Keysight Technologies
N4392A Optical Modulation Analyzer
Compact, Portable, Affordable

Data Sheet

Your personal test tool for complex modulated optical signals
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Need a Compact Optical Modulation Analyzer?

You will no longer have to share an optical modulation analyzer among colleagues or even departments because of its high initial investment price.

You will no longer have to move your device under test to another location because it’s too hard to move the analyzer, just to perform a short measurement.

You will no longer have to ship your optical modulation analyzer to service once a year for optical performance verification and recalibration. Now the instrument does all this for you for the key optical performance parameters whenever you think it is necessary, increasing the time you can use your instrument.

The N4392A is the next generation of optical modulation analyzers in a compact housing of a mid-size oscilloscope. With 15” screen size, even more analysis parameters can be visualized at the same time, leading to faster debugging results.

Compact

Integration of a digitizer, optics and analysis PC leads to a compact turn-key instrument. It also avoids any external cabling, making the instrument robust and easy to set up wherever needed.

Despite the smaller size, the new N4392A offers a big laptop-size screen, giving you more insight in your signal for understanding and debugging your signals even faster.

Portable

The integration in a compact mid-size oscilloscope housing results in a lightweight instrument, which can be easily moved to any location in a lab or on the manufacturing floor. Operators who need to analyze and debug signals at the physical layer will enjoy this feature as well.

Affordable

The N4392A is designed for best price-performance balance, achieved by combining advanced integration technologies with built-in optical calibration and performance verification tools. This leads to longer intervals between recalibration, extending uptime in research and manufacturing and resulting in reduced cost of ownership without leaving any doubt about the performance of the instrument.
Specifications Terms and Conditions

Definitions
Generally, all specifications are valid at the stated operating and measurement conditions and settings, with uninterrupted line voltage.

Specifications (Guaranteed)
Describes warranted product performance that is valid under the specified conditions.

Specifications include guard bands to account for the expected statistical performance distribution, measurement uncertainties changes in performance due to environmental changes and aging of components.

Typical values (Characteristics)
Characteristics describe the product performance that is usually met but not guaranteed. Typical values are based on data from a representative set of instruments.

General characteristics
Give additional information for using the instrument. These are general descriptive terms that do not imply a level of performance.

Reference conditions
Office environment 25 °C ± 5 °C

Reference conditions for error vector magnitude noise floor
Optical continuous wave signal at optical input port
- Signal power > 0 dBm
- Optical frequency is offset by 2.5 GHz from local oscillator frequency

Span setting
- Vector analyzer I-Q spectrum span set to 12.5 GHz

Digital demodulator settings
- QPSK demodulation
- 10 Gbaud symbol rate
- PolStokesAlign set to Single Polarization
- KFPhaseTrack with Carrier Phase Variance set to 1E-4
- Result Length set to 500 Symbols
# System Performance

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<td>Custom APSK demodulator, FSK 2-, 4-, 8-, 16-level, DQPSK, 8PSK, APSK 16/32 (12/4 QAM)</td>
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1. $< 17$ GHz, $2$ ps $< 23$ GHz
2. @ reference conditions (see page 12)
3. $EVM = 32.5\%$ for 32 Gbaud DP-QPSK corresponding to raw BER$=1E-3$, boost mode off
4. $P_{\text{signal}}$ (dBm) + $P_{\text{LO}}$ (dBm) $> 4$ dBm recommended
# General Characteristics

## Display
- **Display type**: 15 inch color XGA TFT-LCD
- **Resolution**: 1024 pixels horizontally x 768 pixels vertically

## Assembled dimensions (H x W x D)
- **Product dimensions**: 33 x 43 x 23 cm (12.9 x 16.8 x 9 in)

## Weight
- **Product net weight**: 13 kg (28.7 lbs)

## Power requirements
- **Voltage levels**: 100 to 240 V, AC
- **Net frequency range**: 50 to 60 Hz
- **Power requirement**: 375 VA

## Storage temperature range
- **Operating**: +5 °C to +35 °C
- **Humidity**: 15% to 80% relative humidity, non-condensing

