
Application Note: AN00118

Supporting your BLDC motor

This application note shows how a custom BLDC motor can be integrated with the XMOS Motor and Motion control kit and use the software available in xSOFTip as Synapticon Motion Control.

The SOMANET platform provides the flexibility to build the desired distributed control system based on their SOMANET nodes. SOMANET nodes are the basic units, each placed directly at the resource it shall control, like an electrical motor or a sensor of any kind. With each node here are a variety of options available, supporting any mechatronic application, from simple sensor data acquisition up to sophisticated multi-axis motion control.

This application provides an example motor configuration for the *SOMANET Standalone Profile Velocity Control Demo*

Note: The same configuration is applicable for the position and torque control.

Required tools and libraries

- xTIMEcomposer Tools - Version 13.1.0
- Modules and Applications available under Synapticon Motion Control in xSOFTip
- EtherCAT master software and associated makefiles from Synapticon¹. Get the software from the Synapticon site.

Required hardware

- XMOS Motor & Motion Control Development Kit (XK-SN-1BH12-E or XK-SN-1BQ12-E) developed by Synapticon².
- A linux PC to run the EtherCAT MASTER application
- A suitable regulated power supply of delivering more than but can be set for current limits based on loaded operating conditions during development and testing.

Prerequisites

- This document assumes familiarity with the XMOS xCORE architecture, the XMOS tool chain and the xC language.
- Assembling the SOMANET IFM-Drive hardware module. For more details refer³
- Successful running of SOMANET Standalone Profile Velocity Control Demo.

¹<http://doc.synapticon.com/wiki/index.php/File:IgHEthercatLinuxMaster.zip>

²[https://www.xmos.com/download/public/XMOS-Motor-Motion-Development-Kit-Product-Brief\(1.1\).pdf](https://www.xmos.com/download/public/XMOS-Motor-Motion-Development-Kit-Product-Brief(1.1).pdf)

³[https://www.xmos.com/download/public/XMOS-Motor-Motion-Development-Kit-User-Guide\(1.0\).pdf](https://www.xmos.com/download/public/XMOS-Motor-Motion-Development-Kit-User-Guide(1.0).pdf)

1 Overview

1.1 Introduction

The XMOS Motor & Motion Control development kits are integrated board and software packages which contain everything embedded systems designers need to begin developing single and multi-axis motion control applications on the powerful xCORE™ multicore microcontrollers.

The kits include an xCORE powered control module (CORE), a communications module (COM), and a motor interface drive module (IFM Drive DC 100), a BLDC motor as well as the interconnect cables.

The table below details the contents of the XMOS Motor & Motion Control Kits.

Description	Motor & Motion Control Kit (EtherCAT/Hall Sensor)	Motor & Motion Control Kit (EtherCAT/Quadrature Encoder)
Control Module	SOMANET Core C22	SOMANET Core C22
Motor IFM Module	SOMANET IFM Drive DC 100	SOMANET IFM Drive DC 100
Motor	Moons 42BL30L2-5	Nanotec DB42S03
Sensor Type	Hall Sensor	Hall & Quadrature Encoder
COM Module	EtherCAT slave	EtherCAT slave
Part Number	XK-SN-1BH12-E	XK-SN-1BQ12-E

Table 1: XMOS Motor & Motion Control Kits

The IFM Drive DC 100 implements latest power transistor technology to efficiently drive one Brushless DC motor with up to 120 W. It supports input supply voltage range of 12-24 V. The IFM Drive DC 100 which comes with the XMOS Motor and Motion Control kit provides the connectors to connect the motor phase windings, Hall Sensor interface and Quadrature Encoder Interface. Refer to the appendix section for the detailed datasheet of the motors supplied with the kits.

Note: The optical Encoder assembly WEDL5541-B14 in Nanotec DB42S03 provides 1000 cycles per revolution.

The assembly and the motor connection is shown in Figure below to run the example.

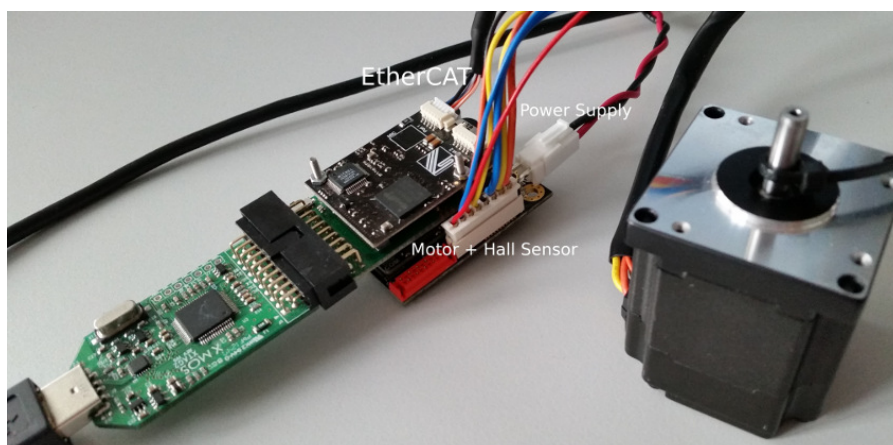


Figure 1: XMOS Motor control kit assembly and motor connection

1.2 Motor Phase Winding Connection

The motor phase windings connector is an 8-pin Molex SPOX HSG 8P header. The pin details are shown in Figure below.

