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# Actuators: Electric Motors, Servomotors, and Pneumatics

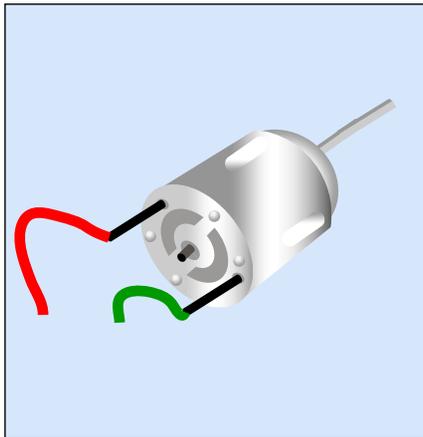
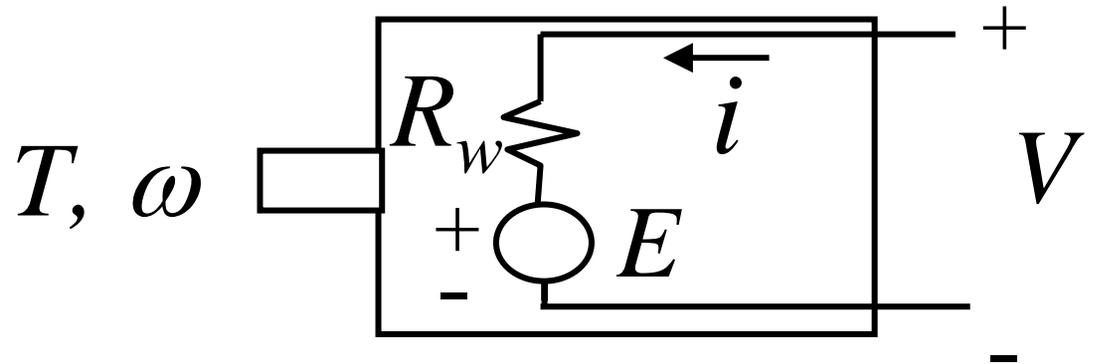


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# Concept Question



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- 2) drop by about 20%
- 3) stay nearly the same
- 4) rise by about 20%
- 5) rise by much more than 20%



# Concept Question

The answer is 3. The capstan equation indicates that the ratio of the two forces is  $e^{(\mu \cdot \theta)}$ . Radius is not a variable in the formula.



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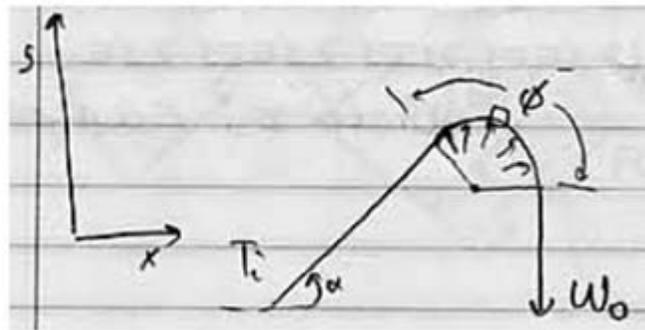
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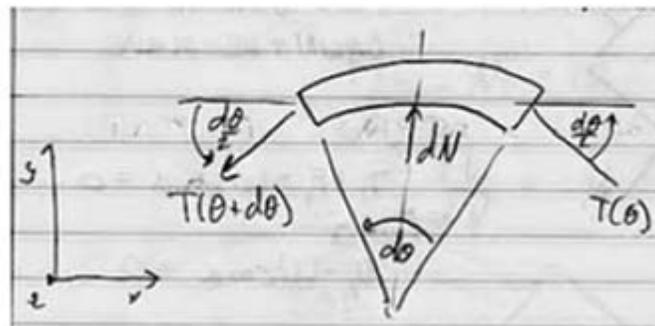


# Some Notes on Capstans from 2.001

FBD of Cable



Look at differential element



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How might I  
estimate the  
maximum power  
available at the  
output shaft ?  
The electrical power  
consumed ?

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How do you think  
power provided by a  
servo scales with its  
linear dimensions?

# What You May Have Seen

## Lorentz force

- When a charged particle moves in electric (E) and magnetic (B) fields it feels a force ( $F_{\text{Lorentz}}$ ):

$$\vec{F}_{\text{Lorentz}} = q \left( \vec{E} + \frac{\vec{v}}{c} \times \vec{B} \right)$$

- The above formula defines the magnetic field B
- Units of B in cgs:

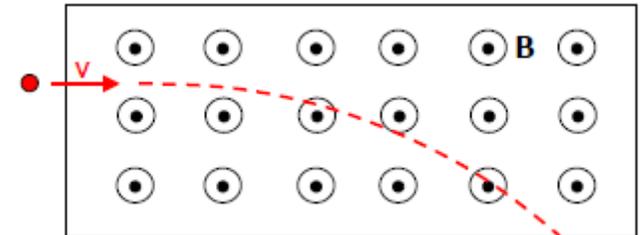
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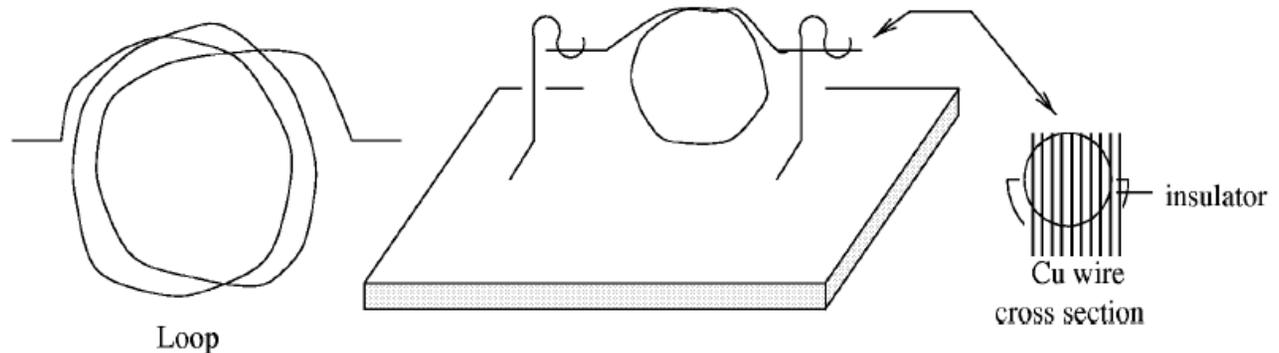
- Conversion

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## How to build a motor?

