

# Lecture 16 - Epicyclic gears trains



ME 370 - Mechanical Design 1

"Colibri" by Derek Hugger

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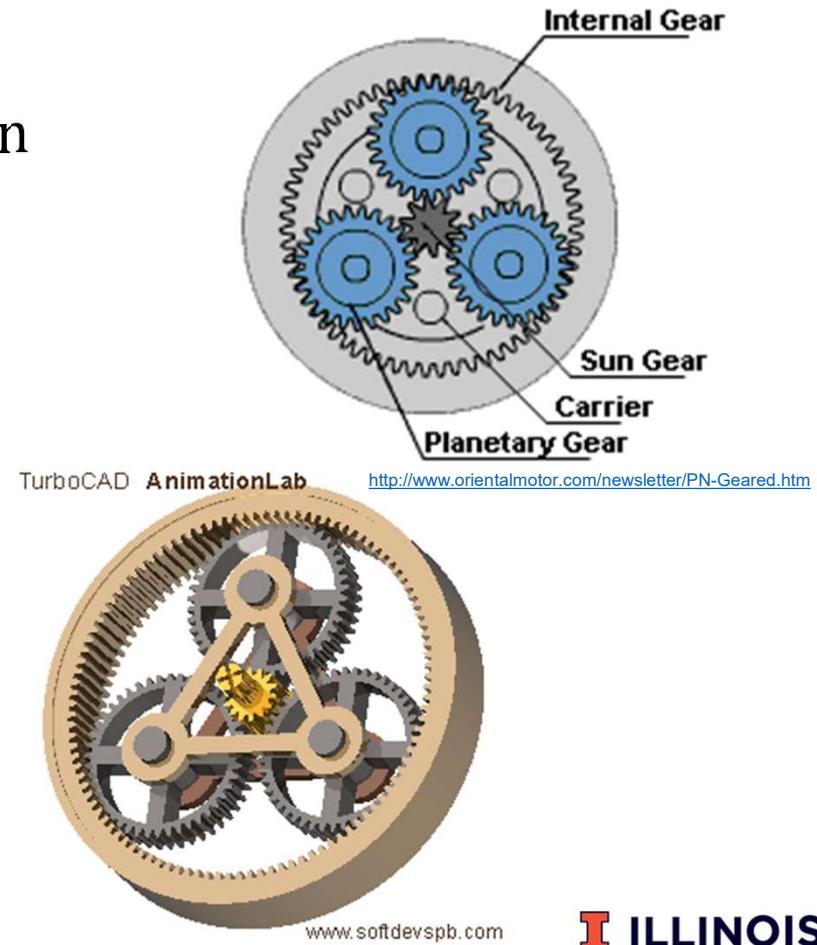
# Planetary gear trains

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Consist of a *sun gear* in the middle, a *ring gear* outside, and *planetary gears* in-between that are held by a *carrier or arm*.

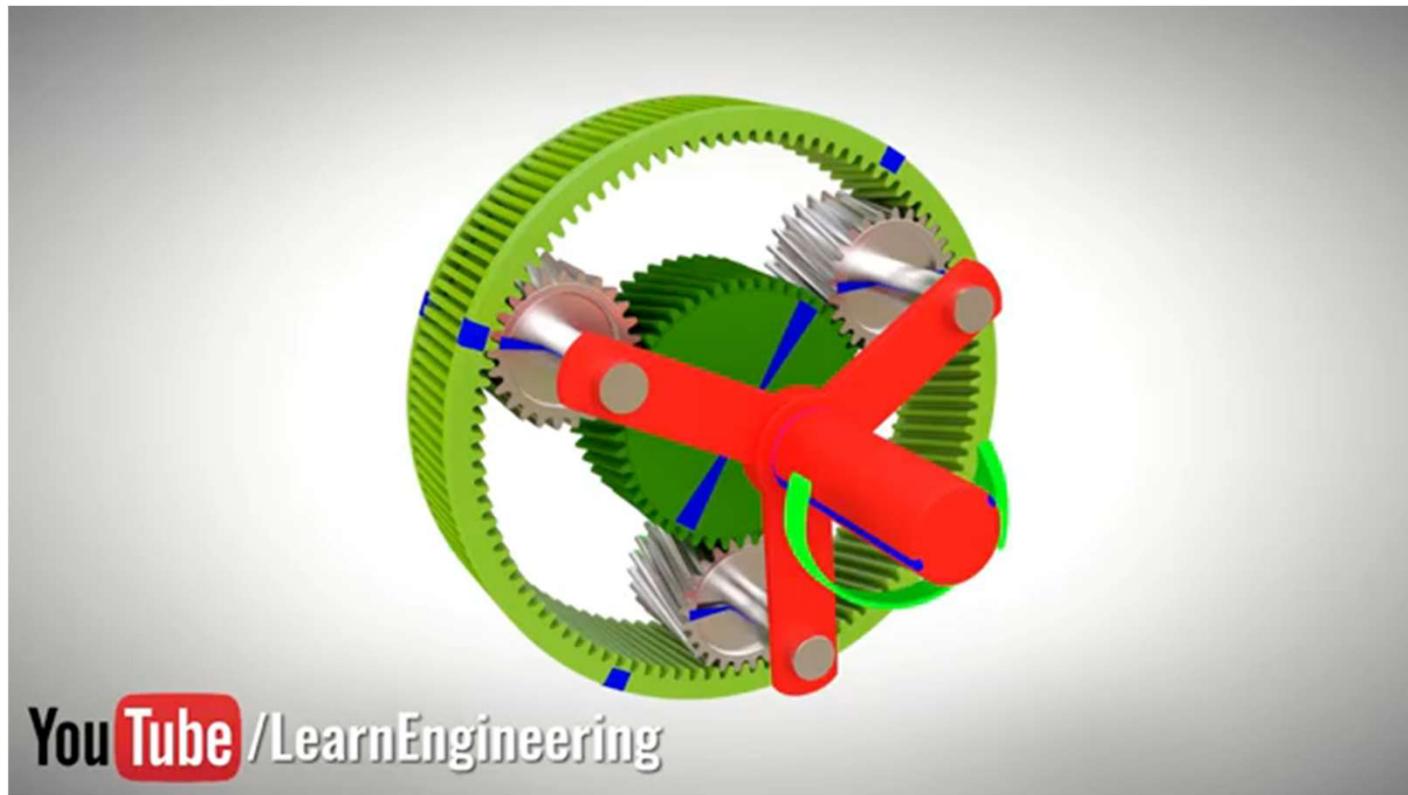
1. 2-DOF system (simple gear train DOF is 1).
2. Two inputs and one output
3. Compact design to increase gear ratio.
4. Gear train can be rugged due to multiple planets.

