

## Abstract

This guide was written with the goal of describing the basic setup and troubleshooting steps required for integrating the MLX90393 Triaxis™ device in an application. A simple rotary sensing application is used as an example.



## Applicable Applications

All rotary, linear, and joystick applications using the MLX90393.

## Recommended Tools and Resources

[MLX90393 Datasheet](#)

Oscilloscope or I2C->PC adaptor with I2C decoding

MLX90393 EVB (evaluation board) and MBED LPC1768 board

## Convention, Acronyms, and Abbreviations

### Number Format and Text

Values in hexadecimal are shown with a preceding "0x". For example: 0x12 is decimal 18.

Binary values are shown with a preceding "0b". For example: 0b10010 is decimal 18.

Textual descriptions are shown in this format

Code examples are shown in this format

Warnings and cautions are shown in this format

### Acronyms

SDA = Serial Data Line

SCK = Serial Clock Line

V<sub>DD</sub> = Analog Supply

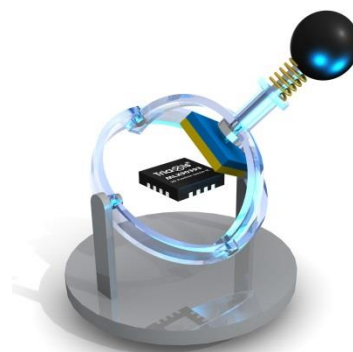
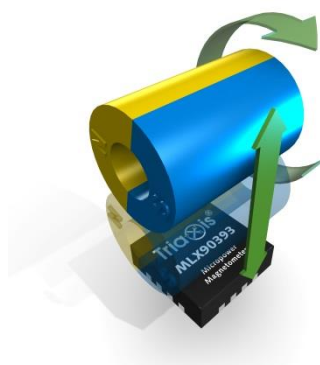
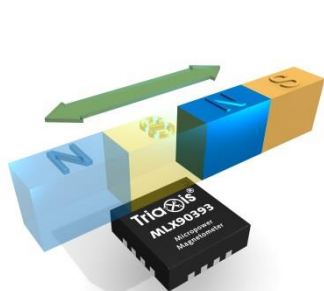
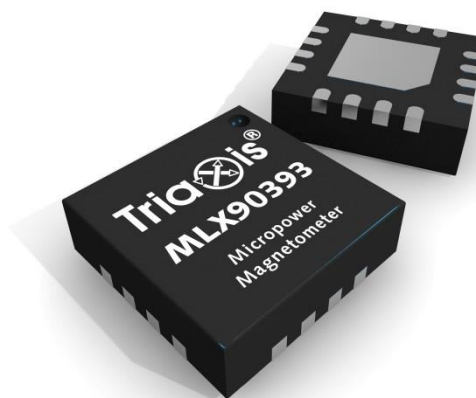
V<sub>DD\_IO</sub> = Digital Supply

MSb = Most Significant Bit

LSb = Least Significant Bit

MSB = Most Significant Byte

LSB = Least Significant Byte



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## Pinout

The pinout for the MLX90393 is below.

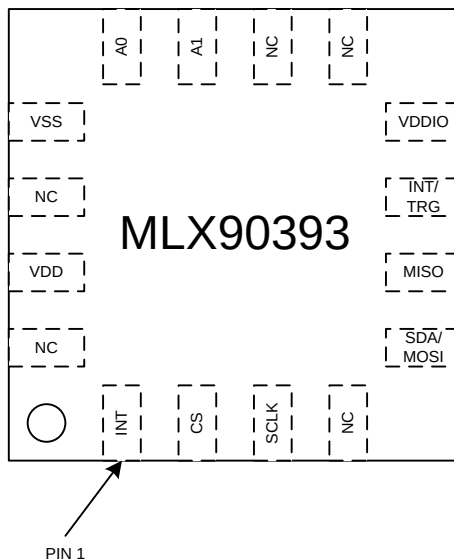


Figure 1: Pinout

| Pin Number       | Pin Name | Pin Function                                                                   |
|------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1                | INT      | Data ready signal output pin, active high (DRDY flag)                          |
| 2                | CS       | Chip select, used when communicating in SPI mode<br>Pull high when in I2C mode |
| 3                | SCLK     | Serial clock for both SPI and I2C mode                                         |
| 4, 9, 10, 14, 16 | NC       | -                                                                              |
| 5                | SDA/MOSI | Data input pin in SPI mode, data input/output pin in I2C mode                  |
| 6                | MISO     | Data output pin in SPI mode                                                    |
| 7                | INT/TRIG | Trigger pin, can be used to start measurement                                  |
| 8                | VDDIO    | Power supply for digital                                                       |
| 11               | A1       | Bit 1 of the 7-bit I2C address (0 0 0 1 1 A1 A0)                               |
| 12               | A0       | Bit 0 of the 7-bit I2C address (0 0 0 1 1 A1 A0)                               |
| 13               | VSS      | Ground                                                                         |
| 15               | Vdd      | Power supply                                                                   |

## Axis Definition

The axes of the MLX90393 are defined in the datasheet and are shown below.

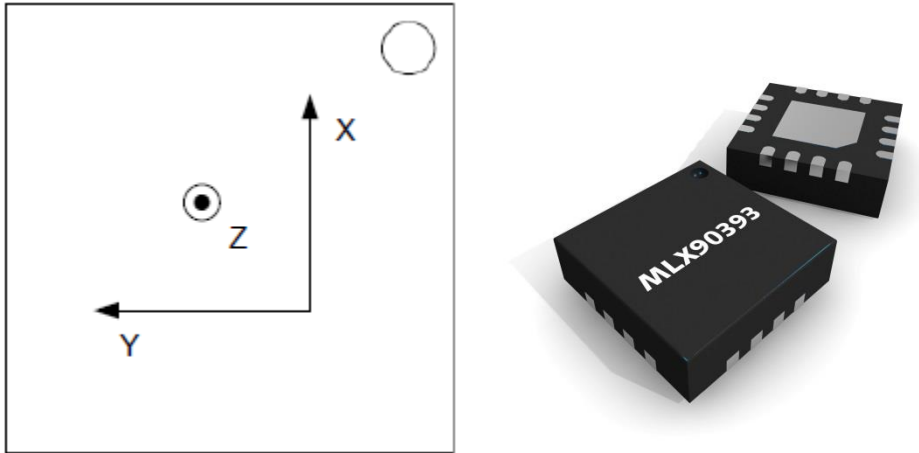


Figure 2: MLX90393 QFN Axis Definitions

## Practical getting started

Legend:

|               |
|---------------|
| Software      |
| Firmware      |
| Communication |

