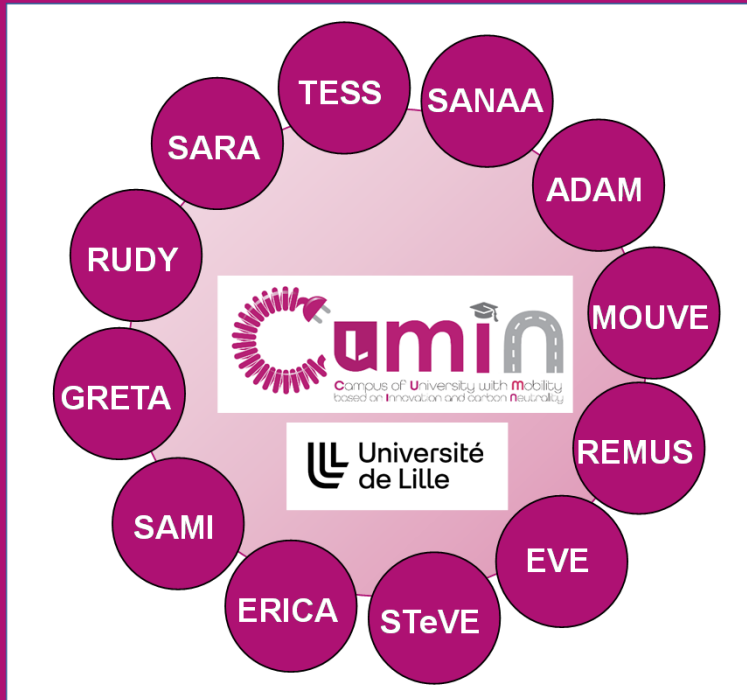




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# Scalability of powertrain for electrified vehicles and application to en e-bus

