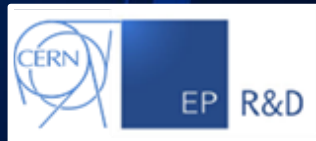


# ROBOTICS AND ROBOT-DETECTOR INTERFACES FOR FUTURE PARTICLE DETECTORS



Lorenzo Teofili


on behalf of

WP<sub>4</sub> Mechanics and Cooling

## INTRODUCTION

design particle detector components that can be handled.

systems by studying the state of the art of robotics and automation, and applications.



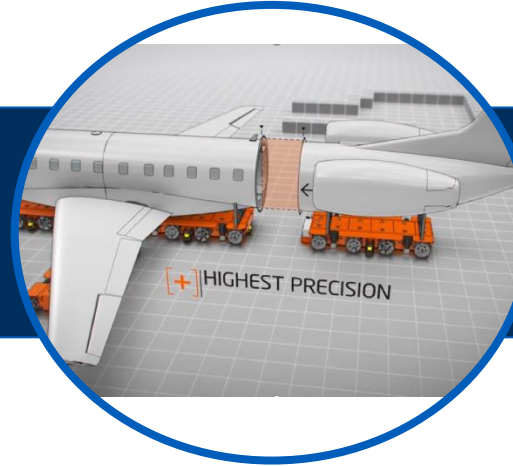
Detectors

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Robotic maintenance systems

1. Is there an experiential...
2. Can't...

## MOTION OF LARGE COMPONENTS (MOVES)



## SURVEY AND OPERATIONS (HANDS-ON)



## FUTURE WORK

Hands-On


Start collaboration with ANYbotics/ Boston Dynamics to test quadruped in LHC experiments during RUN3:

- Patrolling
- Possibility to use an arm on the robot to collect radiation samples
- Survey on Radioactive areas
- Quick access for alarm check

Moves

- Deeper investigation in actuators for motion and positioning system.
- Start the study on concrete application cases: extract and insertion of the internal the internal tracker.

MATCH



## MAINTENANCE (MATCH)

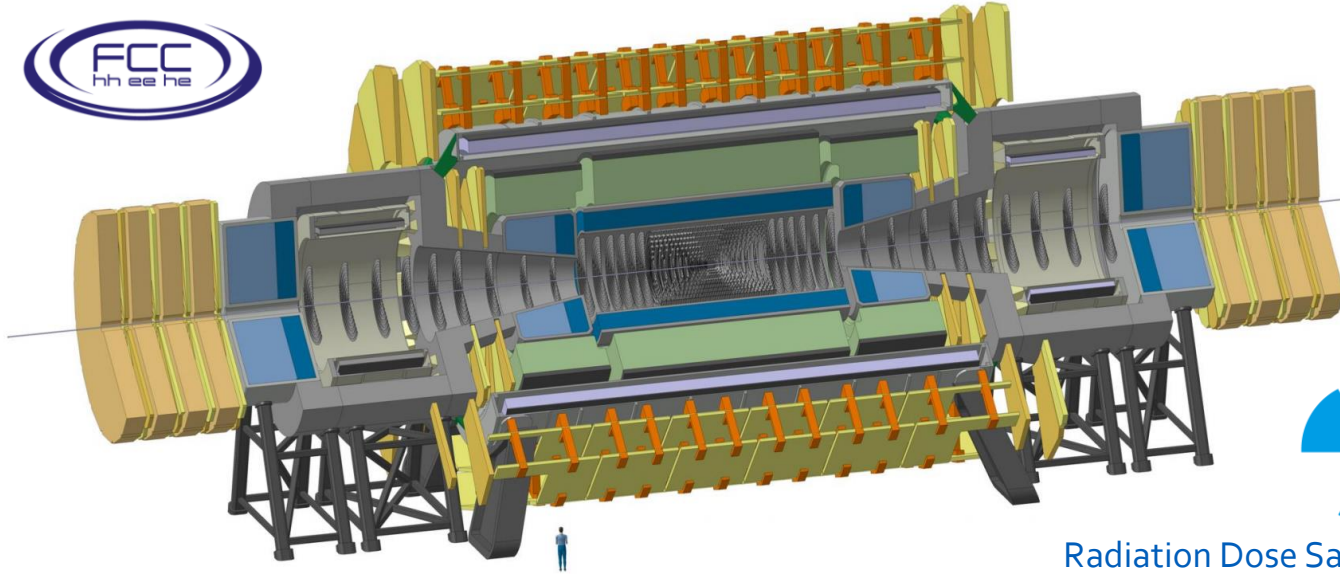






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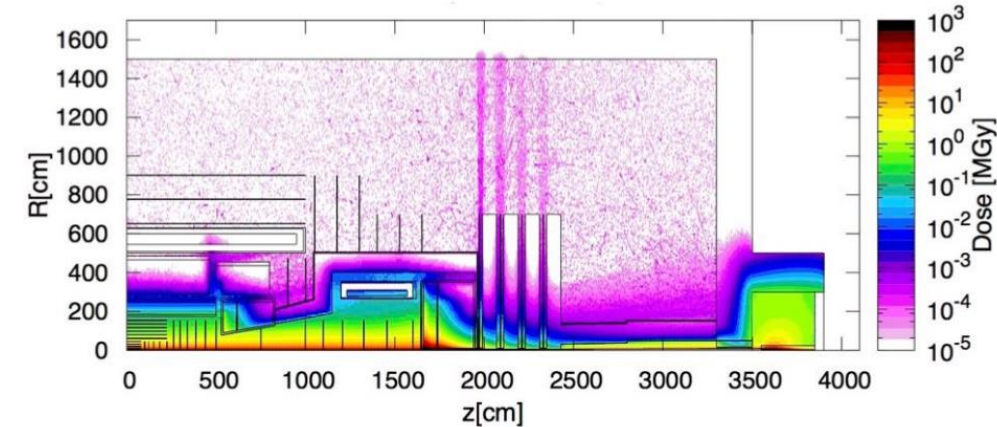
# THE BENEFITS OF AUTOMATION AND SIMPLICITY IN FUTURE DETECTORS



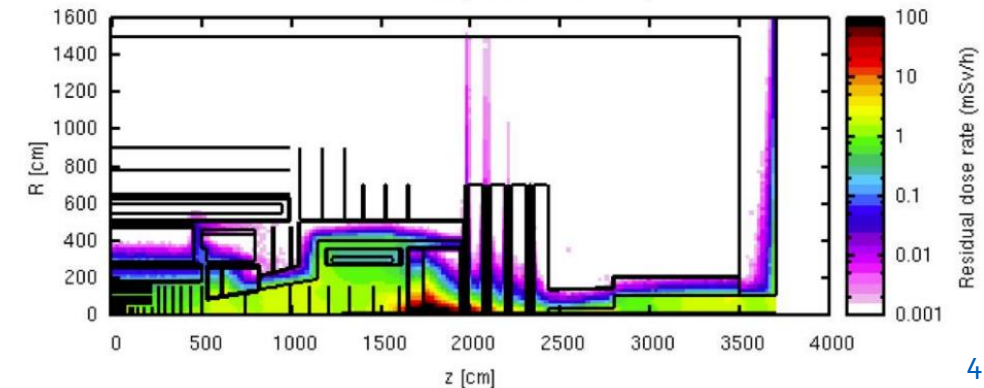
1. Radiation is an increasing challenge in future detectors. For FCC-hh there is no significant decrease in delivered dose after one year.
2. Repetitive maintenance tasks are speeded-up.
3. Design a robotic friendly components facilitate also their human manipulation.



Radiation Dose Saved to Personnel (readapted from [1])



Residual dose rate (LS5, 1 w cool down)





# THE SCOPE OF THE R&D ACTIVITY

Developing guidelines to design particle detectors suitable to interface with automatic and robotic systems. Conceptualize such systems by studying the state of the art of robotics and automation, the current commercial solutions and applications.

## Robotics



*Ready to be  
Published*

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### State of the Art Of Robotic Solutions in Harsh Environment

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1. What is the state of the Art (what robots can do)?
2. What will be the development in the near future?
3. What is available currently on the market?

## Detectors



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### Detectors Maintenance Requirements in Harsh Environment

