

Agilent Modular Instrumentation

New PXI Vector Signal Analyzer Technical Presentation







PXI Microwave Vector Signal Analyzer



- Product Overview
- Software
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Modular Product Summary

Introducing a broad and powerful modular product offering

- Providing of a comprehensive set of PXI products
- Leading the industry in adoption of AXIe standard
- Adopting PCIe as a standard controller I/O interface
- Delivering the software needed for effective modular solutions, that will work in any development environment
- Bring its wide measurement expertise to modular form factors









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M9392A PXI Microwave Vector Signal Analyzer

First Single-Vendor PXI Microwave Vector Signal Analyzer

Modular RF Design:

- 4 or 5 module (7 or 8 slot) PXI Vector Signal Analyzer
- 50 MHz to 26.5 GHz
- Frequency Range and Capability to Optimize Cost
- Combine with PXI uWave switches to create Test System
- Integration to Agilent Measurement Science Software:
 - 89600 VSA Program for Modulation Analysis
- Wide Bandwidth (250 MHz):
 - Measure Broadband Communications and Radar Signals
- Reduce test time for lower cost of test
 - PCIe Data Bus for 1 GB/S transfer Rate
- Flexible
 - Easy integration to: Visual Basic, C++, C#, LabView,
 LabWindows, Matlab, and VEE -- with examples



M9392A Includes:M9202A PXIe IF DigitizerM9302A PXI LO

- •M9360A PXI Attenuator/Preselector
- •M9361A PXI Downconverter
- •M9351A PXI Downconverter (Option)











M9392A Block Diagram







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Displayed Average Noise Performance



Measurement data is for two units, on a lab benchtop during development, and is not intended to represent guaranteed performance.

Observed Power Accuracy



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Typical Module Software Structure



Typical Module Programming API and Soft Front Panel





M9392A Signal Analyzer Software Overview



M9392A User Interface Programs



M9392A Soft Front Panel

89600A VSA Measuring 800 MHz Radar Chirp



89600 VSA Software Automation

89600A (v12.0):

COM API

89600B (v13.0):

- Backwards-compatible COM API
 - Compatible with \leq v12.0 only
 - Exception: LTE \leq v13.0 only
- SCPI programming (\geq v13.0)
- .NET programming interface
- New macro languages
 - C # and Visual Basic.NET
 - Internal editor or Visual Studio

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Option Explicit
  This is a demonstration of a complete measurement
  This routine creates, sets up, starts a measurement, reads
 frequency and voltage data, dumps the data to the debug screen,
 and exits the application.
 One would not normally combine all these steps into one routine.
 In particular, the creation of the 89600 app would normally be done
' only once at main form load time and kept around until the VB app
' is done.
Private Declare Sub Sleep Lib "kernel32" (ByVal dwMilliseconds As Long)
Public Sub MeasDemo()
    Dim oApp As AgtVsaVector.Application
    Dim oMeas As AgtVsaVector.Measurement
    Dim oDisp As AgtVsaVector.Display
    Dim vTime As Variant
    Dim vArrX As Variant
                            ' Will be filled with an array of doubles
    Dim vArrY As Variant
                            ' Will be filled with an array of doubles
    Dim bMeasDone As Boolean
    Dim bCreated As Boolean
    Dim i As Long
    ' First, try getting a reference to an already running 89600 VSA
    bCreated = False
    On Error Resume Next
    Set oApp = GetObject(, "AgtVsaVector.Application")
    If oApp Is Nothing Then
        ' There is no running 89600 VSA, try to create a new one
        Set oApp = CreateObject("AgtVsaVector.Application")
       bCreated = True
    End If
    On Error GoTo 0
    If oApp Is Nothing Then
       MsgBox "Unable to create 89600 VSA object", vbCritical
        Exit Sub
    End If
    ' Make it visable
```

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oApp.Visible = True
```





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Examples in many different programming languages



printf("Arming...\n");

driver->Measurements->Arm();

Sample Programs included with the driver installation

driver->Measurements->WaitForData(timeout);

printf("RMS Power = %lf dBm.\n", driver->Measurements->RmsPower); printf("Peak Power = %lf dBm.\n", driver->Measurements->PeakPower);

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Basic Control Sequence







Basic Control Sequence







Advanced Control Sequence for ATE





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M9392A / M9362A-D01 Demo Setup





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M9362A-D01 Downconverter Hardware Overview





