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Hybrid bearings in Electrical  
Machines

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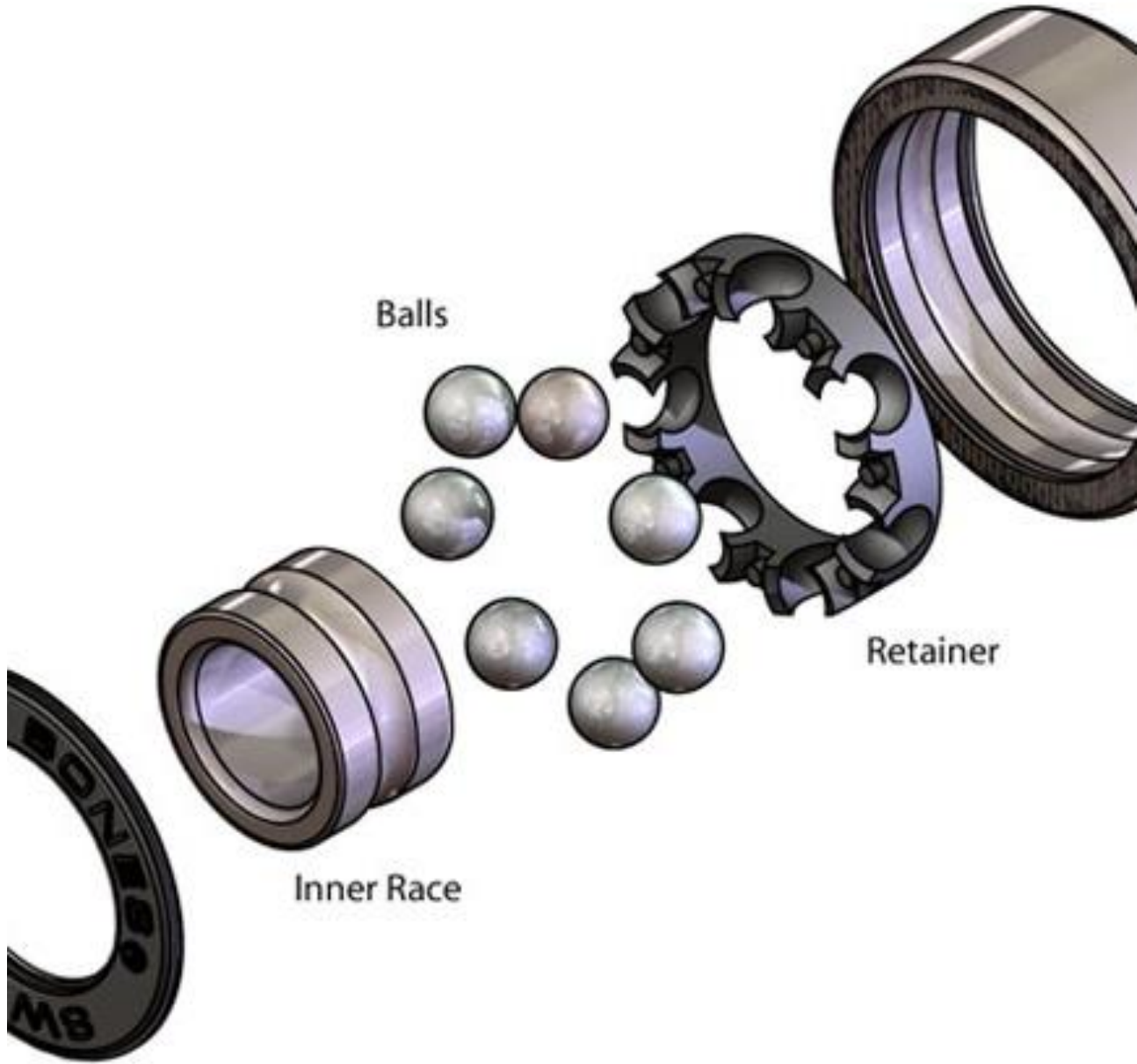


Outer Race

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# Definitions

- Hybrid = combination of materials
- **Ceramic hybrid**
  - **Steel rings**
  - **Ceramic balls**
- Other variants
  - Full Ceramic Bearings
  - Polymer bearings





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## Why Ceramic Balls?

