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# Motor Theory and Practice

Medical Robotics: Hardware Development

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# INTRODUCTION

## Introduction to Motors

Motors of all types serve to convert electrical energy into mechanical energy.

# Introduction to Motors



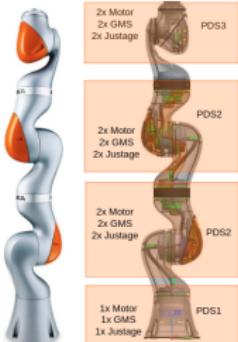
# Some Motors in the School of BMEIS



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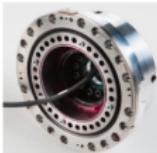
High level of integration of electronics and mechanics



Joint Torque Sensor



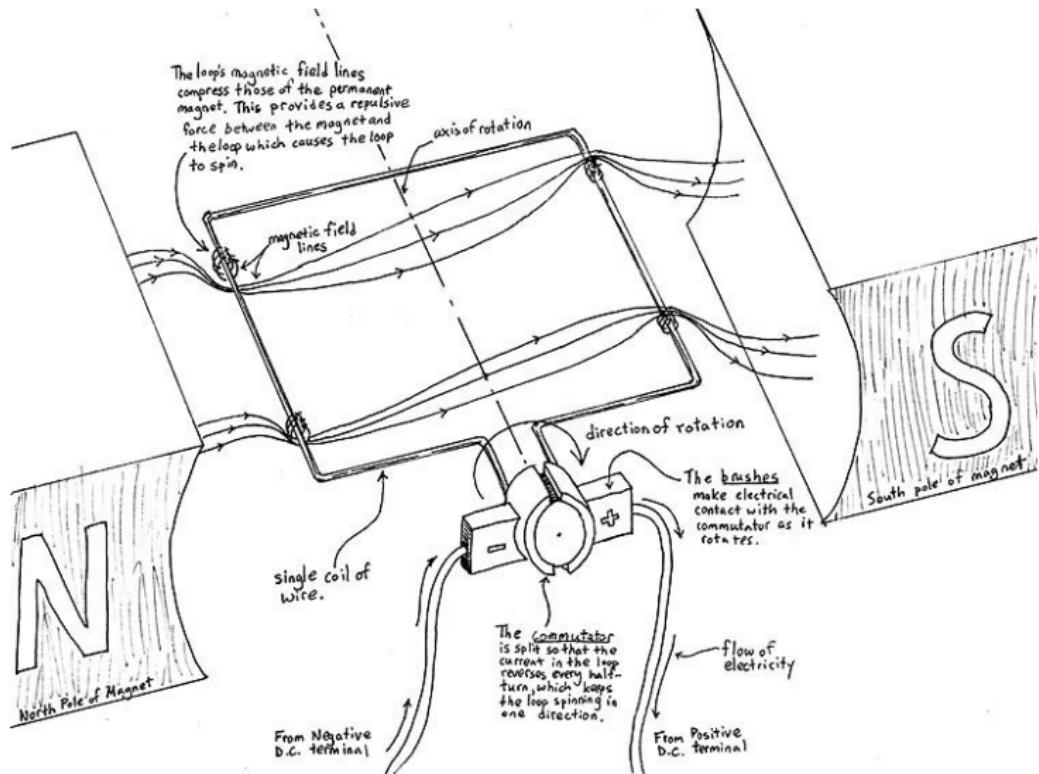
Motors



Gears

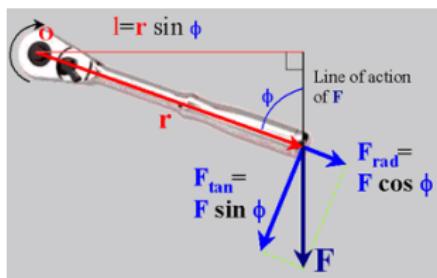
# BACKGROUND

# How do a motor work

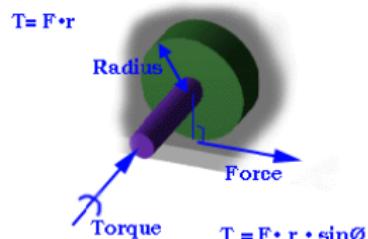


# Torque

Torque, also known as momentum, is the term used to talk about forces that cause or change rotational motion.