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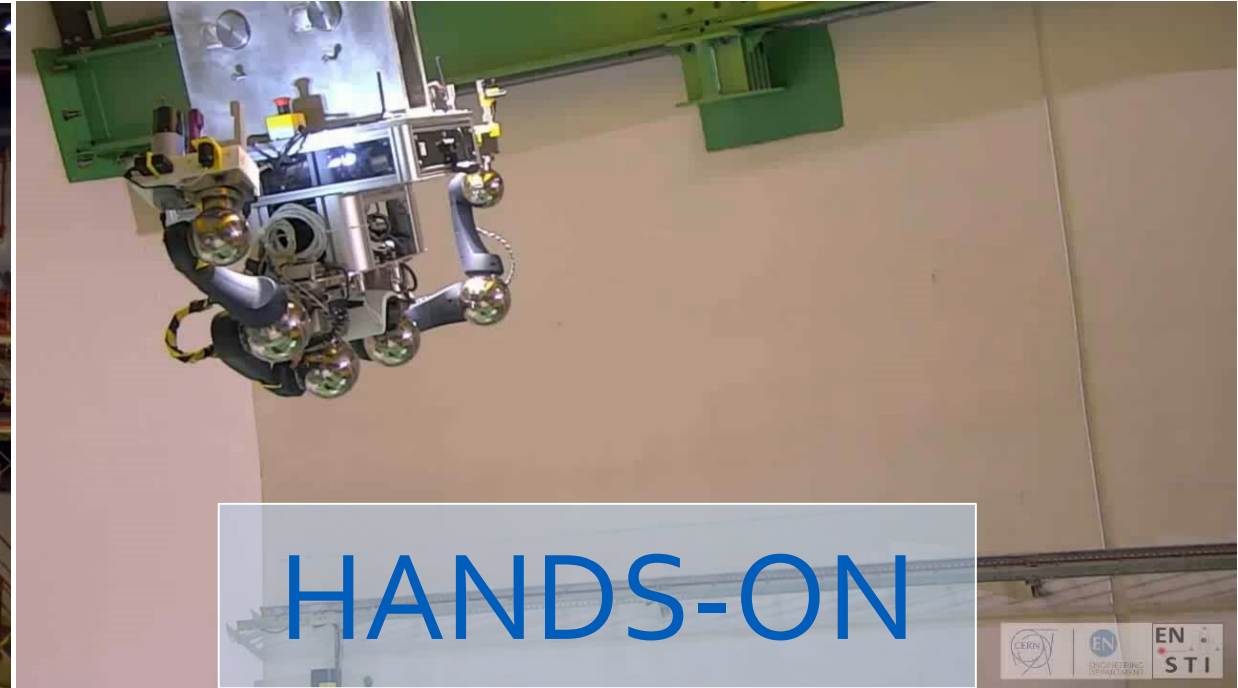
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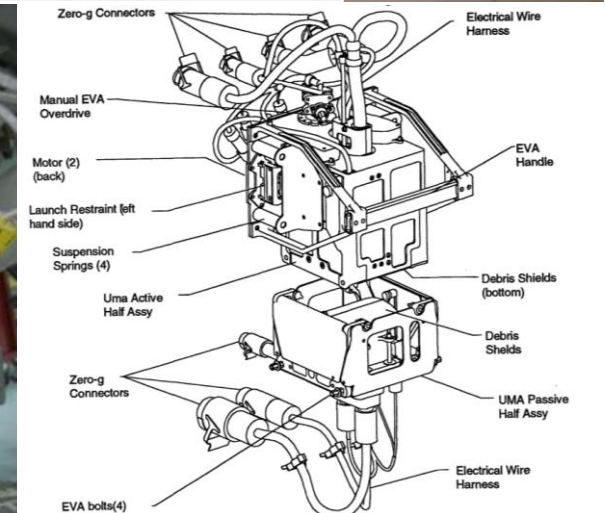
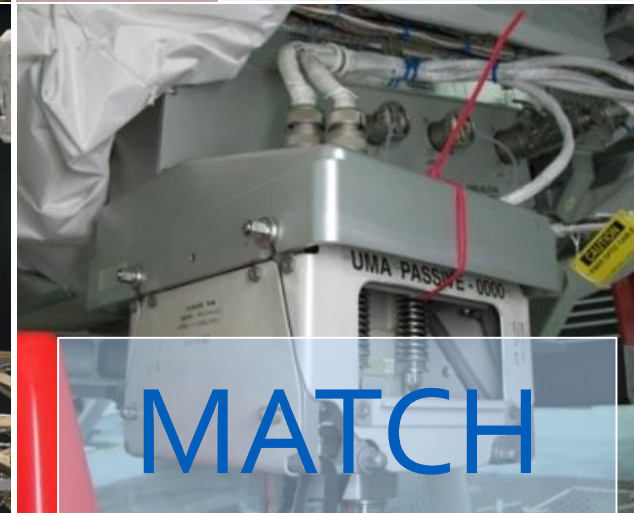
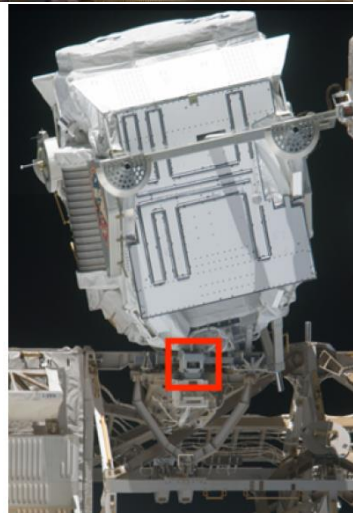
## Robotic maintenance of complex systems

1. Is there any previous experience?
2. Can this experience be applied to the design of a robotic friendly particle detector?

# A ROBOTIC SYSTEM CONCEPT FOR PARTICLE DETECTORS



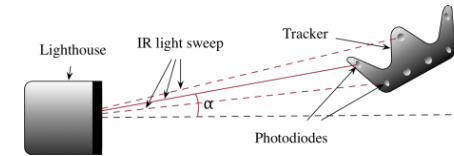
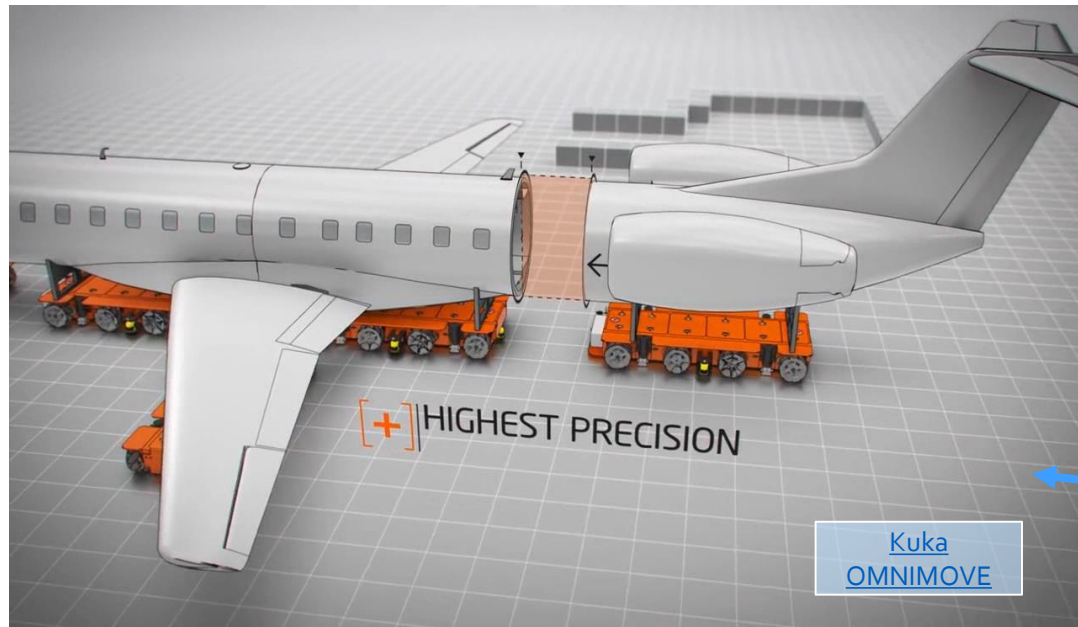
- **Motion Of Volumetric and Massive Equipment System (MOVES)**
- **HANDling and Survey ON Detector (HANDS-ON)**
- **Mechanism for fAst service inTerface Connection Handling (MATCH)**





# MOVES

Motion Of Volumetric and Massive Equipment System



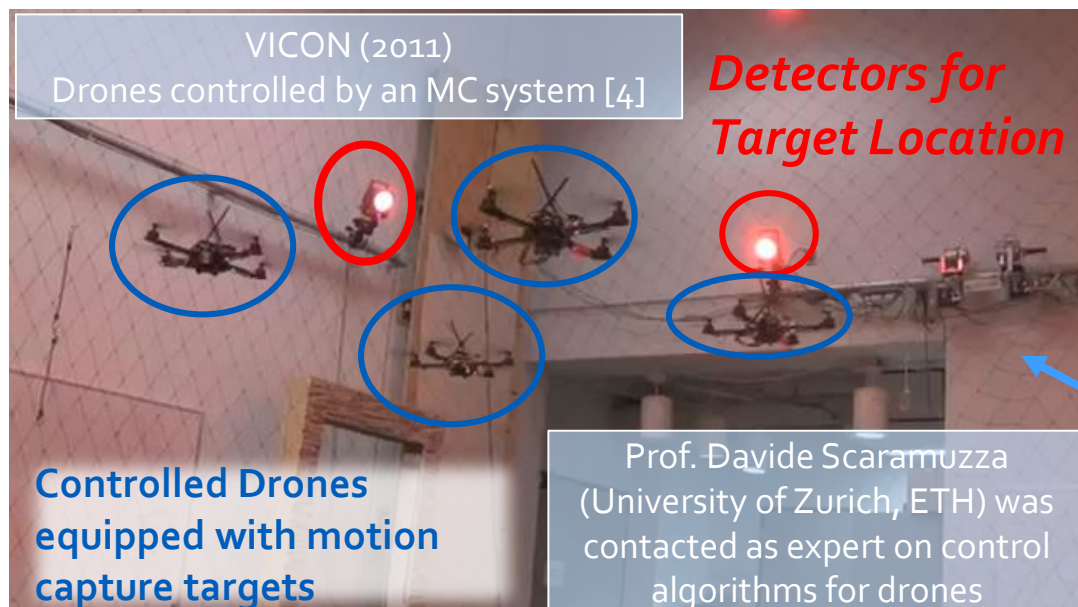
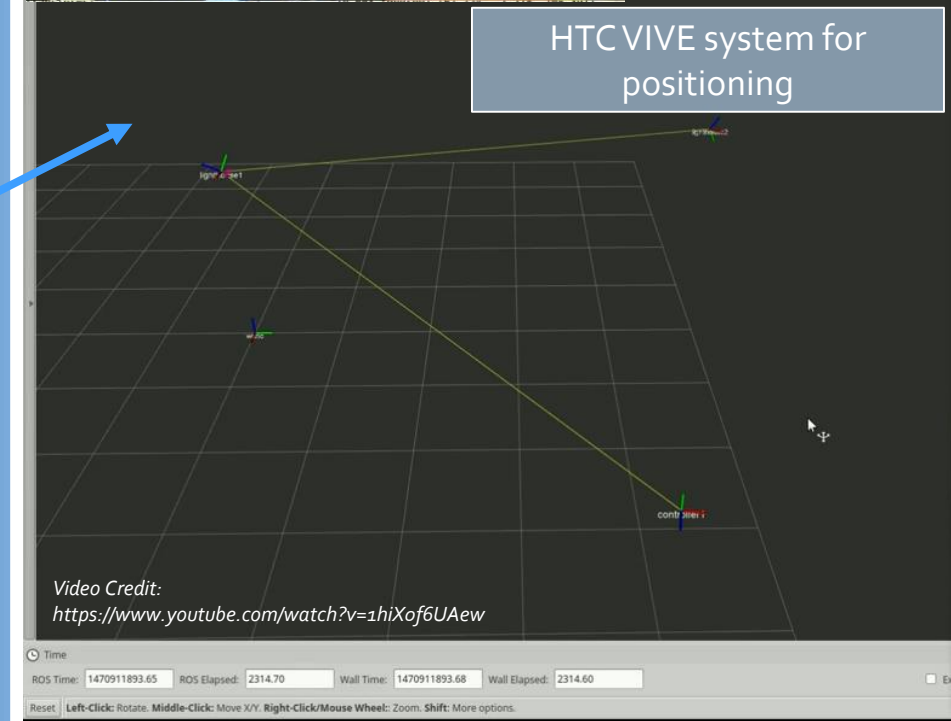
Motion Capture (MC)  
Indoor Positioning  
Systems



