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FRDM-17531AEPEVB evaluation board

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1 FRDM-17531AEPEVB

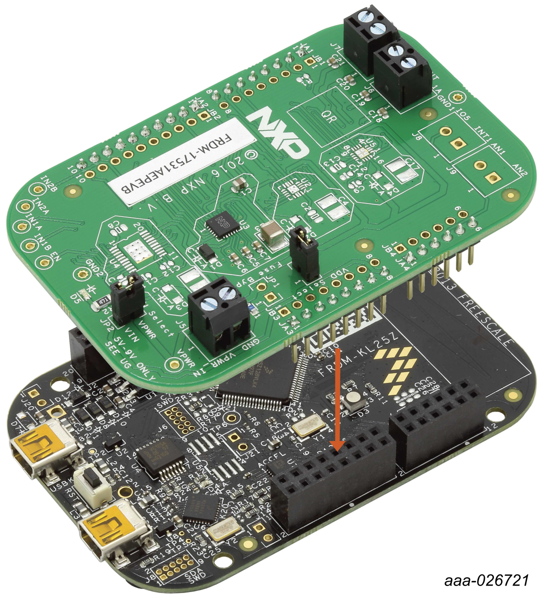

Figure 1. FRDM-17531AEPEVB with FRDM-KL25Z Freedom Development Platform

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3 Getting started

3.1 Kit contents/packing list

The kit contents include:

- Assembled and tested evaluation board/module in an anti-static bag
- Quick Start Guide, Analog Tools
- Warranty card

3.2 Jump start

NXP's analog product development boards provide an easy-to-use platform for evaluating NXP products. The boards support a range of analog, mixed-signal and power solutions. They incorporate monolithic ICs and system-in-package devices that use proven high-volume technology. NXP products offer longer battery life, a smaller form factor, reduced component counts, lower cost and improved performance in powering state of the art systems.

1. Go to the tool summary page: http://www.nxp.com/FRDM-17531AEPEVB
2. Locate and click:

Jump Start Your Design

3. Download the documents, software and other information.

Once the files are downloaded, review the user guide in the bundle. The user guide includes setup instructions, BOM and schematics. Jump start bundles are available on each tool summary page with the most relevant and current information. The information includes everything needed for design.

3.3 Required equipment

To use this kit, you need:

- DC power supply (2.0 V to 7.0 V, 0.1 A to 1.0 A, depending on stepper motor requirements)
- USB A to mini-B cable
- Oscilloscope (preferably 4-channel) with current probe(s)
- Digital multimeter
- FRDM-KL25Z Freedom Development Platform
- Typical loads (stepper motor, brushed DC motors, or power resistors)
- 3/16" blade screwdriver
- One 12-pin (PPTC062LFBN-RC), two 16-pin (PPTC082LFBN-RC), and one 20-pin (PPTC102LFBN-RC) female connector, by Sullins Connector Solutions, or equivalent soldered to FRDM-KL25Z

3.4 System requirements

The kit requires the following:

- USB-enabled PC with Windows® XP or higher

4 Getting to know the hardware

4.1 Board overview

The evaluation board features the dual H-bridge ICs, which features the ability to drive either a single two phase stepper motor or two brushed DC motors. The dual H-bridge ICs incorporate internal control logic, a charge pump, gate drive, high current, and low $R_{DS(on)}$ MOSFET output circuitry.

4.2 Board features

The evaluation board is designed to easily evaluate and test the main component, the H-bridge devices. The board's main features are as follows:

- Compatible with Freedom series evaluation boards such as FRDM-KL25Z
- Built in fuse for both part and load protection
- Screw terminals to provide easy connection of power and loads
- Test points to allow probing of signals
- Built-in voltage regulator to supply logic level circuitry
- LED to indicate status of logic power supply of the evaluation board, as well as a general purpose indicator

4.3 Device features

The evaluation board feature the following NXP product:

Table 1. Device features

Evaluation board	Device	Device features
FRDM-17531AEPEVB	MPC17531 (24-pin QFN)	The NXP MPC17531 is a four channel dual H-bridge IC that is ideal for portable electronic applications to control single stepper motor or two Brush DC motors. • 2.0 V to 8.6 V dual H-bridge motor driver with enable and tristate bridge control via a parallel MCU interface. Output current 0.7 A peak. • The IC has low RDS on-resistance of 1.2 Ohm (max.) and the drivers can be PWM-ed up to 200 kHz control frequency. • Contains an integrated charge pump and level shifter (for gate drive voltages), in addition to integrated shoot through current protection and under voltage circuit detector to avoid malfunction • Four output control modes: forward, reverse, brake, tristate (open)

4.4 Board description

The following sections describe the additional hardware used to support the dual H-bridge driver.

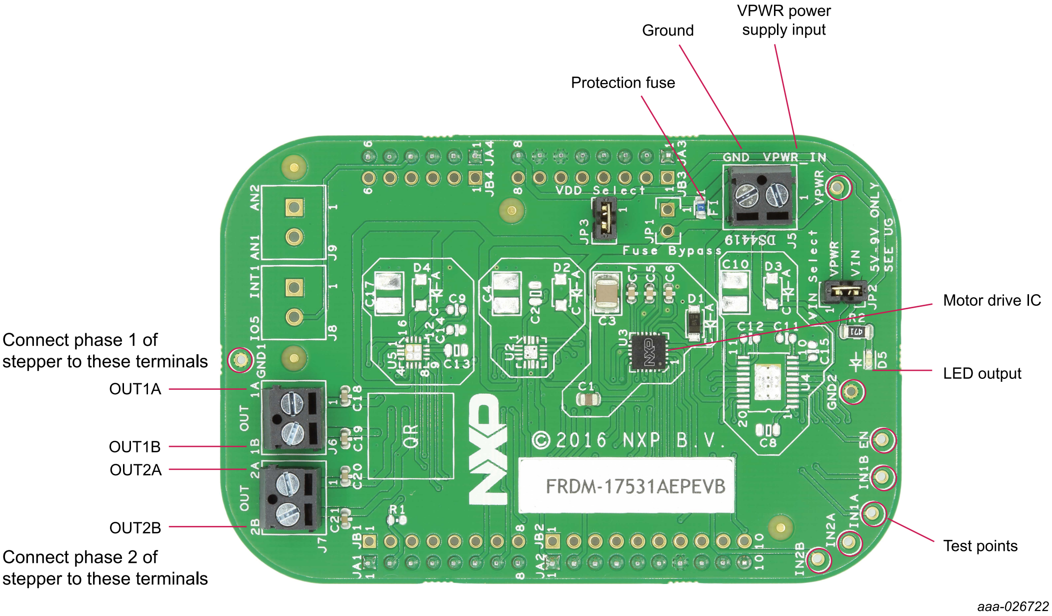

Figure 2. Board description

Table 2. Board description

Name	Description
U3	24-pin QFN H-bridge motor drive IC (MPC17531ATEP)
F1	Overcurrent fuse
D5	LED output
OUT1A	Connect motor phase 1A to this terminal
OUT1B	Connect motor phase 1B to this terminal
OUT2A	Connect motor phase 2A to this terminal
OUT2B	Connect motor phase 2B to this terminal
VPWR	Power supply Input terminal
GND	Ground terminal
JA1	Interface connection to FRDM-KL25Z
JA2	Interface connection to FRDM-KL25Z
JA3	Interface connection to FRDM-KL25Z
JA4	Interface connection to FRDM-KL25Z

4.4.1 LED display

An LED is provided as a visual output device for the board.

Table 3. LED display

LED ID	Description
D5	Indicates when power is supplied to the board via JP2

4.4.2 Test point definitions

The following test points provide access to signals on the board.

Table 4. Test point definitions

TP#	Signal name	Description
TP1	VPWR	Power input after fuse
TP2	EN	Enable signal
TP3	GND1	Ground
TP4	GND2	Ground
TP5	IN1A	H-bridge Input signal for OUT1A
TP6	IN1B	H-bridge Input signal for OUT1B
TP7	IN2A	H-bridge Input signal for OUT2A
TP8	IN2B	H-bridge Input signal for OUT2B

4.4.3 Input signal definitions

The motor drive IC has as many as five input signals that are used to control certain outputs or functions inside the circuit.

Table 5. Input signal definitions

Name on board	Description
IN1A	Controls OUT1A
IN1B	Controls OUT1B
IN2A	Controls OUT2A
IN2B	Controls OUT2B
EN	This signal enables output 1 and output 2

4.4.4 Output signal definitions

The motor drive IC has four output signals that are used to drive a single DC stepper motor or two DC brushed motors.

Table 6. Output Signal Definitions

Name	Description
OUT1A	H-bridge 1 driver output phase 1A
OUT1B	H-bridge 1 driver output phase 1B
OUT2A	H-bridge 2 driver output phase 2A
OUT2B	H-bridge 2 driver output phase 2B

4.4.5 Screw terminal connections

The board features screw terminal connections to allow easy access to device signals and supply rails.

Table 7. Screw terminal connections

Name	Pin	Signal name	Signal description
J5	1	VPWR_IN	Power input (5.0 V to 9.0 V)
	2	GND	Ground
J6	1	OUT1A	Driver output 1A
	2	OUT1B	Driver output 1B
J7	1	OUT2A	Driver output 2A
	2	OUT2B	Driver output 2B
J8	1	INT1	Auxiliary MCU signal (interrupt) Not populated
	2	IO5	Auxiliary MCU signal (GPIO) Not populated
J9	1	AN2	Auxiliary MCU signal (analog) Not populated
	2	AN1	Auxiliary MCU signal (analog) Not populated

4.4.6 Jumpers

The board features jumper connections as shown in Table 8.

Table 8. Jumpers

Name	Description
JP1	Fuse bypass (not populated)
JP2	VPWR to VIN
JP3	VDD select (needs jumper on to power driver IC logic)

5 FRDM-KL25Z Freedom Development Platform

The NXP Freedom development platform is a set of software and hardware tools for evaluation and development. It is ideal for rapid prototyping of microcontroller-based applications. The NXP Freedom KL25Z hardware, FRDM-KL25Z, is a simple, yet sophisticated design featuring a Kinetis L Series microcontroller, the industry's first microcontroller built on the ARM® Cortex®-M0+ core.

5.1 Connecting FRDM-KL25Z to the board

The kit may be used with many of the Freedom platform evaluation boards featuring Kinetis processors. The FRDM-KL25Z development platform has been chosen specifically to work with the kit because of its low cost and features. The FRDM-KL25Z board makes use of the USB, built in LEDs, and I/O ports available with NXP's Kinetis KL2x family of microcontrollers. The main functions provided by the FRDM-KL25Z are to allow control of a stepper motor using a PC computer over USB, and to drive the necessary inputs on the evaluation kit to operate the motor.

The board is connected to the FRDM-KL25Z using four dual row headers. The connections are shown in Table 9.

Table 9. Header connections

FRDM LV stepper motor			FRDM-KL25Z		
Header	**Pin**	**Name**	**Header**	**Pin**	**Name**
JA1	1	AUX_INT1	J1	2	PTA1
JA1	2	EN	J1	4	PTA2
JA1	3		J1	6	PTD4
JA1	4		J1	8	PTA12
JA1	5		J1	10	PTA4
JA1	6	IN1A	J1	12	PTA5
JA1	7	IN1B	J1	14	PTC8
JA1	8		J1	16	PTC9
JA2	1	IN2A	J2	2	PTA13
JA2	2	IN2B	J2	4	PTD5
JA2	3		J2	6	PTD0
JA2	4		J2	8	PTD2
JA2	5		J2	10	PTD3
JA2	6		J2	12	PTD1
JA2	7	GND	J2	14	GND
JA2	8		J2	16	VREFH
JA2	9		J2	18	PTE0
JA2	10		J2	20	PTE1
JA3	8	VIN	J3	16	P5-9V_VIN
JA3	7	GND	J3	14	GND
JA3	6	GND	J3	12	GND
JA3	5		J3	10	P5V_USB
JA3	4	3V3	J3	8	P3V3
JA3	3		J3	6	RESET/PTA20
JA3	2		J3	4	P3V3
JA3	1		J3	2	SDA_PTD5
JA4	6		J4	12	PTC1

FRDM LV stepper motor			FRDM-KL25Z		
Header	**Pin**	**Name**	**Header**	**Pin**	**Name**
JA4	5		J4	10	PTC2
JA4	4	AUX_IO5	J4	8	PTB3
JA4	3		J4	6	PTB2
JA4	2	AUX_AN2	J4	4	PTB1
JA4	1	AUX_AN1	J4	2	PTB0

6 Installing the software and setting up the hardware

The latest version of the Motor Control GUI is designed to run on any Windows 10, Windows 8, Windows 7, Vista, or XP-based operating system. To install the software, go to www.nxp.com/analogtools and select your kit. Click on that link to open the corresponding tool summary page. Look for “Jump Start Your Design”. Download the Motor Control GUI software to your computer desktop (**LVMC-Steppermotor-setup.exe**).

Run the installed program from the desktop. The Installation Wizard guides you through the rest of the process.

To use the Motor Control GUI, go to the Windows Start menu, then Programs, then Motor Control GUI, and then click the NXP icon. The Motor Control Graphic User Interface (GUI) appears. The GUI is shown in Figure 3. The hex address numbers at the top are loaded with the vendor ID for NXP (0x15A2), and the part ID (0x138). The panel on the left side displays these numbers only if the PC is communicating with the FRDM-KL25Z via the USB interface.

