

Magnetic Bearings: Application to High Speed Textile Processing

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Spinning = yarn production

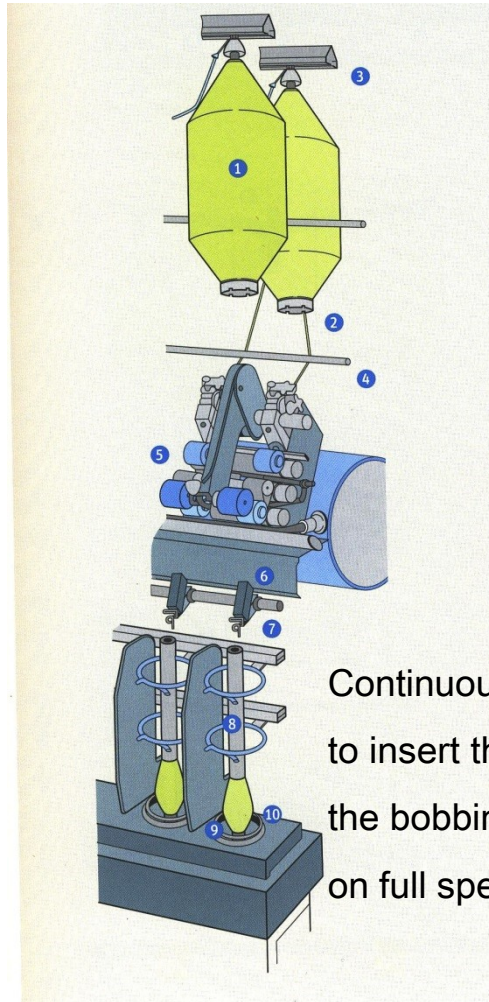


From hand made yarn ...

Today industrial solutions

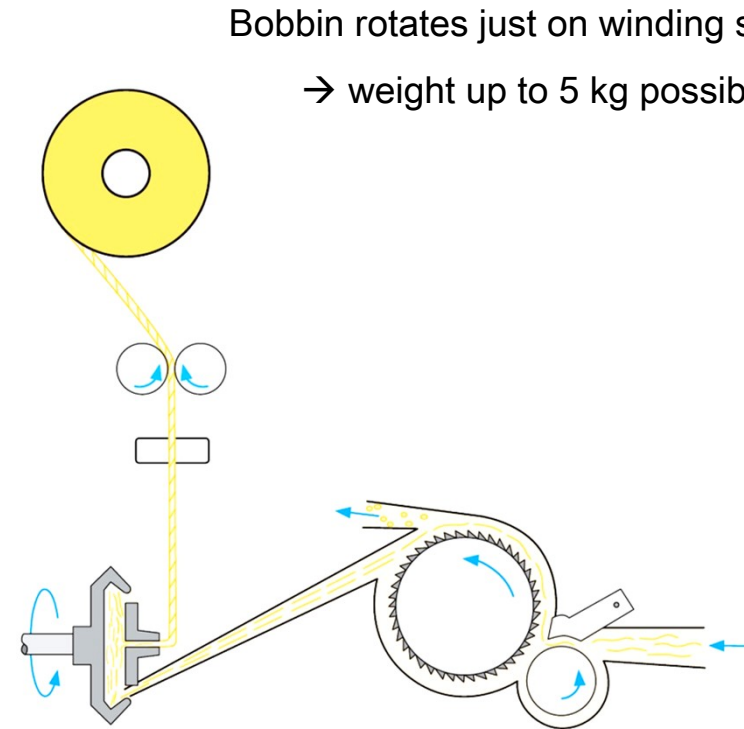


Classical (Ring)



Continuous fiber stream –
to insert the twist
the bobbin has to rotate
on full speed → only 150 g possible

" Open End" (Rotor)



