

# Traceable On-Machine Measurements of Gas Turbine Parts

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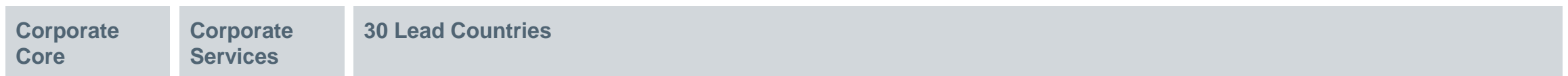
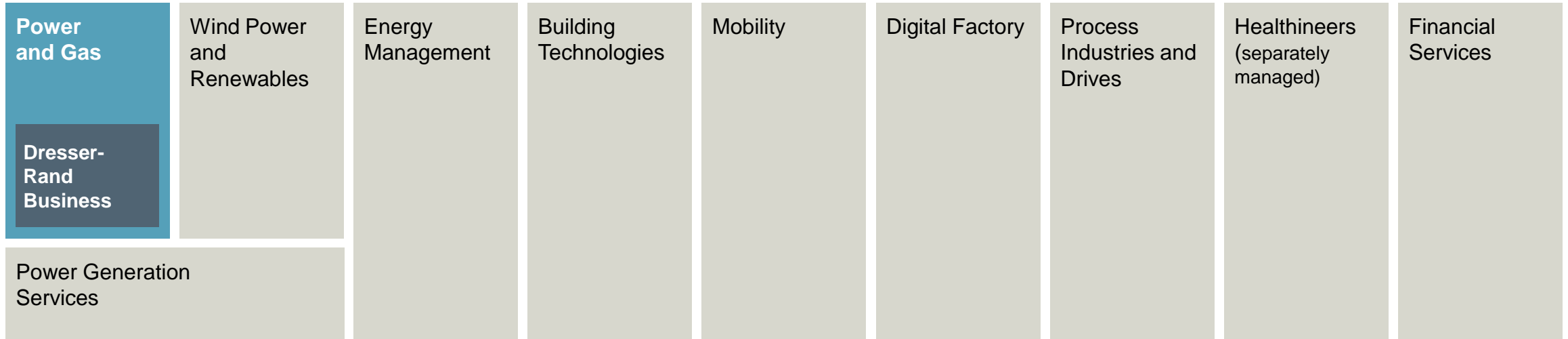
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# Power and Gas – a powerful player within Siemens





# Power and Service presence – Close to customers all over the world

New equipment manufacturing sites  
complemented by dedicated service sites worldwide

## Berlin, Erlangen, Muelheim

- Europe
- Russia / Central Asia
- Africa

## Orlando

- Canada
- USA

## Bogotá

- Brazil
- Austral-Andina
- Meso-America

## Shanghai

- Japan
- Northeast Asia

## Dubai

- Middle East
- Central Africa

## Singapore

- South Asia
- ASEAN
- Pacific

# The heart of a power plant – Siemens heavy-duty gas turbine



Proven  
technology

>1,000  
gas turbines

delivered in  
more than

60  
countries

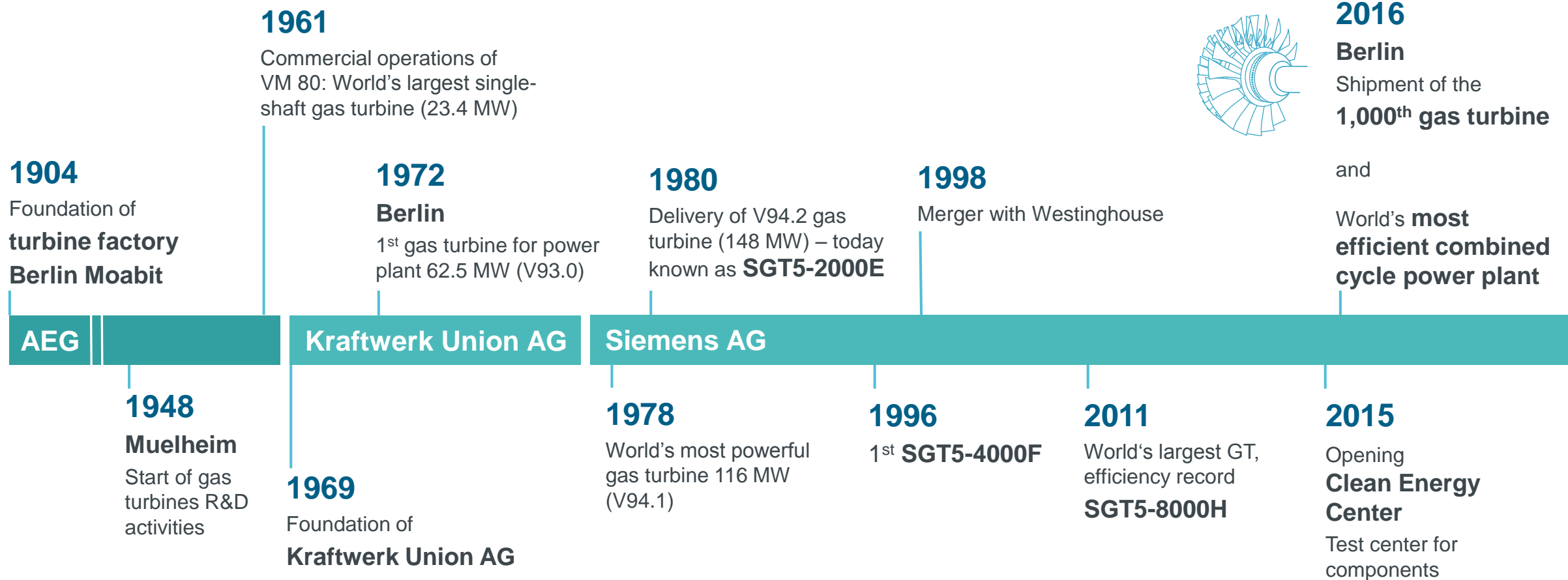
- Highest reliability: > 99%
- Power output between 117 and 564 MW
- Highest efficiency: 61%\*
- Environmental friendliness with lowest emission values
- Flexibility



