

Evaluating the ADMV4821 24 GHz to 29.5 GHz Transmitter/Receiver, Dual Polarization Beamformer

**FEATURES**

- ▶ Fully featured evaluation board for the ADMV4821
- ▶ On-board SDP-S connector for SPI control
- ▶ 5 V operation through LDO regulators
- ▶ ACE software interface for SPI control

**EVALUATION KIT CONTENTS**

- ▶ ADMV4821-EVALZ

**EQUIPMENT NEEDED**

- ▶ 5 V dc power supply
- ▶ RF signal generator
- ▶ Spectrum analyzer or network analyzer
- ▶ USB to mini USB cable
- ▶ SDP-S controller board

**DOCUMENTS NEEDED**

- ▶ ADMV4821 data sheet
- ▶ AN-2021 Application Note, ADMV4801/ADMV4821 SPI Application Note (contact Analog Devices at [mmwave5G@analog.com](mailto:mmwave5G@analog.com))

**SOFTWARE NEEDED**

- ▶ ACE software

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The ADMV4821-EVALZ evaluation board incorporates the ADMV4821 silicon germanium (SiGe), 24 GHz to 29.5 GHz, 5G beamformer with low dropout (LDO) regulators, level shifters, and an EVAL-SDP-CS1Z (SDP-S) controller board to allow the simplified and efficient evaluation of the ADMV4821. The RF IC is highly integrated and contains 16 independent transmitter and receiver channels. The device supports eight horizontal and eight vertical polarized antennas via independent RFV and RFH input/outputs (I/Os). The chip can be programmed using a 3-wire or 4-wire serial port interface (SPI). The SDP-S controller allows the user to interface with the ADMV4821 SPI through the Analog Devices, Inc., Analysis, Control, Evaluation (ACE) software. The level shifters translate the 1.8 V chip logic level to the 3.3 V SDP-S logic level. The LDO regulators allow the ADMV4821 to be powered on by a single supply.

For full details on the ADMV4821, see the ADMV4821 data sheet, which must be consulted in conjunction with this user guide when using the ADMV4821-EVALZ.

**EVALUATION BOARD PHOTOGRAPH**

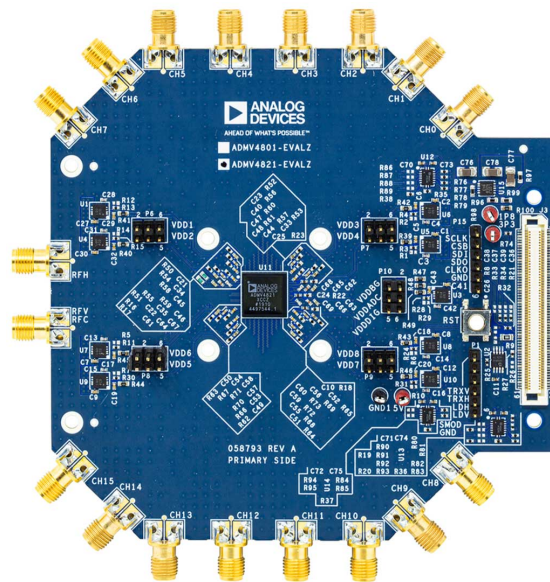


Figure 1.

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EVALUATION BOARD HARDWARE

The ADMV4821-EVALZ has an on-board ADMV4821 chip. Figure 2 shows the block diagram of the ADMV4821-EVALZ.

Figure 3 shows the ADMV4821 lab bench setup for transmitter mode. Connect the 5 V dc power supply to the ADMV4821-EVALZ 5V test point and ground the power supply to the GND1 test point. Set the power supply current compliance to 3 A. Use the mini USB connector to connect the PC to the ADMV4821-EVALZ. For transmitter mode, connect the RFV or RFH port to an RF signal generator. Connect the spectrum analyzer to the channel being evaluated. All unused channels must be 50 Ω terminated.

For receiver mode, connect the RFV or RFH port to the spectrum analyzer (see Figure 4). Connect an RF signal generator to the channel being evaluated. All unused channels must be 50 Ω terminated.

Note that the ADMV4821-EVALZ comes with a bottom side heat sink that provides improved visually for the single device on board. For final application, a top side heat sink is recommended.

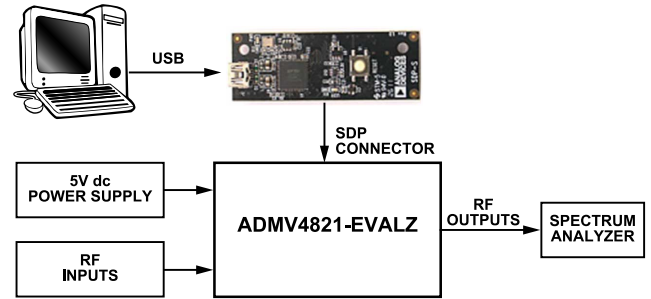


Figure 2. ADMV4821-EVALZ Block Diagram

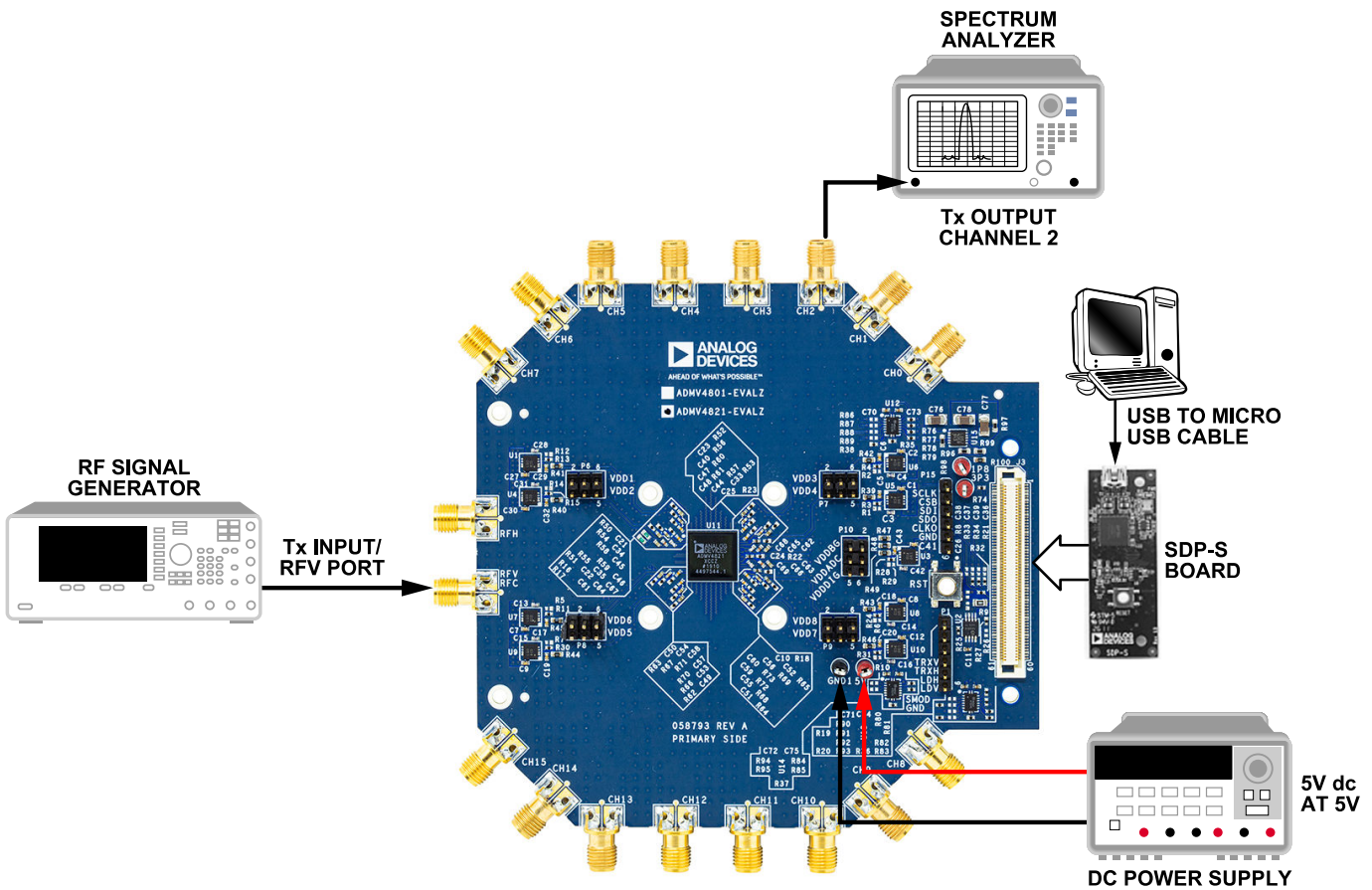


Figure 3. ADMV4821-EVALZ Lab Bench Setup for Transmitter Mode (Example for Evaluating Channel 2 and RFV Port)