[http://www.benchtophybrid.com/PG\\_Intro.html](http://www.benchtophybrid.com/PG_Intro.html)



# Planetary gear motion

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARd-Om2VyiE&t=4s>

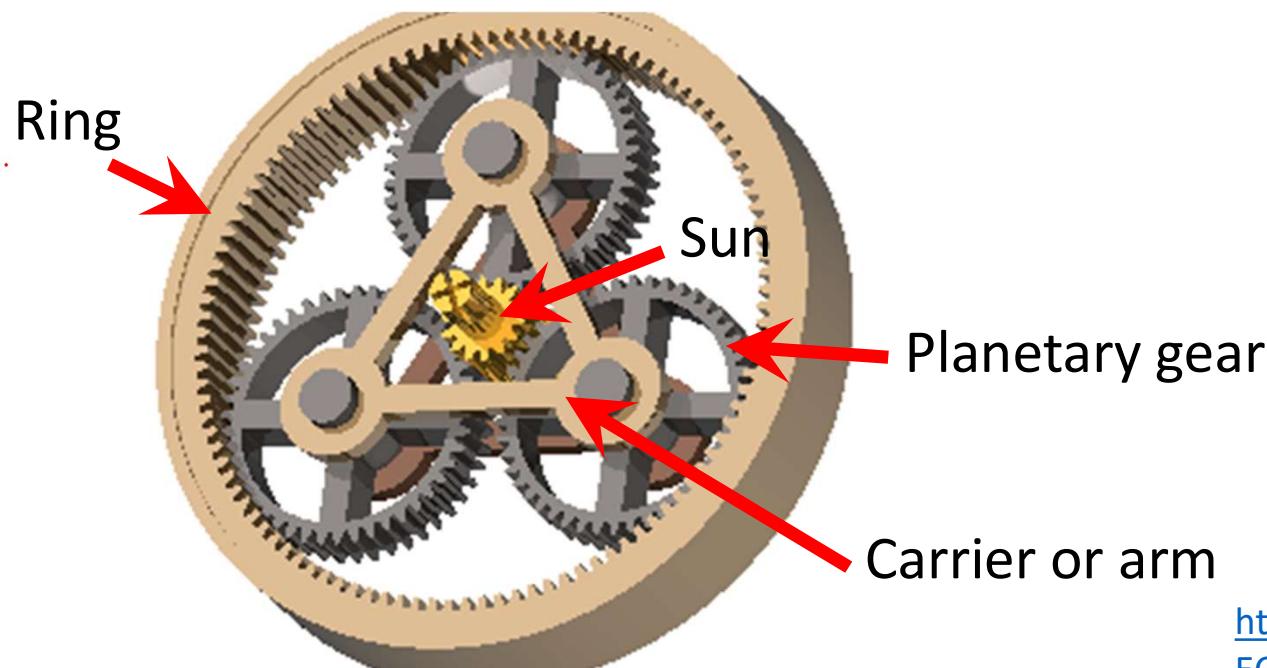


Additional resource on the use of planetary gears in automatic transmissions  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u\\_y1S8C0Hmc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_y1S8C0Hmc)

# Planetary Gear Trains

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Four different types of motion based on which gears (sun, ring, planetary via carrier or arm) are held stationary.



[https://youtu.be/  
ECljAo1q1RQ](https://youtu.be/ECljAo1q1RQ)

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# Planetary Gear Trains

- The gear ratio depends on which gear is held fixed

	Input	Output	Stationary	Calculation $\omega_{in}/\omega_{out} = 1/m_v$
A	Sun (S)	Planet Carrier (C)	Ring (r)	$1 + \frac{N_r}{N_s}$
B	Planet Carrier (C)	Ring (r)	Sun (S)	$1/\left(1 + \frac{N_s}{N_r}\right)$
C	Ring (r)	Planet Carrier (C)	Sun (S)	$1 + \frac{N_s}{N_r}$
D	Sun (S)	Ring (r)	Planet Carrier (C)	$-\frac{N_r}{N_s}$

Speed redux.

Speed increase

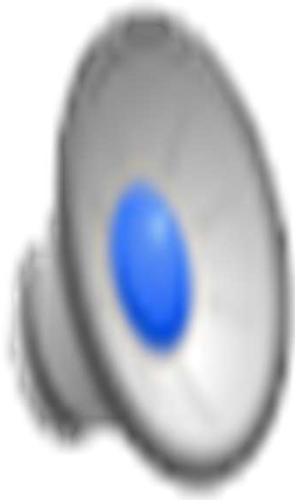
Speed redux

Speed redux (reversal)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epicyclic\\_gearing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epicyclic_gearing)

# Differential Drive

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How Differential Gear Trains Work by Chevrolet  
<https://youtu.be/K4JhruinbWc?t=532>

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# Differential Gear Trains

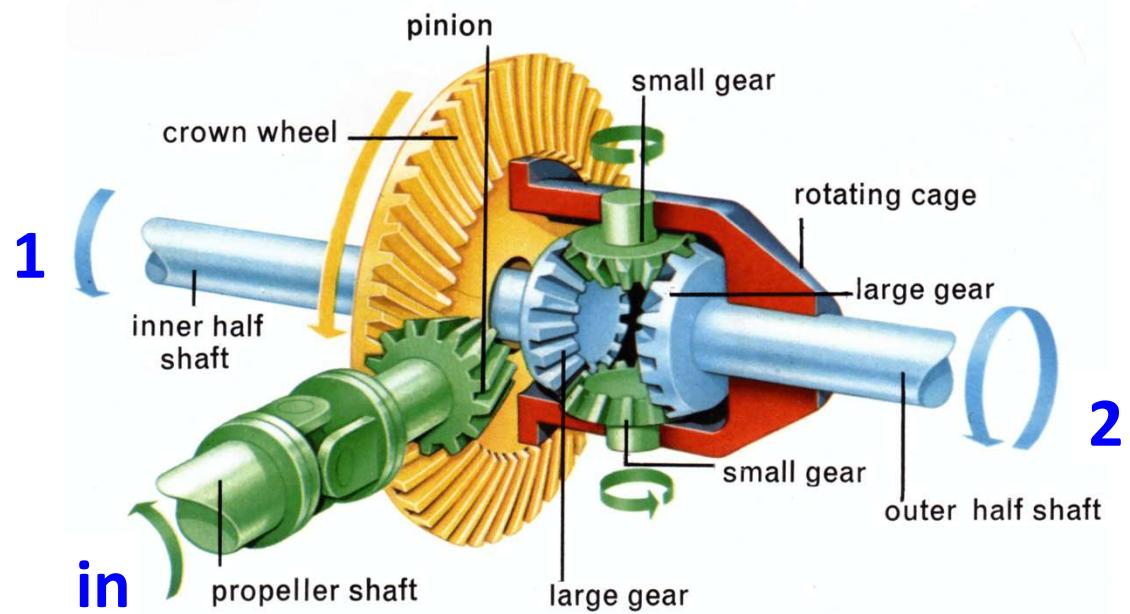
Green input pinion = 14 teeth

Yellow crown gear = 56 teeth

*gear ratio 1:4*

$$\omega_{in} = \frac{N_{input}}{N_{crown}} \cdot \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{\underbrace{2}_{\omega_{out}}}$$

$$T_{in} = \frac{N_{crown}}{N_{input}} \cdot \left( \frac{2\omega_1}{\omega_1 + \omega_2} T_1 + \frac{2\omega_2}{\omega_1 + \omega_2} T_2 \right)$$

