Magnetic Resolver Using Linear Hall-Effect Sensors

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*Abstract*— Precise measurement/estimation of rotary position is essential for the control of AC electric machines. Accurate measurement of angular position in industry applications is typically accomplished using encoder and resolvers. Variable reluctance (VR) resolvers are a well-suited option because of their inherent robustness in harsh environments; however, they occupy a substantial percentage of the total drive cost. This paper presents a novel magnetic resolver using low-cost linear Hall-effect sensors. A series of design optimization processes proposed a corresponding prototype evaluated both by finite element analysis (FEA) and subsequent experiments. Two alternative mechanical designs are discussed: shaft and in-shaft types. The proposed magnetic resolver possesses the advantages of conventional encoders including compactness and a reduced manufacturing costs, while maintaining the advantages of VR resolvers. Also, the sensor is fully compatible with conventional drives in electrical terms

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# Introduction

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Electric drives are used in a large variety of applications, including domestic, industrial, traction, aerospace, etc. Precise control of AC electric machines can be achieved by accurate measurement of the rotary position. Optical encoders (optical-based angular position sensors) and resolvers (inductive-based angular position sensors) are the most used sensors in the industry [1]-[5], but many other alternatives have been reported in the literature; capacitive [2]-[3], inductive [4] or magnetic-based angular position sensors being the most extended. Capacitive-based angular position sensors in [3]-[4] provide high precision output but require additional circuitry to be compatible with standard encoder or resolver signals. Inductive position sensors are axially planar [4], and low weight, with a similar operation principle to a transformer but lack robustness. Magnetic angular position sensors are mainly based on Hall-effect or Giant Magnetoresistance (GMR) devices [16]-[17], commonly used in automotive applications (e.g., throttle position detection, shaft position…) [16]-[17]. Their main drawbacks are the lack of robustness, high inertia, and extra circuitry and space required. Additionally, their performance of accuracy is affected by offset, misalignment, or uniform magnetic flux distribution of the permanent magnets integrated into the rotating part.

In general-purpose applications, optical encoders are the most probable selection, providing incremental or absolute angular position with relatively high precision and noise immunity, but are expensive. Furthermore, they often exhibit a restricted range of operating temperature and a lack of capability to endure shock and vibration in contrast to resolvers.

Resolvers inherently provide the absolute position with credible precision in various circumstances: high vibration, shock, an extensive region of operating temperatures, and high speed of rotation. Resolvers can be brushless wound field (WF) [8], brushed (in disuse), or variable reluctance (VR) [9]-[10]. A brushless resolver is a rotary transformer, whose primary windings are stationary and secondary windings rotate, excited by AC voltage to maintain magnetic coupling with the rotor winding even at a standstill [8]. An AC voltage is induced in the output winding (stator), modulated by the rotor position. Brushes or rotary transformer is needless since VR resolvers include the output and the excitation windings in the stator without rotor windings and bearings. VR resolvers can be frameless mounted and combined into the motor without a coupling device and additional friction to the system [7], making them attractive in traction applications (i.e., electric vehicles and hybrid electric vehicles), [7]-[8]. However, the drive cost is the main constraint [6], [11]. A special type of VR resolvers have been recently proposed including permanent magnets (PM) in the stator, i.e., field modulation PM resolvers [19]-[20]. In [19], magnets of ferrite material are inserted in the back iron (stator part) of the resolver to avoid the usage of excitation signals at high speeds. In [20], ferrite magnets integrated into the stator teeth induce variable flux leakage (sinusoidal) due to the variable reluctance property of the rotor, which can be estimated using linear Hall-effect sensors.