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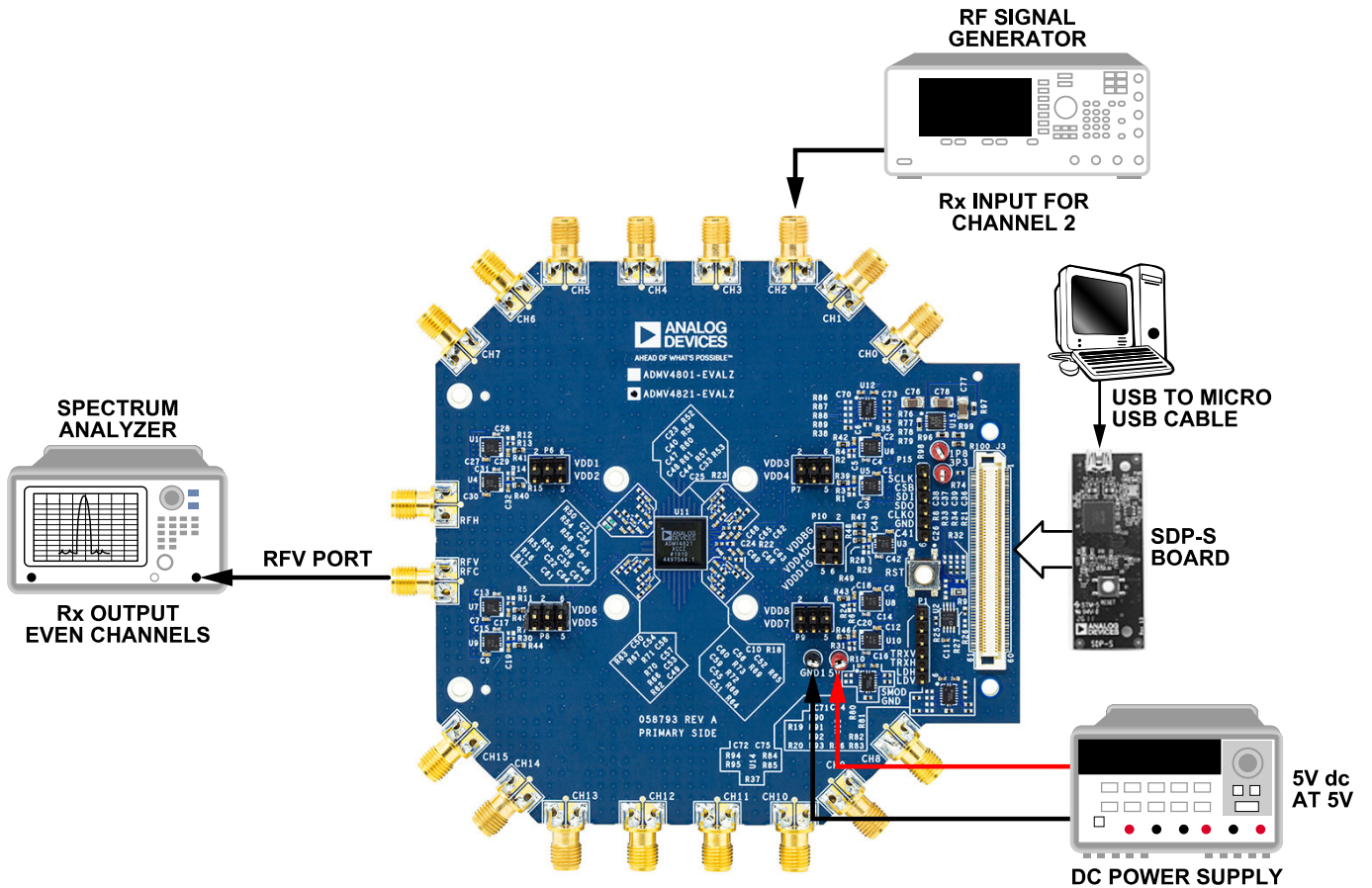


Figure 4. ADMV4821-EVALZ Lab Bench Setup for Receiver Mode (Example for Evaluating Channel 2 and RFV Port)

## EVALUATION BOARD SOFTWARE QUICK START PROCEDURES

## INSTALLING THE ACE SOFTWARE AND THE ADMV4821 PLUGINS AND DRIVERS

The ADMV4821-EVALZ uses the [ACE](#) software for testing. For instructions on how to install and use the [ACE](#) software, go to [www.analog.com/ACE](http://www.analog.com/ACE).

If the [ACE](#) software is already installed on the PC, ensure that the installed software is the latest version, as shown on the [www.analog.com/ACE](http://www.analog.com/ACE) page. If the previously installed software is not the latest version, take the following steps to install the updated [ACE](#) software:

1. Uninstall the current version of the [ACE](#) software.
2. Delete the **ACE** folder in **C:\ProgramData\Analog Devices**.
3. Install the latest version of the [ACE](#) software. During the installation, ensure that the **PreRequisites** boxes are selected for installation as well (see [Figure 5](#)).

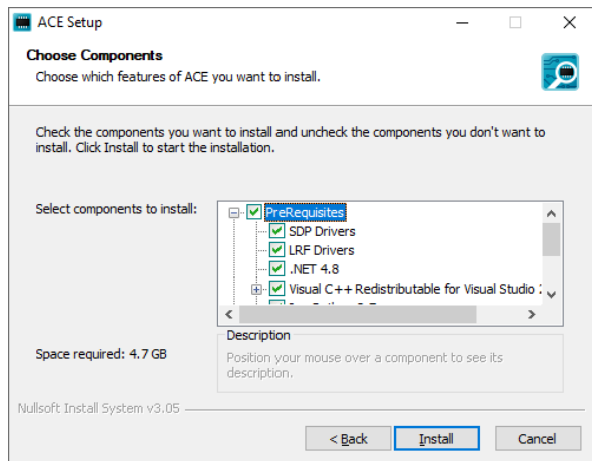


Figure 5. Drivers to Install with ACE Software

4. When the [ACE](#) software installs, download the **ADMV4821.acezip** file provided by Analog Devices.
5. When the download completes, double click the **ADMV4821.acezip** file to install the ADMV4821 plugin on the [ACE](#) software.

When the plugin installations complete, the ADMV4821-EVALZ plugin (**ADMV4821 Board**) appears when the [ACE](#) software opens (see [Figure 6](#)).

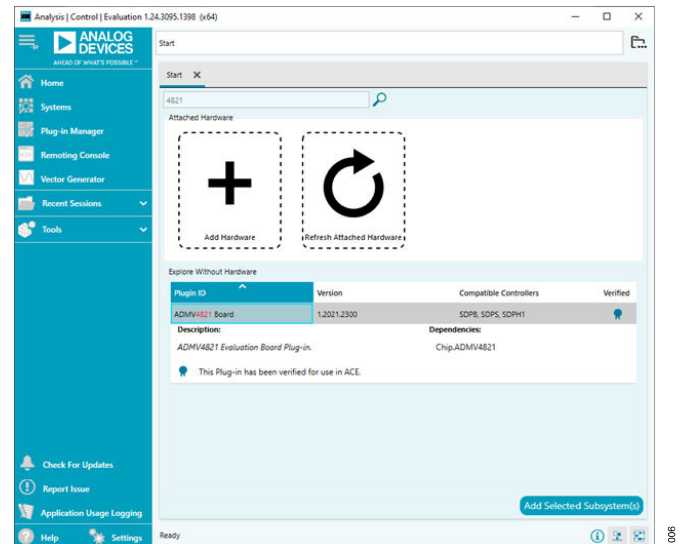


Figure 6. ADMV4821-EVALZ Plugin Window After Opening ACE Software

## HARDWARE SETUP

To set up the ADMV4821-EVALZ for testing, take the following steps:

1. Connect a USB cable to the PC and then to the ADMV4821-EVALZ.
2. Power up the ADMV4821-EVALZ with a 5 V dc supply. When the USB cable is connected to the PC, the PC recognizes the ADMV4821-EVALZ.
3. Open the [ACE](#) software. The **ADMV4821 Board** plugin appears in the **Attached Hardware** section. Double click the plugin.

If the device is turned off and then on, or if the USB cable is unplugged and plugged back in while the [ACE](#) software is open, contact with the ADMV4821-EVALZ is lost. To regain contact, click the **System** tab, click the **USB** symbol on the **ADMV4821** subsystem, and then click **Acquire**. This command allows the user to reconnect to the ADMV4821-EVALZ. If this command does not work, the user must restart [ACE](#).