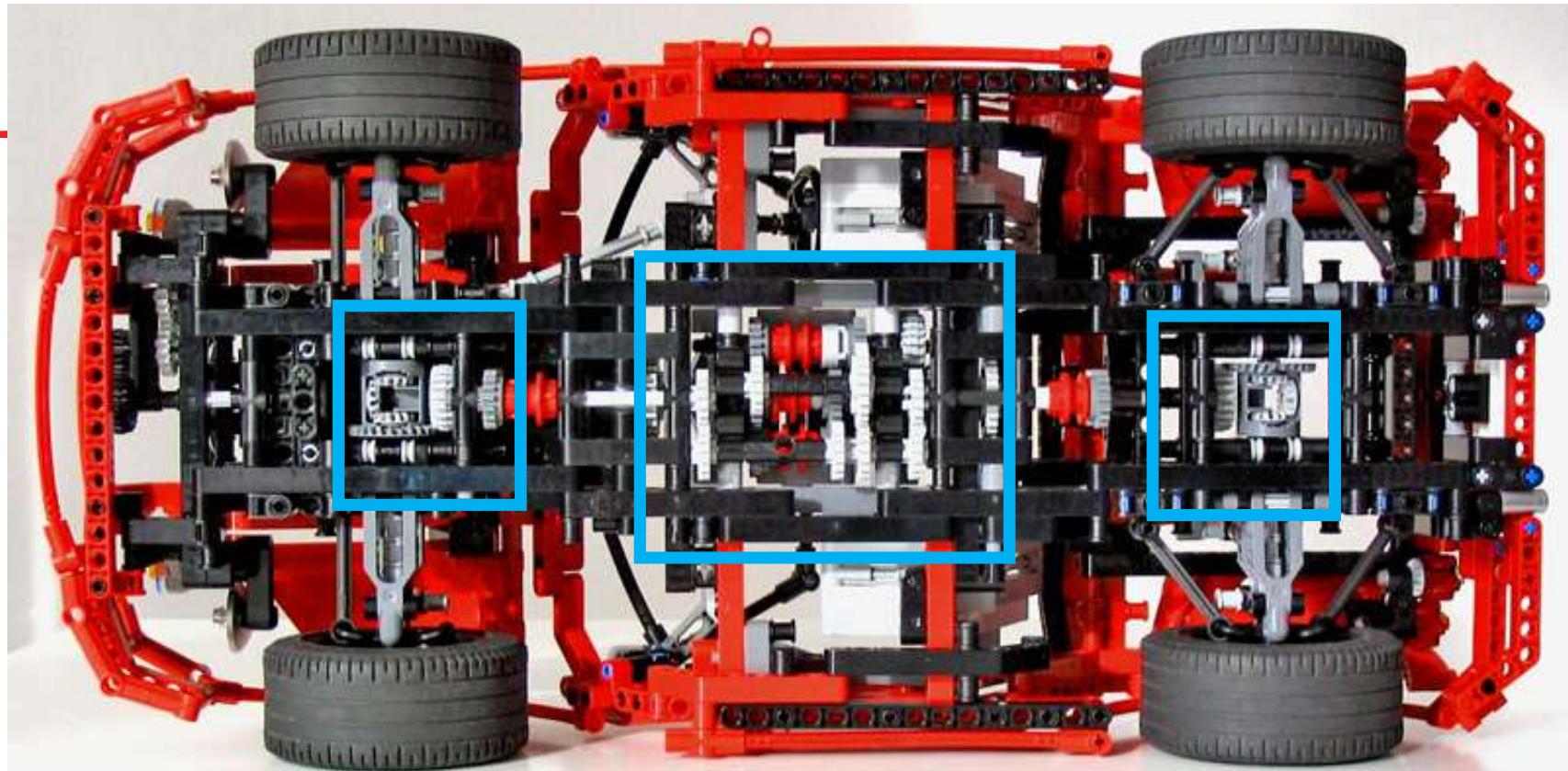


$$\omega_{out} = \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{2} \quad \text{let } \omega_1 = \omega_2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\omega_{out} = \omega_1 = \omega_2 \quad \text{let } \omega_2 = 0$$

$$\omega_1 = 2\omega_{out}$$

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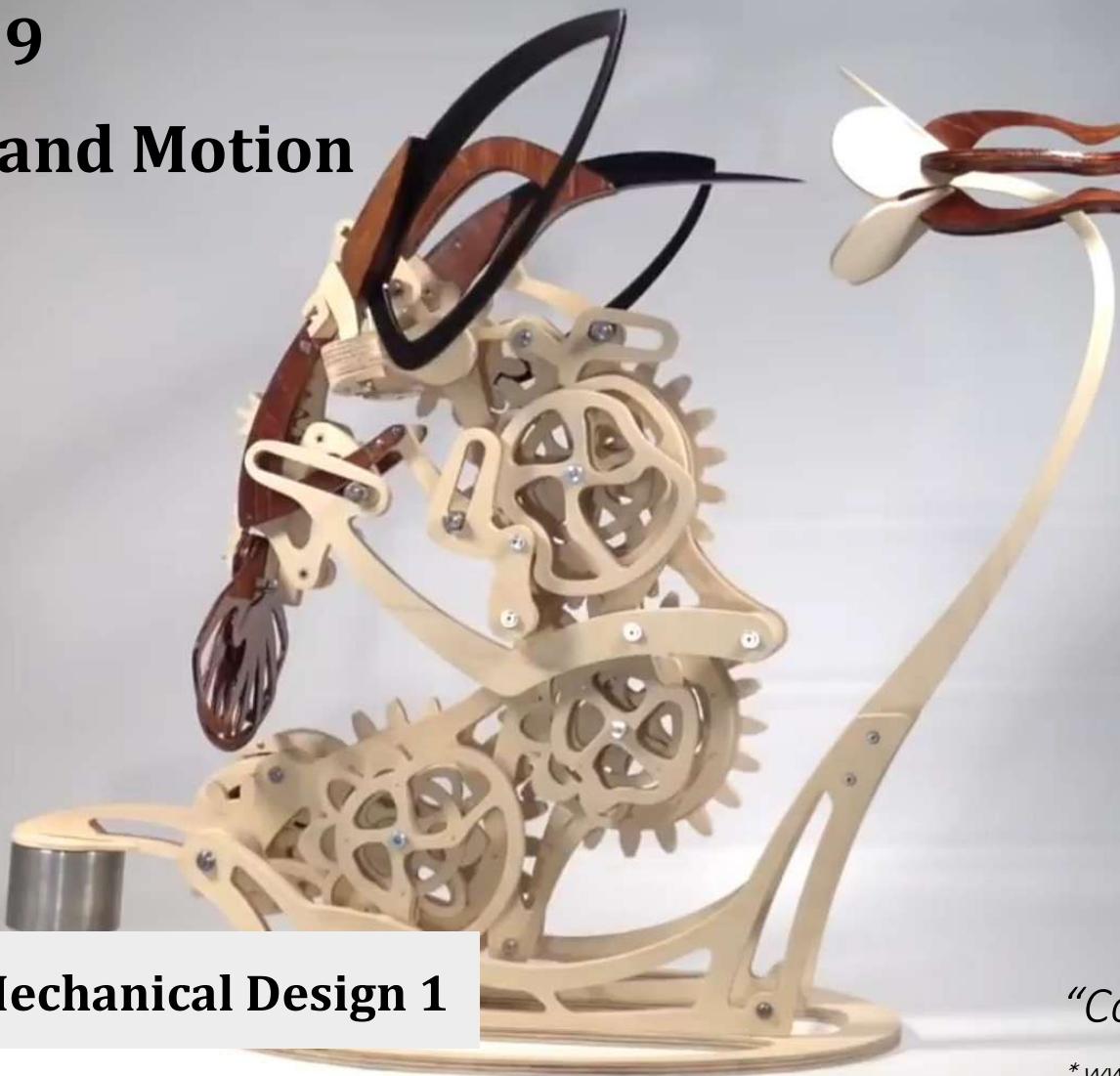


We can see several important gear elements here.