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# Outline



**Project context, objective & framework**

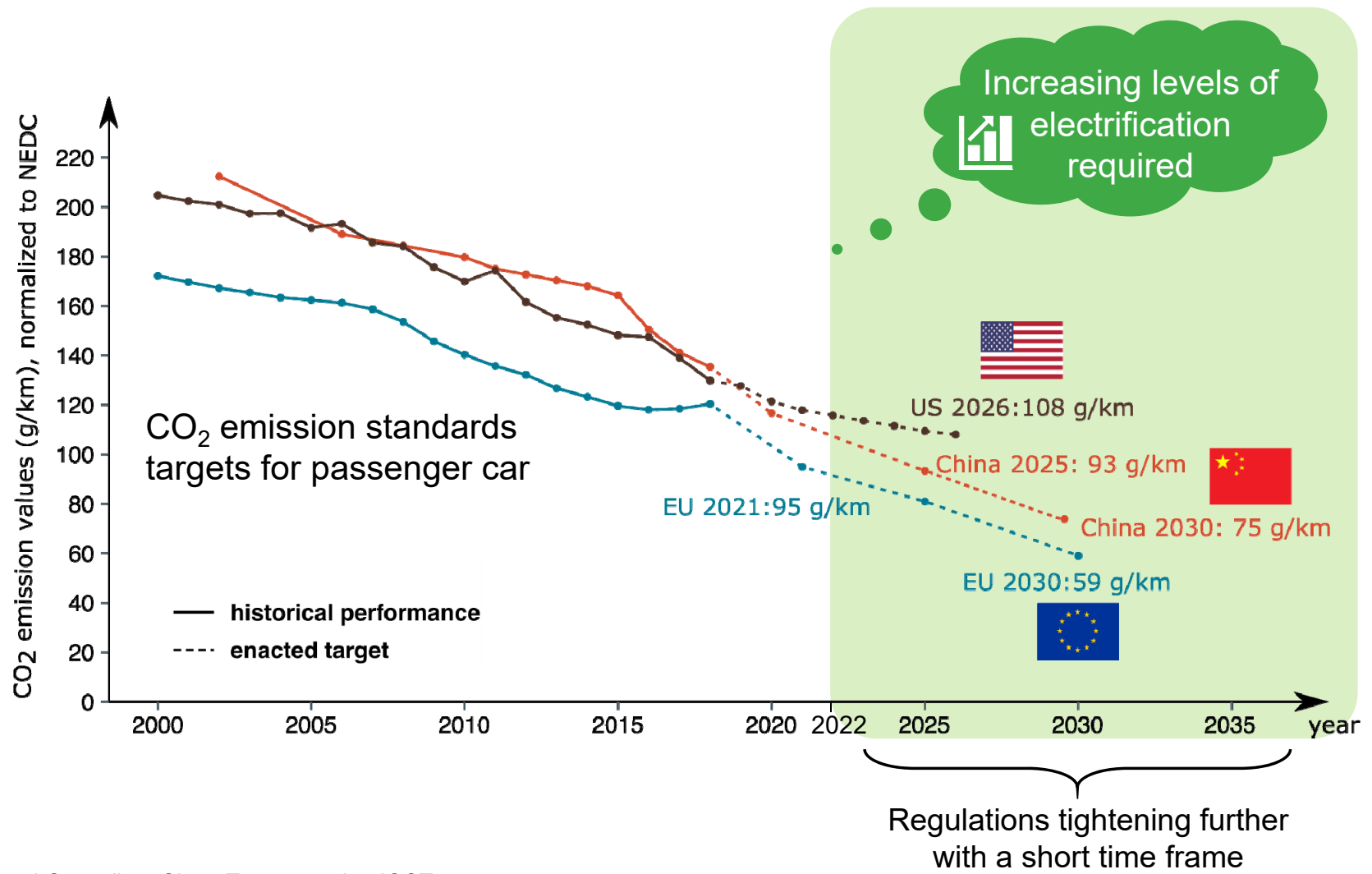


**Brief overview on the scaling methods**



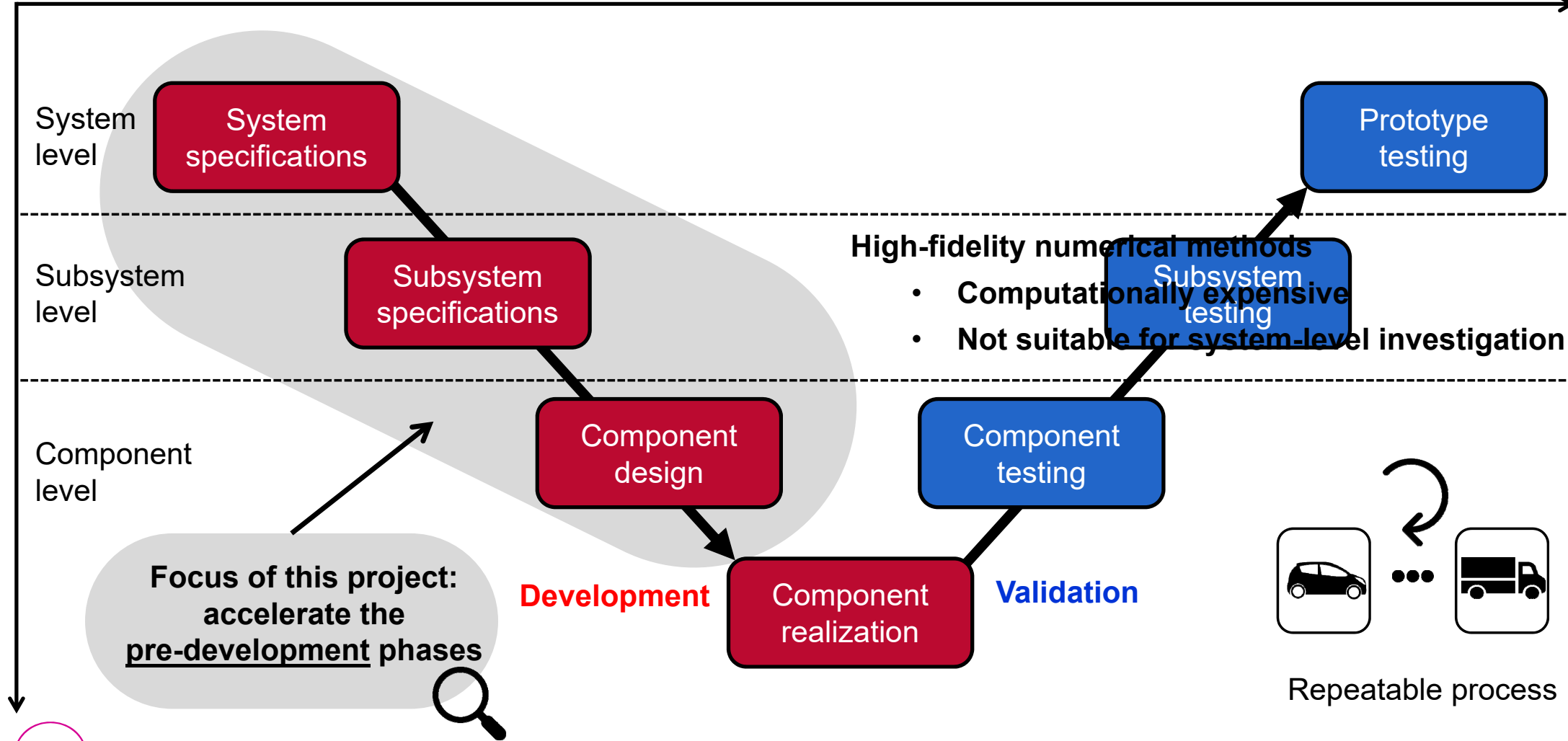
**Case study: electric bus**

# Fast moving CO<sub>2</sub> regulation pathway to 2030



# Need for fast development of electric vehicles

Time (~ 4 years)



Industrial V-model

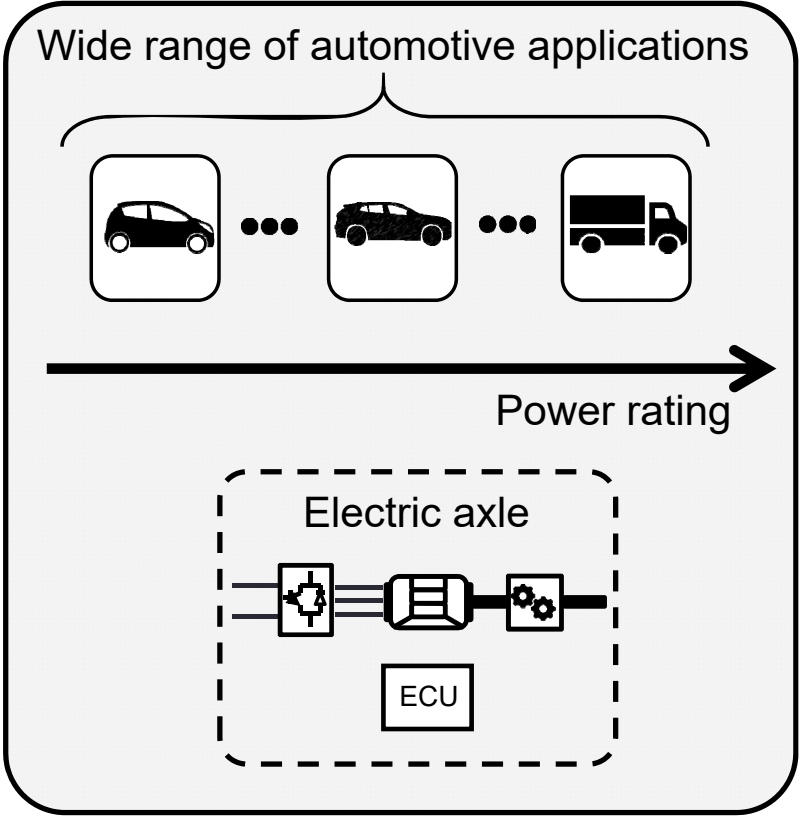
# Scalability: a solution?



