

Tutorial 3

Losses in a Motor Drive

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Operating modes

$$\omega \propto V_{12} \propto D$$

D is changed through half bridges (S_1 & S_2 and S_3 & S_4)

Two modes:

- High-side recirculation
- Low-side recirculation

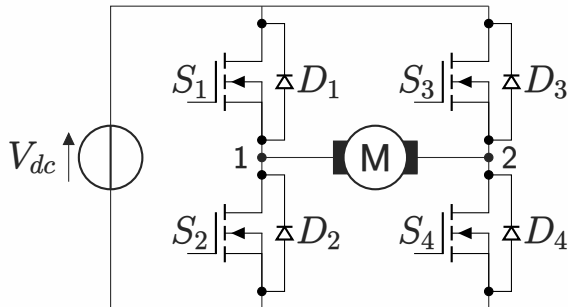
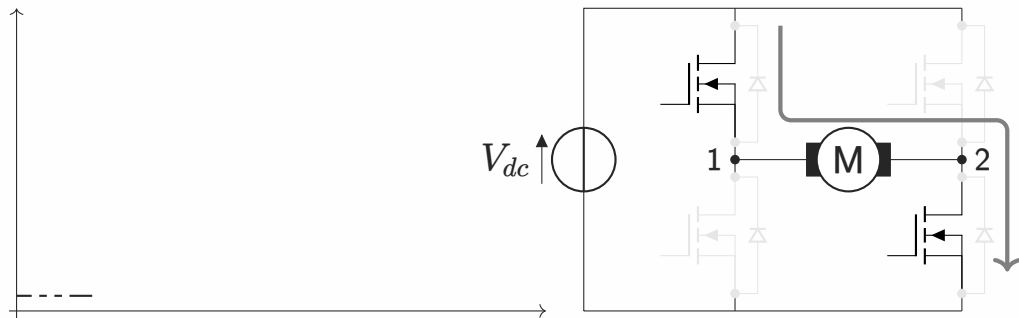


Figure: DC motor drive.

