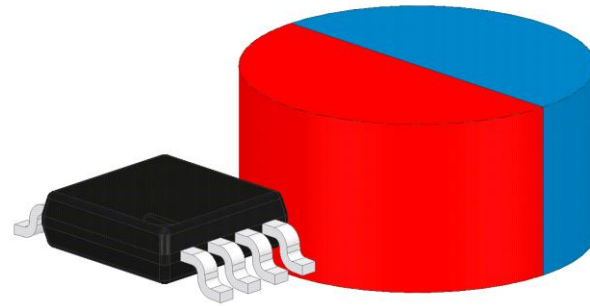
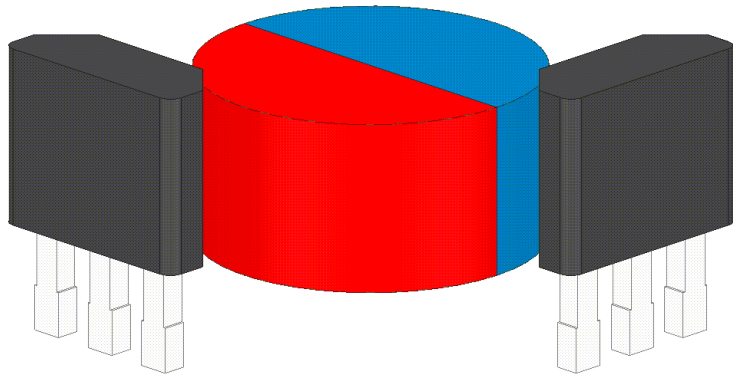


# System calculation for precise angle measurements

TI Precision Labs – Magnetic sensors

Presented and prepared by Scott Bryson

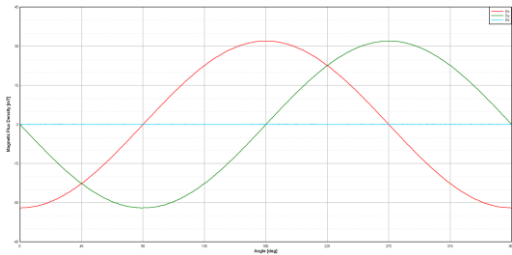
# Angle detection



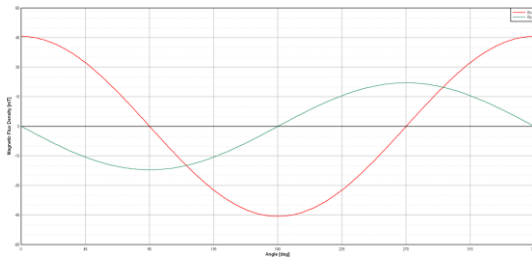
# Angle detection



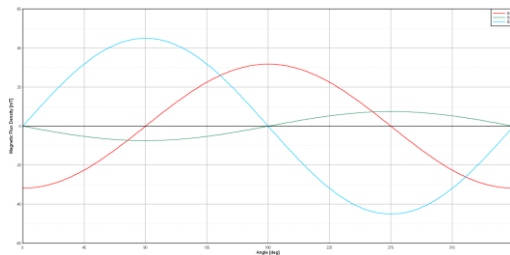
# Angle detection



Sensor on-axis



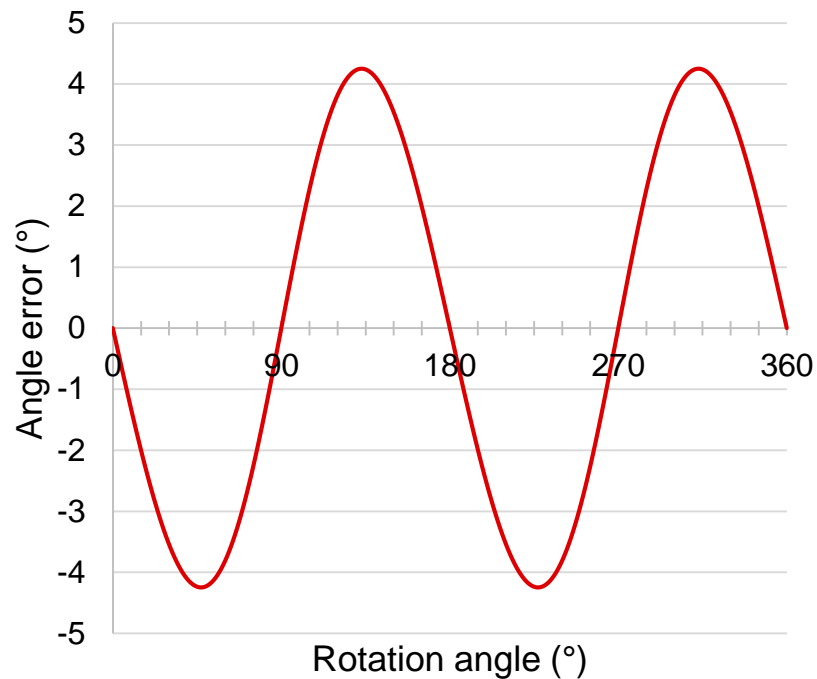
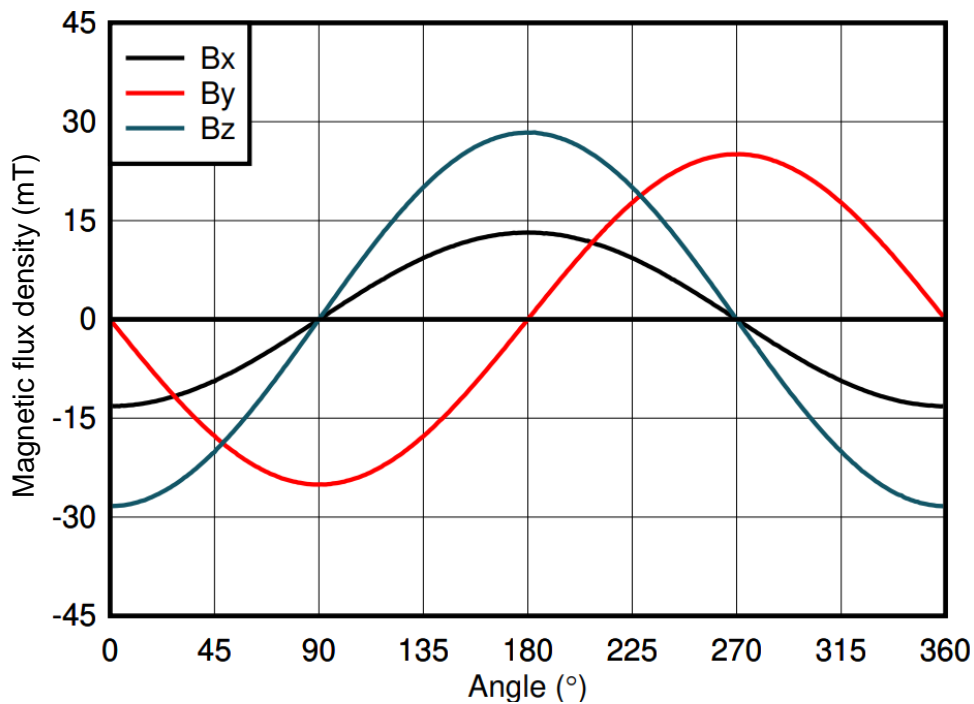
Sensor in-plane