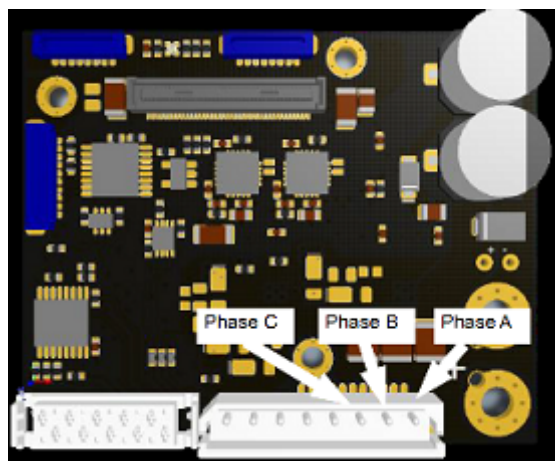


Figure 2: Phase Windings connector pins

1.3 Hall Sensor Interface Connection

The IFM Drive DC 100 provides a standard motor Hall sensor interface, which is the most frequently used method for rotor position and speed feedback. The connector is an 8-pin Molex SPOX HSG 8P header.

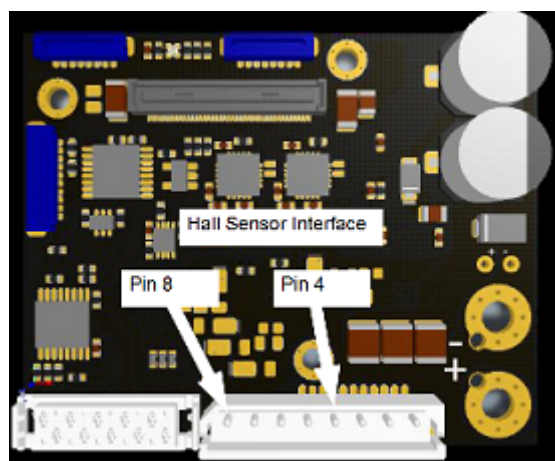


Figure 3: Hall Sensor connector pins

1.4 Quadrature Encoder Interface Connection

The IFM Drive DC 100 is equipped with a RS-422-compatible quadrature encoder interface. Inputs are converted by a differential line receiver. This connector is a 10-pin TE MicroMatch.

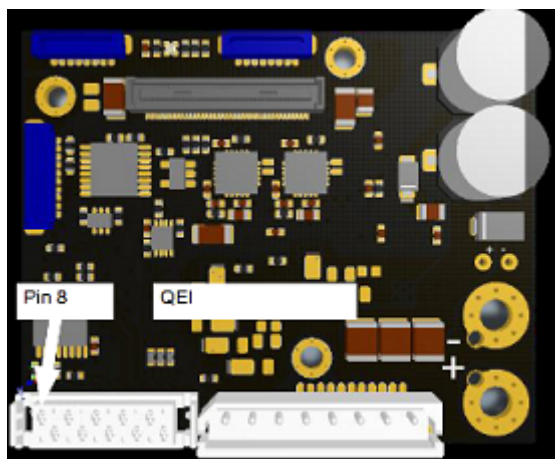


Figure 4: Quadrature Encoder Interface connector pins

2 Configure your motors for a SOMANET Standalone Profile Velocity Control Demo

The Standalone profile control software component must contain a motor configuration file. This file, called **bldc_motor_config.h**, must be located at the folder **config/motor/** on your application. Since it defines the features of your BLDC motor, it is important to set it properly before running any motor control application.

As an example the configuration is done for *MOONS 42BL30L2-5* BLDC motor. The values are taken from the motor datasheet.

