

Cours de Bases de la Robotique

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Cours Bases de la Robotique

3.1 Capteurs pour la robotique Sensors

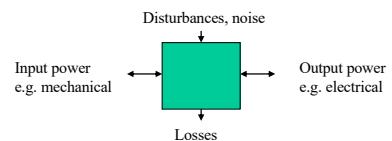
Focus: General, industrial, medical robotics

Sensing for mobile, flying robotics & autonomous vehicles would be a lecture by itself

Today's program

- **Definitions, Classifications (linear, absolute, incremental, ...)**
- **Position sensors:**
 - Inductive, Eddy Current
 - Encoders (linear, rotary, opt., pot.-meter)
 - Strain Gauges Jauge de déformation
 - Position Sensitive Detector (PSD)
 - Capacitive
 - Linear-Variable-Differential-Transformer (LVDT)
- **Force sensors:**
 - Strain gauges Jauge de contraintes
 - Displacement free force sensors
 - Multi DOF sensors

Just like an actuator,
a sensor is basically a
transducer
from one form of energy to another



Proprioception – Exteroception

- Proprioception: In order to know the robot's configuration; position, angle, velocity, acceleration or force.
Reference within robot (or body) itself
- Exteroception: Vision from the task, taking external reference
Position, orientation, mass, vision
(vision is a huge topic of its own, not treated in this lecture)

Proprioception – Exteroception

- Notion importante en biomécanique
- Exemple: Travail avec paraplégique: Problème d'absence de proprioception.
Le paraplégique ne perçoit ni la position ni la charge (force) de ses membres.
- ⇒ Nécessité de regarder ses membres, miroir, entendre les moteurs de l'exosquelette...

Sensors: Classification criteria

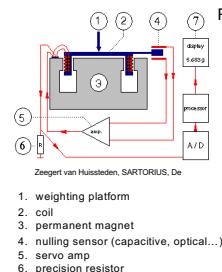
- **what is the measurand?**
 - Position (distance)
 - Velocity, acceleration
 - Angle, Rotational Speed, inclination
 - Force, Torque
 - Pressure, stress (normal, shear...)
 - Temperature, humidity,
 - Noise, vibrations
 - Electric/Magnetic field
 - etc.

Sensors: Classification criteria

- **what is the measurand?**
 - **What physical principle for the transducer from measurand to electronic signal?**
- Mechanical**
optical (interferometry, intensity, triangulation, t.o.f. etc.), infrared, acoustical, capacitive, inductive, eddy currents, hall effect
piezoelectric, piezoresistive dilatation (thermal) ...

Sensors: Classification criteria

- **Measurand**
- **Physical principle**
- **Metrological principles:**
 - **absolute vs. incremental (relative)**
 - **differential**
 - **averaging vs. local**
 - **Indirect measurement: nulling.**

**Example Nulling principle:
Precision scale Mettler Toledo**

- Principle: Compensate weight with voice coil force
- zero position measmnt.only

Advantage: the sensor may be highly nonlinear!

It just must detect the sweep through zero with high repetitivity & sensitivity

Sensors: Classification criteria

- **Measurand**
- **Physical principle**
- **Metrology principle**
- **Technology**
(Analog, discrete, Integrated (MEMS), thick-film, Screen Printing, CMOS, CCD...)
- Compatibility (clean room, industrial conditions, explosive environment, bio compatibility, sterilizability...)**

What is a sensor?

A sensor is a **transducer** ...

It transforms a physical variable to be measured (the "measurand") into an electrical signal (the "output") to be treated by a data acquisition system.

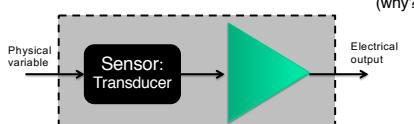
Ideally only one way, no noise, **no cross coupling** from other physical variables (such as e.g. temperature!)



Signal Conditionning

The first stage of signal conditioning is considered part of the sensor

The raw electrical signal is often very weak. Signal processing (ampl., signal extraction) as close as possible to measurand (why?)



Transfer Function

The functional relationship between physical input signal and electrical output signal.



- Bandwidth
- Time constant
- Static gain

e.g. assumed as first order system

$$\text{Bandwidth} = \frac{1}{\tau}$$

$$T_{5\%} = 3\tau$$

It is often determined by the pre-treatment electronics!

Définitions de base

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ➤ Résolution | Resolution |
| ➤ Sensibilité | Sensitivity |
| ➤ Fidélité = répétabilité | Repeatability (rel. accuracy) |
| ➤ Justesse | Trueness (abs. accuracy) |
| ➤ Répétable et juste
= précision | True and repeatable
= precise |

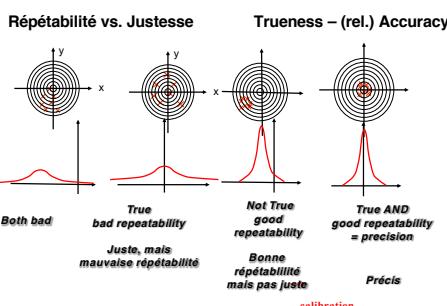
Sensitivity

is the relationship indicating **how much output you get per unit input**: Also called "gain"

Slope of the input-output curve

Resolution

The resolution is defined as **the minimum detectable measurand change**.



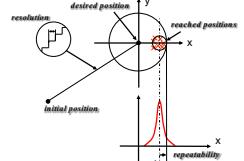
Resolution – Accuracy (applies to sensors & actuators)

the Resolution is the smallest displacement achievable or measurable

the Trueness "absolute accuracy" is the deviation of the mean of the actual output from the true value

Good repeatability "relative accuracy" means small scatter when repeating a measurement

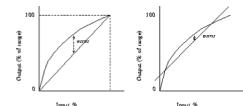
Good repeatability AND good trueness result in good precision



Linearity

When the sensitivity is constant, i.e. independent from the measured value, the input-output function will be linear

Nonlinearity: Maximum deviation of the slope from a linear transfer function over the specified dynamic range.

