RWC5020x Application Program

Operation Manual

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I. Getting Started

This chapter explains how to download and start the RWC5020x application program.

1.1 Download and Installation
1.2 Starting the Application
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1.6 GUI Structure

1.1 Download and Installation

RWC5020x application program is provided through email or download link and the downloaded file can be unzipped into users' directory. The following figures show an example.

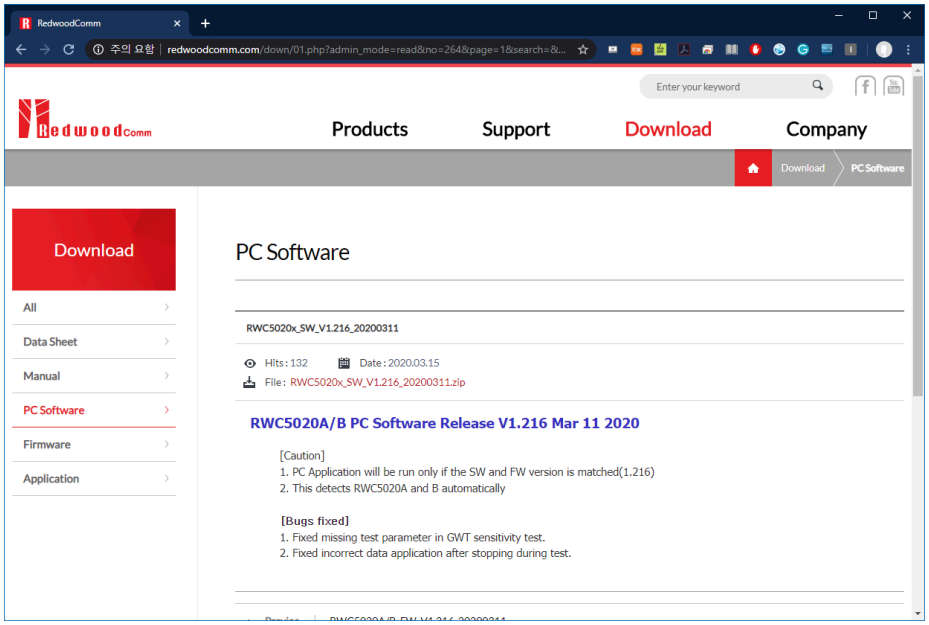


Fig 1.1 Downloading Zip file from the RedwoodComm website

Unzip the zip file and install the executable file as the install wizard guides.

You can install it in other directories as you like as well.

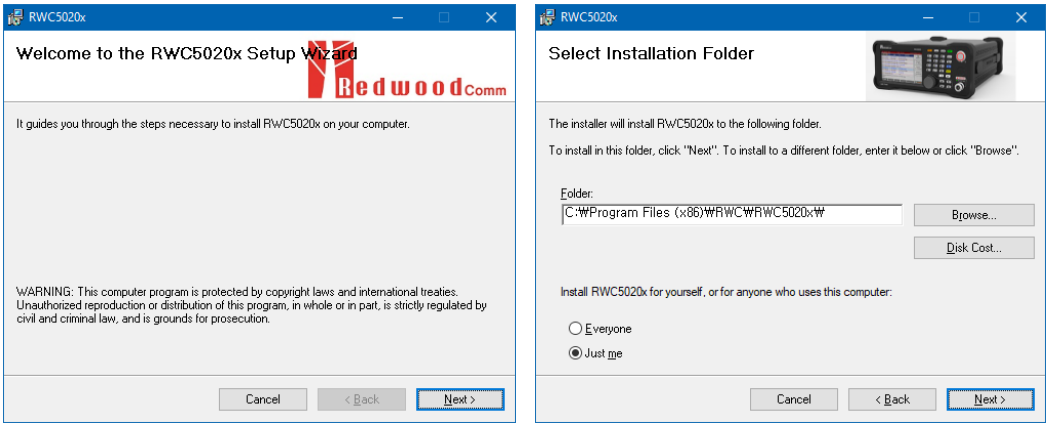


Fig 1.2 Installation wizard

After installation, you can see directories and files in the application and user directory as follows (Figure 1.3)



a. Application directory b. user directory

Fig 1.3 Installed directory structure

In the directory RWC5020x /	**In the directory RWC5020x /**
Executable file RWC5020x_App.exe	/img/
Dll files	/ini/
/DEMO directory/	/locales/
/Manual directory/	/report/
In the directory /DEMO/	**in the directory /img/**
An example demo project data:	temporary directory for image files
/DEMO_Vxxx0/	**In the directory /ini/**
In the directory /DEMO/DEMO_Vxxx0/	directory for saving rwc502x_util.ini file
Example DUTs : dut_name.ini & directorie	**In the directory /locales/**
In directory /manual/	temporary directory for html report viewer
App_release_note.pdf	**In the directory /report/**
Fw_release_note.pdf	temporary directory for temporary report files
Application_manul.pdf	
FW_manul.pdf	

Note: PC's OS

1. Windows is supported, but Linux and IOS are not supported.
2. Users are recommended to use windows10 or later versions as OS.
3. If you want to avoid the authorization problem with your OS system, please install this application on a non-system disk, such as 'D drive'.

Language setup

1. Users are strongly recommended to use '.' than ',' for floating expressions.
2. Users are strongly recommended to use ',' than '.' for decimal expressions.
3. Users are strongly recommended to use English over other languages.

1.2 Starting the Application

When you execute the application 'RWC5020x_App.exe', it will start as shown in the figure 1.4.

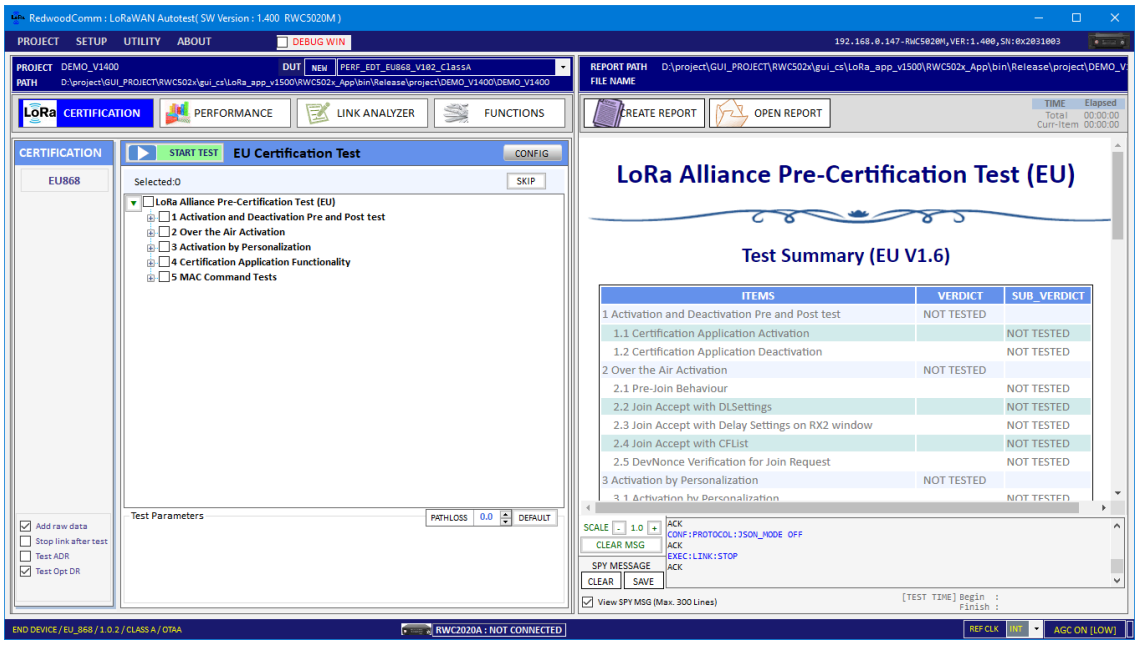
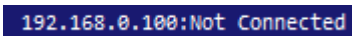


Fig 1.4 Initial screen of the application

You can see the SW version and model name. When connected with the equipment, you can see the correct equipment types (RWC5020A, B, or M).



Fig 1.5 Title message of RWC5020 application

To connect the application to RWC5020x, click on  or  icon. This will bring up the pop-up window.

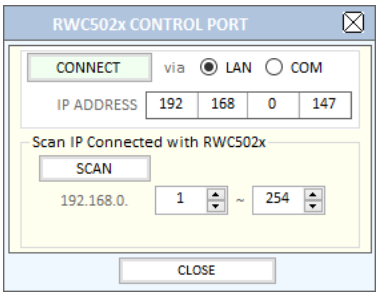


Fig 1.6 RWC5020x CONTROL PORT WINDOW

If there is no RWC5020x connected to exact IP, an alert message window will be pop up as shown in the figure 1.7

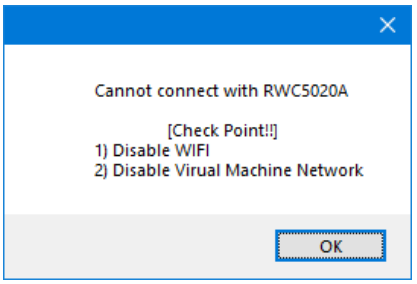


Fig 1.7 Pop-up Message for no connection alert

For safe connection, users are recommended to connect their PC to RWC 5020x via wired LAN.

If there is an RWC5020x connected to the correct IP, you can see an ID string that includes name, FW version, and serial.

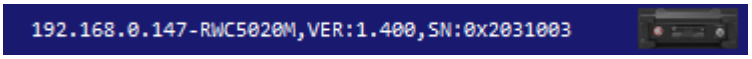
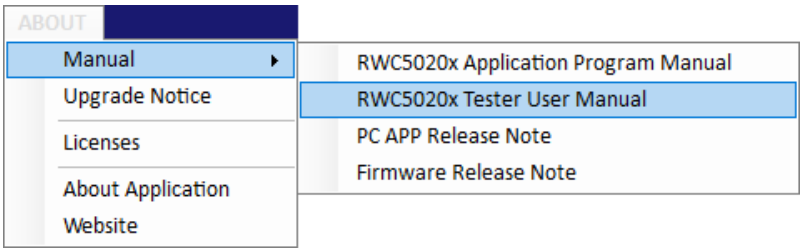


Fig 1.8 ID string of RWC5020x

1.3 Opening the Manual

Clicking [Manual] will open a web browser and connect to RedwoodComm's manual download site.



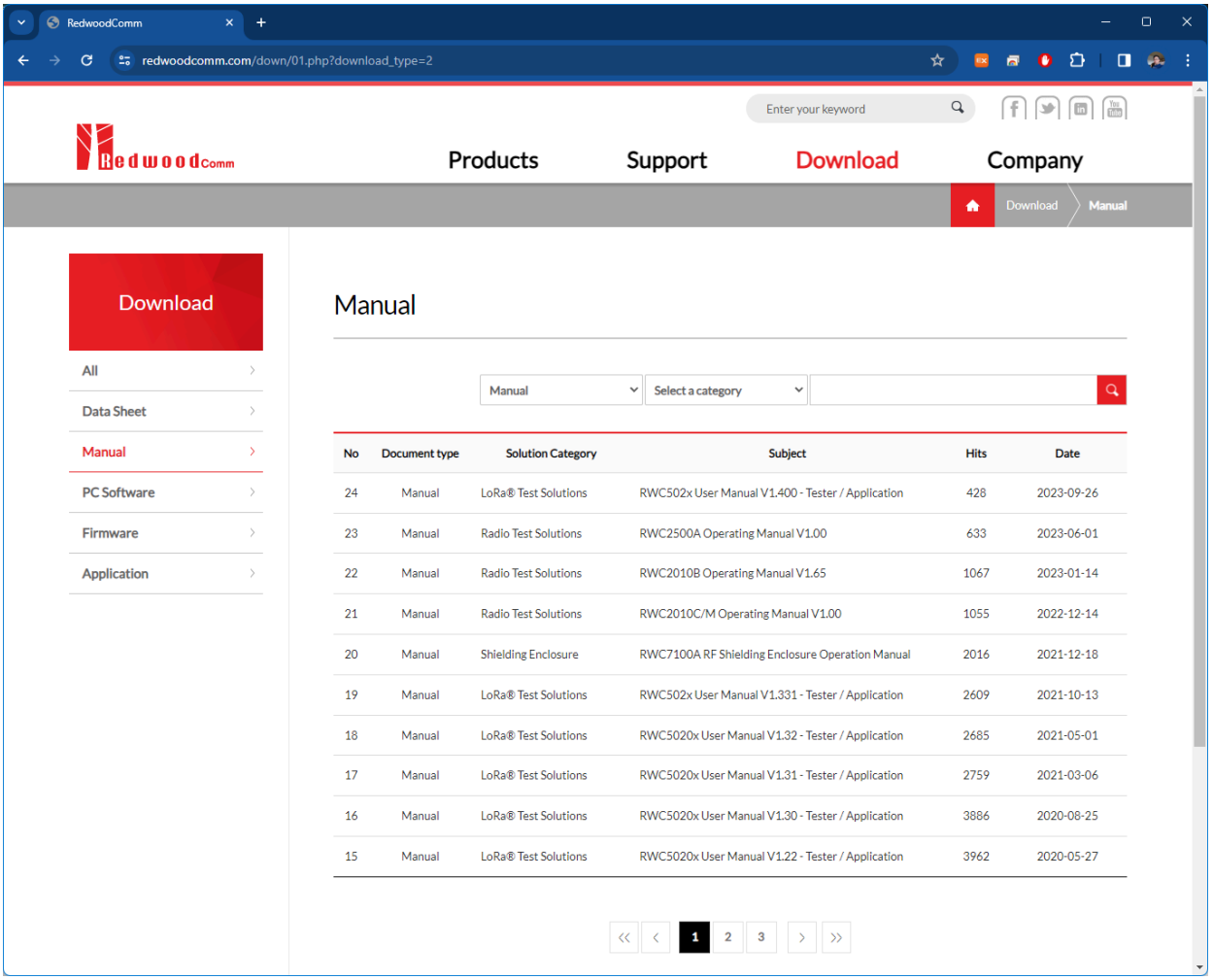


Fig 1.9 Opening the manual

1.4 Checking Upgrade

You can check the latest version of this application program using [Upgrade Notice] menu.

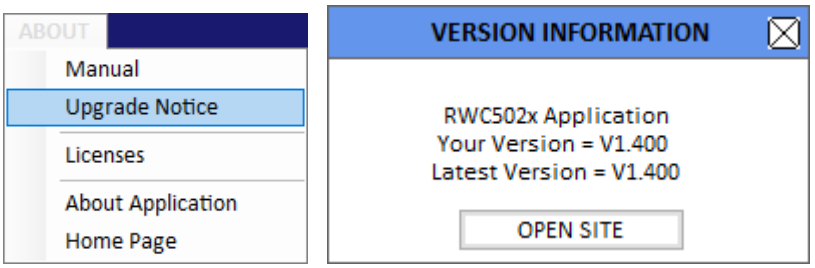


Fig 1.10 Upgrade Notice menu and information window

Clicking on [OPEN SITE] button will open up the download web page of RedwoodComm.

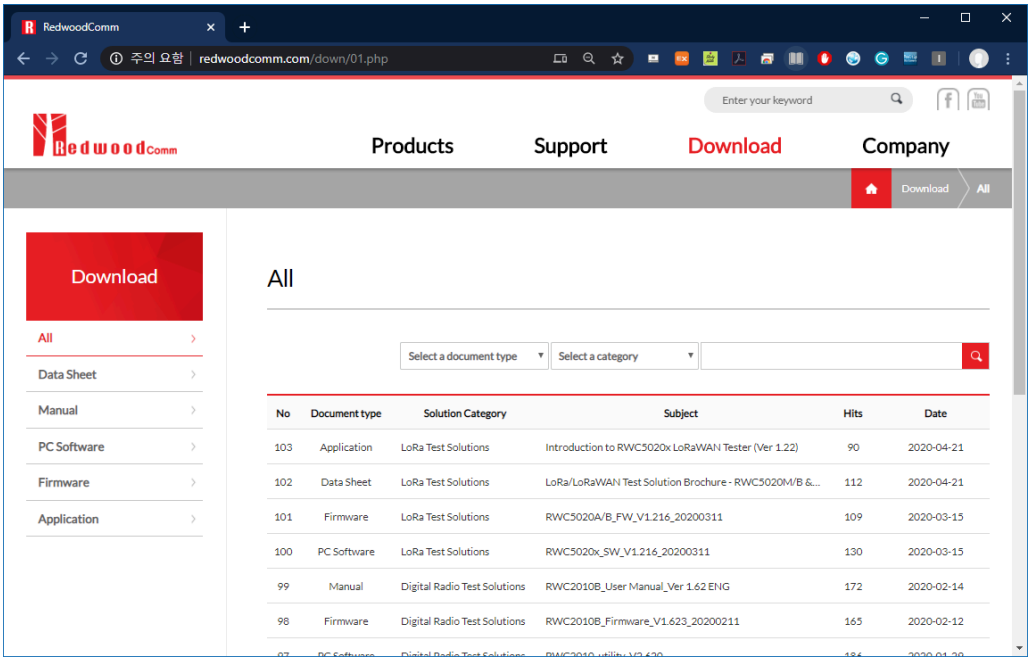


Fig 1.11 Download page of RedwoodComm web page

1.5 Checking License

After connecting with RWC5020x, users can see the licenses of RWC5020x by clicking on the Licenses menu. More regional licenses can be listed according to the version.

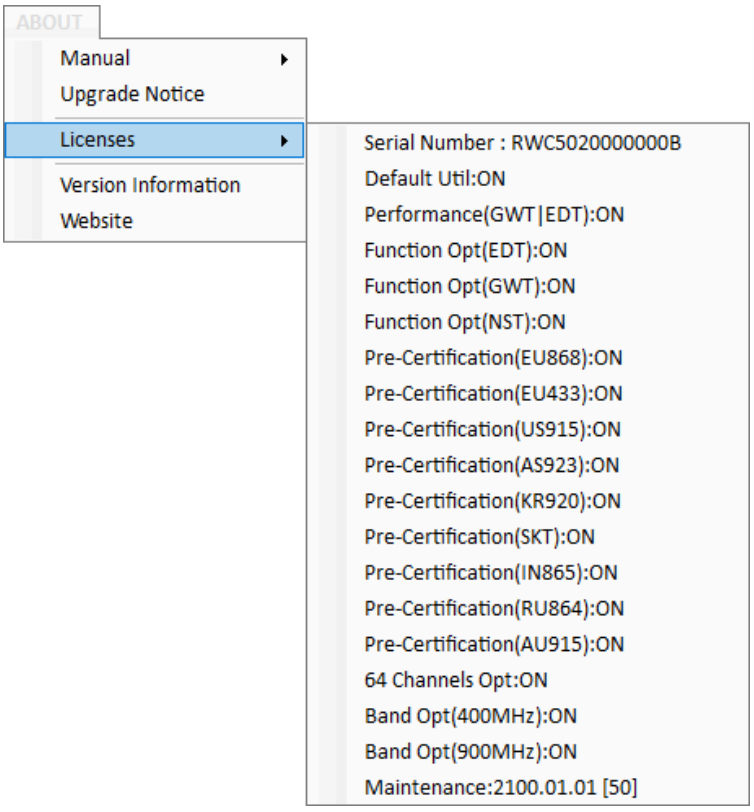


Fig 1.12 Licenses of RWC5020x

1.6 GUI Structure

RWC5020x application program consists of three classified functional windows: Project menu windows, Test functions windows, and Report functions windows. In the following figure, the functions in the blue-colored box are project menu windows, and the windows in the red-colored box are test related ones, and the windows in the green-colored box are report related ones. The next chapters will include the detailed explanation about each window respectively.

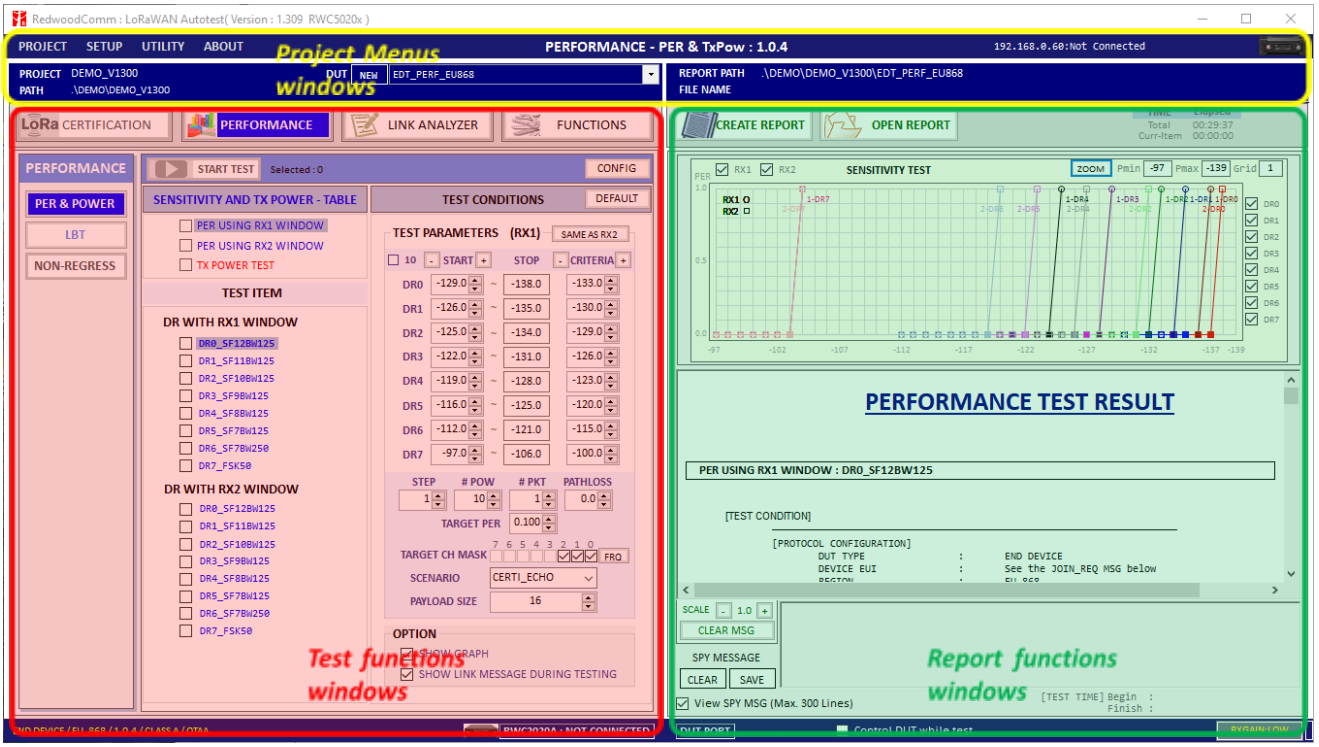


Fig 1.13 Function window classification

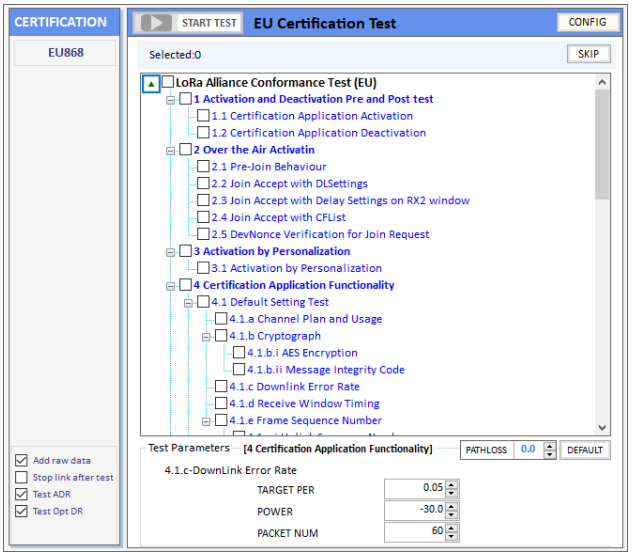
This application consists of 4 classified functions such as LoRaWAN® pre-certification test, performance test, Link analyzer, and functionalities (figure 1.14).



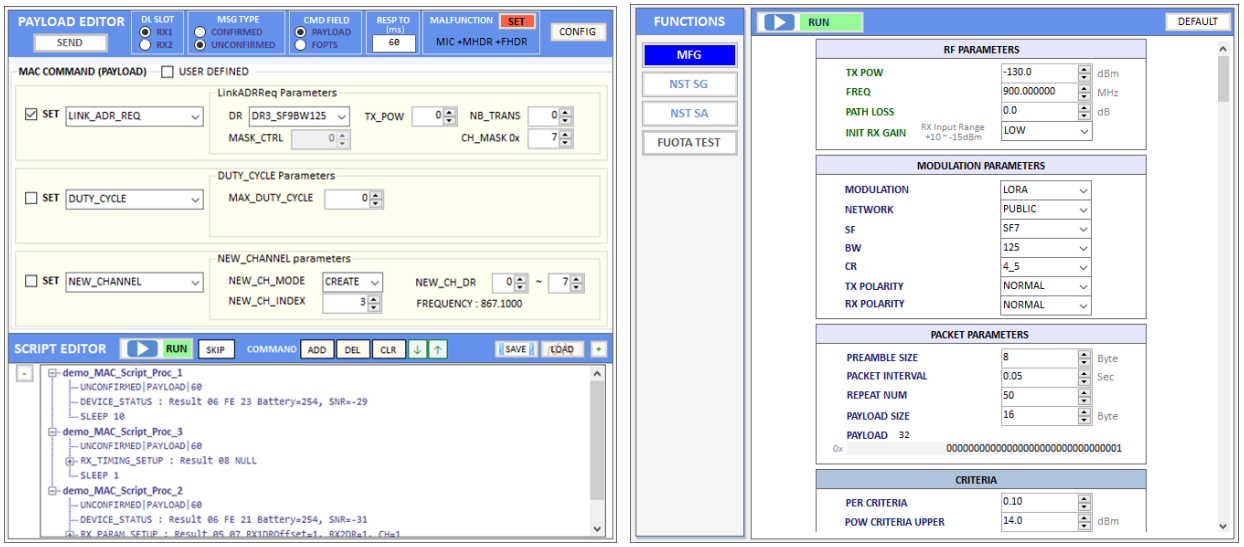
Fig 1.14 Main menu buttons

1.6.1 Test function windows

You can select one of the test function windows using main menu buttons (figure 1.15).



a. Pre-Certification Test Window b. Performance Test Window

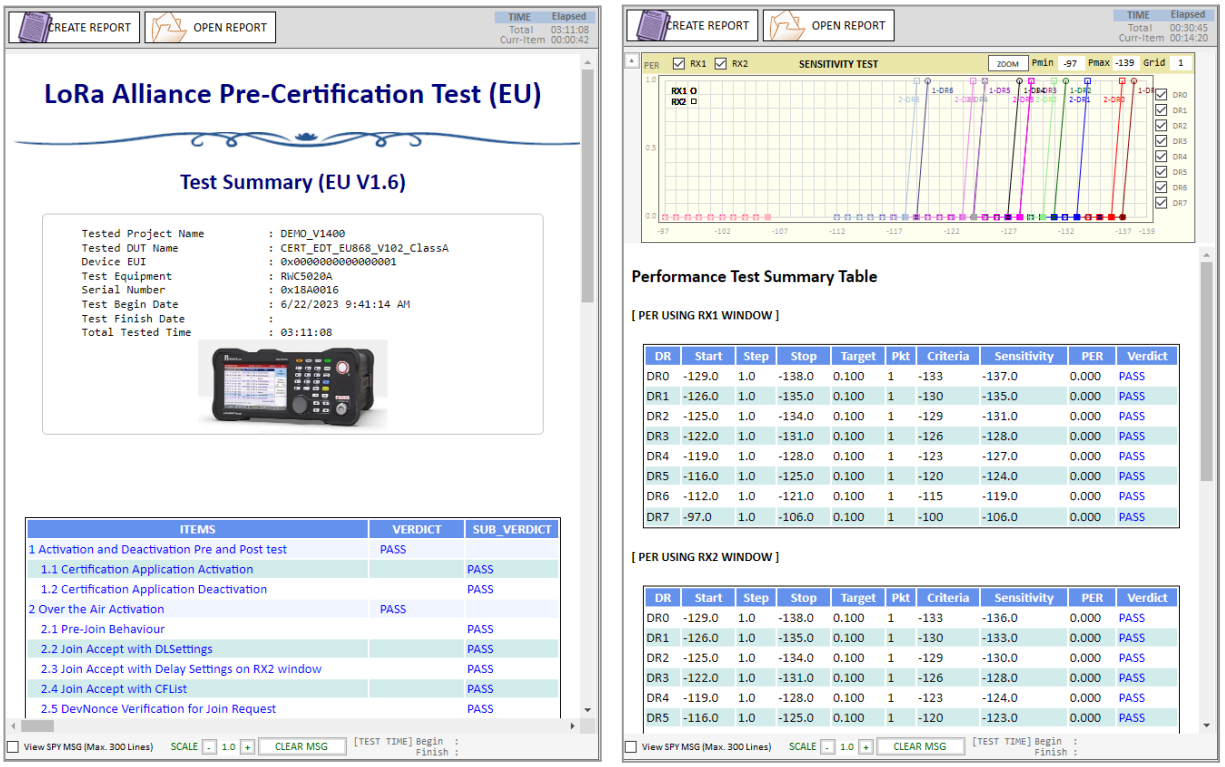


c. Link Analyzer Window d. Functionality Test Window

Fig 1.15 Test function window

1.6.2 Report function windows

The report function windows have different functions from the test functions. If you click on one of the main menu buttons, the test function window will appear on the left side and report function window will appear on the right side (figure 1.16).



a. Pre-Certification Report Window b. Performance Report Window

Fig 1.16 Report function window

II. Menus

This chapter explains how to handle a project, DUT, test condition and test environment. With the project menus, users can create, open a project file, delete the currently opened project, and create or delete DUT files. Users can also open the ready-made demo project.

