# Future trends in virtual design of fluid power driven machines

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# What are the **Megatrends in Fluid Power Driven Machine** Industry?

#### Hybridization of the transmissions







Hydraulic-Electric

# **Hybridization**





LUT Integrated Electric-hydraulic Energy Converter IEHEC

#### **Hybridization of Transmission**







# **Trends in Control**

- Unmanned working machines
- Autonomous/ Remote operation
- Haptic feedback
- 360° Camera technology
- Augmented reality





# **Unmanned Machine Fleets**





- Positioning
- Machine to Machine Communication
- IoT
- Logistics
- Artificial
  Intelligence
- Adaptivity



How do these megatrends challenge the design and development?

## State-of-the-art



- Machines are designed individually by using commercially available software tools such as CAD, FEA, Off-line simulation
- Most advanced products provide 3-D visualization without physical functionality
- Physical prototyping has an important role in R&D processes – usability is tested by physical prototypes
- Real-time simulation is mainly used in testing the control software/hardware
- No virtual tool suitable for Internet-of-Things level design

## **State-of-the-art virtual reality tools**





# **Physical Couplings in a Machine**





#### **State-of-the-art simulation tools**













#### What do we need



- Physically adequate real-time simulators for simulating complete machines in realistic working environments to test:
  - Usability and Human-Machine-Inteface before the first physical prototype is built by applying immersive virtual technology
  - Effects of individual drivers into safety, energy consumption and durability of the machine
- Internet based physically adequate tools for real-time simulation of machine fleets and entire production sites to test:
  - Desing and optimize overall productivity of fleets
  - IoT software, hardware and smart sensor networks

#### Single Machine Real-time Simulator with VR





## **Global Fleet Design Network**





Simulator 2

# **Machine Fleet RT-simulator with VR**



- Concept developed by LUT
- Tool developed by Mevea Ltd.
- Delivery by the end of 2016

# Thank you for your attention!



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