



PAM4 Signal Generation and BER Measurement Solution

Signal Quality Analyzer
MP1800A Series

Introduction

The recent spread of smartphones and cloud computing applications is driving exponential growth in traffic at data centers. To transfer these large data volumes at high speed, Ethernet communications standards are progressing with deployment of 100GbE equipment, and 400GbE is already being targeted for next-generation standards.

Transmission technologies for implementing high-speed, large-volume transfers are centered on PAM (Pulse Amplitude Modulation) methods offering both faster symbol rates than earlier NRZ signal methods as well as increased transmission capacity without increased symbol rates. This presentation introduces the MP1800A Signal Quality Analyzer as a measurement solution supporting next-generation transmission standards, such as 200GbE and 400GbE.

Standards for High-Speed Interconnects using PAM4

Optical Interface

	Standard	Distance	Format	Baud Rate
400G	400G BASE-SR16	100 m	NRZ	26.6G
	400G BASE-DR4	500 m	PAM4	53.1G
	400G BASE-FR8	2 km	PAM4	26.6G
	400G BASE-LR8	10 km	PAM4	26.6G
200G	200G BASE-SR4	100 m	PAM4	26.6G
	200G BASE-DR4	500 m	PAM4	26.6G
	200G BASE-FR4	2 km	PAM4	26.6G
	200G BASE-LR4	10 km	PAM4	26.6G
100G	100G BASE-SR10	100/150 m	NRZ	10.3G
	100G BASE-SR2	100 m	PAM4	26.6G
	100G BASE-DR	500m	PAM4	53.1G
	100G BASE-SR4	70/100 m	NRZ	25.8G
	100G SWDM	400 m	NRZ	25.8G
	100G PSM4	500 m	NRZ	25.8G
	CWDM4/CLR4	2 km	NRZ	25.8G
	100G BASE-LR4	10 km	NRZ	25.8G
50G	50G BASE-SR	100 m	PAM4	26.6G
	50G BASE-FR	2 km	PAM4	26.6G
	50G BASE-LR	10 km	PAM4	26.6G
25G	25G BASE-SR	100 m	NRZ	25.8G
	25G BASE-FR	2 km	NRZ	25.8G
	25G BASE-LR	10 km	NRZ	25.8G

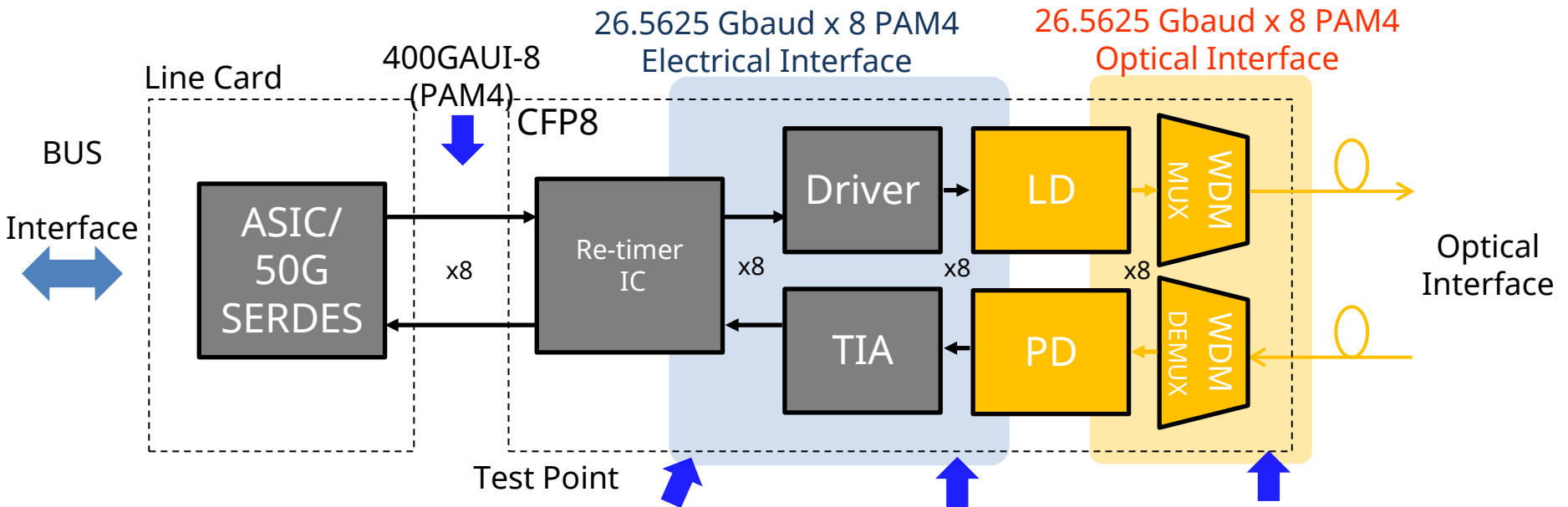
Electrical Interface

	Standard IEEE802.3bs	Format	Baud Rate
400G	400GAUI-16	NRZ	26.6G
	400GAUI-8	PAM4	26.6G
200G	200GAUI-8	NRZ	26.6G
	200GAUI-4	PAM4	26.6G
100G	CAUI-10	NRZ	10.3G
	CAUI-4	NRZ	25.8G
50G	50GAUI	PAM4	26.6G
25G	25GAUI	NRZ	25.8G

	Standard IEEE802.3cd	Format	Baud Rate
200G	200G BASE-CR4	PAM4	26.6G
	200G BASE-KR4	PAM4	26.6G
100G	100G BASE-CR4	NRZ	25.8G
	100G BASE-KR4	NRZ	25.8G
	100G BASE-KP4	PAM4	13.6G
	100G BASE-CR2	PAM4	26.6G
50G	100G BASE-KR2	PAM4	26.6G
	50G BASE-CR	PAM4	26.6G
	50G BASE-KR	PAM4	26.6G

Example of PAM4 Signal Applications (1)

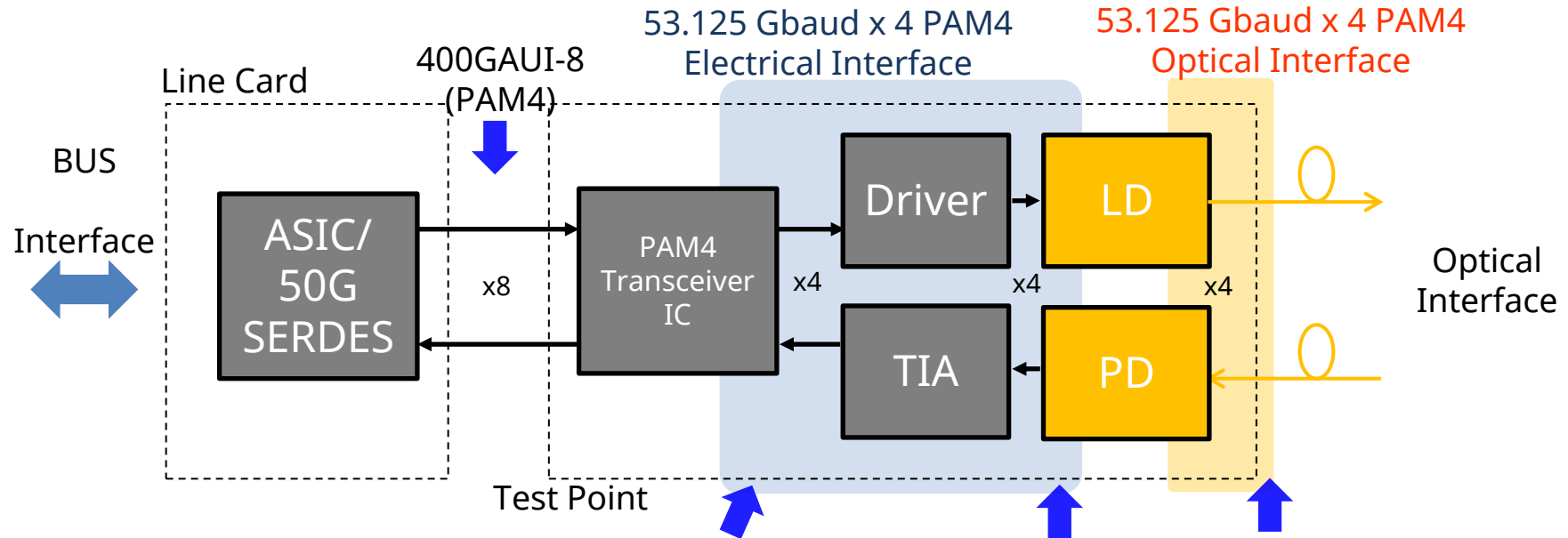
- 26.5625 Gbaud 400GAUI-8 Electrical and 400GBASE-FR8, LR8 Optical Interfaces



