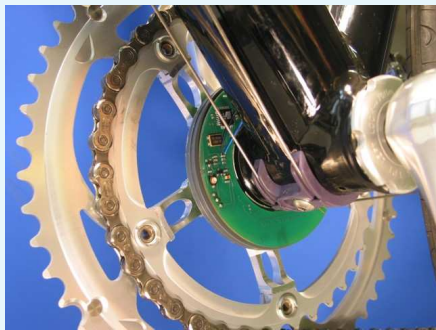


Ambient Intelligence (AmI) Research in Kaiserslautern

Assisted Training



Assisted Working



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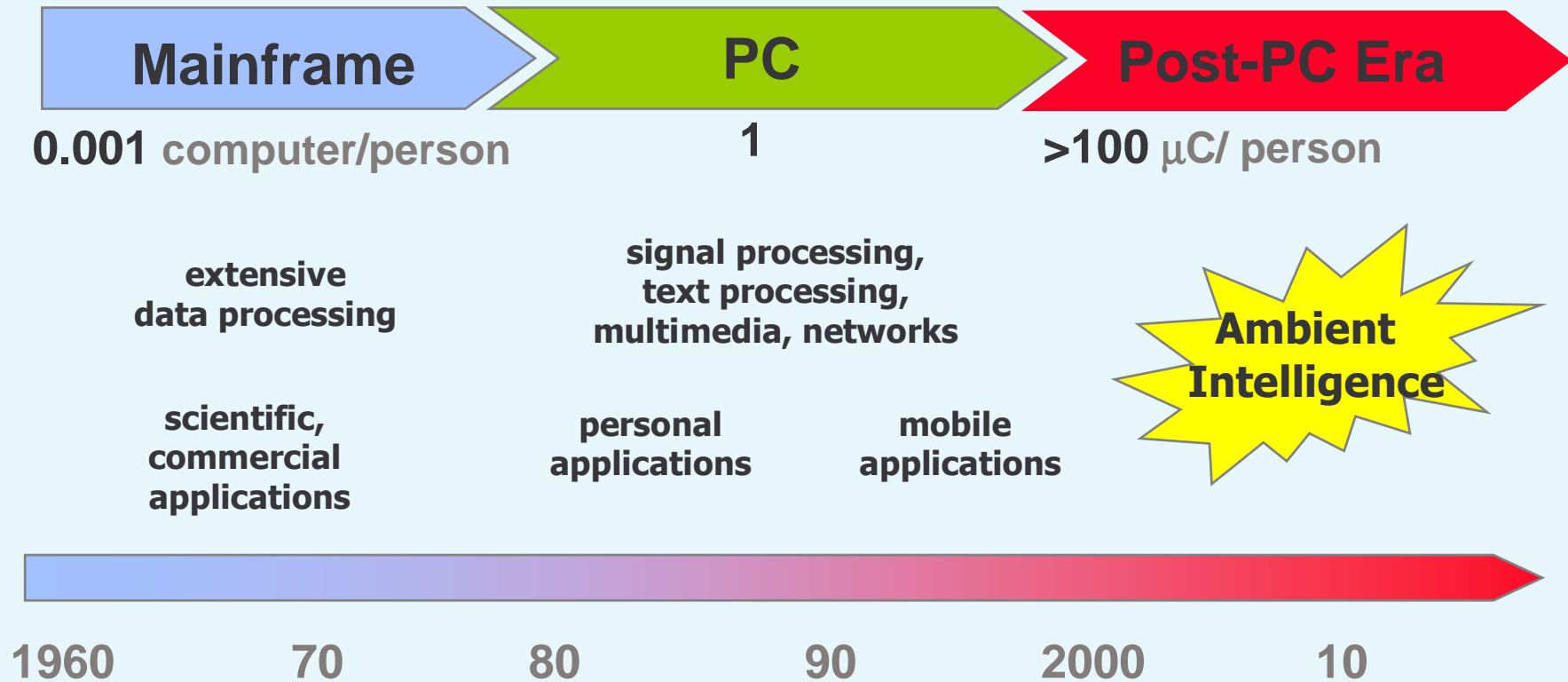
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Outline

- Introduction
- Ambient Intelligence Definition
- Kaiserslautern way of Aml-Research
- Bicycle Training Demonstrator
- Aml-based Networked Control Systems
- Outlook

Introduction



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Ken Olsen, CEO DEC, 1977

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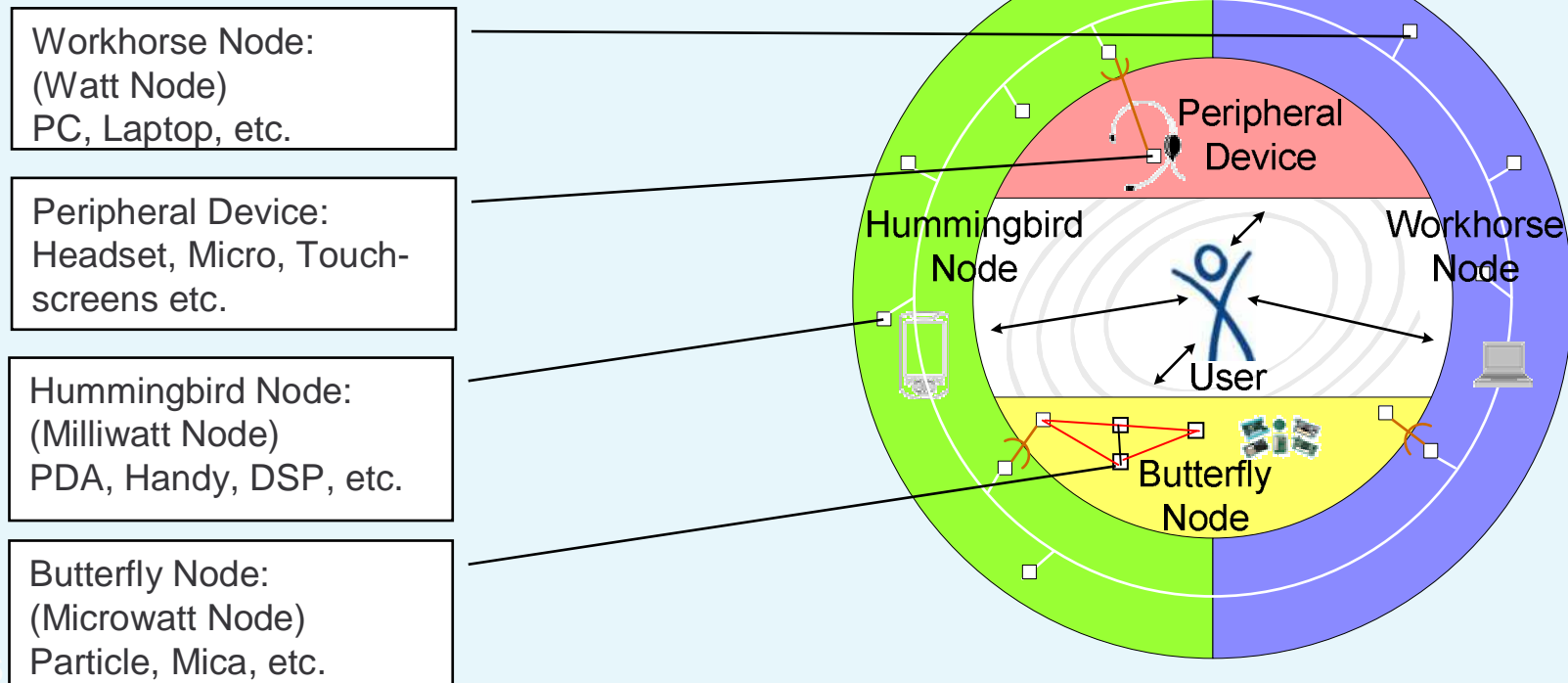
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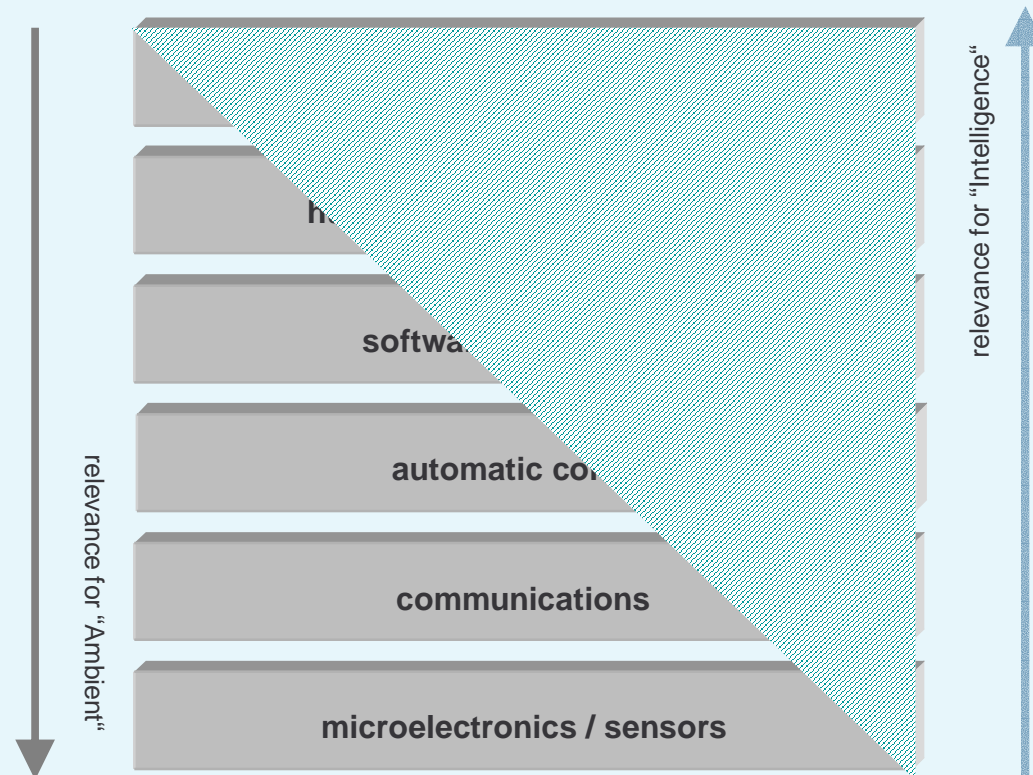


Technical attributes

- Distributed sensing, actuating and computing
- Unobtrusive and embedded components
- Intelligent and user-friendly HCI
- Seamless communication
- Pervasive computing



