

Preliminary Design Review

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**Space System Product Development Class
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Electro Magnetic Formation Flight Of Rotating
Clustered Entities**

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EMFFORCE Mission

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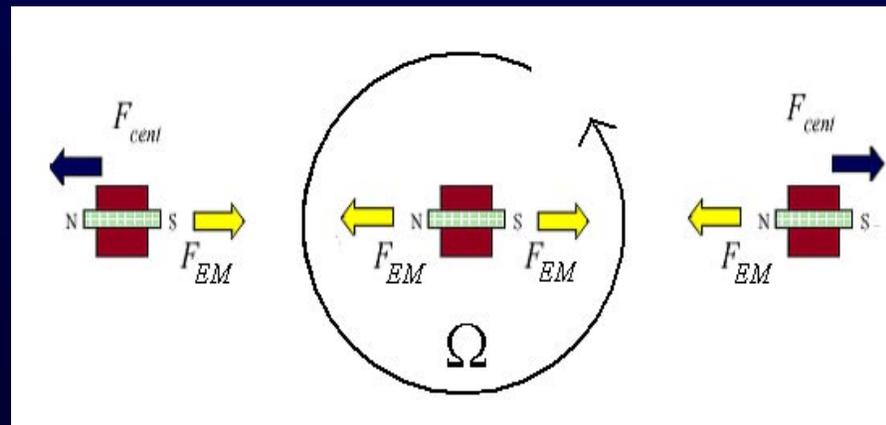
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Demonstrate the feasibility of electromagnetic control for formation flying satellites.



Definition of Formation Flight

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A cluster of cooperating satellites flying in a desired formation.

Applications of Formation Flight

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- Large sensor apertures
 - Increased resolution
- Servicing
 - Can replace failed formation elements individually
- Upgrade and Maintenance
 - Can work on individual components without removing whole mission
- Change formation geometry
 - Evolving mission sensing requirements

Advantages of Formation Flight

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- Large baselines to improve angular resolution
- Smaller vehicles
 - Ease of packaging, launch and deployment
- Redundancy
 - Mission does not fail if one satellite fails
- Reconfigurable
 - Replace individual space craft
 - Can integrate new technology during mission

Challenges of Formation Flight

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- Command and Control
 - Control multiple vehicles' absolute positions/motion vs.. relative positions/motion
- Propellant Drawbacks
 - Fuel limits lifetime
 - Exhaust particulates contaminate imaging instruments
 - Exhaust creates haze which limits imaging

Definition of Electromagnetic Control

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- Implement electromagnetic dipoles to create forces and torques between the vehicles
- Dipoles can be controlled by varying the amount of current through the electromagnet coil.
 - Can provide steady forces and torques for maneuverability
 - Can provide disturbance rejection for more precise control

Advantages of EMFF

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- No thrusters
 - Fewer consumables → Longer life
 - Zero pollution
 - No contact contamination
 - No radiative contamination
- Controls relative position/motion vs.. absolute position/motion

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● Control Problem

- Unstable – not unique to EMFF
- Coupled control
 - Each vehicles' motion affects all other vehicles

● Electromagnet Drawbacks

- Ferromagnetic material is heavy
- Electromagnetic force is weak
 - Force in the far-field drops of as the 4th power of separation distance
- Electromagnetic interference with other electronic subsystems

Customer Requirements

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- Multiple Vehicles
- Representative Formation Flying Vehicles
- Control to replace thrusters
- Control three degrees of freedom (DOF), traceable to six DOF
- Robust controller
 - Disturbance rejection
 - Reposition vehicles

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- Schedule
- Budget
- Limited human resources to CDIO class and staff
- Testing facility
- No use of umbilical resources; power, air supply, communications
- Recorded test data
- Safety of people, facility, and system

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Musts:

- Stability with at least three vehicles
- Control in each relative DOF

Shoulds:

- Representative 5 rotation maneuver
 - One rotation spin-up, 3 rotations steady state, and one rotation spin-down
- Operate in the far field
 - Separation distance at least 10x length of electro-magnet

System Operational Requirements

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- Test time 5 minutes
- Identical interchangeable vehicles
- Send/record test data
- Respond to other satellites
- Respond to user input
- Demonstrate autonomy
- Maintain safety

EMFFORCE Testbed Development Approach

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- Conceive and Design EMFFORCE testbed → PDR May 7, 2002
- Implement testbed → CDR Nov., 2002
- Operate completed testbed → AR March, 2003
 - Operate at MIT
 - Operate at Lockheed Flat Floor Facility in Denver

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- To review the preliminary design and identify and resolve high risk elements of the system.
- Have outside expert review of current progress.

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● Sub-System design

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- Resource Tracking
- Budgets
- Verification & Validation
- Schedules
- Action Items

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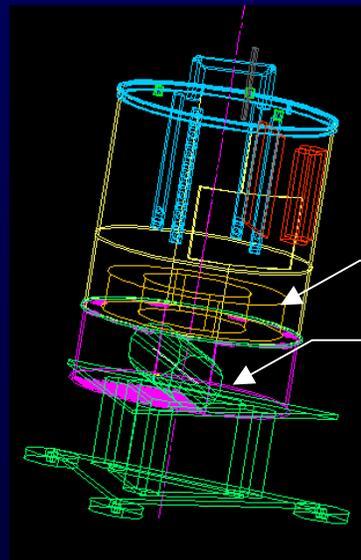
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Reaction Wheel

Electromagnet

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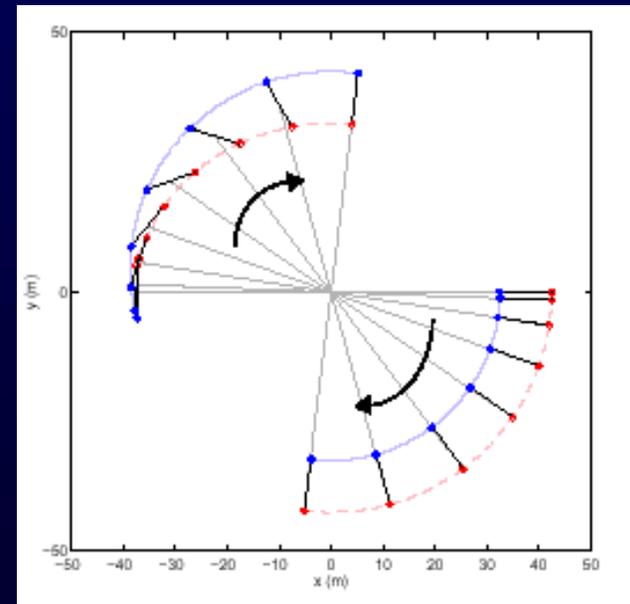
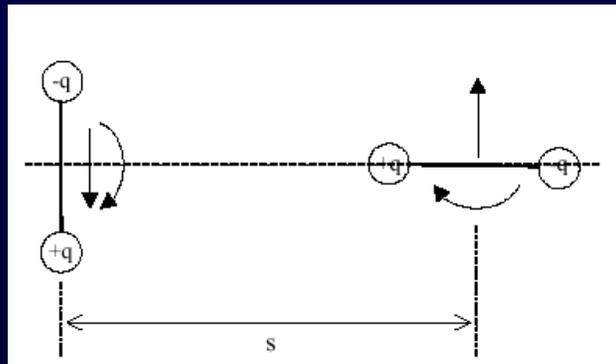
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- EM force induces spin-up of cluster from initial perpendicular orientation
- RW provides counter torque to balance moments induced by electromagnets



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- Actuate control of vehicle cluster
- Magnets must be controllable in necessary DOF
- No thrusters may be used
 - Electromagnets provide force
 - Reaction wheel provides torque
- Minimize mass and power consumption