Bobbin rotates just on winding speed
→ weight up to 5 kg possible

single fibers in the channel
→ Open End of the yarn

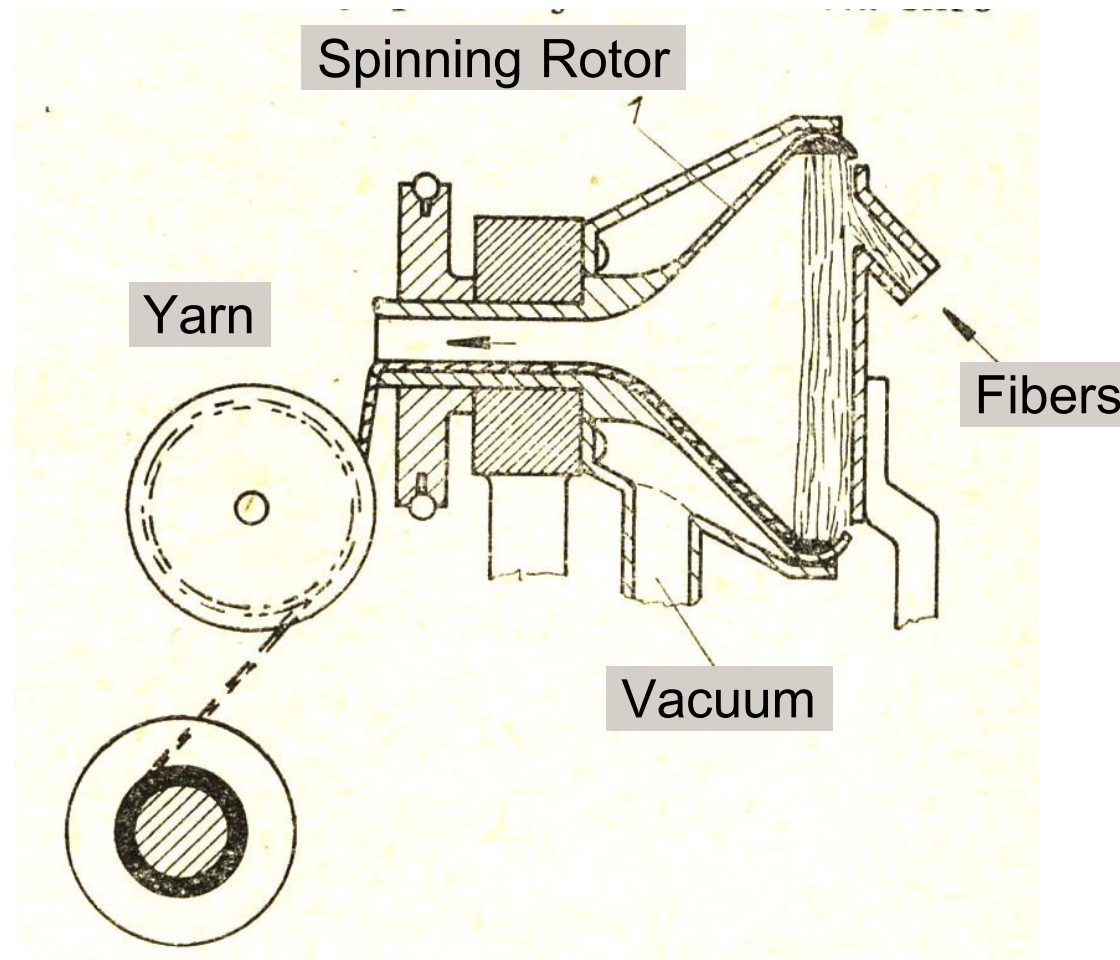
Open End (Rotor) spinning history - milestones



- 1937 Berthelsen developed first open end
- 1950 Meinberg in Germany makes trial with different Open End spinning systems
- 1965 Czechoslovak KS200 rotor spinning machine was introduced to public running at 30 000 rotor rpm.
- 1967 Improved BD200 was presented with first spinning mill of OE coming under production
- 1971-1975 Many machine manufacturers started with OE , improved versions of machines were launched with speed up to 100 000 rpm .
- 1975 Schlafhorst (DE) introduced fully automated Autocoro machine
- 1999 Rieter introduced "Semi automated machine " for low cost countries

