

Flying Capacitor Inverter

Reference Design for flowFC S3 split modules



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1 Abstract

This application note is intended to describe the EVA-LM6x/7x-FC-INV evaluation board as a simplified one phase application example for three phase flying capacitor inverter for solar market. To learn more about flying capacitor topology please, visit Vincotech's webpage. https://www.vincotech.com/support-and-documents/technical-library.

2 The power modules

To reach higher power ratings baseplate less power module with split flying capacitor topology has to be used. As a single power module can't handle the losses of this power level and hasn't got enough area for the semiconductors. The evaluation board has been designed to showcase its features. In case of split topology keeping the commutation loop in one power module has an important purpose. Otherwise the overshoots and losses would be extremely high. The power rating and the switching speed should be decreased. The commutation loops can be seen in Figure 1. The LM6x and LM7x family, which is used in this evaluation board, is designed in a way to keep the commutation loops inside one power module. While the trapezoidal pin arrangement, where all commutating pins (DC+, DC-, FC+, FC-) are at the optimal distance and the integrated capacitors results extremely low module inductance and shorter commutation loops.

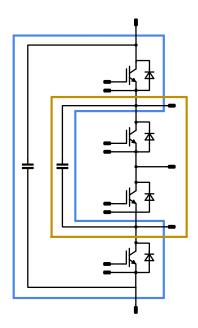


Figure 1 Commutation loops of 3-level FC inverter



The LM6x family contains the outer commutation loop (blue) with integrated flying and DC-link capacitors. The LM7x family contains the inner commutation loop (yellow) with an integrated flying capacitor. The integrated capacitors are also able to improve the switching behavior but external capacitors need to be added on the PCB for the proper operation in both position.

The modules are using Vincotech's new *flow* S3 low inductive mid-power package with enhanced thermal performance. For more information about *flow* S3 package please visit Vincotech's website.

https://www.vincotech.com/fileadmin/user_upload/content_media/documents/pdf/support-documents/technical-papers/Vincotech_TP_2020-05_Flow_S3.pdf.

The schematics of the modules can be seen in Figure 2.

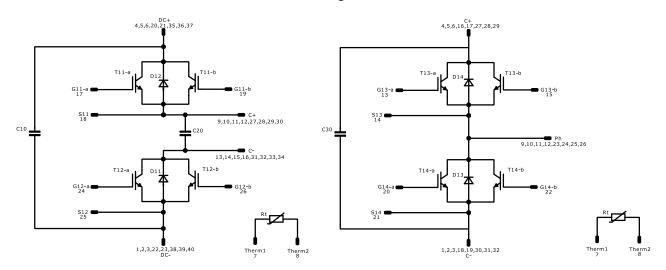


Figure 2 The LM6x and LM7x schematic

The modules can be chosen with different chip sets with different current ratings. For more detailed information please visit: https://www.vincotech.com/products.html.



3 Absolute maximum ratings

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Value | Unit |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------|------|
| V_{DC} | Maximum DC input voltage | | 1500 | V |
| I_{outRMS} | Maximum RMS output current | $T_{\rm s}=80$ °C, sinusoidal current waveform | 130 | А |
| I _{outPeak} | Maximum Peak output current | T _s = 80 °C | 200 | А |
| + 15 V | 15 V supply voltage | | 16.5 | V |
| T_{PCBmax} | Maximum PCB temperature | | 115 | °C |

4 The evaluation board

The evaluation board contains three different PCB cards. The drive (DRV) cards are responsible for driving the related IGBTs. As one card is able to drive one IGBT position four DRV card is needed for one phase. The control (CTR) card is responsible for the measurements, A/D conversion and contains the protection circuit. The INV card is the motherboard. It connects the flying capacitor, the DC-link capacitor, the power modules and the above mentioned PCBs. Furthermore the current sensor, the DC/DC converters and the voltage dividers can be also found on it. In this paragraph all sub-circuits will be explained in details. For more information on the used parts please visit the manufacturer's website and check the manufacturer's datasheets.

4.1 The drive (DRV) card

The DRV cards purpose is to drive the switches. The PWM signal is provided on fiber optics. On the input +15 V should be applied. The output drive signal could be either +15/-15 V or +15/0 V. As the DRV card has one channel output four cards are needed for one phase. The input voltage is insulated by MGJ2D151505SC DC/DC converter. LED D1 indicates the presence of the +15 V_{sec}. For the insulated drive signal AFBR-2624Z fiber optic receiver is responsible. AFBR-2624Z is working with +5 V DC. Therefore an LDO (NCP718BSN500T1G) is used.



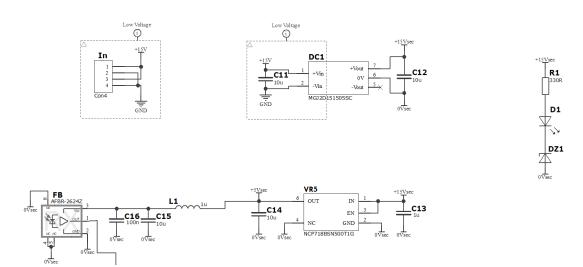


Figure 3 The input part of the DRV card

The output stage is driven by UCC27537 gate driver. The input of the gate drive is filtered by an RC filter to eliminate the noise. Another RC timer is used to provide a delay timing for the EN pin. This RC delay and the integrated UVLO protection prevent the unwanted switch ON during starting time.

The output stage of the gate driver is a MOSFET H-bridge working with +15 V DC. The gate output is connected to the second half bridge (HB2), while the emitter (source) can be connected by J1 solder jumper either to zero volt or to the first half bridge (HB1). In the first case the output will be +15/0 V, while in the second case +15/-15 V. The default setting for the jumper is the +15/-15 V configuration. The gate output of the DRV card is separated allowing flexible on and off gate resistor usage. Beside the gate resistor two additional resistors (R13, R15) are applied in the gate circuit to reduce the cross conduction current in the first half-bridge (HB1). The resistance of these two resistors (2 x 100 m Ω) are in series with the gate in case of +15/-15 V configuration and should be taken into consideration during the design. During turn ON R13 increase R_{gon}, while in case of switch OFF R15 increase R_{goff}. The gate protection elements are located on the INV card as close as possible to the gate. There can be found a TVS diode, a pull-down resistor and a gate-emitter capacitor. The gate-emitter capacitance is normally not assembled. This capacitor can clamp the voltage spike on the gate and also increases the gate-emitter capacitance to slow down the di/dt of the semiconductor.