For the case of a wheel or winch the force is always tangent.



$$T = r \cdot F \cdot \sin(\phi)$$

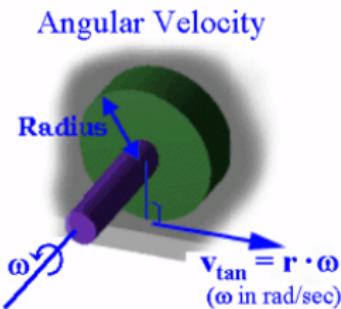
$$T = r \cdot F_{tan}$$

## Units of torque

- \* SI: newton-meters (N·m)
- \* English: inch-pounds (in-lb), foot-pounds (ft-lb), inch-ounces (in-oz)

# Speed

The rate of rotation around an axis usually expressed in radians or revolutions per second or per minute.



$$1\text{ revolution} = 360\text{deg}$$

$$1\text{ revolution} = 2\pi\text{radians}$$

$$1\text{radian} = (180/\pi)\text{deg}$$

$$1\text{deg} = (\pi/180)\text{radians}$$

Units of speed:

\* radians/second (rad/s)

\* revolutions/second (rps)

\* revolutions/minute (rpm)

From the angular velocity  $\omega$ , we can find the tangential velocity with  $v_{tan} = r \cdot \omega$  anywhere in the rotating body.

# Power

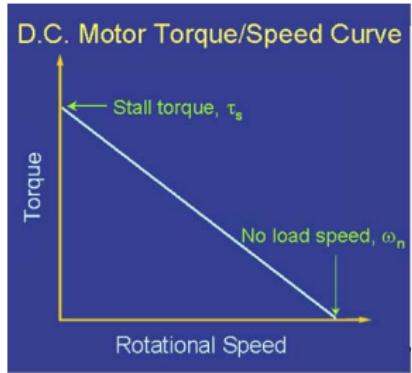
When a torque  $T$  (with respect to the axis of rotation) acts on a body that rotates with angular velocity  $\omega$ , its power (rate of doing work) is the product of the torque and angular velocity.

$$P_{rot} = T \cdot \omega$$

Units of power:

- \* SI: Watts (W), newton-meters per second (N-m/s)
- \* English: foot-pound per second (ft-lb/s), horsepower (hp)

# Torque/Speed Curves

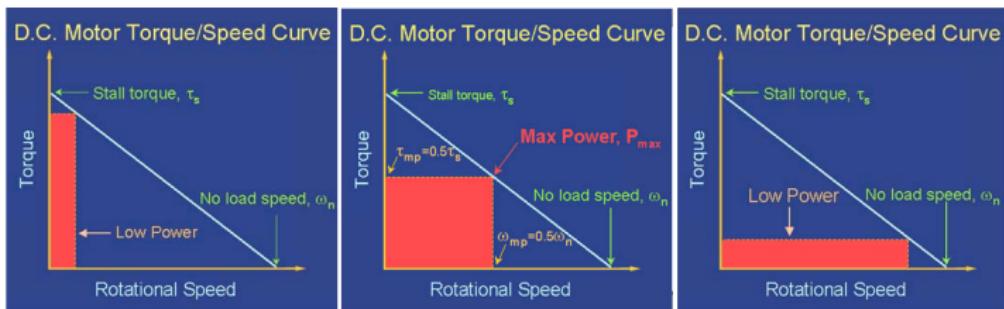


There is a tradeoff between how much torque a motor delivers, and how fast the output shaft spins.

