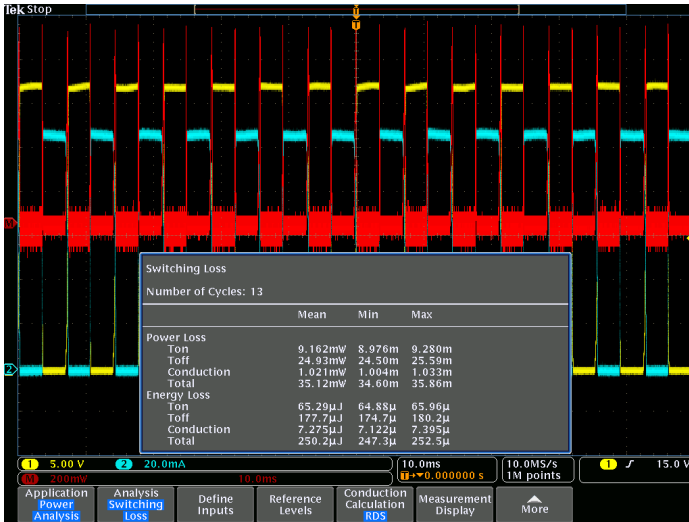


Power Analysis Application Module

DPO4PWR·MDO3PWR Datasheet



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Key performance specifications

- Power Loss measurements at the switching device for improving switching power supply efficiency
- Automated Ripple measurement setup eliminates manual processes
- Automated THD, True Power, Apparent Power, Power Factor, and Crest Factor features eliminate tedious manual calculations

Key features

- Customizable safe operating area mask testing with linear and log scale for reliability testing
- Precompliance testing to the EN61000-3-2 Class A and MIL Standard 1399 Section 300A Standards reduces compliance test time and risk
- Modulation analysis quickly provides accurate active power factor characterization
- Deskew wizard ensures accurate, time-correlated results
- Correct scale factor and unit display while using third-party current probes eliminates manual calculations and human error

Applications

- Power loss measurement at switching device
- Characterization of power semiconductor devices
- Optimal drive characterization of synchronous rectifiers
- Measurement and analysis of ripple and noise
- Precompliance testing to IEC standard EN61000 3-2 Class A, MIL Standard 1399 Section 300A, and up to 400 harmonics
- Debugging active power factor correction circuits

Additional power analysis solutions are available. Please go to www.tek.com/power for more solutions.

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With the DPO4PWR Power Analysis Application Module installed on an MDO4000 Series oscilloscope, or an MDO3PWR Power Analysis Application Module installed on an MDO3000 Series oscilloscope, an embedded designer who rarely deals with power measurements can quickly get the same accurate, repeatable results as a power supply expert. A Power Analysis Application Module with an oscilloscope and differential voltage and current probes form a complete measurement system for power supply design and test.

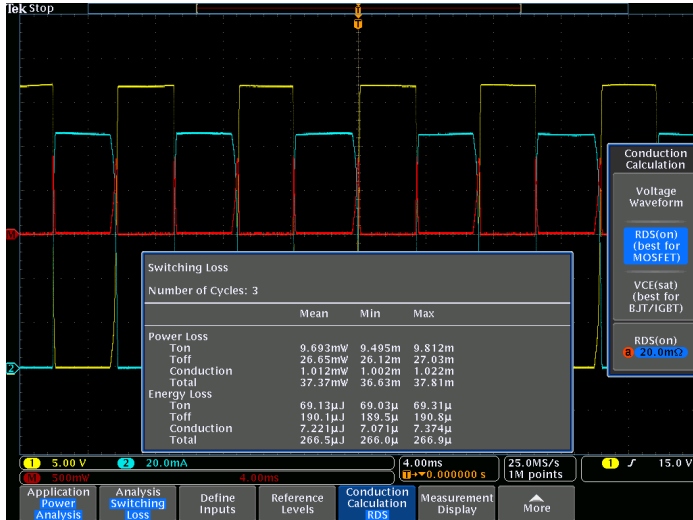
The Power Analysis application provides a number of specific measurements to characterize power supplies: Switching Component Analysis, Input Analysis, and Output Analysis.

