

Vibration and Noise Analysis of The Motor for Electric Vehicles

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Abstract :

EVs (Electric Vehicles) are a type of zero emission car. The aim is for them to be accepted favorably across a broad market, and in order to make them into attractive cars we seek superior performance in addition to silence.

Since EVs, unlike conventional internal-combustion engines, are driven by motors, the Vibration and Noise phenomenon resulting from the motor becomes a problem.

A motor's excitation force shifts to the high frequency side compared to an ICE, so it becomes necessary for the motor's vibration and noise analysis to be carried out into higher frequencies.

Today we will introduce the motor's vibration and noise analysis using both magnetic field analysis and vibration and noise analysis.



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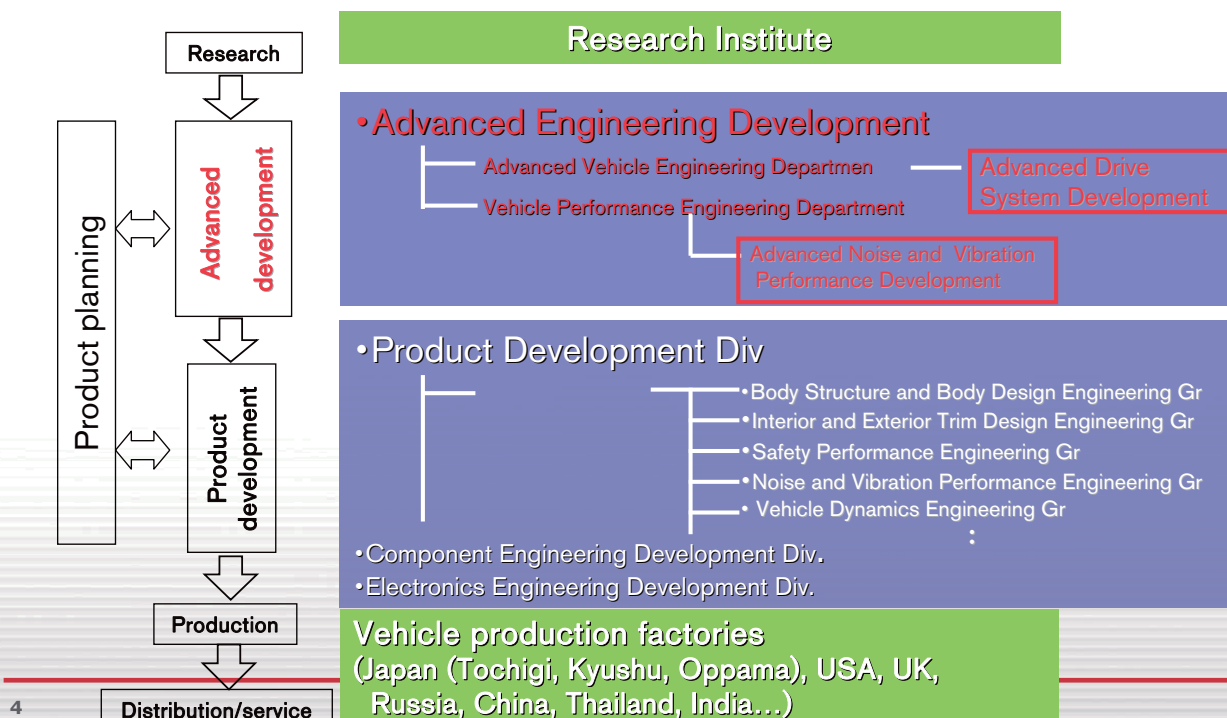
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1. Self introduction



- The Advanced Vehicle Group's Drive System Development team and the Vehicle Performance Group's Noise and Vibration Performance Engineering Gr.team are carried out in coordination with each other.



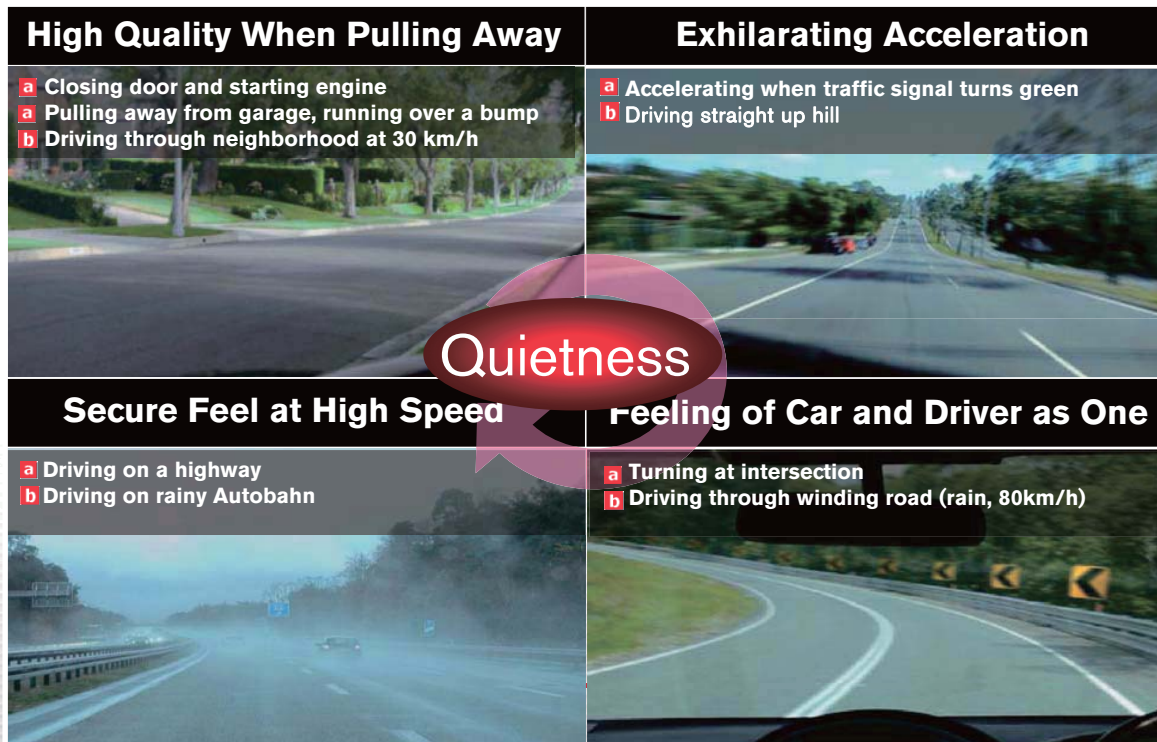
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1. Overview