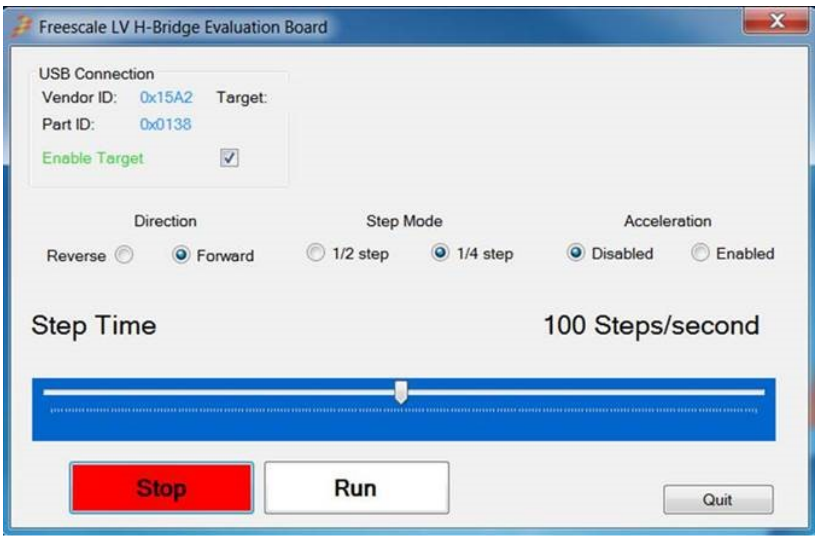

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Figure 3. Motor Control GUI

6.1 Configuring the hardware

Figure 4 and Figure 5 show the configuration diagrams for single stepper motor and DC motors.

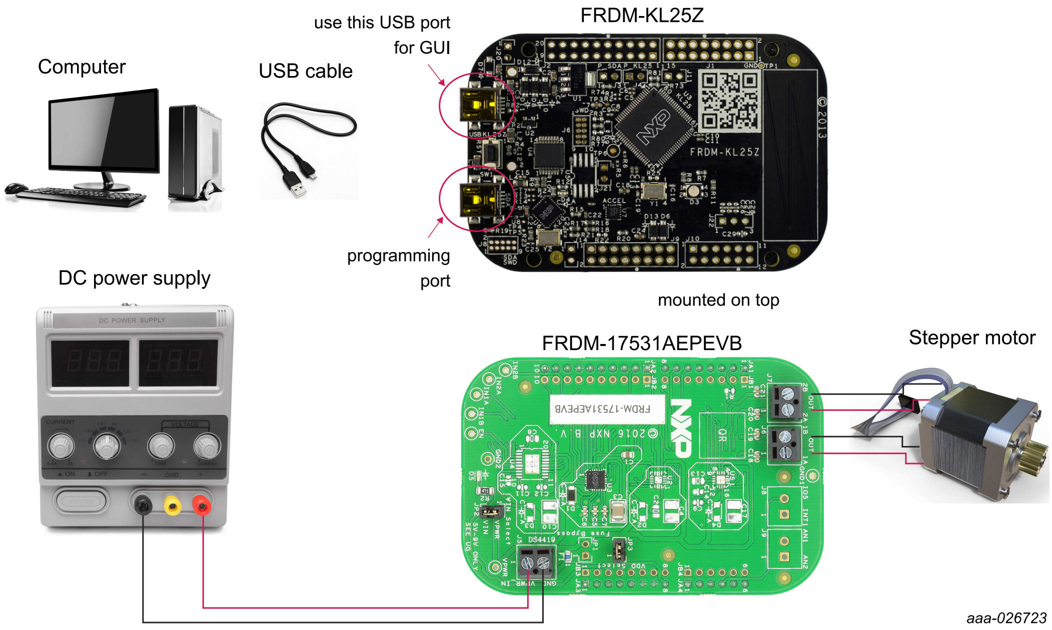


Figure 4. Setup for Stepper motor

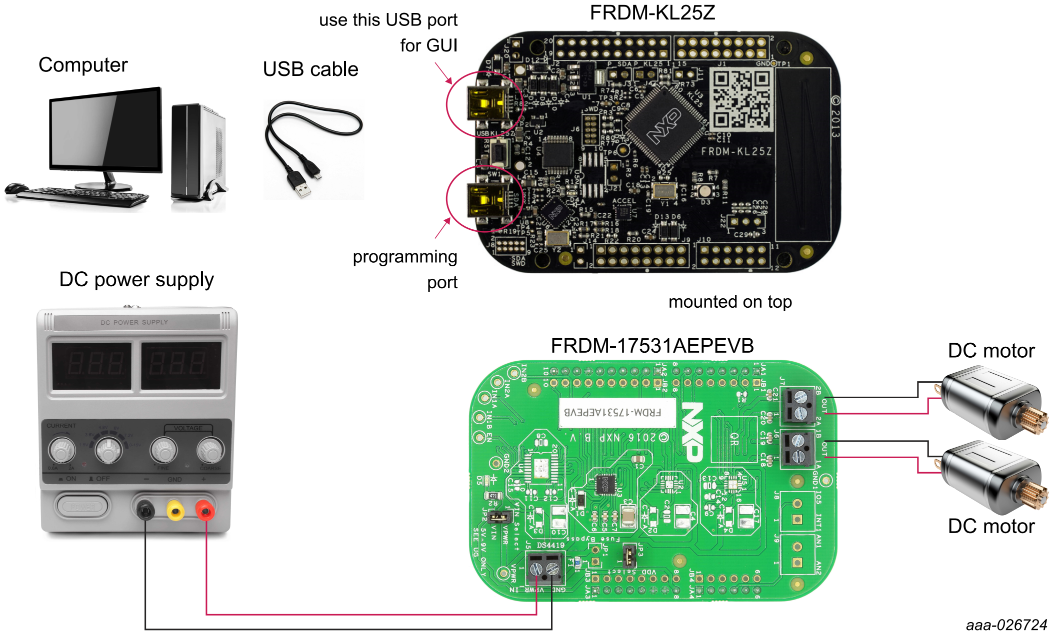


Figure 5. Setup for DC motors

6.2 Step-by-step instructions for setting up the hardware using Motor Control GUI

When using the board make sure that the following operating parameters are followed or damage may occur.

- The maximum motor supply voltage (VM) cannot exceed 7.0 V, and must be at least 3.3 V
- The nominal operating current of the stepper motor cannot exceed 1.0 A (1.4 A peak)

In order to perform the demonstration example, first set up the evaluation board hardware and software as follows:

1. Setup the FRDM-KL25Z to accept code from the mbed online compiler. mbed is a developer site for ARM based microcontrollers. The instructions are at mbed.org (https://mbed.org/handbook/mbed-FRDM-KL25Z-Upgrade). Switch to the other USB port (programming port) on the FRDM-KL25Z, and back after you load the project.
2. Go to the NXP page on mbed.org and look for the repository named "**LVHB Stepper Motor Drive**" (https://developer.mbed.org/teams/NXP/code/LVHB-Stepper-Motor-Drive-v2).
3. Import main.cpp source code into compiler.
4. Save the compiled code on your local drive, and then drag and drop it onto the mbed drive (which is the FRDM-KL25Z) while connected to the programming OpenSDA port. Move the USB connector back to the other USB port on the FRDM-KL25Z. Note: Create a user before you can download the code. Connect the board to the FRDM-KL25Z. This is best accomplished by soldering the female connectors to the FRDM-KL25Z, and then connecting to the male pins provided on the board.
5. Ready the computer and install the Stepper Motor Driver GUI software.
6. Attach DC power supply (without turning on the power) to the VM and GND terminals.
7. Attach one set of coils of the stepper motor to the OUT1A and OUT1B output terminals. Attach the other phase coil of the stepper motor to terminals OUT2A and OUT2B. Launch the Stepper Motor Driver GUI software.
8. Make sure the GUI recognizes the FRDM-KL25Z. This is determined by seeing the hex Vendor ID (0x15A2), and Part ID (0x138) under USB connection in the upper left-hand corner of the GUI. If the GUI does not recognize the FRDM-KL25Z, you need to disconnect and reconnect the USB cable to the FRDM-KL25Z.
9. Turn on the DC power supply.
10. Select **Enable Target** on the GUI. The demo is now ready to run.
11. Select Direction, Step Mode, and Acceleration Enabled.
    Acceleration enabled controls motor speed slowly increasing from stop to maximum number of steps selected by Step Time slider control.
12. Click **Run** to run the motor. Notice that some options of the GUI are disabled while the motor is running. To make changes, click **Stop** on the GUI, make the desired changes, and then click **Run** on the GUI to continue.
13. When finished, click **Enable Target** on the GUI, and then **Quit**. Turn off DC power supply. Remove USB cable.

6.3 Installing CodeWarrior

This procedure explains how to obtain and install the latest version of CodeWarrior (version 10.6 in this guide).

Note: *The sample software in this kit requires CodeWarrior 10.6 or newer. The component and some examples in the component package are intended for Kinetis Design Studio 3.0.0. If you have CodeWarrior 10.6 and Kinetis Design Studio 3.0.0 already installed on your system, skip this section.*

1. Obtain the latest CodeWarrior installer file from the NXP CodeWarrior website: http://www.nxp.com/CODEWARRIOR.
2. Run the executable file and follow the instructions.
3. In the Choose Components window, select the Kinetis component, and then click **Next** to complete the installation.

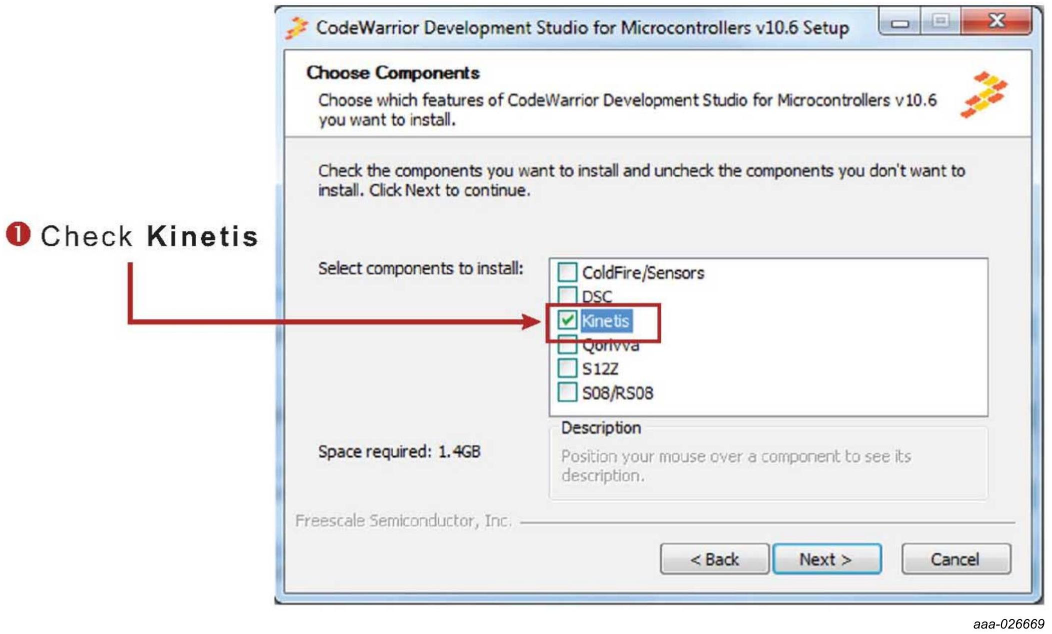


Figure 6. Select components GUI

6.4 Downloading the LVHBridge component and example projects

The examples used in this section are based on a preconfigured CodeWarrior project. You must first download the project and its associated components:

1. Go to the NXP website: www.nxp.com/LVHBRIDGE-PEXPERT.
2. Download example projects and H-bridge component zip file.
3. Unzip the downloaded file and make sure the folder contains the files listed in Table 10.

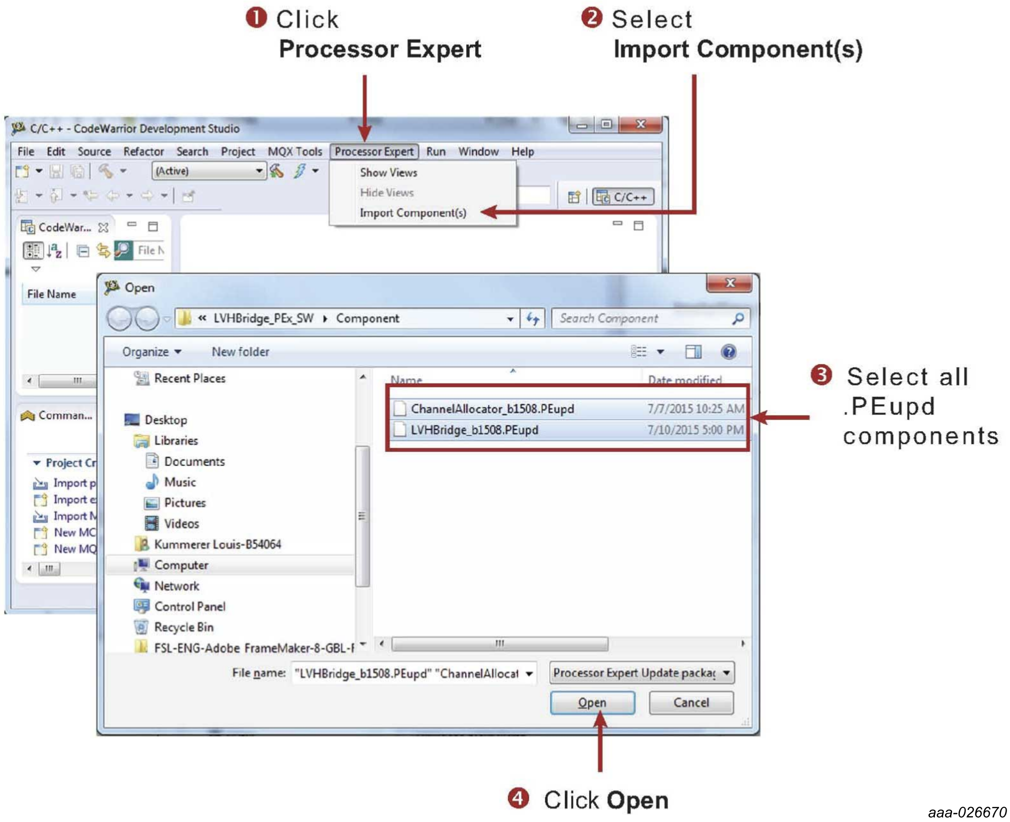
Table 10. LVHBridge example project and components