To build one that works is not so difficult; to build one that runs faster than 1950 rpm (and thus earn the *maximum of 20 credit points*) is a different story. We give you here some general guidelines.



# DC Permanent Magnet Motor

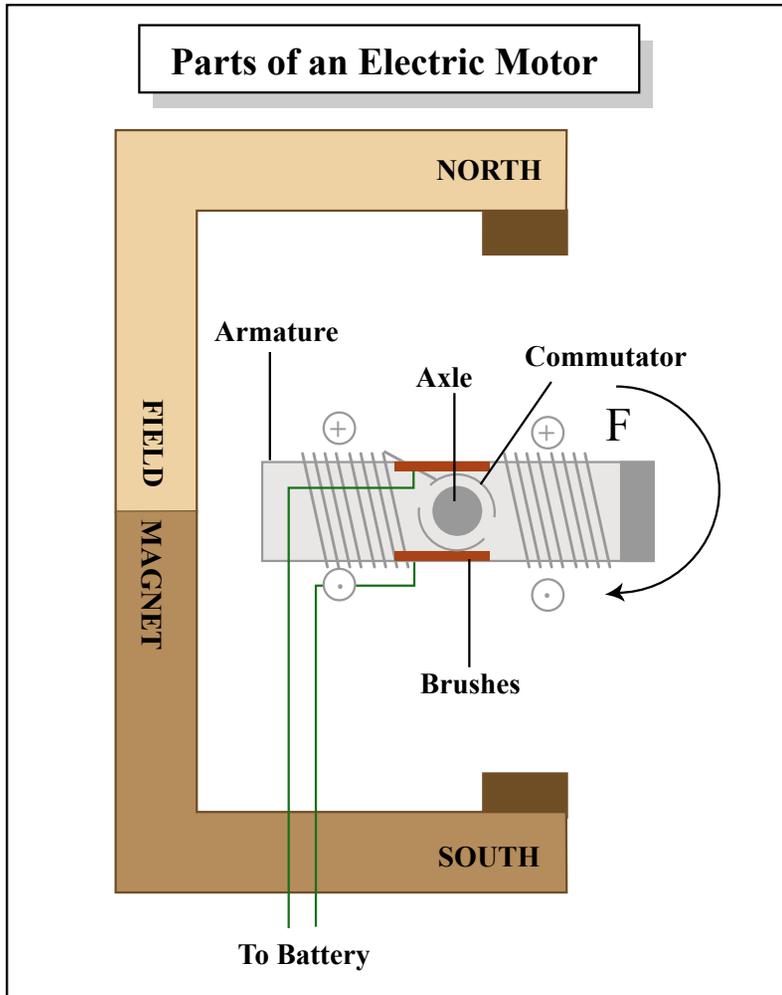


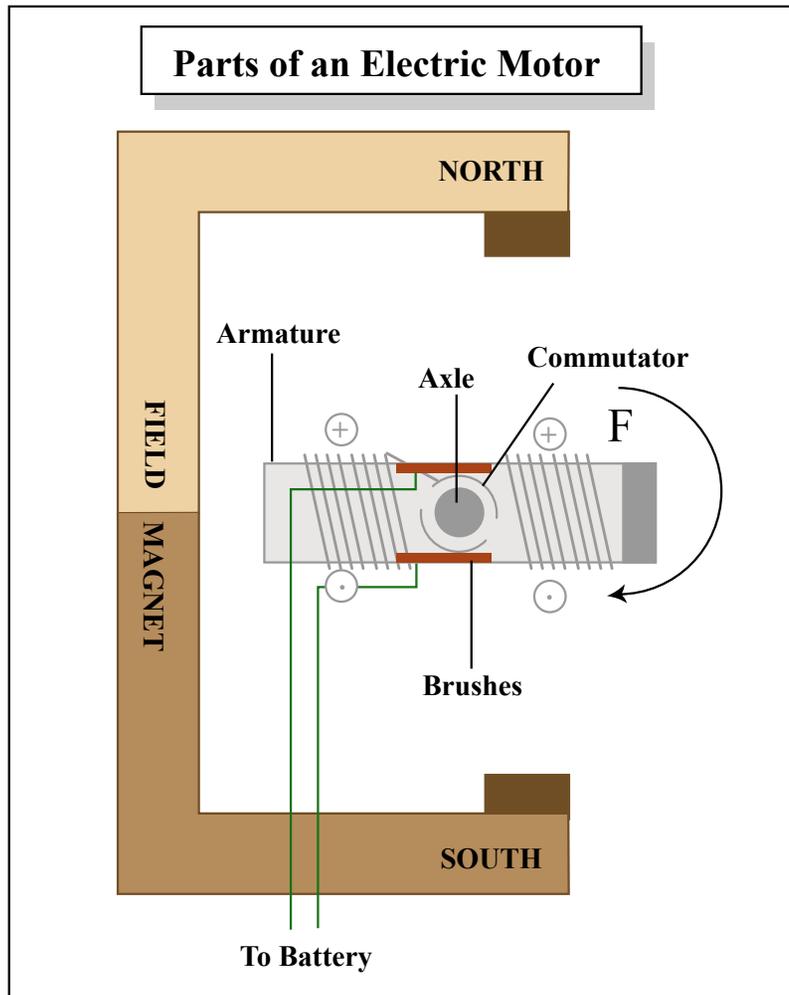
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$$\vec{F} = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

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# Discussion Question:

How can I design a DC motor to provide high stall torque?



