

# **A 20 Years Research Journey in Fluid Power along with Deep Respect and Friendship with Monika**

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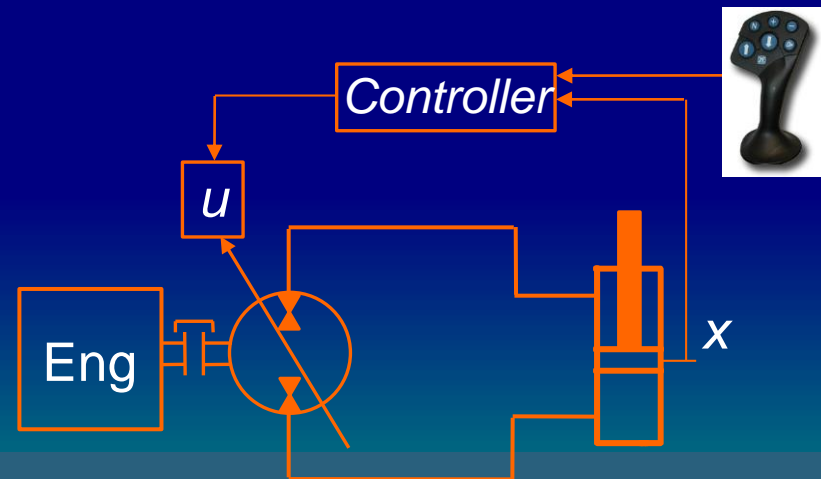
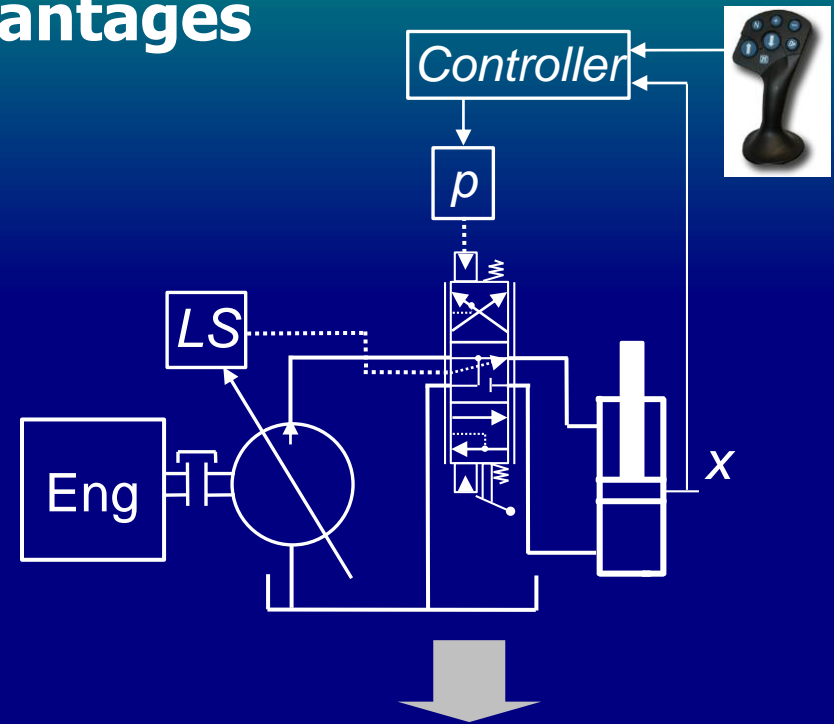
# Displacement Controlled Wheel Loader a simple and clever Solution



Monika Ivantysynova

# Valveless Actuator - Advantages

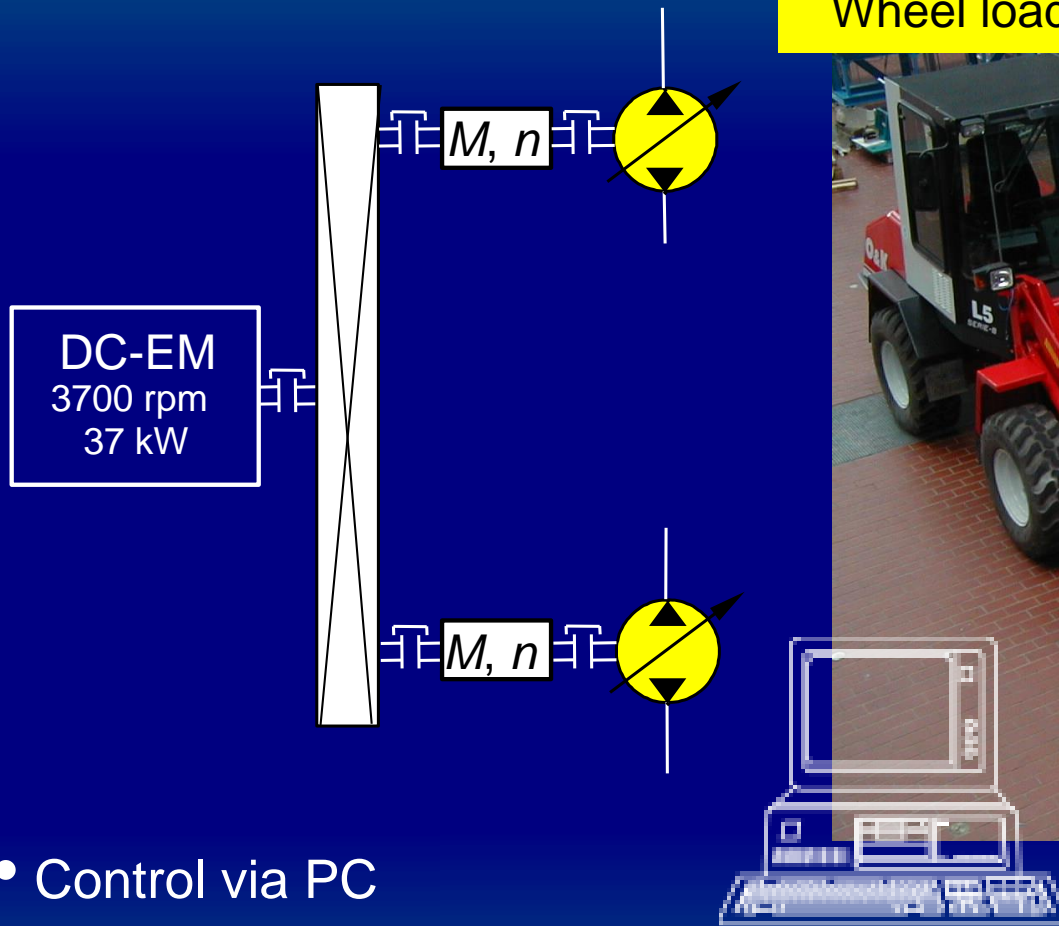
- Simplification of System
  - Costs
  - Maintenance
- Better Use of Primary Energy
  - No Throttling Losses
  - Energy Recovery
- Powerful Dynamic System and Easy to Control





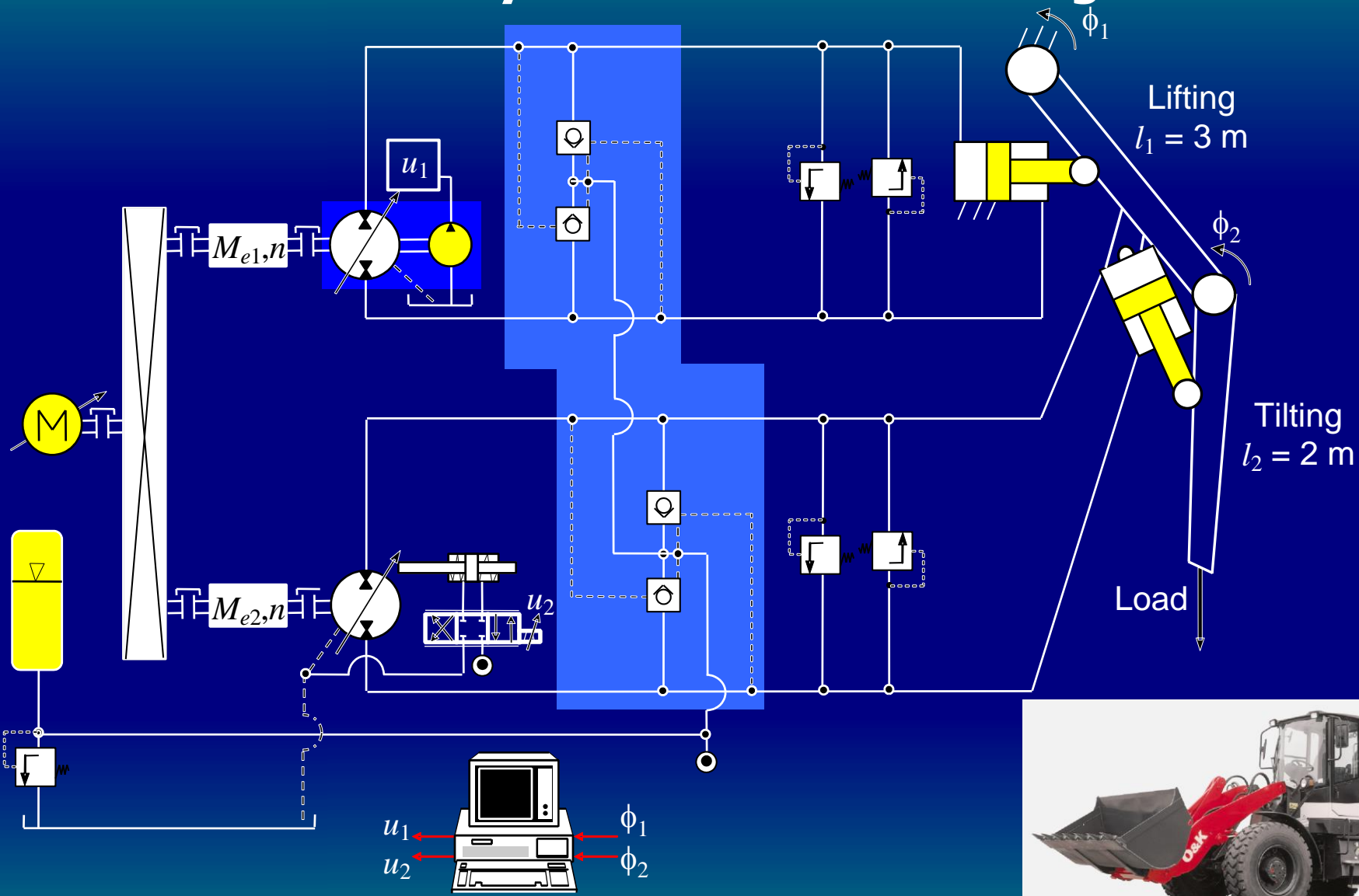
# Stationary Wheel Loader Test Rig L5

Wheel loader with 0.5 m<sup>3</sup> bucket capacity



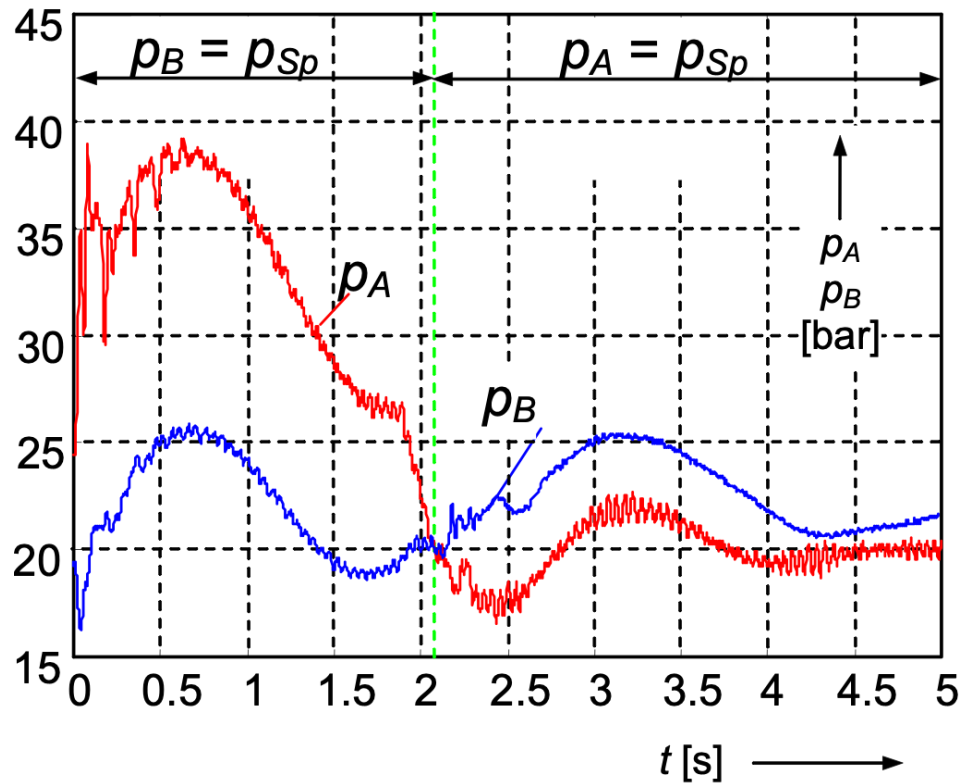
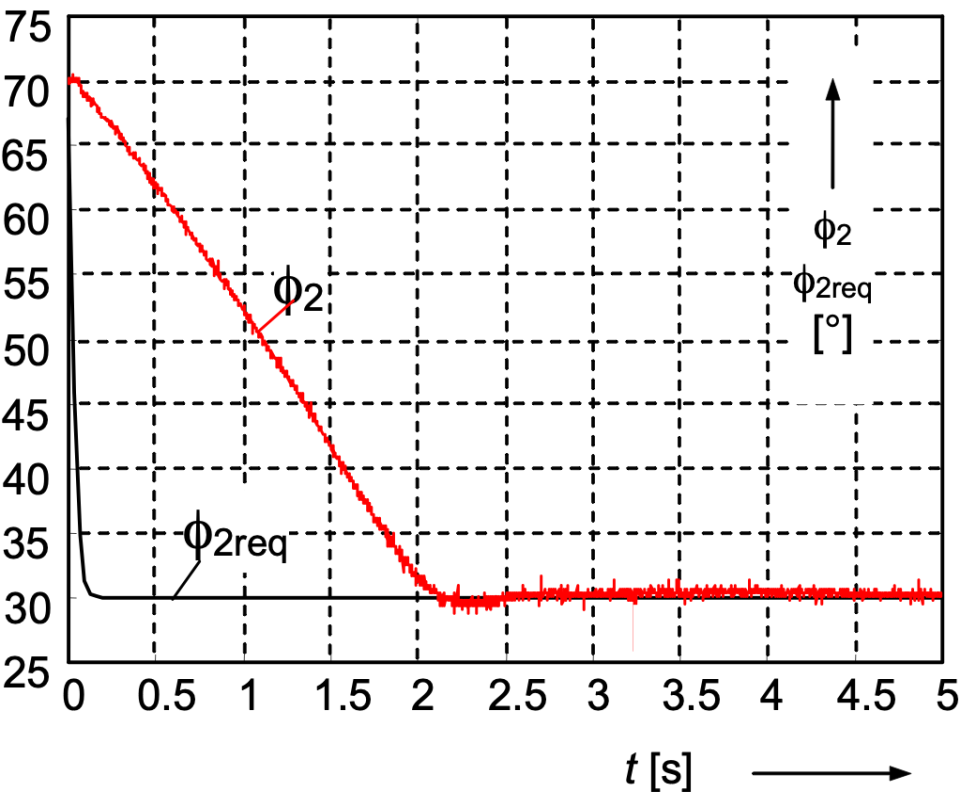
- Control via PC
- Electric driven pumps (Oilgear 10.8 ccm and Hydromatik A10VSG 10 ccm)
- Analogue and CAN-Bus position sensors

# Stationary Wheel Loader Test Rig L5



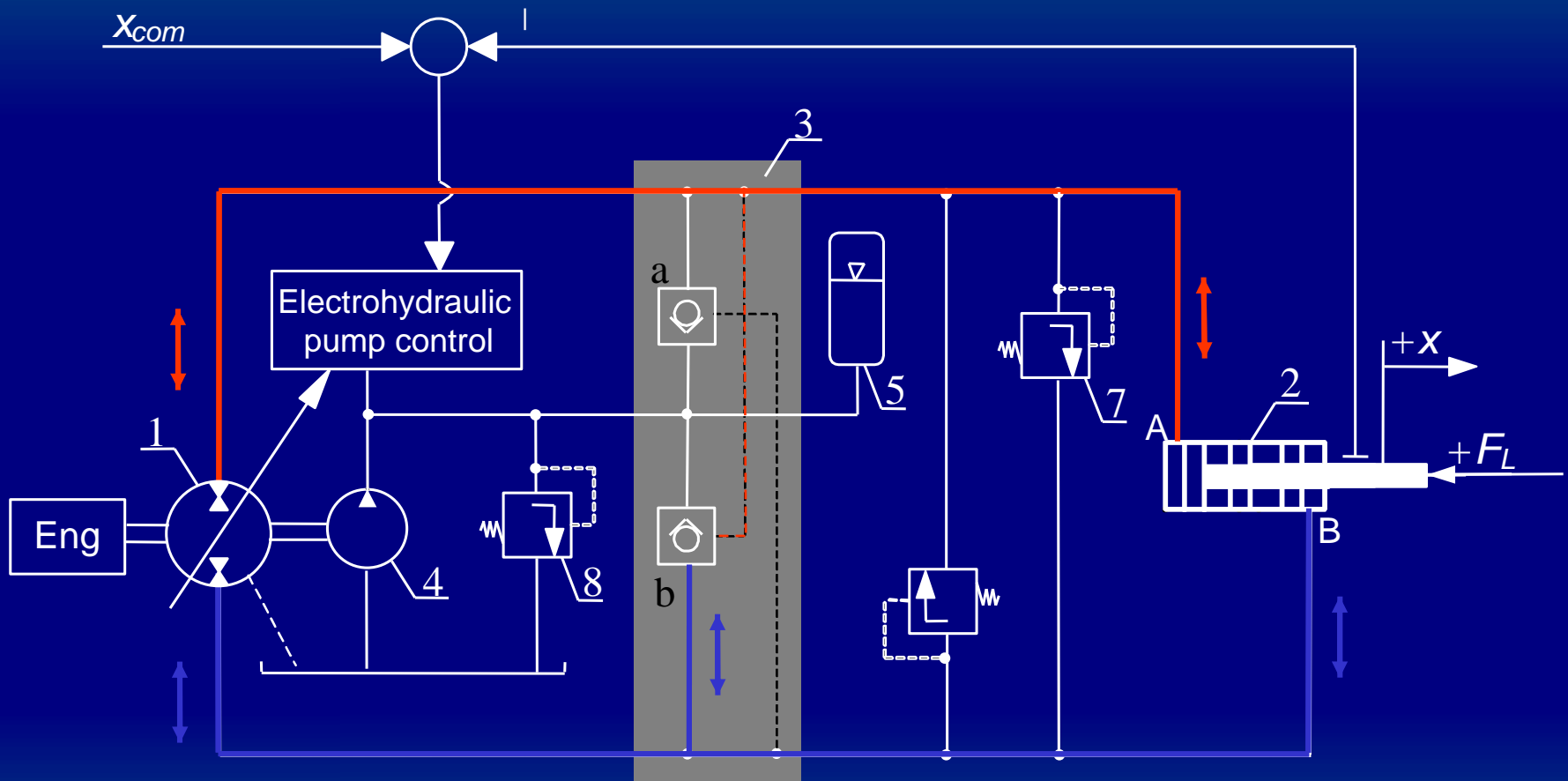
# System Step Response under Load Change

High Load Stiffness



Pilot Operated Check Valves work properly

# Valveless Linear Actuator - Concept



Concept successfully tested !

