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# **ROBOTICS WITH PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY**

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## Intro to Sensors and Actuators

Electromagnetism & DC motor – Part 2

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# LAST WEEK'S PROGRAMMING CHALLENGE

Code a `trumpsays` in Python:

```
$ trumpsays "Being nice to Rocket Man has failed."
```

```
,-----'_
 /           :   /
 / , -__-. : | Being nice to Rocket Man |
 ; , ' _ _`-| / has failed.                 |
 |/  - ||-  | / -----
 \|  /_\  |---|
 :|          |;
 \  0      ;
 \          ;
 `-----'
```

```
#!/usr/bin/python

import sys
text = sys.argv[1] # retrieve the first command-line parameter

def go(line):
    """ move the console cursor to the start of a balloon's line.
    Uses ANSI escape codes: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ANSI\_escape\_code
    """
    sys.stdout.write("\u033[u\u033[" + str(9-line) + "A\u033[G\u033[17C")

balloon_length = 24
trump = """
,-----.
 /       :
 / ,---. :   / ----- \\
; ;'- _ -`-| / 
|/ - ||- | / 
|\ /_ \ |---|
:|          |;
\ \     ; 
 \        ;
`-----'
"""
print(trump)
print("\u033[s") # save the cursor position (bottom of the screen)
```

```
go(0)

line = 0
current_length = 0 # holds the nb of characters printed on current line
for word in text.split(" "): # iterate over each of the words

    # do we need a line break?
    if current_length + len(word) >= balloon_length:
        line += 1
        go(line)
        current_length = 0

    current_length += len(word) + 1
    sys.stdout.write(word + " ") # print the word, without final line break

# Draw the balloon contours
for i in range(line+1):
    go(i)
    sys.stdout.write("\033[2D|\033[\" + str(balloon_length + 2) + "C|") 

go(line + 1)
sys.stdout.write("\033[D\\\" + "_" * balloon_length + "/")

print("\033[u") # restore the position of the cursor, to the bottom
```

Inductance  
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Voltage  
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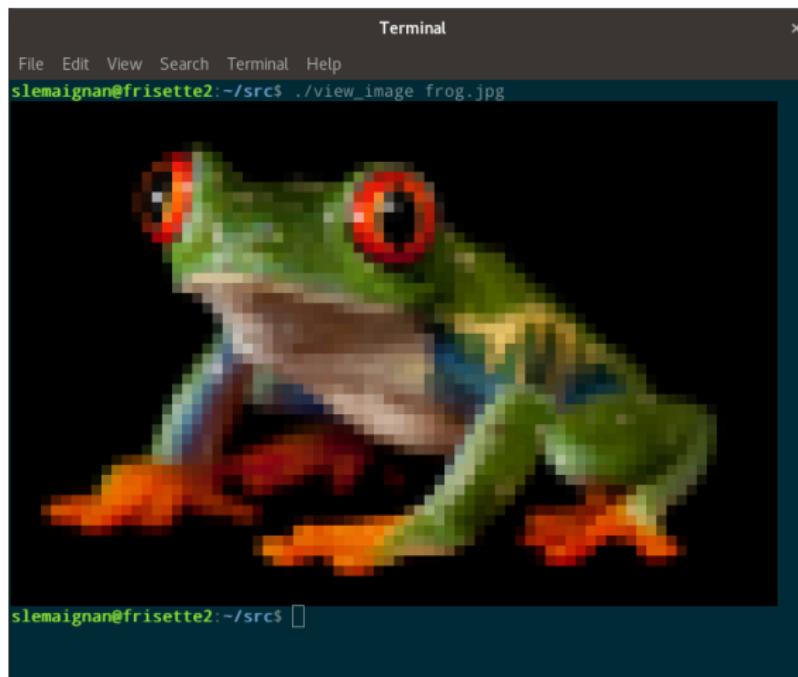
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## THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

### Console-based image viewer



## TIPS FOR THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

```
# how to get the pixels of an image?  
from PIL import Image  
im = Image.open('image.jpg')  
rgb_im = im.convert('RGB')  
r, g, b = rgb_im.getpixel((1, 1))
```

```
# use ANSI escape code to set the adequate foreground/background color  
# see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ANSI\_escape\_code#24-bit
```

```
# use in a clever way the Unicode character U+2580, 'Upper Half Block'  
# to increase the resolution of your viewer
```

SO FAR IN ELECTROMAGNETISM...

## RECAP OF LAST LECTURE

- Ampère's law:  $\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \cdot I$
- Faraday's law of induction:  $\mathcal{E} = -N \cdot \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$  (with  $\Phi_B = B \cdot A \cdot \cos(\theta)$  iff  $\vec{B}$  is uniform)
- Lenz law: (the minus in Faraday's law)
- Lorentz law:  $\vec{F} = \vec{I} \cdot L \times \vec{B}$

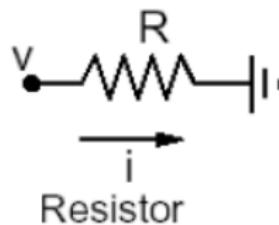
# TODAY'S OBJECTIVES

- Understand and know how to characterise **electrical inductance**
- Describe a motor from **its equivalent circuit**
- **Relate a motor's angular velocity to voltage and torque**
- Model the motor's **dynamics** and use **Laplace transforms** to solve the motor differential equations
- Know how to read and interpret a **motor datasheet**
- Understand the working principle of a **brushless motor** and how it compares to brushed DC motors

# INDUCTANCE

## ELECTRICAL RESISTANCE

Resists the flow of current



$$v = iR$$

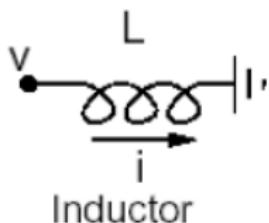
Where

i is the current in A

v is voltage in V

R is the resistance in  $\Omega$

## ELECTRICAL INDUCTANCE



$$v = -L \frac{di}{dt}$$

Where

$i$  is the current in A

v is voltage in V

L is the inductance in H

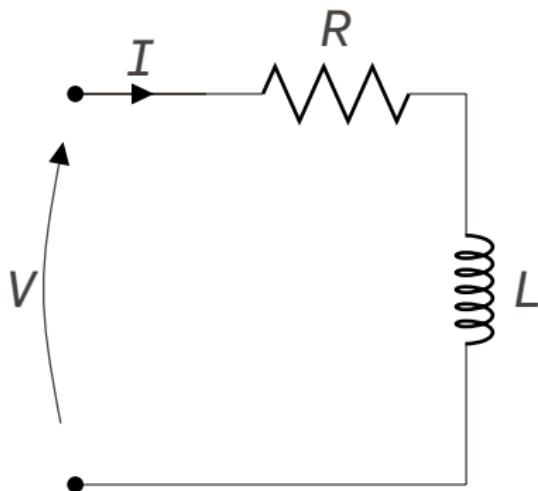
## CURRENT IN AN LR CIRCUIT

$$V = V_R + V_L$$

$$V_R = I \cdot R$$

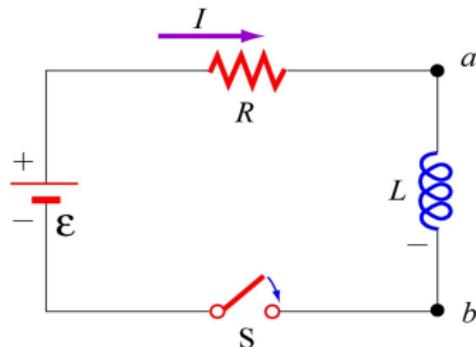
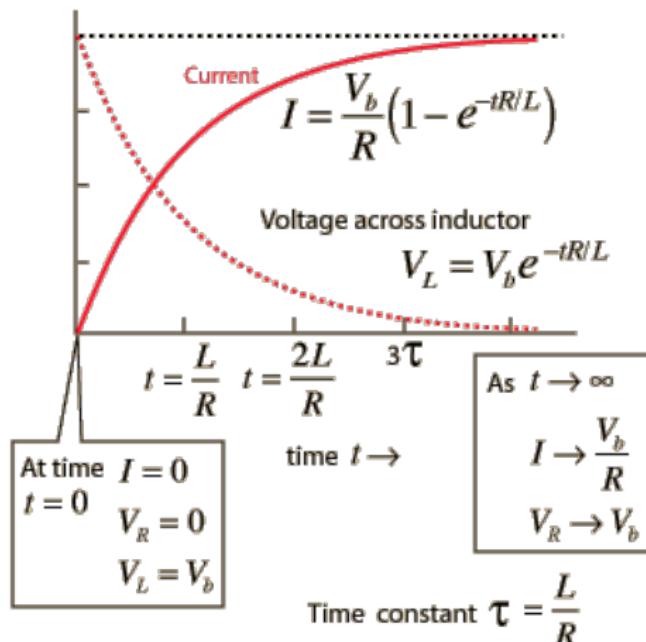
$$V_L = L \cdot \frac{dI}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow V = I \cdot R + L \cdot \frac{dI}{dt}$$



This is a first-order linear differential equation.

