iC-PMX

ENERGY HARVESTING MULTITURN COUNTER/ENCODER

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FEATURES

- \triangleleft Gearless and batteryless revolution counter
- \triangle Energy harvesting through Wiegand pulses¹
- \triangleq Integrated Hall switch for direction detection
- ♦ Evaluation of Pt1000 sensor output for high accuracy gas meter applications
- ♦ SPI interface to external nonvolatile RAM
- ç Independent SPI interface to microcontroller (configuration and data exchange)
- ♦ 4 low-noise Hall sensors with differential analog output
- \triangleq Electrical Wiegand wire excitation for synchronization with singleturn data
- \triangle Runt pulse tolerant counting algorithm
- ç All accessory components are off-the-shelf products

APPLICATIONS

- ◆ Multiturn encoders
- ♦ Absolute end-of-shaft encoders
- \triangle Absolute hollow shaft encoders
- ◆ Absolute linear encoders
- \triangle Period counters
- \triangleleft Gas meters
- \triangleleft Liquid flow meters
- ♦ Encapsulated flow meters

PACKAGES

5 mm x 5 mm RoHS compliant

QFN48 7 mm x 7 mm RoHS compliant

 1 Devices and processes for energy harvesting by Wiegand wire within position encoders are protected by several worldwide patents, see notes on page 2.

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DESCRIPTION

iC-PMX uses a Wiegand wire to generate the electrical energy for acquiring, processing and storing the absolute position of any number of periods of the magnetic field. This energy harvesting capacity is supplemented with a singleturn sensor module for high resolutions and a special placement and electrical processing of the enclosed Hall sensors.

Additionally a temperature module can be connected to allow the precise calculation of gas volume in flow meters.

iC-PMX has an operating temperature range of up to 125 °C and is suitable for measuring at high speed.

Typical applications are highly integrated energy autonomous magnetic absolute encoders and metering applications. The absolute encoders can replace established gear or battery buffered solutions.

Note: Devices and processes for energy harvesting by Wiegand wire within position encoders are protected by several worldwide patents of the inventors Dr. Walter Mehnert and Dr. Thomas Theil (called MT patents) and require a license issued by the corresponding patent holders. iC-Haus is allowed to deliver iC-PMX to the licensees of MT patents.

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PIN FUNCTIONS

IC top marking: <P-CODE> = product code, <A-CODE> = assembly code (subject to changes), <D-CODE> = date code (subject to changes). The backside pad has to be connected to GND on the PCB.

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PIN CONFIGURATION QFN48 7 mm x 7 mm

PIN FUNCTIONS

No. Name Function

1 n/c ¹

- 2 VWC Cap CVWC
- 3 W1 Wiegand Module Pin 1
- 4 W2 Wiegand Module Pin 2
- 5 VDD Supply Voltage for Singleturn Hall
- 6 VCC Supply Voltage (5V)
- 7 CP Cap CD Pin P
- 8 CN Cap CD Pin N
- 9 GND Ground
- 10 C0 Configuration
- 11 n/c ¹
- 12 $n/c¹$

15 C1 Configuration 16 C2 Configuration 17 C3 Configuration 18 MISOR FRAM Interface, Master Data Input 19 NCSR FRAM Interface, Chip Select 20 NRSTR FRAM Interface, Reset 21 SCKR FRAM Interface, Clock 22 MOSIR FRAM Interface, Master Data Output 23 n/c ¹ 24 n/c ¹ 25 n/c^1
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30 PTS Thermometer Sense Pin **Thermometer Sense Pin** 31 PTN Thermometer Negative Supply 32 HOP Hall Output positive (Singleturn Hall) 33 HON Hall Output negative (Singleturn Hall) 34 VUP Supply Voltage for µP I/O 35 INT Bias Current 36 $n/c¹$ 37 n/c ¹ 38 $n/c¹$ 39 n/c ¹ 40 SH Switch Hall MCU (Singleturn Hall) 41 NCS Serial Interface MCU, Chip Select 42 SCK Serial Interface MCU, Clock 43 MOSI Serial Interface MCU, Slave Data Input 44 MISO Serial Interface MCU, Slave Data Output 45 RDY Data Ready MCU 46 VUP Supply Voltage for MCU I/O 47 $n/c¹$ 48 $n/c¹$