	400GAUI-8 Electrical Interface	Driver Output, LD Input Electrical Interface	400GBASE-FR8, LR8 Optical Interface
Baud Rate	26.5625 Gbaud (53.125 Gbit/s)/Lane		
Lane Number	8		1 Single-mode Fiber (1310-nm Wavelength)
Main Measurement Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BER Test • Eye Mask (EH, EW, Linearity) • Tx/Rx Equalizer Function • Jitter Addition Test (RJ/SJ/DCD) • Crosstalk Test 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye Mask (EH, EW, Linearity) • I/O Power Characteristics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average Optical Power • OMA (Optical Modulation Amplitude) • TDECQ(Transmitter and Dispersion Eye Closure for PAM4) • Extinction Ratio • Optical Stress Test

Example of PAM4 Signal Applications (2)

- 53.125 Gbaud 4-lane Electrical and 400GBASE-DR4 Optical Interfaces



	53 Gbaud 4-lane Electrical Interface	Driver Output, LD Input Electrical Interface	400GBASE-FR8, LR8 Optical Interface
Baud Rate	53.125 Gbaud (106.25 Gbit/s)/Lane		
Lane Number	4		4-lane Single-mode Fiber (1310-nm Wavelength Band)
Main Measurement Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BER Test • Eye Mask (EH, EW, Linearity) • Tx/Rx Equalizer Function • Jitter Addition Test (RJ/SJ/DJ) • Crosstalk Test 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye Mask (EH, EW, Linearity) • I/O Power Characteristics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average Optical Power • OMA (Optical Modulation Amplitude) • TDECQ (Transmitter and Dispersion Eye Closure for PAM4) • Extinction Ratio • Optical Stress Test

Features of MP1800A Series PAM4 Measurement Solution

- Supports high 64 Gbaud rate both PAM4 and NRZ
- 32 Gbaud 4ch PAM4 transmissions (256 Gbit/s/one MP1800A)
- Excellent expandability
 - 32 Gbaud 4ch multi-channel
 - Expandable from 32 Gbaud to 64 Gbaud
- Low Intrinsic Jitter and high-quality waveform output
- High amplitude PAM4 output (G0375A + 32G PPG)
- High-input sensitivity BER detection
- Supports 28 Gbaud CTLE and CDR functions (G0376A +32G ED)
- Supports receiver Jitter tolerance tests

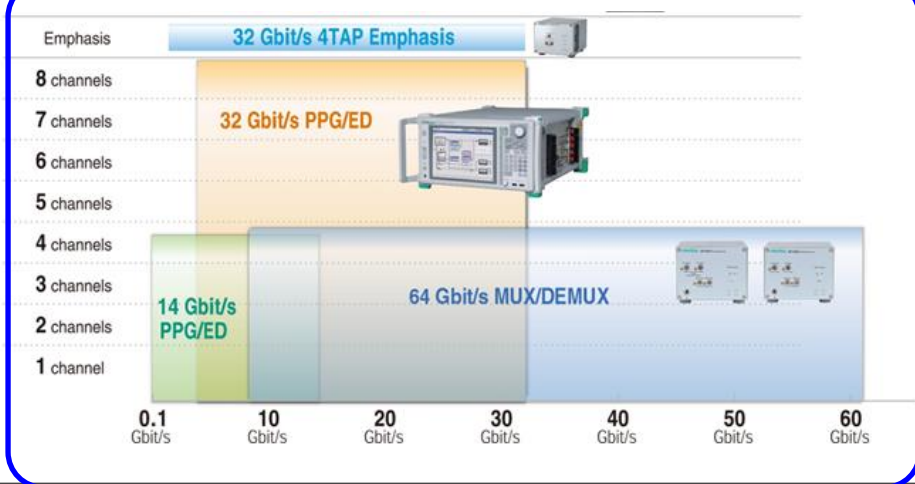
Future-proof instrument configuration

Efficient inspection supported by functions and performance

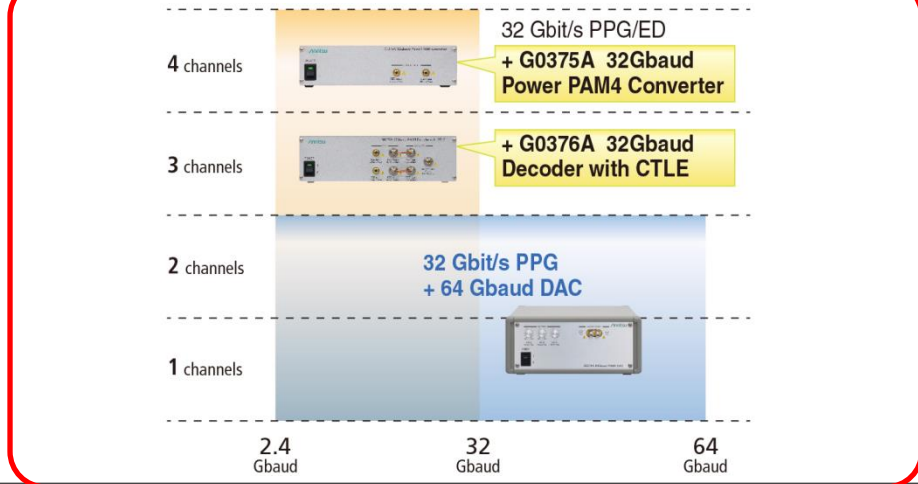
[PAM4 Applications]

- 28 Gbaud PAM4 ICs, backplanes, active optical cables, CEI-56G-PAM4
- 53 Gbaud/26 Gbaud 200GbE/400GbE optical modules, optical devices, ICs

NRZ/Multichannel Solution



PAM4/Multichannel Solution



Recommended PAM4 BER Measuring Instruments (1)

32 Gbaud Standard Configuration

Model	Name	Option	Qty	Remark
MP1800A	Signal Quality Analyzer	001, 002, 007, 015, 032	1	
MU181000B	12.5 GHz 4 port Synthesizer	-	1	
MU181500B	Jitter Generation Source	-	1	For Jitter Tolerance Test
MU183020A	28G/32Gbit/s 2ch PPG	023, 031	1	Two units for PAM4 Linearity control
G0375A MZ1834A/B MZ1838A	32Gbaud Power PAM4 Converter 4PAM Converter 8PAM Converter	-	1	Select one using output amplitude function
MU183040B	28G/32Gbit/s High Sensitivity ED	010 Or 020, 022	1	010: At 1ch 3 Eye sequential BER measurement 020, 022: At total BER measurement as set with G0376A
G0376A	32Gbaud PAM4 Decoder with CTLE	-	1	At total BER measurement as set with MU183040B-020, 022

Recommended PAM4 BER Measuring Instruments (2)

64 Gbaud Standard Configuration

Model	Name	Option	Qty	Remark
MP1800A	Signal Quality Analyzer	001, 002, 007, 015, 032	1	
MU181000B	12.5 GHz 4 port Synthesizer	-	1	
MU181500B	Jitter Generation Source	-	1	For Jitter Tolerance Test
MU183020A	28G/32Gbit/s PPG	022, 031	2	Also possible with Option 023
MU183040B	28G/32Gbit/s High Sensitivity ED	020	1	
G0374A	64Gbaud PAM4 DAC	-	1	
MP1862A	56G/64Gbit/s DEMUX	-	1	

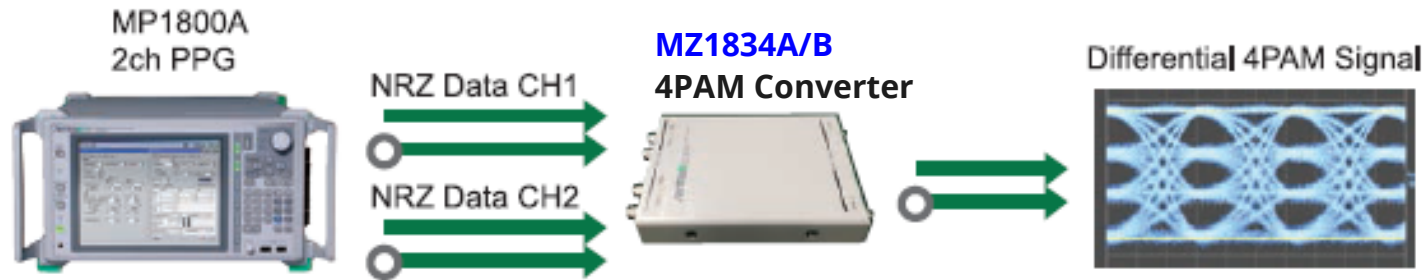
PAM4 Signal Generation (1)

- Low Intrinsic Jitter and high-quality waveform output support efficient verification
- Expandability for measurement application and baud rate
- High-amplitude PAM4 output (G0375A) for direct-driving optical modulator without external amplifier

