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Technology**

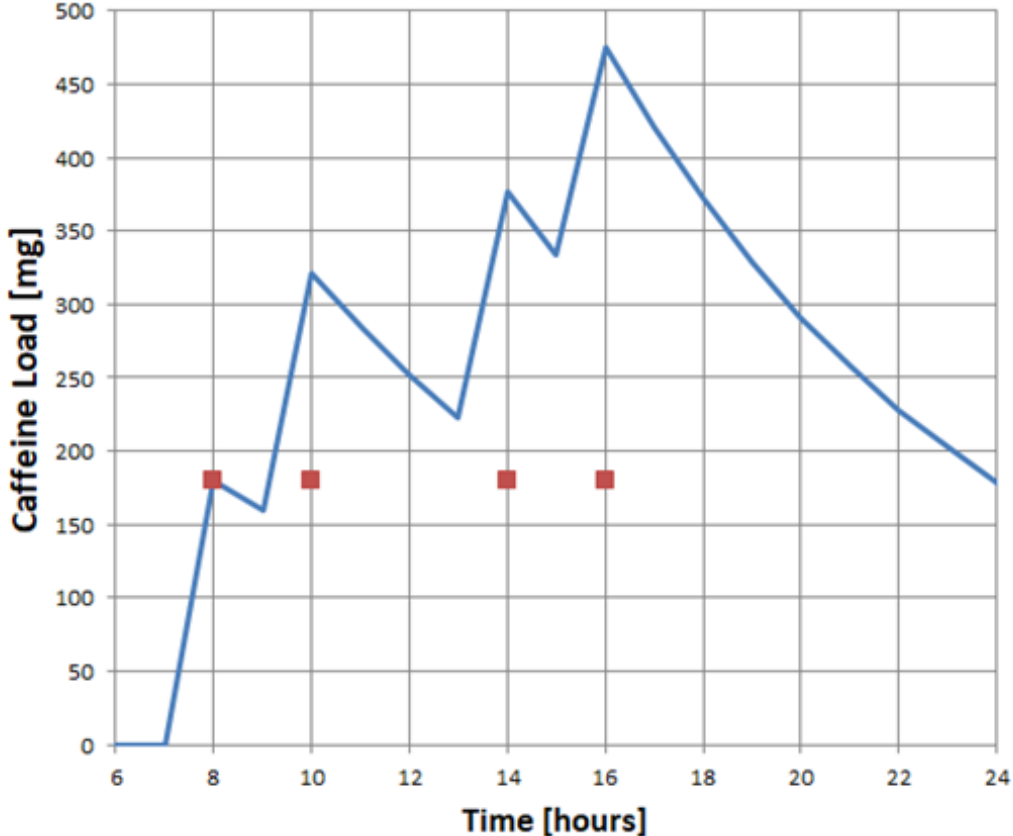
*or*

*“It’s electric so it’s green by definition!”*



# Let's start with a coffee...

## Metabolism of caffeine....



I really need to cut down on coffee...

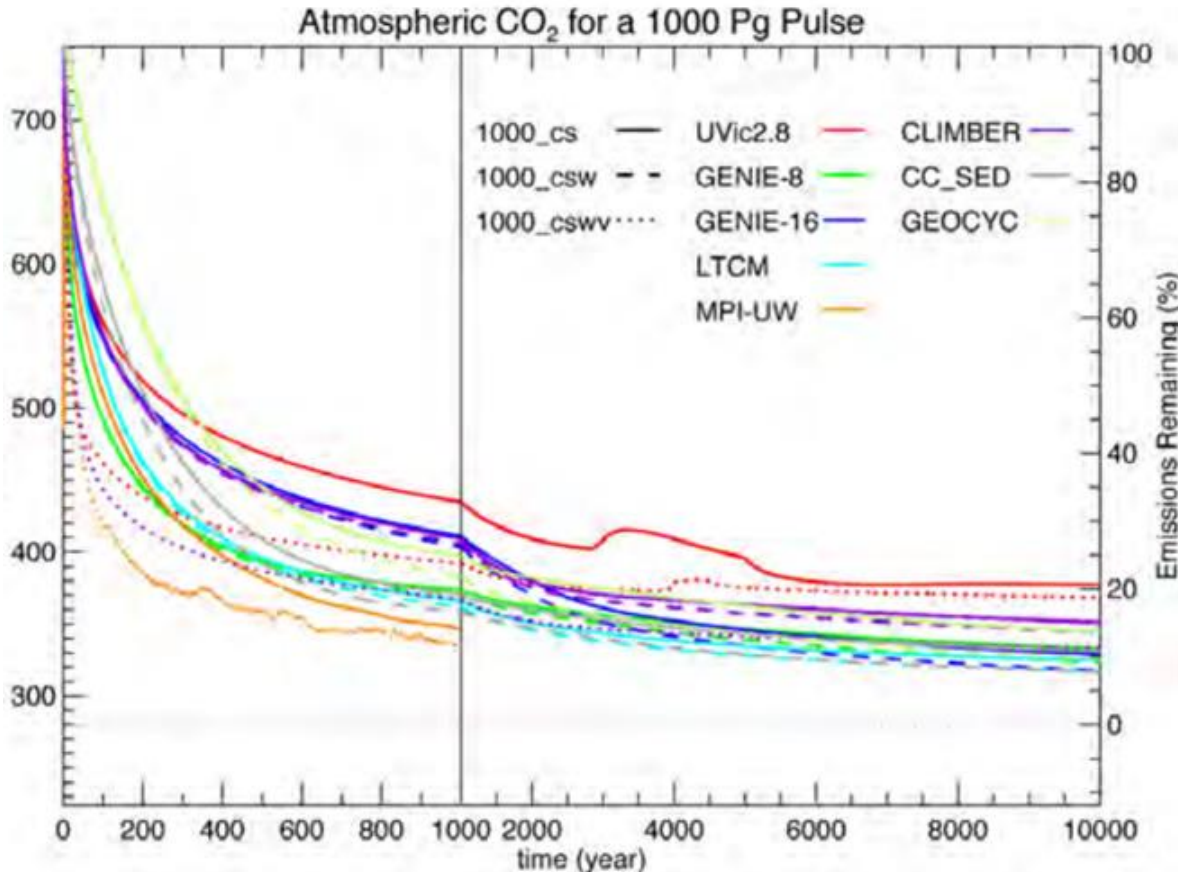


Half Life = 5.7 hours

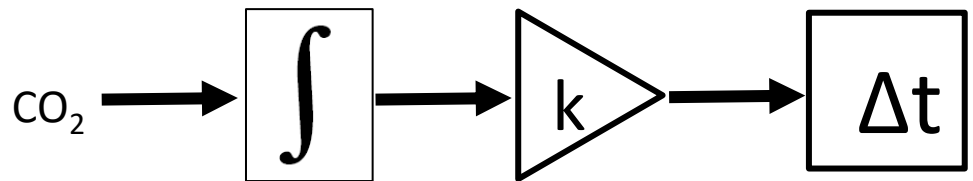


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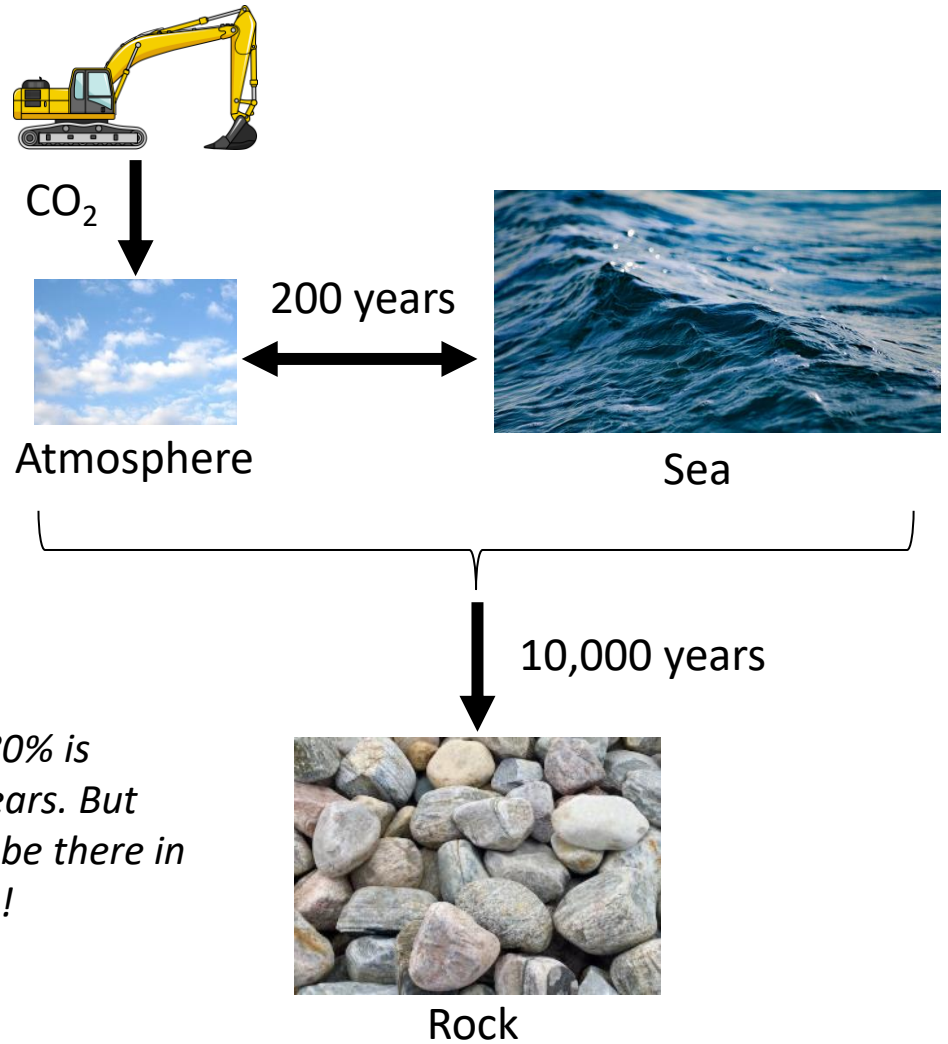
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Atmospheric Lifetime of Fossil Fuel Carbon Dioxide, Archer et al.  
 Article in Annual Review of Earth and Planetary Sciences · May 2009  
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A simple model of the system on the human time scale

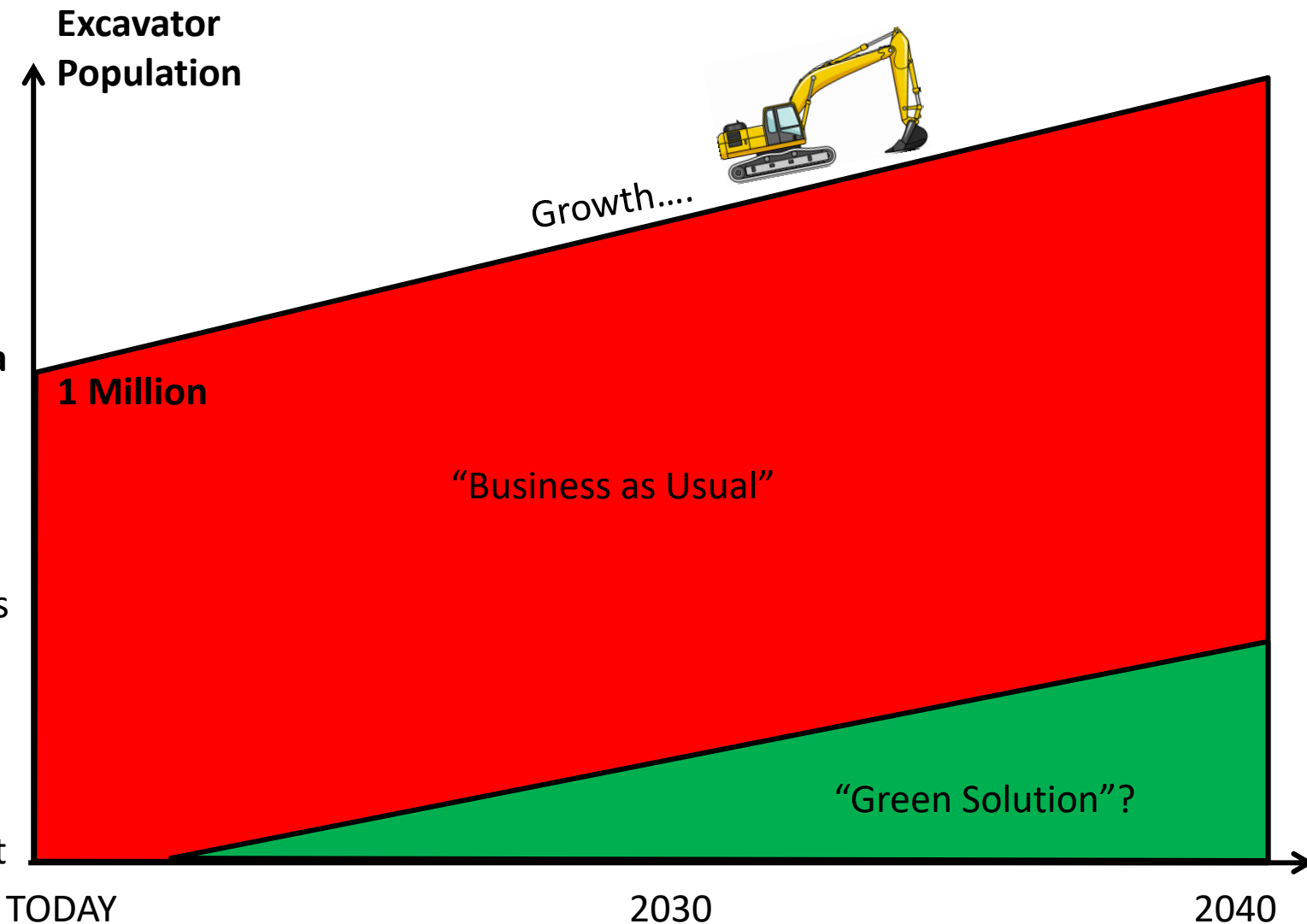


Half life for 80% is about 200 years. But 20% will still be there in 10,000 years!

- **CO2 is not like caffeine...**
- **On the human time scale, it does not decay – it just accumulates.**
- **We don't need solutions in 20 years, we need them now!**

# Do we need a “Green Solution”?

- Example: Excavator emissions.  
*8-40T Excavators*  
*Average 70T CO2/year each*  
*220,000 per year made*  
*est. 1,000,000 population in heavy operation*  
Market is growing (5% CAGR)
- CO2 is accumulating, so what matters is the **area under the curve**. A “Green Solution” needs to take over the market quickly and overtake natural market growth.
- Much of that growth is in “developing” countries => no subsidies, no sentiment, weak carbon-intensive grids.
- An expensive “Green Solution” which requires sustained subsidies will not take over the market quickly enough.

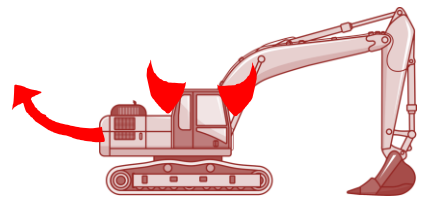


**We need a “Green Solution” which is also a “Business Solution”**



# Battery-electric?

- Diesel is much more energy dense
- But efficiency of the engine is poor compared to the battery-electric system.

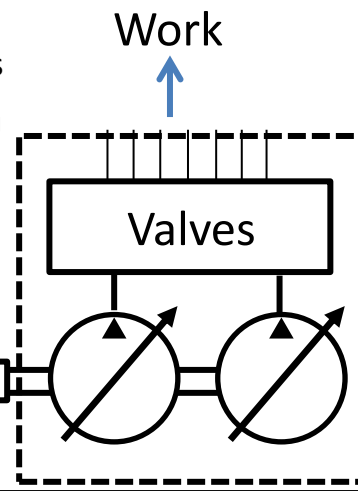
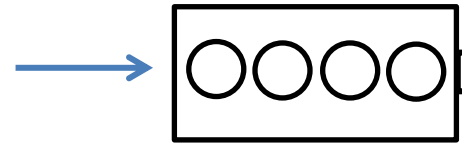


**Diesel**

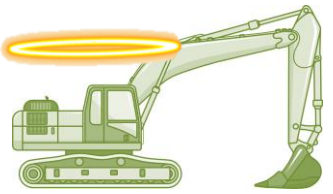
14.4L / h  
 =1275kWh per day  
 =96kg of diesel



200g/kWh  
 37.5% efficiency



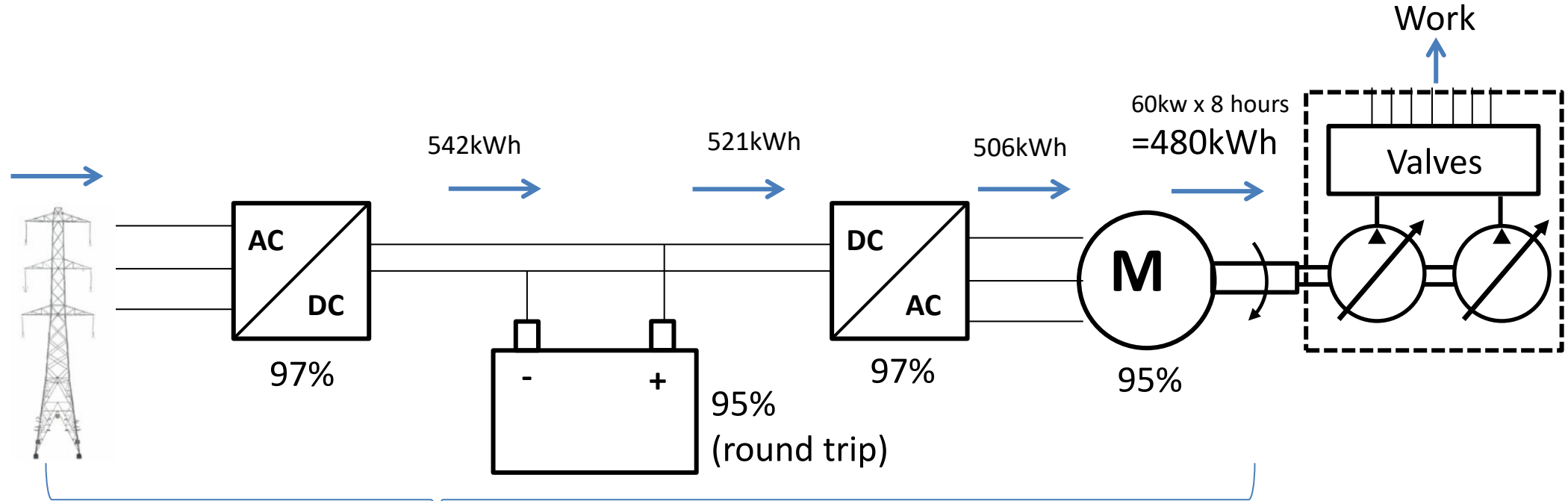
60kw x 8 hours  
 =480kWh



**Electricity**

559kWh  
 per day

2500kg of battery  
 (@200 Wh/kg)



85% overall efficiency  
 (grid to shaft)

# Let's go battery-electric!

2.1% of the world's new cars were plug-in electric in 2018



## Challenges of Battery-Electric at scale

- Lack of charging infrastructure
- Extreme energy requirements
- Tough physical environment
- No subsidies (unlike cars)
- Too expensive today for mass market



## Compact utility machines

- <10kW
- On-grid sites
- Low power & light duty
- Regulated emissions zones

- *Zero local emissions*
- *Lower noise*
- *Green image*
- *Perfect for city centres with ZEV regulations*

SCALE x5 ... x50



## Mainstream productivity machines

- > 50kW
- Off-grid sites
- High power & heavy duty
- Hard-nosed customers just want to make money by shifting dirt – not save the world

**So it's difficult... but surely it will be worth it for the CO2 saving?**

# Lifecycle CO2

1280 hours/year  
Total life = 6 years = 7680 hours

## Vehicle Manufacture



Steel = 2.49 kg CO2/kg

Life cycle analysis of Wind Turbine

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Life Cycle Analysis of the Embodied Carbon Emissions from 14 Wind Turbines with Rated Powers between 50 Kw and 3.4 Mw

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## Battery Manufacture



175 kg CO2/kWh

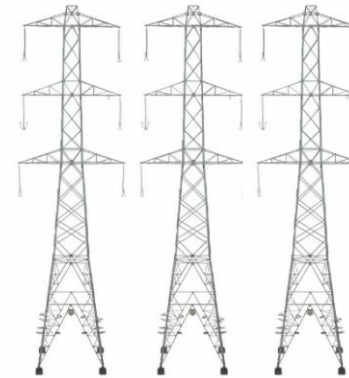
Swedish Environmental Research Institute 2017  
(also figure used by ICCT)

The Life Cycle Energy Consumption and Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Lithium-Ion Batteries

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## Electrical Energy

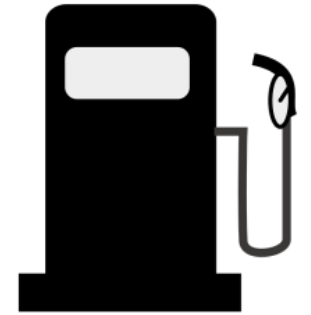


g CO2e/kWh

<b>World Average</b>	<b>460</b>
China	576
Japan	516
USA	420
Germany	396
UK	272
<b>Wind Power</b>	<b>25</b>

June 2018 | BP Statistical Review of World Energy

## Diesel Energy



Diesel:

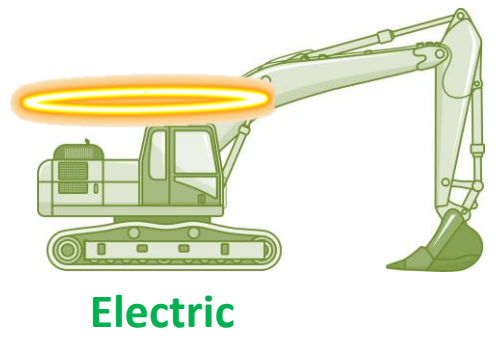
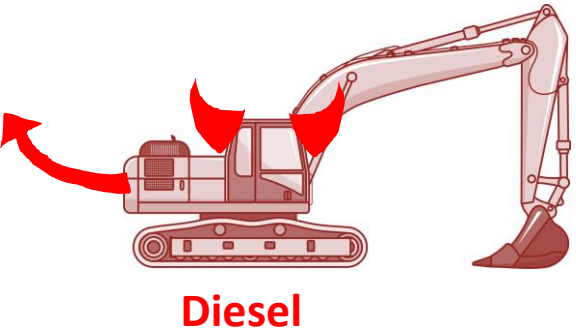
2.68kg CO2e/l (fuel)  
+0.618kg CO2e/l (WTT factor)  
=3.30 kg CO2e/l

2018 Well-to-Tank Conversion Factors

Liquid Fuels	g CO2e/Litre (Net CV)	g CO2e/MJ (Net CV)	% change from 2017 <sup>1</sup> 2018
Pump Petrol (average biofuel blend) <sup>2</sup>	596.65	18.51	+0%
Pump Diesel (average biofuel blend) <sup>2</sup>	618.46	17.23	-0.24%
Bioethanol <sup>3</sup>	613.77	28.83	-5%
Biodiesel (RTFO average) <sup>4</sup>	312.95	9.45	-23%
Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil (HVO) <sup>5</sup>	990.87	28.58	n/a
Biodiesel (UCO) <sup>6</sup>	293.60	8.87	-23%

UK Government Conversion Factors

# 20T Excavator: Life Cycle CO2 [kg per hour of operation]



Vehicle Manufacturing	Battery Manufacturing	Operating Energy	Total																																								
<p>22500kg steel @ 2.49 kg CO2/kg = 56.0T CO2 / 7680 hours life</p> <p><b>=7.3</b></p>	<p><b>(zero)</b></p>	<p>14.4 l/h @ (2.68 + 0.618) kg CO2e/l WTT emissions</p> <p><b>= 47.6</b></p>	<p><b>54.9</b> kg CO2/h</p>																																								
<p><b>=7.3</b></p>	<p>521kWh out @ 80% DOD = 651kWh capacity * 175kg CO2/kWh capacity = 113.9T CO2 Let's hope the battery lasts for lifetime of Excavator (&gt;1000 charges) / 7680 hours life</p> <p><b>=14.8</b></p>	<p>69.9kWh grid per hour of operation</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Source</th> <th>g/kWh</th> <th>kg/h</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>World Average</b></td> <td><b>460</b></td> <td><b>32.2</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>China</td> <td>576</td> <td>40.3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Japan</td> <td>516</td> <td>36.1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>USA</td> <td>420</td> <td>29.4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Germany</td> <td>396</td> <td>27.7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>UK</td> <td>272</td> <td>19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wind Power</td> <td>25</td> <td>1.7</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Source	g/kWh	kg/h	<b>World Average</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>32.2</b>	China	576	40.3	Japan	516	36.1	USA	420	29.4	Germany	396	27.7	UK	272	19	Wind Power	25	1.7	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Total kg/h</th> <th>CO2 vs Diesel</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>54.3</b></td> <td><b>-1.2%</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>62.4</td> <td>13.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>58.2</td> <td>6.0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>51.5</td> <td>-6.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>49.8</td> <td>-9.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>41.1</td> <td>-25.1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23.8</td> <td>-56.6%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Total kg/h	CO2 vs Diesel	<b>54.3</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>	62.4	13.6%	58.2	6.0%	51.5	-6.3%	49.8	-9.3%	41.1	-25.1%	23.8	-56.6%
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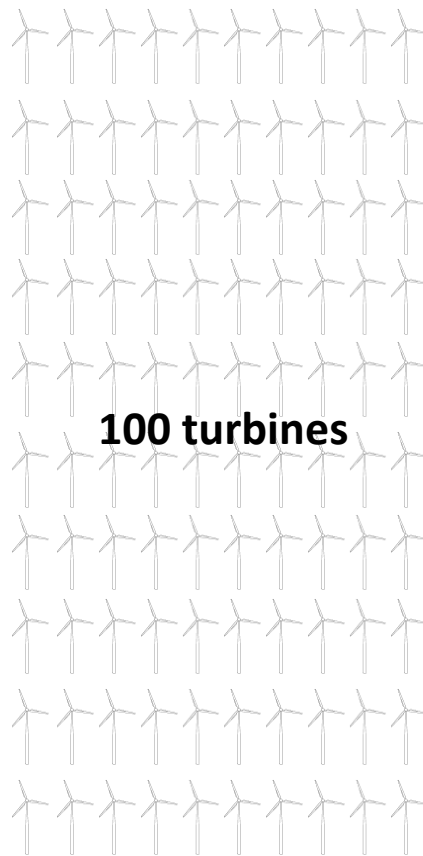
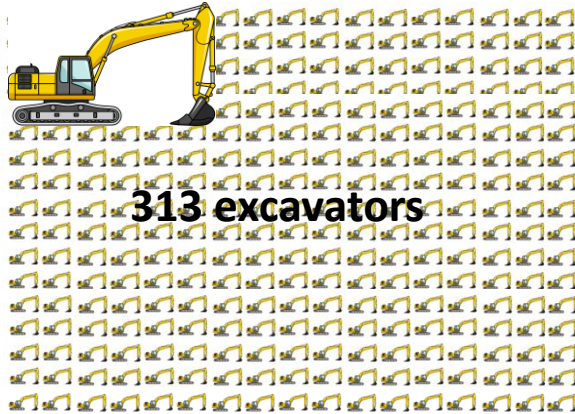
Today, replacing all the world's excavators with battery-electric would hardly save any CO2! In many countries, it's worse than diesel.... it NEEDS a low-carbon energy source like wind!



# How to power all the world's excavators from offshore wind?

Total population, 8-40T = 1,000,000

Each uses 90 MWh/year => 90TWh per year



**3200 turbines**

~90TWh = 10.2GW continuous =  
25.5GW capacity (@40% CF)

*More than the  
world's entire  
offshore wind  
capacity today!*



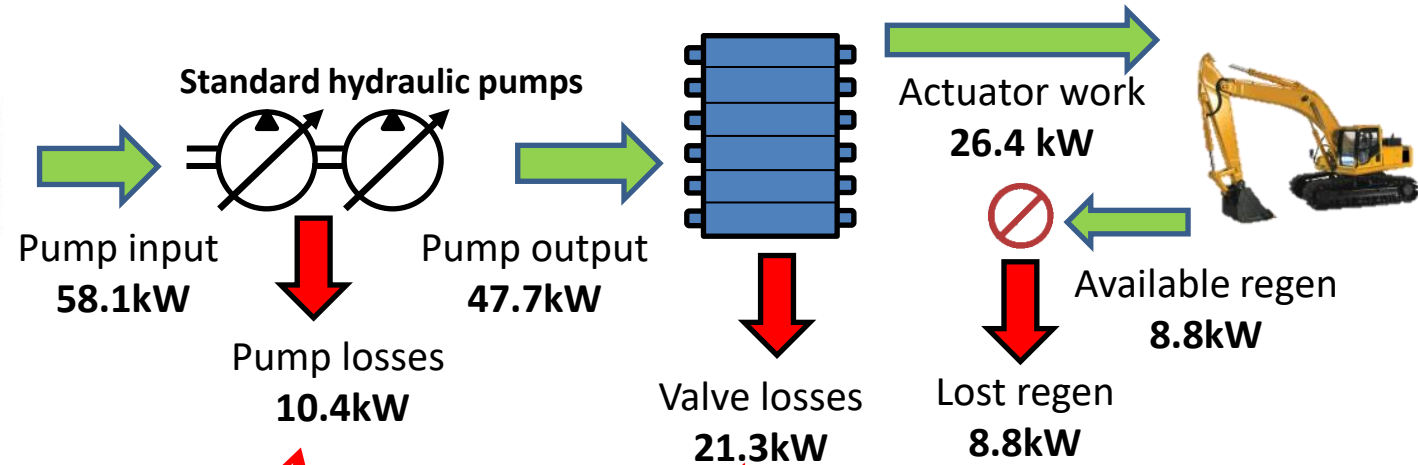
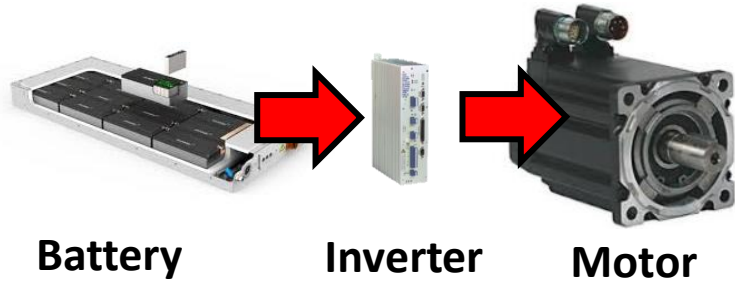
7MW offshore turbine  
(3.2MW average output)

- There is not enough green energy to go round today
- It will take a long time (and huge investment) to fully decarbonise the grid, and have enough to spare
- So can we reduce the energy consumed by excavators in the first place?



# What's the problem?

16T excavator – trenching duty cycle



Should we just replace the diesel engine with a battery-powered electric motor?

Pump is not efficient

Valves dissipate too much energy

Recoverable energy is wasted

Net work delivered = 17.6kW  
Pump input power = 58.1kW

⇒ Overall efficiency of hydraulic system is 30%

# “It’s electric, so it’s green by definition”

(Quote: Electric & Hybrid Aerospace 2017, panel discussion)



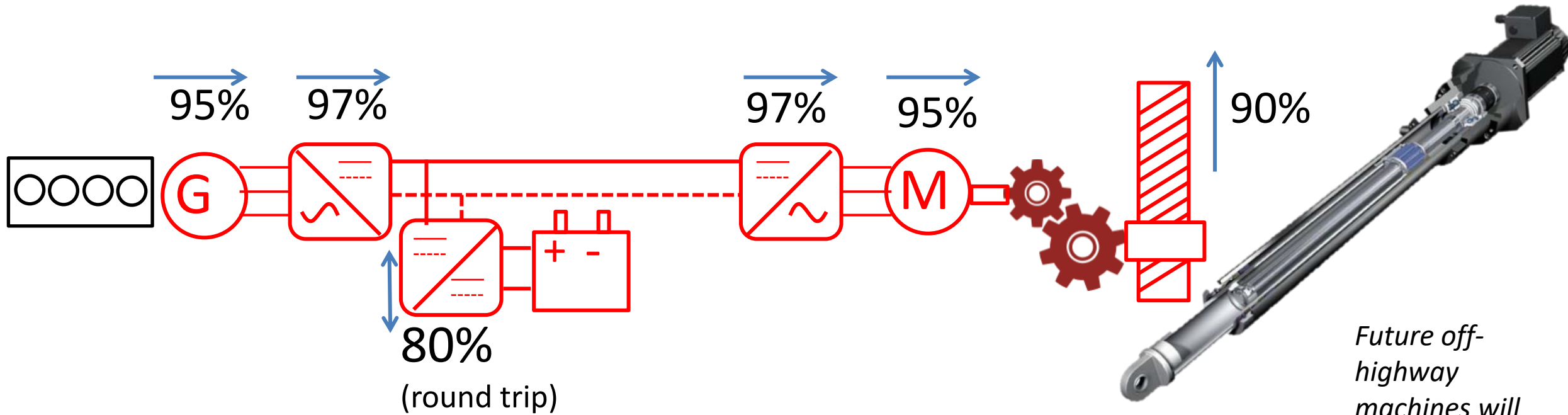
*Is an electric patio heater a “Green Solution”?*

*A real “Green Solution”!*



- **Electrifying an inefficient system is not the best idea**
- **Why waste expensive renewable energy making waste heat?**
- **We should reserve low carbon energy for efficient systems**
- **So let’s improve vehicle system efficiency first...  
...then electrification starts to make sense**

# Can we just eliminate hydraulics completely?



- Remove all hydraulics
- Change hydraulic actuators to electromechanical

⇒ Power transmission efficiency increased

⇒ Mechanical energy recovered

*Future off-highway machines will be all-electric!*





# All-Electric prototypes on show... is this the future?



Volvo, 2017



Yanmar, 2019

# Pure Electric 16T excavator

Generator



50kW

Track R



45kW

Copper Cables



25kW

Boom



25kW

Stick



15kW

Bucket



25kW

Swing



40kW peak

Track L

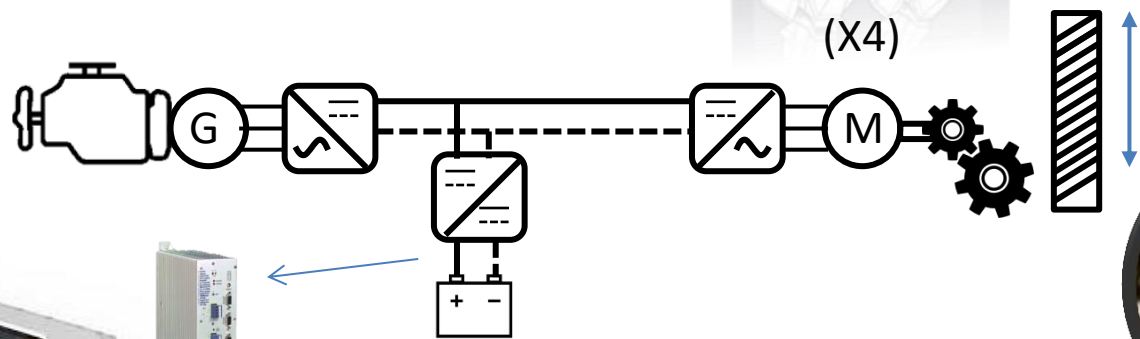


45kW



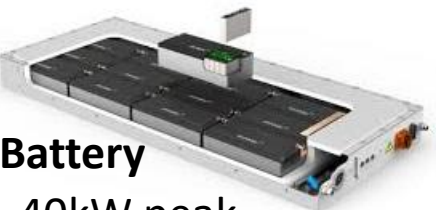
Is this an excavator... ... or a 16T killer robot?

