

# Self-Bearing Linear-Rotary Actuators for Future High-Precision Applications

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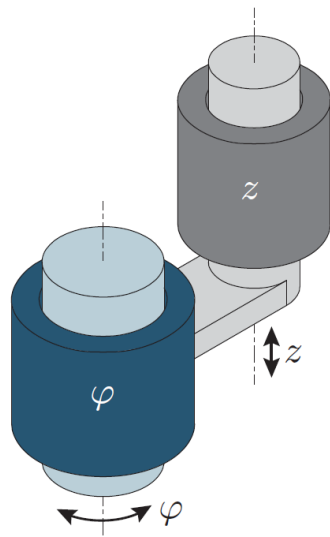
## *Introduction*

———— *Linear Rotary Actuators (LiRAs)* ————  
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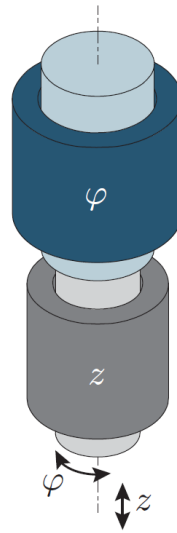


## Linear-Rotary Actuator (LiRA)

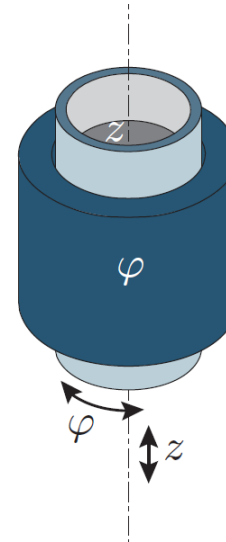
- LiRA is conceived by coupling Linear and Rotary actuators (machines)
- Types of coupling: Mechanical, Magnetic, Double Stator



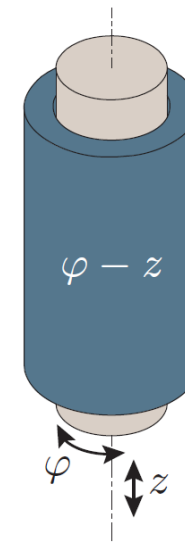
■ Parallel Mechanical Coupling



■ Series Mechanical Coupling



■ Double Stator



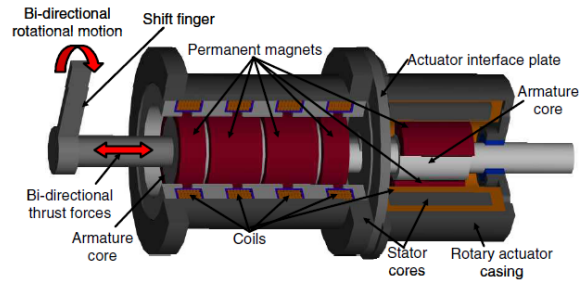
■ Magnetic Coupling

- Intended use determines the type of the LiRA, i.e., the type of coupling
- Parallel mechanical coupling → simple to realize, but low dynamics & moving cables



## LiRA Application Examples

- A wide spectrum of application areas: servo, tools, industrial automation, robot end-effector, blood pumps



Source: IEEE

■ Servo



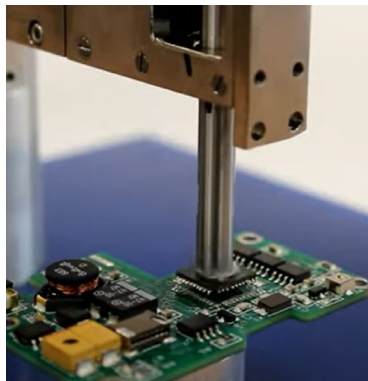
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■ Lathe



Source: FOOD manufacture

■ Industry Assembly Lines



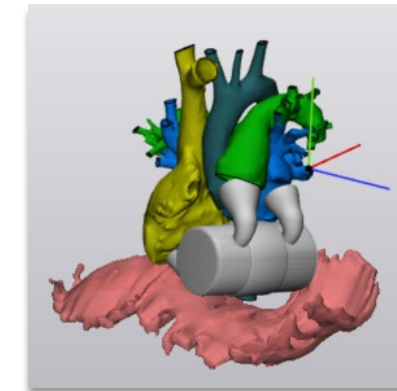
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Moving Coil Actuators

■ Pick & Place Robot in Electronics/Semiconductor Industry



Source: camfil

■ Handling/Dosing in Pharmaceutical/Chemical Industry



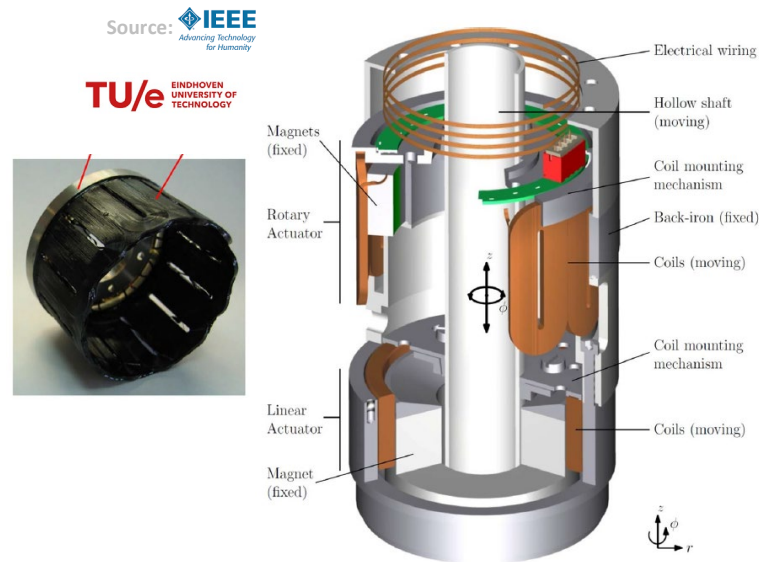
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■ ShuttlePump



## LiRA Example 1

- Series mechanical coupling → three-phase slotless PM rotary actuator (top) & linear actuator (bottom)
- Pick&Place LiRA enables rotational and translational motion for small component placement



■ LiRA or  $z\phi$ -Actuator

Parameter	Value
$z_{stroke}$	$\pm 5$ mm
$\phi_{stroke}$	$\pm 180^\circ$ degrees
$z_{err}$	5 $\mu$ m
$\phi_{err}$	3 mrad
$\alpha_z$	150 $m\ s^{-2}$
$\alpha_\phi$	7700 $rad\ s^{-2}$
$v_{max}$	3 $m\ s^{-1}$
$\omega_{max}$	135 $rad\ s^{-1}$
$d_z$	0.22
$d_\phi$	0.39
$L_{z\phi}$	105 mm
$r_{o,max}$	30 mm
$r_{i,min}$	18 mm

■ Specifications

→ High accelerations required

→ Rather a low max. speed

- Component placement throughput → high dynamics/accelerations
- Actuator operation → low speeds due to limited stroke (acceleration/deceleration)

[ref] Overboom, T. T., et al. "Design and Optimization of a Rotary Actuator for a Two-Degree-of-Freedom  $S_z\phi$ -Module." IEEE Transactions on Industry Applications 46.6 (2010): 2401-2409.

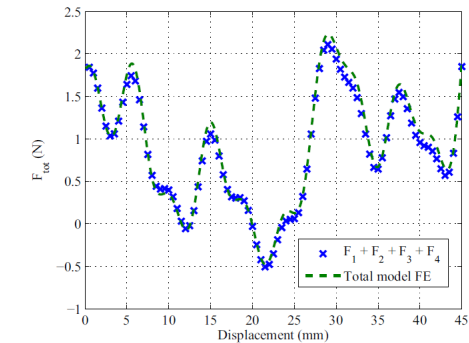
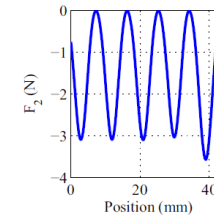
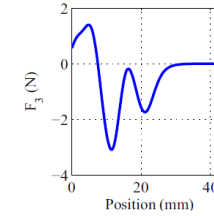
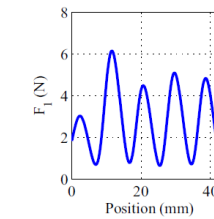
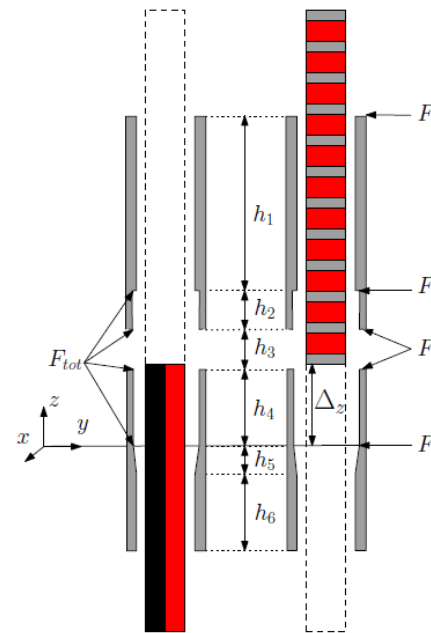
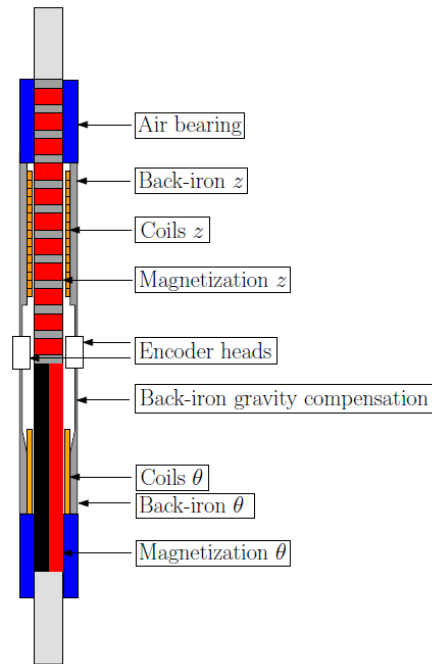


## LiRA Example 2

- Series mechanical coupling → three-phase rotary actuator & three-phase linear actuator
- Pick&Place LiRA enables rotational and translational motion for small component placement

Source:  **IEEE**  
Advancing Technology  
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- Cogging force due to end effects → minimization by optimizing stator core geometry / placement
- Passive gravity compensation → force profile optimized in 3D-FEM by varying geometry

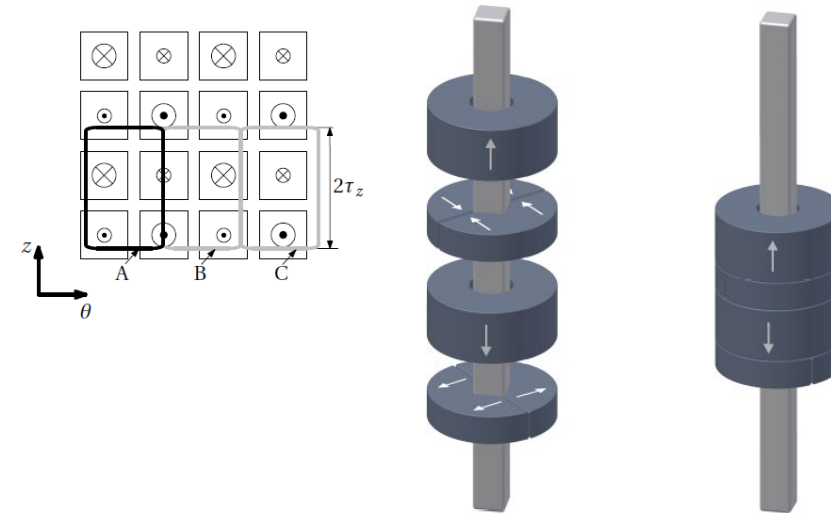
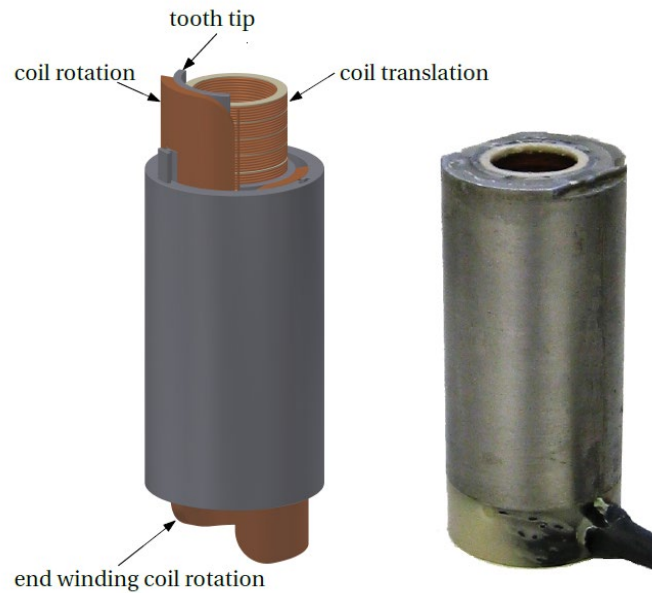
[ref] Meessen, K. J., J. J. H. Paulides, and E. A. Lomonova. "Analysis and design considerations of a 2-DoF rotary-linear actuator." 2011 IEEE International Electric Machines & Drives Conference (IEMDC). IEEE, 2011.



## LiRA Example 3

- Three-phase rotary actuator & slotless linear actuator winding in the air gap
- Pick&Place LiRA enables rotational and translational motion for small component placement

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 Eindhoven University of Technology



- Single set of mover permanent magnets → special arrangement to interact with rotary and linear windings
- Large air gap → low cogging force; but low machine constant

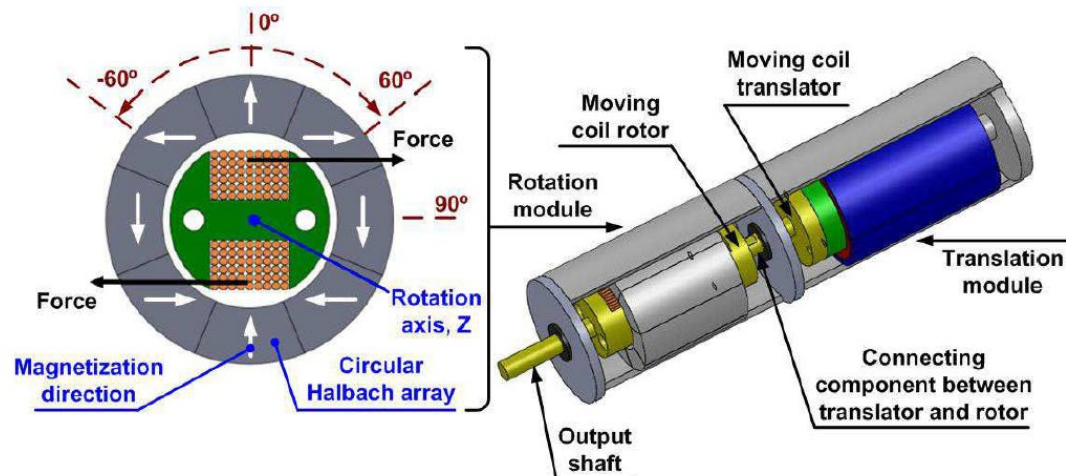
[ref] Meessen, Koen Joseph. "Electromagnetic fields and interactions in 3D cylindrical structures: Modeling and application." Dept. Electric Eng., Eindhoven Univ. Technol., the Netherlands (2012).





## LiRA Example 4

- Moving coil rotary actuator & moving coil linear actuator
- Pick&Place LiRA enables rotational and translational motion for small component placement

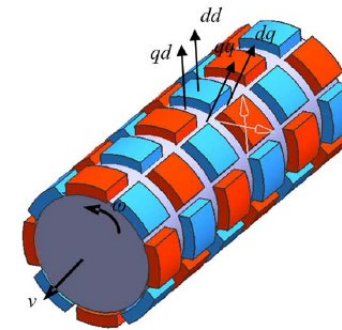
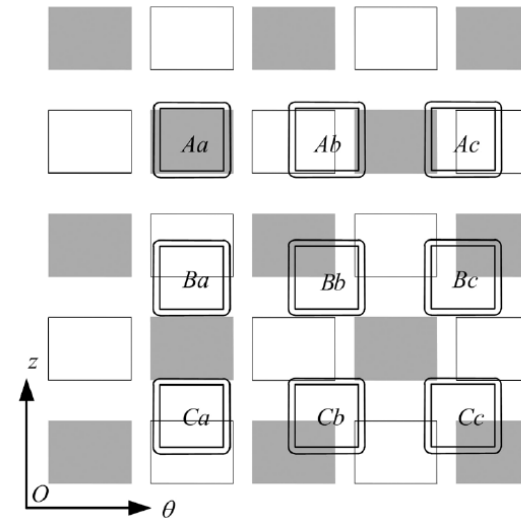
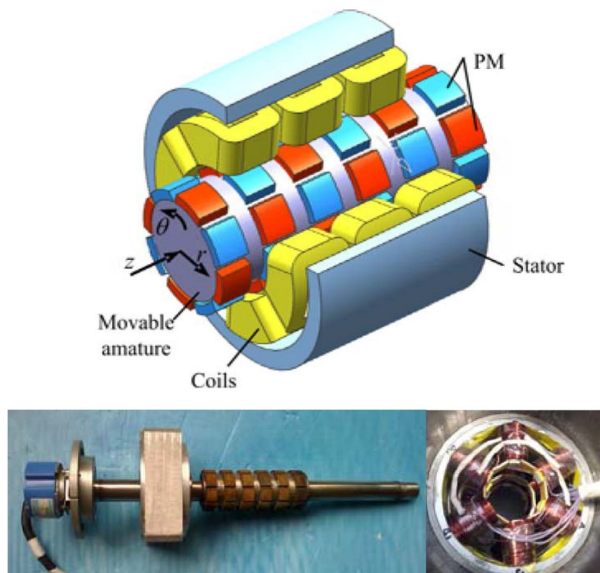


- Limited rotary stroke due to permanent magnet field arrangement → parts with no radial field
- Moving coils → moving cables limit lifetime

[ref] Teo, Tat Joo, et al. "Principle and modeling of a novel moving coil linear-rotary electromagnetic actuator." IEEE Transactions on Industrial Electronics 63.11 (2016): 6930-6940.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ApWlAgkbrE0>  
 Agency for Science, Technology and Research, Singapore

## LiRA Example 5

- Concentrated coils in linear and rotary direction → ‘checkerboard actuator’
- Checkerboard direct drive LiRA enables rotational and translational motion

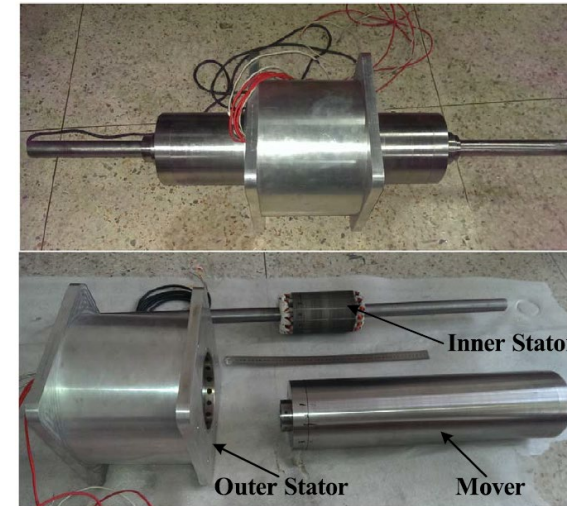
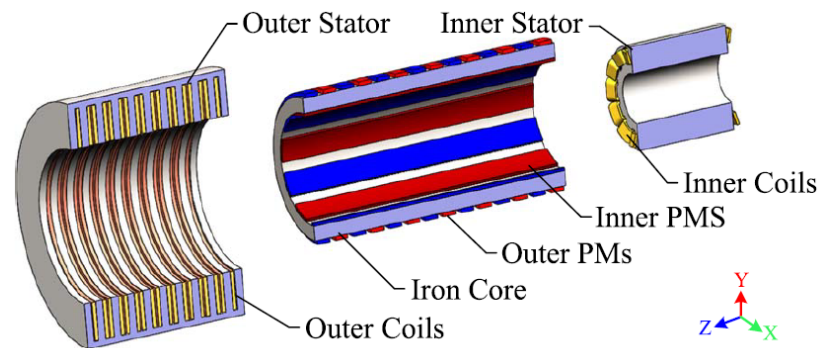


- LiRA with magnetic coupling → highest compactness, increased number of phases, increased control effort
- Ideally no end windings → end winding for the linear direction is an active part of the winding for rotary direction

[ref] Jin, Ping, et al. "3-D analytical linear force and rotary torque analysis of linear and rotary permanent magnet actuator." IEEE transactions on magnetics 49.7 (2013): 3989-3992.

## LiRA Example 6

- **Double stator LiRA** → 'magnetically insulated' linear and rotary parts
- **Three-phase linear and rotary machines, controlled independently**

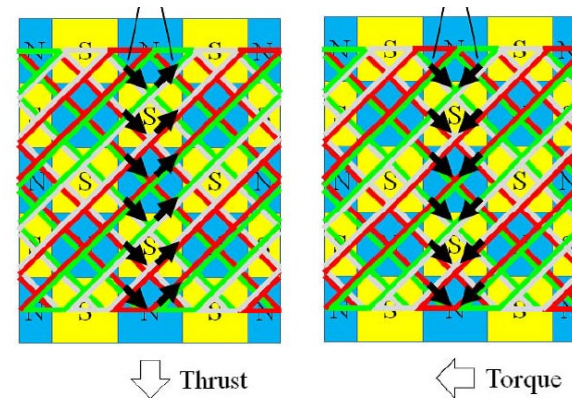
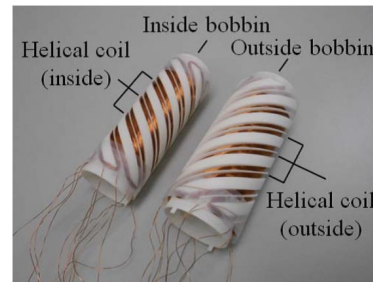
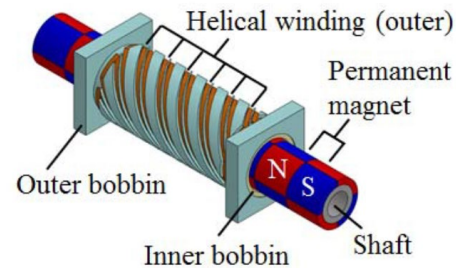


- **Large force (650 N) / torque (10 Nm), dynamics limited due to the large moving mass of the mover**
- **Challenging design** → cooling of the inner stator, mover back iron with two sets of PMs

[ref] Xu, Lei, et al. "Design and analysis of a double-stator linear-rotary permanent-magnet motor." IEEE Transactions on Applied Superconductivity 26.4 (2016): 1-4.

## LiRA Example 7

- Helical winding (inner and outer) → independent thrust force and torque generation/control
- Slotless LiRA proposed usage for surgery robots in medicine



- Limited force (5 N)/torque (0.1 Nm) due to slotless winding, helical winding complicated to realize
- Mover PMs the same as for the checkerboard actuator

[ref] Tanaka, Shodai, Tomoyuki Shimono, and Yasutaka Fujimoto. "Optimal design of length factor for cross-coupled 2-DOF motor with Halbach magnet array." 2015 IEEE International Conference on Mechatronics (ICM). IEEE, 2015.