Disciplines involved



The Players

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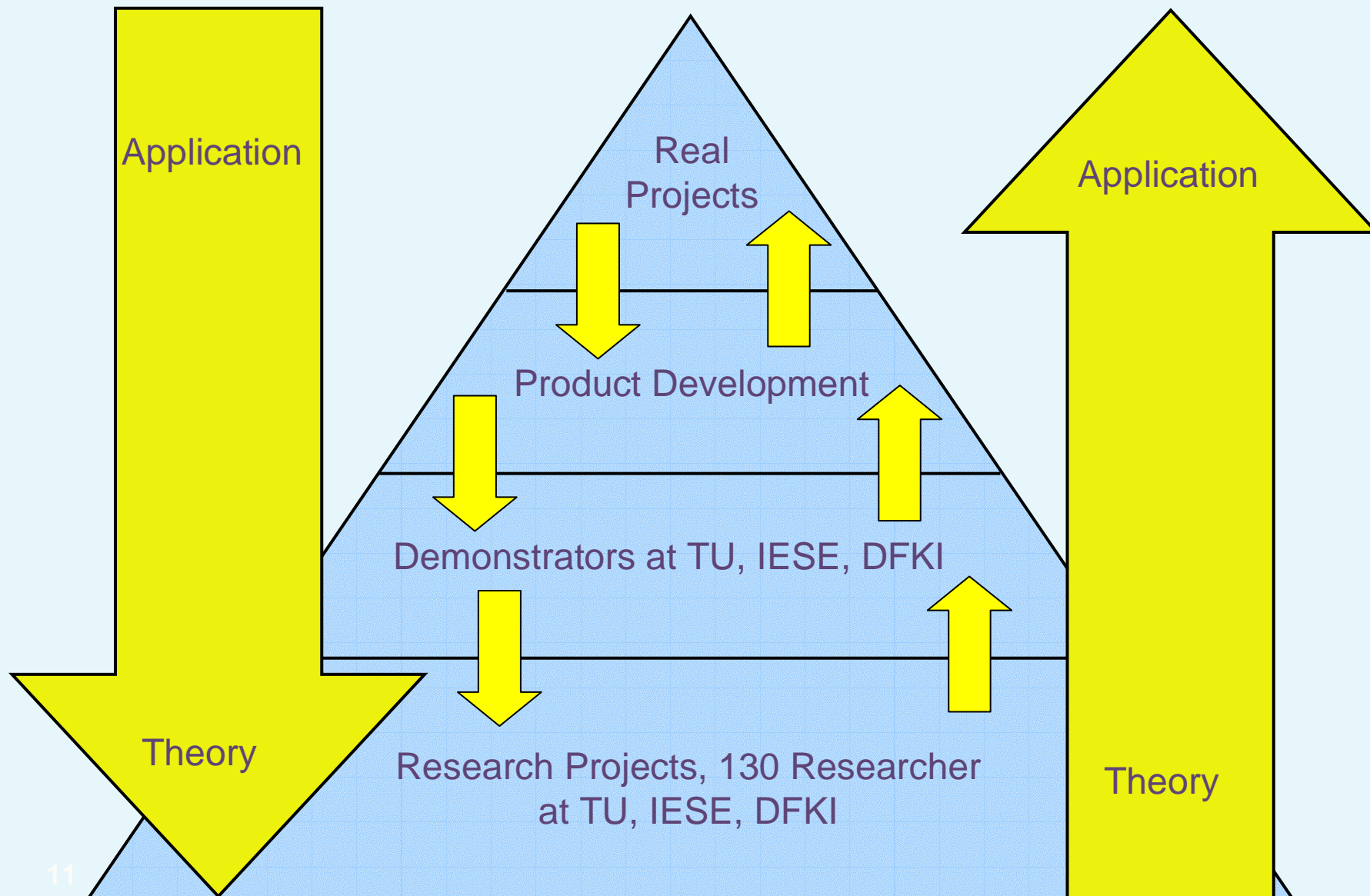
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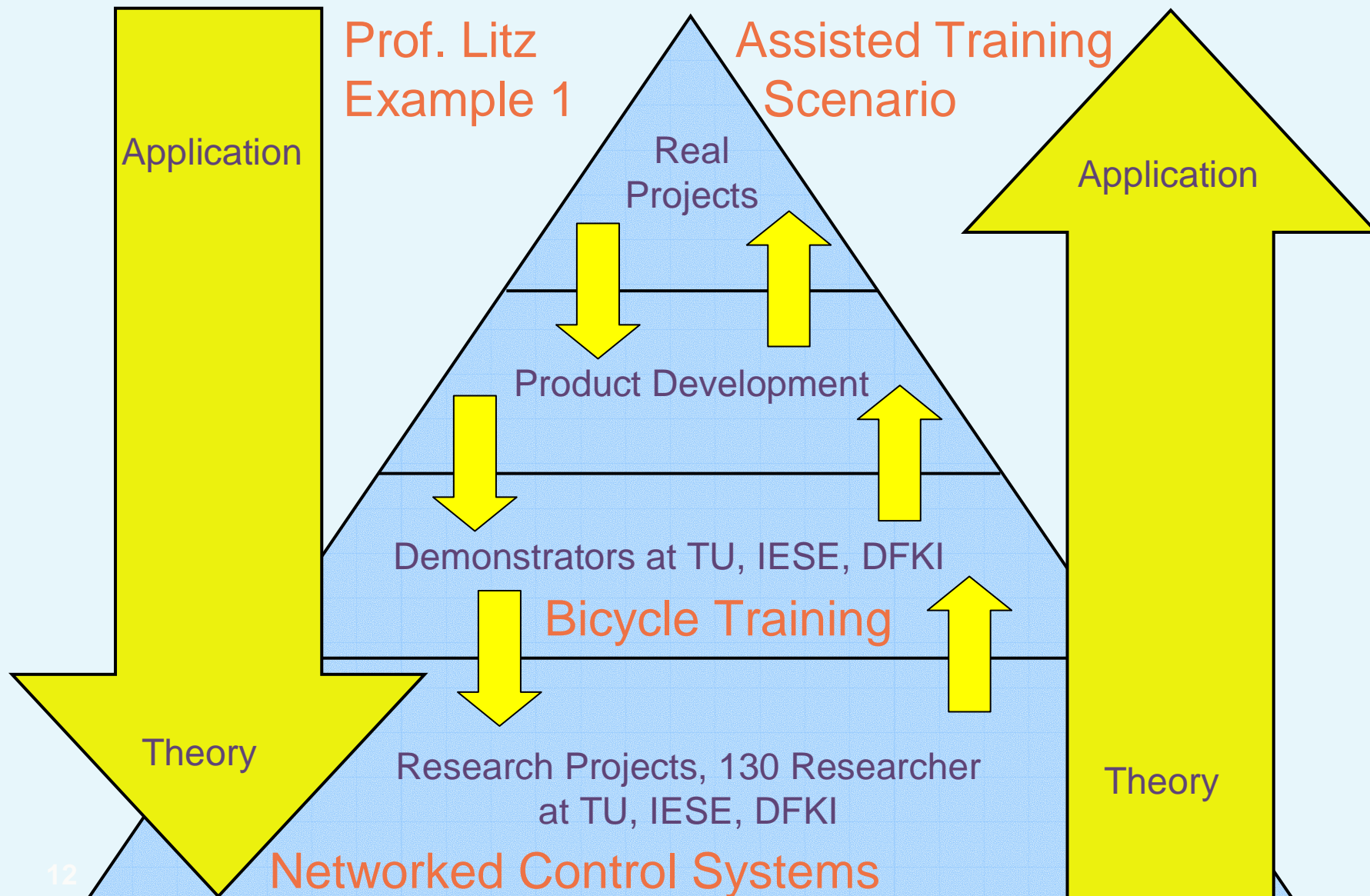
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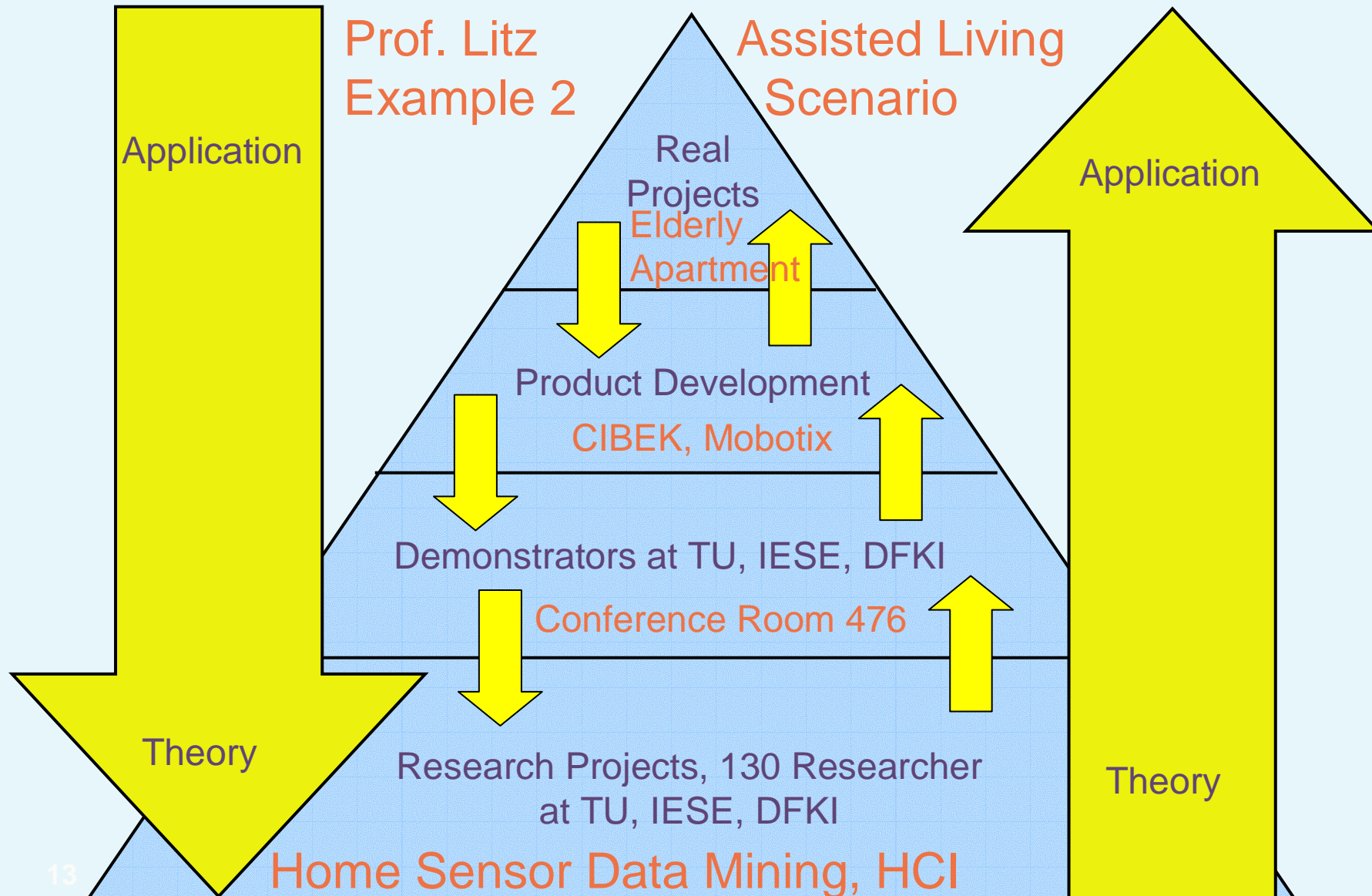
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Scenarios

Assisted Training

Assisted Living

Assisted Working

Demonstrators

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Demonstration Apartment (IESE)
Conference Room (TU)

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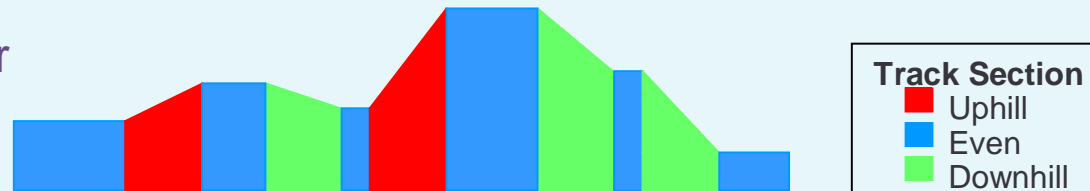
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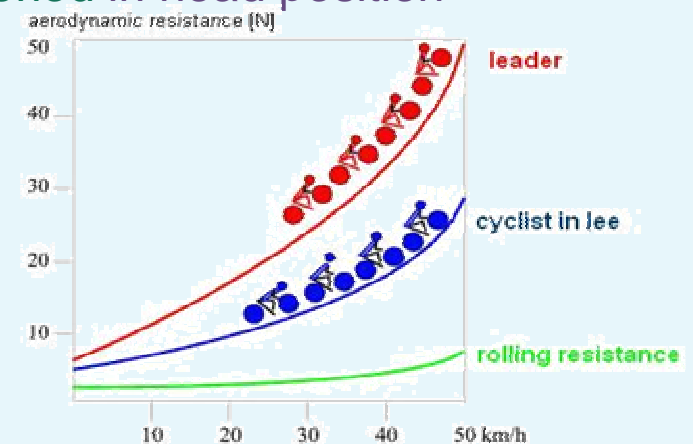
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Assisted Training Scenario

- Training group of (racing) cyclists
- Given track profile
- Out-door and In-door



- Cyclists have different qualities regarding the track sections
- Each cyclist has a given overall physical condition and an individual training plan
- Training effect depends on the speed of the group, the position of the cyclist within the group formation and the time period in head position



