

# *Clean Propulsion Technologies*

*a Finnish response to tightening emission legislation in marine and off-road segments*

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**Clean Propulsion Technologies**  
to secure global technology leader position for  
the Finnish powertrain industry by creating  
common vision and sustainable business  
solutions.

# Powertrain development in Finland

## Finland 1#

in the EU in the quality of export  
products; European Commission

## Finland 7#

in innovation capabilities and  
results; Global Innovation Index

## Finland 9#

in Cleantech; Global  
Cleantech innovations







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# Powertrain development in Finland

## Proventia

Leading exhaust system integrator for NRMM market

## Dinex

Expert in catalytic aftertreatments systems since 1980s







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# Powertrain development in Finland

## AGCO Power

Clean and dependable power for working machines with 80 years of experience







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# Powertrain development in Finland

## Wärtsilä

Global leader in smart technologies and complete lifecycle solutions for the marine and energy markets







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# Powertrain development in Finland

## NAPA

95 % of newbuilds yearly built by NAPA customers

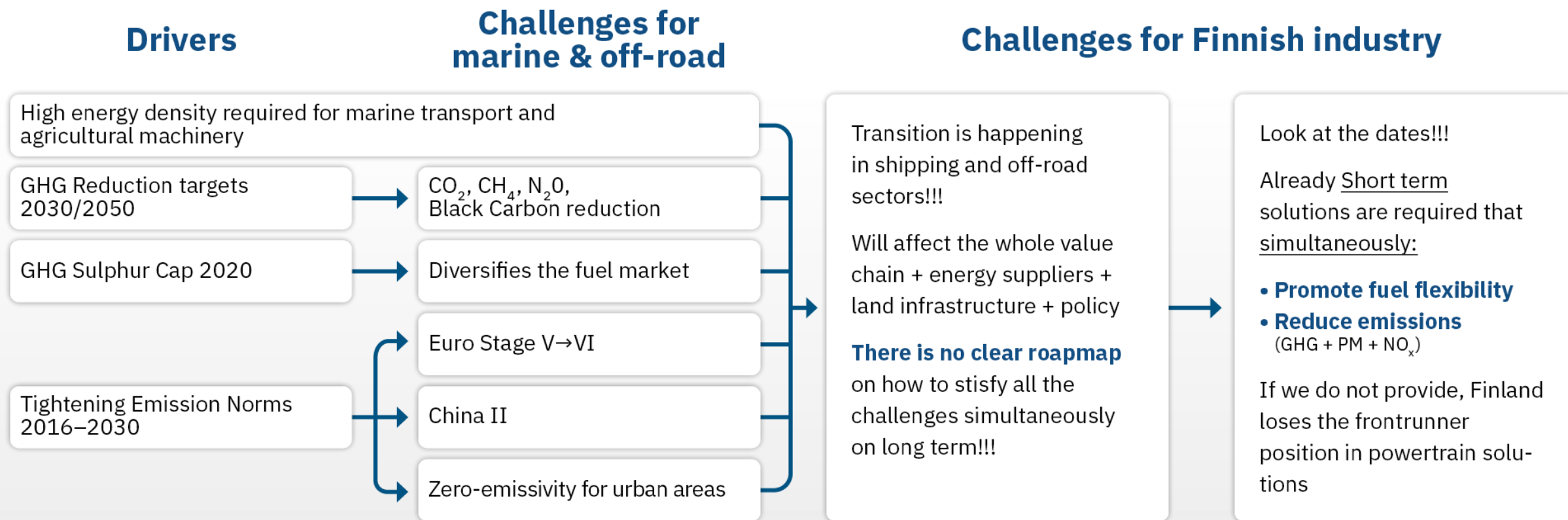
## Meyer Turku

One of the market leaders in future-extrapolated cruise ships and other floating solutions





# Premise

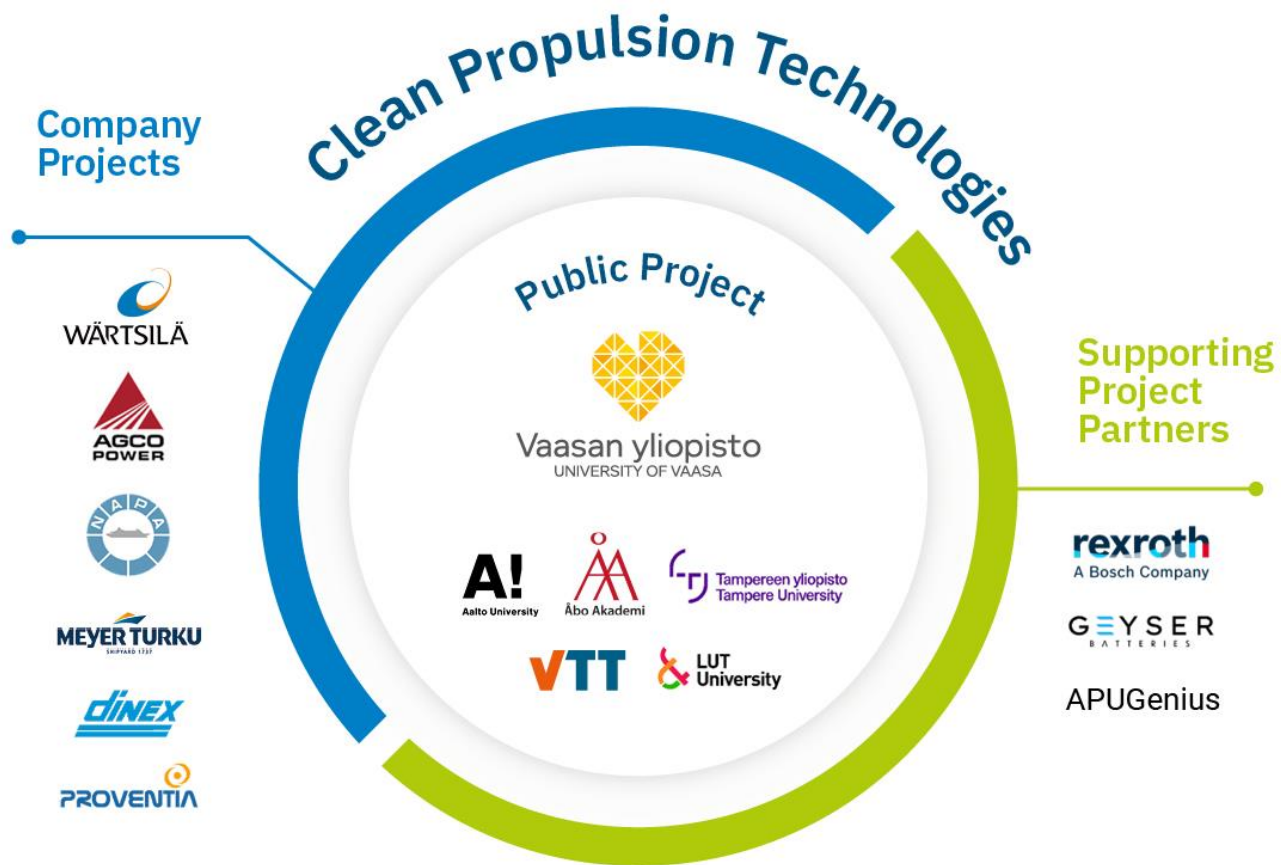


## ➤ The Goal of CPT is realized :

- On a short term, by moving the most promising innovative (TRL3) powertrain technologies to TRL5-6.
- On a long term, by maturing the common technological roadmap for the join marine and off-road sector



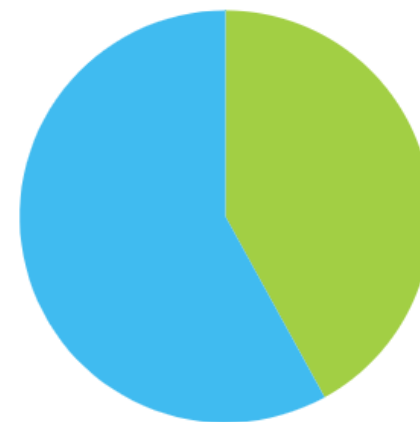
# Clean Propulsion Technologies in numbers