Sub-millimetric  
accuracy if the  
target is  
stationary [3]

## Main elements of a motion system:

- Actuators
- State estimators (Indoor Positioning System for Absolute Location)
- Control Algorithm for motion



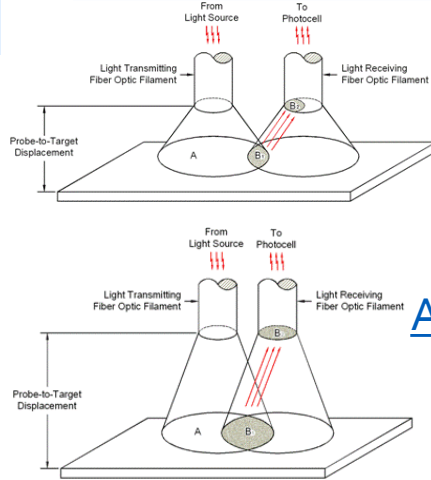


# RELATIVE POSITIONING SENSORS

## Fiber Optic Sensors For Distances



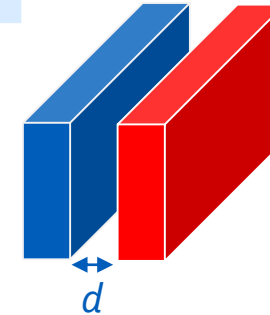
### Micrometer accuracy



Suitable to Measure Small Distances, cm range

Example of Product Available on the Market [5]

Mature Technology to Be Customized for CERN Purposes



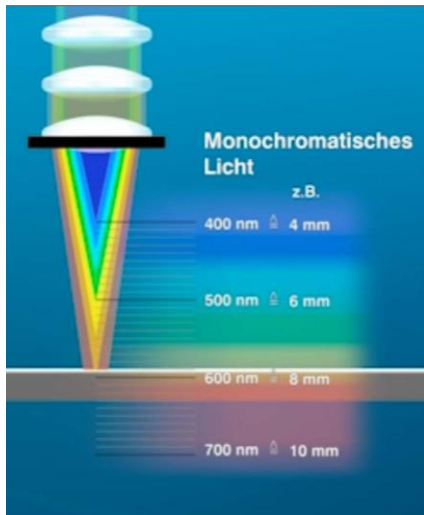
### Capacitive sensors

Example of Product Available on the Market [6]

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## Sensors For Relative Positioning with Precisions

These sensors may be used to know the position of one particle detector component with respect to another.



*Grid of capacitors or optic fibers could precisely locate one object with respect to another*

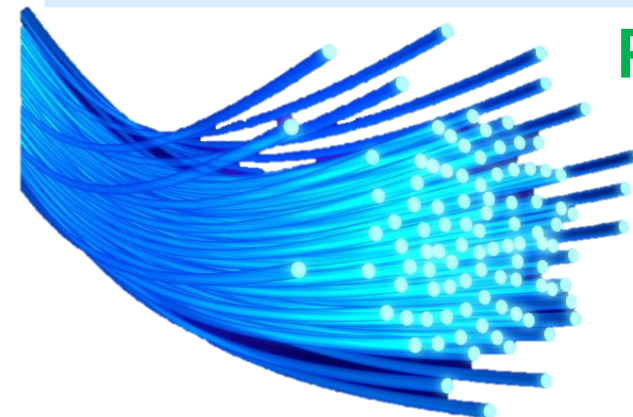
### Cofocal Sensors

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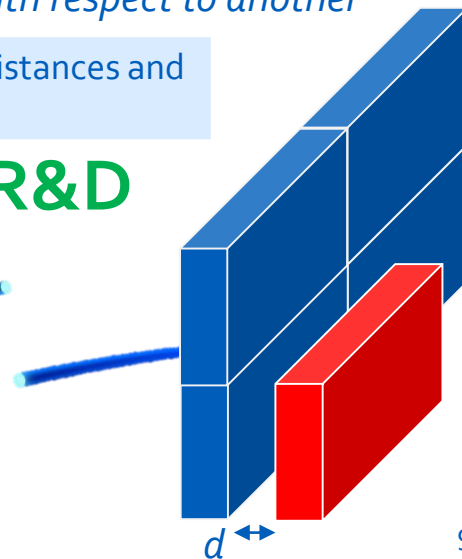
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*Distance Sensors*

### Fiber Optic or Capacitors Grids For Distances and Positions



**R&D**



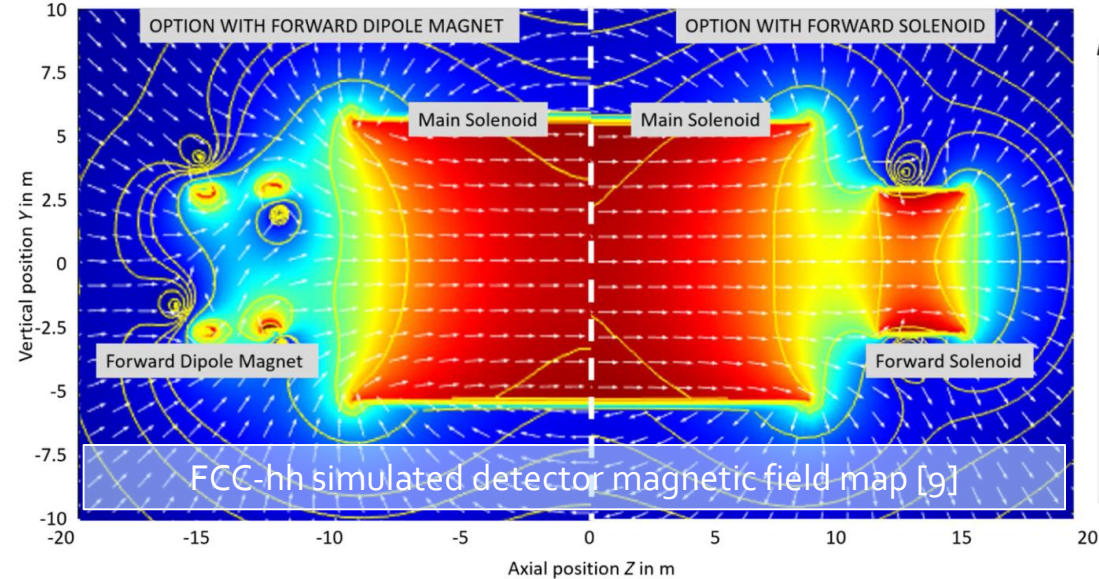
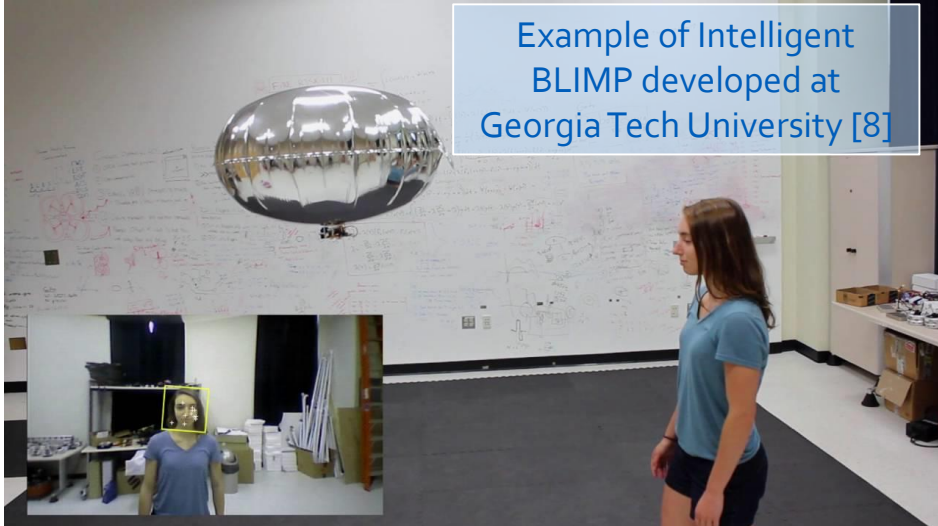
# HANDS-ON

HANDling and Survey ON Detector



# THE HANDS-ON SYSTEM: BLIMPS FOR SURVEY

Example of Intelligent  
BLIMP developed at  
Georgia Tech University [8]



**THE MAIN  
NEED: 3D  
MAGNETIC  
FIELD  
MAPPING**

MOVES sensors can  
be used to estimate  
precise BLIMPs  
positions

## Concepts of BLIMPS inspecting a detector

A company specialized in  
pneumatic flying vehicles ([San  
Jorge Tecnologica](#)) has been  
contacted for the possible  
realization of a nonmagnetic  
pneumatically actuated blimp  
(wired solution)

## Blimps Characteristics:

- Failure tolerant (in case of failure a blimp remains in its place without falling)
- Easy to control
- Not compact
- No interest in industry, mainly focused on drones.
- How do they react to magnetic field or radiation?