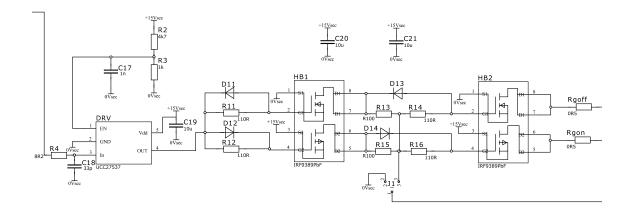


Figure 4 The output stage of DRV card

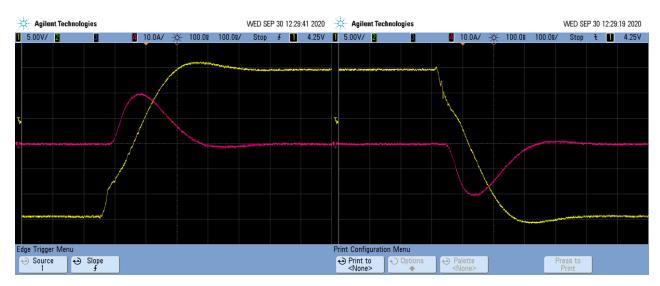
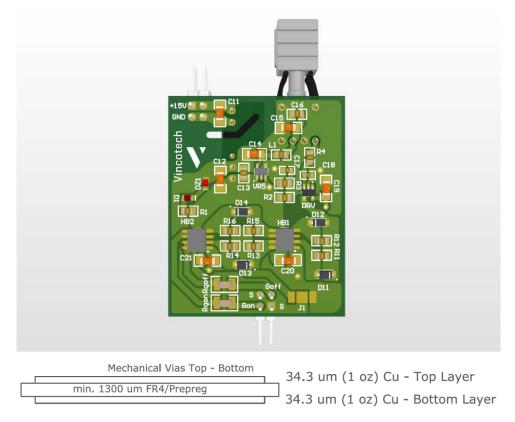


Figure 5 The output of the DRV card (CH1: gate, CH4: output current, J1 is connected to the bridge)





Final thickness: 1.6mm +/-10%

Figure 6 The DRV card

4.1.1 Characteristic Values

 T_j = 25 °C, unless otherwise specified

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | | Unit | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------|------|------|------|-----|
| | | | Min | Тур | Max | |
| + 15 V | 15 V supply voltage | | 13.5 | 15 | 16.5 | V |
| | Symbol rate of the fiber | | | | 50 | MBd |
| λ | Optical spectrum of the fiber | | 630 | | 685 | nm |
| $t_{D_{fiber}}$ | Propagation delay of the fiber | | | 30 | | ns |
| $t_{r_{fiber}}$ | Rise time of the fiber | | | 5 | | ns |
| $t_{f_{fiber}}$ | Fall time of the fiber | | | 5 | | ns |



| $t_{\it Don_{\it DRV}}$ | Turn-on propagation delay of the gate drive circuit | J1 connected to 0V _{sec} (1-2), f = 16 kHz, d=0.5 | 38,4 | ns |
|-------------------------|--|--|------|-----|
| $t_{Doff_{DRV}}$ | Turn-off propagation delay of the gate drive circuit | J1 connected to $0V_{sec}$ (1-2), $f = 16$ kHz, $d=0.5$ | 38,2 | ns |
| $t_{r_{DRV}}$ | Rise time of the gate drive circuit | J1 connected to 0V _{sec} (1-2), f = 16 kHz, d=0.5 | 5,2 | ns |
| $t_{f_{DRV}}$ | Fall time of the gate drive circuit | J1 connected to $0V_{sec}$ (1-2), $f = 16$ kHz, $d=0.5$ | 12,4 | ns |
| V_{OH} | High Output voltage of the DRV card | | 15 | V |
| V_{OL} | Low output voltage of the DRV card | J1 connected to the bridge (1-3) | -15 | V |
| V_{OL} | Low output voltage of the DRV card | J1 connected to 0V _{sec} (1-2) | 0 | V |
| f_{in} | Input frequency | | 16 | kHz |
| I_{qu} | Quiescent current | No input is applied | 48 | mA |

4.2 The control (CTR) card

The CTR card is responsible for the voltage, current and thermal measurements, the A/D conversion and the protection of the semiconductors.

For the stable operation an LDO (LDFM50DT-TR) is applied to stabilize the reference voltage for the A/D sigma-delta converters and for the oscillator of the thermistor. LED D1 representing the +5 V, while LED D2 the stabilized +5 V_{stab}.



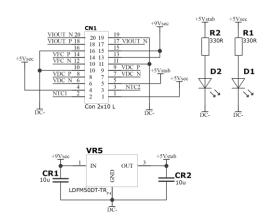


Figure 7 The input connector, the LDO and the LEDs on CTR card

For the flying capacitor and DC-link voltage measurements the voltage divider can be found on the INV card. For A/D conversions high-precision Sigma-Delta converters are used (AMC1336) in case of the flying capacitor voltage, DC-link voltage and the output current. For the reliable operation filters are applied on the input of A/D to reduce both common and differential mode noise. ClkI fiber can be used for the clock signal needed for the Sigma/Delta conversion. As this clock signal is in high frequency range the output of the A/D will be delayed compared to the input clock. Because of this delay the microcontroller could not decode the Sigma/Delta signal. This problem can be solved by ClkO fiber. ClkO transmitter sends back the clock signal to the microcontroller. As this signal will have the same delay as the output data the microcontroller will be able to decode the Sigma/Delta signal with this CLK signal. This delay can be seen on Figure 9.



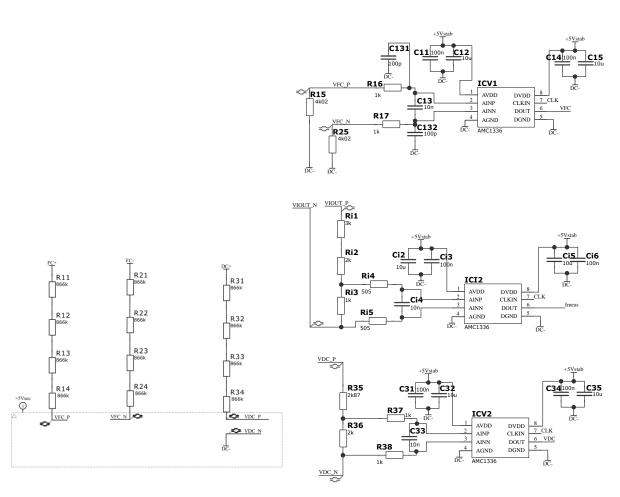


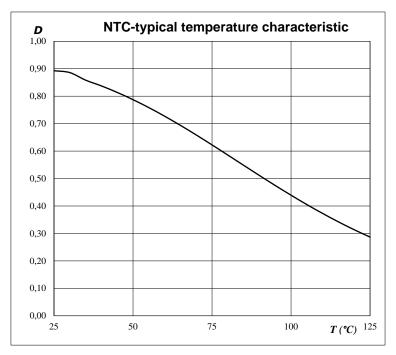
Figure 8 The A/D converters and the voltage dividers (the dividers are located on the INV card)



Figure 9 The delay between ClkI and the received ClkO on the control card on 1,6 MHz and 16 MHz



For the thermal measurement a voltage controlled pulse width modulator is used (LTC6992-1). The output frequency of the modulator is set to 100 kHz by R51 and R61. As the output duty cycle is controlled by the voltage of MOD pin, the thermistor voltage divider output is connected to that pin. As the NTC changes resistance the output duty cycle will change accordingly. The output duty cycle as function of the temperature can be seen on Figure 10. Please note that if the voltage on the MOD pin is below 5% or above 95% of the supply voltage (+5 V_{stab}), the output duty cycle will be clamped to 0% or 100%.



