

3-dimensional motion maglev system using I-shaped electromagnets

Keywords: magnetic levitation, 3-dimensional motion, I-shaped electromagnet, bias permanent magnet, manipulator, micro-robot

【Iron ball levitation device】

This is one of the most basic learning materials in magnetic levitation. The device;

- passively controls an iron ball in fixed position (near operating point) directly under the electromagnet
- enables slight vertical movement on assigning a target value
- can be operated using zero-power control by giving a bias flux
- cannot move an iron ball from front to back, and from side to side.

【Move a position of levitated body】

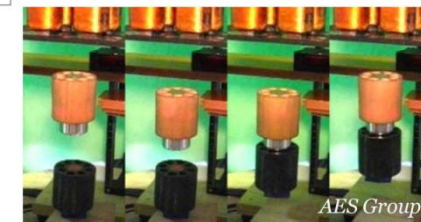
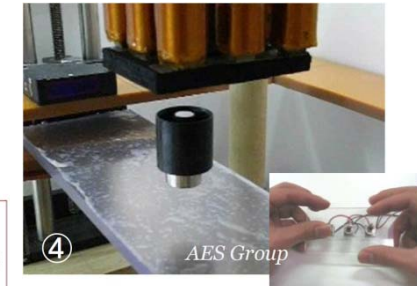
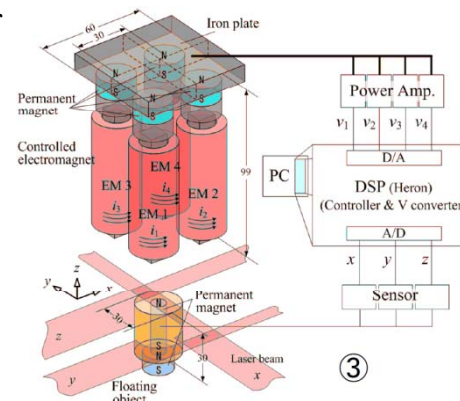
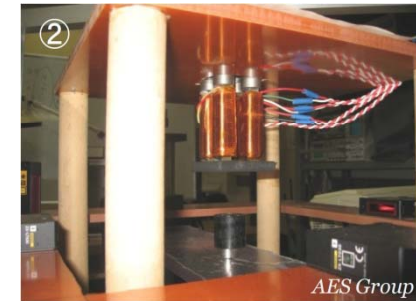
There are various kinds of systems that move a levitated body as the following;

- Combined systems such as rail and mover, controlled planar stator and levitated body, and soft magnetic material and controlled mover,
- Systems that place magnetic levitation device on a head of arms and carry the levitated body by shifting the arms (Position of the center of gravity is set by motion of the arms.), and,
- Systems that control a leakage magnetic flux from pole pieces of a controlled electromagnet (This system magnetically realizes 3-dimensional motion of a center of gravity.)

【3-dimensional motion maglev system】

This is a device which allows to move a levitated body from front to back, side to side, and up and down. The device;

- uses I-shaped electromagnets and moves a levitated magnet in inside region including right under each magnetic pole of multiple electromagnets
- can operate the position of levitated body with a joy stick
- enables power saving by using bias magnets
- allows free combinations of I-shaped electromagnets
- needs additional electromagnets and sensors
- needs considerations of nonlinearity and system identification associated with a range of motion.



① I-shaped electromagnet, ② the device appearance, ③ control system, ④ external input operation, ⑤ object grip test

【Applicable use】

- This is applicable for devices used under special environment that vertical and horizontal movements are required.
- Since the system sets the levitated body itself to work, it is also desirable for devices such as a compact robot.