Combined M9392A / M9362A-D01 Demo



M9392A / M9362A-D01 Demo Software Control



Running VSA with M9202A Digitizer

89601A can be run with just the M9202A Digitizer using the M9392A role, providing Decimated, Zoomed IQ Data

Range of Operation:

- Maximum BW 800 MHz
- Minimum BW 1 MHz
- Frequency Range from 50 MHz to 1 GHz



Connection Procedure:

- Open M9392A SFP selecting M9202A digitizer only
- Save Connection as M92902A
- Open 89601A
- Select M9392 hardware and press "configure hardware" button
- Change Connection Name to M92902A
- Restart 89601A











M9362A-D01 Demo Signal 800 MHZ BW FM Linear Chirp





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Demodulation Performance

Modulation Type	Best Case EVM @ 3 GHz
40 MHz 802.11n, 64 QAM OFDM	-40 dB
20 MHz 802.11g, 64 QAM OFDM	-45 dB
EDGE	0.18 %
QAM 256, 3 MHz	0.66 %
QAM 32, 3 MHz	0.18 %

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M9392A LO and IF Frequencies

Path	BW	IF Freq	LO Equation
uWave Fundamental, 3 to 9.75 GHz,	250MHz	468.75 MHz BW <= 50 MHz	LO = RF + IF
no preselector		500 MHz otherwise	
uWave 3 rd Harm, 9.75 to 26.5 GHz	250MHz	468.75 MHz BW <= 50 MHz	LO = (RF + IF) / 3
		500 MHz otherwise	
RF Preselected	40MHz	492.1875 MHz BW < =10 MHz,	LO =
		500 MHz otherwise	(RF + 3.0 GHz + IF)
RF Straight-through	400 MHz or	Same as RF Freq, 100 MHz to	No LO used
	distance to	625 MHz	
	band edge.		
Preselected uWave Fundamental, 3	40 MHz	468.75 MHz BW	LO = RF + IF
to 9.75 GHz,			
Preselected uWave 3 rd Harm, 9.75	40 MHz	468.75 MHz BW	LO = (RF + IF) / 3
to 26.5 GHz			









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Ways to Use M9392A





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System Control App



Small Footprint SA

PSG



✓Debug ✓ Calibrate ✓Learn

✓ Benchtop Analysis ✓ Demodulation

✓ATE

✓ Field Repair











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For the advanced user: Hints

ShiftIFFrequency	For spur dodging, specify IF shift in Hz. Causes a non-fpga (aka slow) IF frequency correction
SwitchHighLowSideMixing	For images and spurs, change from high side to low side mixing
PreferUWaveDownconverter	For overlapping configurations, prefer the uWave converter (2.75 to 2.9 GHz)
PreferRFDownconverter	For overlapping configurations, prefer the RF converter (2.75 to 2.9 GHz)
PreferDirectPath	For overlapping configurations prefer the Direct path over the RF Downconverter (125 to 625 MHz)
OffsetIFAtten	Offset the IF attenuation by some amount in dB.
ForceFrontEndAttenTo	Force the Front End Attenuation to specified value, in dB.
IgnoreReceiverBandwidth	When choosing a receiver, allow BW requests greater than HW can pass (for system characterization)
ShiftPreselectorCenterFrequency	Shift the preselector center frequency if the YIG filter is active, to correct for drift.
ADCDitherLevel	Set a variable ADC Dither Level from 2.19 to 40 dB from full scale (6 dB default)

For example, to ask the M9392 to shift the IF frequency +3.4 MHz next measurement:

M9392.Acquistioin.Hints.Add(AgM9392HintTypeShiftIfFrequency, 3.4e6)

Hints are erased every Initiate(), so they don't leak. You can query to see if a hint was used.





When to use the Soft Front Panel

- When running for the first time check out the hardware
- To save a particular configuration in the IVI store, so can use a name for the VISA string.
- To do a Field Cal
- When something is broken, and you want to figure out which module or cable is the problem.













