

# Introduction to ACEINNA

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## **Company Overview**

#### Company Profile

- Leading precision sensor and sensing integration products.
- ACEINNA started in 2017 as a spin-off from MEMSIC, Inc. (founded in 1999, a maker of consumer MEMS-based sensors products)
- State-of-the-art inertial navigation systems, AMR magnetic current sensors and flow sensors
- HQ is in Andover, MA. R&D in San Jose, Chicago, and Andover. Manufacturing in Wuxi, China.

#### Technology Leadership (Field Proven)

- Invented and brought to market unique thermal MEMS accelerometer
  - >30M shipped into Automotive ECS and rollover applications (Ford, GM, Land Rover, Volvo, Jaguar, Hyundai, Nissan etc)
- First to offer MEMS-based FAA-certified AHRS and a leading supplier of IMU's to Heavy Equipment Market
  - Hundreds of thousand IMUs installed in precision agriculture market
- First to bring high performance AMR sensor to mobile phone and shipped >500Mu into e-compass
- IP and knowhow developed over 15 years in designing and manufacturing AMR magnetic thin film sensors
- IP and expertise in MEMS and AMR sensor, ASIC, calibration and packaging to achieve high performance
- Shipped 1B units accelerometers in 2016











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Technology / Product Lines		Application Markets		
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# Advanced Magnetic Current Sensors

**Current Sensors for Next Generation Power Conversion & Management** 

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## **ACEINNA's Current Sensors for Next Gen. Power Conversions**

Powerful Sensing Solutions

- Award winning, simple to use, All-in-One single chip solutions (MCx1101 Series)
- **❖** MCx1101 leads the market for "accuracy + bandwidth + response time" in a single chip solution
- ACEINNA's products have 1.5MHz bandwidth highest in the industry
- Key performances to support fast switching wide-bandgap SiC and GaN power stage



Popular current solutions technology vs ACEINNA AMR current sensors

#### COMPARISON

	Aceinna AMR	Hall IC	Current Transformer	Sense Resistor
Desired Feature	(1816)7 2018			
Accuracy	<b>✓</b>	×	<b>√/</b> ×	<b>√/</b> ×
DC->1MHz 3dB BW to 5MHz 3dB BW	<	×	×	$\checkmark$
Isolated	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	×
Small Size	$\checkmark$	<b>≪/X</b>	×	×



#### **ACEINNA MCx1101 AMR Current Sensors**

(available in ±5A, ±20A, ±50A, fixed gain or ratiometric gain)

Powerful Sensing Solutions

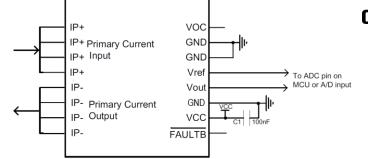
#### **Features**

- **\*** Excellent accuracy and over temperature:
  - 20A: Total error of **0.6% of RD** typ @25°C and **2.0% max** @ **85°C**
  - 50A: Total error of 0.7% of RD typ @25°C and 2.5% max @ 85°C
     Note: above error is total error as % of Reading (vs % of Full Scale)
- Very High Frequency Response:
  - 1.5 MHz bandwidth (3dB) with low phase delay
- \* Fast output step response time: 300ns typical
- Integrated fast over-current-detection: 200ns typical
- **❖** 3.3V/5V Supply with low quiescent current (4.5/6.5mA typ)
- Low Primary Resistance (0.9 mΩ typ for 50A)
- -40 to +105°C Operating Temp Range
- 4.8kV galvanic isolation
- SOIC 16 package (RoHS/REACH compliant)
- UL/IEC/EN60950-1 Certified
- Easy to use

Part	Current (A)	Output Type	VCC (V)	Accuracy (Total Error as % of Reading) Typ @ 25C, Max at 85C
MCA1101-50-3	±50	Fixed Gain	3.3	0.7% typ, 2.5% max
MCR1101-50-3	±50	Ratiometric	3.3	0.7% typ, 2.5% max
MCA1101-20-3	±20	Fixed Gain	3.3	0.6% typ, 2% max
MCR1101-20-3	±20	Ratiometric	3.3	0.6% typ, 2% max
MCA1101-5-3	±5	Fixed Gain	3.3	1% typ, 2% max
MCR1101-5-3	±5	Ratiometric	3.3	1% typ, 2% max
MCA1101-50-5	±50	Fixed Gain	5	1.5% typ, 2.5% max
MCR1101-50-5	±50	Ratiometric	5	1.5% typ, 2.5% max
MCA1101-20-5	±20	Fixed Gain	5	0.6% typ, 2% max
MCR1101-20-5	±20	Ratiometric	5	0.6% typ, 2% max
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MCR1101-5-5	±5	Ratiometric	5	1% typ, 2% max