$$\vec{F} = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

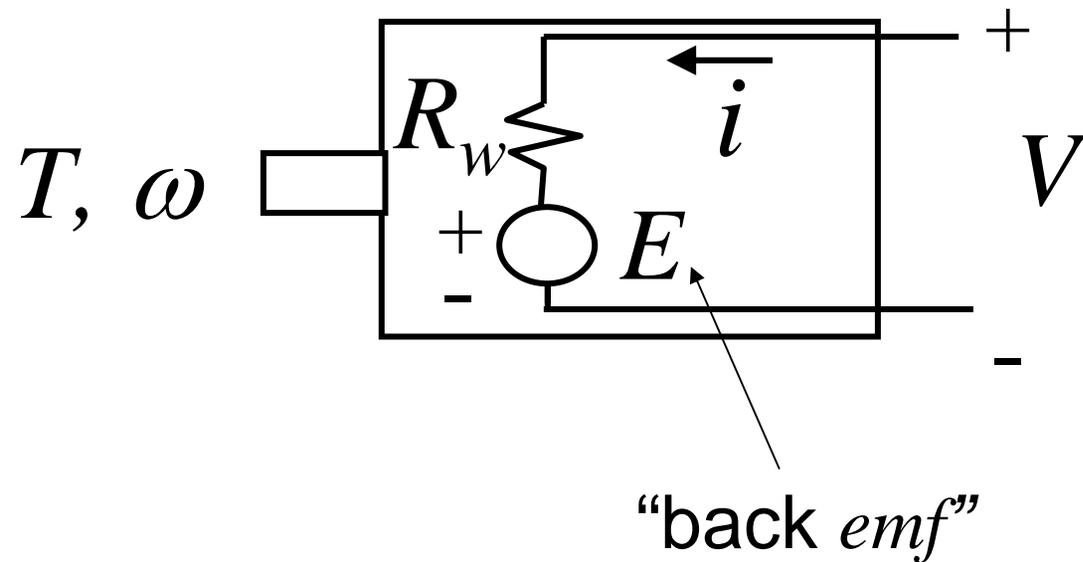
Some options include increasing the magnetic field, increasing the radius at which the force acts, increasing the number of windings, and increasing the current flow through each winding (such as by raising the voltage).

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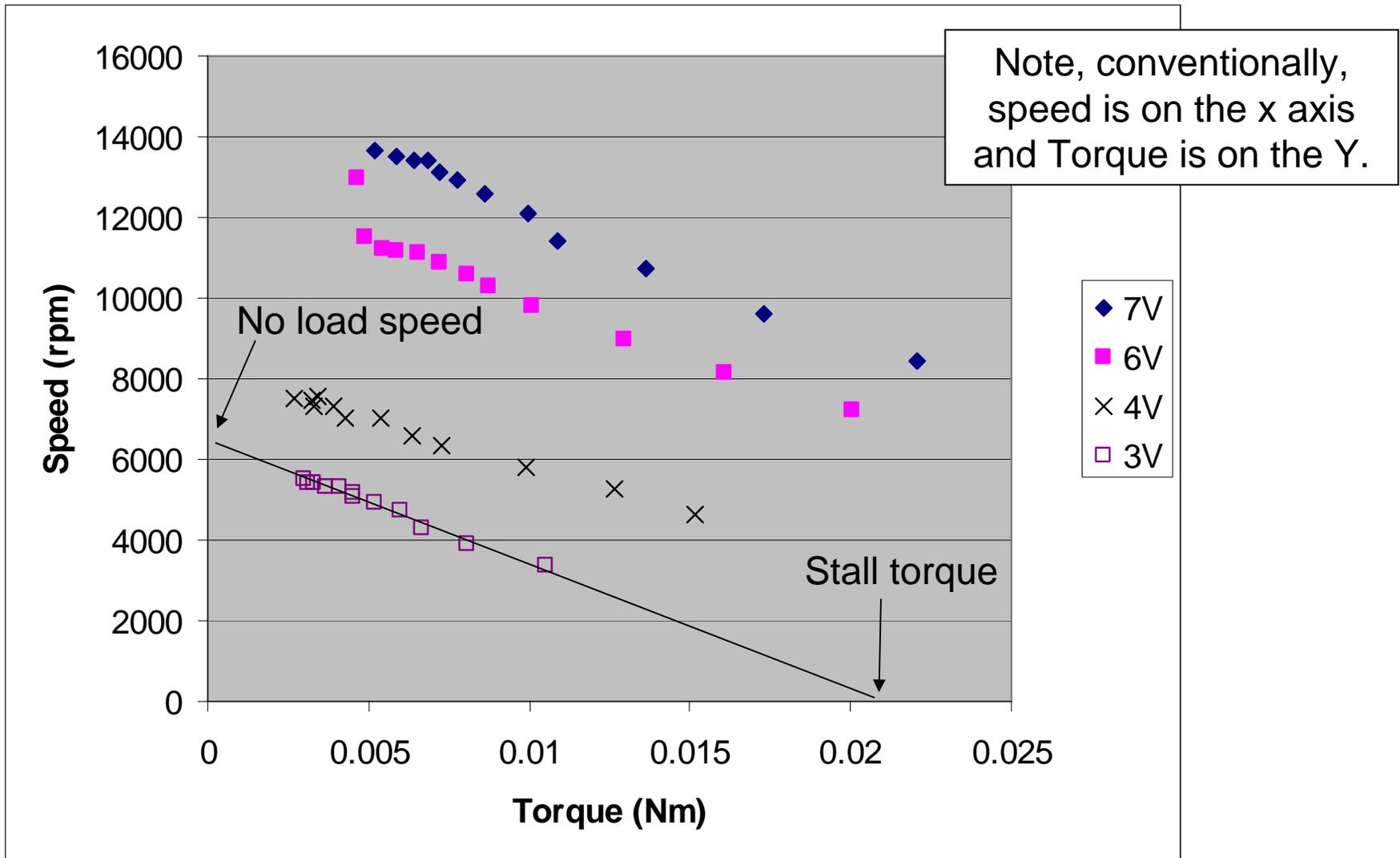
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# A Model of a Motor (Steady State)

