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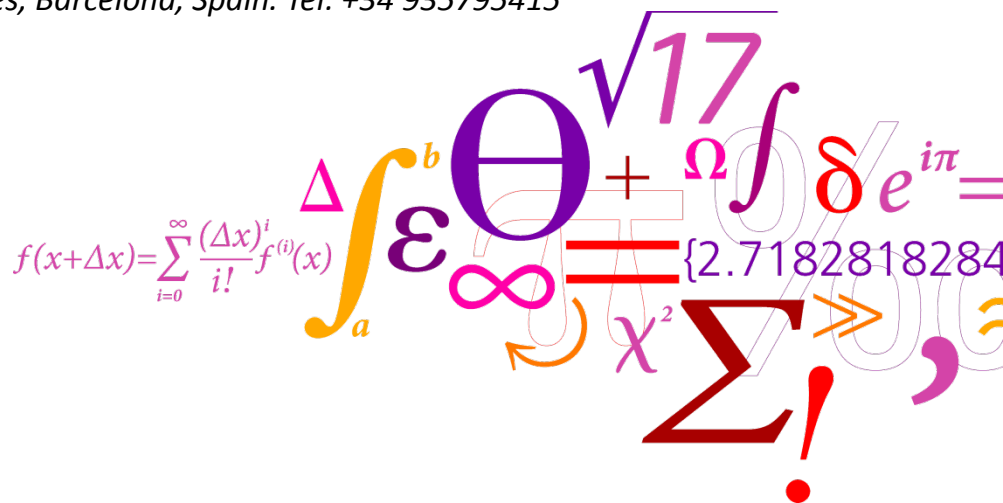
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