# IBIS

## Advanced Multi-Functional Machinery for Outdoor Applications

Final Assessment  
31th of May 2005

Project start: 1st of April 2002  
Project duration: 36 month  
Programme: FP5 “Competitive and Sustainable GROWTH”



# IBIS – Main Aims of the Project

**I.**

**Innovative Design and Interfaces for multi-functional Mobile Machinery with Flexible Boom Structures**

**II.**

**Alternative Energy-efficient Hydraulic Actuator Technologies**

- CV: Cartridge Valve Technology
- DC: Displacement Control
- HT: Hydraulic Transformer

**III.**

**Control Concepts for**

- Advanced Intelligent Hydraulic Actuators
- Automatic Motion Control for Flexible Boom Structures

**IV.**

**Condition Monitoring – on-board Diagnostics & Prognostic Methods**



# Technology Platform - Wheel Loader

## O&K

- Provision of machine structure
- Machine field tests

## TuTech

- Actuator integration
- Actuator control
- Actuator steady-state and dynamic tests

## CRF

- Sensor implementation

## ACTIA

- Diagnostic hardware implementation

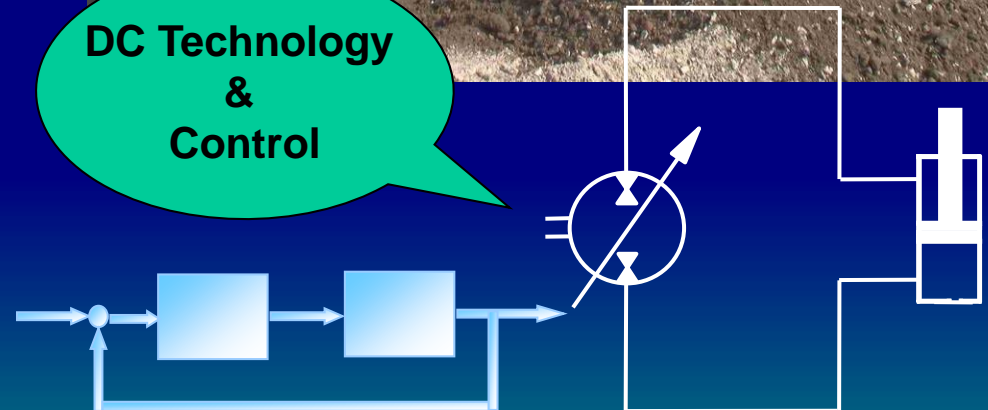
## APS

- Diagnostic software implementation
- Test of diagnostic system

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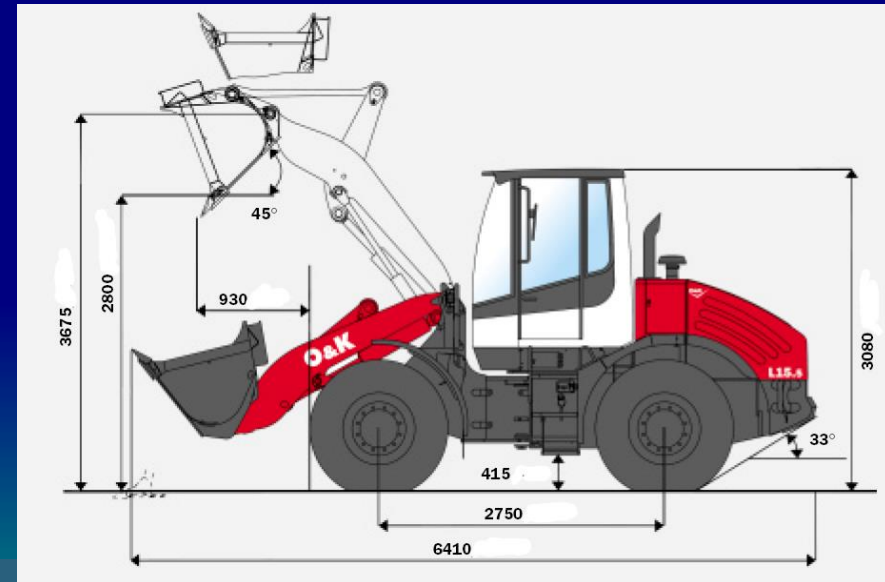
DC Technology  
&  
Control





# Technology Platform – Wheel Loader

- Wheel loader 9 tons
- Engine max. 82 kW at max. 2200 rpm
- Normal bucket capacity 1.5 m
- Working hydraulics / Functions:  
Lifting & Tilting, Parallel Fork Lift, Floating,  
Return to Dig, Lift Limitation, 3rd Function
- Hydraulic steering system
- Hydrostatic cooling and brake system



Overall functionality  
needs to be realized by  
the new system

# Displacement Controlled DC Circuit Diagram

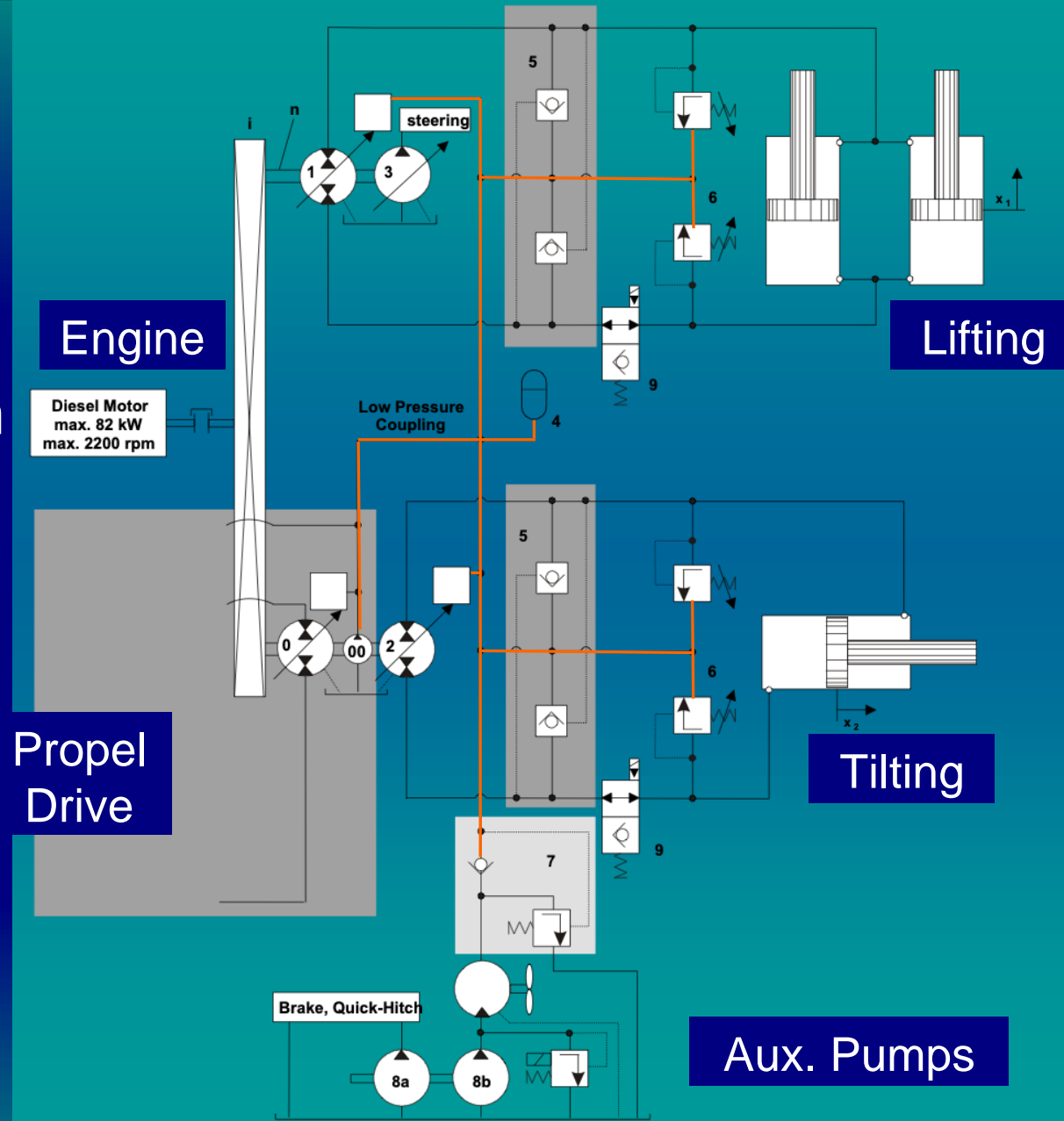
Working functions:

Pump 1,2: 75 ccm

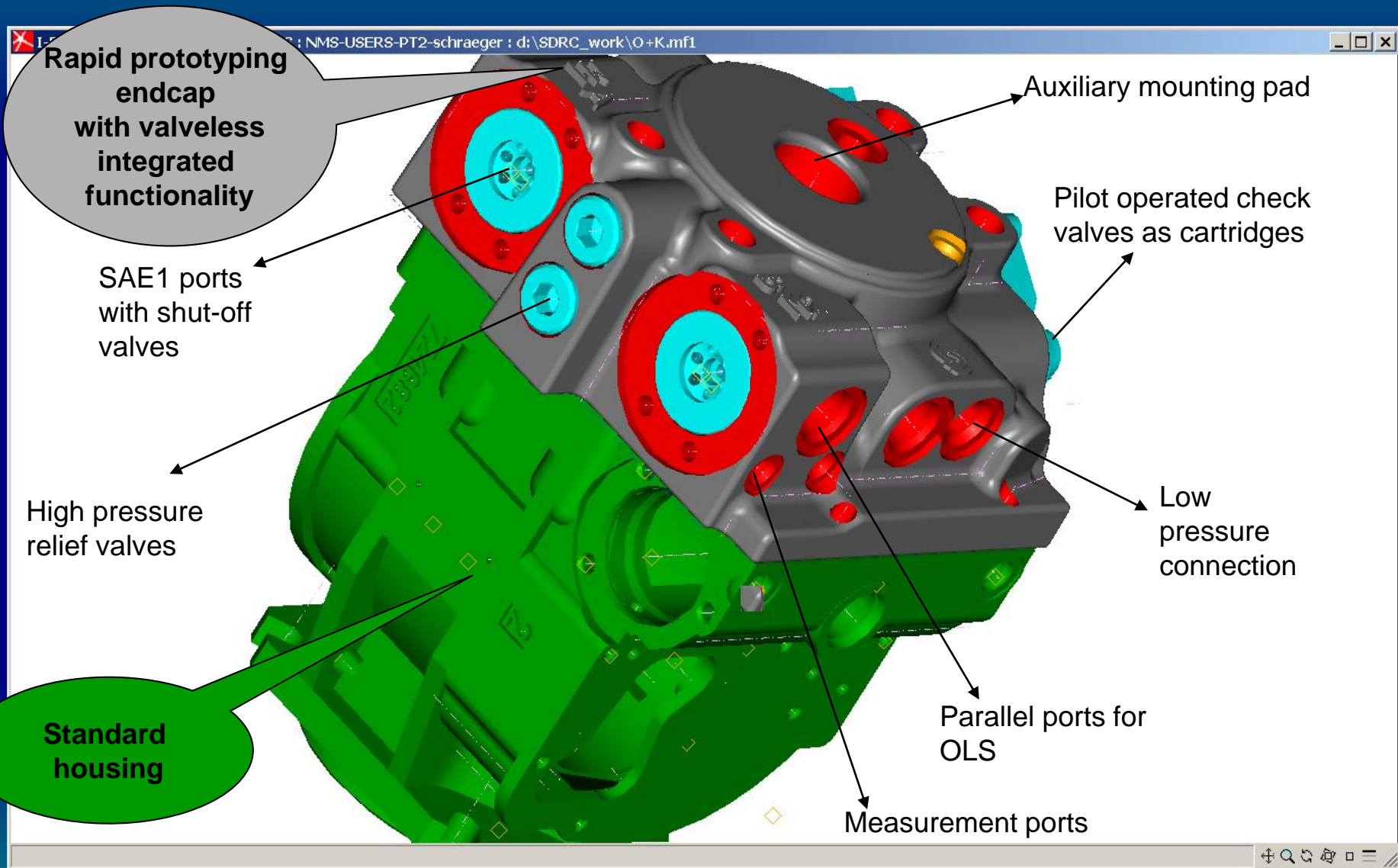
Steering:

Pump 3: 28 ccm

with hydrostatic  
transmission

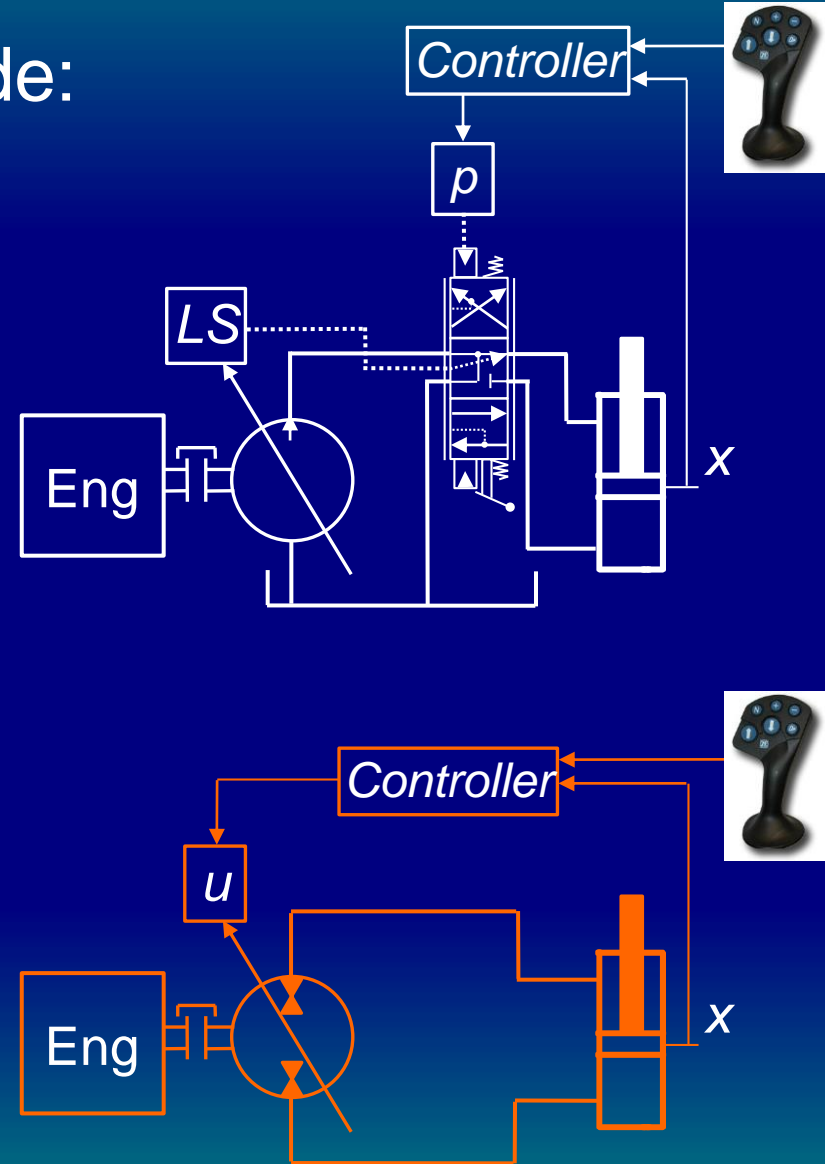


# Valveless Pump Configuration



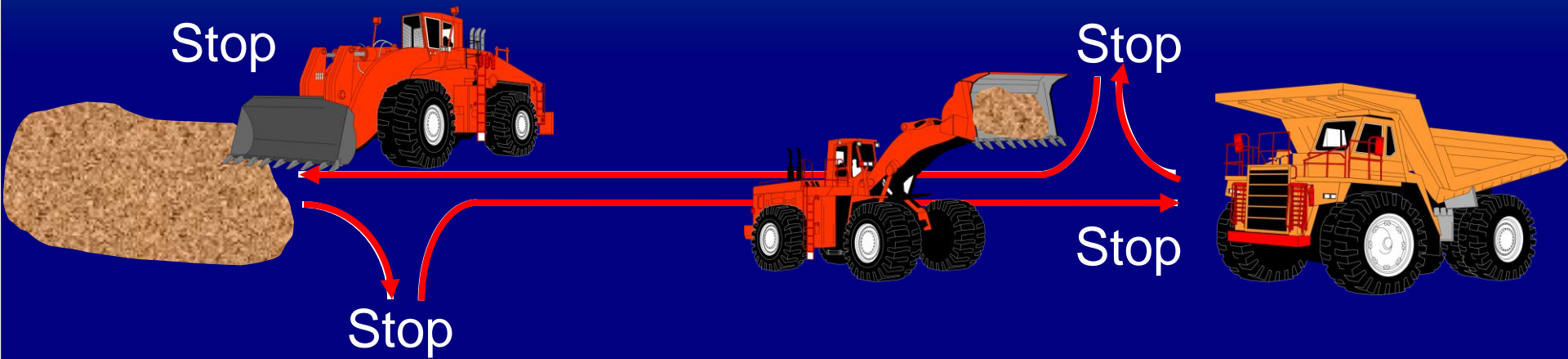
# Machine Comparison Test

Field test programme side by side:  
standard and valveless system



# Machine Comparison Test

## Truck loading – short & long cycle



valveless:  
15 % less  
fuel consumption





# Machine Comparison Test

## Parallel fork lifting



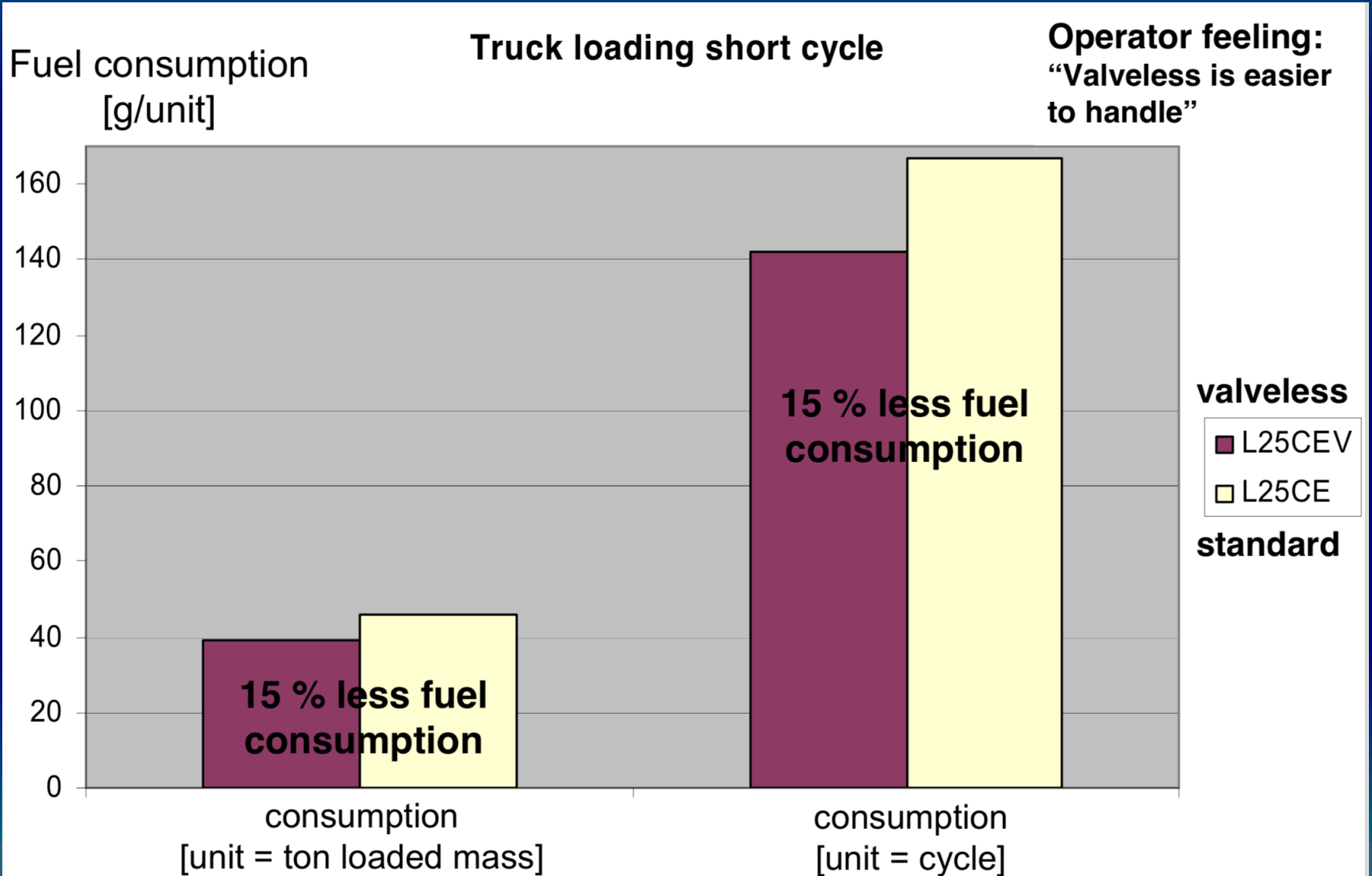
Easier to Operate



Excellent Controllability

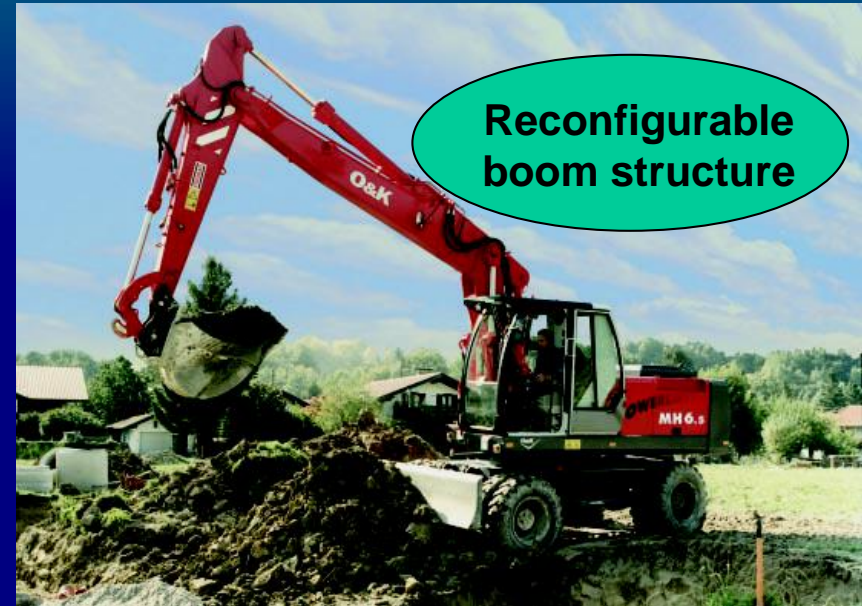
# Machine Comparison Test

## Final Results





# Technology Platform - Mobile Excavator



## O&K

- Provision of machine structure
- Machine software frame and controller
- Assembly of multi-functional boom structure
- CV actuator integration
- Machine steady-state and field tests