Trades – EM Configuration

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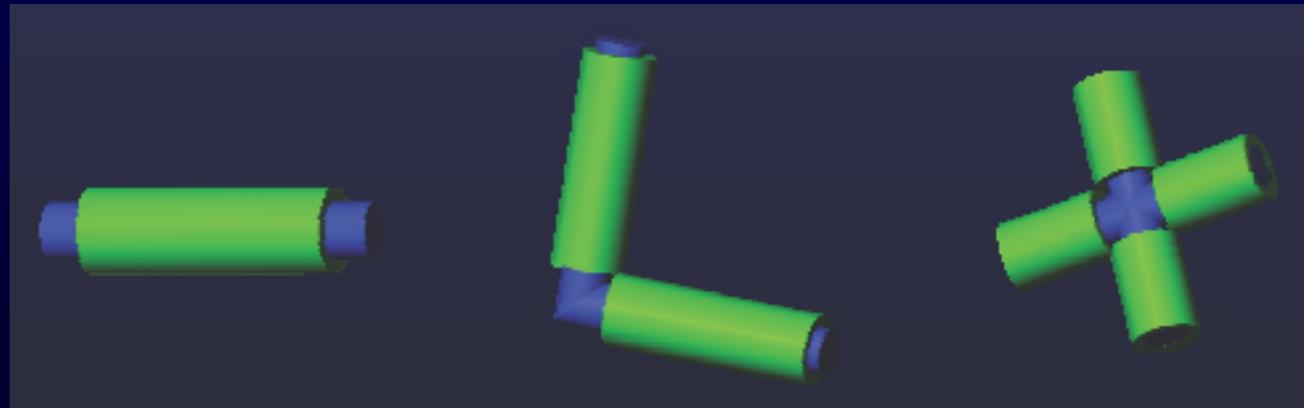
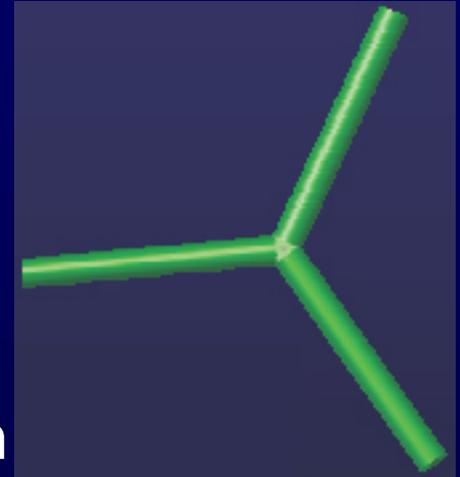
Possible configurations:

- Dipole, Y-pole, L-pole, X-pole



Eliminate:

- L-pole: center of mass problem
- X-pole: mass distribution to 4 dipole legs



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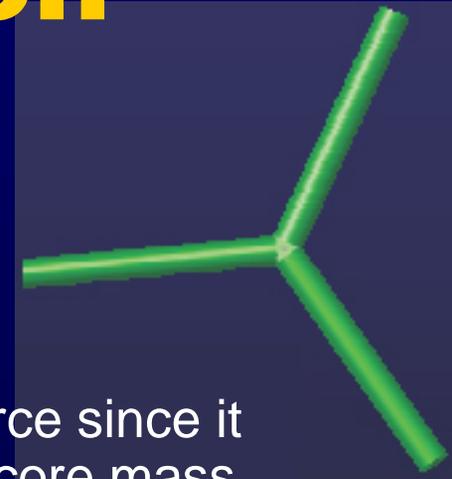
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- Dipole vs.. Y-pole
- Considerations:
 - Mass distribution: Force
 - Dipole generates greater force since it energizes larger amount of core mass
 - Y-pole can vary direction of magnetic field without being rotated by reaction wheel
 - Torque
 - Y-pole generates additional torque to be countered by reaction wheel



Trades – EM Core Material

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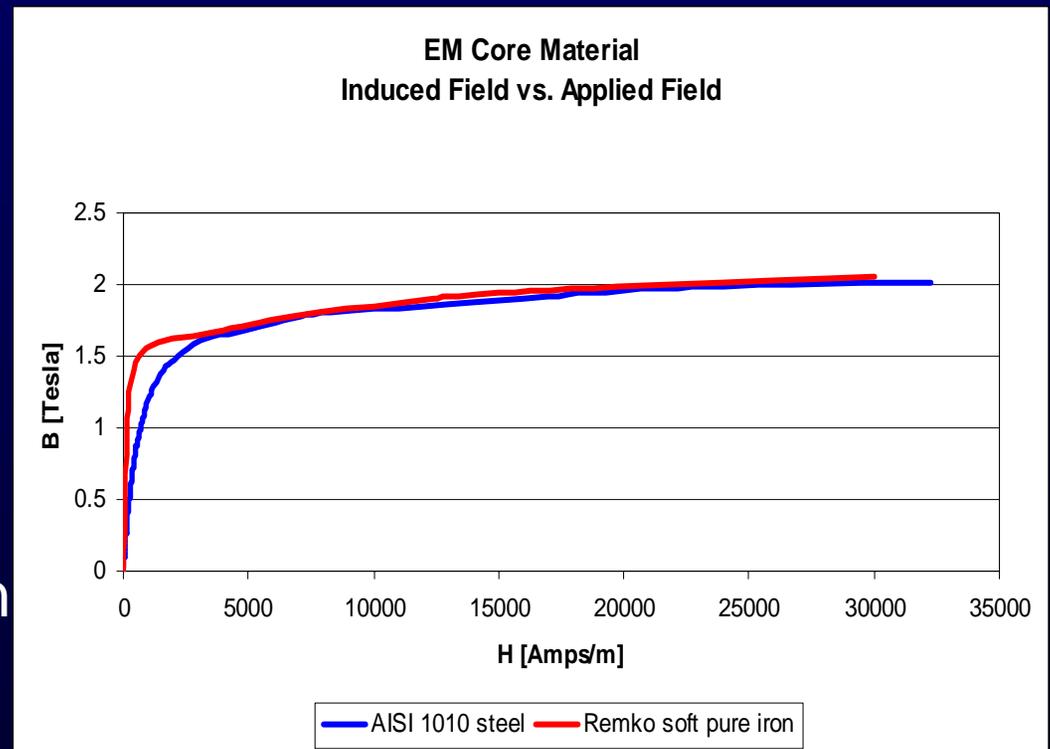
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- Cost
- Availability
- Magnetic Properties
 - B-H curve
 - $B_{\text{saturation}}$
 - Permeability
- Steel vs.. Iron



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- EM Software: Infolytica MagNet
 - Input EM configuration and geometry to obtain forces and torques
- Example:
 - Y-pole configuration
 - Separation: 2 m
 - Core mass: 19.5 kg
 - Applied current: 10 Amps



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Results:

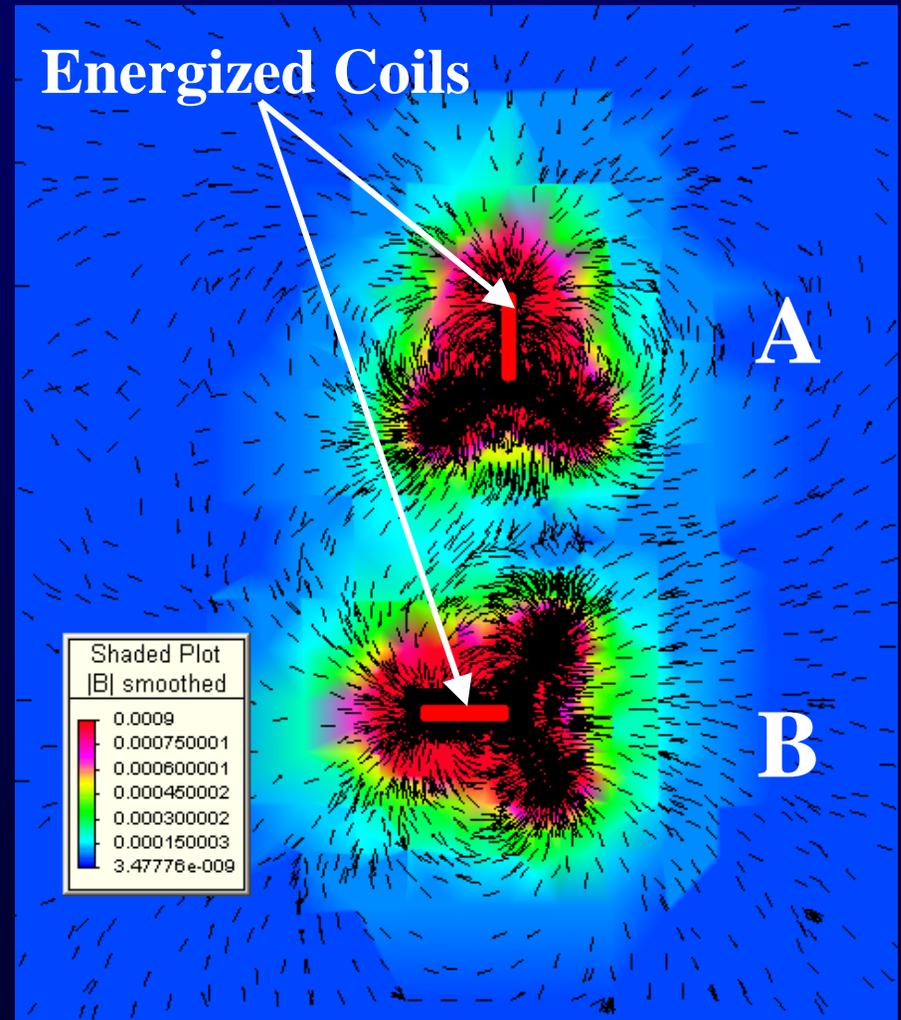
- Force on A and B equal

- Magnitude: 0.42 N

- Torque greater on B than A

- A: 0.052 N-m

- B: 0.848 N-m



Test Run Video

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Electromagnetic Formation
Flight