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Setting up 89601A Connection: Setting up from M9392A SFP

- Steps to Connect M9392A to 89601A VSA Software:
- 1. Open M9392A Soft Front Panel and connect with the PXI modules
- 2. Select File | Save Connection from the M9392A SFP
- 3. Save Connection Name as "89601"
- 4. Exit M9392A Soft Front Panel
- Note: These steps do not need to be repeated unless the configuration of M9392A modules is changed















Setting up 89601A Connection: Configuring 89601A VSA

Steps to Connect M9392A to 89601A VSA Software:

- 1. Start 89601A VSA Software
- During initialization you should see a message "Identify TCPIP Hardware at localhost" and not see an error after this line. This process will take about 30 seconds
- 3. If the M9392 is not already selected as the hardware choice, select Utility | Hardware from the 89601A menu and then select the TCPIP::localhost Agilent M9392 resource from the ADC1 tab and then press OK
- 4. The M9392A will then initialize (~30 seconds)







Configuring 89601A VSA: Configuring Hardware

The M9392A Hints can be modified through the 89601A VSA Configure Hardware menu:

- 1. Select Utility | Hardware from the 89601A menu
- 2. Select M9392 hardware
- 3. Press Configure... button
- 4. Select Hardware option and press Edit...
- 5. Set new value for hardware option
- 6. Exit and restart 89601A VSA Software
- Note: You can save several connection names from the M9392A soft front panel and use this configuration to switch between them

A	21		
📕 Select Hardware			×
ADC 1 🖌 Tuner 1 🖌	Input 1 🖌	ADC 2 🖌 Tuner 2 🖌 Input 2 🖌	Source 🖌
Address	Location	Name	
TCPIP::localhost		Agilent M9392	
USR::Stream		Agilent VSA Stream	
Default Configuration	Note:	You must power on and connect	Çonfigure
Simulate Hardware		your hardware before starting	
, canado Halando		this program.	Info
OK Cancel	🔽 Save Sel	ection	Help




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Field Calibration From Soft Front Panel

1) Cal the Source



2) Cal the M9392A



Perform a Field Calibration:

- When first delivered
- When cables changed
- When modules pulled for repair
- When reconfigured
- Every 3 months
- Major environmental change



Field Calibration Internal Operation



What is Calibrated?

- Power accuracy for CW tone at specified input level
- IF Power level for optimal dynamic range.

Not Calibrated:

- IF Flatness
- Preselector filter placement

Layered over the module level calibrations:

- Module level calibrations provide the offset calibration if an attenuator is set to a different level.
- The temperature compensation is applied as a module level correction, and trickles up to the field calibration.

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Fixture Compensation Data

- User can specify with SetFixtureLoss(loss_table), where the loss table is a set of frequency(Hz), Loss(dB) pairs.
- Modest fixture loss (2-3 dB) can be included in Field Cal
- Expect that advanced users will do their own.







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M9392A Signal Analyzer PXI Modules



- Digitizer: M9202A
 - Digital IF operation, Programming, Soft Front Panel
- Microwave Downconverter: M9361A
 - Block Diagram, Soft Front Panel (SFP) and programming example in Lab Windows CVI
- RF Downconverter: M9351A
 - Block Diagram, SFP and programming example in LabVIEW
- Attenuator/Preselector: M9360A
 - Block Diagram, SFP and programming example in Visual Studio C++
- LO Module: M9302A
 - Block Diagram, SFP and programming example in Visual Studio C#









M9202A PXIe Wideband IF Digitizer

New M9202A PXIe wideband IF Digitizer with on-board processing

Key features:

- 1 channel, 12-bit, 2 GS/s
- 1 GHz analog bandwidth
- AC-coupled 50 Ω input
- Dither function
- +4/-2 dBm full scale (dither disabled/enabled)
- DDC algorithm to improve SNR and reduce data upload time
- 512 MB memory
- PCIe x4 connectivity (Gen 1 = 1 GB/s data throughput)
- Soft Front Panel GUI
- Designed to particularly fit in M9392A uWave Vector Signal Analyzer





Digitizer Programming API

🖻 🕦 Hierarchy Attribute Accessors ?] GetAttributeViBoolean ? GetAttributeViInt32 21 GetAttributeViInt64 2 GetAttributeViReal64 GetAttributeViSession 2 2 GetAttributeViString 2 SetAttributeViBoolean 2 SetAttributeViInt32 SetAttributeVilnt64 SetAttributeViReal64 2 SetAttributeViSession SetAttributeViString 🖻 🚺 Calibration [🛛 Self Calibrate 🖻 🔟 Channel Channel Count Channel Enabled 🚊 🕼 Filter Input Filter Bypass 😰 Input Filter Max Frequency Input Connector Selection Input Impedance ? Time Interleaved Channel List Vertical Coupling Vertical Offset શ Vertical Range [Close 🖻 🚺 Configuration 🗄 🚺 Acquisition



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Agilent MD1 SFP for High-Speed Digitizers







M9361A Downconverter 2.75 GHz to 26.5 GHz



Key Features:

- Frequency Range = 2.75-26.5GHz
- IF center freq = 500 MHz٠
- IF BW = 250 MHz
- Detector output for video triggering
- Pre-amp enables very low signal measurements
- Built-in calibration simplifies system power budget calculations ٠ by providing a constant output power

















M9361A uW Downconverter Module



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Conversion Gain Plot: Fundamental and Third Harmonic Mixing



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M9361A IF Filter Bandwidth Plot



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M9361A uW Downconverter Module



M9361A SFP and LabWindows example program.