## CRF

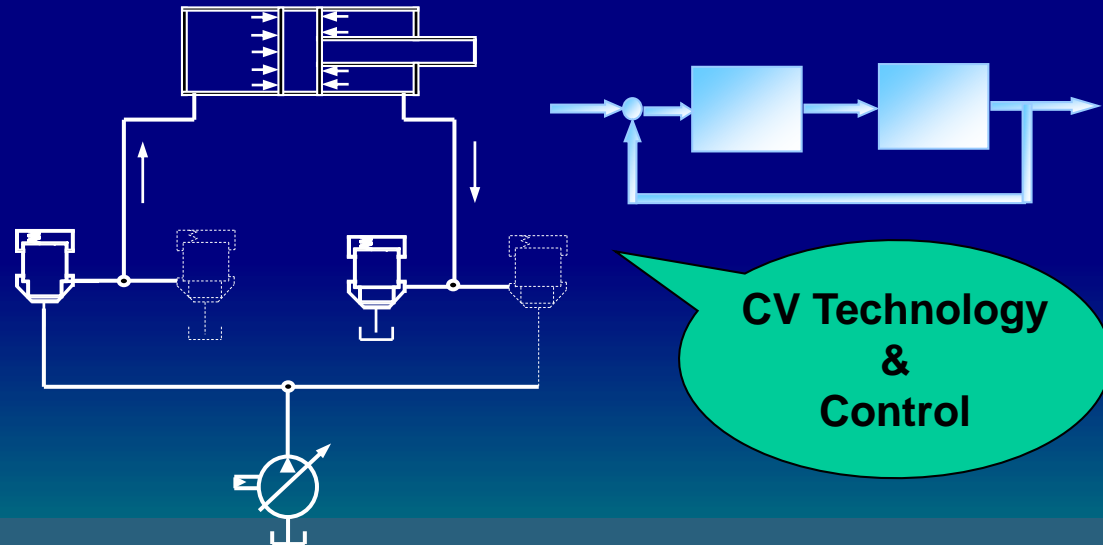
- Motion control implementation

## TuTech

- Actuator control implementation
- Test of actuator dynamics

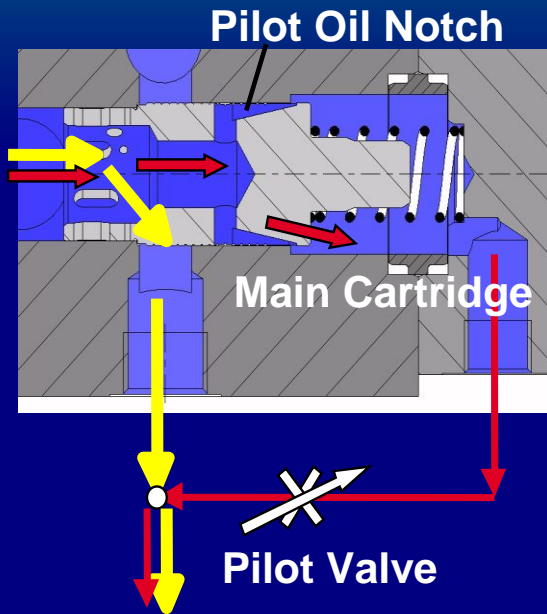
## ACTIA

- Actuator control hardware



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# Cartridge Valve Technology

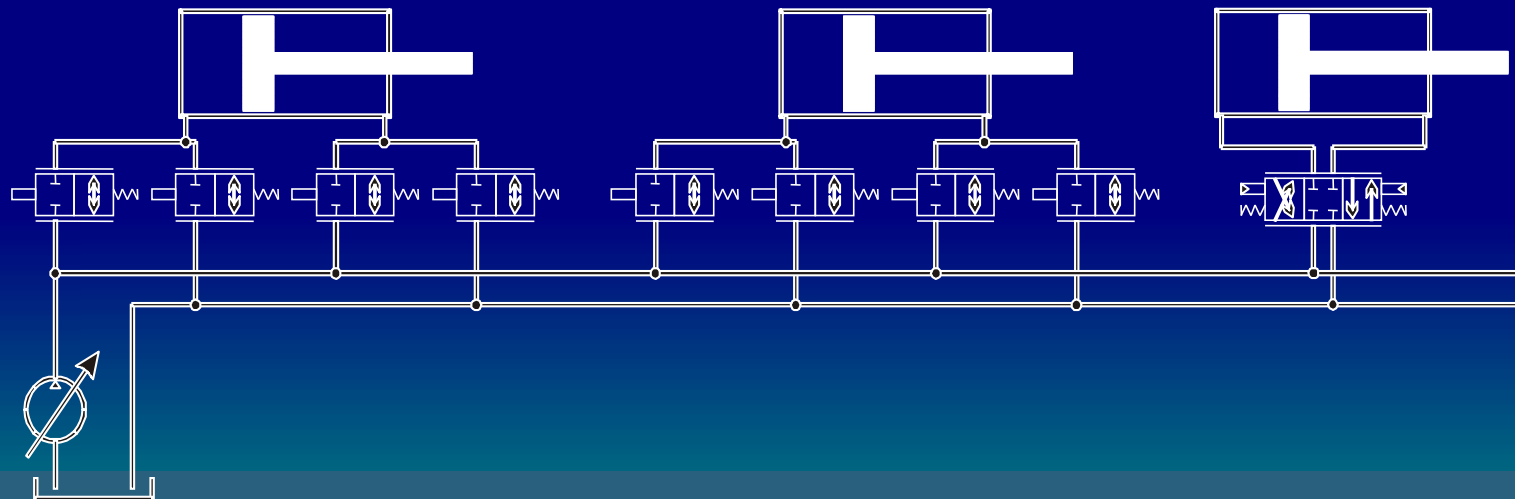


High dynamic response

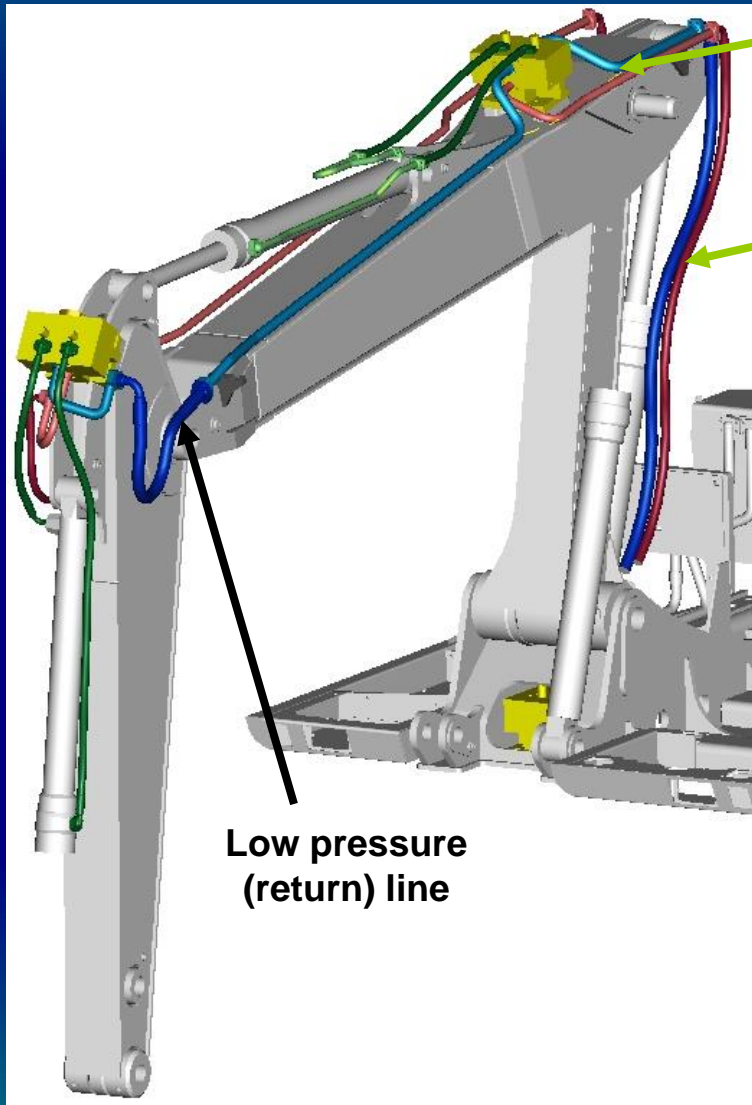
Zero leakage

Usable for different applications as

- safety valve
- pressure relief valve
- flow control valve
- pressure control valve



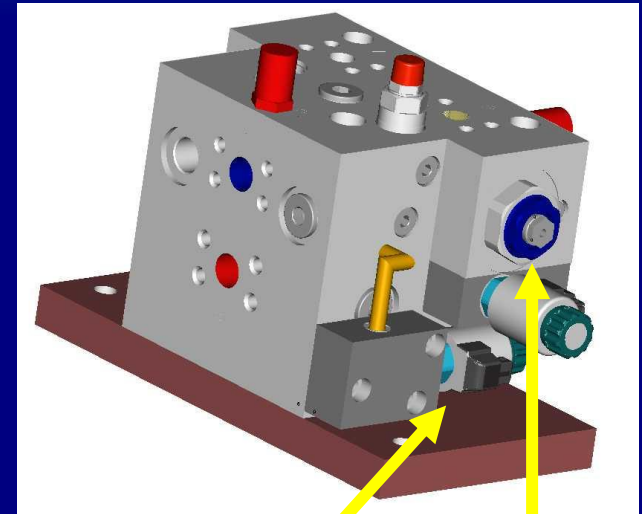
# Attachment Routing and Piping



Cartridge Valve

High pressure line

Low pressure (return) line



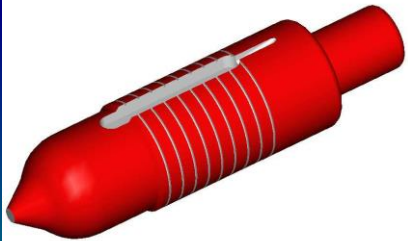
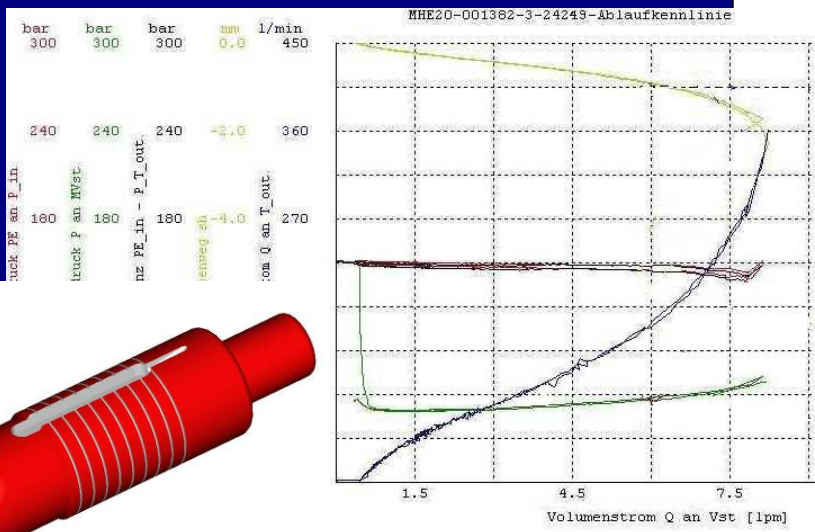
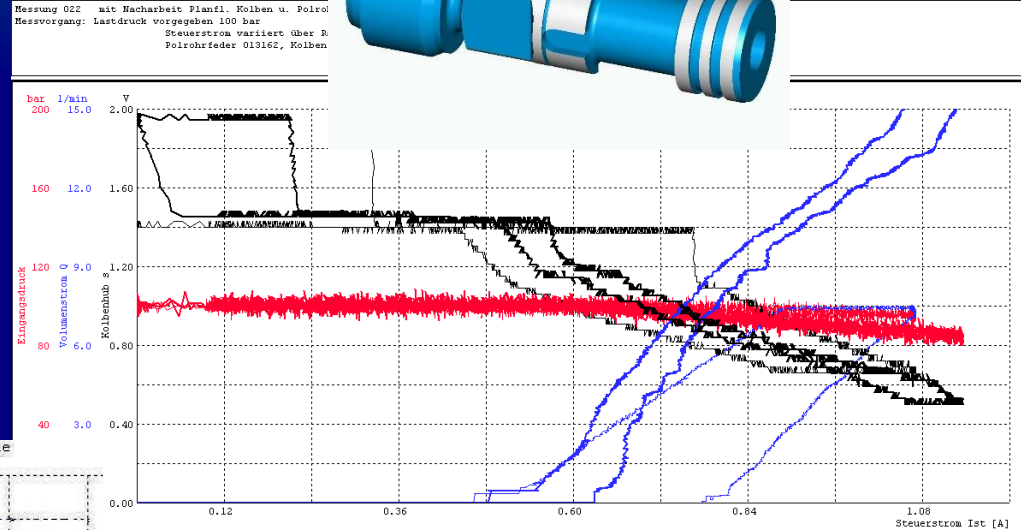
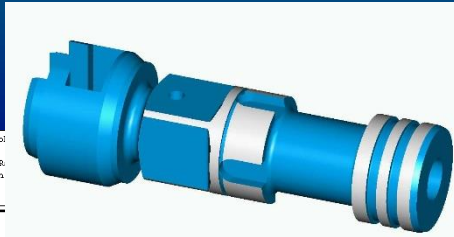
Pilot Valves

Main Stage

# Main Stage and Pilot Stage - Measurements

Pilot Flow increased  
(about 15 l/min)

Hysteresis has been reduced



Main spool version III

$p = 220$  bar,  $Q = 0 - 360$  l/min  
stability achieved



# Improvements of Main Stage

## Goals / Results:

- Improvement of Stability
- Less sensitive on vibration
- Improvement of resolution in different pressure ranges
- Increase of stroke to 12 mm does not lead to improvements

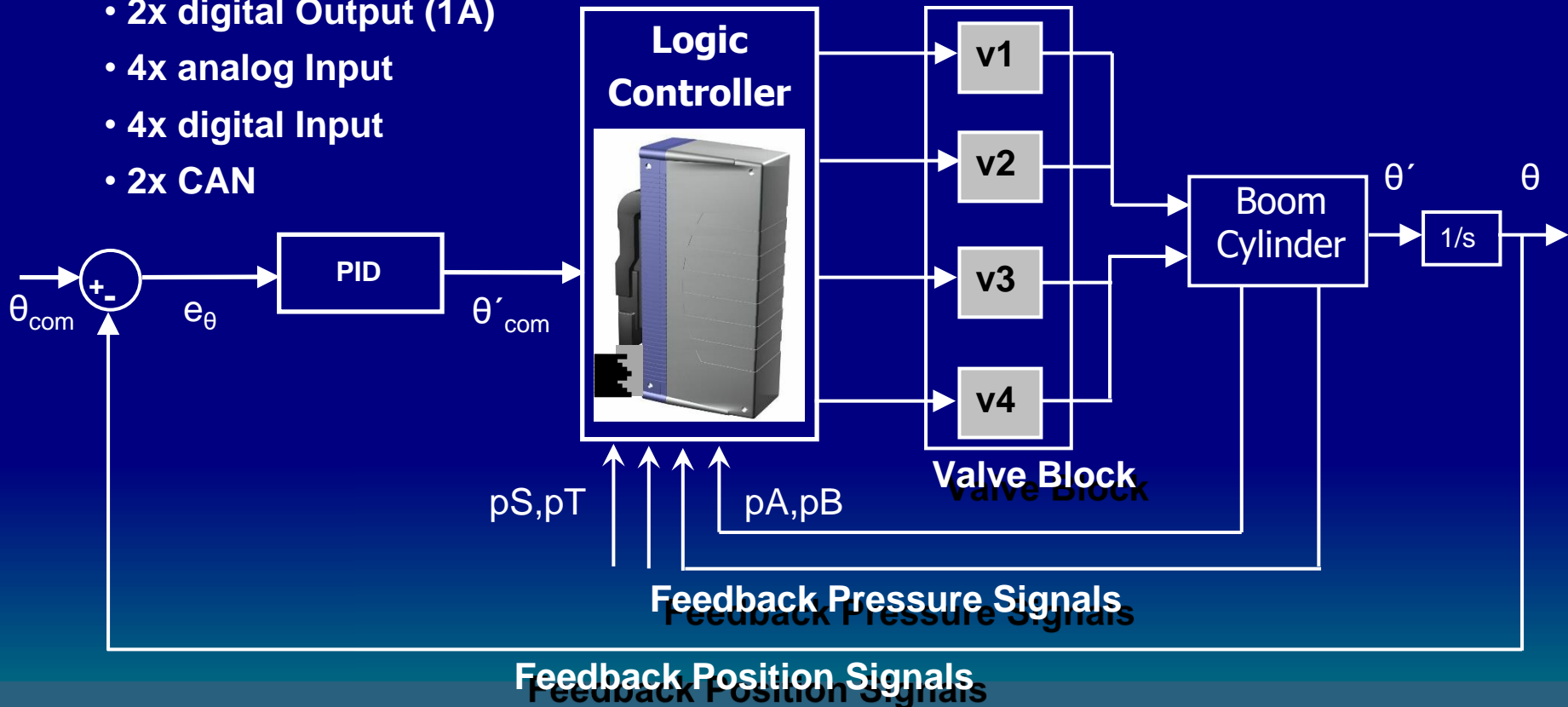


# Control Logic

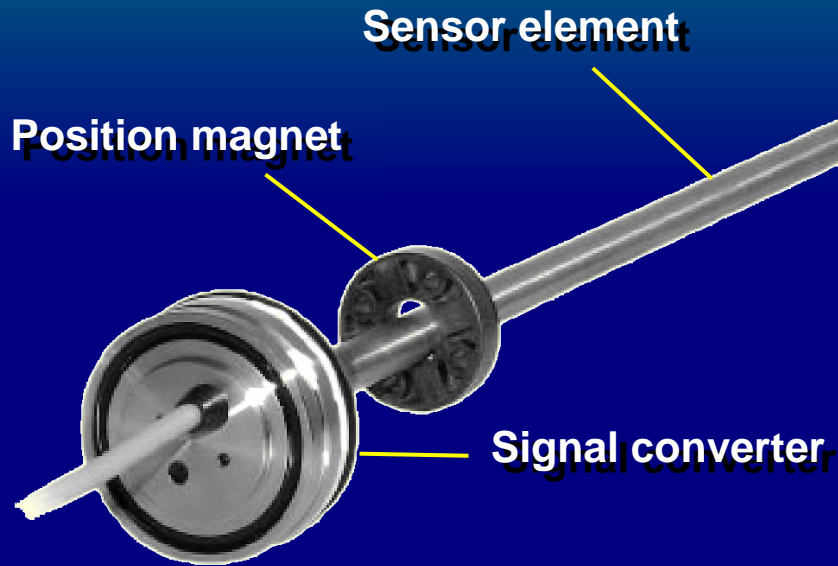
## Actuator Requirements

- SIL2 / AK4
- IP 67
- 5x PWM Output (1A)  
with current feedback
- 2x digital Output (1A)
- 4x analog Input
- 4x digital Input
- 2x CAN

## PID Control with Non-linear Compensation for each valve



# Cylinders with integrated Sensors

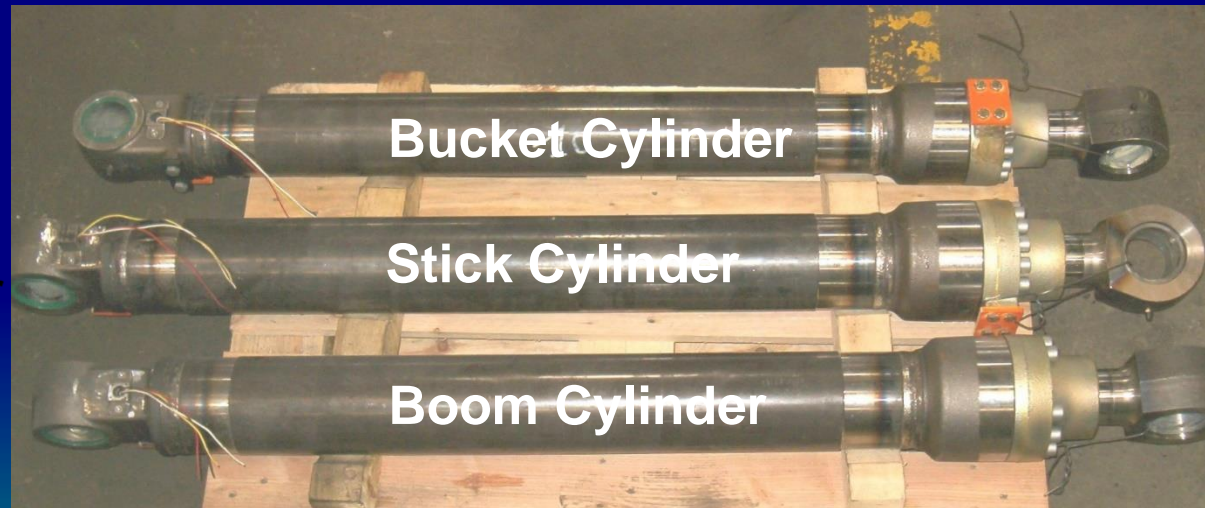


## Operating Conditions

- Rod Pressure Rating: up to 530 bar
- Shock Rating: 50 g
- Vibration Rating: 5 g
- Measuring Range higher 1000 mm

