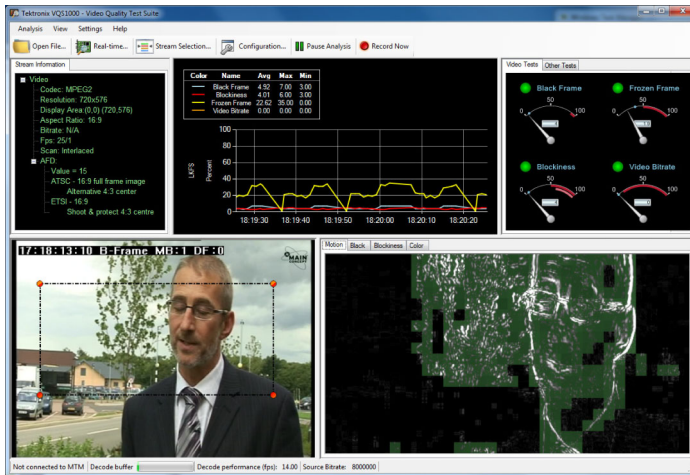


Video Quality Analysis Software

VQS1000 Data Sheet



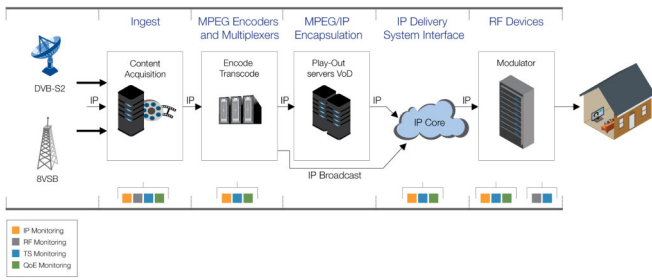
- Triggered-capture of streams and logging of live data enable offline analysis of service quality issues
- Logging of live data to capture min, max, and average impairment values and bit rates at user-definable time intervals enables long-term quality of experience for a service to be assessed and optimized
- Full integration with Tektronix IP Video and DTV Monitoring probes so that QoE errors appear in the monitoring probe log interleaved with the TS and physical layer (IP and RF) QoS errors enables users to easily distinguish between errors that are caused by network issues (dropped packets, CC errors, etc.) and errors which do not have a corresponding network issue and are therefore caused by an upstream encoder problem

Applications

- Affordable QoE Monitoring – Alarms with configurable impairment magnitude, duration, and frequency thresholds can be generated to alert users to content that will impact customers' viewing experience
- Network Performance Optimization – QoE and bit rate monitoring and logging enable in-service tuning of networks to deliver the best viewing experience possible within bandwidth constraints to viewers
- Remote In-service Diagnostics of Broadcast Delivery Issues – Combined with physical transport alarms from the Tektronix IPM400A or any MTM400A Series probe, operators can determine if the source of a problem is in the content (for example, over-compression) or in network distribution layers

Features & Benefits

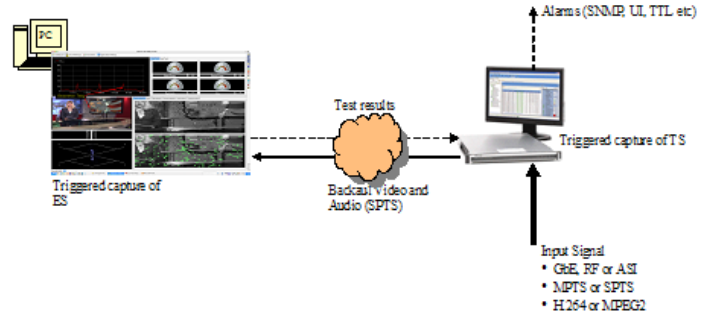
- Reliable and sophisticated analysis algorithms applied to decoded MPEG-2 or H.264 video to identify stuck, black, macro-blocking, and compression artifacts. This enables operators to distinguish between impairments resulting from network distribution versus artifacts resulting from compression
- Industry-first unique visualization tool with innovative impairment displays highlights the location and severity of video defects, enabling engineers to clearly see and validate the presence of impairments on the image