This paper proposes an alternative design of a magnetic resolver using magnetic field sensors (i.e., linear Hall-effect) and a moving part composed of non-laminated electrical steel and permanent magnets [24]. In contrast to the VR resolver, the proposed design is simpler, more compact, cheaper, and easier to be manufactured; it requires neither stator/rotor laminations nor windings, the stator is made of a simple ferromagnetic ring, and the rotor is made of a VR design alike optimized shape but including magnets. The proposed designed requires the addition of sensors and conditioning electronics. However, its power consumption is marginal. It can also produce more than one independent output for the redundant mode of operation; duplicated and separated outputs can be provided where redundancy is needed. The size or the number of poles is easily scalable to meet the requirements of a specific application. Since it maintains the main properties of the VR resolver, fully compatible with standard resolver signals, modification in the cabling or electronics of the drive is not required. This paper also describes the optimization process of composing the resolver geometry, an FEA of the system, and the experimental validation.

The paper is organized as follows: Section II proposes principle of operation, section III discusses rotor design optimization of the suggested magnetic resolver, and Section IV presents the validation of the corresponding model by means of FEA. An assembly of the proposed prototype is displayed in section V. Following Experimental results and conclusions are presented in sections VI and VII, respectively.

# Principle Of Operation

A brief description of conventional resolvers intended to establish the basis for estimation of the suggested model is presented below.

Resolvers can be broadly classified into two types: brushless wound field (WF) and variable reluctance (VR). Voltage in the rotor winding of WF resolvers is induced by an AC voltage, which is the result of a magnetic coupling (i.e., brushless WF, see Fig. 1a). When it comes to the stator winding, voltages are *sine* and *cosine* signals due to the modulation by the rotor position . Windings of VR resolvers, in contrast, operates as the excitation and outputs (see Fig. 1b), without the use of brushes or slip rings. In addition, they can be in-shaft installed. As an AC voltage/current signal is inserted into the excitation winding, the resulting voltages induced in the stator windings outputs are *sine* and *cosine* signals, whose angle is modulated by the rotor angle similarly to the WF case. VR resolvers are made simple and robust, which allows a wider operating temperature capacity, less sensitivity to noise, and longer transmission cables [7][8].

Both are a certain type of rotary transformer that couples a primary winding (*Excitation* see Fig. 1) with two secondary windings (*Output 1* & *2*) with 90 electrical degrees phase shift. The excitation signal, i.e., *vE(t)* in Fig. 1, is generally sinusoidal (1) (see Fig. 2a), of magnitude and angular frequency *E0* and *ωs,* respectively. The output signals of the resolver are *vS(t)* (2) and *vC(t)* (3) (see Figs. 2b and 2c), where *k* is the equivalent turns ratio of the magnetic coupling, *θr* is the rotor angle, and *X* is a multiplication factor for the angle [6].

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*vS(t)* and *vC(t)* are the inputs to a resolver-to-digital (R/D) converter, typically consisting of a demodulation stage to remove the excitation signal; (4) and (5) are obtained after the demodulation process. A large variety of methods have been reported to obtain the rotor angle, *θr*, from (4) and (5) [15], [21]-[23].

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| Fig. 1. Schematic representation of resolvers, a) WF and b) VR. | |

## Principle of Operation of the proposed magnetic resolver

The schematic representation of the proposed magnetic resolver and the arrangement of linear hall-effect sensors are shown in Fig. 3. The proposed magnetic resolver consists of a rotor made of a non-laminated ferromagnetic core and permanent magnets. In addition, it includes a stator integrated with two elements of magnetic field measurement, which have a phase difference of 90 electrical degrees. Linear Hall-effect integrated circuit (IC) sensors will be used for the proposed magnetic resolver. These types of ICs allow current control through the Hall-effect element without additional electronic circuits.

