



Low-Power (< 200 W) Battery Emulation Portfolio

Select the correct Keysight battery emulation solution for your application

Extend and Validate Battery Life

Keysight BV9211B PathWave BenchVue battery test and emulation software allows you to quickly identify the impact of critical factors on battery life. These factors include determining the battery life impacts of hardware changes, software / firmware updates, ambient temperature, and battery age. You can use these insights to enhance your device's design, extending battery life.

Another benefit of Keysight software is its ability to validate battery life claims by performing run-down analysis and simulating the battery drain of your device.

The software's key functions include the ability to profile and emulate batteries, conduct current-drain analysis, and perform battery run-down and cycle testing. BV9211B software operates on the high-performance Keysight N6705C DC power analyzer and the optimized Keysight E36731A emulator and profiler for lower-power applications. This product brochure will help you pick the correct hardware for your application.

Table 1. Hardware and software solutions

	Optimized emulation solution	High-performance emulation solution
Hardware	E36731A emulator and profiler	N6705C or N6700C modular mainframe N6781A or N6785A SMU module
Software	BV9211B PathWave BenchVue battery test and emulation software	BV9211B PathWave BenchVue battery test and emulation software

Note: The N6705C and N6700C support more than 50 modules that you can mix and match for various testing use cases. Battery emulation is only one of many supported use cases. The E36731A, in contrast, is optimized specifically for battery emulation and profiling.



Keysight BV9211B battery test and emulation software



N6705C



E36731A

Specification and Feature Differences

See Table 2 for the key differences between the optimized and high-performance solutions.

Table 2. Key differences

	Optimized emulation solution — E36731A + BV9211B	High-performance emulation solution — N6705C or N6700C + N6781A or N6785A + BV9211B
Key specifications		
Number of channels	1 channel	Up to 4 channels
Maximum power	200 W	20 W (N6781A) / 80 W (N6785A)
Maximum voltage	30 V	20 V
Maximum current	20 A	3 A (N6781A) / 8 A (N6785A)
Measurement accuracy	14-bit resolution in the uA range	18-bit resolution in the nA range
Key features		
Seamless measurement ranging	No	Yes; useful for dynamic current measurement
Digitizer	100 kHz	200 kHz
Constant dwell arb	No	Yes; 64K pts
Canned waveform arbitrary sequence	No	Yes; easily create complex waveforms to simulate or load down a DUT
External DataLog	5 kS/s (200us)	10 kS/s (100 us)
List price		
	\$	\$S – \$\$\$
Additional software support		
Use of BV9201B PathWave BenchVue advanced power control and analysis software to automate the creation of current consumption profiles	No. However, within the BV9211B software, you can create a sample output list based on a device’s current drain measurements. You can use the E36731A or a DMM to capture these measurements. The software can use the sample output list for profiling a battery and run-down testing.	Yes. You can automate the creation of a device’s current consumption profiles using BV9201B software. You can then use these models for profiling a battery and run-down testing with BV9211B software.

Target Applications

To validate and extend the battery life of low-power devices, you can use either the N6705C power analyzer with a Keysight N6781A / 85 A source / measure unit module or the Keysight E36731A emulator and profiler with BV9211B software. However, the ideal applications for advanced research and development (R&D) testing are different for the two hardware platforms.

The E36731A is ideal for advanced testing of devices with less complex power waveforms (Figure 1), such as Internet of Things (IoT) devices with limited functionality. The E36731A can also support up to 200 W of power for applications such as power tools.

The N6705C is better for applications with complex power states (Figure 2) where its advanced measurement capabilities are important (smartphones, for example). Also, its four outputs are valuable for more advanced applications, enabling you to test up to four subsystems simultaneously with an emulated battery.

Some customers who use the Keysight N6705C power analyzer for advanced R&D testing may find the E36731A profiler and emulator suitable for more coarse-level battery testing.