# CURRENT IN AN LR CIRCUIT



- We need to consider this behaviors wherever we switch inductive circuits and coils

## DEFINITION OF INDUCTANCE

- Arising from Faraday's law

$$\mathcal{E}_L = -N \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$$

- Inductance L may be defined in terms of the EMF generated to oppose a given change in current:

$$EMF = -L \frac{di}{dt}$$

therefore

$$\mathcal{E}_L = -N \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt} = -L \frac{di}{dt}$$

- Integrating both sides w.r.t time

$$N\Phi_B = Li$$

- For any inductor

$$L = \frac{N\Phi_B}{i}$$

# INDUCTANCE OF A SOLENOID

- For a fixed area and changing current, Faraday's law becomes

$$EMF = -N \frac{d\Phi}{dt} = -NA \frac{dB}{dt}$$

- Since the magnetic field of a solenoid is

$$B = \frac{\mu NI}{l}$$

- Then the EMF is approximated by

$$EMF = -NA \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\mu NI}{l} \right) = -\frac{\mu N^2 A}{l} \frac{dI}{dt}$$

- From one suitable property of inductance

$$EMF = -L \frac{dI}{dt}$$

- By inspection we obtain

$$L = \frac{\mu N^2 A}{l}$$

- Alternatively:
- From definition of inductance

$$L = \frac{N\Phi_B}{I}$$

- Substitute flux  $\phi = BA$

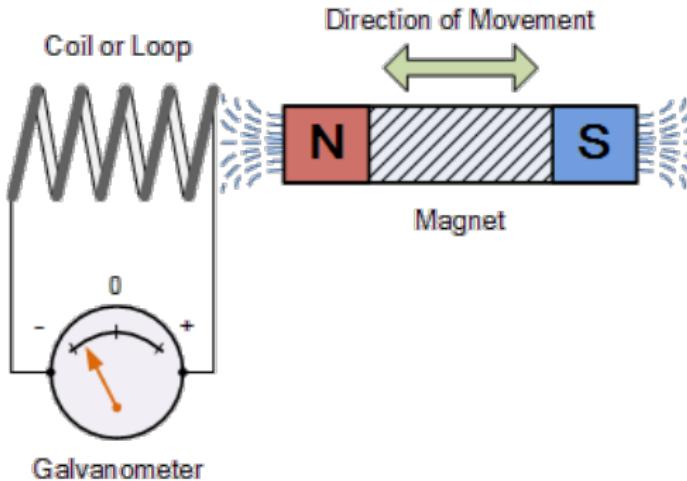
$$\Rightarrow L = \frac{N(\frac{\mu NI}{l} A)}{I}$$

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- Where
- N=number of turns
- l=length
- A=cross sectional area
- R = toroid radius to centerline

## CONSEQUENCE FOR MOTORS

Moving a magnet in a coil induces current:



$$\text{Faraday's law of induction: } \mathcal{E} = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$$

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If a coil consists of N loops with the same area, the total induced EMF in the coil is given by:

$$\mathcal{E} = -N \cdot \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$$

In a uniform magnetic field, the induced EMF can be expressed as:

$$\mathcal{E} = -N \cdot \frac{d}{dt}(B A \cos(\theta)) = -N \cdot B \cdot A \frac{d\cos(\theta)}{dt} = -N \cdot B \cdot A \cdot \sin(\theta) \cdot \dot{\theta}$$

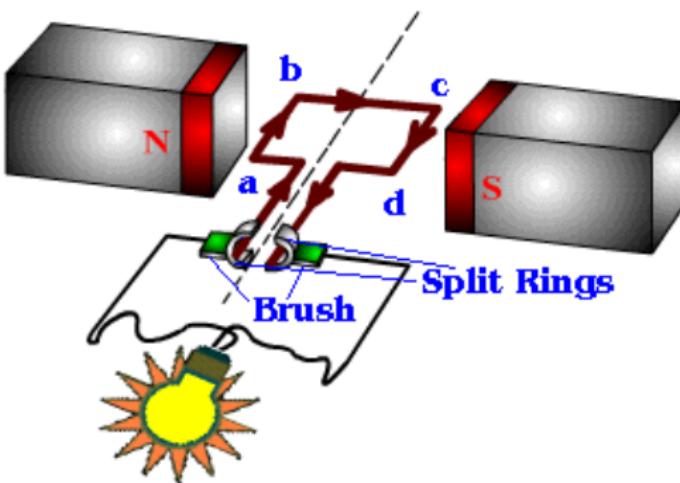
With enough coils,

$$\mathcal{E} = -N \cdot B \cdot A \cdot \dot{\theta} = -K_e \dot{\theta}$$

$K_e$  is the **back-EMF** constant of the motor.

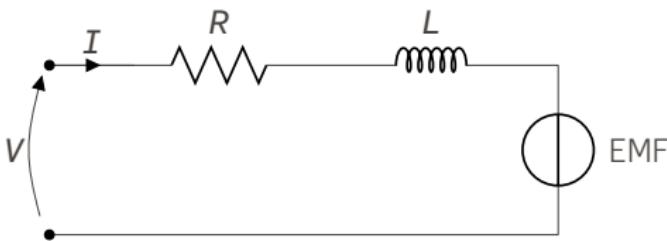
# VOLTAGE IN A MOTOR

# ELECTRICAL GENERATOR



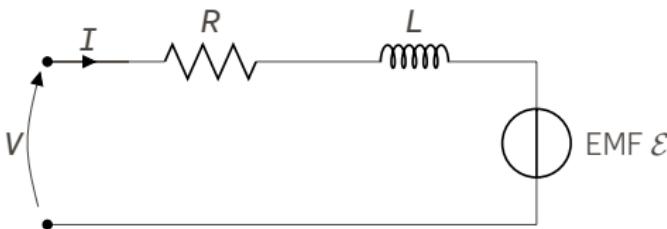
- Speed of rotation affects voltage generated
- So how fast will a motor rotate with applied voltage  $V$ ?
- Lets consider the equivalent circuit for a DC motor

# DC MOTOR EQUIVALENT CIRCUIT



- $V$  is the applied voltage,  $I$  is the drawn current
- Resistance  $R$  arises from the coil and the brushes
- Inductance  $L$  arises from the coil
- Back EMF arises from rotation of the coil in the magnetic field created by the stator magnets

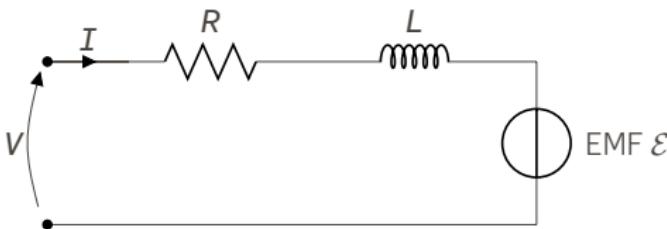
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How to know  $I$ ?

# CONSERVATION OF ENERGY!

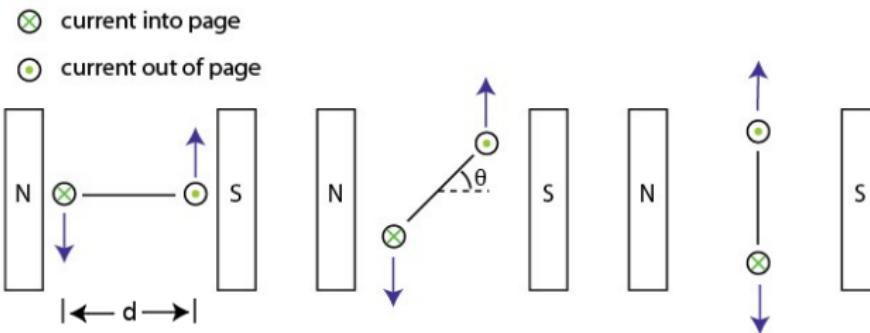
**Conservation of energy means electrical power in = mechanical power out + losses**


$$P_{el} = V \cdot I$$
$$P_{mech} = \tau \cdot \dot{\theta}$$
$$P_r = R \cdot I^2$$

where:  
 $\tau$  = torque;  
 $\dot{\theta}$  = angular velocity;  
 $I$  = input current;  
 $V$  = applied voltage;  
 $R$  = windings resistance

$$P_{el} = P_{mech} + P_r$$

# REMEMBER TORQUE



If current  $I$  flows through a coil of depth  $L$  and width  $d$  with  $N$  turns, with magnetic field  $B$ , the coil pivots and generates a torque  $\tau$  given by:

$$\tau = N \cdot 2\left(\frac{d}{2}\right) \cdot F \cdot \cos(\theta) = N \cdot d \cdot B \cdot I \cdot L \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

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## REMEMBER TORQUE

With enough coils, we can remove the  $\cos(\theta)$  term:

$$\tau = N \cdot d \cdot B \cdot I \cdot L = K_\tau \cdot I$$

$K_\tau$  is the motor's torque constant.