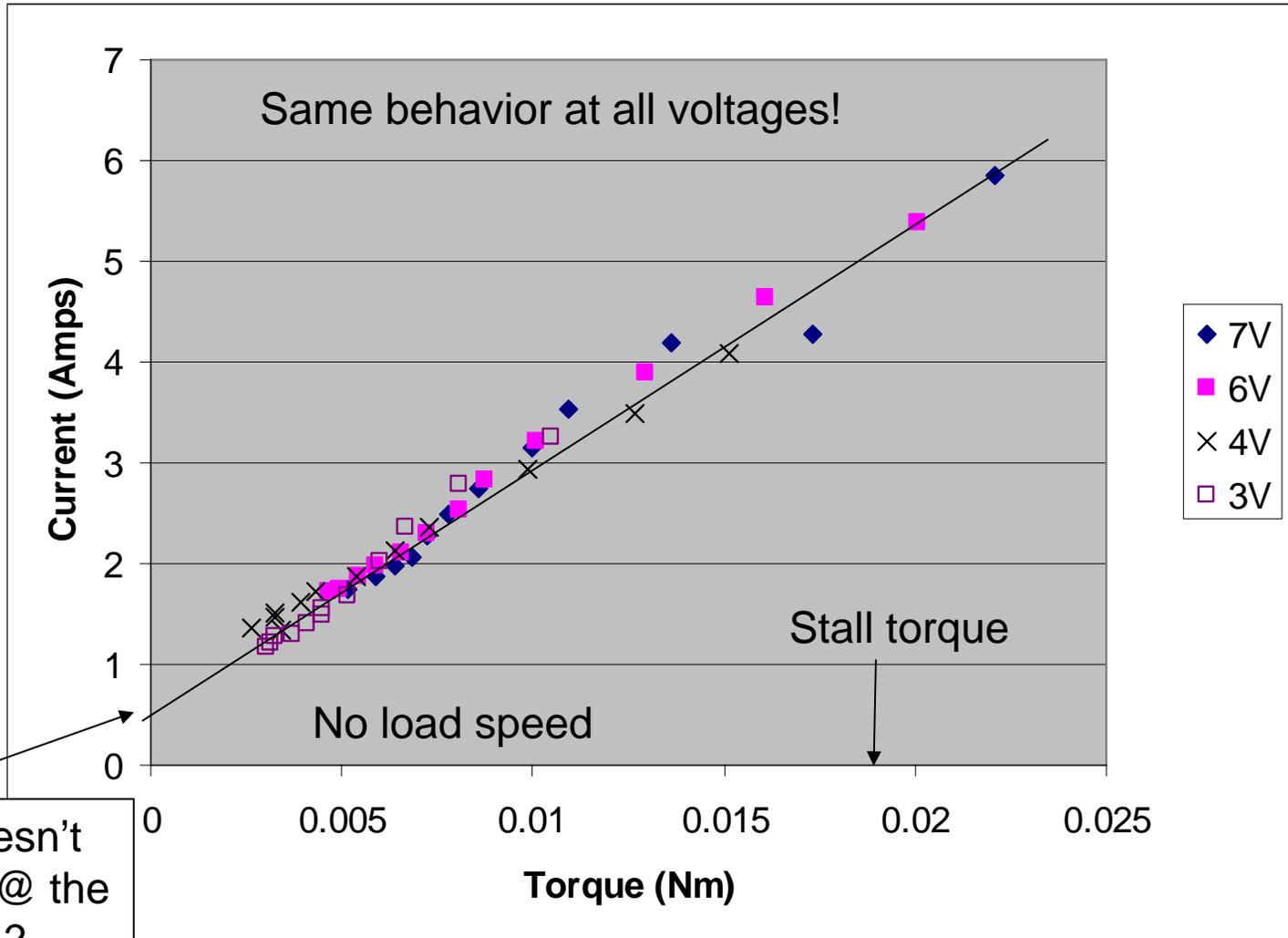
$$E = V - R_w i$$



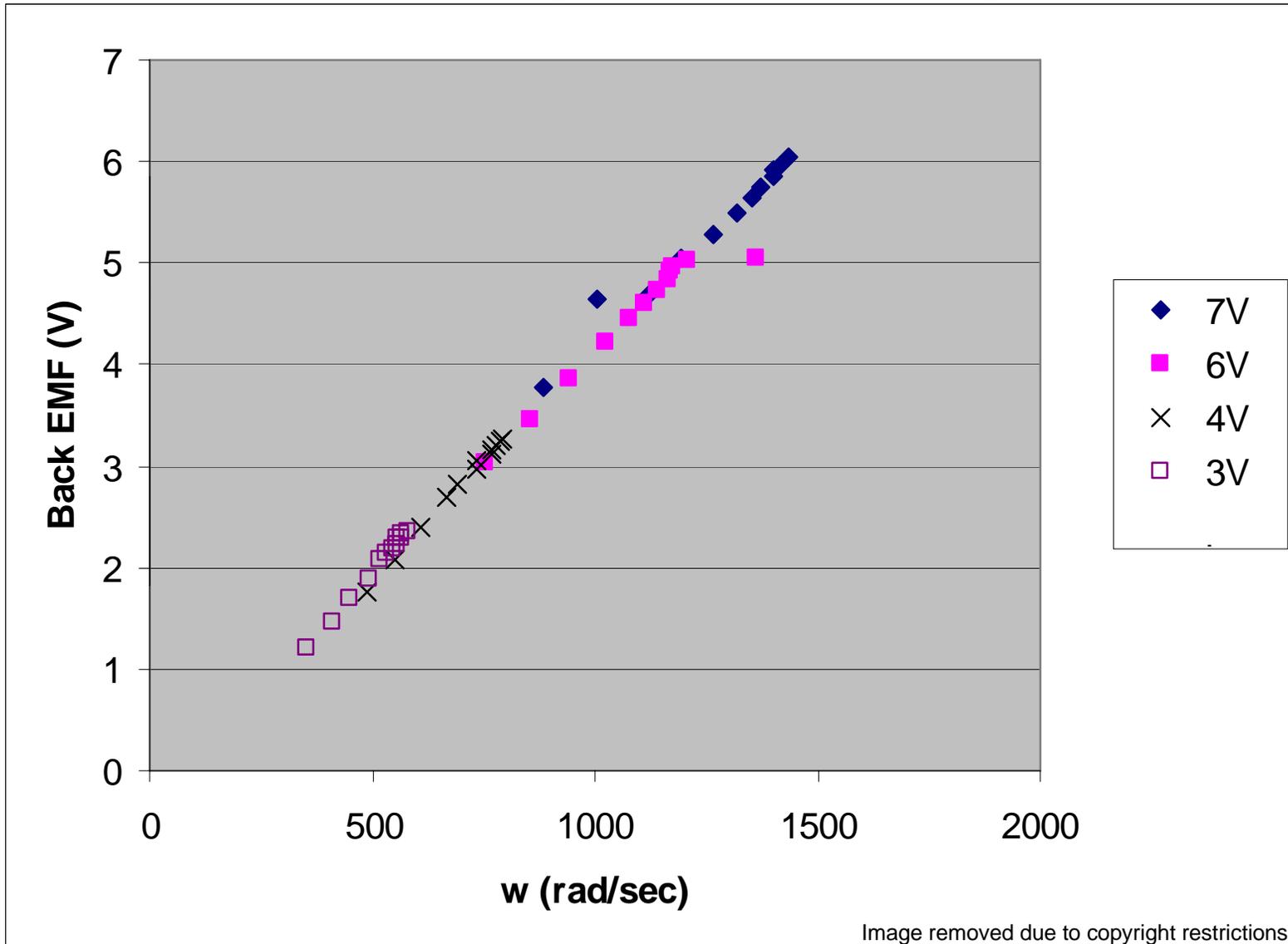
# Torque Speed Curves



# Torque Current Curves



# Back *emf* versus speed



# Concept Question

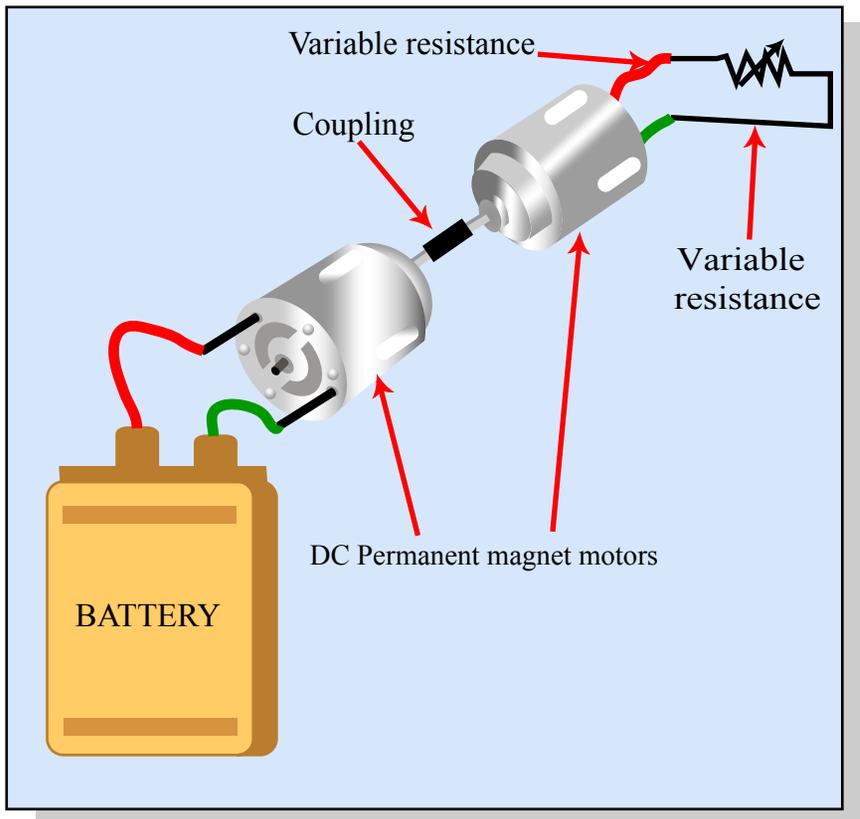


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As the resistance is increased:

- 1) The shaft speed rises monotonically
- 2) The shaft speed drops monotonically
- 3) The shaft speed rises, reaches a maximum, then falls
- 4) The shaft speed falls, reaches a minimum, then rises

## DC permanent magnet motors

# Concept Question

The answer is 1. As the resistance increases it decreases the current