Folder name	Folder contents
CodeWarrior_Examples	Example project folder for CodeWarrior
LVH_KL25Z_brush_MC34933	Example project for DC brush motor control using FRDM-34933EVB H-bridge board and FRDM-KL25Z MCU board
LVH_KL25Z_brush_MPC17510	Example project for DC brush motor control using FRDM-17510EVB H-bridge board and FRDM-KL25Z MCU board
LVH_KL25Z_stepper	Example project intended to control stepper motor using FRDM-34933EVB H-bridge board and FRDM-KL25Z MCU board
LVH_KL25Z_stepper_ramp	Example project intended to control stepper motor using FRDM-34933EVB H-bridge board and FRDM-KL25Z MCU board. Acceleration ramp is enabled
Component	Processor Expert component folder
KDS_Examples	Example project folder for Kinetis Design Studio 3.0.0 or newer
LVH_K20D50M_brush_MC34933	Example project for DC brush motor control using FRDM-34933EVB H-bridge board and FRDM-K20D50M MCU board
LVH_K20D50M_brush_MPC17510	Example project for DC brush motor control using FRDM-17510EVB H-bridge board and FRDM-K20D50M MCU board

Folder name	Folder contents
LVH_K20D50M_stepper_bitIO	Example project intended to control stepper motor using FRDM-34933EVB H-Bridge board and FRDM-K20D50M MCU board
LVH_K20D50M_stepper_ramp_bitIO	Example project intended to control stepper motor using FRDM-34933EVB H-bridge board and FRDM-K20D50M MCU board. Acceleration ramp is enabled
LVH_KL25Z_brush_MC34933	Example project for DC brush motor control using FRDM-34933EVB H-bridge board and FRDM-KL25Z MCU board
LVH_KL25Z_brush_MPC17510	Example project for DC brush motor control using FRDM-17510EVB H-bridge board and FRDM-KL25Z MCU board
LVH_KL25Z_brush_FreeMASTER	Example project intended to control DC brush motor using FreeMASTER tool. Latest Freemaster installation package: http://www.nxp.com/freemaster
LVH_KL25Z_step_FreeMASTER	Example project intended to control stepper motor using FreeMASTER tool
LVH_KL25Z_stepper	Example project intended to control stepper motor using FRDM-34933EVB H-bridge board and FRDM-KL25Z MCU board
LVH_KL25Z_stepper_ramp	Example project intended to control stepper motor using MC34933 H-bridge freedom board and FRDM-KL25Z MCU board. Acceleration ramp is enabled.
LVH_KL26Z_stepper	Example project intended to control stepper motor using FRDM-34933EVB H-bridge board and FRDM-KL26Z MCU board
LVH_KL26Z_stepper_iar	Example project intended to control stepper motor using FRDM-34933EVB H-bridge board and FRDM-KL26Z MCU board. IAR compiler is used instead of GNU C compiler.

6.4.1 Import the LVHBridge component into Processor Expert library

1. Launch CodeWarrior by clicking the CodeWarrior icon (located on your desktop or in Program Files -> NXP Codewarrior folder.)
2. When the CodeWarrior IDE opens, go to the menu bar and click **Processor Expert** -> **Import Component(s)**.
3. In the pop-up window, locate the component file (.PEupd) in the example project folder LVHBridge_PEx_SW\Component.
4. Select LVHBridge_b1508.PEupd and ChannelAllocator_b1508.PEupd files, and then click **Open**.



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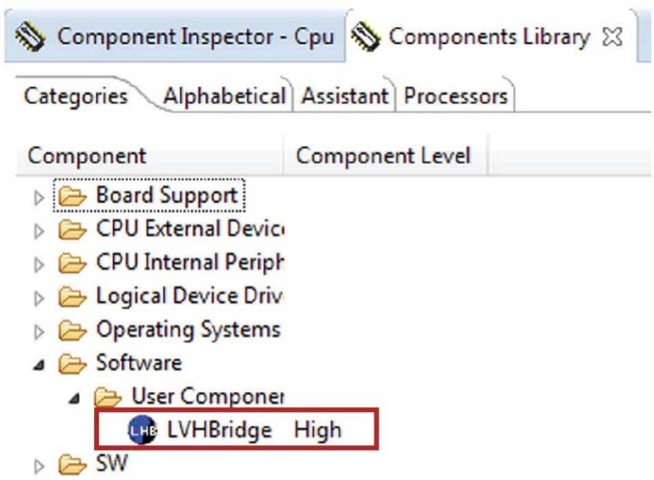
5. If the import is successful, the LVHBridge component appears in Components Library -> SW -> User Component.



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Note that the component ChannelAllocator is not visible, because it is not designed to be accessible.

The LVHBridge component is ready to use.

6.4.2 Import an example project into CodeWarrior

The following steps show how to import an example project from the downloaded zip file into CodeWarrior.

1. In the CodeWarrior menu bar, click **File** -> **Import…**
2. In the pop-up window, select **General** -> **Existing Projects into Workspace**, and then click **Next**.
3. Locate the example in folder: LVHBridge_PEx_SW\\CodeWarrior_Examples (LVH_KL25Z_brush_MC34933). Then click **Finish**.

The project is now in the CodeWarrior workspace where you can build and run it.

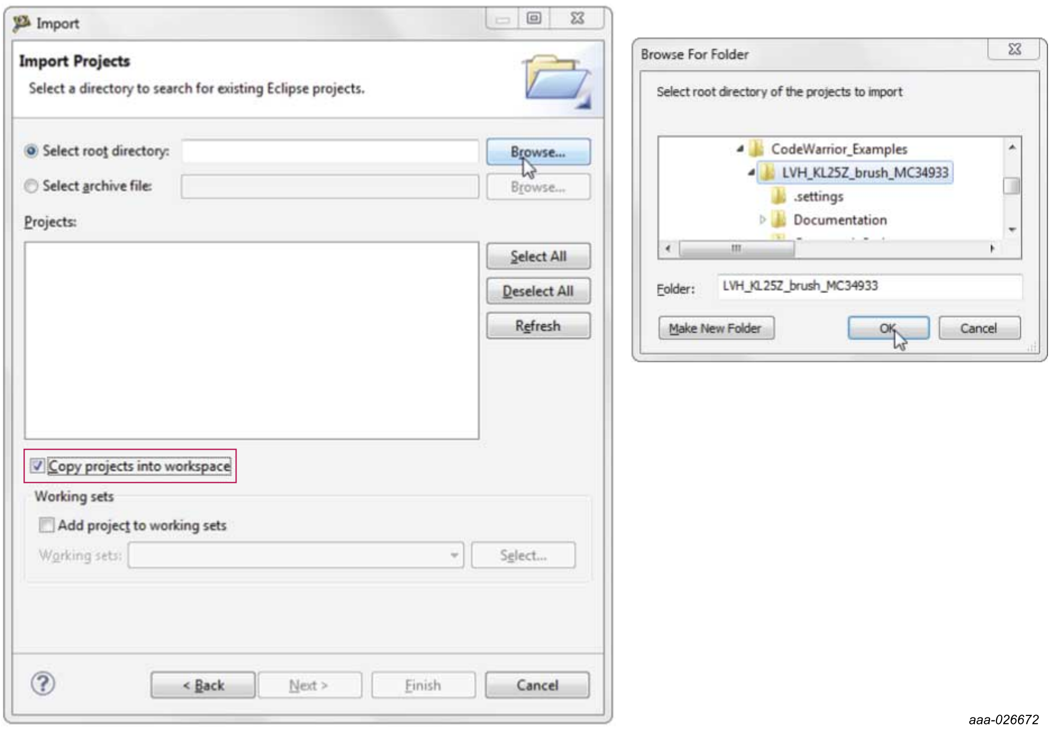
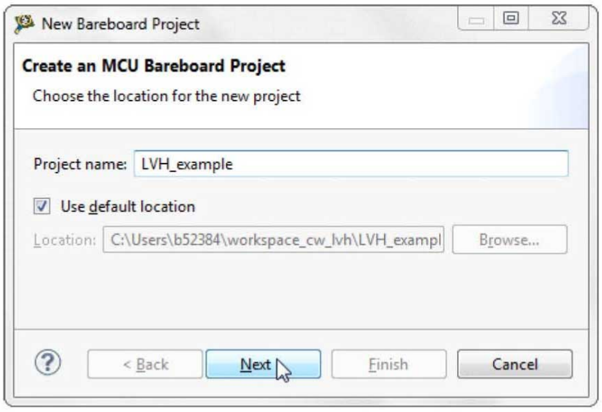


Figure 7. Example project import

6.5 Create a new project with Processor Expert and LVHBridge component

If you choose not to use an example project, the following instructions describe how to create and setup a new project that uses the LVHBridge component. If you do not have the LVHBridge component in the Processor Expert library, please follow steps in Section 6.4.1 "Import the LVHBridge component into Processor Expert library".

1. Create and name an MCU Bareboard project.



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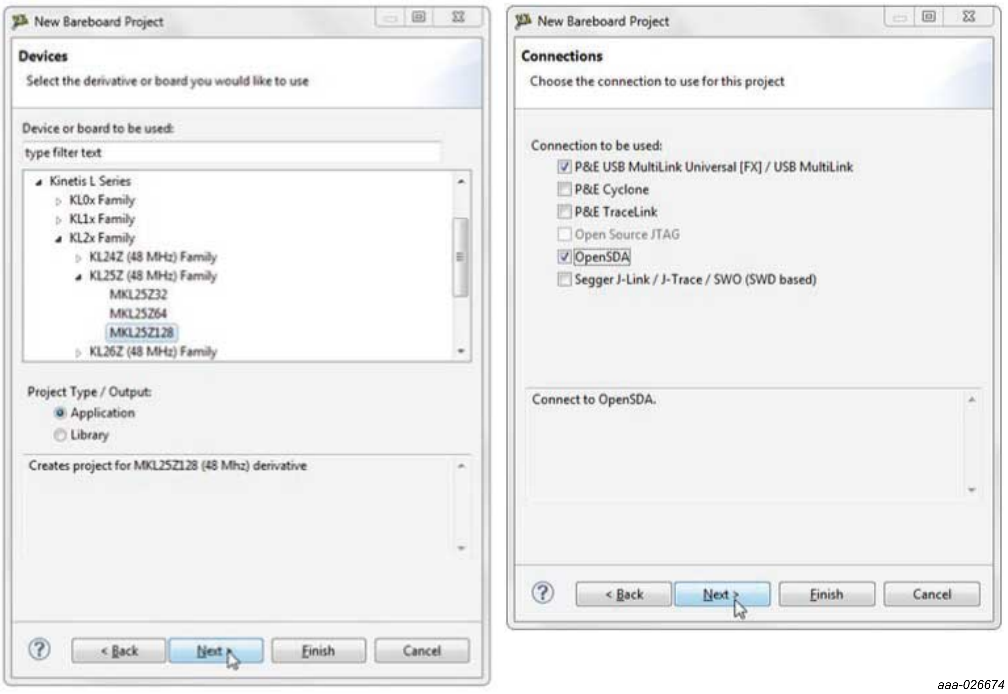
2. Choose the MCU class to be used in the freedom MCU board (MKL25Z128 in this example). Then select the connections to be used.



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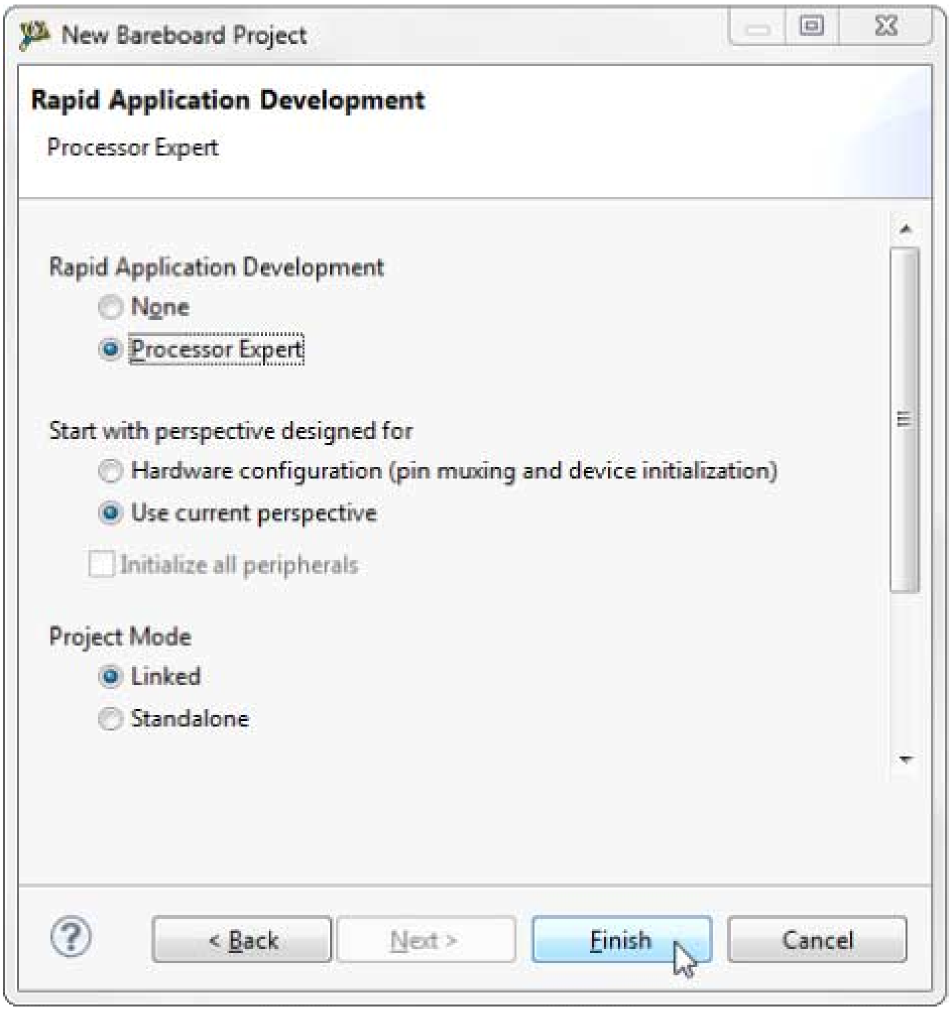
3. Select the **Processor Expert** option, and then click **Finish**.