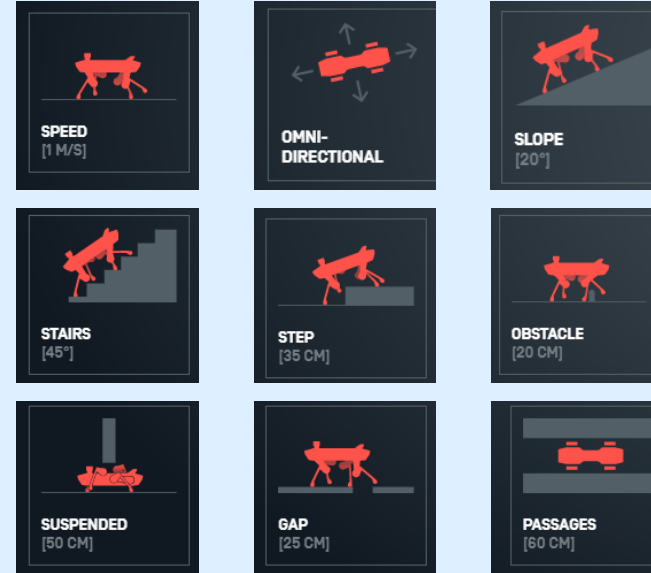
# THE HANDS-ON SYSTEM: ROBOTS FOR SURVEYS AND OPERATIONS

## Boston Dynamics SPOT

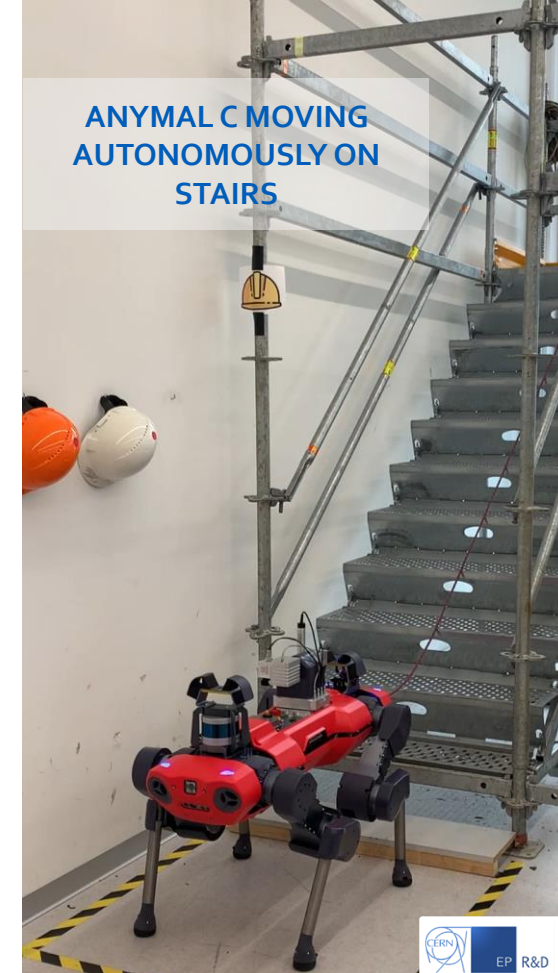


The company has been contacted to investigate the possible use of their robots at CERN

## ANYMAL C CAPABILITIES



## ANYMAL C MOVING AUTONOMOUSLY ON STAIRS



CERN Visit at the ANYbotics Zurich Headquarters

CERN (BE-CEM-MRO section) has large experience with wheeled robots! However, they are limited by stairs, while quadruped robots should not have this problem.

Example of CERN custom wheeled Robot

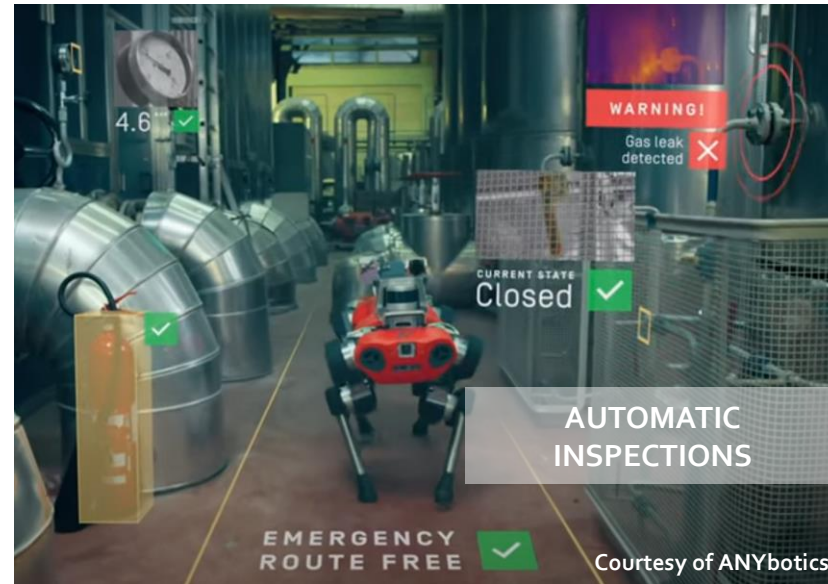
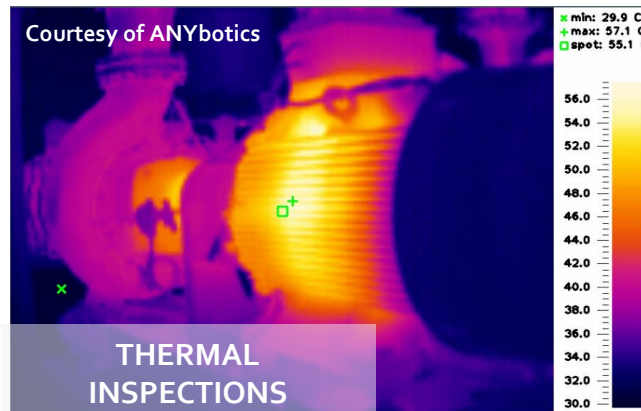
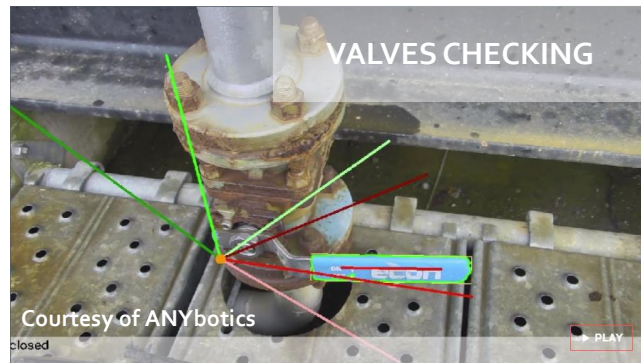
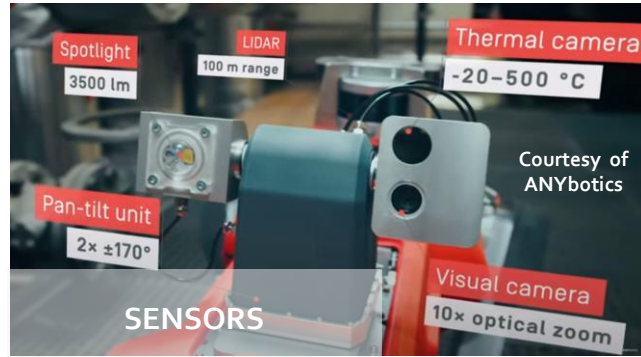


A visit of the ANYbotics company at CERN is under organization. During the visit, ANYmal will perform some demonstrative tasks in the detector cavern.



# THE HANDS-ON SYSTEM: WHAT ROBOTS CAN DO

## THE MAIN NEEDS: SURVEY OF RADIOACTIVE AREAS, PATROLLING, FAST ACCESS TO DETECTORS FOR ALLARM VERIFICATION



**Automated Robot:** This robot can perform only pre-programmed tasks. It does not feel the environment, it repeats the same task continuously. Old Industrial robots are examples.

**Teleoperated Robots:** This robot is controlled by a human operator, it can perform tasks only if instructed by the operator. It may or may not feel the environment.

**Autonomous Robots (the current generation):** These are the robots that are being developed nowadays. They can perceive the environment and act consequently to perform the tasks that are assigned to them. They do not require to be operated by humans.

## RADIATION MEASUREMENTS



# SOME EXPERIMENTS WITH QUADRUPED PROTOTYPES

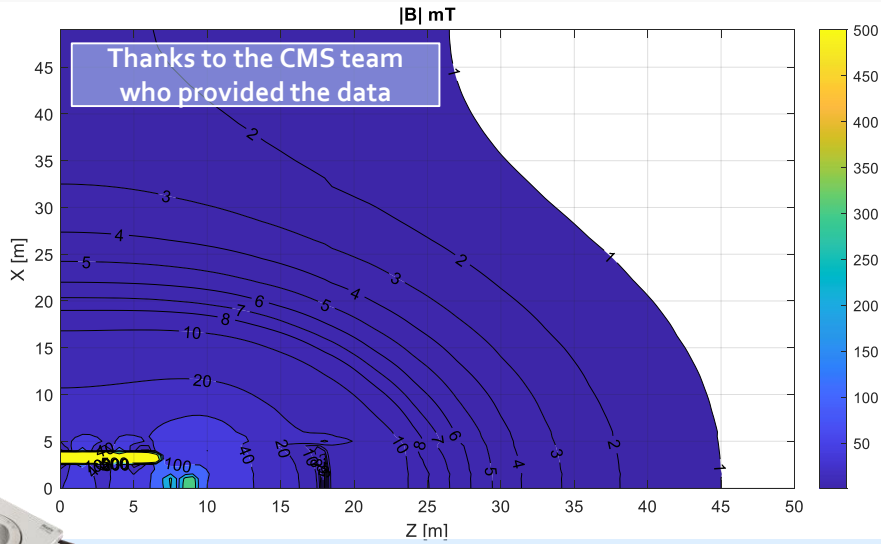
To investigate the capabilities of quadruped robots and get experience in programming their motion, some prototypes were bought (PETOI BITTLE). They arrived in February 2021. They were assembled at CERN and partially programmed on site. Programming work is still needed but the device was capable of withstanding 0.45 T inside the ALICE magnet.