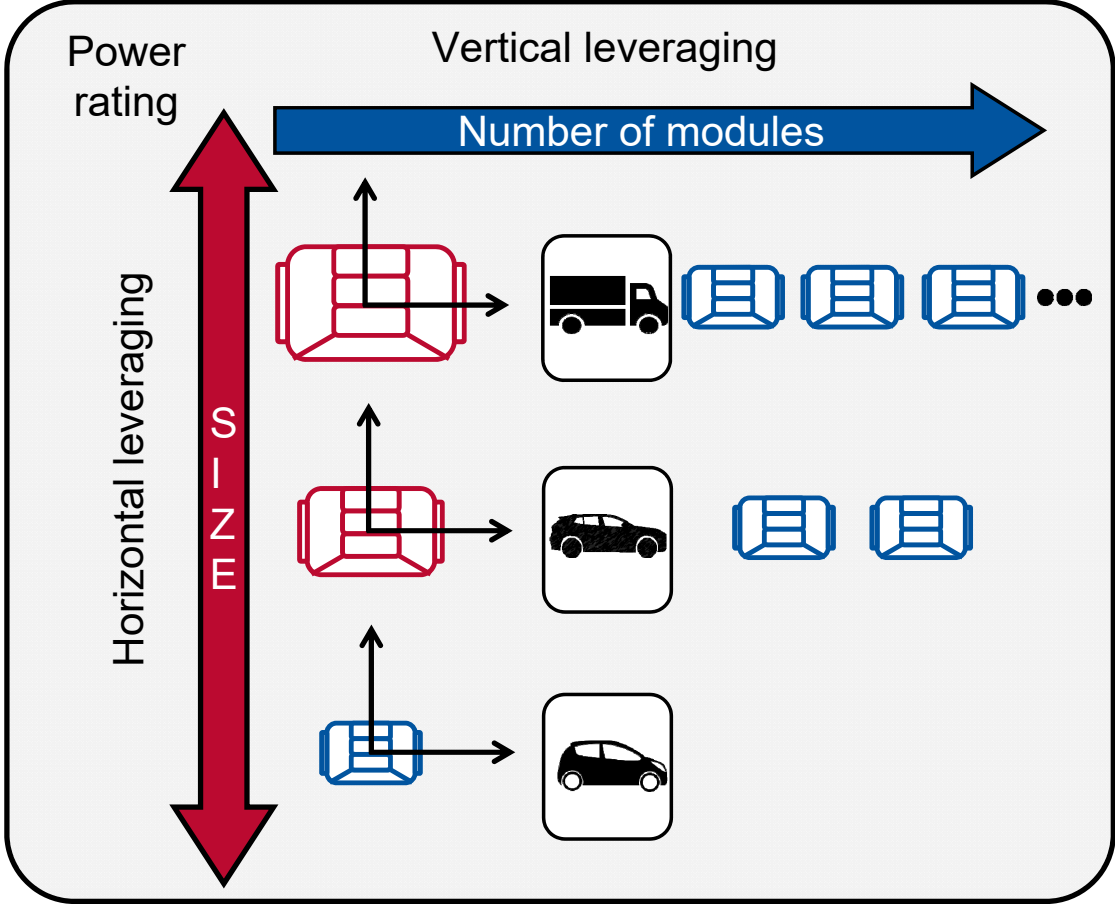
Electric motors product series

- Geometric changes in size of a reference object
- Predicting the performances of a new design based on the data from an existing one
- Reduce the computational effort

# Scalability & automotive applications



- Same components, but diverse requirements...
- Need for methodologies supporting powertrains scalability



Scaling-leveraging strategies for powertrain components (electric motor as an illustrative case)

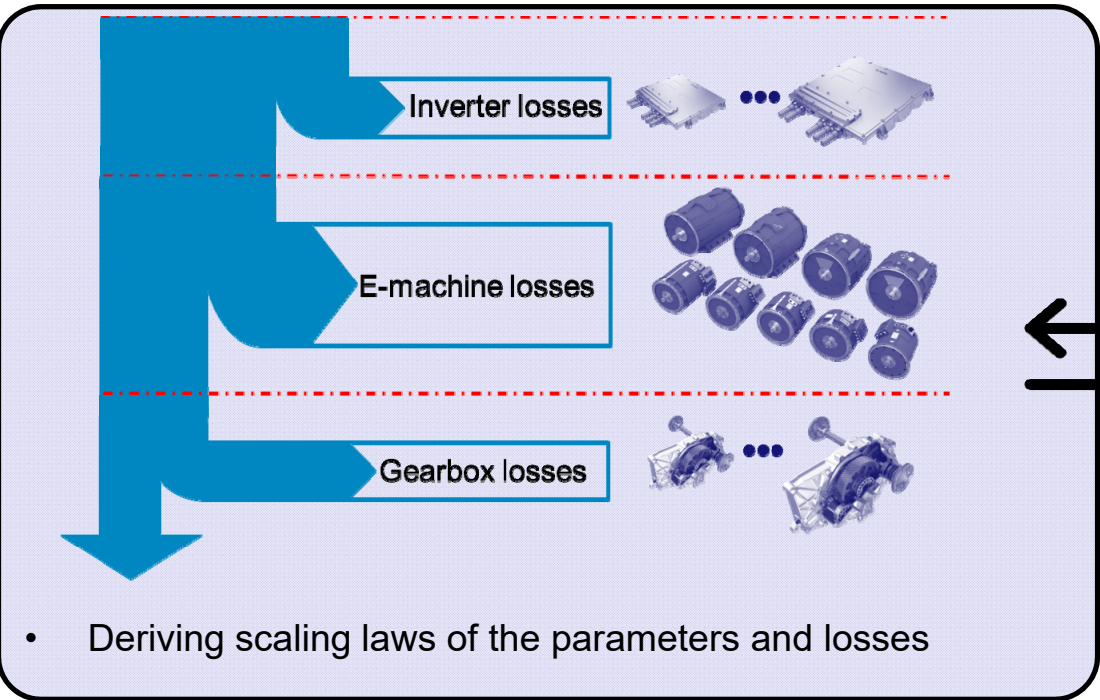
# Project objective & challenges

**Objective:**

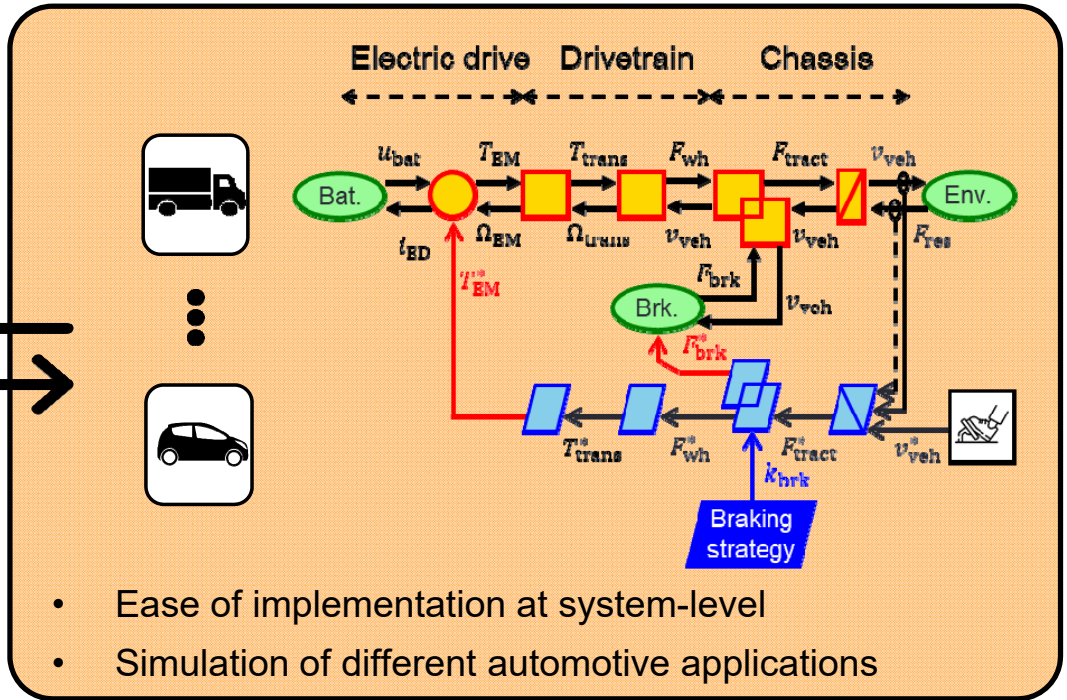
Develop a scaling method for electric axle systems (inverter-electric motor-gearbox) for system-level investigations