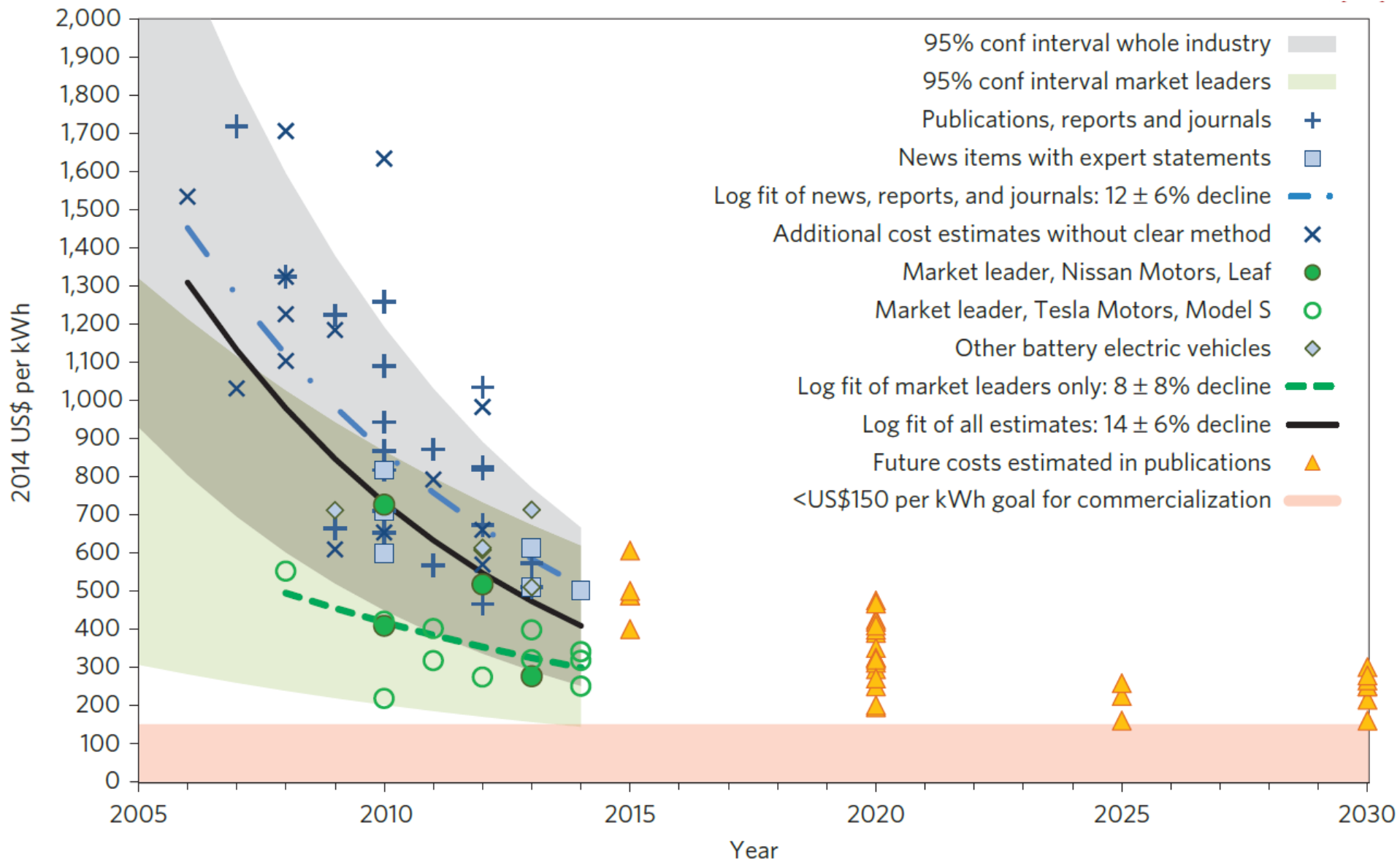
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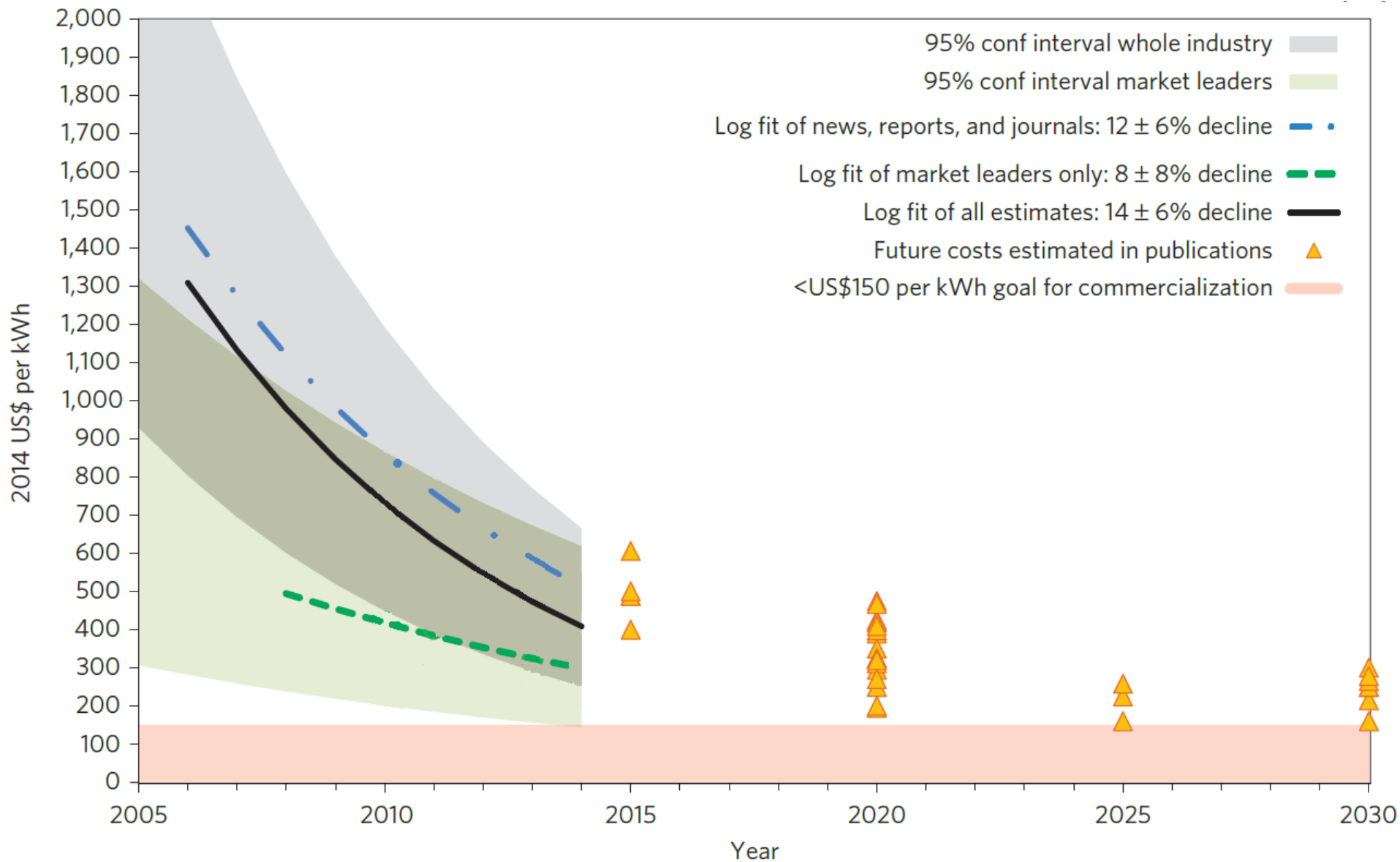