- Transmission with various gear trains (center)
- Two differential gear trains (front and rear)
- Additionally, linkage mechanisms in the suspension connected to the wheels

## Lectures 16-19

### Motors Cams and Motion Control



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# Module 6 topics: Motors, Cams and Motion Control

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- **Motors**
  - DC motor principle
  - DC motor model
  - Linear Motor Model
    - Constraints
    - Behavior in time
    - Gearboxes
  - Motor Parameters
  - Power and Efficiency
- **Cam and Follower**
  - Types of Motion
  - Types of Follower
  - Practical Considerations
- **Motion control**
  - Simple Motion Control Dwell-Rise-Dwell motions:
    - Fundamental Law of Cam (Motion) Design
    - Simple Harmonic Motion
    - Sinusoidal Acceleration (i.e., Cycloidal Displacement)
  - Advanced Motion Control
    - Additional Dwell-Rise-Dwell motions:
      - Trapezoidal acceleration
      - Modified Trapezoidal acceleration
      - Modified Sine acceleration
      - 3-4-5 Polynomial Rise Displacement
      - 4-5-6-7 Polynomial Rise Displacement
    - Rise-Fall-Dwell motions:
      - Cycloidal Motion
      - Double Harmonic
      - 3-4-5-6 Polynomial

# Motors: Learning Objectives

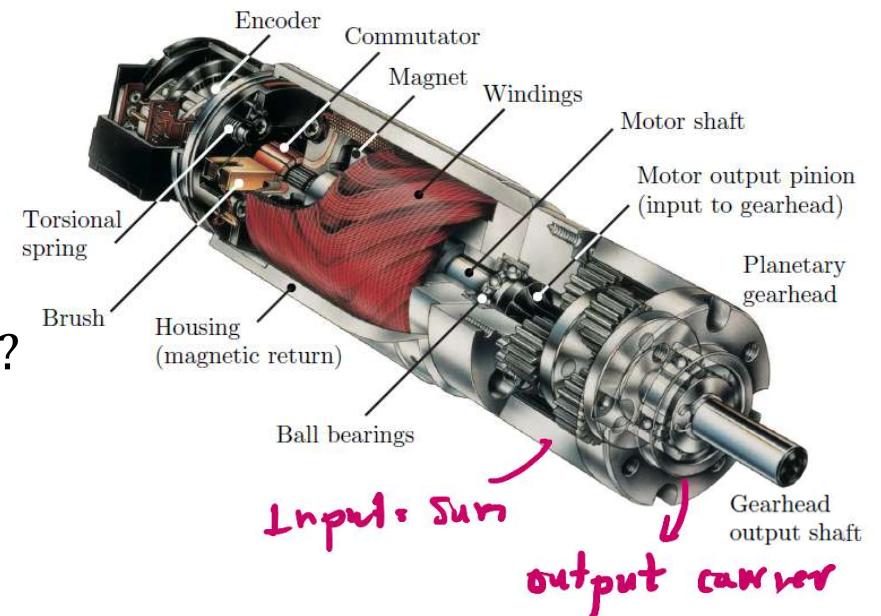
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By the end of this lecture, you should be able to:

- Explain the basic operating principle of an electric motor and the meaning of key parameters
- Relate the speed and torque of a motor to predict its performance

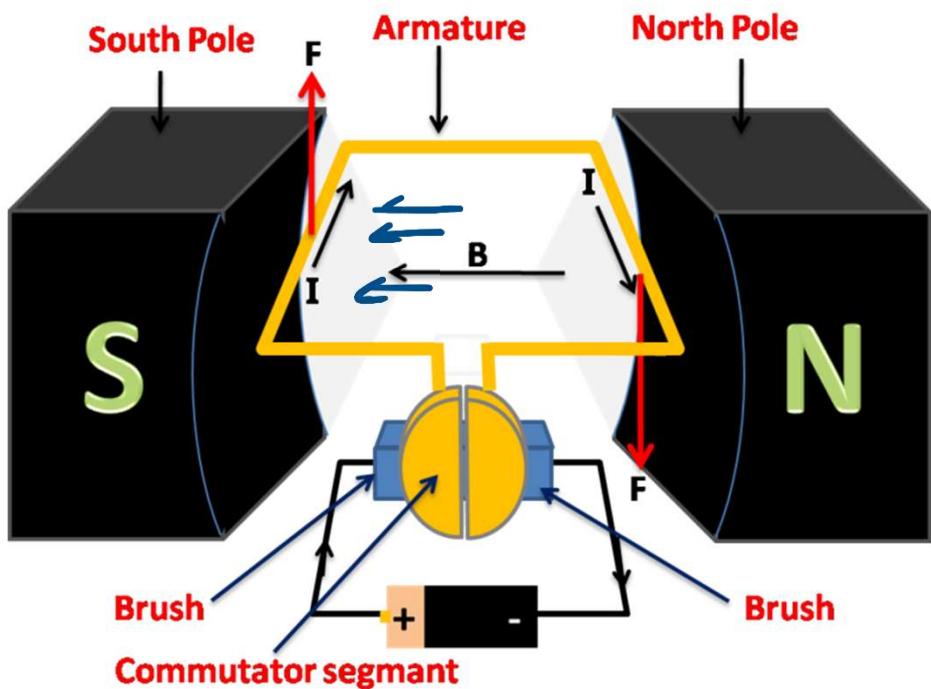
# DC Electric Motors:

- Convert electrical to mechanical power
  - Input: electrical voltage  $V$  and current  $I$
  - Output: mechanical rotation (angular velocity  $\omega$ ) and torque  $T$
- Often attached to a gearbox
  - Relatively high angular velocity and low torque
- Our objective today:
  - How do we relate  $V, I, \omega, T$ ?
  - How do we solve for one given the others?

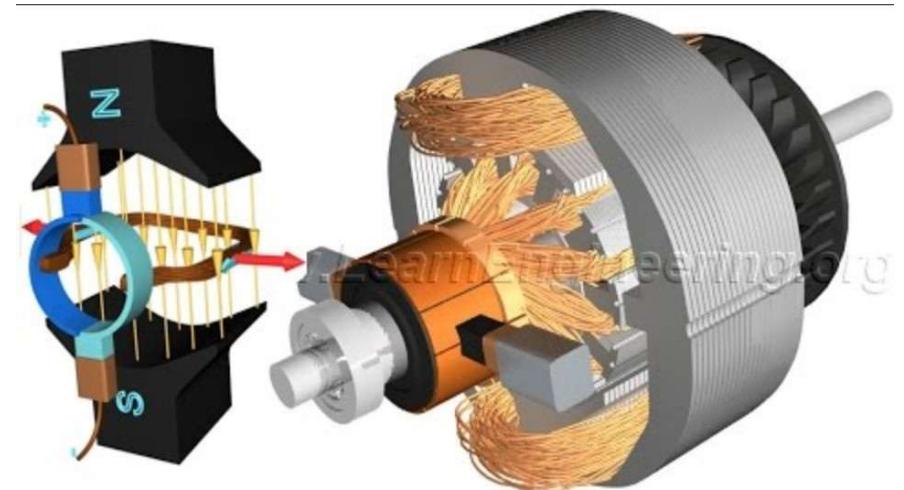


Figures from *Modern Robotics*

# DC motor principle



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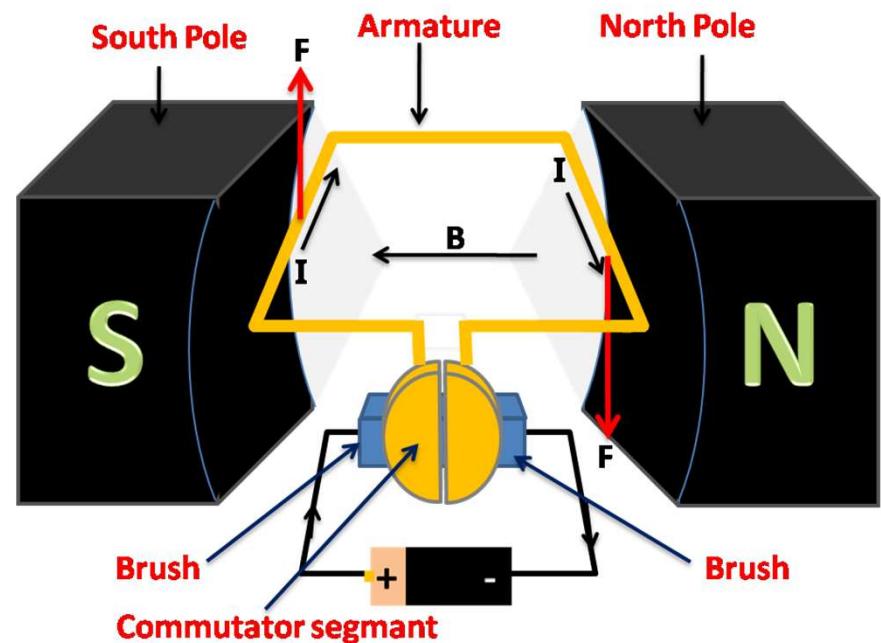
Full length video to explain DC motor operation  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LAtPHANEfQo>

