

Scalable power inverter driving an electric motor

Using the low voltage drives scalable power demonstration board

About this document

Scope and purpose

The low voltage drives scalable power demonstration board is a scalable platform for high power motor drive applications. It has been developed to provide a flexible test environment for initial designs and technology comparison. This document provides a detailed description of the platform modules, so the user will be able to adapt the boards according to specific system requirements, and investigate and compare the capabilities of power MOSFETs.

Intended audience

This document is intended for engineers using the "Low voltage drives scalable power demonstration board" evaluation platform, or those evaluating the platforms suitability for use.

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Introduction

1 Introduction

The low voltage drives scalable power demonstration board offers the possibility of building a three-phase motor drive setup of various power capabilities due to its MOSFET paralleling flexibility. The setup shown in Figure 1 is an example of a three-phase inverter (also known as a B6 topology) for motor drive. The detailed procedure of building such a setup is described in the “Low voltage drives scalable power demonstration board user manual” [1].

The example is implemented with four MOSFETs connected in parallel in place of each B6 switch. The platform was designed to be able to adapt the amount of MOSFET paralleling to the system requirements, by simply adding or removing the power half-bridge modules. All components typically used for trimming performance are located on FR4-based modules, while the power modules are implemented in IMS PCB technology adapted to improve heat transfer using additional heatsinks – air-cooled or water-cooled.

This application note describes the details of the individual modules, their interconnection, and a graphical user interface (GUI) complementing the supporting firmware. The aim is to provide the user with sufficient knowledge to be able to utilize the modules in a working setup, and adapt the circuits to their own requirements.

The examples provide a performance overview of the three-phase setup.

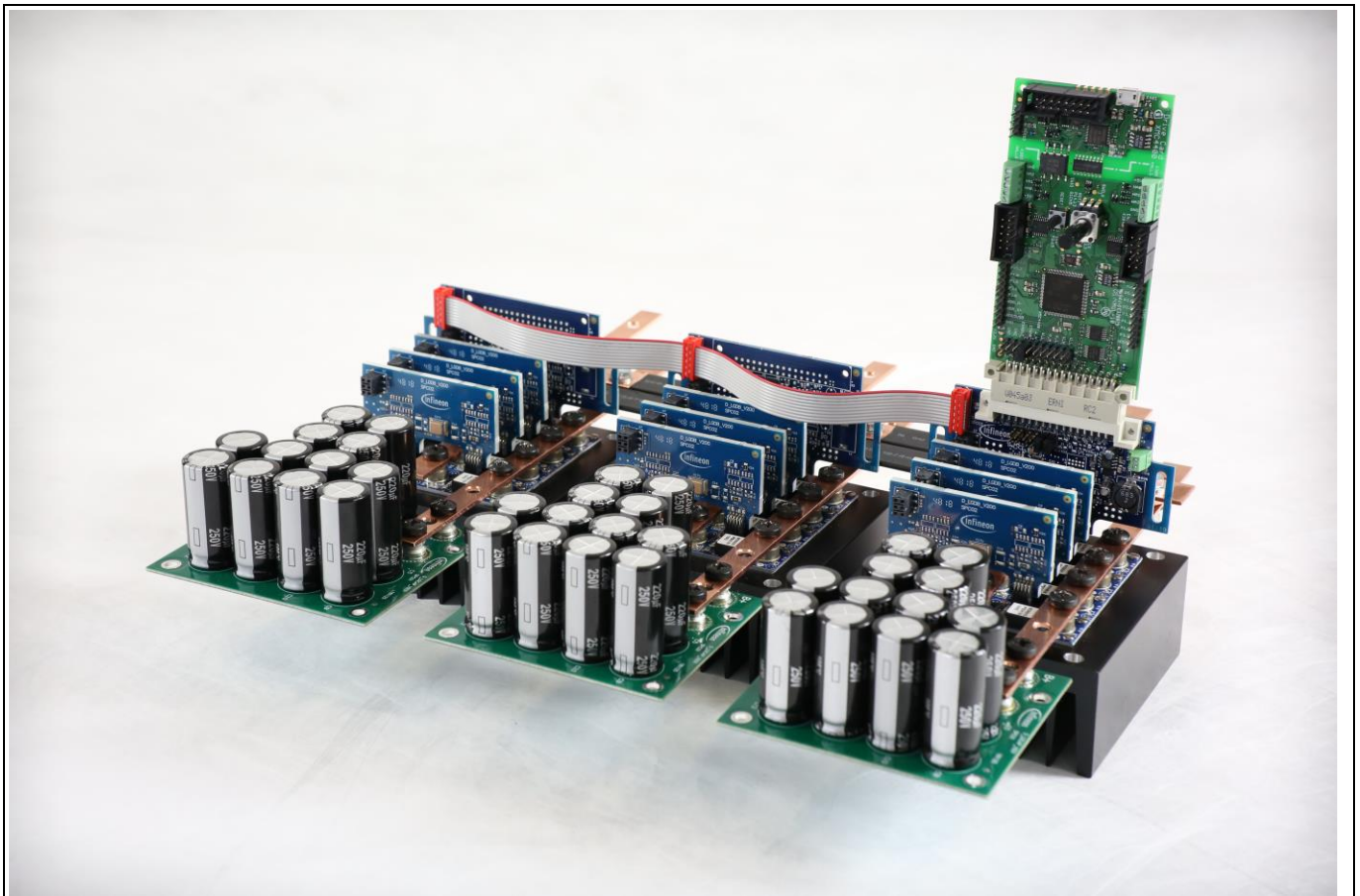


Figure 1 Typical setup for three-phase motor drive

Board overview

2 Board overview

The modular platform consists of different boards (modules) that can be used to design a fully functional assembly, where each board has a specific role in a given setup. The modularity offers a wide range of possible topologies. The concept supports half-bridge, full-bridge or three-phase topologies.

The basic principle of board functionality is illustrated in the block diagram in Figure 2.

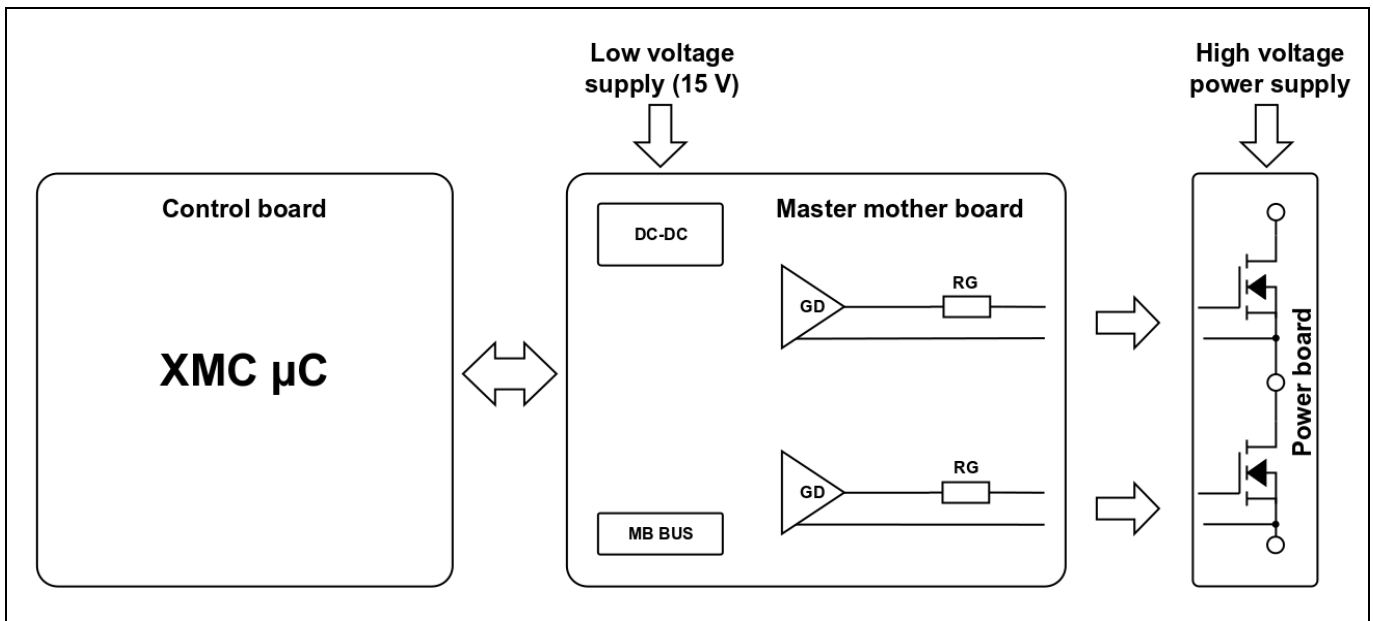


Figure 2 Modular design – basic principles

By role (or functionality) in the setup, the modules are divided into five categories:

- **Power board:** MOSFET half-bridge configuration
- **Mother board and master mother board:** gate driver board – connects to the first paralleled power board
- **Daughter board:** interconnection between the gate driver and the paralleled power boards
- **Capacitor board:** PCB accommodating up to 12 capacitors connected to the DC bus
- **Control board:** drive card XMC4400 demonstration board

Figure 2 shows a single-power half-bridge (power board), driven by the gate drivers (master mother board) controlled by the XMC™ drive card (control board). Any setup is controlled by a control board (e.g. XMC™ drive card – XMC4400) connected to the master mother board via the X3 connector.

The setup can be expanded to a multiphase setup using additional mother boards connected at the mother board bus (MB bus) via a ribbon cable.

Each phase can be expanded with several power boards connected in parallel.

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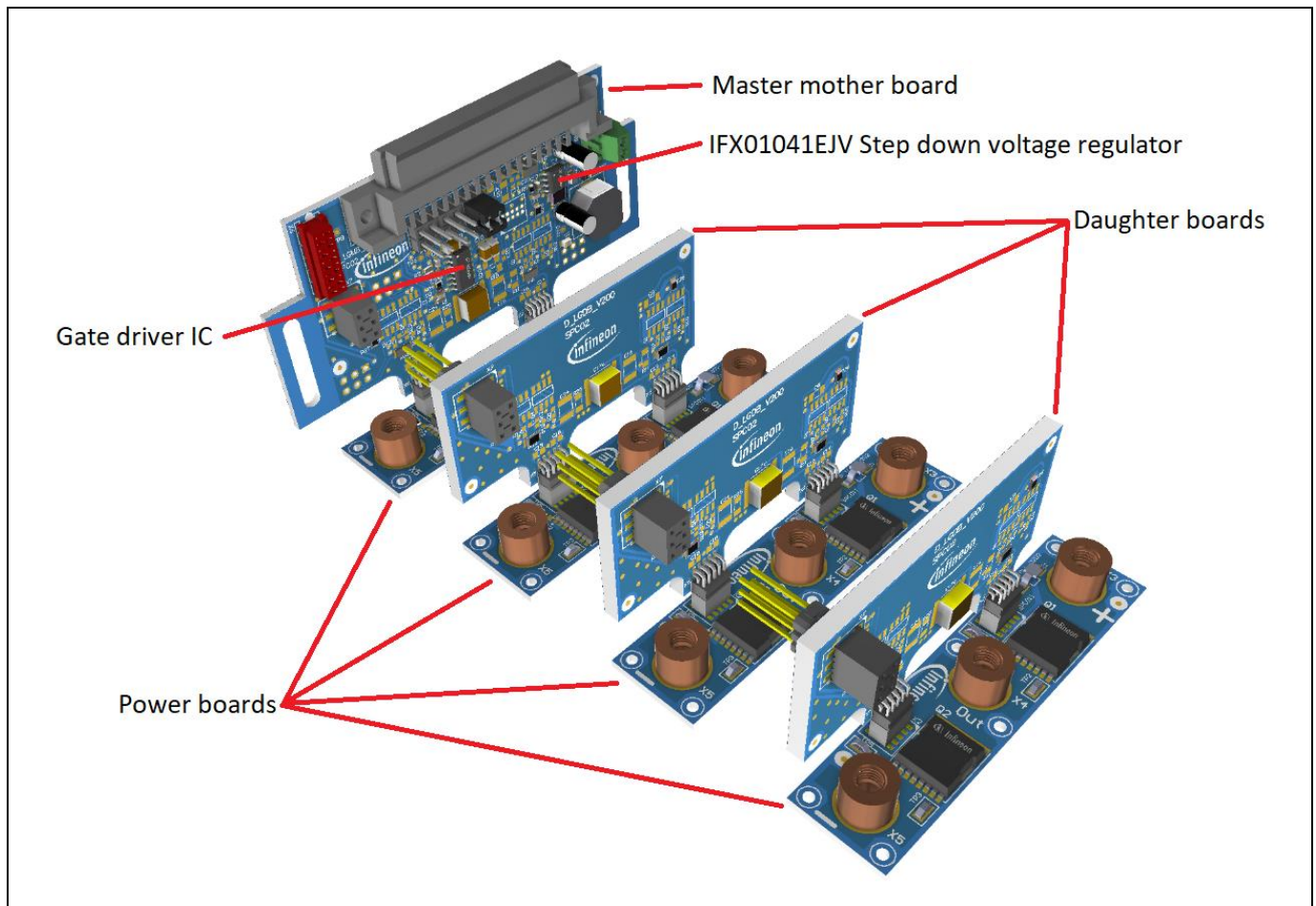


Figure 3 Single-phase assembly with paralleled power boards (exploded view)

Figure 3 shows an example of a single-phase (“U”) assembly with four power boards connected in parallel, interconnected to the corresponding master mother board and three daughter boards.

2.1 Power boards

The power boards are the main building blocks of the three-phase assembly. They are IMS PCB-based half-bridge sub-assemblies, comprising a single high-side (HS) and a single low-side (LS) MOSFET with all the necessary connectors for power and signal lines.

Figure 4 shows the different versions of the power boards available.

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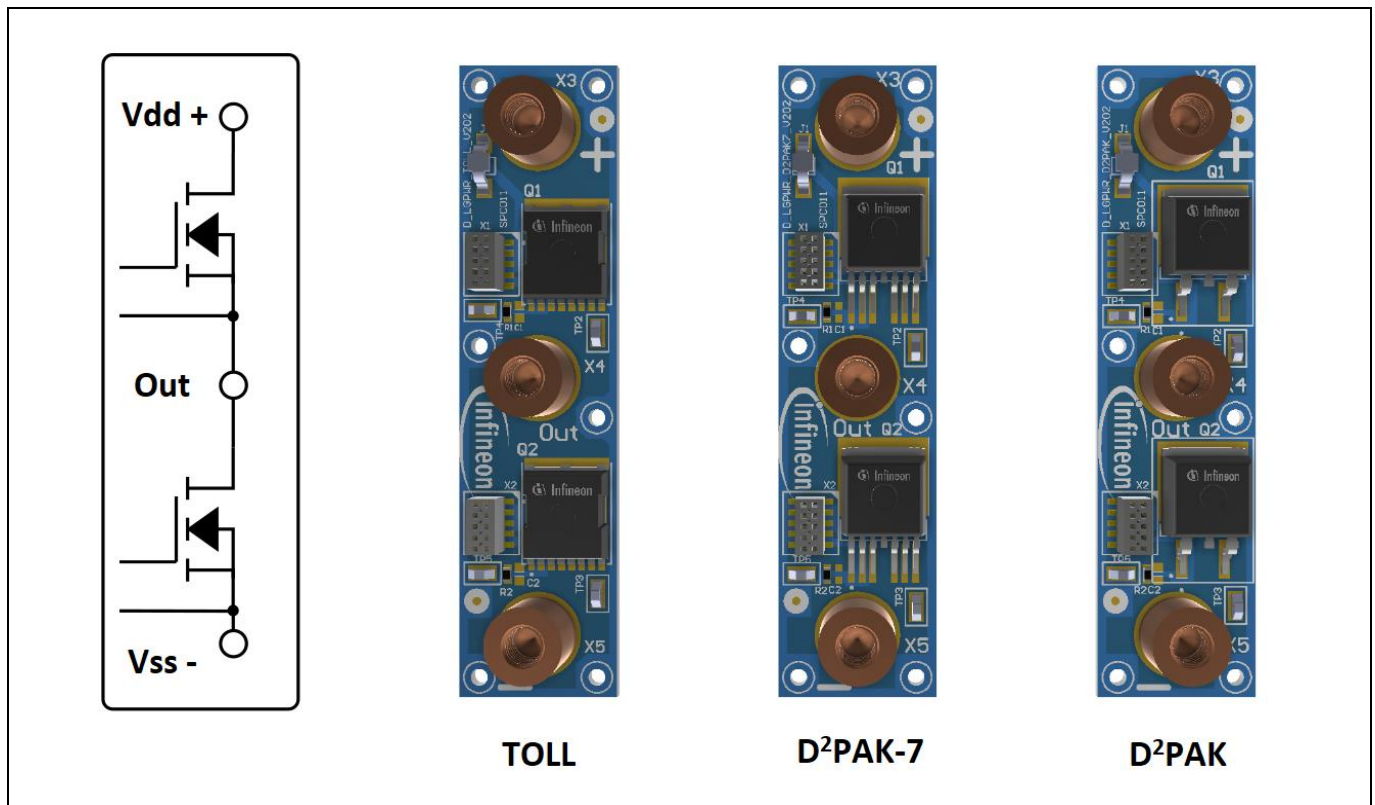


Figure 4 Power board versions: TOLL, D²PAK-7, D²PAK

Each board implements a different MOSFET package while maintaining the same interconnection layout, so that all the different power board versions are interchangeable.

The featured packages are:

- TO-leadless (TOLL)
- D²PAK-7 (PG-TO263-7)
- D²PAK (PG-TO263-2)

All available versions with regard to specific MOSFET products are provided online.

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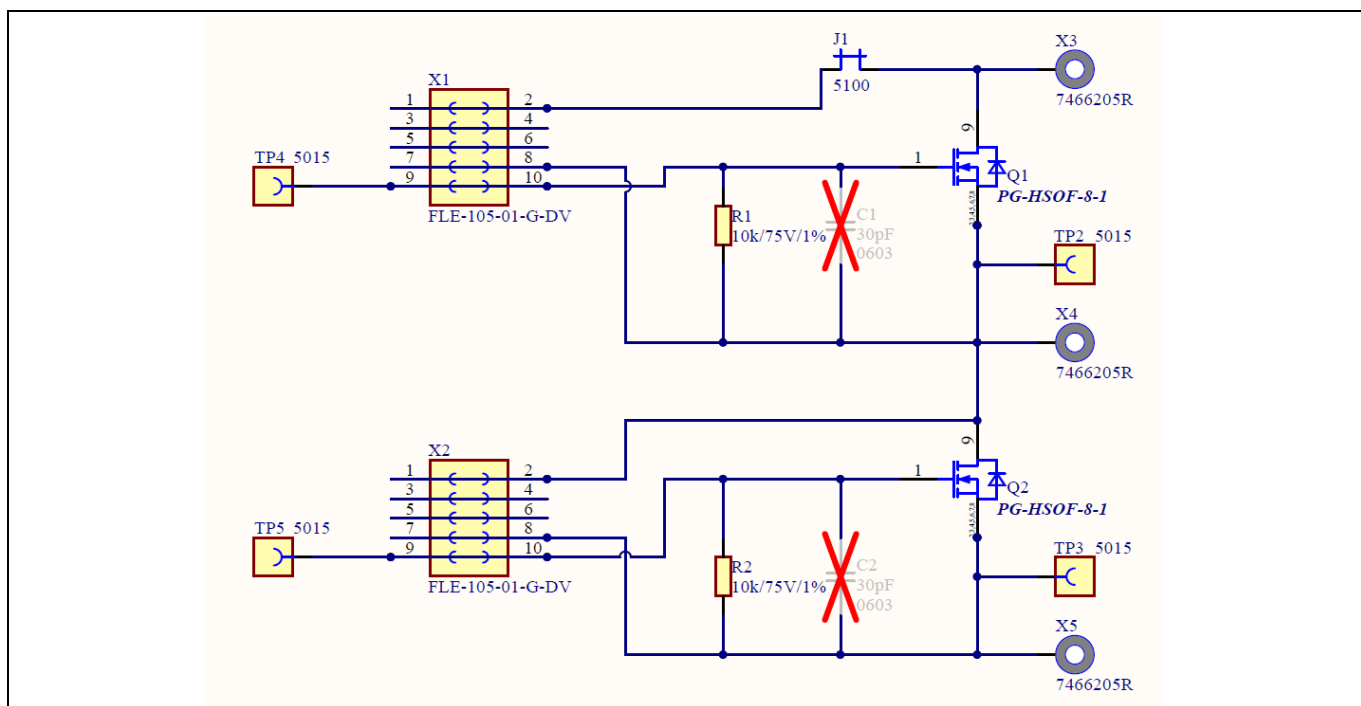


Figure 5 Power board schematic

The schematic shown in Figure 5 applies to all the power board versions. A number of test point connectors are provided on the boards, since the platform is intended for test purposes.

The SMD connectors X3, X4 and X5 are provided for interconnection with high current capability. Either cable lugs or copper bars can be used for the power connection to the connector via standard M5 screws.

Connectors X1 and X2 connect to the HS and LS MOSFETs respectively. All three MOSFET node (G, D, S) connections are provided at the X1 and X2 connectors. The gate (G) and source (S) nodes connect to the gate driver circuitry. Additionally, the HS drain (D) and the LS source (S) (i.e. the DC bus) are connected to a ceramic capacitor located on the (master) mother boards or daughter boards via X1 and X2 connectors. The ceramic capacitor provides the additional DC bus stability due to its proximity to the respective power board.

The test points (TP2, TP3, TP4, TP5) are small test hooks provided for connection of the oscilloscope probe clip.

The jumper (J1) provided at the HS drain (the V_{DD+} node) enables the user to utilize a Rogowski current probe for HS MOSFET drain current measurements (I_D), as demonstrated in Figure 6. The current I_{VDD} flowing from the DC power supply V_{DD+} through the X3 power terminal is split between the MOSFET drain current I_D , and I_C (current flowing to the capacitor through X1). Considering that the capacitor current I_C is flowing through the J1 jumper, the user can choose between measuring I_D (Rogowski coil enclosing X3 and J1) and I_{VDD} (Rogowski coil reaching around X3 and above J1).

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2.1.2 IMS board and heatsink

The power boards use the Ventec VT-4B3 IMS type. Table 1 lists some of the main properties.

Table 1 IMS board details

Description	Dimension
Substrate thickness	1.4 mm
Dielectric thickness	100 μm
Copper thickness	105 μm
Overall board thickness	1.6 mm
Dielectric specific thermal conductivity λ [W/(m*K)]	3 W/(m*K)

2.1.3 Board assembly and X-ray investigation of the power boards

The soldering method used for the IMS board assembly was vapor phase soldering. The temperature profile of this process is similar to the standard reflow process, with the peak temperature of the process at 250°C defined by the phase change temperature of the inert liquid being used. The reflow zone time interval was 3 minutes.