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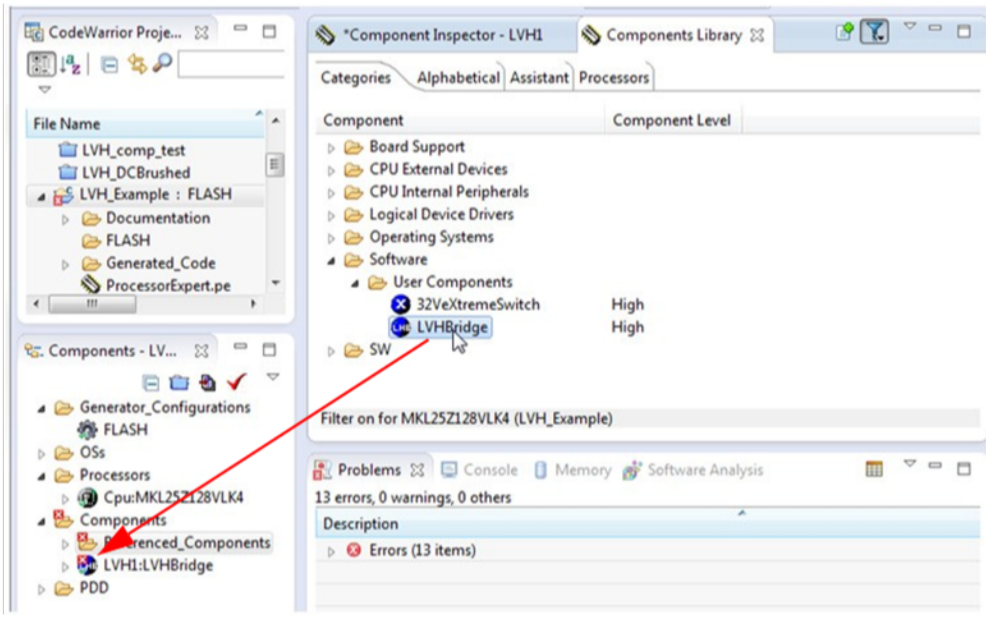
6.5.1 Add LVHBridge component to the project

1. Find LVHBridge in the Components library and add to your project.



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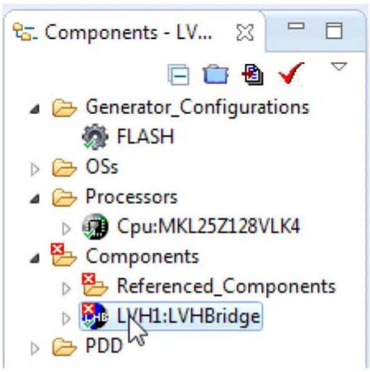
2. Double-click **LVHBridge** component in the Components window to show the configuration in the Component Inspector view.



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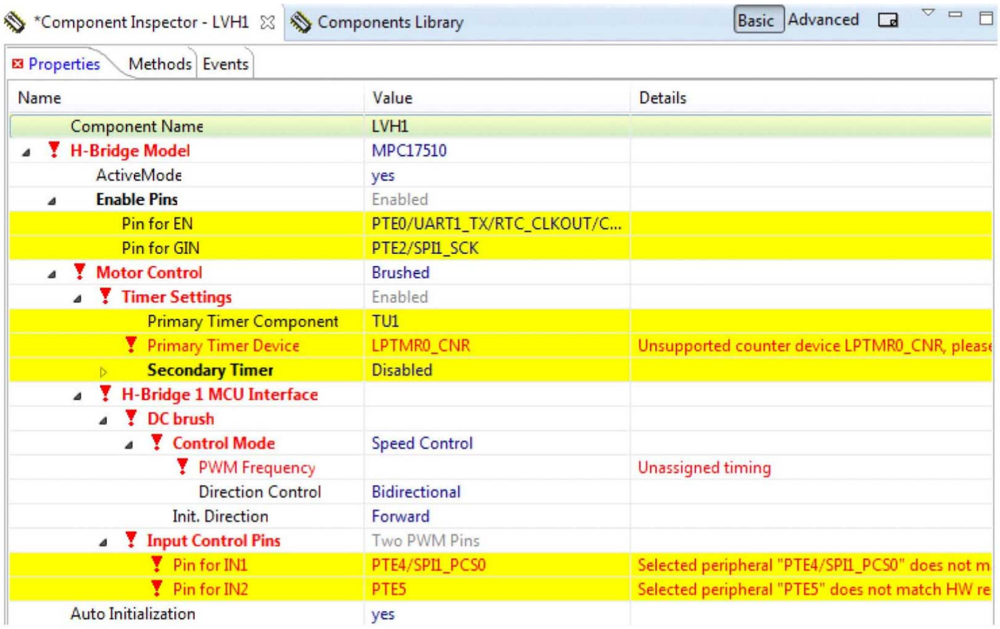

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6.5.2 General settings of LVHBridge component

H-bridge model is on top of the tree structure in the Component Inspector view.

ActiveMode defines the H-bridge device operational mode (normal or power-conserving sleep mode), which is controlled by the enabling pin. Selection of the enabling pin is in the Enable Pins group. For more information, see H-bridge model's data sheet. The mode can be changed using the C code method SetMode.

The Motor Control group involves timer settings, H-bridge device and motor control settings.

The Timer Settings group contains the Primary Timer Component property (the name of a linked TimerUnit_LDD component) and the name of the hardware timer being used (defined in the Primary Timer Device property). Secondary Timer encompasses the properties of an additional timer.

Note that the Secondary Timer Component property must use a different TimerUnit_LDD component than the Primary Timer Component property. The purpose of the primary and secondary timer is to allow the input control pins of an H-bridge device to be connected to different timers (this applies for some freedom H-bridge boards and freedom MCUs). But these timers must be synchronized to control a stepper motor. So the primary timer is designed to be the source for the global time base and the secondary timer is synchronized with the primary timer. See MCU data sheet to find out which timer provides the global time base (GTB) and set the Primary Timer Device property accordingly. An example of a timer selection using the FRDM-KL25Z MCU is shown in Figure 8. If you are using a single timer, set the Secondary Timer Component to Disabled.

Timer Settings	Enabled	
Primary Timer Component	TU1	
Primary Timer Device	TPM1_CNT	TPM1_CNT
Secondary Timer	Enabled	
Secondary Timer Component	TU2	
Secondary Timer Device	TPM0_CNT	TPM0_CNT

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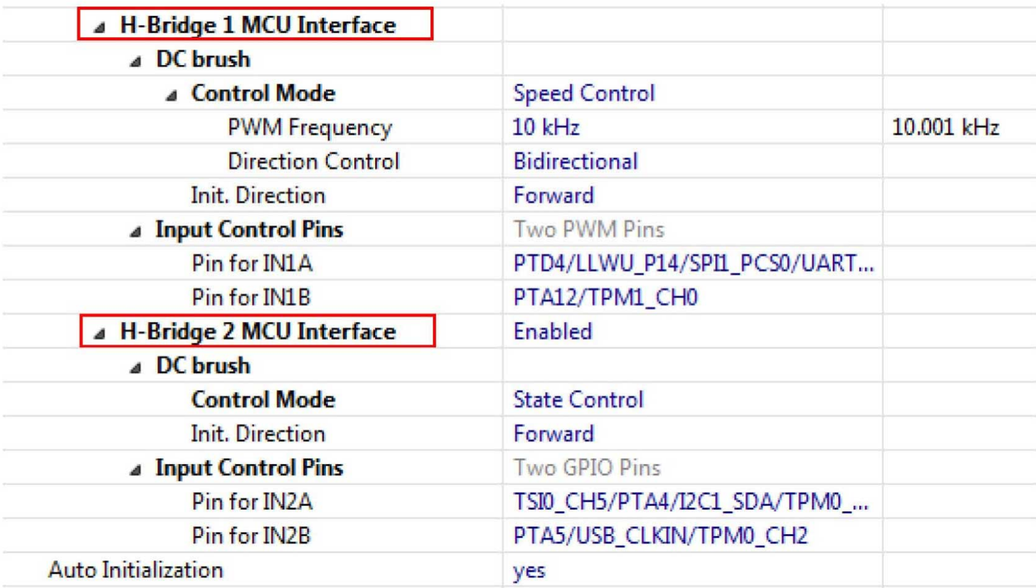
Figure 8. Selection of a FRDM-KL25Z MCU primary and a secondary timer device

H-bridge 1 MCU Interface and H-bridge 2 MCU Interface allow you to set H-bridge control function. The H-bridge 2 MCU Interface is shown only for dual H-bridge models (for example MC34933). The DC Brush group is described in Section 6.5.3 "Setting up a project to control a DC brushed motor". The Input Control Pins allow you to select the H-bridge input control pins that utilize the timer's channels or GPIO pins.



H-Bridge 1 MCU Interface		
DC brush		
Control Mode	Speed Control	
PWM Frequency	10 kHz	10.001 kHz
Direction Control	Bidirectional	
Init. Direction	Forward	
Input Control Pins	Two PWM Pins	
Pin for IN1A	PTD4/LLWU_P14/SPI1_PCS0/UART...	
Pin for IN1B	PTA12/TPM1_CH0	
H-Bridge 2 MCU Interface	Enabled	
DC brush		
Control Mode	State Control	
Init. Direction	Forward	
Input Control Pins	Two GPIO Pins	
Pin for IN2A	TSI0_CH5/PTA4/I2C1_SDA/TPM0_...	
Pin for IN2B	PTA5/USB_CLKIN/TPM0_CH2	
Auto Initialization	yes	

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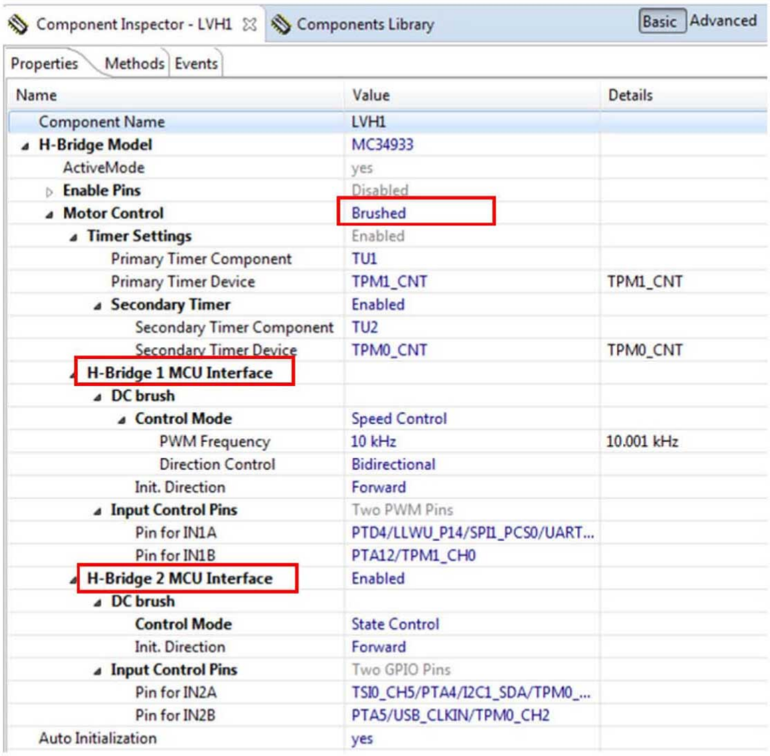
Figure 9. LVHBridge component - general settings

6.5.3 Setting up a project to control a DC brushed motor

1. Select the H-bridge model you want to configure and set the Motor Control property to Brushed.



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2. Set the Control Mode property. There are two ways to control the DC brushed motor:
   - Speed control - motor speed is controlled by your settings. The TimerUnit_LDD component is used to generate the PWM signal. The PWM Frequency property is visible in this mode only. If you set the Speed Control mode on both interfaces (Interface 1 and Interface 2), the PWM Frequency property on Interface 2 sets automatically to the same value as Interface 1 (because Interface 2 uses the same timer).
   - State control - motor is controlled by GPIO pins (BitIO_LDD components). This means you can switch the motor on or off without speed adjustments. The advantage of this mode is that you do not need timer channels. If you set State Control on both interfaces or you have only a single H-bridge model (one interface) with State Control, the TimerUnit_LDD component is not required anymore by the LVHBridge component and you can remove it from the project.
3. Set the PWM Frequency.
4. Set the Direction Control property.
   The Direction Control property determines what direction the motor is allowed to move in. Setting the property to Forward restricts the motor's movement in the forward direction only. Setting the property to Reverse restricts movement in the reverse direction only. A Bidirectional setting allows the motor to move in either direction. The Bidirectional mode requires two timer channels. Forward or reverse requires only one timer channel and one GPIO port. This setting is available only when Speed Control mode is set in the Control Mode property.

