

Data Sheet

Baseband PHY Libraries for SystemVue



Offering the Fastest Path from Algorithms to R&D Verification

Key Benefits:

- Accelerate your Physical Layer (PHY) design process with a superior modeling environment
- Save time with a trusted, independent IP reference from Keysight
- Validate BB & RF integration early, reducing project risk
- Reduce functional verification and NRE in R&D, with a streamlined process
- Fill strategic gaps using simulation, such as missing hardware and MIMO effects for early throughput testing
- Interoperate with test equipment, while the standard itself is still evolving
- Re-use the same Keysight IP and test assets throughout process



The W1918 LTE-Advanced Baseband Verification Library saves time, reduces engineering effort and accelerates the maturity of 4G baseband PHY designs for next-generation 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) Long Term Evolution LTE-Advanced systems. It enables system architects, algorithm developers and baseband hardware designers to investigate, implement and verify their Layer 1 signal processing designs in the presence of meaningful RF and test signals. The library gives the user piece of mind that a physical layer (PHY) meets or exceeds real-world performance requirements from the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI).

The Keysight Technologies, Inc. W1918 LTE-Advanced Library provides the industry's first commercial design support for the physical layer of 3GPP Release 11, enabling system and algorithm developers to deploy next-generation 4G performance with greater insight and greater confidence.

The W1918 LTE-A Baseband Verification Library is a Layer 1 simulation reference library option for Keysight SystemVue. The blockset, reference designs, and test benches assist the design and verification of next-generation communication systems, by providing configurable physical layer waveforms and data for 3GPP Releases 8/9 (LTE) and 10-11 (LTE-Advanced). The library is useful for simulation-based exploration of challenging algorithms, up to 8x8 MIMO throughput verification, and can be easily integrated with Keysight signal sources and analyzers.



Figure 1. The W1918 LTE-Advanced Baseband Verification Library offers pre-packaged reference sources and receivers with a choice of three levels of user interfaces, as shown in this LTE-A MIMO downlink source example.

Features

- Working simulation-based baseband reference designs for UE & eNodeB
- Open, parameterized block diagrams allow unrestricted exploration and customization inside the signal processing chain
- Generate any Layer 1 signal conditions, at any point inside the signal processing, or elsewhere in the environmental system
- Compare your internal test vectors against a trusted IP reference
- Use Keysight simulation blocks to:
 - supply missing functions/models
 - create complete Layer 1 scenarios
 - add MIMO, fading, RF, interferences
 - simulate BER/Throughput, before HW
 - interoperate seamlessly with real test

Configuration

The W1918 LTE-Advanced Baseband Verification Library can be added as an option to any SystemVue environment or bundle. It interoperates especially well with the W1715 MIMO Channel Builder modelset, and can be used with the W1716 Digital Pre-Distortion Builder module. The W1918 library adds LTE-Advanced algorithmic reference models to an existing modelset for LTE, and is therefore a superset of the W1910 LTE library.

Requirements

The W1918 library requires SystemVue 2011.03 release, or later

- SystemVue runs on Windows 7, 8.
 Remote/distributed simulation is also supported on versions of RedHat Linux. Affordable network licensed configurations are available for workgroups to share.
- W1918 is available as a perpetual software license with an annual support, or as a cost effective time-based license.



Figure 2. SystemVue's LTE-Advanced reference library provides the industry's first major design library support for 3GPP Releases 8-11, and integrates with Keysight test equipment for early R&D design validation.

Table 1. W1918 LTE-Advanced Baseband Verification Library Overview

W1918 LTE-Advanced library includes:	Release 8/9 LTE	Release 10/11/12 LTE-Advanced
Compiled dataflow simulation blocks	139 parts	71 parts
C++ "exploraton" source code	Optional, add-on	Optional, add-on
Packaged MIMO Sources/receivers, w/GUI	10 ref designs	4 ref designs
Testbenches/reference exmples	20 examples	10 examples
Works with existing instrument H/W	Yes	Yes
Works with Keysight 89600 VSA and SignalStudio software personalities	Yes, also generates ".setx" files	Yes
Works with Keysight W1716 DPD	Yes	Yes
Works with Keysight W1715 MIMO Channel	Yes	Yes

Note: Support for Release 8/9 is also available as part of the SystemVue W1910 LTE baseband verification library.