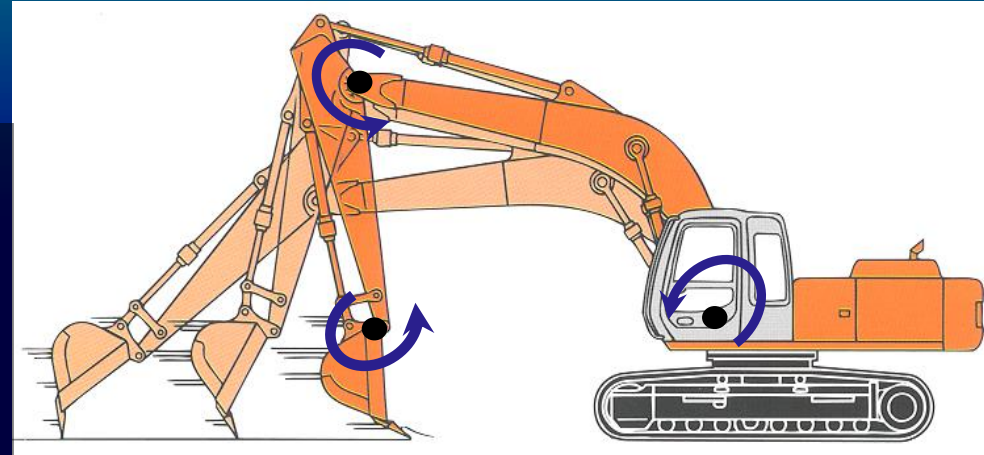
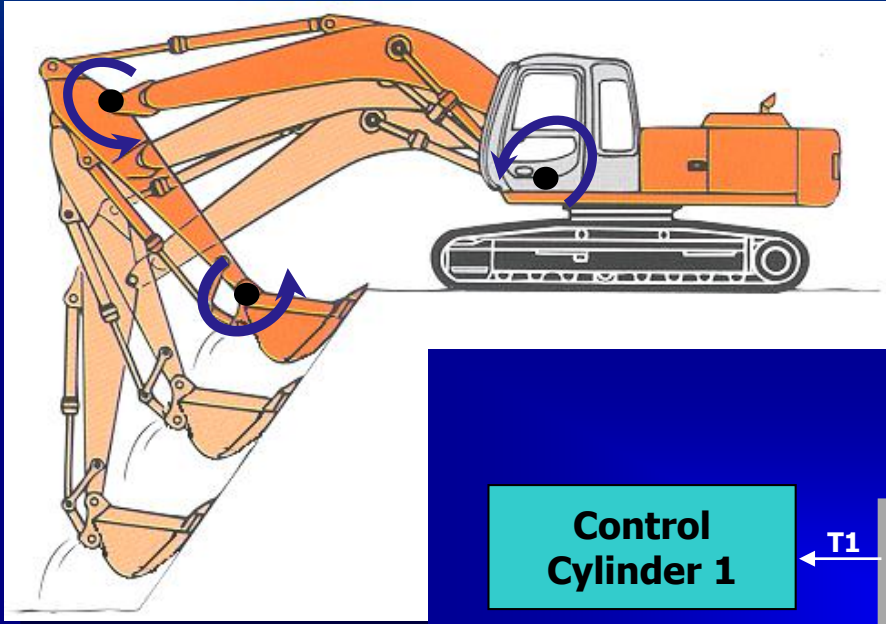
## Sensor Data

- magnetostrictive principle
- No-contact Sensor
- No mechanical wear and tear
- resolution  $< 10 \mu\text{m}$
- Linearity up to 0,01%
- Repeatability 0,001%

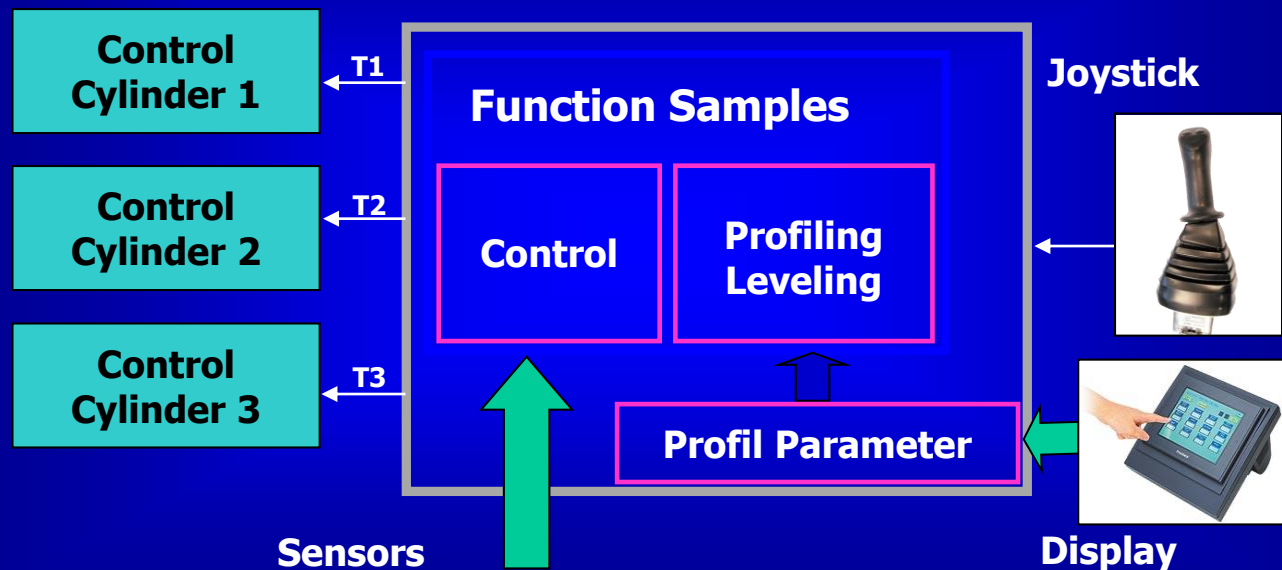




# Motion Control – Semiautomatic Operation



## Semiautomatic Control Operation



## „The Green Wheelloader,,



**Research Project 2012 - 2015**

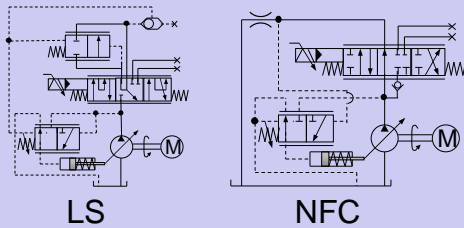
# State of the Art and Project Goal

State of the Art

Available Concepts

TEAM Project Goal

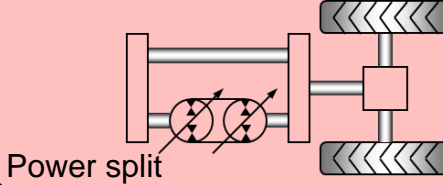
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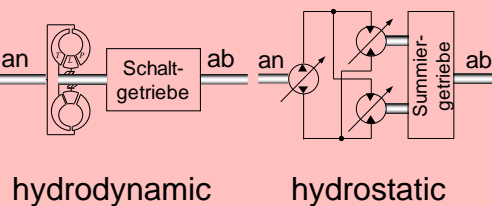
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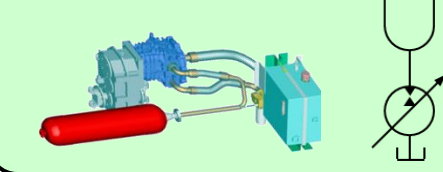
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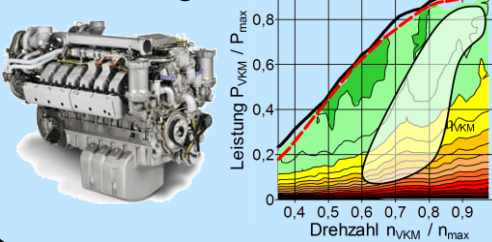
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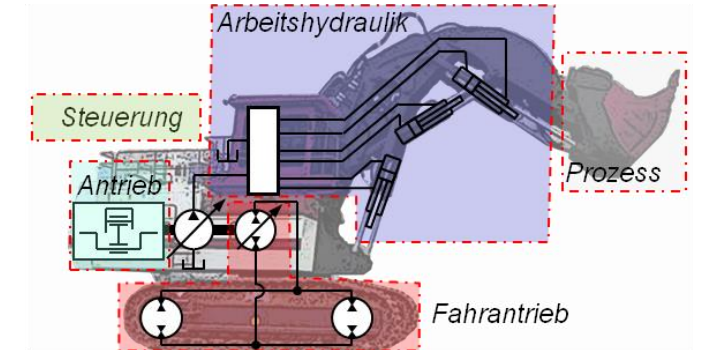
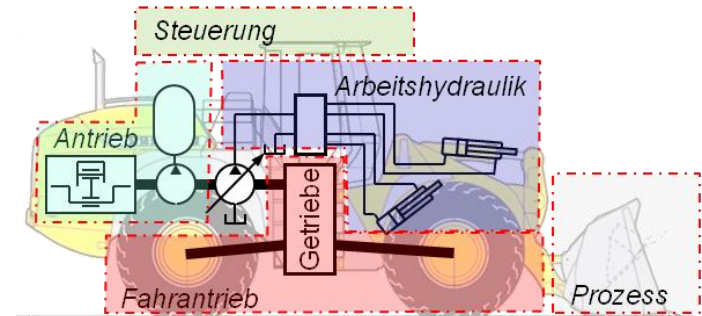
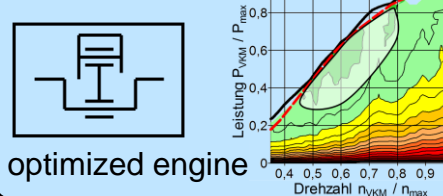
Hybrid Module



Diesel Engine

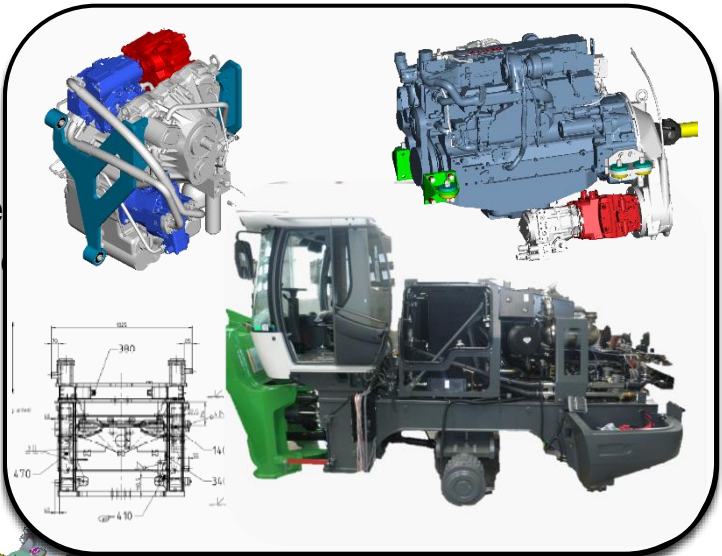
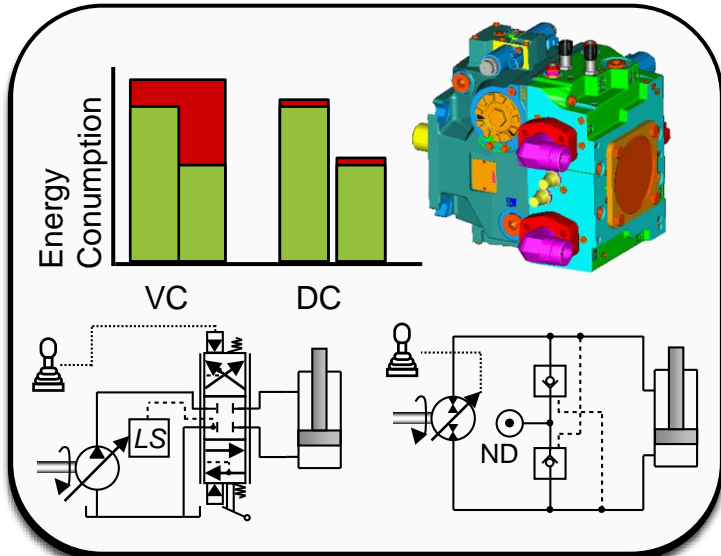


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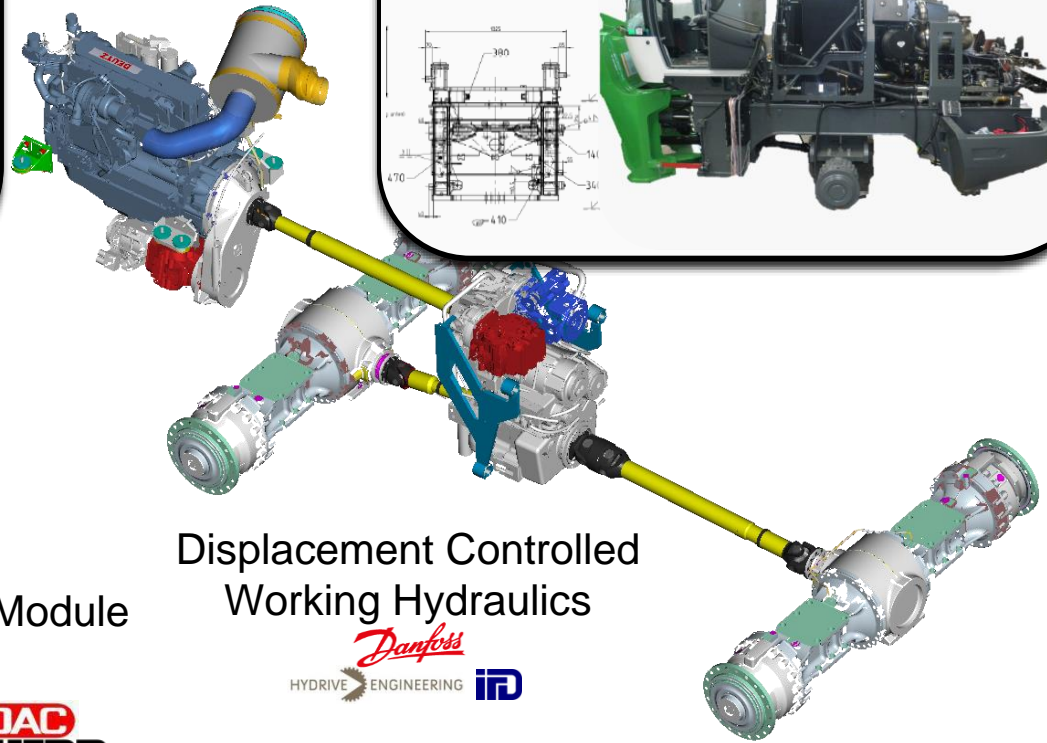




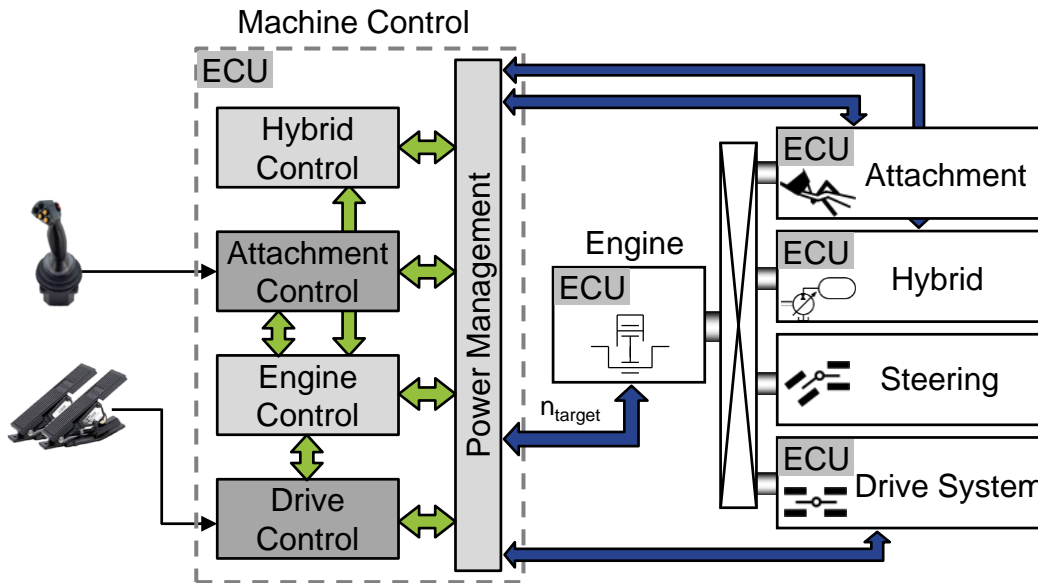
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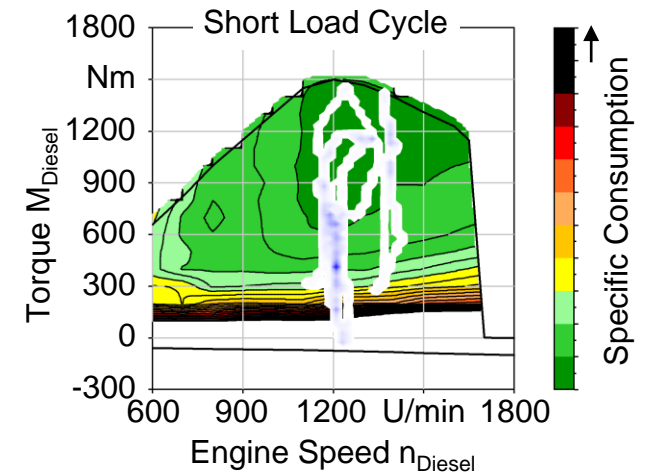
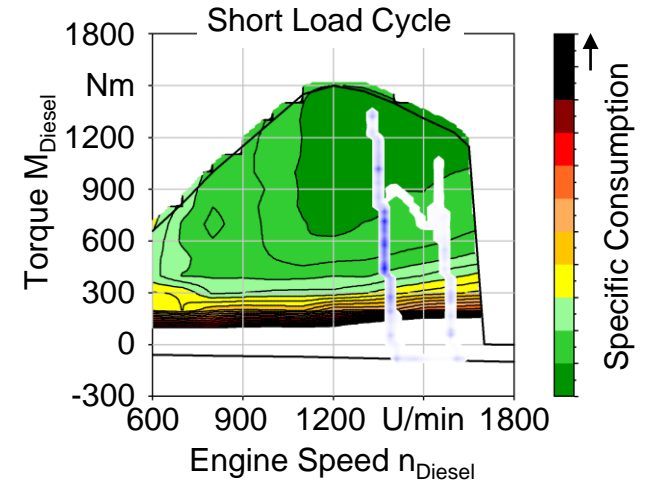
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# Operating strategy

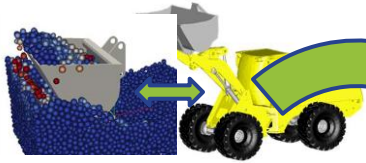


- Decoupling of the diesel engine from the user input
    - Dependent on the demand of the subsystems
  - Engine speed control strategies:
    - Quasi-constant, low speed
    - Optimum speed in terms of load and efficiency map
- Higher engine power capacity, lower losses



