TAKE YOUR LAB TO THE NEXT LEVEL WITH
Keysight Technologies Electronic Warfare Test and Evaluation Solutions
Keysight Technologies

The world’s leader in electronic measurement provides complete end-to-end solutions for designing, testing, and verifying Electronic Warfare (EW) System Under Test. We’re stepping forward as a commercial collaborator, creating and delivering the rapidly adaptable EW solutions you need to succeed far into the future. We will work with your team to ensure enhanced realism and greater confidence in test and evaluation.

- **R&D Lab Testing**
  Predicted System Performance via Digital Modeling

- **System Integration and Verification Lab**
  Receiver & Processor Performance
  Jammer Effectiveness and Technique Evaluation

- **Installed System Test Facility**
  Closed Loop Testing
  Installed receiver, jammer, and processor performance

- **Open Air Range Testing**
  In-flight Receiver and Processor Effectiveness and Suitability

- **Operational Verification**
  Operational Verification
  Pre-mission Check

- **Service and Support**
Overview

As the EW threat environment continues to evolve, confidence and reliability in EW system validation and verification is heavily dependent on the modernization and improvements of the test and evaluation process. Complex and diverse threats drive the need for EW systems to be capable of identifying and neutralizing radar threats accurately, and just as importantly, can respond with adaptive and cognitive countermeasures. The challenges of EW test and evaluation are increasing with high-fidelity complex emitters as there is a need to simulate and analyze high-density environments. The battle for dominance in the electromagnetic spectrum domain is a high priority for national defense and is driving the need for significant advancements in EW test and evaluation capabilities, methods, and solutions.
Figure 1: Multi-port EW System Under Test

Many times EW Test and Evaluation (T&E) is performed with large, complex, expensive custom systems not widely available to EW design engineers, leaving room for potential error as they aren’t testing under the most realistic situations. To ensure consistency throughout development, testing, and deployment of EW systems, it is critical to identify when or where the error occurred. With Keysight’s full range of commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) building blocks test confidently and evaluate starting with digital modeling in research and development all the way through system integration, flight tests, and fully operational systems. Use individual test and measurement blocks or engage with our team to create and deliver exceptional EW Test and Evaluation Solutions.
Reduce Risk with Simulated EW Systems Under Test (SUT)

Modern EW systems are very complex with complicated architectures. Digital modeling prior to hardware implementation of an EW System Under Test (SUT) reduces the risk of development time and high program costs. Keysight’s SystemVue Radar Modeling library helps verify and analyze EW system processing, algorithms, and countermeasures by creating digital models of the system and running simulations with environmental effects including, multi-path reflections, interference, jamming, targets, and clutter.

- **Analyze entire system** including dynamic flight path, multi-emitters, jamming, and interferers
- **Model Environment**, RF HW, antenna, and phased array effects
- **Reduce cost and time** of field flight tests through simulation
Keysight’s full range of COTS test and measurement equipment offers extensible testing as the system moves from a digital model into hardware prototypes during hardware-in-the-loop (HIL) testing. Choose from a range of arbitrary waveform generators and agile vector signal generators for signal generation and signal analyzers: oscilloscopes and digitizers for signal analysis. Use SystemVue as a platform to control hardware test setup.

SystemVue
Get Closer to Reality

To accurately simulate radar threats and targets, an agile signal generator that can switch frequency and settle amplitude in the hundreds of nanoseconds at different frequencies is necessary. When looking for a solution to simulate your RF environment, make sure the product’s internal modulation bandwidth is sufficient to cover your threat frequencies of interest.

Keysight N5194A UXG X-Series Agile Vector Adapter, 50 MHz to 20 GHz

Keysight N5193A UXG Agile Signal Generator, 10 MHz to 40 GHz
The UXG agile signal generator’s ability to fast frequency hop with phase continuity and repeatability makes it an ideal source to efficiently simulate complex threat environments across the full 40 GHz range of the signal generator.

- **Multiple pulse-Doppler radars** at different frequencies while maintaining the original phase as the signal generator hops from one emitter frequency to another

- **EW scenarios** with thousands of radar threat-emitters and millions of pulses per second with unique antenna scans

- **IQ custom complex modulation** on pulse with the UXG Vector Adapter including linear and nonlinear frequency modulated chirps over a 20GHz range (see Figure 4)

- **High pulse density environments** by scaling up in the number of UXGs increases pulse density and allows the ability to perform pulse-on-pulse simulations or do multi-port angle of arrival (AoA) simulations.

