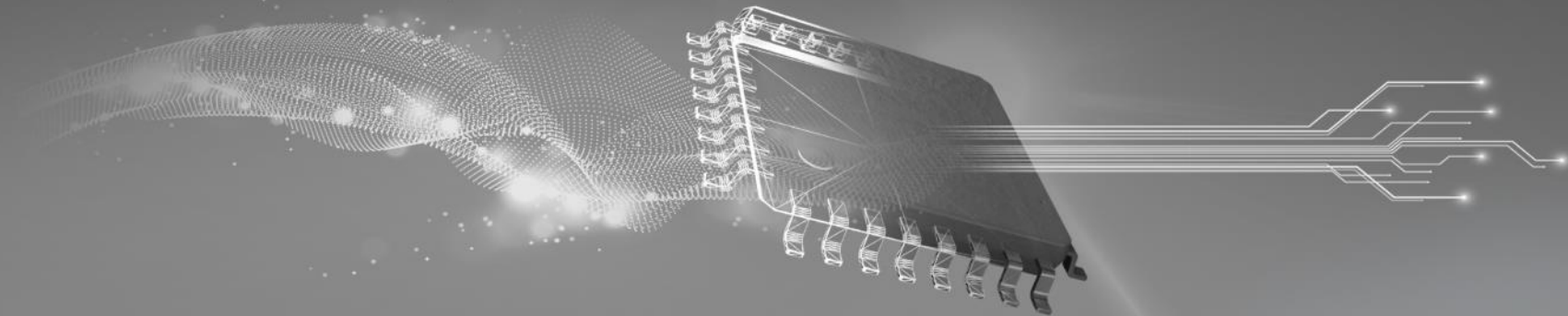


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TMAG5170 3D Hall-effect sensor for contactless designs

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Target applications

- Lever position measurement
 - Stalk gear shifters, turn signals
 - Industrial joysticks
- Angle measurement
 - e-Shifter knob, electronic power steering, braking systems, steering wheel control, steering angle sensor, gas/brake/clutch pedals, electronic throttle control, EGR valves
 - Robotic Arm, appliance multifunction knobs – cooking top, oven, washer & dryer
- Linear movement
 - Actuators, fluid measurement, factory automation linear mover
- Ambient current sensing
 - HEV/ EV
 - Isolated AC motor drive



TMAG5170 Product preview

3-Axis linear Hall-effect sensor with **SPI** output interface

Samples: 2Q20
Production: 4Q20

Features

- Measures magnetic flux density in 3-axis and digitizes the outputs
- SPI output interface
- Low-power options:
 - 1uA Sleep Mode** (Retains User Defined Configuration)
 - 10nA Deep Sleep Mode** (Reverts to Factory Mode)
- Selectable magnetic temperature compensation
- High accuracy with temperature stable sensitivities
- < ±2% sensitivity error over operating range**
- 12-bit ADC with selectable full-scale ranges:
 - A1 (±25mT, ±50mT, ±100mT) and A2 (±133mT, ±200mT, ±300mT)
- Designed in accordance with Automotive ASIL **Safety Systems**
- Primary supply voltage of 2.3V to 5.5V with additional supply (**1.65V to 5.5V**) for microcontroller SPI interface
- 8 pin MSOP (3mm × 5mm) package
- 40°C to 125°C commercial ambient temperature range

Applications

- Lever position measurement:
 - Industrial joysticks
 - Toner cartridge
 - Fluid measurement
 - Angle measurement
- Linear movement:
 - Liner conveyor belt
 - Ambient current sensing

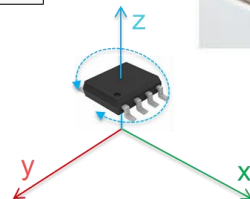
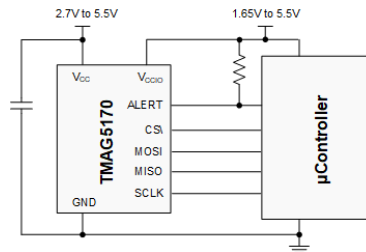
Tools & Resources



- TI Designs
- [TMAG5170EVM](#)
- [2D Angle Error Calculator](#)