Technical Specifications - LTE-Advanced (3GPP Release 10/11)

LTE-Advanced Downlink baseband sources and receivers

- FDD and TDD
- Up to 8 TX and 8 RX antennas
- Localized and Distributed RB mapping
- Transmission Modes TM1-4, and 6-9
- Virtual antenna mapping, the mapping matrix can be configured
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- Release 10 PDSCH transmission and Release 8 PDSCH transmission in the downlink source
 Closed-loop HARQ simulation by employing Dynamic Data Flow (DDF) and Matrix Data Type. Each code-
- word have one individual HARQ feedback loop.
- PDSCH
 - Full coding and decoding procedures for DL-SCH with or without HARQ retransmission
 - Three RB (resource block) allocations (StartRB+NumRBs, RB indices (1D), RB indices (2D))
 - Three transport block allocations (MCS index, transport block size and target code rate)
- Physical signals
 - Cell-specific reference signals
 - UE-specific reference signals (port 5, 7-14)
 - Synchronization signals, including primary and secondary synchronization signals
- Control channels
 - Full procedures for PCFICH, PHICH, PDCCH and PBCH, including information bits generation and channel coding
 - CSI reference signals (port 15-22)
- Downlink power allocation according to TS36.213
- Receiver baseband algorithm
 - Support downlink timing and frequency synchronization, including:
 - Cross-correlation with two received P-SCH
 - Auto-correlation with local P-SCH
 - Two stages for timing synchronization: raw and fine synchronization
 - Integer and fractional frequency synchronization
 - Linear, MMSE-2D channel estimation
 - ZF (Zero Forcing) and ML (maximum likelihood) decoding for spatial multiplexing
 - Alamouti decoding for transmit diversity
 - Received soft bits combining for HARQ retransmission
 - Soft turbo decoder with specified iteration number

LTE-Advanced Uplink baseband source and receivers

- FDD and TDD
- Up to 4 Tx antennas and 4 Rx antennas
- Cluster SC-FDMA
- Simultaneous PUSCH and PUCCH transmission
- Maximal ratio combining (MRC) method for receiver diversity
- Adaptive Modulation and Coding (AMC)
- Coordinated Multi-point (CoMP, or Dynamic Point Selection)
- Closed-loop HARQ simulation by employing Dynamic Data Flow (DDF) and Matrix Data Type.
 PUSCH
- Full coding and decoding procedures for UL-SCH with or without HARQ retransmission
 - PUSCH Hopping
 - Full multiplexing modes for PUSCH
 - UL-SCH Data and control multiplexing (as in 5.2.2 of 36.212)
 - Uplink control information only without UL-SCH data (as in 5.2.4 of 36.212)
 - Three RB (resource block) allocations (StartRB+NumRBs, RB indices (1D), RB indices (2D))
 - Three transport block allocations (MCS index, transport block size and target code rate)
 - DMRS for PUSCH
- PRACH
 - Preamble sequence generation and baseband signal generation
 - PRACH demodulation and detection
- PUCCH transmission
 - PUCCH Format 1, 1a, 1b, Shorten 1, Shorten 1a, Shorten 1b, 2, 2a, 2b, and 3.
 - PUCCH modulation and demodulation, coding and decoding
 - DMRS for PUCCH
- Sounding Reference Signal (SRS) transmission
- Uplink power allocation
- Receiver baseband algorithm
 - Uplink timing and frequency synchronization
 - Linear and MMSE channel estimation
 - Soft turbo decoder with specified iteration number

Carrier aggregation

 Carrier aggregation examples are provided, including both contiguous and non-contiguous carrier aggregation The W1918 LTE-Advanced Baseband Verification Library is based on 3GPP LTE Release 11 (Dec 2013). Keysight library updates are issued regularly to remain compatibility with the evolution of the standard.

- 3GPP TS 36.211 v11.5.0, "Physical Channels and Modulation," December 2013.
- 3GPP TS 36.212 v11.4.0, "Multiplexing and Channel Coding," December 2013.
- 3GPP TS 36.213 v11.5.0,
 "Physical Layer Procedures," December 2013.

