

# Mechatronic System Instrumentation

## - MECH 421 -

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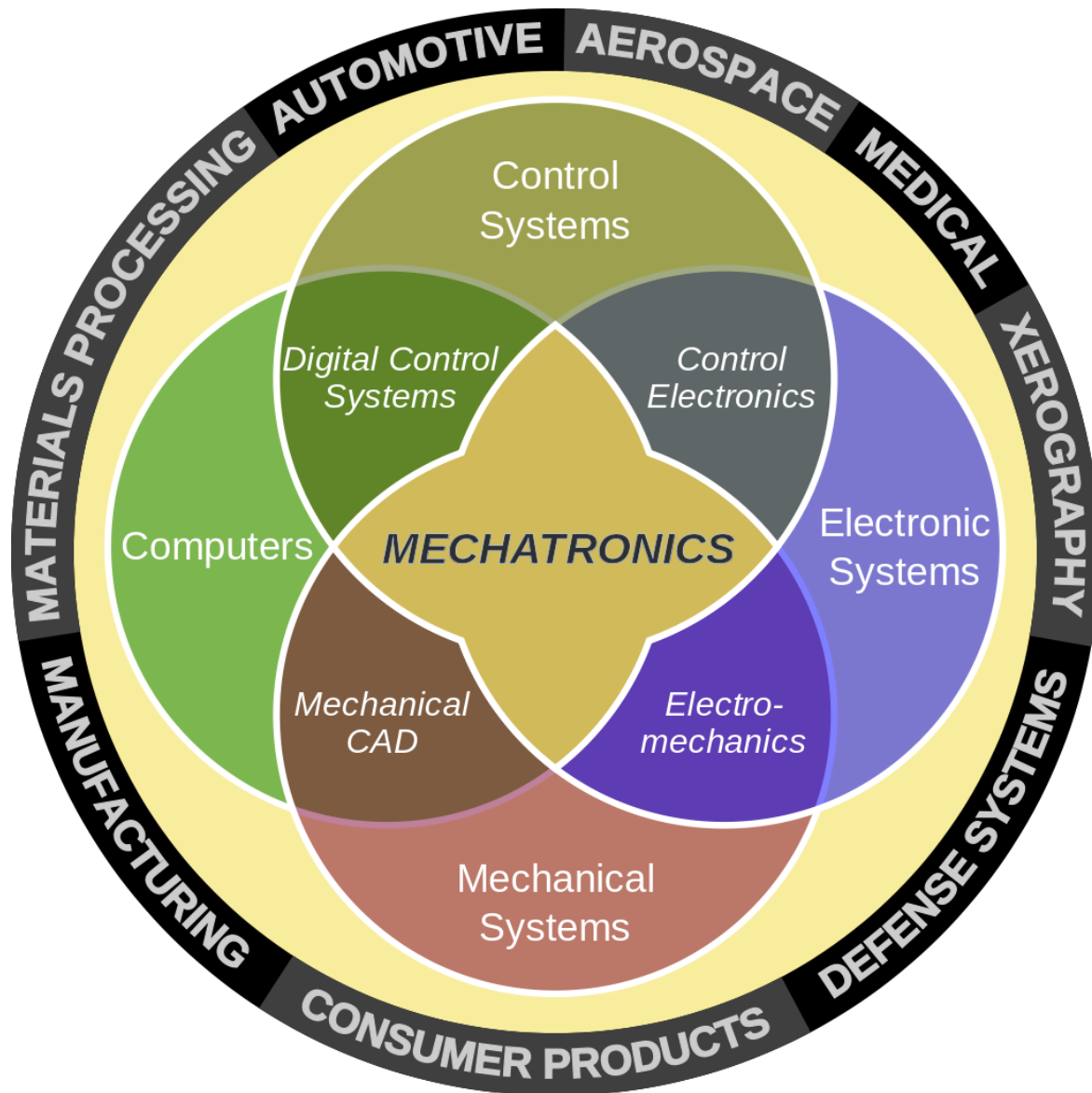
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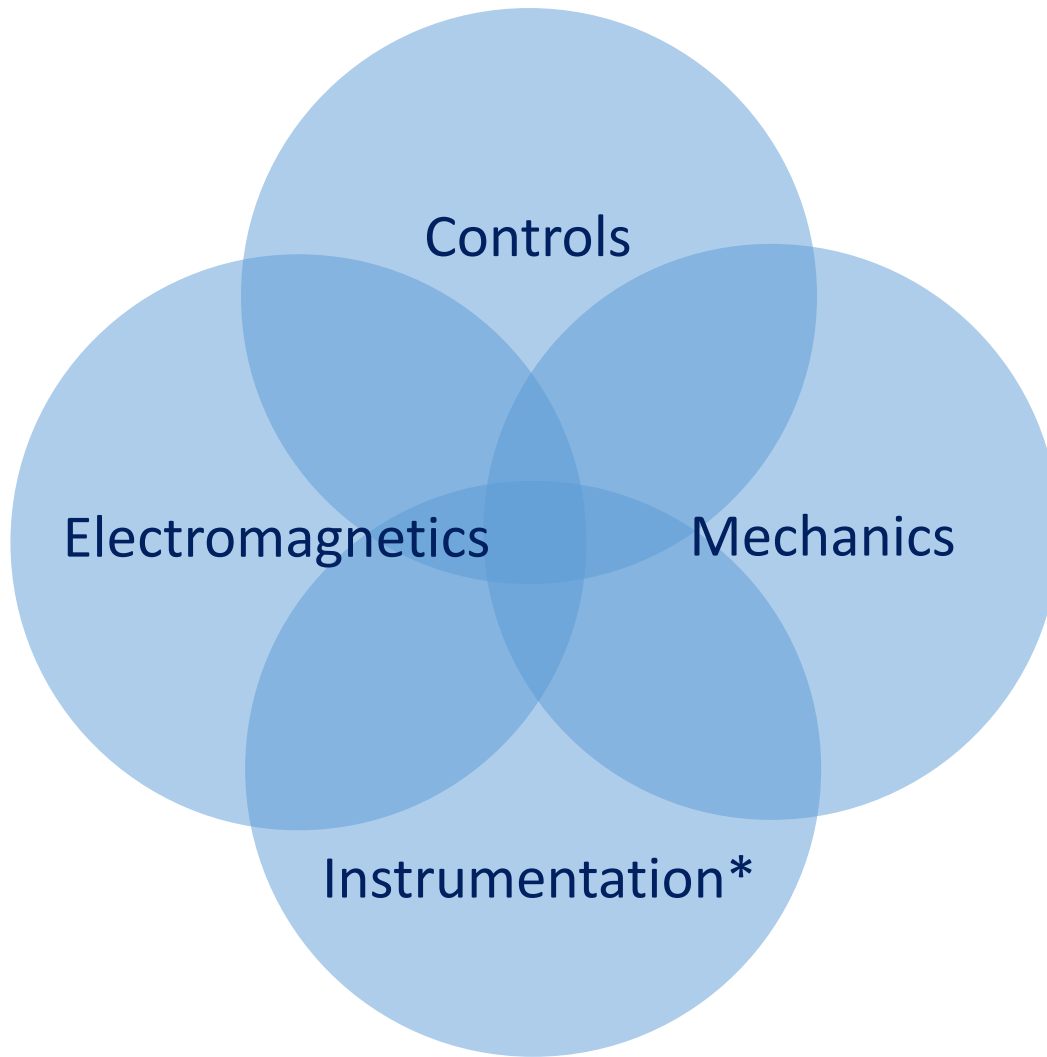
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# Wikipedia's View



# Dr. Noh's View



\* The term *instrumentation* usually connotes sensing and measurement. For mechatronic systems, we use it in a broader sense.