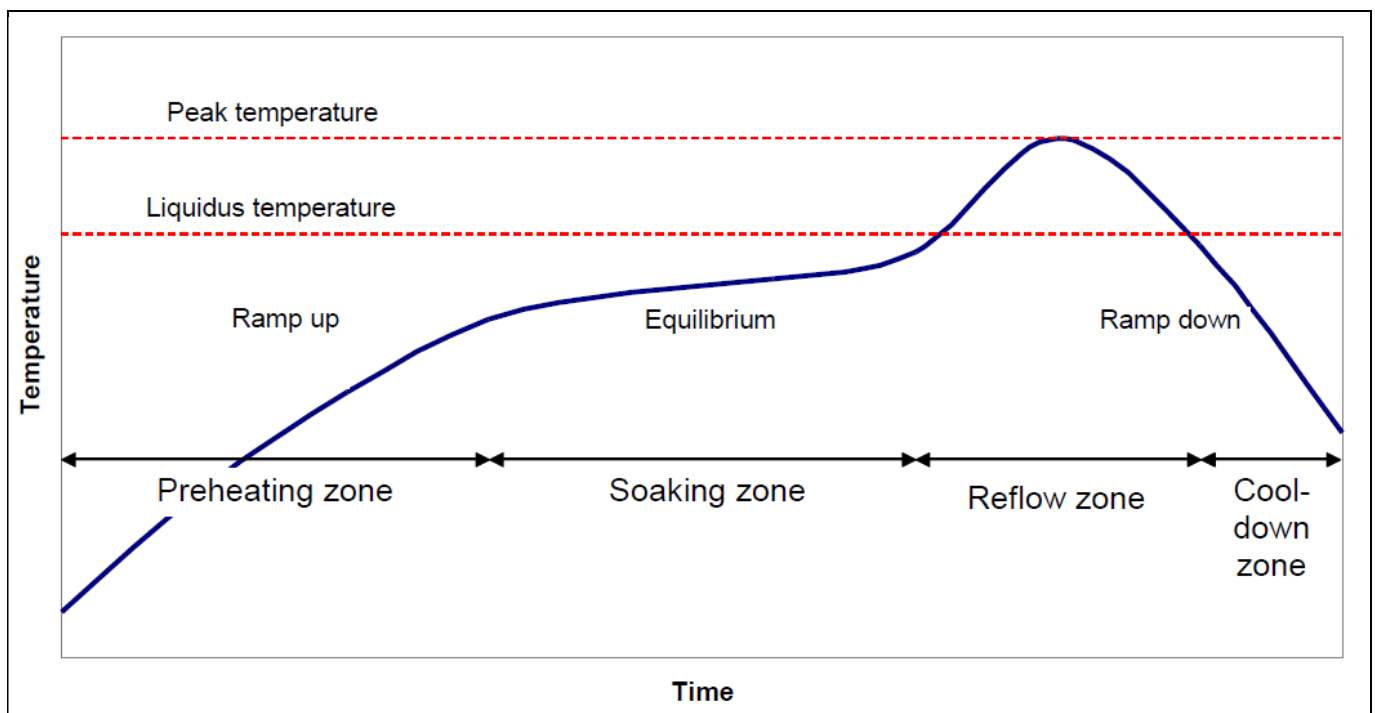


Figure 8 Temperature profile [2]

Further details and recommendations for assembly of Infineon packages are available [online](#) [2].

X-ray imaging was used to inspect the quality of the soldering process. The result is shown in Figure 9. A certain number of voids are to be expected and can only be eliminated using a more advanced process of reflow soldering in vacuum. However, the images show a fairly successful result with voids representing less than 10 percent of the soldered surface area.

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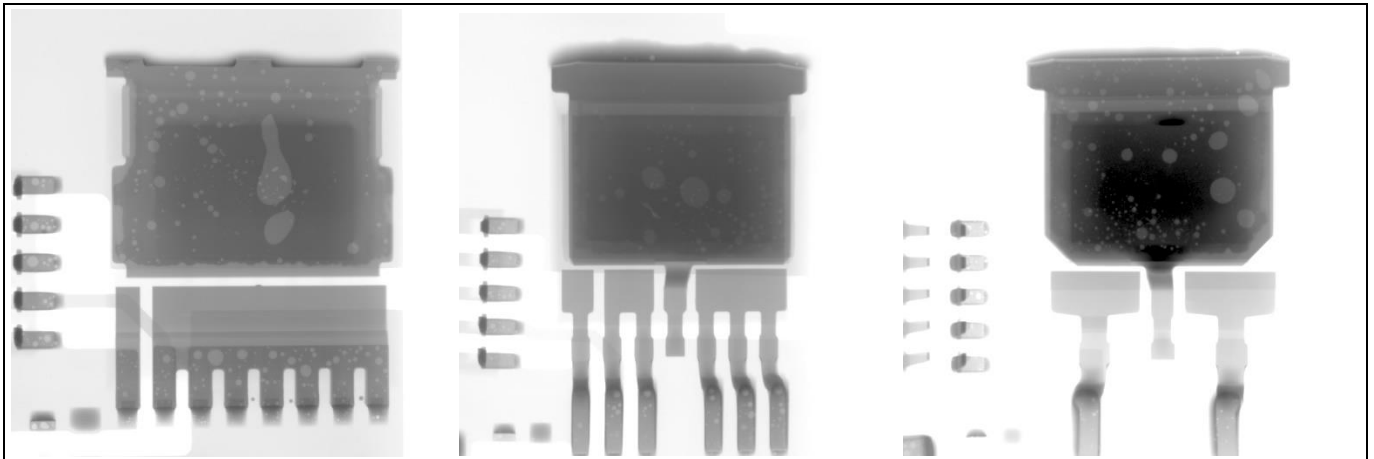


Figure 9 X-ray inspection – voids between lead-frame and PCB

2.2 Master mother board and mother boards

The master mother board and the mother board shown in Figure 10 provide the gate drivers for the HS and LS MOSFETs for each of the half-bridges, as shown in Figure 11.

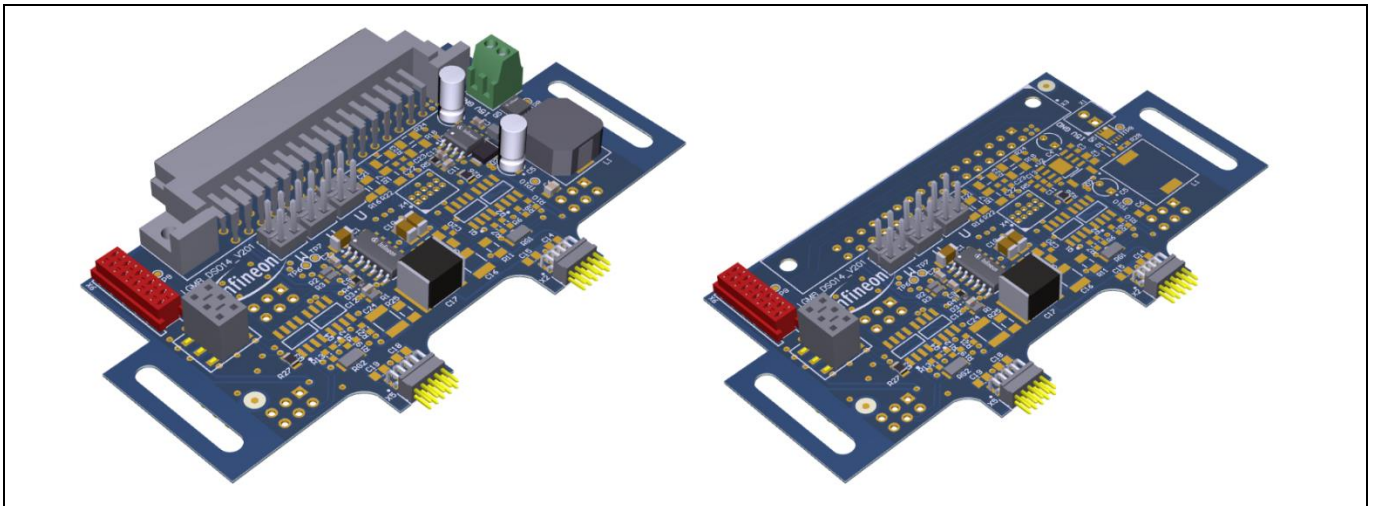


Figure 10 Master mother board and mother board

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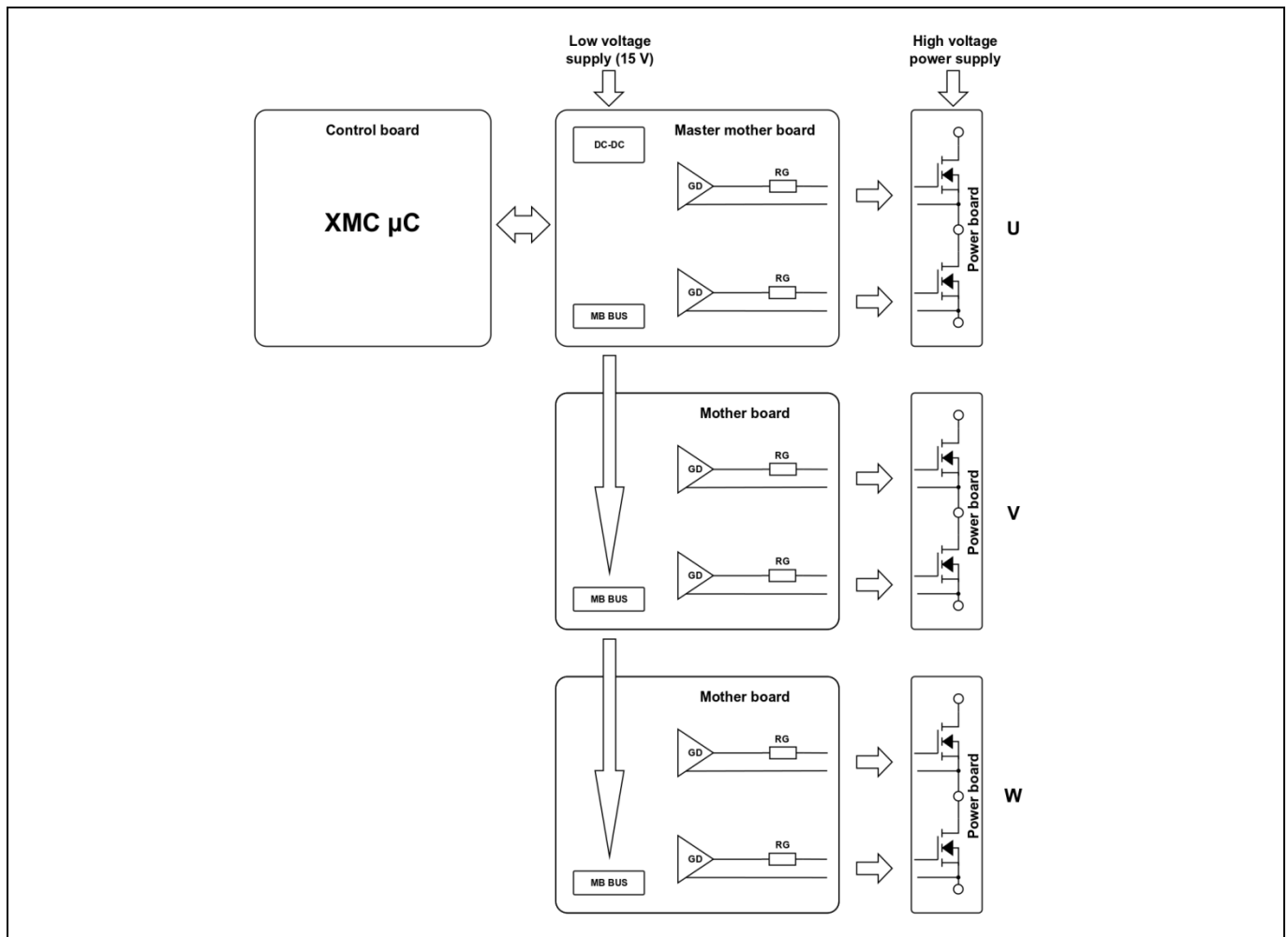


Figure 11 Utilization of master mother board and mother boards in multiphase setups (e.g. U, V, W)

The difference between the two is in the connection to the XMC™ control board. The control board connects to the master mother board, and the signals to the mother boards are propagated via the mother board bus. Mother boards are only used alongside the master mother board when a two- or three-phase system is implemented, as shown in Figure 11.

The master mother board also includes the onboard power supply sub-circuit that provides the 5 V supply line powering the XMC™ control board. The 15 V supply for the gate drivers is propagated via the mother board bus to the mother boards.

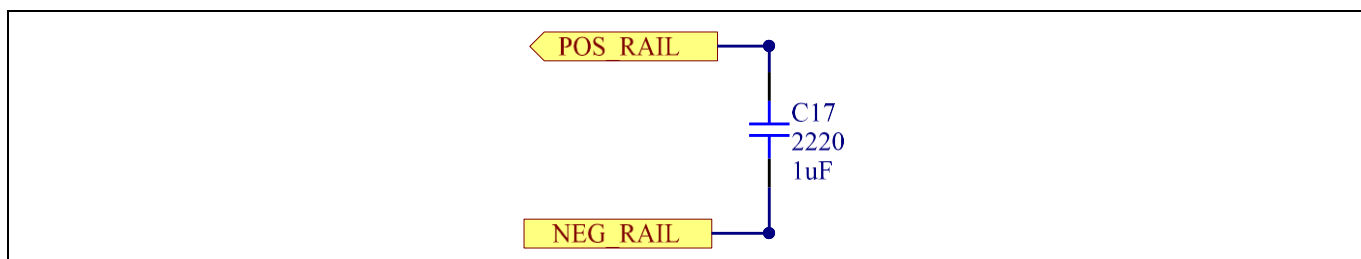
System supply

Note: The master mother board must be supplied from an external 15 V power source (at the X1 connector terminal).

The onboard IFX91041EJV50 generates the 5 V supply.

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The master mother board and the mother boards provide a ceramic capacitor C17(c) connected to the high voltage DC bus through the X2 and X5 headers. The intention is to provide the low ESR capacitors as close as possible to each of the power boards in order to stabilize the DC bus voltage.



- I_U
- I_V
- I_W
- V_DClk

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The connection of two-phase current sensors enables the current limit feature in the GUI (described in chapter 3.3). The feature uses the two-phase currents to calculate the current vector amplitude and compares it to the current limit set in the GUI.

In order to enable the feature, the current sensors need to be connected to:

- SENSE_PH_U (X4 - pin 2)
- SENSE_PH_W (X4 - pin 4)

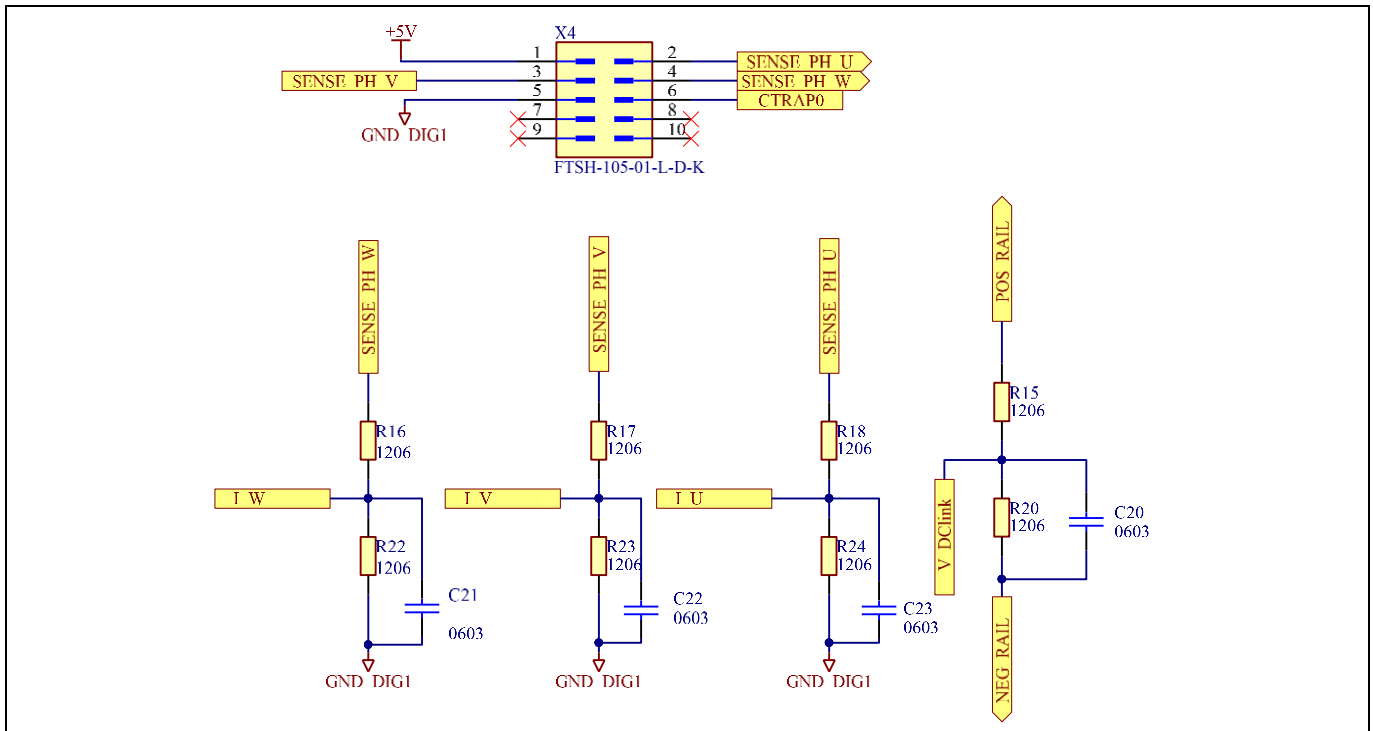


Figure 14 Current sensor connection

2.2.1 Gate drivers option I – 2EDL23N06PJ

KIT_LGMB_BOM003 & KIT_LGMB_BOM503

The 2EDL family gate drivers feature integrated HS and LS gate drivers, with an integrated bootstrap diode. The gate driver output signals are propagated to the power board through header connectors X2 and X5. Mother boards also include the gate resistors (RG1, RG2) for the two MOSFET gates connected at X2 and X5.

The default populated gate resistor (RG1 and RG2) values are 47 Ω . This value is suitable to be used with most of the MOSFETs; however, it is not to be considered an optimum value. The intention of the platform is to provide the option to easily change the RG values and adapt them to specific application requirements.

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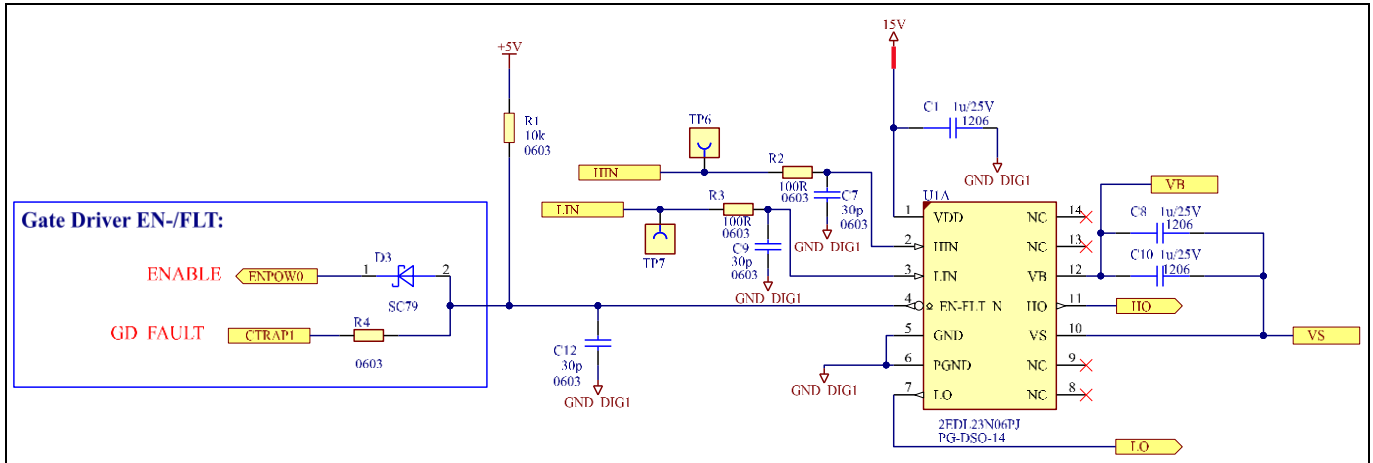


Figure 15 Mother board implementation of 2EDL23N06PJ

In addition to the gate resistors, the board offers the possibility to connect additional capacitors between the MOSFET terminals (G-S, G-D, D-S), as shown in Figure 16 for the HS and LS MOSFETs (refer to Figure 5 for power board connections). This enables even greater influence on switching behavior optimization.

The components (C14, C15, C16, R11, C18, C19, C24, R25) are not populated by default. Only the PCB footprints are available for the user to utilize according to project requirements.

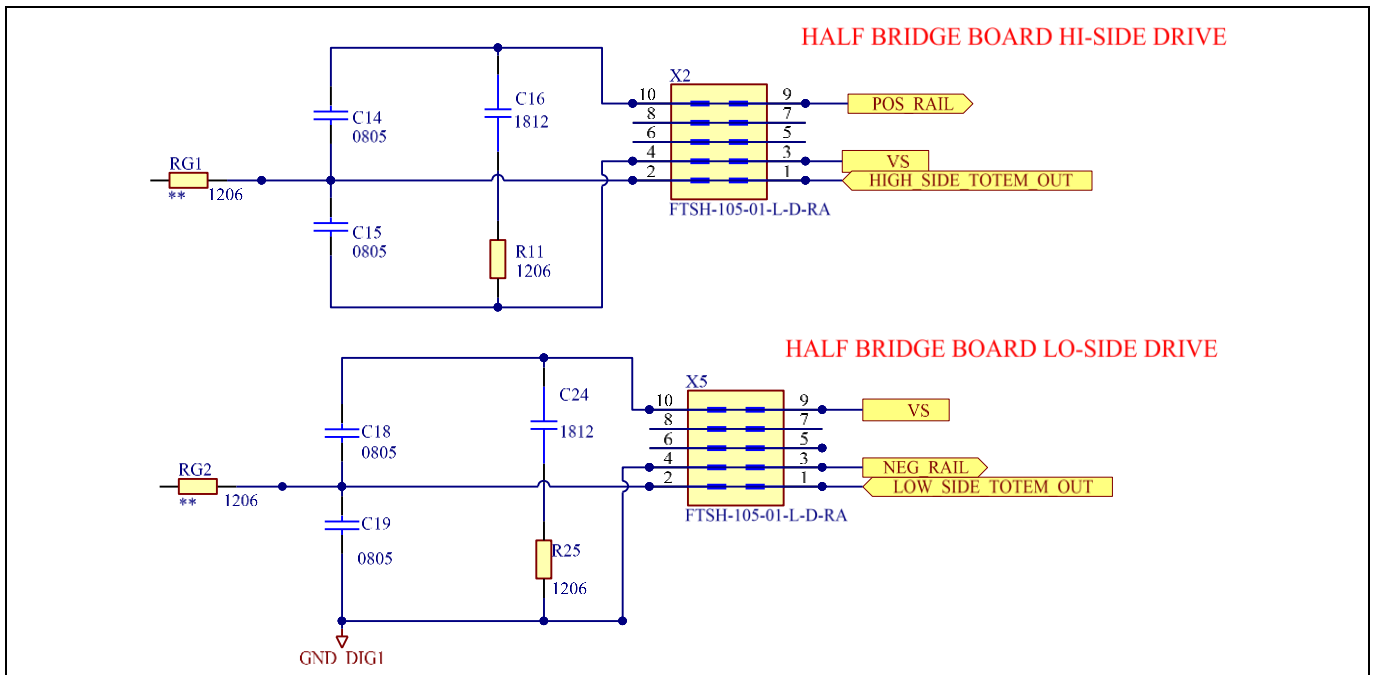


Figure 16 Power board interface - MOSFET interconnection

2.2.2 Gate drivers option II – 1EDN8550B

KIT_LGMB_BOM004 & KIT_LGMB_BOM504

The pin-outs of the external connections are functionally the same in both options to accommodate interchangeability of the mother boards in the overall system. Other than some layout improvements, the differences between the options are associated with the gate driver specifics.

