Agilent PXIe Optical Extenders for Instrumentation

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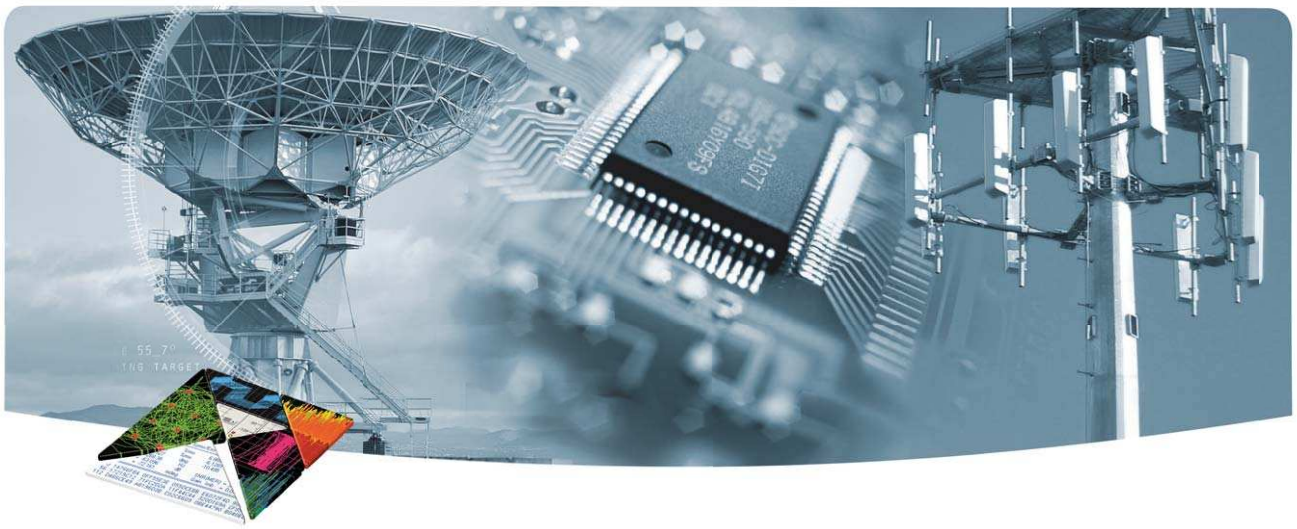

OVERVIEW

Introduction

Agilent's Optical Extenders for Instruments can transmit your RF or Microwave signal without the power loss of coaxial cables and undesired mixing products of down-conversion techniques—and with the isolation of fiber for extended distances up to and beyond 1000 meters. Choose the combination of modules that best fits your requirements today with the confidence that you can scale the solution to meet the requirements of tomorrow by taking advantage of the modularity, scalability and upgradability of PXI.

Applications

- Antenna ranges, remote antennas, earth stations
- Network analyzer port extenders
- Isolated measurements

Features

- Frequency range of 300 kHz to 26.5 or 50 GHz
- Wideband up to 26.5 GHz or 50 GHz bandwidth
- No software or embedded controller required
- Distances up to and beyond 1000 meters

Customer values

- Achieve long RF paths
- Provides the benefit of low-loss optical fiber
- You do not need special software or hardware to operate
- Isolates electrical signals for you
- Eliminates mixing products from downconversion techniques

OPTICAL EXTENDERS FOR INSTRUMENTATION

Product Description

The family of optical extenders for instruments modules—M9403A, M9404A, M9405A, M9406A, M9407A and M9408A—are all PXI Express (PXIe) compliant. The products can be integrated with other test and automation modules in PXIe and Hybrid chassis offering the benefit of a modular, scalable and upgradable system. The PXI format offers high performance in a small, rugged package. It is an ideal deployment platform for many automated test systems. A wide array of complementary PXI products are currently available, including multimeters, waveform generators, local oscillators, digitizers, downconverters and switch multiplexers.

M9403A and M9404A

The Agilent Technologies M9403A and M9404A is a long awaited solution to overcome high loss, long path RF/Microwave applications associated with antenna ranges, distributed RF requirements, earth stations, and applications requiring electrical isolation such as EMI chambers. It is a complete RF/Optical/RF path enabling signals from 300 kHz to 26.5 or 50 GHz to be transmitted across distances up to and beyond 1.5 kilometers. The PXI form factor enables use in any compliant PXI card cage and the modular form factor provides a scalable and upgradeable solution protecting your investment throughout the life of the platform.

