

Low Power 3D Hall Sensor with I²C Interface and Wake Up Function

User Manual

About this document

Scope and purpose

This document provides product information and descriptions regarding:

- \cdot I²C Registers
- \cdot \mid ²C Interface
- Wake Up mode
- Diagnostic and Tests

Intended audience

This document is aimed at engineers and developers of hard and software using the sensor TLE493D-W2B6.

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 1 I^2C Registers

The TLE493D-W2B6 includes several registers that can be accessed via Inter-Integrated Circuit interface (l^2C) to read data as well as to write and configure settings.

1.1 Registers overview

A bitmap overview is presented in [Figure 1](#page-3-2). Basically the following sections are available:

- measurement data (green bits in registers 00_H till 05_H)
- sensor status and diagnostics (grey bits in registers 05_H, 06_H, 0E_H, 0F_H, 10_H and 11_H)
- configuration parameters such as the power mode (orange bits in registers 10_H , 11_H and 13_H)
- Wake Up values in registers (blue bits in registers 07_H till $0F_H$).

	$\overline{7}$	6	5		3	2	$\mathbf{1}$	Ω			$\overline{7}$	6	5	4	3	2	$\mathbf{1}$	Ω
$Bx(00_H)$					Bx (114)					ZH (OC_H)				ZH (114)				
					r										rw			
By (01_H)					By (114)					WU (OD_H)	WA	WU		XH(31)			XL(31)	
					r						r	rw		rw			rw	
$Bz(02_H)$					Bz (114)					TMode $(0E_H)$		TST		YH(31)			YL (31)	
					r							rw		rw			rw	
Temp (03_H)					Temp (114)					TPhase (OFH)		PH		ZH(31)			ZL(31)	
											rw			rw		rw		
$Bx2(04_H)$		Bx (30)				By (30)				Config (10_H)	DT	AM		TRIG	X ₂		TL_mag	CP
			r			r					rw	rw		rw	rw		rw	rw
Temp2 (05_H)		Temp (32)		ID		Bz (30)				MOD1 (11_H)	FP		IICadr	PR	CA	INT		MODE
											rw		rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw
Diag (06_H)		FF	CF	T.	PD ₃	PD ₀		FRM		Reserved (12H)				Reserved				
	r	r	r	r	r	r		.r .										
XL (07H)		XL (114)							MOD2 (13_H)		PRD				Reserved			
					rw							rw						
XH (08 _H)					XH (114)					Reserved (14 _H)				Reserved				
					rw													
YL (09 _H)					YL (114)					Reserved (15H)				Reserved				
					rw													
YH (OA_H)					YH (114)					Ver (16_H)		Reserved		Type			HWV	
					rw									r			r	
ZL (OB_H)					ZL (114)													
					rw													
Colour legend for the Bitmap																		
Magnetic values						Configuration				Diagnosis			Wake Up					
Temperature values Configuration bus									Reserved bits	Parity bits and related registers (colour)								

Figure 1 TLE493D-W2B6 Bitmap

The diagnostic register 06_H contains parity information as a diagnostic mechanism. The bitmap illustrates this and marks the relationship of the sections to this flags with different colored lines/frames around the bit contents.

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Table 1 Registers overview

1.2 Register descriptions

The I²C registers can be read or written at any time. It is recommended to read measurement data in a synchronized fashion, i.e. after an interrupt pulse (/INT). This avoids reading inconsistent sensor or diagnostic data, especially in fast mode. Additionally, several flags can be checked to ensure the register values are consistent and the ADC was not running at the time of readout.

1.2.1 Bit types

The TLE493D-W2B6 contains read bits, write bits and reserved bits.

Table 2 Bit Types

1.2.2 Measurement data and registers combined in the $I²C$ parity bit "P"

The I²C communication of the registers in this chapter is protected with the parity bit "P", described in the Diag register with the address 06_H . See also [Figure 1](#page-3-2) - parity bits and related registers.

To make sure all data is consistent, the registers from 00_H to 06_H should be read with the same I²C command. Otherwise, the sampled data (X, Y, Z, Temperature) may correspond to different conversion cycles.