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Proof of Concept
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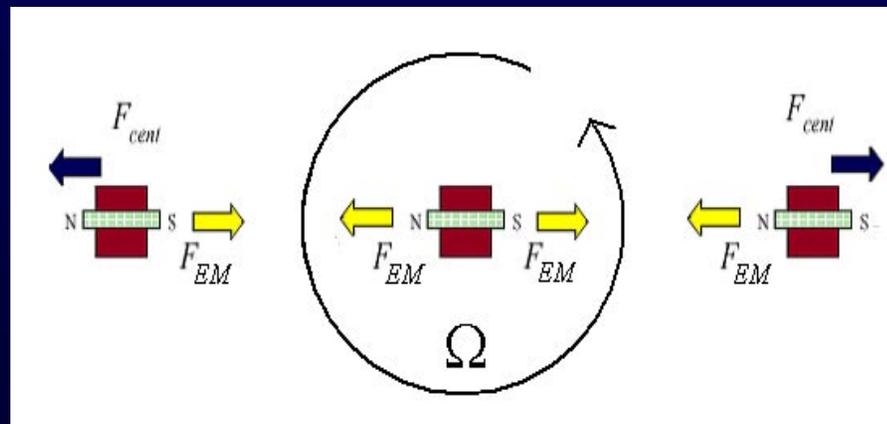
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Operational Setup

- Separation: 3m
- Spin Rate: 1 RPM



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● Magnetic Force for Three Vehicles

$$F_{mag} = \frac{3 \mu_o \mu_A \mu_B}{2 \pi \left(\frac{s}{2}\right)^4} + \frac{3 \mu_o \mu_A \mu_C}{2 \pi (s)^4}$$

● Set equal to centripetal force

$$F_{cent} = \Omega^2 \left(\frac{s}{2}\right) m_{tot}$$

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- Substituting in the following relations

$$\mu_A = \mu_B = \mu_C = \frac{BV_{core}}{\mu_o} = \frac{Bm_{core}}{\mu_o \rho_{core}}$$

- And solving for m_{core}

$$m_{core} = \frac{\Omega \rho_{core}}{B} \sqrt{\frac{m_{tot} \pi \mu_o S^5}{51}}$$

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• Substituting

$$m_{tot} = m_{core} + m_{coil} + m_0$$

$$m_{coil} = \frac{\rho_{coil} \pi}{C_0 \alpha} \left(\frac{4m_{core} \alpha^2}{\rho_{core} \pi} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} H$$

• Where

$$\alpha = \frac{L_{core}}{2r_{core}} \quad C_0 = \frac{i_{max}}{\pi r_{coil}^2} \quad m_0 = 7kg$$

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● Substituting

- $B = 2$ Tesla

- $\alpha = 10$

- $H = 20000$

● Solving numerically for m_{core} yields

- $m_{\text{core}} = 6.5$ kg

● Solving for core dimensions

- $L_{\text{core}} = .47$ m

- $r_{\text{core}} = .02$ m

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- The applied field is set by the number of amp-turns in the coil

$$Ni = HL_{core}$$

- Current limited by the wire gauge
- Number of turns sets coil length and voltage requirements
- Coil mass proportional to Ni
- More analysis needs to be done to optimize number of turns

RW Trades

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● Build vs.. Buy

- Will build RW to specifications
 - Cheaper
 - Commercial RWs are spacecraft sized

● Material: Steel vs.. Aluminum vs.. Plastic

- Use Aluminum
 - Doesn't interfere with magnetic field
 - Higher density than plastics – RW will not have to be as large

System Assumptions for RW Analysis

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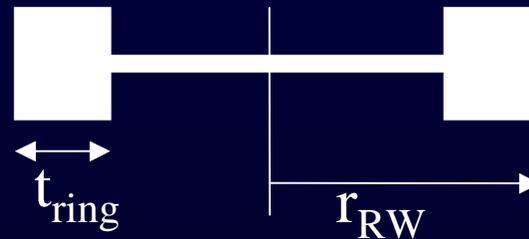
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- Cluster contains two vehicles
- Vehicles are modeled as uniform density cylinders
- Max $\Omega_{RW} = 2000 \text{ rpm} \sim 210 \text{ rad/s}$
- RW is modeled as a ring with a thin plate in the center
- Ring has square cross section with diameter t_{ring}



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● RWs provides counter torque to balance system: $2H_{RW} = -H_{cluster}$

● Cluster angular momentum

$$(H_{cluster}): H_{cluster} = I\Omega$$

● Cluster moment of inertia (I):

$$I = 2 \left(I_0 + m_{tot} \left(\frac{s}{2} \right)^2 \right)$$

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● Moment of inertia of RW (I_{RW}):

$$I_{RW} = m_{RW} r_{RW}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_{RW} (r_{RW} - t_{ring})^2$$

● RW angular momentum (H_{RW}):

$$H_{RW} = \left(m_{RW} r_{RW}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_{RW} (r_{RW} - t_{ring})^2 \right) \Omega_{RW}$$

● RW mass (m_{RW}):

$$m_{RW} = t_{ring}^2 2\pi r_{RW} \rho_{Al}$$

RW Mass vs.. RW Radius

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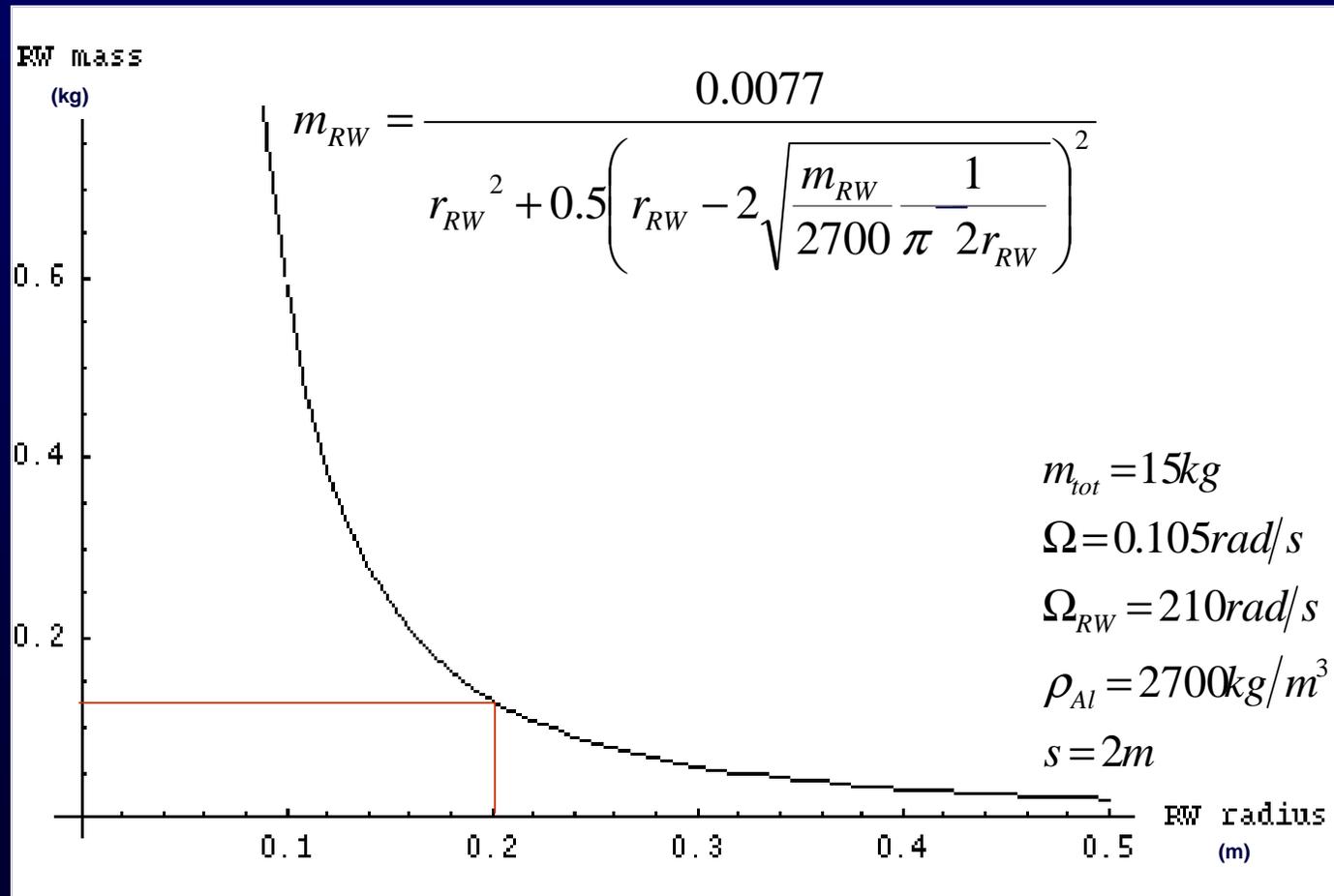
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- RW has a mass of 0.16 kg given a radius of 0.2 m
- RW Assembly will not exceed 1 kg - includes motor



