

# TMC262 / TMC262C DATASHEET

*Universal, cost-effective stepper driver for two-phase bipolar motors with state-of-the-art features. External MOSFETs fit different motor sizes. With Step/Dir Interface and SPI.*



## APPLICATIONS

Textile, Sewing Machines  
 Factory Automation  
 Lab Automation  
 Liquid Handling  
 Medical  
 Office Automation  
 Printer and Scanner  
 CCTV, Security  
 ATM, Cash recycler  
 POS  
 Pumps and Valves  
 HelioStat Controller  
 CNC Machines

## FEATURES AND BENEFITS

**High Motor Current** up to 10A using external (N&P) MOSFETs.

**Highest Voltage** up to 60V DC operating voltage

**Highest Resolution** up to 256 microsteps per full step

**Small Size** 5x5mm QFN32 package

**Low Power Dissipation** synchronous rectification

**EMI-optimized** slope & current controlled gate drivers

**Protection & Diagnostics** short to GND, overtemperature & undervoltage; short to VS & overcurrent (TMC262C only)

**StallGuard2™** high precision sensorless motor load detection

**CoolStep™** load dependent current control saves up to 75%

**MicroPlyer™** 256 microstep smoothness with 1/16 step input.

**SpreadCycle™** high-precision chopper for best current sine wave form and zero crossing

**Improved Silent Motor** operation (TMC262C only)

**Clock Failsafe** option for external clock (TMC262C only)

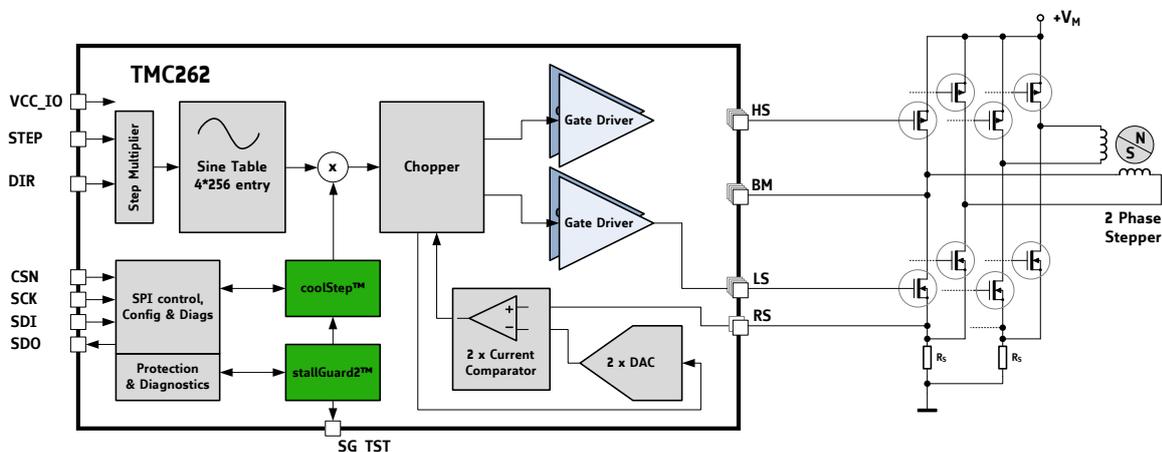
## DESCRIPTION

The TMC262/TMC262C drivers for two-phase stepper motors offer an industry-leading feature set, including high-resolution micro-stepping, sensorless mechanical load measurement, load-adaptive power optimization, and low-resonance chopper operation. Standard SPI™ and STEP/DIR interfaces simplify communication. The TMC262 uses four external N- and P-channel dual-MOSFETs for motor currents up to 8A RMS and up to 60V. Integrated protection and diagnostic features support robust and reliable operation.

High integration, high energy efficiency and small form factor enable miniaturized designs with low external component count for cost-effective and highly competitive solutions.

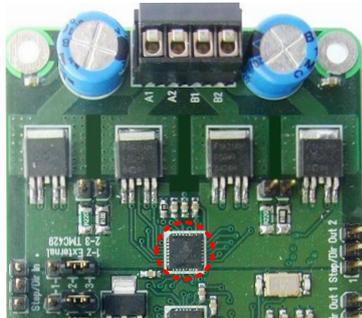
The new -C device improves motor silence and adds low side short protection.

## BLOCK DIAGRAM



## APPLICATION EXAMPLES: HIGH POWER – SMALL SIZE

The TMC262/TMC262C scores with its high power density and a versatility that covers a wide spectrum of applications and motor sizes, all while keeping costs down. Extensive support at the chip, board, and software levels enables rapid design cycles and fast time-to-market with competitive products. High energy efficiency from TRINAMIC's CoolStep technology delivers further cost savings in related systems such as power supplies and cooling.



Layout with 6A MOSFETs

### STEPROCKER™

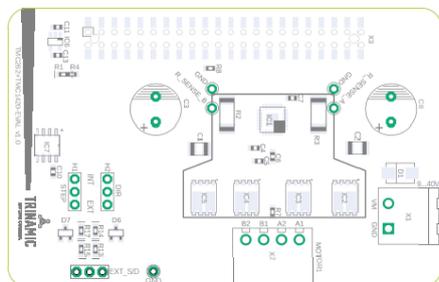
The driver stage shown uses 6A-capable dual MOSFETs. All cooling requirements are satisfied by passive convection cooling. The stepRocker is supported by the motioncontrol-community, with forum, applications, schematics, open source projects, demos etc.:



Miniaturized Layout

### TMC-MODULE FOR NEMA 11 STEPPER MOTORS

This miniaturized power stage drives up to 1.2A RMS and mounts directly on a 28mm-size motor. Tiny TSOP6 dual MOSFETs enable an ultra-compact and flexible PCB layout.



Layout for Evaluation

### TMC262-EVAL DEVELOPMENT PLATFORM

This evaluation board is a development platform for applications based on the TMC262C.

External power MOSFETs support drive currents up to 4A RMS and up to 40V peak supply voltage.

The evaluation board system based on the CPU board LANDUNGSBRÜCKE features a USB interface for communication with the learning and development control software TMCL-IDE running on a PC.

The control software provides a user-friendly GUI for setting control parameters and visualizing the dynamic response of the motor.

## ORDER CODES

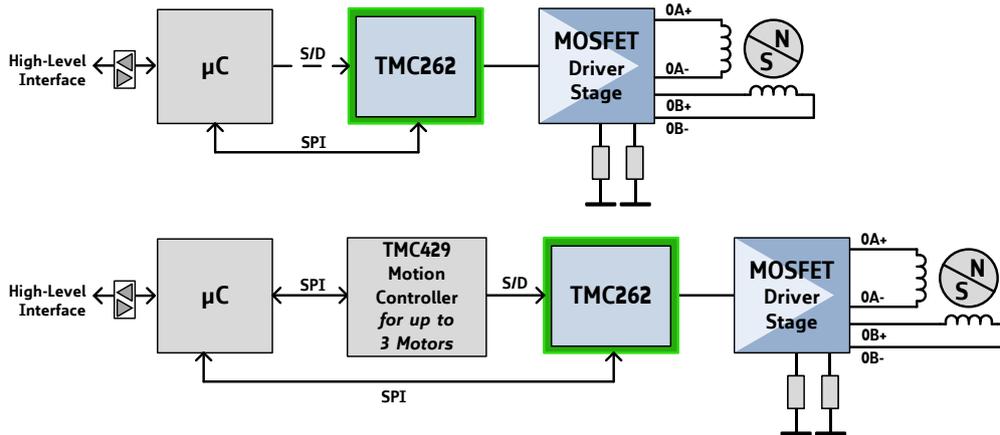
Device	PN	Description	Size
TMC262-LA	00-0075	CoolStep™ driver for external MOSFETs, QFN32	5 x 5 mm <sup>2</sup>
TMC262C-LA	00-0167	CoolStep™ driver for external MOSFETs, QFN32	5 x 5 mm <sup>2</sup>
TMC262x-LA-T	...T	-T devices are packaged in tape on reel (x=empty or C)	
TMC262+TMC1420-EVAL		Evaluation board for TMC262C	85 x 55
LANDUNGSBRÜCKE		Baseboard for evaluation boards	85 x 55
ESELSBRÜCKE		Connector board for plug-in evaluation board system	61 x 38

\*) The Term TMC262 is used for TMC262 or TMC262C within this datasheet. Differences in the TMC262C are explicitly marked with TMC262C. See summary in section 14.

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# 1 Principles of Operation



**Figure 1.1 Applications block diagrams**

The TMC262 motor driver is the intelligence between a motion controller and the power MOSFETs for driving a two-phase stepper motor, as shown in Figure 1.1. Following power-up, an embedded microcontroller initializes the driver by sending commands over an SPI bus to write control parameters and mode bits in the TMC262. The microcontroller may implement the motion-control function as shown in the upper part of the figure, or it may send commands to a dedicated motion controller chip such as TRINAMIC's TMC429 as shown in the lower part.

The motion controller can control the motor position by sending pulses on the STEP signal while indicating the direction on the DIR signal. The TMC262 has a microstep counter and sine table to convert these signals into the coil currents which control the position of the motor. If the microcontroller implements the motion-control function, it can write values for the coil currents directly to the TMC262 over the SPI interface, in which case the STEP/DIR interface may be disabled. This mode of operation requires software to track the motor position and reference a sine table to calculate the coil currents.

To optimize power consumption and heat dissipation, software may also adjust CoolStep and StallGuard2 parameters in real-time, for example to implement different tradeoffs between speed and power consumption in different modes of operation.

The motion control function is a hard real-time task which may be a burden to implement reliably alongside other tasks on the embedded microcontroller. By offloading the motion-control function to the TMC429, up to three motors can be operated reliably with very little demand for service from the microcontroller. Software only needs to send target positions, and the TMC429 generates precisely timed step pulses. Software retains full control over both the TMC262 and TMC429 through the SPI bus.

## 1.1 Key Concepts

The TMC262 motor driver implements several advanced patented features which are exclusive to TRINAMIC products. These features contribute toward greater precision, greater energy efficiency, higher reliability, smoother motion, and cooler operation in many stepper motor applications.

- StallGuard2™** High-precision load measurement using the back EMF on the coils
- CoolStep™** Load-adaptive current control which reduces energy consumption by as much as 75%
- SpreadCycle™** High-precision chopper algorithm available as an alternative to the traditional constant off-time algorithm
- MicroPlyer™** Microstep interpolator for obtaining increased smoothness of microstepping over a STEP/DIR interface

In addition to these performance enhancements, TRINAMIC motor drivers also offer safeguards to detect and protect against shorted outputs, open-circuit output, overtemperature, and undervoltage conditions for enhancing safety and recovery from equipment malfunctions.

## 1.2 Control Interfaces

There are two control interfaces from the motion controller to the motor driver: the SPI serial interface and the STEP/DIR interface. The SPI interface is used to write control information to the chip and read back status information. This interface must be used to initialize parameters and modes necessary to enable driving the motor. This interface may also be used for directly setting the currents flowing through the motor coils, as an alternative to stepping the motor using the STEP and DIR signals, so the motor can be controlled through the SPI interface alone.

The STEP/DIR interface is a traditional motor control interface available for adapting existing designs to use TRINAMIC motor drivers. Using only the SPI interface requires slightly more CPU overhead to look up the sine tables and send out new current values for the coils.

### 1.2.1 SPI Interface

The SPI interface is a bit-serial interface synchronous to a bus clock. For every bit sent from the bus master to the bus slave, another bit is sent simultaneously from the slave to the master. Communication between an SPI master and the TMC262 slave always consists of sending one 20-bit command word and receiving one 20-bit status word.

For purely SPI-controlled operation, the SPI command rate typically corresponds to the microstep rate at low velocities. At high velocities, the rate may be limited by CPU bandwidth to 10-100 thousand commands per second, so the application may need to change to fullstep resolution.

### 1.2.2 STEP/DIR Interface

The STEP/DIR interface is enabled by default. Active edges on the STEP input can be rising edges or both rising and falling edges, as controlled by another mode bit (DEDGE). Using both edges cuts the toggle rate of the STEP signal in half, which is useful for communication over slow interfaces such as optically isolated interfaces.

On each active edge, the state sampled from the DIR input determines whether to step forward or back. Each step can be a fullstep or a microstep, in which there are 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, or 256 microsteps per fullstep. During microstepping, a low state on DIR increases the microstep counter and a high decreases the counter by an amount controlled by the microstep resolution. An internal table translates the counter value into the sine and cosine values which control the motor current for microstepping.

## 1.3 Mechanical Load Sensing

The TMC262 provides StallGuard2 high-resolution load measurement for determining the mechanical load on the motor by measuring the back EMF. In addition to detecting when a motor stalls, this feature can be used for homing to a mechanical stop without a limit switch or proximity detector. The CoolStep power-saving mechanism uses StallGuard2 to reduce the motor current to the minimum motor current required to meet the actual load placed on the motor.

## 1.4 Current Control

Current into the motor coils is controlled using a cycle-by-cycle chopper mode. Two chopper modes are available: a traditional constant off-time mode and the new SpreadCycle mode. SpreadCycle mode offers smoother operation and greater power efficiency over a wide range of speed and load.

## 2 Pin Assignments

### 2.1 Package Outline

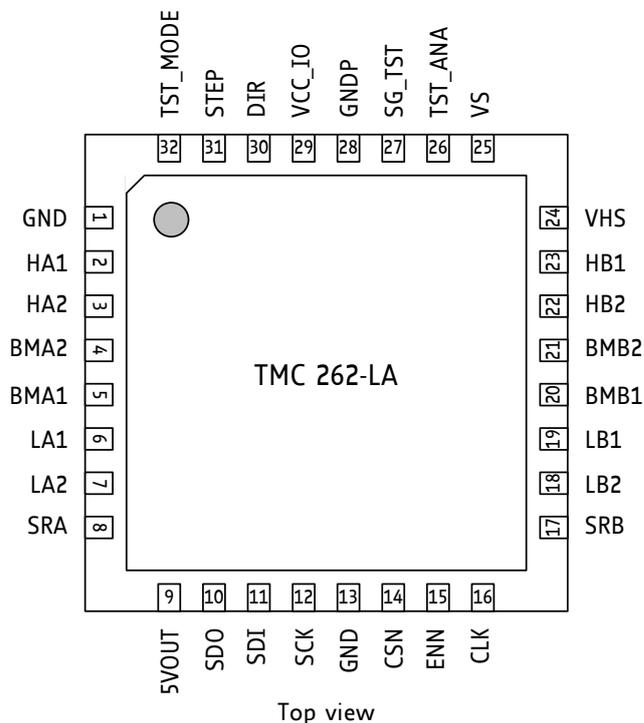


Figure 2.1 TMC262 pin assignments

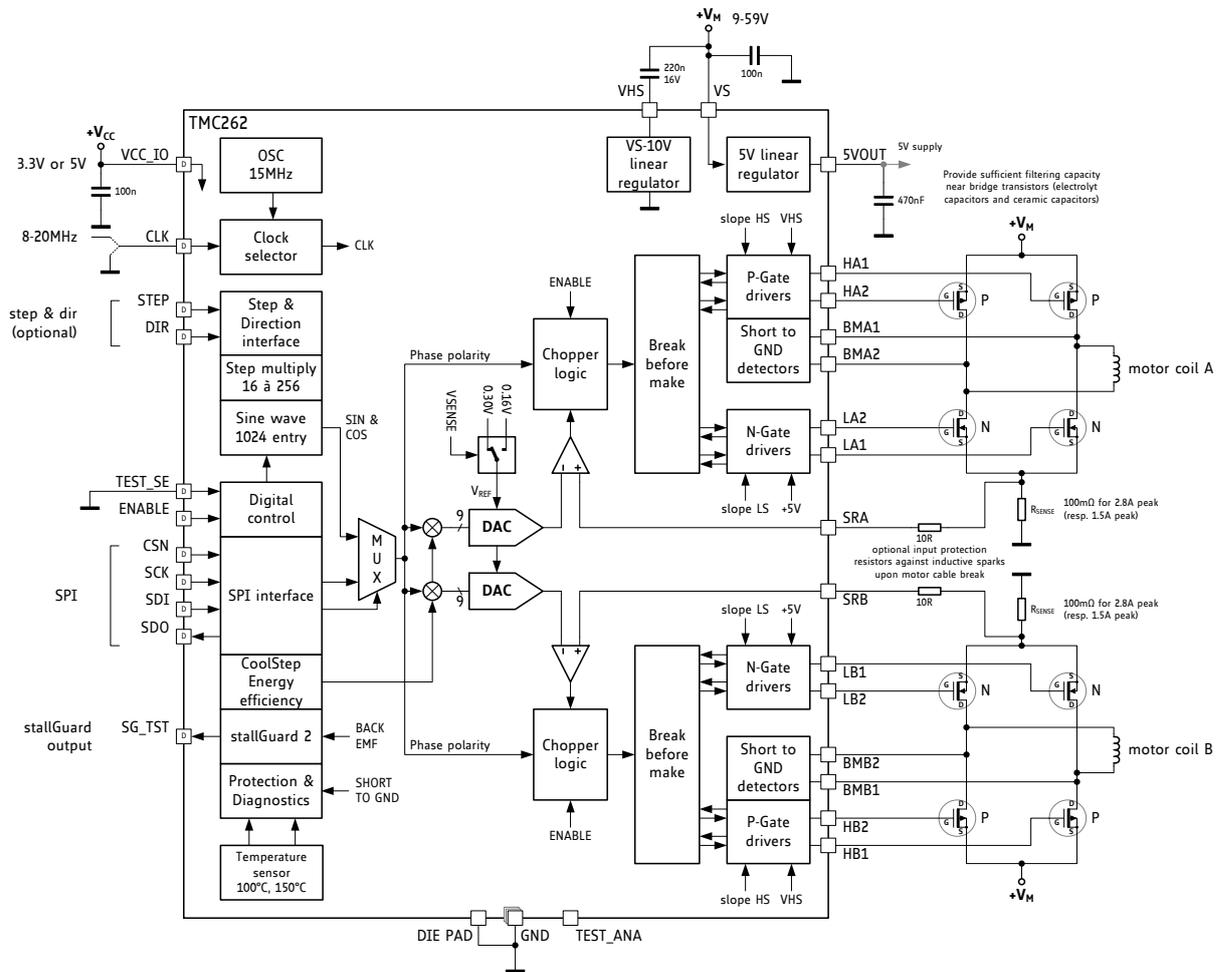
### 2.2 Signal Descriptions

Pin	Number	Type	Function
GND, GNDP, exposed pad	1 13 28		GND pads for different parts of the internal circuitry. Tie all GND pins and the die attach pad to a solid common GND plane. Directly connect the sense resistor GND side to this GND plane.
HA1 HA2	2 3	O (VS)	High side P-channel driver output. Becomes driven to VHS to switch on MOSFET.
HB1 HB2	23 22		
BMA1 BMA2	5 4	I (VS)	
BMB1 BMB2	20 21		
LA1 LA2 LB1 LB2	6 7 19 18	O 5V	Low side MOSFET driver output. Becomes driven to 5VOUT to switch on MOSFET.
SRA SRB	8 17	AI	Sense resistor input of chopper driver.

Pin	Number	Type	Function
5VOUT	9		Output of internal 5V linear regulator. This voltage is used to supply the low-side drivers and internal analog circuitry. An external capacitor to GND close to the pin is required. Place the capacitor near to pin 9 and connect the other side to the GND plane. 470nF ceramic is sufficient for most applications; an additional low-ESR capacitor (10 $\mu$ F or more) improves performance with high gate charge MOSFETs.
SDO	10	DO VIO	Data output of SPI interface (Tristate)
SDI	11	DI VIO	Data input of SPI interface (Scan test input in test mode)
SCK	12	DI VIO	Serial clock input of SPI interface (Scan test shift enable input in test mode)
CSN	14	DI VIO	Chip select input of SPI interface
ENN	15	DI VIO	Enable not input for drivers. Switches off all MOSFETs.
CLK	16	DI VIO	Clock input for all internal operations. Tie low to use internal oscillator. The first high signal disables the internal oscillator until power down.
VHS	24		High side supply voltage (motor supply voltage VS - 10V)
VS	25		Motor supply voltage
TST_ANA	26	AO VIO	Analog mode test output. Leave open for normal operation.
SG_TST	27	DO VIO	StallGuard2™ output. Signals motor stall (high active).
VCC_IO	29		Input / output supply voltage VIO for all digital pins. Tie to digital logic supply voltage. Allows operation in 3.3V and 5V systems.
DIR	30	DI VIO	Direction input. Is sampled upon detection of a step to determine stepping direction. An internal glitch filter for 60ns is provided.
STEP	31	DI VIO	Step input. An internal glitch filter for 60ns is provided.
TST_MODE	32	DI VIO	Test mode input. Puts IC into test mode. Tie to GND for normal operation using a short wire to GND plane.