**Plage de mesure****Dynamic Range**

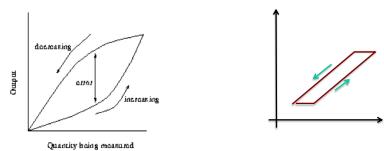
The **limits within which the input (measurand) can vary while avoiding output saturation**

If the dynamic range is exceeded, we reach **saturation**.

The output signal can either saturate or take meaningless values (wrap-arounds etc; beware, e.g. for angular measurements!) Ariane V crash: 8-bit, 16 bit problem !!!

Hysteresis

A sensor may give a different reading for the same quantity depending from the direction of approach

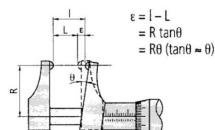
**Dérive – Drift**

- Phénomène lent
- Le plus souvent due au changement de température
- Peut aussi être résultat du vieillissement d'un capteur

Position Sensor Errors

Abbe error - is the linear positional error caused by the axis of measurement being offset from the axis of displacement

This error is avoided by measurement system **coaxial** with displacement to be measured.



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Typical precisions in robotics

Conventional robotics (industrial): 100 - 10 μm

Precision robotics (micro-assembly): 10 - 1 μm (machine tools)

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High precision robotics:
& Ultra-high precision
(micro-robotics)

1 - 0.001 μm
(1 nm)

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One nanometer is very small!

- 1 nanometer = 10 Angstrom (\AA)
- 1 nanometer = ca. 4 atomic radii

- A 40 mm steel rod will expand 480 nm for a temperature change of 1 degree
- A 40 mm steel rod in length and 6 mm in diameter will bend 6 nm on its own weight

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Systematic and random errors		
Phenomenon	Influencing parameters	Improvement by
Fabrication tolerances, misalignments, actuator backlash	Mechanical tolerances	Calibration, model identification, control mode
Sensors errors, miscalibration	Linearity, offset, quantization	Calibration, signal processing
Electronics' and drivers resolution	D/A converters resolution	Higher resolution
Mechanical deformation	Stiffness, maximum load force	High stiffness (compact, prestress), using elastic model
Thermal drift	Temperature, thermal expansion coefficient	Material selection, temperature control, mechanical design compact, compensation
Fiction	Material selection, lubrication, velocity	Stiff mechanism, frictionless mechanisms (flexure, direct drive, ...)
Mechanical backlash	Bearing tolerances, mechanical tolerances (gears)	Preloaded bearings, direct drive, flexure, control strategy, ...)
Vibration, noise	Resonance frequency	Stiff mechanism/low mass (high resonance frequency), elimination of sources' vibration, damping, vibration filtering (isolation table)

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Récapitulation: Un bon capteur sera:

- Linéaire
- Faible bruit (Bon rapport Signal-Bruit)
- Réponse rapide
- Haute bande passante
- Grande plage de mesure combiné avec haute résolution ("High Dynamic Range")
- Haute sensibilité
- Haute précision
- Faibles dérives
- Faible hystérèse
- Découplé de paramètres autres que la grandeur mesurée

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Position, velocity, acceleration, angle, rotational speed/accel.

Accelerometer	Odometer
Capacitive displacement sensor	Photoelectric sensor
Gravimeter	Piezoelectric accelerometer
Gyroscope (Mechanical, opt., MEMS)	Position sensor
Inclinometer	Rate sensor
Integrated circuit piezoelectric sensor	Rotary encoder
Laser rangefinder	Rotary variable differential transformer
Laser surface velocimeter	Inductosyn
LIDAR	Tilt sensor
Linear encoder	Tachometer
Linear (rotational) variable differential transformer (LVDT, RVDT)	Ultrasonic thickness gauge
	Variable reluctance sensor
	Velocity

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The most obvious position sensor:

A simple potentiometer (rotational or linear)

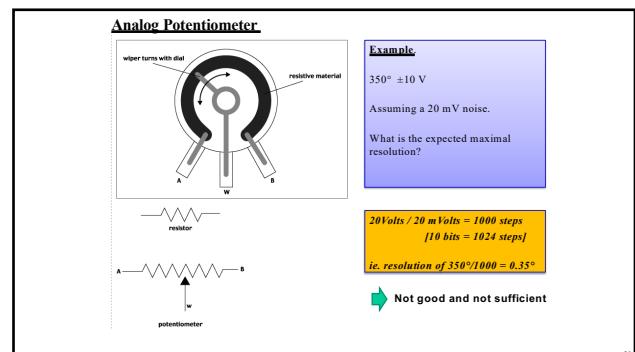
Advantages:

- Low-cost
- No processing electronics
- Linear, instantaneous

Drawbacks:

- Not contact-free
- Output signal can be noisy
- Wear
- Thermal drift

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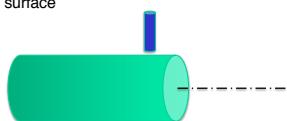
Main principles for position sensors

- Inductive (Electromagnetic)
 - "true" inductive
 - Eddy current
 - Resolvers, LVDT (Lin. var. diff. transformer)
 - Hall effect sensors
- Capacitive (Electrostatic)
- Optical (incl. infrared)
 - Interferometer
 - Incremental (relative)
 - Absolute encoder
 - PSD (Photo Sensitive Diode) Intensity, Triangulation
 - Time of flight

Inductive Sensor

typ. ca 10-100 kHz

- Measures the inductance of a **ferromagnetic target**, which changes in function of the distance from sensor.
- Can be very accurate. Problem in case of tangential motion of target (typical: Rotating machinery)
What is really measured, is the magnetic homogeneity of the material. Accurate, if **averaging** over a large surface