- 58 % lighter
- 128 % harder
- 400 % smoother
- 70% less thermal expansion
- Chemically resistant / none corrosive
- Electrically insulating







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## How hybrids improve E-motors

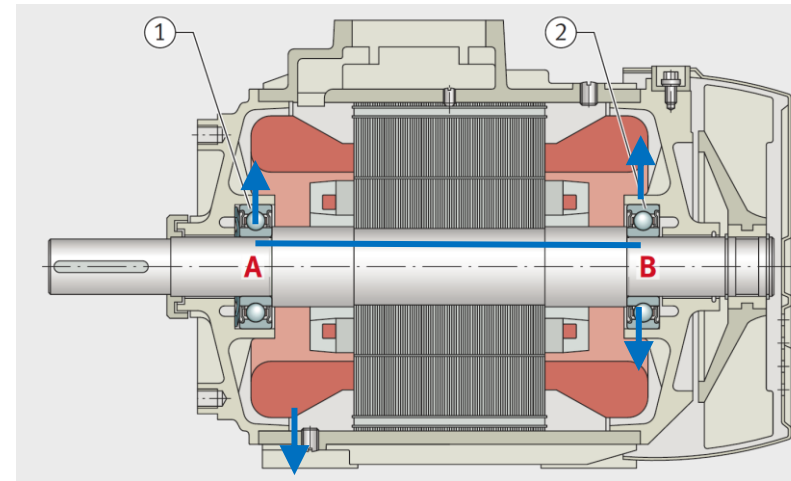
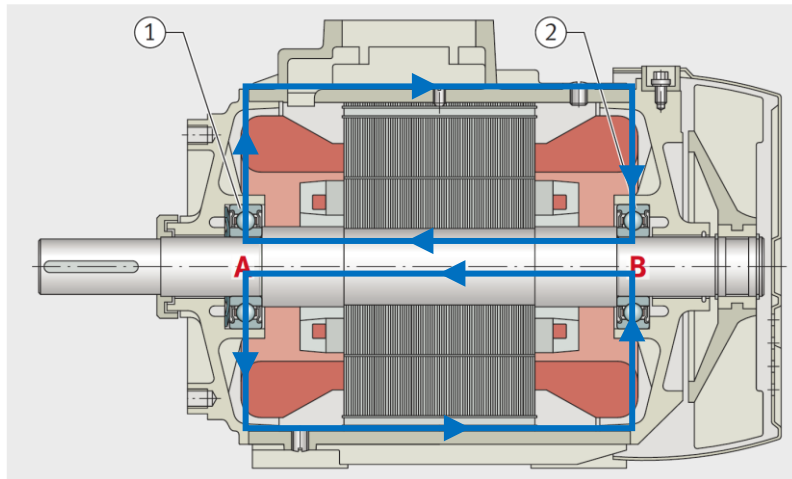
- Prevent Bearing Currents (Guaranteed)  
Longer Service Life
- Reduce friction losses  
Improved efficiency
- Reduce bearing temperature  
Longer grease life -> Longer service life

