

**ABSTRACT**

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1 Introduction

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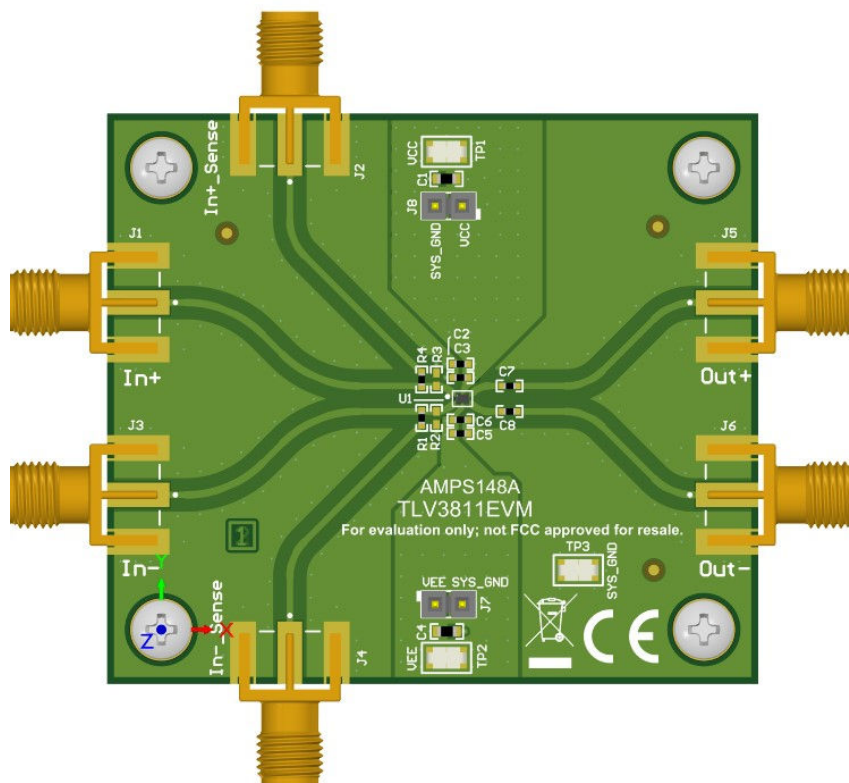


Figure 1-1. TLV3811EVM Board Top View

1.1 Features

- Low Propagation Delay
- Low Overdrive Dispersion
- High Toggle Frequency
- Narrow Pulse Width Detection Capability
- LVDS Output
- Low Input Offset Voltage
- BGA Package 6-pin WCSP

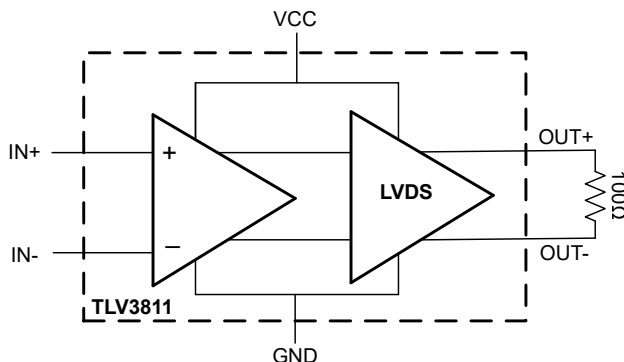


Figure 1-2. TLV3811 Block Diagram

1.2 EVM Specifications

- Supply Range: +2.7 V to +5.25 V (VCC - voltage of GND pin)
 - Pin B2 on TLV3602 (GND) is mapped to "VEE" pin on EVM
- Input Common Mode Range: VEE + 1.5 V to VCC + 0.1 V
- Differential Input Voltage Range: (-1.5 V to 1.5 V)

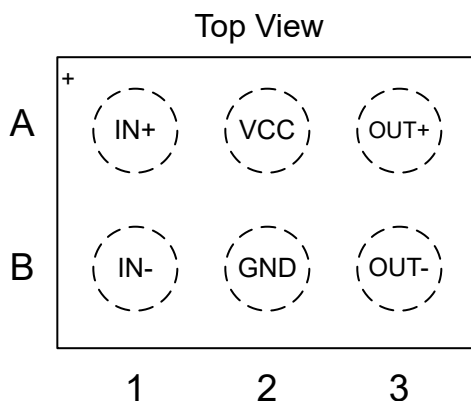


Figure 1-3. TLV3811EVM Pin Assignments

1.2.1 Recommended Equipment

- Dual Channel Power Supply
 - Using split supply operation makes it easy to measure propagation delay since the reference voltage is known to be 0V. Single supply option still available.
- High Speed Functional Generator with fast rise/fall time recommended (≤ 500 ps)
- High Speed Oscilloscope with 50- Ω terminations
- SMA Cables/adapters
 - All sensed input voltages and both output signals must have matched cable lengths
 - IN+SENSE, IN-SENSE (only if AC signal), OUT+, and OUT-
 - All other signals can use non-matched cable lengths