## In Berlin, we generate customer benefit

# Siemens has more than 65 years experience in gas turbine technology

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# Technology that matters – proven, reliable, innovative

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1991 **50%**



**SGT5-2000E**  
CCPP Killingholme  
2x1 / 2 x 450 MW

1999 **56%**



**SGT5-4000F** (intro)  
CCPP Cottam  
1S / 390 MW

2008 **58.5%**



**SGT5-4000F** (latest upgrade)  
CCPP Mainz-Wiesbaden  
1x1 / 405 MW

2011 **60%**



**SGT5-8000H** (intro)  
CCPP Irsching 4  
1S / 578 MW

2016 **61.5%**



**SGT5-8000H**  
CCPP Lausward Fortuna  
1S / 603.8 MW

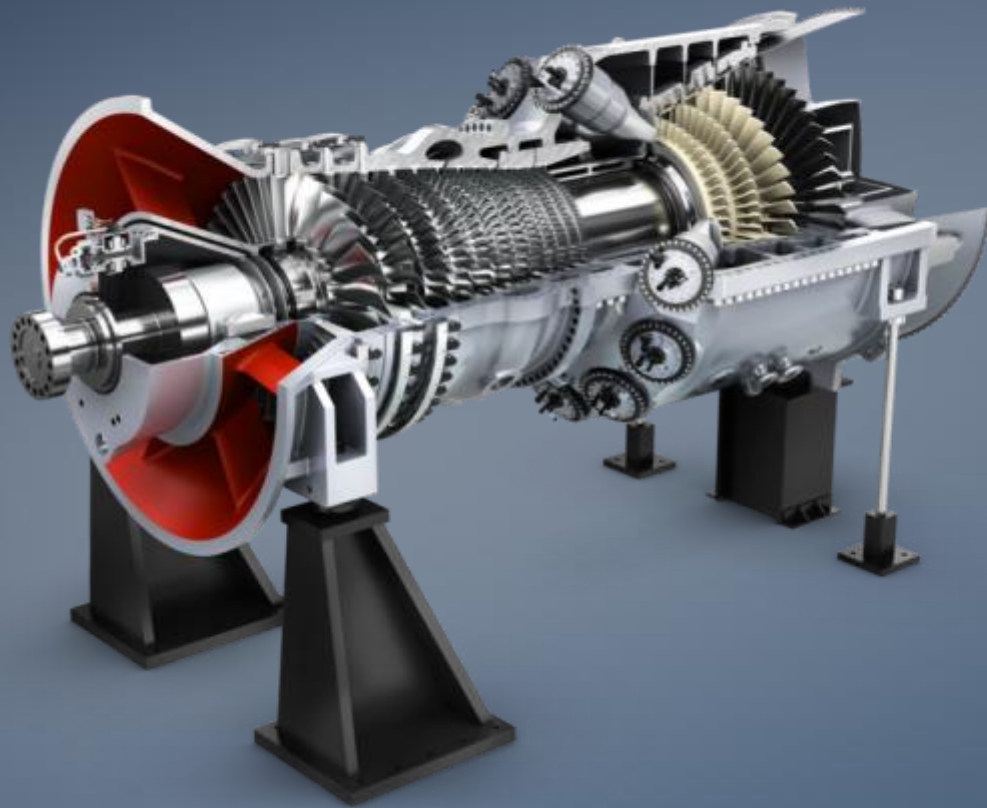
## 25 years of world-class combined cycle performance

Reference examples | All performance data based on ISO conditions on site

# The new HL-class: An evolutionary development step from proven H-class design

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## SGT5-9000HL / SGT6-9000HL / SGT5-8000HL