2.1 PROJECT
2.2 SETUP
2.3 UTILITY
2.4 ABOUT

2.1 PROJECT

2.1.1 Project Menu

With the project menus, users can create a new project file, open an existing project file, or delete currently opened project. Users can also open the ready-made demo project. The [PROJECT] menu consists of three sub-menus: [New Project], [Open Project] and [Del Current Project].

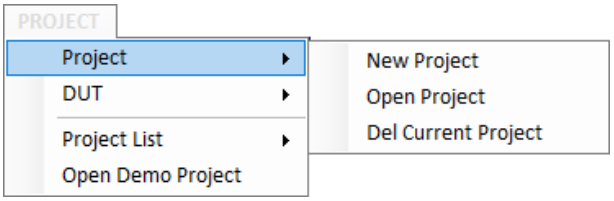


Fig 2.1 Project Menu

2.1.1.1 New Project

To start any test, at least two basic works must be done; one is creating a project and the other is creating a DUT. When you create a new project, ‘project_name.ini’ file and the same named directory will be created. A project must have at least one DUT. A project may have many DUTs. When a project is created, the project name and directory information will be displayed in the project information windows.

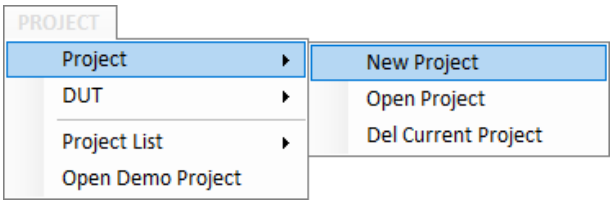


Fig 2.2 Project Menu: Sub Menu

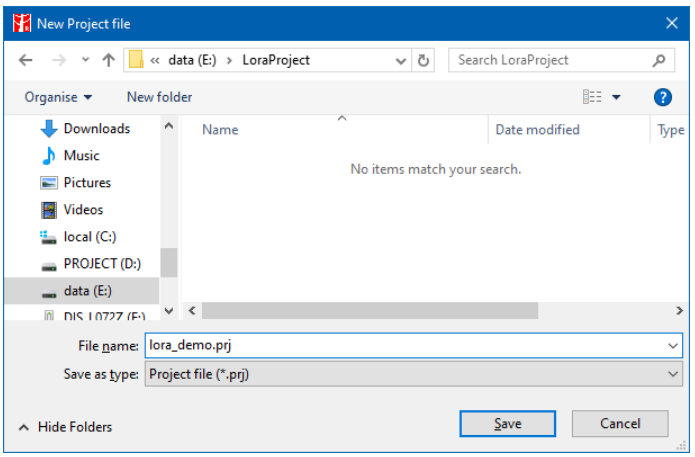


Fig 2.3 Creating a project window



Fig 2.4 creation of a new project (DUT empty)

2.1.1.2 Opening Project

Using the [Open project] menu, you can open an existing project file. When a project is opened, the last tested DUT file will also be opened automatically.

2.1.1.3 Deleting Current Project

Using the [Del Current Project] menu, you can delete the currently opened project including all DUT files in the project folder. All deleted projects or DUT files cannot be recovered. Be careful when deleting projects or DUTs.

2.1.1.4 Project List

Project List menu shows the list of projects in the current directory. Just clicking one of the listed projects will open the project. Maximum of 7 project names will be saved.

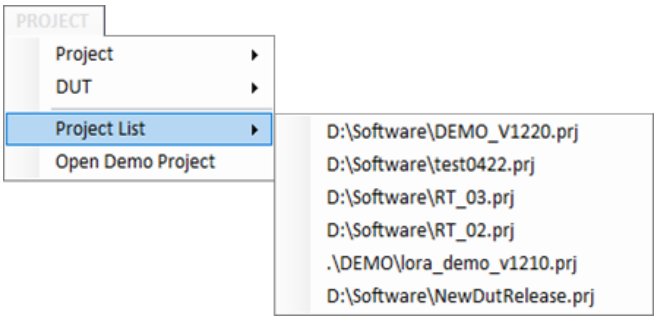


Fig 2.5 Project List Menu

2.1.1.5 Opening Demo Project

[Open Demo Project] opens the ready-made demo project.

The demo project is installed with the installation of the RWC5020x application in '.\DEMO\', the sub-directory of the application installation directory.

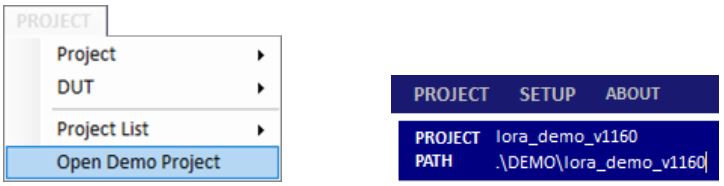


Fig 2.6 [Open Demo Project] menu and directory information

2.1.2 DUT menu

In this application, DUT means 'device name to be tested'. DUT is a member of a project. Before creating a new DUT, you must create a project first. If you created or opened a project, you can create a new DUT and you can create as many DUTs you need. When a new DUT is created, a 'DUT_name.ini' file and the same named directory will be created. If you want to test another DUT, you have to create a new DUT file and test.

2.1.2.1 New DUT

When you click [New DUT] in the DUT Menu or NEW button, the 'NEW DUT CREATION' window will pop up, which is designed to help you create a new DUT. Type a DUT name, select one of DUT types, select one of regions, and click the [CREATE] button.

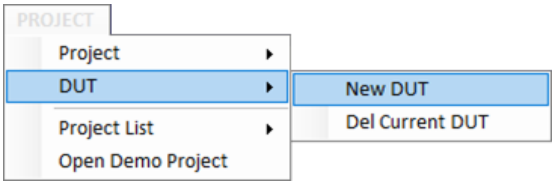
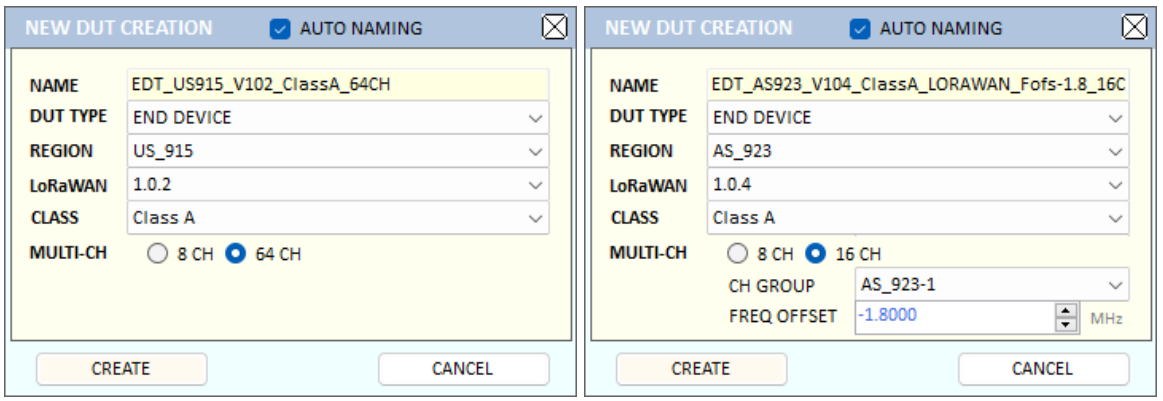


Fig 2.7 New DUT Menu

You have to select DUT parameters such as DUT type, region, LoRaWAN® version, Class, Operator(KR, CN), channel mode(AS), channel plan(CN), channel option(8ch, 64ch, 96ch, group in CN) and Frequency offset(AS region) shown in the figure 2.8 before you create a DUT file. Once created, you cannot modify the name of the DUT, and the parameters mentioned above. If you want to modify any of them, you must create a new one. The □AUTO NAMING will help you quickly name it.



a. END DEVICE/US/1.0.2/64CH DUT b.END DEVICE/AS/1.0.4/Frequency offset-1.8_16CH DUT

Fig 2.8 Creating a new DUT example

The list of DUT names that you created will be shown in the DUT list box as shown in the following figure.

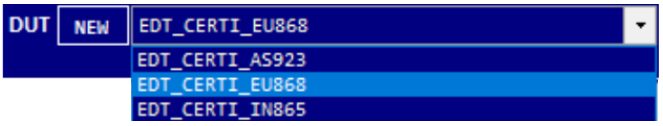


Fig 2.9 List of DUT names

2.1.2.2 DEL Current DUT

Using [DEL Current DUT], you can delete the currently opened DUT file. Be careful when deleting DUTs because the deleted DUT file cannot be recovered. You can delete only the currently opened DUT to prevent any unwanted deletion.

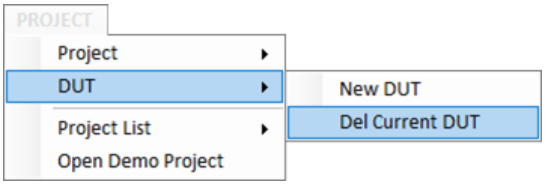


Fig 2.10 Del Current DUT menu

2.2 SETUP

The SETUP menu may be displayed differently depending on the DUT type or selected function.

'Control DUT (ED')' is only available in EDT KR-SKT.
'Control DUT (GW)' is only available in GWT - Non Regression Test.

2.2.1 Connect RWC5020x

RWC5020x Application works under Ethernet connection between users' PC and RWC5020x.

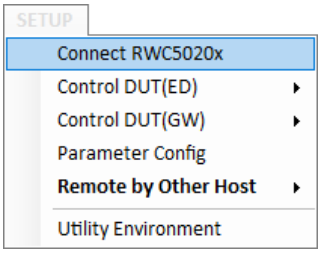


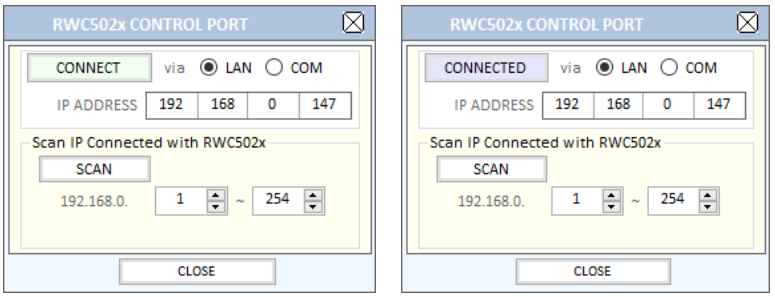
Fig 2.11 Connect RWC5020x menu

2.2.1.1 Open RWC5020x CONTROL PORT window

Clicking on [Connect RWC5020x] in SETUP Menu or clicking on  icon will show the 'RWC5020x CONTROL PORT' window which is designed to help you set up RWC5020x's IP or RS232.

2.2.1.2 Connect RWC5020x through IP

Set the IP address same as the RWC5020x's IP address connected to the PC and click the [CONNECT] button.
When your PC recognizes an RWC5020x, the status will be changed from [CONNECT] to [CONNECTED].
After connection, the application's title bar will show the version, equipment types (RWC5020A/B/M), and local PC's IP address. Some of the functionality or parameters will be limited according to the type of RWC5020x.



a. Before connected b. After connected

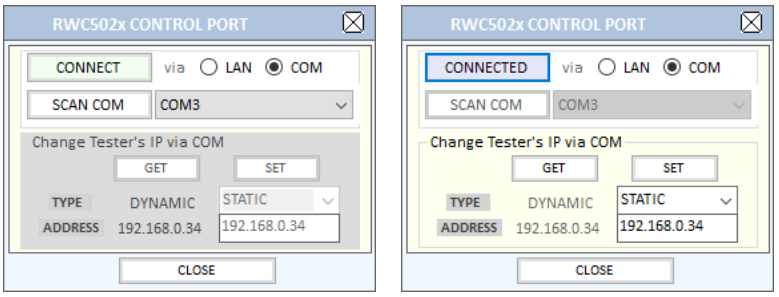
Fig 2.12 IP setup for connection



Fig 2.13 The type of RWC5020x and PC's IP address

2.2.1.3 Connect RWC5020x through RS232

You can connect your PC to the RWC502x device via RS232. Click the [SCAN COM] button to check and select the RS232 port connected with RWC502x, then click the [CONNECT] button to establish a connection between the RWC502x and the PC. Once connected, all operating and controlling are the same as those using the LAN port. Controlling the RWC502x through the RS232 port is definitely slower compared to using the LAN port, but it is particularly useful when controlling RWC5021P as it provides power and VCOM through the USB-C port of it.



a. Before connected b. After connected

Fig 2.12 RS232 setup for connection

2.2.2 Control DUT(ED)

This function is used to control DUT via RS232 while testing as needed.

Control DUT menu consists of five sub menus: Open Port, Load User Cmds, Show User Cmds, Pop DUT Monitor, and Make Cmds Template. This function will be enabled in the SKT certification test.

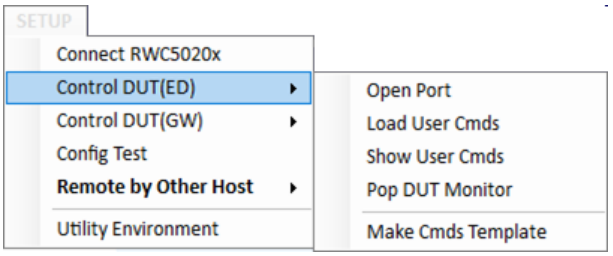


Fig 2.14 Control DUT Menu

2.2.2.1 Open PORT

Clicking [Open PORT] will show a 'DUT CONTROL PORT' window that is designed to help set and open UART port for DUT control. After configuring its port number and baud rate, click the [OPEN PORT] button within the DUT Control Port window. If there is a valid RS232 port, [OPEN PORT] text will be changed to [CLOSE PORT] and 'PORT No.' and 'BAUD RATE' combo boxes will be disabled. If there are no items in the 'PORT No.' combo box, click on the [RESCAN] button.



a. Before opening port b. After opening port

Fig 2.15 DUT Control Port Setup

2.2.2.2 Load User Commands

Clicking [Load User Cmds] will show 'Open File Window' for opening a DUT control file (.txt) which describes configuration and user commands. If you want to create your own command file, use [Make Cmds Template] function which helps you create a template file.

2.2.2.3 Show User Commands

Clicking [Show User Cmds] will show the 'USER COMMAND MAPPER' window and show user-defined commands which are loaded in 2.2.2.2. If you don't have any user command file, click on the [TEMPLATE] button to open a template and create your own command file.

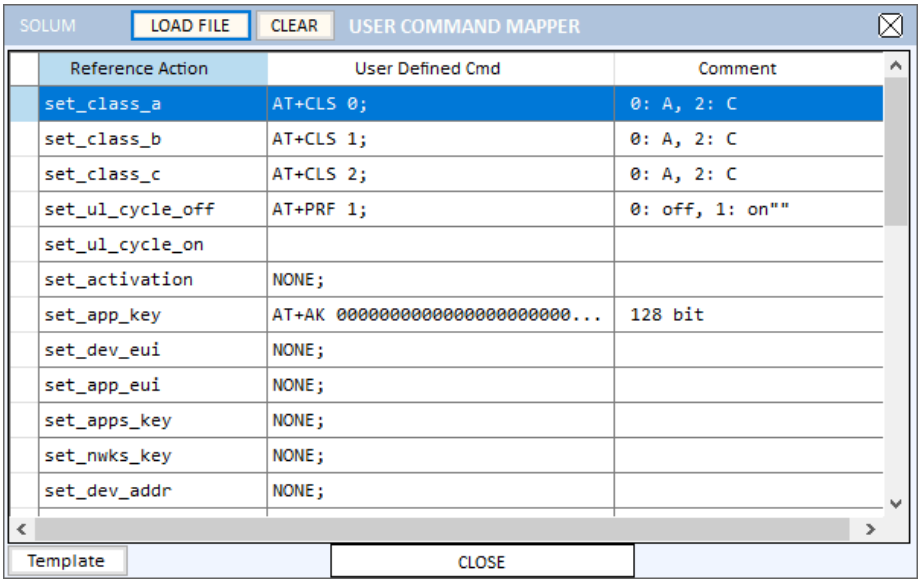


Fig 2.16 Example of USER COMMAND MAPPER

2.2.2.4 Show DUT Monitor

Clicking [Show DUT Monitor] will show a pop-up window to show the commands and DUT's responses.

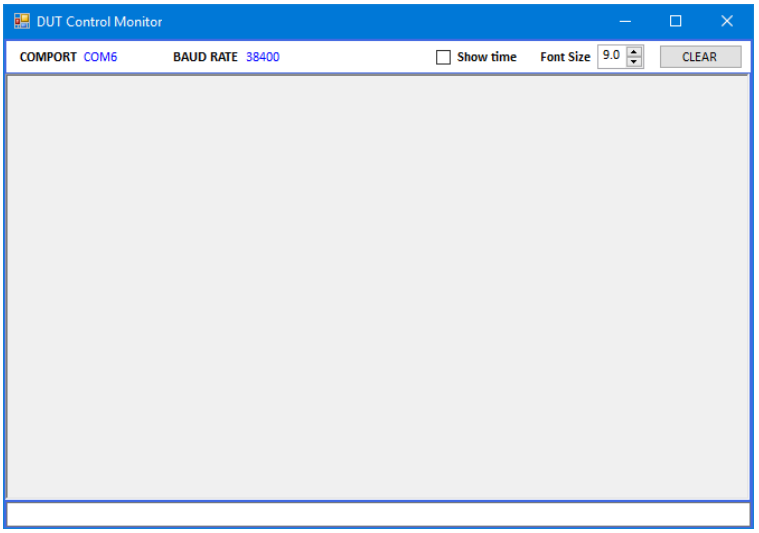


Fig 2.17 DUT Monitor screen

2.2.2.5 Make Commands Template

Clicking [Make Cmds Template] will create a template file that is designed to help create users' own control commands file. You can fill it up and save it as a text file (.txt) and load it onto 'USER COMMAND MAPPER' using the [Load User Cmds] menu.

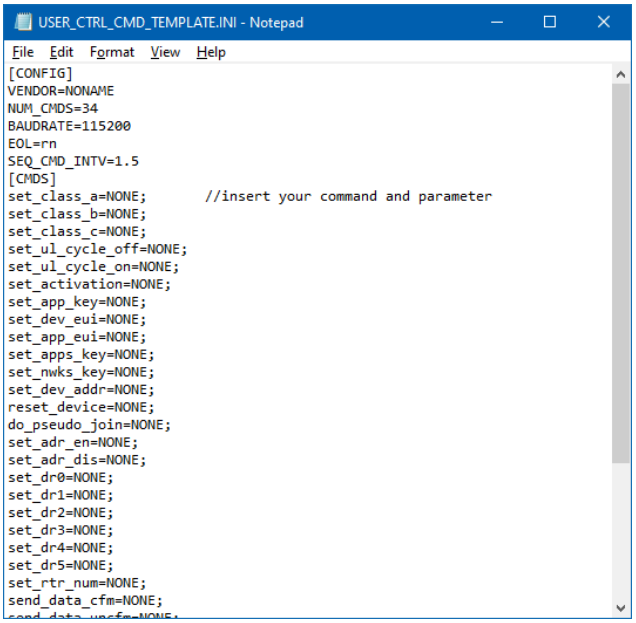


Fig 2.18 Template file to help to create user command file

2.2.3 Control DUT(GW)

This application provides a simple server function for Gateway's non-regression test defined by SEMTECH.

In order to communicate with DUT(Gateway) in JSON, users have to set the gateway's IP and server's port number.

[Control DUT(GW)/Config IP] menu or [GW IP] button on NON-REGRESS tab of PERFORMANCE function tap shows 'GW IP/HOST PORT' window which will help you set the gateway's IP and the HOST(Server)'s port number.

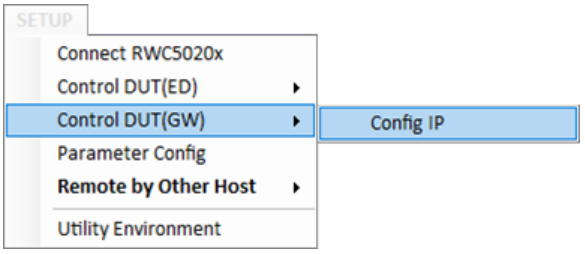


Fig 2.19 [Control DUT(GW)/Config IP] menu

When the application detects multiple networks, even virtual ones, it lists them. When you select one of the lists, the application will establish a new network socket with the selected one.

You can find the SERVER IP that is the IP of your PC at the bottom of the setup window. The server IP address means the IP address of the PC running the application. You can set the server IP address with this address in the GW configuration file.

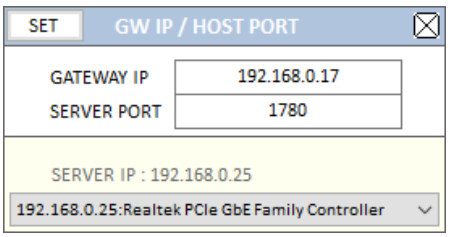


Fig 2.20 [GW IP/HOST PORT] menu

If all parameters are set up correctly, the RWC5020x application will start to wait for gateways messages. After receiving a JSON packet, this application will respond to the gateway as a server.

You can find the detail test concept and procedure in chap 3.2.3

2.2.4 Parameter Configuration

[Parameter Config] or CONFIG TEST shows a window in which users can set up the basic properties of DUT. This configuration is applied to all test functions of the application.

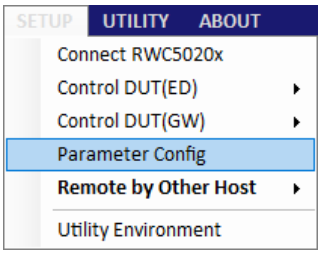


Fig 2.21 Parameter Config menu for displaying 'Parameter configuration' window

When you open the parameter configuration window without connection with the RWC5020x, a warning message box will appear to remind you that all changed parameters will be adopted only after connection.

Note: Some parameters may not be visible depending on the region, functionality, or options.

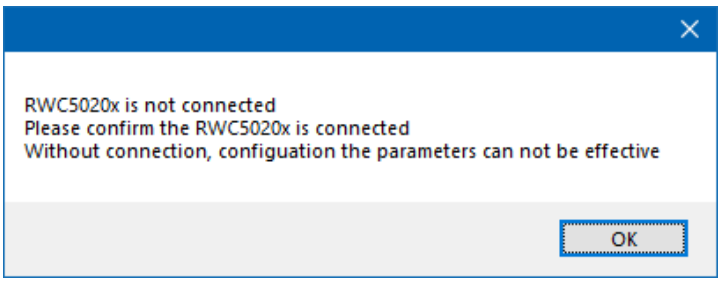


Fig. 2.22 Warning no connection

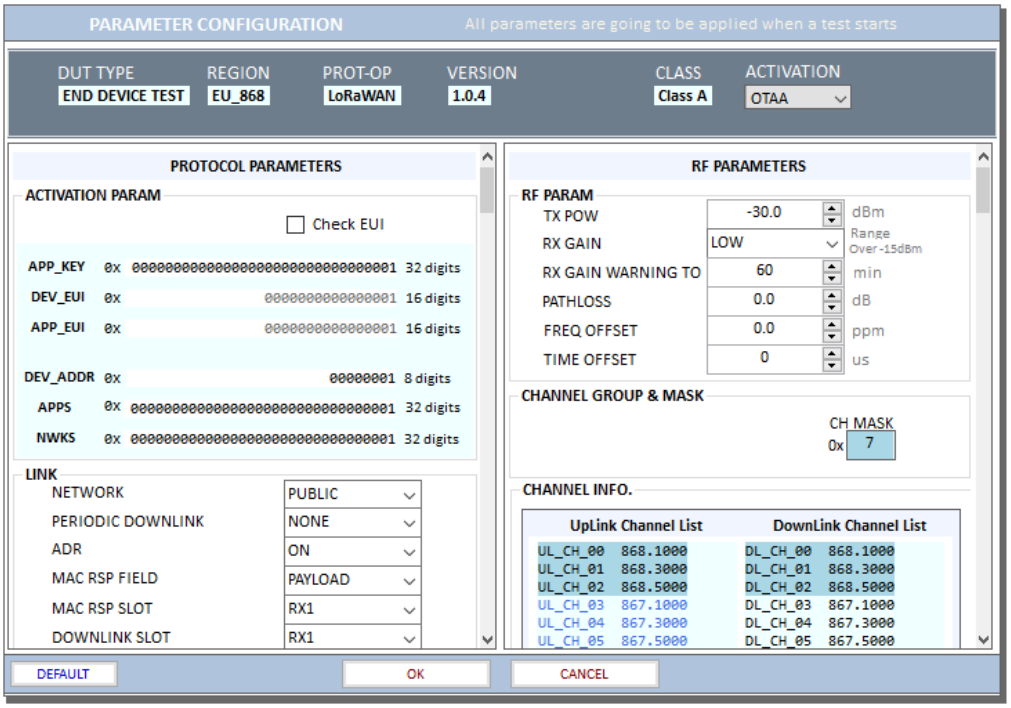


Fig 2.23 PARAMETER CONFIGURATION

2.2.4.1 Protocol Parameters

All parameters are defined in LoRaWAN® Alliance's specification. Some of the parameters will be changed according to the DUT type, region, LoRaWAN® version, activation method, and class.

DUT_TYPE

There are two types of DUT, END DEVICE and GATEWAY. If the DUT type is END DEVICE, RWC5020x operates as a gateway. If the DUT type is GATEWAY, it operates as an end device.

REGION

RWC5020x supports various regions [EU 868, EU 433, US 915, AU 915, CN 470, KR 920, AS 923, IN 865, RU 864, KZ 865, IL 917]. Using this parameter, users could select the region to test.

OPERATOR

This parameter determines whether to enable LoRa operator-specific procedures and parameters. It is only applicable to South Korea (SKT) and China (ICA) in the current version of firmware.

PROTOCOL_VER

This parameter defines the version of LoRaWAN® protocol to be emulated by RWC5020x.

Supporting versions: 1.0.2 / 1.0.3 / 1.0.4 / 1.1

CLASS

There are three different classes in LoRa devices. Class A is Bi-directional End Devices, Class B is Bi-directional End Devices with scheduled receive slots, and Class C is Bi-directional End Devices with maximal receive slots. This parameter defines the class mode of RWC5020x.

ACTIVATION

LoRaWAN® defines two types of Activation procedures (OTAA, ABP). This parameter defines the activation mode of RWC5020x.

APP_KEY

The APP_KEY is an AES-128 root key specific to the End Device. Whenever an End Device joins a network via over-the-air activation, the APP_KEY is used to derive the session keys NwkSKey and AppSKey specific for that End Device to encrypt and verify network communication and application data. This parameter must be set to the same value as the APP_KEY on DUT.

TestMode @Activation

It is displayed only when the Link Analyzer function is selected.

This feature automatically enters certification/test mode immediately after Activation is completed.

CHECK_EUI

This parameter decides whether or not to compare DEV_EUI and APP_EUI during activation. If this parameter is checked, RWC5020x (Gateway/Server) compares DEV_EUI and APP_EUI and accepts only if the value is equal to the same.

CHECK_JOIN NONCE

A Variable to determine whether to compare the Join Nonce value against the previous value or ignore it and proceed when a Join Accept is received in GWT mode.

DEV_EUI

The DEV_EUI is a globally unique End Device identifier. The DEV_EUI is stored in the End Device before the activation procedure is executed. If the CHECK_EUI is ON, this parameter must be set as the same value stored on the DUT.

APP_EUI

The APP_EUI is a global application ID in IEEE EUI64 address space that uniquely identifies the entity able to process the Join-request frame. The APP_EUI is stored in the End Device before the activation procedure is executed. If the CHECK_EUI is ON, this parameter must be set as the same value stored on the DUT.

DEV_ADDR

During the activation, the gateway assigns DEV_ADDR value to the End Device. If activation mode is ABP, this parameter must be set as the same value stored on the DUT. If activation mode is OTAA, this parameter value is used to generate a Join-accept message.

APPS_KEY

APPS_KEY is used to encrypt and verify application data between Gateway and End Device. This value is derived from APP_KEY during OTAA. If activation mode is ABP, this parameter must be set as the same value stored on the DUT.

NWKS_KEY

NWKS_KEY is used to encrypt and verify network data between Gateway and End Device. This value is derived from APP_KEY during OTAA. If activation mode is ABP, this parameter must be set as the same value stored on the DUT.

UPDATE FCNT

This parameter determines the initial value of FCNT before activation procedure and also updates FCNT values after activation.

ADR

LoRa network allows the End Devices to individually use any of the possible data rates. This feature is

used by the LoRaWAN® to adapt and optimize the data rate of static End Devices. This is referred to as Adaptive Data Rate (ADR) and when this is enabled the network will be optimized to use the fastest data rate possible.