flow. When the resistance is very high, it's as if the terminals were an open circuit. An electric potential will be present at the terminals, but no current flows. With no current, there are no forces applied to the armature. The motor connected to the battery can turn freely and approximates its "no load" speed.

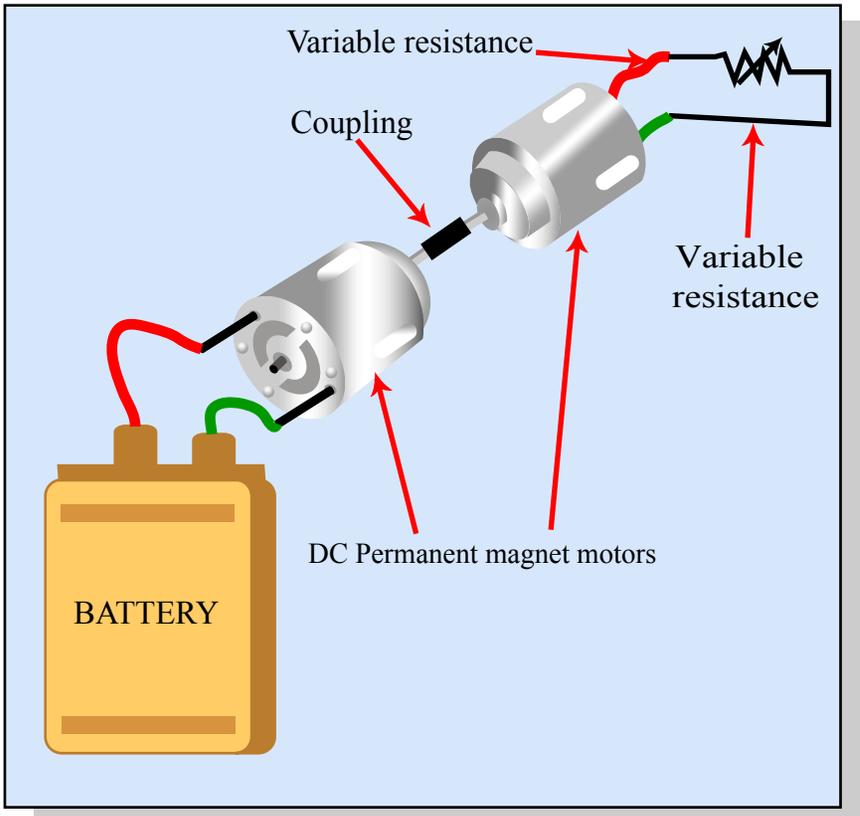


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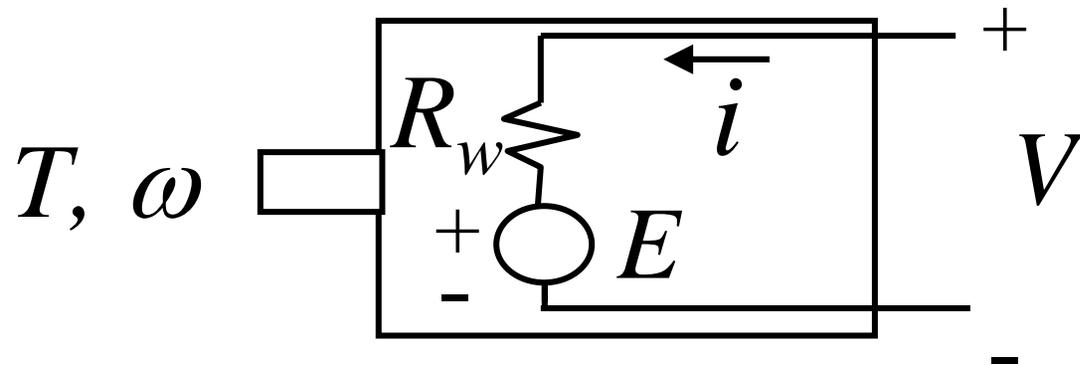
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## DC permanent magnet motors

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How do the things I might do to raise stall torque affect back *emf*?