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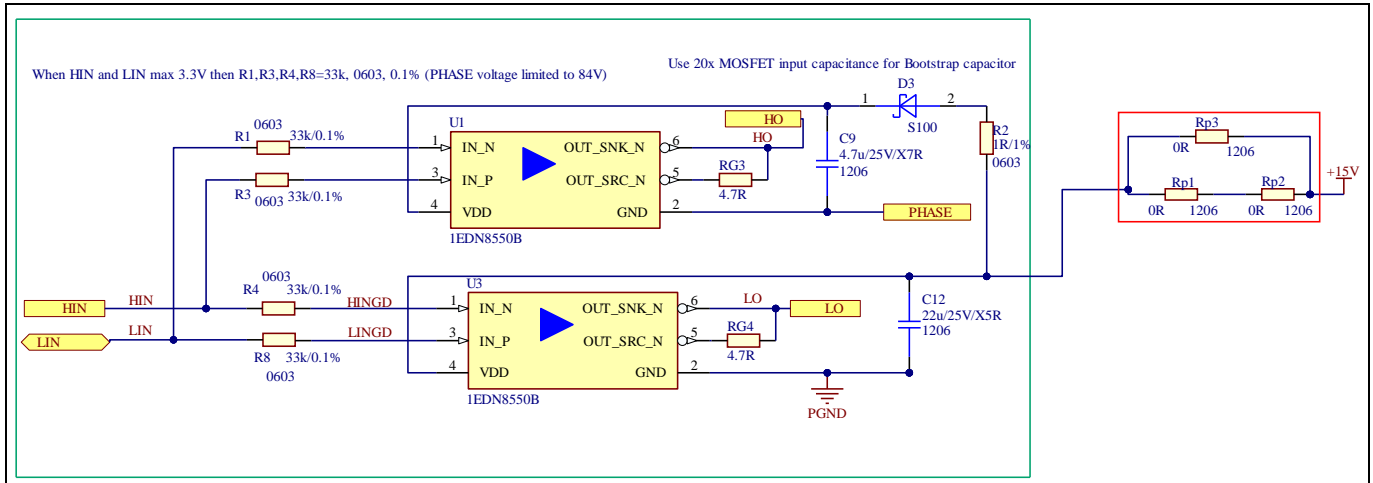


Figure 17 Mother board implementation of 1EDN8550B

2.2.2.1 Functional principle of the 1EDN8550B (TDI) gate driver

The EiceDRIVER™ 1EDN8550B is a single-channel non-isolated gate driver with truly differential inputs (TDI) [3]. This concept for the input side of the gate driver makes it able to overcome the driving issues when a DC ground-shift or an AC oscillation exists between the microcontroller and the driver IC ground potentials. Common situations characterized by DC and AC ground-shifts are, for example, driving a HS switch in a half-bridge configuration, or driving in noisy environments with significant stray inductance on the ground path. Some interesting use cases can be found in industrial, server and telecom SMPS as well as motor drive, wireless charging applications, home appliances, power tools and solar micro-inverters. Figure 18 represents the functional principle of the TDI gate driver and how it should be connected to the controller in order to effectively prevent false triggering of the power switches.

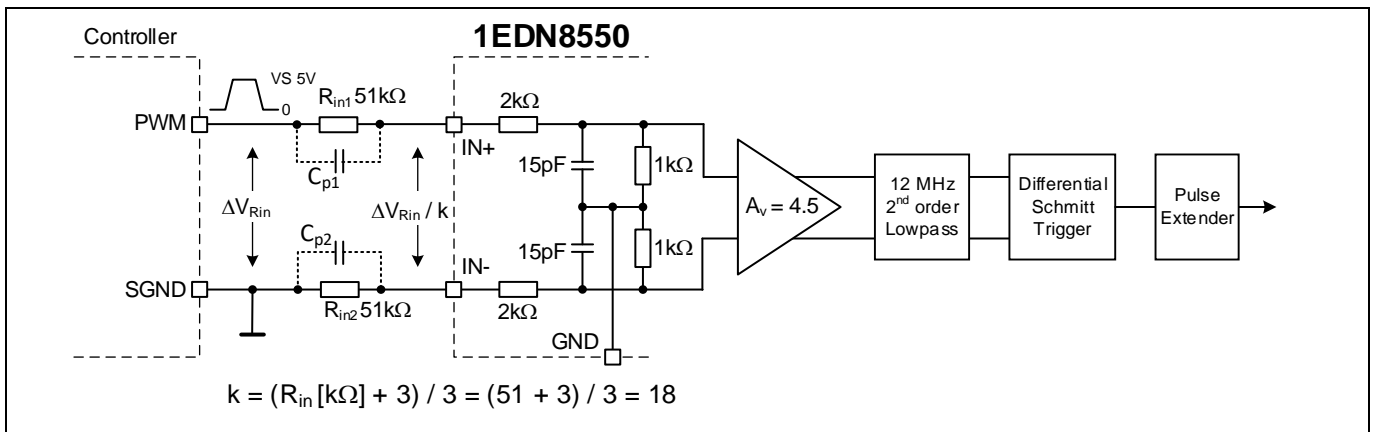


Figure 18 Functional principle of the single-channel non-isolated gate driver with TDI

The controller PWM output signal, switching between controller supply voltage (V_s) and zero, is applied on one leg of a differential voltage divider, while the other is connected to the controller ground SGND. The divider ratio has to be adapted to V_s to allow a fixed Schmitt trigger threshold voltage. For $V_s = 5$ V, R_{in1} and R_{in2} are chosen to be 51 kΩ (see Table 1 [4]), resulting in a static divider ratio of $k = 18$ at the driver inputs. Taking into account the resistor-capacitor (RC) filter in front of the internal voltage amplifier, the overall input path exhibits the frequency behavior of a third-order low-pass filter with a corner frequency around 12 MHz. The suppression of high frequencies is important for two reasons. Inductive common-mode (CM) ringing in fast-switching power systems is typically in the 100 MHz and above range, and thus is effectively damped. The high-frequency symmetry of the voltage divider is influenced by parasitic capacitances, particularly C_{p1} and C_{p2} , the parallel

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capacitances of R_{in1} and R_{in2} . They are typically in the 50 to 100 fF range, independent of resistor size. Without filtering, any asymmetry would translate high-frequency CM signals into differential signals. The filtered signal is then applied to a differential Schmitt trigger with accurate trimmed threshold levels and converted to the logic switch control signal. The subsequent pulse extender function guarantees that no pulses shorter than 25 ns are transmitted to the output, thereby further improving noise immunity. Due to the filtering requirements, the input-to-output propagation delay is slightly increased to around 45 ns. By means of on-chip trimming, however, the usually more relevant propagation delay variation can still be kept low at ± 10 ns.

The static voltage range at the input pins is limited to -7 V/+6 V to guarantee accurate linear operation of the input circuitry. Any imbalance in the signal path converts a CM signal to a differential signal. To utilize the full CM range as calculated above, the high accuracy of the trimmed on-chip network must not be affected by the external voltage divider resistors. This condition is easily fulfilled when choosing R_{in1} and R_{in2} with 0.1 percent tolerance. However, the power rating and the size of the external resistor pair play an important role as “bottleneck” to achieve high DC and AC ground-shift robustness. In this case, a 1206-size resistor has been selected to ensure a proper creepage and clearance at the PCB level. Since the 51 k Ω /0.1 percent/1206 resistors available in the market are typically rated 200 V, the static CMR of the driving configuration in Figure 18 is limited to the range of -126 V/+108 V.

Benefits:

- Immunity to interference
- Decoupling of signal and power GND

2.2.2.2 Performance results with KIT_LGMB_BOM004 and KIT_LGMB_BOM504

The key components used in this setup to conduct the following gate driver tests are:

1. Driver IC (mother board) – 1EDN8550B (EiceDRIVER™)
2. MOSFET (power board) – IPB017N10N5 (OptiMOS™)
3. Controller (controller card) – XMC4400 (XMC™)

High dv/dt immunity:

This section highlights the ripple noise between the signal ground and power ground and on high dv/dt of the output node. The setup was designed to create the worst-case conditions for switching. As the objective is to measure the ripple noise, the double pulse testing method is used instead of continuous switching. The switching speed for turn-on and turn-off are swept by changing the value of external gate resistance (R_g) in steps to reach the harsh conditions described above with high output dv/dt, high di/dt of I_o and high ground-shift ripples.

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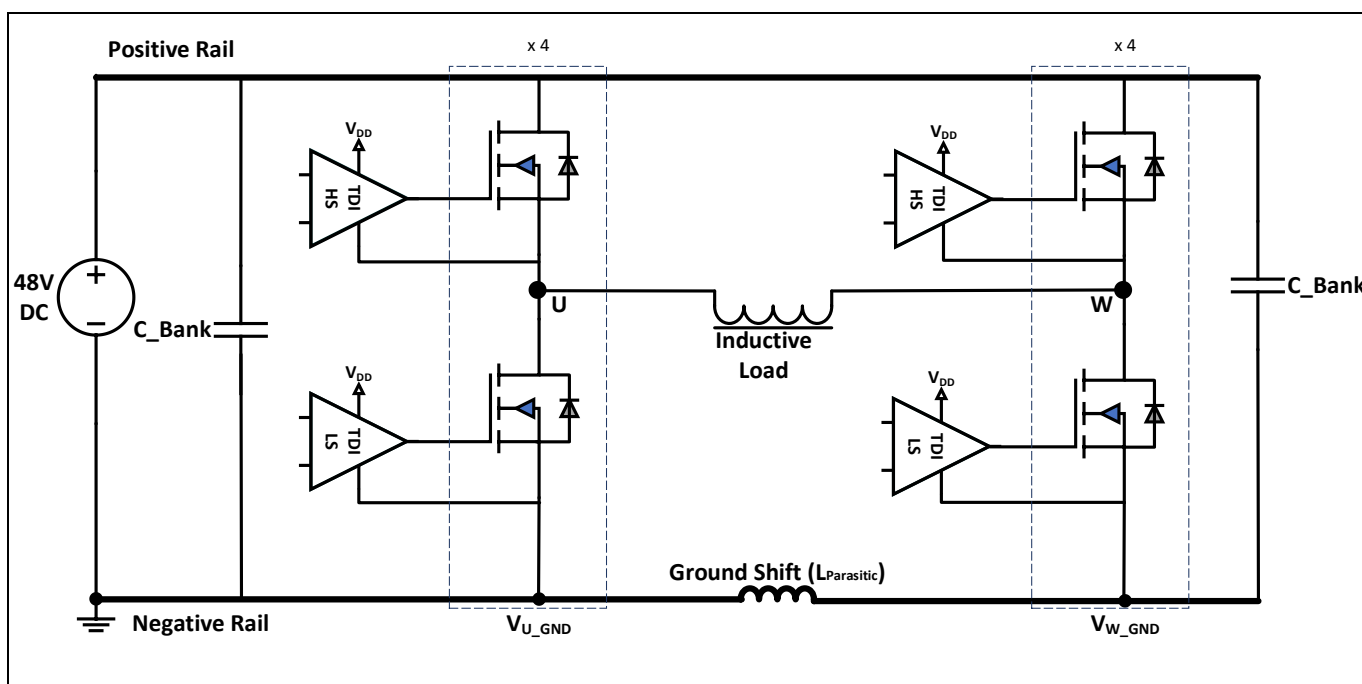


Figure 19 Ground-shift realization in HB/FB applications

The microcontroller ground is only connected to a single point in the circuit (in this case V_{U_GND}). The voltage difference between the signal ground ($V_{U_GND} \rightarrow SGND$) and power ground ($V_{W_GND} \rightarrow PGND$) is a result of induced voltage in the $L_{parasitic}$, as shown in Figure 19. The switching properties (output dv/dt , $I_D di/dt$) are shown in Table 2. The noise produced in the system, measured as the oscillation of the ground-shift, varies with a high peak-to-peak amplitude of 14.24 V and lasts for less than five cycles (less than 12 μs) of decreasing magnitude, and is within the CMR of TDI driver IC.

Table 2 Switching speed measurements of test setup

Measurement parameter	Turn-off	Turn-on
Switch-node dv/dt	350 V/ μs	4200 V/ μs
Drain current di_D/dt (A/ μs)	800 A/ μs	900 A/ μs
Voltage PGND vs. SGND dv/dt (V/ μs)	65 V/ μs	33 V/ μs
Voltage PGND vs. SGND amplitude (pk-pk)	14.24 V	14.24 V

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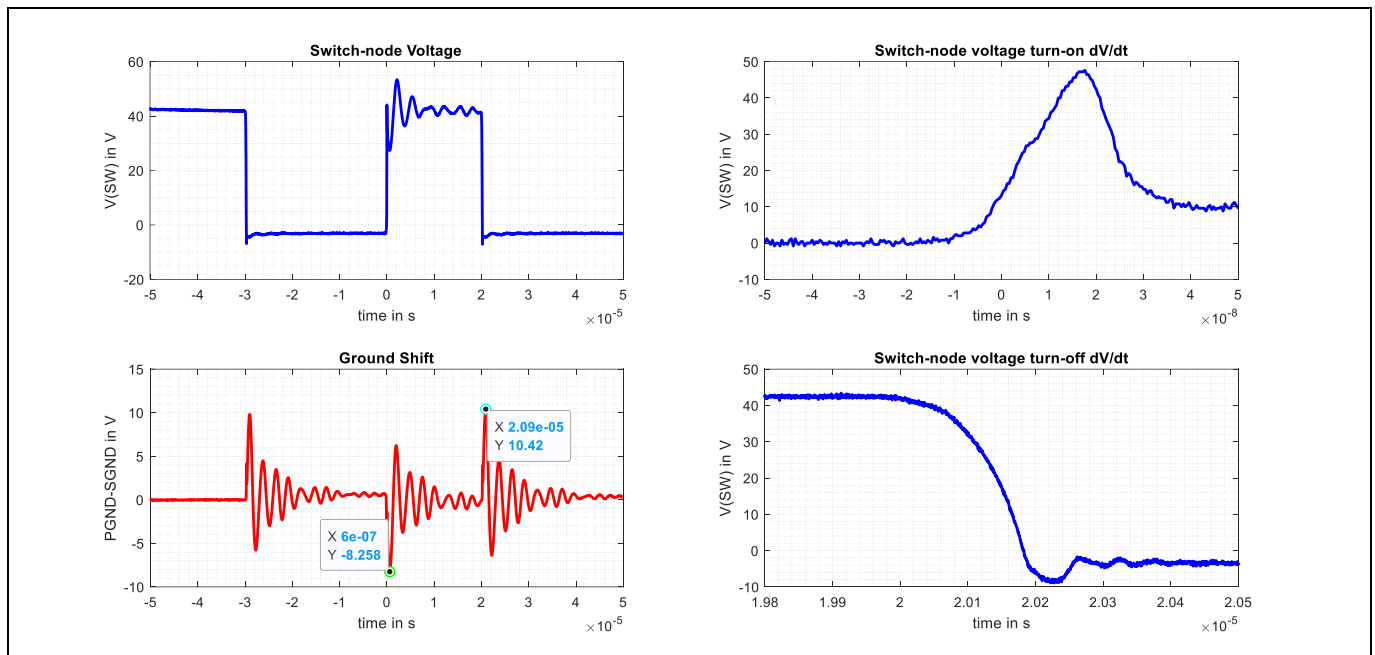


Figure 20 Ground-shift between signal ground and power ground

The difference in potentials between the signal (μC) ground and power ground (i.e. ground-shift) shown in Figure 20 represent the CM voltage of the LS differential input, and the switch-node voltage represents the HS differential input. In both cases the CM is not influencing the gate driver input, and high-frequency CM voltages (ringing) greater than 333 kHz are further damped by the input low-pass filter. In such fast-switching situations, the high robustness of 1EDN8550B with respect to switching interference is extremely valuable and allows good performance even in systems with significant parasitic PCB inductances.

The ground-shift problem in specific applications can be addressed by Infineon's TDI gate driver IC, and in the same way, the TDI can handle the voltage offset and high dv/dt of a bootstrapped gate driver.

Gate driver supply filter:

This section describes the optimization of the input filter for the gate driver supply side. Usually SGND-coupled V_{DD} cannot be used directly as the driver supply due to the high ripples of ground-shift. The filter can be a simple resistor or a resistor in series with a diode, or series and parallel combinations of these components together with the decoupling capacitor (C12) as indicated in Figure 17 (Rp1, Rp2, Rp3). The filter can also be a proper ferrite bead depending on application and cost requirements. To choose the filter components optimally, the LVDSPD setup has been continuously switched in worst-case conditions described above with a DC current flowing in an R-L load.

The test specifications are:

- GD supply: $V_{\text{DD}} = 15 \text{ V}$
- Switching frequency: $f_{\text{PWM}} = 20 \text{ kHz}$
- Duty cycle: $D = 11 \text{ percent}$
- Load current: $I_{\text{L}} = 210 \text{ A}$
- Drain current I_{D} : $\text{di/dt} = 900 \text{ A}/\mu\text{s}$ ($R_{\text{g1}} = 15 \Omega$, $R_{\text{g3}} = 10 \Omega$)
- Switch-node voltage $V_{\text{(SW)}}$: dv/dt more than $4000 \text{ V}/\mu\text{s}$

The variations to the test setup are:

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- Only R filter
- Only diode
- Diode with resistors

Figure 21 shows:

- The switch-node voltage
- TDI driver IC supply voltage seen across bypass capacitor C12 (last combination of values – diode with resistors)
- The ripple voltage at the filter input

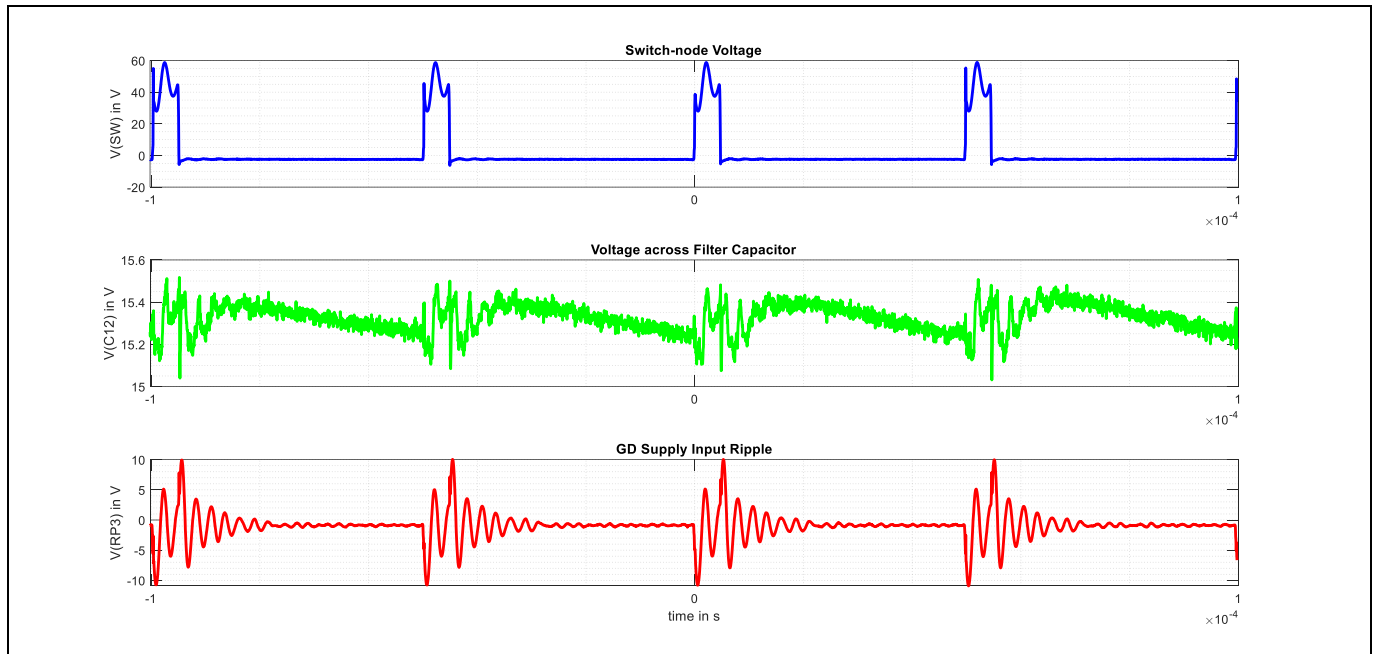


Figure 21 Ripple across gate driver input supply

The filter components comprise R_{P1} , R_{P2} and R_{P3} – 1206 footprint (Figure 17). Changing these components results in different thermal situations and different resulting voltages on C12. The results for a few value combinations are shown in Table 3. The temperatures recorded from images captured by thermal camera are shown in Figure 22 for the optimized filter (R_{P1} = diode, R_{P2} = 10 Ω , R_{P3} = 47 Ω). Please note that both the driver ICs are cooler than 50°C. The rest of the board does not get significantly hot.

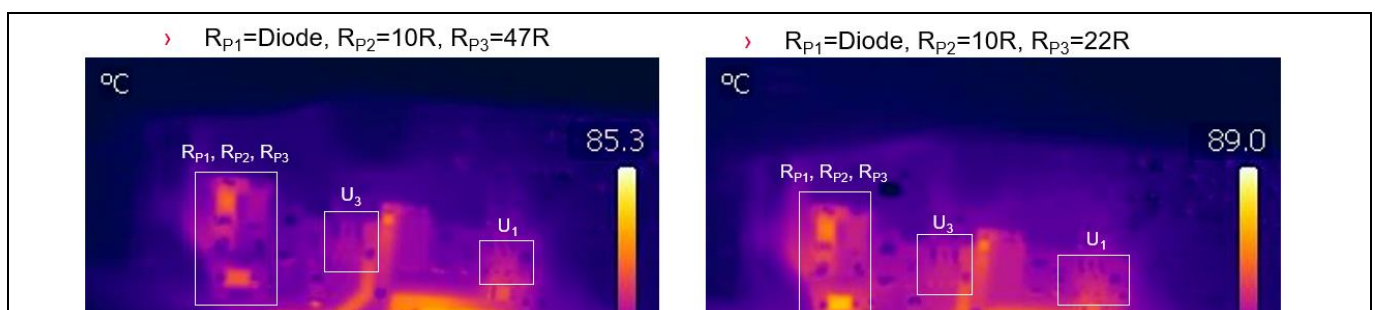


Figure 22 Thermal captures of filter section

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Table 3 Measurement parameters of optimized filter section

Measurement	Rp1 = n.p. Rp2 = n.p. Rp3 = 15 Ω	Rp1 = n.p. Rp2 = n.p. Rp3 = diode	Rp1 = diode Rp2 = 10 Ω Rp3 = 22 Ω	Rp1 = diode Rp2 = 10 Ω Rp3 = 47 Ω
Voltage PGND to SGND (pk-pk)	19.0 V	18.7 V	19.1	20.98 V
Voltage VC12 (mean)	14.63 V	19.65 V	15.16 V	15.32 V
Temperature of filter components (Rp1, Rp2, Rp3)	84.2°C	43°C	38.9°C 54.3°C 67.4°C	36.81°C 50.9°C 48.7°C
Temperature of C12	43.1°C	44.6°C	54.3°C	33.1°C
Temperature of PCB	38°C	38.6°C	30.2°C	30.9°C
Temperature of LS GD (U3)	46.1°C	51.6°C	38.4°C	37°C
Temperature of HS GD (U1)	49°C	62.1°C	40.1°C	38.5°C

The results in Table 3 indicate the preferred combination of components as:

- Rp1 = diode (SBD – SS14L SMA 1 A 40 V, $V_f = 0.196$ V),
- Rp2 = 10 Ω and
- Rp3 = 22 Ω or 47 Ω

However, in a system with less ripple other combinations are also acceptable, and may simplify the design.

Gate driver output loading:

This section estimates the loading on the gate driver by emulating the MOSFETs by R and C components (Figure 23). The switching frequency of the PWM is set at 20 kHz.

The test setup values are:

- Capacitive load: $C_L = 210$ nF (0805)
- GD supply: $V_{DD} = 15$ V
- External gate resistance: R_g
 - $R_{g2} = 0$ Ω ; $R_{g4} = 4.7$ Ω , 2.2 Ω and 1 Ω
 - $R_{g2} = 15$ Ω , $R_{g4} = 10$ Ω

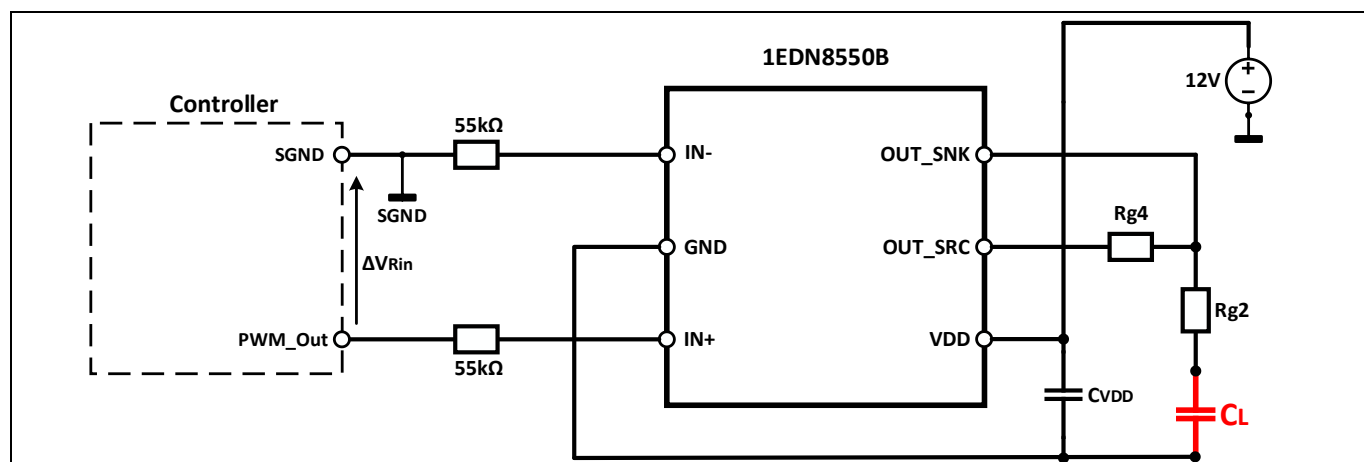


Figure 23 Schematic for gate driver output loading

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The source and sink resistances in this case will be $R_{g2} + R_{g4}$ and R_{g2} respectively. The power dissipation in the gate driver heats up the IC and the temperatures are recorded with a thermal camera. The recorded data is shown in Table 4.

