

N4917BACA Optical Receiver Stress Test Solution 100 Gb/s Ethernet

10GBASE-LR/-ER/-SR, 25GBASE-LR/-ER/-SR, 40BASE-LR4/-ER4/-SR4, 100BASE-LR4/-ER4/-SR4 and MSAs

Introduction

Complete optical receiver stress test solution for 100GbE optical transceivers with automated stress eye calibration and performance compliance testing



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Optical Receiver Stress Test for 10/25GBASE-LR/ER/SR, 40/100GBASE-LR4/ER4/SR4 and MSAs

In recent years, transmission speeds in gigabit ethernet have continuously increased from 10 Gb/s to 40 Gb/s and are now reaching the 100 Gb/s speed class. 10 Gb/s Ethernet was designed based on a 10.3125 Gb/s line rate on one single-mode fiber per direction. The 40 Gb/s Ethernet speed class changed this to an architecture using the same 10.3125 Gb/s line rate but using four optical wavelengths in the O-Band on one single-mode fiber per direction. This increased the transmission capacity by a factor of four, without a need to make changes to the speed of the electrical components. In the last few years the 100 Gb/s speed class has been established, increasing the electrical line rate from 10.3125 Gb/s to 25.78125 Gb/s. It also uses both four optical wavelengths on one fiber as well as multiple fibers with one optical wavelength per fiber. The conformance test specification for 10/40/100 Gb/s transmission speed class is defined in the IEEE 802.3 standard. The N4917B optical receiver stress test solution provides an automated stressed receiver sensitivity test in accordance with the 10/25/40/100 GBASE test specifications as well as with the following 100G Multi Source Agreements: CLR4, CWDM4, 4WDM and PSM4.

To do this kind of test, several test instruments such as a bit error ratio tester, digital sampling oscilloscope, optical reference transmitter and tunable laser source are required to operate together to achieve a compliant, repeatable optical stressed eye. This stressed eye is then fed to the receiver under test, where bit error ratio is measured under the stress conditions as defined in the standard.

The N4917BACA solution provides:

- Automated calibration of the optical stressed eye according to IEEE 802.3 clauses 52,86,87,88,95,112 and 114 and related MSAs
- Calibration of ER, VECP/SEC, J2, J4, J9, OMA parameters
- Repeatable results
- Adjustable target values for ER, VECP/SEC, J2, J4, J9, OMA
- Jitter tolerance compliance and margin test
- Electrical loop back or optional DUT control interface for full automated JTOL test
- Remote control of all the test instrumentation

For this, the N4917BACA includes the following key equipment:

- A high-performance bit-error-rate tester
- An optical reference transmitter up to 25.78125 Gb/s
- A tunable laser covering the O-band for LR4/ER4 or an 850 nm laser for SR4 and a fixed 1310/1550 laser for 10GBASE

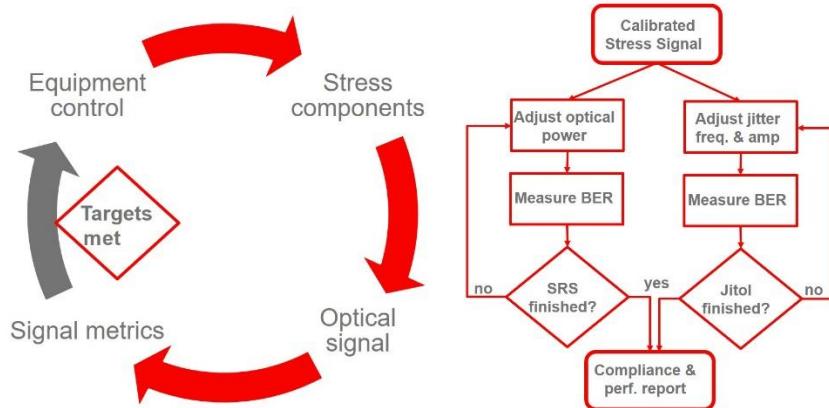


Figure 1. Calibration process and performance test steps as carried out by the N4917BACA software.

This equipment is fully compatible with the N4917BSCB 400G Optical Receiver Stress Test solution.

Typical Setup for 100GBASE-LR4/-ER4 Optical Stress Test

The N4917BACA optical receiver stress test solution consists of a M8040A BERT for electrical signal generation plus an arbitrary waveform generator or a pulse signal generator for stress generation; an electro-optical converter that modulates the optical signal and a digital sampling oscilloscope which is required for calibration of the stressed eye.

An example setup for 100GBASE-LR4/-ER4 using four 25 Gb/s lanes on four wavelengths in the O-band is shown in Figure 2, which assumes the use of a 100 GAUI-4 electrical interface. The IEEE 802.3ba standard establishes two ways to provide a clock signal to the digital sampling oscilloscope:

- Using the ‘clean clock’ of the pattern generator or
- Extracting it from the stressed signal using an external clock recovery.

Refer to the configuration guide section for the detailed setup.

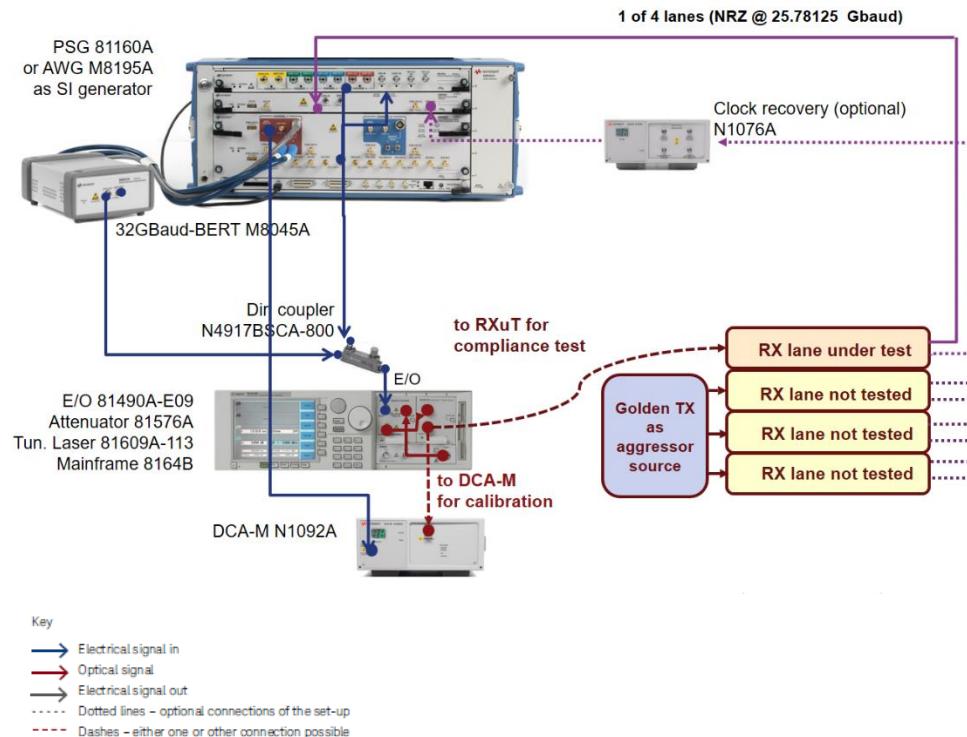


Figure 2. Optical receiver stress test setup for 100 GBASE-LR4/ER4.