Inductive Sensor

- + Large choice of commercial products, for every price, range, accuracy
- + Good averaging out of small target defects
- + Dirt-resistant
- Low measurement range (mm range)
- Target must be ferromagnetic and **homogenous** within the measurement volume

Eddy Current Sensor typ. ca 50 kHz – Mhz-range

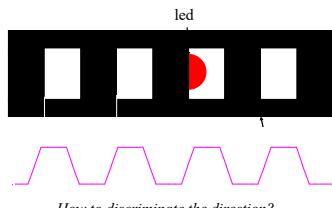
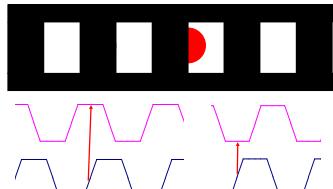
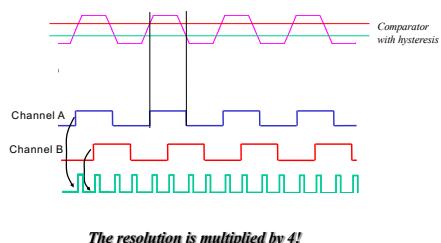
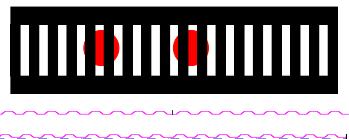
- Now we measure **not the imaginary part**, but the **real part of the impedance**
- In practice, every sensor is a combination of both effects!
- Now non-ferromagnetic, but **conducting target** possible!
This is **much less restrictive** than the inductive principle.
- + Large choice of commercial products
 - Now also sensitive to inhomogeneities in conductivity
 - Low range

Simple structure: Easy to adapt to harsh environments (hot, UHV, corrosive, liquid)

- Little effect of temperature:
Has been made for T up to 500 °C
- UHV compatibility!
In these cases not PCB, but screen printing on Alumina substrate,
Ag-Pd conductors

Incremental Encoders

- Measurement of angles or distance by increments
- Most common: Optical rules
- Increments on glass disc or rule: Typically 20 μ
- Electronic counter
- Relative sensor! Has to be calibrated (referenced) on power up

Optical Encoders (working principle)**Direction detection: Signals in "quadrature" : 90° phase shift****Encoders (signal conditioning)****Enhancing the resolution of an optical encoder**

Problem: Light source (LEDS) too large with respect to the pitch

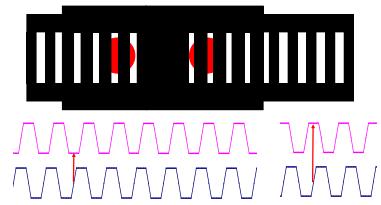
Solution: Use a fixed Mask with the same pitch!

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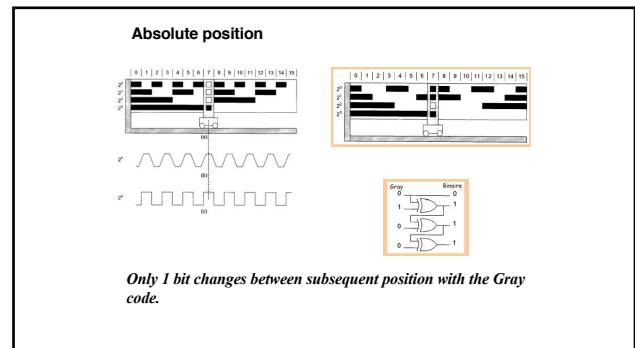
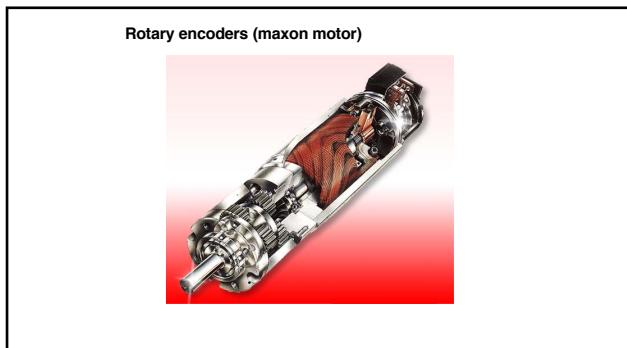
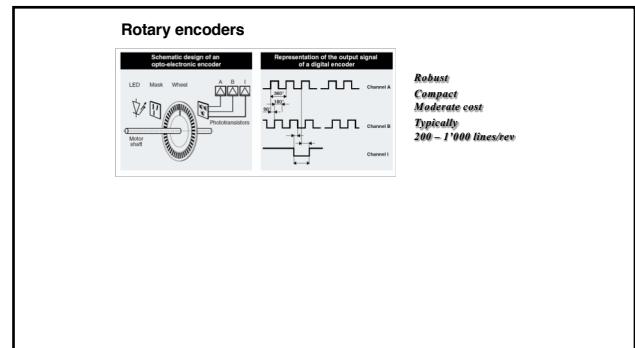
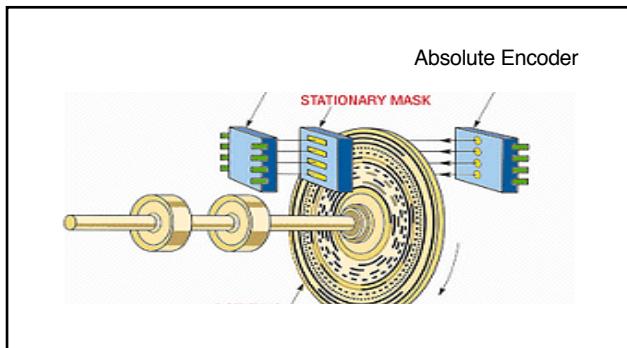
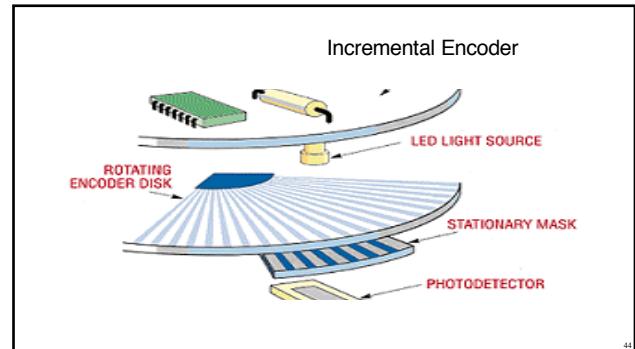
Encoders (working principle)

