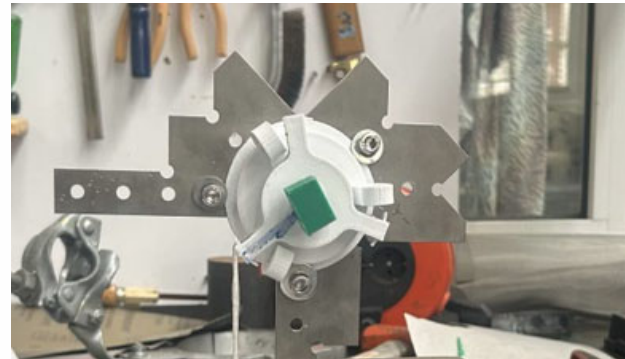




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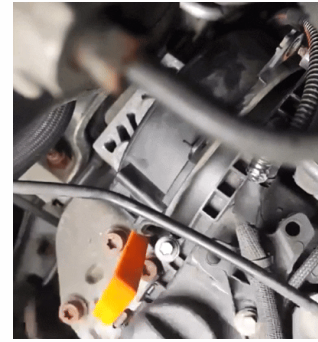
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- All mechanical systems produce vibrations
- Internal Combustion Engines
- Backlash from Gears
- Vibrations have different frequencies
- Traditional Passive and Active Vibration Absorbers are tuned to a specific frequency
- Nonlinear Energy Sink is ideal for varying frequencies



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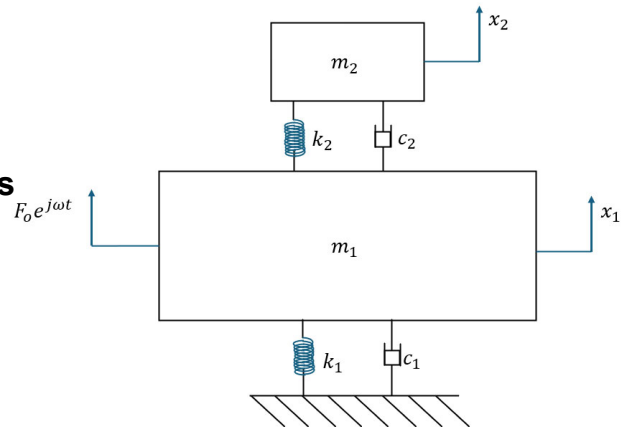


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- **Active Vibration Absorbers**  
Sensors, Actuators, Controllers

- **Passive Vibration Absorbers**  
For example : Tuned mass Dampers



$$\begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix} \ddot{X} + \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 & -c_2 \\ -c_2 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \dot{X} + \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & -k_1 \\ -k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} X = \begin{bmatrix} F_0 \sin(\omega t) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

If the natural frequency of the absorber is equal or close to the natural frequency of the system, then the absorber will resonate with the system and absorb energy from it.



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# Permanent Magnets

- Cost Effective
- Good Magnetic Strength
- Good Thermal Stability



## Neodymium Iron Boron (NdFeB)

- Categorized based on the max temp. of operation (Nxx, NxxM, NxxH, NxxSh)
- Categorized based on the Max Energy Production (MEP) or  $BH_{max}$

Units : Mega-Gauss-Oersteds (MGOe)

represents the maximum amount of magnetic energy stored per unit volume

### N42 8x8 magnets

- Remanence (Br): 1.29 – 1.32 T
  - Coercivity (Hc): 870 – 915 kA/m
  - Max energy production (BHmax): ~ 330 – 342 kJ/m<sup>3</sup>
- 1MGOe=7.958kJ/m<sup>3</sup>**

$$\text{MEH Strength} = \text{---}$$



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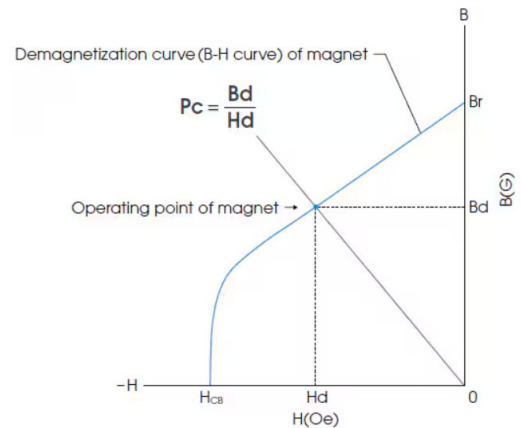
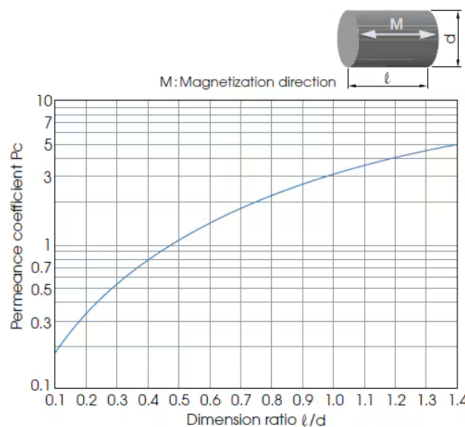
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# Demagnetization

Pc : Permeance coefficient ~ 3.2

The BH curve depends on the temperature.

- High temperature
- Exposure to strong external opposing magnetic fields



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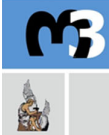
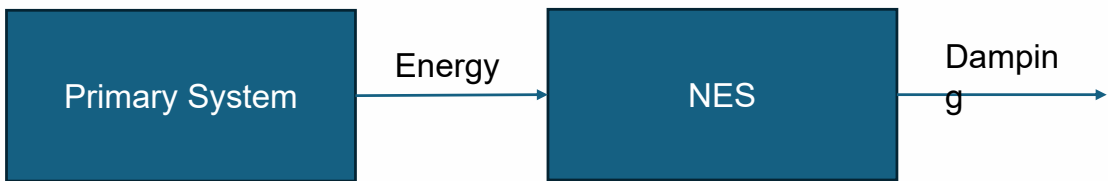
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# Nonlinear Energy Sinks

- Targeted Energy Transfer (TET)
  - Energy Input
  - Detuning Effect
  - Irreversibility

