## Sage Model Notes

## MotorTransducer.scfn

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A model of a generic linear motor based on a non-physical transducer component that provides mechanical force in proportion to electrical current. The Sage model looks like this:



A voltage source (second row) drives electrical current through the components in the transducer motor submodel in series with a *tuning capacitor*. A constrained piston *fixed* end reference anchors the negative end of the transducer. The other end of the transducer drives the moving mass connected to a damper *load* and a *spring*. The driving voltage and phase are independent inputs and the electrical current through the circuit and motion of the *moving mass* are outputs.

One purpose of the *spring* is to establish the mean position of the *moving mass*. The *transducer* force depends only on the electrical current and the *load* force only on the mechanical velocity, neither of which care about the mean position. The presence of the *spring* prevents the *moving mass* mean position from drifting off to absurd values.

The purpose of the *tuning capacitor* is to adjust the voltage and current so they are in phase in the voltage source so as to transfer the most electrical power for a given voltage amplitude. In electrical engineering parlance the tuning *capacitor* adjusts the voltage source *power factor* to one. The optimizer chooses the tuning capacitance in this model by optimizing *tuning capacitor* C input in order to satisfy this constraint in the *voltage source*:

The transducer motor submodel contains these components:



The transducer converts electrical current I to mechanical force F or vice-versa according to the linear relationship

$$F = C_f I$$

Where Cf is based on the inputs

Cf0	force coefficient at X = 0 (N/A)	1.000E+02
Xm	reference extension (m)	1.000E-02
Rp	force coef / Cf0 at X = Xm (NonDim)	1.000E+00
Rn	force coef / Cf0 at X =-Xm (NonDim)	1.000E+00

Wired in series with the *transducer* are *internal resistance* and *internal inductance* components that capture some of the electrical properties of a real transducer (e.g. moving magnet motor). In particular the *internal resistance* dissipates electrical power that is not available as mechanical power output from the *transducer*.

**To model a linear alternator** you could replace the *moving mass, load* and *spring* by a constrained piston or just remove the *load* and apply a forcing function to the *moving mass*, either with the built-in FF input or through a force connection to another moving component of your model. Then replace the *voltage source* with a load resistor. The model would then convert mechanical power input from the driving piston to electrical power in dissipated in the load resistor.

## **Energy Balance**

Energy conservation is built into electrical and mechanical components separately and into the transducer component via the relationship between mechanical force *F*, relative velocity dx/dt, voltage drop  $\Delta V$  and current *I* 

$$F \frac{dx}{dt} = \Delta V I$$

This table summarizes the overall time-average energy balance:

	Power W
Input power from voltage source (Fwe)	-6.433E+01
Internal resistance <i>I</i> <sup>2</sup> <i>R</i> loss (FWe)	4.138E+00
Load power dissipation (W)	6.019E+01

The motor efficiency is available a user-defined variable in the root model:

Efficiency WmechOut / WelecIn 9.357E-01

Where WmechOut and WelecIn are user-defined variables in the *transducer* and *voltage source* components.