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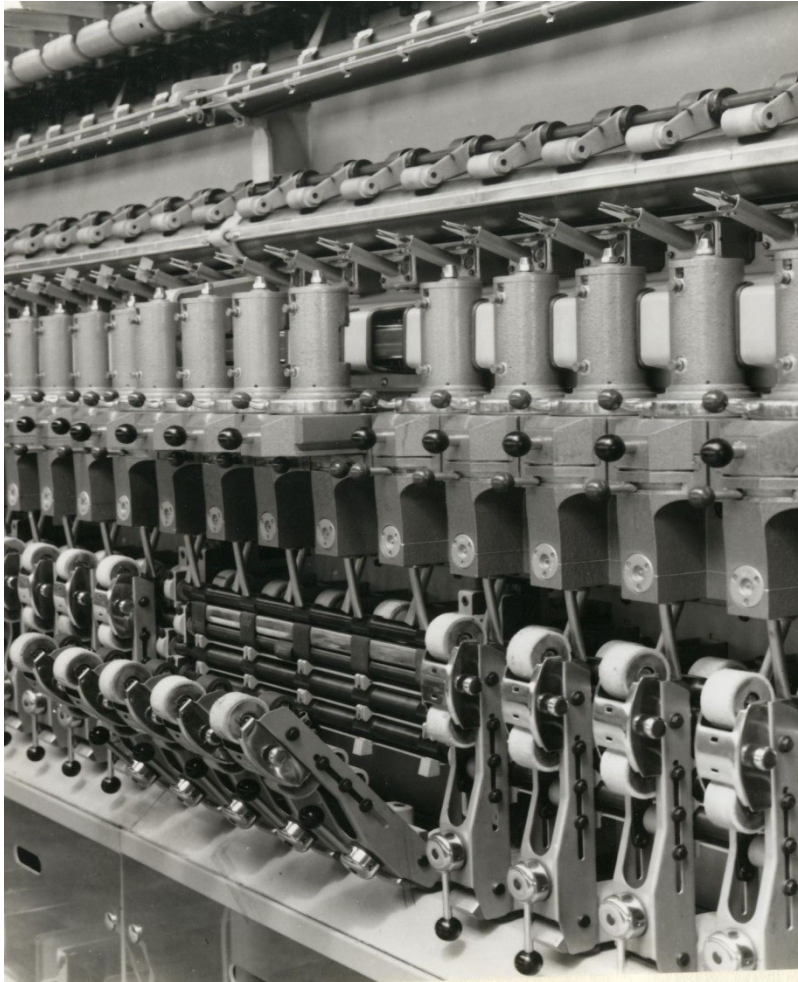


Important : Yarn is taken out opposite to the fiber input

Industrialisation of OE spinning in Czechoslovakia



1965 – first industrial OE machine introduced to public: KS 200



Still yarn is taken out opposite to the fiber input !!

