# Semi-Linear Induction Motor

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# Alternating Current Induction Machines

- Produces magnetic fields in an infinite loop of rotary motion
- Current-carrying coils create rotating magnetic field
- Powered by three phase voltages
- Stator wraps the rotor completely



# Linear Transformation



# Applications





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# Why Semi-linear?

- For a normal motor, the rotor is in motion
- For a linear motor, the stator is in motion
- Having a linear track would take up too much space
  - Significant increase in cost
  - Wouldn't be able to reach higher speeds
  - Would require a portable 3phase voltage supply



# **Project Overview**

- Investigate 2016 SLIM Capstone Project to identify design deficiencies
- Design a new rotor for the semi-linear induction motor

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#### Prior Work

- 2016 SLIM team designed a stator for the linear induction motor
- Built stator coils





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# Prior Work

- 2016 SLIM team mounted stator and air core rotor
- Began testing of the SLIM



# Investigation

- 2017 SLIM team performed a more complete analysis
  - Confirming Coil Orientation
  - Magnetic Field Mapping
  - Inductance Computations

# **Coil Orientation**

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- Arranged coils to match the configuration shown in Fig [9].
  - If results didn't match, we would further investigate their orientation
  - Confirming the dot notation was crucial
    - If the notation wasn't correct, magnetic field supplied to the stator would be reduced



# Coil Orientation with Magnetic Field for One Phase



# Magnetic Field Mapping



# Map of magnetic field



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# **Rotor Redesign**

- New design based on results of magnetic analysis
- Why redesign?
  - The pre-existing rotor was initially designed to work as part of a magnetic levitation capstone project
  - The rotor didn't produce acceptable results
  - Minimal rotation occurred



#### Preliminary Rotor Designs



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$$L = \frac{\lambda}{I_L} = \frac{N\Phi}{I_L}$$

L = Inductance [H]

 $\lambda$  = Total linkage flux [Wb]

 $I_L$  = Inductor current [A]

N = Number of turns

 $\Phi = Flux$ 

(1.1)

 $\frac{N(\mu_{r}\mu_{o}A_{p}A_{ag}A_{rotor}A_{B})}{P_{r}A_{ag}A_{B}+2l_{ag}A_{rotor}A_{p}A_{B}\mu_{r}+l_{rotor}A_{p}A_{ag}A_{B}+l_{B}A_{p}A_{ag}A_{rotor}}$ (1.9) $\mu_r$  = relative permeability  $\mu_{o}$  = permeability of free space  $A_{rotor}$  = cross-sectional area of the rotor[ $m^2$ ]  $A_{pl} = A_{p2} = cross-sectional area of the pole[m<sup>2</sup>]$  $A_{agl} = A_{ag2} = cross-sectional area of the air gap [m<sup>2</sup>]$ *l<sub>rotor</sub> = length of the rotor[m]*  $l_{p1} = l_{p2} = length of the pole[m]$  $l_{a\sigma}$  = length of the air gap [m]  $l_{B}$  = length of the base (stator) [m]

- Took measurements in Fig. [17] for  $V_s$ ,  $V_1+V_R=V_L$ ,  $V_2$ , VM, I,  $V_2'$ , and VM' to calculate the inductance of the coils
- Using Fig. [18], calculated inductance with equation Eq. 1.10,

$$\overline{V_L} = \overline{I} \ \overline{Z_L} \Rightarrow \overline{Z_L} = \frac{\overline{V_L}}{\overline{I}} \Rightarrow |\overline{Z_L}| = \frac{V_L}{\overline{I}} \Rightarrow 2\pi f L = \frac{V_L}{\overline{I}} \Rightarrow L = \frac{V_L}{I(2\pi f)}$$
(1.10)

 $V_L$  = Inductance voltage [V] I = Coil current [A] L = Inductance [H]  $Z_L$  = Inductor impedance [ $\Omega$ ] f = Operating frequency [Hz]



- These equations proved that output power is directly proportional to the value of phase inductance
- Old rotor was resulting in really small values of inductance

$$P_{out} = 6.66 * P * f_m * \Phi_{ag} * T_{ph} * K_W * I_{ph} * \eta * (P.F.)$$
(1.11)

$$P_{out} = 6.66 * P * f_m * \lambda_{ph} * K_W * I_{ph} * \eta * (P.F.)$$
(1.12)

$$\lambda_{ph} = T_{ph} * \Phi_{ag} \tag{1.13}$$

$$P_{out} = 6.66 * P * f_m * \frac{\lambda_{ph}}{I_{ph}} * K_W * I_{ph}^2 * \eta * (P.F.)$$
(1.14)

$$P_{out} = 6.66 * P * f_m * L_{ph} * K_W * I_{ph}^2 * \eta * (P.F.)$$
(1.15)

$$P_{out} = K * L_{ph} \tag{1.16}$$

Where: 
$$K = 6.66 * P * f_m * K_W * I_{ph}^2 * \eta * (P.F.)$$
 (1.17)

# **Final Rotor Design**



# New Rotor manufactured by Laser Laminations





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# Mounting Copper Track



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#### SLIM with new rotor



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# **Bill of Material**

TABLE I: BILL OF MATERIAL				
Component	Supplier	Price	Quantity	<b>Total Price</b>
Laminated Rotor	Laser Laminations	\$575	1	\$575

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#### Results with old rotor



# Results with new rotor



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# Conclusions

- Designing a rotor with higher inductances values resulted in an increase in rotational speed
- Further testing could identify areas that could improve results
- Future teams could implement a control scheme and reinstall the magnetic levitation system

# Questions?

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