## *Need for Improvements*

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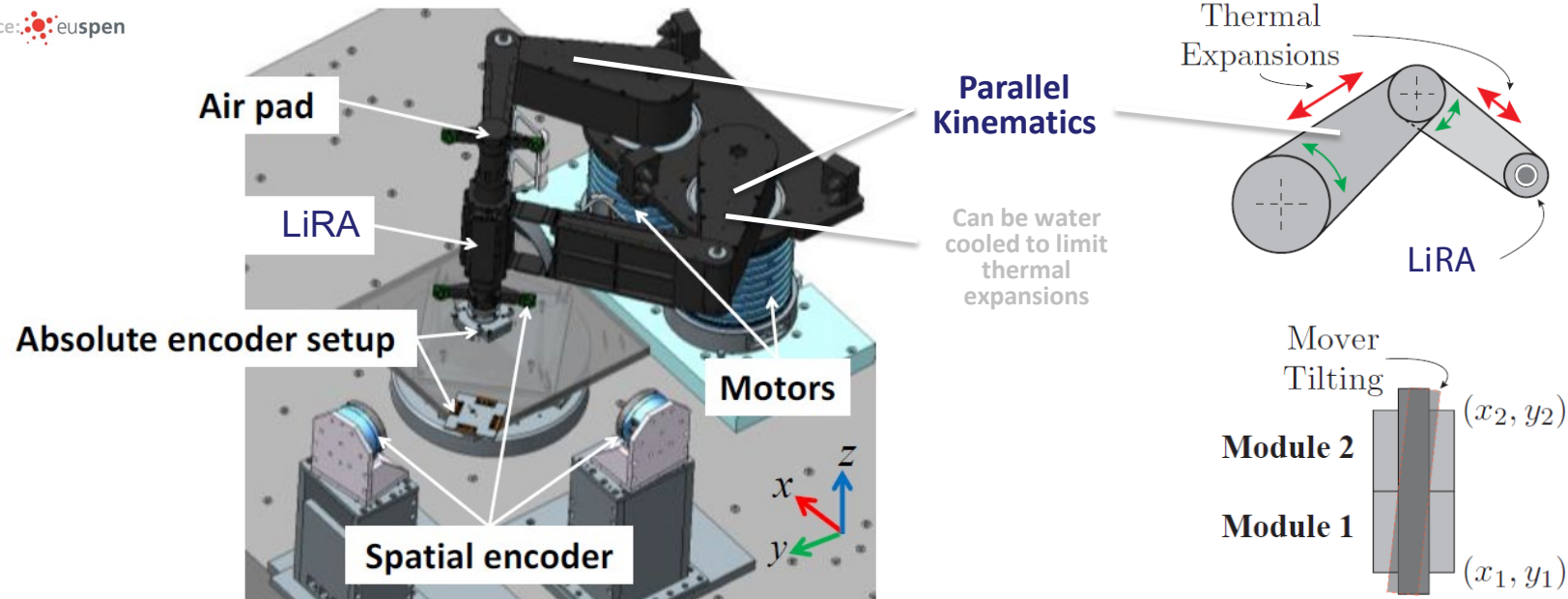
*Application Requirements*  
*Conventional Bearings*  
*Bearingless / Self-bearing*

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## High Precision Requirement

- High dynamics robot → reaches accelerations of  $150 \text{ m/s}^2$  and speeds of  $5 \text{ m/s}$
- Horizontal workspace of  $300 \text{ mm} \times 300 \text{ mm}$ ; repeatability  $< 10 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$

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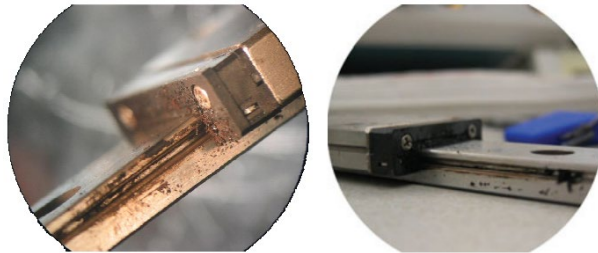


- Thermal expansions in parallel kinematics deteriorate precision → LiRA with radial position control
- Handling smaller components/dies → mover tilting necessary
- Mechanical/air bearings used in conventional LiRAs can not control radial position nor tilting

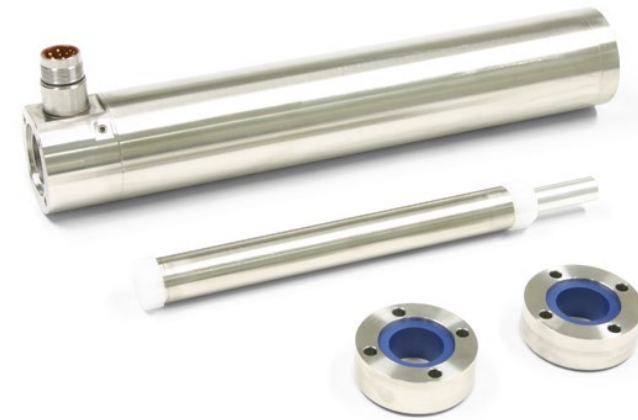


## High Purity Requirement

- Applications requiring high purity → clean rooms, bioprocessing, pharmaceutical
- Mechanical bearings → limited lifetime / limited purity levels / often disassembling for cleaning



■ Mechanical bearings compromise high purity



Source: **LinMot®**

■ Disassembling for regular high-pressure washdowns

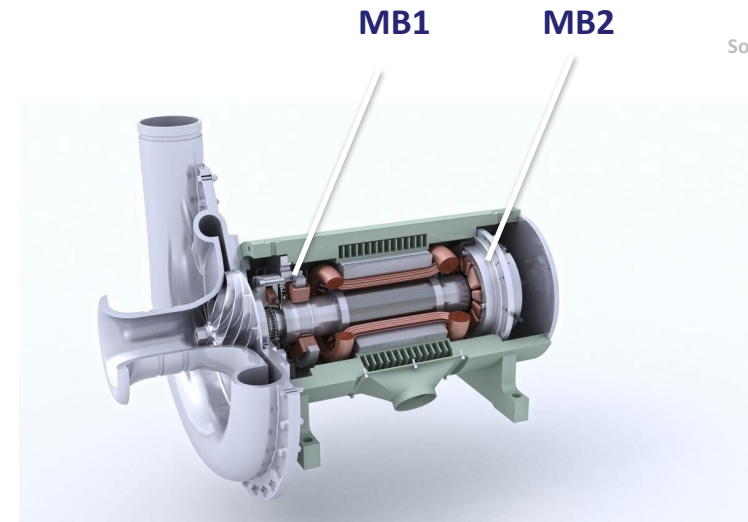
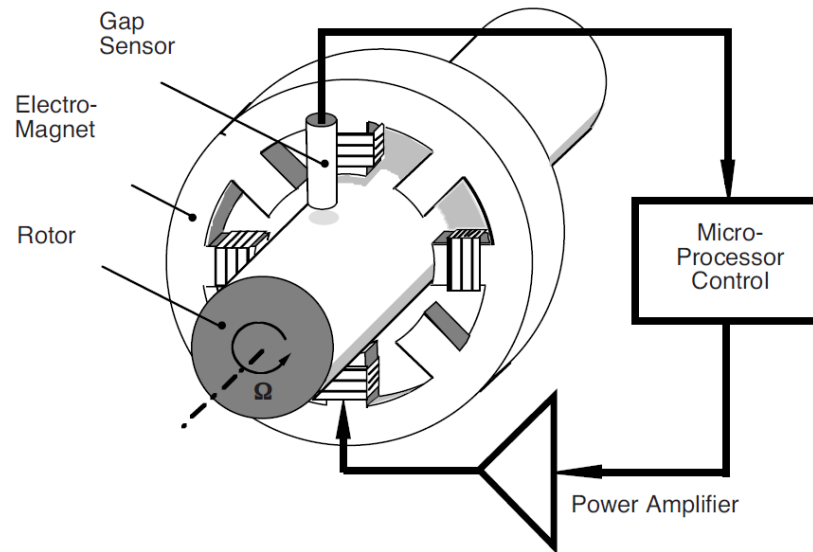
- Air bearings → require air supply / prohibited operation in low-pressure environments
- High precision & high purity requirements limit usage of LiRAs with conventional bearings

[ref] Paulides, Johannes JH, Jeroen LG Janssen, and Elena A. Lomonova. "Bearing lifetime of linear PM machines." 2009 IEEE Energy Conversion Congress and Exposition. IEEE, 2009.



## Magnetic Bearings (MBs)

- **Magnetic bearings** → generate radial forces to keep the rotor/mover centered
- **Closed loop position controller** → sensor, microcontroller, power converter, MB windings



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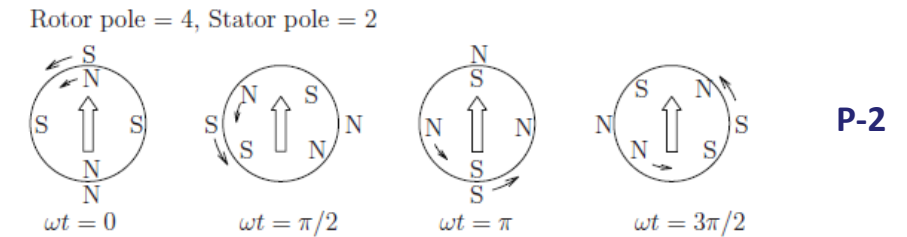
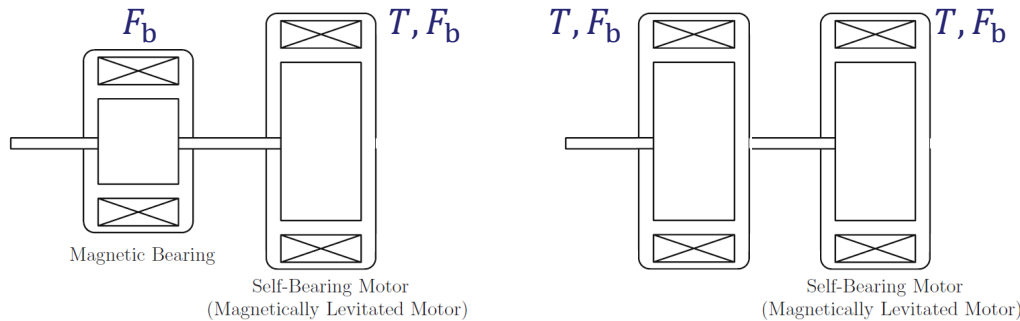
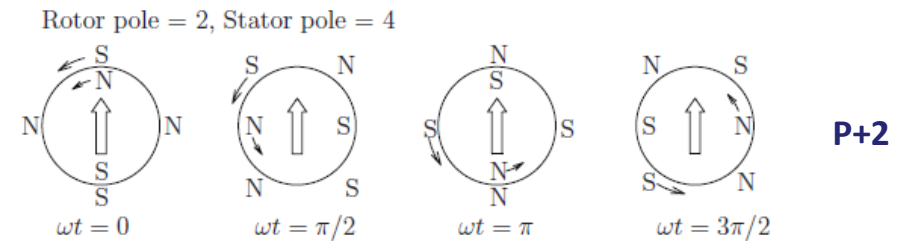
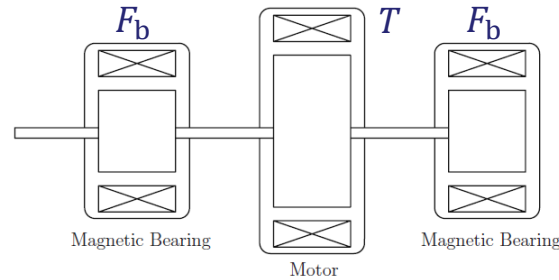
- **Characteristics** → free of contact, no contaminating wear, bearing stiffness control, low maintenance
- **Applications** → vacuum and clean room system, high-speed pumps, high-purity pumps, flywheels

[ref] Maslen, Eric H., and Gerhard Schweitzer, eds. Magnetic bearings: theory, design, and application to rotating machinery. Berlin, Heidelberg: Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg, 2009.



## Standalone MBs and Self-bearing/Bearingless Machines

- **Self-bearing/Bearingless** → integrate MBs into the existing machine structure
- **Achieve self-bearing function** → superimpose the main field (torque,  $p$  poles) with the  $p \pm 2$  type



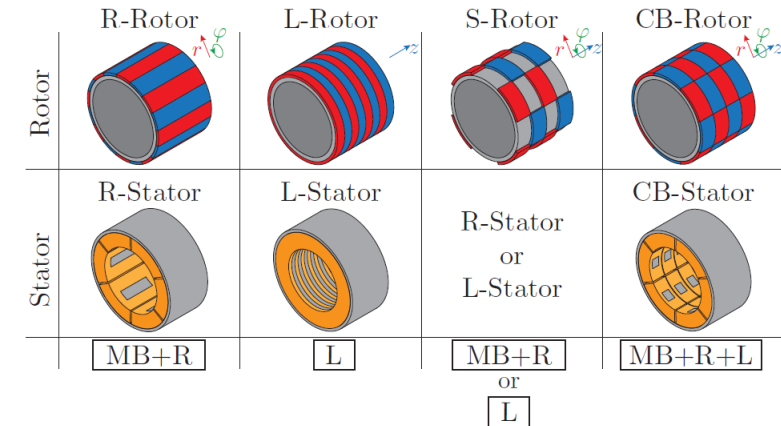
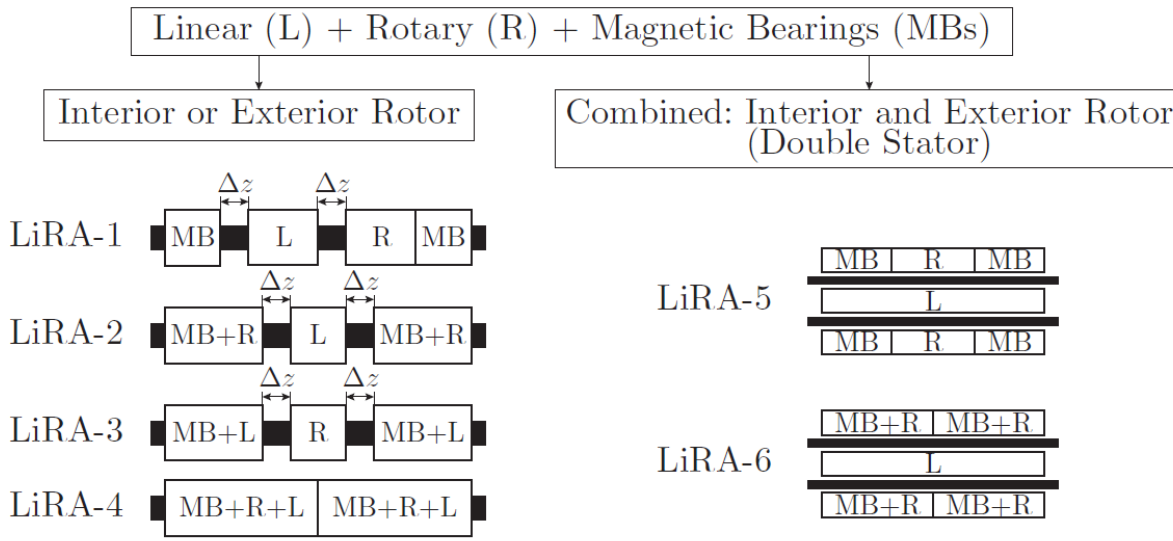
- **Tilting control of the long shaft** → either  $(F_b)$  &  $(T, F_b)$  or  $(T, F_b)$  &  $(T, F_b)$
- $p \pm 2$  type is achieved by winding scheme or current distribution in the existing main windings

[ref] Maslen, Eric H., and Gerhard Schweitzer, eds. Magnetic bearings: theory, design, and application to rotating machinery. Berlin, Heidelberg: Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg, 2009.



## The Challenge: LiRA with MBs

- Integrating MBs into a LiRA → various combinations of standalone and self-bearing options are possible
- Tilting control of the mover necessary → MBs always at each axial end of a LiRA

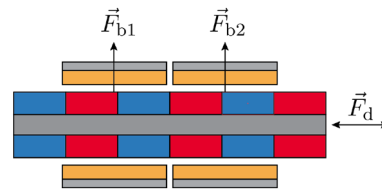


- Distance between the segments  $\Delta z = \text{linear stroke}$  → due to different PM arrangements in the mover
- MB + R → conventional; MB + L → interesting for further investigation!

[ref] Mirić, Spasoje, Dominik Bortis, and Johann Walter Kolar. "Design and comparison of permanent magnet self-bearing linear-rotary actuators." 2019 12th International Symposium on Linear Drives for Industry Applications (LDIA). IEEE, 2019.

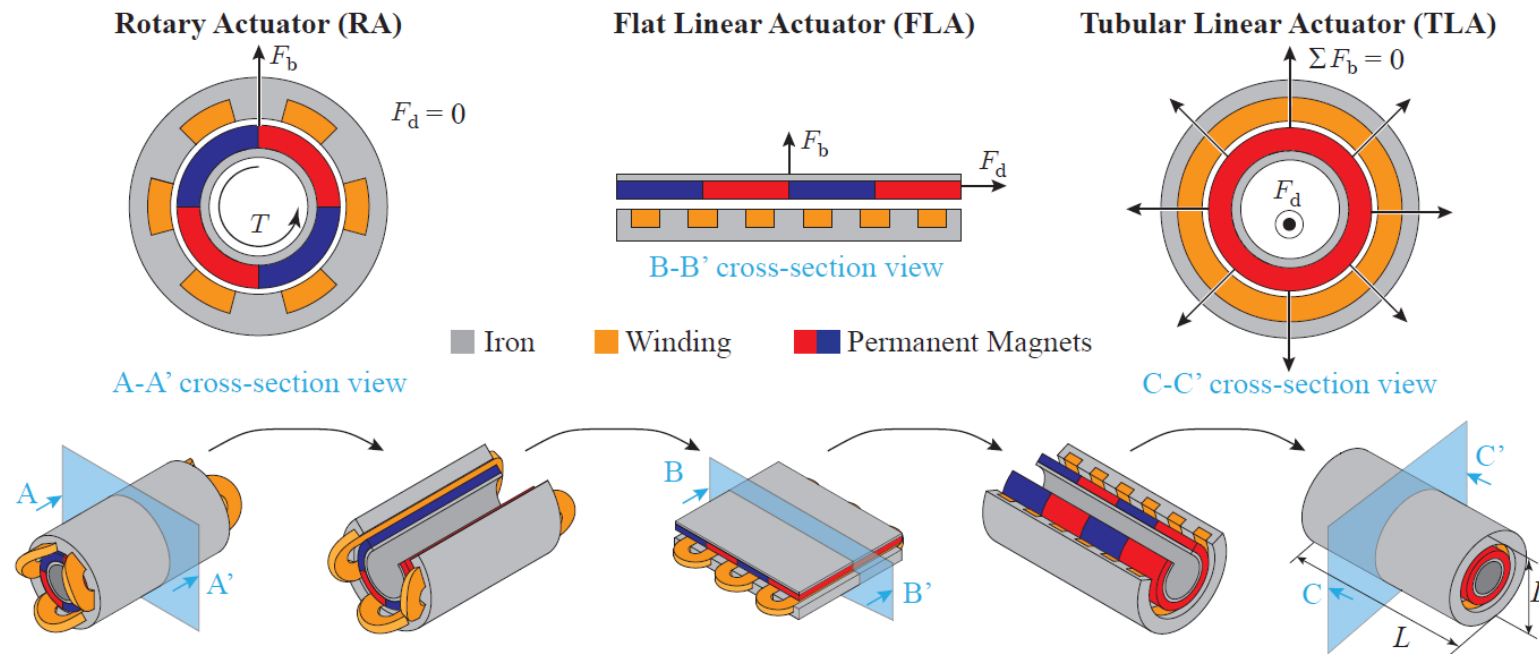
## Linear Actuator with Integrated MBs

*Topology Derivation  
Bearing Force Generation  
Inverter Supply Requirements*



## Tubular Linear Actuator Derivation

- Derivation of TLA → tangential force for generating  $T$  in RA, generates drive  $F_d$  force in TLA
- TLA has fewer stray field compared to FLA due to the closed structure

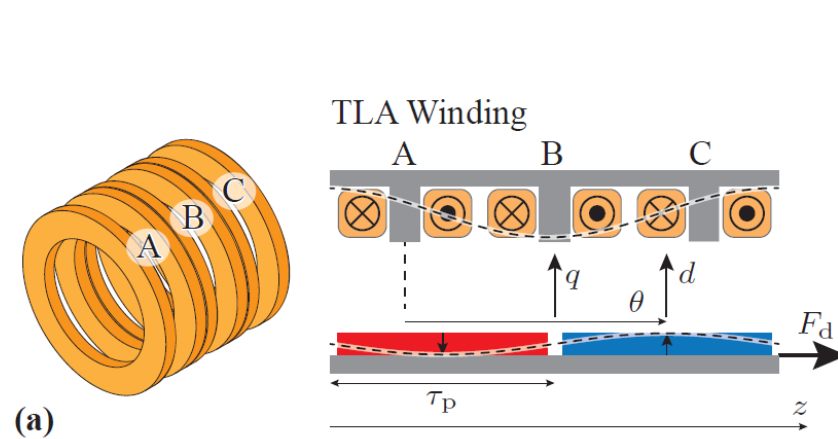


- TLA has circumferential symmetry → it can not generate bearing (radial) force, i.e., no MBs are possible
- FLA can generate bearing force  $F_b$ , but there is an attraction force between the mover PMs and the stator iron

[ref] Mirić, Spasoje, Johann W. Kolar, and Dominik Bortis. "Novel tubular linear actuator with integrated magnetic bearing." e & i Elektrotechnik und Informationstechnik 139.2 (2022): 230-242.

## Tubular Linear Actuator (TLA)

- Three-phase ring windings → maximum usage of copper, no end winding
- $d$  axis aligned with the peak flux density wave of the mover;  $\theta$  is the electrical angle in a linear direction

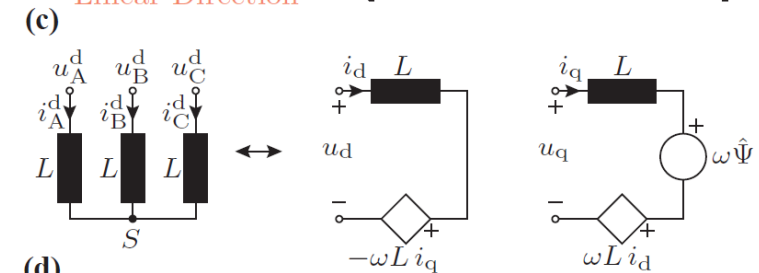


$$\begin{bmatrix} x_A^d & x_B^d & x_C^d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_d & x_q \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta + \gamma_A) & \cos(\theta + \gamma_B) & \cos(\theta + \gamma_C) \\ -\sin(\theta + \gamma_A) & -\sin(\theta + \gamma_B) & -\sin(\theta + \gamma_C) \end{bmatrix}$$

(b)

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_d & x_q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_A^d & x_B^d & x_C^d \end{bmatrix} \times \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta + \gamma_A) & -\sin(\theta + \gamma_A) \\ \cos(\theta + \gamma_B) & -\sin(\theta + \gamma_B) \\ \cos(\theta + \gamma_C) & -\sin(\theta + \gamma_C) \end{bmatrix}$$

Linear Direction



(d)

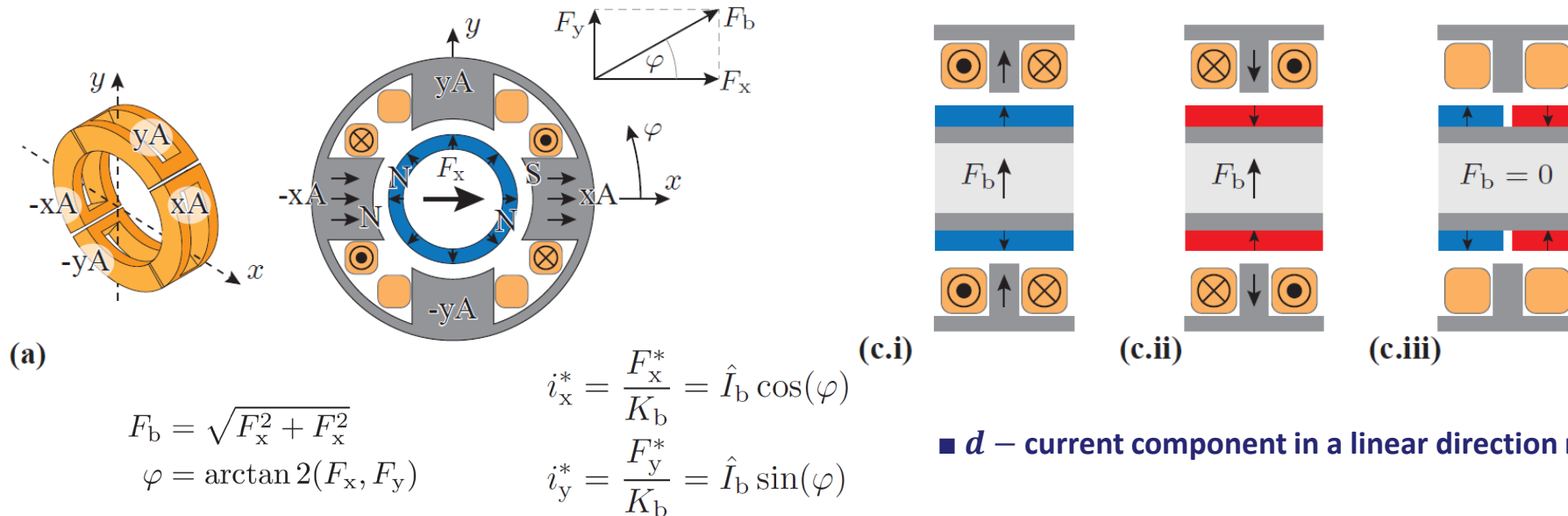
$$\begin{aligned} i_A^d &= \hat{I}_d \cos(\theta + \theta_i^d + \gamma_A) \\ i_B^d &= \hat{I}_d \cos(\theta + \theta_i^d + \gamma_B) \\ i_C^d &= \hat{I}_d \cos(\theta + \theta_i^d + \gamma_C) \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} i_d^* &= 0 \\ i_q^* &= \hat{I}_d = \frac{F_d^*}{K_d} \end{aligned} \quad K_d = \frac{3\pi}{2\tau_p} \hat{\Psi}$$

- TLA can generate linear drive force  $F_d$ ; bearing force  $F_b$  is not possible to achieve with the TLA
- $dq$  coordinated in a linear direction → stationary coordinates representation of the three-phase winding

[ref] Mirić, Spasoje, Dominik Bortis, and Johann Walter Kolar. "Design and comparison of permanent magnet self-bearing linear-rotary actuators." 2019 12th International Symposium on Linear Drives for Industry Applications (LDIA). IEEE, 2019.

## xy Winding for Bearing Force Generation/Control

- A coil of the TLA split into 4 pieces,  $x$  – and  $y$  –direction  $\rightarrow$  bearing force  $F_b$  generation possible
- Bearing force generation capability  $\rightarrow$  depends on the linear position of the mover/PM poles



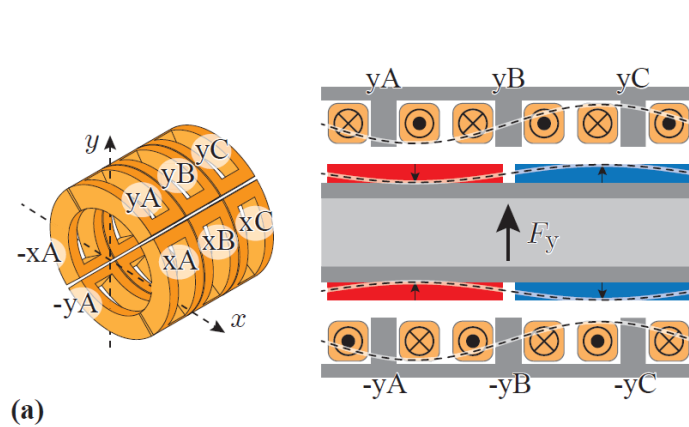
■  $d$  – current component in a linear direction needed!

