Data Sheet

VIAVI mA-6806 AXIe Vector Signal Transceiver



Product Overview

The mA-6806 is the latest in a series of AXIe modular instrumentation from VIAVI Solutions. The mA-6806 is the industry's first modular AXIe solution that joins the measurement capabilities of a vector signal analyzer with the arbitrary waveform playback functions of a vector signal generator. Combined with precision timing and triggering functionality, the mA-6806 can simultaneously capture and playback over 160 MHz of bandwidth.

Whether you're trying to prototype your latest software defined radio waveform, validate your transceiver front-end, linearize a power amplifier, or execute production test on your wireless device, the mA-6806 has the performance and speed to tackle your RF test and measurement problems. The fully self-contained mA-6806 converts RF signals in the frequency range of 1 MHz to 6 GHz with storage for 500 MSa of I/Q baseband data. Or for real-time applications, the mA-6806 can stream the full I/Q bandwidth over its backplane PCI Express interface. Control over Ethernet



Capabilities

- Frequency range 1 MHz 6 GHz
- Maximum bandwidth 160 MHz (200 MHz usable)
- High spurious free dynamic range
- Selectable low noise amplifier
- Harmonic and pre-select filtering
- Onboard 500 MSa ARB and acquisition
 memory
- Hardware digital downconverter
- Hardware resampling engine
- High power full- or half-duplex operation
- Agile list mode operation
- I/Q streaming via PCI Express
- Control over PCI Express or Gigabit Ethernet

Applications

- PA and FEU semiconductor test
- Radio component test
- Waveform prototyping
- IoT device development
- SIGINT / ELINT signal generation, recording and surveillance
- Wireless communications
- Aerospace and defense
- Radar

is also provided for ease of connectivity or to enable remote applications.

VSA Description

The mA-6806 vector signal analyzer capabilities enable a wide range of applications. An onboard FPGA with powerful real-time DSP algorithms for flatness correction and image rejection provide a wide analysis bandwidth of 160 MHz. Down conversion is enabled over the LO frequency range of 70 MHz to 6 GHz, with direct access to the high-performance digitizer for signals below 70 MHz using the mixer-bypass capability. An exceptional spurious free dyanmic range (>120 dB at 1 GHz center frequency) at an impressive mixer level of -28 dBm allows for fast ACLR testing. Selectable bandpass pre-selection filters are included for harmonic test. Combined with the included pre-amplifier, a displayed average noise level of -165 dBm / Hz (at 1 GHz center frequency) provides outstanding sensitivity necessary for over-the-air small signal reception and recording. List mode operation allows independent sequencing of receiver hardware settings (such as LO frequency, reference level, and port) and buffer acquisition selections. The onboard FPGA also provides a configurable digital down converter that allows near instantaneous tuning and channelization within the analysis bandwidth. Flexible triggering capabilities are provided from the front panel trigger connections or through the AXIe backplane trigger bus, allowing tightly synchronized operation of data acquisition or hardware list sequencing. Sample contiguous buffer acquisitions along with streaming transfers over PCI Express enable the creation of pipelined test sequences to maximize test execution efficiency. The mA-6806 in conjunction with a properly configured mA-3A01 AXIe solid-state storage module allows uninterrupted recording of over 2.5 hours of the full analysis bandwidth.

VSG Description

The mA-6806 pairs an on-board 500 MSa ARB capable of sequencing up to 65536 waveforms with a vector signal generator operating over a frequency range of 6 GHz. A wide dynamic range from +10 dBm to -120 dBm is available for full-scale ARB signals. Power levels below -140 dBm for sensitivity tests can be achieved using the duplex port. A harmonic filter bank provides suppression of undesired harmonic signal components across the entire operating power range. Exceptional level accuracy and repeatability provides the performance needed for demanding ATE tests. List mode functionality is available to sequence the ARB and hardware settings independently. Triggering is provided from the front panel trigger connections, the AXIe backplane trigger bus, or from ARB embedded marker signals, ensuring tight synchronization of production test events. Sample contiguous ARB sequencing allows drop-out free testing. Automatic real-time compensation for I/Q imbalance and amplitude flatness equalization is applied by the FPGA. Additionally, a programmable digital upconverter is provided for flexible ARB sample rate interpolation. Real-time generated waveforms are enabled via I/Q baseband streaming over PCI Express.