Table 4 Gate driver output loading measurements

f_PWM (kHz)	$R_g (\Omega)$	Temperature (T) (°C)		
		IC-U3 (°C)	R_{g4} (°C)	R_{g2} (°C)
20 kHz	$R_{g2} = 0 \Omega, R_{g4} = 4.7 \Omega$	64.5	79.8	–
	$R_{g2} = 0 \Omega, R_{g4} = 2.2 \Omega$	66.4	68.6	–
	$R_{g2} = 0 \Omega, R_{g4} = 1 \Omega$	76.3	61.7	–
	$R_{g2} = 15 \Omega, R_{g4} = 10 \Omega$	40.2	55.3	89

The data from the Table 4 shows the application of the TDI gate driver for different switching speed applications and temperature limitation problems. Depending on the values of R_{g2} and R_{g4} , the parts of the IC that represent the sourcing output and sinking output may be at different temperatures.

2.3 Daughter boards

Daughter boards are used for the interconnection between the gate driver outputs and power boards (MOSFET gates) via X7 and X11 header connectors, when adding power boards in parallel.

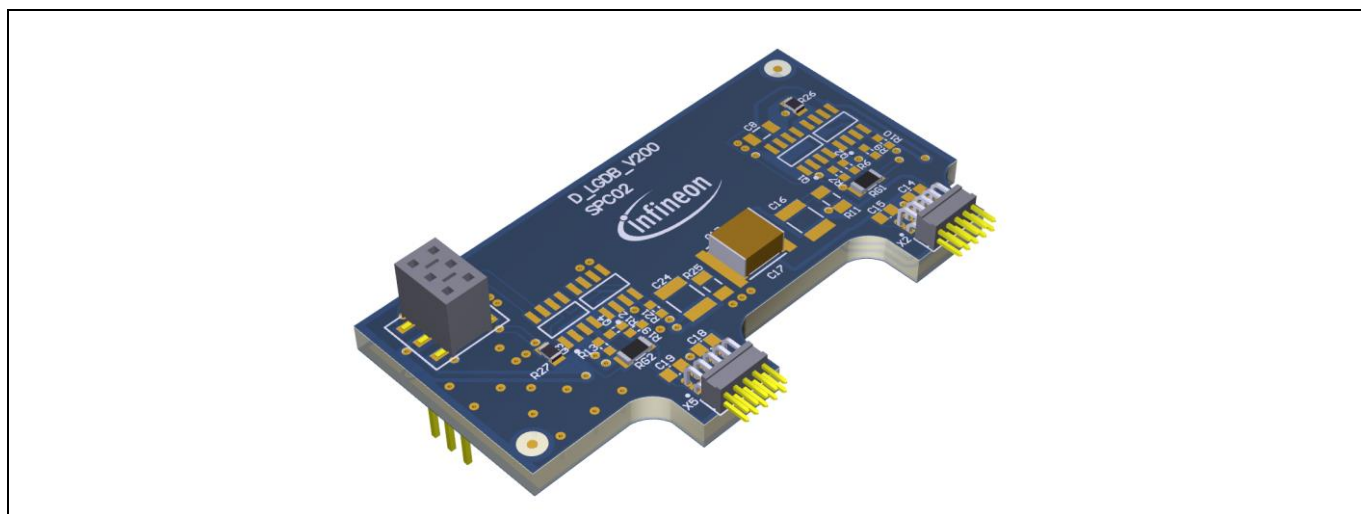


Figure 24 Daughter board

Typically, MOSFETs connected in parallel are driven by a single gate driver, while the gate resistors (R_g) are provided for each MOSFET gate. The gate driver signal branches out at the gate driver output – before the R_g resistors and not at the gate nodes. The daughter boards are therefore connected to the gate driver outputs at one side (forming the daughter board bus – Chapter 3.2.3), and to the MOSFET gate and source connection at the other side (Figure 5). Each daughter board provides each additional power board with the respective HS and LS gate resistors. The principle is illustrated in Figure 25.

Board overview

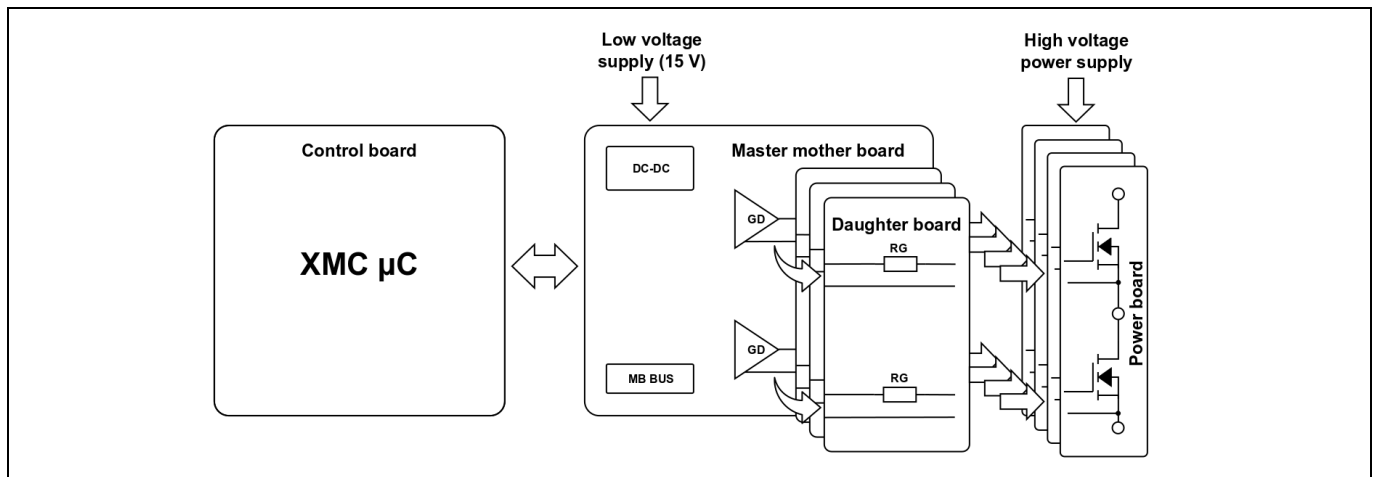


Figure 25 Paralleling approach

2.3.1 Power board interface

At the point of connection to the power board, the same optional components are available as in the mother boards. The schematic is shown in Figure 16 and Figure 13. The ceramic capacitor C17(c) is populated by default.

2.4 Functional principle of the 1EDN8550B (TDI) gate driver capacitor boards

The capacitor boards provide the option to connect leaded capacitors to the high-power DC bus. The high-current connectors have the same spacing as the power board DC bus connectors. This way the copper bars can be extended in order to make the low parasitic inductance connection between the power board and the capacitor board.

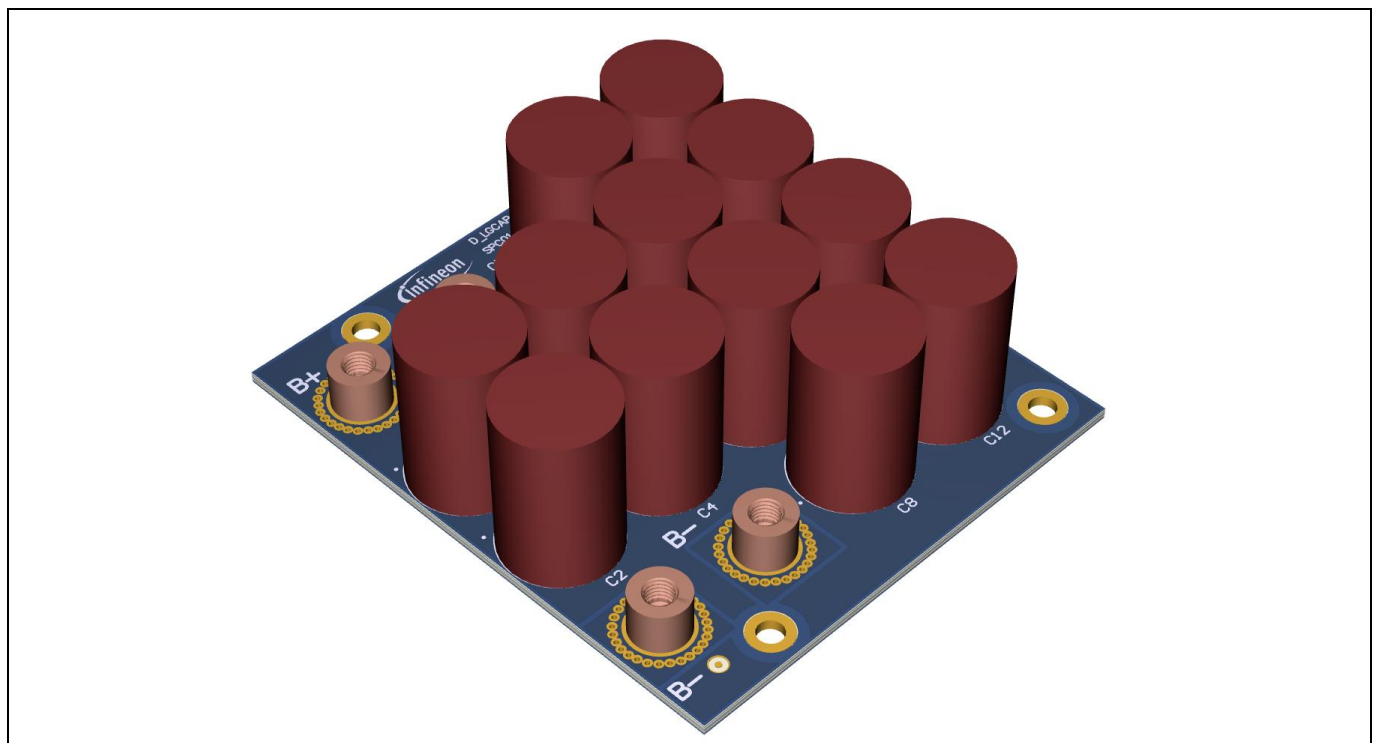


Figure 26 Capacitor board

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Board overview

The capacitor boards are populated with power connectors only. This way the user can select the capacitors according to project requirements.

It is recommended to use capacitors with low ESR values.

Table 5 Capacitor selection size requirements

Parameter	Values			Unit
	Min.	Typ.	Max.	
Capacitor diameter			18	mm
Lead spacing		7.5		mm

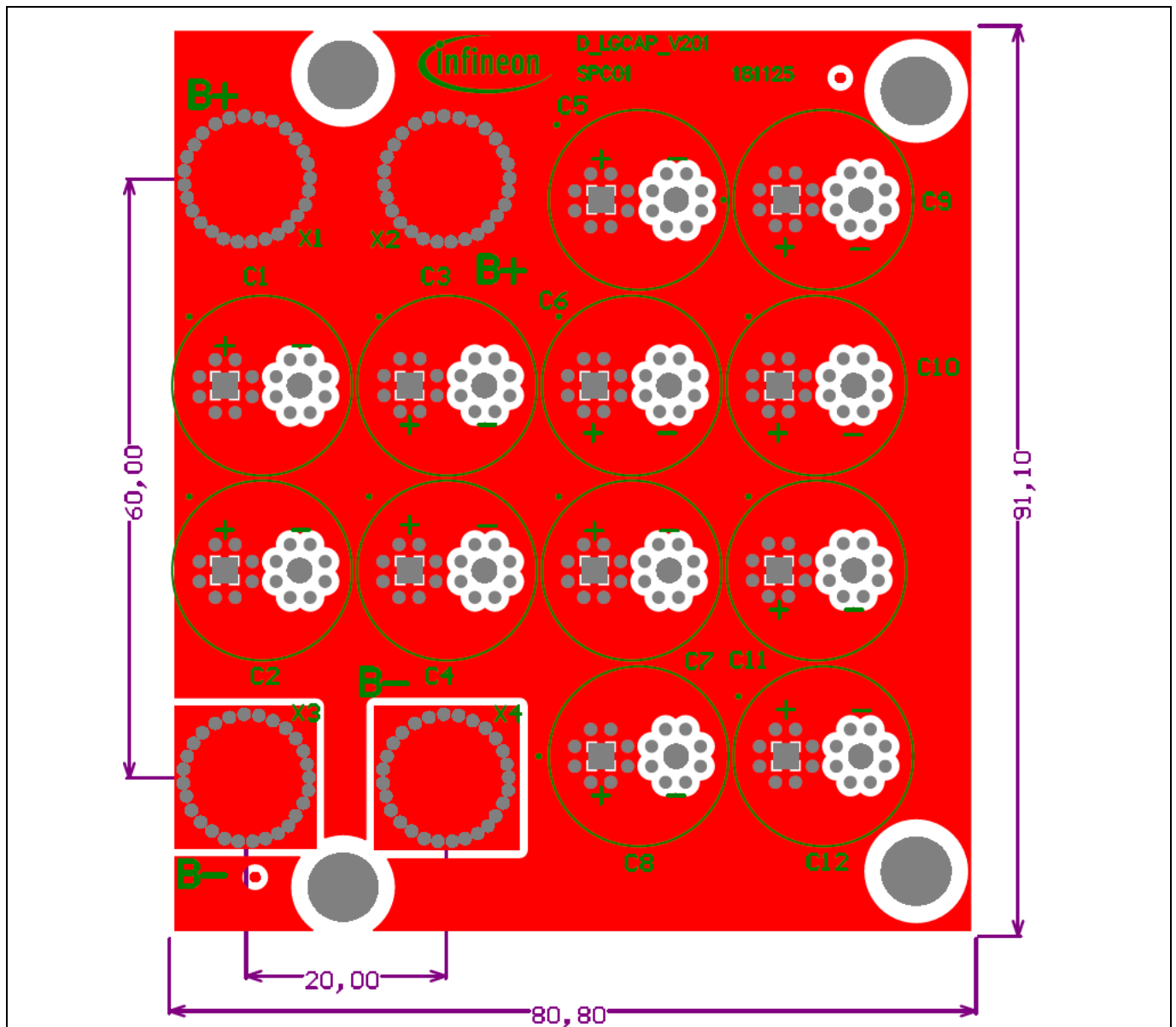


Figure 27 Capacitor board dimensions

Attention: Normally the bus capacitors are discharged when the lab power supply is switched off. But if the power connector is removed while the capacitor is charged (not recommended!), the voltage preserved at the bus capacitors can reach a dangerous level. Be sure that capacitors are discharged before handling the board.

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2.5 Control board

Various control boards can be adapted to interface the master mother board. The X3 connector (Hirose PCN13-32S-2.54DS(71)) on the master mother board is provided for interfacing with Infineon's XMC™ demonstration board: XMC4400 drive card ([KIT_XMC4400_DC_V1](#)), which is used in the examples covered in this document.

The control signals are propagated to the master mother board gate driver, and the mother board bus as described in chapter 3.2.

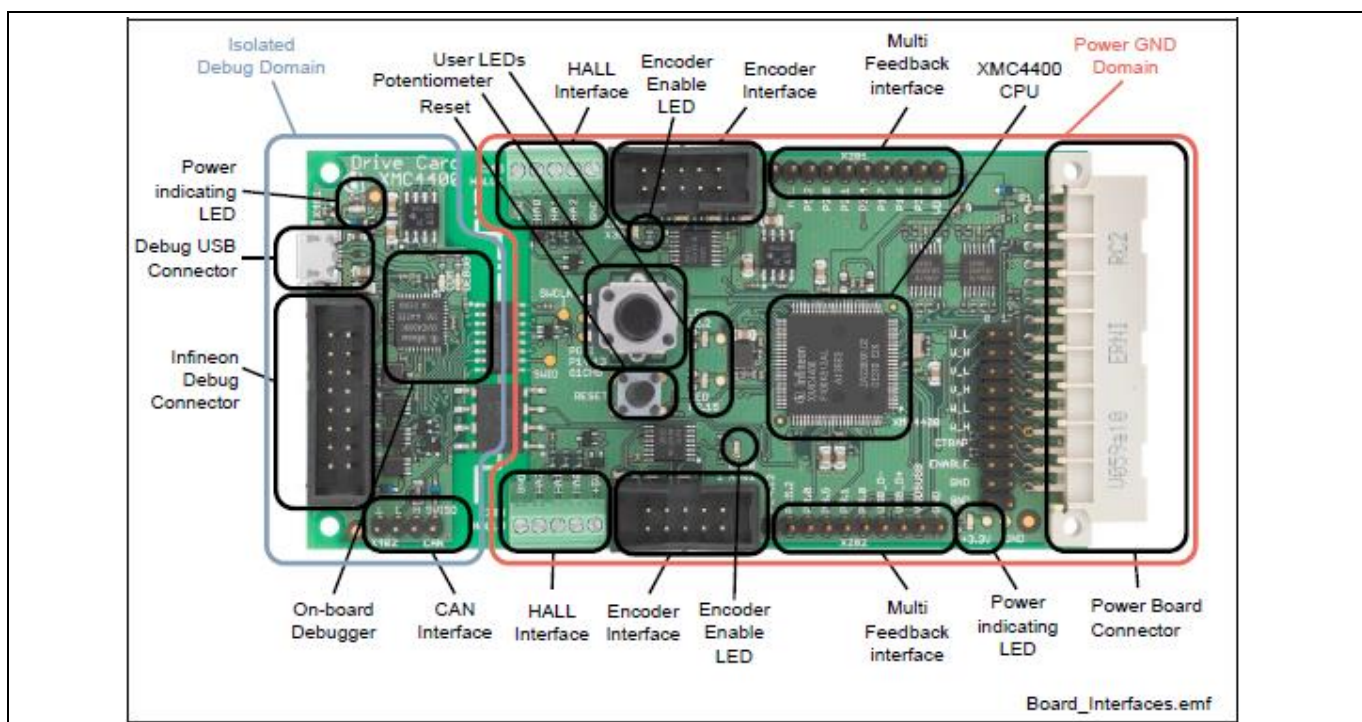


Figure 28 XMC4400 drive card demonstration board

A detailed description of the XMC4400 drive card can be found [online](#).

3 Three-phase motor drive setup (B6)

Alongside versatility, the platform was designed with motor drive applications in mind. The main focus of this application note is therefore a three-phase motor drive setup (i.e. B6 inverter), represented in Figure 29. Some performance examples of a B6 motor drive inverter, at different power board paralleling options, are given in chapter 4.

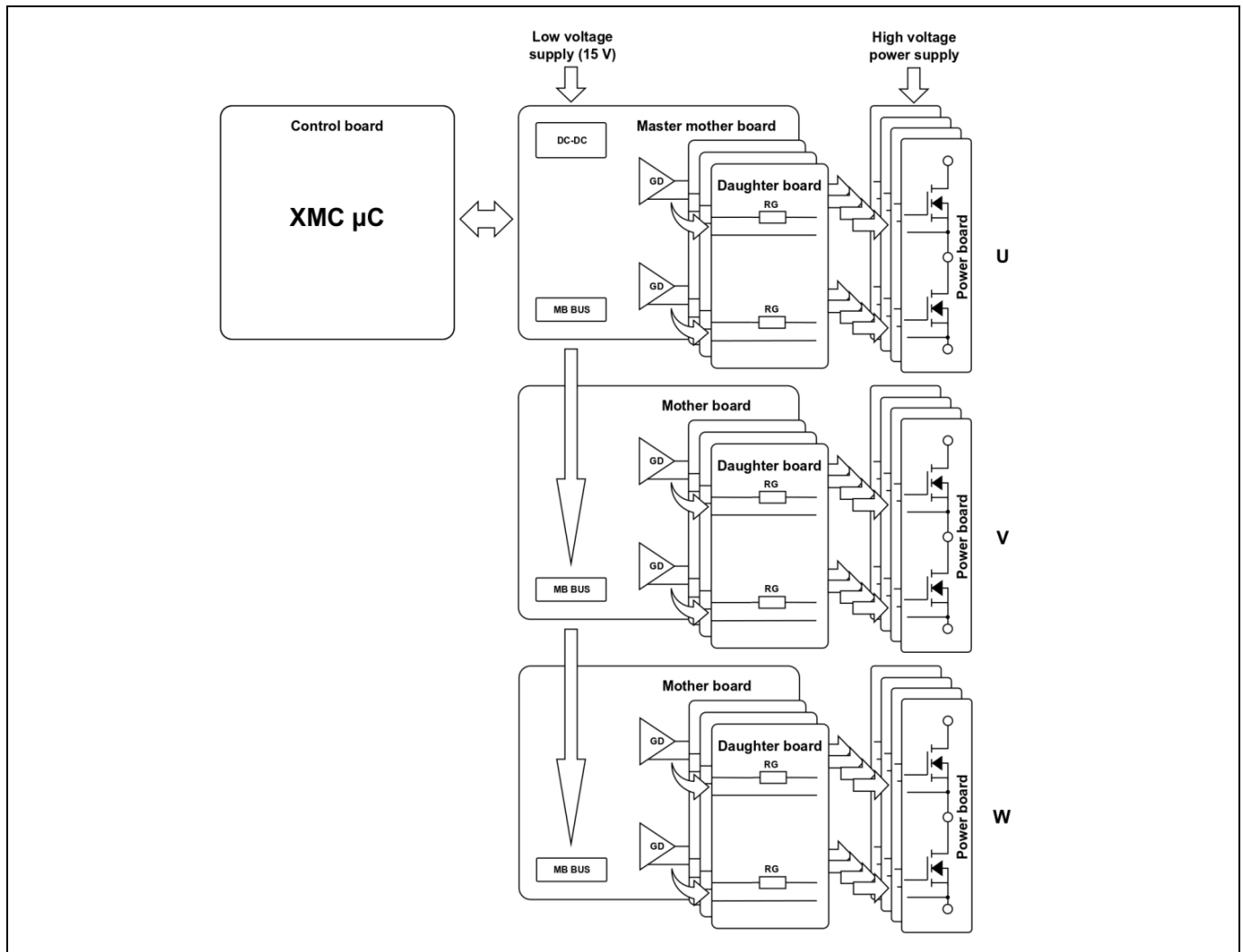


Figure 29 B6 inverter – block diagram

Assembly procedures for constructing a B6 inverter can be found in the [Low voltage drives scalable power demo board – user manual](#).

Three-phase motor drive setup (B6)

3.1 Supply voltage

3.1.1 LV supply

The 15 V supply for the system connected at the X1 terminal is limited by the gate driver specification.

Table 6 LV system supply

Parameter	Values			Unit	Note
	Min.	Typ.	Max.		
LV system supply	12	15	20	V	Max. according to 2EDL23N06PJ

3.1.2 Highvoltage/high power supply

Attention: *In addition to high power supply voltage, the voltage spikes caused by MOSFET switching need to be considered. The V_{DSS} should not exceed the $V_{(BR)DSS}$ rating of the MOSFET at any point. The supply voltage needs to be adapted accordingly.*

The supply voltage used on the power side of the set-up will be limited by the MOSFET drain-source breakdown voltage ($V_{(BR)DSS}$). Recommended nominal supply voltages are given in Table 7, with regard to the breakdown voltage rating of the MOSFET being used.