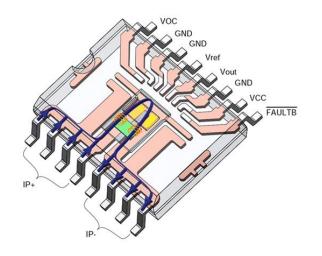


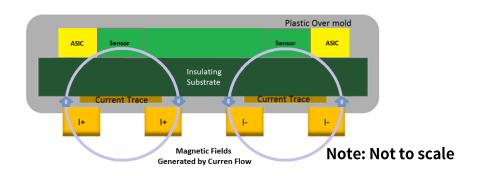






### **How it Works**





- Primary current (IP+, IP-) flows through package lead frame
  - A magnetic field is generated inside the package
- Current sensor provides voltage output relative to the magnetic field detected
  - AMR sensors form a resistive bridge to sense the magnetic field.
  - Two AMR sensors used for external field cancellation
  - Proprietary ASIC with performance provides gain, calibration, compensation over operating temperature, features
- **❖** A insulating substrate separates the electronics to provide isolation



# **ACEINNA's AMR Technology**

#### **ACEINNA Current Sensors** – based on AMR technology





#### **ACEINNA AMR vs Hall Effect**

- Better Accuracy over temperature & range
- Higher Bandwidth & Lower Phase Shift
- Lower Offset (Up to 1/10<sup>th</sup>)
- Lower Noise (Up to ½)



#### **ACEINNA AMR vs Transformer**

- Response to DC and AC
- No core saturation effects
- Much smaller size
- Faster/Simpler to design





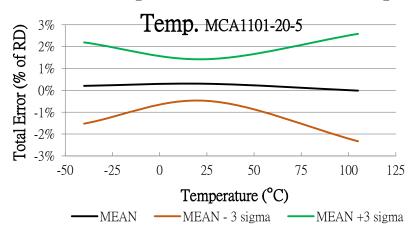
#### **ACEINNA AMR vs Shunt Resistor**

- Inherent Isolation
- Improved Accuracy vs Power Loss
- Less Components, Space Savings, Cost Savings
- Faster/Simpler design

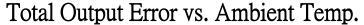


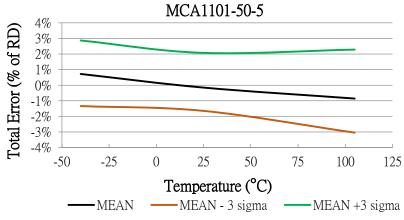
#### ±20A Current Sensor

Total Output Error vs. Ambient Temp.



#### ±50A Current Sensor



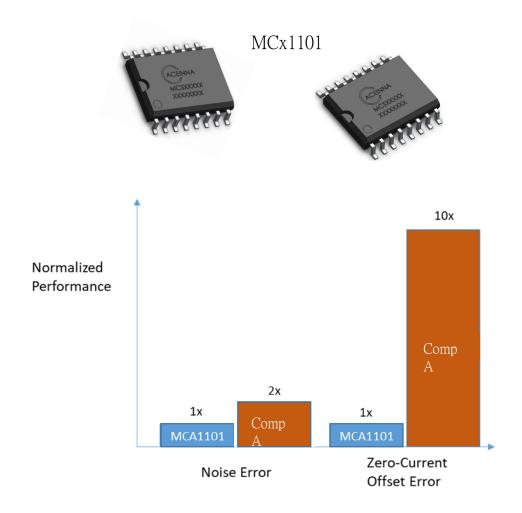


- ACEINNA AMR technology provides excellent accuracy over temperature vs Hall Effect competitors
- With lower noise and offset, ACEINNA AMR current sensors provide higher accuracy over the current dynamic range vs Hall Effect competitors