- $F_b$  generation possible if PM is facing the stator teeth  $\rightarrow$  as long as there is non-zero flux linkage
- Mover/PM linear position changes in during the operation of the actuator

[ref] Mirić, Spasoje, Dominik Bortis, and Johann Walter Kolar. "Design and comparison of permanent magnet self-bearing linear-rotary actuators." 2019 12th International Symposium on Linear Drives for Industry Applications (LDIA). IEEE, 2019.

## xy Winding and Three-Phase ABC Linear Winding

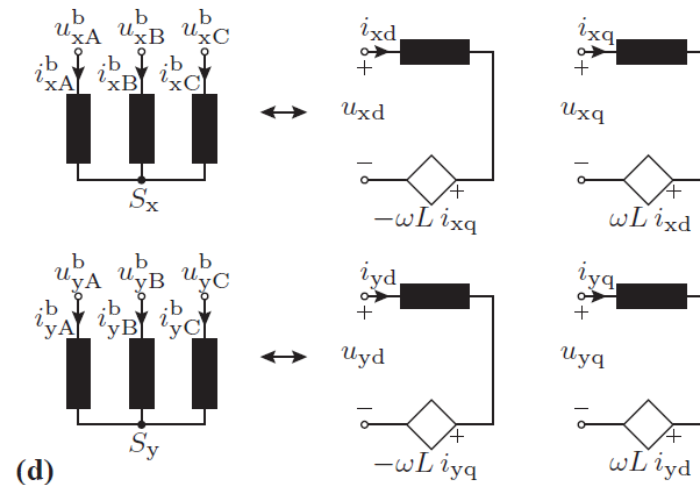
- Bearing force currents → 'd – component' in a linear direction, must not generate drive (linear) force
- xy – current components (circumferential) → determined by the desired force direction



(a)

$$i_{xd}^* = i_x^* = \frac{F_x^*}{K_b} \quad i_{xq}^* = 0$$

$$i_{yd}^* = i_y^* = \frac{F_y^*}{K_b} \quad i_{yq}^* = 0,$$



(d)

$$i_{x\{A,B,C\}}^* = i_{xd}^* \cdot \cos(\theta + \theta_i^b + \gamma_{\{A,B,C\}})$$

$$i_{y\{A,B,C\}}^* = i_{yd}^* \cdot \cos(\theta + \theta_i^b + \gamma_{\{A,B,C\}})$$

- $i_{xd}^*$  and  $i_{yd}^*$  calculated from the force components that should act on the mover (e.g., obtained by position controller)
- $\theta$  is the electrical angle determined by the mover's axial position  $z \rightarrow \theta = \pi \cdot z / \tau_p$

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## xydq Transformation

- 4 stationary components → xy for bearing force (rotary dir.) & dq for drive force (linear dir.)
- Variable x can be voltage v, current i or flux linkage ψ

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Rotary} \\ \text{Direction} \end{array} \downarrow \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{Linear Direction}} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{cc} x_{xd} & x_{xq} \\ x_{yd} & x_{yq} \end{array} \right] \\ \text{xydq} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{Linear Direction}} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} x_{xA}^b & x_{xB}^b & x_{xC}^b \\ x_{yA}^b & x_{yB}^b & x_{yC}^b \end{array} \right] \\ \text{xyABC} \end{array} \times \frac{2}{3} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{Linear Direction}} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{cc} \cos(\theta + \gamma_A) & -\sin(\theta + \gamma_A) \\ \cos(\theta + \gamma_B) & -\sin(\theta + \gamma_B) \\ \cos(\theta + \gamma_C) & -\sin(\theta + \gamma_C) \end{array} \right] \\ \text{Linear Direction} \end{array} \quad \text{xydq Transformation}
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 \end{array}$$

- 12 phase windings, but 6 phase quantities → windings on the same axis connected in series
- Linear direction → ABC – three-phase quantities; dq – stationary coordinates quantities

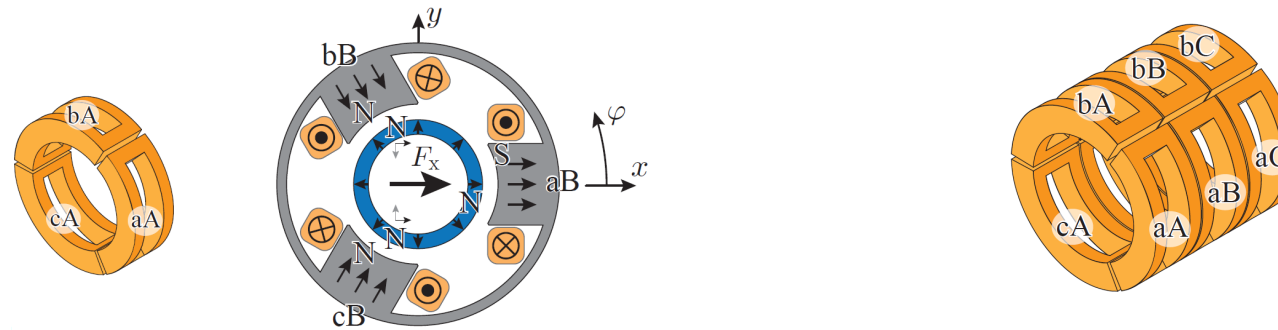
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## *abc* Winding for Bearing and *ABC* Winding for Linear Motion

- Bearing force control with a three-phase winding *abc* → *xy* current components determine the  $\hat{I}_b$  and  $\varphi$
- $\varphi$  - electrical angle for rotary direction;  $\theta$  – electrical angle for linear direction



$$i_{xd}^* = i_x^* = \frac{F_x^*}{K_b}$$

$$i_{yd}^* = i_y^* = \frac{F_y^*}{K_b}$$

$$i_{xq}^* = 0$$

$$i_{yq}^* = 0,$$



$$\hat{I}_b = \sqrt{(i_{xd}^*)^2 + (i_{yd}^*)^2}$$

$$\varphi = \arctan 2(i_{xd}^*, i_{yd}^*)$$



$$i_{a\{A,B,C\}}^b = \hat{I}_b \cos(\varphi + \gamma_a) \cdot \cos(\theta + \theta_i^b + \gamma_{\{A,B,C\}})$$

$$i_{b\{A,B,C\}}^b = \hat{I}_b \cos(\varphi + \gamma_b) \cdot \cos(\theta + \theta_i^b + \gamma_{\{A,B,C\}})$$

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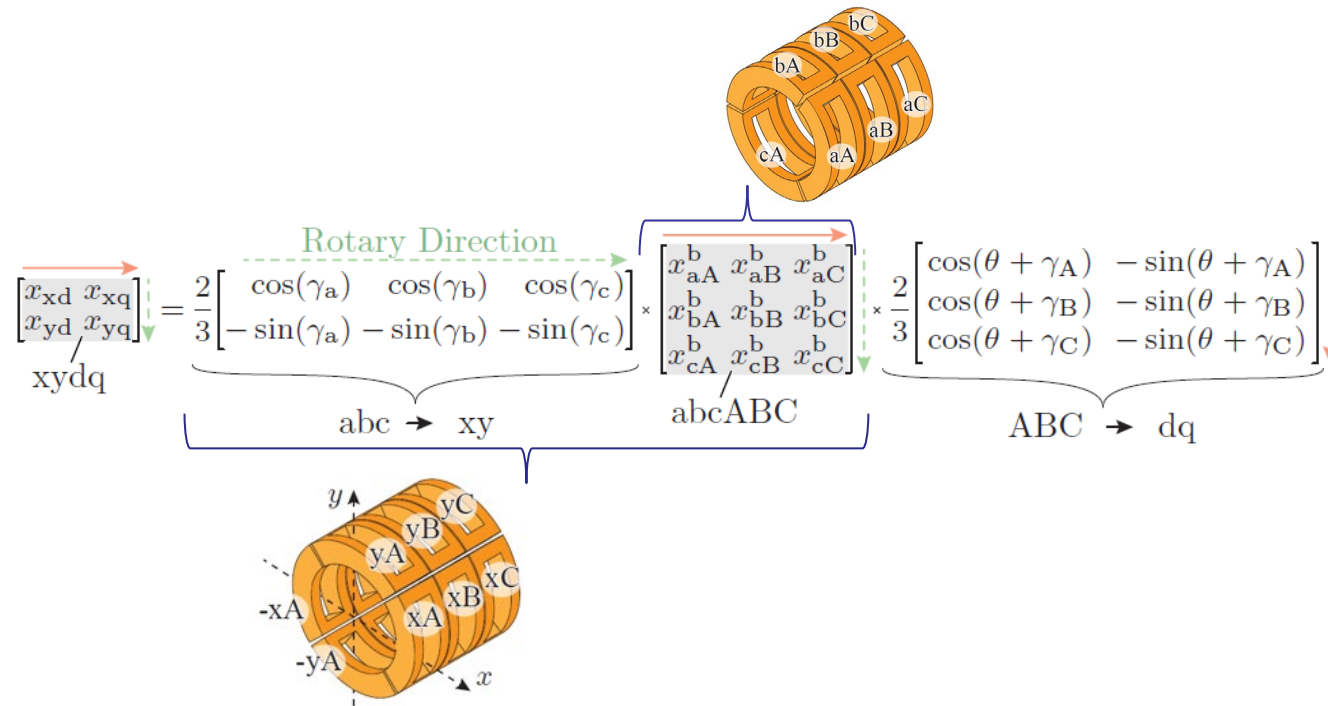
$$\gamma_A = 0, \gamma_B = -2\pi/3, \gamma_C = 2\pi/3$$

- Comparison between *xy* and *abc* winding type → capability for the bearing  $F_b$  and the drive  $F_d$  force generation
- Rotary direction → *abc* – three-phase quantities; *xy* – stationary coordinates quantities

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# abcdq Transformation

- 4 stationary components → *xy* for bearing force (rotary dir.) & *dq* for drive force (linear dir.)
- Variable *x* can be voltage *v*, current *i* or flux linkage  $\psi$



*abcdq* Transformation

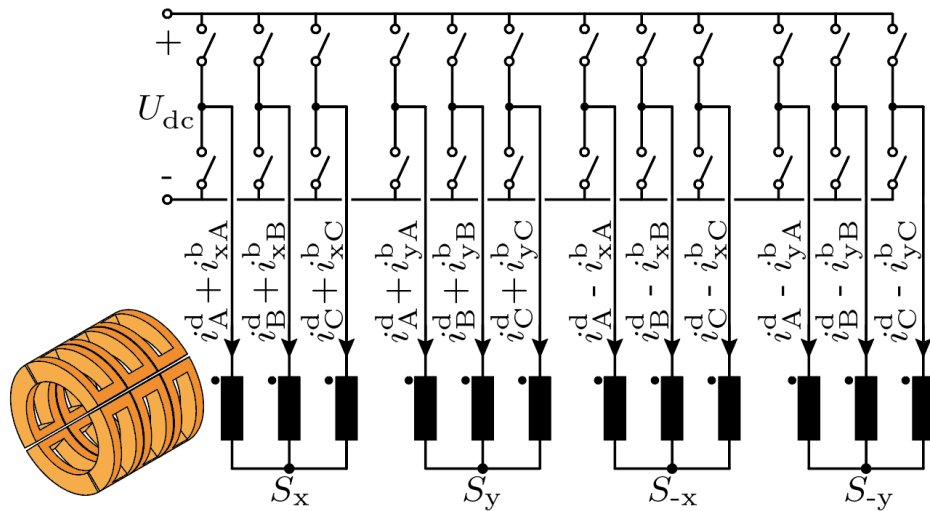
- *abcABC* winding, three-phase rotary and three-phase linear → 9 phase quantities
- Bearing current component & Drive current component → *combined* or *separated* windings

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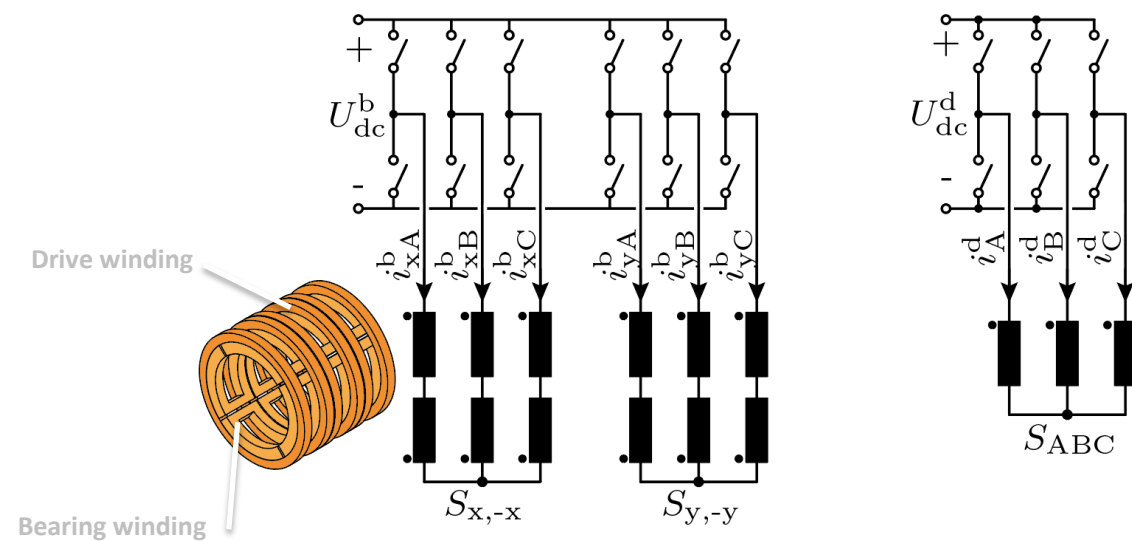
## xyABC Winding Inverter Supply

- Bearing force and driving force function → realized with the *combined* or *separated* windings
- Combined winding → each phase winding contains the *bearing* and the *drive* current components

### ■ Combined winding, 12 half-bridges



### ■ Separated winding, 9 half-bridges



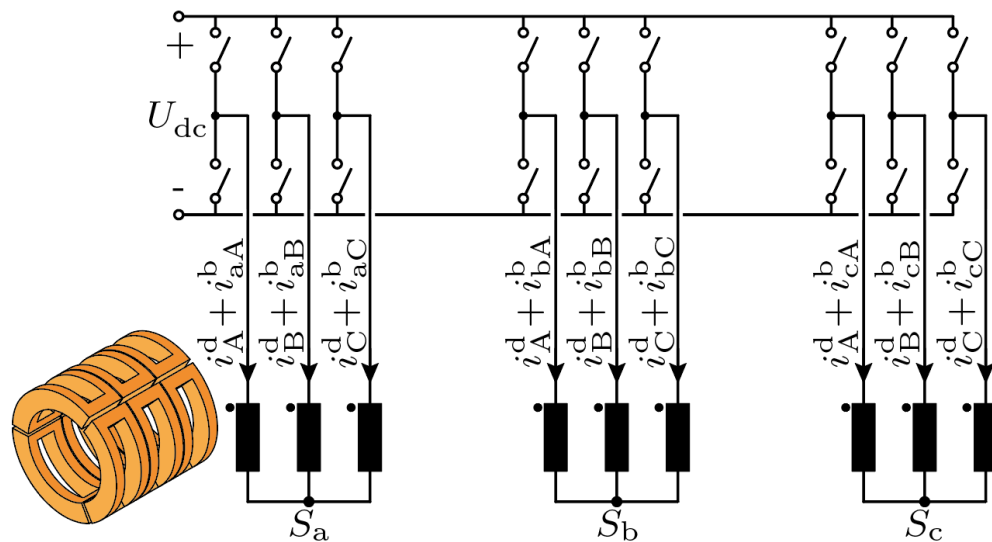
- Combined winding → each winding needs a dedicated half-bridge; star points with the linear three-phase system
- Separated winding → anti-series connection of the bearing windings, no induced back EMF

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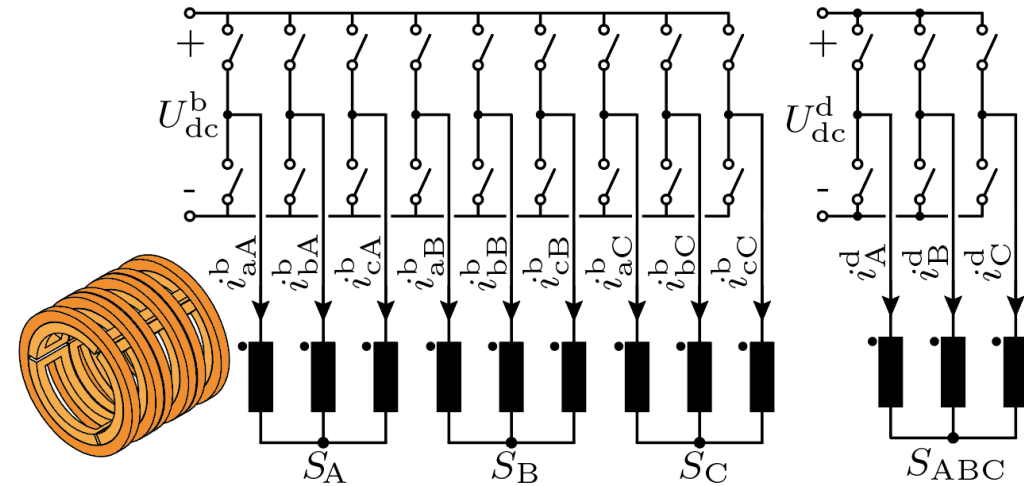
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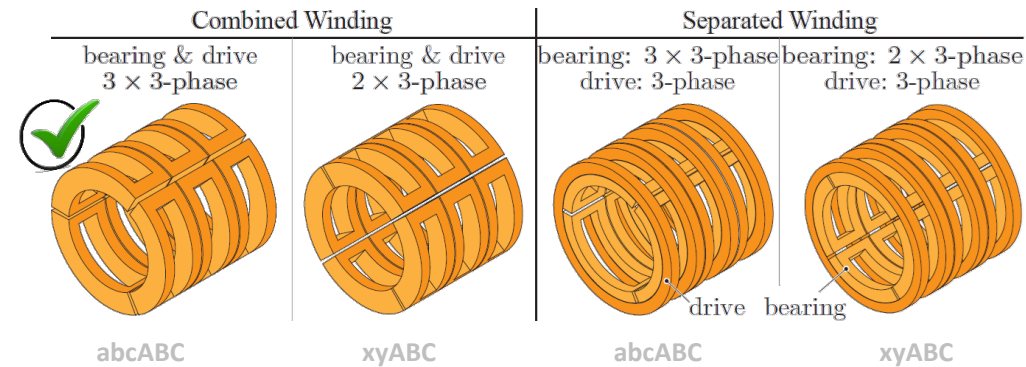
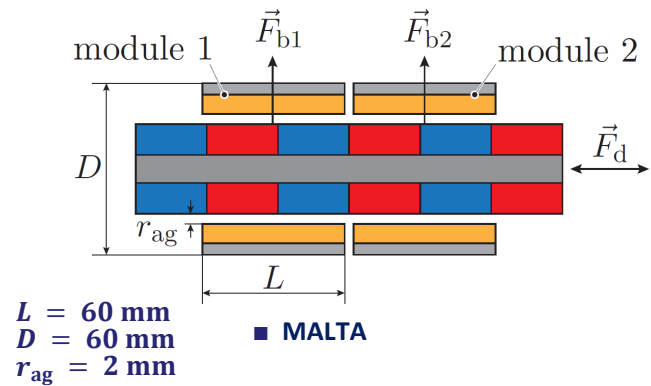


- Combined winding → each winding needs a dedicated half-bridge; star points with the linear three-phase system
- Comparison in terms of the bearing and the drive force generation capability → combined versus separated windings

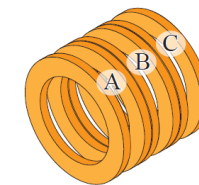
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## Comparison of the Winding Types

- **Magnetically Levitated Tubular Actuator (MALTA)**
- **2 modules necessary to control the tilting of the mover**



Winding Realization	Shown	Force/ $F_{d,TLA}$		Number of Half-bridges → for 2 modules
		Drive	Bearing	
<b>Combined</b>				
3 × 3-phase	Fig. 4.10(a)	0.78	1.12	18
2 × 3-phase	Fig. 4.10(b)	0.76	1.1	24
<b>Separated</b>				
3 × 3-phase +3-phase	Fig. 4.10(c)	0.57	0.81	24
2 × 3-phase +3-phase	Fig. 4.10(d)	0.29	0.46	18



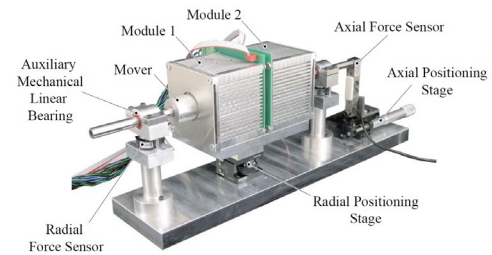
TLA Winding:  
benchmark for  
comparison

- **Comparison with respect to the driving force of the conventional TLA; 15 W of copper losses; fixed volume**
- **abcABC winding or 3 × 3 phase MALTA → the largest forces; the lowest number of the inverter half-bridges**

[ref] Spasoje Miric, 'Linear-Rotary Bearingless Actuators,' PhD Thesis, ETH Zurich, 2021.

## *MALTA Prototype Design*

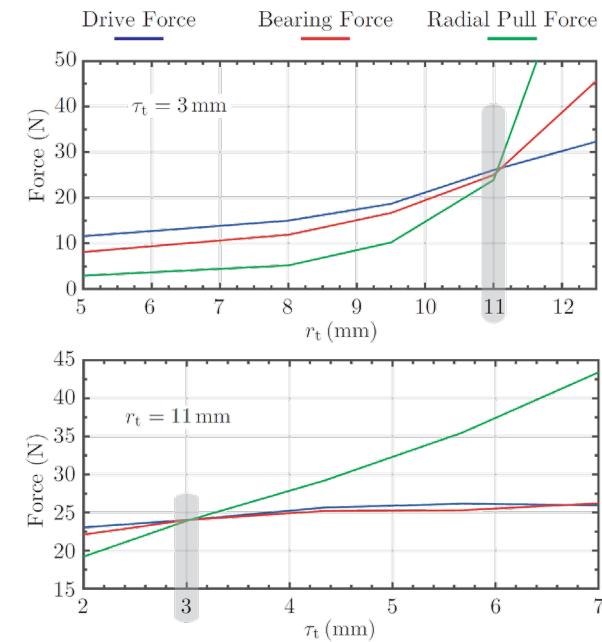
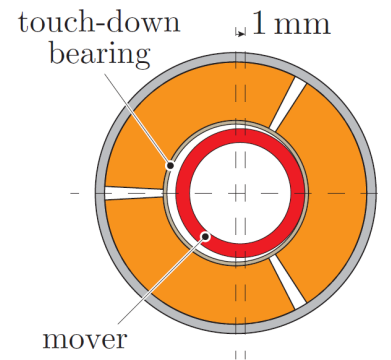
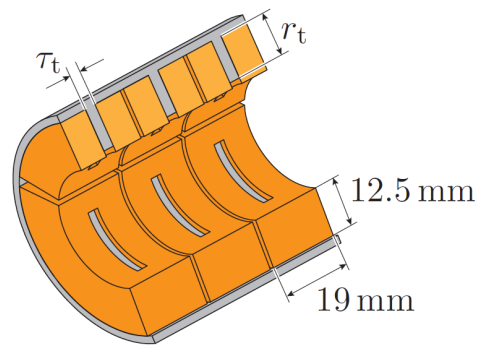
### *Magnetic Design 18-phase Inverter Supply Verification Measurements*





## Stator Design

- Choice of the tooth width  $\tau_t$  and the tooth depth  $r_t$  → considering drive, bearing, pull forces
- Scenario for the pull force calculation → the mover sitting on the touch-down bearing (start-up of the MBs)

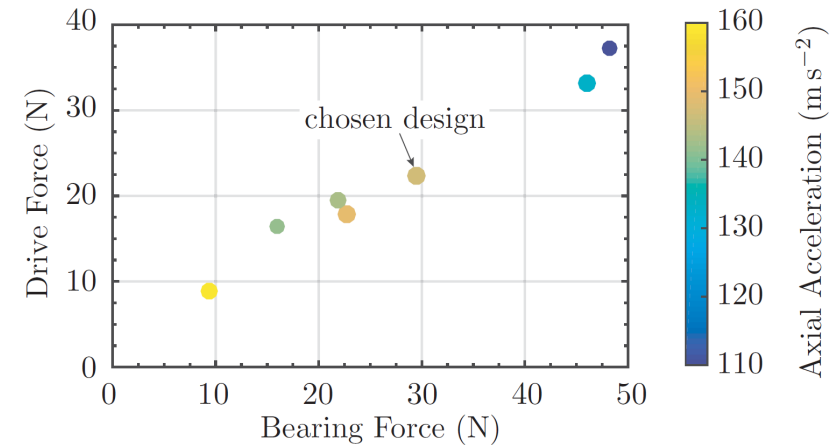
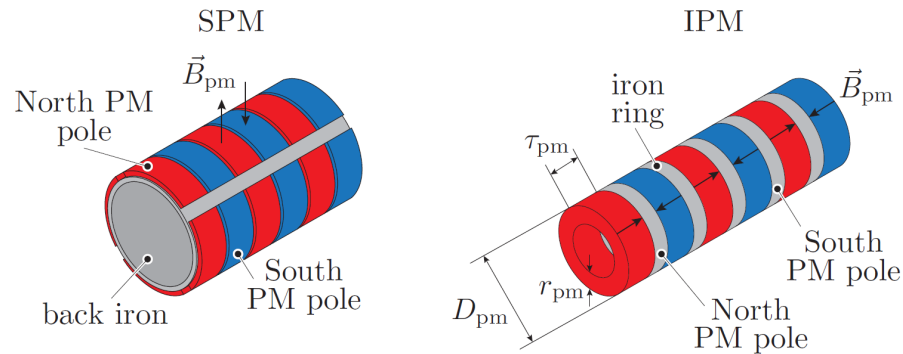


- The drive and the bearing forces → obtained for the maximally possible continuous copper losses
- Geometry parameters  $\tau_t$  and  $r_t$  → chosen such that the pull force is lower than the bearing force

[ref] Mirić, Spasoje, et al. "Design and experimental analysis of a new magnetically levitated tubular linear actuator." IEEE Transactions on Industrial Electronics 66.6 (2018): 4816-4825.