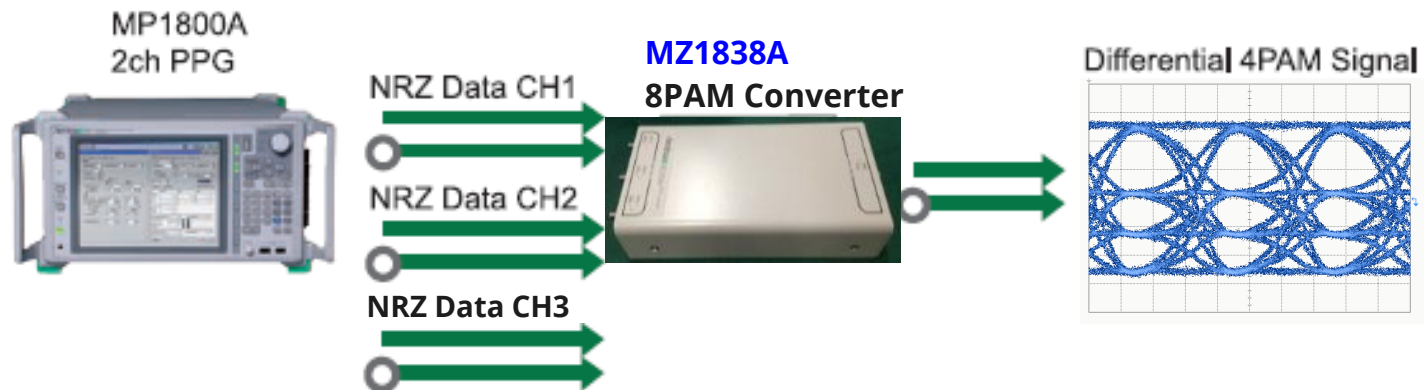
	32 Gbaud Signal Generation PAM4 Converter MZ18xx/G0375A + MU18302xA PPG	64 Gbaud Signal Generation G0374A/G0361A + MU18302xA PPG (4ch)
Baud Rate	2.4 to 32.1 Gbaud (4.8 to 64.2 Gbit/s)	4.8 to 64 Gbaud (9.6 to 128 Gbit/s)
Tr/Tf (20% to 80%)	12 ps (typ.)	8 ps (typical)
Amplitude (Single-End)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MZ1834A + 2ch PPG 0.238 to 0.475 V (w/ 2V option PPG) 0.238 to 0.832 V (w/ 3.5V option PPG) ▪ MZ1834B + 2ch PPG 0.376 to 0.753 V (w/ 2V option PPG) 0.376 to 1.318 V (w/ 3.5V option PPG) ▪ MZ1838A + 3ch PPG (3Eye independently variable level) 0.119 to 0.378 V (w/ 2V option PPG) 0.119 to 0.662 V (w/ 3.5V option PPG) <p>High-amplitude support (Baud rate of 10 to 32.1G)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G0375A + 2ch or 3ch PPG 1.5 to 2.2 V 	0.7 V (typ.) >6 dB controllable

PAM4 Signal Generation (2)

- 32-Gbaud PAM4 Signal Generation 1
(3 Eye equivalent or symmetrical variable level)



- 32-Gbaud PAM4 Signal Generation 2
(Supports evaluations of LDs and optical devices using 3 Eye independently variable level)



PAM4 Signal Generation (3)

- 32-Gbaud High-amplitude PAM4 Signal Generation
[High-amplitude PAM4 Signal Output](#) 2.2 Vp-p (Single-end), 4.4 Vp-p (Differential)

[Clean Eye and Low Jitter](#)

[Compact Remote Head](#)

[Emphasis Output](#) (set with MP1825B)



(*) CH3 used for PAM4 Linearity control

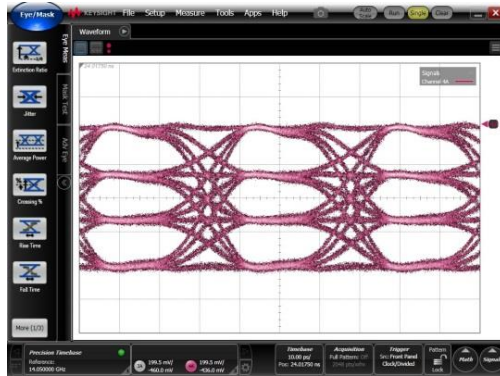
PAM4 Signal Generation (4)

➤ Typical MZ1834A/B waveforms

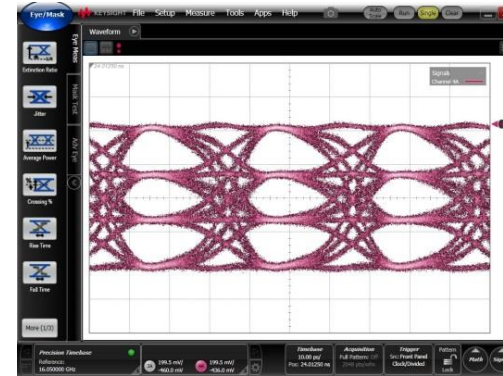
Supports accurate Eye Margin and high-reproducibility measurements using high-quality output waveforms with low Intrinsic Jitter

- **MZ1834A**

28 Gbaud, 0.832 V

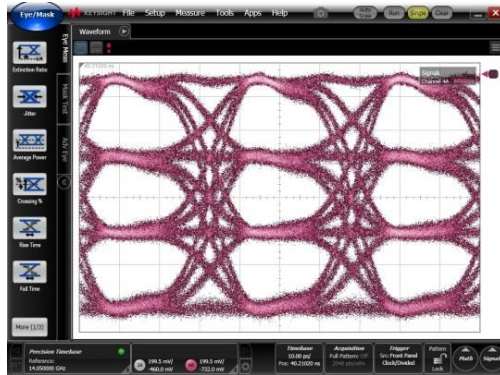


32.1 Gbaud, 0.832 V

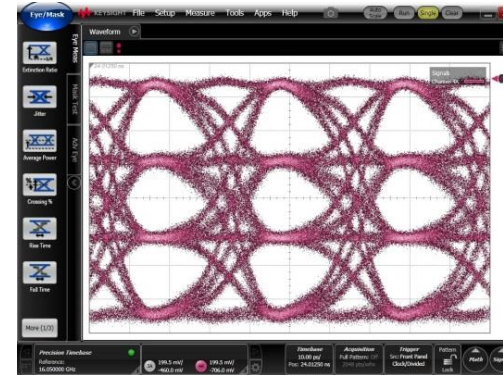


- **MZ1834B**

28 Gbaud, 1.318 V



32.1 Gbaud, 1.318 V



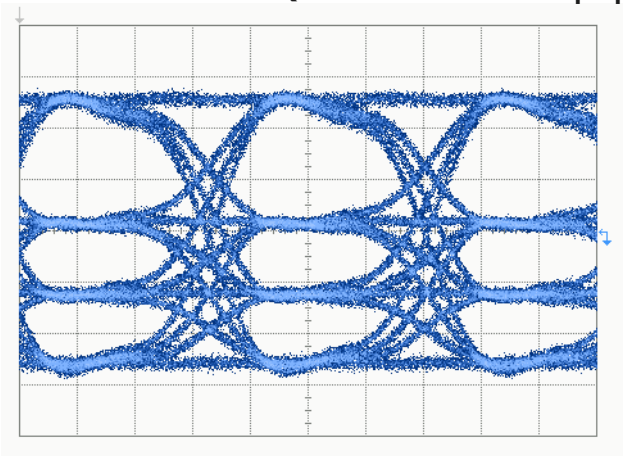
Measured with J1439A 80 cm cable +41V-6 Attenuator + 70-GHz Band Oscilloscope.

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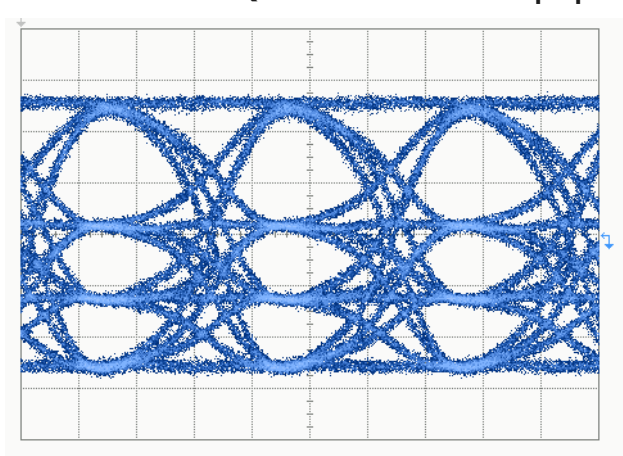
➤ Typical MZ1838A PAM4 waveforms