DOWNLINK_SLOT

When RWC5020x emulates Gateway/Server mode (EDT), it could respond to the uplink frame by downlink frame using RX1 window or RX2 window. Using this parameter, users can select the RX window for testing the DUT.

NET_ID

The NET_ID is a network identifier to uniquely identify the network. This parameter value is used to generate a Join-accept message.

RX1_DR_OFFSET

This parameter sets the offset between the uplink data rate and the downlink data rate used to communicate with the End Device on the first reception slot (RX1). This parameter value is used to generate a Join-accept message.

RX2_DR

This parameter defines the data rate of a downlink using the second receive window. This parameter value is used to generate a Join-accept message.

RECEIVE_DELAY

The first receive window RX1 opens RECEIVE_DELAY seconds after the end of the uplink modulation. This parameter value is used to generate a Join-accept message.

LINK_MARGIN

This parameter is an 8-bit unsigned integer in the range of 0~254 indicating the link margin in dB of the last successfully received *LinkCheckReq* command. This parameter value is used to generate *LinkCheckAns* command.

RELAY MODE

This parameter is displayed when operating in Link Analyzer mode in EDT. When RELAY = ON, the RWC5020x is configured to operate as an RELAY and GW simultaneously.

When RELAY = ON, the General Application Key is also visible.

WOR ACK

In conjunction with RELAY MODE, WOR ACK is a parameter used when operating in Link Analyzer mode in EDT.

When WOR ACK = ON: The RWC5020x automatically responds with an ACK after detecting a WOR signal

When WOR ACK = OFF: No acknowledgement is sent after WOR detection.

GATEWAY_CNT

This parameter is the number of gateways that successfully received the last *LinkCheckReq*. This parameter value is used to generate *LinkCheckAns* command.

YEAR

This parameter indicates the year of RWC5020x time information. This parameter is used to generate *DeviceTimeAns* command and Beacon.

MONTH

This parameter indicates the month of RWC5020x time information. This parameter is used to generate *DeviceTimeAns* command and Beacon.

DAY

This parameter indicates the day of RWC5020x time information. This parameter is used to generate *DeviceTimeAns* command and Beacon. The time reference is UTC.

HOUR

This parameter indicates the hour of RWC5020x time information. This parameter is used to generate *DeviceTimeAns* command and Beacon.

MINUTE

This parameter indicates the minute of RWC5020x time information. This parameter is used to generate *DeviceTimeAns* command and Beacon.

SECOND

This parameter indicates the second of RWC5020x time information. This parameter is used to generate *DeviceTimeAns* command and Beacon.

NETWORK

This parameter indicates the type of LoRa network, in other words the synchronization word to be used in LoRa modulation.

2.2.4.2 RF Parameters

RF parameters are related with RWC5020x's hardware, test environment, and control parameters.

TX_POW

This parameter defines the output power of RWC5020x in dBm.

INIT_RX_GAIN

The RWC5020x has an AGC (Automatic Gain Control) function. So the RWC5020x will set appropriate RX gain after receiving a few packets from the DUT. This parameter defines the initial RX gain when the Link is started. It is very important to set this parameter correctly to get the proper test result quickly. Set to LOW if the expected input level from your DUT to RWC5020x is higher than -15dBm. Set to HIGH if the expected input level is lower than -40dBm. Otherwise set it to MIDDLE.

PATH_LOSS

Users can set the path loss between the RF port of RWC5020x and DUT RF port. RWC5020x's real output power will be increased by this value to compensate for path loss.

SYSCLK_OFFSET

This parameter defines the system clock frequency (32MHz) offset value in ppm. It modifies RF frequency

as well as LoRa modulation signal.

This is displayed only on the RWC5020B/M.

FREQ_OFFSET

This parameter defines the RF frequency offset value in ppm.

This is displayed only on the RWC5020B/M.

TIME_OFFSET

This parameter defines the time offset value in us.

This is displayed only on the RWC5020B/M.

CH_MASK_0

This parameter defines the mask of channels to be used for LoRa communication, which is applicable only to regions of EU 868, EU 433, KR 920, AS 923, IN 865, RU 865, and KZ 865.

CH_GROUP

This parameter defines the mask of the channels to be used for LoRa communication, which is applicable only to regions of US 915, AU 915, and CN 470.

RX2_FREQ

This parameter defines the frequency of a downlink using the second receive window.

RX2_DR

This parameter defines the data rate of a downlink using the second receive window.

DL_CH_00 ~ DL_CH_07

This parameter defines the real channel frequency of each downlink channel index.

UL_CH_00 ~ UL_CH_07

This parameter defines the real channel frequency of each uplink channel index.

UL_CH_64 ~ UL_CH_71

This parameter defines the real channel frequency of each 500kHz uplink channel index.

WOR_FREQ_0/1

The dedicated frequencies 0 and 1 used by an End Device to signal the Relay

WOR_ACK_FREQ_0/1

The frequencies used by the Relay to send an ACK once it has successfully detected the ED's wake-up signal.

WOR_DR_0/1

The DRs 0 and 1 used for exchanging WOR signals.

2.2.5 Utility Environment

This function is for user convenience. All options are saved and reloaded automatically

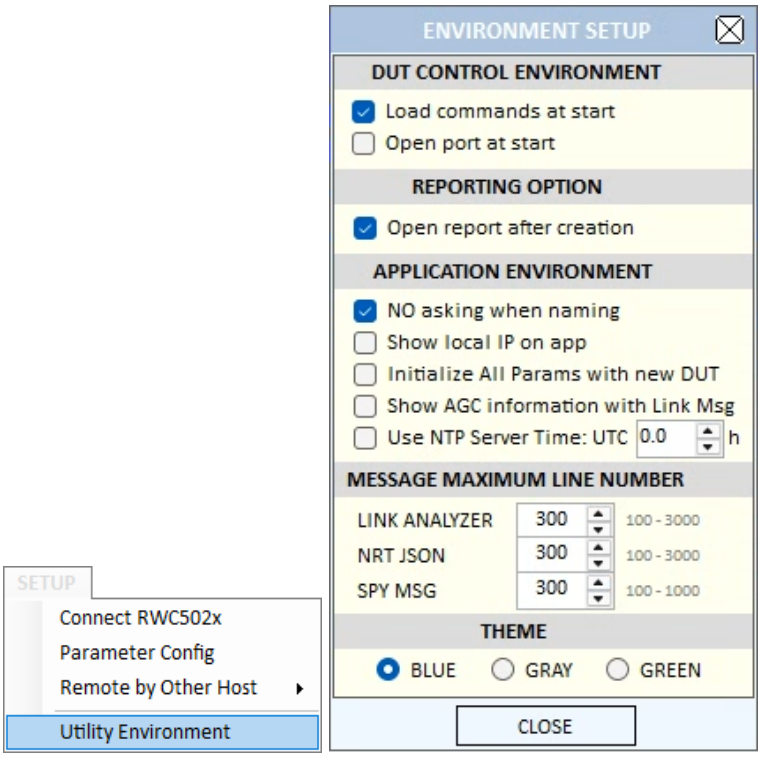


Fig 2.24 [Utility Environment] menu

DUT CONTROL ENVIRONMENT

□ Load commands at start

This application remembers the last user command file name. If you check this option, it will load the last user command files when the application is started.

□ Open port at start

This application remembers the last opened RS232 port name. If you check this option, it will reconnect the last opened RS232 port when started. But be careful when using this option, because it could take longer to launch the application if there is no same port anymore.

REPORTING OPTION

□ Open report after creation

If you check this option, the application will open the created report automatically when you create a report file. If not checked, the report will be created but not opened automatically.

APPLICATION ENVIRONMENT

□ NO asking when naming

If you check this option, the application will create or save files without opening a file wizard window.

□ Show local IP on app.

If you check this option, the application will show your PC's IP address on the top.

□ Initialize All Parameters with new DUT.

If you check this option, this application will initialize all test parameters as default without asking. If not checked, it will use them as it was.

□ Show AGC Information with Link Msg

When enabled, the application displays AGC (Automatic Gain Control) information along with the Link Analyzer messages.

When disabled, AGC information is hidden from the message display.

□ Use NTP Server

When enabled, the RWC502x retrieves the current time from an NTP server.

When disabled, the application synchronizes the RWC502x time with the user's PC time.

UTC (Time Zone Offset): Specifies the user's local time zone offset relative to UTC.

Range: −12.0 to +12.0

Unit: Hours

Step: 0.5 hours (30 minutes)

MESSAGE MAXIMUM LINE NUMBER

○ LINK ANALYZER

The maximum line number of the log window in the Link analyzer tab.

Range : 100 - 3000

○ NRT JSON

The maximum line number of the JSON log window in the non-regression test function tab.

Range : 100 - 3000

○ SPY MSG

The maximum line number of the SPY message window

Range : 100 - 1000

THEME

○ BLUE

This option sets the color theme of the application as blue.

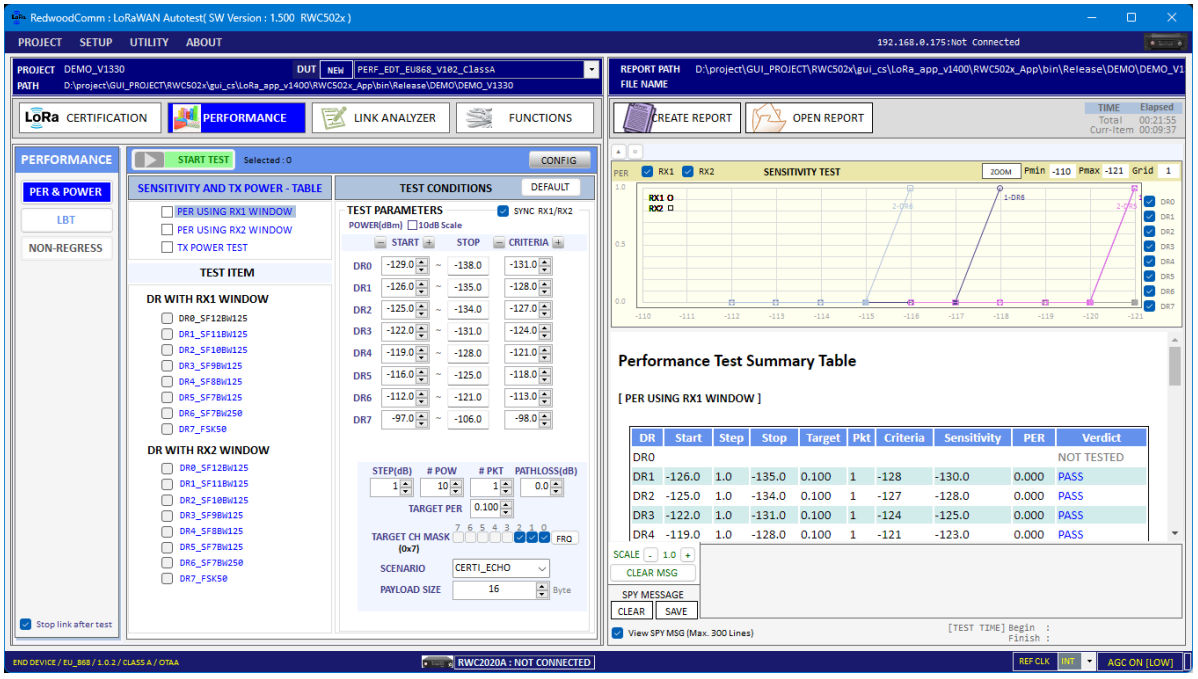


Fig 2.25 Blue theme of RWC5020x application

○ GRAY

This option sets the color theme of the application as gray.

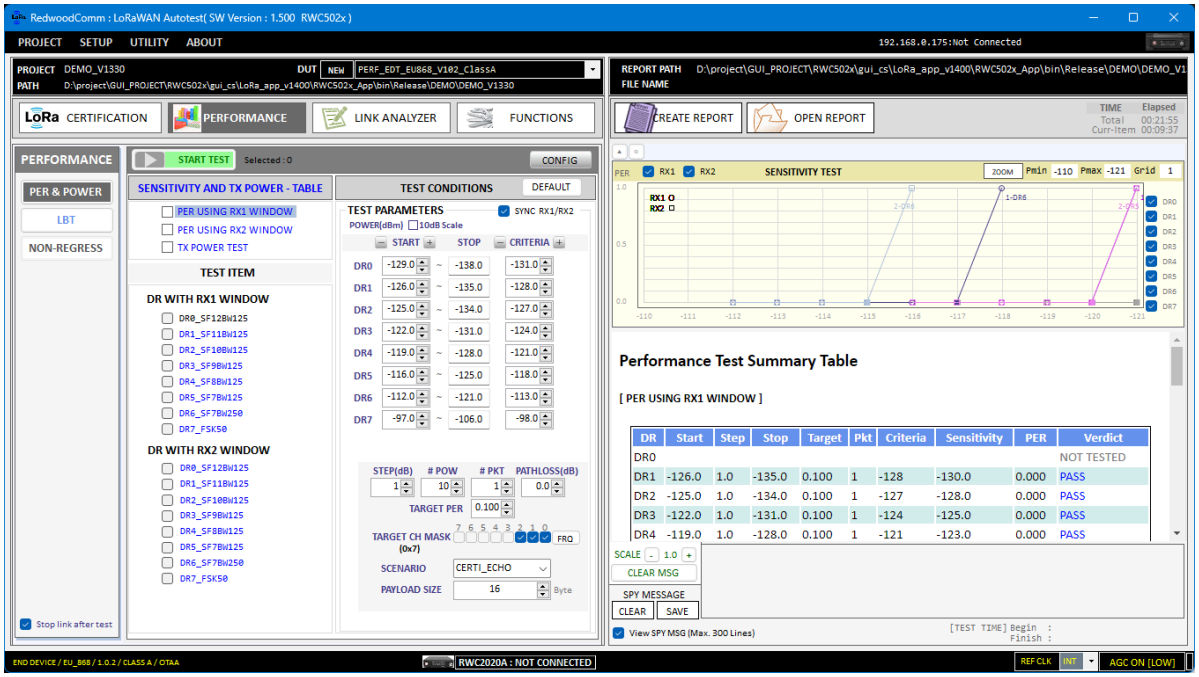


Fig 2.26 Gray theme of RWC5020x application

○ GREEN

This option sets the color theme of the application as green.

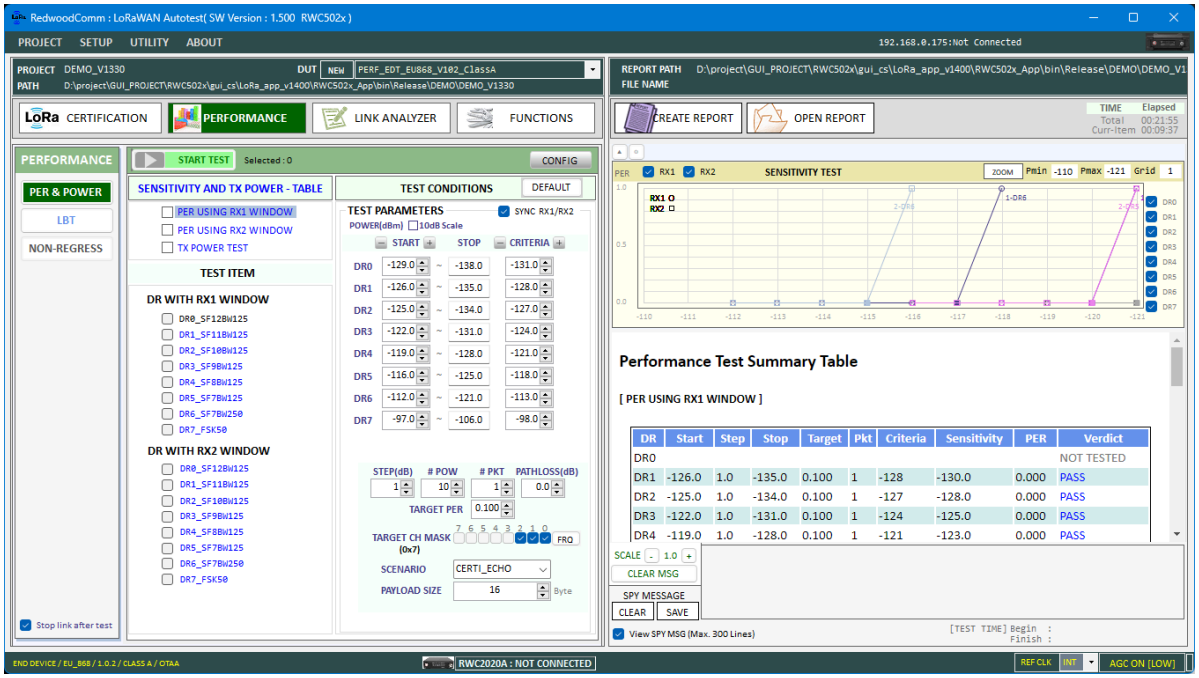


Fig 2.27 Green theme of RWC5020x application

2.3 UTILITY

The UTILITY menu provides terminal-type tools that are used independently of the test functions. It consists of three utility functions: DUT Control, RWC5020x Control, and Screen Capture (Fig 3.61). The detailed operation of each function is described in Section 3.5.

2.3.1 DUT Control

Opens a simple terminal window that controls a DUT through RS232 using string commands. Commands can be transmitted all at once or line by line. The commands entered in the editor can be verified against the loaded user commands. For details, refer to Section 3.5.1.

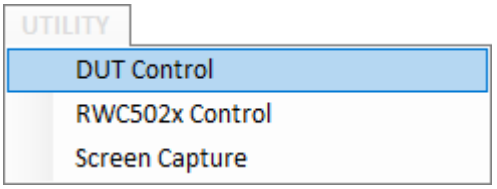


Fig 2.28 DUT Control Selection Menu

2.3.2 RWC5020x Control

Opens a simple terminal window that controls the RWC5020x through LAN using remote commands. Commands can be transmitted all at once or line by line. The [Template] function fills the command window with a ready-made command sequence as an example. For details, refer to Section 3.5.2.

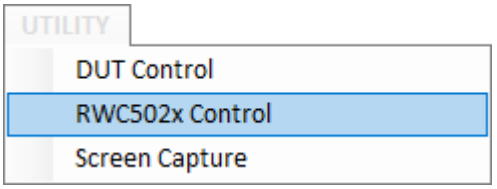


Fig 2.29 RWC502x Control Selection Menu

2.3.3 Screen Capture

Captures the current screen of the connected RWC5020x and saves it as a bmp file. This function is enabled with the RWC5020A and RWC5020B but not with the RWC5020M. For details, refer to Section 3.5.3.

Note: The DUT Control and RWC5020x Control windows support the special command SLEEP, which makes the PC wait for the specified time in milliseconds before the next command is transmitted (e.g., SLEEP 1000 waits for 1000

ms).

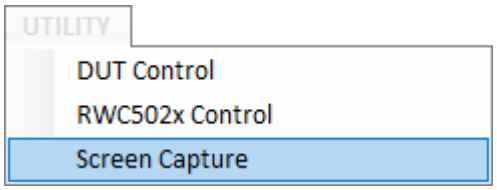


Fig 2.30 Screen Capture Menu

2.4 ABOUT

The ABOUT menu provides information about the application program: the user manual, the latest version, and the licenses installed in the RWC5020x.

2.4.1 Manual

Clicking [Manual] opens a web browser and connects to RedwoodComm's manual download site (Fig 1.9). Refer to Section 1.3.

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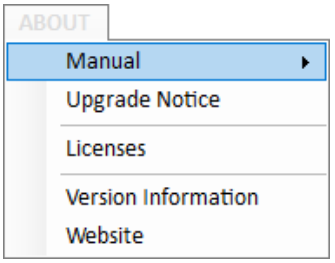


Fig 2.31 Green theme of RWC5020x application

2.4.2 Upgrade Notice

Clicking [Upgrade Notice] shows an information window with the latest version of the application program (Fig 1.10). Clicking the [OPEN SITE] button opens the RedwoodComm download web page (Fig 1.11). Refer to Section 1.4.

You can check the latest version of this application program using the [Upgrade Notice] menu.

Note: To check whether a newer version is available, use the [Upgrade Notice] menu (Section 2.4.2). Please provide the SW and FW versions shown in this window when you contact RedwoodComm for technical support.

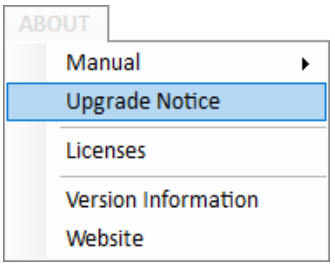


Fig 2.32 Upgrade Notice menu and information window

2.4.3 Licenses

After the PC is connected to the RWC5020x, clicking the Licenses menu lists the licenses of the connected RWC5020x (Fig 1.12). More regional licenses can be listed according to the version. Refer to Section 1.5.

After connecting with RWC5020x, users can see the licenses of RWC5020x by clicking on the Licenses menu. More regional licenses can be listed according to the version.

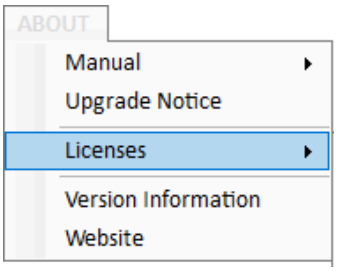


Fig 2.33 Licenses of RWC5020x

2.4.4 Version Information

Clicking [Version Information] opens the information window of the application program (Fig 2.35). The window shows the following items.

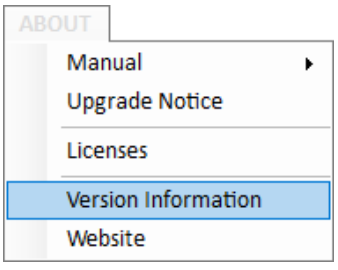


Fig 2.34 Licenses of RWC5020x



Fig 2.35 Version Information Window

- **Application name:** Utility for RWC502x LoRaWAN Tester
- **SW Version:** the version of the installed application program (e.g., 1.6020).
- **FW Version:** the firmware version of the connected RWC5020x. This item is filled in after the PC is connected to the RWC5020x. It is blank when no RWC5020x is connected.
- **Copyright notice:** the copyright information of RedwoodComm.

2.4.5 Website

Clicking [Website] opens a web browser and connects to the RedwoodComm website. You can find product information, the latest application program, and the manuals there.

https://redwoodcomm.com/

III. Test Functions

This chapter explains how to use pre-certification tests, RF performance tests, Link Analyzer, other functions and utilities. With test functions, you can select one of the tests, handle test operation, and set up a test environment.

3.1 Pre-Certification Test
3.2 Performance Test
3.3 Link Analyzer
3.4 Functions
3.5 Utilities

3.1 Pre-Certification Test

This application provides the LoRaWAN® pre-certification test functions. Refer to the fig 3.1 for simple operation of the function.

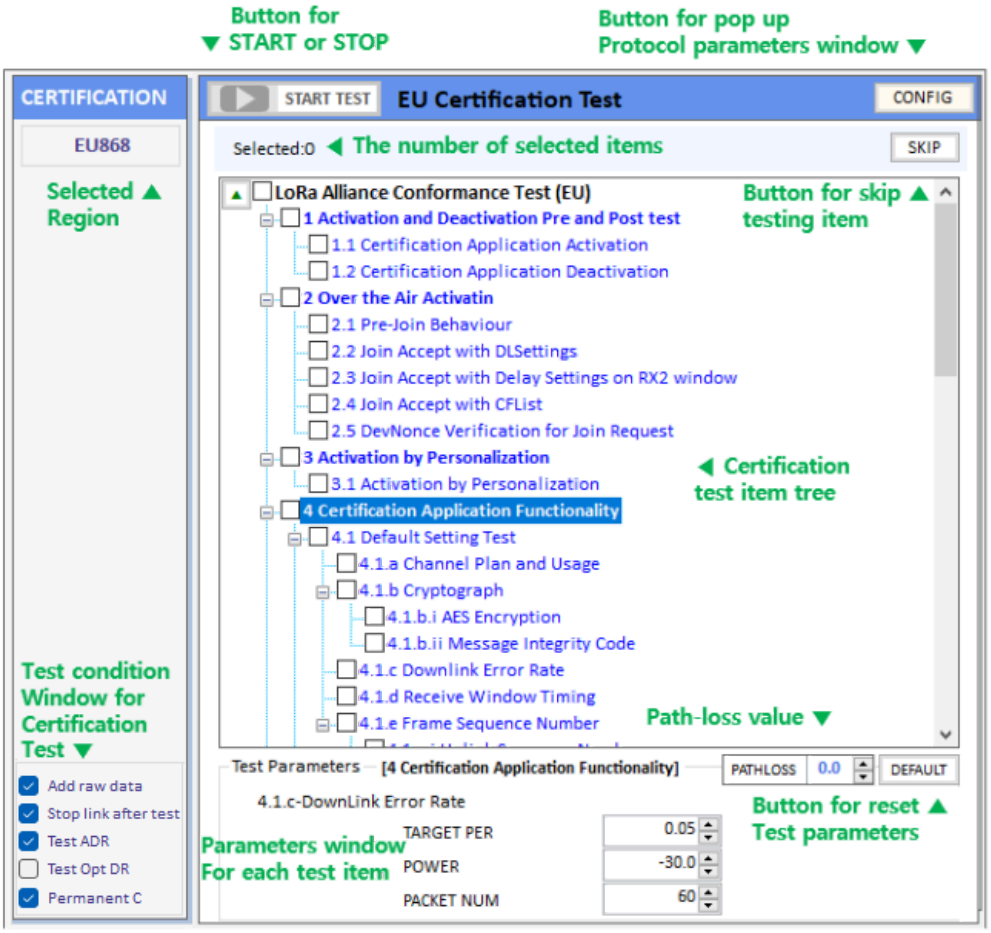


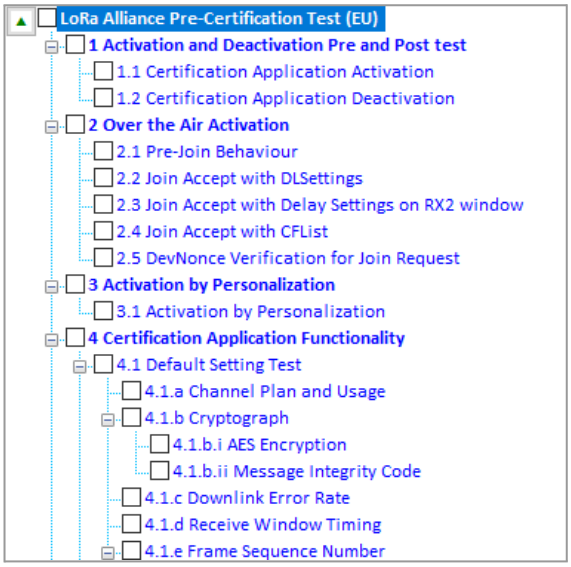
Fig 3.1 Test function window for LoRaWAN® pre-certification.

3.1.1 LoRaWAN® Pre-Certification

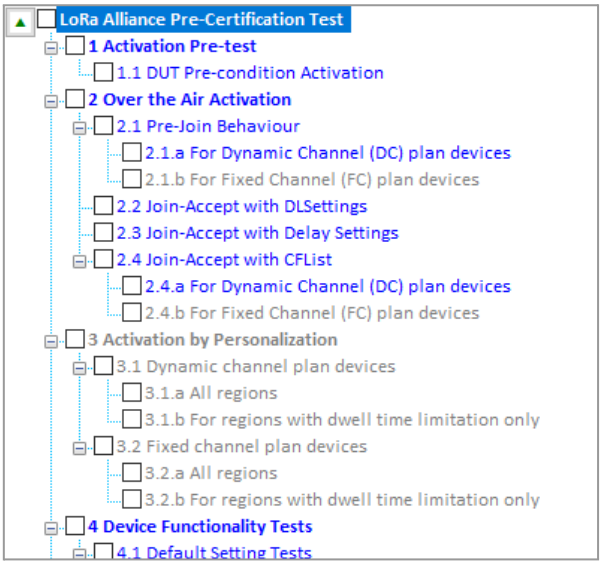
This application provides a test function which is compatible with the LoRaWAN® protocol test. We named it LoRaWAN® Pre-certification. It is available in the version of '1.0.2/1.0.3' and '1.0.4'. For the version '1.0.2/1.0.3' it provides 5 regions such as EU, US/CA, AS, KR, and IN. For the version '1.0.4' it provides 9 regional pre-certification tests such as EU868, EU433, US/CA, AS, KR, IN, RU, AU, and IL. Additionally, in the case of version '1.0.4', it provides retransmission backoff, similarity, and class B/C pre-certification test. Other regional certification functions will be added as soon as they are published.

