



Tractor/Implement Electrification: Opportunities and Challenges

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Electric Drives: Hype or sustainable trend?



Key areas of application

- Engine auxiliaries
- ***Agricultural implements***
- Traction drives
- Energy storage

Sources:
KvernelandRauch,
Amazonen Werke,
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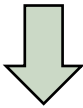


Tractor/Implement-Electrification

Tractor & Implement: One System

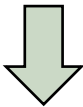
Customer Value Added: Productivity & Automation (TIM)

Electric Drive Systems



Excellent Controllability

Improved Distribution



Optimum Integration



HV Interface

**Tractor:
Power Generation**

Customer Value Chain



Fertilizing (Rauch)



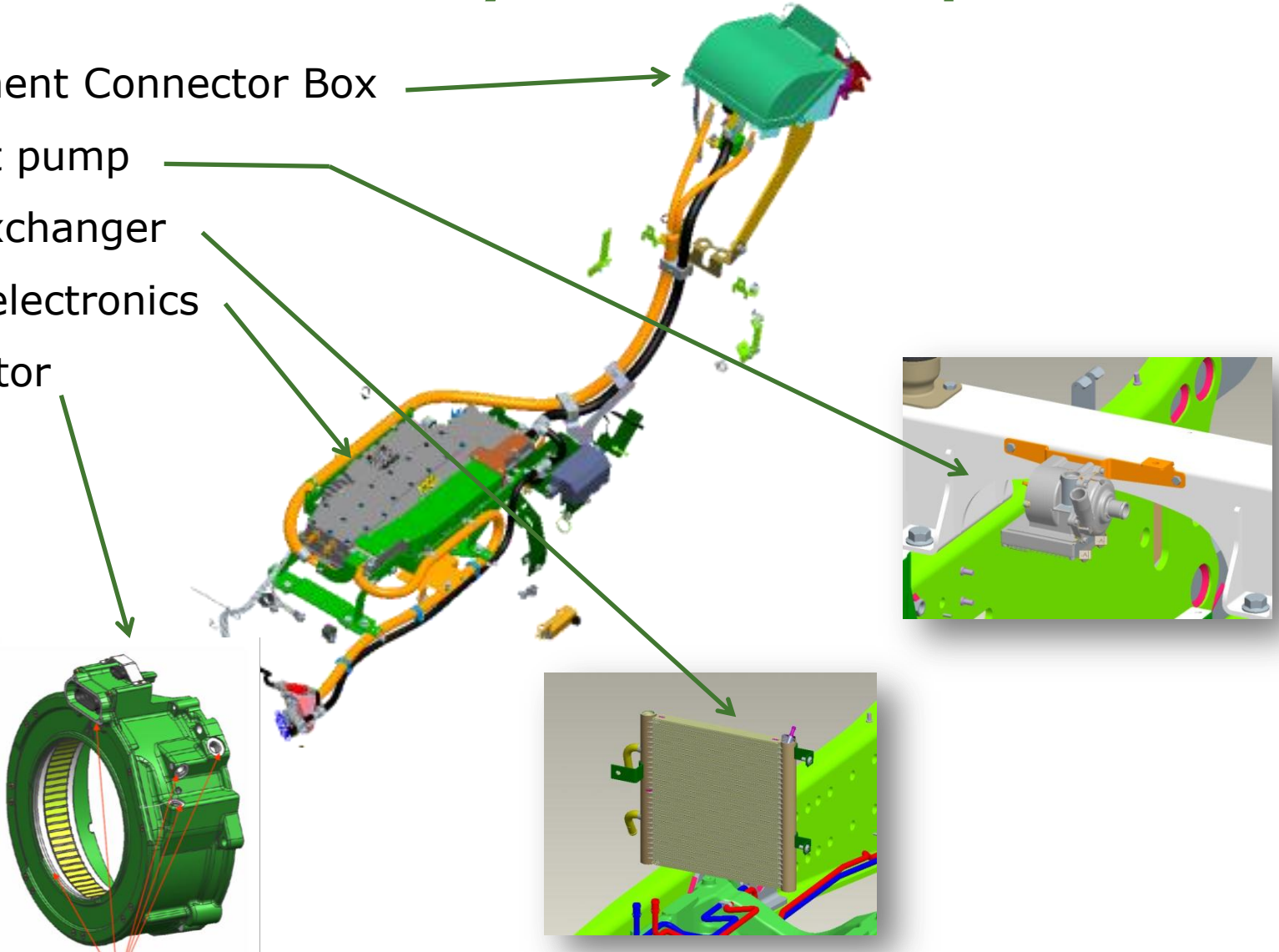
Green Land (Poettinger)