The M9403A is a 2-slot, 3U PXIe RF to optical converter, modulating the RF signal onto a 1550 nm single mode optical signal. The M9404A is a one-slot, 3U PXIe Optical to RF converter, demodulating the optical signal and delivering the recovered RF signal to the output connector. The M9403A and M9404A operate over a frequency range of 300 kHz to 26.5 or 50 GHz and both modules offer an optional, built in 30 dB amplifier.

M9405A

The Agilent Technologies M9405A is an RF/Microwave amplifier providing 30 dB of gain. Designed to support the M9403A and M9404A—covering the 300 kHz to 26.5/ 50 GHz operating range of the optical links—the M9405A module offers the flexibility of applying the 30 dB of gain as a pre-amplifier to improve the noise figure or after the link to overcome the link conversion loss. The amplifier is also available as an option integrated into either the M9403A, M9404A or both.

The M9405A is a 1-slot, 3U PXIe 30 dB RF amplifier operating from 300 kHz to 26.5 or 50 GHz with a 6 dB noise figure below 35 GHz and 8.5 dB above. Designed for use with the M9403A and M9404A Optical Links, it can also be used as a standalone RF amplifier.

OPTICAL EXTENDERS FOR INSTRUMENTATION

M9406A and M9407A

The Agilent Technologies M9406A and M9407A is a complete USB 2.0 hub, optically extending the USB ports to enable USB device operation and access to test control at the remote measurement location. The USB extenders enable remote measurement set up and control.

The M9406A and M9407A are both 2-slot, 3U PXIe cards providing fully functional USB 2.0 ports. Designed to complement the optically extended M9403A and M9404A providing USB enabled capability at the remote location, such as a keyboard, mouse, USB video adapter for monitor, power sensor, or E-Cal module. With this capability, remote instruments can be controlled or monitored. Calibrations can be performed from the remote location as well as power measurements useful in verifying RF power levels at the remote device. A two pair optical cable is required to support the transmit and receive path from both the remote and nearby modules.

M9408A

The Agilent Technologies M9408A Reflectometer enables the full port extension of a vector network analyzer equipped with a configurable test set. When the two port device requires measurement ports, twenty feet or more, away from the analyzer, the M9408A Reflectometer can fully extend the measurement plane, delivering more power to the test device enabling full two port characterization of devices that could not be characterized using coaxial cables.

The M9408A is a 2-slot, 3U PXIe RF Reflectometer designed to extend the RF ports of a vector network analyzer enabling two port device measurements to span hundreds of feet or more. The frequency range of the M9408A is 300 kHz to 50 GHz.

SPECIFICATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS (TYPICAL)[1]

M9403A and M9404A PXIe Modules

Link Performance			
Frequency range	300 kHz to 26.5 or 50 GHz		
Input power at compression (0.1 dB and 1 dB compression with amplifier)	 1 GHz 13.5 GHz 26.25 GHz 50 GHz	0.1dB -33 -30 -28 -25	1 dB -26 -22 -21 -18
Maximum input power M9403A	+7 dBm (option H01) -25 dBm (option H02)		
Impedance	50 ohms		
Return loss Source Receiver	 26.5 GHz ≥ 10 dB 26.5 GHz ≥ 8 dB	 50 GHz ≥ 6 dB 50 GHz ≥ 8 dB	
Frequency response	33.48 dB @ 13.75 GHz 34.28 dB @ 18 GHz		
NF (The conversion loss of the link is the primary contributer to the NF results. Amplification is recommended to reduce NF).	41.82 dB @ 13.75 GHz 42.52 dB @ 18 GHz		
RF connector Option F26 Option F50	 3.5 mm 2.4 mm		

Notes: 1. Specifications for the family of OXI modules are typical. Performance listed is only characteristic and intended as non-warranted information. Only a functional certificate is provided for the optical extenders product family.