If you select the region and version of LoRaWAN® when you create a new DUT file, all regional parameters and test

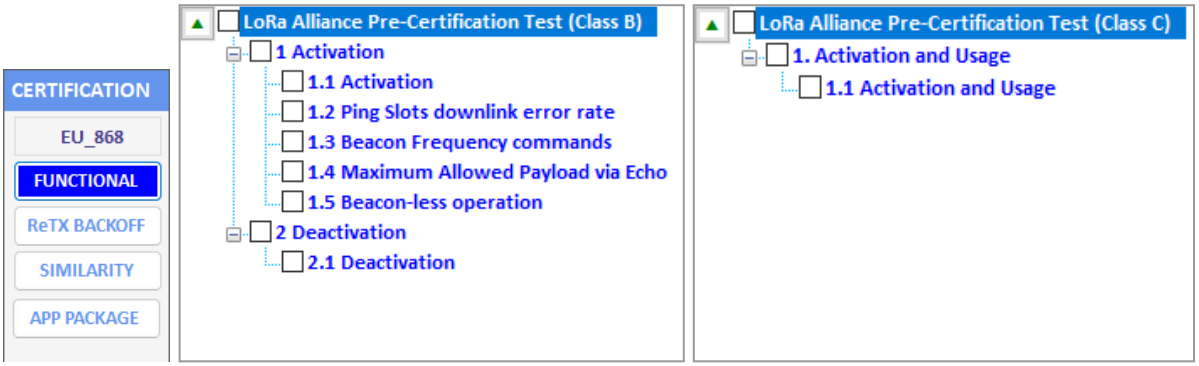
items will be configured automatically according to the certification.



a. Class A, LoRaWAN® Version 1.0.2/1.0.3



b. Class A, LoRaWAN® Version 1.0.4



c. Retransmission backoff, Similarity/Class B/C of LoRaWAN® Version 1.0.4

Fig 3.2 Two different pre-certification test a.to the versions of LoRaWAN® (EU case)

3.1.2 Operator Certification

There is an Operator Certification option, SKT. Other private certifications could be added according to further requests.

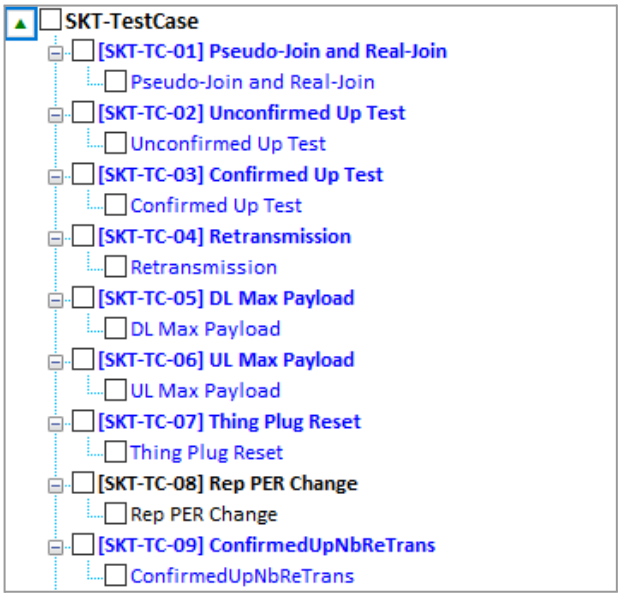


Fig 3.3 A special operator's certification test (SKT)

3.1.3 Pre-Certification Test Items

3.1.3.1 Meaning of Text Colors

Each color has the meaning of verdict; the blue-colored items mean PASSED, the red-colored items mean FAILED, the black-colored items mean NOT_TESTED, and the gray-colored ones mean Not-selected OPTIONAL items.



Blue : PASSED Red : FAILED Black : NOT TESTED Gray : NOT SUPPORTED

Fig 3.4 Colored text in pre-certification test window

3.1.3.2 Test Condition

▭ Add Raw Data

Enables the inclusion of raw payload data in the test transmission.

When this option is enabled, user-defined or unprocessed data is added directly to the packet, allowing verification of payload handling and decoding behavior.

▭ Stop Link After Test

Determines whether the communication link should be terminated automatically after the test sequence is

completed.

If enabled, the device will stop transmitting or receiving once the test ends, which helps ensure a clean test environment for subsequent tests.

▭ Test ADR (Adaptive Data Rate)

Controls whether ADR functionality is tested during the pre-certification procedure.

When enabled, the device operates with ADR, allowing the network to optimize data rate and transmission power. This is used to verify correct ADR behavior according to LoRaWAN specifications.

▭ Test Opt DR (Optional Data Rate)

Specifies whether optional data rates (beyond the default or mandatory ones) are included in the test.

This helps validate device performance across a wider range of supported data rates.

▭ Permanent C

Forces the device to operate in Class C mode continuously during the test.

In this mode, the RWC502x keeps its receive windows open almost all the time (except when transmitting), allowing immediate downlink reception. This is useful for validating continuous downlink behavior.

3.1.3.3 Selection and Test Parameter Configuration

Select the test items to be tested by clicking the check boxes in front of the subtitles. If you click a test item, its test parameters will be shown at the bottom of test items.

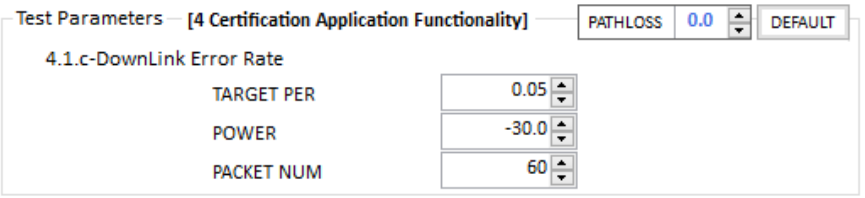


Fig 3.5 Configuration of Test Parameters

3.1.3.4 Start Test

If you click 

button, all selected items will be tested sequentially. Keep in mind the RWC5020x application program will automatically overwrite the result after each item is tested without asking whether the selected item was tested previously or not. In other words, the application will always keep the recent test results.

3.1.3.5 Control DUT

If you want to control DUT while testing, make the box Control DUT checked. Then this application will send control commands according to the loaded user control command file. Refer to 2.2.2 for DUT control. You can see the transmitted commands and received responses to/from DUT respectively on the DUT control monitor window. Click the DUT Monitor button and a large DUT control monitor will pop up.

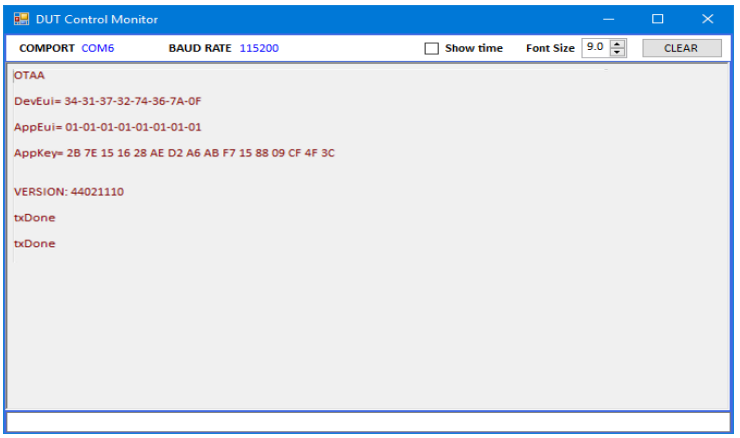
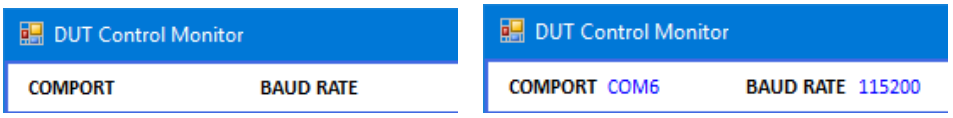


Fig 3.6 DUT Control Monitor

COMPORT and BAUDRATE information of the current control port will be displayed as follows.



a. Before connection b. After connection

Fig 3.7 COMPORT and BAUD RATE after connection.

3.1.3.6 Test Result – Summary Table

If you click on the certification title, you can see the test summary table on the result window.

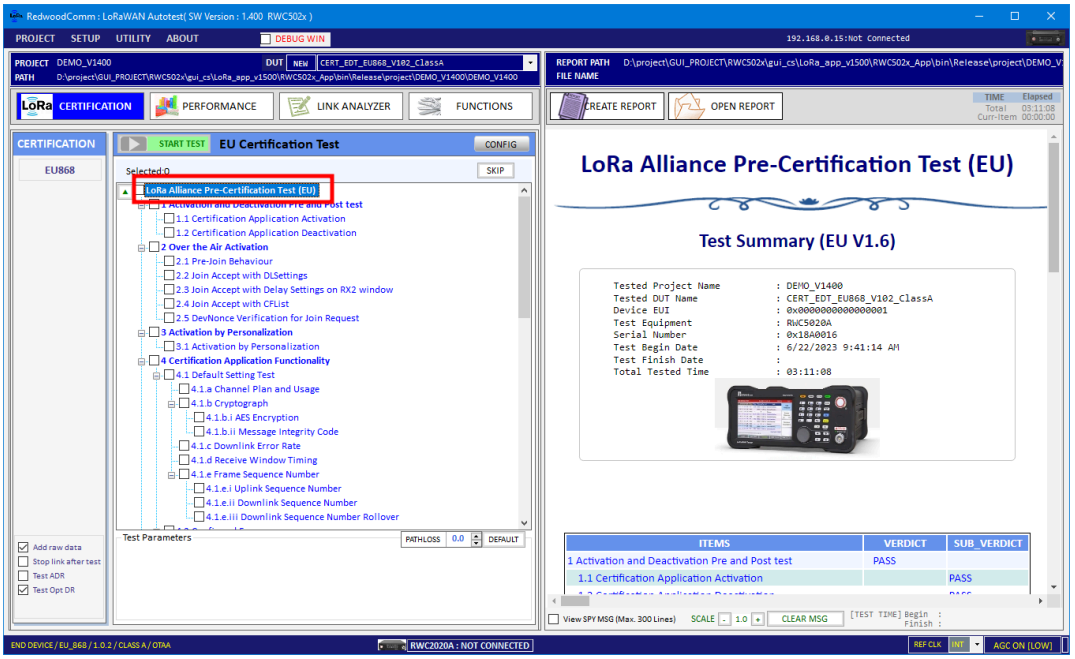


Fig 3.8 Displaying Test Result – Summary Table

3.1.3.7 Test Result – Detail Report

If you click on the sub test item title text, you can see the detailed test result on the result window. In each report's data, the folding and expanding feature is provided in the title and link message. Clicking the [+] button toggles the folding and expanding functionality.

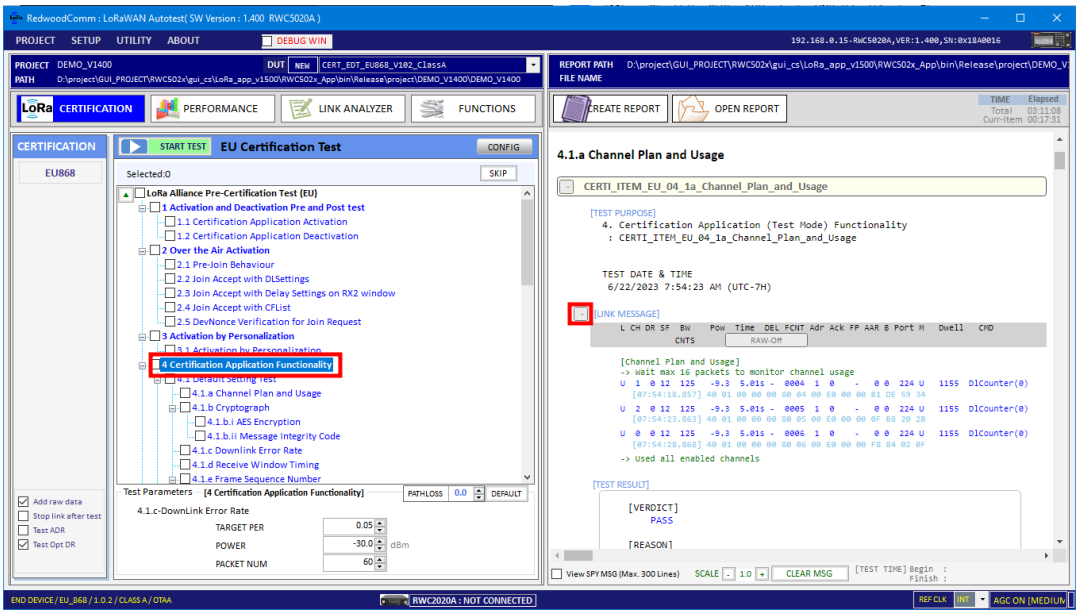


Fig 3.9 Displaying Test Result – Tested Item data and folding functionality

3.2 Performance Test

The performance test function consists of PER & POWER, LBT, and NON-REGRESS test. Refer to the figure 3.10 for an example.

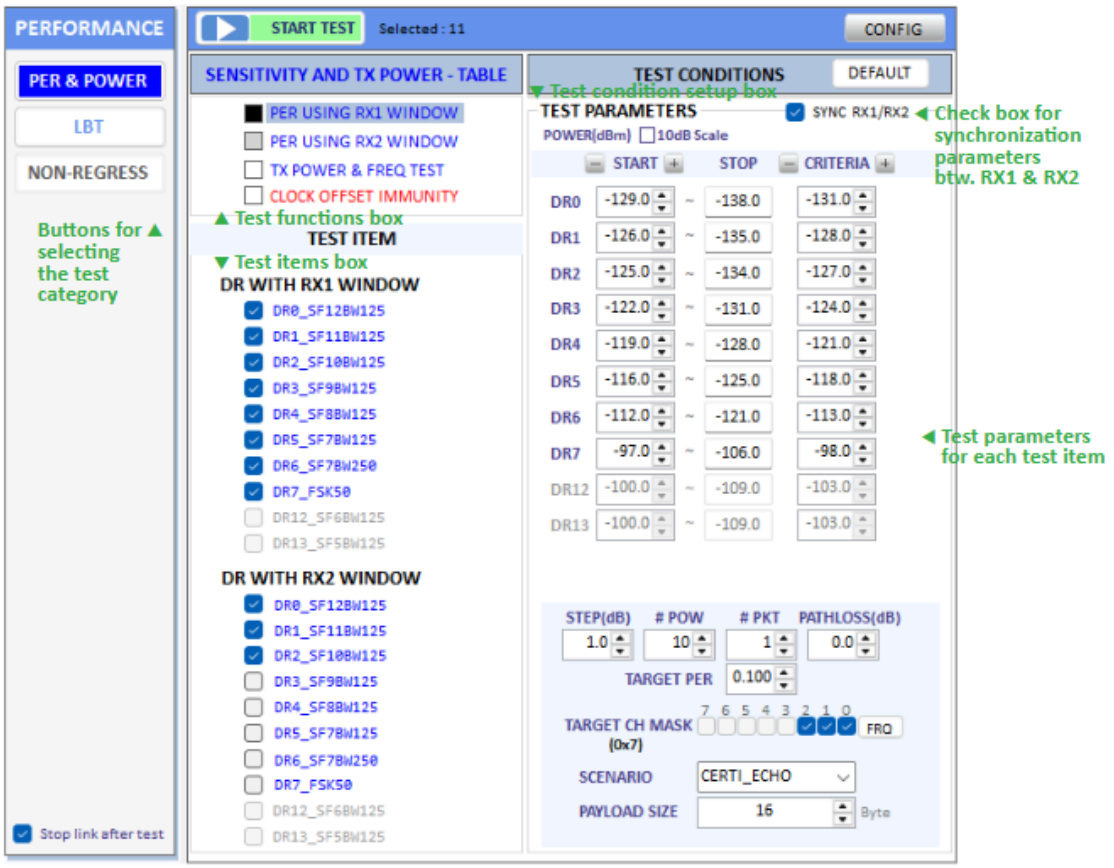


Fig 3.10 Test parameters and conditions

3.2.1 PER/POWER/CLK OFFSET IMMUNITY

This function allows RWC5020x to search the sensitivity level by measuring the PER (Packet Error Rate). measure TX power of DUT and Clock Offset Immunity according to the test parameters and conditions. You can modify test conditions and parameters. If you click on the [CONFIG] menu, you can set protocol parameters in the PARAMETER CONFIGURATION window.

3.2.1.1 Selection item

Select or deselect each item that you want to test by clicking each checkbox in the test items box. If you want

to add or remove all test items at once, have the check box of the title checked or unchecked in the test function box. Whenever you click on each test item, its test conditions will be shown in the test condition box. If you want to change the displayed item, click each test title in the test function box.

3.2.1.2 Test conditions

All test condition parameters such as start power, power step, number of power, and number of packets can be set up in the functions window.

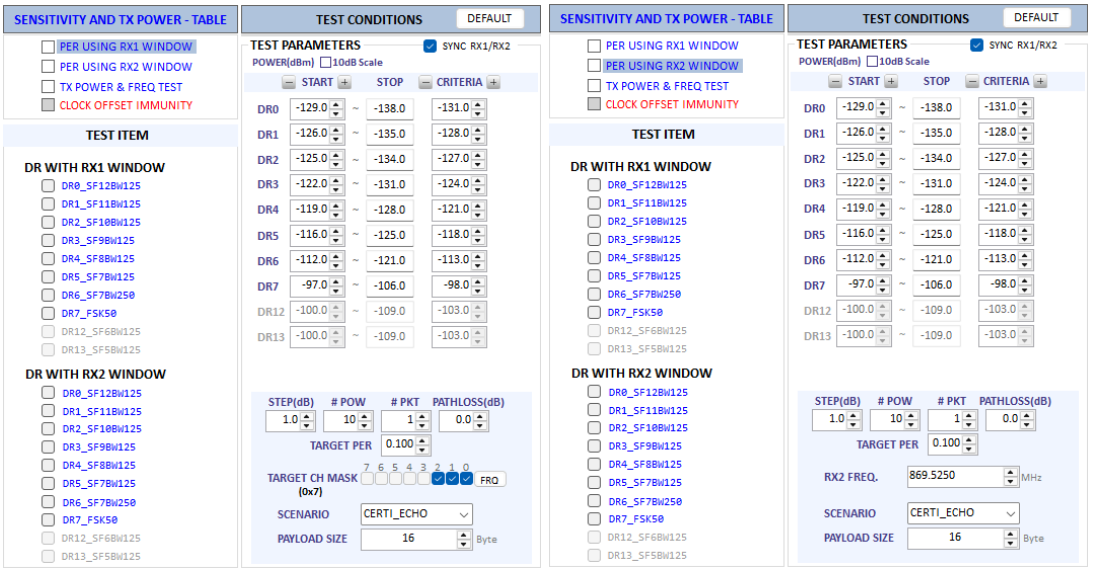


Fig 3.11 Test Conditions for PER using RX1 and RX2 Window

Parameters for PER test using RX1 and RX2 Window

SCENARIO

This is the test scenario of the sensitivity test. In 'NORMAL_UL', DUT should send unconfirmed or confirmed uplink messages periodically and the Tester sends confirmed downlink messages and checks the flag of acknowledgement in DUT frames in order to count errors. In 'CERTI_ECHO', DUT should enter the test mode by the Tester's activation command and the Tester will use EchoRequest/EchoResponse in order to count errors. In 'CERTI_DL_CNT', DUT should enter the test mode by the Tester's activation command and the Tester will use DL_Counter value in order to count errors.

For Version 1.0.2/1.0.3, it supports NORMAL_UL, CERTI_ECHO, CERTI_DL_CNT

For Version 1.0.4, it supports NORMAL_UL only

PACKET_NUM

This is the packet number of tests at each test point. Increasing the test result may have higher resolution but the testing time may become longer.

START_POW

This defines the start value of POWER sweep.

STOP_POW

This defines the stop value for POWER sweep (read only).

STEP_POW

This defines the step value for POWER sweep.

NUM_POW

This defines the number of power values for POWER sweep.

TARGET_PER

This is a parameter to set the user's target PER. The test sweeps fully in the range of POWER until DUT does not satisfy TARGET_PER.

TARGET_CH_MASK

This parameter encodes the channels usable for uplink access. A bit in the CH_MASK field set to 1 means that the corresponding channel can be used for uplink transmissions.

TARGET_DL_CH_00 ~ 07

This parameter redefines DL channel frequencies for sensitivity tests. The tester will use the DL_CHANNEL_REQ MAC command to modify downlink channel frequencies.

DOWNLINK_SLOT

This is a parameter to select the RX window for testing the DUT.

TARGET_DR

This is a parameter to determine the DR by sending MAC commands before the Sensitivity Test starts. *LinkADRReq* will be sent in case of RX1 and *RXParamSetReq* will be sent in case of RX2.

DL_PACKET

This is a parameter to define the contents of downlink packets to be used in the 'NORMAL_UL' scenario.

FPORT

This parameter defines the FPort number of a user-defined MAC Command.

PAYLOAD_SIZE

This parameter defines the size of payload of a user-defined MAC Command.

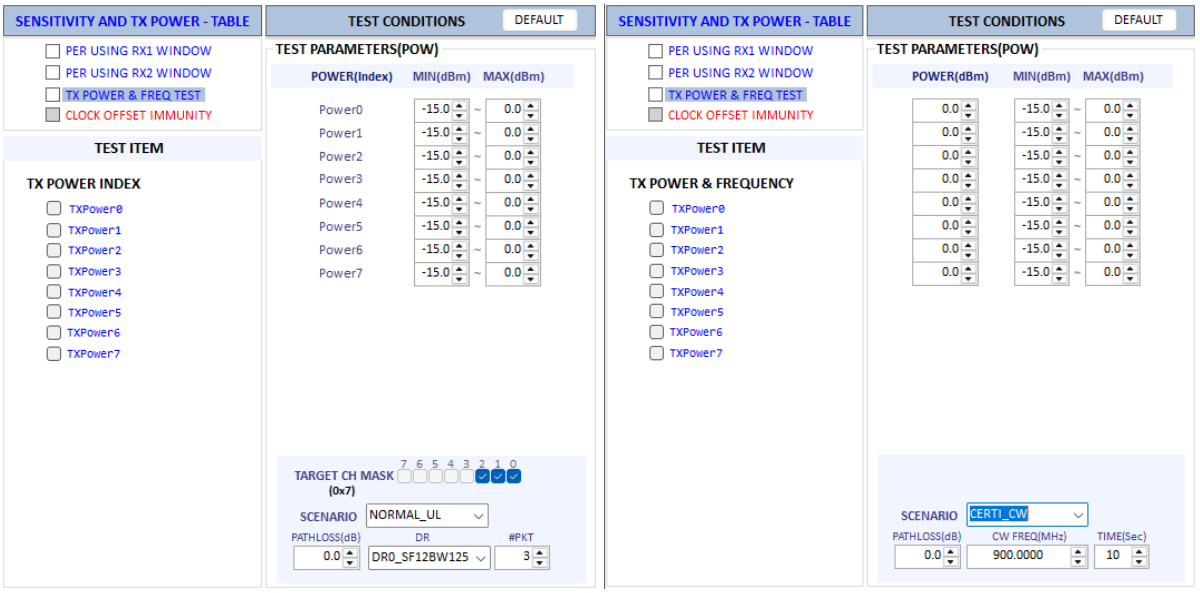
PAYLOAD

This parameter defines the content of the payload in hexadecimal format.

Parameters of TX Power Test

MODE

It determines the test method of Power Measurement. If it is set at SYNC_TO_LINK, Power measurement is fully synchronized with Link Analyzer. Power Measure displays all Received packets while Link Analyzer is running. If it is set as SCENARIO, Power Measure function measures TX power of DUT using special scenarios which is selected by SCENARIO parameter.



a. Test condition for TX Power test using LoRa Signal b. Test condition for TX Power test using CW

Fig 3.12 Test Conditions for TX Power Test

SCENARIO

It has three different scenarios to activate DUT to measure power of DUT. NORMAL_UL scenario mode just receives any packet from DUT and measures the power. CERTI_DL_CNT scenario will set the DUT as Test mode at the beginning stage and measure the power of DL_counter packets from DUT. CERTI_CW scenario will set the DUT as Test mode and transmit CW_ENABLE MAC command to transmit CW signal by DUT and measure this CW signal power. If you are using RWC5020B, this scenario mode also measures CW frequency value.

For Version 1.0.2/1.0.3, it supports NORMAL_UL, CERTI_DL_CNT, CERTI_CW

For Version 1.0.4, it supports NORMAL_UL, CERTI_CW

UL_DR

This parameter is the requested data rate of End Device for uplink messages.

ADR_POWER

This parameter is the requested output power of End Device for uplink messages.

TARGET_CH_MASK

This parameter encodes the channels usable for uplink access. A bit in the CH_MASK field set to 1

means that the corresponding channel can be used for uplink transmissions.

#PKT

This parameter defines the minimum packet number for power measurement on each channel which is defined by TARGET_CH_MASK.

CW_TIMEOUT

This parameter indicates the timeout for CW transmission.

CW_FREQ

This parameter indicates the frequency of CW signal.

CW_POW

This parameter indicates the power of CW signal.

Parameters of Clk Offset Immunity Test

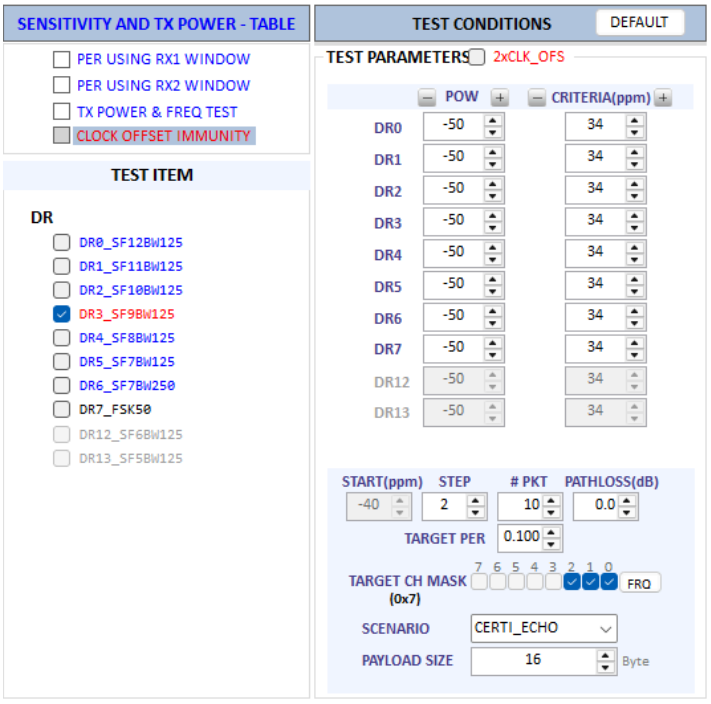


Fig 3.13 Test condition for Clock Offset Immunity Test

SCENARIO

This is the test scenario of the sensitivity test. In 'NORMAL_UL', DUT should send unconfirmed or confirmed uplink messages periodically and the Tester sends confirmed downlink messages and checks the flag of acknowledgement in DUT frames in order to count errors. In 'CERTI_ECHO', DUT should enter the test mode by the Tester's activation command and the Tester will use EchoRequest/EchoResponse in order to count errors. In 'CERTI_DL_CNT', DUT should enter the test mode by the Tester's activation command and the Tester will use DL_Counter value in order to count errors.

For Version 1.0.2/1.0.3, it supports NORMAL_UL, CERTI_ECHO, CERTI_DL_CNT
For Version 1.0.4, it supports NORMAL_UL only

PACKET_NUM

Defines the number of packets transmitted at each test point. Increasing this value improves the resolution and reliability of the test results, but also increases the overall test duration.

POW

Defines the transmit power level of the tester (RWC5020x) during the test. It is typically set about 3 dB higher than the sensitivity level.

CRITERIA(ppm)

Defines the starting value for the clock offset sweep of the tester (RWC5020x). This value is fixed at -40 ppm. The stop value is also fixed at +40 ppm. It is defined by the user.

START(ppm)

Defines the starting value for the clock offset sweep of the tester (RWC5020x). This value is fixed at -40 ppm. The stop value is also fixed at +40 ppm.

STEP

Defines the step size for the clock offset sweep.

TARGET_PER

Specifies the target Packet Error Rate (PER) defined by the user. The test sweeps across the power range until the DUT no longer satisfies the TARGET_PER requirement.

TARGET_CH_MASK

Encodes the channels available for uplink access. A bit set to 1 in the CH_MASK field indicates that the corresponding channel is enabled for uplink transmission.

PAYLOAD SIZE

Defines the length of the transmitted packet from the tester when communicating with the DUT.

3.2.1.3 Protocol Parameters

If you want to modify more details of protocol parameter such as keys, network, channel mask, and so on, click on CONFIG button and the parameter configuration window will appear as shown in Fig 3.14.

Listed protocol parameters will be changed according to the functions such as certification, performance, and link analyzer.