RW Power Analysis

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- RW uses power mainly when applying torque – during spin up

$$P_{RW} = \tau_{mag} \Omega_{RW}$$

- Torque induced by dipole (τ_{mag}):

$$\tau_{mag} = \mu_A \times B$$

- Relationship for B-field:

$$B = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{\mu_B}{x^3}$$

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● Magnetic moment (μ_A):

$$\mu_A = \frac{BV_{core}}{\mu_0}$$

● Power required by RW (P_{RW}):

$$P_{RW} = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{\mu_A \mu_B}{x^3} \Omega_{RW}$$

● RW power estimate:

$$P_{RW} \cong 13W$$

$$x = 1m$$

$$L_{core} = 0.5m$$

$$r_{core} = 0.02m$$

$$V_{core} = 6.3 \times 10^{-4} m^3$$

$$\Omega_{RW} = 2000 \text{ rpm} = 210 \text{ rad / s}$$

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- System may not be able to operate in the far field
- Total mass is large (~15 kg)
 - Magnet core mass increases rapidly with vehicle mass
- Magnet temperature must be monitored during operation

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Part	Cost (\$US)	Mass (kg)	Power (W)
Iron Core	100	6.5	>120
Copper Wire	50	1.5	
RW Assembly	1000	1	13
Total (vehicle)	1150	9	133

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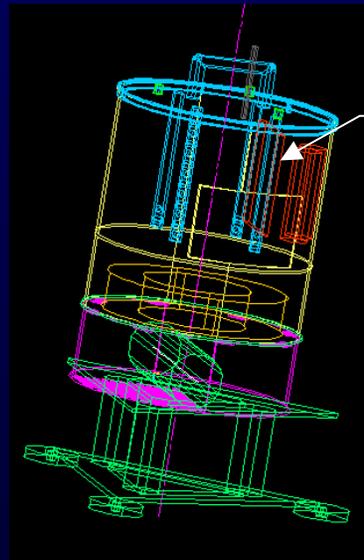
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- Counteract disturbances
- Reposition satellites to perform maneuvers
 - One rotation spin-up
 - Three rotations steady state
 - One rotation spin-down
- Control tolerance to 1/10 separation distance

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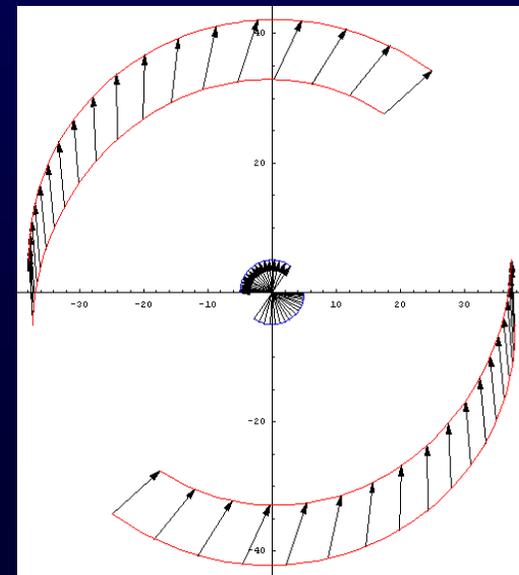
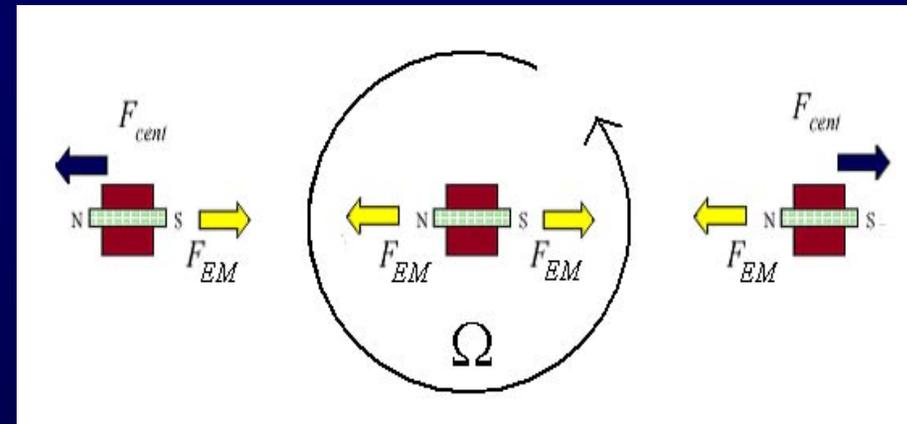
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Two modes:
● Steady state

● Spin-up/De-Spin



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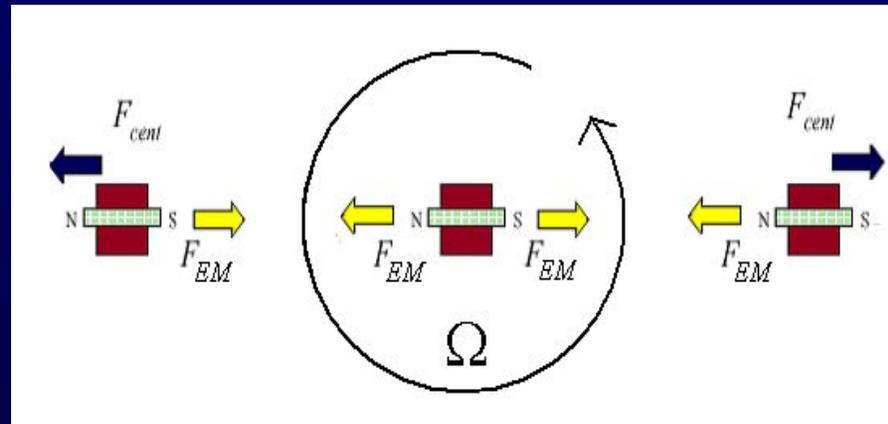
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Must model axial dynamics

Steady State Derivation of Poles for Three Vehicles

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● Force Balance

$$F_{cent.} = \frac{mv^2}{s} = m\Omega^2 s = \frac{mh^2}{s^3}$$

$$F_{EM} = \frac{c_0 \mu_{avg}}{s^4} + \frac{c_0 \mu_{avg}^2}{(2s)^4}$$

● Perturbation Analysis

$$m\ddot{s} = \frac{c_0 \mu_{avg}^2}{s^4} + \frac{c_0 \mu_{avg}^2}{(2s)^4} - m\Omega^2 s$$

$$c_0 = \frac{3\mu_0}{2\pi}$$

$$\mu_A = \mu_B = \mu_C = \mu_{avg}$$

$$m(\ddot{s}_0 + \delta\ddot{s}) = \frac{17c_0(\mu_{avg} + \delta\mu_{avg})^2}{16(s_0 + \delta s)^4} + \frac{mh^2}{(s_0 + \delta s)^3}$$

$$m\delta\ddot{s} - \frac{mh^2}{s_0^4} \delta s = -\frac{c_0 \mu_{avg}}{4s_0^4} \delta\mu_{avg}$$

Yields poles at $\pm \frac{h}{s_0^2} = \pm \Omega$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\delta \dot{s}}{s_0} \\ \frac{\delta \dot{s}}{s_0} \\ \frac{\delta \dot{s}}{s_0} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \Omega^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\delta s}{s_0} \\ \frac{\delta \dot{s}}{s_0} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2\Omega^2 \end{bmatrix} \frac{\delta \mu_{avg}}{\mu_{avg}} \quad \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{Bu}$$

● Using the Cost Function: $J = \int_0^{\infty} [\mathbf{x}^T R_{xx} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}^T R_{uu} \mathbf{u}] dt$

● And knowing that cost, J, is minimized when

$$0 = R_{xx} + PA + A^T P - PBR_{uu}^{-1}B^T P$$

$$\mathbf{u} = -R_{uu}^{-1}B^T P\mathbf{x} = -F\mathbf{x}$$

● Where Rxx describes what states the controller penalizes. Ruu describes the “cost” of actuation.

