

### AEM00900 Evaluation Board User Guide

## **Description**

The AEM00900 evaluation kit (EVK) is a printed circuit board (PCB) featuring all the required components to operate the AEM00900 integrated circuit (IC) in QFN28 package.

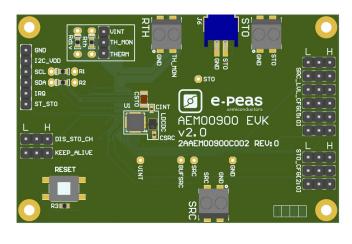
The AEM00900 evaluation board allows users to test the e-peas IC and analyze its performances in a laboratory-like setting or in product mock-ups.

It allows easy connections to an energy harvester (e.g. a single element PV cell) and a storage element. It also provides all the configuration access to set the device in any of the modes described in the datasheet. The control and status signals are available on standard pin headers or through an I<sup>2</sup>C bus communication, allowing users to override preconfigured board settings through host MCU and evaluate the IC performances.

The AEM00900 EVK is a plug and play, intuitive and efficient tool to optimize the AEM00900 configuration, allowing users to design a highly efficient subsystem for the desired target application. Component replacement and operating mode switching is convenient and easy.

More detailed information about AEM00900 features can be found in the datasheet.

## **Appearance**



### **Features**

Two-way screw terminals

- Source of energy (DC).
- Energy storage element (battery).
- Thermistor used for thermal monitoring.

#### 2-pin "Shrouded Header"

- Alternative connector for the storage element.

#### 3-pin headers

- Constant source voltage (SRC\_LVL\_CFG) configuration.
- Energy storage element threshold configuration.
- Mode configuration.
- Thermal monitoring configuration.

#### 6-pin header

- I<sup>2</sup>C communication pins.
- Storage status

### **Applications**

Wearable Electronics	Keyboards
Remote Control Units	Electronic Shelf Labels
Smart Buildings	Indoor Sensors

### **Evaluation Kit Information**

Part Number	Dimensions
2AAEM00900C002 REV:0	76 mm x 49 mm

### **Device Information**

Part Number	Package	Body size
10AEM00900C0001	QFN 28-pin	4x4mm



## 1. Connections Diagram

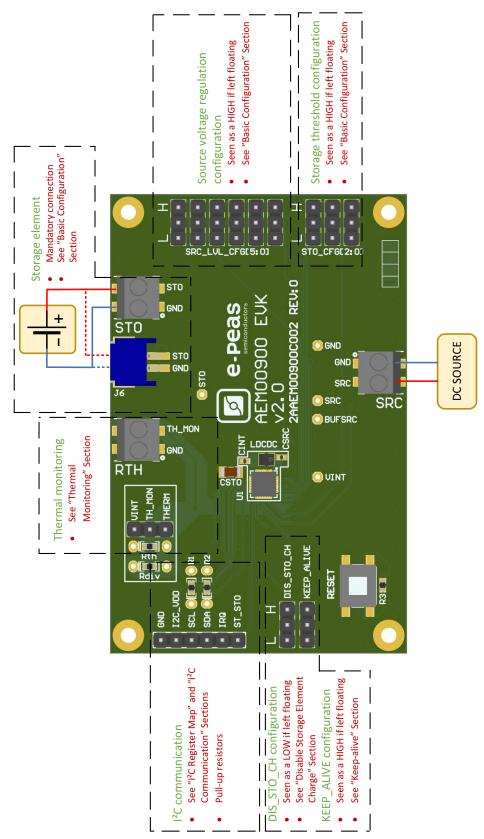


Figure 1: Connection diagram



# 2. Signals Description

NANAF	FUNCTION	CONNECTION						
NAME	FUNCTION	If used	If not used					
Power signals								
SRC	Connection to the harvested energy source.	Connect the source element.	Can be left floating.					
STO	Connection to the energy storage element.	Cannot be left floating, voltage	must always be above 2.5 V.					
I <sup>2</sup> C _VDD	Connection to I <sup>2</sup> C voltage supply.	Connect to I <sup>2</sup> C supply.	Connect to GND.					
VINT	AEM Internal voltage supply.							
BUFSRC	AEM connection to a capacitor buffering the boost converter input (no connector on EVK).							
Configuration signal	ls							
SRC_LVL_CFG[5:0]	Used for the configuration of the source voltage level.	Connect jumpers.	Read as HIGH if left floating.					
STO_CFG[2:0]	Configuration of the threshold voltages for the energy storage element.	Connect jumpers.	Read as HIGH if left floating.					
TH_MON	Configuration of the thermal monitoring.	Connect a thermistor.	Connect to VINT.					
Control signals								
DIS_STO_CH	Disabling pin for the storage charging.	Connect jumper (see Section 3.5.1).	Read as LOW if left floating.					
KEEP_ALIVE	Enabling pin to supply internal circuitry from the storage element if no power on SRC.	Connect jumper (see Section 3.5.1).	Read as LOW if left floating.					
I <sup>2</sup> C signals								
SDA	Bidirectional data line.		Connect I <sup>2</sup> C _VDD to GND					
SCL	Unidirectional serial clock.	Connect to host I <sup>2</sup> C bus.	(SDA and SCL will be pulled down by R <sub>1</sub> and R <sub>2</sub> ).					
IRQ	Interrupt request.	Connect to host GPIO.	Leave floating.					
Status signal	Status signal							
ST_STO	Logic output.  - Rises when V <sub>STO</sub> is above V <sub>OVDIS</sub> + 100 mV.  - Falls after V <sub>STO</sub> is held under V <sub>OVDIS</sub> for 2.5 s.  - Logic HIGH is at V <sub>STO</sub> voltage.	Connect to application circuit.	leave floating.					