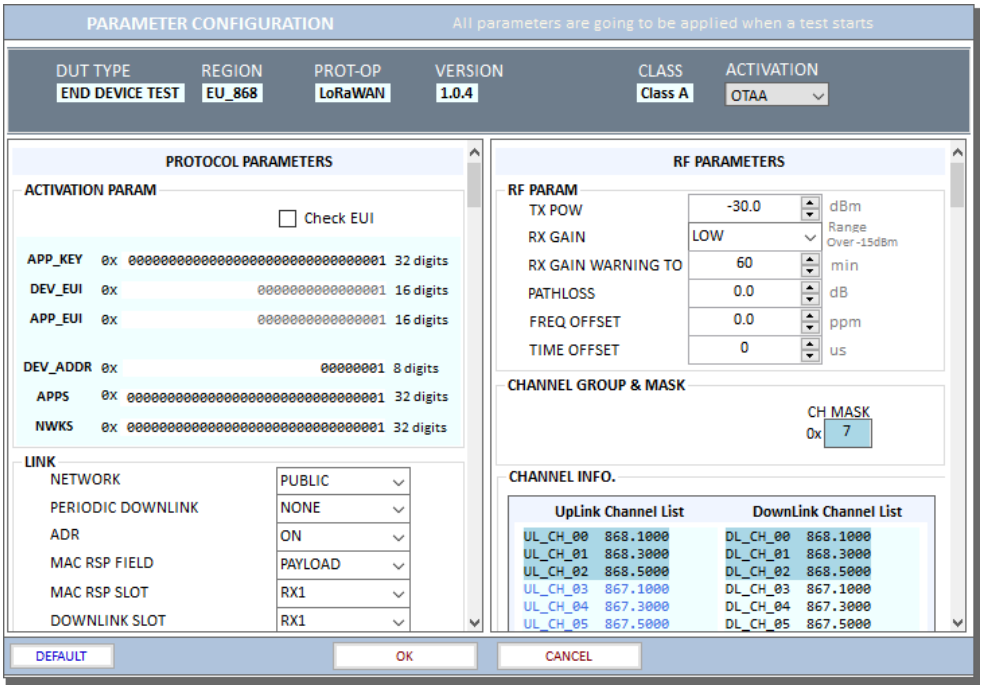


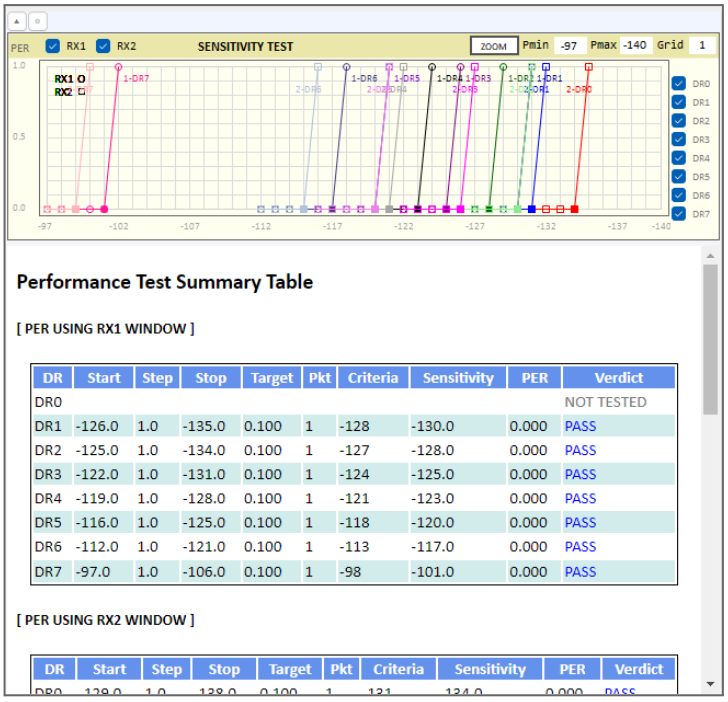
Fig 3.14 Parameter configuration window

3.2.1.4 Start/Stop Test

If you click on the START TEST button, the selected test items will be tested sequentially. Anytime you can stop the test by clicking the same button. It can take a long time to save the tested data. During the test, you can uncheck the selected test items that are still not tested yet. But for tested items, unchecking is not effective.

3.2.1.5 Tested Result

If you clink on the SENSITIVITY AND TX POWER - TABLE title, you can see the test result summary table.



DR	Start	Step	Stop	Target	Pkt	Criteria	Sensitivity	PER	Verdict
DR0									NOT TESTED
DR1	-126.0	1.0	-135.0	0.100	1	-128	-130.0	0.000	PASS
DR2	-125.0	1.0	-134.0	0.100	1	-127	-128.0	0.000	PASS
DR3	-122.0	1.0	-131.0	0.100	1	-124	-125.0	0.000	PASS
DR4	-119.0	1.0	-128.0	0.100	1	-121	-123.0	0.000	PASS
DR5	-116.0	1.0	-125.0	0.100	1	-118	-120.0	0.000	PASS
DR6	-112.0	1.0	-121.0	0.100	1	-113	-117.0	0.000	PASS
DR7	-97.0	1.0	-106.0	0.100	1	-98	-101.0	0.000	PASS

DR	Start	Step	Stop	Target	Pkt	Criteria	Sensitivity	PER	Verdict

Fig 3.15 Test Result – Summary Table

If you click on PER using RX1 Window you can see all tested results in detail in the result window from SF12 to SF7

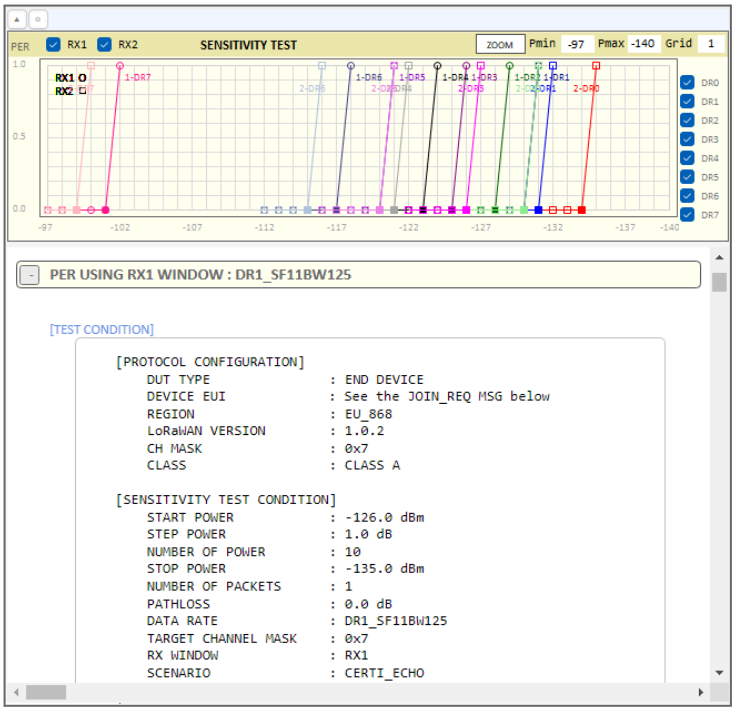


Fig 3.16 Test Result – Detail Report

3.2.1.6 PER Performance test functionality condition

Synchronization PER test parameters between RX1 and RX2

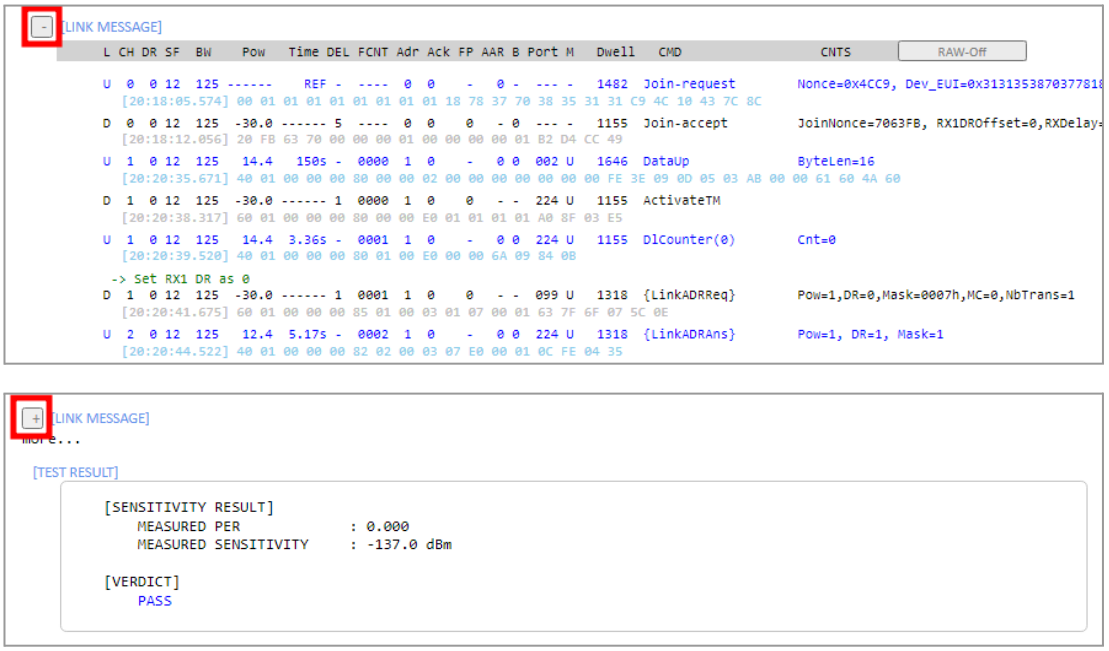
When you check □SYNC RX1/RX2, test condition parameters such as START, CRITERIA, STEP, #POW, #PKT, TARGET PER of RX1 and RX2 will be the same.

Test parameter value changing Unit

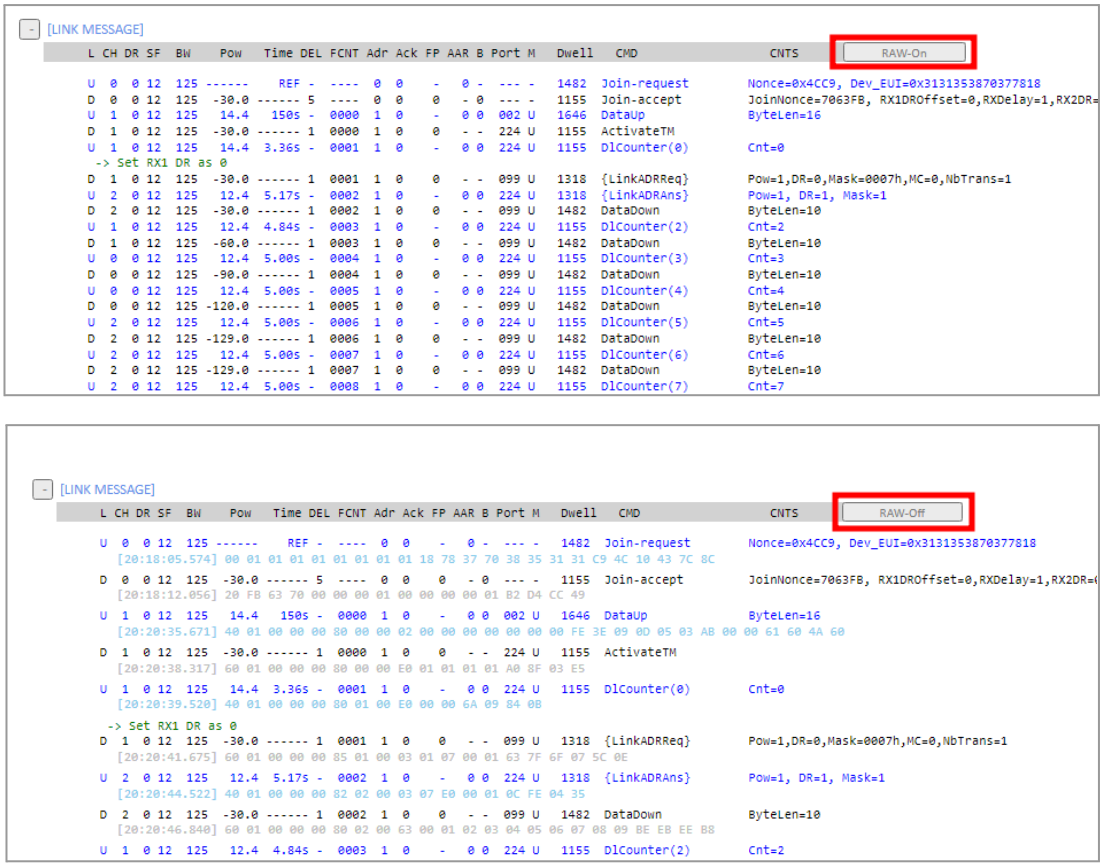
When you check □10, START and CRITERIA parameters will be changed in the 10dB unit when you change these values using arrow buttons. Without checking they will be changed in 1dB units.

Link message displaying

The tester saves all link messages during the test. After the test, the tester displays all test results, including link messages and raw data. Clicking the [+] button allows you to expand or collapse the test results of the link messages, and clicking the [raw-on/off] button toggles the display of raw data.



a. Toggling Link messages

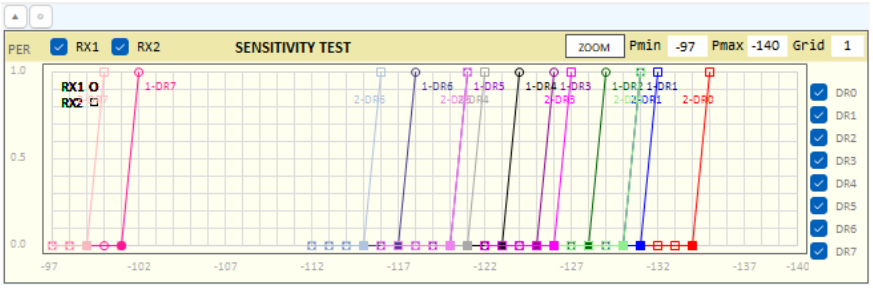


b. Toggling the raw data of link message

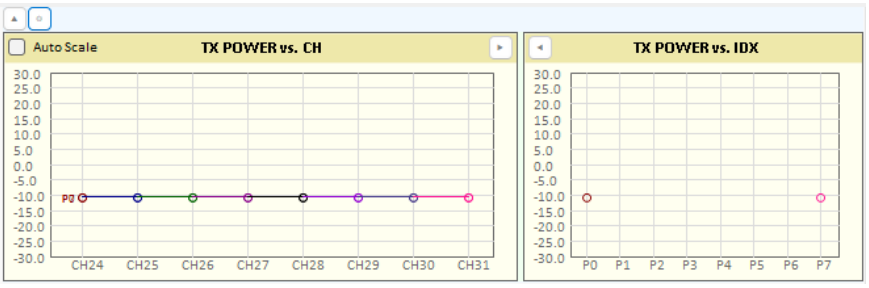
Fig 3.17 Link Messages in Test Report

Showing graph

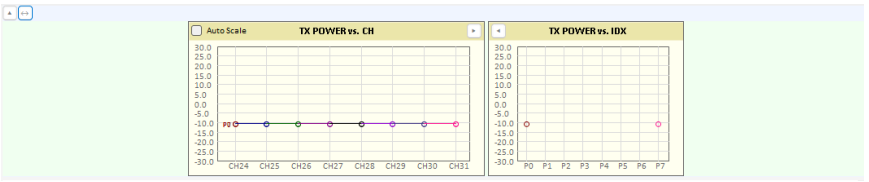
The performance tester will show the PER curve or TX power graph in the report function window during the test. Pressing [▲] button toggles displaying the result graph. Pressing [o] button toggles displaying the graph being stretched or fixed size. ▭AutoScale checkbox chances the scale of power test result graph between [-30,+30] and [min-1.0, max+1.0].



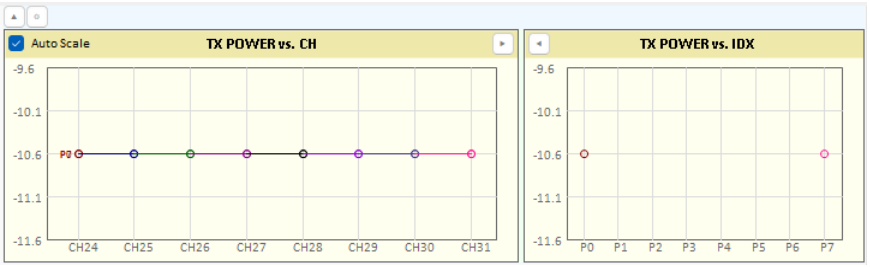
a. The result graph of PER test(EU868)



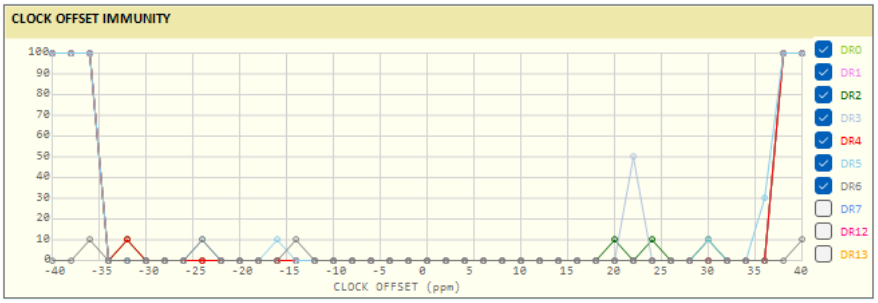
b. The stretched result graph of power test(CN, 26M_B)



c. The fixed size result graph of power test(CN, 26M_B)



d. Auto scaled result graph of power test(CN, 26M_B)



e. The result graph of Clock Offset Immunity test (Step=2ppm)

Fig 3.18 Show Result Graph of PER and TX Power

3.2.1.7 Viewing Remote commands

If □View SPY MSG is checked, it shows remote control commands and responses between the application and RWC5020x equipment.



Fig 3.19 Remote Message

3.2.2 LBT TEST

RWC5020x application provides LBT (listen before talk) test function. An RWC2020A is required for this test. In this test, RWC5020x application assumes an RWC2020A is connected as an interferer.

Connect RWC5020x and RWC2020A with RS232 cable. RWC2020A will be controlled by RWC5020x through RS232 cable during LBT test. RWC2020A will make interference signals as you set up this RWC5020x application program. RWC2020A can make single or multi-interferer signals up to 8 at the same time. Users can check whether RWC2020A is connected or not with this icon and message. 

3.2.2.1 Checking the connection to RWC2020A

Users must check whether RWC2020A is connected or not before LBT test.

LBT test will not be run without RWC2020A LBT interferer.

3.2.2.2 Test Scenarios

The application provides two scenarios; channel and burst mode test.

In the channel mode test, RWC2020A transmits a single tone to each channel that users selected simultaneously. Users can set the test duration, reference power, and relative sub-channel power of RWC2020A interfering signals.

In the burst mode test, RWC2020A alternatively transmits multi-tones according to the time schedule. Users can set up the time duration of each signal burst.

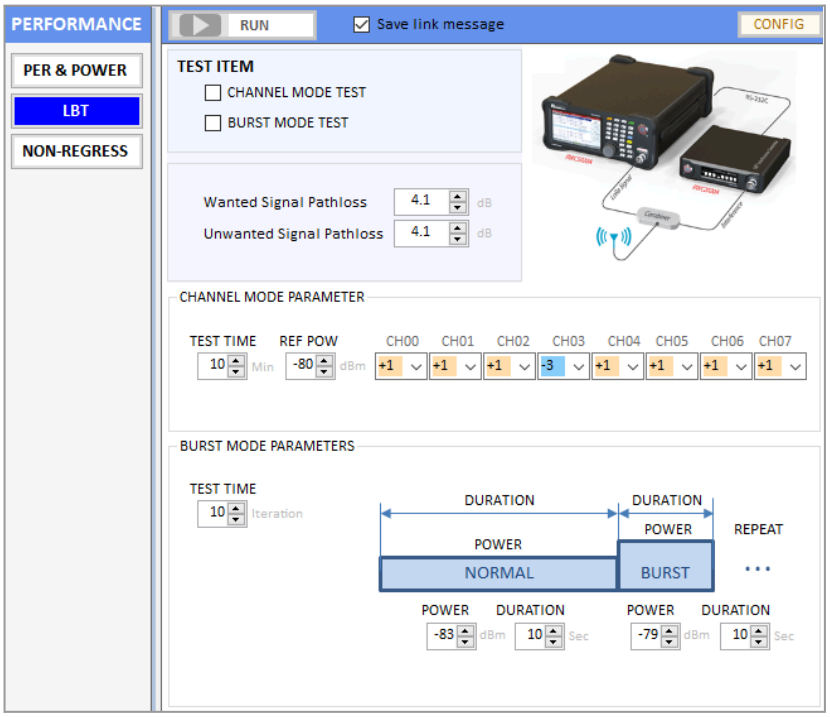
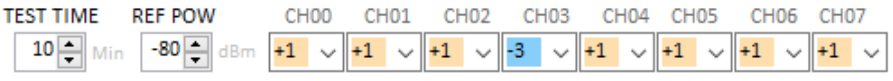


Fig 3.20 LBT Scenario configuration window

3.2.2.3 Channel mode test

Users can configure the reference power and relative sub channel power of RWC2020A interfering signals. If you set channel relative powers the same as figure 3.20, RWC2020A will generate eight interference channels and set the absolute powers same as the values shown in the figure 3.21.



a. Relative channel powers

CH	CH00	CH01	CH02	CH03	CH04	CH05	CH06	CH07
Actual Power(dBm)	-79	-79	-79	-83	-79	-79	-79	-79

b. Absolute channel power table

Fig 3.21 LBT Channel power configuration

3.2.2.4 Burst mode test

In burst mode test, users can configure the power and the duration of each burst signal as well as test iteration. RWC2020A alternatively transmits two burst signals according to the power and duration.

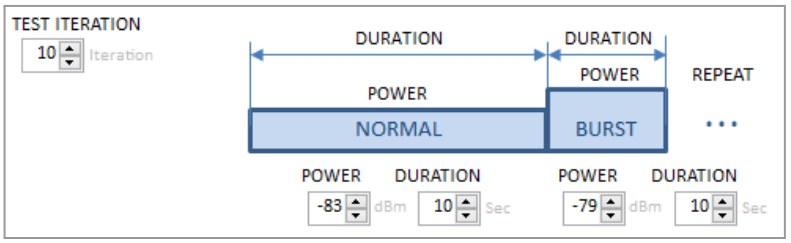


Fig 3.22 LBT Burst channel configuration

3.2.2.5 Starting LBT test and result

Click on RUN and RWC5020x will start the communication with DUT and RWC2020A will generate an interference signal. While testing, RWC5020x will count up received packets per channel and display the result. The DUT shall not use channels whose interference signal is above the reference value.

3.2.3 NON-REGRESSION TEST

This test function is only for gateways, and it will be activated under the gateway type of DUT test.

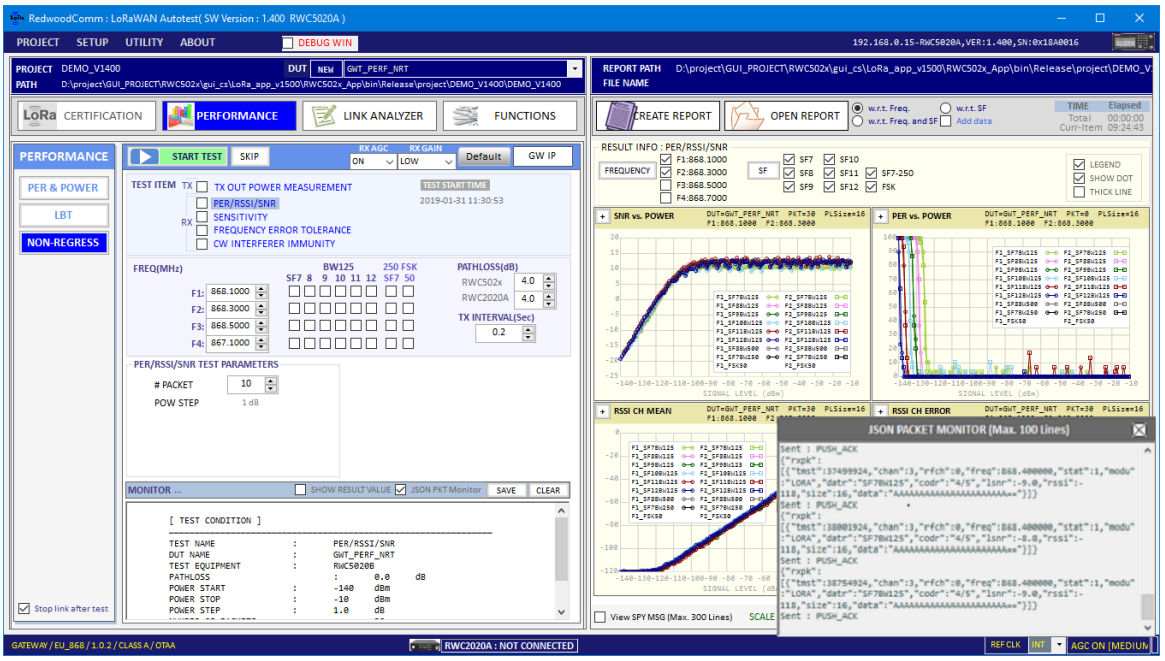
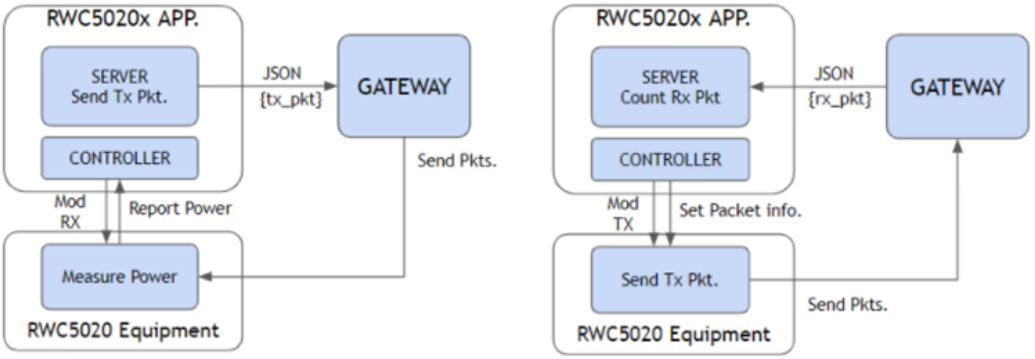


Fig 3.23 Non-regression test control and parameters window

3.2.3.1 Test Concept

RWC5020x application program provides a new test method to verify gateway's RF performance without an external network server, which is a part of non-regression tests for gateways defined by SEMTECH. You do not need to connect your gateway to any other network server because the RWX5020x application works as a network server. The test concept is shown in the fig 3.24.



a. TX test concept b. RX test concept

Fig 3.24 Test concept of the Non-regression test with RWC5020x

Users need to connect the DUT (GW) with the RWC5020x measurement equipment, and if necessary, connect it with the RWC2020A interference signal generator as shown in Figure 3.24 below. The user's PC, running the RWC5020x application program, will function as a server and measurement controller.



Fig 3.25 The Concept of non-regression test of gateways

In order to let RWC5020x know the IP and the destination port of the gateway, users have to set them manually. You can select the network adapter which has the actual IP address of the running RWC5020x application.

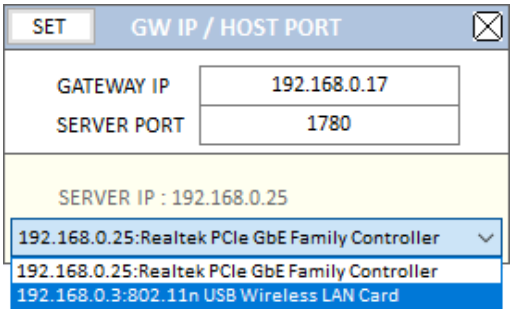


Fig 3.26 The IP and PORT setup for non-regression test

Non-regression test consists of 5 automated test functions such as TX output power calibration, PER/RSSI/SNR, sensitivity, frequency error tolerance, CW interferer immunity test, and inter-modulation immunity. RWC5020x application program provides minimal amount of server functionality to respond to the request from a gateway.

If you set the ☐Show JSON PKT checked, a monitor box appears and shows all JSON packets transmitted and

received during the test.

3.2.3.2 TX output power calibration

This function measures TX output power of the DUT (gateway) and shows the power properties and makes a property table.

In this test, the RWC5020x application program makes DUT transmit signal according to the setup power through LAN with JSON and RWC5020x equipment measures the TX power of the DUT. Users can use this function as a calibrator for the gateway.

Users can set up power start, power step, number of powers, and number of packets.



Fig 3.27 Parameters for TX POWER CALIBRATION

Users cannot change stop power. It will be calculated according to the power start and power step values automatically.

3.2.3.3 PER/RSSI/SNR

This function measures the PER (packet error rate), reads and shows the RSSI(Rx Signal Strength Indication) and SNR(Signal to Noise Ratio) information from the gateway using JSON.

In this test, RWC5020x equipment transmits a LoRa signal and RWC5020x application asks the gateway for RSSI, SNR and the number of received packets. RWC5020x application calculates PER using the number of packets that equipment sent and the number of packets that gateway received and shows the result graphically.

Power step is fixed at 1dB and Power range is also fixed.

The transmit payload is ‘all zeros’. Users cannot modify the payload.

