LTM4676
Dual Step-Down µModule Regulator with PMBus Digital Power System Management

DESCRIPTION

Demonstration circuit 1811A is a dual-output, high efficiency, high density, µModule® regulator with 4.5V to 26.5V input range. Each output can supply 13A maximum load current. The demo board has a LTM®4676 µModule regulator, which is a dual 13A or single 26A step-down regulator with PMBus power system management. Please see LTM4676 data sheet for more detailed information

The DC1811A powers up to default settings and produces power based on configuration resistors without the need for any serial bus communication. This allows easy evaluation of the DC/DC converter. To fully explore the extensive power system management features of the part, download the GUI software LTpowerPlay™ onto your PC and use LTC's I²C/SMBus/PMBus dongle DC1613A to connect to the board. LTpowerPlay allows the user to reconfigure the part on the fly and store the configuration in EEPROM, view telemetry of voltage, current, temperature and fault status

GUI Download

The software can be downloaded from:

http://www.linear.com/ltpowerplay

For more details and instructions of LTpowerPlay, please refer to LTpowerPlay GUI for LTM4676 Quick Start Guide.

Design files for this circuit board are available at http://www.linear.com/demo

BOARD PHOTO

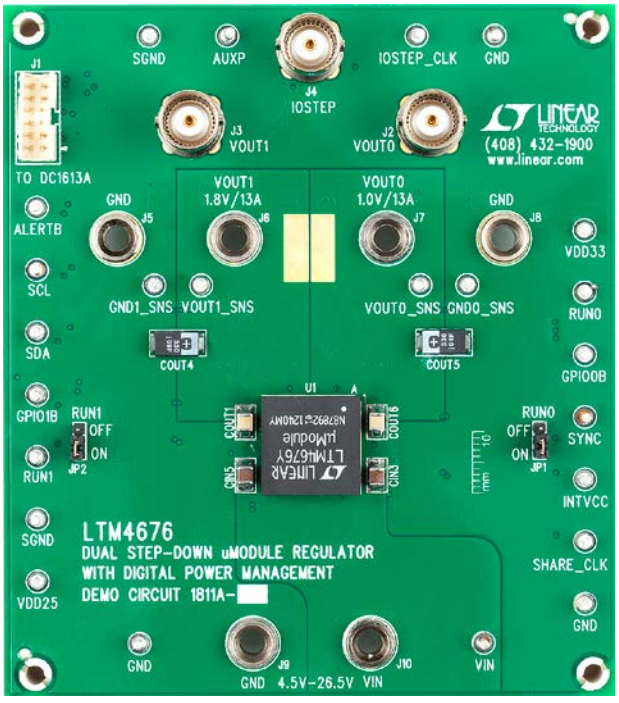

Figure 1. Dual-Output LTM4676/DC1811A Demo Circuit

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY (T_A = 25°C)

PARAMETER	CONDITION	VALUE
Input Voltage Range		4.5V to 26.5V
Output Voltage, V_{OUT0}	V_{IN} = 4.5V to 26.5V, I_{OUT0} = 0A to 13A	0.5V to 4V, Default: 1V
Maximum Output Current, I_{OUT0}	V_{IN} = 4.5V to 26.5V, V_{OUT} = 0.5V to 4V	13A
Output Voltage, V_{OUT1}	V_{IN} = 4.5V to 26.5V, I_{OUT1} = 0A to 13A	0.5V to 5.4V, Default: 1.8V
Maximum Output Current, I_{OUT1}	V_{IN} = 4.5V to 26.5V, V_{OUT} = 0.5V to 5.4V	13A
Typical Efficiency	V_{IN} = 12V, V_{OUT} = 1.8V, I_{OUT} = 13A	86.3%
Default Switching Frequency		500kHz

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Table 1. LTM4676 Demo Cards for Up to 130A Point-of-Load Regulation

MAXIMUM OUTPUT CURRENT	NUMBER OF OUTPUT VOLTAGES	NUMBER OF LTM4676 µMODULE REGULATORS ON THE BOARD	DEMO BOARD NUMBER
13A, 13A	2	1	DC1811A
26A	1	1	DC2087A
50A	1	2	DC1989A-A
75A	1	3	DC1989A-B
100A	1	4	DC1989A-C
100A	1	1 (+ 3x LTM4620A)	DC2106A-A
130A	1	1 (+ 3x LTM4630)	DC2106A-B

Demonstration circuit 1811A is easy to set up to evaluate the performance of the LTM4676. Refer to Figure 2 for the proper measurement equipment setup and follow the procedure below.

1. With power off, connect the input power supply to VIN (4.5V to 26.5V) and GND (input return).
2. Connect the 1.0V output load between VOUT0 and GND (Initial load: no load).
3. Connect the 1.8V output load between VOUT1 and GND (Initial load: no load).
4. Connect the DVMs to the input and outputs. Set default jumper position: JP1: ON; JP2: ON.
5. Turn on the input power supply and check for the proper output voltages. V_{OUT0} should be 1.0V ±1 %, and V_{OUT1} should be 1.8 ±1%.
6. Once the proper output voltages are established, adjust the loads within the operating range and observe the output voltage regulation, ripple voltage and other parameters.
7. Connect the dongle and control the output voltages from the GUI. See "LTpowerPlay GUI for the LTM4676 Quick Start Guide" for details.