# Q. What is this course about?

## MECH 421 is about “Control and Instrumentation”

Control and Instrumentation are complementary areas of knowledge

- **Control**  
:Theoretical knowledge to design and analyze mechatronic systems
- **Instrumentation**  
:Hardware-oriented knowledge to realize mechatronic systems

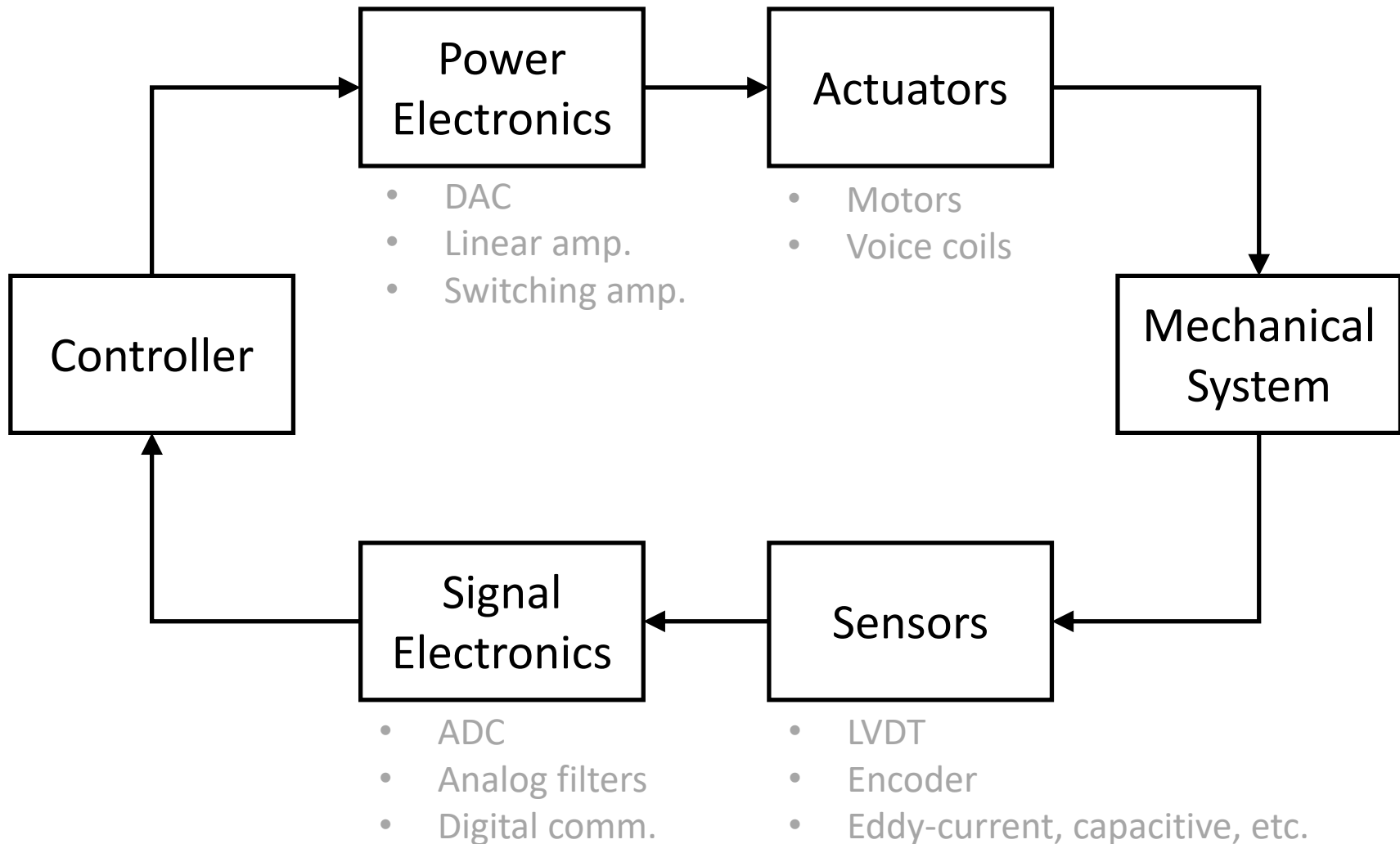
We need to understand these two to interconnect various subsystems, such as controller, sensors, actuators, and mechanical systems.

Electronics are “glue” between the subsystems.