## 3 Internal Architecture

Figure 3.1 shows the internal architecture of the TMC262.

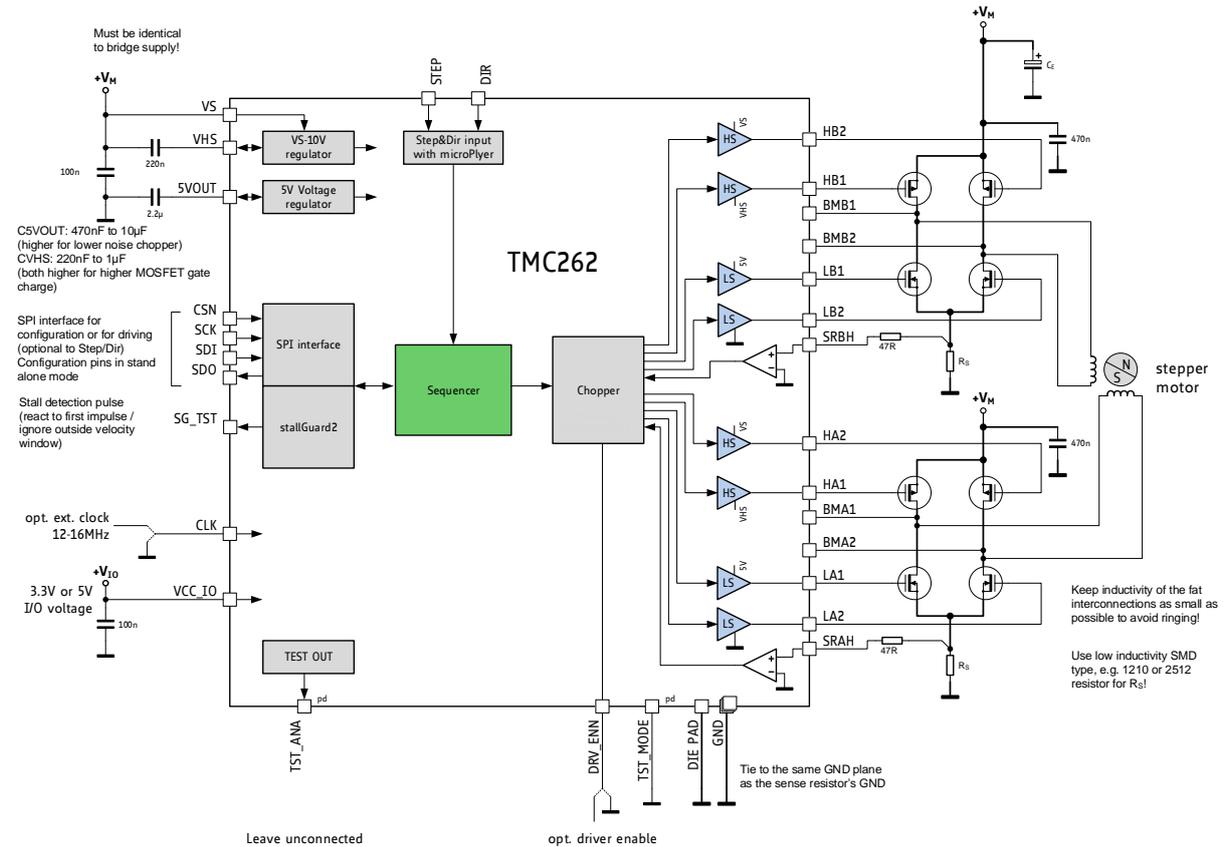


**Figure 3.1 TMC262 block diagram**

Prominent features include:

<i>Oscillator and clock selector</i>	provides the system clock from the on-chip oscillator or an external source.
<i>Step and direction interface</i>	uses a microstep counter and sine table to generate target currents for the coils.
<i>SPI interface</i>	receives commands that directly set the coil current values.
<i>Multiplexer</i>	selects either the output of the sine table or the SPI interface for controlling the current into the motor coils.
<i>Multipliers</i>	scales down the currents to both coils when the currents are greater than those required by the load on the motor or as set by the CS current scale parameter.
<i>DACs and comparators</i>	converts the digital current values to analog signals that are compared with the voltages on the sense resistors. Comparator outputs terminate chopper drive phases when target currents are reached.
<i>Break-before-make and gate drivers</i>	ensure non-overlapping pulses, boost pulse voltage, and control pulse slope to the gates of the power MOSFETs.
<i>On-chip voltage regulators</i>	provide high-side voltage for P-channel MOSFET gate drivers and supply voltage for on-chip analog and digital circuits.

## 3.1 Standard Application circuit



**Figure 2 Standard application circuit**

The standard application uses a minimum number of external components in order to operate the stepper motor. Four N-channel and four P-channel MOSFETs are required, and shall be selected as required for the application motor current. See chapter 15 for examples. With N&P channel FETs, no charge-pump is required, making the design small and robust. Two sense resistors set the motor coil current. See chapter 8 for the calculation of the right sense resistor value. Use low ESR capacitors for filtering the power supply. A minimum of 100µF per ampere of coil current near to the power bridge is recommended for best performance. These capacitors need to cope with the current ripple caused by chopper operation, thus they should not be dimensioned too small. Current ripple in the supply capacitors also depends on the power supply internal resistance and cable length. VCC\_IO can be supplied from 5VOUT, or from an external source, e.g. 3.3V.

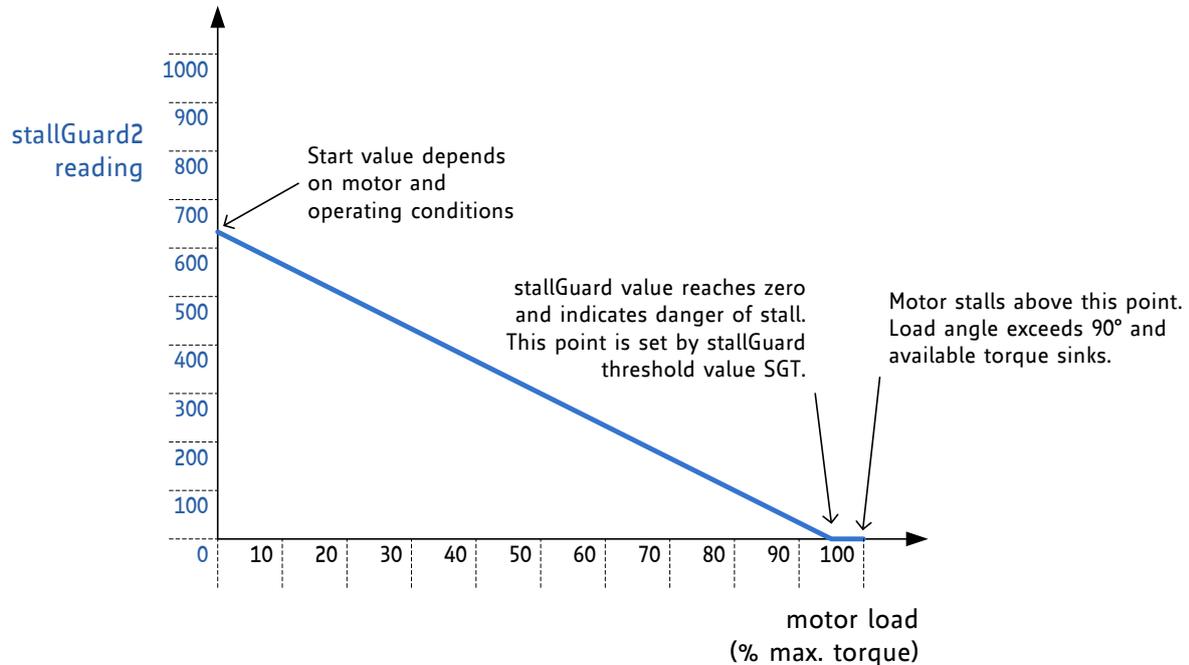
### Basic layout hints

Place sense resistors and all filter capacitors as close as possible to the power MOSFETs. Place the TMC262 near to the MOSFETs and use short interconnection lines in order to minimize parasitic trace inductance. Use a solid common GND for GND and die pad GND connections, also for sense resistor GND. Connect 5VOUT filtering capacitor directly to 5VOUT and GND plane. See layout hints for more details. High capacity ceramic or low ESR electrolytic capacitors are recommended for VS filtering.

## 4 StallGuard2 Load Measurement

StallGuard2 provides an accurate measurement of the load on the motor. It can be used for stall detection as well as other uses at loads below those which stall the motor, such as CoolStep load-adaptive current reduction. (StallGuard2 is a more precise evolution of the earlier StallGuard technology.)

The StallGuard2 measurement value changes linearly over a wide range of load, velocity, and current settings, as shown in Figure 4.1. At maximum motor load, the value goes to zero or near to zero. This corresponds to a load angle of 90° between the magnetic field of the coils and magnets in the rotor. This also is the most energy-efficient point of operation for the motor.



**Figure 4.1 StallGuard2 load measurement SG as a function of load**

Two parameters control StallGuard2 and one status value is returned.

Parameter	Description	Setting	Comment
SGT	7-bit signed integer that sets the StallGuard2 threshold level for asserting the SG_TST output and sets the optimum measurement range for readout. Negative values increase sensitivity, and positive values reduce sensitivity so more torque is required to indicate a stall. Zero is a good starting value. Operating at values below -10 is not recommended.	0	indifferent value
		+1... +63	less sensitivity
		-1... -64	higher sensitivity
SFILT	Mode bit which enables the StallGuard2 filter for more precision. If set, reduces the measurement frequency to one measurement per four fullsteps. If cleared, no filtering is performed. Filtering compensates for mechanical asymmetries in the construction of the motor, but at the expense of response time. Unfiltered operation is recommended for rapid stall detection. Filtered operation is recommended for more precise load measurement.	0	standard mode
		1	filtered mode

Status word	Description	Range	Comment
SG	10-bit unsigned integer StallGuard2 measurement value. A higher value indicates lower mechanical load. A lower value indicates a higher load and therefore a higher load angle. For stall detection, adjust SGT to return an SG value of 0 or slightly higher upon maximum motor load before stall.	0... 1023	0: highest load low value: high load high value: less load

## 4.1 Tuning the StallGuard2 Threshold

Due to the dependency of the StallGuard2 value SG from motor-specific characteristics and application-specific demands on load and velocity the easiest way to tune the StallGuard2 threshold *SGT* for a specific motor type and operating conditions is interactive tuning in the actual application.

The procedure is:

1. Operate the motor at a reasonable velocity for your application and monitor SG.
2. Apply slowly increasing mechanical load to the motor. If the motor stalls before SG reaches zero, decrease SGT. If SG reaches zero before the motor stalls, increase SGT. A good SGT starting value is zero. SGT is signed, so it can have negative or positive values.
3. The optimum setting is reached when SG is between 0 and 400 at increasing load shortly before the motor stalls, and SG increases by 100 or more without load. SGT in most cases can be tuned together with the motion velocity in a way that SG goes to zero when the motor stalls and the stall output SG\_TST is asserted. This indicates that a step has been lost.

The system clock frequency affects SG. An external crystal-stabilized clock should be used for applications that demand the highest performance. The power supply voltage also affects SG, so tighter regulation results in more accurate values. SG measurement has a high resolution, and there are a few ways to enhance its accuracy, as described in the following sections.

### 4.1.1 Variable Velocity Operation

Across a range of velocities, on-the-fly adjustment of the StallGuard2 threshold SGT improves the accuracy of the load measurement SG. This also improves the power reduction provided by CoolStep, which is driven by SG. Linear interpolation between two SGT values optimized at different velocities is a simple algorithm for obtaining most of the benefits of on-the-fly SGT adjustment, as shown in Figure 4.2. This figure shows an optimal SGT curve in black and a two-point interpolated SGT curve in red.

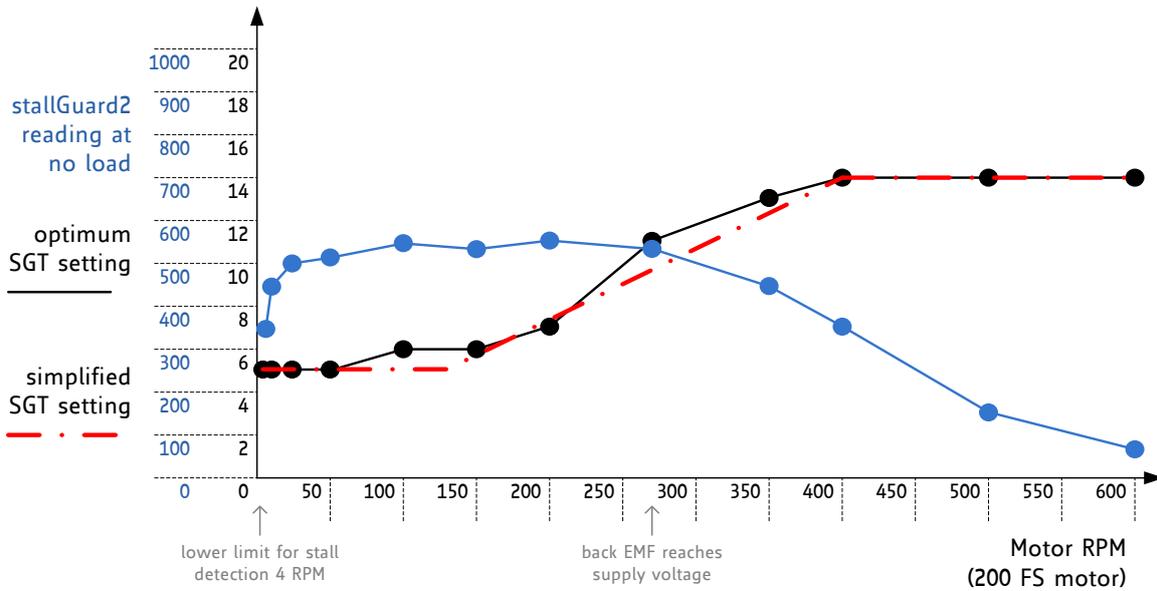


Figure 4.2 Linear interpolation for optimizing SGT with changes in velocity

#### 4.1.2 Small Motors with High Torque Ripple and Resonance

Motors with a high detent torque show an increased variation of the StallGuard2 measurement value SG with varying motor currents, especially at low currents. For these motors, the current dependency might need correction in a similar manner to velocity correction for obtaining the highest accuracy.

#### 4.1.3 Temperature Dependence of Motor Coil Resistance

Motors working over a wide temperature range may require temperature correction, because motor coil resistance increases with rising temperature. This can be corrected as a linear reduction of SG at increasing temperature, as motor efficiency is reduced.

#### 4.1.4 Accuracy and Reproducibility of StallGuard2 Measurement

In a production environment, it may be desirable to use a fixed SGT value within an application for one motor type. Most of the unit-to-unit variation in StallGuard2 measurements results from manufacturing tolerances in motor construction. The measurement error of StallGuard2 – provided that all other parameters remain stable – can be as low as:

$$\text{stallGuard measurement error} = \pm \max(1, |SGT|)$$

### 4.2 StallGuard2 Measurement Frequency and Filtering

The StallGuard2 measurement value SG is updated with each full step of the motor. This is enough to safely detect a stall, because a stall always means the loss of four full steps. In a practical application, especially when using CoolStep, a more precise measurement might be more important than an update for each fullstep because the mechanical load never changes instantaneously from one step to the next. For these applications, the SFILT bit enables a filtering function over four load measurements. The filter should always be enabled when high-precision measurement is required. It compensates for variations in motor construction, for example due to misalignment of the phase A to phase B magnets. The filter should only be disabled when rapid response to increasing load is required, such as for stall detection at high velocity.

### 4.3 Detecting a Motor Stall

To safely detect a motor stall, a stall threshold must be determined using a specific SGT setting. Therefore, you need to determine the maximum load the motor can drive without stalling and to monitor the SG value at this load, for example some value within the range 0 to 400. The stall threshold should be a value safely within the operating limits, to allow for parameter stray. So, your microcontroller software should set a stall threshold which is slightly higher than the minimum value seen before an actual motor stall occurs. The response at an SGT setting at or near 0 gives some idea on the quality of the signal: Check the SG value without load and with maximum load. These values should show a difference of at least 100 or a few 100, which shall be large compared to the offset. If you set the SGT value so that a reading of 0 occurs at maximum motor load, an active high stall output signal will be available at SG\_TST output.

### 4.4 Limits of StallGuard2 Operation

StallGuard2 does not operate reliably at extreme motor velocities: Very low motor velocities (for many motors, less than one revolution per second) generate a low back EMF and make the measurement unstable and dependent on environment conditions (temperature, etc.). Other conditions will also lead to extreme settings of SGT and poor response of the measurement value SG to the motor load.

Very high motor velocities, in which the full sinusoidal current is not driven into the motor coils also lead to poor response. These velocities are typically characterized by the motor back EMF reaching the supply voltage.

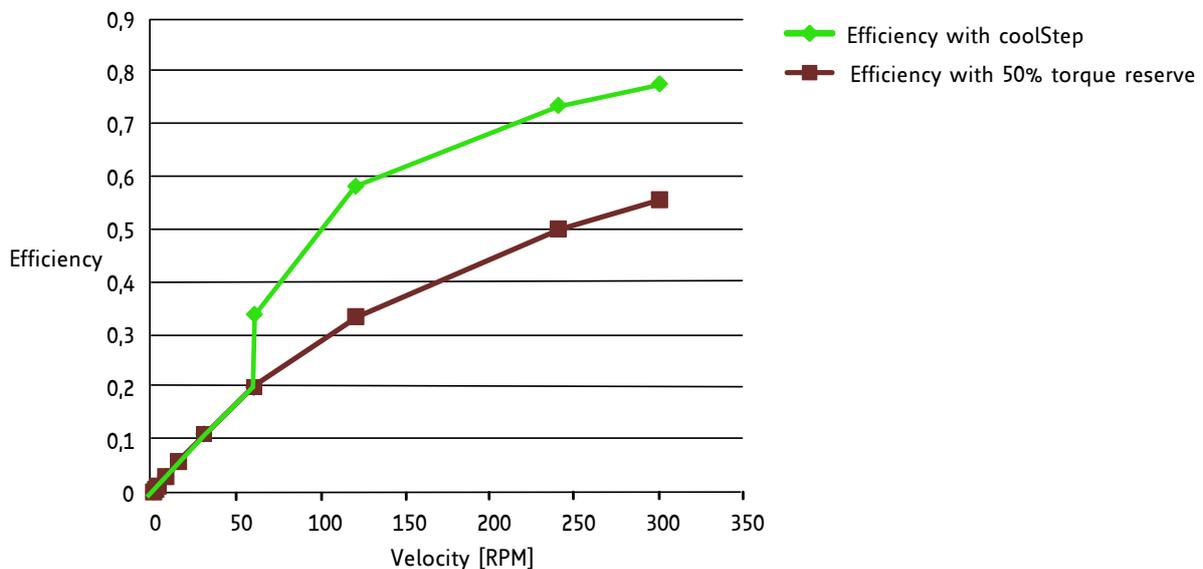
## 5 CoolStep Load-Adaptive Current Control

CoolStep allows substantial energy savings, especially for motors which see varying loads or operate at a high duty cycle. Because a stepper motor application needs to work with a torque reserve of 30% to 50%, even a constant-load application allows significant energy savings because CoolStep automatically enables torque reserve when required. Reducing power consumption keeps the system cooler, increases motor life, and allows reducing cost in the power supply and cooling components.

### Hint

Reducing motor current by half results in reducing power by a factor of four.

- Energy efficiency* - power consumption decreased up to 75%.
- Motor generates less heat* - improved mechanical precision.
- Less cooling infrastructure* - for motor and driver.
- Cheaper motor* - does the job.



**Figure 5.1 Energy efficiency example with CoolStep**

Figure 5.1 shows the efficiency gain of a 42mm stepper motor when using CoolStep compared to standard operation with 50% of torque reserve. CoolStep is enabled above 60rpm in the example.