- **AoA simulations** with multiple UXGs and staggering identical pulses played out of different ports (different UXGs) in time, phase, amplitude, or all three

![Figure 4: Two 1.5GHz wide LFM chirped emitters 7GHz apart from one UXG source](image)

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1 Multi-source calibration (MSC) software is available as part of Keysight’s custom threat simulation solutions. For more information, please contact your Keysight sales representative.
Pulse Descriptor Word Based Operation
- 1Gb LAN or SSD streaming to > 1Mpps
- 10 GB LAN streaming to > 10Mpps

Applies User RF Corrections to Pulse Descriptor Word Data
- To system under test input port

Reports Pulse Counts
- Received, played, expired, or collided

EW System Under Test

With the different interface options, the UXG is a great replacement for legacy and unreliable RF sources:

**N5193A**
- Binary Coded Decimal (BCD) for legacy compatibility
- Low Voltage Differential Signal (LVDS) for lowest latency HITL

**N5193A and N5194A Pulse Descriptor Word (PDW) Streaming**
- Solid-state Drive Streaming (512 GB SSD)
- 1Gb LAN Streaming
- 10Gb LAN/Optical (Option CC3 on N5193A)
Spend Less Time Creating Pulse Descriptor Word Simulations and Spend More Time Testing your SUT

The UXG’s flexible architecture and legacy threat library import capability is an ideal replacement for current RF sources or integration into new threat simulators.

Easily use already created Pulse Descriptor Word (PDW) libraries or create them using a variety of tools including Excel, Matlab, or Keysight’s N7660C Multi-Emitter Scenario Generation Software.

Figure 5: Create high pulse density environments and view simulation in time domain

1 N7660C software is subject to US ITAR export regulations. For more information, contact your Keysight sales representative
Keysight’s N7660C MESG software creates pre-scripted multi-emitter test scenarios with:

- **Control over radar parameters** including: amplitude, frequency, pulse width, modulation-on-pulse, pulse repetition interval (PRI), coherent processing intervals (CPI), and antenna scan modulation
- **Complex pulse modulation** including linear and non-linear chirps, and custom IQ modulation
- **Automatically computed AoA** and Kinematics for moving platforms
- **Dropped pulse reports** to optimize pulse density and reduce pulse collisions by changing emitter start times, priorities, and pulse-repetition intervals
- **Threat simulation import (TSIm)** capability that converts Advanced Multiple Environment Simulator (AMES) Data Interchange Format (DIF) files into the closest equivalent MESG signals using PDWs
See, Capture, Analyze, and Understand Highly Complex Signal Environments

Analysis and scoring of EW stimulus and electronic attack resources can be a challenge due to wide-bandwidth and complex pulse modulation types in high-density environments. With the diverse portfolio of Keysight’s COTS analysis hardware including signal analyzers, oscilloscopes, and digitizers capture and characterize the EW environment up to 110GHz with wide modulation bandwidths.

Figure 7: Dual domain analysis to verify Doppler shifts and pulse PRI
Keysight N9067C and 89601B pulse analysis software capabilities:

- **Differentiate threats** with pulse-sorting filters based on characteristics such as pulse width, PRI, and modulation type (including linear and non-linear modulation)
- **Capture long scenarios** with efficient memory usage
- **Correlations and sidelobe measurements**
- **Dual domain analysis** with narrow bandwidth for frequency domain analysis and wider bandwidth for time domain analysis
- **Record and export PDWs** to playback through UXG Agile Signal Generators

Figure 8: Raster scan shows radar modes and patterns
COTS EW Signal Generation and Analysis Building Blocks

Keysight provides commercially-available building blocks to create EW threat simulation and analysis systems. This includes solutions with:

- **N5193A/94A Agile Signal Generators** for multi-channel and multi-port threat simulations
- **Arbitrary waveform generators** for threat simulation for baseband or wideband verification
- **Oscilloscopes, signal analyzers, and digitizers** for wideband signal analysis
- **Flexible FPGA tools** and storage and streaming options for closed-loop simulations
Flexible EW Threat Simulation and Analysis Solutions

Keysight has a long history in measurement and calibration science. Work with our team of experts to configure and design a scalable and flexible EW test system. Our solutions include full system integration and automated multi-source and system-level calibration.

Create high-density, AoA simulations with flexible multi-port configurations

- **Ensure coherency across** multiple sources with calibration of amplitude, phase, and time
- **Threat simulators** compatible with MESG software or other dynamic PDW-based scenario generation systems

Capture the signal environment using multi-channel, wide-bandwidth streaming recording of RF and processed signals

- **Uses an integrated combination of hardware**, firmware, and software that performs signal selection, downconversion, digitization, signal processing, and data storage
- **Apply post-capture analysis software** to RF test and signal-processed recordings
Real-time Sequenced PDW Files

Many times real-time sequenced streaming is necessary for EW signal generation. An example where this is useful during over-the-air test or open range test to simulate multiple ground-based radar. The UXG signal generator synchronizes to any time module that can output PPS, for example, GPS. With multiple boxes synchronized, they are triggered at the same universal time clock.