Switching component analysis

The accurate calculation and evaluation of energy loss in power supplies has become even more critical with the drive to higher power conversion efficiency and greater reliability.

Switching loss measurements

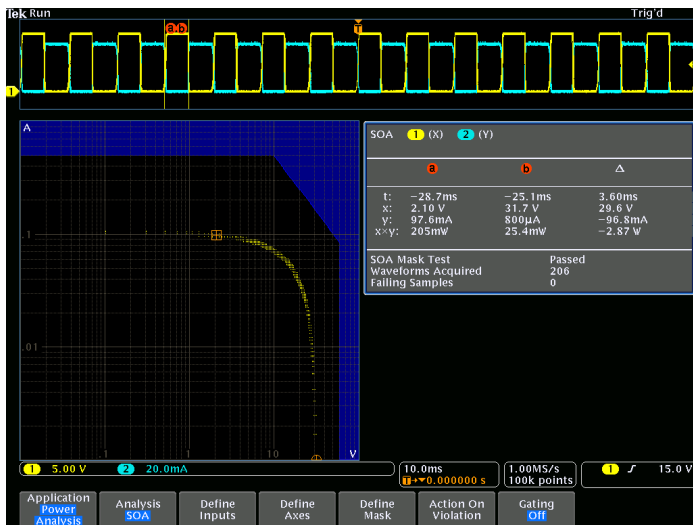
Although almost all components of a power supply contribute to energy losses, the majority of energy losses in a switch-mode power supply (SMPS) occur when the switching transistor transitions from an OFF to an ON state (turn-on loss) and vice versa (turn-off loss). By measuring the voltage drop across the switching device and the current flowing through the switching device, the Power Analysis application measures the switching losses as shown in the following figure.



Switching loss measurements

Safe operating area

The Safe Operating Area (SOA) plot is a graphical technique for evaluating a switching device to ensure that it is not being stressed beyond its maximum specifications. SOA testing can be used to validate performance over a range of operating conditions, including load variations, temperature changes, and variations in input voltages. Limit testing can also be used with SOA plots to automate the validation. An example of an SOA plot is shown in the following figure.



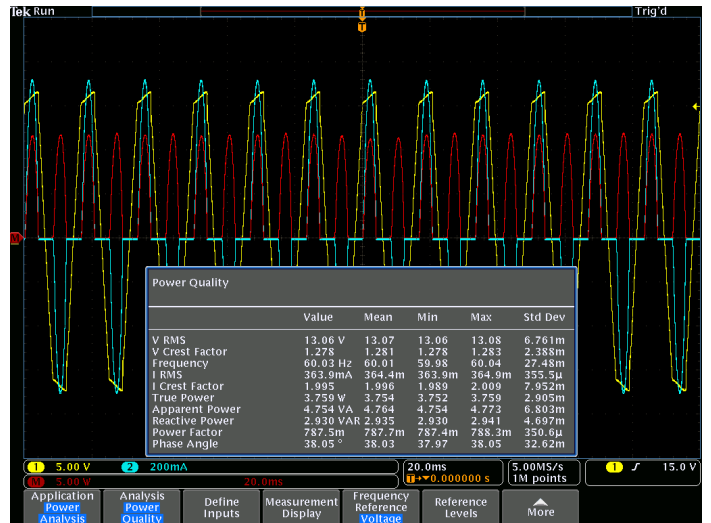
Safe operating area (SOA) display

Input analysis

Power quality measurements and current harmonics are two common sets of measurements made on the input section of a power supply to analyze the effects of the power supply on the power line.