15  
Consortium Partners

6  
Work Packages

Project timeline:  
2021-2023



Total budget  
15,1M €

● Public research project  
● Industrial projects

## INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATORS



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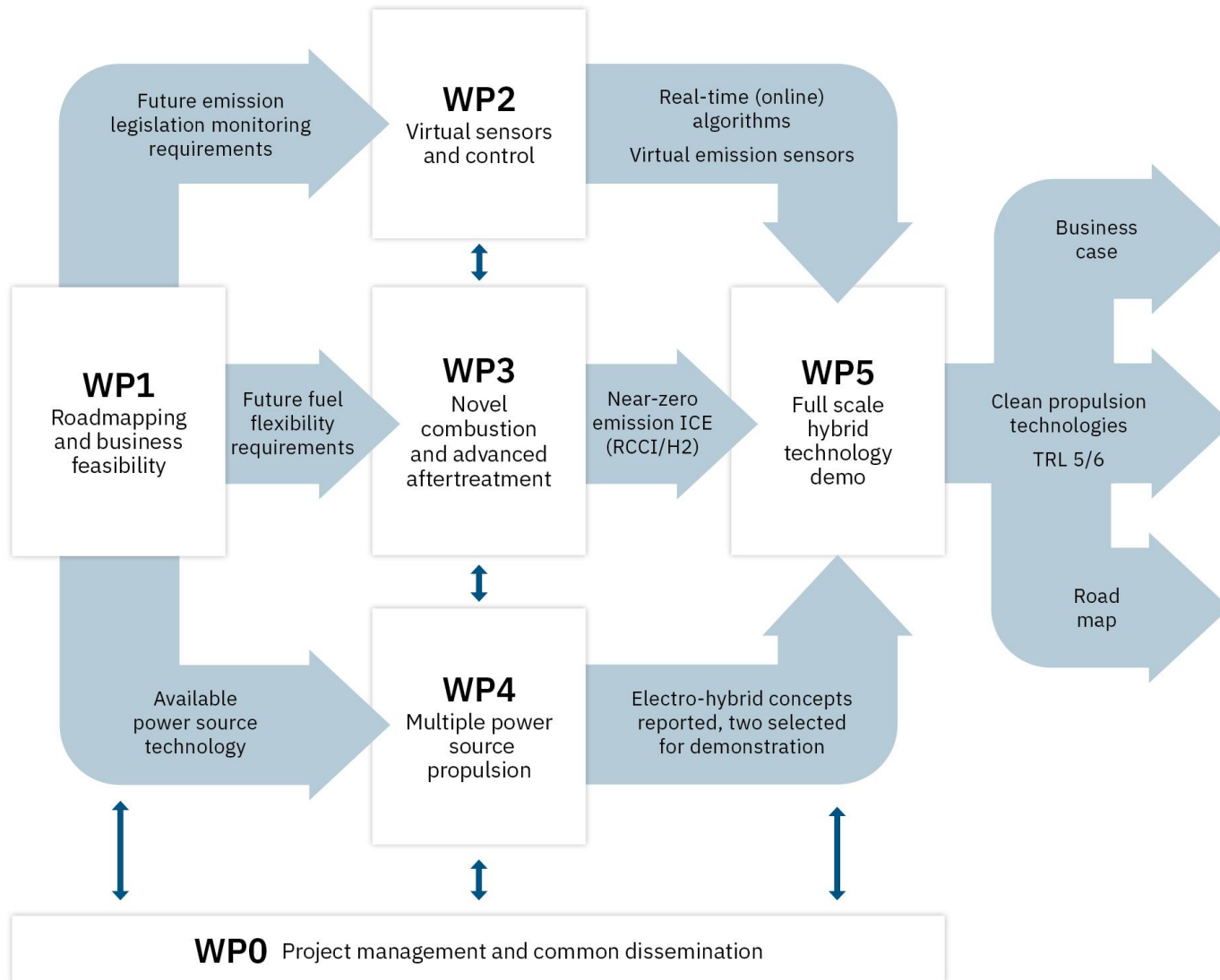
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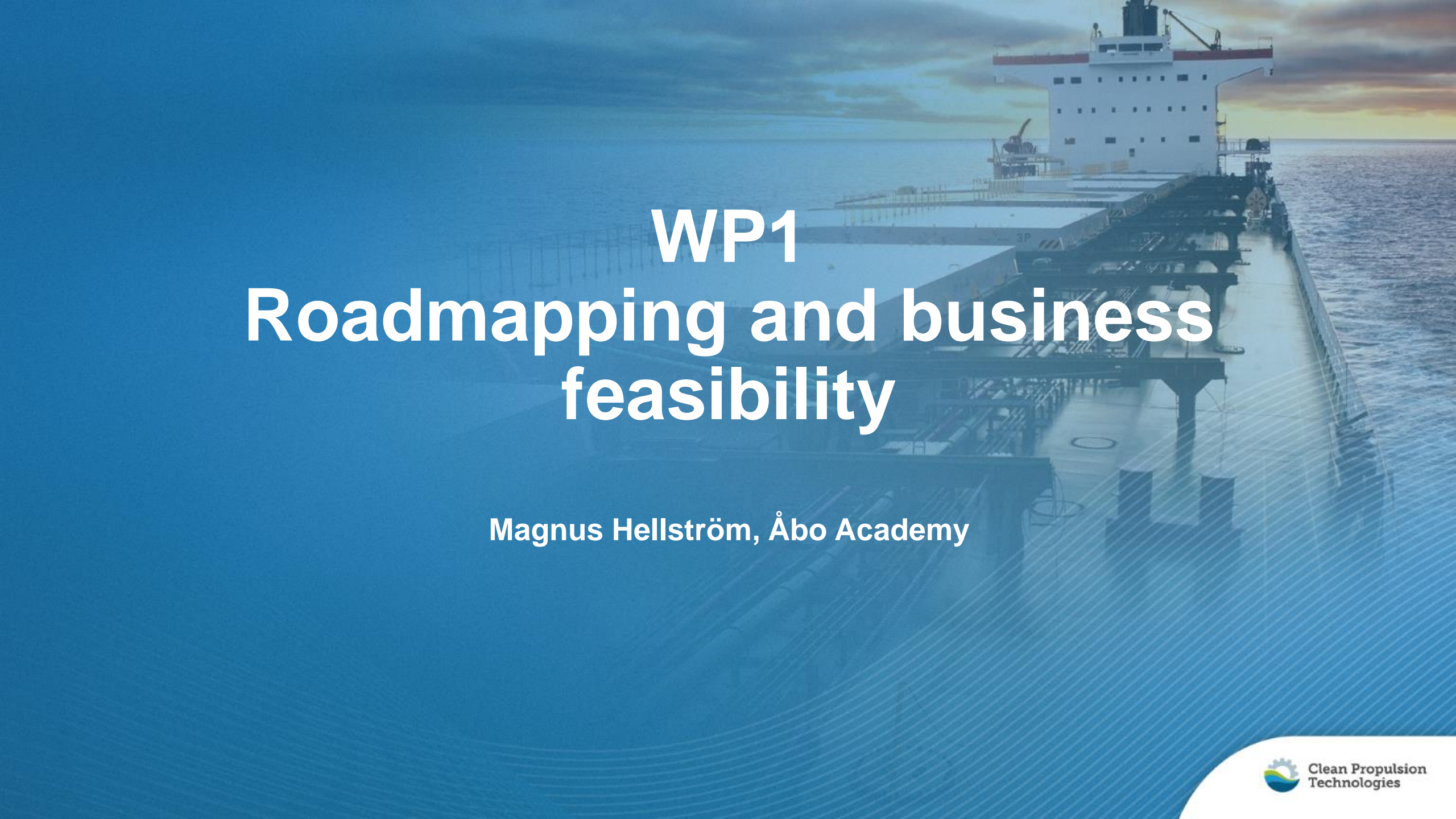
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# Way of working and high level objectives



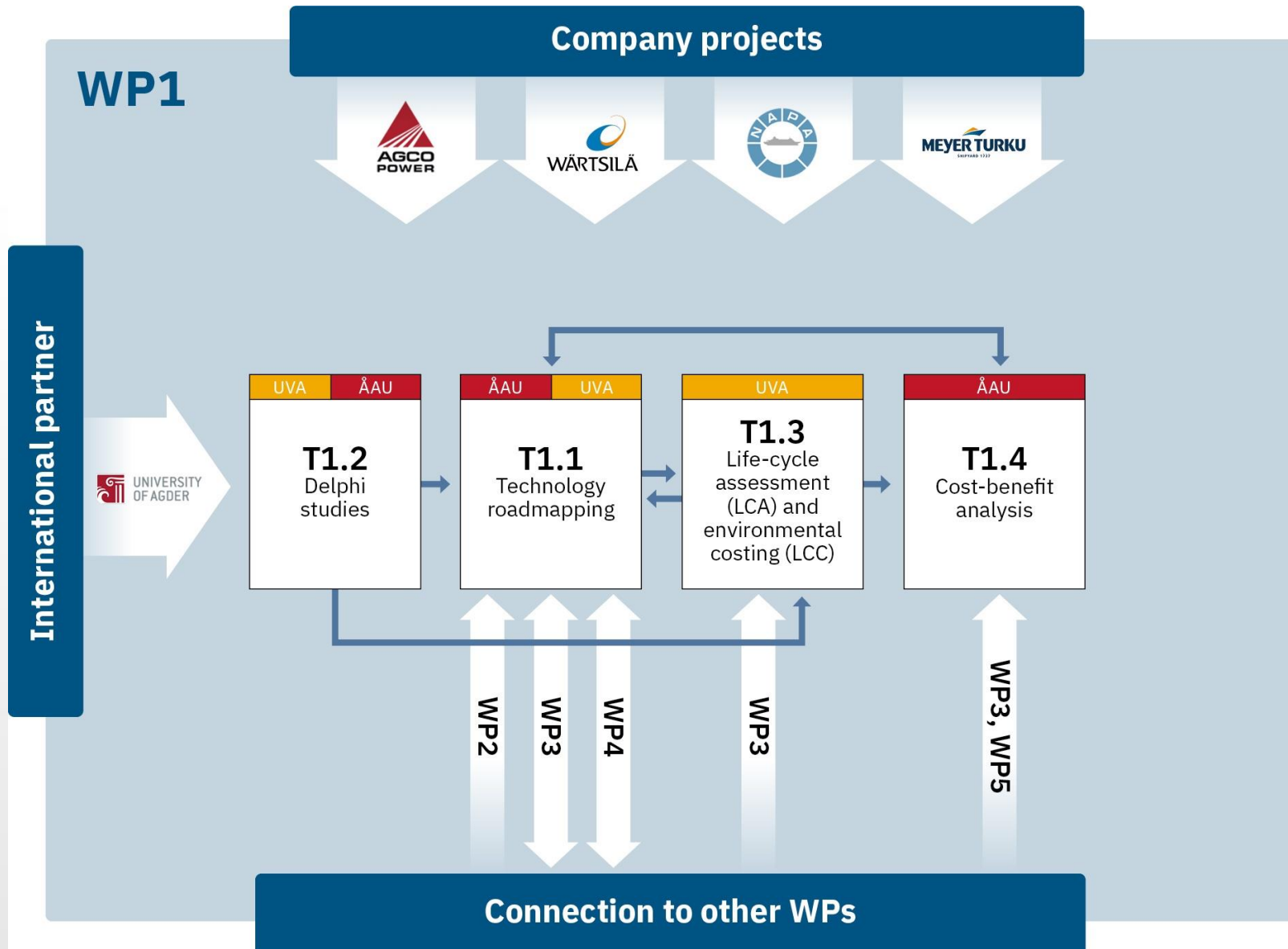
- **Objective 1:** Establish a Technology Roadmap to direct current and future R&D efforts within a sustainable propulsion ecosystem.
- **Objective 2:** Develop new intelligent machine learning algorithms for virtual sensors, digital twins and control design of new combustion technologies.
- **Objective 3:** By combined engine/aftertreatment measures demonstrate min 30% GHG reduction with ultra-low NOx and PM emissions
- **Objective 4:** Design and implement an optimal control architecture for a hybrid system accounting for characteristics of different energy/power sources (GHG -20%)
- **Objective 5:** Build hybrid full-scale demonstrators of propulsion systems, show their functionality and preliminary performance and verify multi-engine and energy consumer models.