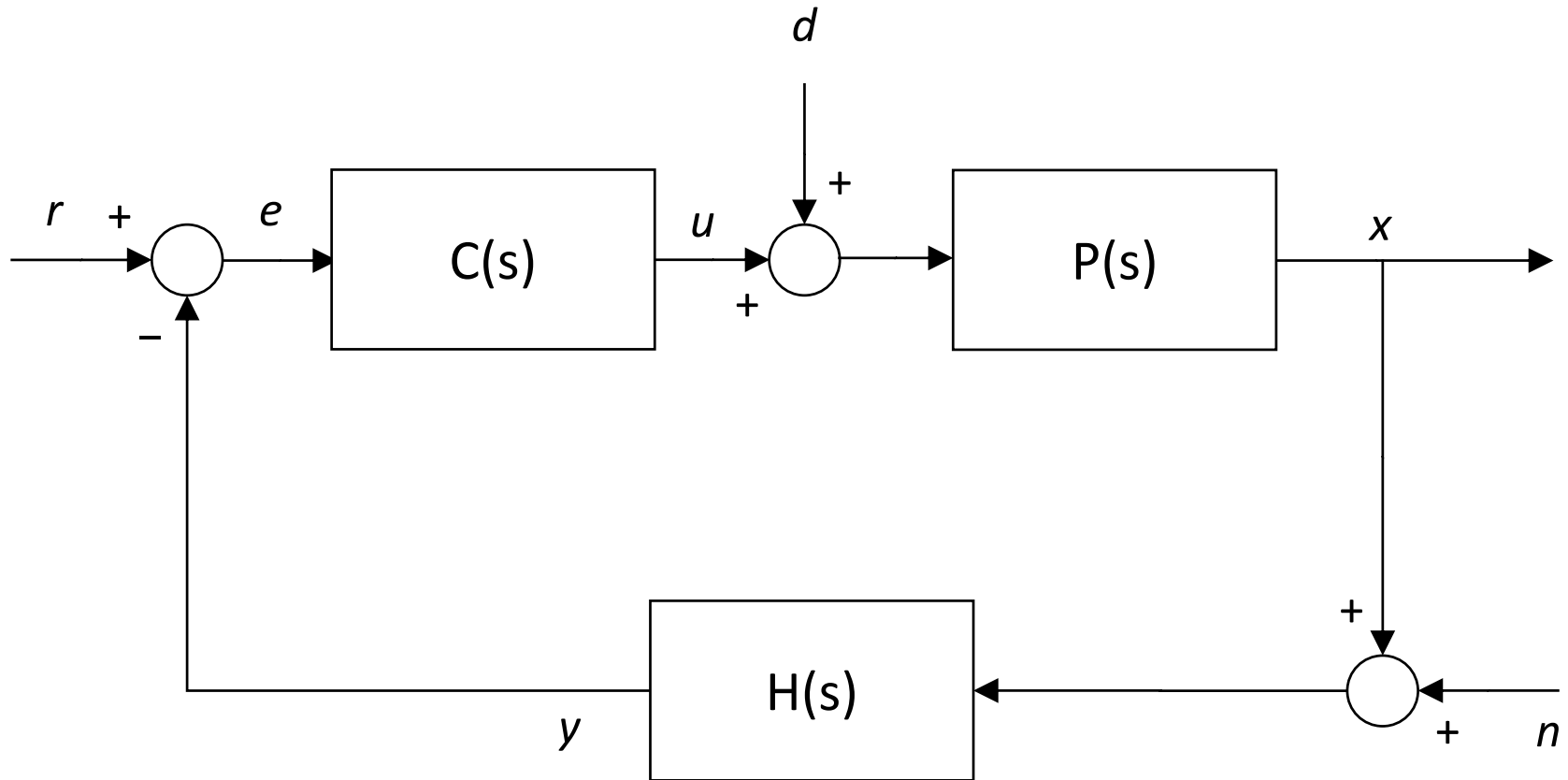
# Mechatronic System

*Feedback*

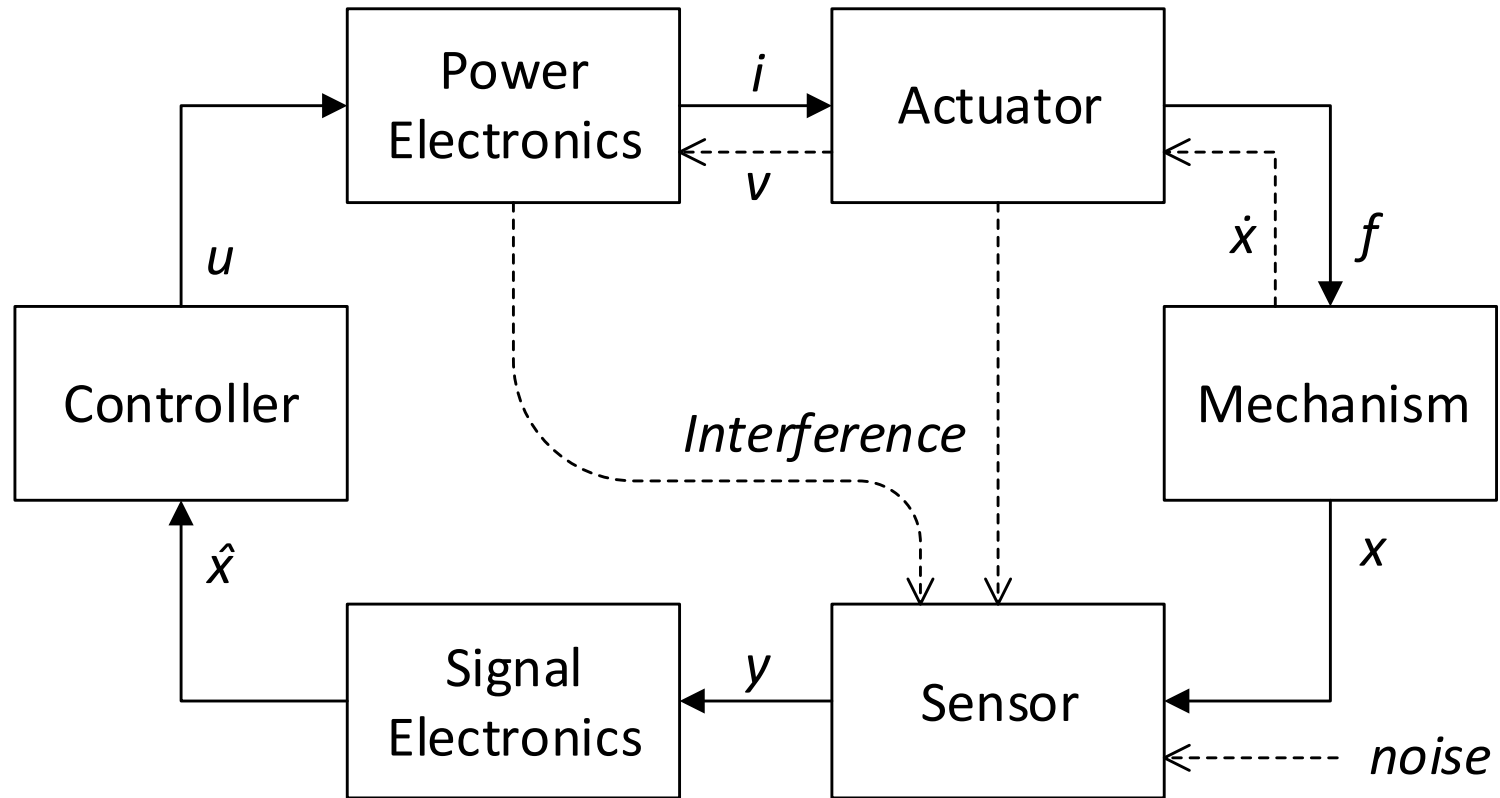
*Abstraction*