4. The **ADMV4821 Board** tab opens. Double click the **ADMV4821** icon in the middle of the window (see [Figure 7](#)).



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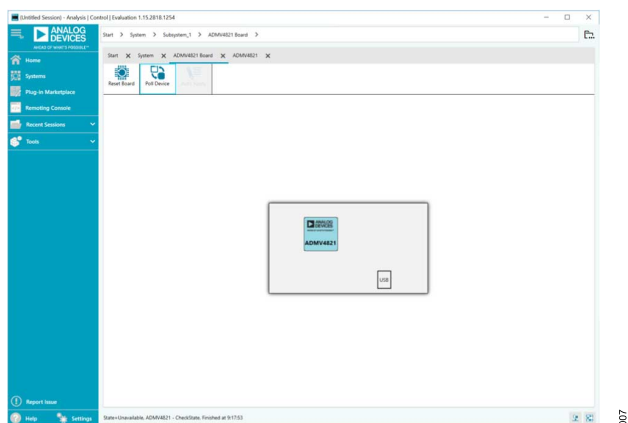


Figure 7. ADMV4821-EVALZ Plugin View

5. The ADMV4821 plugin appears (see Figure 8).

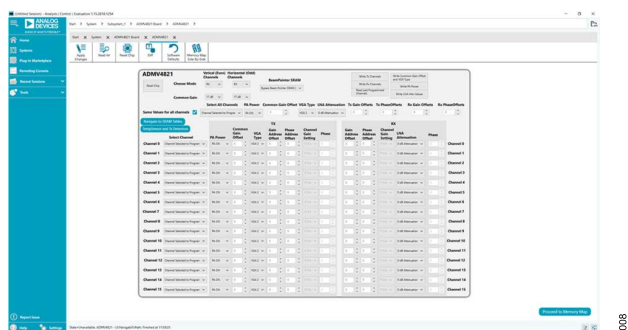


Figure 8. ADMV4821 Plugin Home Page in ACE Software

**ADMV4821 SOFTWARE DIAGRAM AND FUNCTIONS**

The ADMV4821 plugin has the following functions and features:

- ▶ Device initialization.
- ▶ Switching between transmitter mode and receiver mode.
- ▶ Dual polarization evaluation.
- ▶ Changing gain and phase settings for all channels or an individual channel.
- ▶ On-chip static random access memory (SRAM) read and write.
- ▶ Beam pointer mode and bypass mode.
- ▶ Readback from on-chip temperature sensor and power detectors.

See the [ADMV4821](#) data sheet for a full description of each block and register, as well as the corresponding settings.

Note that the [ACE](#) software provides a simplified tutorial for testing the ADMV4821. For more customized and detailed implementation, refer to the AN-2021 Application Note, *ADMV4801/ADMV4821 SPI Application Note*.

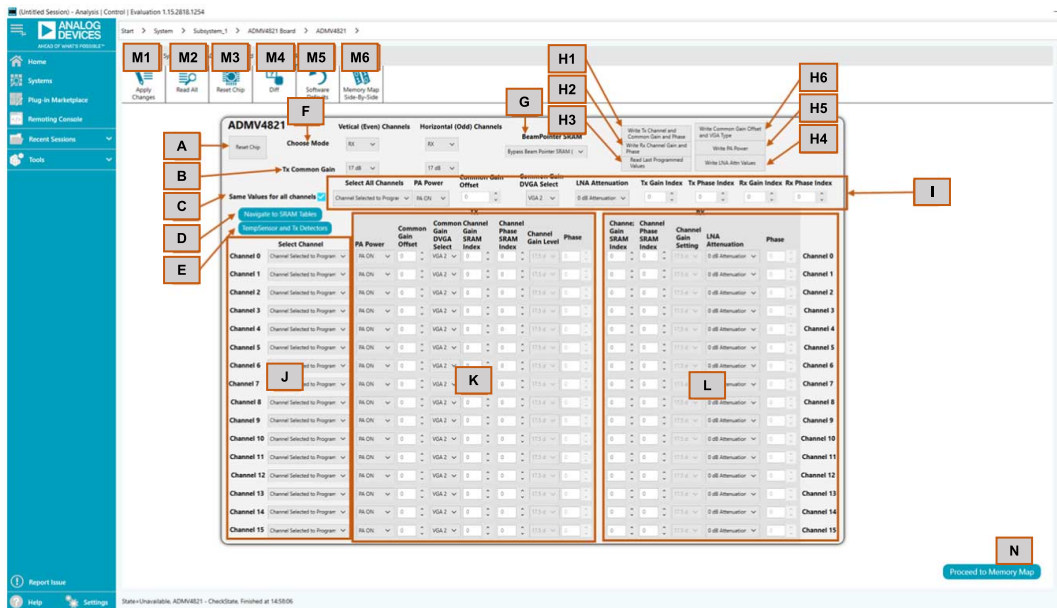
**INITIALIZATION AND QUICK START**

[Figure 9](#) shows the ADMV4821-EVALZ home page in the ACE software. The device is reset automatically after opening the home page.

For first time device evaluation, take the following steps:

1. Turn on the 5 V power supply. Set the current compliance to 3 A.
2. Open the [ACE](#) software and the **ADMV4821 Board** plugin.
3. Choose **TX** from the **Choose Mode** dropdown list (Label F) and **17 dB** from the **Tx Common Gain** dropdown list (Label B) in both the **Vertical (Even) Channels** section and the **Horizontal (Odd) Channels** section.
4. Choose **Bypass Beam Pointer SRAM** in the **BeamPointer SRAM** dropdown list (Label G).
5. Select the **Same Values for all channels** checkbox (Label C).
6. Click **Write Tx Channel and Common Gain and Phase** (Label H1) and click **Write PA Power** (Label H5) to load the gain and phase settings. All transmitter channels turn on. The current consumption is about 2.2 A.

[Table 1](#) describes the functions of each block in the ADMV4821 home page shown in [Figure 9](#).



**Figure 9. ACE Software Home Page ADMV4821-EVALZ**

**Table 1. ACE Plugin Home Page Labels and Functions**

Label	Function
A	Click <b>Reset Chip</b> to reset the device (same function as <b>Reset Chip</b> in Label M3).
B	Use the <b>Tx Common Gain</b> dropdown list to select the transmitter common gain level to write to Register 0x08E for vertical polarization and Register 0x08F for horizontal polarization (see the AN-2021 Application Note, <i>ADMV4801/ADMV4821 SPI Application Note</i> ). The common gain selected is applied to the DVGA 2 block in the transmit path by default. Refer to the ADMV4821 data sheet for more details on the digital variable gain amplifiers (DVGAs) in the RF signal path.

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C	Select the <b>Same Values for all channels</b> checkbox to bring up the settings section for all channels (Label I). Changes made in this section are applied to all channels in the Label J, Label K, and Label L sections but are not loaded until Label H1 to Label H6 are clicked. Note that the changes are not loaded to channels that are not selected to program in the <b>Select Channel</b> section (Label J).
D	Click <b>Navigate to SRAM Tables</b> to access the gain and phase SRAM and the beam position SRAM.
E	Click <b>TempSensor and Tx Detectors</b> to open the readback page. See the <a href="#">Temperature Sensor and Power Detector</a> section for details.
F	Use the <b>Choose Mode</b> dropdown list to choose transmitter mode or receiver mode for each polarization.
G	Use the <b>BeamPointer SRAM</b> dropdown list to choose bypass mode or beam pointer mode.
H1	Click <b>Write Tx Channel and Common Gain and Phase</b> to load the gain and phase changes to the device. It is not recommended to click <b>Apply Changes</b> (Label M1) when writing to channels.
H2	Click <b>Write Rx Channel Gain and Phase</b> to load the gain and phase changes to the device. It is not recommended to click <b>Apply Changes</b> (Label M1) when writing to channels.
H3	Click <b>Read Last Programmed Values</b> to read the channel settings from the last programmed channels.
H4	Click <b>Write LNA Attn Values</b> to load the LNA attenuation values to the device. Clicking <b>Apply Changes</b> (Label M1) is not recommended.
H5	Click <b>Write PA Power</b> to load the power amplifier power setting to the device. Clicking <b>Apply Changes</b> (Label M1) is not recommended.
H6	Click <b>Write Common Gain Offset and VGA Type</b> to load the common gain offset and VGA type to the device. Clicking <b>Apply Changes</b> (Label M1) is not recommended.
I	This section is visually enabled when the <b>Same Values for all channels</b> checkbox is selected. All 16 channels can be changed simultaneously in this section.
J	Label J is the <b>Select Channel</b> section. When <b>Channel Selected to Program</b> is chosen for a channel, any changes occurring in the <b>TX</b> and <b>RX</b> sections (Label K and Label L) are loaded when the <b>Write Tx Channel and Common Gain and Phase</b> (Label H1) or <b>Write Rx Channel Gain and Phase</b> (Label H2) buttons are clicked. When <b>Channel NOT Selected to Program</b> is chosen for a channel, changes to the channel are not loaded to the device.
K	<p>The <b>TX</b> section includes the following transmitter gain and phase functions:</p> <p><b>PA Power:</b> turns the power amplifier on or off for each channel.</p> <p><b>Common Gain Offset:</b> scroll up or down to change the common gain offset, Register 0x02B, Bits[5:1], of each transmit channel. The offset is added to the common gain in dB. For example, choose a value of 1 to add 1 dB to the common gain.</p> <p><b>Common Gain DVGA Select:</b> use the individual dropdown lists to choose which DVGA to assign to the common gain. The unassigned DVGA is assigned to the channel gain. It is recommended to use the default setting, where DVGA 1 is chosen for the channel gain and DVGA 2 is chosen for the common gain.</p> <p><b>Channel Gain SRAM Index:</b> scroll up or down to choose the preset gain states stored in the transmitter gain SRAM for each channel gain. Offset 0 to Offset 31 correspond to the transmitter gain SRAM, Register 0x1C0 to Register 0x1DF. The transmitter gain SRAM table can be changed in the <b>Navigate to SRAM Tables</b> page (Label D) (see the AN-2021 Application Note, <i>ADMV4801/ADMV4821 SPI Application Note</i>).</p> <p><b>Channel Phase SRAM Index:</b> scroll up or down to choose the preset phase states stored in the transmitter phase SRAM of each transmit channel. Offset 0 to Offset 63 correspond to the transmitter phase SRAM, Register 0x180 to Register 0x1BF. The transmitter phase SRAM table can be changed in the <b>Navigate to SRAM Tables</b> page (Label D) (see the AN-2021 Application Note, <i>ADMV4801/ADMV4821 SPI Application Note</i>).</p> <p><b>Channel Gain Level:</b> displays the real gain levels.</p> <p><b>Phase:</b> displays the real phase values.</p>
L	<p>The <b>RX</b> section includes the following receiver gain and phase functions:</p> <p><b>Channel Gain SRAM Index:</b> scroll up or down to choose the preset gain states stored in the receiver gain SRAM for the receiver gain of each receive channel. Offset 0 to Offset 31 correspond to the receiver gain SRAM, Register 0x140 to Register 0x15F. The receiver gain SRAM table can be changed in the <b>Navigate to SRAM Tables</b> page (Label D) (see the AN-2021 Application Note, <i>ADMV4801/ADMV4821 SPI Application Note</i>).</p> <p><b>Channel Phase SRAM Index:</b> scroll up or down to choose the preset phase states stored in the receiver phase SRAM of each receive channel. Offset 0 to Offset 63 correspond to the receiver phase SRAM, Register 0x100 to Register 0x13F. The receiver phase SRAM table can be changed in the <b>Navigate to SRAM Tables</b> page (Label D) (see the AN-2021 Application Note, <i>ADMV4801/ADMV4821 SPI Application Note</i>).</p> <p><b>Channel Gain Setting:</b> displays the real gain levels.</p> <p><b>LNA Attenuation:</b> scroll up or down to choose the LNA attenuation of each receive channel.</p> <p><b>Phase:</b> displays the real phase values.</p>
M1	It is not recommended to click <b>Apply Changes</b> in normal operation. Use Label H1 to Label H6 to read and write to the channels.
M2	It is not recommended to click <b>Read All</b> in normal operation. Use Label H1 to Label H6 to read and write to the channels.