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● Choosing:

$$R_{xx} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_{uu} = \rho$$

● And using:

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} \\ P_{12} & P_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

● Feedback is then:

$$F = R_{uu}^{-1} B^T P = \frac{1}{\rho} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2\Omega^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} \\ P_{12} & P_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2\Omega^2}{\rho} \begin{bmatrix} P_{12} & P_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

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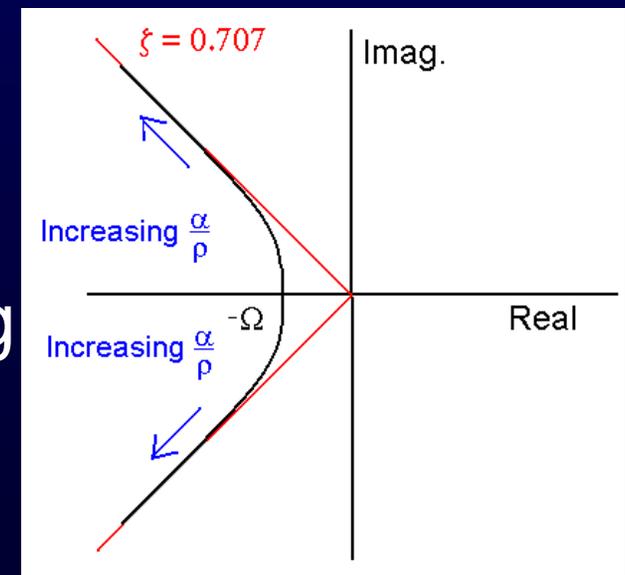
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- Now solve for the closed loop matrix where $\mathbf{u} = -F\mathbf{x}$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = A\mathbf{x} + B\mathbf{u} = [A - BF]\mathbf{x} = A_{CL}\mathbf{x}$$

- Evaluate as $\frac{\alpha}{\rho}$ increases from $0 \rightarrow \infty$

- Therefore the closed loop poles for the most efficient controller lie along this curve



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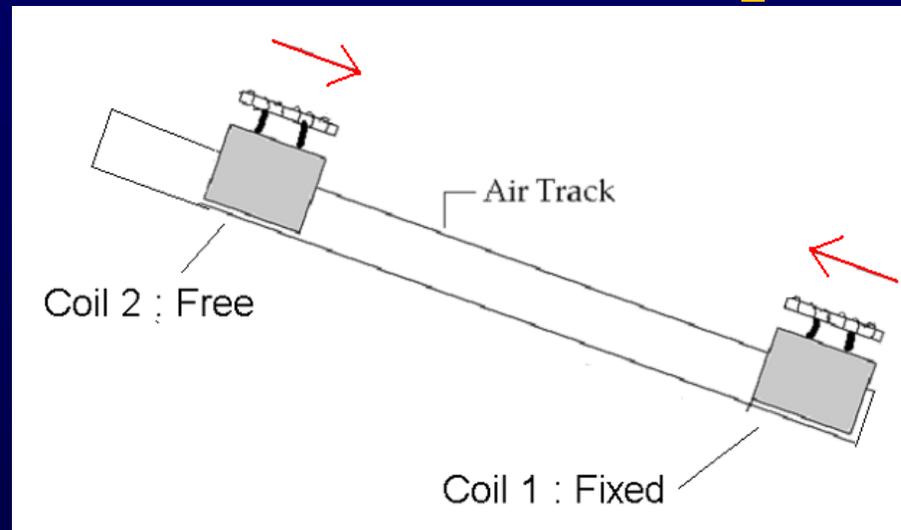
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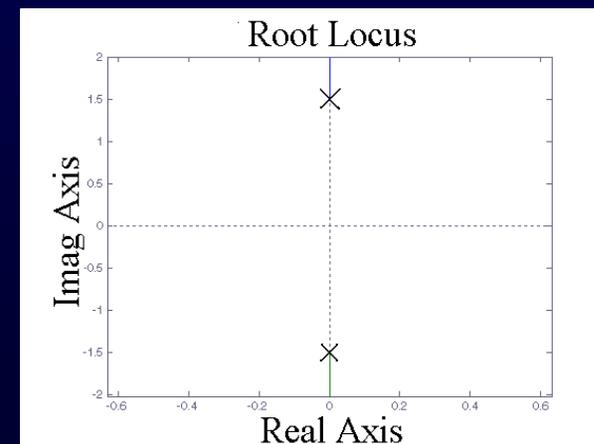
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Stable mode poles at:

$$\pm \sqrt{\frac{6\mu_0\mu_{avg}^2}{\pi x_0 m}} i$$



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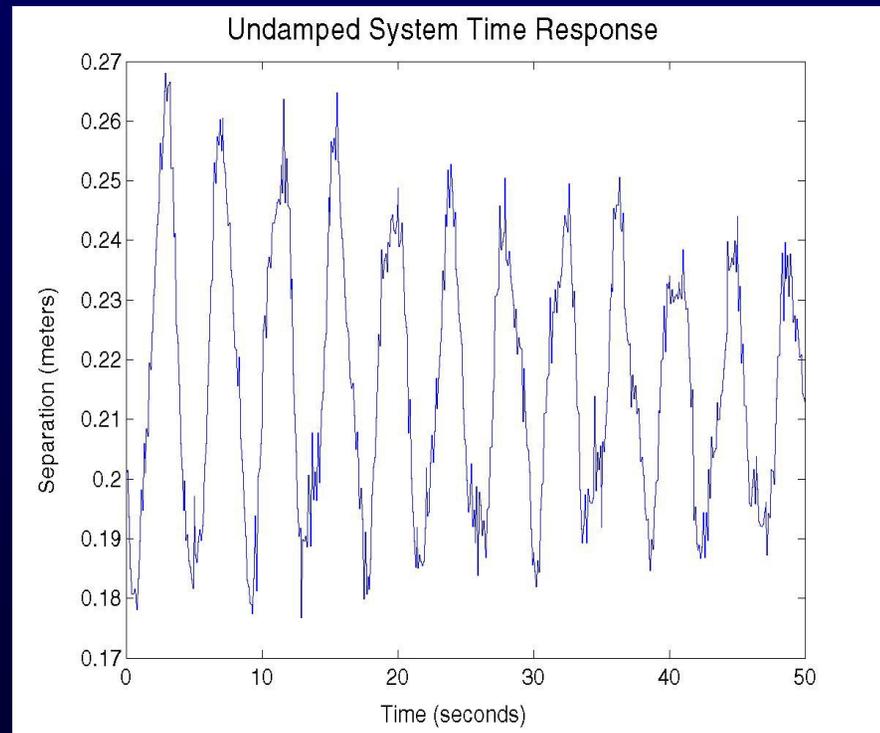
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● Step response
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● Negligible
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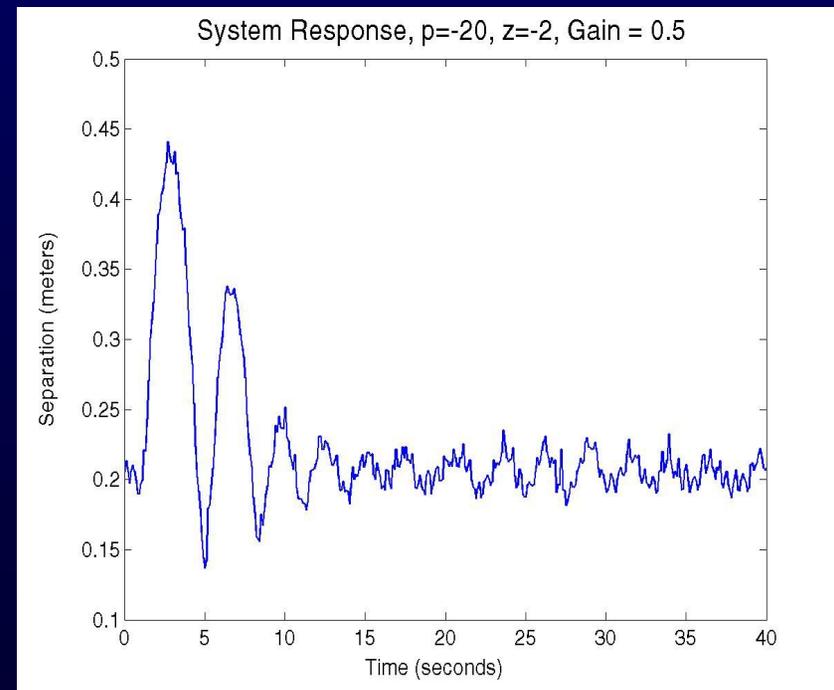
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- Phase lead controller
- Damping ratio: 0.11 ± 0.01
- Error caused by distance sensor noise