# DC motor principle

- The motor velocity is controlled by changing the supply voltage
- The generated torque is proportional to the current drawn in the armature  $i$  and the magnetic flux  $\psi$

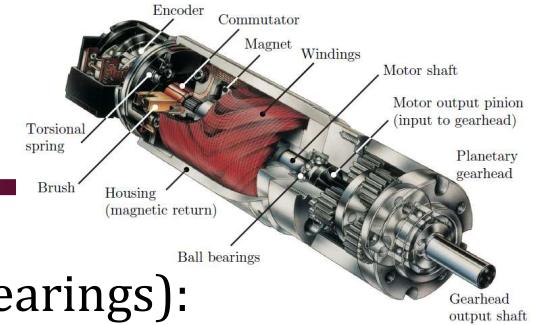
$$T \propto \psi, \quad T \propto i$$

- Motors must commutate (swap armature current) to rotate continuously



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# DC motor model

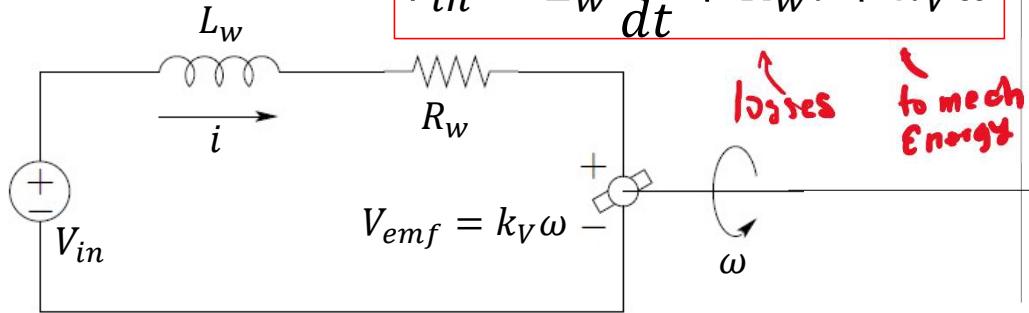


Electric (windings):

- Input voltage to the windings  $V_{in}$  (V)
- Current in the windings  $i$  (A)
- Winding inductance  $L_w$  (H)
- Winding resistance  $R_w$  ( $\Omega$ )
- Torque & speed constants  $k_T, k_V$   
( $V \text{ s}/\text{rad} = \text{N m}/\text{A}$ )

*Electrical modeling*

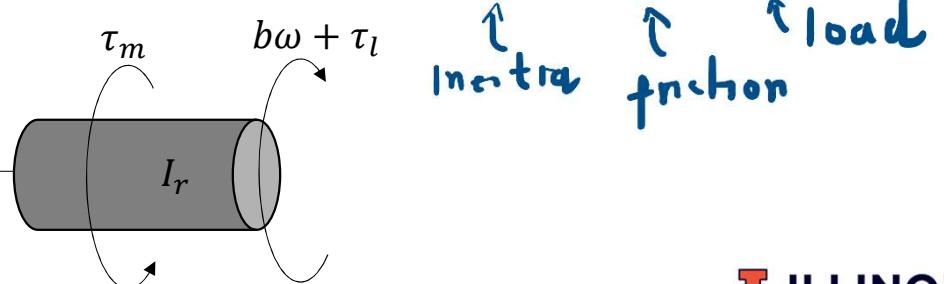
$$V_{in} = L_w \frac{di}{dt} + R_w i + k_V \omega$$



Mechanical (shaft/bearings):

- Rotor angular velocity  $\omega = \dot{\theta}$  (rad/s)
- Motor torque  $T_m$  (N m) (variables)
- Load torque  $T_l$  (N m) (constant parameters)
- Rotor inertia  $I_r$  ( $\text{kg m}^2$ )
- Bearings viscous friction  $b$  ( $\text{N m s}/\text{rad}$ )