- Efficiency of TET
  - Nonlinearity Strength
  - Damping Char.
  - Mass Ratio

When the conditions are met :



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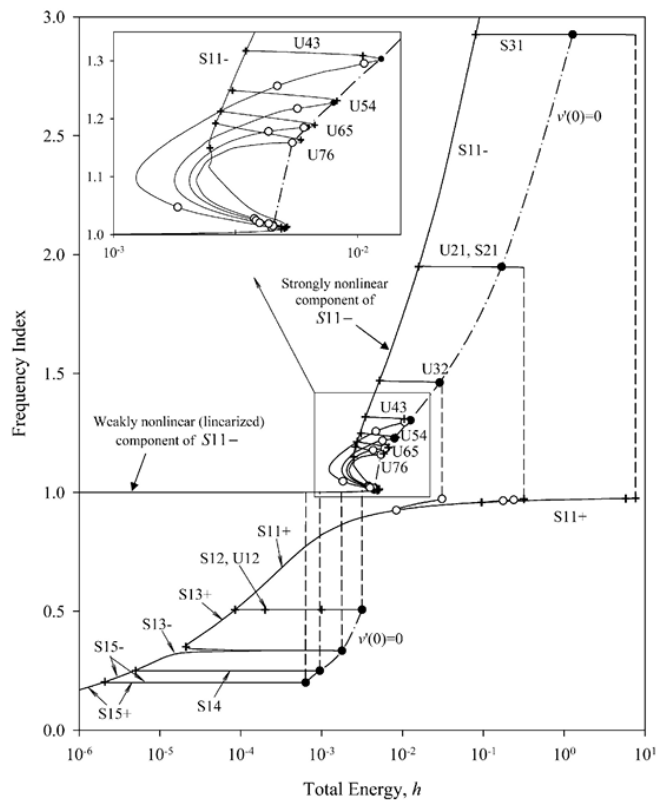
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### Frequency Energy Plot

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{x} + \omega_0^2 x + C(x - y)^3 &= 0 \\ \varepsilon \ddot{y} + C(y - x)^3 &= 0 \\ \varepsilon = 0.05, \omega_0^2 = C = 1 \end{aligned}$$



## 2. Nonlinear Energy Sinks

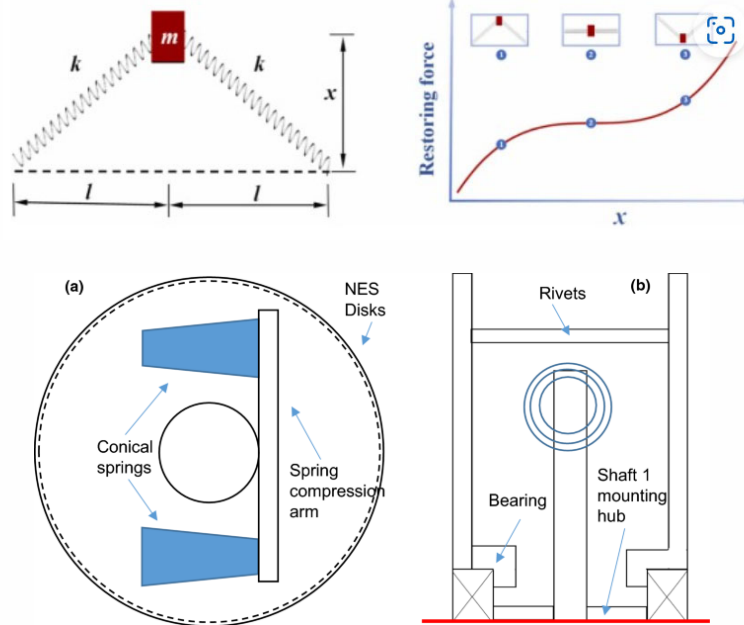
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# Nonlinear Energy Sinks

linear systems coupled together.



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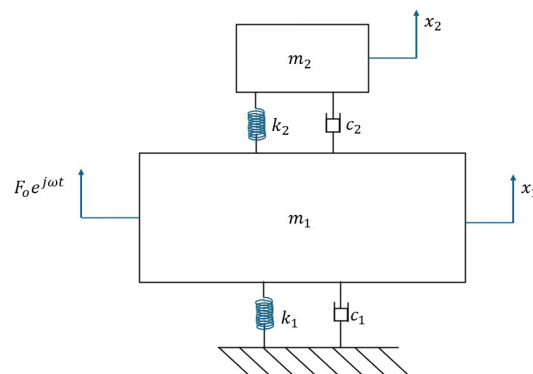
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# Nonlinear Energy Sinks



$$m_2 \ddot{x}_2 + c_2 (\dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_1) + k_{2,L} (x_2 - x_1) + k_{2,NL} (x_2 - x_1)^3 = 0$$

$$\omega_{NES} = \sqrt{\frac{k_{2,L}}{m_2} + \frac{3k_{2,NL}A^2}{8m_2}}$$



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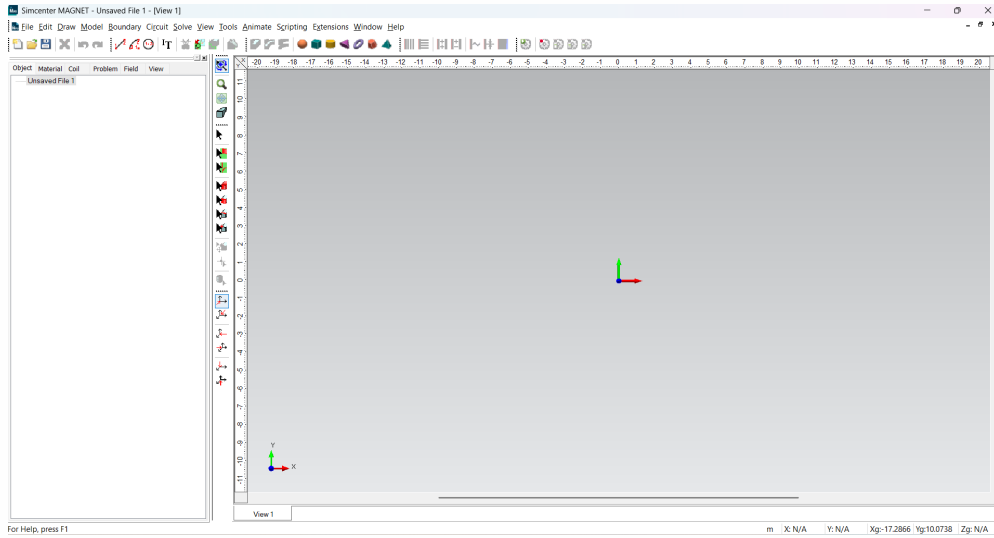