# Background - Importance of improved ferrite magnets to the growth of electric vehicle

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- At present, performance/price factor compared to IC engine vehicles are holding back the growth of EVs



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- The cost of batteries used in electric vehicles (EVs) has been falling fast and is almost certainly well below the estimates made by many analysts in the past decade<sup>1</sup>.
- A low cost powertrain could lead to affordable, efficient and performing EVs in market earlier than expected!
- Introduction of improved energy density ferrite magnet based PM motors is a possible solution to low-cost powertrain

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# Outline

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- Specification of electric motor powertrain for two-wheeler
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- Fabrication of the motor
- Conclusion

# Specification of electric motor powertrain for two-wheeler



## Emmo electric scooter

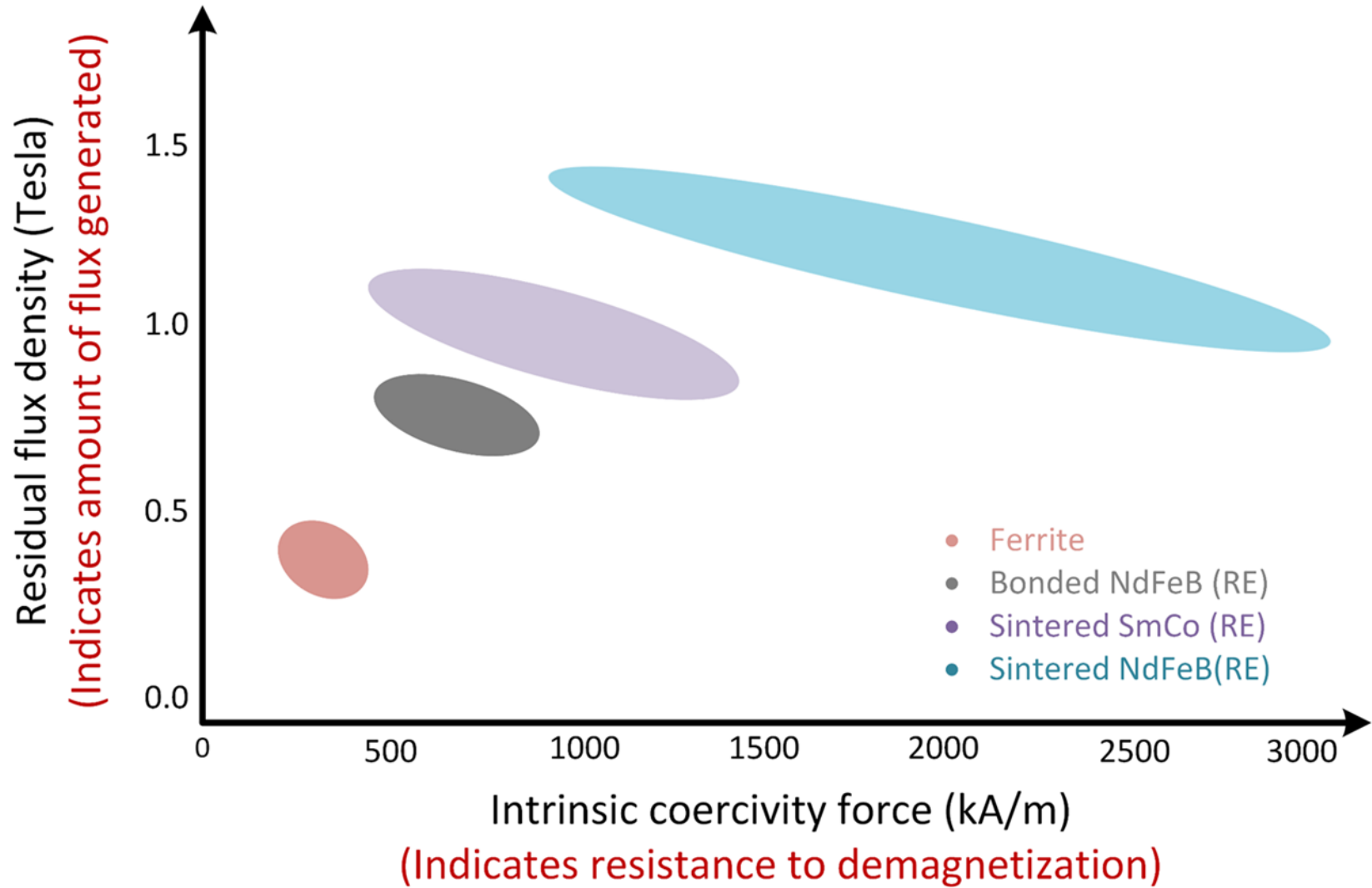
[Existing motor: Sintered rare earth permanent magnet motor]

### Specification of vehicle drive

S.N	Name	Unit	Value
1	Maximum vehicle mass including load	kg	130
2	Maximum (Rated) vehicle speed	kmph	30
3	Time to reach rated speed of vehicle	s	15
4	Rated speed of motor	rpm	330
5	Rated power of motor	W	700
6	Rated torque	Nm	20
7	Rated voltage	V	48