$$T_m = k_T i = I_r \dot{\omega} + b \omega + T_l$$



# DC motor model

Solve current from electric system

$$V_{in} = L_w \frac{di}{dt} + R_w i + k_V \omega$$

$$T_m = k_T i = I \dot{\omega} + b \omega + T_l$$

$$V_{in} = R_w i + k_V \omega$$

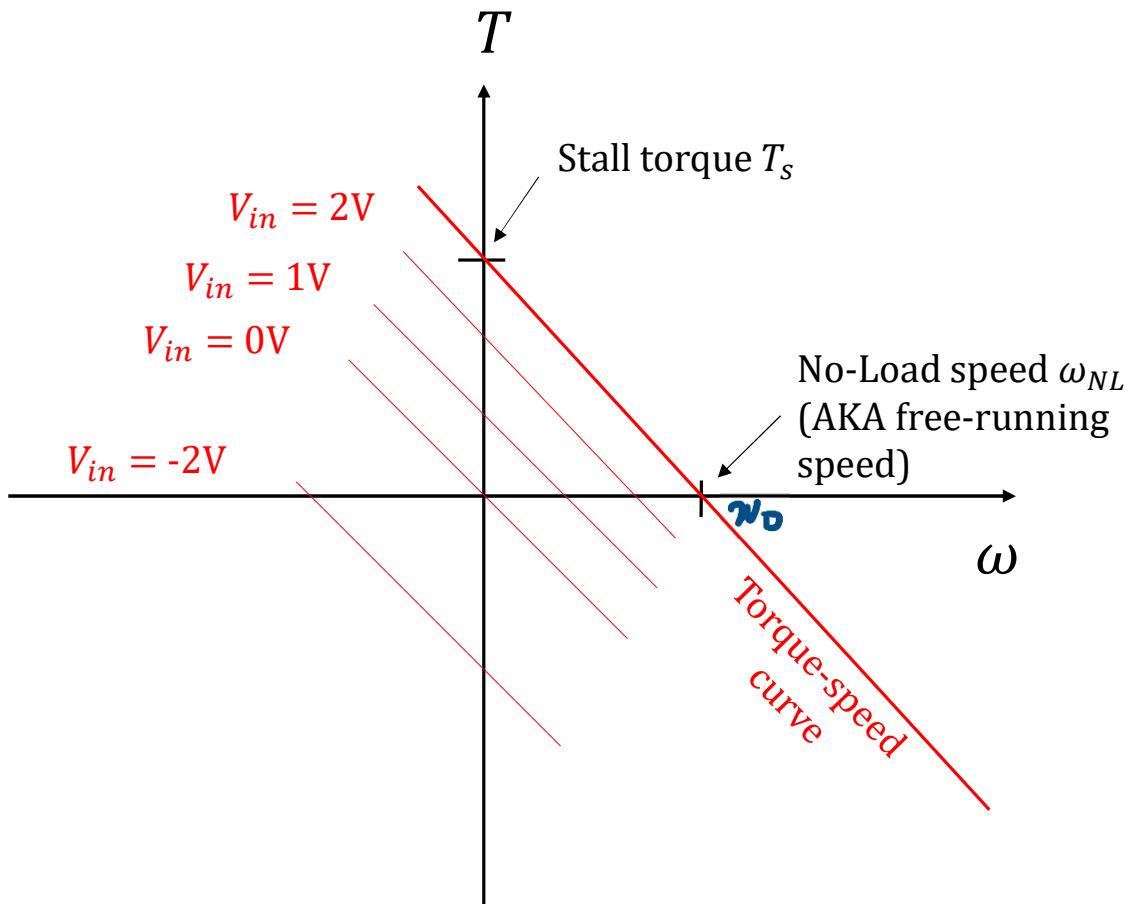
$$i = \frac{V_{in} - k_V \omega}{R_w}$$

$$T = \frac{k_T}{R_w} V_{in} - \frac{k_T^2}{R_w} \omega$$

$k_T = k_v$  ideally (no load efficiency)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & k_T \left[ \frac{\text{Nm}}{\text{A}} \right] \\ & k_v \left[ \frac{\text{V}}{\text{rad/s}} \right] \end{aligned} \right\} \text{equivalent}$$