## HL-class: Technology carrier to 65 %

- Continuing the leadership trend in proven, high-efficiency, air-cooled large gas turbines
- Pushing efficiency and performance to the next level
- Optimized for lowest lifecycle costs and operational flexibility

## Joined DNA based on proven H-class design

- Air-cooled
- Hirth serration and single tie-bolt rotor
- 3D 4-stage turbine
- Hydraulic Clearance Optimization (HCO)
- Steel rotor
- Can annular combustion system



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# Current Process

Procedure is applied for each measurement step

## Preparation

- Wait for lubricant disappearance
- Put on and secure climbing harness
- Install ladder and climb into machine
- Diameter: inside micrometer screws

## Measurement

- Length and groove width: sensor and plunger equipment
- Groove depth: caliper gauge

## Clean Up

- Remove ladder and put measurement devices in boxes
- Climb out of machine and harness

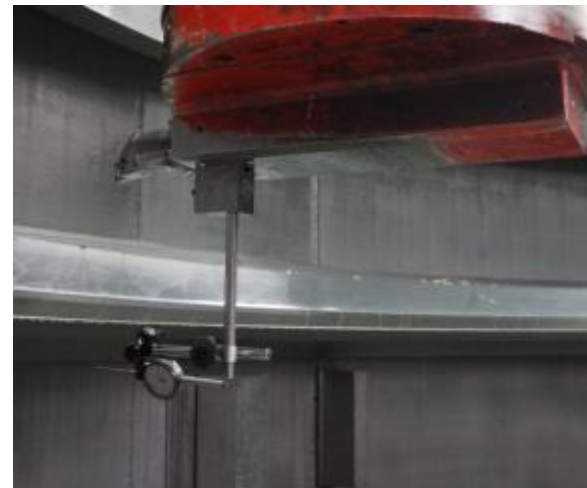
## Data Transfer

- Calculate measured values and type into tool wear
- Store measuring data on paper sheets



# Motivation

- Machining interruption for each measurement step
  - Machine operator has to measure manually
  - Workplace safety is worthy of improvement due to certain circumstances within measurement operation in large casing part
  - Several measurements tools have to be used inside the part
- Measurement process plays a large part in the total processing time





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- **Traceable on-machine measurements of gas turbine parts**
  - Use tactile measurement probe for automated on-machine measurement process
  - Establish appropriate monitoring system in order to ensure required measurement process quality & stability

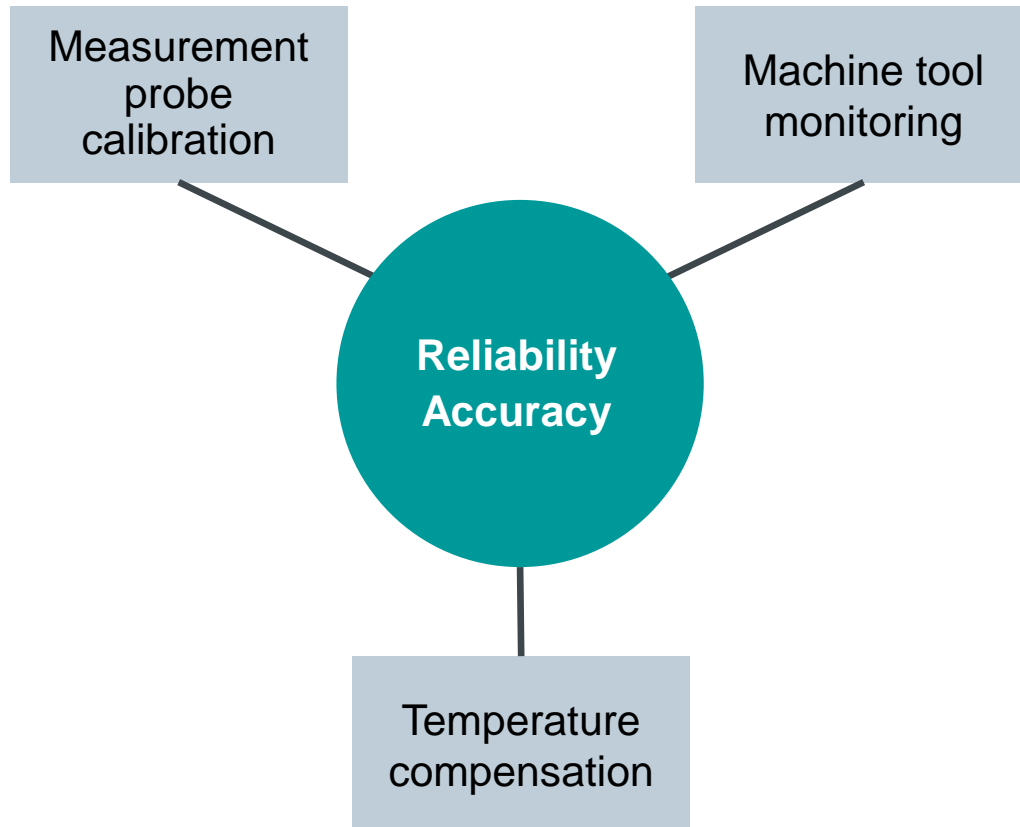
- Calibration routine for measurement probe
- Calibration routine for machine tool
- Temperature compensation for continuous stability of measurement process