# WP1 Roadmapping and business feasibility

Magnus Hellström, Åbo Academy





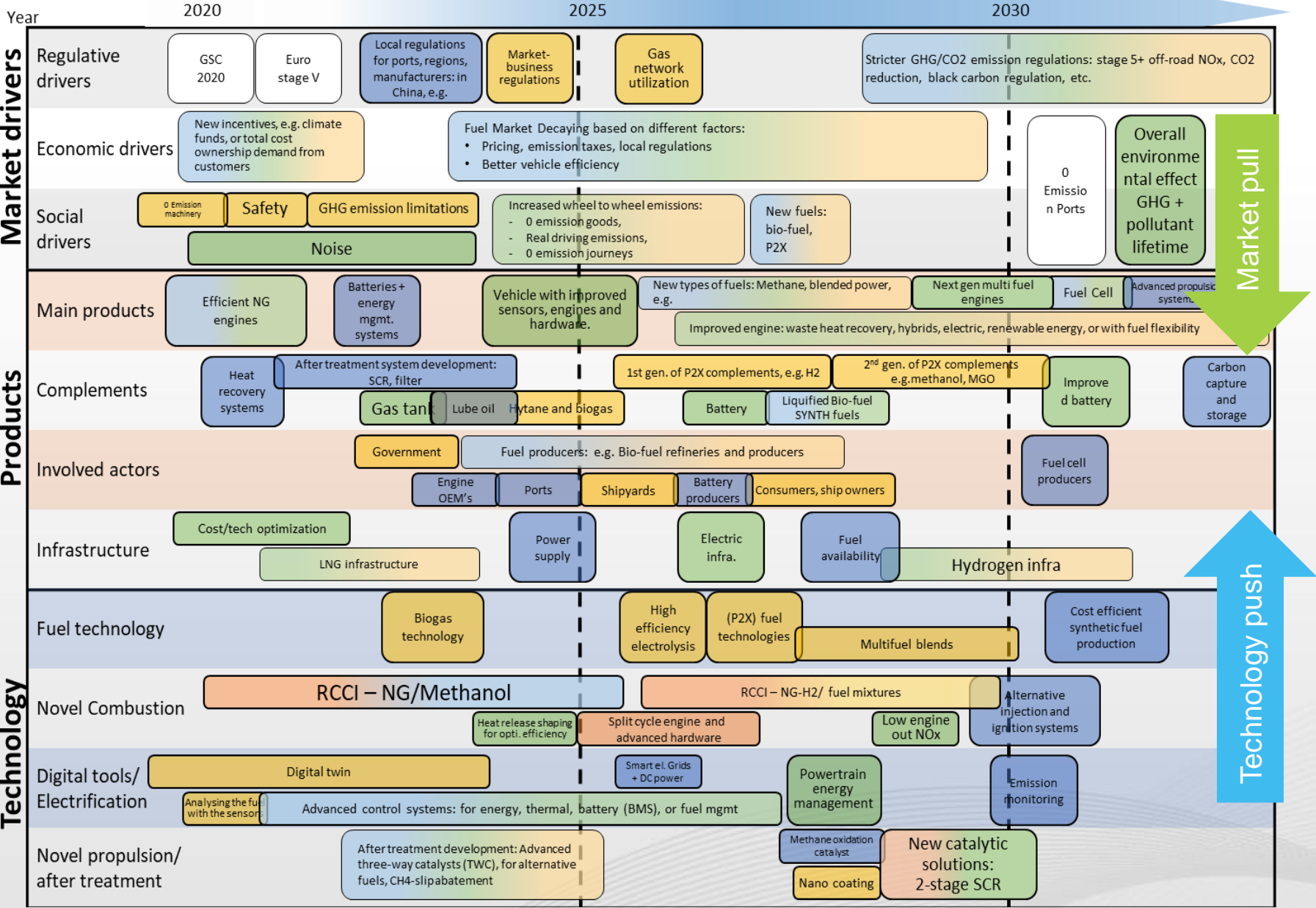
## WP1 Scope

- 1) Define and narrow down the market needs driving the call for clean propulsion.
- 2) Build a vision for needed products and services to meet the market drivers.
- 3) Jointly define and narrow down the list of enabling technologies for developing the needed products and services.
- 4) Establish Technology Roadmap and R&D direction for a sustainable propulsion ecosystem.

Title: Reviewed consolidated version of TRM

Mapping teams: Ship Fuel Off-road Reviewer

Reading instruction: the width of the text boxes refers to the time frame of different concepts.



# Highlights

- The 1<sup>st</sup> version of the common roadmap is already there.
- Vision Paper “A New look on maritime propulsion roadmap – Exploring co-development with the off-road sector”; will be presented in 2022.







# WP2

# Virtual sensors and Control

Kai Zenger, Aalto University

## WP2

### Company projects



Aalto, UVA, ÅAU

**T2.1**  
Estimation of urea dosage in an SCR system

**T2.3**  
Virtual sensor by PCA algorithm

**T2.5**  
Control of RCCI combustion

**T2.6**  
Virtual sensors and digital twins for robust and optimal energy efficiency and route planning

**T2.2**  
Estimation of NOx concentration in different parts of the SCR

**T2.4**  
Sensor fusion and machine learning algorithms



WP3  
WP4

Connection to other projects and WPs

International partner



## WP2 Scope

- 1) Real-time NOx estimation for small flow rates correction of SCR system.
- 2) virtual sensing and the related algorithms in soft sensors and sensor fusion
- 3) optimal controllers for multi-injection in RCCI
- 4) route planning algorithms in operation conditions with large uncertainties