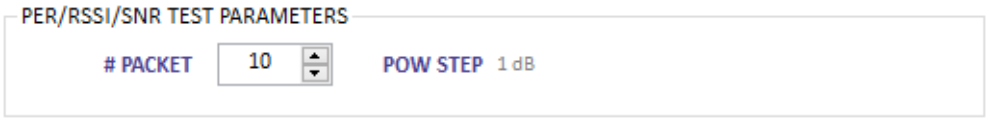


Fig 3.28 Parameters for PER/RSSI/SNR

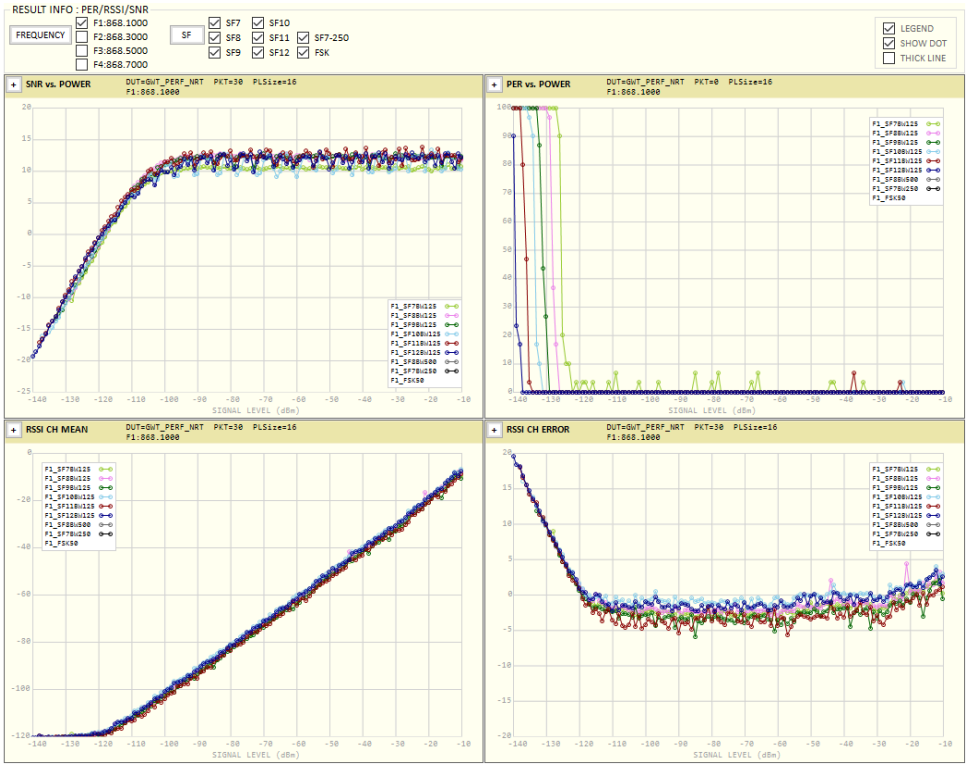


Fig 3.29 The test result of PER/RSSI/SN

3.2.3.4 Sensitivity

This function measures the PER (packet error rate) with respect to the power and searches the sensitivity using the measured PER.

While testing, RWC5020x equipment transmits a LoRa signal and RWC5020x application asks the gateway for the number of received packets. RWC5020x application calculates PER using the number of packets that the equipment sent and the number of packets that the gateway received and shows the result graphically.

The power step is fixed at 1dB and power range is also fixed in range -140 to -100dBm.

Users may modify only the number of packets. More packets will make more reliable results.

The transmit payload is ‘all zeros’. Users cannot modify the payload.

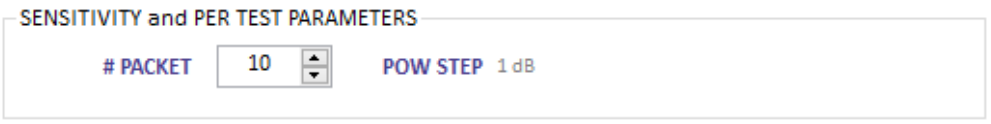


Fig 3.30 Parameters for SENSITIVITY

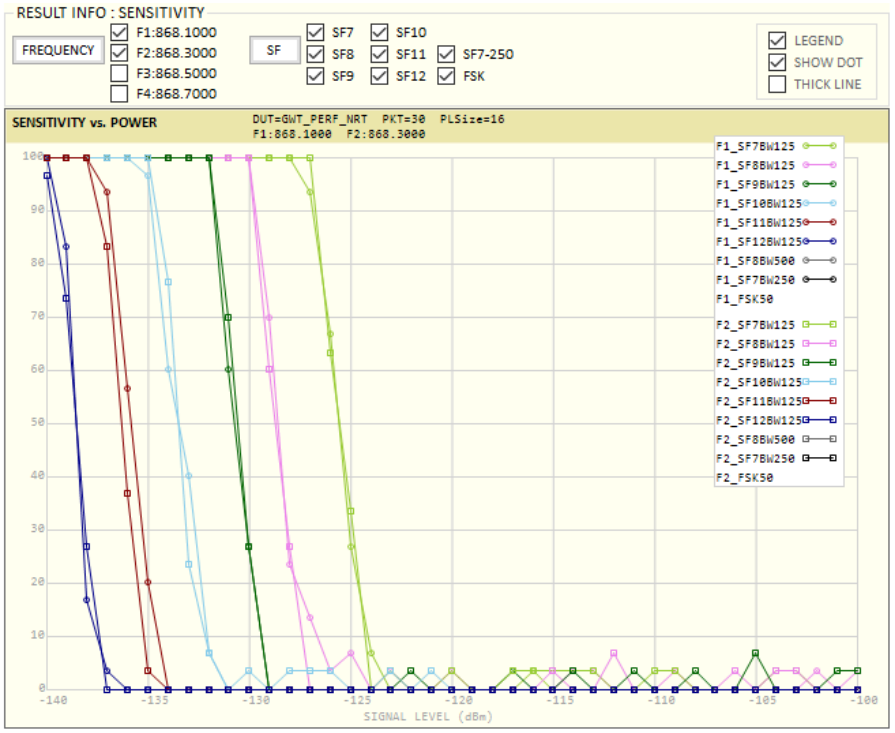


Fig 3.31 The test result of SENSITIVITY

3.2.3.5 Frequency error tolerance

This function measures the immunity properties with respect to the frequency error of the DUT (GW) using the packet error rate. It is available only with RWC5020B and RWC5020M.

In this test, RWC5020B/M equipment transmits LoRa signal with frequency offset and RWC5020x application asks the gateway for the number of received packet and calculates PER using the number of packets that the equipment sent and the number of packets that DUT received. TX Power of RWC5020x is fixed at -100dBm and frequency offset step is fixed at 1.0 ppm. Users may modify the number of packets to be tested.

The transmit payload is ‘all zeros’. Users cannot modify the payload.

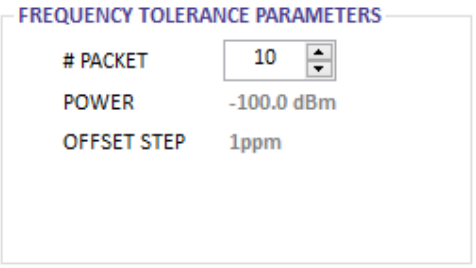


Fig 3.32 Parameters for FREQUENCY ERROR TOLERANCE

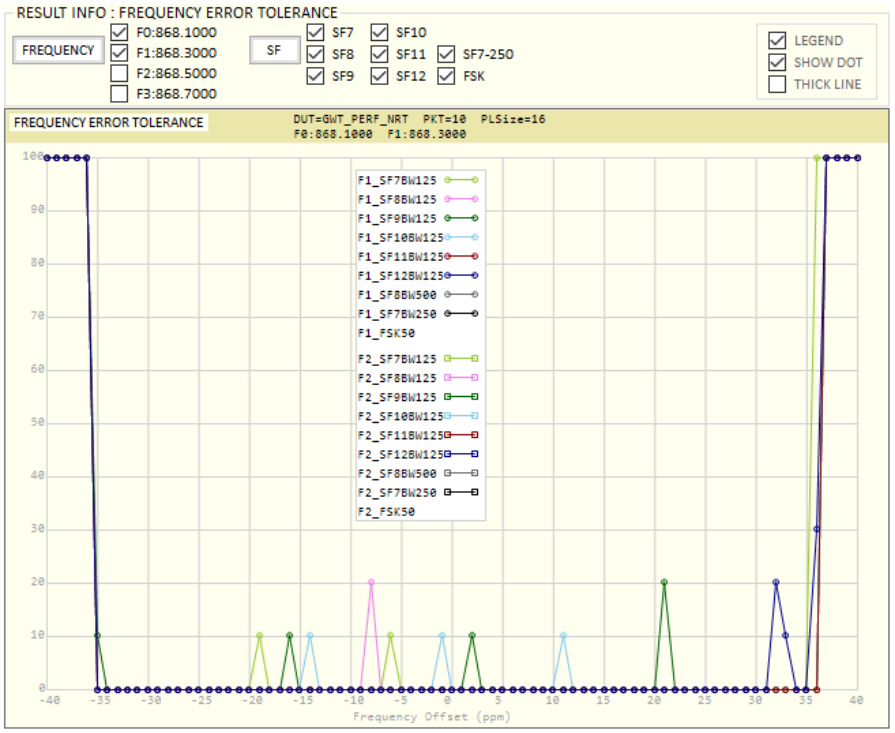


Fig 3.33 The test result of FREQUENCY ERROR TOLERANCE

3.2.3.6 CW immunity against the interferences with frequency offset

This function measures the immunity properties of the gateway against interference signals of variant frequencies and powers.

In this test, RWC5020x equipment transmits LoRaWAN® signal as a wanted signal, RWC2020A transmits CW as an interference signal and RWC5020x application asks the gateway (DUT) for the number of received packets during the test.

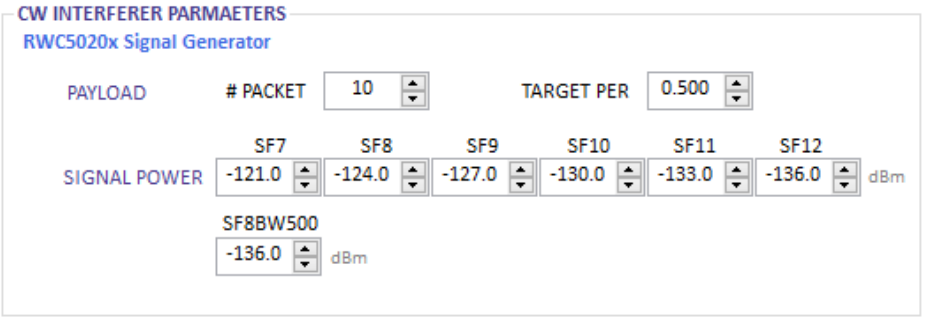


Fig 3.34 CW Interferer test parameters

RWC5020x application finds the interferer power level of the PER that meets target PER while calculating PER

using the number of packet gateway received. Users can set payload size, number of packets, target PER, and each power for each spreading factor respectively. The transmit payload is 'all zeros'. Users cannot modify the payload. RWC2020A interferer generator is required to test CW interferer immunity.

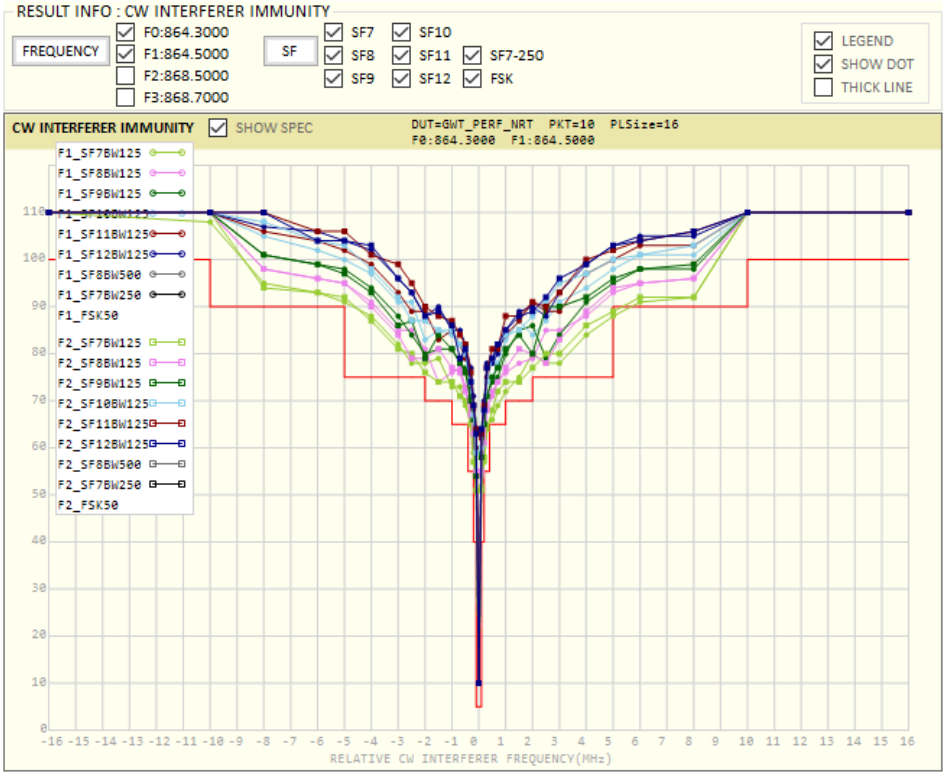


Fig 3.35 The test result of CW Interferer Immunity

3.2.3.7 Functionality condition

Showing Result Values

When you check □Show Result Values, all tested values will be shown in the result window. It can take quite a long time to display according to the result amount. It may take a long time to display according to the amount of result data.

Showing JSON packets during test

When you check □Show JSON PKT, you can see JSON packets sending and receiving between SERVER and the DUT(Gateway) during the test.

Skipping current testing item

If you click the [SKIP] button during the test, the application will mark the current testing item as untested and start testing the next SF item which is checked.

3.3 Link Analyzer

Using this function, you can monitor all operations of DUT and dump all link messages in user-friendly format from RWC5020x while linking with DUT.

Link analyzer consists of a Link message tool, script editor, and payload editor.

Using the payload editor, users can send mac command(s) or user defined packets while linking.

In addition, using script editor addition, users can create a script and play it while linking. You can add or remove a group of commands named ACTION which includes single, multiple MAC commands, and user defined payload.

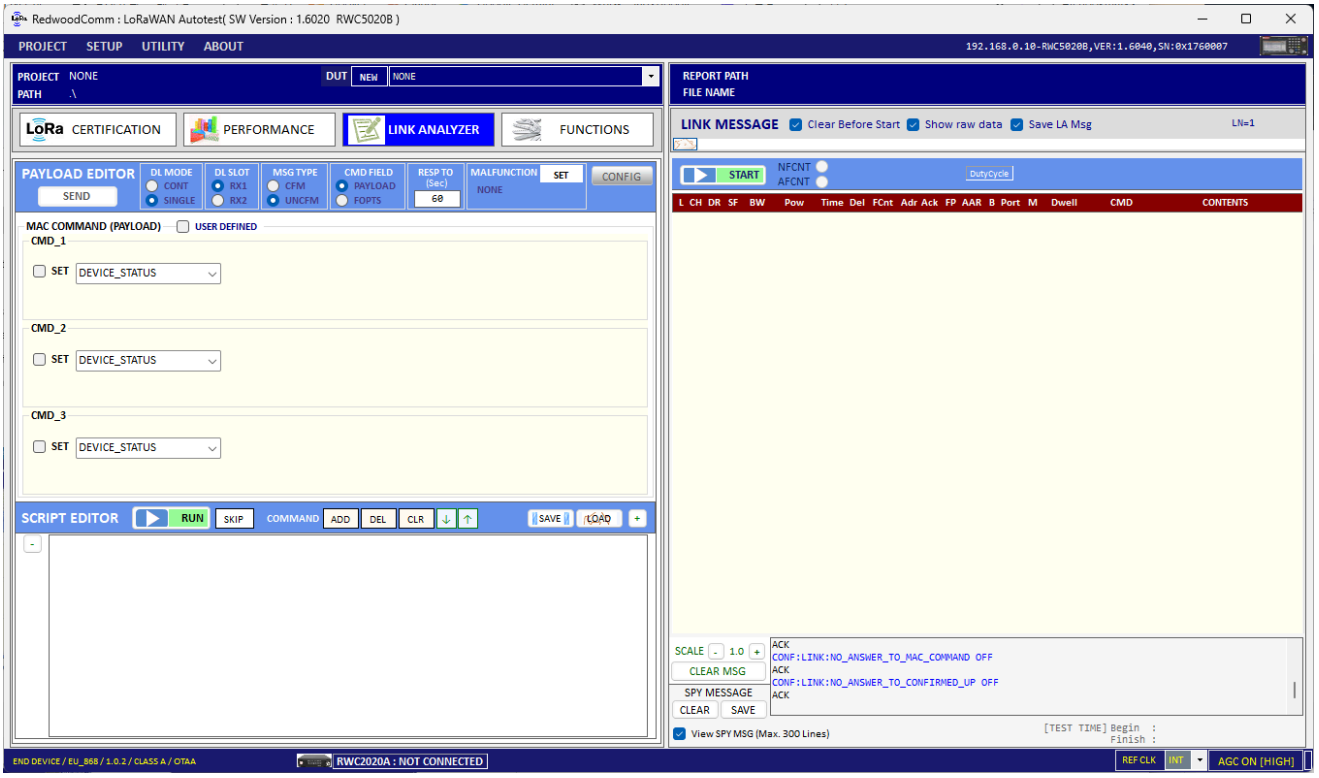


Fig 3.36 Link Analyzer

3.3.1 Saving link message

Click on START button in the link message window and RWC5020x will start dumping all link messages between RWC5020x and DUT line by line. Clicking on STOP button will stop RWC5020x from dumping. All link messages can be saved any time with time stamped file name by clicking START SAVING on button. When you click the [START SAVING] button, the program starts saving the link message in real time, shows the saving status with a progress bar, and you can see the file name.

Change the naming option in the environment menu to specify the desired file name.

3.3.2 Payload editor

3.3.2.1 Sending Commands

You can edit MAC commands in the link script editor window. You can select single or multiple commands by checking one, two, or three ☑ SET . When multiple ☑ SET are selected, multiple MAC commands are added in a single frame. The maximum number of multiple MAC commands in a frame is limited to 3 on RWC5020x equipment.

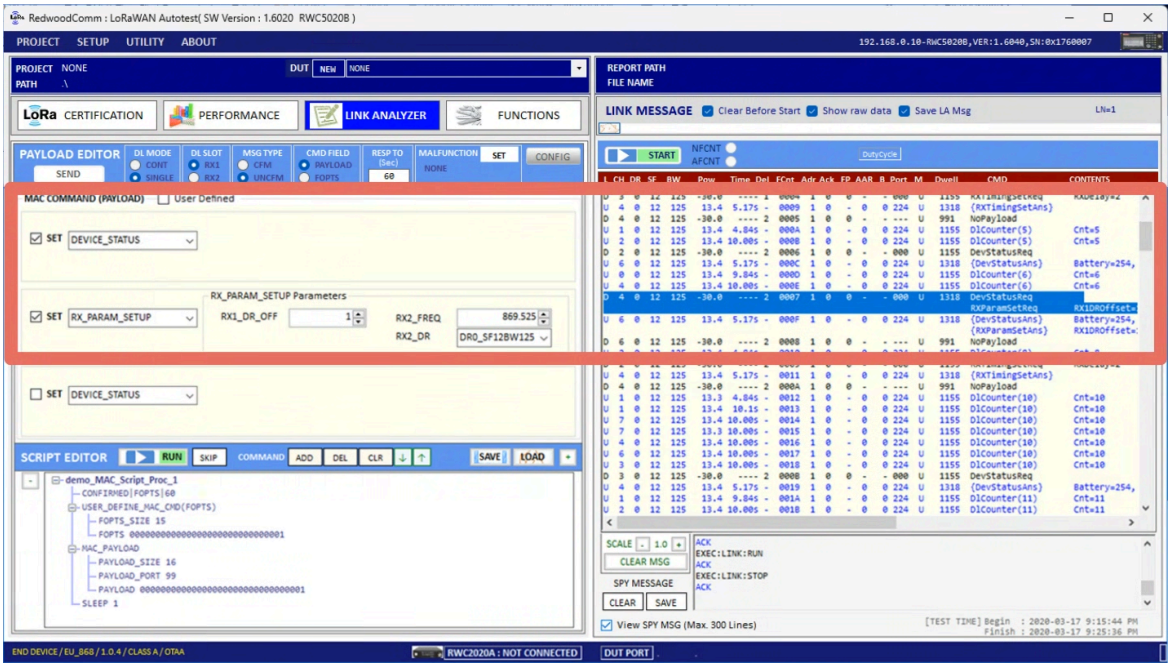


Fig 3.37 Sending multiple commands in a single packet

When ☑ User Defined is checked, user definable command edit window will appear.



Fig 3.38 An Example for User defined commands in FOPTS and MAC PAYLOAD USER DATA

3.3.2.2 Malfunction test

Users can send the MAC commands which include errors intentionally inserted using malfunction. This function is also applied to GWT.

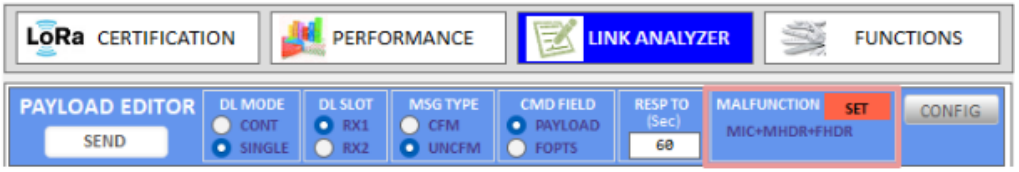


Fig 3.39 Malfunction status window in PAYLOAD EDITOR

Test Procedure

Activation – Start link analyzer and make an activation with DUT.

MAC command selection - Select a mac command referring 3.3.2.1

Malfunction Editing - Click the[SET] button in the MALFUNCTION area and select the types of error which you want to add like fig. 3.40. To generate an intentional MIC error, set MIC_ERROR to ON. To modify the MAC header part, set MHDR_ERROR to ON and configure the XOR_MHDR value. XOR_MHDR value is exclusive OR with MAC Header. To modify the Frame header part, set FHDR_ERROR to ON and configure the XOR_FHDR value. XOR_FHDR value is exclusive OR with Frame Header.

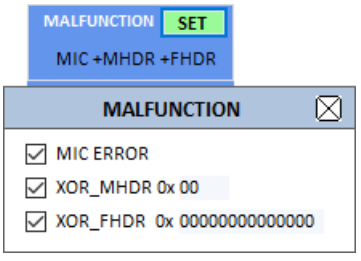


Fig 3.40 Malfunction configuration parameters

MAC command transmission - Clicking [SEND CMD] button will send MAC commands and malfunction setup commands to the equipment. Then RWC5020x will send the intentionally malfunctioned MAC command to the DUT.

3.3.2.3 Mac Commander Parameters

DL MODE

DL MODE corresponds to the MAC_SEND_MODE parameter of the RWC502x. In EDT mode, this function determines whether the RWC502x automatically responds to each uplink (UL) message received from the End Device with a downlink (DL) MAC command.

CONT: The RWC502x automatically responds to every UL message with a DL MAC command. The most recently configured MAC command is transmitted for each response.

SINGLE: The RWC502x sends the configured DL MAC command only once.



Fig 3.41 DL MODE

DOWNLINK_SLOT

When RWC5020x emulates Gateway/Server mode (EDT), it could respond to the uplink frame by downlink frame using RX1 window or RX2 window. Using this parameter, users can select the RX window for testing the DUT.



Fig 3.42 MESSAGE TYPE

MAC_CMD_TYPE

This parameter defines the type of MAC command to be transmitted: confirmed or unconfirmed.



Fig 3.43 COMMAND FILED

MAC_CMD_FIELD

This parameter defines the type of field where MAC command is stored in a frame: payload or option field.



Fig 3.44 RESPONSE TIME OUT

RESP TIMEOUT

This parameter defines MAC answer time-out after sending MAC command.



Fig 3.45 Response timeout value

FOPTS_SIZE

This parameter defines the size of the FOpts field. This parameter is shown if MAC_CMD_FIELD is set as FOPTION.

FOPTS

This parameter defines the content of FOpts in hexadecimal format. This parameter is shown if MAC_CMD_FIELD is set as FOPTION.

MAC_CMD: DEV_STATUS

This parameter is for sending *DevStatusReq* command to DUT, which expects *DevStatusAns* command from it. *DevStatusReq* command requests the status of the End Device and does not have any parameters.

MAC_CMD: LINK_ADR

This parameter is for sending *LinkADRReq* command to DUT, which expects *LinkADRAns* command from it. *LinkADRReq* command requests the End Device to change data rate, transmit power, repetition rate or channel.

ADR_DR

This parameter is the requested data rate of End Device for uplink messages.

ADR_TXPOW

This parameter is the requested output power of End Device for uplink messages.

ADR_CH_MASK

This parameter encodes the channels usable for uplink access. A bit in the CH_MASK field set to 1 means that the corresponding channel can be used for uplink transmissions.

ADR_MASK_CTRL

This parameter controls the interpretation of the previously defined CH_MASK bit mask. It controls the block of 16 channels to which the CH_MASK applies. It can also be used to globally turn on or off all channels using specific modulation.

ADR_NB_TRANS

This parameter is the number of transmissions for each uplink message.

MAC_CMD: DUTY_CYCLE

This parameter is for sending *DutyCycleReq* command to DUT, which expects *DutyCycleAns* command from it. *DutyCycleReq* command sets the maximum aggregate transmit duty-cycle of the End Device.

MAX_DUTY_CYCLE

This parameter is used by the network coordinator to limit the maximum aggregate transmit duty cycle of an End Device.

MAC_CMD: RX_PARAM_SETUP

This parameter is for sending *RXParamSetupReq* command to DUT, which expects *RXParamSetupAns* command from it. *RXParamSetupReq* command sets the reception slots parameters.

RX1_DR_OFFSET

This parameter sets the offset between the uplink data rate and the downlink data rate used to communicate with the End Device on the first reception slot (RX1).

RX2_FREQ

This parameter defines the frequency of a downlink using the second receive window.

RX2_DR

This parameter defines the data rate of a downlink using the second receive window.

MAC_CMD: TX_PARAM_SETUP

This parameter is for sending *TXParamSetupReq* command to DUT, which expects *TXParamSetupAns* command from it. *TXParamSetupReq* command is used by the network server to set the maximum allowed dwell time and Max EIRP of End Device, based on local regulations.

MAX_EIRP

This parameter corresponds to an upper bound on the device's radio transmit power. The

device is not required to transmit at that power, but shall never radiate more than this specified EIRP.

Coded Value	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Max EIRP (dBm)	8	10	12	13	14	16	18	20	21	24	26	27	29	30	33	36

UL_DWELL_TIME

This parameter corresponds to the maximum allowed dwell time for uplink transmissions.

DL_DWELL_TIME

This parameter corresponds to the maximum allowed dwell time for downlink transmissions.

MAC_CMD: NEW_CHANNEL

This parameter is for sending *NewChannelReq* command to DUT, which expects *NewChannelAns* command from it. *NewChannelReq* command creates or modifies the definition of a radio channel.

NEW_CH_MODE

This parameter can be used to either modify the parameters of an existing bidirectional channel or to create a new one. To create or modify the channel, set this parameter as 'CREATE'. To delete the channel, set this parameter as 'DELETE'

NEW_CH_INDEX

This parameter is the index of the channel being created or modified.

NEW_CH_MAX_DR

This parameter designates the highest uplink data rate allowed on this channel.

NEW_CH_MIN_DR

This parameter designates the lowest uplink data rate allowed on this channel.

MAC_CMD: DL_CHANNEL

This parameter is for sending *DlChannelReq* command to DUT, which expects *DlChannelAns* command from it. *DlChannelReq* command sets the network to associate a different downlink frequency to the RX1 slot.

DL_CH_INDEX

This parameter is the index of the channel whose downlink frequency is modified.

DL_CH_FREQ

This parameter is the corresponding downlink frequency value of a 24 bits unsigned integer.

The actual downlink frequency in Hz is 100 x DL_CH_FREQ.

MAC_CMD: RX_TIMING_SETUP

This parameter is for sending *RXTimingSetupReq* command to DUT, which expects *RXTimingSetupAns* command from it. *RXTimingSetupReq* command sets the timing of the reception slots.

RECEIVE_DELAY

The first receive window RX1 opens RECEIVE_DELAY seconds after the end of the uplink modulation.

MAC_CMD: USER_DEFINED

This parameter is for sending a user-defined command to DUT, which includes user-defined data of user-defined length.

FPORT

This parameter defines the FPort number of a user-defined MAC Command.

PAYLOAD_SIZE

This parameter defines the size of payload of a user-defined MAC Command.

PAYLOAD

This parameter defines the content of the payload in hexadecimal format.

MAC_CMD: ACTIVATE_TM

This parameter is for sending the Activate *test mode* command to DUT, which starts test mode when 4 bytes payload with value 0x01010101 is sent to DUT.

MAC_CMD: DEACTIVATE_TM

This parameter is for sending *Deactivate test mode* command to DUT, which stops test mode and the DUT goes back to normal applicative operation.

MAC_CMD: CONFIRMED_TM

This parameter is for sending *Confirmed frames* command to DUT, which requests DUT to send the consequent uplink packets with a message type 'Confirmed'. It may be meaningful only after certification test mode is enabled by the *Activate test mode* command.

MAC_CMD: UNCONFIRMED_TM

This parameter is for sending *Unconfirmed frames* command to DUT, which requests DUT to send the consequent uplink packets with a message type 'Unconfirmed'. It may be meaningful only after certification test mode is enabled by the *Activate test mode* command.

MAC_CMD: ECHO_REQUEST_TM

This parameter is for sending the *EchoRequest* command to DUT, which requests DUT to reply with *EchoResponse*. It may be meaningful only after certification test mode is enabled by the *Activate test mode* command.

ECHO_LEN

This parameter indicates the length of payload in *EchoRequest* command.

PAYLOAD

This parameter defines the content of payload in hexadecimal format.