Research Topics

Bicycle Training Demonstrator

Out-door

- Low power sensors, signal processing and communication
- Ad-hoc communication

In-door

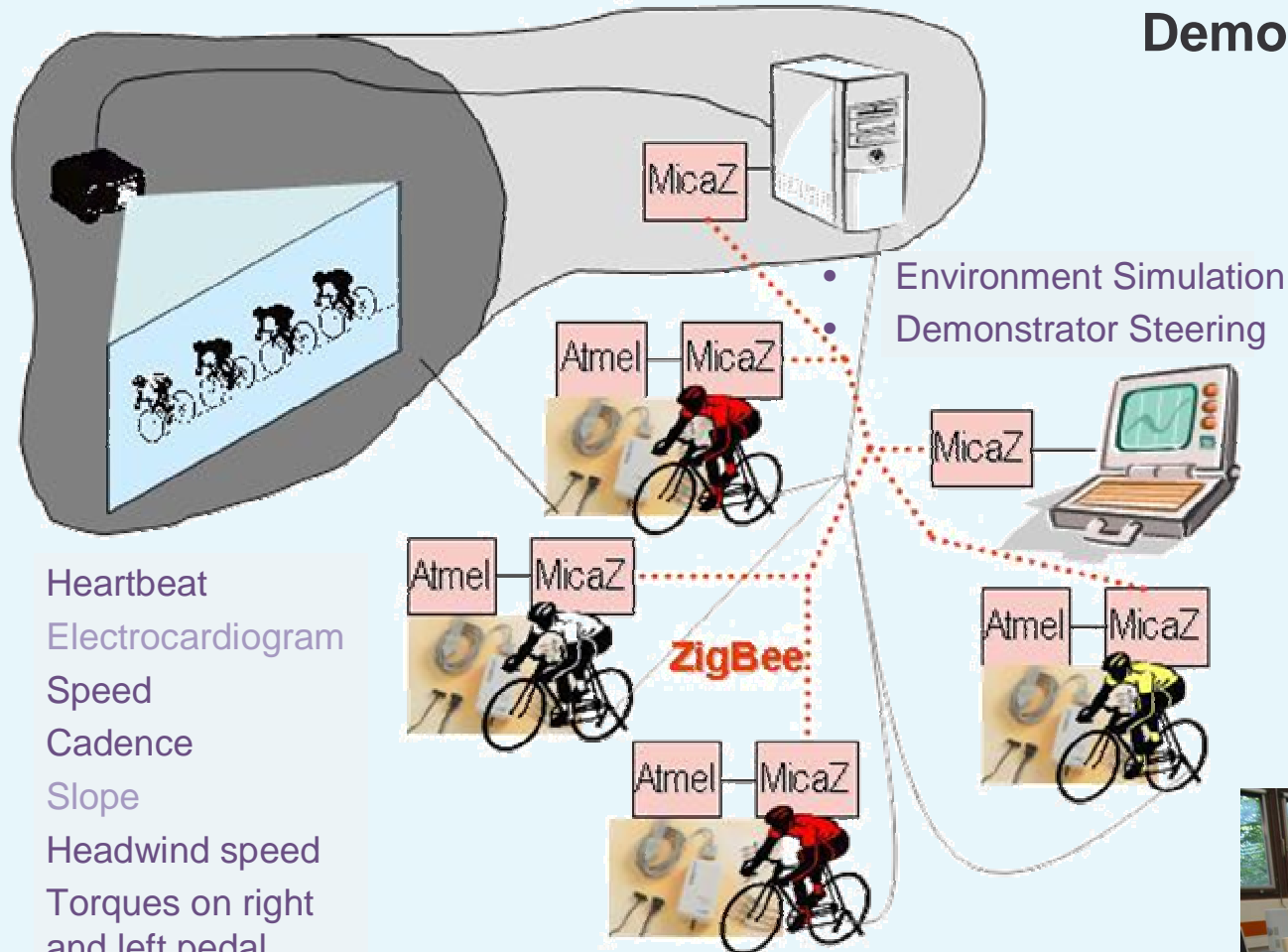
- Coconi tests
- Experiments to evaluate the perceptibility of different speech generation methods
 - Dynamic integration of devices
 - Virtual races

Common for Both

- New sensors, e.g. power pedal meter, simplified ECG
- Efficient communication (UWB) for body area networks
- Control algorithms and training strategies for In-Door, Out-Door

Bicycle Training Demonstrator

Demonstrator Structure



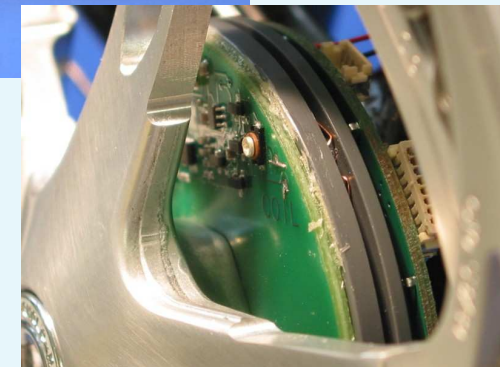
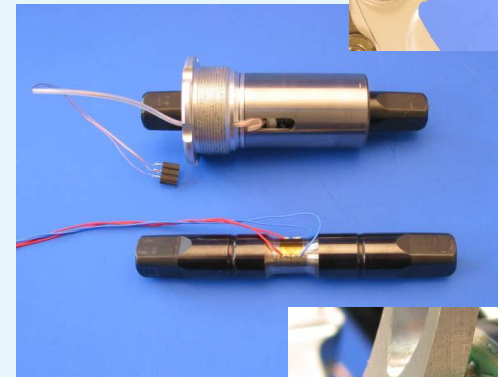
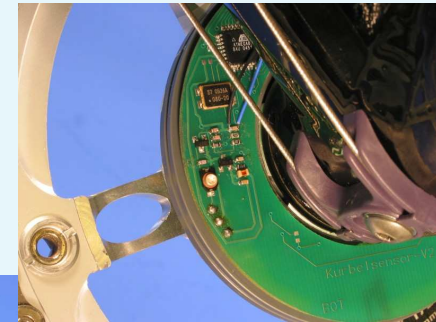
- Heartbeat
- Electrocardiogram
- Speed
- Cadence
- Slope
- Headwind speed
- Torques on right and left pedal
- Mechanical Power
- GPS
- Borg's scale



In-house Development:

Sensors by Prof. Dr. Tielert

- Sensor integrated in crank set: measures total power
- Sensor integrated in bottom bracket: measures difference power
- Measuring pedal power for left and right pedal in 30° degrees sectors
- Inductive air gap coupling (8 MHz) for data transmission and energy supply
- Sub-milliwatt energy consumption of the electronics
- Combined with magnetic pedal cadence meter



Bicycle Training Demonstrator

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MasterZ = Masterboard + MicaZ

Windsensor LCD-Display



Interfaces :

Bottom-Bracket,
Crankset

Free for
Extension

Heartbeat-
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Windsensor

Antenna
of MicaZ

Control Keys



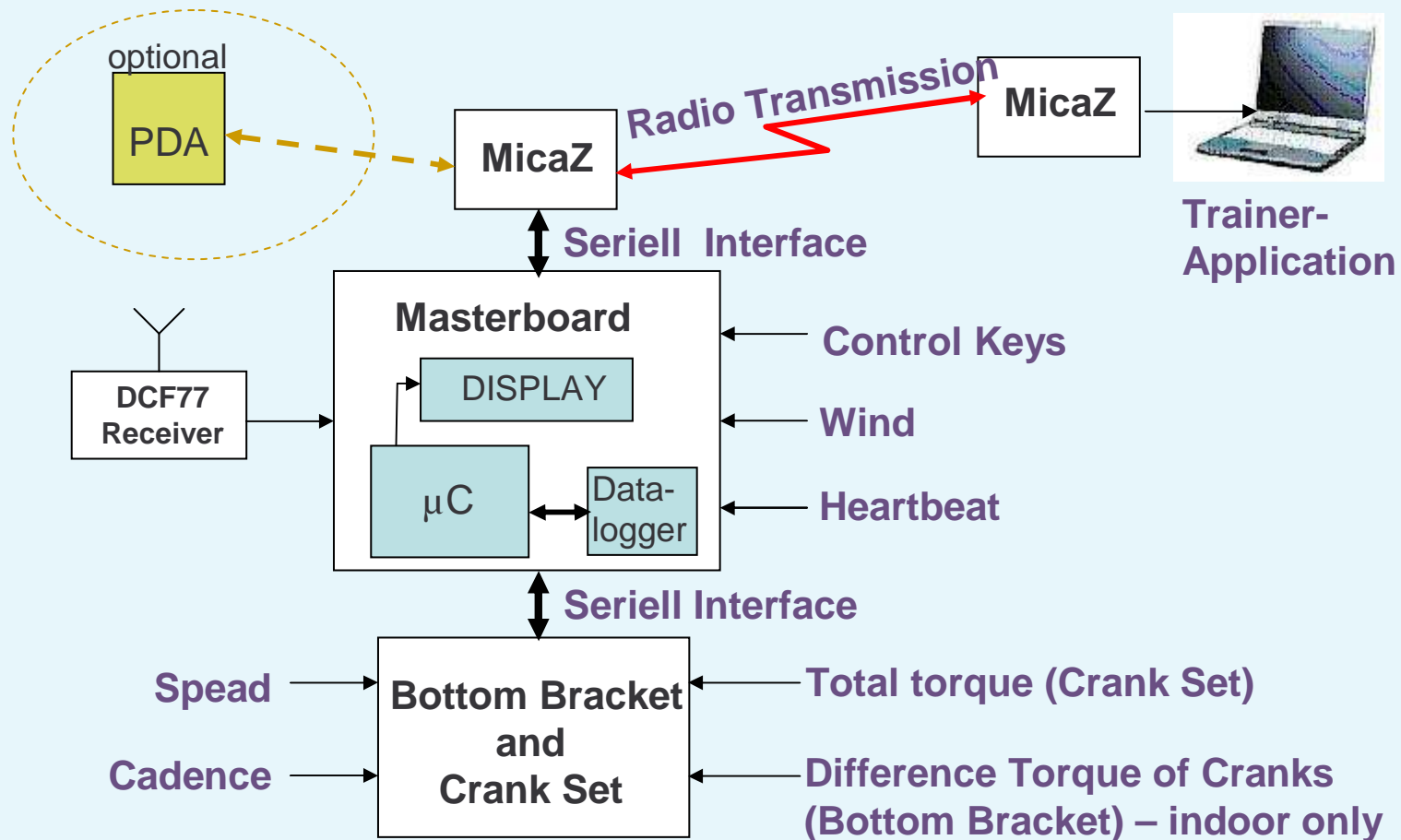
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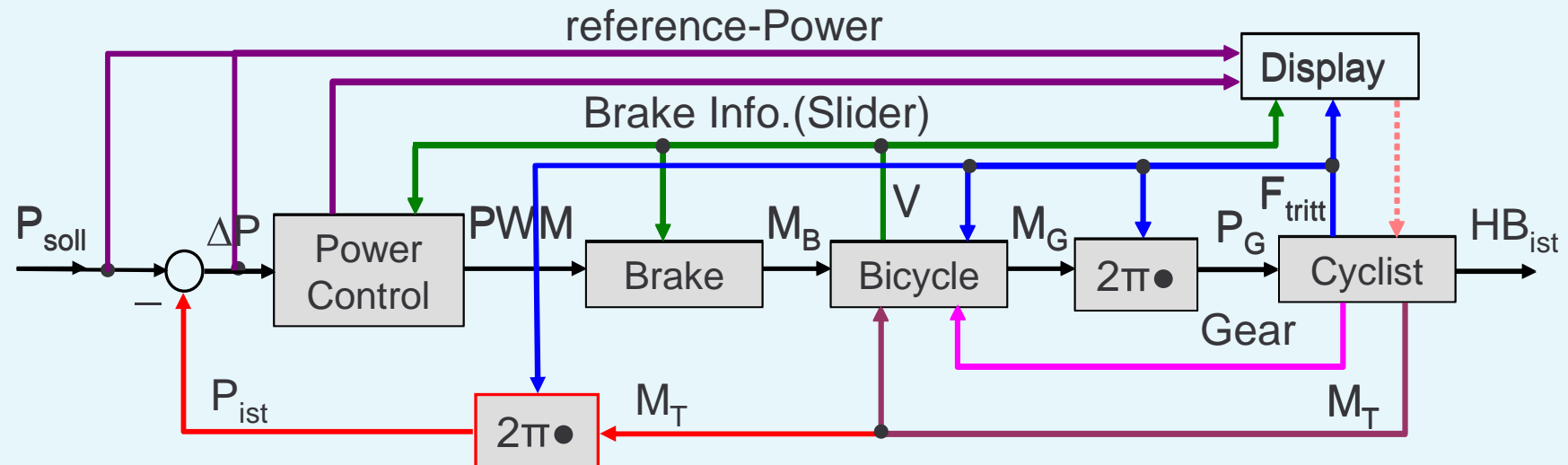
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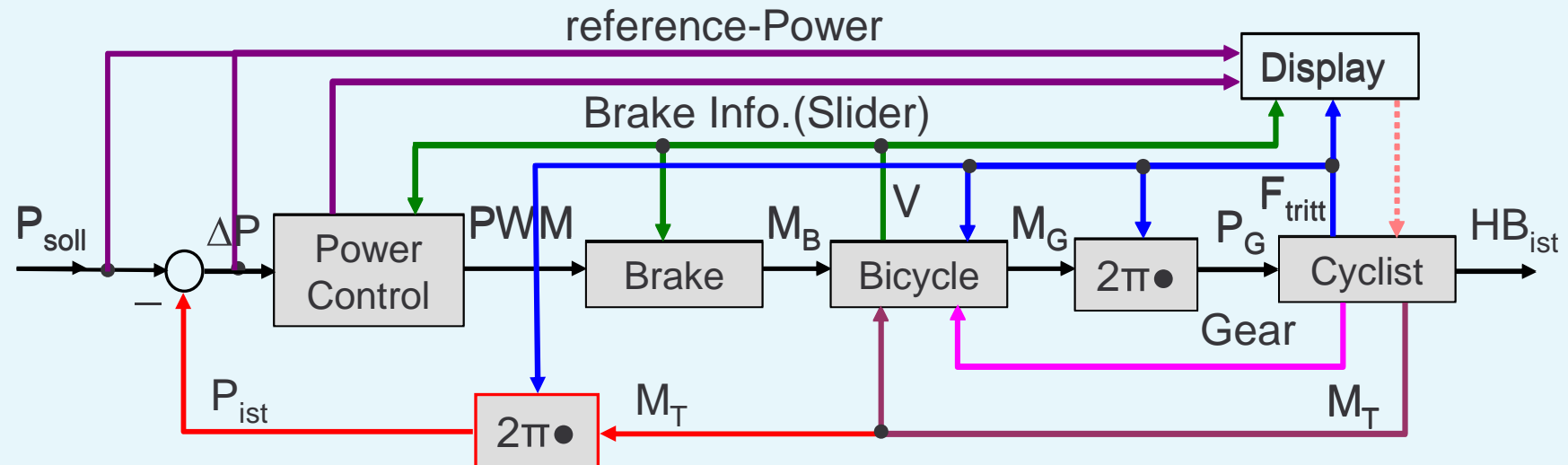