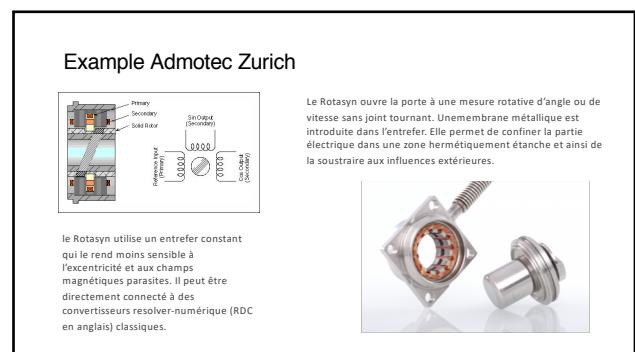
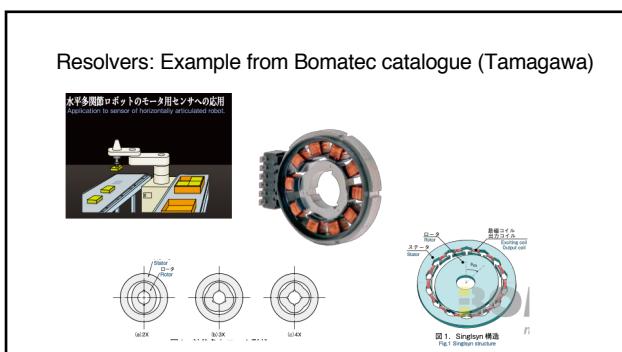
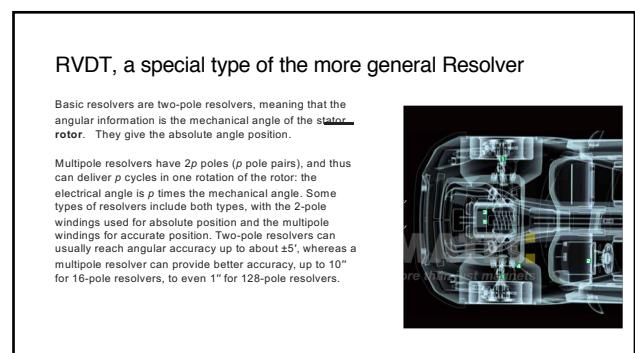
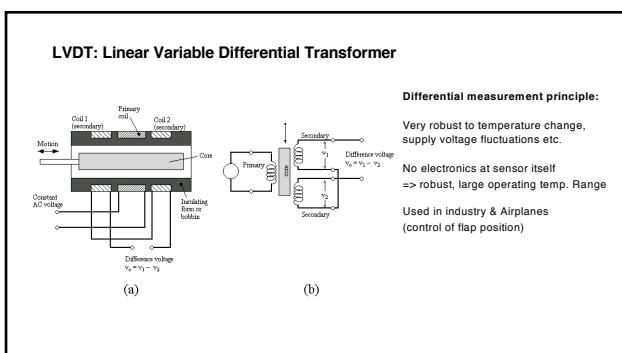
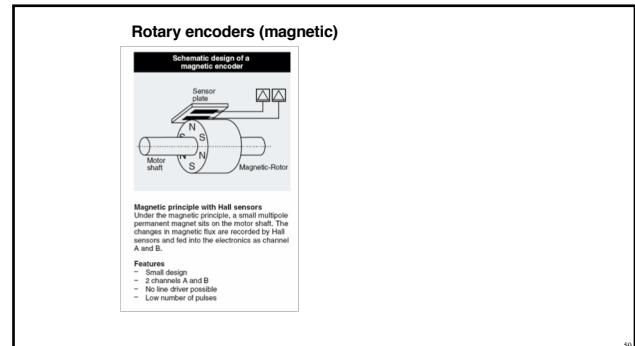
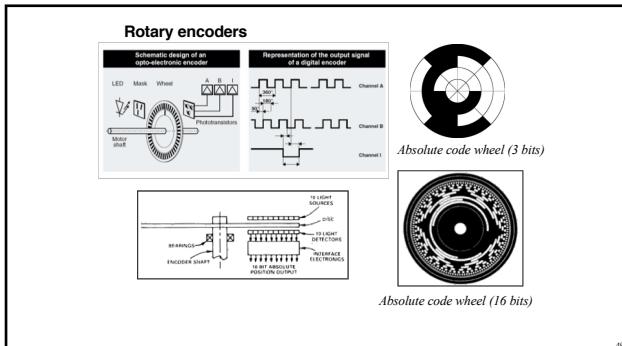
The masks are shifted by $\frac{1}{4}$ of pitch (direction detection)
The LED's relative position doesn't matter any more

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Encoders (working principle)

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High resolution over large range:
The dynamic range is limited by the signal to noise ratio

resolution	range	ratio	# bits
1 µm	1 mm	1'000	≥ 10
1 nm	1 µm	1'000	≥ 10
1 nm	1 mm	1'000'000	≥ 20
1 nm	1 m	1'000'000'000	≥ 30

When nm resolution has to be measured on several millimeters, incremental sensors and counters must be selected

Position Sensors

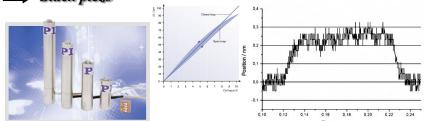
Low range sensors

Strain gauges = Jauge de contrainte as position sensor

The strain $e = \Delta L/L$ is defined as deformation Δx

Strain gauges can be used as position sensors.