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# Simulation of the Contactless NES

## Simcenter MAGNET



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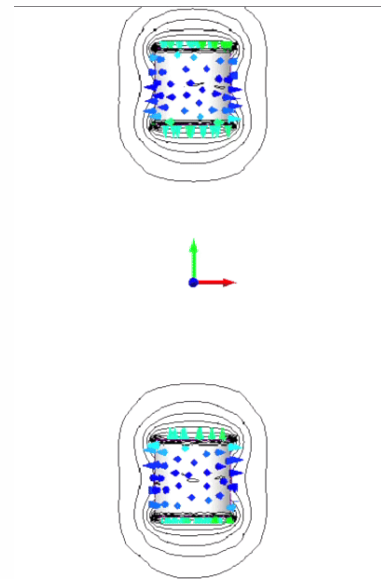
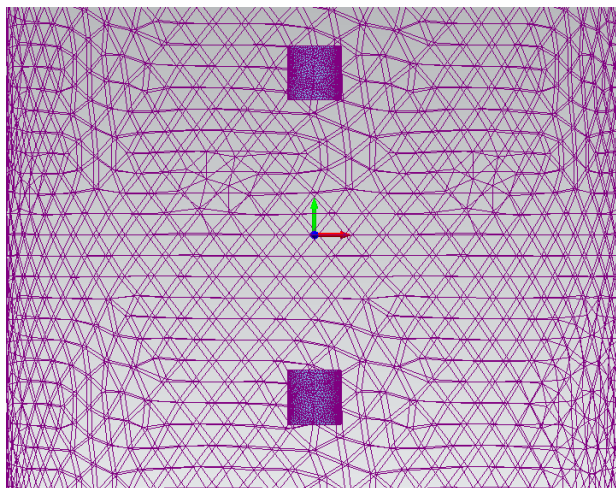
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# Simulation of the Contactless NES 1) Axial Movement of the magnets



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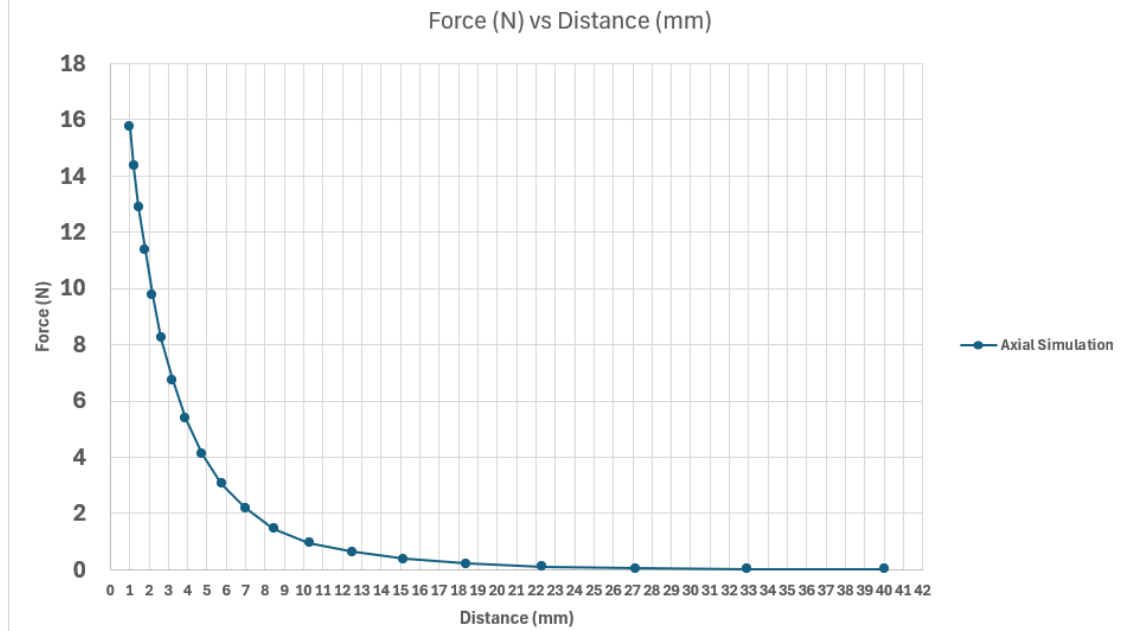


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## Simulation of the Contactless NES

- 1) Axial Movement of the magnets
- Result



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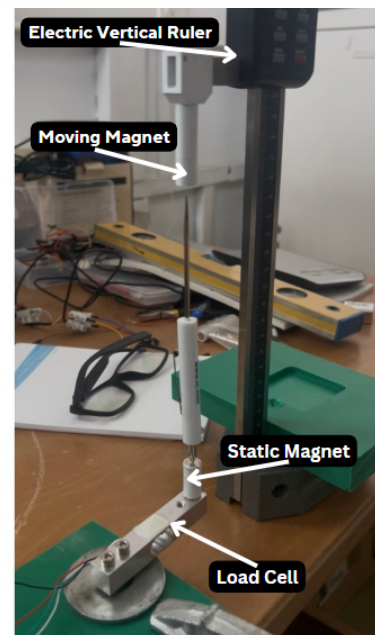
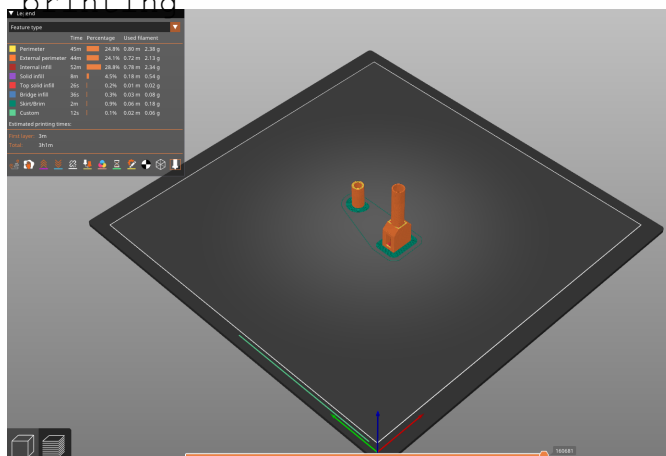
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## Simulation of the Contactless NES