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Table 1. ACE Plugin Home Page Labels and Functions

Label	Function
M3	<b>Reset Chip</b> has the same functionality as Label A.
M4	It is not recommended to click <b>Diff</b> in normal operation. Use Label H1 to Label H6 to read and write to the channels.
M5	Click <b>Software Defaults</b> to restore the software default register values.
M6	Click <b>Memory Map Side-By-Side</b> to enable the side by side memory map view.
N	Click <b>Proceed to Memory Map</b> to open the ADMV4821 memory map.

TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER GAIN AND PHASE STATES SRAM

Bypass mode and beam pointer mode use the gain and phase states SRAM. For simplified evaluation, the graphical user interface (GUI) presets and loads the SRAM at initialization. The SRAM can be changed and customized based on the user application.

The transmitter and receiver gain states SRAM stores up to 32 channel gain states for the transmitter states settings that can be applied to an individual transmitter or receiver channel by specifying the gain states index, as shown in Table 2 and Table 3. Click **Navigate to SRAM Tables** in the ACE home page to access the tables shown in Figure 10.

The ACE software predefines the gain SRAM. To change the gain SRAM, use the export or import .CSV file function instead of modifying the gain SRAM directly in the GUI.

Click the appropriate export icon in Figure 10 and then save the .CSV file to any local directory. The .CSV file looks like the example shown in Figure 11. Row 2 to Row 33 correspond to Gain States Index 0 through Gain States Index 31 in Table 2 and Table 3. Each cell in the .CSV file stores the decimal representation of the gain shown in Table 4. There are 36 available gain levels to choose from, from 0 dB to 17.5 dB in 0.5 dB steps. Table 4 shows the hexadecimal and decimal representations for the 36 gain values.

When the updated gain states SRAM file imports, click the **Write to SRAM** button shown in Figure 10 to load the values to the device.

Click the **Fill SRAM Tables** button shown in Figure 10 to reset the gain and phase to default values (see the AN-2021 Application Note, ADMV4801/ADMV4821 SPI Application Note).

Table 2. Receiver Gain States SRAM

Address	Index	Channel Gain
Register 0x140	0	User defined
Register 0x141	1	User defined
Register 0x142	2	User defined
...	...	...
Register 0x15F	31	User defined

Table 3. Transmitter Gain States SRAM

Address	Index	Channel Gain
Register 0x1C0	0	User defined
Register 0x1C1	1	User defined

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Address	Index	Channel Gain
Register 0x1C2	2	User defined
...	...	...
Register 0x1DF	31	User defined

Table 4. Gain Level Truth Table

Gain (dB)	Data (Hexadecimal)	Data (Decimal)
0	00	0
0.5	01	1
1	02	2
1.5	03	3
2	04	4
2.5	05	5
3	06	6
3.5	07	7
4	08	8
4.5	09	9
5	0A	10
5.5	0B	11
6	0C	12
6.5	0D	13
7	0E	14
7.5	0F	15
8	10	16
8.5	11	17
9	12	18
9.5	13	19
10	14	20
10.5	15	21
11	16	22
11.5	17	23
12	18	24
12.5	19	25
13	1A	26
13.5	1B	27
14	1C	28
14.5	1D	29
15	1E	30

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Table 4. Gain Level Truth Table

Gain (dB)	Data (Hexadecimal)	Data (Decimal)
15.5	1F	31
16	20	32
16.5	21	33

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Gain (dB)	Data (Hexadecimal)	Data (Decimal)
17	22	34
17.5	23	35

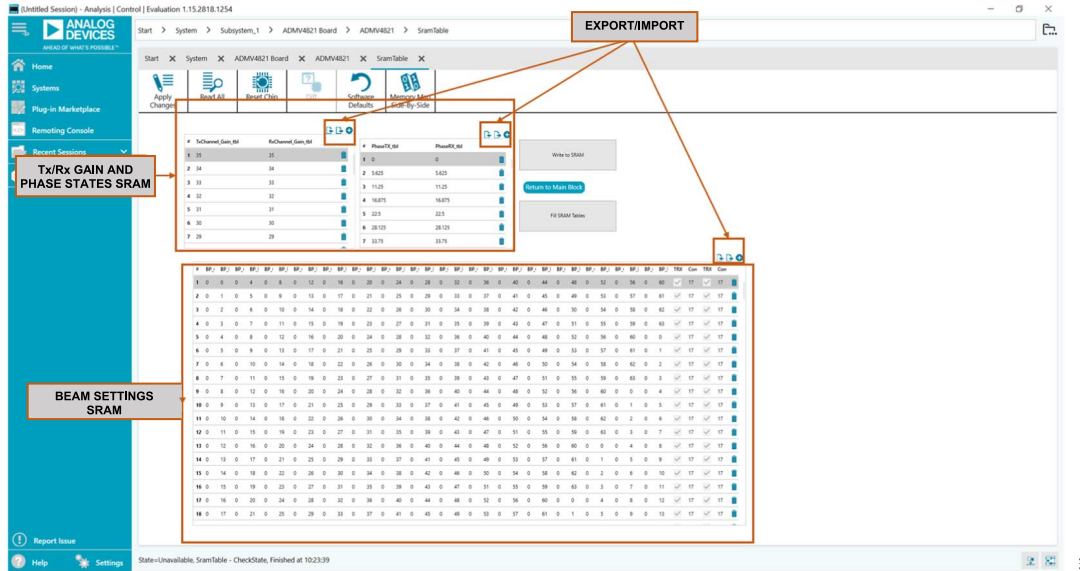


Figure 10. Transmitter and Receiver Gain and Phase SRAM Table

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	TxChannel	RxChannel	Gain_tbl			
2		35	35			
3		34	34			
4		33	33			
5		32	32			
6		31	31			
7		30	30			
8		29	29			
9		28	28			
10		27	27			
11		26	26			
12		25	25			
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24		13	13			
25		12	12			
26		11	11			
27		10	10			
28		9	9			
29		8	8			
30		7	7			
31		6	6			
32		5	5			
33		4	4			
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Figure 11. Transmitter and Receiver Gain SRAM .CSV File

The transmitter and receiver phase SRAM stores up to 64 phase states for the transmitter and receiver, respectively. The phase

states can be applied to individual transmitter or receiver channels by specifying the index, as shown in Table 5 and Table 6.

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To change the phase SRAM, use the export or import .CSV file function instead of modifying the phase SRAM directly in the GUI. See [Figure 12](#) for the correct .CSV file. Row 2 to Row 65 correspond to the Phase States Index 0 through Phase States Index 63 in [Table 5](#) and [Table 6](#). Note that each cell in the .CSV file stores the real phase value in a  $5.625^\circ$  step size instead of the hexadecimal or decimal representation. Real phase values are only used in the [ACE](#) software. For final applications, refer to the

AN-2021 Application Note, *ADMV4801/ADMV4821 SPI Application Note*, for further details on the phase state SRAM.

When the updated phase states SRAM file imports, click the **Write to SRAM** button shown in [Figure 10](#) to load to the device.