State of the art - fully automated Rotor machine



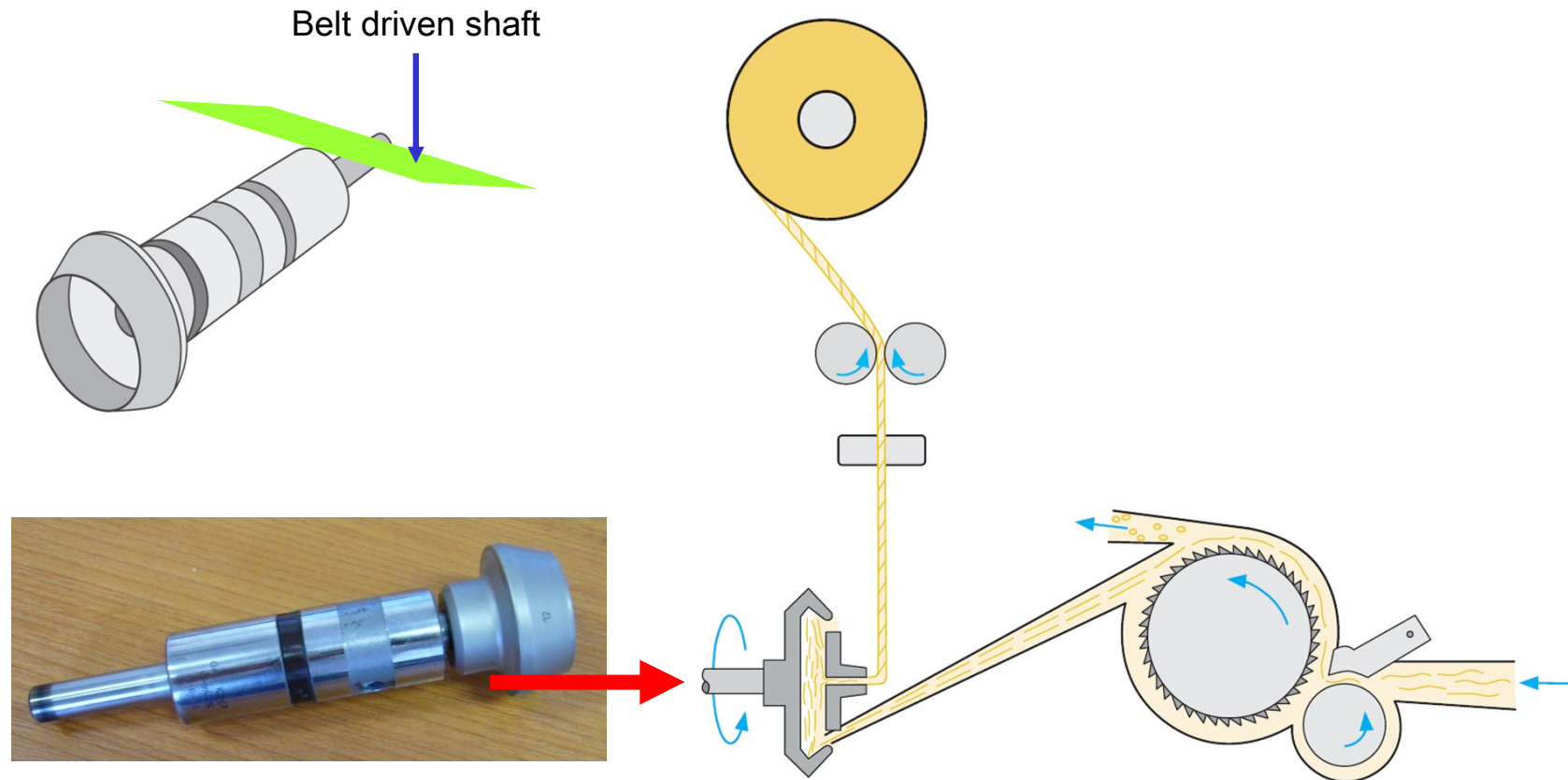
Rotor speed – way to productivity



Productivity of Rotor spinning machine is given by the rotor speed
→ high requirements for drive and bearing , but high cost pressure

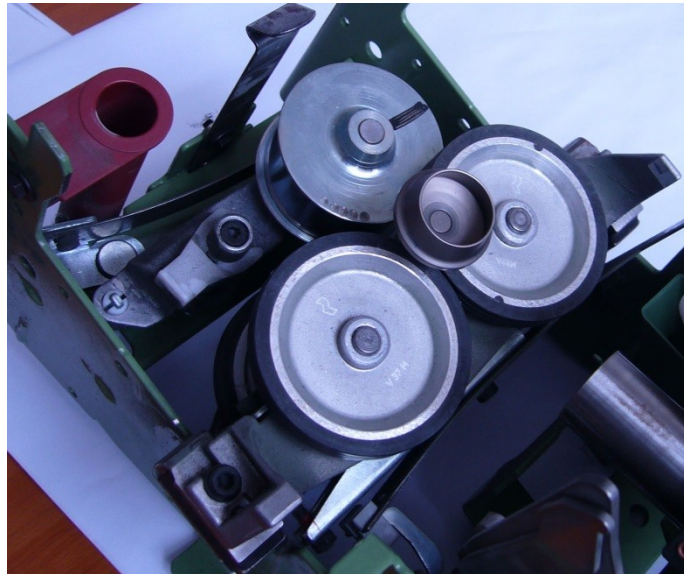
All historical units had a yarn take up to the opposite direction than fiber input, but it was too complicated for drive and bearing
→ The new concept of Rotor spinning was developed in 60th
yarn take up to the same side as fiber input

Direct rotor drive – the most simple solution



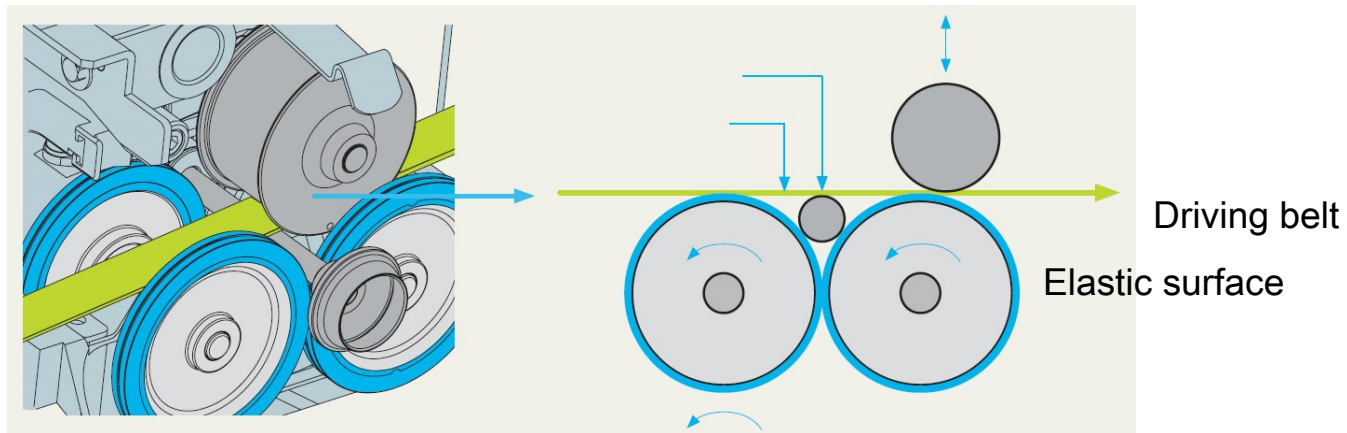
Speed limit about 100 000 r.p.m.