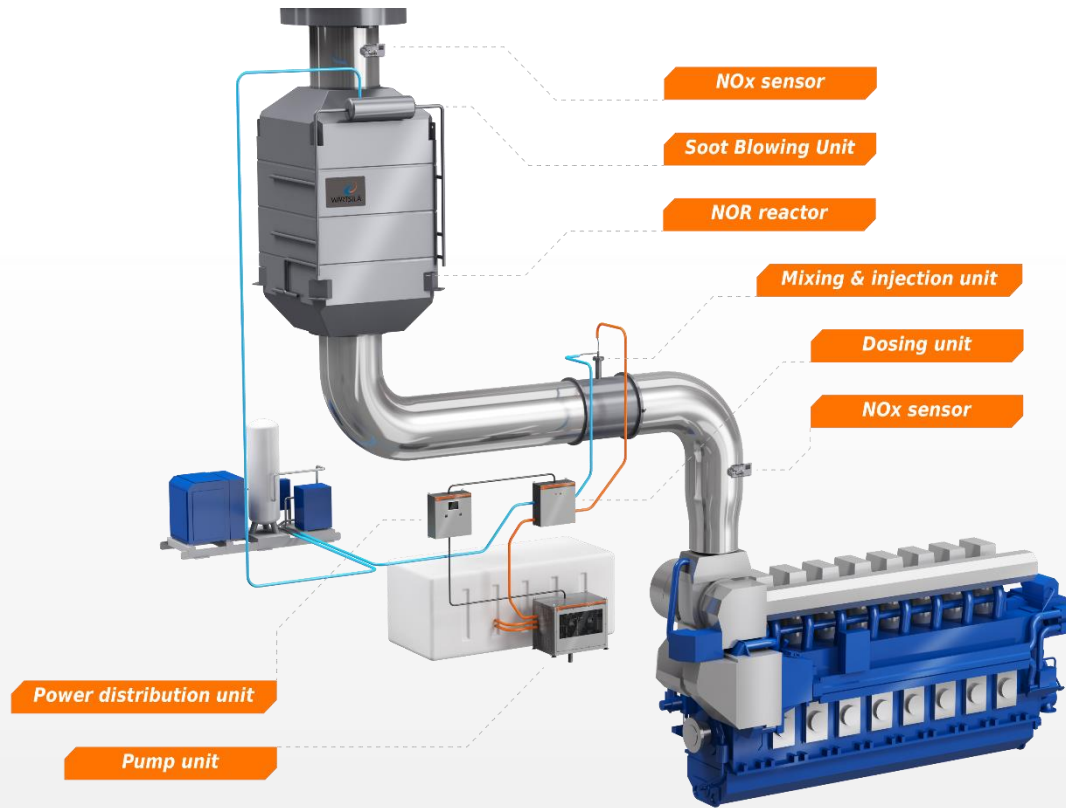


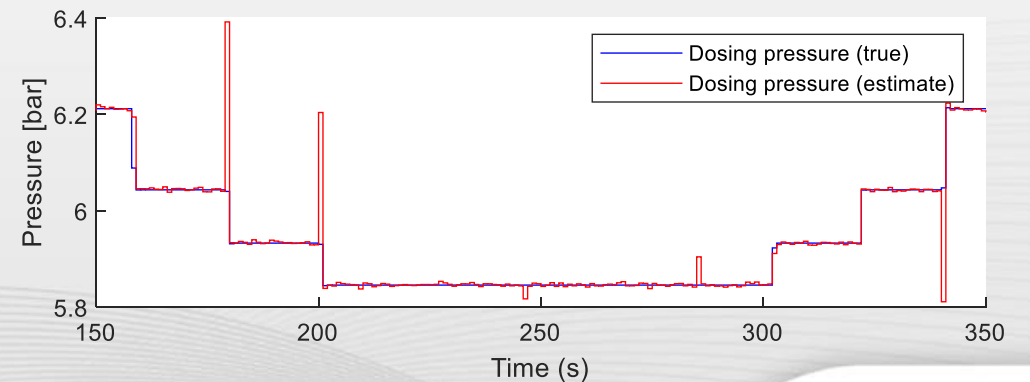
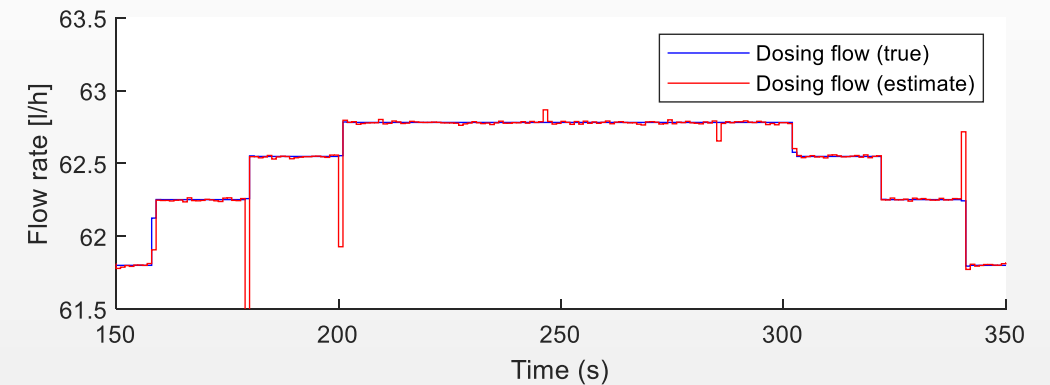
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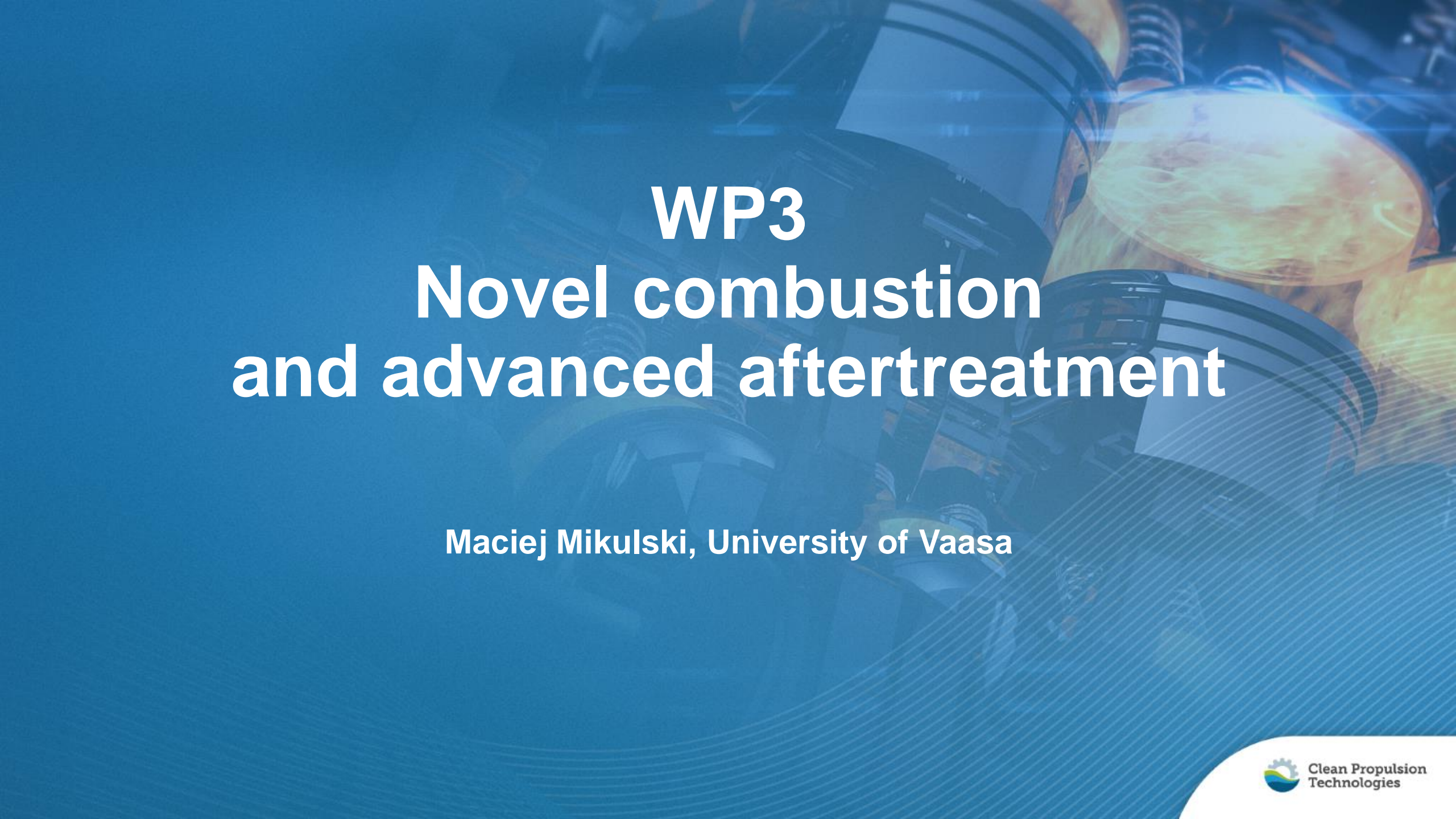
## Problem

- Flow-rate measurements are inaccurate at low flow rates.
- The position of control valves are uncertain
  - Backlash, hysteresis etc.
  - Valve failure not detected