CoolStep is controlled by several parameters, but two are critical for understanding how it works:

Parameter	Description	Range	Comment
SEMIN	4-bit unsigned integer that sets a lower threshold. If SG goes below this threshold, CoolStep increases the current to both coils. The 4-bit SEMIN value is scaled by 32 to cover the lower half of the range of the 10-bit SG value. (The name of this parameter is derived from smartEnergy, which is an earlier name for CoolStep.)	0... 15	lower StallGuard threshold: SEMINx32
SEMAX	4-bit unsigned integer that controls an upper threshold. If SG is sampled equal to or above this threshold enough times, CoolStep decreases the current to both coils. The upper threshold is (SEMIN + SEMAX + 1) x 32.	0... 15	upper StallGuard threshold: (SEMIN+SEMAX+1)x32

Figure 5.2 shows the operating regions of CoolStep. The black line represents the SG measurement value, the blue line represents the mechanical load applied to the motor, and the red line represents the current into the motor coils. When the load increases, SG falls below SEMIN, and CoolStep increases the current. When the load decreases and SG rises above  $(SEM_{IN} + SEM_{MAX} + 1) \times 32$  the current becomes reduced.

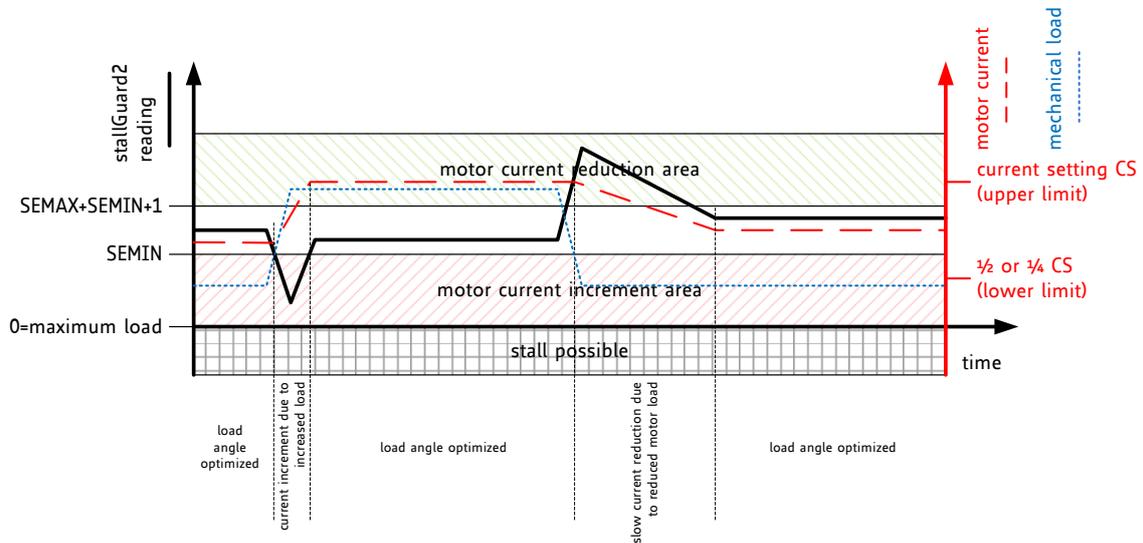


Figure 5.2 CoolStep adapts motor current to the load

Four more parameters control CoolStep and one status value is returned:

Parameter	Description	Range	Comment
CS	<i>Current scale.</i> Scales both coil current values as taken from the internal sine wave table or from the SPI interface. For high precision motor operation, work with a current scaling factor in the range 16 to 31, because scaling down the current values reduces the effective microstep resolution by making microsteps coarser. This setting also controls the maximum current value set by CoolStep™.	0... 31	scaling factor: 1/32, 2/32, ... 32/32
SEUP	Number of increments of the coil current for each occurrence of an SG measurement below the lower threshold.	0... 3	step width is: 1, 2, 4, 8
SEDN	Number of occurrences of SG measurements above the upper threshold before the coil current is decremented.	0... 3	number of StallGuard measurements per decrement: 32, 8, 2, 1
SEIMIN	Mode bit that controls the lower limit for scaling the coil current. If the bit is set, the limit is 1/4 CS. If the bit is clear, the limit is 1/2 CS.	0 1	Minimum motor current: 1/2 of CS 1/4 of CS
Status word	Description	Range	Comment
SE	5-bit unsigned integer reporting the actual current scaling value determined by CoolStep. This value is biased by 1 and divided by 32, so the range is 1/32 to 32/32. The value will not be greater than the value of CS or lower than either 1/4 CS or 1/2 CS depending on SEIMIN setting.	0... 31	Actual motor current scaling factor set by CoolStep: 1/32, 2/32, ... 32/32

## 5.1 Tuning CoolStep

Before tuning CoolStep, first tune the StallGuard2 threshold level SGT, which affects the range of the load measurement value SG. CoolStep uses SG to operate the motor near the optimum load angle of +90°.

The current increment speed is specified in SEUP, and the current decrement speed is specified in SEDN. They can be tuned separately because they are triggered by different events that may need different responses. The encodings for these parameters allow the coil currents to be increased much more quickly than decreased, because crossing the lower threshold is a more serious event that may require a faster response. If the response is too slow, the motor may stall. In contrast, a slow response to crossing the upper threshold does not risk anything more serious than missing an opportunity to save power.

### *Hint*

CoolStep operates between limits controlled by the current scale parameter CS and the SEIMIN bit.

### 5.1.1 Response Time

For fast response to increasing motor load, use a high current increment step SEUP. If the motor load changes slowly, a lower current increment step can be used to avoid motor current oscillations. If the filter controlled by SFILT is enabled, the measurement rate and regulation speed are cut by a factor of four.

### 5.1.2 Low Velocity and Standby Operation

Because StallGuard2 is not able to measure the motor load in standstill and at very low RPM, the current at low velocities should be set to an application-specific default value and combined with standstill current reduction settings programmed through the SPI interface.

## 6 SPI Interface

The TMC262 allows full control over all configuration parameters and mode bits through the SPI interface. An initialization is required prior to motor operation. The SPI interface also allows reading back status values and bits.

### 6.1 Bus Signals

The SPI bus on the TMC262 has four signals:

SCK	bus clock input
SDI	serial data input
SDO	serial data output
CSN	chip select input (active low)

The slave is enabled for an SPI transaction by a low on the chip select input CSN. Bit transfer is synchronous to the bus clock SCK, with the slave latching the data from SDI on the rising edge of SCK and driving data to SDO following the falling edge. The most significant bit is sent first. A minimum of 20 SCK clock cycles is required for a bus transaction with the TMC262.

If more than 20 clocks are driven, the additional bits shifted into SDI are shifted out on SDO after a 20-clock delay through an internal shift register. This can be used for daisy chaining multiple chips.

CSN must be low during the whole bus transaction. When CSN goes high, the contents of the internal shift register are latched into the internal control register and recognized as a command from the master to the slave. If more than 20 bits are sent, only the last 20 bits received before the rising edge of CSN are recognized as the command.

### 6.2 Bus Timing

SPI interface is synchronized to the internal system clock, which limits the SPI bus clock SCK to half of the system clock frequency. If the system clock is based on the on-chip oscillator, an additional 10% safety margin must be used to ensure reliable data transmission. All SPI inputs as well as the ENN input are internally filtered to avoid triggering on pulses shorter than 20ns. Figure 6.1 shows the timing parameters of an SPI bus transaction, and the table below specifies their values.

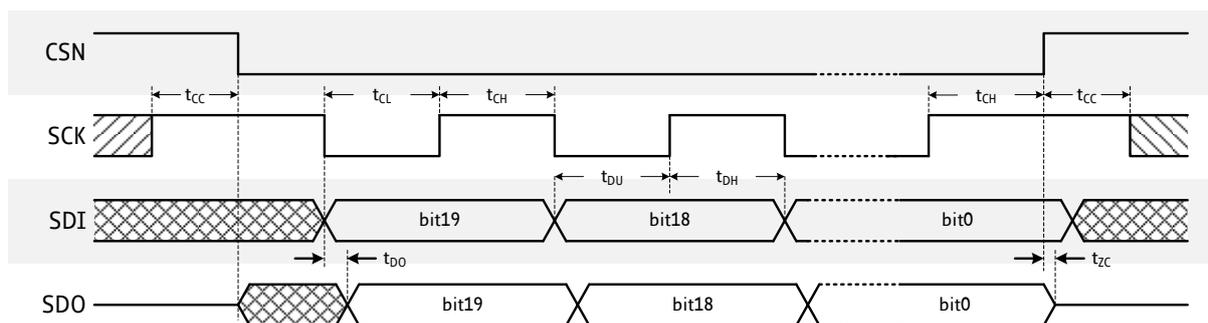


Figure 6.1 SPI Timing

*Hint*  
Usually this SPI timing is referred to as SPI MODE 3

SPI Interface Timing		AC-Characteristics				
		clock period is $t_{CLK}$				
Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
SCK valid before or after change of CSN	$t_{CC}$		10			ns
CSN high time	$t_{CSH}$	<sup>*)</sup> Min time is for synchronous CLK with SCK high one $t_{CLK}$ before CSN high only	$t_{CLK}$	$>2t_{CLK} + 10$		ns
SCK low time	$t_{CL}$	<sup>*)</sup> Min time is for synchronous CLK only	$t_{CLK}$	$>t_{CLK} + 10$		ns
SCK high time	$t_{CH}$	<sup>*)</sup> Min time is for synchronous CLK only	$t_{CLK}$	$>t_{CLK} + 10$		ns
SCK frequency using internal clock	$f_{SCK}$	Assumes minimum OSC frequency			4	MHz
SCK frequency using external 16MHz clock	$f_{SCK}$	Assumes synchronous CLK			8	MHz
SDI setup time before rising edge of SCK	$t_{DU}$		10			ns
SDI hold time after rising edge of SCK	$t_{DH}$		10			ns
Data out valid time after falling SCK clock edge	$t_{DO}$	No capacitive load on SDO			$t_{FILT} + 5$	ns
SDI, SCK, and CSN filter delay time	$t_{FILT}$	Rising and falling edge	12	20	30	ns

### 6.3 Bus Architecture

SPI slaves can be chained and used with a single chip select line. If slaves are chained, they behave like a long shift register. For example, a chain of two motor drivers requires 40 bits to be sent. The last bits shifted to each register in the chain are loaded into an internal register on the rising edge of the CSN input. For example, 24 or 32 bits can be sent to a single motor driver, but it latches just the last 20 bits received before CSN goes high.

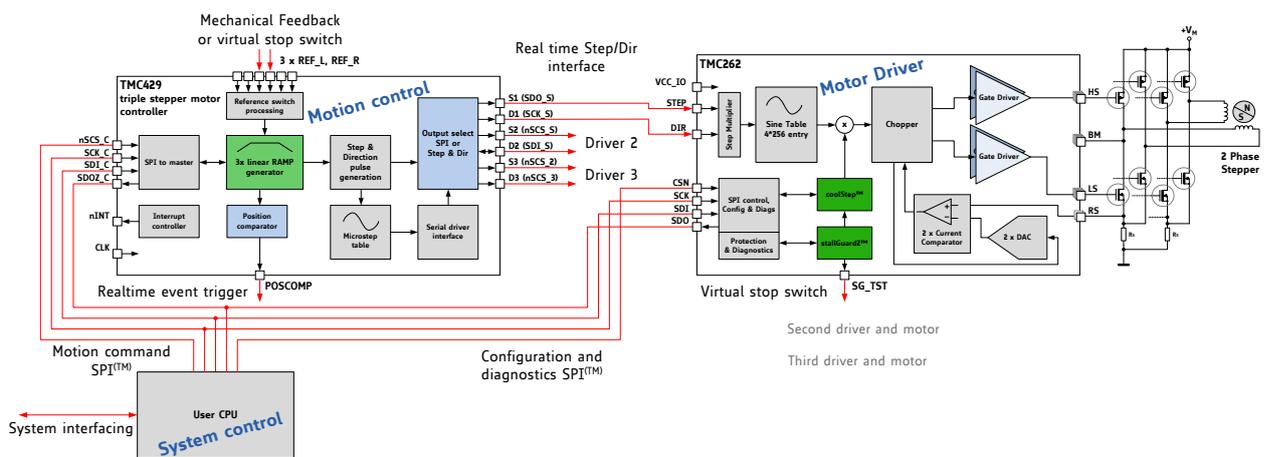


Figure 6.2 Interfaces to a TMC429 motion controller chip and a TMC262 motor driver

Figure 6.2 shows the interfaces in a typical application. The SPI bus is used by an embedded MCU to initialize the control registers of both a motion controller and one or more motor drivers. STEP/DIR interfaces are used between the motion controller and the motor drivers.

## 6.4 Register Write Commands

An SPI bus transaction to the TMC262 is a write command to one of the five write-only registers that hold configuration parameters and mode bits:

Register	Description
Driver Control Register (DRVCTRL)	The DRVCTRL register has different formats for controlling the interface to the motion controller depending on whether or not the STEP/DIR interface is enabled.
Chopper Configuration Register (CHOPCONF)	The CHOPCONF register holds chopper parameters and mode bits.
CoolStep Configuration Register (SMARTEN)	The SMARTEN register holds CoolStep parameters and a mode bit. (smartEnergy is an earlier name for CoolStep.)
StallGuard2 Configuration Register (SGCSCONF)	The SGCSCONF register holds StallGuard2 parameters and a mode bit.
Driver Configuration Register (DRVCONF)	The DRVCONF register holds parameters and mode bits used to control the power MOSFETs and the protection circuitry. It also holds the SDOFF bit which controls the STEP/DIR interface and the RDSEL parameter which controls the contents of the response returned in an SPI transaction

*In the following sections, multibit binary values are prefixed with a % sign, for example %0111.*

## 6.4.1 Write Command Overview

The table below shows the formats for the five register write commands. Bits 19, 18, and sometimes 17 select the register being written, as shown in bold. The DRVCTRL register has two formats, as selected by the SDOFF bit. Bits shown as 0 must always be written as 0, and bits shown as 1 must always be written with 1. Detailed descriptions of each parameter and mode bit are given in the following sections.

Register/ Bit	DRVCTRL (SDOFF=1)	DRVCTRL (SDOFF=0)	CHOPCONF	SMARTEN	SGCSCONF	DRVCONF
19	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
18	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
17	PHA	0	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
16	CA7	0	TBL1	0	SFILT	TST
15	CA6	0	TBL0	SEIMIN	0	SLPH1
14	CA5	0	CHM	SEDN1	SGT6	SLPH0
13	CA4	0	RNDTF	SEDN0	SGT5	SLPL1
12	CA3	0	HDEC1	0	SGT4	SLPL0
11	CA2	0	HDEC0	SEMAX3	SGT3	0
10	CA1	0	HEND3	SEMAX2	SGT2	DISS2G
9	CA0	INTPOL	HEND2	SEMAX1	SGT1	TS2G1
8	PHB	DEDGE	HEND1	SEMAX0	SGT0	TS2G0
7	CB7	0	HEND0	0	0	SDOFF
6	CB6	0	HSTRT2	SEUP1	0	VSENSE
5	CB5	0	HSTRT1	SEUP0	0	RDSEL1
4	CB4	0	HSTRT0	0	CS4	RDSEL0
3	CB3	MRES3	TOFF3	SEMIN3	CS3	OTSENS *)
2	CB2	MRES2	TOFF2	SEMIN2	CS2	SHRTSENS *)
1	CB1	MRES1	TOFF1	SEMIN1	CS1	0
0	CB0	MRES0	TOFF0	SEMIN0	CS0	EN_S2VS *)

\*) Additional option for TMC262C only. Setting these bits for TMC262 does not have any effect.

## 6.4.2 Read Response Overview

The table below shows the formats for the read response. The RDSEL parameter in the DRVCONF register selects the format of the read response.

Bit	RDSEL=%00	RDSEL=%01	RDSEL=%10
19	MSTEP9	SG9	SG9
18	MSTEP8	SG8	SG8
17	MSTEP7	SG7	SG7
16	MSTEP6	SG6	SG6
15	MSTEP5	SG5	SG5
14	MSTEP4	SG4	SE4
13	MSTEP3	SG3	SE3
12	MSTEP2	SG2	SE2
11	MSTEP1	SG1	SE1
10	MSTEP0	SG0	SE0
9	-	-	-
8	-	-	-
7	STST		
6	OLB		
5	OLA		
4	S2GB		
3	S2GA		
2	OTPW		
1	OT		
0	SG		

## 6.5 Driver Control Register (DRVCTRL)

The format of the DRVCTRL register depends on the state of the SDOFF mode bit.

*SPI Mode* SDOFF bit is set, the STEP/DIR interface is disabled, and DRVCTRL is the interface for specifying the currents through each coil.

*STEP/DIR Mode* SDOFF bit is clear, the STEP/DIR interface is enabled, and DRVCTRL is a configuration register for the STEP/DIR interface.

### 6.5.1 DRVCTRL Register in SPI Mode

DRVCTRL		Driver Control in SPI Mode (SDOFF=1)	
Bit	Name	Function	Comment
19	0	Register address bit	
18	0	Register address bit	
17	PHA	Polarity A	Sign of current flow through coil A: 0: Current flows from OA1 pins to OA2 pins. 1: Current flows from OA2 pins to OA1 pins.
16	CA7	Current A MSB	Magnitude of current flow through coil A. The range is 0 to 248, if hysteresis or offset are used up to their full extent. The resulting value after applying hysteresis or offset must not exceed 255.
15	CA6		
14	CA5		
13	CA4		
12	CA3		
11	CA2		
10	CA1		
9	CA0	Current A LSB	
8	PHB	Polarity B	Sign of current flow through coil B: 0: Current flows from OB1 pins to OB2 pins. 1: Current flows from OB2 pins to OB1 pins.
7	CB7	Current B MSB	Magnitude of current flow through coil B. The range is 0 to 248, if hysteresis or offset are used up to their full extent. The resulting value after applying hysteresis or offset must not exceed 255.
6	CB6		
5	CB5		
4	CB4		
3	CB3		
2	CB2		
1	CB1		
0	CB0	Current B LSB	

## 6.5.2 DRVCTRL Register in STEP/DIR Mode

DRVCTRL		Driver Control in STEP/DIR Mode (SDOFF=0)	
Bit	Name	Function	Comment
19	0	Register address bit	
18	0	Register address bit	
17	0	Reserved	
16	0	Reserved	
15	0	Reserved	
14	0	Reserved	
13	0	Reserved	
12	0	Reserved	
11	0	Reserved	
10	0	Reserved	
9	INTPOL	Enable STEP interpolation	0: Disable STEP pulse interpolation. 1: Enable MicroPlyer STEP pulse multiplication by 16.
8	DEDGE	Enable double edge STEP pulses	0: Rising STEP pulse edge is active, falling edge is inactive. 1: Both rising and falling STEP pulse edges are active.
7	0	Reserved	
6	0	Reserved	
5	0	Reserved	
4	0	Reserved	
3	MRES3	Microstep resolution for STEP/DIR mode	Microsteps per 90°: %0000: 256 %0001: 128 %0010: 64 %0011: 32 %0100: 16 %0101: 8 %0110: 4 %0111: 2 (halfstep) %1000: 1 (fullstep)
2	MRES2		
1	MRES1		
0	MRES0		

## 6.6 Chopper Control Register (CHOPCONF)

CHOPCONF		Chopper Configuration	
Bit	Name	Function	Comment
19	1	Register address bit	
18	0	Register address bit	
17	0	Register address bit	
16	TBL1	Blanking time	Blanking time interval, in system clock periods: %00: 16 %01: 24 %10: 36 %11: 54
15	TBL0		
14	CHM	Chopper mode	This mode bit affects the interpretation of the HDEC, HEND, and HSTRT parameters shown below.  0      Standard mode (SpreadCycle) 1      Constant $t_{OFF}$ with fast decay time. Fast decay time is also terminated when the negative nominal current is reached. Fast decay is after on time.
13	RNDTF	Random TOFF time	Enable randomizing the slow decay phase duration: 0: Chopper off time is fixed as set by bits $t_{OFF}$ 1: Random mode, $t_{OFF}$ is random modulated by $dN_{CLK} = -12 \dots +3$ clocks.
12	HDEC1	Hysteresis decrement interval or Fast decay mode	CHM=0      Hysteresis decrement period setting, in system clock periods: %00: 16 %01: 32 %10: 48 %11: 64
11	HDEC0		CHM=1      HDEC1=0: current comparator can terminate the fast decay phase before timer expires. HDEC1=1: only the timer terminates the fast decay phase. HDEC0: MSB of fast decay time setting.
10	HEND3	Hysteresis end (low) value or Sine wave offset	CHM=0      %0000 ... %1111: Hysteresis is -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, ..., 12 (1/512 of this setting adds to current setting) This is the hysteresis value which becomes used for the hysteresis chopper.
9	HEND2		
8	HEND1		CHM=1      %0000 ... %1111: Offset is -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, ..., 12 This is the sine wave offset and 1/512 of the value becomes added to the absolute value of each sine wave entry.
7	HEND0		
6	HSTRT2	Hysteresis start value or Fast decay time setting	CHM=0      Hysteresis start offset from HEND: %000: 1      %100: 5 %001: 2      %101: 6 %010: 3      %110: 7 %011: 4      %111: 8 <i>Effective: HEND+HSTRT must be <math>\leq 15</math></i>
5	HSTRT1		
4	HSTRT0		