Benefits

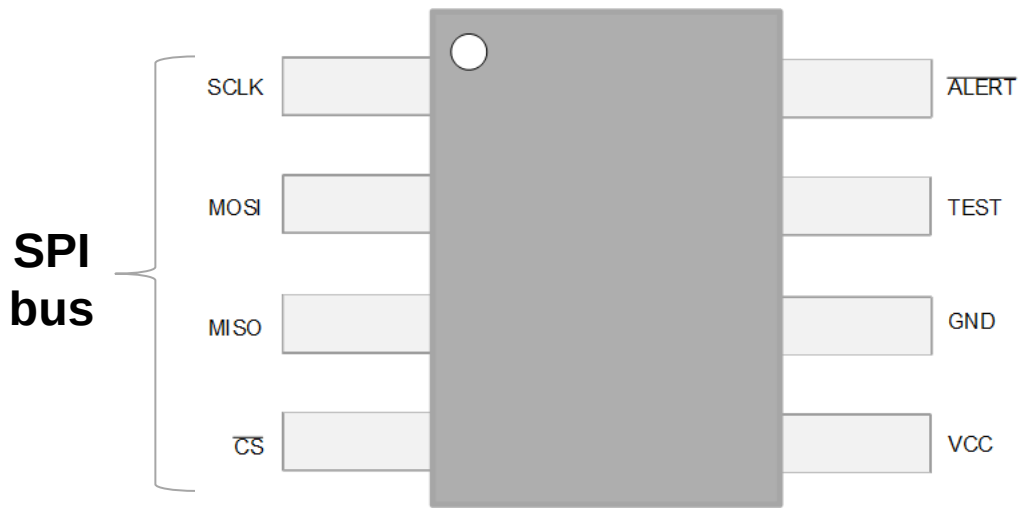
- Best-in-class sensitivity allows system designers optimize the system design to improve accuracy, and/ or reduce system cost
- Freedom to position magnet and printed circuit board in 3D space
- Selectable sensitivity ranges allows last minute design adjustments
- Best-in-class sensitivity error allows precision system design
- Flexible ASIL safety scheme enables system specific implementation for end applications
- Grade-0 rating allows operation in harsh temp conditions



Overview

- Device specifications and features
- Modes of operation
- 3 axes of sensitivity
 - Independently programmable ranges and sample patterns
 - Up to 32x Averaging for improved resolution and reduced noise
- Programmable temperature compensation
- Digital SPI output
- Programmable alert thresholds
- Integrated angle calculator using CORDIC algorithm
- Compatibility for on and off-axis angle measurement
 - Single channel attenuation allows for amplitude matching for precise angle calculations

TMAG5170 (-Q1) package and pinout



VSSOP DGK package
(5mm × 3mm)

Alert pin functionality:

- In low power mode, the TMAG5170 wakes up periodically to check the system status, and wakes up the MCU only if the system status changes.
- Used to trigger a new conversion.
- Indicates functional safety failure.
- Used as a magnetic switch to indicate a specific magnetic threshold has been crossed.

TMAG5170 key features

High accuracy

Sensitivity error $< \pm 2\%$ from
 -40°C to 150°C

Input referred noise

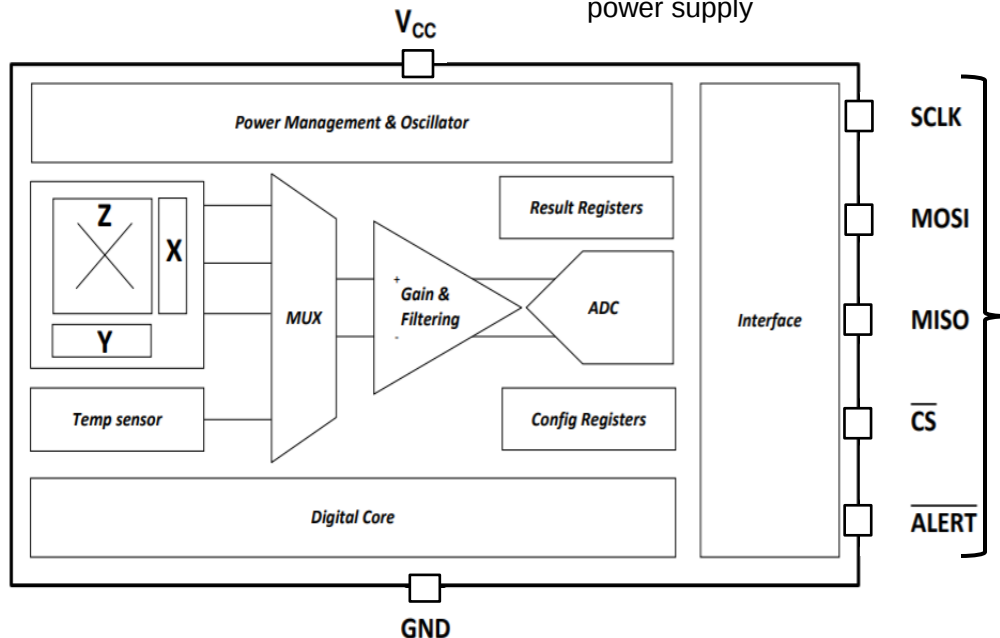
- Maximum sample rate:
 $\pm 140 \mu\text{T}$ (X,Y) ; $\pm 64 \mu\text{T}$ (Z)
- Maximum averaging: $\pm 25 \mu\text{T}$ (X,Y) ; $\pm 11 \mu\text{T}$ (Z)

