Design Guide: TIDA-010948 6-Axis Motor Control With Position Feedback and Industrial Communication Protocols Reference Design

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Description

This reference design showcases the ability of using two TI Sitara™ MCU-AM243x devices to handle a Simple Open Real-Time Ethernet Gigabit (SORTE_G) connected motor drive with six-axis control. The design includes one 800MHz R5F core on one AM243x device to perform closed-loop Field Oriented Control with a 62.5μs cycle time for six independent motors with incremental encoders. One programmable real-time unit (PRU) core of this AM243x acts as the SORTE_G controller to send requests and receive the 6-axis motor angles. The PRU core of another AM243x device acts as the SORTE G device to send 6-axis motor angles which are decoded by other PRU cores on this AM243x to the controller side in every cycle. The AM243x can also support both multiprotocol absolute encoders and multiprotocol industrial Ethernet.

Resources

[TIDA-010948](https://www.ti.com/tool/TIDA-010948), [TIDEP-01032](https://www.ti.com/tool/TIDEP-01032) Design Folders [AM243x Motor Control SDK](https://www.ti.com/tool/MCU-PLUS-SDK-AM243X), [LP-AM243](https://www.ti.com/tool/LP-AM243) Tool Folder [BLDC BoosterPack](https://www.ti.com/tool/BP-AM2BLDCSERVO)™ Plug-in Module Tool Folder [AM2434](https://www.ti.com/product/AM2434), [TQ-3P-SOM-TQMA243XL](https://www.ti.com/tool/TQ-3P-SOM-TQMA243XL) Product Folders [DRV8316](https://www.ti.com/product/DRV8316), [AMC1035](https://www.ti.com/product/AMC1035) Product Folders [DP83869](https://www.ti.com/product/dp83869HM), [THVD1450](https://www.ti.com/product/THVD1450) Product Folders

Features

- 18-channel EPWM and 18-channel ICSSG_PRU PWM to generate PWM waveforms based on the output of six FOC loops
- 12-channel Sigma-Delta filtering firmware with continuous sampling and load sharing between PRU cores for phase-current feedback from six directly-connected motors
- SORTE_G firmware implemented by ICSSG. Includes an extend option for EtherCAT®, PROFINET®, or Gigabit TSN
- Six independent closed-loop FOC for current and velocity with 62.5μs cycle time
- Six-channel incremental encoders decoding with an EQEP module and PRU cores
- Extended option for multi-encoder protocols with ICSSG, for example, EnDAT, HDSL, Biss C, Tamagawa, and Nikon A

Applications

- [Robot servo drive](https://www.ti.com/solution/robot-servo-drive)
- [Servo drive position feedback](https://www.ti.com/solution/servo-drive-position-feedback)
- [Robot position feedback aggregator](https://www.ti.com/solution/robot-position-feedback-aggregator)
- [Servo drive control module](https://www.ti.com/solution/servo-drive-control-module)

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1 System Description

This reference design demonstrates the capacity of the AM243x devices to handle 6-axis comprehensive realtime servo motor control and industrial communication protocol. The implementation is done on two TI AM243x SoCs, an AM243x ALV package, and an AM243x ALX package.

The AM243x ALV package with TQ-SOM is placed on the control board to generate 36 complementary PWM signals using both EPWM and ICSSG_PRU PWM peripherals and to measure the phase current from a 12channel delta-sigma filter module. This action is achieved with ICSSG firmware and also by communication with position feedback board through SORTE_G to send and receive 6-axis motor mechanical angles requests in every 62.5µs cycle time. On the control board, the design uses one 800MHz R5F core to achieve a FOC loop for six independent motors with incremental encoders or can be extended to absolute encoders with multiple protocols. Another R5F core can be used to implement the industrial Ethernet stack as an option. One ICSSG1 is used as a delta-sigma filter module and the other ICSSG0 is used as the SORTE_G controller or EtherCAT secondary controller for an additional option.

The LP_AM243 with ALX package is used for the position feedback board controller. The ICSSG0 on the position feedback board decodes the 4-channel incremental encoders by capturing the rising and falling edge of the ABI signals through the industrial Ethernet peripheral (IEP). The other two channel encoders are decoded with the EQEP module. The ICSSG1 is used as the SORTE G device to send 6-axis motor mechanical angles data in every 62.5µs cycle time.

1.1 Terminology

1.2 Key System Specifications

Table 1-1. Key System Specifications

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2 System Overview

Figure 2-1 shows the setup for the TIDA-010948 overall system. The system includes the following:

- TIDA-010948 reference design, a 6-axis control board with an AM2434 ALV SoC as the main servo control **MCU**
- Three BP-AM2BLDCSERVO boards as the power stage for the servo control and each BP-AM2BLDCSERVO board can support dual axes
- Three adapter boards to route the signals from power stage to the control board
- Six-axis position board to receive the six channel encoder signals
- One LP-AM243x with an AM2434 ALX SoC as the position feedback MCU to decode the motor angle and velocity

Figure 2-1. System Setup With TIDA-010948

2.1 Block Diagram

Figure 2-2. System Block Diagram With TIDA-010948

2.2 Design Considerations

The 6-axis servo control implementation was architected around a central real-time path that is made up of two subsystems:

- 6-axis control board with:
	- ICSSG0: SORTE_G controller firmware or EtherCAT secondary controller firmware as extended option.
	- R5FSS0_0: Six independent closed loops capable of current, velocity, or position. Closed loop with FOC for six directly-connected motors with encoders.
	- R5FSS1 0: EtherCAT secondary stack implementing as extended option.
	- EPWM: 18 channels of enhanced PWM peripherals to generate waveforms based on the output of 3 axis FOC loops.
	- ICSSG1: Sigma-Delta filtering firmware with continuous sampling and load sharing between RTU and PRU cores in both slice0 and slice1 for phase-current feedback from six directly connected motors.
	- ICSSG_PRU PWM (ICSSG1): 18 channels of complementary ICSSG PWM signals with dead-band assertion generated based on the output of the other 3 axis FOC loops.
- 6-axis position board with:
	- ICSSG1: SORTE_G device firmware or EtherCAT secondary controller firmware as extended option.
	- R5FSS0_0: System initialization and LUT generation.
	- R5FSS1 0: EtherCAT secondary stack implementing as extended option.
	- ICSSG0: PRU_EQEP firmware for decoding 4-channel encoder data.
	- EQEP: 2-channel encoder data decoding.

The power stage reuses the BP-AM2BLDCSERVO board, see [TIDEP-01032](https://www.ti.com/tool/TIDEP-01032) for details. A total of three BoosterPack™ Plug-in Module boards plus three adapter boards to receive the phase current data from all the AMC1035 devices and send PWM signaling from the control board to drive all the DRV8316 devices.

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Figure 2-3 shows the time synchronization between the position board and the control board with the Ethernet time-stamping feature of SORTE_G using the IEP timer and TSR module. SORTE_G *IN* packet timing is deterministic and pre-configured to match the sample time plus calculation for position data plus Ethernet delay. At 1Gbps 64 bytes in the packet takes less than 1µs, plus an additional 1µs for Ethernet physical layer delay and line delay. This allows more compute time or a faster PWM cycle time with double update.

2.3 Highlighted Products - AM243x subsystems

2.3.1 Control Board - SORTE_G Controller Interface

SORTE_G controller firmware:

- SORTE_g_master_PRU0.h generated with PRU project SORTE_g_master.
- Source code main_PRU0.asm in SORTE_g_master project contains the function:
	- Schedule the task manager for different states
	- Initialize the ICSSG0 PRU0 register
	- Configure to RGMII interface and IEP clock
	- Check the Ethernet link status
	- Generate the discovery packet, parametrization packet, and calculate and save the delay for synchronization and sends the data packet to the device with TX_L2 FIFO

Source code rx.asm in the SORTE_g_master project run receive function with PRU0 broadside interface and register transfer instructions.

SORTE G configuration and initialization:

- Source code sorte_g_app_tq_control_board.c to define the *IN* packet stored address for:
	- Axis 1 received motor angle data in TCM address *0x78000808*
	- Axis 2 received motor angle data in TCM address *0x78000810*
	- Axis 3 received motor angle data in TCM address *0x78000818*
	- Axis 4 received motor angle data in TCM address *0x78000820*
	- Axis 5 received motor angle data in TCM address *0x78000828*
	- Axis 6 received motor angle data in TCM address *0x78000830*
- Configure the cycle time as 62.5µs and the *IN* packet offset as 31.25µs. Initialize ICSSG0, MDIO interface, and IEP timer, then load the firmware and enable PRU cores with the generic_pruss_init() function.
- The ICSSG0_IEP0_SYNCOUT0 from SORTE_G client is utilized to synchronize the EPWM block.

2.3.2 Control Board – SDFM Interface

Figure 2-4 illustrates the clock source distribution for both the Sigma-Delta filtering module and the modulators. Table 2-1 shows the SDFM signals.

Figure 2-4. Sigma-Delta Clock and Data Distribution

Table 2-1. SDFM Signals

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Table 2-1. SDFM Signals (continued)

The following list describes the SDFM clock:

- The clock source for the Sigma-Delta modulators located on BoosterPack boards is provided by the SYNC0 cyclic output of ICSSG0 IEP1 with 20MHz.
- The clock source for the Sigma-Delta filtering module of ICSSG1 is provided by SYNC1 cyclic output of ICSSG0 IEP1 with 20MHz. The clock selection value is set to option 2 which means the PRG1_PRUx_SD0_CLK is for SD Channel 0, 1, 2 (SD0, SD1, and SD2). PRG1_PRUx_SD3_CLK is for SD Channel 3, 4, 5 (SD3, SD4, and SD5); here x = 0 or 1 for slice0 and slice1.
- The clock phase shift between SDFM and SDM can be configured by setting the delay between IEP SYNC0 and SYNC1 to eliminate. The configuration of IEP is achieved with the $init_IEPI_SYNC()$ function in mclk_iep_sync.c.

The SDFM Interrupts are defined in the following list:

- hwiPrms.intNum = ICSSG_PRU_SDDF_INT_NUM0;
- hwiPrms.callback = pruSddfIrqHandler0;

The following list shows the SDFM output data buffers:

- gSddfChSamps0[0-5] (in. gSddfChSampsRaw0) in TCMB of R5F_0_0 for axis 1, 2, and 3
- gSddfChSamps[0-5] (in. gSddfChSampsRaw) in TCMB of R5F_0_0 for axis 4, 5, and 6

The following files are for the SDFM firmware:

- sdfm_rtu_bin.h is the PRU firmware for SD0, SD1, and SD2 of slice 0
- sdfm_pru_bin.h is the PRU firmware for SD3, SD4, and SD5 of slice 0
- sdfm_rtu1_bin.h is the PRU firmware for SD0, SD1, and SD2 of slice 1
- sdfm_pru1_bin.h is the PRU firmware for SD3, SD4, and SD5 of slice 1
- The SDDF initialization and firmware load is done with sddf.c