(X4)



Total electronic power = 325kW peak  
Total motor power = 270kW cont  
Looks expensive and complicated!  
How thick is the service manual?  
Will it last in the environment?

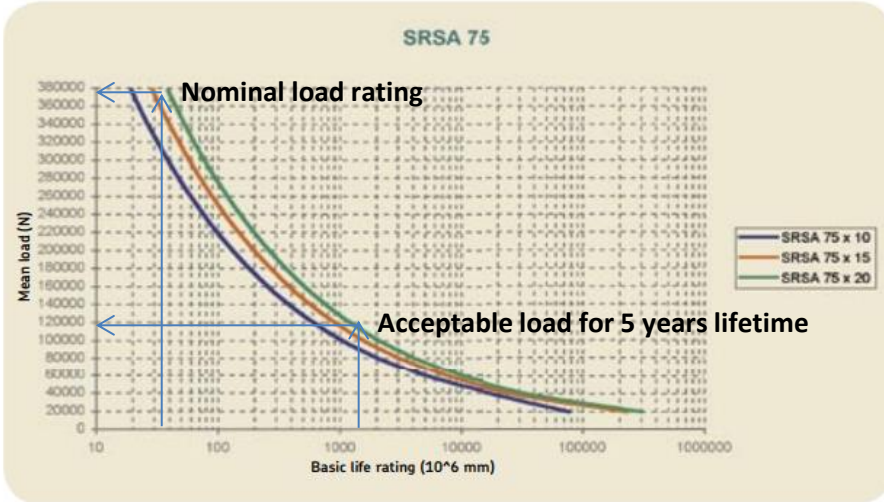
Battery



40kW peak



# Are electric linear actuators viable?



SKF E-truck (2002)

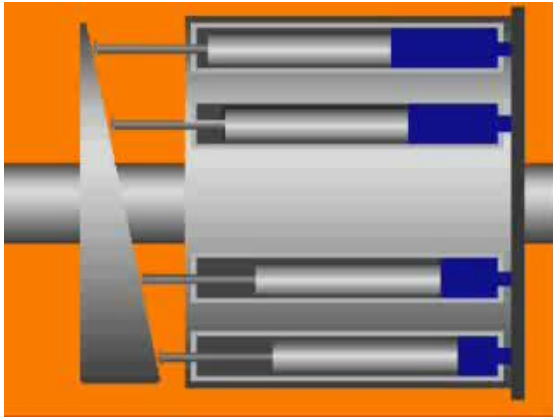
	Electromechanical Cylinder	Hydraulic Cylinder
Proven at full scale?	No	Yes
Mechanical complexity	High	Low
Efficiency	90%	97%
Life-limiting factor	Hertzian contact fatigue (L10 life principle)	Seal wear
Tolerance of shocks & dirt	Low – hates mud and water	High – loves mud and water
Price	High	Low
De-rating required for 8,000hrs life in excavator duty cycle	30% of nominal load	None

**Hydraulics are needed for the foreseeable future!**

# Digital Displacement<sup>®</sup> Technology

*"It's electric, so it's green by definition!"*

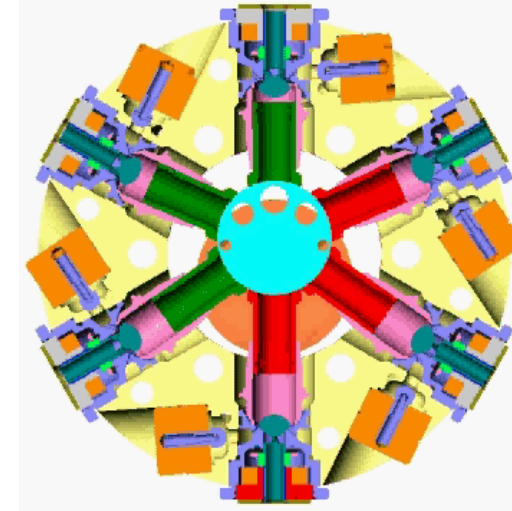
## Analog pump



Controlled by varying the stroke of the pistons

- Limited part-load efficiency
- Mechanical control
- Limited response speed
- Does one function

## Digital Displacement<sup>®</sup> Pump

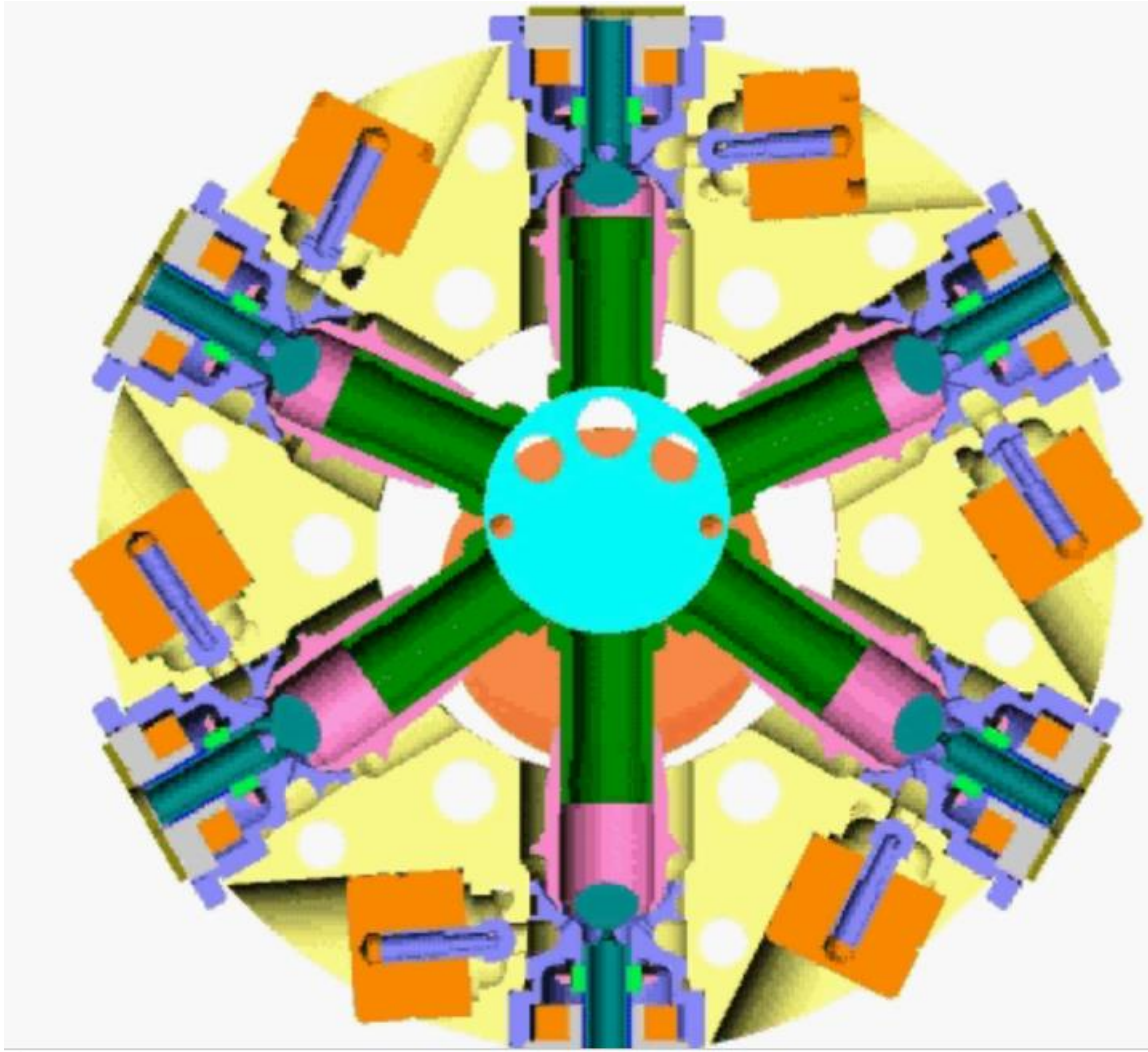


A radial piston machine, controlled by enabling/disabling cylinders in real time, using computer-controlled *electrical* valves

- + Much improved efficiency
- + Digital control built-in
- + Much faster response speed
- + Multiple functions = new architectures



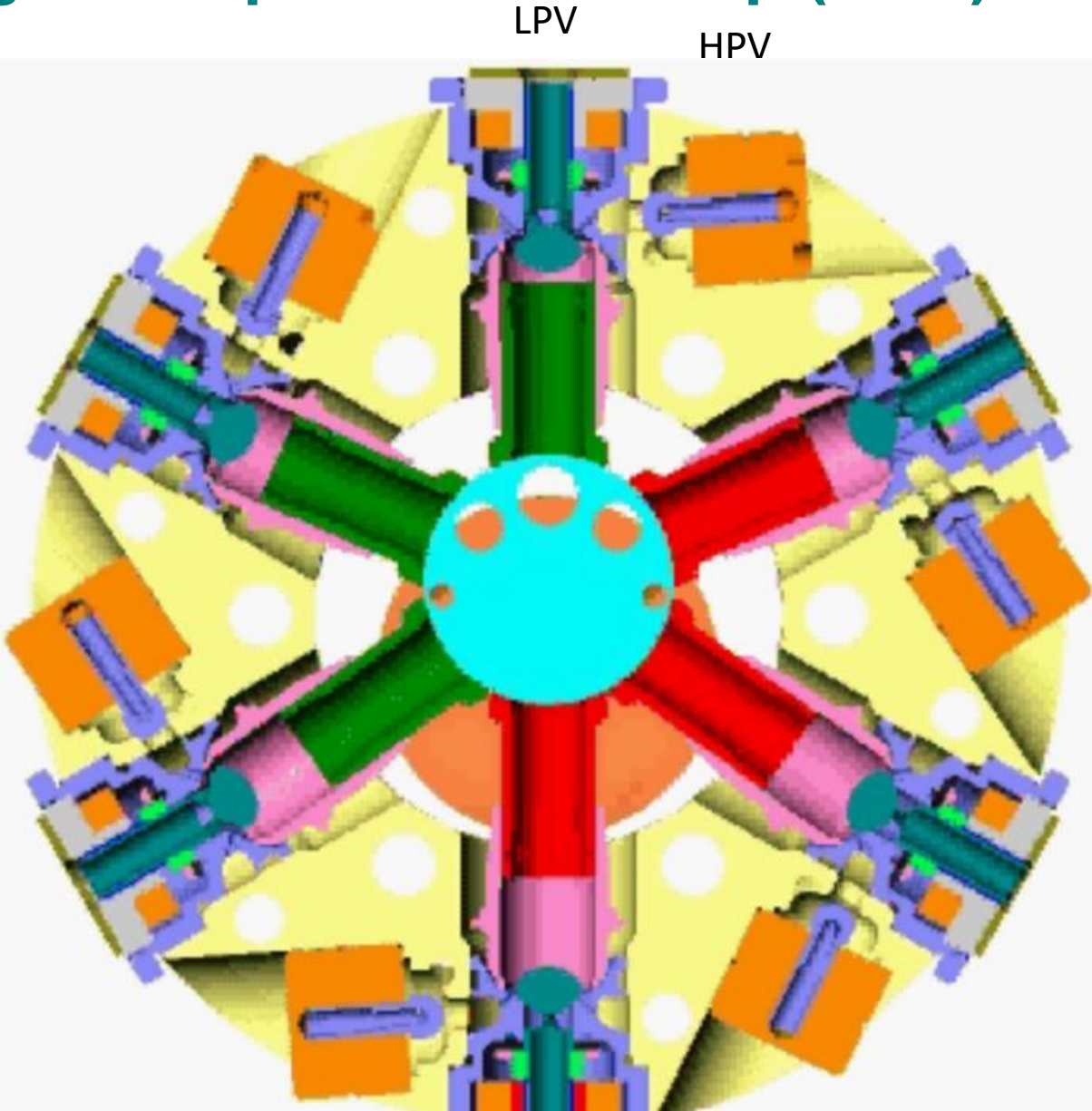
# Digital Displacement Pump (DDP): Idling Cycle



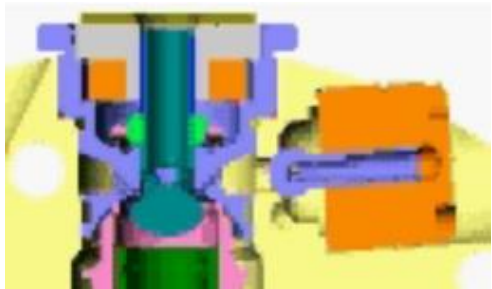
- Fluid flow from each cylinder of a radial piston machine is controlled by a **fast solenoid poppet valve**
- The valve is kept open by a **spring**
- When the valve remains **open**, fluid flows alternately into and out of the tank surrounding the pump
- That cylinder is **disabled**, does no work, is at tank pressure, and consumes very little idle power



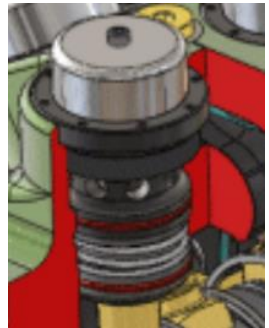
# Digital Displacement Pump (DDP): Pumping Cycle



- The low pressure valve (LPV) can be shut within a few milliseconds by sending a **pulse** of current to a coil
- When the valve is shut at bottom dead centre, that cylinder is **enabled**, and does one pumping stroke
- After the pumping stroke, the valve reopens, the cylinder intakes from the tank and remains **idle** until the coil is pulsed again



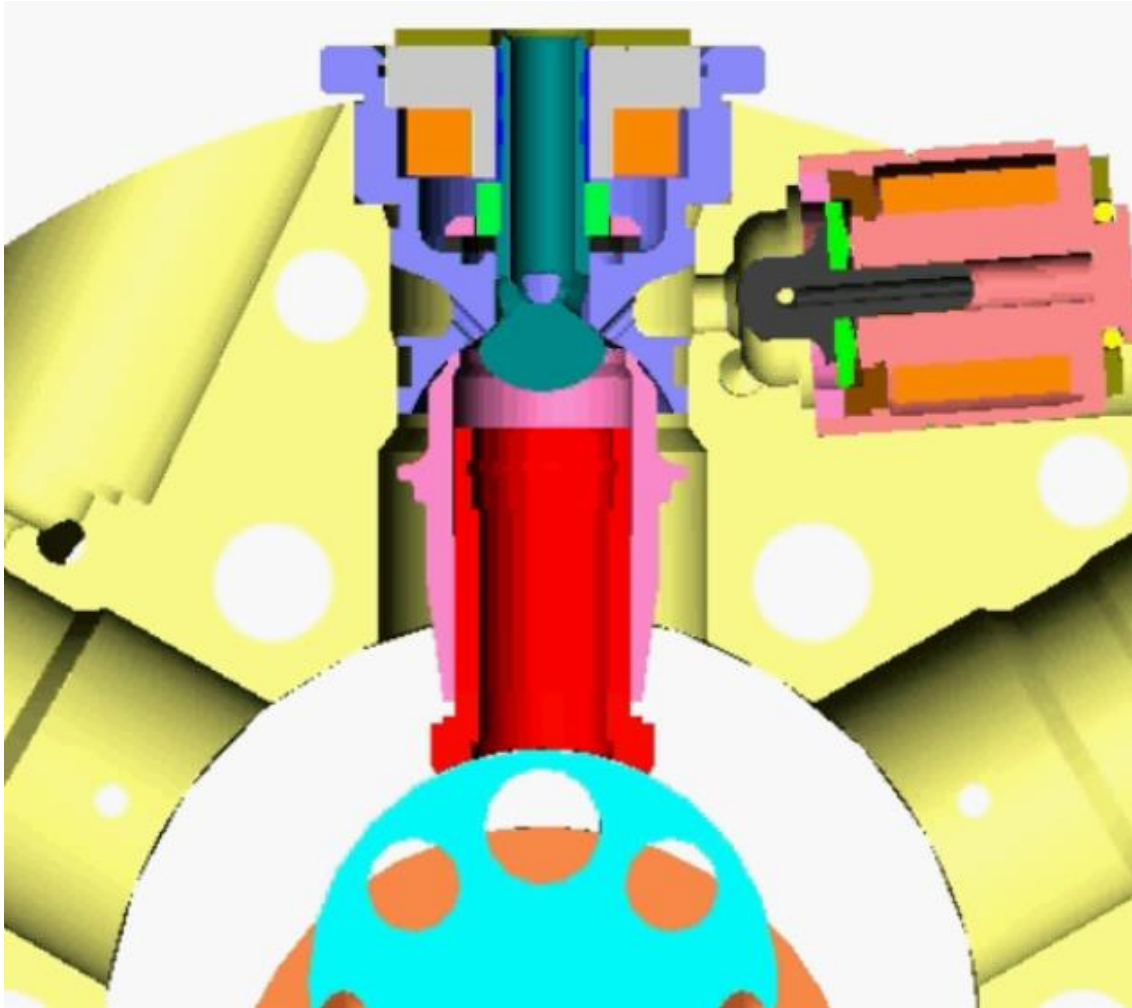
Separate LPV + Passive HPV



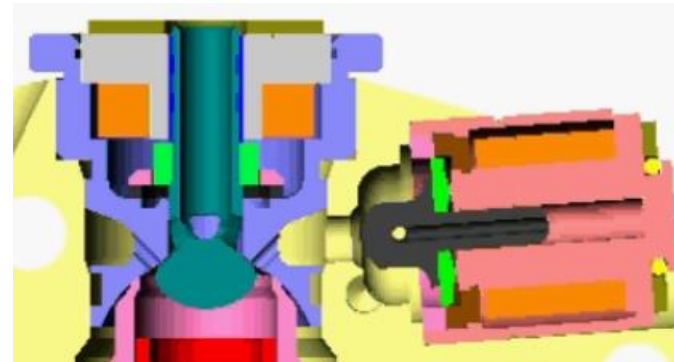
"PAV" Integrated Valve



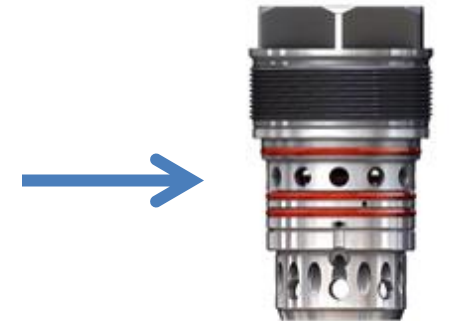
# Digital Displacement Pump/Motor (DDPM) : Motoring Cycle



- Cylinder exhausts to the tank through the open LPV
- Just before TDC the LPV is closed and the cylinder pressure equalises with the supply pressure
- The active HPV is opened by pulsing a solenoid coil. Once open it is held latched by switching the coil to low-duty PWM. The piston exerts torque on the shaft during the motoring stroke
- The HPV closes just before BDC, depressurising the cylinder



Separate LPV + HPV

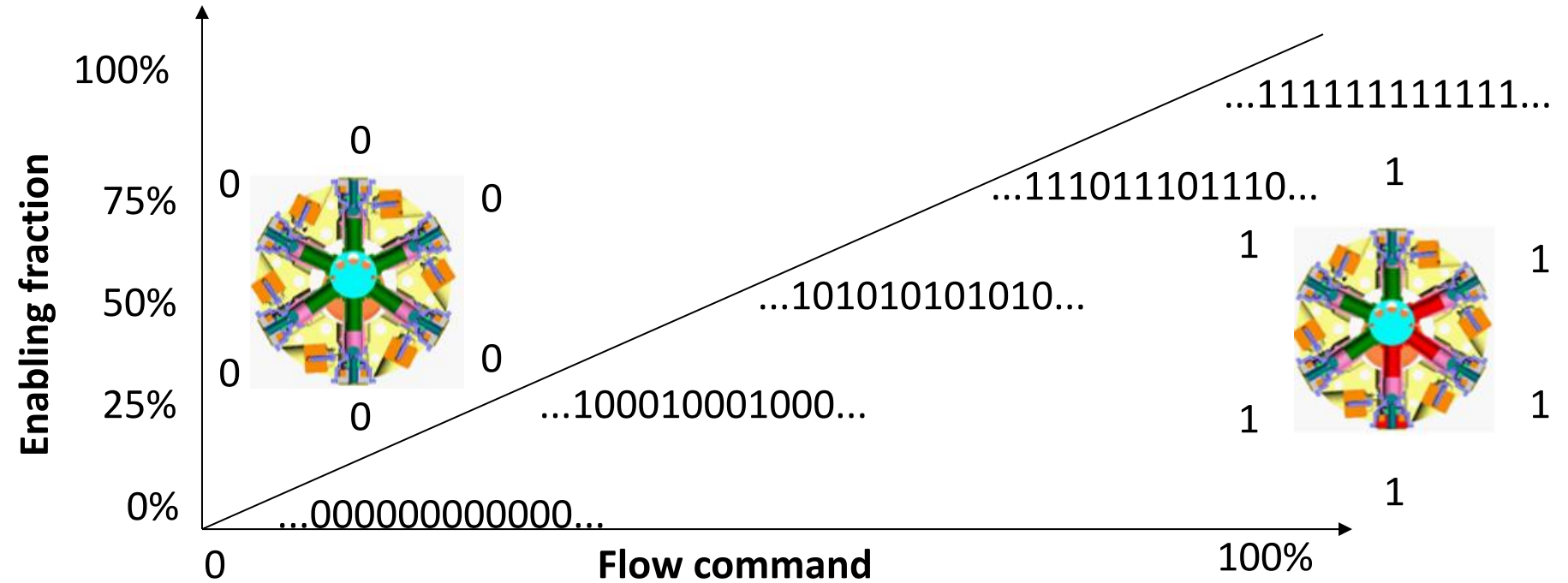


MAV (single coil)

# Variable displacement methods

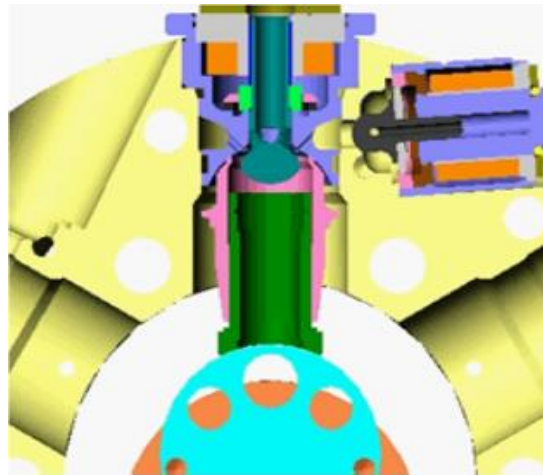
## 1. Enabling sequence

*A sequence of digital enabling decisions gives a continuously-variable displacement*



## 2. Partial stroke

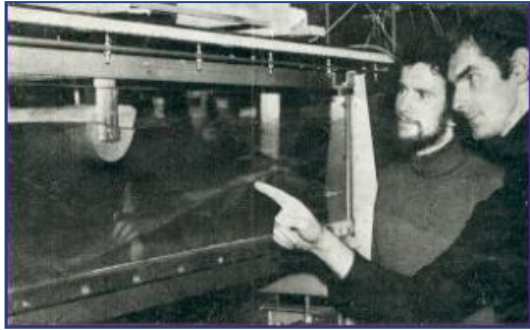
*Closing the LPV part way between BDC and TDC delivers a partial stroke to the outlet.*



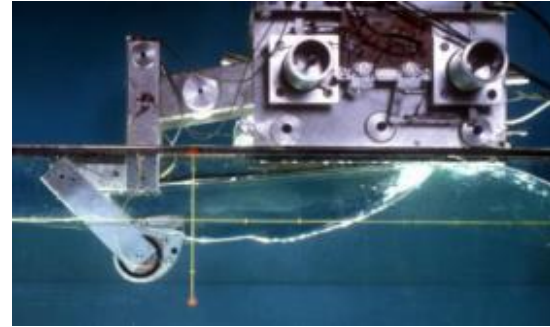
## 3. Combination of 1 & 2

*We can combine partial, full and idle strokes in a sequence.*

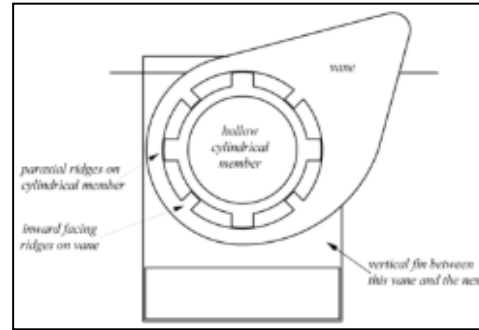
# Origins of Artemis - wave energy research at University of Edinburgh



Stephen Salter, David Jeffrey & first Duck



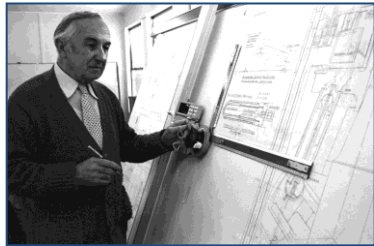
Extreme wave at 1/100<sup>th</sup> scale



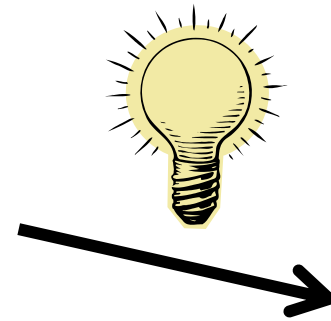
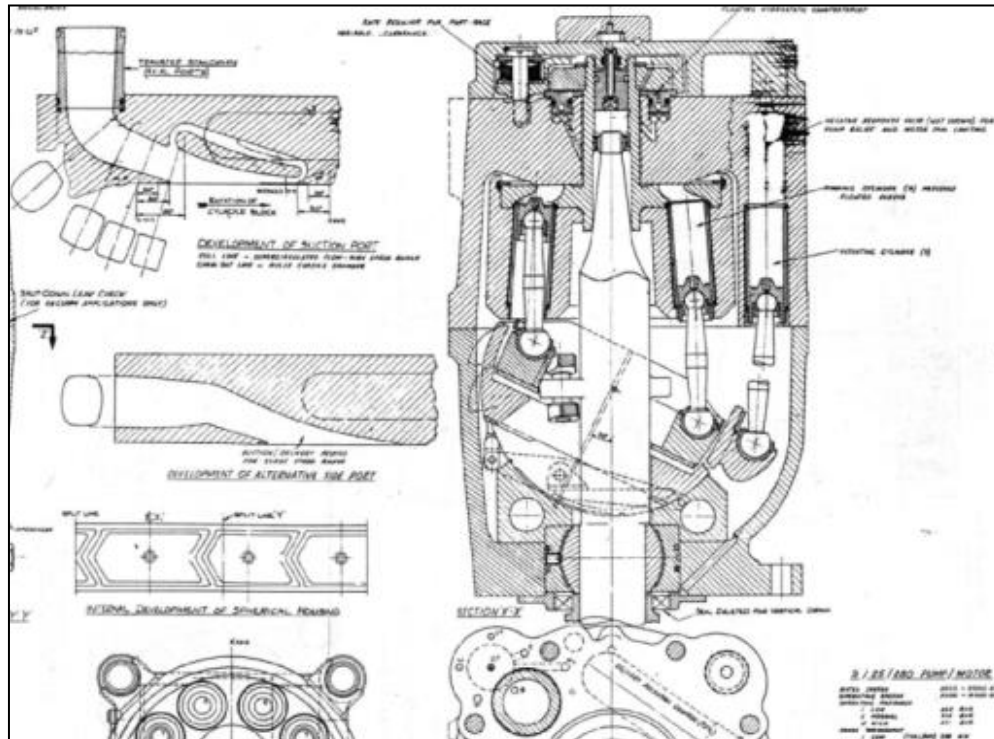
Spline-pump power-take-off



Gyro power-take-off with ring-cam pumps and axial-motors



Robert Clerk



Prof Win Rampen

Digital Displacement® Technology



# History of Digital Displacement® and Artemis

1984 – First concepts published for Wave Energy generator

1990 – First prototype, 18 cc/rev axial piston design

1994 – First radial piston design, formation of Artemis Intelligent Power

1998 – 1.5kW pump powerpack demonstrated

2003 – 6.0kW DDP propel system demonstrated

2004 – Aerial work platform demonstrated

2008 – BMW hybrid car: uses half the fuel of a manual transmission on EU city cycle

2010 – Acquisition by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries for Offshore Wind

2011 – AIP demonstrates 1.6MW wind transmission

2014 – Hybrid city bus

- 7 MW wind turbine begins operation in Scotland

- First commercial sale of E-dyn 96cc/rev DD industrial pump

2015 – 7 MW wind turbine begins operation off the coast of Japan

*The world's largest floating wind turbine*

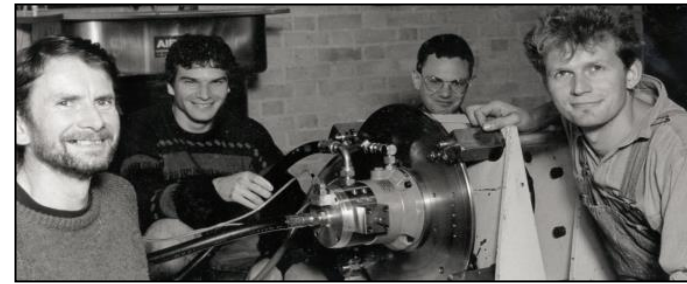
*The world's most powerful hydostatic transmission*

2016 – DD excavator demonstration “DEXTER”

2017 – New Danfoss / Artemis cooperation in Edinburgh

2018 – Danfoss acquires majority stake of Artemis

2019 – Danfoss announce targetted launch of E-dyn96 pump



*The first DD pump/motor*



*The first DD power-pack*



*First DD propel transmission*



*The first DD vehicle*



*The first full-size DD off-highway demonstrator*



*BMW with DD Hybrid System*



*1.6MW DD Wind Transmission*



*7MW Wind Turbine with DD Transmission*



*E-dyn96 and controller*



*Tandem E-dyn96 in Excavator*



**Majority ownership announced: October 2018**

“Danfoss will establish a manufacturing presence in Edinburgh to deliver products to the market based on the Digital Displacement technology, while establishing Edinburgh as the Centre of Excellence for this technology”



**Eric Bretey**  
Director - Digital  
Displacement,  
Danfoss Scotland



**New manufacturing facility**



“So, with this digital displacement technology we’re very well positioned to enter the excavator market in what we think will be the breakthrough technology. But it’s not limited to excavators by the way. It is very, very versatile technology, so we are looking at a number of other off-highway applications,” Alström said.



