### LTM4619



### **FEATURES**

- <sup>n</sup> **Complete Standalone Power Supply**
- Wide Input Voltage Range: 4.5V to 26.5V **(EXTV<sub>CC</sub> Available for V<sub>IN</sub>**  $\leq$  **5.5V)**
- Dual 180° Out-of-Phase Outputs with 4A DC **Typical, 5A Peak Output Current for Each**
- $\blacksquare$  Dual Outputs with 0.8V to 5V Range
- **n** Output Voltage Tracking
- <sup>n</sup> **±1.5% Maximum Total DC Output Error**
- Current Mode Control/Fast Transient Response
- **n** Power Good
- Phase-Lockable Fixed Frequency 250kHz to 780kHz
- <sup>n</sup> **On Board Frequency Synchronization**
- **n** Parallel Current Sharing
- Selectable Burst Mode<sup>®</sup> Operation
- Output Overvoltage Protection
- 15mm  $\times$  15mm  $\times$  2.82mm LGA Package

### Applications

- $\blacksquare$  Telecom and Networking Equipment
- Servers
- Storage Cards
- **ATCA Cards**
- Industrial Equipment
- Point of Load Regulation

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# **DESCRIPTION**

The LTM®4619 is a complete dual 4A or single 8A stepdown DC/DC µModule® (micromodule) regulator. Included in the package are the switching controller, power FETs, inductor, and all support components. Operating over input voltage ranges of 4.5V to 26.5V, the LTM4619 supports two outputs with voltage ranges of 0.8V to 5V, each set by a single external resistor. Its high efficiency design delivers 4A continuous current (5A peak) for each output.

Dual,  $26V_{IN}$ , 4A DC/DC

µModule Regulator

High switching frequency and a current mode architecture enable a very fast transient response to line and load changes without sacrificing stability. The two outputs are interleaved with 180° phase to minimize the ripple noise and reduce the I/O capacitors. The device supports frequency synchronization and output voltage tracking for supply rail sequencing. Burst Mode operation or pulseskipping mode can be selected for light load operations.

Fault protection features include overvoltage protection, overcurrent protection and foldback current limit for short-circuit protection.

The low profile package (2.82mm) enables utilization of unused space on the bottom of PC boards for high density point of load regulation. The power module is offered in a 15mm  $\times$  15mm  $\times$  2.82mm LGA package. The LTM4619 is RoHS compliant with Pb-free finish.

### Typical Application

#### **Dual 4A 3.3V/2.5V DC/DC µModule Regulator**



#### **Efficiency and Power Loss at 12V input**



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# Absolute Maximum Ratings Pin Configuration







# Order Information



Consult Marketing for parts specified with wider operating temperature ranges. \*Device temperature grade is indicated by a label on the shipping container. Pad or ball finish code is per IPC/JEDEC J-STD-609.

• Terminal Finish Part Markings: www.linear.com/leadfree

• Recommended LGA and BGA PCB Assembly and Manufacturing Procedures:

www.linear.com/umodule/pcbassembly

• LGA and BGA Package and Tray Drawings: http://www.linear.com/packaging

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**Note 1:** Stresses beyond those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to any Absolute Maximum Rating condition for extended periods may affect device reliability and lifetime.

**Note 2:** The LTM4619E is guaranteed to meet performance specifications over the 0°C to 125°C internal operating temperature range. Specifications over the full –40°C to 125°C internal operating temperature range are assured by design, characterization and correlation with statistical process controls. The LTM4619I is guaranteed to meet specifications over the full

internal operating temperature range. Note that the maximum ambient temperature consistent with these specifications is determined by specific operating conditions in conjunction with board layout, the rated package thermal resistance and other environmental factors.

