

# Mathematische Modelle in der Hubschraubersimulation

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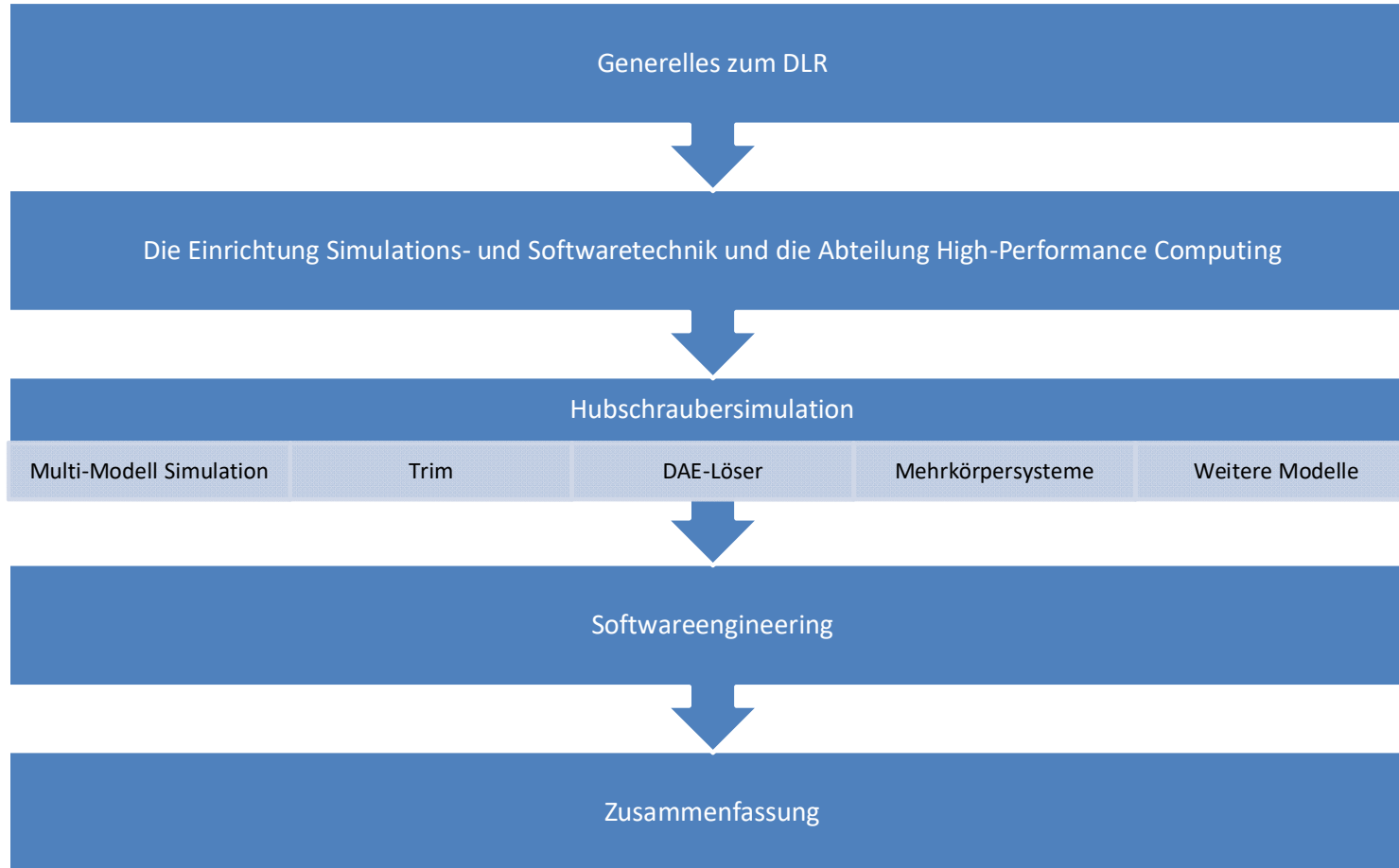
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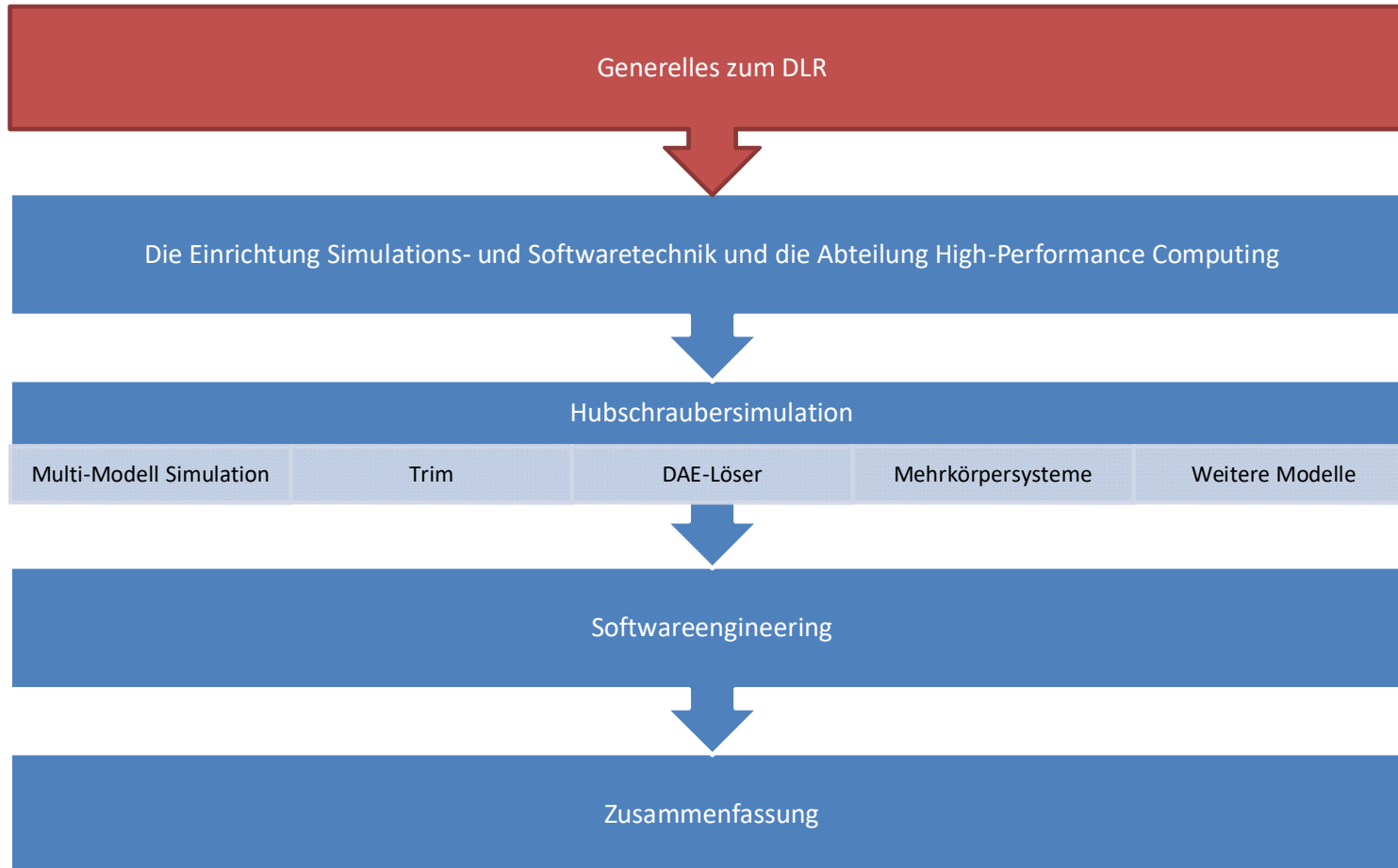


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# Das DLR

## Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt



- Großforschungseinrichtung
  - Forschungs- und Entwicklungsarbeiten in Luftfahrt, Raumfahrt, Energie, Verkehr, Digitalisierung und Sicherheit
  - nationale und internationale Kooperationen
- Raumfahrtagentur
  - Planung und Umsetzung der deutschen Raumfahrtaktivitäten
- Projektträger
  - Forschungsförderung



## DLR-Standorte und -Mitarbeiter

Ca. 8400 Mitarbeiter in  
50 Instituten und Einrichtungen an 27  
Standorten.

Büros in Brüssel, Paris, Washington  
und Tokyo.



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- Das DLR - die führende und richtungsweisende öffentliche Forschungseinrichtung in Europa für seine Forschungsbereiche Luftfahrt, Raumfahrt, Verkehr und Energie
- Das DLR - die gestaltende Kraft für die europäische Raumfahrt in seiner Funktion als Raumfahrtagentur
- Das DLR - die Dachorganisation für die wirkungsvollsten und effizientesten Projektträger



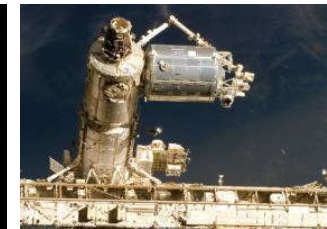
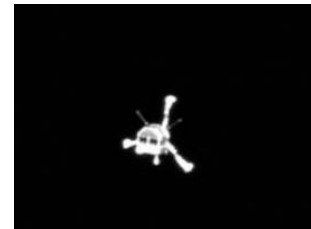
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- Optimierung der Leistung und der Umweltverträglichkeit des Gesamtsystems „Flugzeug“
- Einflüsse des wachsenden Luftverkehrs auf die Umwelt, bessere Vorhersage der für den Flugbetrieb wichtigen Wetterfaktoren
- Weltweit führende Forschung in der Rotor-Aerodynamik, der Rotordynamik, sowie der Steuerung und Führung von Hubschraubern
- Sicherer, nachhaltiger und effizienter Luftverkehr (Flugsicherung, Flugbetrieb)



# DLR Forschungsbereich Raumfahrtforschung und -technologie

- Erdbeobachtung
- Kommunikation & Navigation
- Erforschung des Weltraums
- Forschung unter Schwerelosigkeit
- Raumtransport
- Technik für Raumfahrtsysteme inkl. Robotik





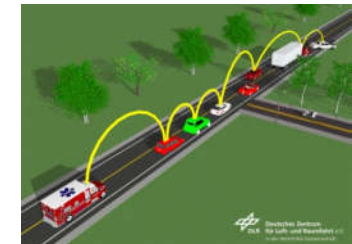
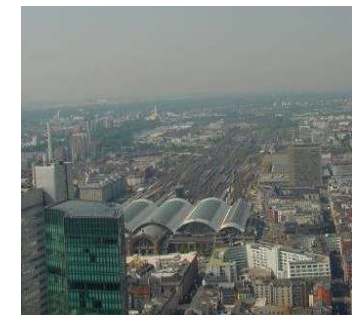
## DLR Forschungsbereich Verkehr

Nachhaltige Mobilität in einer Interessenbalance von

- Wirtschaft
- Gesellschaft
- Umwelt

durch

- Verringerung des Energiebedarfs von Straßen- und Schienenfahrzeugen
- Vermeidung von schädlichen Emissionen, insbesondere CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, Ruß und Lärm
- Erhöhung von Sicherheit, Zuverlässigkeit, Komfort
- Effizientere Nutzung bestehender Infrastrukturen
- Verbesserung multimodaler Transportketten



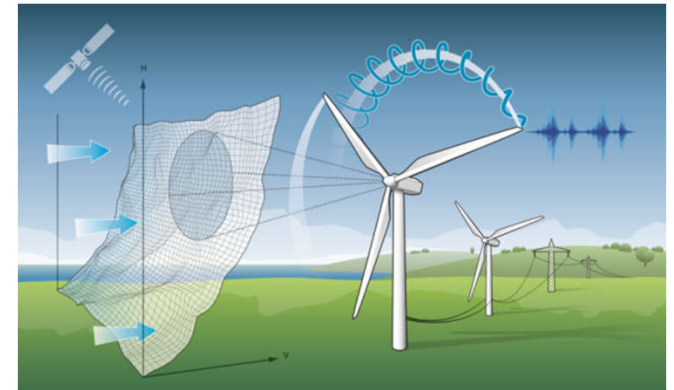
## DLR Forschungsbereich Energie

### Ziele:

- Nachhaltigkeit der zukünftigen Energieversorgung
- Sicherheit und Zuverlässigkeit
- Effizienz und Wirtschaftlichkeit
- Umwelt- und Klimaschutz
- Gesellschaftliche Akzeptanz
- Stärkung der deutschen und europäischen Industrie

### Zu erreichen durch:

- Effiziente, flexible und schadstoffarme Gasturbinenkraftwerke
- Solarthermische Kraftwerke, Solar Fuels und Windkraft
- Thermische, chemische und elektrische Energiespeicher
- Systemanalyse und Technikbewertung