Table 7 Nominal power supply voltage recommendations

MOSFET $V_{(BR)DSS}$ rating (V)	Supply voltage		Unit
	Typ.	Max.	
60	24	32	V
80	48		V
100	48		V
150	72	96	V
200	144		V
250	157		V

3.2 Board interconnections in multiphase setups and power board paralleling

Mother boards are used alongside a master mother board when two- or three-phase systems are implemented. The mother boards are connected to the master mother board through the mother board bus via a ribbon cable to connector X6, and provide the additional gate drivers for the additional two phases.

Daughter boards are used to propagate the gate driver signals to the power MOSFETs when paralleling of power boards is implemented.

The following chapters describe the signals used to interconnect the boards in a particular setup.

3.2.1 Control signals – control board interface

The master mother board interface to the control board uses the pin-out as defined in the “Power board connector” chapter of the XMC4400 drive card user manual: “Board_Users_Manual_DriveCard_XMC4400” found on the demonstration board website:

https://www.infineon.com/cms/en/product/evaluation-boards/kit_xmc4400_dc_v1/

The document provides further details about the XMC4400 drive card.

The control board signals used are listed in Table 8 and Figure 30.

Table 8 Signal description

Signal name	Description	Comment
+5 V	XMC™/control board supply	
I_U, I_V, I_W	Current sensor feedback. From master mother board onboard voltage dividers/filters.	Optional – the voltage divider/filter components are not populated by default
V_DClink	Supply voltage feedback. From master mother board onboard voltage divider/filter.	Optional – the voltage divider/filter components are not populated by default
U_L, U_H, V_L, V_H, W_L, W_H,	Gate driver control signals	
CTRAP0, CTRAP1	Digital feedback signals connected to the μ C pins with “TRAP Function” capability	See XMC4400 microcontroller reference manual for details
ENPOW0	Gate driver enable signal	

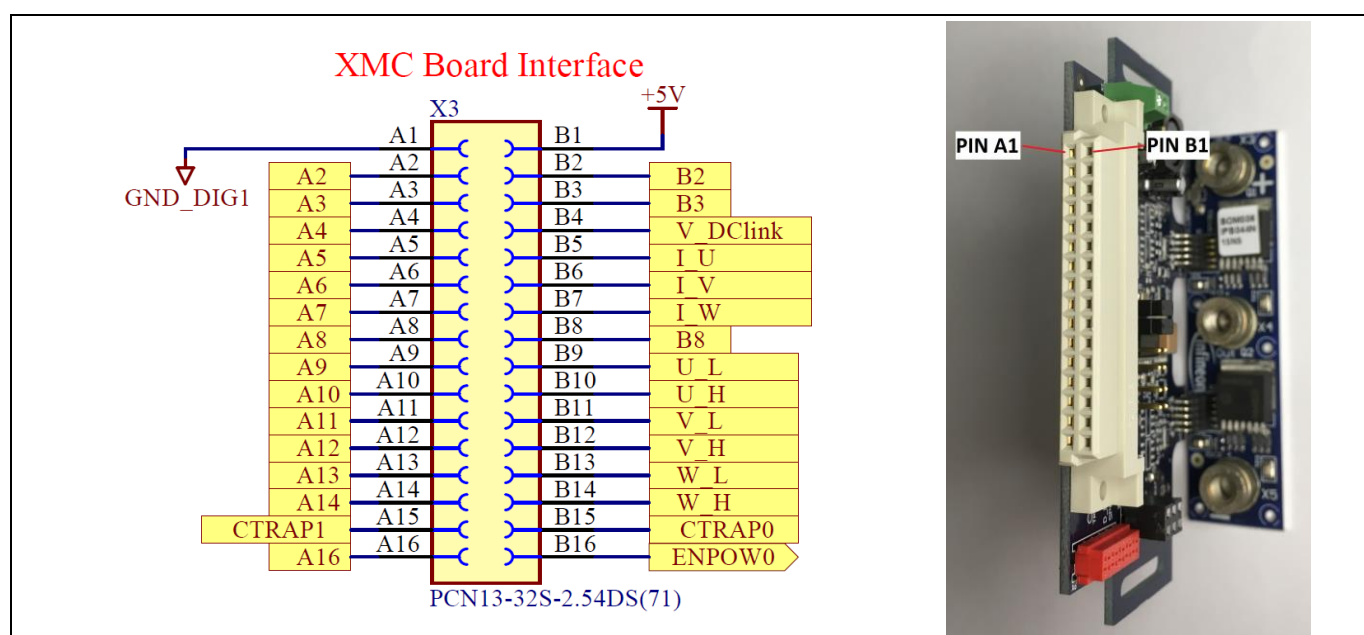


Figure 30 XMC™ drive card connector pin-out – mother board PCB top view

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3.2.2 Mother board bus

The mother board bus (ribbon cable connected at connector X6) propagates the gate drive control signals to the “W” and “V” mother boards. It also connects the gate driver supply (15 V), and the gate driver enable signal. ENPOW0 can be used to disable the gate drivers via the microcontroller. CTRAP1 connects all the gate driver enable pins to a common pull-up to enable them. A fault condition (disable) on the gate driver will pull its enable pin down (open drain configuration). This pull-down will also be propagated across CTRAP1 to the other gate drivers, to disable them.

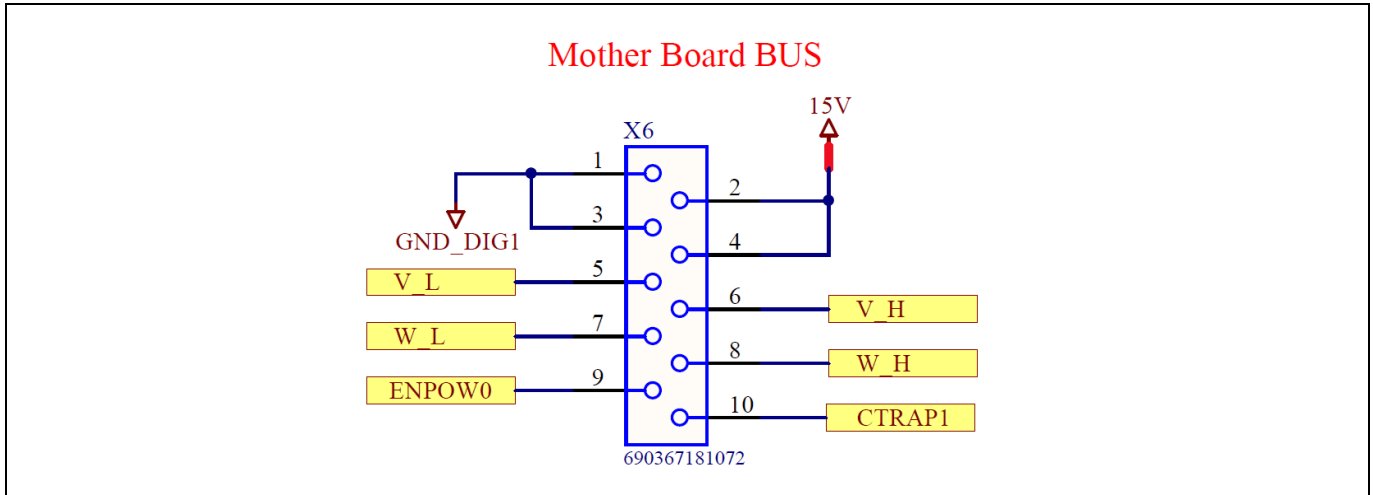


Figure 31 Mother board bus pin-out – top view

Selection jumpers “U”, “V” and “W” are provided to assign the control signals to each of the gate drivers. Since all three control signals are present on the master mother board, and “V” and “W” control signals are present at the mother board bus (propagated through the ribbon cable), the jumpers are used to physically connect either of them to the gate driver inputs. In a three-phase setup the master mother board shall always be selected as the “U” phase, since the “U” control signals are not present at the mother board bus.

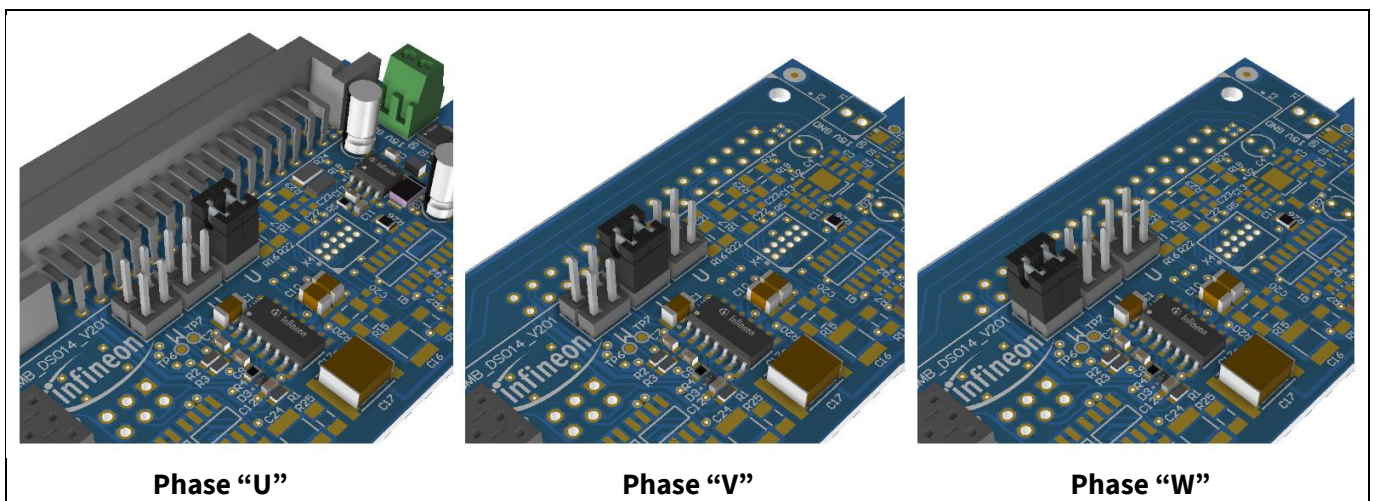


Figure 32 Jumper placement for phase selection

3.2.3 Daughter board bus

In the case of power board paralleling, the gate driver output signals are propagated to the parallel power MOSFETs via X7 or X11 headers that branch out the gate driver output and source connections through the corresponding daughter boards. The pin-out is shown in Figure 33.

All the nodes (gate driver outputs) are therefore present on all the daughter boards. The gate driver outputs pass through a gate resistor at each of the daughter boards and connect to the power board (gate terminal).

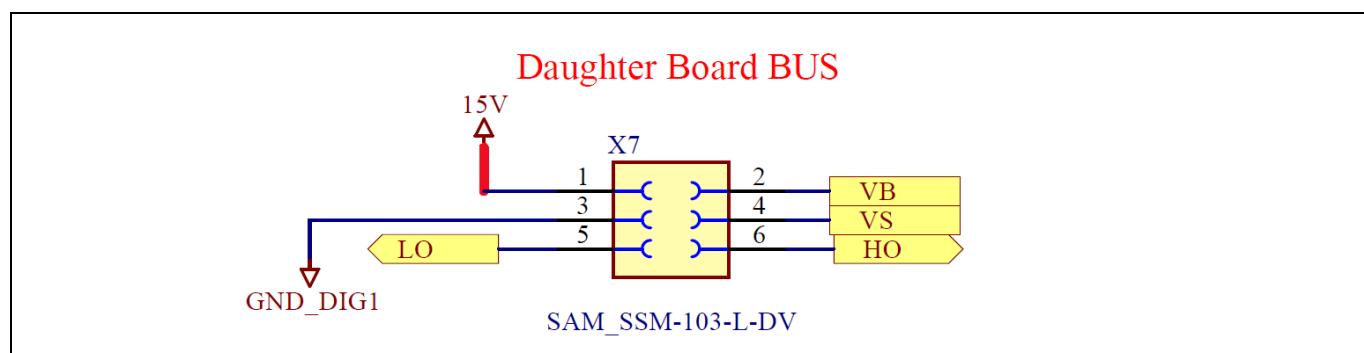


Figure 33 Daughter board bus pin-out – top view

3.3 Using the V/f control for induction motor

Infineon provides a software package supporting the demonstration board. The software package is intended for use with the B6 set-up to drive a three-phase induction motor. Provided in the software package are the firmware for Infineon's XMC™ demonstration board XMC4400 drive card, and a GUI for controlling the set-up.

The implemented induction motor drive firmware is based on the open-loop V/f control scheme. In principle V/f control uses voltage sine wave signals to drive the motor. It varies the voltage signal amplitude in linear relation to field rotation speed (electrical frequency of the motor). In switch-mode applications (utilizing the B6 topology) the voltage sine waves are generated via PWM signals at each of the phases, resulting in effective voltages equivalent to the sine wave signals that the V/f ratio refers to.

The implemented characteristics of voltage amplitude in relation to the motor electrical frequency are shown in Figure 34.

Ideally the ratio is maintained all the way to zero; however, at low speeds the voltage is typically increased to compensate for the voltage drop across the stator resistance, which is not negligible at small voltages. This voltage increase for low speeds is determined by the "V offset", also seen in Figure 34.

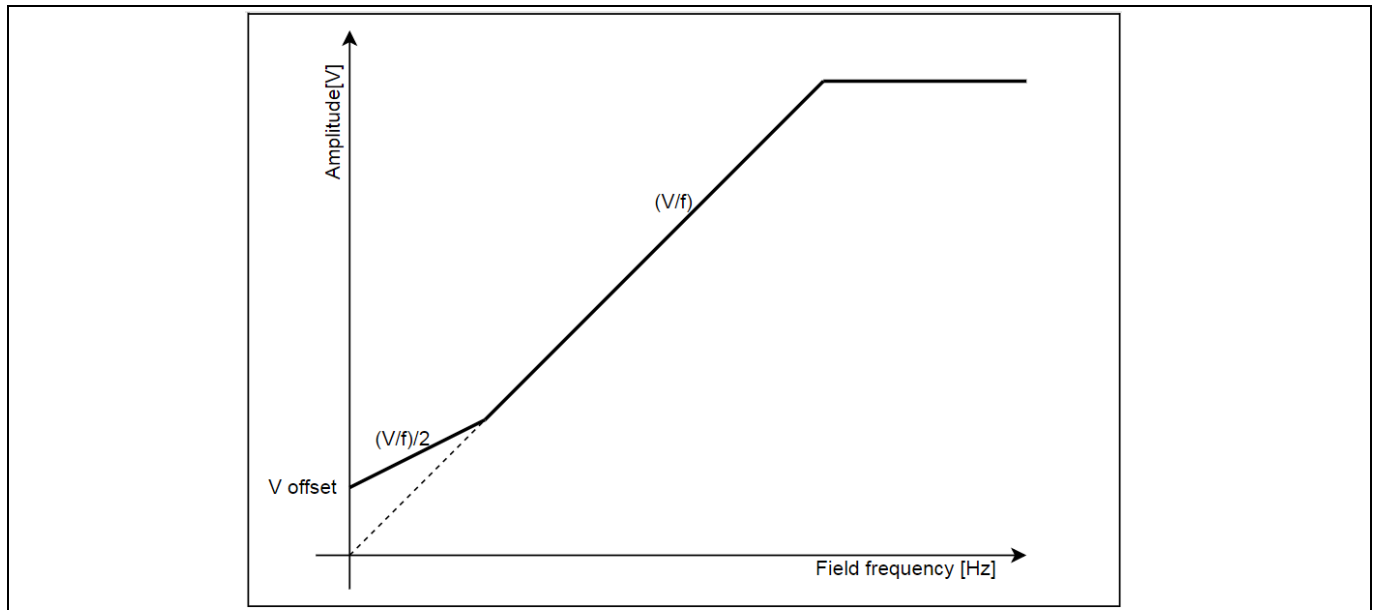


Figure 34 V/f control characteristics with V offset implementation

The V/f ratio, V offset and field rotation speed (i.e. synchronous speed) are adjustable by the user via GUI parameters. The first and second tab of the GUI are shown in Figure 35 and Figure 36.

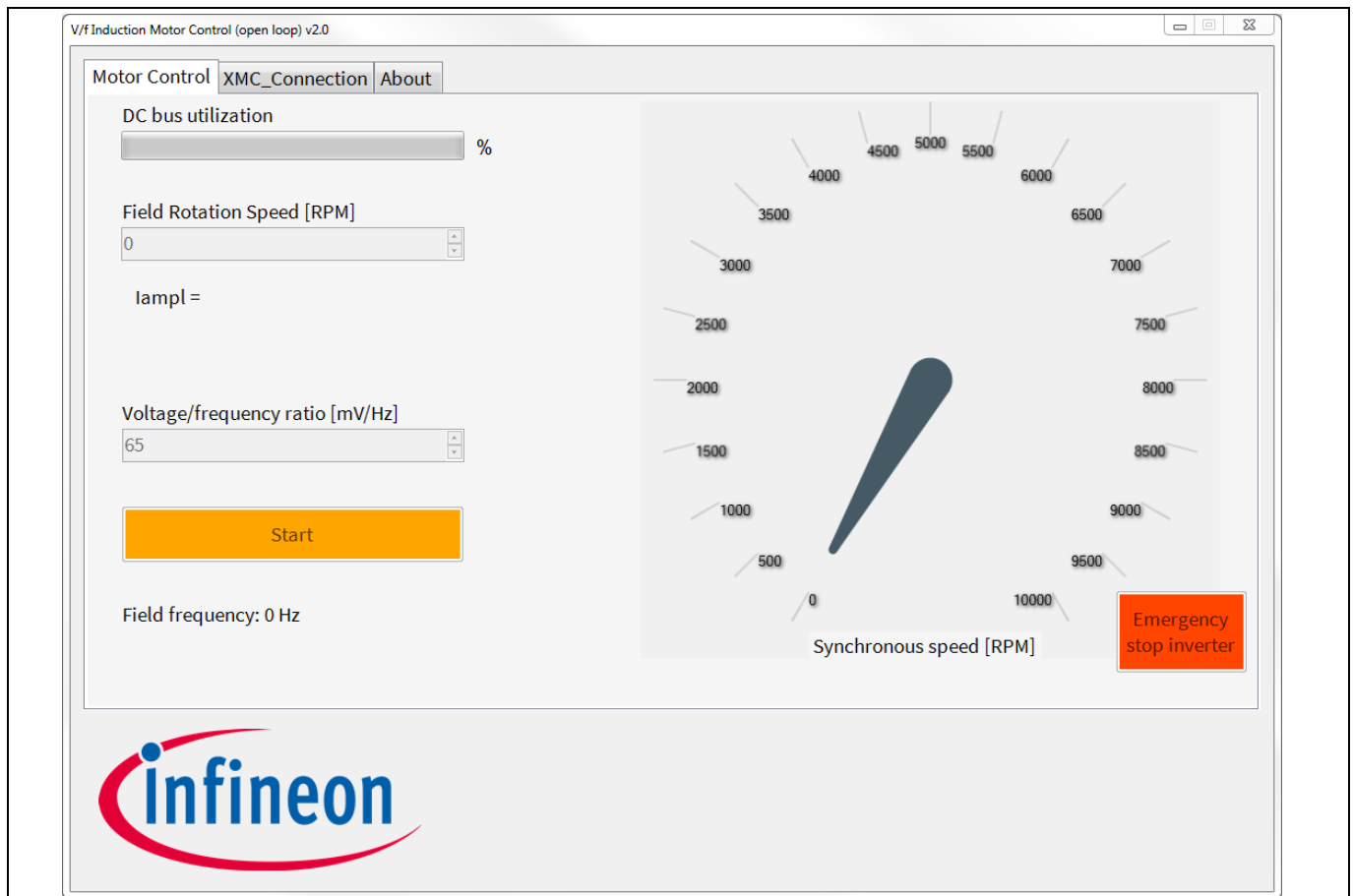


Figure 35 GUI - motor control tab

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The V/f ratio is set by the user according to motor characteristics and the applied load. For a given motor at stable supply voltage, the load will determine the maximum achievable turning speed according to torque vs. phase voltage characteristics of the motor.

The DC bus utilization bar represents roughly the ratio between the effective phase voltage amplitude and supply voltage. It indicates the maximum duty cycle of the PWM within the motor electrical period.

In effect, the bar indicates the limit of the motor control settings – it considers the following parameters:

- Input voltage (V)
- Field rotation speed (RPM)
- Voltage/frequency ratio (mV/Hz)
- V/f offset

The limit is set to 90 percent, which also takes into consideration minimum charge times for charging a HS bootstrap capacitor (some margin also included). The bootstrap is charged when the LS MOSFET conducts. The critical timings in this regard are therefore achieved during high PWM duty cycles.

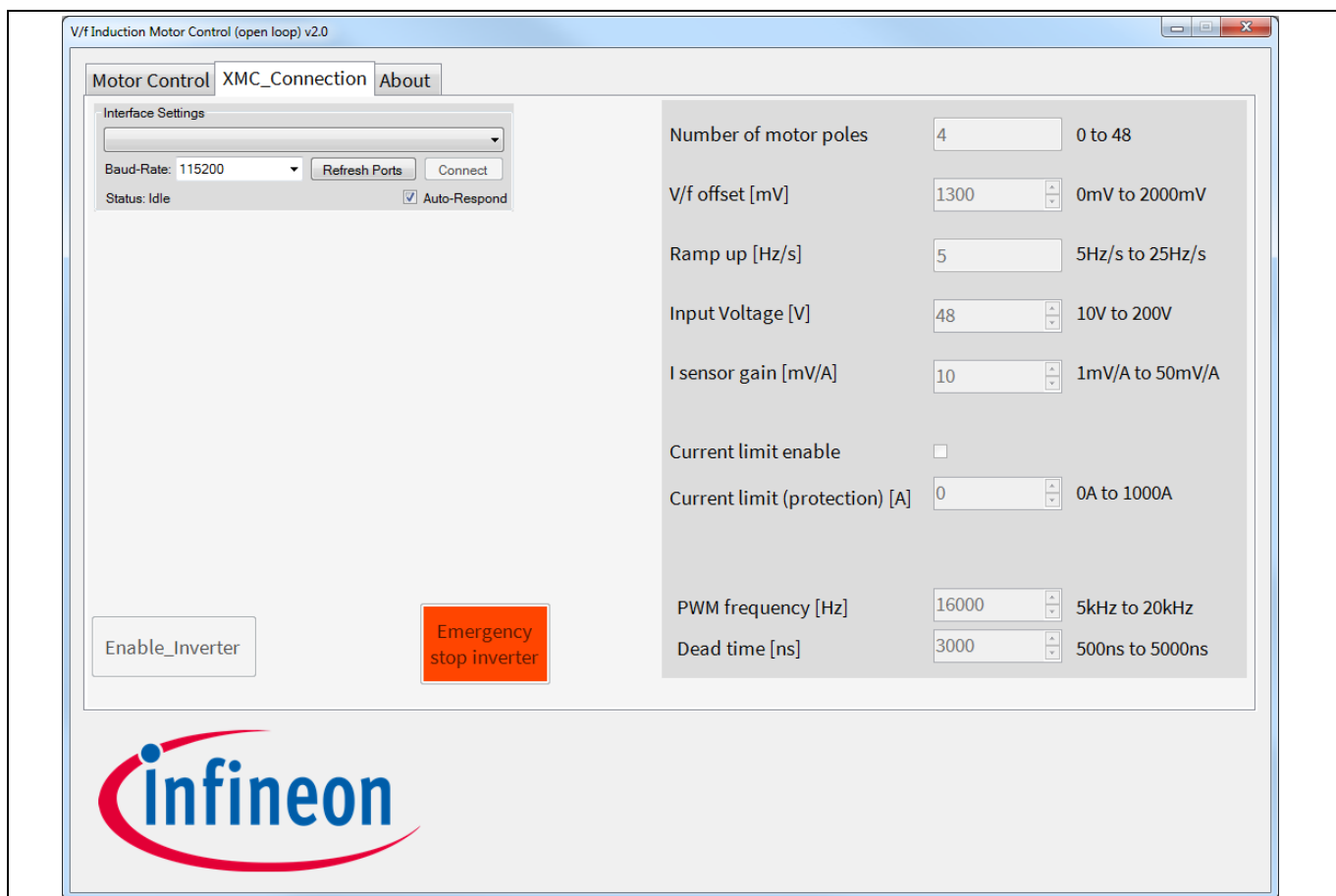


Figure 36 GUI – settings tab

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Table 9 lists the parameters used by the GUI for interfacing the microcontroller.