### Getting Started in practice

Host PC/ Laptop

- Download LabVIEW Run-Time Engine (12.0) → install
- Download NI-VISA Driver (5.0.3) → install
- Download MBED USB-driver → install (connect mbed)

Mbed LPC1768

- Download MBED -Firmware → upload to mbed and reset

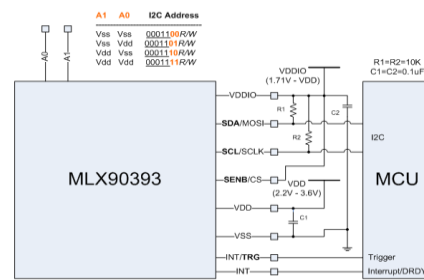
MLX90393

- Make physical connections between PC,MBED and MLX90393

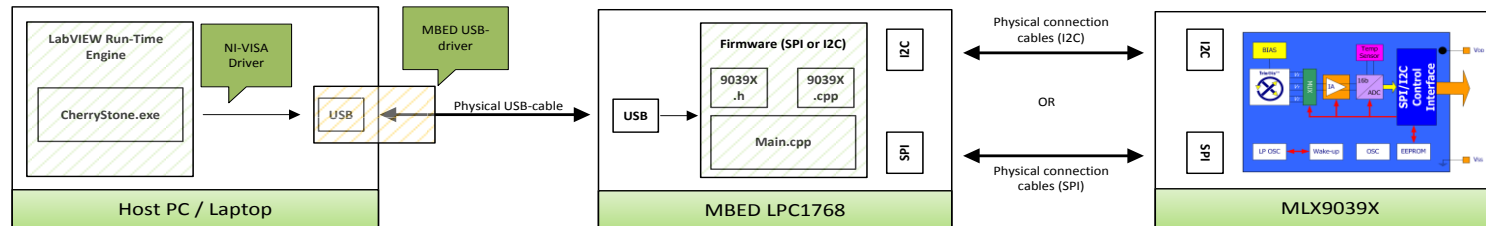
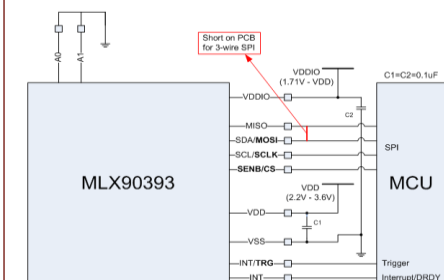
Host PC/Laptop

- Download CherryStone.exe → install and run

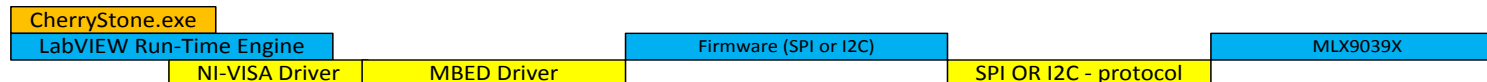
### Application Diagram I2C



### Application Diagram SPI



### Implementation / Installation sequence



## Practical getting started guide

### 1. NI LabView Runtime Engine

A first step before installing the CherryStone executable is installing LabVIEW Run-Time Engine 12.0. This software can be downloaded directly from National Instruments website.

**32-bit version:** Click [here](http://www.ni.com/download/labview-run-time-engine-2012/3433/en/)  
<http://www.ni.com/download/labview-run-time-engine-2012/3433/en/>

### 2. NI VISA-driver

**Visa Driver:** Click [here](http://www.ni.com/download/ni-visa-run-time-engine-5.0.3/2257/en)  
<http://www.ni.com/download/ni-visa-run-time-engine-5.0.3/2257/en>

### 3. MBED driver

Make sure your mbed is connected while executing this step

**Mbed Driver:** Click [here](http://developer.mbed.org/media/downloads/drivers/mbedWinSerial_16466.exe)  
[http://developer.mbed.org/media/downloads/drivers/mbedWinSerial\\_16466.exe](http://developer.mbed.org/media/downloads/drivers/mbedWinSerial_16466.exe)

### 4. CherryStone Software Executable

**CherryStone (= the interface program, refer to diagram shown earlier in this document):** Click [here](#)

### 5. MBED firmware

**MBED SPI firmware:** Click [here](#)  
**MBED I<sup>2</sup>C firmware:** Click [here](#)

Upload the firmware to mbed:

- Connect your mbed to your PC/laptop - a new drive called “MBED” should appear.
- Download the firmware from the Melexis website (either SPI, or I2C) and drag and drop the file directly into the drive”.
- Once the bin-file is uploaded, the mbed must be reset by pressing the push button at the center of the mbed.

## MLX90393 interface library for mbed

Sample code and a complete library holding all MLX90393’s functions are written for [mbed](#) and can be downloaded from [www.mbed.org/teams/melexis](http://www.mbed.org/teams/melexis) or directly from our website

The MBED used at Melexis is the [LPC1768](#). Please note that the firmware BIN files made available have been compiled for this specific MBED hardware. When using other MBED devices, or other microcontrollers in general, the source code is recommended as a starting point for software development.

## CherryStone soft-and firmware releases & compatibility

| Date         | CherryStone.exe | CherryStone.bin                                           |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| January 2015 | CherryStone 3   | CherryStone3_I2C(SDA = p9, SCL = p10, A1=p21, A0=p22).bin |
|              |                 | CherryStone3_SPI(MOSI =p5, MISO = p6, CLK= p7, CS=p8).bin |
|              |                 |                                                           |
|              |                 |                                                           |
|              |                 |                                                           |
|              |                 |                                                           |



## Communication

The MLX90393 can be used with either an SPI or an I<sup>2</sup>C bus. The use of both protocols will be explained in the next sections. This user guide gives a brief introduction to our user interface tool for quick 'plug and play' solutions that enables you to communicate with the MLX90393 without having to make the effort of implementing the communication protocol yourself.

### I<sup>2</sup>C Protocol

One initial hurdle with starting work with the MLX90393 is configuring the I<sup>2</sup>C bus correctly. The clock frequency can be set between 10kHz (low-speed mode), 100kHz (standard mode), 400kHz (Fast mode). Every I<sup>2</sup>C device on the bus must also be assigned an address. The two LSB's of the MLX90393 I<sup>2</sup>C address can be selected via the A0 and A1 pins allowing for four different addresses. In this document it is assumed that the A0 and A1 pins are shorted to ground. This results in an I<sup>2</sup>C address of 0x19 (for MBED, in other environments this might be defined in another way).