100GBASE-LR4/ER4/SR4 Optical Receiver Stressed Test Challenges

The IEEE 802.3 standard, clauses 88.7, 95.7 describe the optical specifications for 100GBASE-LR4, -ER4 and -SR4 optical receivers. The following table contains the salient conditions required for stressed receiver sensitivity test.

| | 100GBASE-LR4 | 100GBASE-ER4 | CLR4 w/o FEC |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Reference Standard | IEEE 802.3-2015 Clause 88 | IEEE 802.3-2015 Clause 88 | 100G-CLR4 MSA Rev 1.5.2 3/22/2015 |
| Configuration | 1x SMF, WDM | 1x SMF, WDM | 1x SMF, CWDM |
| Nominal wavelength | 5nm spacing, L0: 1295.56 nm L1: 1300.05 nm L2: 1304.58 nm L3: 1309.14 nm | 5nm spacing, L0: 1295.56 nm L1: 1300.05 nm L2: 1304.58 nm L3: 1309.14 nm | 20 nm spacing, L0: 1271 nm L1: 1291 nm L2: 1311 nm L3: 1331 nm |
| Reach (max) | 10 km | 40 km | 2 km |
| Bit rate | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s |
| BER target | 1.00E-12 | 1.00E-12 | 1.00E-12 |
| Extinction Ratio | 4 dB | 8 dB | 3.5 dB |
| VECP | 1.8 dB | 3.5 dB | 1.95 dB |
| SEC | - | - | - |
| J2 Jitter | 0.3 UI | 0.3 UI | 0.3 UI |
| J4 Jitter | - | - | - |
| J9 Jitter | 0.47 UI | 0.47 UI | 0.5 UI |
| Eye mask (X1, X2, X3, Y1, Y2, Y3) | - | - | - |
| Stressed receiver sensitivity, OMA | -6.8 dBm | -17.9 dBm | -5.6 dBm |
| Aggressor lane OMA | -1.3 dBm | -13.4 dBm | -0.1 dBm |

| | CLR4 w/FEC | CWDM4 w/ FEC | 4WDM-10 w/ FEC |
|--------------------|--|--|--|
| Reference Standard | 100G-CLR4 MSA Rev 1.5.2 3/22/2015 | 100G CWDM4 MSA Rev 1.1 11/23/2015 | 100G 4WDM-10 MSA Rev 1 3/10/2017 |
| Configuration | 1x SMF, WDM | 1x SMF, WDM | 1x SMF, CWDM |
| Nominal wavelength | 20 nm spacing, L0: 1271 nm L1: 1291 nm L2: 1311 nm L3: 1331 nm | 20 nm spacing, L0: 1271 nm L1: 1291 nm L2: 1311 nm L3: 1331 nm | 20 nm spacing, L0: 1271 nm L1: 1291 nm L2: 1311 nm L3: 1331 nm |
| Reach (max) | 2 km | 2 km | 10 km |
| Bit rate | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s |
| BER target | 2.10E-05 | 5.00E-05 | 5.00E-05 |
| Extinction Ratio | 3.5 dB | 3.5 dB | 3.5 dB |
| VECP | 1.95 dB | 1.9 dB | 2.6 dB |
| SEC | - | - | - |

| | CLR4 w/FEC | CWDM4 w/ FEC | 4WDM-10 w/ FEC |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| J2 Jitter | 0.33 UI | 0.33 UI | 0.33 UI |
| J4 Jitter | 0.48 UI | 0.48 UI | 0.48 UI |
| J9 Jitter | - | - | - |
| Eye mask (X1, X2, X3, Y1, Y2, Y3) | - | 0.39, 0.5, 0.5, 0.39, 0.39, 0.4 | 0.39, 0.5, 0.5, 0.39, 0.39, 0.4 |
| Stressed receiver sensitivity, OMA | -8.5 dBm | -7.3 dBm | -8.6 dBm |
| Aggressor lane OMA | -3.0 dBm | -2.8 dBm | -4.1 dBm |

| | 4WDM-20 w/ FEC | 4WDM-40 w/ FEC | PSM4 w/ FEC |
|------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Reference Standard | 100G 4WDM-20 MSA Rev 1 7/28/2017 | 100G 4WDM-40 MSA Rev 1 7/28/2017 | 100G-PSM4 Rev 2 9/15/2014 IEEE 802.3 Clause 52 (10G) with exceptions |
| Configuration | 1x SMF, WDM | 1x SMF, WDM | 4x SMF |
| Nominal wavelength | 5 nm spacing, L0: 1295.56 nm L1: 1300.05 nm L2: 1304.58 nm L3: 1309.14 nm | 5 nm spacing, L0: 1295.56 nm L1: 1300.05 nm L2: 1304.58 nm L3: 1309.14 nm | 1310 nm |
| Reach (max) | 20 km | 40 km | 500 m |
| Bit rate | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s |
| BER target | 5.00E-05 | 5.00E-05 | 5.00E-05 |
| Extinction Ratio | 4 dB | 4.5 dB | 3.5 dB |
| VECP | 2.5 dB | 2.5 dB | 1.9 dB |
| SEC | - | - | - |
| J2 Jitter | 0.33 UI | 0.33 UI | 0.27 UI |
| J4 Jitter | 0.48 UI | 0.48 UI | 0.39 UI |
| J9 Jitter | - | - | - |
| Eye mask (X1, X2, X3, Y1, Y2, Y3) | 0.39 ,0.5, 0.5, 0.39, 0.39, 0.4 | 0.39, 0.5, 0.5, 0.39, 0.39, 0.4 | 0.24,0.5,0.5, 0.24,0.24,0.4 |
| Stressed receiver sensitivity, OMA | -10.0 dBm | -16.0 dBm | -8.79 to -7.04 dBm |
| Aggressor lane OMA | -4.5 dBm | -9.5 dBm | +3 dBm |

| | 100GBASE-SR4 w/ FEC | 40GBASE-LR4 | 40GBASE-ER4 | 40GBASE-SR4 | 25GBASE-LR |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|---|------------------------------|
| Reference Standard | IEEE 802.3-2015 Clause 95 | IEEE 802.3ba Clauses 87.8.11.2, 87.8.11.3, 87.8.11.4 | IEEE 802.3ba Clauses 87.8.11.2, 87.8.11.3, 87.8.11.4 | IEEE 802.3bj/bm clauses 86.8.4.7, 52.9.9.3 and 52.9.9.4 | IEEE 802.3cc clause 114 |
| Configuration | MMF | SMF | SMF | MMF | SMF |
| Nominal wavelength | 850 nm | 20 nm spacing, L0: 1271 nm L1: 1291 nm L2: 1311 nm L3: 1331 nm | 20 nm spacing, L0: 1271 nm L1: 1291 nm L2: 1311 nm L3: 1331 nm | 850nm | 1295 to 1325nm |
| Reach (max) | 100 m | 10km | 40km | 100 m | 10 km |
| Bit rate | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s |
| BER target | 5.00E-05 | 1.00E-12 | 1.00E-12 | 1.00E-12 | 5.00E-05 |
| Extinction Ratio | 2 dB | 3.5 dB | 5.5 dB | 3 dB | 3 dB |
| VECP | - | 1.9 dB | 2.2 dB | 1.9 dB | - |
| SEC | 4.3 dB | >= 2/3 VECP tgt | >= 2/3 VECP tgt | >= 2/3 VECP tgt | 2.5 dB |
| J2 Jitter | 0.39 UI | 0.3 UI | 0.3 UI | 0.3 UI | 0.27 UI |
| J4 Jitter | 0.53 UI (max) | - | - | - | 0.39 UI |
| J9 Jitter | - | 0.47 UI | 0.47 UI | 0.47 UI | - |
| Eye mask (X1, X2, X3, Y1, Y2, Y3) | 0.28, 0.5, 0.5, 0.33, 0.33, 0.4 | - | - | - | 0.31,0.4,0.45, 0.34,0.38,0.4 |
| Reference Standard | IEEE 802.3-2015 Clause 95 | IEEE 802.3ba Clauses 87.8.11.2, 87.8.11.3, 87.8.11.4 | IEEE 802.3ba Clauses 87.8.11.2, 87.8.11.3, 87.8.11.4 | IEEE 802.3bj/bm clauses 86.8.4.7, 52.9.9.3 and 52.9.9.4 | IEEE 802.3cc clause 114 |
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| Reach (max) | 100 m | 10km | 40km | 100 m | 10 km |
| Bit rate | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s |
| BER target | 5.00E-05 | 1.00E-12 | 1.00E-12 | 1.00E-12 | 5.00E-05 |
| Extinction Ratio | 2 dB | 3.5 dB | 5.5 dB | 3 dB | 3 dB |
| VECP | - | 1.9 dB | 2.2 dB | 1.9 dB | - |
| SEC | 4.3 dB | >= 2/3 VECP tgt | >= 2/3 VECP tgt | >= 2/3 VECP tgt | 2.5 dB |
| J2 Jitter | 0.39 UI | 0.3 UI | 0.3 UI | 0.3 UI | 0.27 UI |
| J4 Jitter | 0.53 UI (max) | - | - | - | 0.39 UI |
| J9 Jitter | - | 0.47 UI | 0.47 UI | 0.47 UI | - |
| Eye mask (X1, X2, X3, Y1, Y2, Y3) | 0.28, 0.5, 0.5, 0.33, 0.33, 0.4 | - | - | - | 0.31,0.4,0.45, 0.34,0.38,0.4 |
| Stressed receiver sensitivity, OMA | -5.2 dBm | -9.6 dBm | -16.8 dBm | -5.4 dBm | -9.5 dBm |
| Aggressor lane OMA | +3 dBm | -2.1 dBm | -9.8 dBm | -0.4 dBm | NA |