**Note 3:** The two outputs are tested separately and the same testing condition is applied to each output.

**Note 4:** 100% tested at wafer level only.

**Note 5:** See Output Current Derating curves for different V<sub>IN</sub>, V<sub>OUT</sub> and T<sub>A</sub>.

### Typical Performance Characteristics **(Refer to Figures 19 and 20)**





**Efficiency vs Load Current with** 

#### **Efficiency vs Load Current with 24V<sub>IN</sub>** ( $f = 500$ kHz for  $1.5V_{OIII}$ )





### Typical Performance Characteristics **(Refer to Figures 19 and 20)**









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## Pin Functions



**PACKAGE ROW AND COLUMN LABELING MAY VARY AMONG µModule PRODUCTS. REVIEW EACH PACKAGE LAYOUT CAREFULLY.**

**VIN (J1 to J3, J10 to J12, K1 to K4, K9 to K12, L1 to L5, L8 to L12, M1 to M12):** Power Input Pins. Apply input voltage between these pins and PGND pins. Recommend placing input decoupling capacitance directly between  $V_{IN}$ pins and PGND pins. For  $V_{IN}$  < 5.5, tie  $V_{IN}$  and INTV<sub>CC</sub> together.

**VOUT1, VOUT2 (A10 to D10, A11 to D11, A12 to D12, A1 to D1, A2 to D2, A3 to D3):** Power Output Pins. Apply output load between these pins and PGND pins. Recommend placing output decoupling capacitance directly between these pins and PGND pins.

**PGND (H1, H2, H4, H9, H11, H12, G1 to G12, F1 to F5, F7 to F12, E1 to E12, D4 to D9, C4 to C9, B4 to B9, A4 to A9):** Power ground pins for both input and output returns.

**INTV<sub>CC</sub>** (F6): Internal 5V Regulator Output. This pin is for additional decoupling of the 5V internal regulator.

**EXTV<sub>CC</sub>** (J4): External Power Input to Controller. When  $EXTV_{CC}$  is higher than 4.7V, the internal 5V regulator is disabled and external power supplies current to reduce the power dissipation in the module. This will improve the efficiency more at high input voltages.

**SGND (J6, J7, H6, H7):** Signal Ground Pin. Return ground path for all analog and low power circuitry. Tie a single connection to PGND in the application.

**MODE/PLLIN (H8):** Mode selection or external synchronization pin. Tying this pin high enables pulse-skipping mode. Tying this pin low enables force continuous operation. Floating this pin enables Burst Mode operation. A clock on the pin will force the controller into the continuous mode of operation and synchronize the internal oscillator. The suitable synchronizable frequency range is 250kHz to 780kHz subject to inductor ripple current limits described in the FREQ/PLLFLTR pin section. The external clock input high threshold is 1.6V, while the input low threshold is 1V.

**FREQ/PLLFLTR (J8):** Frequency Selection Pin. An internal lowpass filter is tied to this pin. The frequency can be selected from 250kHz to 780kHz by varying the DC voltage on this pin from 0V to 2.4V. The nominal frequency setting is 500kHz. Frequency selection can be modified as long as the inductor ripple current is less  $\approx$ 40% to 50% at the output current



Where FREQ is selected operating frequency and L is the inductor value. Leave this pin floating when external synchronization is used.

**TK/SS1, TK/SS2 (K8, K5):** Output Voltage Tracking and Soft-Start Pins. Internal soft-start currents of 1.3µA charge the soft-start capacitors. See the Applications Information section to use the tracking function.

**VFB1, VFB2 (K7, K6):** The negative input of the error amplifier. Internally, this pin is connected to  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  with a 60.4k precision resistor. Different output voltages can be programmed with an additional resistor between  $V_{FB}$ and SGND pins. See the Applications Information section for details.

**COMP1, COMP2 (L7, L6**): Current Control Threshold and Error Amplifier Compensation Point. The module has been internally compensated for most I/O ranges.

**PGOOD (H5):** Output Voltage Power Good Indicator. Open drain logic output that is pulled to ground when the output voltage is not within  $\pm$ 7.5% of the regulation point.

**RUN1, RUN2 (J9, J5):** Run Control Pins. 0.5µA pull-up currents on these pins turn on the module if these pins are floating. Forcing either of these pins below 1.2V will shut down the corresponding outputs. An additional 4.5µA pull-up current is added to this pin, once the RUN pin rises above 1.2V. Also, active control or pull-up resistors can be used to enable the RUN pin. The maximum voltage is 6V on these pins.