The 7 bit I<sup>2</sup>C address in MBED is defined as follows as a byte:

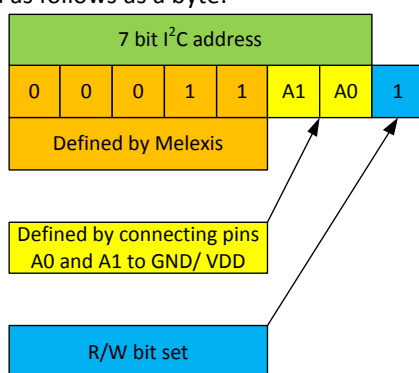


Figure 3: MBED I<sup>2</sup>C address definition

The orange section is set in the NVRAM of the IC, the yellow section depends on how pins A0 and A1 are connected. The last bit should be set for the MBED, no matter if one reads or write to the IC. The MBED will send on the bus the correct R/W bit automatically.

The MLX90393 operates on a command / response configuration and can be broken down into two sequences: Command Write and Response Read.

#### Command Write:

To initiate a communication sequence the master addresses the slave with the write bit set. If the MLX90393 recognizes the address it responds with an ACK. The master then issues the command to the MLX90393. If accepted, the MLX90393 responds with another ACK.

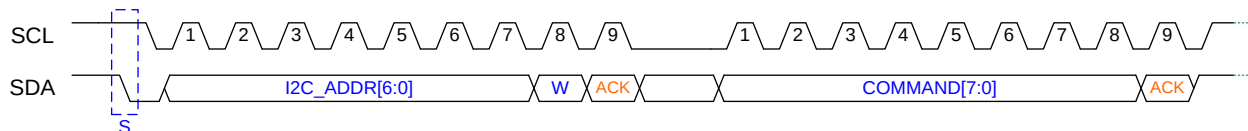


Figure 4: Sending an I<sup>2</sup>C command

#### Response Read:

To read back the response the master addresses the MLX90393 with the R bit set. The master then sends enough clock pulses to clock out all the required data bytes. The number of data bytes depends on the command transmitted

and can range from zero (eg: NOP message) to eight (eg: measurement with all axes, temp, and a status byte). The number of data bytes is indicated in the status byte which is always the first byte read out from the MLX90393.

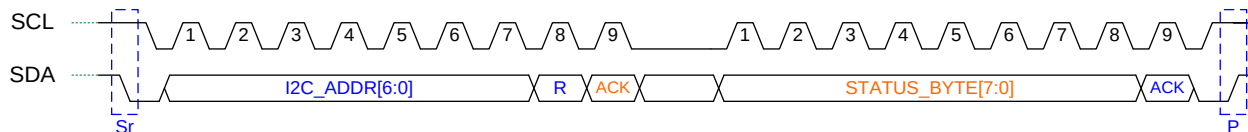


Figure 5: I<sup>2</sup>C readback of status byte

**Note:** Failure to readdress the slave after the Command Write will result in the transaction failing.

## SPI Protocol

One initial hurdle with starting work with the MLX90393 is configuring the SPI bus correctly. The chip can handle clock frequencies up to 10MHz. The SPI communication is implemented in a half-duplex way, showing high similarities with the I<sup>2</sup>C communication. Addressing on the bus is done through the  $\overline{\text{CS}}$  instead of physical addresses. Both three- and four-wire SPI is possible (three wire by shorting the MISO and MOSI). SPI mode 3 is implemented: CPHA=1 (data changed on leading edge and captured on trailing edge, and CPOL=1 (high level is inactive state). The Chip Select line is active-low.

The MLX90393 operates on a command / response configuration and both are sequentially done in one go in SPI.

The communication is also bundled in bytes, equally MSB first and MSByte first. A command can of course consist of more than 1 byte as can the response be from the MLX90393 in the form of multiple bytes after the status byte. Figure 6 shows an example of an SPI command being followed by the readback of the status byte.

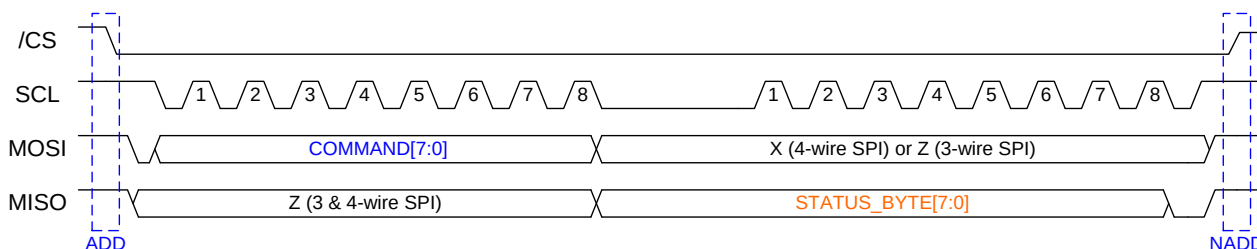


Figure 6: SPI example

## Memory Model

As the code example will be modifying the register contents it is useful to review the memory model of the MLX90393. It operates with a dual memory model consisting of volatile and nonvolatile areas. During operating conditions the values in the volatile memory are used and are loaded from nonvolatile memory at power up or when a recall command is issued. It is necessary to know that if the write register command is issued this affects the volatile memory only. A store command is needed to permanently store the modifications. Refer to the datasheet for more details. The first 32 addresses are programmable by the user.