| | 25GBASE-ER | 25GBASE-SR | 10GBASE-LR | 10GBASE-ER | 10GBASE-SR |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| Reference Standard | IEEE 802.3cc clause 114 | IEEE 802.3by clause 112 IEEE (802.3by) | IEEE 802.3ae Clauses 52.9.9.3, 52.9.9.4 | IEEE 802.3ae Clauses 52.9.9.3, 52.9.9.4 | IEEE 802.3ae Clauses 52.9.9.3, 52.9.9.4 |
| Configuration | SMF | MMF | SMF | SMF | MMF |
| Nominal wavelength | 1295 to 1325nm | 850 nm | 1310nm | 1550nm | 850nm |
| Reach (max) | 40 km | 100 m | 10km | 40km | 100 m |
| Bit rate | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s |
| BER target | 5.00E-05 | 5.00E-05 | 1.00E-12 | 1.00E-12 | 1.00E-12 |
| Extinction Ratio | 4 dB | 2 dB | 3.5 dB | 3 dB | 3 dB |
| VECP | - | - | 2.2 dB | 2.7 dB | 3.5 dB |
| SEC | 2.5 dB | 4.3 dB | >= 2/3 VECP tgt | >= 2/3 VECP tgt | >= 2/3 VECP tgt |
| J2 Jitter | 0.27 UI | 0.39 UI | 0.3 UI | 0.3 UI | 0.3 UI |
| J4 Jitter | 0.39 UI | 0.53 UI (max) | - | - | - |
| J9 Jitter | - | - | - | - | - |
| Eye mask (X1, X2, X3, Y1, Y2, Y3) | 0.31,0.4,0.45, 0.34,0.38,0.4 | 0.28,0.5,0.5, 0.33,0.33,0.4 | Note: different mask can be used depending on the hit ratio definition | Note: different mask can be used depending on the hit ratio definition | Note: different mask can be used depending on the hit ratio definition |
| Reference Standard | IEEE 802.3cc clause 114 | IEEE 802.3by clause 112 IEEE (802.3by) | IEEE 802.3ae Clauses 52.9.9.3, 52.9.9.4 | IEEE 802.3ae Clauses 52.9.9.3, 52.9.9.4 | IEEE 802.3ae Clauses 52.9.9.3, 52.9.9.4 |
| Configuration | SMF | MMF | SMF | SMF | MMF |
| Nominal wavelength | 1295 to 1325nm | 850 nm | 1310nm | 1550nm | 850nm |
| Reach (max) | 40 km | 100 m | 10km | 40km | 100 m |
| Bit rate | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s | 25.78125 Gb/s |
| BER target | 5.00E-05 | 5.00E-05 | 1.00E-12 | 1.00E-12 | 1.00E-12 |
| Extinction Ratio | 4 dB | 2 dB | 3.5 dB | 3 dB | 3 dB |
| VECP | - | - | 2.2 dB | 2.7 dB | 3.5 dB |
| SEC | 2.5 dB | 4.3 dB | >= 2/3 VECP tgt | >= 2/3 VECP tgt | >= 2/3 VECP tgt |
| J2 Jitter | 0.27 UI | 0.39 UI | 0.3 UI | 0.3 UI | 0.3 UI |
| J4 Jitter | 0.39 UI | 0.53 UI (max) | - | - | - |
| J9 Jitter | - | - | - | - | - |
| Eye mask (X1, X2, X3, Y1, Y2, Y3) | 0.31,0.4,0.45, 0.34,0.38,0.4 | 0.28,0.5,0.5, 0.33,0.33,0.4 | Note: different mask can be used depending on the hit ratio definition | Note: different mask can be used depending on the hit ratio definition | Note: different mask can be used depending on the hit ratio definition |
| Stressed receiver sensitivity, OMA | -16.5 dBm | -5.2 dBm | -10.3 dBm | -11.3 dBm | -7.5 dBm |
| Aggressor lane OMA | NA | NA | - | - | - |

The specified stressed receiver conformance test signal with a given stressed eye closure (SEC) is generated by creating a mixture of the following stress components:

- Inter-symbol interferences (ISI) by means of low-pass filter and frequency response of E/O converter
- 2 sinusoidal jitter sources PJ1 and PJ2
- Sinusoidal amplitude interferer ($100 \text{ MHz} < f_{SI} < 2 \text{ GHz}$, non-harmonic to data signal and other stress components)
- Random jitter

The N4917BACA solution software automatically adjusts the setting of the different equipment to generate the stress signal with the desired characteristics.

Table 1. Applied sinusoidal jitter.

| Frequency range | Sinusoidal, jitter, peak to peak (UI) |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| $f < 100 \text{ kHz}$ | Not specified |
| $100 \text{ kHz} < f \leq 10 \text{ MHz}$ | $5 \times 10^5 / f$ |
| $10 \text{ MHz} < f < 10 \text{ LB}^1$ | 0.05 |

1. LB = loop bandwidth; upper frequency bound for added sine jitter should be at least 10 times the loop bandwidth of the receiver being tested.

The metrics employed for stress signal calibration are detailed below:

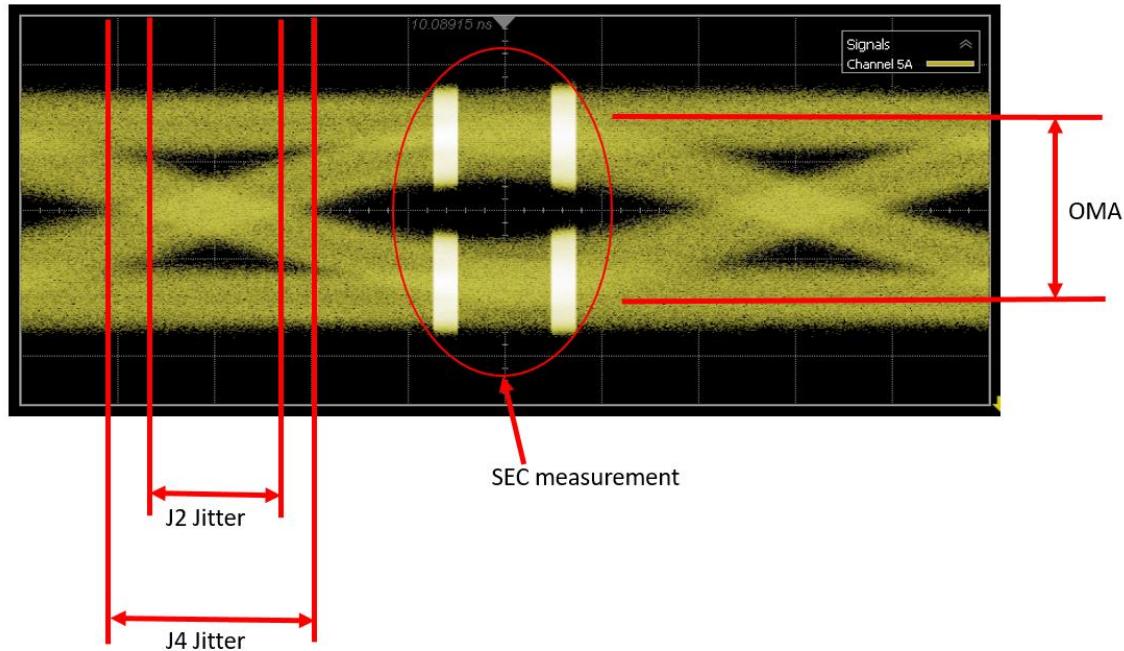


Figure 3. Definition of 100GBASE-SR4 optical stress parameters.

$$SEC = 10 \log_{10} \left[\frac{OMA}{2} \times \frac{1}{3.8906 - R} \right] \text{ with } R \text{ as combined noise term of Tx and Ref Rx}$$

BER of 5×10^{-5}

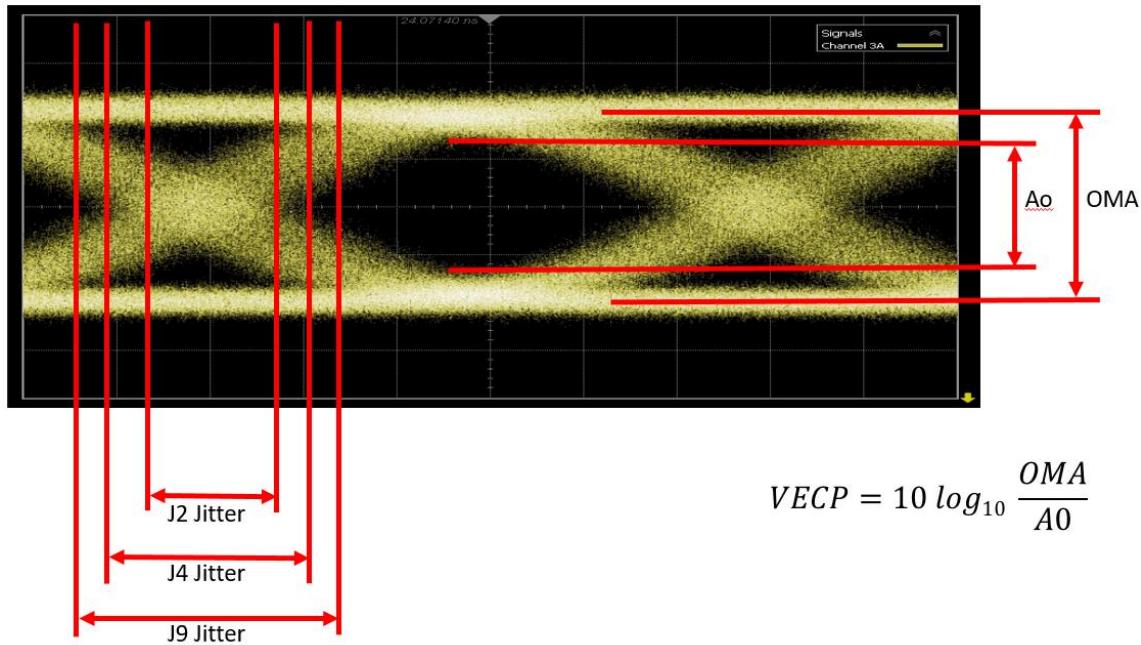


Figure 4. Definition of 100GBASE-LR4/ER4 and 100G MSA optical stress parameters

$$VECP = 10 \log_{10} \frac{OMA}{AO}$$

N4917BACA User Interface

The N4917BACA user interface is structured to follow the generic workflow of an automated test application (Figure 5).

1. Set Up tab

Check connection to instruments (USB, LAN or GPIB connections are supported) and specify the standard to be checked. This step sets the default values for the stress signal metrics and performance targets listed in the Configure tab. You can deactivate the connection check of a particular device by selecting ‘not used’ in the corresponding Channel or Slot field. This lets you use the internal laser of the reference transmitter instead of the tunable laser source or deactivate one of the interference sources.

2. Select Tests tab

Select the actions or tests you want to perform. For example, you can perform a signal calibration, load settings from a previous calibration, measure characteristics of the current optical signal or perform automated performance measurements. These tests are performed one by one in the order they are listed. Additional functionalities, such as optimization of the reference transmitter bias and optical power adjustment, are available.

3. Configure tab

Specify key instrument settings (de-emphasis, max-min voltage, active ports) as well as the target value for the calibration metrics. The **debug** mode enables you to modify the original standard specifications, such as the SEC and ER of the stress signal or the jitter profile to be tested (see Figure 6.). It is also possible to adjust the calibration conditions to your own setup by deactivating the optical power control or accounting for additional loss present in the optical link to the DUT.

4. Connect tab

Displays the hardware connection diagram before the start of a test. This optional step allows the user to check the physical connections between the devices to ensure compliance with the standards.

5. Run and Automate tabs

Run the selected tests and measurements or use your own commands sequence implemented with a python script. User-defined "tags" can be added for each calibration or test.

6. HTML Report and Results tabs

Displays high-level and detailed measurement results. Some tests return a pass/fail value and others return detailed measurement results (e.g. jitter tolerance measurement)

In addition, information about the measurement status, test progress and reports possible errors during the test to the user are listed in the **Messages** tab located on the bottom.

After selecting the optical standard and connecting to all required instruments in the tab, the user selects the measurement tasks and receiver tests to be performed in the **Select Tests** tab. Hence a complete conformance test and characterization would include the following tasks, provided by the N4917BACA software:

- Automatic calibration of the stressed receiver conformance test signal
- Perform a receiver conformance test
- Perform a receiver sensitivity measurement
- Perform a jitter conformance test
- Perform a jitter performance measurement

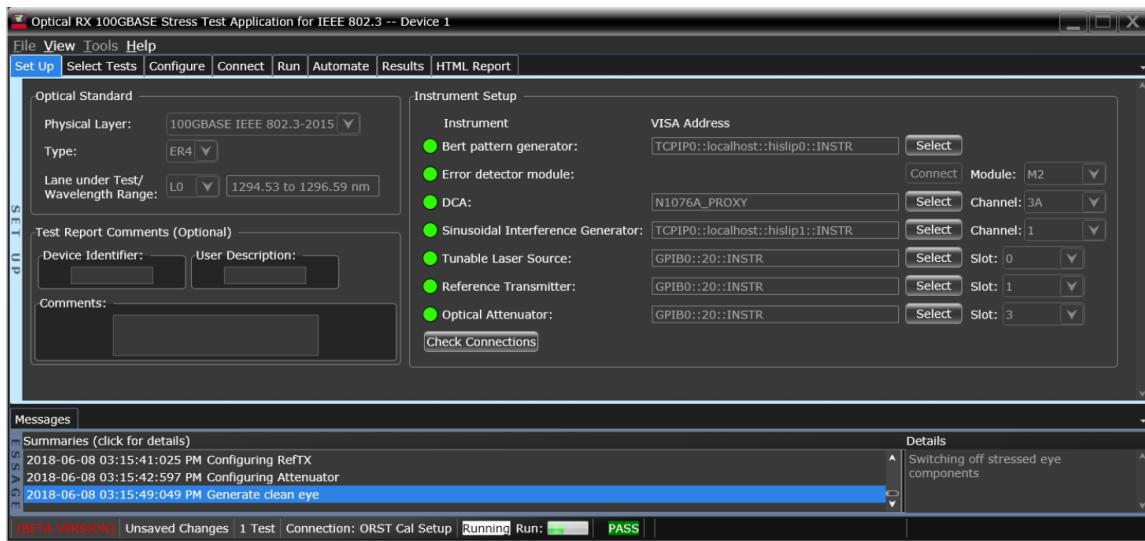


Figure 5. The N4917BACA software Set Up tab is used to connect and check equipment