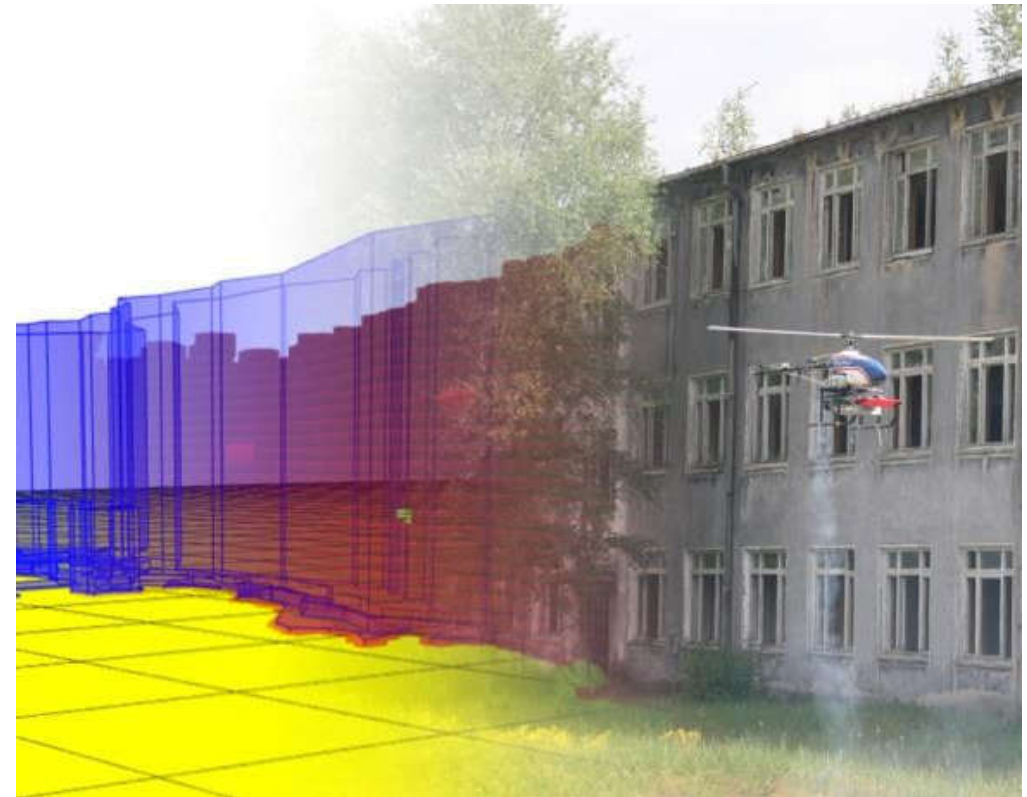


## DLR Forschungsbereich Sicherheit

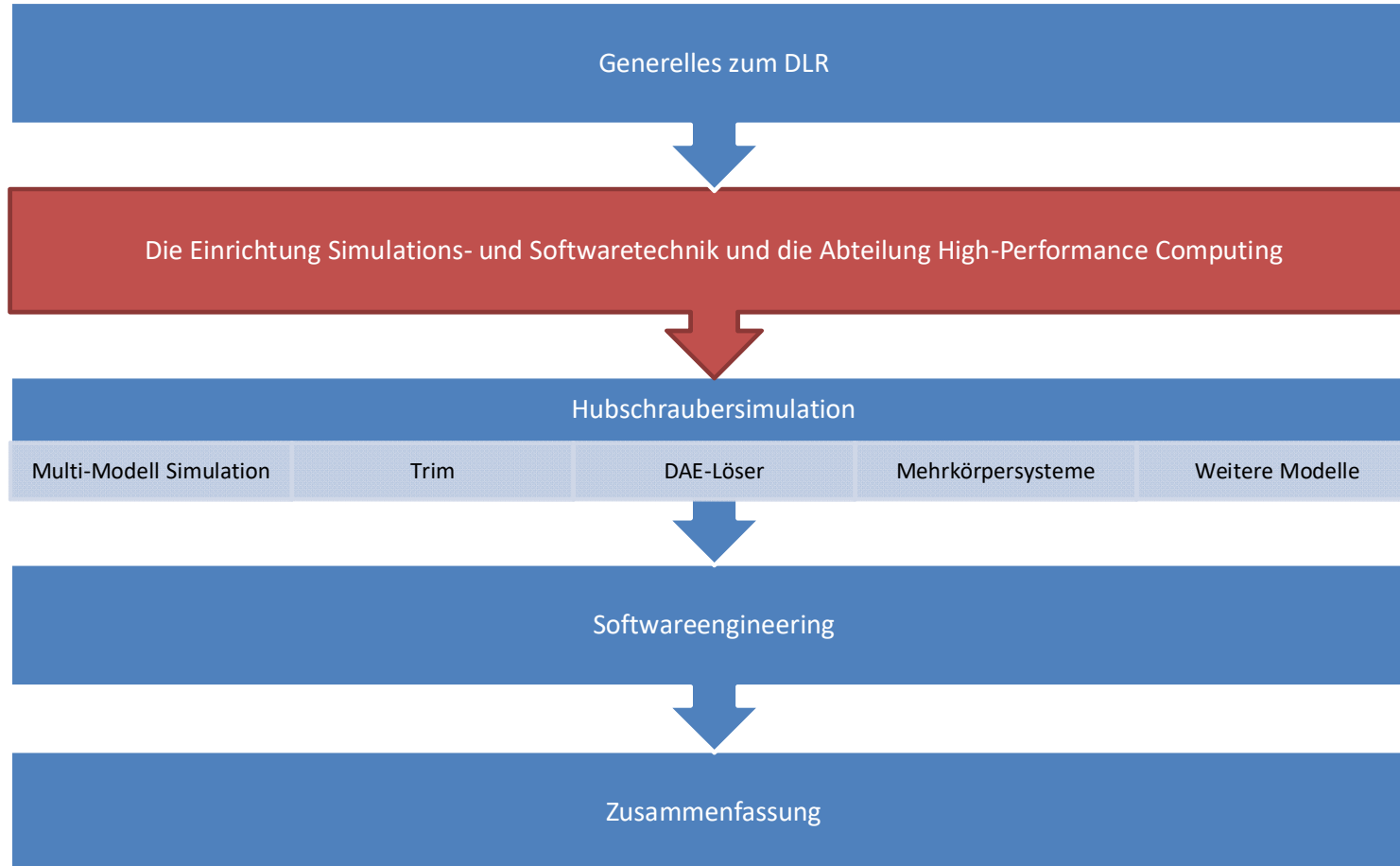
- Beurteilung und Beratung sicherheitsrelevanter Anwendungen mit dem Ziel, den Menschen zu unterstützen und zu schützen

### DLR-übergreifend:

- Flughafensicherheit (Luftfahrt/Verkehr)
- Satellitengestütztes Krisenmanagement (Raumfahrt)
- Dezentrale Energieversorgung (Energie)
- Verkehrsmanagement bei Großereignissen und das Katastrophenmanagement (Verkehr)



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## Simulations- und Softwaretechnik

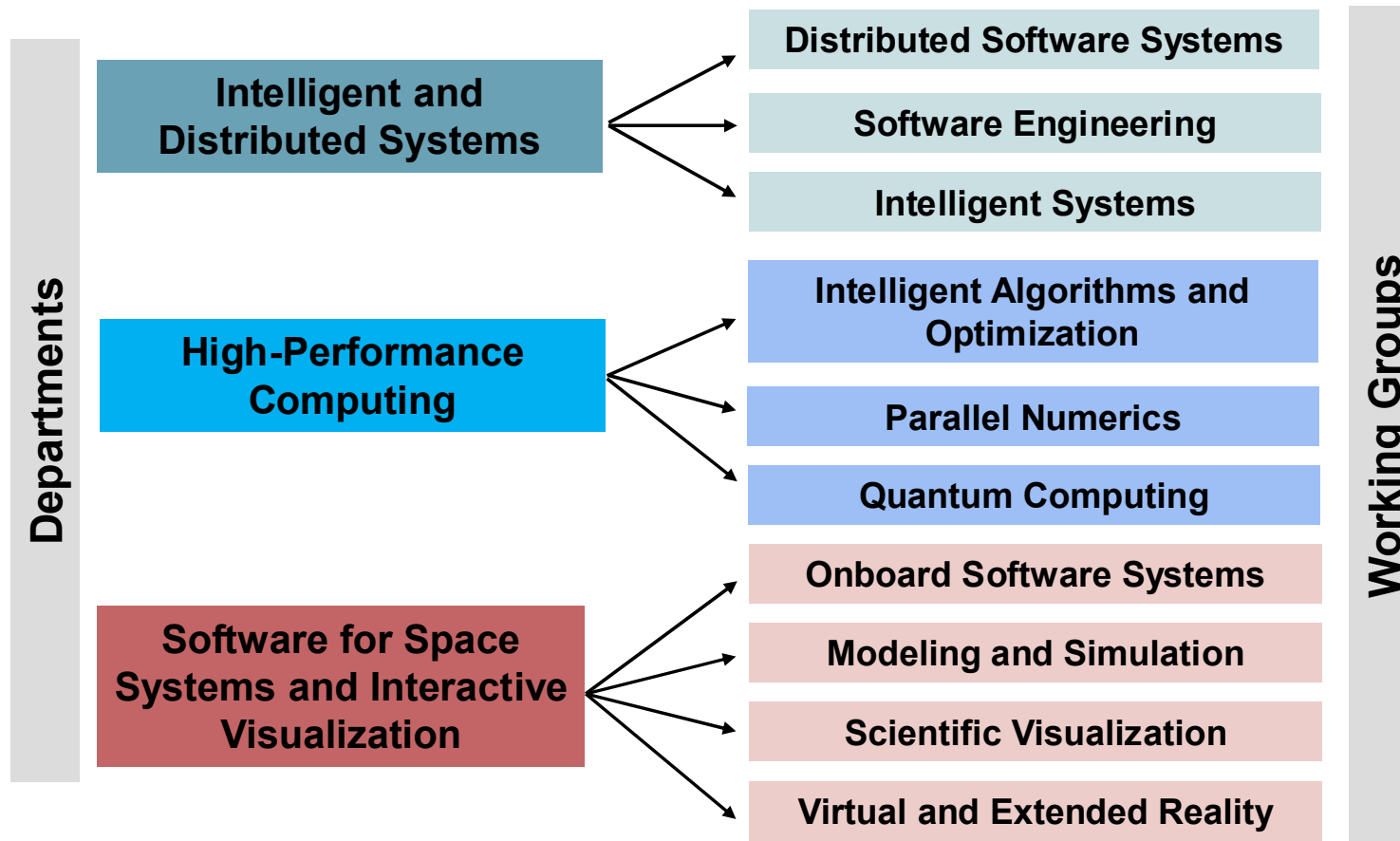


- Steht für **innovatives Software Engineering**,
- Entwickelt **anspruchsvolle Individualsoftwarelösungen** für das DLR und
- Ist Partner in **wissenschaftlichen Projekten** im Bereich Simulations- und Softwaretechnologie

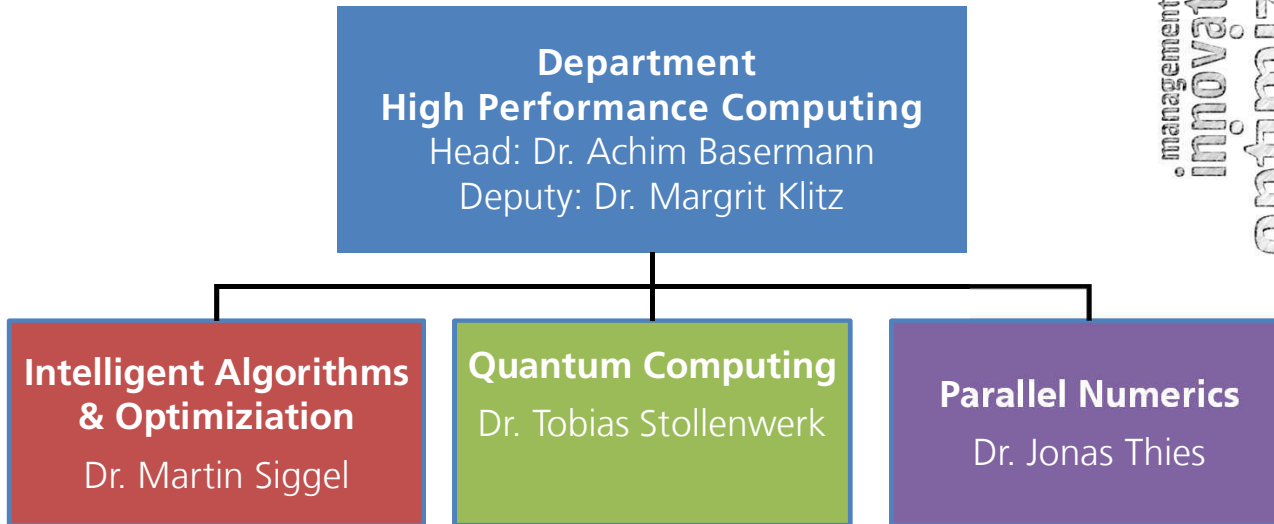


# DLR Institute Simulation and Software Technology

## Scientific Themes and Working Groups



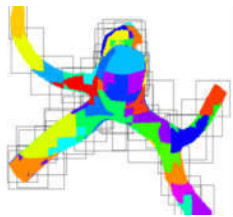
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# High Performance Computing – Topics

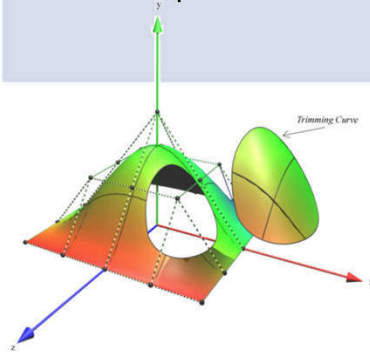
## Parallel numerical mathematics

- Large scale linear systems and Eigenvalue problems
- Numerical grid deformation
- Adaptive mesh refinement
- Simulation of multi-body-systems



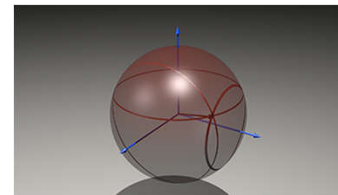
## Modelling and shape optimization

- Geometry modelling
- Multi disciplinary design optimization
- Automated domain decomposition



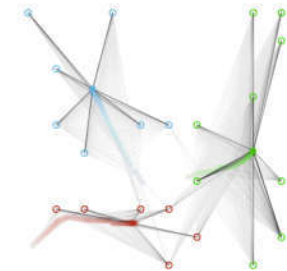
## Software for future computing architectures

- Parallel and hybrid programming
- Parallel libraries for GPUs and accelerators
- Algorithms for quantum computers