The SDFM parameters configuration can be set in the structure gTestSdfmPrms0 for Axis 1, 2, and 3 and gTestSdfmPrms for Axis 4, 5, and 6 including the IEP clock frequency, SD clock frequency, first sample trigger time, SD clock source option, and normal current over-sampling rate (OSR). For this demonstration, the default set is using:

- 250MHz IEP clock
- 20.833333MHz SD clock
- 26.45µs first sample trigger time
- Trigger events are ICSSG1_IEP1_CMP7 for RTU core and ICSSG1_IEP1_CMP8 for PRU core
- Load-sharing between RTU and PRU cores
- Option 2 for SD clock source
- Normal current sampling with OSR 64

For additional details, see [AM243x Motor Control SDK: Current Sense.](https://dev.ti.com/tirex/content/motor_control_sdk_am243x_09_02_00_09/docs/api_guide_am243x/CURRENT_SENSE.html#SDFM)

2.3.3 Control Board - EPWM Interface

Table 2-2 shows the EPWM*0*–*8* signals for Axis 1, 2, and 3.

Table 2-2. EPWM*0***–***8* **Signals**

EPWM configuration with the init_pwms() function including:

- Configure the SYNCI and SYNCO mapping to tie all the 9 EPWM groups together as daisy-chain connection. Set bit [10–8] of the CTRLMMR_EPWM0_CTRL register to 2h, then the EPWM0_SYNCI is triggered by TIMESYNC_INTRTR0_OUT_38 of the TSR module output. The time sync router input 29 is routed to output 28 which means the ICSSG0_IEP0_SYNC0 from SORTE_G controller triggers the EPWM0. Also, the EPWM0_event out is enabled by *appEpwmCfg.cfgEt = TRUE* to reset the IEP timer which is used for the ICSSG_PRU_PWM and SDFM module. Set bit [10–8] of CTRLMMR_EPWM3_CTRL" and CTRLMMR_EPWM6_CTRL registers to 1h from default 0h, then the EPWM3_SYNCI and EPWM6_SYNCI is triggered by EPWM2_SYNCO and EPWM5_SYNCO, respectively, as a daisy-chain connection.
- EPWM frequency setting to 16kHz by *appEpwmCfg.epwmOutFreq = gEpwmOutFreq*.
- EPWM Counter mode setting to UP-DOWN mode by *appEpwmCfg.epwmTbCounterDir = EPWM_TB_COUNTER_DIR_UP_DOWN*.
- EPWM dead-band is configured by parameters of appEpwmCfg.cfgDb and appEpwmCfg.dbCfg.x.
- EPWM period and compare value calculated with the App_epwmConfig() function and output data is gEpwmPrdVal for all axis.
- EPWM Interrupt configured by *hwiPrms.intNum = PWM_C3_INTR* (EPWM0) and the call back function is *hwiPrms.callback = &App_epwmIntrISR*.

The EPWM compare events are updated according to the FOC calculation results with the writeCmpA() function. See also the *EPWM module* section of the *[AM64x/AM243x Technical Reference Manual \(TRM\)](https://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SPRUIM2)*.

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2.3.4 Control Board - ICSSG_PRU PWM Interface

Table 2-3 shows the ICSSG_PRU PWM0-2 signals for Axis 4, 5, and 6.

ICSSG_PRU PWM configuration the init_pruIcssPwm() function of app_pruicss_pwm.c including:

- PWM signals output state including initial, active, and trip state defined by the API function PRUICSS_PWM_stateInit().
- PWM signals enabling with the API function PRUICSS_PWM_signalEnable().
- PWM initial period, duty cycle, and dead-band configured by the API function PRUICSS_PWM_config().
- PWM frequency setting by API function PRUICSS_PWM_pruIcssPwmFrequencyInit().
- IEP timer configured with the PRUICSS_PWM_IEP_Config() function to:
	- Enable IEP shadow mode.
	- Calculate the CMP0 value as the PWM period based on IEP clock and PWM frequency.
	- Enable IEP reset with both the EPWM0_SYNCO and the IEP CMP0 event. (IEP CMP0 value is with one clock cycle delay than half of the ICSSG_PRU PWM period so that the IEP CMP0 event resets the IEP only at the period, *not* the zero point of the PWM timer.)

ICSSG_PRU_PWM IEP_CMP0 interrupt App_pruicssIep1Compare0IrqSet() is used for setting the software flag for the updating the compare event value of the next rising edge of the PWM signal with the results of the FOC loop calculation:

- hwiPrms.intNum = CSLR_R5FSS0_CORE0_INTR_CMP_EVENT_INTROUTER0_OUTP_16
- hwiPrms.callback = &App_pruIcssPwmHalfDoneIrq
- Define the source index of the ICSSG1_IEP0 compare 0 event number TISCI_PRU_ICSSG1_IEP1_CMP0_SRC_INDEX as 12U

The compare event of the next falling edge of the PWM signal is updated inside the EPWM0 ISR.

For more details, see *[AM243x Motor Control SDK: PRU-ICSS PWM DEADBAND EPWM SYNC](https://dev.ti.com/tirex/content/motor_control_sdk_am243x_09_02_00_09/docs/api_guide_am243x/EXAMPLE_PRUICSS_PWM_DEADBAND_EPWM_SYNC.html)*.