## Mover Design

- Two mover types considered → surface-mounted PMs (SPM) and interior PMs (IPM)
- First step → parameter range calculated using scaling laws



■ PM geometry range from the scaling law:

$$\frac{D_{pm} + 2r_{ag}}{D - 2r_{bi}} = [0.5, 0.7] \quad D_{pm} = (D - 2r_{bi}) \cdot [0.5, 0.7] - 2r_{ag}$$

$$= [24 \text{ mm}, 35.2 \text{ mm}]$$

■ Final geometry parameters obtained by 3D-FEM:

$$\tau_{pp} = 30 \text{ mm} \quad \tau_{pm} = 10 \text{ mm} \quad D_{pm} = 27 \text{ mm} \quad r_{pm} = 3 \text{ mm}$$

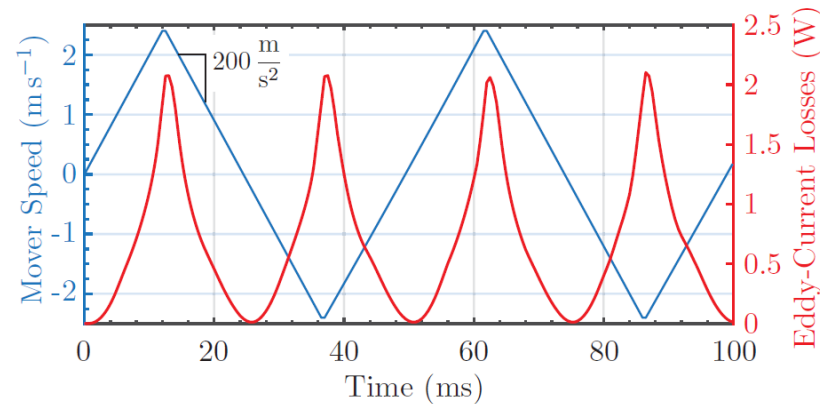
- Compromise between performance parameters → drive / bearing forces and axial (linear) acceleration
- The chosen IPM design → axially magnetized PMs and iron rings allow for simplified manufacturing

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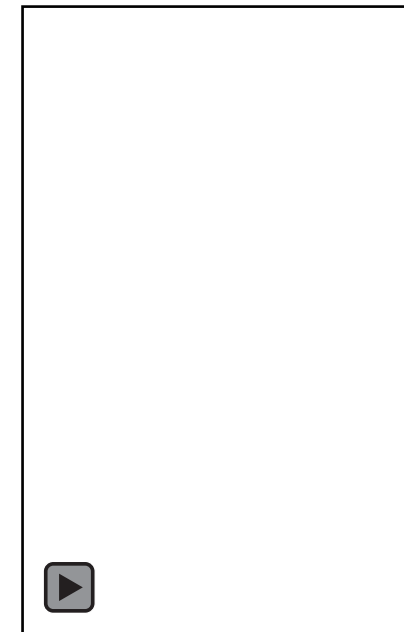


## Eddy Current Losses

- Short stroke linear actuator → average/max. speed of the mover low to induce eddy current losses
- Solid iron used for the core design → final design check for the eddy current losses



Maximum expected operation conditions:  
20g acceleration  
30 mm stroke

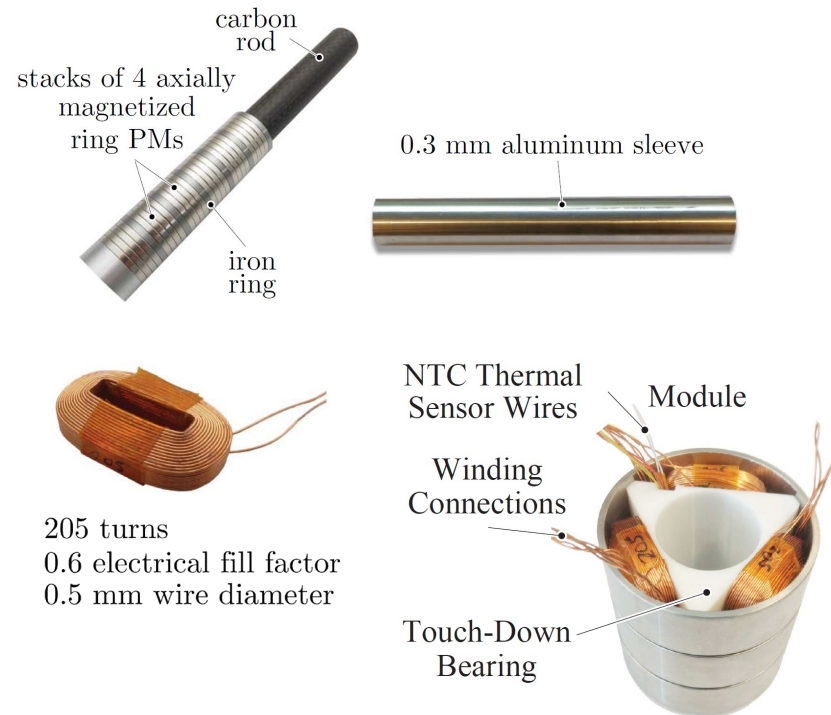


- Average eddy current losses during the operation = 0.7 W → 4.7% of the allowed copper losses
- Long stroke actuators that achieve higher speeds → should use low loss core, e.g., soft magnetic composite (SMC)

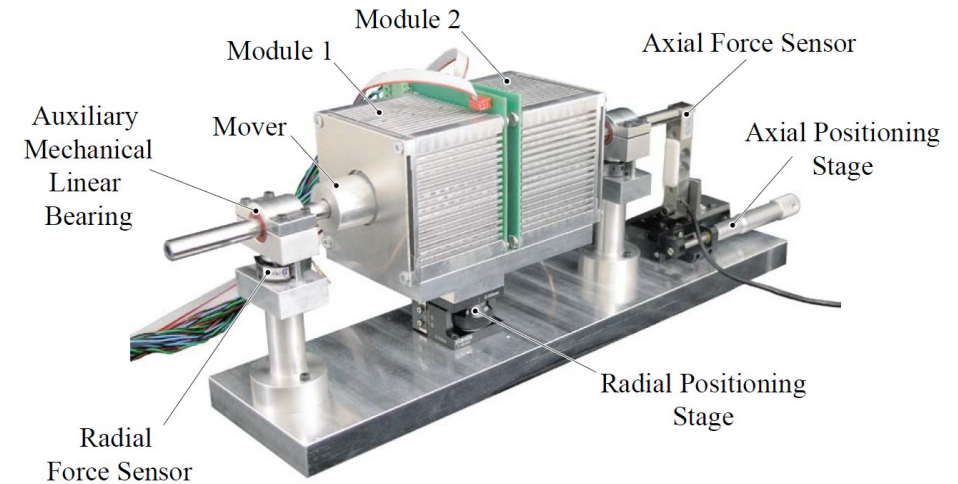
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[ref] Jensen, William R., Thang Q. Pham, and Shanelle N. Foster. "Linear permanent magnet synchronous machine for high acceleration applications." 2017 IEEE International Electric Machines and Drives Conference (IEMDC). IEEE, 2017.

## MALTA Hardware Prototype

- **Mover's conductive sleeve** → mechanical protection & eddy current position sensing
- **Test bench with positioning stages and force sensors** → machine constant measurements



205 turns  
0.6 electrical fill factor  
0.5 mm wire diameter



Measurements:

▼ Thermal  
 $R_{th} = 1.51 \text{ K/W}$   
 $\tau_{th} \approx 30 \text{ min}$

▼ Magnetic  
 $\hat{\Psi}_M = 8.5 \text{ mWb}$   
 $K_D = 7.6 \text{ N/A}$   
 $K_B = 5.9 \text{ N/A}$

## MALTA Inverter Supply

### ■ Specifications

24 phases ( $8 \times 3$  phase)

DC link voltage: 45 V

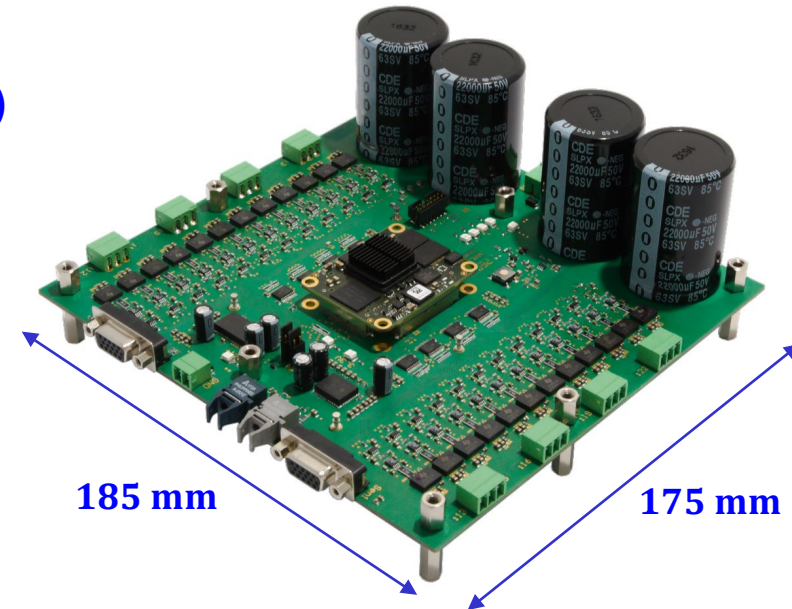
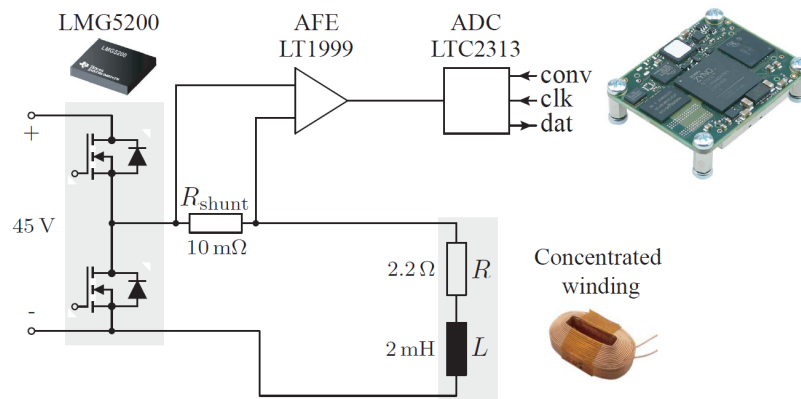
DC link capacitance:  $4 \times 22$  mF (buffer braking energy)

Power Semi.: 80 V, 10 A, 15 m $\Omega$

2  $\times$  position sensor interfaces

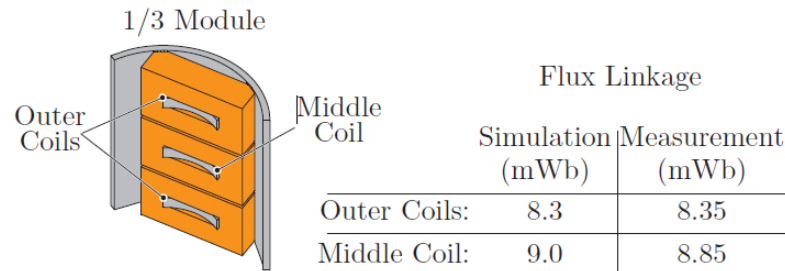
Control Board: ZYNQ, Z-7020 (156 digital IOs)

Current measurement:



## MALTA Hardware Prototype Measurements

- Measurements: flux linkage, force constants, thermal resistance → prototype characterization/model verification

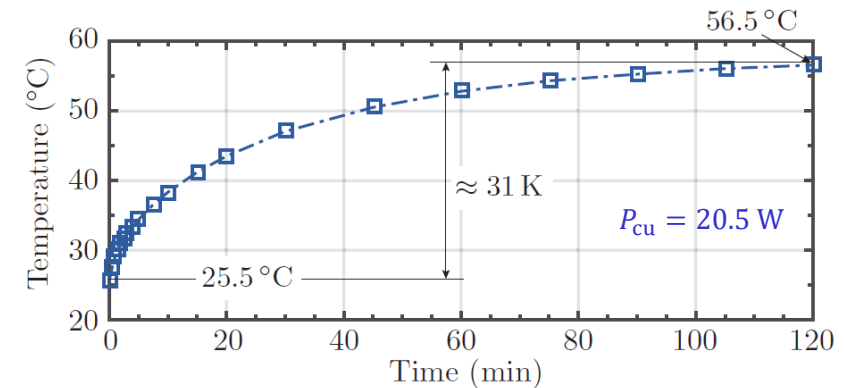


### ▼ Magnetic

$$\hat{\Psi}_M = 8.5 \text{ mWb}$$

$$K_D = 7.6 \text{ N/A}$$

$$K_B = 5.9 \text{ N/A}$$



### ▼ Thermal

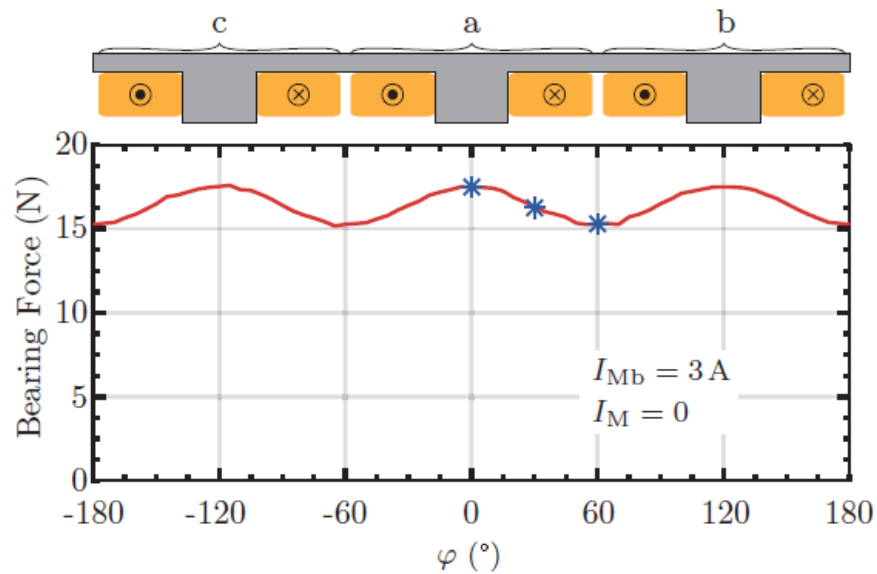
$$R_{th} = 1.51 \text{ K/W}$$

$$\tau_{th} \approx 30 \text{ min}$$

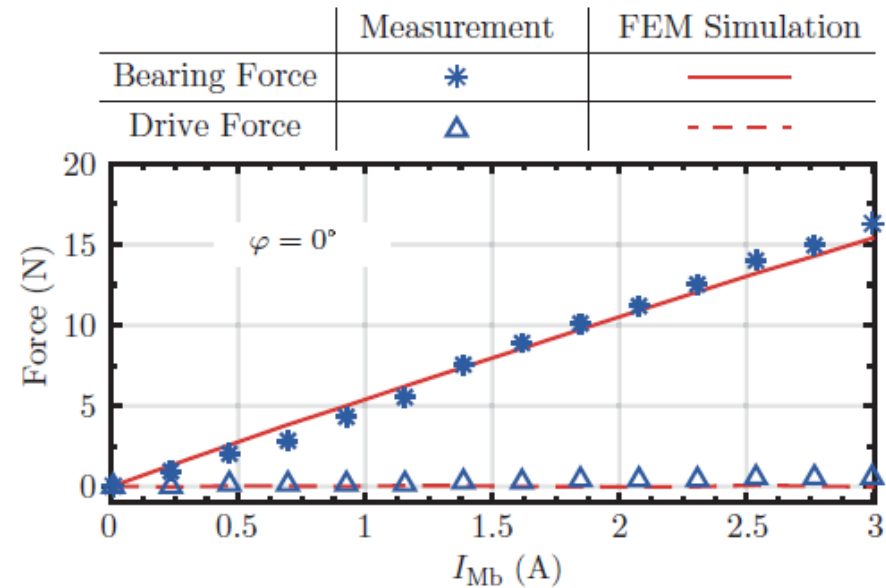
- Flux linkage measurement → measure induced back EMF and integrate to get the flux linkage
- Force constant measurement → apply known current and read the force sensor
- $R_{th}$  measurement (winding hot spot to ambient) → apply known losses and read the built-in NTC temp. sensors

## Bearing Force Constant, Decoupling of Bearing and Drive Forces

- Dependence on the rotary angle → measured and simulated with 3D-FEM (saved in a lookup table for control implem.)



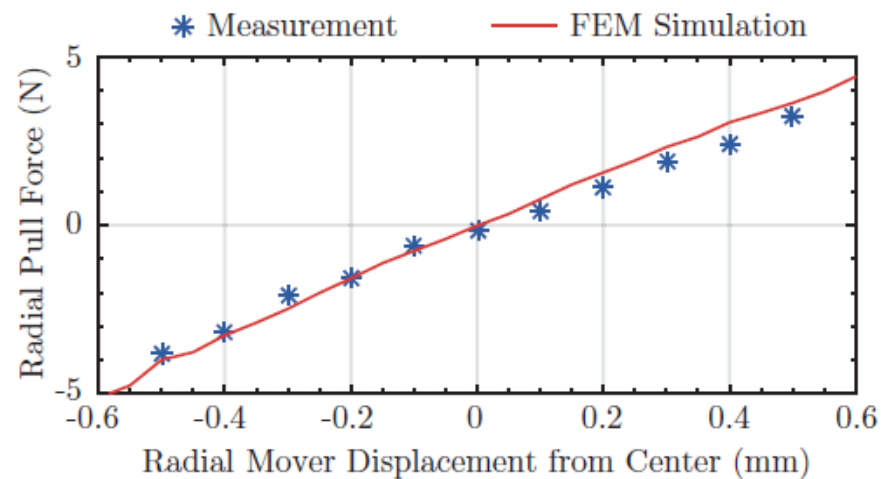
$K_B = 5.9 \text{ N/A}$ , measured range [5.6 N/A – 6.26 N/A]



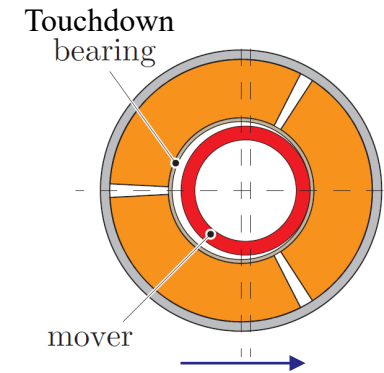
Decoupling of the bearing and the drive force generation!

## Attraction/Pull Constant $K_A$ (Pull Force)

- Extremely important parameter for the control system design and implementation
- $K_A$  (also  $K_{\text{pull}}$ ) determines poles of the mechanical dynamic model of the mover



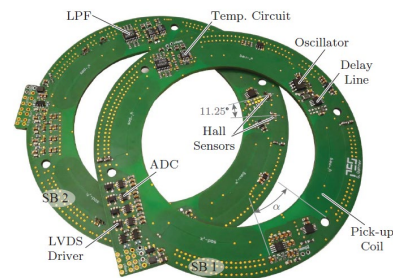
$$K_A = 8.33 \text{ N/mm}$$



- $K_A$  obtained by displacing the mover in radial direction and measuring pull force, with no currents in the winding

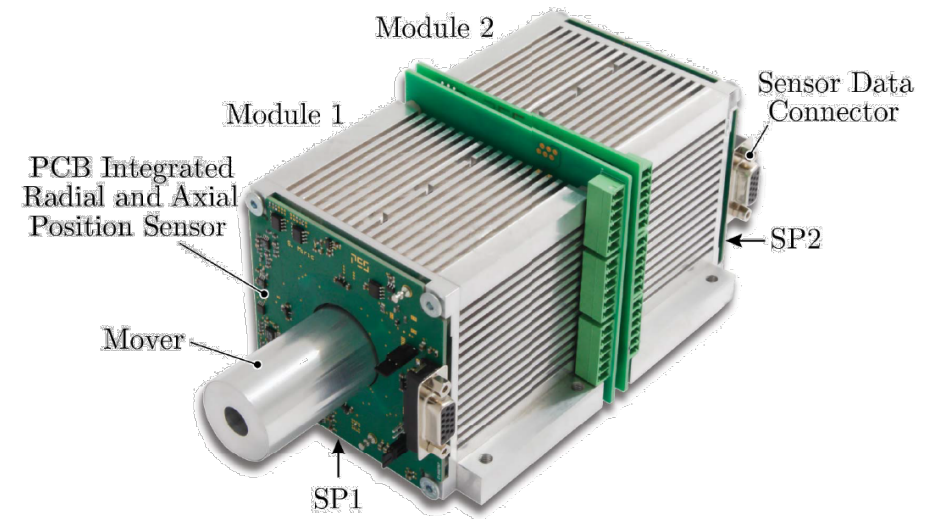
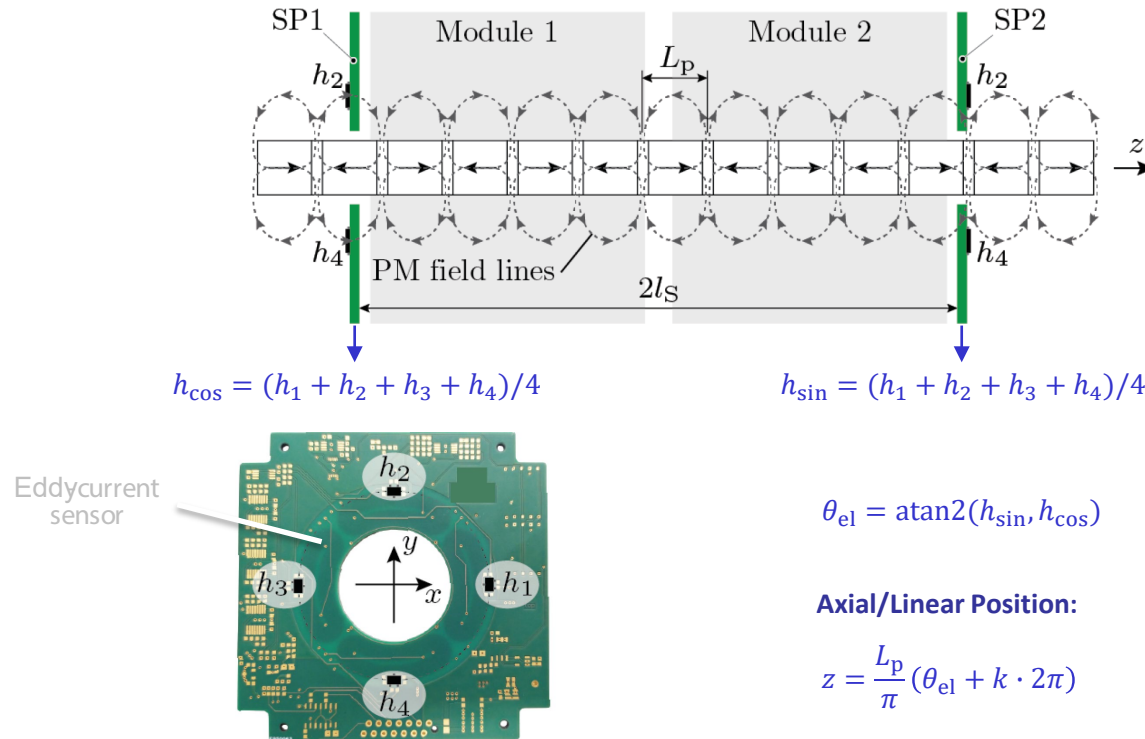
## *Position Sensor*

*Operating Principle*  
*Driving Electronics*  
*Geometry Optimization*



## Position Sensing – Linear & Radial

- Sensing locations at the axial ends of the actuator → SP1 and SP2
- Linear position → Hall-effect-based sensors, displaced  $\pi/2$  electrical