# Highlights

**T2.1 – Delivered!** : Virtual sensor for ammonia dosing pressure and flow rate control





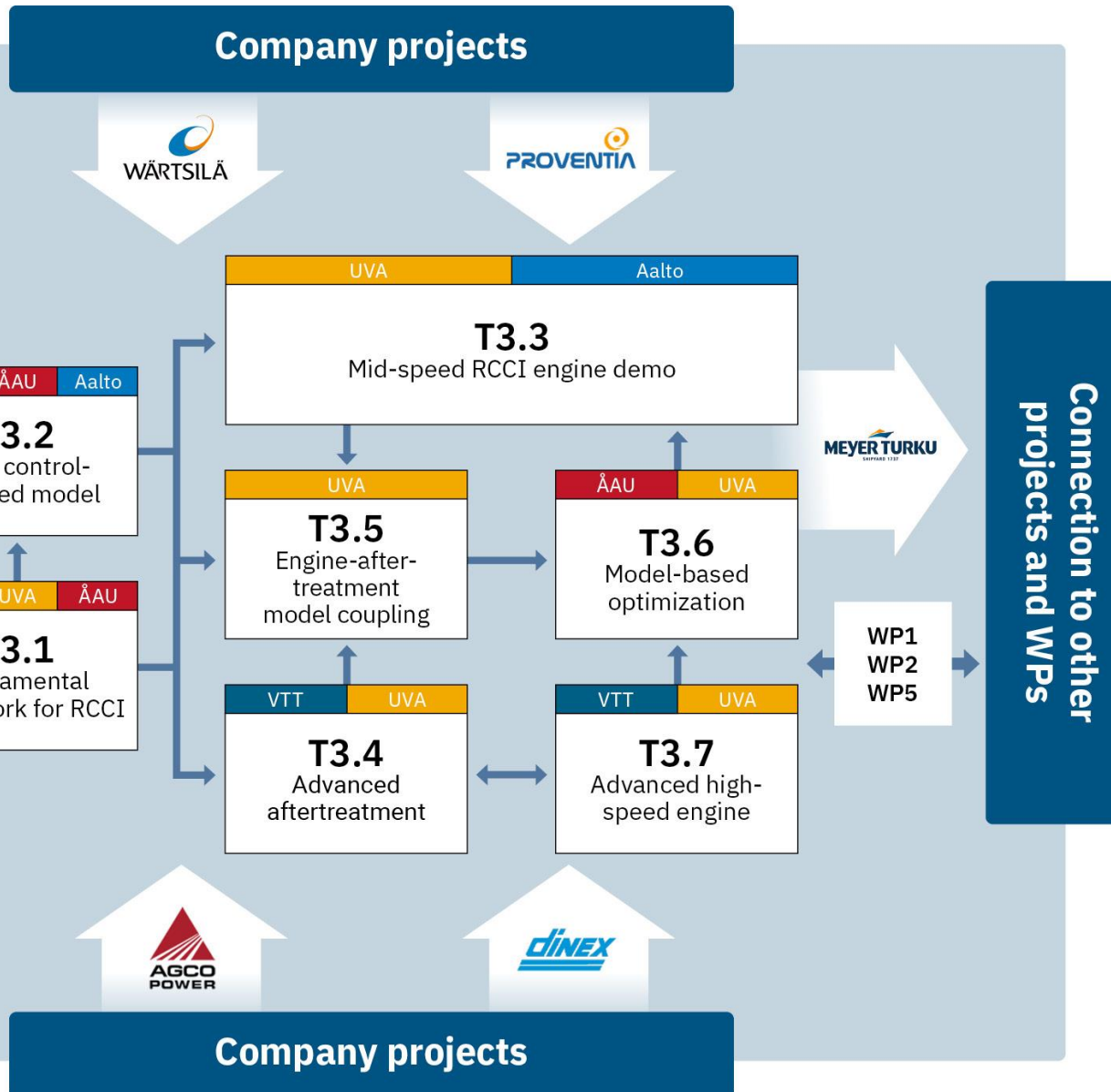
# **WP3**

## **Novel combustion and advanced aftertreatment**

**Maciej Mikulski, University of Vaasa**



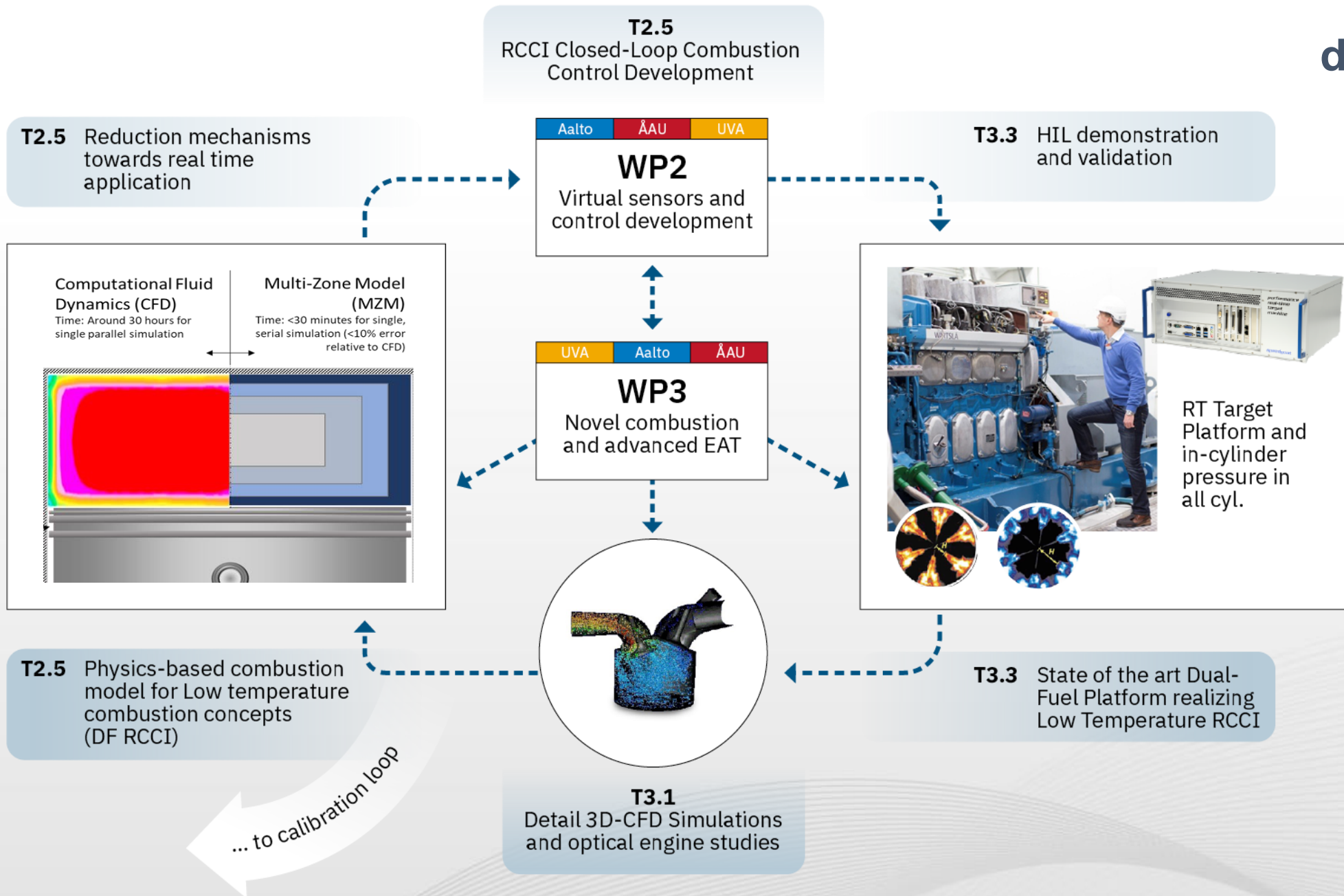
## WP3



## WP3 Scope

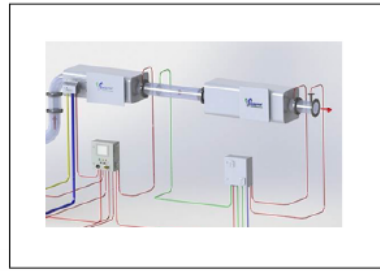
- 1) Complete model-based design methodology used for the first time for powertrain development.
- 2) LNG/diesel RCCI demonstrated on a mid-speed engine across full operating envelope (TRL 5)
- 3) Advanced high-speed engine concepts developed; including H2 fueling (TRL 5)
- 4) Advanced aftertreatment systems developed for high and medium-speed engines (TRL 6)

# RCCI Control development in WP3 and WP2

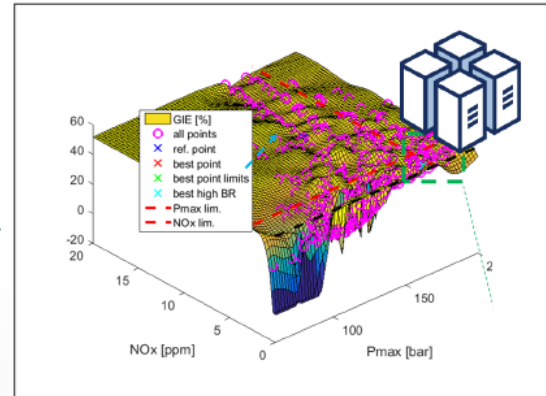




# RCCI model-based calibration in WP3

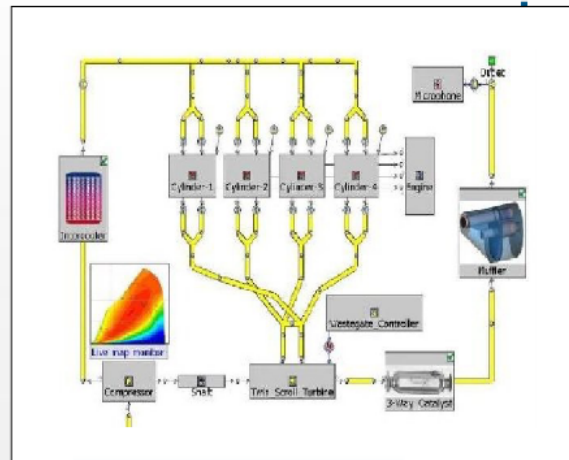


**T3.4** Advanced after-treatment

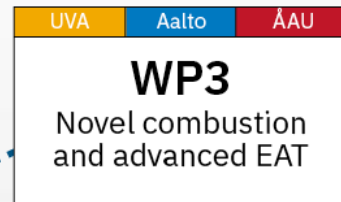


**T3.6** Multi-objective optimization & super-computer simulations

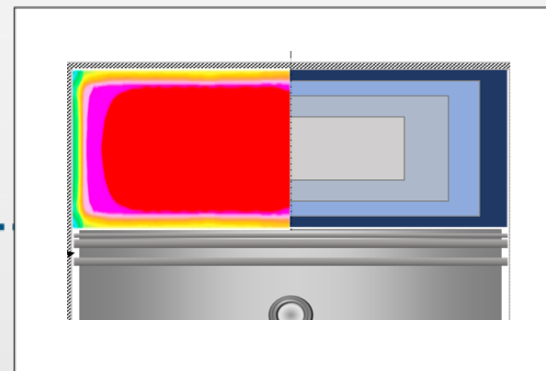
**T3.3** Validation of optimal parameters and outlook on RCCI with aftertreatment



**T3.5**  
1D Engine/  
Aftertreatment model



**T3.3**  
State of the art Dual-Fuel  
Platform realizing Low  
Temperature RCCI



**T3.2**  
Physics-based RCCI  
combustion model

... to development loop

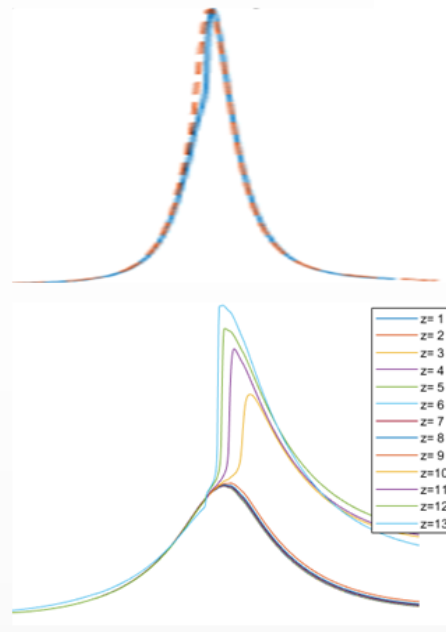
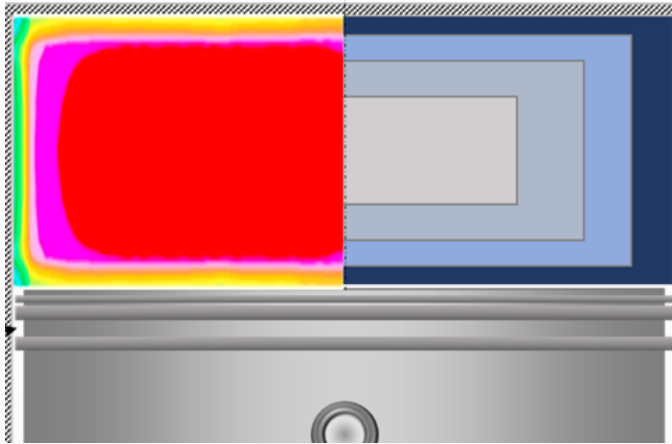
... from CFD/Optical engine studies

## Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)

Time: Around 30 hours for single parallel simulation

## Multi-Zone Model (MZM)

Time: <30 minutes for single, serial simulation (<10% error relative to CFD)



**T3.2** RCCI control oriented-model vs CFD;

L. Ideological outline;

R. initial results:

Top. In-cylinder pressure (MZM vs RCCI Experiment);

Bottom. Simulated in-cylinder temperature by zone number;

# Highlights

## Engine Modeling Packages

- T3.2 Results; Submitted to:



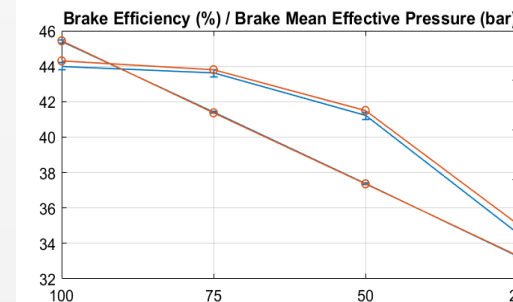
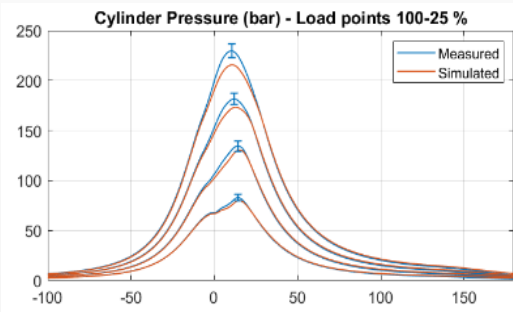
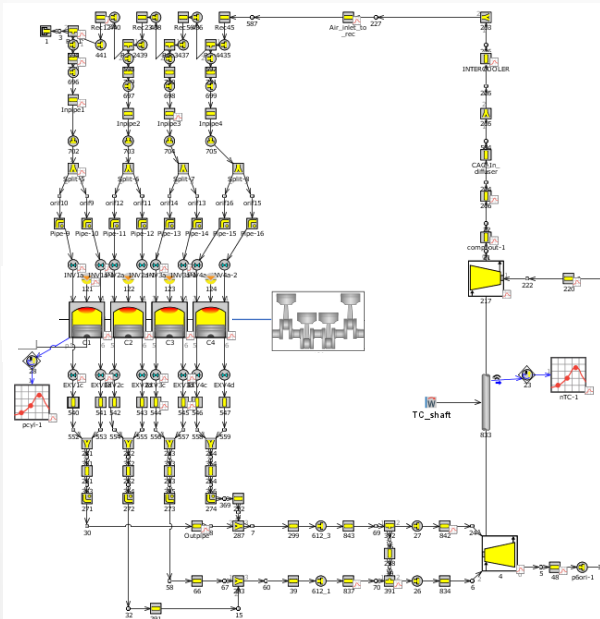
Progress in Energy and Combustion Science

An International Review Journal

*Thermo-kinetic multi-zone modelling of low temperature combustion engines*

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29.394



**T3.5**

L. Detail GT-Suite model of the test engine before the retrofit

R. Selected Validation results;

- T3.5 Results; Submitted to:



9<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON COMBUSTION ENGINES

POLISH SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY OF COMBUSTION ENGINES

27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Lublin, POLAND

PTNSS-2021-xxx

*Towards a digital twin of a mid-speed marine engine: from detailed 1D engine model to real-time implementation on a target platform*

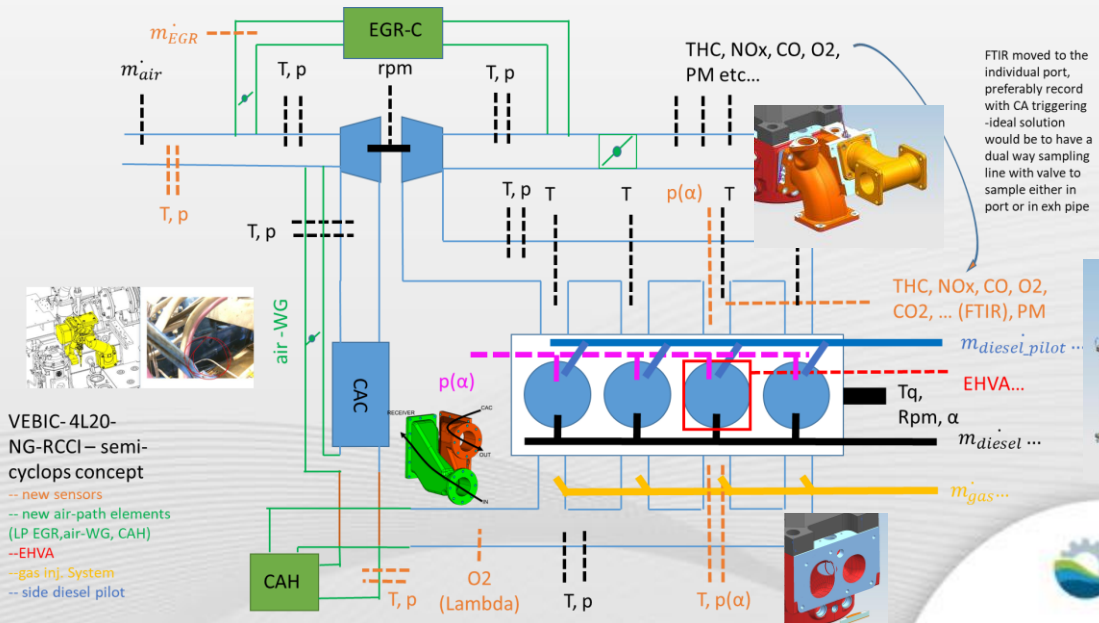


## Wärtsilä 4L20 in VEBIC Engine Laboratory (University of Vaasa)

# Highlights


## RCCI Hardware Platform

- **Stage 1** – gas/diesel RCCI Cyclops
  - LNG (bulk) + multi-stream gas-phase enrichment
  - Cyl\_4 converted to DF with separate gas/diesel control
  - Boost via independent load control of Cyl\_1-3;
  - Thermal Management / iEGR via EHVA\*
  - Fast! intake/exhaust port pressure measurement
  - Fast! exhaust emission sampling system
  - FTIR! for detail exhaust composition
- **Stage 2** - Full RCCI Retrofit – based on model-based design;



\* Electro-Hydraulic Valve Actuation





# WP4

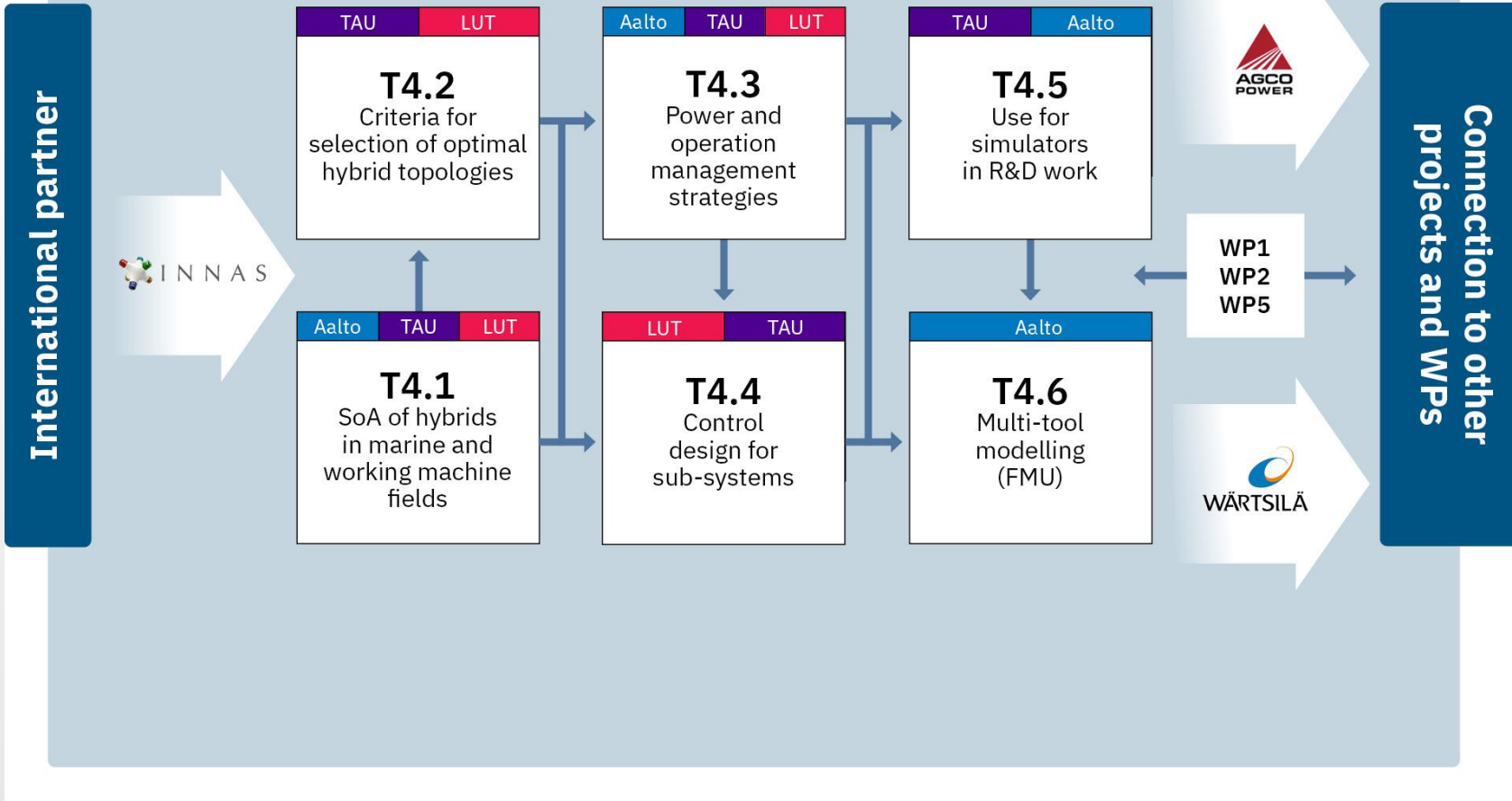
# Multiple power source propulsion

Kalevi Huhtala, Tampere University



## Company projects

WP4



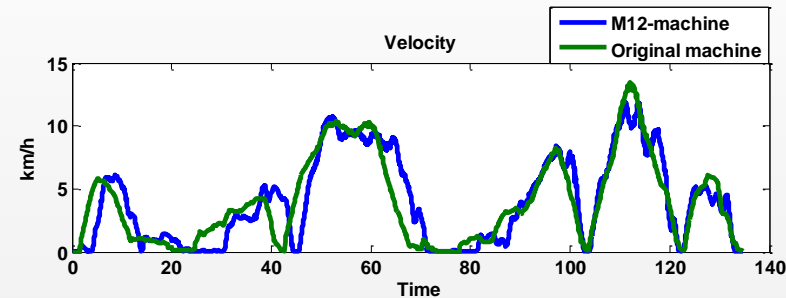
## Scope

- 1) Model-based system engineering (MBSE), methodology for powertrain hybridization
- 2) Demonstrator – diesel-electric-hydraulic wheel-loader.
- 3) Integrated power-management system and advanced control