- 1) Axial Movement of the magnets - Experiment

NX Siemens + PrusaSlicer for 3D printing



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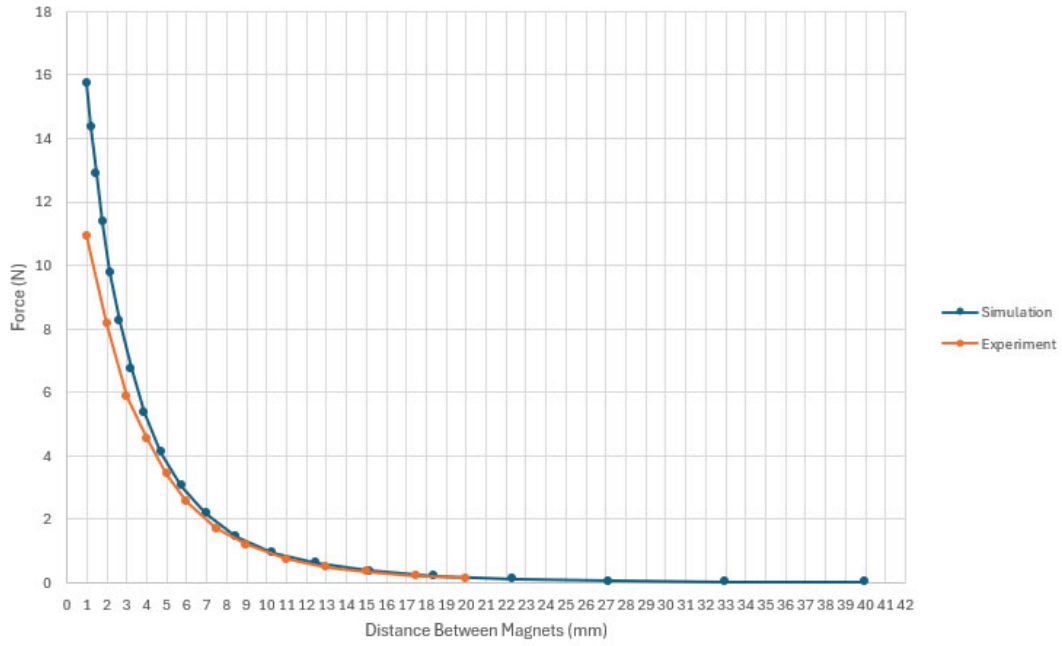


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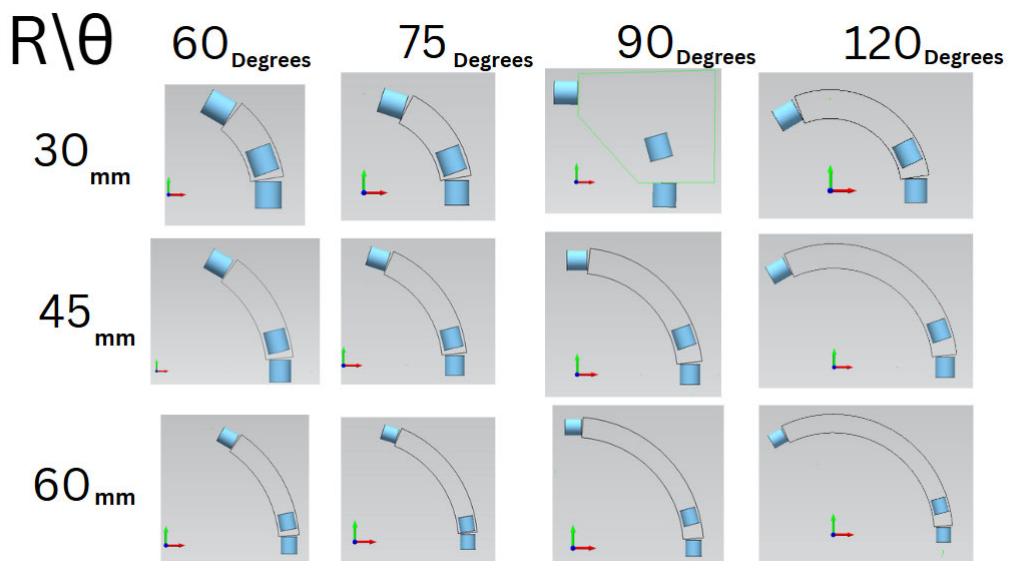


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# Simulation of the Contactless NES

## 2) Rotary Movement of the magnets



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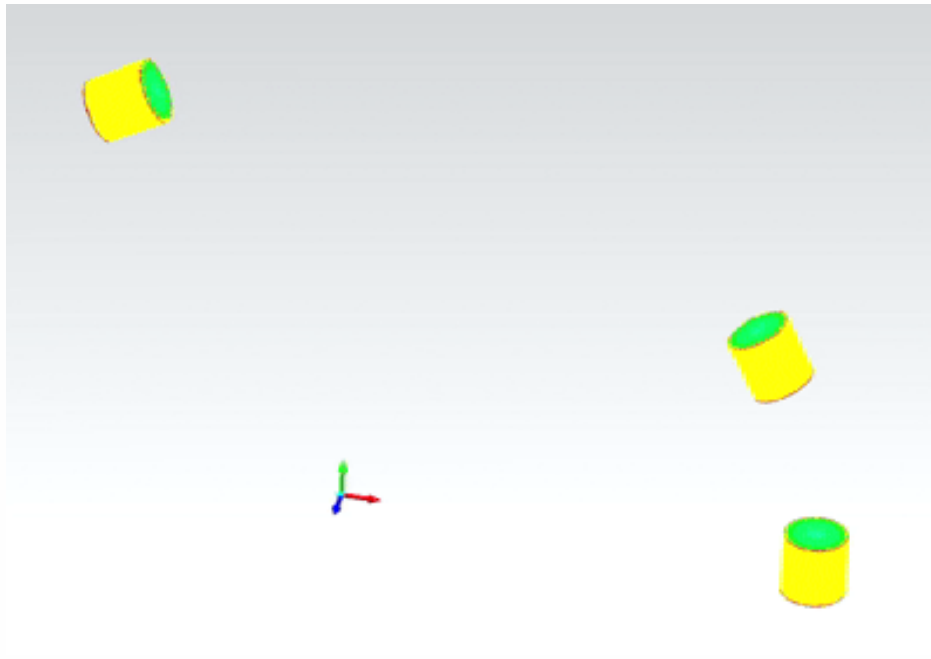