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| Fig. 2. Normalized signals of conventional resolvers, a) *excitation*, *ve(t)*, b) *Output 1* of the resolver, *vc(t)* (i.e., *cosine*), c) *Output 2* of the resolver, *vs(t)* (i.e., *sine*). *ωs* = 2*· π ·* 500 rad/s, *ω*r = 2*· π ·* 50 rad/s | |

Linear Hall-effect sensors generally operate on DC voltage (6) or current input, see Fig. 4a, resulting in a variation of the output voltage of the hall elements, where the differences are phase-shifted voltages *vHS(t)* and *vHC(t)* (see Fig. 3). For the case of constant rotor speed, corresponding *vHS(t)* and *vHC(t)* are (7)-(8), see Fig. 4b and Fig. 4c. While these signals are modulated by the angle position of the rotor, they differ from the signals provided by conventional resolvers, where the output signals follow amplitude modulation of the rotary position with the excitation signal as the carrier signal (see Fig. 2). In complement, the Hall-effect sensors can operate on an AC voltage (or current) source. Since the quiescent voltage of the linear hall-effect sensor is proportional to the voltage supply, the variation of the supply voltage input induces the reference output voltage to oscillate as the carrier signal of the amplitude modulation. For the case of fixed rotor speed, the deviation in the output signals of the Hall-effect sensors will be (11)-(12), see Fig. 4d and Fig. 4f, which are equal to the signals provided by conventional resolvers. Note that for every pair of poles (p) in the rotor, four Hall-effect sensors can be installed in the rotor, providing duplicated signals for applications where redundancy is required.

It must be remarked that (11)-(12) results from a sinusoidal flux distribution in the rotor surface. Rotor design to achieve this target is described following.

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| Fig. 3. Schematic representation of the proposed magnetic resolver and position of the Hall-effect sensors. | |
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| Fig. 4. Excitation and resulting waveforms of the proposed resolver: a) DC excitation, b) Sin output for DC excitation, c) Cos output for DC excitation, d) AC excitation, e) Sin output for AC excitation, f) Cos output for AC excitation. | |

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# Rotor Design Optimization of the Proposed Magnetic Resolver

The design optimization process applied to the proposed magnetic resolver is explained in this section. The rotor geometry has been optimized to achieve three main targets:

1. Minimize the use of magnetic materials as it will impact the final economical cost of the system.
2. Reach a desired level of fundamental airgap flux amplitude. This is key as since higher airgap flux densities will increase the signal to noise ration of the output signal of the resolver.
3. Minimize the total harmonic distortion (THD) on the flux density waveform. Low THD values are desired as it will easy the demodulation stage, increasing the dynamics of the resolver as well as its measurement error.

Differential evolution optimization technique [13] was used to find the optimum solution in the design space using 2D finite element analysis (FEA). Rotor parameters are shown in Fig. 4 and Table. I.

The desired properties of the Hall-effect sensor-based resolver are included in the objective function variable, *On*, of the multi-objective (MO) function (13): the total harmonic distortion (THD) of the flux density, *O1*, the magnitude of the airgap flux density, *O2*, and the volume of the permanent magnet (PM), *O3*; where *wn* is the weighting factor of each objective variable. The fundamental component of the airgap flux density will determine the sensitivity of the proposed resolver, where the THD indicates the quality of the signal for the rotor position estimation. The PM volume is included in the objective function to minimize the system cost, considering the magnetic materials compose a large portion of the total cost. The goal of the multi-objective optimization is to find a minimum cost of MO function, (13). More details about the variable used in the multi-objective optimization are in Table II; the penalty is used for eliminating designs that violate the geometric boundary shown in Table I and Fig. 4.

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1. Parameters Of The Multy-Objective Function

| Symbol | Function | Definition |
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| O1 | THD | Total Harmonic distortion of magnetic flux density in % |
| O2 |  | Function of Fundamental magnetic flux density amplitude in Tesla to achieve a target amplitude of 0.08 |
| O3 | PM Volume | Volume of Permanent magnet in mm3 |
| **Penalty** | 0 if within the boundary  100 if outside boundary | Penalty is given when the input parameters are outside the minimum and maximum range. |

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| Fig. 4. Dimensions of the magnetic resolver a), general view and b), detailed view of one magnetic pole. | |

The resulting optimized resolver design will be, therefore, highly sensitive to rotor position, with low harmonic distortion, and low-cost given the pre-defined boundary conditions. Three different types of permanent magnet materials have been evaluated: Ferrite, sintered NdFeB, and bonded NdFeB magnets.