2 How to Make a TPHL Propagation Delay Measurement With Split Supplies

Note

Do not turn on power supply until all connections to the device are made to the board.

1. Set one channel of the DC power supply to output a -2.5 V voltage and set its current limit to 100 mA. After ensuring that this channel is disabled, connect GND/VEE to this supply.
2. Set one channel of the DC power supply to output a 2.5 V voltage and set its current limit to 100 mA. After ensuring that this channel is disabled, connect VCC to this supply.
3. Ensure that cables connecting to IN+SENSE, OUT+, and OUT- are matched length and impedance. Perform any deskewing if no matched cables are available. For this setup, IN- is a DC voltage reference so the cables used for IN- and IN- SENSE do not need to be matched.
4. On the signal generator output, set the function generator to produce a square wave output with 100 mVpp at 10-MHz, with a 0 V DC offset. This results in a 50 mV overdrive and 50 mV underdrive. Disable the signal generator output. Connect the signal generator output to IN+.
5. Connect the inverting input, IN-, to ground to establish the threshold for the comparator at 0 V.
6. Connect OUTP and OUTN to a 50-Ω terminated channel on the oscilloscope. **Note** that with capacitors C7 and C8 populated, the DC component of the outputs will be filtered.
7. Connect IN+SENSE to another 50-Ω terminated scope channel.
8. Enable the VCC/VEE power supplies.
9. Verify the total supply current is < 30 mA.
10. Enable the signal generator.
11. Monitor and verify the inputs from IN+SENSE and IN- is 0 V DC.
12. Monitor and verify the outputs for OUT+ and OUT-.