Indirect drive – speed multiplier



Speed up to 160 000 r.p.m possible,
but high friction , high abrasion

→ part wearing
and high energy consumption



Why Magnetic Bearing ? - Expectations



- Reducing energy consumption
- Reducing mechanical abrasion → higher life time
- Possible higher rotor speed ??
- Recovering of the idea of opposite yarn take up
 - different yarn properties ?
 - less dust deposit ?
- Utilization of newly available technologies and components

Project History

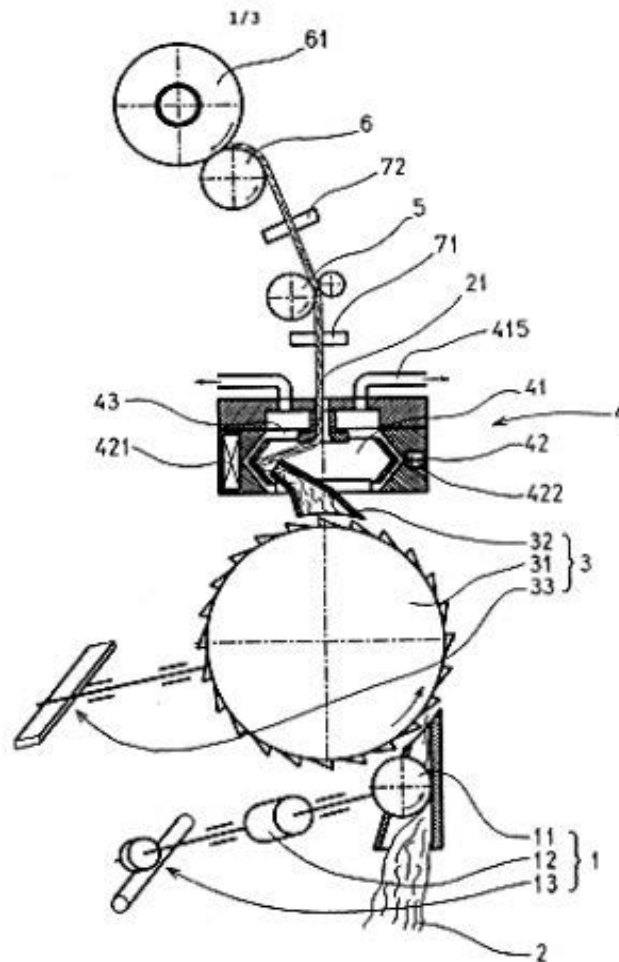


Fig. 1

1999 – first patent applied

2000 .. 2004 – our own (home) experiments
(not successful- only 30 000 r.p.m. reached)

2005 - collaboration with JKU/LCM starts

2006 - first running unit – 85 000 r.p.m.

2007 .. 2013 – many details solved,
step by step development

2012 - 150 000 r.p.m. reached

High-speed motor

Requirements

High efficiency

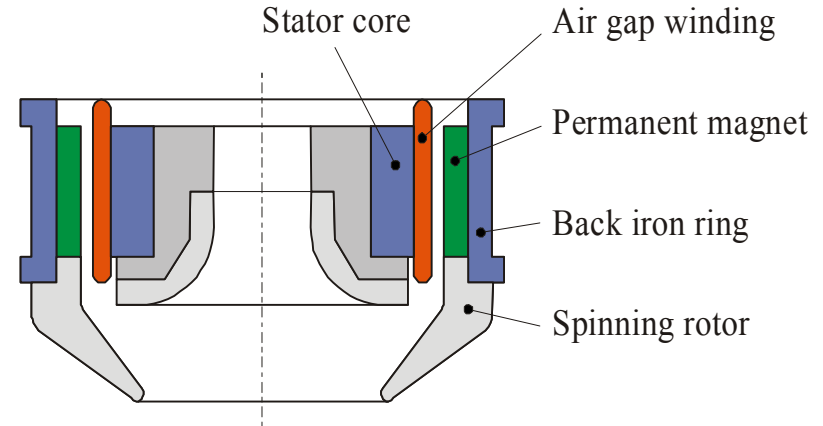
Low destabilizing stiffness in radial direction.

Short axial length to minimize air drag.

Mechanical protection of the permanent magnet to withstand high centrifugal forces (tensile strength of permanent magnet materials is limited to approx. 100MPa).

Back iron ring is part of the bearing too.

→ Mutual influence should be avoided!