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| Fig. 5. A series of the optimization process results (total harmonic distortion, permanent magnet volume, fundamental amplitude, and the cost) a) Sintered NdFeB magnets, b) Bonded NdFeB magnets, c) Ferrite magnets, and d) Total cost. | |

The corresponding results of the optimization process using Differential evolution are shown in Fig. 5. All the records were done through Finite Element Analysis (FEA) simulation. Fig. 5a shows the sequential convergence of sintered NdFeB magnets regarding total harmonic distortion, permanent magnet volume, and fundamental amplitude as iteration increases, while Fig. 5b and Fig. 5c show the cases of bonded NdFeB and Ferrite respectively. Each data point represents the corresponding outputs (i.e., THD, PM volume, and fundamental amplitude) of the least cost solution among the population on the designated generation. Since the magnetic energy product of sintered NdFeB is bigger than that of Ferrite and bonded NdFeB magnets, the permanent magnet volume of Sintered NdFeB is expected to be the smallest for the optimal model. Fig. 5d manifests the total cost, which is the value of the multi-objective function, for the three permanent magnets as iteration increases. The convergence of the total cost indicates the optimized model follows the boundary condition of the geometry while total harmonic distortion decreases and the fundamental amplitude reaches the expected magnetic flux density which could drive the model to be sensitive to the angular position of the rotor.

Fig. 6 shows an example of the flux distribution when using the selected geometry for the three permanent magnet materials. The main properties of each case are shown in Table III. As expected, the maximum peak flux density in the airgap is obtained with the prototype equipped with sintered NdFeB magnets, see Table III. This will allow better use of the measuring range of the Hall-effect sensor, eventually improving the signal-to-noise ratio. To reach a similar peak flux density, bonded NdFeB magnets need almost twice of magnetic material compared to sintered NdFeB, see Table III. Ferrite magnets provide the smallest flux density, with a peak value smaller than the measured peak of NdFeB magnets, which is the expected result considering their magnetic properties. According to the ratio between the fundamental flux amplitude and the volume of permanent magnets, Ferrite magnet volume must be around 3/2 times to achieve the magnetic flux density of NdFeB magnets. Note that the cost function of Fig. Xd represents not the actual cost of the model, but the value of the multi-objective function, (13). Regardless of the objective function and the relatively large volume of the ferrite-based model, the Ferrite magnet will be cheaper than other cases due to the reduced material cost.

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| Fig. 6. Flux lines distribution for the optimized magnetic resolver design equipping a) Sintered NdFeB magnets, b) Bonded NdFeB magnets, and c) Ferrite magnets. Blue (•) and red (•) spots represent the HallC and HallS sensors. | |

1. Optimization Results Of The Magnetic Resolver

|  | PM Material Types | | |
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| Sintered NdFeB | Bonded NdFeB | Ferrite |
| THD (%) | 0.92 | 1.08 | 1.28 |
| Fundamental flux density amplitude (mT) | 77.27 | 72.39 | 56.03 |
| PM volume (mm3) | 37.16 | 64.75 | 103.70 |

1. Results obtained from FEA simulation

# Validation Of The Resolver Using FEA

This section shows FEA results for the three optimized prototypes using sintered NdFeb, bonded NdFeB, and Ferrite, respectively while rotating.