## Altitude (Operating)
- **0 ... 2000 m**

## Shipping contents
- 1 x optical modulation analyzer N4392A including front cover
- 1x optical USB mouse 1150-7799
- 1x mini USB keyboard 319 x 157 x 20 mm 0960-2929
- 1 to 4x 81000NI FC/APC connector interface (quantity depends on options ordered) 08154-61723
- 1x language labels sheet 81645-44309
- 1x torque wrench, 8 lb-in, 5/16 inch 8710-1765
- 1x wrench, open-end, 8 mm, steel hard chrome finish 8710-2466
- 1x calibration certificate 9230-0333
- 1x wrist strap with cord 6-lg blue 9300-1405
- 1x STYLYS-PEN cushion grip 5.54-in-LG 0.44-in-DIA 1150-7997
- 1x RoHS addendum for photonic test and measurment products 9320-6654
- 1x UK6 report E5525-10285
- 1x getting started guide for the N4392A N4392-90A01
- 1x power cord (country dependent)
- 1x entitlement certificate basic N4392A software package N4392-90115
- 1x entitlement certificate VSA software (contains 89601B-200 and 89601B-AAY) 89600-90181

Depending on ordered options:
- 1x entitlement certificate option N4392A-420 N4392-90103
- 1x entitlement certificate option N4392A-430 N4392-90104

## Optical connectors
- **Signal input (Option 300)**: 9 μm single-mode angled
- **LO input (Option 320 only)**: 9 μm PMF angled
- **LO output (Option 320, 310 with 100/110)**: 9 μm PMF angled
- **Auxiliary source (Option 320, 310 with 100/110)**: 9 μm PMF angled
- **Laser safety information**: All laser sources listed above are classified as Class 1M according to IEC 60825-1/2007. All laser sources comply with 21 CFR 1040.10 except for deviations pursuant to Laser Notice No. 50, dated 2007-08-24.
Configuration Guide

Configuration 1: optical & electrical receiver with extended LO & source package

Full featured configuration with all analysis and test capabilities provided by the instrument.

Options

Wavelength option: adds two CW lasers
- **Option 100**: C-band optics and sources (adds two C-band CW lasers)
  Or alternatively
- **Option 110**: L-band optics and sources (adds two L-band CW lasers)
- **Option 300**: 23 GHz optical receiver includes optical coherent receiver, digitizer and local oscillator
- **Option 310**: 23 GHz electrical receiver includes electrical receiver without any optical components
- **Option 320**: Extended local oscillator and source package adds the auxiliary source and local oscillator external input and output.

Available software options

- **Option 420**: User configurable OFDM demodulator
- **Option 430**: ICR characterization software
- **89601B-BHF**: Custom OFDM modulation analysis
- **89601B-BHK**: Custom IQ demodulator

Figure 1. Optical & electrical receiver with extended LO & source package
Configuration Guide (continued)

Configuration 2: basic optical & electrical receiver

Configuration with all analysis and test capabilities without optical sources

Recommended application
- Transmitter and link signal qualification
- Transmitter debugging
- Signal qualification with user ICR (external laser sources needed)
- ICR test with external Keysight lasers
- CFP2-ACO Testing (Tx and Rx, requires additional instruments & components)

Options
wavelength option: adds two CW lasers
- Option 100: C-band optics and sources (adds two C-band CW lasers)
  or alternatively
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Available software options
- Option 420: User configurable OFDM demodulator
- Option 430: ICR characterization software
- 89601B-BHF: Custom OFDM modulation analysis
- 89601B-BHK: Custom IQ demodulator

Figure 2. Basic optical & electrical receiver
Configuration Guide (continued)

Configuration 3: basic configuration with electrical receiver

Recommended application
– Signal qualification with user’s ICR
– ICR test with external Keysight lasers
– ICR vendor qualification

Options
– **Option 310**: 3 GHz electrical receiver includes electrical receiver without any optical components.