Enables the operator to:

- **Control several UXG stacks** located over a significant distance from one central location
- **Use the same PDW library** and threat simulation files from early prototype and system integration testing to verify in-flight/operation receiver & processor effectiveness and stability and
- **Play the same files and simulations** at the corresponding UTC across different labs or locations
Pre-mission Go/No-Go Testing

Once a system is deployed into the field—there may be a need to perform pre-mission tests to verify operational readiness.

Keysight’s FieldFox handheld microwave analyzers offer benchtop performance out in the field across multiple terrains and extreme environments including clean room to desert, sea, tropics, and arctic. Have absolute confidence for mission-critical measurements including:

• **Receiver Test**
  – Noise figure
  – Functional test with CW source

• **Emitter Verification**
  – Verify signal output & characteristics with a power meter, spectrum analyzer, and Real-time spectrum analyzer to 50 GHz
  – Pulse profiling up to 40 GHz with USB peak power sensor

• **Op check entire RF chain or individual components, radiated or closed loop**
  – Antennas, cables, converters, amplifiers
  – Distance-to-fault, and Time domain reflectometry (TDR)

• **Op Check GPS:** Evaluate carrier-to-noise density (C/N) and distribution amplifiers
Figure 9: Create pulse measurements on the flightline with Fieldfox

Figure 10: Capture every signal with real-time spectrum analysis

Figure 11: Perform system op-checks with the Fieldfox powerful cable and antenna test application
Keysight Service Can Help You Adopt Leading-Edge Test Solutions and Ensure Long-Term Program Support

Keysight Service offers a broad portfolio of services and support to assist engineers working on electronic warfare programs. We understand that engineers count on accurate, repeatable measurements to ensure mission success while meeting budget and schedule requirements. Inaccurate measurements and system downtime affect yield and the risk of a device failing during operation. The emergence of new and unique threats drives a need for constant modernization. To address this challenge, you can:

- **Implement an optimal migration strategy** with Technology Refresh Services to modernize test equipment to the latest technology as soon as it is available with upgrade and Trade-In Services
- **Avoid the need to disassemble and reassemble test systems**, and improve true yields with System Calibration Services
- **Have confidence** that your instruments are performing to specification by utilizing Keysight’s global network of 36 service centers in 19 countries
One of the long-standing trends in the industry is the need for long-term support for sometimes multi-decade programs with little to no budget for upgrades. In this case, you can:

- **Use Extended Support plans** to ensure the availability of parts for repair and calibration procedures for legacy instruments
- **Take advantage of Keysight's expertise** in test and sustainment planning through Consulting Services
- **Leverage One-Stop Calibration Services** to reduce logistical complexity and lower costs with one point of contact for the calibration of all your test assets

As the demand for better performance and newer technologies continually drives more complex designs, narrowing test margins, longer test times, and complex test systems comprised of instruments from multiple vendors must be managed. To help mitigate these challenges, you can:

- **Dramatically reduce test times** and improve test system efficiency through Keysight Process Analysis Services
- **Improve operational performance** and ensure ongoing accuracy through accredited and standards lab calibration on Keysight and non-Keysight electronic instruments
- **Manage downtime** with loaner services, onsite calibration, and onsite resident professionals
- **Minimize risk and reduce costs** by leveraging System Calibration Services to ensure that your test systems are performing to the test system uncertainty we calculate

Keysight Application Engineering Services for EW:

- **Training and technical assistance** for configuration of EW Simulation environments
- **Calibration configuration, automation, and verification** to SUT inputs
- **EW, Radar and RFMW Simulation, Theory and Measurement Training**

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1 Contact your local Keysight sales team for more information
Additional Literature

Signal Studio for Multi-emitter Scenario Generation, 5992-0405EN

N5193A UXG Agile Signal Generator Data Sheet, 5992-0092EN

N5193A UXG Agile Signal Generator Configuration Guide, 5992-0093EN

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N9040B UXA Signal Analyzer, Data Sheet, 5992-0090EN

N9067C Pulse Analysis Application, Technical Overview, 5992-1384EN

89600 VSA Software for Pulse Analysis, Technical Overview, 5992-0320EN

Field Fox Handheld Analyzers, Technical Overview, 5992-0772EN
Additional Information

With our full range of test and evaluation solutions, feel confident throughout the entire lifecycle of your EW system under test. To learn more about Keysight’s EW solutions and services visit www.keysight.com/find/ew

Your Partner for Electronic Warfare Solutions

Our unique combination of hardware, software services, and people can help you reach your next breakthrough. Our EW solutions have kept pace with the industry and continue to push the boundaries of technical limitations. We are unlocking the future of technology to secure the world.

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