3 Eye Independent Level Control supports transmitter linearity test and stressed receiver test.

26.5625 Gbaud QPRBS13, 0.5 Vp-p

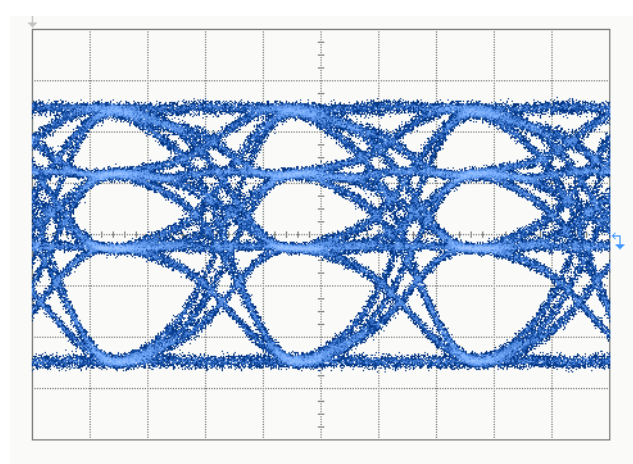
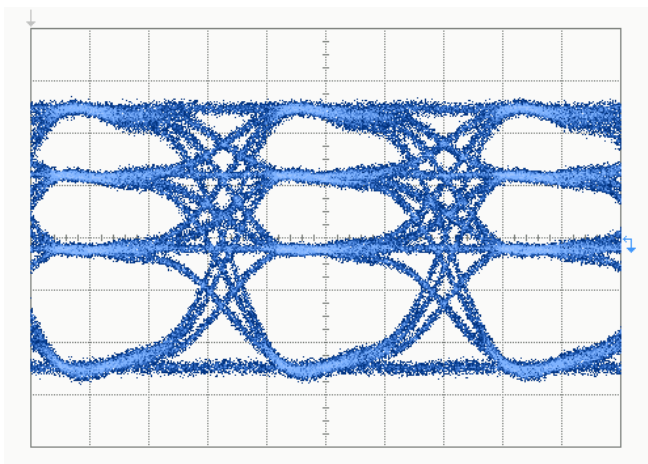


32.1 Gbaud QPRBS13, 0.5 Vp-p



Example of
Wide Upper
Eye Opening

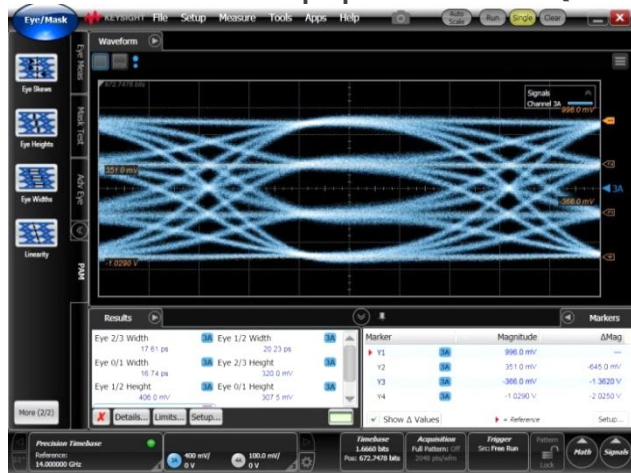
Example of
Wide Lower
Eye Opening



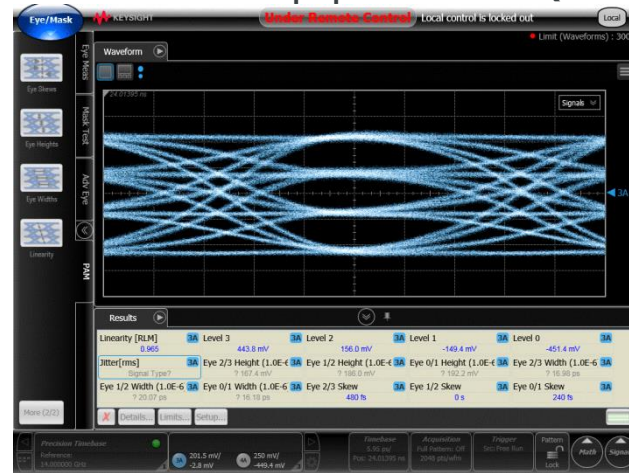
PAM4 Signal Generation (6)

➤ Typical G0375A PAM4 waveforms

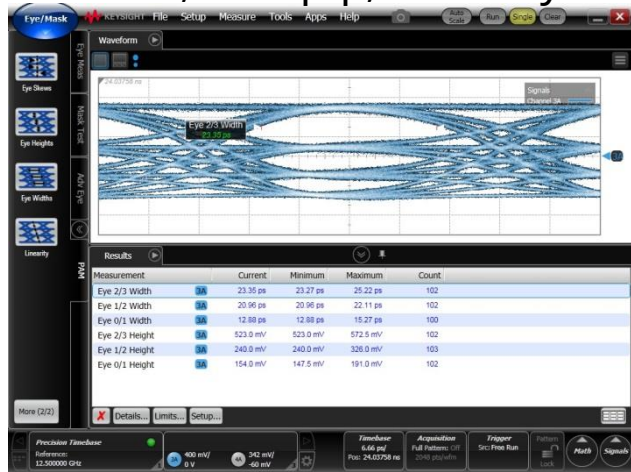
28 Gbaud, 2.0 Vp-p, PRBS13Q



28 Gbaud, 0.9 Vp-p, PRBS13Q



25 Gbaud, 2.0 Vp-p, Linearity control



Measured with J1728A 40-cm cable + 41V-20 Attenuator + 70-GHz band oscilloscope

PAM4 Signal Generation (7)

- PAM4 Signal level and pattern control using PAM control software
 - Independent control of Upper, Middle, Lower Eye amplitude (using G0375A or MZ1838A)
 - Pattern settings using PAM control software

PAM4 Control Software for G0375A Ver.1.0.0

File

Module Setting

MP1800A Converter: G0375A

IP Address: 127.0.0.1 Input 1&2: Slot3 DATA1_2

TCP Port: 5001

Data Option: 3.5V (Opt-13/23) Cable Loss: 0.0 dB

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Connected

PAM4 Setting

Eye Amplitude: Middle Eye

Pattern: Gray Code PRBS15

	Output	Skew (mUI)
All	Off	0
Data1	On	0
Data2	On	0

Default

Total Amplitude: 381 mV Range: 377 - 1318

Upper Eye: 128 mV

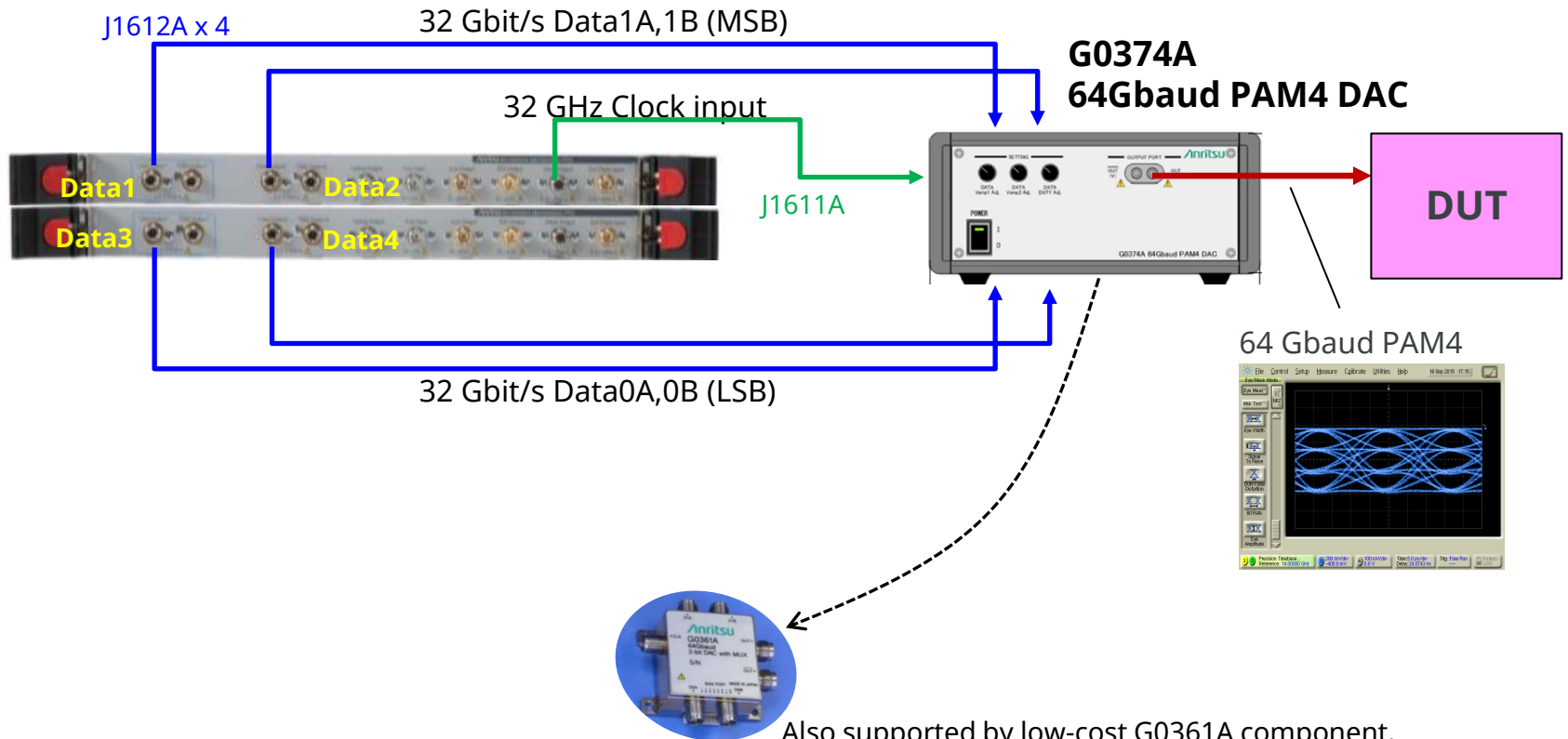
Middle Eye: 125 mV Range: 1 - 129

Lower Eye: 128 mV

Output Gain: 0.0 dB

PAM4 Signal Generation (8)

- 64-Gbaud PAM4 signal generation (G0374A + MU18302xA PPG (4 ch))
Supports 64-Gbaud rates with minimum additional investment costs in instruments



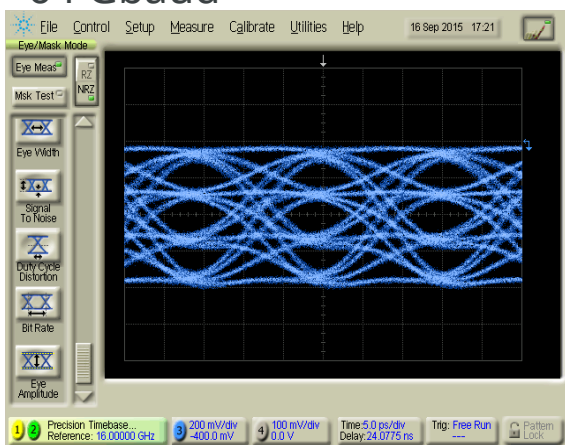
Also supported by low-cost G0361A component.
In this case, requires adjustment using separate external power source as well as coaxial cables.