High configurability

- Selectable magnetic sensitivity ranges (mT):
 - A1: ± 25 , ± 50 , ± 100
 - A2: ± 133 , ± 200 , ± 300
- Multiple operation modes
- Variable update rate
- Temperature compensation for multiple magnet types
- Configurable diagnostics

Supply voltage range

- Supports 2.3V to 5.5V power supply



High Integration

- 3-axis magnetic sensing
- On-board temp sensor
- Integrated angle CORDIC calculation (with gain and offset adjustment)
- And more!

Digital interface

- SPI bus up to 10 MHz
- Dedicated ALERT pin:
 - Enables low-power system operation
- Used by MCU to trigger a new conversion.

Diagnostics

- Designed for functional safety applications according to ISO 26262

TMAG5170 (-Q1) accuracy

- Industry's first to offer 2% sensitivity accuracy at multi-axis points across the entire temperature range.

Feature	Benefit
Low drift across full temperature range	Simplifies system level calibration and ability to potentially eliminate need for temperature calibration
	Enables use of cheaper magnets and reduce system cost
Lower drift in sensitivity mismatch amongst all axes (X, Y and Z)	Allows better orientation and placement of magnet and sensor IC allowing for higher levels of mechanical flexibility in product design
Adjustable input scaling for angular measurements	Allows for the highest accuracy measurements when performing off axis angle detection

Modes of operation

	Time Start New Measurement*	Average Current	Operating Mode Description	Trigger Mode [#] Active	SPI Bus and User Registers Accessible	Measurement Result Retained	Configuration Retained
Configuration Mode (Default at Power-up)	70μs	60μA	Allows register configuration	✓	✓	✓	✓
Active Conversion Mode	10μs	3.4mA	Continuously performs magnetic field or temperature measurements	✓	✓	✓	✓
Standby Mode	35μs	0.84mA	Ready to start a measurement by having support circuitry active for fast turn ON	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wake-up & Sleep Mode	160μs	1.5μA	Sleeps and wakes at specified intervals to take measurements		✓	✓	✓
Sleep Mode	160μs	1.5μA	In low-power state. Wakes up upon Master's $\overline{CS}$ / ALERT assertion or via SPI bus			✓	✓
Deep-sleep Mode	170μs	5nA	Powered-down state which is initiated by $\overline{CS}$ pin.				

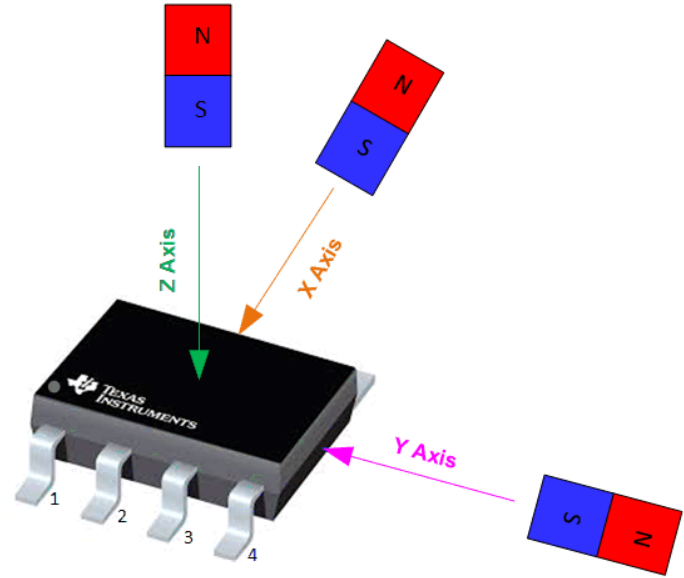
Notes:

* All values are typical values

While in Trigger Mode, a Master can trigger a conversion via a SPI command, $\overline{ALERT}$ pin or $\overline{CS}$ signal.