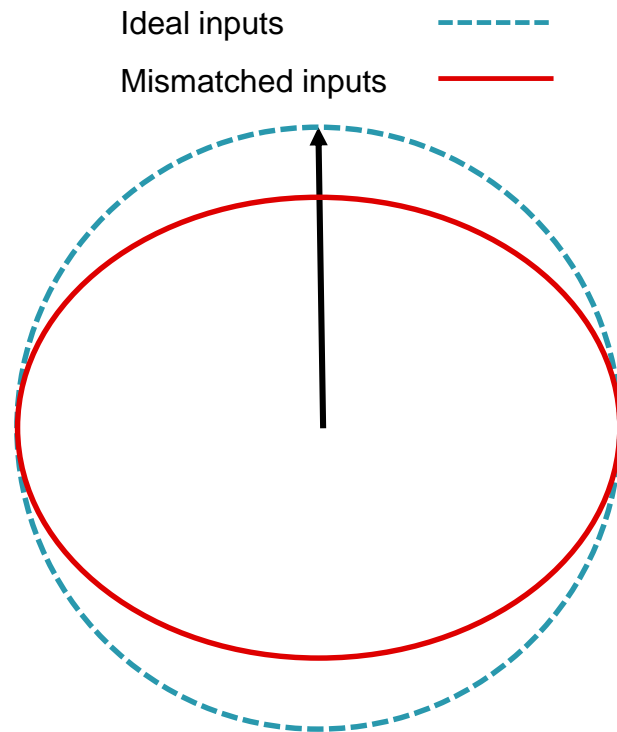
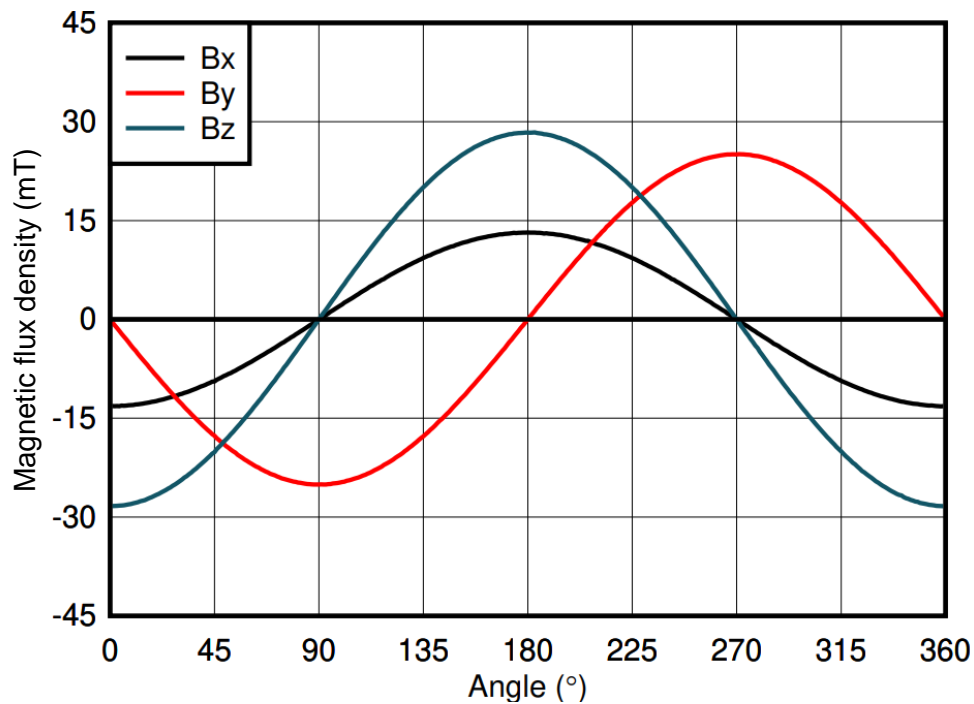
Sensor out-of-plane  
(off-axis)



