

## ASRM – Energy-efficient and power optimized motion profiles Inspiring change in intralogistics

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### **ASRM – value added topics**



Speed synchronism & Load distribution	Minimizing slippage and	maximizing acceleration
Oscillation damping	Reduced mechanical stress and	increased throughput
Safety	Optimization of the plant through	flexible safety concepts at all levels
Bufferless storage	Through omission of mechanical buffers	more room, reduced costs
Energy storage	Energy storage at the DC link	reduces size and costs for the electrical periphery
Optimized motion profiles	Adaption of starting time or dynamic parameters	will help to reduce the required energy and the power peaks.

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### Energy-efficient and power optimized motion profiles Overview



### Energy/power saving with optimized moving profiles

- Analysis of chassis (X) and hoist movement (Y)
- Time-critical movement will not be adapted -> performance is not reduced!
- Adaption of the non critical movement, e.g.:
  - Delayed start of the movement
  - Reduced acceleration and/or deceleration
  - Reduced positioning speed
- Software decides about the most effective measure regarding energy and power consumption
- Power peaks can be reduced up to 20% (depending on the specific machine)
- Additional potential for reduction by reducing the performance only for a small number of positions (e.g. 5%).

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## Energy-efficient and power optimized motion profiles Concept





Methods to reduce the power peaks and to increase the energy efficiency:

- Energy-efficient and power optimized motion profiles
- 2. Limitation of maximum electrical connection power
- 3. Brake management for hoist drive
- 4. Energy saving mode
- 5. Asymmetrical acceleration/ deceleration

### Chassis unit Kinetic energy and active power



Example: Traveling distance = 15m Active power [kW] 50 40 30 Power P [kW] 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 Time t [s] Μ Kinetic energy Acceleration Constant movement Deceleration

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### Hoisting unit - Lifting Kinetic energy and active power





Lifting process – share of energy:

- Potential energy (depending on the height)
- Kinetic energy (during movement)



### Hoisting unit - Lowering Kinetic energy and active power





Lowering process – share of energy:

- Potential energy (depending on the height)
- Kinetic energy (during movement)







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## Shelf geometry What movement is typically time-critical?





	white	red	grey
Share of stockyard (inside the shelf)	30%	5%	65%
Time-critical axis (movement of this axis defines total positioning time)	Hoisting unit	Hoist and chassis	Chassis
Non-critical axis: (movement of this axis takes less time)	Chassis	-	Hoisting unit

### **Goals and optimization strategies**



### 1. Avoid peak power

- Higher losses in areas with maximum active power
- More costs for higher infeed power
- 2. Use regenerative energy
  - system is not always able to infeed regenerative energy back to the grid (for example: basic line module)
  - · Improvement of the energy effectivity for the complete warehouse
- 3. Prevent mechanics from damage
  - Reduce wear and tear

Comparison of two different optimization strategies with the shown positioning task.

Chosen positioning task is 15 meters in X direction and 5 meters in Y direction



### Initial state (before optimization) Velocity and power





## Simulation of mechanical power with no optimization.

- Axis start synchronous with their maximum dynamic parameters.
- Motoric power peaks overlay due to the acceleration of both axis.

### Initial state (before optimization) Electrical energy





 $W = \int_{t}^{t_1} P(t) \cdot dt$ 

Energy

**Total electrical energy:** 

Diagram of total electrical energy including regenerative feedback

#### Absorbed energy:

Energy that is taken from the grid without regenerative feedback

Feedback to the grid is typically not paid by the energy provider

### **Optimization strategy 1 – Adapting dynamic parameters Velocity and active power**





### Adapting the dynamic parameters:

- Speed or acceleration / deceleration of non time critical axis are reduced. Both axis reach the target position at the same time.
- Hoist: Reduction of the speed (see example)
- Chassis: Decrement of acceleration and deceleration

Compared with initial state the power peak is reduced by approx. 10% due to optimization.

45kW instead of 50kW at the same performance

### **Optimization strategy 1 – Adapting dynamic parameters Electrical energy**





Energy $W = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} P(t) \cdot dt$ 

Compared with the initial state the absorbed energy from the grid is reduced by approx. 14%.

60kWs instead of 70kWs at the same performance

### **Optimization strategy 2 – Adapting starting time Velocity and active power**





### Adaption of starting time:

- Chassis is time critical:
  - A delay time before or after hoist movement avoids an overlap of the power peaks.
  - The chassis braking energy can be used for lifting
- Hoist is time critical -> Strategy 1 is used

Compared with the initial state the power peak is reduced by approx. 20%.

40kW instead of 50kW at the same performance

### **Optimization strategy 2 – Adapting starting time Electrical energy**





Energy  $W = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} P(t) \cdot dt$ 

Compared with the initial state the absorbed energy from the grid is reduced by approx. 30%.