**Eric Alström**  
CEO,  
Danfoss Power Solutions

“Digitalization is a key driver in our industry and AIP constitutes a strategic fit with our ambition for technology leadership, innovation speed and the core product differentiators of efficiency and controllability”



**Jeff Herrin, Phd**  
VP R&D,  
Danfoss Power Solutions



- We develop Digital Displacement® core technology
  - Simulation and concept development
  - Design: Mechanical, Electronic, Software
  - Experimental development and verification
- We develop applications and products with partners
  - Application demonstration
  - Technology licensing
  - Product development
  - Manufacturing for pilot production



ROYAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING  
MacRobert Award 2015



10kW

100 kW

1MW

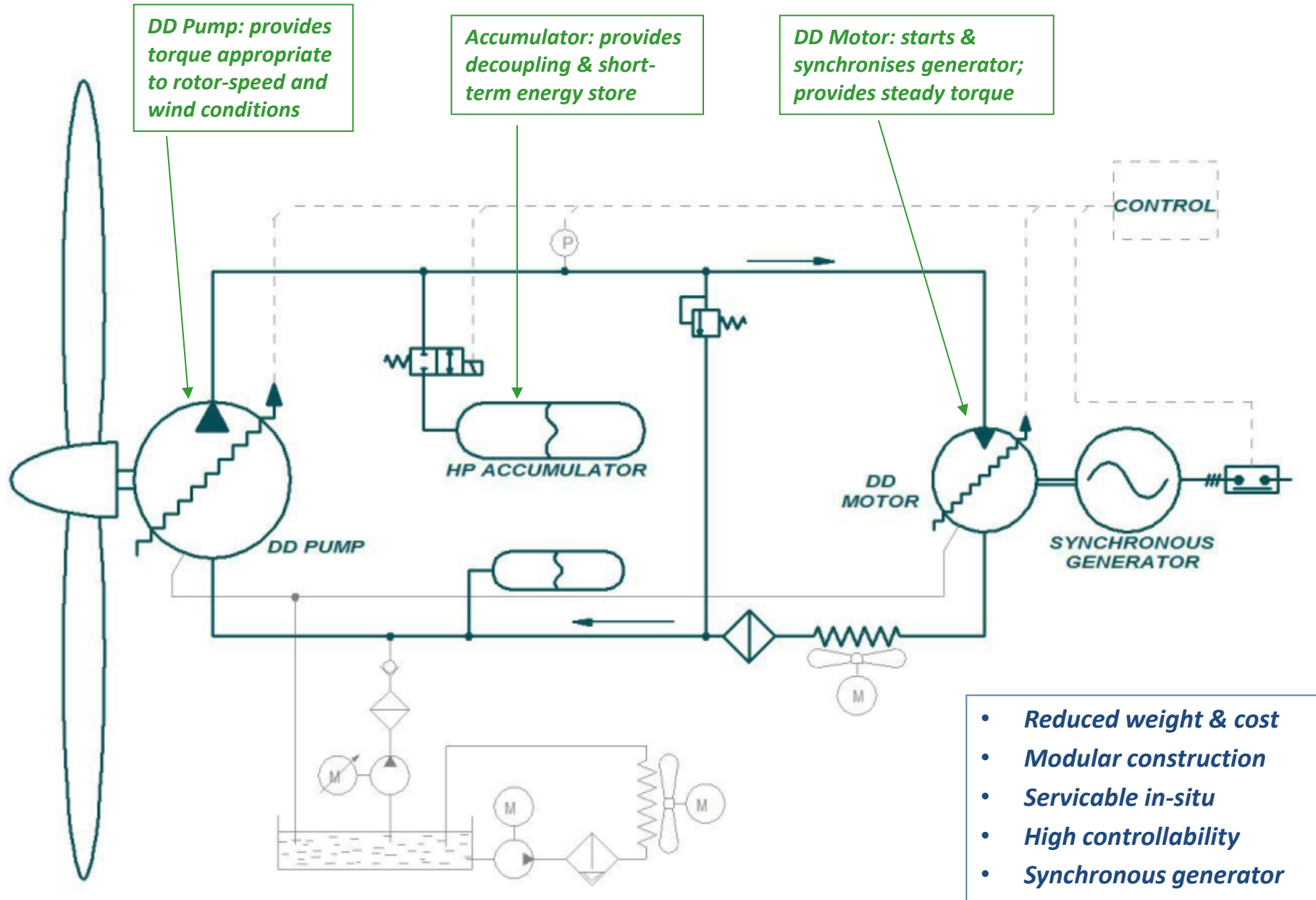
7MW



The World's Largest Floating Offshore Wind Turbine... has a DD transmission

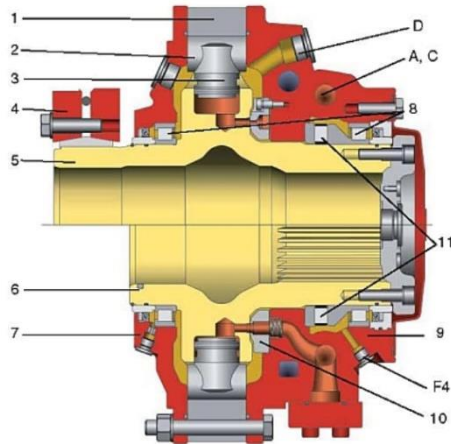
# Digital Displacement<sup>®</sup> Wind Turbine

# Digital Displacement<sup>®</sup> Transmission (DDT)



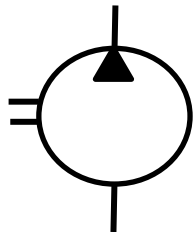


# Conventional



- 1. Cam ring
  - 2. Cam roller
  - 3. Piston
  - 4. Shaft coupling
  - 5. Cylinder block / hollow shaft
  - 6. Cylinder block / spline
  - 7. Front end cover
  - 8. Cylindrical roller bearing
  - 9. Connection block
  - 10. Valve plate
  - 11. Axial bearing
- A = inlet or outlet port «A»  
 C = inlet or outlet port «C»  
 D = drain port  
 F4 = Flushing

- One piece design
- Fixed displacement
- No control
- Slow response



# 1.6MW DDP

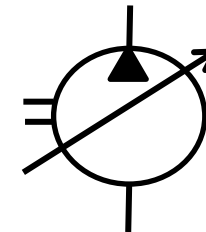


7480cc/rev  
 Overall efficiency  
 97% peak @ 15rpm



LPV  
 < 0.5 bar  
 @ rated flow

- Modular design
- Variable displacement
- Smart digital control
- Fast response





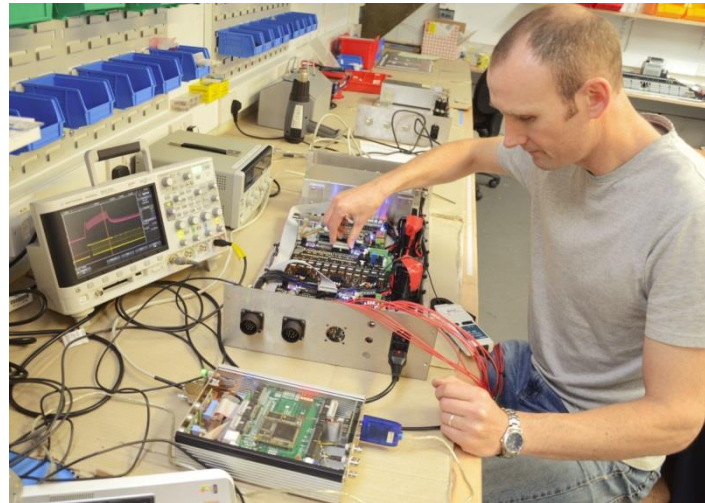
# Q40 DDM

960cc/rev

Overall efficiency  
96.5% peak @  
1500rpm



Piston/cylinder and solenoid valves for the 800kW DDM

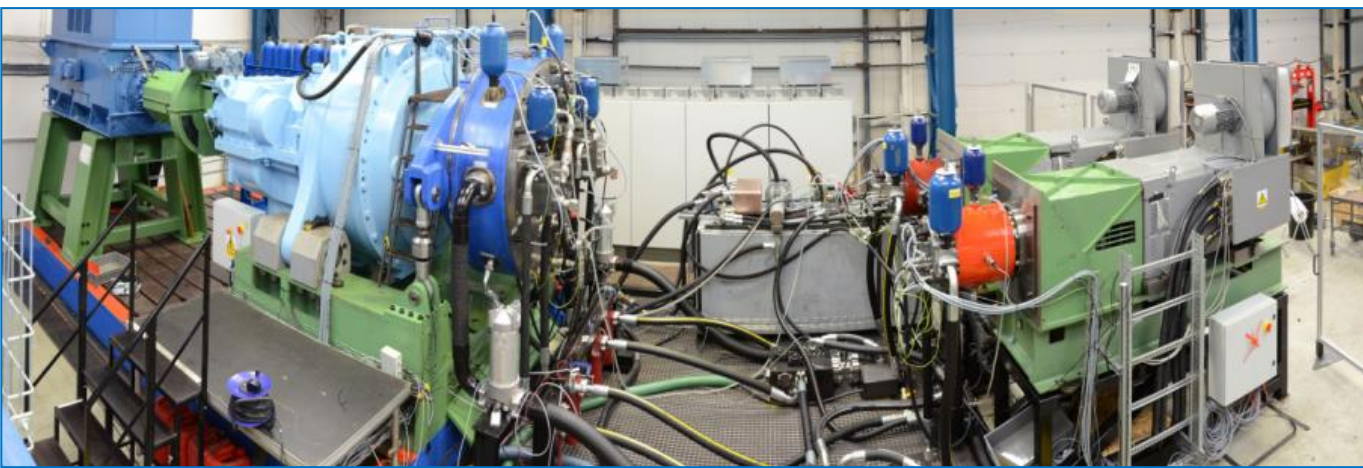


Matt Feldberg tests the controller and power electronic module for the 800kW DDM



David Cruikshank fitting the 800kW DDM (with cover removed) to the generator.





7480cc ; 15rpm

2 x 960cc ; 1500rpm

### Efficiency

~ 93.5% overall indicated

### Response

Sudden loss of grid (<30ms response)

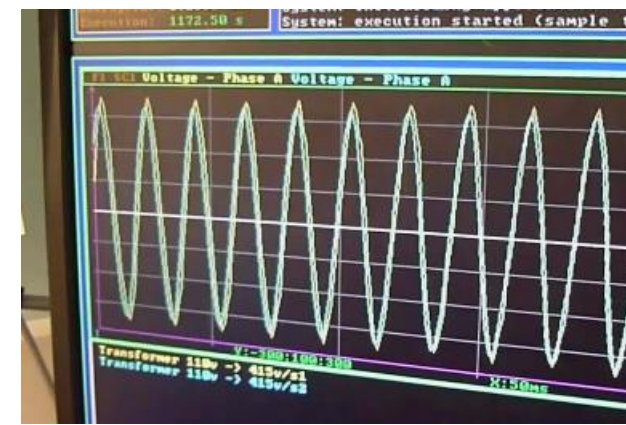
Synchronisation of generators (<5 degrees)

### Control features

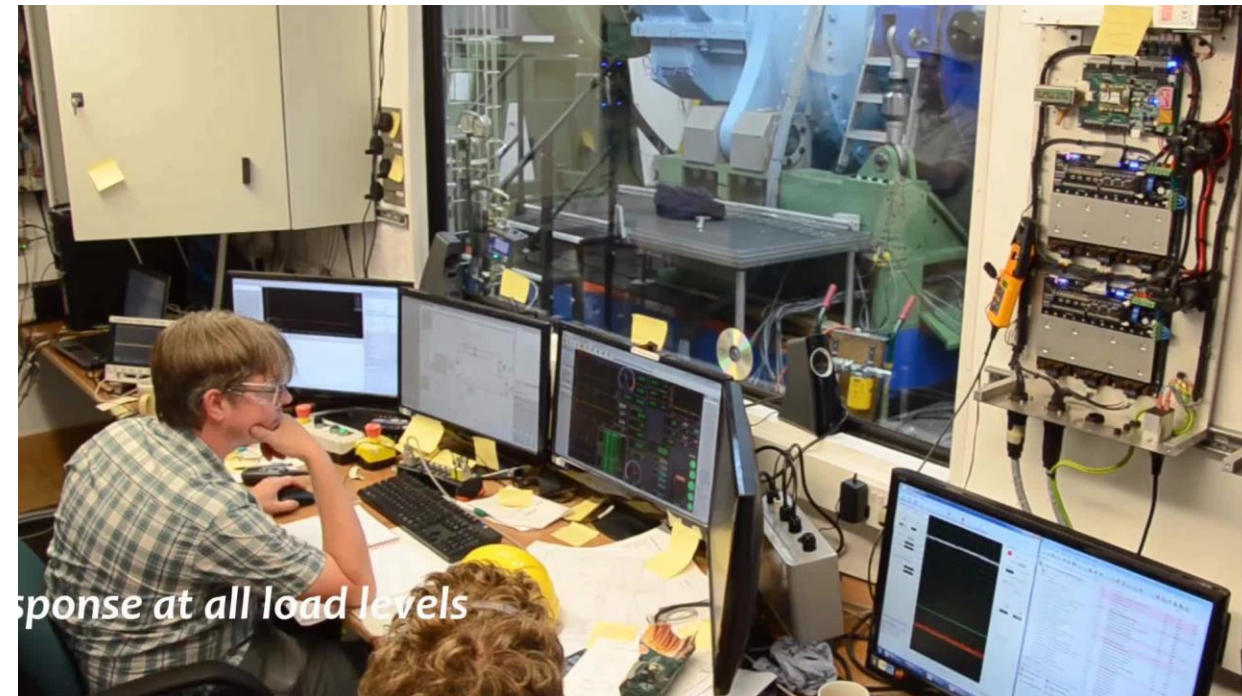
Detect & compensate for valve failure

Self tuning of valve timing

Realtime monitoring of bearing loads



Startup and synchronisation  
with grid in less than 10  
seconds



# Electronics and Software in the 7MW DDT

## Control Hierarchy

### 1. Wind Turbine Controller:

- Master state machine
- Torque/speed strategy
- Blade pitch strategy

### 2. DDT Controller:

- Hydraulic system state machine (startup, warmup, run, shutdown....)
- Torque strategy (pressure, displacement)
- System level fault management
- Start-up synchronisation

### 3. DD Machine Controller:

- Enabling algorithm
- Pressure limiting
- Valve fault management
- Closed loop valve timing

### 4. FPGA:

- Pulse timing
- Solenoid Protection
- Valve Motion Detection

**AMC**  
**(DD Machine Controller)**  
*Software: AIP*  
*Hardware: AIP*

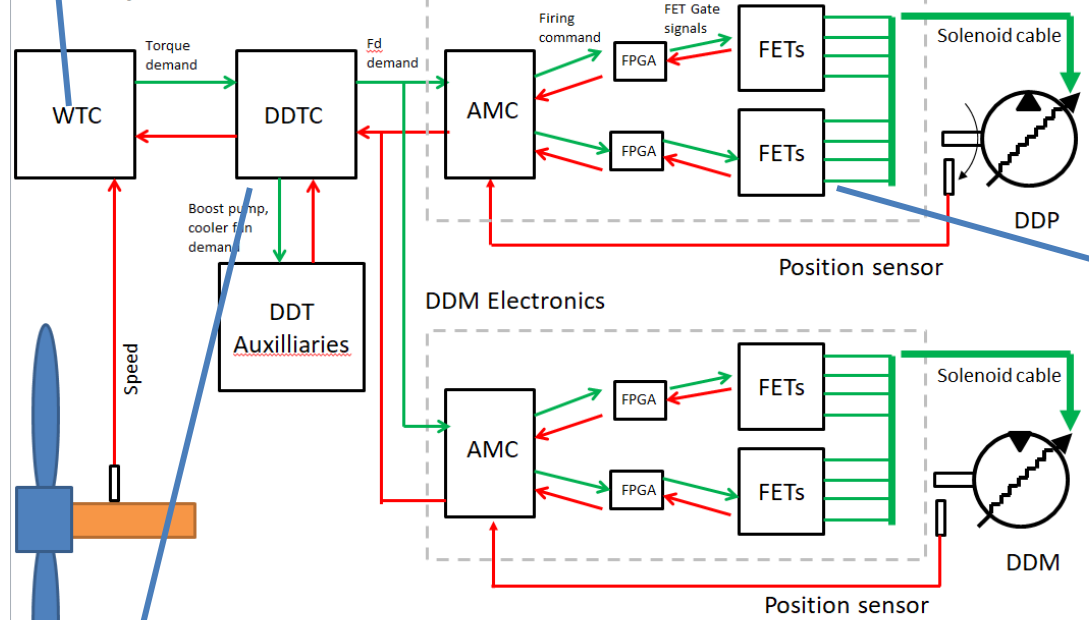


**FET Modules inc FPGA**  
*Software: AIP*  
*Hardware: AIP*



MHI

Control system schematic



- 3 x DDP/DDM Cabinets
- 2 x AMC
- 9 x FET Module (DDP)
- 4 x FET Module (DDM)

*Complete system : AIP*

**DDTC**  
**(Digital Displacement Transmission Controller)**  
 Simulink model running on Bachmann M1

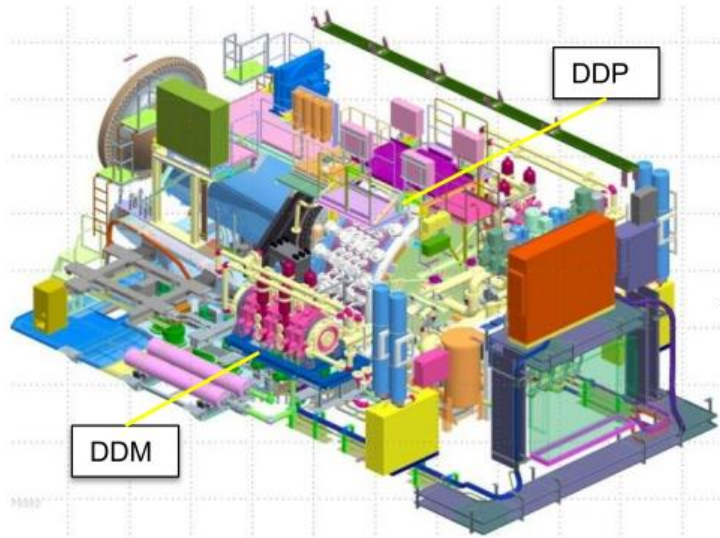
*Software: AIP*  
*Hardware: Bachmann*





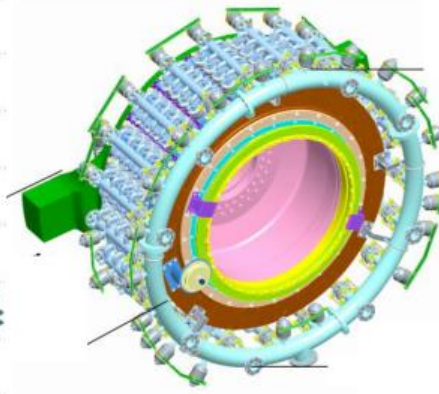
# The world's most powerful hydrostatic transmission....

## DDT



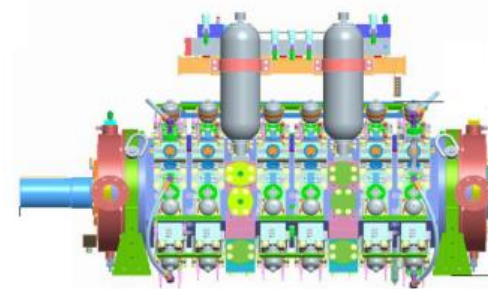
**Wt Nacelle(Without Enclosure)**

## Pump



**DDP (Pump)**

## 2 x Motors



**DDM (Motor)**



7MW continuous  
350 bar, 12500L/min  
(0.21 m<sup>3</sup>/s)



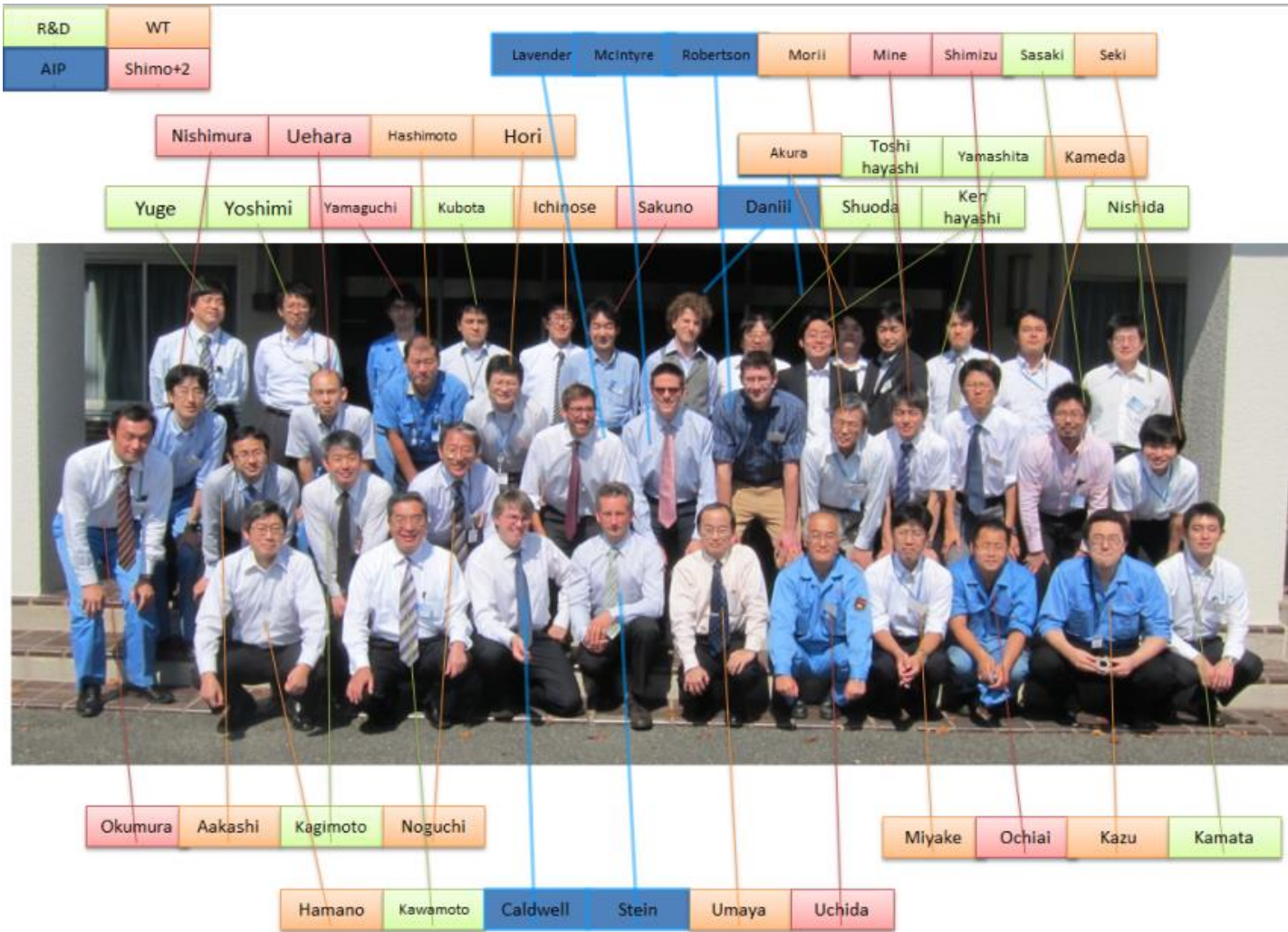
305c x 168 x 32  
1640 L/rev , 10.3rpm



2 x 210cc x 36  
2 x 7.5 l/rev , 1000rpm

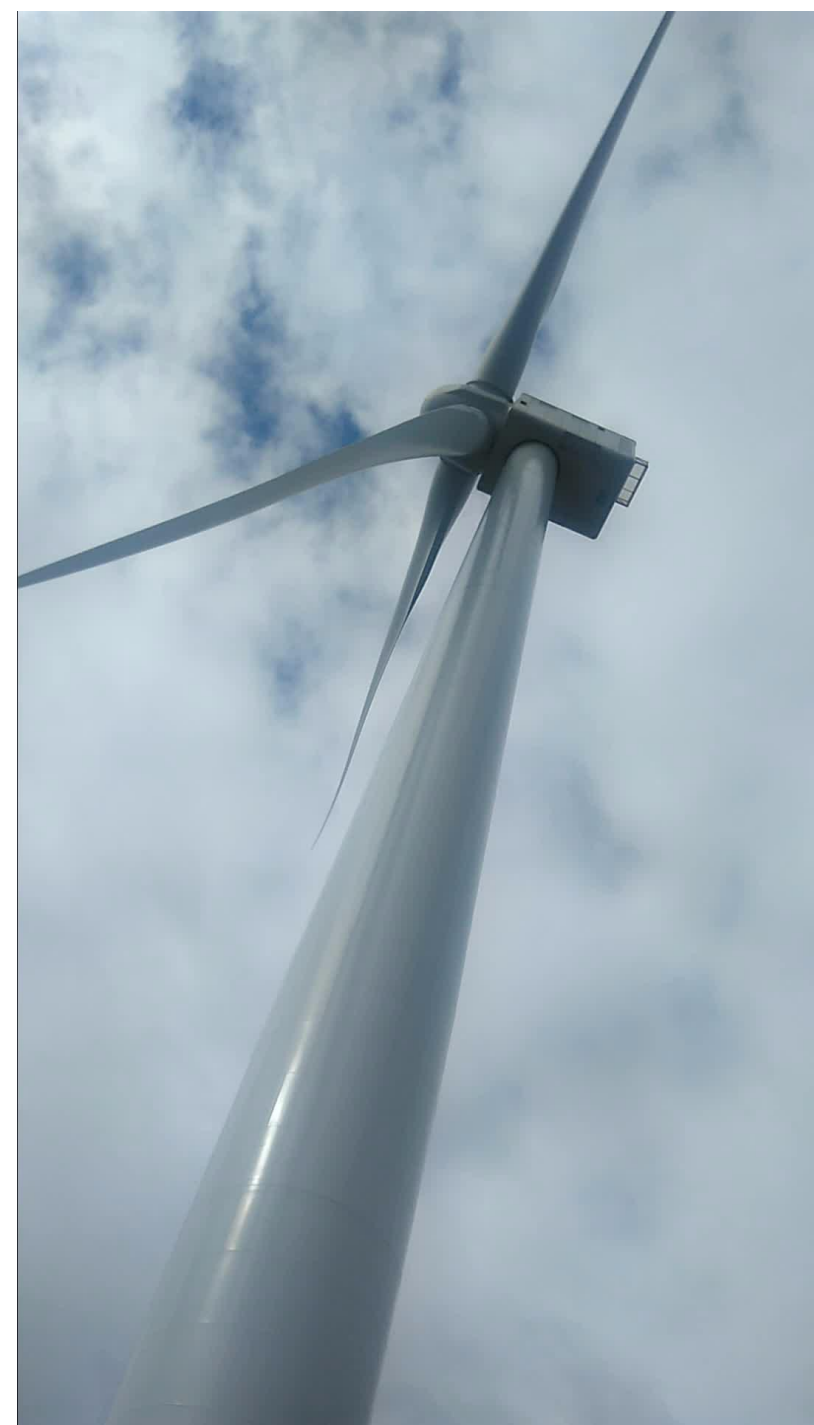
*The SI unit of flow rate is almost useful!*





*Artemis cooperation with MHI engineers*

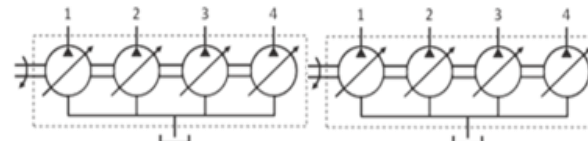
*7MW MHI turbine at full load, Hunterston, Scotland*



# DD for mainstream hydraulic systems

# E-dyn 96 Digital Displacement<sup>®</sup> Pump (DDP)

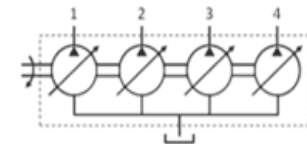
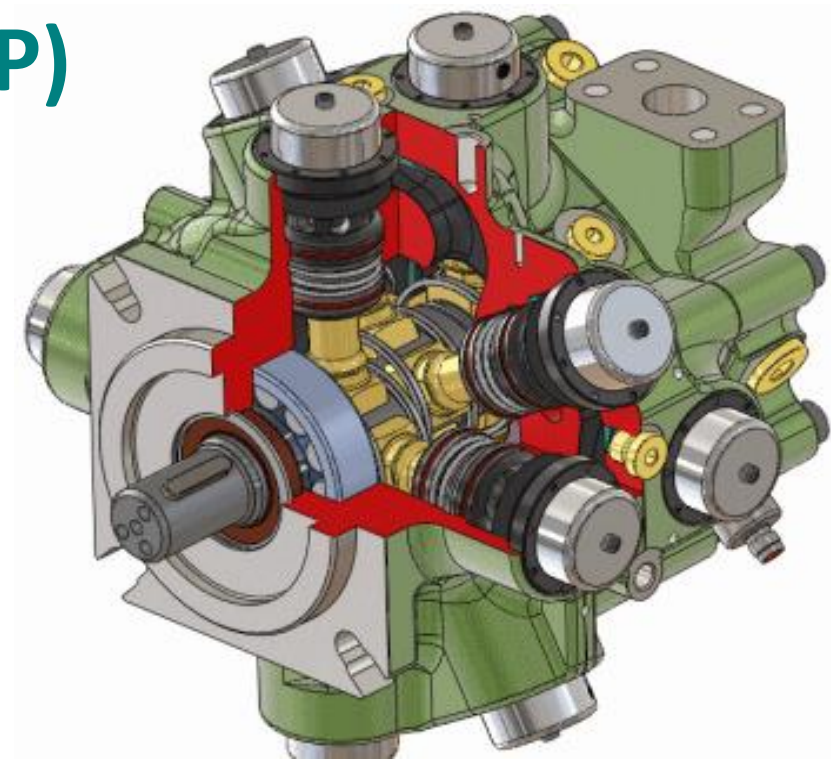
- 96cc/rev variable high-pressure pump for work & propel
- CAN bus controlled, but also backwards-compatible with analogue pumps
- Configuration by software interface – no screwdrivers!
- A data-gathering node in your IoT system, enabling whole system diagnostics
- Enables new architectures
- Compatible with model-based control system design methods
- Now scaling up production
  - Single service
  - Multi service
  - Tandem



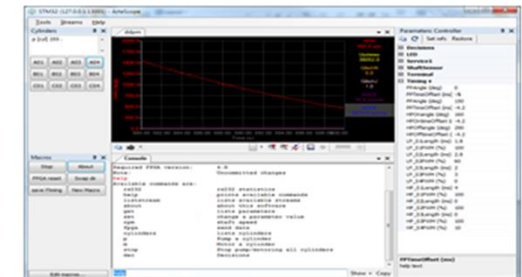
8 variable outlets from tandem

## Acceptance tests completed:

- *Lifetime test @ high pressure*
- *Pressure cycling fatigue*
- *Extreme viscosity*
- *Cold start*
- *Aeration tolerance*
- *Contamination tolerance*
- *Non-mineral fluid compatibility*



4 variable outlets from one machine



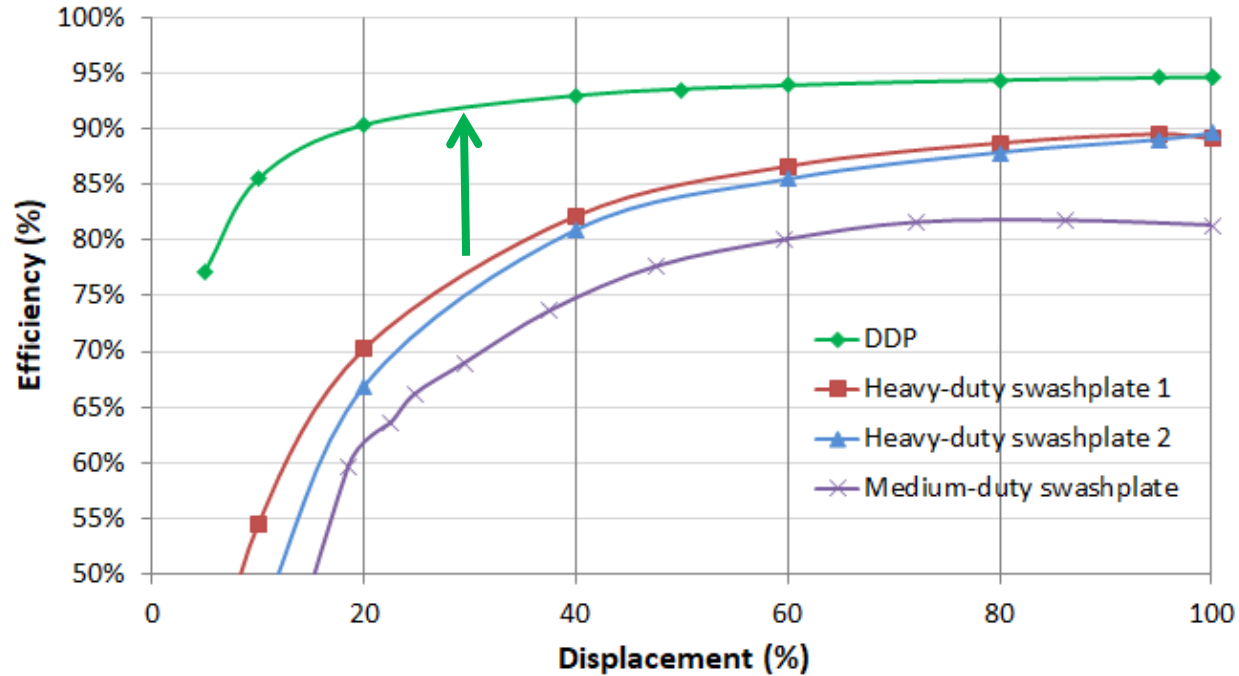
Configuration software



# Improving pump efficiency

## Efficiency:

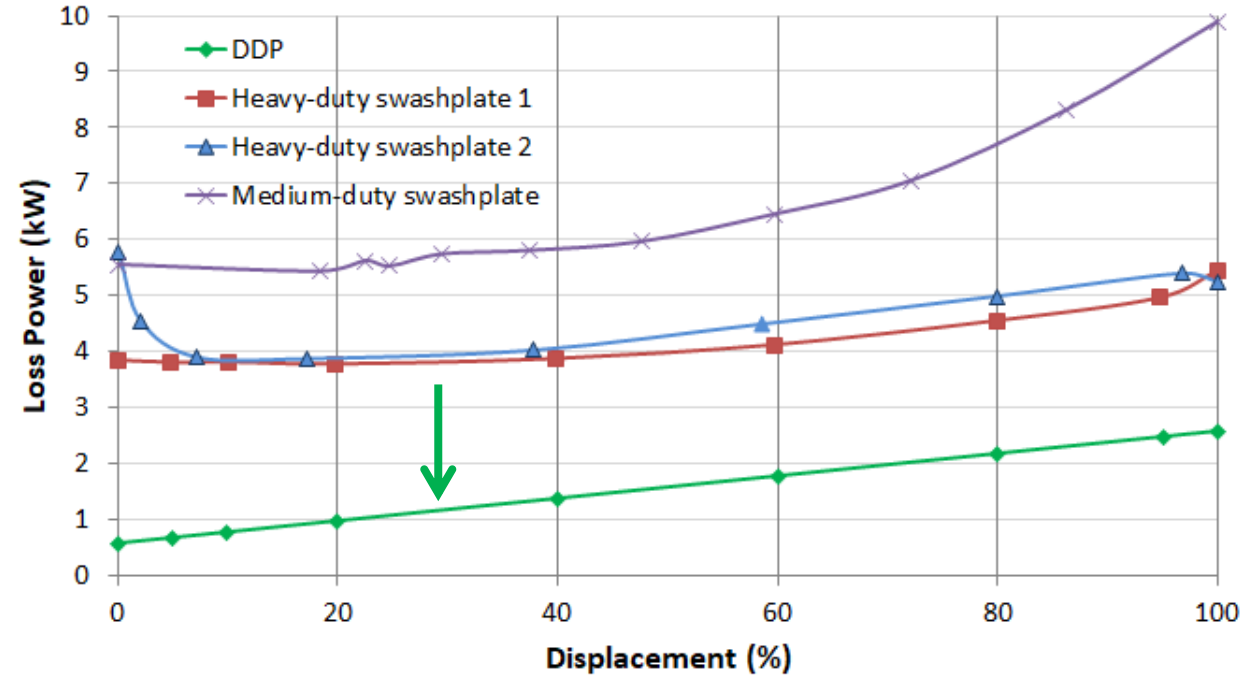
Pump Efficiency, 200 bar, 1500 rpm



**Very high efficiency at part load  
Similar to electric machines**

## Losses:

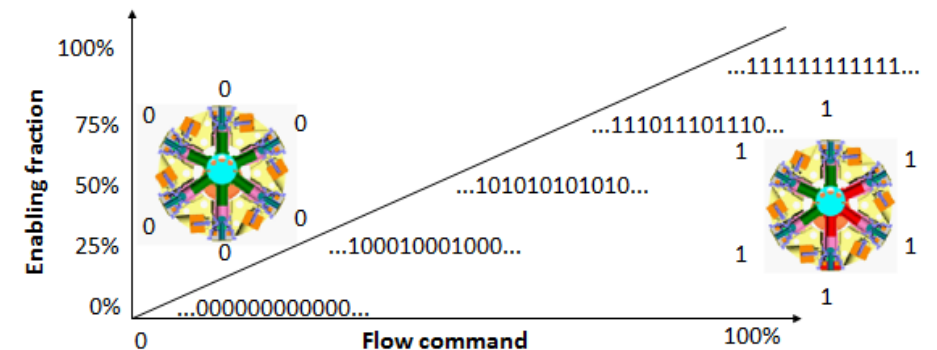
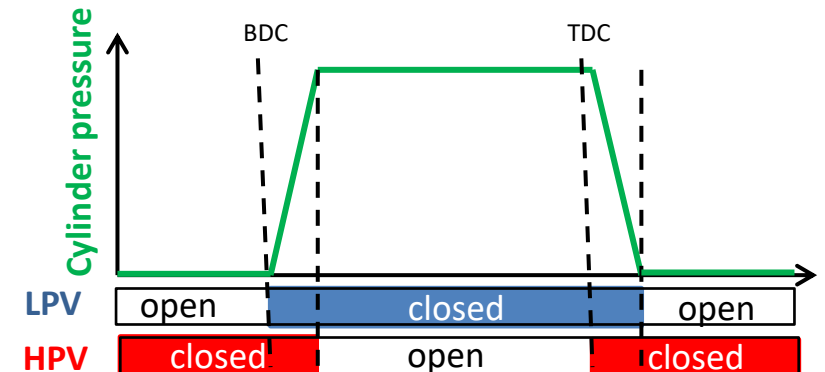
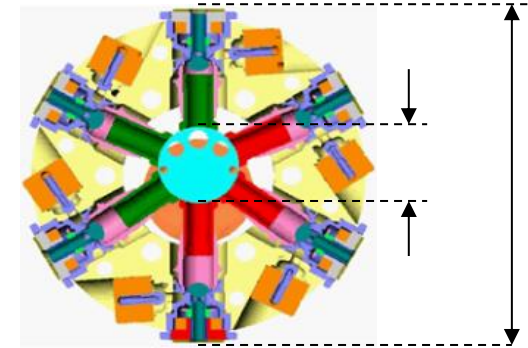
Pump Losses, 200 bar, 1500 rpm, Scaled to 96cc/rev