Table 9 GUI settings description

Setting	Description
Field rotation speed (RPM)	Setting of the stator field rotation speed. Type the value and confirm with “ENTER”, or use the mouse scroll button while hovering above the value.
Voltage/frequency ratio (mV/Hz)	The ratio of effective output voltage amplitude vs. field rotation speed
Number of motor poles	Counted in stator pole pairs
V/f offset (mV)	Effective output voltage at standstill – see Figure 34 for characteristic curve. Set to zero for linear V/f characteristics.
Ramp up (Hz/s)	Rate of change of the field rotation speed (when changing field rotation speed setting)
Input voltage (V)	DC power supply voltage used
I sensor gain (mV/A)	Gain of the current sensor used in mV/A (It is recommended to use sensors with galvanic isolation, e.g. the ASC758 (± 200 A range, 10 mV/A output gain))
Current limit (A)	Current limit – disable if not using a sensor
PWM frequency (Hz)	PWM frequency setting
Dead-time (ns)	Dead-time setting (off-time of the complementary control signals)

3.3.1 Using the GUI

While the microcontroller is running the V/f control algorithm, the user can control the motor via parameters provided by the GUI.

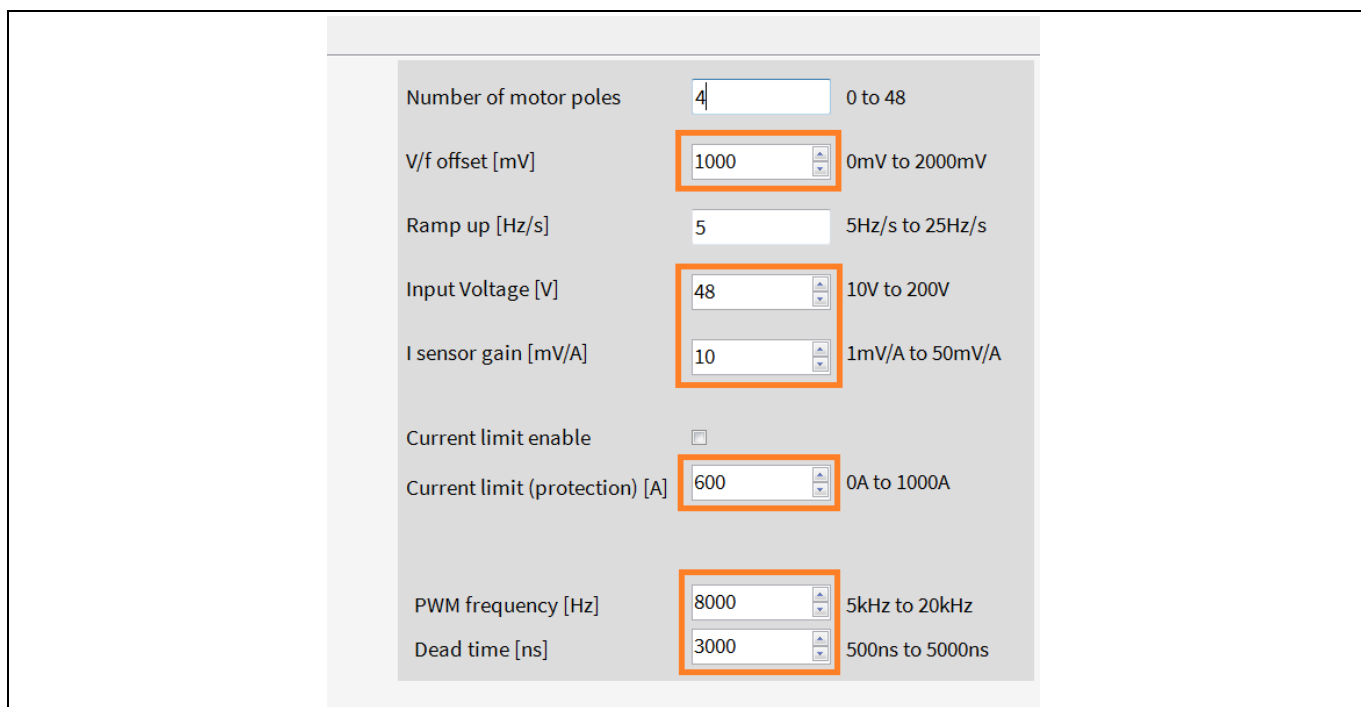
Before any parameter can be set, the GUI needs to establish connections with the microcontroller. The interface settings can be found on the XMC_Connection tab, in the upper left corner (Figure 36). Set the baud rate to 115200, and after connecting the drive card to a USB port, refresh the ports and select the corresponding port with the drop-down menu.

When the connection is established the GUI will run a short diagnostics procedure on communication with the microcontroller, and update the parameters on the microcontroller according to the parameters set on the GUI. If the diagnostics show an error in GUI performance, or a restart of the GUI, the parameters will be sent from the microcontroller to the GUI.

3.3.2 Configuration parameters

Before turning on the motor, the configuration parameters on the XMC_Communication tab need to be set. Different methods of changing the parameters are available. The six parameters marked by the orange box in Figure 37 have three options for setting the value:

- Scrolling with the mouse wheel while hovering above the box (value change is three units per scroll step)
→ μ C is updated continuously
- Clicking the up/down arrows (value change is one unit per click)
→ μ C is updated continuously
- Typing the new value in the box and pressing “ENTER”
In this case a warning window will ask to “Confirm updating”
→ μ C is updated after confirming by pressing “Yes” (pressing “No” recovers previous value)



Number of motor poles	4	0 to 48
V/f offset [mV]	1000	0mV to 2000mV
Ramp up [Hz/s]	5	5Hz/s to 25Hz/s
Input Voltage [V]	48	10V to 200V
I sensor gain [mV/A]	10	1mV/A to 50mV/A
Current limit enable	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Current limit (protection) [A]	600	0A to 1000A
PWM frequency [Hz]	8000	5kHz to 20kHz
Dead time [ns]	3000	500ns to 5000ns

Figure 37 GUI – configuration parameters

The other two parameters in Figure 37 – “Number of motor poles” and “Ramp up” are only set by entering the required value and configuring by pressing “ENTER”. The microcontroller is updated immediately.

It is not possible to change the configuration parameters during motor operation. If attempted the GUI will return a warning, turning the data cell red, and the parameter will not be updated in the microcontroller.

3.3.3 Motor control parameters

The motor control parameters located on the “Motor Control” tab of the GUI are intended to be set during motor operation. They can be set in the same manner as the parameters in Figure 37. The small difference in setting the “Field Rotation Speed” is that the arrow buttons change the value by 30 units in this case. Entering a value by typing again requires confirmation in order to avoid accidental large steps.

After setting the synchronous speed and the V/f ratio, pressing the “Start” button will begin to ramp up the speed with the rate defined by the “Ramp up” configuration parameter. The button changes to “Stop”. Pressing “Stop” will ramp the speed down at the same rate as the ramp up.

Attention: *Stopping the motor with the “Stop” button does not disable the PWM. There is a small PWM output present even at standstill. This is the “V offset” that is set in the configuration parameters tab.*

Located on both tabs of the GUI is the “Emergency stop” button. Pressing this, unlike pressing stop, will immediately disable the gate drivers, thus turning off all of the power MOSFETs. The GUI will change the field rotation speed to zero, and notify the user that the controller has entered “Emergency stop state”. To return the controller to normal operation, the user needs to re-enable the system by pressing the “Enable_Inverter” button on the “XMC_Connection” tab.

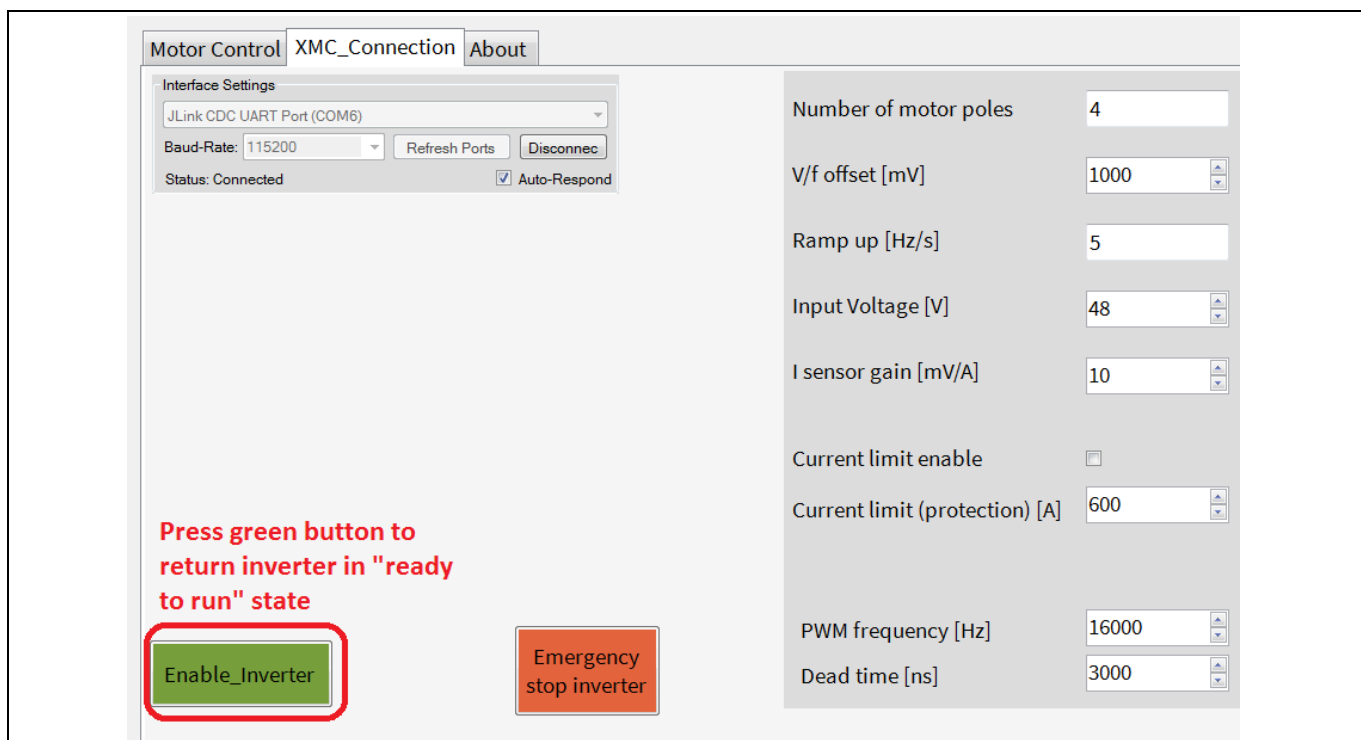


Figure 38 Re-enable inverter after emergency stop

Attention: *Make sure to check any potential failures that might have been the cause for the emergency stop, before re-enabling the inverter!*

3.3.4 Driving an induction motor

Depending on the type of load used, the approach of utilizing the V/f method can vary.

On a typical laboratory test bench, using an adjustable load, it is common to change the load at a constant synchronous speed. Changing the load requires changing the voltage amplitude, so that the slip is maintained at the rated value. If the slip is increased beyond the point of maximum motor torque, the motor will stall, causing a considerable increase in phase currents. Using current limitation on the power supply is recommended.

At a constant setting of the field rotation speed parameter in the GUI, the V/f ratio setting in effect only changes the voltage amplitude. An easy way to establish an operating point for measurements is to start the motor with a relatively small V/f ratio setting while keeping the load disabled. After settling at the target speed (rotor slip considered), the load can be increased simultaneously or alternating with the voltage amplitude.

The actual V/f value required to start turning the motor will depend on the motor characteristics, the load (including friction losses) and the rotor inertia (including inertia of the brake and any additional mass attached). Since the inertia will affect torque applied to the motor during acceleration, the ramp-up rate will also have an effect.

Insufficient values of V/f will result in considerable rotor delays at start-up, or not starting at all. If the response is considerable at the beginning of ramp-up, but catches up with the field rotation speed before the end of the ramp up process, it can be speeded up by increasing the V offset in order to increase the torque at low frequencies.

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When setting the parameters, the user should consider that the synchronous speed is increased linearly after pressing the “Start” button, and with proper settings the rotor should ramp-up linearly as well, with the additional delay of the absolute slip speed ($n_{\text{slip}} = n_{\text{sync}} - n_{\text{rotor}}$), which should ideally be kept constant.

A good way of evaluating the ramp-up procedure is also to observe the amplitudes of the phase currents during ramp-up. The current amplitude is expected to be higher but constant during ramp-up, and to drop to a smaller steady-state value when the rotor speed is settled.

V offset will keep a constant current flowing through the stator windings even at standstill, which can heat the motor windings.

Excessive values of the V/f coefficient will increase the reactive current to the motor, resulting in higher losses, and in extreme cases saturation of the stator.

Attention: *Make sure that motor limits are not exceeded, or permanent damage to the motor and/or inverter could occur.*

Attention: *There are exposed surface areas under high voltage in this setup. Make sure to secure the setup against accidental contact by people or equipment.*

4 Performance of a B6 setup in a motor drive application

Performance of a B6 inverter setup with a different number of paralleled power boards has been tested at different operating points, to evaluate the capabilities of the setup. The power boards were cooled with aluminum air-cooled heatsinks (each phase separately). The test setup was constructed using the KIT_LGPWR_BOM003 power board version, which utilizes the IPT012N08N5 MOSFET with a $V_{(BR)DSS}$ rating of 80 V.

The B6 setup was used to drive an induction motor, with an electric brake providing the load.

The V/f control was used as described above.

Table 10 lists the components used in the performance tests.

Table 10 Setup overview for four paralleled power boards

Part	Description	Quantity
Power board	KIT_LGPWR_BOM003	12 pieces
Capacitor board	KIT_LGCAP_BOM005	3
Control board	KIT_XMC4400_DC_V1	1
Master mother board	KIT_LGMB_BOM003	1
Mother board	KIT_LGMB_BOM503	2
Daughter board	KIT_LGDB_BOM003	9
Heatsink (aluminum, air-cooled)	100 mm x 100 mm x 40 mm (fins: 30 mm)	3
Copper bars set	See user manual [1]	1 set
Copper spacer	See user manual [1]	6
Screw for power terminals	M5, 6 mm	48
Interconnection bolts and nuts	M5	11 sets
Screw for attaching IMS boards to heatsink	M2, 5 mm	72
Current sensor	VAC – P4640-X150	4

The operating points of the tests are differentiated by load/power output, while the conditions listed in Table 11 are the same for all cases.

Table 11 Specifications and conditions

Parameter	Value	Unit
Ambient temperature	23	°C
Power board break-down voltage	80	V
Supply voltage	48	V
f_{PWM}	8	kHz
Dead-time	2	μs
R_G	47	Ω
Field rotation speed	1800	RPM
Mechanical speed	1760	RPM
Electrical frequency (field frequency)	60	Hz

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Using the GUI provided, the operating point was set by gradually increasing the mechanical load and the V/f coefficient, at a constant synchronous speed.

The thermal images below show a single phase of the setup. The images are taken 3 minutes after reaching the operating point, which is not fully settled at the heatsink temperature; however, the temperature of components on the FR4 boards can be considered settled. As the following results show, the ceramic capacitors on mother boards and daughter boards are often the limiting factor.

Table 12 lists an overview of the results.

Table 12 Overview of test operating point results

Parameter	OP1	OP2	OP3	OP4	OP5
Setup (parallel MOSFETs per switch)	1 (no paralleling)	1 (no paralleling)	2	2	4
P supply [W]	2014.1	5233.1	5474.1	8860.2	10407.2
P electric out [W]	1814.5	4786.2	5112.7	8263.3	9595.7
Inverter efficiency [%]	90.1	91.5	93.4	93.3	92.2
Braking torque [Nm]	8.157	22.12	23.86	38.17	44.06
P mechanical [W]	1503	4078	4397	7034	8121

OP2 and OP4 can serve as good representatives of the setup capabilities. The power output of OP5 was not limited by heat dissipation on the inverter. The operating point was set at maximum duty cycle of the PWM signals. This means that the motor and load were defining the maximum load on the inverter in this operating point. Depending on the load, the inverter with four parallel MOSFETs per switch will therefore be able to handle even higher power.

4.1 No paralleling

The first two operating points were measured without using any paralleling of the power MOSFETs in the B6 inverter. The B6 setup therefore uses a single power board per phase. This is illustrated in Figure 39.

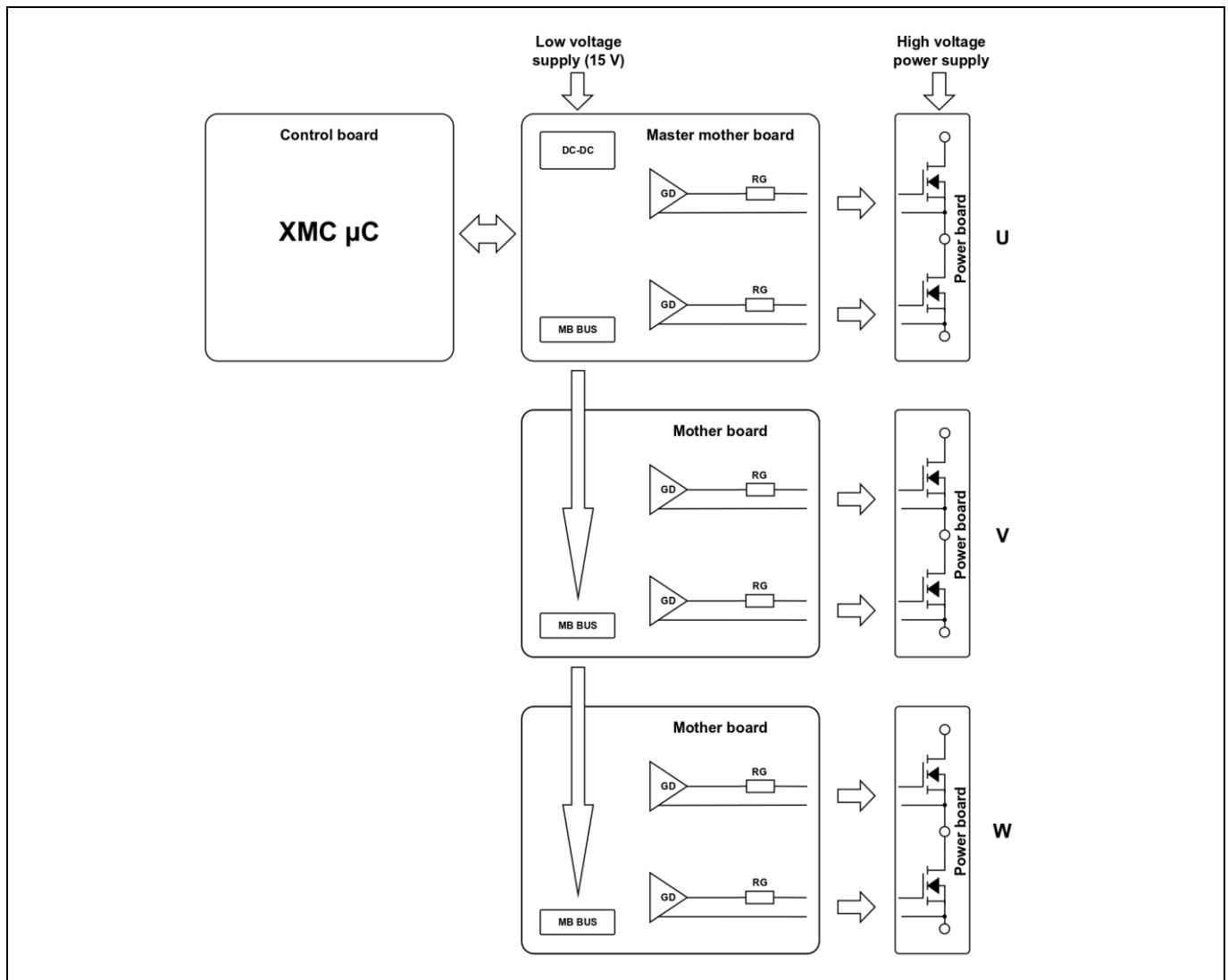


Figure 39 System block diagram - no MOSFET paralleling

4.1.1 Operating point 1

The measurement results of the first operating point are shown in Table 13.

Table 13 OP1 measurements

Parameter	Value	Unit
Torque	8.157	Nm
V/f setting	285	mV/Hz
P supply	2014.1	W
P electric	1814.5	W
Inverter efficiency	90.1	%
P mech	1503	W

Figure 40 shows the current waveforms – three-phase currents and supply current.

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The relatively high current ripple at 8 kHz, due to the low inductance of the motor windings being used, is not unusual; however, will cause additional losses on the motor.

When driving an induction motor, the control over the reactive component of phase currents is limited. The reactive current is the reason for the relatively high amplitudes of the phase currents. This behavior can also be observed in the other operating points.

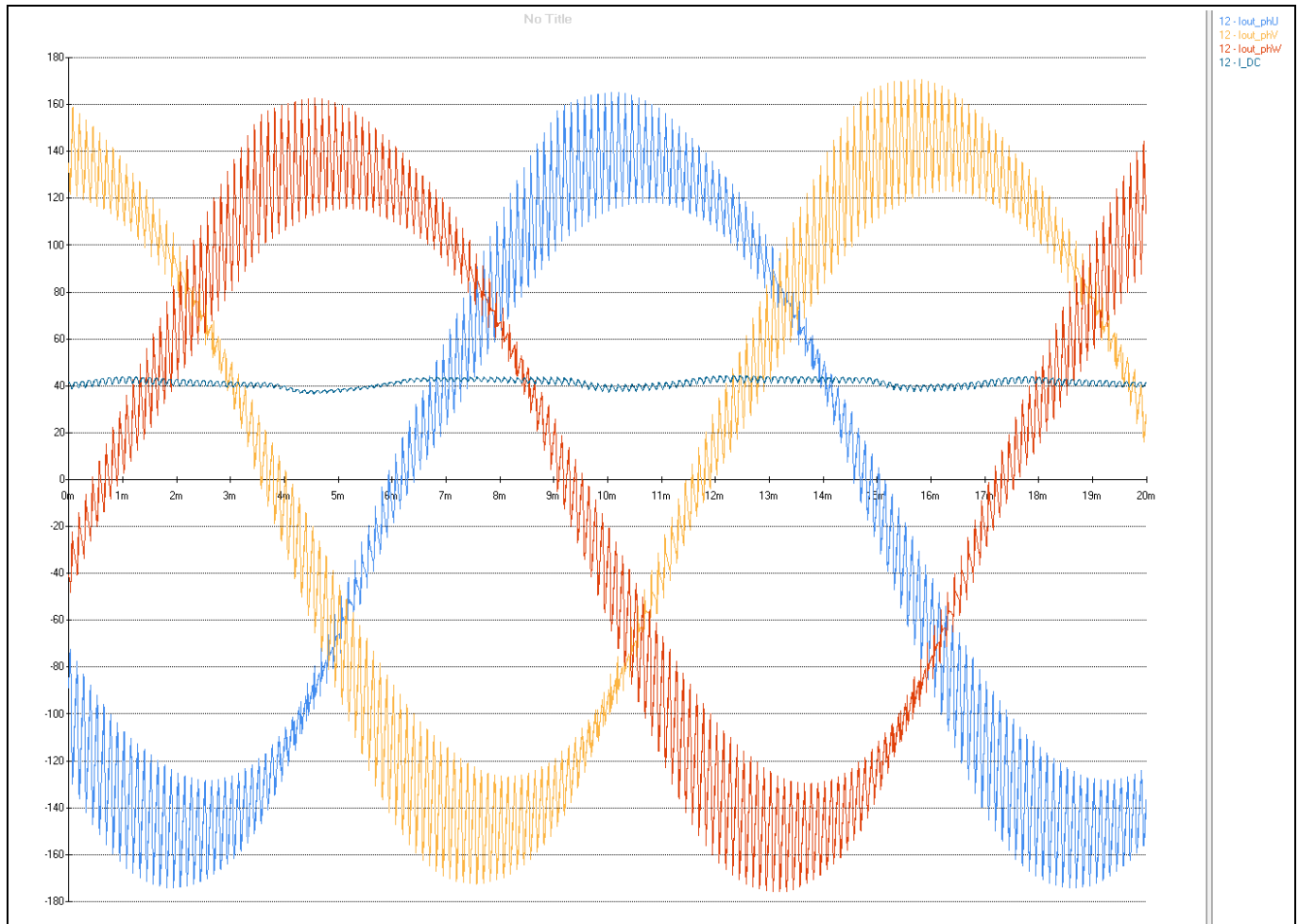


Figure 40 Current waveforms

Ch1 (light blue): “U” phase current

Ch2 (yellow): “V” phase current

Ch3 (red): “W” phase current

Ch4 (dark blue): DC supply current

Figure 41 shows the thermal distribution after 3 minutes. According to component temperatures, the system is capable of handling higher loads.