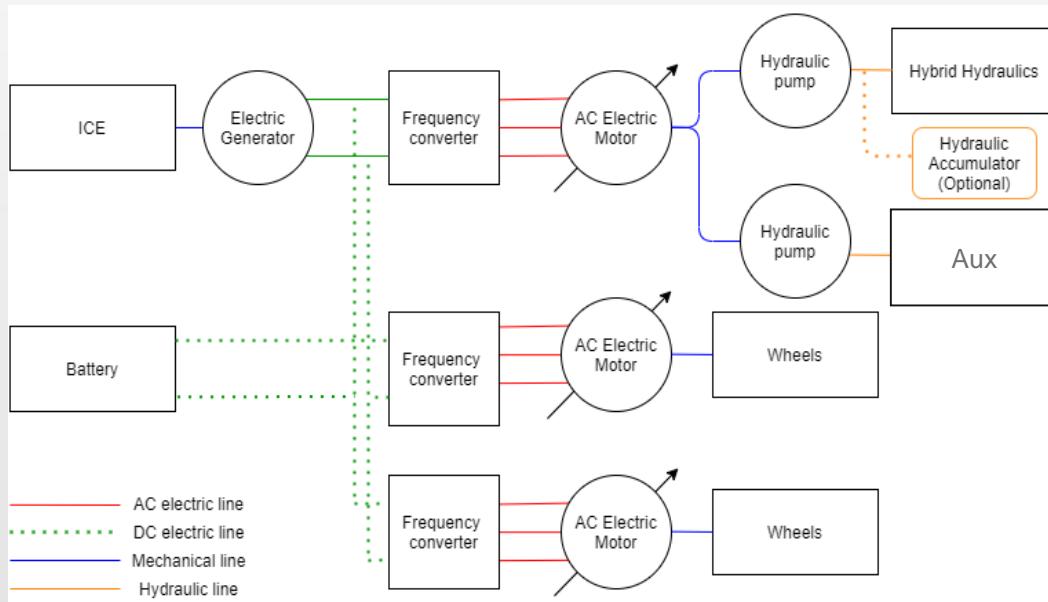
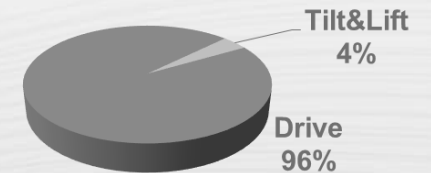
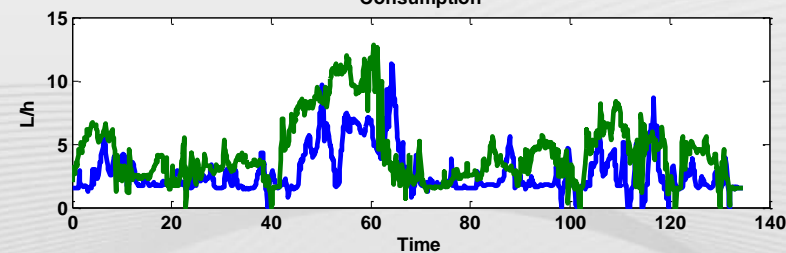
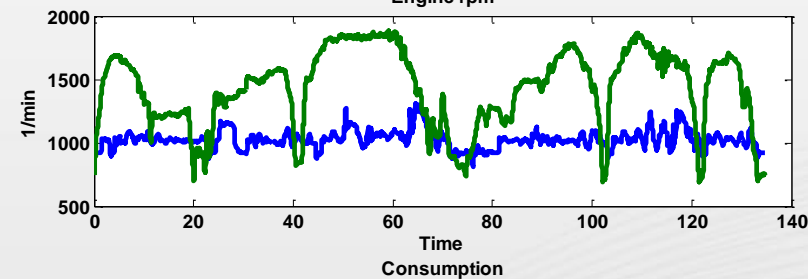


# Highlights

- Review of State of the art concluded
- Stage 1# serial hybrid build for model validation!
- Operational Profiles examined

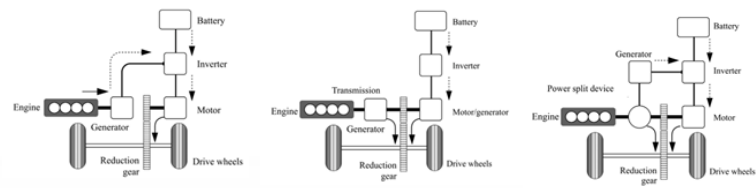


- Work cycle 135 s
- Load weight 1500 kg
- Consumption
  - Original machine 0,162 L
  - M12-machine 0,104 L
 → Fuel saving 36%

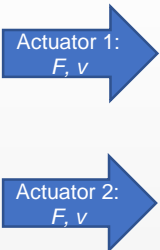




# Highlights - Analysing/sizing different hybrid solutions

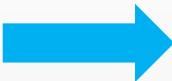


Conventional wheel-loader and stage#1 hybrid  
Loading profile / Work cycle data



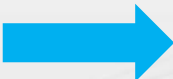
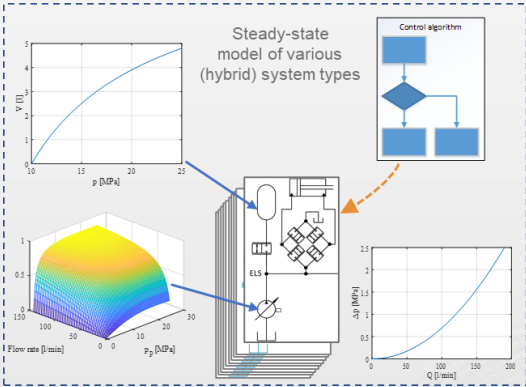
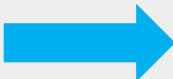
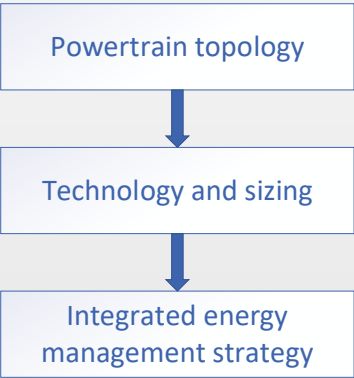
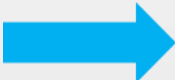
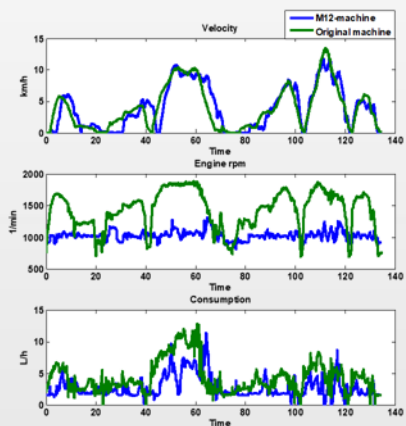
Analysing tool

- Models of different hybrid topologies
- Different power management strategies



Results

- Requirements for diesel engine, electric motor, batteries, ...
- Comparison different topologies and power managements by means of e.g. energy consumption



Features of series, parallel, and series-parallel HEVs.		
Powertrain	Advantages	Disadvantages
Series	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Optimized efficient traction driveline (engine downsizing)</li><li>Modular power plant possibilities (space packaging advantages)</li><li>Long operational life</li><li>Excellent transient response</li><li>Zero emission operation possible</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Larger traction drive system</li><li>Multiple energy conversions</li></ul>
Application: Larger vehicles such as heavy-duty buses, trucks and locomotives.		
Parallel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Economic gain at high cost</li><li>Zero emission operation possible</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>High voltages needed for efficiency</li><li>Complex space packaging</li></ul>
Application: urban passenger cars.		
Series-parallel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Zero emission operation possible</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Very expensive system</li><li>Control complexity</li><li>Complex space packaging</li></ul>
Application: passenger cars, light duty vehicles.		