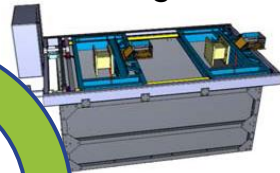
# Simulation of the Process interaction

Model Creation



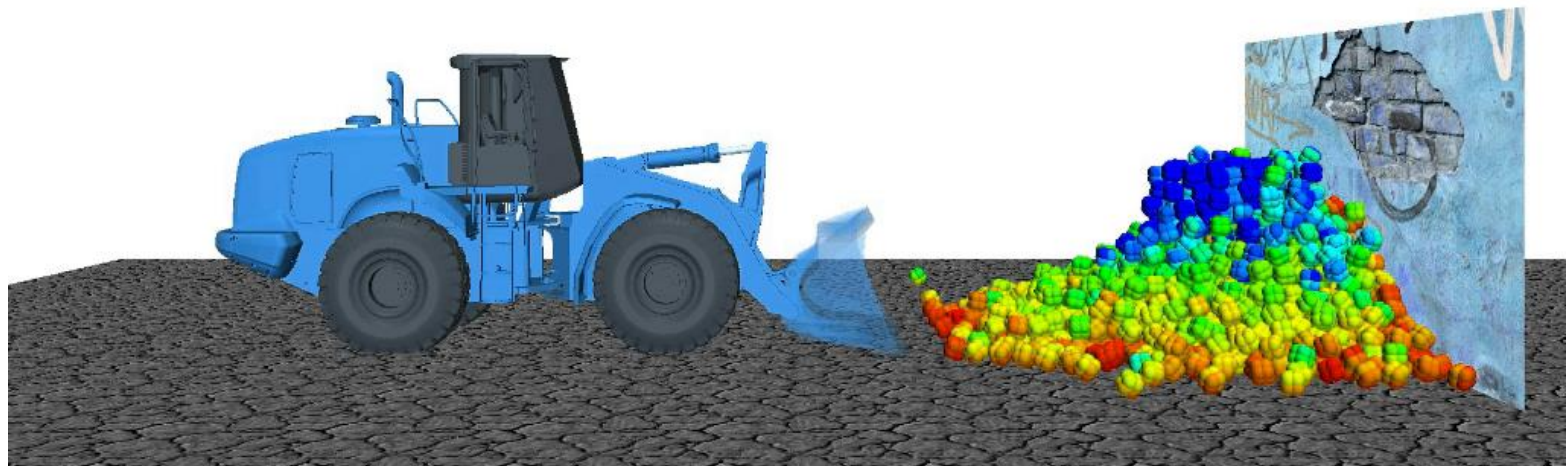
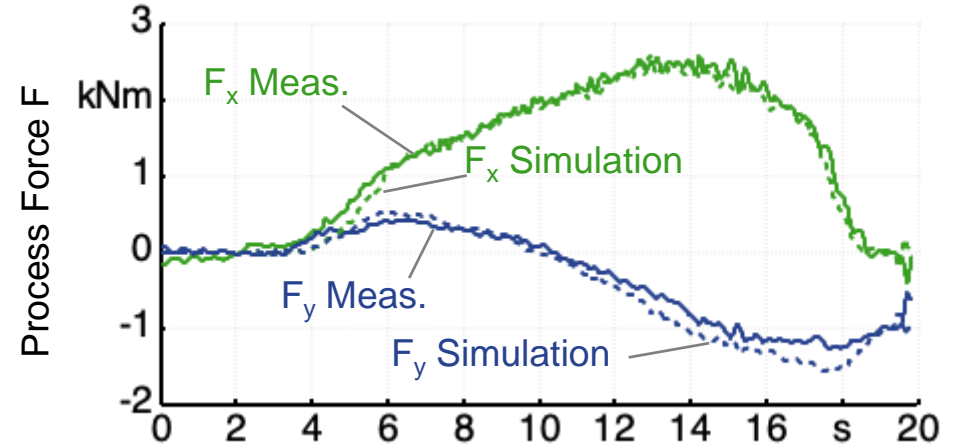
Validation

Test Rig



Parameterization

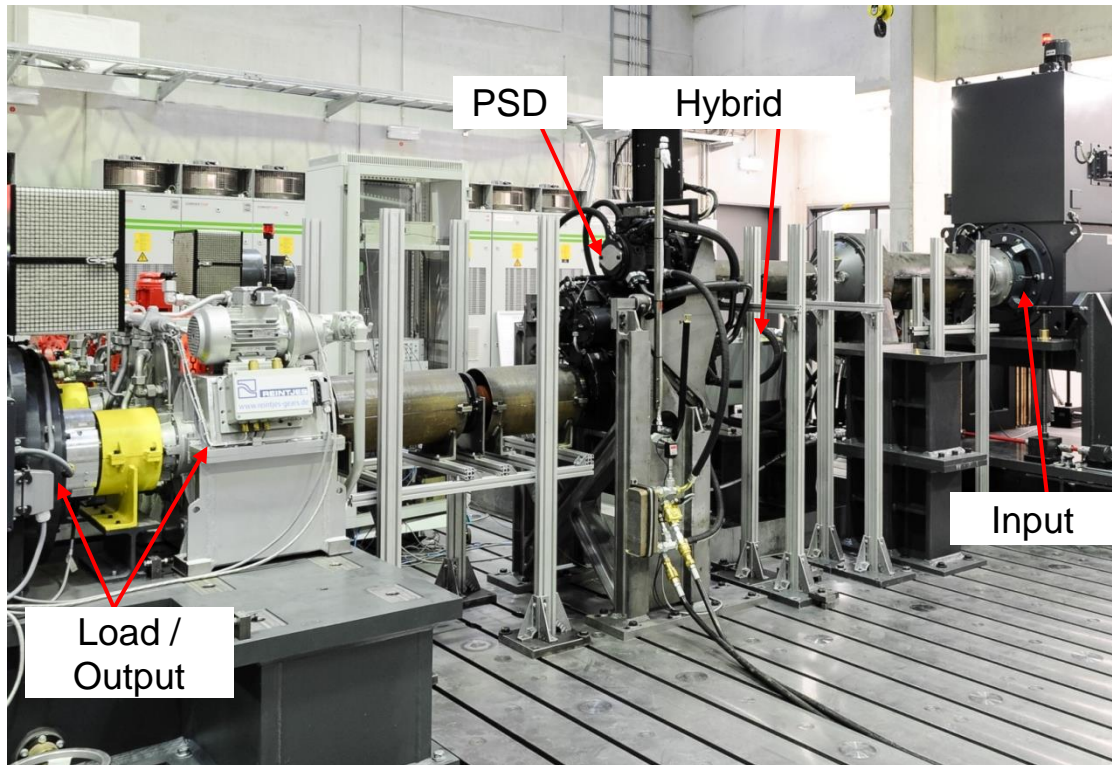
Comparison of the Process Forces



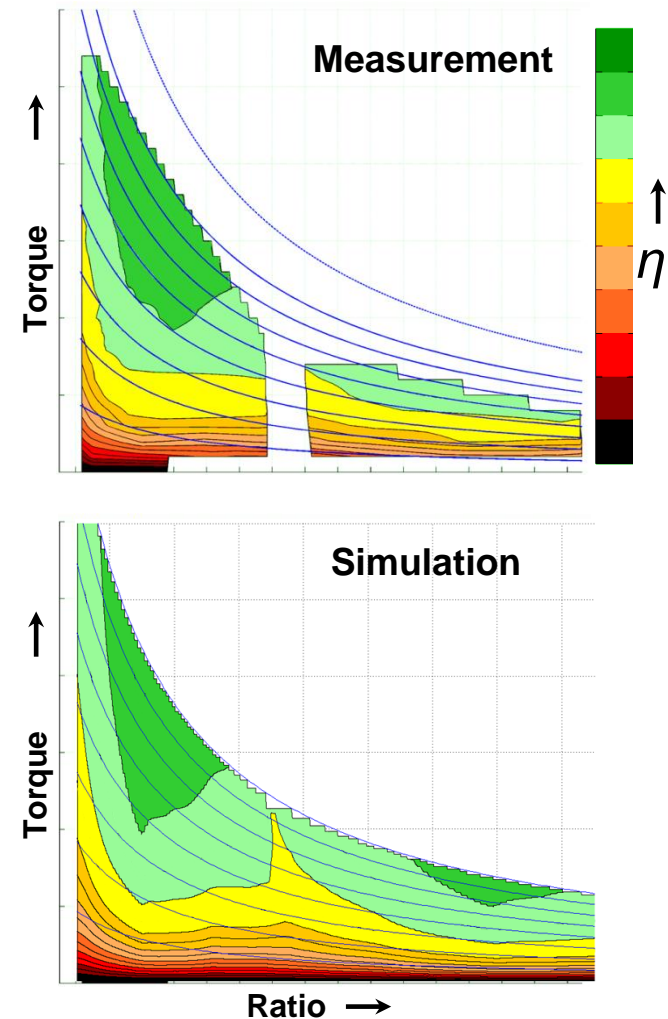


# Experiments

## Test Rig for the power split drives



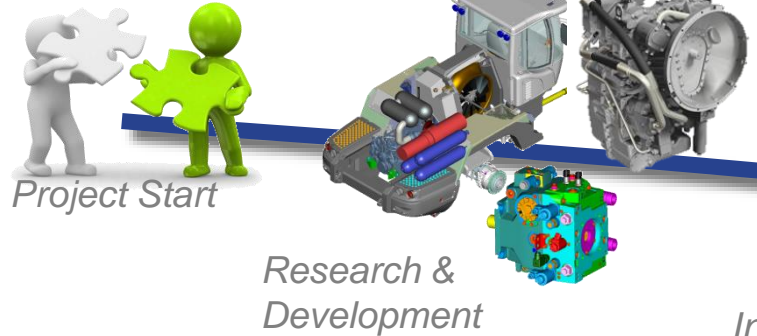
- Efficiency measurements to validate the simulation
- Analysis of the gear transmission dynamics





# Development Stations

January 2012



October 2013



April 2014



November 2014



August 2014



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# Testing

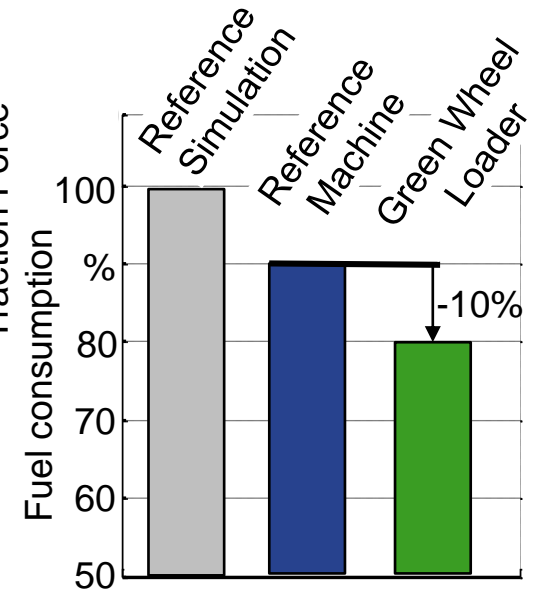
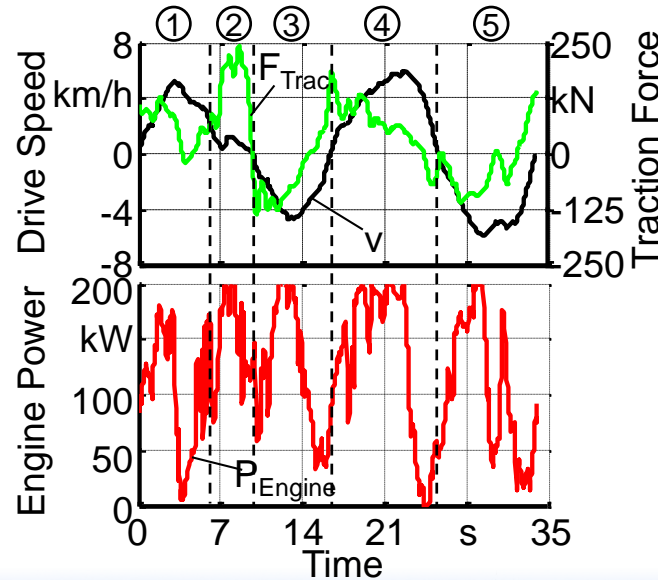
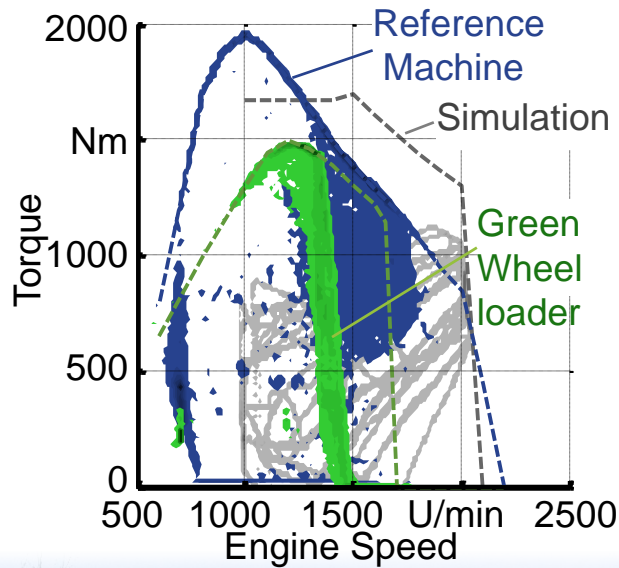
In real operating conditions with trained drivers





# Testing

Results in comparison to the reference machine



# DC Mining Excavator Machine

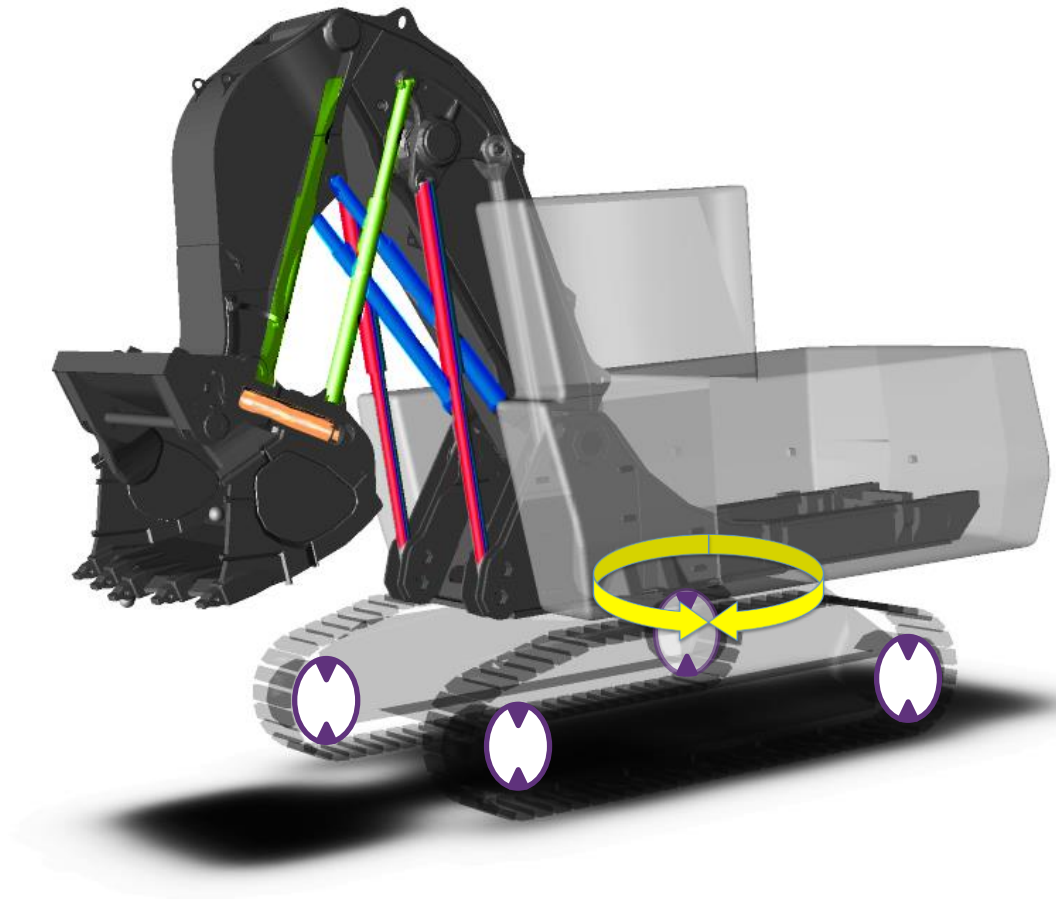
## Working Hydraulics

### CAT 6030 (Bucyrus RH-120E)

- Motor power: 1140 kW
- Weight: 287 t
- Max. Lifting force: 1370 kN
- Max. Break force: 920 kN
- Working Area: Mining

## Actuators

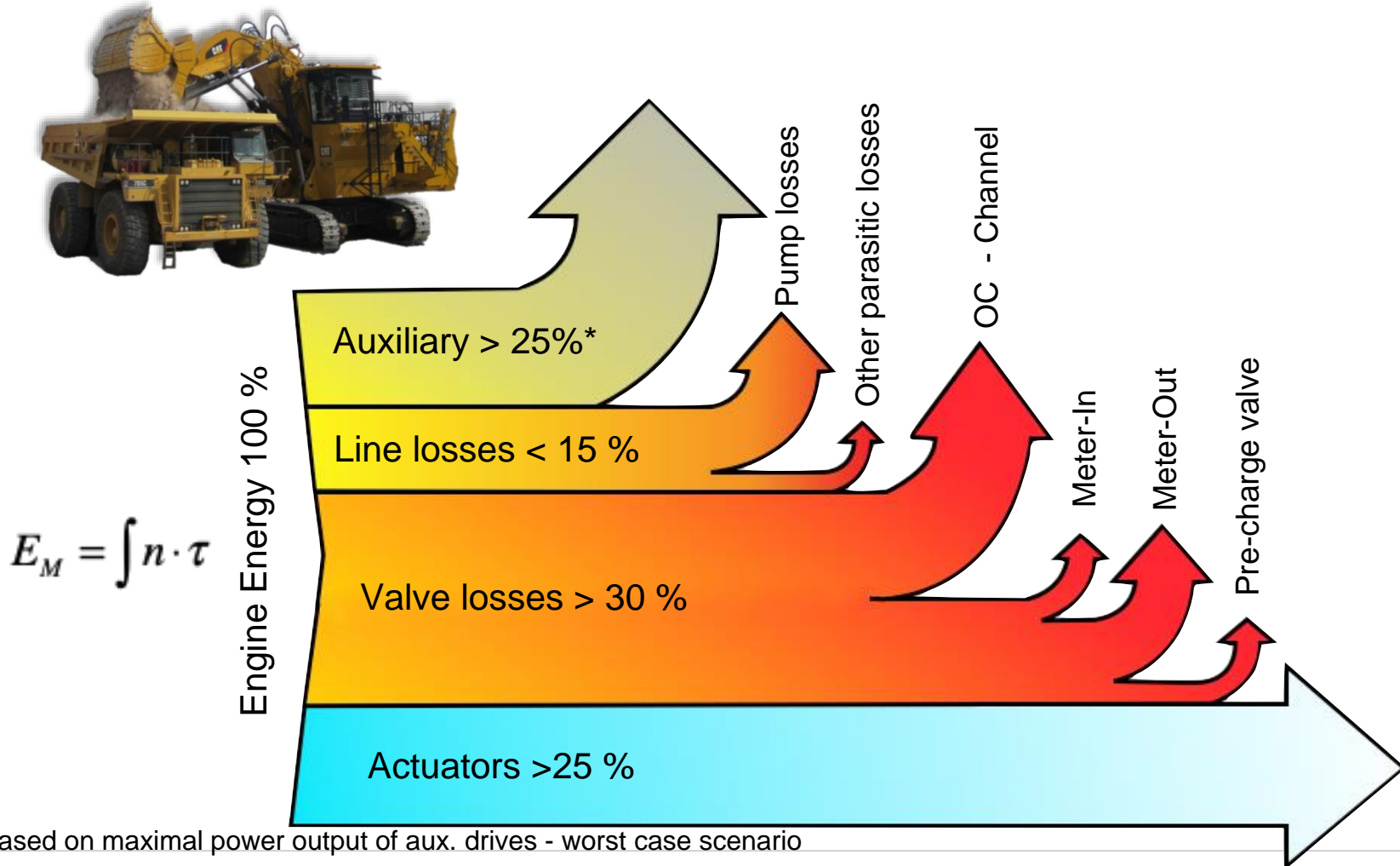
- 2 Boom Cylinders (Red)
- 2 Stick Cylinders (Blue)
- 2 Bucket Cylinders (Green)
- 2 Clam Cylinders (Orange)
- 2 Swing Motors (Yellow)
- 4 Travel Motors (Purple)