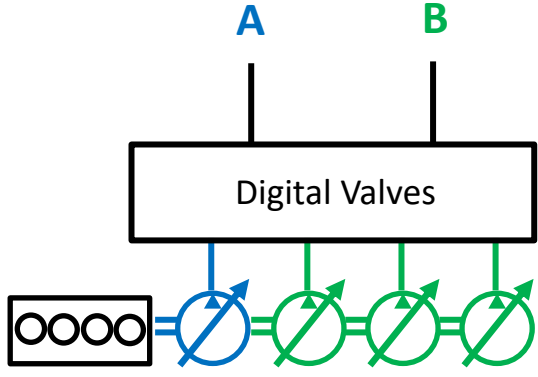
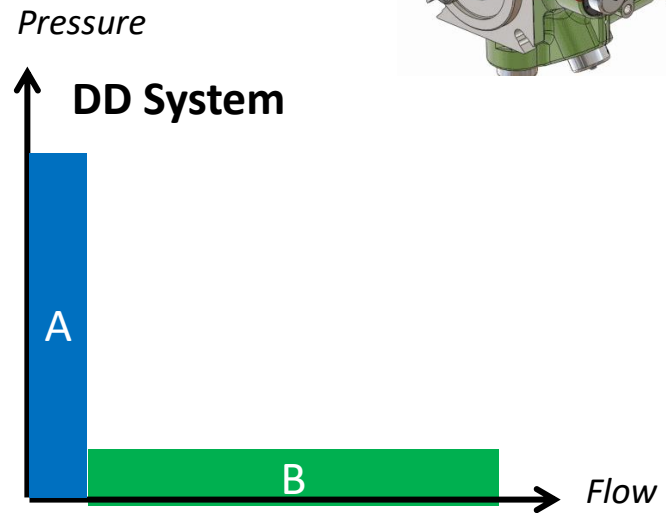
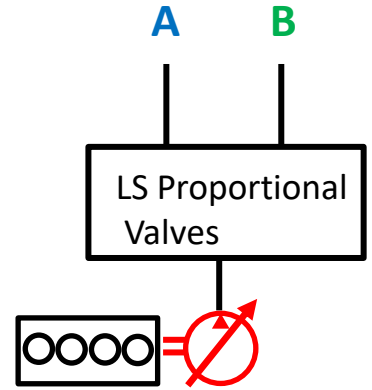
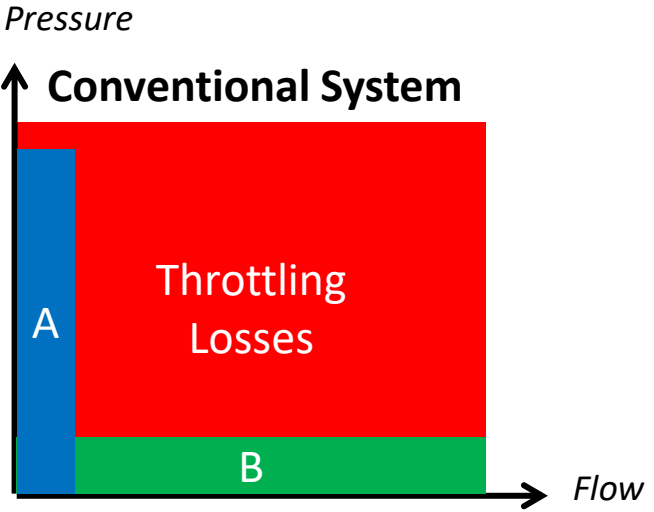
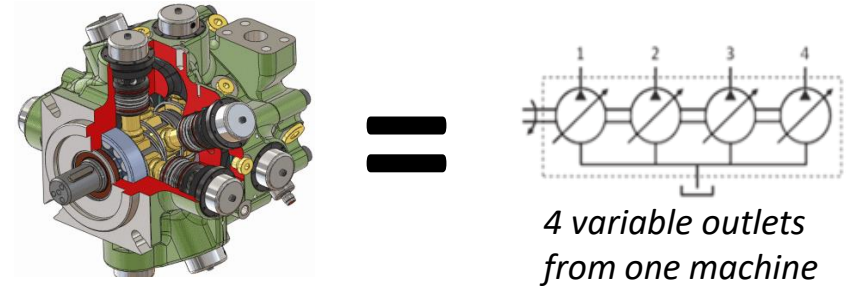
**1/3<sup>rd</sup> – 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the losses of  
analog pumps over a duty cycle**

# Why is a DDP more efficient?

- **Radial piston mechanism** is inherently efficient
  - Ideal kinematic arrangement
  - Small diameter for main high-speed piston bearing
  - Large diameter for flow area
- **Elimination of compressibility losses** (~2% @ 350 bar)
  - Valves do not open or close against pressure
  - Compressibility energy is automatically recovered after TDC
- **Digital method of displacement control**
  - DDP cylinders are either idle, or working
  - Idle cylinders are not pressurised, so have zero leakage and little bearing losses.
  - Working cylinders have leakage and higher friction losses.
  - So DDP losses reduce strongly with displacement



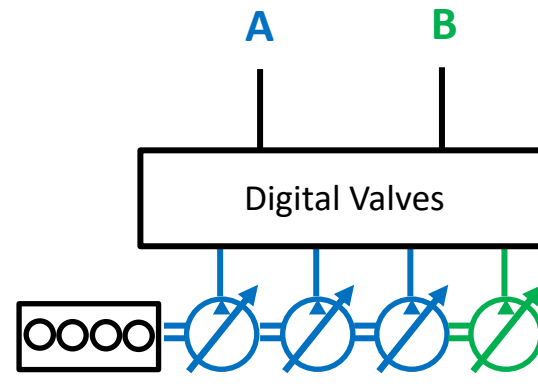
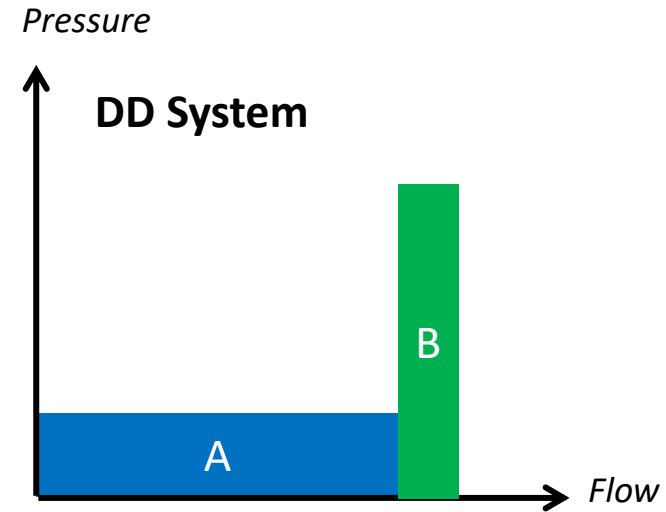
# Reducing valve losses with new system architectures



Conventional proportional valve systems throttle energy because multiple loads must “share” a single pump.

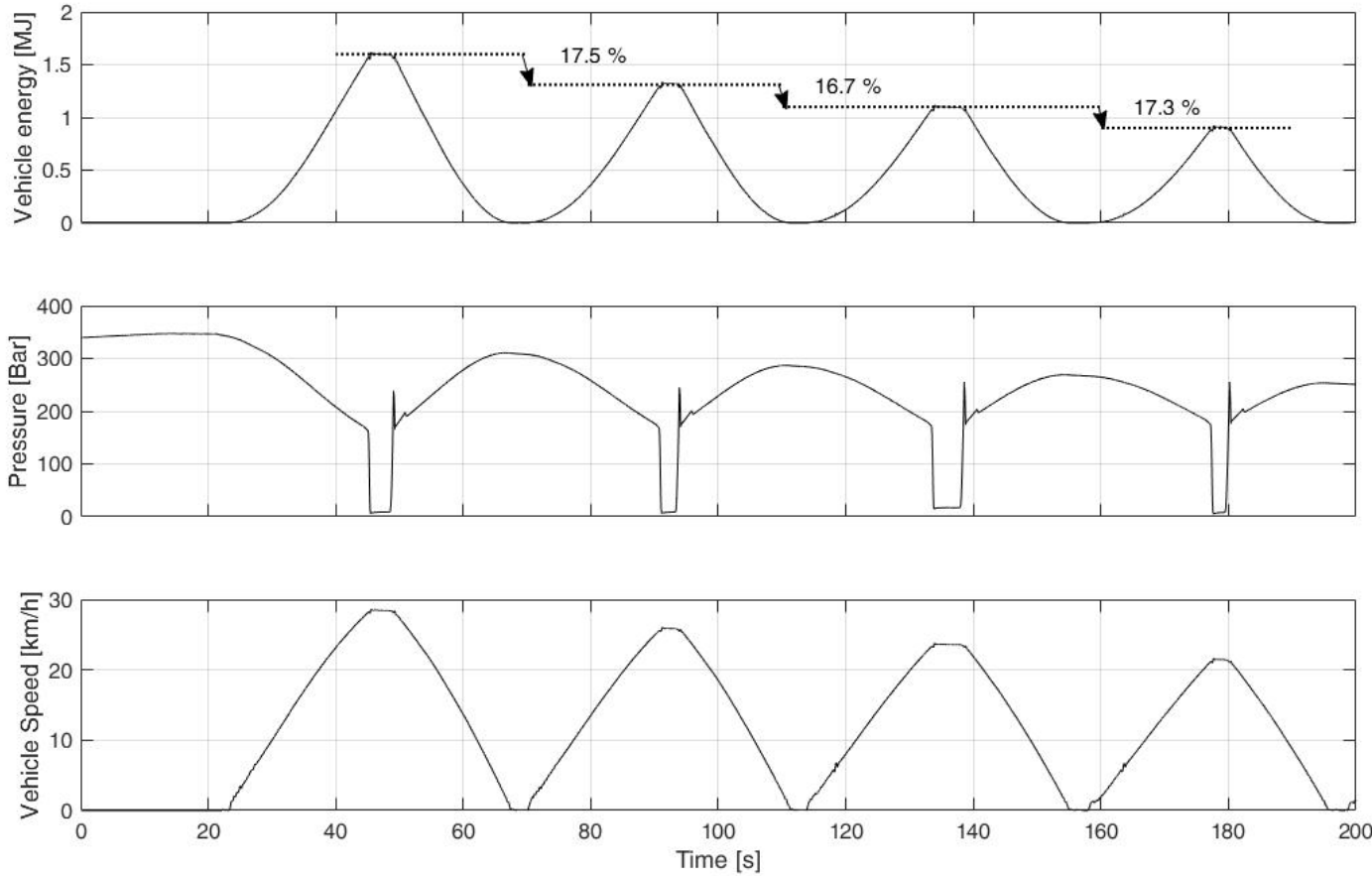
DD Systems eliminate this by dynamic allocation of multiple pump outputs to loads, depending on demand, using digital valves.

This dynamic allocation is enabled by multiple independent outputs, and unprecedented response speed and control accuracy of DDP.





# Recovering energy

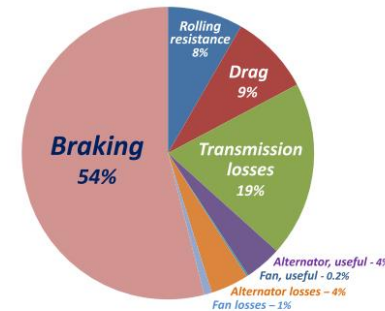
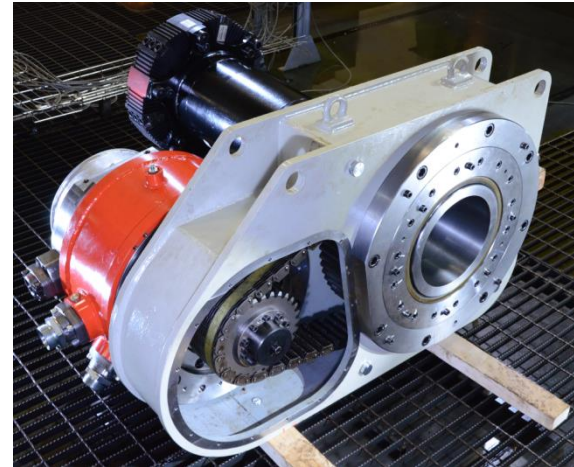


## DDPM + Hydraulic accumulator:

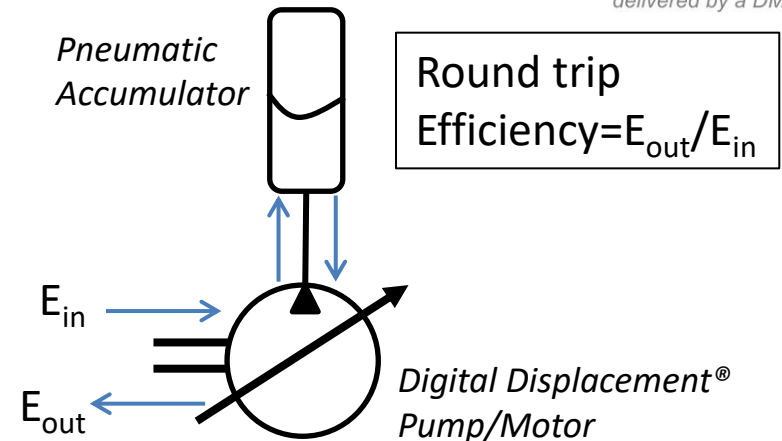
Proven 82.5% round-trip efficiency (much better than battery-electric)  
 => ideal for low-cost, high-power kinetic energy recovery  
 => can be combined with battery-electric drivetrain



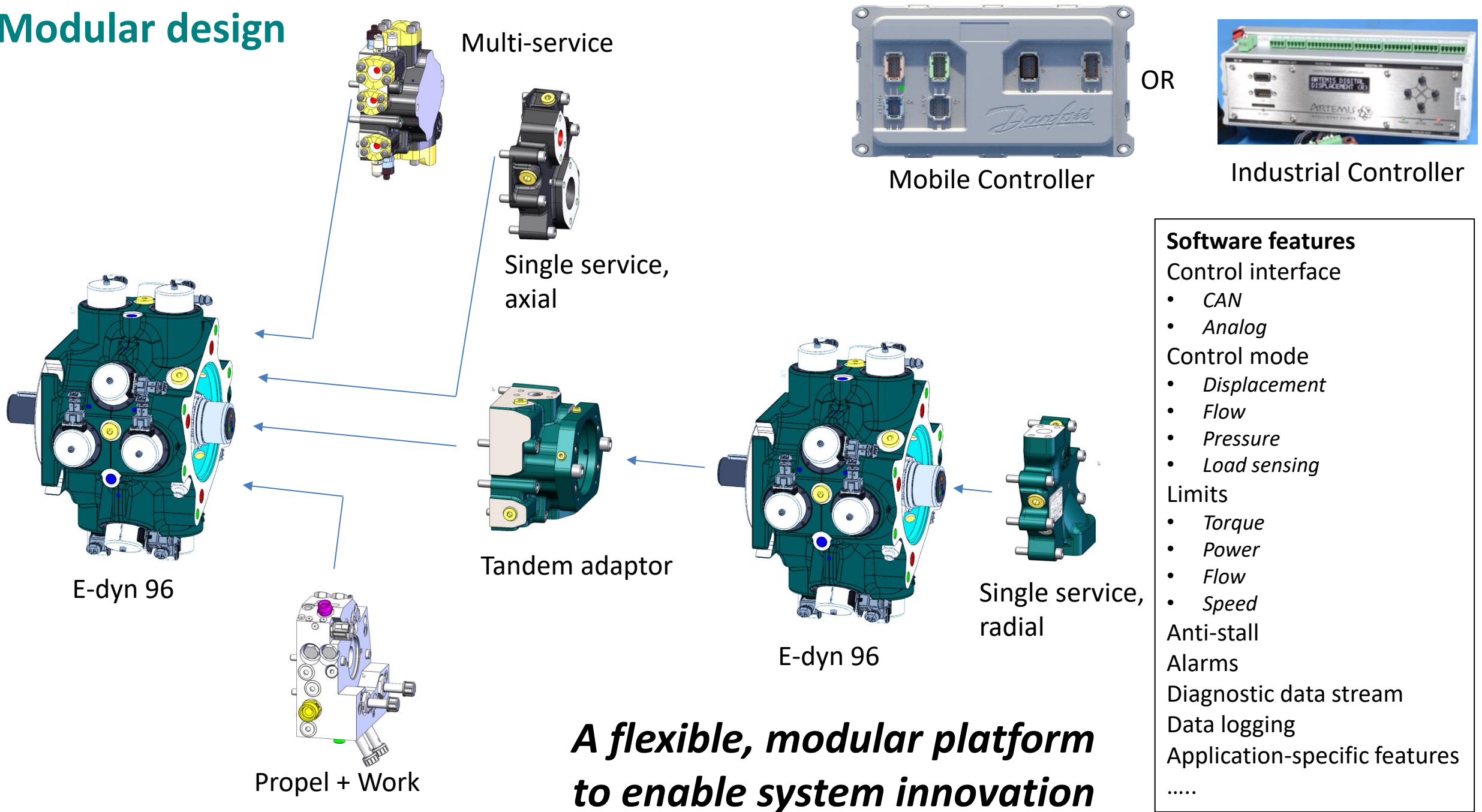
Rail series hybrid demonstrator, 2018



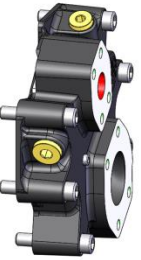
Typical analysis of the end-destination of the shaft energy delivered by a DMU engine.



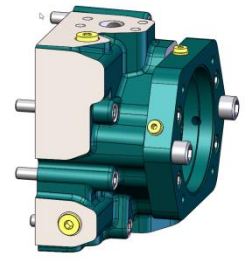
# Modular design



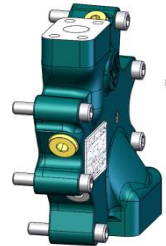
Multi-service



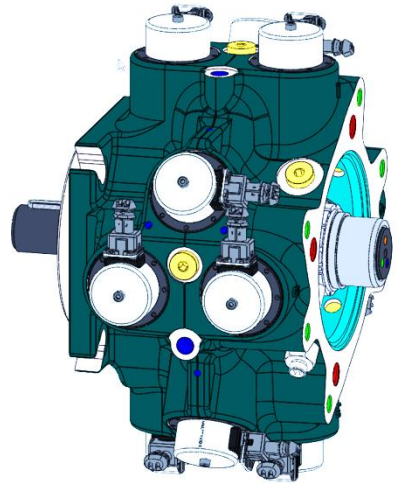
Single service, axial



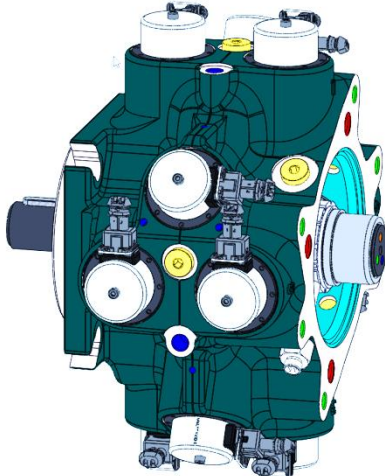
Tandem adaptor



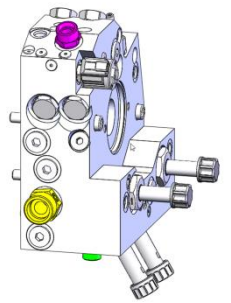
Single service, radial



E-dyn 96



E-dyn 96



Propel + Work



Mobile Controller

OR



Industrial Controller

## Software features

### Control interface

- CAN
- Analog

### Control mode

- Displacement
- Flow
- Pressure
- Load sensing

### Limits

- Torque
- Power
- Flow
- Speed

### Anti-stall

### Alarms

Diagnostic data stream

Data logging

Application-specific features

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***A flexible, modular platform to enable system innovation***

# Applications



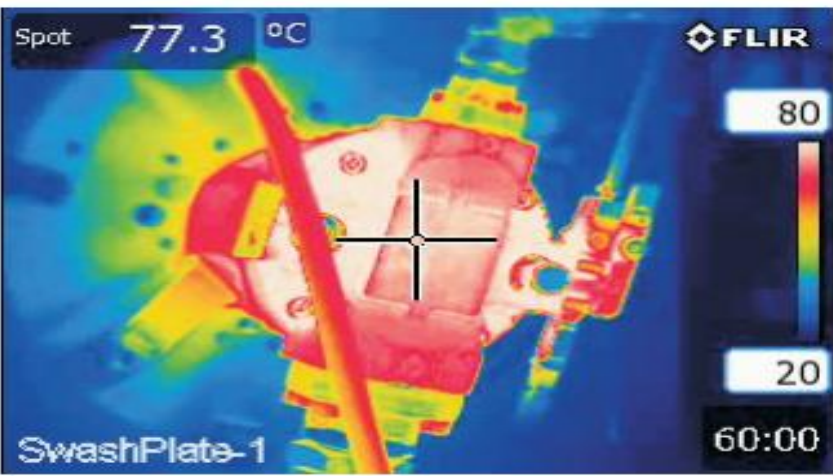
# Industrial Power Pack

- Industrial power-pack for a test lab
- 50kW, 210 bar
- Originally used a pressure compensated open circuit swashplate pump
- Compare with E-dyn96:
  - Efficiency, Response, Noise
- In operation since 2015 at customer site in UK (test lab)

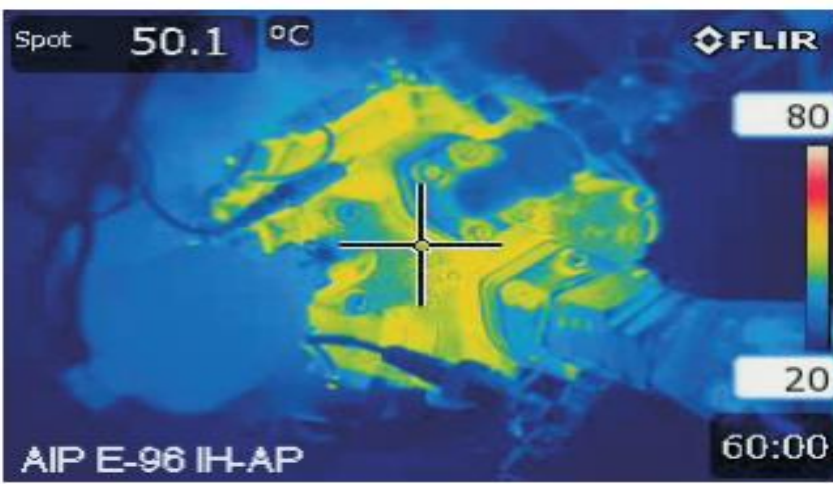


# Efficiency and losses

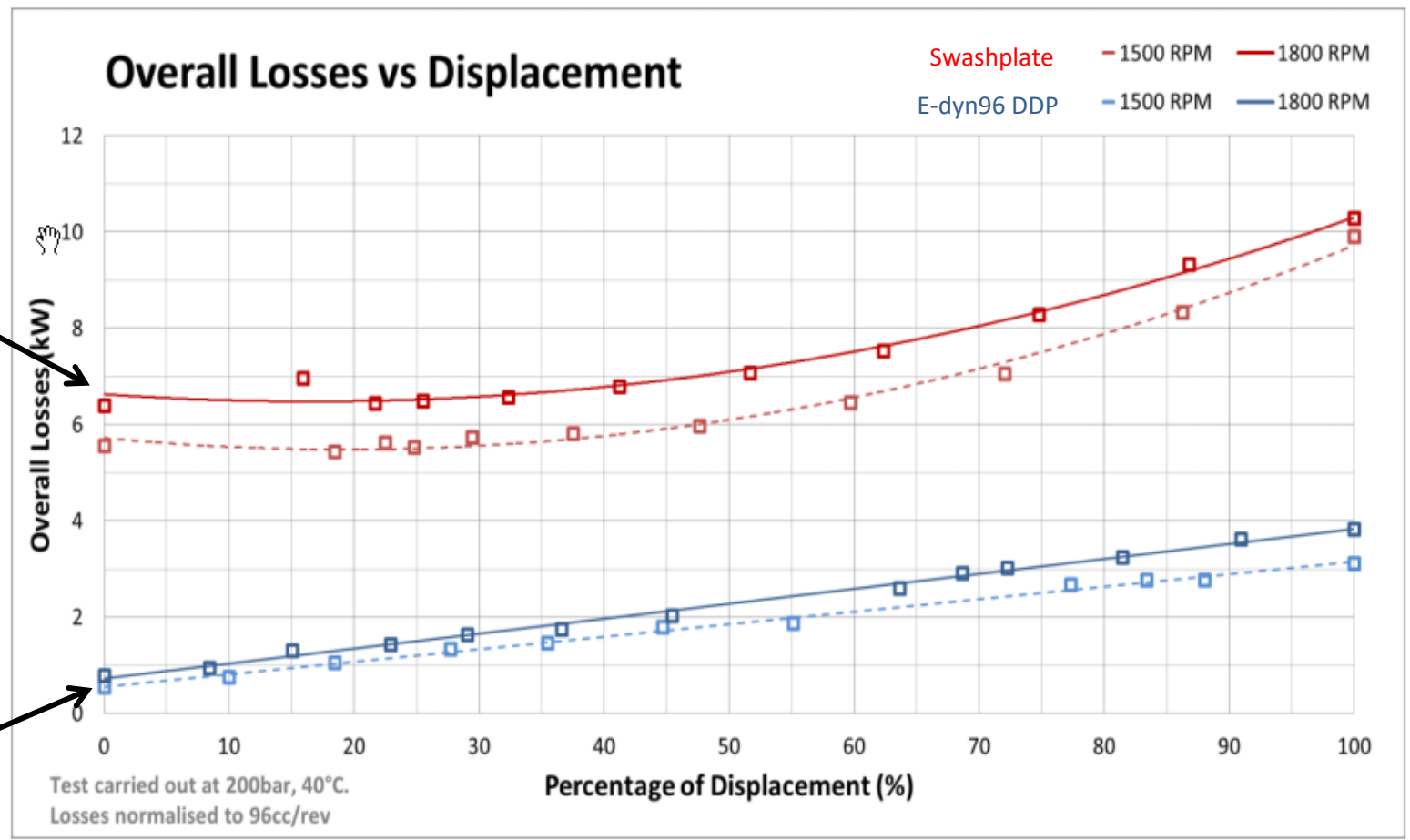
96cc/rev, 1500/1800rpm, 200 bar



Swashplate: 6kW at 200 bar stand-by



Artemis E-dyn96: 0.5kW at 200 bar stand-by  
Less than 10% of loss



## Customer feature request:

*“Can you please make it waste some energy occasionally... we need some flow in the oil cooler to prevent Legionnaire's Disease!”*

# Pressure control response

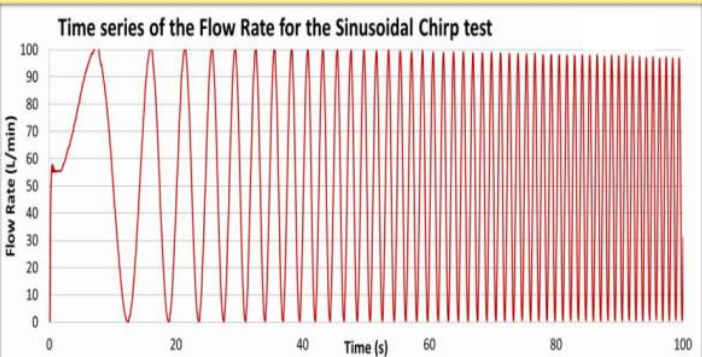


Figure 4-1: A10 output flow during the sinusoidal chirp test

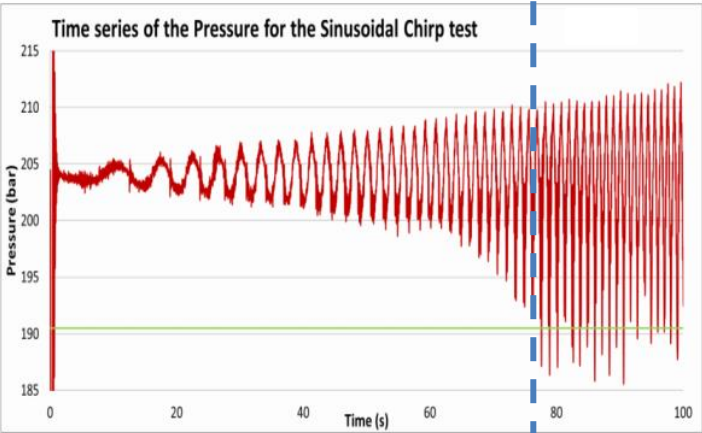


Figure 4-2: Time-series of the pressure during the sinusoidal chirp test

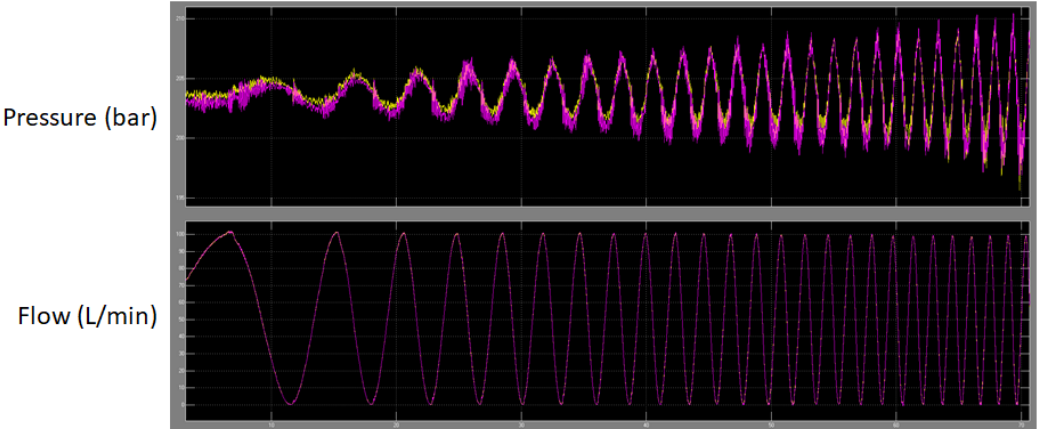
Frequency increasing...