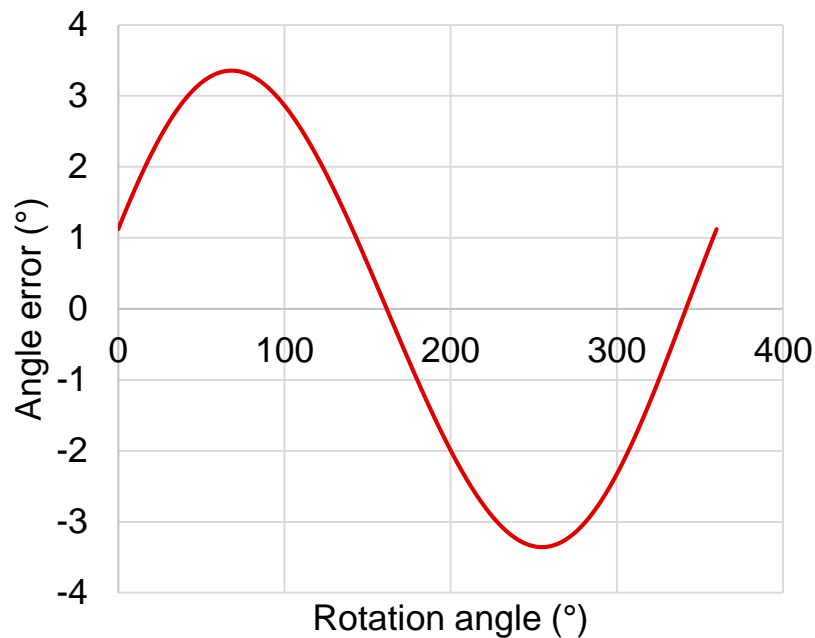
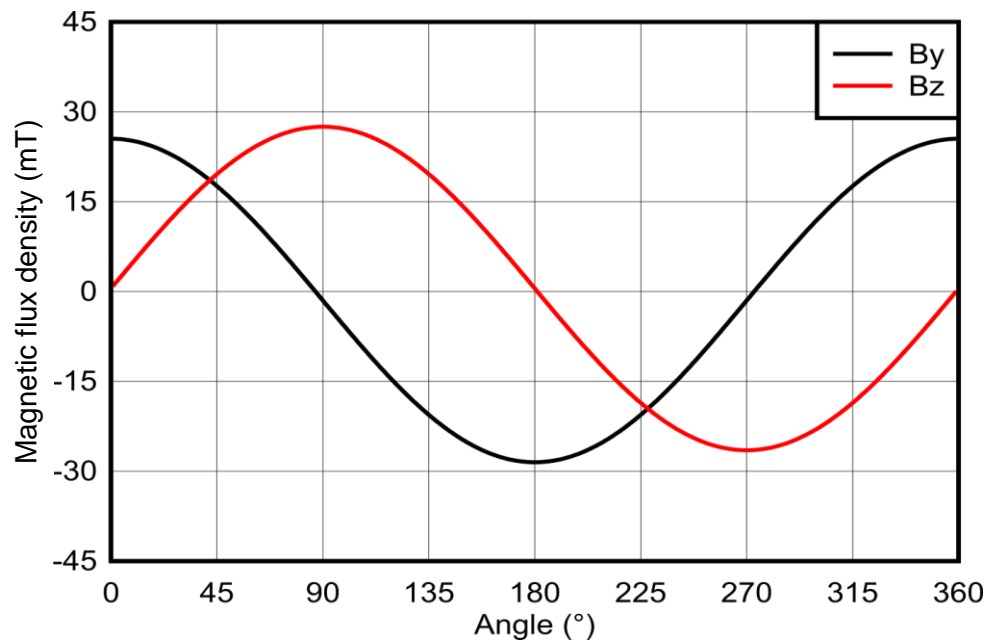
# Angle detection



# Angle detection



# Angle detection



# System error sources

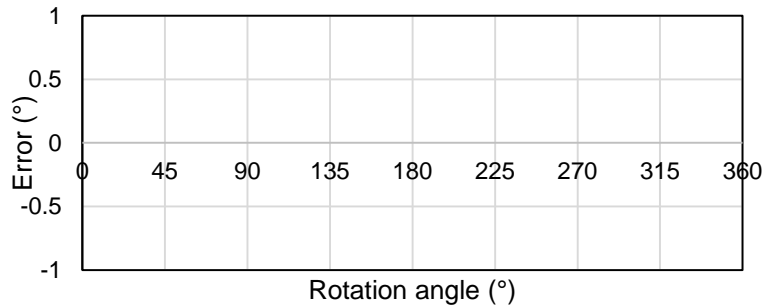
Additional sources of error:

- Magnet tilt (wobble)
- Magnet centering
- Sensor alignment
- Measurement noise

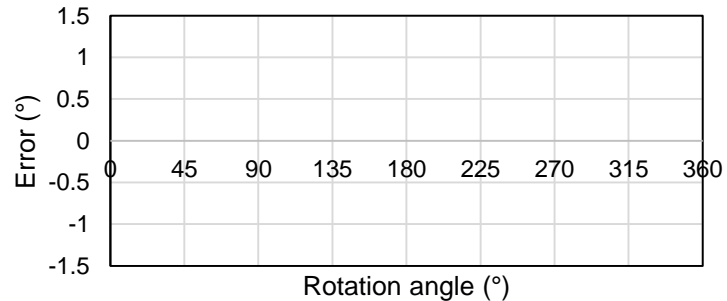


# Magnet tilt

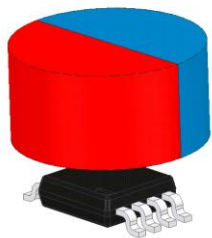
On-axis error



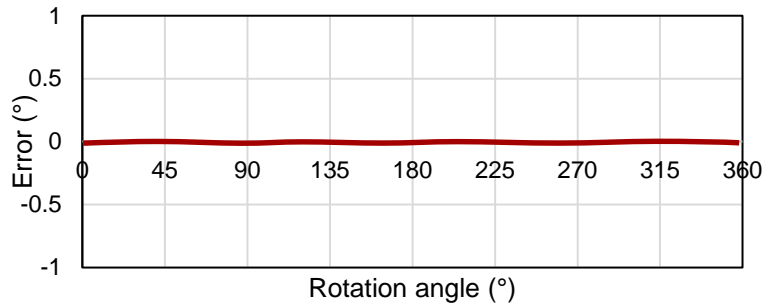
In-plane error



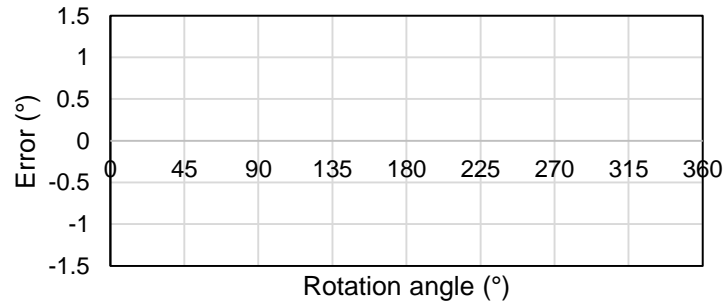
# Magnet tilt



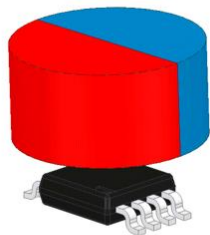
On-axis error



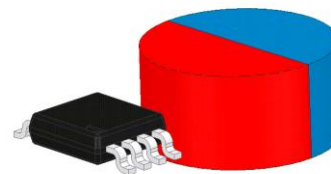
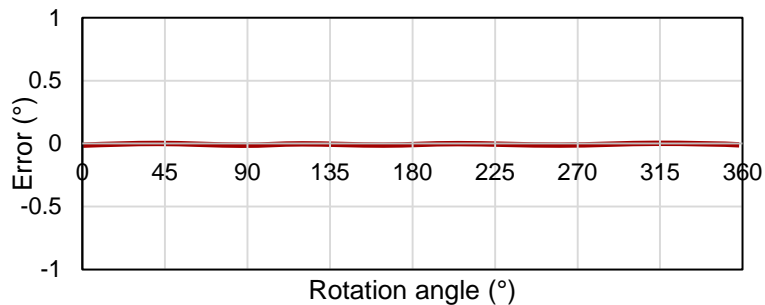
In-plane error