- \* The stall torque ( $T_s$ ) point in the curve where torque is at its maximum but the shaft is not rotating.
- \* The no load speed ( $\omega_n$ ) maximum output speed of the motor (where no torque is applied to the shaft)

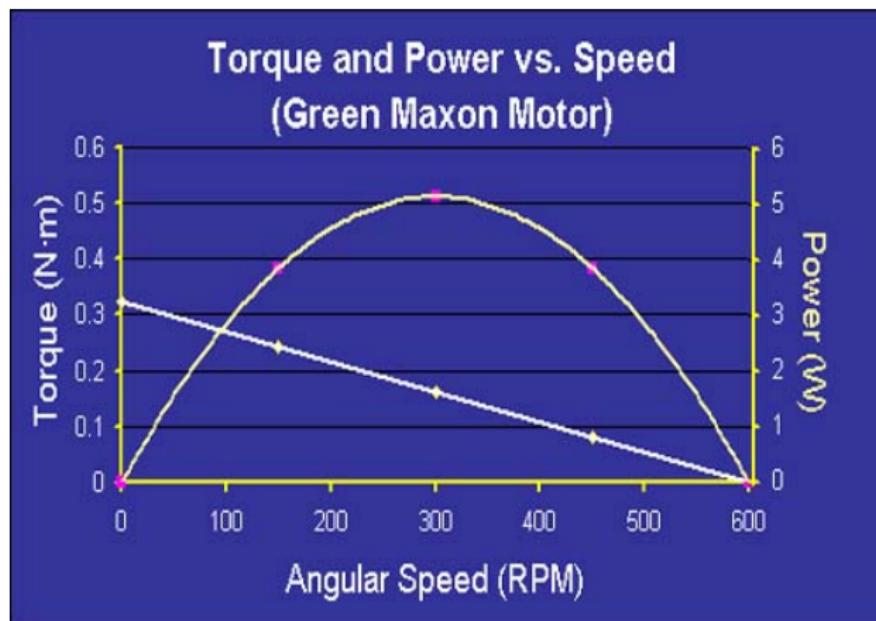
# Torque/Speed Curves

The area under the curve is the power given by the product of torque and angular velocity.



- \* Due to the linear relationship of torque and angular velocity, the maximum power occurs at the point where  $\omega = 1/2\omega_n$ ,  $T = 1/2\tau_s$ .

# Power/Torque and Power/Speed Curves



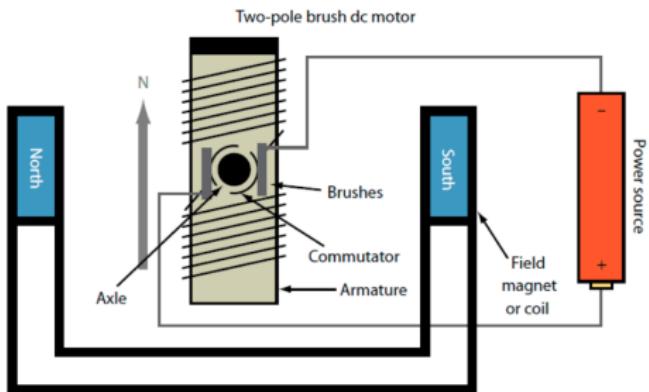
# MOTOR TYPES

# Choosing an electric motor

- Torque
- Speed
- Precision and Accuracy
- Voltage
- Cost
- Form factor

1. Brushed DC Motor
2. DC gear motors
3. Brushless motors
4. Servo motors
5. Stepper motors

# Brushed DC Motor



## Advantages:

- \* Inexpensive
- \* Lightweight
- \* Reasonable Efficient
- \* Good low-speed torque

## Limitations:

audible whine from the commutator brushes,  
create electrical noise

## Applications:

- \* Toys
- \* RC Servos
- \* Gear Motors

# DC gear motors



## Advantages:

- \* Speed reduction
- \* Increase torque

## Limitations:

The extra resistance can make these gear-trains balky at low speeds.