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| Fig. 7. Performance of the three types of resolvers. a) *sin* output of the hall effect sensors, b) FFT of *sin* output (in a)), c) resulting position angle, and d) resulting angle error. | |

Fig. 7a shows the magnetic flux density at the position of the linear Hall-effect sensor (see Fig. 3 and 6) for one rotor rotation and for the three magnetic materials. Fig. 7b manifests the corresponding Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) outputs, from which the THDs in Table III are obtained. It can be observed that the THD in all cases is <1.55%, all harmonics being at least two orders of magnitude smaller than the fundamental component. It is noted that these results might be influenced by the bandwidth of the Hall-Effect sensors, which is typically >250kHz [12]; i.e., the bandwidth of the Hall-effect sensors will have virtually no influence on standard machines used in traction applications [14]. Fig. 7c shows the prediction of rotary angle for the three different magnetic materials and the real position. Fig. 7d shows the error in the estimated position; variations in the errors being due to the harmonics in the flux waveform shown in Fig. 7b, i.e., they are not the results of assembling tolerances, circuitry, noise, misalignments, etc.

It can be observed in Fig. 7d that the lower error is obtained for the sintered NdFeB magnet, while ferrite magnets show the worst behavior. Measurement errors are ±1.1º (Ferrite based), ±0.35º (bonded NdFeB based), and ±0.09º (sintered NdFeB based). Position error of commercially available resolvers is in the range of ±0.5-1.0º for VR resolvers [11] and around ±0.16º for brushless resolvers, meaning that the accuracy of the proposed system is comparable with commercially available resolvers.

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| Fig. 8. a) Lamination of the optimized geometries for the magnetic resolver design equipping: sintered NdFeB (left) and Ferrite (right), and b) NdFeB and Ferrite magnets for the designs in Fig. 7a. | |

# Assembly Of The Proposed Prototype

The proposed prototype can be assembled in two different configurations: in-shaft mounting and shaft-type for connections through flexible couplings. For any cases, the necessary circuitry is the same, both allowing redundant configuration (i.e., providing duplicated signals). Fig. 8a shows the laser cutout (silicon steel 50H350) of the optimized designs for the prototypes equipping sintered NdFeB magnets and Ferrite magnets, the PM samples being shown in Fig. 8b. The same laser cutout and magnets will be used for both the in-shaft and shaft-type resolvers.

## Shaft-type assembly

The shaft-type magnetic resolver is shown in Fig. 9. It is equipped with the rotor cutout and PMs shown in Fig 7. It was designed with an 8-mm shaft diameter, the diameter of the body and axial dimensions being 52 mm and 17 mm respectively. This design is suitable for the connection through flexible couplings. It can be observed that the PCB integrates four Hall-effect sensors (i.e., two *HallC* and two *HallS*), i.e., it provides redundant output signals. The design also includes two bearings: front and rear cover hosts.

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| Fig. 9. Disassemble view of the Shaft-type magnetic resolver |

## In-shaft mount assembly

The in-shaft type magnetic resolver is shown in Fig. 10. It is equipped with the rotor cutout and PMs shown in Fig 8. The rotor of the sensor is directly connected to the machine shaft and fixed by a nut. The axial length of the sensor exploding bolts is 5 mm, and the diameter of the sensor is 70 mm. In this case, the PCB integrates only two Hall-effect sensors (i.e., *HallC* and *HallS*), although this design also allows redundant configuration. The advantage of this design is that it does not require bearings.

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| Fig.10 In-shaft type magnetic resolver inserted in an endshield of a machine. |

## Electronic circuitry

A conditioning system is required for the proposed prototype to achieve full compatibility with commercial drives in terms of power supply and output voltage levels. Its objective is twofold: provide supply voltages for the Hall elements and the additional ICs and adapt output voltage levels within the range of commercial drives.