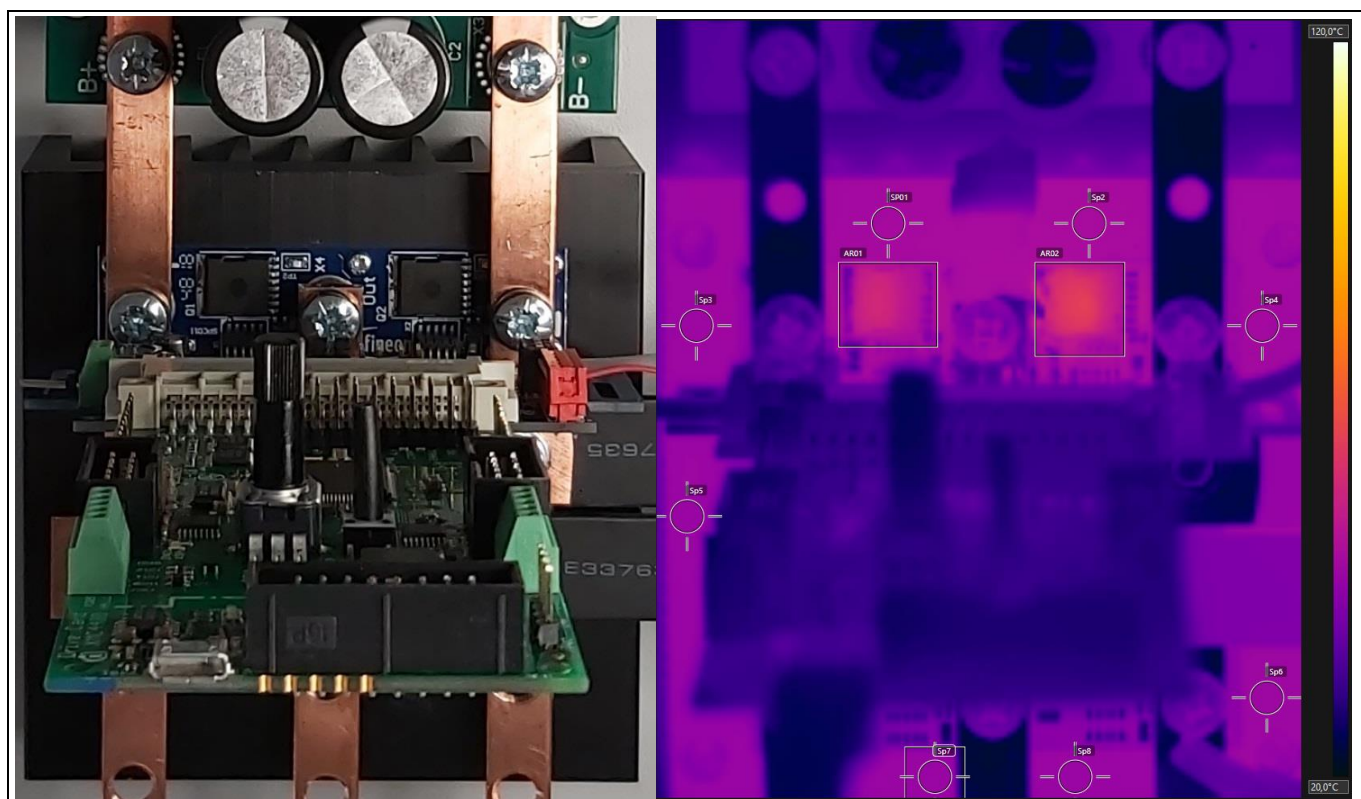


Figure 41 Top-side view and thermal distribution

Table 14 Temperature measurements from Figure 41

Measuring subject	Measuring point	Temperature [°C]
MOSFET_HS1	Area01 (max.)	67.7
MOSFET_LS1	Area02 (max.)	74.0
Heatsink	Spot01	57.0
	Spot02	57.7
	Average	55.8

4.1.2 Operating point 2

This operating point was tuned to represent the maximum achievable power output of the non-paralleled system, without exceeding a temperature of 120°C. The results are shown in Table 15.

The current waveforms are shown in Figure 42.

Table 15 OP2 measurements

Parameter	Value	Unit
Torque	22.12	Nm
V/f setting	467	mV/Hz
P supply	5233.1	W
P electric	4786.2	W
Inverter efficiency	91.5	%
P mech	4078	W

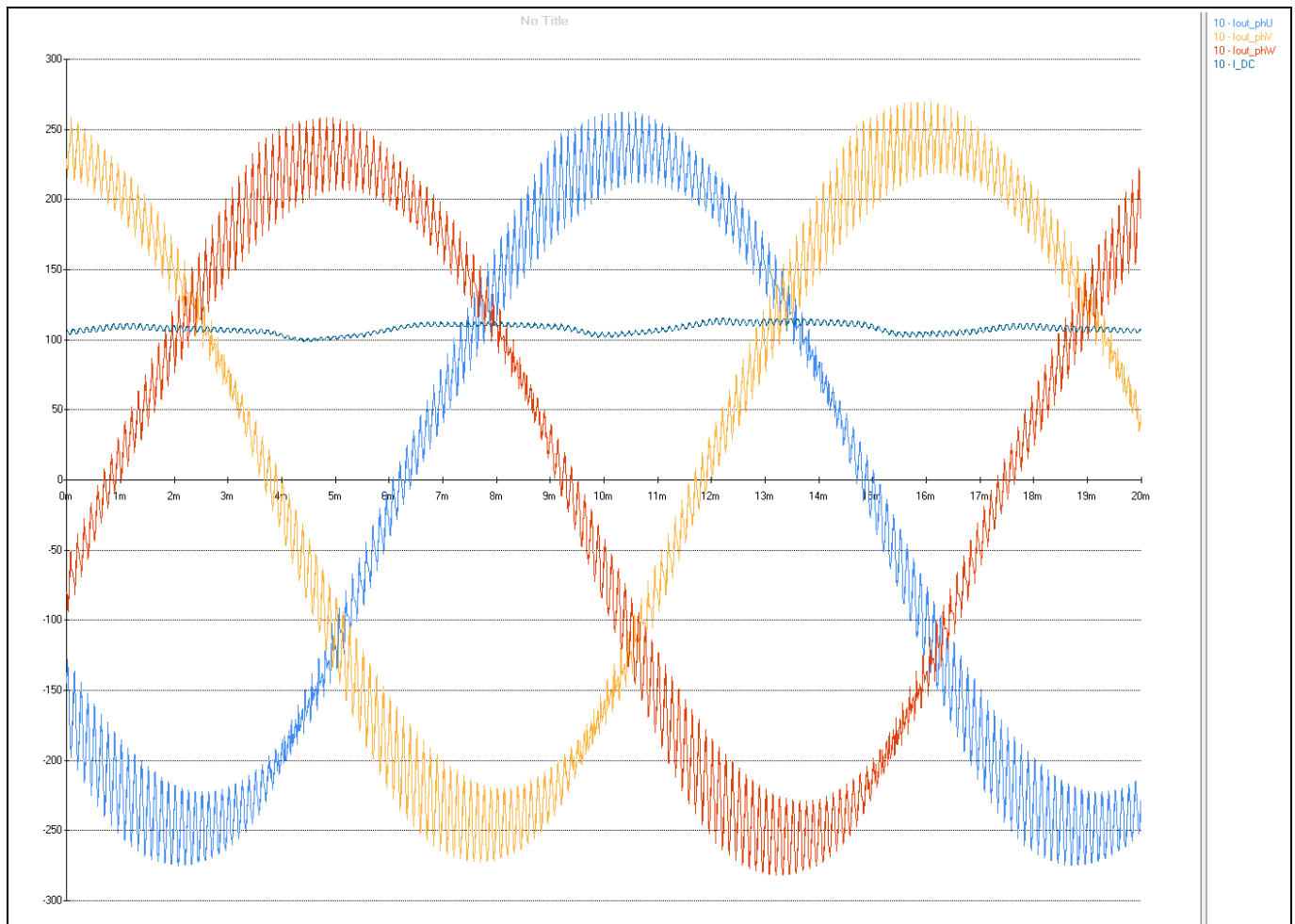


Figure 42 Current waveforms

Ch1 (light blue): "U" phase current

Ch2 (yellow): "V" phase current

Ch3 (red): "W" phase current

Ch4 (dark blue): DC supply current

Figure 43 shows the thermal distribution after 3 minutes of operation in this operating point. The temperature difference between the hottest MOSFET and the heatsink in its proximity is $\Delta T_{LS1} = 48.1$ K.

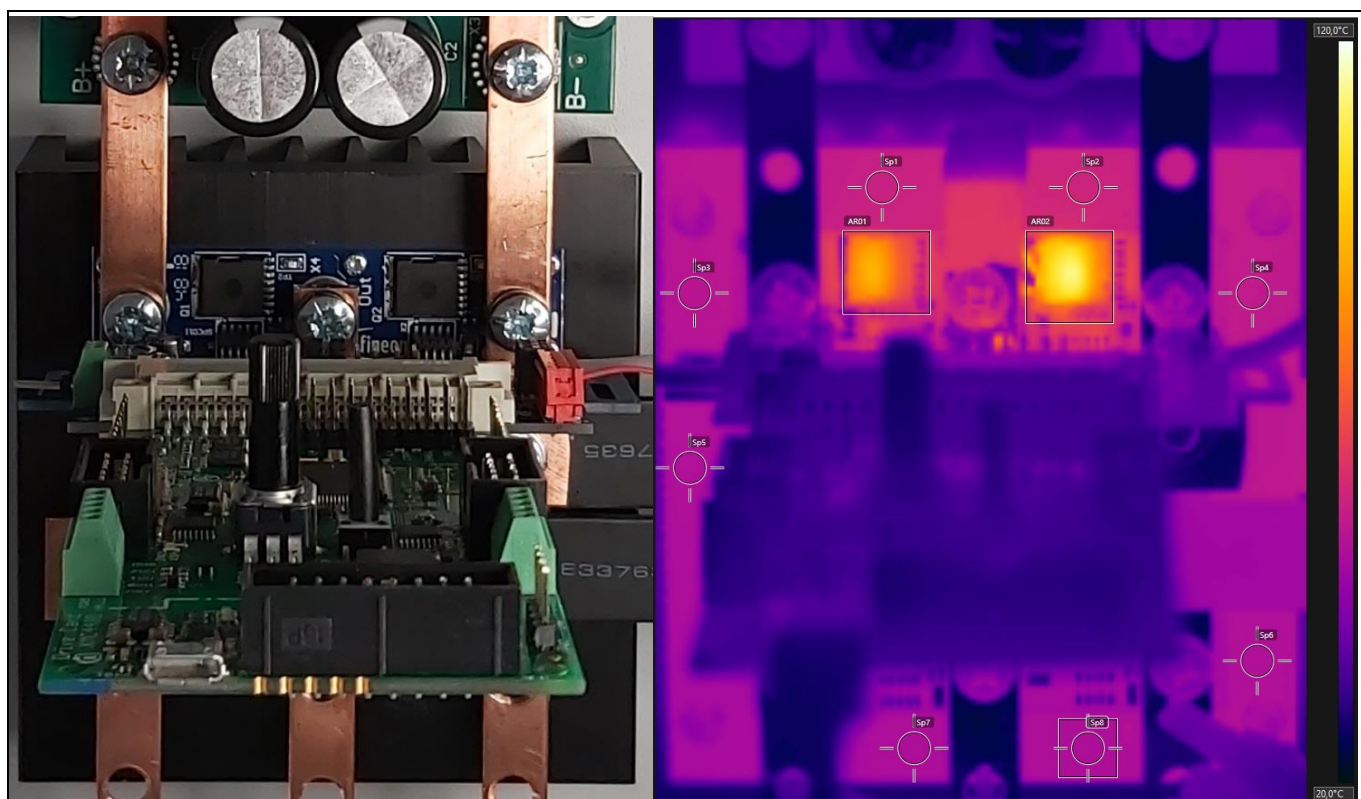


Figure 43 Top-side view and thermal distribution

Table 16 Temperature measurements from Figure 43

Measuring subject	Measuring point	Temperature [°C]
MOSFET_HS1	Area01 (max.)	97.7
MOSFET_LS1	Area02 (max.)	114.7
Heatsink	Spot01	65.4
	Spot02	66.6
	Average	61.8

4.2 Two-per-phase parallel connection

The setup used for the following two operating points is illustrated in Figure 44. It uses two power boards connected in parallel for each phase. It uses an additional daughter board in each phase to connect the paralleled power boards to the gate drivers.

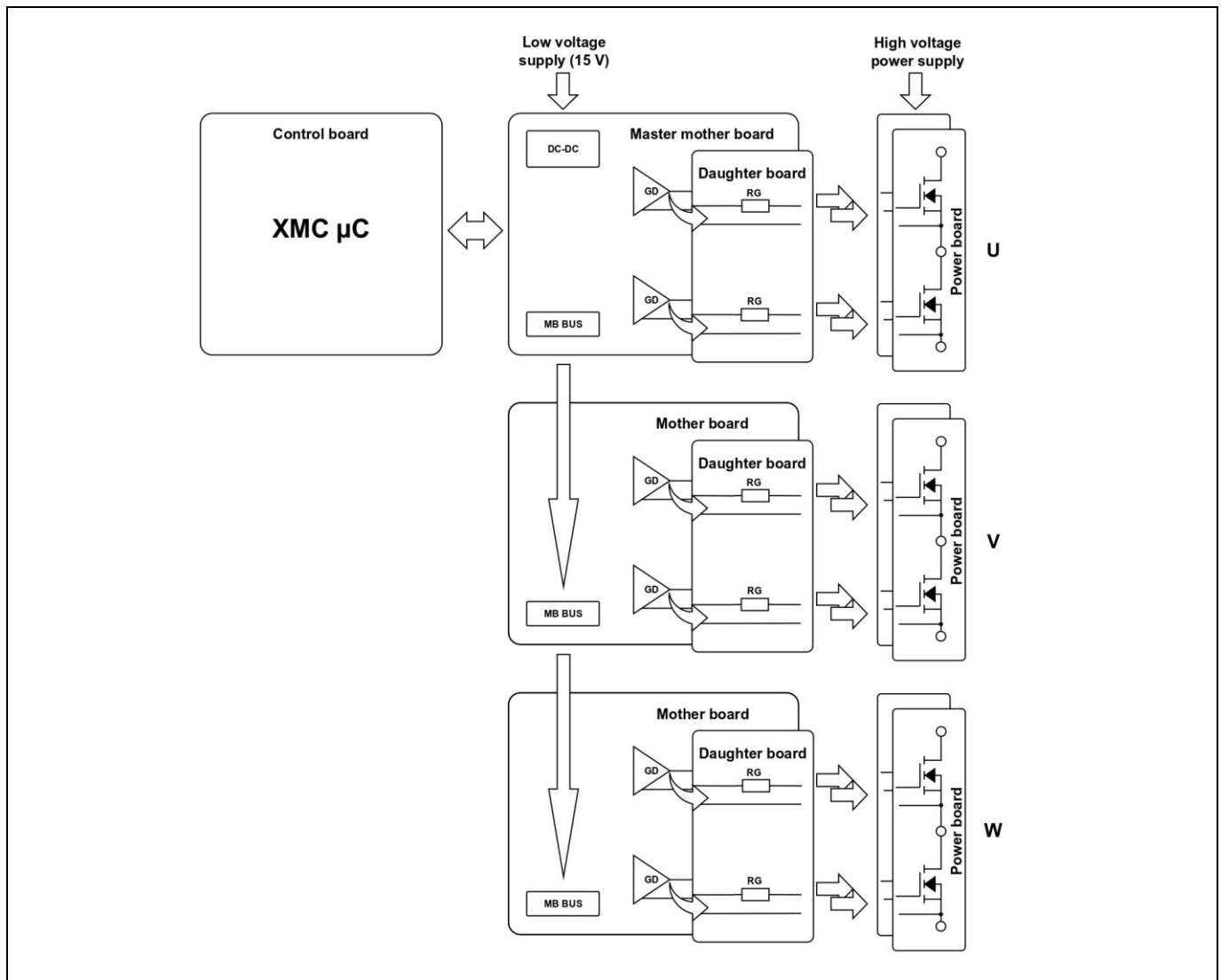


Figure 44 System block diagram – two parallel power boards per phase

4.2.1 Operating point 3

This operating point was selected to use the same V/f setting as OP2, meaning that the PWM signals are the same. In an ideal setup this would exactly recreate the operating point; however, due to paralleling, the system performs differently. The results are shown in Table 17.

Table 17 OP3 measurements

Parameter	Values	Unit
Torque	23.86	Nm
V/f setting	467	mV/Hz
P supply	5474.1	W
P electric	5112.7	W
Inverter efficiency	93.4	%
P mech	4397	W

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Figure 45 shows the current waveforms.

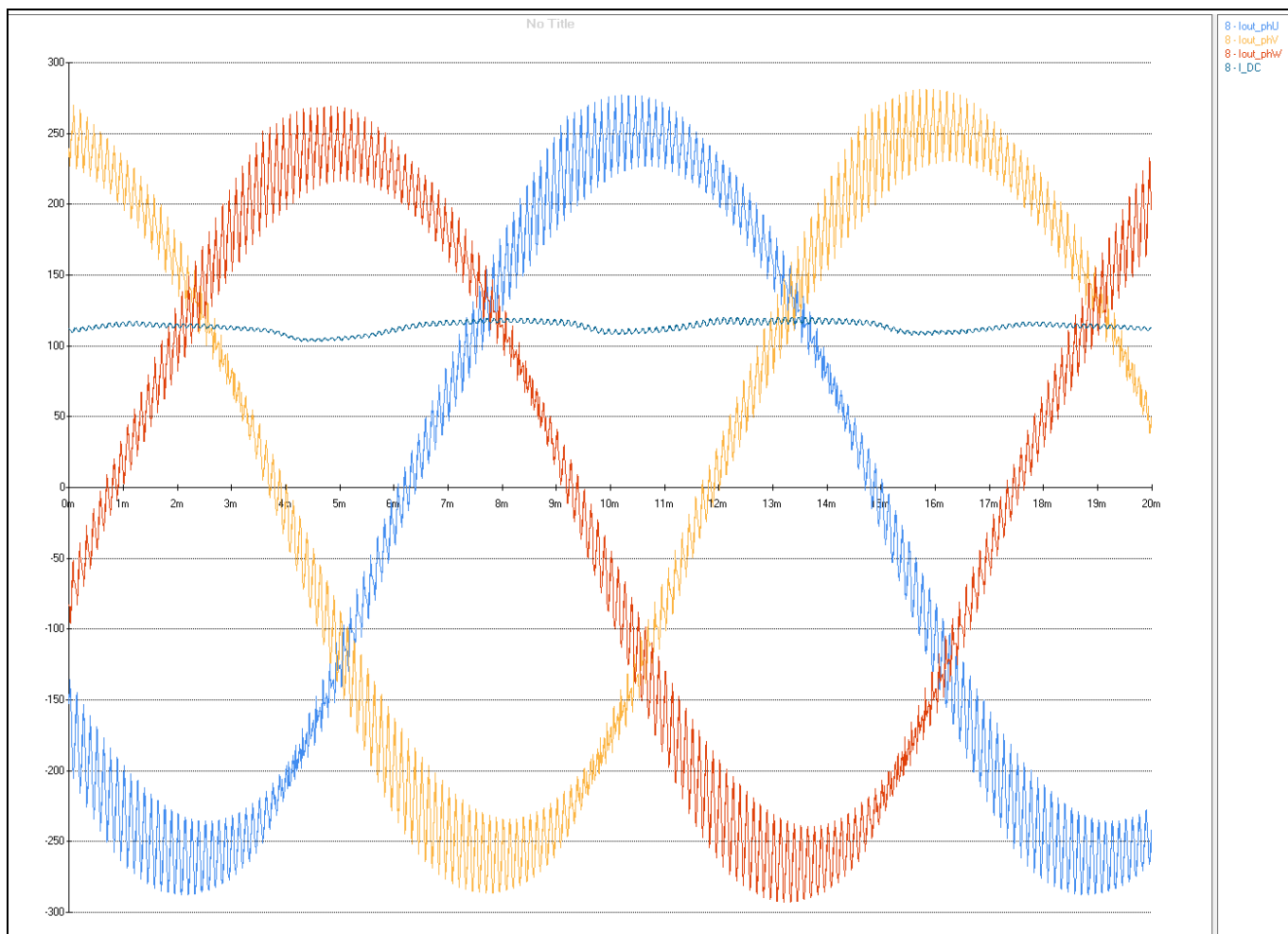


Figure 45 Current waveforms

- Ch1 (light blue): “U” phase current
- Ch2 (yellow): “V” phase current
- Ch3 (red): “W” phase current
- Ch4 (dark blue): DC supply current

Figure 46 shows the thermal distribution after 3 minutes of operation. Compared to OP2, there is a considerable reduction of MOSFET temperatures as expected; however, there is an increase in heat dissipation on the ceramic DC capacitors on FR4 boards. Since these components are not cooled via IMS boards as the MOSFETs, the capacitors can reach similar temperatures as the MOSFETs at considerably lower power dissipation. However, there is an increase in capacitor temperatures in comparison with the non-parallelled setup. In addition to providing most of the charge during the half-bridge switching transitions, there are additional losses caused by oscillations between the paralleled capacitors, after each switching transition. The oscillations are attributed to the unavoidable parasitic inductances surrounding the ceramic capacitors that are integrated into the system due to the manner of interconnecting the modular half-bridges. The capacitors and the parasitic inductances therefore form localized C-L resonant subcircuits that add to the current oscillation of each capacitor, immediately after MOSFET turn-on.