## Idea

- Knowledge about systematic and random errors in order to determine process capability of machine tool for on-machine measurements
- Compensation of influential factors
- Ensure measurement process stability

## Challenge

### 3 Factors to obtain reliability and accuracy



#### **Machine tool monitoring**

- Ensure no changing in position accuracy
- Perform appropriate machine tool calibration routine

#### **Measurement probe calibration**

- Determines diameter and length of measurement probe in fact of wear or damage

#### **Temperature compensation**

- Mandatory to ensure measurement capability in the entire temperature range
- Selects compensation tables based on present temperature of axes



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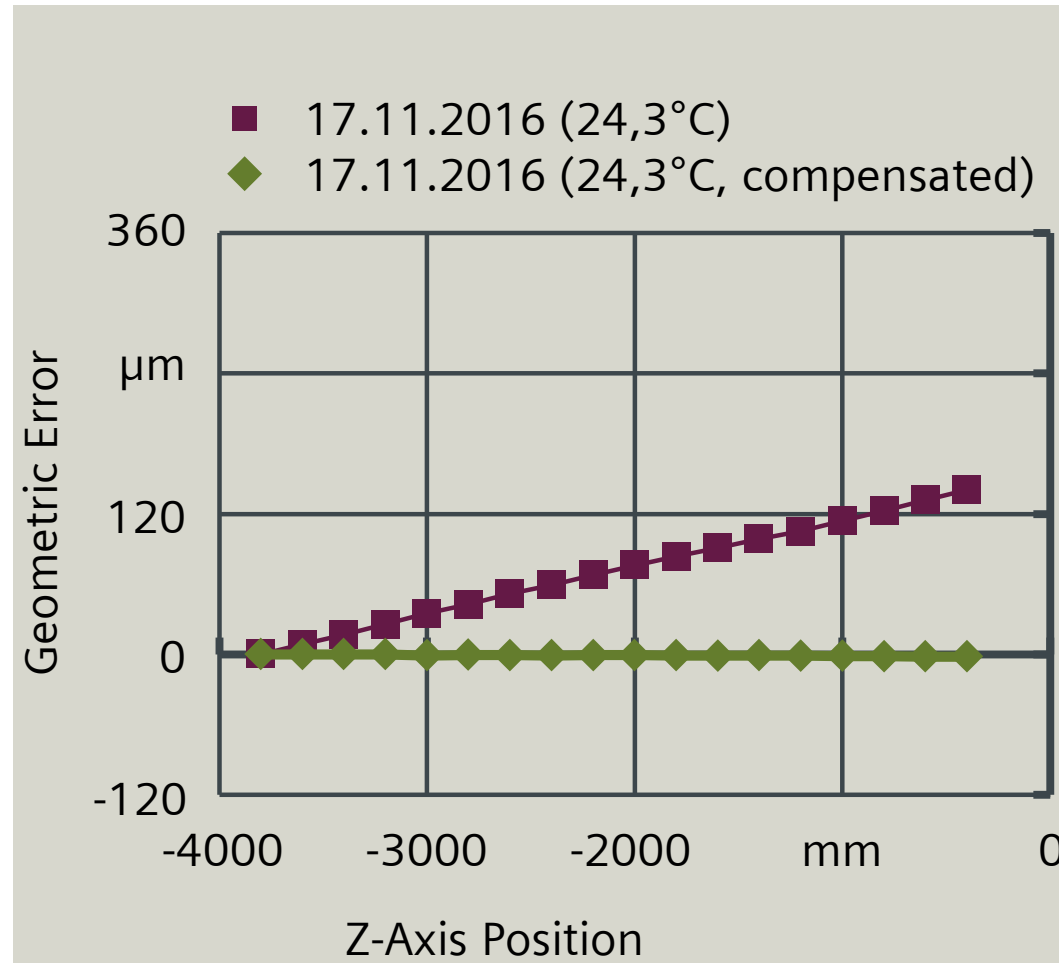
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# Theoretical determination of machine tool capability

## Z-Axis positioning error (EZZ – ISO 230-1)

Determine theoretical capability for on-machine measurements by calibrating machine tool:

- Z-Axis positioning error (EZZ) is the major influencing factor for positioning errors in Z-direction
  - Z-Axis positioning error (EZZ) in November is about  $40\mu\text{m}/\text{m}$
- Z-Axis positioning error in November is compensated significantly