Vehicle performance

- Having all of our customers feel the quality of our vehicles in every scenario
- The market **looks for quietness** in electrical vehicles



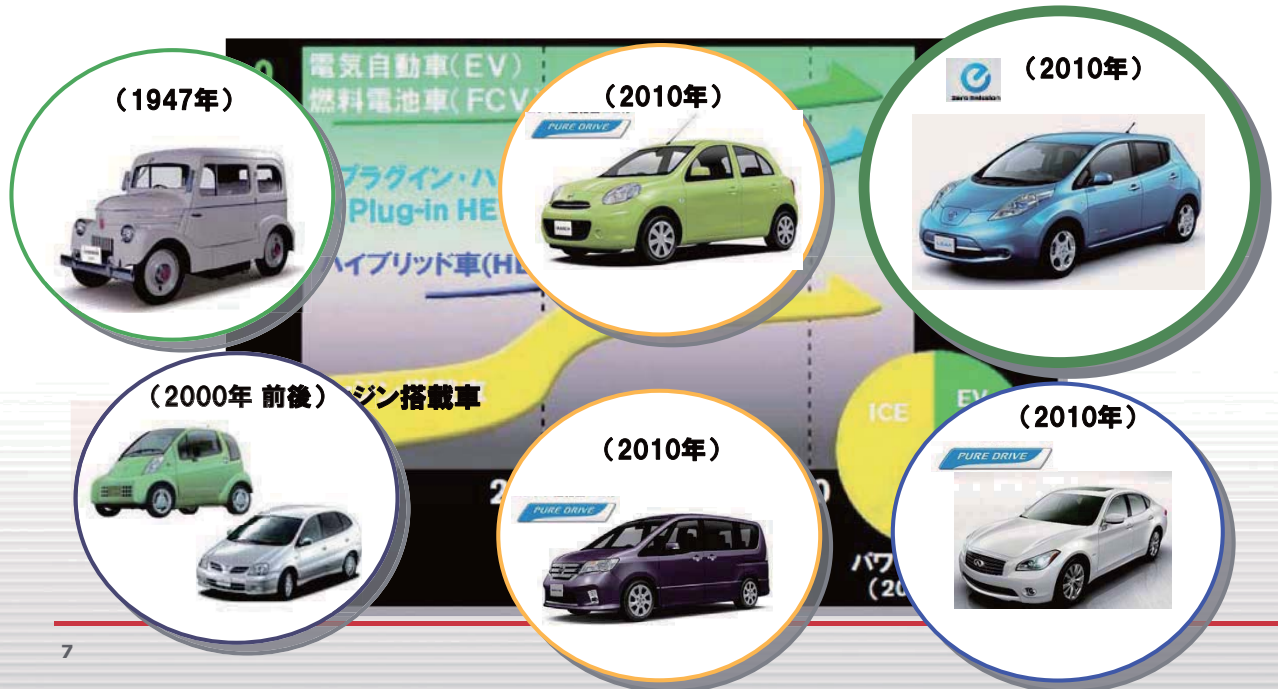
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2. Efforts taken for the environment



Development history

- Spreading internal combustion engine vehicles that have raised their efficiency to the ultimate level.
- Spreading electric vehicles and accumulating reliable technology for them.