Simulation Mode





No Error

M9351A Downconverter: 50MHz to 2.9 GHz



Key Features:

- Frequency Range = 50 MHz to 2.9 GHz
- IF center freq = 500 MHz
- IF BW = 40 MHz
- Pre-amp enables very low signal measurements
- Built-in calibration simplifies system power budget calculations by providing a constant output power



















M9351A RF Downconverter Module





Conversion Gain Plot



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M9351A IF Filter Bandwidth Plot



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M9351A RF Downconverter Module



M9360A Attenuator / Preselector: 100 kHz to 26.5 GHz

Key Features:

- YIG Tuned Filter Path BW 40MHz, 3-26.5GHz
- Through path 100 kHz-26.5GHz
- 70dB step attenuator
- Switches for signal routing to RF and µWave downconverters







M9360A Attenuator / Preselector Module

M9360 Simple Setup.cpp Source Control Evologer		
	🕸 Agilent M9360A PXI Attenuator / Preselector	
(Global Scope)	File View Utility Tools Help	
<pre>// This exmaple shows two different ways to setup the M9360A preselector module. // // The simple and straightforward way is to use herM2360 DELapat Configurat() wethed</pre>	Primary Settings	Custom Settings
<pre>// The shape and straightorward way is to use xghstor.krinput.configure() method. // All the settings will be done automatically according to the parameters given to</pre>	8 GHz	
// the method. It returns insertion loss and settling time. Insertion loss is // calculated for the settings using calibration data. Settling time tells how long	Input Level:	RF/LO Out:
<pre>// it takes for the module's internal state to settle. The user needs to wait // at least that much time before making a measurement. See SingleShotSetup() below</pre>	20 dBm	1 (Low-band)
<pre>// for the details. //</pre>		2 (High-band)
// The other way is to configure all the settings manually. The sequence shown below // is equivalent of what is done inside AgM9360.RFInput.Configure() method. The user		Preselector Frequency:
<pre>// would prefer this approach if finer control of the preselector is required (e.g. // turn off calibration or override the attenuator settings). See StenByStenSetun()</pre>		8.15 GHz
<pre>// below for the details.</pre>	Hardware Status	
<pre>#include "stdafx.h"</pre>	Step Attenuator: 40 dB	Tomporature: 37.8
<pre>#include <string.h></string.h></pre>	Preselector	Voltage: +12 +5 +3.3 -12
<pre>#include "Preselector.h"</pre>	Enabled: NO	Self Test: Pass
□ int _tmain(int argc, char* argv[]) {	Frequency: 8.15 GHz RF Path: 2 (High-band	Serial #: 12345678 d)
::CoInitialize(NULL);	Estimated Loss	
<pre>// Pass in a command line argument as the resource descriptor, if none, will default char* defaultResource = "PXI20::13::INSTR";</pre>	Port Loss: 0.30 dB	
<pre>char* options = "QueryInstrStatus=true, Simulate=true, DriverSetup= Model=, Trace=false if (argc > 1)</pre>	Attenuator Loss: 42.10 dB	
{ defaultResource = argv[1]:	Total Loss: 42.40 dB	
<pre>options = "QueryInstrStatus=true, Simulate=false, DriverSetup= Model=, Trace=false }</pre>	Circulation Made	No France of
	Simulation Mode	No Error,;;;
Preselector module(defaultResource, options);		
// Input parameters	M9360	A SEP with C++ .NET
double inputPower = -10; // in dBm	progra	mming example
	progra	









M9302A Local Oscillator: 3 to 10 GHz

Key Features:

- Supplies LO to downconverters ٠
- Supplies 100 MHz reference to digitizer for sampling clock generation
- Output Level 0 dBm
- 1 mS switching time
- 0.1 Hz tuning resolution •

















M9302A LO Module





M9302A LO Module

- 3 to 10 GHz, + 15 dBm Output
- Supplies LO to downconverters
- Supplies 100MHz reference to digitizer for sample clock generation