Table 1: Pin description



### 3. General Considerations

## 3.1. Safety Information

Always perform these steps in the following order:

- 1. Reset the board: push the "RESET" switch during 5 seconds minimum.
- 2. Completely configure the PCB (jumpers/resistors):
  - Source configuration.
  - Battery configuration.
  - Mode configuration.
  - Thermal monitoring configuration.
- 3. Connect I2C\_VDD:
  - To GND if I<sup>2</sup>C is not used (SDA and SCL will also be connected to GND through their pull up resistors).
  - To a power supply if I<sup>2</sup>C is used (1.5 V to 5 V).
- 4. Connect the storage elements on STO with a voltage higher than 2.5 V.
- 5. Connect the source to the SRC connector (open circuit voltage lower than 3 V).



# 3.2. Basic Configurations

	Voltage Level					
	V <sub>SRC,REG</sub>					
L	L	L	Н	Н	L	0.12 V
L	L	L	Н	Н	Н	0.13 V
L	L	Н	L	L	L	0.15 V
L	L	Н	L	L	Н	0.16 V
L	L	Н	L	Н	L	0.18 V
L	L	Н	L	Н	Н	0.19 V
L	L	Н	Н	L	L	0.21 V
L	L	Н	Н	L	Н	0.22 V
L	L	Н	Н	Н	L	0.24 V
L	L	Н	Н	Н	Н	0.25 V
L	Н	L	L	L	L	0.27 V
L	Н	L	L	L	Н	0.28 V
L	Н	L	L	Н	L	0.30 V
L	Н	L	L	Н	Н	0.33 V
L	Н	L	Н	L	L	0.36 V
L	Н	L	Н	L	Н	0.39 V
L	Н	L	Н	Н	L	0.42 V
L	Н	L	Н	Н	Н	0.45 V
L	Н	Н	L	L	L	0.48 V
L	Н	Н	L	L	Н	0.51 V
L	Н	Н	L	Н	L	0.54 V
L	Н	Н	L	Н	Н	0.57 V
L	Н	Н	Н	L	L	0.60 V
L	Н	Н	Н	L	Н	0.63 V
L	Н	Н	Н	Н	L	0.66 V
L	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н	0.69 V
Н	L	L	L	L	L	0.72 V
Н	L	L	L	L	Н	0.75 V
Н	L	L	L	Н	L	0.78 V

	Configuration pins									
	SRC_LVL_CFG[5:0]									
Н	L	L	L	Н	Н	0.81 V				
Н	L	L	Н	L	L	0.84 V				
Н	L	L	Н	L	Н	0.90 V				
Н	L	L	Н	Н	L	1.00 V				
Н	L	L	Н	Н	Н	1.05 V				
Н	L	Н	L	L	L	1.10 V				
Н	L	Н	L	L	Н	1.14 V				
Н	L	Н	L	Н	L	1.20 V				
Н	L	Н	L	Н	Н	1.25 V				
Н	L	Н	Н	L	L	1.29 V				
Н	L	Н	Н	L	Н	1.35 V				
Н	L	Н	Н	Н	L	1.40 V				
Н	L	Н	Н	Н	Н	1.44 V				
Н	Н	L	L	L	L	1.50V				
Н	Н	L	L	L	Н	1.59 V				
Н	Н	L	L	Н	L	1.66 V				
Н	Н	L	L	Н	Н	1.70 V				
Н	Н	L	Н	L	L	1.79 V				
Н	Н	L	Н	L	Н	1.90 V				
Н	Н	L	Н	Н	L	1.99 V				
Н	Н	L	Н	Н	Н	2.10 V				
Н	Н	Н	L	L	L	2.19 V				
Н	Н	Н	L	L	Н	2.25 V				
Н	Н	Н	L	Н	L	2.32 V				
Н	Н	Н	L	Н	Н	2.41 V				
Н	Н	Н	Н	L	L	2.50 V				
Н	Н	Н	Н	L	Н	2.59 V				
Н	Н	Н	Н	Н	L	2.68 V				
Н	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н	2.73 V				