**SW1, SW2 (H10, H3):** Switching Test Pins. These pins are provided externally to check the operation frequency.



### Simplified Block Diagram



\*USE EXTV<sub>CC</sub> FOR V<sub>IN</sub> ≤ 5.5V, OR TIE V<sub>IN</sub> AND EXTV<sub>CC</sub> TOGETHER FOR V<sub>IN</sub> ≤ 5.5V



### **DECOUPLING REQUIREMENTS** TA = 25°C. Use Figure 1 configuration.



# **OPERATION**

The LTM4619 is a dual-output standalone non-isolated switching mode DC/DC power supply. It can deliver up to 4A (DC current) for each output with few external input and output capacitors. This module provides precisely regulated output voltages programmable via external resistors from 0.8VDC to 5.0VDC over 4.5V to 26.5V input voltages. The typical application schematic is shown in Figure 19.

The LTM4619 has integrated constant frequency current mode regulators and built-in power MOSFET devices with fast switching speed. The typical switching frequency is 780kHz. To reduce switching noise, the two outputs are interleaved with 180° phase internally and can be synchronized externally using the MODE/PLLIN pin.

With current mode control and internal feedback loop compensation, the LTM4619 module has sufficient stability margins and good transient performance with a wide range of output capacitors, even with all ceramic output capacitors.

Current mode control provides cycle-by-cycle fast current limit and current foldback in a short-circuit condition.

Internal overvoltage and undervoltage comparators pull the open-drain PGOOD output low if the output feedback voltage exits  $a \pm 7.5$ % window around the regulation point. The power good pin is disabled during start-up.

Pulling the RUN pin below 1.2V forces the controller into its shutdown state, by turning off both MOSFETs. The TK/SS pin is used for programming the output voltage ramp and voltage tracking during start-up. See the Applications Information section.

The LTM4619 is internally compensated to be stable over all operating conditions. LTpowerCAD™ is available for transient and stability analysis. The  $V_{FB}$  pin is used to program the output voltage with a single external resistor to ground. Multiphase operation can be easily employed with the synchronization.

High efficiency at light loads can be accomplished with selectable Burst Mode operation or pulse-skipping mode using the MODE/PLLIN pin. Efficiency graphs are provided for light load operations in the Typical Performance Characteristics section.



The typical LTM4619 application circuit is shown in Figure 19. External component selection is primarily determined by the maximum load current and output voltage.

#### **Output Voltage Programming**

The PWM controller has an internal 0.8V reference voltage. As shown in the block diagram, a 60.4k internal feedback resistor  $R_{FB}$  connects  $V_{OIII}$  to  $V_{FB}$  pin. The output voltage will default to 0.8V with no feedback resistor. Adding a resistor  $R_{\text{SFT}}$  from  $V_{\text{FB}}$  pin to SGND programs the output voltage:

$$
V_{\text{OUT}} = 0.8 V \cdot \frac{60.4 k + R_{\text{SET}}}{R_{\text{SET}}}
$$

or equivalently

$$
R_{SET} = \frac{60.4k}{\left(\frac{V_{OUT}}{0.8V} - 1\right)}
$$





#### **Input Capacitors**

The LTM4619 module should be connected to a low ACimpedance DC source. Two 1.5µF input ceramic capacitors are included inside the module. Additional input capacitors are needed if a large load is required up to the 4A level. A 47µF to 100µF surface mount aluminum electrolytic capacitor can be used for more input bulk capacitance. This bulk capacitor is only needed if the input source impedance is compromised by long inductive leads, traces or not enough source capacitance.

For a buck converter, the switching duty-cycle can be estimated as:

$$
D = \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}
$$

Without considering the inductor ripple current, for each output, the RMS current of the input capacitor can be estimated as:

$$
I_{\text{CIN(RMS)}} = \frac{I_{\text{OUT(MAX)}}}{\eta} \cdot \sqrt{D \cdot (1 - D)}
$$

In the above equation,  $\eta$  is the estimated efficiency of the power module. The bulk capacitor can be a switcher-rated aluminum electrolytic capacitor or a polymer capacitor. One 10µF ceramic input capacitor is typically rated for 2A of RMS ripple current, so the RMS input current at the worst case for each output at 4A maximum current is about 2A. If a low inductance plane is used to power the device, then two 10µF ceramic capacitors are enough for both outputs at 4A load and no external input bulk capacitor is required.