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## Simulation of the Contactless

### NES<sub>2</sub>) Rotary Movement of the magnets (R:30mm $\theta$ :120 degrees)



### 3. Simulation of the Contactless

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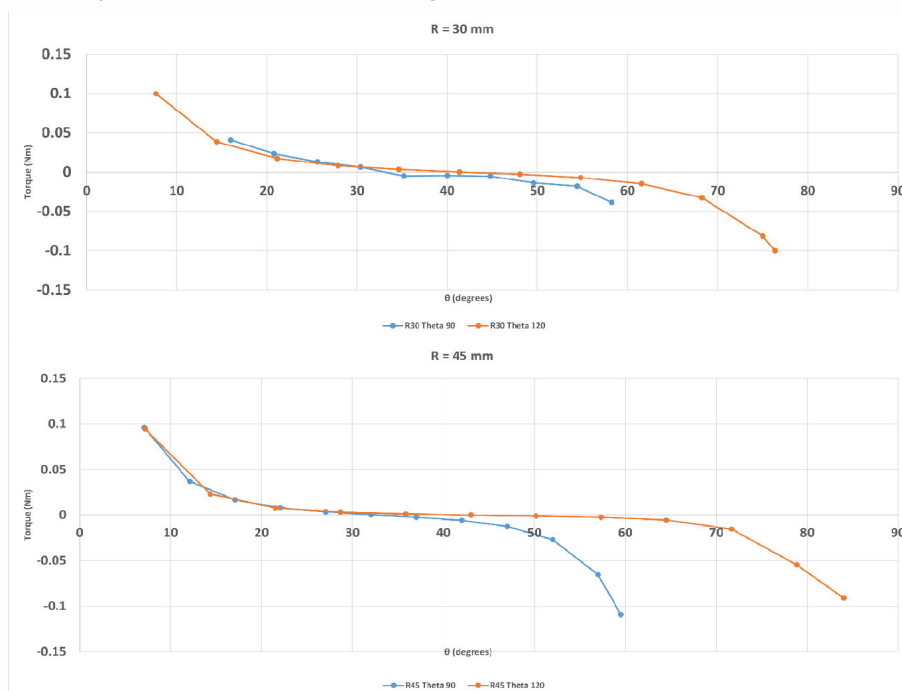


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### NES<sub>2</sub>) Rotary Movement of the magnets - Results



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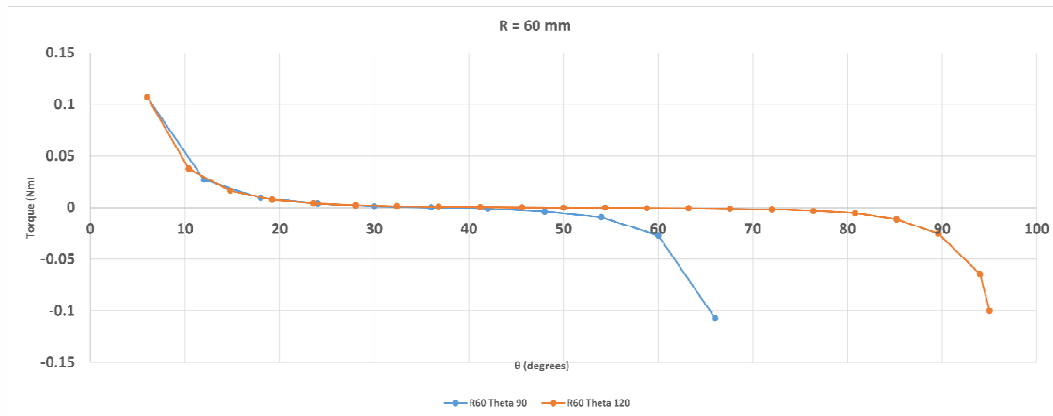


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## Simulation of the Contactless

### NES 2) Rotary Movement of the magnets – Post processing

$$T(\theta) = a\theta^3 + b\theta$$

**MATLAB's Curve Fitter for fitting and R<sup>2</sup> analysis**

| R/θ           | R30 θ90 | R30 θ120 | R45 θ90   | R45 θ120   | R60 θ90   | R60 θ120   |
|---------------|---------|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>a</b>      | 0.518   | 0.4339   | 0.9954    | 0.2741     | 0.6493    | 0.1486     |
| <b>b</b>      | 0.0342  | 0.001    | 0.0001    | 0.001      | 0.001     | 0.001      |
| <b>a*θmax</b> | 0.1909  | 0.2599   | 0.4552    | 0.1837     | 0.34      | 0.1154     |
| <b>b*θmax</b> | 0.0126  | 5.99e-04 | 4.572e-05 | 6.7021e-04 | 5.236e-04 | 7.7667e-04 |

R:30mm θ:120° with R squared of 0.9895



### 3. Simulation of the Contactless

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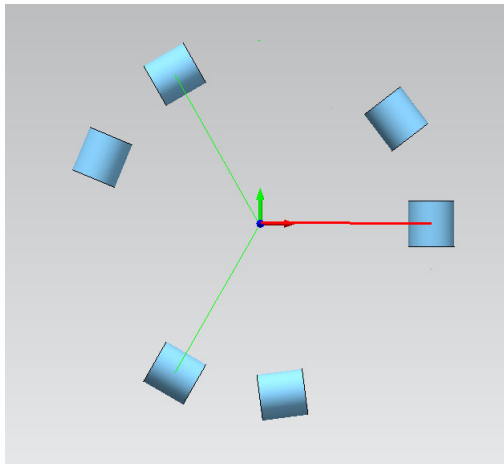