VSA Performance Specifications

Frequency	Specifications			
		DC guad	raturo (zoro_IE)	
Conversion architecture		DC quadrature (zero-IF)		
Tuning Range		70 MHz to 6 GHz, usable to 100 kHz with mixer bypass		
Tuning Resc	olution	0.1 Hz (with di		error
		6 Hz (without c	rrection) ligital frequenc rrection)	y error
Accuracy, St	ability, Aging	Per ch	assis CLK100	
	ne (within 0.1 I frequency)		300 µs	
Single Side	band Phase Noise	<u> </u>		
Center Frequency	1 kHz Offset	10 kHz Offset	1 MHz Of	fset
900 MHz	<-107 dBc / Hz	<115 dBc / Hz	<-130 dBc	/ Hz
	<-110 dBc / Hz typical	<-120 dBc / Hz typical	<-133 dBc typica	· · ·=
1900 MHz	<-101 dBc / Hz	<-107 dBc / Hz	<-128 dBc	
	<-104 dBc / Hz typical	<-112 dBc / Hz typical	<131 dBc / Hz	typical
2900 MHz	<-99 dBc / Hz	<-105 dBc / Hz	<-127 dBc	
	<-102 dBc / Hz typical	<-108 dBc / Hz typical	<-131 dBc typica	
5900 MHz	<-90 dBc / Hz	<-99 dBc / Hz	<-124 dBc	
	<-94 dBc / Hz typical	<-101 dBc / Hz typical	 <-128 dBc / Hz typical 	
-	Specifications Continuous Input	Power		
RF Input Po	-	1	3m, ±16 VDC	
RF Duplex F			Bm, 0 VDC	
	tling Time, and Re			
	evel range and		/er to average	noiso
resolution	ever range and		level,	noise
			tion in 2 dB no	minal
			steps, able preamp	
Settling Tim	ne, no change in	<50 µs within 0.1 dB		
-	tor, or preamp			
Settling Tim	ne, LO Returned	<300 µs within 0.1 dB		
		<2 ms if crossing Mixer Bypass or 550 MHz		
Level Repea	tability	0.01 dB typical		
Analysis Bandwidth Flatness RF Input port, preselector disabled, reference level >-50 dBm, exclusive of LO center frequency				lusive
Center	±0.10 dB	±0.20 dB	±0.30 dB	-1 dB
Frequency	typical	typical	typical	
Mixer Bypass (<70 MHz)	-	-	_	-
70 MHz to 130 MHz	±10 MHz	±20 MHz	-	-
130 MHz to 6 GHz	±10 MHz	±40 MHz	±80 MHz	-
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CW Amplitude Accuracy RF input port, preselector disabled, measured –1 MHz from LO Center Frequency Center Frequency Input Level <10 dBm Input Level to -50 dBm <-50 dBm to -80 dBm Mixer Bypass (<70 MHz) ±0.70 dB typical ±1.2 dB typical 70 MHz to 550 MHz <±0.40 dB, ±0.2 dB <±0.70 dB, typical ±0.2 dB typical 550 MHz to 1 GHz <±0.50 dB, ±0.2 dB <±0.80 dB, ±0.2 dB typical typical 1 GHz to 3 GHz <±0.60 dB, ±0.2 dB <±0.90 dB, ±0.2 dB typical typical 3 GHz to 6 GHz <±0.70 dB, ±0.2 dB <±1.00 dB, ±0.2 dB typical typical RF Duplex Port, preselector disabled, measured -1 MHz from LO Center Frequency Input Level <40 dBm Input Level Center Frequency to -20 dBm <u><</u>-20 dBm to -50 dBm Mixer Bypass (<70 MHz) <±0.7 dB typical ±1.2 dB

		typical
70 MHz to 550 MHz	<±0.40 dB, ±0.2 dB typical	<±0.70 dB, ±0.2 dB typical
550 MHz to 1 GHz	<±0.50 dB, ±0.2 dB typical	<±0.80 dB, ±0.2 dB typical
1 GHz to 3 GHz	<±0.60 dB, ±0.2 dB typical	<±0.90 dB, ±0.2 dB typical
3 GHz to 6 GHz	<±0.70 dB, ±0.2 dB typical	<±1.00 dB, ±0.2 dB typical