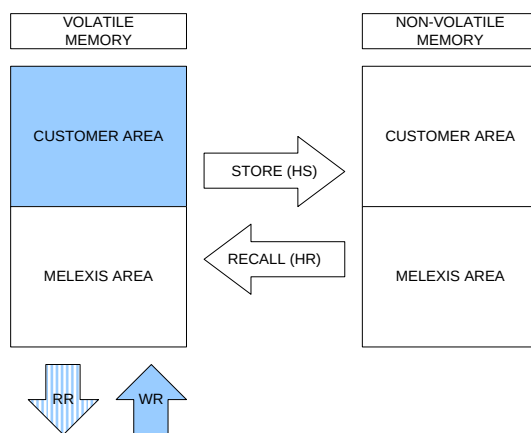


Figure 7: Memory model

|   | 15           | 14        | 13 | 12 | 11       | 10       | 9       | 8         | 7              | 6        | 5               | 4 | 3 | 2        | 1   | 0 |  |
|---|--------------|-----------|----|----|----------|----------|---------|-----------|----------------|----------|-----------------|---|---|----------|-----|---|--|
| 0 | RESERVED_LOW |           |    |    |          |          |         |           | Z_SERIES       | GAIN_SEL |                 |   |   | HALLCONF |     |   |  |
| 1 | TRIG_INT_SEL | COMM_MODE |    |    | WOC_DIFF | EXT_TRIG | TCMP_EN | BURST_SEL |                |          | BURST_DATA_RATE |   |   |          |     |   |  |
| 2 | RESERVED     |           |    |    | OSR2     |          |         | RES_XYZ   |                |          | DIG_FILT        |   |   |          | OSR |   |  |
| 3 | SENS_TC_HT   |           |    |    |          |          |         |           | SENS_TC_LT     |          |                 |   |   |          |     |   |  |
| 4 |              |           |    |    |          |          |         |           | OFFSET_X       |          |                 |   |   |          |     |   |  |
| 5 |              |           |    |    |          |          |         |           | OFFSET_Y       |          |                 |   |   |          |     |   |  |
| 6 |              |           |    |    |          |          |         |           | OFFSET_Z       |          |                 |   |   |          |     |   |  |
| 7 |              |           |    |    |          |          |         |           | WOXY_THRESHOLD |          |                 |   |   |          |     |   |  |
| 8 |              |           |    |    |          |          |         |           | WOZ_THRESHOLD  |          |                 |   |   |          |     |   |  |
| 9 |              |           |    |    |          |          |         |           | WOT_THRESHOLD  |          |                 |   |   |          |     |   |  |

Figure 8: Memory map of customer area

## HALLCONF

Spinning and chopping rate adjustment.

HALLCONF[3:2] defines the duration of one Hall plate spinning phase in clock cycles:  $\#clocks/spinning\_phase = 8 * 2^{HALLCONF[3:2]}$ . Default this value is 3.

HALLCONF[1:0] defines the number of amplifier chopping periods inside one spinning phase:  $\#chopping\_periods/spinning\_phase = 2^{HALLCONF[1:0]}$ . Default this value is 0.

The default HALLCONF is 0xC.

## GAIN\_SEL

Selection of the gain, adjustable from 0 to 7. See sensitivity table for sensitivity of the IC in LSB/G for each setting of the gain and the resolution.

## Z\_SERIES

Connection of the Hall plates for Z-axis measurements. Recommended setting: 0x0.

## BURST\_DATA\_RATE

This parameter controls the data rate in burst mode and in WOC mode. The rate is defined as the time between the end of one measurement and the start of a new measurement, regardless of the fact if the data is read out or not. A

value of 0x0 means a continuous burst mode, other value encode as follows: interval = 20ms \* BURST\_DATA\_RATE. The max is 0x3F, corresponding to 1260ms. This interval can be observed by looking at the DRDY flag.

### BURST\_SEL

This parameter determines the measurements (X, Y, Z and Temp, or any combination of them) to be performed in the case that the SB or SWOC command did not specify the measurements. The bit order is (from MSB to LSB): ZYXT.

### TCMP\_EN

Enables the temperature compensation. Please refer to the application note on the temperature compensation for more info.

### EXT\_TRIG

When this bit is set, the external pin INT/TRIG can be used to start a measurement. This only works when TRIG\_INT\_SEL is not set (digital input). Otherwise, changes at this pin will be ignored. The axes to be measured are specified by BURST\_SEL.

### WOC\_DIFF

Absolute or derivative WOC mode:

If 0, an absolute mode is used. Measurements are compared to the first measurements;

If 1, a relative mode is used. Measurements are compared to the previous ones.

### COMM\_MODE

Defines the communication mode. If it is 0x0 or 0x1, the IC can be used both by I2C and SPI. If 0x2, only SPI can be used and if 0x3 only I2C can be used.

### TRIG\_INT\_SEL

Selects the function of the INT/TRIG pin. When set, the pin is used as digital output, otherwise it is an input.

### OSR

Defines the oversampling rate of the ADC decimation filter for magnetic measurements.  $OSR_{ADC} = 64 * 2^{OSR}$ . This will directly impact the measurement time for magnetic measurements.

Note: The chip will not work properly with the following combinations: OSR=0 and DIG\_FILT=0, OSR=0 and DIG\_FILT=1 and OSR=1 and DIG\_FILT=0

### DIG\_FILT

A control for the digital filter. An averaging over a certain amount ( $2^{DIG\_FILT}$ ) will be done. This will directly impact the measurement time for magnetic measurements.

Note: The chip will not work properly with the following combinations: OSR=0 and DIG\_FILT=0, OSR=0 and DIG\_FILT=1 and OSR=1 and DIG\_FILT=0

### RES\_XYZ

This 6 bit parameter consists out of three parts, one for each axis. The two MSBs act on the Z-axis, the 2 LSBs on the X-axis and the middle 2 bits on the Y-axis. Internally each magnetic measurement is 19 bits long. On the output, only 16 bits can be read out. This parameter selects for each axis which 16 bits to read out. Please refer to section **Error! eference source not found.** for further detailed information.

**OSR2**

Defines the oversampling rate of the ADC decimation filter for a temperature measurement.  $OSR\_ADC = 64 * 2^{OSR}$ . This will directly impact the measurement time for the temperature measurement.

**SENS\_TC\_LT & SENS\_TC\_HT**

These parameters are used for the temperature compensation for the sensitivity drift of the Hall elements. SENS\_TC\_HT is the parameter for temperatures above 35 degC, SENS\_TC\_LT is the parameter for temperatures below 35 degC. Please refer to the application note on the temperature compensation for more info. These values can be blindly programmed to the values given in this document (if not already programmed).

**OFFSET\_X, OFFSET\_Y & OFFSET\_Z**

These parameters are used to compensate the offset in case the temperature compensation is enabled. They are not used with TCMP disabled. Please refer to the application note on the temperature compensation for more info. These values can be blindly programmed to the values given in this document (if not already programmed).

**WOXY\_THRESHOLD, WOZ\_THRESHOLD & WOT\_THRESHOLD**

Defines the wake up thresholds on X, Y, Z axis or on temperature. The resolution of the temperature sensor is 45.2LSB/K.

**Address 10-31**

Address 10 to 31 are free to use by the customer. For example traceability information could be stored in here.

## Key Commands

Table 1 shows an overview of all commands possible with the MLX90393. The amount of bytes to be sent and read back is different for each command. In case more bytes are needed, first byte #1 is sent, then byte #2 and so on.