3 axis sensitivity

- 3 integrated sensors offer the ability to capture each component of the magnetic field
- Any combination of the three axes may be enabled
- Pseudo-simultaneous sampling is available to correct for delay resulting from pipelined sampling
- 1x – 32x averaging reduces noise impact on overall measurement
- Placement of the sensor is versatile, and alignment of each sensor is inherently orthogonal



Pseudo simultaneous sampling

Conversion process is two parts:

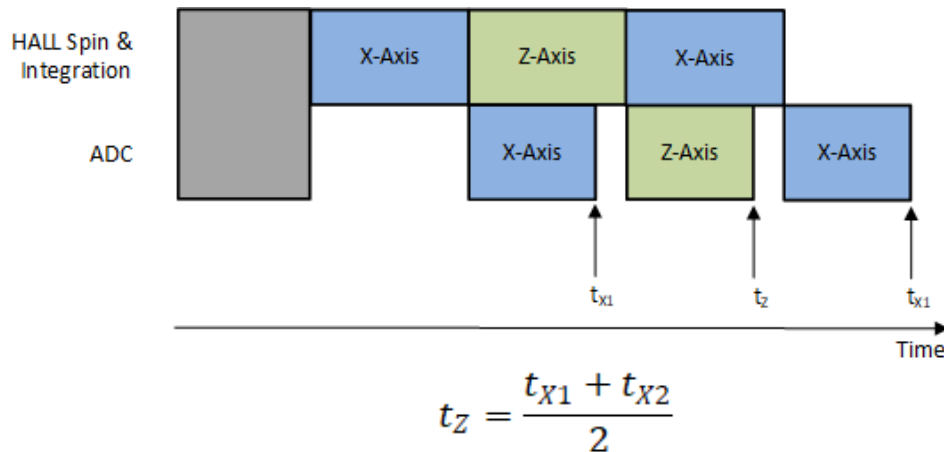
1. Hall spin & integration
2. ADC conversion

Pseudo simultaneous sampling will repeat first measurement to average out the difference in sample time.

Assuming that changes in B-Field are linear over small intervals, this creates a result similar as if both channels were sampled at the same time.

Patterns Available:

- XYX
- YXY
- YZY
- ZYZ
- ZXZ
- XZX
- XYZYX
- XYZZYX



Programmable temperature compensation

- As temperature increases, the magnetic field produced by magnetic materials weakens. This predictable behavior can be compensated for by the sensor to provide a flatter response for more reliable performance.

Common magnet types	Mag. Remanence, Br (kGs)	Coercivity HC (oer.)	Curie Temp (°C)	Max Operating Temp (°C)	Reverse Tempco of Br (%/°C)
Neodymium N35	12	>11.0	310	80	-0.12
Neodymium N38	12.4	>11.0	310	80	-0.12
Neodymium N40	12.7	>11.0	310	80	-0.12
Neodymium N42	13	>11.0	310	80	-0.12
Neodymium N45	13.5	>11.0	310	80	-0.12
Neodymium N50	14.3	>11.0	310	80	-0.12
Neodymium N52	14.6	>11.2	310	80	-0.12
Ceramic-5	3.95	2.4	450	250	-0.2
Ceramic-8A	3.9	2.95	450	250	-0.2
Alnico-5, cast	12.3	0.6	900	520	-0.02
Alnico-8, cast	8	1.38	860	520	-0.02
SMCo22 (1:5 series)	9.4	9	700	250	-0.045
SMCo2625 (2:17 series)	10.3	9.7	810	350	-0.03

- TMAG5170 offers three temperature compensation settings.

$$0.0 \frac{\%}{^{\circ}\text{C}}, \quad +0.12 \frac{\%}{^{\circ}\text{C}}, \quad +0.2 \frac{\%}{^{\circ}\text{C}}$$