## Applications:

- \* Robot Drive Trains
- \* Radio Control Vehicles
- \* Cordless Tools

# Brushless motors



## Advantages:

- \* Quiet
- \* Efficient

## Limitations:

Some types of brushless motors require a separate controller

## Applications:

Multicopters, Drones,  
Radio Control Vehicles,  
Disk Drives, Fans,  
Industrial Servos, Hybrid  
Vehicles, High-End  
Gearmotors

# Servo motors



## Advantages:

- \* Low cost - (RC Servos)
- \* Variety - There is a wide range of sizes and torque ratings
- \* Simple to control - using logic level pulses from a microcontroller or a dedicated servo controller

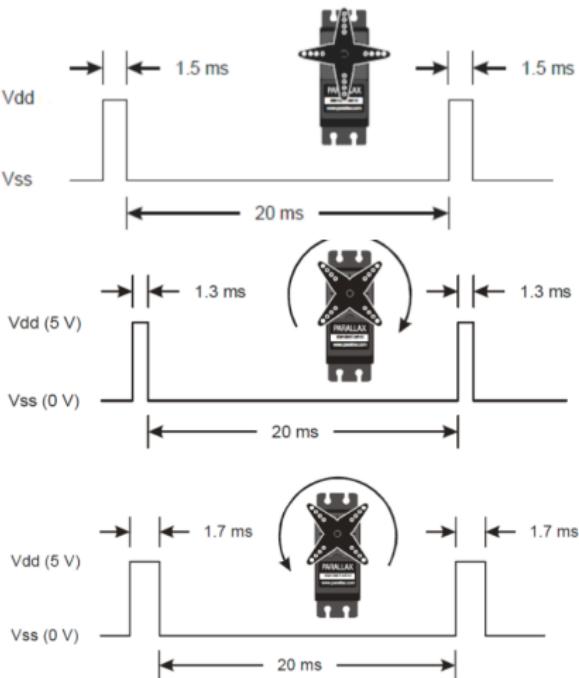
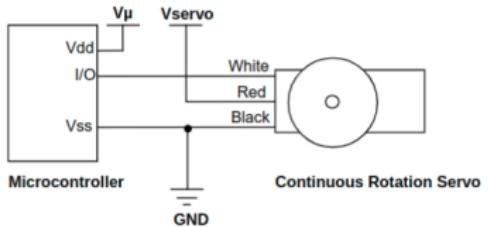
## Limitations:

Most RC servos are limited to 180 degrees of motion and positioning accuracy and repeatability of +/- 1 degree is typical.

## Applications:

Robotics, Animatronics, Radio Control Cars/Boats/Planes

# Parallax Servo motors



# Stepper motors



## Advantages:

- \* Precise repeatable positioning
- \* Precise speed control
- \* Excellent low-speed torque
- \* Excellent 'holding torque' to maintain position

## Limitations:

- \* Low efficiency
- \* May need encoder or limit switch to establish a reference position
- \* Subject to missed steps if overloaded

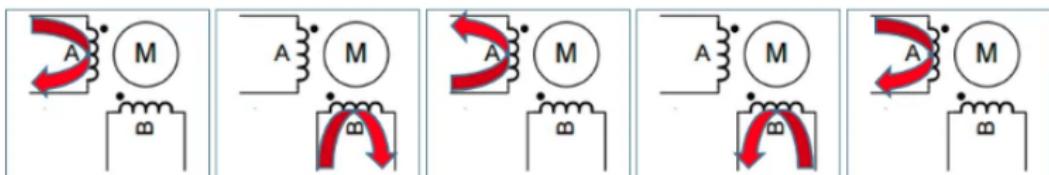
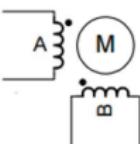
## Applications:

3D Printers, CNC Machines, Camera rigs Robotics, Printers, Precision Gearmotors

# Stepper motors

4 LEAD WIRES	1	2	3	4
Color Code 1	Red	Blue	Green	Black
Color Code 2	Brown	Orange	Red	Yellow
Color Code 3	Red	Red White Stripe	Green	Green White Stripe
Bipolar Driver	A	—A	B	—B

Bipolar Motors:



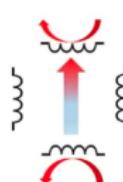
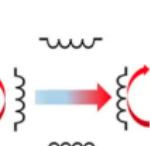
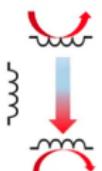
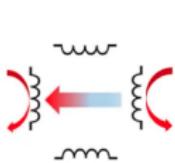
Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

Repeat



Step 1

Step 2

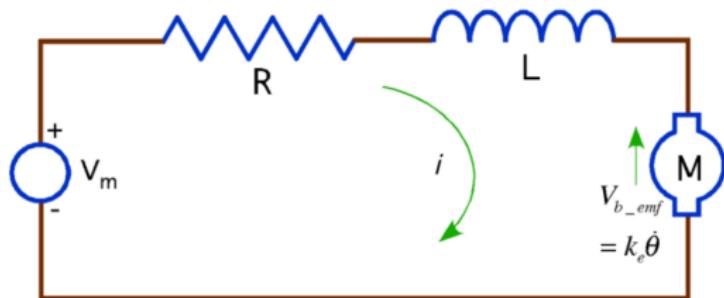
Step 3

Step 4

# MOTOR MODELLING

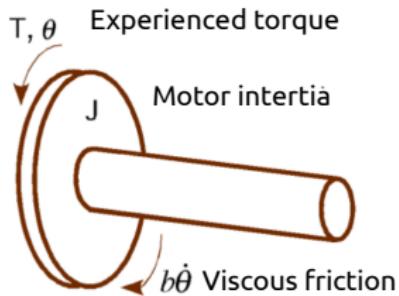
# Motor Modelling

## Electrical part



Motor stator

## Mechanical part



Motor rotor

## DC motor modelling: electrical part

By Kirchhoff's Voltage Law, we have

$$\begin{aligned} V_m - V_R - V_L - V_{emf} &= 0 \\ V_m - Ri - L \frac{di}{dt} - k_e \dot{\theta} &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Assuming the circuit has a very fast response, Eq (1) with  $L \approx 0$  is presented as

$$\begin{aligned} V_m - Ri - k_e \dot{\theta} &= 0 \\ \frac{V_m}{R} - \frac{k_e}{R} \dot{\theta} &= i \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

## DC motor modelling: mechanical part

By Newton's Law (torque aka energy balance), we have

$$T_e - T_{\dot{\theta}} - T_b - T_L = 0 \quad (3)$$

Where  $T_e$  is the electromagnetic torque.  $T_{\dot{\theta}}$ , is torque generated from the rotational acceleration of the rotor.  $T_b$ , is the torque due to the friction and angular velocity in the motor.  $T_L$  is the torque of the mechanical load (external load).

$$K_t i - J\ddot{\theta} - b\dot{\theta} - T_L = 0 \quad (4)$$

## DC motor modelling: complete

Assume the motor is not connected to the load (i.e.  $T_L = 0$ ) in Eq 4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} J\ddot{\theta} + b\dot{\theta} &= K_t i \\ \frac{J}{K_t}\ddot{\theta} + \frac{b}{K_t}\dot{\theta} &= i \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

## DC motor modelling: complete

Substituting  $i$  from (2) in (5), we then have

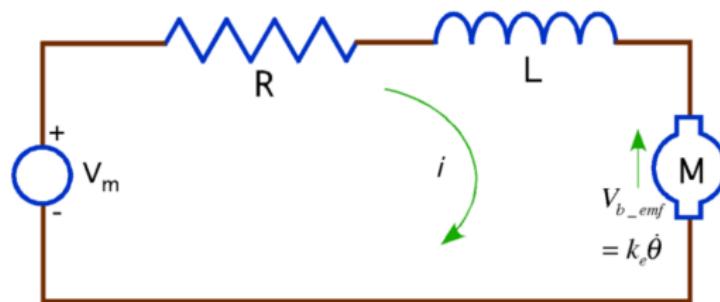
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{J}{K_t} \ddot{\theta} + \frac{b}{K_t} \dot{\theta} &= \frac{V_m}{R} - \frac{k_e}{R} \dot{\theta} \\ \frac{J}{K_t} \ddot{\theta} + \left( \frac{b}{K_t} + \frac{k_e}{R} \right) \dot{\theta} &= \frac{V_m}{R} \\ J \ddot{\theta} + \left( b + \frac{k_t k_e}{R} \right) \dot{\theta} &= V_m \frac{k_t}{R}\end{aligned}\tag{6}$$

