## **Electronic Supplementary Information 5 (ESI\_5)**

The movies show the rotation of the microgears in an external magnetic field of strength *B* and rotation frequency  $f_{\text{field}}$ :

**Movie1**: 9-tooth microgear, B = 1 mT,  $f_{\text{field}} = 0.6 \text{ Hz}$ 

**Movie2**: 9-tooth microgear, B = 1 mT,  $f_{\text{field}} = 7 \text{ Hz}$ 

**Movie3**: 9-tooth microgear, B = 1.5 mT,  $f_{\text{field}}=3 \text{ Hz}$ 

**Movie4**: 11-tooth microgear, B = 2 mT,  $f_{\text{field}} = 0.6 \text{ Hz}$ 

**Movie5**: magnetic and non-magnetic microgear, B = 1 mT,  $f_{\text{field}} = 7 \text{Hz}$ 

**Movie6**: magnetic and non-magnetic microgear, B = 1 mT,  $f_{\text{field}} = 20 \text{Hz}$ 

**Movie7**: three microgears, B = 1 mT,  $f_{\text{field}} = 7 \text{Hz}$