**Table 1: Commands overview**

| Command                          | Symbol | CMD byte #1 | CMD byte #2 | CMD byte #3 | CMD byte #4 | # bytes to read back            |
|----------------------------------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| EXit                             | EX     | 1000 0000   | –           | –           | –           | 1 (status)                      |
| Start Burst mode                 | SB     | 0001 zyxt   | –           | –           | –           | 1 (status)                      |
| Start Wake-up On Change          | SWOC   | 0010 zyxt   | –           | –           | –           | 1 (status)                      |
| Start Measurement (polling mode) | SM     | 0011 zyxt   | –           | –           | –           | 1 (status)                      |
| Read Measurement                 | RM     | 0100 zyxt   | –           | –           | –           | 1 (status) + 2*[z+x+y+t] (data) |
| Read from a Register             | RR     | 0101 0000   | A[5:0] << 2 | –           | –           | 1 (status) + 2 (data)           |
| Write from a Register            | WR     | 0110 0000   | D[15:8]     | D[7:0]      | A[5:0] << 2 | 1 (status)                      |
| Reset                            | RT     | 1111 0000   | –           | –           | –           | 1 (status)                      |
| Memory Recall                    | HR     | 1101 0000   | –           | –           | –           | 1 (status)                      |
| Memory Store                     | HS     | 1110 0000   | –           | –           | –           | 1 (status)                      |
| No OPeration                     | NOP    | 0000 0000   | –           | –           | –           | 1 (status)                      |

All commands will return a status byte showing the current state the IC is in. The 8 bits out of which the status byte consists are explained below:

| Bit 7      | Bit 6    | Bit 5   | Bit 4 | Bit 3 | Bit 2 | Bit 1 | Bit 0 |
|------------|----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Burst_mode | WOC_mode | SM_mode | ERROR | SED   | RS    | D1    | D0    |

**Figure 9: Status byte**

- Burst\_mode: if set, the IC is working in burst mode.
- WOC\_mode: if set, the IC is in wake-up-on-change mode
- SM\_mode: if set, the IC is executing a measurement sequence in polling mode. It can be initiated by a SM command or a pulse on the TRIG input
- ERROR: indicates an error. Can be set when reading out a measurement while the measurement is not yet completed or when reading out the same measurement twice.
- SED: indicates that a single bit error has been corrected by the NVRAM
- RS: indicates that the device has been reset successfully by a reset command.
- D1-D0: indicates the number of bytes (2D[1:0]) to follow the status byte after a read measurement or a read register command has been sent.

## CONTROL COMMANDS

### Exit (EX)

The exit command is used to force the IC into idle mode. The command will be used to exit the burst mode and the wake-up-on-change mode. During a single measurement in polling mode, the command is rejected. The status byte will then show an error and indicate that the IC is in polling mode (SM\_mode).

## Reset (RT)

This command is used to reset the IC. On reset, the idle mode will be entered again. The status byte will reflect that the reset has been successful.

## MEMORY COMMANDS

### Memory Store (HS)

If the HS command is used, the content from the volatile RAM is overwritten in the non-volatile RAM. On the next reset, this content will be loaded into the volatile RAM.

Warning: To reliably store the register it is required to supply the IC with 3.3V (VDD)

### Memory Recall (HR)

If the HR command is used, the content from the non-volatile RAM is overwritten in the volatile RAM. The same is automatically done at start-up.

### Read Register (RR)

The RR command is used to read out the content of one specific address of the volatile RAM. The address ranges from 0 to 63. Remind that the last 32 addresses are MLX area which cannot be changed by the user. They are read-only. Note that in the command, the address will be sent as if it is multiplied by 4 (shifted two bits).

### Write Register (WR)

The WR command is used to write directly in the volatile RAM. The address ranges from 0 to 63. Remind that the last 32 addresses are MLX area which cannot be changed by the user. They are read-only. Note that in the command, the address will be sent as if it is multiplied by 4 (shifted two bits). Always full words will be written. Words 0x00 to 0x09 are used to store operating parameters. Words 0x0A to 0x1F are free and usable to store any other data.

Warning: The WR command modifies volatile memory and changes will be lost upon a power cycle. If the modified values are required to be permanent then a memory store (HS) command must be issued after modifying the desired registers.

## MEASUREMENT COMMANDS

These commands are used for doing measurements or are related to measurement based behavior. In all these commands, the first byte consists out of 4 bits that determine the command and 4 bits (4 LSBs) stating the stuff to be measured. In Table 1, these 4 LSBs are called z, y, x and t. By setting the correct bits, one can choose what information needs to be measured or read back. z, y and x stand for the magnetic fields in 3D, t is temperature. Disabling certain measurements will end up in a shorted measuring time.

### Start Burst Mode (SB)

To start the burst measuring mode, this command will be used. It consists of a single byte with four user-defined bits: z, y, x, and t. These four bits determine which axes will be converted whenever they are set to a 1. Setting an axis to 0 results in the MLX90393 not performing a conversion on that axis and therefore yields a faster conversion cycle and reduced current consumption. When zyxt = 0x0, the SB command will enable the measurements specified by the NVRAM parameter BURST\_SEL. The command will only be accepted in case the IC is not operating in another mode (WOC or SM mode). If this is the case, the error flag is raised in the status byte. In case the command is received successfully, the Burst\_mode flag of the status byte will be set. After the measurement is complete, the DRDY flag is set (INT pin high). On the start of a new measurement, the DRDY flag is set low again, even if the previous measurement has not been read out.

## Single Measurement (SM)

The single measurement command is used to instruct the MLX90393 to perform an acquisition cycle. It consists of a single byte with four user-defined bits: z, y, x, and t. These four bits determine which axes will be converted whenever they are set to a 1. Setting an axis to 0 results in the MLX90393 not performing a conversion on that axis and therefore yields a faster conversion cycle and reduced current consumption. When  $zyxt = 0x0$ , the SM command will enable the measurements specified by the NVRAM parameter BURST\_SEL (like with SB command). The command will only be accepted in case the IC is not operating in another mode (WOC or burst mode). If this is the case, the error flag is raised in the status byte. In case the command is received successfully, the SM\_mode flag of the status byte will be set. The next command following this command usually is RM. After the measurement is complete, the DRDY flag is set (INT pin high).

## Read Measurement (RM)

The Read Measurement command is used to retrieve the data previously acquired by the SM or SB command. Similar to these commands, the RM command can also select which data is transmitted. Typically the value for z, y, x, and t will be the same as the SM command preceding the RM command.

The status byte received from the MLX90393 will indicate the number of data bytes waiting to be read out. In the case where all axes and temp are converted the number of bytes will be 8. The data is output in the following order: T (MSB), T (LSB), X (MSB), X (LSB), Y (MSB), Y (LSB), Z (MSB), Z (LSB)

If an axis wasn't selected to be read or converted then that value will be skipped in the transmission.