Power quality

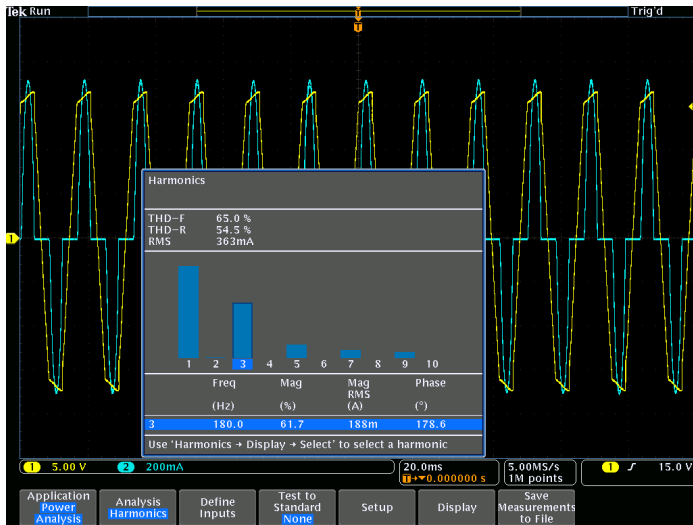
Power quality refers to a power supply's ability to function properly with the electric power that is supplied to it. These measurements help to understand the effects of distortions caused by nonlinear loads, including the power supply itself. The measurements include RMS voltage and current, true and apparent power, crest factor, line frequency, and power factor, as shown in the following figure.



Power quality measurements

Current harmonics

Because a switching power supply presents a nonlinear load to the power line, the input voltage and current waveforms are not identical. Current is drawn for some portion of the input cycle, causing the generation of harmonics on the input current waveform. Excessive harmonic energy can affect the operation of other equipment connected to the power line, as well as increase the cost of delivering the electric power. Therefore, power supply designers can use the current harmonics measurements to assure precompliance of their designs to industry standards (such as IEC61000-3-2 Class A and MIL Standard 1399 Section 300A) before investing in the official compliance testing. An example of the current harmonics graph display is shown in the following figure.



Current harmonics measurements

Output analysis

The ultimate goal of a DC-output power supply is to transform input power into one or more DC-output voltages. Especially for switching power supplies, the output measurements are essential. These measurements include line ripple, switching ripple, and modulation analysis.

Line and switching ripple

The quality of a power supply's DC output should be clean with minimal noise and ripple. Line ripple measures the amount of AC-output signal related to the input line frequency. Switching ripple measures the amount of AC signal related to the switching frequency.

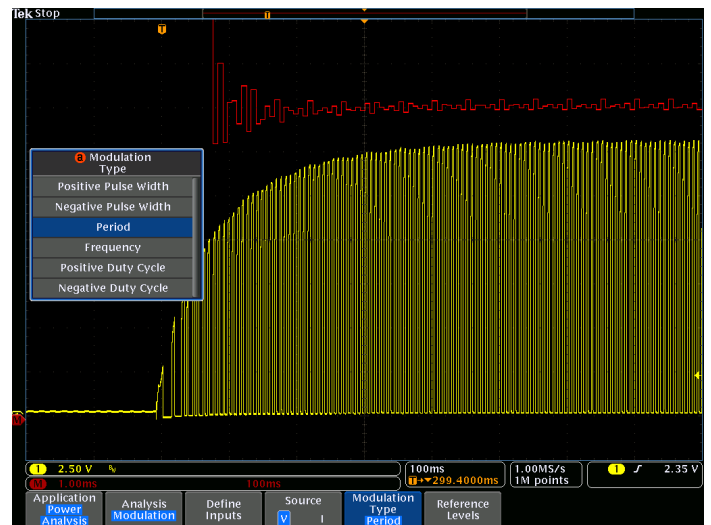
The output line ripple is usually twice the line frequency; whereas the switching ripple is typically coupled with noise and in the kHz frequency range. The Power Analysis application greatly simplifies the separation of line ripple from switching ripple.