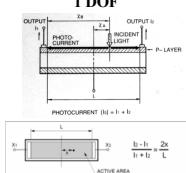
→ Stack piezo



Position sensors (Position Sensitive Detector - PSD)

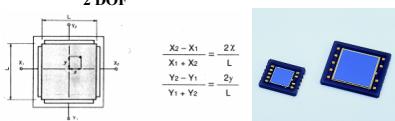
A incident light (e.g. laser beam) generates photocurrents in a PIN junction. The collected current provide the position information.

1 DOF



Position sensors (Position Sensitive Detector - PSD)

2 DOF



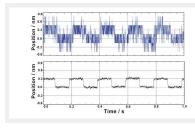
Resolution (few µm)
Moderate range (a few mm)
Reduce size
Cost effective

Position sensors (capacitive)

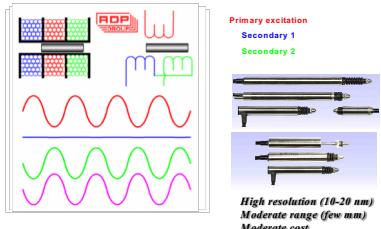
The capacity changes with electrode distances and/or surfaces

$$C = \epsilon_0 * \epsilon_r * S/x$$

Very high resolution (pm)
Short range (100-500 µm)
Bulky (cm^3)
Expensive (sensor and electronics)



Sensors (Linear-Variable-Differential-Transformer, LVDT)

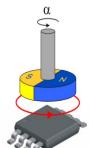


Sensors used in the « TWIICE » Exoskeleton



Hall effect angular position sensor

<https://www.melexis.com/en/product/MLX91204/Integrated-2-Axis-Hall-Sensor>



6 Fr/pièce

<http://www.spectrasymbol.com/potentiometer/>

Soft pot



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Life Cycle	>1 million
Height	≤0.5 mm
Actuation Force	-40°C 0.8 to 1.8 N +50°C 0.6 to 1.5 N
Linearity	Linear ±1% & 3% Rotary ±2% & 5%

Pot



Load cell from CHF 20.- scale



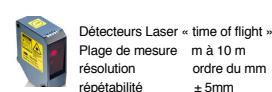
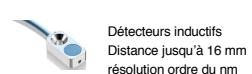
CHF 5.-

Overall Linearity	0.03 %
Excitation voltage	<10 V
Input resistance	1 kΩ
Dim	35 x 32 mm
Height	6 mm

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High-end sensors: Baumer, Kistler, LEM...

Baumer (Frauenfeld)



CodEUR ABSOLUS,
incrémentaux,
inclinomètres
accélérômetres ...

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Encoders: Example

- Lenord + Bauer « Drehgeber »
up to 100'000 rpm (200 kHz)



Linear encoders Industrial products

*Robust, reliable
Rather compact
Moderate cost
Resolution up to 5 nm*

Numerik Jena

Heidenhain

Renishaw



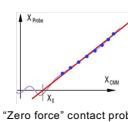
Zerodur glass ceramic embedded in bolted-on Invar carrier

High-end sensors: Baumer, Kistler, LEM

- Kistler (Winterthur) force, torque, accelerometers, pressure
- Baumer (Frauenfeld) position, angle, acceleration, inductive, laser, ultrasonic etc.
- LEM (Geneva) electrical current

Metrology: Coordinate Measurement Machine (CMM)