Phase Noise Plot: 3 GHz, 6 GHz, 9 GHz



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M9302A LO Module







4 Channel Downconverter & M9210A Digitizer







M9362A-D01 Downconverter

- Same downconverter module as N5280A box instrument
- 4-channel synchronous downconversion
- Can be combined with digitizer modules, LO, and/or external attenuation to form a multi-channel receiver



M9362AD01 4-channel, 1.5 GHz instantaneous bandwidth 10 MHz - 26.5 GHz input













M9362A-D01 Downconverter block diagram



Conversion Gain Plots with Fundamental (MXG or PSG to 26.5 GHz) and Third Harmonic (LO Module)





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M9210A PXI-H High-Speed Digitizing Scope

Single slot 3U PXI Hybrid dual-channel 10-bit, 2-4 GS/s Digitizing Scope

Key features:

•2 channels, 10-bit resolution, 2-4 GS/s

Scope-like features:

Selectable $50\Omega/1M\Omega$ input Selectable AC/DC coupling Different trigger functions

- 1.4 GHz in 50 Ω and 300 MHz in 1M Ω Bandwidth
- Acquisition memory up to 256 MSamples/channel
- Multiple modules synchronization through front-panel connector
- Soft Front Panel GUI with scope-like measurements: RMS, min/max, etc...













Agilent MD1 SFP for High-Speed Digitizers





PXI High-Speed Digitizers Comparison

	M9210A	M9211A	M9202A
Туре	Digitizing Scope	UWB IF Digitizer	Wideband IF Digitizer
Channels	2	1	1
Max. Sampling Rate	2-4 GS/s	4 GS/s	2 GS/s
Resolution	10-bit	10-bit	12-bit
Bandwidth 50 Ω 1 MΩ	1.4 GHz 300 MHz (min)	3 GHz N/A	1 GHz N/A
Input Impedance	Selectable 50 $\Omega/1 M\Omega$	50 Ω	50 Ω
Analog performance	SFDR = ~-57dBc @100 MHz -43dBc @ 400 MHz ENOB = 7.1 @ 10 MHz 6.5@ 400 MHz	SFDR = ~-53dBc @100 MHz -46dBc @ 400 MHz ENOB = 7.3 @ 10 MHz 6.8 @ 400 MHz	SFDR = -65dBc @ 500MHz NSD = -144 dBm/Hz (TBC) ENOB = 9.2 @500 MHz
Memory	512 kS standard 64 MS or 512 MS options	512 kS standard 64 MS or 512 MS options	256 MS
Input coupling	Selectable AC/DC	DC	AC (30 MHz)
On-board processing	N/A	N/A	Virtex-6 FPGA with DDC algorithm
Back-plane	PXI-H	PXI-H	PXIe
Others	Multi-module sync with ASBus system (Up to 3 modules)	Multi-module sync with ASBus system (Up to 3 Modules)	Especially designed to fit in M9392A uW VSA





PXI Switches







Agilent DC to 26.5 GHz PXI uW Switch Modules

Key Features:

- A readily scaled integrated switching solution to satisfy your unique application platform needs
- Guaranteed 0.03 dB insertion loss repeatability throughout the operating life of up to 5 million cycles, to reduce downtime for recalibration, improve testing efficiency and hence, maximizing throughput
- Unmatched isolation of >60 dB at 26.5 GHz, maximizing measurement accuracy and system flexibility
- Soft front panel is available for each switch module to ease the troubleshooting of your PXI systems



RF Switches

M9155C PXI Hybrid Dual SPDT Coaxial Switch, DC to 26.5 GHz, Unterminated
M9156C PXI Hybrid Dual Transfer Coaxial Switch, DC to 26.5 GHz
M9157C PXI Hybrid Single SP6T Coaxial Switch, DC to 26.5 GHz, Terminated











Soft Front Panel

Soft front panel is available to ease your troubleshooting and switch monitoring.








Soft Front Panel



Clear counter



Firmware Update

firmware update will be made downloadable from a.com drivers library

C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe	- 🗆 ×
2>M9155 & 00 01 PX123120INSTR	-
Duen Instrument(PXI23::12::0::INSTR)	
Judate main app (524288 bytes)	
[INFO] Please do not power off module during firmware update!	
[INFO] Please contact Agilent Technologies if firmware update fails!	
[INF0]	
[INF0]	
[INFO]	
LINFOJ FIFMWARE UDGRADE IS SUCCESSFULL?	
LINFUJ Flease Pestart Instrument:	
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