Table 2: Configuration of SRC\_LVL\_CFG[5:0]



Configuration	Configuratio	n availability	Storage Element Threshold Voltage		Battery type
STO_CFG[2:0]	I <sup>2</sup> C Interface	Configuration pins	V <sub>OVCH</sub>	V <sub>OVDIS</sub>	
LLL	yes	yes	4.50 V	3.30 V	NiCd 3 cells
LLH	yes	yes	4.00 V	2.80 V	Tadrian TLI1020A
LHL	yes	yes	3.63 V	2.80 V	LiFePO4
LHH	yes	yes	3.90 V	2.80 V	Tadrian HCL1020
HLL	yes	yes	3.80 V	2.50 V	LIC
HLH	yes	yes	3.90 V	3.01 V	Li-ion (long life)
HHL	yes	yes	4.35 V	3.01V	LiPo
ннн	yes	yes	4.12 V	3.01 V	Li-ion/solid-state/ NiMH

Table 3: Usage of STO\_CFG[2:0]



# 3.3. I<sup>2</sup>C Register Map

Address	Name	Bit	Field Name	Access	RESET	Description
0x00	VERSION	[7:0]	VERSION	R	-	Version number
0x01	SRCREGU	[6:0]	VALUE	R/W	0x77 (1.54V)	Source voltage regulation
0x02	VOVDIS	[5:0]	THRESH	R/W	0x2D (3.05V)	Overdischarge level of the storage element
0x03	VOVCH	[5:0]	THRESH	R/W	0x33 (4.1V)	Overcharge level of the storage element
0x04	TEMPCOLD	[7:0]	THRESH	R/W	0x8F (0°C)	Cold temperature level
0x05	TEMPHOT	[7:0]	THRESH	R/W	0x2F (45°C)	Hot temperature level
		[0:0]	KEEPALEN	R/W	0x01	Keep-alive enable
0,06	PWR	[1:1]	HPEN	R/W	0x01	High-power mode enable
0x06	PVVK	[2:2]	TMONEN	R/W	0x01	Temperature monitoring enable
		[3:3]	STOCHDIS	R/W	0x00	Battery charging disable
0x07	CLEED	[0:0]	EN	R/W	0x01	Sleep mode enable
UXU7	SLEEP	[3:1]	THRESH	R/W	0x00	Sleep threshold
0x08	RSVD	[2:0]	-	R/W	-	This register can be written in but it will have no effect
	АРМ	[0:0]	EN	R/W	0x00	APM enable
0x09		[1:1]	MODE	R/W	0x00	APM mode
		[3:2]	WINDOW	R/W	0x00	APM computation window
		[0:0]	12CRDY	R/W	0x01	IRQ serial interface ready enable
		[1:1]	VOVDIS	R/W	0x00	IRQ STO OVDIS enable
		[2:2]	VOVCH	R/W	0x00	IRQ STO OVCH enable
0x0A	IRQEN	[3:3]	SLPTHRESH	R/W	0x00	IRQ SRC LOW enable
		[4:4]	TEMP	R/W	0x00	IRQ temperature enable
		[5:5]	APMDONE	R/W	0x00	IRQ APM done enable
		[6:6]	APMERR	R	0x00	IRQ APM error enable
0x0B	CTRL	[0:0]	UPDATE	R/W	0x00	Load I <sup>2</sup> C registers configuration
UXUB	CIRL	[2:2]	SYNCBUSY	R	0x00	Synchronization busy flag
		[0:0]	I2CRDY	R	0x00	IRQ serial interface ready flag
		[1:1]	VOVDIS	R	0x00	IRQ STO OVDIS flag
		[2:2]	VOVCH	R	0x00	IRQ STO OVCH flag
0x0C	IRQFLG	[3:3]	SLPTHRESH	R	0x00	IRQ SRC LOW flag
		[4:4]	TEMP	R	0x00	IRQ temperature flag
		[5:5]	APMDONE	R	0x00	IRQ APM done flag
		[6:6]	APMERR	R	0x00	IRQ APM error flag
		[1:1]	VOVDIS	R	0x00	Status STO OVDIS
		[2:2]	VOVCH	R	0x00	Status STO OVCH
0x0D	STATUS	[3:3]	SLPTHRESH	R	0x00	Status SRC LOW
		[4:4]	TEMP	R	0x00	Status temperature
		[6:6]	CHARGE	R	0x00	Status STO Charge
0x0E	APM0	[7:0]	DATA	R	0x00	APM data 0