# Energetic Overview Standard Machine

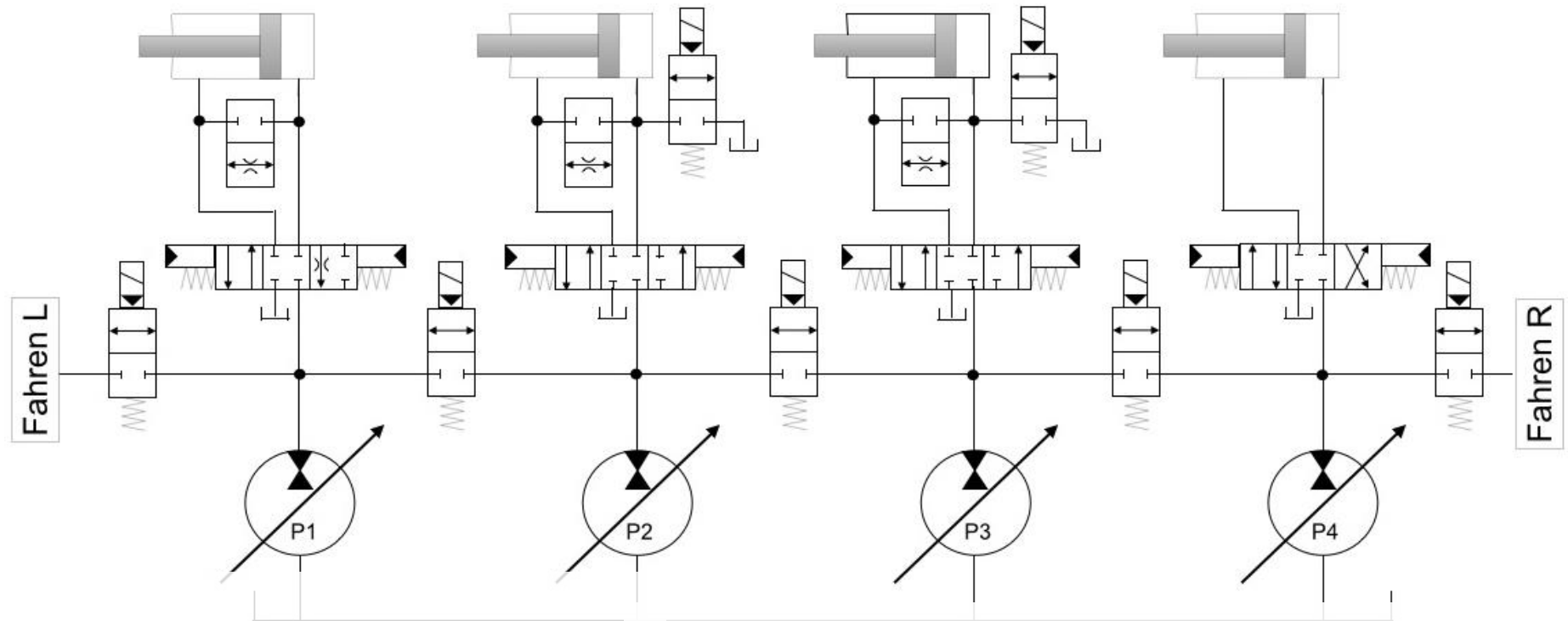
## Energy Flow over one Cycle



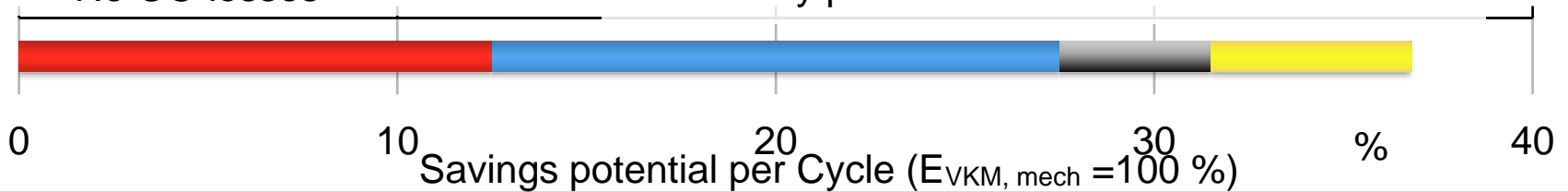
\* Based on maximal power output of aux. drives - worst case scenario



# New Open Circuit DC System

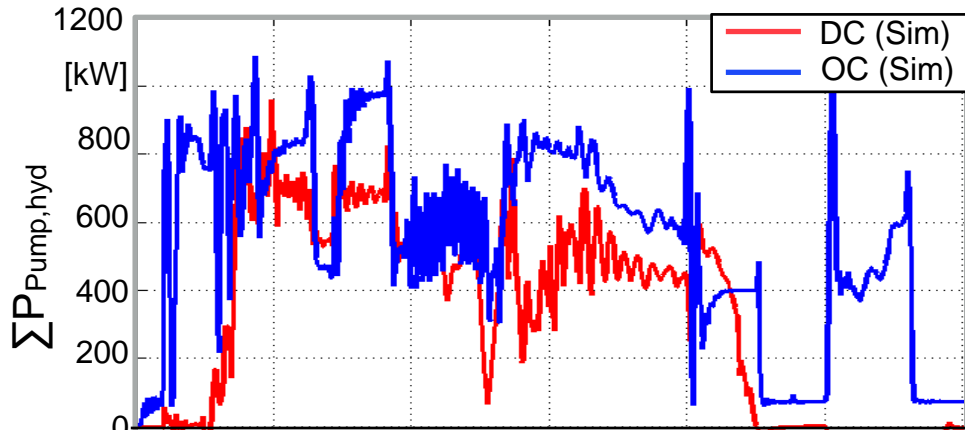


- No throttle losses
- Less line losses
- No OC-losses
- Recovery potential

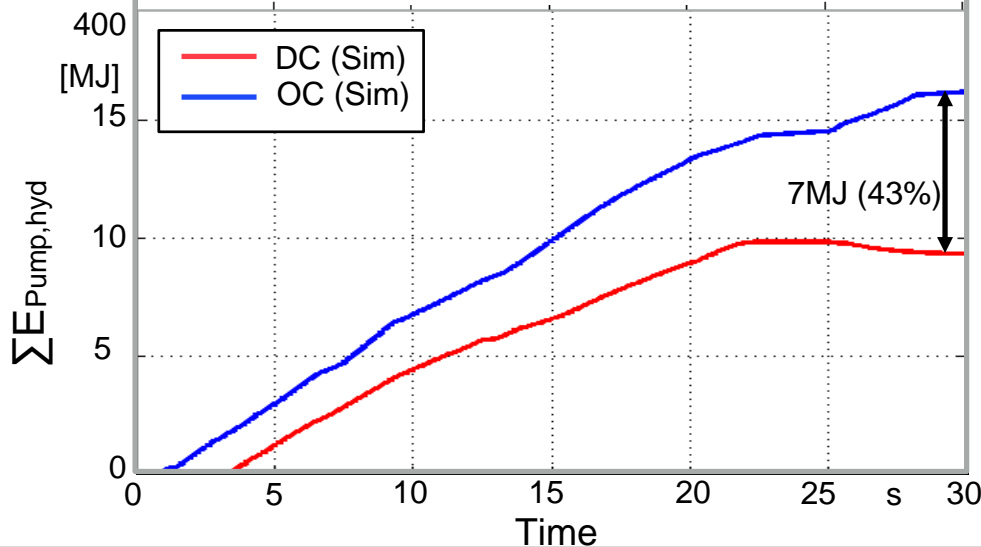


# 30s Cycle - (Sim vs. Sim)

30s Cycle: Hyd. Pump Power

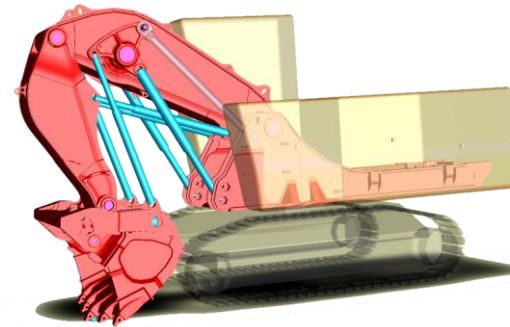


30s Cycle: Hyd. Pump Energy



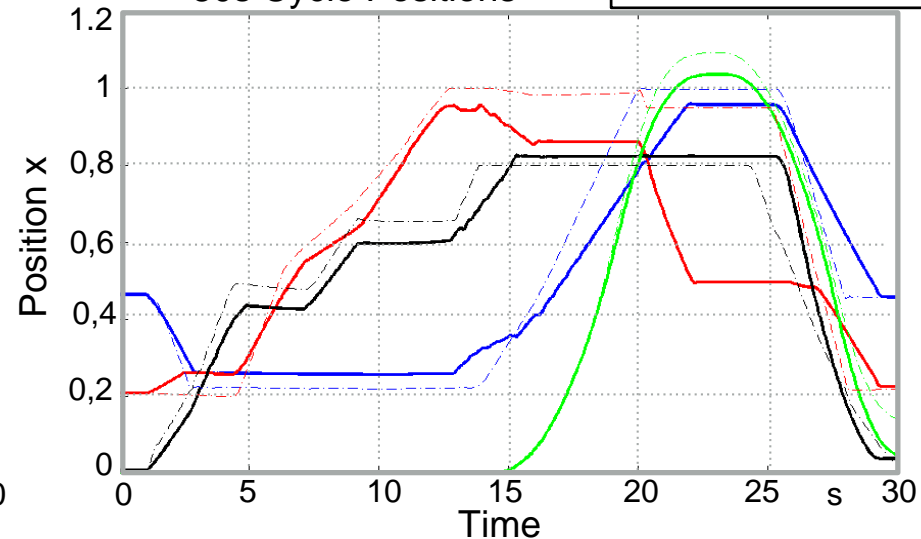
## 30 s Ideal Cycle

- Energy recovery: 3.2 %
- Energy savings: 43 % (hydraulic only)



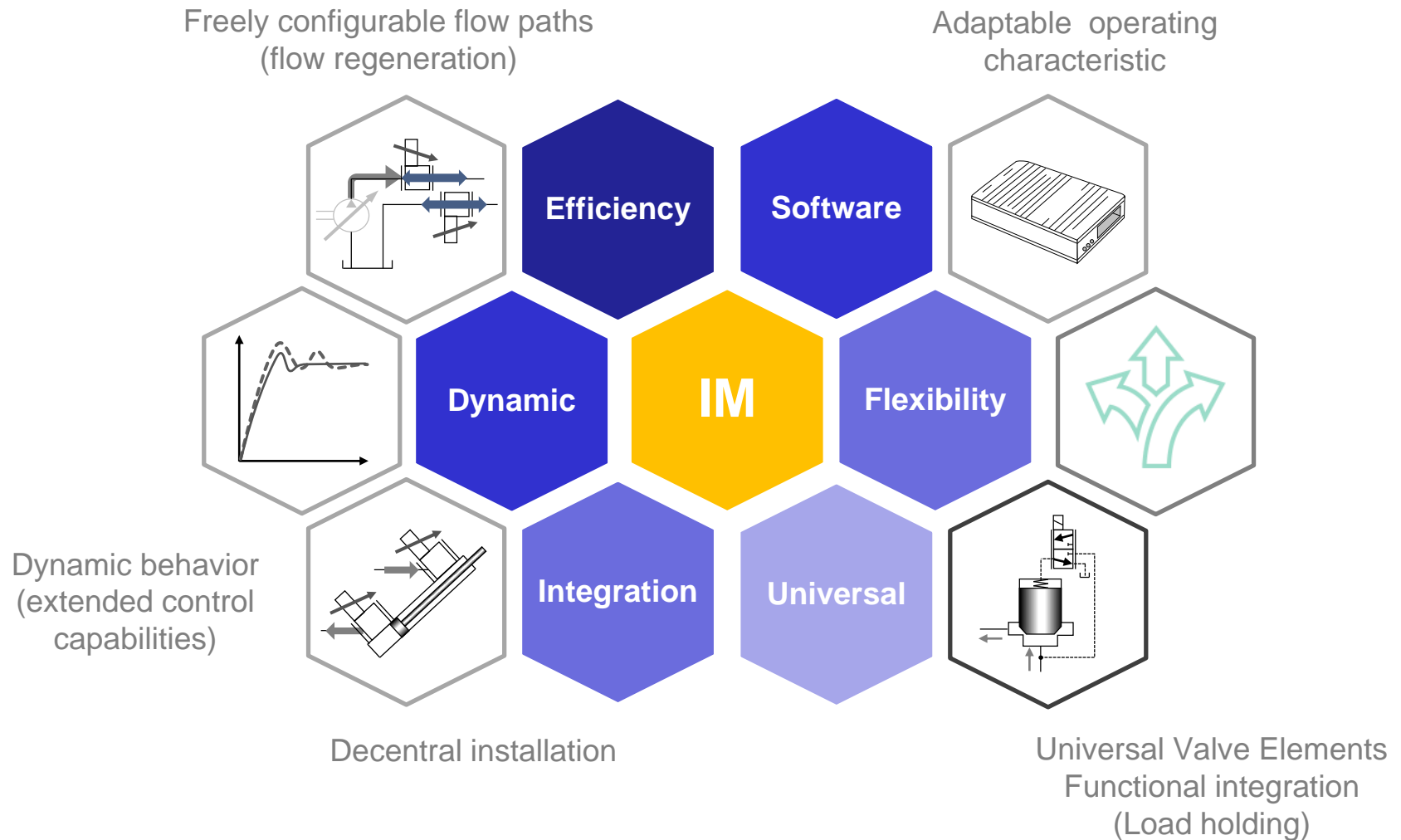
30s Cycle Positions

Boom	(DC)	(OC)
Stick	(DC)	(OC)
Bucket	(DC)	(OC)
Swing	(DC)	(OC)



# Technology Overview

## Independent Metering Systems



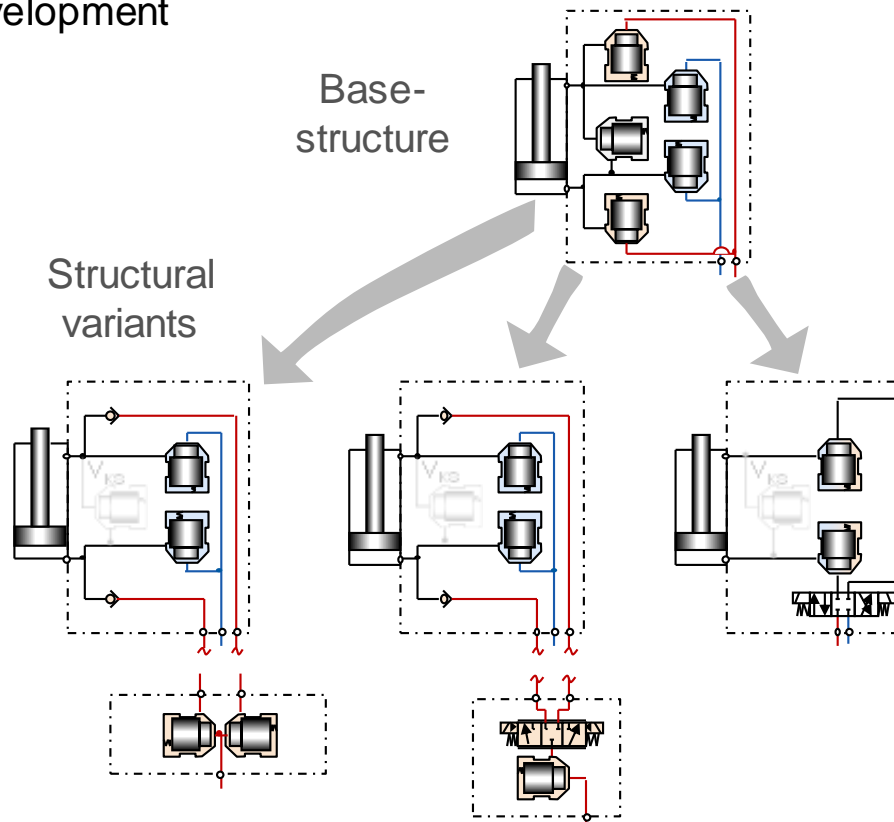


# Machine Integration

Various Machine-types & requirements



System development

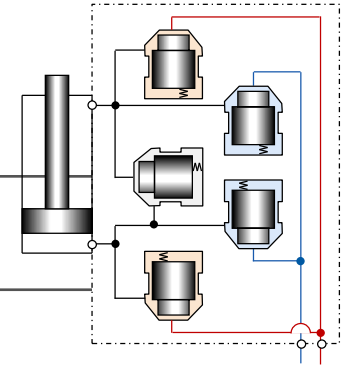


Valve structure concepts

Aspects of integration

- Installation space
- Valve technology
- System Control
- Costs
- ...

## Circuit Variants

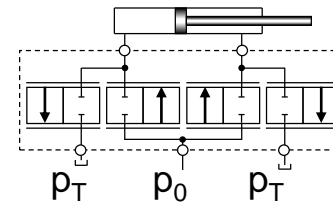
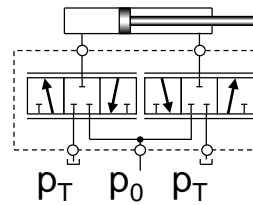
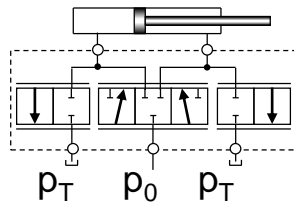
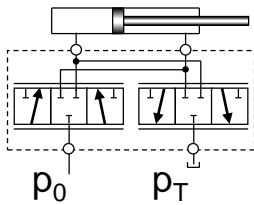


normal  
meter in / out

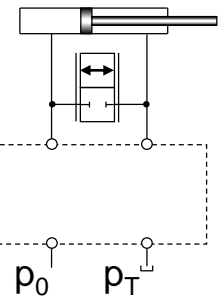
+ low pressure  
regeneration

+ high / low pressure  
regeneration

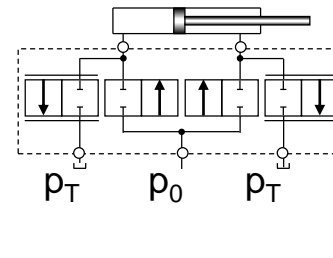
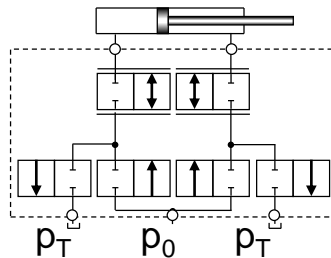
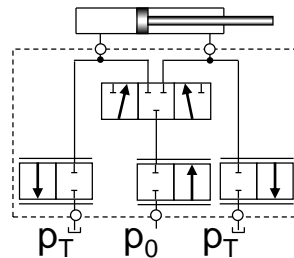
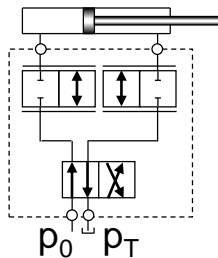
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Short circuit  
valve



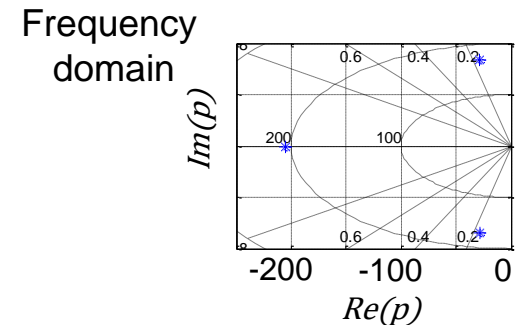
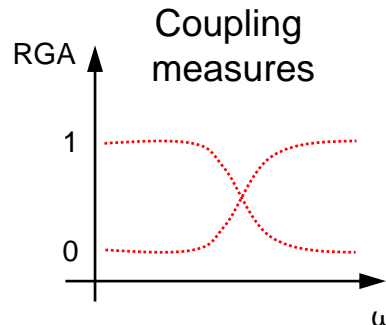
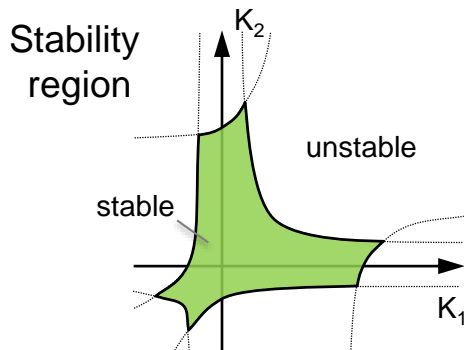
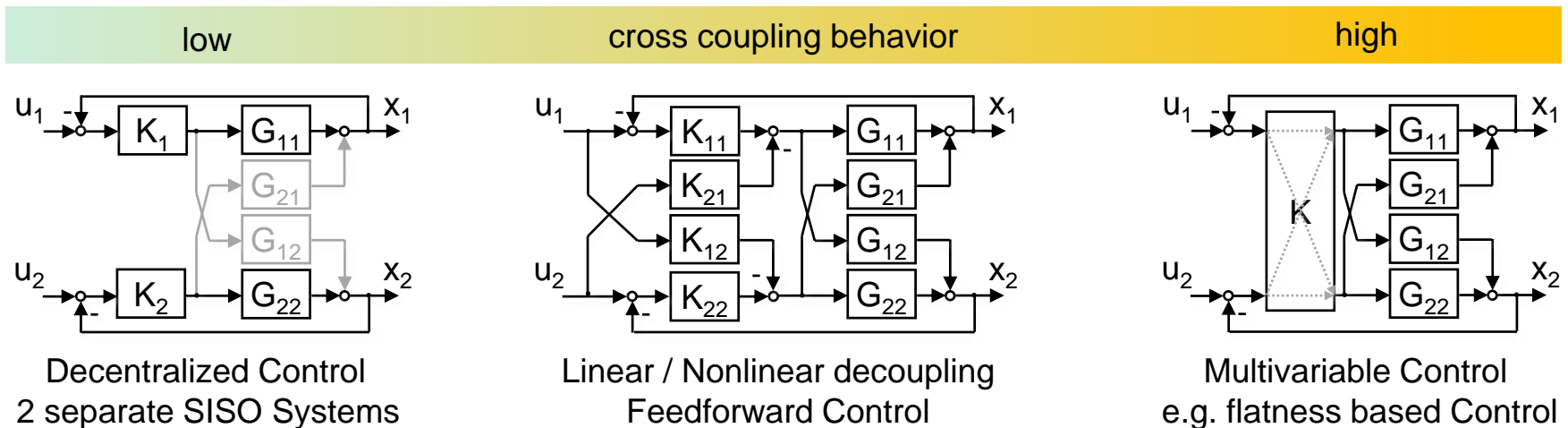
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# Control architecture