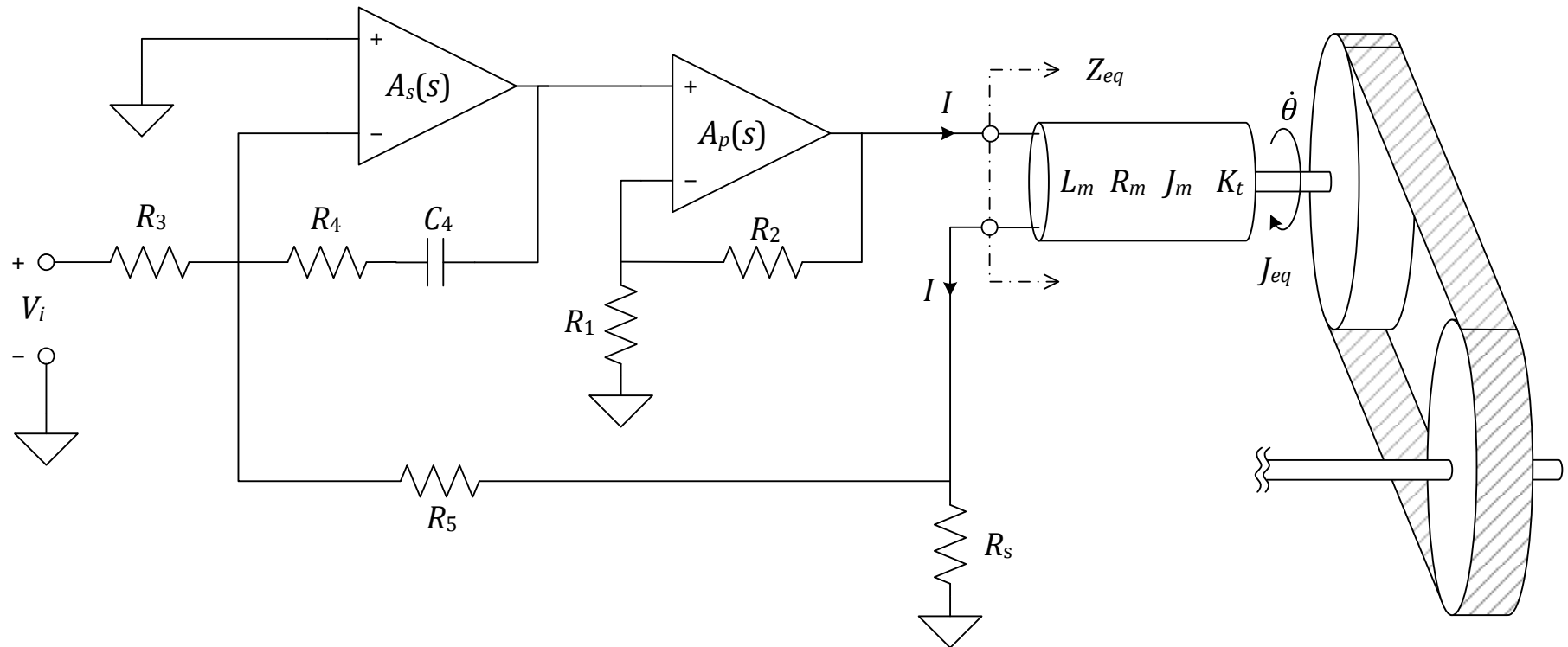
# Control View



# Instrumentation View

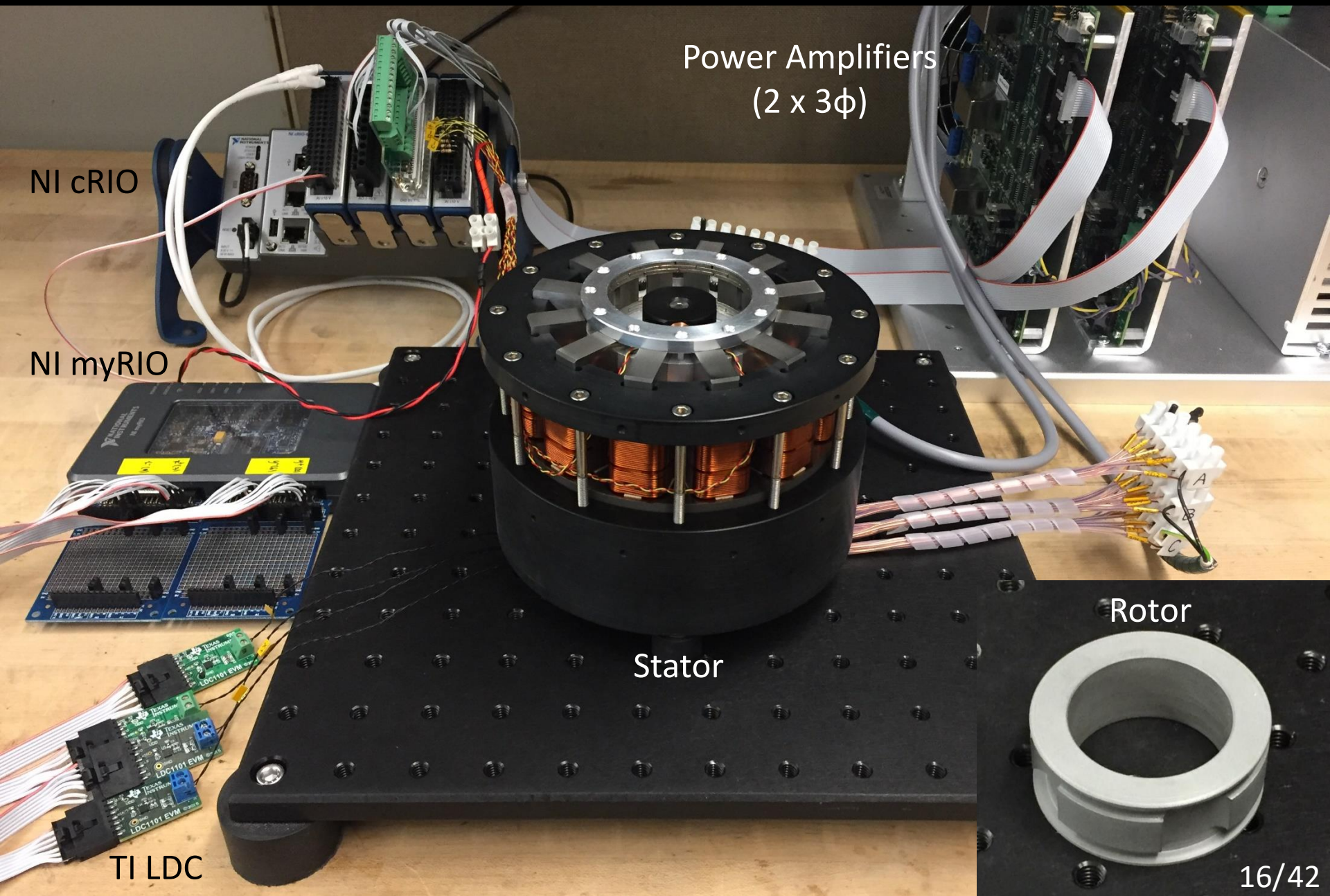


# Instrumentation View +