RF Input Port, preselector enabled, measured –1 MHz from LO Center Frequency

Center Frequency	Input Level ≤10 dBm to -50 dBm	Input Level ≤-50 dBm to -80 dBm
Mixer Bypass (<70 MHz)	±0.70 dB typical	±1.2 dB typical
70 MHz to 550 MHz	<±0.50 dB, ±0.2 dB typical	<±0.80 dB, ±0.2 dB typical
550 MHz to 1 GHz	<±0.60 dB, ±0.2 dB typical	<±0.90 dB, ±0.2 dB typical
1 GHz to 3 GHz	<±0.70 dB, ±0.2 dB typical	<±1.00 dB, ±0.2 dB typical
3 GHz to 6 GHz	<0.80 dB, ±0.2 dB typical	<±1.10 dB, ±0.2 dB typical

RF Duplex Port, preselector ena Frequency	bled, measured –1 MHz fro	om LO Center
Center Frequency	Input Level ≤40 dBm to -20 dBm	Input Level ≤-20 dBm to -50 dBm
Mixer Bypass (<70 MHz)	±0.70 dB typical	±1.2 dB typical
70 MHz to 550 MHz	<±0.50 dB, ±0.2 dB typical	<±0.80 dB, ±0.2 dB typical
550 MHz to 1 GHz	<±0.60 dB, ±0.2 dB typical	<±0.90 dB, ±0.2 dB typical
1 GHz to 3 GHz	<±0.70 dB, ±0.2 dB typical	<±1.00 dB, ±0.2 dB typical
3 GHz to 6 GHz	<0.80 dB, ±0.2 dB typical	<±1.10 dB, ±0.2 dB typical
Input Voltage Standing Wav RF Input Port, preselector disab		el
Center Frequency	VSWR	
1 MHz to 400 MHz	<1.15:1	
400 MHz to 3 GHz	<1.25:1	
3 GHz to 5.4 GHz	<1.20:1	
5.4 GHz to 6 GHz	<1.25:1	
RF Duplex Port		
Center Frequency	VSWR	
1 MHz to 550 MHz	<1.05:1	
550 MHz to 3 GHz	<1.20:1	
3 GHz to 6 GHz	<1.29:1	
Spurious Responses		
Residual DC response	-70 dBfs	
Residual sideband image	<-55 dBc typical	
Input related responses	<-85 dBc typical	
Non-input related residuals	<-95 dBm typical	
LO leakage at RF Input Port	<-100 dBm, preselector enabled, 0 dB attenuation <-110 dBm, preselector enabled, preamp enabled <-50 dBm, preselector disabled, 0 dB attenuation <-100 dBm, preselector disabled, preamp enabled	

Terminated RF input Port, preselector disabled, 1 HZ RBW, RWS average				
Center Frequency	0 dB attenuation	Preamp enabled		
Mixer Bypass (<70 MHz)	-150 dBm typical	-168 dBm typical		
70 MHz to 550 MHz	-148 dBm, -152 dBm typical	-167 dBm typical		
550 MHz to 1 GHz	-147 dBm, -153 dBm typical	-167 dBm typical		
1 GHz to 3 GHz	-145 dBm, -149 dBm typical	-166 dBm typical		

3 GHz to 6 GHz	-135 dBm, -141 dBm typical	-158 dBm typical
Terminated RF Input Port, prese	lector enabled, 1 Hz RBW,	RMS average
Center Frequency	0 dB attenuation	Preamp enabled
Mixer Bypass (<70 MHz)	-153 dBm typical	-168 dBm typical
70 MHz to 550 MHz	-148 dBm, -154 dBm typical	-167 dBm typical
550 MHz to 1 GHz	-147 dBm, -152 dBm typical	-167 dBm typical
1 GHz to 3 GHz	-146 dBm, -151 dBm typical	-167 dBm typical
3 GHz to 6 GHz	-142 dBm, -148 dBm typical	-165 dBm typical