# Magnet tilt



On-axis error

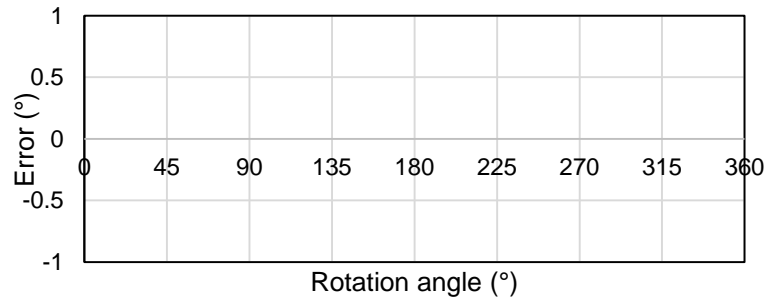


In-plane error

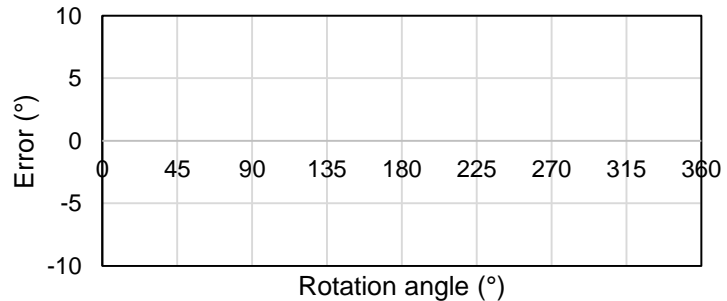


# Magnet centering

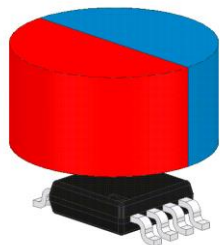
On-axis error



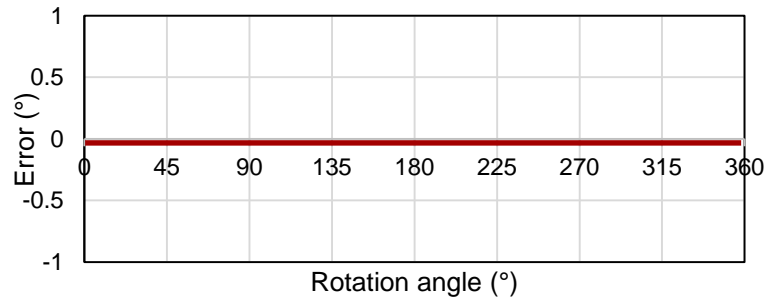
In-plane error



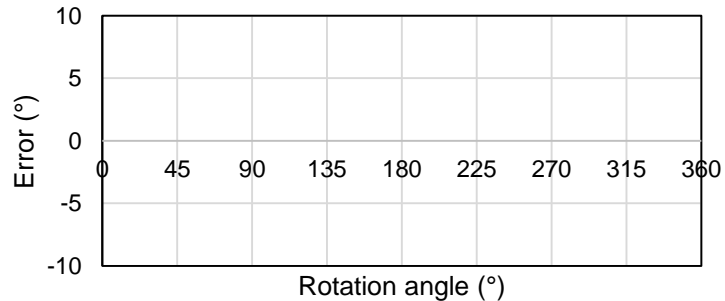
# Magnet centering



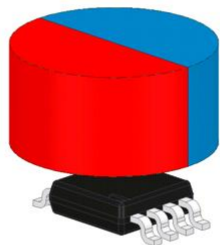
On-axis error



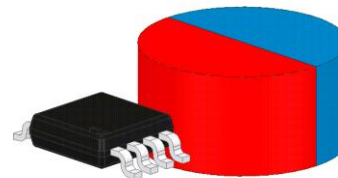
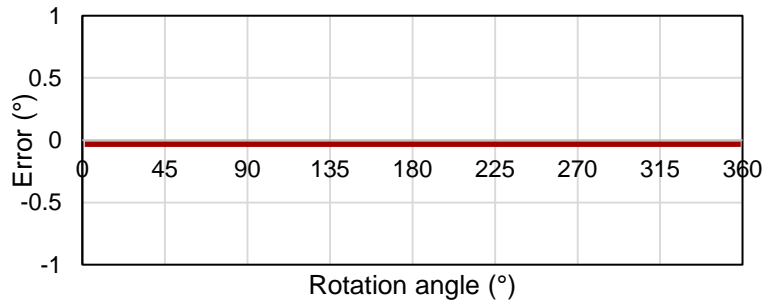
In-plane error