MAC_CMD: TRIGGER_JOIN_REQ_TM

This parameter is for sending the Trigger *Join Request* command to DUT, which requests DUT to send *Join-request*. It may be meaningful only after certification test mode is enabled by the *Activate test mode* command.

MAC_CMD: ENABLE_CW_MODE_TM

This parameter is for sending the *Enable Continuous Wave Mode* command to DUT, which requests DUT to send continuous wave (CW) signal based on the values in the payload. It may be meaningful only after certification test mode is enabled by the *Activate test mode* command.

CW_TIMEOUT

This parameter indicates the timeout for CW transmission.

CW_FREQ

This parameter indicates the frequency of CW signal.

CW_POW

This parameter indicates the power of CW signal.

MAC_CMD: BEACON_FREQ

This parameter is for sending *BeaconFreqReq* command to DUT, which expects *BeaconFreqAns* command from it. *BeaconFreqReq* command sets the network to associate new beacon frequency

BEACON_FREQ

This parameter is the corresponding beacon frequency value of a 24 bits unsigned integer.

MAC_CMD: PING_SLOT_CH_REQ

This parameter is for sending *PingSlotChannelReq* command to DUT, which expects *PingSlotFreqAns* command from it. *PingSlotChannelReq* command modifies the frequency and/or the data rate on which the end-device expects the downlink pings

PING_DR

This parameter is the index of the Data Rate used for the ping-slot downlinks.

PING_FREQ

This parameter is the corresponding ping channel frequency value of a 24 bits unsigned integer. The actual ping channel frequency in Hz is 100 x PING_FREQ.

MAC_CMD: FORCE_REJOIN

This parameter is for sending *ForceRejoinReq* to DUT, which expects no answer from it. With the *ForceRejoinReq* command, the network asks a device to immediately transmit a Rejoin-Request Type 0 or type 2 message with a programmable number of retries, periodicity and data rate.

REJOIN_DR

This parameter is the data rate of Rejoin-Request.

REJOIN_TYPE

This parameter is the type of Rejoin-Request.

REJOIN_RETRY

This parameter is the total number of times DUT will retry Rejoin-Request.

REJOIN_PERIOD

This parameter is the delay between retransmissions. The actual delay is 32×2^{Period} + Rand32 seconds, where Rand32 is a pseudo-random number in the [0:32] range.

MAC_CMD: REJOIN_SETUP

This parameter is for sending *RejoinParamSetupReq* command to DUT, which expects *RejoinParamSetupAns* command from it. *RejoinParamSetupReq* command sets the network to

request DUT to periodically send a *RejoinReq* Type 0 message with a programmable periodicity defined as a time of a number of uplinks.

REJOIN_MAX_TIME_N

This parameter is the max time T. DUT must send a Rejoin-Request Type 0 at least every 2^{T+10} seconds.

REJOIN_MAX_CNT_N

This parameter is the max count C. DUT must send a Rejoin-Request Type 0 at least every 2^{C+4} uplink messages.

MAC_CMD: ADR_SETUP

This parameter is for sending *ADRParamSetupReq* command to DUT, which expects *ADRParamSetupAns* command from it. *ADRParamSetupReq* command allows changing the ADR_ACK_LIMIT and ADR_ACK_DELAY parameters defining the ADR back-off algorithm.

ADR_LIMIT_EXP

This parameter is used to set ADR_ACK_LIMIT parameter value:

$$ADR_ACK_LIMIT = 2^{ADR_LIMIT_EXP}$$

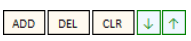
ADR_DELAY_EXP

This parameter is used to set ADR_ACK_DELAY parameter value:

$$ADR_ACK_DELAY = 2^{ADR_DELAY_EXP}$$

3.3.3 Script editor

This function provides a method to create a scenario that sends mac commands sequentially. The scenario consists of actions which include a single or multiple commands, information, and sleep time that creates wait times in between actions. Users can add, remove, or edit a single or multiple commands in an action and modify the wait time.

You can edit MAC commands in the link script editor window using buttons. 

3.3.3.1 Adding commands

In order to add an action, have □SET checked with at least one command which you want to add. By clicking [add] button you can add commands and parameters in action format.

Script editor does not check if the commands are the same or not. It means the same commands could be added in single action. You must check whether it is intended or not by yourself.

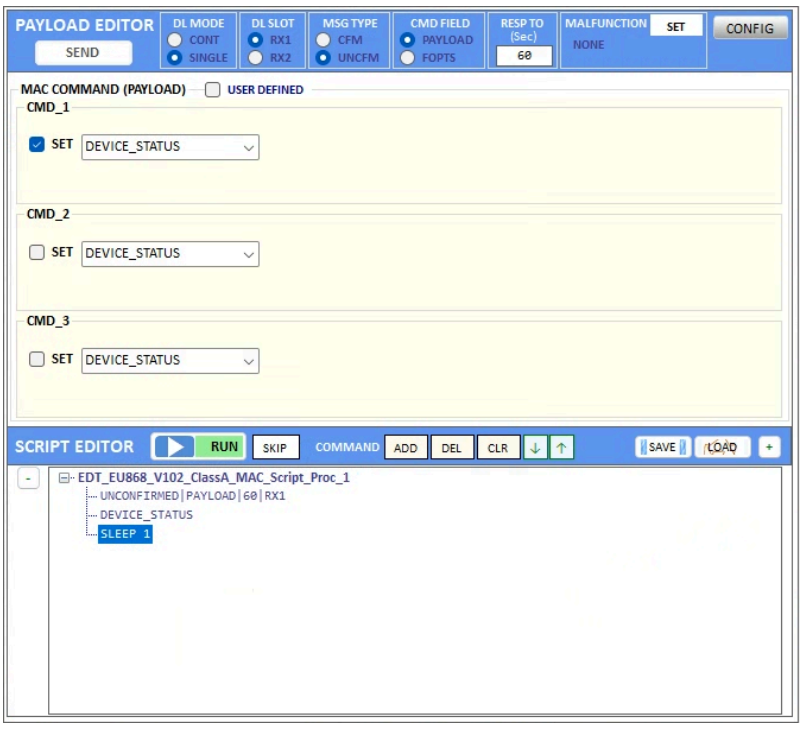


Fig 3.46 Adding an action into Script Editor

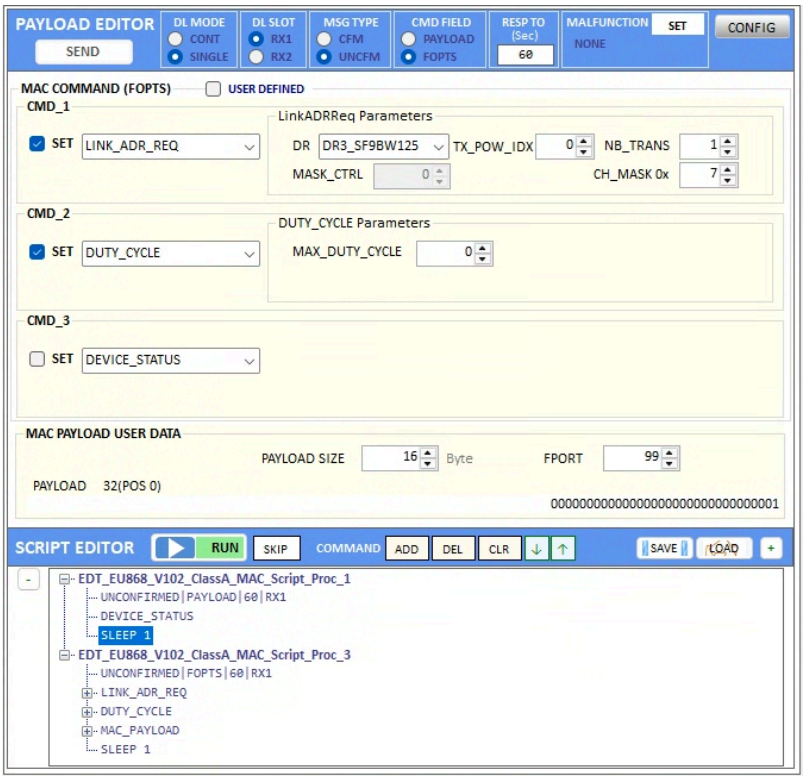


Fig 3.47 Adding an action that includes two commands

The SLEEP function makes RWC5020x wait for a certain duration of time before sending the next command. The duration of wait time can be edited by the users.

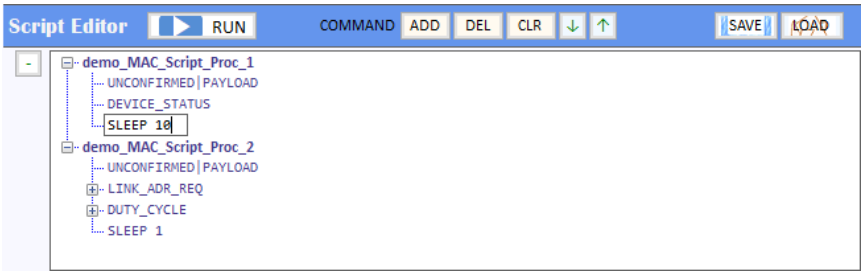


Fig 3.48 Editing SLEEP time between actions

3.3.3.2 Moving commands

You can move actions up or down using  buttons. First, select an action and move it.



Fig 3.49 Moving an action.

3.3.3.3 Deleting actions

You can delete actions by clicking the [DEL] button. Script editor will not ask whether you want to delete it or not. Therefore, use the [DEL] button carefully to not delete any commands.



Fig 3.50 Deleting an action.

3.3.3.4 Renaming actions

You can edit the names of the actions or parameters and even commands.

Click the left mouse button to edit. The Application will not verify you whether they are actions, parameters or the commands. Rename very carefully not to rename the commands.

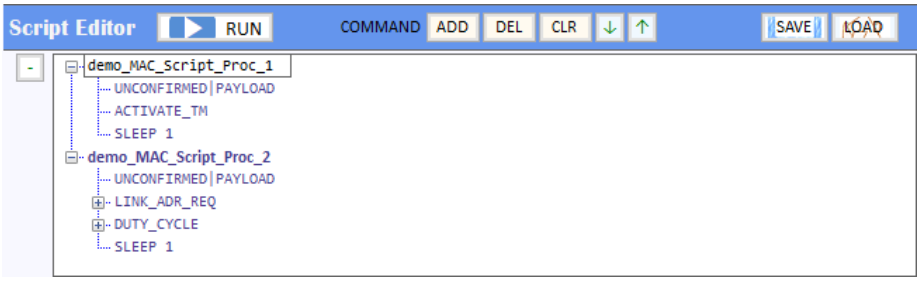


Fig 3.51 Renaming action title.

Define the PAYLOAD TYPE as UNCONFIRMED or CONFIRMED and define the CMD FIELD as PAYLOAD or FOPTION. You can verify what you selected from action's information UNCONFIRMED|FOPTION|224

3.3.3.5 Running actions

Clicking Script Editor RUN will make RWC5020x send MAC commands to DUT according to the script. Before running the script, RWC5020x must be in the running link analyzer. If it is not in the running link

analyzer, the application will let RWC5020x run the link analyzer automatically while running the script. [RUN] button will be activated after creating a project and DUT and connection with RWC5020x is complete. While running, it indicates the item that is being tested and shows tested results beside the commands that have been sent as follows.

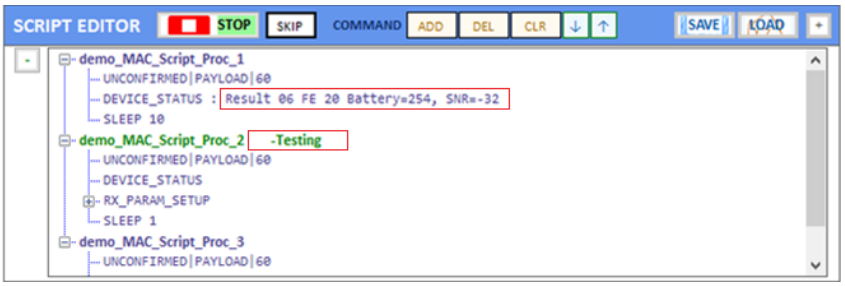


Fig 3.52 Running script screen

3.3.3.6 Saving Script

You can save the script to keep what you have edited. After modifying your script, click SAVE and select a folder to decide where you want to save it.

3.3.3.7 Opening Script

You can recall the saved script you edited previously. Just click OPEN and select the saved script file.

3.4 Functions

It has four special functions such as MFG, NST SG(Signal Generator), NST SA(Signal Analyzer) and FUOTA TEST.

3.4.1 MFG (Manufacturing)

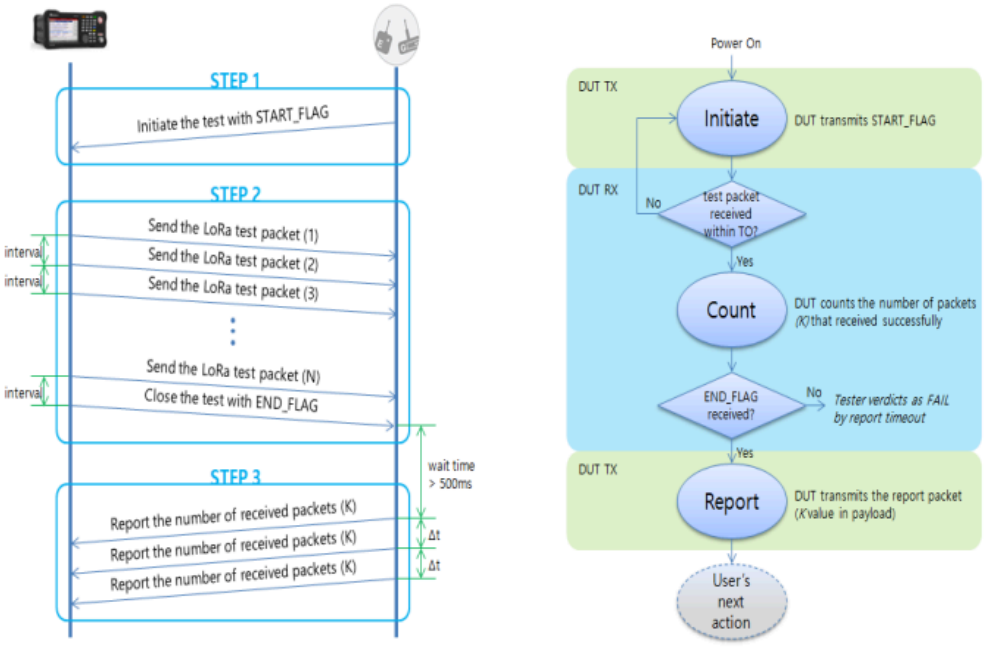
This function is for a quick test for manufacturing. It helps users measure PER and the TX power of DUT very fast and easily.

For this function, a special function has to be prepared in DUT first. In the special mode of DUT, transmitting MEAS_START_FLAG, counting packets, recognizing MEAS_STOP_FLAG, and transmitting three same report frames functions should be prepared.

For the DUT information, “user data” such as serial number can be added in the MEAS_START_FLAG packet.

Clicking on RUN will make RWC5020x start waiting for the MEAS_START_FLAG MFG from DUT.

3.4.1.1 Test concept



a. MFG procedure b. Requirement operation for DUT

Fig 3.53 Test scenario for manufacturing

MEAS_START_FLAG packet transmitted from DUT will make RWC5020x start transmitting packets to DUT at the power specified by users. After transmitting the MEAS_START_FLAG, DUT must switch to RX mode to receive packets from RWC5020x and count the number of the packets received.

After transmitting all packets, RWC5020x will transmit a MEAS_END_FLAG packet that stops DUT from counting and report the number of received packets.

After receiving the MESA_END_FLAG from RWC5020x, DUT must transmit a report frame including the number of received frames three times within TIMEOUT time.

Whenever DUT transmits any frame RWC5020x measures the TX power of DUT and shows the averaged value after receiving report packets.

3.4.1.2 Protocol Parameters

MODULATION

This parameter defines the modulation type of the MFG test; LoRa, FSK or CW.

NETWORK

This parameter indicates the type of LoRa network (synchronization word) to be used in LoRa modulation in the MFG test.

SF

This parameter defines the spreading factor of a LoRa test frame to be used in the MFG test. If this value is set as ANY, RWC5020x receives any kind of SF packet and applies this SF value for TX packets.

BW

This parameter defines the bandwidth of a LoRa test frame to be used in the MFG test.

CR

This parameter defines the coding rate of a LoRa test frame to be used in the MFG test, which is applicable only when DUT_TYPE is 'GATEWAY'.

TX_POLARITY

This parameter defines the TX signal polarity.

RX_POLARITY

This parameter defines the RX signal polarity.

PREAMBLE_SIZE

This parameter defines the preamble size of a LoRa test frame to be used in the MFG test.

PAYLOAD_SIZE

This parameter defines the size of payload of the LoRa test frame in the MFG test.

PAYLOAD

This parameter defines the content of payload in hexadecimal format in the MFG test.

FM_DEVIATION

This parameter defines the FM deviation value for FSK modulation.

DATA_RATE

This parameter defines the data rate value for FSK modulation.

SYNC_WORD_SIZE

This parameter defines the Sync word size for FSK modulation

SYNC_WORD

This parameter defines the Sync word for FSK modulation

REPEAT_NUM

This parameter defines the number of transmissions of a LoRa test frame to be used in the MFG test.

INTERVAL

This parameter defines the time interval between consecutive LoRa test frames to be used in MFG test.

PER_CRITERIA

This parameter defines the user's criteria of the result value of PER measurement in MFG test.

POW_CRITERIA_UPPER

This parameter defines the user's upper criteria of the result value of Power measurement in MFG test.

POW_CRITERIA_LOWER

This parameter defines the user's lower criteria of the result value of Power measurement in MFG test.

TIME_OUT

This parameter defines the timeout until RWC5020x waits for a LoRa frame from DUT.

3.4.1.3 RF Parameters

TX_POW

This parameter defines the output power of RWC5020x in dBm.

FREQ

This parameter defines the frequency of RWC5020x

PATH_LOSS

Users can set the path loss between the RF port of RWC5020x and DUT RF port. The measured power will be compensated with the defined path loss.

RX_GAIN

The RWC5020A/B has an AGC (Automatic Gain Control) function. So the RWC5020A/B will set appropriate RX gain after receiving a few packets from the DUT. This parameter defines the initial RX gain when the Link is started. It is very important to set this parameter correctly to get the proper test result quickly. Set to LOW if the expected input level from your DUT to RWC5020A/B is higher than 15dBm. Set to HIGH if the expected input level is lower than -40dBm. Otherwise set it to MIDDLE.

RX_GAIN WARNING TO

If RWC5020x does not receive RX packets for a while, RWC5020x assumes that RX_GAIN may be incorrect and displays a notification. This parameter defines the timeout period for this notification.

RX_AGC

This parameter determines whether RX Gain is automatically adjusted or not

3.4.1.4 Getting the result

Users can take measured results of the PER and the TX Power of DUT using remote commands.

Commands for

Reading the measured power of DUT :	READ:NST:MFG:POW?
Reading the measured PER of DUT :	READ:NST:MFG:PER?
Reading the user data in MEAS_START_FLAG frame :	READ:NST:MFG:DUT_INFO?

For all other remote commands, refer to the Remote Control Programming manual.

In figure 3.54, you can find an example test result with the MFG function. And refer to the application note

RAN502004R6 for more detailed operation and application with MFG.

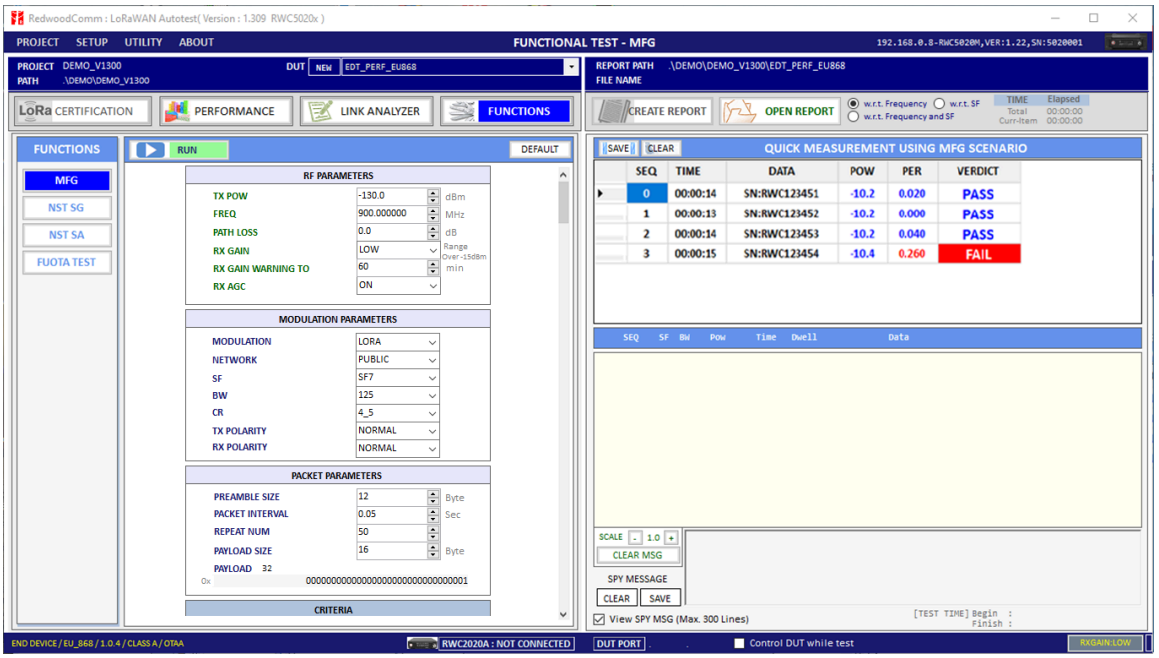


Fig 3.54 Example test using 4 DUTs(N=50, Target PER=0.1)

3.4.2 NST SG (Signal Generator)

Signal Generator is a function of transmitting the defined test waveform to DUT repeatedly. Three different modulations are provided: LoRa, FSK and CW.

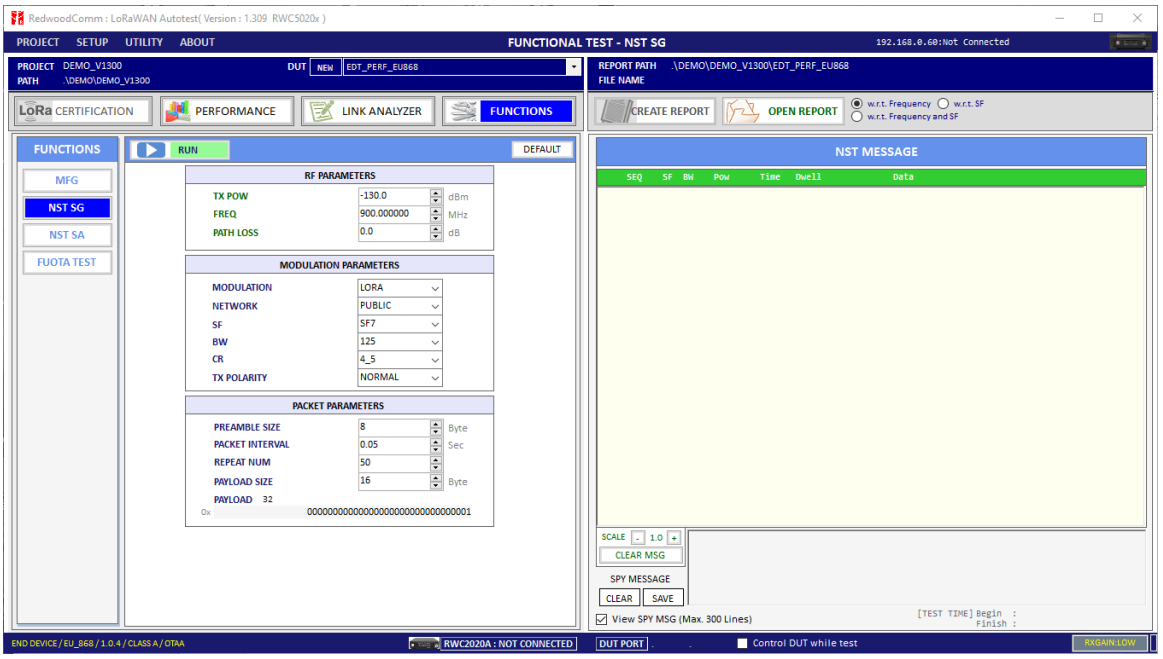


Fig 3.55 NST SG parameters and report window

3.4.2.1 Protocol Parameters

MODULATION

This parameter defines the modulation type of Signal Generator; LoRa, FSK or CW.

DUT_TYPE

This parameter defines the DUT type of Signal Generator; End_device, Gateway, Unknow. TX signal polarity and CR value will be set automatically depending on DUT type.

NETWORK

This parameter indicates the type of LoRa network (synchronization word) to be used in LoRa modulation.

SF

This parameter defines the spreading factor of a LoRa test frame.

BW

This parameter defines the bandwidth of a LoRa test frame.

CR

This parameter defines the coding rate of a LoRa test frame, which is applicable only when DUT_TYPE is 'GATEWAY'.

PREAMBLE_SIZE

This parameter defines the preamble size of a LoRa test frame.

PAYLOAD_SIZE

This parameter defines the size of the payload of the LoRa test frame.

PAYLOAD

This parameter defines the content of the payload in hexadecimal format.

FM_DEVIATION

This parameter defines the FM deviation value for FSK modulation.

DATA_RATE

This parameter defines the data rate value for FSK modulation.

SYNC_WORD_SIZE

This parameter defines the Sync word size for FSK modulation

SYNC_WORD

This parameter defines the Sync word for FSK modulation

TX_POLARITY

This parameter defines the TX signal polarity.

REPEAT_NUM

This parameter defines the number of transmissions of a LoRa test frame.

INTERVAL

This parameter defines the time interval between consecutive LoRa test frames.

3.4.2.2 RF Parameters

TX_POW

This parameter defines the output power of RWC5020x in dBm.

FREQ

This parameter defines the frequency of RWC5020x.

PATH_LOSS

Users can set the path loss between the RF port of RWC5020x and DUT RF port. RWC5020x's real output power will be increased by this value to compensate for path loss.

SYSCLK_OFFSET

This parameter defines the system clock frequency (32MHz) offset value in ppm. It modifies RF frequency as well as LoRa modulation signal.

3.4.3 NST SA (Signal Analyzer)

Signal Analyzer is a function of analyzing LoRa frames received from DUT repeatedly.

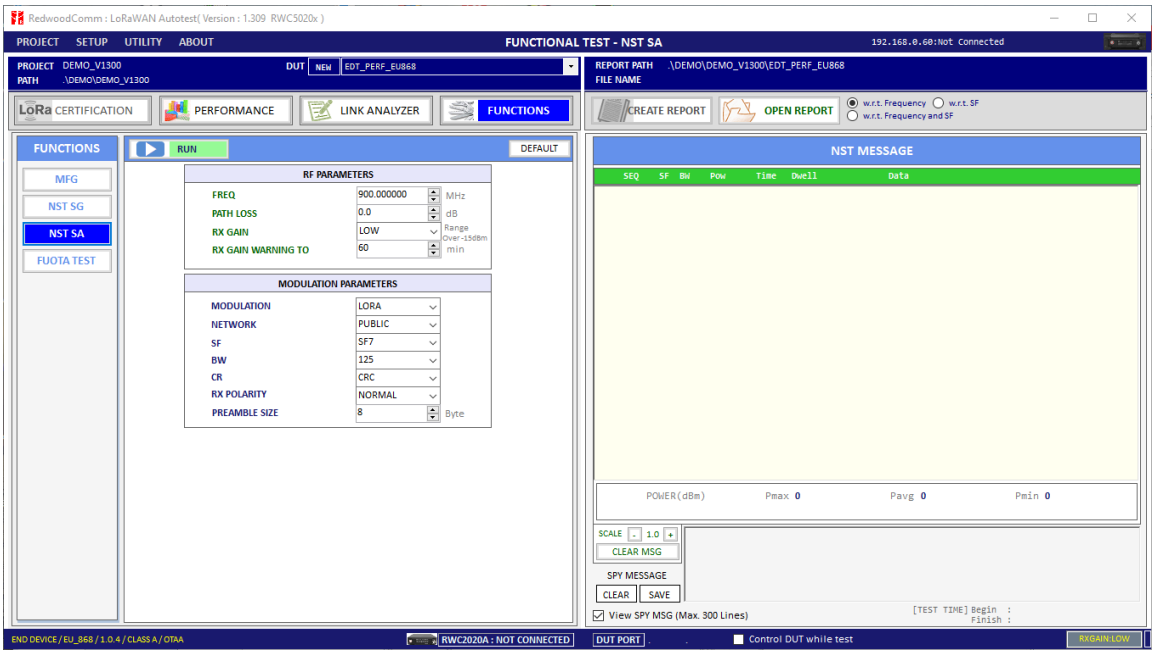


Fig 3.56 NST SA parameters and report window

3.4.3.1 Protocol Parameters

MODULATION

This parameter defines the modulation type of Signal Analyzer; LoRa, FSK or CW.

DUT_TYPE

This parameter defines the DUT type of Signal Analyzer; End_device, Gateway, Unknow. RX signal polarity and CR value will be set automatically depending on DUT type.