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Temperature value MSBs

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1.2.3 Wake Up and registers combined in the I²C parity flag "CF"

The I²C communication of the registers in this chapter is protected by the parity bit [CF,](#page-15-0) which is described in the Diag register with the address 06_H . See also [Figure 1](#page-3-2) - parity bits and related registers.

Wake Up lower threshold MSBs

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Table 3 Test mode interaction of TST, PH and X2 bits

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1.2.4 Mode registers combined in the I^2C parity flag "FF"

The I²C communication of the registers in this chapter is protected with the parity bit "FF", described in the Diag register with the address 06_H . See also [Figure 1](#page-3-2) - parity bits and related registers.

Power mode, interrupt, address, parity

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Table 4 Device address overview

The addresses are selected to ensure a minimum Hamming distance of 4 between them.

1) See data sheet ordering information

Table 5 /INT (interrupt) and clock stretching

In case the microcontroller tries to read sensor data the clock stretching pulls the SCL /INT line to low, as long as the measurement and ADC-conversion is not finished.

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1.2.5 Diagnostic, status and version registers

The device provides diagnostic and status information in register 06 $_H$ and version information in register 16 $_H$.

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 $2 \t l^2C$ Interface

The TLE493D-W2B6 uses Inter-Integrated Circuit (I^2C) as the communication interface with the microcontroller.

The I²C interface has three main functions:

- Sensor configuration.
- Transmit measurement data.
- Interrupt handling.

This sensor provides two I²C read protocols:

- 16-bit read frame (μ C is driving data), so called [2-byte read command](#page-21-0).
- 8-bit read frame (μ C is driving data), so called [1-byte read command.](#page-21-1)

 2.1 l^2 C protocol description

The TLE493D-W2B6 provides one I²C write protocol, based on 2 bytes and two I²C read protocols. Default is the 2-byte read protocol. With the [PR](#page-12-7) bit it can be selected, if the 1-byte read protocol or the 2-byte read protocol is used.

2.1.1 General description

- The interface conforms to the I^2C fast mode specification (400kBit/sec max.), but can be driven faster according to the data sheet.
- The TLE493D-W2B6 does not support "repeated starts". Each addressing requires a start condition.
- The interface can be accessed in any power mode.
- The data transmission order is Most Significant Bit (MSB) first, Least Significant Bit (LSB) last.
- A I^2C communication is always initiated with a start condition and concluded with a stop condition by the master (microcontroller). During a start or stop condition the SCL line must stay "high" and the SDA line must change its state: SDA line falling = start condition and SDA line rising = stop condition.
- Bit transfer occur when the SCL line is "high".
- Each byte is followed by one ACK bit. The ACK bit is always generated by the recipient of each data byte. - If no error occurs during the data transfer, the ACK bit will be set to "low".
	- If an error occurs during the data transfer, the ACK bit will be set to "high".

2.1.2 I²C write command

Write ²C communication description:

- The purpose of the sensor address is to identify the sensor with which communication should occur. The sensor address byte is required independently of the number of sensors connected to the microcontroller.
- The register address identifies the register in the bitmap (according to [Figure 1\)](#page-3-3) with which the first data byte will be written.
- Data bytes are transmitted as long as the SCL line generates pulses. Each additional data byte increments the register address until the stop condition occurs.
- Bytes transmitted beyond the register address frame are ignored and the corresponding ACK bit is sent "high", indicating an error.

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The I²C write communication frame consists of:

- The start condition.
- The sensor address, according to [Table 4](#page-13-3).
- Write command bit = "low" (read = "high").
- Acknowledge ACK.
- Trigger bits, according to [Table 6.](#page-18-0)
- The register address, according to [Figure 1.](#page-3-3)
- Acknowledge ACK.
- Writing of one or several bytes to the sensor, each byte followed by an acknowledge ACK.
- The stop condition.

Figure 2 General I²C write frame format: Write data from microcontroller to sensor

Trigger bits in the I²C protocol

The trigger bits are used in Power Down Mode. The Power Down Mode is used in the Master Controlled Mode, when no measurement is running. Thus the trigger bits are relevant for the Master Controlled Mode as well.