Available software options
– **Option 420**: User configurable OFDM demodulator
– **Option 430**: ICR characterization software

Configuration 4: electrical configuration with optical sources

Recommended application
– Signal qualification with user’s ICR
– ICR test with internal lasers
– ICR vendor quantification

Options
wavelength option: adds two CW lasers
– **Option 100**: C-band optics and sources (adds two C-band CW lasers) or alternatively
– **Option 110**: L-band optics and sources (adds two L-band CW lasers)
– **Option 310**: 23 GHz electrical receiver includes electrical receiver without any optical components

Available software options
– **Option 420**: User configurable OFDM demodulator
– **Option 430**: ICR characterization software
– **89601B-BHF**: Custom IQ demodulator modulation analysis
– **89601B-BHK**: Custom IQ
Configuration 5: basic configuration with optical receiver

Recommended application
- Transmitter test in manufacturing
- Link signal qualification in commissioning
- Economic transmitter debugging

Options
- Wavelength option: adds two CW lasers
  - **Option 100**: C-band optics and sources (adds two C-band CW lasers)
    or alternatively
  - **Option 110**: L-band optics and sources (adds two L-band CW lasers)
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Available software options
- **Option 420**: User configurable OFDM demodulator
- **89601B-BHF**: Custom OFDM modulation analysis
- **89601B-BHK**: Custom IQ demodulator
Configuration Guide (continued)

Configuration 6: optical configuration with LO & Aux sources

Recommended application
- Transmitter test in research
- Link test in research
- Transmitter debugging in prototype phase
- General research applications

Options
wavelength option: adds two CW lasers
- **Option 100**: C-band optics and sources (adds two C-band CW lasers)
or alternatively
- **Option 110**: L-band optics and sources (adds two L-band CW lasers)
- **Option 300**: 23 GHz optical receiver includes optical coherent receiver, digitizer and local oscillator
- **Option 320**: Extended local oscillator and source package adds the auxiliary source and local oscillator external input and output.

Available software options
- **Option 420**: User configurable OFDM demodulator
- **89601B-BHF**: Custom OFDM modulation analysis
- **89601B-BHK**: Custom IQ demodulator
Software options

- User configurable OFDM demodulator (Option 420):
  This option extends the software with a license for a user configurable OFDM demodulator. It is identical with the 89601B-BHF features for later upgrade please order the 89601B-BHF.

- ICR characterization package (Option 430):
  Is an additional software license that requires Option 310 to characterize integrated intradyne coherent receiver (ICR) as defined by the OIF. At minimum an additional Keysight, software controllable, polarization controller is required. For details on characterized parameter and methods, please see the ICR test section of N439xA brochure.

- Upgrade OMA software from version 4.x to version 5.x (N4392AU-UG1):
  Upgrade OMA software from version 4.x to version 5.x, fixed perpetual license. It contains the following analysis features:
  - Laser Line width
  - PMD and Phase noise analysis
  - Supports measurement of second order PMD and DGD over frequency
  - Contains Modulation Format Transparent Pre-Processing
  - Offers Optical Signal Statistics Table
  - Allows 3D Stokes Space Pre-adjustment as VSA trace
  - Allows 3D Stokes Space Trajectory trace as VSA trace
  - OMA Revision 5 requires a valid VSA 20 license and higher, available separately

- Custom IQ demodulator (89601B-BHK):
  Custom IQ Modulation Analysis adds Custom IQ demodulation and analysis capability to your OMA software. Option BHK lets you perform modulation analysis on non-standard user defined IQ signals. Custom IQ modulation analysis provides a simple process to configure the OMA to demodulate and analyze a user defined custom IQ signal with more than 4096 symbols (depending on HW used).

Optical wavelength range options

- Option 100 selects all optical components operate in C-Band
- Option 110 selects all optical components operate in L-Band

These options can only be selected alternatively and can be combined with any other Option 3xx.
## Ordering Information

### Optical modulation analyzer product configuration

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### Optical source and wavelength options

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### Receiver options

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### Hardware options

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### Software licenses

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### Hardware upgrade options

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## N4392AU Hardware Upgrade Options and Compatibility

### Installed options: Options that can be added

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1x0: Describes installed wavelength option in the instrument to be upgraded.