Note: When measuring the output or input voltage ripple, do not use the long ground lead on the oscilloscope probe. See Figure 3 for the proper scope probe technique. Short, stiff leads need to be soldered to the (+) and (–) terminals of an output capacitor. The probe's ground ring needs to touch the (–) lead and the probe tip needs to touch the (+) lead.

Connecting a PC to DC1811A

You can use a PC to reconfigure the power management features of the LTM4676 such as: nominal V_{OUT}, margin set points, OV/UV limits, temperature fault limits, sequencing parameters, the fault log, fault responses, GPIOs and other functionality. The DC1613A dongle may be plugged when V_{IN} is present.

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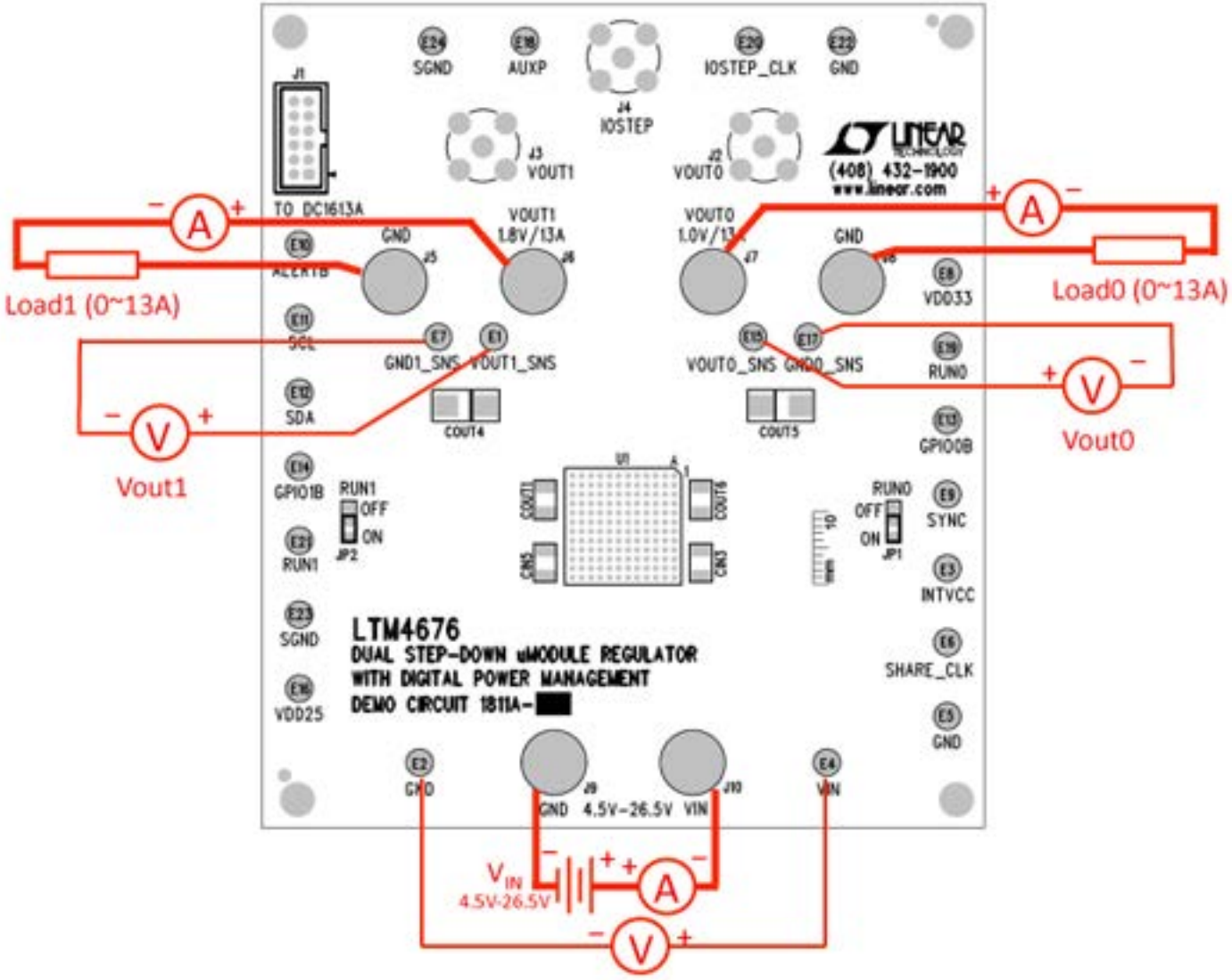