Power losses in motor drive

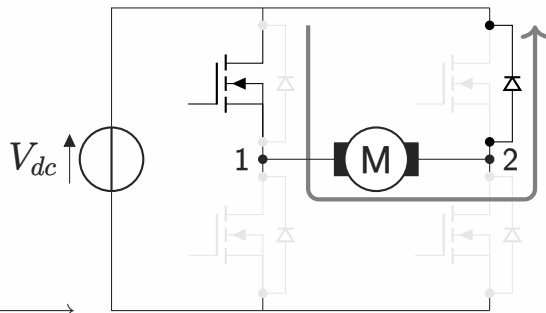
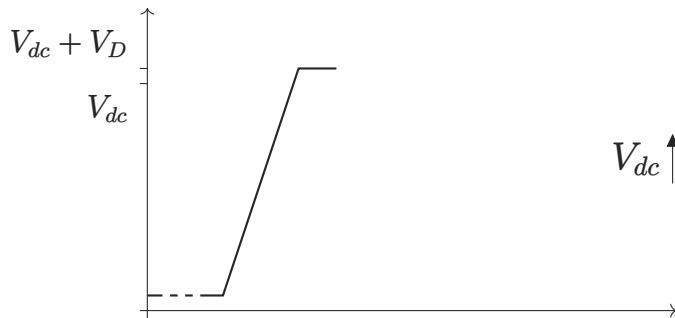
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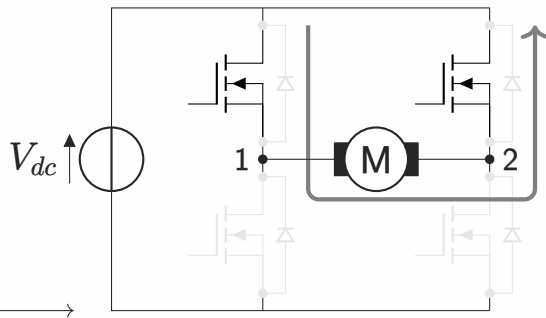
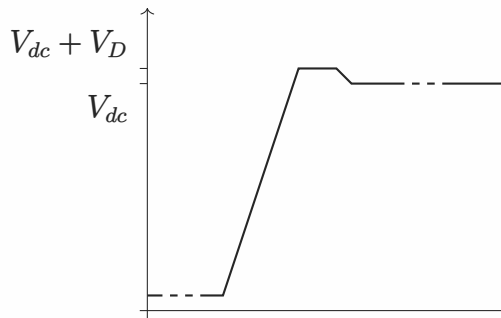
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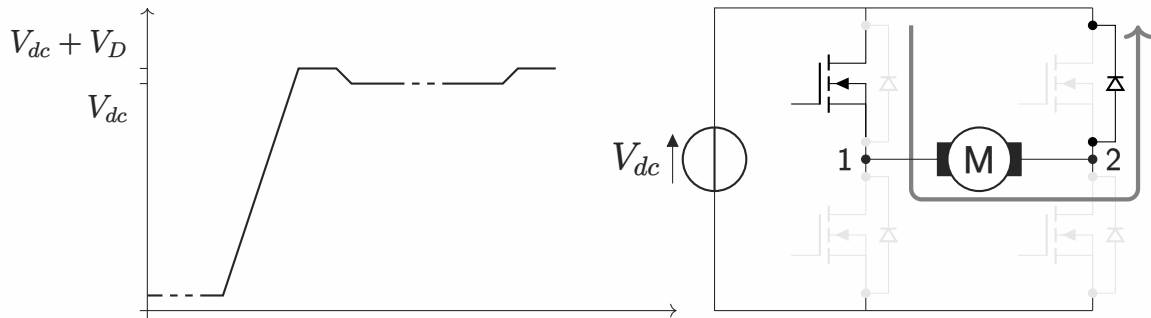
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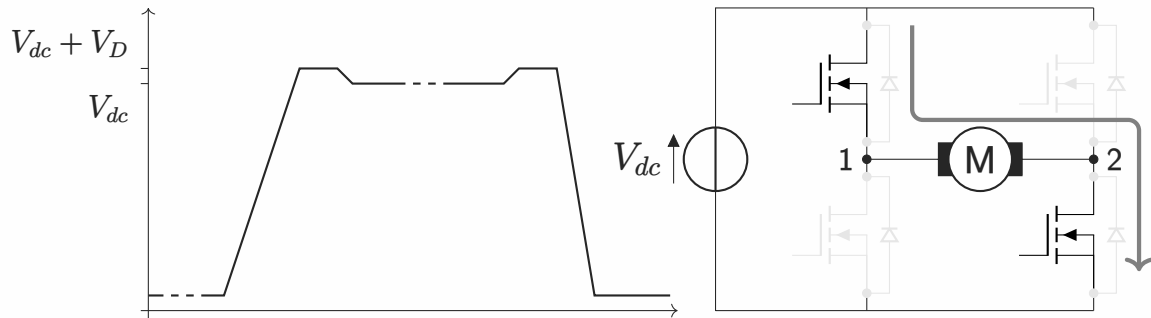
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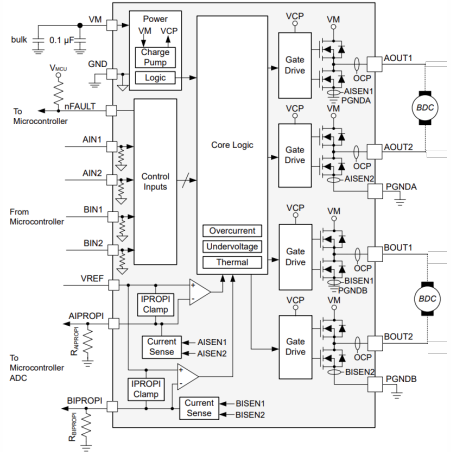


Figure: Functional block diagram of DRV8411 [1].

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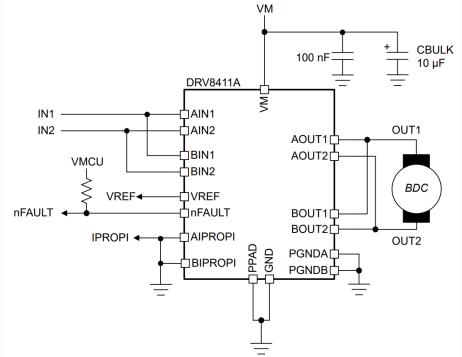


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- Same PWM signals for corresponding switches in two H-bridges

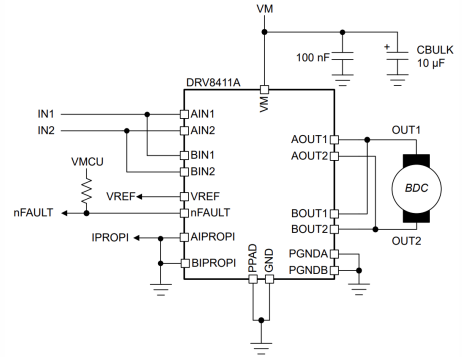


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Loss parameters

Table: DRV8411 switch parameters.