The main parameters to define in our configuration file will be:

- Number of pole pairs:

```
#define POLE_PAIRS 3
```

- Maximum nominal speed (in rpms):

```
#define MAX_NOMINAL_SPEED 4000
```

- Maximum nominal current (A):

```
#define MAX_NOMINAL_CURRENT 2
```

- Motor torque constant (required for torque control):

```
#define MOTOR_TORQUE_CONSTANT 36 // mNm/A
```

- Your motor winding type (star or delta):

```
#define WINDING_TYPE DELTA_WINDING // or STAR_WINDING
```

- Your DC board (DC100 or DC300):

```
#define IFM_RESOLUTION DC100_RESOLUTION // or DC300_RESOLUTION
```

- Sensor used for control (Hall or Quadrature Encoder):

```
#define SENSOR_USED HALL // or QEI
```

- If QEI sensor is used then set the type (w/ or w/o index), resolution, or polarity (to match the hall sensor polarity):

```
/* Polarity is used to keep all position sensors to count ticks in the same direction
 * (QEI_POLARITY_NORMAL/QEI_POLARITY_INVERTED) */
#define QEI_SENSOR_POLARITY QEI_POLARITY_NORMAL

#define ENCODER_RESOLUTION 4000 // 4 x Max count of Quadrature Encoder

/* Define your Incremental Encoder type (QEI_INDEX/ QEI_WITH_NO_INDEX) */
#define QEI_SENSOR_TYPE QEI_WITH_INDEX
```

- If you are using a gear, specify the ratio, otherwise set to 1:

```
#define GEAR_RATIO 1 // e.g. 26, or 1 if no gear is attached
```

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After you have set up most of your motor parameters according to the previous section you can further fine tune your motors efficiency and performance. Inside the `bldc_motor_config` file you will find following lines:

```
#define COMMUTATION_OFFSET_CLK      683
#define COMMUTATION_OFFSET_CCLK     2731
```

The angle value [0-4095] corresponds to the angle in degrees [0-360]. For eg., the value 683 corresponds to 60 degrees.

Steps:

1. Run your motor in Standalone Profile Velocity Control Demo at half of it's maximum nominal speed (`MAX_NOMINAL_SPEED / 2`) in the clock-wise direction
2. Monitor the current consumption on you power supply
3. Modify the parameter `COMMUTATION_OFFSET_CLK` by gradually increasing its original vale (683 + X). You should not add more than 342 to it ($X \leq 342$)
4. Repeat the previous step as long as the current drained is decreasing, and thereby find the optimum `COMMUTATION_OFFSET_CLK` angle.
5. Set the `COMMUTATION_OFFSET_CCLK` to its original value 2731 minus the identified value X ($2731 - X$)

4 Running the SOMANET Standalone Profile Velocity Control Demo

Please refer SOMANET Standalone Profile Velocity Control Demo Quick Start Guide⁴ to import, build and run the application.

⁴[http://www.xmos.com/published/somanet-standalone-profile-velocity-control-demo-quick-start-guide-%28documentation](http://www.xmos.com/published/somanet-standalone-profile-velocity-control-demo-quick-start-guide-%28documentation%29)