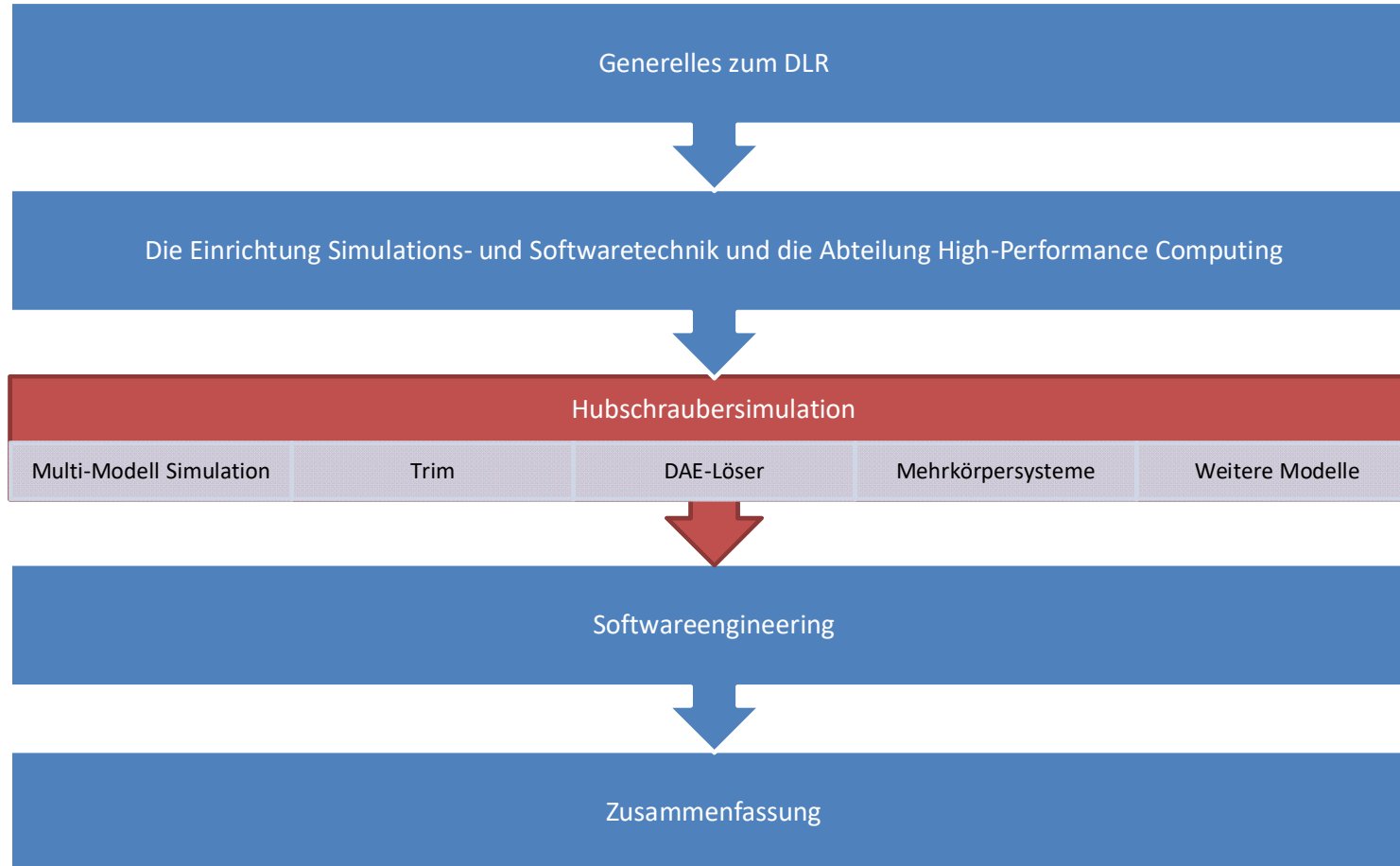
## Big data and machine learning

- Machine learning
- Numerical and statistical data analysis
- Distributed data analysis for space applications
- Data management of HPC simulations





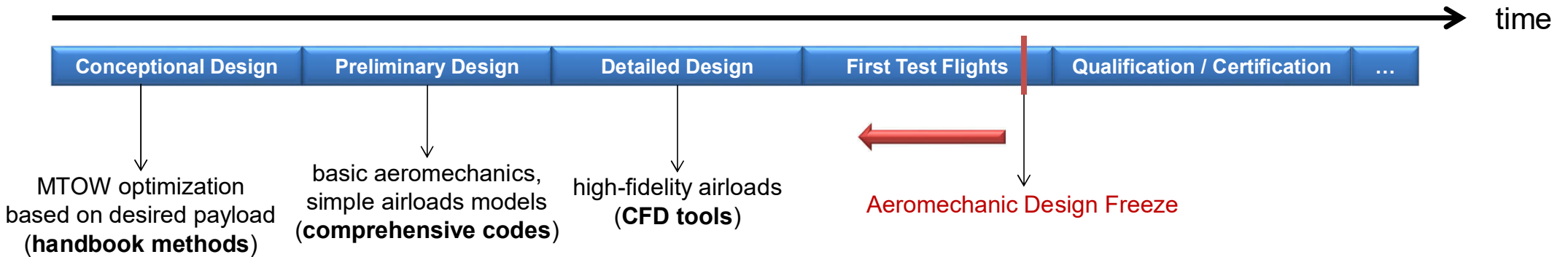
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# Helicopters



# Helicopter Design

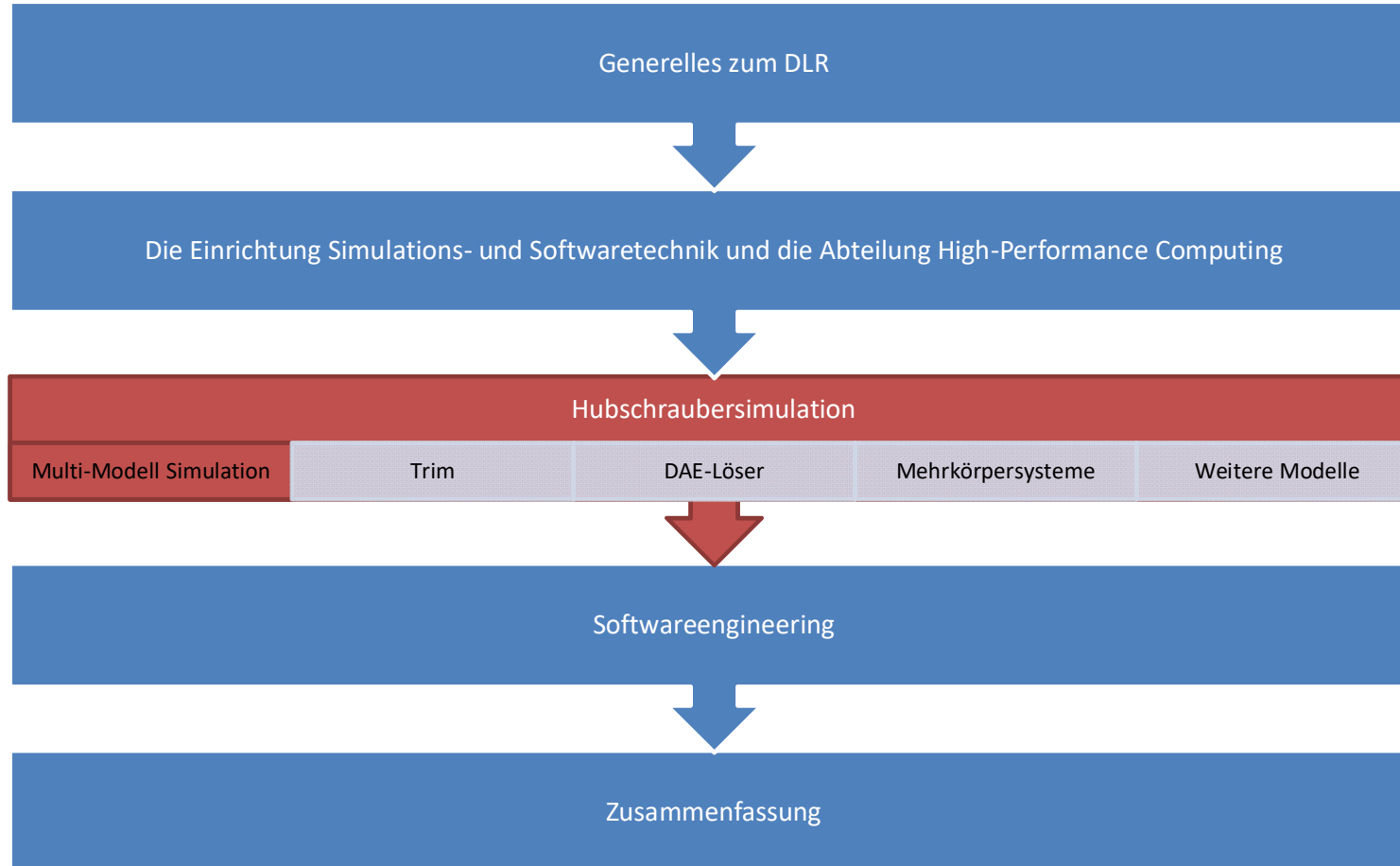


 Our software (developed with the DLR Institute for Flight Systems):  
**Versatile Aeromechanic Simulation Tool (VAST)**

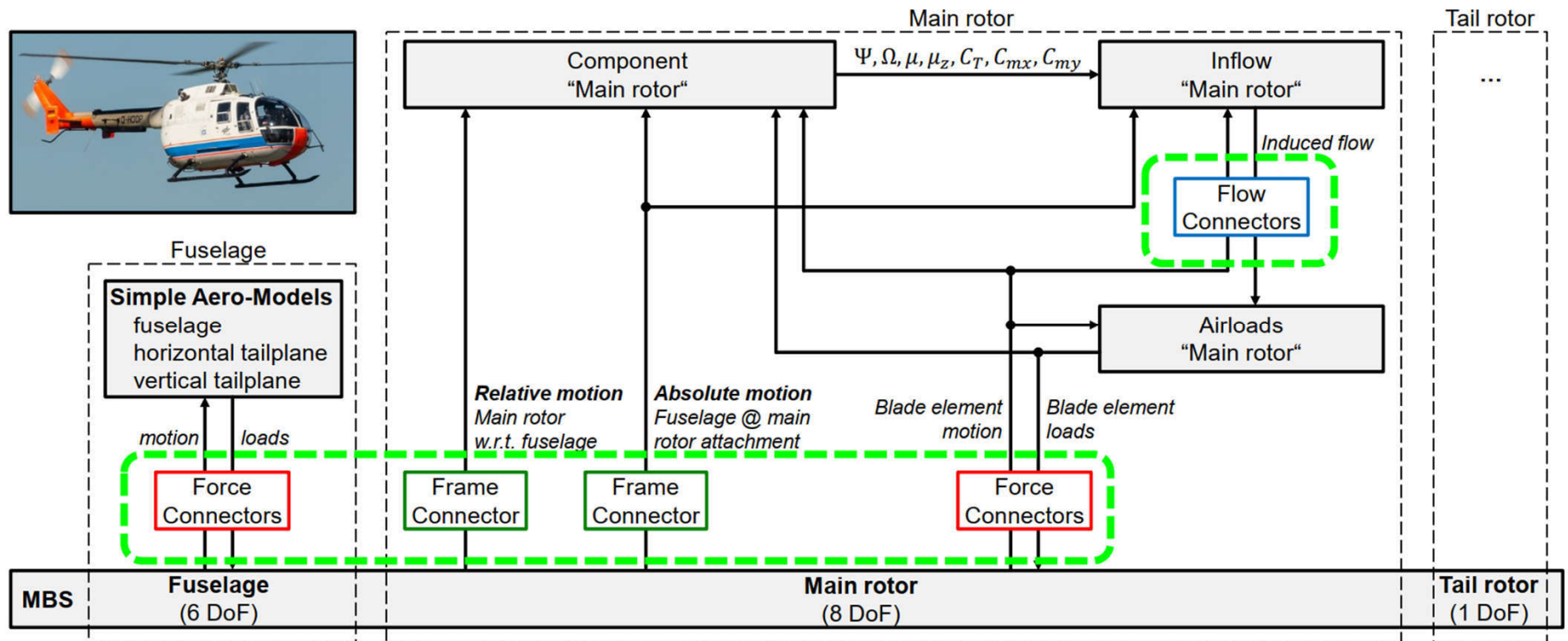
- In contrast to fixed-wing aircraft: design freeze after first flight
- Aim: **earlier design freeze through better simulations!**
- To shorten development cycles, we need an efficient comprehensive code → VAST



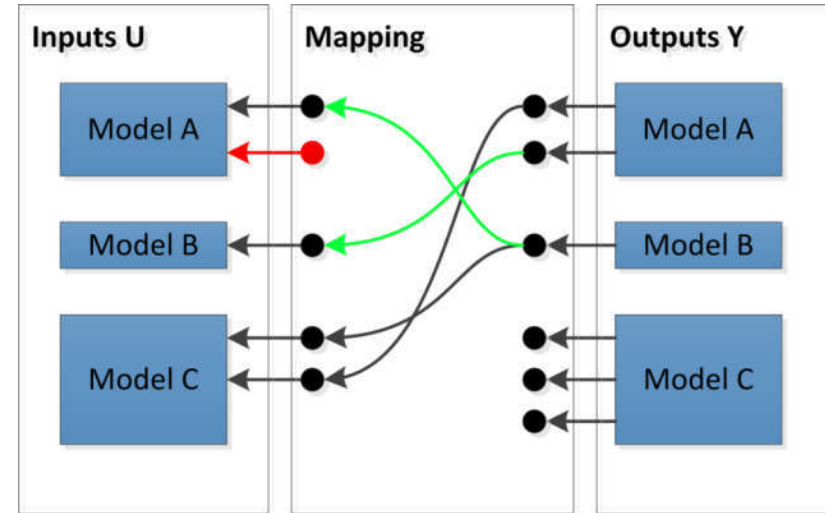
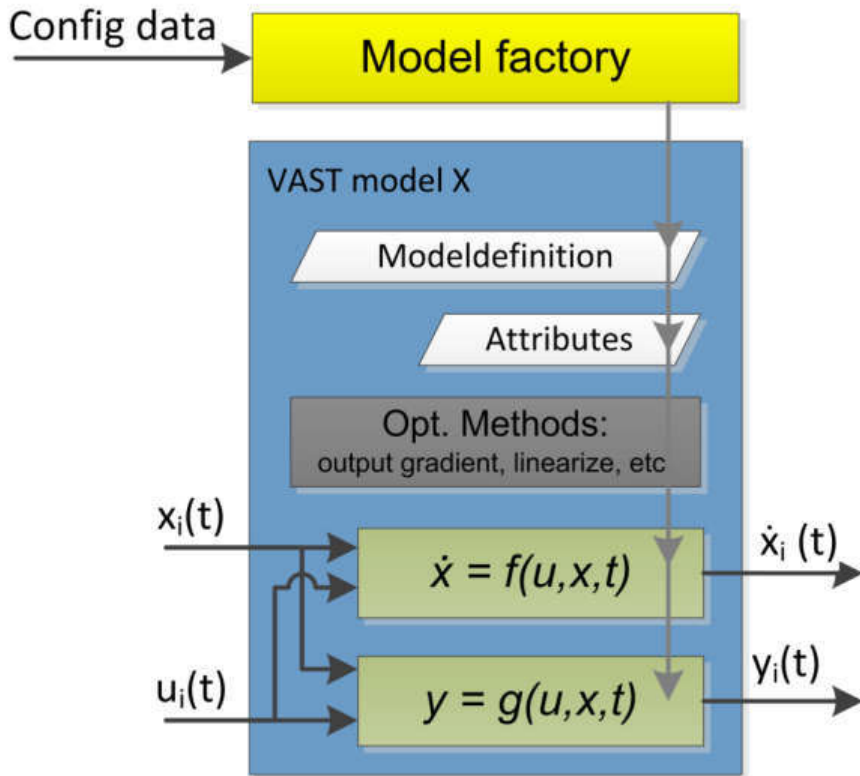
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Coupled system reads