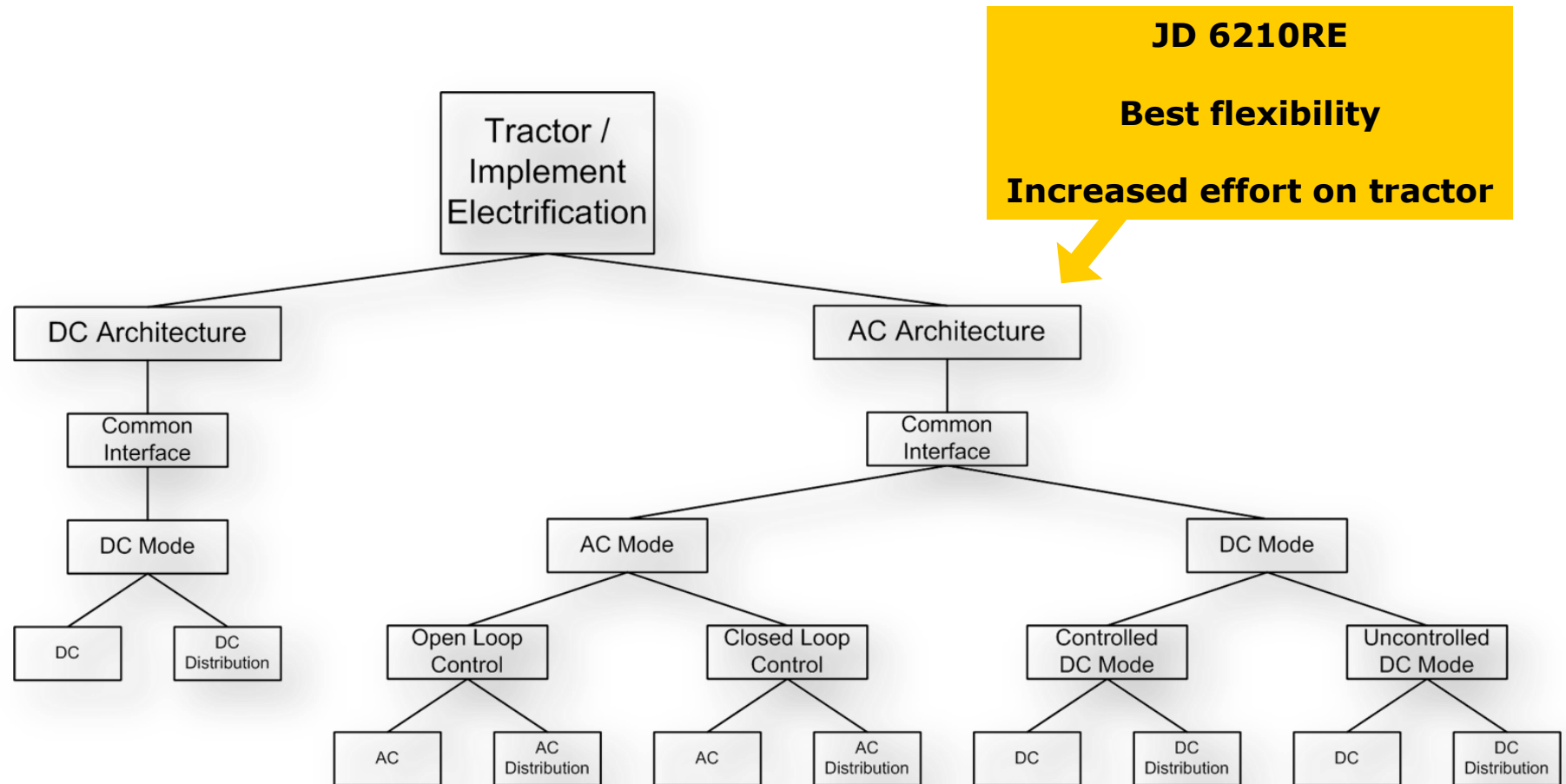
Transport (Fliegl)

John Deere 6210RE: System and Components

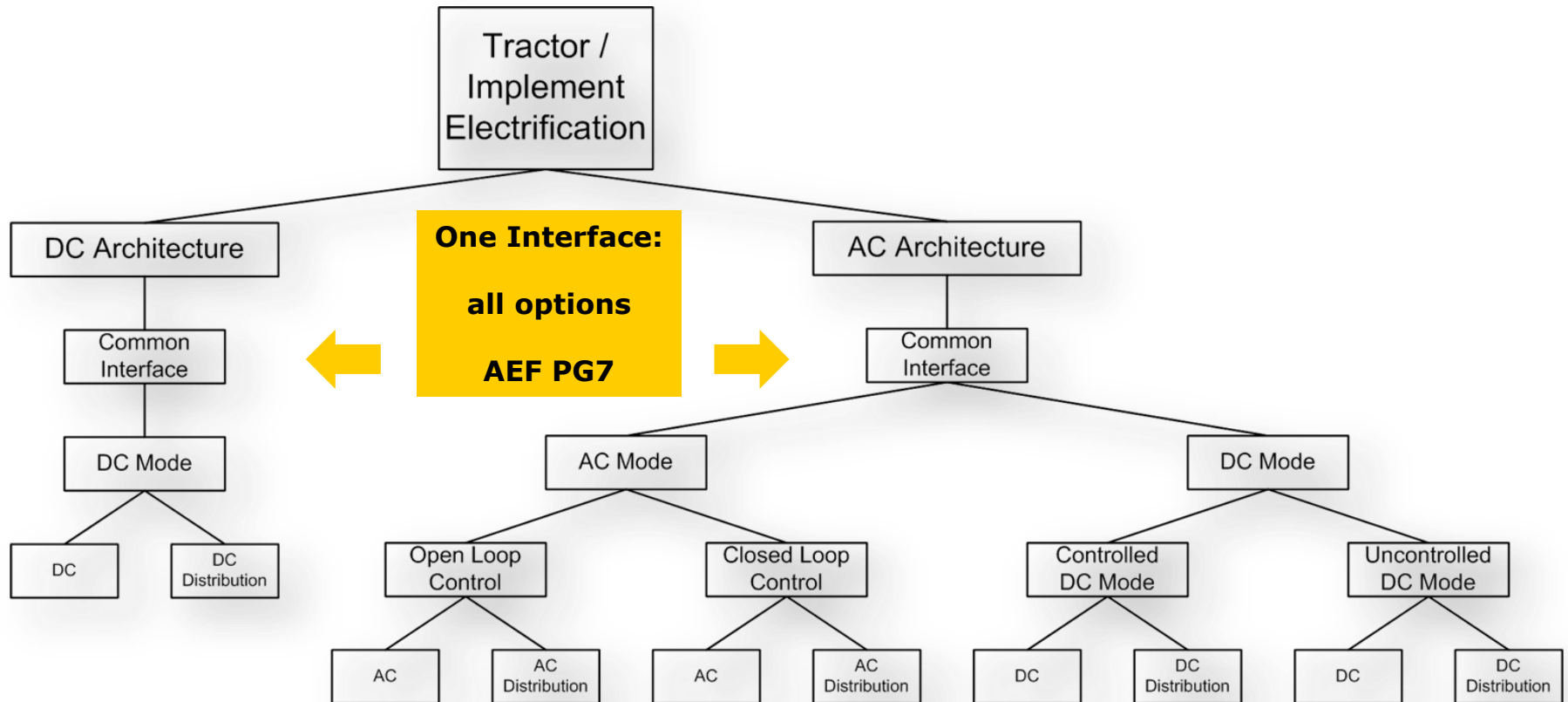
- Implement Connector Box
- Coolant pump
- Heat exchanger
- Power electronics
- Generator