## Comparison with the measured Data

Sinusoidal Chirp: 0 to 0.7Hz (0 to 70s)

In yellow is the measured data

In purple is the simulation



### Limiting frequency:

Swashplate 0.77Hz

DDP 2.5Hz



# Noise vs displacement – 200 bar, 1800rpm

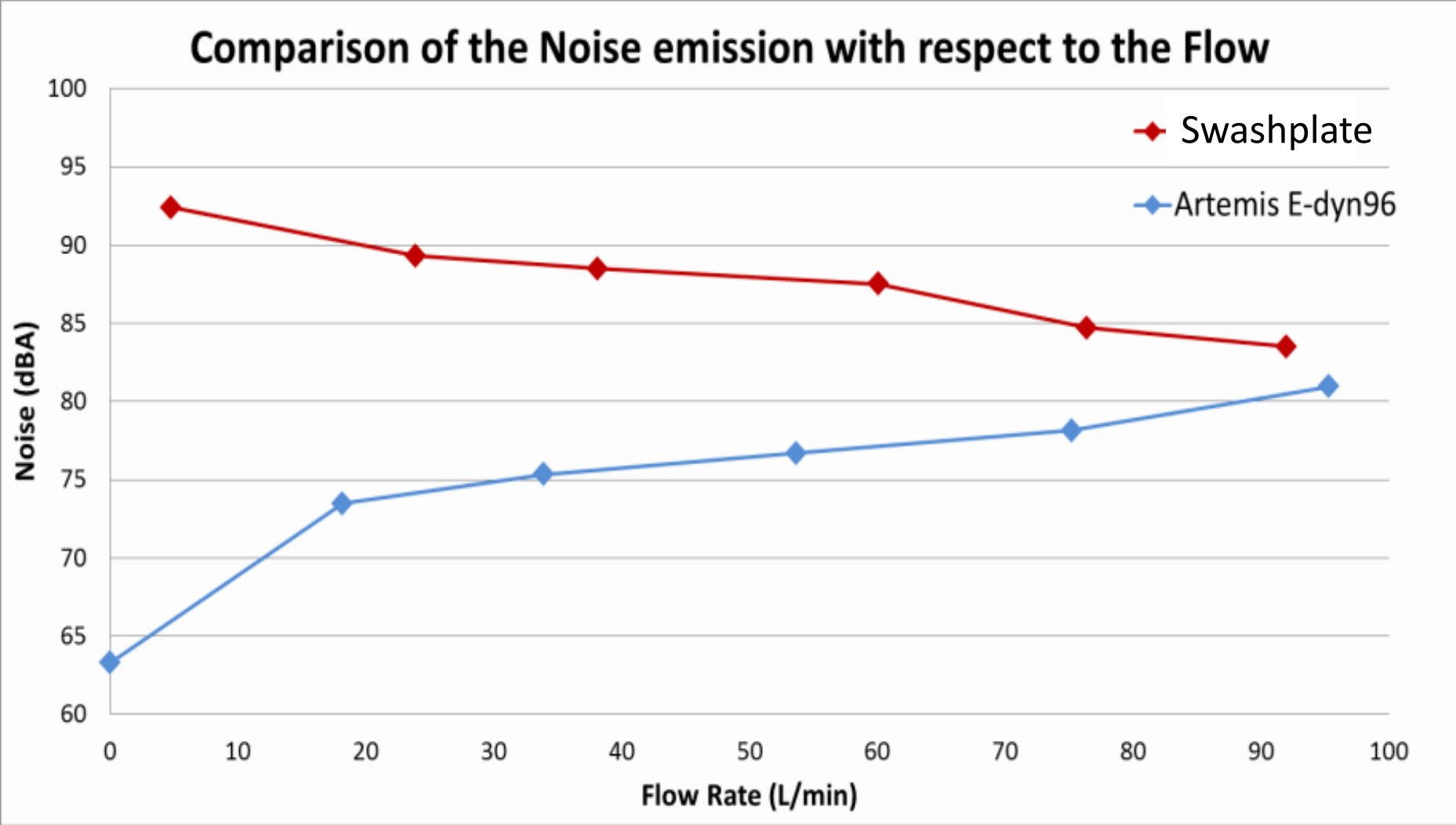
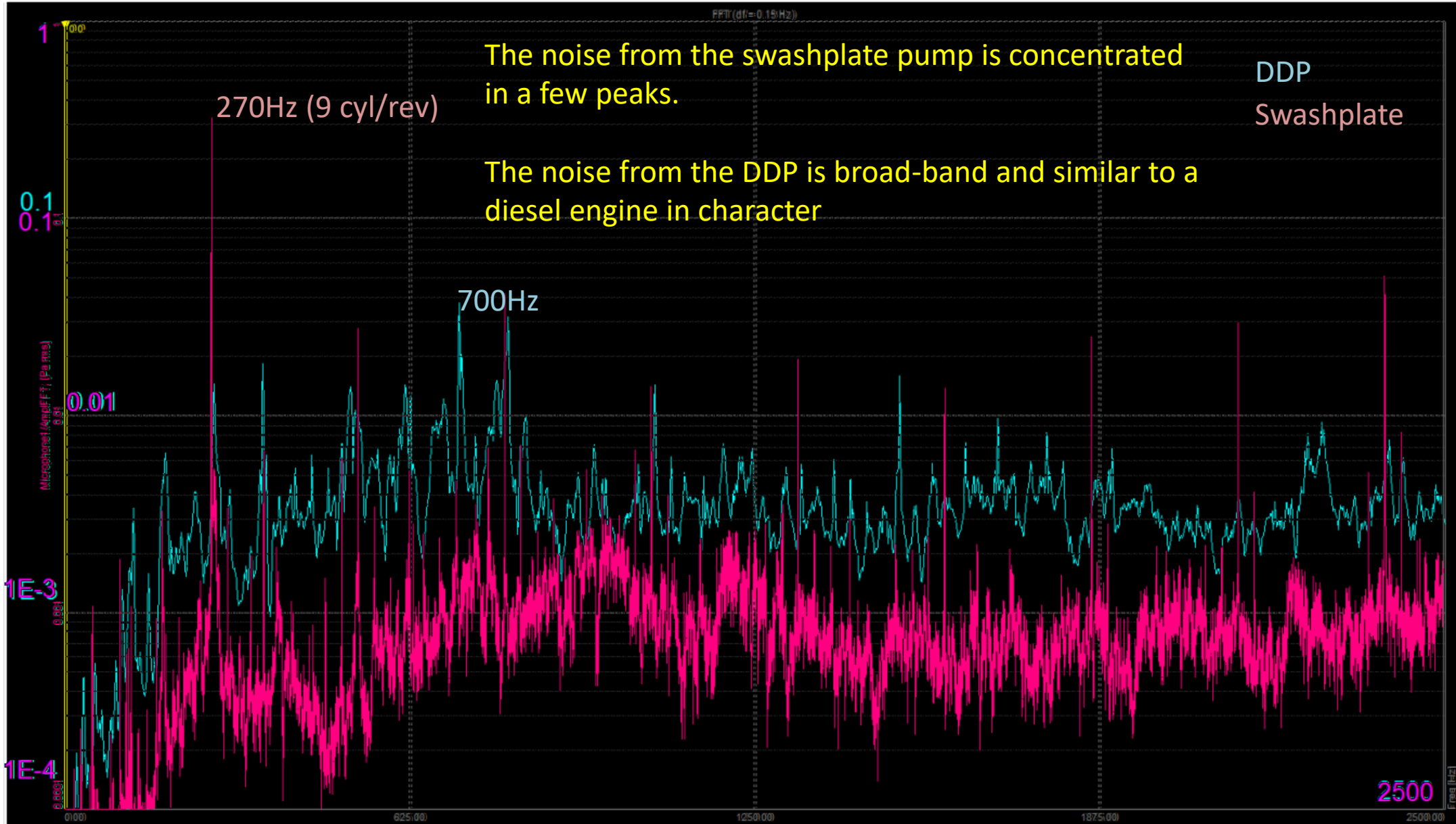


Figure 3-3: Noise emission versus Displacement

# Noise: Frequency content

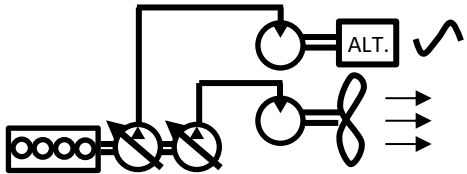
Microphone signal (A weighted), 1m on axis, semi-anechoic  
20 GPM, 200 bar, 1800rpm



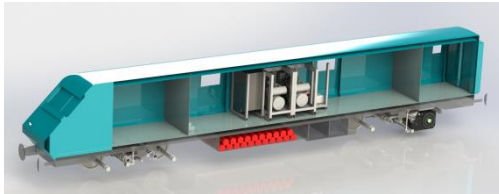
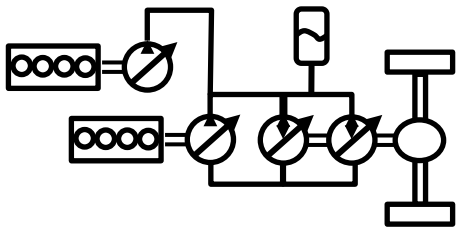
# Heavy vehicle applications

## Rail

Accessory drive

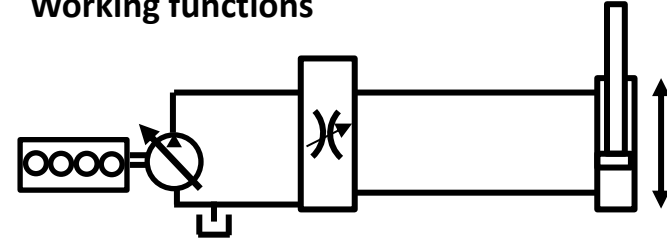


Series hybrid

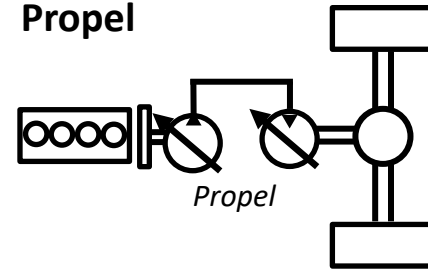


## Off-highway

Working functions

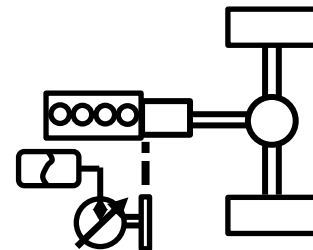


Propel



## On-highway

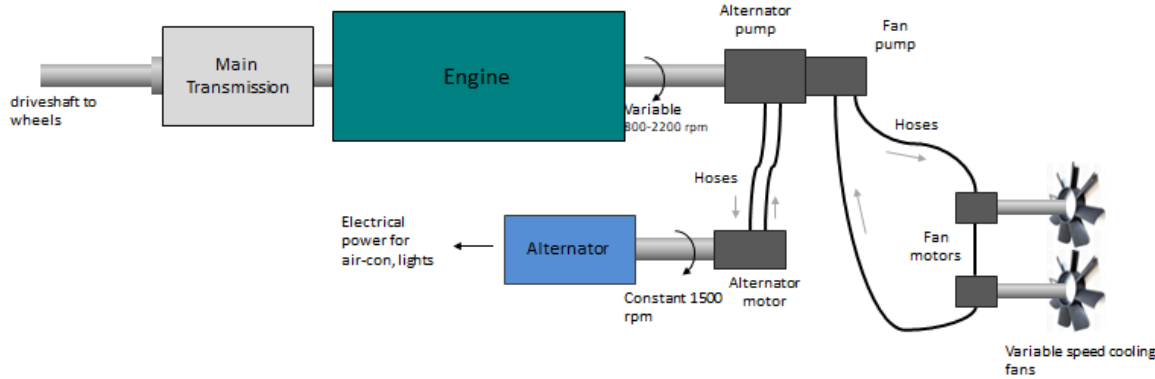
Parallel hybrid



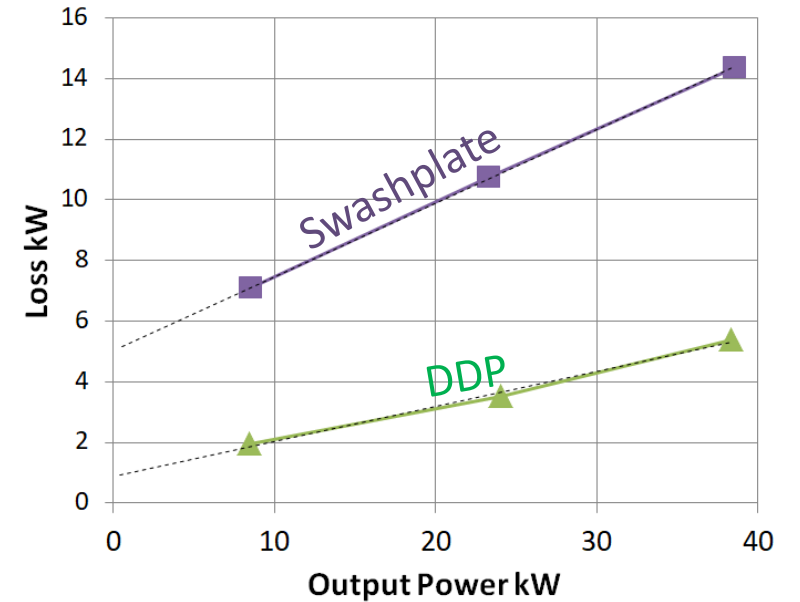


# Rail: accessory drive

Accessory drive for diesel rail car (Oct 2017)



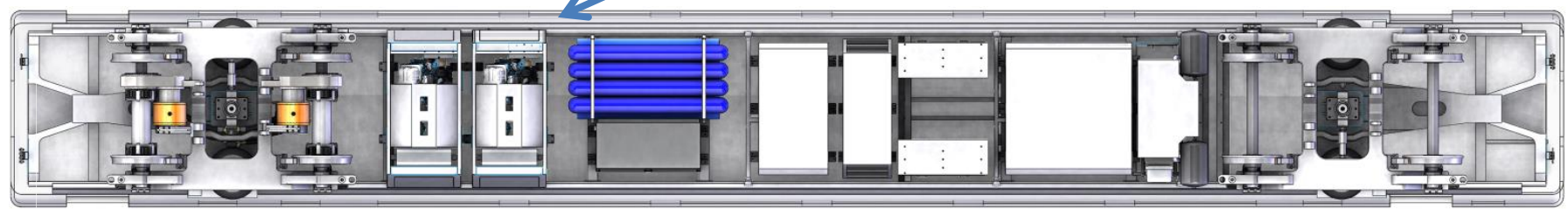
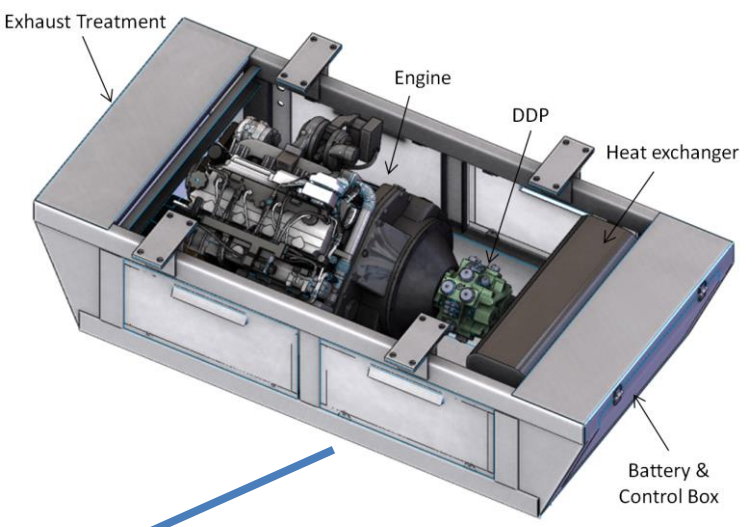
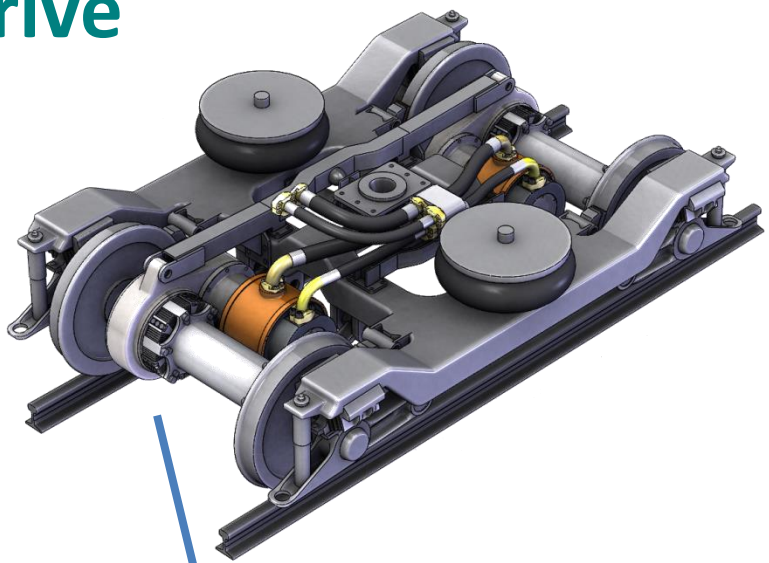
	Swashplate	DDP
Average Power Out	23.72	23.68 kW
Average Power In	33.35	26.84 kW
Average Losses	9.63	3.16 kW
Average Efficiency	71.1%	88.2%



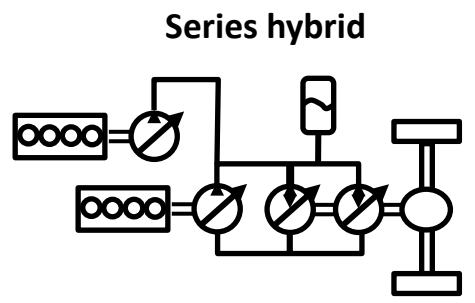
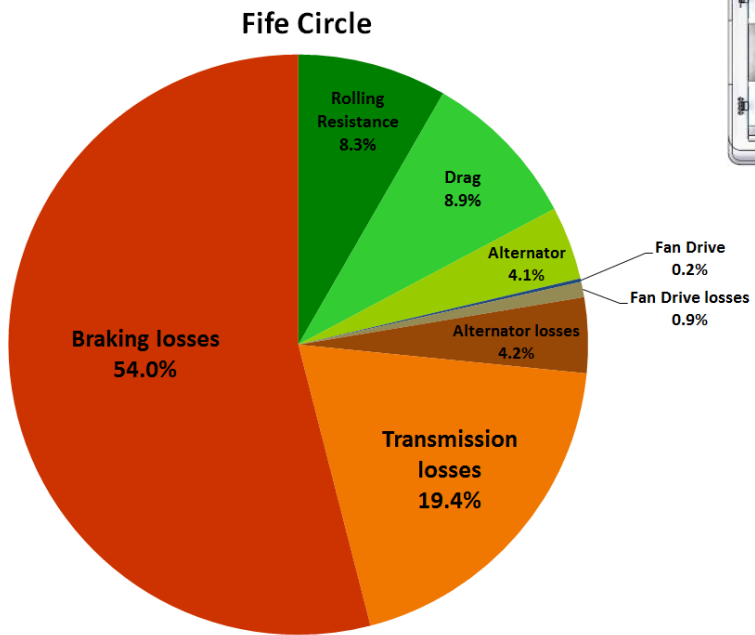
1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the losses = **6.5kW** less on average  
**19% reduction** of engine power consumed  
 Saving: **10,000L** diesel per year, per car.  
 Expected payback period measured in months

19h/day \* 365 days = 6935hrs/year  
 6.5kW @200g/kwhr = 1.3kg/hr = 1.5L/h  
 =>Save 10,400 L/year

# Rail: series hybrid drive

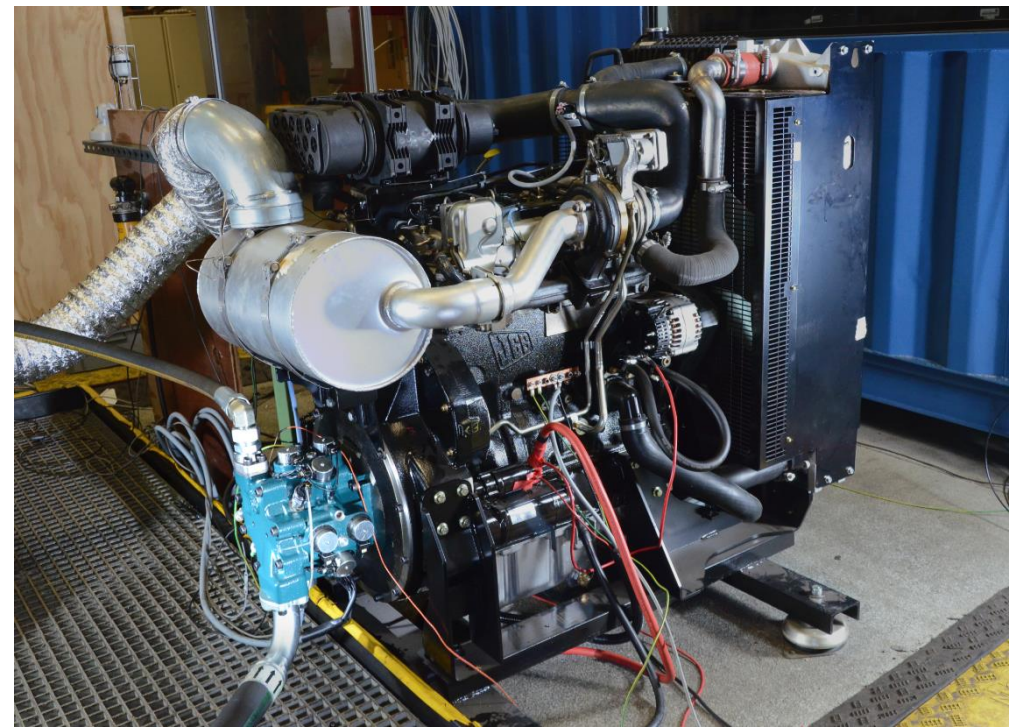
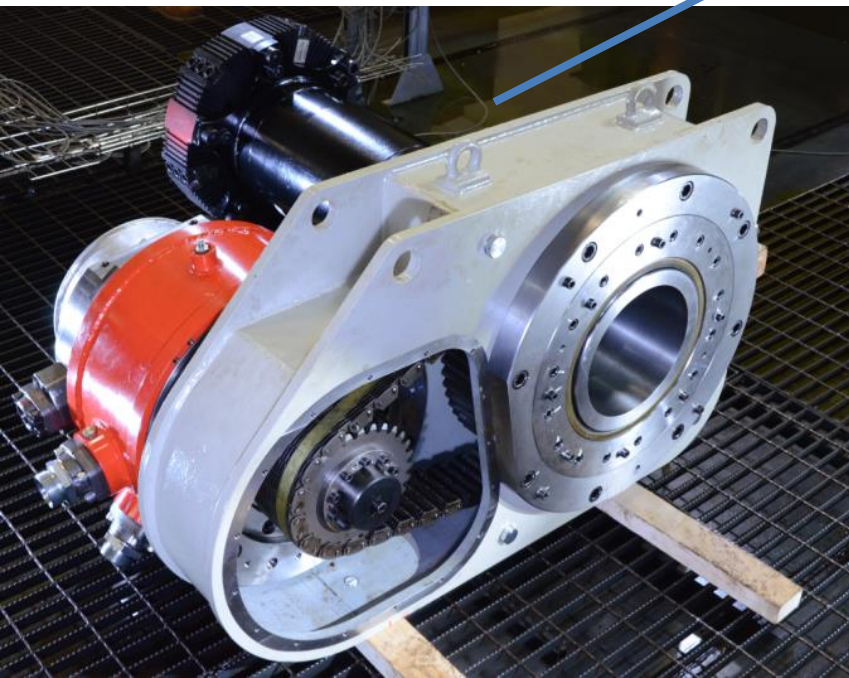
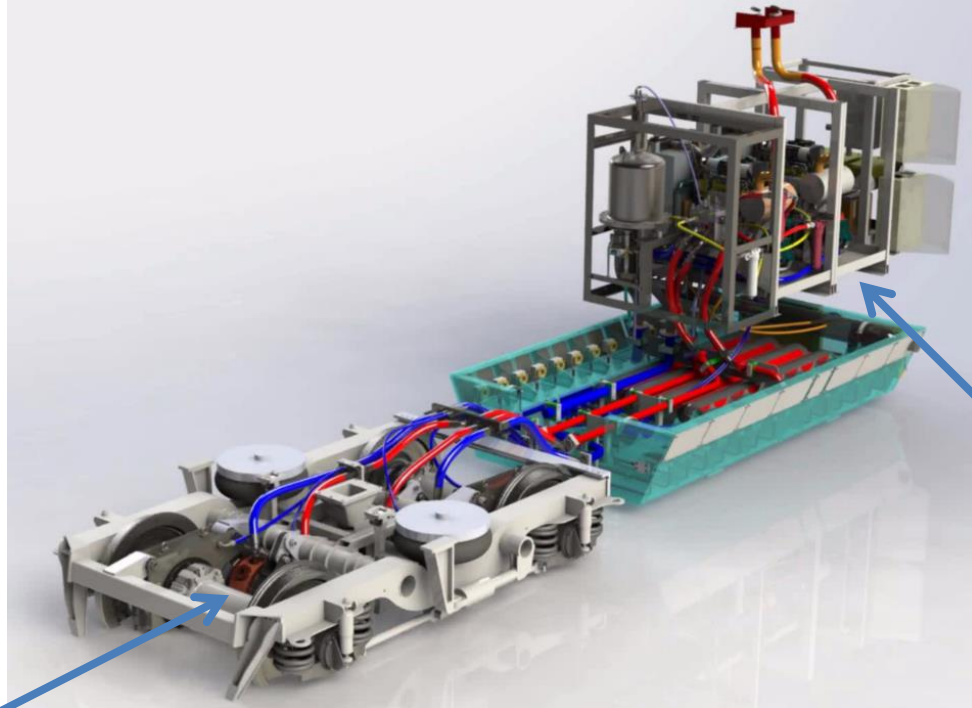


Motor Bogie      Engine Rafts      Accumulators (Energy storage) & Radiator      Oil Tank, Auxiliaries & Batteries      Fuel Tank      Trailer Bogie



- 30% fuel saving
- Better acceleration
- Less noise
- Lower emissions





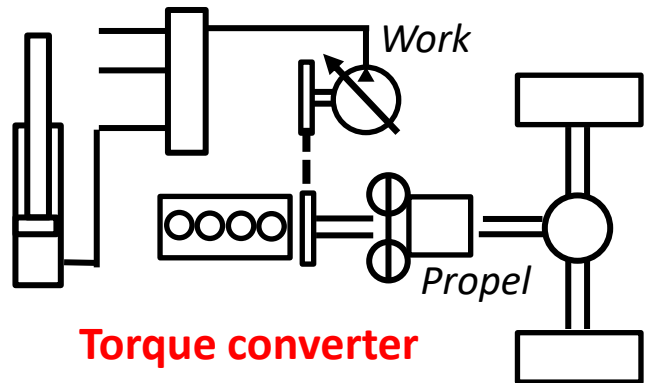




*Digital Displacement offers a cost-effective and achievable route to decarbonise our rail sector*



# Diesel Forklift

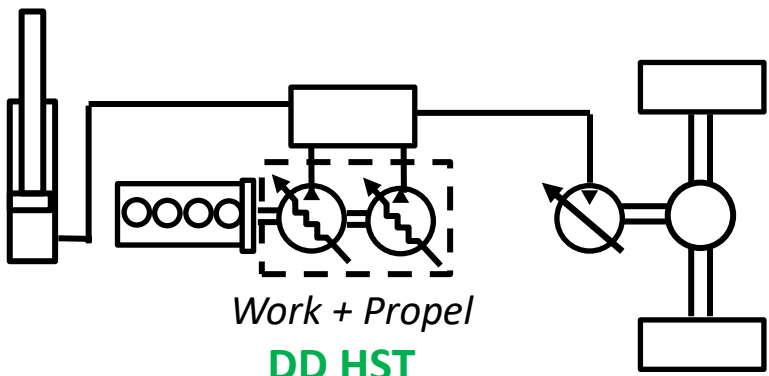


**Torque converter**



- Poor transmission efficiency
- Poor engine utilisation
- Driving behaviour is "sloppy"

**7.3 l/h**

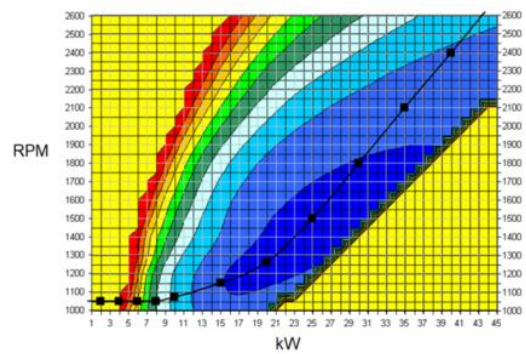


**DD HST**



- Best transmission efficiency
- Can optimise engine speed perfectly  
- by coordination of propel and work load
- Driving behaviour is fully adjustable

**Fuel/hr :4.4l/h**



**-40%**



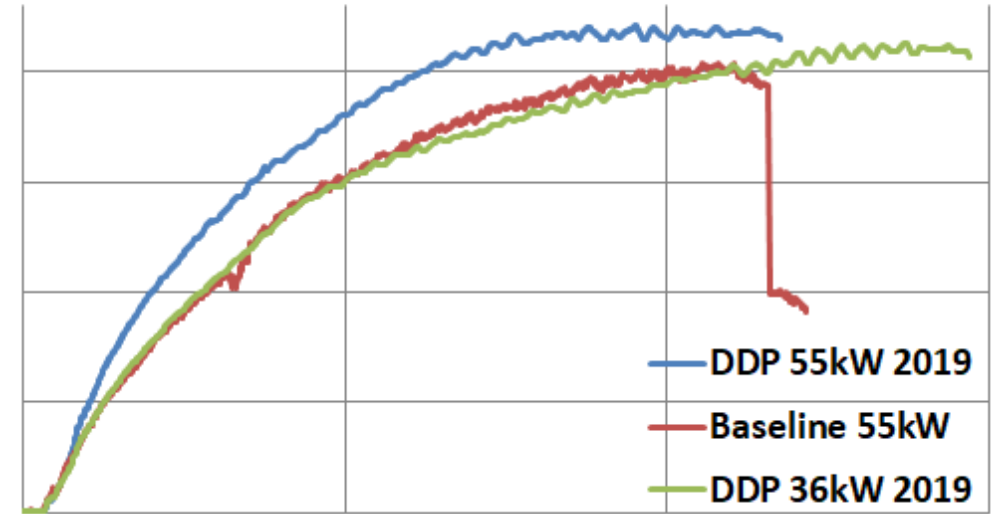
*With DDPM & accumulator there is a pathway to > 50% reductions*



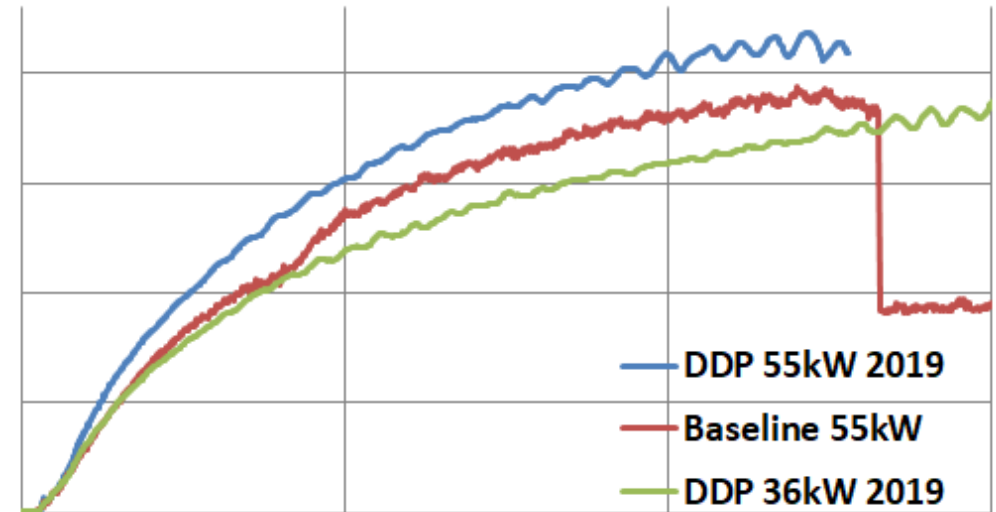
Demo vehicle

***Better performance from the  
same engine vs hydrodynamic  
OR  
Engine downsizing by 30% is  
possible***

0t load - Acceleration comparison

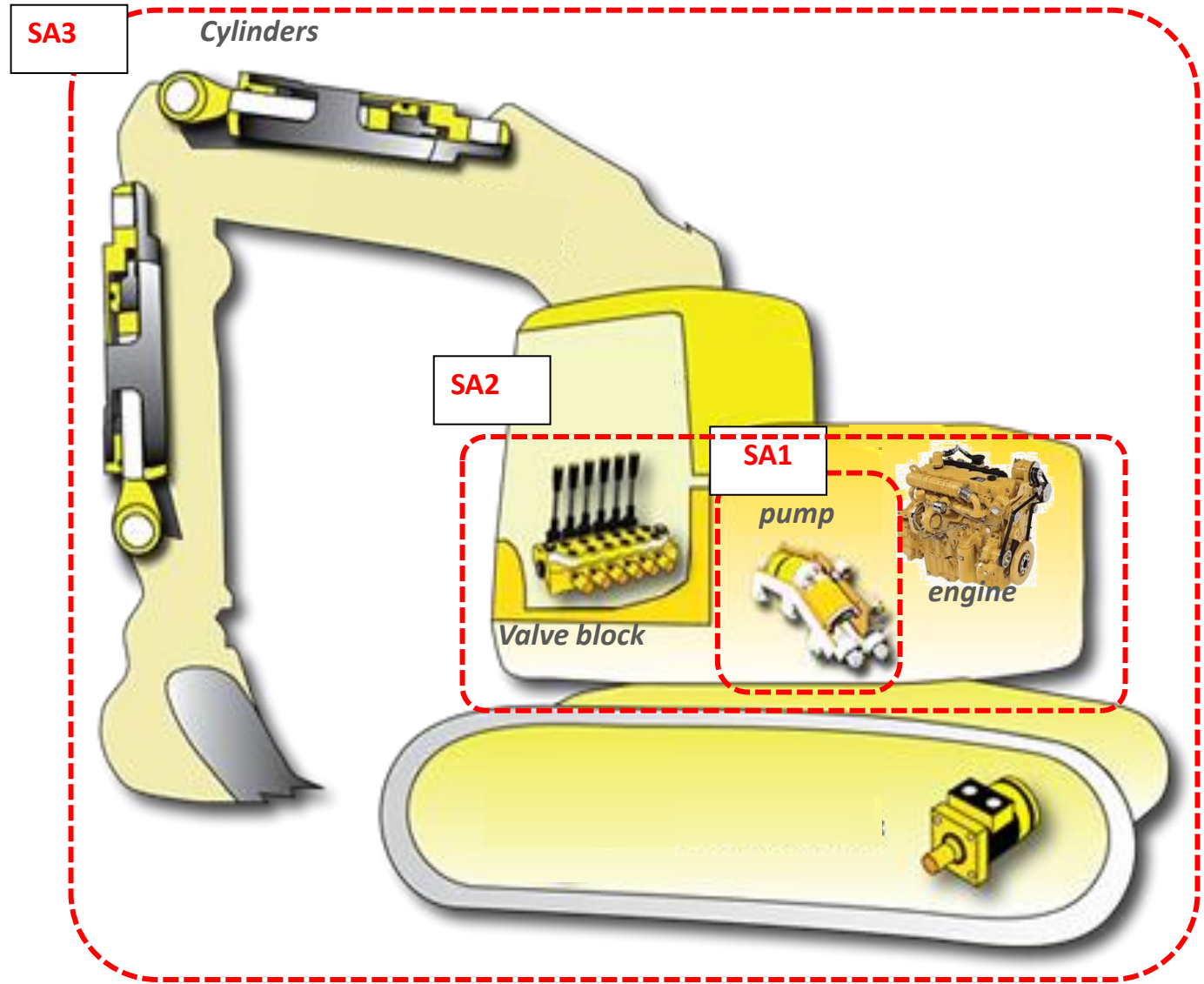


4t load - Acceleration comparison





# Excavator: System Architecture Levels



# Excavator: DEXTER1 project (SA1)

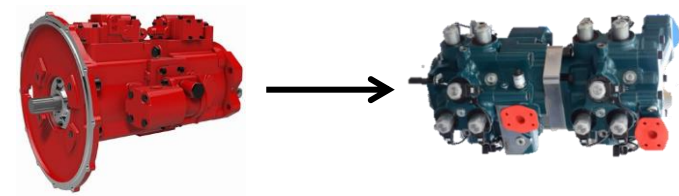
Demonstration of DDP in a 16T excavator  
 Concept: minimal intervention “pump swap”

Supported by...