PAM4 Signal Generation (9)

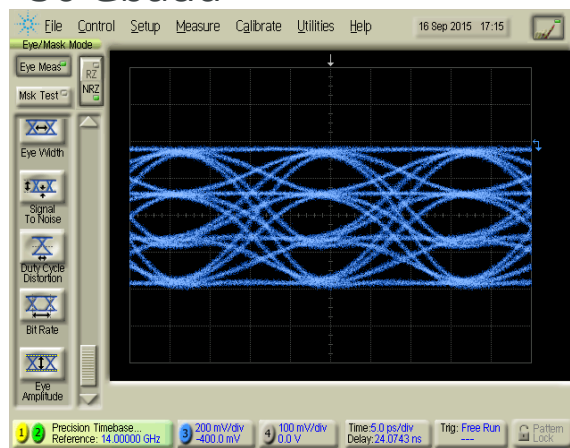
➤ G0374A/G0361A Typical Waveforms (Measured with 41V-6 Attenuator + 34V50 Adapter + 70-GHz band oscilloscope)
 Implements high-accuracy and high-reproducibility measurements using fast Tr/Tf waveforms with low Intrinsic Jitter

• PAM4

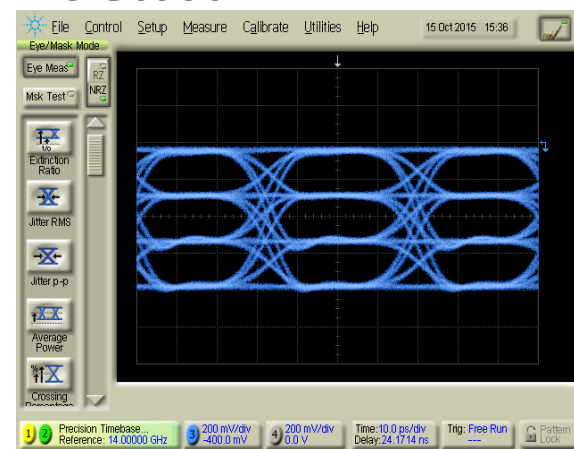
64 Gbaud



56 Gbaud

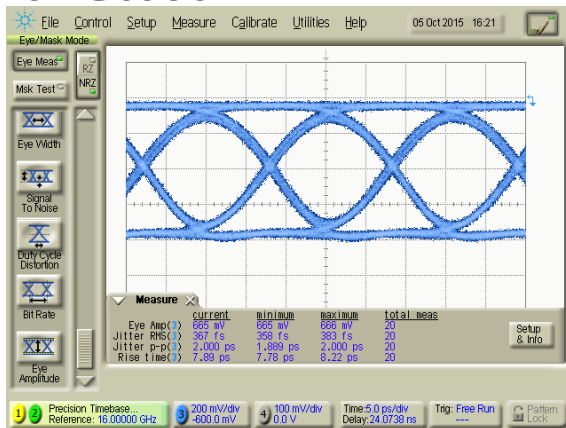


28 Gbaud

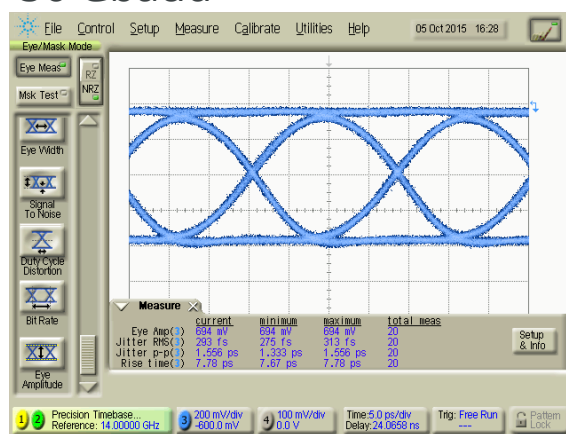


• NRZ

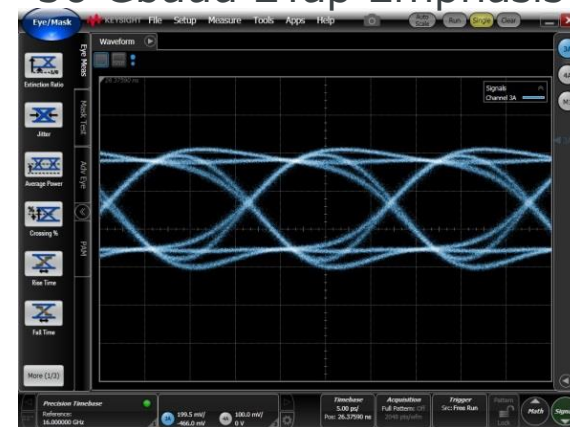
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56 Gbaud



56 Gbaud 2Tap Emphasis



PAM4 BER Measurements using MP1800 Series (1)

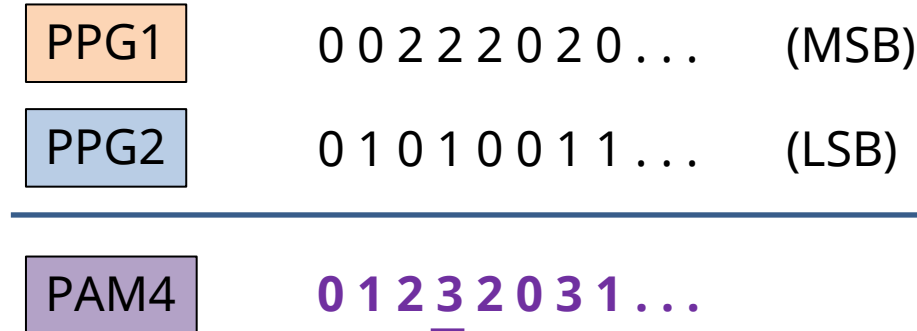
- High-input sensitivity BER detection (Eye Height 10 mV @ 28.1 Gbaud, 25 mV @ 56.2 Gbaud) supports efficient verifications
- Supports 56-Gbaud BER measurements*

	32 Gbaud BER Measurements MU183040B or MU183041B 28 G/32 Gbit/s High Sensitivity ED	64 Gbaud BER Measurements MP1862A 56 G/64 Gbit/s DEMUX + MU183040B 28 G/32 Gbit/s High Sensitivity ED
Baud Rate	2.4 to 32.1 Gbaud (4.8 to 64.2 Gbit/s)	4.8 to 56* Gbaud (9.6 to 112 Gbit/s)
Data Input	Differential Input Input Amplitude 1.0 Vp-p maximum	
Input Sensitivity	MU18304xB Data Input 10 mV (typ.) Eye Height @ 28.1 Gbaud	MP1862A Data Input 25 mV (typ.) Eye Height @ 56.2 Gbaud
Measurement Method	3 Eye sequential measurement using 1ch ED, or simultaneous measurement using 3ch ED	3 Eye manual measurement using 1ch ED