**Challenges:**

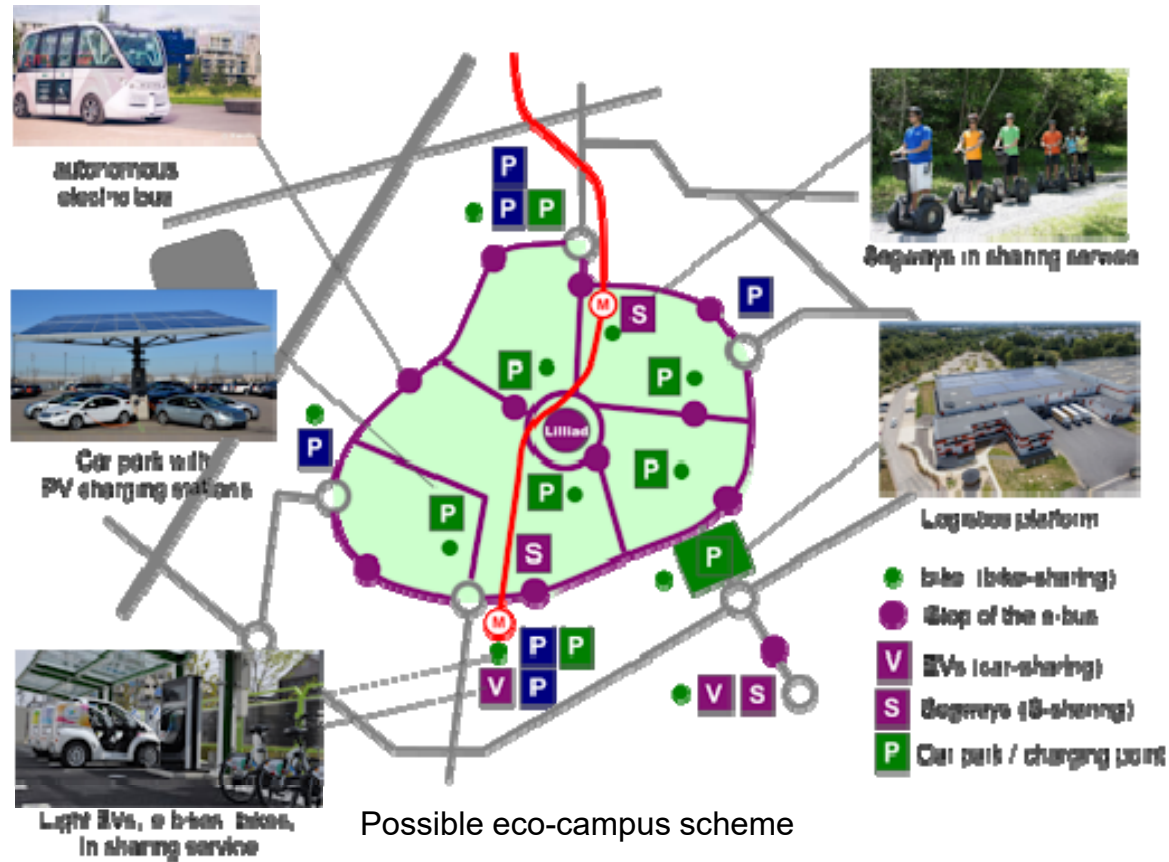
## Component-level



## System-level



# Within the framework of CUMIN



Fast energy consumption assessment of different vehicles (light vehicles, buses, trucks) for a “green” campus