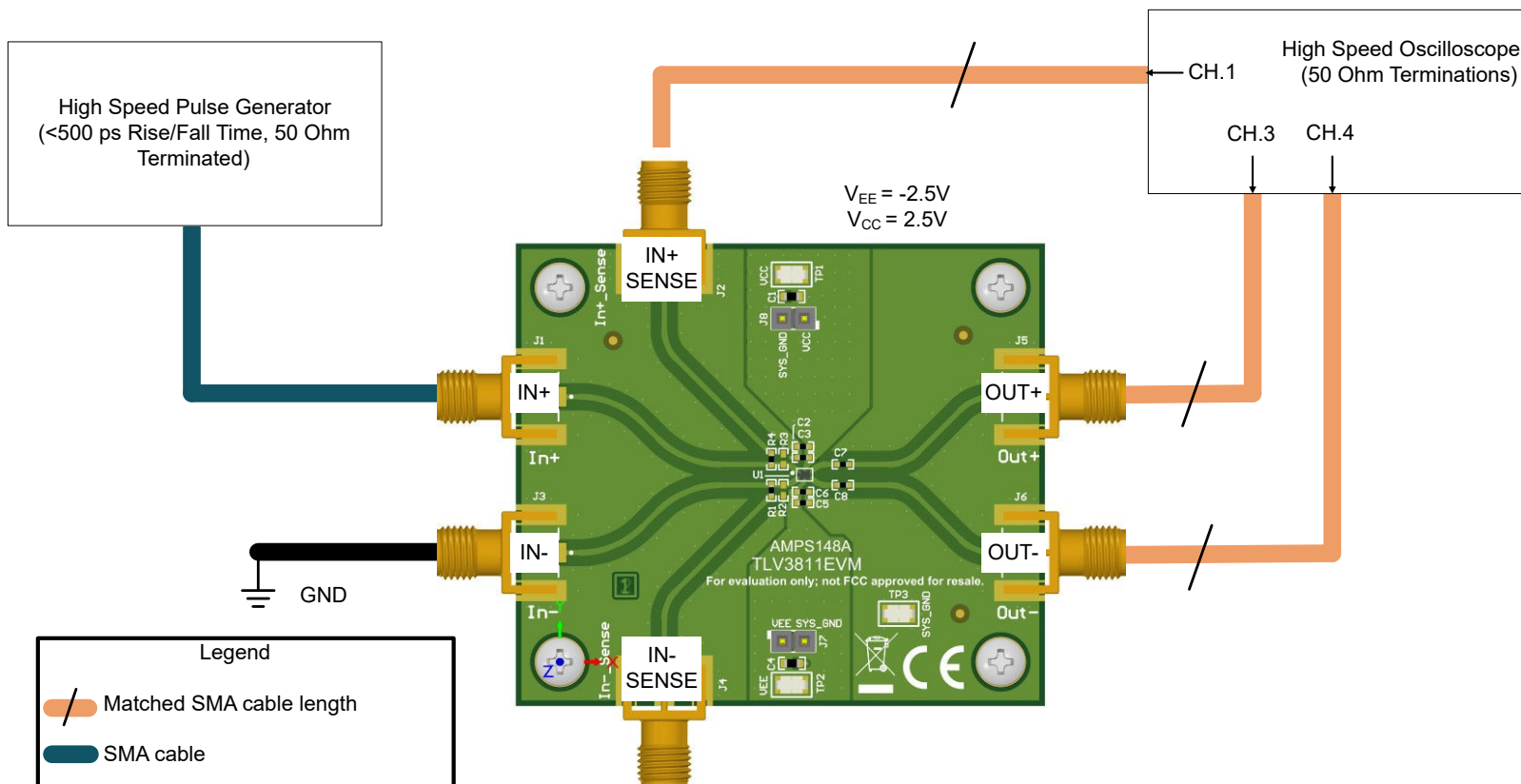


Figure 2-1. TLV3811 EVM Propagation Delay Setup

Figure 2-2 is a scope shot capture of the inputs and outputs described in the propagation delay procedure. High to Low propagation delay is defined as when the signal generator input (IN+) reaches 0 V to when OUT- reaches 0 V. The propagation delay was measured at approximately 206 ps with the setup described.