Symbol	Value
$R_{\text{HS-DS,on}}$	200 m Ω @ $I_L = 0.2$ A
$R_{\text{LS-DS,on}}$	200 m Ω @ $I_L = -0.2$ A
V_{SD}	1 V @ $I_L = -0.5$ A
t_{rise}	100 ns @ $V_{\text{dc}} = 5$ V
t_{fall}	50 ns @ $V_{\text{dc}} = 5$ V
t_{dead}	400 ns

Table: Operating parameters.

Symbol	Value
V_{dc}	4.2 V
D	0.5
I_L	0.2 A
f_{PWM}	5 kHz

Loss calculation

- Conduction losses:

$$P_{\text{cond},S1} = 0.5 I_L^2 R_{\text{HS-DS,on}} = 4 \text{ mW}$$

$$P_{\text{cond},S2} = 0 \text{ W}$$

$$P_{\text{cond},S3} = 0.5 D I_L^2 R_{\text{HS-DS,on}} = 2 \text{ mW}$$

$$P_{\text{cond},S4} = 0.5(1 - D) I_L^2 R_{\text{LS-DS,on}} = 2 \text{ mW}$$

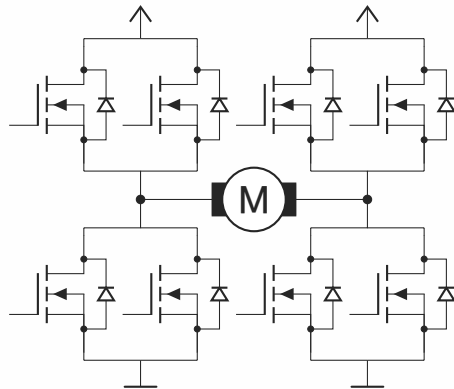


Figure: DRV8411 motor drive switch configuration.

Loss calculation

- Switching losses:

$$P_{sw,S1} = 0$$

$$P_{sw,S2} = 0$$

$$P_{sw,S3} = 0$$

$$P_{sw,S4} = 0.5V_{dc}I_L t_{rise} f_{PWM} \\ + 0.5V_{dc}I_L t_{fall} f_{PWM} = 0.315 \text{ mW}$$

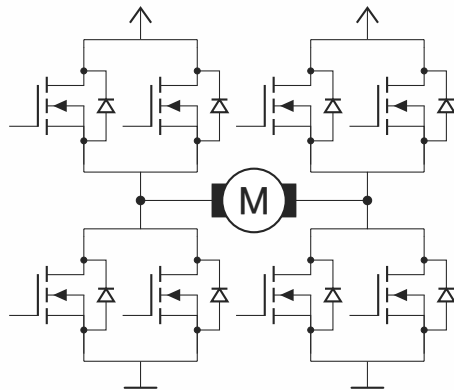


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Loss calculation

- Diode conduction losses:

$$P_{\text{cond,D1}} = 0$$

$$P_{\text{cond,D2}} = 0$$

$$P_{\text{cond,D3}} = 2V_{\text{DC}}I_{\text{L}}t_{\text{dead}}f_{\text{PWM}} \\ = 3.36 \text{ mW}$$

$$P_{\text{cond,D4}} = 0$$

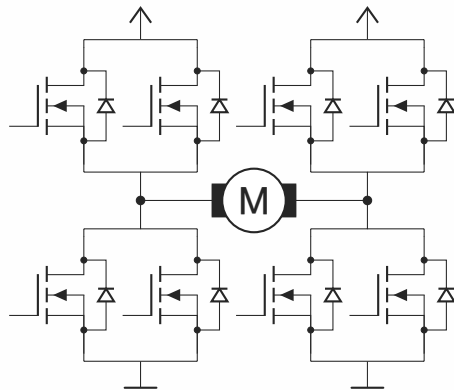


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Loss calculation

- Other negligible losses:
 - Gate driver losses
 - Device consumption losses
 - In some chips: LDO regulator losses