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### Simulation of the Contactless

#### NES 2) Rotary Movement of the magnets – NES Simulation



$$T(\theta) = 1.2701\theta^3 + 0.001\theta$$

R300120 with R squared of 0.9895



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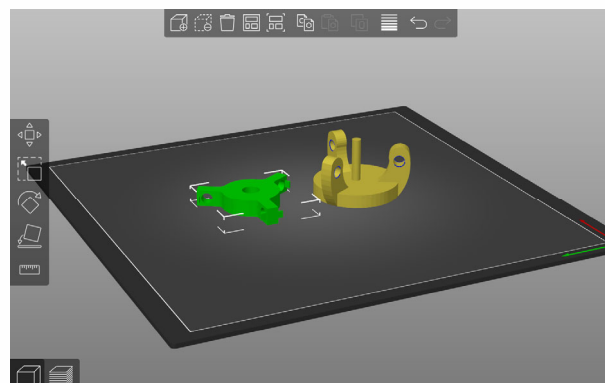
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#### 1) Printing the NES's components

Raise3D Pro2 Plus



PrusaSlicer Interface



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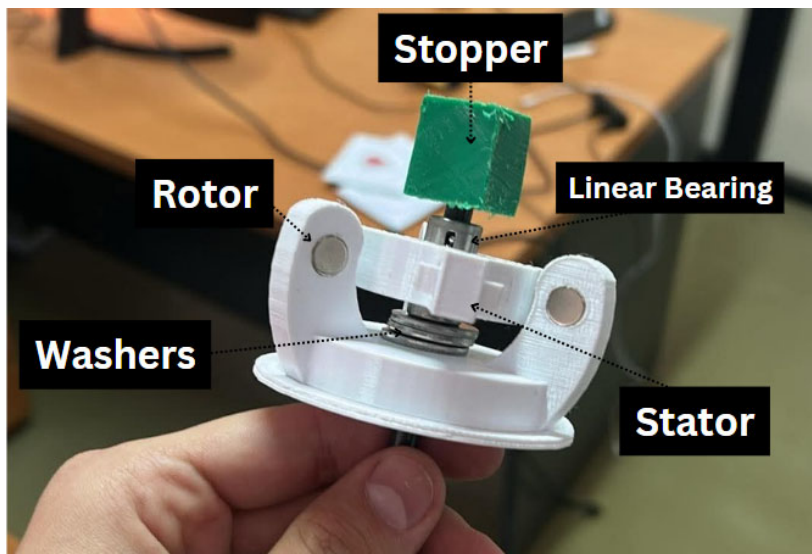


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### 2) Assembly of the NES



**Moment of Inertia (Stator) :11.199 Kg\*mm<sup>2</sup>**



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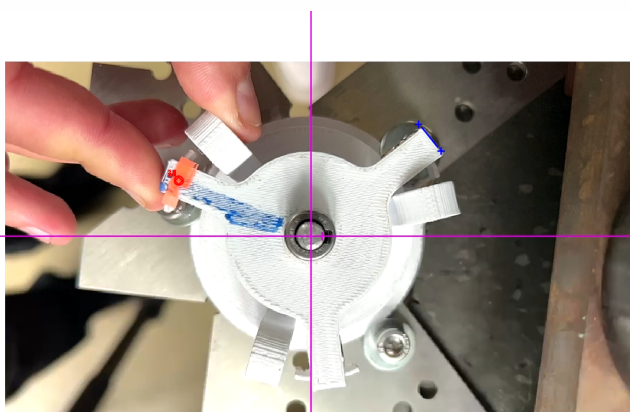


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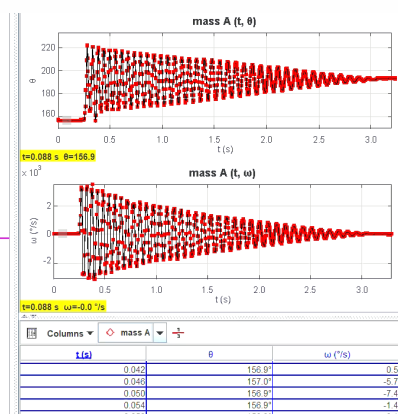
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### 3) Free vibration Test



### Tracker Software



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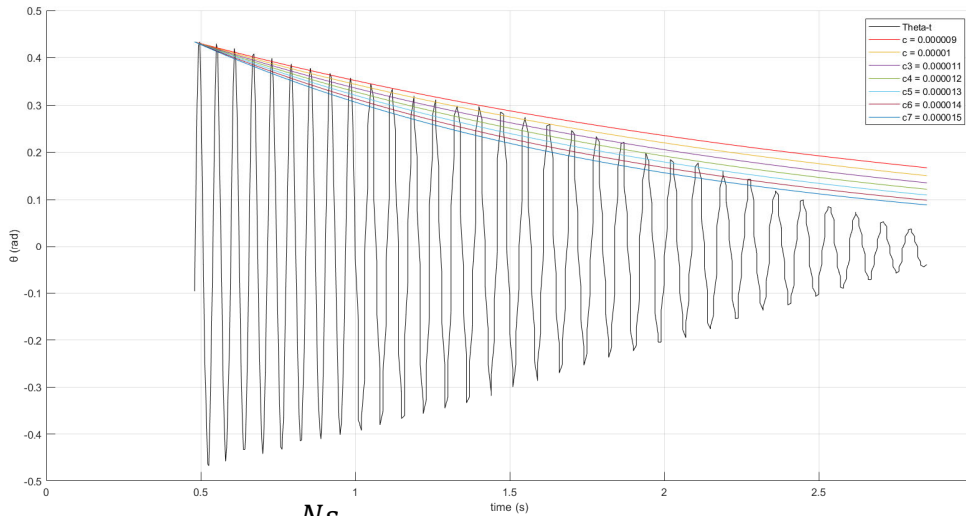
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### 4) Exponential Decay