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## PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

- $V = -K_e \cdot \dot{\theta} + I \cdot R$
- $\tau = K_\tau \cdot I$

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**In a DC motor, the torque constant and back-EMF constants are equal.**

## BACK TO THE VOLTAGE

$$V = K_e \cdot \dot{\theta} + I \cdot R$$

$$\tau = K_\tau \cdot I \Rightarrow I = \frac{\tau}{K_\tau}$$

$$\Rightarrow V = \frac{\tau}{K_\tau} \cdot R + K_e \cdot \dot{\theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\theta} = \frac{V}{K} - R \cdot \frac{\tau}{K^2}$$

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Speed is  
a linear  
function of  
both voltage...

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$$\Rightarrow \dot{\theta} = \frac{V}{K} - R \cdot \frac{\tau}{K^2}$$

...and torque

# MOTOR CONSTANTS

$$\mathcal{E} = -N \cdot B \cdot A \cdot \dot{\theta} = -K_e \cdot \dot{\theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow K_e = N \cdot B \cdot A$$

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$$\Rightarrow N \cdot B \cdot A = N \cdot d \cdot B \cdot L$$

# HOW TO CHOOSE THE MOTOR CONSTANTS?

$$\begin{aligned}V &= I \cdot R + L \cdot \frac{dI}{dt} - K_e \cdot \dot{\theta} \\ \mathcal{E} &= -K_e \cdot \dot{\theta} \\ \tau &= K_\tau \cdot I\end{aligned}$$

If you pick a  $K_\tau = K_e$  **too high**, you 'run out of voltage' and **can not achieve the speed you need**.

If you pick a  $K_\tau = K_e$  **too low**, the current needed to achieve the torque you need will be higher than necessary.

Source: [stackexchange](#)

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Rule of thumb with DC motor selection: **pick a motor with a  $K_\tau$  and back-EMF constant  $K_e$  such that the supply voltage you have available is well-matched with the back-EMF at your maximum speed.**

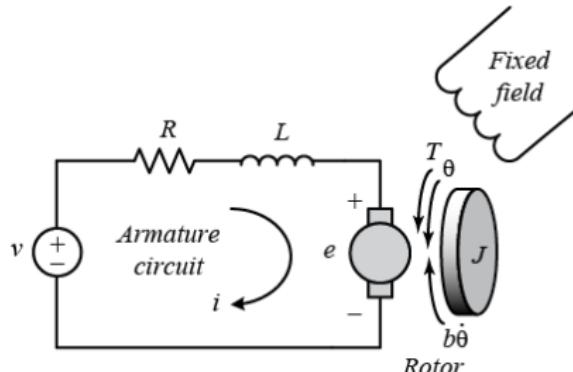
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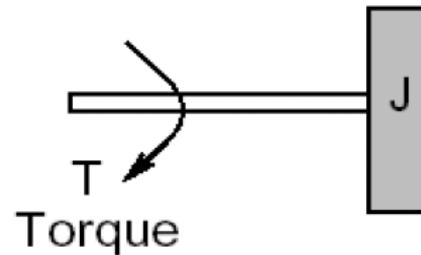
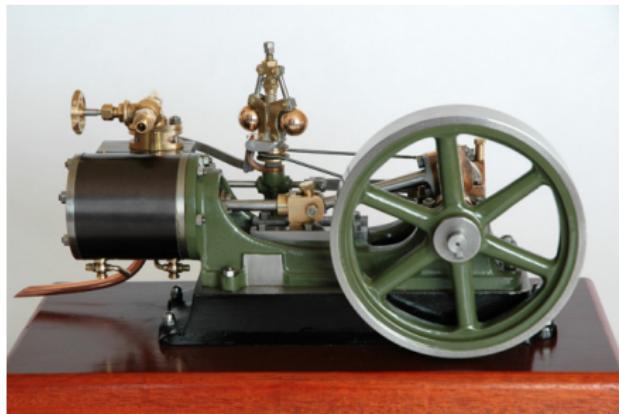
What about the dynamics?

Notation:

- $I \rightarrow i(t)$
- $V \rightarrow v(t)$
- $\theta \rightarrow \theta(t)$

# MOMENT OF INERTIA

Resists with opposing torque proportional to angular acceleration



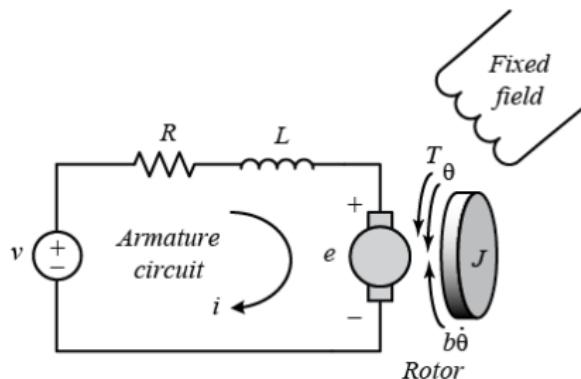
$$\tau = J \cdot \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2}$$

where

$\tau$  is the torque, in  $N \cdot m$

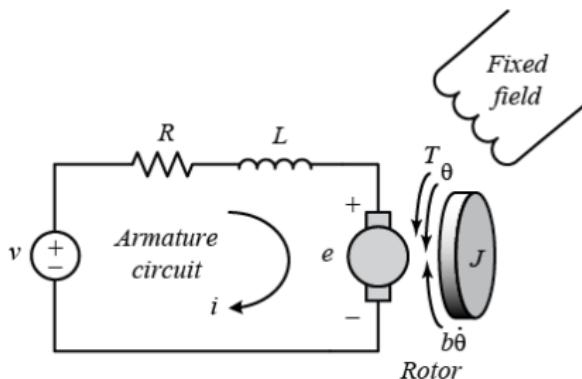
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- $R$  = Armature resistance (in ohms  $\Omega$ )
- $L$  = Armature inductance (in Henrys  $H$ )
- $J$  = Moment of inertia for the motor rotor ( $kg \cdot m^2$ )
- $b$  = Motor viscous friction constant ( $N \cdot m \cdot s$ )
- $K_t$  = Motor torque constant (in  $\frac{N \cdot m}{A}$ )
- $K_e$  = Electromotive force constant (in  $\frac{V \cdot rad^{-1}}{sec}$ )

# DC MOTOR DYNAMICS



Motor torque  $\tau_m$  is given by  $\tau_m = K_\tau \cdot i(t)$

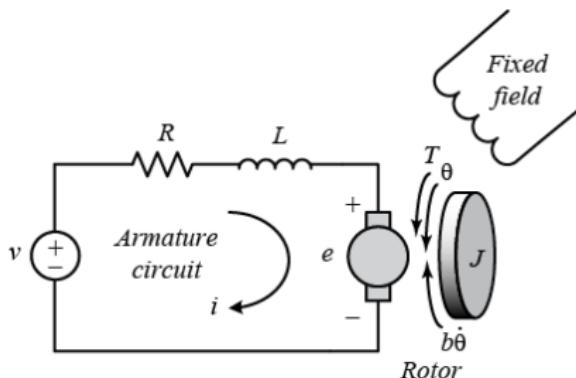
Mechanical resisting torque  $\tau_r$  is given by  $\tau_r = b \cdot \dot{\theta} + J \cdot \ddot{\theta}$

Under no load,  $\tau_m = \tau_r$

Therefore:

$$K_\tau \cdot i(t) = b \cdot \dot{\theta} + J \cdot \ddot{\theta}$$

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## DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION OF A DC MOTOR

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$$\Rightarrow v(t) = \left( \frac{b}{K} - K \right) \cdot \dot{\theta} + \left( \frac{J}{K} + \frac{L \cdot b}{K} \right) \cdot \ddot{\theta} + \frac{L \cdot J}{K} \cdot \dddot{\theta}$$

We can integrate 3 times, or...

## LAPLACE TRANSFORM

The Laplace transform is a linear operator that maps a function  $f(t)$  to  $F(s)$  in the frequency domain.

Specifically:

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f\}(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st}dt$$

where  $s = \sigma + i\omega$  (the complex number frequency parameter)

Go from a function of a *real* variable (here time  $t$ ) to a complex function of a complex variable (frequency,  $s$ ).

# LAPLACE TRANSFORM

Why bother?

Often **simplifies the process of analyzing the behavior of the system.**

For example, Laplace transformation from the time domain to the frequency domain **transforms differential equations into algebraic equations.**

# OPERATIONS USEFUL FOR SOLVING DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

$$\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} = sF(s) - f(0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{f''(t)\} = s^2F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t f(t)dt\right\} = \frac{F(s)}{s}$$

See [Wikipedia](#) for more properties.