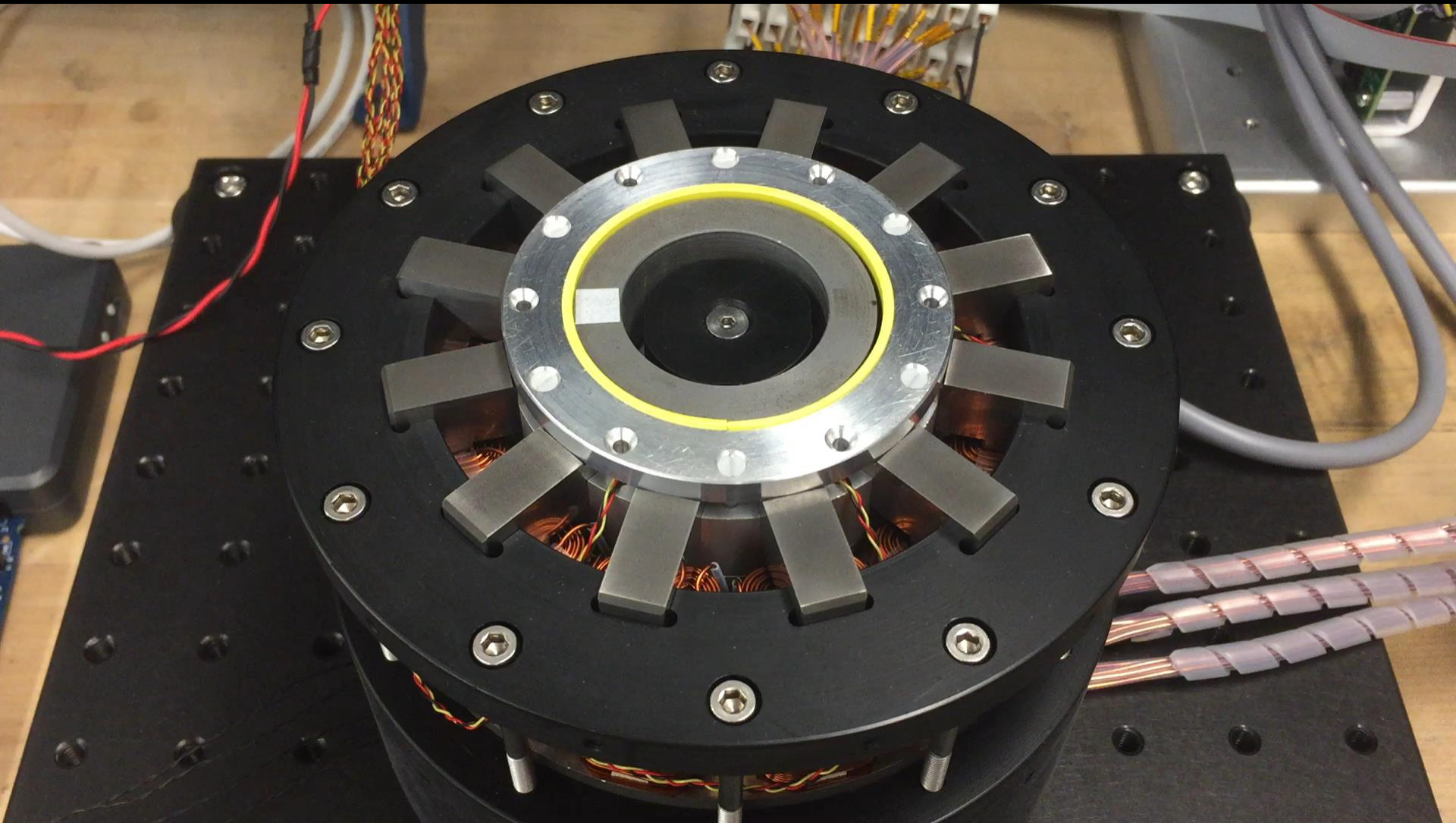


# Example: Magnetic-levitation Motor





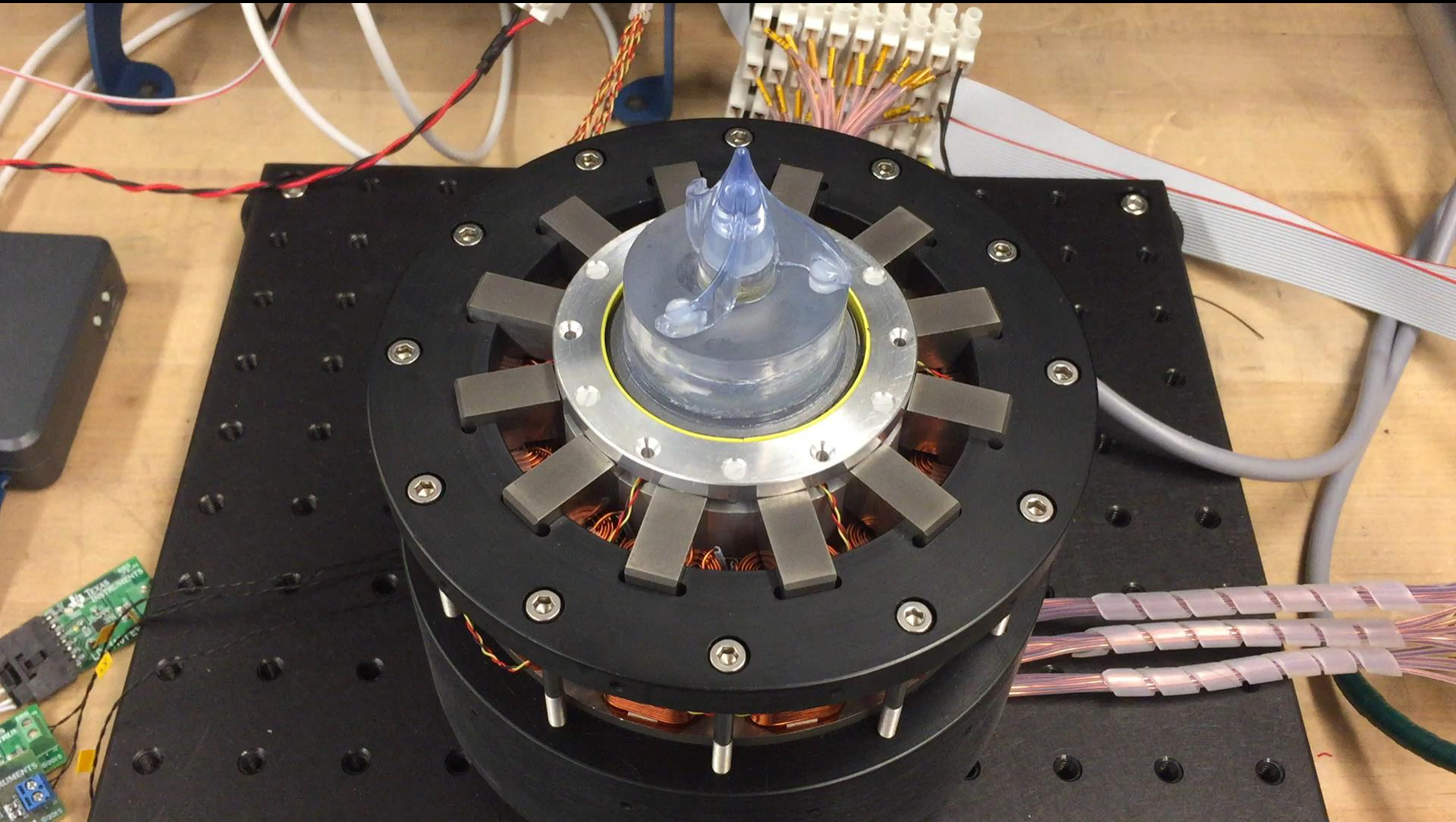
# Suspension Test