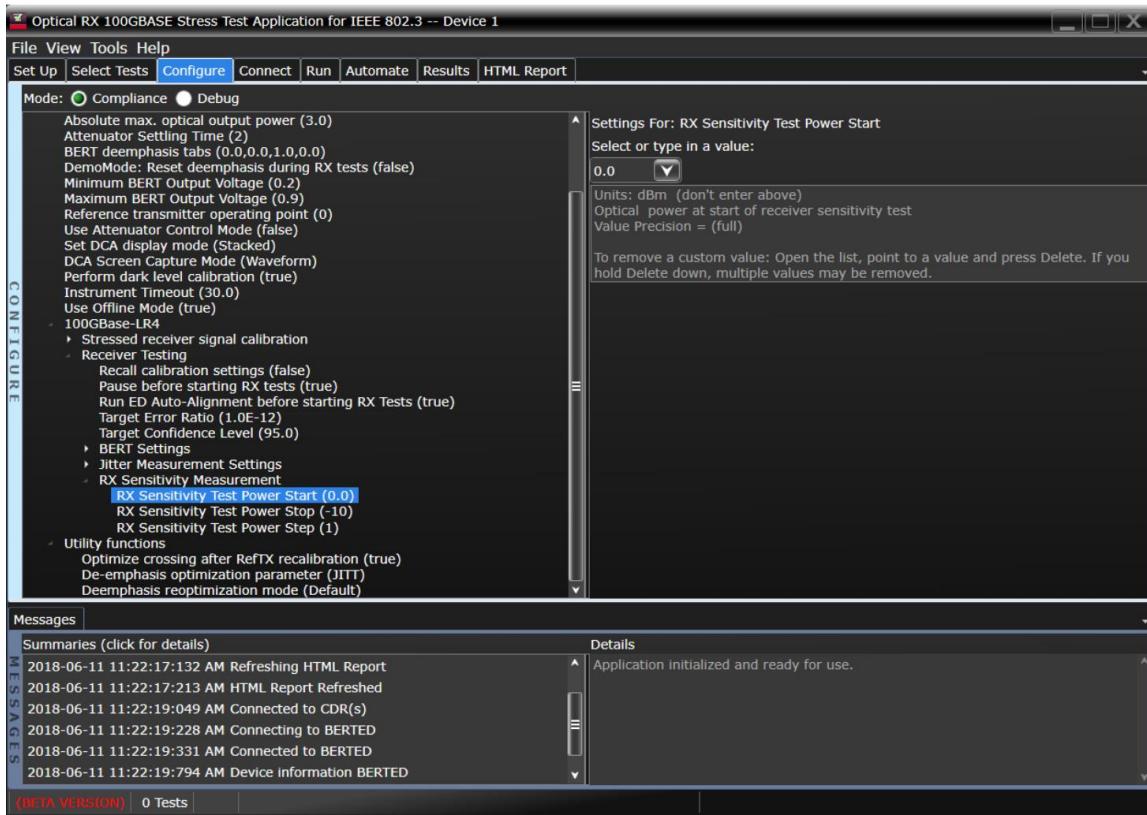


Figure 6. The N4917BACA software **Configure** tab lets the user fine-tune the standard compliant stressed receiver test or adapt to the test to other standards by offering multiple, user-editable settings, such as the stress signal parameters or test conformance limits

N4917BACA Features

The N4917BACA software creates a stressed NRZ optical waveform from the following setting parameters.

Settable parameters

- Data amplitude (mV pp)¹
- Sinusoidal interferer amplitude (Vpp)¹
- Sinusoidal interferer frequency (Hz)
- Periodic jitter 1 and Periodic jitter 2 amplitude (UI)
- Periodic jitter 1 and Periodic jitter 2 frequency (Hz)
- Baud rate (GBd/s)
- Optical power for calibration (dbm)
- OMA for DUT test (dBm)¹
- Extinction ratio for DUT test (dB)¹
- Optical wavelength (nm)
- De-emphasis coefficients
- Random jitter amplitude RMS (UI)¹

1. These values will be adjusted by the software during the calibration process to meet the calibration parameter targets.

Calibration and measurement parameters

- Extinction ratio (dB)
- VECP, SEC (dB)
- OMA for DUT test (dBm)
- Jitter conformance (pass/fail)
- Jitter performance (UI)
- Stressed receiver sensitivity (BER vs. dBm)
- Eye mask test (mask margin)
- Jitter measurements J2/J4/J9 (acc. Standard definition) (UI)
- Receiver conformance (pass/fail)

N4917BACA Requirements

The N4917BACA software runs on an external PC or on M9537A embedded controller.

PC hardware requirements

- Operating system: Microsoft Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 10, (64 bit)
- Memory: 8 GB RAM minimum
- Monitor resolution: WXGA+ (1440 x 900) minimum

PC installed software requirements

- M8070B: 9.5.560.12;
- FlexDCA: A.07.40.319;
- M8195A: 4.0.0.0,
- M8196A: 2.1.1.0,
- M8054A: 1.0.23.0
- Keysight IO Libraries Suite rev. 18.1
- N1010A FlexDCA remote access system A.06.60

PC interfaces

- USB, LAN

Instrument firmware requirements

- M8040A BERT:
 - M8070B system software as above
 - M8079ADVB Advanced Measurement Package
- 8163B/ 8164B LMS: Version V5.25 or later
- 81491A Ref Tx: Version V5.01 or later

Configuration Guide

The N4917BACA optical stress test solution is built up from a variety of instruments. For some of the instruments, alternative selections are supported by the N4917BACA software. Each instrument is an individual order and not part of a bundle. This configuration guide is designed to help you determine the best configuration for your needs.

1. Select the configuration for the M8040A high-performance BERT 64 GBaud and interference generator

Step 1. BERT Chassis Configuration

| | |
|------------|--|
| M8040A | High-performance BERT 64 GBaud |
| M8040A-BU2 | M9505A 5-slot AXIe chassis with USB option, (requires external PC with USB connection) |

Step 2. 1st BERT Module Minimum required Configuration

| | |
|------------|--|
| M8045A | Pattern generator and clock module 32/64 GBaud, 3 slot AXIe |
| M8045A-G32 | Pattern generator one channel NRZ, data rate up to 32 GBaud |
| M8045A-0G3 | Advanced jitter sources for receiver characterization, license |
| M8045A-0G4 | De-emphasis, module-wide license |
| M8045A-801 | Short cable 1.85 mm (m) to 1.85 mm (m), 0.15 m, absolute matching 699 ps ± 1 ps, Qty 2 recommended |
| M8057A/B | Remote head for M8045A pattern generator, 1 channel |

Step 3. 2nd BERT Module Minimum required Configuration

| | |
|------------|--|
| M8046A | Analyzer module, 32/64 GBaud, 1-slot AXIe |
| M8046A-A32 | Analyzer, one channel, data rate up to 32 GBaud, NRZ |
| M8046A-801 | Cable 2.92 mm (m) to 2.92 mm (m), 0.5 m for clock input, Qty 1 recommended |

Step 4. M8000 System Software Configuration

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| M8070B | System software for M8000 Series of BER test solutions |
| Select One of the M8000 System Software License Options | |
| M8070ADVB | Advanced Measurement Package for M8000 Series of BERT Test Solutions (node-locked, transportable, floating or USB license) |