6.5.4 Setting up a project to control a stepper motor

Select the dual H-bridge model you want to configure and set Stepper in the Motor Control property. Note that the dual H-bridge model is required, because a two phase bipolar stepper motor has four inputs.

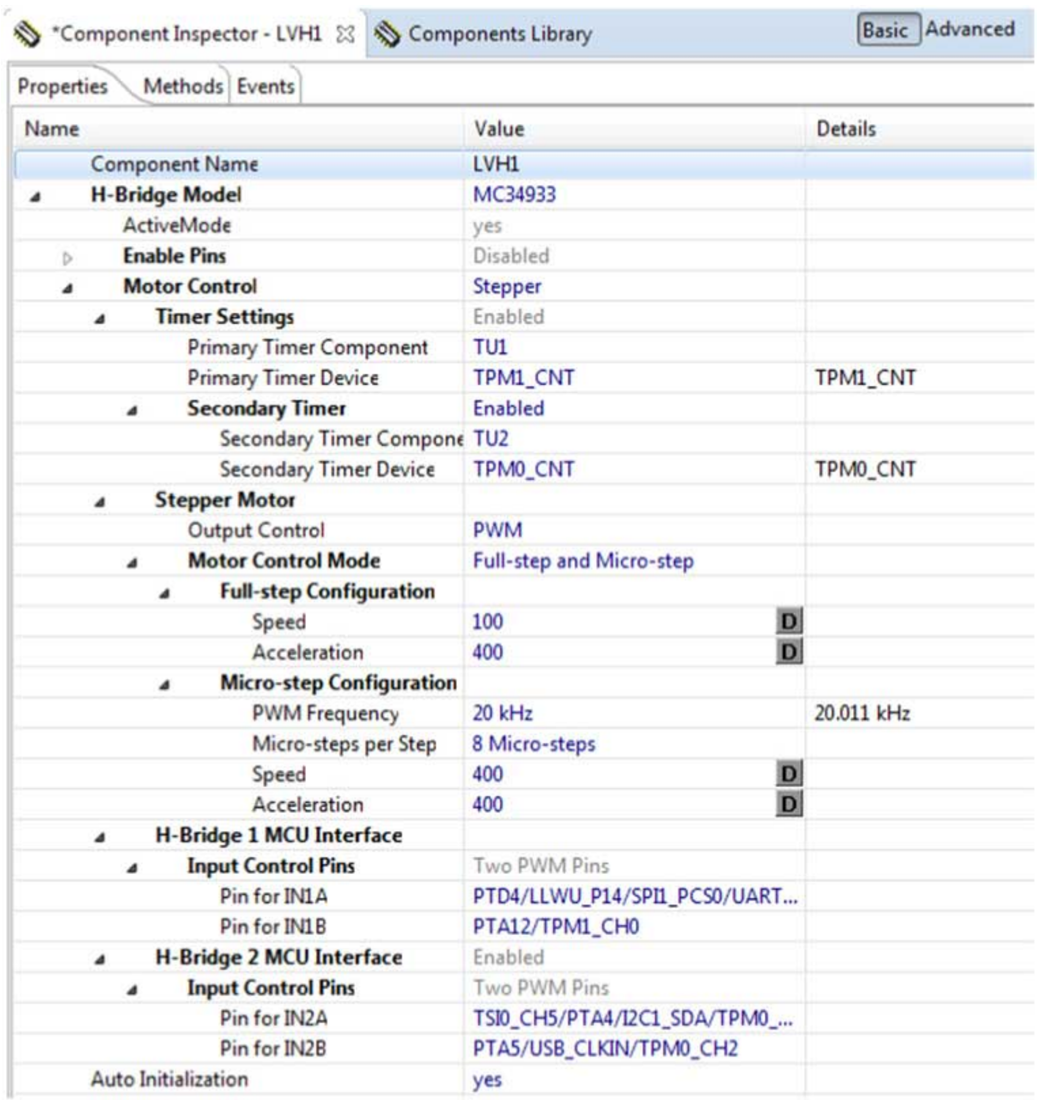

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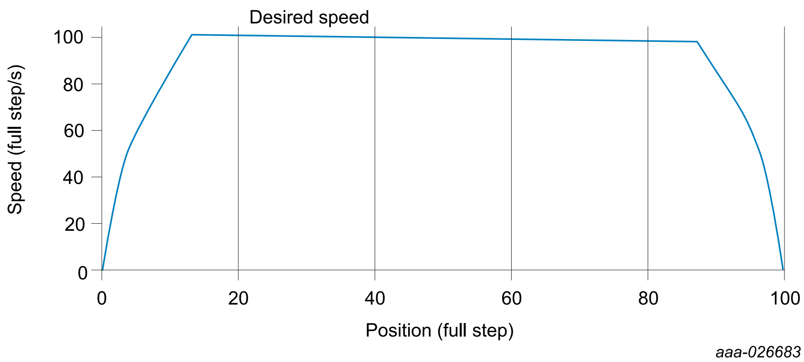
Figure 10. Component settings to control a stepper motor

In the Stepper Motor group, set the properties that apply to your environment.

- The Output Control property defines the control method.
  - With PWM selected the component utilizes four channels of a timer to control the stepper motor. Signal is generated in hardware and micro-step mode is also available.
  - In GPIO mode, GPIO pins are used instead of timer channels and only full-step mode is available (no micro-step mode).
- Manual Timer setting property is only visible when you switch the visibility of the component properties to Advanced. It is designed to change the Counter frequency

of the linked TimerUnit_LDD component. By default the Counter frequency is set automatically by LVHBridge component. In some cases the frequency value does not have to be set appropriately (user wants to set a different value or an error has occurred). For more information see Section 6.5.5 "Stepper motor speed".

- Motor Control Mode allows you to select the step mode. Selecting full-step and micro-step mode allows you to switch between full-stepping and micro-stepping in C code.
  - Full-step configuration contains speed and acceleration settings. Code for the acceleration and deceleration ramp is generated when the Acceleration property is set to a value greater than zero. Note that acceleration is always the same as deceleration. The acceleration setting is 400, as shown in Figure 10.
    - Desired motor speed is set to 100 full-steps per second. This value is defined by the speed property in Processor Expert GUI and can be changed in C code.
    - Acceleration and deceleration is set to 400 full-steps per second. This value is defined by the Acceleration property. Note that the motor reaches the speed in 0.25 $second^2$ (desired_speed / acceleration = 100 / 400 = 0.25).



  - Micro-step configuration settings are similar to those of the full-step configuration. PWM frequency is the frequency of the micro-step PWM signal. Micro-step per step is the number of micro-steps per one full-step.

6.5.5 Stepper motor speed

The LVHBridge component defines the stepper motor's minimum and maximum speed. These limit values are used by the component methods. Minimum speed in full-step and micro-step modes is one step per second. Maximum speed is 5000 steps per second. There is a specific case when minimum full-step speed is affected by timer input frequency. In this case the Primary Timer Device property must use FTM timer values (FTM0_CNT, or FTM1_CNT). The Secondary Timer property must be set to Disabled. The Stepper Motor Output Control property must be set to PWM. Figure 11 illustrates this configuration.

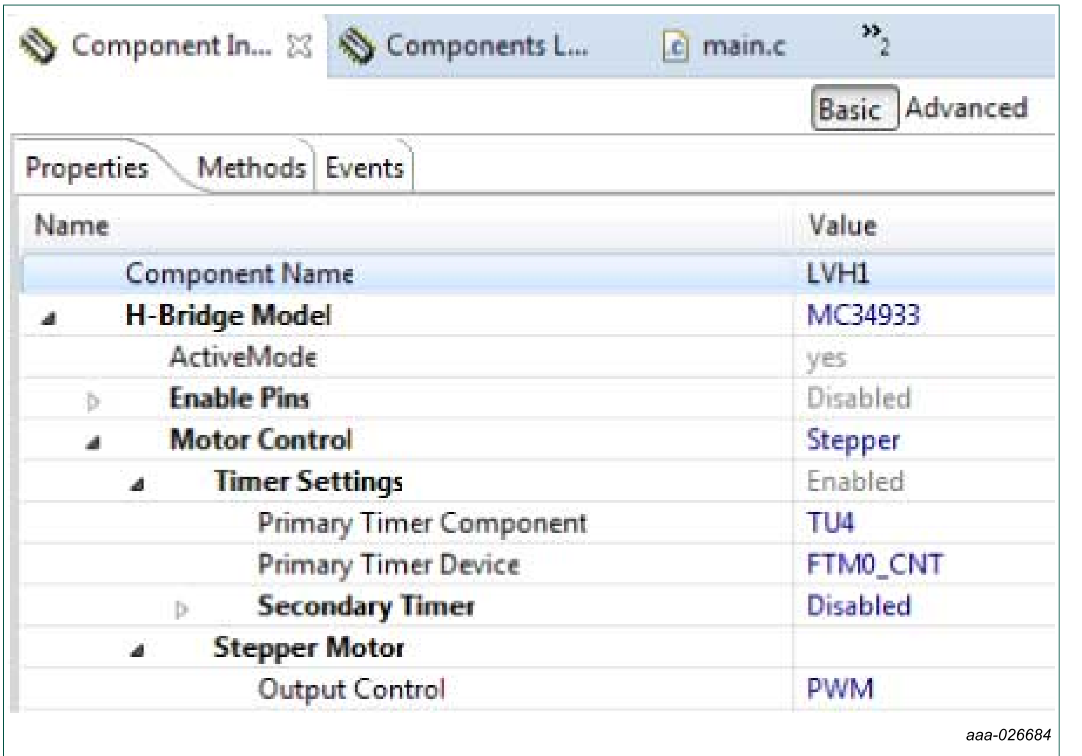


Figure 11. Stepper mode configuration that affects minimum full-stepping speed

Possible values for the timer input frequency (counter frequency property in TimerUnit_LDD) are shown in Table 11. Input frequency values depend on LVHBridge component settings. Note that two frequency values are needed in "full-step and micro-step mode". In one case LVHBridge component switches in runtime between these two values.

Table 11. Minimum and maximum timer input frequency per stepper control mode

Mode description	LVHBridge component properties				Primary timer input frequency			Secondary timer input frequency
	Timer device	Secondary timer	Output control	Motor control mode	Values	Min.	Max.	
Full-step mode	TPM	Don't care	PWM	Full-step	1	131 kHz	1.0 MHz	Any value (user selection)
Full-step and micro-step mode	TPM	Don't care	PWM	Full-step and micro-step	1	1.2 MHz	10 MHz	Any value (user selection)
Full-step mode (SW control)	FTM or TPM	Disabled	GPIO	Full-step	1	131 kHz	1.0 MHz	Secondary timer is not enabled
Full-step mode	FTM	Disabled	PWM	Full-step	1	131 kHz	1.0 MHz	Secondary timer is not enabled
Full-step mode	FTM	Enabled	PWM	Full-step	1	131 kHz	1.0 MHz	The same values as for primary timer
Full-step and micro-step mode	FTM	Disabled	PWM	Full-step and micro-step	2	1st value for full-step: 131 kHz	1st value for Full-step: 1 MHz	Secondary timer is not enabled

Mode description	LVHBridge component properties				Primary timer input frequency			Secondary timer input frequency
	Timer device	Secondary timer	Output control	Motor control mode	Values	Min.	Max.	
						2nd value for micro-step:1.2 MHz	2nd value for Micro-step:10 MHz	
Full-step and micro-step mode	FTM	Enabled	PWM	Full-step	1	1.2 MHz	10 MHz	The same values as for primary timer

6.5.5.1 Computation of minimum full-stepping speed

The minimum full-stepping speed depends on the timer input frequency only when the Primary Timer Device is set to FTM (FTM0_CNT, or FTM1_CNT), the Secondary Timer property is disabled and Output Control is set to PWM. The full-step signal is generated by a timer while channels toggle on compare (see Figure 12).