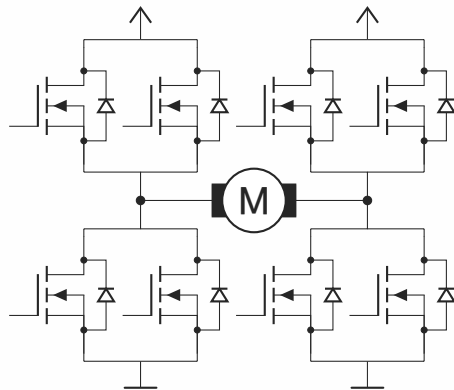


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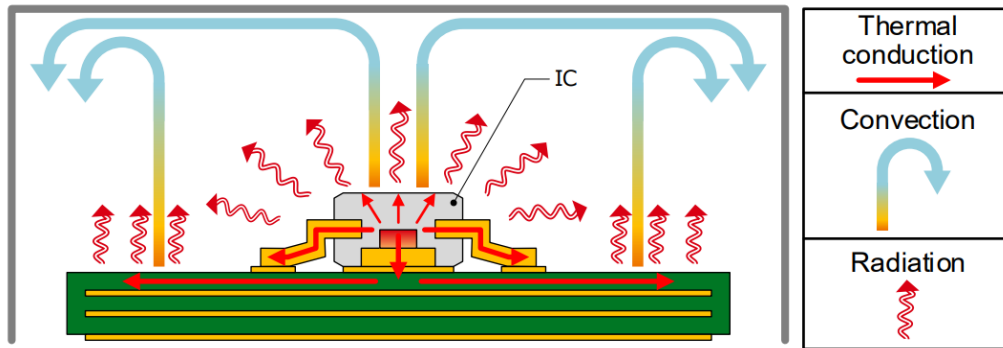


Figure: Heat dissipation mechanisms. Source: [2].

Semiconductor thermal parameters

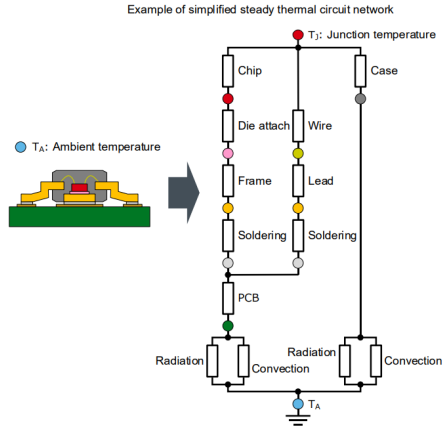


Figure: Heat dissipation parameters. Source: [2].

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Table: Thermal data for DRV8411

Symbol	Description	Value
$R_{\theta JA}$	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	$45.1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C W}^{-1}$
$R_{\theta JC(\text{top})}$	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	$43.7\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C W}^{-1}$
$R_{\theta JB}$	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	$19.9\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C W}^{-1}$
$R_{\psi JT}$	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	$2.6\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C W}^{-1}$
$R_{\psi JB}$	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	$19.9\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C W}^{-1}$
$R_{\theta JC(\text{bot})}$	Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance	$4.9\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C W}^{-1}$

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- Depends upon the main power sinks!
- Some parameters are not applicable. For e.g. $R_{\theta JA}$.

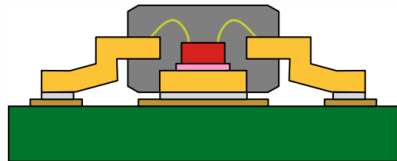
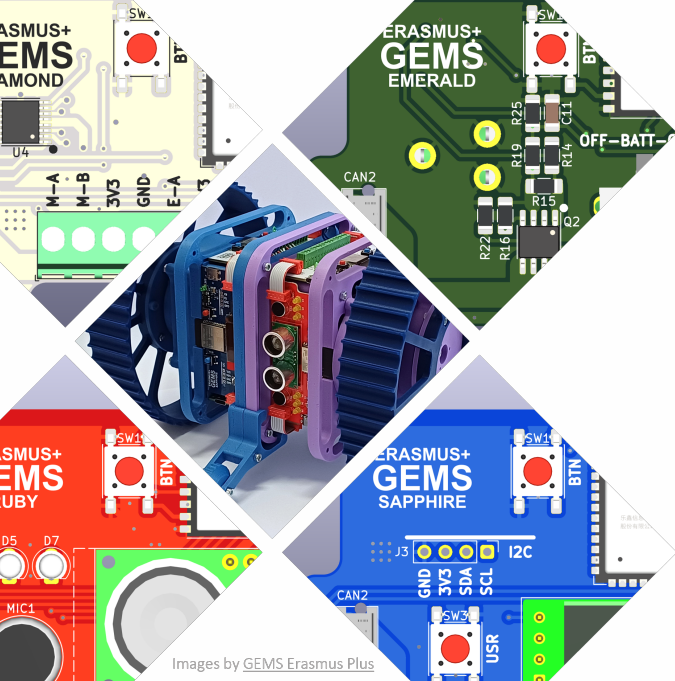


Figure: IC package. Source: [2].

Conclusion

- Converter operating modes, and power losses.
- DRV8411 application and loss calculation.
- Thermal dissipation.



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