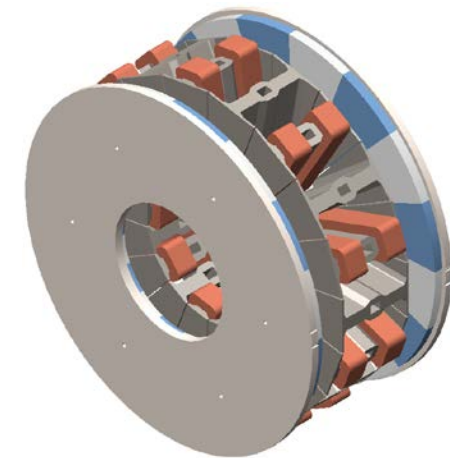
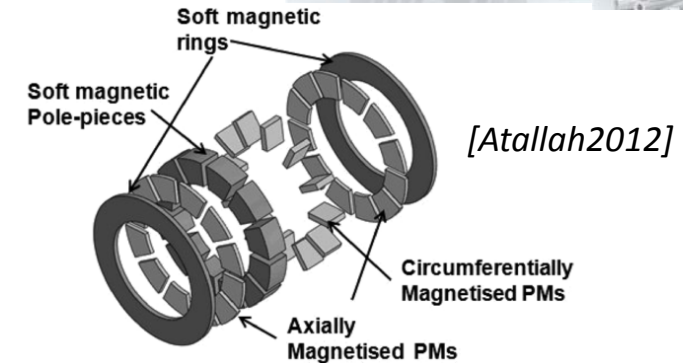


# Challenges in substituting rare earth magnet with ferrite in electrical machines



# Challenges in substituting rare earth magnet with ferrite in electrical machines

- What others are doing
  - Motor without any magnets
    - Switched reluctance motors
    - Synchronous reluctance motors
  - Motor with magnets
    - New topologies to that allows putting more magnet in an efficient way such as axial flux machines, dual rotor machines
- Nanopyme motor topology and configuration offers
  - Low cost position sensing and simple controller
  - Easy to wound and easy to repair modular concentrated winding
  - Direct drive with no gears offers lesser components and improved reliability



Nanopyme motor topology

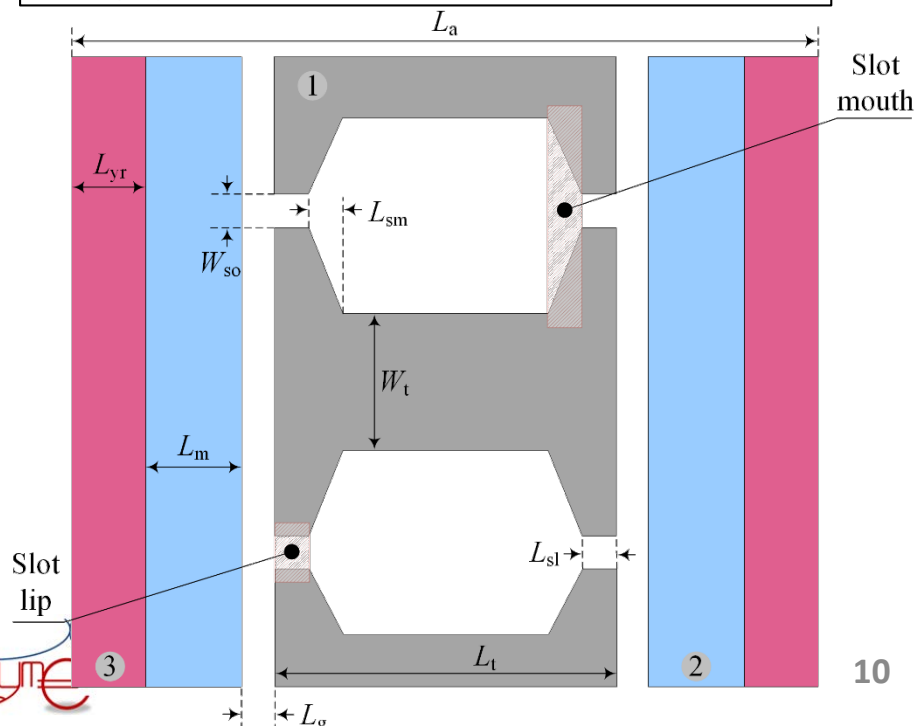
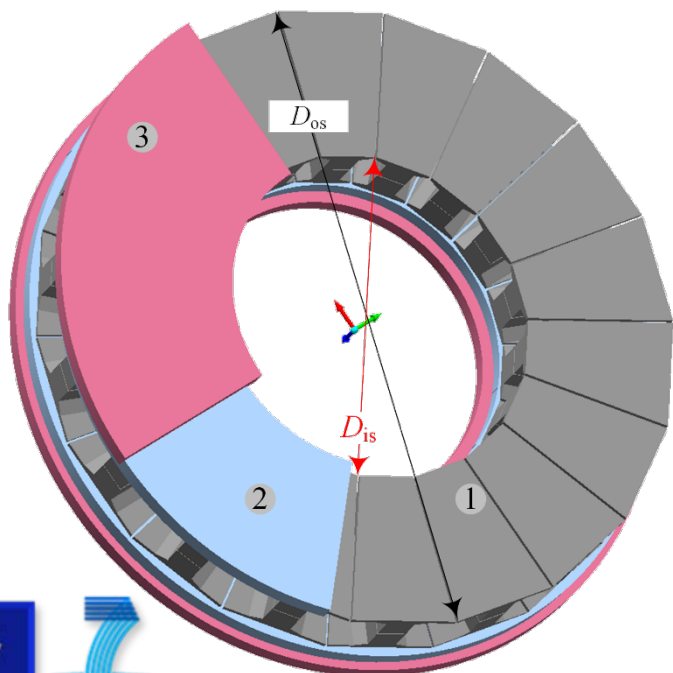
# Design details