APPENDIX A - Datasheet of Moons 42BL30L2-5 BLDC motor

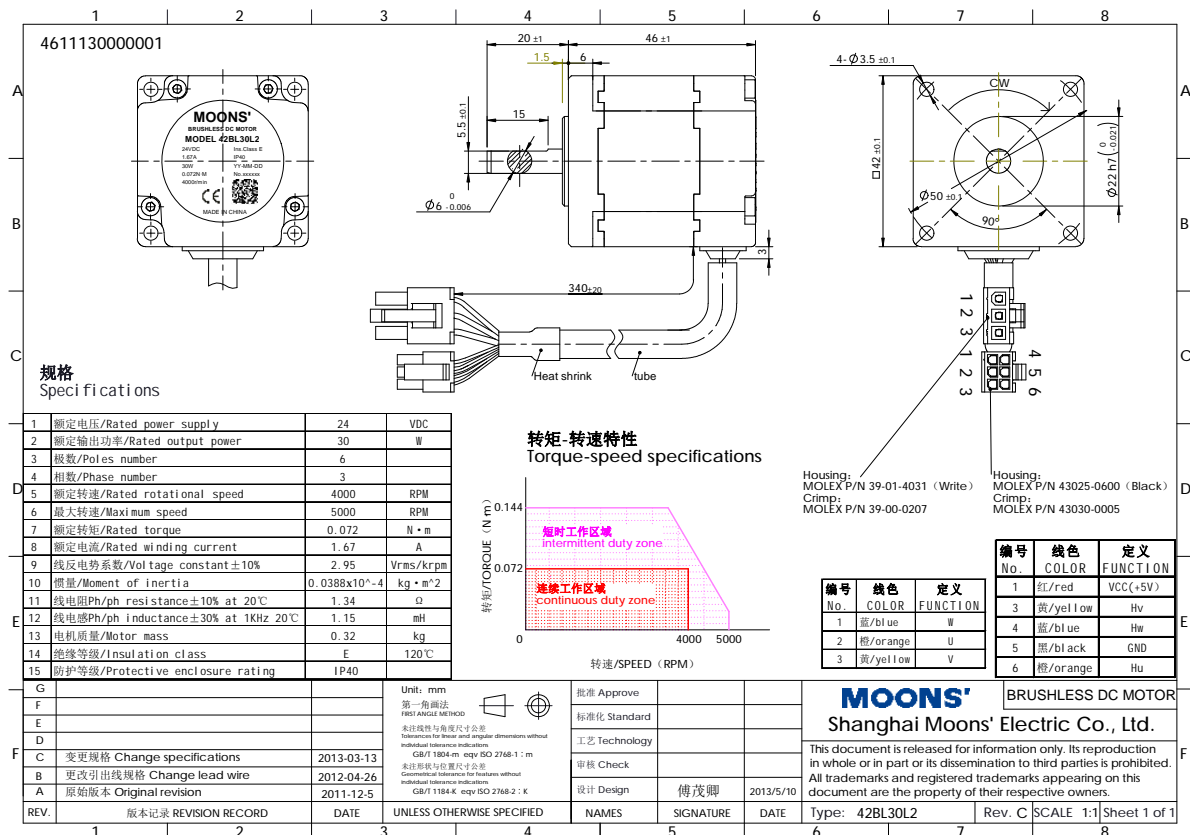


Figure 5: Moons 42BL30L2-5 BLDC motor

APPENDIX B - Datasheet of Nanotec DB42S03 BLDC motor

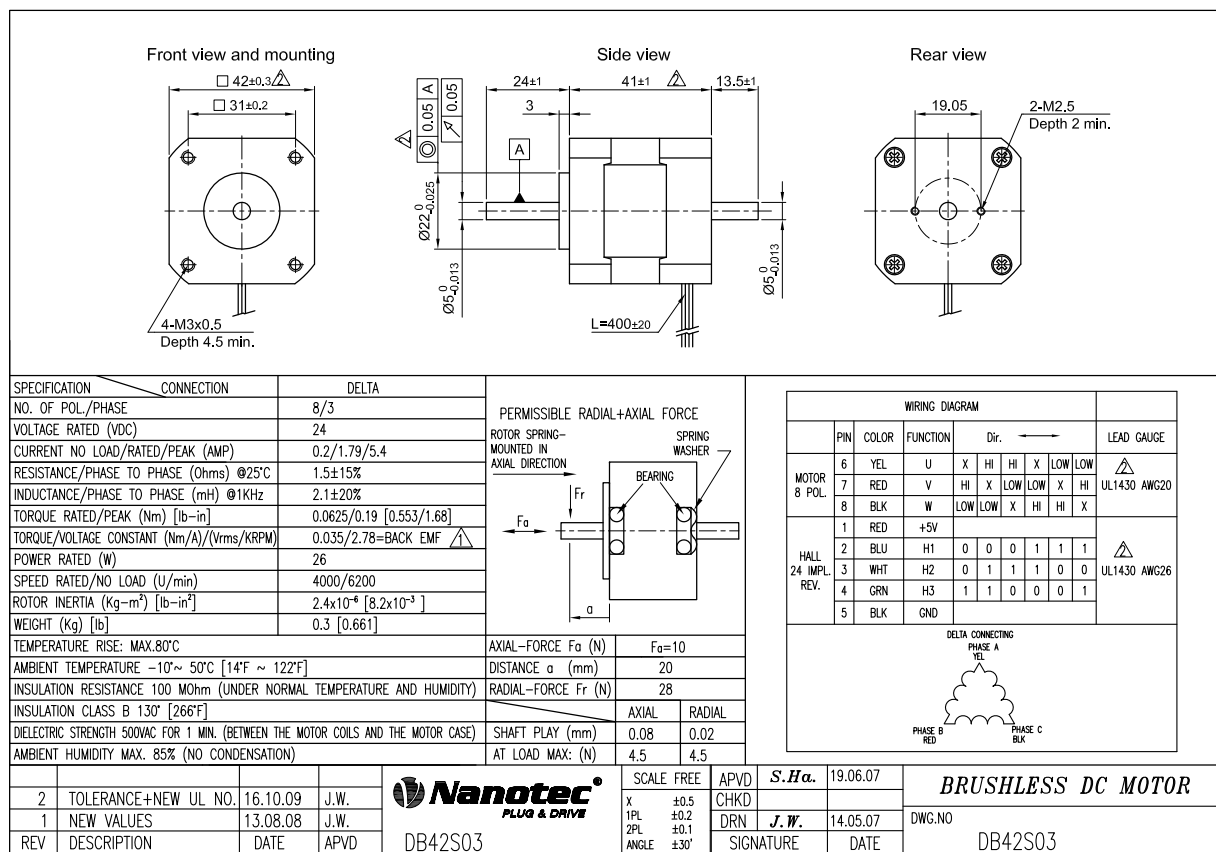


Figure 6: Nanotec DB42S03 BLDC motor

APPENDIX C - References

Xmos Tools User Guide

<http://www.xmos.com/published/xtimecomposer-user-guide>

Xmos xCORE Programming Guide

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