- Mathematical Modeling of Cyclist's Power-Heartbeat Behavior
- Optimization by Predictive Control with two set values:
Reference-value of Group Speed
Time for changing the head position

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$$\Delta HB(k) = K_1 \cdot P(k) + K_2 \cdot \Delta HB(k-1) + K_3 \cdot (1 - e^{-k \cdot T_A / \tau}) \cdot P(k)$$

$$+ K_4 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} T_A \cdot (HB(i) - HB_{iANS}) \cdot \sigma[HB(i) - HB_{iANT}]$$

$$- K_5 \cdot \sum_{j=K}^{k-1} T_A \cdot (HB_{iANS} - HB(j)) \cdot \sigma[HB_{iAT} - HB(j)]$$

Another In-house developments:

Profs Gotzhein, Rausch

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ECG

- in development

Master Board

- Tested and completed

Control Algorithms

- Model Predictive Controller: developed in simulation environment, not tested

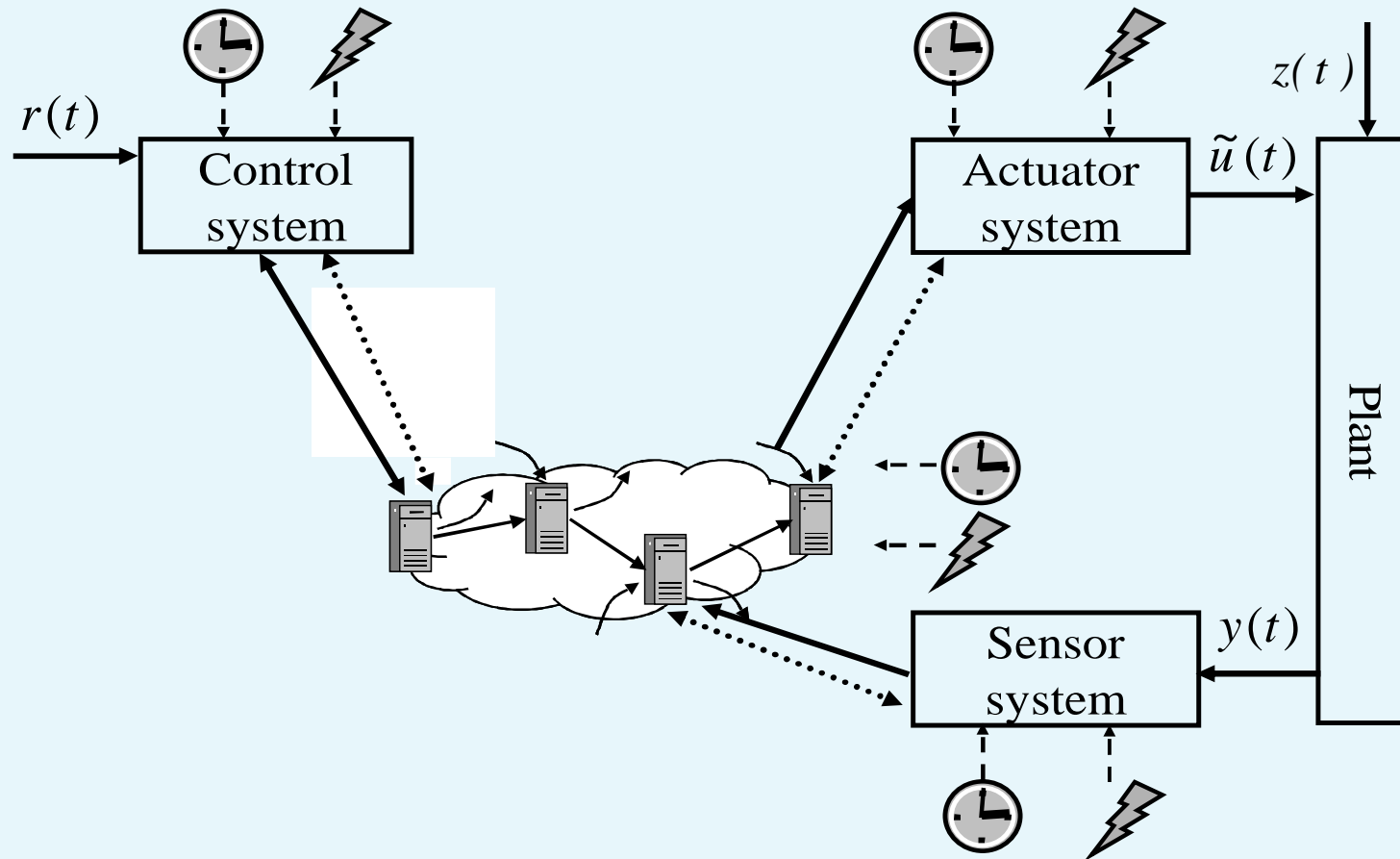
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- Field tests with technical evaluation: in preparation

Indoor training Tests

- Technical Evaluation planned for 7/2007
- First tests planned for 10/2007

General Structure



NCS-specific constraints:

- Limited Bandwidth /Transmission Rate
- Limited Range (\Rightarrow Multihopping)
- Moving Objects (\Rightarrow Ad-Hoc-Structure)
- Variable frame transport times
- Stochastic frame losses
- Passing and corruption of frames
- Sleeping Mode
- Limited energy
- Limited computing power (CPU, Storage)
- Limited number of bits in the frame

Constraints for Control Design

NCS Architectures

- Time / event-triggered
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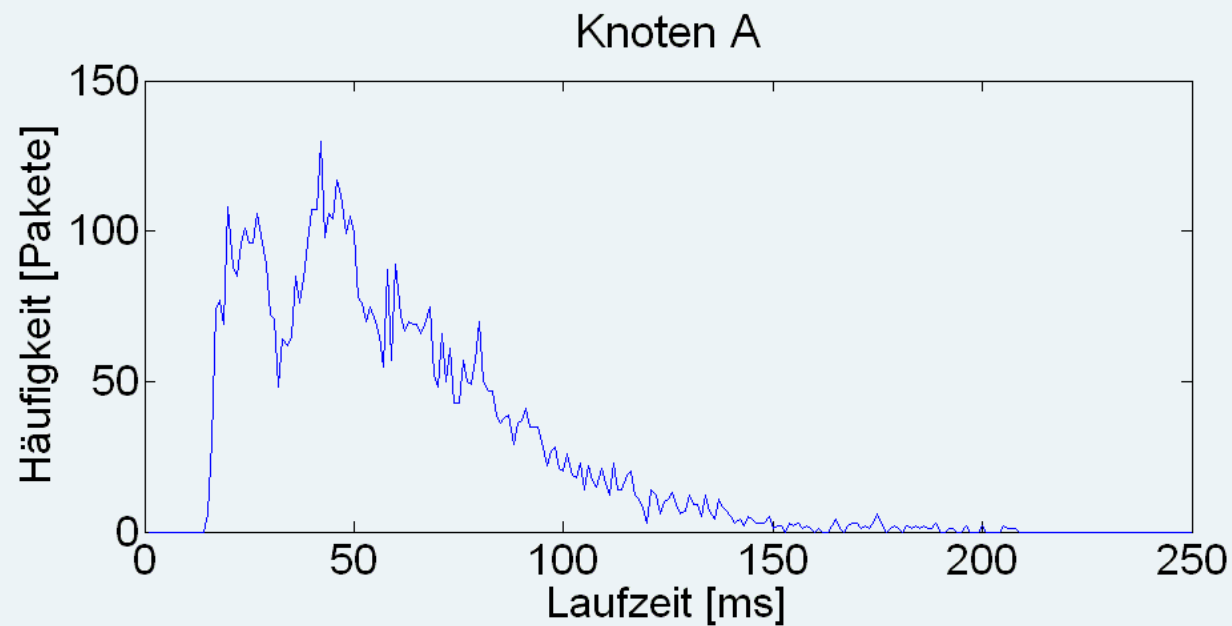
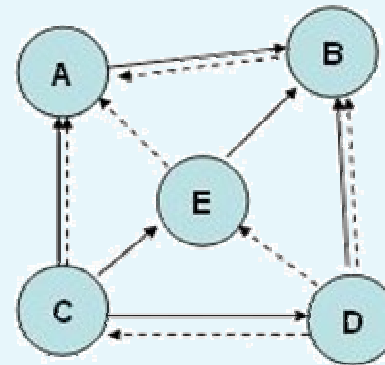
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Example of stochastic delays

Transmissions:

$C \rightarrow B$ and $D \rightarrow A$

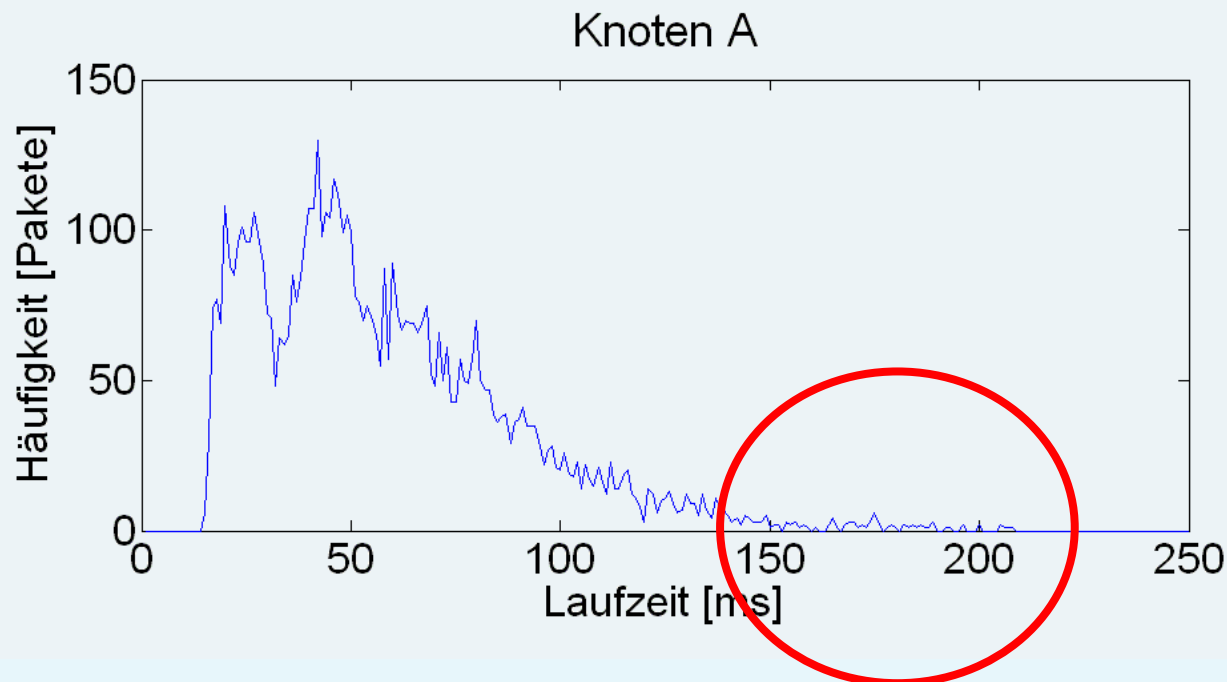


Our Attempts for Control over Aml-Networks

- MPC-based Adaptive Control
- QoS-adaptive Heuristic Control
- Time stuffing

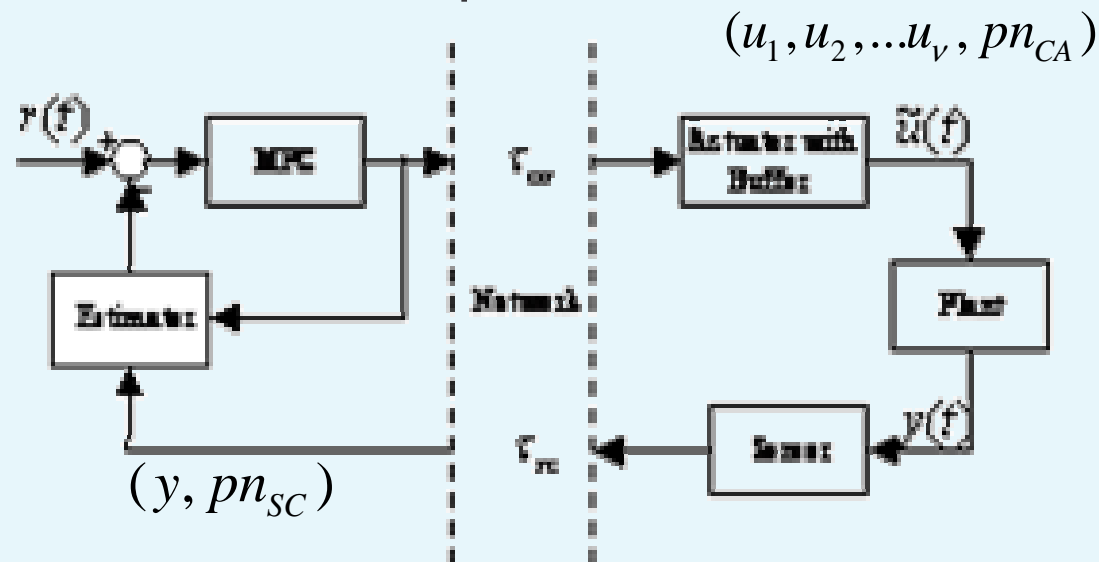
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$$T_N = iT_S, i = 1, 2, \dots$$



MPC – based Control

- Structure and Principle



- Detection of “Packet Losses”

- $pn_{new} < pn_{last}$
- packet is corrupted or
- is lost $\tau_{SC} > T_{SC}, \tau_{CA} > T_{CA} \quad T_{SC} + T_{CA} = iT_S, i = 1, 2, \dots$

QoS-adaptive Heuristic Control

- Measuring the QoS
 - Sensor samples time-triggered
 - Clocks are synchronized occasionally
 - 4-bit packet number instead of timestamp

$$p_L = pn_{new} - pn_{last} - 1 \quad \forall \quad pn_{new} > pn_{last}$$

- Controller can
 - calculate transport delay τ_{SC}
 - recognize the packet losses (p_L)
 - adapt to QoS

QoS-adaptive Heuristic Control

- General adaptation attempt
 - Offline calculation of the best controller individuals for different τ_{SC} by genetic algorithm maximizing QoC
 - Online adaptation by switching to the best Controller individual according to the measured τ_{SC}
 - Online adaptation of the sampling time T according to the measured number of packet losses
 - Online adaptation by two further heuristic schemes to increase the Quality of Control (QoC)
- Comparison with a robust non adaptive Time-Triggered Controller (TT)
- Definition of the Quality of Control (QoC)

$$QoC = 100 \left(1 - \frac{IE}{IE_{\max}} \right), \quad IE = (1 - \lambda) IAE + \lambda \cdot ITAE$$

$$0 \leq QoC < 100, \quad \lambda = 0.5 \text{ e.g.}$$

QoS-adaptive Heuristic Control

- Heuristics

H1: Dropping of overtaken and corrupted packets

H2: Adaptation of control parameters according to the measured delays τ_m

H3: Adaptation of the sampling time T_m according to the packet losses

H4: Immediate reaction on set point change

- Control algorithm

$$u_m = u_{m-1} + \left[k_P(\tau_m) + 0.5 \cdot k_I(\tau_m) \cdot T_m \right] \cdot e_m \\ + \left[0.5 \cdot k_I(\tau_{m-1}) \cdot T_{m-1} - k_P(\tau_{m-1}) \right] \cdot e_{m-1}$$

QoS-adaptive Heuristic Control

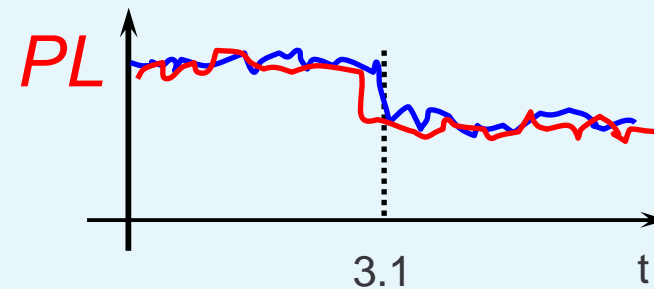
Example from literature:

$$G(s) = \frac{2029.826}{(s + 26.29)(s + 2.296)}$$

Two out of four chosen network scenarios:

$$\tau_{1,NS1} \in [45ms, 35ms] \quad \tau_{2,NS1} \in [25ms, 35ms]$$

$$PL_{1,NS1} \in [35\%, 45\%] \quad PL_{2,NS1} \in [20\%, 30\%]$$



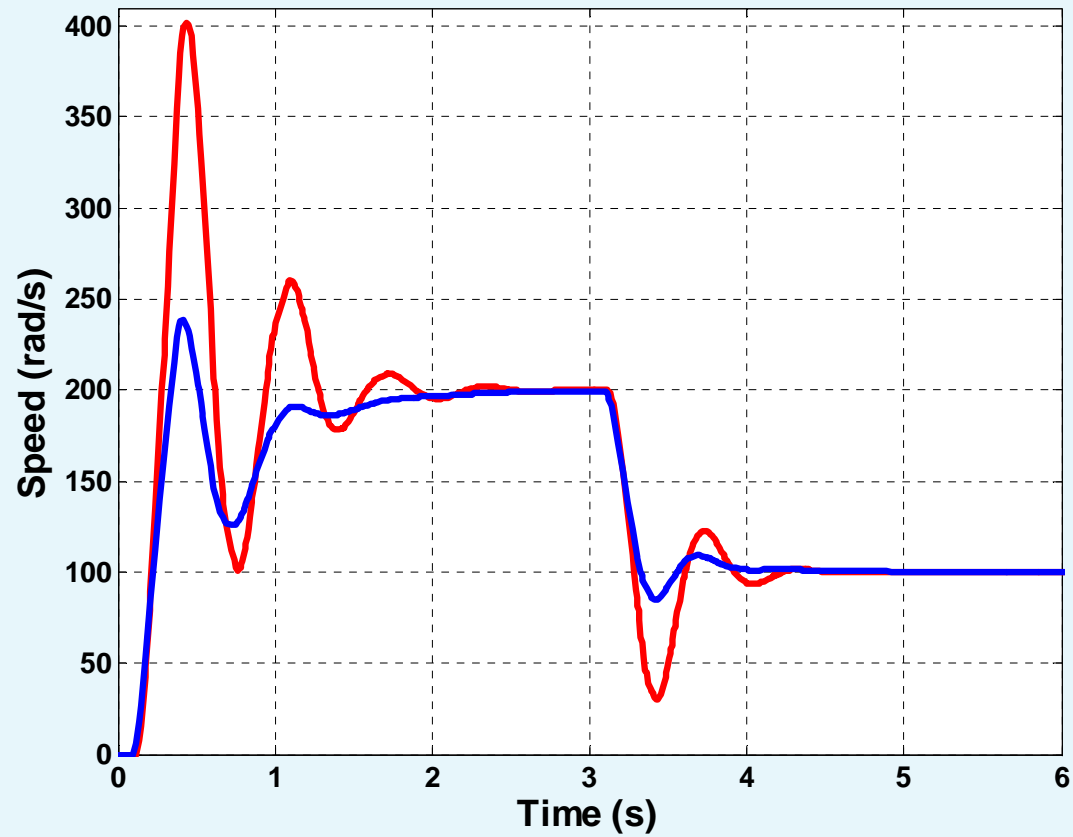
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Results by QoC

HV	μ	σ	min	max	adaptive better in %
1001	62,22	10,69	19,24	71,30	97,40
1101	61,24	11,70	22,77	73,98	92,82
1011	64,29	9,84	15,73	72,76	100,0
1111	67,54	5,99	44,05	73,14	100,0
TT	52,12	10,01	6,63	63,82	-

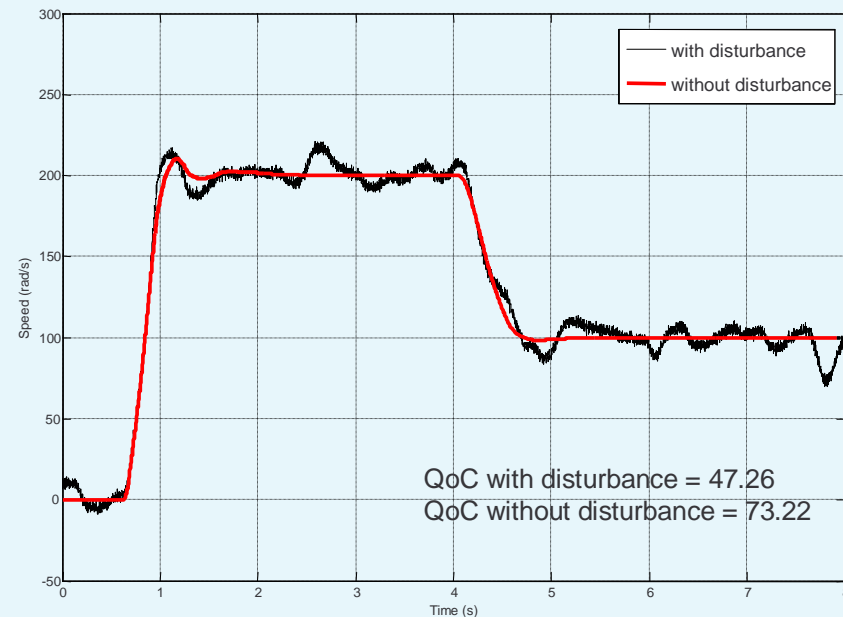
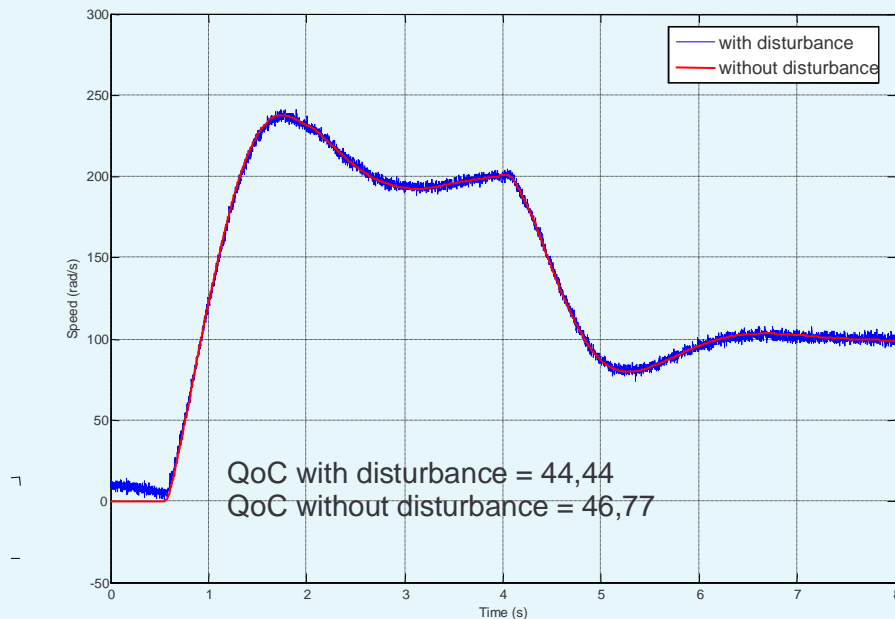
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Comparison of **1111** and **TT**:



QoS-adaptive Heuristic Control and MPC

Comparison of **1111** and **MPC**:



QoS-adaptive Heuristic Control

- Worse QoC
- Less Computational Power
- Less Noise Sensitive

MPC-based Adaptive Control

- Better QoC
- More Computational Power
- More Noise Sensitive

QoS-adaptive Heuristic Control and stability proof

- BMI-approach for NCS (Yue, D.; Han, Q.; Peng, C.: *State Feedback Controller Design of Networked Control Systems*, 2004)
- Measure for Packet losses and delays:

$$(i_{k+1} - i_k)h + \tau_{k+1} \leq \eta, k = 1, 2, \dots$$

- Approach: Lyapunov functional

$$V(t) = \underline{x}^T(t) \underline{P} \underline{x}(t) + \int_{t-\eta}^t \int_s^t \underline{\dot{x}}^T(v) \underline{T} \underline{\dot{x}}(v) dv ds$$

- Stability condition:

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QoS-adaptive Heuristic Control and stability proof

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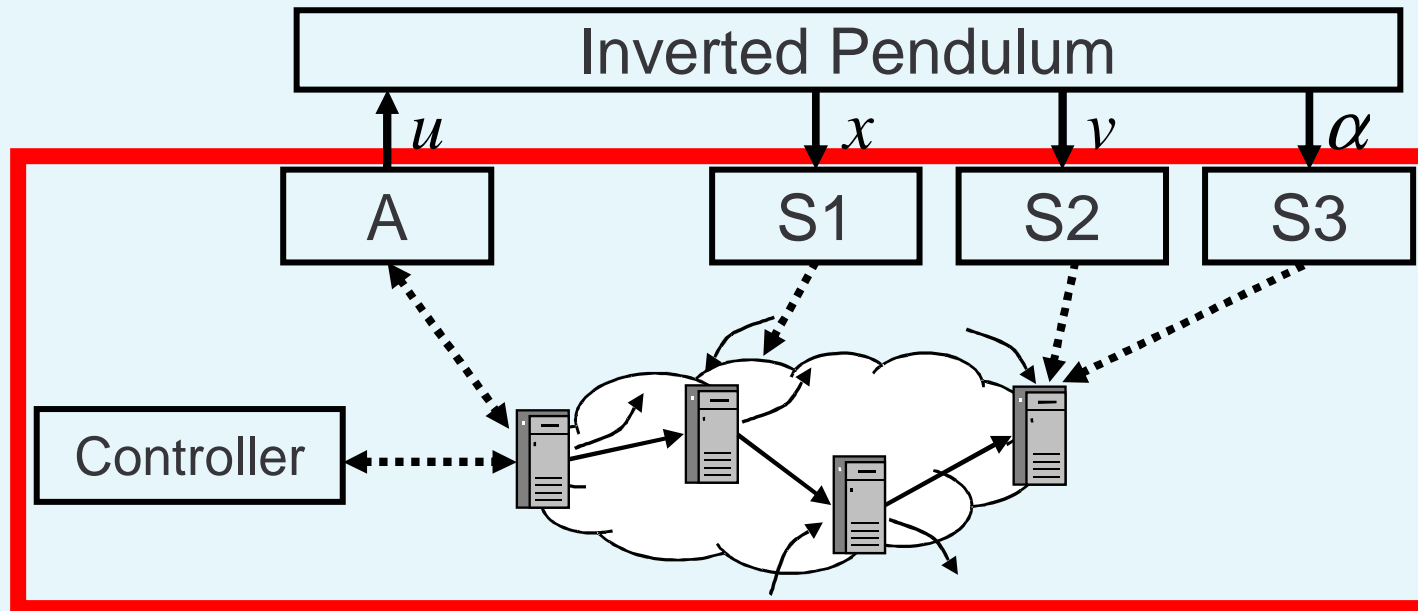
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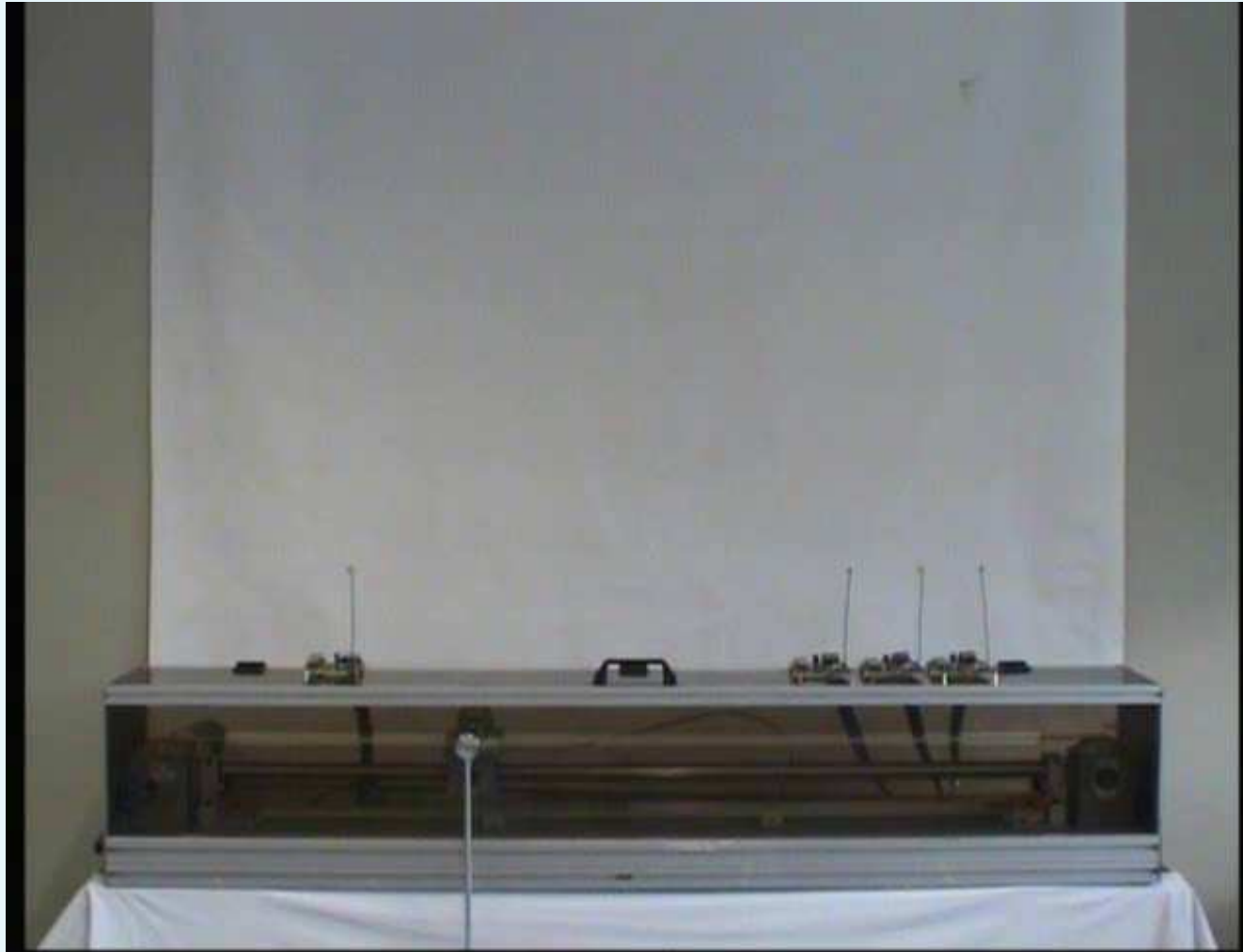


An experiment with an NCS System

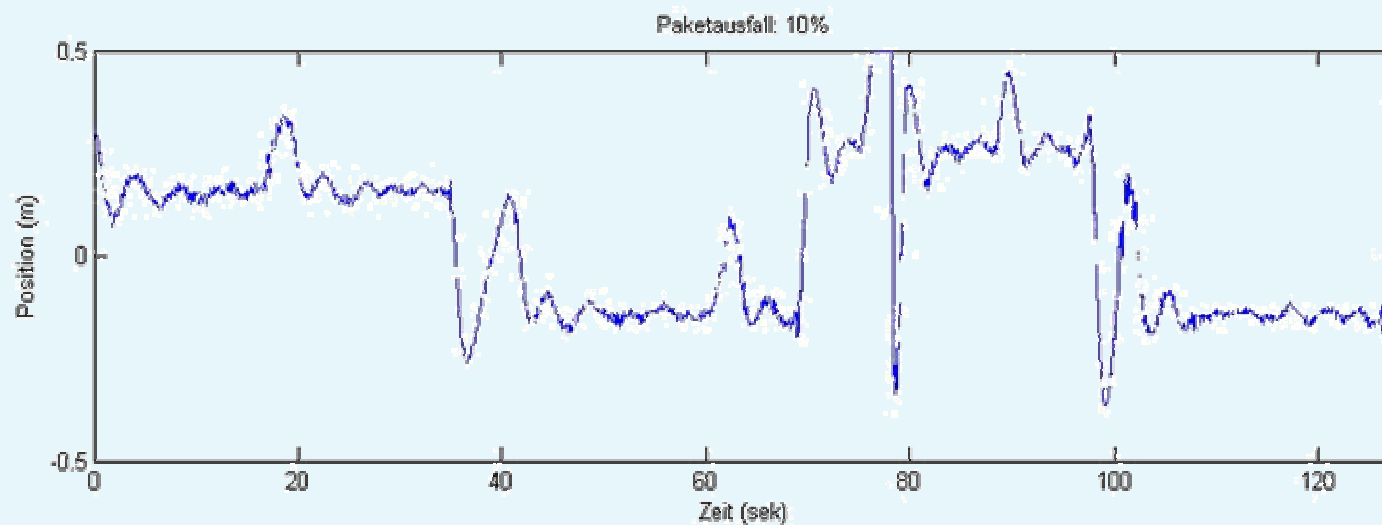
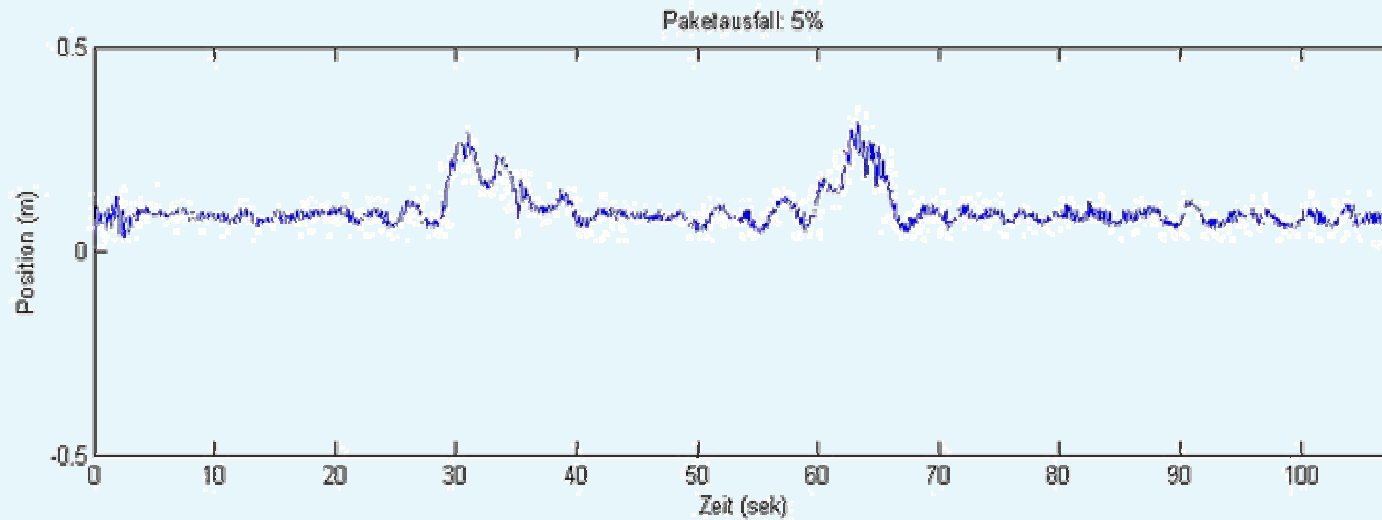