## SOLUTION USING LAPLACE TRANSFORMATIONS

Taking Laplace transforms of the differential equations that describe the motor mechanical dynamics:

$$K \cdot i(t) = b \cdot \dot{\theta} + J \cdot \ddot{\theta}$$

becomes:

$$K \cdot I(s) = b \cdot s \cdot \theta(s) + J \cdot s^2 \cdot \theta(s)$$

$$I(s) = \frac{s \cdot (b + J \cdot s) \cdot \theta(s)}{K}$$

## SOLUTION USING LAPLACE TRANSFORMATIONS

Taking Laplace transforms of the differential equations that describe the motor voltages:

$$v(t) = i(t) \cdot R + L \cdot \frac{di}{dt} + K \cdot \dot{\theta}$$

becomes:

$$V(s) = I(s) \cdot (R + L \cdot s) + K \cdot s \cdot \theta(s)$$

# SOLUTION USING LAPLACE TRANSFORMATIONS

Substituting:

$$I(s) = \frac{s \cdot (b + J \cdot s) \cdot \theta(s)}{K}$$

into:

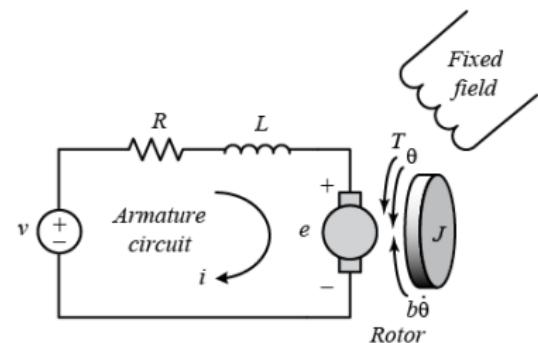
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by eliminating current  $I(s)$  gives:

$$\theta(s) = \frac{K}{s \cdot ((J \cdot s + b) \cdot (L \cdot s + R) + K^2)} \cdot V(s)$$

# TRANSFER FUNCTION

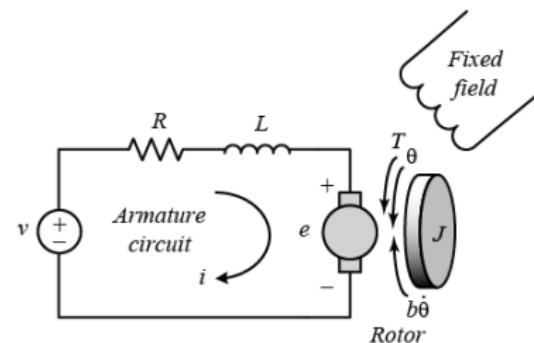
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We can differentiate this expression to get the transfer function for speed

$$\dot{\theta}(s) = \frac{K}{(J \cdot s + b) \cdot (L \cdot s + R) + K^2} \cdot V(s)$$

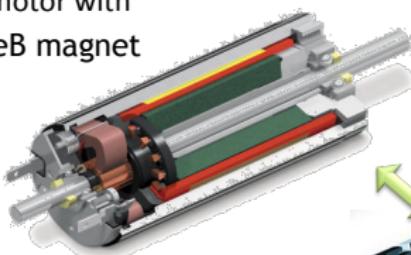
10 min break

# WRAP-UP ON DC MOTORS: ANOTHER LOOK AT DATASHEETS

# MAXON DC MOTOR VARIANTS

Lots of choice in choosing a motor

RE motor with  
NdFeB magnet



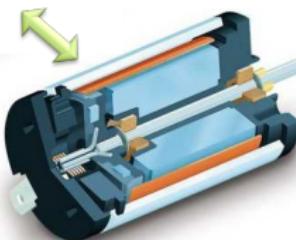
ball  
bearing



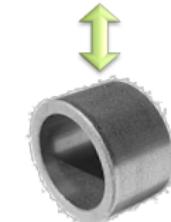
precious  
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graphite  
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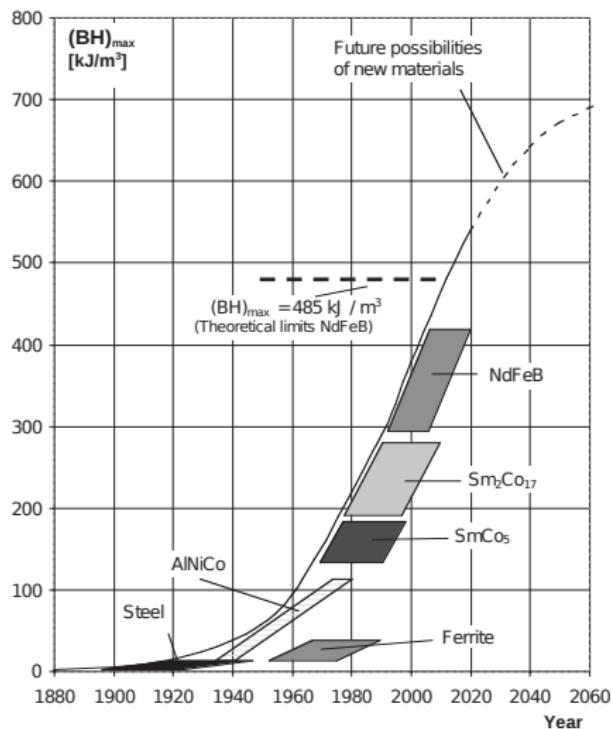


A-max motor with  
AlNiCo magnet



sintered  
sleeve bearing

## DEVELOPMENT OF PERMANENT MAGNETS



Source: vacuumschmelze

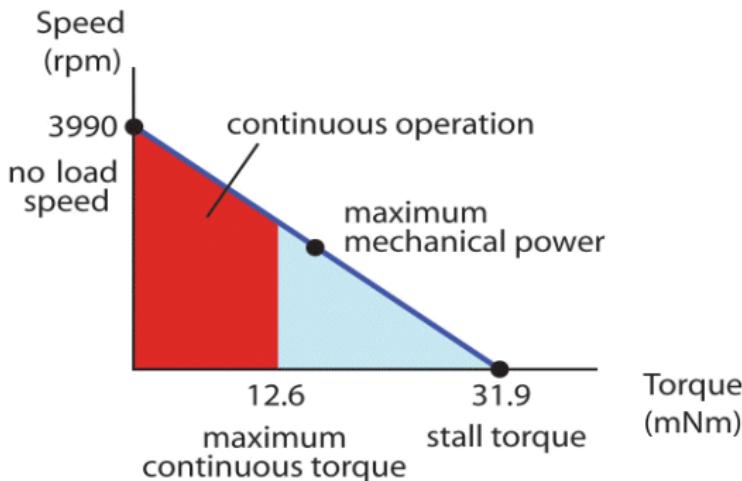
# UNDERSTANDING MOTOR DATASHEETS

- Examine DC motor datasheets
- Selecting a motor to suit the job

<b>Motor Data (provisional)</b>		
Values at nominal voltage		
1 Nominal voltage	V	9
2 No load speed	rpm	2850
3 No load current	mA	49.7
4 Nominal speed	rpm	2610
5 Nominal torque (max. continuous torque)	mNm	87.8
6 Nominal current (max. continuous current)	A	2.96
7 Stall torque	mNm	873
8 Starting current	A	29
9 Max. efficiency	%	92
Characteristics		
10 Terminal resistance	$\Omega$	0.311
11 Terminal inductance	mH	0.0824
12 Torque constant	mNm/A	30.2
13 Speed constant	rpm/V	317
14 Speed / torque gradient	rpm/mNm	3.27
15 Mechanical time constant	ms	4.85
16 Rotor inertia	gcm <sup>2</sup>	142

# DC MOTOR DATA

## Plot of motor rotational speed against torque



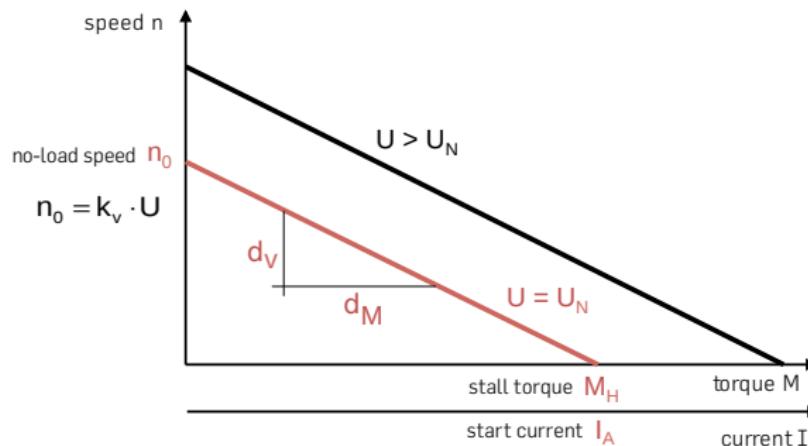
$$\text{Power} = \text{Speed (Rads}^{-1}) \times \text{Torque (NM)}$$

Cannot specify a motor simply on its power.

Require a certain torque at a certain speed.