Technical Specifications – LTE (3GPP Release 8/9) LTE Downlink Baseband MIMO sources and MIMO receivers

Downlink Sources

- FDD-LTE and TDD-LTE
- Transmission modes TM1-4, and 6-8
- Both Localized and Distributed RB mapping
- Closed-loop HARQ simulation by employing Dynamic Data Flow (DDF) and Matrix Data Type. Each codeword have one individual HARQ feedback loop.
- Closed-loop MIMO precoding for PDSCH, as described in 8.2.1.4 (Closed-loop spatial multiplexing) of 36.101
- Provides native downlink EVM measurements that are algorithmically compatible with Keysight 89600 VSA software v11.20 and later
- PDSCH
 - Full coding and decoding procedures for DL-SCH with or without HARQ retransmission
 - Three RB (resource block) allocations (StartRB+NumRBs, RB indices (1D), RB indices (2D))
- Three transport block allocations (MCS index, transport block size and target code rate)
- Physical signals
 - Cell-specific reference signals
 - Synchronization signals, including primary and secondary synchronization signals
 - UE-Specific Reference signals (port 5, port 7, port 8)
 - Positioning Reference signals (port 6) and PMCH transmission
- Control channels
 - Full procedures for PCFICH, PHICH, PDCCH and PBCH, including information bits generation and channel coding, and MBSFN reference signals
- Downlink power allocation according to TS36.213
- Coded downlink signal sources provided for 1, 2, or 4 antenna ports

Downlink Receivers

- Downlink receiver solutions are provided for
 - 1 antenna, 2 antennas and 4 antennas
 - SISO (1x1), SIMO (1x2,1x4)
 - MIMO (2x2, 4x2, 4x4).
- Downlink HARQ performances meet the requirements defined in 8.2 Demodulation of PDSCH (Cell-Specific Reference Symbols) of TS36.101
- Control channel demodulation and decoding
- Auto generation of .setx configuration file for LTE personalities of Keysight 89600 VSA software

Downlink Receiver baseband algorithms

- Downlink timing and frequency synchronization, including
 - Cross-correlation with two received P-SCH
 - Auto-correlation with local P-SCH
 - Two stages for timing synchronization: raw and fine synchronization
 - Integer and fractional frequency synchronization
- Linear, MMSE-2D channel estimation, also the channel estimation for EVM measurement (defined in TS36.101) is provided
- Maximal ratio combining (MRC) method for receiver diversity
- ZF (Zero Forcing), MMSE (minimum mean square error) and ML (Maximum likelihood) decoding for spatial multiplexing
- Alamouti decoding for transmit diversity
- Received soft bits combining for HARQ retransmission
- soft turbo decoder with specified iteration number

The W1910 LTE Baseband Verification Library is based on 3GPP LTE Release 8/ 9 (March 2010). This LTE library is also included as part of the larger W1918 LTE-Advanced library, which further adds Release 10.

- 3GPP TS 36.211 v9.1.0, "Physical Channels and Modulation", March, 2010.
- 3GPP TS 36.212 v9.1.0, "Multiplexing and Channel Coding", March, 2010.
- 3GPP TS 36.213 v9.1.0, "Physical Layer Procedures", March, 2010 ______

LTE Uplink Baseband Sources and Receivers

- FDD-LTE and TD-LTE
- Uplink receivers with 1, 2 and 4 antenna ports
- Maximal ratio combining (MRC) method for receiver diversity
- Closed-loop HARQ simulation by employing Dynamic Data Flow (DDF) and Matrix Data Type.
 Provides Uplink FVM measurements that are algorithmically compatible with Keysight 89600.
 - Provides Uplink EVM measurements that are algorithmically compatible with Keysight 89600 VSA software v11.20 and later
- PUSCH
 - Full coding and decoding procedures for UL-SCH with or without HARQ retransmission
 - PUSCH Hopping
 - Full multiplexing modes for PUSCH
 - UL-SCH Data and control multiplexing (as in 5.2.2 of TS36.212)
 - Uplink control information only without UL-SCH data (as in 5.2.4 of TS36.212)
 - Three RB (resource block) allocations (StartRB+NumRBs, RB indices (1D), RB indices (2D))
 - Three transport block allocations (MCS index, transport block size and target code rate)
- DMRS for PUSCH
- PRACH
 - Preamble sequence generation and baseband signal generation
- PRACH demodulation and detection
- PUCCH
 - PUCCH Formats 1, Shorten 1, 1a, Shorten 1a, 1b, Shorten 1b, 2, 2a and 2b.
 - Channel coding for control information bits on PUCCH
 - DMRS for PUCCH
- Sounding Reference Signal (SRS)
 - SRS as defined in 5.5.3 of TS36.211
 - SRS as defined in 8.2 of TS36.213
- Uplink power allocation
- Control information decoding
- Uplink receiver solutions are provided for
 - 1 antenna.
 - HARQ SISO (1x1)
 - Non-HARQ SISO (1x1)