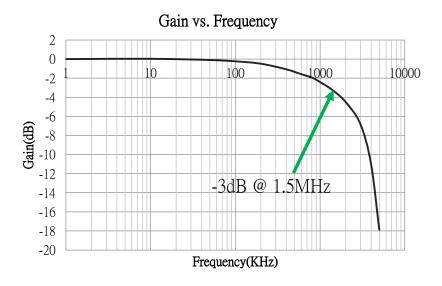


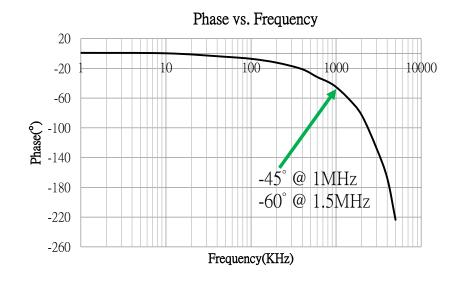
## Low Offset, Low Noise

- Many current sensor applications require high accuracy over a dynamic range
- At low currents, offset errors remain fixed and can dramatically increase total error as a percentage.
- ACEINNA's High bandwidth AMR technology offers a clear advantage in accuracy at the lower end of the current range vs Hall Effect.









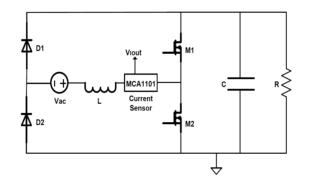


#### Silicon Carbide (SiC) and Galium Nitride (GaN) are starting to replace Silicon MOSFETs

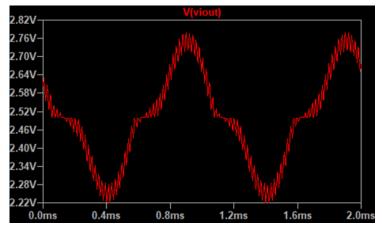
These new transistors are enabling higher frequency systems with better efficiency and smaller size. With higher frequencies, you need:

- A higher bandwidth current sensor for the current control loop.
  - Totem pole PFC requires fast switching ripple current measurement.
  - Motor and inverter apps also require fast ripple current measurement.
- A higher bandwidth sensor to enable fast step response in protection circuits.

Totem Pole Circuit



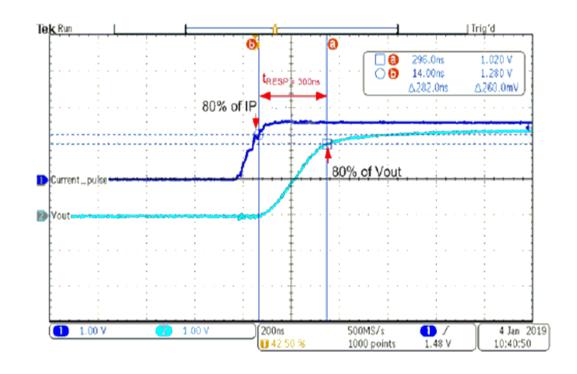
#### Current sine wave with ripple





#### Response Time

Output response time is the time interval from 80% if the input IP to 80% of the output Vout



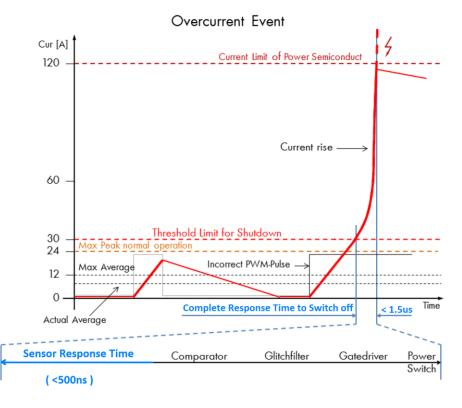
- Scope shows 45A input step with fast 100ns rise time
- Output response time 300ns



Current sensors are often used in protection circuits to help shut down the power system when there is a problem. Fast current sensor response time and high bandwidth is often critical in these applications.