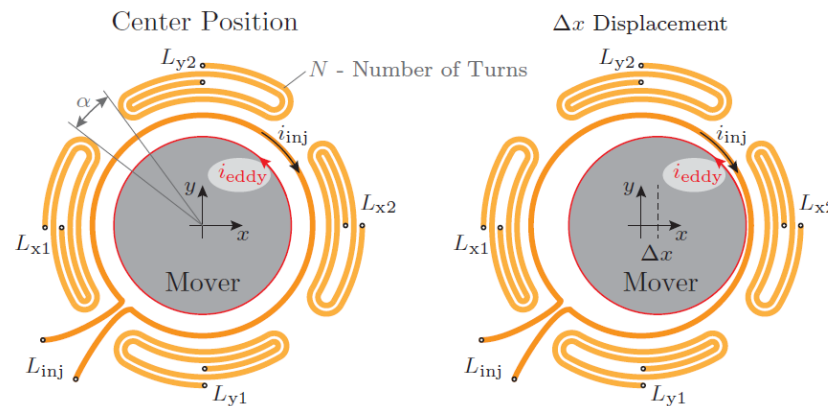
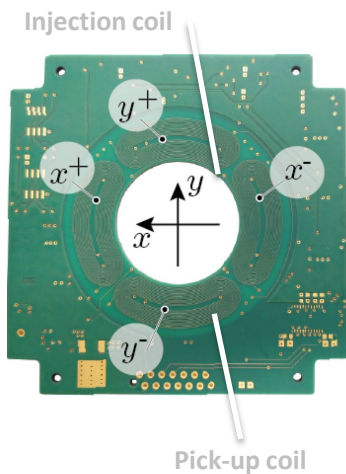


- Radial position sensor → eddy-current based; conductive mover surface is a sensing target
- Advanced eddy-current sensing techniques → later in the tutorial, blood pump part



## Eddy-Current Based Position Sensor

- Injection coil carries high-frequency current  $\rightarrow$  induce voltage in pick-up coils
- Upper limit for the oscillation frequency  $\rightarrow$  resonant frequency of the sensor (layout/size dependent)



Mutual Inductances:

$$\begin{aligned} M_{inj-x1} &= M_0 \\ M_{inj-x2} &= M_0 \\ M_{inj-y1} &= M_0 \\ M_{inj-y2} &= M_0 \end{aligned}$$

Mutual Inductances:

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$$i_{inj} = \hat{I}_{inj} \sin(\omega_{osc} t)$$

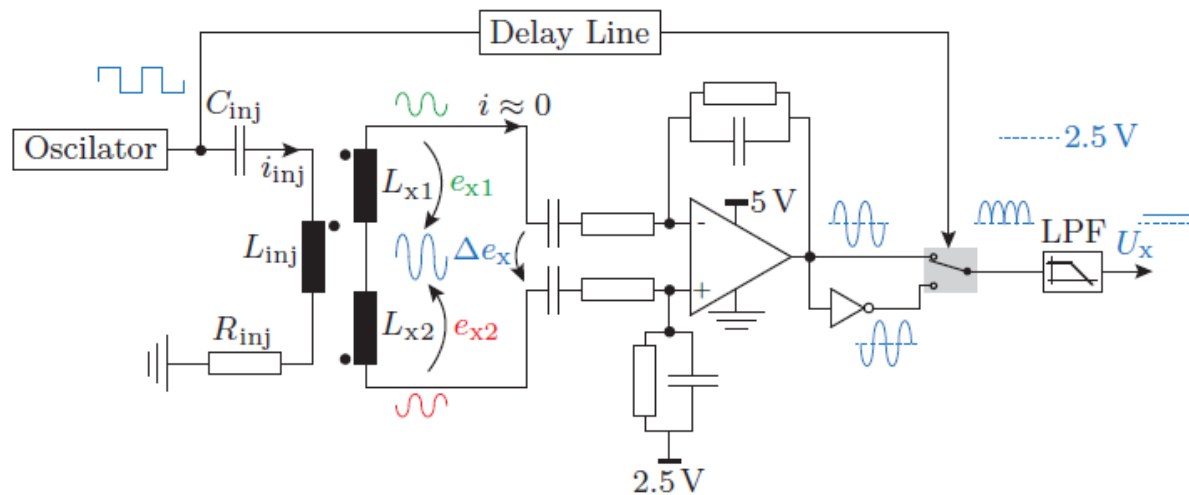
$$\omega_{osc} \approx 3 \text{ MHz}, \hat{I}_{inj} \approx 100 \text{ mA}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_{inj-x1} &= M_0 + \frac{\partial M_{inj-x1}}{\partial x} \Delta x \\ M_{inj-x2} &= M_0 + \frac{\partial M_{inj-x2}}{\partial x} \Delta x \\ M_{inj-y1} &= M_0 + \frac{\partial M_{inj-y1}}{\partial y} \Delta y \\ M_{inj-y2} &= M_0 + \frac{\partial M_{inj-y2}}{\partial y} \Delta y \end{aligned}$$

- Anti-series connection of pick-up coils of the same axis  $\rightarrow (L_{x1} \leftrightarrow L_{x2})$  and  $(L_{y1} \leftrightarrow L_{y2})$
- At center position ind. voltage of anti-series connection is zero; it is non-zero if there is mover displacement

## Eddy-Current Sensor Electronics

- $x$  – axis example → the induced voltage  $\Delta e_x$  rectified and low-pass filtered results in  $U_x$
- The same electrical circuit is employed for the  $y$  – axis



■ Eddy-current position sensor processing electronics

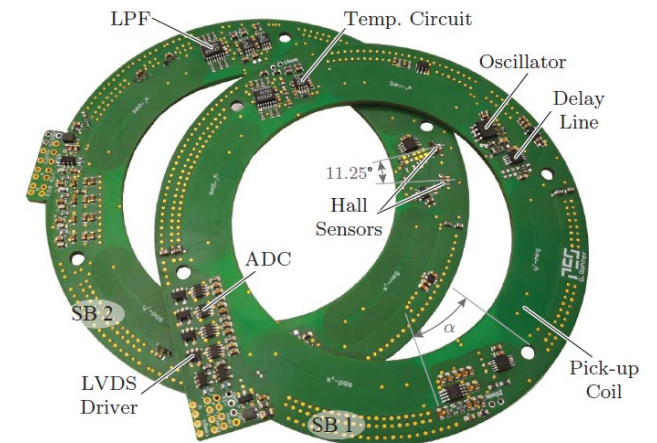
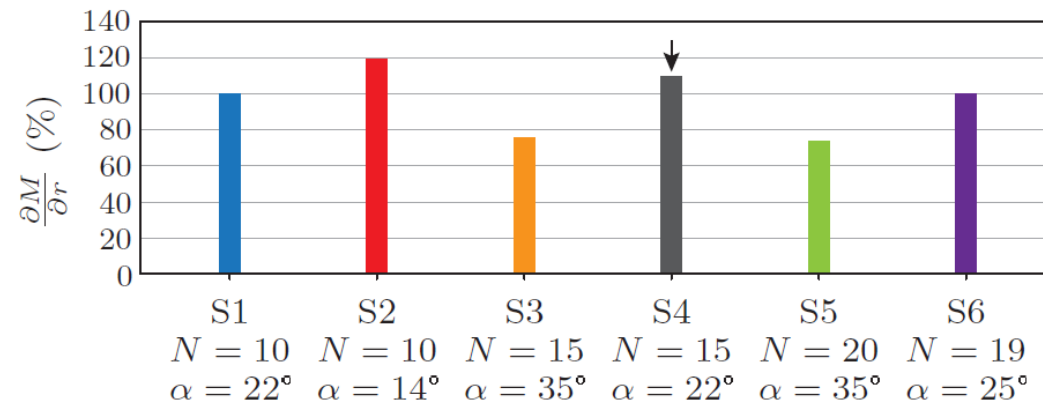
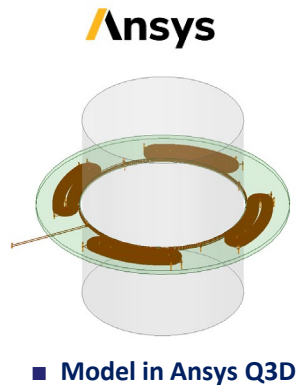
$$U_x \sim 2\omega_{osc} \hat{I}_{inj} \frac{\partial M}{\partial r} \Delta x.$$

$$\omega_{osc} \approx 3 \text{ MHz}, \hat{I}_{inj} \approx 100 \text{ mA}$$

- $\partial M / \partial r$  inductance sensitivity with radial displacement → maximized by the sensor geometry optimization
- Oscillation frequency  $\omega_{osc}$  limited by the resonance; injection current  $\hat{I}_{inj}$  limited by the oscillator power

## Eddy-Current Sensor Geometry Optimization

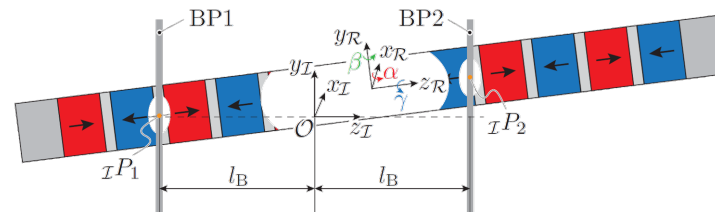
- Optimization parameters → angle between the pick-up coils  $\alpha$  and the number of turns  $N$  of the pick-up coils
- Maximize sensitivity about the radial displacements of the mover →  $\frac{\partial M}{\partial r}$



- Optimum number of turns  $N$  → larger  $N$  does means larger size of the pick-up coil
- Reasonable angle  $\alpha$  → leave space for the signal processing electronics (analog circuits & ADCs)

## Dynamic Modeling

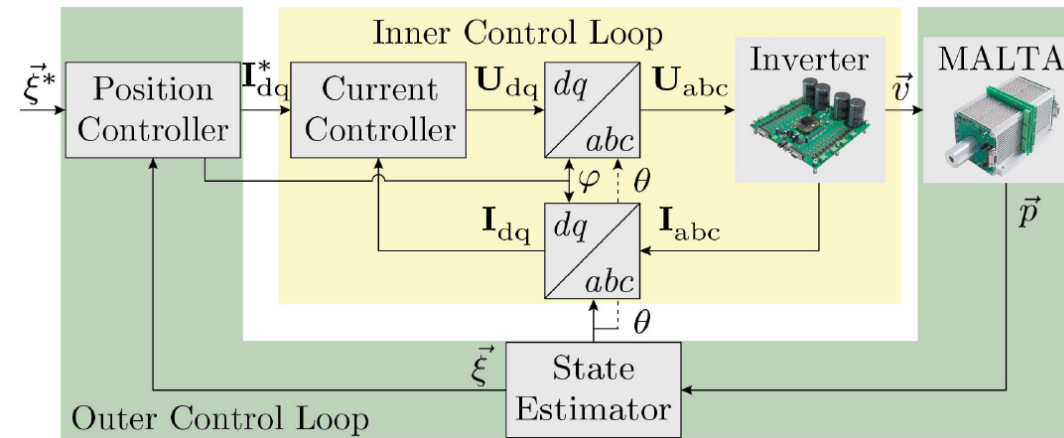
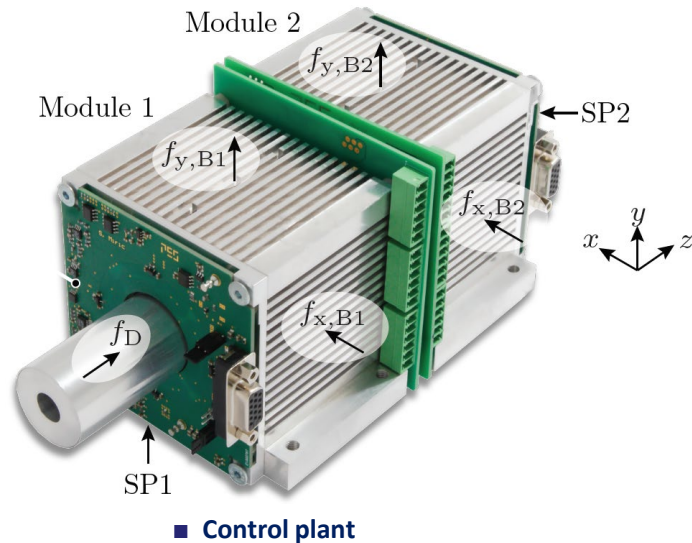
Dynamic Model Derivation  
Model Analysis  
Relative Gain Array





## Controller Structure

- Linear motion, radial position and tilting of the mover should be controlled
- Interaction (force action) points between the stator and the mover → middle of the stator (module)



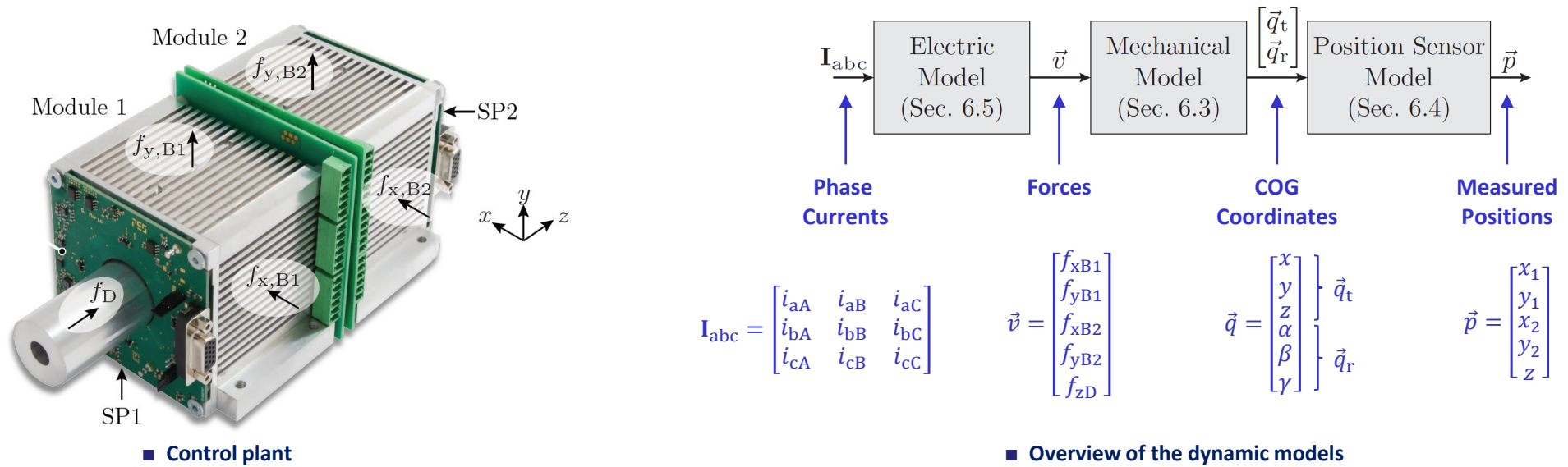
- Cascaded controller structure → outer position controller (slow) and inner current control loop (fast)
- Dynamic modelling of the plant → electrical model, mechanical model, position sensor model

[ref] Mirić, Spasoje, et al. "Dynamic electromechanical model and position controller design of a new high-precision self-bearing linear actuator." IEEE Transactions on Industrial Electronics 68.1 (2020): 744-755.



# Dynamic Models for Controller Design

- Dynamic models necessary for the controller design → electric, mechanical, position sensor model
- Electric model →  $abcdq$  transformation of the phase quantities;  $dq$  currents control forces on the mover



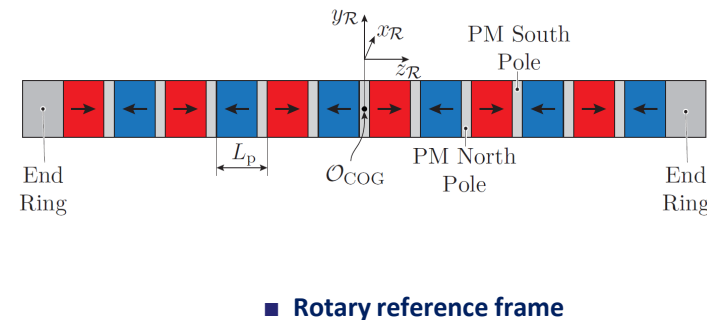
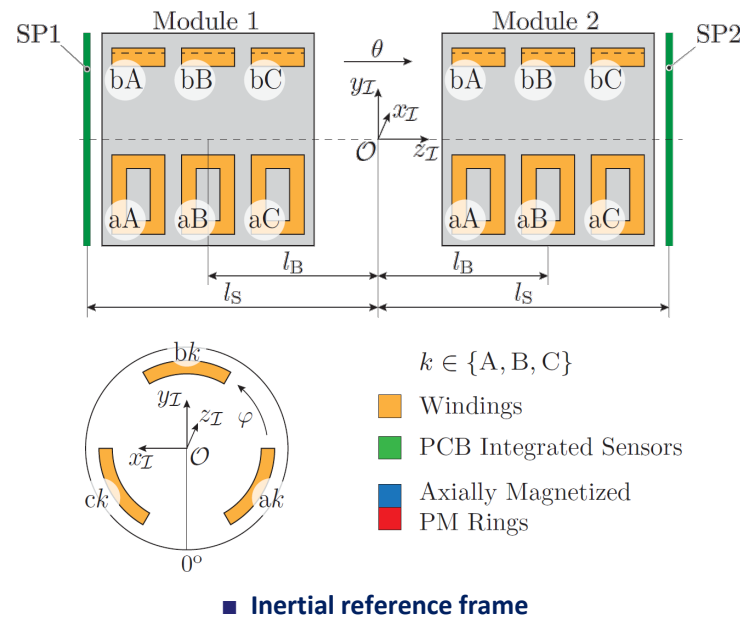
- Mechanical model → MIMO model, coupling between the axes of motion; equations of motion must be derived
- Position sensor model → mech. model obtains COG coordinates, position sensor measures displacements

[ref] Mirić, Spasoje, et al. "Dynamic electromechanical model and position controller design of a new high-precision self-bearing linear actuator." IEEE Transactions on Industrial Electronics 68.1 (2020): 744-755.



## Inertial $\mathcal{I}$ and Rotary $\mathcal{R}$ Reference Frames

- Inertial reference frame  $\rightarrow$  between modules, point  $\mathcal{O}$ ; rotary reference frame  $\rightarrow$  mover's COG, point  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{COG}}$
- Position of the rotary RF with respect to inertial RF determines the mover's position



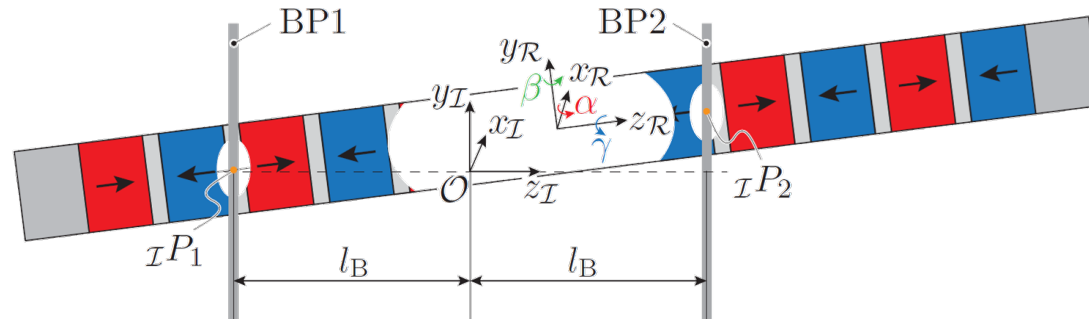
- $l_B$  - the distance between the force action point and  $\mathcal{O}$ ;  $l_S$  - the distance of the position sensors
- Electrical angles  $\rightarrow \theta$  - linear electrical angle;  $\varphi$  - rotary electrical angle (bearing force direction)

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## Equations of Motion (EoM)

- Newton-Euler equations of motion → equation of motion in IRF (1) and rotation equation in RRF (2)
- Interaction points  ${}_jP_1$  and  ${}_jP_2$  → center of the stator (module)



$$\vec{q}_t = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{q}_r = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

$$m \frac{\partial^2 \vec{q}_t}{\partial t^2} = {}_I \vec{F}_{\text{tot}} \quad (1)$$

$${}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathbf{I}_m \cdot \frac{\partial {}_{\mathcal{R}} \vec{\omega}}{\partial t} + {}_{\mathcal{R}} \vec{\omega} \times {}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathbf{I}_m \cdot {}_{\mathcal{R}} \vec{\omega} = {}_{\mathcal{R}} \vec{T}_{\text{tot}}, \quad (2)$$

$m$  - mass of the mover

${}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathbf{I}_m$  - Mol of the mover

IRF - inertial reference frame

RRF - rotary reference frame

$${}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathbf{I}_m = \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_{yy} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Cardan (Euler) angles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  → mover's rotation around respective axes  $x_j, y_j, z_j$
- In total 6 equations → 3 for linear motion and 3 for rotation

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## Position Control Bandwidth, SISO or MIMO Controller

- Eigenvalues of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  → determine the dynamics of the systems and the minimum required bandwidth
- Closed-loop position controller bandwidth → should be at least twice the maximum unstable pole

Symbol	Mode	Eigenvalue
$\lambda_{1,2}$	$x$	$\pm 218.92 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$
$\lambda_{3,4}$	$y$	$\pm 218.92 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$
$\lambda_{5,6}$	$z$	$\pm 0.9893 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$
$\lambda_{7,8}$	$\alpha$	$\pm 157.53 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$
$\lambda_{9,10}$	$\beta$	$\pm 157.53 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$

■ Eigenvalues of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$

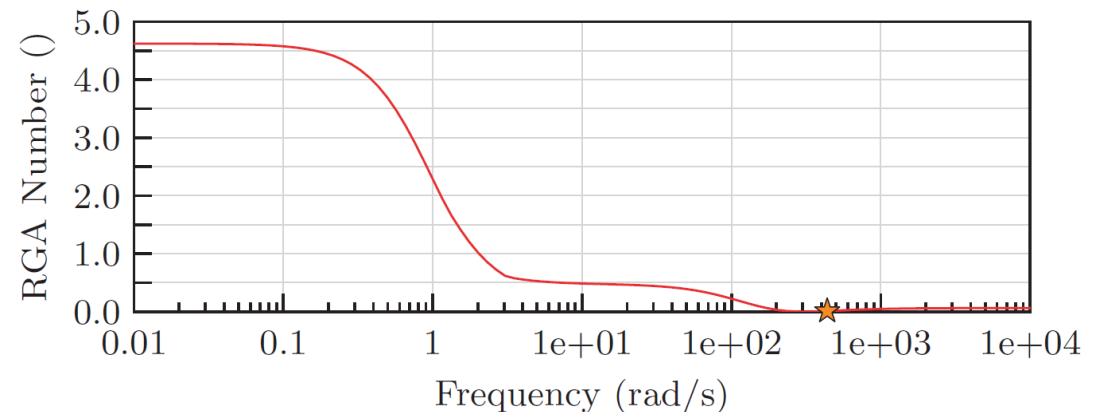
$$\begin{aligned} \omega_c &= 2 \times \max(|\lambda_{\{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10\}}|) \\ &= 2 \times 218.92 \text{ rad s}^{-1} \\ &= 436 \text{ rad s}^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

- Minimum closed-loop bandwidth of the position controller

- RGA number → helps to identify the level of coupling between the input and outputs of the system
- Low RGA number → low coupling and SISO control possible

$$G_{ij}(s) = \mathbf{C}_i \cdot (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{B}_j \quad \rightarrow \quad \Lambda(G(s)) \hat{=} G(s) \times \left(G(s)^{-1}\right)^T$$

$$\text{RGA-number}(G(s)) = \|\Lambda(G(s)) - I_{Pair}\|_{Sum}$$

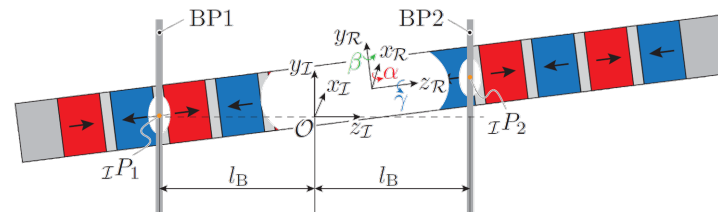


■ RGA number

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## Controller Design

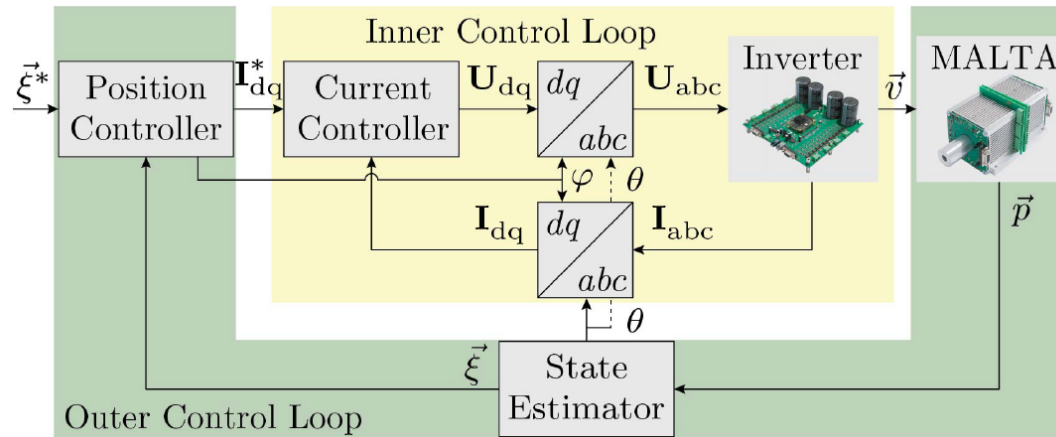
*MIMO and SISO Controllers  
Measurement Results  
Tilting Control Example*