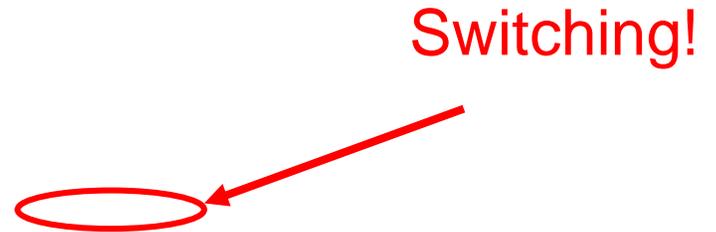
$$E = V - R_w i$$



Most of the things I can think of to raise the stall torque will also increase back emf. That applies to increasing the magnetic field, increasing the radius of the armature, and increasing the number of windings.

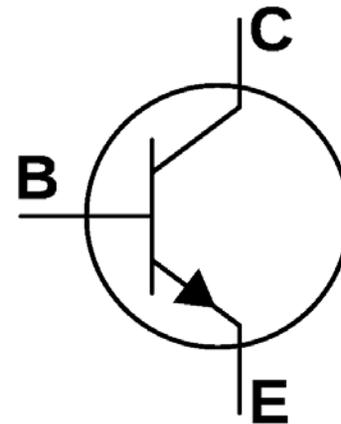
# Speed Control for DC Motors

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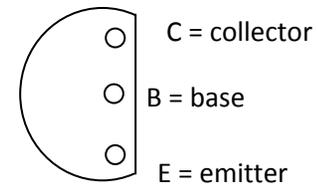


# Switching On/Off a Load

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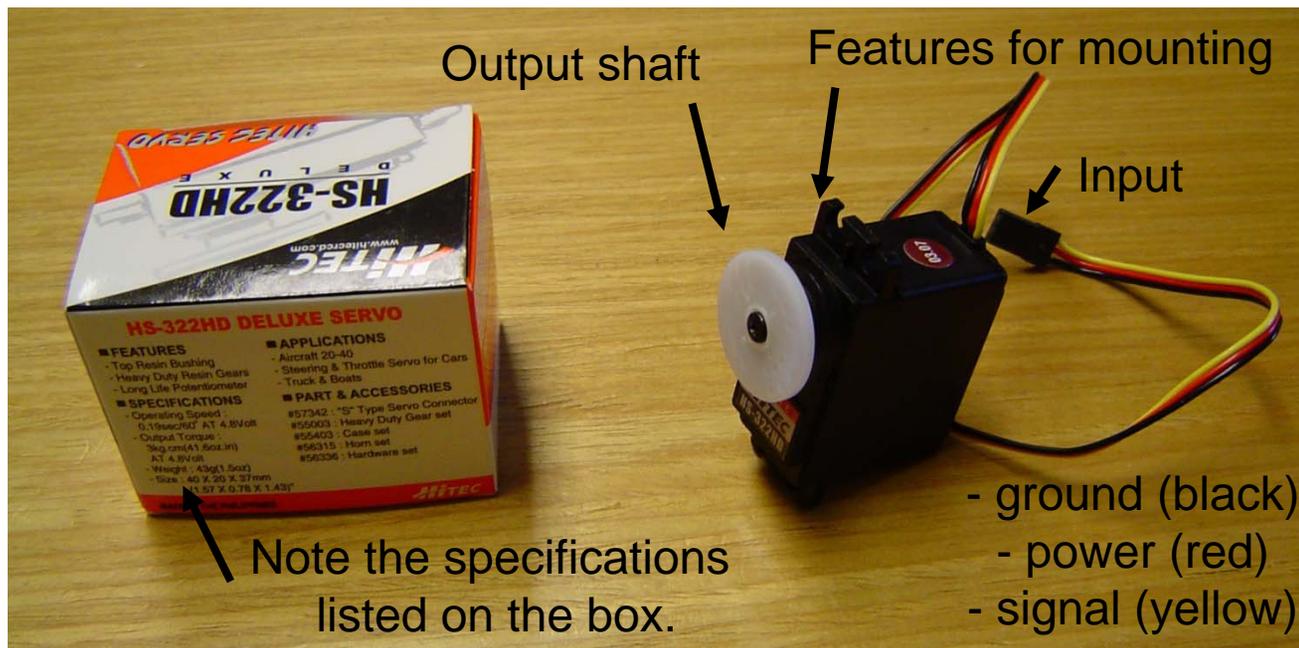


The symbolic representation of the transistor  
How the transistor (as packaged) looks literally