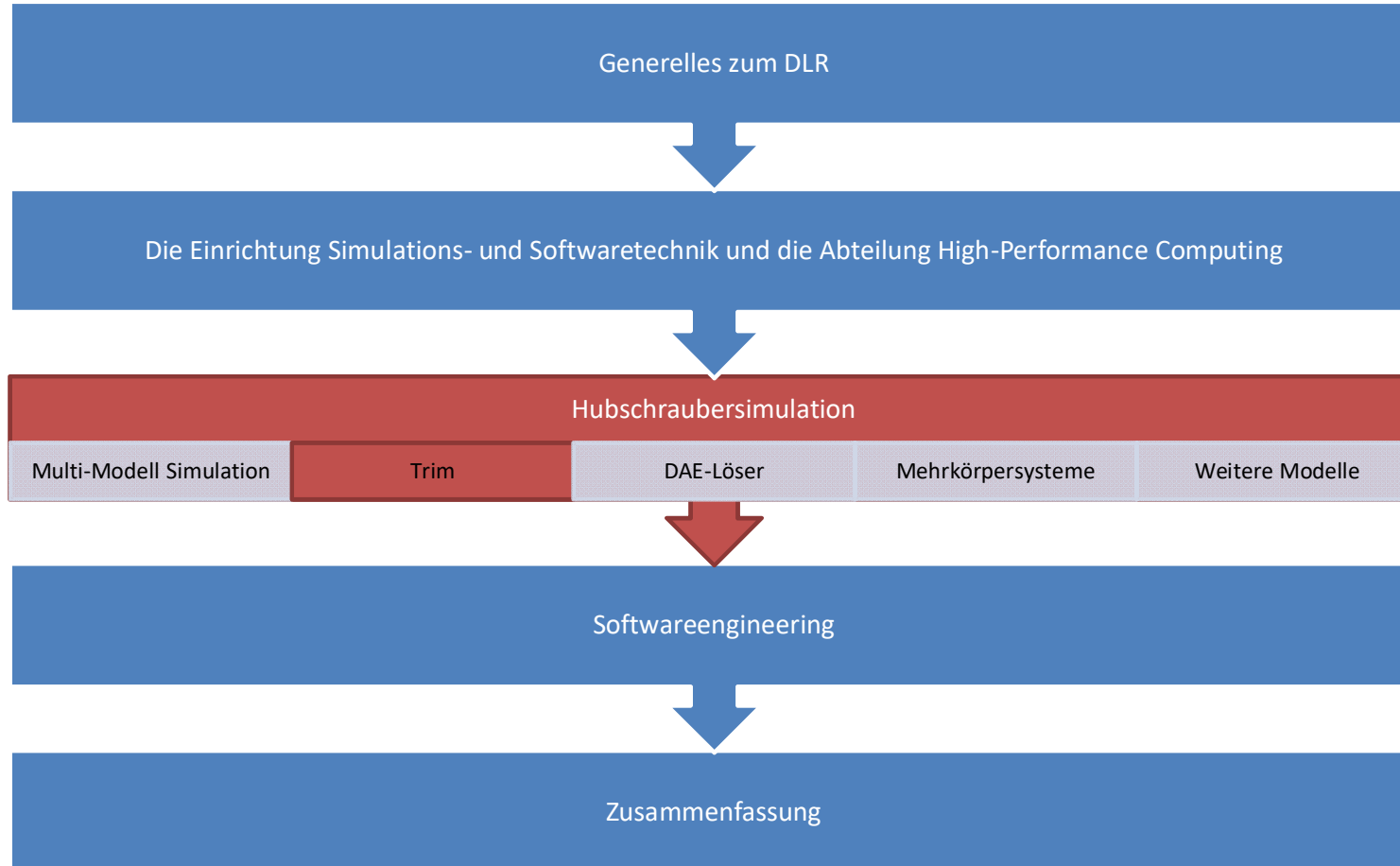
$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= f(x, y, t) \\ 0 &= y - g(x, y, t) \end{aligned}$$

With global state vector  $x$  and global output vector  $y$

→ **Index-1 DAE** for regular  $\left( I - \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right)$



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## The Trim Problem

**Problem:** Find parameters (e.g., initial condition + pilot input) to obtain a specific stable flight condition

**In formulas:** find parameters  $c$ , such that

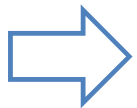
$$\dot{x} = f(x, y, c, t),$$

$$y = g(x, y, c, t),$$

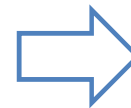
$$h(x, \dot{x}, y, c, t) \stackrel{!}{=} 0, \quad \longrightarrow \quad \|h(x, \dot{x}, y, c, t)\|^2 \rightarrow \min_c$$

} optimization problem

where  $h$  encodes the desired flight condition



**optimization iteration** around the simulation code  
with **finite difference approximations** of the gradient



high number of simulations requires  
an **efficient implementation**  
(e.g., by using a **small number of states**)



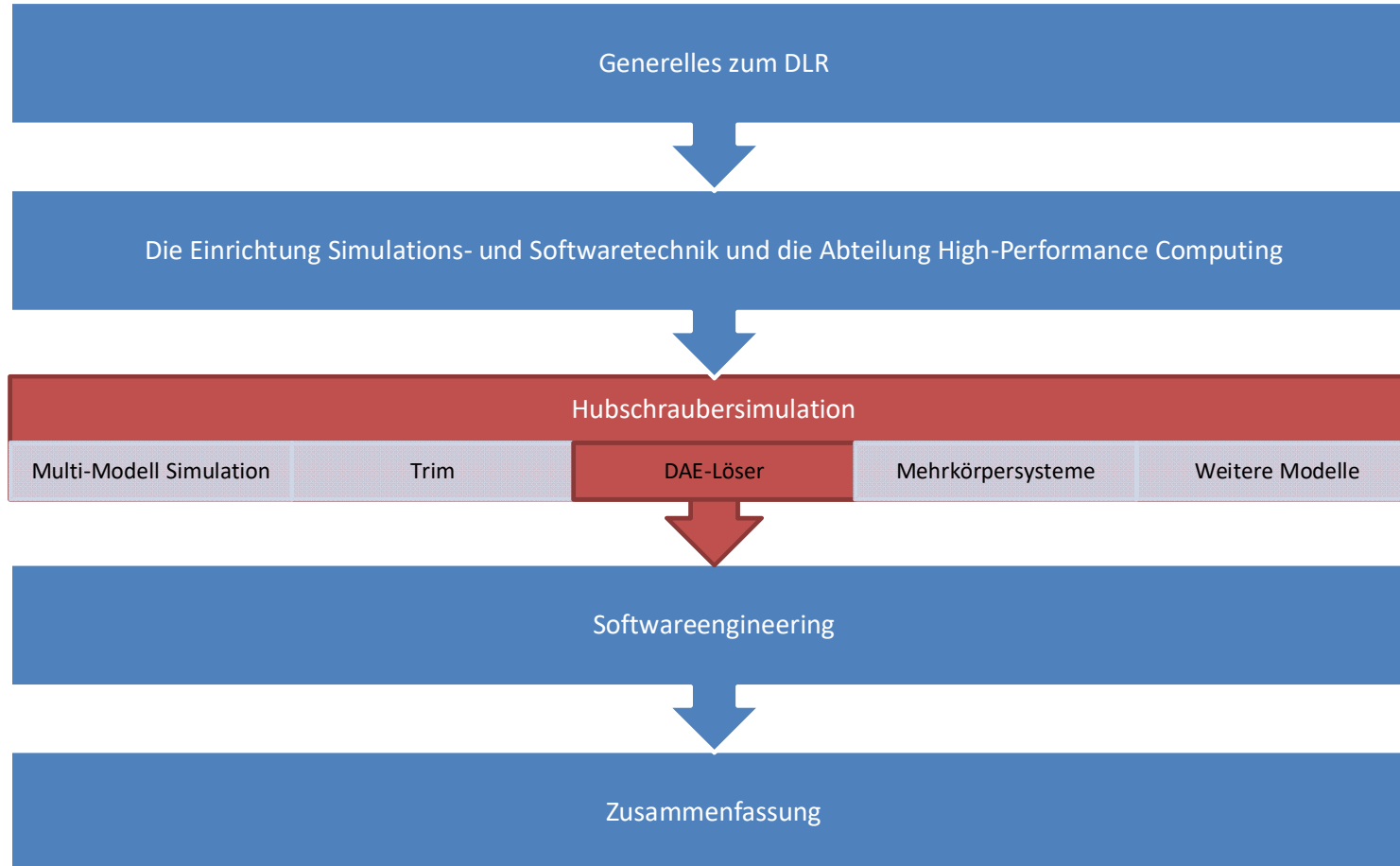


## Algorithms for the Trim Problem

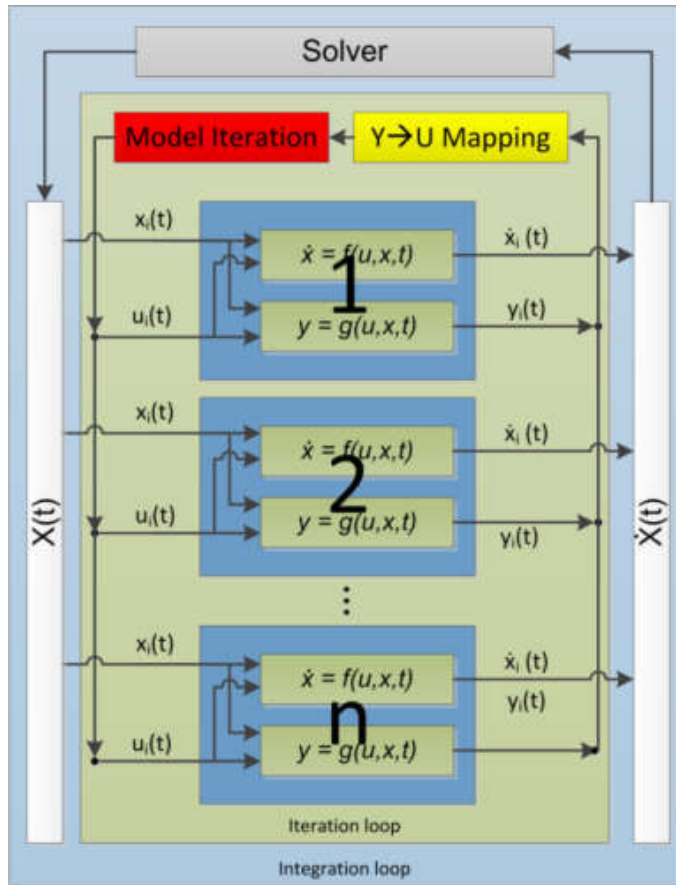
- First, we solved  $h(x, \dot{x}, y, c, t) \stackrel{!}{=} 0$  by a (Quasi-)Newton method (with finite differences for gradients)
- Challenges:
  - Existence?
  - Uniqueness?
  - Multiplicity?
  - all of this can lead to a non-converging Newton iteration!
- We now solve  $\|h(x, \dot{x}, y, c, t)\|^2 \rightarrow \min$  by a Levenberg-Marquardt method
  - Still we cannot prove existence of a solution (but, heuristically, it is more likely!)
  - Levenberg-Marquardt can deal better with non-unique solutions and higher multiplicity



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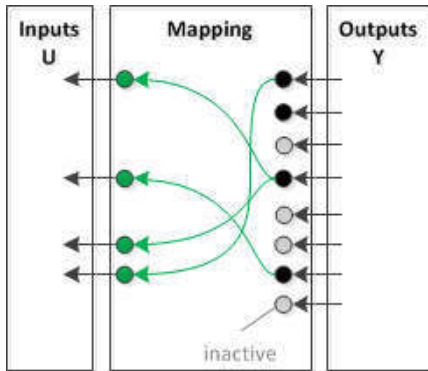
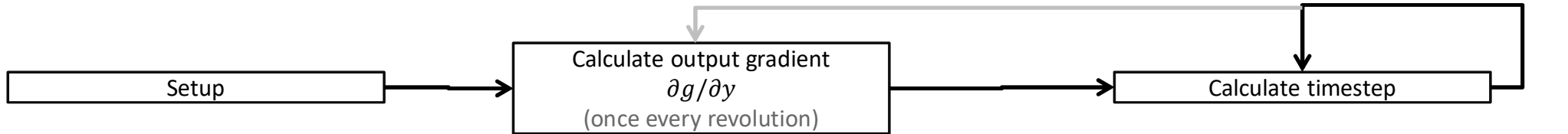
## DAE-Solver: Requirements



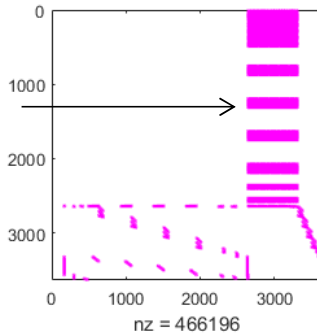
- **Explicit time integration**
  - **fixed step size**  
(e.g. 1/360 of a rotor revolution → for FFTs + filtering out high frequencies)
  - **fast calculations**  
(usually a lot of rotor revolutions are simulated)
- Support for **stiff systems**
  - rotor blades: FE for nonlinear beams  
(parabolic PDE, highly different flexibility in different spatial directions)
- Techniques to impose **conservation properties**
  - energy conservation (across models?)