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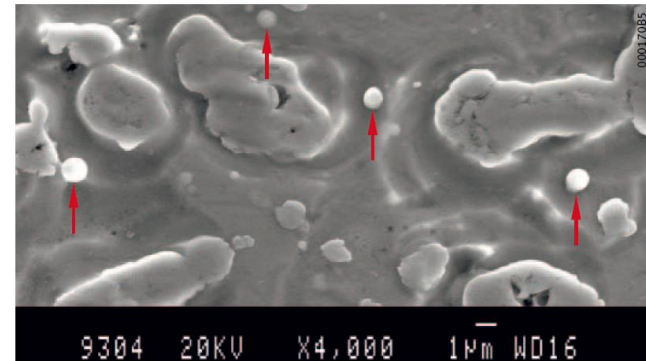
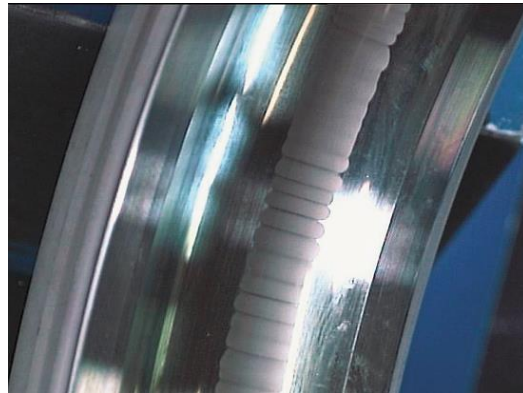
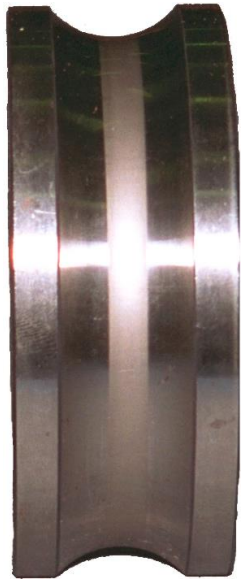
Increasing bearing life with Hybrids

Bearing Currents

## Circulating currents vs. induced currents



## Bearing Currents / Electrical Erosion



## How to protect Bearings

### Coated Bearing

Insulating layer thickness:

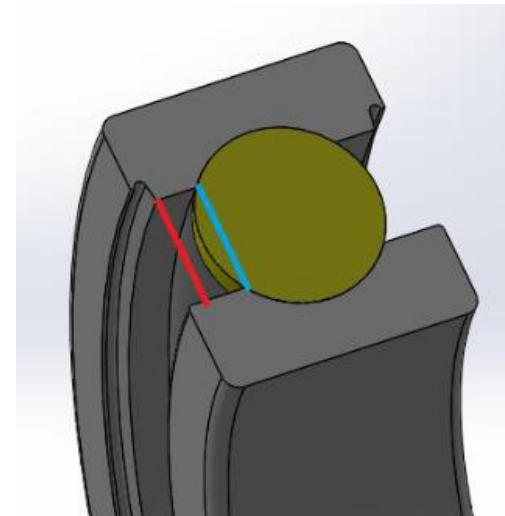
0,1 mm



### CeramicSpeed Hybrid

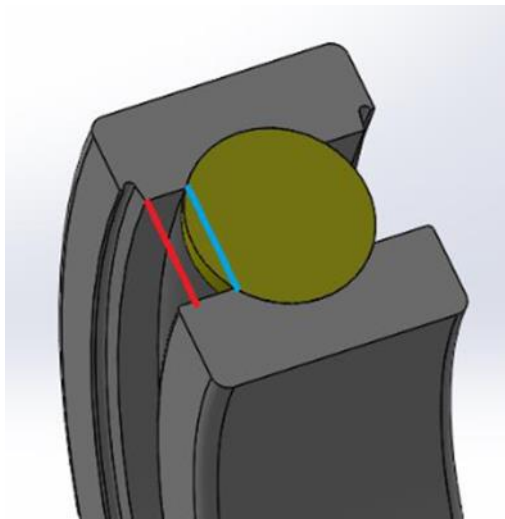
Insulating layer thickness:

Full Airgap





## Calculated Insulation



Wälzlagerbezeichnung	D <sub>2</sub> [mm]	d <sub>1</sub> [mm]	Ringspalt [mm]	Maximale Spannung	
				Luftspalt	Si3N4 ball
6005	42,2	32	5,1	5 kV	77 kV
6206	54,1	40,4	6,85	7 kV	103 kV
6316	147	108	19,5	19 kV	293 kV
6324	215	165	25	24 kV	360 kV
6330	263	206	28,5	28 kV	420 kV