Digital interface

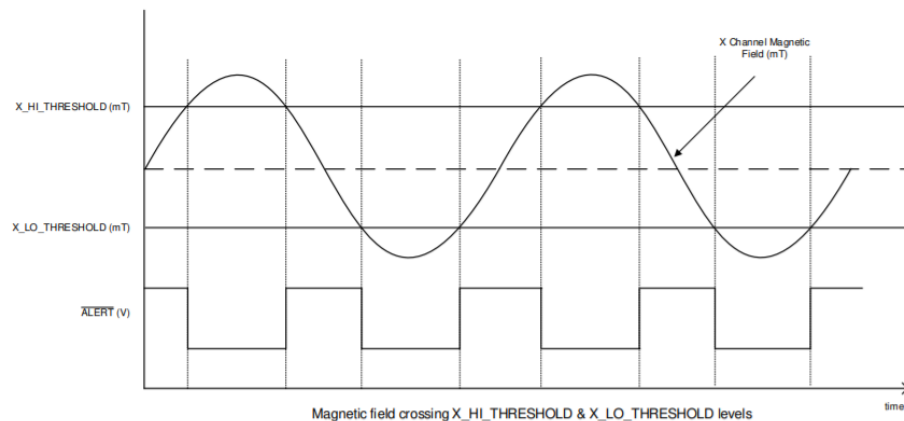
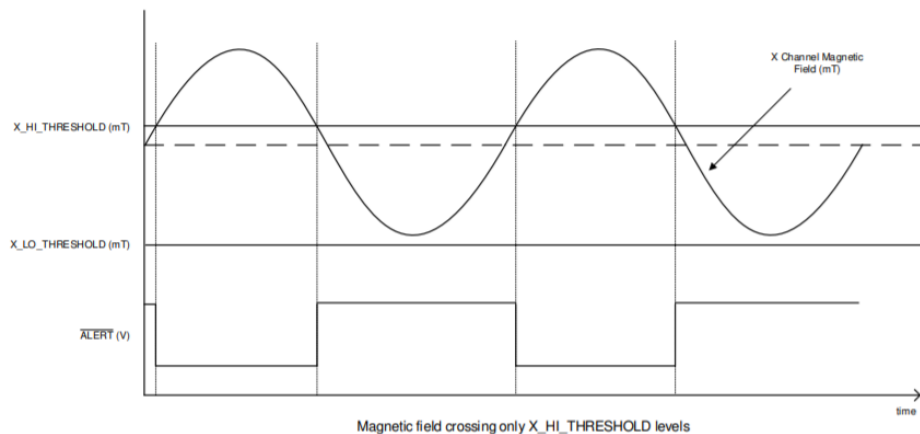
- In many applications, the sensor is physically removed from the MCU.
- When devices transmit data back to host across longer distances, analog signals become subject to greater amounts of noise.
- Digital SPI interface allows for greater noise immunity.
- TMAG5170 also employs CRC error checking to assist with detection of communication faults.
 - CRC polynomial = X^4+X+1
- SPI communication reserves 12 bits for continual device status feedback.
 - CRC, alert status, power reset, conversion count, etc.

Programmable thresholds and tamper detection

- TMAG5170 offers programmable high and low thresholds by source to trigger ALRT. Multiple thresholds may be simultaneously set.
 - Temperature
 - X-Axis
 - Y-Axis
 - Z-Axis
- Unused channels offer an additional input source to detect tampering or reject inputs when stray fields are present.
 - Angle calculations only require 2 axes. The third axis may be used to trigger ALRT and force the MCU to protect the system.

TMAG5170(-Q1) switch mode

- The ALERT output can be configured as a magnetic switch for one or multiple magnetic channels.
- The magnetic switch thresholds are determined by the *_THR_X_CONFIG register bits.
- If the measured magnetic field is greater than *_HI_THRESHOLD or smaller than *_LO_THRESHOLD, the ALERT output will assert low.
- Example using X-axis magnetic field below:

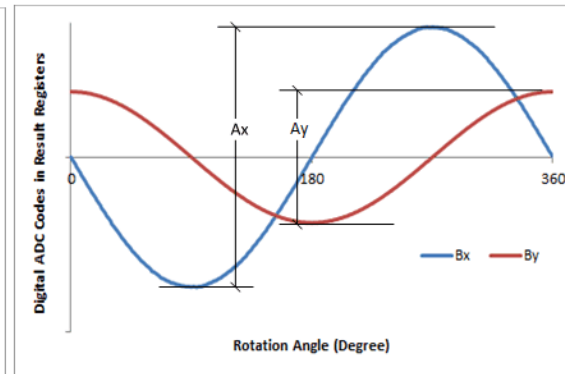
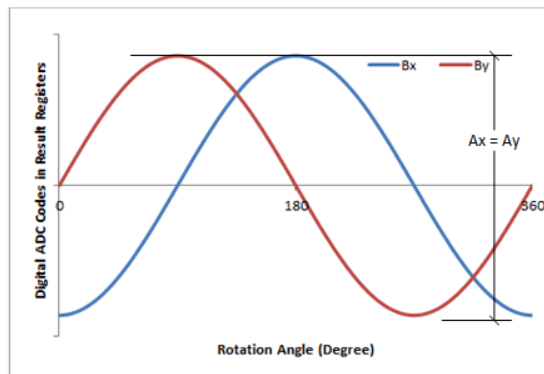
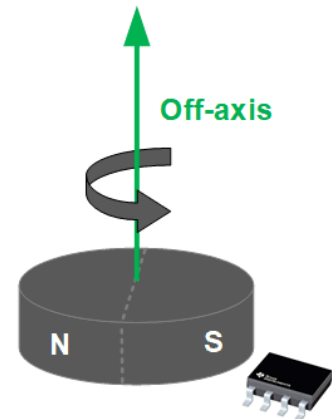
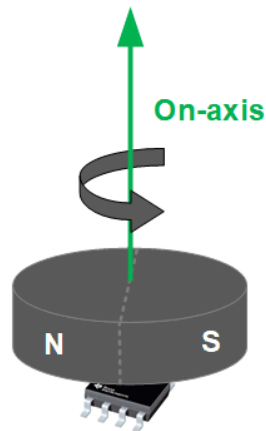


Built in angle calculation and magnitude using CORDIC algorithm

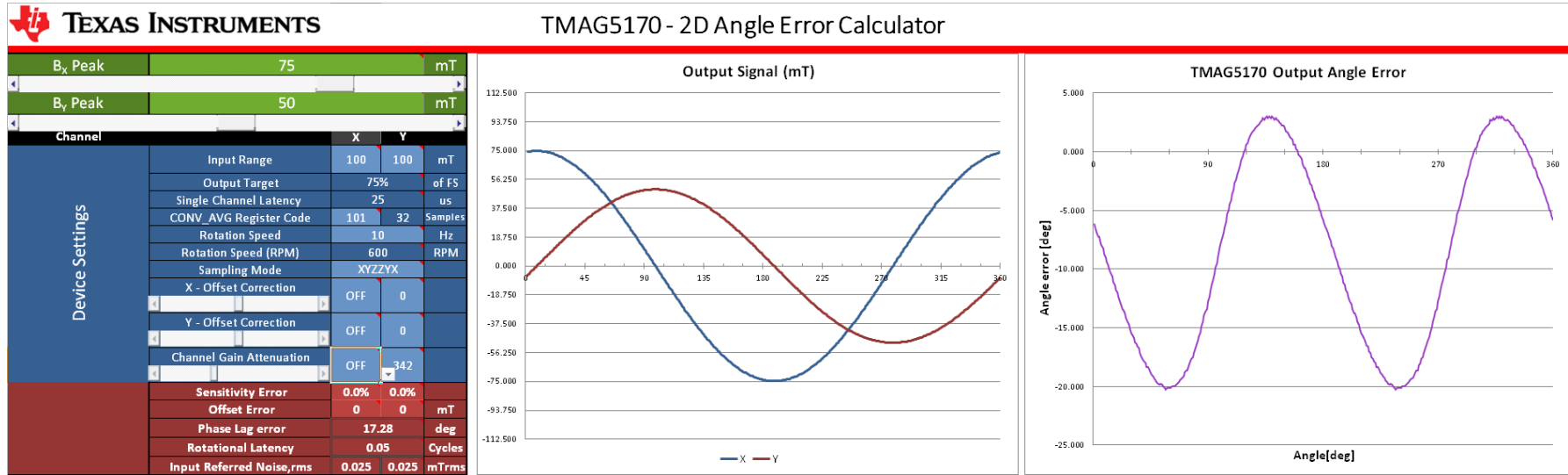
- CORDIC (Coordinate Rotation Digital Computer) performs trigonometric approximations in two dimensional space to calculate both angle and magnitude.
 - Iteratively approximates angle by rotating the point by fixed increments and determining changes in graphical quadrant.
 - TMAG5170 performs 10 iterations for to achieve $1/4^\circ$ resolution.
 - Standard outputs may be read simultaneous to CORDIC calculations if needed.
- TMAG5170 offers amplitude normalization to help minimize errors resulting from mismatched inputs common to off-axis alignment.
- A calculator tool is available in the product folder to help determine device settings to minimize total error
 - [2D Angle Error Calculator](#)

TMAG5170 input matching

- Perfectly aligned on-axis configuration produces ideal inputs for CORDIC calculations.
- Mismatched off-axis inputs generate least error at zero crossings. 45° intervals produce maximum error.
- TMAG5170 allows for correction of mismatch to eliminate error from this effect.