$$\zeta = c/2 I_{xx}$$

$$K(t) = \theta(t = t_0) * \exp\left(-c * \frac{t - t_0}{2 * I_{xx}}\right) \quad t \in [t_0, t_f]$$



$$c = 1 * 10^{-5} \frac{Ns}{m}$$

$$\zeta = 0.4504$$



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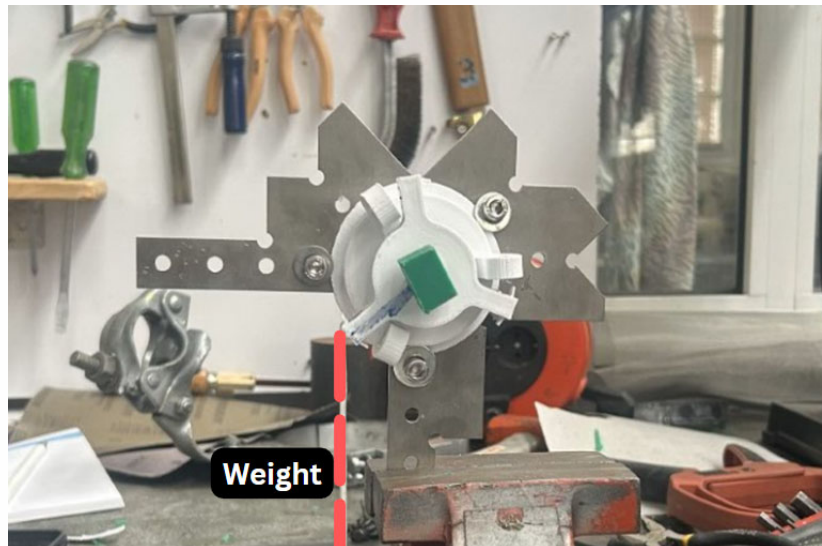


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### 5) Measuring Static Restoring Torque



$$T(\theta) = m * g * \cos(\theta) * 0.035 \text{ (Nm)}$$



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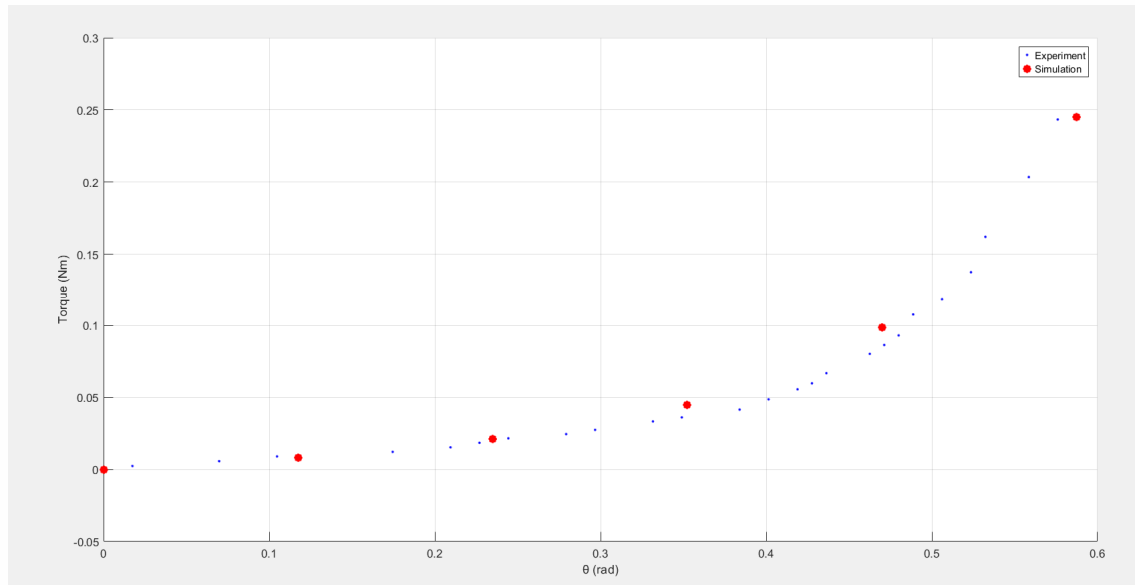


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### 5) Static Restoring Torque vs Simulated R.T



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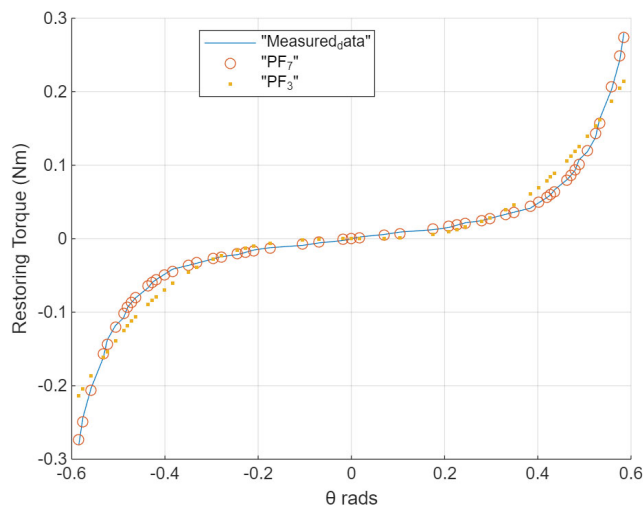


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### 5) Static Restoring Torque - Fitting



$$T(\theta) = 1.0682\theta^3 + 0.001\theta \quad (a) \quad R^2 = 0.956$$

$$T(\theta) = 14.904\theta^7 - 3.0257\theta^5 + 0.4762\theta^3 + 0.0633\theta \quad (b) \quad R^2 = 0.998$$