Step 5. Interference Source Minimum required Configuration (Select One of the Listed Signal Generators for Sinusoidal and Gaussian Noise Interference)

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| M8054A | 32GHz interference source |
| M8195A | 1-, 2- or 4-channel 65 GSa/s arbitrary waveform generator |
| M8195A-002 | 2 GSa per module |
| M8196A | 2- or 4-channel 92 GSa/s arbitrary waveform generator |
| M8196A-002 | 512 kSa per channel |
| 81150A | Pulse Function Arbitrary Generator |
| 81150A-001 | One output channel for 81150A |
| 81160A | 1 or 2 Channel Pulse Function Arbitrary Generator |
| 81160A-001 | 1 Channel 330 MHz Pulse Function Arbitrary Generator |
| N5171B | EXG X-Series RF Analog Signal Generator, 9 kHz to 6 GHz |
| N5171B-503 | Frequency Range, 9 kHz to 3 GHz |
| N5172B | EXG X-Series RF Vector Signal Generator, 9 kHz to 6 GHz |
| N5172B-503 | Frequency Range, 9 kHz to 3 GHz |

2. Select the configuration for the optical components of the solution

Step 6. Lightwave Measurement System Mainframe (Select One of the Lightwave Measurement System Mainframes)

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| 8163B | 2-slot lightwave multimeter (recommended for multimode flavors only) |
| 8164B | 5-slot lightwave measurement system mainframe |

Step 7. Tunable Laser Source Configuration (Select One of the Tunable Lasers)

| | |
|------------|---|
| N7776C | Tunable Laser Source, High Power and Lowest SSE |
| N7776C-113 | Tunable Laser 1240-1380 nm |
| N7778C | Tunable Laser Source, High Power and Low SSE, Value Line |
| N7778C-113 | Tunable Laser 1240-1380 |
| N7779C | Step-Tunable Laser Source, High Power and Low SSE, Basic Line |
| N7779C-113 | Tunable Laser 1240-1380 |
| 81602A | Extra high power tunable laser |
| 81602A-013 | 1250 nm to 1370 nm wavelength range, +17 dBm peak |
| 81606A | Tunable laser family, high power with low SSE |
| 81606A-113 | Tunable laser source 1240 nm to 1380 nm, +13 dBm peak |
| 81608A | Tunable laser family, value line, high power low SSE |
| 81608A-113 | Tunable laser source 1240 nm to 1380 nm, +13 dBm peak |
| 81609A | Tunable laser family, basic line, high power low SSE |
| 81609A-113 | Tunable laser source 1240 nm to 1380 nm, +13 dBm peak |

Optical Connector Interface

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| 81000NI | Connector interface, FC - narrow key way (1 required) |
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Step 8. Electrical—Optical Converter Configuration (Select One of the Single-Mode Fiber Reference Transmitters)

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| 81491A | Reference transmitter |
| 81491A-135 | Ref Tx Single Mode with external Input and internal 1310nm / 1550nm Sources |
| 81491A-085 | Ref Tx Multimode with internal 850nm Source |
| 81492A | Reference transmitter |
| 81492A-E01 | Ref Tx special with external laser input and internal 1310/1550 nm laser |
| 81492A-135 | Ref Tx with external laser input and internal 1310/1550 nm laser |

Optical Connector Interface

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| 81000FI | FC/PC interface (1 required for -E05, -E09) |
| 81000NI | Connector interface, FC - narrow key way, (1 required for 81490-E05/E10 and 81491A-085, 2 otherwise) |

Step 9. Optical Attenuator Configuration (Select One of the Single-Mode Fiber Attenuators)

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| 81576A | Optical attenuator high power, power control, straight SMF |
| 81000FI | FC/PC interface (2 required) |
| 81577A | Optical attenuator high power, power control, angled SMF |
| 81000NI | Connector interface, FC - narrow key way (2 required) |
| N7761A | Optical attenuator (1 channel), SMF |
| N7761A-022 | Angled connectors |
| N7762A | Optical attenuator (2 channels), SMF |
| N7762A-022 | Angled connectors |
| N7764A | Optical attenuator (4 channels), SMF |
| N7764A-022 | Angled connectors |
| N7751A | Optical attenuator (1 channel) with 2 optical power meter channels, SMF |

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| N7751A-022 | Angled connectors |
| N7752A | Optical attenuator (2 channels) with 2 optical power meter channels, SMF |
| N7752A-022 | Angled connectors |
| N7766A | Two-Channel Multimode Optical Attenuator |
| N7766A-050 | 50/125 um multimode fiber interface |
| N7768A | Four-Channel Multimode Optical Attenuator |
| N7768A-050 | 50/125 um multimode fiber interface |

3. Select the configuration for the DCA and N4917BACA software components of the solution

Step 10. Optical/electrical Clock Recovery (Select if Clock Recovery is Required)

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| N1077A | Optical/electrical clock recovery |
| N1077A-232 | Supported input rates: 50 MBd to 32 GBd |
| N1077A-SMS | Internal single-mode (9/125 µm) and multimode (50/125 µm) splitter |

Step 11. DCA Minimum required Configuration (Select either a DCA-X Mainframe/plugin/time Base or a DCA-M Model/FlexDCA SW Configuration)

DCA-M minimum required configuration (select one DCA-M model)

| | |
|------------|---|
| N1092A | One optical channel |
| N1092A-IRC | Impulse response correction to provide ideal channel response |
| N1092B | Two optical channels |
| N1092B-IRC | Impulse response correction to provide ideal channel response |
| N1092C | One optical, two electrical channels |
| N1092C-IRC | Impulse response correction to provide ideal channel response |
| N1092D | Four optical channels |
| N1092D-IRC | Impulse response correction to provide ideal channel response |
| N1092E | Two optical, two electrical channels |
| N1092E-IRC | Impulse response correction to provide ideal channel response |

DCA-M minimum required option configuration

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| Option LOJ | Reduce residual jitter from 400 fs to < 200 fs |
| Option PLK | Pattern Lock capability |

Choose legacy DCA option OR

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| Option 200 | Enhanced Jitter Analysis (can also be ordered as N1010A-200 FlexDCA license) |
| Option 201 | Advanced Waveform analysis (can also be ordered as N1010A-201 FlexDCA license) |
| Option 300 | Advanced Amplitude Analysis/Rin/Q-Factor (can also be ordered as N1010A-300 FlexDCA license) |
| Option 500 | Productivity Package (Rapid Eye, TDEC) (can also be ordered as N1010A-500 FlexDCA license) |
| Option 9FP | PAM-N Analysis SW, (can also be ordered as N1010A-9FP FlexDCA license) |

Choose FlexDCA R&D package

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| N1010100A | Research and Development Package for FlexDCA |
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DCA-X mainframe minimum configuration

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| N1000A | DCA-X Wide-Bandwidth Oscilloscope Mainframe |
| N1000A-LOJ | Low Jitter Timebase |

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| N1000A-PLK | Pattern Lock Trigger Hardware |
| Optical Plug-in Module | |
| N1030A/B | Optical plug-in module for the N1000A DCA-X mainframe |
| N1030A/B-IRC | Impulse response correction (optical and electrical channels) |
| N1030A/B-280 | Hardware filters for 25-28 NRZ Gbaud rates |
| Optical/Electrical Clock Recovery (select if external clock recovery is required for calibration or BER measured using ED). No electrical CDR is required if M8046A-A04 has been chosen | |
| N1076A | Electrical Clock Recovery (discontinued) |
| N1076A-232 | Supported input rates: 50 MBd to 32 GBd (discontinued) |
| N1076B | Electrical Clock Recovery |
| N1076B-232 | Supported input rates: 125 MBd to 32 GBd |
| N1077A | Optical/Electrical Clock Recovery |
| N1077A-232 | Supported input rates: 50 MBd to 32 GBd |
| N1077A-SMS | Internal single-mode (9/125 µm) and multimode (50/125 µm) splitter |
| N1078A | Optical/Electrical Clock Recovery |
| N1078A-232 | Supported input rates: 125 MBd to 32 GBd |
| N1078A-264 ¹ | Supported input rates: 125 MBd to 64 GBd |
| Step 12. N4917BACA Optical Receiver Stress Test Software Configuration | |
| N4917BACA | Optical receiver stress test for 100G solution software (select one license option) |
| N4917BACA-1xx | Optical Receiver Stress Test compliance app for 100G IEEE and MSAs, license (node-locked or transportable or floating or USB) |