CHOPCONF		Chopper Configuration	
Bit	Name	Function	Comment
3	TOFF3	Off time/MOSFET disable	Duration of slow decay phase. If TOFF is 0, the MOSFETs are shut off. If TOFF is nonzero, slow decay time is a multiple of system clock periods: $N_{CLK} = 24 + (32 \times TOFF)$ (Minimum time is 64clocks.) %0000: Driver disable, all bridges off %0001: 1 (use with TBL of minimum 24 clocks) %0010 ... %1111: 2 ... 15
2	TOFF2		
1	TOFF1		
0	TOFF0		

## 6.7 CoolStep Control Register (SMARTEN)

SMARTEN		CoolStep Configuration	
Bit	Name	Function	Comment
19	1	Register address bit	
18	0	Register address bit	
17	1	Register address bit	
16	0	Reserved	
15	SEIMIN	Minimum CoolStep current	0: ½ CS current setting 1: ¼ CS current setting
14	SEDN1	Current decrement speed	Number of times that the StallGuard2 value must be sampled equal to or above the upper threshold for each decrement of the coil current: %00: 32 %01: 8 %10: 2 %11: 1
13	SEDN0		
12	0	Reserved	
11	SEMAX3	Upper CoolStep threshold as an offset from the lower threshold	If the StallGuard2 measurement value SG is sampled equal to or above $(SEMIN + SEMAX + 1) \times 32$ enough times, then the coil current scaling factor is decremented.
10	SEMAX2		
9	SEMAX1		
8	SEMAX0		
7	0	Reserved	
6	SEUP1	Current increment size	Number of current increment steps for each time that the StallGuard2 value SG is sampled below the lower threshold: %00: 1 %01: 2 %10: 4 %11: 8
5	SEUP0		
4	0	Reserved	
3	SEMIN3	Lower CoolStep threshold/CoolStep disable	If SEMIN is 0, CoolStep is disabled. If SEMIN is nonzero and the StallGuard2 value SG falls below $SEMIN \times 32$ , the CoolStep current scaling factor is increased.
2	SEMIN2		
1	SEMIN1		
0	SEMIN0		

## 6.8 StallGuard2 Control Register (SGCSCONF)

SGCSCONF		StallGuard2™ and Current Setting	
Bit	Name	Function	Comment
19	1	Register address bit	
18	1	Register address bit	
17	0	Register address bit	
16	SFILT	StallGuard2 filter enable	0: Standard mode, fastest response time. 1: Filtered mode, updated once for each four fullsteps to compensate for variation in motor construction, highest accuracy.
15	0	Reserved	
14	SGT6	StallGuard2 threshold value	The StallGuard2 threshold value controls the optimum measurement range for readout and stall indicator output (SG_TST). A lower value results in a higher sensitivity and less torque is required to indicate a stall. The value is a two's complement signed integer. Values below -10 are not recommended. Range: -64 to +63
13	SGT5		
12	SGT4		
11	SGT3		
10	SGT2		
9	SGT1		
8	SGT0		
7	0	Reserved	
6	0	Reserved	
5	0	Reserved	
4	CS4	Current scale (scales digital currents A and B)	Current scaling for SPI and STEP/DIR operation. %00000 ... %11111: 1/32, 2/32, 3/32, ... 32/32 This value is biased by 1 and divided by 32, so the range is 1/32 to 32/32. Example: CS=20 is 21/32 current.
3	CS3		
2	CS2		
1	CS1		
0	CS0		

## 6.9 Driver Control Register (DRVCONF)

DRVCONF		Driver Configuration	
Bit	Name	Function	Comment
19	1	Register address bit	
18	1	Register address bit	
17	1	Register address bit	
16	TST	Reserved TEST mode	Must be cleared for normal operation. When set, the SG_TST output exposes digital test values, and the TEST_ANA output exposes analog test values. Test value selection is controlled by SGT1 and SGT0: TEST_ANA:     %00: anatest_2vth, %01: anatest_dac_out, %10: anatest_vdd_half. SG_TST:        %00: comp_A, %01: comp_B, %10: CLK, %11: on_state_xy
15	SLPH1	Slope control, high side	%00: Minimum %01: Minimum (+tc) %10: Medium (+tc) %11: Maximum In temperature compensated mode (tc), the high-side MOSFET gate driver strength is increased if the overtemperature warning temperature is reached. This compensates for temperature dependency of high-side slope control.
14	SLPH0		
13	SLPL1	Slope control, low side	
12	SLPL0		
11	0	Reserved	
10	DISS2G	Short to GND protection disable	0: Short to GND protection is enabled. 1: Short to GND protection is disabled.
9	TS2G1	Short to GND detection timer	%00: 3.2µs. %01: 1.6µs. %10: 1.2µs. %11: 0.8µs.
8	TS2G0		
7	SDOFF	STEP/DIR interface disable	0: Enable STEP/DIR operation. 1: Disable STEP/DIR operation. SPI interface is used to move motor.
6	VSENSE	Sense resistor voltage-based current scaling	0: Full-scale sense resistor voltage is 305mV. 1: Full-scale sense resistor voltage is 165mV. (Full-scale refers to a current setting of 31 and a DAC value of 255.)
5	RDSEL1	Select value for read out (RD bits)	%00     Microstep position read back
4	RDSEL0		%01     StallGuard2 level read back
			%10     StallGuard2 & CoolStep current level read back
			%11     Reserved, do not use
3	OTSENS *)	Overtemperature sensitivity	0: Shutdown at 150°C 1: Sensitive shutdown at 136°C
2	SHRTSENS *)	Short to GND detection sensitivity	0: Low sensitivity 1: High sensitivity – better protection for high side FETs
1	0	Reserved	
0	EN_S2VS *)	Enable short to VS & CLK fail protection	0: Short to VS and clock failsafe protection disabled 1: Short to VS / overcurrent protection enabled. In addition, enables protection against clock input CLK fail, when using an external clock source.

\*) These three bits have a function for TMC262C only. Setting these bits for TMC262 does not have any effect. The TMC262 and TMC262C behave identically with setting 0.

## 6.10 Read Response

For every write command sent to the motor driver, a 20-bit response is returned to the motion controller. The response has one of three formats, as selected by the RDSEL parameter in the DRVCONF register. The table below shows these formats. Software must not depend on the value of any bit shown as reserved.

DRVSTATUS				Read Response	
Bit	Name			Function	Comment
	RDSEL=%00	%01	%10		
19	MSTEP9	SG9	SG9	Microstep counter for coil A or StallGuard2 value SG9:0 or StallGuard2 value SG9:5 and CoolStep value SE4:0	Microstep position in sine table for coil A in STEP/DIR mode. MSTEP9 is the Polarity bit: 0: Current flows from OA1 pins to OA2 pins. 1: Current flows from OA2 pins to OA1 pins.
18	MSTEP8	SG8	SG8		
17	MSTEP7	SG7	SG7		
16	MSTEP6	SG6	SG6		
15	MSTEP5	SG5	SG5		
14	MSTEP4	SG4	SE4		
13	MSTEP3	SG3	SE3		
12	MSTEP2	SG2	SE2		
11	MSTEP1	SG1	SE1		
10	MSTEP0	SG0	SE0		StallGuard2 value SG9:5 and the actual CoolStep scaling value SE4:0.
9	0			-	Unused bits
8	0				
7	STST			Standstill indicator	0: No standstill condition detected. 1: No active edge occurred on the STEP input during the last 2 <sup>20</sup> system clock cycles.
6	OLB			Open load indicator	0: No open load condition detected. 1: No chopper event has happened during the last period with constant coil polarity. Only a current above 1/16 of the maximum setting can clear this bit! <i>Hint:</i> This bit is only a status indicator. The chip takes no other action when this bit is set. False indications may occur during fast motion and at standstill. Check this bit only during slow motion.
5	OLA				
4	S2GB			Short detection status	0: No short condition. 1: Short condition. The short counter is incremented by each short circuit and the chopper cycle is suspended. The counter is decremented for each phase polarity change. The MOSFETs are shut off when the counter reaches 3 and remain shut off until the shutdown condition is cleared by disabling and re-enabling the driver. The shutdown condition becomes reset by de-asserting the ENN input or clearing the TOFF parameter.
3	S2GA				
2	OTPW			Overtemperature warning	0: No overtemperature warning condition. 1: Warning threshold is active.
1	OT			Overtemperature shutdown	0: No overtemperature shutdown condition. 1: Overtemperature shutdown has occurred.
0	SG			StallGuard2 status	0: No motor stall detected. 1: StallGuard2 threshold has been reached, and the SG_TST output is driven high.

## 6.11 Device Initialization

The following sequence of SPI commands is an example of enabling the driver and initializing the chopper:

```
SPI = $901B4;    // Hysteresis mode
or
SPI = $94557;    // Constant toff mode
SPI = $D001F;    // Current setting: $d001F (max. current)
SPI = $EF010;    // high gate driver strength, StallGuard read, SDOFF=0
SPI = $00000;    // 256 microstep setting
```

First test of CoolStep current control:

```
SPI = $A0222;    // Enable CoolStep with minimum current ½ CS
```

The configuration parameters should be tuned to the motor and application for optimum performance.

## 7 STEP/DIR Interface

The STEP and DIR inputs provide a simple, standard interface compatible with many existing motion controllers. The MicroPlyer STEP pulse interpolator brings the smooth motor operation of high-resolution microstepping to applications originally designed for coarser stepping and reduces pulse bandwidth.

### 7.1 Timing

Figure 7.1 shows the timing parameters for the STEP and DIR signals, and the table below gives their specifications. When the DEDGE mode bit in the DRVCTRL register is set, both edges of STEP are active. If DEDGE is cleared, only rising edges are active. STEP and DIR are sampled and synchronized to the system clock. An internal analog filter removes glitches on the signals, such as those caused by long PCB traces. If the signal source is far from the chip, and especially if the signals are carried on cables, the signals should be filtered or differentially transmitted.

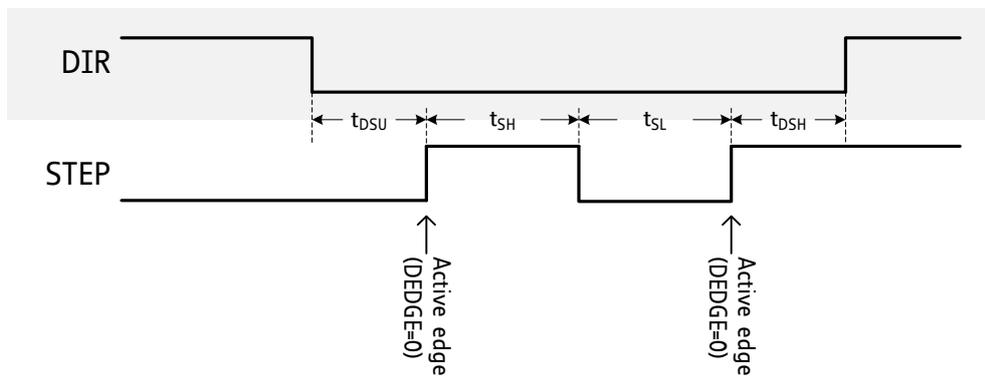


Figure 7.1 STEP/DIR timing

STEP and DIR Interface Timing		AC-Characteristics				
		clock period is $t_{CLK}$				
Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Step frequency (at maximum microstep resolution)	$f_{STEP}$	DEdge=0			$\frac{1}{2} f_{CLK}$	
		DEdge=1			$\frac{1}{4} f_{CLK}$	
Fullstep frequency	$f_{FS}$				$f_{CLK}/512$	
STEP input low time	$t_{SL}$		$\max(t_{FILTS}, t_{CLK}+20)$			ns
STEP input high time	$t_{SH}$		$\max(t_{FILTS}, t_{CLK}+20)$			ns
DIR to STEP setup time	$t_{DSU}$		20			ns
DIR after STEP hold time	$t_{DSH}$		20			ns
STEP and DIR spike filtering time TMC262	$t_{FILTS}$	Rising and falling edge	36	60	85	ns
STEP and DIR spike filtering time TMC262C *)	$t_{FILTS}$	Rising and falling edge	12	20	40	ns
STEP and DIR sampling relative to rising CLK input	$t_{SDCLKHI}$	Before rising edge of CLK		$t_{FILTS}$		ns

\*) The TMC262C has reduced filter time in order to reduce the danger of skipped step pulses

## 7.2 Microstep Table

The internal microstep table maps the sine function from 0° to 90°, and symmetries allow mapping the sine and cosine functions from 0° to 360° with this table. The angle is encoded as a 10-bit unsigned integer MSTEP provided by the microstep counter. The size of the increment applied to the counter while microstepping through this table is controlled by the microstep resolution setting MRES in the DRVCTRL register. Depending on the DIR input, the microstep counter is increased (DIR=0) or decreased (DIR=1) by the step size with each STEP active edge. Despite many entries in the last quarter of the table being equal, the electrical angle continuously changes, because either the sine wave or cosine wave is in an area, where the current vector changes monotonically from position to position. Figure 7.2 shows the table. The largest values are 248, which leaves headroom used for adding an offset.

Entry	0-31	32-63	64-95	96-127	128-159	160-191	192-223	224-255
0	1	49	96	138	176	207	229	243
1	2	51	97	140	177	207	230	244
2	4	52	98	141	178	208	231	244
3	5	54	100	142	179	209	231	244
4	7	55	101	143	180	210	232	244
5	8	57	103	145	181	211	232	245
6	10	58	104	146	182	212	233	245
7	11	60	105	147	183	212	233	245
8	13	61	107	148	184	213	234	245
9	14	62	108	150	185	214	234	246
10	16	64	109	151	186	215	235	246
11	17	65	111	152	187	215	235	246
12	19	67	112	153	188	216	236	246
13	21	68	114	154	189	217	236	246
14	22	70	115	156	190	218	237	247
15	24	71	116	157	191	218	237	247
16	25	73	118	158	192	219	238	247
17	27	74	119	159	193	220	238	247
18	28	76	120	160	194	220	238	247
19	30	77	122	161	195	221	239	247
20	31	79	123	163	196	222	239	247
21	33	80	124	164	197	223	240	247
22	34	81	126	165	198	223	240	248
23	36	83	127	166	199	224	240	248
24	37	84	128	167	200	225	241	248
25	39	86	129	168	201	225	241	248
26	40	87	131	169	201	226	241	248
27	42	89	132	170	202	226	242	248
28	43	90	133	172	203	227	242	248
29	45	91	135	173	204	228	242	248
30	46	93	136	174	205	228	243	248
31	48	94	137	175	206	229	243	248

Figure 7.2 Internal microstep table showing the first quarter of the sine wave

## 7.3 Changing Resolution

The application may need to change the microstepping resolution to get the best performance from the motor. For example, high-resolution microstepping may be used for precision operations on a workpiece, and then fullstepping may be used for maximum torque at maximum velocity to advance to the next workpiece. When changing to coarse resolutions like fullstepping or halfstepping, switching should occur at or near positions that correspond to steps in the lower resolution, as shown in the table below.

Step Position	MSTEP Value	Coil A Current	Coil B Current
Half step 0	0	0%	100%
Full step 0	128	70.7%	70.7%
Half step 1	256	100%	0%
Full step 1	384	70.7%	-70.7%
Half step 2	512	0%	-100%
Full step 2	640	-70.7%	-70.7%
Half step 3	768	-100%	0%
Full step 3	896	-70.7%	70.7%

## 7.4 MicroPlyer Step Interpolator

For each active edge on STEP, MicroPlyer produces 16 microsteps at 256x resolution, as shown in Figure 7.3. MicroPlyer is enabled by setting the INTPOL bit in the DRVCTRL register. It supports input at 16x resolution, which it transforms into 256x resolution. The step rate for each 16 microsteps is determined by measuring the time interval of the previous step period and dividing it into 16 equal parts. The maximum time between two active edges on the STEP input corresponds to  $2^{20}$  (roughly one million) system clock cycles, for an even distribution of 1/256 microsteps. At 16MHz system clock frequency, this results in a minimum step input frequency of 16Hz for MicroPlyer operation (one fullstep per second). A lower step rate causes the STST bit to be set, which indicates a standstill event. At that frequency, microsteps occur at a rate of  $\frac{\text{system clock frequency}}{2^{16}} = 244\text{Hz}$ .

### Attention

MicroPlyer only works well with a stable STEP frequency. Do not use the DEDGE option if the STEP signal does not have a 50% duty cycle.

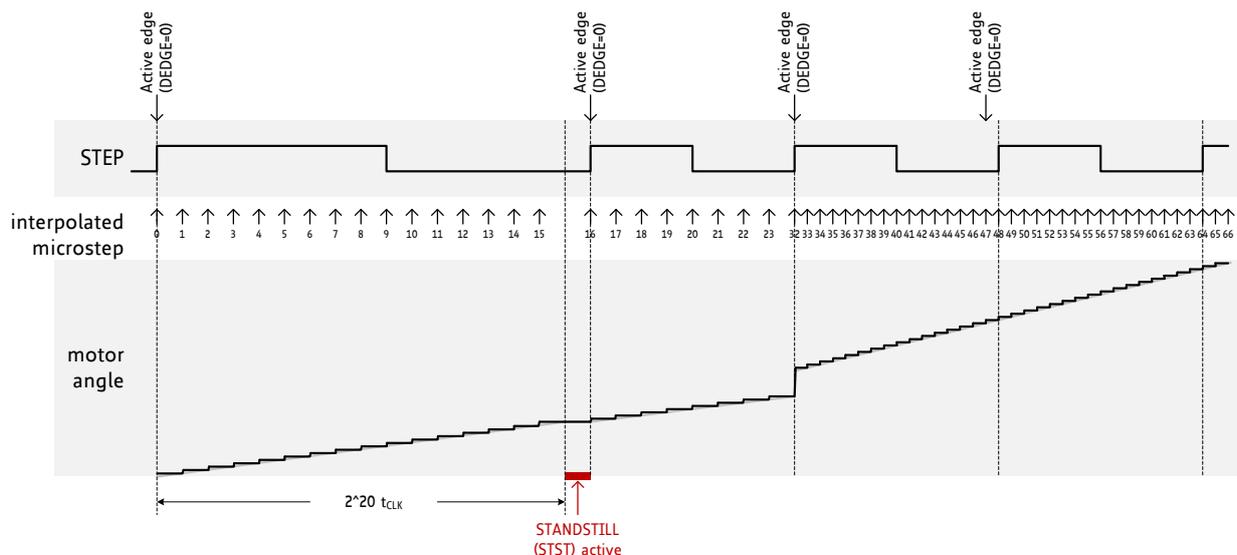


Figure 7.3 MicroPlyer microstep interpolation with rising STEP frequency

In Figure 7.3, the first STEP cycle is long enough to set the STST bit. This bit is cleared on the next STEP active edge. Then, the STEP frequency increases and after one cycle at the higher rate MicroPlyer increases the interpolated microstep rate. During the last cycle at the slower rate, MicroPlyer did not generate all 16 microsteps, so there is a tiny jump in motor angle between the first and second cycles at the higher rate.

## 7.5 Standstill Current Reduction

When a standstill event is detected, the motor current should be reduced to save energy and to reduce heat dissipation in the power MOSFET stage. Especially halfstep positions are worst-case for motor and driver with regard to the distribution of the power dissipation, because the full energy is consumed in one bridge and one motor coil.

### *Hint*

Implement a current reduction to 10% to 75% of the required run current for motor standstill. This saves more than 50% to more than 90% of energy. The actual level depends on the required holding force and on the required microstep precision during standstill. In standalone mode, a reduction to 50% current is possible using a configuration input.

## 8 Current Setting

The internal 5V supply voltage available at the pin 5VOUT is used as a reference for the coil current regulation based on the sense resistor voltage measurement. The desired maximum motor current is set by selecting an appropriate value for the sense resistor. The sense resistor voltage range can be selected by the VSENSE bit in the DRVCONF register. The low sensitivity (high sense resistor voltage, VSENSE=0) brings best and most robust current regulation, while high sensitivity (low sense resistor voltage, VSENSE=1) reduces power dissipation in the sense resistor. This setting reduces the power dissipation in the sense resistor by nearly half.