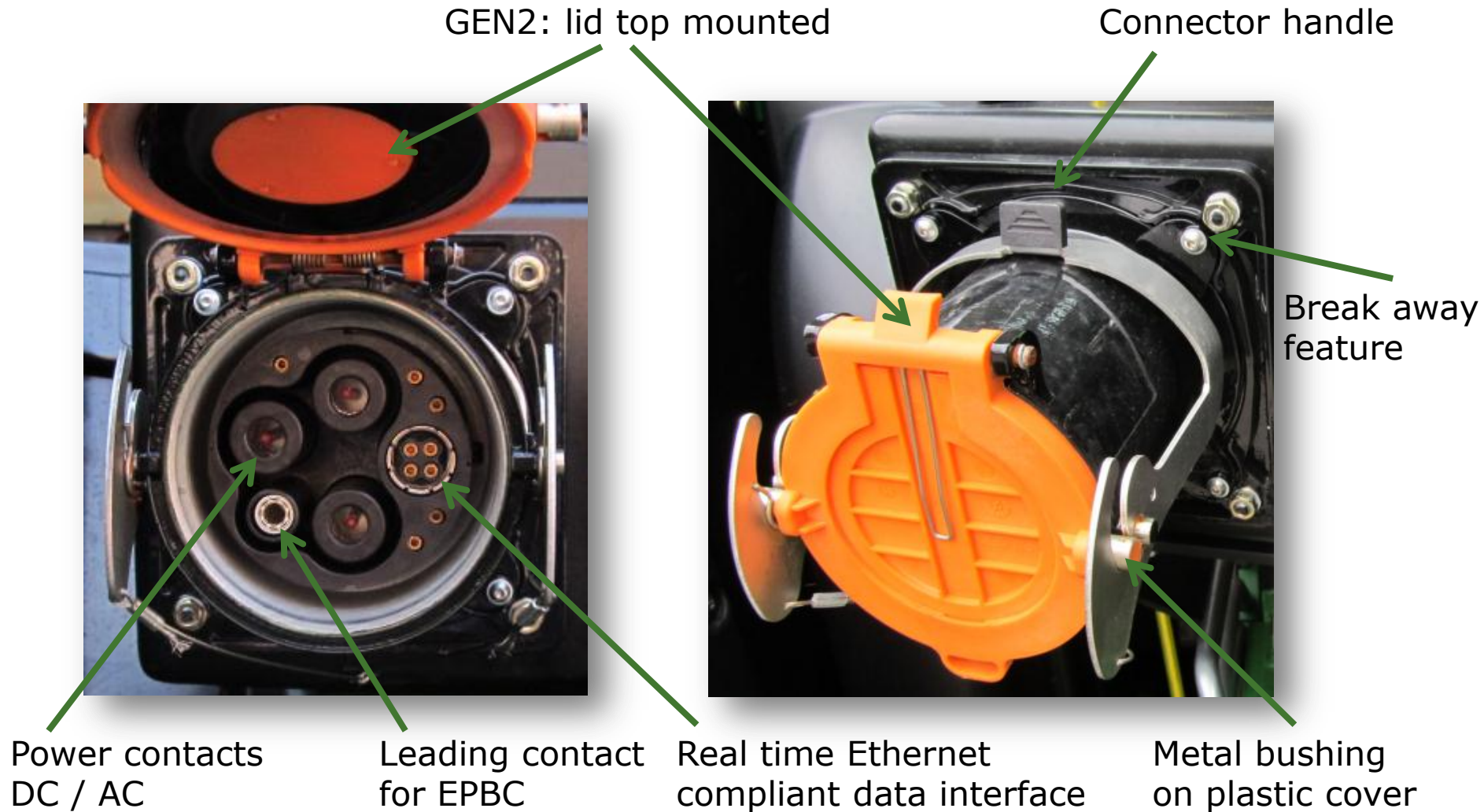
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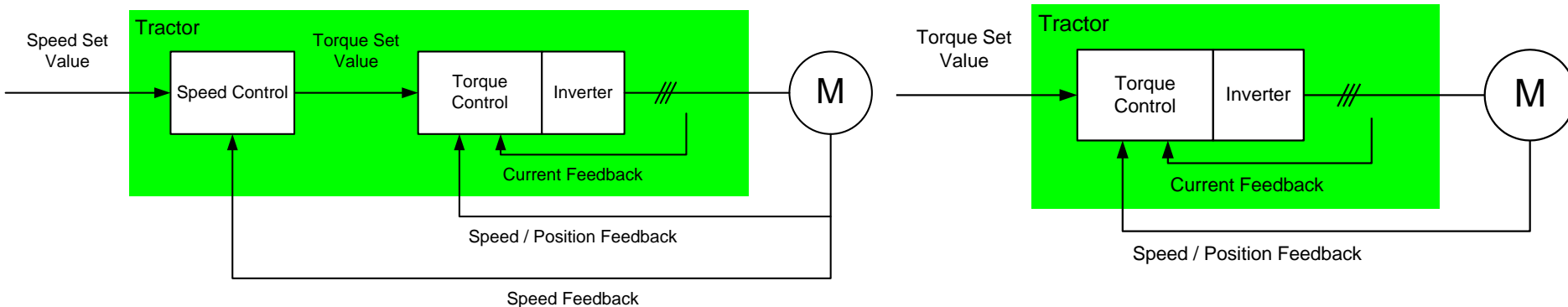
Physical HV Power Interface (ref. AEF PG7)