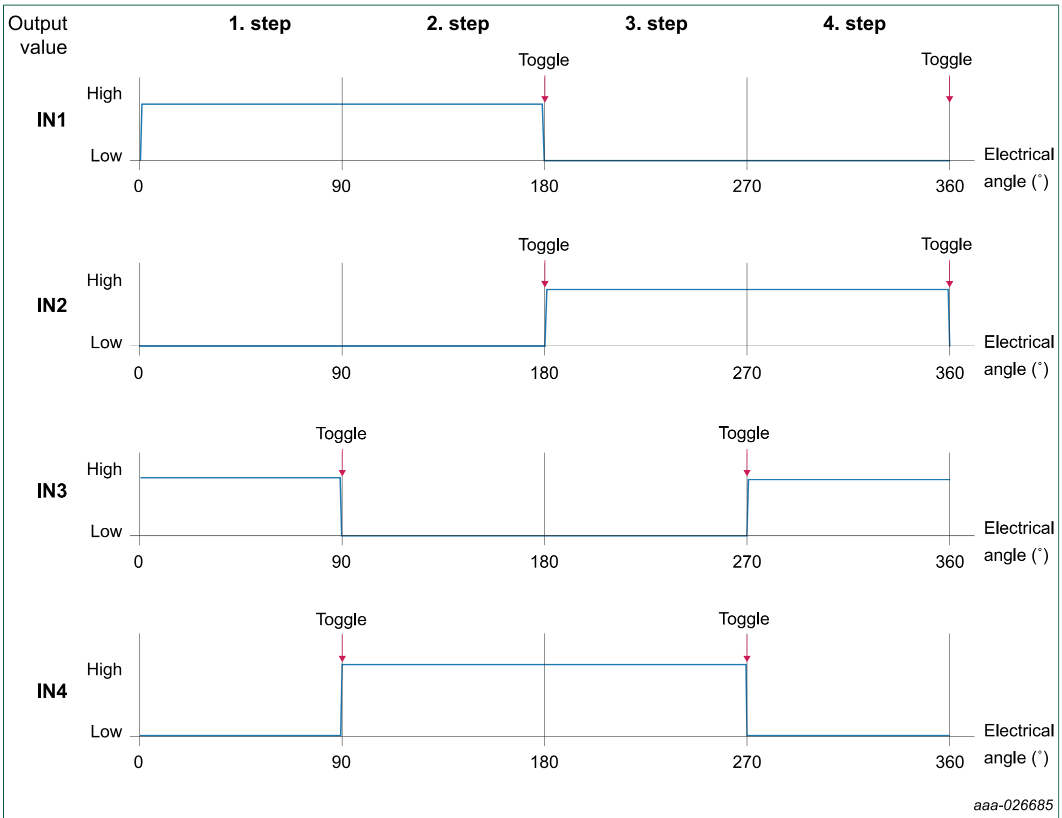


Figure 12. Generating the full-step control signal

The full-step minimum speed is derived from the input frequency of the timer device (the counter frequency property of the TimerUnit_LDD component being used). You can find minimum values for speed in the LVHBridge header file (see constant <component_name>_MIN_FULLSTEP_ SPEED). The formula for calculation of this value is as follows:

$$Speed_{min} = \frac{2 \times Counter\_frequency}{65536} + 1$$

where:

Counter_frequency = input frequency of the timer device

65536 = maximum value of TimerUnit_LDD counter (16-bit counter)

Adding 1 ensures that the 16-bit counter does not overflow (which is the point of the formula)

For example if the Counter frequency is set to 187,500 Hz, the minimum speed is:

$$Speed_{min} = \frac{2 \times Counter\_frequency}{65536} + 1 = \frac{2 \times 187500}{65536} + 1 = 6.72$$

The MCU rounds the value down, so the result is 6 full-steps per second.

6.5.5.2 Setting the minimum full-stepping speed

This section describes how to change the input frequency of the TimerUnit_LDD component.

1. Launch Processor Expert and select the LVHBridge component.
2. In the Processor Expert menu bar, set component visibility to **Advanced**.
3. In the Properties tab, find the **Motor Control** -> **Stepper Motor** -> **Manual timer** setting property and set the value to **Enabled**. If you do not see this property, make sure that component visibility is set to Advanced (see Figure 13).
4. Set the TimerUnit_LDD frequency:
   a. In the Components view, double-click the **TimerUnit_LDD** component.
   b. Press the button in the Counter frequency field.
   c. Set the frequency value (187.5 kHz in the illustration). The list of available frequencies depends on the CPU component settings (with an external crystal as the clock source and a core clock of 48 MHz).
   d. Set the Allowed Error value at 10 % (see Figure 15).

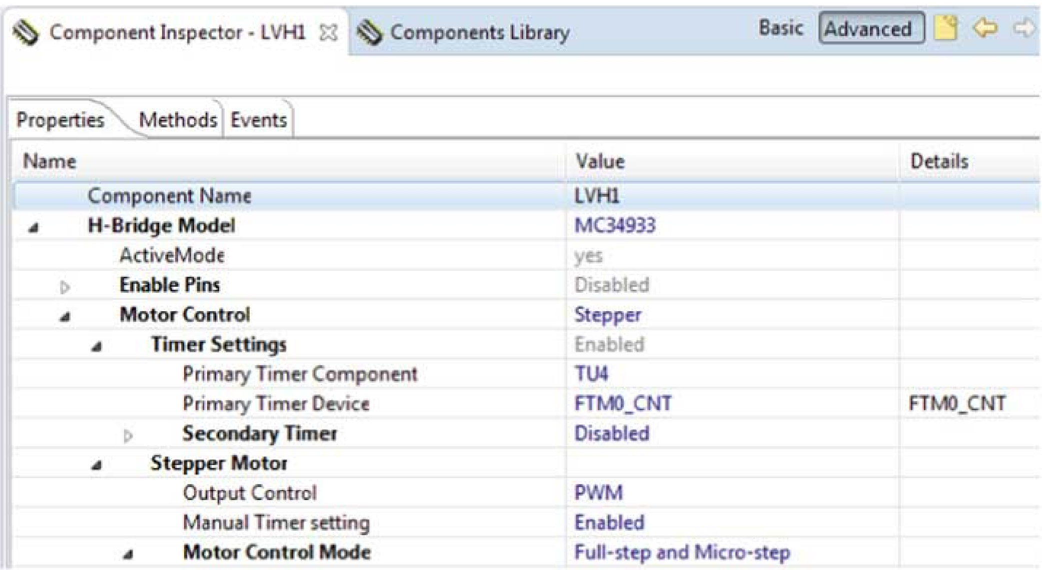


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Figure 13. Enabling the manual frequency setting

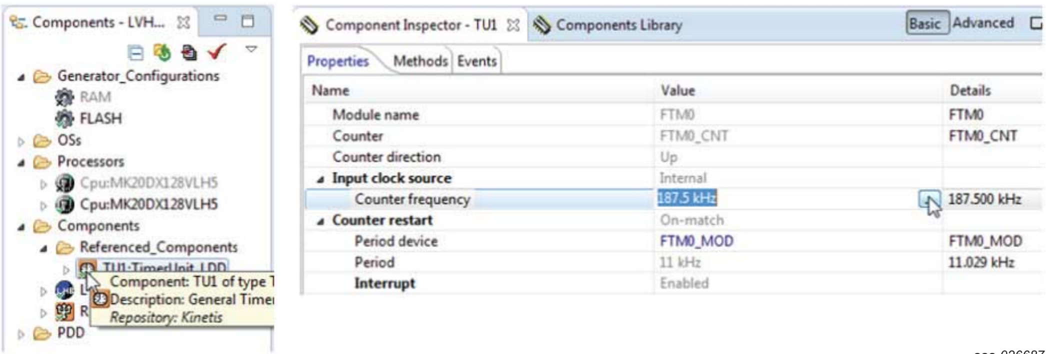

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Figure 14. Component TimerUnit_LDD timing dialog

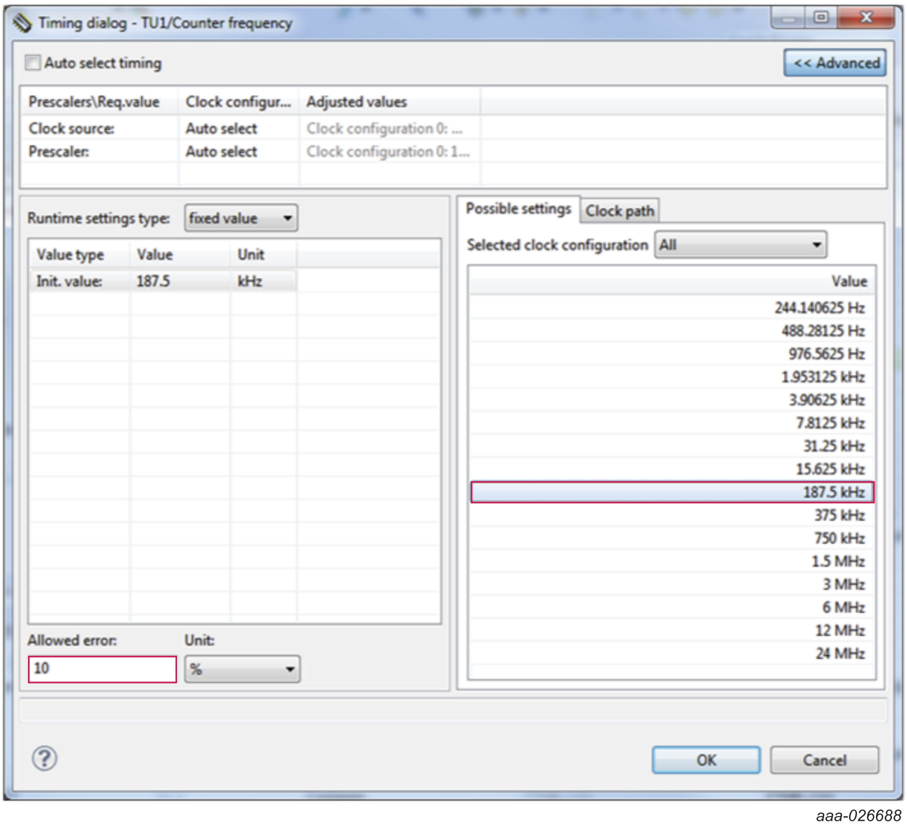

Figure 15. Component TimerUnit_LDD timing dialog - select input frequency

6.5.6 Generating application code

After configuration, generate the source code by clicking the icon in the upper right corner of the Components screen.

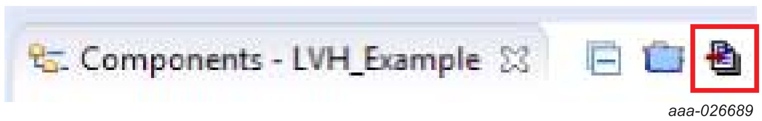

Figure 16. Generating the source code

The driver code for the H-bridge device is generated in the Generated_Code folder in the project view. The component only generates application driver code. It does not generate application code.

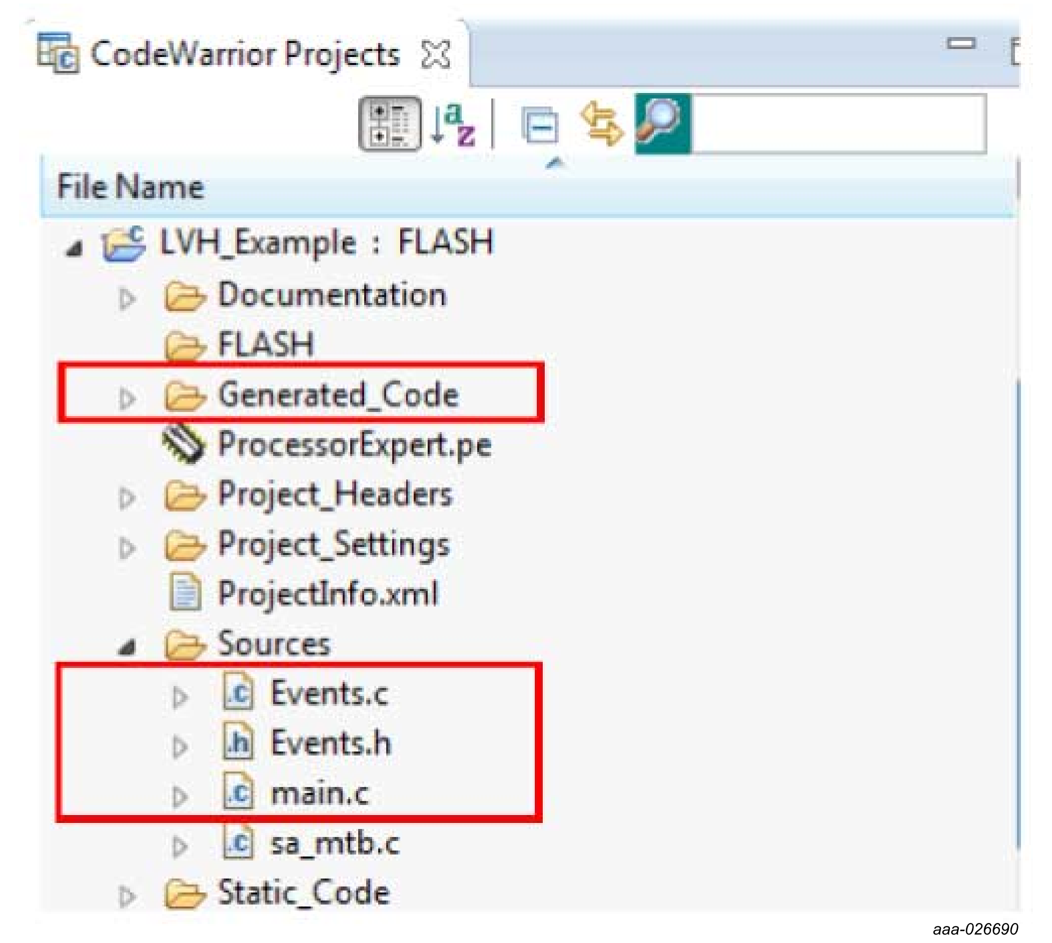

Figure 17. Generated files

6.5.7 Using the interface

Application code can be written and tested in the project. For example, you can open the LVHBridge component method list, drag and drop RotateProportional to main.c (see Figure 18), add any necessary parameters, then compile the program.