# Project framework: a joint Franco-Belgian PhD



I-SITE/ UGhent joint PhD laureate 2020



EMR- based scaling laws

Innovative scaling method



Interactions between scaling factors

Component design using scalable model and control

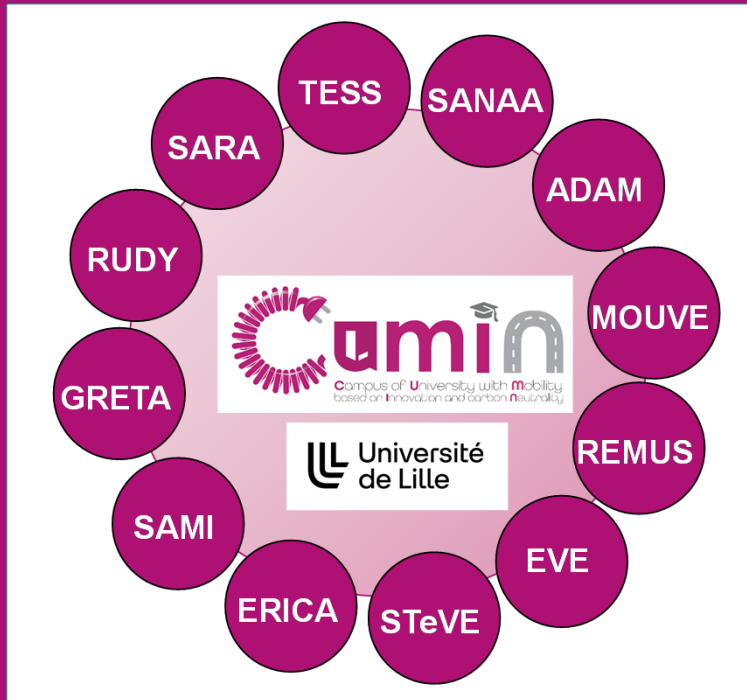
System design using scaling factors



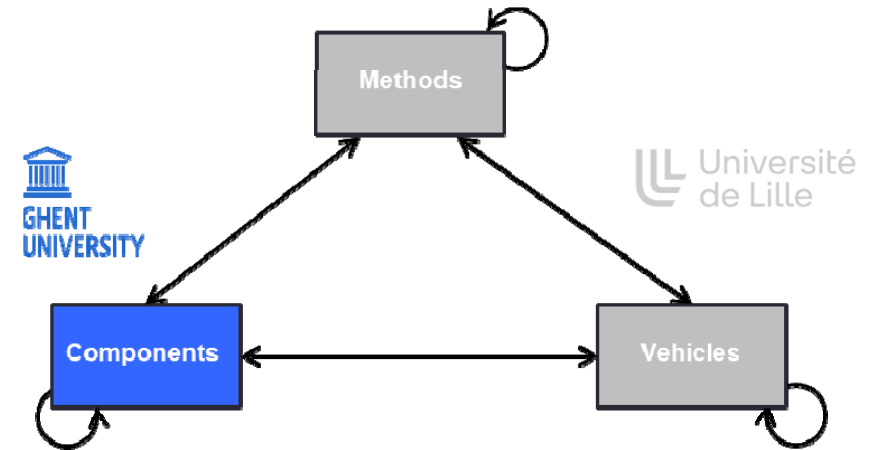
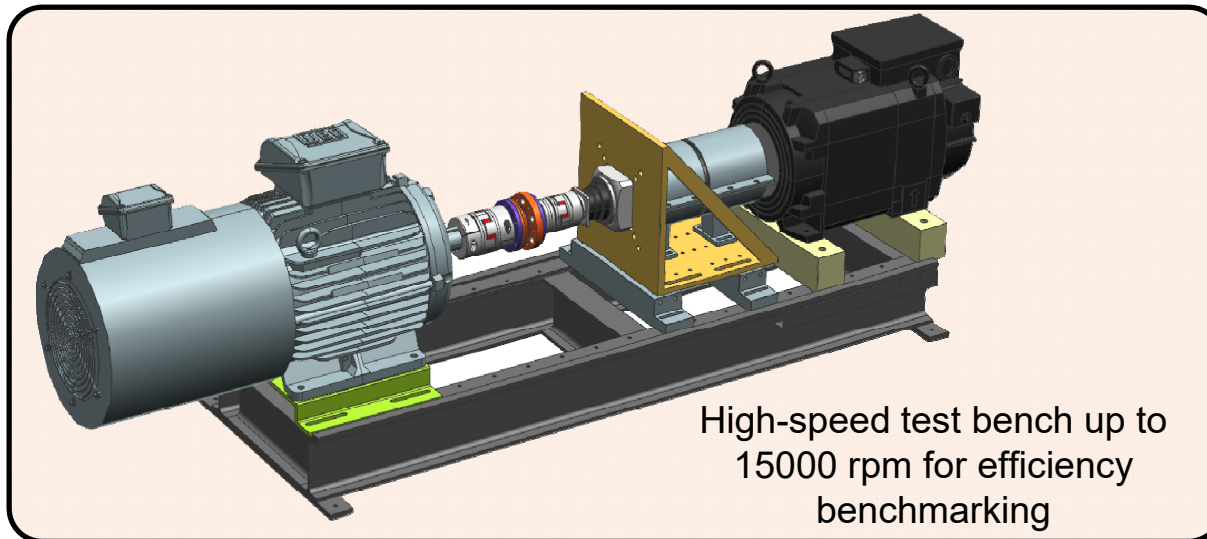
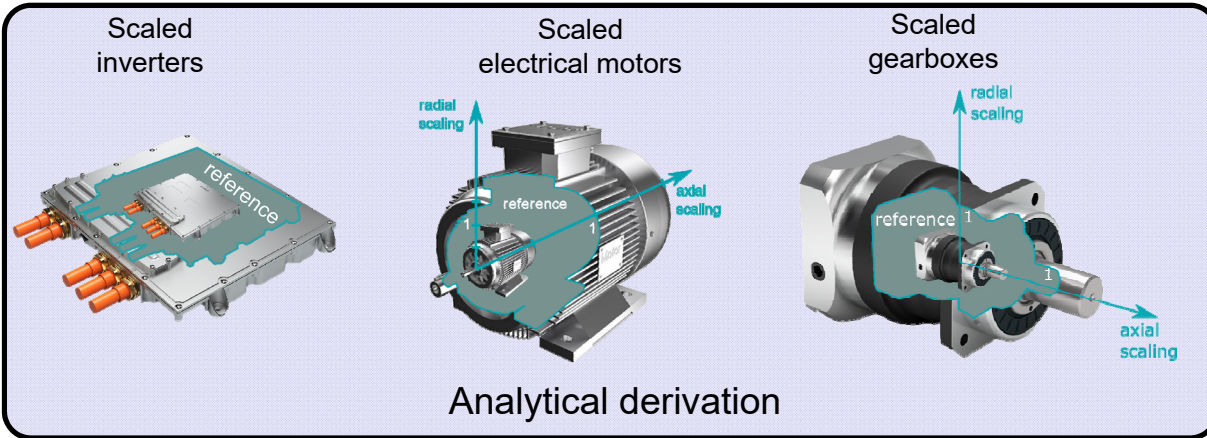
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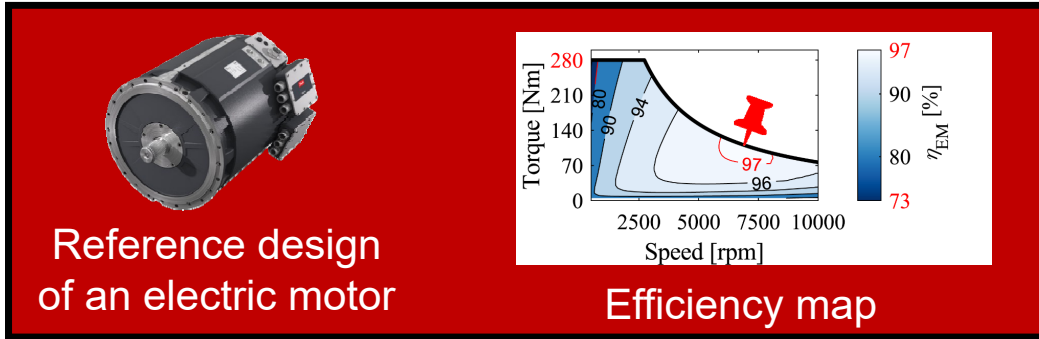
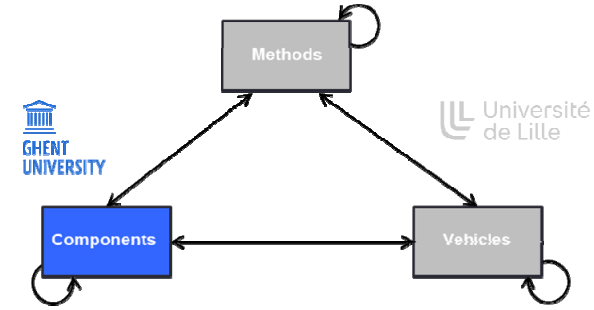


# Component-level: scaling laws applied to components



Experimental campaign to validate the theoretical scaling laws using a series product family

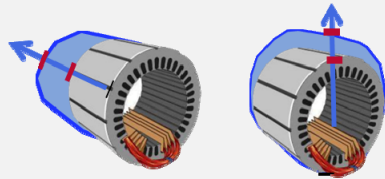
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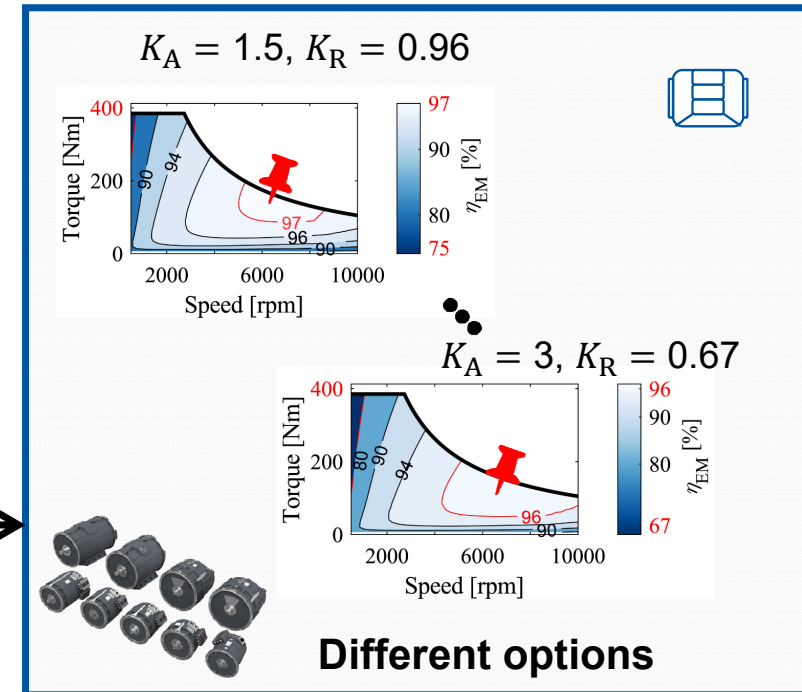
Power scaling factor  $K_P$  ex. 1.3