Table 4: Register summary



Address	Name	Bit	Field Name	Access	RESET	Description
0x0F	APM1	[7:0]	DATA	R	0x00	APM data 1
0x10	APM2	[7:0]	DATA	R	0x00	APM data 2
0x11	TEMP	[7:0]	DATA	R	0x00	Temperature data
0x12	STO	[7:0]	DATA	R	0x00	Battery voltage
0x13	RSVD	[7:0]	-	R	-	Reserved
0xE0	PN0	[7:0]	DATA	R	0X30	Part number 0 data
0xE1	PN1	[7:0]	DATA	R	0X30	Part number 1 data
0xE2	PN2	[7:0]	DATA	R	0X39	Part number 2 data
0xE3	PN3	[7:0]	DATA	R	0X30	Part number 3 data
0xE4	PN4	[7:0]	DATA	R	0X31	Part number 4 data

Table 4: Register summary



### 3.4. I<sup>2</sup>C Communication

The device address on the I<sup>2</sup>C bus is 0x41. All information about the I<sup>2</sup>C communication is available in the AEM00900 datasheet, "System configuration" Section.

I2C\_VDD must be connected to an external power supply which voltage is within the 1.5 V to 5.0 V range. On the Evaluation Board, 1 k $\Omega$  pull-up on SDA and SCL (R1 and R2) to I2C\_VDD are provided.

In case one or more configurations are set by  $I^2C$  communication, none of the configuration pins (GPIOs) will be taken into account anymore. Thus, applying the default values to any registers that have not been explicitly configured by  $I^2C$ .

### 3.5. Advanced Configurations

A complete description of the system constraints and configurations is available in Section "System configuration" of the AEM00900 datasheet.

### 3.5.1. Mode Configuration

DIS\_STO\_CH

Enabling/disabling battery charging can be done by setting a jumper on the corresponding 3-pin header.

- Use a jumper to connect the DIS\_STO\_CH to H to disable the charge of the storage element.
- Use a jumper to connect the DIS\_STO\_CH to L to enable the charge of the storage element.

#### KEEP\_ALIVE

The KEEP\_ALIVE feature allows to supply the internal circuitry from the storage element when no power is available on the source terminal.

- Use a jumper to connect the KEEP\_ALIVE to H to enable the feature.
- Use a jumper to connect the KEEP\_ALIVE to L to disable the feature.

#### 3.5.2. Thermal Monitoring

The thermal monitoring feature protects the battery by disabling the battery charging when ambient temperature is outside a specified range. The higher and lower thresholds are configurable using the I<sup>2</sup>C communication (see datasheet).

- Place a jumper between TH\_MON and VINT to disable the feature.
- Place a jumper between TH\_MON and THERM to enable the feature.



### 4. Circuit Behavior

### 4.1. Startup and Supply

### 4.1.1. Configuration

- SRC is supplied by a 1.0 V voltage source with 5 mA current compliance.
  - V<sub>OC</sub> = 1.0 V
  - I<sub>SRC</sub> = 5 mA
- SRC\_LVL\_CFG[5:0] = LHHLLH
  - V<sub>SRC,REG</sub> = 0.51 V

- STO\_CFG[2:0] = HHL
  - V<sub>OVDIS</sub> = 3.01 V
  - V<sub>OVCH</sub> = 4.35 V
- Temperature monitoring disabled.
- DIS\_STO\_CH = L
  - Storage element charge is enabled.
- <KEEP ALIVE= H
  - Keep-alive functionality is enabled.

#### 4.1.2. Observations

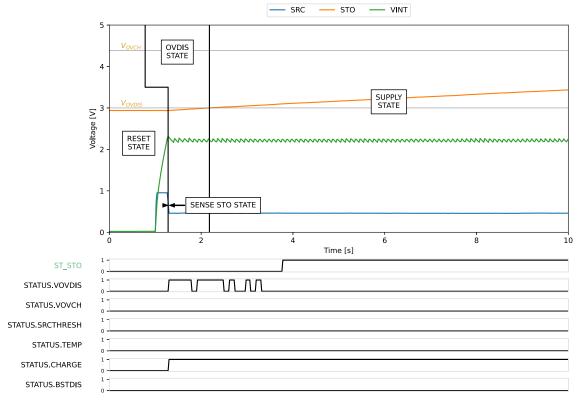


Figure 2: Startup and charge behavior

- The AEM0090x is initially in RESET STATE.
- Once the supply connected on SRC is switched on, the AEM0090x coldstarts. C<sub>INT</sub> is charged until VINT reaches V<sub>INT,CS</sub>. Then, the AEM0090x switches to SENSE STO STATE.
- In SENSE STO STATE, the AEM0090x measures V<sub>STO</sub>, which is slightly below V<sub>OVDIS</sub>. The AEM0090x goes into OVDIS STATE.
- In OVDIS STATE, the AEM0090x performs a first V<sub>OC</sub> evaluation and charges the storage element on STO by harvesting the energy from SRC. V<sub>SRC</sub> is regulated at 0.51 V. VINT is supplied by SRC. Once V<sub>STO</sub> reaches V<sub>OVDIS</sub>, the AEM0090x switches to SUPPLY STATE.
- In SUPPLY STATE, the AEM0090x charges the storage element.
  - Once V<sub>STO</sub> reaches V<sub>OVDIS</sub> + 100 mV, the ST\_STO toggles from LOW to HIGH.