Uplink Receiver baseband algorithm

- Uplink timing and frequency synchronization
- Linear and MMSE channel estimation
- Soft turbo decoder with specified iteration number

W1918 Baseband Block Set

The W1918 LTE-Advanced Baseband Verification Library for SystemVue provides roughly 210 simulation reference blocks for LTE and LTE-Advanced. In addition, lower-level primitives have been combined into 14 fully-coded MIMO UL/DL source and receiver reference designs with a tabbed user interface. Use them as algorithmic references to compare test vectors at any point in the signalprocessing chain, or to complete a working PHY.



LTE-Advanced simulation models (W1918 only)



Figure 3. The W1918 LTE-Advanced baseband verification library provides these 71 simulation blocks and 4 MIMO UL/DL source & receiver reference designs for Release 10 and 11.

LTE simulation models (W1918 and W1910)

Figure 4. Both the W1918 (LTE-Advanced) and W1910 (LTE) baseband verification libraries provide these 139 simulation blocks and 10 MIMO UL/DL source & receiver reference designs for Releases 8 and 9. (March 2010).

LTE-Advanced Testbench Samples





Figure 5. This 8x8 MIMO downlink transmitter example calculates the closed-loop throughput fraction for an LTE Advanced downlink transmitter with an 8-layer MIMO. Since 2000 frames of LTE-Advanced data for 8 MIMO channels represents a large number of simulated bits, these long verification simulations can be scripted and run automatically, for more convenience.



Figure 6. SystemVue LTE-Advanced allows you to configure algorithmic reference test vectors for the downlink transmitter, and mix allocations of Release 8 and Release 10 resource blocks.

LTE-Advanced Test bench Samples, continued

Available LTE–Advanced Test bench Samples:

Ø	LTE_Advanced_DL_AMC.wsv
	LTE_Advanced_DL_Contiguous_CA_MXG_Gen.ws
	LTE_Advanced_DL_MIMO_2x2_Throughput.wsv
	LTE_Advanced_DL_MIMO_8x8_Throughput.wsv
Ø	LTE_Advanced_DL_NonContiguous_CA_MXG.wsv
0	LTE_Advanced_DL_SISO_BER.wsv
	LTE_Advanced_DL_SISO_DPS.wsv
0	LTE_Advanced_DL_Tx.wsv
Ø	LTE_Advanced_PUCCH_Decoding.wsv
0	LTE_Advanced_UL_AMC.wsv
0	LTE_Advanced_UL_MIMO_2x2_Throughput.wsv
0	LTE_Advanced_UL_MIMO_4x4_Throughput.wsv
0	LTE_Advanced_UL_SISO_BER.wsv
0	LTE_Advanced_UL_Tx.wsv



Figure 7. This Adaptive Modulation Coding (AMC) example shows how LTE-Advanced throughput adapts to changing channel conditions (S/N Ratio) during the simulation, allowing optimum throughput based on the CQI.



Figure 8. Dynamic AMC results from the schematic in Figure 7. At high SNR, the throughput is optimized. The figure also shows Dynamic Point Selection (DPS), a technique for Coordinated Multi-Point (CoMP) analysis.

LTE-Advanced Test bench Samples, continued

Available LTE—Advanced Test bench Samples:

3GPP_LTE_CFR_EVM.wsv
3GPP_LTE_ControlInfo_ChannelCoding.wsv
3GPP_LTE_DL_ChannelCoding.wsv
3GPP_LTE_DL_ETM.wsv
3GPP_LTE_DL_MIMO_Throughput.wsv
3GPP_LTE_DL_SISO_BER.wsv
3GPP_LTE_DL_Tx.wsv
3GPP_LTE_DL_Tx_Beamforming.wsv
3GPP_LTE_DL_TxEVM.wsv
3GPP_LTE_SignalDownload.wsv
3GPP_LTE_UL_BER.wsv
3GPP_LTE_UL_ChannelCoding.wsv
3GPP_LTE_UL_PRACH_Detection.wsv
3GPP_LTE_UL_SIMO_Throughput.wsv
3GPP_LTE_UL_SISO_Throughput.wsv
3GPP_LTE_UL_TX.wsv
3GPP_LTE_UL_TxEVM.wsv



Figure 9. This closed-loop 2x2 MIMO example profiles the data throughput percentage vs. SNR, for an LTE-Advanced uplink transmitter with active HARQ feedback. SystemVue's proprietary "dynamic dataflow" simulation engine makes dynamic radio reconfiguration possible during the simulation, while maintaining timing and carrier frequency information for accurate RF effects.