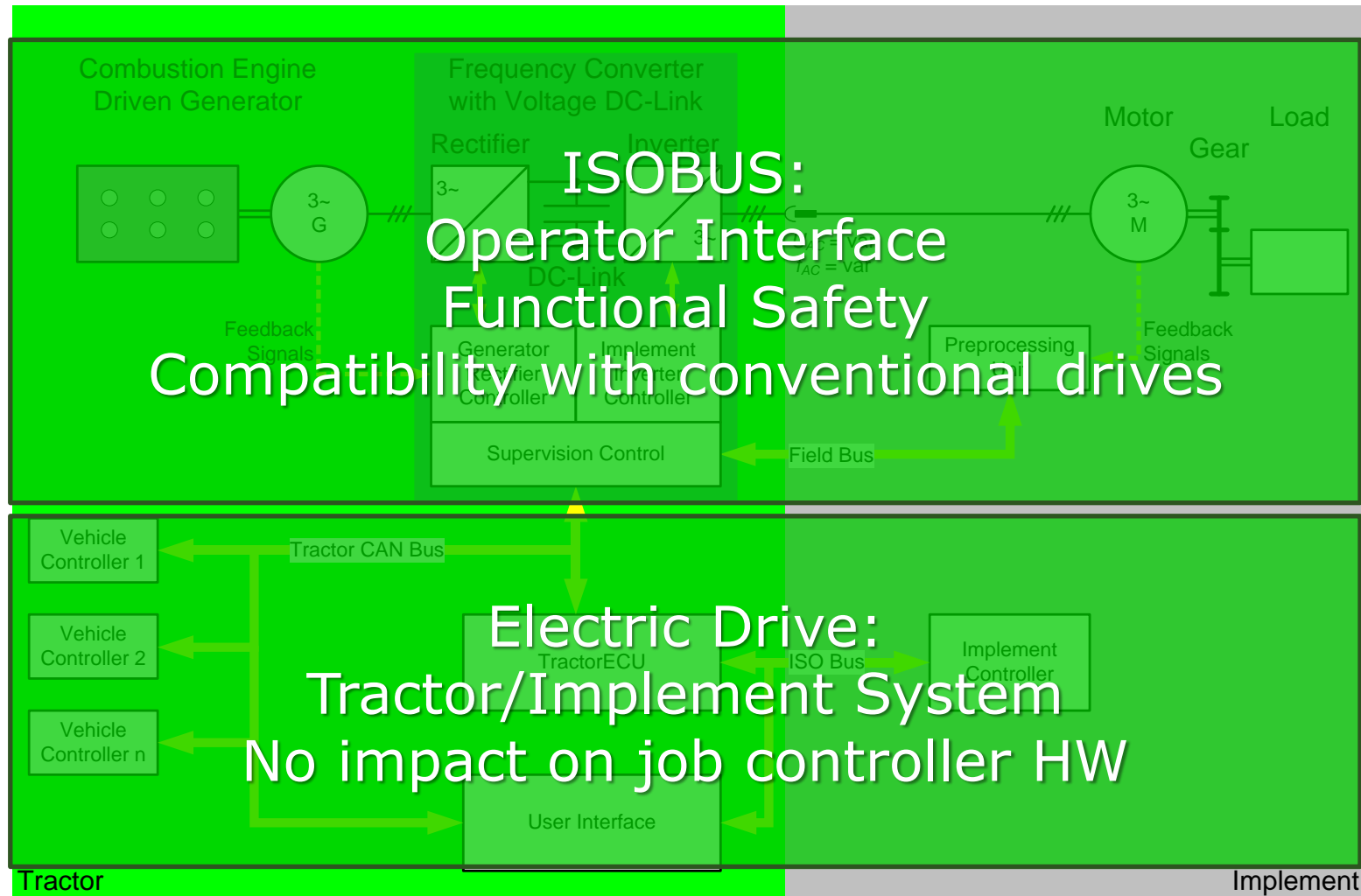
Operation Modes

2 independently controllable interfaces

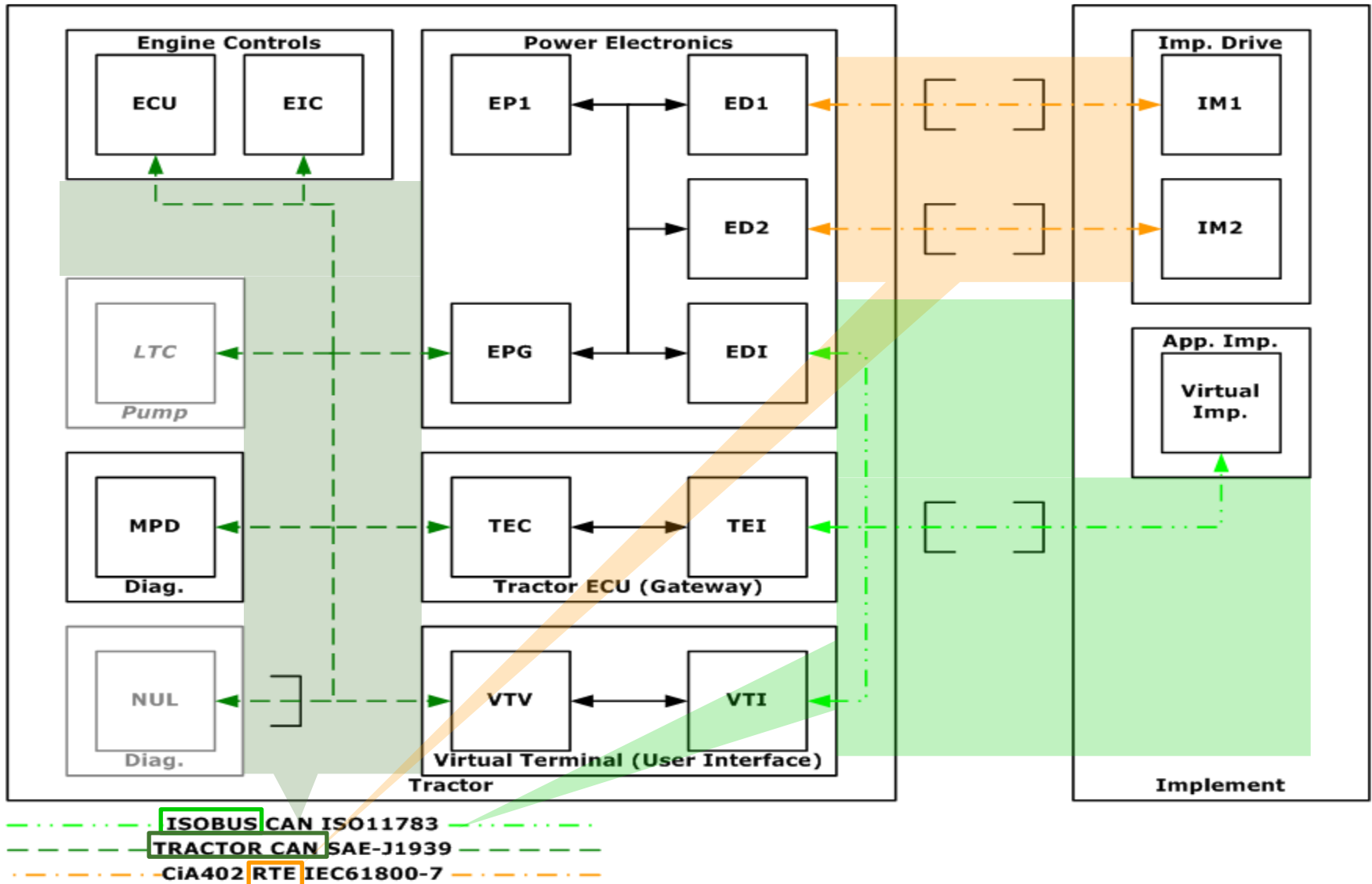
- PMSM control (closed loop)
 - Speed control
 - Torque control
- Further modes (6210RE optional)
 - AC-induction machine control (closed loop & open loop)
 - DC (implement located power electronics)
 - UPS, e.g. 230V/400V @ 50Hz (+ stationary hardware)



