## Study on Starting Performance of Ni-Mn-Ga **Magnetic Shape Memory Alloy Linear Actuator**

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Introduction

Drive coil

• Operating mechanism of the Ni-Mn-Ga magnetic shape memory alloy (MSMA)





## Current problem

Hysteresis characteristics between the magnetostriction and magnetic field



Difficult to design by measurement

Predict the starting performences by coupled analysis



Whole model of the proposed MSMA linear actuator

Return spring

## Ni-Mn-Ga MSMA Characteristics





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—Measured

0.6 —Measured

0.3

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FEM model

- The computed and measured results of transient displacement and current show a good agreement.
  - The displacement during contraction are different.
    - (This is due to the measurement errors)
  - The modeling of the Ni-Mn-Ga have to be further investigated.