Figure 2. Proper Measurement Equipment Setup

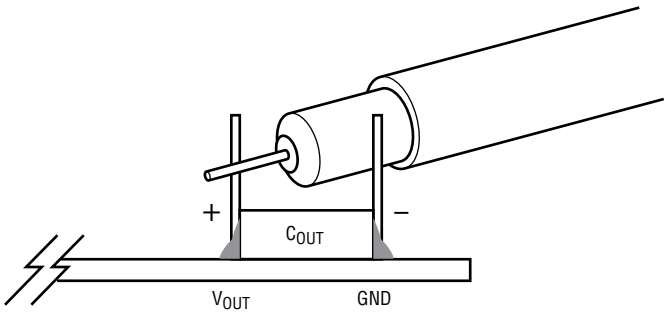

Figure 3. Measuring Output Voltage Ripple

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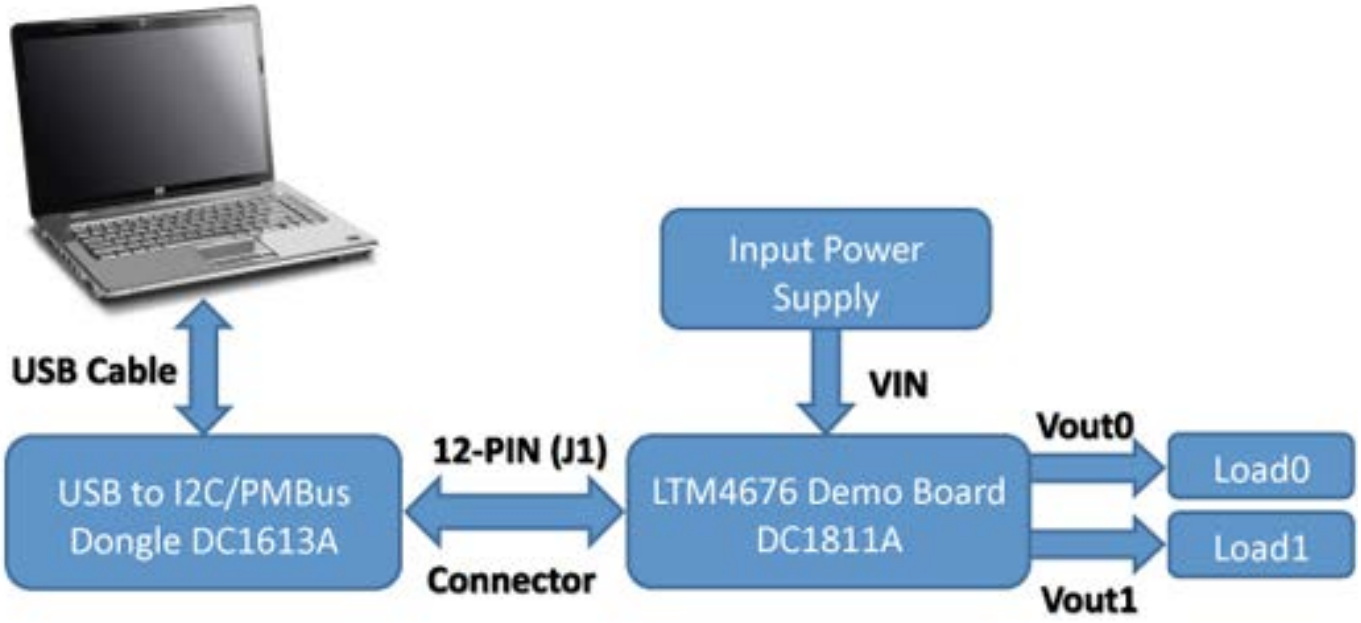

Figure 4. Demo Setup with PC

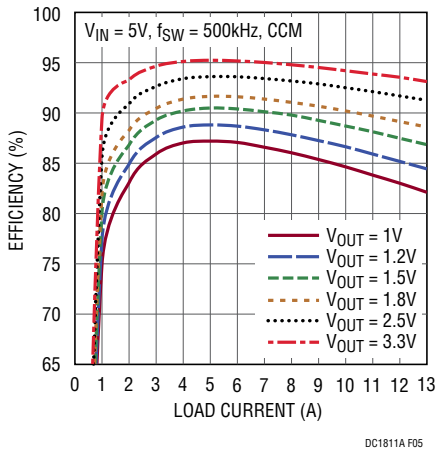

Figure 5. Efficiency vs Load Current at V_{IN} = 5V

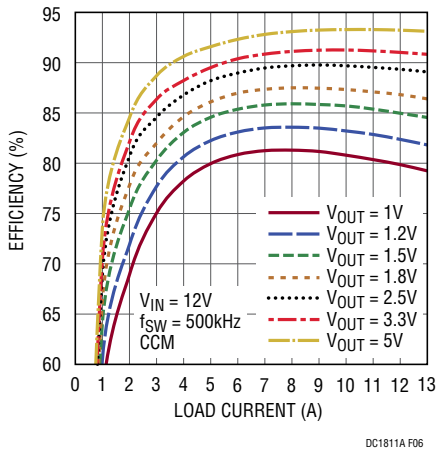

Figure 6. Efficiency vs Load Current at V_{IN} = 12V

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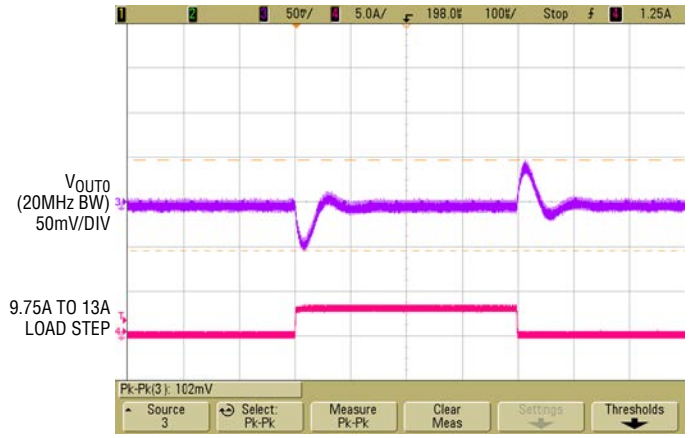