NETWORK

This parameter indicates the type of LoRa network (synchronization word) to be used in LoRa modulation.

SF

This parameter defines the spreading factor of a LoRa test frame to receive. If this value is set as ANY, RWC5020x receives any kind of SF packets

BW

This parameter defines the bandwidth of a LoRa test frame to receive.

DATA_RATE

This parameter defines the data rate value for FSK modulation.

SYNC_WORD_SIZE

This parameter defines the Sync word size for FSK modulation

SYNC_WORD

This parameter defines the Sync word for FSK modulation

RX_POLARITY

This parameter defines the RX signal polarity.

3.4.4 FUOTA Test

The application provides a special function for LoRaWAN® FUOTA test. RWC5020x emulates gateway/FDS and the application controls RWC5020x. The system block diagram is as follows

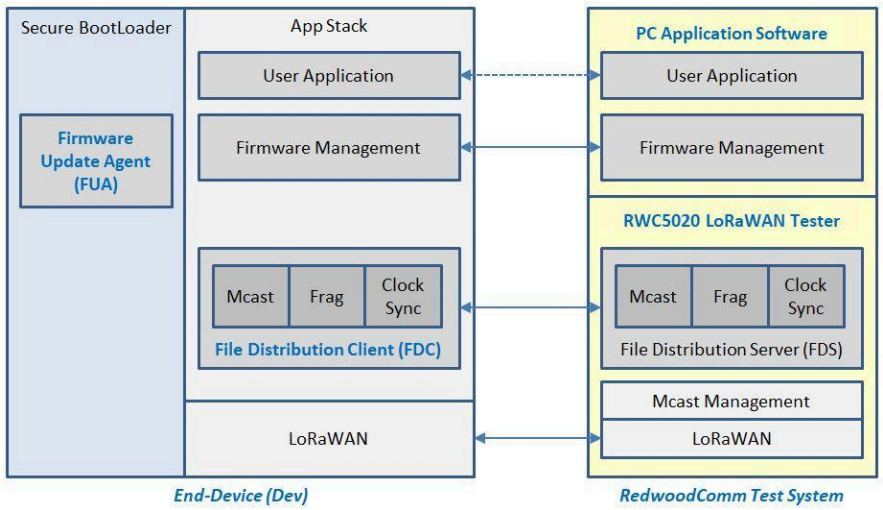


Fig 3.57 RedwoodComm test system for FUOTA Test

3.4.4.1 Test concept

Users can load the firmware binary file for the FUOTA test. The application fragments, encodes, and transmits binaries to RWC5020x. Fragmentation parameters as well as Multicast parameters are editable using this GUI. The multicast function is optional. The clock Synchronization function will be performed automatically when Multicast function is selected.

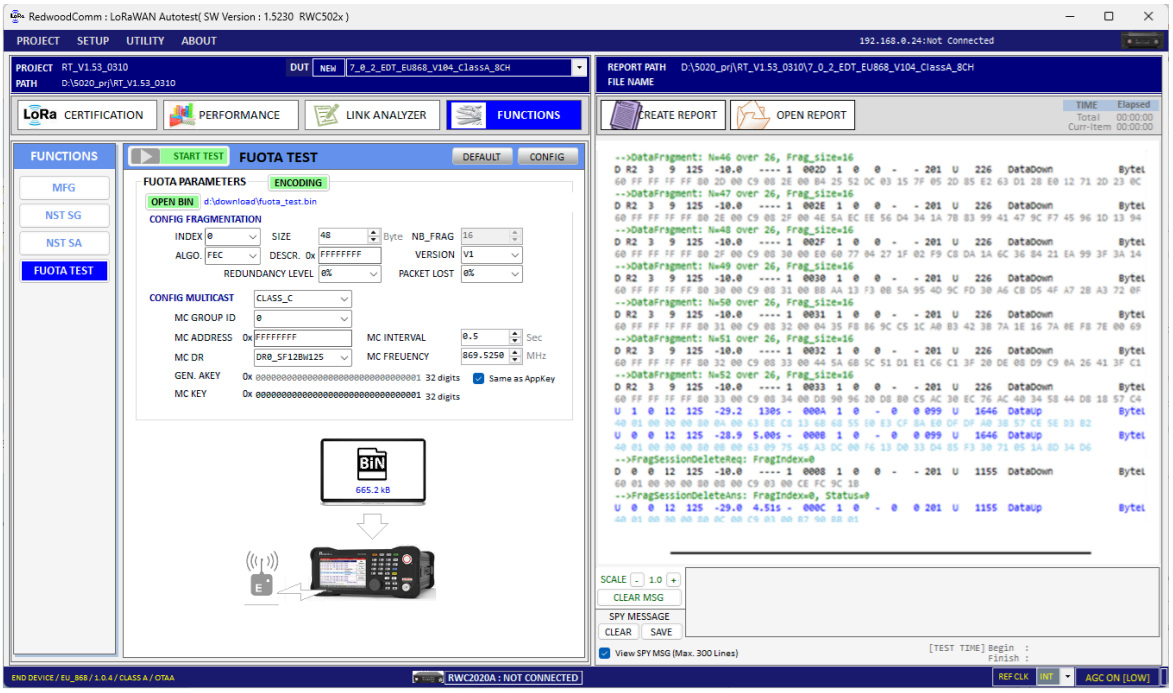


Fig 3.58 FUOTA test parameters and report window

3.4.4.2 Fragmentation Parameters

INDEX

This value identifies one of the 4 fragmentation sessions possible simultaneously. RWC supports only one fragmentation at a time.

SIZE

This value is the size in byte of each fragment. The number of fragments will be calculated and displayed automatically.

NB_FRAG

When transmitting a binary file via FUOTA, the file is fragmented for transmission. The fragment size can be configured by the user through the SIZE variable. When SIZE is set, this variable is automatically calculated and displayed as the binary file fragment size.

ALGORITHM

The LoRa Alliance proposes LDPC as a simple Forward Error Correction (FEC) code to be used for fragmented transport of large binary files over LoRaWAN®.

DESCRIPTOR

This value is a freely allocated 4 byte field describing the file that is going to be transported through the fragmentation session.

VERSION

LDPC calculation varies depending on the FUOTA fragmentation spec version, so the DUT's FUOTA fragmentation version must be set accurately for proper operation. During testing, the DUT's fragmentation version is read and compared. If the configured value does not match the DUT's version, the test will be aborted.

REDUNDANCY LEVEL

Because multicast does not allow independent verification of packet reception success for each DUT, the system transmits up to 100% LDPC error correction data for error recovery purposes. If this variable is set to 0, no error correction data is sent. If set to 50%, error correction packets equal to 50%

of NB_FRAG are transmitted.

PACKET LOST

This variable is used to intentionally create packet loss conditions. When set to a non-zero value, the system randomly skips transmission of FUOTA fragment packets intermittently, simulating packet loss from the device's perspective.

ENCODING

The [ENCODING] button performs LCPC encoding on the loaded bin file before starting the FUOTA tests. If the button is not pressed, the coding will be performed automatically when the FUOTA test starts.

3.4.4.3 Multicast Parameters

CONFIG MULTICAST

Select Unicast or Multicast method for FUOTA test.

MC KEY

Multicast Key value which will be distributed into the group of end-devices. The McAppSKey and McNetSKey are derived from the group’s McKey.

GEN AKEY

This is the key value used to generate the session key for encrypting multicast packets.

MC GROUP ID

An end-device may support being part of several multicast groups simultaneously. Therefore, all multicast related commands must always contain McGroupID of the multicast group being affected. RWC5020x supports only one Multicast at a time.

MC ADDRESS

This value is the multicast group network address.

MC FREUQUENCY

This value is the frequency used for multicast.

MC DR

This value is the data rate used for multicast.

MC INTERVAL

This value is the interval between consecutive downlink messages within the multicast session to transmit user binary data.

3.4.4.4 Test Procedures

The message sequence charts are shown below for Multicast Test and Unicast Test respectively.

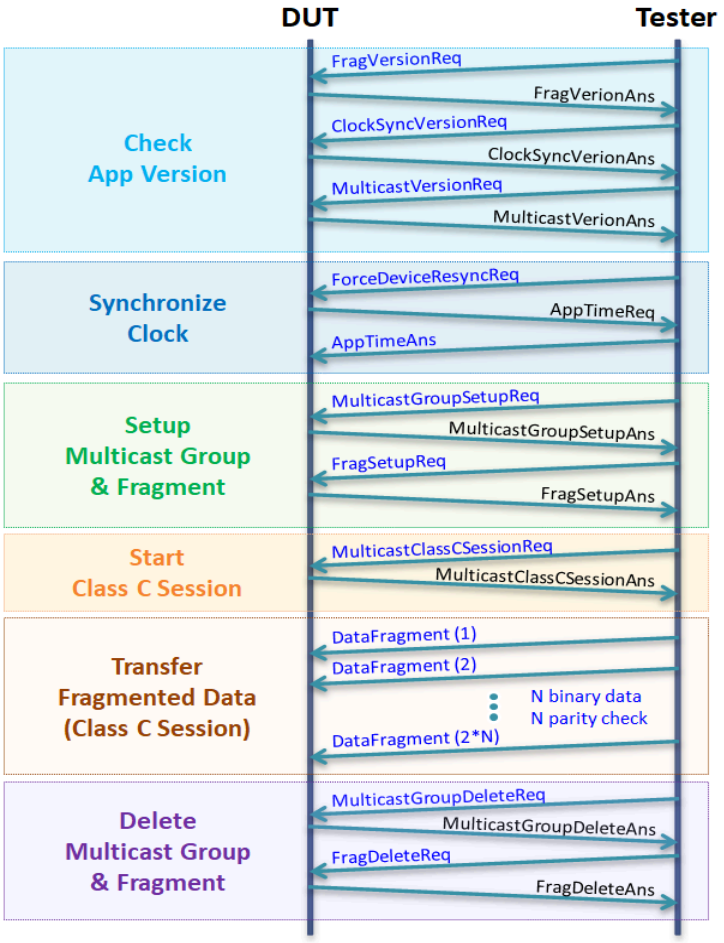


Fig 3.59 Multicast Test Procedure

3.5 Utilities

It consists of 3 utility functions: DUT Control, Tester(RWC5020x) Control, and Screen capture. You can find them on the UTILITY menu tab at the top of the application.

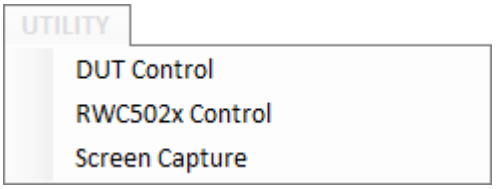


Fig 3.60 Utility menus

3.5.1 DUT Control

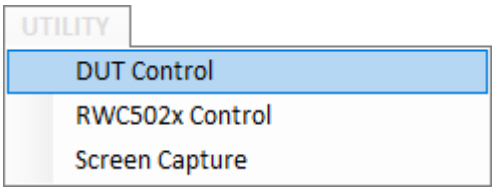


Fig 3.61 DUT control menu

This function is a simple terminal tool. It helps users control DUTs through RS232 using string command. Users can transmit DUT control commands all by one click or line-by-line.

3.5.1.1 How to Use

You can type your own remote control commands and click 

then it will transmit commands to RWC5020x sequentially. Users can use a special command SLEEP which lets the PC wait for transmitting for the specified duration of time. The parameter of SLEEP is time in millisecond units, e.g., SLEEP 1000 makes the PC wait for 1000ms.

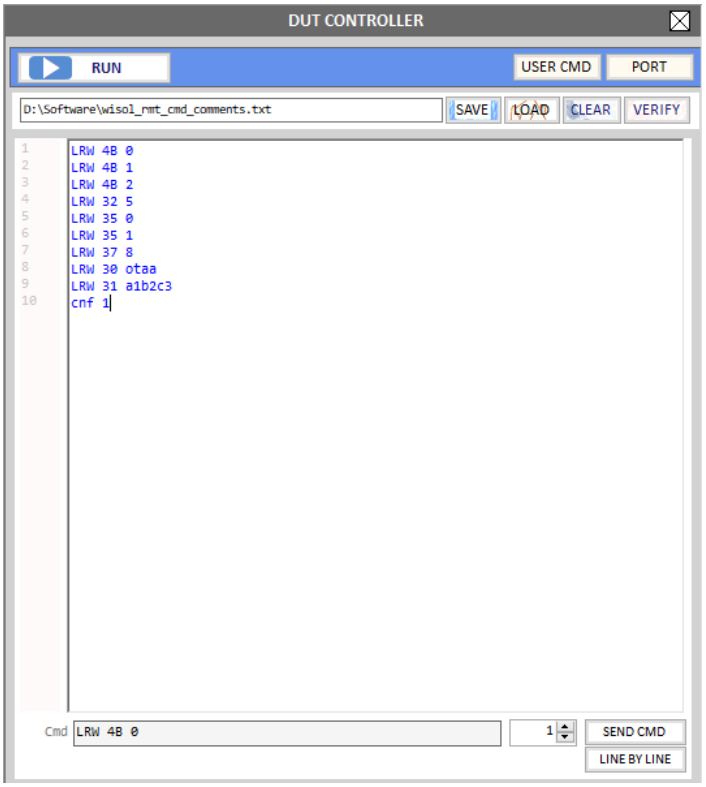


Fig 3.62 Sending commands of DUT Control function

3.5.1.2 Verify Commands

Clicking VERIFY will verify the commands on the editor. Verifying criteria is based on the loaded user commands. Verified commands will be colored. The blue colored commands are user commands, and the gray colored ones are not user commands.

3.5.1.3 Transmission Methods

Clicking RUN will start transmitting commands. Transmitting commands will be stopped when you click Stop or once all commands are transmitted. Clicking SEND CMD will transmit the selected command. Clicking LINE BY LINE will transmit listed commands line by line.

3.5.2 RWC5020x Control

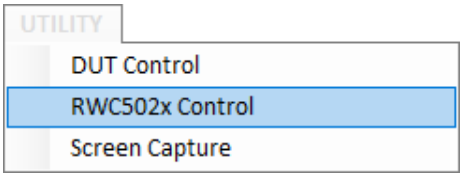


Fig 3.63 RWC5020x control menu

This function is a simple terminal tool. It helps users control RWC5020x through LAN using string commands. Users can transmit RWC5020x remote commands all by one click or line-by-line.

3.5.2.1 How to Use

Clicking RUN will start transmitting commands on the command window sequentially. Users can use a special command SLEEP, which will make the PC wait until the next command transmission is ordered. The parameter of SLEEP is time in millisecond units, e.g., SLEEP 1000 makes the PC wait for 1000ms.

3.5.2.2 Template

Template functions will fill the commands window with ready-made commands sequence as an example.

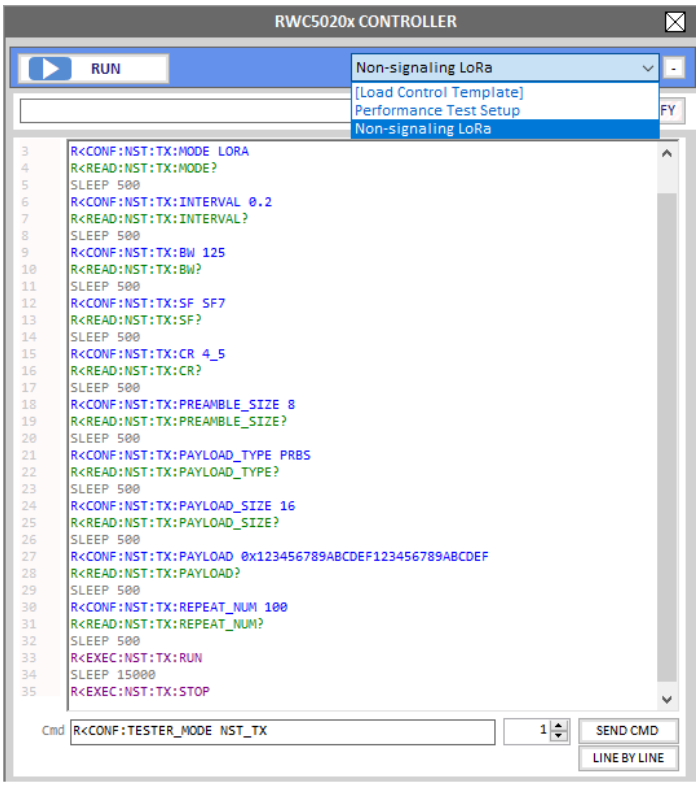


Fig 3.64 Sending commands of RWC5020x Control window

3.5.2.3 Sending commands

Clicking RUN will start transmitting commands. Transmitting commands will be stopped if you click Stop or once all commands are transmitted. Clicking SEND CMD will transmit the selected command. Clicking LINE BY LINE will transmit the listed commands line by line increasing the command number.

3.5.3 Screen Capture

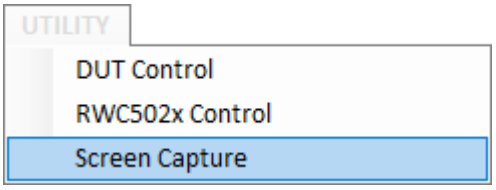


Fig 3.65 Screen capture menu

Clicking GET IMAGE will capture and show the current screen of the connected RWC5020x and save it as a bmp file. If you click one of the listed-up files on the list window, the selected bmp file will be shown on the image window. It will be enabled with RWC5020A and B but not with RWC5020M.

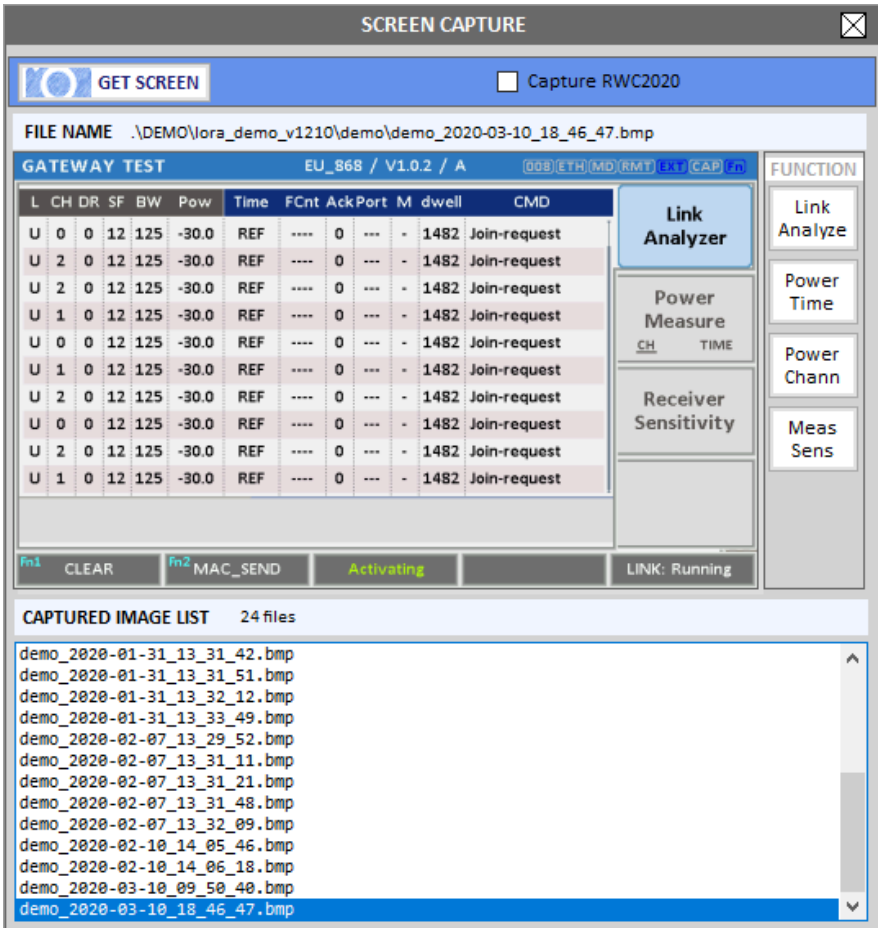


Fig 3.66 Screenshot of the RWC5020A/B

IV. Report Functions

This chapter explains how to handle test reports for various kinds of test results. With report functions, users can see report messages while they test, create a report file after the test is finished and open it whenever users want to.

4.1 Report File Mananger

4.1 Report File Manager

4.1.1 Creating Report

Clicking 

will open the save file window. You can change the file name and save the result document. The result file will be saved as an html format. 

will be enabled on the Certification and the Performance tab.

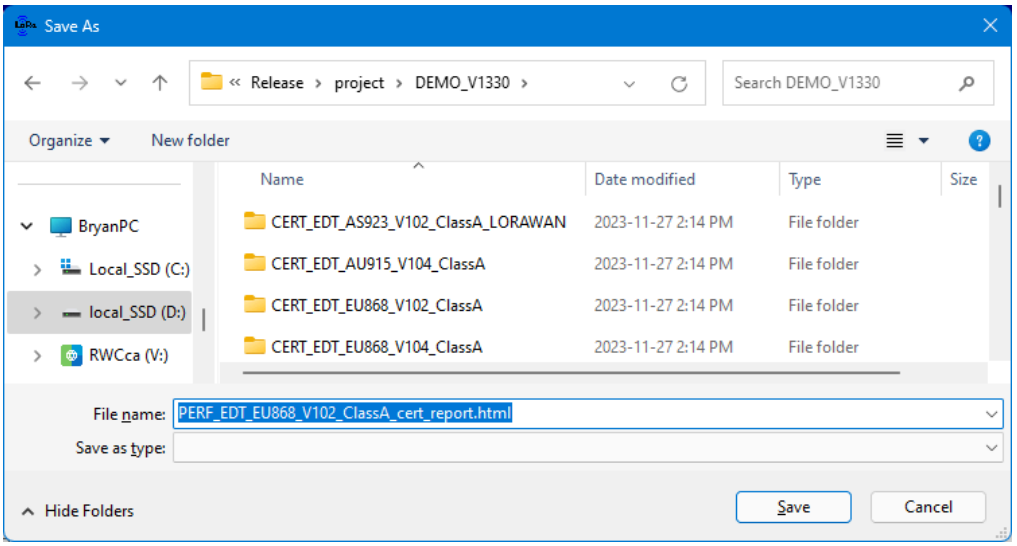


Fig 4.1 Creation of Test Report File (.html)

A Special report option will appear when the NON-REGRESS test tab is selected.



Fig 4.2 Report option menu for NON-REGRESS test

◉ w.r.t. Frequency All NON-REGRESS test report will be created with respect to the tested frequency

◉ w.r.t. SF All NON-REGRESS test report will be created with respect to the tested Spreading Factor

◉ w.r.t. Frequency and SF All NON-REGRESS test report will be created with respect to both tested frequency and SF

☐ Add data Add test result data into the report file. It may take longer to create a report file.

After creating a report file, it will open automatically.

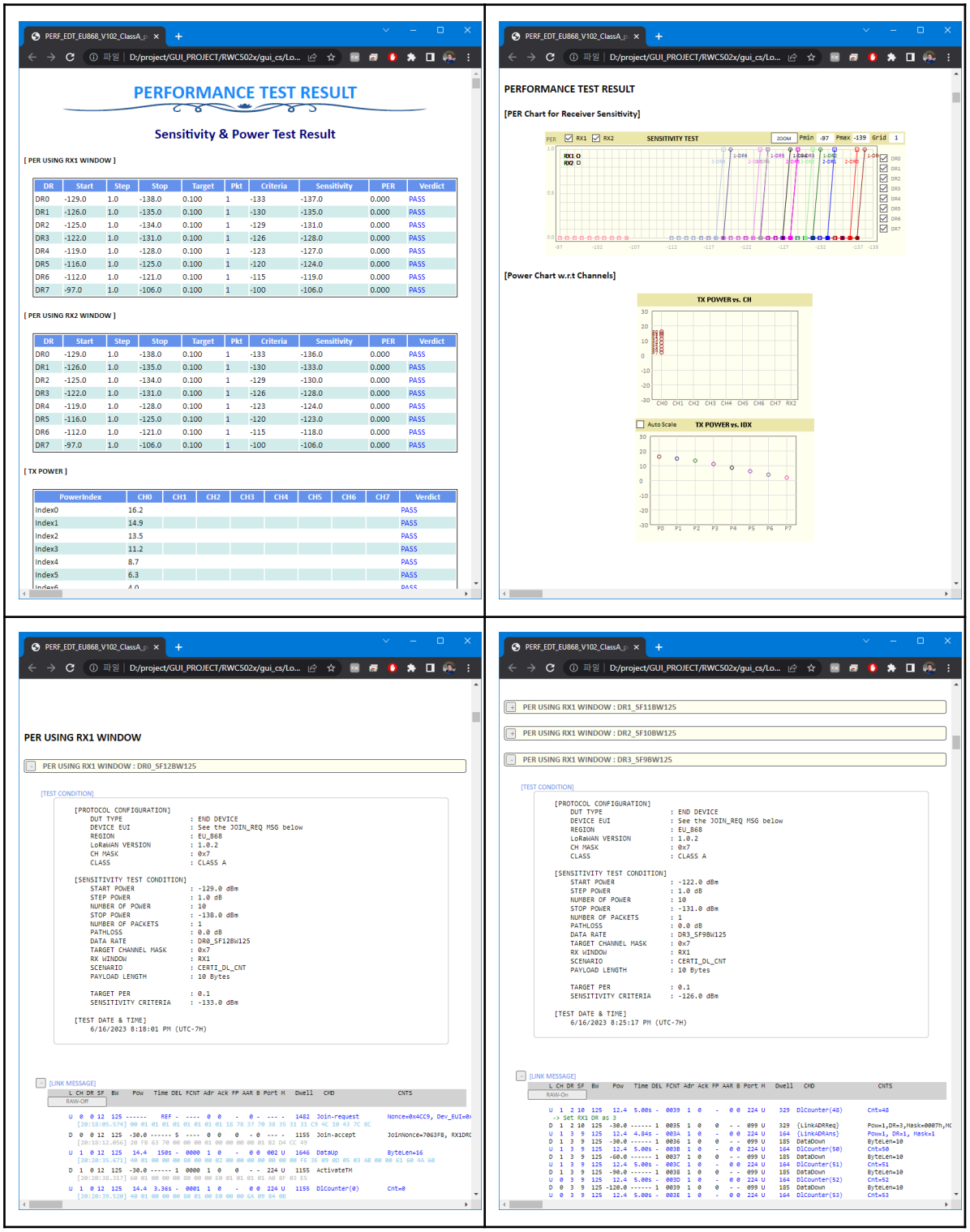


Fig 4.3 Created Report file (.html)

4.1.2 How to Open the Saved Report File

Clicking 

will open a REPORT LIST window. Double clicking on a file name will open the selected file. The reading tool is the user installed web-browser. This list window will show only the files existing on the report directory of each DUT name. The report directory will be created automatically if the “NO asking when naming” option is checked.

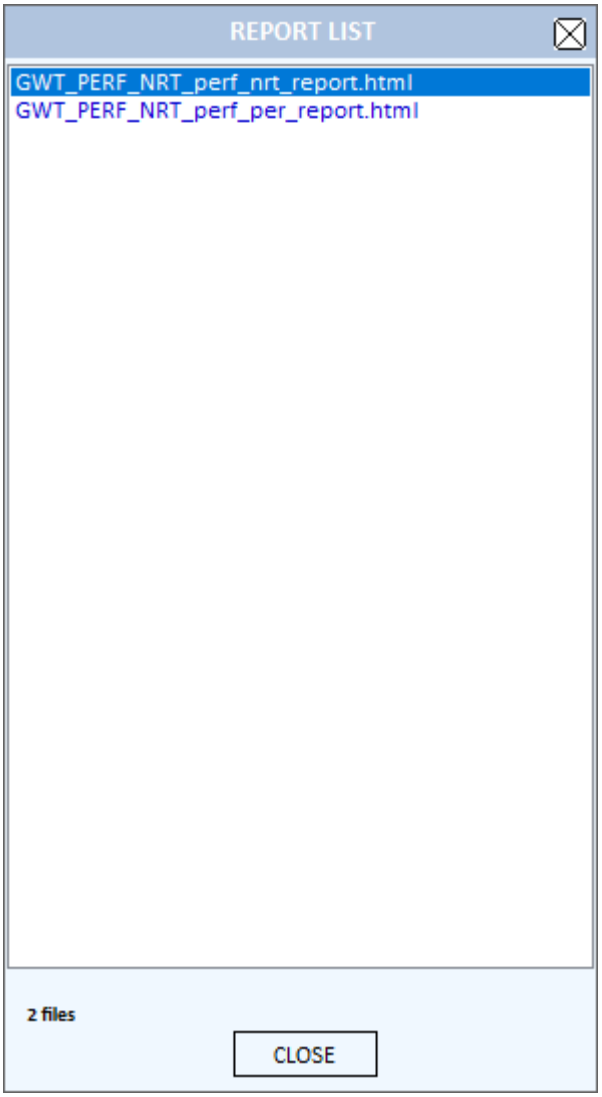


Fig 4.4 The List of test report files

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201-399 Mountain Hwy, North Vancouver, BC V7J 2K9, Canada
+1-640-770-2688

RWC-AP
36 ROBINSON ROAD #21 CITY HOUSE SINGAPORE 068877
+8613611166258 (WhatsApp)

RWC-KR
#5001-4, Ilbandong, SK M-city, 195, Baengma-ro, Ilsandong-gu, Goyang-si, Gyeonggi-do, Korea
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