# MIMO Controller

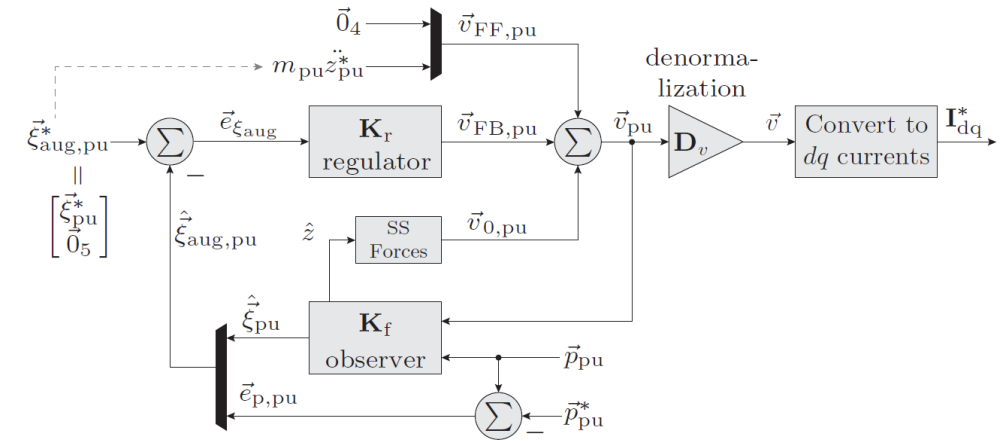
## ■ Cascaded Control Structure

- Outer Loop: Position Control (BW: 60 Hz)
- Inner Loop: Current Control (BW: 470 Hz)

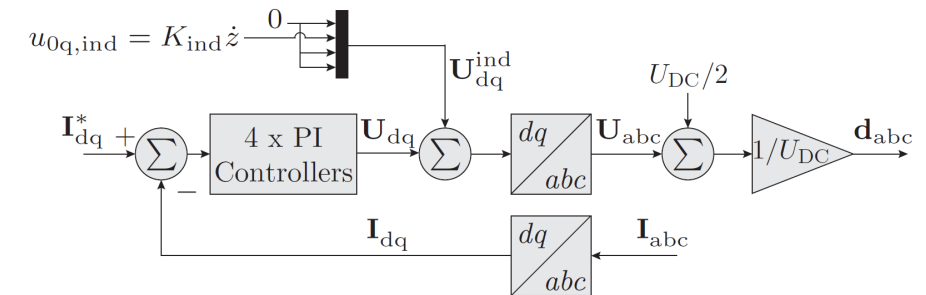


- Position Controller Tuning: LQG
- (MALTA – Magnetically Levitated Tubular Actuator)

## ■ Position Controller Structure ( $\vec{\xi}_{aug,pu} \in \mathbb{R}^{15}$ )



## ■ Current Controller Structure ( $I_{dq} \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4}$ )

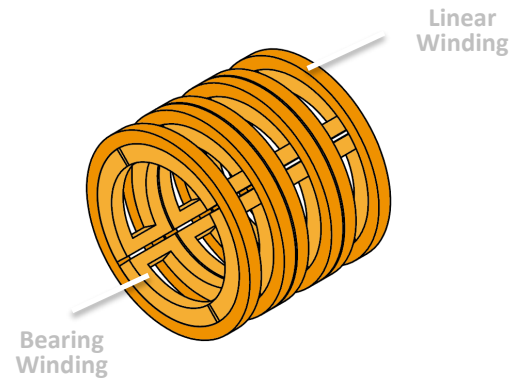


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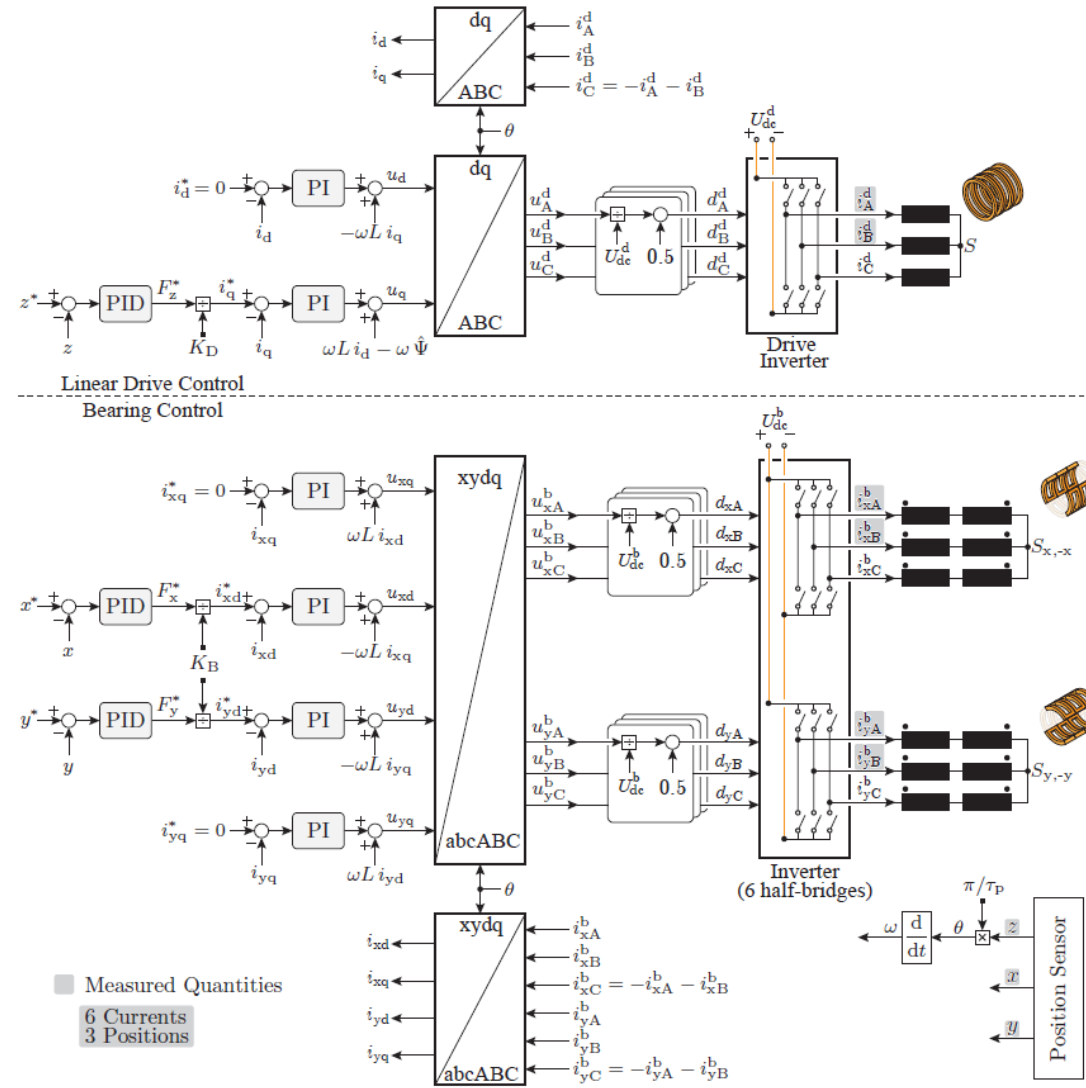


# SISO Controller (1)

- Separated winding example
- $xy$  bearing winding



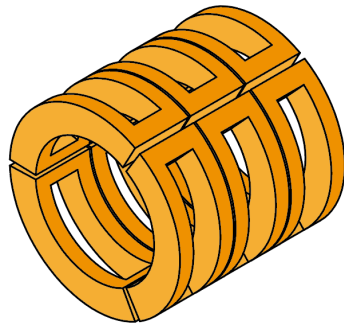
- Linear & bearing controller separated
- Bearing windings in anti-series conn.



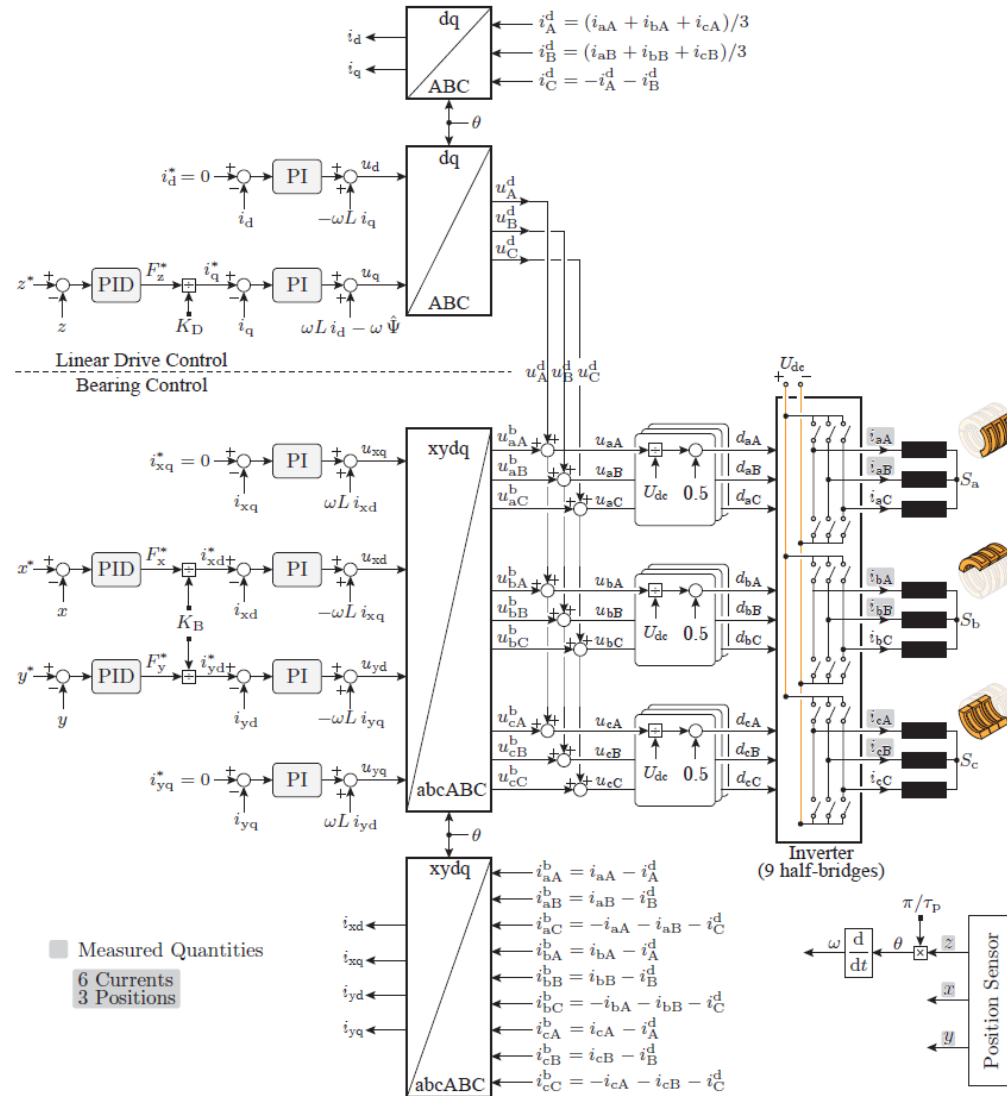


# SISO Controller (2)

- Combined winding example
- *abcABC* winding

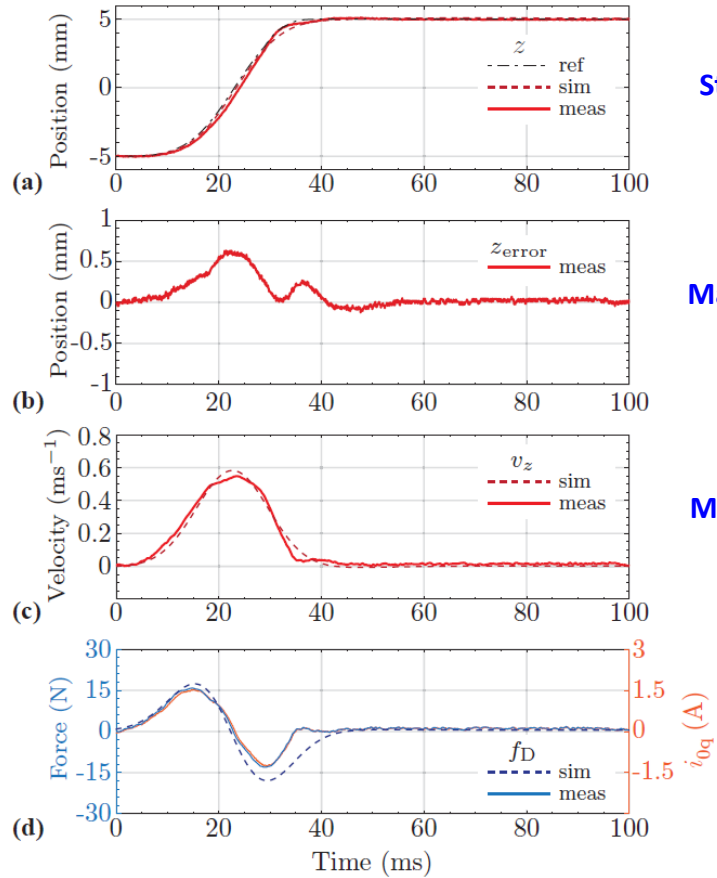


- Superimpose control signals
- 3 three-phase systems in linear dir.

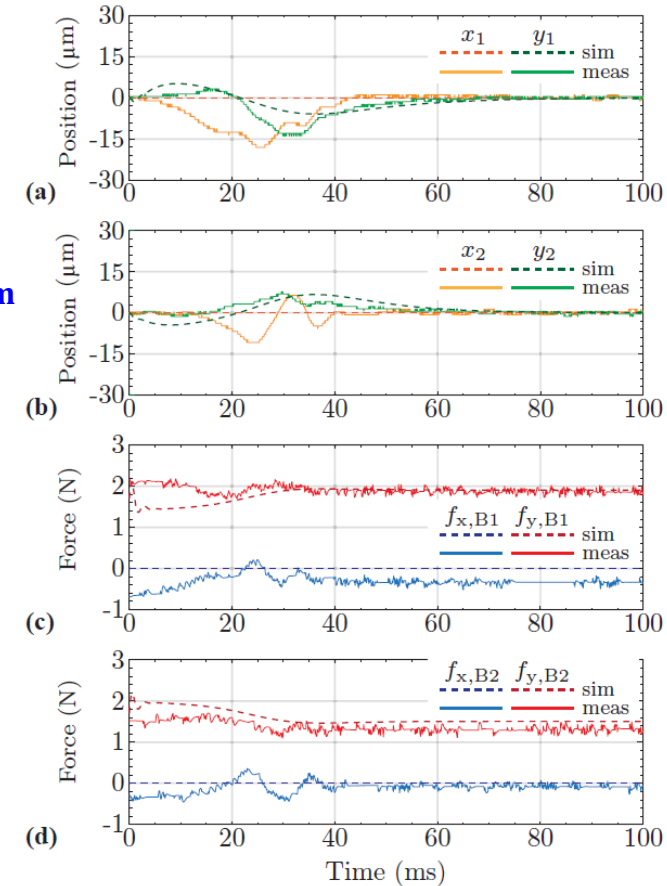


# MIMO – Measurement Results

- Axial Reference Tracking
- Axial Position and Force



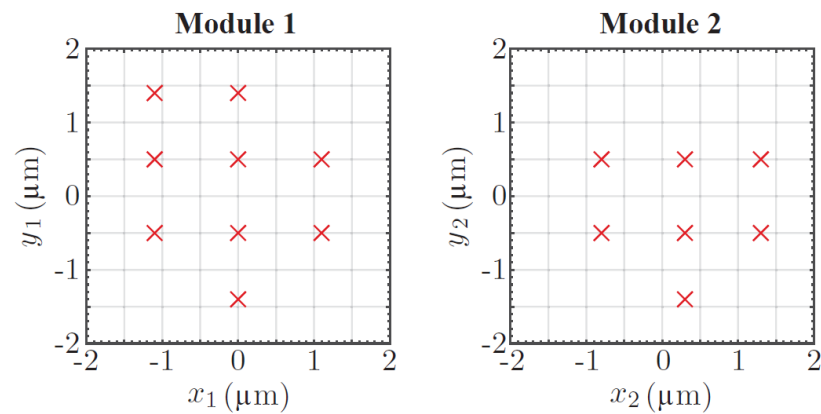
- Radial Position and Force



# MIMO – Measurement Results

## Steady-State Positioning

- Sensor Resolution  $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}$
- Number of Measured Samples: 2000



**Mean**  
 $\text{mean}(x_1) = 0.0335 \mu\text{m}$   
 $\text{mean}(y_1) = -0.0212 \mu\text{m}$

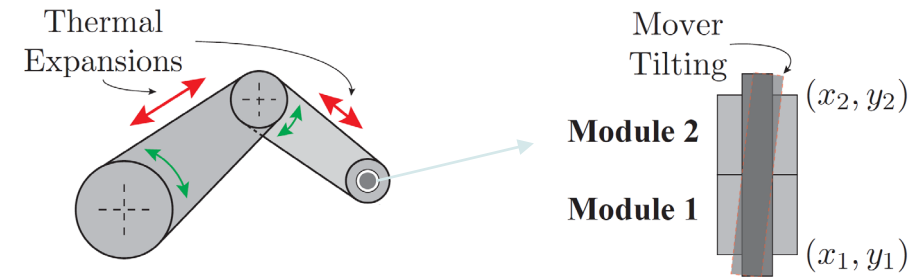
**STD**  
 $\text{std}(x_1) = 0.3883 \mu\text{m}$   
 $\text{std}(y_1) = 0.5579 \mu\text{m}$

**Mean**  
 $\text{mean}(x_2) = 0.0579 \mu\text{m}$   
 $\text{mean}(y_2) = -0.0735 \mu\text{m}$

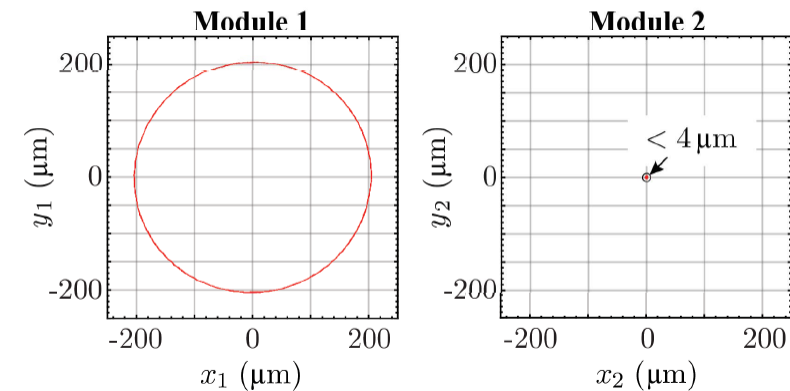
**STD**  
 $\text{std}(x_2) = 0.4827 \mu\text{m}$   
 $\text{std}(y_2) = 0.4956 \mu\text{m}$

## Mover Tilting Control

- High Precision Applications (e.g. Pick-And-Place)
- Thermal Expansions of Parallel Kinematics



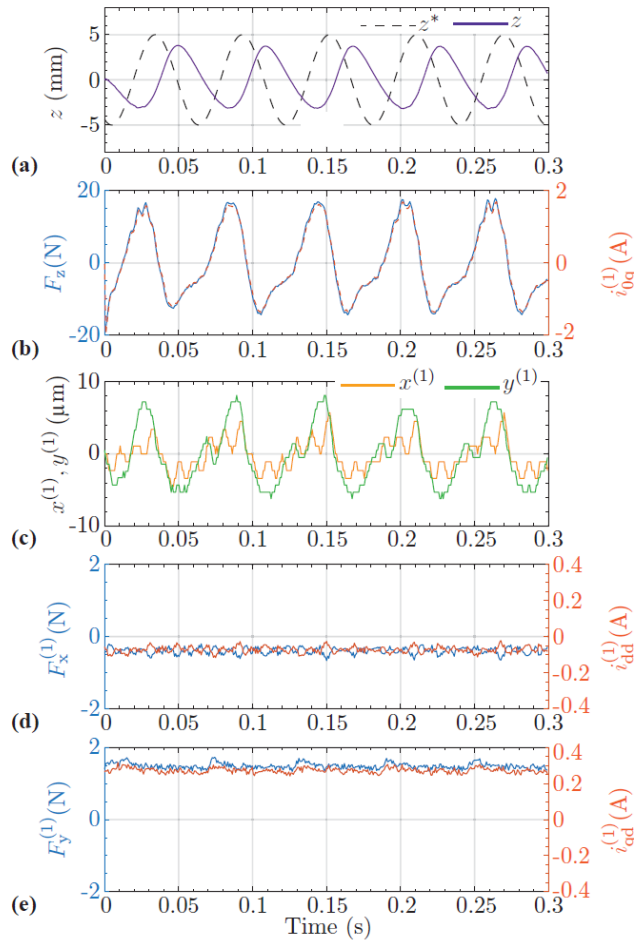
- Tilting Experimental Verification:





# SISO – Measurement Results

## ■ Oscillatory Operation



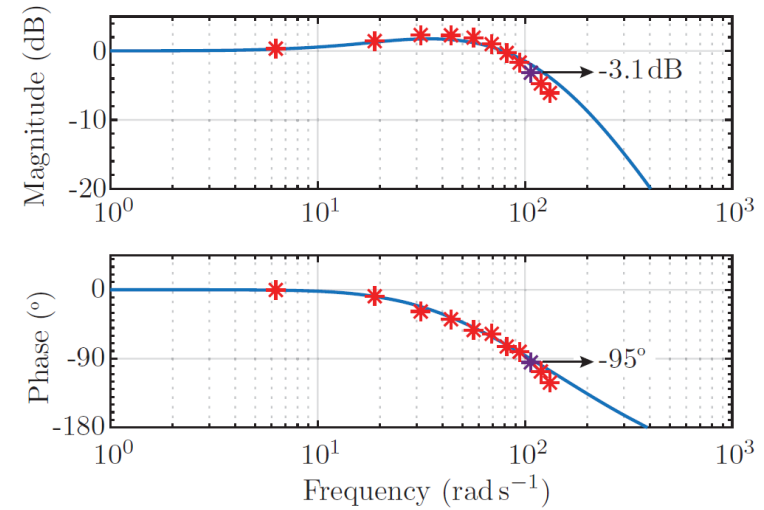
Stroke: 10 mm  
Frequency: 17 Hz

Force:  $< |\pm 20|$  N

Radial Position:  
 $< |\pm 10|$   $\mu$ m

## ■ Axial Sub-plant Bode Plot

- Blue: Analytically Derived Transfer Function
- Red: Experimentally Verified Points:  $f_z = \{1, 3, 5, \dots, 19, 21\}$  Hz



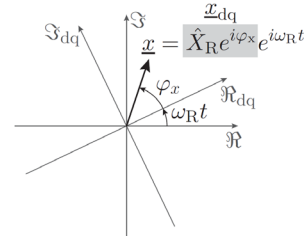
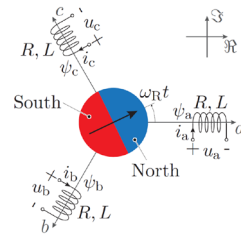
- Demonstration of the Real Life Operation →



# Linear Bearingless Actuator

- Video (10 Hz, 1 Hz)

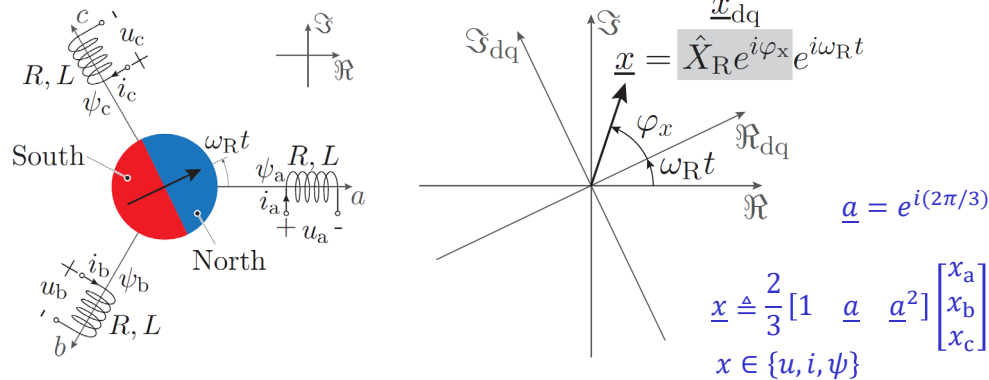
## Generalized Complex Space Vector Modelling





# Generic Complex Space Vector Modeling (1)

## Three-Phase (a, b, c) → Two-Phase (d, q)



## Example: Current Space Vector

### Three-phase currents

$$\begin{aligned} i_a &= \hat{I}_R \cdot \cos(\omega_R t + \varphi_i) \\ i_b &= \hat{I}_R \cdot \cos(\omega_R t + \varphi_i - 2\pi/3) \\ i_c &= \hat{I}_R \cdot \cos(\omega_R t + \varphi_i + 2\pi/3) \end{aligned}$$