Third-Order Intermodulation Intercept RF Input Port, preselector disabled, two-tones, –3 MHz and –5 MHz from center frequency

Center Frequency	0 dB attenuation	Preamp enabled
Mixer Bypass (<70 MHz)	+38 dBm typical	+12 dBm typical
70 MHz to 550 MHz	+32 dBm, +35 dBm typical	+12 dBm typical
550 MHz to 1 GHz	+30 dBm, +33 dBm typical	+12 dBm typical
1 GHz to 3 GHz	+26 dBm, +29 dBm typical	+11 dBm typical
3 GHz to 6 GHz	+22 dBm, +25 dBm typical	+9 dBm typical

RF Input Port, preselector enabled, two-tones, –3 MHz and –5 MHz from center frequency

Center Frequency	0 dB attenuation	Preamp enabled
Mixer Bypass (<70 MHz)	+30 dBm typical	+12 dBm typical
70 MHz to 550 MHz	+26 dBm, +29 dBm typical	+10 dBm typical
550 MHz to 1 GHz	+26 dBm, +29 dBm typical	+9 dBm typical
1 GHz to 3 GHz	+24 dBm, +27 dBm typical	+7 dBm typical
3 GHz to 6 GHz	+17 dBm, +20 dBm typical	+0 dBm typical

Acquisition and Channel List Mode Specifications . Data Acquisition

Sampling Rate	250 MSPS (I / Q Data)
Resolution	16-bit I, 16-bit Q
Acquisition Depth	500 MSa (I / Q samples)
Selectable Sample Rate Decimation	1 to 524288
ACQ List Addresses	65536
ACQ List Parameters	Number of samples, sample rate, pre / post trigger selection, trigger holdoff, markers enabled, sample contiguous (requires common sample rate)

Acquisition Triggering	Acquisition Triggering		
Mode	Single, continuous		
Sources	Envelope power, periodic (timers), free-run, marker signals, front-panel triggers, backplane trigger bus		
Pre / Post Trigger Range	-(buffer length) to 2 ³¹ -1 samples		
Trigger Resolution	1 sample period (4 ns)		
Trigger Accuracy	±8 samples		
Trigger Holdoff	0 to 8.59 seconds, 4 ns resolution		
VSA RF Channel List			
Channel List Addresses	4096		
Channel List Parameters	LO frequency / mixer bypass, center frequency offset, phase offset, reference level, RF attenuator, RF preamp, preselector, port		
Mode	Manual (software), internal (sequential counter), external (arbitrary trigger encoding)		
Sources	Periodic (timers), marker signals, ARB / ACQ completion, front-panel triggers, backplane trigger bus		

VSG Performance Specifications

Frequency Specifications		
Conversion architecture	DC quadrature (zero-IF)	
Tuning Range	1 MHz to 6 GHz, usable to 100 kHz	
Tuning resolution	0.1 Hz (with digital frequency error correction) 6 Hz (without digital frequency error correction)	
Accuracy, stability, aging	Per chassis CLK100	
Settling Time (within 0.1 ppm of final frequency)	300 µs	

Single Sideband Phase Noise

Single Sidebana Phase Noise				
Center Frequency	1 kHz offset	10 kHz offset	1 MHz offset	
900 MHz	<-107 dBc / Hz, <-110 dBc / Hz typical	<-114 dBc / Hz, <-119 dBc / Hz typical	<-129 dBc / Hz, <-133 dBc / Hz typical	
1900 MHz	<-101 dBc / Hz, <-104 dBc / Hz typical	<-108 dBc / Hz, <-111 dBc / Hz typical	<-128 dBc / Hz, <-130 dBc / Hz typical	
2900 MHz	<-98 dBc / Hz, <-102 dBc / Hz typical	<-104 dBc / Hz, <-108 dBc / Hz typical	<-126 dBc / Hz, <-130 dBc / Hz typical	
5900 MHz	<-90 dBc / Hz, <-94 dBc / Hz typical	<-98 dBc / Hz, <-102 dBc / Hz typical	<-123 dBc / Hz, <-127 dBc / Hz typical	

