DANEO 400

Hybrid Signal Analyzer for
Power Utility Automation Systems
DANEO 400 – analyzing all signals in a substation

DANEO 400 is a hybrid measurement system that records and analyzes all conventional signals (voltages, currents, hard wired binary status signals) and messages on the communication network in a substation. It measures signals from both of these worlds and can provide information to assess their proper coordination. With this device you can easily keep track of what is going on in the substation by obtaining information on the operational status and communication.

Easy configuration and controlling

Easily configure and control one or more DANEO 400 units with the PC software DANEO Control. For controlling a single device, a selected feature set is also available via the built-in DANEO 400 web interface.

The control can be safely performed over the substation communication network without impairing the function of the SAS (Substation Automation System).

Distributed recording with multiple units

A measurement system with multiple DANEO 400 units obtains a time aligned view on signals covering the entire scope of a distributed SAS. All acquisition units are accurately time synchronized, using the Precision Time Protocol (PTP) according to IEEE 1588-2008.
One device – multiple applications
DANEO 400 covers a wide range of tasks in different applications:

> **FAT or SAT scenarios in local substations**
  Easily verify, proof and document the outcome of test cases performed during factory and site acceptance tests (FAT, SAT). In case of a malfunction, the device provides information for debugging.

> **Distributed testing in substation-to-substation scenarios**
  Simply measure and assess the transfer of status information between substations. The remote test sets are configured and controlled over the wide area network (WAN).

> **Troubleshooting**
  The occurrence of malfunctions in substation automation systems is often not predictable. For this reason, DANEO 400 works autonomously and detects trigger conditions on its own for recording signals.

> **Commissioning**
  DANEO 400 is a valuable tool in the field of commissioning and helps you to verify, proof and document that all the commissioned protection and control devices are working and communicating properly.

Mass storage interface

4 x binary outputs

10 x analog / binary inputs

Your benefits

> Simultaneous recording of analog/binary signals and network traffic
> Distributed recording with multiple units
> Time synchronized measurements
> IEC 61850 GOOSE and Sampled Values support
> Aggregated and time-aligned presentation of results
FAT or SAT scenarios in local substations

DANEO 400 verifies substation configuration language (SCL) information with the actual configuration “as found”. It checks, if all GOOSE messages and Sampled Values streams are present on the network as defined in the substation configuration description (SCD). The SCD file serves as a basis for the test.

Furthermore you can easily assess the network load and measure the propagation delay for GOOSE and Sampled Values in the substation communication network.
Distributed testing in substation-to-substation scenarios

To verify proper inter-substation communication, you can measure and assess the transfer of status information between substations with DANEO 400. The remote test sets are configured and controlled over the WAN.

To measure the performance of the communication path (e.g. GOOSE timing), DANEO 400 evaluates the propagation of the GOOSE messages. For instance, on the sending side, the gateway wraps the GOOSE into an IP packet and forwards it through the WAN to the remote substation. On the receiving side, the gateway un-wraps the GOOSE from the IP packet and publishes it to the LAN.

The effective information transfer at the interfaces to the real process is measured by assessing the changes in the analog and binary signals (e.g. binary I/O to binary I/O timing).
Troubleshooting

Problems in substation automation systems occur infrequently and under conditions which are not always known. When they do occur it is critical to resolve such issues.

Often you need to react to situations without any preparation and you have to improvise without access to the full documentation of the SAS. DANEO 400 can help you to find out what may be causing the SAS to malfunction by analyzing the timing and coordination.

Unattended operation of DANEO 400

As the occurrence of an event can not be predicted, DANEO 400 works autonomously. It detects the malfunction (trigger condition) on its own from the available signals.

External hard drive

If large amounts of data are expected, an external hard drive can be connected for storing the recordings.
Commissioning

The proper functioning of the communication network is an important precondition for the optimal performance of a SAS. With DANEO 400 you can commission and document that all protection and control devices are online and communicating appropriately.

The description of the communication system in the standardized IEC 61850 SCL format serves as the basis for the verifications. It is verified that the substation traffic (GOOSE, Sampled Values) is actually present on the communication network as it was configured. Because devices are put in operation one by one during commissioning, the verification can be performed incrementally without re-executing all the checks for all devices already verified.