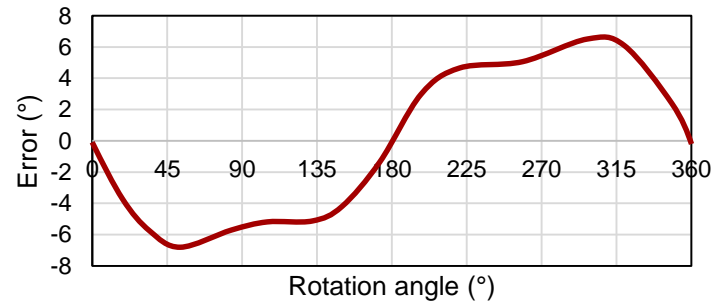
# Magnet centering



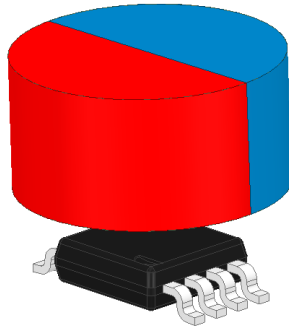
On-axis error



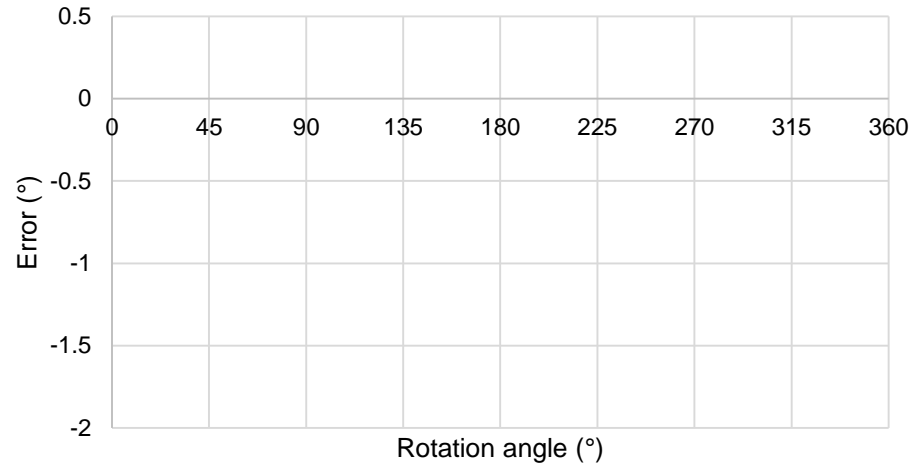
In-plane error



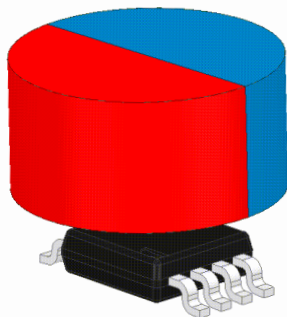
# Sensor alignment



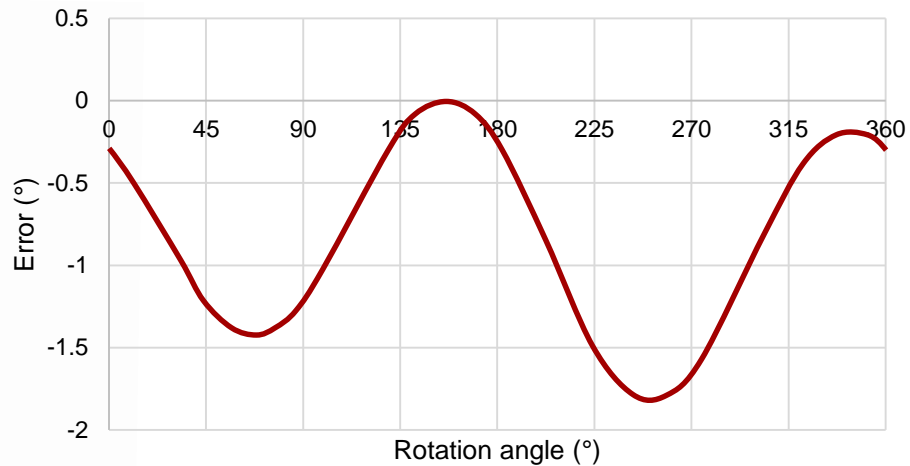
Composite on-axis error



# Sensor alignment

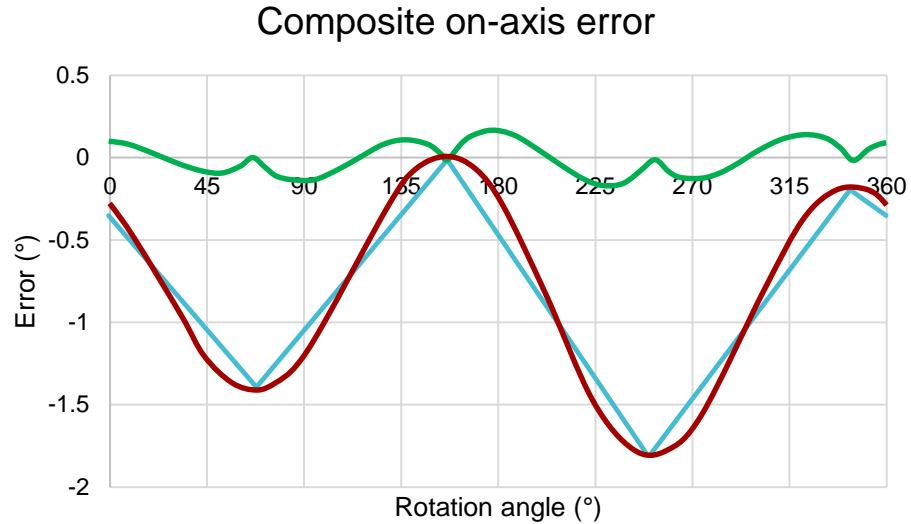


Composite on-axis error





# Calibration - Linearization



# Calibration - Harmonics

$$\text{Calibration factor} = \sigma + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i * \sin(i * \theta + \delta_i)$$