For a more silent measurement environment it is recommended to separate the measurement and the communication by using the trigger bits = 100_B and communicate only between two measurements without any overlap of measurement and communication.

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Figure 3 ADC start before sending first MSB of data registers, l^2C trigger bits 010_B .

Figure 4 ADC start after I²C write frame is finished, I²C trigger bits 001_B .

Example I²C write communication

An example of a write communication is provided in [Figure 6](#page-20-2).

In this example the sensor with the address $6A_H / 6B_H$ (see [Table 4](#page-13-3)) should be configured for:

- Master Controlled Mode,
- /INT disabled,
- Clock stretching enabled,
- No trigger of a measurement.
- Other settings should be kept as is.

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Implementation:

- The microcontroller generates a start condition.
- Configuration changes can only be performed with a write command. The address for write operation of this sensor is $6A_H = 01101010_B$.
- If the sensor detects no error, the ACK = 0_B is transmitted back to the microcontroller.
- No measurement is performed if the trigger bits = 000_B .
- The register to change the required settings is 11_H according the bitmap [Figure 1](#page-3-3) = 10001_B.
- If the sensor detects no error, the ACK = 0_B is transmitted back to the microcontroller.
- The parity bit "FP" is the odd parity of the registers 11_H and 13_H (bits 7:5), see [FP](#page-12-8) register, thus it is not possible to quantify it in this example.
- The sensor address should not be changed, i.e. the sensor address $6A_H / 6B_H$ should be kept. Thus the [IICadr](#page-12-9) bits = 00_B , see **IICadr** registers.
- The 2-byte protocol should be kept as is. Thus the [PR](#page-12-7) bit = 0_R .
- In order to enable clock stretching and disable /INT the [CA](#page-12-10) bit must be set to 0_B and the [INT](#page-12-11) bit must be set to 1_B (see [Table 5](#page-13-4)).
- To use the Master Controlled Mode the [MODE](#page-13-5) bits must be set to 01_{R} .
- If the sensor detects no error the ACK = 0_B is transmitted back to the microcontroller.
- The microcontroller generates the stop condition.

Figure 6 Example I²C frame format 2-byte: Write data from microcontroller to sensor

2.1.3 I²C read commands

Read ²C communication description:

- The purpose of the sensor address is to identify the sensor with which communication should occur. The sensor address byte is required independently of the number of sensors connected to the microcontroller.
- Only available in the 2-byte read command: The register address identifies the register in the bitmap (according [Figure 1](#page-3-3)) from which the first data byte will be read. In the 1-byte read command the read out starts always at the register address 00_H .
- As many data bytes will be transferred as long as pulses are generated by the SCL line. Each additional data byte increments the register address. Until the stop condition occurs.
- If bytes are read beyond the register address frame the sensor keeps the SDA = 1_B .
- If the microcontroller reads data and does not acknowledge the sensor data (ACK = 1_B) the sensor keeps the SDA = 1_B until the next stop condition.

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2.1.3.1 2-byte read command

The I²C read communication frame consists of:

- The start condition.
- The sensor address, according to [Table 4](#page-13-3).
- Read command bit = "high" (write = "low").
- Acknowledge ACK.
- Trigger bits, according to [Table 6.](#page-18-0)
- The register address, according to [Figure 1.](#page-3-3)
- Acknowledge ACK.
- Reading of one or several bytes from the sensor, each byte followed by an acknowledge ACK.
- The stop condition.

2.1.3.2 1-byte read command

The 1-byte read mode can be entered, by configuring the [PR](#page-12-7) bit with an write communication. E.g. with the write cycle:

- start condition
- 6A_H (sensor address)
- 11_H (register address)
- $\text{XXX1 XXXX}_{\text{B}}$ ([PR](#page-12-7) bit = 1_B)
- stop condition

The I²C communication frame consists of:

- The start condition.
- The sensor address, according to [Table 4](#page-13-3).
- Read command bit = "high" (write = "low").
- Acknowledge ACK.
- Reading of one or several bytes from the sensor, each byte followed by an acknowledge ACK.
- The stop condition.