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13 $n/c¹$ 14 n/c ¹

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 $¹$ Pin numbers marked n.c. are not connected.</sup>

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PACKAGE DIMENSIONS QFN32 5 mm x 5 mm

All dimensions given in mm. Size of hall sensors: 140µm x 140µm. Tolerance of sensor pattern: ±0.10mm / ±1° (with respect to center of backside pad). Tolerance of package center: ±0.05mm (with respect to center of backside pad). Tolerances of form and position according to JEDEC MO-220.

dra_qfn32-5x5-6_pm_pack_1, 10:1

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PACKAGE DIMENSIONS QFN48 7 mm x 7 mm

All dimensions given in mm. Size of hall sensors: 140µm x 140µm. Tolerance of sensor pattern: ±0.10mm / ±1° (with respect to center of backside pad). Tolerance of package center: ±0.05mm (with respect to center of backside pad). Tolerances of form and position according to JEDEC MO-220.

drb_qfn48-2_pm_pack_1, 8:1

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Beyond these values damage may occur; device operation is not guaranteed.

Operating Conditions: VCC = 4.5...5.5 V, VUP = 3.0...VCC

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

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OPERATION AT POWER-UP

Figure 1: Power-up Octants

At power-up, the accompanying MCU (e.g. iC-TW14) reads the accumulated multiturn position (including the last PP and DIR values) from the iC-PMX (see [Tab. 15](#page-26-2) in chapter [FRAM ACCESS\)](#page-26-3) and calculates the angle (θ) of the magnet. This information allows the MCU to determine whether the multiturn position is correct as read or needs to be adjusted due to runt pulses immediately prior to power-up.

When the power-up angle of the magnet θ is near a Wiegand pulse point and the last pulse polarity and direction indicate that a runt pulse may have occurred, the switched current ramp generator in the iC-PMX is used to determine rotation direction and whether the multiturn position must be corrected.

The switched current ramp generator works by injecting current into the coil of the Wiegand sensor to induce a pulse. Both positive and negative currents can be specified, depending on the power-up angle.

[Fig. 2](#page-14-1) shows a current ramp to test for a positive Wiegand pulse. The blue trace is the Wiegand coil voltage (W1) and the yellow trace is the pulse-produced voltage (VWC).

The peak voltage of the current ramp is determined by the WI(1:0) register value and the electrical characteristics of the Wiegand module coil. The duration of the ramp is determined by the RAMP(3:2) parameter. All of these parameters are explained in chapter [WIEGAND MODULE EXCITATION](#page-23-4) and must be set to match the Wiegand module used and the specific application requirements.

In an end-of-shaft application, the power-up angle of the magnet θ can be calculated by using the singleturn Hall sensors as explained in chapter [POSITION OF](#page-21-2) [THE HALL SENSORS AND SIGNAL PROCESSING.](#page-21-2) It is convenient to divide the angle θ into octants. [Fig. 1](#page-14-2) shows the power-up octants labeled in lower-case Roman numerals.

The Wiegand pulse points are in octant i, iv, v and viii, and the blackout area of the phase sequence Hall switch is around 90° and 270° (octant ii, iii, vi and vii).

The switched current ramp generator is used when the power-up angle is in octants i, iv, v, and viii - and is not used in octants ii, iii, vi, and vii, to avoid the phase sequence Hall switch blackout area (see [Tab. 1\)](#page-15-0).

The recommended power-up logic for the MCU is shown in [Fig. 3.](#page-15-1) After any required correction, the multiturn position will then be correct as of the power-up instant.