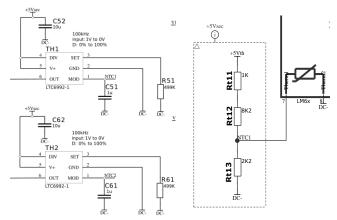


Figure 10 The thermal measurement



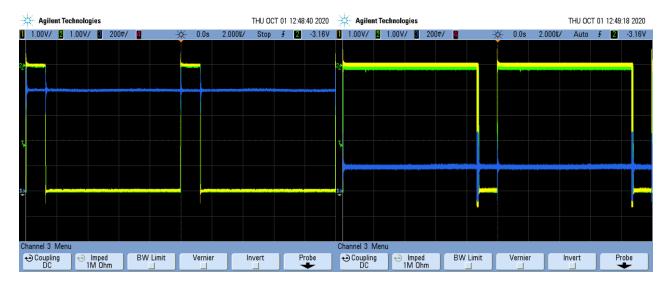


Figure 11 The thermistor output signals (CH1: TH1 output, CH2: the received signal by the microcontroller, CH3: the voltage of NTC1)

On the CTR card can be found the flying capacitor protection circuit. It consists of two negative logic fiber optics which indicates overvoltage conditions on each power module. An analog amplifier is continuously detecting the voltage of the flying capacitor. In case of too low flying capacitor voltage the voltage of the outer semiconductors getting closer to their breakdown voltage. In this case FBKL fiber will change the state to zero. If the voltage of the flying capacitor is too high an overvoltage condition will be present on the inner half-bridge. Above the upper threshold FBKH Fiber will change the state to zero. If any of this two fibers changes the state to zero the microcontroller have to stop the system as soon as possible. This protection should be included on the control side hardware or software. After the safety stop the voltage divider of the pre-charge (will be detailed later) will stabilize the voltage of the flying capacitor. As zero output indicates failure mode in case of any failure with the optic fiber the inverter will be stopped by the above mentioned protection logic.

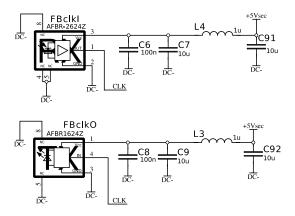


Figure 12 The fibers



The working of the safety circuit is the following. AD8237 (A1) differential instrumentation amplifier amplifies the flying capacitor voltage by the gain of three. K1 dual comparator (TLV7042) compares this signal to the voltage proportional to the DC-link voltage. If VDC is greater than three times the VFC FBKL fiber will change the state to zero. After the control card receives this failure signal the inverter must be stopped. So the flying capacitor voltage can't go below one third of the DC-link voltage. K1 also compares the flying capacitor voltage to 3 V. In this case if 3xVFC is above 3 V FBKH fiber will eject failure signal. The safety stop should be realized on the control side in the hardware or in the software. The maximum voltage can be calculated as:

$$V_{FCdiv} = 1,15916 \frac{mV}{V}$$

And K1 referring 3 V to the 3xVFC.

$$V_{FCKH} = \frac{1 \ V \cdot 1000}{1,15916 \ \frac{mV}{V}} = 862,69367 \ V$$

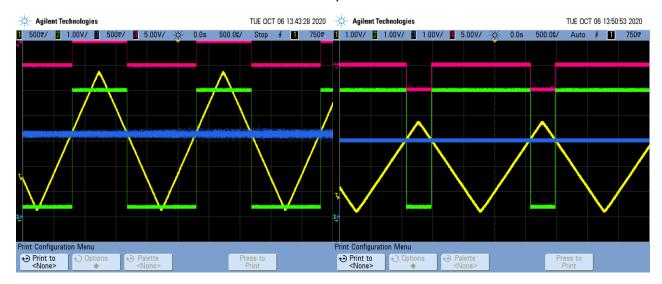


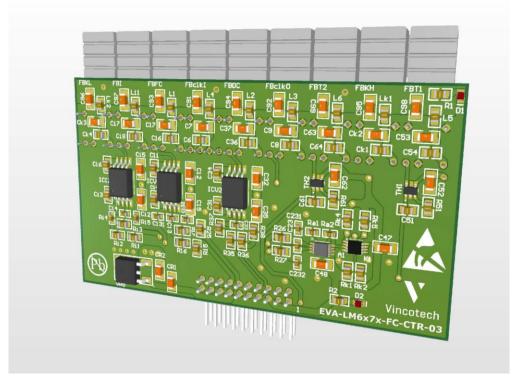
Figure 13 The output of the flying capacitor protection circuit:

- a, under voltage (CH1: 3xVFC, CH2: comparator output FCL, CH3: VDC, CH4: received signal by the microcontroller)
- b, overvoltage (CH1: 3xVFC, CH2: comparator output FCH, CH3: 3 V, CH4: received signal by the microcontroller)



| Name | Function |
|--------|--|
| FBclkI | the input clock signal for the sigma-delta converters |
| FBclkO | the recurring clock signal to eliminate the delay between the incoming and outgoing signal |
| FBFC | the flying capacitor voltage Σ/Δ converter output |
| FBDC | The DC-link voltage Σ/Δ converter output |
| FBKH | protection, overvoltage on the flying capacitor |
| FBKL | protection, under voltage on the flying capacitor |
| FBI | the output current Σ/Δ converter output |

Table 1 The fibers of the CTR card



Mechanical Vias Top - Bottom 34.3 um (1 oz) Cu - Top Layer min. 1300 um FR4/Prepreg 34.3 um (1 oz) Cu - Bottom Layer

Final thickness: 1.6mm +/-10%

Figure 14 The CTR card



4.2.1 Characteristic Values

 $T_j = 25$ °C, unless otherwise specified

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | | Value | | | |
|------------------------------|---|------------|-----|---------|-----|------|--|
| | | | Min | Тур | Max | Unit | |
| V_{DCdiv} | Output of the flying capacitor divider | | | 0,57656 | | mV/V | |
| V_{FCdiv} | Output of the DC-link divider | | | 1,15916 | | mV/V | |
| | Resolution of the A/D | | 16 | | | Bit | |
| $f_{\scriptscriptstyle CLK}$ | Clock frequency for the A/D | | 9 | 16,6 | 21 | MHz | |
| D_{CLK} | Duty cycle of the CLK for A/D | | 40% | 50% | 60% | | |
| f_{FBT1}, f_{FBT2} | Output frequency of temperature reference signals | | | 100 | | kHz | |
| $t_{D_{fiber}}$ | Turn-on propagation delay of the fiber | | | 30 | | ns | |
| $t_{r_{fiber}}$ | Rise time of the fiber | | | 5 | | ns | |
| $t_{f_{fiber}}$ | Fall time of the fiber | | | 5 | | ns | |
| $t_{r_{prot}}$ | Rise time of the protection circuit output | | | 44 | | ns | |
| $t_{f_{prot}}$ | Fall time of the protection circuit output | | | 4,9 | | ns | |

4.3 The inverter (INV) card

The INV card is the mother board of the inverter. The power modules, the flying and DC-link capacitors, the DRV and CTR cards, the current sensors, the voltage dividers, the pre-charge resistors and the insulated DC/DC converters can be found on the INV card.



From the incoming +15 V two insulated DC/DC converter creates the secondary voltage levels. One is responsible for the +5 V while the other is for +9 V. The +5 V rail is used for the logical circuits, while from the +9 V rail an LDO (LDFM50DT-TR) creates stable reference for the current sensor.

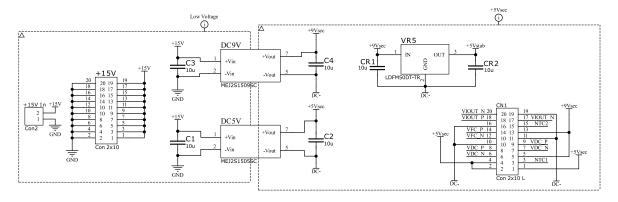


Figure 15 the input stage with the DC/DC converters, the LDO and the CTR card connector

ACS772ECB-200B is bidirectional Hall effect based insulated current sensor. The maximum peak current is +/-200 A.