Traktor/Implement-Electrification: Architecture



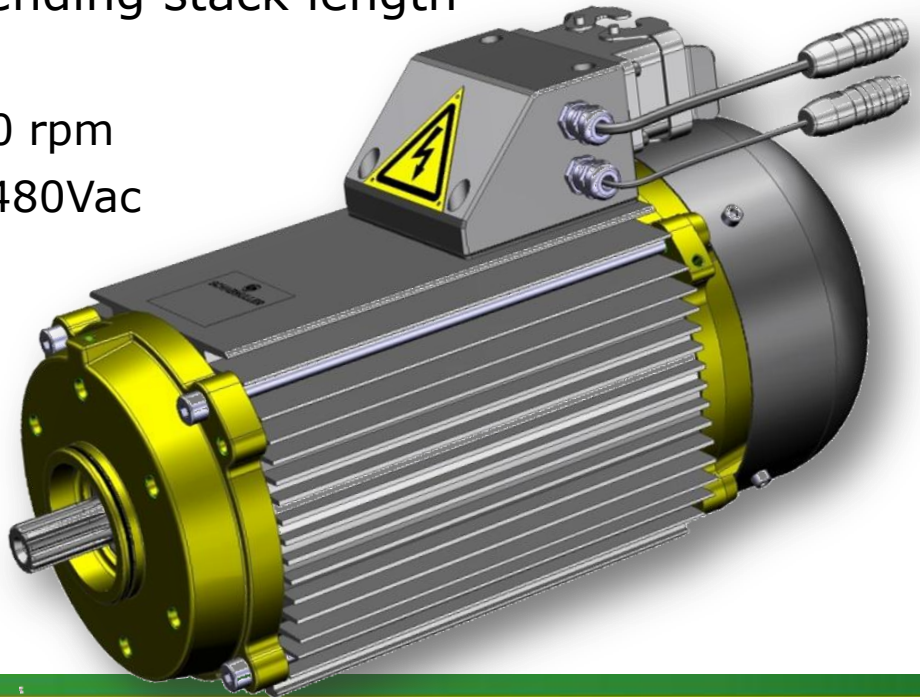
TIE – Communication Architecture (1/2)



Electric Machines for Implements

Family of electric machines – one example

- Modular concept
 - high torque density PMSM concept
 - same stator/rotor diameter for the family
 - power/torque increase by extending stack length
 - e.g. 7kW – 13kW – 20kW
 - rated speed, e.g. 5000 – 6000 rpm
 - rated voltage, e.g. 400Vac – 480Vac



Controller Architecture: FPGA & EtherCAT

Control of the Power Electronic Box

One centralized processor controls:

- Combustion engine driven Generator (Induction Motor)
- Two implement motors (PMAC)

Both implement motors use EtherCAT as rotor angle feedback bus:

- 250 μ s cycle time for position feedback (125 μ s is also possible)
- Loss of communication (=connection) detection
- FPGA contains two independent EtherCAT Masters with limited functionality:
The frame is generated and received by programmable hardware (VHDL)
The processor is only needed for initialization and fault handling after shut down of the implement motor
- System on a chip with minimal delay



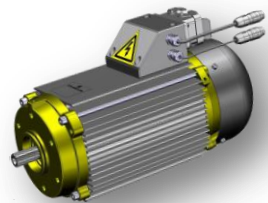
Slave Architecture / EtherCAT based EIB

Electrification Interface Box (EIB)

- One EIB for each load on implment
- EtherCAT Slave ASIC ET 1100
- Simple Microcontroller (PIC)
- 250 μ s cycle time (limited by the μ C)
- The PDO Tx object includes all parameters that are required at runtime.
- The total PDO size of the 0x2000 object is 144 bit.
- Enough space to tunnel e.g. ISOBUS (CAN) ... and more
- Allows transfer of load type data ... and more

<i>Object:SIX</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Type</i>
0x2000:01	Temperature	UINT8
0x2000:02	Direction	BOOL
0x2000:04	Speed	UINT32
0x2000:05	Position	UINT32
0x2000:06	ErrorRegister	UINT32
0x2000:07	Reserved1	INT16
0x2000:08	Reserved2	UINT16