Figure 2: Positive Switched Current Ramp

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Figure 3: MCU Power-up Logic

When the power-up position of the magnet is in one of the octants opposite the last pulse point, the switched current ramp generator is used to determine the past rotation direction and adjust the multiturn count accordingly, as shown in [Tab. 1.](#page-15-0)

Switched Current Ramp Usage						
Last Pulse DIR PP Point			Power-up Octant	Ramp Polarity RAMP(0)		
\cdot			iv			
			v			
Κ						
			viii			
			viii			
М			iv			

Table 1: Switched Current Ramp Usage

After the current ramp is over, the multiturn position is read again and corrected if necessary. In some cases, inducing a Wiegand pulse using the switched current ramp generator causes the necessary multiturn position correction in the FRAM. In other cases the multiturn position must be corrected by the MCU, as shown in [Tab. 2.](#page-15-2) When the switched current ramp generator is not necessary, the multiturn position does not need to be read again, but it still must be corrected according [Tab. 2.](#page-15-2)

Table 2: Multiturn Position Correction at Power-up

Note: The multiturn position must only be corrected in the MCU, the iC-PMX/FRAM will automatically adjust its multiturn position at the next Wiegand point as explained previously.

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SELF-SUSTAINED OPERATION MODE SELECTION

iC-PMX can save the period information in a standard SPI NVRAM or in a data processing FRAM. The pins C0, C1, C2 and C3 are used to choose between the FRAM interfaces and the operating modes of iC-PMX. The pins must be tied to VRAM or GND.

Table 3: FRAM Selection

Table 4: Counter Operating Mode

Table 5: Magnetic Field Measurement

Table 6: Magnetic Field Evaluation

¹ Detailed information available on request.

² For iC-PMX 4: Please read the design review on page [30.](#page-29-1)

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SPI SLAVE INTERFACE

Table 7: iC-PMX SPI Configuration Register Overview

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General Protocol Description

SPI modes 0 and 3 are supported, i.e. data is captured on the rising edge of SCK and the idle polarity of SCK is insignificant. Data is sent byte-by-byte with the MSB first. Each data transmission begins with the master sending an opcode. MISO is in high impedance state if NCS is high and it stays in high impedance state until a read command is received. This allows to connect MISO and MOSI to realize a 3-wire SPI interface.

The opcodes 0x20 to 0x24 are used to set configuration parameters in iC-PMX. This is done by sending the opcode followed by 8 bit configuration data as shown in [Fig. 4.](#page-18-1) The 3 least significant bits of the opcode are used to select the address in the configuration memory. The parameter values are stored when the 16th rising edge of SCK is received.

NCS	
SCK	
	MOSI (0) (0) (1) (0) (1) (0)

Figure 4: 16-bit Set Commands

The opcodes 0x28 to 0x2f are used to read data from iC-PMX. This is done by sending the opcode and providing 8 additional clocks on SCK as shown in [Fig. 5.](#page-18-2) The 3 least significant bits of the opcode are used to select the address in the configuration memory. Output pin MISO leaves its high impedance state on the first falling edge of SCK after the opcode was received.

Figure 5: 16-bit Read Commands

The opcodes 0x10 to 0x1f are single byte commands to configure the most important singleturn Hall sensor parameters (see [Fig. 6\)](#page-18-3).

Figure 6: Singleturn Hall Output Selection

The opcode 0x30 is used to read the revolution counter data from the FRAM. The available data is explained in chapter [FRAM ACCESS](#page-26-3) on [page 27.](#page-26-3)

OPCODES	
Code	Description
$0x10-0x1f$	SELH (Select Hall Output Signal for Differential Output HOP/HON)
0x20	Set Singleturn Configuration
0x21	Set Switched Current Ramp Parameter
0x22	Set BIAS and WI Parameter
0x23	Set TEST1 Parameter
0x24	Set TEST2 Parameter
0x28	Read Singleturn Configuration
0x29	Read Switched Current Ramp Status
0x2a	Read BIAS and WI Parameter
0x2h	Read TFST1 Parameter
0x2c	Read TEST2 Parameter
0x2e	Read Status
0x2f	Read Device Revision
0x30	Read POS

Table 8: OPCODE Summary

DEVICE CALIBRATION AND SYSTEM DIAGNOSIS

BIAS Parameter

The BIAS parameter in each iC-PMX device should be calibrated to ensure accurate switched current ramp parameters and optimal operation of the singleturn sensors. It may vary from device to device. The best fitting BIAS parameter should be stored in the MCU's nonvolatile memory for later usage.