Reality

Rotor



Stator

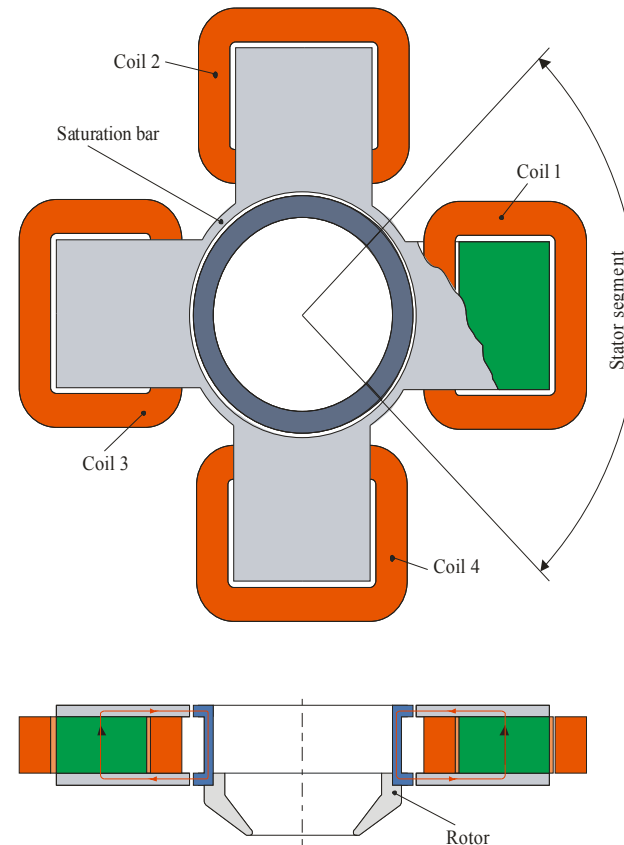
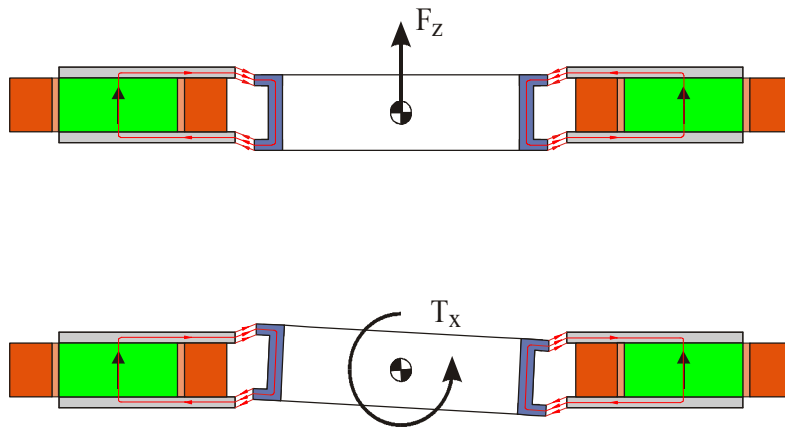


Magnetic bearing

Combination of active and passive magnetic bearing

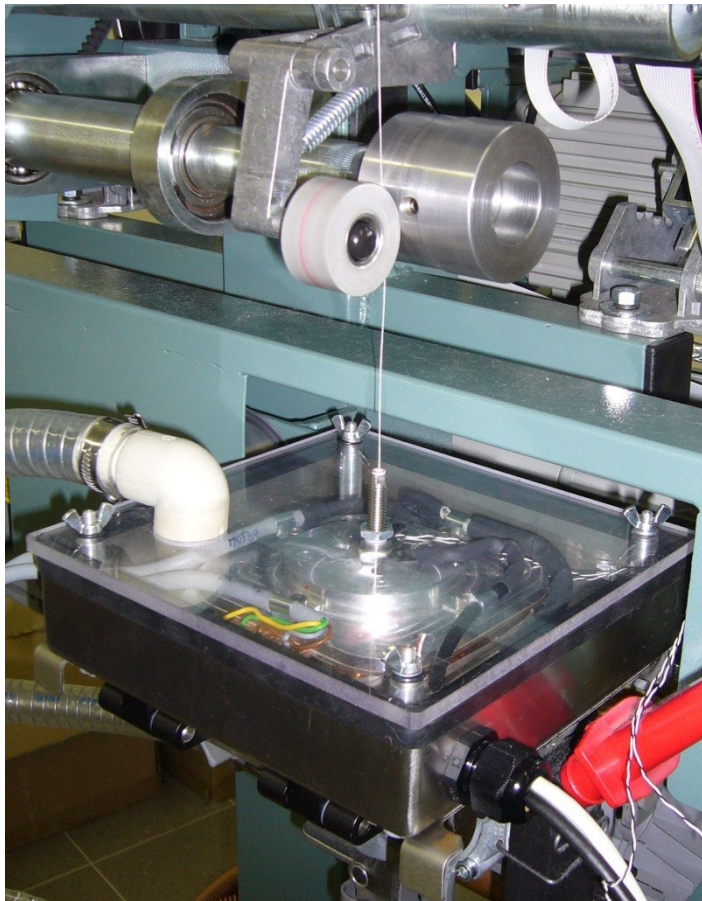
Radial DOFs are stabilized actively.