Output Power Ra	ange			
RF output port		+13 dBm to -150 dBm		
RF duplex port			-17 dBm to -150 dBm	
Settable Power F	Range			
RF output port		+10 dBm to -125 dBm		
RF duplex port			-20 dBm to -150 dBm	
Resolution, Settl	ing Time	, and Rep	eatability	
Settling resolution			0.01 dB	
Settling time		<50 µs within 0.1 dB		
Settling time, LO returned			<300 µs within 0.1 dB	
Level repeatability			0.01 dB typical	
Modulation Band RF output port, ou			n	
Center Frequency	±0.10 dB typical	±0.20 dB typical	±0.30 dB typical	-1 dB typical
1 MHz to 6 GHz	±10 MHz	±40 MHz	±80 MHz	±100 MH:
CW Amplitude A RF output port	ccuracy			
Center frequency	<u><</u> 10 dBr	t Level n to -20 3m	Output Level ≤-20 dBm to -80 dBm	Output Level <u><</u> -80 dBm to -120 dBm
1 MHz to 400 MHz	<±0.40 dB, ±0.25 dB typical		<±0.60 dB, ±0.25 dB typical	<±0.70 dE ±0.35 dB typical
400 MHz to 1 GHz	<±0.50 dB, ±0.25 dB typical		<±0.70 dB, ±0.25 dB typical	<±0.90 dE ±0.35 dB typical
1 GHz to 3 GHz	<±0.50 dB, ±0.25 dB typical		<±0.70 dB, ±0.25 dB typical	<±0.90 dE ±0.35 dB typical
3 GHz to 6 GHz	<±0.70 dB, ±0.25 dB typical		<±0.70 dB, ±0.35 dB typical	<±1.60 dE ±0.50 dB typical
RF duplex port				
Center frequency			Output Level ≤-30 dBm to -50 dBm	Output Level <u><</u> -50 dBm to -120 dBm
1 MHz to 400 MHz			<±0.40 dB, ±0.25 dB typical	<±0.60 dE ±0.3 dB typical
400 MHz to 1 GHz			<±0.50 dB, ±0.25 dB typical	<±0.70 dE ±0.35 dB typical
1 GHz to 3 GHz			<±0.50 dB, ±0.25 dB typical	<±0.80 dE ±0.4 dB typical
3 GHz to 6 GHz			<±0.70 dB, ±0.25 dB typical	<±1.00 dE ±0.5 dB typical
Output Voltage RF output port, ou	S tanding tput level	<i>Wave Ra</i> ≤-20 dBn	ntio	
Center frequency			VSWR	
1 MHz to 400 MHz		<1.55:1		

Output Voltage Standing Wave Ratio - Continued RF output port, output level ≤-20 dBm				
400 MHz to 1 GHz	<1.40:1			
1 GHz to 2.7 GHz	<1.50:1			
2.7 GHz to 6 GHz <1.90:1				
RF duplex port	1			
Center frequency	VSWR			
1 MHz to 400 MHz	<1.(05:1		
400 MHz to 3 GHz	<1.20:1			
3 GHz to 6 GHz	<1.29:1			
Spurious Responses				
Residual LO Response	<-65 dBm <3 GHz, <-4	10 dBm >3 GHz typical		
Residual Sideband Image	<-65 dBc typical			
Harmonic spurious	<-33 dBc typical			
Subharmonic spurious	<-45 dBc typical			
Nonharmonic spurious	<-65 dBc typical, output level >-10 dBm			
Dynamic Range Broadband Noise Floor RF output port, CW, measured –10 MHz from LO center frequency				
Center frequency	Output Level >-20 dBm	Output Level <pre>20 dBm</pre>		
1 MHz to 400 MHz	<-130 dBm typical	<-150 dBm typical		
400 MHz to 1 GHz	<-130 dBm typical	<-150 dBm typical		
1 GHz to 3 GHz	<-130 dBm typical	<-150 dBm typical		
3 GHz to 6 GHz	<-135 dBm typical	<-155 dBm typical		
RF duplex port, CW, measured –10 MHz from LO center frequency				
Center frequency	Output Level >-50 dBm	Output Level <u><</u> -50 dBm		
1 MHz to 400 MHz	<-150 dBm typical	<-160 dBm typical		
400 MHz to 1 GHz	<-150 dBm typical	<-160 dBm typical		
1 GHz to 3 GHz	<-150 dBm typical	<-160 dBm typical		
3 GHz to 6 GHz	<-155 dBm typical	<-160 dBm typical		
Third-order intermodulation distortion RF output port, two-tones –10 dBfs, –3 MHz and –5 MHz from center frequency				
Center frequency	Output level >-20 dBm	Output level <u><</u> -20 dBm		
1 MHz to 400 MHz	<-70 dBc typical	<-75 dBc typical		
400 MHz to 1 GHz	<-60 dBc typical	<-65 dBc typical		
1 GHz to 3 GHz	<-60 dBc typical	<-65 dBc typical		
3 GHz to 6 GHz	<-60 dBc typical	<-60 dBc typical		
ARB and Channel List ARB Data	Mode Specifications			
Sampling rate	250 MSPS	(I / Q data)		
Resolution	16-bit I, 16-bit Q			
ARB depth	500 MSa (I /	' Q samples)		
Selectable sample rate interpolation	1 to 524288			
ARB list addresses	65536			