4. Select the accessory components of the solution

Step 13. Select Accessories as Needed

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|---------------|---|
| N4917B-800 | Fiber optic cable, PMF, protected 37 cm narrow key FC/APC (only required for 81490A-E05 or 81490A-E09) |
| N4917B-803 | Patchcord FC/PC-FC/PC connector SM fiber 2 m (choose if using single mode ref Tx) |
| N4917B-803 | Patchcord FC/PC-FC/PC connector SM fiber 2 m (choose only if using O-CDR) |
| N4917B-804 | Patchcord FC/APC narrow key - FC/PC wide key SM fiber 2 m (choose -803 or -804 depending on attenuator connectors) |
| M8195A-820 | Coaxial termination 50 Ω DC to 26.5 GHz, 3.5 mm (male) (for trigger M8045A to M8195, terminate complement output) |
| 11901D | Coaxial adapter 3.5 mm (male) to 2.4 mm (female) (for combining SI and RI) |
| M8195A-810 | Cable, 2.92 mm (m) to 2.92 mm (m), length 0.85 m (for combining SI and RI) |
| M8195A-810 | Matched pair cable, 2.92 mm (m) to 2.92 mm (m), length 0.85 m |
| N4917BSCA-800 | Directional coupler 50 GHz, 13 dB, 2.4 mm (recommended for external interference source RI/SI) |
| 11900A | Coaxial adapter, 2.4 mm (m) to 2.4 mm (m), DC to 50 GHz |
| N9398F | DC block 50 kHz to 50 GHz, 2.4 mm (male). (For unused M8057A data output) |
| 85138A | Coaxial termination 50 Ω DC to 50 GHz, 2.4 mm (male). (For unused M8057A data output) |
| 11636B | Power splitter DC to 26.5 GHz (choose only if using DCA-X) |
| 83059A | Coaxial adapter 3.5 mm (male) to 3.5 mm (male) (choose only if using DCA-X) |
| M8195A-810 | Matched pair cable, 2.92 mm (m) to 2.92 mm (m), length 0.85 m (choose only if using DCA-X) |
| 82357B | USB/GPIB interface |
| 10833A | GPIB cable, 1 m (choose quantity) |
| N4917B-805 | Patchcord Cable MM-Fiber 50 Micro m 2xFC/PC-wide Key, Length 2m required (choose if the 81490A-E10 or 81491A-085 multimode Ref Tx) |
| N4917B-806 | Patchcord Cable MM-Fiber 50 Micro m FC/APC-narrow Key - FC/PC-wide Key, Length 2m (choose if using the 81490A-E10 or 81491A-085 multimode Ref Tx) |
| N4917B-801 | Cable Assembly coaxial Rg/223 50 Ohm BNC-male to BNC-male (choose if using the 81160A as interference source) |
| N4917B-802 | Adapter-coaxial straight female-BNC male-SMA , (choose if using the 81160A as interference source) |
| N4917B-808 | Adapter, coaxial N-type (m) to BNC (f), (choose if using the N517xB as interference source) |

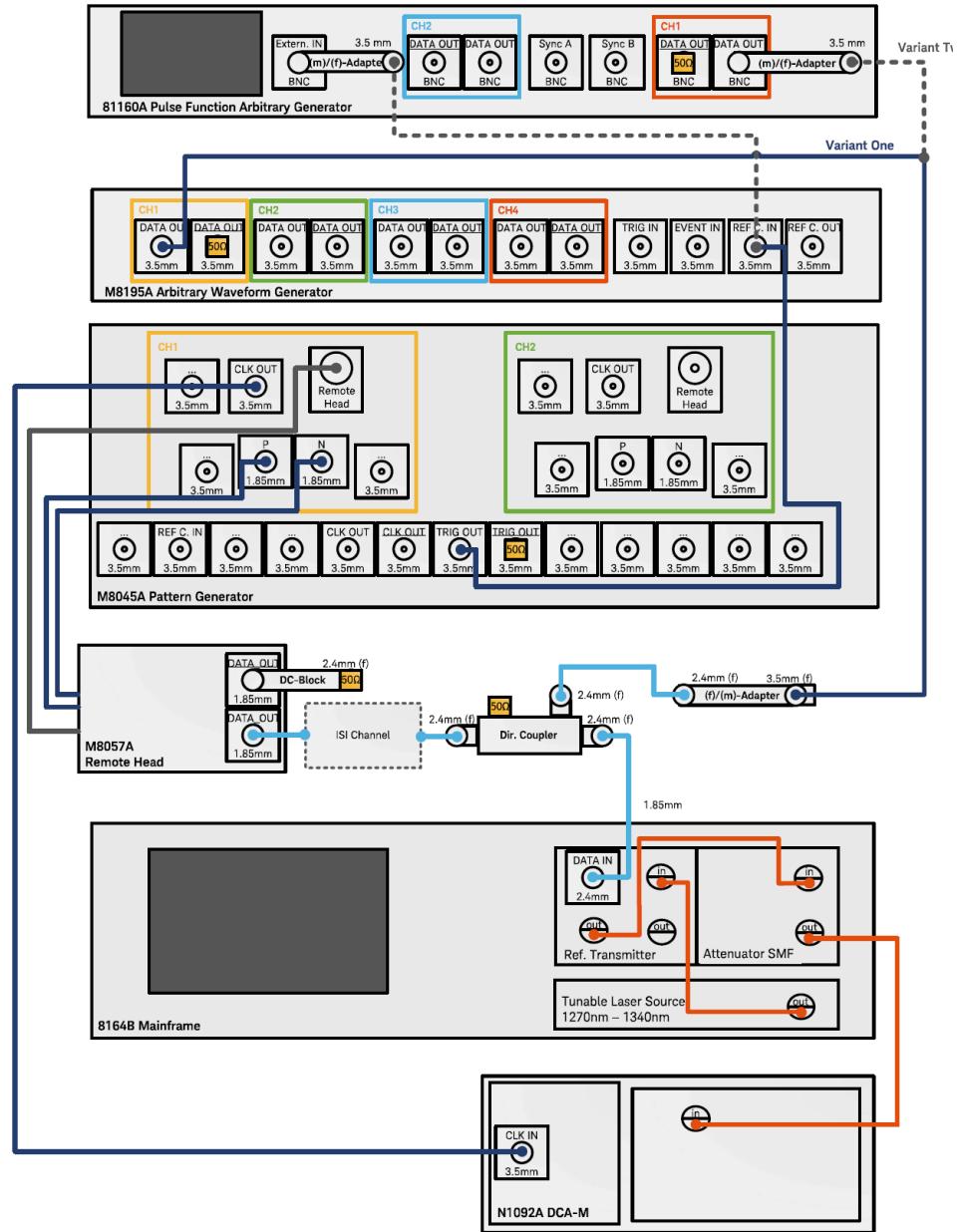


Figure 7. Setup for stressed eye signal calibration for 100GBASE ER4/-LR4 and 100G MSAs with clean clock