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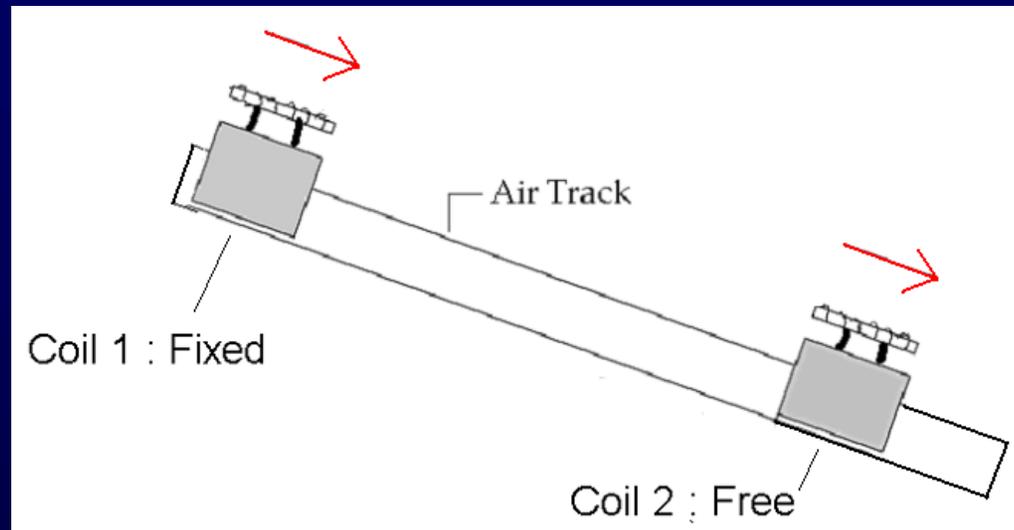
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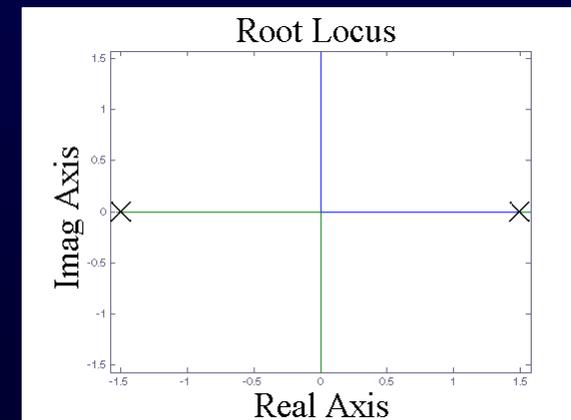
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Unstable mode poles at:

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Controller for Unstable Test Setup

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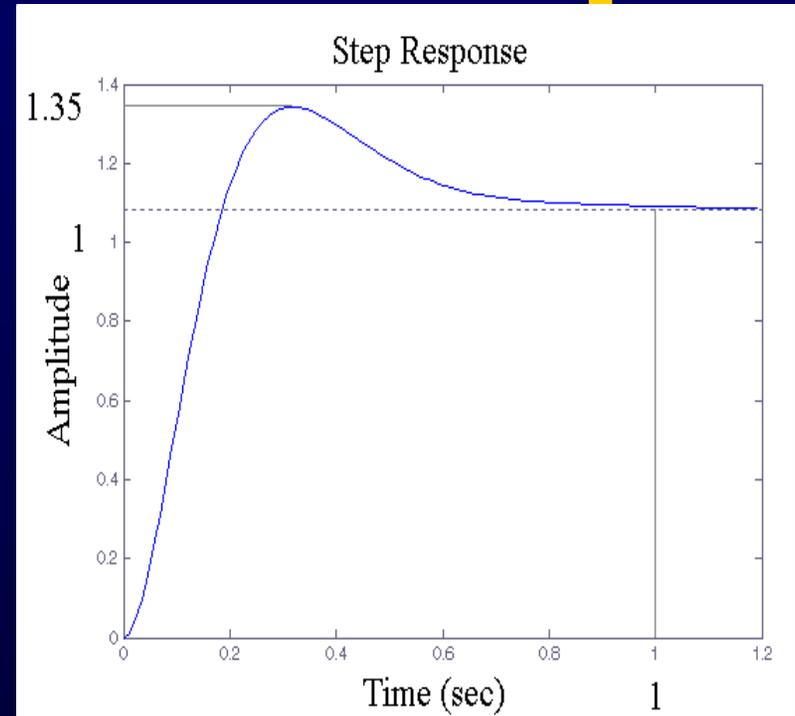
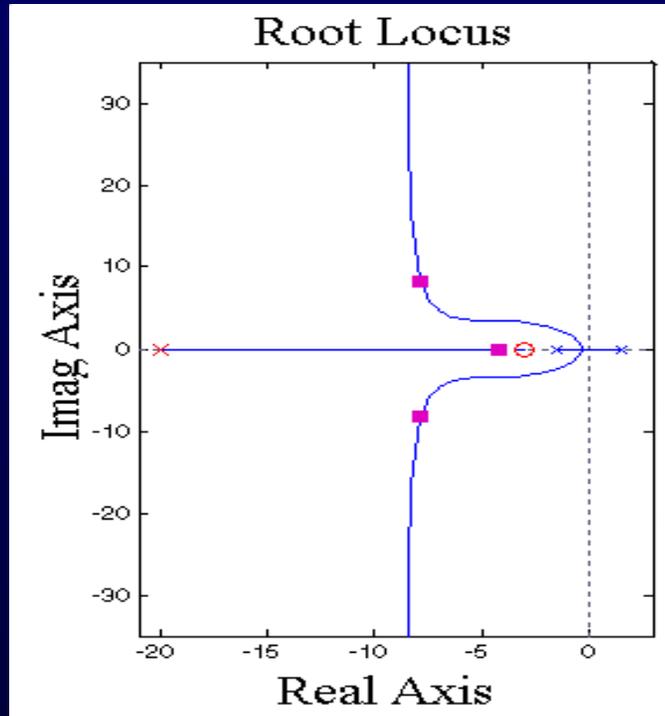
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Phase Lead Controller

$$p = -20, z = -3, k = 30$$

$$\text{Damping} = 0.68$$

Spin-up/De-spin Modes

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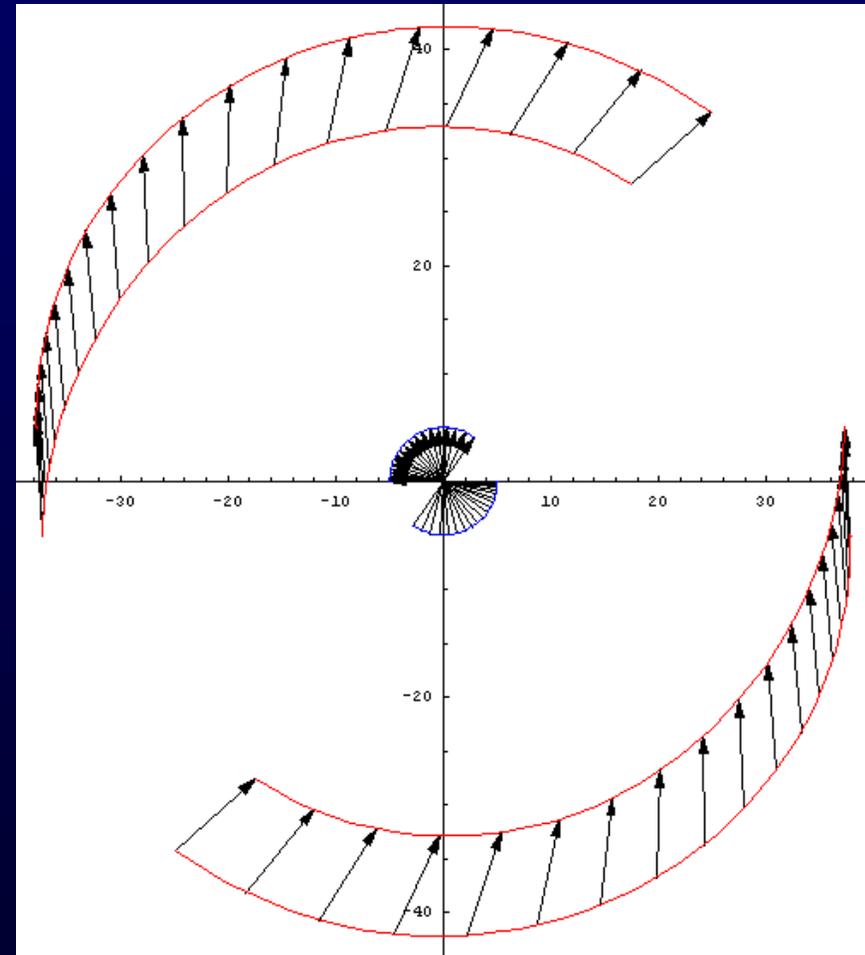
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- More complex
- Need to model translational forces and torques