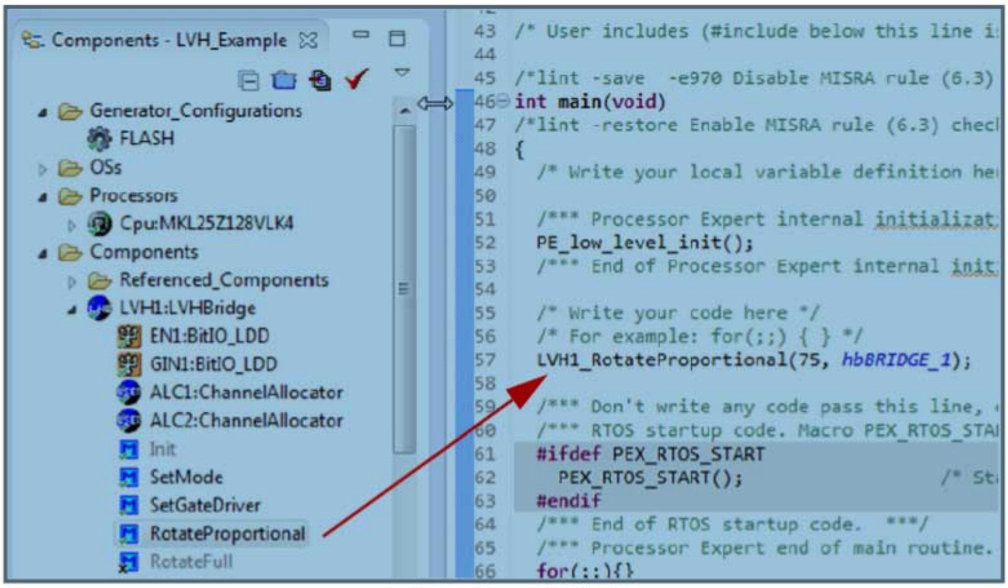

Figure 18. Using the interface

To compile, download and debug on board, click compile, and then click the debug icon in the toolbar. CodeWarrior downloads and launches the program on board as shown in Figure 19.

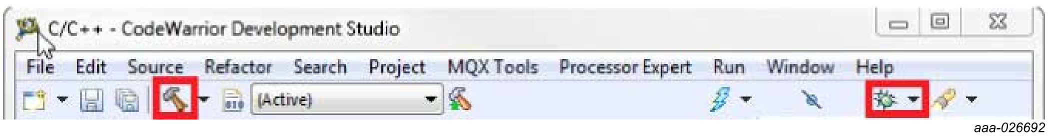

Figure 19. Compile and download the application

A description of each LVHBridge method appears in the pop-up window.

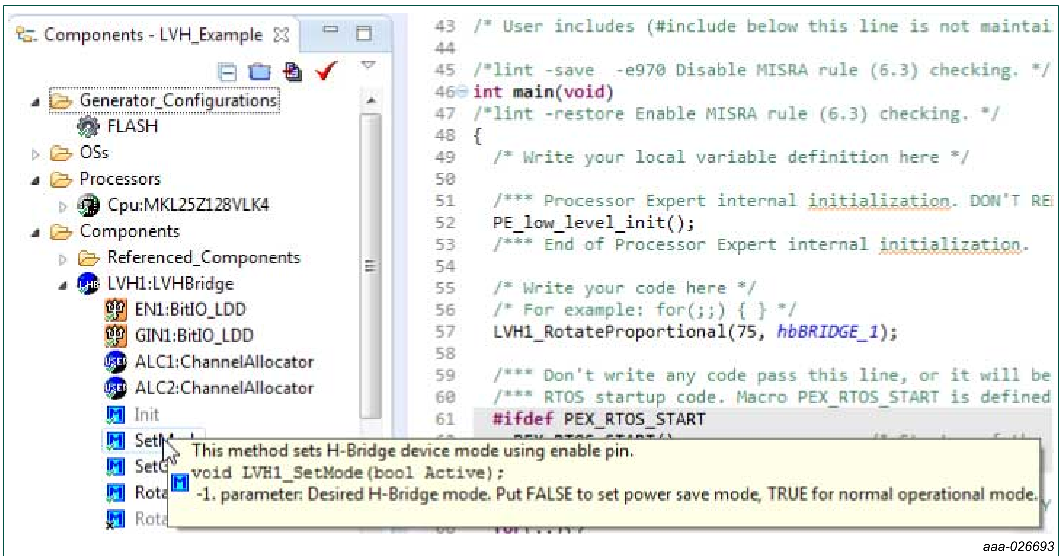

Figure 20. LVHBridge method information

6.6 Stepper motor control application notes

The LVHBridge component is designed to control a two phase bipolar stepper motor. Because a stepper motor uses electrical commutation to rotate, it requires a dual H-bridge device. The basic control method is full-stepping which fully powers each coil in sequence. Increased precision is achieved by using the PWM to control coil current (open loop control). This method is called micro-stepping (available in the LVHBridge component.)

In both micro-step and full-step mode you can control motor speed, direction, acceleration and deceleration and the position of the stepper motor.

The following application notes apply to stepper motor control:

- The LVHBridge component was tested with a core clock frequency ranging from 20 MHz (minimum value) to 120 MHz.
- Do not change the settings of the timer device (TimerUnit_LDD) linked by the LVHBridge component. The component sets the timer device automatically.
- The acceleration and deceleration ramp of the stepper motor is computed in real-time using integer arithmetic. This solution is based on the article "Generate stepper-motor speed profiles in real time" (Austin, David. 2005.)
- The stepper motor holds its position (coils are powered) after motor movement is completed. Use method DisableMotor to set H-bridge outputs to LOW (coils are not powered).
- Forward motor direction indicates that steps are executed in the order depicted in Figure 21. IN1 through IN4 are the input pins of the H-bridge device which control H-bridge outputs. These pins input to the stepper motor. You must connect the stepper motor to output pins OUT1-OUT4 and select control input pins on your MCU in the component settings.
- The FTM or TPM timer device is needed by the stepper control logic.
- The AlignRotor method affects the position of the motor. This method executes four full-steps. It is available only when full-step mode is enabled.

6.6.1 Full-step control mode

The component uses normal drive mode where two coils are powered at the same time.

As mentioned in Section 6.5.4 "Setting up a project to control a stepper motor", you can generate a full-stepping signal either by using four channels of a timer or by using four GPIO pins. The signal generated by the MCU (inputs of H-bridge device) using four timer channels is shown in Figure 21. The voltage levels applied to the coils of the stepper motor are depicted in Figure 22. Note that the voltage is applied to both coils at the same time.

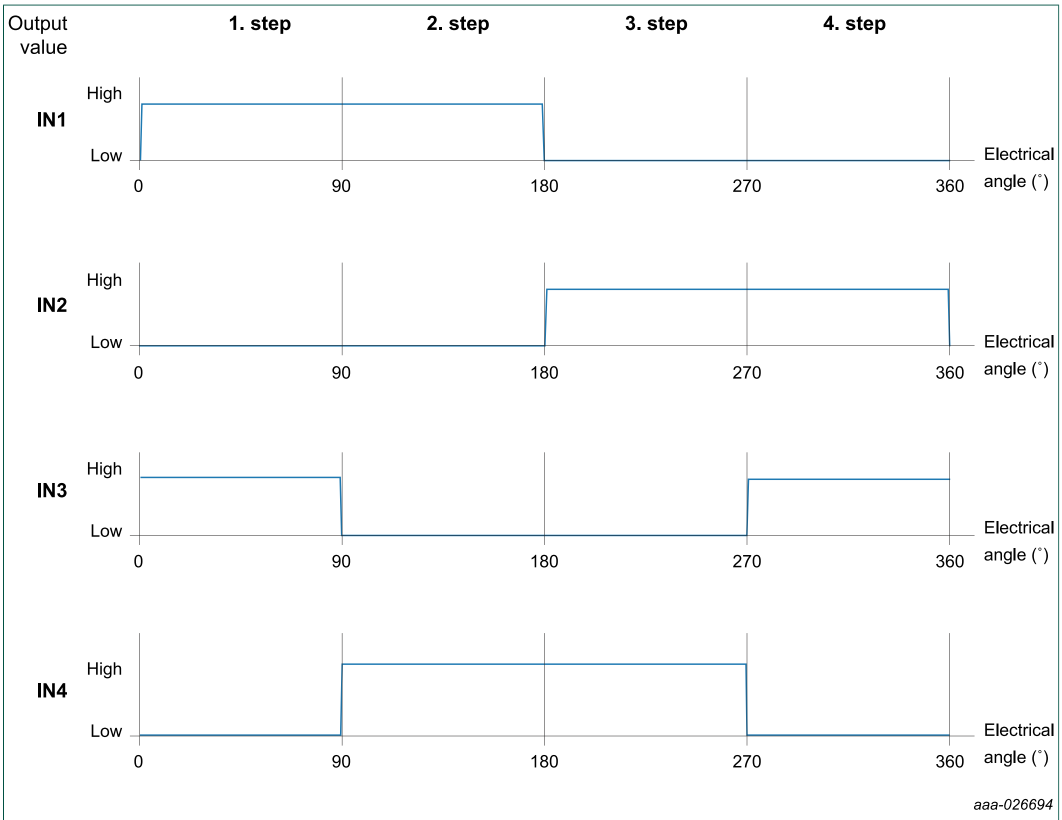

Figure 21. Signals of logic input pins generated by the MCU in full-step mode

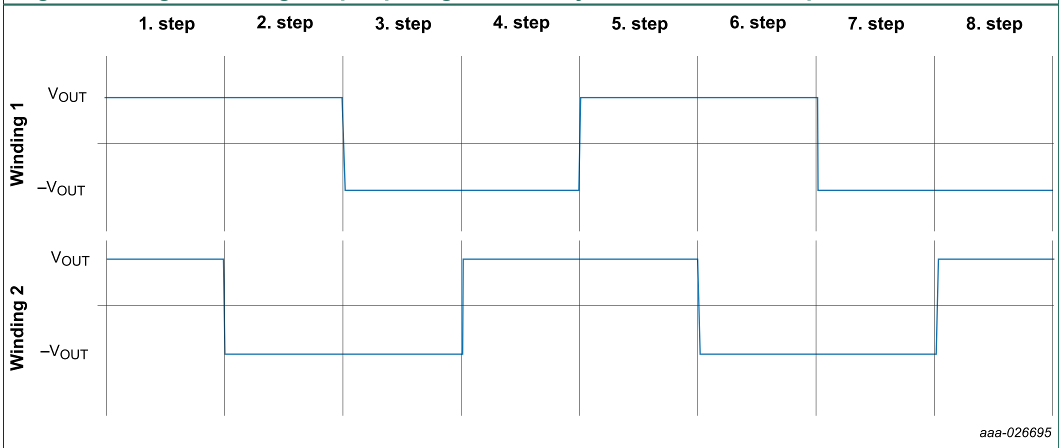

Figure 22. Output of the H-bridge device in full-step mode

6.6.2 Micro-step control mode

Micro-stepping allows for smoother motor movement and increased precision. The current varies in motor windings A and B depending on the micro-step position. A PWM signal is used to reach the desired current value (see the following equations). This method is called sine cosine micro-stepping.

$I_A = I_{MAX} \times \sin(\theta)$

$I_B = I_{MAX} \times \cos(\theta)$

where:

I_A = the current in winding A

I_B = the current in winding B

I_{MAX} = the maximum allowable current

θ = the electrical angle

In micro-step mode, a full-step is divided into smaller steps (micro-steps). The LVHBridge component offers 2, 4, 8, 16 and 32 micro-steps per full-step. The micro-step size is defined by the property "Micro-steps per Step" and can be changed later in C code.

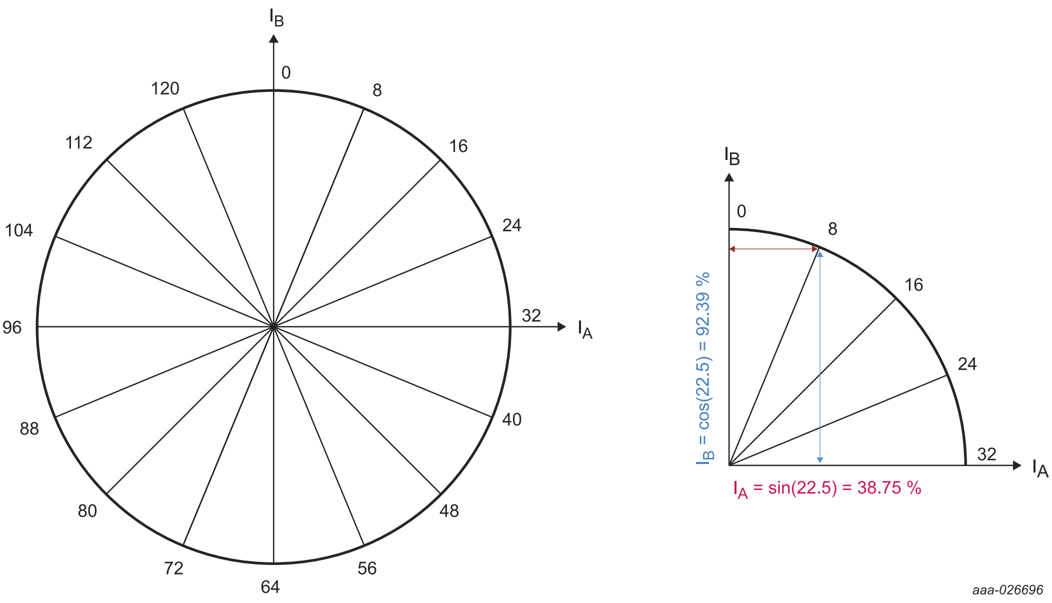

Figure 23. Micro-stepping phase diagram

Table 12. Micro-step phase

Micro-step size[1]					Angle	I [% of I_{MAX}]		Micro-step size					Angle	I [% of I_{MAX}]	
1/2	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32		A	B	1/2	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32		A	B
0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	100	4	8	16	32	64	180	0	−100
				1	2.8	4.91	99.88					65	182.8	−4.91	−99.88
			1	2	5.6	9.8	99.52				33	66	185.6	−9.8	−99.52
				3	8.4	14.67	98.92					67	188.4	−14.67	−98.92
		1	2	4	11.3	19.51	98.08			17	34	68	191.3	−19.51	−98.08
				5	14.1	24.3	97					69	194.1	−24.3	−97
			3	6	16.9	29.03	95.69				35	70	196.9	−29.03	−95.69
				7	19.7	33.69	94.15					71	199.7	−33.69	−94.15
	1	2	4	8	22.5	38.27	92.39		9	18	36	72	202.5	−38.27	−92.39
				9	25.3	42.76	90.4					73	205.3	−42.76	−90.4
			5	10	28.1	47.14	88.19				37	74	208.1	−47.14	−88.19
				11	30.9	51.41	85.77					75	210.9	−51.41	−85.77
		3	6	12	33.8	55.56	83.15			19	38	76	213.8	−55.56	−83.15
				13	36.6	59.57	80.32					77	216.6	−59.57	−80.32
			7	14	39.4	63.44	77.3				39	78	219.4	−63.44	−77.3
				15	42.2	67.16	74.1					79	222.2	−67.16	−74.1
1	2	4	8	16	45	70.71	70.71	5	10	20	40	80	225	−70.71	−70.71
				17	47.8	74.1	67.16					81	227.8	−74.1	−67.16