After choosing the VSENSE setting and selecting the sense resistor, the currents to both coils are scaled by the 5-bit current scale parameter CS in the SGCSCONF register. The sense resistor value is chosen so that the maximum desired current (or slightly more) flows at the maximum current setting (CS = %11111).

Using the internal sine wave table, which has amplitude of 248, the RMS motor current can be calculated by:

$$I_{RMS} = \frac{CS + 1}{32} * \frac{V_{FS}}{R_{SENSE}} * \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

The momentary motor current is calculated as:

$$I_{MOT} = \frac{CURRENT_{A/B}}{248} * \frac{CS + 1}{32} * \frac{V_{FS}}{R_{SENSE}}$$

where:

CS is the effective current scale setting as set by the CS bits and modified by CoolStep. The effective value ranges from 0 to 31.

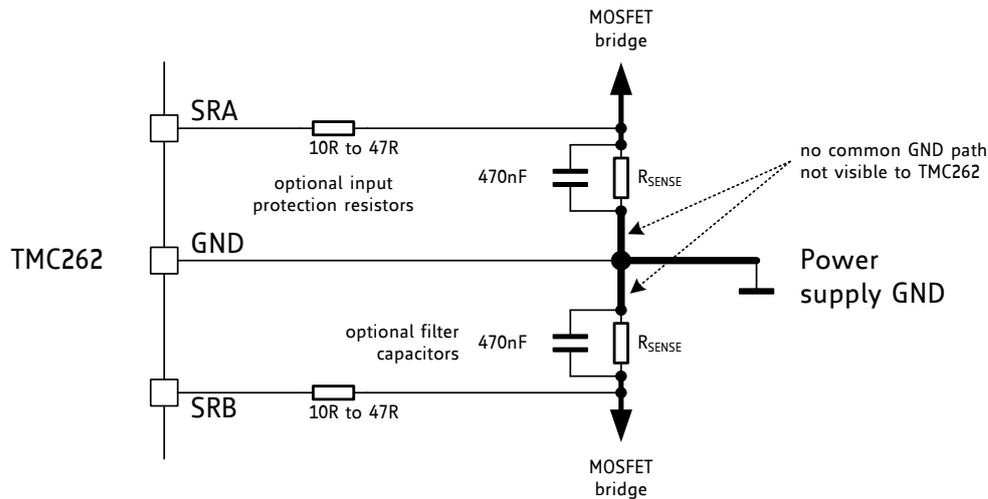
V<sub>FS</sub> is the sense resistor voltage at full scale, as selected by the VSENSE control bit (refer to the electrical characteristics).

CURRENT<sub>A/B</sub> is the value set by the current setting in SPI mode or the internal sine table in STEP/DIR mode.

Parameter	Description	Setting	Comment
CS	<i>Current scale.</i> Scales both coil current values as taken from the internal sine wave table or from the SPI interface. For high precision motor operation, work with a current scaling factor in the range 16 to 31, because scaling down the current values reduces the effective microstep resolution by making microsteps coarser. This setting also controls the maximum current value set by CoolStep™.	0 ... 31	Scaling factor: 1/32, 2/32, ... 32/32
VSENSE	Allows control of the sense resistor <i>voltage range</i> or adaptation of one electronic module to different maximum motor currents.	0	310mV
		1	165mV

## 8.1 Sense Resistors

Sense resistors should be carefully selected. The full motor current flows through the sense resistors. As they also see the switching spikes from the MOSFET bridges, a low-inductance type such as film or composition resistors is required to prevent spikes causing ringing. A compact power stage layout with massive GND plane for low-inductance and low-resistance is essential to avoid disturbance by parasitic effects. Any common GND path for the two sense resistors must be avoided, because this would lead to coupling between the two current sense signals. Use the massive ground plane for all GND connections. When using high currents or long motor cables, spike damping with parallel capacitors to ground may be needed, as shown in Figure 8.1. Because the sense resistor inputs are susceptible to damage from negative overvoltages, an additional input protection resistor helps protect against a motor cable break or ringing on long motor cables.



**Figure 8.1 Sense resistor grounding and protection components**

The sense resistor needs to be able to conduct the peak motor coil current in motor standstill conditions, unless standby power is reduced. Under normal conditions, the sense resistor sees less than 50% of the coil RMS current, because no current flows through the sense resistor during the slow decay phases. The peak sense resistor power dissipation is:

$$P_{RSMAX} = \frac{\left(V_{SENSE} * \frac{CS + 1}{32}\right)^2}{R_{SENSE}}$$

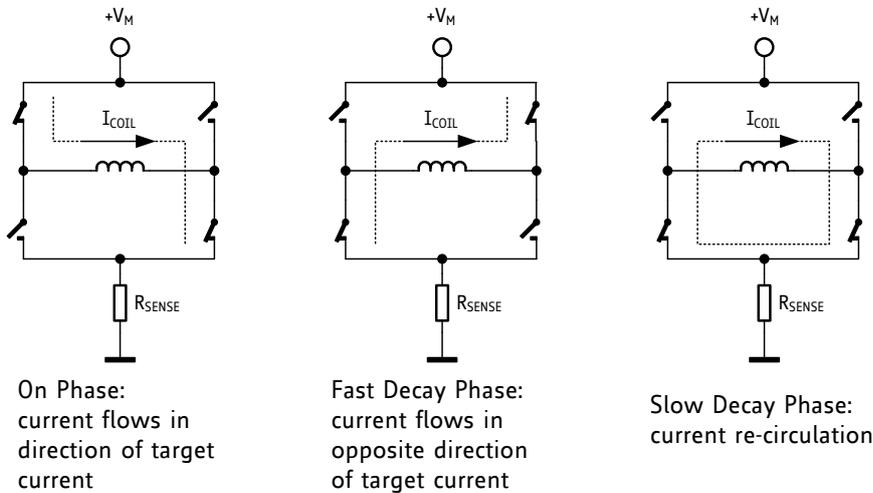
For high-current applications, halve power dissipation by using the lower sense resistor voltage setting and the corresponding lower resistance value.

Set the desired maximum motor current by selecting an appropriate value for the sense resistor. The following table shows the RMS current values which are reached using standard resistors. The resulting application current may vary due to slow decay phase effects and trace resistance.

CHOICE OF $R_{SENSE}$ AND RESULTING MAX. MOTOR CURRENT FOR $CS=31$		
$R_{SENSE}$ [ $\Omega$ ]	RMS current [A] $V_{SENSE}=0$	RMS current [A] $V_{SENSE}=1$
0.33	0.7	0.35
0.27	0.8	0.43
0.22	1.0	0.53
0.15	1.5	0.8
0.12	1.8	1.0
0.10	2.2	1.2
0.075	3	1.6
0.066	3.3	1.8
0.050	4.4	2.3

## 9 Chopper Operation

The currents through both motor coils are controlled using choppers. The choppers work independently of each other. Figure 9.1 shows the three chopper phases:



**Figure 9.1 Chopper phases**

Although the current could be regulated using only on phases and fast decay phases, insertion of the slow decay phase is important to reduce electrical losses and current ripple in the motor. The duration of the slow decay phase is specified in a control parameter and sets an upper limit on the chopper frequency. The current comparator can measure coil current during phases when the current flows through the sense resistor, but not during the slow decay phase, so the slow decay phase is terminated by a timer. The on phase is terminated by the comparator when the current through the coil reaches the target current. The fast decay phase may be terminated by either the comparator or another timer.

When the coil current is switched, spikes at the sense resistors occur due to charging and discharging parasitic capacitances. During this time, typically one or two microseconds, the current cannot be measured. Blanking is the time when the input to the comparator is masked to block these spikes.

There are two chopper modes available: a new high-performance chopper algorithm called SpreadCycle and a proven constant off-time chopper mode. The constant off-time mode cycles through three phases: on, fast decay, and slow decay. The SpreadCycle mode cycles through four phases: on, slow decay, fast decay, and a second slow decay.

Three parameters are used for controlling both chopper modes:

Parameter	Description	Setting	Comment
TOFF	Off time. This setting controls the duration of the slow decay time and limits the maximum chopper frequency. For most applications an off time within the range of 5 $\mu$ s to 20 $\mu$ s will fit. If the value is 0, the MOSFETs are all shut off and the motor can freewheel. A value of 1 to 15 sets the number of system clock cycles in the slow decay phase to: $N_{CLK} = (TOFF \cdot 32) + 12$ The SD-Time is $t = \frac{1}{f_{CLK}} \cdot N_{CLK}$	0	Chopper off.
		1... 15	Off time setting. A setting in the range of 2-5 is recommended for SpreadCycle, higher values for classic chopper.

Parameter	Description	Setting	Comment
TBL	Blanking time. This time needs to cover the switching event and the duration of the ringing on the sense resistor. For most low-current applications, a setting of 16 or 24 is good. For high-current applications, a setting of 36 or 54 may be required.	0	16 system clock cycles
		1	24 system clock cycles
		2	36 system clock cycles
		3	54 system clock cycles
CHM	Chopper mode bit	0	SpreadCycle mode
		1	Constant off time mode

## 9.1 SpreadCycle Chopper

The SpreadCycle (patented) chopper algorithm is a precise and simple to use chopper mode which automatically determines the optimum length for the fast-decay phase. The SpreadCycle will provide superior microstepping quality even with default settings. Several parameters are available to optimize the chopper to the application.

Each chopper cycle is comprised of an on phase, a slow decay phase, a fast decay phase and a second slow decay phase (see Figure 9.4). The two slow decay phases and the two blank times per chopper cycle put an upper limit to the chopper frequency. The slow decay phases typically make up for about 30%-70% of the chopper cycle in standstill and are important for low motor and driver power dissipation.

Calculation of a starting value for the slow decay time *TOFF*:

### EXAMPLE:

Target Chopper frequency: 25kHz.

Assumption: Two slow decay cycles make up for 50% of overall chopper cycle time

$$t_{OFF} = \frac{1}{25kHz} * \frac{50}{100} * \frac{1}{2} = 10\mu s$$

For the *TOFF* setting this means:

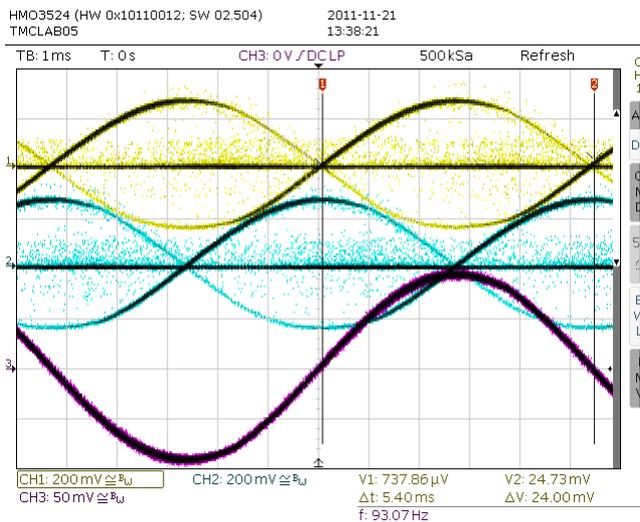
$$TOFF = (t_{OFF} * f_{CLK} - 24)/32$$

With 12 MHz clock this gives a setting of *TOFF*=3.0, i.e. 3.

With 16 MHz clock this gives a setting of *TOFF*=4.25, i.e. 4 or 5.

The hysteresis start setting forces the driver to introduce a minimum amount of current ripple into the motor coils. The current ripple must be higher than the current ripple which is caused by resistive losses in the motor in order to give best microstepping results. This will allow the chopper to precisely regulate the current both for rising and for falling target current. The time required to introduce the current ripple into the motor coil also reduces the chopper frequency. Therefore, a higher hysteresis setting will lead to a lower chopper frequency. The motor inductance limits the ability of the chopper to follow a changing motor current. Further the duration of the on phase and the fast decay must be longer than the blanking time, because the current comparator is disabled during blanking.

It is easiest to find the best setting by starting from a low hysteresis setting (e.g. *HSTRT*=0, *HEND*=0) and increasing *HSTRT*, until the motor runs smoothly at low velocity settings. This can best be checked when measuring the motor current either with a current probe or by probing the sense resistor voltages (see Figure 9.2). Checking the sine wave shape near zero transition will show a small ledge between both half waves in case the hysteresis setting is too small. At medium velocities (i.e. 100 to 400 fullsteps per second), a too low hysteresis setting will lead to increased humming and vibration of the motor.



**Figure 9.2 No ledges in current wave with sufficient hysteresis (magenta: current A, yellow & blue: sense resistor voltages A and B)**

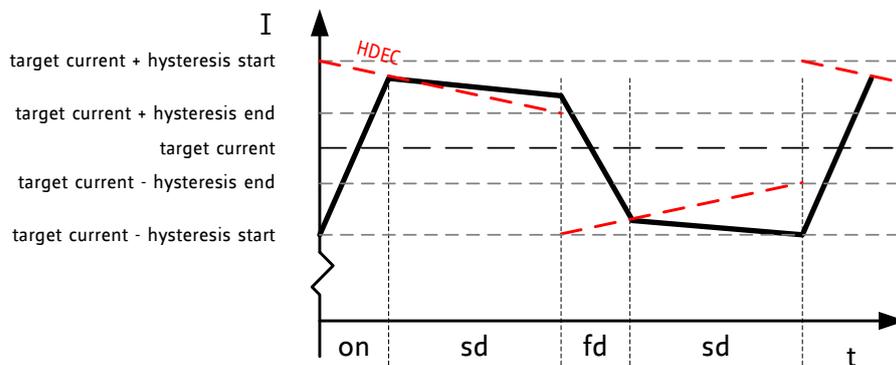
A too high hysteresis setting will lead to reduced chopper frequency and increased chopper noise but will not yield any benefit for the wave shape.

#### Quick Start

For detail tuning procedure see Application Note AN001 - *Parameterization of SpreadCycle*

As experiments show, the setting is quite independent of the motor, because higher current motors typically also have a lower coil resistance. Choosing a medium default value for the hysteresis (for example, effective HSTRT+HEND=10) normally fits most applications. The setting can be optimized by experimenting with the motor: A too low setting will result in reduced microstep accuracy, while a too high setting will lead to more chopper noise and motor power dissipation. When measuring the sense resistor voltage in motor standstill at a medium coil current with an oscilloscope, a too low setting shows a fast decay phase not longer than the blanking time. When the fast decay time becomes slightly longer than the blanking time, the setting is optimum. You can reduce the off-time setting, if this is hard to reach.

The hysteresis principle could in some cases lead to the chopper frequency becoming too low, for example when the coil resistance is high compared to the supply voltage. This is avoided by splitting the hysteresis setting into a start setting (HSTRT+HEND) and an end setting (HEND). An automatic hysteresis decremter (HDEC) interpolates between these settings, by decremting the hysteresis value stepwise each 16, 32, 48, or 64 system clock cycles. At the beginning of each chopper cycle, the hysteresis begins with a value which is the sum of the start and the end values (HSTRT+HEND), and decrements during the cycle, until either the chopper cycle ends or the hysteresis end value (HEND) is reached. This way, the chopper frequency is stabilized at high amplitudes and low supply voltage situations, if the frequency gets too low. This avoids the frequency reaching the audible range.



**Figure 9.3 SpreadCycle chopper mode showing the coil current during a chopper cycle**

Three parameters control SpreadCycle mode:

Parameter	Description	Setting	Comment
HSTRT	<i>Hysteresis start</i> setting. Please remark, that this value is an offset to the hysteresis end value HEND.	0.. 7	This setting adds to HEND. %000: 1    %100: 5 %001: 2    %101: 6 %010: 3    %110: 7 %011: 4    %111: 8
HEND	<i>Hysteresis end</i> setting. Sets the hysteresis end value after a number of decrements. Decrement interval time is controlled by HDEC. The sum HSTRT+HEND must be <16. At a current setting CS of max. 30 (amplitude reduced to 240), the sum is not limited.	0.. 2	Negative HEND: -3... -1 %0000: -3 %0001: -2 %0010: -1
		3	Zero HEND: 0 %0011: 0
		4.. 15	Positive HEND: 1... 12 %0100: 1    %1010: 7 %0101: 2    %1011: 8 %0110: 3    %1100: 9 %0111: 4    %1101: 10 %1000: 5    %1110: 11 %1001: 6    %1111: 12
HDEC	<i>Hysteresis decrement</i> setting. This setting determines the slope of the hysteresis during on time and during fast decay time. It sets the number of system clocks for each decrement.	0.. 3	0: fast decrement 3: very slow decrement %00: 16 %01: 32 %10: 48 %11: 64

#### EXAMPLE:

A hysteresis of 4 has been chosen. You might decide to not use hysteresis decrement. In this case set:

*HEND*=6                    (sets an effective end value of 6-3=3)  
*HSTRT*=0                    (sets minimum hysteresis, i.e. 1: 3+1=4)

In order to take advantage of the variable hysteresis, we can set most of the value to the HSTRT, i.e. 4, and the remaining 1 to hysteresis end. The resulting configuration register values are as follows:

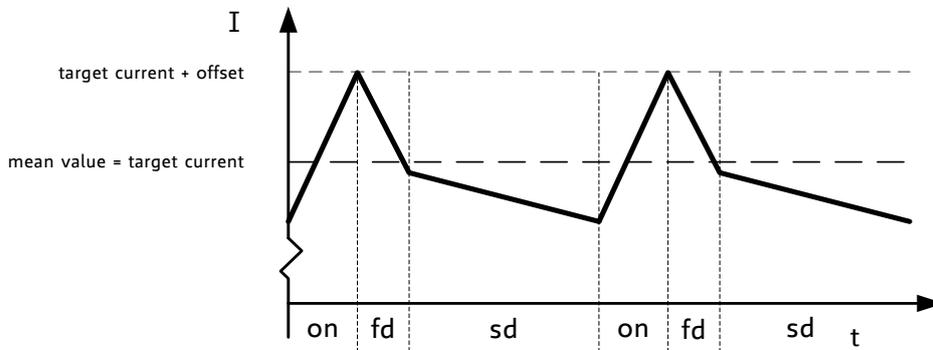
*HEND*=0                    (sets an effective end value of -3)  
*HSTRT*=6                    (sets an effective start value of hysteresis end +7: 7-3=4)

#### Hint

Highest motor velocities benefit from setting TOFF to 2 or 3 and a short TBL of 2 or 1.

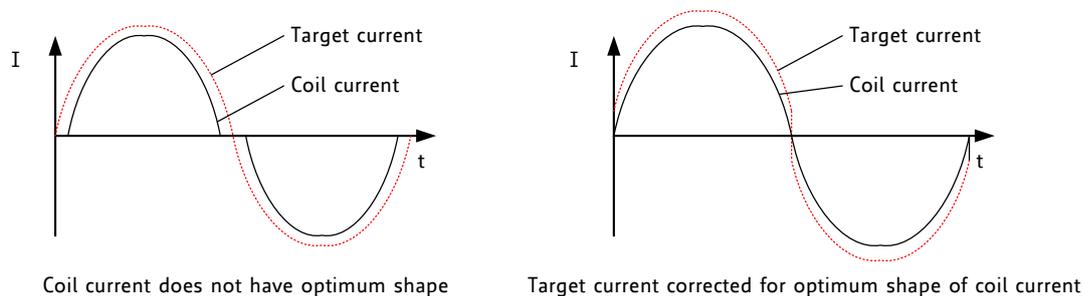
## 9.2 Classic Constant Off-Time Chopper

The classic constant off-time chopper uses a fixed-time fast decay following each on phase. While the duration of the on phase is determined by the chopper comparator, the fast decay time needs to be fast enough for the driver to follow the falling slope of the sine wave, but it should not be so long that it causes excess motor current ripple and power dissipation. This can be tuned using an oscilloscope or evaluating motor smoothness at different velocities. A good starting value is a fast decay time setting similar to the slow decay time setting.



**Figure 9.4 Constant off-time chopper with offset showing the coil current during two cycles**

After tuning the fast decay time, the offset should be tuned for a smooth zero crossing. This is necessary because the fast decay phase makes the absolute value of the motor current lower than the target current (see Figure 9.5). If the zero offset is too low, the motor stands still for a short moment during current zero crossing. If it is set too high, it makes a larger microstep. Typically, a positive offset setting is required for smoothest operation.