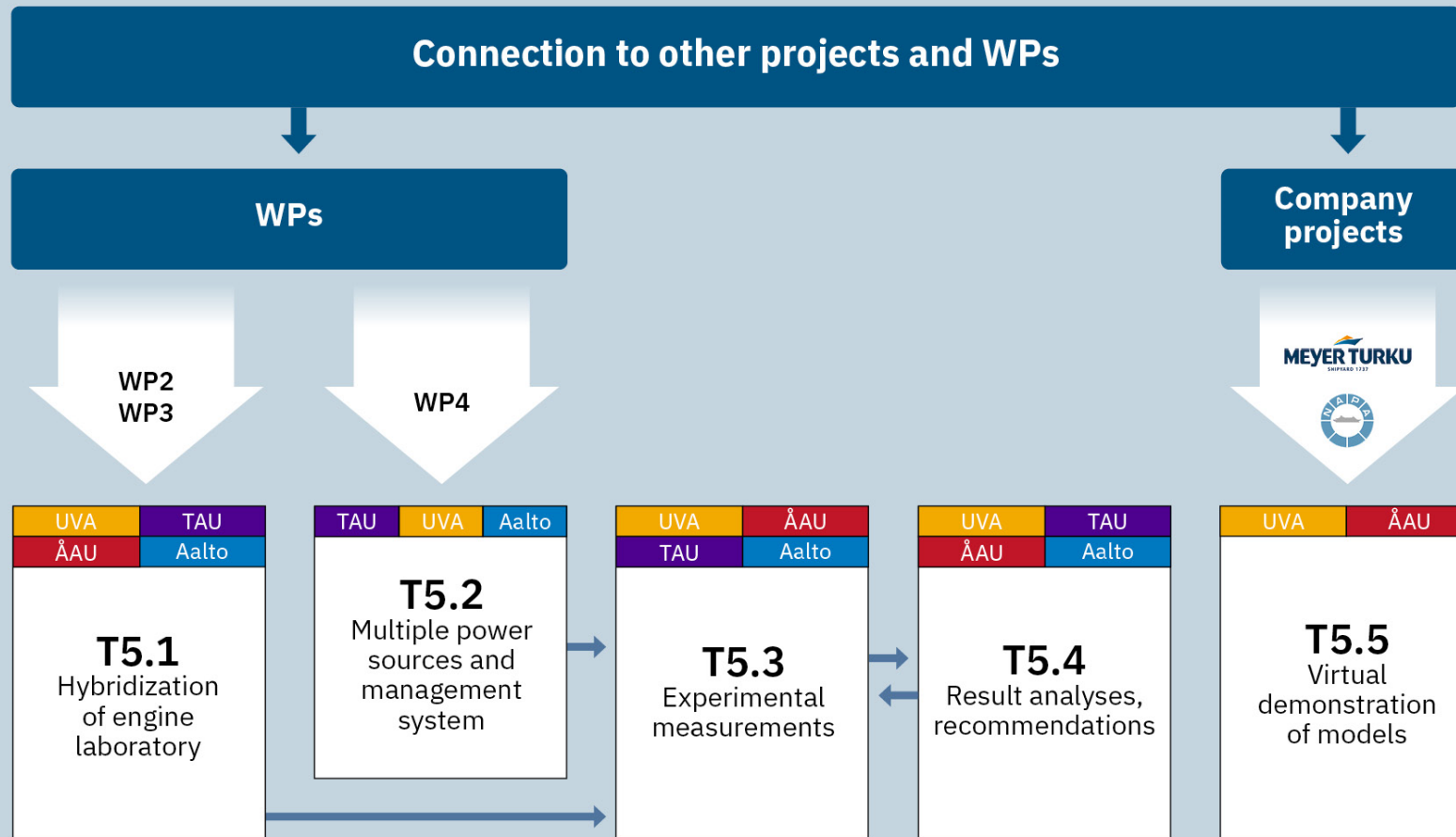
# WP5

# Full scale hybrid technology demo

Seppo Niemi, University of Vaasa



## WP5



## Scope

- 1) Full-scale hybrid energy generation plant with Battery Storage and advanced combustion (**WP3**)
- 2) Experimental Benchmarking of Hybrid Wheel-Loader (**WP4**) and hybrid power plant (**T5.1**) against state of the art conventional variants.
- 3) Feasibility of Clean Propulsion Technologies in Vessel-level simulation

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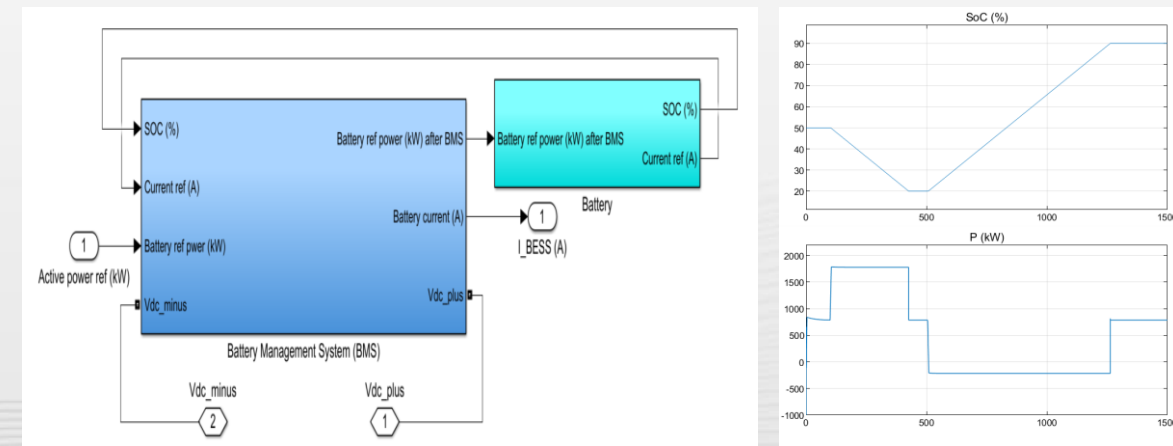
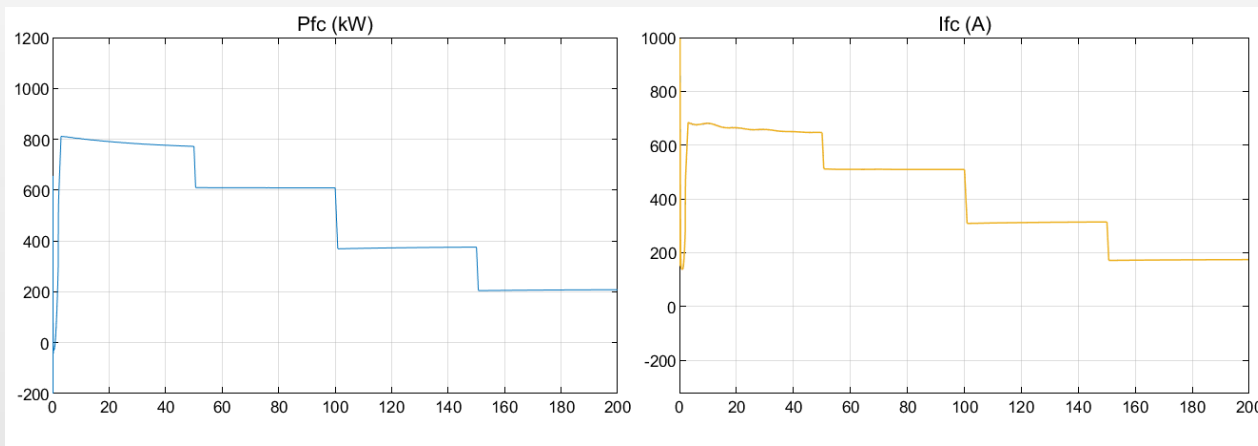
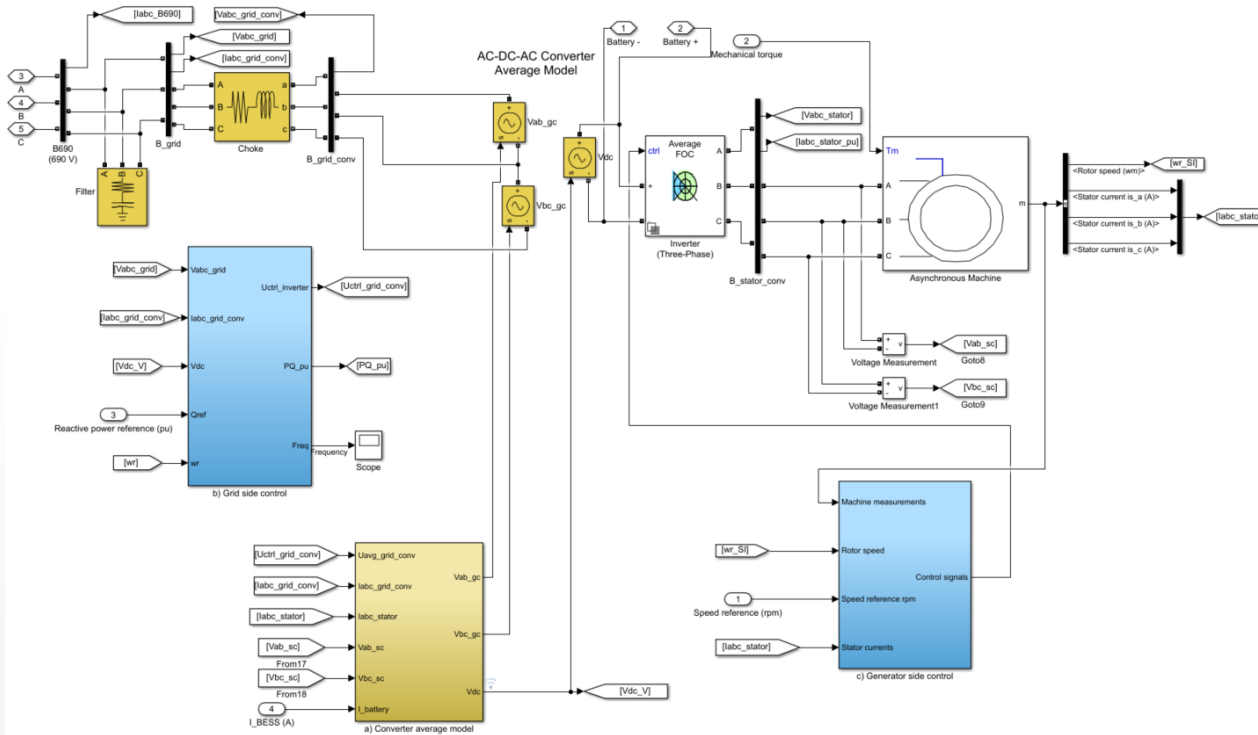
- T5.1 Simulation results submitted to:



**Energy**  
The International Journal

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*Towards a real-time capable digital twin of a combustion engine-based power-plant with battery storage and grid coupling*



T5.1

Left - Generator, Frequency converter and grid coupling circuit and including results after coupling with a physics-based engine model towards complete powerplant representation;

Right – Battery Storage model with BMS; and combined power output in the same test run. management



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