## Start Wake-up on Change (SWOC)

If this command is sent, the WOC mode is entered. The IC will raise the DRDY flag (INT pin) when the thresholds are crossed specified by WOXY\_THRESHOLD, WOZ\_THRESHOLD and WOT\_THRESHOLD. Both a differential mode and absolute mode is available (WOC\_DIFF). For the differential mode, each change equal to the threshold after a RM command will be flagged. The x, y, z and t in the command specify which measurements should be done. When  $zyxt = 0x0$ , the SWOC command will enable the measurements specified by the NVRAM parameter BURST\_SEL.

The status byte will show the WOC mode has been entered.



## Application specific

### Resolution

The resolution of the sensor can be changed by parameter RES\_XYZ. This 6 bit parameter consists out of three parts, one for each axis. The two MSBs act on the Z-axis, the 2 LSBs on the X-axis and the middle 2 bits on the Y-axis. Internally each magnetic measurement is 19 bits long. On the output, only 16 bits can be read out.

By setting the resolution, one can choose which 16 bits to read out as follows (for 0G):

|           | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Res = 0x3 | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Res = 0x2 | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Res = 0x1 | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Res = 0x0 | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Note that at 0G, the 19 bit value equals 0x20000. This means for resolution 0 and 1, the 16 bit output is centered around 0 and in 2s complement format. For resolution 2, 0G equals 0x8000 and for resolution 3 0G equals 0x4000.

For 0G + 1LSB<sub>19bit</sub> this becomes:

|           | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Res = 0x3 | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Res = 0x2 | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Res = 0x1 | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Res = 0x0 | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

For 0G - 1LSB<sub>19bit</sub> this becomes:

|           | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Res = 0x3 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Res = 0x2 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Res = 0x1 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Res = 0x0 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

### Calculation of conversion time

There are four parameters that determine the conversion time for a specific measurement: OSR, DIG\_FILT, OSR2 and ZYXT. The typical conversion time can be calculated as follows:

$$T_{CONV} = T_{STANDBY} + T_{ACTIVE} + n \cdot T_{CONVXYZ} + m \cdot T_{CONVT}$$

Where  $T_{CONVXYZ}$  is the conversion time for 1 magnetic measurement (1 axis),  $T_{CONVT}$  the conversion time for the temperature measurement. Based on ZYXT, the values of n and m can be filled in.

$$T_{STANDBY} + T_{ACTIVE} = 0.5ms$$

$$T_{CONVXYZ} = 0.063ms \cdot 2^{OSR} \cdot (2 + 2^{DIG\_FILT})$$

$$T_{CONVT} = 0.18ms \cdot 2^{OSR2}$$

In the 'worst case', when all parameters are max and ZYXT equals 0b1111, the conversion time typically is 198.5ms. Over temperature, these values will deviate due to the clock which gets slower at rising temperature.

## Sensitivity

The sensitivity is dependent on the selected gain (Gain\_sel) and the chosen resolution (RES\_X/Y/Z). The typical sensitivity in  $\mu\text{T}/\text{LSb}$  for different combination is as followed:

| GAIN_SEL | RES = 0            |                   | RES = 1            |                   | RES = 2            |                   | RES = 3            |                   |
|----------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|          | SENS <sub>XY</sub> | SENS <sub>Z</sub> | SENS <sub>XY</sub> | SENS <sub>Z</sub> | SENS <sub>XY</sub> | SENS <sub>Z</sub> | SENS <sub>XY</sub> | SENS <sub>Z</sub> |
| 0        | 0.805              | 1.468             | 1.610              | 2.936             | 3.220              | 5.872             | 6.440              | 11.744            |
| 1        | 0.644              | 1.174             | 1.288              | 2.349             | 2.576              | 4.698             | 5.152              | 9.395             |
| 2        | 0.483              | 0.881             | 0.966              | 1.762             | 1.932              | 3.523             | 3.864              | 7.046             |
| 3        | 0.403              | 0.734             | 0.805              | 1.468             | 1.610              | 2.936             | 3.220              | 5.872             |
| 4        | 0.322              | 0.587             | 0.644              | 1.174             | 1.288              | 2.349             | 2.576              | 4.698             |
| 5        | 0.268              | 0.489             | 0.537              | 0.979             | 1.073              | 1.957             | 2.147              | 3.915             |
| 6        | 0.215              | 0.391             | 0.429              | 0.783             | 0.859              | 1.566             | 1.717              | 3.132             |
| 7        | 0.161              | 0.294             | 0.322              | 0.587             | 0.644              | 1.174             | 1.288              | 2.349             |

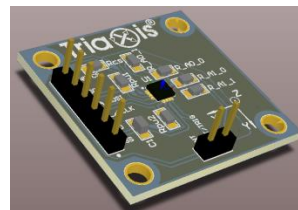
The output range depends on the resolution and the saturation level of the IMC. This is given below for both temperature compensation enabled and disabled. The difference between both is explained in the application note on temperature compensation.

| ABA              |   | TCMP_EN = 0x0 |                                                | TCMP_EN = 0x1 |                                               |
|------------------|---|---------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------|
|                  |   | RANGE         | TYPE                                           | RANGE         | TYPE                                          |
| RES <sub>I</sub> | 0 | $\pm 2^{15}$  | 2's complement<br>$0\mu\text{T} = 0\text{LSB}$ | $\pm 2^{15}$  | unsigned<br>$0\mu\text{T} = 2^{15}\text{LSB}$ |
|                  | 1 | $\pm 2^{15}$  | 2's complement<br>$0\mu\text{T} = 0\text{LSB}$ | $\pm 2^{15}$  | unsigned<br>$0\mu\text{T} = 2^{15}\text{LSB}$ |
|                  | 2 | $\pm 22000$   | unsigned<br>$0\mu\text{T} = 2^{15}\text{LSB}$  | N/A           |                                               |
|                  | 3 | $\pm 11000$   | unsigned<br>$0\mu\text{T} = 2^{15}\text{LSB}$  |               |                                               |

## Available hardware (EVB)

A EVB is available for easy access to the MLX90393. A MLX90393 is soldered to the PCB and extra samples are included in the box. Both SPI and I<sup>2</sup>C are supported.