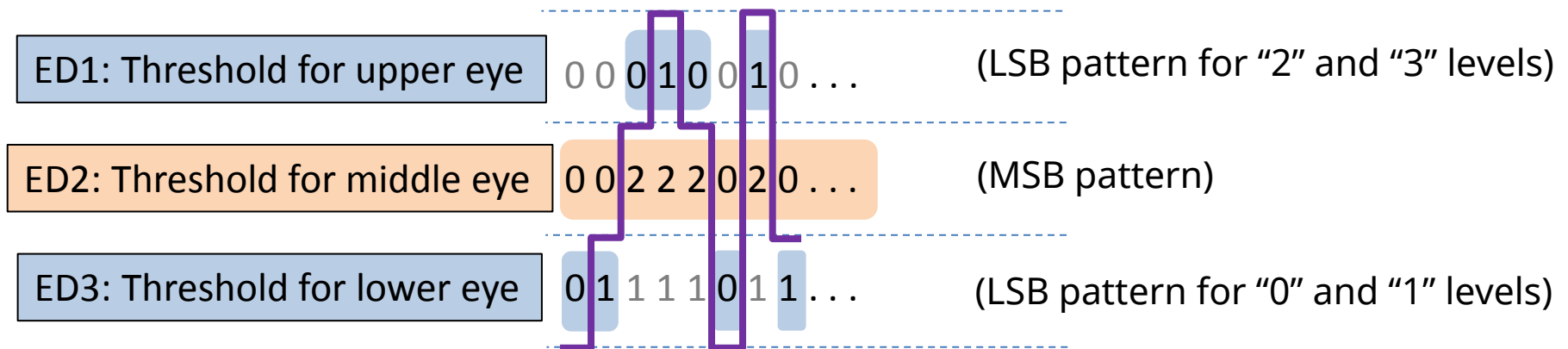
*PRBS15 patterns to 56 Gbaud (typ.) and error free with G0374A/G0361A-MP1862A

PAM4 BER Measurements using MP1800 Series (2)

- BER measurement setup using MP1800A series
 - PAM4 signal generation by combining 2ch NRZ signals



- PAM4 BER Measurement
 - Each of Upper, Middle, Lower Eye openings recognized as H or L by observing two NRZ signal levels



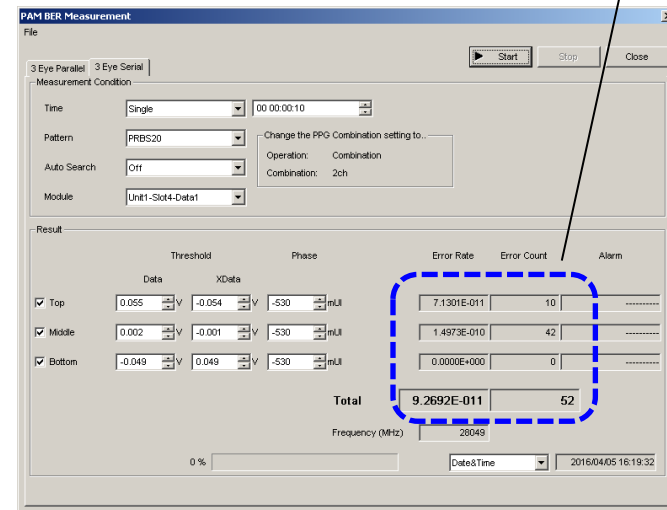
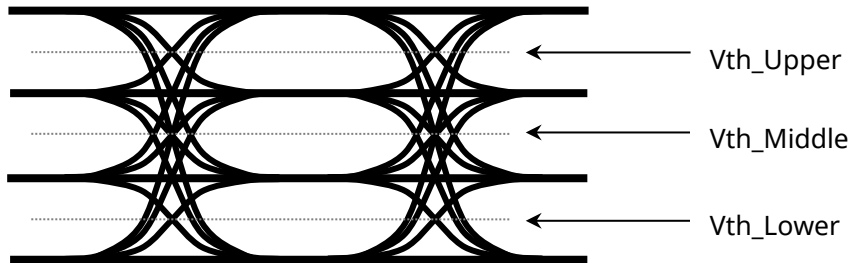
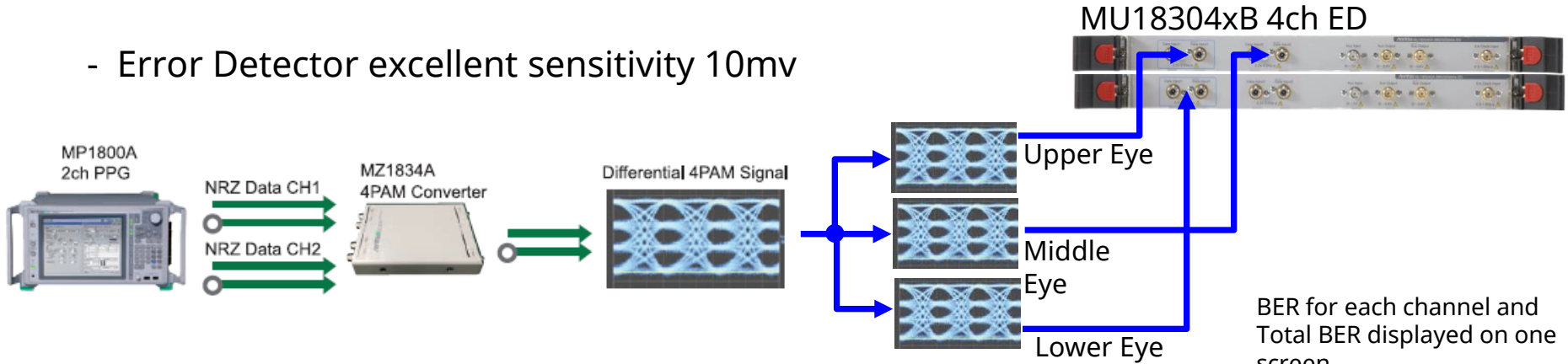
↑ED1, 2, 3 measure simultaneously using 3ch ED or sequentially using 1ch ED

The 3 Eye Rx pattern is set based on the PPG1 (MSB), and PPG2 (LSB) patterns. LSB "2" and "3" levels measured by ED1 and "0", and "1" levels measured by ED3.

PAM4 BER Measurements using MP1800 Series (3)

- PAM4 BER measurement using 32-Gbaud 3ch ED:
 The BER of the PAM4 3 Eye (Upper/Middle/Lower) pattern is measured accurately in real-time using the 3ch ED and redundant bit Mask function, and the total BER result is calculated.

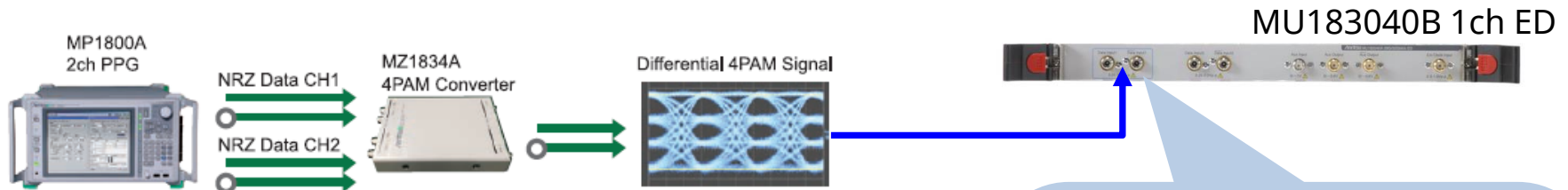
- Error Detector excellent sensitivity 10mv



PAM4 BER Measurements using MP1800 Series (4)

➤ BER Measurement using 32-Gbaud 1ch ED:

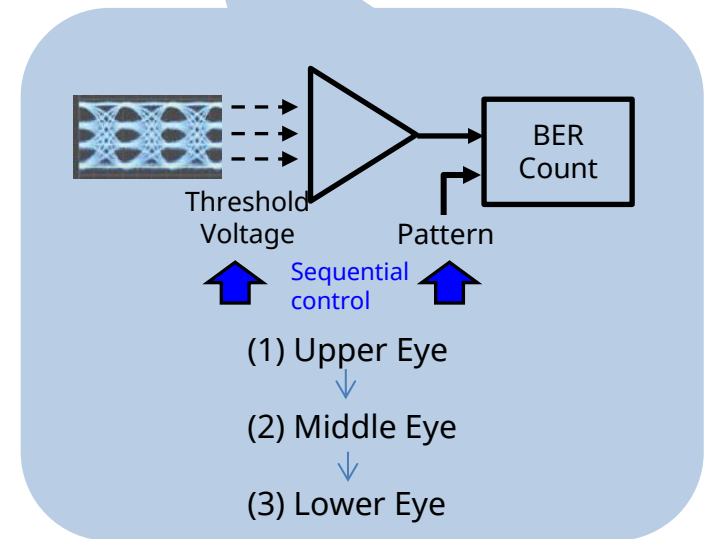
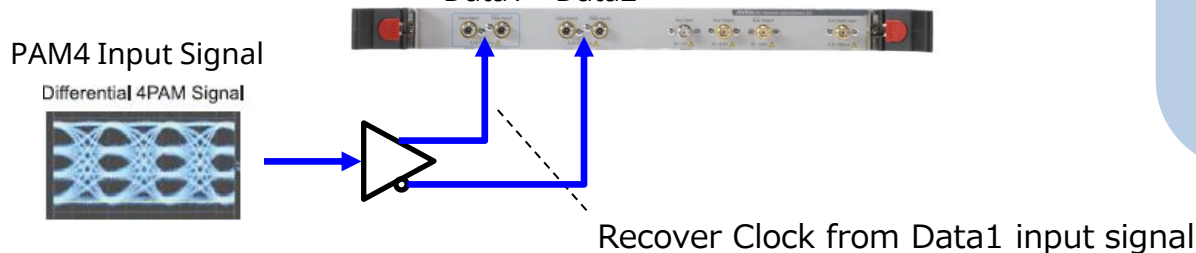
- BER measurement is performed continuously by auto-searching using a 1ch ED and the PAM4 3 Eye (Upper/Middle/Lower) sampling method. This is a low-cost PAM BER measurement method for calculating the total BER.
- Measurement leverages 32G ED high-input sensitivity performance (10 mV typ. Eye Height).
- PAM4 BER is measured using the Clock Recovery function.