# A POSSIBLE CHALLENGE: THE MAGNETIC FIELD ENVIRONMENT

## MAGNETIC FIELD AT THE CMS CAVERN GROUND (mT) From 0 to 100 mT



Checking possible substitutes for actuation (as piezoelectric motors)

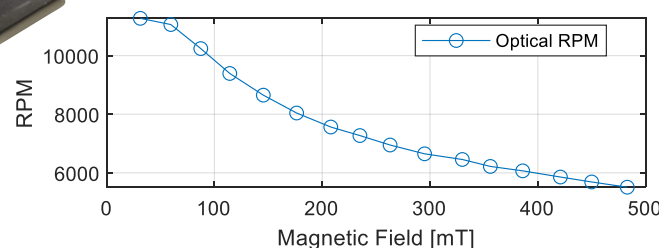
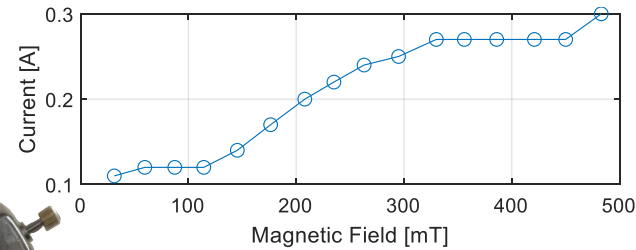
Testing Electric Motors in Magnetic Fields

Development of amagnetic robots and drones

Investigation on the magnetic field effects on electric motors for the CERN experimental physics department R&D project



### Arduino Motor (Brushed) Measurements



- Electric motors are the most spread actuators in robotics
- They may not work correctly with the strong background magnetic field of the experiments
- Strong constant background magnetic fields are used in few sectors, industry is not interested in developing systems capable to work in those conditions



# MATCH

Mechanism for fAst service inTerface Connection Handling



# CASE STUDY: DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR ROBOTIC FRIENDLY DETECTORS' COMPONENTS

## Case Study: Interface Optimization for Robotic Manipulation of the new ATLAS INNER TRACKER Patch Panel 1

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Version 1

Many thanks to Dario Orecchini  
And Sandro Tomassini  
for providing the model  
of the PP1

### Introduction

This document reports a case study where a design of a component to be installed in a detector is considered and analysed under a robotic manipulation point of view.

The document lists the criticalities that can be encountered during the robotic manipulation of the component and proposes solutions.

The analysed component is the new ATLAS patch panel 1 (PP1) presented at the ITK Pixel Services Preliminary Design Review [1].

The PP1 has been chosen for this case study among other components for two main reasons: It has to be dismantled and remounted to access the internal parts of the detectors, this makes it a component that will have high chances to be handled during maintenance. It hosts connectors of different services (cooling, data, power), their disconnection and reconnection makes the manipulation of the PP1 not trivial.

It is important to recall that robotic manipulation is not among the PP1 design requirements.

Robotic manipulation can reduce the exposure of human personnel to radiation (in case the device become activated) during the PP1 maintenance and disposal.

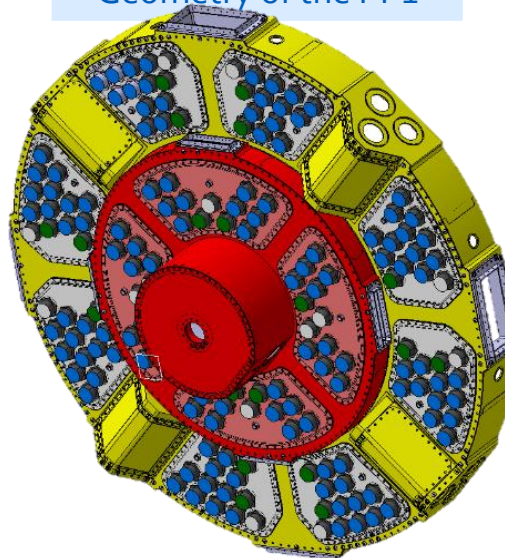
Usually, a device must have specific features to be efficiently manipulated by an automated system. Thus, this document reviews the PP1 design and propose mechanical modification aimed at making the design more human and robotic friendly, so to decrease maintenance and disposal time.

### Case Study:

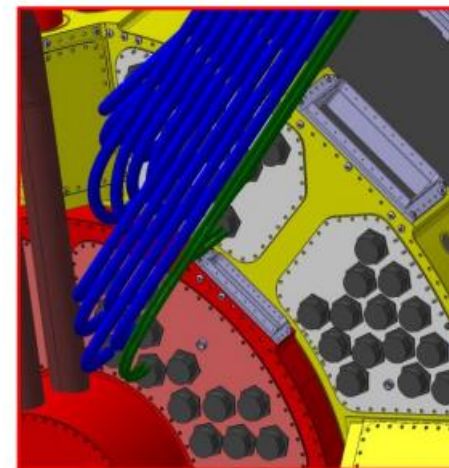
This case study was performed on a real component to be installed in the CERN detectors.

**Possible robotic manipulation was not among the design requirements of this component, this is just a case study.**

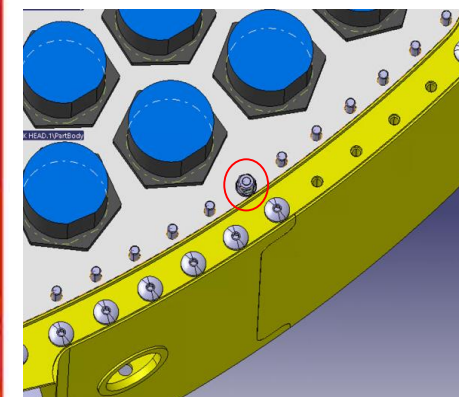
Geometry of the PP1



Detail of cables on the PP1



Detail of screws on the PP1



### Study to improve the manipulability (of robots or humans) of the PP1:

1. Change connectors type, push-pull connectors are easier to mount/dismount than wiring connectors
2. Connectors spacing and distribution, ensure that the connectors are accessible by a robotic or human arm
3. Power Cable and Connector Labelling and Easy recognition
4. Power Cable Disconnection Sequence
5. Storing Power Cables During Operations
6. Use only captive screws
7. Minimize Screw Number
8. Use only Screws bigger than M3
9. Pick-up Points to hold the different components

Robotic  
maintenance of  
complex systems



EP R&D

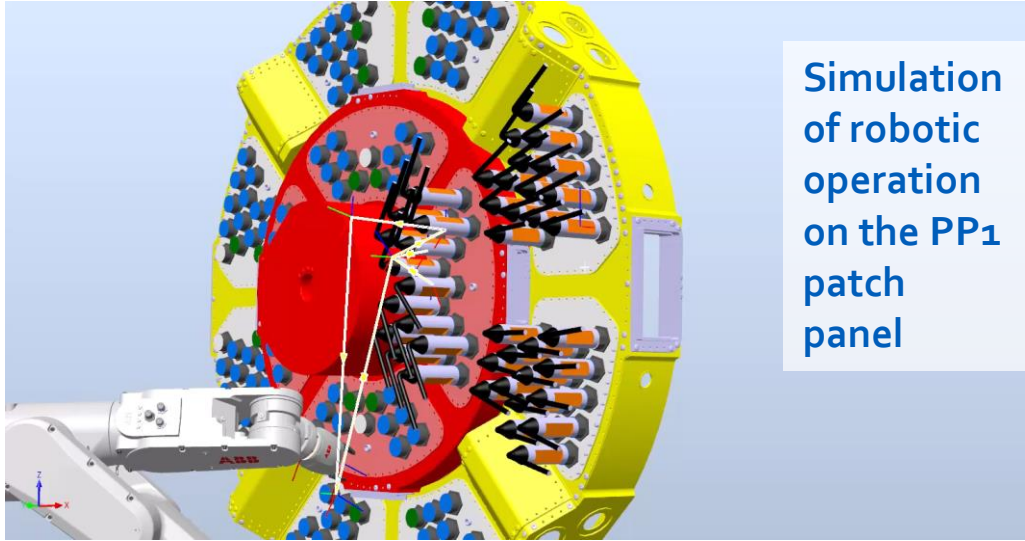
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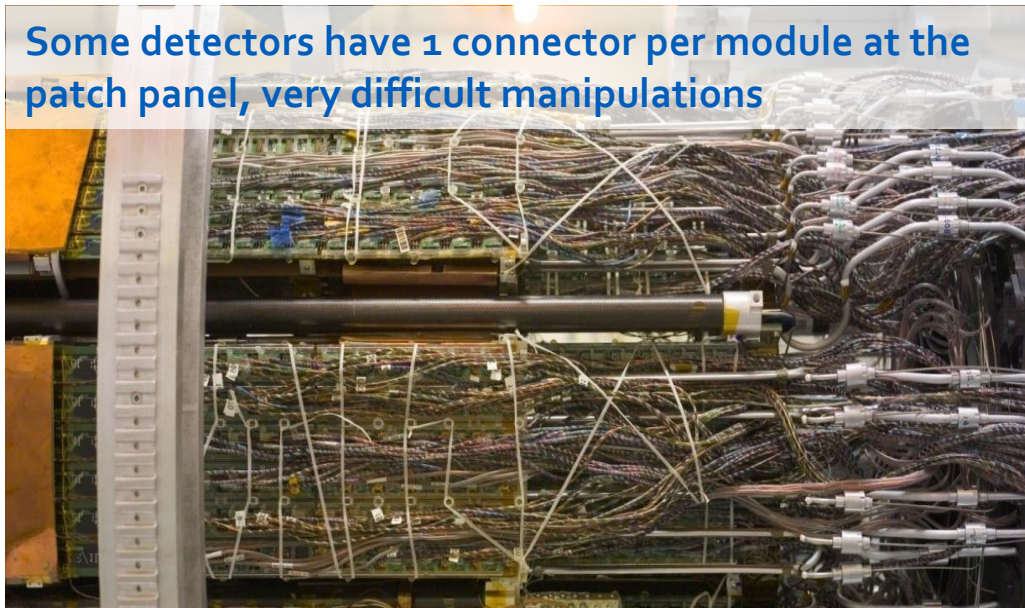
# MECHANISM FOR FAST SERVICE INTERFACE CONNECTION HANDLING (MATCH)