Motor may be powerful enough but not have the torque available at required speed

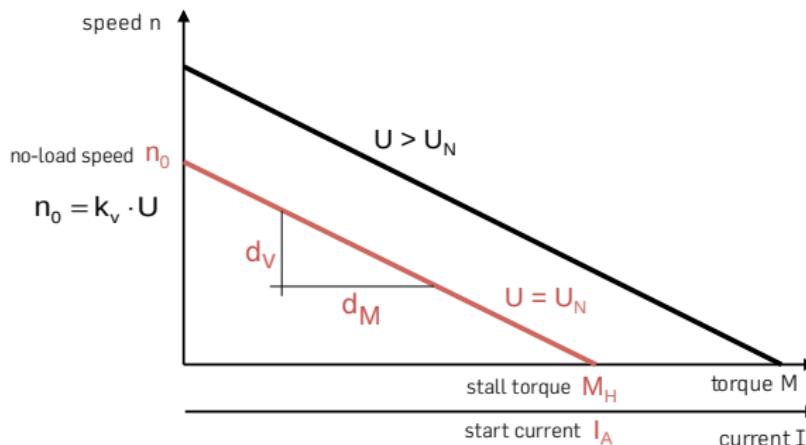
# SPEED-TORQUE CHARACTERISTIC



Remember:

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$$\tau = K \cdot I$$

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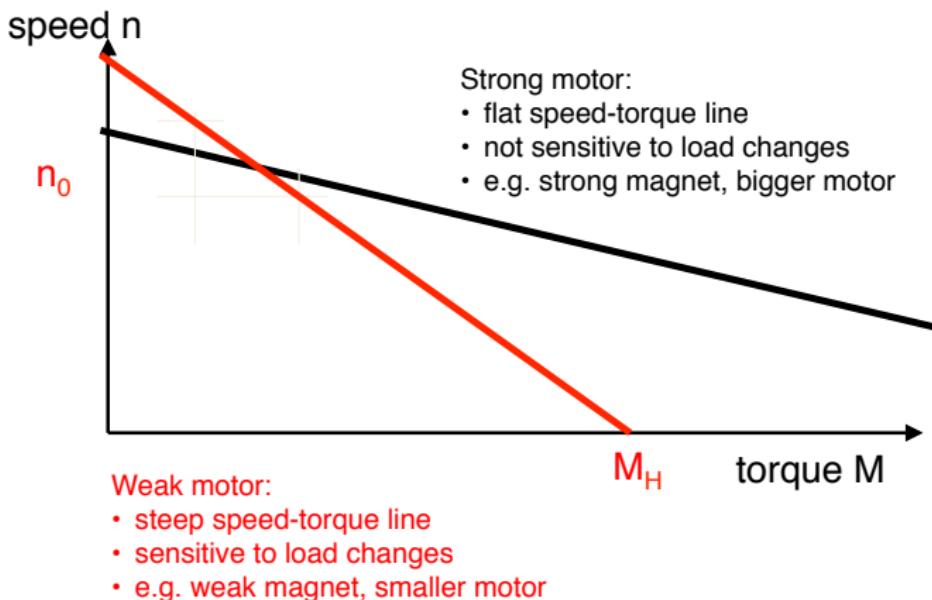
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Influence of voltage:

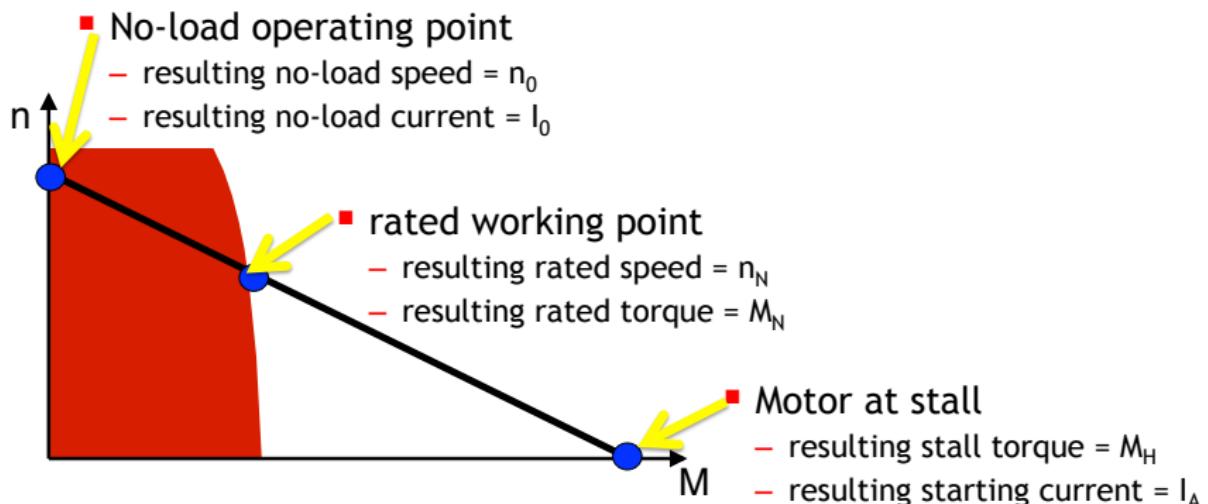
- no-load speed  $n_0$  proportional to applied voltage
- stall torque  $M_H$  proportional to the applied voltage
- increasing voltage shifts the speed-torque line upwards
- speed-torque gradient  $\frac{d_V}{d_M}$  unaffected

# SPEED-TORQUE CHARACTERISTIC

Speed reduced as output motor torque is increased

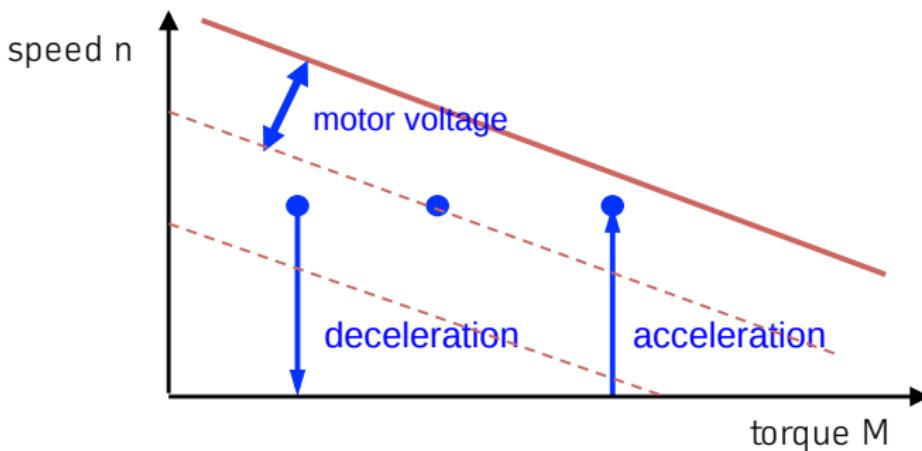


## OPERATING POINTS 1/2



## OPERATING POINTS 2/2

- **Load operating points** are defined by the applications. They are characterised by a load speed  $n_L$  at a given load torque  $M_L$
- **Motor operating points** lie on the speed-torque line: select the voltage accordingly.



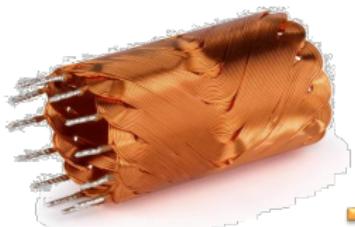
## EFFECT OF CHANGING THE WINDINGS

$$\dot{\theta} = \frac{V}{K} - R \cdot \frac{\tau}{K^2}$$

...what would be the effect?

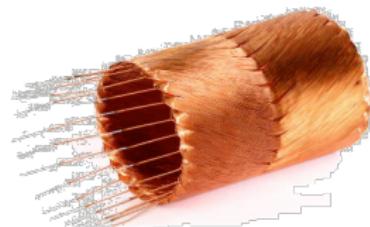
- on max speed?
- on start current/stall torque?