$\sigma$  = fixed angle offset

$\alpha_i$  = harmonic magnitude scalar

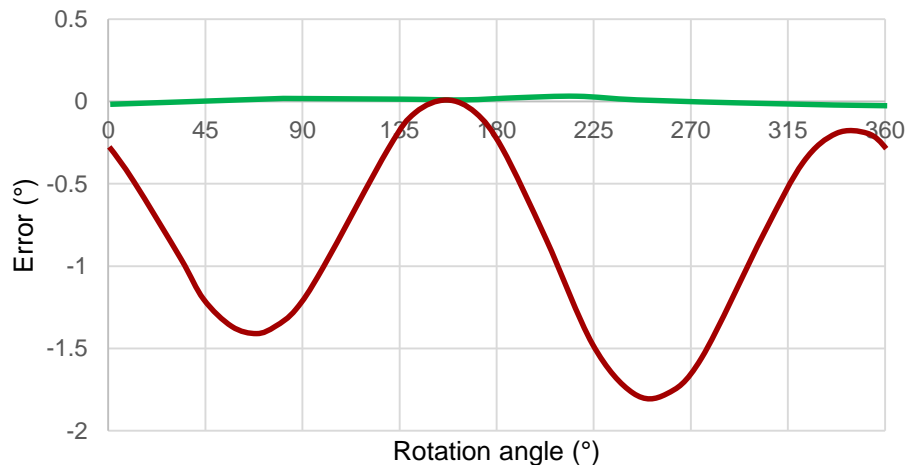
$i$  = harmonic number

$n$  = number of harmonics to correct

$\theta$  = output angle

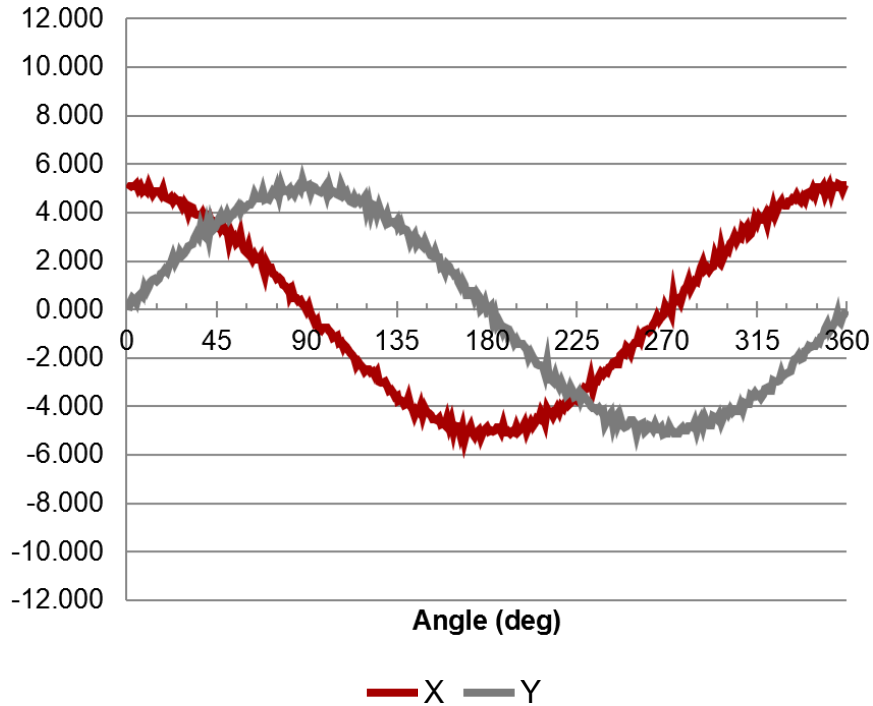
$\delta_i$  = harmonic phase offset

Composite on-axis error

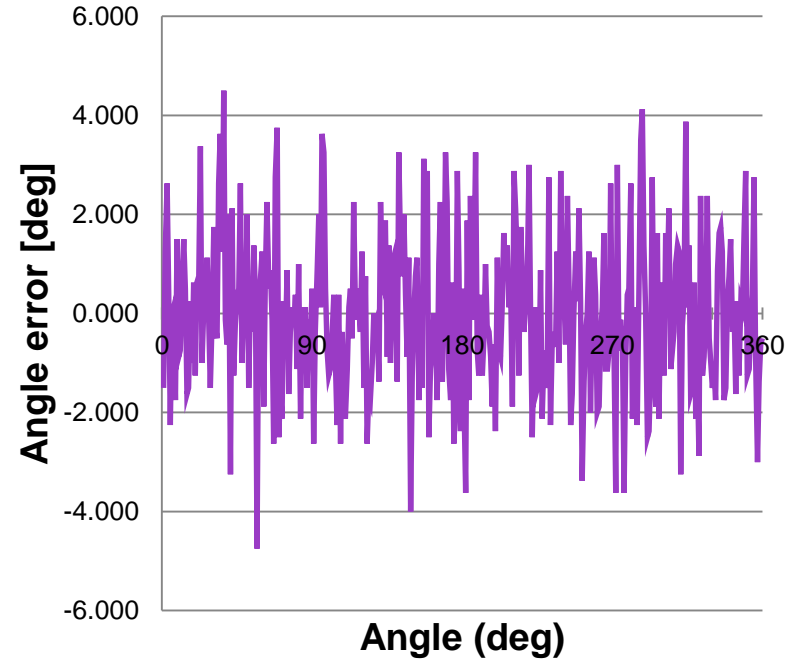


# Noise

## Input signal (mT)



## Output angle error



# Resources

## Application Brief Absolute Angle Measurements for Rotational Motion Using Hall-Effect Sensors



Scott Bryson

Current and Position Sensing

Rotation-based devices such as dials, joysticks, thermostats, electronic steering assemblies, and motor-controlled joints typical to gimbals or robotic arms all rely on the ability to accurately define angular position. While there are means to monitor rotation angle using mechanical contacts, these types of sensors are prone to wear out with use and can suffer performance loss in cases where dirt and grime are present. Hall-effect sensors are a contactless sensing alternative which can offer longer product life, improved reliability, and higher performance for angle sensing.

In applications where angular rotation is present, feedback to a controller can provide valuable insight to the device configuration. This might be user input from a knob or steering wheel, or exact position control for motor-driven configurations. Implementing this solution using a Hall-effect sensor normally requires placing a magnet on the rotating body with a nearby sensor capable of detecting the magnetic flux density produced by the magnet. Monitoring angles with linear Hall-effect sensors can be most easily achieved when using a diametric cylinder magnet installed along the axis of rotation.

surface of the magnet. Consider the following curves representing each component produced by a rotating magnet.

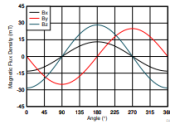
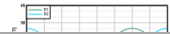


Figure 2. Magnetic Flux Density vs Magnet Angle

If a sensor element is oriented in the XZ plane, we would be able to monitor  $B_x$  which is the component of the vector directed in the Y direction. Using this input, it is possible to resolve up to 180° of rotation using the following relationship.

$$\text{Device Output} = a \sin(\theta) \quad (1)$$

Adding a second sensor 90° out of phase from the first enables expanding the absolute angle sensing solution to a full 360°.



## Application Report Angle Measurement With Multi-Axis Linear Hall-Effect Sensors



ABSTRACT

As the demand for automated precision control systems increases there is a similar increase to design systems that are more reliable and less likely to fail from mechanical wear. Many of these applications require the detection of angular rotation. While this function can be implemented using multiple one-dimensional sensors, a new class of three-dimensional sensors offers more flexibility and accuracy while allowing more compact solutions.