Simulation of robotic operation on the PP1 patch panel

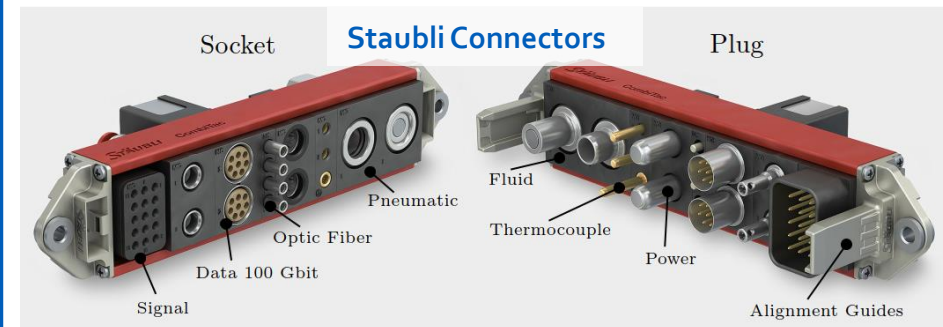


[STAUBLI Connectors](#)



Some detectors have 1 connector per module at the patch panel, very difficult manipulations

**THE MAIN NEED:** Fast handling connectors would incredibly simplify the work of robots or humans for the maintenance of the plants

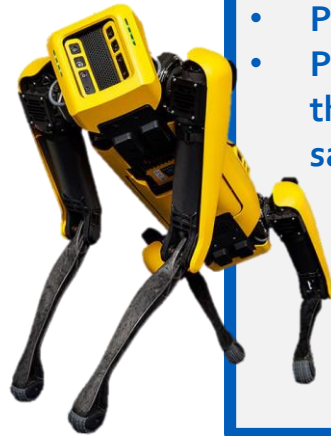






# FUTURE WORK

## HANDS-ON

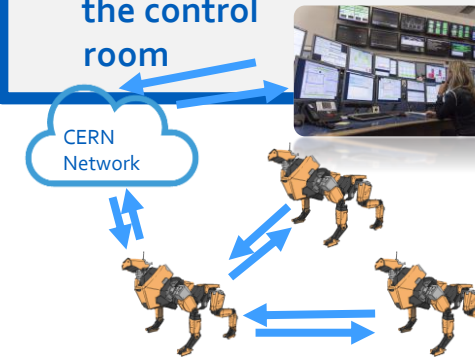


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Development of robust communication:

- among the robots
- between the robots and the control room

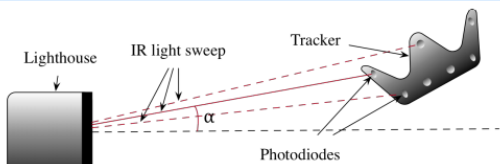


Many thanks to Thierry Perdichizzi for the support on this activity

- Understand the effects of magnetic forces on BLIMPS
- Operative design of a non magnetic blimp (in house study and collaboration with companies)
- Equip blimps with Hall probes for magnetic field measurement (Collaboration with EP-DT, Nicola Pacifico).



## MOVES



- Deeper investigation in actuators for motion and on positioning system
- Deeper investigation on commercial solutions for indoor positioning systems
- Study on an automated system for extraction and insertion of the internal tracker of current experiments

## MATCH



- Integrate commercial solutions for easy mating-demating of connectors in the particle detector components
- Establish guidelines for the robotic friendly design of new patch panels
- Optimize other detector components for robotic manipulation





THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

- [1] [A Novel Robotic Framework for Safe Inspection and Telemanipulation in Hazardous and Unstructured Environments](#)
- [2] [Robotics for Future Particle Detectors, Presentation for the ECFA Detector R&D Roadmap Symposium of Task Force 8 Integration](#)
- [3] [HTC Vive: Analysis and Accuracy Improvement](#), 2018 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), 2018
- [4] [Quadrotor Formation Flying Gets Aggressive](#), IEEE spectrum webpage
- [5] [Examples of Fiber Optic Sensors](#)
- [6] [Examples of capacitive sensors](#)
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- [8] [Autonomous flying blimp interaction with human in an indoor space](#)
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- [8] ITER remote handling code of practice
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BACKUP

# INSPECTIONS IN CRYOGENIC ENVIRONMENT: THE CURIOUS CRYOGENIC FISH

Public deliverable for the ATTRACT Final Conference



## The Curious Cryogenic Fish - CCF

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project

## The Curios Cryogenic Fish (CCF) Project [10]

	Technology	Operations in Cryogenics	Development Needed
Visual Data	HR Camera	Non-Standard	YES operation at cryogenic temperatures
Data Transfer and Control	Wi-Fi	Non-Standard	YES must validate transmission through medium
Local Power Storage	Lion-Battery	Non-Standard	YES Must understand how to operate at cryogenic temperature
Propulsion	Argon Steam or Turbine	Non-Standard	Novel-full development

Table from [10]

### Propulsion System Test [10]

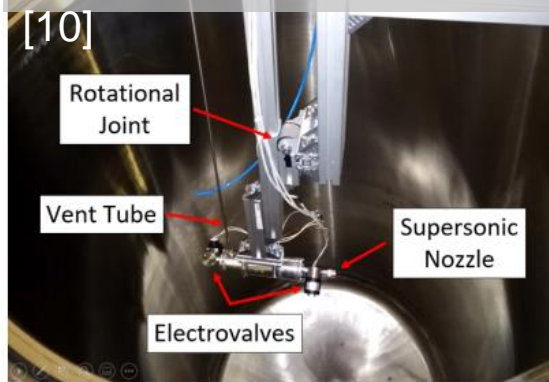
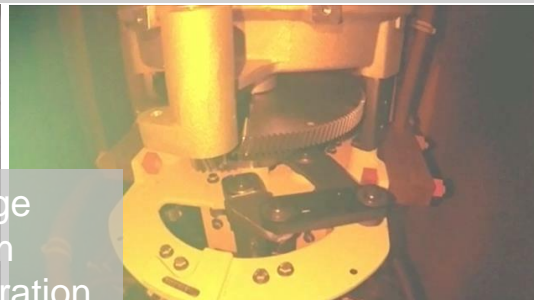


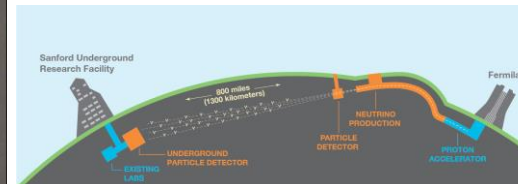
ABB TXplore robot [12], suitable for internal inspection of full oil tanks. **This example is used to introduce the concept, the robot is not designed for cryogenic environment.**



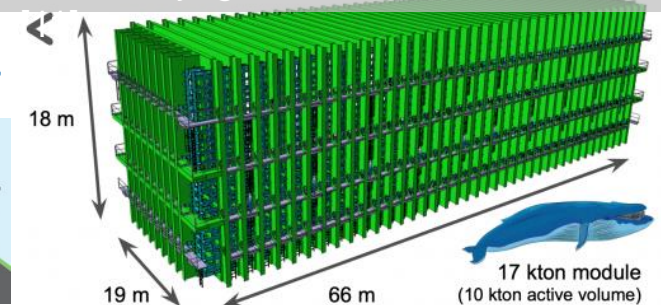
Image From Operation



## DUNE DEEP UNDERGROUND NEUTRINO EXPERIMENT



### DUNE Cryogenic Module Dimensions





# CAMERAS FOR HARSH ENVIRONMENT

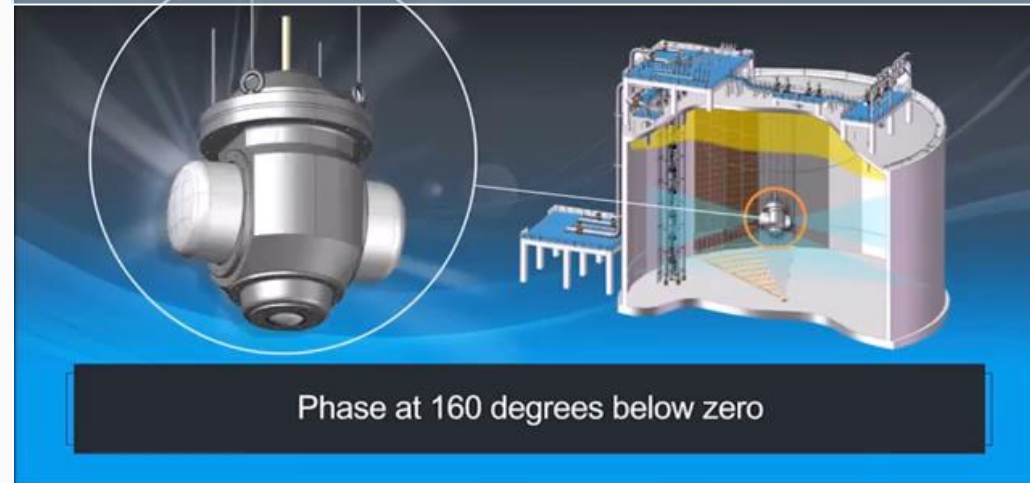
The Radiation Tolerant Cameras (refer to CRHCOP, edms n. 2263542 )

The Cryo-Tolerant Cameras

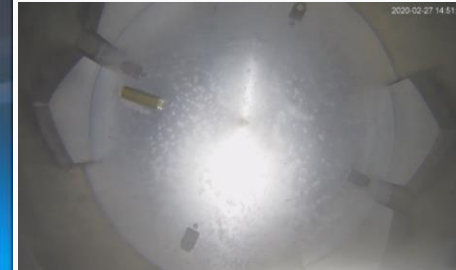
*Mature technology, different models are available on the market*



Industrial Solution YoungKook



**NICHE**  
Cryogenic Solutions



Collaboration with industry, R&D.