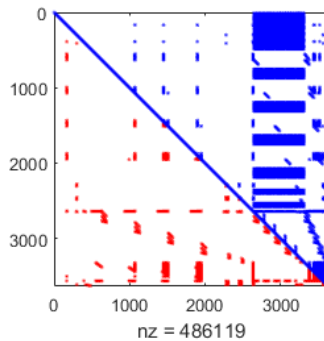
# DAE-Solver: Heuristics



Dependencies of active outputs

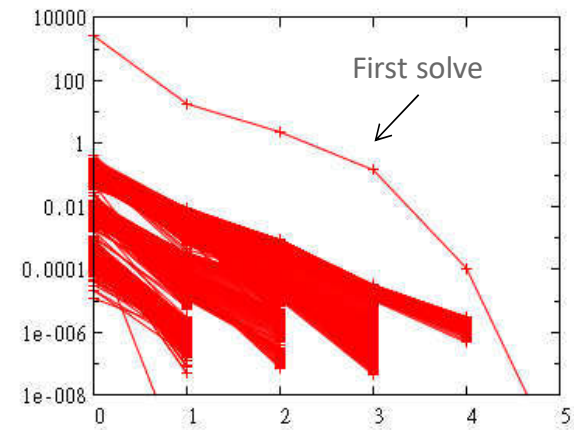


LU decomposition



Half-explicit, exponential Runge Kutta

- Resolve outputs
- Robust Newton-like iteration:
  - Uses line search / damping
  - Deals with different scales
- for stiff parts (FE model for blades, not used yet)



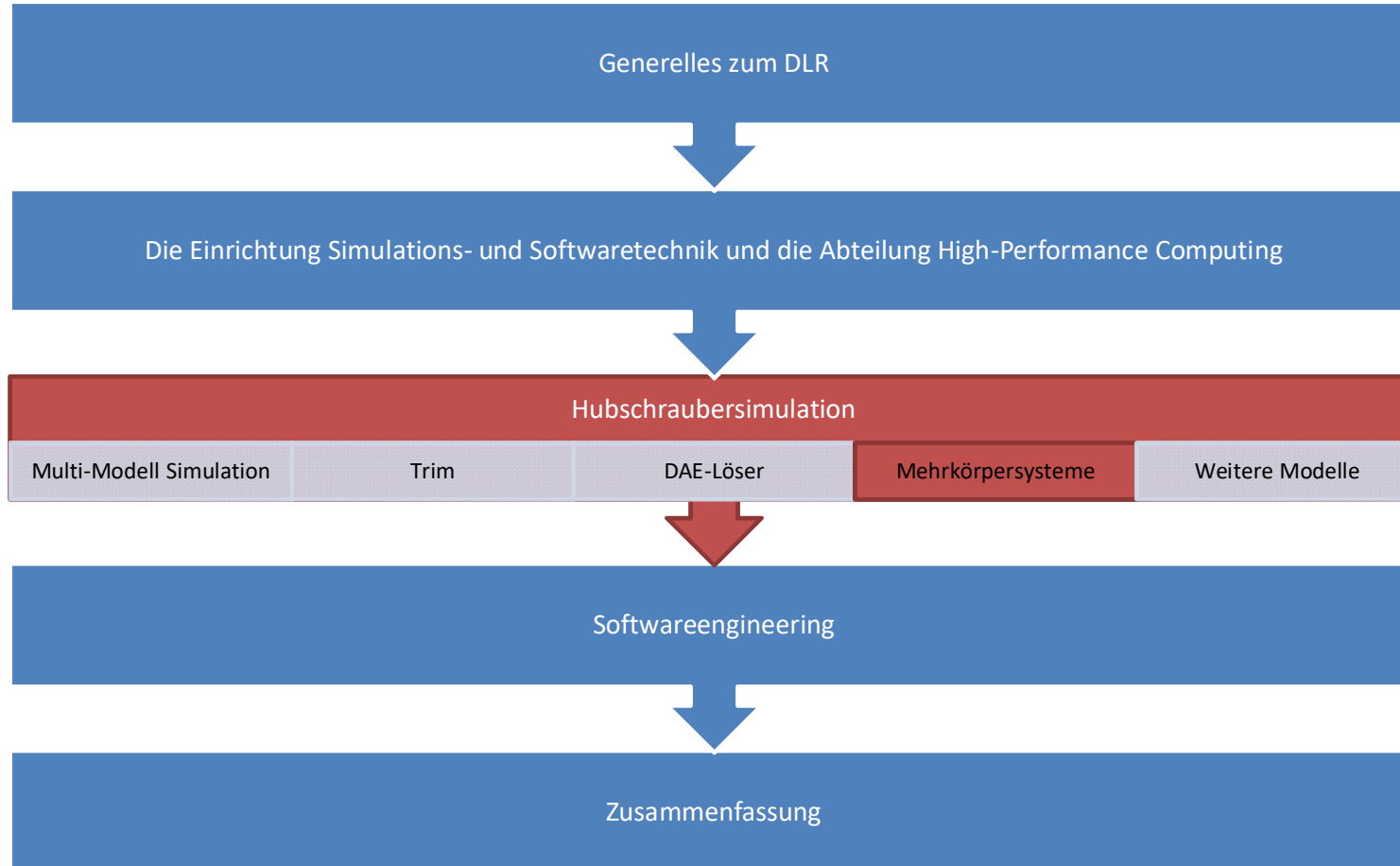
$$x(t) = e^{tA}x_0 + \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)A}f d\tau$$

$$\dot{x} = Ax + f(x)$$

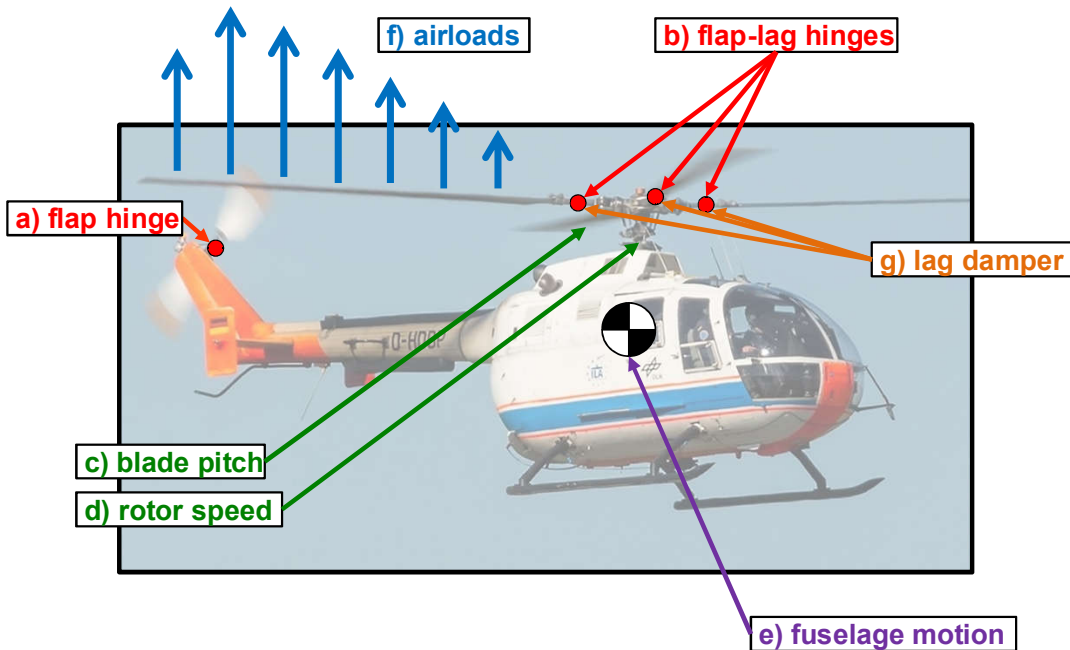
- Setup of the models
- Mapping of outputs/inputs



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# The Helicopter as a Multibody System



DLR's Eurocopter BO105  
Source: DLR Institute of Flight Systems

- helicopters consists of multiple bodies:
  - fuselage
  - main rotor hub
  - main rotor blades
  - tail rotor shaft
  - tail rotor seesaw
  - tail rotor blades
- the bodies are connected with different joints
- interesting problems when dealing with this MBS:
  - two-way coupling with aerodynamics models
  - very large (radial) forces at the rotor hub that (mostly) cancel out
  - trim to obtain controls for stable flight conditions



## Equations of Motion for a Rigid Multibody System

Equations of motion in *floating-frame of reference formulation* with constraints:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{r}} &= \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}), \\ \mathbf{M}\dot{\mathbf{v}} &= \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{r})^T \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \\ \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{r}) &= \mathbf{0},\end{aligned}$$

where

- $\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}$ : position, orientation, velocity & ang. velocity
- $\mathbf{g}$ : constraints induced by the joints
- $\mathbf{M}$ : mass matrix
- $\mathbf{h}$ : all forces (including pseudo-forces)
- $\mathbf{G}$ : constraint Jacobian  $\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{r}}\right)$
- $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ : vector of Lagrangian multipliers

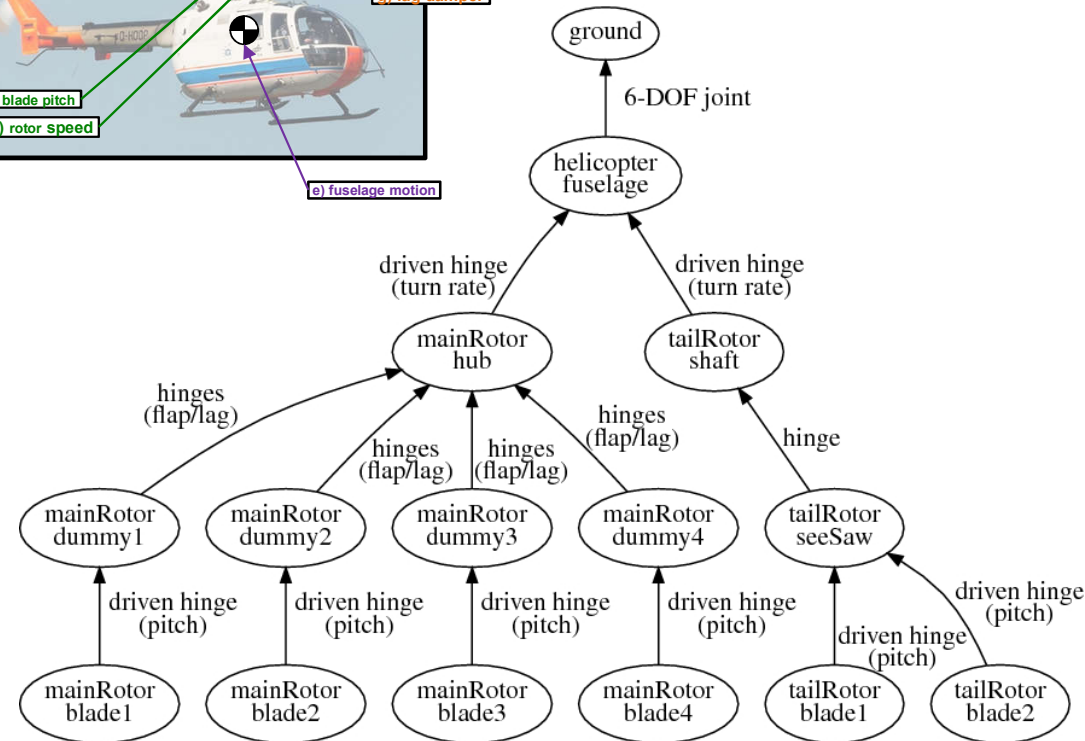
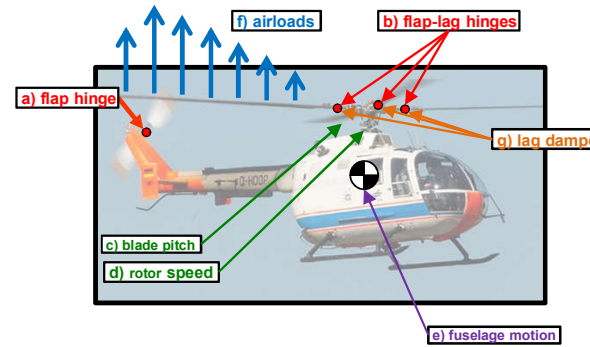


# Open-Loop Multibody Systems

- "Open-loop": the topological graph is a tree
- Globally valid set of minimal coordinates:  
**joint states**

## Advantages:

- constraint equations are automatically fulfilled  
→ no difficulty with large forces at rotor hub
- the trim problem can be described with much less parameters





## Reduced Equations of Motion

### Original eq. of motion

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{r} &= f(r, v), \\ M\dot{v} &= h(r, v) + G(r)^T \lambda, \\ g(r) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

### Minimal coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} r &= r(s) \\ v &= v(s, u) \\ \text{such that} \\ g(r(s)) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

+ chain rule

### Reduced eq. of motion

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{s} &= F(s, u), \\ \tilde{M}(s, u) \dot{u} &= \tilde{h}(s, u) \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{M} = J_u^T M J_u, \quad J_u(s, u) = \frac{\partial v(s, u)}{\partial u}, \quad \tilde{h} = J_u^T (h - MH), \quad H(s, u) = J_s(s, u) F(s, u), \quad J_s(s, u) = \frac{\partial v(s, u)}{\partial s}$$



# Jacobians in a "Standard" implementation

$$\begin{pmatrix} j=1: \\ j=2: \\ j=3: \\ (etc.) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}^1 \\ \boldsymbol{\omega}^1 \\ \mathbf{v}^2 \\ \boldsymbol{\omega}^2 \\ \mathbf{v}^3 \\ \boldsymbol{\omega}^3 \\ (etc.) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s=1 & s=2 & s=3 & s=N \\ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{D}^{1k} & \tilde{\mathbf{r}}^l & \mathbf{D}^{1k} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{D}^{1k} \end{pmatrix} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \\ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}^{21} \mathbf{D}^{1k} & \mathbf{C}_2 \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{A}^{21} \mathbf{D}^{1k} \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{D}^{2k} & \tilde{\mathbf{r}}^l & \mathbf{D}^{2k} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{D}^{2k} \end{pmatrix} & \mathbf{0} & \\ etc. & ect. & \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{D}^{3k} & \dots \\ \dots & \mathbf{D}^{3k} \end{pmatrix} & (etc.) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{q}^1 \\ \dot{\Omega}^1 \end{pmatrix} : s=1 \\ \begin{pmatrix} \dot{q}^2 \\ \dot{\Omega}^2 \end{pmatrix} : s=2 \\ \begin{pmatrix} \dot{q}^3 \\ \dot{\Omega}^3 \end{pmatrix} : s=3 \\ (etc.) \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\mathbf{C}_2 = \mathbf{C}_1 \mathbf{D}^{1k} + \mathbf{A}^{21} \tilde{\mathbf{r}}^l \mathbf{D}^{1k}$ ,  $\mathbf{C}_1 = \tilde{\mathbf{r}}^l \mathbf{A}^{ji} - \mathbf{A}^{ji} \tilde{\mathbf{r}}^k - \mathbf{A}^{ji} \dot{\mathbf{d}}^s$

This is only the assembly of the Jacobian matrix (assuming that all entries of the Jacobian are already known!)