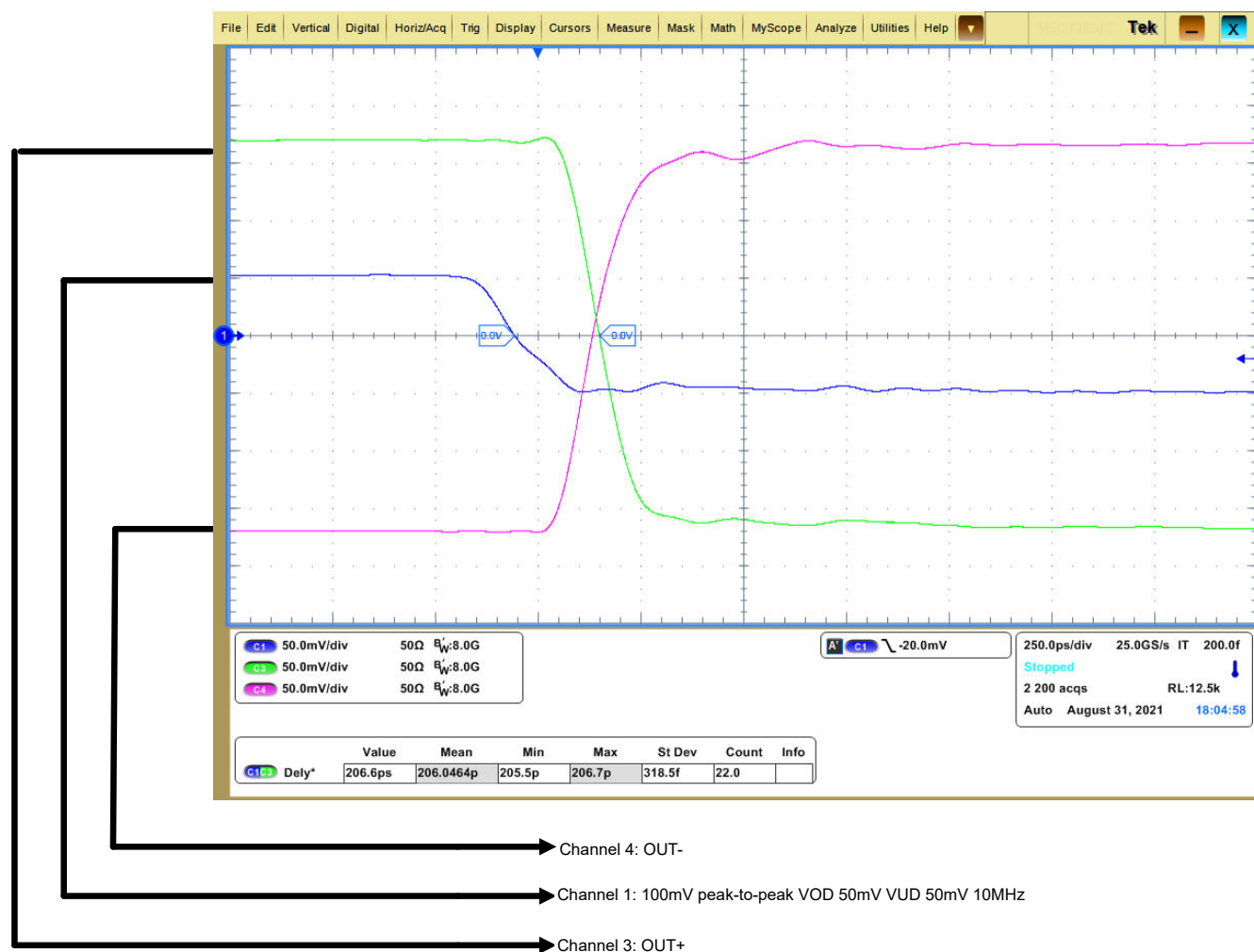


Figure 2-2. Quick Start Example

3 Board Setup

3.1 Supply Voltage

The TLV3811EVM can operate from a single supply or split supply configuration. The recommended voltage range is from 2.7-V to 5.5-V. Connect VCC, VEE, and SYS_GND using TP1, TP2, and TP3 respectively.

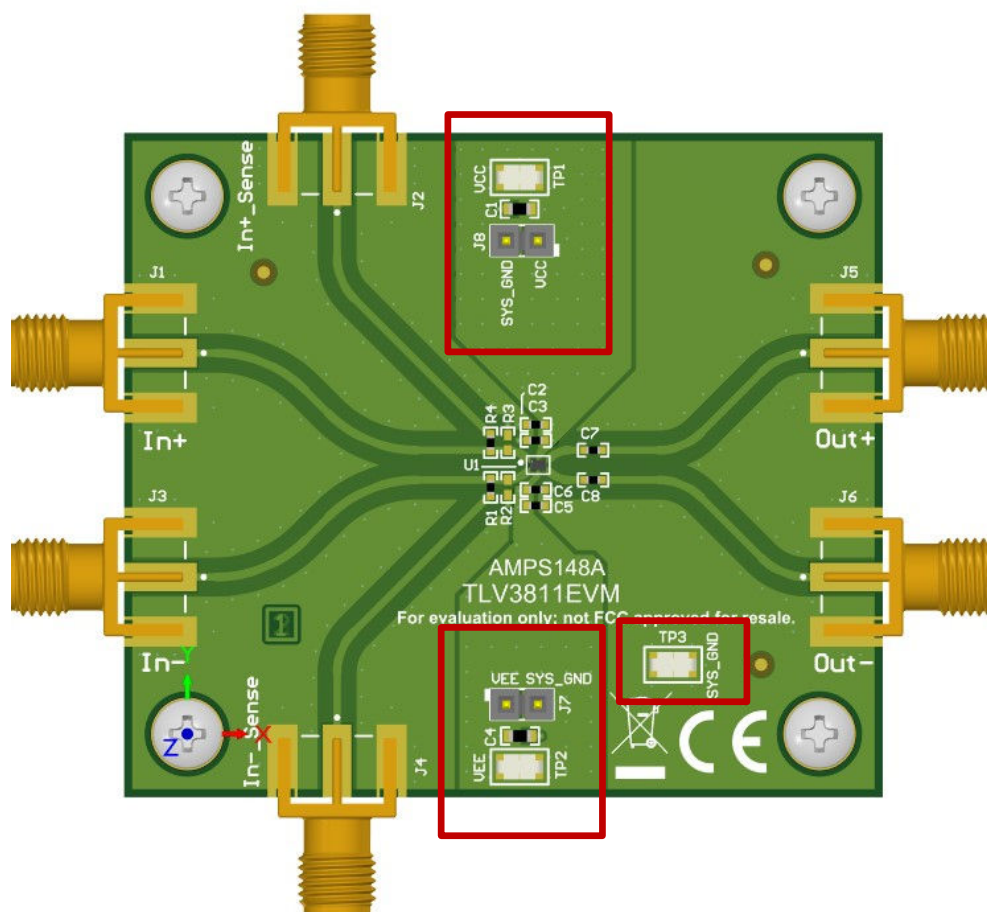


Figure 3-1. TLV3811EVM Supply Voltage Connection

3.2 Inputs

Resistors R1 and R4 are 0-Ω resistors. The input terminals (IN+ and IN-) have corresponding sense lines so that the inputs to the device can be terminated on the lines with 50-Ω to an oscilloscope. This allows the input signals to be observed with minimal loading and distortion. There are also optional input resistors R2 and R3 for direct 50-Ω terminations if required by the input signal generator, otherwise they can be left uninstalled.