Principle



Housing for good temperature homogeneity
3D touch probe
courtesy METAS

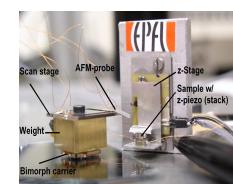
Metrology: 3 D touch probe

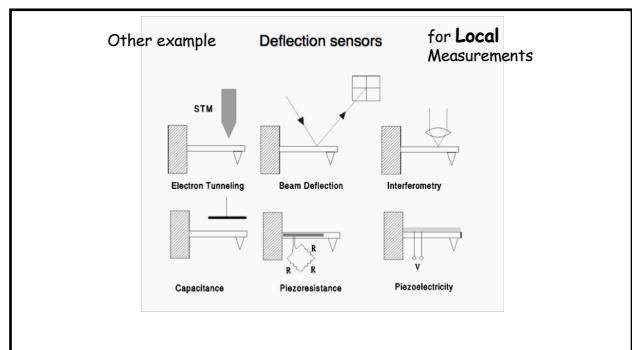
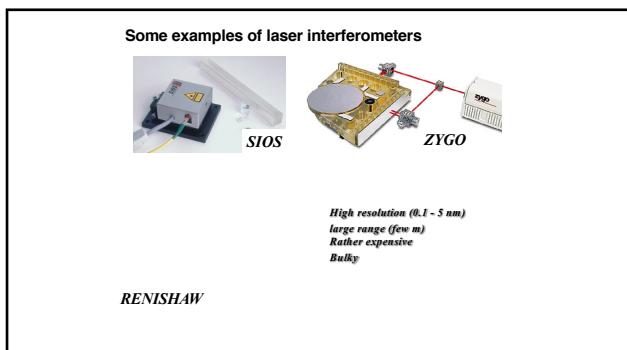
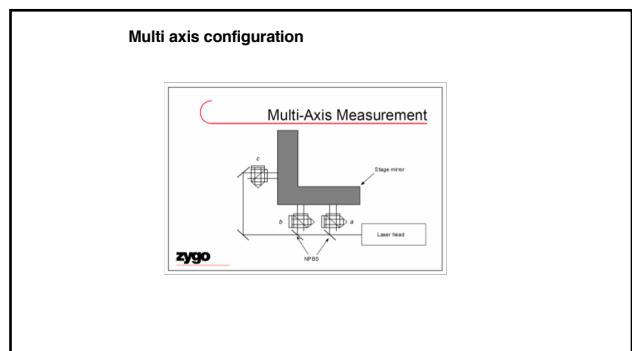
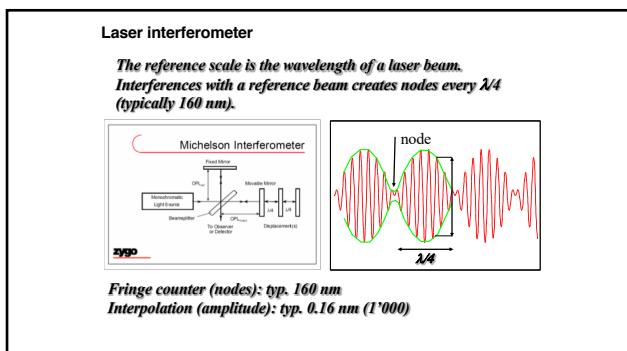
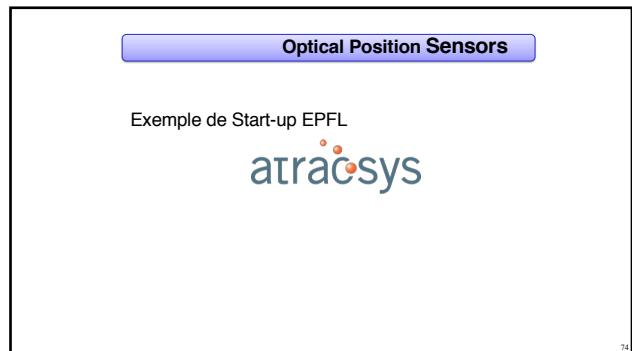
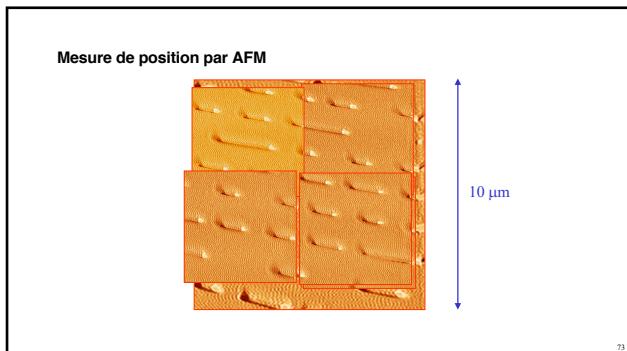