## Design constraints

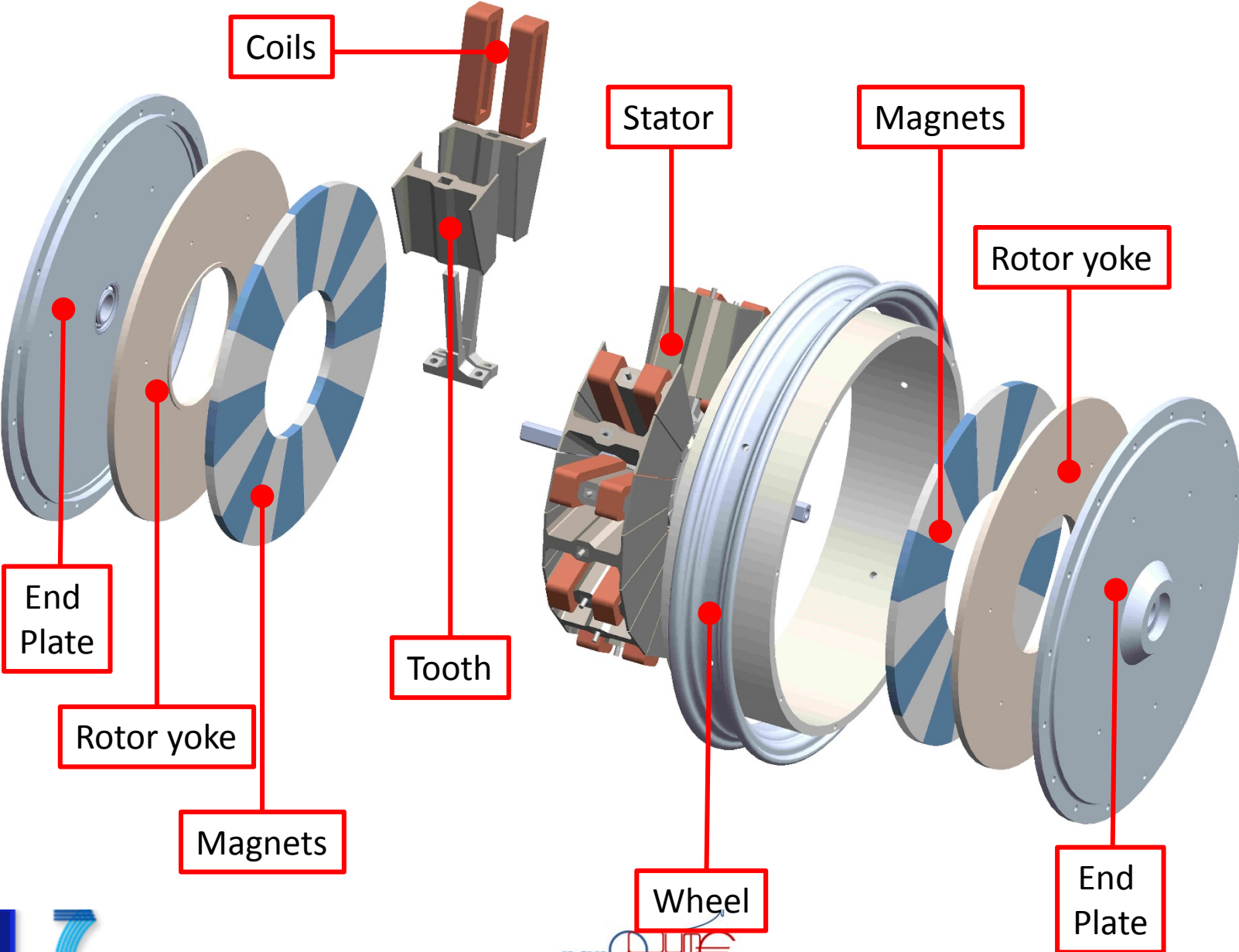
Number of stator slots	18
Number of rotor poles	16
Length of airgap	0.4 mm
Outer diameter of stator	260 mm
Gross slot fill factor	50%
Width of slot opening	1 mm
Depth of slot lip	2 mm
Depth of slot mouth	2 mm
Current density of coil	$4.5 \text{ A mm}^{-2}$
Ratio of pole arc to pole pitch	1