## Bearing Currents / Electrical Erosion



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Friction & Temperature



# Theoretical Bearing Losses

- Combined Losses

$$P_{tab} = \tau_{fric} \cdot \omega$$

- Frictional moment

$$\tau_{fric} = \tau_{rr} + \tau_{sl} + \tau_{seal} + \tau_{drag}$$

- Rolling resistance

$$\tau_{rr} = R_1 \cdot d_m^{1,96} \cdot \left( F_r + \frac{R_2}{\sin(\alpha_F)} \cdot F_a \right)^{0,54} \cdot (v \cdot n)^{0,6}$$

$$\alpha_F = 24,6 \cdot (F_a / C_0)^{0,44}$$

- Sliding Friction

- Deformation and spin

$$\tau_{sl} = S_1 \cdot d_m^{-0,145} \cdot \left( F_r^5 + \frac{S_2 \cdot d_m^{1,5}}{\sin(\alpha_F)} \cdot F_a^4 \right)^{1/3} \cdot \mu_{sl}$$

- Seal resistance

$$\tau_{seal} = K_{S1} \cdot d_s^\beta + K_{S2}$$

- Oil drag

$$\tau_{drag} = V_m \cdot K_{ball} \cdot d_m^5 \cdot n^2$$

## Elgetti Test Rig

High Load: 8kN on each bearing  
4 x 6208 bearings

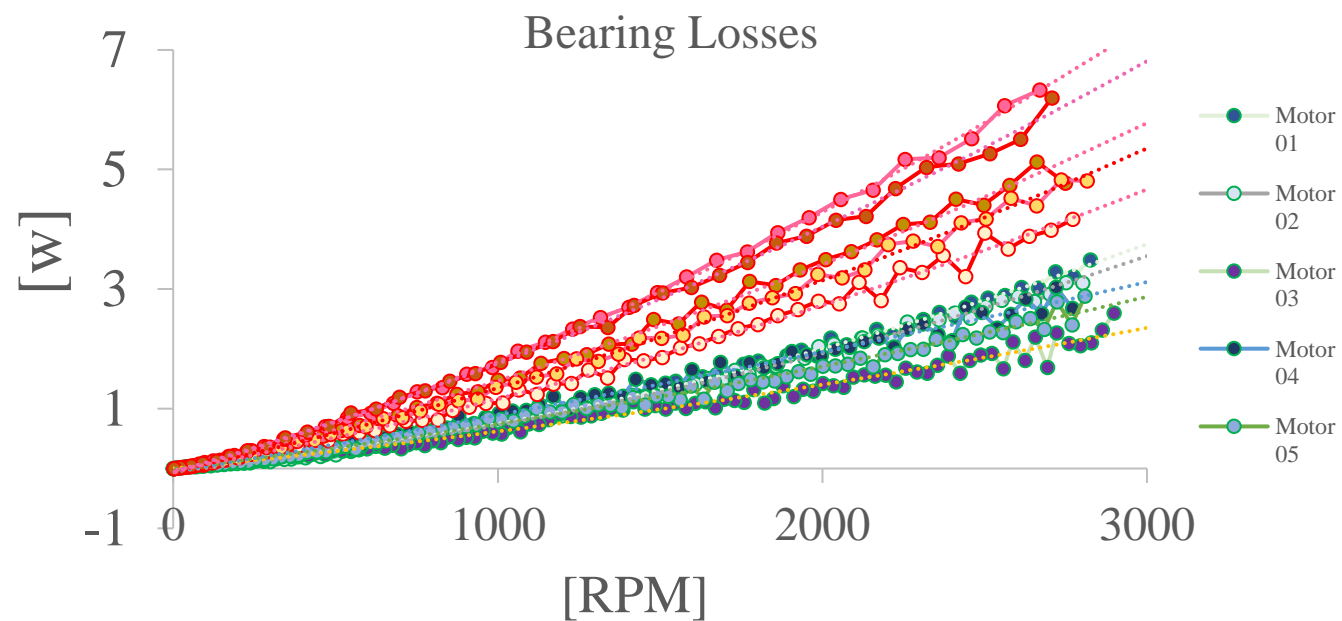
Losses Std.            324 W  
Losses CSB            220 W