Axial and tilting DOFs are stabilized passively.

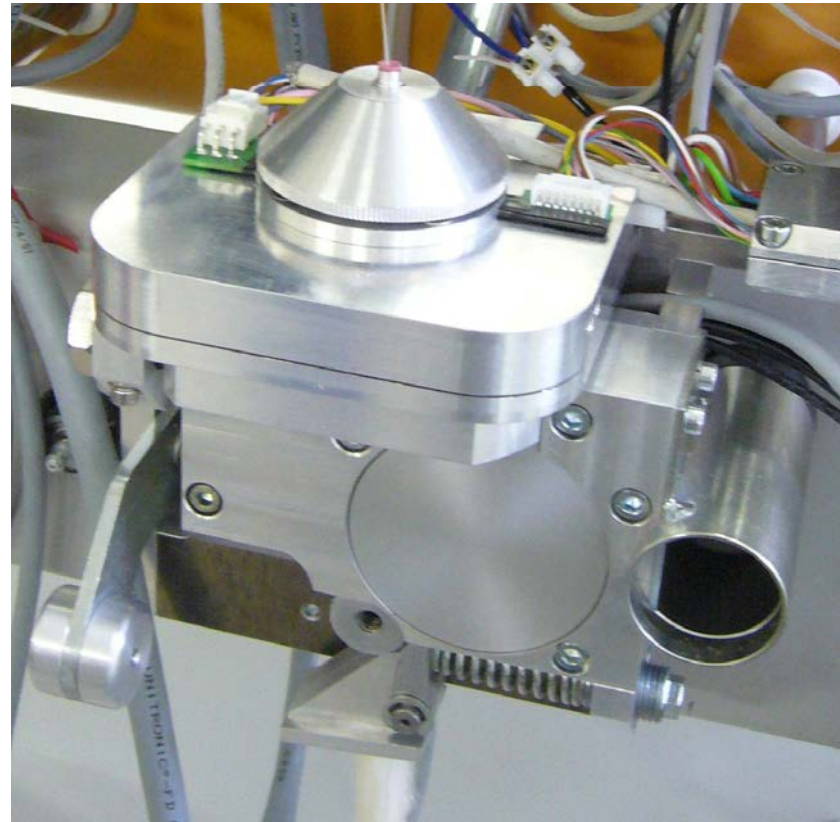


First experimental units

September 2006 : first running unit with magnetic bearing (85 000 r.p.m.)



One of the following prototypes (up to 130 000 r.p.m.)