2.3.5 Control Board - ICSSG_PRU IEP Timer

The following parameters apply for the IEP timer setup:

- ICSSG0:
	- IEP0 set to 250MHz clock for SORTE_G controller.
	- IEP0 SYNC_OUT0 to synchronize EPWM time-based counter.
	- IEP1 SYNC_OUT0 20MHz as the clock source for SDM.
	- IEP1 SYNC_OUT1 20MHz as the clock source for SDFM.
- ICSSG1:
	- IEP clock set to 250MHz for ICSSG_PRU PWM (same as EPWM time-based counter).
	- IEP0 and IEP1 CMP0 set to 7812 as the PWM period (250000000/16000/2).
	- IEP0 CMP1 to CMP12 as the compare events for Axis 5 and 6 PWM.
	- IEP1 CMP1 to CMP6 as the compare events for Axis 4.
	- IEP1 CMP7 to CMP8 as the compare event (first sample trigger) for SDFM.

2.3.6 Control Board – FOC Loop Control

The six independent FOC loop is called with the AxisXFocLoopHandlerX() function, (here X = *1 to 6* for 6 axis) inside the SDFM ISR in every PWM cycle. [Figure 2-3](#page-5-0) describes the timing for both the PWM update and current feedback. The SDFM ISR is generated twice during each PWM cycles. For a single update, the FOC loop is called by judging both the software flag gEpwmSyncFlag set in the EPWM0 ISR and gUpdateNextRisingEdgeCmpValue set in the IEP_CMP0 event ISR. As for the double update, the FOC loop can be called twice in each PWM cycle.

The AxisXFocLoopHandlerX() function includes:

- Receive the latest mechanical angle decoded with the position feedback board through the industrial Ethernet SORTE G at the beginning, the raw angle data format is Q23 and needs to be converted to float format as the variable mechThetaX (here $X = 1$ to 6 for 6-axis)
- Calibrate the offset between the mechanical angle and the electric angle used for FOC calculation by:
	- First, spin the motor for a few cycles with a pure open loop to obtain the correct angle with the position board since the *I* pulse triggers the motor angle to the original *0* degree.
	- Second, force the electric angle (variable elecTheta) to *0* degrees and force the q-axis current (variable parkIqOut) to 0. Set a constant value for d-axis current (variable parkIdOut) then only the torque current without back electromotive force (EMF) generates for the motor. At this moment, the motor does not spin but is forced to the *0* degree electric angle so that the mechanical offset can be known by calculating the remainder between mechThetaX and *90.0* degree using the fmod() function. Then store the mechanical offset as the variable mechAngleOffsetX (here X = *1 to 6* for 6-axis).
- FOC calculation with pure open loop, closed current loop, and closed speed loop options:
	- elecTheta used for FOC calculation need to be compensated with mechAngleOffsetX then increased by 4 times since the motor is with 4 pole pairs. Make sure elecTheta is in the range of 0 to 360 degrees as the input of the ti_r5fmath_sincos() function.
	- Clarke and Park are transformed by the CLARKE_run_twoInput() and PARK_run() function.
	- Inverse Park is transformed with the IPARK_run() function and space vector generation is composed with the SVGEN_runCom() function.
	- $-$ For a pure open loop, the incremental motor angle is given by a fixed value myMechDeltaX and the q-axis current is given by gIq.
	- For the closed loop, the PI controller is achieved with the DCL_runPIParallel() function for both current and velocity. The current and velocity target are defined in the gIqArray and gSpdArray array. The PI constants can be tuned in the init_pids() function.

2.3.7 Position Board – SORTE_G Device Interface

The SORTE G device software includes the following:

- Firmware SORTE_g_device_PRU0.h and SORTE_g_device_PRU1.h are generated with the PRU project SORTE_g_device. Short J6 pin 59 and J6 pin 60 with a jumper on LP-AM243 to make the board as a device.
- Source code main.asm includes the function as:

- Initialize the PRU register
- Configure the task manager for the different states
- Reset and configure the MII_G_RT module
- Generate MDIO link event to read in current Ethernet link status
- Execute the control loop which calls interrupt event manager and the SORTE_G states
- Source code sorte_g_app.c defines the IO exchange data sent from the device which is loaded from the following addresses:
	- Channel 0 EQEP sends the motor angle to the ICSSG1 DRAM0 address *0x30081504*
	- Channel 1 EQEP sends the motor angle to the ICSSG1 DRAM0 address *0x3008150C*
	- Channel 2 EQEP sends the motor angle to the ICSSG1 DRAM0 address *0x30081514*
	- Channel 3 EQEP sends the motor angle to the ICSSG1 DRAM0 address *0x3008151C*
	- Channel 4 EQEP sends the motor angle to the ICSSG1 DRAM0 address 0x30081524
	- Channel 5 EQEP sends the motor angle to the ICSSG1 DRAM0 address *0x3008152C*

2.3.8 Position Board – PRU_EQEP Interface

Figure 2-5 illustrates the architecture of PRU EQEP firmware for 4-channel position feedback from incremental encoders. The PRU EQEP design consists of an interface for four incremental encoders with A, B, and I signals. These signals pass through the TXB0106RGYR level shifter to match the encoder signal level to the logic levels of the microcontroller. The GPIO is configured to trigger interrupts on the rising and falling edge for signals A and B, and on the rising edge for signal I. These interrupts are routed to the IEP in ICSSG. The IEP has a 64-bit counter, which captures the counter values to measure the motor RPM and angle. The PRU core has a task manager which configures several tasks that are executed in PRU. These tasks capture the counter values and compute the motor RPM and angle. Moreover, the tasks trigger the *XFR2VBUS* widget to read the status of the GPIOs that basically denotes the status of the encoder signals which are fundamental inputs for the calculations.

[Table 2-4](#page-12-0) shows the 4-channel ABI signals on the LP-AM243 side which are the outputs of the level-shifter on the position board.