#### **Output Capacitors**

The LTM4619 is designed for low output voltage ripple noise. The bulk output capacitors defined as  $C<sub>OUT</sub>$  are chosen with low enough effective series resistance (ESR) to meet the output voltage ripple and transient requirements.  $C_{\text{OUT}}$  can be a low ESR tantalum capacitor, a low ESR polymer capacitor or ceramic capacitor. The typical output capacitance range for each output is from 47µF to 220µF. Additional output filtering may be required by the system designer. If further reduction of output ripple or dynamic transient spikes is required, LTpowerCAD is available for stability analysis. Multiphase operation will reduce effective output ripple as a function of the number of phases. Application Note 77 discusses this noise reduction versus output ripple current cancellation, but the output capacitance should be considered carefully as a function of stability and transient response. LTpowerCAD calculates the output ripple reduction as the number of implemented phases increased by N times.



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#### **Mode Selections and Phase-Locked Loop**

The LTM4619 can be enabled to enter high efficiency Burst Mode operation, constant-frequency pulse-skipping mode, or forced continuous conduction mode. To select the forced continuous operation, tie the MODE/PLLIN pin to a DC voltage below 0.8V. To select pulse-skipping mode of operation, tie the MODE/PLLIN pin to  $INTV_{CC}$ . To select Burst Mode operation, float the MODE/PLLIN pin.

#### **Frequency Synchronization**

A phase-lock loop is available on the LTM4619 to synchronize the internal clock to an external clock source connected on the MODE/PLLIN pin. The clock high level needs to be higher than 1.6V and the clock low level needs to be lower than 1V. The frequency programming voltage and or the programming voltage divider must be removed from the FREQ/PLLFLTR pin when synchronizing to an external clock. The FREQ/PLLFLTR pin has the required onboard PLL filter components for clock synchronization. The LTM4619 will default to forced continuous mode while being clock synchronized. Channel 1 is synchronized to the rising edge on the external clock, and channel 2 is 180 degrees out-of-phase with the external clock.

#### **Frequency Selection**

The switching frequency of the LTM4619's controllers can be selected using the FREQ/PLLFLTR pin. If the MODE/PLLIN pin is not being driven by an external clock source, the FREQ/PLLFLTR pin can be set from 0V to 2.4V to program the controller's operating frequency from 250kHz to 780kHz using a voltage divider to  $INTV_{CC}$  (see Figure 20). The typical frequency is 780kHz. If the output is too low or the minimum on-time is reached, the frequency needs to decrease to enlarge the turn-on time. Otherwise, a significant amount of cycle skipping can occur with correspondingly larger current and voltage ripple.



**Figure 2. Switching Frequency vs FREQ/PLLFLTR Pin Voltage**



#### **Soft-Start and Tracking**

The LTM4619 has the ability to either soft-start by itself with a capacitor or track the output of another channel or external supply. When one particular channel is configured to soft-start by itself, a capacitor should be connected to its TK/SS pin. This channel is in the shutdown state if its RUN pin voltage is below 1.2V. Its TK/SS pin is actively pulled to ground in this shutdown state.

Once the RUN pin voltage is above 1.2V, the channel powers up. A soft-start current of 1.3µA then starts to charge its soft-start capacitor. Note that soft-start or tracking is achieved not by limiting the maximum output current of the controller but by controlling the output ramp voltage according to the ramp rate on the TK/SS pin. Current foldback is disabled during this phase to ensure smooth soft-start or tracking. The soft-start or tracking range is defined to be the voltage range from 0V to 0.8V on the TK/SS pin. The total soft-start time can be calculated as:



Output voltage tracking can be programmed externally using the TK/SS pin. The master channel is divided down with an external resistor divider that is the same as the slave channel's feedback divider to implement coincident tracking. The LTM4619 uses an accurate 60.4k resistor internally for the top feedback resistor. Figure 3 shows an example of coincident tracking. Figure 4 shows the output voltages with coincident tracking.

$$
V_{SLAVE} = \left(1 + \frac{R1}{R2}\right) \bullet V_{TRACK}
$$

 $V_{\text{TRACK}}$  is the track ramp applied to the slave's TK/SS2 pin.  $V_{\text{TRACK}}$  has a control range of 0V to 0.8V. When the master's output is divided down with the same resistor values used to set the slave's output, then the slave will coincident track with the master until it reaches its final value. The master will continue to its final value from the slave's regulation point.