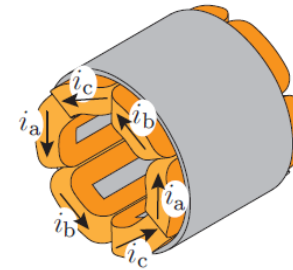
### Space vector

$$\underline{i} = \hat{I}_R \cdot e^{i\varphi_i} \cdot e^{i\omega_R t}$$

$$\underline{i}_{dq} = \hat{I}_R \cdot e^{i\varphi_i} = i_d + i \cdot i_q$$

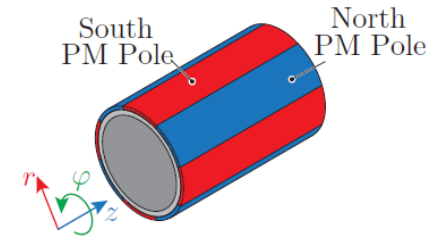
## Rotary Machine: Torque

### Stator: 6 concentrated coils



$$\underline{\psi}_{dq} = \hat{\Psi}_R$$

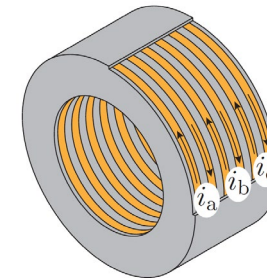
### PM Rotor: $N_{pp,R} = 4$



$$T_z = \frac{3}{2} N_{pp,R} \cdot \hat{\Psi}_R \cdot i_q$$

## Linear Machine: Thrust Force

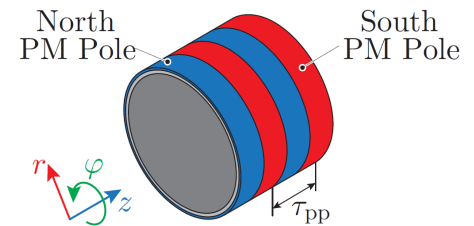
### Stator: 3 concentrated coils



$$\underline{\psi}_{dq} = \hat{\Psi}_L$$

$$\omega_L = \frac{2\pi}{\tau_{pp}} \cdot v_z$$

### PM Rotor: 4 poles

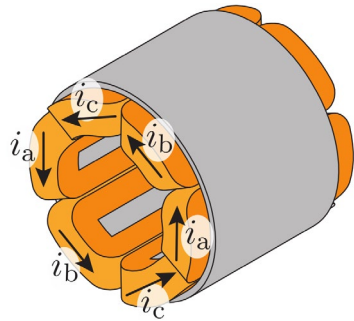


$$F_z = \frac{3\pi}{\tau_{pp}} \cdot \hat{\Psi}_L \cdot i_q$$

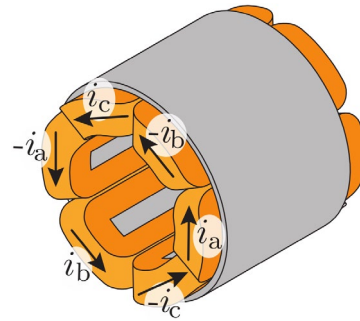
# Generic Complex Space Vector Modeling (2)

## Rotary Machine: Bearing Force

### ▼ Torque Generation

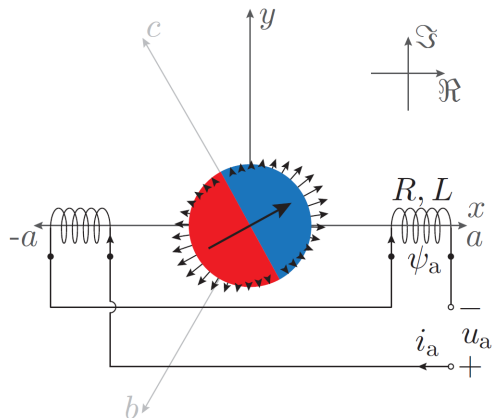


### ▼ Bearing Force Generation



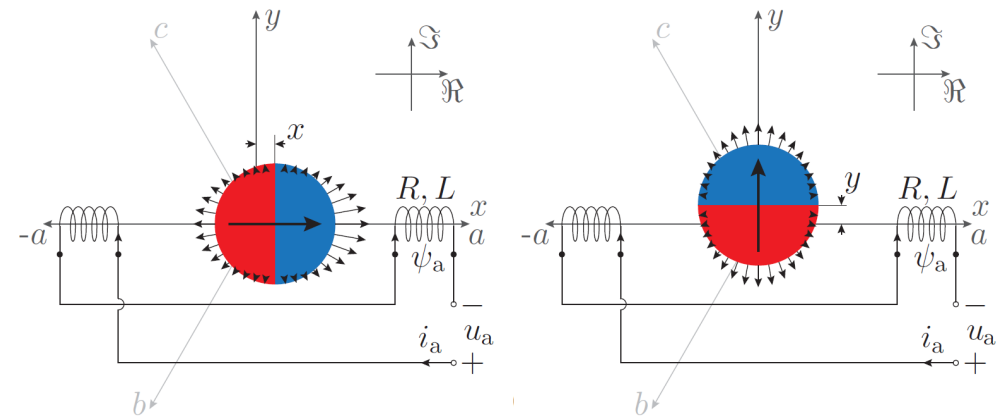
## Rotor in Center → No Flux Linkage

- Model: two coils in anti-series connection



## Displaced Rotor → $\frac{d\Phi_R}{dx} = \frac{d\Phi_R}{dy} = \chi_{pm,R}$

- Flux linkage radial sensitivity



### ▼ Three Phase Flux Linkage

$$\psi_a = \chi_{pm,R} \cdot [x \cdot \cos(\omega_R t + \varphi_\psi) - y \cdot \sin(\omega_R t + \varphi_\psi)]$$

$$\psi_b = \chi_{pm,R} \cdot [x \cdot \cos(\omega_R t + \varphi_\psi - 2\pi/3) - y \cdot \sin(\omega_R t + \varphi_\psi - 2\pi/3)]$$

$$\psi_c = \chi_{pm,R} \cdot [x \cdot \cos(\omega_R t + \varphi_\psi + 2\pi/3) - y \cdot \sin(\omega_R t + \varphi_\psi + 2\pi/3)]$$

### ▼ Space Vector

$$\underline{\psi} = \chi_{pm,R} \cdot (x + i \cdot y) \cdot e^{i \cdot \varphi_\psi} \cdot e^{i \cdot \omega_R t}$$

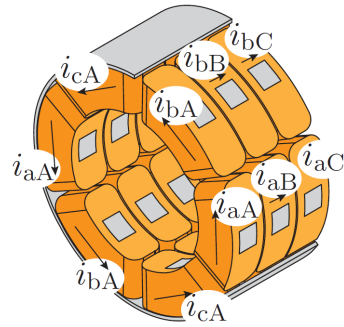
$$\underline{\psi}_{dq} = \chi_{pm,R} \cdot (x + i \cdot y) \cdot e^{i \cdot \varphi_\psi}$$

$$F_x = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \chi_{pm,R} \cdot i_d \quad F_y = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \chi_{pm,R} \cdot i_q$$

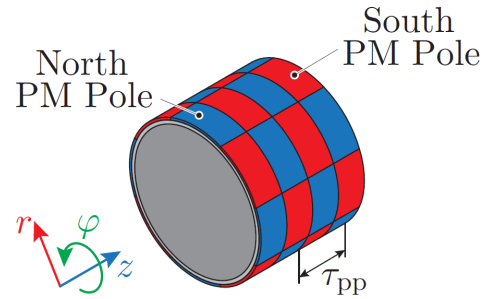
# Generic Complex Space Vector Modeling (3)

## Linear-Rotary Machine

▼ Stator: 18 concentrated coils



▼ PM Rotor:  $N_{pp,R} = 4$



▼ Phase quantity

$$x_{aA} = \hat{X}_{RL} \cdot \cos(\omega_{Rt} + \varphi_x) \cdot \cos(\omega_{Lt} + \theta_x)$$

$$\hat{X}_{RL} \in \{\hat{U}_{RL}, \hat{I}_{RL}, \hat{\Psi}_{RL}\}$$

▼ Double space vector transformation

$$\underline{\underline{x}} \triangleq \frac{4}{9} [1 \quad \underline{a} \quad \underline{a}^2] \begin{bmatrix} x_{aA} & x_{aB} & x_{aC} \\ x_{bA} & x_{bB} & x_{bC} \\ x_{cA} & x_{cB} & x_{cC} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \underline{b} \\ \underline{b}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\underline{x}} \in \{\underline{\underline{u}}, \underline{\underline{i}}, \underline{\underline{\psi}}\}$$

$$\underline{a} = e^{i(2\pi/3)}$$

$$\underline{b} = e^{j(2\pi/3)}$$

▲ Rotary  $i$  complex plane

▲ Linear  $j$  complex plane

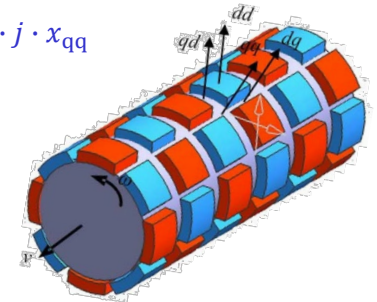
## Double Complex Space Vector

$$\underline{\underline{x}} = \underbrace{\hat{X}_{RL} \cdot e^{i \cdot \varphi_x} \cdot e^{j \cdot \theta_x}}_{\text{}} \cdot e^{i \cdot \omega_{Rt}} \cdot e^{i \cdot \omega_{Lt}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{x}}_{dq} = \hat{X}_{RL} \cdot e^{i \cdot \varphi_x} \cdot e^{j \cdot \theta_x} = x_{dd} + i \cdot x_{qd} + j \cdot x_{dq} + i \cdot j \cdot x_{qq}$$

▼ Flux linkage ( $\varphi_\psi = 0$  and  $\theta_\psi = 0$ )

$$\underline{\underline{\psi}}_{dq} = \psi_{dd} = \hat{\Psi}_{RL}$$



Source: Jin et al., 2012

## Torque and Linear Force

$$T_z = \frac{9}{4} N_{pp,R} \cdot \hat{\Psi}_{RL} \cdot i_{qd}$$

$$F_z = \frac{9\pi}{2\tau_{pp}} \cdot \hat{\Psi}_{RL} \cdot i_{dq}$$

## Bearing Force

- Rotary phase rescheduling needed

$$F_x = \frac{9}{4} \cdot \chi_{pm,RL} \cdot i_{dd}$$

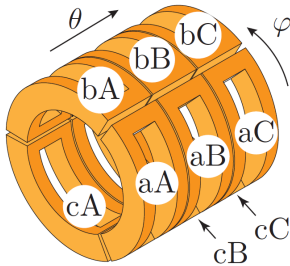
$$F_y = \frac{9}{4} \cdot \chi_{pm,RL} \cdot i_{qd}$$

## Generic Complex Space Vector Modeling (4)

### ■ Linear Force Generation

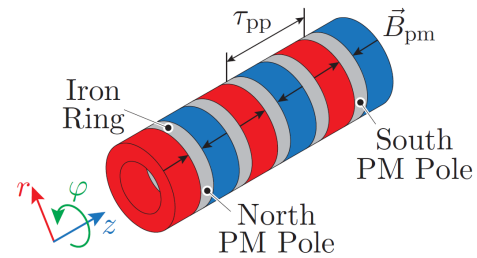
- Simpler than full linear-rotary machine

#### ▼ Stator: 9 concentrated coils



$$\underline{\psi}_{dq} = \hat{\Psi}_M$$

#### ▼ PM Mover



$$F_z = \frac{9\pi}{\tau_{pp}} \cdot \hat{\Psi}_M \cdot i_q$$

### ■ Bearing Force Generation

- Linear-rotary machine with  $\omega_R = 0$

#### ▼ Flux linkage

$$\underline{\underline{\psi}} = \chi_{pm,M} \cdot (x + i \cdot y) \cdot e^{i \cdot \varphi \psi} \cdot e^{j \cdot \theta \psi} \cdot e^{j \cdot \omega_L}$$

$$\chi_{pm,M} = \frac{d\hat{\Psi}_M}{dx} = \frac{d\hat{\Psi}_M}{dy}$$

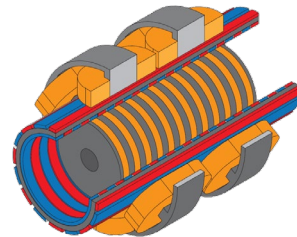
$$\underline{\underline{\psi}}_{dq} = \chi_{pm,M} \cdot (x + i \cdot y) \cdot e^{i \cdot \varphi \psi} \cdot e^{j \cdot \theta \psi}$$

$$F_x = \frac{9}{4} \cdot \chi_{pm,M} \cdot i_{dd}$$

$$F_y = \frac{9}{4} \cdot \chi_{pm,M} \cdot i_{qd}$$

## *Double Stator LiRA*

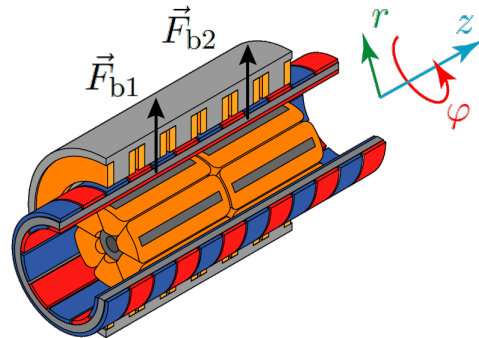
*Stator Arrangement  
Cooling of Inner Stator  
Geometry Optimization*



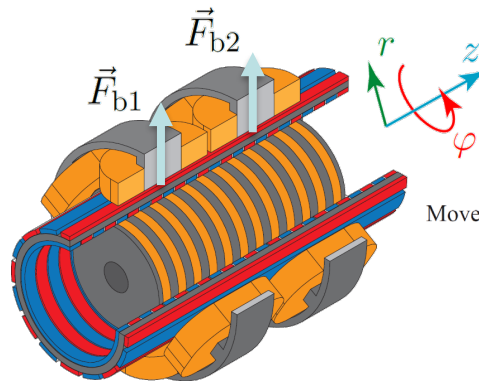
# Double Stator (DS) LiRA Realization Options

## ■ Stator Arrangement

- Outer → Linear, Inner → Rotary

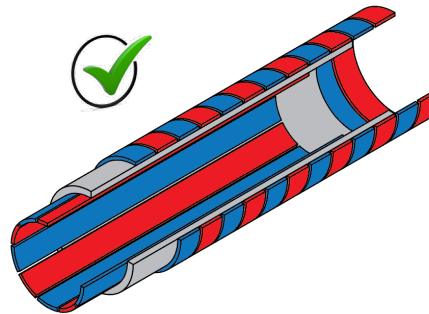


- Outer → Rotary, Inner → Linear

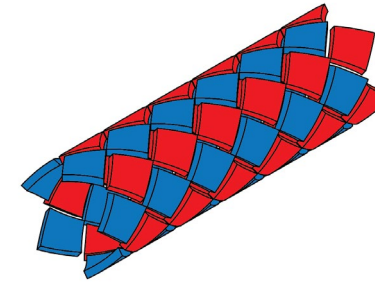


## ■ Mover Types

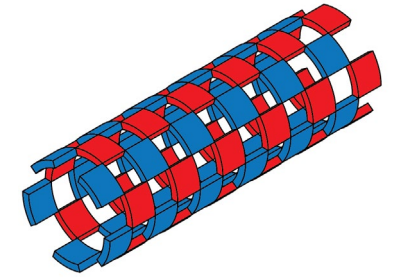
- With and Without Back Iron



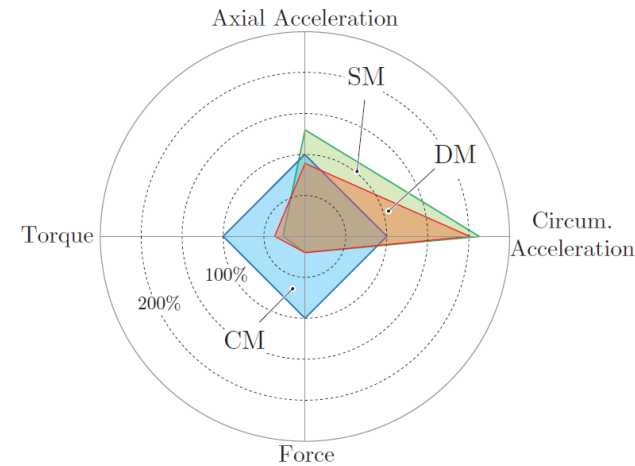
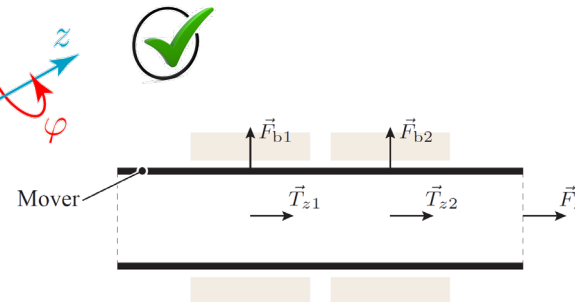
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▲ DM



▲ SM

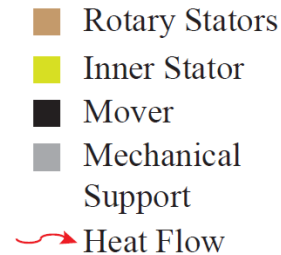
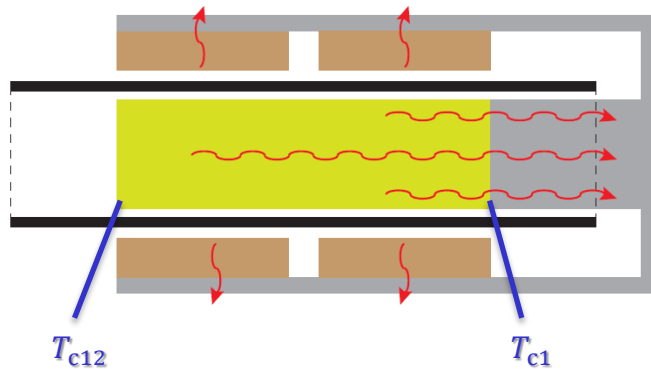




## Cooling of the Inner Stator

### Heat Flow Conduction Paths

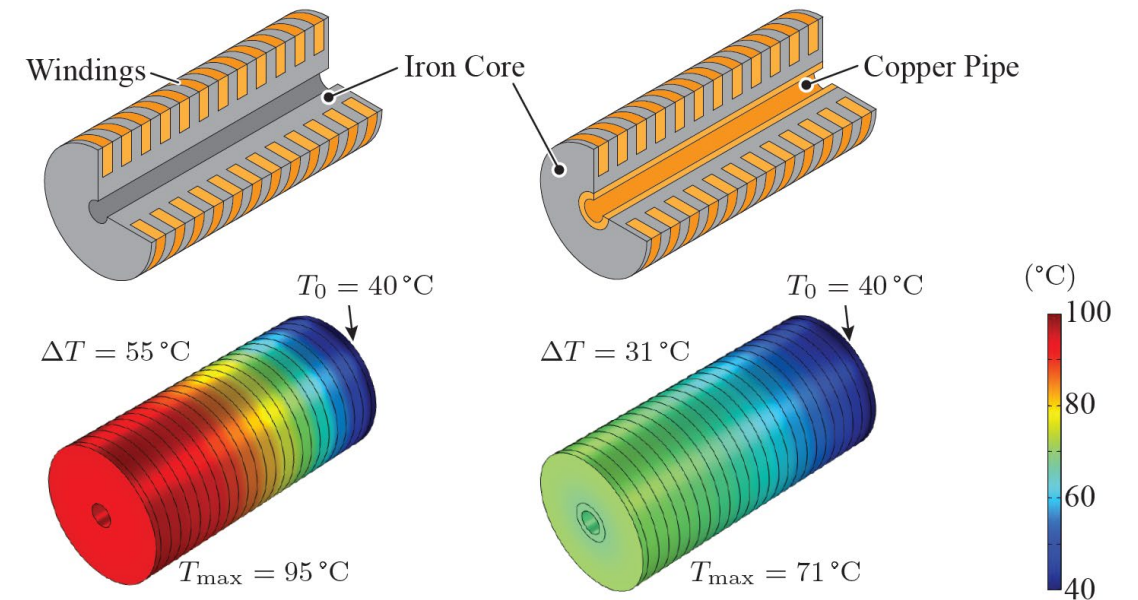
- Outer Stator: Radial Heat Flow
- Inner Stator: Axial Heat Flow



- Winding Temperature:  $T_{c12} > T_{c1}$
- Unequal Temperature Distribution due to Axial Heat Flow and Thermal Resistance

### Reduction of Axial Thermal Conductivity

- Iron Core Thermal Conductivity:  $\sim 20 \text{ W/(mK)}$
- Copper Pipe Thermal Conductivity:  $\sim 400 \text{ W/(mK)}$

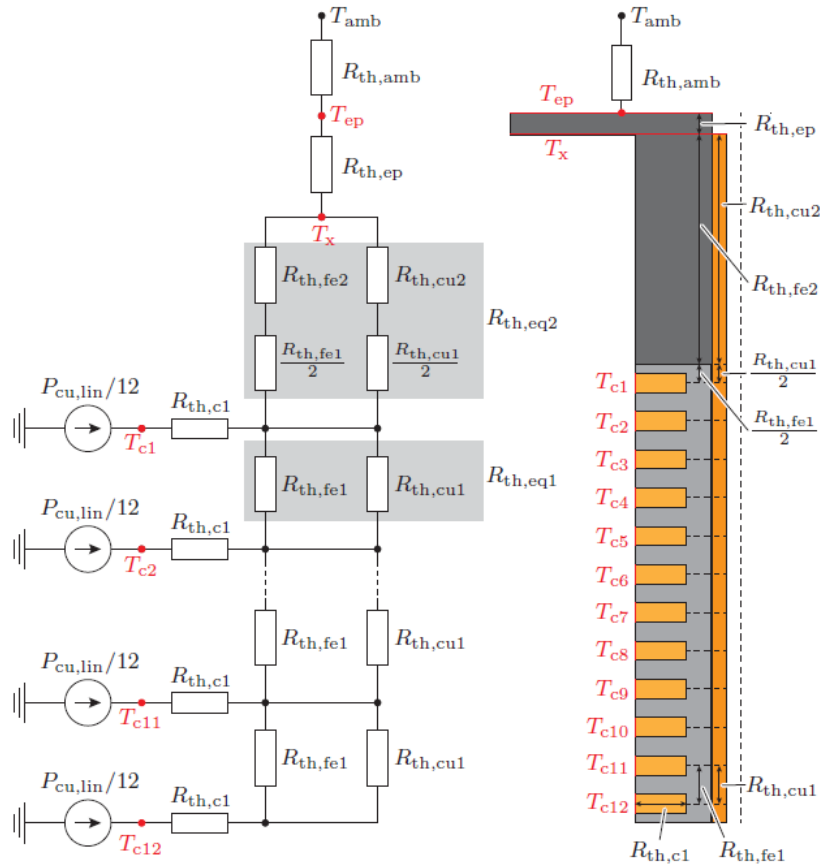


- Optimization Between 'Magnetic' and 'Thermal' Material

# Analytic Thermal Model

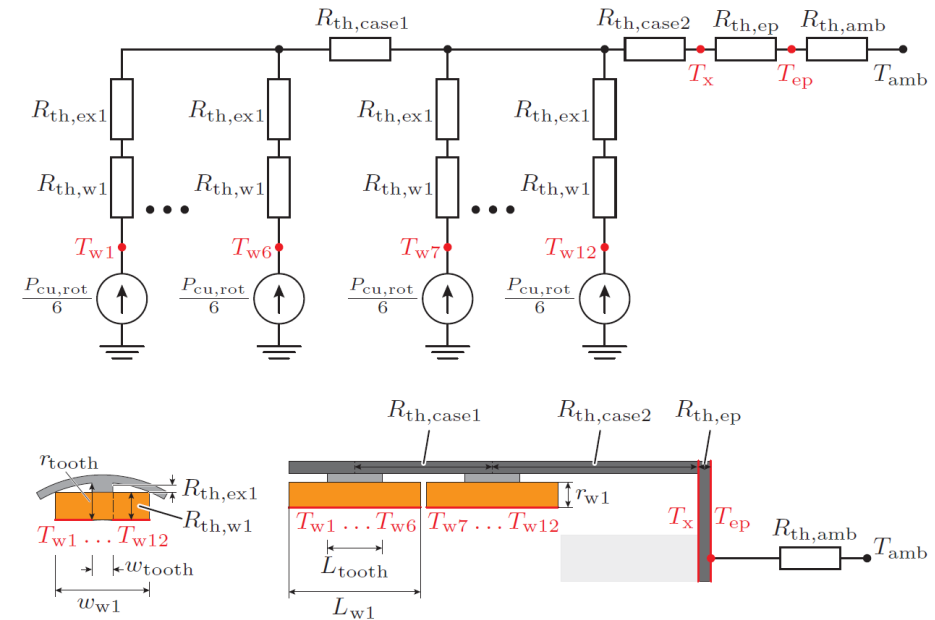
## Inner Linear Stator

- Hot Spot Temperature:  $T_{c12} < 120^\circ\text{C}$

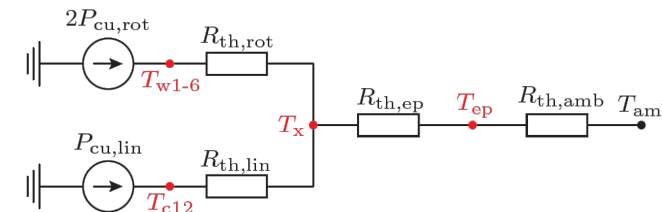


## Outer Rotary Stators

- Hot Spot Temperature:  $T_{w1-6} < 120^\circ\text{C}$



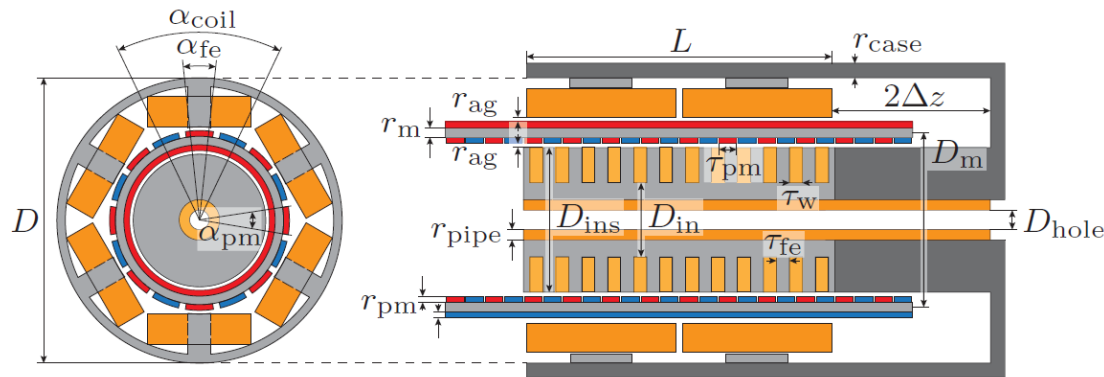
## Thermal Model Equivalent Circuit



## DS LiRA Geometry Optimization

### ■ Parametrize Geometry

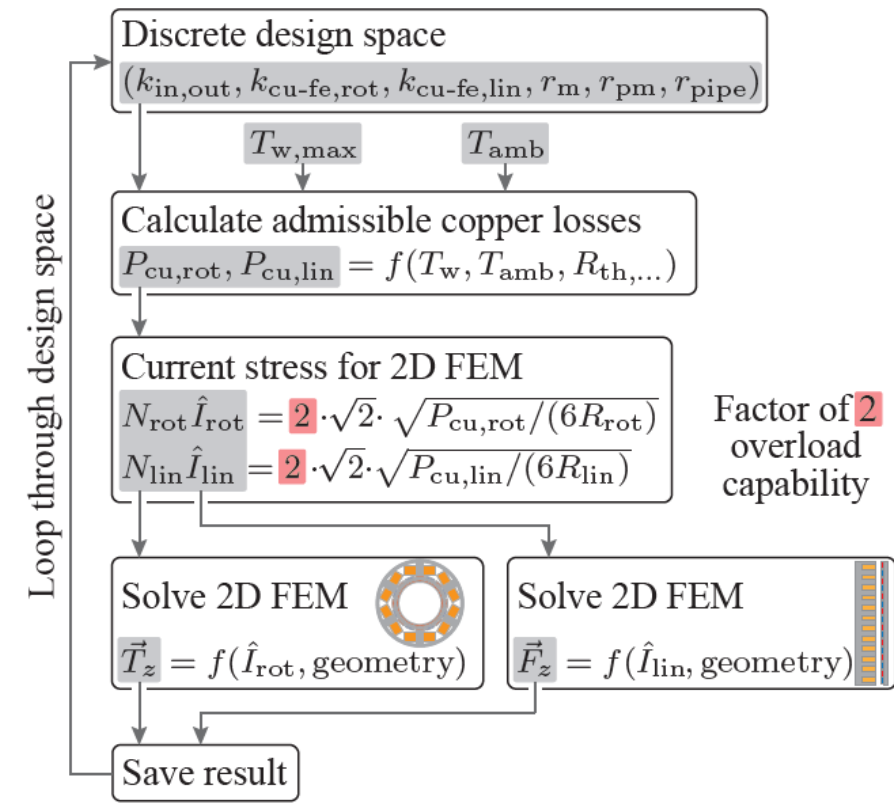
- Outer Dimensions Fixed:  $L = 100$  mm,  $D = 100$  mm
- Air Gaps:  $r_{ag} = 0.7$  mm
- Copper Pipe Hole:  $D_{hole} = 8$  mm (Sensor Cables)
- Max. Winding Temp.:  $120^{\circ}\text{C}$