Difference start up    50%  
Diff. steady state    32%





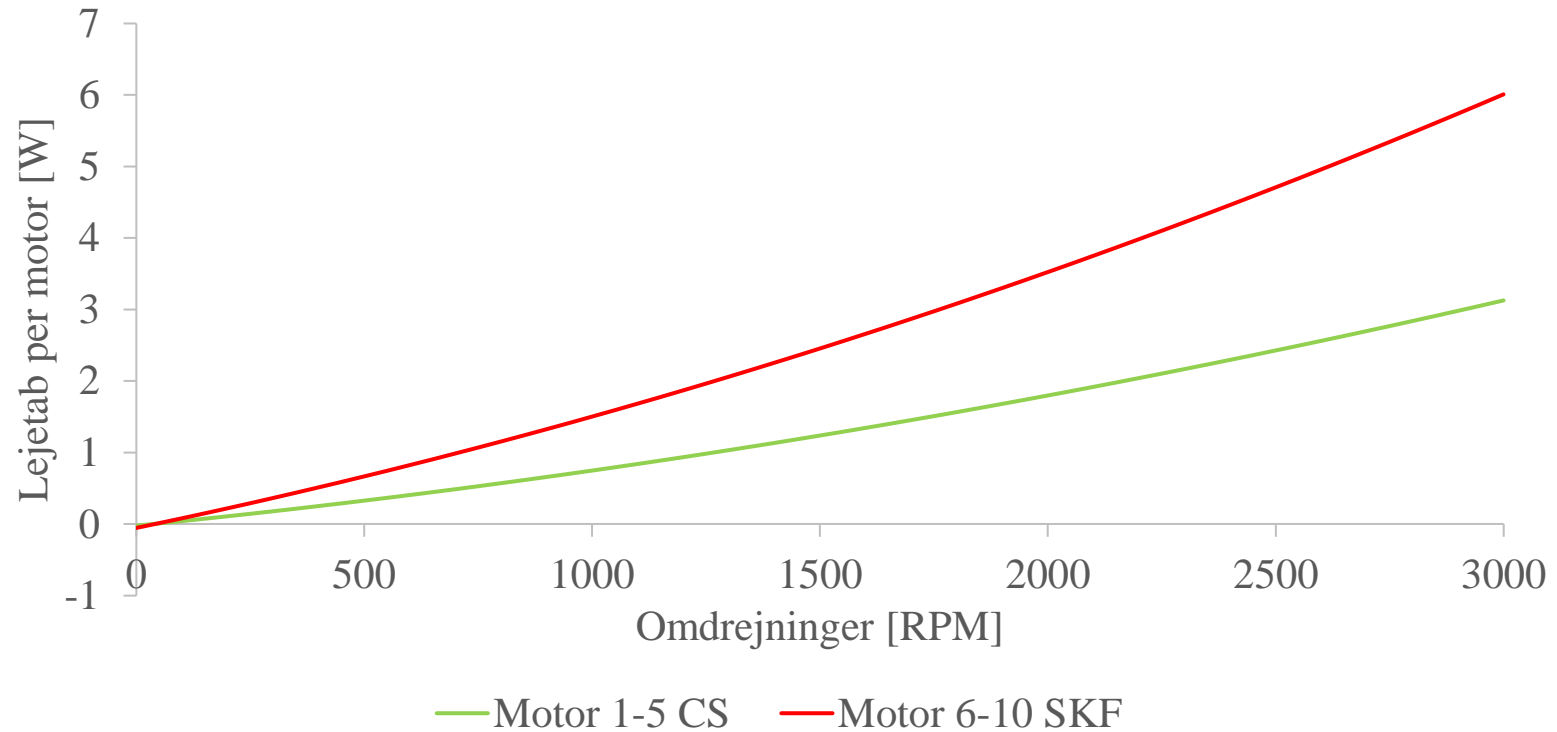
## Coast Down test – Statistical Batch Size





## Results Normalized

### Average Losses per Group



Results, absolute Values

<b>Motor ID</b>	<b>Losses @ 3000 RPM</b> <b>[Watt]</b>	
<b>1</b>	3,7	
<b>2</b>	3,5	
<b>3</b>	2,4	
<b>4</b>	3,1	Avarage CS
<b>5</b>	3,0	3,1W
<b>6</b>	4,7	
<b>7</b>	5,9	
<b>8</b>	5,4	
<b>9</b>	7,5	Avarage SKF
<b>10</b>	6,9	6,1W