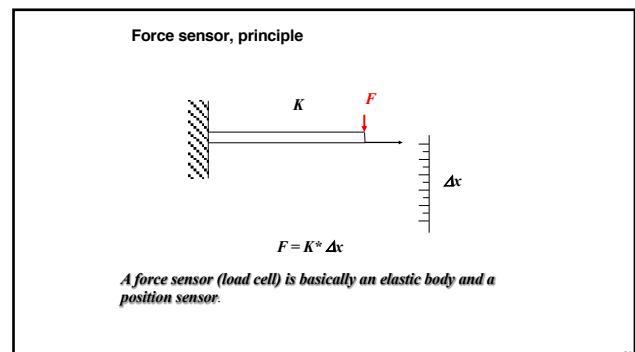
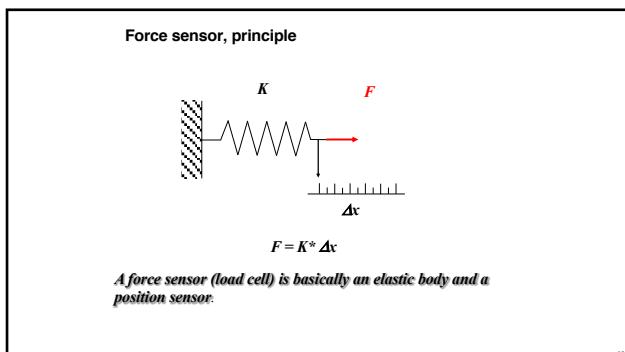
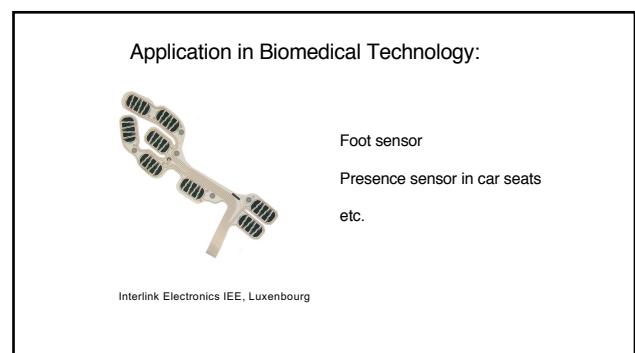
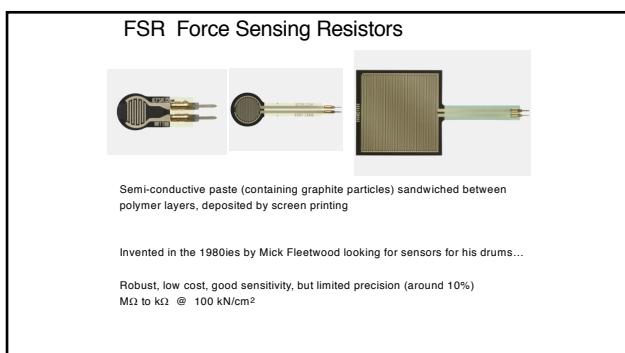
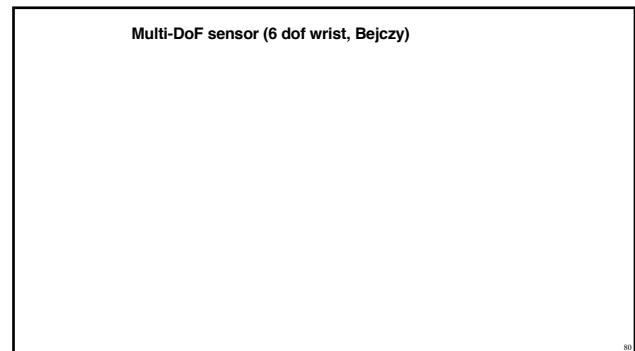
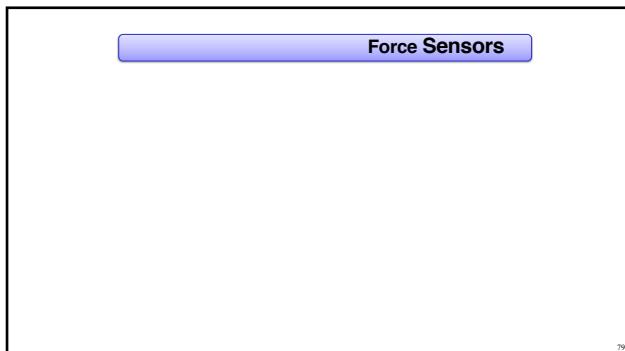
repeatability in one point: 5 nm
accuracy within the volume: < 30 nm
probe diameters: 1 mm down to 0.125 mm
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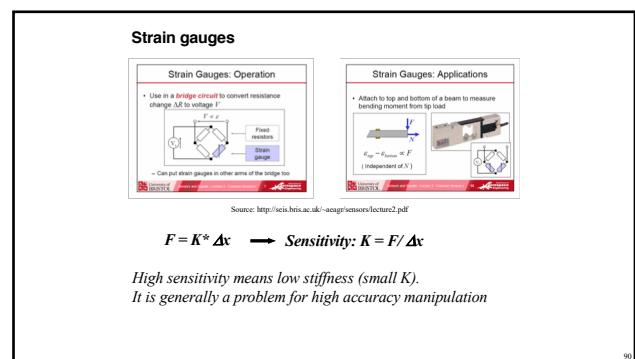
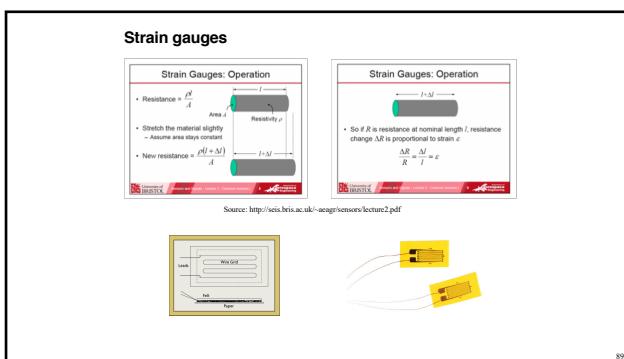
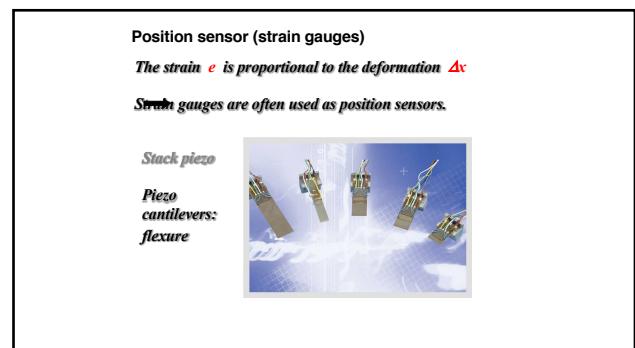
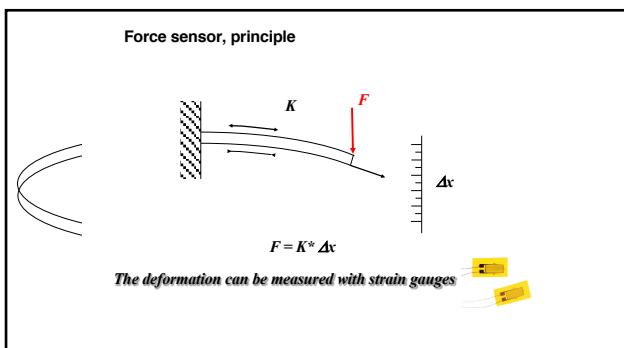
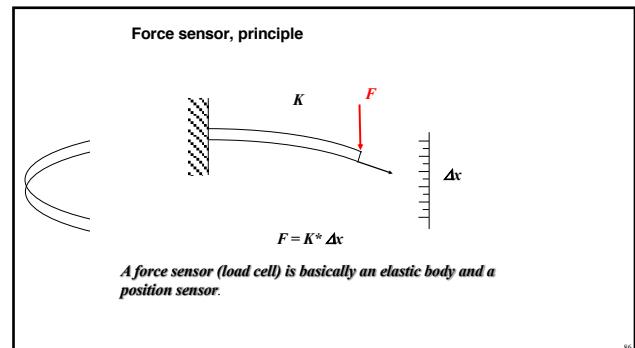
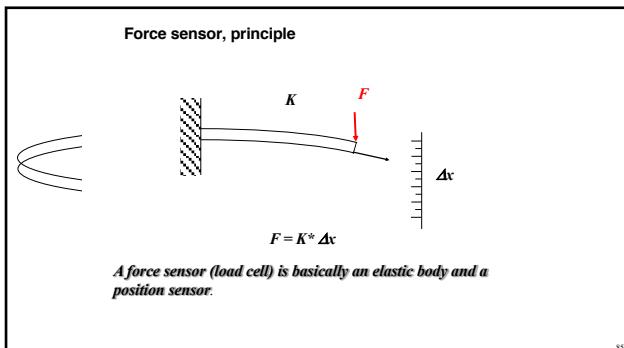
Un micro-robot équipé d'un AFM