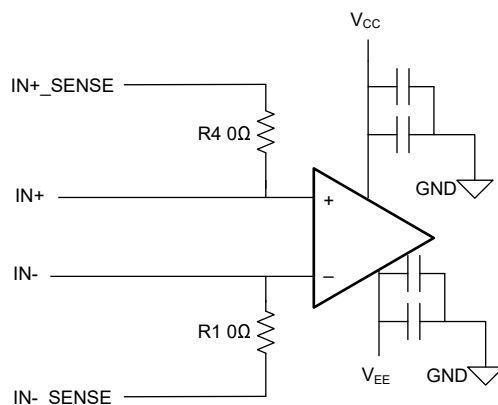


Figure 3-2. Input Side Schematic Without Optional Resistors R2 and R3

Additionally, the pads from R2 and R3 can be used to solder a 100-Ω termination resistor for LVDS input signals.

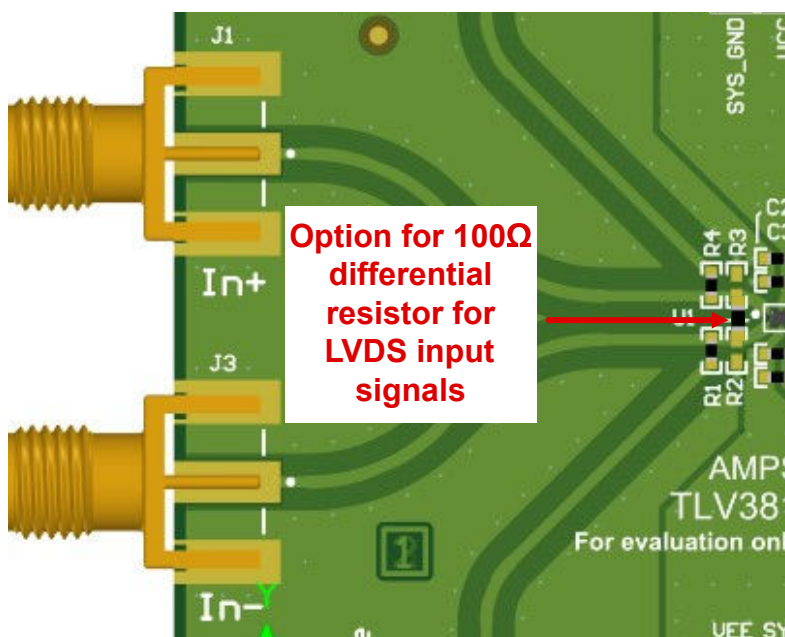


Figure 3-3. Configuration for LVDS Inputs Using the Unused Pads of R2 and R3

3.3 Outputs

C7 and C8 are installed with 0.1- μ F capacitors. If a 100- Ω differential probe is unavailable to measure the LVDS output, these capacitors allow for the AC portion of the signal to be seen on a 50- Ω terminated scope. Keep in mind that any duty cycle other than 50% will result in a DC portion of the signal that is not halfway between V_{OH} and V_{OL} . As mentioned earlier, this is because of the charging and discharging of the capacitors. A higher duty cycle will result in a higher DC output voltage because the capacitors are charging more than they are discharging.