Table 2-4. PRU_EQEP Signals

PRU_EQEP software includes the following:

- Firmware files:
	- Firmware EQEP_position_feedback_CH0_ICSS_G0_RTU_PRU1.h for the Channel 0 encoder
	- Firmware EQEP_position_feedback_CH3_ICSS_G0_PRU0.h for the Channel 3 encoder
	- Firmware EQEP_position_feedback_CH4_ICSS_G0_TX_PRU0.h for the Channel 4 encoder
	- Firmware EQEP_position_feedback_CH5_ICSS_G0_TX_PRU1.h for the Channel 5 encoder
- GPIO configuration:
	- Enable the rising edge triggered interrupt with the GPIO_SET_RIS_TRIG register and the falling edge detection by *GPIO_SET_FAL_TRIG* for EQEP_A and EQEP_B. The *I* signal requires only a rising edge interrupt, as this signal represents a single pulse per revolution used for reference.
	- The GPIO Interrupt Router module serves as an essential intermediary for multiplexing GPIO interrupt signals from the inputs to outputs destinations. Once the GPIO edge-triggered interrupts are configured, these interrupts are routed to the inputs of the GPIO Interrupt Router. The router then maps these inputs to specific outputs. The outputs of the GPIO Interrupt Router are subsequently directed to the IEP module within the ICSSG.

Note

The configuration and routing of interrupts within the GPIO Interrupt Router can only be performed by the SCI client.

- ICSSG_PRU configuration:
	- Set the ICSSG0 IEP timer to 333Mhz, each counter is 1ns.
	- Configure CMP0 to the maximum value with wrap around mode, set CMP5 to 62.5μs to trigger the task manager for speed calculation.
	- EXT_CAP_EN[5:0] is set to enable the IEP capture of GPIO interrupt router output.
	- Task sub_task_TS2_S0 handles the speed calculation. sub_task_TS2_S1 handles the motor angle calculation with the XFR2VBUS widget. sub_task_TS2_S2 handles the EQEP_A signal detection with the precise time stamping of encoder A transitions. sub_task_TS2_S3 handles the EQEP_B signal detection with precise time stamping of encoder B transitions. sub_task_TS2_S4 handles the EQEP_I signal detection to mark the reference position in the rotation cycle of the encoder which provides a reset point for the angular value to zero degrees.

2.3.9 Position Board – SoC EQEP Module Interface

Two channels of position feedback from incremental encoders utilize the SoC EQEP module. Table 2-5 shows the 2-channel ABI signals on the LP-AM243 side.

| SUBSYSTEM | SIGNAL NAME | PERIPHERAL | LP-AM243 HEADER | AM243x BALL PINS (ALX) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| SoC EQEP CH ₁ | EQEP A CH1 | EQEP1 | J12.1 | L2 |
| | EQEP B CH1 | | J12.2 | L3 |
| | EQEP I CH1 | | J12.3 | R ₅ |
| SoC EQEP CH ₂ | EQEP A CH2 | EQEP2 | J21.1 | B14 |
| | EQEP B CH2 | | J21.2 | A ₁₅ |
| | EQEP I CH2 | | J21.3 | B13 |

Table 2-5. SoC EQEP Module Signals

The SoC EQEP is configured in the generic_pruss_init() function including:

- Configure the QEP period as 16kHz with QEP clock 125MHz.
- Initialize the position counter with zero and set the maximum counter value as 4000 according to the motor specification.
- Configure the QEP position counter source, latch the condition and reset with the index event.
- Configure and enable the interrupt by unit time out:
	- Interrupt number is 144 and interrupt callback function EQEP1_ISR for channel 1
	- Interrupt number is 145 and interrupt callback function EQEP2_ISR for channel 2

See also the *EQEP module* section of the *[AM64x/AM243x Technical Reference Manual \(TRM\)](https://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SPRUIM2)*.

3 System Design Theory

3.1 Position Board – System Initialization

Use the following steps to initialize the position board as the SORTE_G device and decoding ABI signals for all six encoder channels in R5F $\,0\,$ 0 core with the generic_pruss_init() function. Load and run the position board code *prior* to the setting up the control board.

- 1. Enable System Command Interpreter (SCI Client) by pre-loading the configuration through the secondary boot loader (SBL) using image sbl_null_sciclient.release.hs_fs.tiimage.
- 2. Copy the include.zip and pru_fw_common.zip files under the workspace folder for the SORTE G firmware usage.
- 3. Initialize ICSSG PRU by clearing the data RAM and setting the entry point.
- 4. Write the motor direction and velocity LUT into the PRU data RAM.
- 5. Set up GPIO pin mode as input for PRU_EQEP and as EQEP for SoC QEP, set up the GPIO interrupt mode as rising-edge detection.
- 6. Set up the RGMII interface and MII_G_RT module for the SORTE_G device.
- 7. Set up the ICSSG0 IEP timer for PRU EQEP and the ICSSG1 IEP timer for SORTE G.
- 8. Set up the SoC QEP module parameters and interrupts.
- 9. Load and run the SORTE_G device and PRU_EQEP firmware. Then the 6-channel decoded motor angle data is copied into the PRU data memory with pre-defined addresses and is ready for transmitting in every pre-defined PWM cycle.

3.2 Position Board – Interrupts

- Channel 1 EQEP1 interrupt number is 144 and the interrupt callback function EQEP1_ISR which is used to calculate the motor angle by reading the number of channel 1 QEP ticks and write the angle data into the pre-defined PRU data memory.
- Channel 2 EQEP2 interrupt number is 145 and the interrupt callback function EQEP2_ISR which is used to calculate the motor angle by reading the number of channel 2 QEP ticks and write the angle data into the pre-defined PRU data memory.
- Channel 0 and channel 3 to channel 5 utilize GPIO interrupt when detecting the rising and falling edge of AB signaling on relative IO pins.