Output ripple measurements

Modulation analysis

Modulation is important in a feedback system to control the loop. However, too much modulation can cause the loop to become unstable. The Power Analysis application calculates and shows the trend in the on-time and off-time information of a modulated signal controlling the output control loop on a power supply, as shown in the following figure.



Modulation analysis on a MOSFET's gate drive during power-up

The modulation analysis could also be used to measure the response of the power supply's control loop to change in input voltage ("line regulation") or change in load ("load regulation").

Specifications

All specifications apply to all models unless noted otherwise.

Instrument compatibility

Recommended Oscilloscopes

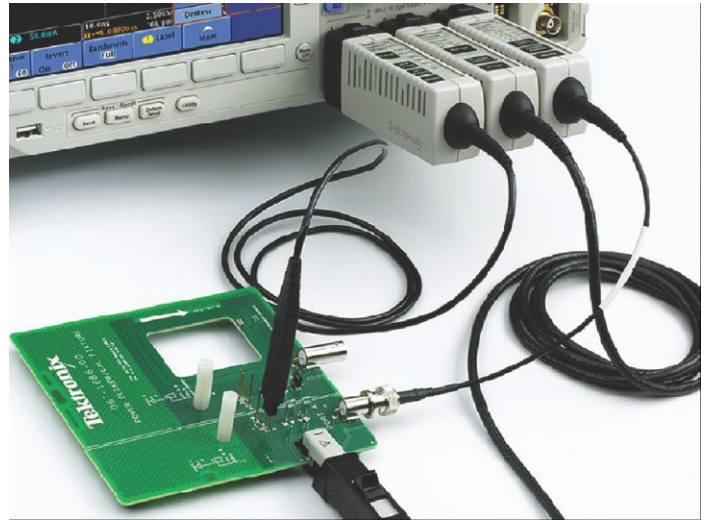
DPO4PWR	All models of MDO/MSO/DPO4000 Series
MDO3PWR	All models of MDO3000 Series
DPO3PWR	All models of MSO/DPO3000 Series

Measurements

Power quality measurements	V_{RMS} , $V_{Crest\ Factor}$, Frequency, I_{RMS} , $I_{Crest\ Factor}$, True Power, Apparent Power, Reactive Power, Power Factor, Phase Angle
Switching loss measurements	
Power loss	T_{On} , T_{Off} , Conduction, Total
Energy loss	T_{On} , T_{Off} , Conduction, Total
Harmonics	THD-F, THD-R, RMS measurements up to 400 harmonics Graphical and table displays of harmonics Test to IEC61000-3-2 Class A and MIL-STD-1399 Section 300 A
Ripple measurements	V_{Ripple} and I_{Ripple}
Modulation analysis	Graphical display of +Pulse Width, -Pulse Width, Period, Frequency, +Duty Cycle, and -Duty Cycle modulation types
Safe operating area	Graphical display and mask testing of switching device safe operating area measurements
dV/dt and dI/dt measurements	Cursor measurements of slew rate

Deskew

Recommended deskew values automatically calculated based on propagation delay. Deskews can be set to recommended values or adjusted manually.



Tektronix Deskew Pulse Generator and Deskew fixture

TekVPI and TekProbe II	Nominal propagation delay value automatically loaded
Built-in probe model list	Nominal propagation delay value provided when probe is selected
Other	Propagation delay can be manually entered

Ordering information

DPO4PWR·MDO3PWR Power Analysis Application modules

MDO4000 Series	DPO4PWR
MDO3000 Series	MDO3PWR

Recommended accessories

067-1686-xx	Deskew fixture
TEK-DPG	Deskew pulse generator

Tektronix oscilloscopes and probes supported

For a complete listing of compatible probes for each oscilloscope, please refer to www.tek.com/probes for specific information on the recommended models of probes and any necessary probe adapters.

Additional information

Additional information about power analysis is available at www.tek.com/power.

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