Opcode 0x22 is used to set the BIAS parameter. Valid values are shown in [Tab. 9.](#page-19-3) The current source I(INT) is driving pin INT of the QFN48 packages and can also be connected to pin HOP. The nominal value of the current source is 100 μA. Its value is measured with a 10kΩ resistor against pin VDD.

Send opcode 0x23 with parameter 0x18 to connect I(INT) with pin HOP. Send opcode 0x23 with parameter 0x00 to quit this test mode.

The current setting of the BIAS parameter can be read with opcode 0x2a.

Table 9: BIAS Parameter

Device Revision

Opcode 0x2f is used to read the device revision.

Table 10: Device Revision

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Notification of Wiegand Pulses

iC-PMX can send a notification of Wiegand pulses via the SPI slave interface. This is realized by sending a 16-bit read command which is paused after the 11th clock cycle. The required opcode is 0x2e. The default state of the pin MISO is low and it changes to high during each Wiegand pulse.

Figure 7: SPI Communication to Enable Wiegand Pulse Notification

Figure 8: Wiegand Pulse Notification Through MISO Pin

End of Switched Current Ramp Detection The status of the switched current ramp generator can be read through the SPI slave interface. This can be used to detect when the current ramp has finished.

See chapter [WIEGAND MODULE EXCITATION](#page-23-4) on [page 24](#page-23-4) for details.

Pin RDY: Data Ready

Pin RDY results in high state when V(VDD) and V(VCC) are above the brownout detection threshold voltage, and the power-up startup routine has finished, and the FRAM feedthrough mode is not enabled.

When pin RDY is low, the output drivers for the singleturn sensors are in high-impedance state.

When RDY is low (or high impedance), data obtained with the SPI command Read POS shall be disregarded.

See section [Singleturn Sensors](#page-22-4) on [page 23](#page-22-4) and chapter [WIEGAND PULSE PROCESSING](#page-24-1) on [page 25](#page-24-1) for details.

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POSITION OF THE HALL SENSORS AND SIGNAL PROCESSING

Figure 9: Position of the Hall Sensors

Phase Sequence Hall Switch

Hall data for the Wiegand pulse evaluation is acquired with the sensors H4 and H5 (see [Fig. 9\)](#page-21-3). Dimensional drawings for the two packages can be found on [page 6](#page-5-1) and [7.](#page-6-1) Those Hall sensors are evaluated when a Wiegand pulse occurs to detect the rotation direction.

The customer can not observe the magnetic field strength at sensor H4 and H5 directly, but the field strength can be derived from the magnetic field strength of the singleturn Hall sensors H0 to H3:

$$
H_4 = H_1 + \frac{H_3 - H_1 + H_2 - H_0}{28}
$$

$$
H_5 = H_3 - \frac{H_3 - H_1 + H_2 - H_0}{28}
$$

iC-PMX can measure the differential magnetic field strength between the Hall sensors H4 and H5 or the absolute magnetic field strength at Hall sensor H4. Pin C2 is used to choose between those two options. (See [page 17:](#page-16-3) Set C2=0 for differential measurement.)

Figure 10: Sensor Principle

The magnetic field strength is amplified and compared against three internal thresholds (see Elec. Char. [401,](#page-9-2) [402,](#page-9-1) [403\)](#page-9-3). Pin C3 is used to select the desired magnetic polarity thresholds.[1](#page-21-4)

The rotation direction depends on the Wiegand pulse polarity and the threshold Ht() if pin C3 is low. (See [Fig. 11,](#page-21-5) the magnetic field strength during the sensor evaluation must be outside of the specified threshold limits, otherwise the signal has an arbitrary value.)

If pin C3 is high, the rotation direction depends on the thresholds Ht()pos, Ht()neg and the Wiegand pulse polarity. The threshold Ht()neg is used to determine the rotation direction while the Wiegand pulse polarity is negative (PP = 0). The threshold Ht()pos is used to determine the rotation direction while the Wiegand pulse polarity is positive ($PP = 1$). [Fig. 12](#page-21-6) shows the required magnetic field strength for pin C2=0 and pin C3=1.