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!within kinematics loop: write/ add up Tzx-entries!

!***entry part copied and transformed from previous body to account for ALL previous joints' dependencies: ***
!...as well as the previous bodies' deformation velocities (not including deformation velocity of the from-marker of the current
hx4 = matmul(Tilde(rkTo), Aji) - matmul(Aji, Tilde(rkFr + dsi))
pp = p !double-p used for indexing in EXTRA LOOP:
do l = level-1, 1, -1
  offset_pp = this$IndexOff(pp)
  !>the way vj depends on all xII included in vi AND omegai:
  Tzx(offset_n1:offset_n3, offset_pp+1:offset_pp+this$SubMatDim(pp)) = &
  & matmul(Aji, Tzx(offset_p1:offset_p3, offset_pp+1:offset_pp+this$SubMatDim(pp))) &
  & + matmul(hx4, Tzx(offset_p4:offset_p6, offset_pp+1:offset_pp+this$SubMatDim(pp)))
  !>the way omegaj depends on all xII included in omegai:
  Tzx(offset_n4:offset_n6, offset_pp+1:offset_pp+this$SubMatDim(pp)) = &
  & matmul(Aji, Tzx(offset_p4:offset_p6, offset_pp+1:offset_pp+this$SubMatDim(pp)))
  pp = this$TreeStructureMatrix(pp,2)
end do
!*****

!***entry part resulting from current body's joint's from-marker deformation velocities*****
! (from-marker of the joint of the current body is located on previous body, and thus, depends on q2 of prev. body)
!...1. the previous body is of type FlexModBody
select type(PrevBody => this$Bodies(p)$Body)
  type is (MbsFlexModBody_type)
  !...2. the from-marker is of type FlexModMarker
  select type(FromMarker => this$Bodies(n)$Body$joint$FromMarker)
    type is (MbsFlexModMarker_type)
    !> +the way vj depends on q2 OF PREVIOUS BODY (due to deformation-velocity of current body's from marker):
    Tzx(offset_n1:offset_n3, offset_p7:offset_p7+this$SubMatDim(pp)) = &
    & matmul(Aji, FromMarker$Tkit(:,7:)) &
    & - matmul(Tilde(dsi), FromMarker$Tkir(:,7:))
    !> +the way omegaj depends on q2 OF PREVIOUS BODY (due to deformation-velocity of current body's from marker):
    Tzx(offset_n4:offset_n6, offset_p7:offset_p7+this$SubMatDim(pp)) = &
    & matmul(Aji, FromMarker$Tkir(:,7:))
    ! Note: q2 of current body does not kinematically depend on q2 of previous body.
  end select
end select
!*****

!***entry part which results from the current joint's (relative) motion: *****
!> +the way vj depends on Vs:
Tzx(offset_n1:offset_n3, offset_n1:offset_n3) = Tzx(offset_n1:offset_n3, offset_n1:offset_n3) + Djk
!> omegaj does not depend on Vs; thus nothing has to be added:
!Tzx(offset_n4:offset_n6, offset_n1:offset_n3) = Tzx(offset_n4:offset_n6, offset_n1:offset_n3)
!> +the way vj depends on Omega_s
Tzx(offset_n1:offset_n3, offset_n4:offset_n6) = Tzx(offset_n1:offset_n3, offset_n4:offset_n6) + matmul(Tilde(rkTo), Djk)
!> +the way omegaj depends on Omega_s
Tzx(offset_n4:offset_n6, offset_n4:offset_n6) = Tzx(offset_n4:offset_n6, offset_n4:offset_n6) + Djk
!*****

!***entry part which results from the current body's deformation velocities: *****
!...1. the current body is of type FlexModBody
select type(CurrBody => this$Bodies(n)$Body)
  type is (MbsFlexModBody_type)
  !...2. the to-marker is of type FlexModMarker
  select type(ToMarker => CurrBody$joint$ToMarker)
    type is (MbsFlexModMarker_type)
    !> +the way vj depends on q2:
    Tzx(offset_n1:offset_n3, offset_n7:offset_n6+CurrBody$Inq) = &
    & Tzx(offset_n1:offset_n3, offset_n7:offset_n6+CurrBody$Inq) - ToMarker$Tkit(:,7:))
    !> +the way omegaj depends on q2:
    Tzx(offset_n4:offset_n6, offset_n7:offset_n6+CurrBody$Inq) = &
    & Tzx(offset_n4:offset_n6, offset_n7:offset_n6+CurrBody$Inq) - ToMarker$Tkir(:,7:))
    !> +the way q2 depends on q2 (identity):
  end select
do mode = 1, CurrBody$Inq
  Tzx(offset_n6+mode, offset_n6+mode) = 1.
end do
end select
!*****
    
```



# Basics of (Forward-Mode) Automatic Differentiation

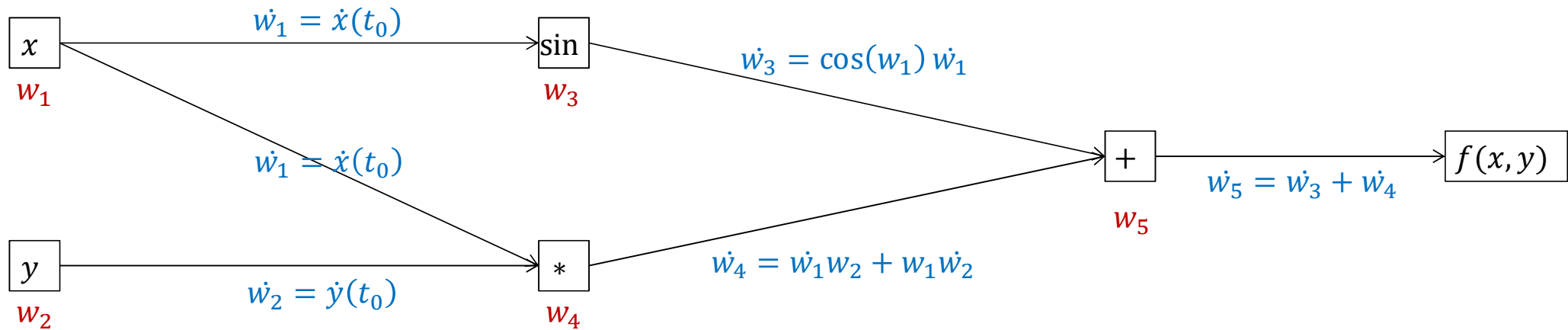
calculation of  $v = v(s, u)$  is a **composition** of "simpler" operations (coordinate transformations)



with **Automatic Differentiation (AD)**, such functions can easily be differentiated by the **chain rule**

**Example:** (from [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Automatic\\_differentiation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Automatic_differentiation))

$f(x(t), y(t)) = x(t)y(t) + \sin x(t)$ , compute  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}$  at  $t = t_0$



## Automatic Differentiation with the Eigen library

```
    ///! compute the joints' relative kinematics
    ///!
    ///! input parameters and return values correspond to JointTypeContainer::relativeKinematics
    template< typename scalarType >
    void relativeKinematics_impl( const vect<scalarType> &posStates,
                                const vect<scalarType> &velStates,
                                Kinematics< scalarType > &relKinematics ) const
    {
        relKinematics.resize( num );

        // a hinge does not imply any translational relative movement
        relKinematics.position = {num, vect3<scalarType>::Zero()};
        relKinematics.velocity = {num, vect3<scalarType>::Zero()};

        // a hinge does imply a specific rotational relative movement
        for (index i=0; i<num; i++)
        {
            relKinematics.orientation[i] = quaterniont<scalarType>( Eigen::AngleAxis<scalarType>(posStates(i), axes[i]) );

            relKinematics.angularVelocity[i] = velStates(i)*axes[i];
        }
    }
}
```



## Automatic Differentiation with the Eigen library

```
{
  // jacobian wrt position states
  const std::function<vect<AD::scalar>(vect<AD::scalar>>> f =
    [&jointVelStates, &flexibleStates, &drivenPos, &drivenVel, this](vect<AD::scalar> x)->vect<AD::scalar>
  {
    const vect<AD::scalar> dynStates{dynamicStates(x,
      vect<AD::scalar>(jointVelStates),
      vect<AD::scalar>(flexibleStates),
      vect<AD::scalar>(drivenPos),
      vect<AD::scalar>(drivenVel) ) };

    // check total number of dynamics states (note that ground with 6 pseudo-states is included in the overall dynamic states)
    assert(dynStates.size() == bodies.numDynamicStates());

    return dynStates;
  };

  jacobianWrtPosStates = jacobian(f, jointPosStates, bodies.numDynamicStates(), jointPosStates.rows());
}
```



# Automatic Differentiation with the Eigen library

```

// compute the Jacobian matrix of a function
matt<scalar> jacobian(const std::function<vect<AD::scalar>(vect<AD::scalar>>> &f, const vect<scalar> &input, const index numValues, const index numInputs)
{
    assert( input.rows() == numInputs );

    matt<scalar> jacobianMatrix(numValues, numInputs);
    vect<AD::scalar> inputActive(numInputs);

    vect<AD::scalar> fVal(numValues);

    // compute derivative wrt to i'th variable
    for (index j=0; j<numInputs; j+=AD_vectorSize)
    {
        inputActive = input;
        // make i'th variable 'active'
        for (index k=j; k<std::min(numInputs,j+AD_vectorSize); k++)
            inputActive(k) = AD::scalar(input(k), AD_vectorSize, k-j); // Δ implicit conversion changes signedness: 'VAST::MBS::index' (aka 'unsigned long long')

        // apply f
        fVal = f(inputActive);

        // get derivative of every component of f
        for (index k=j; k<std::min(numInputs,j+AD_vectorSize); k++)
            for (index i=0; i<numValues; i++)
                jacobianMatrix(i, k) = fVal(i).derivatives()(k-j, 0); // Δ implicit conversion changes signedness: 'VAST::MBS::index' (aka 'unsigned long long')
    }