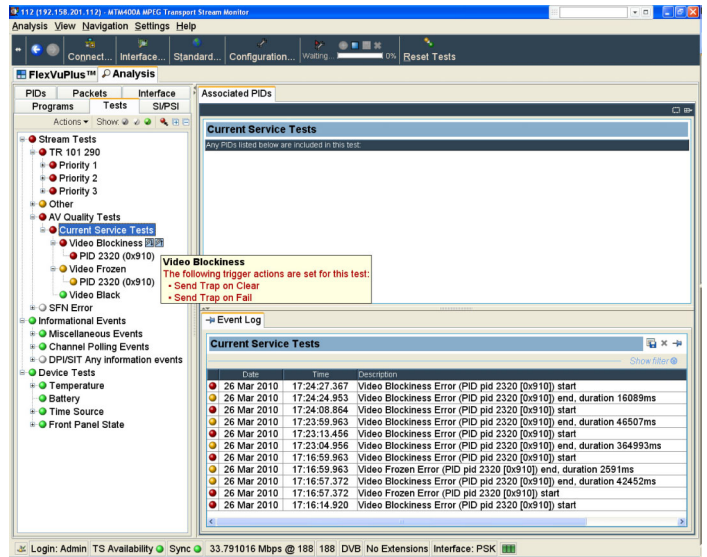
QoE Monitoring in the Video Delivery Chain

VQS1000 Overview

- Available for installation on the customer's own PC
- Can be used with all Tektronix DTV monitoring probe configurations using robust private backhauled video from the monitoring probes
- Multiple instances can be run per license to enable service comparison at different network locations (dependent on PC processing power and video content type)
- Triggered capture with pre-trigger buffer enables archive of impairments or offline video quality analysis to be performed
- QoE results are reflected in monitoring probe's Remote User Interface and event log
- Results available to management systems through monitoring probes SNMP MIB
- Automated round-robin polling sequentially checks services within an MPTS
 - Can be used in conjunction with the probes polling capability to sequentially test different Transport Streams carried on up to 500 IP flows (IPM400A) or up to 200 RF channel presets (MTM400A)
- Application can be also be used stand-alone for offline file analysis with support for MPTS, SPTS, and ES files
 - Also available for use with MTS400 Series analyzers



Configuration for Use in Monitoring Systems



Results Displayed in DTV Monitor or IP Video Monitor User Interface

Characteristics

Key Specs

- All measurements are performed on decoded video and use standards based on Tektronix proprietary algorithms
- Video measurements are shown below:
 - MPEG-2 and H.264 codec support
 - Stuck/Frozen Video detection
 - Black Video detection
 - Blockiness/Compression artifact detection
 - Color display using Tektronix Diamond display
 - QoE dashboard
 - Display of video metadata including codec type, resolution, display area, aspect ratio, bit rate, frames per second, scan, and AFD

Recommended PC System Requirements

- Supported OS: Windows XP or Windows 7
- PC Processing Requirements: Xeon 5500 Series (i7-based) quad-core processor or equivalent
- RAM: 4 GB minimum
- HDD: 250 GB
- HW Graphics Processing (Optional)*1: NVIDIA GT240

*1 The above specification without HW graphics processing enables all measurements to be made on SD or HD MPEG-2 video and SD H.264 video. HD H.264 measurements can be made on reduced area of the screen (50%) in Single Field mode. Hardware graphics processing is supported to enable full-frame, full-field analysis of HD H.264 content or to reduce processing overhead of SD or HD MPEG-2 video and SD H.264 video.

Ordering Information

Nomenclature	Option	Description
VQS1000		Video Quality Software application for single-ended (no reference) QoE analysis of video and audio content
	LUD	Installation on a pre-existing MTS400 Series dongle
	USB	USB security dongle supplied with stand-alone software package

Complementary Products

Product	Description
IPM400A	IP Video Monitoring Probe for QoS of up to 500 MPTS or SPTS IP video flows. For full details see separate data sheet
MTM400A	Digital TV Monitor. For full product details, refer to product data sheet
RFM300	ATSC Digital TV Monitor. For full product details, refer to product data sheet
QAM400A	QAM Digital TV Monitor. For full product details, refer to product data sheet
MTS400 Series	MPEG test systems available in desktop, portable, or stand-alone software versions. For full product details, refer to product data sheets



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