- Effects
 - Packet losses
 - Quasi packet losses
 - Disturbances

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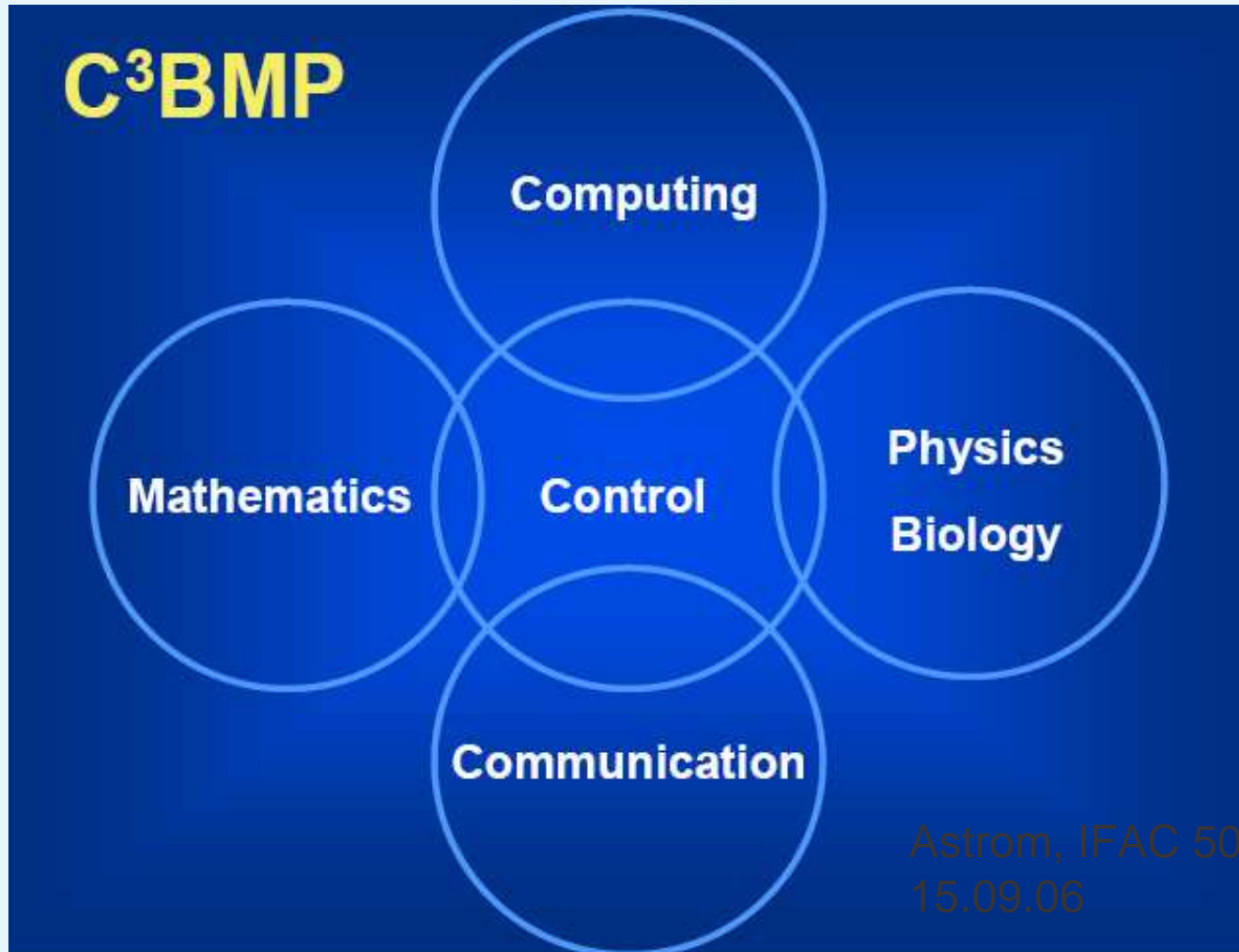
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Needs for the future:

- Mapping of the technical problems to mathematical design methods
- Treating several limited resources at the same time
- Non conservative stability criteria
- Stability criteria for nonlinear systems
- Performance - measures for a proper judgment of different solutions
- Cross-Design-Methods with optimization of the trade-Offs

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Thanks for your attention !

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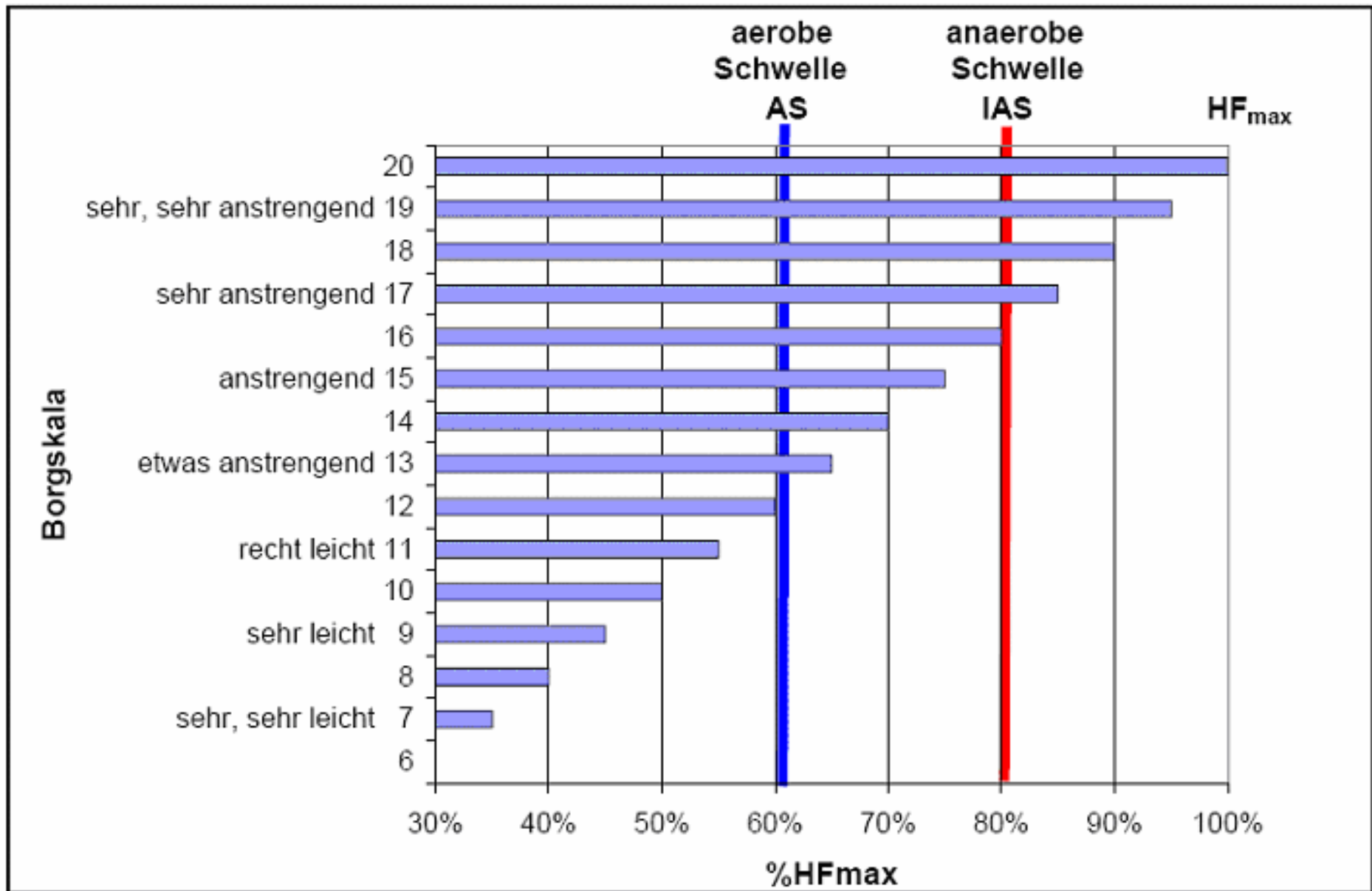
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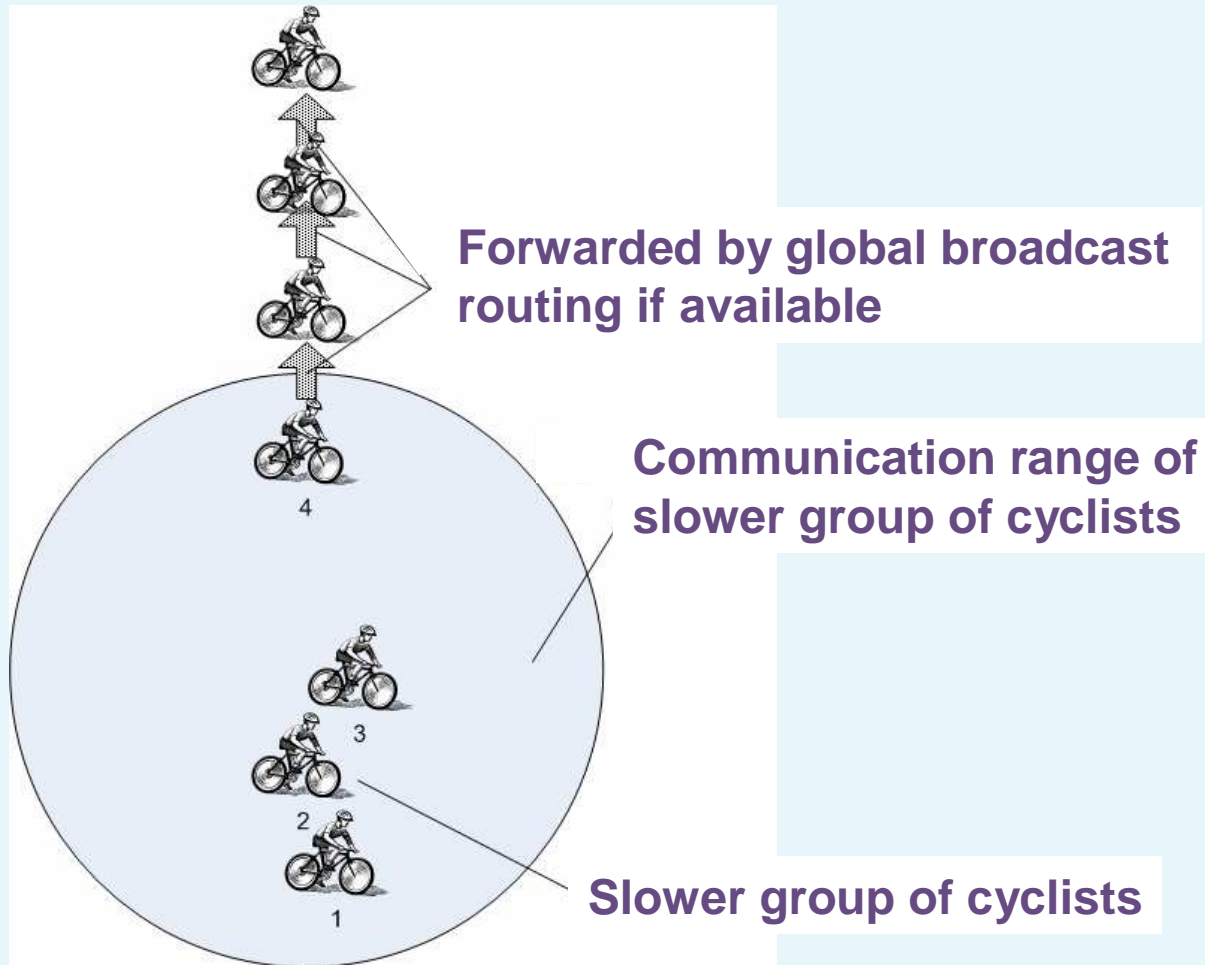
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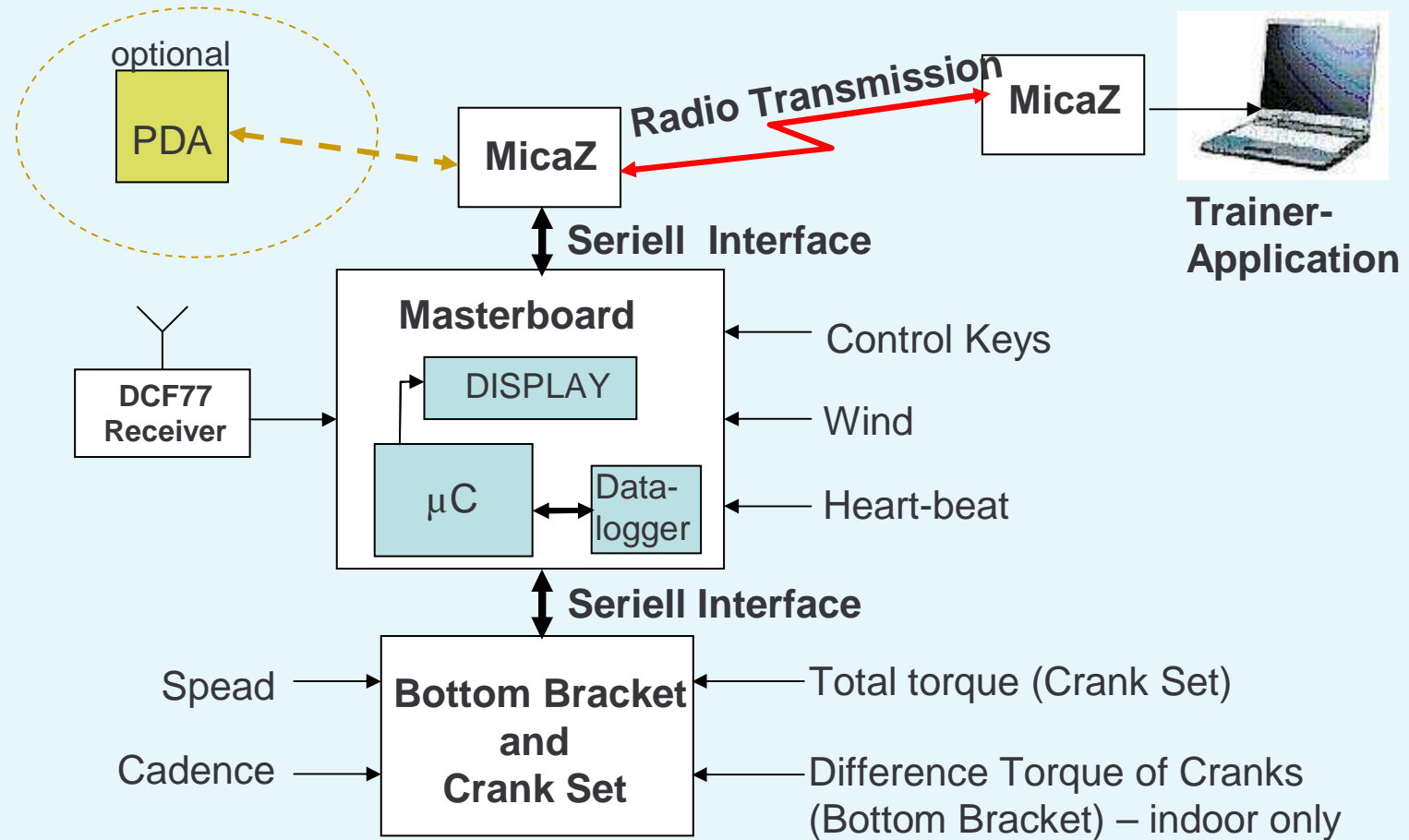
Borg's scale (6 – 20)