Example of Measurement using Clock Recovery Function

Recover Clock from Data1 Input signal Middle Eye pattern.
Measure BER of Data2 Input signal sequentially at 3 Eyes.

MU183040B 1ch ED
Opt-022 (2.4 to 28.1 Gbit/s Clock Recovery)
Data1 Data2



PAM4 BER Measurements using MP1800 Series (5)

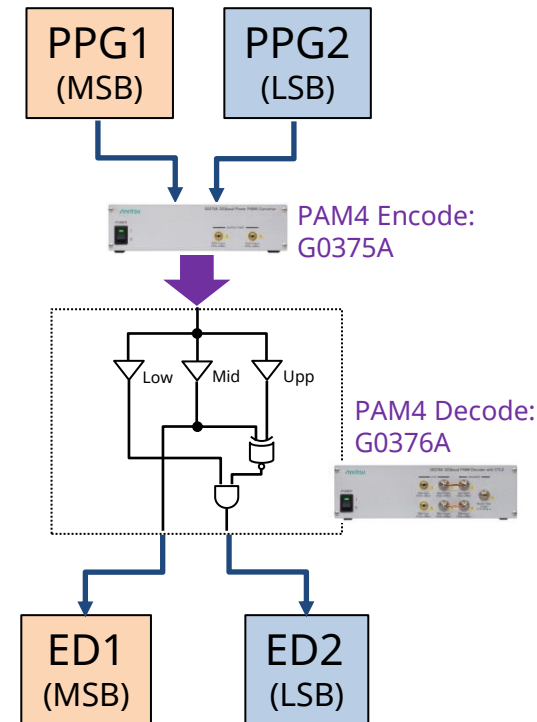
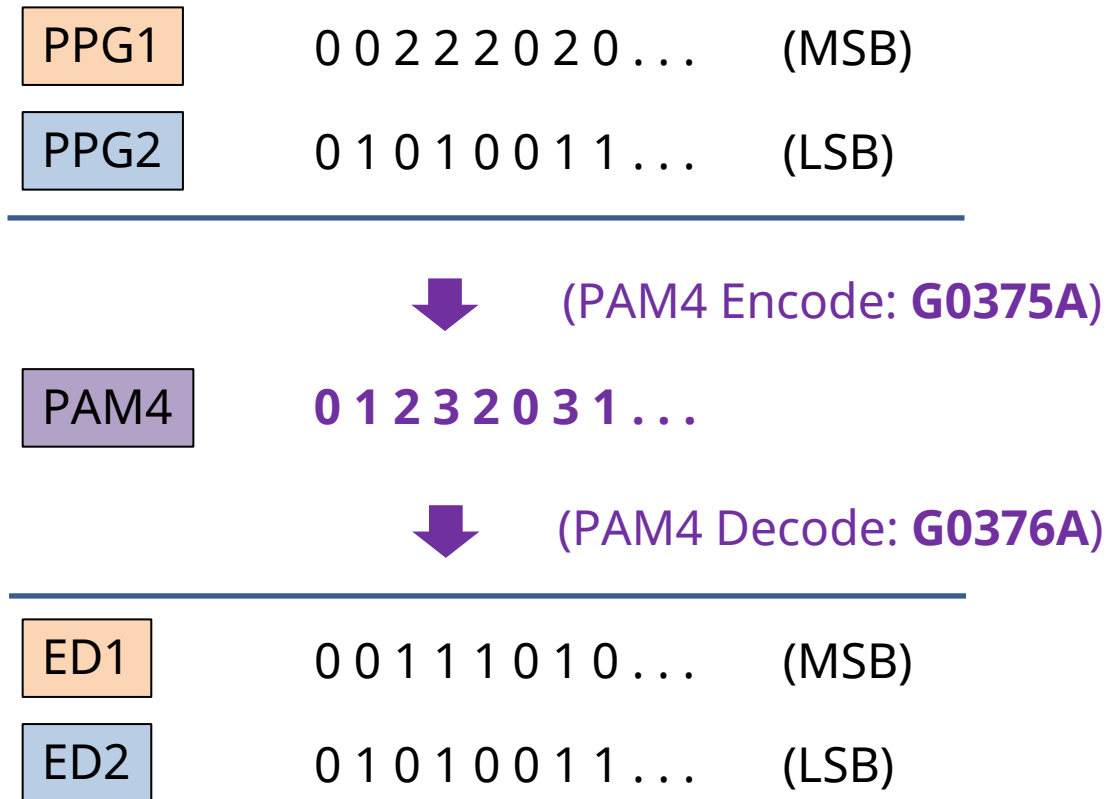
G0376A 32Gbaud Decoder with CTLE supports PAM4 True BER measurement

- [32 Gbaud PAM4 True BER Measurement](#)
- [High Input Sensitivity \(Eye Height 40 mV @ 28 Gbaud\)](#)
- [Tunable CTLE \(Gain -12 to 0 dB\)](#)
- [CDR Function](#) (as set with MU183040B-022)



PAM4 BER Measurements using MP1800 Series (6)

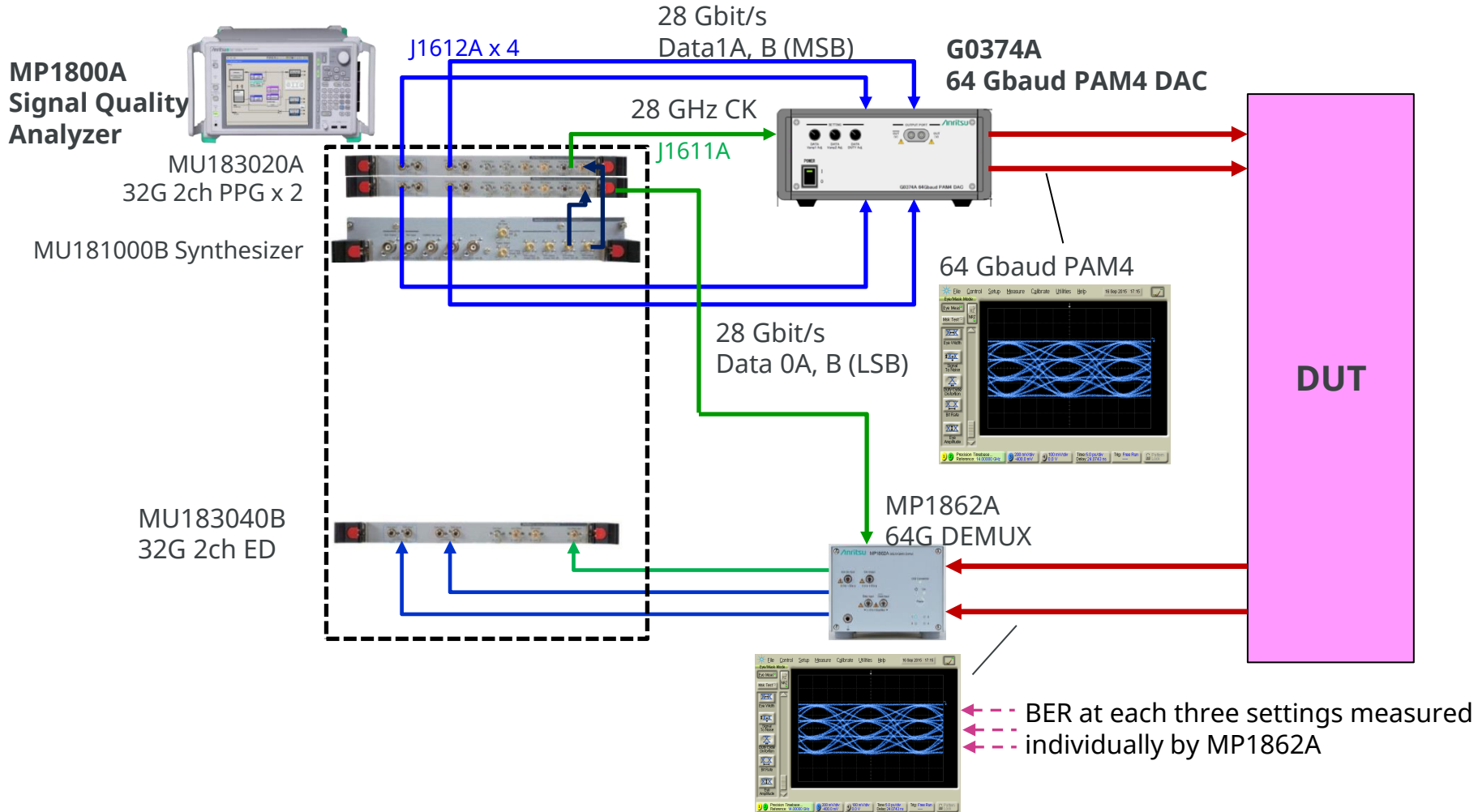
- Combining 32G 2ch BERT (MSB/LSB) with PAM4 Converter/Decoder supports both NRZ and PAM4 BER measurements