Figure 7. Output Voltage V_{OUT0} vs Load Current (V_{OUT0} RANGE = 0)

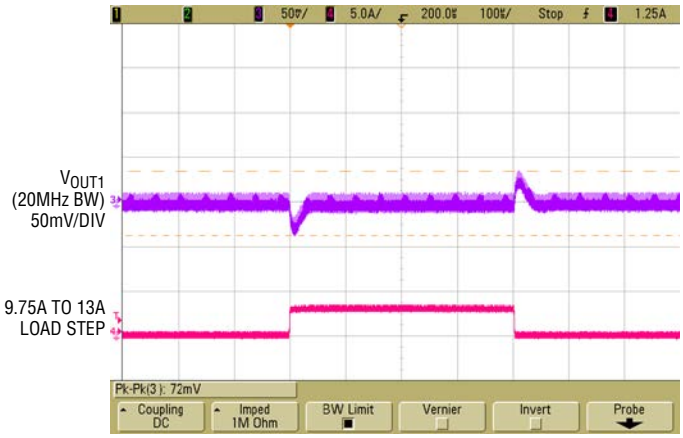


Figure 8. Output Voltage V_{OUT1} vs Load Current (V_{OUT1} Range = 1)

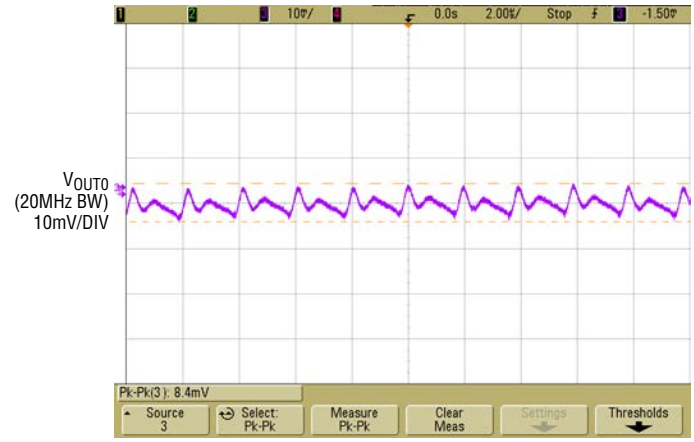


Figure 9. Output Voltage Ripple at V_{IN} = 12V, V_{OUT0} = 1V, I_{OUT0} = 13A

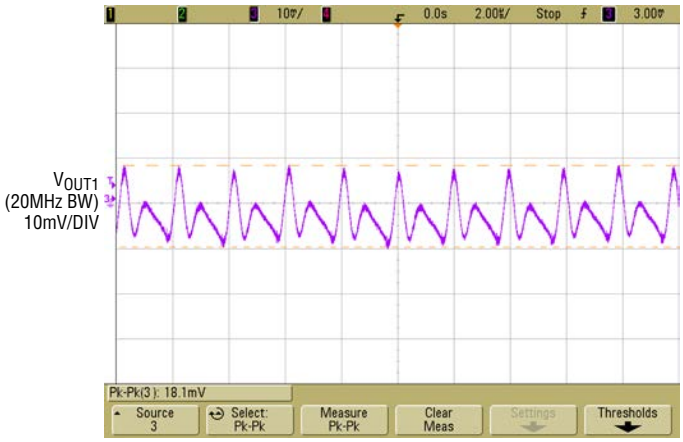


Figure 10. Output Voltage Ripple at V_{IN} = 12V, V_{OUT1} = 1.8V, I_{OUT1} = 13A

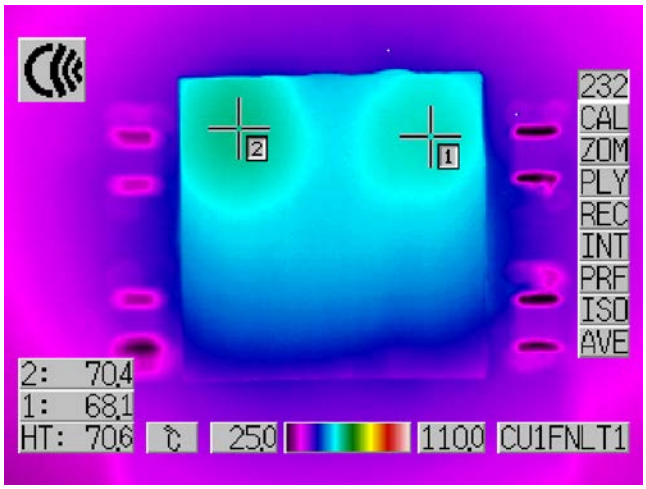


Figure 11. Thermal performance at V_{IN} = 12V, V_{OUT0} = 1.0V, I_{OUT0} = 13A, V_{OUT1} = 1.8V, I_{OUT1} = 13A, T_A = 24°C, 200LFM Airflow

