## **Smart Grippers:**

## A Design Methodology for Novel Integrated Actuators Powered by Shape Memory Alloys

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— Robert Bringhurst

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# 1 Overview of SMA Actuator Design

In this chapter, a basic simplified control strategy is investigated for characterization of SMAs. Furthermore, a basic analysis of sensorless SMA control is presented.

- 1.1 Introduction
- 1.2 An Overiew of Traditional SMA Actuator Design
- 1.3 Summary and Conclusion

# 2 Predicting the Shape Memory Effect

In this chapter, different modelling strategies, such as finite element modelling and analytical modelling, are presented. Furthermore, the bias spring actuator model and a simplified model are presented.

- 2.1 Introduction
- 2.2 Analytical Modelling of the SME
- 2.3 Finite Element Modelling
- 2.4 Stroke Estimation of SMA Actuators
- 2.4.1 Mechanical Modelling
- 2.4.2 Thermal Model
- 2.5 Simplified SMA Actuator Model
- 2.6 Summary and Conclusion

# 3 Design methodology for Integrated SMA Actuators

In this chapter, different modelling strategies, such as finite element modelling and analytical modelling, are presented. Furthermore, the bias spring actuator model and a simplified model are presented.

- 3.1 Introduction
- 3.2 Building blocks of SMA Actuator Design
- 3.3 Integrated Biasing Elements
- 3.3.1 Passive Biasing Compliant Mechansisms
- 3.4 Integrated Active Elements
- 3.4.1 Compliant SMA Actuators
- 3.4.2 Kirigami inspired SMA Actuators
- 3.5 Integrated Control Systems
- 3.6 Summary and Conclusion

# 4 Novel SMA Robotic Systems

In this chapter, different modelling strategies, such as finite element modelling and analytical modelling, are presented. Furthermore, the bias spring actuator model and a simplified model are presented.

- 4.1 Introduction
- 4.2 Case Study: A Multi-Ouput SMA Mandrel
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# Conclusion

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