3.3 Control Board – System Initialization

Use the following steps to initialize the control board as the SORTE_G controller and to receive six-channel motor angle data for controlling all 6 axis motors in the R5F 0 0 core with the single_chip_servo_remote_core_start() function. Load and run the control board code *after* setting up the position board.

- 1. The control board is using TQ-SoM, thus the flash on the SOM needs to be configured manually. The flash has to use the tq_sbl_uart_uniflash.hs_fs.tiimage image with the Python® uart_uniflash.py (under the mcu_plus_sdk\tools\ folder) tool to flash the SBL. Copy tq_sbl_uart_uniflash.hs_fs.tiimage and default_sbl_null_tq.cfg to the SDK folder mcu_plus_sdk\tools\boot\sbl_prebuilt\am243x-evm.
- 2. Set up GPIO pin direction and initial values with init_gpio_state() function.
- 3. Disable PWM by enable_pwm_buffers(FALSE) function.
- 4. Configure ICSSG_PRU_PWM for 3-phase complementary per axis 4,5,6 and set initial duty cycle to 50% with init_pruIcssPwm() function.
- 5. Configure EPWM for 3-phase complementary per axis 1, 2, 3 and set initial duty cycle to 50% with init_pwms() function.
- 6. Configure ICSSG1 RTU0, RTU1, PRU0, PRU1 cores for SDFM for all 6 axis by init_sddf() function and load 4 SDFM firmware with load-sharing mode. Initial ICSSG0 IEP1 timer SYNC0 and SYNC1 for SD clocks by init_IEP1_SYNC() function. Start ICSSG1 IEP timer with start_ICSSG1_IEPx() function.
- 7. Configure ICSSG0 PRU0 cores for SORTE_G controller and load SORTE_G controller firmware by generic_pruss_init() function.
- 8. Initialize the parameters for FOC control with the init_pids() function.
- 9. Enable the EPWM output buffers for all 6 axes.

3.4 Control Board – Interrupts

- EPWM interrupt (16kHz) interrupt number is 108 (EPWM0) and the interrupt callback function App_epwmIntrISR which is used to reset the IEP timer and update the next ICSSG_PRU_PWM falling edge for Axis 4, Axis 5, and Axis 6 by half the PWM period minus the rising edge. This interrupt compares values as single update scheme or by FOC calculation results as a double update scheme.
- ICSSG_PRU_PWM interrupt (16kHz) IEP_CMP0 interrupt App_pruicssIep1Compare0IrqSet() which is used for setting the software flag gUpdateNextRisingEdgeCmpValue to update the compare event value of the next rising edge of the PWM signal with the results of FOC loop calculation.
- SDFM interrupt (32kHz) interrupt number is 251 (PRU_ICSSG1_PR1_HOST_INTR_PEND_3) and interrupt callback function pruSddfIrqHandler0 which is used to trigger the FOC loop for 6 axes. From sample 8192 to 16384, compute the SDFM channel offsets gSddfChOffset [x] and compensate for the current feedback in the FOC loop.

4 Hardware, Software, Testing Requirements, and Test Results

4.1 Hardware Requirements

The following equipment is required to test this reference design:

- One Control board TIDA-010948 CB as Figure 4-1 and Figure 4-2 illustrate
- Three adapter boards TIDA-010948_DB as shown in [Figure 4-3](#page-17-0) and [Figure 4-4](#page-17-0)
- Three [BP-AM2BLDCSERVO](https://www.ti.com/tool/BP-AM2BLDCSERVO) AM2x Brushless-DC (BLDC) Servo Motor BoosterPackTM
- One position board TIDA-010948 PB as shown in [Figure 4-5](#page-17-0) and [Figure 4-6](#page-17-0)
- One [LP-AM243 Evaluation board](https://www.ti.com/tool/LP-AM243) AM243x general purpose LaunchPad™ development kit for the Arm® based MCU
- Six [LVSERVOMTR motors](https://www.ti.com/tool/LVSERVOMTR) Low Voltage Servo Motor Low voltage servo (encoder) motor and wiring harness

Figure 4-1. TIDA-010948_CB PCB Top Overview Figure 4-2. TIDA-010948_CB PCB Bottom Overview

Figure 4-3. TIDA-010948_DB PCB Top Overview Figure 4-4. TIDA-010948_DB PCB Bottom Overview

Figure 4-5. TIDA-010948_PB PCB Top Overview Figure 4-6. TIDA-010948_PB PCB Bottom Overview

Figure 4-7 shows the system demonstration overview.