# EFFECT OF CHANGING THE WINDINGS



$$\dot{\theta} = \frac{V}{K} - R \cdot \frac{\tau}{K^2}$$

resistance increases from left to right  
R



wing	<b>273752</b>	323890	<b>273753</b>	<b>273754</b>	273755	273756	273757	273758	<b>273759</b>	273760	273761	273762	273763
mm	285785	323891	285786	285787	285788	285789	285790	285791	285792	285793	285794	285795	285796

V	15.0	24.0	30.0	42.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0
rpm	7070	7670	7220	7520	7270	6650	5960	4740	3810	3140	2570	2100	1620
mA	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	245
rpm	6270	6910	6910	6910	6910	6910	5960	5960	5960	5960	5960	5960	5960
Nm	73.2	93.0	93.0	93.0	93.0	93.0	98.2	44.7	34.2	27.1	21.6	17.2	12.9
A	4.00	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.30	1.51	1.36	1.12	0.916	0.752	0.621	0.503
Nm	874	1160	949	1000	967	878	96.8	102.2	102.2	102.2	102.2	102.2	102.2
A	45.0	39.7	39.7	39.7	39.7	39.7	12.9	1.36	1.12	0.916	0.752	0.621	0.503
%	81	84	84	84	84	85	84	83	83	83	83	83	83
Ω	0.334	0.605	0.420	0.520	0.420	0.520	0.72	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.12
mH	0.035	0.191	0.340	0.240	0.191	0.240	1.04	1.29	1.29	1.29	1.29	1.29	1.29
1/V	19.4	29.2	38.9	52.5	62.2	68	75.8	95.2	110	144	175	214	278
V	491	328	246	182	154	154	126	7.89	7.85	7.84	8.08	8.19	8.46
Nm	8.43	8.43	8.43	8.43	8.43	8.43	5.39	5.39	5.39	5.39	5.39	5.39	5.39
ms	5.97	5.60	5.50	5.40	5.38	5.38	65.2	68.4	68.5	63.0	62.8	60.8	60.4
cm²	67.6	67.6	67.6	67.6	67.6	67.6	67.6	67.6	67.6	67.6	67.6	67.6	67.6

- low resistance winding
- thick wire, few turns
- low rated voltage
- high rated and starting currents
- high specific speed ( $\text{min}^{-1}/\text{V}$ )
- low specific torque (mNm/A)

4.75	7.10	1.15	17.5	22.0	40.5	68.2	17.1
1.29	1.29	1.29	1.29	1.29	1.29	1.29	27.8
75.8	95.2	110	144	175	214	34.6	34.6
1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	8.55
7.89	7.85	7.84	8.08	8.19	8.46	5.41	5.41
5.39	5.39	5.39	5.39	5.39	5.39	60.4	60.4
65.2	68.4	68.5	63.0	62.8	60.8		

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- low rated and starting currents
- low specific speed ( $\text{min}^{-1}/\text{V}$ )
- high specific torque (mNm/A)

## NOMINAL MOTOR CHARACTERISTICS

- Nominal voltage (V) – operating voltage of motor
- No load speed (rpm) – rotational speed at operating voltage of motor with no load
- No load current (mA) – current taken at operating voltage of motor with no load
- Nominal speed (rpm) – rotational speed at operating voltage of motor with no load
- Nominal torque (max. continuous torque) (mNm) – max torque
- Nominal current (max. continuous current) (A) - max continuous current that can be passed through motor
- Stall torque (mNm) – torque generated at operating voltage of motor when motor is held stationary
- Starting current (A) – current draw when motor starts when operating voltage of motor applied
- Max. efficiency (%) – energy efficiency of the motor

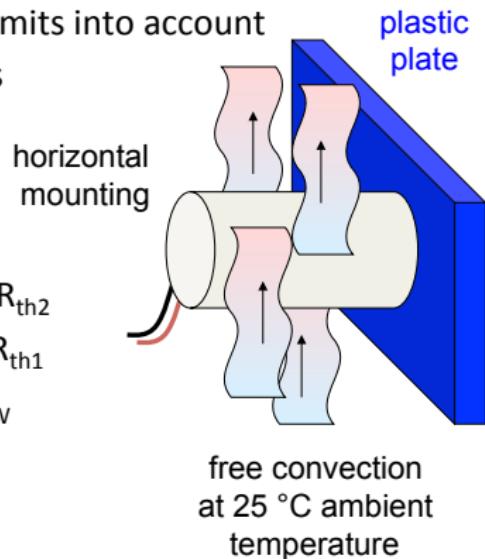
## LIST OF MAIN MOTOR PARAMETERS

- Terminal resistance (phase to phase for EC) ( $\Omega$ )
- Terminal inductance (phase to phase for EC) (mH)
- Torque constant (mNm/A)
- Speed constant (rpm/V)
- Speed / torque gradient (rpm/mNm)
- Mechanical time constant (ms)
- Rotor inertia (gcm<sup>2</sup>)

# MOTOR THERMAL CONSIDERATIONS

We must take motor heating and thermal limits into account

- Depend strongly on mounting conditions
- Standard mounting:
- Heating and cooling
  - Thermal resistance housing-ambient  $R_{th2}$
  - Thermal resistance winding-housing  $R_{th1}$
  - Thermal time constant of winding  $t_{thw}$
  - Thermal time constant of motor  $t_{ths}$
- Temperature limits
  - Ambient temperature range
  - Max. winding temperature  $T_{max}$



# INFLUENCE OF TEMPERATURE ON MOTOR OPERATION

## Temperature coefficients

Resistivity  $\rho$  for Cu + 0.39 % per K

Flux density B for AlNiCo - 0.02 % per K

Flux density B for Ferrite - 0.2 % per K

Flux density B for NdFeB - 0.1 % per K



For example: RE motor

If  $\Delta T = + 50K$

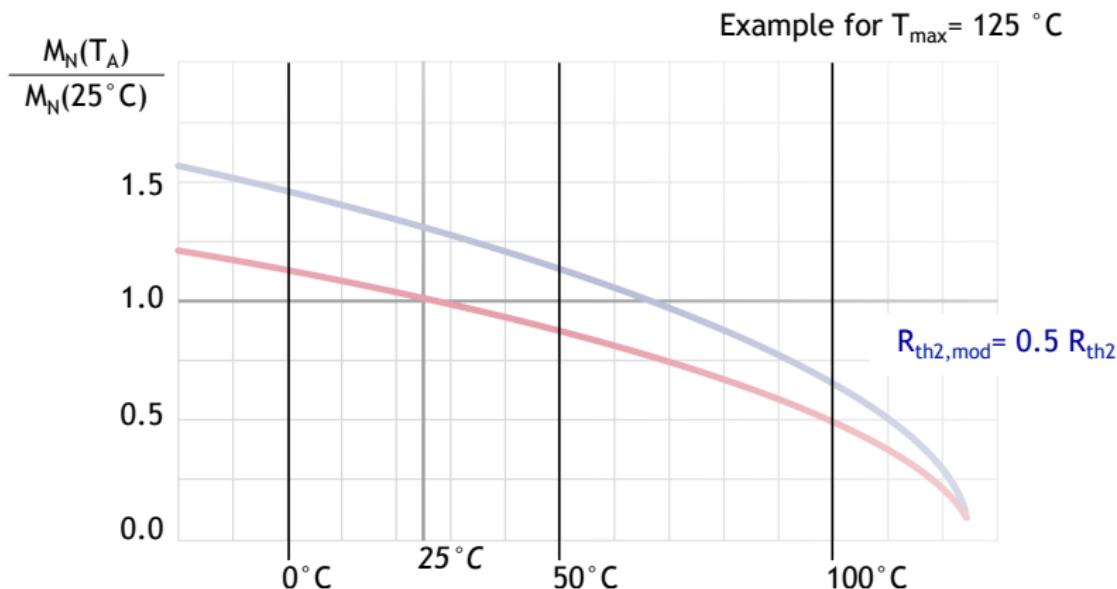
R: + 19.5 %

$K_n$ : + 5 % (no-load speed)

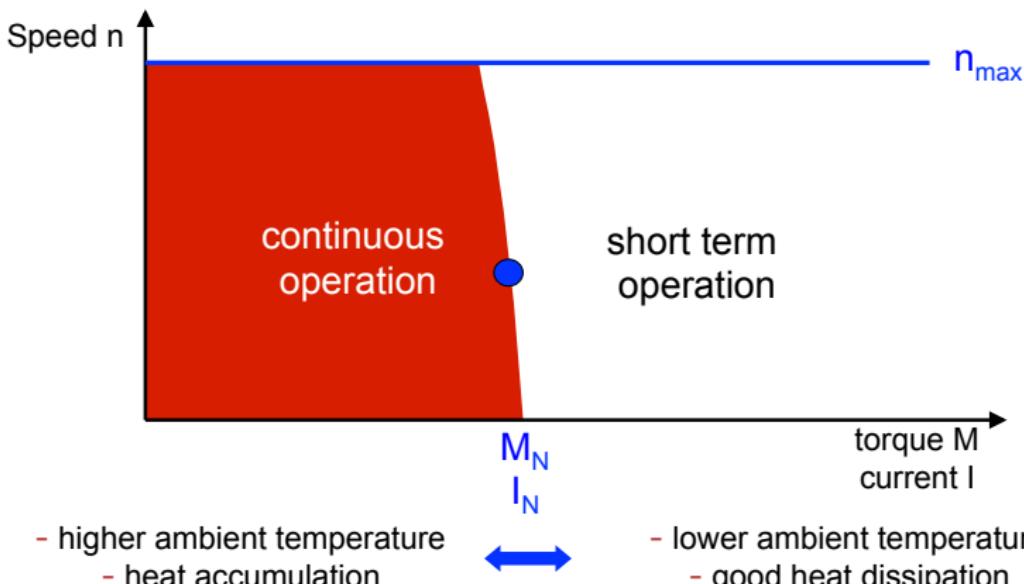
$k_M$ : - 5 % (more current!)