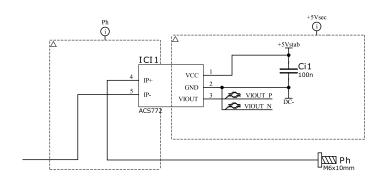


Figure 16 The current sensor

4.3.1 Startup

Before starting up the evaluation board the flying capacitor should be charged to the half of the DC-link voltage. This evaluation board uses passive pre-charge. A resistive voltage divider is used on the input to charge the flying capacitor to the correct voltage level before startup. As the voltage divider will have a power dissipation during normal operation high values should be used. However the startup time also depends on the resistance, so the higher the resistance the longer the startup. The voltage divider used for measurement have also an effect for the flying capacitor voltage. This is also balanced by the pre-charge resistors.



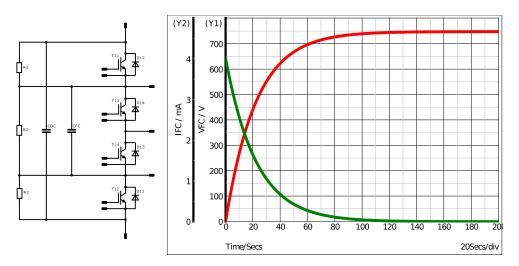


Figure 17 The pre-charge

The voltage of the flying capacitor in the function of time can be calculated with the following formula (if $R_2 = R_1 + R_3$ and $R_1 = R_3$, the measurement divider compensation is neglected):

$$v_{FC}(t) = \frac{V_{DC}}{2} - \frac{V_{DC}}{2} * e^{-\frac{t}{\frac{R_2}{2}*C}}$$

, where the time constant

$$\tau_1 = \frac{R_2}{2} * C_{FC}$$

4.3.2 Capacitor sizing

The voltage supplied by the flying capacitor has a key role in this topology. To keep the voltage ripple of the capacitor low suitable capacitor size is needed. To determine the minimum needed capacitance the switching frequency, the output current and the maximum allowed voltage ripple need to be considered. The size of the capacitance can be calculated as:

$$C_{FCmin} = \frac{I_{peak}}{\Delta V_{FC} \cdot 2 \cdot f_{SW}}$$

, where ΔU_{FC} is the maximum allowed voltage ripple, I_{peak} is the maximum current, f_{SW} is the switching frequency of the transistors.

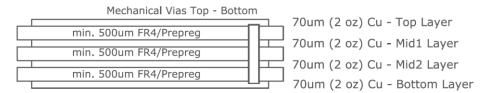
For the capacitor sizing not only the needed capacitance but also the maximum allowed peak and RMS current should be considered. While the ESR and ESL values should be as low as possible.



4.3.3 Characteristic Values

 $T_j = 25$ °C, unless otherwise specified

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | | Value | | Unit |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------|-------|------|----------------|
| | - u. u | 551141515115 | Min | Тур | Max | |
| V_{DC} | DC input voltage | | | 1250 | 1500 | V |
| + 15 V | 15 V supply voltage | | 13.5 | 15 | 16.5 | V |
| I _{OUTpeak} | Peak current of the current sensor | | -200 | | 200 | А |
| | Sensitivity of the current sensor | $I_{Opeakmin} < I_{o} < I_{Opeakmax}$ | | 10 | | $\frac{mV}{A}$ |
| V_{Iout0} | Zero current output voltage | | | 2,5 | | V |
| C_{DC} | DC-link capacitor | | | 120 | | μF |
| C_{FC} | Flying capacitor | | | 120 | | μF |
| V_{CFC}, V_{CDC} | Maximum FC and DC capacitor voltage | | | | 1500 | V |
| V _{ISODC/DC} | DC/DC isolation voltage | | | | 5,2 | kV |
| I_{qu} | Quiescent current | No input is applied | | 120 | | mA |
| I_{qu} | Quiescent current | Only CLK is applied | | 140 | | mA |



Final thickness: 2.4mm +/-10%

Figure 18 Layer stack of INV card



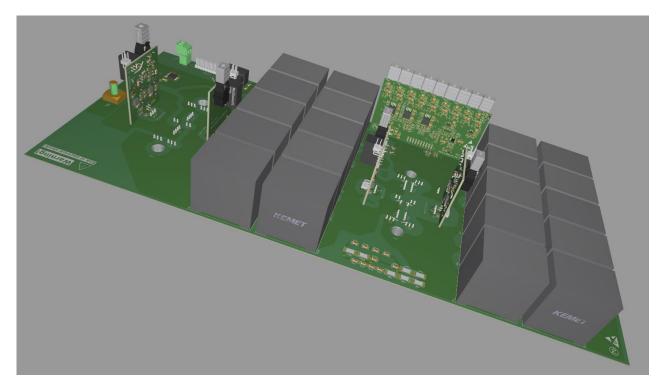


Figure 19 The Evaluation board

4.4 PCB design

To reach optimal switching behavior the PCBs has been designed with the following design criteria. The overlapping layers has been designed to maximize capacitive coupling of the power plane pairs (e.g.: DC+ to DC-, FC+ to FC- , +5 V_{sec} to 0 V_{sec}) and minimalizing the capacitive coupling to other planes.

On the INV card all high current traces are on two layers to increase the current capability. As outer layers have better thermal properties high current traces are placed both on an outer and on an inner layer to ensure symmetry in of positive and negative feed. DC- and FC- can be found on the top layer and Mid2 layer. While DC+ and FC+ can be found on the bottom layer and Mid1 layer. This alternating arrangement increase the capacitive coupling as well.

The measured signals (except the thermistor) are routed in differential mode. This can eliminate the common mode noise from the measurements. All measured signals are shielded with DC- both on own layer and on the upper and lower layer. The gate potentials are shielded with the emitter potential.

To increase the Creepage distance PCB cutouts are used.



On the inner layers smaller distance can be used. To ensure the insulation capability of the board high voltage test was applied. The minimum breakdown voltage of the INV card is 5 kV between FC+ and FC- while 8 kV between DC+ and DC-.

The copper thickness of the PCB should be chosen based on the required current capability and the usable track width. To ensure the current capability of the INV card, high current test was applied (150 A DC), where all high current trace was shorted and the temperature of the card was measured with IR camera and thermocouple.

5 Flying capacitor balancing

Balancing the flying capacitor has an important role in this topology. For the appropriate operation of the inverter the Flying Capacitor voltage has to be half of the input voltage. For the voltage regulation the input voltage, the flying capacitor voltage and the output current direction should be considered. The effect of the possible transistor states in the function of the output current direction can be seen on Table 2.

| | | Transistors | | | | FC vo | oltage | | | | | |
|--------|---------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Mode | Output | T11 | T13 | T14 | T12 | Positive output current | Negative output current | | | | | |
| Mode 1 | DC+ | ON | ON | OFF | OFF | No effect | | | | | | |
| Mode 2 | Neutral | ON | OFF | ON | OFF | Increasing | Decreasing | | | | | |
| Mode 3 | Neutral | OFF | ON | OFF | ON | Decreasing | Increasing | | | | | |
| Mode 4 | DC- | OFF | OFF | ON | ON | No effect | | | | | | |
| | | T | able 2 Outp | Table 2 Output and FC voltage states | | | | | | | | |

The balancing of the flying capacitor voltage can be achieved by modifying the PWM signals. Where the duration of the neutral states have to be modified resulting the flying capacitor voltage change. To change the duration an offset have to be added to one of the modulation signals. Resulting one of the neutral state will be longer. To keep the same duty cycle on the output the inverse of the offset have to be added to the other modulation signal to shorten the other neutral state. This way the output average voltage remains the same and the flying capacitor voltage will change. This can be seen in Figure 20, which contains the original and the modified waveform with offset. The effect of the offset depends on the current direction. If the direction of the current is changing the effect of the offset will change direction accordingly.