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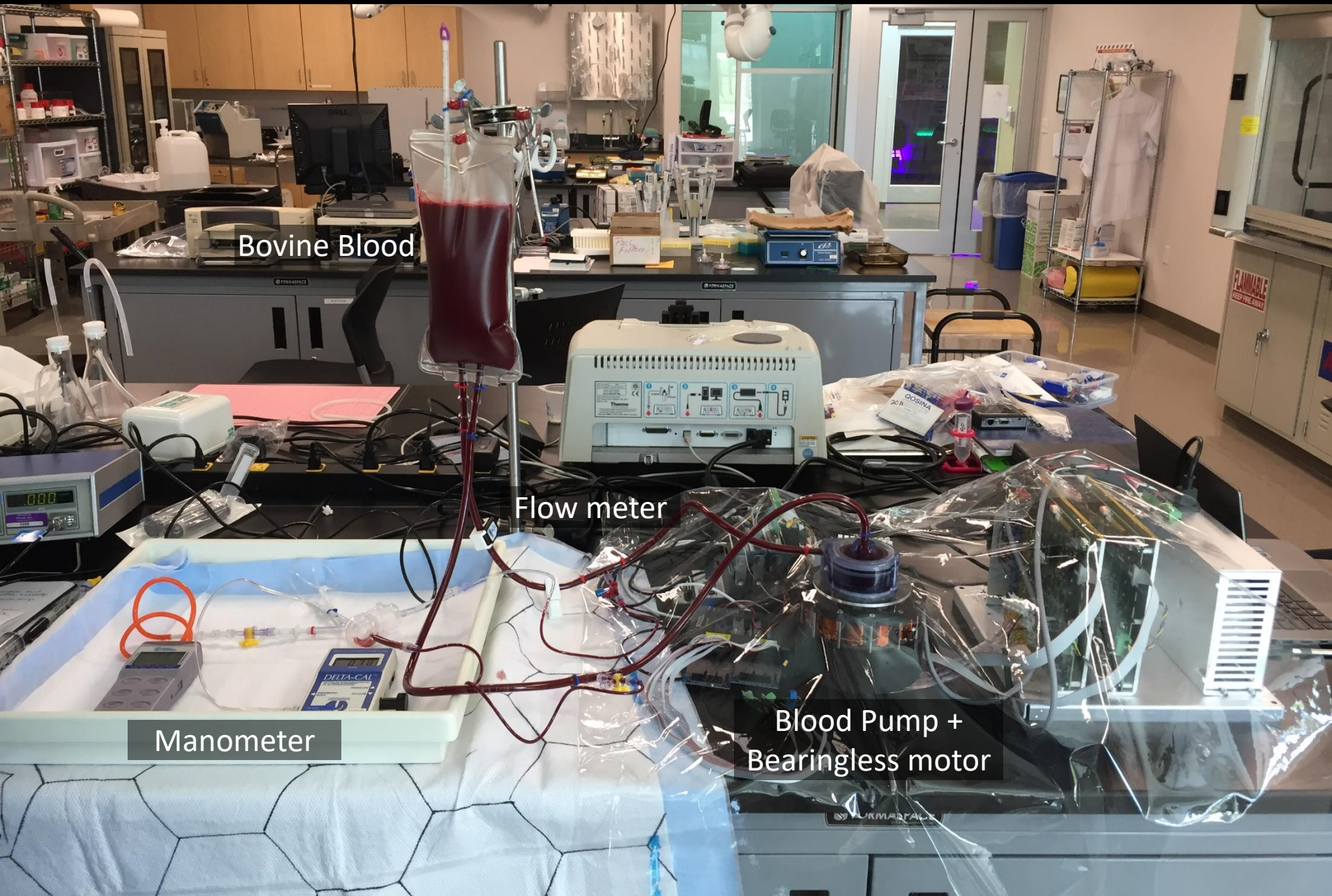
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# Blood Pumping Test