If devices do not perform as desired, DANEO 400 supports the debugging process. You can easily assess the performance of the substation communication network itself, even if there are no devices connected. Enhanced tests like the distributed measurement of packet timings in the communication network will be simplified as much as possible.
DANEO Control – easy configuration and control

The innovative DANEO Control is a PC software to control and configure your DANEO 400 measurement system easily. Set trigger conditions, receive measurements live from the acquisition units, analyze all signals in context or check the performance of the network traffic in your substation.

Online observation of measured data

It is possible to observe the actual values present at the DANEO 400 devices even prior to detecting a trigger condition and acquiring recordings. Measurements are constantly taken by the DANEO 400 units and delivered to DANEO Control.

The observation view offers the actual values and graphs of the most recent history of the quantities selected for observation.
Timing and performance analysis of network traffic

The otherwise hidden circumstances on the substation communication network become visible, obvious, and easily understandable with the evaluations provided:

- Ethernet packets occurred in a time span
- Bandwidth usage
- Propagation time of a certain kind of messages in the network

Analysis of recordings

All signals (voltages, currents, binaries) are presented in a familiar form. Whenever the corresponding network traffic (GOOSE, Sampled Values, or other) is of interest, the related messages are looked up and presented in context.

Data analysis with DANEO Control

Documentation

The measurements and findings can be saved to document the proper operation of the substation automation system during the tests. The recorded data can be exported in COMTRADE or PCAP format for further analysis with third-party tools.
DANEO 400 – the flexible solution

Web interface

The DANEO 400 has a built-in web interface. Certain functions of a single device can be accessed by simply connecting with a web-browser. The supported feature set focuses on functions related to the traffic on the communication network. The device status can be checked and available recordings can be downloaded for further analysis.

IEEE 1588 / PTP grandmaster clock

If the PTP protocol for time synchronization is not yet available on the communication network and a dedicated PTP grandmaster clock is required, OMICRON offers a suitable accessory.

For more information contact your sales representative.
Technical specifications DANEO 400

Network interfaces
Network ports (A,B) 2 Ethernet ports 10/100/1000 Base-TX (RJ45); configurable as network TAP

Control interfaces
Control port (ETH) 1 Ethernet port 10/100/1000 Base-TX (RJ45)
USB port 1 USB 2.0 device port; High-Speed (Type B)

Mass storage interface
USB port 1 USB 3.0 host port; SuperSpeed (Type A)

Extension interfaces
Extension ports (OUT 1,2) 2 EtherCAT® ports (RJ45)

Analog inputs
Number max. 10 (shared with binary inputs)
Sampling frequency 10 kHz or 40 kHz
Nominal ranges 10 mV, 100 mV, 1 V, 10 V, 100 V, 600 V

Binary inputs
Number max. 10 (shared with analog inputs)
Level detection Potential-free contacts or DC voltage compared to threshold voltage

Binary outputs
Number 4

Internal storage
Technology Solid State Disc (SSD)
Capacity approx. 58 GB

Power supply
Nominal supply voltage 100 – 240 VAC, 1-phase
Nominal frequency 50/60 Hz
Power consumption max. 100 W

Mechanics
Dimensions (W x H x D, without handle) 345 mm x 145 mm x 390 mm
13.6 in x 5.7 in x 15.4 in
Weight 7.0 kg (15.4 lbs)

Flexible housing

The housing of the DANEO 400 is very flexible. It can be configured for different working positions by rotating and moving the device handle.

For placing the DANEO 400 on the floor, the handle can be used as floor stand (see picture below). If the handle is not required (e.g. stacking of multiple devices) you can easily move it to the rear side of the DANEO 400.

DANEO 400 handle used as floor stand

Ordering information

Description Order no.
DANEO 400 Basic Signal Analyzer for Power Utility Automation Systems. Measuring and recording conventional (analog and binary) signals. VESC1700
DANEO 400 Standard Hybrid Signal Analyzer for Power Utility Automation Systems. Measuring and recording conventional (analog and binary) signals and traffic from power utility communication networks (GOOSE, Sampled Values,...). VESC1701
Upgrade from DANEO 400 Basic to DANEO 400 Standard VESC1711
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