Figure 4-7. TIDA-010948 System Demonstration Overview

4.1.1 System Demonstration Setup

The following steps describe the system demonstration setup:

- 1. Connect the 3 x adapter boards (TIDA-010948 DB) with 3 x BP-AM2BLDCSERVO boards (BoosterPack board) then connect this setup to the base control board (TIDA-010948 CB). One BoosterPack board plus one adapter board are used as the power stage for two axes (J1–J4 of the adapter board connects to J1–J4 of the BoosterPack board, respectively).
- 2. Connect J5 of one adapter board to J11 on the control board as the power stage of Axis 1 and Axis 2. J5 of the second adapter board connects to J12 on the control board as the power stage of Axis 3 and Axis 4. J5 of the third adapter board connects to J13 on control board as the power stage of Axis 5 and Axis 6.
- 3. The J1 connection of the control board is the system input $24V_{DC}$.
- 4. The J6 connection on the adapter board gets the DC link power from the control board. Make this J6 connection to J5 of the BoosterPack board with cables to pass the power to the BoosterPack board. The J7 connection on the adapter board gets the DC link power from the control board. Make this J7 connection to J6 of the BoosterPack board with cables to pass the power to the BoosterPack board. Complete the same connection of all 3 × adapter boards to power-on all six axes. The distance between two BoosterPack boards is around 83mm, the standoffs are required to fix the installation between the BoosterPack boards plus the adapter boards and the control board. [Figure 4-8](#page-19-0) and [Figure 4-9](#page-20-0) shows the connections for the DC link and motor power cables.
- 5. Control board boot:
	- Short pin 1 and pin 2 of J4 on the control board to supply UART power
	- Connect the USB cable on J2 for the UART terminal
	- Connect the JTAG cable on J6 (default male header is the CM20 pin with 0.05 inch, needs to block pin 6)
	- Set boot mode as UART BOOT, Set SW4 "*0000*", SW2 "*1011*", SW3 "*1100*", SW1 "*1101*"
	- Open the UART terminal, character *C* is printed ever 2 to 3 seconds. Once this process completes, close the UART terminal.
	- Use Python[®] uart_uniflash.py to flash the SBL_null. Use the TQ image for the uniflash, copy tq_sbl_uart_uniflash.hs_fs.tiimage and default_sbl_null_tq.cfg to the SDK folder mcu_plus_sdk\tools\boot\sbl_prebuilt\am243x-evm

- • Power off the board, set OSPI BOOT MODE by setting SW4 "*0000*", SW2 "*0100*", SW3 "*1110*", SW1 "*1100*" then power on the board. The SBL_NULL information appears in the UART terminal. [Figure 4-10](#page-21-0) shows the boot mode switch and connections for JTAG and UART.
- Set the JTAG power voltage to 1.8V in target ccxml file as shown in [Figure 4-11.](#page-21-0)
- 6. The position board (TIDA-010948_PB) is powered with $5V_{DC}$ on J13. Select the external 5V for the dual channel on J4 and the external 24V for dual channel on J10. Enable the lever shifter on J15 and disable the RS-485 interface on J17. Short J6 Pin 59 to J6 pin 60 (GND) to set the position board as the SORTE_G device. J3A to J3F are used to connect the encoder signals for 6 channels, respectively. J1, J2, J5, J6, J12, and J21 are connected to the LaunchPad LP-AM243x. [Figure 4-12](#page-22-0) shows the setup of the position board.
- 7. LP-AM243x is used as the MCU platform for decoding the six axes encoder signals and SORTE_G device. For setup and boot initialization information, see [AM243x MCU+ SDK: EVM Setup](https://dev.ti.com/tirex/content/mcu_plus_sdk_am243x_10_00_00_20/docs/api_guide_am243x/EVM_SETUP_PAGE.html). As [Section 2.3.8](#page-11-0) mentions, the LP-AM243x needs to enable the SCI client by pre-loading the configuration through SBL using the sbl_null_sciclient.release.hs_fs.tiimage image, copy the image file to the *mcu plus sdk* folder:

DC BUS **DC BUS DC BUS** (SND) (GND) (GND) **AXIS** AXIS₅ DC BUS -C. BLIS $(24V)$ DC BUS $(24V)$ (24)

mcu sdk folder\tools\boot\sbl_prebuilt\am243x-lp\.

Figure 4-8. DC Link Connection and Motor Phase Power – Axis 1, 3, 5

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Figure 4-9. DC Link Connection and Motor Phase Power – Axis 2, 4, 6

Figure 4-10. Boot Mode Switch and Connection for JTAG and UART on Control Board

| Add | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Delete | Power Selection | Target supplied power | \sim |
| | Voltage level | User specified value | \checkmark |
| Up | --Enter voltage (1.8V to 3.6V) | 1.8 | |
| Down | The JTAG TCLK Frequency (MHz) | Fixed default 5.5MHz frequency | \checkmark |
| Test Connection | JTAG Signal Isolation | Do isolate JTAG signals at final disconnect | \checkmark |
| Save | JTAG / SWD / cJTAG Mode | JTAG (1149.1), SWD and cJTAG are disabled | \checkmark |

Figure 4-11. Target File Setting for JTAG Power

Figure 4-12. Position Board Setup

4.2 Software Requirements

To validate this reference design, a TI internal test software was developed with both the AM243x ALV and ALX package using the motor_control_sdk_am243x_09_02_00_09 software development kit for AM243x MCU. This software is not available for public use. For AM243x software support, see also [MCU-PLUS-SDK-AM243X](https://www.ti.com/tool/MCU-PLUS-SDK-AM243X) [Software development kit \(SDK\)](https://www.ti.com/tool/MCU-PLUS-SDK-AM243X) and the [Arm-based microcontrollers forum - Arm-based microcontrollers - TI](https://e2e.ti.com/support/microcontrollers/arm-based-microcontrollers-group/arm-based-microcontrollers/f/arm-based-microcontrollers-forum) [E2E support forums](https://e2e.ti.com/support/microcontrollers/arm-based-microcontrollers-group/arm-based-microcontrollers/f/arm-based-microcontrollers-forum).

Table 4-1. Key Software Configuration

4.3 Test Setup and Results

4.3.1 Current Feedback – SDFM

Figure 4-13 shows the SDFM clock and data on the modulator AMC1035 side. Channel 1 with the blue curve is the 20MHz clock generated by the control board ICSSG0_IEP1_SYNC0 after the clock buffer LMK1C1104. Channel 2 with the red curve is the SD data generated by AMC1035.