### 4.2. Supply and Overcharge

### 4.2.1. Configuration

- SRC is supplied by a 1.0 V voltage source with 5 mA current compliance.
  - V<sub>OC</sub> = 1.0 V
  - I<sub>SRC</sub> = 5 mA
- SRC\_LVL\_CFG[5:0] = LHHLLH
  - V<sub>SRC,REG</sub> = 0.51 V
- STO\_CFG[2:0] = HHL

- V<sub>OVDIS</sub> = 3.01 V
- V<sub>OVCH</sub> = 4.35 V
- Temperature monitoring disabled.
- DIS\_STO\_CH = L
  - Storage element charge is enabled.
- KEEP\_ALIVE = H
  - Keep-alive functionality is enabled.

#### 4.2.2. Observations

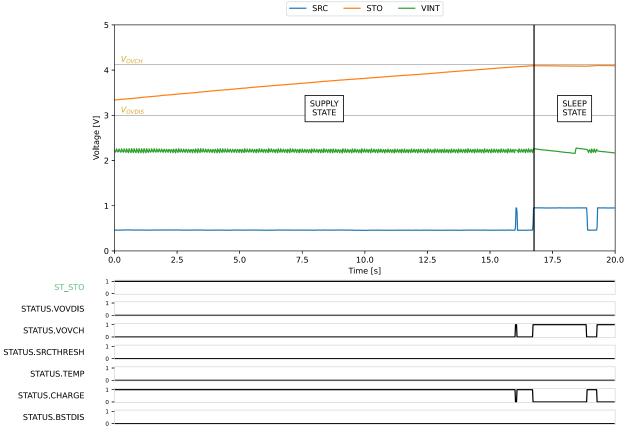


Figure 3: Supply and overcharge behavior

- In SUPPLY STATE, the AEM0090x charges the storage element.
- In SLEEP STATE, STO and VINT are fully charged. The AEM0090x stops harvesting energy from SRC. Please note that around 19 s, the AEM0090x recharges VINT from STO, thus briefly switching to SUPPLY STATE to compensate for the energy taken from STO.



### 4.3. Overdischarge

### 4.3.1. Configuration

- SRC is supplied by a 1.0 V voltage source with 5 mA current compliance.
  - $V_{OC} = 1.0 V$
  - I<sub>SRC</sub> = 5 mA
- SRC\_LVL\_CFG[5:0] = LHHLLH
  - V<sub>SRC.REG</sub> = 0.51 V

- STO\_CFG[2:0] = HHL
  - V<sub>OVDIS</sub> = 3.01 V
  - V<sub>OVCH</sub> = 4.35 V
- Temperature monitoring disabled.
- DIS\_STO\_CH = L
  - Storage element charge is enabled.
- KEEP\_ALIVE = H
  - Keep-alive functionality is enabled.

#### 4.3.2. Observations

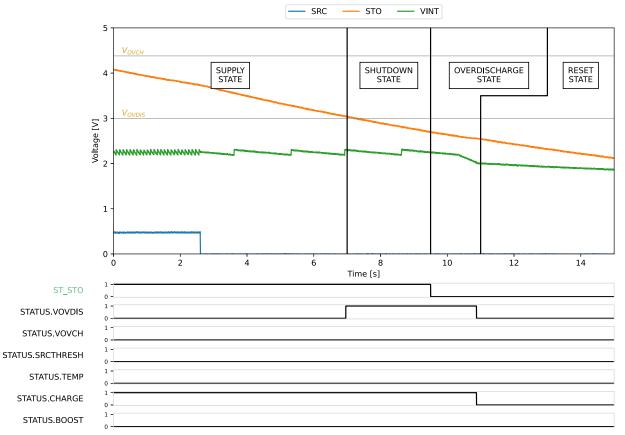


Figure 4: Overdischarge behavior

- The AEM0090x is initially in SUPPLY STATE.
- The AEM0090x is initially in SLEEP STATE since the sleep condition is satisfied: SLEEP.EN & KEEP\_ALIVE & (V<sub>STO</sub> > V<sub>OVCH</sub> | STATUS.TEMP | <Pin Control>DIS\_STO\_CH | V<sub>MPP</sub> < SLEEP.SRCTHRESH).
- Once  $V_{\text{STO}}$  reaches  $V_{\text{OVDIS}}$ , the AEM0090x enters SHUTDOWN STATE
- After 2.5 s in SHUTDOWN STATE, the AEM0090x goes in OVDIS STATE and ST\_STO toggles from HIGH to LOW. V<sub>INT</sub> is no longer supplied and C<sub>INT</sub> starts to discharge.
- Once V<sub>INT</sub> falls below 2 V, the AEM0090x goes in RESET STATE. All STATUS signals are set to LOW.