# Servo Motors

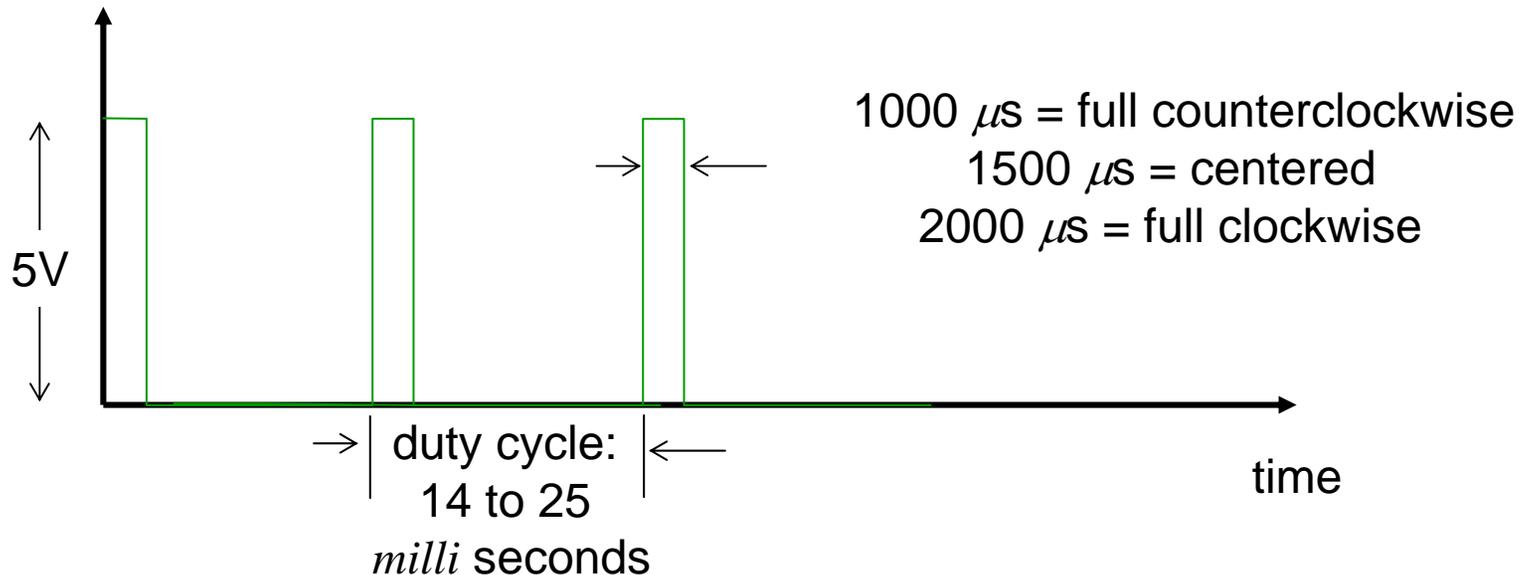
- Actuators that attain and hold a commanded position
- The type you have are commonly used in radio controlled cars and planes



# Pulse Width Modulation (PWM)

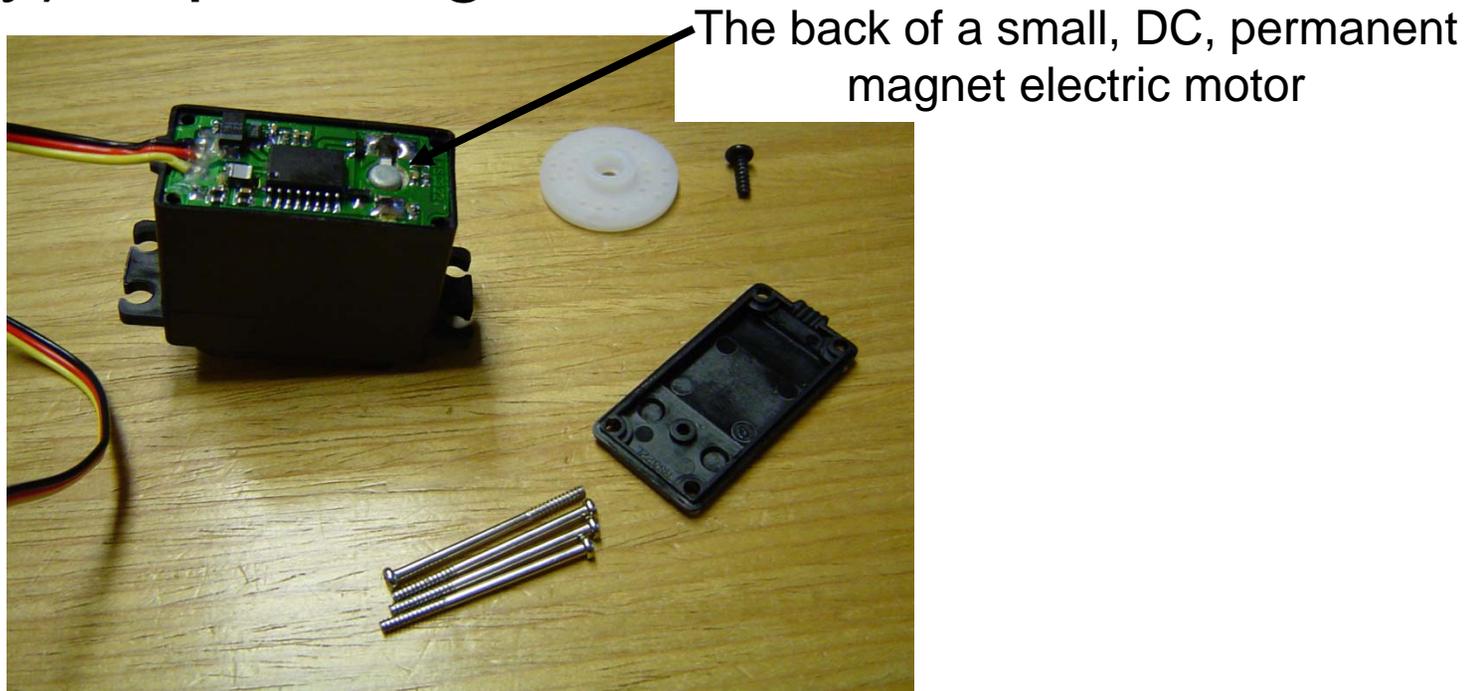
- The duration of the pulse is interpreted as a commanded position