    return jacobianMatrix;
}

```



## Advantages of Automatic Differentiation

### By using automatic differentiation:

- we obtain **exact values of the derivatives** (no numerical differentiation)
- the code is much **easier to understand and maintain**
- the code is easier to extend (no need to calculate derivatives "on paper" for, e.g., new joint types)
- opportunity to extend the software to flexible bodies or "close-loop" parts (→ next slides)



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# How to Include Flexible Bodies

**Holistic rigid body-specific eq. of motion**

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{r} &= f(r, v), \\ M\dot{v} &= h(r, v) + G(r)^T \lambda, \\ g(r) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



**Eq. of motion on a "by-body" basis**

for body  $i = 1, \dots, n$   
 with "dynamic states"  $x_i$  and flexible states  $q_i$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x_i &= \text{dyn}_i(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, q_1, \dots, q_i) \\ M_i \dot{x}_i &= \text{rhs}_i(x_1, \dots, x_i, q_1, \dots, q_i) \end{aligned}$$

+ joint constraints



Jacobians in  $\tilde{M}, \tilde{h}$ :

$$\frac{\partial \text{dyn}}{\partial s}, \quad \frac{\partial \text{dyn}}{\partial u}, \quad \frac{\partial \text{dyn}}{\partial q}$$

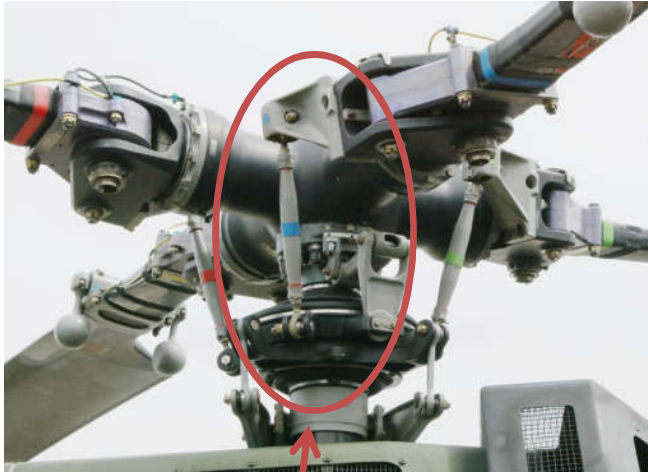
**Reduced eq. of motion**  
 joint states  $s, u$ , flex states  $q$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{s} &= F(s, u), \\ \tilde{M}(s, u, q) \begin{pmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{q} \end{pmatrix} &= \tilde{h}(s, u, q) \end{aligned}$$



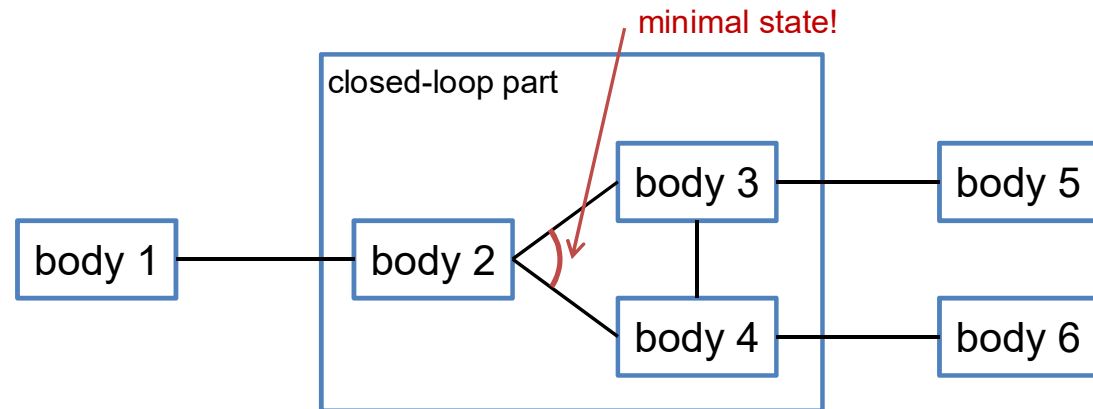


## How to Include Closed-Loop Parts



control rods  
at the rotor hub

Inside the "global" open-loop structure, there are only some "closed-loop parts" relevant at this stage of helicopter design



Closed-loop parts behave like a flexible body!

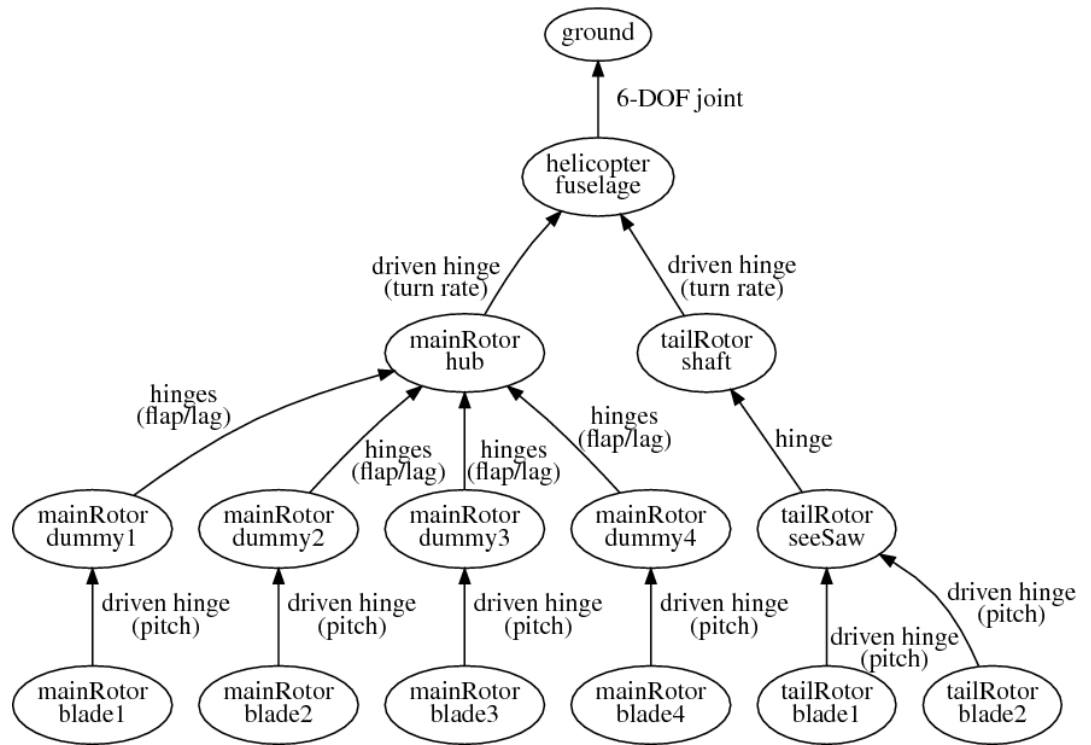
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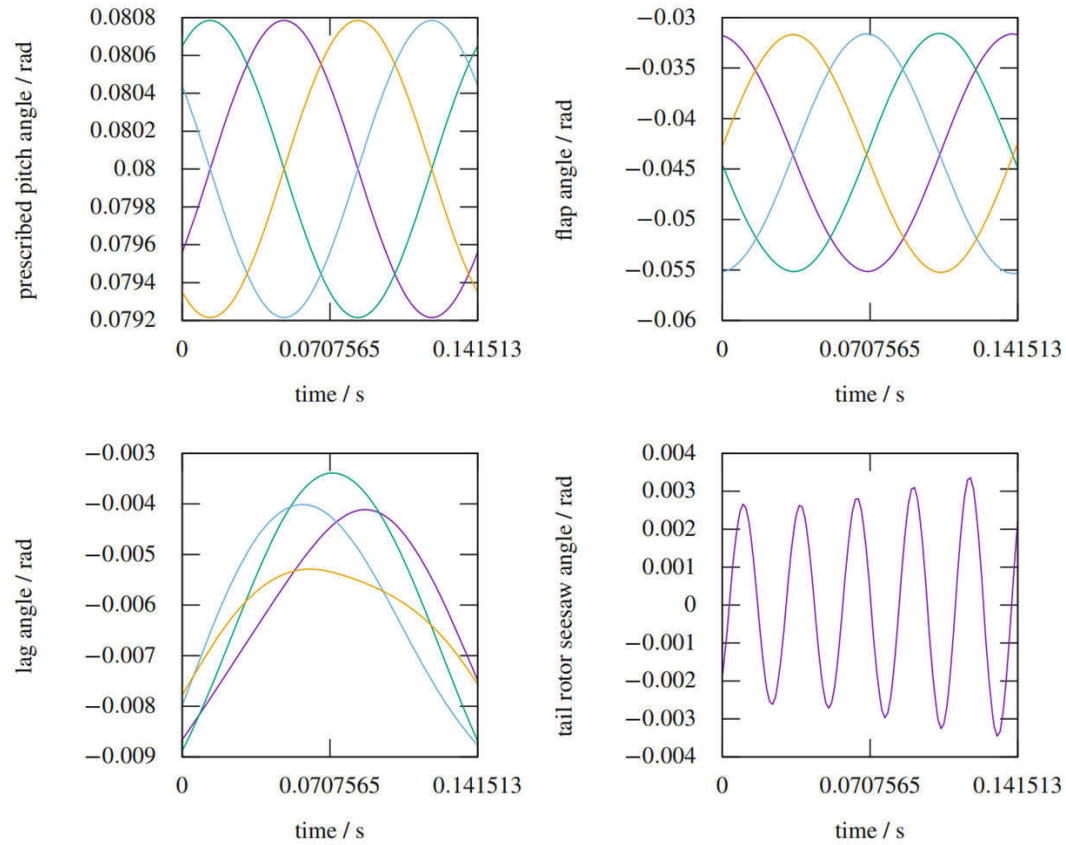
# Simulation Results I: The Free-Flying Helicopter

## Aeromechanic Simulation

- MBS incorporates
  - fuselage
  - main rotor, tail rotor (with constant turn rate)
  - main rotor blades connected via flap- and lead-lag hinges
  - structural damping of lead-lag motion via force element
  - (driven) pitch angle
  - tail rotor, which features a so-called "seesaw"
- Coupled with simple aeromechanics for rotor, fuselage, and empennage



# Simulation Results I: The Free-Flying Helicopter



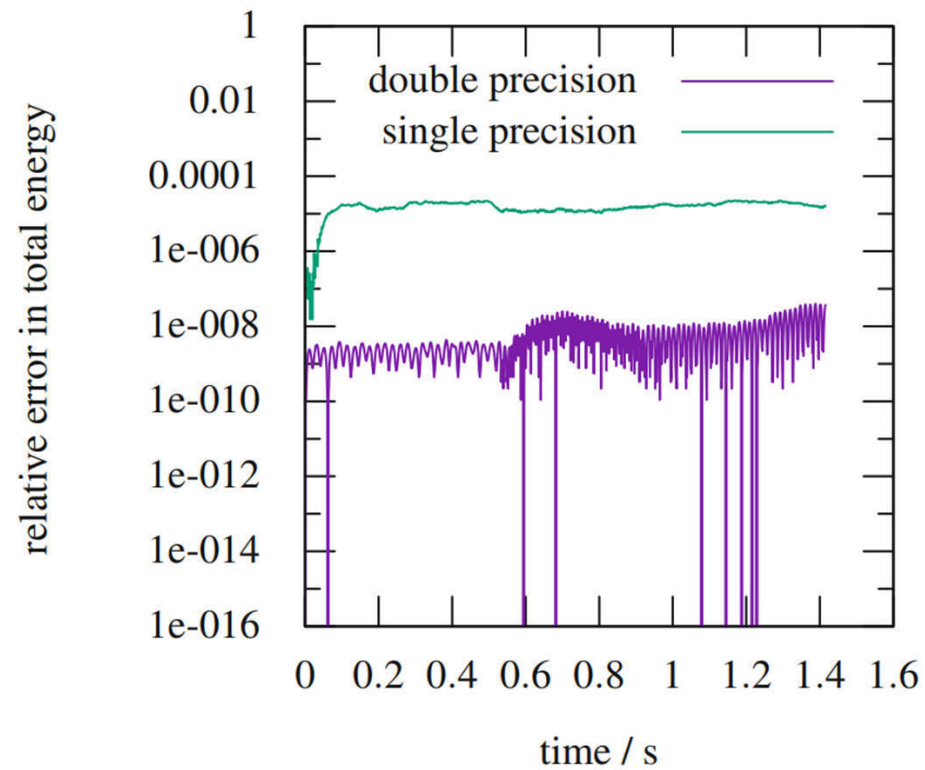
## Simulation Results II: Check Energy Conservation

### Purely structural analysis

- Same MBS as before, but
  - no energy sources: driven joints
  - no energy sinks: dampers, external forces
- No aerodynamics
- Solver uses an **explicit** time integration scheme

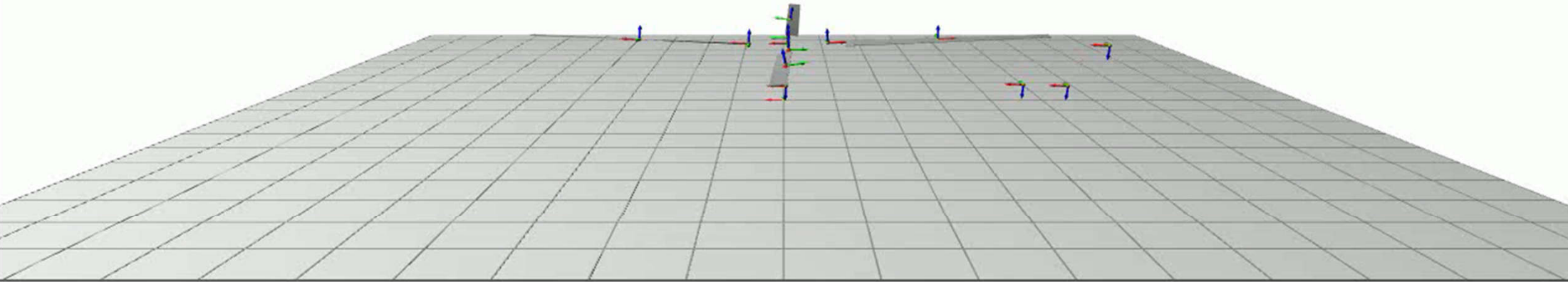


## Simulation Results II: Check Energy Conservation

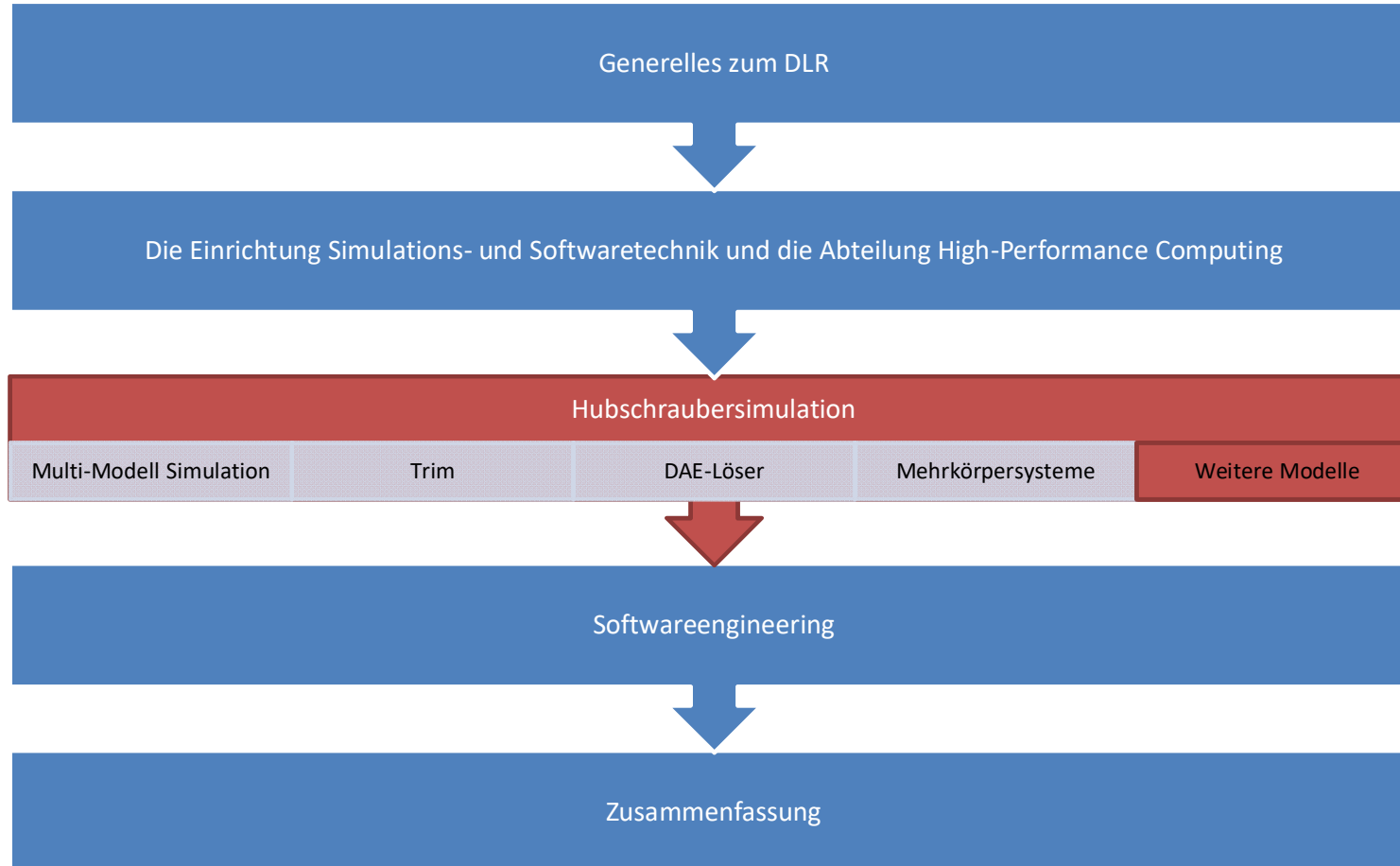


## Simulation Results III: Trimmed Free-Flight

1 m/s forward flight, 18 °/s turn rate → 360°/20 s



# Overview



## Other Models in VAST

### Aerodynamics

- fuselage-airflow interaction
- dynamic wake
- inflow
- rotor airloads
- tailrotor aerodynamics

### Control

- pilot control
- swashplate

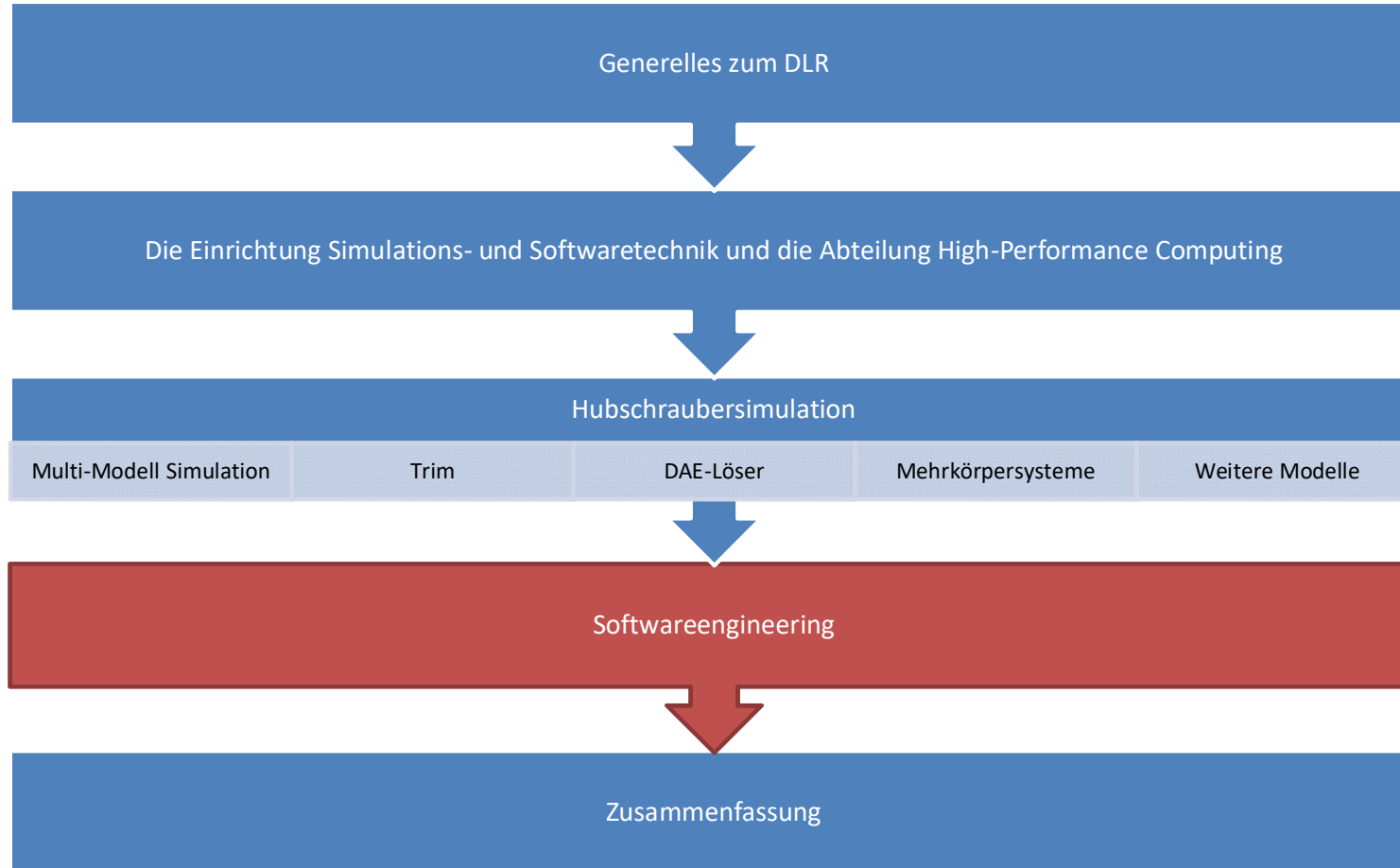
### Structure

- 1D Beam Equations
- FE rotor
- Intrinsic Beam
- Single Body
- Component Rotor
- SIMPACK coupling





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Version Control



Graph	Actions	Message	Author	Date
		Working tree changes		
		<b>master</b> merge branch 'gui' into master	H. Fischer, Johannes	27.11.2019 19:41:29
		Merge branch 'gui' into master	Peter Grollmann	25.11.2019 15:57:40
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		GUI_REF implement_guiData: implement a test scenario in struct file	Peter Grollmann	25.11.2019 15:34:54
		GUI_REF implement_guiData: Add description element test_guiData/D	Peter Grollmann	25.11.2019 14:10:47
		GUI_REF implement_guiData: Add test for guiData.cpp	Peter Grollmann	25.11.2019 14:07:33
		GUI_REF implement_guiData: Update GUI guiData test, use get editor	Peter Grollmann	25.11.2019 13:51:39
		GUI_REF implement_guiData: Adjust guiData test for single-button test	Peter Grollmann	25.11.2019 13:43:43