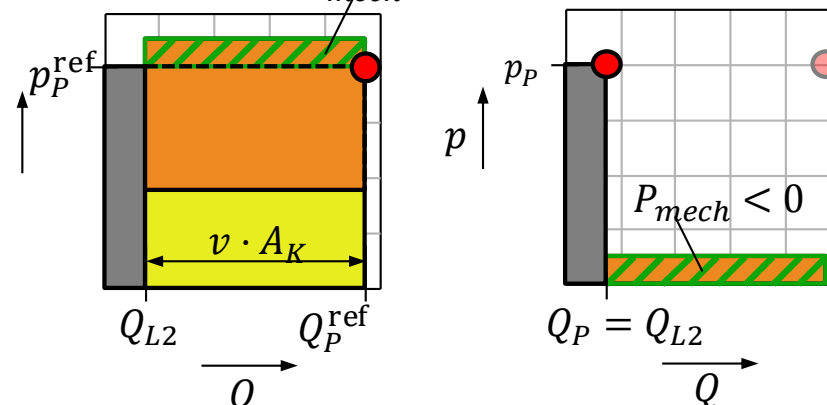
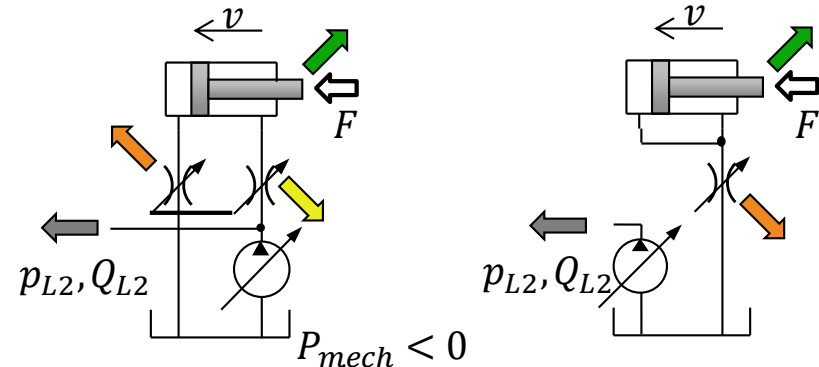
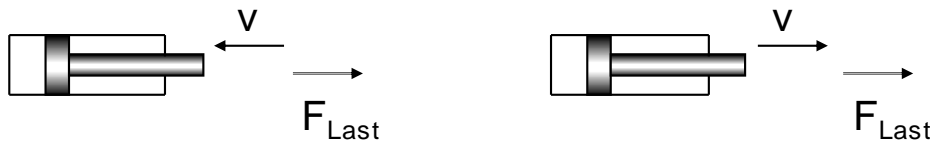
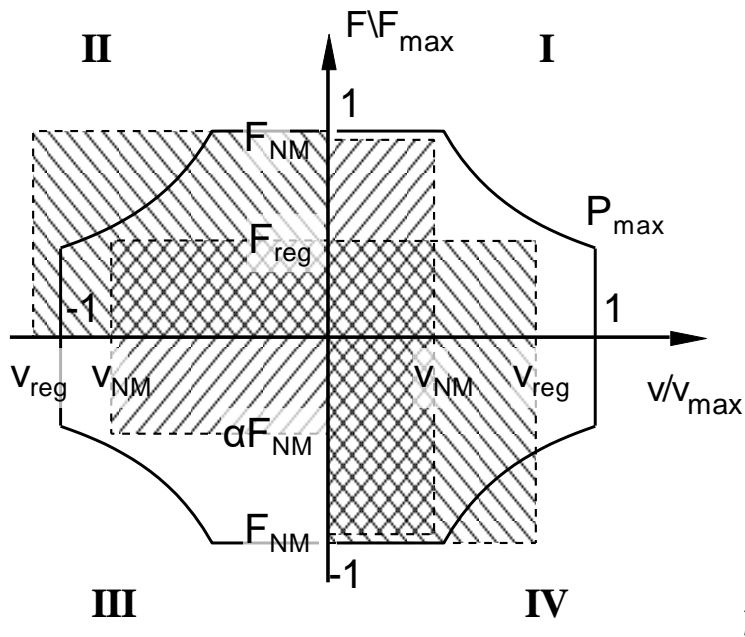
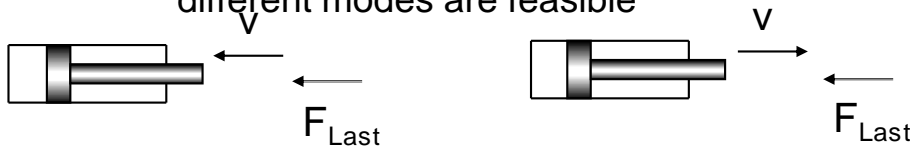
- MIMO Multiple Input / Multiple Output System
- Strength of cross coupling defines control system requirements

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} G_{11}(s) & G_{12}(s) \\ G_{21}(s) & G_{22}(s) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Energy efficient operation

depending on load direction  
different modes are feasible



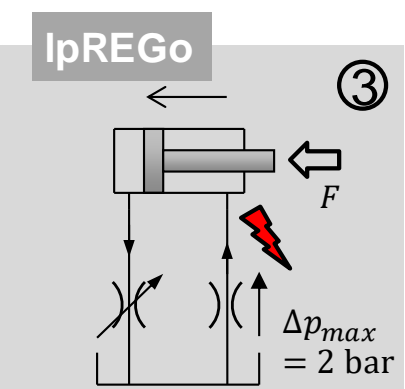
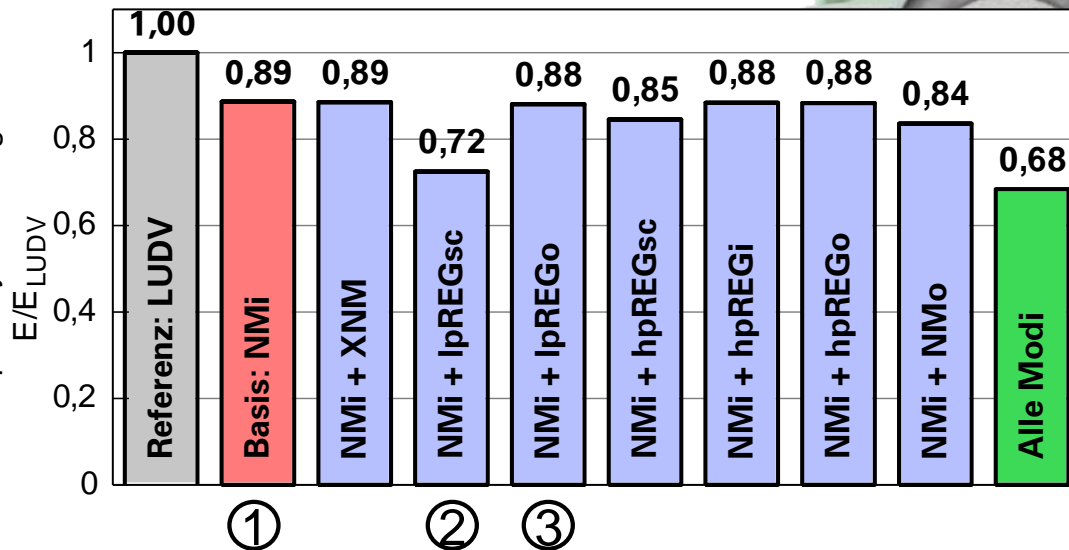
- Power loss inlet
- Power loss outlet
- Mechanical work



# Energy efficient operation

## Study Wheel loader working hydraulics

- Possible energy savings

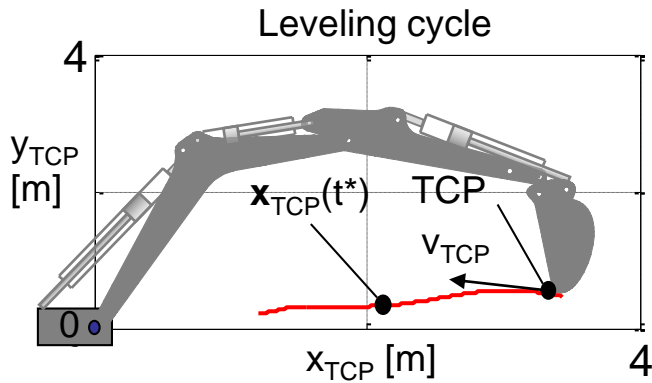


- ① Normal meter in / meter out
- ② + Low pressure regen. incl. short circuit valve
- ③ + Low pressure regen. excl. short circuit valve


Danger of cavitation

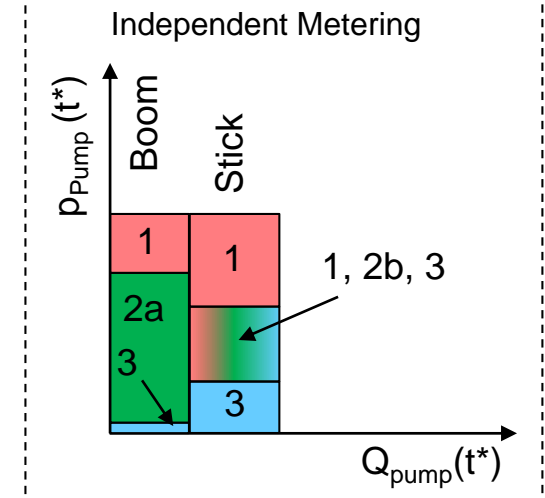
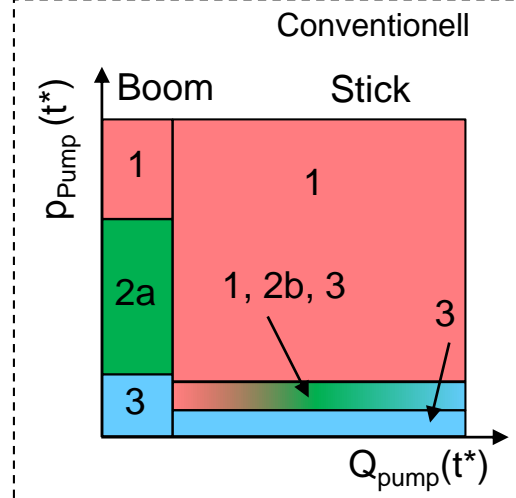
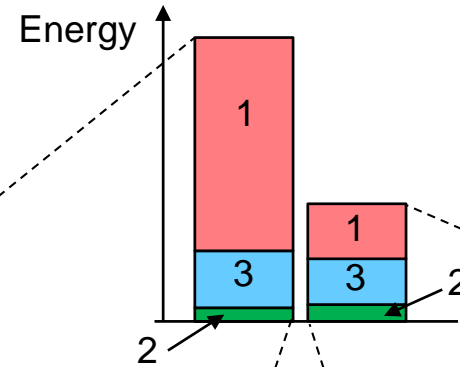
# Energy efficient operation

## Study and measured Excavator working hydraulics



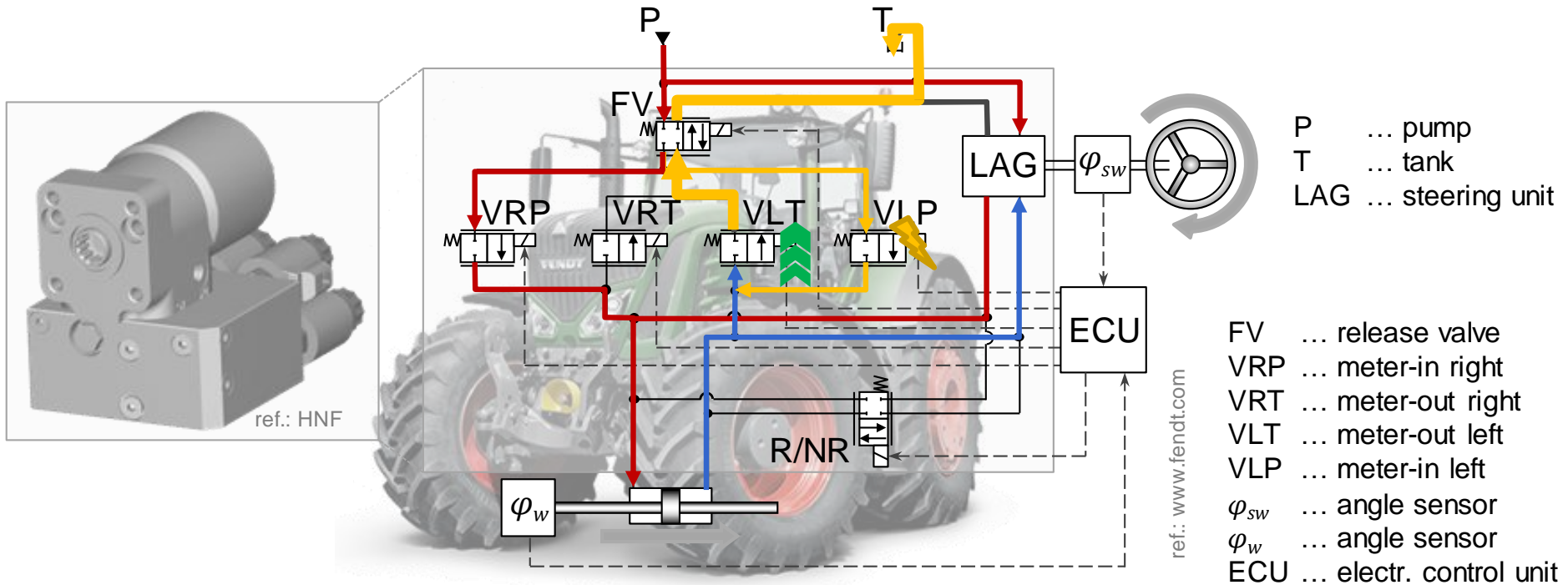
- 1: throttle losses inlet
- 2a: effective power
- 2b: moving load
- 3: throttle losses outlet

 Introduced mech. Power – throttled at inlet and outlet valve edges



## Independent metering for power assisted steering systems

- electrical drives offer very often integrated safety functions
- leads to an easy system integration for OEM
- benefits of IM structures in steering systems:
  - driver assisted steering
  - high safety level due to extended control intervention





....Back to the future

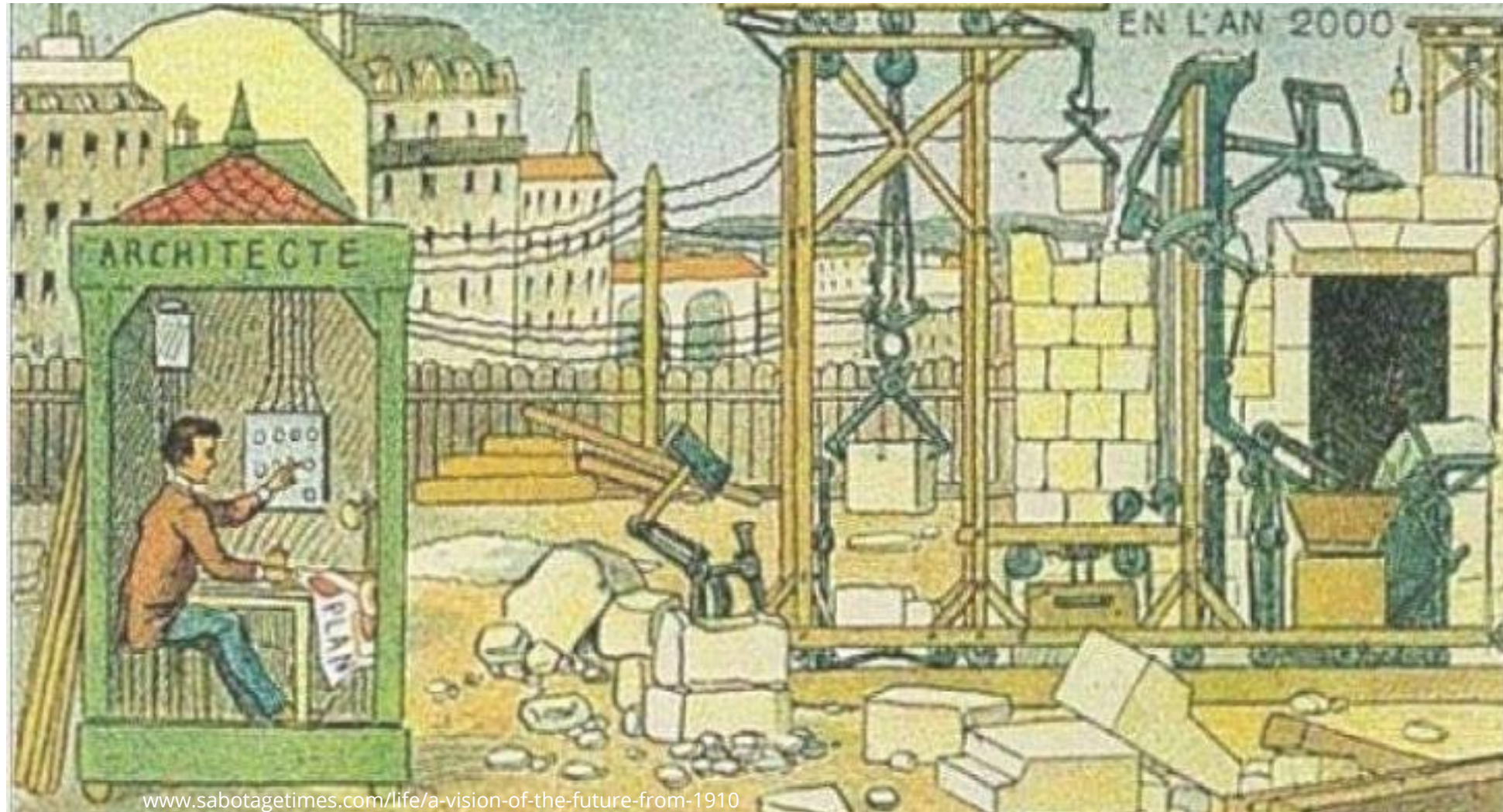


# Joint Research Project BAUEN 4.0

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Jürgen Weber, Chair of Fluid Mechatronic Systems (Fluidtronics)  
West Lafayette, June 5, 2019

# 1910 – Vision of a construction site in the year 2000

shown in the world exposition in Paris 1910



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# Joint Research Project „BAUEN 4.0“

*... fully digitized, highly automated, highly customizable construction site*

*... holistic simulation & optimization of today's and future construction machinery and construction processes through massive networking and communication*



*... efficiency and productivity gains through assistance, automation and data collection  
- operator as machine coordinator*

*... new business and value chains  
technological leadership*



# 5G Communication of the Machines and the digital construction site

Prerequisite for an efficient and capable automation

Workspace monitoring

Remote handling, autonomy

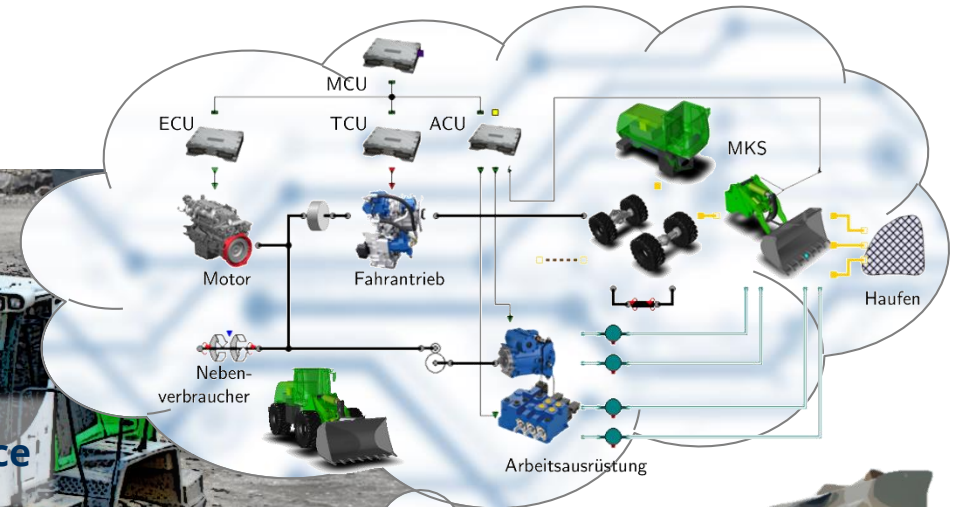
Machine cooperation composite automation

Migration of heterogeneous technologies

IOT-capable Components

Assistance

Machine-services





# Holistic approach to establish Industry 4.0 technologies

Connected and automated machines

wireless communication

5G Machine and Construction Site Networks

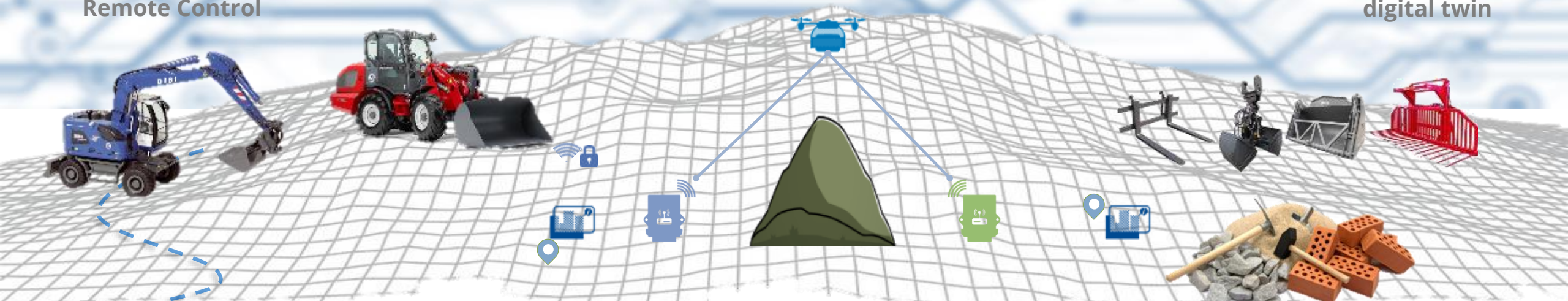
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Processes of the digital construction site

