



iC-HS Series

Ultra Short Pulse Laser Drivers

Description

The iC-HS02, iC-HS05, and iC-HSB are high-speed laser diode drivers.

The pulse width can be set from 100 ps to 5 ns. A coarse selector allows pulse width configuration in steps of typically 250 ps. For each coarse step, a fine selector allows further pulse width selection with a resolution of typically 1 ps. The output pulses are highly independent of supply voltage, temperature and process variations due to internal compensation. For longer pulses, the output driver can be directly controlled via the trigger input.

The output driver delivers up to 200 mA (iC-HS02), up to 500 mA (iC-HS05), or up to 600 mA (iC-HSB) output current. The pulse current amplitude is configured by a 10-bit D/A converter.

While iC-HS02 and iC-HS05 allow up to 5 V at pins LDKx, iC-HSB allows up to 15 V, enabling the use of green, blue, and UV laser diodes.

A synchronization signal is output either in LVDS or TTL mode. A configurable time delay can be assigned to the synchronization signal.

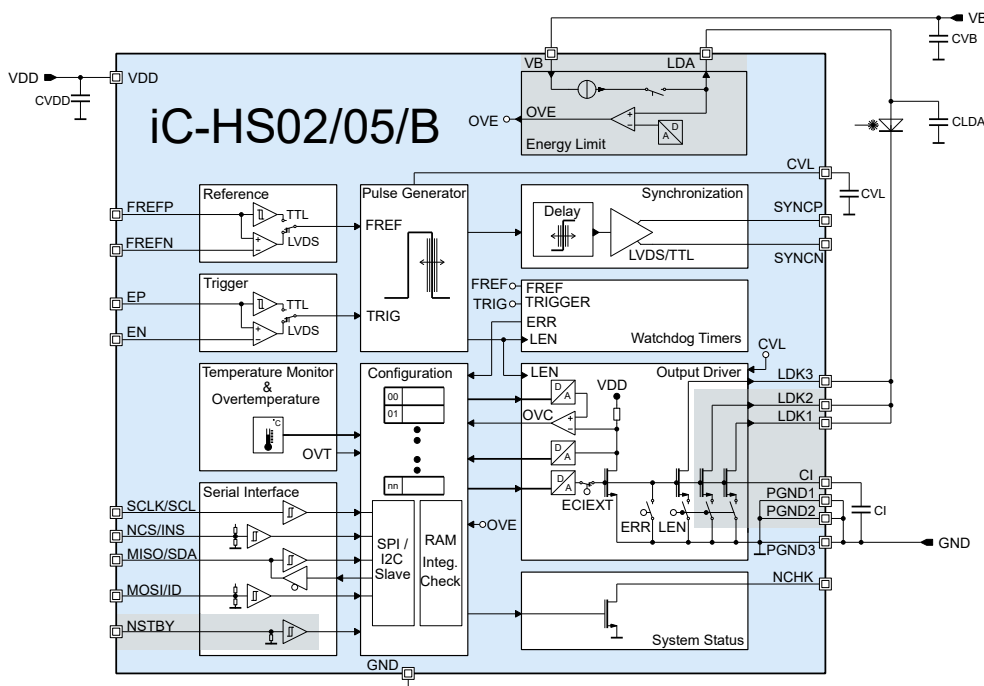
Features

- Pulse width from 100 ps up to 5 ns with 1 ps resolution
- Temperature-stabilized on-chip pulse generation
- Peak laser current up to 200 mA (iC-HS02), 500 mA (iC-HS05), or 600 mA (iC-HSB)
- Up to 15 V at LDKx of iC-HSB for green, blue, and UV laser diodes
- LVDS or TTL synchronization output with programmable delay
- LVDS or TTL trigger input
- Up to 200 MHz repetition frequency in LVDS mode
- Overtemperature and overcurrent safety laser shutdown
- Overenergy safety feature (iC-HS05 and iC-HSB only)
- Internal temperature monitor with typically 1°C resolution
- Serial programming interface (SPI or I²C)
- Configuration content verification and validation
- Low power standby mode
- Power supply from 3.3 to 5 V

Applications

- TOF Range Finders
- LIDAR
- Fluorescence Spectroscopy
- 3D Scanning

Block Diagram



Grey highlights:
available in iC-HS05
and iC-HSB

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Functional Details

The iC-HS02/05/B is configured via either SPI or I²C. I²C supports four device IDs.

The memory configuration is monitored for integrity with the RAM Integrity Check. In case of a RAM integrity violation, a memory error is generated and the driver output is switched off. Memory configuration changes are executed atomically (all at once) by command. This allows full configuration of different registers prior to application to the functional blocks.