**Calibration of machine tool:**  
Large vertical turning center, Waldrich Coburg

**Geometric Error (ISO 230-1):**  
EZZ (Positioning error of Z-Axis)

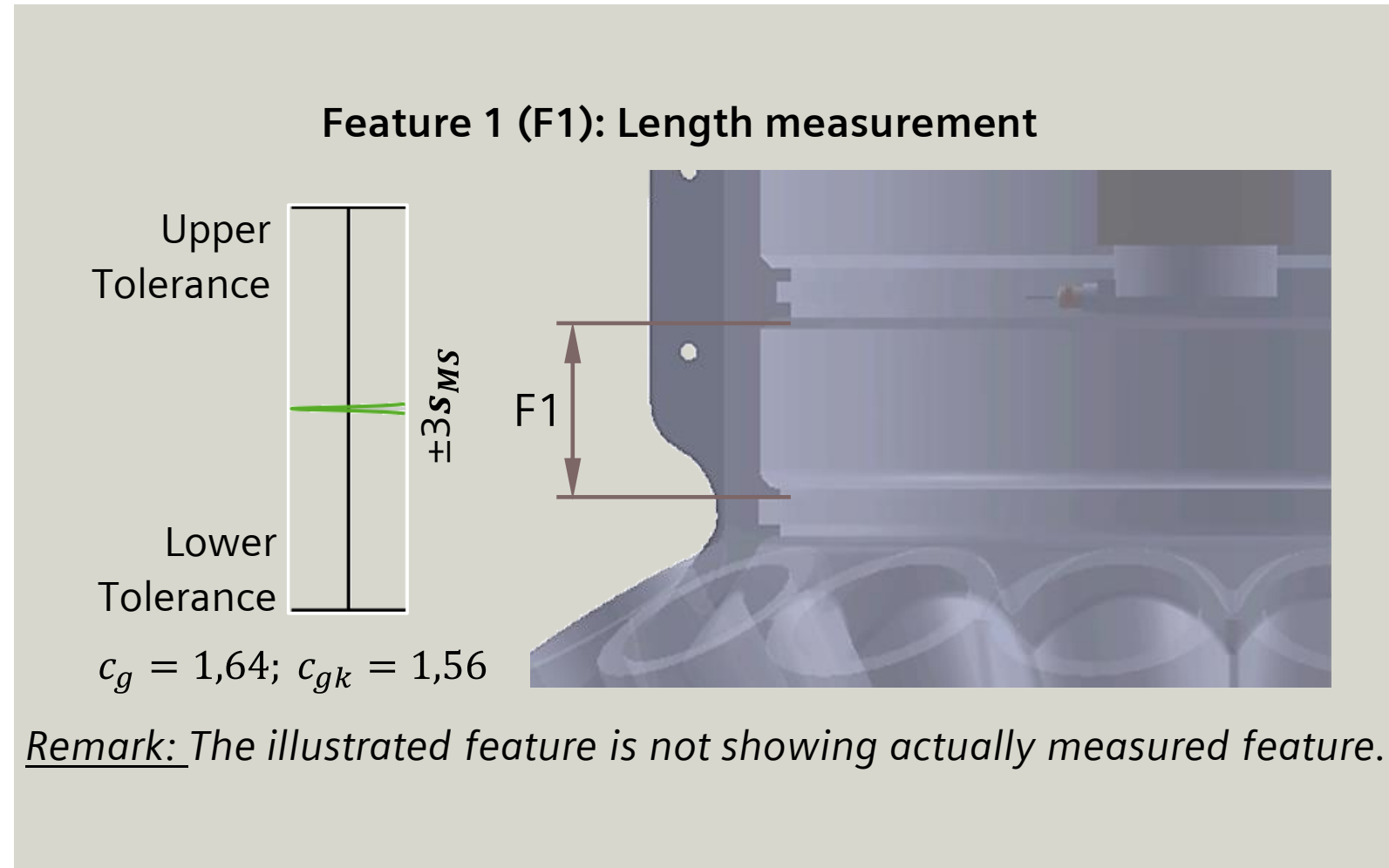
**Measurement device:**  
API XD-Laser

# Practical verification of process capability

## Process capability (ISO 22514-7) for challenging measurement feature

Practical verification of process capability for on-machine measurements by measuring repeatedly with touch trigger probe:

- As a characteristic the measurement probe and the tool holder were changed after each measurement
- Feature is closely tolerated (<0,1mm)
- Process capability is about 1,64  
→ Process is capable ( $c_g > 1,33$ )