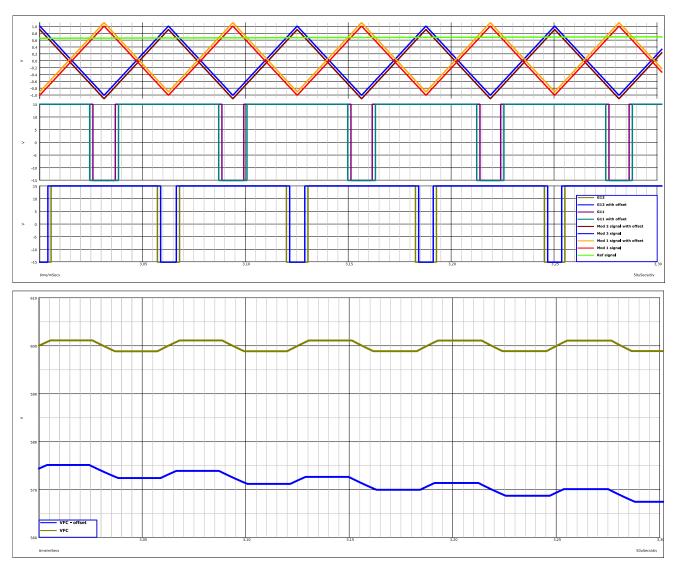


Figure 20 changing the flying capacitor voltage with offset

Based on this phenomena the regulation of the flying capacitor can be seen on Figure 21. The input reference of the regulation is $\frac{V_{DC}}{2}$. The input of the PI controller is the difference between the reference and the feedback (V_{FC}) signals. The polarity of the control output signal depends on the current direction. The duty cycle of the outer half-bridge can be calculated as the sum of the actual inverter duty cycle and the output of the regulation loop, while the inner half-bridge is the difference of those.



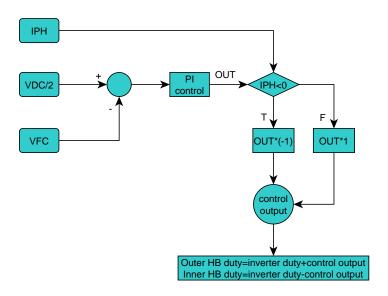


Figure 21 The flying capacitor regulation loop

More information can be found about the balancing method of the flying capacitor on Vincotech's web site:

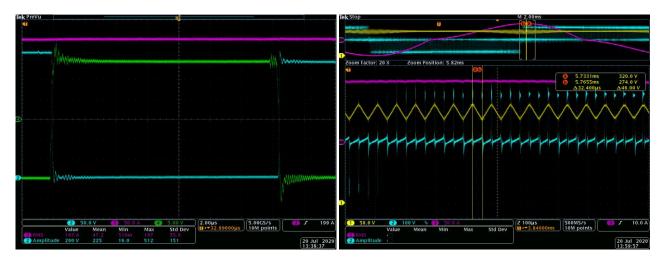
https://www.vincotech.com/fileadmin/user_upload/content_media/documents/pdf/support-documents/technical-

papers/Vincotech TP Solar The Advantages and Operation of Flying Capacitor Inverter 20 20.pdf.

6 The measurements of the evaluation board

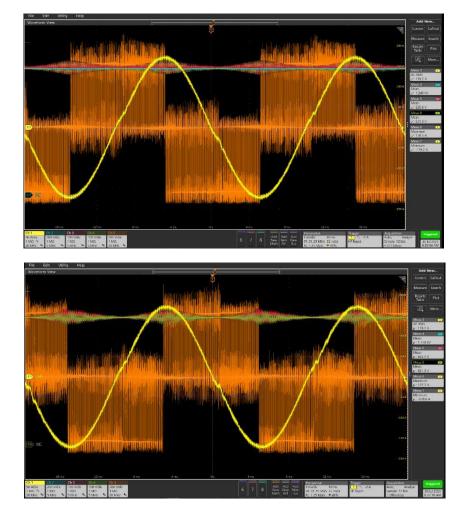
The evaluation board was measured in a one phase circulator setup. In circulator mode two inverters are connected back-to-back. One of them is the AC power source and the other is the AC power sink. This is an easy way to test more than 40 kW per phase with limited input and output capability in the laboratory. As the measurement only consists of one phase an external DC-link capacitor had to be used. This external capacitor can be eliminated in case three phase system where the input power is constant. The typical waveforms of the evaluation board can be seen on Figure 22.





T14 collector-emitter (CH2), gate-source (CH4) voltage and the output current (CH3)

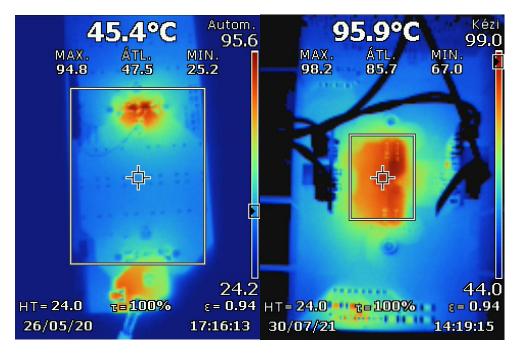
Output voltage (CH2) and current (CH3), flying capacitor voltage (CH1)



The output current (CH1), the DC-link voltage (CH2) and the flying capacitor voltage (CH3)

Figure 22 Typical waveform of the evaluation board





The temperature of the PCB with 150 A DC current $(T_a = 25~^{\circ}C)$

The temperature of the evaluation board during normal operation (I_{outRMS} =120 A, V_{outRMS} =350 V, T_s =80 °C, T_a = 25 °C)

Figure 23 Temperature of the evaluation board



6.1 Efficiency

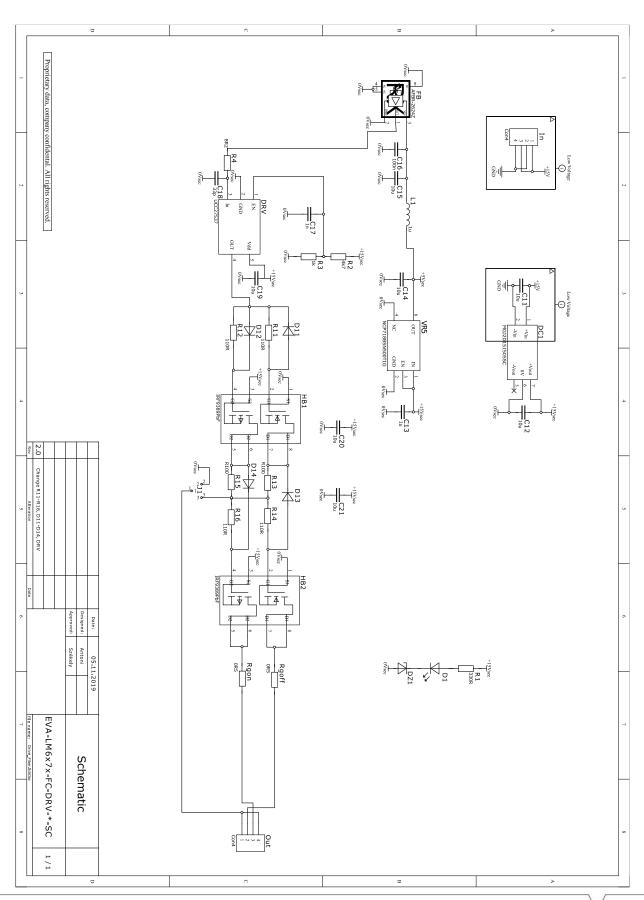
The following calculation was based on the circulator measurements. The result of this measurement is valid for the whole system (two inverters, inductance, DC-link capacitor bank). It is assumed that the losses of one inverter is the half of the sum losses. As in three phase application the input capacitor bank can be eliminated the evaluation board is able to reach higher efficiency in this case.