PAM4 BER Measurements using MP1800 Series (7)

➤ 56-Gbaud PAM4 BER Measurement:

- Supports high-baud-rate BER measurement
- Supports accurate and high-reproducibility measurement using 56/64Gbit/s DEMUX MP1862A with high input-sensitivity performance (25 mV typ. Eye Height)



PAM4 BER Measurements using MP1800 Series (8)

➤ Supported Test Patterns

Supported Test Patterns
PRBS
PRBS13Q, PRQS10
Gray PRBS13Q
SSPR
JP03A, JP03B
Square
Transmitter Linearity Test Pattern

➤ Details

PRBS 7, 9, 10, 11, 15, 20, 23*,31* (*PPG and G0376A with ED support)

PRBS13Q, PRQS10: Quaternary Sequence Patterns

These patterns are defined as PAM4 test patterns because they are easily generated from PRBS generation circuits and PAM4 has about the same randomness as PRBS

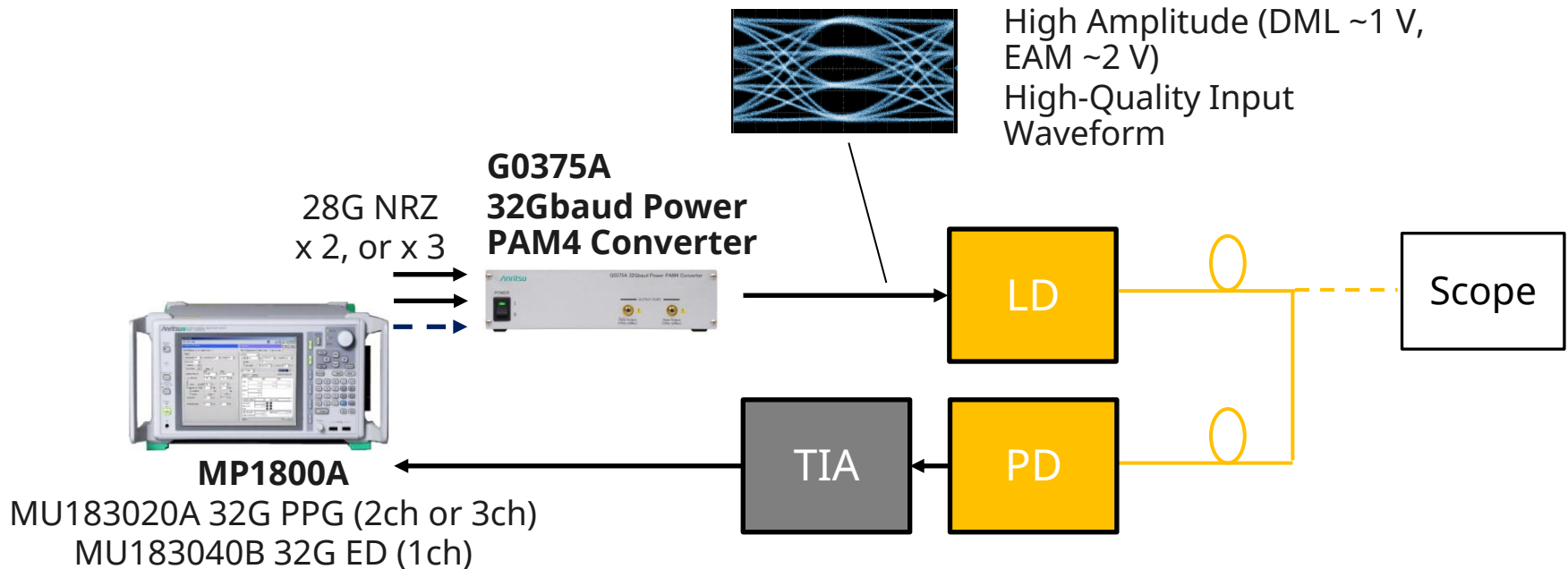
Gray PRBS13Q:

This pattern is for evaluating the Transmitter Output and Receiver Input amplitude, Eye Height, Eye Width, VEC (Vertical Eye Closure) defined by CEI-56G-VSR-PAM4 using an oscilloscope. The pattern length (8191 bits) can be captured by an oscilloscope and high-order randomness can be selected.

Although PAM4 signals have four levels implemented as 2-bit pairs, sometimes a 2-bit change such as 01 to 10 is wrongly detected for a 1 level change. To prevent this, the Tx side uses a Gray code (00→00, 01→01, 10→11, 11→10) and the Rx side uses the opposite Gray decode.

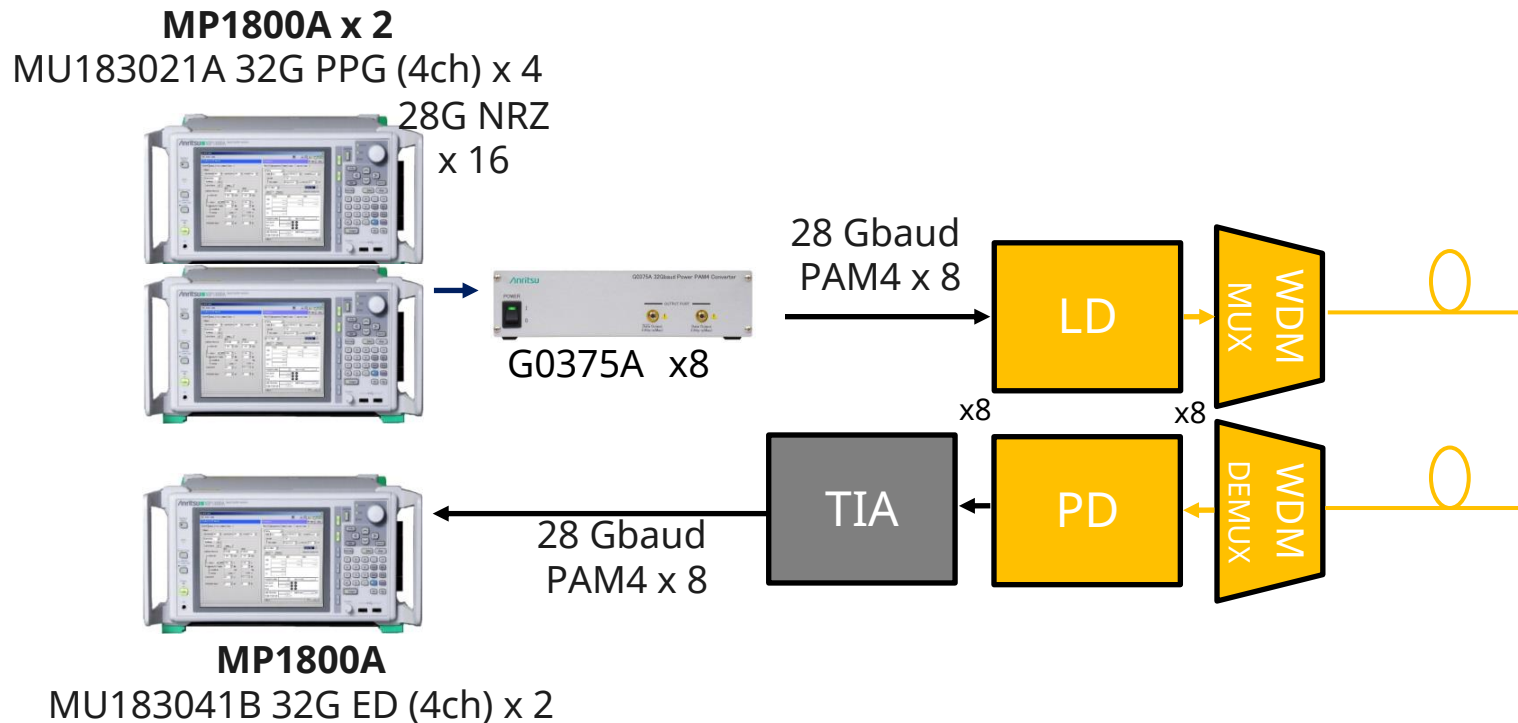
Main Applications (1)

- Evaluation of 28-Gbaud TOSA/ROSA in 400GbE Transceiver
 - MU183020A 32G PPG High-quality waveforms
 - PAM4 Linearity control
 - PAM4 BER margin measurement using high-input sensitivity 32G ED



Main Applications (2)

- Evaluation of 400 GAUI-8 in 400GbE Transceiver
 - 8ch PAM4 multichannel and expansion
 - Supports crosstalk validation



Main Application (3)

- Supports 400GAUI-8, and CEI-56G-VSR-PAM4 Electrical I/F Rx tests
 - Low-Jitter PAM4 waveform
 - 4Tap Emphasis function
 - Jitter Addition function RJ/BUJ/SJ
 - CTLE (14 GHz peak frequency)
 - CDR function (as set with MU183040B-022)

MP1800A

MU183020A 32 G 2 ch PPG
MU183040B 32 G 2 ch ED
MU181500B Jitter
MU181000B Synthesizer
MX183000AJTOL software