Micro-step size[1]					Angle	I [% of I_{MAX}]		Micro-step size					Angle	I [% of I_{MAX}]	
1/2	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32		A	B	1/2	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32		A	B
			9	18	50.6	77.3	63.44				41	82	230.6	−77.3	−63.44
				19	53.4	80.32	59.57					83	233.4	−80.32	−59.57
		5	10	20	56.3	83.15	55.56			21	42	84	236.3	−83.15	−55.56
				21	59.1	85.77	51.41					85	239.1	−85.77	−51.41
			11	22	61.9	88.19	47.14				43	86	241.9	−88.19	−47.14
				23	64.7	90.4	42.76					87	244.7	−90.4	−42.76
	3	6	12	24	67.5	92.39	38.27		11	22	44	88	247.5	−92.39	−38.27
				25	70.3	94.15	33.69					89	250.3	−94.15	−33.69
			13	26	73.1	95.69	29.03				45	90	253.1	−95.69	−29.03
				27	75.9	97	24.3					91	255.9	−97	−24.3
		7	14	28	78.8	98.08	19.51			23	46	92	258.8	−98.08	−19.51
				29	81.6	98.92	14.67					93	261.6	−98.92	−14.67
			15	30	84.4	99.52	9.8				47	94	264.4	−99.52	−9.8
				31	86.4	99.8	6.3					95	266.4	−99.8	−6.3
2	4	8	16	32	90	100	0.00	6	12	24	48	96	270	−100	0.00
				33	92.8	99.88	−4.91					97	272.8	−99.88	4.91
			17	34	95.6	99.52	−9.8				49	98	275.6	−99.52	9.8
				35	98.4	98.92	−14.67					99	278.4	−98.92	14.67
		9	18	36	101.3	98.08	−19.51			25	50	100	281.3	−98.08	19.51
				37	104.1	97	−24.3					101	284.1	−97	24.3
			19	38	106.9	95.69	−29.03				51	102	286.9	−95.69	29.03
				39	109.7	94.15	−33.69					103	289.7	−94.15	33.69
	5	10	20	40	112.5	92.39	−38.27		13	26	52	104	292.5	−92.39	38.27
				41	115.3	90.4	−42.76					105	295.3	−90.4	42.76
			21	42	118.1	88.19	−47.14				53	106	298.1	−88.19	47.14
				43	120.9	85.77	−51.41					107	300.9	−85.77	51.41
		11	22	44	123.8	83.15	−55.56			27	54	108	303.8	−83.15	55.56
				45	126.6	80.32	−59.57					109	306.6	-80.32	59.57
			23	46	129.4	77.3	−63.44				55	110	309.4	−77.3	63.44
				47	132.2	74.1	−67.16					111	312.2	−74.1	67.16
3	6	12	24	48	135	70.71	−70.71	7	14	28	56	112	315	−70.71	70.71
				49	137.8	67.16	−74.1					113	317.8	−67.16	74.1
			25	50	140.6	63.44	−77.3				57	114	320.6	−63.44	77.3
				51	143.4	59.57	−80.32					115	323.4	-59.57	80.32
		13	26	52	146.3	55.56	−83.15			29	58	116	326.3	−55.56	83.15
				53	149.1	51.41	−85.77					117	329.1	−51.41	85.77
			27	54	151.9	47.14	−88.19				59	118	331.9	−47.14	88.19
				55	154.7	42.76	−90.4					119	334.7	−42.76	90.4
	7	14	28	56	157.5	38.27	−92.39		15	30	60	120	337.5	−38.27	92.39
				57	160.3	33.69	−94.15					121	340.3	−33.69	94.15
			29	58	163.1	29.03	−95.69				61	122	343.1	−29.03	95.69
				59	165.9	24.3	−97					123	345.9	−24.3	97
		15	30	60	168.8	19.51	−98.08			31	62	124	348.8	−19.51	98.08
				61	171.6	14.67	−98.92					125	351.6	−14.67	98.92
			31	62	174.4	9.8	−99.52				63	126	354.4	−9.8	99.52
				63	176.4	6.3	−99.8					127	356.4	−6.3	99.8
4	8	16	32	64	180	0.00	−100	8	16	32	64	128	360	0.00	100

[1] Shaded rows indicate one quarter step of the motor

The micro-stepping signal is generated using four timer channels (see Figure 24). Output from logic analyzer in Figure 25 shows the change of PWM duty with respect to the micro-step position. Current values applied to the stepper motor coils are depicted in Figure 26.

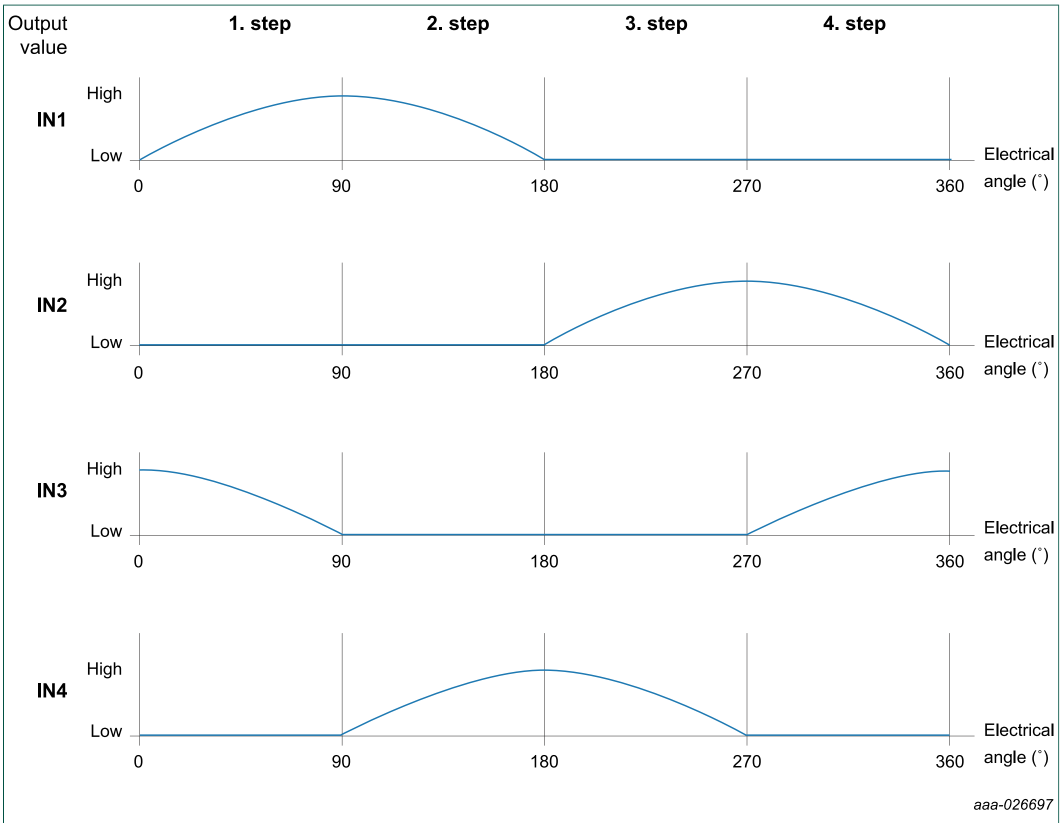

Figure 24. Logic input pin signals generated by the MCU in micro-step mode

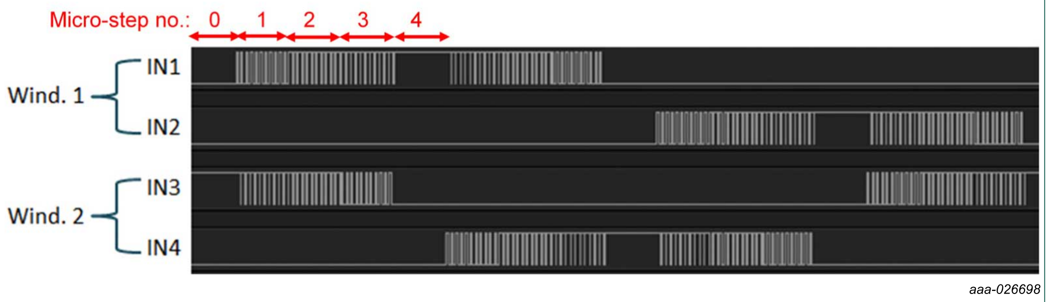

Figure 25. Logic Analyzer output

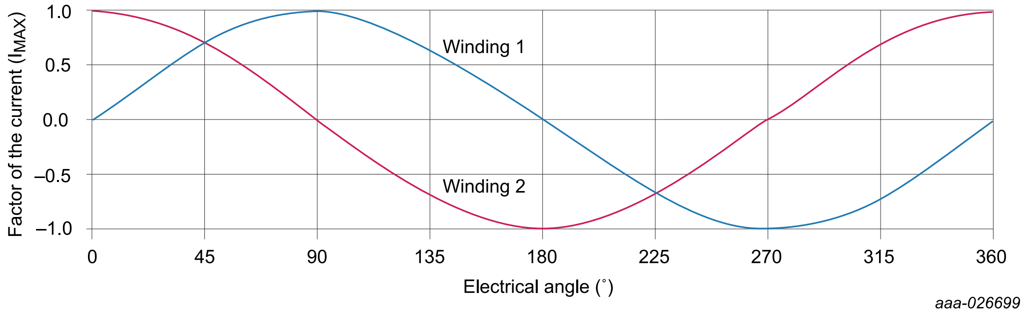

Figure 26. H-bridge device output in micro-step mode

6.7 Frequently asked questions

Q: How do I set up the LVHBridge component when two or more components with conflicting values are configured to control brushed motors?

Figure 27. Conflict in the required values for components in the project

A: You can use more LVHBridge components in same project. These components can share the same timer device in brushed motor control mode, but PWM Frequency and Timer Device properties must conform in all of the components.

Q: I sometimes get the following unexpected error while generating Processor Expert code: "Generator: FAILURE: Unexpected status of script: Drivers\\Kinetis\TimerUnit_LDD.drv, please contact NXP support". What causes this?

A: Occasionally, when you enable the LVHBridge component in your project, the TimerUnit_LDD component channels have not been allocated. If this occurs, changing certain LVHBridge properties force allocation of the channels. If you are configuring a stepper motor (Motor Control property set to Stepper), try changing the Output Control property to GPIO and then back to PWM. If you are configuring a brushed motor (Motor Control property set to Brushed), change the Control Mode property to State Control and then back to Speed Control on interface 1 or interface 2.

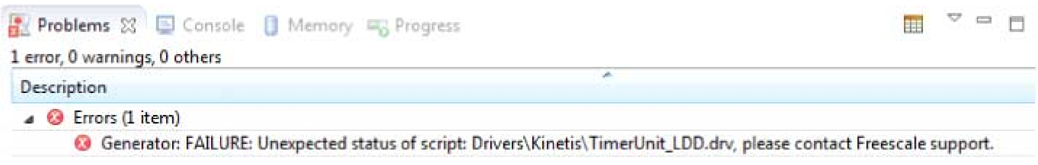

Figure 28. Unexpected error related to the LVHBridge TimerUnit_LDD component

Q: I have set up several CPU clock configurations (via the Clock configurations property of the CPU component.) Sometimes during runtime, when I switch between these configurations (using the CPU SetClockConfiguration method), the speed of the stepper motor appears to be inaccurate. Why does this occur?

A: Switching to a different configuration results in the use of a different input frequency by a timer device. LVHBridge may not pick up the new value and continues to use the previous value in its calculations.

Q: What does the error message "The component has no method to enable its event (OnCounterRestart)" raised in an LVHBridge TimerUnit_LDD component mean?

A: This occurs only when you add an LVHBridge component to a project and set the Motor Control property to Stepper. The error disappears if you change any property of the LVHBridge component.

7 Schematics, board layout and bill of materials

Board schematics, board layout and bill of materials are available in the download tab of the tool summary page. See Section 8 "References" for link to the relevant tool summary page.

8 References

The following URLs reference related NXP products and application solutions:

Table 13. References

NXP.com support pages	Description	URL
FRDM-17531AEPEVB	Tool summary page	www.nxp.com/FRDM-17531AEPEVB
FRDM-KL25Z	Tool summary page	http://www.nxp.com/FRDM-KL25Z
LVHBRIDGE-PEXPERT	Software	http://www.nxp.com/LVHBRIDGE-PEXPERT
CodeWarrior	Tool summary page	http://www.nxp.com/CODEWARRIOR
Processor Expert Code Model	Code Walkthrough Video	www.nxp.com/video/processor-expert-code-model-codewarrior-code-walkthrough:PROEXPCODMODCW_VID
MPC17531	Product summary page	http://www.nxp.com/MPC17531
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