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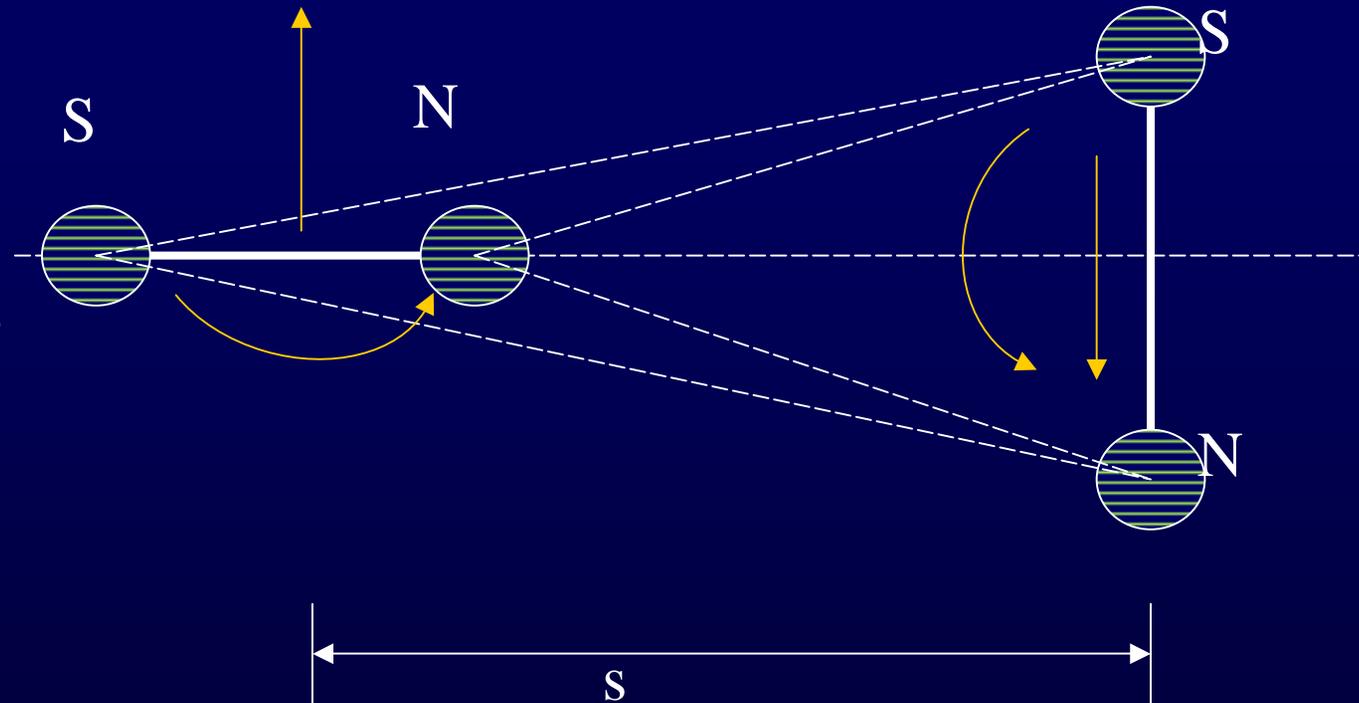
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Results in a force and a torque on each magnet

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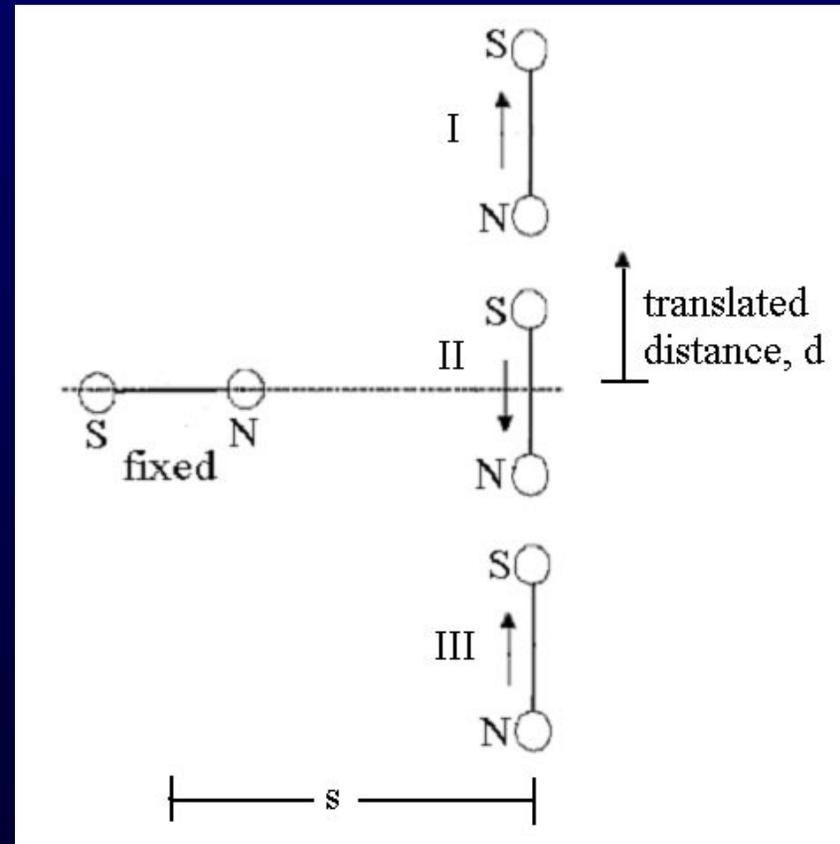
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Three regimes of motion

Two equilibrium points



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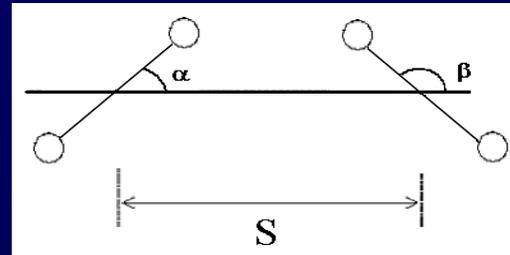
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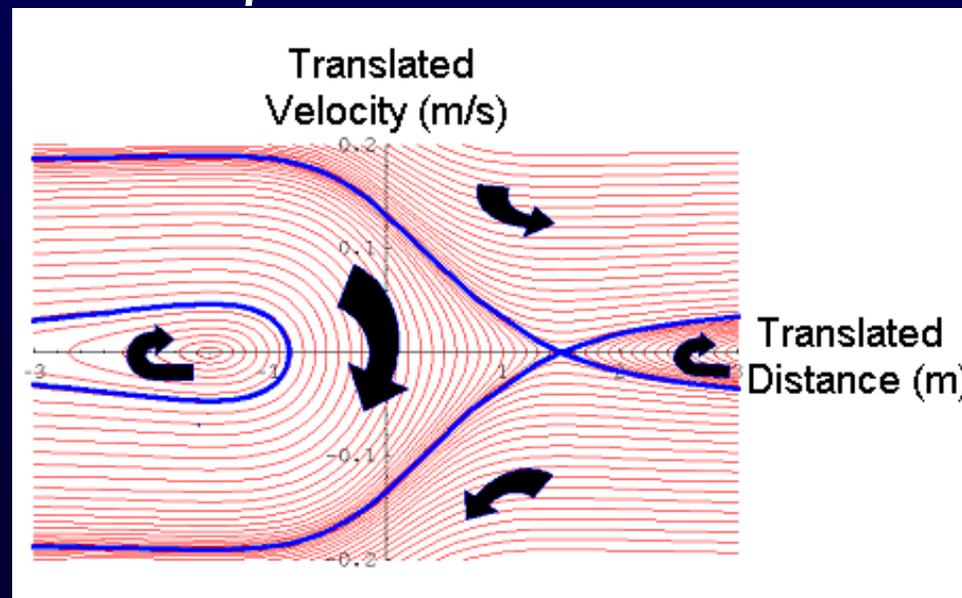
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$$F_{trans} = \frac{3\mu_0\mu_{avg}^2}{4\pi s^4} [\sin(\alpha + \beta)]$$



Due to the configuration, $F_{trans} = 0$ when $\alpha + \beta = 0$, thus when $d = \pm s$