$$\begin{split} P_{loss_{cir}} &= V_{DC} \cdot I_{DC} = 1250 \, V \cdot 1,47 \, A = 1837,5 \, W \\ P_{out} &= V_{out_{RMS}} \cdot I_{out_{RMS}} = 353,55 \, V \cdot 119,2 \, A = 42143,56 \, W \\ P_{in_{circ}} &= P_{loss_{cir}} + P_{out} = 43981,06 \, W \\ \eta_{cir} &= \frac{P_{out}}{P_{in_{circ}}} \cdot 100\% = \frac{42143,56 \, W}{43981,06 \, W} \cdot 100\% = 95,82 \, \% \\ P_{loss_{inv}} &\approx \frac{P_{loss_{cir}}}{2} = \frac{1837,5 \, W}{2} = 918,75 \, W \\ P_{in_{inv}} &= P_{loss_{inv}} + P_{out} = 43062,31 \, W \\ \eta_{inv} &= \frac{P_{out}}{P_{in_{inv}}} \cdot 100\% = \frac{42143,56 \, W}{43062,31 \, W} \cdot 100\% = 97,88 \, \% \end{split}$$

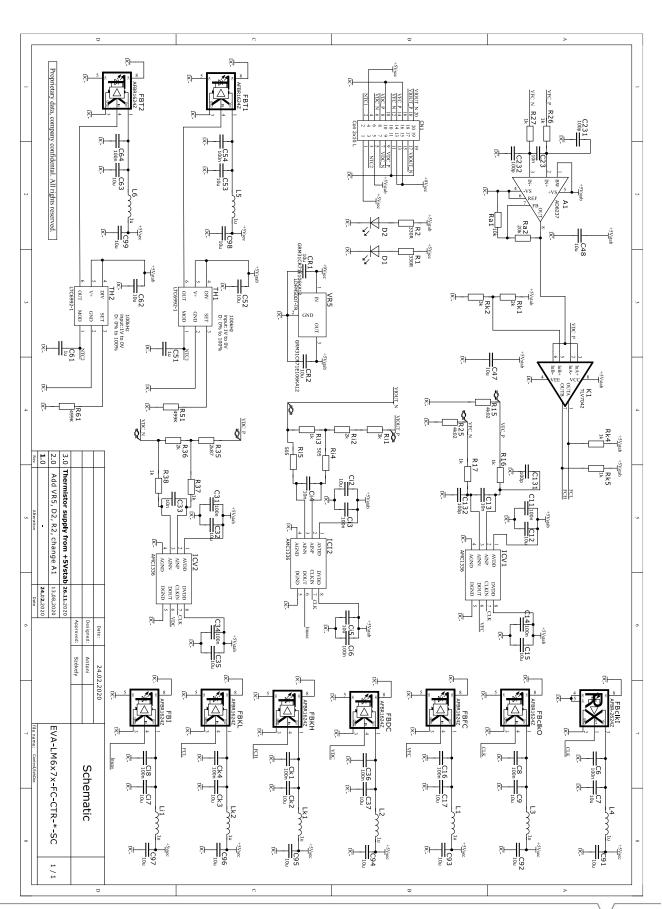
7 Fabrication documents

7.1 Schematics

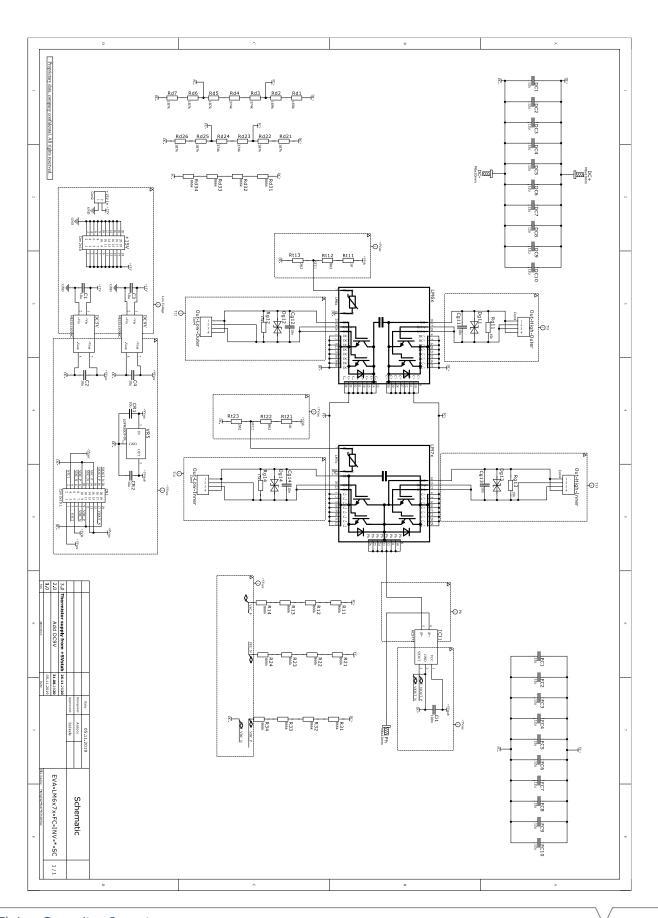














7.2 BOM

7.2.1 **DRV** Card

| Nr. | Name | Value | Туре | Manufacturer | Designators | Qty. |
|-----|------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---|------|
| 1 | Amplifier | 10 μF | GRM31CR71E106KA12 | Murata | C11, C12, C14, C15, C19, C20, C21 | 7 |
| 2 | Capacitor | 1 μF | C0805C105K3RAC | Kemet | C13 | 1 |
| 3 | Capacitor | 100 nF | 0805B104K500CT | Walsin | C16 | 1 |
| 4 | Capacitor | 1 nF | C0603C102K5RACTU | Kemet | C17 | 1 |
| 5 | Capacitor | 33 pF | C0603C330J3GACTU | Kemet | C18 | 1 |
| 6 | LED | | MCL-S270GC | Multicomp | D1 | 1 |
| 7 | Diode | | 1N4148W-E3-08 | Vishay | D11, D12, D13, D14 | 4 |
| 8 | DC/DC | +15/+15;-5 V | MGJ2D151505SC | Murata | DC1 | 1 |
| 9 | IC | | UCC27537 | Texas Instruments | DRV | 1 |
| 10 | Zener | 10 V | BZM55C10 | Vishay | DZ1 | 1 |
| 11 | Fiber | | AFBR-2624Z | Broadcom (former AVAGO) | FB | 1 |
| 12 | MOSFET | | IRF9389 | Infineon | HB1, HB2 | 2 |
| 13 | Connector | | 826953-2 | TE Connectivity | In, Out | 2 |
| 14 | Inductance | 1 μΗ | IMC0805ER1R0J01 | Vishay | L1 | 1 |
| 15 | Resistor | 330 Ω | WR08X3300FTL | Walsin | R1 | 1 |
| 16 | Resistor | 4,7 kΩ | CRCW08054K70FKEA | Vishay | R2 | 1 |
| 17 | Resistor | 1 kΩ | WR08X1001FTL | Walsin | R3 | 1 |
| 18 | Resistor | 8,2 Ω | CRCW08058R20JNEA | Vishay | R4 | 1 |
| 19 | Resistor | 110 Ω | CRCW0805110RJNEA | Vishay | R11, R12, R14, R16 | 4 |
| 20 | Resistor | 100 mΩ | ERJ-U6SJR10V | Panasonic | R13, R15 | 2 |
| 21 | Resistor | 500 mΩ | RCWE1210R510FKEA | Vishay | Rgoff, Rgon | 2 |
| 22 | LDO | 5 V | NCP718BSN500T1G | Onsemi | VR5 | 1 |

7.2.2 CTR Card

| Nr. | Name | Value | Type | Manufacturer | Designators | Qty. |
|-----|-----------|--------|---------------------|----------------|---|------|
| 1 | Amplifier | | AD8237ARMZ | Analog Devices | A1 | 1 |
| 2 | Capacitor | 100 nF | 0805B104K500CT | Walsin | C6, C8, C11, C14, C16, C31, C34, C36, C54, C64, Ci3, Ci6, Ci8, Ck1, Ck4 | 15 |
| 3 | Capacitor | 10 nF | C1608C0G1H103J080AA | TDK | C13, C23, C33, Ci4 | 4 |
| 4 | Capacitor | 1 μF | C0805C105K3RAC | Kemet | C51, C61 | 2 |



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|----|------------|---------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---|----|
| 5 | Capacitor | 100 pF | C0603C101J5GAC7867 | Kemet | C131, C132, C231, C232 | 4 |
| 6 | Capacitor | 10 μF | GRM31CR71E106KA12K | Murata | C7, C9, C12, C15, C17, C32, C35, C37, C47, C48, C52, C53, C62, C63, C91, C92, C93, C94, C95, C96, C97, C98, C99, Ci2, Ci5, Ci7, Ck2, Ck3, CR1, CR2 | 30 |
| 7 | Connector | | 1-826634-0 | Тусо | CN1 | 1 |