(no exertion – maximal exertion)





Hardware Concept



Master Board

ATmega169 :

8 MHz

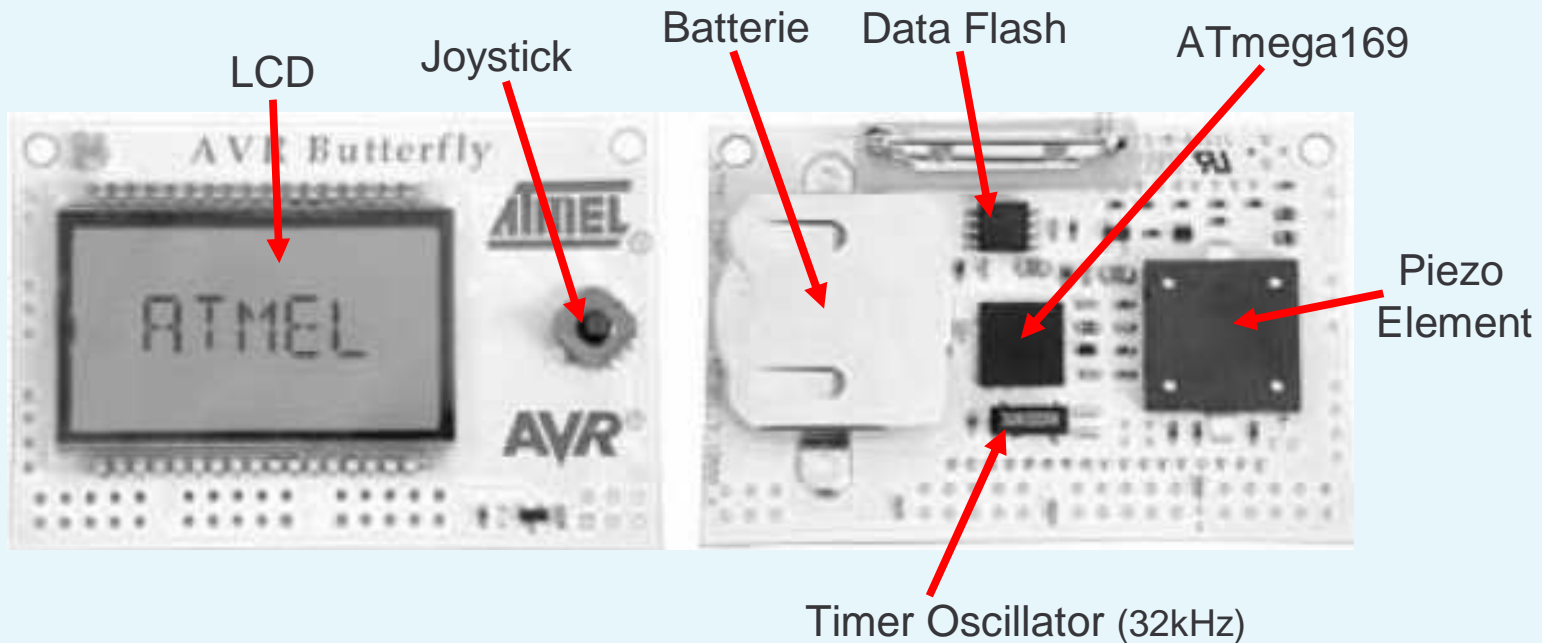
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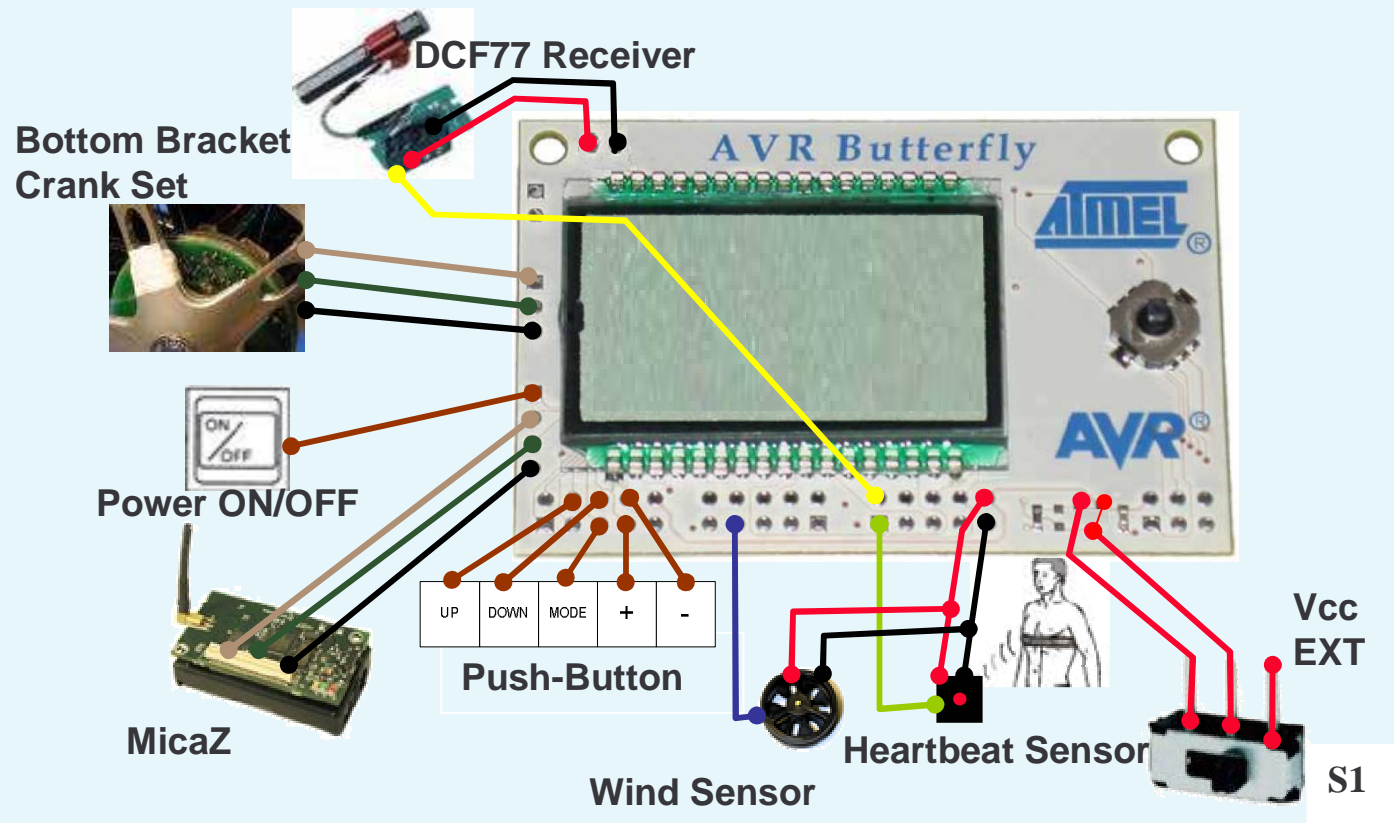
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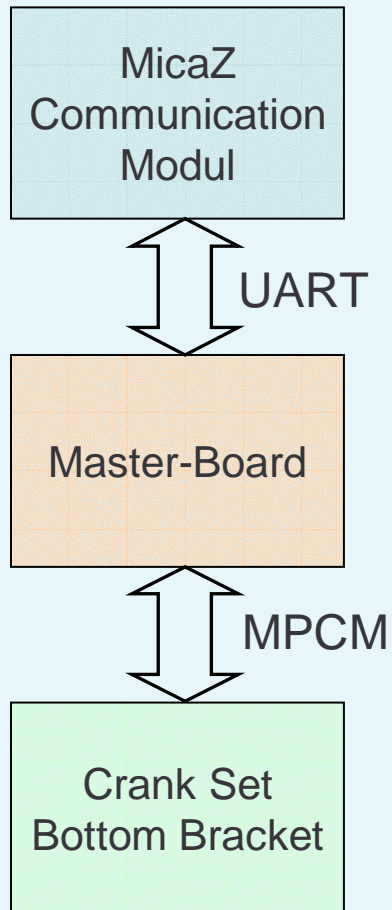
LCD Driver: 4 X 25 Segment

Data Flash :

2048 Pages with 264 Bytes → 4 MBytes
Memory for 2,7h Training Duration
(storing data every second)







Interface : MicaZ – Master-Board

- Software UART
- BAUD Rate 38,4 kbps

Interface: Master-Board - Bottom Bracket/ Crank Set

- UART in MultiProcessorCommunicationMode
- BAUD Rate 76,8 kbps

Message Format (Masterboard ↔ MicaZ)

Start Of Frame		Header				Data	End Of Frame	
0xFF	0x01	Length	ID	Type	Version	Data	0xFF	0x02

Length : Length of the message (Header+Data)

ID : Bicycle-Identifikation (set by MicaZ)

Type : Type of the message (DATA, COMMAND, SET-UP...)

Version : Version of the message type

(<0x00>: Initialisation, <0x01>: Single Training,
<0x02>: Group Training, <0x10>: Output Datalogger)

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In-house Development:

Communication requirements

- Spontaneous messages
- Sensor values
- Periodical data
- Messages with guaranteed delay
- Alert messages
- Voice communication
- Actuator control

MacZ - Layer by Prof. Dr. Gotzhein

Hybrid QoS MAC Layer

- Enhanced- Best- Effort Transmission
- Distributed Multihop-time-synchronization
 - Synchronization of the whole network after a constant time-delay
- Supporting different Transmission slots
 - Priority oriented transmission
 - Reserve oriented transmission
 - Alert messages
- Recognition of external networks and automatic synchronization