Bovine Blood

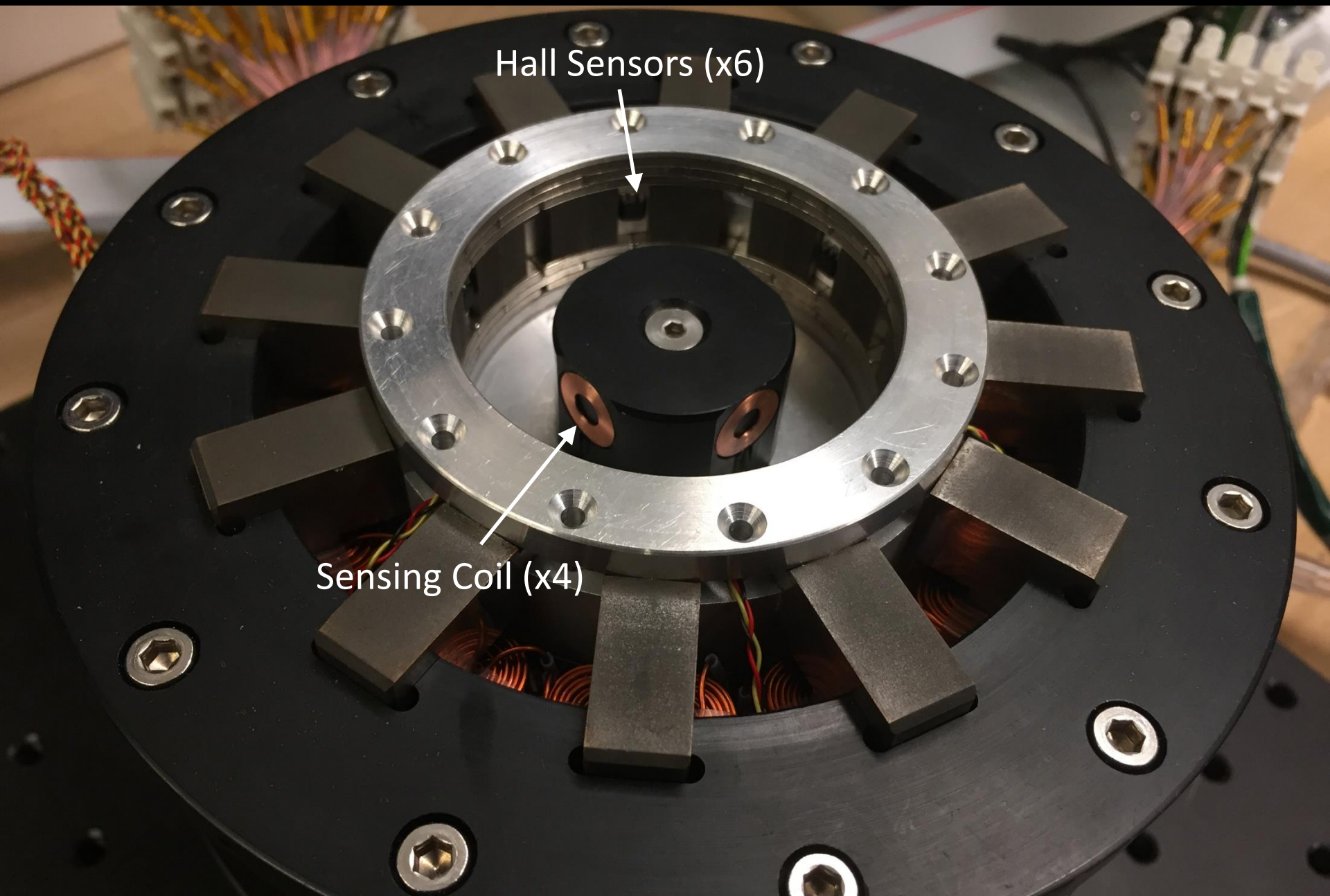
Flow meter

Manometer

Blood Pump +  
Bearingless motor

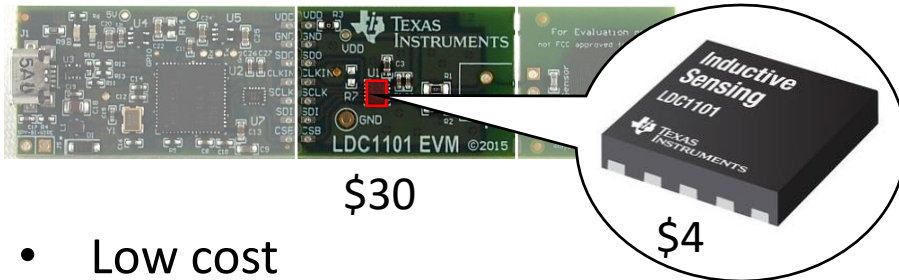


# Sensor Instrumentation



# Signal Electronics

## Inductance-to-Digital Converter (LDC)



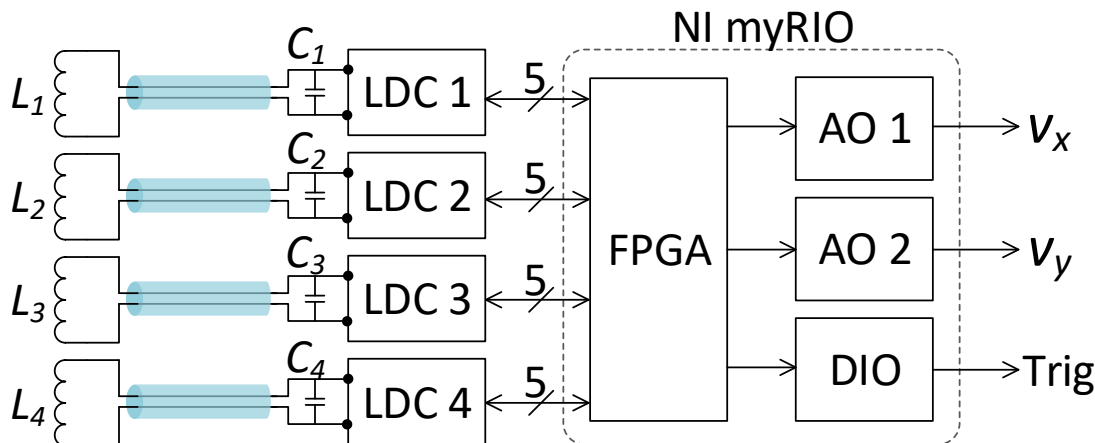
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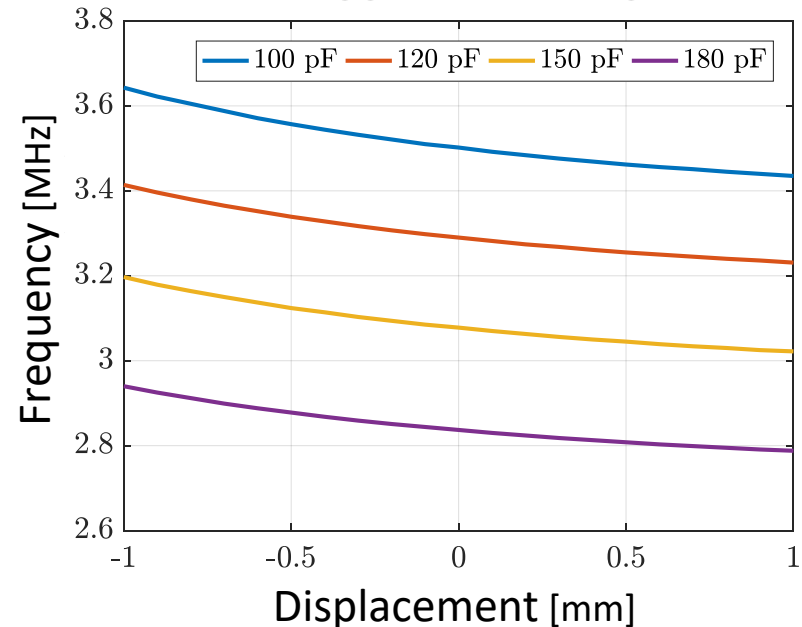
- Low cost
- Resonance frequency measurement

$$f_i = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L_i C_i}}$$

## LDC Interfacing with FPGA



## Staggered Tuning



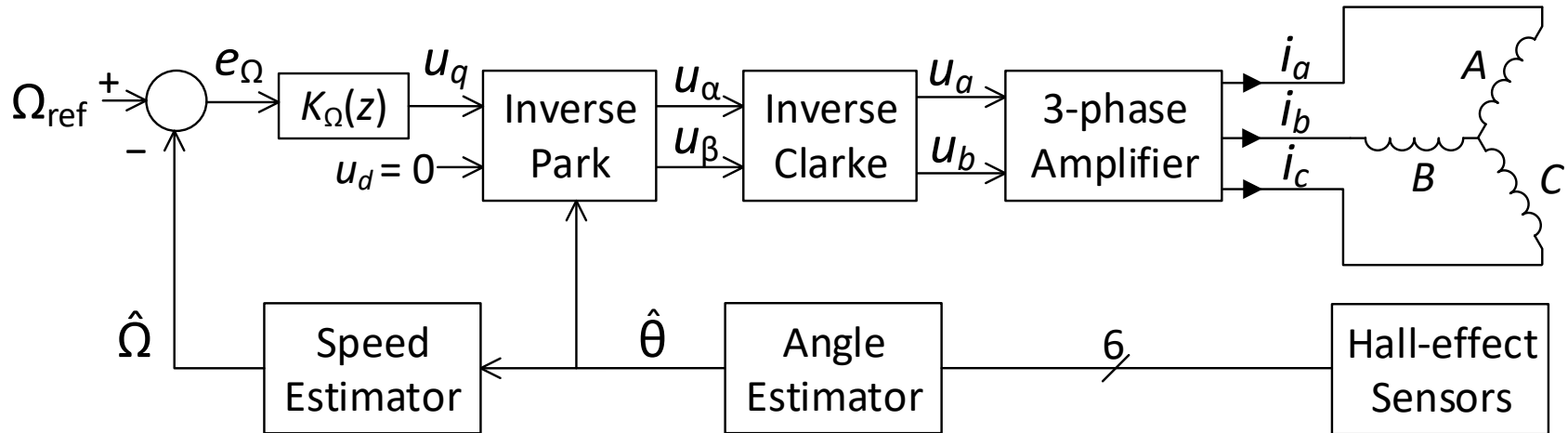
- Synchronized SPI ports (x4)
- Simultaneous sampling @2kHz
- Position signals:

$$v_x = a_x(f_2 - f_1)$$

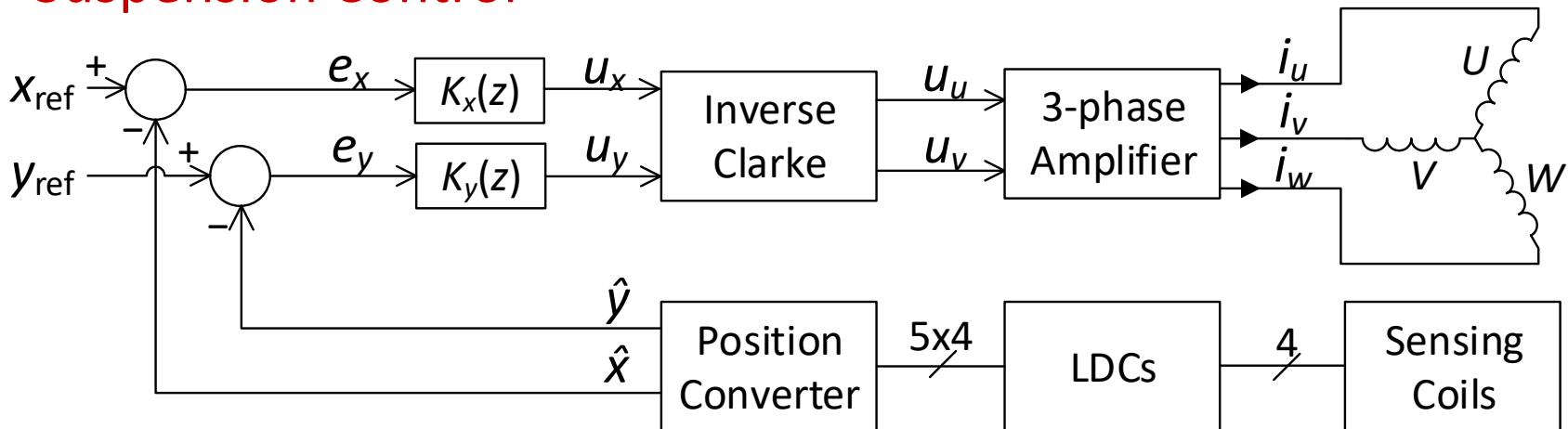
$$v_y = a_y(f_4 - f_3)$$

# Controls

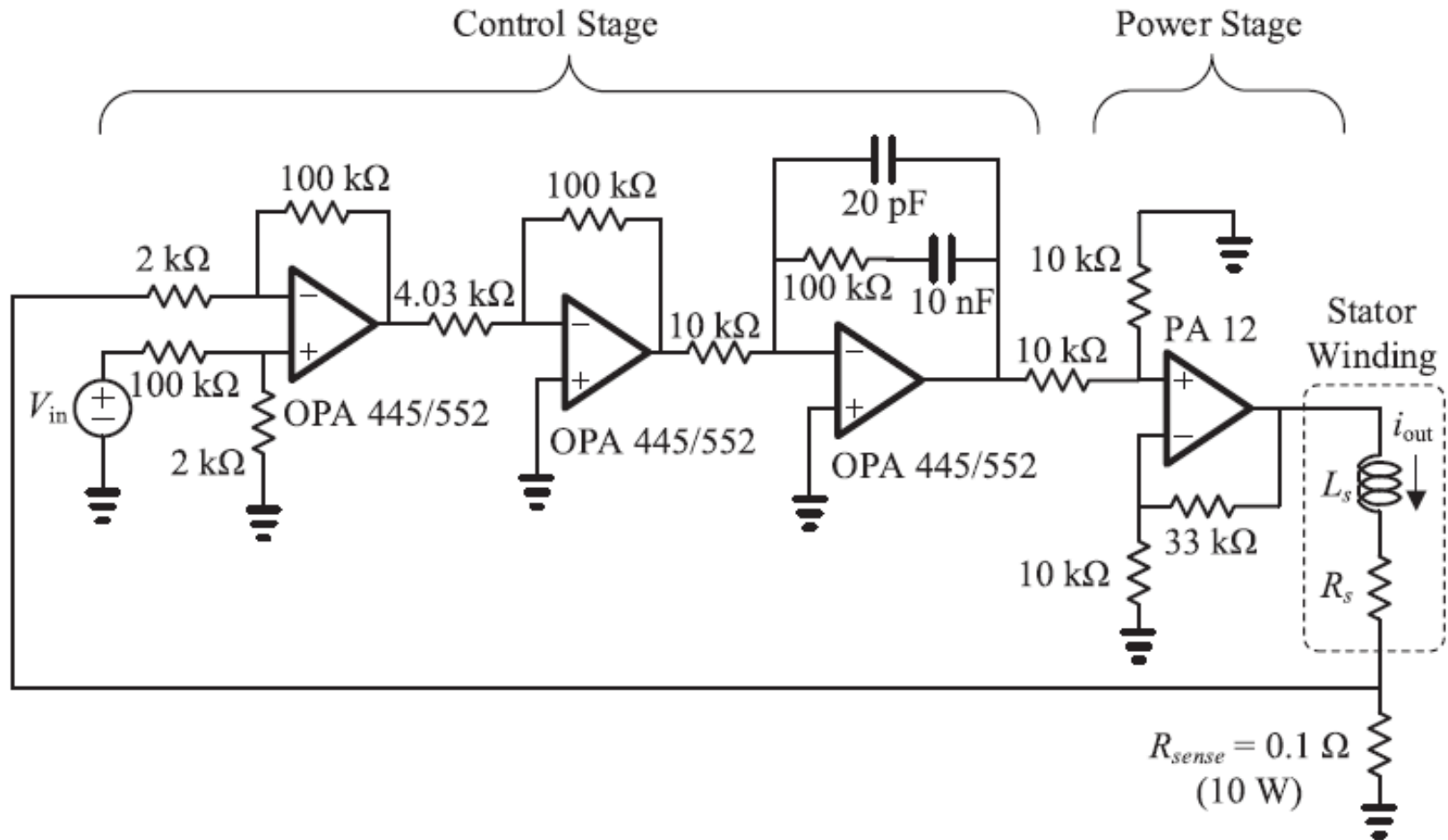
## Rotation Control



## Suspension Control



# Power Amplifier





# Course Contents

## Circuits

- Linear circuits
- Op-amp circuits
- Power amplifier
- Differential measurement

## Controls

- LTI systems
- Loop shaping
- Digital control
- Noise Filtering

## Motors

- Brushed dc motor
- Brushless dc motor (permanent-magnet synchronous motor)