Stall torque  $M_H$ : - 22 %

## PERMISSIBLE TORQUE AND TEMPERATURE



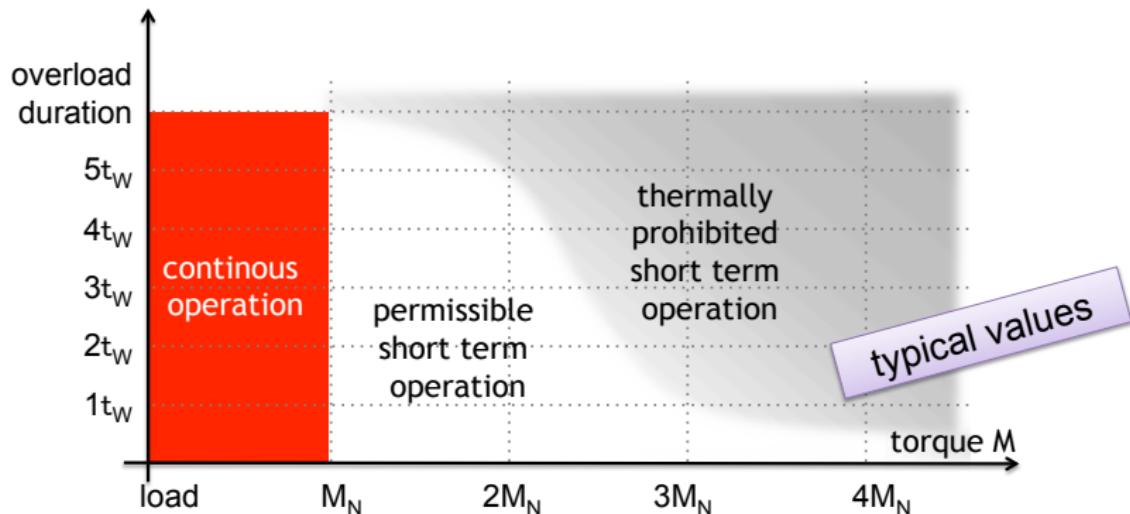
## MOTOR LIMITS: OPERATION RANGES



## SHORT-TERM OVERLOAD OPERATION

Motor may be overloaded for a short time and repeatedly

- Limit: max. permissible winding temperature
- Depends on thermal time constant of winding  $t_W$  and amount of overload

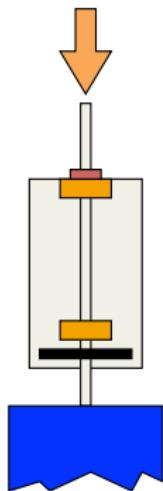


## LIST OF MAIN THERMAL MOTOR PARAMETERS

- Thermal resistance housing-ambient (K/W)
- Thermal resistance winding-housing (K/W)
- Thermal time constant winding (s)
- Thermal time constant motor (s)
- Ambient temperature (°C)
- Max. permissible winding temperature (°C)

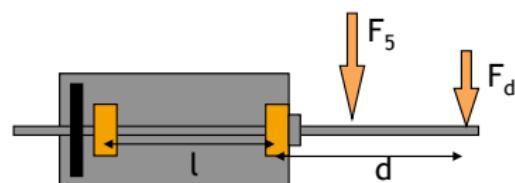
# MECHANICAL MOTOR PARAMETERS

## Maximum speed and mechanical properties of motor bearings



- Max. permissible speed
  - Limited by bearing life considerations (EC)
  - Limited by relative speed between collector and brushes (DC)
- Axial and radial play
  - suppressed by a preload
- Axial and radial bearing load
  - Dynamic: in operation
  - Static: at stall

axial press fit force  
(shaft supported)



## LIST OF MAIN MECHANICAL MOTOR PARAMETERS

Max. permissible speed (rpm)

Axial play (mm)

Radial play (mm)

Max. axial load (dynamic) (N)

Max. force for press fits (static) (N)

(static, shaft supported) (N)

Max. radial loading, 5 mm from flange (N)

## OTHER SPECIFICATIONS

- Rates power (W)
- Life expectancy (h)
- Weight of motor (g)
- Direction of rotation
- Number of pole pairs
- Number of commutator segments
- Commutator material
- Insulation class
- Protection class
- Armature details
- Magnet system
- Bearing type
- Housing

# BRUSHLESS DC MOTORS

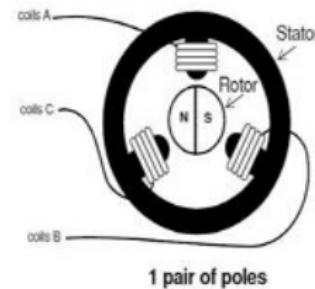
## PROBLEMS OF MECHANICAL COMMUTATION

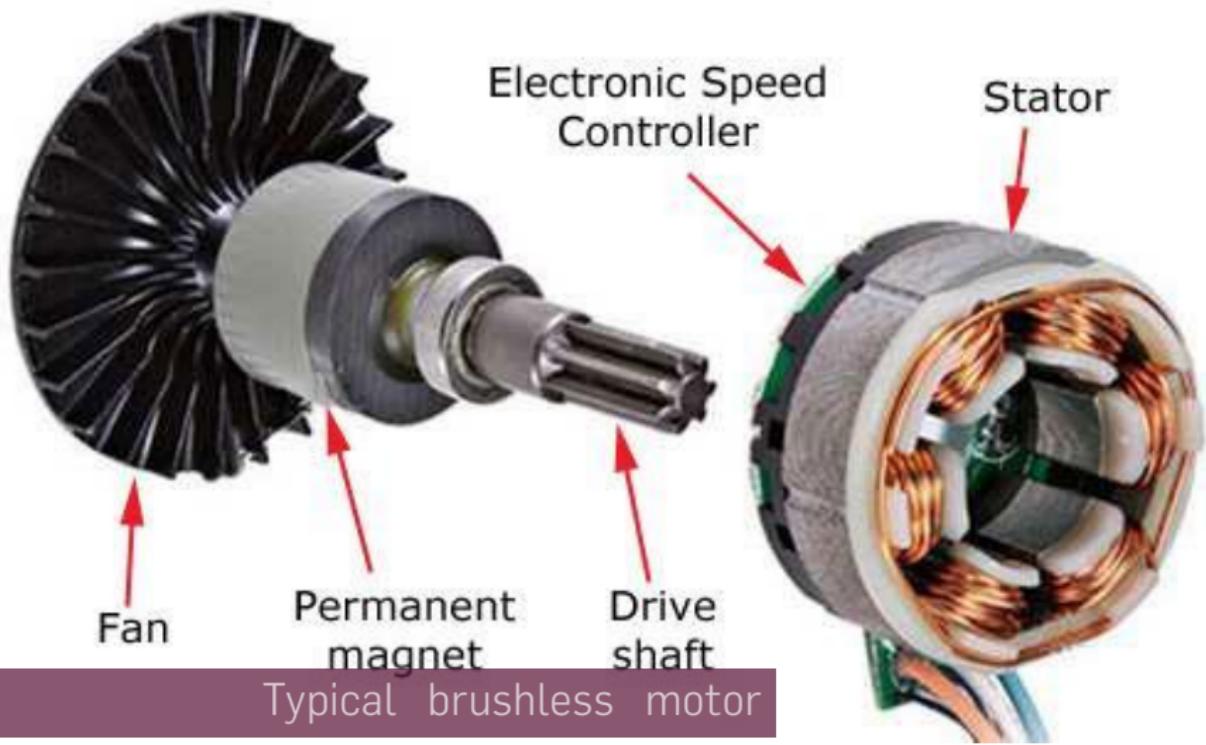
- Can get potential difference across commutator segments
- Commutation shorts out the commutator segments
- Arcing and sparkling at the brushes
- Brushless electronic switching solves this issue



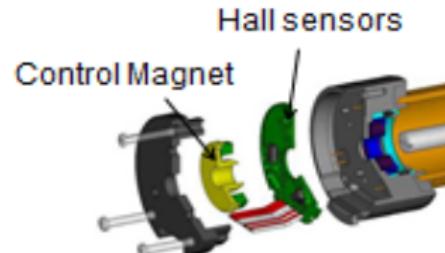
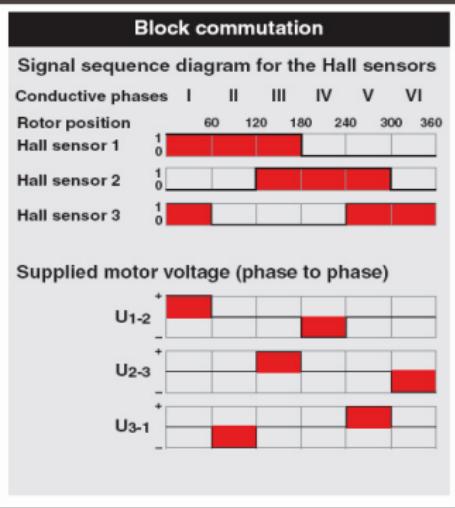
# BRUSHLESS DC MOTOR

- looks like DC brushed motor turned inside out
- commutation is performed electronically to eliminate brushes → **electronic commutation, EC**
- the stator generally consists of several coils
- current flow in the stator coils creates magnetic field
- this forces the permanent magnet rotor to spin
- continuous rotation by switching on current in the stator → **sequenced magnetic field**
- brushless motors **require a controller** that perform the commutation





# HOW DO BRUSHLESS MOTORS WORK?



- Electronic commutation is used to switch current in the stator coils so that the rotor is forced to rotate

- There is often a control magnet in line with the poles of the large magnet in the motor to identify rotor angle so that the controller can switch current into the appropriate coils
- As it turns Hall sensors are stimulated by the magnetic flux.
- The Hall sensors are used to tell the controller what the orientation is of the magnet with respect to the three winding phases.
- Current in the stator coils is turned on and off in sequence creating motion from pole to pole.