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Figure 8 General I²C frame format 1-byte: Read data from sensor to microcontroller

Example I²C 1-byte read communication

An example of a read communication is provided in [Figure 9](#page-22-0).

In this example, the sensor with the address $F0_H / F1_H$ (see [Table 4\)](#page-13-3) should read out the measurement values, registers 00_H - 05_H and the diagnostic register 06_H:

Implementation:

- The microcontroller generates a start condition.
- The address for read operation of this sensor is $F1_H = 11110001_B$. This address value must be transmitted by the microcontroller to the sensor.
- If the sensor detects no error, the ACK = 0_B is transmitted back to the microcontroller.
- The microcontroller must go on clocking the SCL line.
- The sensor transmits 8 data bits of register 00_H to the microcontroller.
- If the microcontroller detects no error the ACK = 0_B is transmitted back to the sensor.
- The microcontroller must go on clocking the SCL line.
- The sensor transmits 8 data bits of register 01_H to the microcontroller.
- ...
- After transmitting the register 06_H the microcontroller transmits a ACK.
- The microcontroller generates the stop condition.

Figure 9 Example I²C frame format 1-byte: Read data from sensor to microcontroller

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2.2 Collision avoidance and clock stretching

Using the configuration bits [CA](#page-12-10) and [INT](#page-12-11), collision avoidance and clock stretching can be configured. An overview is given in [Table 5](#page-13-4). An example without collision avoidance and clock stretching is shown in [Figure 10](#page-23-3). In this example:

- the sensor interrupt disturbs the I²C clock, causing an additional SCL pulse which shifts the data read out by one bit.
- the data read out starts when the ADC conversion is running.

Figure 10 Example without collision avoidance [CA](#page-12-10) bit = 1_B and [INT](#page-12-11) bit = 0_B

2.2.1 Collision avoidance [\(CA](#page-12-10) bit = 0_B and [INT](#page-12-11) bit = 0_B)

In a bus configuration combined with an activated interrupt signal /INT it must be assured, that during any communication no interrupt /INT occurs. With collision avoidance enabled, the sensor monitors for any start/stop condition, even if it does not detect a valid bus address. The interrupt signal /INT is omitted whenever a start condition is detected, as shown in [Figure 11,](#page-23-4) in contrast to [Figure 10](#page-23-3). Only after a stop condition is detected, the interrupt signal /INT is generated by the sensor.

It is strongly recommended to use the collision avoidance feature whenever the interrupt signal /INT is used.

Figure 11 Example with collision avoidance [CA](#page-12-10) bit = 0_B and [INT](#page-12-11) bit = 0_B

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2.2.2 Clock stretching [\(CA](#page-12-10) bit = 0_B and [INT](#page-12-11) bit = 1_B)

With the clock stretching feature, the data read out starts after the ADC conversion is finished. Thus it can be avoided that during an ADC conversion old or corrupted measurement results are read out, which may occur when the ADC is writing to a register while this is being read out by the microcontroller. The clock stretching feature is shown in [Figure 12](#page-24-2) in combination with a 1-byte read command. Clock stretching can also be used with a 2-byte read command.

The sensor pulls the SCL line to low during the following situation:

- An ADC conversion is in progress.
- The sensor is addressed for register read (writes are never affected by clock stretching).
- The sensor is about to transmit the valid ACK in response to the I²C addressing of the microcontroller.

Figure 12 Example with clock stretching [CA](#page-12-10) bit = 0_B and [INT](#page-12-11) bit = 1_B

2.3 Sensor reset by I^2C

If the microcontroller is reset, the communication with the sensor may be corrupted, possibly causing the sensor to enter an incorrect state. The sensor can be reset via the I^2C interface by sending the following command sequence from the microcontroller to the sensor:

- Start condition.
- sending FF_H ,
- stop condition.
- Start condition.
- sending FF_H ,
- stop condition.
- Start condition.
- sending 00_H ,
- stop condition.
- Start condition.
- sending 00_H ,
- stop condition.
- 30µs delay.