Ratiometric modes of tracking can be achieved by selecting different divider resistors values to change the output tracking ratio. The master output must be greater than the slave output for the tracking to work. Master and slave data inputs can be used to implement the correct resistors values for coincident or ratiometric tracking.



**Figure 4. Coincident Tracking**



**Figure 5. Normalized Input RMS Ripple Current vs Duty Cycle for One to Six Phases**



Figure 6. Normalized Output Ripple Current vs Duty Cycle, Dlr = V<sub>OUT</sub> T/L







#### **Multiphase Operation**

Multiphase operation with multiple LTM4619 devices in parallel will lower the effective input RMS ripple current as well as the output ripple current due to the interleaving operation of the regulators. Figure 5 provides a ratio of input RMS ripple current to DC load current as a function of duty cycle and the number of paralleled phases. Choose the corresponding duty cycle and the number of phases to get the correct ripple current value. For example, the 2-phase parallel for one LTM4619 design provides 8A at 2.5V output from a 12V input. The duty cycle is  $DC =$  $2.5V/12V = 0.21$ . The 2-phase curve has a ratio of  $\sim 0.25$ for a duty cycle of 0.21. This 0.25 ratio of RMS ripple current to a DC load current of 8A equals ~2A of input RMS ripple current for the external input capacitors.

The effective output ripple current is lowered with multiphase operations as well. Figure 6 provides a ratio of peak-to-peak output ripple current to the normalized output ripple current as a function of duty cycle and the number of paralleled phases. Choose the corresponding duty cycle and the number of phases to get the correct output ripple current ratio value. If a 2-phase operation is chosen at  $12V_{\text{IN}}$  to 2.5 $V_{\text{OUT}}$  with a duty cycle of 21%, then 0.6 is the ratio of the normalized output ripple current to inductor ripple DIr at zero duty cycle. This leads to ~1.3A of the effective output ripple current  $\Delta I_L$  if the DIr is at 2.2A. Refer to Application Note 77 for a detailed explanation of the output ripple current reduction as a function of paralleled phases.

The output ripple voltage has two components that are related to the amount of bulk capacitance and effective series resistance (ESR) of the output bulk capacitance. Therefore, the output ripple voltage can be calculated with the known effective output ripple current. The equation:

 $\Delta V_{\text{OUT}}(P-P) \approx \Delta l_L/(8 \cdot f \cdot N \cdot C_{\text{OUT}}) + \text{ESR} \cdot \Delta l_L$ 

where f is frequency and N is the number of parallel phases.

#### **RUN Pin**

The RUN pins can be used to enable or sequence the particular regulator channel. The RUN pins have their own internal 0.5µA current source to pull up the pin to 1.2V, and then the current increases to 4.5µA above 1.2V. Careful consideration is needed to assure that board contamination or residue does not load down the 0.5µA pull-up current. Otherwise active control to these pins can be used to enable the regulators. A voltage divider can be used from  $V_{IN}$  to set an enable point that can also be used as a UVLO feature for the regulator. The resistor divider needs to be low enough resistance to swamp out the pull-up current sources to prevent unintended activation of the device. See the Simplified Block Diagram.

#### **Power Good**

The PGOOD pin is connected to the open drain of an internal N-channel MOSFET. The MOSFET turns on and pulls the PGOOD pin low when either  $V_{FB}$  pin voltage is not within ±7.5% of the 0.8V reference voltage. The PGOOD pin is also pulled low when either RUN pin is below 1.2V or when the LTM4619 is in the soft-start or tracking phase. When the V<sub>FB</sub> pin voltage is within the  $\pm$ 7.5% requirement, the MOSFET is turned off and the pin is allowed to be pulled up by an external resistor to a source of up to 6V. The PGOOD pin will flag power good immediately when both  $V_{FB}$  pins are within the  $\pm 7.5\%$  window. However, there is an internal 17 $\mu$ s power bad mask when either V<sub>FB</sub> goes out of the  $\pm 7.5\%$  window.