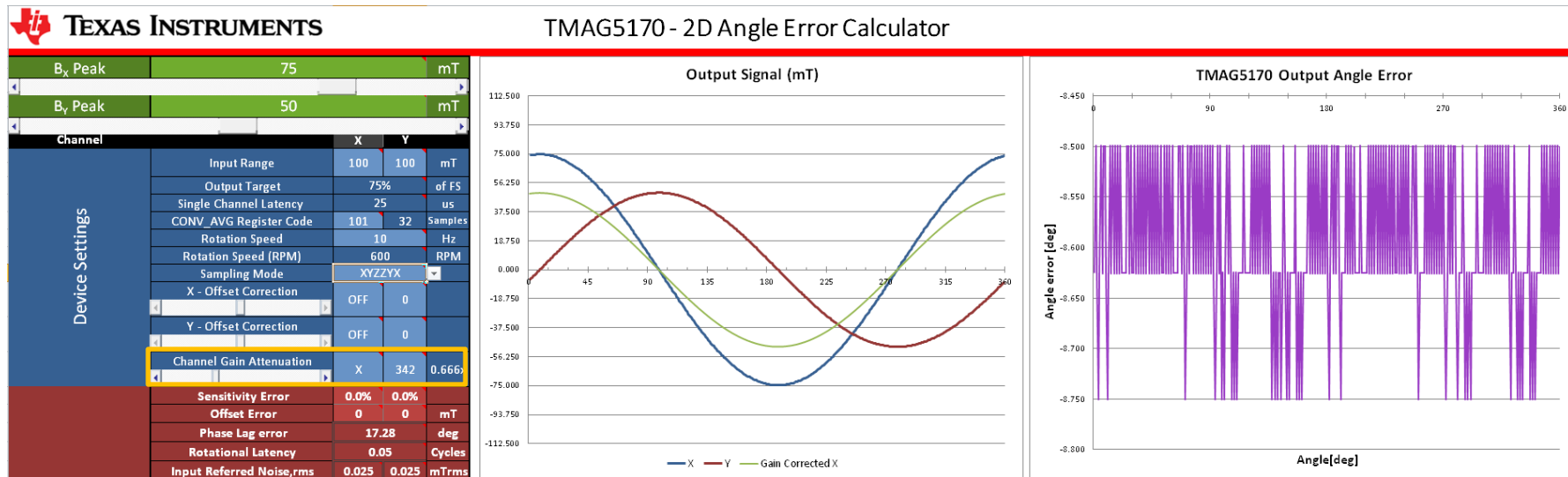
Calculator tool



Consider a magnet rotating at 10 Hz (600 RPM) and maximum averaging

- X-input is 50% greater than Y-input
- Peak error is greater than 20°
- There is a fixed angular latency due to rotation speed and conversion time