Default the PCB is prepared to be used with SPI. Simply connect VDD, VSS, MISO, MOSI, CS and SCLK to the microcontroller to communicate with the MLX90393



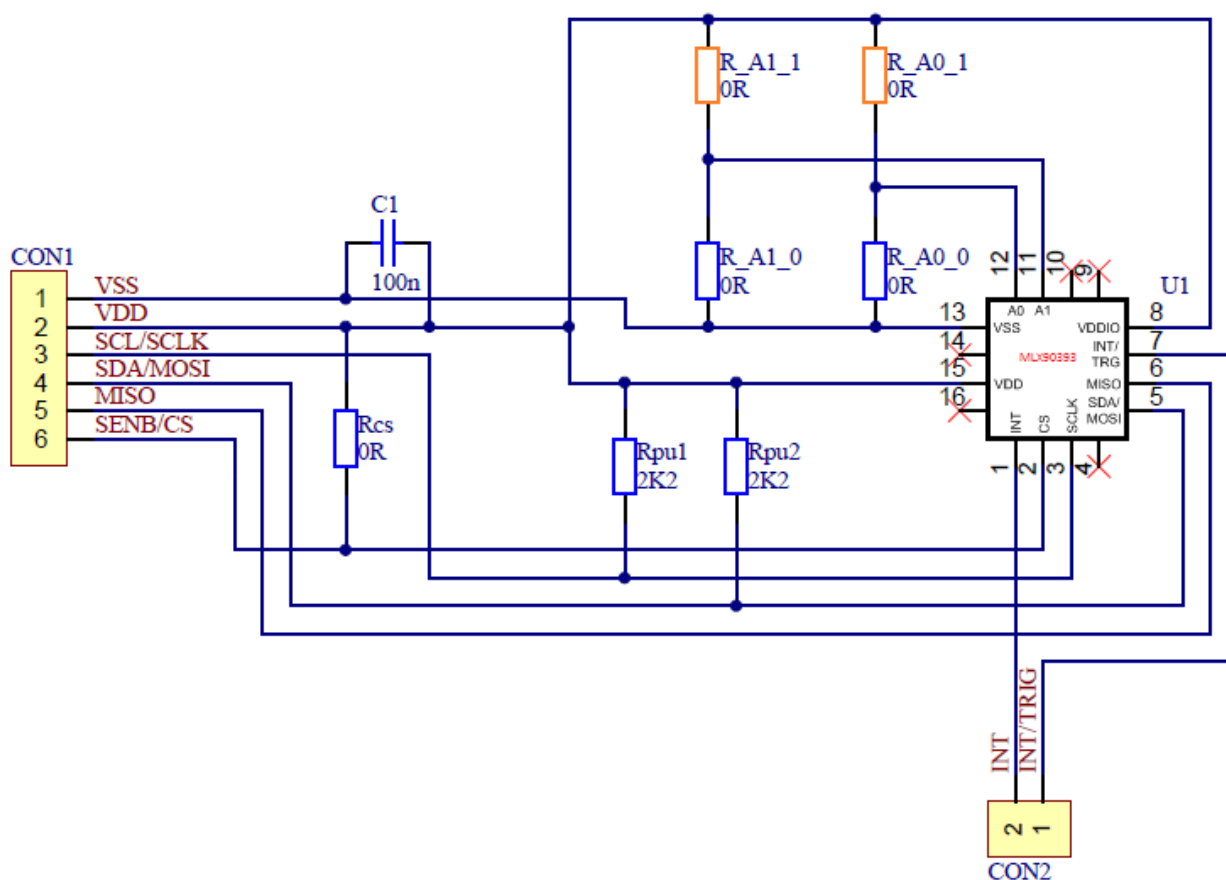
To use I<sup>2</sup>C, some soldering is needed depending on the address needed:

- Rcs should be shorted (or place 0 Ohm);
- The I2C address should be set to the desired value by shorting the correct R\_Ax\_x pads. Default 0 Ohm is placed on R\_A0\_0 and R\_A1\_0 which sets the I2C address to 0x19 (Both A0 and A1 are shorted to VSS). Moving the resistor to R\_Ax\_1 will connect the pin to the VDD.
- Optionally Rpu1 and Rpu2 are foreseen as a pull up for the SCL and SDA communication lines. Usually this pull up is on the microcontroller side.

Only 4 wires are needed from the EVB to the microcontroller to work with I<sup>2</sup>C: VDD, VSS, SDA and SCL.

Also on the PCB is a pad for an optional decoupling capacitor C1 (Between VDD and VSS).

Below the schematic of the EVB can be seen. The orange external components are placed by default.

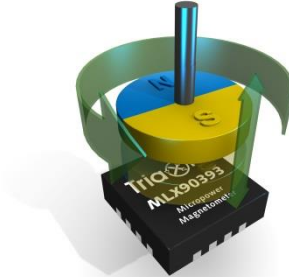


## Example #1: Rotary Application

Rotary applications are among the most common and are also the easiest to implement as they require only two axes of data and a minimum amount of post processing of the data.

### Magnetic Configuration

A diametrically magnetized magnet (similar to the one shown in the above image) is normally used and recommended. While there is no restriction on size beyond that needed to fulfill the magnetic field strength requirement (10-50mT) it is advised to not make the magnet too small in diameter as errors caused by off-axis assembly errors increase as the magnet diameter shrinks. A general rule of thumb is that the magnet diameter has to be ten times the maximum off-axis error to maintain a nonlinearity error of less than 1 degree. The following magnet configurations have been used with the sensor and yielded good results. Care should be taken to select a magnet that does not exceed the magnetic field limits over temperature, lifetime aging, and mechanical tolerances and wear.



| Magnet | Diameter (mm) | Height (mm) | Magnetization | Material | Air Gap (mm) |     | Available Part Number          |
|--------|---------------|-------------|---------------|----------|--------------|-----|--------------------------------|
|        |               |             |               |          | Min          | Max |                                |
| 1      | 10.52         | 2.72        | Diametrical   | SmCo     | 4.0          | 7.0 | <a href="#">Dexter 6312007</a> |
| 2      | 6.50          | 2.69        | Diametrical   | SmCo     | 3.0          | 5.0 | <a href="#">Dexter 6312002</a> |
|        | TBD           | TBD         | Diametrical   | NdFeB    | TBD          | TBD |                                |
|        | TBD           | TBD         | Diametrical   | NdFeB    | TBD          | TBD |                                |
|        | TBD           | TBD         | Diametrical   | Ceramic  | TBD          | TBD |                                |

Note: For applications with high performance requirements it is suggested that a magnet supplier be contacted to define the best magnet for the application.