Figure 10. Non-Contiguous Carrier Aggregation (CA) is demonstrated in this example, by combining 4 Component Carriers (CC) that are each 20-MHz bandwidth. Nonlinear RF/Analog impairments can be added to this system, creating EVM and throughput degradations more typical of loaded cells and interference-limited operation.

LTE Test bench Samples

Available LTE Test bench Examples:



Note:

The W1918 LTE-Advanced Baseband Verification Library for SystemVue is a superset of the W1910 LTE Baseband Verification Library and includes both LTE and LTE-Advanced support.



Figure 11. This LTE Throughput simulation includes live co-simulations with Keysight GoldenGate for two CMOS RFIC transceiver components. These are not behavioral models; the true envelope-level dynamic behavior can be verified down to the transistor level in a meaningful, standard-compliant test. This is useful for both the System Architect verifying the overall PHY performance, and also for the RFIC circuit designer prior to tape-out of the wafer.



Figure 12. This LTE example evaluates a possible Crest Factor Reduction (CFR) algorithm by plotting the spectrum, CCDF, and other figures of merit for a configurable LTE DL source. Other LTE measurements, such as EVM vs. subcarrier and other channel-specific metrics, are also available. For full analytical power regarding the signal itself, simply co-simulate from SystemVue into the Keysight 89600 VSA software, and use the visualization capabilities of the instrument personality to explore the effects of algorithms and impairments even further.

LTE Test bench Samples, continued

Available LTE Test bench Examples:





Figure 13. The LTE library (release 8/9) supports C++ code generation to create compiled Win32 DLLs that can be used in other verification environments, outside SystemVue. Your W1910/W1918 license continues to enable these executable models, even outside SystemVue.



Figure 14. SystemVue 2009 introduced the "Dynamic Dataflow" simulation capability to enable true, faded throughput measurements. Dynamic Dataflow allows the data rate, and therefore the radio modulation format, to change dynamically during the simulation, while maintaining the timing and carrier frequency information needed for accurate RF and channel effects. This quasi-MAC behavior achieves both simulation behavior and physical layer accuracy that many other dataflow and event-driven simulators cannot manage simultaneously.

LTE Test bench Samples, continued

Available LTE Test bench Examples:

C-Code Generation 3GPP_LTE_CFR_EVM.wsv 3GPP_LTE_DL_ChannelCoding.wsv 3GPP_LTE_DL_ETM.wsv 3GPP_LTE_DL_FDD_TestCase.wsv 3GPP_LTE_DL_MIMO_Throughput.wsv 3GPP_LTE_DL_SISO_BER.wsv 3GPP_LTE_DL_Tx.wsv 3GPP_LTE_DL_TxEVM.wsv 3GPP_LTE_SignalDownload.wsv 3GPP_LTE_UL_BER.wsv 3GPP_LTE_UL_ChannelCoding.wsv 3GPP_LTE_UL_PRACH_Detection.wsv 3GPP_LTE_UL_SIMO_Throughput.wsv 3GPP_LTE_UL_SISO_Throughput.wsv 🙆 3GPP_LTE_UL_TX.wsv 3GPP_LTE_UL_TxEVM.wsv



Figure 15. This LTE Channel Coding example exposes the internal signal processing chain, allowing for test vector generation and comparison from any node in the system. This facilitates easy scripting and verification of user algorithms.



Figure 16. This LTE example runs a standards-based Physical Random Access Channel (PRACH) Detection test that is specified in TS 36.104 of the 3GPP LTE 8.9 standard. The PRACH channel should be detected more than 99% of the time under certain specified conditions, such as S/N ratio. Prebuilt test benches like these save scripting and verification time for the engineer who must validate raw algorithms against the LTE standard.

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