Input / Output shaft feedback



EtherCAT

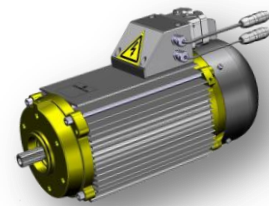
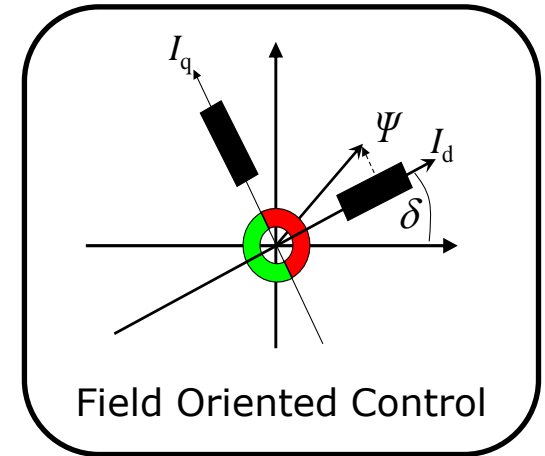
Power



Control Performance: Closed loop PMSM

FPGA based Motor Control

- Enhanced Space Vector Pulse Width Modulation
8 kHz switching frequency
- Sigma-Delta current measurement
with digital EMI filtering
- I²t heat model to protect the IGBT modules
- Field Oriented Control (FOC)
16 kHz current loop update frequency
 $\cos(\varphi) \approx 1$
- PI velocity loop
4 kHz update (= 250 μ s EtherCAT cycle time)
- Over-speed detection
- Programmable acceleration and deceleration ramp



EtherCAT on Tractor/Implement

Tractor / Implement Challenges

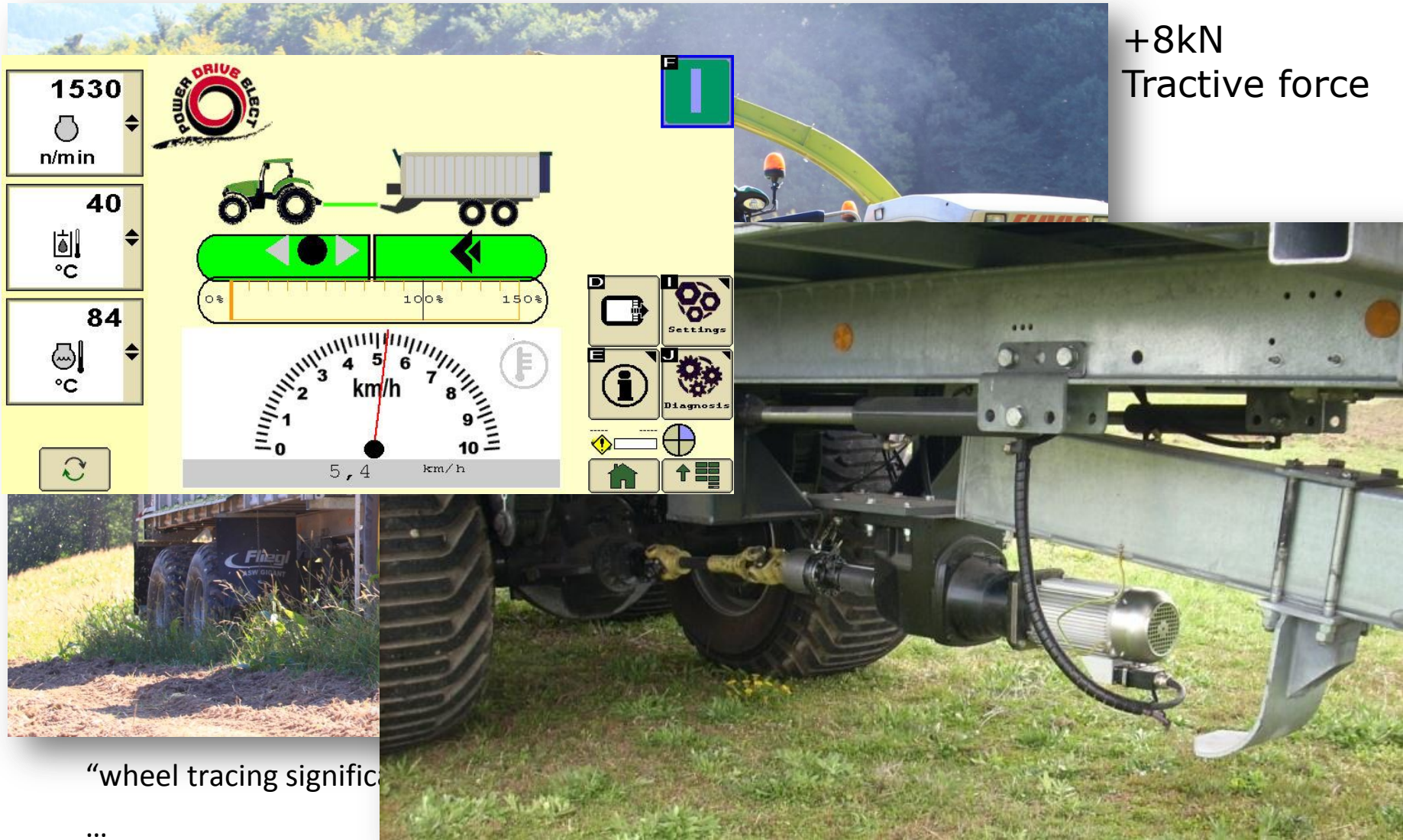
- Automotive temperature range / very high humidity
- EMI
- Combustion engine is not part of the control loop
Handling of limited power requires fast communication
- Only approved slaves (= implements) are allowed to be powered
- Closing the control loops must be flexible



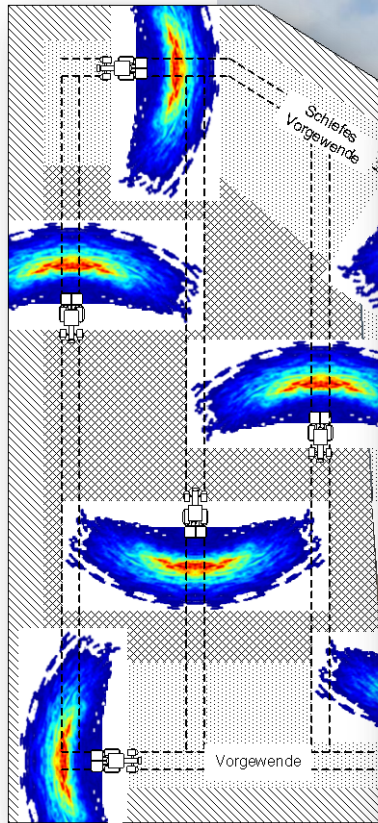
Tractor/Implement Electrification: Objectives