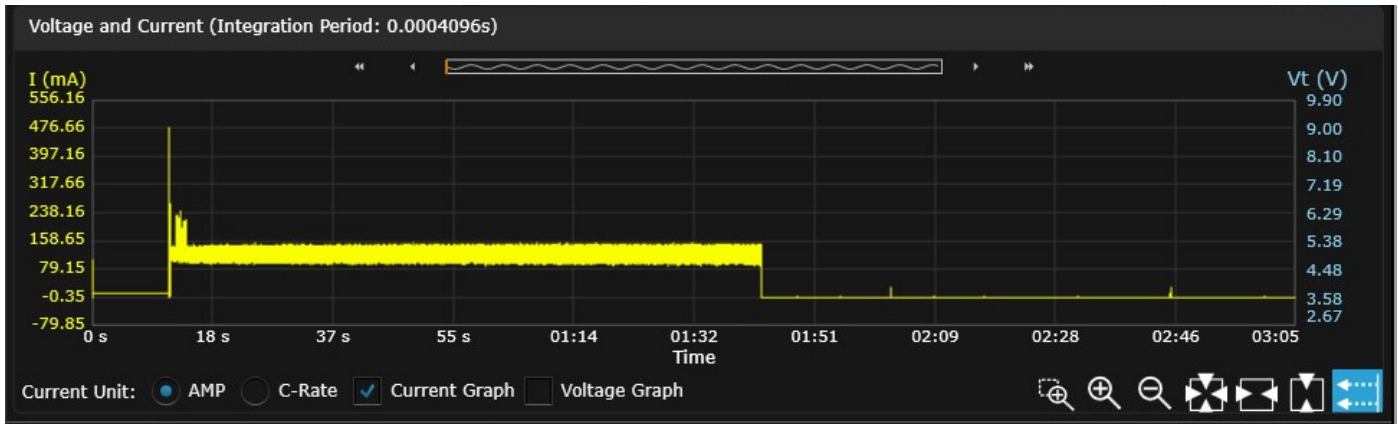


Figure 1. Example application with limited power states

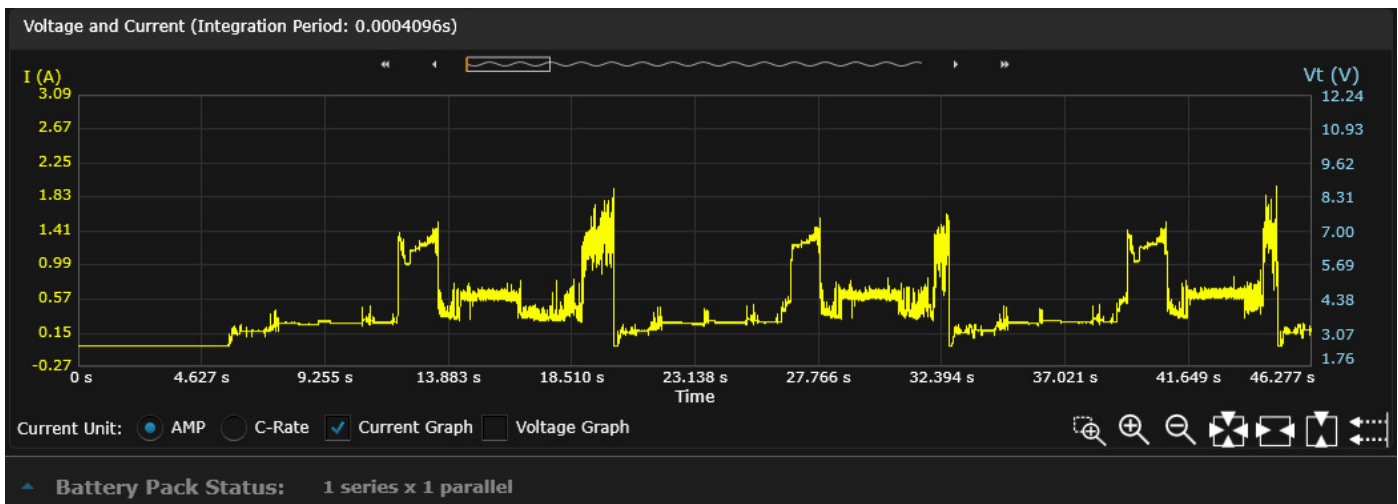


Figure 2. Example application with complex power states

Conclusion

BV9211B battery test and emulation software is a powerful solution that can significantly enhance your device's battery performance. Minimizing battery drain can accelerate innovation, enabling smaller designs and IoT categories. As shown above, Keysight offers a hardware portfolio that works with BV9211B software so you can pick the right solution for your low power application needs.

Additional information

- White paper: [4 Ways to Enhance Battery Performance and Insight with Emulation Software](#)
- Video: [Validate and Extend Battery Life of Mobile and IoT Devices](#)
- [N6705C product page](#)
- [E36731A product page](#)



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