**Project summary:**

- Baseline machine instrumented to determine where energy is lost.
- Tandem DDP fitted as direct replacement for swashplate
- Engine and hydraulic circuit left completely standard
- Controls developed using model-based design
- Demonstrated at dedicated test facility for two weeks: 100% uptime



Baseline Tests  
August 2016



DDP fitted  
Nov 2016



DDP Tests Complete  
March 2017

	Swashplate	E-dyn DDP
Capacity	80cc x 2	96cc x 2
Rated pressure	350 bar	350 bar
Control	Hydro-mechanical	Software-Electronic
Interface	Hydraulic pressure	CANbus / analog / digital
Response speed	300ms	30ms





*DEXTER is more efficient, more productive and quieter than the baseline machine*



# Results



Bulk Dig results:

DDP Eco Mode:

**21%** fuel saving + **10%** productivity increase

DDP Power Mode:

**10%** fuel saving + **28%** productivity increase



Expectation over typical annual usage:

**20%** reduction in operating expenses

Cycle	Base - line RPM	DDP RPM	Fuel/cycle saving	Cycles/hour increase
Trenching	2050	1450	21.2%	10.4%
Bulk Dig - ECO MODE	2050	1450	21.2%	10.6%
- POWER MODE	2050	2050	10.0%	28.0%
Bulk Dig - slow (20% reduced work rate)	2050	1450	37%	-
Lorry load 90 degrees	2050	1450	18.4%	-0.4%
Lorry load 180 degrees	2050	1450	16.1%	1.9%
Tracking (up and down-hill)	2050	1650	16.1%	-
Idling	950	950	27.1%	-

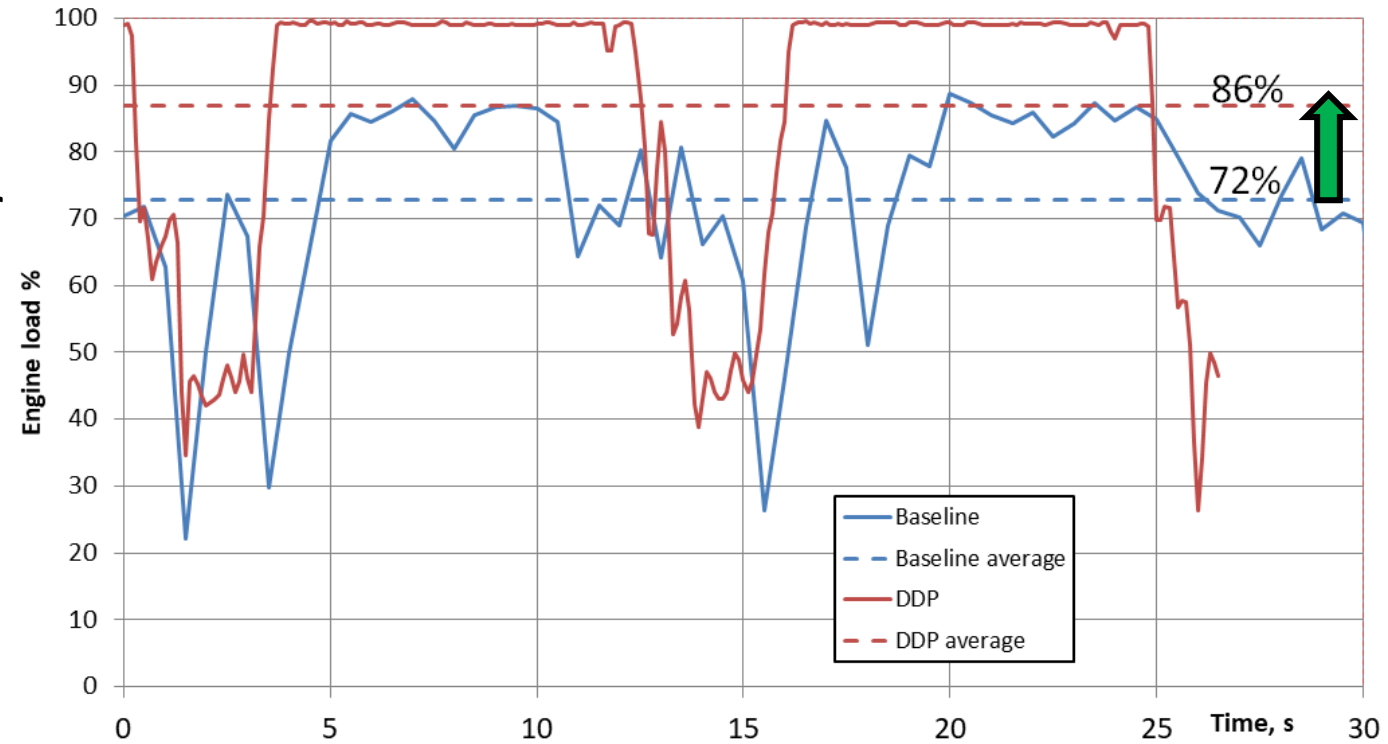
# How did we achieve 28% productivity increase?

## 1. DDP has unprecedented control

⇒ DDP takes over the job of speed governor

⇒ Engine reaches maximum torque for most of the time, without risk of stalling

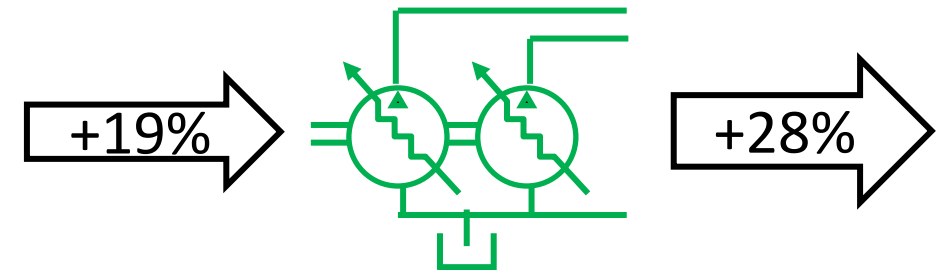
⇒ **19%** more engine power delivered than the analogue pump



Comparison of engine load conditions during trenching

## 2. DDP is much more efficient

⇒ Further **9%** increase in fluid power delivered



## Danfoss DDP Excavator Demonstrator

Based on CAT 320

SA1 (pump swap) system

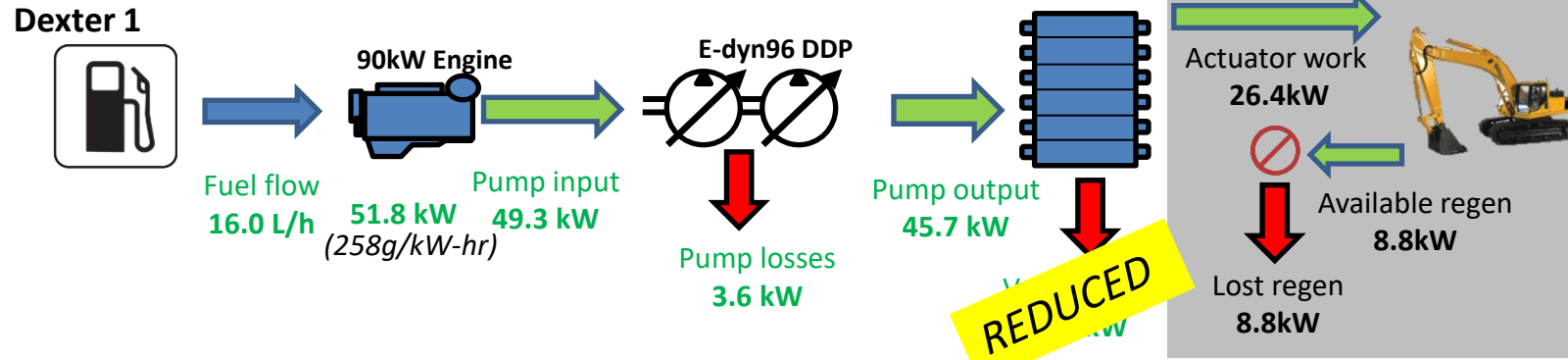
Tandem E96 x 2 with gear-up

Led by Chris Williamson of Danfoss  
(Monika's student)



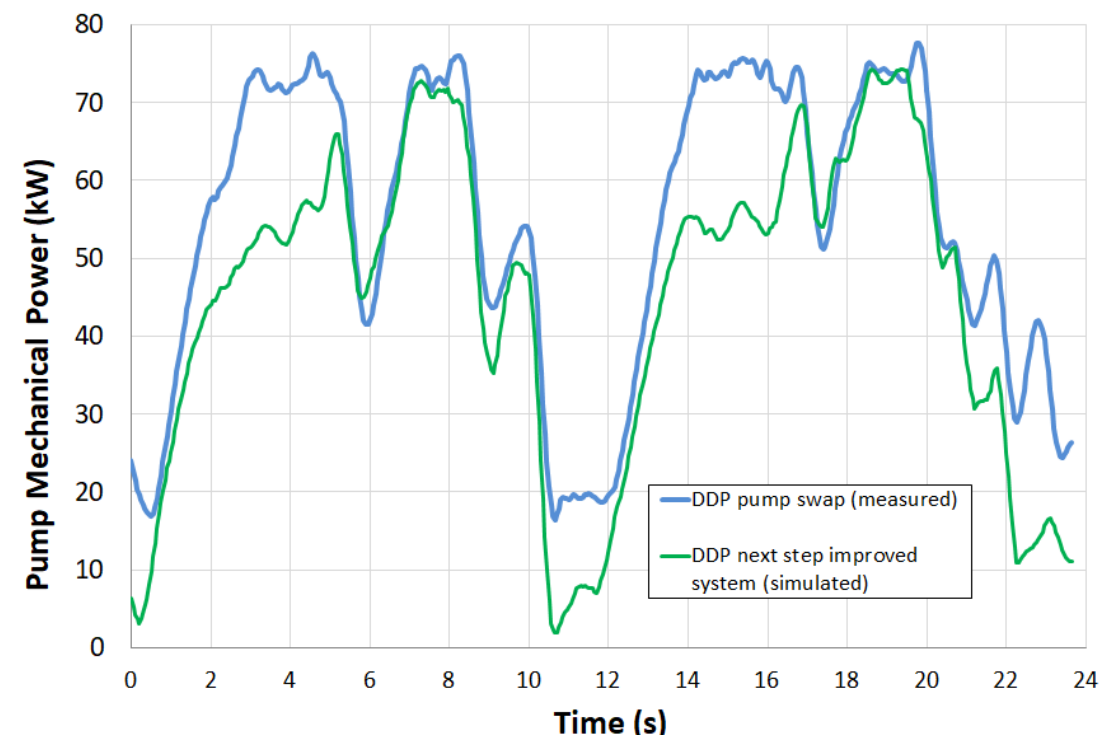


# Dexter 2 (SA2)

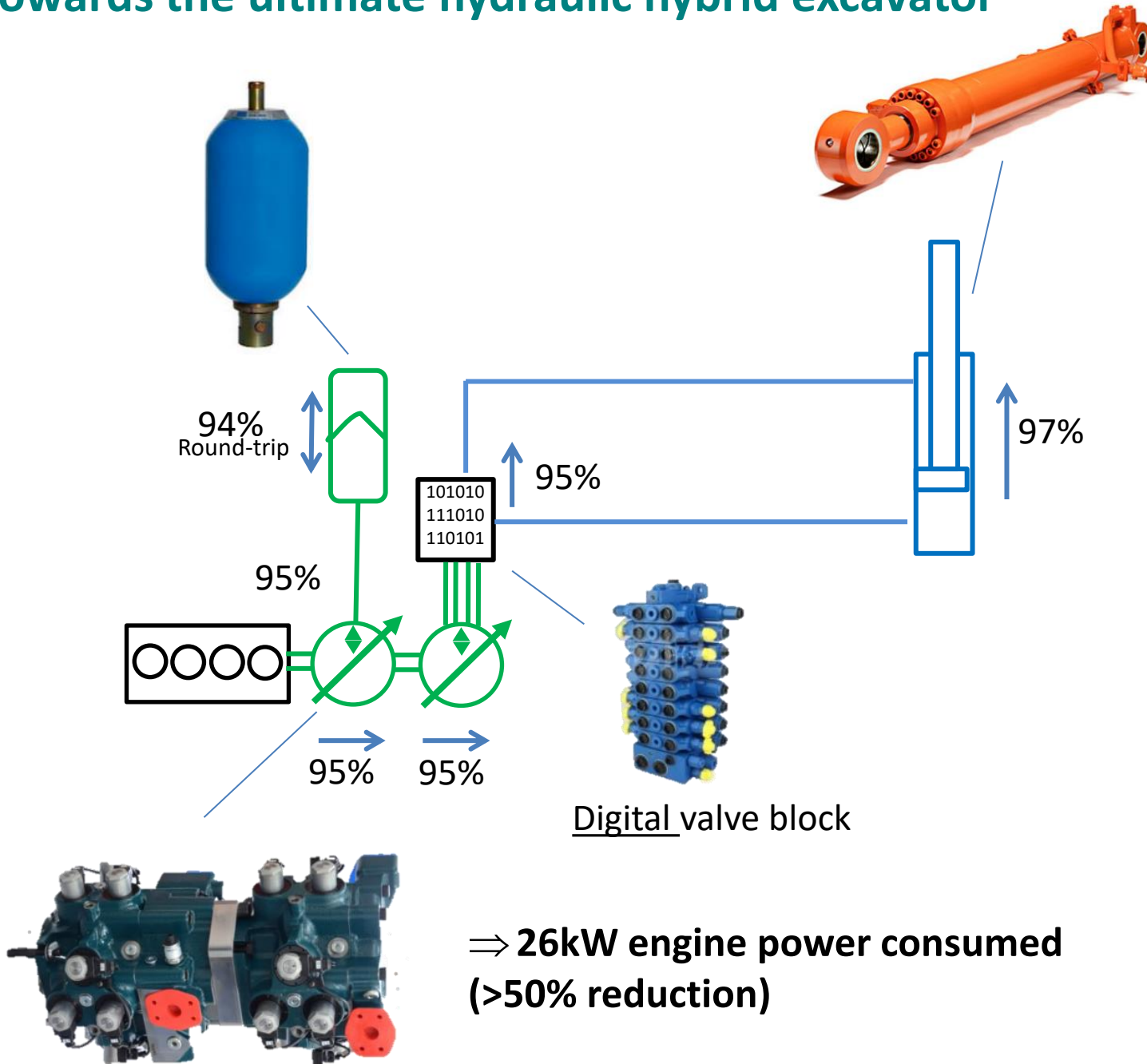


Modifications to valve block + Optimisation of DDP control strategy = Reduction of throttling losses

⇒ 30% reduction over baseline



# Towards the ultimate hydraulic hybrid excavator



Retain the existing hydraulic actuators

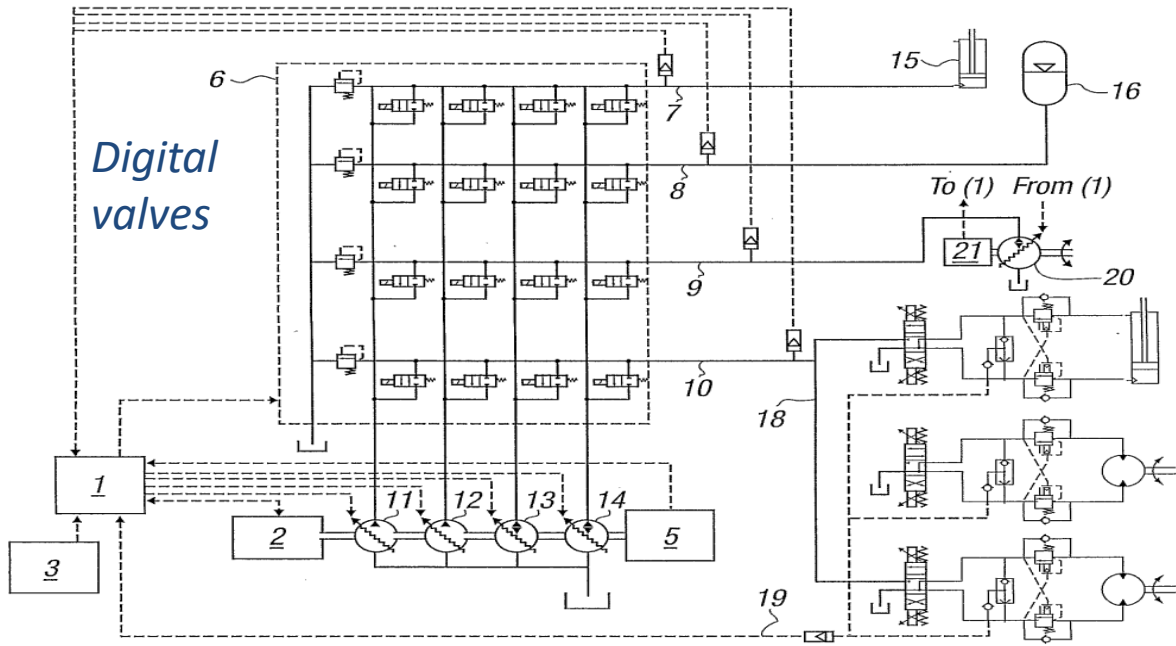
Instead of throttling, all control comes from displacement of multiple separate pump services, digitally switched into each load

Energy storage by gas accumulator

Fluid and mechanical power are transformed by Digital Displacement pump/motors.

- Efficient power transmission
- Mechanical energy recovery
- Low cost, but high efficiency

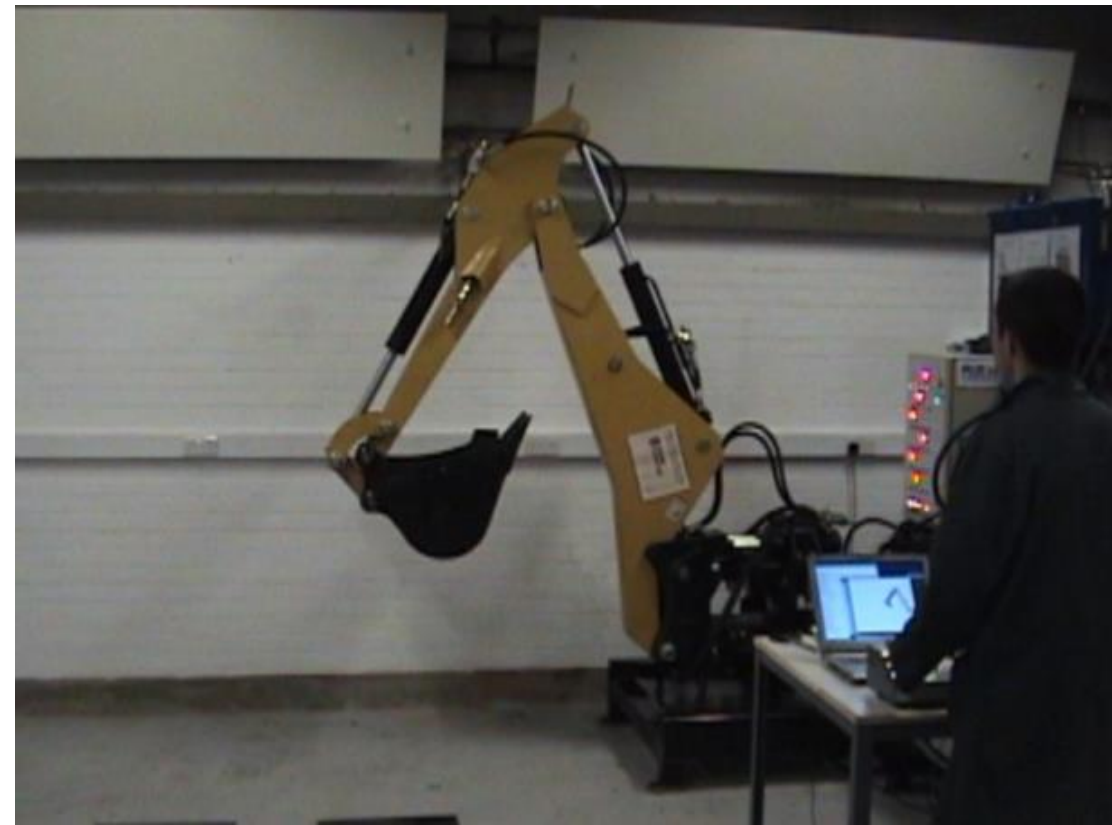
# Direct displacement control of multiple actuators - without proportional valves



One pump...  
Multiple outputs

FIG. 1

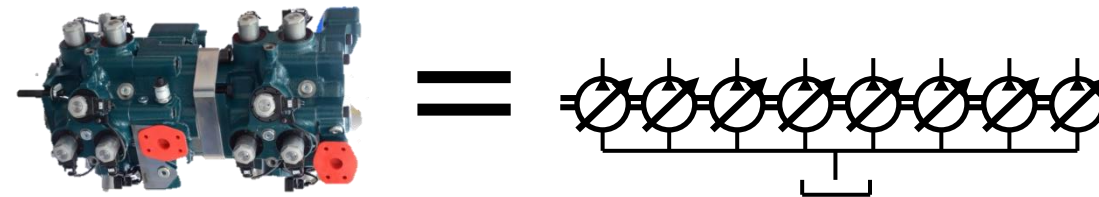
Multiple actuators



**VIDEO:** Direct digital control of hydraulic actuator from DDP (without proportional valve)

## Concept

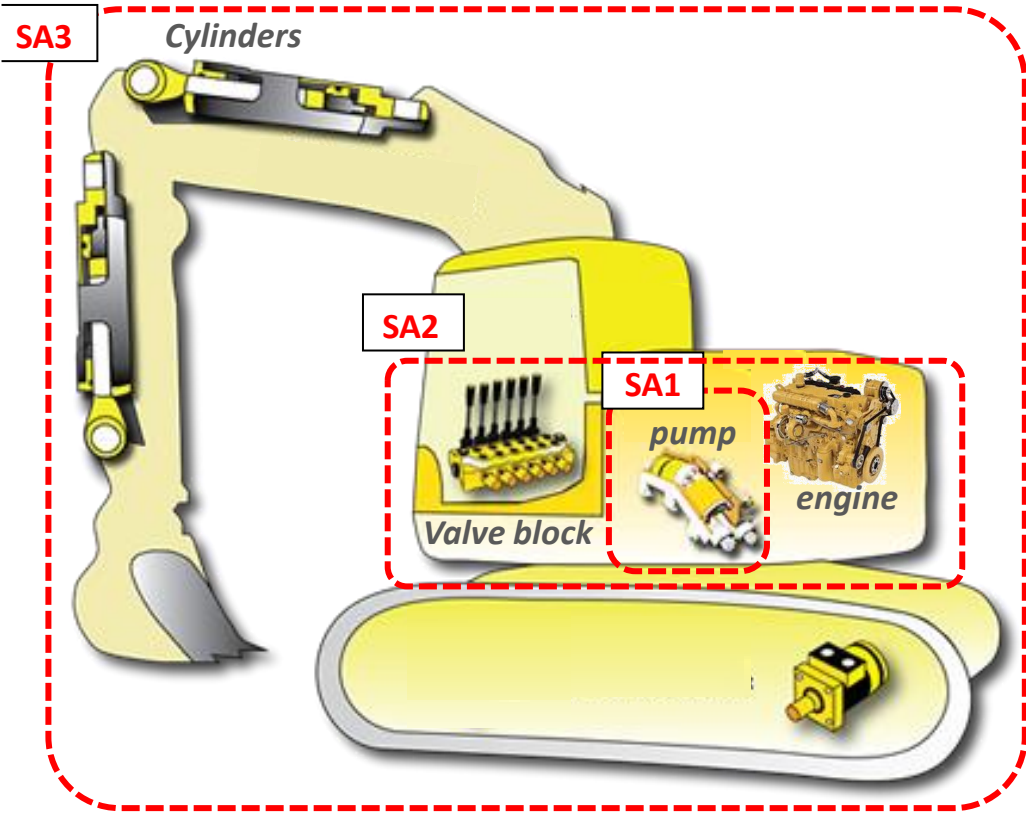
- “The Workbus”: multiple DDPM services are connected to loads in real time as demand varies by digital valves.
- Energy is regenerated onto the shaft, for immediate reuse or storage in accumulator
- Engine can be downsized, and operate at constant load
- Proportional valve throttle loss is eliminated
- Digital open-loop position control comes direct from the pump





# Diesel Excavator Results - and Future Potential

Concept	System impact	Benefits	Predicted fuel reduction (trenching)	Proven fuel reduction (trenching)	Next steps
SA1 "Pump swap"	<b>Minimal</b> A simple pump retrofit	Reduced pump losses. <b>Much higher productivity (+28%)</b>	<b>16%</b> (IVT 2016)	<b>21%</b> (IVT 2017)	Danfoss: Go to market!
SA2 "Smarter system"	<b>Medium</b> Electronic joysticks, some valve block changes	As SA2, plus Reduced valve losses	<b>30%</b> (IVT 2017)	<b>32%</b> <i>NEW!</i>	Artemis: Demonstrate to OEMs. Partner to develop
SA3 "Ultimate system"	<b>Major</b> Replace proportional valves with digital. Add accumulator.	As SA3, plus minimised throttling losses. Kinetic energy recovery on major axes. Engine load levelling.	<b>&gt;50%</b>	<i>Watch this space!</i>	Artemis: Prove elements in lab. Demonstrate in excavator.



# Outlook to Battery-Electric DD System for a 20T excavator...

System	Energy reduction	Battery Capacity	Life Cycle CO2 kg/h (diesel)	Life Cycle CO2 kg/h (UK electricity)
Baseline	-	651 kWh	54.9	41.2
DD SA1	21%	514 kWh	44.9	34.0
DD SA2	32%	442 kWh	39.6	30.3
DD SA3	50%	325 kWh	31.1	24.2

## Effects of improved system efficiency

- Reduced battery size => less cost
- Reduced motor & inverter capacity => less cost
- Reduced input energy => less cost
- Reduced charging supply rating => less cost

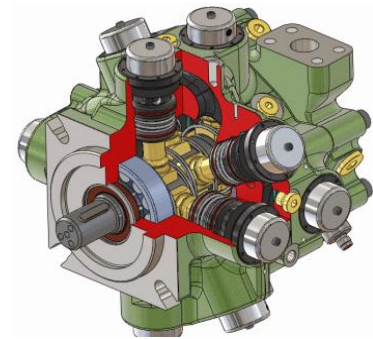


# Towards a universal solution for Diesel and Battery Electric

93kW diesel engine



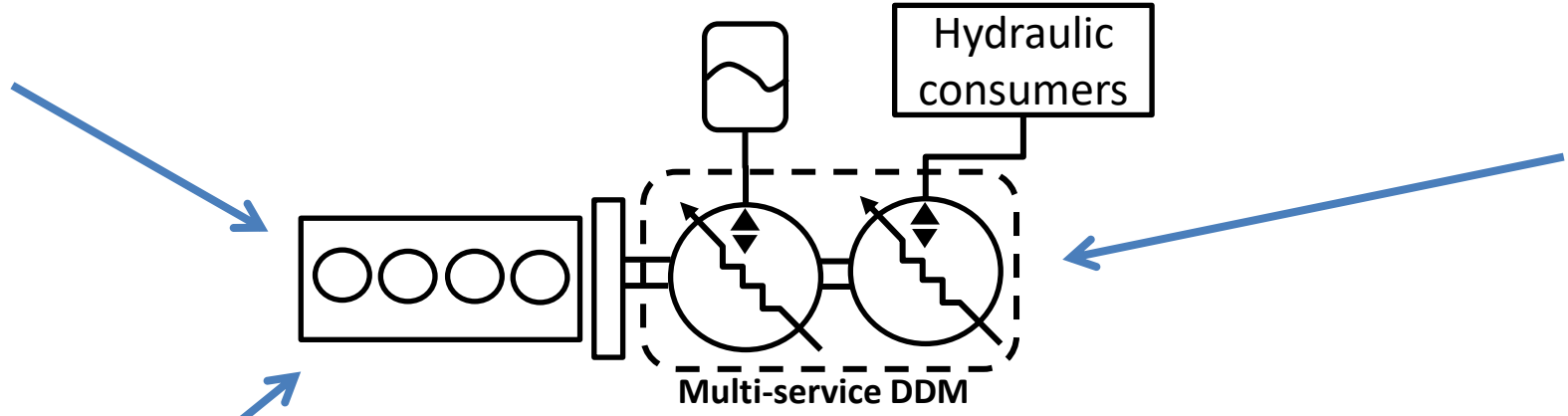
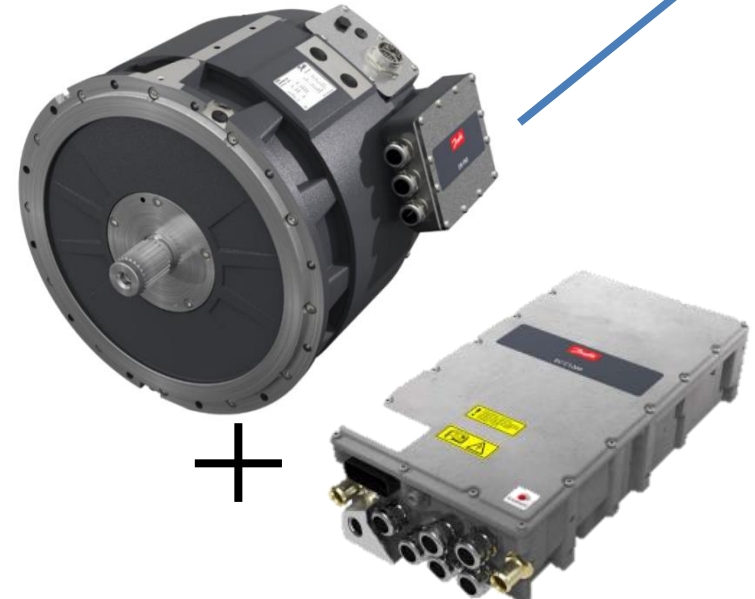
DD Pump/Motor



+



Danfoss Editron



**Diesel engine benefits:**  
 Save fuel  
 Downsize engine  
 Improve productivity

} Save \$\$\$

**Battery-electric benefits:**  
 Reduce battery capacity  
 Reduce electric machine rating  
 Reduce charging requirements

} Save \$\$\$



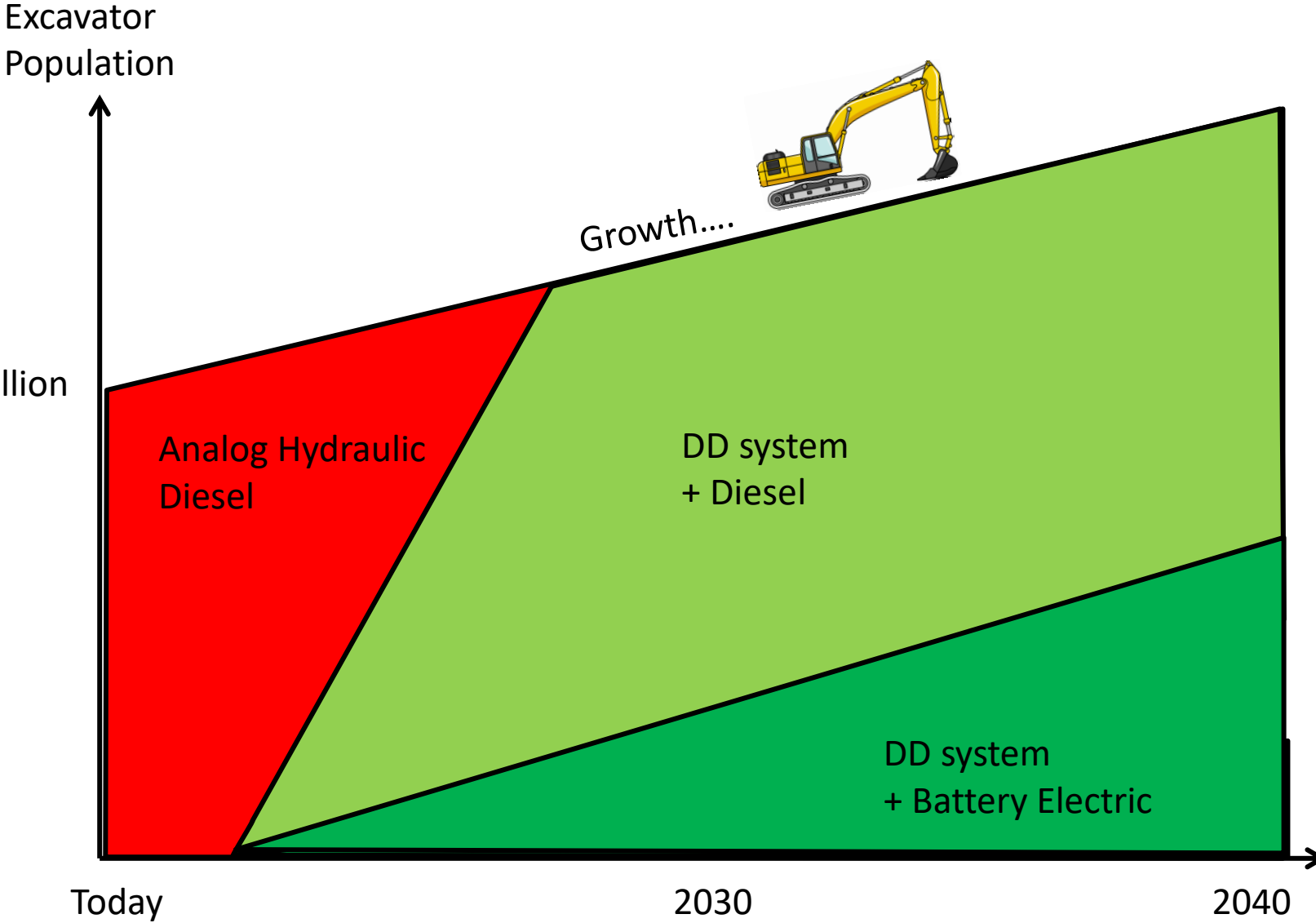
# Alternative futures...