Timing budget for current sensor in protection circuits is often tight. Example shown is for inverter application:

- Protection: <1.5us total for full switch off time (includes time for other items in path to react as well)
- Current Sensor Response time needs to be well below 500ns
- ACEINNA current sensor step response time is 300ns typical



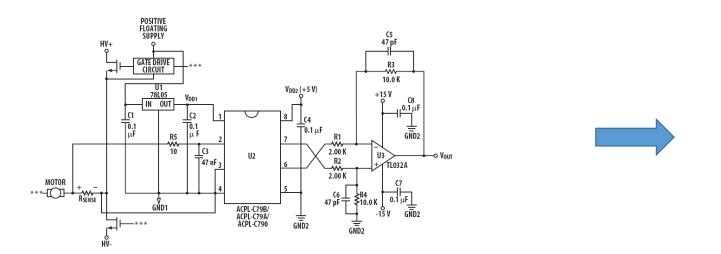


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## Isolated Shunt vs Isolated Magnetic Sensor: Simplicity

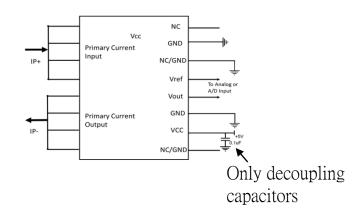
#### Shunt Solution, Isolated (Typical)

• Many components, Higher dissipation, BW limited by isolator



#### Isolated Magnetic Current Sensor Solution

o Greatly simplified solution with high performance



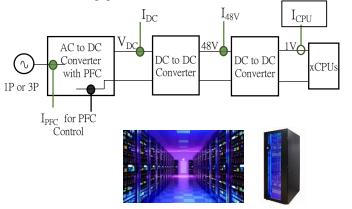
#### \* ACEINNA Isolated Magnetic Current Sensor benefits over Shunt solutions

- Small, Simple Isolated (4.8kV) Solution -> Vastly minimizes components, board space and failure risks
- Low power dissipation / consumption and no need for power supply for both side of isolation
- High bandwidth (1.5MHz) provides fast response with low phase delay; Includes ultra fast OCD

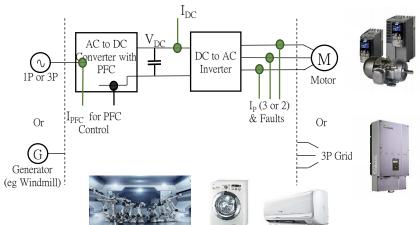


# Current Sensors in Isolated High Power Conversion Applications

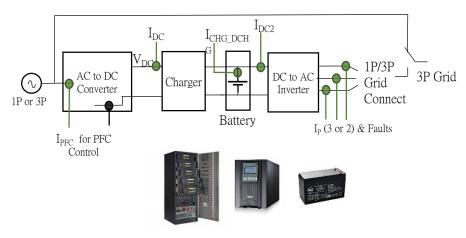
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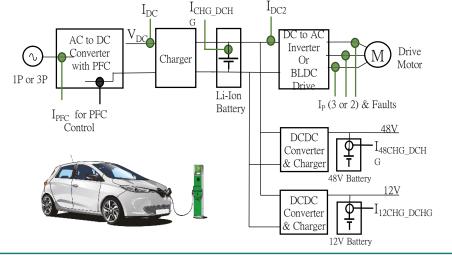
#### **Motor Drives and Inverters**



#### **Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS)**



#### **Electric Vehicle Motor Drive /Battery Management**





## **ACEINNA's Current Sensor Products**

Powerful Sensing Solutions

#### Benchmark Frequency Response (Bandwidth, 1.5MHz)

- Enables SiC/GaN advantages
  - Higher frequency,
  - Smaller system size,
  - Better efficiency systems

#### Benchmark Step Response Time (300ns)

- Minimizes protection timing budget for current sensor
- Enables the protection of higher frequency SiC/GaN switches

#### Benchmark Accuracy (0.6% typ) over temperature for ICs

- Better control and regulation to improve efficiency and reliability
- Low offset and low noise provides high accuracy across the dynamic range

#### Simple to use

- Easy to design, small single chip isolated current sensing solution
- Only a decoupling capacitor needed

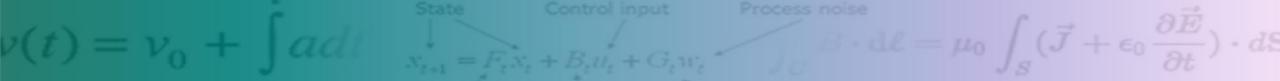






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