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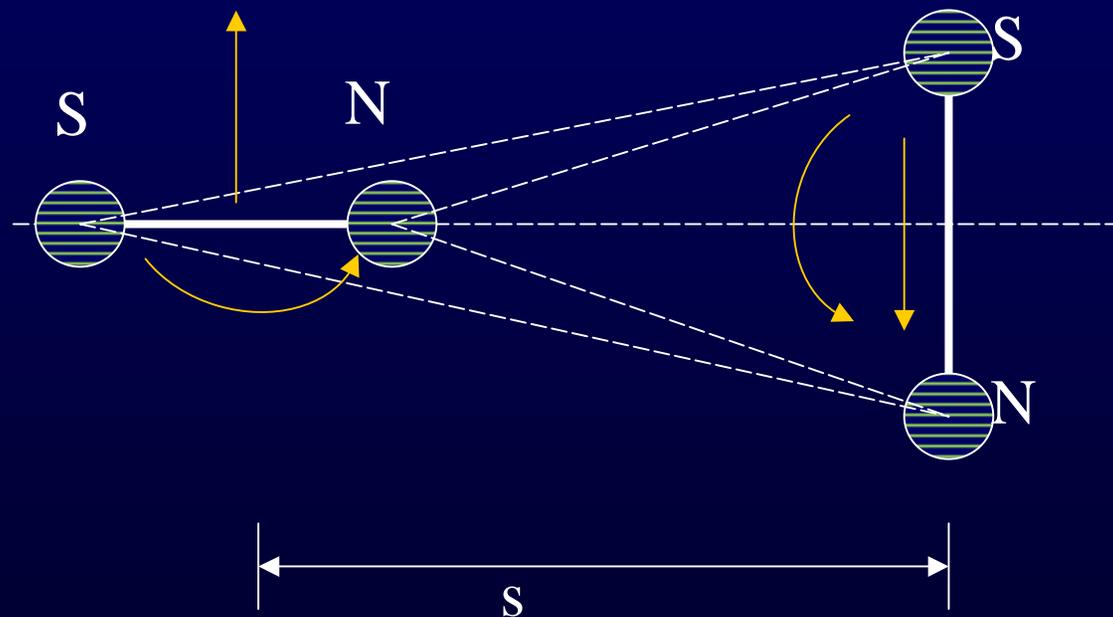
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A closer look at the resultant forces on the two dipole configuration



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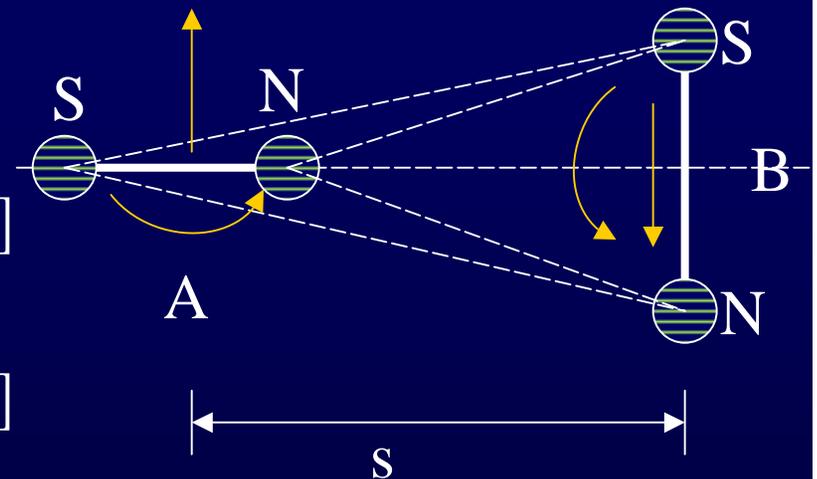
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$$\alpha=0, \beta=90$$

$$\tau_A = \frac{\mu_0 \mu_{avg}^2}{8\pi} [\sin(\alpha - \beta) + 3(\alpha + \beta)]$$

$$\tau_B = \frac{\mu_0 \mu_{avg}^2}{8\pi} [\sin(\beta - \alpha) + 3(\beta + \alpha)]$$



$$\frac{\tau_A}{\tau_B} = \frac{\frac{\mu_0 \mu_{avg}^2}{8\pi} [\sin(\alpha - \beta) + 3(\alpha + \beta)]}{\frac{\mu_0 \mu_{avg}^2}{8\pi} [\sin(\beta - \alpha) + 3(\beta + \alpha)]} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

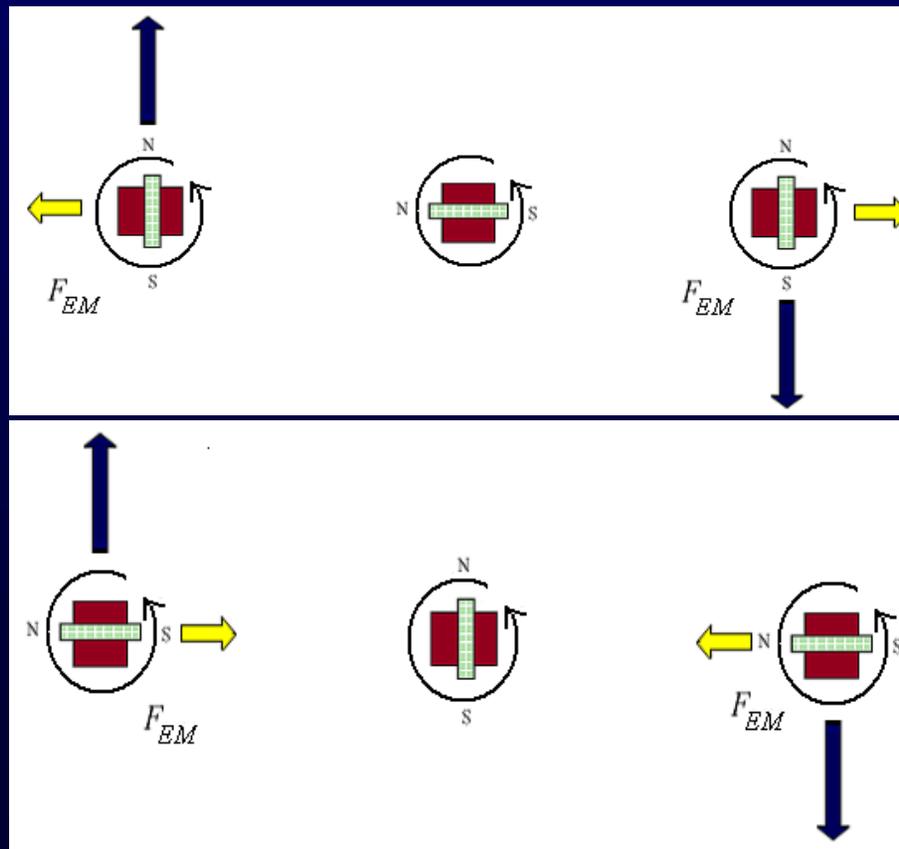
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Configuration options:



• Favors equally sized vehicles

• Favors a larger center vehicle

Control Location Trade

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● Centralized

- All information communicated to a hub which calculates a control solution

● Independent Control

- Vehicles collect and process their own information and derive a control solution for their own vehicle

● Hybrid control

- Certain systems are controlled independently while other systems are controlled by the hub's control solution

Hysteresis and Saturation

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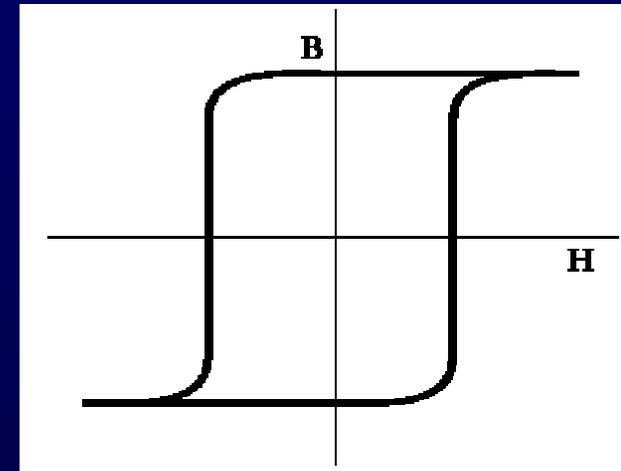
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• Hysteresis

- Experimental data for curve



• Saturation of electromagnets and torque wheels

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● No mass

● No power

● Cost for maintenance of lab equipment

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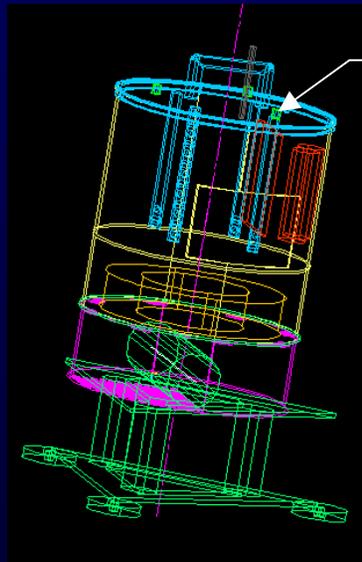
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