# Linear Motor Model

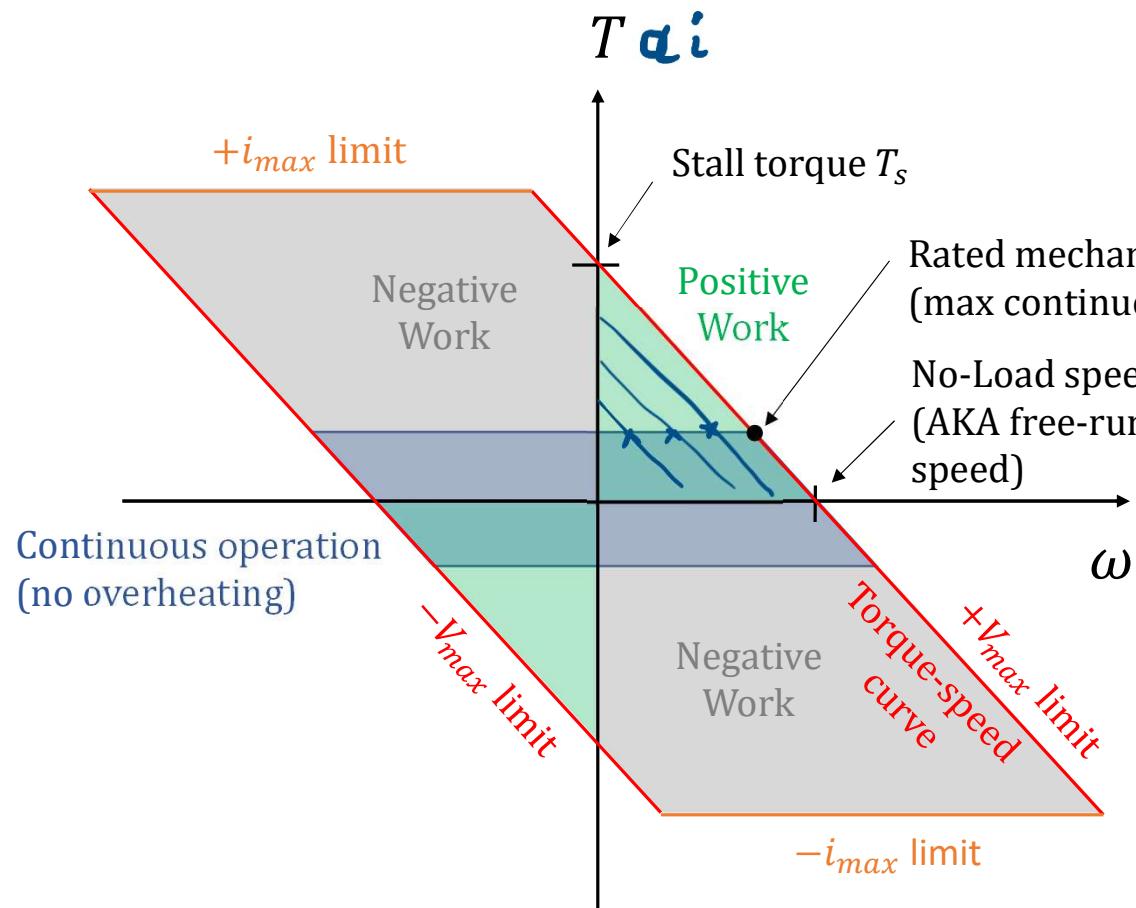


$$T = \frac{k_T}{R_W} V_{in} - \frac{k_T^2}{R_W} \omega$$

$$T = 0 : \omega_0 = \frac{V_{in}}{k_t}$$

$$\omega = 0 : T_s = \frac{k_T V_{in}}{R_W} = k_T i_s$$

# Linear Motor Model: constraints

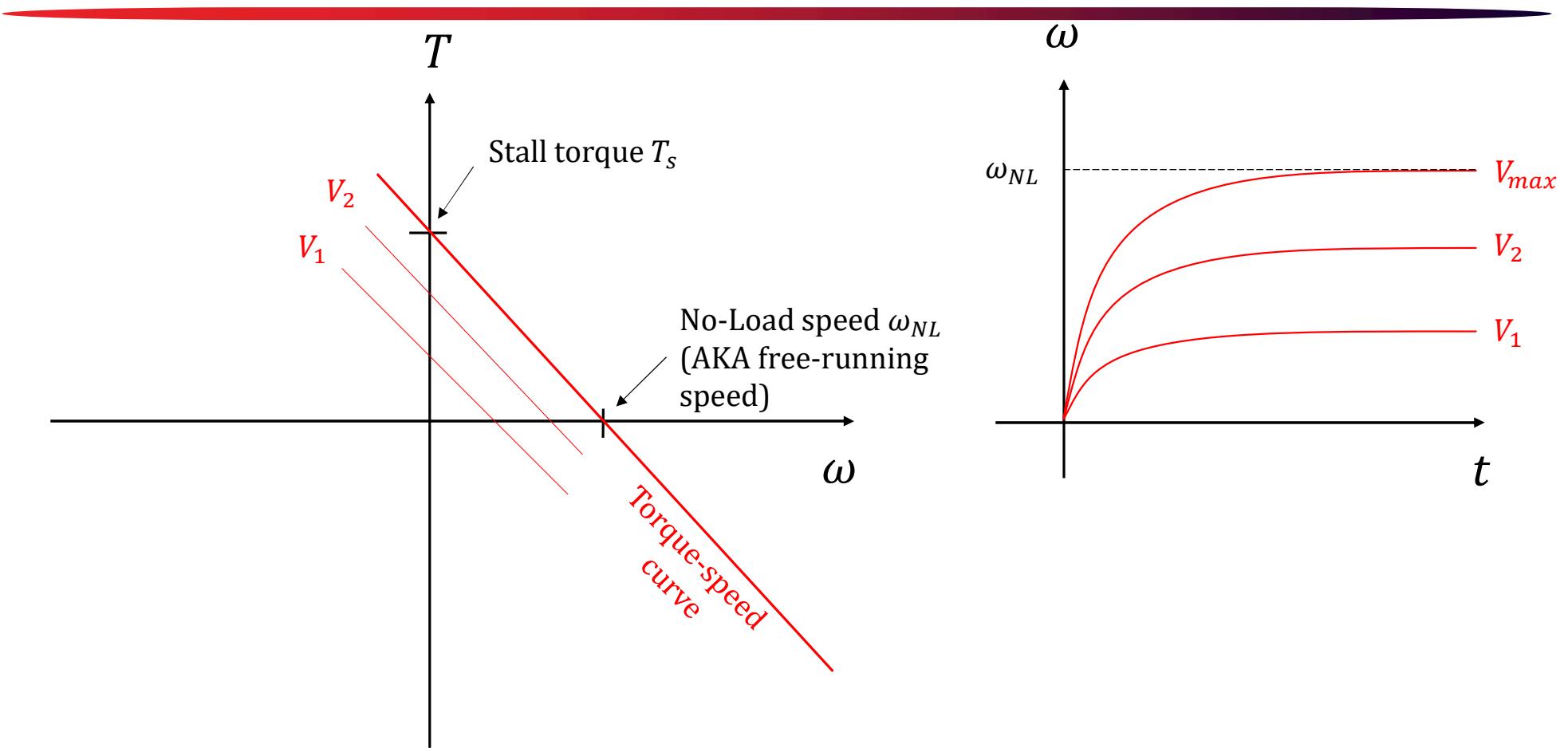


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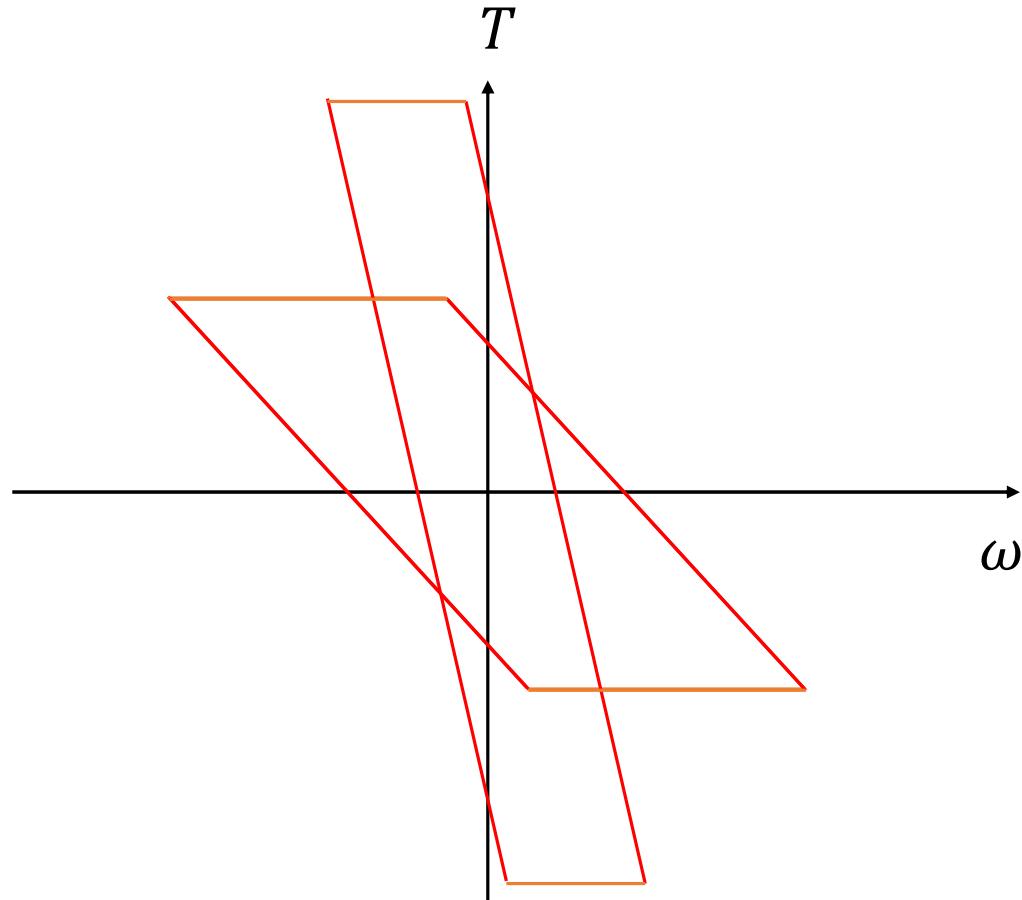
$$\begin{aligned}|V| &< V_{max} \\ |i| &< i_{max}\end{aligned}$$

Ave. power  $i^2 R <$  overheating

# Linear Motor Model: behavior in time



# Linear Motor Model: gearboxes



$$T = \frac{k_T}{R_w} V_{in} - \frac{k_T^2}{R_w} \omega$$

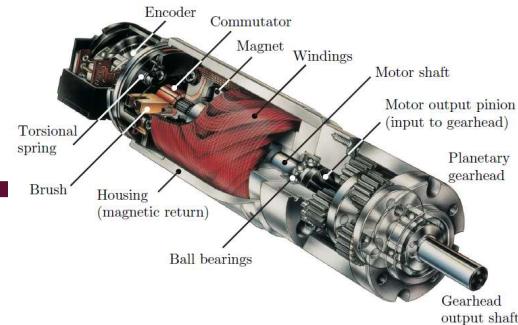
Gearboxes: velocity ratio  $m_v$

For  $m_v > 1$ :