| 8 | LED | | MCL-S270GC | Multicomp | D1, D2 | 2 |
| 9 | Fiber | | AFBR-2624Z | Broadcom (former AVAGO) | FBclkI | 1 |
| 10 | Fiber | | AFBR-1624Z | Broadcom (former AVAGO) | FBclkO, FBDC, FBFC, FBI, FBKH, FBKL, FBT1, FBT2 | 8 |
| 11 | A/D | | AMC1336DWVR | Texas Instruments | ICI2, ICV1, ICV2 | 3 |
| 12 | Comparator | | TLV7042DGKR | Texas Instruments | K1 | 1 |
| 13 | Inductance | 1 µH | IMC0805ER1R0J01 | Vishay | L1, L2, L3, L4, L5, L6, Li1, Lk1, Lk2 | 9 |
| 14 | Resistor | 330 | WR08X3300FTL | Walsin | R1, R2 | 2 |
| 15 | Resistor | 4,02 kΩ | CRCW08054K02FKEAC | Vishay | R15, R25 | 2 |
| 16 | Resistor | 1 kΩ | WR08X1001FTL | Walsin | R16, R17, R26, R27, R37, R38, Ri3, Rk4, Rk5 | 9 |
| 17 | Resistor | 2,87 kΩ | CRCW08052K87FKEA | Vishay | R35 | 1 |
| 18 | Resistor | 2 kΩ | CRCW08052K00FKEAC | Vishay | R36, Ri2, Rk1 | 3 |
| 19 | Resistor | 499 kΩ | CRCW0805499KFKEA | Vishay | R51, R61 | 2 |
| 20 | Resistor | 10 kΩ | CRCW060310K0FKEA | Vishay | Ra1 | 1 |
| 21 | Resistor | 20 kΩ | CRCW060320K0FKEA | Vishay | Ra2 | 1 |
| 22 | Resistor | 3 kΩ | CRCW08053K00FKEAC | Vishay | Ri1, Rk2 | 2 |
| 23 | Resistor | 505 | RT0603BRD07505RL | Yageo-(Phycomp) | Ri4, Ri5 | 2 |
| 24 | VCO | | LTC6992-1 | Linear Technology | TH1, TH2 | 2 |
| 25 | LDO | 5 V | LDFM50DT-TR | ST Microelectronics | VR5 | 1 |
| 26 | PCB | | EVA-LM6x7x-FC-CTR-03- PCB | | | 1 |



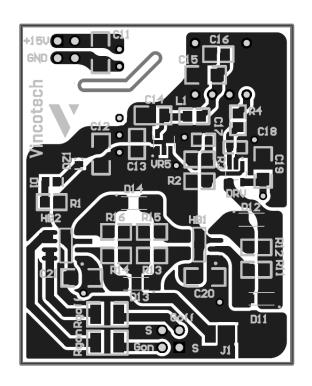
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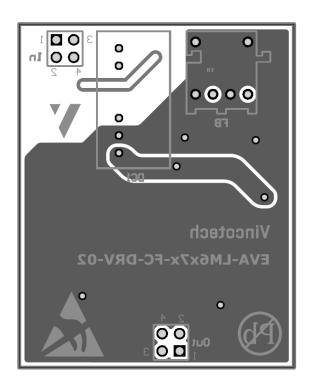
| Nr. | Name | Value | Туре | Manufacturer | Designators | Qty. |
|-----|-----------------|----------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|------|
| 1 | Connector | | 1-826632-0 | TE Connectivity | +15V | 1 |
| 2 | Connector | | MCV 1,5/ 2-G-3,81 | Phoenix Contact | +15V In | 1 |
| 3 | Capacitor | 10 μF | GRM31CR71E106KA12K | Murata | C1, C2, C3, C4, CR1, CR2 | 6 |
| 4 | Capacitor | 100 nF | 0805B104K500CT | Walsin | Ci1 | 1 |
| 5 | Capacitor | 12 μF | C4AQSBW5120A3LJ | Kemet | DC1, DC2, DC3, DC4, DC5, DC6, DC7, DC8, DC9, DC10, FC1, FC2, FC3, FC4, FC5, FC6, FC7, FC8, FC9, FC10 | 20 |
| 6 | DC/DC | +15/+5 V | MEJ2S1505SC | Murata | DC5V | 1 |
| 7 | DC/DC | +15/+9 V | MEJ2S1509SC | Murata | DC9V | 1 |
| 8 | Connector | | 7461098 | Würth Electronik | DC-, DC+, Ph | 3 |
| 9 | Diode | | VLIN1616-02G-E3-08 | Vishay | Dg11, Dg12, Dg13, Dg14 | 4 |
| 10 | Current sensor | | ACS772ECB-200B-PFF-T | Allegro Microsystems | ICI1 | 1 |
| 11 | Power module | | LM6x | Vincotech | LM6x | 1 |
| 12 | Power module | | LM7x | Vincotech | LM7x | 1 |
| 13 | Resistor | 866 kΩ | ERJP08F8663V | Panasonic | R11, R12, R13, R14, R21, R22, R23, R24, R31, R32, R33, R34, Rd31, Rd32, Rd33, Rd34 | 16 |
| 14 | Resistor | 169 kΩ | KTR18EZPF1693 | Rohm | Rd1, Rd2 | 2 |
| 15 | Resistor | 374 kΩ | ERJP08F3743V | Panasonic | Rd3, Rd4, Rd23, Rd24 | 4 |
| 16 | Resistor | 187 kΩ | CRCW2512187KFKEG | Vishay | Rd5, Rd6, Rd7, Rd21, Rd22, Rd25, Rd26 | 7 |
| 17 | Resistor | 15 kΩ | CRCW080515K0FKEAHP | Vishay | Rg11, Rg12, Rg13, Rg14 | 4 |
| 18 | Resistor | 1 kΩ | TNPW08051K00DEEA | Vishay | Rt11, Rt21 | 2 |
| 19 | Resistor | 8,2 kΩ | CPF0805B8K2E1 | TE Connectivity | Rt12, Rt22 | 2 |
| 20 | Resistor | 2,2 kΩ | TNPW08052K20BEEA | Vishay | Rt13, Rt23 | 2 |
| 21 | LDO | 5 V | LDFM50DT-TR | ST Microelectronics | VR5 | 1 |
| 22 | PCB | | EVA-LM6x7x-FC-INV-03- PCB | | | 1 |