- **Identification of Implement** via ISOBUS
 - Implement function related control via implement job controller
- **Support of both AC- and DC-architectures on implements**
- **Closed loop control of implement loads**
- **Commonality**
- **System level diagnostics**
- **One cable "Plug & Play"**
 - **Safety**
 - **Function & performance (electronic type sheet)**
 - **Identification of load per receptacle**

Application: Traction Axle, Trailer

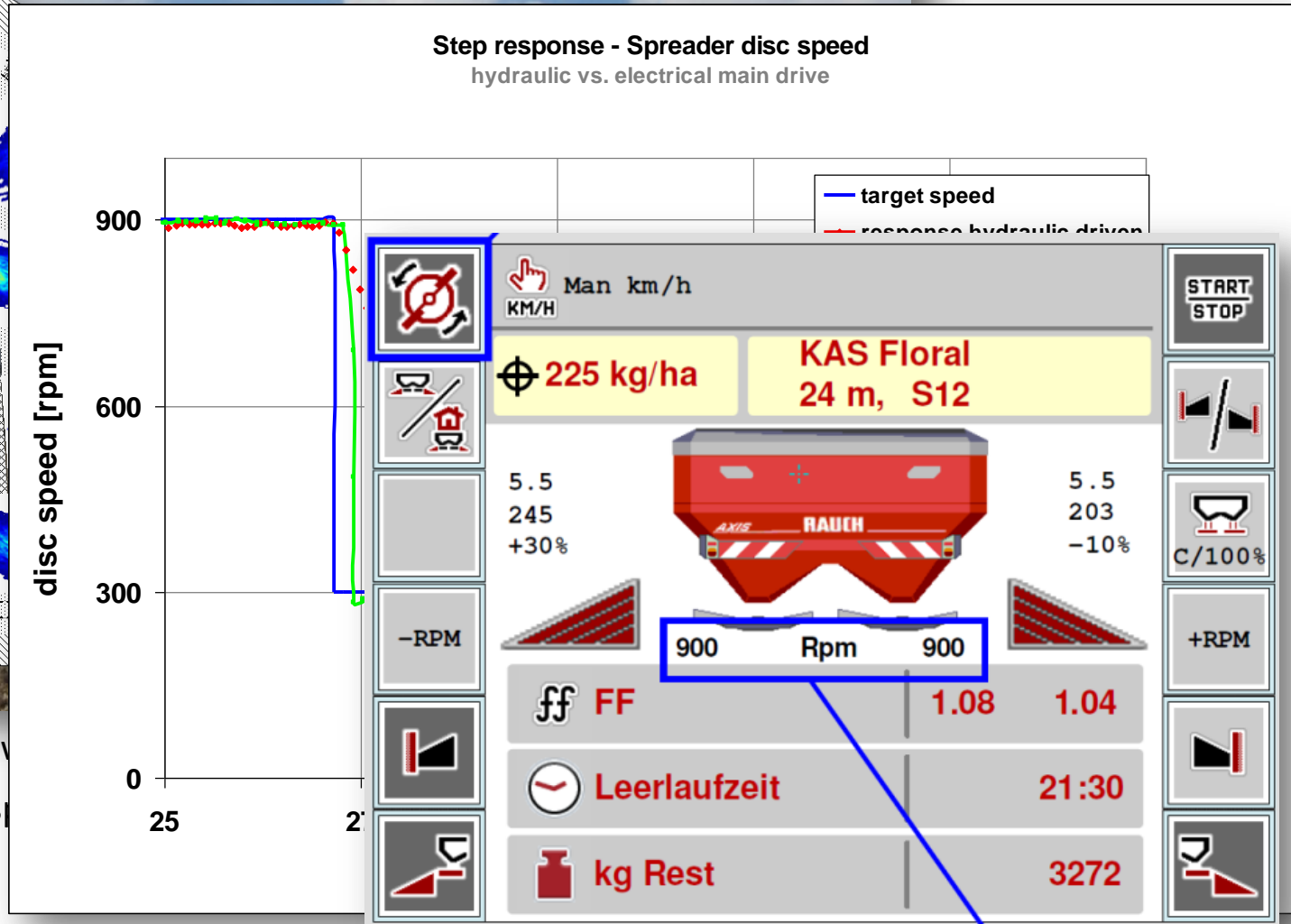


Application: Electrified Fertilizer Spreader