		GUI_REF implement_guiData: Add test for guiData test.cpp	Peter Grollmann	25.11.2019 12:38:29
		GUI_REF implement_guiData: implement test for implementation of guiData	Peter Grollmann	25.11.2019 10:42:14
		GUI_REF implement_guiData: Add test_gui_result.cpp to implement test data	Peter Grollmann	25.11.2019 10:17:57
		GUI_REF implement_guiData: Remove obsolete guiData.cpp	Peter Grollmann	25.11.2019 09:45:17
		GUI_REF implement_guiData: Remove guiData test from guiData test	Peter Grollmann	25.11.2019 08:54:56
		GUI_REF implement_guiData: Add support guiData	Peter Grollmann	22.11.2019 16:07:40
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		blade_geometry: update test data with space	Matthias	26.11.2019 14:46:31
		blade_geometry: update test data	Johannes Hoffmann	26.11.2019 14:17:49
		blade_geometry: update test data and long comments	Matthias	25.11.2019 13:34:06
		blade_geometry: update test data to example system test in long comments	Johannes Hoffmann	25.11.2019 10:52:12
		blade_geometry: update test data modify substitution paths (not complete)	Johannes Hoffmann	22.11.2019 19:20:06
		blade_geometry: update test data modify test data to use full geometry configuration from	Johannes Hoffmann	22.11.2019 18:25:51
		blade_geometry: update test data change test and corresponding substitutions	Johannes Hoffmann	22.11.2019 17:34:50
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		Merge branch 'master' into guiData_test	Matthias	27.11.2019 14:00:41
		Merge branch 'test_gui' into master	Ralf Jilka, Stefan	26.11.2019 17:00:01
		guide: add test to the list of authors, get symbols from	Matthias	26.11.2019 10:44:10
		elongation: update test data that external force moments are per unit length	Matthias	26.11.2019 10:43:46
		Merge branch 'cpp_mbs' into master	Ralf Jilka, Stefan	26.11.2019 16:59:52
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		CMake: remove files which compile files to other architectures	Matthias Hoffmann	20.11.2019 15:17:03
		cpp_mbs: update test data for compressing the test data (not for evaluation)	Matthias Hoffmann	20.11.2019 13:24:50
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		global_inflow: update test data to autogenerated file	Johannes Hoffmann	22.11.2019 13:55:29
		global_inflow: update test data test in global_inflow configuration	Johannes Hoffmann	22.11.2019 13:52:58
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		blade_geometry: update test data for single position + status selection	Matthias Hoffmann	20.11.2019 21:42:22
		BAM: fix test data for single position	Matthias Hoffmann	20.11.2019 21:39:44
		blade_geometry: update test data for single position	Matthias Hoffmann	20.11.2019 21:20:10

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## Merge Requests



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VAST VAST VAST\_playground Merge Requests #1417

**Open** Opened 1 hour ago by **Kontak, Max** 0 of 9 tasks completed Edit Close merge request

### C++-MBS: Remove variables from config and to make GUI work again.

Merge request check-list (for the reviewer):

- Is the main goal of the changes clear?
- Can everybody use or test the new features?
- Does everything build and run fine? Check the [Jenkins job!](#)
- Are the [Commit guidelines](#) respected?
- Are the [Coding guidelines](#) respected?
- Are there enough unit tests? Check the unit test coverage in Jenkins!
- Are there enough system tests (if needed)? Check the system test coverage in Jenkins!
- Was the user manual updated? Verify that all new documentation files were added!
- Does the master build and run fine? Check the [Jenkins job!](#) (otherwise fix the master first)

**Request to merge** `cpp_mbs_xsd_fix` into `master` Open in Web IDE Check out branch Download

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**Kontak, Max** 1 hour ago Developer

... later, but fixing the GUI was the first priority for now. Maybe you simply adapt the system tests in other branches accordingly, while we search for a better solution.

**Write** Preview

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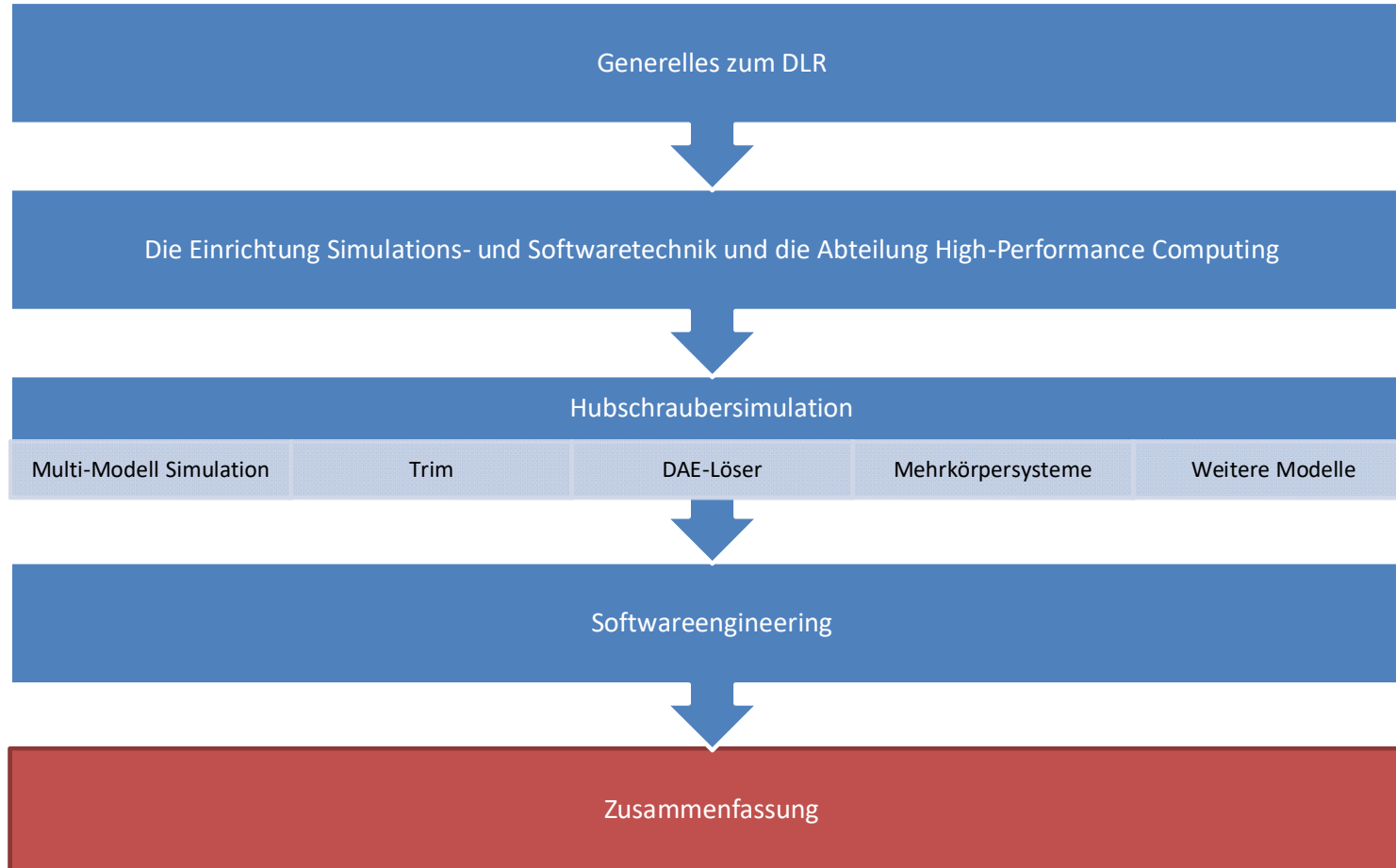
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cpp\_mbs\_xsd\_fix - Stage View

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