**Figure 9.5 Zero crossing with correction using sine wave offset**

Three parameters control constant off-time mode:

Parameter	Description	Setting	Comment
TFD (HSTART & HDEC0)	<i>Fast decay time</i> setting. With CHM=1, these bits control the portion of fast decay for each chopper cycle.	0	Slow decay only.
		1... 15	Duration of fast decay phase.
OFFSET (HEND)	<i>Sine wave offset</i> . With CHM=1, these bits control the sine wave offset. A positive offset corrects for zero crossing error.	0...2	Negative offset: -3... -1
		3	No offset: 0
		4... 15	Positive offset: 1... 12
NCCFD (HDEC1)	Selects usage of the <i>current comparator</i> for termination of the <i>fast decay</i> cycle. If current comparator is enabled, it terminates the fast decay cycle in case the current reaches a higher negative value than the actual positive value.	0	Enable comparator termination of fast decay cycle.
		1	End by time only.

## 9.2.1 Random Off Time

In the constant off-time chopper mode, both coil choppers run freely without synchronization. The frequency of each chopper mainly depends on the coil current and the motor coil inductance. The inductance varies with the microstep position. With some motors, a slightly audible beat can occur between the chopper frequencies when they are close together. This typically occurs at a few microstep positions within each quarter wave. This effect is usually not audible when compared to mechanical noise generated by ball bearings, etc. Another factor which can cause a similar effect is a poor layout of the sense resistor GND connections.

### *Hint*

A common cause of motor noise is a bad PCB layout causing coupling of both sense resistor voltages. Noise caused by an insufficient PCB layout cannot be overcome by chopper settings.

To minimize the effect of a beat between both chopper frequencies, an internal random generator is provided. It modulates the slow decay time setting when switched on by the RNDTF bit. The RNDTF feature further spreads the chopper spectrum, reducing electromagnetic emission on single frequencies.

Parameter	Description	Setting	Comment
RNDTF	Enables a random off-time generator, which slightly modulates the off-time $t_{OFF}$ using a random polynomial.	0	Disable.
		1	Random modulation enabled.

## 10 Power MOSFET Stage

The TMC262 provides gate drivers for two full-bridges using N- and P-channel power MOSFETs. The gate current for the MOSFETs can be adapted to influence the slew rate at the coil outputs. The main features of the stage are:

- 5V gate drive voltage for low-side N-MOS transistors, 8V-10V for high-side P-MOS transistors.
- The gate drivers protect the bridges actively against cross-conduction using an internal  $Q_{GD}$  protection that holds the MOSFETs safely off.
- Automatic break-before-make logic minimizes dead time and diode-conduction time.
- Integrated short to ground protection detects a short of the motor wires and protects the MOSFETs.

The low-side gate driver is supplied by the 5VOUT pin. The low-side driver supplies 0V to the MOSFET gate to close the MOSFET, and 5VOUT to open it. The high-side gate driver voltage is supplied by the VS and the VHS pin. VHS is more negative than VS and allows opening the VS referenced high-side MOSFET. The high-side driver supplies VS to the P channel MOSFET gate to close the MOSFET and VHS to open it. The effective low-side gate voltage is roughly 5V; the effective high-side gate voltage is roughly 8V, respectively 10V for TMC262C.

Parameter	Description	Setting	Comment
SLPL	Low-side slope control. Controls the MOSFET gate driver current. Set to a value appropriate for the external MOSFET gate charge and the desired slope.	0.. 3	%00: Minimum. %01: Minimum. %10: Medium. %11: Maximum.
SLPH	High-side slope control. Controls the MOSFET gate driver current. Set to a value appropriate for the external MOSFET gate charge and the desired slope.	0.. 3	%00: Minimum. %01: Minimum+TC. %10: Medium+TC. %11: Maximum.

### 10.1 Break-Before-Make Logic

Each half-bridge has to be protected against cross-conduction during switching events. When switching off the low-side MOSFET, its gate first needs to be discharged before the high-side MOSFET is allowed to switch on. The same goes when switching off the high-side MOSFET and switching on the low-side MOSFET. The time for charging and discharging of the MOSFET gates depends on the MOSFET gate charge and the gate driver current set by SLPL and SLPH. The BBM (break-before-make) logic measures the gate voltage and automatically delays turning on the opposite bridge transistor until its counterpart is discharged. This way, the bridge will always switch with optimized timing independent of the slope setting.

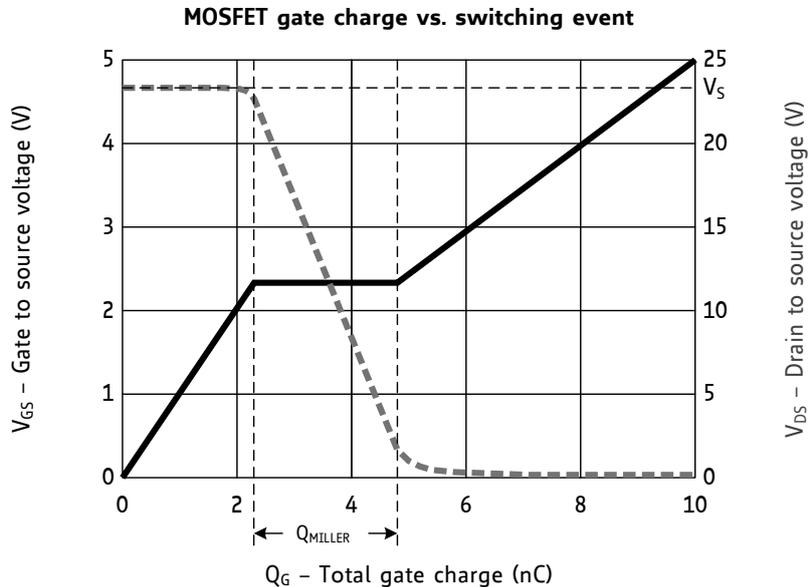
### 10.2 ENN Input

The MOSFETs can be completely disabled in hardware by pulling the ENN input high. This allows the motor to free-wheel. An equivalent function can be performed in software by setting the parameter TOFF to zero. The hardware disable is available for allowing the motor to be hot plugged. If a hardware disable function is not needed, tie ENN low.

### 10.3 Slope Control

The TMC262 provides constant-current gate drivers for slope control. This allows adapting the driver strength to the drive requirements of the power MOSFETs and adjusting the output slope of the controlled gate charge and discharge. A slower slope reduces electromagnetic emissions, but it increases power dissipation in the MOSFETs.

The duration of the complete switching event depends on the total gate charge of the MOSFETs. In Figure 10.1, the voltage transition of the gate-charge output (dotted line) takes place during the so-called Miller plateau. The Miller plateau results from the gate-to-drain capacitance of the MOSFET charging or discharging during switching. The datasheet for the MOSFETs typically will show a Miller plateau that only covers a part (for example, one quarter) of the complete charging/discharging event. The gate voltage level at which the Miller plateau starts depends on the threshold voltage of the MOSFET and on the actual load current.



**Figure 10.1 MOSFET gate charge vs.  $V_{DS}$  for a typical MOSFET during a switching event**

The slope time  $t_{SLOPE}$  can be calculated as:

$$t_{SLOPE} = \frac{Q_{MILLER}}{I_{GATE}}$$

Where:

$Q_{MILLER}$  is the charge the MOSFET needs for the switching event.

$I_{GATE}$  is the driver current setting.

The chopper frequency is typically slightly above the audible range, around 18 kHz to 40 kHz. The lower limit for the slope is dictated by the reverse recovery time of the MOSFET internal diodes, unless additional Schottky diodes are used in parallel to the MOSFETs source-drain diode. For most applications a switching time between 20ns and 250ns is best.

*Example:*

A circuit using the transistor in Figure 10.1 is operated with a gate current setting of 15mA. The Miller charge of the transistor is about 2.5nC.

$$t_{SLOPE} = \frac{2.5nC}{15mA} = 166ns$$

*Hint*

Test the best driver strength setting in the application. A good value is found, if a further increment of driver strength does not lead to lower supply current (and thus reduced power dissipation).

# 11 Diagnostics and Protection

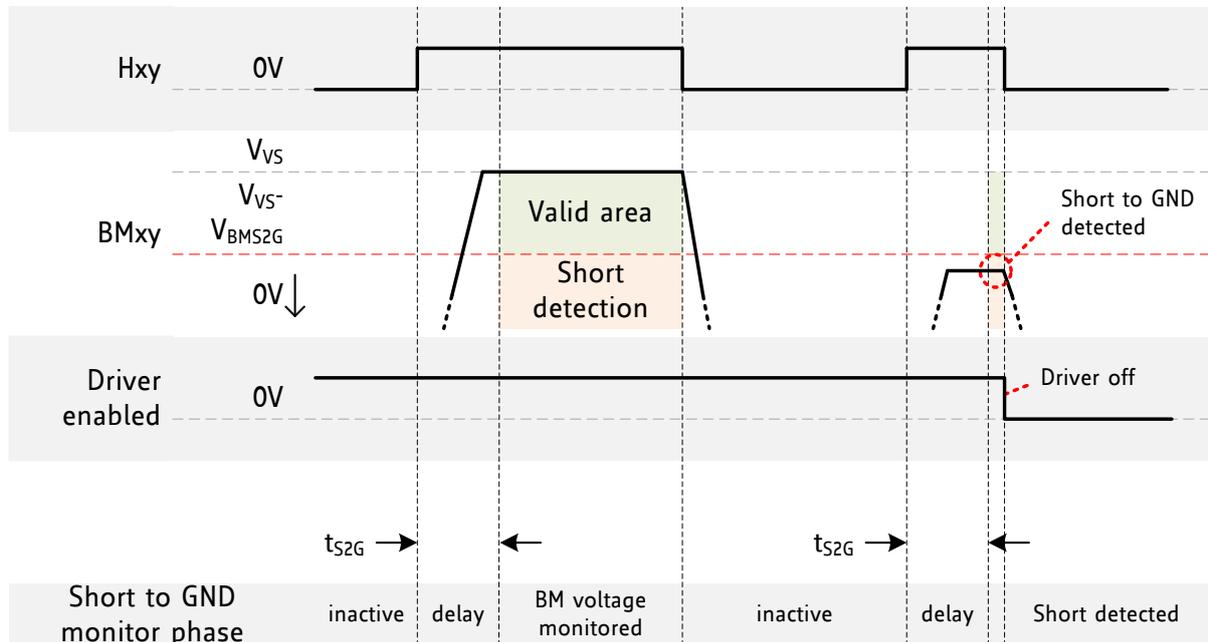
## 11.1 Short Protection

The TMC262 protects the MOSFET power stages against a short circuit or overload condition by monitoring the voltage drop in the high-side MOSFETs (Figure 11.1). The TMC262C also allows monitoring the voltage drop in sense resistor and low-side MOSFETs. A programmable short detection delay (*shortdelay*) allows adjusting the detector to work with different power stages and load conditions. Additionally, the short detection is protected against single events, e.g. caused by ESD discharges, by retrying three times before switching off the motor continuously. The low side short detector provides a good overcurrent detection. It needs to be explicitly enabled by programming.

The short detection status is indicated by two bits:

Status	Description	Range	Comment
S2GA	These bits identify a short to GND condition on coil A and coil B persisting for multiple chopper cycles. The bits are cleared when the MOSFETs are disabled. For TMC262C, a short detected on the low-side also is signaled by these bits.	0 / 1	0: No short detected. 1: Short condition detected.
S2GB			

An overload condition on the high-side MOSFET ("short to GND") is detected by monitoring the coil voltage during the high-side on phase. Under normal conditions, the high-side power MOSFET reaches the bridge supply voltage minus a small voltage drop during the on-phase. If the bridge is overloaded, the voltage cannot rise to the detection level within the time defined by the internal detection delay setting. When an overload is detected, the bridge is switched off. The short to GND detection delay needs to be adjusted for the slope time, because it must be longer than slope, but should not be unnecessarily long.



**Figure 11.1 Short to GND detection timing**

TMC262C allows short to supply detection in the same way, by measuring voltage drop across sense resistors plus low-side MOSFETs during the conduction phase. As the low-side short detection includes the sense resistor, it is sensitive to the actual sense resistor and provides a good precision of overcurrent detection. This way, it will safely cover most overcurrent conditions. For compatibility, short to VS protection is disabled by default.

The short detector is controlled by a mode bit and a parameter:

Mode bit / Parameter	Description	Setting	Comment
DISS2G	Short to ground detection disable bit.	0/1	0: Short to ground detection enabled 1: Short to ground detection disabled
TS2G	This setting controls the short detection delay time. It needs to cover the switching slope time. A higher setting reduces sensitivity to capacitive loads.	0.. 3	%00: 3.2µs. %01: 1.6µs. %10: 1.2µs. %11: 0.8µs.
EN_S2VS (TMC262C, only)	Explicitly enable short to VS and overcurrent protection by setting this bit.	0/1	Enable detection for normal use (1).
SHRTSENS (TMC262C, only)	The high-side overcurrent detector can be set to a higher sensitivity by setting this flag. This will allow detection of wrong cabling even with higher resistive motors.	0/1	0: Low sensitivity 1: High sensitivity

#### Hint

Once a short condition is safely detected, the corresponding driver bridge (A or B) becomes switched off, and the *s2ga* or *s2gb* flag becomes set.

To restart the motor, disable and re-enable the driver.

#### Attention

Short protection cannot protect the system and the power stages for all possible short events, as a short event is rather undefined and a complex network of external components may be involved. Therefore, short circuits should basically be avoided.

## 11.2 Open-Load Detection

Interrupted cables are a common cause for systems failing, e.g. when connectors are not firmly plugged. The TMC2590 detects open load conditions by checking, if it can reach the desired motor coil current. This way, also undervoltage conditions, high motor velocity settings or short and overtemperature conditions may cause triggering of the open load flag, and inform the user, that motor torque may suffer. In motor stand still, open load cannot be measured, as the coils might eventually have zero current.

#### Hint

Open load detection is provided for system debugging. Open load detection does not necessarily indicate a malfunction of the driver.

In order to safely detect an interrupted coil connection, read out the open load flags at low or nominal motor velocity operation, only. However, the *ola* and *olb* flags have just informative character and do not cause any action of the driver. False indication may result with full- or halfstep operation. Use microstepping for a safe result.

The open-load detection status is indicated by two bits:

Status flag	Description	Range	Comment
OLA	These bits indicate an open-load condition on coil A and coil B. The flags become set, if no chopper event has happened during the last period with constant coil polarity. The flag is not updated with too low actual coil current below 1/16 of maximum setting. It is a pure indicator. No action is taken depending on these flags.	0 / 1	0: No open-load detected 1: Open-load detected
OLB			

## 11.3 Temperature Sensors

The TMC262 integrates a two-level temperature sensor (100°C warning and 150°C shutdown) for diagnostics and for protection of the power MOSFETs. The temperature detector can be triggered by heat accumulation on the board, for example due to missing convection cooling. Most critical situations, in which the MOSFETs could be overheated, are avoided when using the short protection. For most applications, the overtemperature warning indicates an abnormal operation situation and can be used to trigger an alarm or power-reduction measures. If continuous operation in hot environments is necessary, a more precise mechanism based on temperature measurement should be used. The thermal shutdown is strictly an emergency measure and temperature rising to the shutdown level should be prevented by design. The shutdown temperature is above the specified operating temperature range of the chip.

### *Hint for TMC262C, only*

After triggering the overtemperature sensor (ot flag), the driver remains switched off until the system temperature falls below the overtemperature release level (120°C) to avoid continuous heating to the shutdown level. Cool down typically needs a few 100ms to 1 second.

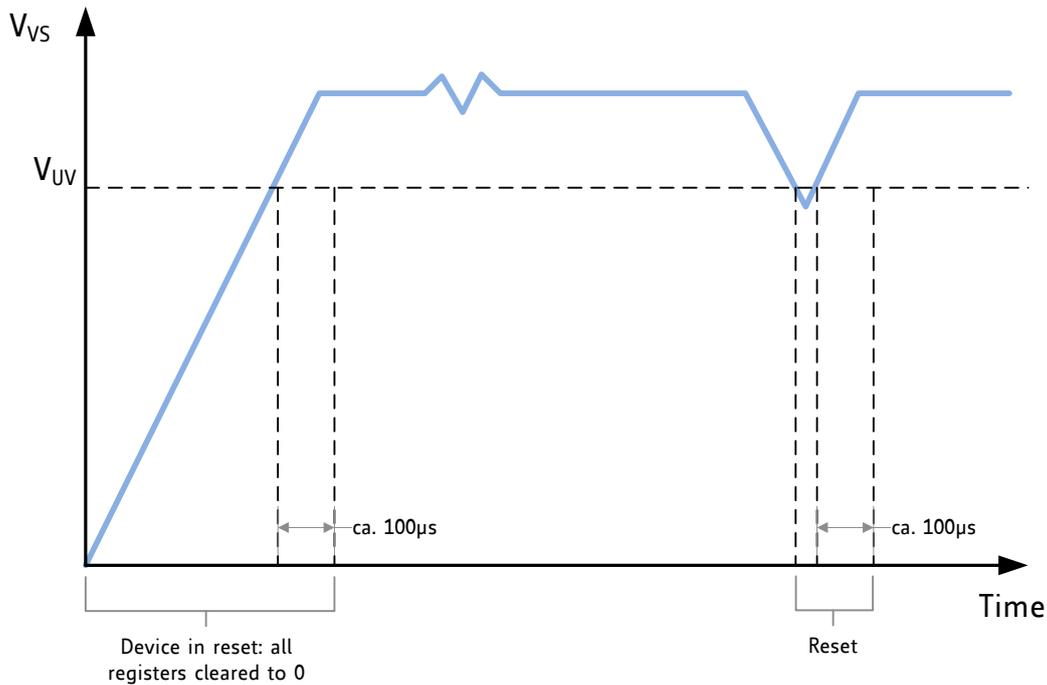
The high-side P-channel gate drivers have a temperature dependency which can be compensated to some extent by increasing the gate driver current when the warning temperature threshold is reached. The chip automatically corrects for the temperature dependency above the warning temperature when the temperature-compensated modes of SLPH is used. In these modes, the gate driver current is increased by one step when the temperature warning threshold is reached.

Status	Description	Range	Comment
OTPW	Overtemperature warning. This bit indicates whether the warning threshold is reached. Software can react to this setting by reducing current.	0 / 1	1: temperature prewarning level reached
OT	Overtemperature shutdown. This bit indicates whether the shutdown threshold has been reached and the driver has been disabled.	0 / 1	1: driver shut down due to over-temperature
OTSENS (TMC262C only)	Program overtemperature threshold to a reduced level in order to give better protection for the external power stage and other components. The driver re-enables when the temperature falls below 120°C.	0 / 1	0: 150°C 1: 136°C

## 11.4 Undervoltage Detection

The undervoltage detector monitors both the internal logic supply voltage and the supply voltage. It prevents operation of the chip when the MOSFETs cannot be guaranteed to operate properly because the gate drive voltage is too low. It also initializes the chip at power up.

In undervoltage conditions, the logic control block becomes reset and the driver is disabled. All MOSFETs are switched off. All internal registers are reset to zero. Software also should monitor the supply voltage to detect an undervoltage condition. If software cannot measure the supply voltage, an undervoltage condition can be detected when the response to an SPI command returns only zero bits in the response and no bits are shifted through the internal shift register from SDI to SDO. After a reset due to undervoltage occurs, the CS parameter is cleared, which is reflected in an SE status of 0 in the read response.



**Figure 11.2 Undervoltage reset timing**

*Note*

Be sure to operate the IC significantly above the undervoltage threshold to ensure reliable operation! Check for SE reading back as zero to detect an undervoltage event.

## 12 Power Supply Sequencing

The TMC262 generates its own 5V supply for all internal operations. The internal reset of the chip is derived from the supply voltage regulator in order to ensure a clean start-up of the device after power up. During start up, the SPI unit is in reset and cannot be addressed. All registers become cleared.

VCC\_IO limits the voltage allowable on the inputs and outputs and is used for driving the outputs, but input levels thresholds are not depending on the actual level of VCC\_IO. VCC\_IO may start up before or after VS. However, with a delayed start-up of VCC\_IO, care must be taken for systems using an external clock signal (see next chapter).

For TMC262C, VCC\_IO is monitored, and the IC becomes reset upon undervoltage. This way, the power-up restriction for VCC\_IO with external clock signal is relaxed.

## 13 System Clock

The system clock is the timing reference for all functions. The internal system clock frequency for all operations is nominally 15MHz. An external clock of 8MHz to 20MHz can be supplied for more exact timing, especially when using CoolStep and StallGuard2.

### USING THE INTERNAL CLOCK

To use the on-chip oscillator of the TMC262, tie CLK to GND near the chip. The actual on-chip oscillator clock frequency can be determined by measuring the delay time between the last step and assertion of the STST (standstill) status bit, which is  $2^{20}$  clocks. There is some delay in reading the STST bit through the SPI interface, but it is easily possible to measure the oscillator frequency within 1%. Chopper timing parameters can then be corrected using this measurement, because the oscillator is relatively stable over a wide range of environmental temperatures.