### Suggested EEPROM Configuration

For rotary applications three EEPROM addresses may need to be modified. They control the gain, filter, and communication mode among others. Suggested EEPROM values when using magnet 1 in the above table are given below. These settings allow a sampling rate of 100Hz with minimal noise and a nominal airgap of 6mm.

| Parameter        | Value |
|------------------|-------|
| ANA_RESERVED_LOW | 0x0   |
| BIST             | 0x0   |
| Z_SERIES         | 0x0   |
| GAIN_SEL         | 0x5   |
| HALL_CONF        | 0xC   |
| TRIG_INT         | 0x0   |
| COMM_MODE        | 0x0   |
| WOC_DIFF         | 0x0   |

| Parameter       | Value |
|-----------------|-------|
| EXT_TRIG        | 0x0   |
| TCMP_EN         | 0x0   |
| BURST_SEL       | 0x0   |
| BURST_DATA_RATE | 0x0   |
| OSR2            | 0x0   |
| RES_XYZ         | 0x1   |
| DIG_FILT        | 0x5   |
| OSR             | 0x0   |

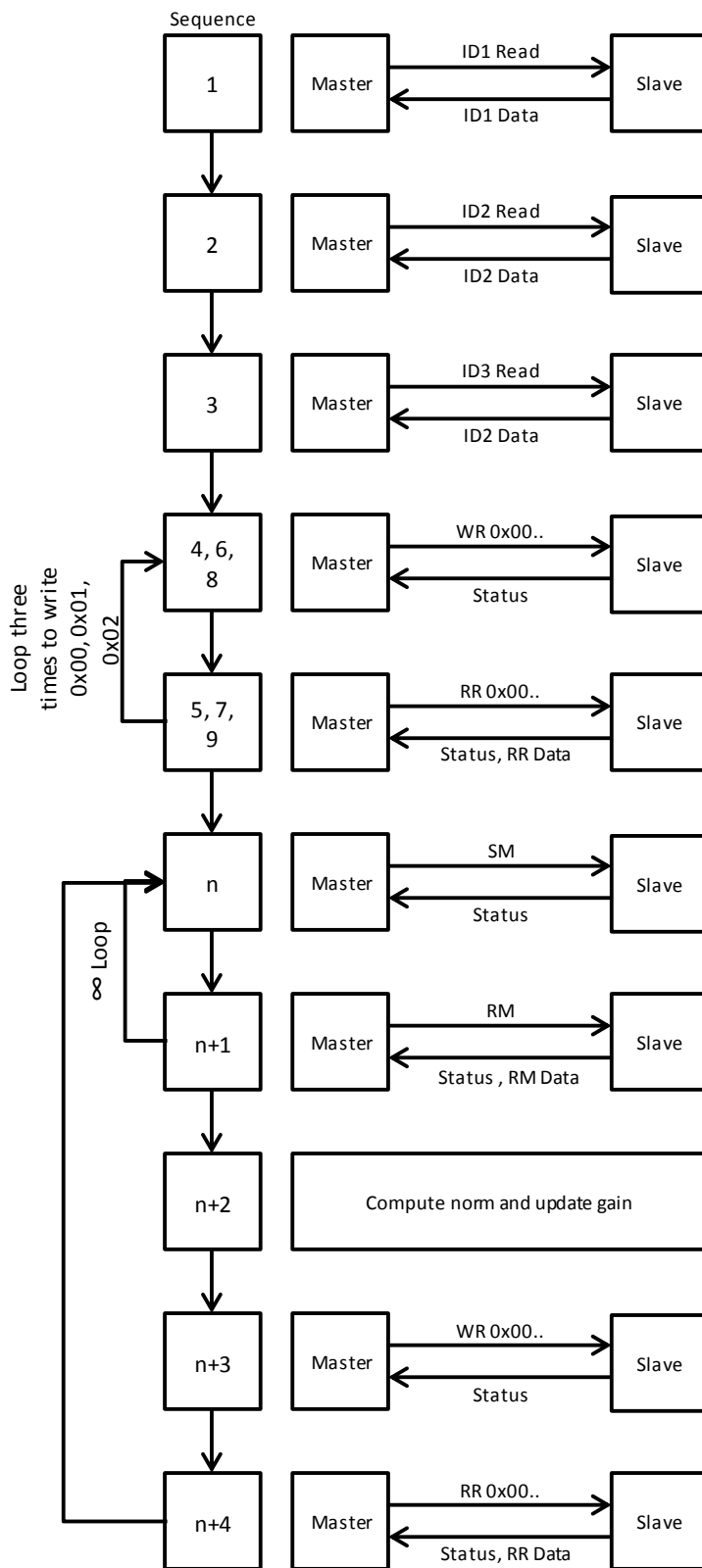
Modifications to the above table can be made based on the users performance objectives.

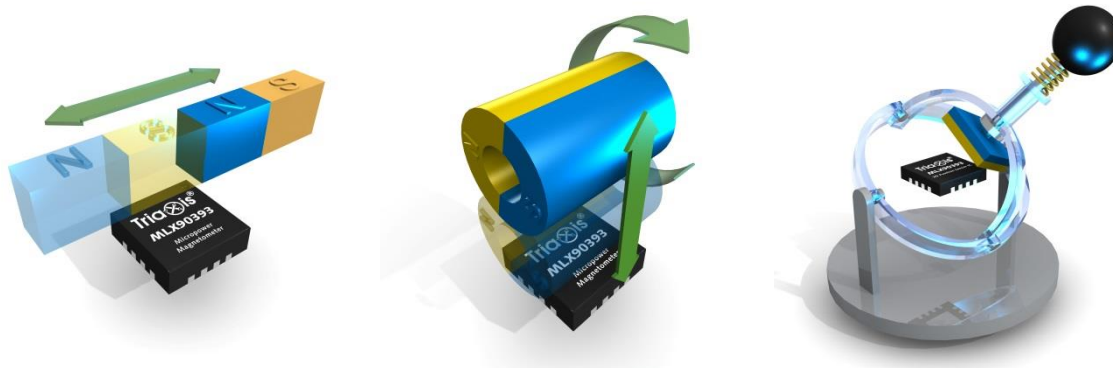
### Rotary Code Example

The following flowchart is an example for the microcontroller to configure the MLX90393 via a series of register read/write operations, permanently store the modifications, and continuously read out the magnetic information. Processing of the data is performed to obtain a magnetic angle and compute whether the gain should be modified.

After processing, the data is collected, formatted, and can be sent to a PC via the virtual serial port.

A SM/RM cycle is performed approximately every 100ms which does not include the time required to transmit the various data over the serial port.





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