Loss component distribution

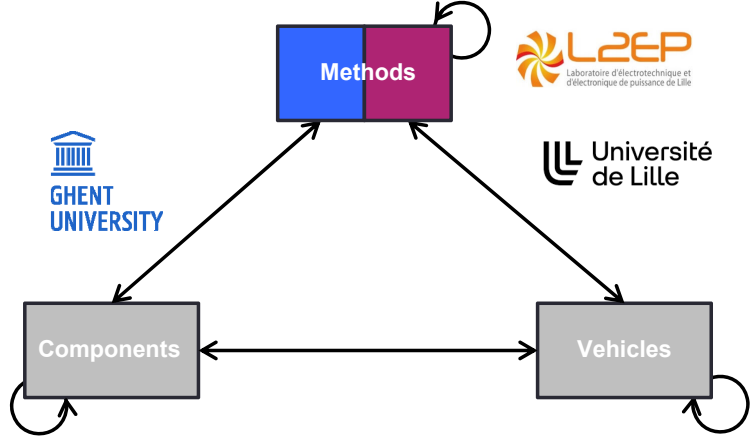
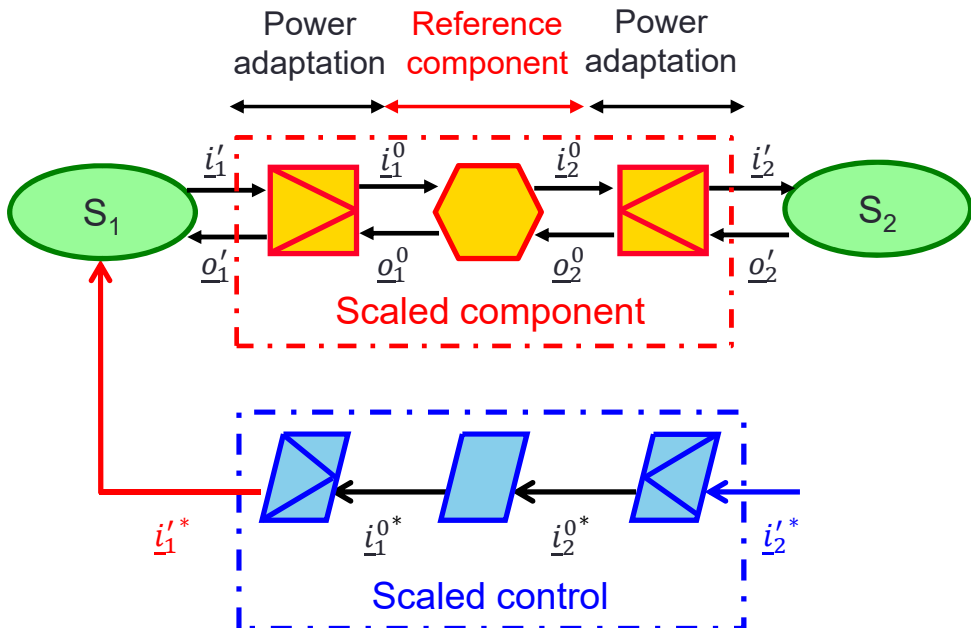
- **Geometric scaling:** Axial scaling  $K_A$  and Radial scaling  $K_R$



- **Losses mapping:**  $P'_{\text{losses}} = f(K_P, K_A, K_R) P_{\text{losses}}^0$



# New model organization to facilitate the incorporation of scalability in simulations



**Objective:** organize the models and control of scaled components in a unified way

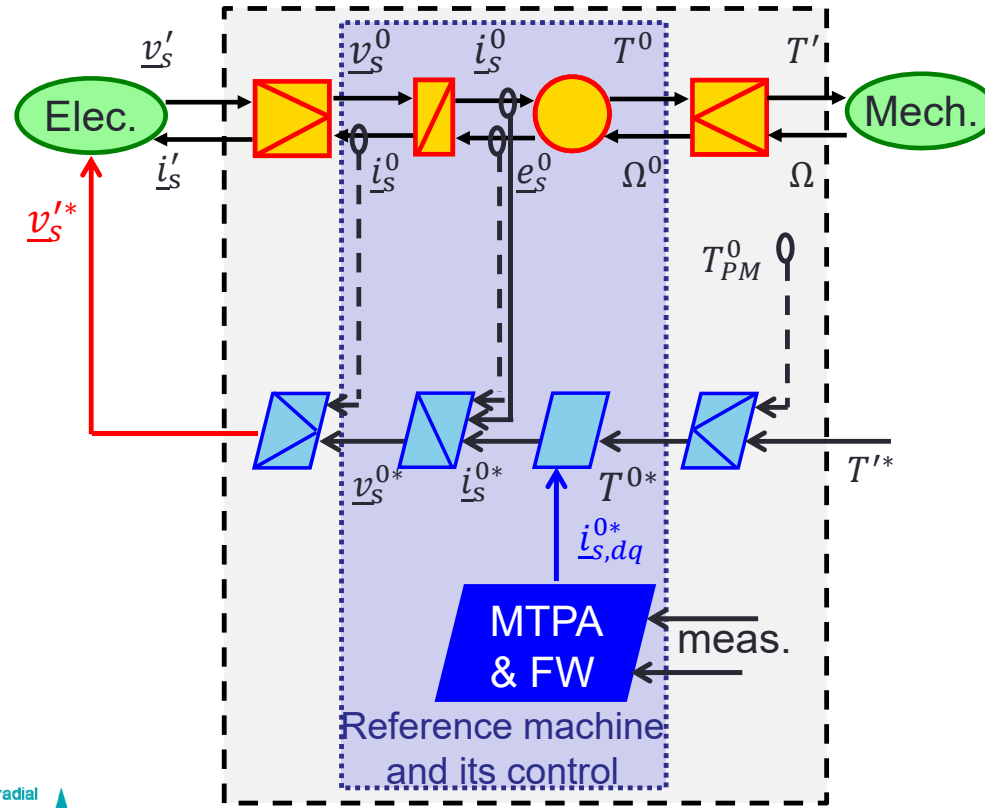
- ➔ Easy reuse of models and control for different tasks
- ➔ Speed up the pre-design time