 1 For iC-PMX 4: Please read the design review on [page 30.](#page-29-1)

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Figure 13: Hall Amplifier Output Voltages

Singleturn Sensors

The singleturn Hall sensors (H0, H1, H2, H3) are arranged in a circle with a diameter of 3.25 mm, which is placed in the center of the package as shown on [page 6](#page-5-1) and on [page 7.](#page-6-1) [Fig. 9](#page-21-3) shows the position of the Hall sensors with respect to the Pin 1 mark.

The singleturn sensors are temporarily disabled while VDD or VCC are below VDDOK (brownout protection).

If a magnetic south pole comes close to the surface of the package, the resulting magnetic field has a positive component in the +z direction (i.e. from the top of the package). This results in an increase of the voltage difference between HOP and HON during the measurement phases 0 and 2. In the measurement phases 1 and 3 it results in a decrease of the voltage difference (see [Fig. 13\)](#page-22-5). The common mode voltage of HOP and HON is V(VUP)/2.

Four measurements with constant amplifier gain should be done for each Hall sensor to remove first and second order offset errors. This results in 16 A/D values which can be reduced to two linearly independent quantities:

$$
Q_0 = (H0, 0 - H0, 1) + (H0, 2 - H0, 3)
$$

- ((H2, 0 - H2, 1) + (H2, 2 - H2, 3))

$$
Q_1 = (H3, 0 - H3, 1) + (H3, 2 - H3, 3)
$$

- ((H1, 0 - H1, 1) + (H1, 2 - H1, 3))

 Q_0 is proportional to sin(α) and Q_1 is proportional to $cos(\alpha)$ if the magnetic field is generated by a diametrically magnetized, cylindrical permanent magnet as shown in [Fig. 10.](#page-21-7)

Singleturn Hall Output Selection

The opcodes 0x10 to 0x1f can be used to choose the singleturn Hall sensor voltage which can be measured between the pins HOP and HON.

These commands are executed when the rising edge of NCS is received. This is visualized in [Fig. 6](#page-18-3) by the signal change on HOP/HON. The value of OP1 and OP0 selects the measurement phase, the value of OP3 and OP2 selects the Hall sensor (see [Tab. 11\)](#page-22-6).

OPCODE 0x100x1f	
	OP3OP2 Select Hall sensor (03)
	OP1OP0 Select measurement phase (03)

Table 11: Fast Hall Sensor Selection

Combined Singleturn Gain and Output Selection

Opcode 0x20 must be used if the Hall amplifier should be disabled or its gain has to be changed. [Tab. 12](#page-22-7) shows the coding of the singleturn parameters within the data byte. The gain is changed straightaway with the 16th rising edge of SCK, the output selection is changed when the rising edge of NCS is received.

Table 12: Singleturn Parameters

Switching the Singleturn Output Selection via Pin SH

Pin SH can be used to change the singleturn output selection, if pin NCS is high.

An internal state machine switches to the next output selection whenever the voltage on pin SH changes. The sequence of output selections is fixed and documented in [Fig. 13.](#page-22-5) The minimum delay between switching commands is 100 ns, as documented in Elec. Char., section Timing Parameter SPI Slave Interface. The active output selection can be read with opcode 0x28. It is also possible to set an arbitrary start value with the SPI commands.

WIEGAND MODULE EXCITATION

A Wiegand wire is a ferromagnetic material with hysteresis. Its behavior during the switched current ramp is slightly different depending on the previously applied magnetic field. The slew rate of the current ramp accentuates this nonlinearity. [Fig. 14](#page-23-5) shows such a nonlinearity excited by a high current slew rate.

Figure 14: Nonlinearity of V(VWC) during a Current Ramp

However, since the switched current ramp parameters are usually calculated based on the resistance of the Wiegand module, some margin should be provided to compensate for the nonlinearity.

Switched Current Ramp Parameters

Opcode 0x21 is used to start a Wiegand wire excitation. Valid parameters are described in [Tab. 13](#page-23-6) and [Tab. 14.](#page-23-7) This function is used to determine if the Wiegand wire is pre-charged. A current ramp is applied to the coil around the Wiegand wire. This generates an additional magnetic field, which can trigger a Wiegand pulse if the Wiegand wire is pre-charged. The current direction determines the polarity of the additional magnetic field (see [Fig. 15\)](#page-23-8).