## Optimised designs

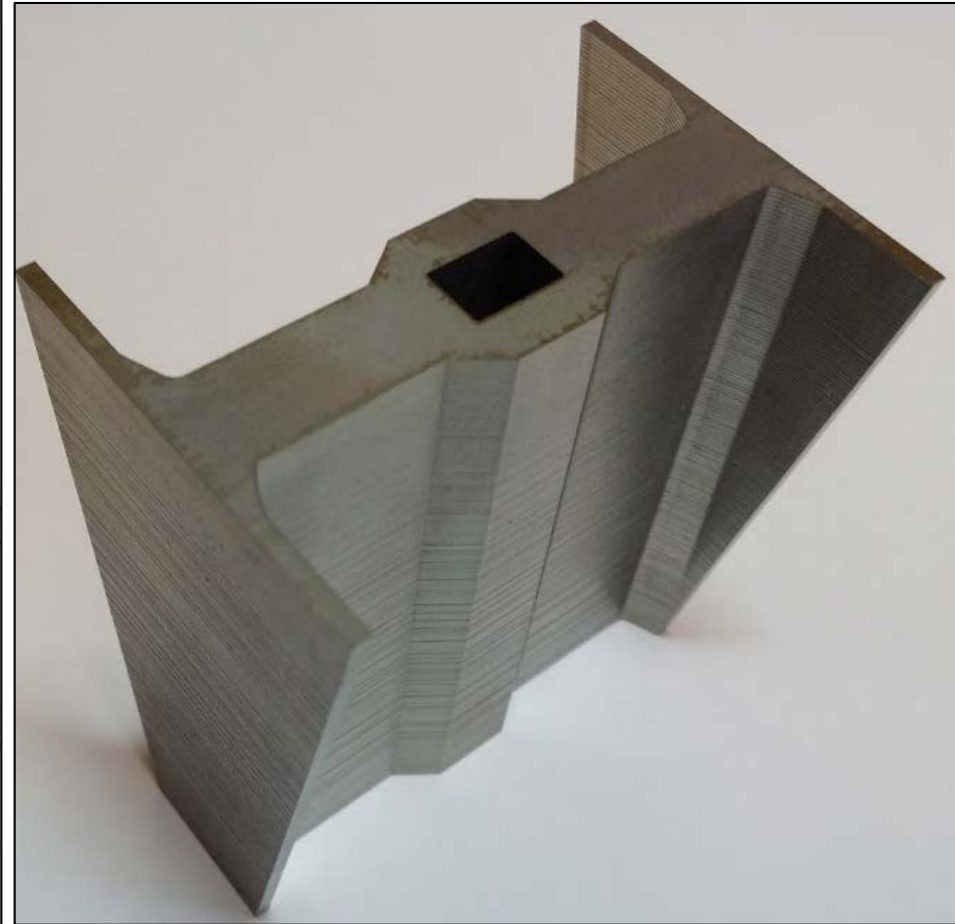
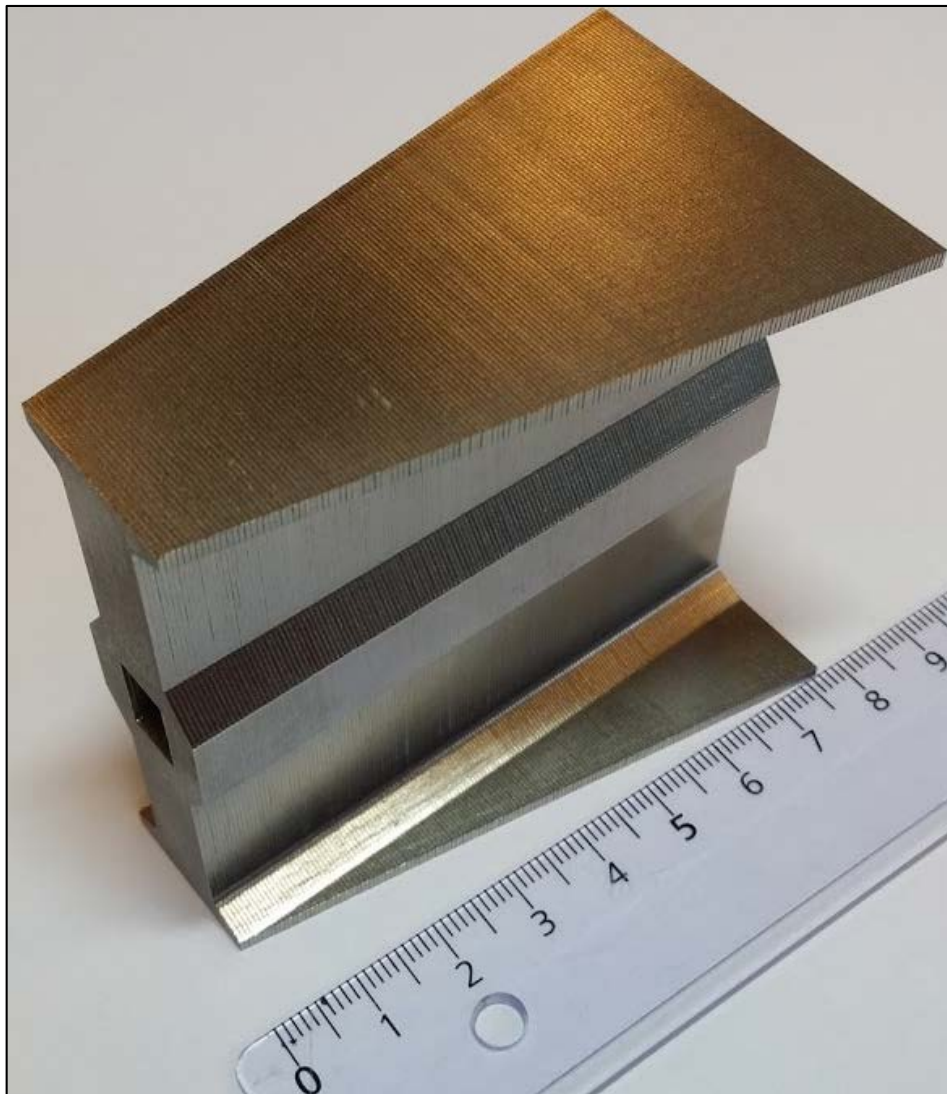
Design	63	88	124	143	158	270
$L_m$ (mm)	7.5	9.5	8	7	7	7.5
$h$ (%)	0	10	5	0	5	10
$\lambda_d$ (%)	50	52.5	50	47.5	45	47.5
$L_{yr}$ (mm)	7	7	7	8	8	8
$W_t$ (mm)	11.3	11.9	11.3	10.8	10.2	10.8
$N_c$	24	24	24	28	22	22
$D_{ct}$ (mm)	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.8	2.9
$L_t$ (mm)	32.4	30.6	32.2	32.6	33.4	32.6
$L_a$ (mm)	62.2	64.4	63	63.4	63.9	64.4
$R_{ph}$ (m $\Omega$ )	36	35	36	52	34	32
$I_{ph}$ (A)	28.0	28.4	28.2	23.4	28.5	29.4
$P_{cu}$ (W)	56.8	56.1	57.2	56.3	55.2	55.8