**Challenge:** derive equations for power adaptation elements

# New model organization of a scaled motor using EMR formalism

$$\begin{cases} \underline{v}_s^0 = \frac{\underline{v}_s'}{K_A K_R} - \Delta_R \underline{i}_s^0 \\ \underline{i}_s' = K_R \underline{i}_s^0 \end{cases}$$

Electric power adaptation

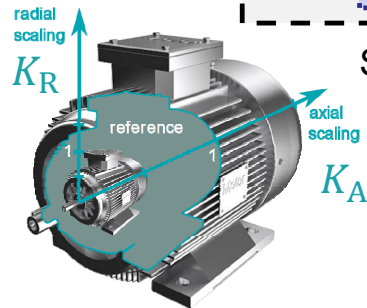


Scaled machine and its scalable control

$$\begin{cases} T' = K_A K_R^2 T^0 - (K_R^2 - 1) T_{PM}^0 \\ \Omega = \Omega^0 \end{cases}$$

Mechanical power adaptation

$$\underline{v}_{s,dq}'^* = K_A K_R (\underline{v}_s^{0*} + \Delta_R \underline{i}_s^{0*})$$

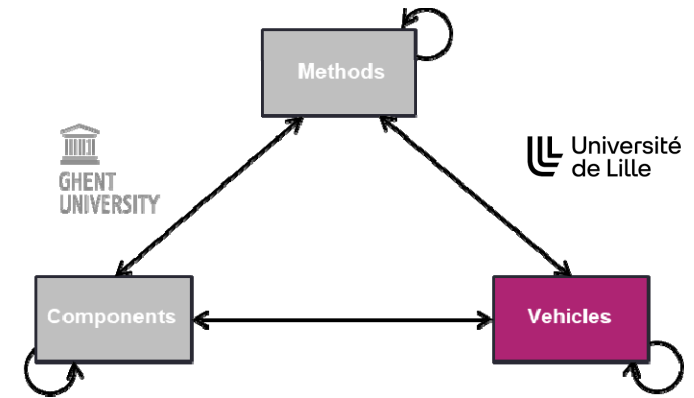
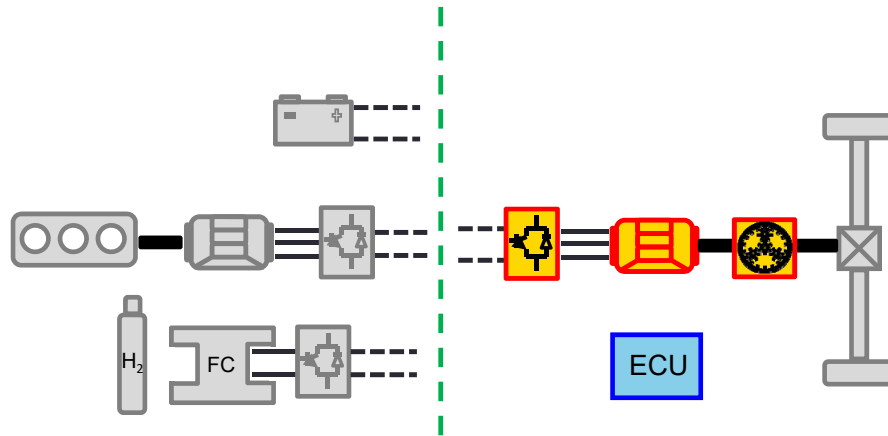


$$T^{0*} = \frac{T'^*}{K_A K_R^2} + (K_R^2 - 1) T_{PM}^0$$

# System-level: scaling laws applied to vehicles

❖ A common electrical powertrain for different types of vehicles:

- Battery electric vehicle
- Hybrid electric vehicle
- Fuel cell electric vehicle



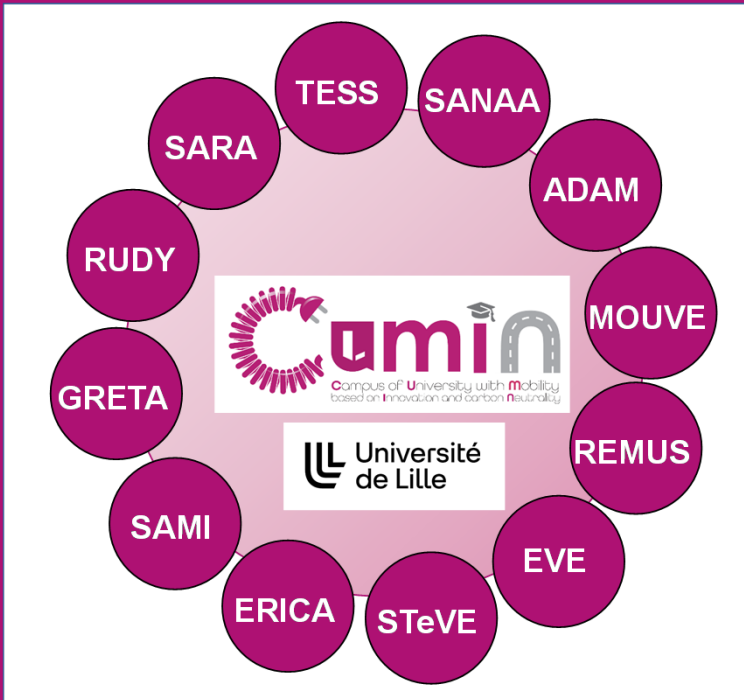
❖ Testing of the effectiveness of the methodology on real case vehicles