### **INTV<sub>CC</sub>** and EXTV<sub>CC</sub>

The INTV<sub>CC</sub> is the internal 5V regulator that powers the LTM4619 internal circuitry and drives the power MOSFETs. The input voltage of the LTM4619 must be 6V or above for the INTV<sub>CC</sub> to regulate to the proper 5V level due to the internal LDO dropout from the input voltage. For applications that need to operate below 6V input, then the input voltage can be connected directly to the  $EXTV_{\text{CC}}$ pin to bypass the LDO dropout concern, or an external 5V supply can be used to power the  $EXTV_{CC}$  pin when the input voltage is at high end of the supply range to reduce power dissipation in the module. For example the dropout voltage for 24V input would be  $24V - 5V = 19V$ . This 19V headroom then multiplied by the power MOSFET drive current of ~15mA would equal ~0.3W additional power dissipation. So utilizing an external 5V supply on the  $EXTV_{CC}$  would improve design efficiency and reduce device temperature rise.

### **Slope Compensation**

The module has already been internally compensated for all output voltages. LTpowerCAD is available for control loop optimization.

### **Burst Mode Operation and Pulse-Skipping Mode**

The LTM4619 regulator can be placed into high efficiency power saving modes at light load condition to conserve power. The Burst Mode operation can be selected by floating the MODE/PLLIN pin, and pulse-skipping mode can be selected by pulling the MODE/PLLIN pin to  $INTV_{CC}$ . Burst Mode operation offers the best efficiency at light load, but output ripple will be higher and lower frequency ranges are capable which can interfere with some systems. Pulseskipping mode efficiency is not as good as Burst Mode operation, but this mode only skips pulses to save efficiency and maintains a lower output ripple and a higher switching frequency. Burst Mode operation and pulse-skipping mode efficiencies can be reviewed in graph supplied in the Typical Performance Characteristics section.

#### **Fault Conditions: Current Limit and Overcurrent Foldback**

The LTM4619 has a current mode controller, which inherently limits the cycle-by-cycle inductor current not only in steady-state operation, but also in transient.

To further limit current in the event of an overload condition, the LTM4619 provides foldback current limiting. If the output voltage falls by more than 50%, then the maximum output current is progressively lowered to one-third of its full current limit value. Foldback current limiting is disabled during soft-start and tracking up.

#### **Thermal Considerations and Output Current Derating**

The thermal resistances reported in the Pin Configuration section of the data sheet are consistent with those parameters defined by JESD51-12 and are intended for use with finite element analysis (FEA) software modeling tools that leverage the outcome of thermal modeling, simulation, and correlation to hardware evaluation performed on a µModule package mounted to a hardware test board. The motivation for providing these thermal coefficients is found in JESD51-12 ("Guidelines for Reporting and Using Electronic Package Thermal Information").

Many designers may opt to use laboratory equipment and a test vehicle such as the demo board to predict the µModule regulator's thermal performance in their application at various electrical and environmental operating conditions to compliment any FEA activities. Without FEA software, the thermal resistances reported in the Pin Configuration section are, in and of themselves, not relevant to providing guidance of thermal performance; instead, the derating curves provided in this data sheet can be used in a manner that yields insight and guidance pertaining to one's application-usage, and can be adapted to correlate thermal performance to one's own application.

The Pin Configuration section gives four thermal coefficients explicitly defined in JESD51-12; these coefficients are quoted or paraphrased in the following:



- 1  $\theta_{JA}$ , the thermal resistance from junction to ambient, is the natural convection junction-to-ambient air thermal resistance measured in a one cubic foot sealed enclosure. This environment is sometimes referred to as "still air" although natural convection causes the air to move. This value is determined with the part mounted to a 95mm  $\times$  76mm PCB with four layers.
- 2  $\theta_{JCbottom}$ , the thermal resistance from junction to the bottom of the product case, is determined with all of the component power dissipation flowing through the bottom of the package. In the typical µModule regulator, the bulk of the heat flows out the bottom of the package, but there is always heat flow out into the ambient environment. As a result, this thermal resistance value may be useful for comparing packages but the test conditions don't generally match the user's application.
- 3  $\theta$ <sub>JCtop</sub>, the thermal resistance from junction to top of the product case, is determined with nearly all of the component power dissipation flowing through the top of the package. As the electrical connections of the typical µModule regulator are on the bottom of the package, it is rare for an application to operate such that most of the heat flows from the junction to the top of the part. As in the case of  $\theta$ JC bottom, this value may be useful for comparing packages but the test conditions don't generally match the user's application.
- $4\theta_{\text{JB}}$ , the thermal resistance from junction to the printed circuit board, is the junction-to-board thermal resistance where almost all of the heat flows through the bottom of the µModule package and into the board, and is really the sum of the  $\theta_{JCbottom}$  and the thermal resistance of the bottom of the part through the solder joints and a portion of the board. The board temperature is measured a specified distance from the package.