2. The appeal of electric vehicles



- A sense of driving not
- Making the “feeling of excitement and surprise” a reality
- A sense of driving not
- felt until now

→ Quietness

→ Acceleration

→ Handling

魅力 01 ゼロ・エミッション

日産リーフはゼロ・エミッションです。
走行中の排出ガスはゼロ。
CO₂はゼロ。空気を汚さない車です。

魅力 02 今までにない運転感覚

新しい乗り物は、新しいドライビングフィールを提供します。
日産リーフは、専用設計されたプラットフォームを持っています。
大排気量車のようなトルクで滑らかな加速性能と、
あらゆる速度域で高級車のような静粛性を実現しました。

魅力 03 いつでも“つながる”

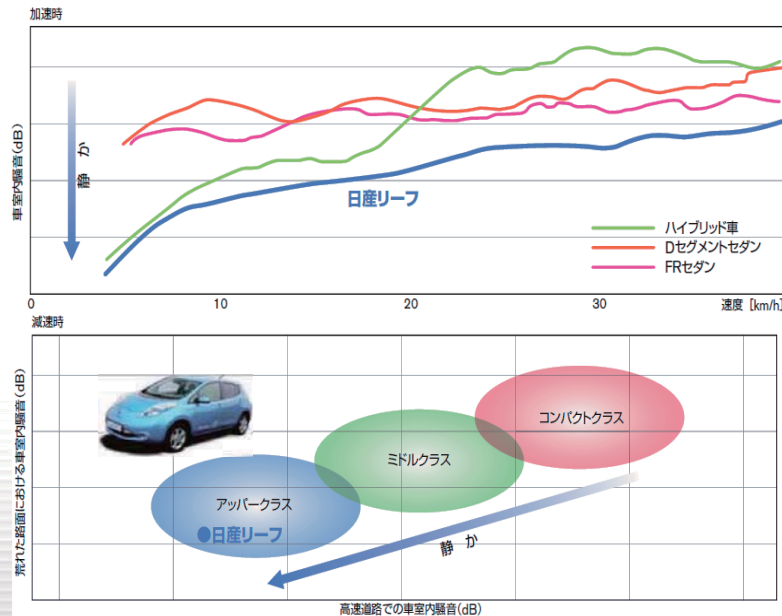
電気自動車をITでより便利に、そして快適にします。
日産リーフ、この新しい乗り物を便利に快適に使っていただくために、
専用設計したシステムを採用しました。

※ 基本的にWebページにアクセス可能な携帯電話であればリモート機能の操作が可能です

2. Leaf's appeal



■ Nissan Leaf (An electric vehicle) has **achieved an superior Quietness** in all situations, including idling, accelerating, and cruising.



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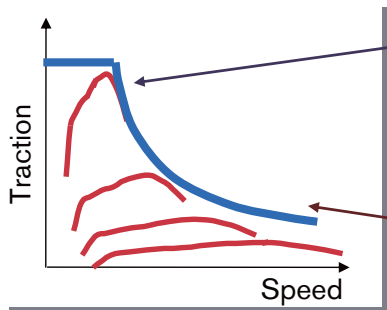
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3. Vibration and noise phenomena challenges



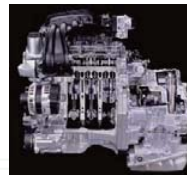
- Motors are generally quieter than internal combustion engines, but motors that have a broad rotation range and high required torque sometimes have vibration and noise issue.
- Because of this, there needs to be **technological development for motor Quietness**.



Traction of an engine vehicle and an electric vehicle



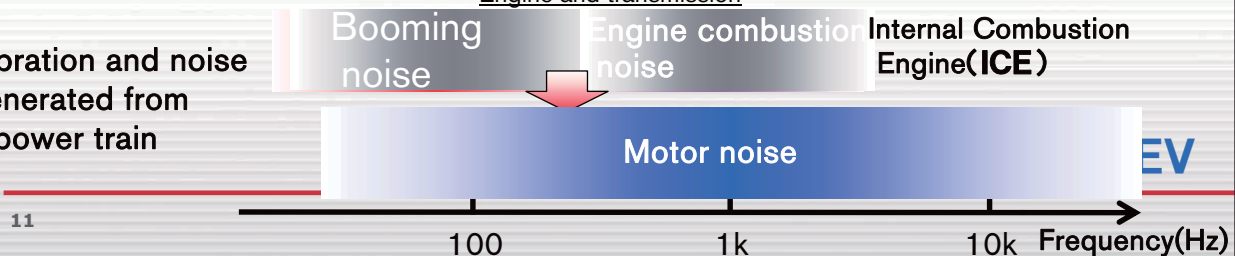
Motor



Engine and transmission

EV motors have a broad rotation range and required torque is also high

Vibration and noise generated from a power train



3. Vibration and noise phenomena challenges



- In order to get high efficiency, high torque, and high output, we performed tests on vehicle drive motors with an emphasis on permanent magnet synchronous motors with interior magnets.
- I would like to introduce **a case of a basic study using a concentrated winding motor**

DC Motor

AC Motor

Induction motor (IM)

Synchronous motor (SM)

Wound field

Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motor

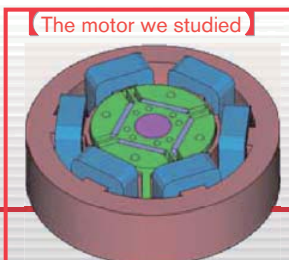
Surface Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motor