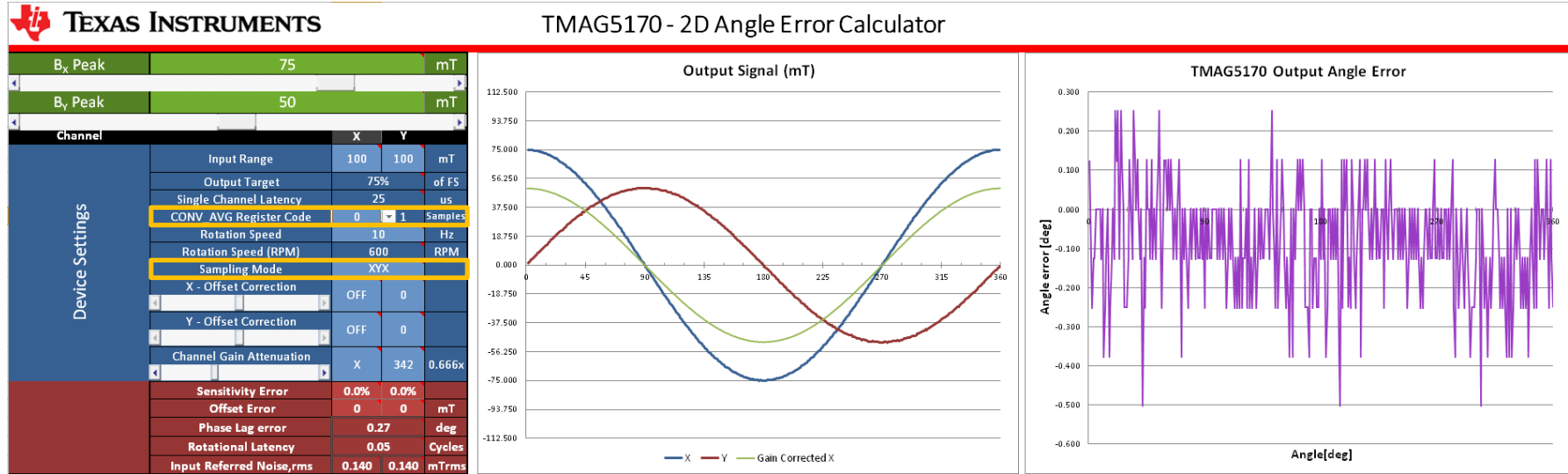
Calculator tool – magnitude correction



Correcting peak amplitude results in a fixed error at approximately -8.6°

- With 32x averaging enabled and XYZZYX conversion pattern selected the output code will not reflect the actual magnet position at time of capture.

Calculator tool – sampling time correction



Reducing capture pattern to XYX and using 1x averaging results in maximum angular error of about 0.5°

TMAG5170EVM

3-Axis linear Hall-effect sensor EVM with **SPI** output interface

Available on [ti.com](https://www.ti.com)

Features

- Two-board sensor and MCU system:
 - MSP432-based PAMB controller board
 - TMAG5170 sensor board with 3D knob
- SPI interface from sensor board to MSP432 controller board
- USB interface to PC for GUI display
- Read GUI register settings for configuration, status and results:
 - CONFIG:
 - DEVICE, SENSOR, SYSTEM, ALERT, X, Y & Z MAGNETIC THRESHOLD, TEMPERATURE THRESHOLD, TEST, MAG_GAIN, and MAG_OFFSET
 - STATUS:
 - CONV, AFE, SYS, OSC_MONITOR
 - RESULTS:
 - X, Y, & Z CHANNEL, TEMPERATURE, ANGLE, MAGNITUDE

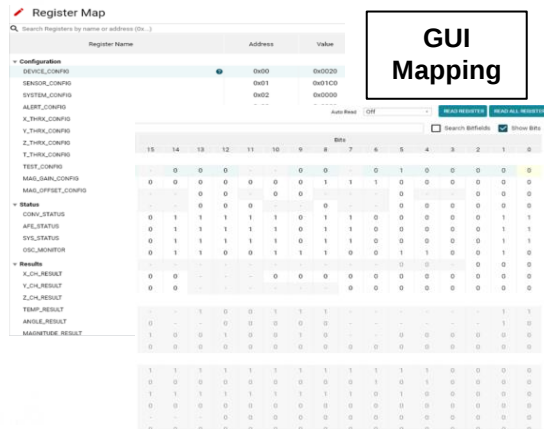
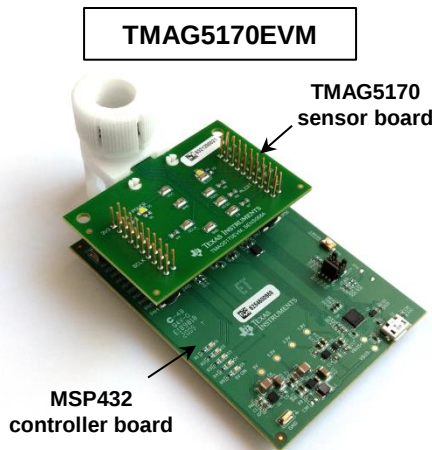
Benefits

- Ability to test and monitor X, Y, & Z magnetic fields with 3D knob
- Freedom to position a particular magnet without 3D knob
- Selectable sensitivity ranges allows last minute design adjustments
- Best-in-class sensitivity error ($< \pm 2\%$ over temperature and axis-to-axis) allows precision system design
- GUI allows real-time viewing of measured results

Applications

- Lever position measurement
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