### 4.4. Keep-alive

### 4.4.1. Configuration

- SRC is supplied by a 1.0 V voltage source with 5 mA current compliance.
  - V<sub>OC</sub> = 1.0 V
  - I<sub>SRC</sub> = 5 mA
- SRC\_LVL\_CFG[5:0] = LHHLLH
  - V<sub>SRC,REG</sub> = 0.51 V

- STO\_CFG[2:0] = HHL
  - V<sub>OVDIS</sub> = 3.01 V
  - V<sub>OVCH</sub> = 4.35 V
- Temperature monitoring disabled.
- DIS\_STO\_CH = L
  - Storage element charge is enabled.
- KEEP\_ALIVE: is enabled on Figure 5 and disabled on Figure 6.

#### 4.4.2. Observations

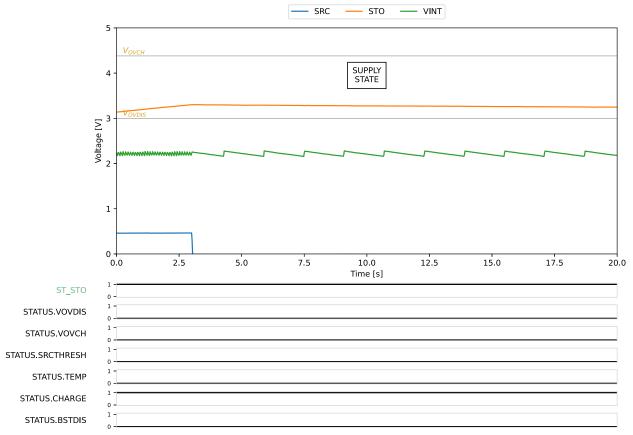


Figure 5: KEEP\_ALIVE HIGH behavior



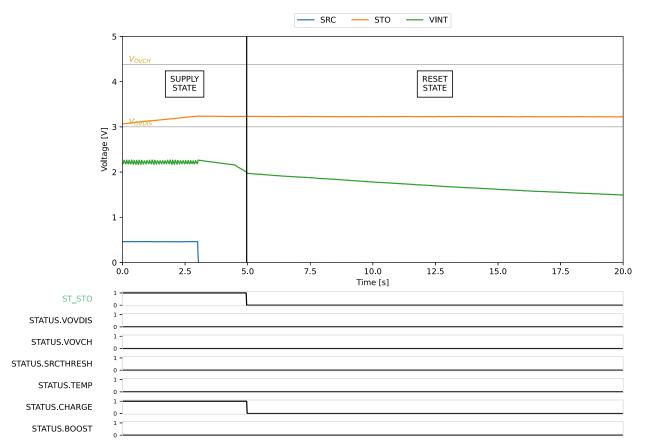


Figure 6: KEEP\_ALIVE LOW behavior

In both cases, the AEM0090x is first in SUPPLY STATE. The storage element connected to STO is charged by extracting power from SRC.

At 3 s, the energy source connected to the SRC pin is switched off in both cases. The behavior after that depends on whether the Keep-alive functionality is enabled or not:

 KEEP\_ALIVE = H (Keep-alive enabled, Figure 5): the AEM0090x switches to SLEEP STATE, so VINT keeps being supplied from the storage element connected to STO. The AEM0090x will be able to harvest again as soon as power is restored to the SRC pin. On the other hand, a small current is pulled from the storage element (IOSLEEP, see Table 3). - KEEP\_ALIVE = L (Keep-alive disabled, Figure 6): VINT can only be supplied from the energy available on SRC, so as soon as the power source is switched off, VINT stops being supplied. The AEM0090x switches to RESET STATE, so that no current is pulled from the storage element. The stored energy is thus preserved. On the other hand, when power is restored to the SRC pin, the AEM0090x must perform a cold start to resume harvesting.