Interior Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motor

Distributed winding

Concentrated winding

The motor we studied



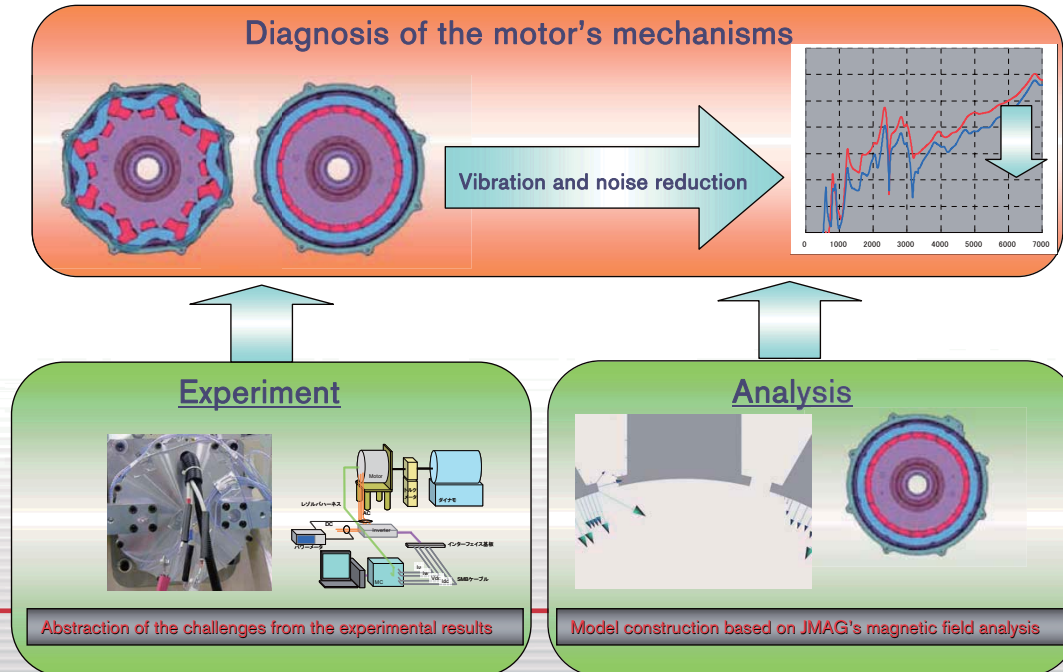
Leaf's motor

3. Vibration and noise phenomena challenges



- In order to achieve a reduction in the motor's vibration and noise we approached it from **both experimental and analytical standpoints** and diagnosed the mechanisms.

The vibration and noise reduction study process



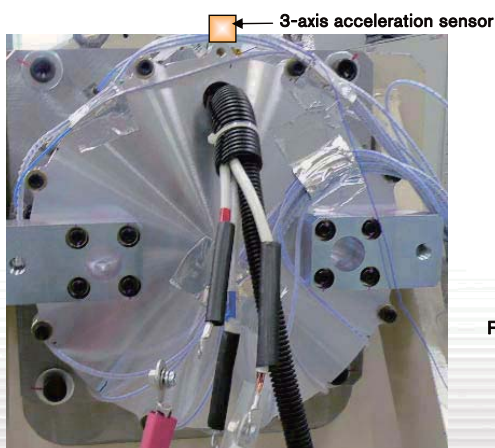
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3. Motor vibration and noise analysis

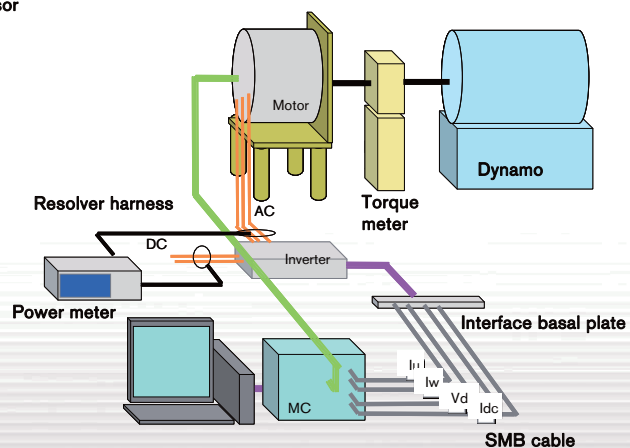


- We created a concentrated winding motor prototype and set it up on a bench.
- We attached several 3-axis acceleration sensors in the motor and performed a vibration experiment.

<Test motor>



<Experimental device configuration>



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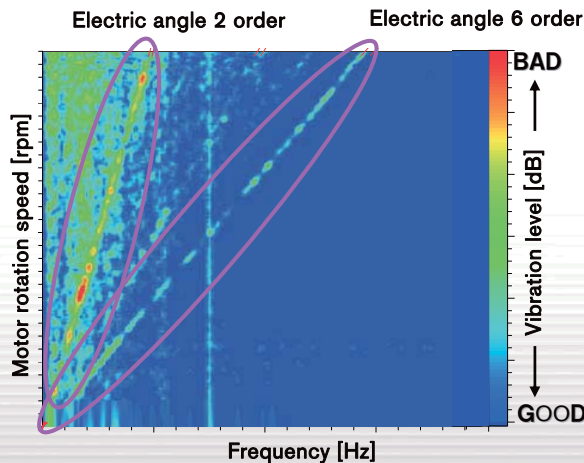
3. Motor vibration and noise analysis



■ The experimental had the following two challenges:

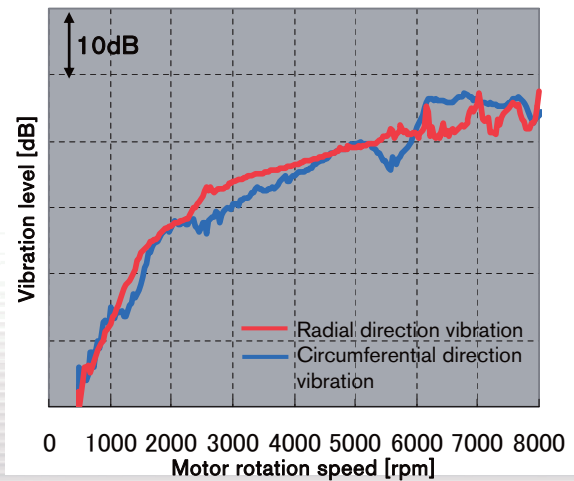
1. In addition to the electric angle 6 component, the 2 component was big as well.
2. Vibration was large in the radial direction in addition to the circumferential direction.

<A 3D map of the motor's rotation speed, frequency, and vibration level>



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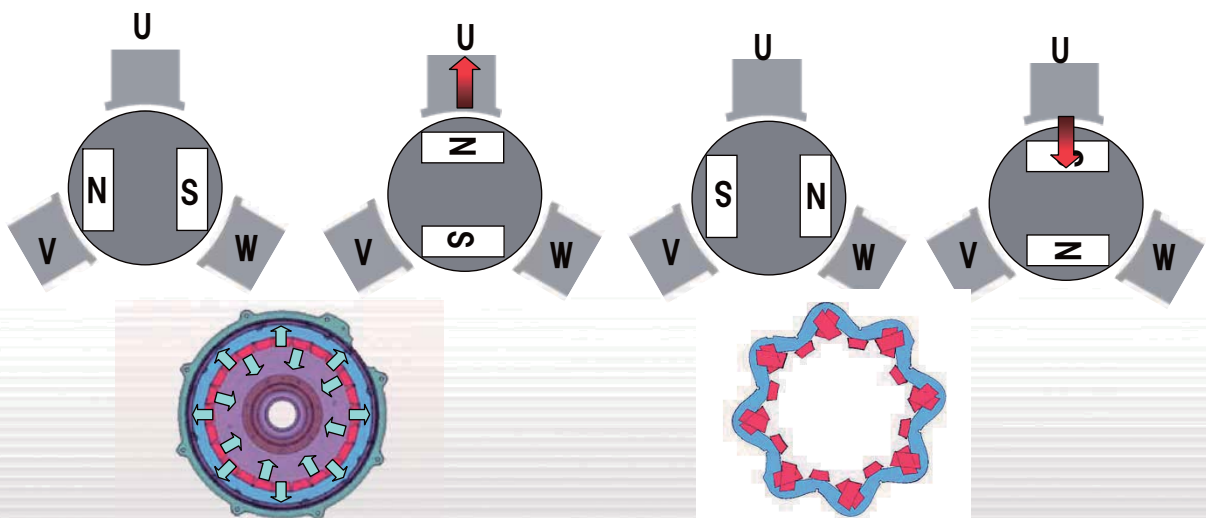
<Vibration levels in the motor's radial and circumferential directions>



3. Motor vibration and noise analysis



- The excitation force for electric angle 2 is a force that is input to the starter twice for every single electrical rotation of the motor.
- In ideal conditions the net force of electric angle 2's electromagnetic excitation force is zero, but the stiffness of the motor case and stator is low, so there are times when vibration occurs in electric angle 2.



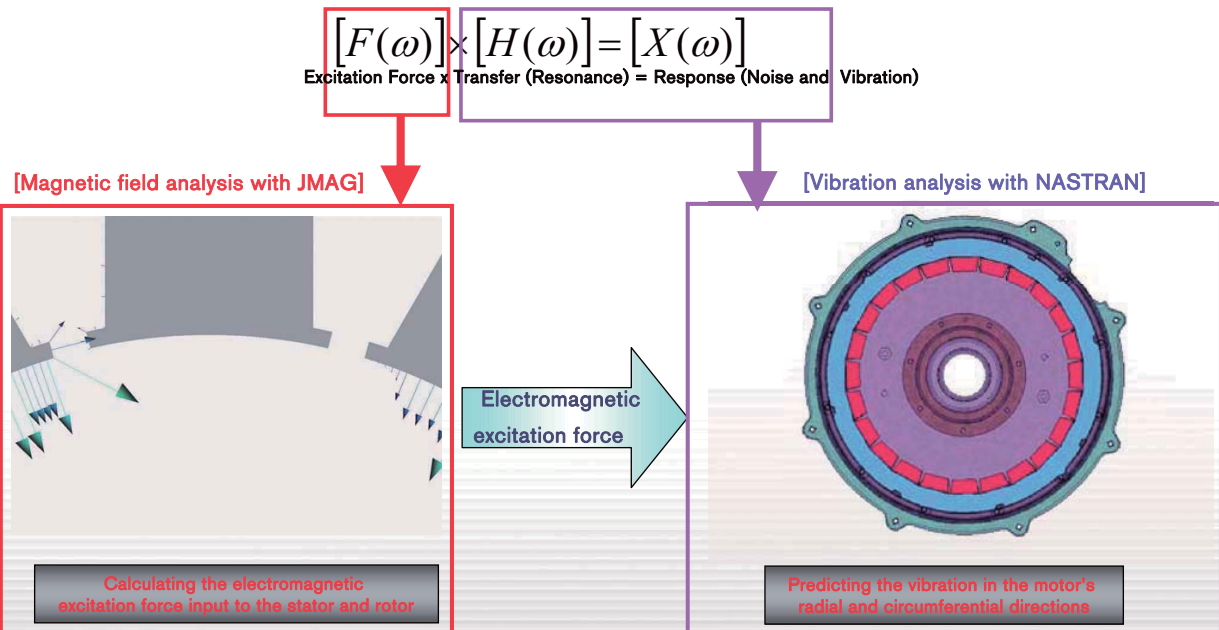
- In ideal conditions (Completely rigid body), the net force of the electromagnetic excitation force is zero.