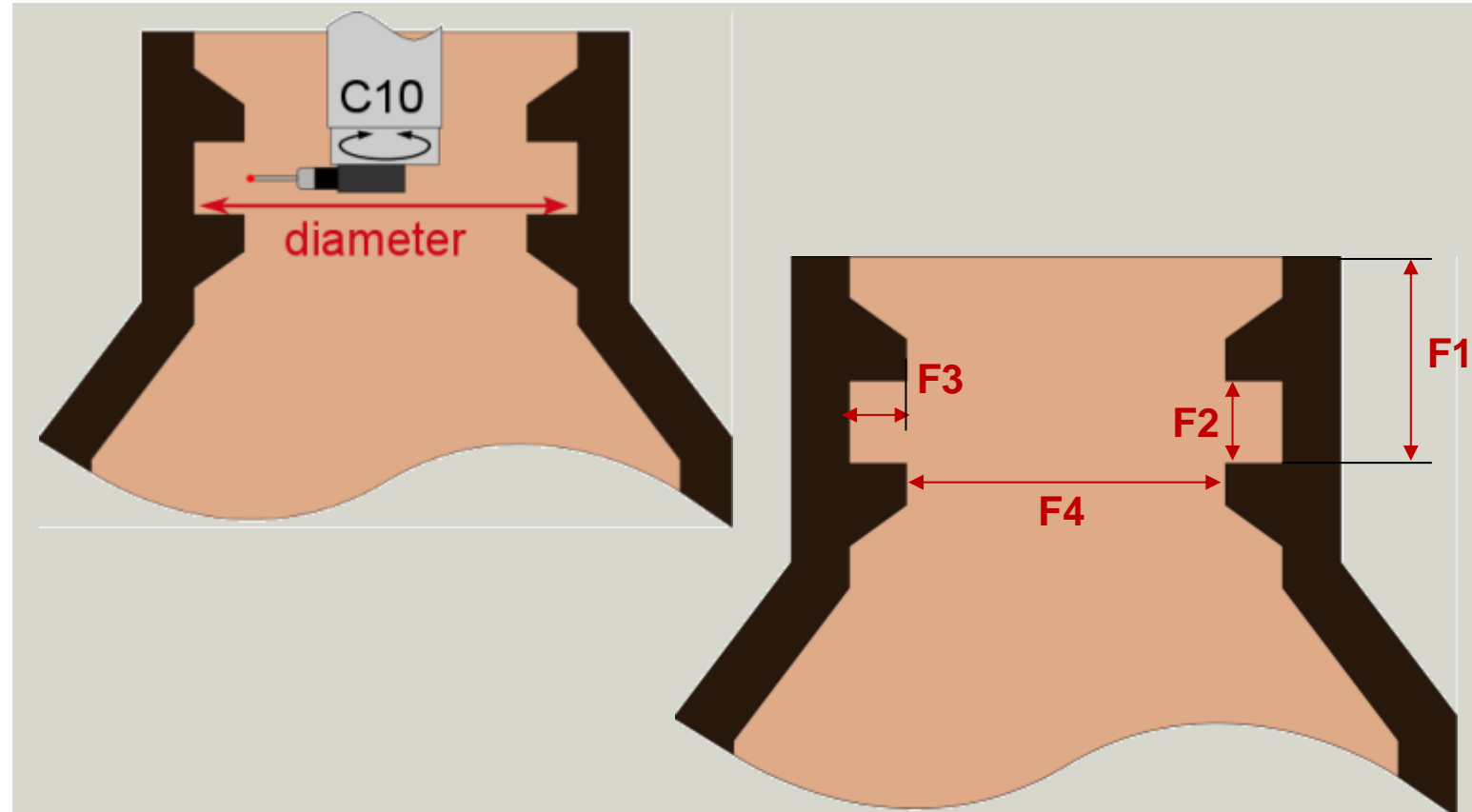


# Practical verification of minimum process capability

## Minimum process capability (ISO 22514-7) typical measurement features

Comparative measurements with laser tracker and conventional measurement method are performed as reference for minimum process capability:

- Laser tracker is not suitable for measurement task
- Compared with conventional measurement method the process is capable ( $c_{gk} > 1,33$ ) for almost all measured features