Click the **Fill SRAM Tables** button shown in [Figure 10](#) to reset the gain and phase to default values.

**Table 5. Receiver Phase States SRAM**

Address	Index	In Phase	Quadrature Phase
Register 0x100	0	User defined	User defined
Register 0x101	1	User defined	User defined
Register 0x102	2	User defined	User defined
...	...	...	...
Register 0x13F	63	User defined	User defined

**Table 6. Transmitter Phase States SRAM**

Address	Index	In Phase	Quadrature Phase
Register 0x180	0	User defined	User defined
Register 0x181	1	User defined	User defined
Register 0x182	2	User defined	User defined
...	...	...	...
Register 0x1BF	63	User defined	User defined

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	A	B
1	PhaseTX_tbl	PhaseRX_tbl
2	0	0
3	5.625	5.625
4	11.25	11.25
5	16.875	16.875
6	22.5	22.5
7	28.125	28.125
8	33.75	33.75
9	39.375	39.375
10	45	45
11	50.625	50.625
12	56.25	56.25
13	61.875	61.875
14	67.5	67.5
15	73.125	73.125
16	78.75	78.75
17	84.375	84.375
18	90	90
19	95.625	95.625
20	101.25	101.25
21	106.875	106.875
22	112.5	112.5
23	118.125	118.125
24	123.75	123.75
25	129.375	129.375
26	135	135
27	140.625	140.625
28	146.25	146.25
29	151.875	151.875
30	157.5	157.5
31	163.125	163.125
32	168.75	168.75
33	174.375	174.375
34	180	180
35	185.625	185.625
36	191.25	191.25
37	196.875	196.875
38	202.5	202.5
39	208.125	208.125
40	213.75	213.75
41	219.375	219.375
42	225	225
43	230.625	230.625
44	236.25	236.25
45	241.875	241.875
46	247.5	247.5
47	253.125	253.125
48	258.75	258.75
49	264.375	264.375
50	270	270
51	275.625	275.625
52	281.25	281.25
53	286.875	286.875
54	292.5	292.5
55	298.125	298.125
56	303.75	303.75
57	309.375	309.375
58	315	315
59	320.625	320.625
60	326.25	326.25
61	331.875	331.875
62	337.5	337.5
63	343.125	343.125
64	348.75	348.75
65	354.375	354.375

Figure 12. Transmitter and Receiver Phase SRAM .CSV File

**BYPASS MODE**

For first time evaluation, it is recommended to use bypass beam pointer mode. This mode allows simplified and efficient evaluation of the gain and phase for each channel.

The following is an example of how to turn on a single transmitter channel (Channel 0) and adjust the gain in bypass mode (see Figure 9):

1. Choose **Bypass Beam Pointer SRAM** from the **BeamPointer SRAM** dropdown list.
2. Select the **Same Values for all channels** checkbox. Set the power amplifier power to off in all channels settings. All 16 transmitter channel power amplifiers are switched to off.
3. In the **Channel 0** row, set the power amplifier power to on and click **Write PA Power** to have only Transmit Channel 0 on.

4. Choose the **Common Gain Offset**, **Channel Gain SRAM Index**, and **Channel Phase SRAM Index** values. The real gain level and phase value are shown in the **Channel Gain Level** and **Phase** columns.
5. Click **Write Tx Channel and Common Gain and Phase** to load the new gain and phase settings (see Figure 9). If multiple channels must be set together, use the **Select Channel** section to enable or disable certain channels. See the AN-2021 Application Note, *ADMV4801/ADMV4821 SPI Application Note* for implementation details.

**BEAM POINTER MODE AND BEAM POSITION SRAM**

Beam pointer mode allows fast switching between 256 user defined beam positions, and only a single register is used to recall the beam position. Choose **Use Beam Pointer SRAM** from the **Beam-**

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**Pointer SRAM** dropdown list on the **ACE** home page to enable beam pointer mode. Several sections turn grey, as shown in **Figure 13**. These blocks are defined in the beam settings SRAM.

To configure the beam settings SRAM, click **Navigate to SRAM Tables**. The beam settings SRAM table is shown in **Figure 10**.

Similar to the gain and phase SRAM, use the export or import .CSV file function instead of modifying the beam settings SRAM directly in the GUI. Click the export icon and then save the .CSV file to any local directory. See **Figure 14** for the correct .CSV file. In the spreadsheet, Row 2 to Row 257 corresponds to Beam Settings Index 0 through Beam Settings Index 255.

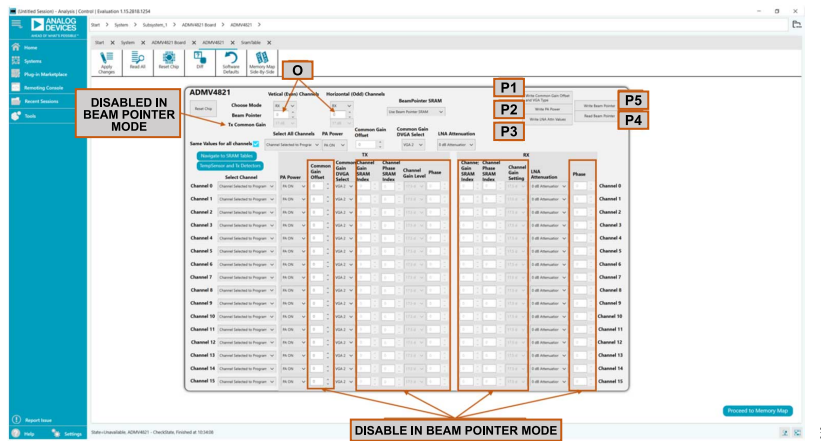
The beam settings SRAM table stores up to 256 beam settings for all 16 channels. Each beam setting includes gain states indexes,

phase states indexes, transmit or receive mode (TRX) settings, and transmit common gain settings for all 16 channels. The gain and phase settings in each beam position recall the user defined gain and phase states SRAM shown in the **Transmitter and Receiver Gain and Phase States SRAM** section.

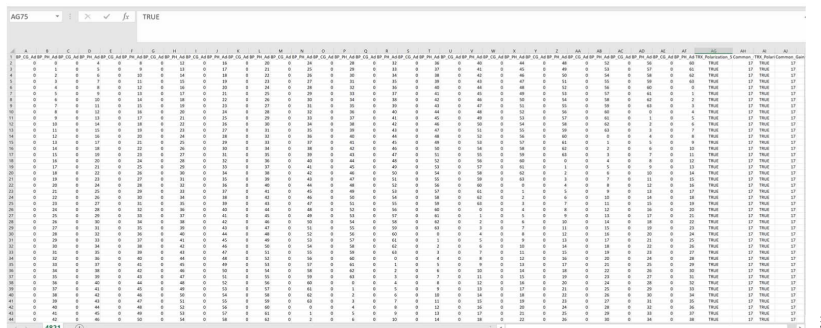
**Table 7** describes the usage for each column in the .CSV file, and **Table 8** describes the functionality of each block in beam pointer mode.

When the updated gain settings import, click the **Write to SRAM** button shown in **Figure 10** to load the new settings to the device.

Click the **Fill SRAM Tables** button shown in **Figure 10** to reset the gain and phase to default values.



**Figure 13. Beam Pointer SRAM Mode**



**Figure 14. Beam Settings SRAM .CSV File**

**Table 7. Beam Settings Spreadsheet (see Figure 14)**

Column	Functionality
BP_CG_Addrx	Channel gain settings, each cell stores the gain states index, where x refers to the specific channel from Channel 0 to Channel 15.
BP_PH_Addrx	Channel Phase settings, each cell stores the phase states index, where x refers to the specific channel from Channel 0 to Channel 15.
TRX_Polarization_SRAM_V, TRX_Polarization_SRAM_H	Transmit and receive settings for vertical (even) and horizontal (odd) polarization channels. This setting specifies whether the beam position is set to transmitter mode or receiver mode. The <b>ACE</b> software forces the first 128 beam positions to be placed in transmitter mode, while the other 128 beam positions are placed in receiver mode. The <b>ACE</b> software does not provide access to change the TRX



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**Table 7. Beam Settings Spreadsheet (see Figure 14)**

Column	Functionality
Common_Gain_SRAM_V, Common_Gain_SRAM_H	SRAM, but the TRX SRAM can be changed in a customized application. Refer to the AN-2021 Application Note, ADMV4801/ADMV4821 SPI Application Note for more details. Transmitter common gain setting for vertical and horizontal channels from 0 dB to 17 dB in 1dB steps.

**Table 8. Block Functionality for Beam Pointer Mode (see Figure 13)**

Label	Function
O	<b>Beam Pointer</b> , scroll up or down to specify which beam position to use.
P1	Click <b>Write Common Gain Offset and VGA Type</b> to load the common gain and VGA setting to the device. It is not recommended to click <b>Apply Changes</b> .
P2	Click <b>Write PA Power</b> to load the power amplifier setting to the device. It is not recommended to click <b>Apply Changes</b> .
P3	Click <b>Write LNA Attn Values</b> to load the low noise amplifier (LNA) attenuation values to the device. It is not recommended to click <b>Apply Changes</b> .
P4	Click <b>Read Beam Pointer</b> to read back from the device.
P5	Click <b>Write Beam Pointer</b> to load the beam pointer to the device.