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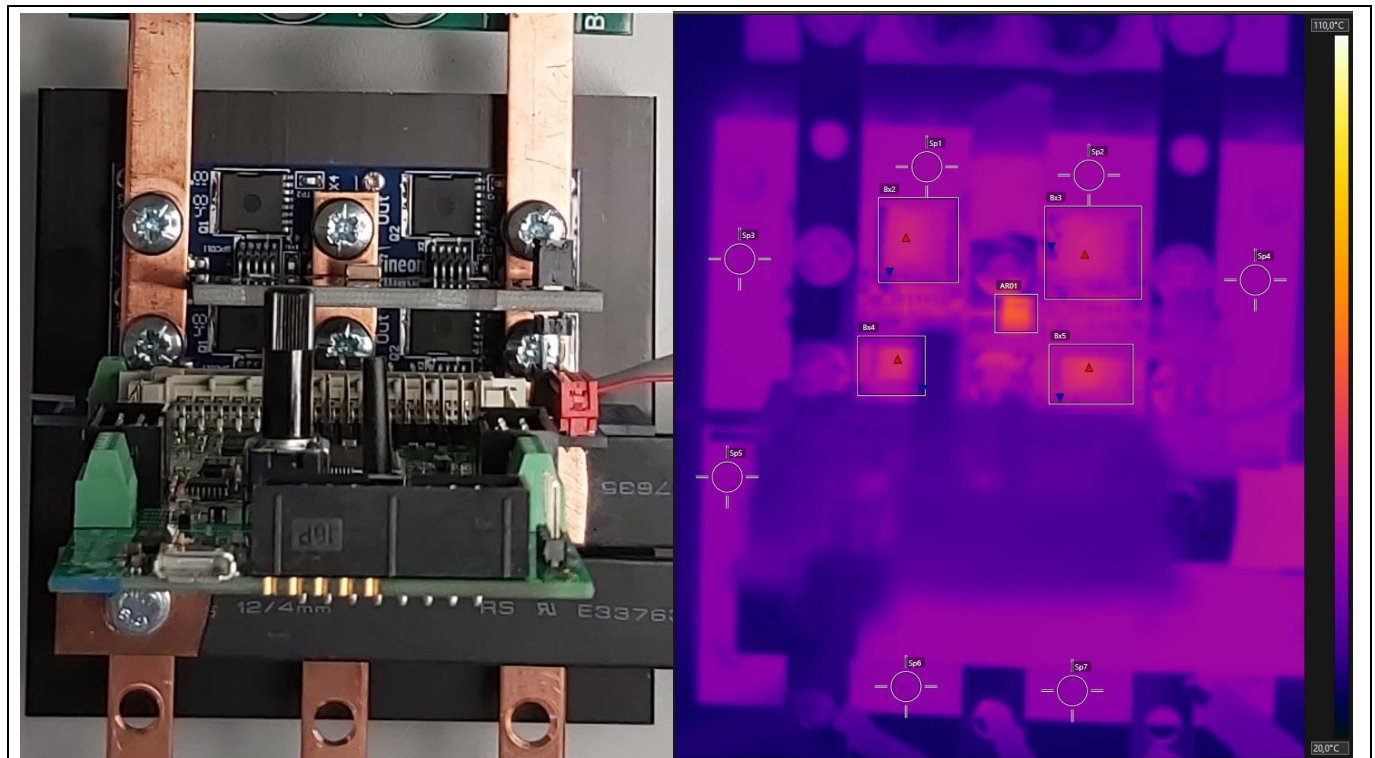


Figure 46 Top-side view and thermal distribution

Table 18 Temperature measurements from Figure 46

Measuring subject	Measuring point	Temperature [°C]
C _{DC_2}	Area01 (max.)	74.3
MOSFET_HS2	Area02 (max.)	60.9
MOSFET_LS2	Area03 (max.)	60.2
MOSFET_HS1	Area04 (max.)	64.2
MOSFET_LS1	Area05 (max.)	66.1
Heatsink	Spot01	50.8
	Spot02	51.1
	Average	49.4

4.2.2 Operating point 4

This operating point represents the maximum achievable power output of the setup with two paralleled power boards per phase. On top of keeping the temperatures of MOSFETs within safe limits, the ceramic capacitor temperatures are not to exceed 110°C (some safety margin considered). The results are shown in Table 19.

Table 19 OP4 measurements

Parameter	Value	Unit
Torque	38.17	Nm
V/f setting	617	mV/Hz
P supply	8860.2	W
P electric	8263.3	W
Inverter efficiency	93.3	%
P mech	7034	W

Figure 47 shows the current waveforms.

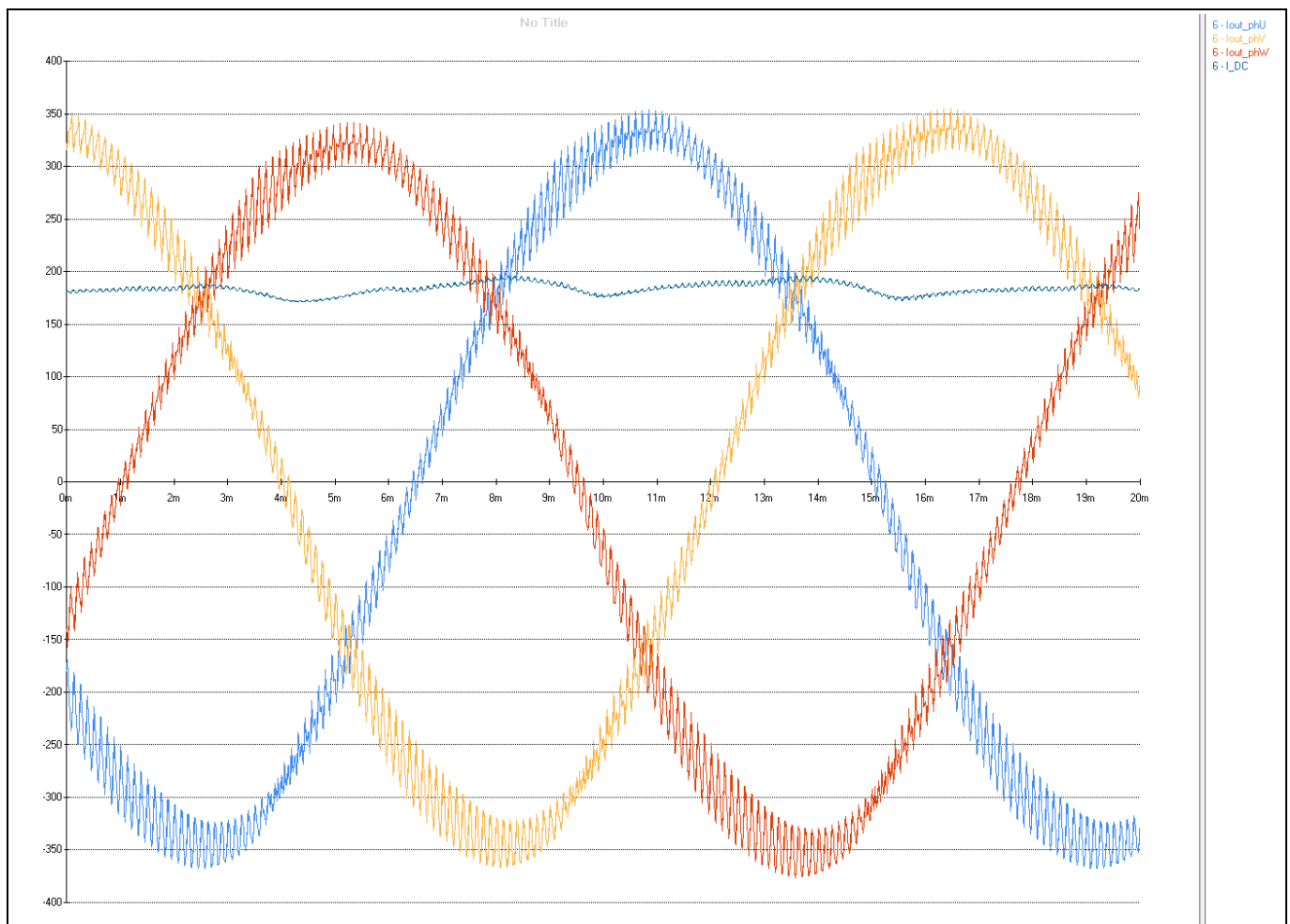


Figure 47 Current waveforms

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- Ch1 (light blue): “U” phase current
- Ch2 (yellow): “V” phase current
- Ch3 (red): “W” phase current
- Ch4 (dark blue): DC supply current

Figure 48 shows the thermal distribution after 3 minutes of operation. As explained in the previous subchapter, the ceramic capacitors connected to the DC bus, are the hottest components and will therefore represent the limiting factor of the setup.

A way to reduce the losses on the ceramics capacitors by reducing the oscillating current ripples would be to reduce the value of the capacitance of the ceramic capacitors. However, when doing so, an increase of the voltage overshoot during switching is to be expected. Further tuning the setup according to requirements will therefore include a trade-off between the two.

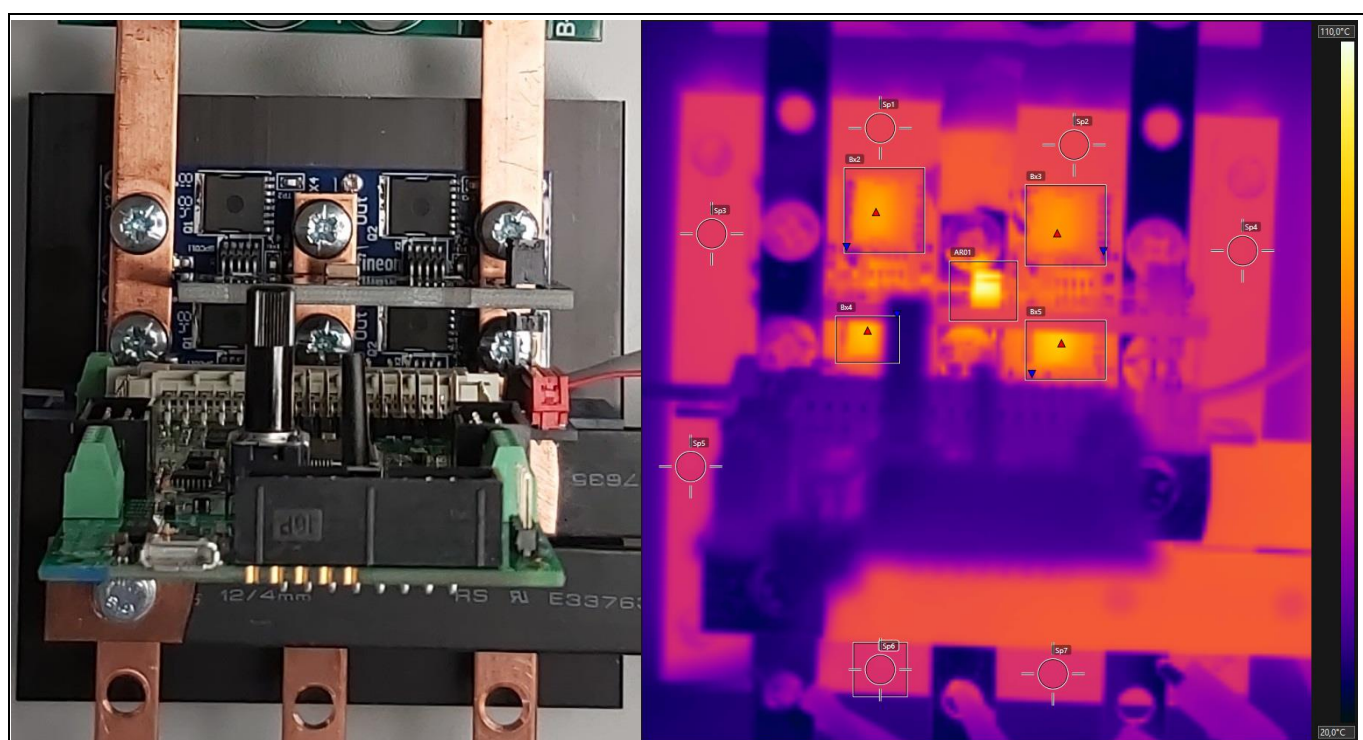


Figure 48 Top-side view and thermal distribution

Table 20 Temperature measurements from Figure 48

Measuring subject	Measuring point	Temperature [°C]
C _{DC_2}	Area01 (max.)	106.9
MOSFET_HS2	Area02 (max.)	87.5
MOSFET_LS2	Area03 (max.)	84.8
MOSFET_HS1	Area04 (max.)	92.8
MOSFET_LS1	Area05 (max.)	94.3
Heatsink	Spot01	68.6
	Spot02	69.9
	Average	66.2

4.3 Four-per-phase parallel connection

The setup uses four power boards connected in parallel for each phase, as is illustrated in Figure 51. Three daughter boards are added to each phase to connect the paralleled power boards to the corresponding gate drivers.

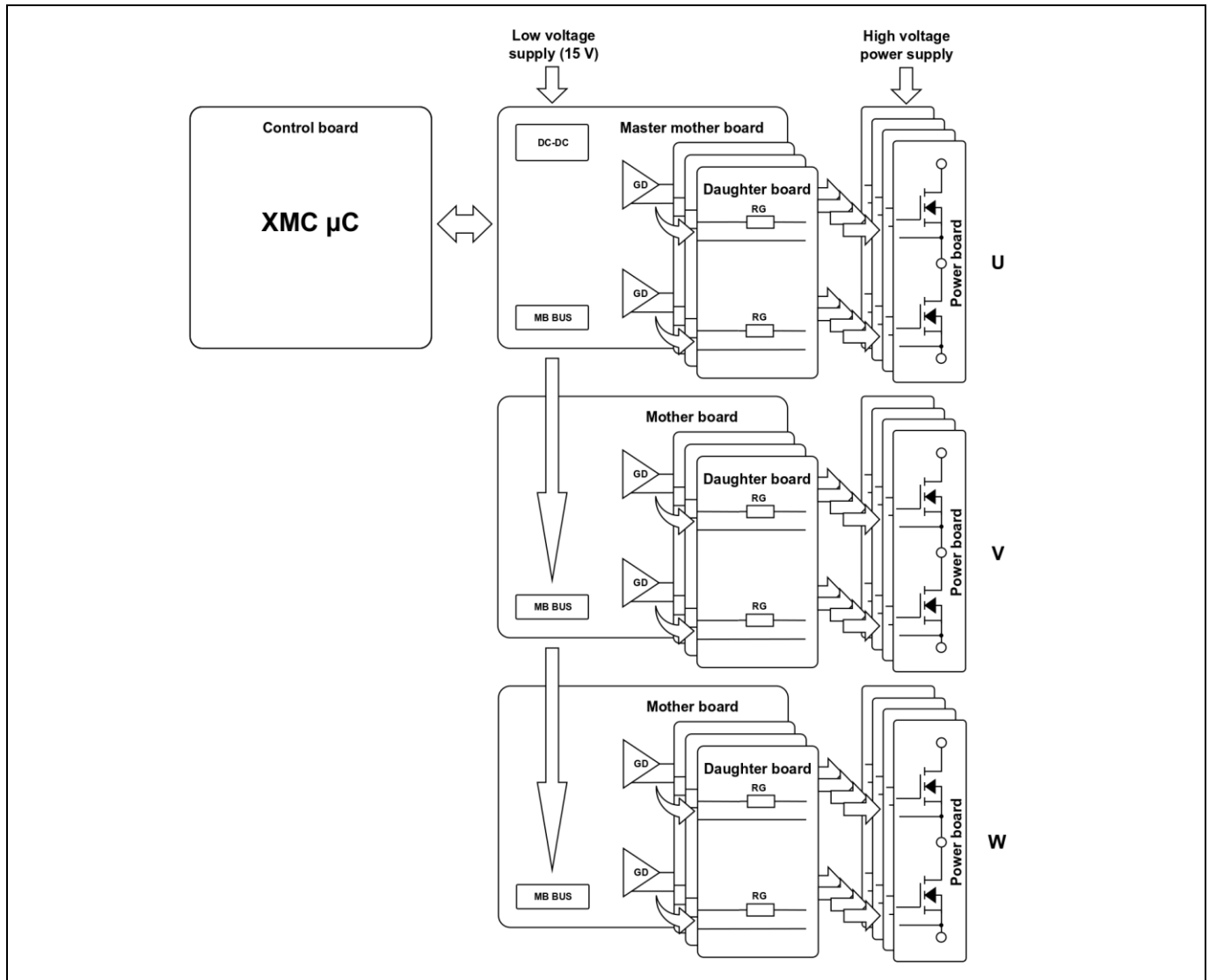


Figure 49 System block diagram – four parallel power boards per phase

4.3.1 Operating point 5

In this operating point, besides the ceramic capacitor thermal limit, the load also represents a limiting factor. The V/f setting has been set to the point of maximum allowed PWM duty cycle. The results are shown in Table 21.

Table 21 OP5 measurements

Parameter	Value	Unit
Torque	44.06	Nm
V/f setting	671	mV/Hz
P supply	10407.2	W
P electric	9595.7	W
Inverter efficiency	92.2	%
P mech	8121	W

The waveforms are shown in Figure 50.

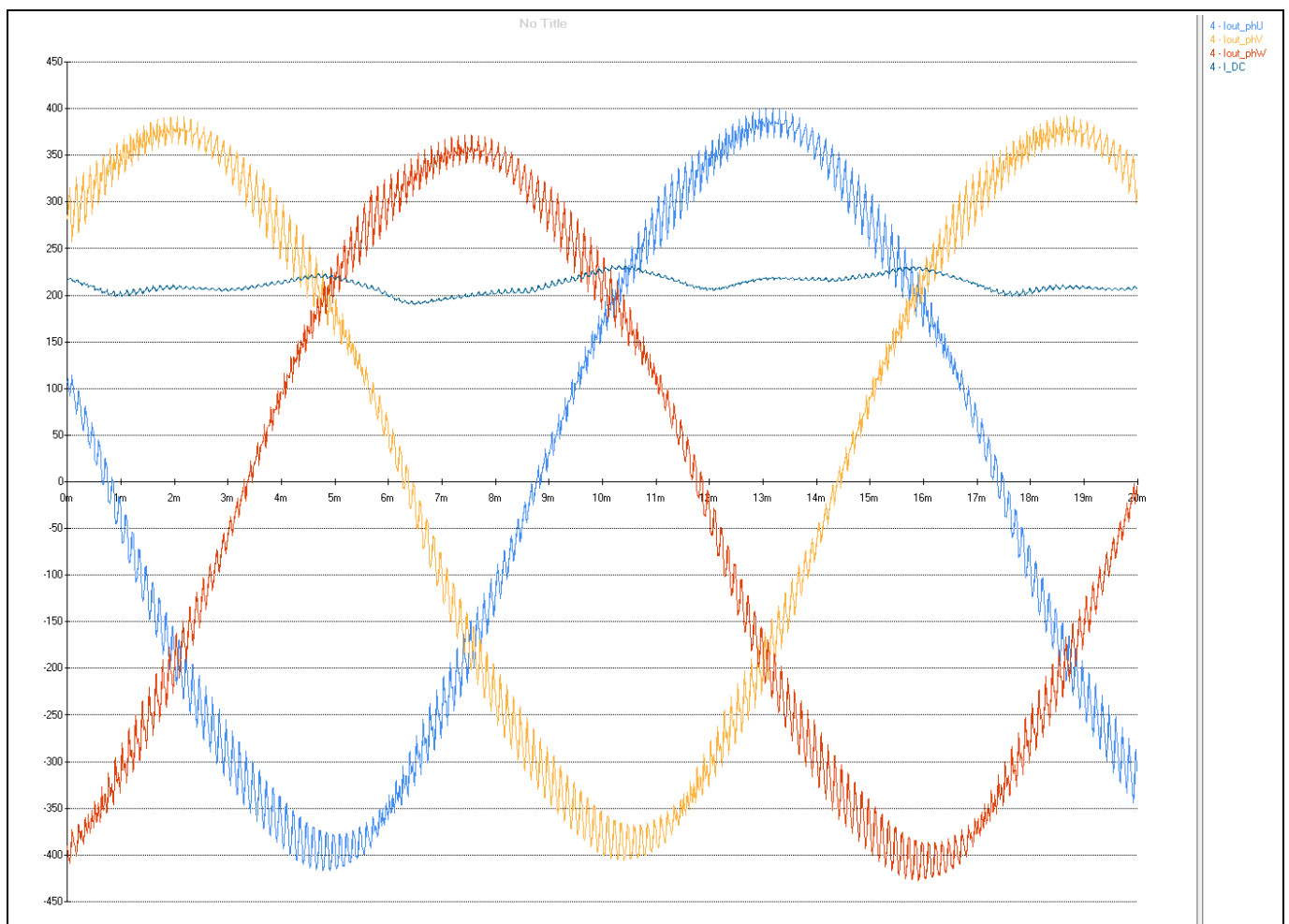


Figure 50 Current waveforms

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- Ch1 (light blue): “U” phase current
- Ch2 (yellow): “V” phase current
- Ch3 (red): “W” phase current
- Ch4 (dark blue): DC supply current

Figure 51 shows the thermal distribution after 3 minutes of operation. The effect of the current oscillations on the ceramic capacitors is even more pronounced with expanded paralleling. As mentioned in chapter 4.2.1, reducing the ceramic capacitance values needs to be handled in accordance with switching performance.

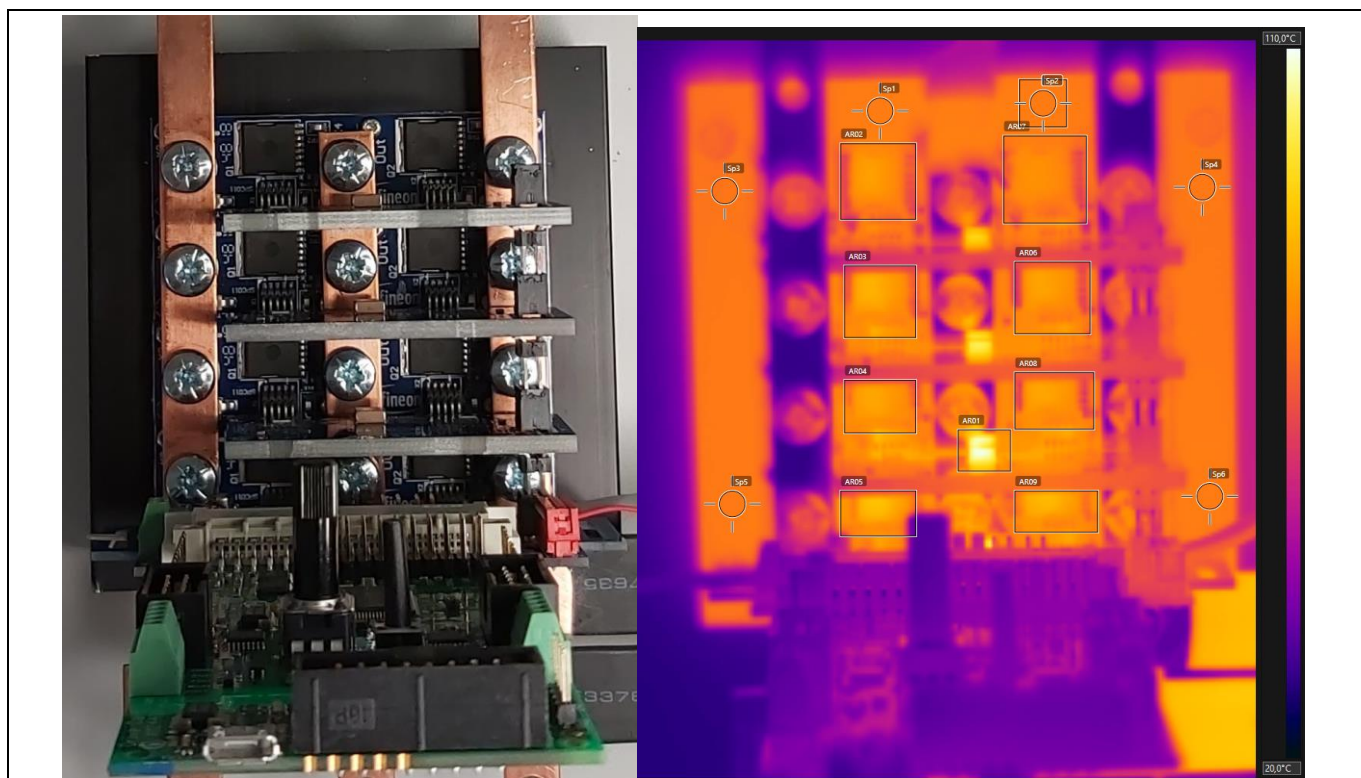


Figure 51 Top-side view and thermal distribution

Table 22 Temperature measurements from Figure 51

Measuring subject	Measuring point	Temperature [°C]
C _{DC_2}	Area01 (max.)	109.0
MOSFET_HS4	Area02 (max.)	86.3
MOSFET_LS4	Area07 (max.)	83.8
MOSFET_HS3	Area03 (max.)	89.6
MOSFET_LS3	Area06 (max.)	87.0
MOSFET_HS2	Area04 (max.)	88.9
MOSFET_LS2	Area08 (max.)	87.2
MOSFET_HS1	Area05 (max.)	92.5
MOSFET_LS1	Area09 (max.)	90.9
Heatsink	Spot01	79.8
	Spot02	79.7
	Average	79.4

Summary

5 Summary

The modular demonstration board represents a versatile platform that provides the means to construct a functional setup, intended for laboratory test bench work, product evaluation and switching performance trimming. This document provides the necessary information about the modules to enable the user to implement and adapt the boards to specific project requirements. It should be considered that the modular nature of the platform and adaptation to measurement equipment accessibility require some trade-offs in the design with regard to performance. This means that any setup built based on the platform can be improved by optimizing the layout in further design processes. An easy approach, ensuring noticeable improvements, is to stack the capacitor bank as well as the control circuitry on top of the power boards. However, these kinds of setups become harder to probe with measurement equipment.

Even though the platform was optimized for measurement purposes, the main effects on performance can still be observed and influenced on a proof-of-concept setup constructed using the low voltage drives scalable power demonstration board platform.

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