#### *Hint*

In case well defined precise motor chopper operation are desired, it is supposed to work with an external clock source.

### USING EXTERNAL CLOCK

An external clock frequency of up to 20MHz can be supplied (up to 16MHz for first batch of TMC262C, production date 1837). It is recommended to use an external clock frequency between 10MHz and 16MHz for best performance. Pay attention to using a near 50% duty-cycle. The external clock is enabled and the on-chip oscillator is disabled with the first logic high driven on the CLK input.

#### *Attention:*

Never leave the external clock input floating. It is not allowed to remain within the transition region (between valid low and high levels), as spurious clock signals might lead to short impulses and can corrupt internal logic state. Provide an external pull-down resistor, in case the driver pin (i.e. microcontroller output) does not provide a safe level directly after power up. If the external clock is suspended or disabled after the internal oscillator has been disabled, the chip will not operate. Be careful to switch off the power MOSFETs (by driving the ENN input high or setting the TOFF parameter to 0) before switching off the clock, because otherwise the chopper would stop and the motor current level could rise uncontrolled. If the short to GND detection is enabled, it stays active even without clock.

The TMC262C provides a clock failover option to switch back to internal clock, in case of the external clock failing. The function is coupled to enabling short to VS protection (EN\_S2VS).

Status	Description	Range	Comment
EN_S2VS	Set this bit to enable protection against a failing external CLK source. If set, the IC switches back to external clock after 32 to 48 internal clock cycles. At the same time, this bit controls the higher side short detector sensitivity	0 / 1	Undervoltage level 0: Stopping clock will stop the IC. 1: CLK fail safe protection

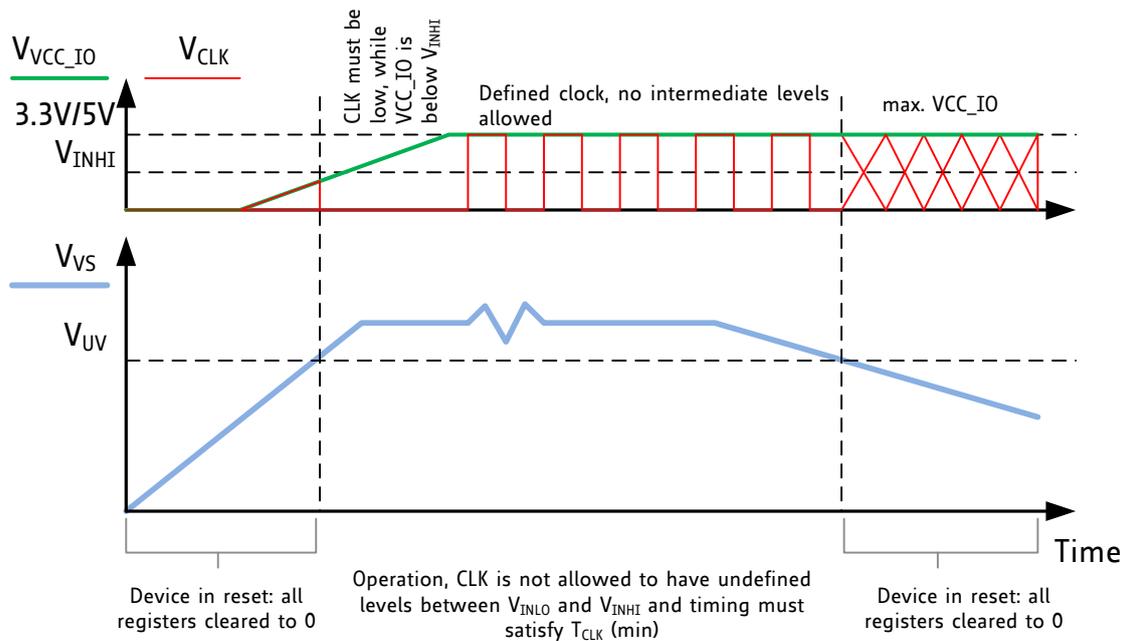


Figure 13.1 Start-up requirements of CLK input

## 13.1 Frequency Selection

A higher frequency allows faster step rates, faster SPI operation, and higher chopper frequencies. On the other hand, it may cause more electromagnetic emission and more power dissipation in the digital logic. Generally, a system clock frequency of 10MHz to 16MHz is best for most applications, unless the motor is to operate at the highest velocities. If the application can tolerate reduced motor velocity and increased chopper noise, a clock frequency of 4MHz to 10MHz should be considered.

CLK frequency	Comment
internal	13-16MHz, typical. Tie clock input firmly to GND. See electrical characteristics for limits. The internal clock is sufficient, unless a good reproducibility of StallGuard values is desired.
4-10 MHz	Lower range sufficient for higher inductance motors
10-16 MHz	Recommended for best results
16-20 MHz	Option in case a lower frequency is not available Ensure 40-60% duty cycle
>14 MHz	<i>Attention for TMC262C, date code 1837 only:</i> Minimum high-level time of 27ns is required for switching to external clock. Ensure min. 45% duty cycle of CLK signal up to 16Mhz. > 16MHz not recommended.

## 14 TMC262C compatibility

The TMC262C is a new derivative of the TMC262 family. It is designed for compatibility to existing applications, while offering a number of enhancements and options, which can be activated using the interface. Care has been taken to ensure compatibility for both devices, even if the enhanced options are switched on.

### ENHANCEMENTS IN TMC262C

- More silent chopper operation, silent motor at low motor velocity.
- VCC\_IO is monitored by internal reset circuitry to ensure clean power-up and power-down.
- Overtemperature shutdown has added hysteresis, to avoid spurious switching off. Following overtemperature, the driver stage remains switched off until the IC cools down below 120°C.
- Increased drive-level for P-MOSMETs for lower power dissipation in the external power-stage.
- Reduced power dissipation of internal circuitry, leading to lower heat-up.
- CMOS input levels are increased with 5V VCC\_IO level to increase noise rejection.
- Reduced filtering time for STEP & DIR inputs to reduce the risk of missed step pulses.

### OPTIONAL ENHANCEMENTS IN TMC262C (ENABLE VIA CONFIGURATION BITS)

- Clock fail-safe option. In case the external clock fails, the IC defaults back to internal clock. This avoids damage to motor and driver stage. (Enable: EN\_S2VS)
- Low-Side short detection (Short to VS). The low-side short detector provides improved robustness in case of mis-wiring or wrongly attached motor. (Enable: EN\_S2VS)
- Optional higher sensitivity high-side protection. Especially in combination with low-RDSON MOSFETs, this feature gives a better protection. (Enable: SHRTSENS)
- Optional lower overtemperature threshold of 136°C for more sensitive protection of the power driver. Enable: OTSENSE

The additional settings for TMC262C are highlighted in this document using green background.

The major differences to be considered when exchanging the TMC262 and TMC262C, are summed up in the following table:

Item	Change in TMC262C	Impact
More silent chopper with TMC262C	Internal noise sources have been reduced. Noise caused by internal wiring voltage drop makes up for up to 10mV within the TMC262. This reflects in a slightly lower sense input threshold voltage.	Reduced motor noise, especially with low velocity. TMC262C effective motor current about 2-3% higher.
Undervoltage monitoring of VCC_IO	IO voltage VCC_IO is monitored by the internal reset circuitry. The device becomes reset upon VCC_IO undervoltage.	Increased VCC_IO supply current (50µA), device resets upon VCC_IO undervoltage.
Hysteresis for overtemperature detector	Following overtemperature detection at 136°C or 150°C, the driver stage remains switched off until the IC cools down below 120°C.	Longer shutdown time upon overtemperature detection, safe detection by interface.
Increased P-MOS drive level	The drive level for the P-MOS has been increased from roughly 8V to 10V.	Reduced heat up of driver FETs.
Input levels depend on VCC_IO voltage	TMC262 input level detectors are supplied by internal 5V supply, leading to fixed 0.8V and 2.4V levels. TMC262C uses VCC_IO supplied CMOS Schmitt-Trigger inputs instead.	Higher positive logic level for 5V VCC_IO supply. No change with 3.3V VCC_IO supply. Check levels in 5V systems.
Spike filtering time on STEP/DIR input	The filtering has been improved, while reducing the filtering time in order to reduce the risk of missing short step pulses.	Potential impact in systems with high noise level on STEP & DIR input pins.
CLK input filter	TMC262C provides better filtering against short pulses (10ns typ.). Attention: Date code 1837 requires >27ns high level for switching to ext. CLK	Increased robustness against reflections on CLK line.

## 15 MOSFET Examples

There are a many of N- and P-channel paired MOSFETs available suitable for the TMC232, as well as single N- and P-devices. The important considerations are the electrical data (voltage, current,  $R_{DSon}$ ), package, and configuration (single vs. dual). The following table shows a few examples of SMD MOSFET pairs for different motor voltages and currents. These MOSFETs are recent types with a low total gate charge. For the actual application, you should calculate static and dynamic power dissipation for a given MOSFET pair.

A total gate charge  $Q_G$  below 20nC (at 5V) is best for reaching reasonable slopes.  
The performance ( $Q_G$  and  $R_{DSon}$ ) of the low-side MOSFET contributes to 70% to the overall efficiency.

Transistor Type	Manufacturer	Voltage $V_{DS}$	Max. RMS Current (*)	Package	typ. $R_{DSon}$ N (5V)	typ. $R_{DSon}$ P (10V)	$Q_G$ N	$Q_G$ P	Test board size
Unit		V	A		m $\Omega$	m $\Omega$	nC	nC	cm <sup>2</sup>
AOD4130 AOD409	A&O	60	7	DPAK	30	35	13	22	e160
SUD23N06 SUD19P06	Vishay	60	6	DPAK	35	50	8	22	e160
AP4575-GH	APEC	60	4	TO252-4L	31	64	13	14	64
AMD560C	APower	60	4	TO252-4L	25	80	9	10	e70
AOD603A	A&O	60	3	TO252-4L	67	95	4	16	e70
SI7414 SI7415	Vishay	60	3	PPAK1212	28	60	9	12	35
AO4611	A&O	60	3	S08	22	34	25	23	e27
AO4612	A&O	60	2.5	S08	64	90	5	8	e27
SI4559ADY	Vishay	60	2.5	S08	55	110	7	12	e27
AOD4184A AOD4189	A&O	40	10	TO252	9	20	14	15	e70
AOD4186 AOD4185	A&O	40	8	DPAK	15	14	9	19	70
FDD8647L FDD4243	On-Semi	40	7	DPAK	13	40	12	18	e100
FDD8424H	On-Semi	40	4	DPAK-4L	23	45	9	14	40
TMC1420	Trinamic	40	4	PS08	30	38	10	15	40
AOD609	A&O	40	4	TO252-4L	31	40	5	9	e40
AP4525GEH	APEC	40	3.5	TO252-4L	32	42	9	9	40
SI4564	Vishay	40	3.5	S08	17	20	10	22	e27
AO4614B	A&O	40	3	S08	38	45	4	8	e27
SI4599DY	Vishay	40	3	S08	36	45	5	12	e27
BSZ050N03 BSZ180P03	Infineon	30	11	S308	7	18	13	15	70
AOND32324	A&O	30	8	DFN5x6EP2	14	10	14	18	e40
AP3C023A	APEC	30	8	DFN5x6EP2	8	14	8	14	e40
AOD661A	A&O	30	6	TO252-4L	13	24	7	10	e40
AOD607A	A&O	30	4	TO252-4L	25	22	4	7	40
AO4616	A&O	30	3.5	S08	24	24	9	16	e27
FDS8958A	On-Semi	30	3.5	S08	25	45	6	9	e27
AON7611	A&O	30	3	DFN3x3EP	53	35	2	5	15
AP4503BGM	APEC	30	3	S08	35	35	6	12	e27
SI4532CDY	Vishay	30	3	S08	50	80	3	4	e27

\* For duty cycle limited operation, 1.5 times or more current is possible. The maximum motor current applicable in a design depends upon PCB size and layout, because all of these transistors are mainly cooled through the PCB. The data given implies a certain board size and layout, especially for higher current designs. The maximum RMS current rating is a hint and is based on measurements on test boards with given size at reasonable heat up. Estimations for not tested types are based on a comparable type (estimated board sizes marked e).

## 16 Layout Considerations

The PCB layout is critical to good performance, because the environment includes both high-sensitivity analog signals and high-current motor drive signals. A massive GND plane is required for good results, both for heat conduction as well as electrical.

### 16.1 Sense Resistors

The sense resistors are susceptible to ground differences and ground ripple voltage, as the microstep current steps result in voltages down to 0.5mV. Each sense resistor should have an individual and short connection to the GND plane. Place the sense resistors close to the power MOSFETs with one or more vias to the ground plane for each sense resistor. This also helps to keep harmful parasitic inductance small.

The sense resistor layout is also sensitive to coupling between the axes. The two sense resistors should not share a common ground connection trace or vias, because PCB traces have some resistance. A symmetrical layout for both fullbridges on both sides of the TMC262 makes it easiest to ensure symmetry as well as minimum coupling and disturbance between both coil current regulators.

### 16.2 Exposed Die Pad

The exposed die pad and all GND pins must be connected to a solid ground plane spreading heat into the board and providing for a stable GND reference. All signals of the TMC262 are referenced to GND. Directly connect all GND pins to a common ground area.

### 16.3 Power Filtering

The 470nF to 10 $\mu$ F (6.3V, min.) ceramic filtering capacitor on 5VOUT should be placed as close as possible to the 5VOUT pin, with its GND return going directly to the nearest GND pin. Use as short and as thick connections as possible. A 100nF filtering capacitor should be placed as close as possible from the VS pin to the ground plane. The motor MOSFET bridge supply pins should be decoupled with an electrolytic (>47  $\mu$ F is recommended) capacitor and a ceramic capacitor, placed close to the device.

Take into account that the switching motor coil outputs have a high  $dV/dt$ , and thus capacitive stray into high resistive signals can occur, if the motor traces are near other traces over longer distances.

# 16.4 Layout Example

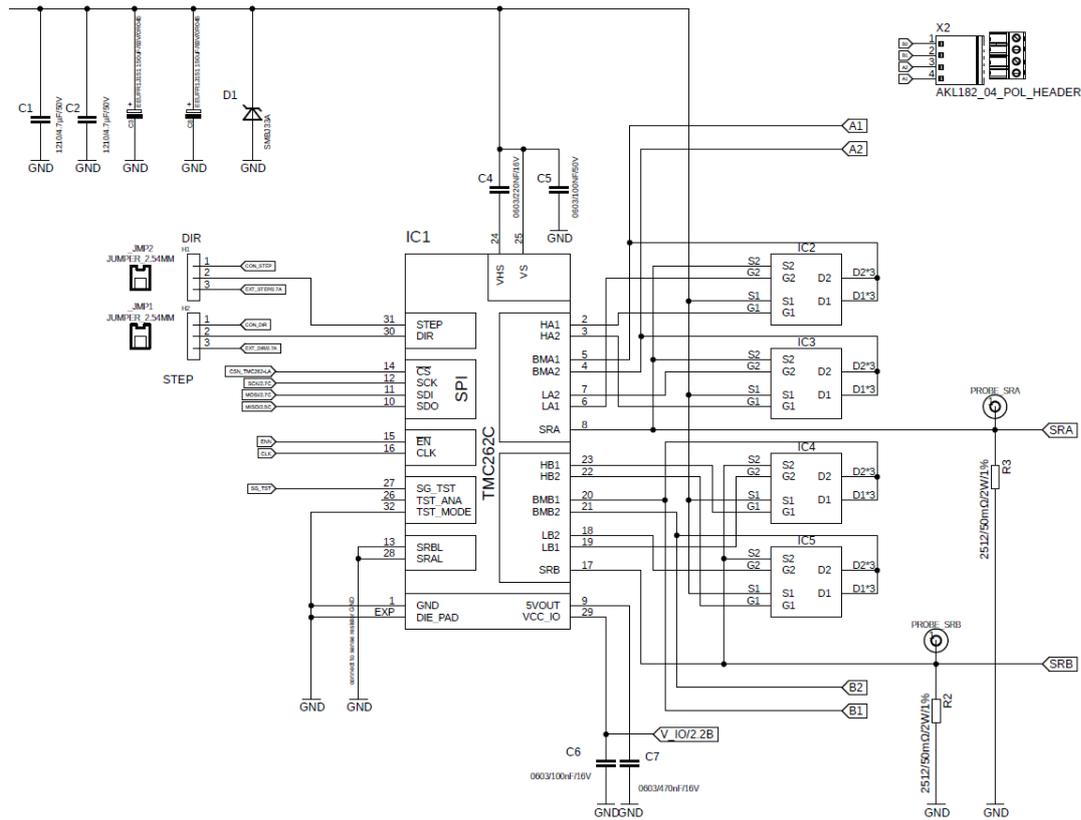
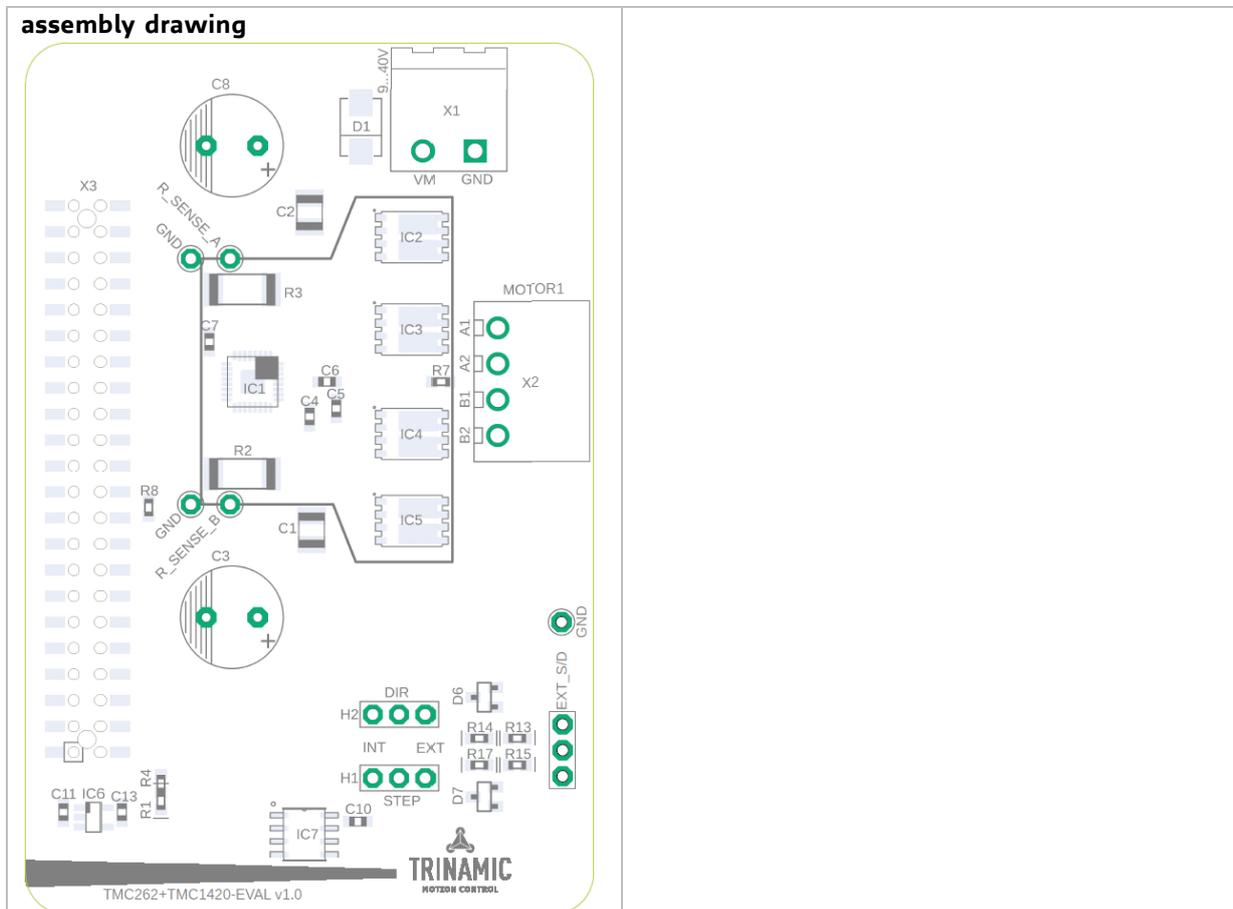


Figure 16.1 Schematic of TMC262-EVAL (power part)