Analog Diesel continues to grow...  
Battery Electric grows slowly from niche markets

OR

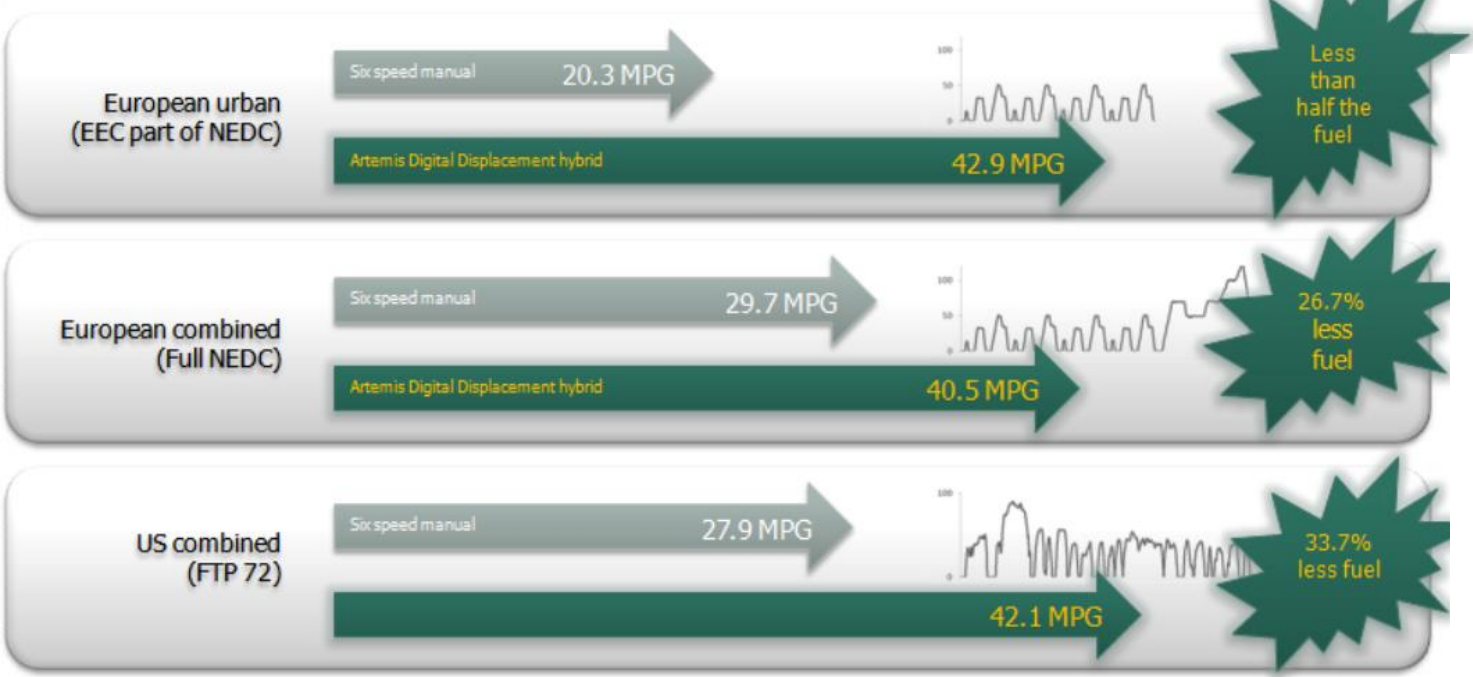
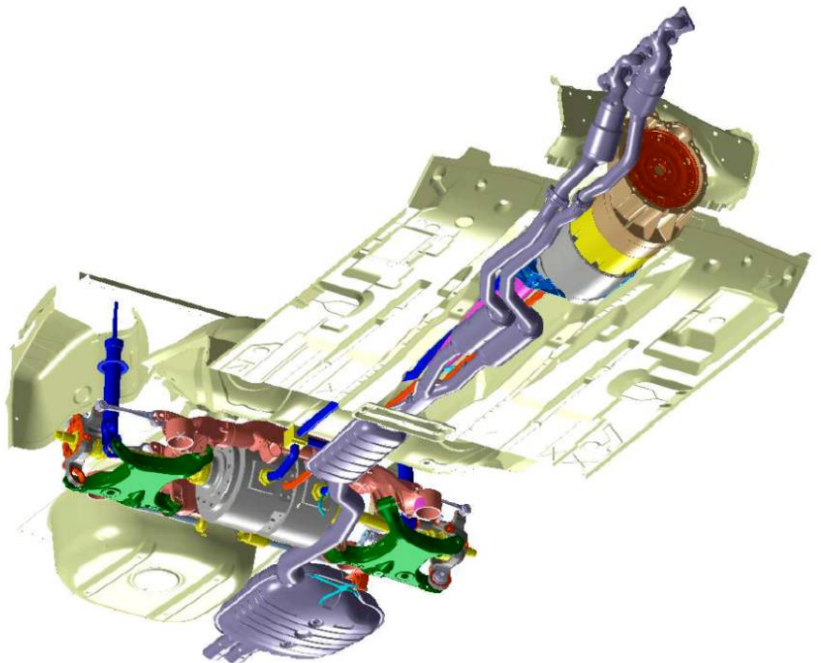
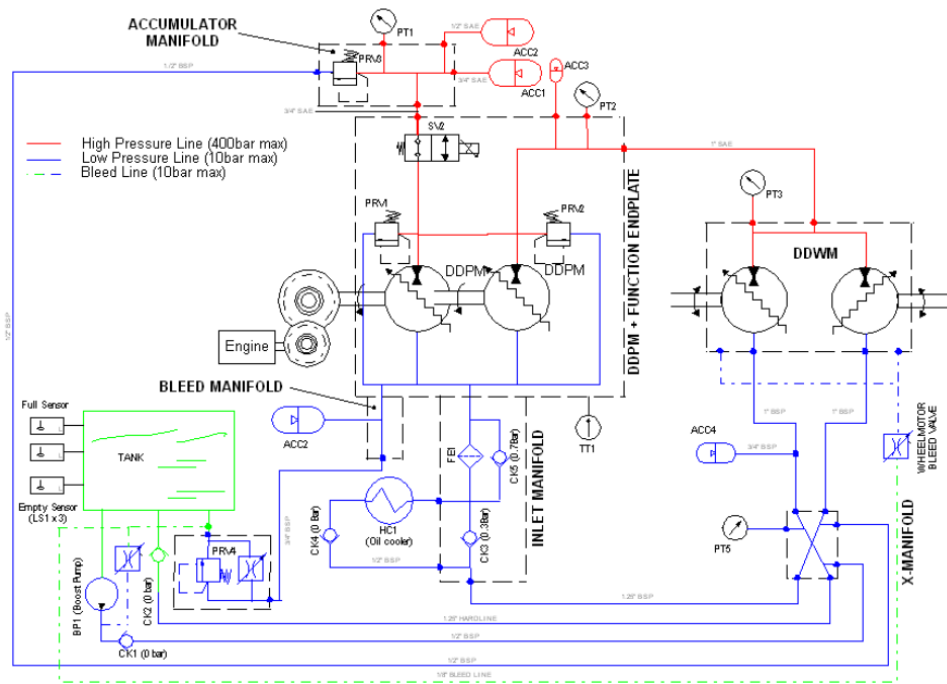
High efficiency systems grow: driven by positive business case based on fuel saving and productivity increase

Battery-Electric becomes more favourable due to lower energy requirements and cost .  
⇒ More commonality between Diesel and Battery variants  
⇒ Faster market penetration of batteries

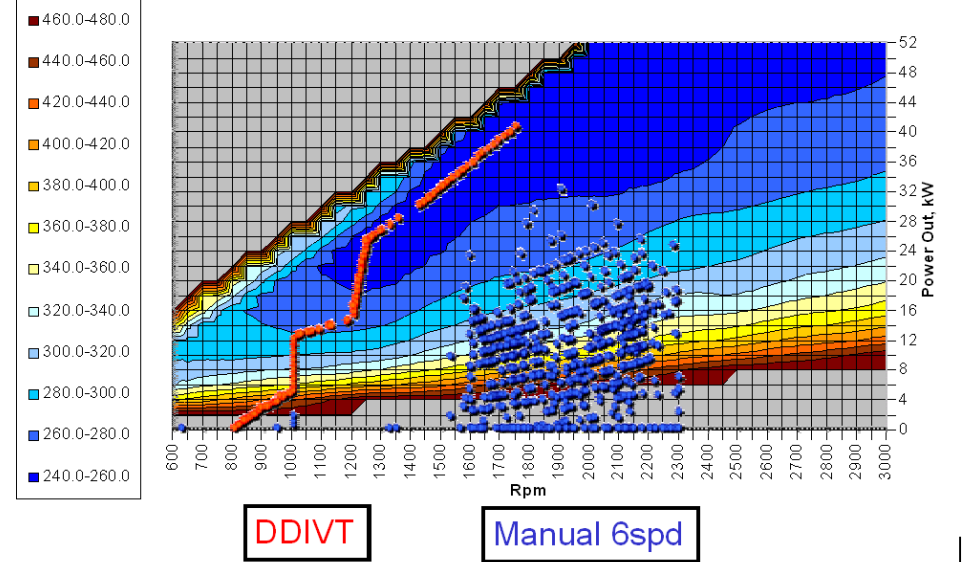


**Maybe we have finally found a Green Solution... which is also a Business Solution!**

# On road vehicles



Scatter of operating points on NEDC

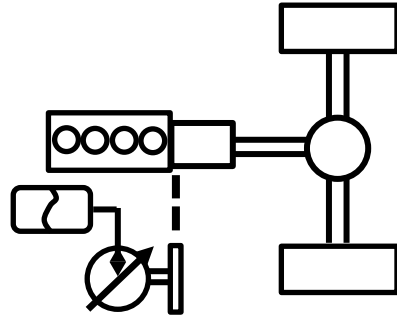
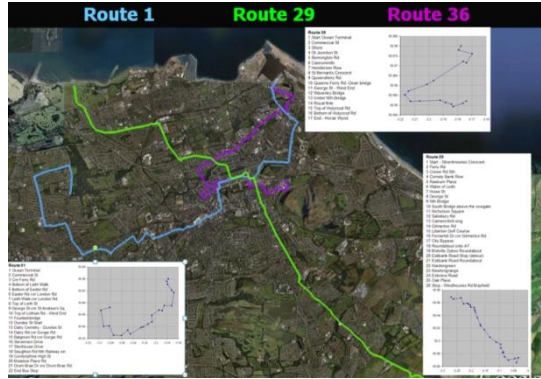




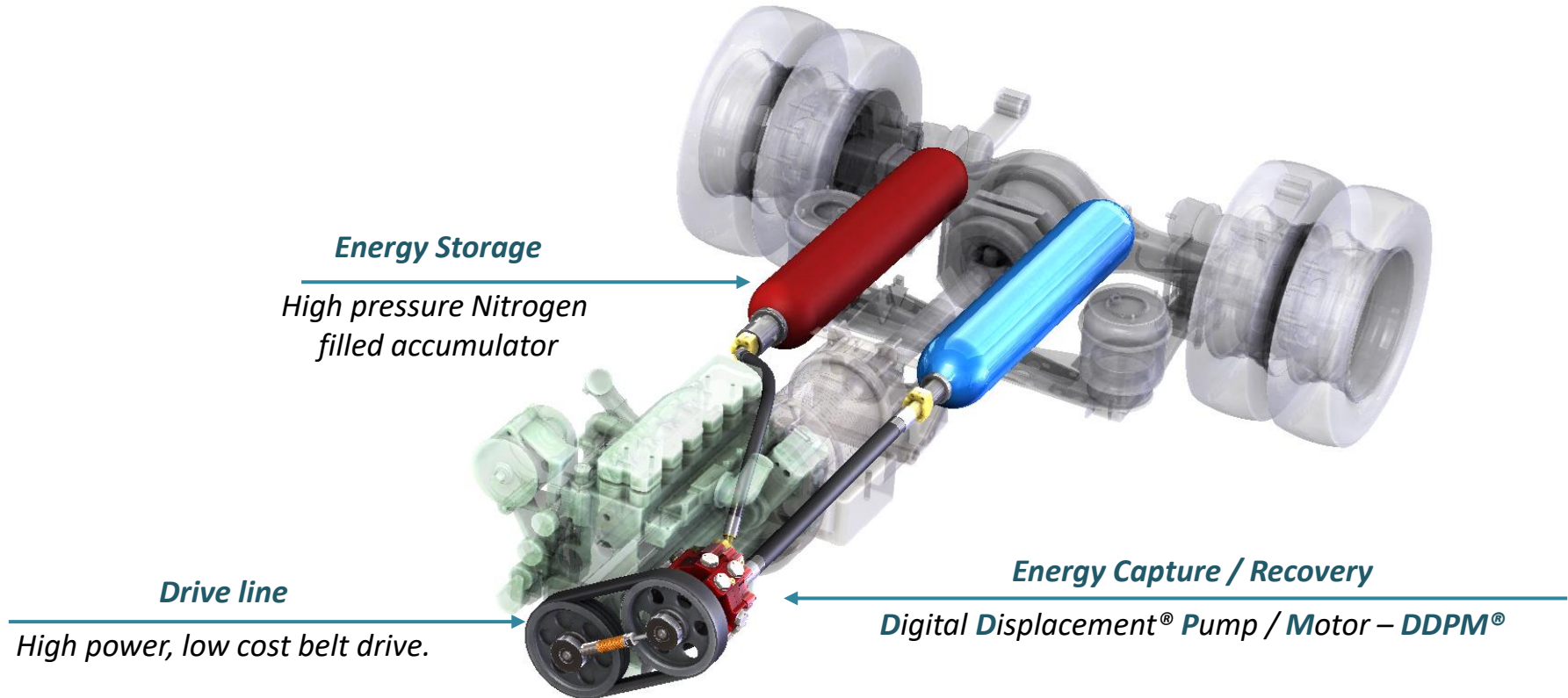
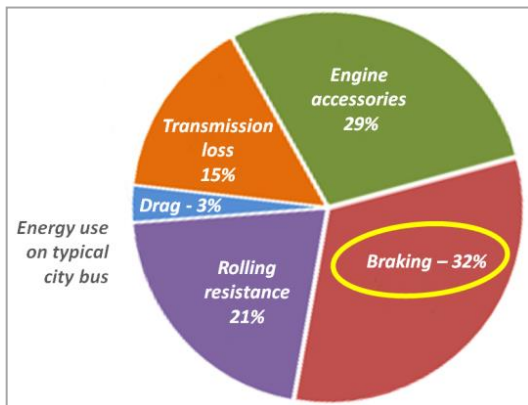
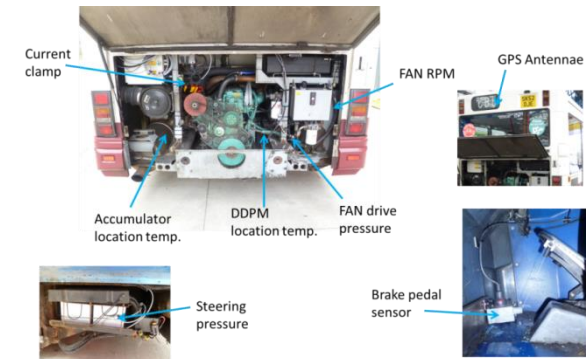
Torque  
Vectoring  
Demonstration



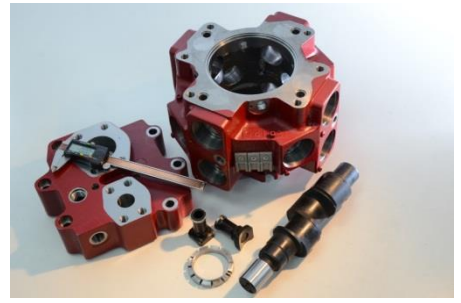
# Parallel hybrid – on-road



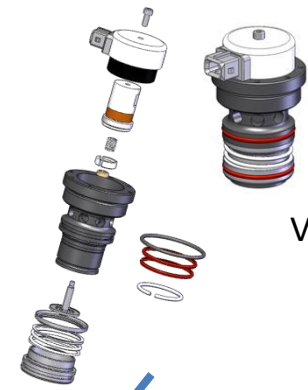
*Proven 20-30% fuel saving*



# A globally affordable hybrid system...



Mechanism



Valves



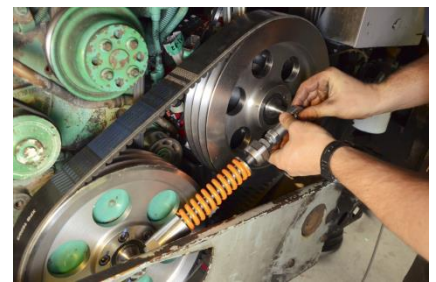
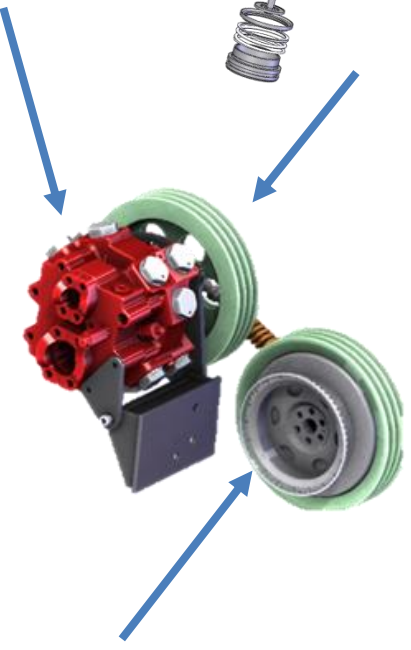
Accumulators



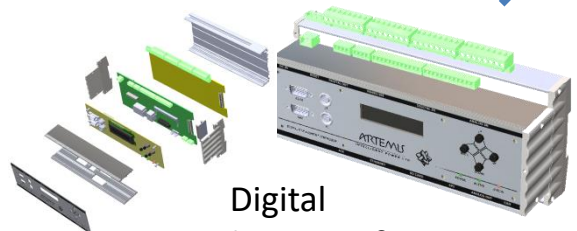
Hoses



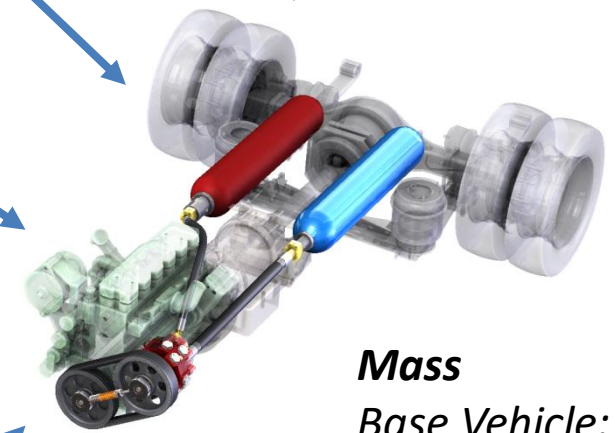
Mineral oil



Drive line



Digital Displacement<sup>®</sup> Control Module

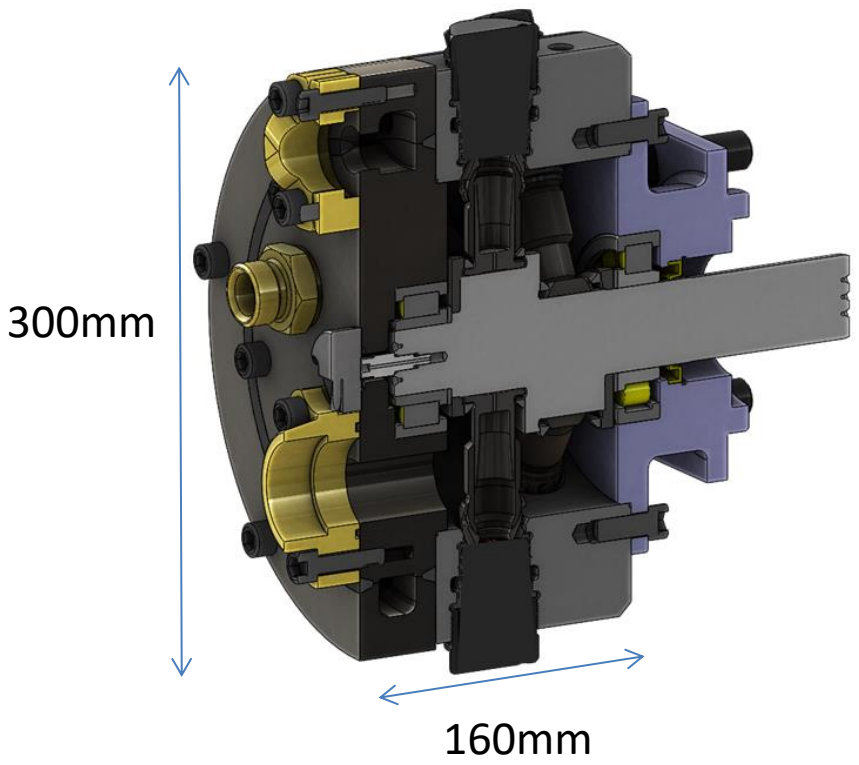


**Mass**  
Base Vehicle: 8140kg  
Hybrid system: 200kg  
**+2.4%**

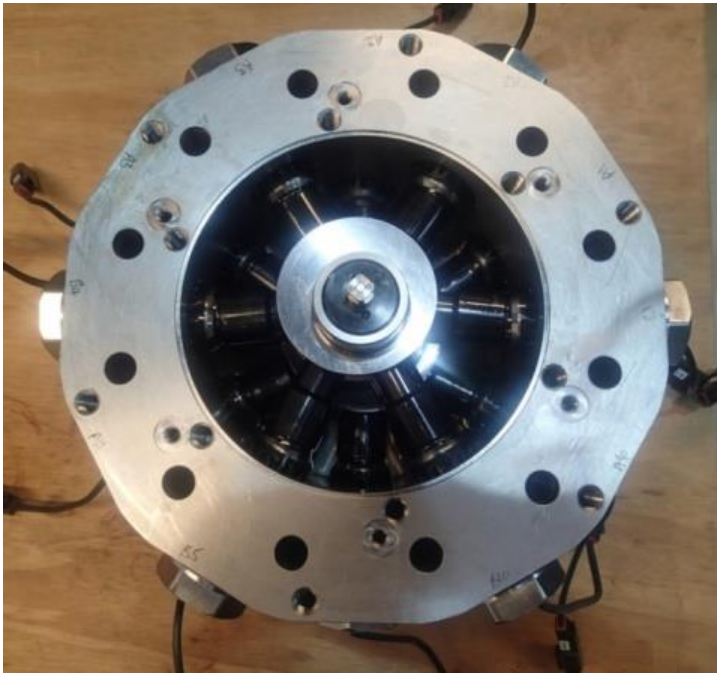
**Materials**  
Steel, oil, rubber, aluminium....  
(and only a little silicon)



# The enabling machine: M96

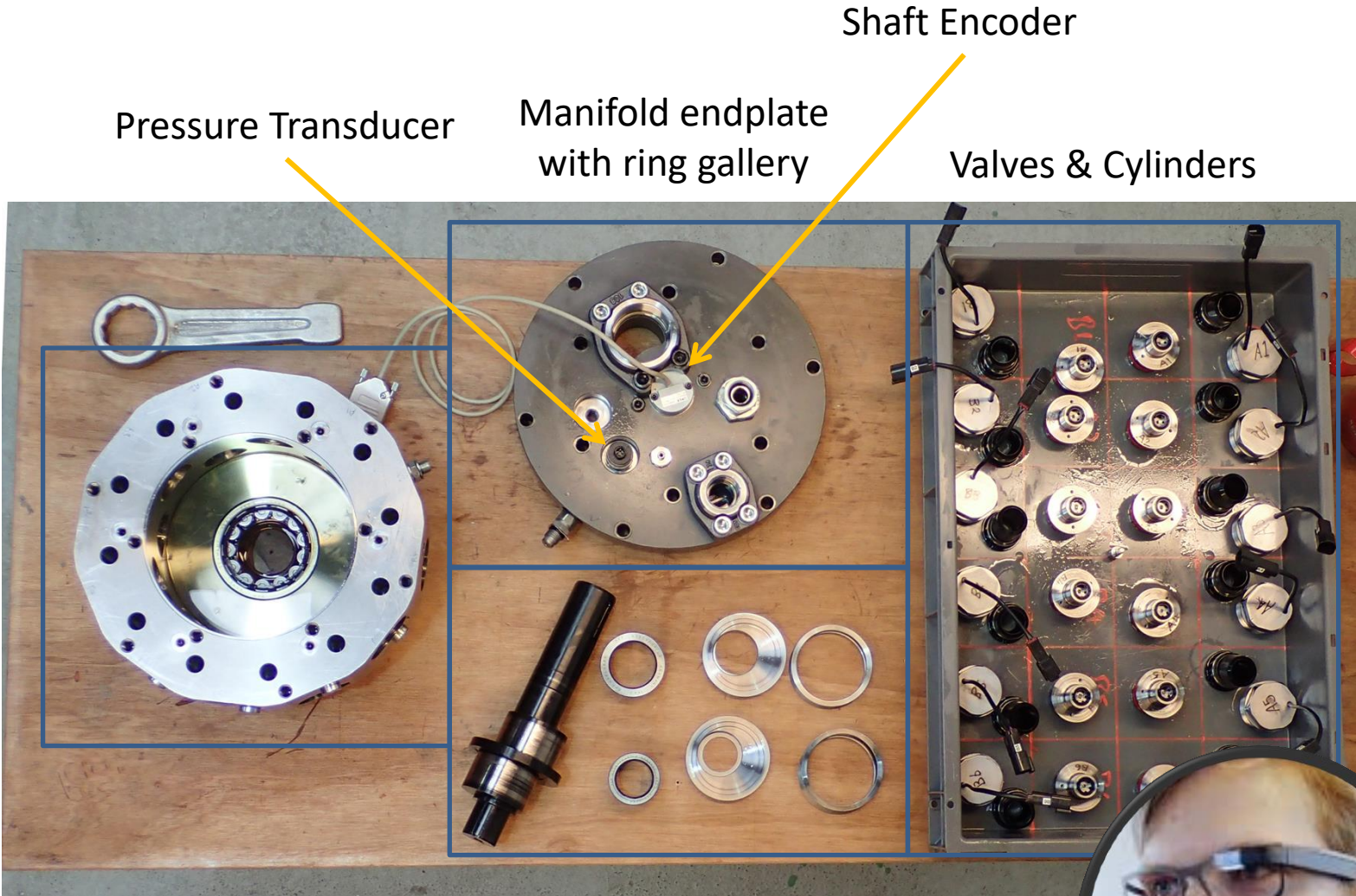


<b>Continuous torque</b>	500Nm @ 350 bar
<b>Continuous power</b>	125kW @ 2500rpm
<b>Mass</b>	45kg
<b>Control interface</b>	CAN bus
<b>Response speed</b>	12ms @2500rpm
<b>Typical efficiency</b>	95%



# M96 DDM assembly

- Simple design
- Low cost materials
- Standard production processes



Machine Ring & drive side endplate

Crankshaft & Piston retention

Shaft Encoder

Pressure Transducer

Manifold endplate with ring gallery

Valves & Cylinders



Electronic controller



*No nano-materials?  
No graphene?  
It's not very futuristic, is it?*

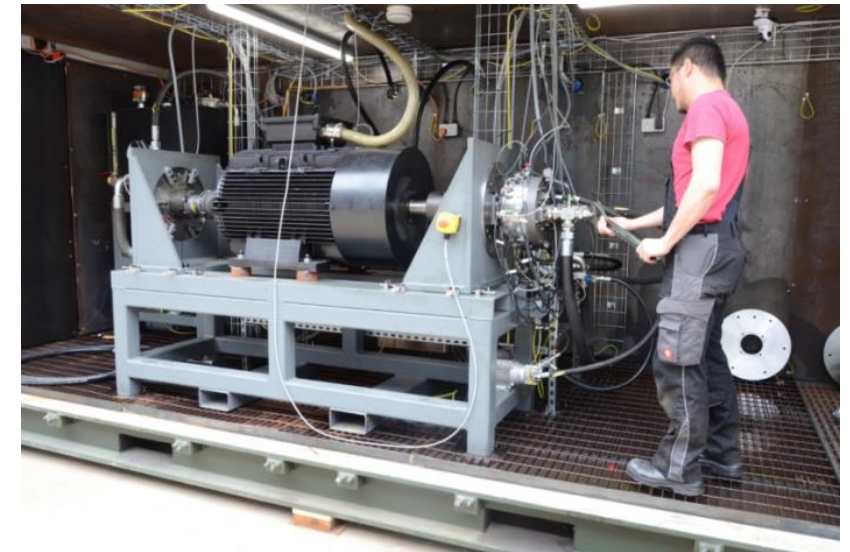
# Research Horizons



**DDISPLACE**  
Digital Displacement Intelligent System  
and Pump for Lifting And Construction  
Equipment  
*£11M from UK government*