MAGNUM – electronics development

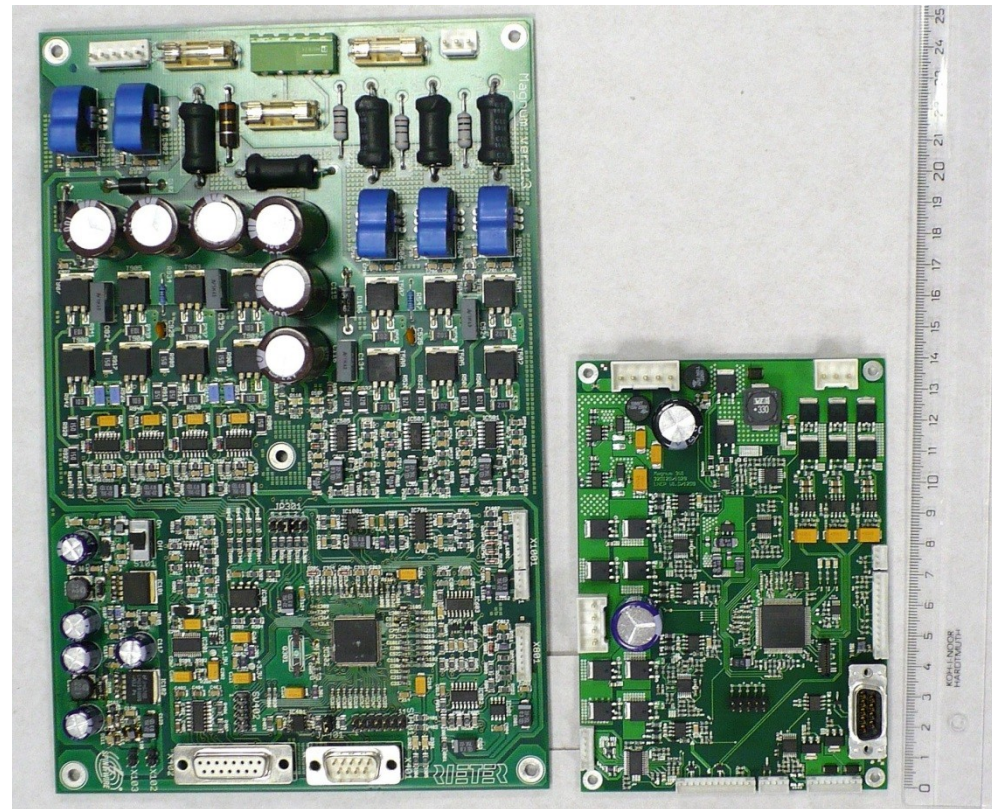


First experiments with LCM modular electronics

Step by step down sizing and cost reduction

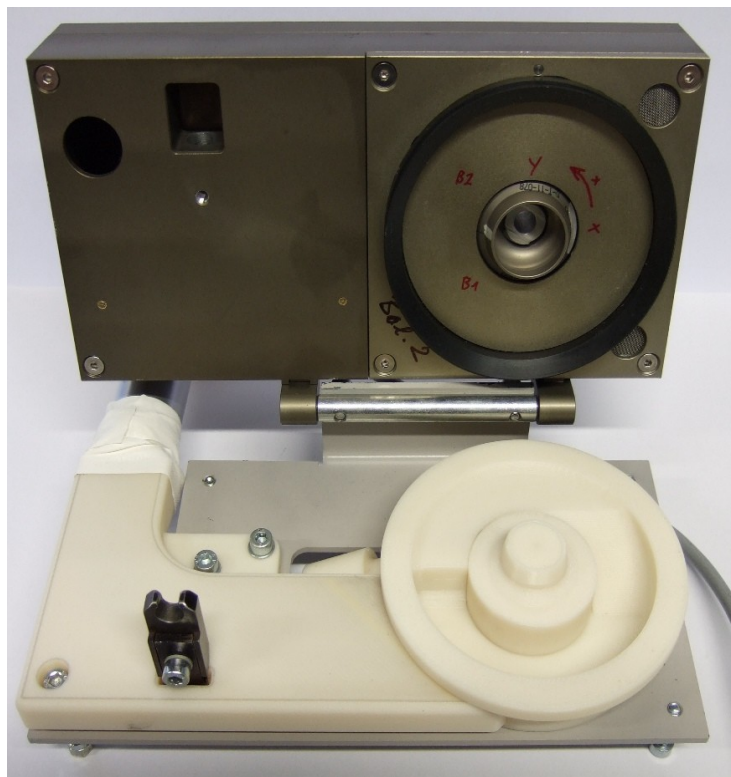


Rieter own development with JKU/LCM support

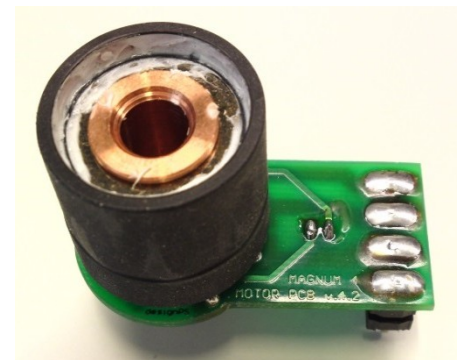


Experimental results - design

Prototype



Integrated spinning unit



High speed motor



Magnetic bearing

Experimental results – textile technology, energy



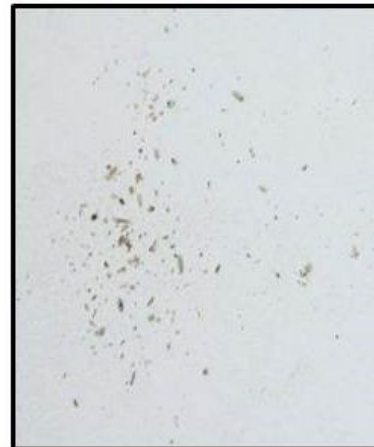
Yarn properties – fully comparable with commercial machines

Dust deposit in the rotor groove - at least 10 x less

After 8 hours of spinning



Conventional unit



unit with magnetic bearing

Energy consumption : reduced at least 30 % on 100 000 r.p.m.
(110 W → 75 W)

(The energy for spinning and air friction remain the same)

Success because of close collaboration between university and industry



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Thanks for your attention