Number of samples, sample rate, trigger selection, trigger holdoff, markers enabled, repeat count, sample contiguous (requires common sample rate)				
ARB Triggering				
Single, continuous				
Periodic (timers), free-run, marker signals, front-panel triggers, backplane trigger bus				
0 to 2 ³¹ -1 samples				
1 sample period (4 ns)				
±8 samples				
0 to 8.59 seconds, 4 ns resolution				
VSG RF Channel List				
4096				
LO frequency, center frequency offset, phase offset, output level, port				
Manual (software), internal (sequential counter), external (arbitrary trigger encoding)				
Periodic (timers), marker signals, ARB / ACQ completion, front-panel triggers, backplane trigger bus				

Additional Module Interfaces

Standard Compliance

AXIe-1 Base Architecture Specification, Revision 3

Timing and Trigger				
CLK100	as per AXIe Standard			
Trigger Bus	as per AXIe Standard			
SYNC	as per AXIe Standard			
STRIG	as per AXIe Standard			
Front Panel SMB Triggers A,B,C,D	Bi-directional triggers, +3.3 V output, -0.2 to +5 B input			
Ethernet Base Fabric				
Link Speed	10 / 100 / 1000 Mbps			
VLAN Support	Yes			
PCI Express Fabric				
Fabric Channels	1			
Link Width	x4			
Link Speed	5 Gbps			
Configuration	Endpoint			
Environmental and Physical Specifications				
Module Operating	15° to 75° C			
Environmental Operating	0° to 50° C			
Environmental Storage	-40° to 71° C			
Humidity	95% to 40° C (in accordance with MIL-PRF- 28800F)			
Altitude	4600 m			
Functional Shock	30 G (in accordance with MIL-PRF-28800F)			
Random Vibration	5 Hz - 500 Hz (in accordance with MIL- PRF-28800F)			

Regulatory	
Safety compliance	IEC / EN61010-1
EMC compliance	IEC / EN 61326-1 IEC / EN 61000-3-2 IEC / EN 61000-3-3 MIL-PRF-28800F Class 3
Electrical	
Operating voltage range	48 VDC
Power dissipation	<100 W
Mechanical	
Form Factor	1 Slot AXle
Dimensions	30 mm (W) x 322.5 mm (H) x 280 mm (D)
Weight	2.7 kg
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1. Technical Specifications

The technical warranted specifications listed are subject to the following conditions:

- \cdot Within 20° to 35° C environmental temperature
- · After 60 minute instrument warmup period
- Within vaid calibration period (1 year)
- · After a full normalization
- \cdot Instrumental temperature has not deviated more than 5° C as reported from internal module temperature since last Full Normalization

Typical specifications describe additional performance information exhibited by 95% of units with 95% confidence interval, subject to the conditions above and are not guaranteed.

Nominal specifications describe supplemental information concerning useful or expected performance not covered by warranted or typical specifications.



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