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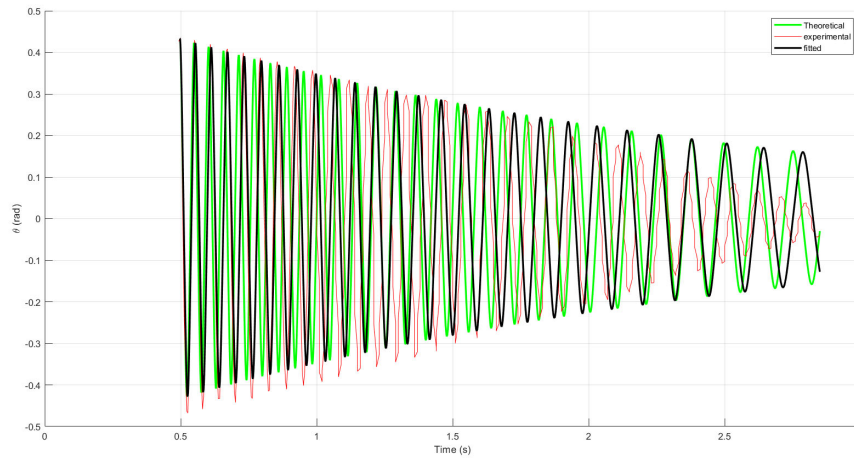
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$$I_{xx} * \ddot{\theta} + c * \dot{\theta} + T(\theta) = 0$$

$$T(\theta) = 1.0682\theta^3 + 0.001\theta \text{ (Experiment "fitted")}$$

$$T(\theta) = 1.2701\theta^3 + 0.001\theta \text{ (Simulation "Theoretical")}$$

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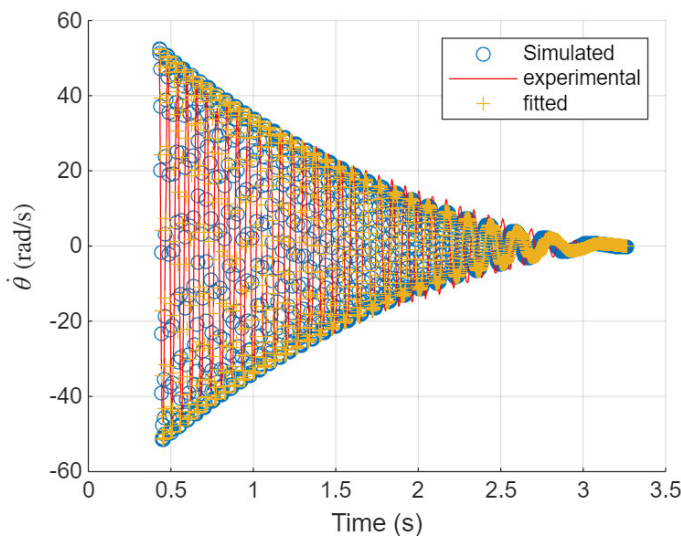
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| Variable                                   | Value          |
|--|----------------|
| Coulomb Friction ( $F_c$ )                 | 9N             |
| Breakaway Friction ( $F_{brk}$ )           | 14N            |
| Breakaway Velocity threshold ( $v_{brk}$ ) | 15 rad/s       |
| Coulomb Velocity threshold ( $v_c$ )       | $v_{brk} / 10$ |
| Stribeck Velocity threshold ( $v_{st}$ )   | $1.414v_{brk}$ |

$$F = \sqrt{2e} (F_{brk} - F_c) e^{-\left(\frac{v}{v_{st}}\right)^2} \frac{v}{v_{st}} + F_c \tanh\left(\frac{v}{v_{Coul}}\right) + f_v$$



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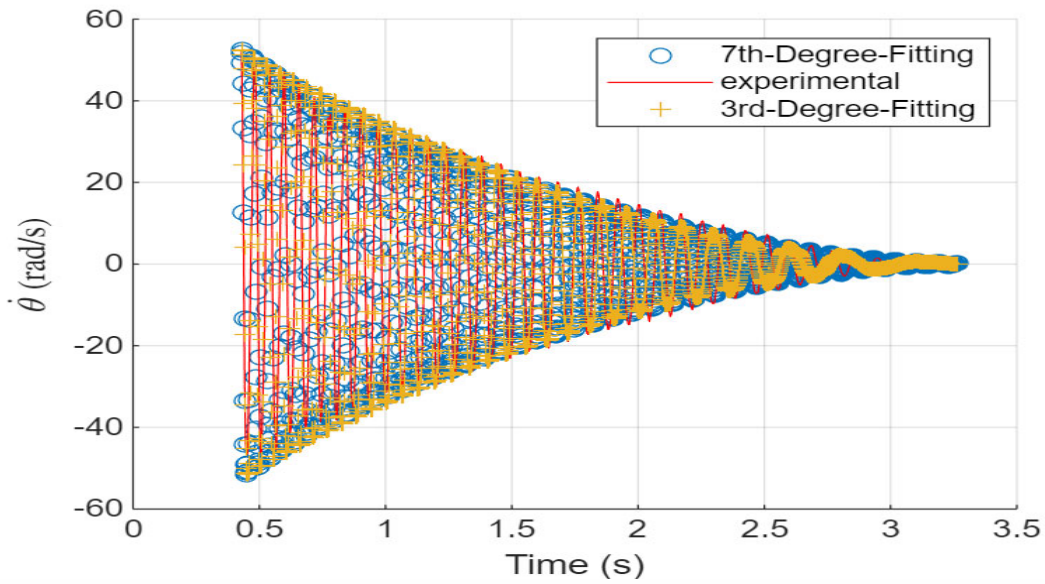
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## 5. Conclusion

- Magnets should not come closer than 4mm.
- NES Parameters : R=30mm  $\theta=120$  degrees.

$$T(\theta) = 1.2701\theta^3 + 0.001\theta$$

- The Measured Restoring Torque IS valid and is close to the simulated one.

$$T(\theta) = 1.0682\theta^3 + 0.001\theta, \text{ 3rd degree fitting}$$

$$T(\theta) = 14.904\theta^7 - 3.0257\theta^5 + 0.4762\theta^3 + 0.0633\theta, \text{ 7th degree fitting}$$



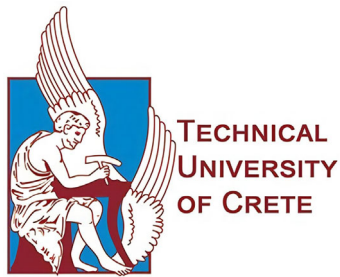
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**Questions ?**



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