7.3 PCB drawings

7.3.1 DRV card



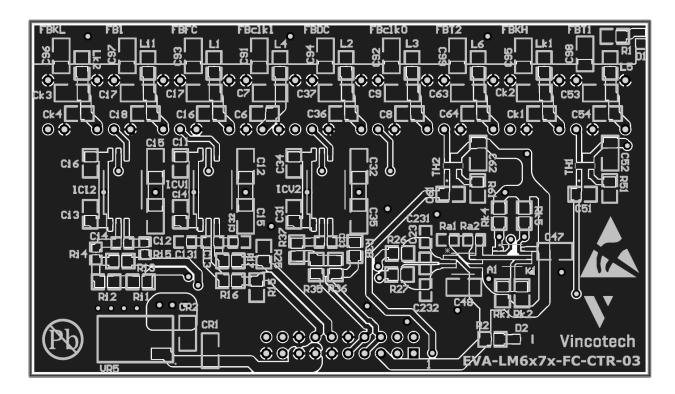


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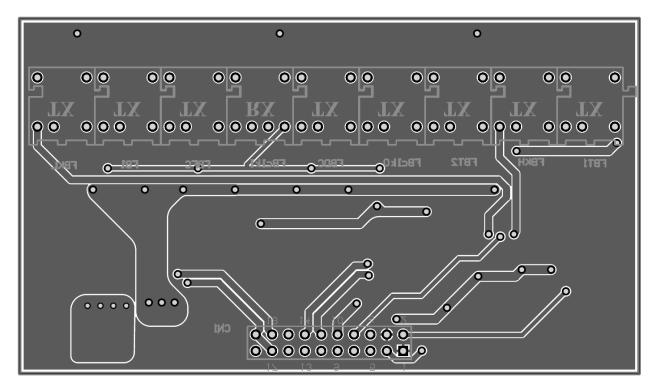
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7.3.2 CTR Card



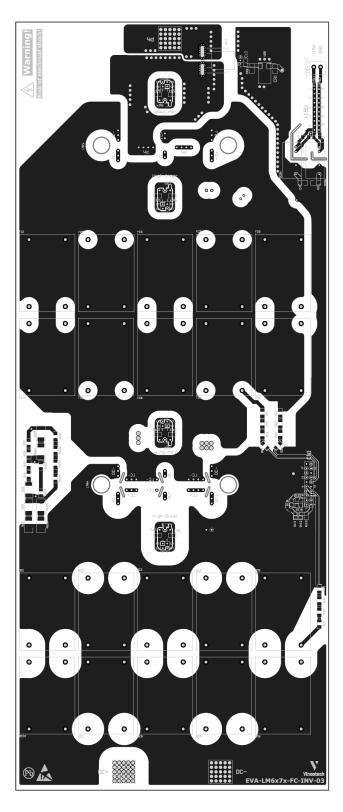
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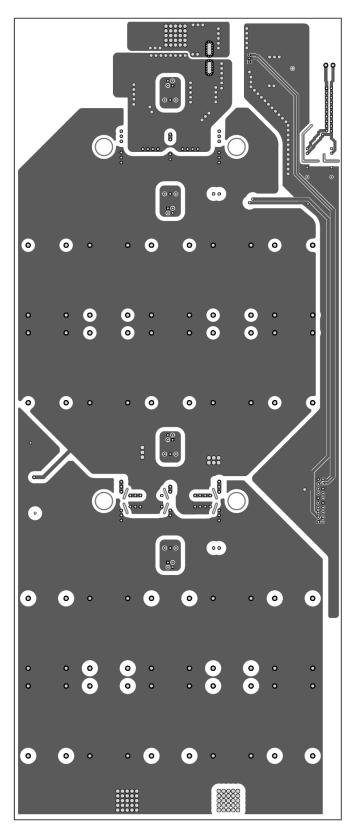


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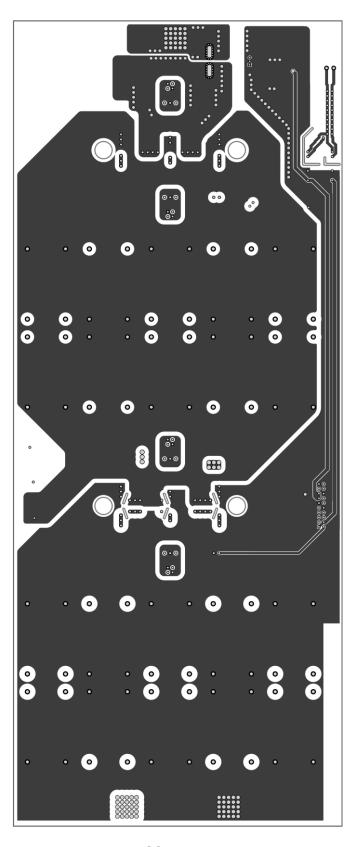
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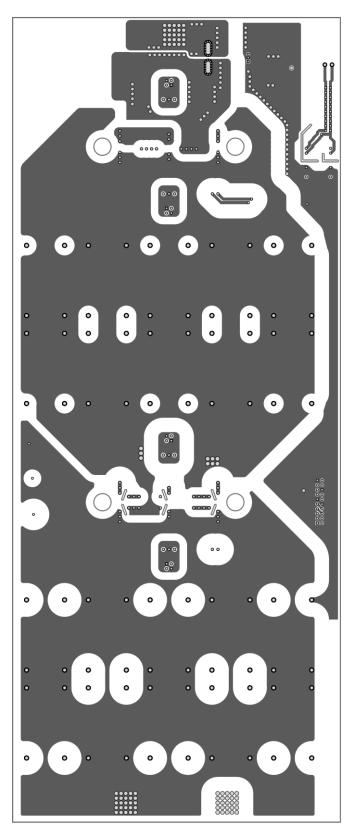
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