### 4.5. Temperature Monitoring

### 4.5.1. Configuration

- SRC is supplied by a 1.0 V voltage source with 5 mA current compliance.
  - $V_{OC} = 1.0 V$
  - I<sub>SRC</sub> = 5 mA
- SRC\_LVL\_CFG[5:0] = LHHLLH
  - V<sub>SRC.REG</sub> = 0.51 V

- STO\_CFG[2:0] = HHL
  - V<sub>OVDIS</sub> = 3.01 V
  - V<sub>OVCH</sub> = 4.35 V
- Temperature monitoring is enabled with default values:
  - The temperature range in which the AEM0090x charges the storage element is 0 °C to 45 °C.
- DIS\_STO\_CH = L
  - Storage element charge is enabled.
- KEEP\_ALIVE = H
  - Heep-alive feature is enabled.

#### 4.5.2. Observations

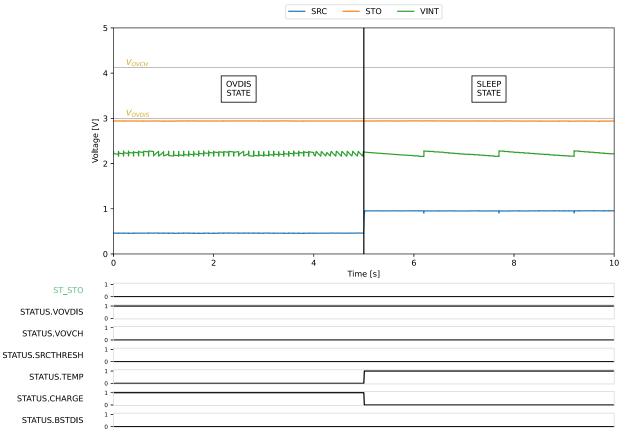


Figure 7: Temperature monitoring behavior

Figure 7 shows the AEM0090x charging the storage element while being in OVDIS STATE. At 5 s, the temperature drops below 0 °C, causing the AEM0090x to stop charging the storage element. The AEM0090x goes in SLEEP STATE



### 5. Functional Tests

This section presents a few simple tests that allow users to understand the functional behavior of the AEM00900. To avoid damaging the board, follow the procedure found in Section 3.1. If a test has to be restarted,

make sure to properly reset the system to obtain reproducible results.

The measurements use the following equipment:

- Two Source Measurement Units (SMU, four-quadrant power supply).
- One 2-channel oscilloscope.

The following functional tests were made using the following setup:

- EVK jumpers configuration:

#### 5.1. Cold-start

The following test allows users to observe the minimum voltage required to coldstart the AEM00900. To prevent current leakage caused by the probe impedance, users should avoid probing any unnecessary node. Make sure to properly reset the board to observe the cold-start behavior.

#### Setup

- Place oscilloscope probe on SRC.
- Referring Figure 1, follow steps 1 to 5 explained in Section 3.1.
- SRC: SMU set as 20  $\mu A$  current source with 0.3 V voltage compliance.
- STO: SMU as 3.0 V voltage source with 100  $\mu A$  current compliance.

## - SRC\_LVL\_CFG[5:0] = LHHLHL (0.54 V).

- STO\_CFG[2:0] = HHH (3.01 V 4.12 V).
- DIS\_STO\_CH = L.
- KEEP\_ALIVE = H.
- Place the jumper to connect TH\_MON with VINT.
- Place a jumper to connect I2C\_VDD and GND if the I<sup>2</sup>C communication is not used.

Users can adapt the setup to match the use case system as long as the input limitations are respected, as well as the minimum storage voltage and cold-start constraints (see "Introduction" Section of AEM00900 datasheet).

#### **Observations and measurements**

- SRC voltage clamped at the cold-start voltage during the cold-start phase and then regulated at the selected V<sub>SRC,REG</sub> when cold start is over. The duration of the cold-start phase decreases as the input power increases. Select the input power accordingly to be able to observe the cold-start phase.
- STO: SMU starts absorbing current sourced by the STO pin once the cold-start phase is completed.

### 5.2. I<sup>2</sup>C Communication

This test allows users to change a configuration through the  $I^2C$  communication.

#### Setup

- Place the oscilloscope probe on SRC.
- Referring to Figure 1, follow steps 1 to 5 explained in Section 3.1. Configure theboard in the desired state and start the system.
- Connect I2C\_VDD to the I<sup>2</sup>C supply (between 1.8 V and 5.5 V).
- Write '0010 0011' (0x23) on the register (0x01)

Write '1' to the CTRL register (0x0B) to load the I<sup>2</sup>C register configuration (at startup the AEM00900 loads its configurations from the pins settings)

#### **Observations and measurements**

 SRC: observe that the voltage regulation switches to 0.285 V, when the register value is loaded



### 5.3. Efficiency

This test allows users to reproduce the efficiency graphs of the boost converter (see "DCDC Conversion Efficiency" Section in the AEM00900 datasheet.