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TEMPERATURE SENSOR AND POWER DETECTOR

Click **TempSensor and Tx Detectors** (see Label E in Figure 9) to open the temperature sensor and power detector window shown in Figure 15. The temperature sensor and power detectors are sampled by the on-chip analog-to-digital converter (ADC) and can

be read back from the SPI. Note that the ADC is only available in transmitter mode. Therefore, the temperature sensor and power detector data only shows transmitter mode status.

Table 9 describes the functionality of each block in the temperature sensor and power detector window.

Table 9. Block Functionality for Temperature Sensor and Power Detector Window

Label	Function
Q	Choose the channel and estimated power range from the <b>Select Channel</b> and <b>TX Detector Range</b> dropdown lists. Refer to the ADMV4821 data sheet for the detector characteristics. The <b>TX Detector Readback</b> column lists the ADC readback value.
R	The <b>Approximate Temperature</b> value is the real estimated temperature based on the ADC readback.
S	Click <b>Readback Temperature and Detectors</b> to read back the values.
T	Click <b>Return To Main Block</b> to return to the main ACE software page.
U	Select the <b>Use Same Pointer</b> checkbox to set all 16 channels together.
V	The <b>ADC Temperature Value</b> is the readback from the ADC.
W	Click <b>Reset Chip</b> to reset the device.

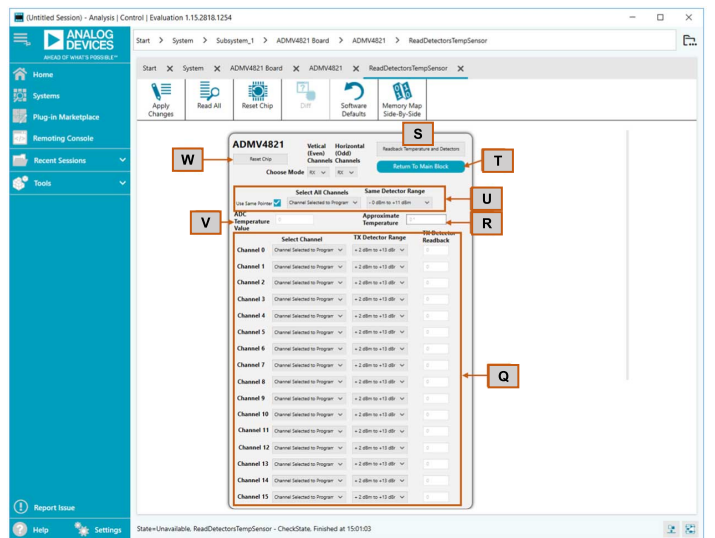


Figure 15. Temperature Sensor and Power Detector Window

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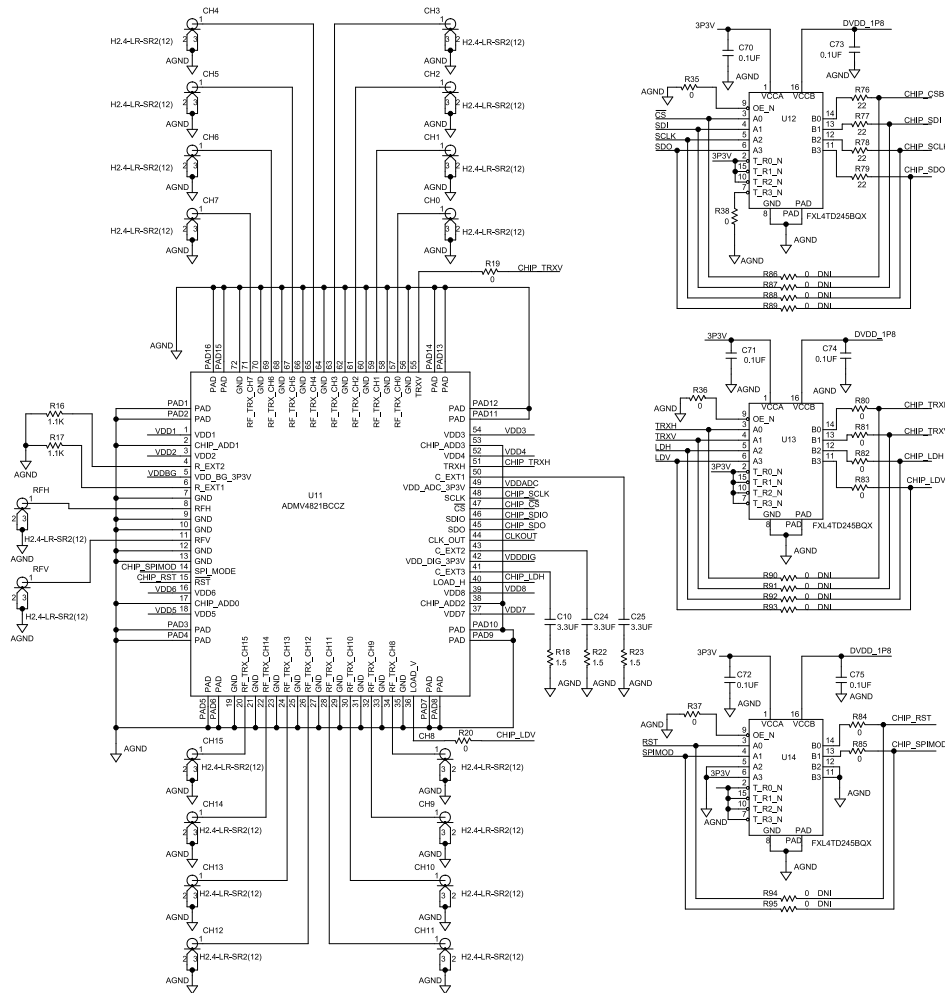


Figure 16. ADMV4821-EVALZ Evaluation Board Schematic, Page 1

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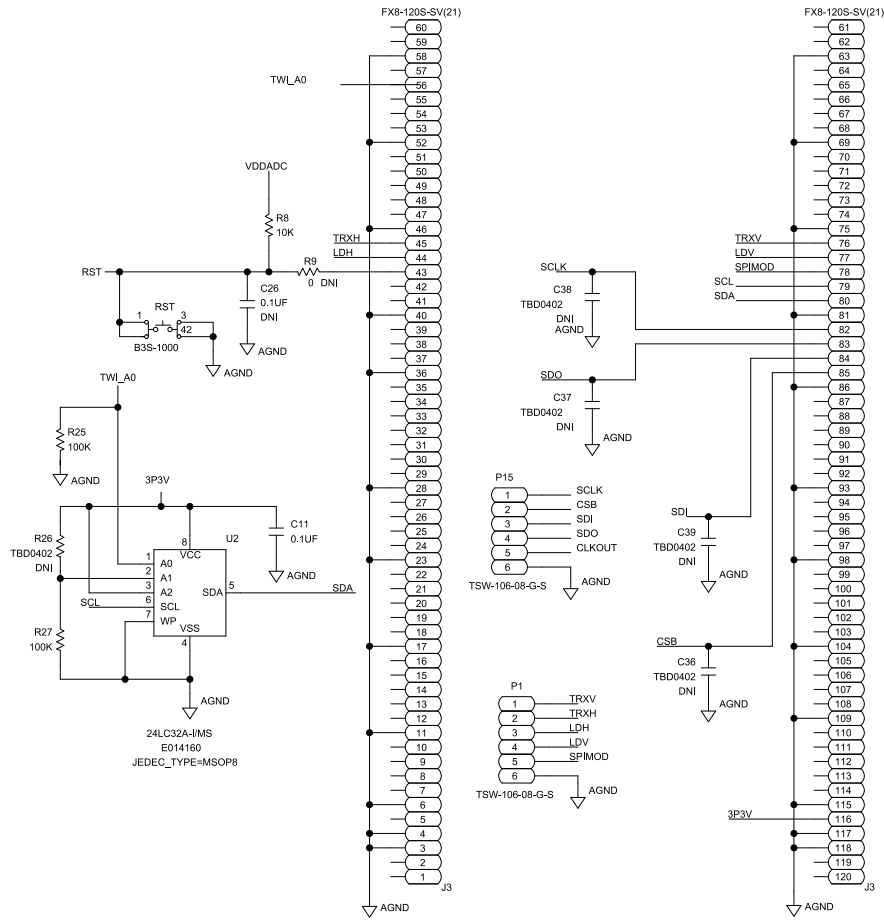