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M9403A and M9404A PXIe Modules

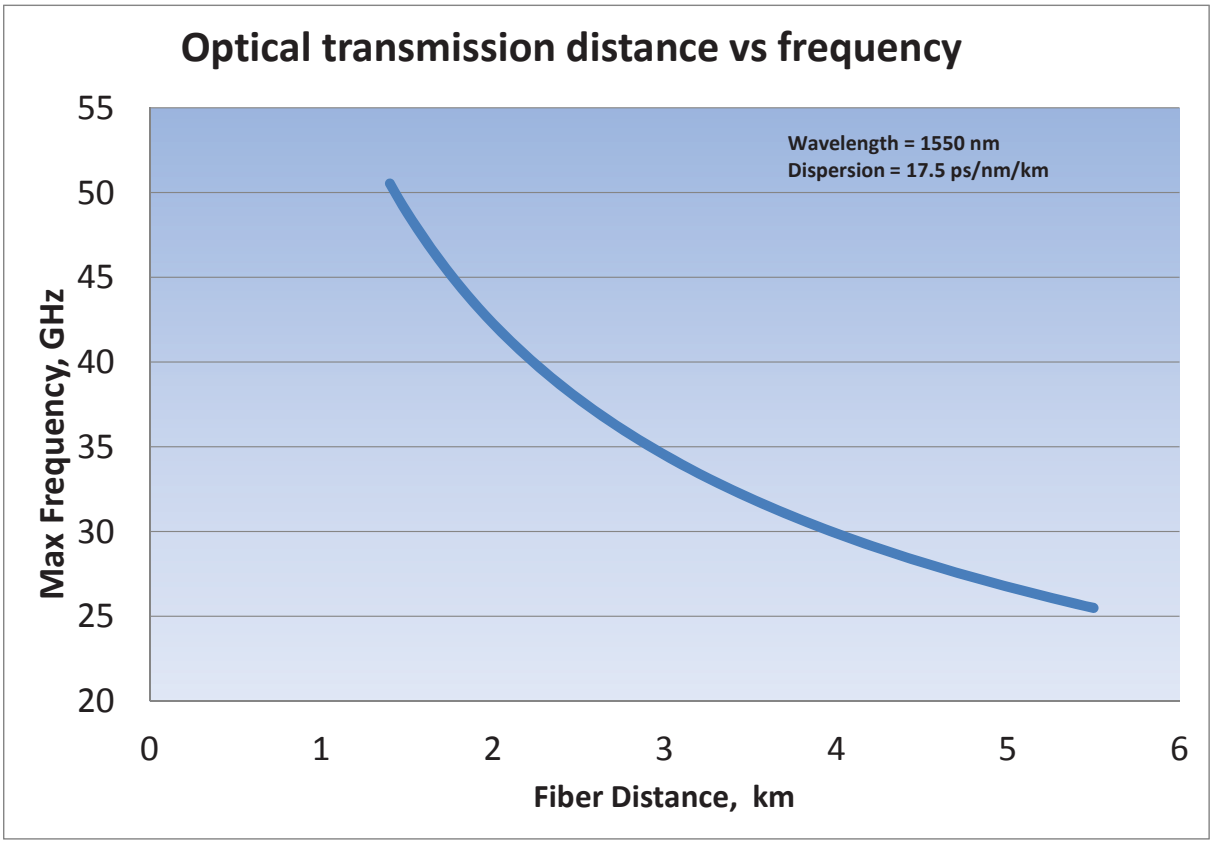

Figure 1. Optical loss graph with fiber length from 26.5 to 50 GHz.

Link Performance	
Fiber type	SMF 28e
Optical connector	E2000 APC
Temperature/drift	Fiber dependent
Bandwidth	300 kHz to 26.5 or 50 GHz full range available
Optical wavelength	1550 nm
Optical power out	+5 dBm
Maximum distance	1500 meters @ 26.5 GHz 1400 meters @ 50 GHz
Number of PXI slots occupied M9403A M9404A	 2-slot 1-slot
Software	None required
Slot compatibility	PXIe, PXI hybrid