An 8-bit digital temperature monitor with typically 1°C resolution is included. iC-HS02/05/B has an overtemperature (OVT) safety module. This block switches off the laser output driver, if the internal temperature exceeds approximately 150°C.

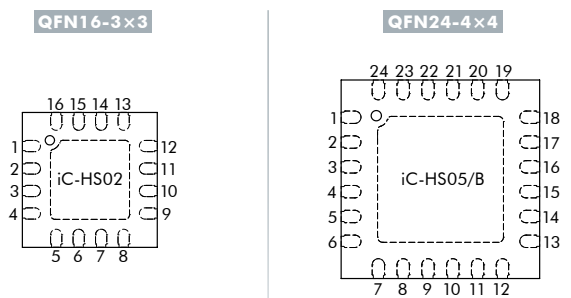
The output current amplitude is monitored by the iC-HS02/05/B. A safety current limit can be configured. If the pulse current exceeds this limit, an overcurrent (OVC) event is triggered and the laser is switched off.

iC-HS02/05/B includes watchdog timers (WDT), monitoring the input reference frequency FREF and the PLL feedback signals. A warning is output when no activity is detected. An additional WDT monitors the output pulse width. A Pulse Error (PULSERR) is signalled and the driver output is switched off, when the output pulse width gets too wide.

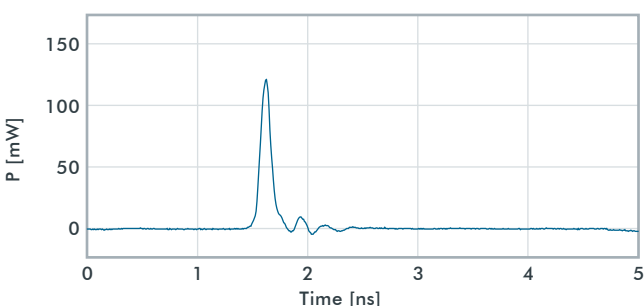
iC-HS05/B also includes an Energy Limit feature for additional safety. If an overenergy (OVE) event occurs, the driver output is switched off. OVC, OVT, OVE (iC-HS05/B only), memory error, and WDT alarms are signalled at pin NCHK.

iC-HS02/05/B features a low power stand-by mode.

Pin Configuration



Pulse Sample



Pin Functions iC-HS02

No.	Name	Function
1	CVL	Logic voltage bypass capacitor
2	EN	Trigger, negative LVDS input
3	EP	Trigger, positive LVDS input/Trigger, TTL input
4	NCHK	Check request, active low
5	SCLK/SCL	SPI/I ² C Clock
6	NCS/INS	SPI Chip Select, active low I ² C or SPI selection input
7	MISO/SDA	SPI Master In Slave Out/I ² C Data
8	MOSI/ID	SPI Master Out Slave In/I ² C ID
9	FREFP	FREF, positive LVDS input/FREF, TTL input
10	FREFN	FREF, negative LVDS input
11	SYNCP	Synchronization, positive LVDS output Synchronization, TTL output
12	SYNCPN	Synchronization, negative LVDS output
13	GND	Ground
14	LDK	Laser Diode Cathode
15	PGND	Power Ground
16	VDD	Supply Voltage
	TP	Thermal Pad

Pin Functions iC-HS05/B

No.	Name	Function
1	VDD	Supply Voltage
2	CVL	Logic output-voltage bypass capacitor
3	CI	CI capacitor
4	EN	Trigger negative LVDS input
5	EP	Trigger positive LVDS input/Trigger TTL input
6	NCHK	Check request, active low
7	SCLK/SCL	SPI/I ² C Clock
8	NCS/INS	SPI Chip Select, active low I ² C or SPI selection input
9	NSTBY	Stand-by, active low
10	MISO/SDA	SPI Master In Slave Out/I ² C Data
11	MOSI/ID	SPI Master Out Slave In
12	GND	Signal Ground
13	FREFP	FREF positive LVDS input/FREF TTL input
14	FREFN	FREF negative LVDS input
15	VB	Energy Limit supply voltage
16	LDA	Laser Diode Anode
17	SYNCP	Synchronization positive LVDS output Synchronization TTL output
18	SYNCPN	Synchronization negative LVDS output
19	PGND2	Power Ground channel 2
20	LDK2	Laser Diode Cathode channel 2
21	LDK1	Laser Diode Cathode channel 1
22	PGND1	Power Ground channel 1
23	LDK3	Laser Diode Cathode channel 3
24	PGND3	Power Ground channel 3
	TP	Thermal Pad