Sensor technology  
Operator assistance  
Automation  
Remote Control

Cloud integration  
Distributed intelligence  
Reliable & secure  
Data transfer

Logistic-, Construction Data  
remote management  
environment recognition  
digital twin



Automation/  
autonomous Machines

Sensor data  
fusion

Networking and  
Communication

Condition Monitoring

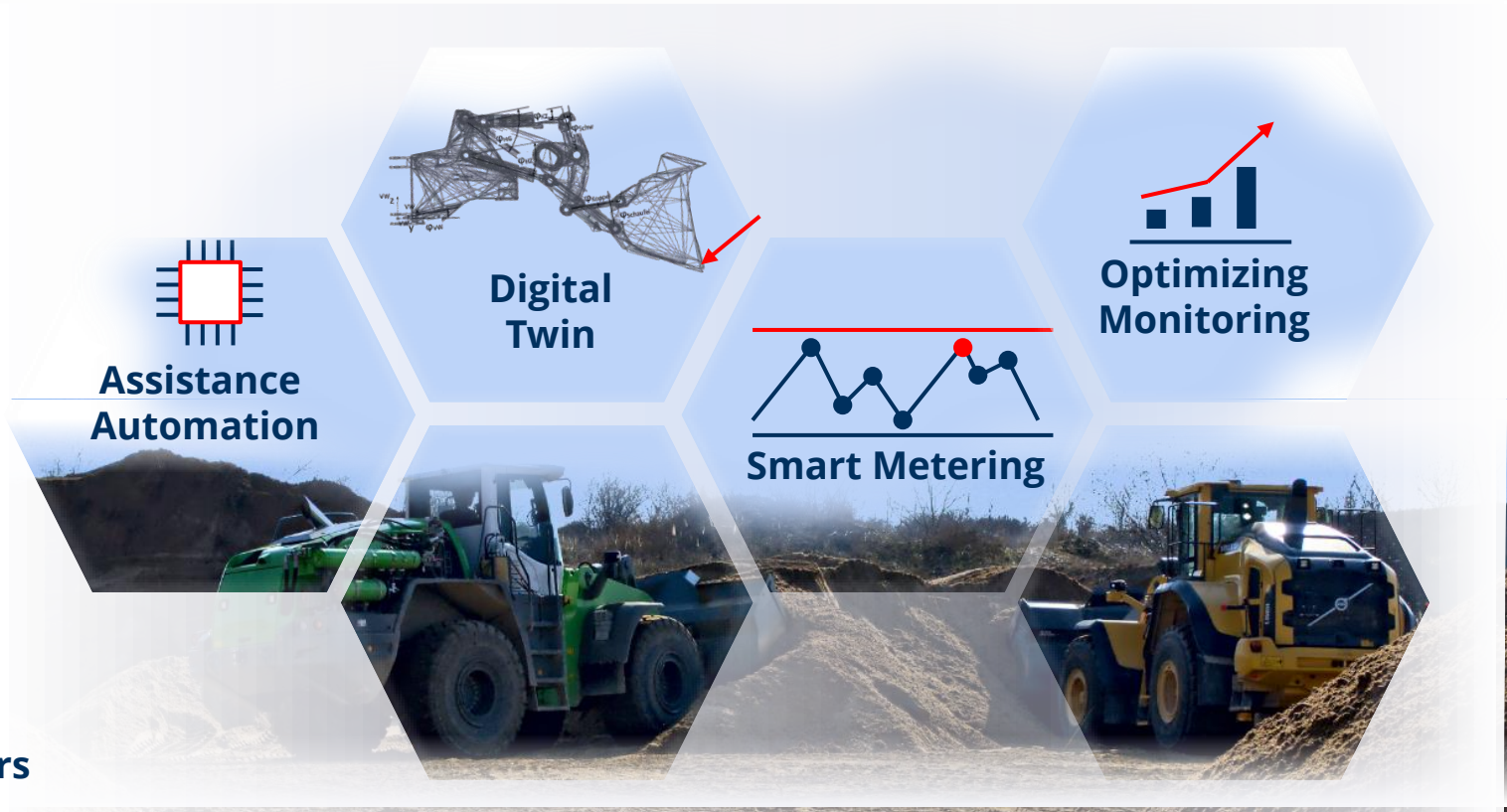
Integration of data  
planning and processing



# Major Project Topics

## Connected and automated machines

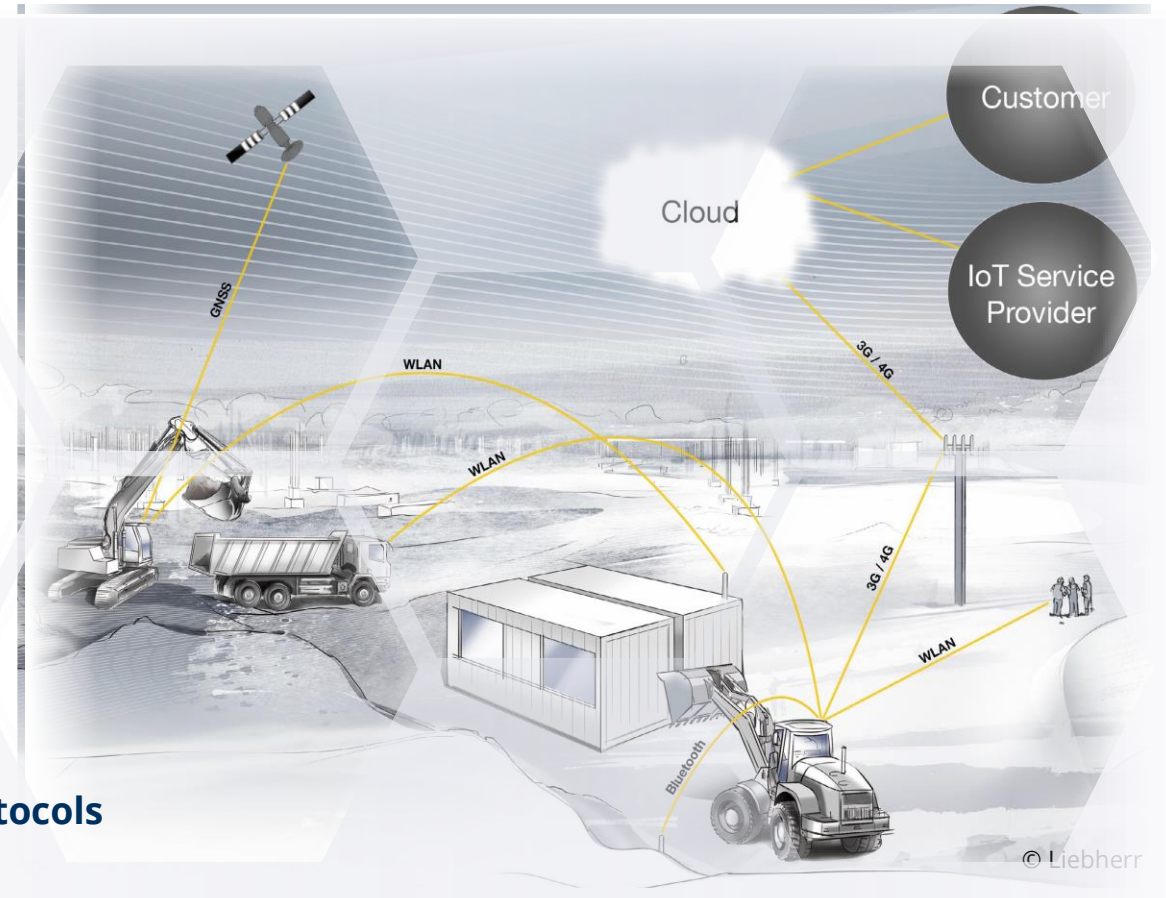
- **Machine capability to communicate, automation**  
Software-based networking controllers, appropriate architecture for electronics and control, automation-oriented system design,
- **Assistance & virtual usability/operation**  
Integration of sensors, digital model and environmental information
- **Digital Machine Model / Twin**  
Optimizing, real-time analysis
- **Machine services**  
Condition monitoring, failure prediction, diagnosis, maintenance & repair
- **Implementation & testing on demonstrators**



# Major Project Topics

## 5G Machine and Construction Site Networks

- **Machine and construction site dependent 5G communication infrastructure**  
Inclusion of external / ambient sensor units  
temporary on-site or available cellular networks
- **Communication units & systems**  
compatible to communication standards  
used today in the machines (CAN / Ethernet)
- **Machine and construction site optimized cloud concepts and solutions**  
Mobile Edge Cloud, Regional-Cloud, Global-Cloud
- **Integration of solutions in demonstration scenarios for civil engineering**
- **Standards for message formats and communication protocols**  
Inclusion of RAMI 4.0



# Major Project Topics

## Processes of the Digital Construction Site

- **Construction site process model - production synchronous**  
digital twin,  
5D-BIM construction site,  
formalized workflow descriptions
- **Digital construction planning for civil engineering**  
Real-time status information of actuators and entities,  
information and task coordination of the machines
- **Quality and efficiency management, optimization of processes via holistic simulations**  
Algorithms to analyze and evaluate the building process  
efficiency based on the real-time state information





# 5G Machine and Construction Site Networking

## Demand-specific networking solutions

### Global Cloud

(via Internet)



External Server



External Services

### On Site Cloud

(local on construction site)



On site server



Digital construction planning



Tracking & Tracing

### Embedded Machine Cloud

(local on the radio module)



5G Connectivity-Module  
uniform interface



Monitoring,  
automation

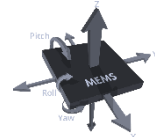


Device interfaces  
And services

### Machine / Device level

Interface to the  
main controller / subsystem  
(CAN, Ethernet application specific)

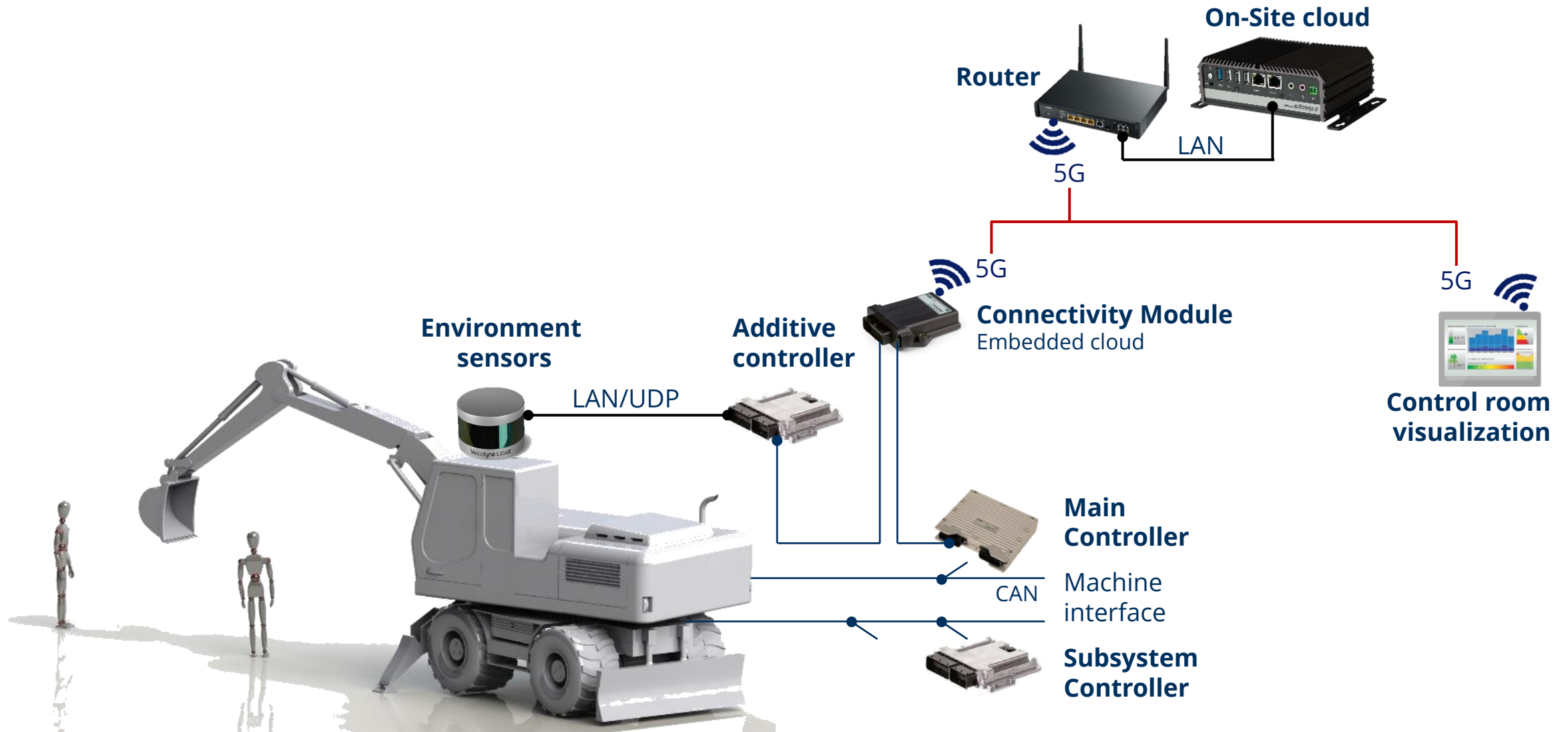
Main controller  
with subsystem architecture  
(as unchanged as possible)



Attachments, Sensors,  
Displays, Material,  
Machines, Subsystems

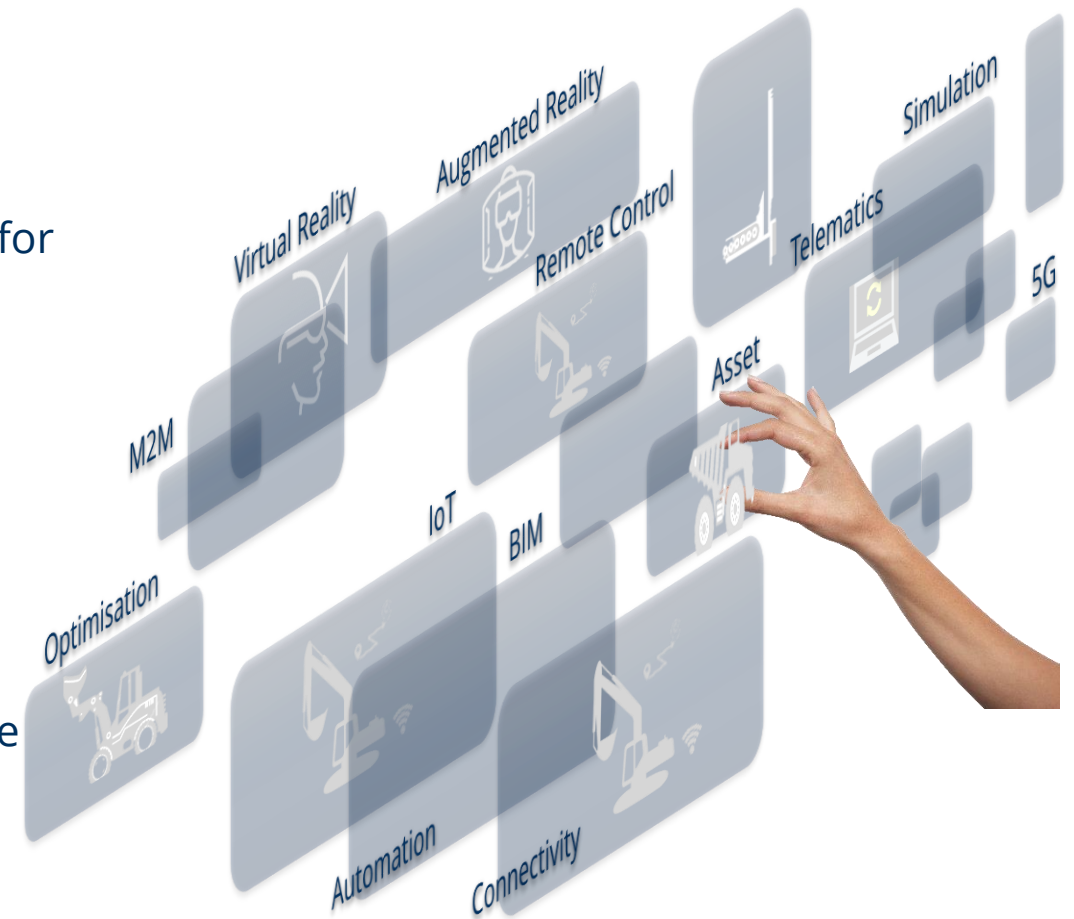


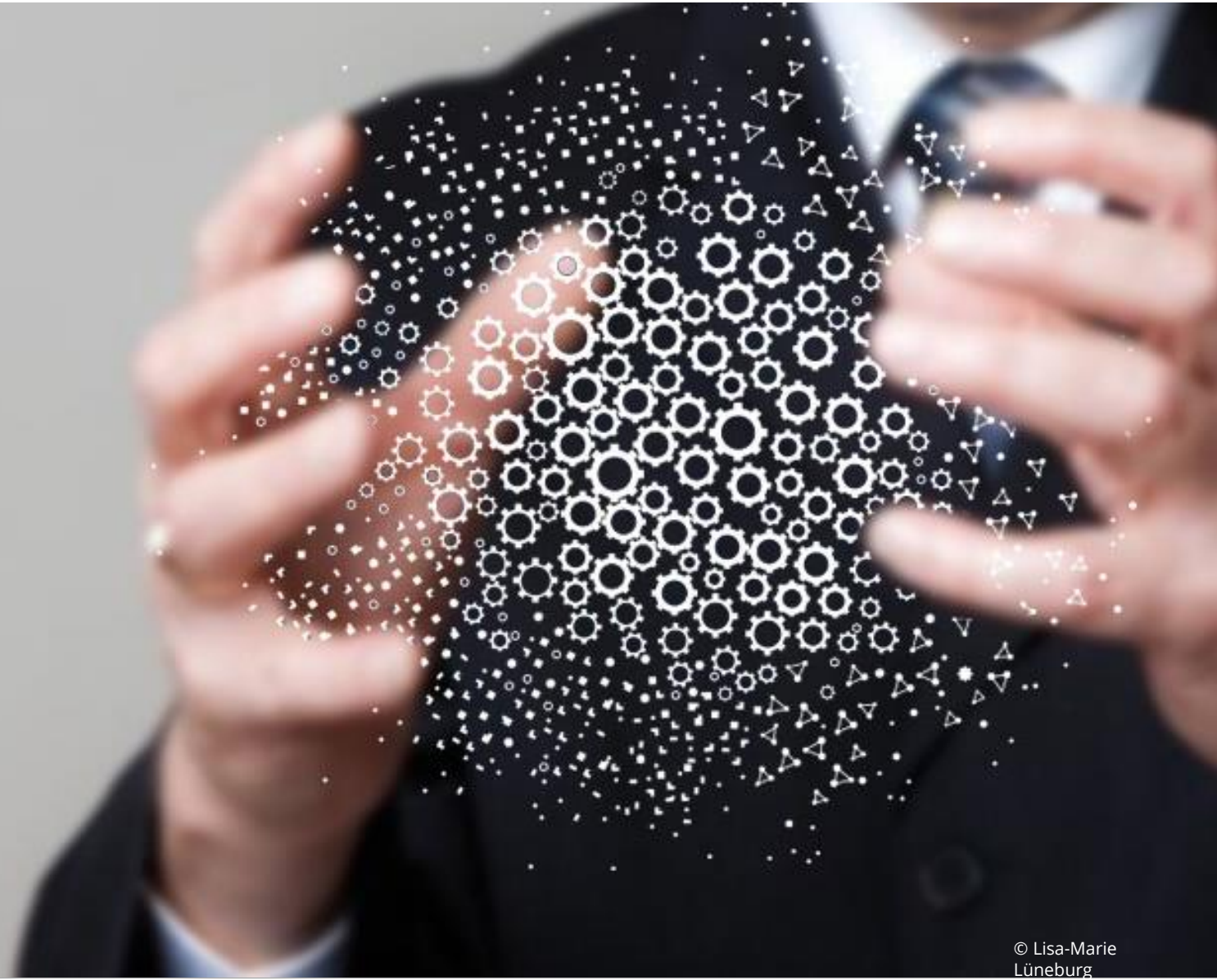
# Communication and Control Architecture on Machine level



# Results and Benefit

- **Automation, assistance, digitization and optimization** of machines and construction processes, technologically proven solutions
- Testing / establishment of **5G communication technologies** for the construction site, for the construction machine - future innovative business and value creation models
- **Experimental construction site for research and development** activities related to the digitization and automation of the construction site environment
- Development / publication of an information platform with the findings, solution principles and application examples





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