Figure 17. ADMV4821-EVALZ Evaluation Board Schematic, Page 2

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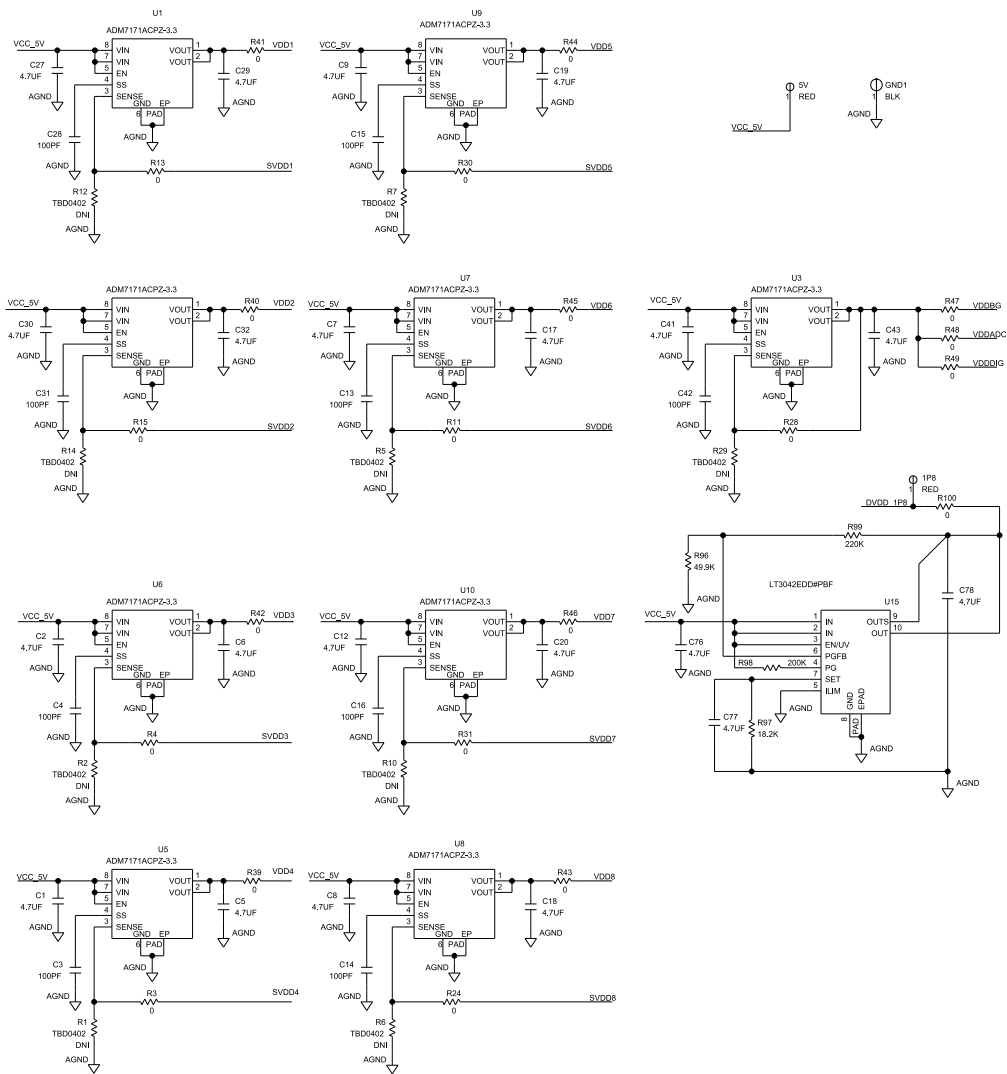


Figure 18. ADMV4821-EVALZ Evaluation Board Schematic, Page 3

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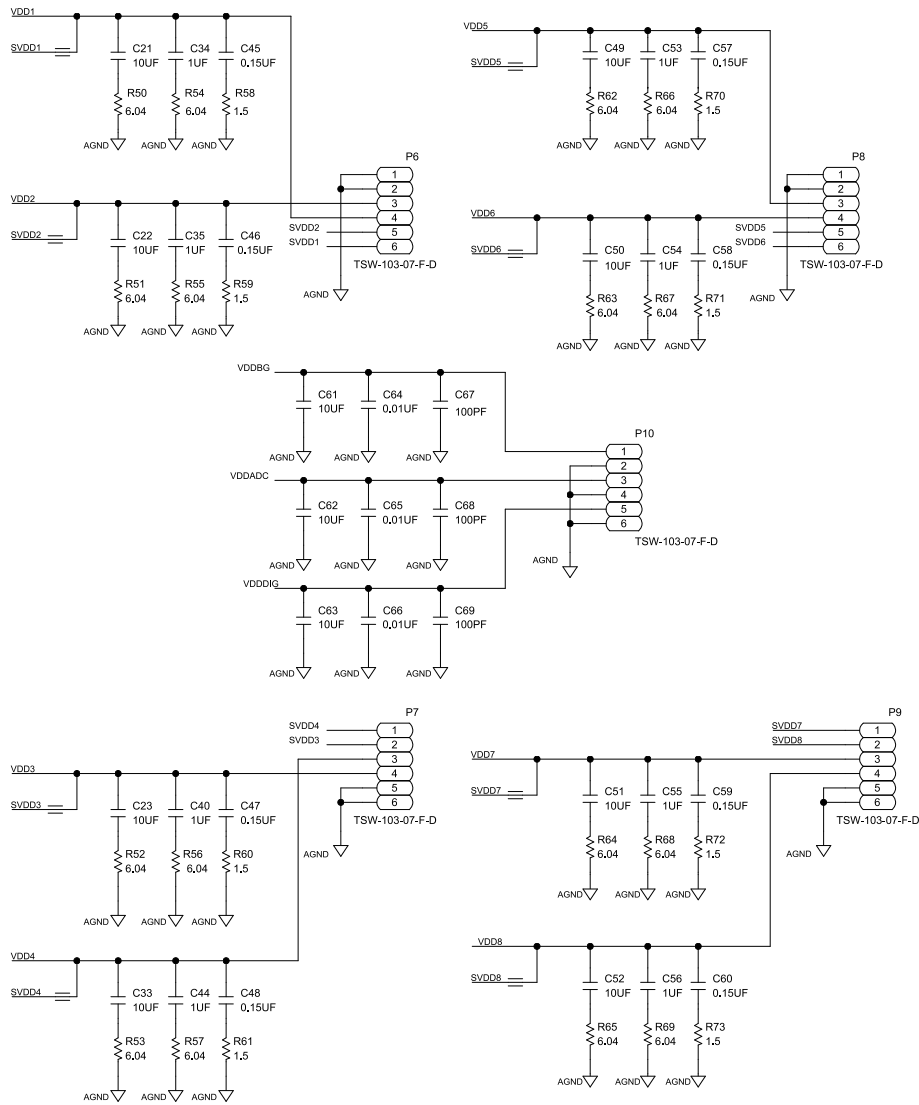


Figure 19. ADMV4821-EVALZ Evaluation Board Schematic, Page 4

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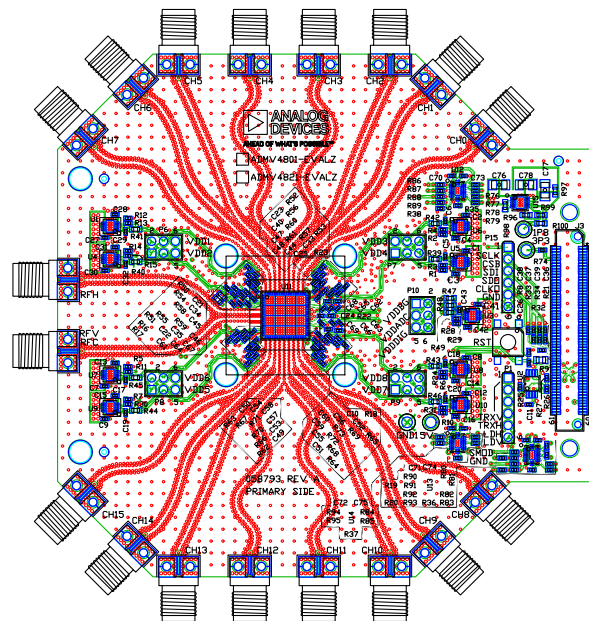


Figure 20. ADMV4821-EVALZ, Top Layer

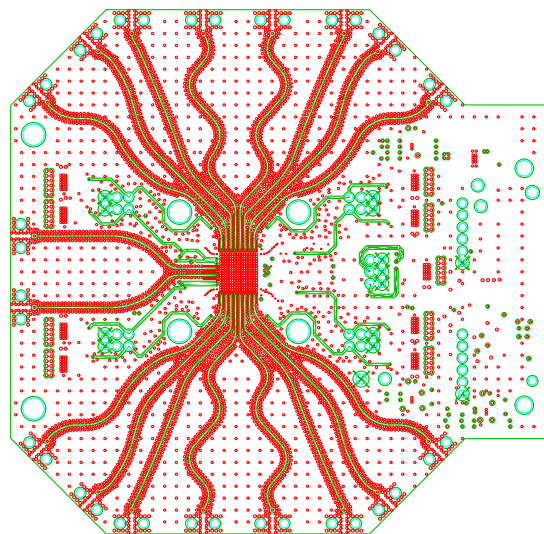


Figure 21. ADMV4821-EVALZ, Layer 2

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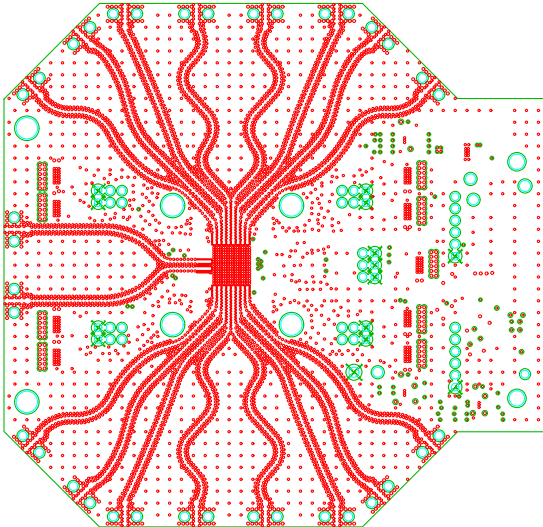