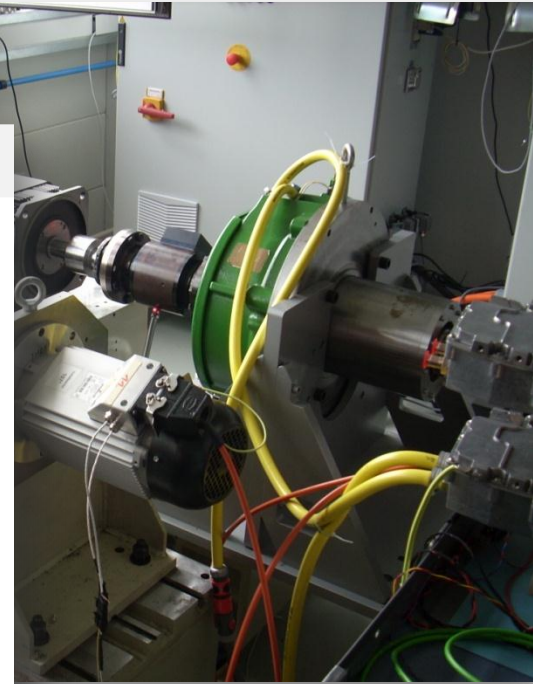
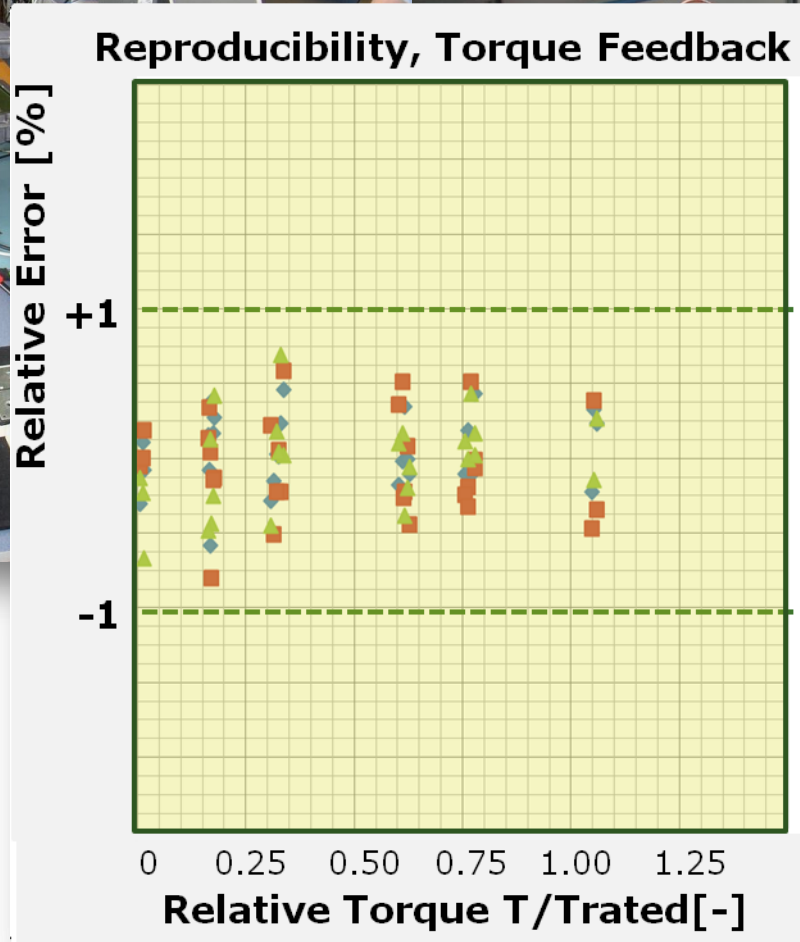
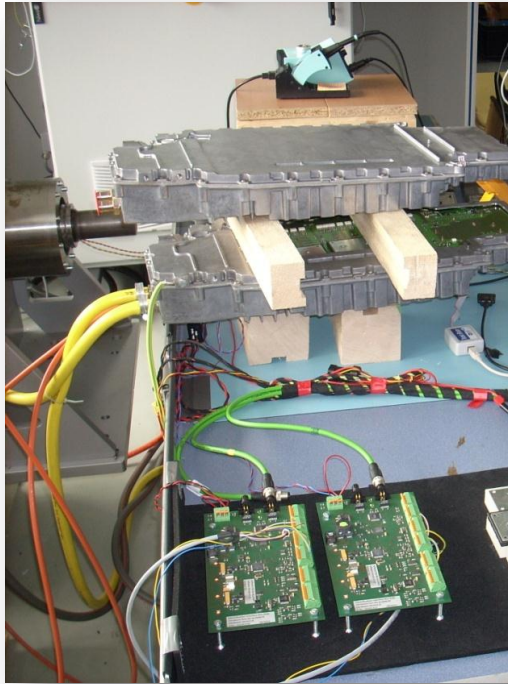


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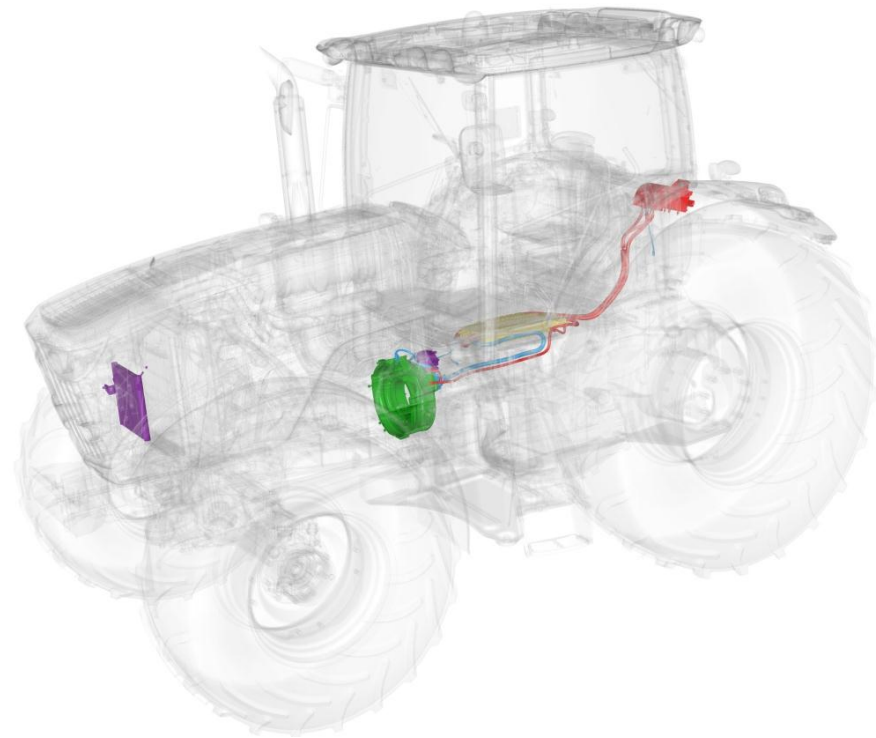


Torque Feedback



Summary

- John Deere 6210RE: The next level of system integration
- Coordinated development: implements & tractors
- High performance communication:
 - Plug & Play
 - Closed loop control
 - ...
- Remaining gaps need to be filled





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