First-order differential equation in angular velocity

$$J \dot{\omega} + \left( b + \frac{k_t k_e}{R} \right) \omega = V_m \frac{k_t}{R}$$

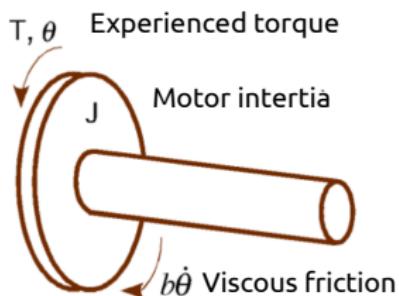
# Motor Modelling

## Electrical part



Motor stator

## Mechanical part



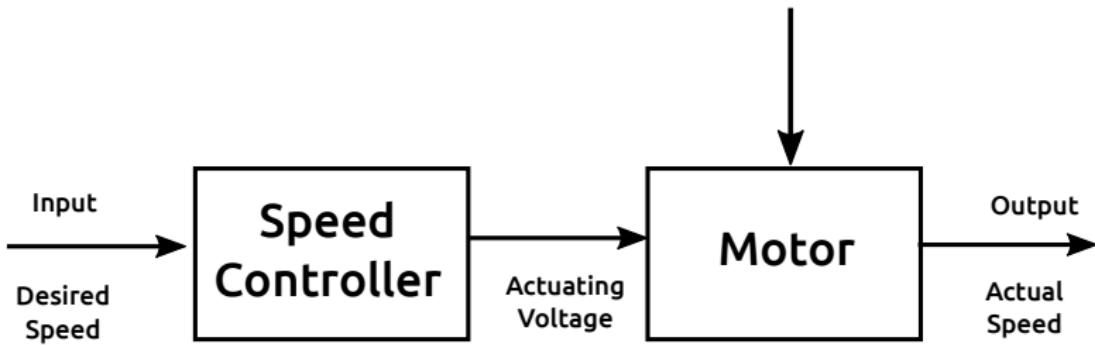
Motor rotor

$$J\ddot{\theta} + (b + \frac{k_t k_e}{R})\dot{\theta} = V_m \frac{k_t}{R}$$

# MOTOR CONTROL

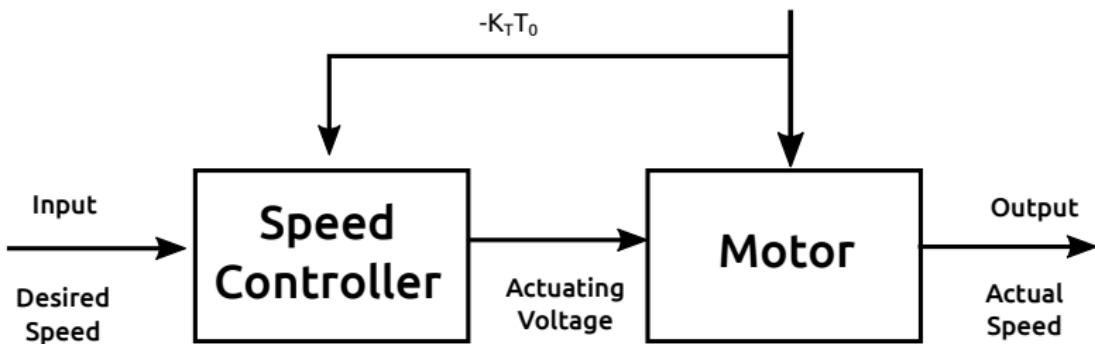
# Open loop

**Disturbances**



# Closed loop

## Disturbances



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