### Table of Contents

1 Introduction	2
1.1 Angle Measurement With One-Dimensional Sensors	2
1.2 Challenges of Angular Measurements	3
2 Benefit of Multi-Axis Sensors	6
2.1 Simplified Mechanical Placement	6
2.2 Sensitivity Matching	9
2.3 CORDIC Angle Estimations	9
2.4 Tamper and Stray Field Detection	13
3 Angular Measurement Considerations	15
3.1 Sensor Alignment	15
3.2 Sensor Calibration	16
3.3 Input Referred Noise	17
3.4 Impact of Sample Rate	18
4 Practical Application	19
4.1 Push-Button Knob	19
4.2 Off-Axis Design	21
5 Summary	23
6 References	23

### Trademarks

All trademarks are the property of their respective owners.



Application Report  
SLYA036A—July 2018—Revised August 2018

## Linear Hall Effect Sensor Angle Measurement Theory, Implementation, and Calibration

Mitch Morse

Current and Magnetic Sensing

ABSTRACT

This application report discusses how linear Hall effect sensors can be used to measure 2D angles, including both limited-angle and 360° rotation measurements. This report provides details on some calibrated and uncalibrated implementations to help meet angle measurement accuracy requirements. This report also covers the number of sensors needed, and the preferred magnet types for each method.


### Contents

1 Introduction	3
2 Overview	3
3 Device Descriptions	5
4 Methods	6
5 References	24

### List of Figures

1 Disc and Cylinder Magnets	3
2 Ring Magnets	3
3 Block Magnets	4
4 Sphere Magnet	4
5 Multiple Ring Magnet	4
6 Uncalibrated Sensor Positions	7
7 One Sensor Near Magnet	8
8 One Sensor Uncalibrated Data	8
9 Two Sensors 90° Apart	9
10 Two Sensors 90° Apart Uncalibrated Data	9
11 Two Sensors 45° Apart	10
12 Two Sensors 45° Apart Uncalibrated Data	10

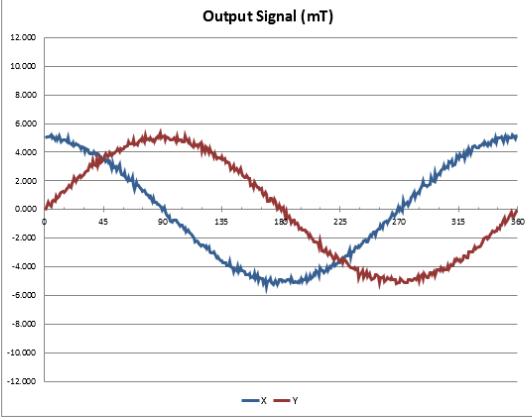
# Resources



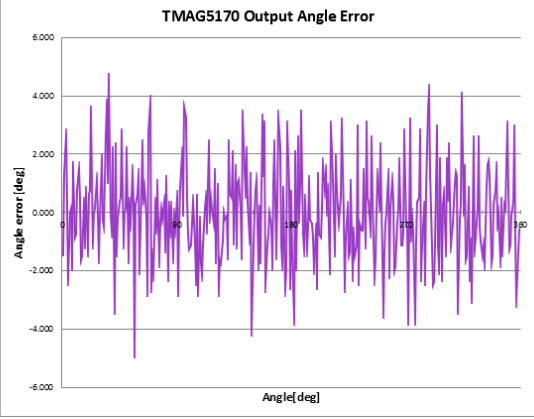
**TEXAS INSTRUMENTS**

## TMAG5170 - 2D Angle Error Calculator

B <sub>x</sub> Peak	5	mT		
B <sub>y</sub> Peak	5	mT		
Channel				
Device Settings	Input Range	100	100	mT
	Output Target	5%		of FS
	Single Channel Latency	25		us
	CONV_AVG Register Code	0	1	Samples
	Rotation Speed	0		Hz
	Rotation Speed (RPM)	0		RPM
	Sampling Mode	XY		
	X - Offset Correction	OFF	0	
	Y - Offset Correction	OFF	0	
	Channel Gain Attenuation	OFF	0	
Sensitivity Error	0.0%	0.0%		
Offset Error	0	0	mT	
Phase Lag error	0.00		deg	
Rotational Latency	0.05		Cycles	
Input Referred Noise <sub>rms</sub>	0.140	0.140	mTrms	



**Output Signal (mT)**



**TMAG5170 Output Angle Error**

**About:** This tool is meant to assist with configuration of TMAG5170 by providing estimations of angle error that may result from various factors. This is particularly useful when considering off-axis applications where it can be reasonably expected that the two components of the magnetic field will not be equal in amplitude. Other factors, such as rotation speed, sampling, and averaging will also impact the overall result. This tool does not account for conditions such as tilt or wobble which will produce non-linearities. Input cells appear in a lighter shade than in the original calculator.

<https://e2e.ti.com/support/sensors/f/102302/235036>

- 1) Set **Sampling Mode** to include field components to be measured
- 2) Change **Channel** selection to match as needed
- 3) Set **Sensitivity Error** and **Offset Error** for test case
- 4) Set **Peak Amplitude of second B Field component**. This can be obtained from simulation or calculator tools, or by culturing empirical data by rotating a magnet in a test configuration.

To find more magnetic position sensing technical resources and search products, visit [ti.com/halleffect](https://ti.com/halleffect).