Torque increases by  $1/m_v$

Velocity decreases by  $m_v$

# Motor Parameters:



$$k_V = \frac{V_{nom} - i_{NL}R_w}{\omega_{NL}}$$

$$k_T \approx \frac{T_{stall}}{i_{stall}}$$

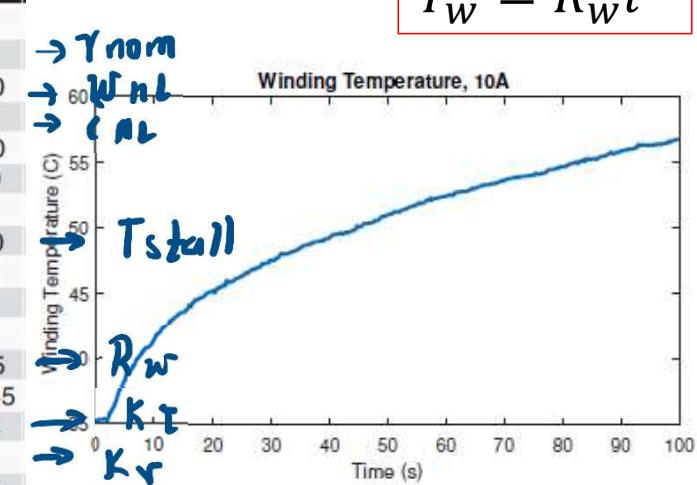
$$R_w = \frac{V_{nom}}{i_{stall}}$$

$$V_{in} = L_w \frac{di}{dt} + R_w i + k_V \omega$$

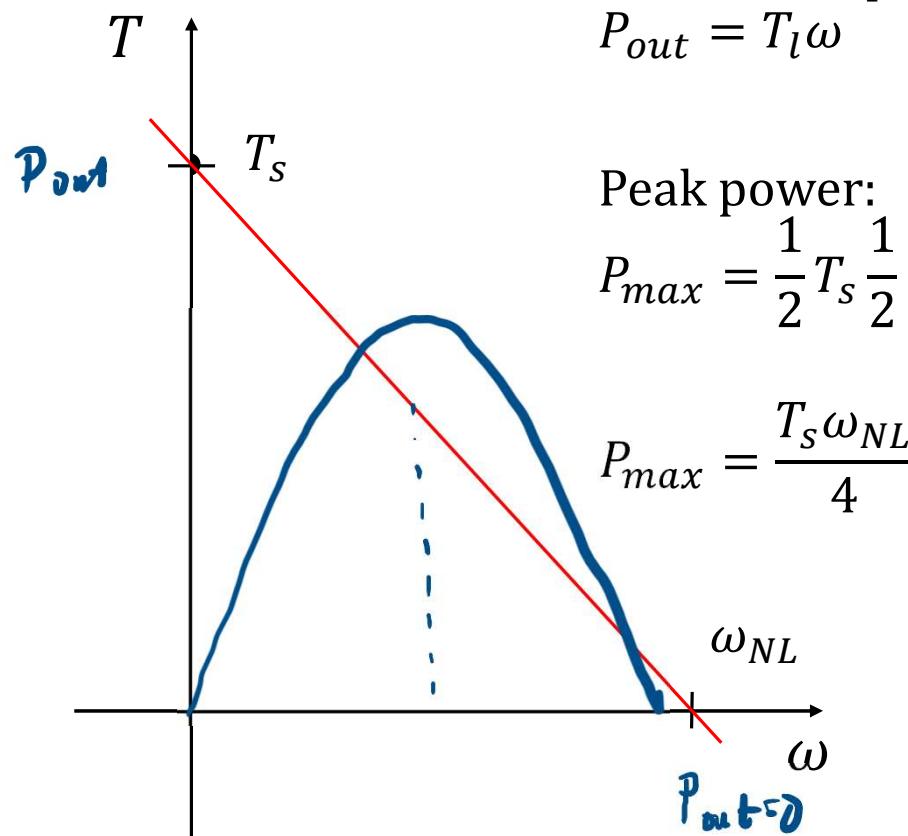
$$k_T i = I_r \dot{\omega} + b \omega + T_l$$

*nominal = Rated  
(design)*

Motor Data		
Values at nominal voltage		
1 Nominal voltage	V	12
2 No load speed	rpm	6920
3 No load current	mA	241
4 Nominal speed	rpm	6380
5 Nominal torque (max. continuous torque)	mNm	94.9
6 Nominal current (max. continuous current)	A	6
7 Stall torque	mNm	1720
8 Starting current	A	105
9 Max. efficiency	%	87
Characteristics		
10 Terminal resistance	$\Omega$	0.115
11 Terminal inductance	mH	0.0245
12 Torque constant	$\text{mNm/A}$	16.4
13 Speed constant	rpm/V	581
14 Speed / torque gradient	rpm/mNm	4.05
15 Mechanical time constant	ms	5.89
16 Rotor inertia	$\text{gcm}^2$	139



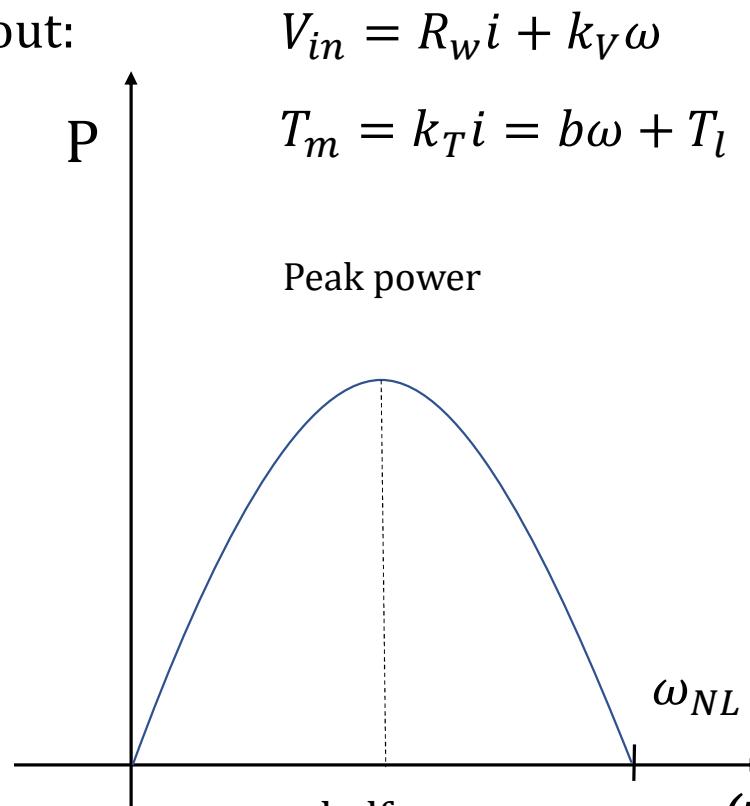
# Power



Mechanical power out:  
 $P_{out} = T_l \omega$

Peak power:  
 $P_{max} = \frac{1}{2} T_s \frac{1}{2} \omega_{NL}$

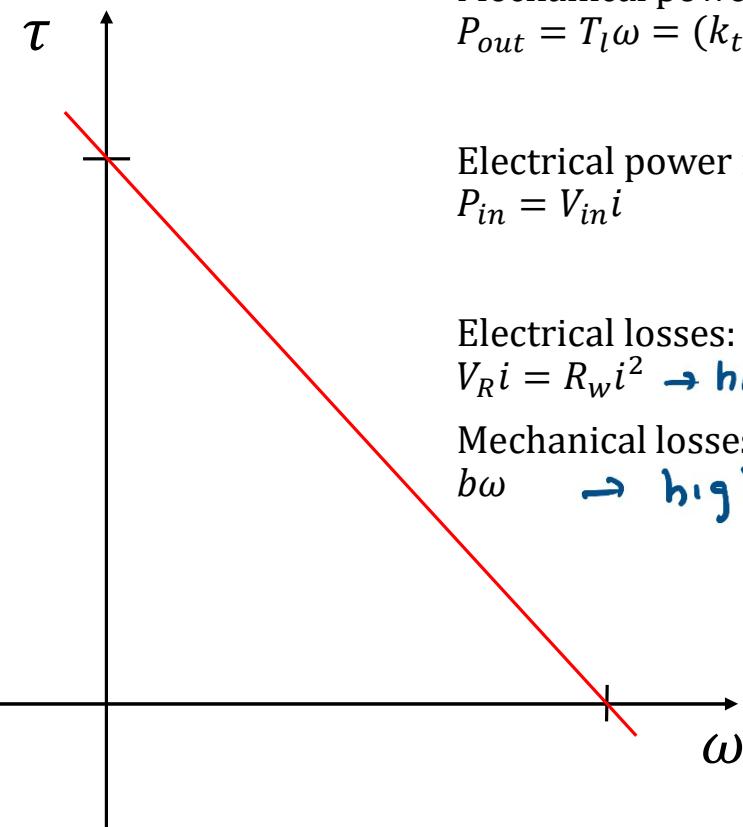
$$P_{max} = \frac{T_s \omega_{NL}}{4}$$



$$V_{in} = R_w i + k_V \omega$$

$$T_m = k_T i = b\omega + T_l$$

# Efficiency



Mechanical power out:  
 $P_{out} = T_l \omega = (k_t i - b\omega)\omega$

Electrical power in:  
 $P_{in} = V_{in} i$

Electrical losses:  
 $V_R i = R_w i^2 \rightarrow \text{high at low speeds}$   
Mechanical losses:  
 $b\omega \rightarrow \text{high at high speeds}$