Figure 22. ADMV4821-EVALZ, Layer 3

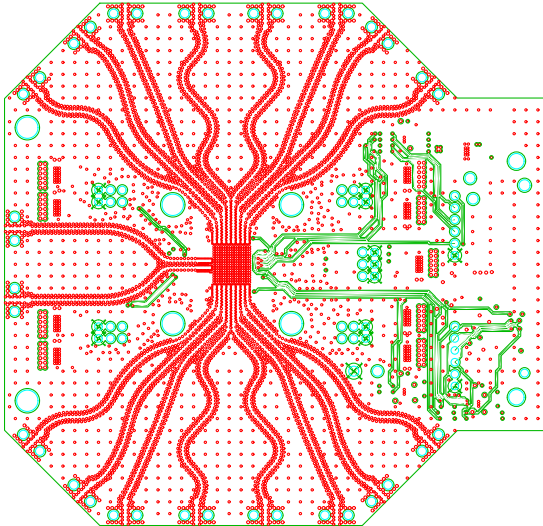


Figure 23. ADMV4821-EVALZ, Layer 4

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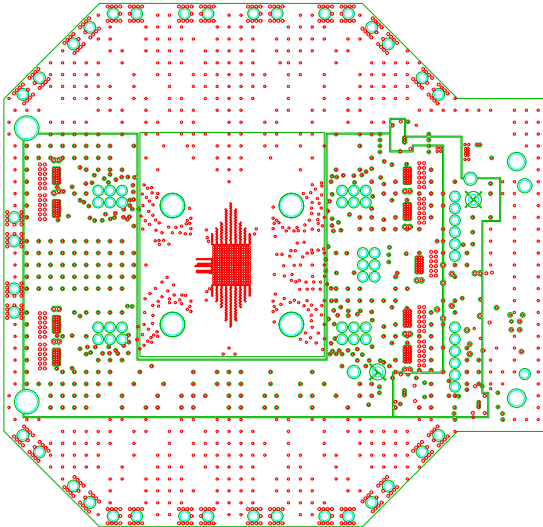


Figure 24. ADMV4821-EVALZ, Layer 5

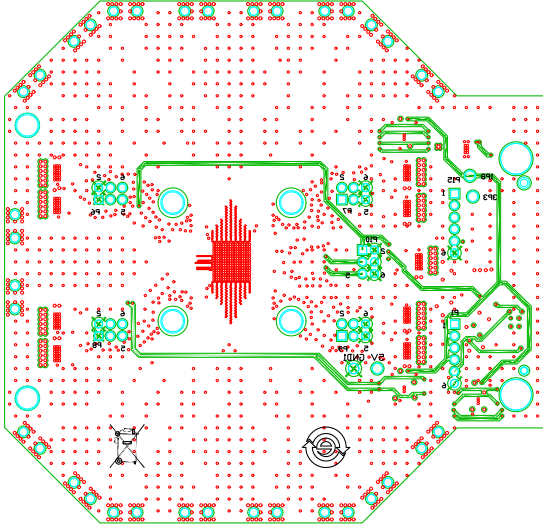


Figure 25. ADMV4821-EVALZ, Bottom Layer

## CONFIGURATION OPTIONS

## BILL OF MATERIALS

Table 10.

Qty	Reference Designator	Description	Manufacturer	Part Number
3	1P8, 3P3, 5V	Printed circuit board (PCB) connector test points, red	Components Corporation	TP-104-01-02
18	C1, C2, C5 to C9, C12, C17 to C20, C27, C29, C30, C32, C41, C43	Ceramic capacitors, X5R, 4.7 $\mu$ F	Murata	GRM155R60J475ME87D
3	C10, C24, C25	Ceramic capacitors, multilayer, X5R, 3.3 $\mu$ F	TDK	C1005X5R1A335M
7	C11, C70 to C75	Ceramic capacitors, X7R, broadband, 0.1 $\mu$ F	American Technical Ceramics	530L104KT16T
9	C3, C4, C13 to C16, C28, C31, C42	Ceramic capacitors, multilayer NP0, high temperature, 100 pF	TDK	C1005NP01H101J050BA
11	C21 to C23, C33, C49 to C52, C61 to C63	Ceramic capacitors, X5R, 10 $\mu$ F	Samsung	CL05A106MP5NUNC
1	C26	Ceramic capacitor, X7R, broadband, 0.1 $\mu$ F	American Technical Ceramics	530L104KT16T
8	C34, C35, C40, C44, C53 to C56	Ceramic capacitors, X5R, 1 $\mu$ F	Samsung	CL05A105KA5NQNC
4	C36 to C39	Do not install	Not applicable	Not applicable
8	C45 to C48, C57 to C60	Ceramic capacitors, X5R, 0.15 $\mu$ F	AVX	04026D154KAT2A
3	C64 to C66	Ceramic chip capacitors, X8R, 0.01 $\mu$ F	TDK	C1005X8R1E103K
3	C67 to C69	Ceramic monolithic chip capacitors for automotive, C0G, 100 pF	Murata	GCM1555C1H101JA16D
3	C76 to C78	Ceramic capacitors, X7R, 4.7 $\mu$ F	Kemet	C1206C475K3RACTU
18	CH0 to CH15, RFV, RFH	PCB coaxial connectors	Hirose Electric	HK-LR-SR2(12)
1	GND1	PCB connector test point, black	Components Corporation	TP-104-01-00
1	J3	Board to board connector receptacle	Hirose Electric	FX8-120S-SV(21)
2	P1, P15	Connector headers	Samtec, Inc.	TSW-106-08-G-S
5	P6 to P10	Connector headers	Samtec	TSW-103-07-F-D
10	R1, R2, R5 to R7, R10, R12, R14, R26, R29	Do not install	Not applicable	Not applicable
12	R39 to R49, R100	Standard thick film resistors, 0 $\Omega$	Vishay	CRCW06030000Z0EAHP
20	R3, R4, R11, R13, R15, R24, R28, R30, R31, R35 to R38, R74, R80 to R85	Thick film chip resistor jumpers, automotive, 0 $\Omega$	Panasonic	ERJ-2GE0R00X
2	R16, R17	High stability, thin film chip resistors, 1.1 k $\Omega$	Vishay	TNPW06031K10BEEA
11	R18, R22, R23, R58 to R61, R70 to R73	Thick film chip resistors, automotive, 1.5 $\Omega$	Panasonic	ERJ-2GEJ1R5X
2	R19, R20	Thick film chip resistors, automotive, 0 $\Omega$	VISHAY	CRCW04020000Z0EDHP
8	R21, R32 to R34, R76 to R79	Thick film chip resistors, automotive, 22 $\Omega$	Panasonic	ERJ-2GEJ220X
2	R25, R27	Precision thick film chip resistors, 100 k $\Omega$	Panasonic	ERJ-2RKF1003X
16	R50 to R57, R62 to R69	Resistors, automotive, 6.04 $\Omega$	Vishay	CRCW04026R04FKED
1	R8	High stability flat chip resistor, 10 k $\Omega$	Vishay	TNPW040210K0BEED
10	R86 to R95	Chip resistor jumpers, 0 $\Omega$	Panasonic	ERJ-2GE0R00X
1	R9	Thin film chip resistor, 0 $\Omega$	Multicomp (SPC)	MC 0.1W 0805 0R
1	R96	Precision thick film chip resistor, 49.9 k $\Omega$	Panasonic	ERJ-3EKF4992V
1	R97	Precision thick film chip resistor, 18.2 k $\Omega$	Panasonic	ERJ-3EKF1822V
1	R98	Precision thick film chip resistor, 200 k $\Omega$	Panasonic	ERJ-3EKF2003V
1	R99	Film resistor, 220 k $\Omega$	Multicomp (SPC)	MC 0.063W 0603 1%
1	RST	Mechanical keyswitch	OMRON	B3S1000
9	U1, U3 to U10	LDO regulators	Analog Devices	ADM17171ACPZ-3.3-R7



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Table 10.

Qty	Reference Designator	Description	Manufacturer	Part Number
1	U11	IC, 24 GHz to 29.5 GHz beamformer, 16-inch, single polarization	Analog Devices	ADMV4821BCCZ
3	U12 to U14	ICs, low volume, dual supply, 4-bit signal translators	Fairchild Semiconductor	FXL4TD245BQX
1	U15	IC, 20 V, 200 mA, ultralow noise, ultrahigh power supply rejection ratio (PSRR), RF linear regulator	Analog Devices	LT3042EDD#PBF
1	U2	Electrically erasable programmable read-only memory (EEPROM)	Microchip Technology	24LC32A-I/MS

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