*Two market solutions were found.*

*Research topic: develop a case to use commercial, inexpensive cameras in cryogenic environment.*

**Development of a camera casing suited for cryogenic and vacuum applications**

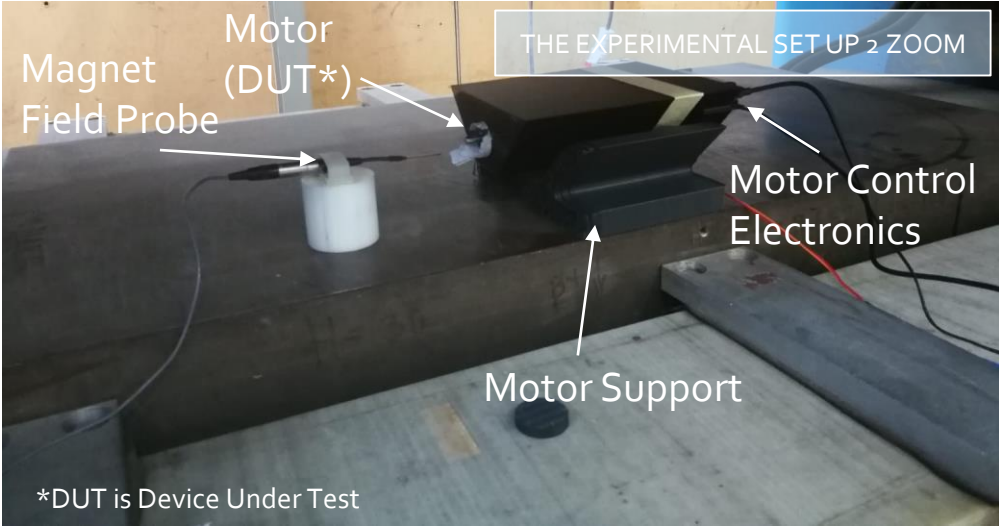
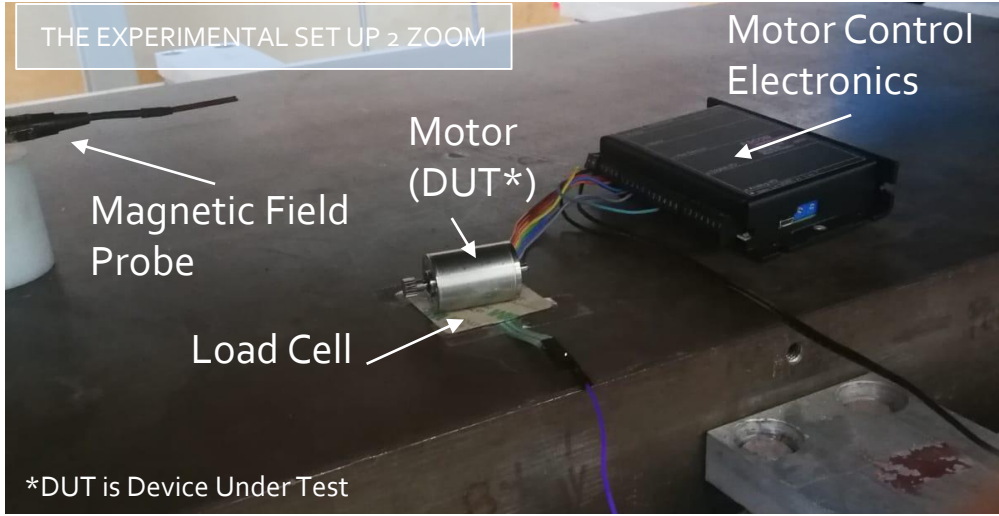
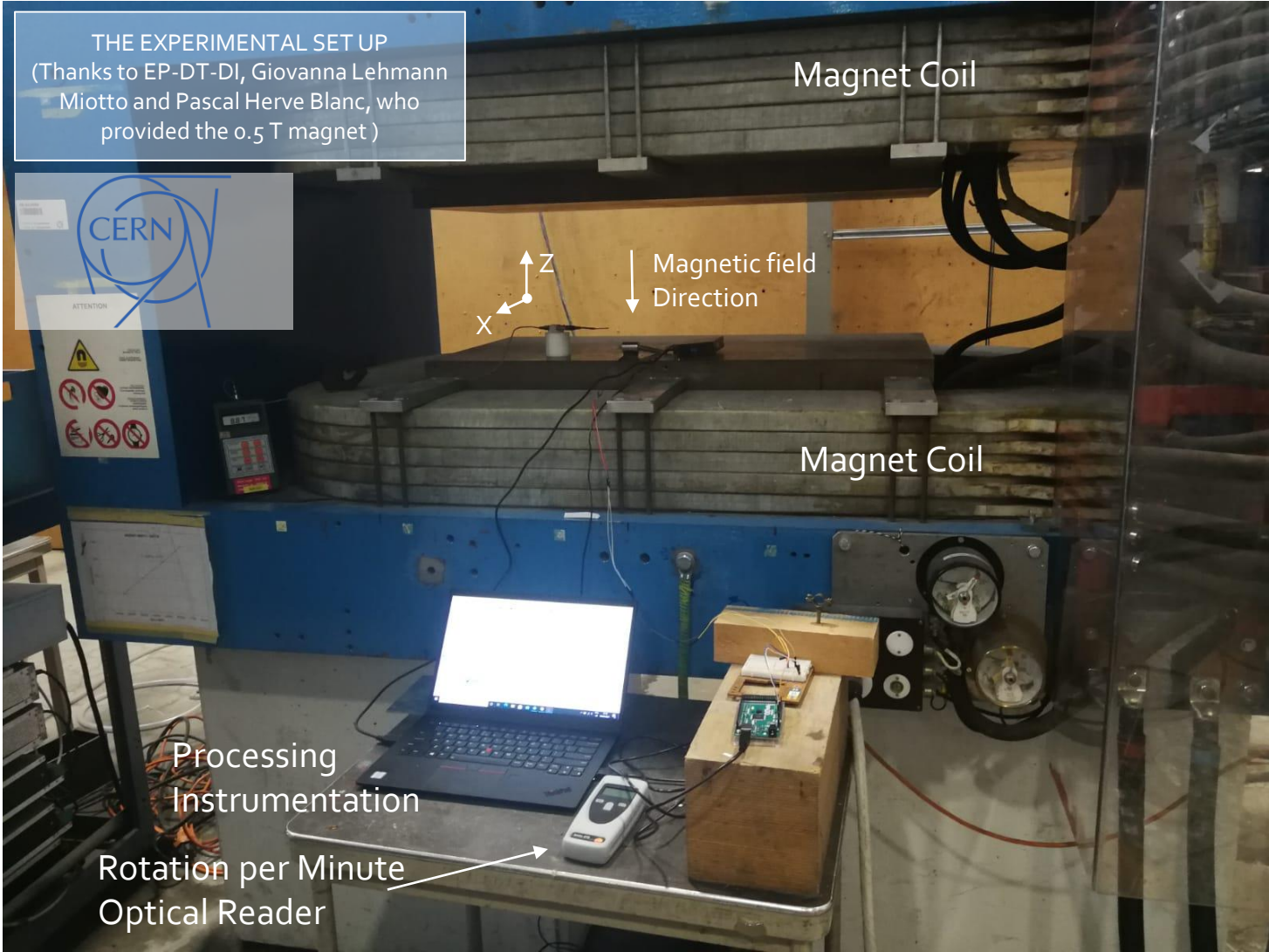
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# A POSSIBLE CHALLENGE: THE MAGNETIC FIELD ENVIRONMENT



Experimental set-ups for calculating the response of an electric motor to a magnetic field

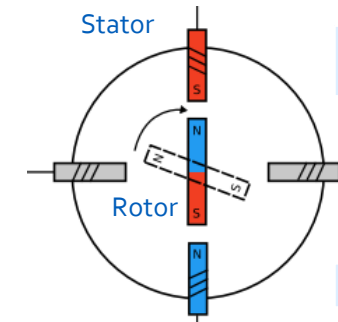


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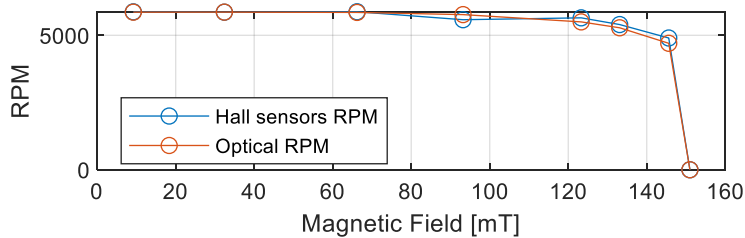
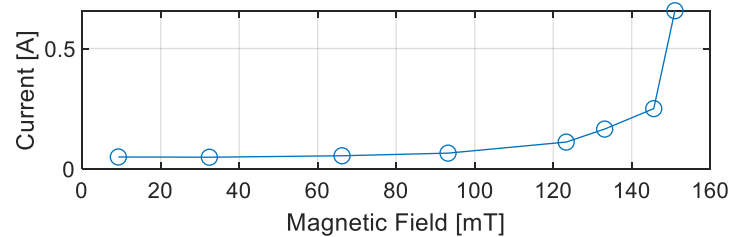
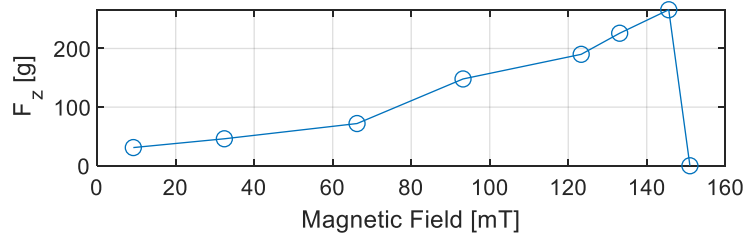
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- One layer of Mu metal (0.5 mm thickness) increase the tolerance of the motor to external magnetic fields of 15%.
- The second layer of mu metal seems to have no effects.
- Increasing the external magnetic field force on the motor increases as well (expected result)
- The RPM is well read by the internal hall sensors until the motor stops.
- Current consumption increases exponentially before the motor stops