The duration of the switched current ramp and the maximum current must be selected suitable for the chosen Wiegand module. The voltage slew rate during the current ramp is determined by the above parameters and the Wiegand module's electrical properties. Its worst case value should be below the allowed slew rate during current ramps (see Elec. Char. [204,](#page-8-1) [page 9\)](#page-8-1).

Table 13: Switched Current Ramp Parameters 1/2

Table 14: Switched Current Ramp Parameters 2/2

Note: During the execution of the switched current ramp, Wiegand pulses of same polarity as the ramp are detected by iC-PMX. The switched current ramp must not be executed when a pulse with the opposite polarity may occur, which is dependent on the system design and application, i.e. its magnetic fields, programming, speed and acceleration.

Recommended Values for the Capacitors CB and CD

The capacitor CB between Pin VDD and Pin GND should be large enough to ensure that the voltage drop during the switched current ramp is less than 1V. That's an important concern during a power loss event. The brownout protection is used to continue the switched current ramp and the capacitor CB is calculated for the worst case: Power loss at the start of the switched current ramp. The voltage drop can be calculated based on the Elec. Char. [103,](#page-8-2) [301](#page-9-4) and [304.](#page-9-5)

Calculation of CB for a Wiegand module which needs RAMP(3:2)="10" and WI(1:0)="01":

$$
min(CB) = 1400 \,\mu s * (0.5 * 14 mA + 2 mA) / (1 V)
$$

= 12.6 \,\mu F

The capacitor CD between Pin CP and Pin CN should also be larger than min(CB).

End of Switched Current Ramp Detection

Opcode 0x29 can be used to read the status of the switched current ramp generator. The result is equal to the values in [Tab. 14](#page-23-7) if the switched current ramp is active. The bits 4 to 6 of the status are set to zero when the switched current ramp has finished.

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WIEGAND PULSE PROCESSING

The flowchart in [Fig. 16](#page-24-2) shows the sequence of the work steps which are performed during the Wiegand pulse processing in period counter mode.

The Wiegand pulse detection circuit is part of the active rectifier. It measures the voltage slew rate on pin VWC and signals *Wiegand pulse detected* if the required slew rate is reached. (see Elec. Char. [202\)](#page-8-3)

The voltage on the capacity at pin VWC (CVWC) is measured after the evaluation of the magnetic field strength and before the communication with the FRAM is started. It is assumed that a runt pulse has occurred which can be discarded if the voltage is below the threshold voltage VWCOK. (see Elec. Char. [603\)](#page-10-0)

The allowed charge consumption for the communication with the FRAM is limited by the capacity of CVWC, the minimum value of VWCOK and the maximum value of VRAMoff or the minimum power supply voltage of the FRAM. (see Elec. Char. [603](#page-10-0) and [606\)](#page-10-1) In typical applications, the minimum power supply of the FRAM is higher

as VRAMoff, therefore its value must be used to calculate the allowed charge consumption for the FRAM communication. However, the consumed charge in typical real world applications is much less than the allowed charge consumption.

Note: The energy harvested from the Wiegand sensor must be high enough to ensure reliable Wiegand pulse processing.

This can be verified by measuring the voltage at pin VWC during the Wiegand pulse processing when the first falling edge at pin NCSR occurs. The measurement results must be above the maximum value of VWCOK (Elec. Char. [603\)](#page-10-0) for all Wiegand pulses which are not classified as runt pulses.

The voltage at pin VWC at the beginning of the Wiegand pulse processing is higher as its value when the voltage is measured. Based on measurements in typical implementations, exemplary values for the required minimum voltages at the beginning of the Wiegand pulse processing are documented in [Tab. 15.](#page-25-0)

Reading back the position data from the FRAM is optional during the Wiegand pulse processing to minimize the charge consumption in the self-sustained operating mode (Elec. Char. [114\)](#page-8-4). The brownout protection circuit monitors the voltage at pin VCC and pin VDD. Reading back the position data is enabled when both voltages are above the VDDOK threshold (Elec. Char. [705\)](#page-10-2). Thus the data available with the Read POS command is not changed while the brownout protection circuit detects a power loss condition - which is also signaled on pin RDY (see [page 21\)](#page-20-3).