LTpowerPlay SOFTWARE GUI

LTpowerPlay is a powerful Windows-based development environment that supports Linear Technology power system management ICs, including the LTM4676, LTC3880, LTC3883, LTC2974 and LTC2978. The software supports a variety of different tasks. You can use LTpowerPlay to evaluate Linear Technology ICs by connecting to a demo board system. LTpowerPlay can also be used in an offline mode (with no hardware present) in order to build a multichip configuration file that can be saved and reloaded at a later time. LTpowerPlay provides unprecedented diagnostic and debug features. It becomes a valuable diagnostic tool during board bring-up to program or tweak the power management scheme in a system, or to diagnose power issues when bringing up rails. LTpowerPlay utilizes the DC1613A USB-to-SMBus controller to communicate with one of many potential targets, including the LTM4676, the LTC3880 and the LTC3883's demo system, or a customer board. The software also provides an automatic update feature to keep the soft-ware current with the latest set of device drivers and documentation. The LTpowerPlay software can be downloaded from:

http://www.linear.com/ltpowerplay

To access technical support documents for LTC Digital Power Products visit Help. View online help on the LTpowerPlay menu.

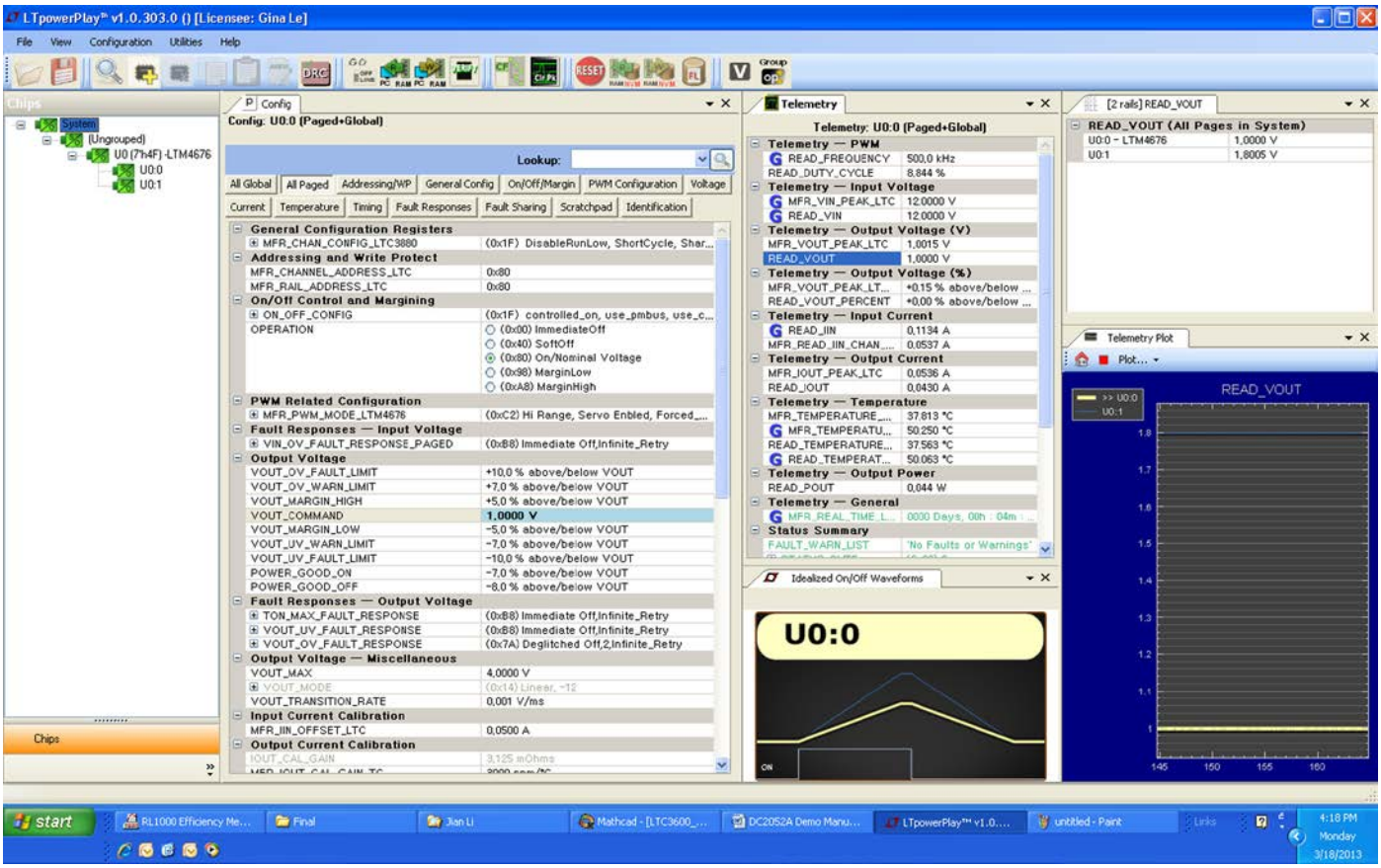


Figure 12. LTpowerPlay Main Interface

LTpowerPlay QUICK START GUIDE

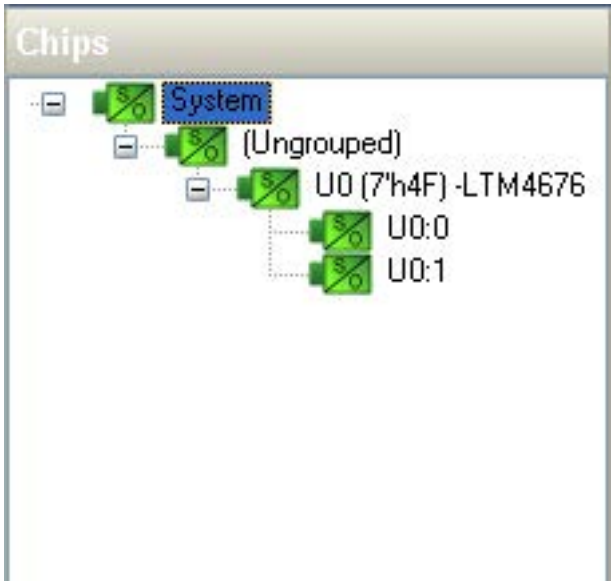
The following procedure describes how to use LTpowerPlay to monitor and change the settings of LTM4676.

1. Download and install the LTPowerPlay GUI:

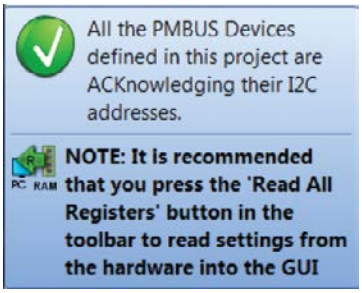
   http://www.linear.com/ltpowerplay

2. Launch the LTpowerPlay GUI.

   a. The GUI should automatically identify the DC1811A. The system tree on the left hand side should look like this:

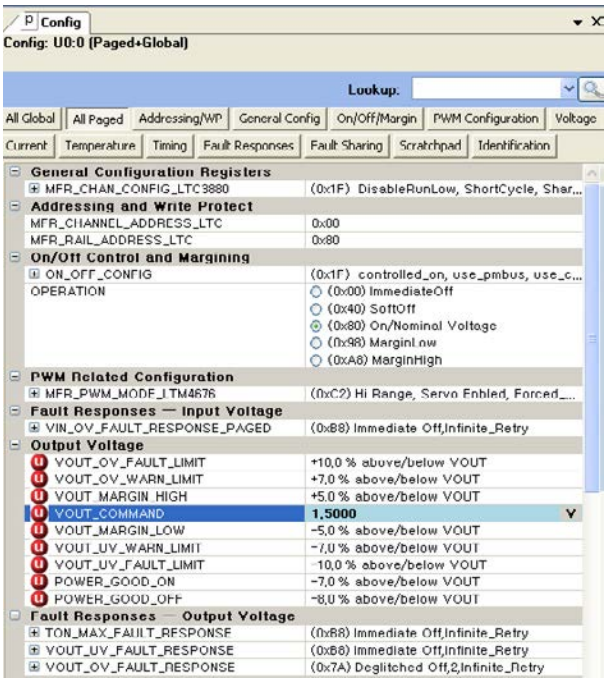


   b. A green message box shows for a few seconds in the lower left hand corner, confirming that LTM4676 is communicating:



   c. In the Toolbar, click the "R" (RAM to PC) icon to read the RAM from the LTM4676. This reads the configuration from the RAM of LTM4676 and loads it into the GUI.

   d. If you want to change the output voltage to a different value, like 1.5V. In the Config tab, type in 1.5 in the VOUT_COMMAND box, like this:



   Then, click the "W" (PC to RAM) icon to write these register values to the LTM4676. After finishing this step, you will see the output voltage will change to 1.5V.

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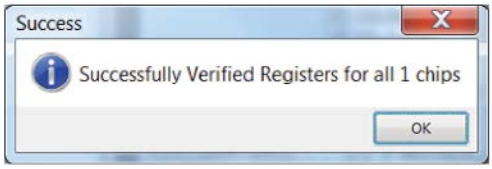
If the write is successful, you will see the following message:



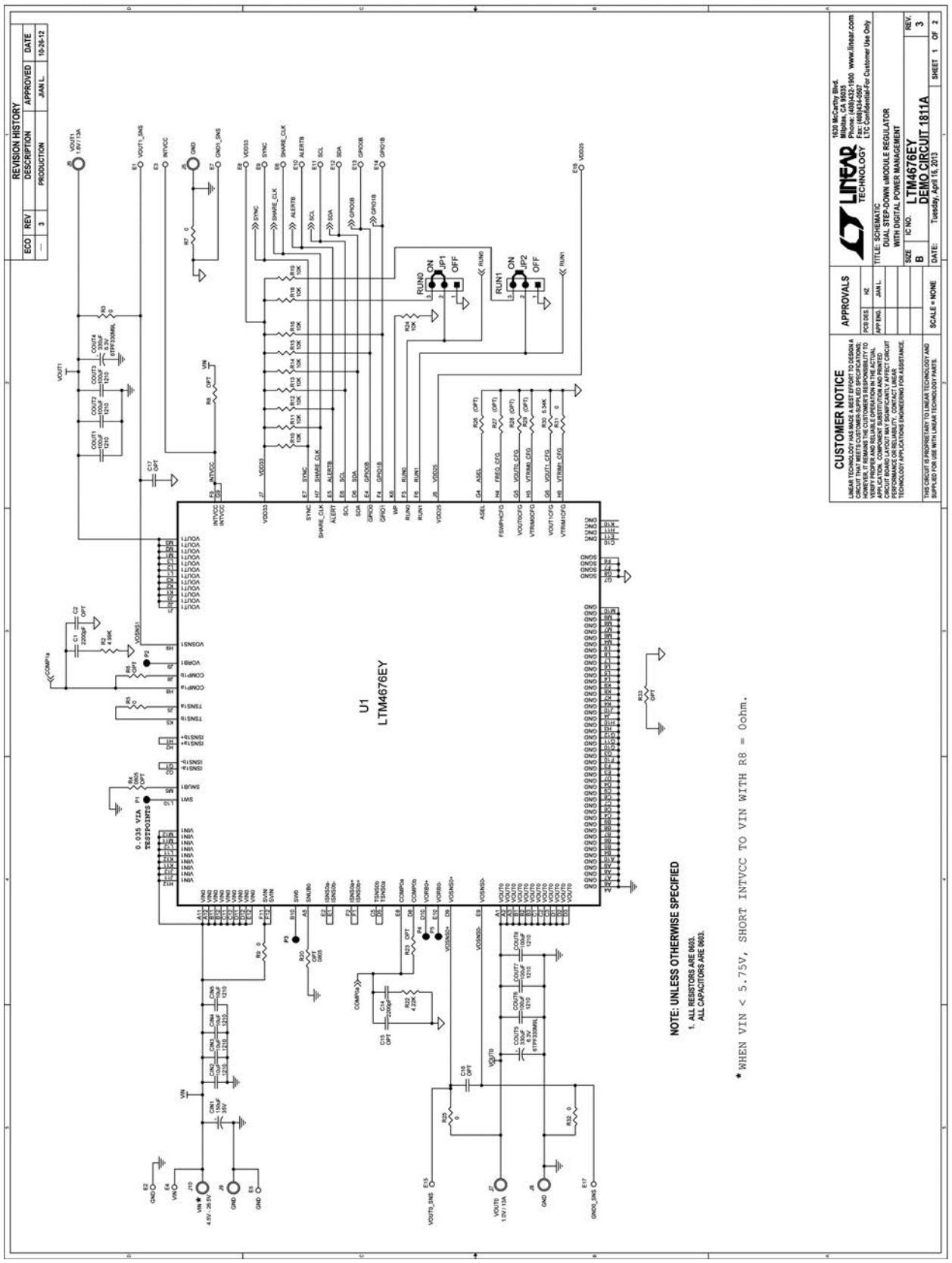
e. You can save the changes into the NVM. In the tool bar, click “RAM to NVM” button, as following

f. Save the demo board configuration to a (*.proj) file. Click the Save icon and save the file. Name it whatever you want.

PARTS LIST

ITEM	QTY	REFERENCE	PART DESCRIPTION	MANUFACTURER/PART NUMBER
Required Circuit Components				
1	1	CIN1	CAP., 150µF, 35V, ALUMINUM ELECTR.	SUN ELECT., 35CE150AX
2	4	CIN2, CIN3, CIN4, CIN5	CAP., X5R, 10µF, 35V, 10%,1210	MURATA, GRM32ER6YA106KA12
3	6	COUT1-COUT3, COUT6-COUT8	CAP., X5R, 100µF, 6.3V, 20% 1210	AVX, 12106D107MAT2A
4	2	COUT4, COUT5	CAP., 330µF, 6.3V, POSCAP, D3L	SANYO, 6TPF330M9L
5	2	C1, C14	CAP., X7R, 2200pF, 25V, 10%, 0603	AVX, 06033C222KAT2A
6	1	C20	CAP., X5R, 100nF, 16V, 10%,0603	AVX, 0603YD104KAT
7	1	C23	CAP., X7R, 1µF, 25V,10%, 0805	AVX, 08053C105KAT2A
8	3	C21, C22, C24	CAP., X5R, 1µF, 25V,10%, 0603	AVX, 06033D105KAT2A
9	2	JP1, JP2	HEADER 3-PIN 0.079 SINGLE ROW	SAMTEC, TMM103-02-L-S
10	3	J2-J4	CONN, BNC, 5 PINS	CONNEX, 112404
11	1	J1	CONN HEADER 12 POS 2MM STR DL PCB	FCI 98414-G06-12ULF
12	6	J5-J10	BANANA SMALL	KEYSTONE, 575-4
13	1	Q1	N-CHANNEL 30-V MOSFET	VISHAY, SUD50N03-09P
14	7	R3, R5, R7, R9, R25, R31, R32	RES., CHIP, 0Ω, 1%, 0603	NIC, NRC06Z0000TRF
15	13	R10-R16, R18, R19, R24, R46, R47, R52	RES., CHIP, 10k, 1%, 0603	NIC, NRC06F1002TRF
16	1	R30	RES., CHIP, 6.34k, 1%, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW06036K34FKEA
17	3	R2, R44, R45	RES., CHIP, 4.99k, 1%, 0603	NIC, NRC06F4991TRF
18	1	R22	RES., CHIP, 4.22k, 1%, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW06034K22FKEA
19	1	R48	RES., CHIP, 0Ω, 0.5W, 2010	NIC, NRC50ZOTRF
20	1	R53	RES., CHIP, 0.01Ω, 1/2W, 1%, 2010	VISHAY, WSL2010R0100FEA
21	1	U1	IC, LTM4676EY#PBF	LINEAR TECH. LTM4676EY#PBF
22	1	U2	IC, 24LC025T-E/OT SOT-23 6-LEAD	MICROCHIP, 24LC025T-E/OT
Additional Demo Board Circuit Components				
1	0	C2, C15-C17 (OPT)	CAP., 0603	
2	0	R8, R26-R29, R33-R39, R41 (OPT)	RES., 0603	
3	0	R4, R6, R20, R23, R49 (OPT)	RES., CHIP OPTIONAL	
4	0	R50, R51 (OPT)	RES., CHIP, 30, 1%, 2010	
Hardware-For Demo Board Only				
1	24	E1-E24	TESTPOINT, TURRET, 0.062"	MILL-MAX, 2308-2-00-80-00-00-07-0
2	2	XJP1, XJP2	SHUNT	SAMTEC, 2SN-BK-G
3	4	(STAND-OFF)	STAND-OFF, NYLON 0.50" tall	KEYSTONE, 8833(SNAP ON)
4	1		FAB, PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD	DEMO CIRCUIT 1811A

SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM



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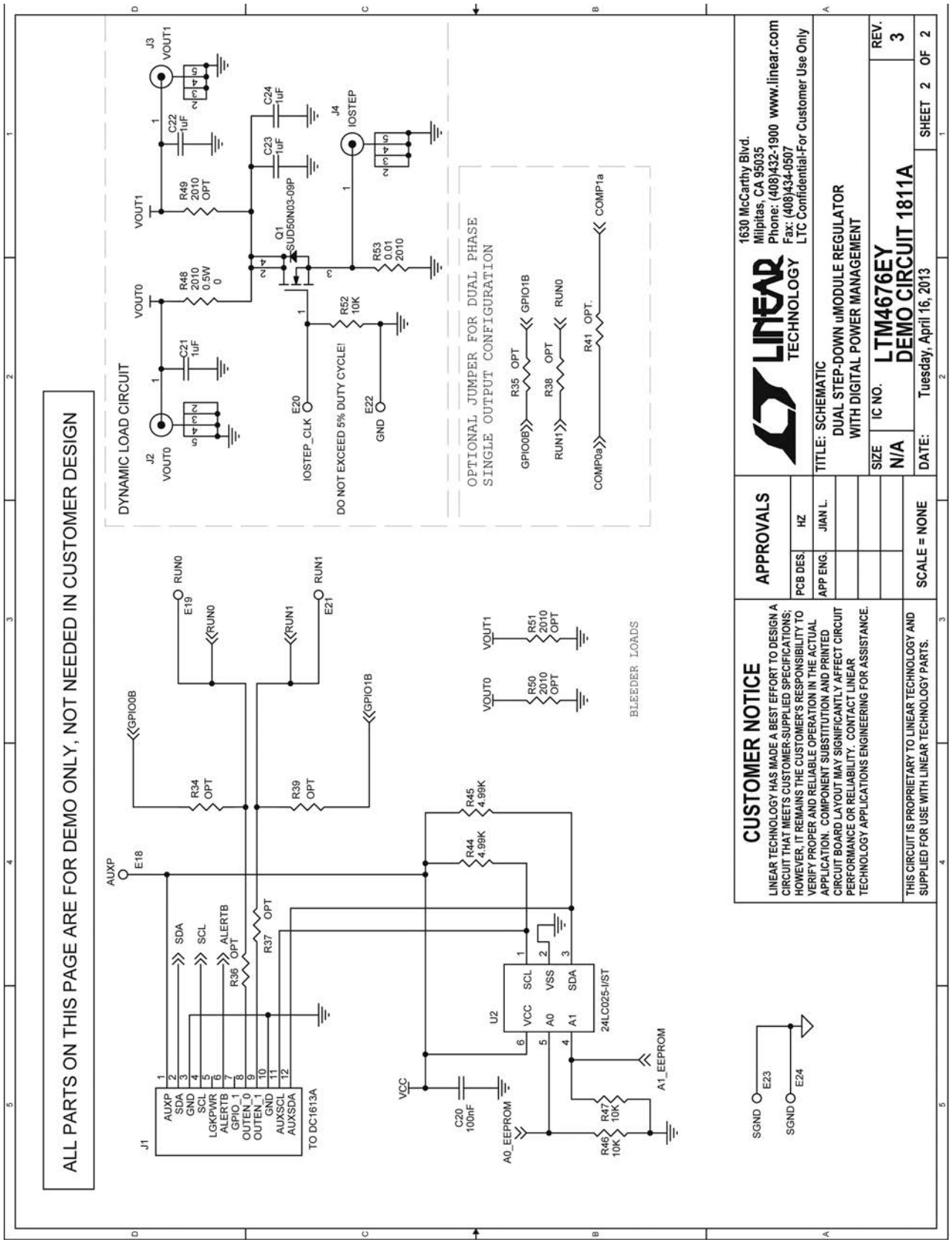

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