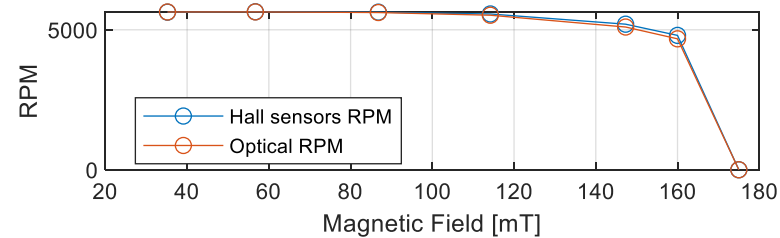
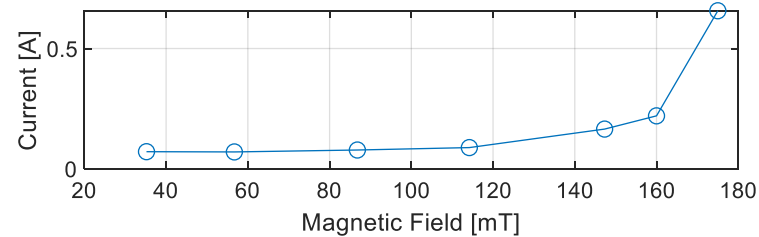
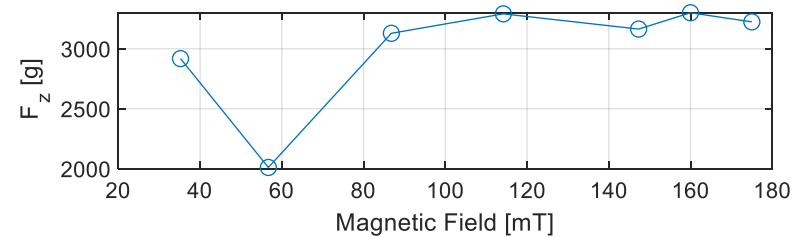


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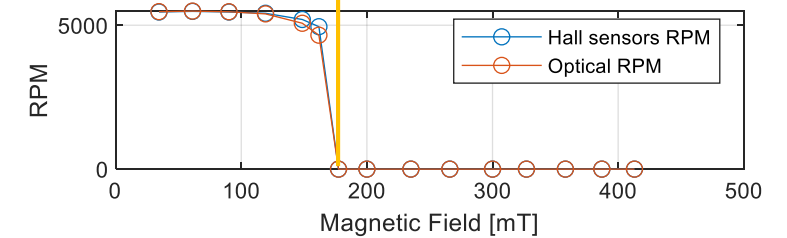
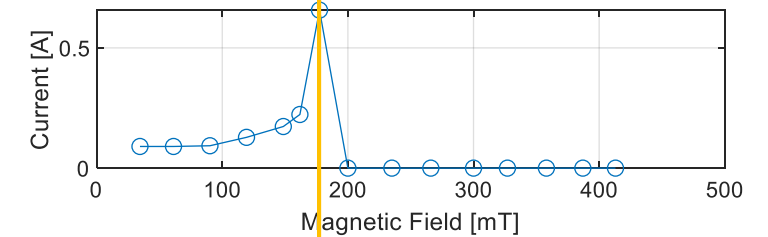
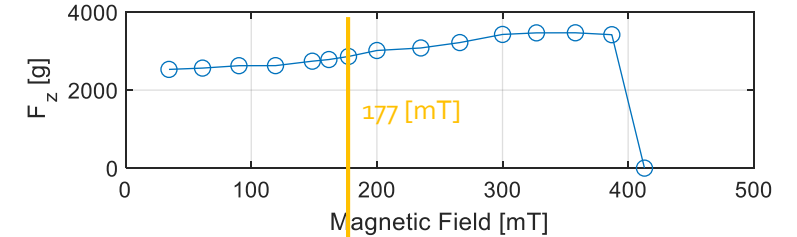
Set-up one

Shielding 1 Mu metal layer (0.2 mm thickness)



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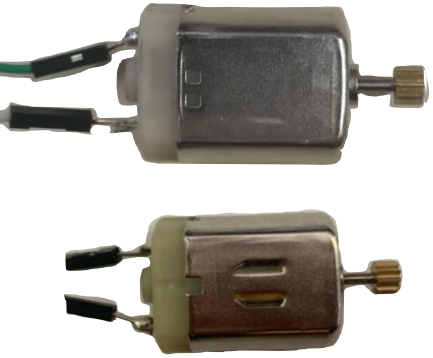
Shielding 2 Mu metal layer (0.2 mm thickness)



Set-up two

# ARDUINO DC MOTOR MEASUREMENTS

Arduino Motor

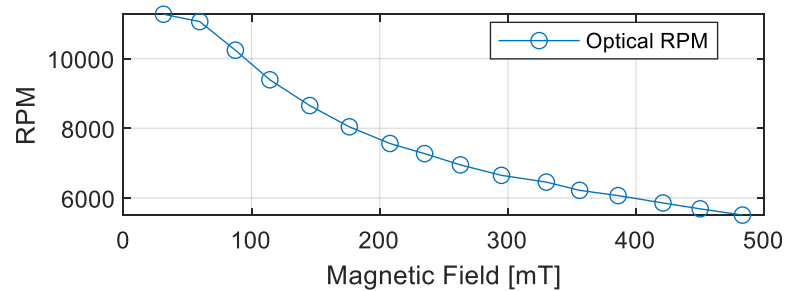
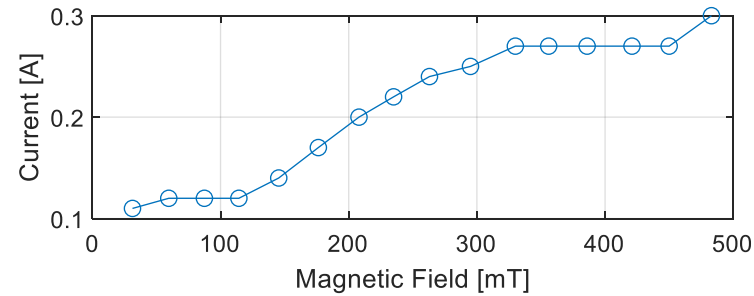


Side one

Side two

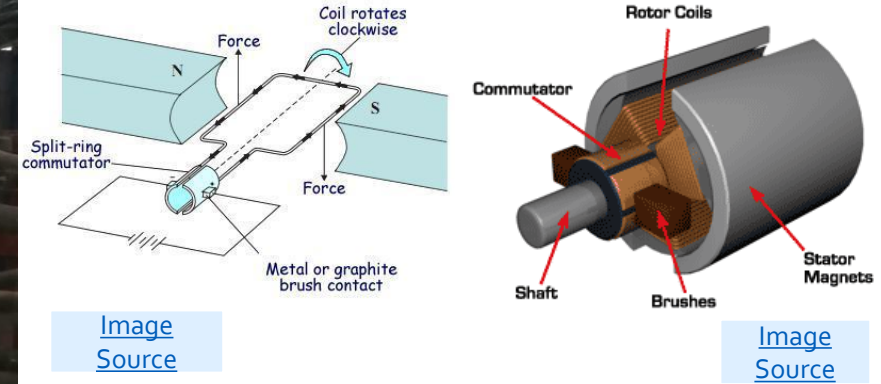


Side two towards the Z axis



Set-up two

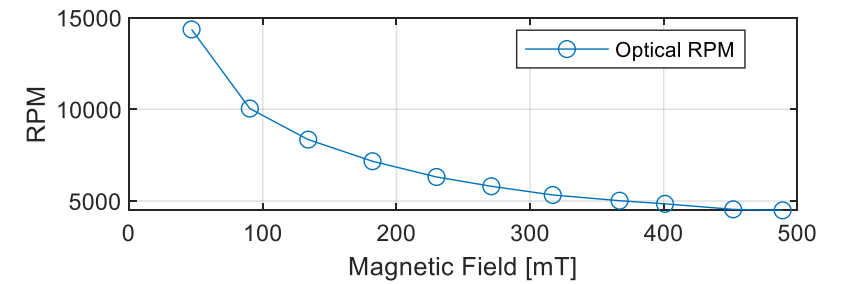
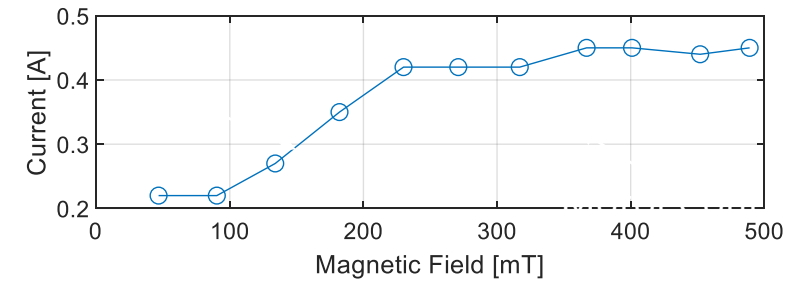
Working Principle of a Brushed Motors



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Side two towards the X axis



Set-up two

- The RPM as a function of the magnetic field is dependent on the motor orientation.
- In general, RPM decreases increasing the external magnetic field.
- In general, the motor do not stop.