- Models:
  - Magnetic: 2D-FEM
  - Thermal: Analytic Lumped Parameter Circuit Network →

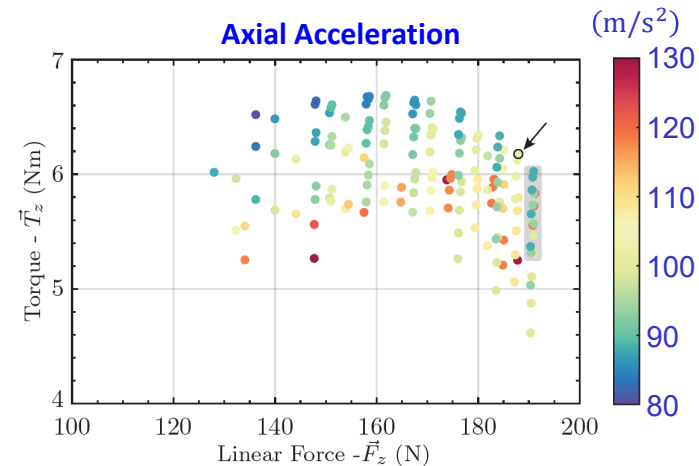
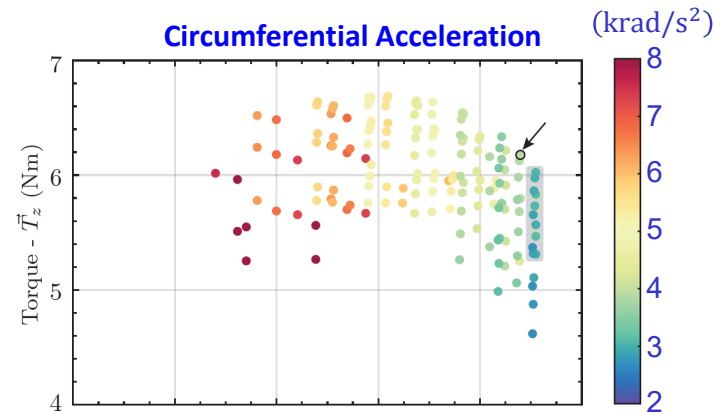
### ■ Automated Optimization Procedure

- Discrete Design Space



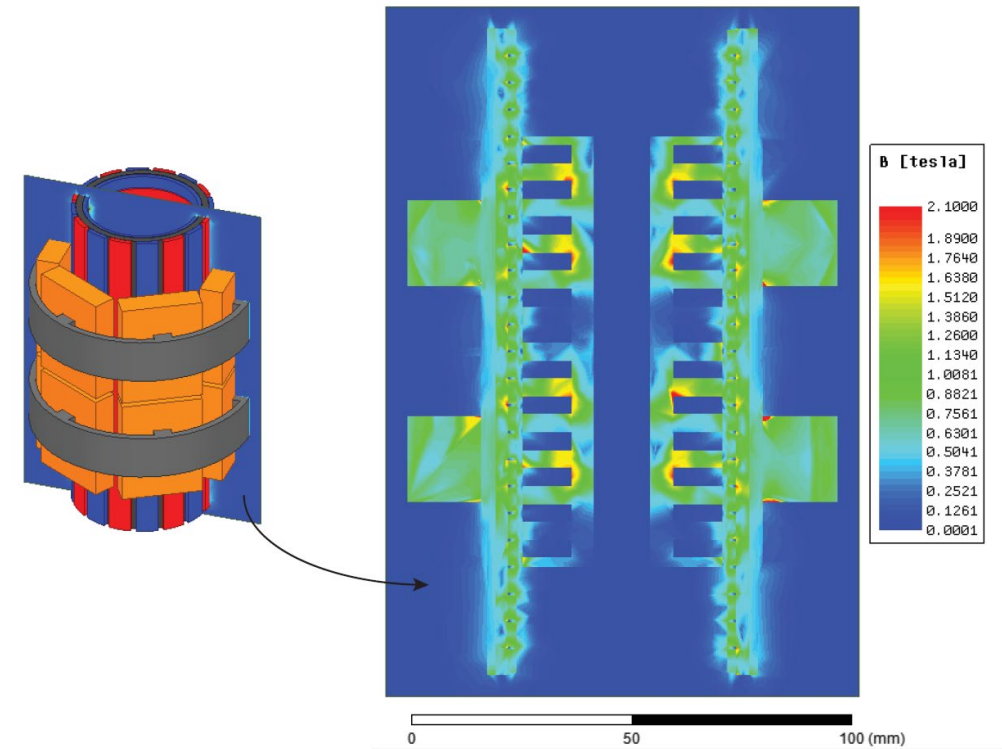
# Optimization Results

- Torque vs. Linear Force Pareto Plots
- Compromise Between Torque/Force and Acceleration



**Chosen Design:**  
 5.3 krad/s<sup>2</sup>  
 123.5 m/s<sup>2</sup>  
 6.24 Nm  
 181.5 N

- 3D FEM Flux Density Distribution in the Chosen Design
- Flux Density Evaluated for Double the Continues Current
- Outer stator: < 2.1 T, Inner Stator: < 1.4 T, Mover: < 2.1 T

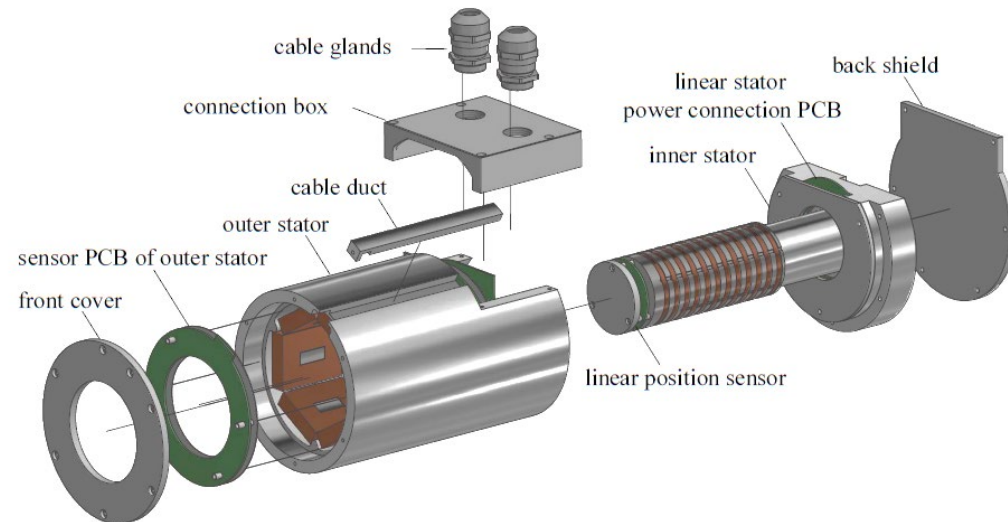


- Hardware Prototype →

## DS LiRA Prototype

### ■ 3D CAD Model

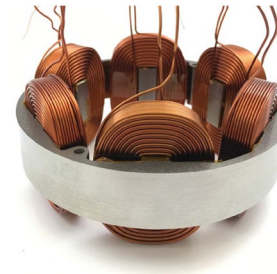
- 'Exploded View' of the Outer Rotary and Inner Linear Stator



- **Inner Stator:** 12 × Coil Windings,  
1 × Lin. Pos. Sensor PCB,  
1 × Power Connection PCB
- **Outer Stator:** 12 × Concentrated Windings,  
2 × Rotary/Radial Pos. Sensor PCBs,  
1 × Power Connection PCB

### ■ Prototype Realization

- Outer Rotary Stator



- Inner Stator



- DS LiRA



- Mover

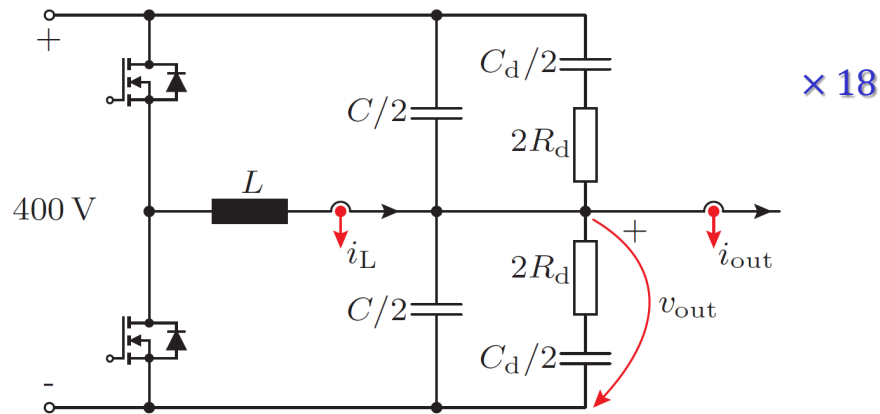




# 18-Phase Inverter Supply

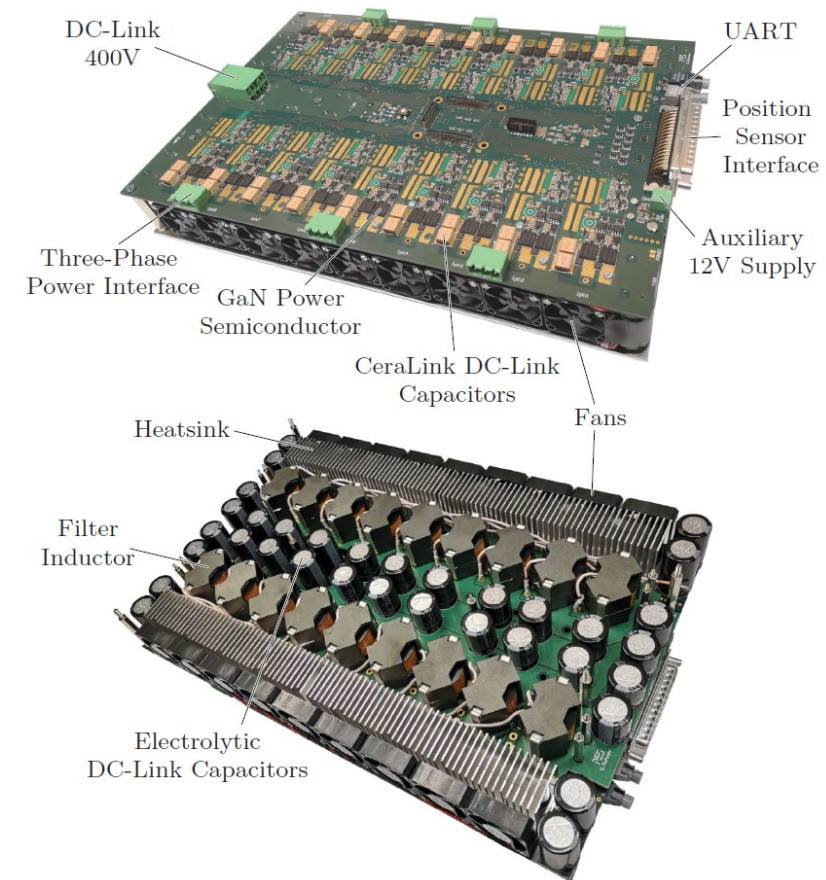
## ■ Schematic

### ● LC Output Filter with Parallel RC Damping



- Power Semiconductors: 600 V, 70 mΩ, CoolGaN – MOSFET
- Inductor:  $L = 80\mu\text{H}$ , N87, RM12, 23 Turns, 71μm Strand
- Capacitance:  $C = 4.8\mu\text{F}$  for  $THD_{vout} = 1\%$
- Heatsink Design:  $CSPI = 12 \text{ W}/(\text{Kdm}^3)$

## ■ Hardware Realization

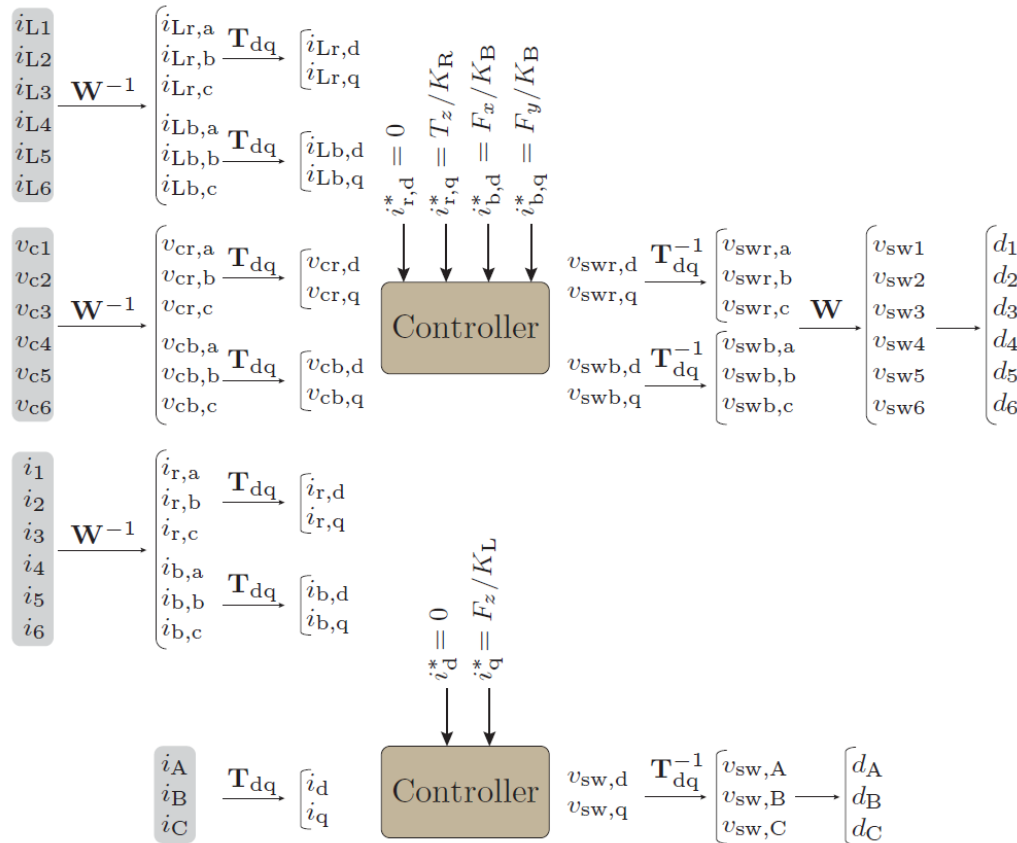




# Current & Position Controller

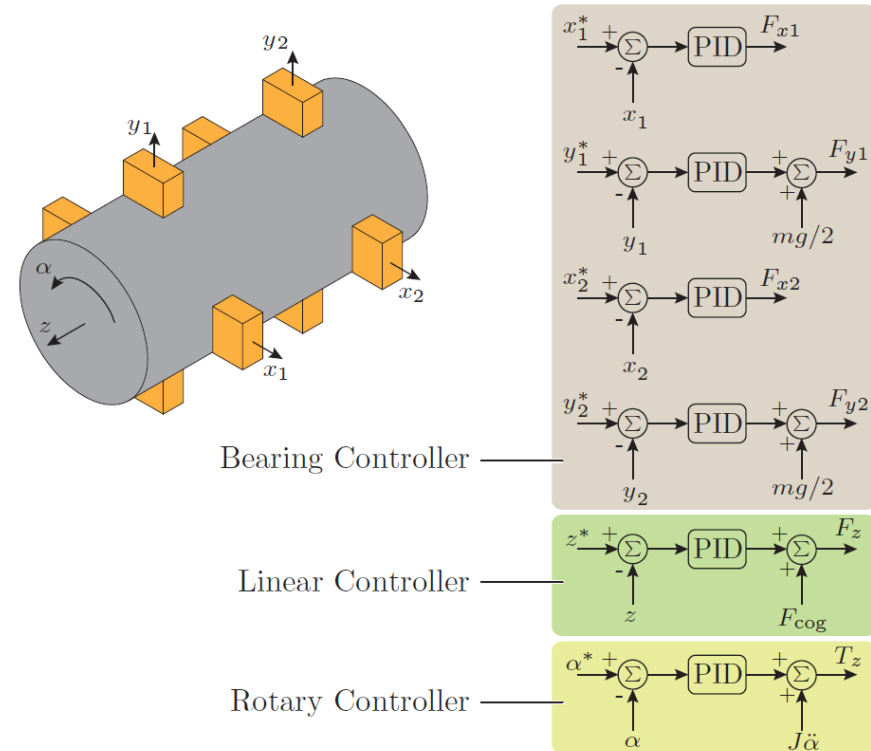
## Current Control Structure

- Input:  $i_{out}$  References  $\rightarrow$  From the Position Controller



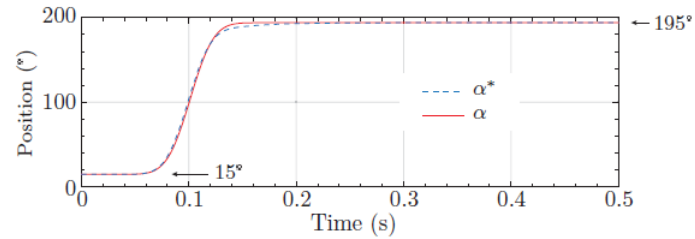
## 'Decentralized' Position Control

- Dedicated PID Controller for Each Motion Mode

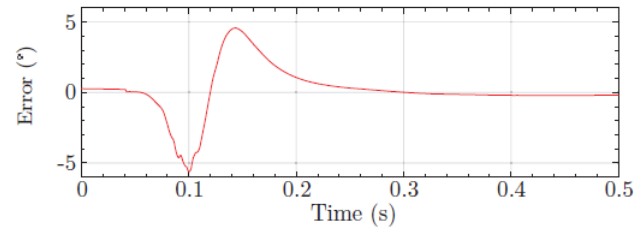


# DS LiRA Measurement Results

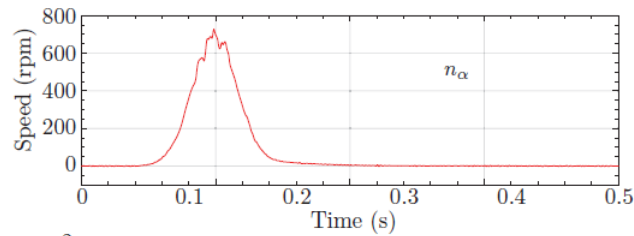
## Rotary Step



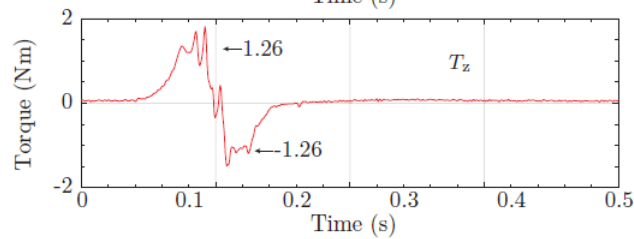
Stroke: **180°**



Error: **< |±5|°**

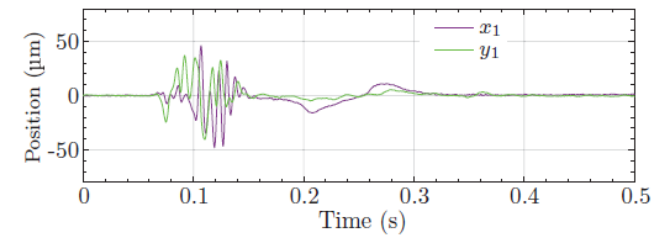


Max. Speed: **~700 rpm**



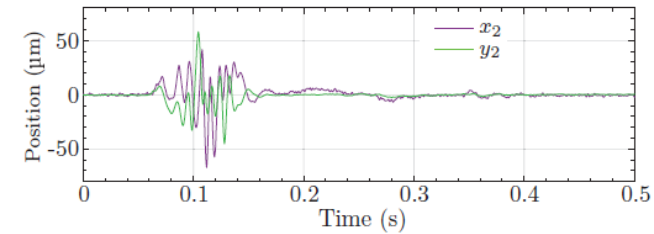
Torque Limit: **±1.26 Nm**

## Rotary Step: Radial Positions

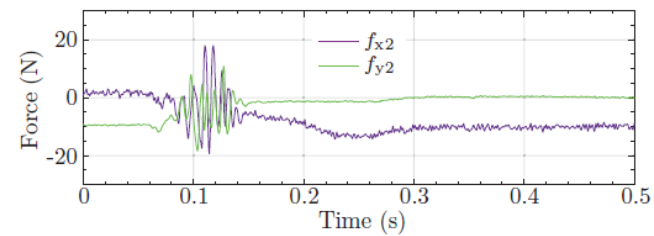
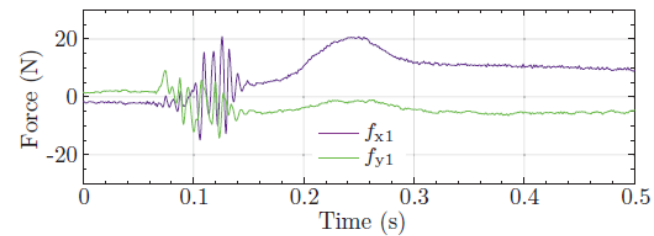


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$$\begin{aligned} x_1^* &= 0 \\ y_1^* &= 0 \\ x_2^* &= 0 \\ y_2^* &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



Deviations: **±50 μm**







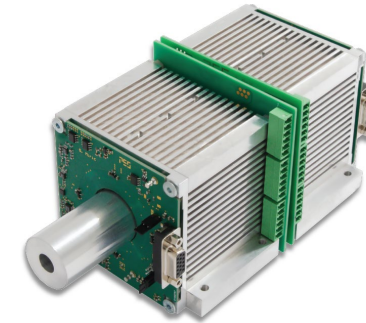
## DS LiRA Measurement Results

- Video

## Summary

### ■ Linear Bearingless Actuator

- Integration of Magnetic Bearings into a Linear Actuator
- Radial Position and Tilting Control in Micro Meter Range
- High-Precision/Purity/Dynamic Linear Motor Applications



### ■ Linear-Rotary Bearingless Actuator

- Coupling of Rotation, Linear Motion, Magnetic Bearings
- Automated Semi-Numerical Optimization Procedure
- High-Precision/Purity Applications



## Biography of the Speaker



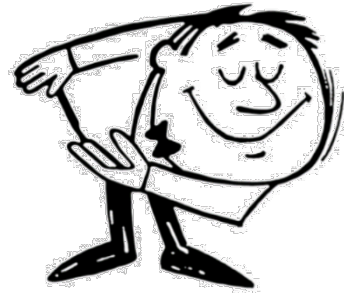
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