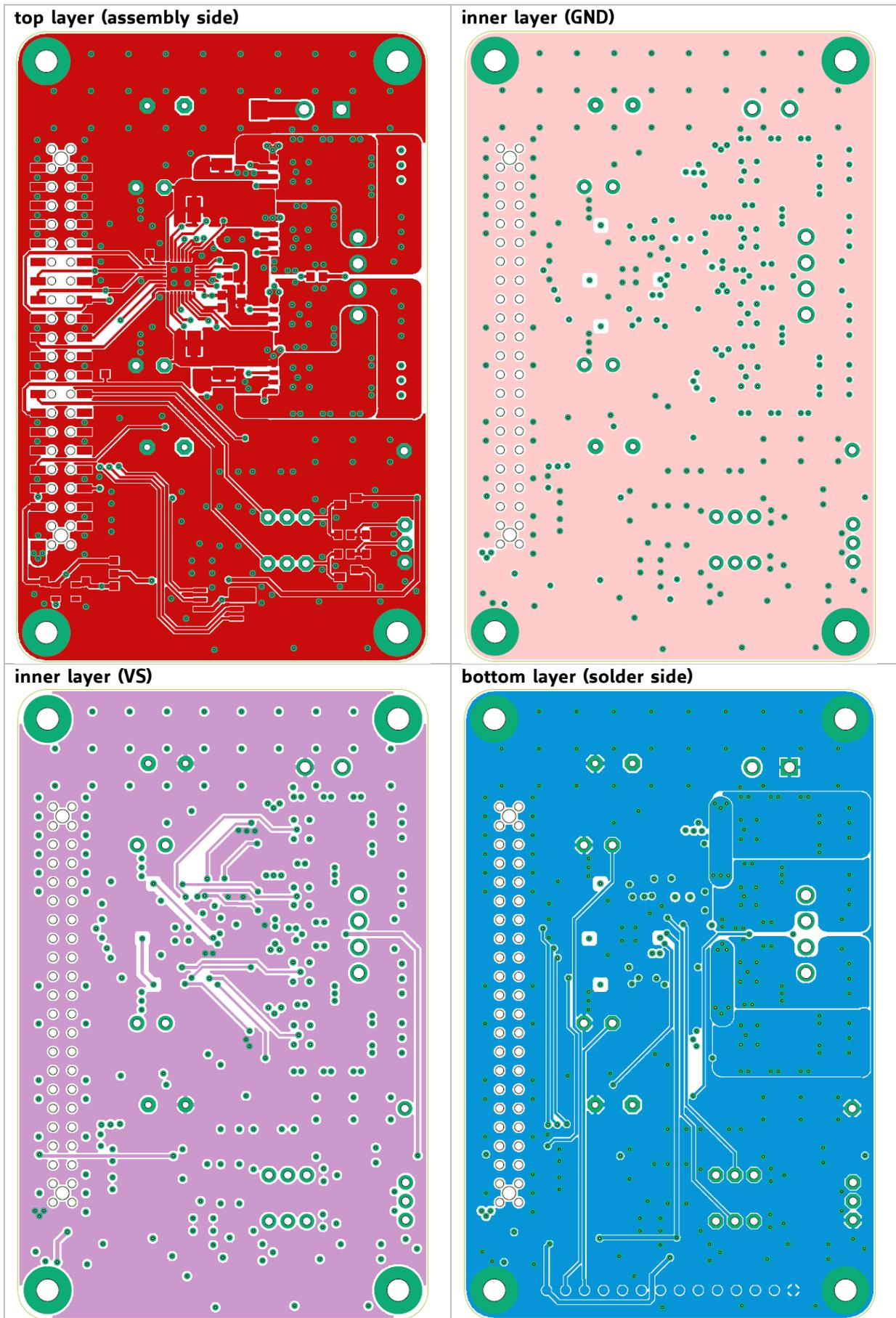


Figure 16.2 Layout example

## 17 Absolute Maximum Ratings

The maximum ratings may not be exceeded under any circumstances. Operating the circuit at or near more than one maximum rating at a time for extended periods shall be avoided by application design.

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Max	Unit
Supply voltage	$V_{VS}$	-0.5	60	V
Supply and bridge voltage max. 20000s			65	V
Logic supply voltage	$V_{VCC}$	-0.5	6.0	V
I/O supply voltage	$V_{VIO}$	-0.5	6.0	V
Logic input voltage	$V_I$	-0.5	$V_{VIO}+0.5$	V
Analog input voltage	$V_{IA}$	-0.5	$V_{CC}+0.5$	V
Voltages on low-side gate driver outputs (LSx)	$V_{OLS}$	-0.7	$V_{CC}+0.7$	V
Voltages on high-side gate driver outputs (HSx)	$V_{OHS}$	$V_{HS} - 0.7$	$V_{VS}+0.7$	V
Voltages on BM pins (BMx)	$V_{IBM}$	-5	$V_{VS}+5$	V
Relative high-side gate driver voltage ( $V_{VS} - V_{HS}$ )	$V_{HSVS}$	-0.5	15	V
Maximum current to/from digital pins and analog low voltage I/Os	$I_{IO}$		+/-10	mA
Non-destructive short time peak current into input/output pins	$I_{IO}$		500	mA
5V regulator output current	$I_{SVOUT}$		50	mA
5V regulator peak power dissipation ( $(V_{VM}-5V) * I_{SVOUT}$ )	$P_{SVOUT}$		1	W
Junction temperature	$T_J$	-50	150	°C
Storage temperature	$T_{STG}$	-55	150	°C
ESD-Protection (Human body model, HBM), in application	$V_{ESDAP}$		1	kV
ESD-Protection (Human body model, HBM), device handling	$V_{ESDDH}$		300	V

## 18 Electrical Characteristics

### 18.1 Operational Range

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Max	Unit
Junction temperature	$T_J$	-40	125	°C
Supply voltage	$V_{VS}$	9	59	V
I/O supply voltage	$V_{VIO}$	3.00	5.25	V

### 18.2 DC and AC Specifications

DC characteristics contain the spread of values guaranteed within the specified supply voltage range unless otherwise specified. Typical values represent the average value of all parts measured at +25°C. Temperature variation also causes some values to stray. A device with typical values will not leave Min/Max range within the full temperature range.

Power Supply Current		DC Characteristics $V_{VS} = 24.0V$				
Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Supply current, operating	$I_{VS}$	$f_{CLK}=16MHz$ , 40kHz chopper, $Q_G=10nC$		12		mA
Supply current, MOSFETs off	$I_{VS}$	$f_{CLK}=16MHz$ , TMC262		10		mA
		$f_{CLK}=16MHz$ , TMC262C		5		mA
Supply current, MOSFETs off, dependency on CLK frequency	$I_{VS}$	$f_{CLK}$ variable, TMC262 <i>additional to <math>I_{VS0}</math></i>		0.32		mA/ MHz
		$f_{CLK}$ variable, TMC262C <i>additional to <math>I_{VS0}</math></i>		0.1		mA/ MHz
Static supply current	$I_{VS0}$	$f_{CLK}=0Hz$ , digital inputs at +5V or GND TMC262		3.2	4	mA
		$f_{CLK}=0Hz$ , digital inputs at +5V or GND TMC262C		3.5	5	mA
Part of supply current NOT consumed from 5V supply	$I_{VSHV}$	MOSFETs off		1.2		mA
IO supply current	$I_{VIO}$	No load on outputs, inputs at $V_{IO}$ or GND TMC262		0.3		$\mu A$
		No load on outputs, inputs at $V_{IO}$ or GND TMC262C		50	100	$\mu A$

NMOS Low-Side Driver		DC Characteristics				
V <sub>LSX</sub> = 2.5V, slope setting controlled by SLPL						
Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Gate drive current LSx low-side switch ON <sup>a)</sup>	I <sub>LSON</sub>	SLPL=%00/%01		12		mA
Gate drive current LSx low-side switch ON <sup>a)</sup>	I <sub>LSON</sub>	SLPL=%10		21		mA
Gate drive current LSx low-side switch ON <sup>a)</sup>	I <sub>LSON</sub>	SLPL=%11, TMC262	20	31	50	mA
		SLPL=%11, TMC262C	25	36	60	mA
Gate drive current LSx low-side switch OFF <sup>a)</sup>	I <sub>LSOFF</sub>	SLPL=%00/%01		-13		mA
Gate drive current LSx low-side switch OFF <sup>a)</sup>	I <sub>LSOFF</sub>	SLPL=%10		-25		mA
Gate drive current LSx low-side switch OFF <sup>a)</sup>	I <sub>LSOFF</sub>	SLPL=%11, TMC262	-25	-37	-60	mA
		SLPL=%11, TMC262C	-35	-45	-70	mA
Gate off detector threshold	V <sub>GOD</sub>	V <sub>LSX</sub> falling		1		V
Q <sub>GD</sub> protection resistance after detection of gate off	R <sub>LSOFFQGD</sub>	SLPL=%11 V <sub>LSX</sub> = 1V		26	50	Ω
Driver active output voltage	V <sub>LSON</sub>			V <sub>VCC</sub>		V

**Notes:**

- a) Low-side drivers behave similar to a constant-current source between 0V and 2.5V (switching on) and between 2.5V and 5V (switching off), because switching MOSFETs go into saturation. At 2.5V, the output current is about 85% of peak value. This is the value specified.

PMOS High-Side Driver		DC Characteristics				
V <sub>VS</sub> = 24.0V, V <sub>VS</sub> - V <sub>HSX</sub> = 2.5V, slope setting controlled by SLPH						
Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Gate drive current HSx high-side switch ON <sup>b)</sup>	I <sub>HSON</sub>	SLPH=%00/%01		-15		mA
Gate drive current HSx high-side switch ON <sup>b)</sup>	I <sub>HSON</sub>	SLPH=%10		-29		mA
Gate drive current HSx high-side switch ON <sup>b)</sup>	I <sub>HSON</sub>	SLPH=%11	-25	-42	-70	mA
Gate drive current HSx high-side switch OFF <sup>c)</sup>	I <sub>HSOFF</sub>	SLPH=%00/%01		15		mA
Gate drive current HSx high-side switch OFF <sup>c)</sup>	I <sub>HSOFF</sub>	SLPH=%10		29		mA
Gate drive current HSx high-side switch OFF <sup>c)</sup>	I <sub>HSOFF</sub>	SLPH=%11	28	43	70	mA
Gate off detector threshold	V <sub>GOD</sub>	V <sub>HSX</sub> rising		V <sub>VS</sub> -1		V
Q <sub>GD</sub> protection resistance after detection of gate off	R <sub>HSOFFQGD</sub>	SLPH=%11 V <sub>HSX</sub> = V <sub>VS</sub> - 1V		32	60	Ω
Driver active output voltage	V <sub>HSON</sub>	I <sub>OUT</sub> = 0mA, TMC262	V <sub>VHS</sub> +2.8	V <sub>VHS</sub> +2.3	V <sub>VHS</sub> +1.8	V
		I <sub>OUT</sub> = 0mA, TMC262C	V <sub>VHS</sub> -0	V <sub>VHS</sub>	V <sub>VHS</sub> +0	V

**Notes:**

- b) High-side switch on drivers behave similar to a constant-current source between V<sub>VS</sub> and V<sub>VS</sub>-2.5V. At V<sub>VS</sub>-2.5V, the output current is about 90% of peak value. This is the value specified.
- c) High-side switch off drivers behave similar to a constant current source between V<sub>VS</sub>-8V and V<sub>VS</sub>-2.5V. At V<sub>VS</sub>-2.5V, the output current is about 65% of peak value. This is the value specified.

High-Side Voltage Regulator		DC-Characteristics				
V <sub>VS</sub> = 24.0V						
Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Output voltage (V <sub>VS</sub> – V <sub>HS</sub> )	V <sub>HSVS</sub>	I <sub>OUT</sub> = 0mA T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C	9.3	10.0	10.8	V
Output resistance	R <sub>VHS</sub>	Static load		50		Ω
Deviation of output voltage over the full temperature range	V <sub>VHS(DEV)</sub>	T <sub>J</sub> = full range		60	200	mV
DC Output current	I <sub>VHS</sub>	(from VS to VHS)			4	mA
Current limit	I <sub>VHSMAX</sub>	(from VS to VHS)		15		mA
Series regulator transistor output resistance (determines voltage drop at low supply voltages)	R <sub>VHSLV</sub>			400	1000	Ω

Linear Regulator		DC Characteristics				
Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Output voltage	V <sub>SVOUT</sub>	I <sub>SVOUT</sub> = 10mA T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C	4.75	5.0	5.25	V
Output resistance	R <sub>SVOUT</sub>	Static load		3		Ω
Deviation of output voltage over the full temperature range	V <sub>SVOUT(DEV)</sub>	I <sub>SVOUT</sub> = 10mA T <sub>J</sub> = full range		30	60	mV
Output current capability (attention, do not exceed maximum ratings with DC current)	I <sub>SVOUT</sub>	V <sub>VS</sub> = 12V	100			mA
		V <sub>VS</sub> = 8V	60			mA
		V <sub>VS</sub> = 6.5V	20			mA

Clock Oscillator and CLK Input		Timing Characteristics				
Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Clock oscillator frequency	f <sub>CLKOSC</sub>	t <sub>J</sub> =-50°C	10.0	14.3		MHz
Clock oscillator frequency	f <sub>CLKOSC</sub>	t <sub>J</sub> =50°C	10.8	15.2	20.0	MHz
Clock oscillator frequency	f <sub>CLKOSC</sub>	t <sub>J</sub> =150°C		15.4	20.3	MHz
External clock frequency (operating)	f <sub>CLK</sub>		4		20	MHz
External clock high / low level time	t <sub>CLK</sub>		12			ns
External clock high / low level time TMC262C	t <sub>CLK</sub>		15			ns
External clock transition time	t <sub>TRCLK</sub>	V <sub>INLO</sub> to V <sub>INHI</sub> or back			20	ns

Detector Levels	DC Characteristics					
Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
V <sub>VS</sub> undervoltage threshold	V <sub>UV</sub>		6.5	8	8.5	V
Short to GND detector threshold (V <sub>VS</sub> - V <sub>BMx</sub> )	V <sub>BMS2G</sub>		1.0	1.5	2.3	V
Short to GND detector threshold (sensitive setting) (V <sub>VS</sub> - V <sub>BMx</sub> )	V <sub>BMS2G</sub>	Option available for TMC262C, only	0.7	1.0	1.3	V
Short to GND detector delay (low-side gate off detected to short detection)	t <sub>S2G</sub>	TS2G=00	2.0	3.2	4.5	μs
		TS2G=10		1.6		μs
		TS2G=01		1.2		μs
		TS2G=11		0.8		μs
Overtemperature warning	t <sub>OTPW</sub>		80	100	120	°C
Overtemperature shutdown	t <sub>OT</sub>	Temperature rising	135	150	170	°C
Overtemperature shutdown option	t <sub>OTLO</sub>	Option available for TMC262C, only		136		°C

Sense Resistor Voltage Levels	DC Characteristics					
Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Sense input peak threshold voltage (low sensitivity)	V <sub>SRTRIPL</sub>	VSENSE=0, TMC262 Cx=248; Hyst.=0	290	310	330	mV
		VSENSE=0, TMC262C Cx=248; Hyst.=0	310	323	340	mV
Sense input peak threshold voltage (high sensitivity)	V <sub>SRTRIPH</sub>	VSENSE=1, TMC262 Cx=248; Hyst.=0	153	165	180	mV
		VSENSE=1, TMC262C Cx=248; Hyst.=0	155	173	190	mV

Digital Logic Levels	DC Characteristics					
Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Input voltage low level <sup>d)</sup>	V <sub>INLO</sub>	TMC262	-0.3		0.8	V
		TMC262C	-0.3		0.3 V <sub>VIO</sub>	V
Input voltage high level <sup>d)</sup>	V <sub>INHl</sub>	TMC262	2.4		V <sub>VIO</sub> +0.3	V
		TMC262C	0.7 V <sub>VIO</sub>		V <sub>VIO</sub> +0.3	V
Output voltage low level	V <sub>OUTLO</sub>	I <sub>OUTLO</sub> = 1mA			0.4	V
Output voltage high level	V <sub>OUTHl</sub>	I <sub>OUTHl</sub> = -1mA	0.8V <sub>VIO</sub>			V
Input leakage current	I <sub>I LEAK</sub>		-10		10	μA

**Notes:**

- d) Digital inputs left within or near the transition region substantially increase power supply current by drawing power from the internal 5V regulator. Make sure that digital inputs become driven near to 0V and up to the V<sub>VIO</sub> I/O voltage. There are no on-chip pull-up or pull-down resistors on inputs.

## 19 Package Mechanical Data

### 19.1 Dimensional Drawings

Attention: Drawings not to scale.

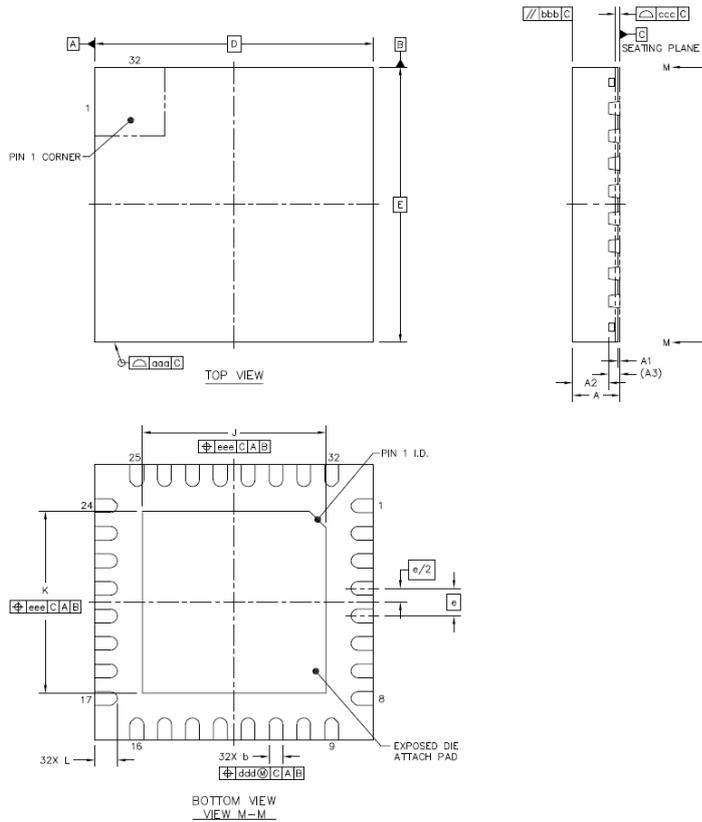


Figure 19.1 Dimensional drawings

Parameter	Ref	Min	Nom	Max
Total thickness	A	0.80	0.85	0.90
Standoff	A1	0.00	0.035	0.05
Mold thickness	A2	-	0.65	0.67
Lead frame thickness	A3		0.203	
Lead width	b	0.2	0.25	0.3
Body size X	D		5.0	
Body size Y	E		5.0	
Lead pitch	e		0.5	
Exposed die pad size X	J	3.2	3.3	3.4
Exposed die pad size Y	K	3.2	3.3	3.4
Lead length	L	0.35	0.4	0.45
Package edge tolerance	aaa			0.1
Mold flatness	bbb			0.1
Coplanarity	ccc			0.08
Lead offset	ddd			0.1
Exposed pad offset	eee			0.1

### 19.2 Package Code

Device	Package	Temperature range	Code/ Marking
TMC262	QFN32 (RoHS)	-40° to +125°C	TMC262-LA
TMC262C	QFN32 (RoHS)	-40° to +125°C	TMC262C-LA

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## 21 ESD Sensitive Device

The TMC262 is an ESD-sensitive CMOS device and sensitive to electrostatic discharge. Take special care to use adequate grounding of personnel and machines in manual handling. After soldering the devices to the board, ESD requirements are more relaxed. Failure to do so can result in defects or decreased reliability.



*Note: In a modern SMD manufacturing process, ESD voltages well below 100V are standard. A major source for ESD is hot-plugging the motor during operation. As the power MOSFETs are discrete devices, the device in fact is very rugged concerning any ESD event on the motor outputs. All other connections are typically protected due to external circuitry on the PCB.*

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## 23 Revision History

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[TMC261]	TMC260/261 Datasheet – TMC262 compatible driver with internal FETs for 60V, 2A
[TMC2660]	TMC2660 Datasheet – TMC262 compatible driver with internal FETs for 30V, 4A
[TMC262-EVAL]	TMC262-EVAL Manual
[AN-001]	Application note for configuring SpreadCycle chopper

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