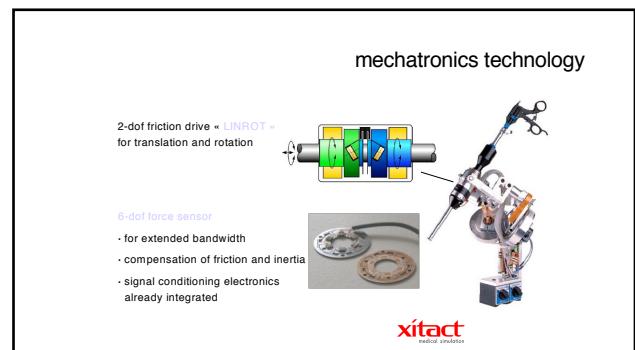
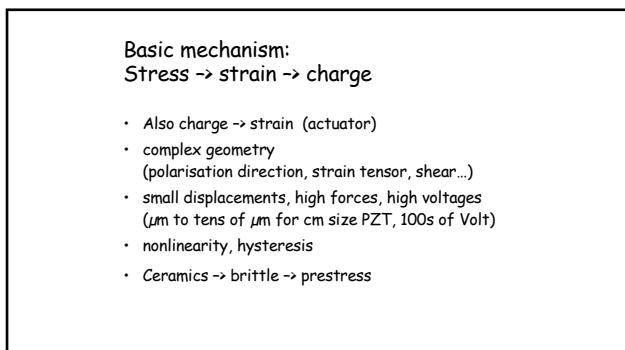
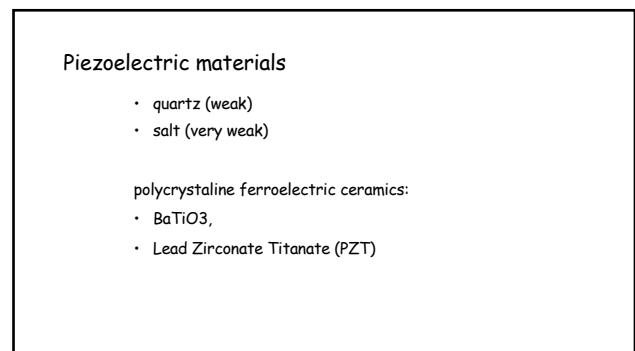
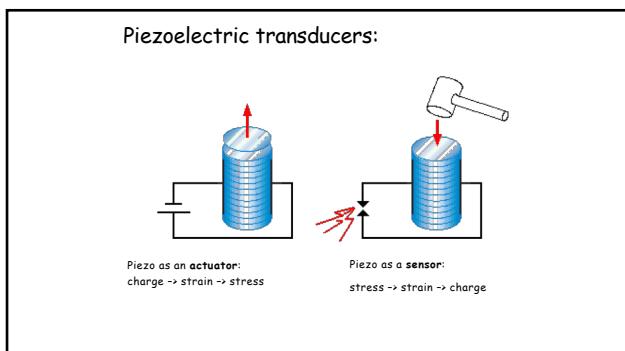
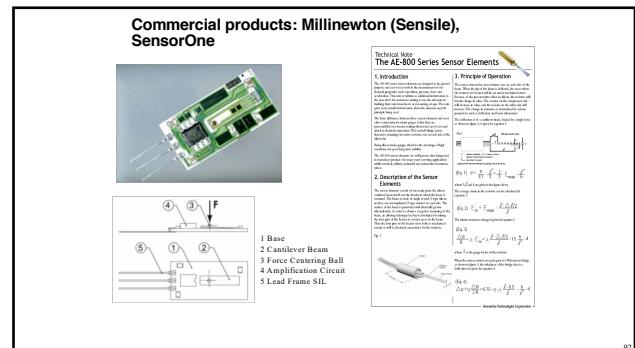
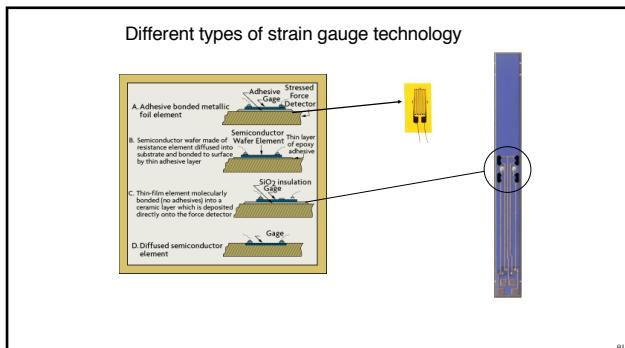
Scanner AFM











**Accelerometers, Gyroscopes
IMU for Inertial Measurement Unit**

- MEMS-fabricated
- Detection of motion of proof-mass
- Detection:
 - capacitive
 - optic (laser)
 - piezoelectric or piezoresistive
 - others
- Applications:
 - crash detection
 - motion analysis
 - smartphone
 - games etc.

Gyroscopes

Detection of orientation

- gyrocompass
- magnetic compass
- Optical gyroscopes (precise, expensive)
- MEMS: Out-of-plane oscillation

Together with accelerometers: "IMU" Inertial Measurement Units

Applications: Mobile robotics, Biomedical, Drones etc.

Problème des mesures inertielles:

Position & Orientation s'obtiennent après une double intégration

Repère zéro?

Compléter avec GPS, SLAM*, utilisation de la gravitation et de repères pour l'initialisation & la recalibration

* SLAM: Simultaneous Localisation And Mapping

Exemple d'une start-up EPFL qui exploite les capteurs IMU MEMS:

Gaitup

Force sensing in surgical telemanipulators

Pièces d'horlogerie...