A graphical representation of the aforementioned thermal resistances is given in Figure 7; blue resistances are contained within the µModule regulator, whereas green resistances are external to the µModule package.

As a practical matter, it should be clear to the reader that no individual or sub-group of the four thermal resistance parameters defined by JESD51-12 or provided in the Pin Configuration section replicates or conveys normal operating conditions of a µModule regulator. For example, in normal board-mounted applications, never does 100% of the device's total power loss (heat) thermally conduct exclusively through the top or exclusively through bottom of the µModule package—as the standard defines for  $\theta_{JChon}$  and  $\theta_{JChottom}$ , respectively. In practice, power loss is thermally dissipated in both directions away from the package—granted, in the absence of a heat sink and airflow, a majority of the heat flow is into the board.

Within the LTM4619, be aware there are multiple power devices and components dissipating power, with a consequence that the thermal resistances relative to different junctions of components or die are not exactly linear with respect to total package power loss. To reconcile this complication without sacrificing modeling simplicity—but also not ignoring practical realities—an approach has been taken using FEA software modeling along with laboratory testing in a controlled-environment chamber to reasonably define and correlate the thermal resistance values supplied in this data sheet: (1) Initially, FEA software is used to accurately build the mechanical geometry of the LTM4619 and the specified PCB with all of the correct material coefficients along with accurate power loss source definitions; (2) this model simulates a software-defined JEDEC environment consistent with JESD51-12 to predict power loss heat flow and temperature readings at different interfaces that enable the calculation of the JEDEC-defined thermal resistance values; (3) the model and FEA software is used to evaluate the LTM4619 with heat sink and airflow; (4) having solved for and analyzed these thermal resistance values and simulated various operating conditions in the software model, a thorough laboratory evaluation replicates the simulated conditions with thermocouples within a controlled-environment chamber while operating the device at the same power loss as that which was simulated. The outcome of this process and due diligence yields the set of derating curves shown in this data sheet.





**Figure 7. Graphical Representation of JESD51-12 Thermal Coefficients**

The 1.5V and 3.3V power loss curves in Figures 8 and 9 can be used in coordination with the load current derating curves in Figures 10 to 17 for calculating an approximate ΘJA thermal resistance for the LTM4619 with various heat sinking and airflow conditions. The power loss curves are taken at room temperature, and are increased with a 1.35 multiplicative factor at 120°C. The derating curves are plotted with CH1 and CH2 in parallel single output operation starting at 8A of load with low ambient temperature. The output voltages are 1.5V and 3.3V. These are chosen to include the lower and higher output voltage ranges for correlating the thermal resistance. Thermal models are derived from several temperature measurements in a controlled temperature chamber along with thermal modeling analysis.

The junction temperatures are monitored while ambient temperature is increased with and without airflow. The power loss increase with ambient temperature change is factored into the derating curves. The junctions are maintained at ~120°C maximum while lowering output current or power while increasing ambient temperature. The decreased output current will decrease the internal module loss as ambient temperature is increased.

The monitored junction temperature of 120°C minus the ambient operating temperature specifies how much module temperature rise can be allowed. As an example in Figure 12, the load current is derated to 5A at  $\sim$ 95°C with no air or heat sink and the power loss for the 12V to 1.5V at 5A output is about 1.83W. The 1.83W loss is calculated with the 1.35W room temperature loss from the 12V to

1.5V power loss curve at 5A, and the 1.35 multiplying factor at 120°C ambient. If the 95°C ambient temperature is subtracted from the 120°C junction temperature, then the difference of 25°C divided by 1.83W equals a 13.6°C/W ΘJA thermal resistance. Table 2 specifies a 13.4°C/W value which is pretty close. The airflow graphs are more accurate due to the fact that the ambient temperature environment is controlled better with airflow. As an example in Figure 14, the load current is derated to 5A at ~95°C with 400LFM of airflow and the power loss for the 12V to 3.3V at 5A output is ~2.5W. The 2.5W loss is calculated with the ~1.85W room temperature loss from the 12V to 3.3V power loss curve at 5A, and the 1.35 multiplying factor at 120°C ambient. If the 95°C ambient temperature is subtracted from the 120°C junction temperature, then the difference of 25°C divided by 2.5W equals a 10°C/W  $\theta$ <sub>JA</sub> thermal resistance. Table 2 specifies a 9.7°C/W value which is pretty close. Tables 2 and 3 provide equivalent thermal resistances for 1.5V and 3.3V outputs with and without airflow and heat sinking.