Note: When the brownout protection switches to power good after sending the position data to the FRAM and before FF.RDY is updated, it is possible that the position data is not read back, but the pin RDY is allowed to switch to high. It is necessary to observe pin RDY and to explicitly trigger a readout of the position data when pin RDY switches to high, e.g. by toggling through the feedthrough mode.

Whether the brownout protection circuit signals the end of a power loss condition is checked in the IDLE state when FF.RDY is low. If that happens the position data from the FRAM is read before pin RDY is allowed to switch to high.

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Table 15: Exemplary Values for Required Wiegand Pulse Voltages

FRAM ACCESS

Read POS

iC-PMX reads the position data from the FRAM as part of the Wiegand pulse processing whenever external power is available (see chapter [WIEGAND PULSE](#page-24-1) [PROCESSING](#page-24-1) on [page 25\)](#page-24-1). The revolution counter data in iC-RMF / MB85RDP16LX is optimized against imprint effects of FRAM. iC-PMX reads the data of the

FRAM with the RDTS command to get a decoded data set.

The acquired information is available for the MCU by using the Read POS command (Opcode 0x30). The available data is explained in [Tab. 15.](#page-26-2) It is provided byte-by-byte, starting with byte 0x0.

Table 16: Position Data in Period Counter Mode with iC-RMF / MB85RDP16LX (pin C0 = 0, pin C1 = 0)

Register Map, Overview

POS: Revolution counter value

LDIR: Direction of last POS change (0 =

incremented, 1 = decremented)

LPP: Polarity of last Wiegand pulse (1 = $positive, 0 = negative)$

- EFLAG(1:0): Error information ($0 =$ no error, $1 =$ Overflow, 2 = uncorrectable FRAM error, 3 = incomplete write access)
- INVALID: Error information (0=data is valid, 1=position data changed during read access, please discard the data and read it again)

C3, C2, C1, C0:

Value of the pins C3-C0, sampled during the last wiegand pulse processing

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Figure 17: Flowchart Describing Feedthrough Mode and Wiegand Pulse Processing for C0=0, C1=0

FRAM Feedthrough Access

iC-PMX has a feedthrough mode to allow direct access to the FRAM. iC-PMX gives exclusive access to the FRAM once the feedthrough mode is activated. The FRAM access is delayed, if iC-PMX itself is using the FRAM. Pin RDY is pulled low as soon as the feedthrough mode can by used.

The feedthrough mode is activated if *TEST2* is programmed with 0x80 and pin SH is high. Pin SH must be set to low to disable the feedthrough mode. Code examples to enable and disable the feedthrough mode are available on [page 29.](#page-28-2)

In feedthrough mode the data at pins NCS, SCK and MOSI is used to drive NCSR, SCKR and MOSIR. The data at MISOR is sampled with an internal clock and those values are used to drive MISO. 1 The data is not interpreted in iC-PMX.

The flowchart in [Fig. 17](#page-27-2) shows the interaction of Wiegand pulse processing and feedthrough mode. A request to enter feedthrough mode is only evaluated in

IDLE state and the exception handling for concurrently detected Wiegand pulses is also shown in the flowchart.

Note: The duration of the feedthrough mode must be kept short in applications in which Wiegand pulses can occur during the feedthrough mode.

[Fig. 17](#page-27-2) indicates that switching the pin SH to low is enough to end the feedthrough mode. It is suggested to split complex communications in short self-contained parts and to allow for Wiegand pulse processing between these parts by toggling the pin SH appropriately. The maximum duration of the feedthrough mode after the occurrence of a Wiegand pulse (Elec. Char. [I03\)](#page-13-0) is limited by the hold time of the Wiegand pulse detection.

iC-PMX reads the position data from the FRAM when the feedthrough mode is deactivated if the brownout protection does not signal a power loss condition.

¹ Corresponding timing parameters are documented as Elec. Char. [I01](#page-13-1) and [I02](#page-13-2) on [page 14](#page-12-0)

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Code Example to Enable the Feedthrough Mode

uin t32_ t pmxEnableFeedthrough (**void**) {

return 0;

}

Code Example to Disable the Feedthrough Mode

uint32_t pmxDisableFeedthrough(**void**)
{

}

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