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# Case study: electric bus

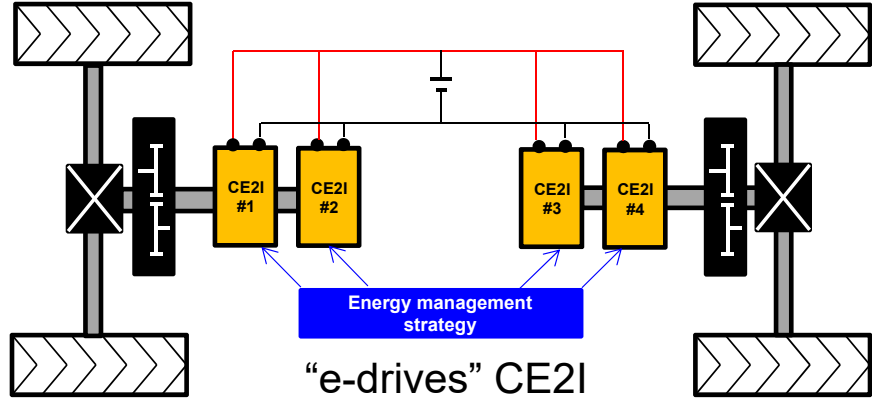
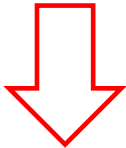
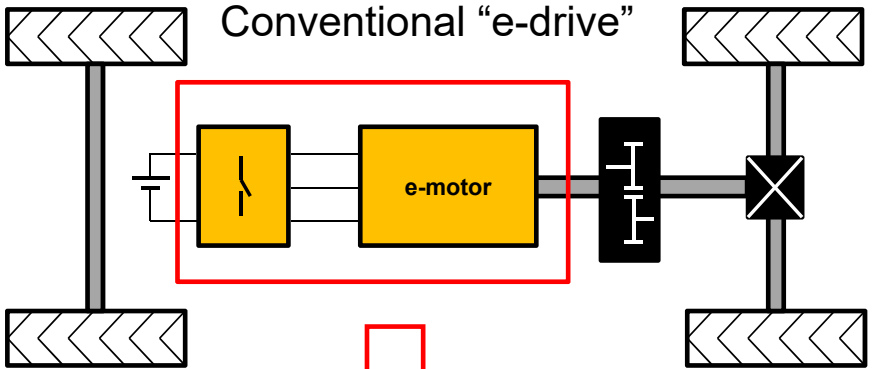




# Scalability of electric drives for an electric bus



ALTAS interurban mini bus  
 (5800kg / 20 seats / e-drive 160 kW /  
 Li-Ion NMC Bat. 115 kWh)  
<https://www.atlasautobus.com>



Scaling methods



Efficient components and automotive applications

- E-drive CE2I (40 kW):**
- 2 in the front axle
  - 2 in the rear axle
  - Intelligent energy management

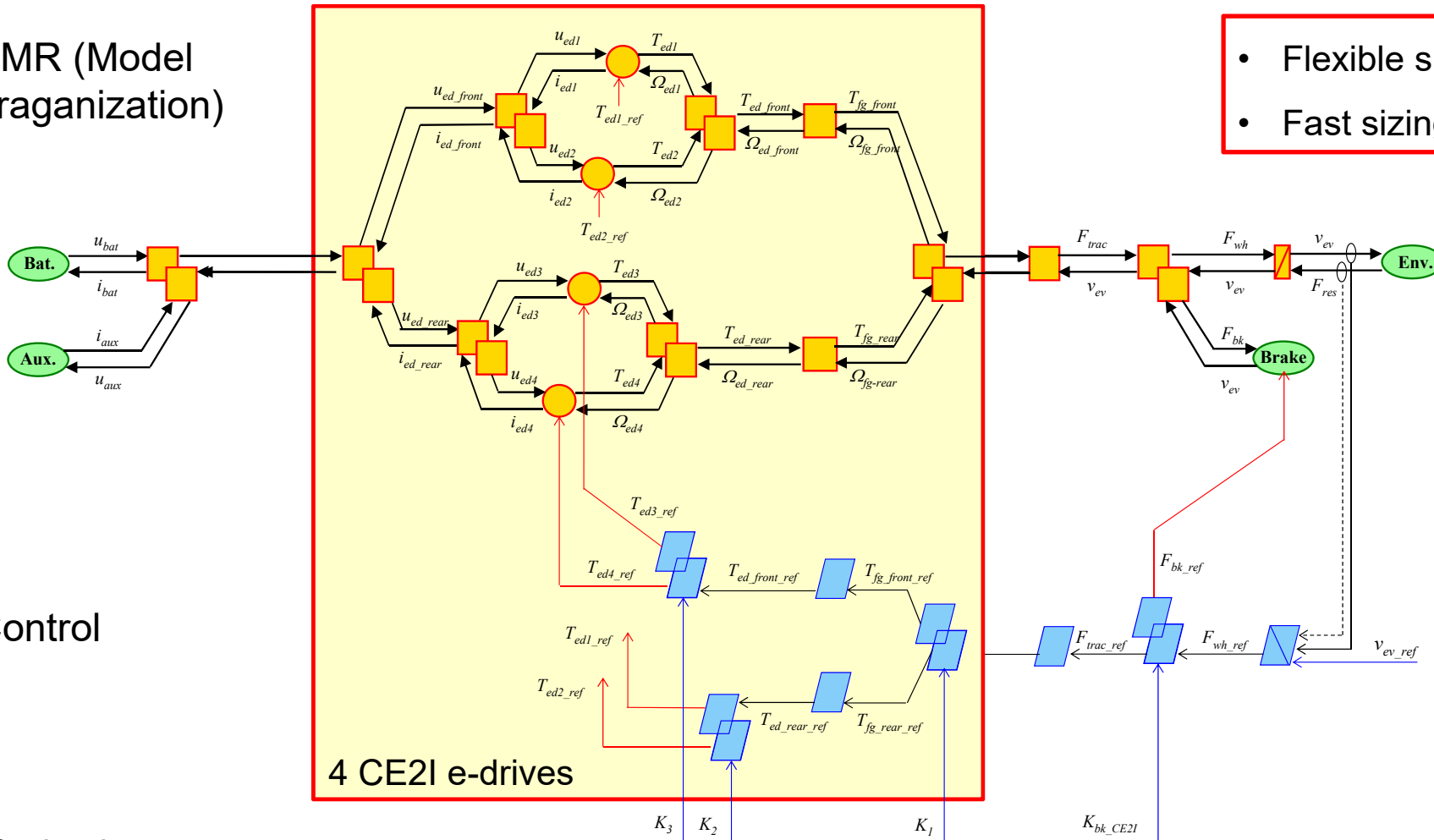
Interests?

Based on the work conducted by K. Li *et al* within CE2I project

# Virtual development of the multi-drives based electric bus

EMR (Model organization)

- Flexible simulation tool
- Fast sizing of the e-drive



Control

4 CE21 e-drives

Optimal strategy (DP)

Energy management strategy

# Comparison of energy consumption

- Braking strategy: 60% in the front axle and 40% in the rear axle (stability)

	Consumption (kWh/100km)		
Driving cycles	New York	London	Denver
Standard e-drive	77.0	43.8	66.1
4 CE2I e-drive	58.4	32.0	48.3
Consumption gain	<b>25.2 %</b>	<b>26.9 %</b>	<b>27.0 %</b>

Energetic gains despite a weight increase of 30 kg:

1) Regenerative braking

2) E-drive distribution

3) Efficiency improvement

} Modularity

\_\_\_\_\_ Intelligent energy management

# Conclusion

## ➤ Scalability

- Rapidly generate and assess different preliminary designs using scaling laws
- Ease of implementation at system-level simulations
- Contribution to reduce the time of pre-design phases

## ➤ Results:

- 1% to 27% gain compared to conventional electric drives
- Potential of fault tolerance (modularity)

## ➤ Perspectives:

- Extension of the application case to CUMIN vehicles



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