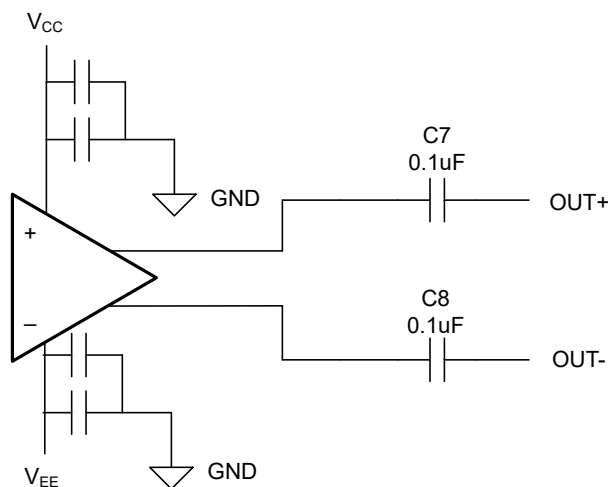


Figure 3-4. Output Side Schematic

If equipment is available to measure the LVDS output with a respect to the 100- Ω resistor or with a differential probe, then C7 and C8 can be replaced with 0- Ω resistors to keep the DC integrity of the output signal.

4 Layout Guidelines

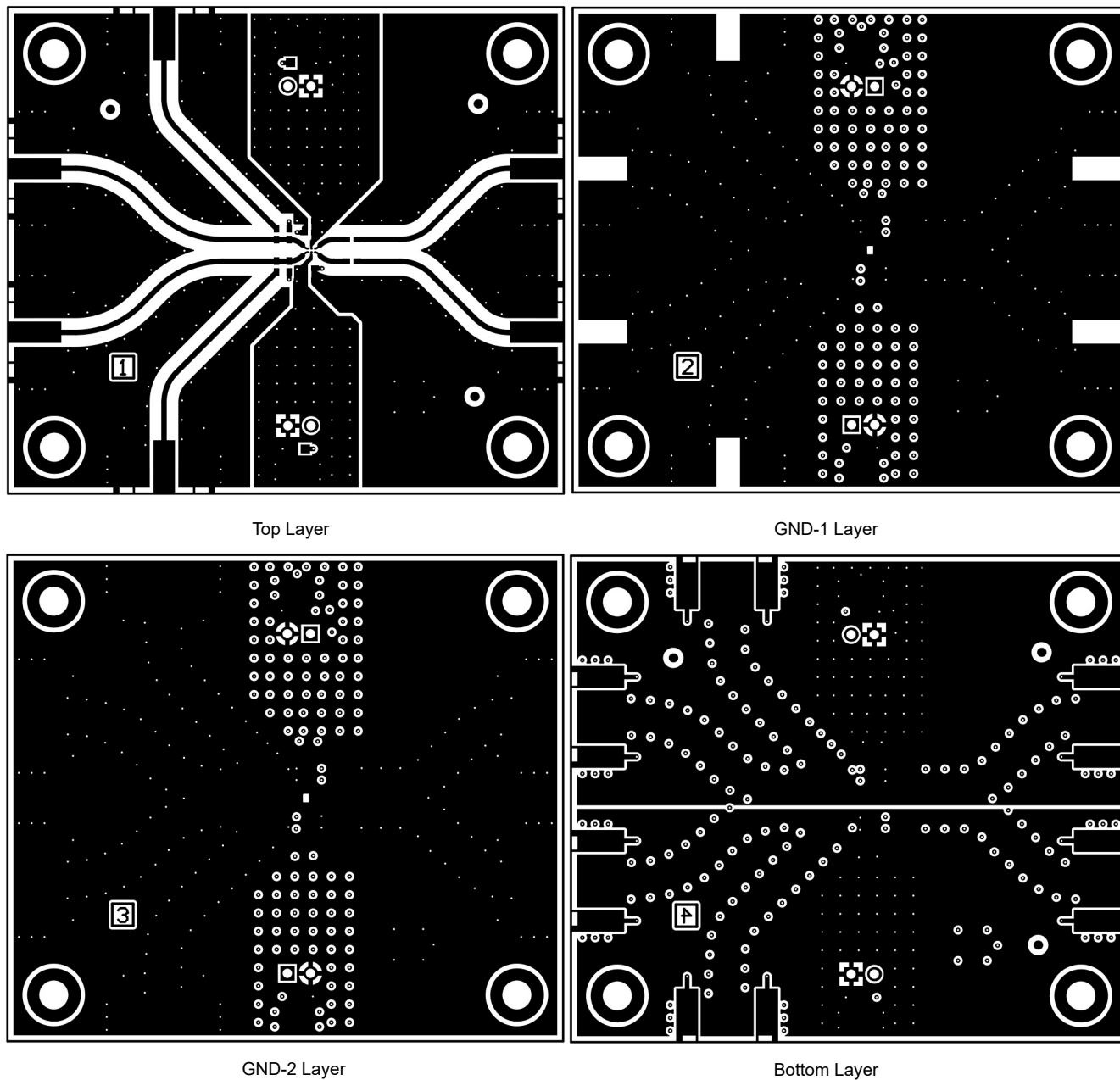


Figure 4-1. Layers

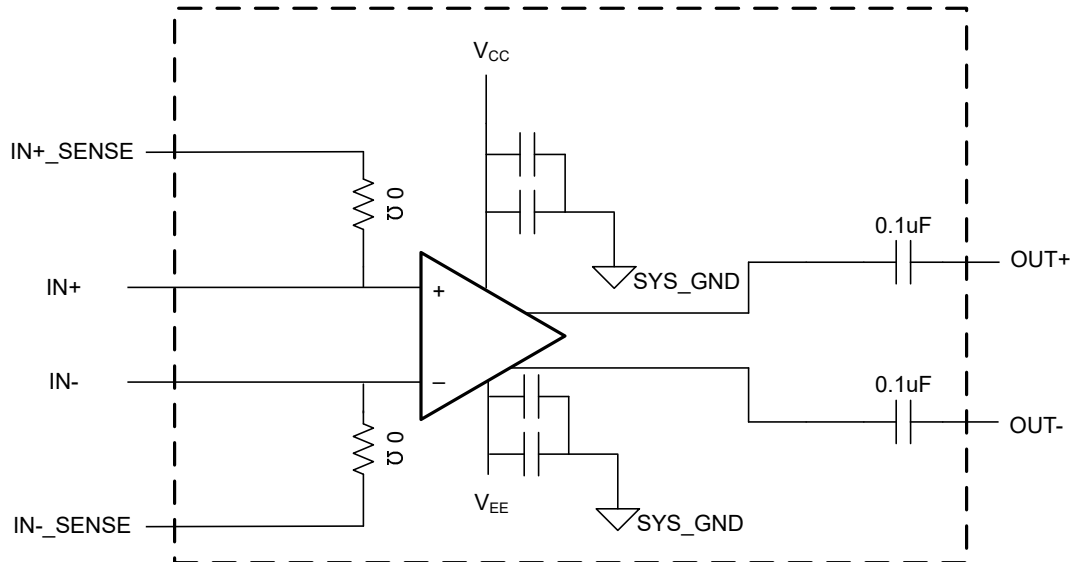


Figure 4-2. TLV3811 EVM Block Diagram

5 Schematic

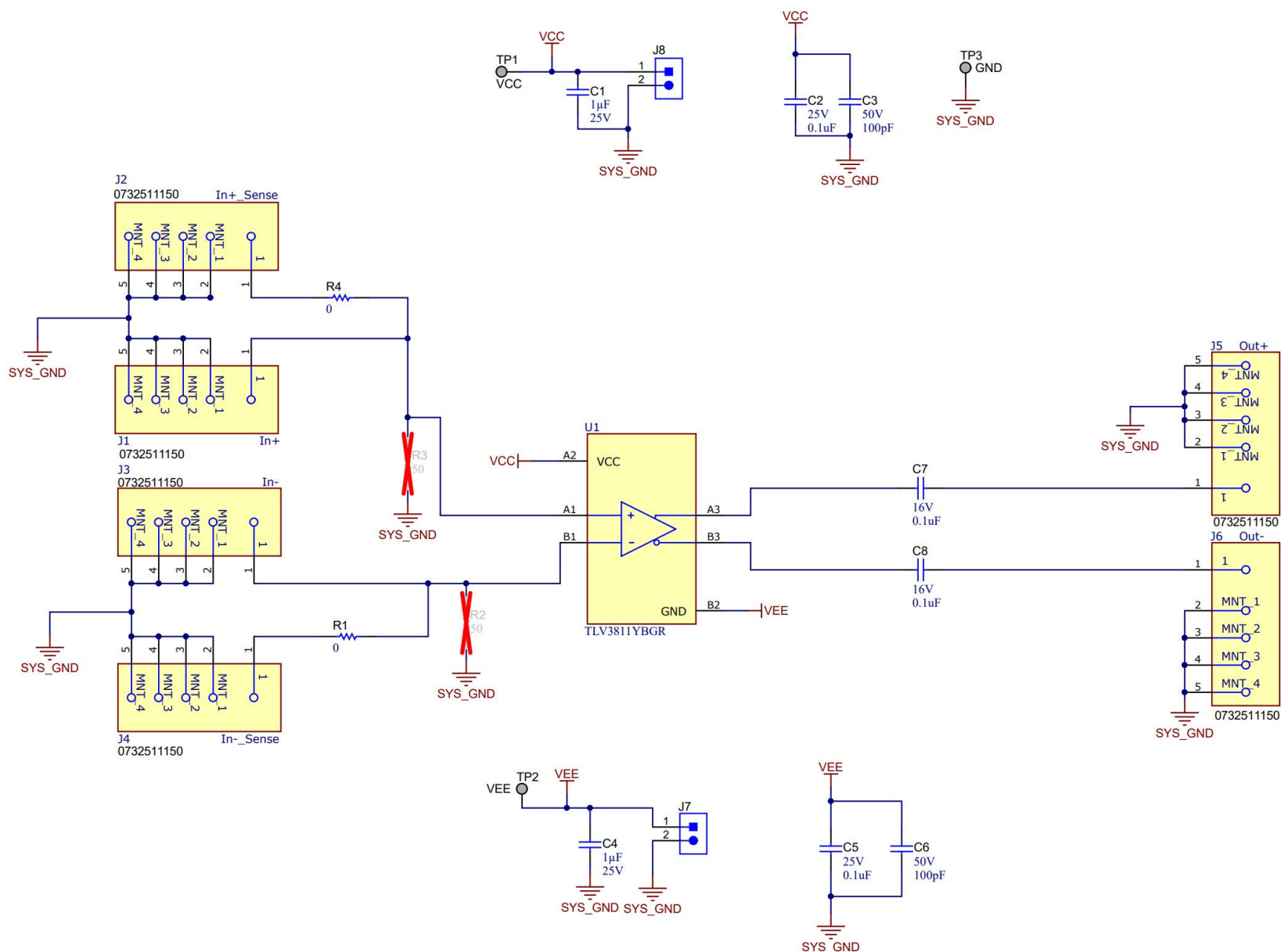


Figure 5-1. TLV3811 EVM Schematic

6 Bill of Materials

Table 6-1. BOM

DESIGNATOR	QTY	VALUE	DESCRIPTION	PACKAGE REFERENCE	PART NUMBER	MANUFACTURER