**Reduction of 48%**

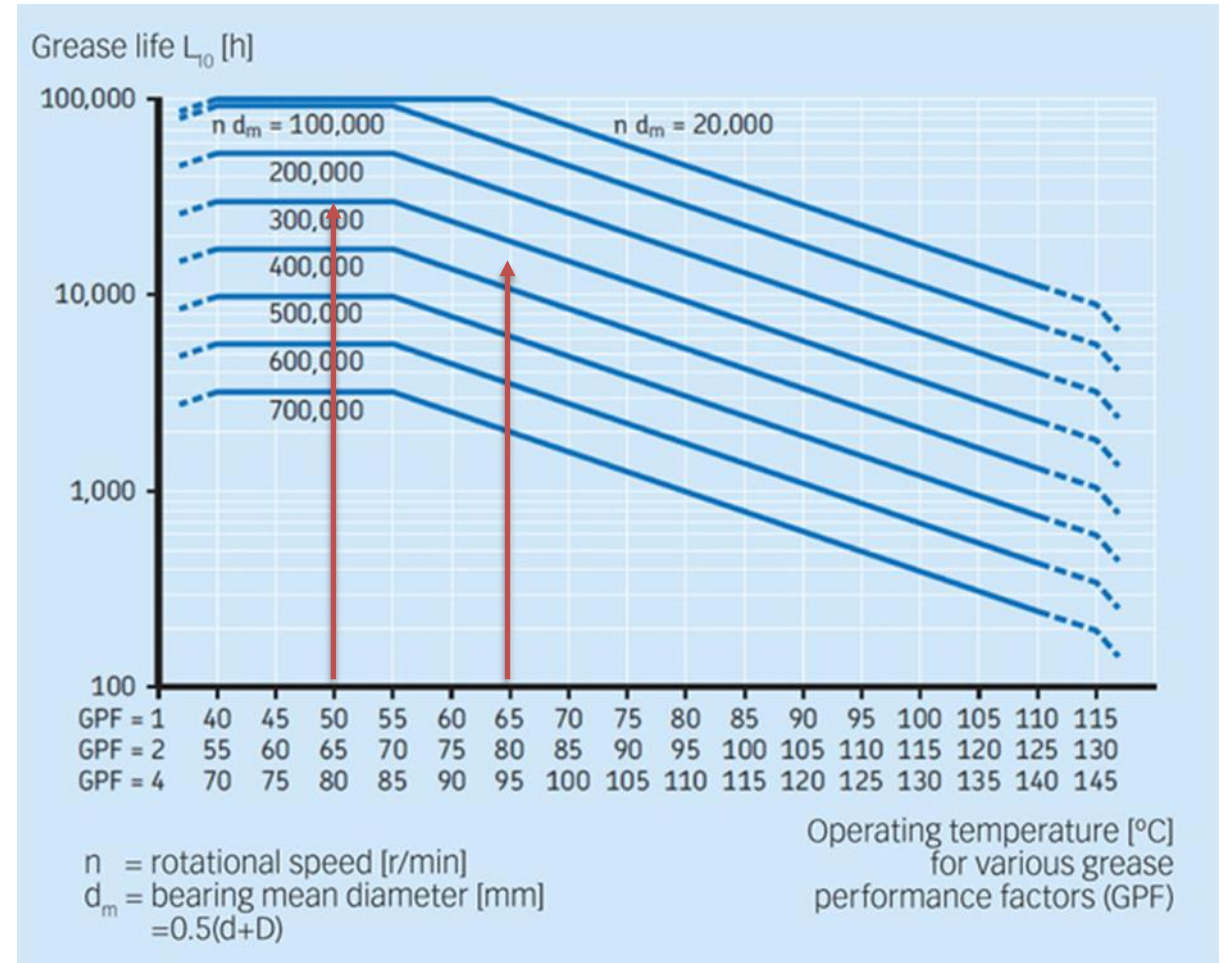
Friction = Heat  
Hybrids run cooler!



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## Increased Grease life

- Sealed bearings will seize with the lubricant failing
- Lubricants /grease age with mechanical impact and temperature
- Grease life will increase with reduced temperature (factor 2 by 15K)
- Lower temperature equals longer grease life equals **longer bearing life**



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