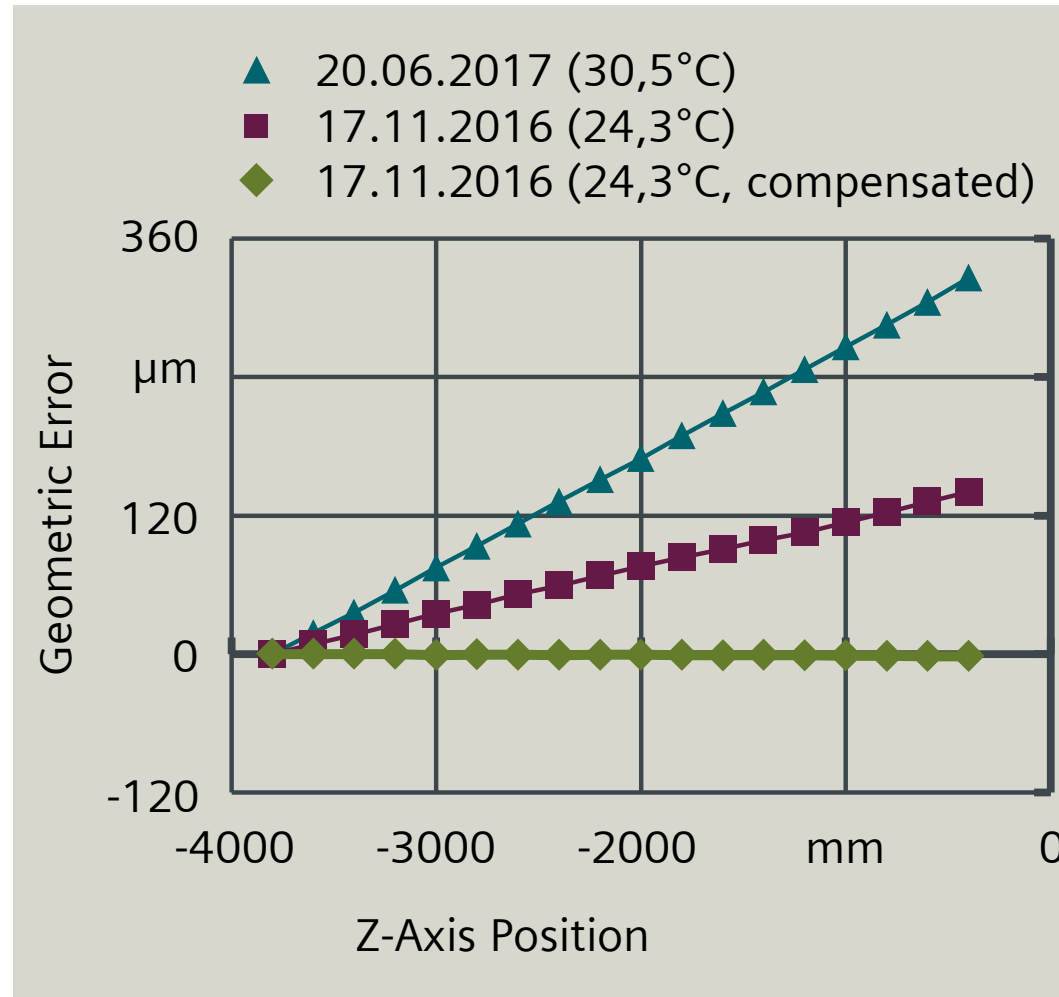
*Remark: F1-F4 are typical measurement features*

# Determination of temperature stability

## Z-Axis positioning error (EZZ – ISO 230-1)

Determine temperature stability for on-machine measurements by calibrating machine tool on different dates:

- Z-Axis positioning error in November is about 40µm/m
  - Z-Axis positioning error in June is about 80µm/m
- Changes in temperature have a major influence on positioning errors of machine tool axes
- Temperature range for capable measurement of closely tolerated feature F1 is about  $\pm 1,5^{\circ}\text{C}$



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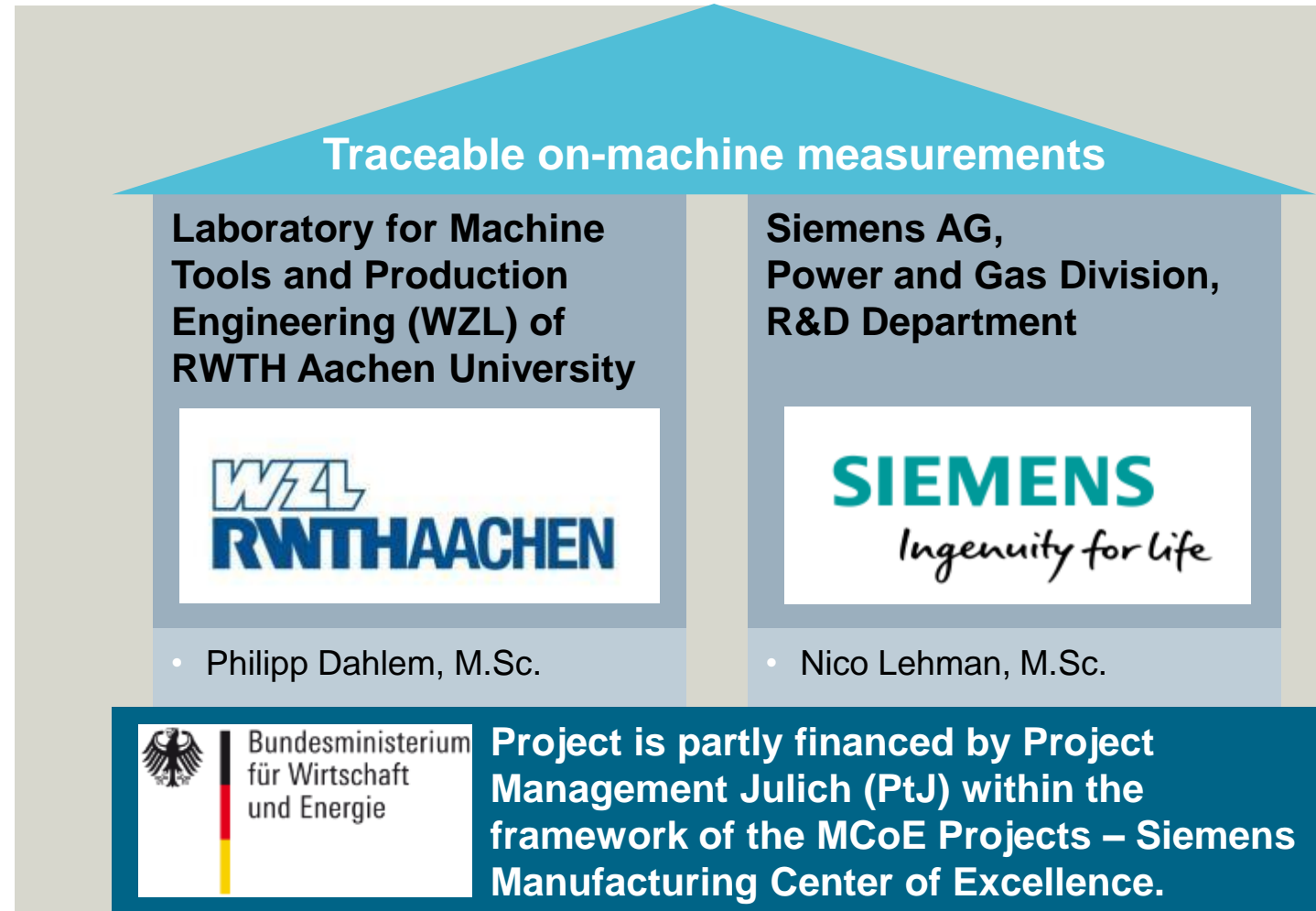
## Next Steps:

- Collect more measuring data for qualify automated measurement process
- Implement developed solution for temperature compensation
- Establish calibration routine with laser tracker as monitoring concept for machine tool



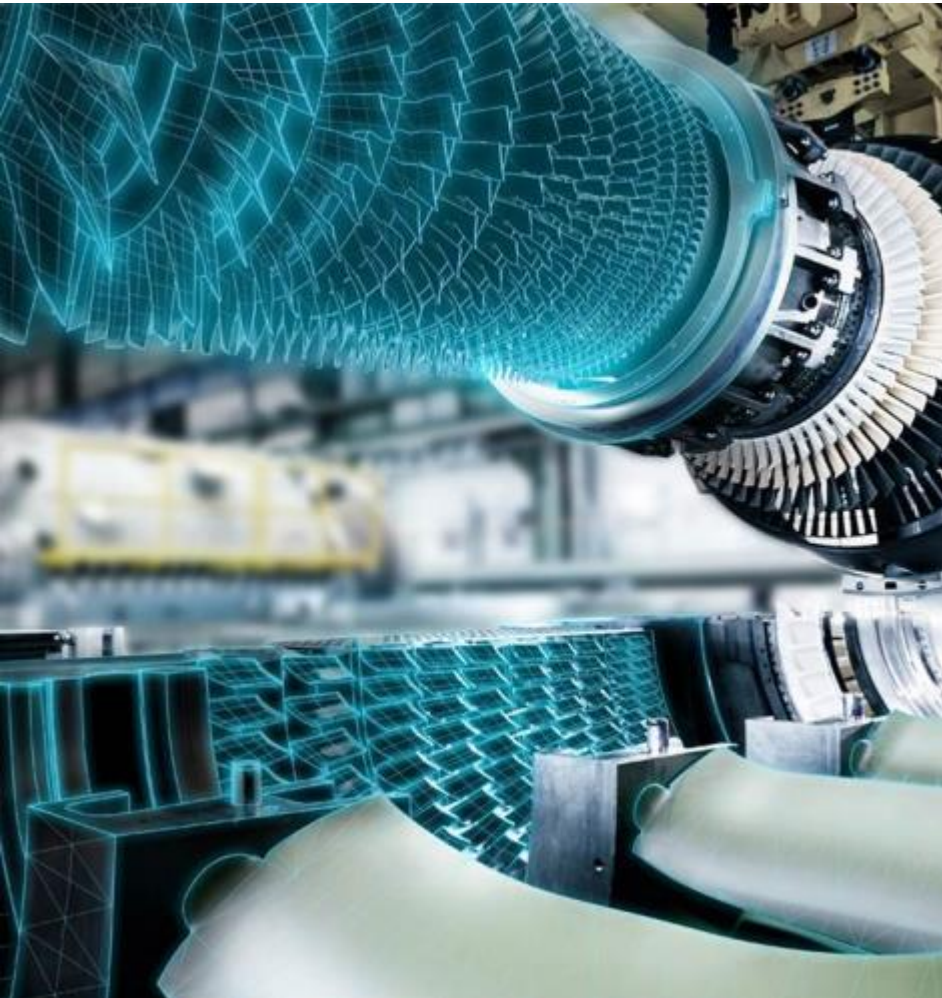
# Project Setup

- This project is carried out in cooperation with the Laboratory for Machine Tools and Production Engineering (WZL) of RWTH Aachen University
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