- In reality, the motor case and stator are not very rigid, so there are times when vibration occurs in electric angle 2.

3. Motor vibration and noise analysis



■ We carried out the motor vibration and noise analysis based on the theoretical formula below



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3. Motor vibration and noise analysis



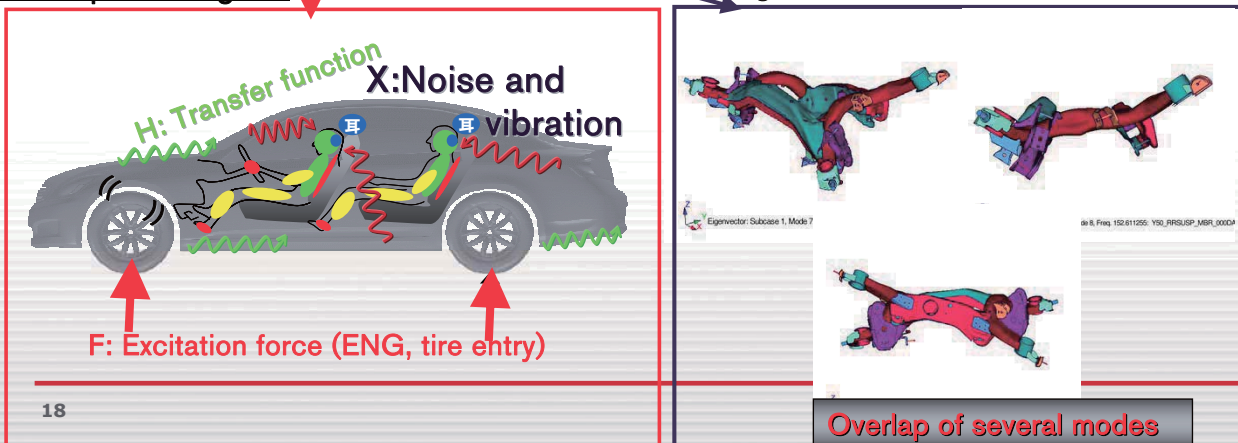
- The response is a multiplication between the excitation force and the transfer function
- The transfer function is an overlapping between several eigenmodes

$$[F(\omega)] \times [H(\omega)] = [X(\omega)]$$

Excitation force x Transfer (Resonance) = Response(Noise and vibration)

Conceptual diagram

Eigenmodes



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3. Motor vibration and noise analysis

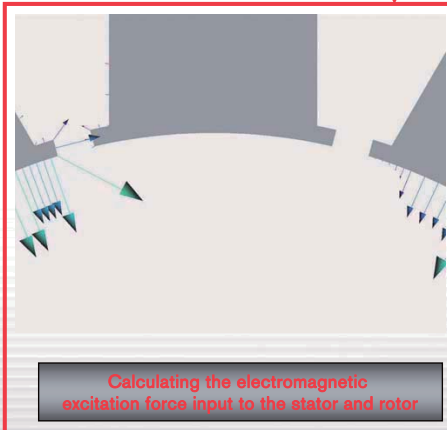


- In JMAG, an magnetic field analysis software, we calculated the electromagnetic excitation force (F) entered in the stator and rotor, and used NASTRAN for the structural calculations (H and X)

$$[F(\omega)] \times [H(\omega)] = [X(\omega)]$$

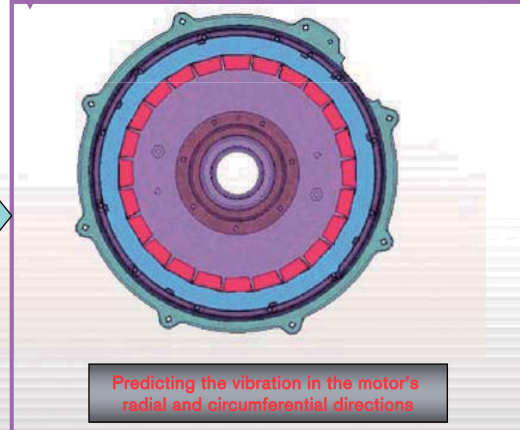
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[Magnetic field analysis with JMAG]



Electromagnetic excitation force

[Vibration analysis with NASTRAN]



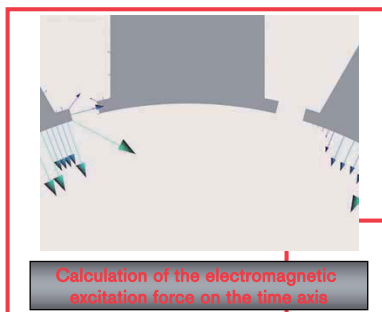
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3. Motor vibration and noise analysis methods



- We did order analysis on the time series electromagnetic excitation force that occurs in the surfaces of the stator and rotor calculated in JMAG, defined it as the force of the frequency range in NASTRAN, and calculated the vibration.