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| Fig. 11. Simplified representation of the electronic circuitry. |

Fig. 9 shows a simplified representation of the electronic circuit needed for the proposed sensor. The excitation signal, which will be provided by the drive (i.e., standard resolver excitation), is rectified to provide a symmetrical voltage supply to the conditioning circuit, as demanded by operational amplifiers. Hall elements (i.e., *HallC* and *HallS*) is supplied by AC voltage which produces AC current through the hall elements since hall elements are resistors from an electrical point of view. Note that a temperature variation of the hall element will directly impact the current through the hall element and therefore, the Hall voltage at its output. However, this will not affect the position measurement since the phase and amplitude of the sine and cosine Hall elements will be exposed to exactly the same conditions given the proximity between them. ~~the rotor position information is embedded in the phase of the current waveforms but not in the amplitude (see Fig. 2).~~

The total power consumption of the proposed system is in the range of the power consumption of the Hall elements: 12.5 mW per sensor. The power losses due to the rectification stage could be considered as negligible (i.e., conduction losses of a rectifier diode). The power consumption of the gain stages could also be considered negligible since ultra-low-power differential operational amplifiers are used. The circuit in Fig. 9 provides differential output signals to enhance noise immunity in the transmission wire.

# Experimental Results

The prototype of the proposed system is shown in Fig. 12, corresponding to the drawing in Fig. 9. The fixed parts of the sensor (i.e., shaft, stator, data acquisition circuitry board, and cover) are shown in Fig. 12a. The assembled system with moving parts (i.e., magnets and rotor shown in Fig. 8 is shown in Fig. 12b. The sensor is attached to a brushless PMSM in a testbench. The prototype integrates two pairs of Hall-effect sensors (i.e., *HallC* and *HallS*) for a redundant output, the simplified power and conditioning stages for each pair of sensors being shown in Fig. 11. The prototype has been designed with large tolerances to reduce complexity and ease assembling process.

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| Fig.12. a) Shaft, stator and data acquisition circuitry board, b) Assembly of proposed resolver. | |

Fig. 13 shows the output waveforms provided by a pair of Hall-effect sensors (i.e., *HallC* and *HallS*) when they are fed with a sinusoidal waveform of 7VRMS at 10 kHz. Fig. 13 shows the simplified signal processing used for speed and position estimation. Measured flux densities by *HallC*and *HallS* are multiplied by the excitation signal, *Vα* and *Vβ* being obtained. *Vα* and *Vβ* normalized, (14), and (15)-(16), is obtained using a synchronous reference frame phase-locked loop (SRF-PLL), which provides the estimated rotor speed and position [18].

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| Fig.13 Schematic representation of the signal processing used for speed and position estimation. |

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Fig. 14 shows the experimental results of the assembled resolver using the signal processing scheme in Fig. 13 with the rotor speed of 250rad/s. The Vα and Vβ in the demodulation process are shown in Fig. 14a. The output signals from SRF-PLL, Vd and Vq, are shown in Fig. 14b. A slight difference between Vd and Vq in terms of amplitude can be observed in Fig. 14b due to different radial position of the hall effect sensors in the PCB, see Fig 12a, due to assembling tolerances.

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| Fig. 14. Magnetic resolver signals, ωs = 2· π · 10000 rad/s, ωr = 250 rad/s.  a) Vα(red), Vβ(blue), b) Vd (red), Vq (blue). | |

Fig. 15a and Fig. 15b show the estimated speed and corresponding rotor position obtained from the proposed sensor during dynamic changes in the rotor velocity. The machine rotates at 166 rad/s until 1.7 s and is decelerated to 0 rad/s until 2.3 s then accelerated to 350 rad/s. Fig. 15c shows the angular position error. The maximum position error during transients is 0.165 rad and remains lower than 0.1 rad in a steady state.

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| Fig. 15. Experimental results obtained with the proposed sensor,  ωs = 2· π · 10000 rad/s. a) Speed, b) Angular position, c) Angular position  error. | |

# Conclusions

A magnetic resolver using Hall-effect sensors is proposed in this paper. Compared to available resolvers, it provides similar accuracy, with a simpler and cheaper construction. Two different designs have been proposed: shaft-type and in-shaft designs; both allowing redundant position measurement. The optimization process of the rotor geometry is shown, and FEA and experimental results have been provided to demonstrate the viability of the proposed system. The experimental results for the prototype show a maximum position error during transients of 0.165 rad that is reduced below 0.1 rad in steady.

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