#### Setup

- Referring to Figure 1, follow steps 1 to 5 explained in Section 3.1. Configure the board in the desired state and start the system (see Section 3.1)
- STO: connect SMU configured as a 4.7 V voltage source with a 100 mA current compliance.
- SRC: connect SMU configured as a source current with a voltage compliance of 1.0 V to ensure the AEM00900 coldstarts.

#### **Manipulations**

- STO: set the SMU to the desired voltage, between V<sub>OVDIS</sub> and V<sub>OVCH</sub>. Make sure the SMU integration time is as long as possible.
- SRC: sweep the voltage compliance of the SMU from 0.12 V to 1.5 V to let the AEM00900 set VMPP according to the MPP ratio.

#### **Observations and measurements**

- For each data point of the SRC voltage sweep, note the SRC SMU voltage and current, as well as the STO SMU voltage and current. Repeat the measurement for each data point a copious number of times to ensure capturing current peaks.
- The efficiency η in percent is computed by applying the following formula:

$$\eta = 100 \cdot \frac{V_{STO} \cdot I_{STO}}{V_{SRC} \cdot I_{SRC}}$$



# **6. DCDC Conversion Efficiency**

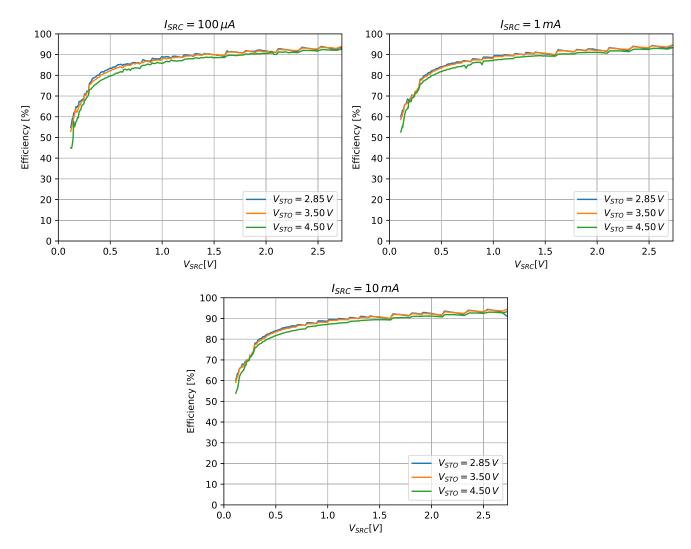


Figure 8: AEM00900 DCDC conversion efficiency (LDCDC: TDK VLS252012HBX-6R8M-1)



## 7. Schematics

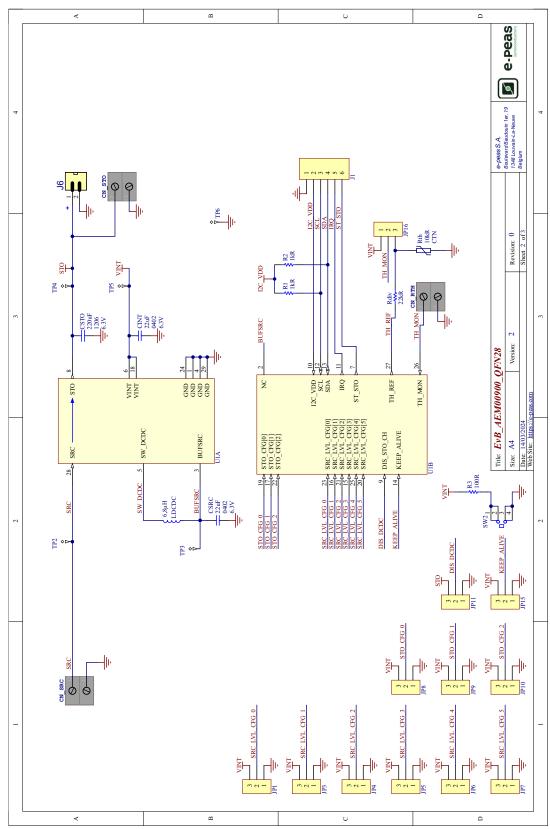


Figure 9: AEM00900 Evaluation Board Schematic



# 8. Revision History

EVK Version	User Guide Revision	Date	Description			
Up to 1.1	1.0	February, 2022	Creation of the document.			
1.2	1.1	September, 2023	Fixed some inconsistencies and updated images.			
2.0	1.0	November, 2024	<ul> <li>Added ST_STO</li> <li>Removed user warning on silkscreen</li> <li>Added extended range on SRC</li> <li>Changed regmap: <ul> <li>Changed version register</li> <li>Added APM IRQ flag and error registers</li> <li>Added part number registers</li> </ul> </li> <li>Added circuit behavior section</li> </ul>			

Table 5: Revision History