C1, C4	2	1uF	CAP, CERM, 1 uF, 25 V, +/- 10%, X7R, AEC-Q200 Grade 1, 0603	0603	GCM188R71E105KA64D	MuRata
C2, C5	2	0.1uF	CAP, CERM, 0.1 uF, 25 V, +/- 10%, X7R, 0402	0402	GRM155R71E104KE14D	MuRata
C3, C6	2	100pF	CAP, CERM, 100 pF, 50 V, +/- 10%, X7R, 0402	0402	885012205055	Wurth Elektronik
C7, C8	2	0.1uF	CAP, CERM, 0.1 uF, 16 V, +/- 10%, X7R, 0402	0402	GCM155R71C104KA55D	MuRata
H1, H2, H3, H4	4		MACHINE SCREW PAN PHILLIPS 4-40	Machine Screw, 4-40, 1/4 inch	PMSSS 440 0025 PH	B&F Fastener Supply
H5, H6, H7, H8	4		HEX STANDOFF 4-40 ALUMINUM 1/2"	4-40 HEX Aluminum standoff 0.500 inches	1893	Keystone
J1, J2, J3, J4, J5, J6	6		SMA Connector Receptacle, Female Socket 50Ohm Board Edge, End Launch Solder		0732511150	Molex Inc
J7, J8	2		Header, 100mil, 2x1, Gold, TH	Header, 2.54mm, 2x1, TH	HMTSW-102-07-G-S-240	Samtec
LBL1	1		Thermal Transfer Printable Labels, 0.650" W x 0.200" H - 10,000 per roll	PCB Label 0.650 x 0.200 inch	THT-14-423-10	Brady
R1, R4	2	0	RES, 0, 0%, 0.2 W, AEC-Q200 Grade 0, 0402	0402	CRCW04020000Z0EDHP	Vishay-Dale
TP1, TP2, TP3	3		Test Point, Miniature, SMT	Test Point, Miniature, SMT	5019	Keystone
U1	1		225-ps High-Speed Comparator with LVDS Outputs, WSON8	WCSP6	TLV3811YBGR	Texas Instruments
FID1, FID2, FID3, FID4, FID5, FID6	0		Fiducial mark. There is nothing to buy or mount.	N/A	N/A	N/A
R2, R3	0	50	RES, 50, 0.1%, 0.5 W, 0402	0402	FC0402E50R0BTBST1	Vishay Thin Film

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