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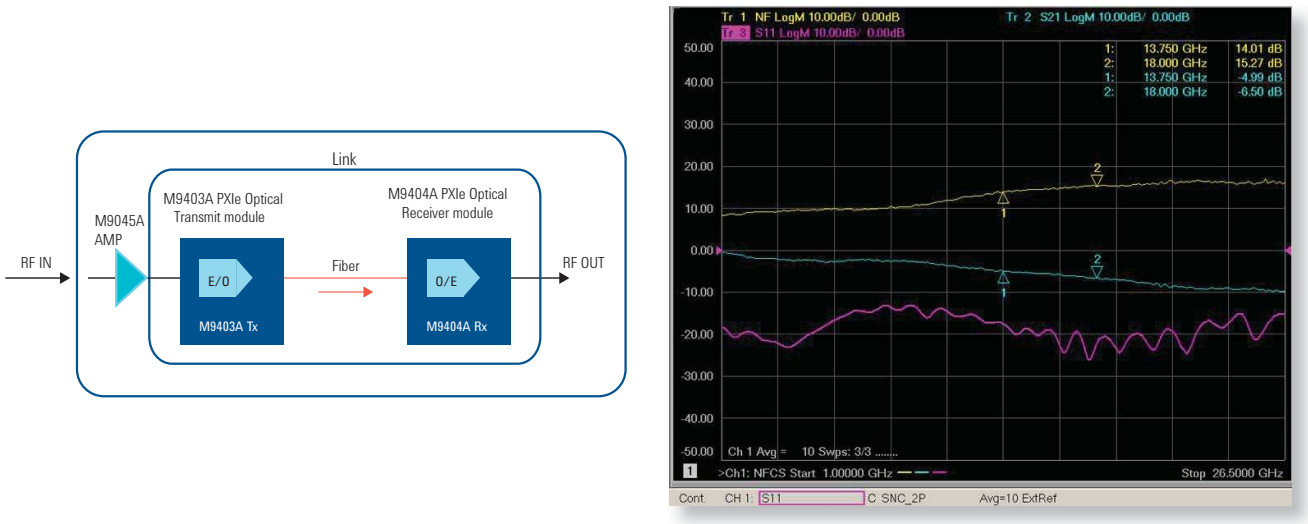

Figure 2. Typical link performance using the Agilent M9403A optical transmitter and M940A4 optical receiver with the M9405A amplifier.

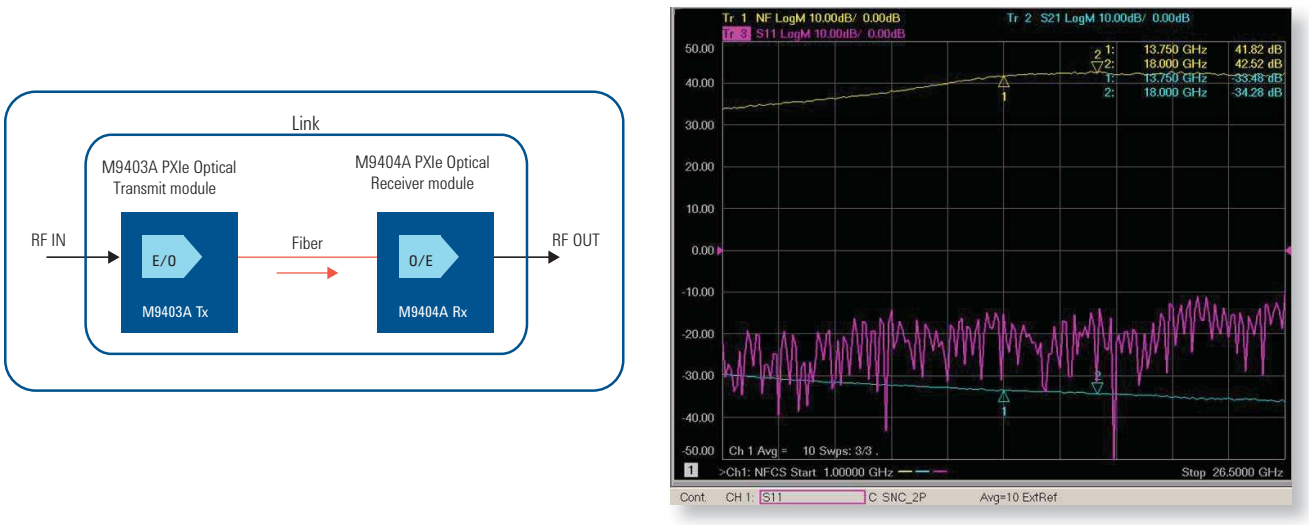

Figure 3. Typical link conversion loss using the Agilent M9403A optical transmitter and M9404A optical receiver without an amplifier.

SPECIFICATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS (TYPICAL)

M9405A PXIe Module

Link Performance		
Frequency range	M9405A-F26 300 kHz to 26.5 GHz	M9405A-F50 300 kHz to 50 GHz
NF	6 dB 5.69 dB @ 13.75 GHz 28.42 dB @ 18 GHz	8.5 dB > 35 GHz or 8.5 dB to 50 GHz
Gain	29.22 dB @ 13.75 GHz 28.42 dB @ 18 GHz	
Connector type	3.5 mm	2.4 mm
Input match	+-10 db to -15 dB	
Output match	-10 db to -15 dB	
Power consumption	3W	
Number of PXI slots occupied	1-slot	
PXI slot compatibility	PXIe, PXI Hybrid	

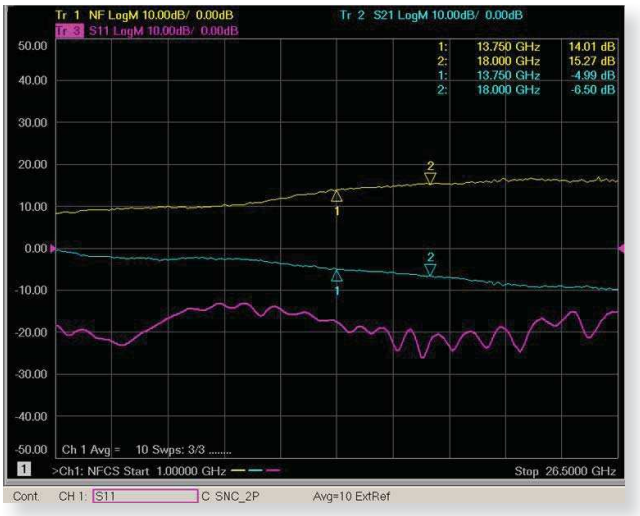

Figure 4. Typical Agilent M9405A amplifier characteristics

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M9406A and M9407A PXIe Modules

Data			
USB	2.0 hub		
Data rate	1.5 Mbps USB 1.0	12 Mbps USB 1.1	480 Mbps USB 2.0
Optical Data			
Wavelength	1310 nm		
Connector type	SC		
Fiber type	Single mode		
Number of PXI slots occupied	2-slot		
PXI slot compatibility	PXIe, PXI Hybrid		

SPECIFICATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS (TYPICAL)

M9408A Reflectometer

Data		
Frequency range	10 MHz to 50 GHz 300 kHz to 45 MHz	(coupling values will degrade performance)
Impedance	50 Ohms	
Connector type	2.8 mm	
Number of PXI slots occupied	2-slot	
PXI slot compatibility	PXIe, PXI Hybrid	

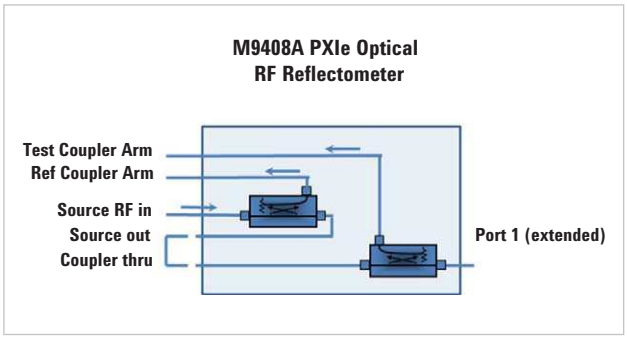


Figure 5. M9408A RF Reflectometer

CONFIGURATION AND ORDERING INFORMATION

Software Platform

The family of OXI modules—M9403A, M9404A, M9405A, M9406A, M9407A, and M9408—require no software for operation. The PXIe chassis provides module power. Once installed, they simply work. They can be used with and alongside other PXI modules such as an input attenuator for signal conditioning or paired with a signal source for transmission or signal analyzer for analysis.