4619fc The derived thermal resistances in Tables 2 and 3 for the various conditions can be multiplied by the calculated power loss as a function of ambient temperature to derive temperature rise above ambient, thus maximum junction temperature. Room temperature power loss can be derived from the efficiency curves and adjusted with the above ambient temperature multiplicative factors. The printed circuit board is a 1.6mm thick four layer board with two ounce copper for the two outer layers and one ounce copper for the two inner layers. The PCB dimensions are 95mm × 76mm. The BGA heat sinks are listed in Table 3.



#### **Table 2. 1.5V Output**



#### **Table 3. 3.3V Output**









**Figure 8. Power Loss at 1.5V Output Figure 9. Power Loss at 3.3V Output**







Figure 10. 6V<sub>IN</sub> to **1.5V<sub>OUT</sub>** without Heat Sink

**Figure 11. 6V<sub>IN</sub> to 1.5V<sub>0UT</sub> with Heat Sink**



**Figure 12. 12V<sub>IN</sub> to 1.5V<sub>OUT</sub> without Heat Sink**



Figure 15. 12 $V_{IN}$  to 3.3 $V_{OUT}$ **with Heat Sink**



**Figure 13. 12V<sub>IN</sub> to 1.5V<sub>OUT</sub> with Heat Sink**



**Figure 16. 24V<sub>IN</sub> to 3.3V<sub>OUT</sub> without Heat Sink**



**Figure 14. 12V<sub>IN</sub> to 3.3V<sub>OUT</sub> without Heat Sink**



**Figure 17. 24V<sub>IN</sub> to 3.3V<sub>OUT</sub> with Heat Sink**



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#### **Safety Considerations**

The LTM4619 modules do not provide galvanic isolation from  $V_{\text{IN}}$  to  $V_{\text{OIII}}$ . There is no internal fuse. If required, a slow blow fuse with a rating twice the maximum input current needs to be provided to protect each unit from catastrophic failure.

#### **Layout Checklist/Example**

The high integration of LTM4619 makes the PCB board layout very simple and easy. However, to optimize its electrical and thermal performance, some layout considerations are still necessary.

• Use large PCB copper areas for high current path, including  $V_{IN}$ , PGND,  $V_{OUT1}$  and  $V_{OUT2}$ . It helps to minimize the PCB conduction loss and thermal stress.

- Place high frequency ceramic input and output capacitors next to the  $V_{IN}$ , PGND and  $V_{OUT}$  pins to minimize high frequency noise.
- Place a dedicated power ground layer underneath the unit.
- To minimize the via conduction loss and reduce module thermal stress, use multiple vias for interconnections between top layer and other power layers.
- Do not put vias directly on the pads.
- Use a separated SGND ground copper area for components connected to signal pins. Connect the SGND to PGND underneath the unit.
- Decouple the input and output grounds to lower the output ripple noise.

Figure 18 gives a good example of the recommended layout.



**Figure 18. Recommended PCB Layout**



# Typical Applications



**Figure 19. Typical 4.5V to 26.5V Input, 5V and 3.3V Outputs at 4A Design**





### TYPICAL applications



**Figure 20. Typical 4.5V to 26.5V Input, 1.2V and 1.5V Outputs at 4A Design with Adjusted Frequency at 500kHz**



**Figure 21. Output Paralleled LTM4619 Module for 5V Output at 8A Design**



# TYPICAL applications



**Figure 22. 4-Phase, Four Outputs (5V, 3.3V, 2.5V and 1.8V) with Tracking**



### Package Description



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#### **Pin Assignment Table 4 (Arranged by Pin Function)**



# Package Description





### Revision History **(Revision history begins at Rev B)**





# Package Photograph



# Related Parts



# Design Resources