After a reset, the sensor must be reconfigured to the desired settings.

The reset sequence uses twice the identical data to assure a proper reset, even when an unexpected /INT pulse occurs.

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Spikes can be interpreted as bus signals causing an action. E.g. when the collision avoidance feature is active and if the SDA line spikes together with SCL line this could be interpreted as start condition, blocking further /INT pulses until a stop condition appears on the bus. In such a case the sensor must be reset in order to initialize it. If the sensor does not respond after the reset, it must be considered defective.

Such spikes may occur as the sensor powers up. Because of this we recommend to using the reset sequence after each power up before configuring the sensor.

If the microcontroller resets during an ongoing I²C communication, the SDA line could get stuck low. This would block the I²C bus and is a well-known limitation of the I²C interface. To recover from this situation please use the reset sequence described in this chapter.

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2.4 Sensor Initialization and Readout example

To ensure that both the microcontroller and the sensor are synchronized and properly initialized, it is recommended to apply the I^2C reset and upload the fuse and Wake Up register settings each time the microcontroller is reset, see [Figure 13](#page-26-1).

Figure 13 Microcontroller software flowchart for TLE493D-W2B6

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2.5 Loss of V_{DD} impact on I²C bus

If the SDA or SCL line is pulled "low" and the sensor is disconnected from the V_{DD} supply line, the affected I²C line will most likely get a stuck in the Low state and will interfere with the communication on the bus.

Figure 14 Example of 1^2C bus and a TLE493D-W2B6 with disconnected V_{DD}

When V_{DD} is pulled to GND the SDA and SCL line will not disturb the bus.

Wake Up mode

3 Wake Up mode

The Wake Up mode (or short WU mode) is intended to be used together with the automated sensor modes (e.g. Low Power mode or Fast mode). In principle, it works with the Master Controlled mode as well, but it might not really be useful there because a controlled trigger usually implies the need to acquire a new measurement.

This WU mode can be used to allow the sensor to continue making magnetic field measurements while the µC is in the power-down state, which means the microcontroller will only consume power and access the sensor if relevant measurement data is available. This can be done either by using static thresholds (e.g. for applications where only movements of magnets away from a default position are relevant) or by using dynamic thresholds (where any movement over a specific uncertainty limit should be detected once). The figure below illustrates these two cases.

Figure 15 Static or Dynamic Wake Up Threshold Operation of the TLE493D-W2B6

This dynamic WU mode operation offers another option which is particularly useful in Fast mode with limited I^2C bus capabilities and/or low bit rates. In this case, the WU mode can act as a "data filter" to reduce the bus load by preventing sensor data from being read that does not change significantly. So due to an interrupt, the new WU levels are adapted to the actual value read (for each X, Y, Z channel individually). This provides low latencies for detecting changes but reduces interrupts caused by similar values. If the collision avoidance feature is also used, the readout may take even longer than one conversion time (but this readout speed adds to the overall signal latency as well). As the thresholds also need to be set, a complete data read and set of new WU thresholds is not even feasible with the fastest specified bit rate within one sensor sample time in Fast mode.

The next figure illustrates this more clearly:

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Figure 16 Dynamic Wake Up Threshold Operation of the TLE493D-W2B6 for Bandwidth Reduction

To sum this up, we can state that this dynamic WU mode operation together with the Fast mode set allows detecting and reading significant value changes with low latency, even if the bit rate of the I²C cannot be set fast enough to read the data for each set of sensor data generated.

3.1 Wake Up activation

The Wake Up function can be activated with the [WU](#page-8-5) bit and by modifying at least one of the Wake Up threshold registers of address 07_H to $0F_H$, see [Chapter 1.2.3.](#page-7-5)

Please note that the Wake Up registers cover bit 11 to bit 1. Bit 0 is not accessible, but internally set with 0_B to get a 12-bit value, for comparison with the 12-bit magnetic field value registers Bx, By and Bz.

3.2 Wake Up constraints

The Wake Up threshold range disabling /INT pulses between upper threshold and lower threshold is limited to a window of the half output range.