Vehicle applications



Durability Testing



Work function R&D rig



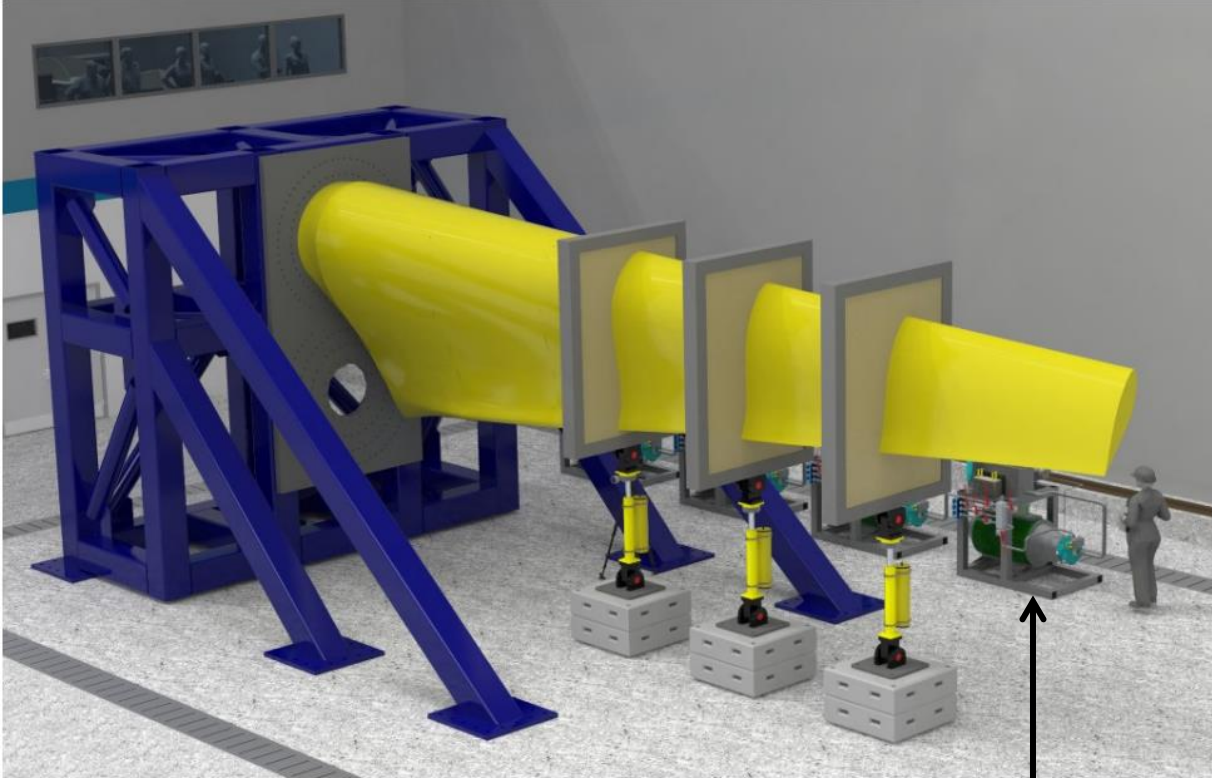
Next generation DDPM  
development



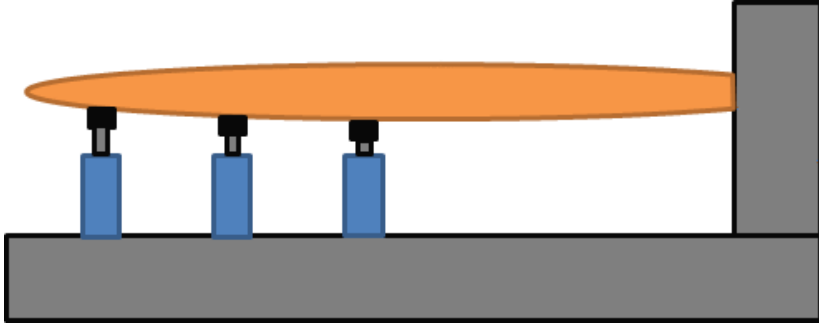
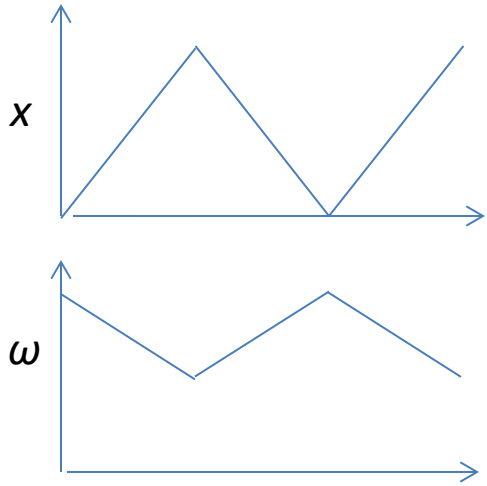
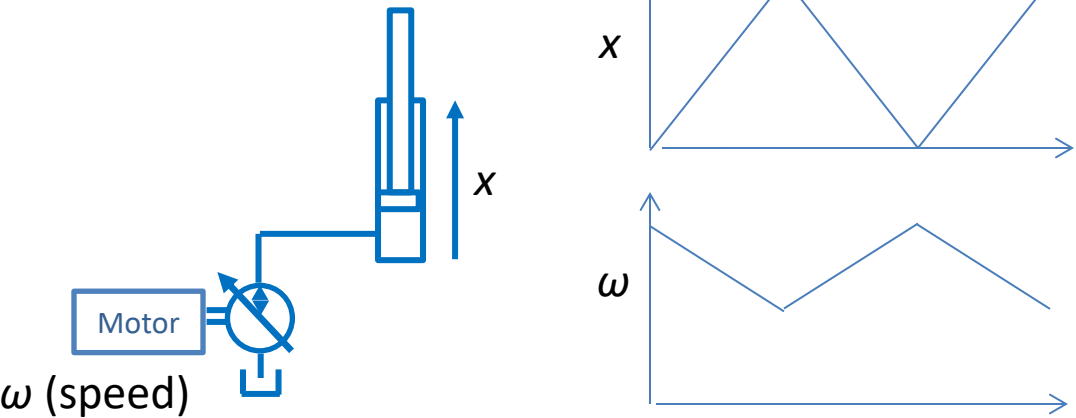
Electronics & Software



# Regenerative fatigue test rig



The FASTBLADE facility <https://www.fastblade.eng.ed.ac.uk>

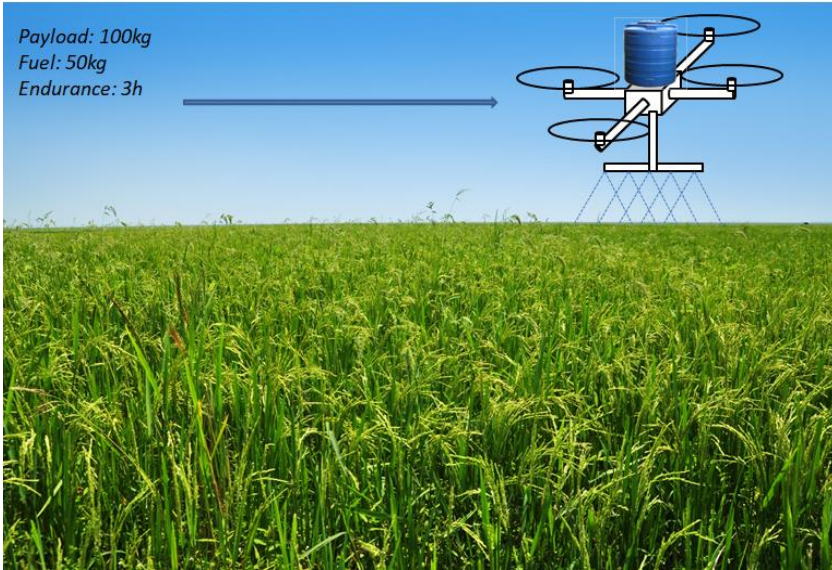
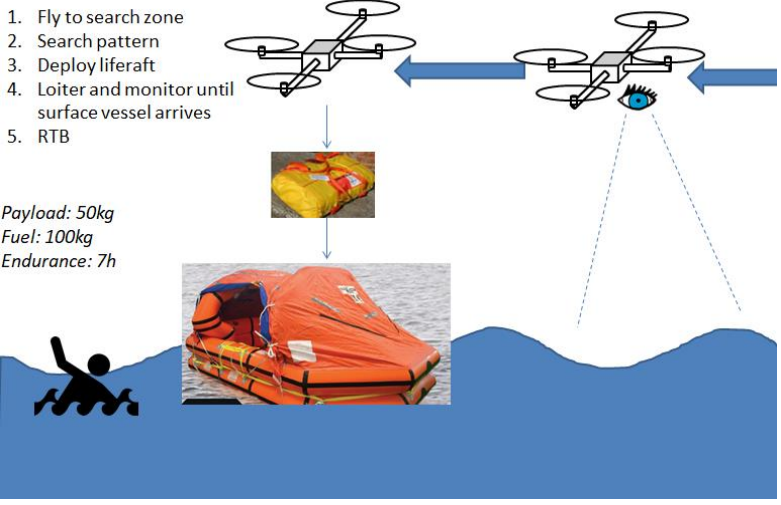


## Regenerative fatigue testing facility for tidal turbine blades

- Pump-controlled motion with flywheel energy storage
- Valve losses are eliminated
- Regenerates strain energy (80% round-trip efficiency)
- Less than a quarter of the electrical consumption of servo-valve control
- First commercial system application of M96

# How can DD make drones better?

- Search and Rescue
- Logistics
- Marine logistics
- Inspection/surveying
- Crop spraying/Agriculture
- Forestry
- ..



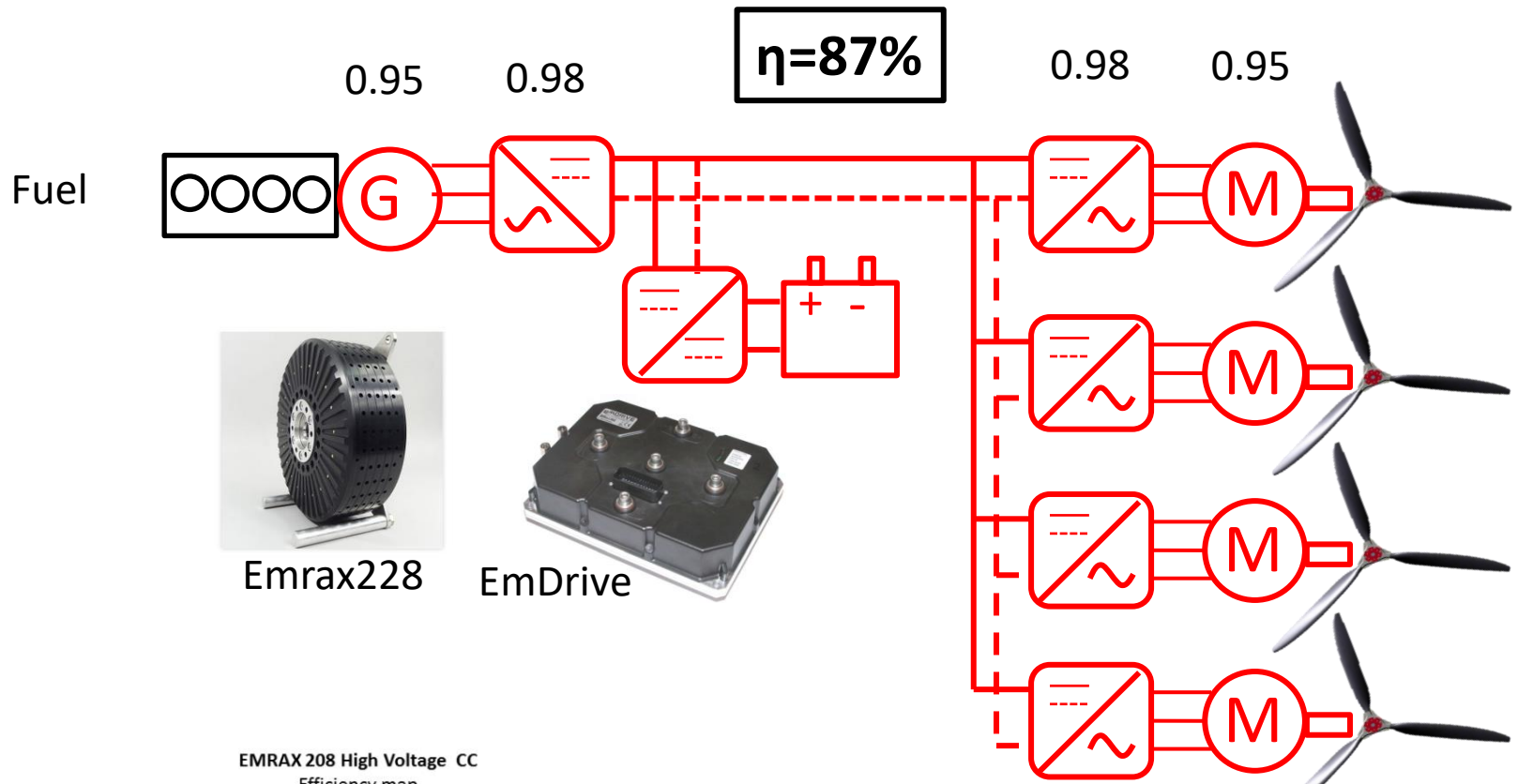
## WANTS

- More range & payload
  - Batteries not included!
- No people – less liability – less weight
- Low cost
- All weather
- Easy maintenance in the field – no high voltages
- Take-off and land anywhere
- Continuous hover and positioning – like today’s multirotor – not a transitioning eVTOL with limited hover time
- => Continuous power required
- Significant payload 50kg: FLIR gimbal, life-raft
- Fill from a jerry can in 5 minutes. No mains (or diesel genset) required!
- Fuel = fossil, bio or e-fuel

**Replace helicopters...**  
 => **Burn 1/10 fuel**  
 => **1/10 operating cost**  
 => **Reduce risk to humans**



# Hybrid electric transmission?



Emrax228



EmDrive



EmDrive



Emrax208

**Efficiency**  
87% - seems OK

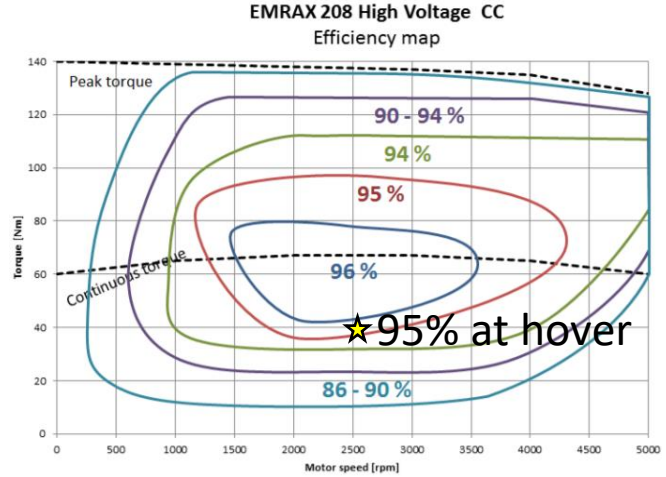
**Controllability**  
Zero hysteresis  
Perfect linearity  
Zero deadband  
Fast reponse  
...perfect!

**Battery**  
If continuous hover is required,  
what is it for? The optimum  
size is ZERO

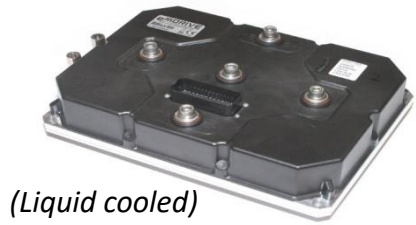
Isn't this just a continuously  
variable transmission?



Could we do it with hydraulics?

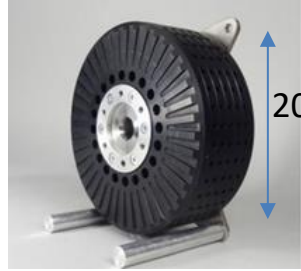


# Motors compared



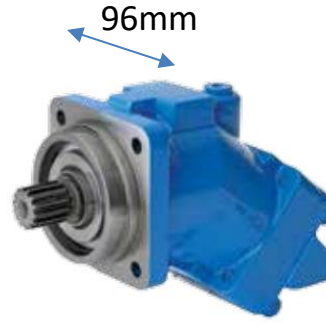
(Liquid cooled)

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208mm

VS



96mm

	Electric			Hydraulic	
	Emrax 188	Emrax 208	Emrax 228	Hydroeduc M12	Hydroeduc M18
Type	Axial Flux Motor	Axial Flux Motor	Axial Flux Motor	Bent Axis Motor	Bent Axis Motor
Power Continuous kW	30	32	42	61	92
Max RPM	7000	6000	5500	8000	8000
Motor mass	7kg	9.4kg	12.3kg	5.5kg	5.5kg
Torque Continuous Nm	50	80	125	73	110
Controller mass	5kg	5kg	5kg	None	None
Total Mass inc controller	12 kg	14.4kg	17.3 kg	5.5kg	5.5kg
Efficiency inc controller	93-94%	93-94%	93-94%	93-94%	93-94%
Nm/kg	4.2 Nm/kg	5.6Nm/kg	7.2 Nm/kg	13.3 Nm/kg	20Nm/kg
kW/kg Continuous	2.5kW/kg	2.2 kW/kg	2.4 kW/kg	11 kW/kg	16.7 kW/kg
Cost + controller	€2,190 + €1800	€2,390 + €1,800	€2,490 + €1800	<€1000	<€1000

Includes controller

## Hydraulic motors are...

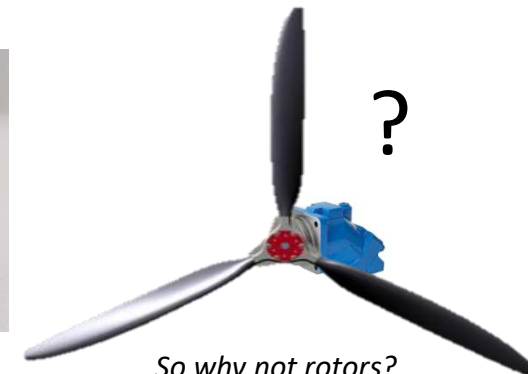
- Lighter
  - X2-3 Torque to weight ratio
- Continuous rating
- More compact
- Waterproof
- Much lower cost
- Just as efficient
- Much more robust



Hydraulic motors are used for tough jobs...

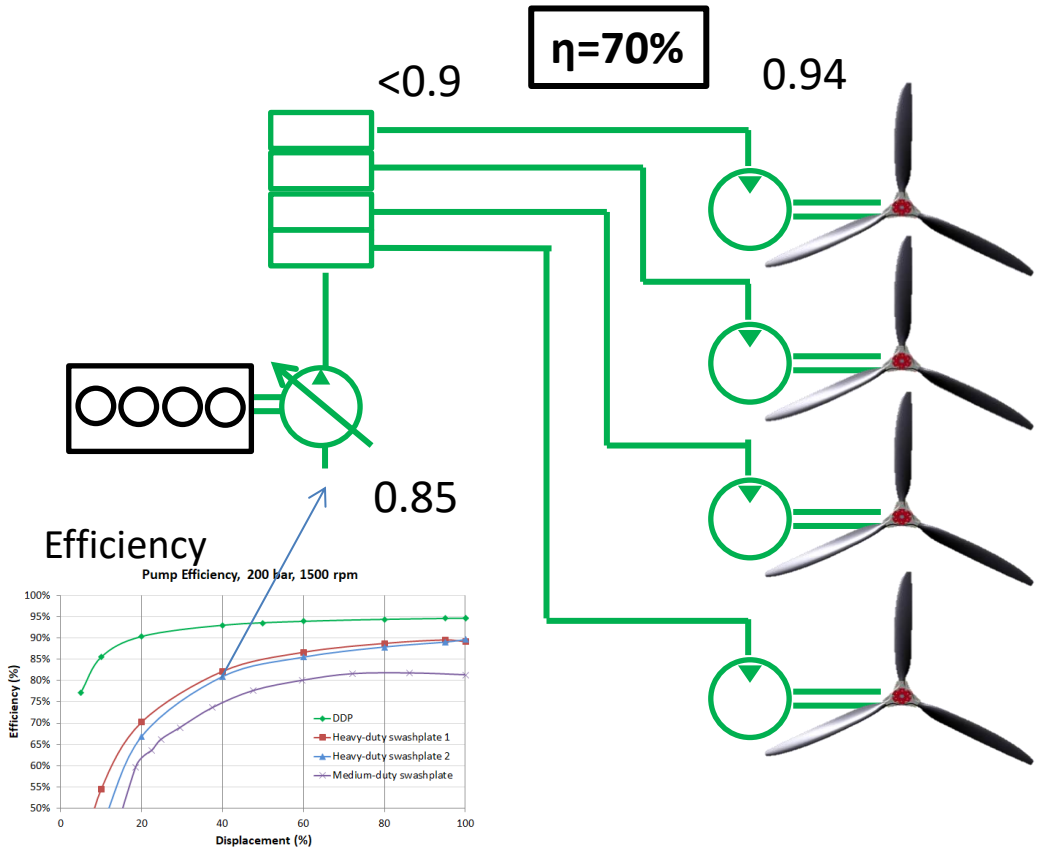


Hydraulic motors are often used to drive fans



So why not rotors?

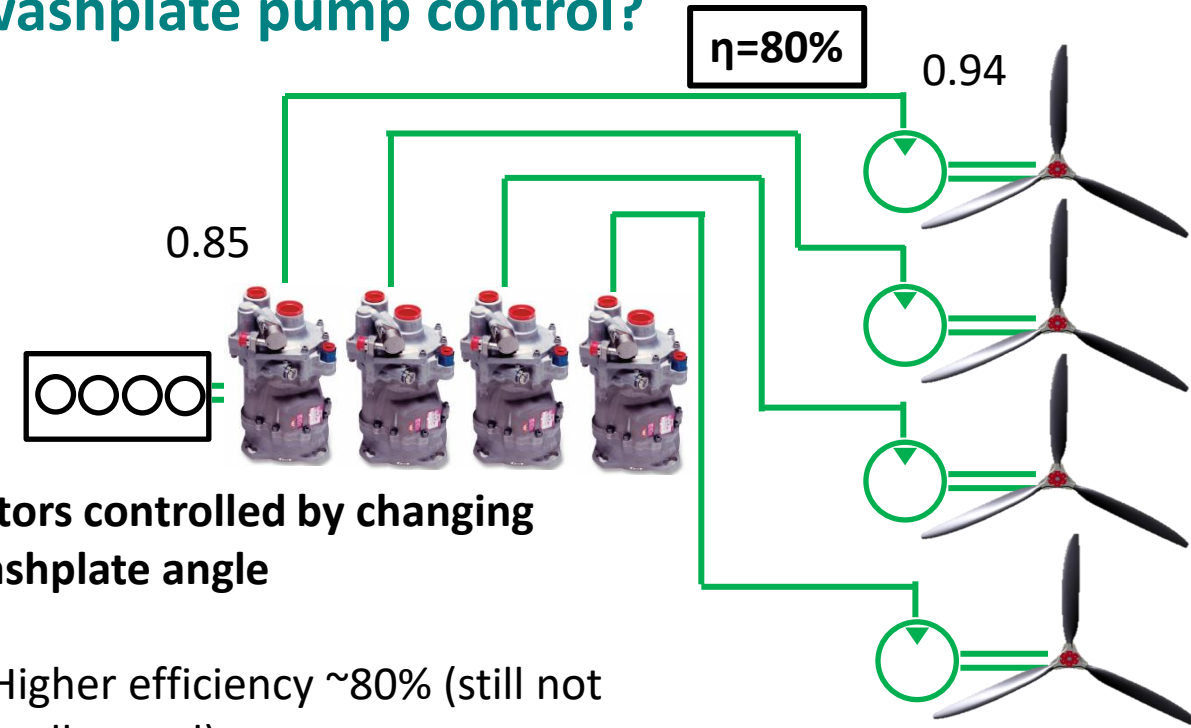
# Proportional valve control?



## Motors controlled by proportional valves

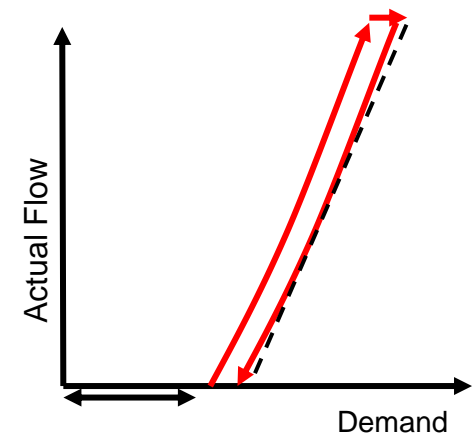
- ⇒ Large pressure drop in valves = energy loss
- ⇒ Pump works at part load
- ⇒ Result: <math><70\%</math> efficiency ... unacceptable!

# Swashplate pump control?



## Motors controlled by changing swashplate angle

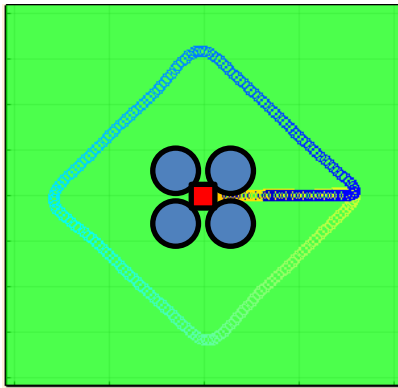
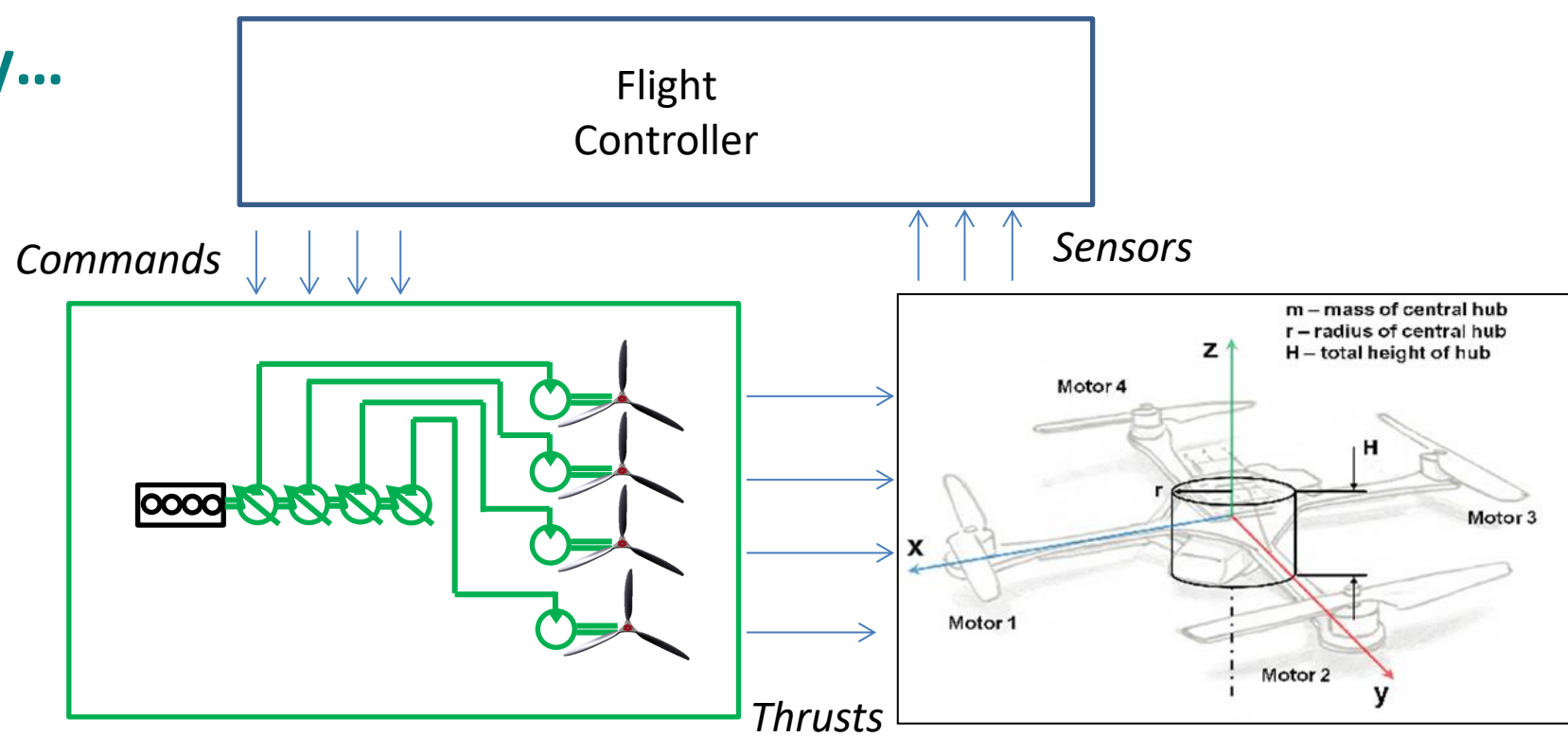
- Higher efficiency ~80% (still not really good)
- Need 4 separate pumps & splitter gearbox!
- Is control from swashplate actuator good enough?
  - delay
  - hysteresis
  - non-linearity
  - deadband



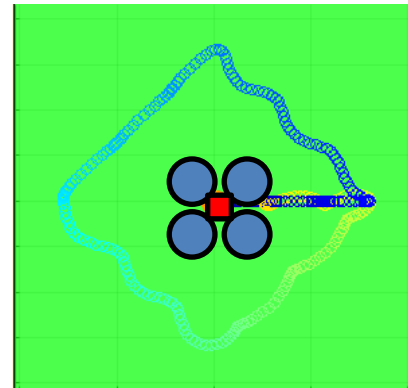


# Effect of poor controllability...

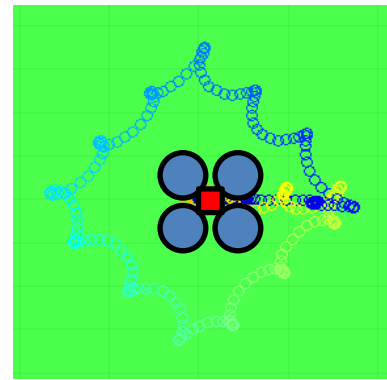
*Simulation of quadcopter rigid body dynamics, coupled to hydraulic circuit dynamics, in Matlab Simulink*



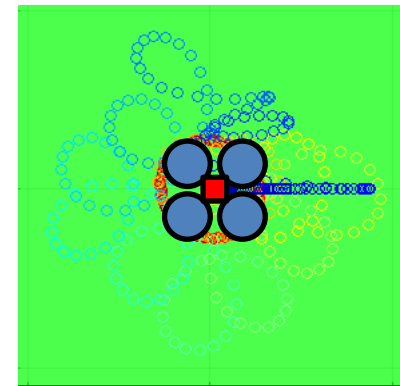
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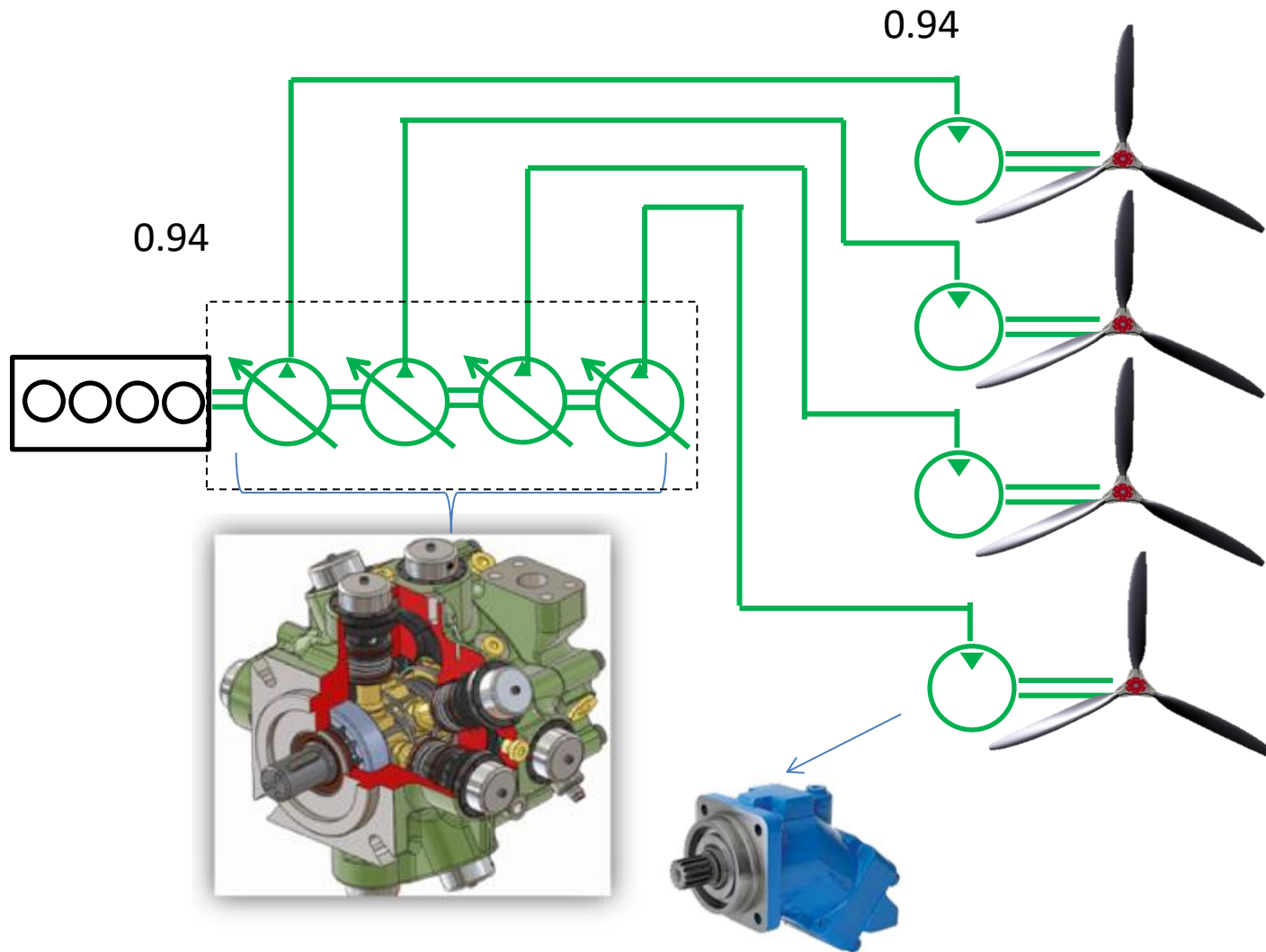


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Hysteresis:

**=> We need very high precision!**

# DDP multirotor



**Lighter components**

=> More payload

**One machine, four outputs**

=> No splitter gearbox

**Efficiency = 88%**

=> As good as electric

**Controllability is no problem**

- Hysteresis = 0%
- Non-linearity = 0%
- Dead-band = 0%
- Response speed = 20ms
- CANbus interface

Let's try it!



*Small-scale demonstration showed good hover control*



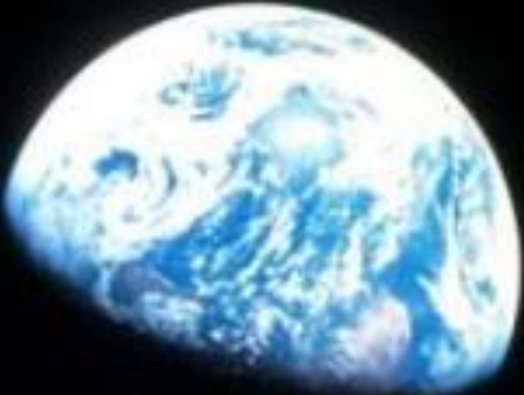


Video of full-size rotor test rig (1.5m diameter) – capable of 100kg thrust

# Final thoughts

Climate change is an existential challenge

Fluid power is part of the solution...  
... not part of the problem.



We need to work together to find “green solutions” that are also “business solutions”

Let’s start with a coffee...



Or maybe a red wine?

Thank you!