Voltage on yellow (or white) wire



# Electronics Within the Servo

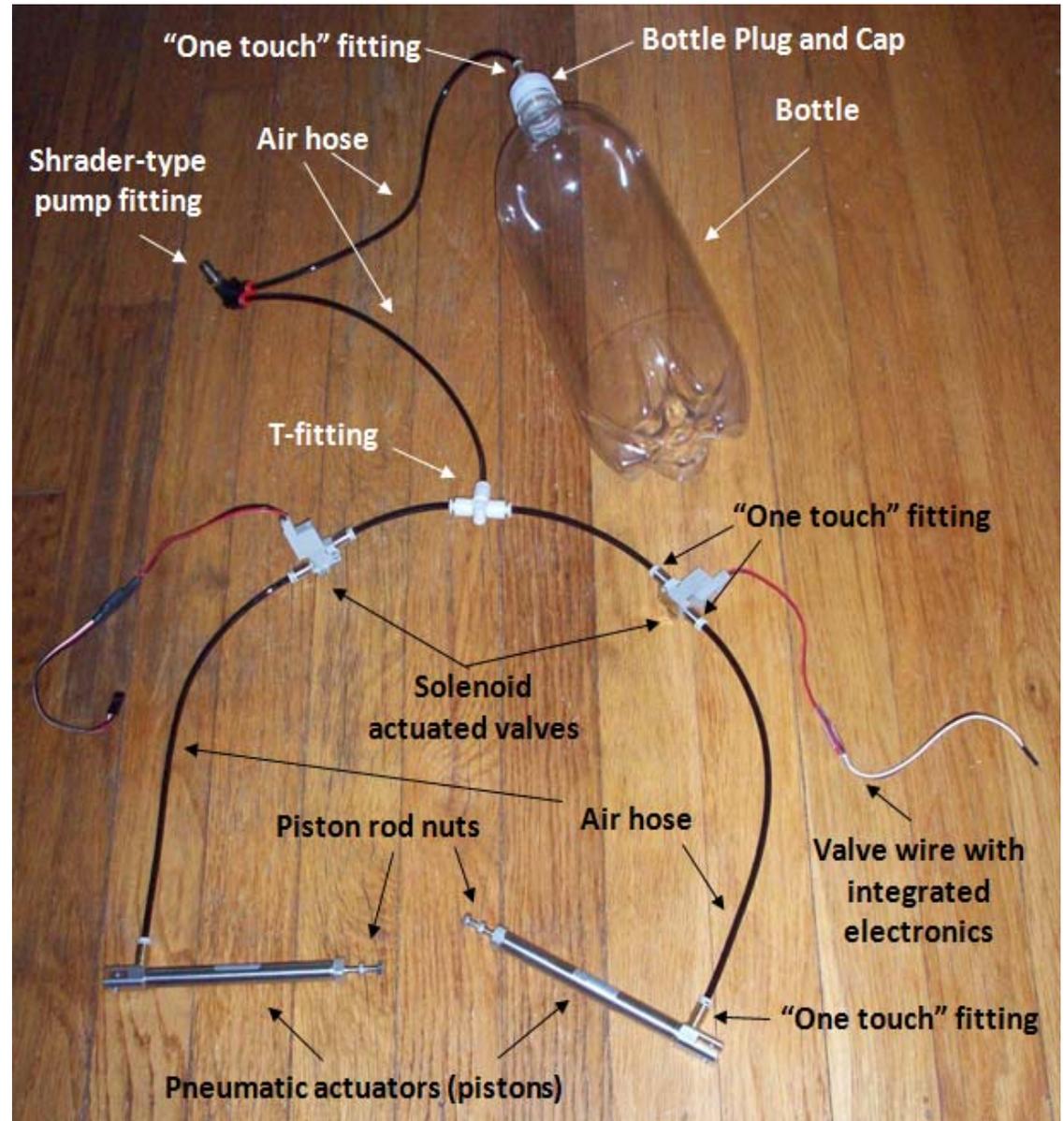
- Receive the commanded position
- Sense the position of the output shaft
- Supply voltage to the motor (either polarity) depending on the error



# Running a Servo via PBASIC

```
' {$STAMP BS2}
' {$PBASIC 2.5}
Reps VAR Byte
DO
FOR Reps=1 TO 100
  PULSOUT 0, 760
  PAUSE 16
NEXT
FOR Reps=1 TO 100
  PULSOUT 0, 9000
  PAUSE 16
NEXT
LOOP
```

# Pneumatic System



# Power Comparison (Steady)

Pneumatic

Electric

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3.2 lbs  
4 ft<sup>3</sup>/min at 90 psig

4.5 lbs  
7.8 amps at 120VAC

# Concept Question

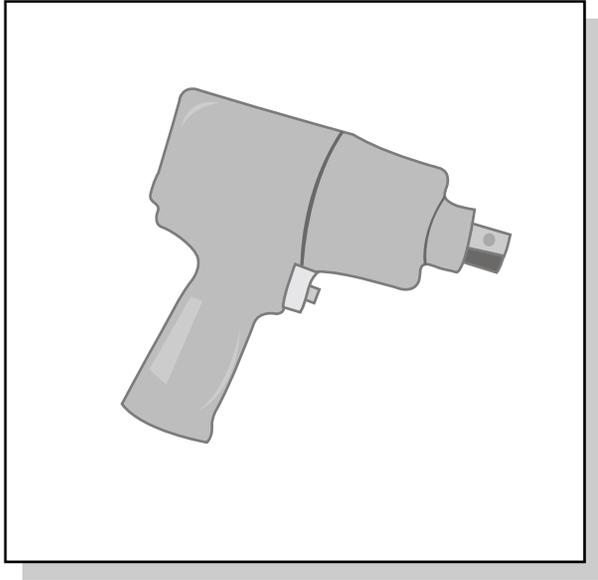


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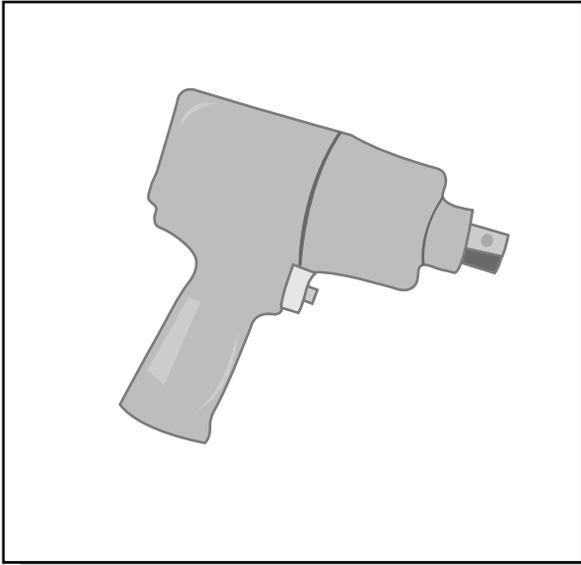


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Dividing the torque applied by the air impact wrench on a nut by the lever arm through which your hand acts, you might surmise the answer is 4. But this cannot possibly be true as it would render the tool practical. If you try using the tool, you'll find answer 2 is about right. The tool apparently applies these loads briefly and the inertia of the tool smooths out the peaks as in PWM control of an electric motor.

# Next Steps

- Thursday 12 FEB, 11 AM
  - Lecture on drawing
- All week
  - Participate in Lab
  - Bring your SAFETY GLASSES & tools
  - Bring old VHS tapes if that's easy to do
- Homework #1 due 24 FEB by 11AM