This window itself can be moved inside the full output range, as illustrated in [Figure 17.](#page-30-1)

Equation (3.1)

"Make Up upper threshold"
$$
_D
$$
 > "Make Up lower threshold" $_D$

Equation (3.2)

"Wake Up upper threshold"_D - "Wake Up lower threshold"_D < 2048_DLSB₁₂

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Figure 17 Wake Up enable and disable range examples

3.3 Wake Up in combination with the angular mode

In angular mode, see [DT](#page-11-1) and [AM](#page-11-2) bit, the

- "Wake Up Y upper threshold" must be written to the registers $0C_H$ and $0F_H$ (5 ... 3) (ZH in [Figure 1\)](#page-3-3).
- "Wake Up Y lower threshold" must be written to the registers $0B_H$ and $0F_H$ (3 ... 1) (ZL in [Figure 1\)](#page-3-3).

Diagnostic and tests

4 Diagnostic and tests

The sensor TLE493D-W2B6 provides diagnostic functions and test functions:

- Diagnostic functions [Chapter 4.1:](#page-31-1) These functions are running in the background, providing results, which can be checked by the microcontroller for the verification of the measurement results.
- Test functions **[Chapter 4.2:](#page-32-0)** These functions are only executed by the sensor following a request by the microcontroller. The test functions provides test values instead of measurement values, which can be used to check if the sensor is working properly.

4.1 Diagnostic functions

To ensure the integrity of received data the following diagnostic functions are available.

4.1.1 Parity bits and parity flags

Parity bits:

- [FP](#page-12-8) (mode parity bit)
- [CP](#page-11-3) (Wake Up and configuration parity bit)
- P (bus parity bit)

Parity flags:

- [FF](#page-15-3) (mode parity flag)
- [CF](#page-15-4) (Wake Up and configuration parity flag)

4.1.2 Test mode

The device is in test mode, this is indicated by the T register (Diag register 06 $_H$ bit 4).

4.1.3 Power-down flags

During measurements and during ADC conversion, the sensor monitors if the supply voltage is correct and if the conversion is finished. This is indicated by the **PD3** and **PD0** registers.

4.1.4 Frame Counter

The frame counter [FRM](#page-15-8) registers is incremented by one when a conversion is completed.

4.1.5 Device address

The TLE493D-W2B6 can be ordered with different default addresses. This device address can be read out with the **IICadr** registers.

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4.2 Test functions

The TLE493D-W2B6 includes three test functions which can be activated by the microcontroller, using the [TST](#page-9-4) registers in combination with the **PH** registers:

- Vhall/Vext test: checks the whole signal path from sensor to microcontroller [Chapter 4.2.1.](#page-32-1)
- Spintest: checks all Spin-switches, the Hall-offset and the ADC-offset [Chapter 4.2.2](#page-33-1).
- SAT-test: checks the whole digital path from sensor to microcontroller [Chapter 4.2.3](#page-36-0).

4.2.1 Vhall/Vext test mode

This test checks the whole signal path, including the Hall plates, Hall biasing, multiplexer, ADC, data registers, oscillator, power management unit, interface, and the bandgap reference voltage. It also detects whether any Hall switch for the spinning (also known as chopping) is open or short.

4.2.1.1 Test description

Instead of measuring the actual Hall voltages on the probe (which depend on the external magnetic field), a measurement cycle is performed where a voltage drop across the Hall probes is measured. For the temperature sensor, an external voltage (via the V_{DD} pin) is connected.

As the voltage drop across the Hall probes and the external voltage is known, any unexpected output would detect a malfunctioning of the internal Hall biasing or the signal path.

This test should be executed in module production test first. The values generated in this first test should be compared, if inside the limits listed in [Table 7](#page-33-3) and stored on module level. During module life time this stored values should be compared with additional life time tests and compared, if the values are inside the limits listed in [Table 7.](#page-33-3)

4.2.1.2 Test implementation

The test is performed as described below:

- Set the [TST](#page-9-4) registers according to Vhall/Vext test.
- Trigger a new measurement.
- Read the value of Bx, By, Bz and Temp.