# Mechanical assembly of the motor



# Fabrication of motor - stator tooth



Material : M400-50A

# Fabrication of motor - stator coils

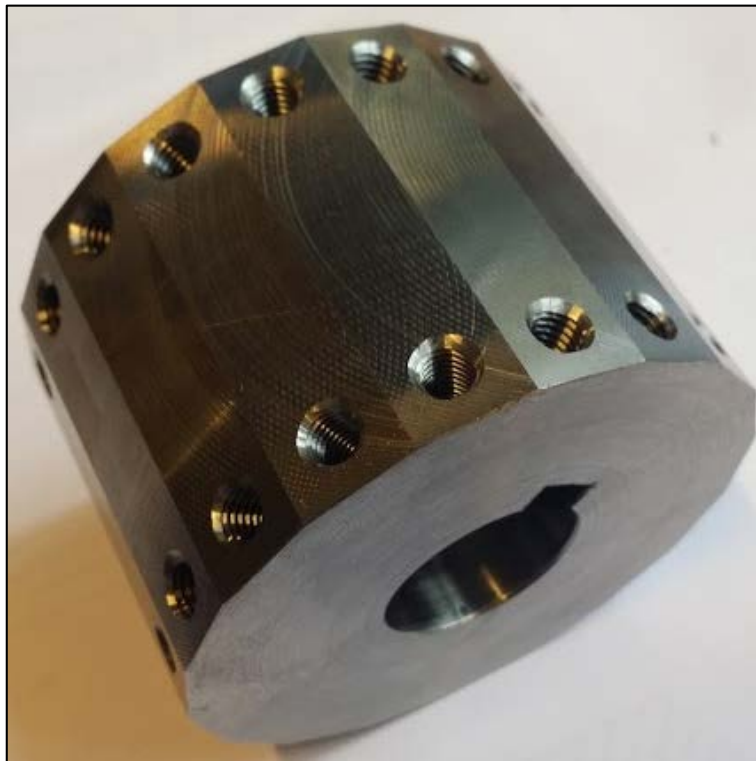


# Fabrication of motor – tooth mounting assembly

Tooth holder



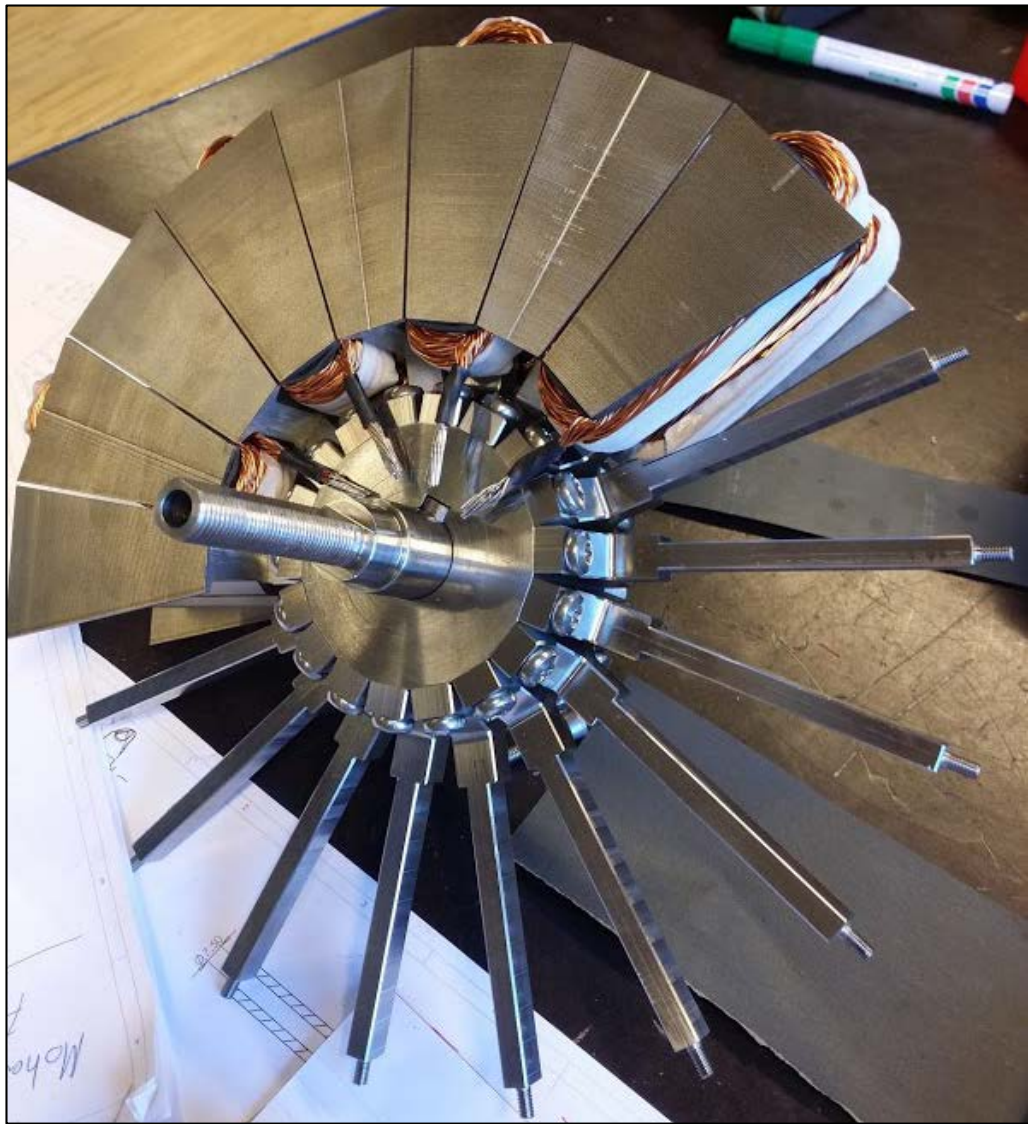
Tooth holder



Shaft

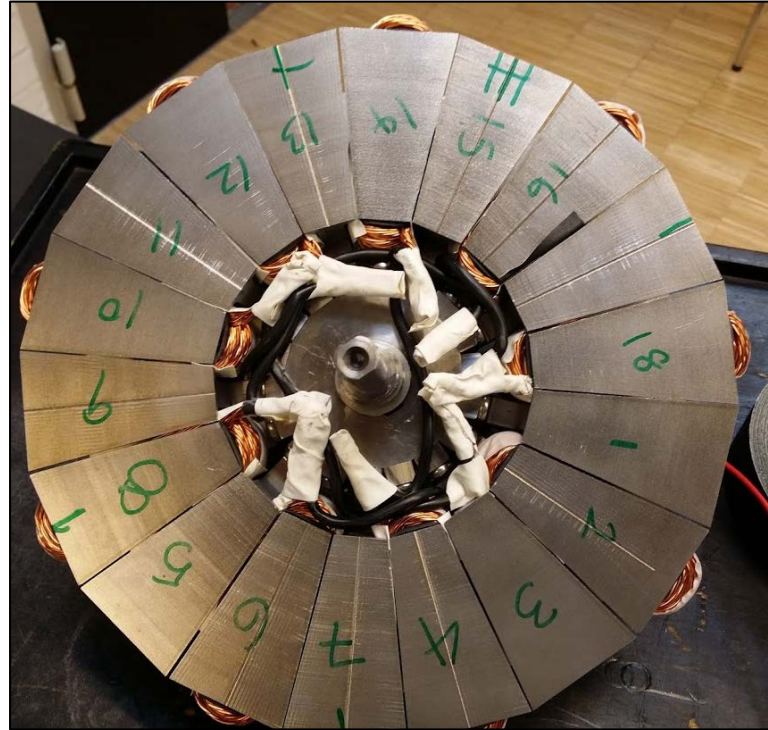


# Fabrication of motor – tooth mounting assembly





# Fabrication of motor – Completed stator and rotor position sensor mounting



# Fabrication of motor – Rotor yoke and magnet assembly



# Completed motor on vehicle



# Conclusion

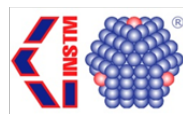
- Introduction of improved energy density ferrite magnet based PM motors could improve the adoption rate of electric vehicles by offering low-cost powertrain
- DTU along with Nanopyme partners has fabricated and successfully completed first trial assembly of axial flux ferrite magnet motor for electric two-wheeler application
- In coming weeks DTU will fine-tune the motor assembly and integrate the motor to wheels of vehicle
- The on-board vehicle test of powertrain according to ISO 13064 standard is scheduled for October 2015. This will be followed by test bench evaluation of motor

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