Figure 4-13. SDM Clock and Data Line Signals

Figure 4-14 and [Figure 4-15](#page-24-0) show the test setup and 2-phase current tested using the current probe with open loop control.

Figure 4-14. Phase A and Phase B Current

Figure 4-15. SDFM Test Setup

4.3.2 Time Synchronization Between Industrial Ethernet (SORTE_G) and PWM Interface

Figure 4-16 shows the synchronized pulse generated by the ICSSG1_IEP0_SYNCOUT0 on the position board (SORTE_G device), SoC EPWM signals, and ICSSG_PRU_PWM signals. Channel 0 is the Sync pulse on the position board, Channel 8 to 13 are the EPWM0, 1, 2 signals on the control board and Channel 14 to 15 are the ICSSG_PRU_PWM signals on the control board. [Figure 2-3](#page-5-0) shows the time synchronization flow. The SORTE_G generated the cyclic pulse with pre-defined cycle times to synchronize with EPWM0 through the TSR module. The IEP timer used for ICSSG_PRU_PWM is reset by the EPWM0 SYNC0.

Figure 4-16. Time Synchronization Between Industrial Ethernet (SORTE_G) and PWM Interface

4.3.3 FOC Loop Verification

4.3.3.1 FOC Loop Timing

Figure 4-17 shows the testing data of the timing for the FOC loop (20kHz with double update) with PWM and SDFM interface.

Figure 4-17. FOC Timing Verification

4.3.3.2 FOC Loop Processing Time Verification

Figure 4-18 shows the testing data of the processing time for the FOC loop with closed-speed loop. One FOC loop calculation time is around 1.056µs and 6 axes closed-speed loop takes around 7.584µs with 62.5µs cycle time.

4.3.4 Verification for Closed-Loop Control With PI Controller

The PI controller is achieved with the DCL_runPIParallel() function for both current and speed loop. The PI constants can be tuned by the init_pids() function.

[Figure 4-19](#page-26-0) shows the verification for the closed-loop FOC block diagram. During closed-speed loop, the I_Q reference is the output of the speed PI controller. But to verify the PI controller, the gIqRef is given as a constant target and parkIqMeasured is the motor phase current value after the Park and Clarke transform as the feedback value after the PI adjusting. Now, to record the parkIqMeasured to see if the variable can follow with the target value gIgRef.

[Figure 4-20](#page-27-0) shows the motor phase A feedback waveform and the step response of the current loop using the PI controller with the following parameters :

- $gPiq.Kp = 0.245$
- $qPiIq.Ki = 0.09$
- $qPiIq.Wmax = 0.2$

 $qPiIq.Wmin = 0.2$

Here, the current-loop PI control output is limited to 0.2 according to the DRV8316 capability. For the verification, take gIqRef = 0.3 as the current target for the closed current loop. The PI controller with the function is implemented with the following line:

• *parkIqOut = DCL_runPIParallel(&gPiIq, gIqRef, parkIqMeasured);*

The results show that phase current is well controlled by the PI (peak value is about 0.3A which is equals to the target I_Q reference) and the current loop step response time is around 90µs with 32kHz control frequency. So, the current loop bandwidth is around 3.54kHz with Equation 1:

$$
Bandwidth = \frac{1}{\pi \times t_{\rm r}} \tag{1}
$$

where

• t_r = response time

The motor is using LVSERVO with following parameters:

- Resistance, phase to phase = 0.72Ω
- Inductance, phase to phase $= 0.4$ mH
- Electrical Time Constant = 0.56
- Back EMF (V_{peak} / K_{rpm}) = 4.64

Figure 4-19. Closed-Current Loop With PI Controller Verification Diagram

Figure 4-20. Motor Phase Current Feedback and PI Controller Step Time Response

5 Design and Documentation Support

5.1 Design Files

5.1.1 Schematics

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To download the BLDC BoosterPack schematics, see the design files at [BP-AM2BLDCSERVO Design Package.](https://www.ti.com/lit/zip/sbar023)

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5.1.4 Altium Project

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5.2 Tools and Software

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Software

[AM243x Motor Control SDK](https://www.ti.com/tool/MCU-PLUS-SDK-AM243X#downloads) Motor Control SDK Microsoft Windows Installer [AM243x Industrial Communication SDK](https://www.ti.com/tool/MCU-PLUS-SDK-AM243X#downloads) Industrial Communications SDK Microsoft Windows Installer [AM243x MCU+ SDK](https://www.ti.com/tool/MCU-PLUS-SDK-AM243X#downloads) MCU PLUS SDK Microsoft Windows Installer

5.3 Documentation Support

- 1. Texas Instruments, *[AM64x /AM243x Processors Silicon Technical Reference Manual](https://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/spruim2)*
- 2. Texas Instruments, *[AM2x BLDC Servo Motor BoosterPack \(BPAM2BLDCSERVO\) EVM User's Guide](https://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/spruj87)*
- 3. Texas Instruments, *[TIDEP-01032 EtherCAT® connected, single-chip, dual-servo motor drive reference](https://www.ti.com/tool/TIDEP-01032) [design](https://www.ti.com/tool/TIDEP-01032)*
- 4. Texas Instruments, *[TIDEP-01032 Example under AM243x Motor control SDK 09.02.00](https://dev.ti.com/tirex/content/motor_control_sdk_am243x_09_02_00_09/docs/api_guide_am243x/EXAMPLE_TIDEP_01032_REFERENCE_DESIGN.html)*

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