Studio.

www.keysight.com/find/SignalStudio_pc

Model numbers and options

To learn more about Signal Studio licensing, model numbers and options, please visit:
https://www.keysight.com/us/en/catalog/key-35097/signal-studio-software.html

Try before you buy!

Free 30-day trials of Signal Studio software provide unrestricted use of the features and functions, including signal generation, with your compatible platform. Redeem a trial license online at www.keysight.com/find/SignalStudio_trial

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Waveform playback licenses (N7606EMBC)

Software license	Support contract	Description
N7606EMBC-1FP	R-Y5B-001-A[3]	Node-locked perpetual license
N7606EMBC-1FL	R-Y4B-001-L[4]	Node-locked 12-month license
N7606EMBC-1TP	R-Y5B-004-D[3]	Transportable perpetual license
N7606EMBC-1TL	R-Y4B-004-L[4]	Transportable 12-month license

Software support subscription for perpetual licenses[5]

Software license	Description
R-Y6B-001-L	12-months of support for node-locked licenses
R-Y6B-004-L	12-months of support for transportable licenses
R-Y6B-501	1-month of support for node-locked licenses (extension after 1st year)
R-Y6B-504	1-month of support for transportable licenses (extension after 1st year)

[3] Support contracts must be purchased for all perpetual licenses in the first year. All software upgrades and KeysightCare support are provided for software licenses with valid support contracts.
[4] All time-based software licenses include a 12-month support contract.
[5] After the first year, support contracts for all perpetual licenses may be extended with annual and monthly support extensions.

Websites

Comprehensive online documentation

Signal Studio for *Bluetooth*

Keysight's *Bluetooth* test solutions

Signal Studio and Signal Creation Software

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