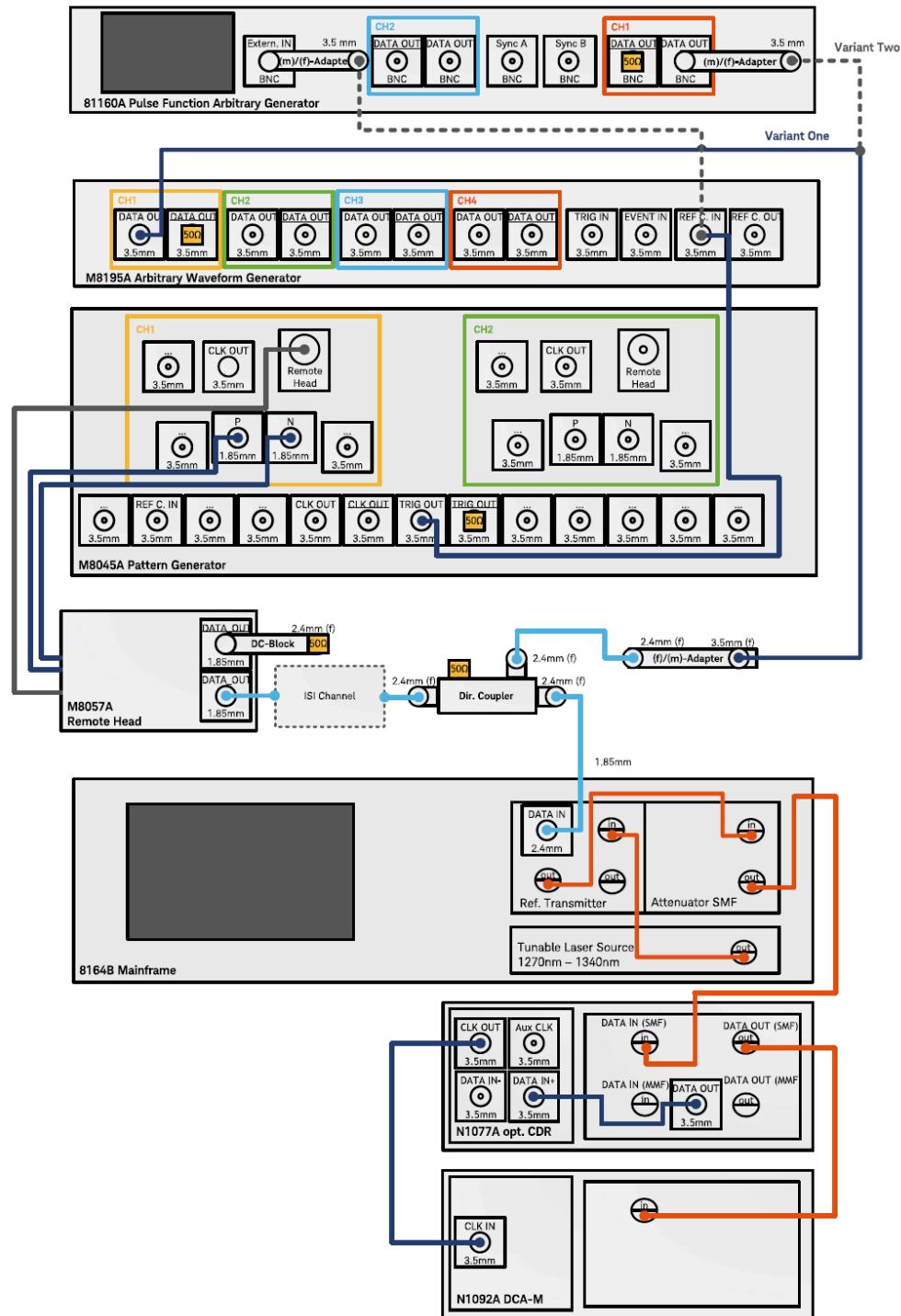


Figure 8. Setup for stressed eye signal calibration for 100 GBASE ER4/-LR4 and 100G MSAs with recovered clock.

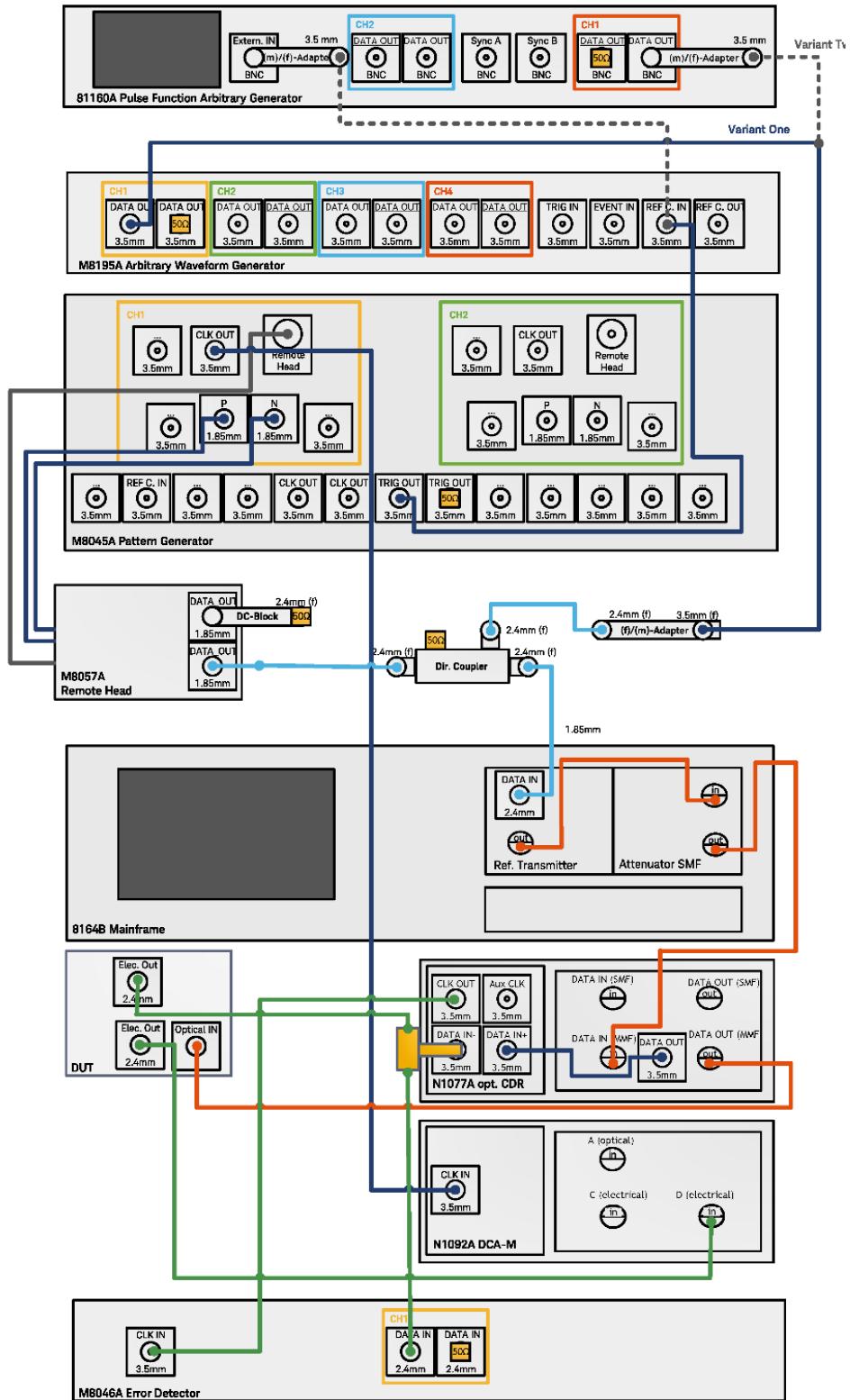


Figure 9. Setup for stressed eye signal calibration for 100 GBASE-SR4 with recovered clock

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