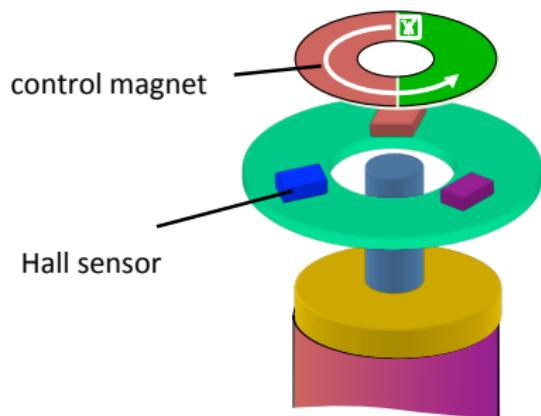
This animation shows the block commutation sequence of a brushless DC motor.

On the right there is a schematic cross section of a maxon EC motor.

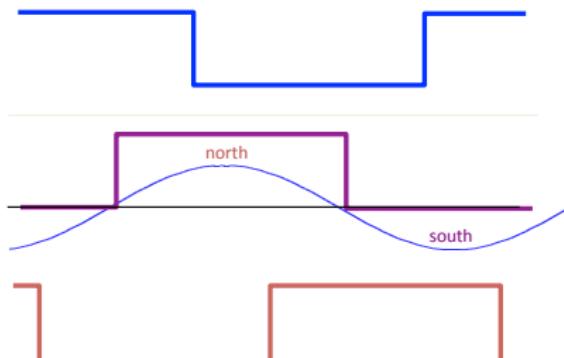


# BLOCK COMMUTATION

Rotor position from Hall sensor signals



EC-max and EC flat:  
Power magnet is probed directly

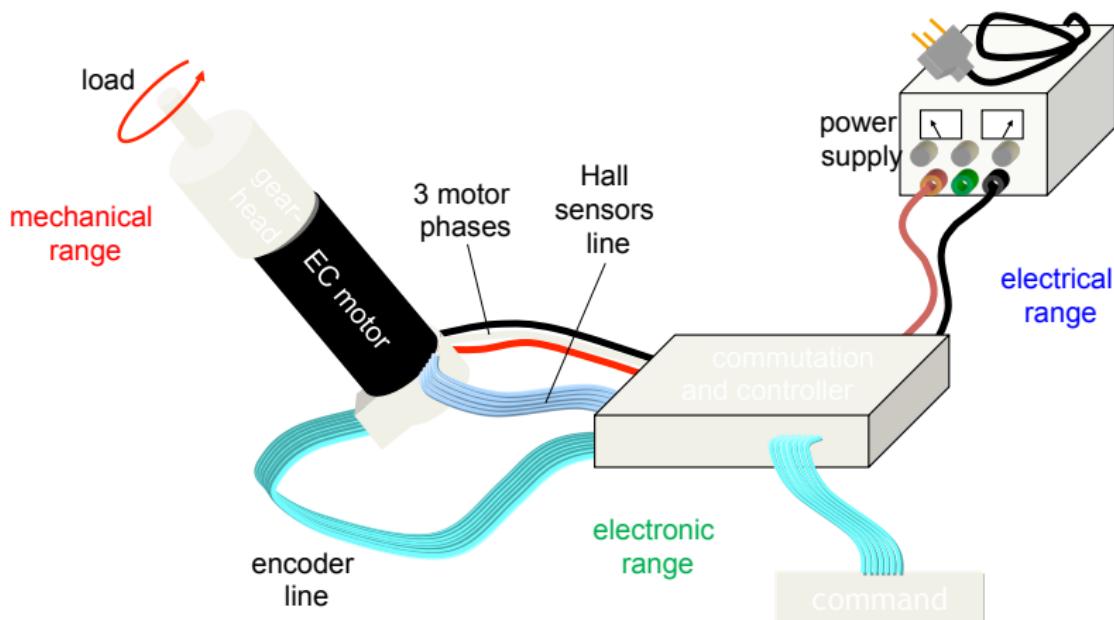


1	1	0	0	0	1	1
0	1	1	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	1	1	0

0° 60° 120° 180° 240° 300° 360°

rotation angle

# COMPONENTS OF AN EC DRIVE SYSTEM



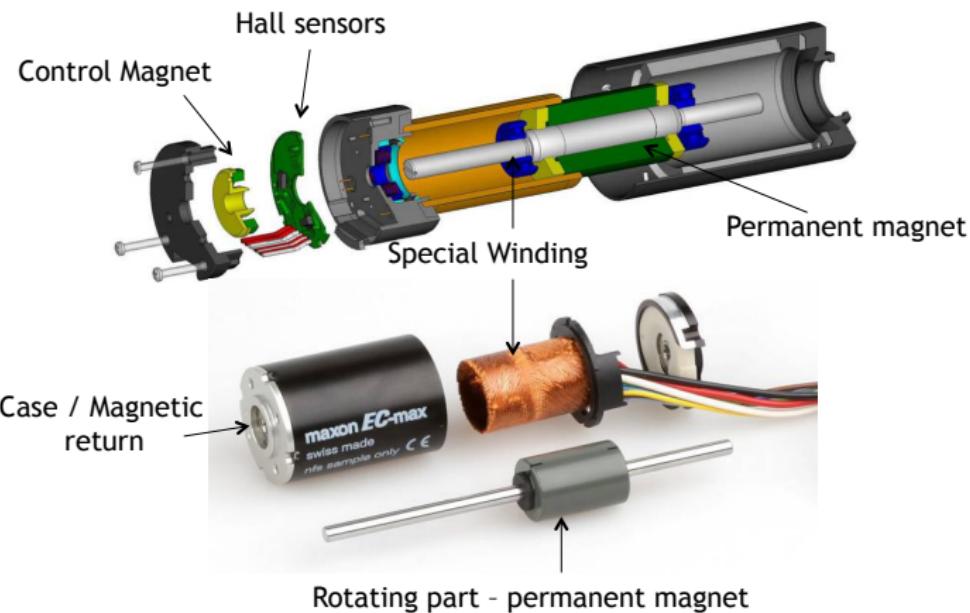
# BRUSHLESS MOTOR FOR RC AIRCRAFT

**2200KV**

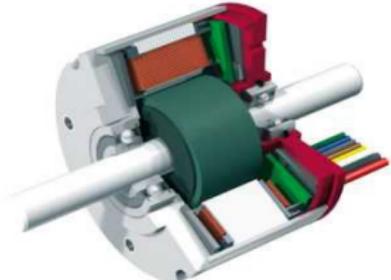


- Product Name : Brushless Motor;Model : A2212-6;KV : 2200RPM/V
- Fit for Battery : 2-3 Li-Poly;Fit for ESC : 30A;Shaft Size : 3 x 12mm/ 0.1" x 0.5"(D\*L)
- Motor Part Size : 25 x 28mm/ 1" x 1.1"(L\*D);Mounted Screw Hole Diameter : 2.5mm/0.1";Screw Hole Centre Distance : 13 x 13mm/0.5" x 0.5"(L\*W)
- Cable Length : 55mm / 2.2";Material : Metal, Electronic Parts;Color : Silver Tone, Brass Tone
- Weight : 59g;Package Content : 1 x Brushless Motor w Prop Adapter

# CONSTRUCTION OF A EC BRUSHLESS MOTOR



# MAXON EC FLAT BRUSHLESS MOTOR



Multi pole motor

Flat design gives more torque as the flux is acting further from the centre of rotation

# ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF EC

## Brushed DC motors

- Mechanical commutation
- Need periodic brush maintenance
- Power losses in brushes
- Sparking
- Can have noisy operation
- Linear torque characteristic at lower speeds
- Change direction by changing voltage polarity
- Controller not always needed

## EC motors

- Electronic commutation
- Low or no maintenance
- Less power loss
- No sparking
- Quieter operation
- More linear torque characteristic
- Change direction by changing switching sequence
- Always needs drive controller circuitry
- Requires sensors
- Higher reliability & efficiency
- Stator on outside – better for heat dissipation
- Longer life
- More expensive

Inductance  
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Voltage  
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Motor dynamics  
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Datasheets  
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Brushless DC motors  
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That's all, folks!

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**Slides:**

[github.com/severin-lemaignan/module-introduction-sensors-actuators](https://github.com/severin-lemaignan/module-introduction-sensors-actuators)  
...or the DLE!