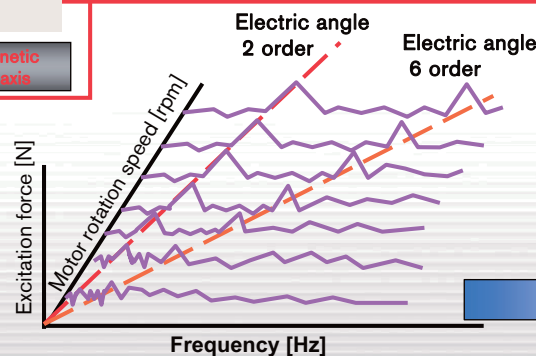
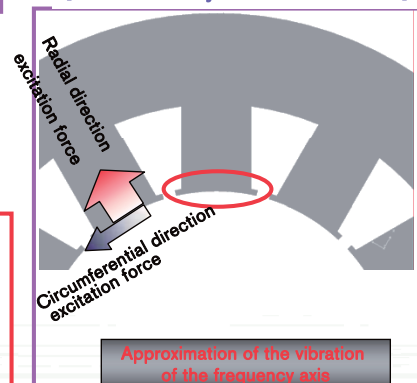
[Magnetic field analysis with JMAG]



$$[F(\omega)] \times [H(\omega)] = [X(\omega)]$$

Excitation force x Transfer (Resonance) = Response (Noise and vibration)

[Vibration analysis with NASTRAN]



Calculation of the electromagnetic excitation force of each order component

We entered the electromagnetic excitation force in the radial, circumferential, and axial directions for each order component for the teeth faces and the rotor face, and then approximated the motor's vibration.

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3. Comparative verification results



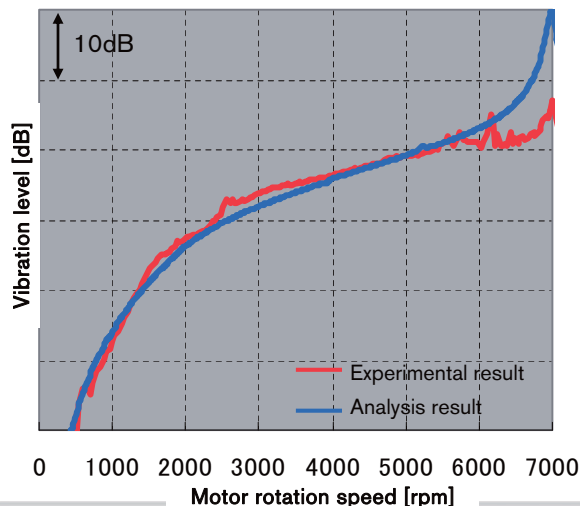
of experiments and analysis

- We were able to recreate the actual vibration of the motor's electric angle 2 and 6 components with good accuracy
- We constructed an analysis model and it became possible to analyze the mechanisms

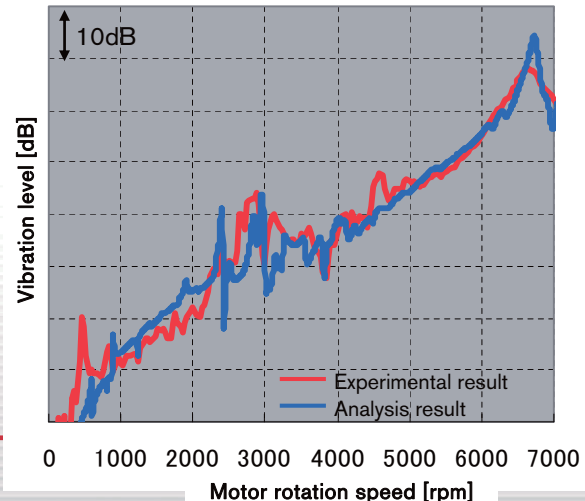
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Excitation force x Transfer (Resonance) = Response (Noise and vibration)

<The motor's radial vibration level at electric angle 2>



<The motor's radial vibration level at electric angle 6>



3. The mechanisms behind motor vibration and noise



- We found the following generation mechanisms for the motor that we studied this time
 1. The electric angle 2 component is the actual operating mode that switched over as a result of the **toroidal 8 mode**.
 2. The electric angle 6 component is the actual operating mode that switched over as a result of the **toroidal 0 mode**.
- We were able to get a handle on the main mode that was becoming a problem and obtain efficient countermeasures that gave insight to its essence

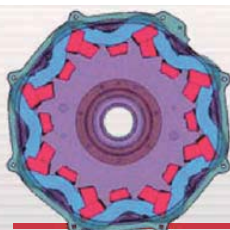
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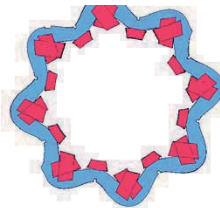
<Electric angle 2>