Vhall test:

- Check that Bx, By, Bz and T have values inside the limits of [Table 7.](#page-33-3)
- Testing one voltage reference is sufficient to cover the Vhall test.

Vext test:

- Make the microcontroller aware of the V_{DD} -pin voltage.
- Convert the Temp registers (11 ... 2) to Vext (11 ... 0) by multiplying the 10-bit Temp registers by 4_p .
- Check that the Vext value corresponds to the values listed in [Table 7.](#page-33-3)

After the test:

• Continue with another test or leave the test mode by setting the [TST](#page-9-4) registers accordingly.

Timing

- Typ. 0.5 ms are required for this implementation at an I^2C interface baud rate of 400 kbit/s.
- Typ. 0.3 ms are required for this implementation at an l^2C interface baud rate of 1 Mbit/s.

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4.2.1.3 Test reference values

The test limits are different for production and life time. Both is shown in [Table 7](#page-33-3) and illustrated in [Figure 18.](#page-33-4)

Figure 18 Vhall/Vext diagnostic limits vs. lifetime

4.2.2 Spintest mode

This test checks the correct spinning (also known as chopping) of all four phases of a Hall probe for the three channels Bx, By and Bz of the sensor and that the Hall probes offset and the ADC offset is within specified limits. Also offers diagnostic coverage for the multiplexer, ADC, oscillator and power management unit. Limited coverage for the biasing, registers and interface as well.

4.2.2.1 Test description

In a magnetic measurement run, the result of the four spins is:

Equation (4.1)

$$
4V_H + (2V_{0h} - 2V_{0h} + 2V_{0a} - 2V_{0a}) = 4V_H
$$

- V_H is the voltage at the Hall probes
- \cdot V_{Oh} is the voltage offset at the Hall probes
- V_{Oa} is the voltage offset at the ADC

By spinning the measurement four times at the Hall probes, the Hall offset and the ADC offset are eliminated in magnetic measurements. The Spintest can be used to measure these offsets.

The PH register selects, which Hall probe is measured by the Spintest, see [Table 3](#page-10-3). This Hall probe is then measured four times, and every time another spinning phase is disregarded, see [Figure 19](#page-34-0). Thus, four results are stored in the registers Bx (11 ... 0), By (11 ... 0), Bz (11 ... 0) and T (11 ... 2).

The ADC offset can be measured with $PH = 11_B$. In this Spintest, the ADC compares the temperature sensor with an internal reference voltage. During the test, the temperature and the reference are swapped (setting1 and

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setting2). The offset of the ADC can be calculated according to **Equation (4.5)**. The temperature, including the offset, can be calculated according to **Equation (4.4)**.

Each Spintest Bx, By, Bz and T has the same duration as a measurement cycle consisting of a Bx, By, Bz and T measurement.

Figure 19 Spintest concept of one Hall probe, please see also [Table 3](#page-10-3)

Disabling the first or the forth phase leads to the following result:

Equation (4.2)

$$
3V_H + (1V_{0h} - 2V_{0h} + 1V_{0a} - 2V_{0a}) = 3V_H - 1V_{0h} - 1V_{0a}
$$

Disabling the second or the third phase leads to the following result:

Equation (4.3)

$$
3V_H + (2V_{0h} - 1V_{0h} + 2V_{0a} - 1V_{0a}) = 3V_H + 1V_{0h} + 1V_{0a}
$$

Spintest magnetic field calculation:

Equation (4.4)

$$
B_{X,Y,Z(Spin)} = \frac{B_X(11...0) + B_Y(11...0) + B_Z(11...0) + 4 \cdot Temp(11...2)}{3}
$$

Spintest offset calculation:

Equation

$$
V_{Oh} = \frac{B_X(11...0) + 4 \cdot Temp(11...2) - B_Y(11...0) - B_Z(11...0)}{4} + 512
$$
(4.5)

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4.2.2.2 Test implementation

The test is performed as described below:

- Set the [TST](#page-9-4) registers according "no test".
- Read and store the values of Bx, By and Bz of any magnetic measurement.
- Set the [TST](#page-9-4) registers according Spintest.
- Set the [PH](#page-9-5) registers to 00_B to test the Bx Hall probe.
- Trigger a new measurement.
- Read the value of Bx, By, Bz and Temp. Please note: The Temp (11 ... 2) needs to be multiplied by 4_n to get the 12-bit Temp-value.
- Calculate the offset with **[Equation \(4.5\)](#page-34-1)** and check against the values listed in [Table 8](#page-35-2).
- For a proper test result the magnetic field must be stable during the test. This can be checked by calculating the magnetic field from the Spintest with **[Equation \(4.4\)](#page-34-2)** and comparing the result with the latest "no test" measurement. If a difference in value is identified, the test can be run again to discard that the fault is due to a change of the magnetic field (instead of a chip fault).
- Repeat the last five steps [\(PH](#page-9-5) setting, measurement trigger, value read out, ...) with [PH](#page-9-5) registers incrementing to 01_B , 10_B and 11_B , according [Table 3](#page-10-3).

After the test:

Continue with another test or leave the test mode by setting the [TST](#page-9-4) registers accordingly.

Timing

- Typ. 2.3 ms are required for this implementation at an l^2C interface baud rate of 400 kbits/s.
- Typ. 1.4 ms are required for this implementation at an l^2C interface baud rate of 1 Mbit/s.

4.2.2.3 Test reference values

The test limits are different for production and life time. Both is shown in [Table 8](#page-35-2) and illustrated in [Figure 20](#page-36-3). The spintest should be executed during the module production test first. The offset values [\(Equation \(4.5\)\)](#page-34-1) generated in the first test should be compared to make sure that they are inside the limits specified in [Table 8](#page-35-2), section "Module production test" and stored on module level. During module lifetime these stored values must be compared in an additional Spintest to check if the values are inside the limits listed in [Table 8](#page-35-2), section "Temperature and lifetime drift".

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Figure 20 Spintest diagnostic limits vs. lifetime

4.2.3 SAT-test mode

This test checks the whole digital signal path from sensor to microcontroller. This includes the ADC's digital core, the data register, the l^2C interface and the l^2C bus as well.

4.2.3.1 Test description

This test checks the Successive Approximation and Tracking (SAT) mechanism used for the four spin phases of each data channel (Hall probes and temperature sensor).

The results, listed in [Table 3](#page-10-3) are outside of the specified linear range for Hall values and temperature. Thus, it is possible to easily distinguish between values from the test mode and values from normal operation. An unintended enabling of the test can therefore be identified.

4.2.3.2 Test implementation

The test is performed as described below:

- Set the test register **TST** accordingly.
- Select one combination of [PH](#page-9-5) and [X2](#page-11-4) register out of [Table 3.](#page-10-3) Please note: One combination is sufficient for a valid SAT-test.
- Trigger a new measurement.
- Read the values of Bx, By, Bz and Temp and compare if they are inside the limits specified in[Table 3](#page-10-3).

After the test:

Continue with another test or leave the test mode by setting the **[TST](#page-9-4)** registers accordingly.

Timing

This test requires one write command with three data bytes and one readout with seven data bytes and the measurement run time. The readouts may take place immediately after a new diagnostic is set and the measurement is triggered.

- Typ. 0.5 ms are required for this implementation at an I^2C interface baud rate of 400 kbit/s.
- Typ. 0.3 ms are required for this implementation at an I^2C interface baud rate of 1 Mbit/s.

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4.3 Magnetic measurement implementation

A magnetic measurement can be performed as described below:

- Set the [TST](#page-9-4) registers according "no test".
- Trigger a measurement.
- Read the value of Bx, By, Bz and Temp. Please note: The Temp (11 ... 2) needs to be multiplied by 4_D to get the 12-bit Temp-value.

Timing

- Typ. 0.5 ms are required for this implementation at an I^2C interface baud rate of 400 kbit/s.
- Typ. 0.3 ms are required for this implementation at an l^2C interface baud rate of 1 Mbit/s.

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