Additional Information

Chassis slot compatibility: PXI system slot

Accessories

Model	Description
M9018A	PXI 18-slot chassis

Figure 6. M9018A 18-slot chassis

Ordering Information

Model	Description
M9403A[1]	PXIe Optical Transmitter: 300 kHz to 26.5 or 50 Ghz
M9403A-H01	O/E Converter
M9403A-H02	O/E Converter with Amplifier
M9403A-F26	Frequency 300 kHz to 26.5 GHz
M9403A-F50	Frequency 300 kHz to 50 GHz
M9403A-CA3	Optical Cable 3 Meter E2000pc to E2000PC
M9404A[1]	PXIe Optical Receiver: 300 kHz to 26.5 or 50 GHz
M9404A-H01	E/O Converter
M9404A-H02	E/O Converter with Amplifier
M9404A-F26	Frequency 300 kHz to 26.5 GHz
M9404A-F50	Frequency 300 kHz to 50 GHz
M9404A-CA3	Optical Cable 3 Meter E2000pc to E2000PC
M9405A	PXIe Amplifier: 300 kHz to 26.5 or 50 GHz
M9405A-H01	PXIe Amplifier: 300 kHz to 26.5 or 50 GHz
M9405A-F26	Frequency 300 kHz to 26.5 GHz
M9405A-F50	Frequency 300 kHz to 50 GHz
M9406A[1]	PXIe Optical to USB 2.0
M9406A-H01	PXIe Optical to USB 2.0
M9406A-CA3	Optical cable 3 meter
M9407A[1]	PXIe Optical to 4 port USB 2.0 Hub
M9407A-H01	PXIe Optical to 4 port USB 2.0 Hub
M9407A-CA3	Optical cable 3 meter LC to LC
M9408A	RF Reflectometer 10 MHz to 50 GHz

1. Need customer furnished signal-mode optical fiber.

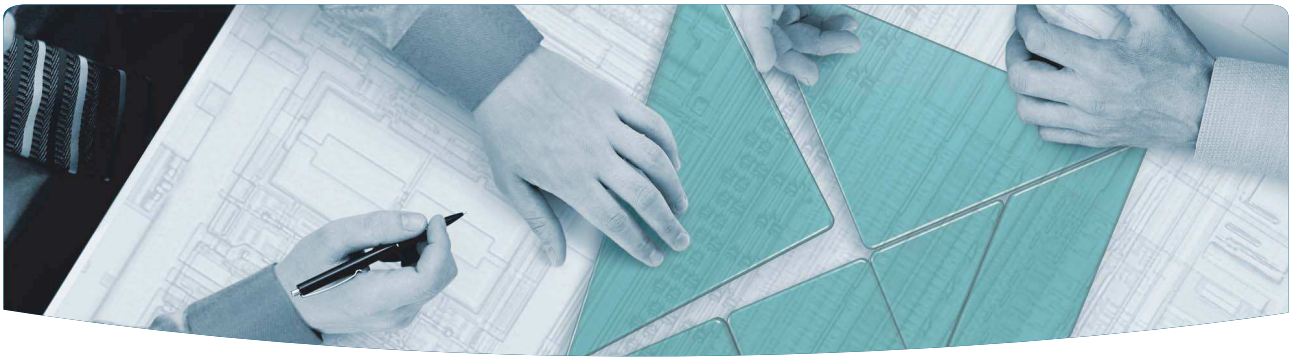
Definitions for specifications

Specifications describe the warranted performance of calibrated instruments that have been stored for a minimum of 2 hours within the operating temperature range of 0 to 55 °C, unless otherwise stated, and after a 45 minute warm-up period. Data represented in this document are specifications unless otherwise noted.

Characteristics *describe product performance that is useful in the application of the product, but that is not covered by the product warranty. Characteristics are often referred to as Typical or Nominal values.*

- ***Typical*** *describes characteristic performance, which 80% of instruments will meet when operated over a 20 to 30 °C temperature range. Typical performance is not warranted.*
- ***Nominal*** *describes representative performance that is useful in the application of the product when operated over a 20 to 30 °C temperature range. Nominal performance is not warranted.*

Note: All graphs contain measured data from several units at room temperature unless otherwise noted.



The Modular Tangram

The four-sided geometric symbol that appears throughout this document is called a tangram. This seven-piece puzzle originated in China a few centuries ago. The goal is to create shapes—from simple to complex—that form an identifiable silhouette. As with a tangram, the possibilities may seem infinite as you begin to create a new test system. With a set of clearly defined elements—architecture, hardware, software—Agilent can help you create the system you need, from simple to complex.

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