<Electric angle 6>

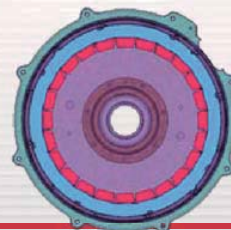
<The motor's actual operating mode>



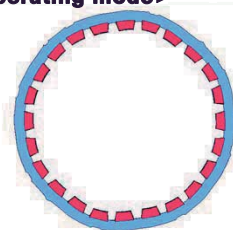
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4. Introducing a case example of motor vibration reduction measures



- In order to control the bending moment, we improved the motor's rigidity and transmission system
- We confirmed that the motor's vibration reduces in a high-accuracy model.

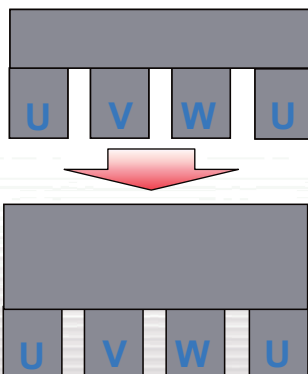
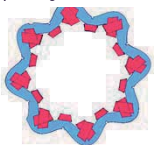
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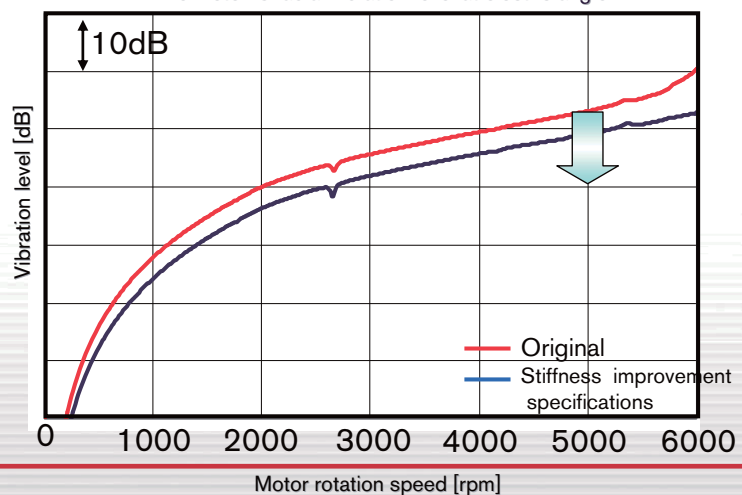
In order to control the bending moment we made the case and back yoke thicker and improved the stiffness

<Electric angle 2>

<The eigenmode that excites the actual operating mode>



<The motor's radial vibration level at electric angle 2>



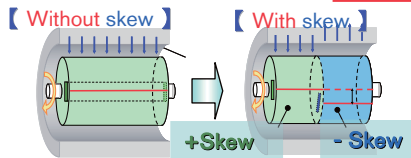
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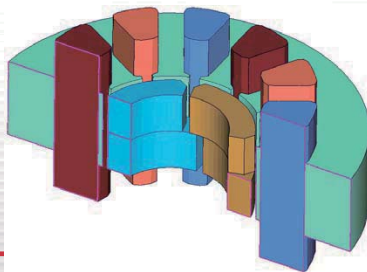
- We calculated the electromagnetic excitation force from the rotor skew with JMAG's 3D analysis.
- We confirmed that the motor's vibration decreased in a high accuracy model.

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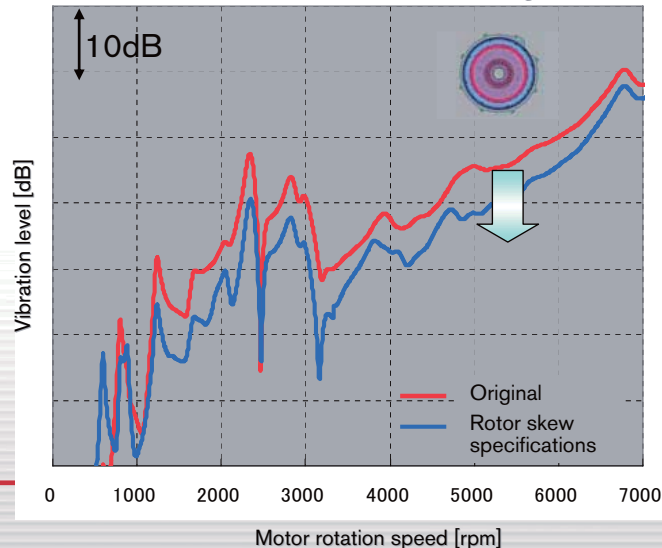


It mechanically displaces the magnet in the rotor and negates the excitation force from electric angle 6.



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A 3D model of the skew with JMAG (An image)

<The motor's radial vibration level at electric angle 6>



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5. Conclusion



- In addition to the electric angle 6 component, there are cases when other orders (Electric angle 2) become issue as well.
- There are cases when vibration in the radial direction, not just the circumferential direction, becomes a problem.
- We were able to construct high accuracy models with JMAG and NASTRAN.
- I introduced a study case for motor vibration reduction countermeasures (Stiffness improvement and rotor skew).