50kWs instead of 70kWs at the same performance

## **Comparison of strategies 1 and 2**



	Initial state	Strategy 1 – Adapting dynamic parameters	Strategy 2 – Adapting starting time
Motoric peak power [kW]	50	45	40
Savings in %	-	10 %	20 %
Energy absorbed [kWs]	70	60	50
Savings in %	-	14 %	30 %

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### Calculated power peaks for the entire shelf Optimization strategy 1 – Adapting dynamic parameters





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### Calculated power peaks for the entire shelf Optimization strategy 2 – Adapting starting time





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# Calculated absorbed energy for the entire shelf Initial state



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### Calculated absorbed energy for the entire shelf Optimization strategy 1 – Adapting dynamic parameters





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### Calculated absorbed energy for the entire shelf Optimization strategy 2 – Adapting starting time





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### Comparison of strategies 1 and 2 Average values for the entire shelf



	Initial state	Strategy 1 – Adapting dynamic parameters	Strategy 2 – Adapting starting time
Average value of motoric peak power [kW]	53.7	44.6	41.2
Savings in %	-	17 %	23.3 %
Average value of energy absorbed [kWs]	108	100	95
Savings in %	-	7.4 %	12.1 %

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### Test reading at a real small parts ASRM Absorbed energy





	Initial state	Strategy 1 – Adapting dynamic parameters	Strategy 2 – Adapting starting time
Energy absorbed [kWs]	116	115	98
Savings [kWs]	-	1	18
In %	-	0,9 %	15,6%

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### Test reading at a real small parts ASRM Electrical power





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## Limitation of electrical power Benefit and side effect



Reduction of ASRMs maximum electrical connecting power (cost savings)

- Possible usage of smaller infeed modules
- Smaller dimensioning of transformer and grid periphery possible
- Limitation of maximum power for ASRM depending on actual situation, e.g. at simultaneous start of several ASRMs
- Reduced performance for some positions in the shelf (approx. 5 to 10%)
  - Dynamics of drives will we reduced if actual motion profile will exceed the power limitation
     → Increased cycle time for the actual motion profile
  - Number of involved positions must be taken into account when defining the power limit Goal: max. 5 to 10% of positions with reduced performance

### Limitation of electrical connection power Calculated power peaks for the entire shelf





- Limitation of ASRM maximum electrical power to 55kW (instead of 60kW)
- 20kW BLM infeed instead of 40kW can be used
- 10% of shelf positions with reduced performance (increased cycle time)

## Limitation of electrical connection power Calculated additional cycle time





- Power limitation of 55kW (20kW BLM)
- Start of movement at X=0 (chassis) and Y=0 (hoist)
- 0.5sec as maximum increase of cycle time
- Average increase of hoist movement 0.18%
- No increase of cycle time for chassis movement

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### Function block "EffMcProfiles" Overview input- and output signals





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## Function block "EffMcProfiles" Input signals



Variable	Description	Data type
Enable	Enabling of the function block (edge-triggered)	Bool
Execute	Start of calculation	Bool
DynamicAxis	Dynamic parameters of the axis	PLC data type
OptStrategy	Selection of optimization strategy – default setting: strategy 2	Integer
MotionType	Selection if ASRM motion is done by TOs (PLC based) of by EPOS in S120	Integer
MaxPowerLimitation	Maximum electrical power limitation	Real
ActualPositionAxis	Actual position of X/Y axis (new initialized after Execute command)	Real
AxisTargetPos	Target position of X/Y axis	Real
TargetPosReached	Target position reached	Bool
OverridesAxisActive	Selection of overrides should be used	Bool
AxisOverrides	Overrides for dynamic parameters of X/Y axis	Integer

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## Function block "EffMcProfiles" Output signals



Variable	Description	Data type
XAxisExecute	Start movement X axis	Bool
YAxisExecute	Start movement Y axis	Bool
YAxisEnable	Pulse enabling for Y axis (only used for brake management)	Bool
OpDynamics	Output of optimized parameters	PLC data type
PowerAxis	Output of 14 points for power values of X/Y axis and total power in combination with the time stamp -> Use case: e.g. condition monitoring or external power calculation	PLC data type

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### Additional functions Brake management



At standstill of hoist drive most power is needed for holding the LHD incl. payload.

- With closed brake no electrical energy is needed.
- Potential of energy saving at e.g. long chassis movements and rest periods
- Time for opening and closing break is taken into account
- To avoid sagging of the load the electrical hold function will stay active during opening and closing time of the brake
- Goal: No losses in performance



#### Example:

- Power to hold the load electrically 0.8kW
   => Brake is closed for 2 seconds = savings of 1.6kWs of energy
- A minimum rest time can be defined below that time a brake will not be closed

### Additional functions Driving into buffer





Managment of chassis movement in the buffer area

Inside buffer area the speed must be reduced to avoid a damage of the buffer

• More storage space available when buffer area can be used

### Additional functions Energy saving mode for ASRM

Activation of energy saving mode depending on the actual level of capacity User definable override values for each axis (X and Y)

- Acceleration
- Deceleration
- Speed

Possible use cases:

- Energy and power efficient operation mode at times with lower workload
- Adaption to environmental conditions e.g. to save energy for cooling the cabinet during summer time or to save cooling energy in deep freeze applications
- · Less electrical losses due to operation of motors at best degree of efficiency
- · Reduction of electrical and mechanical losses
- Reduction of mechanical wear

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### Additional functions Asymmetrical motion profiles



Asymmetrical motion profiles

- In some cases asymmetrical motion profiles have higher saving potentials
- Acceleration can be different from deceleration



## Additional functions Power calculation and time based motion optimization

### Power calculation

- Before starting the movement the needed power of X/Y axis can be calculated
- Two different modes available
  - Simple power calculation Only one value for electrical and mechanical efficiency is used
  - Extended power calculation with additional functions:
    - Calculation of needed energy for the ASRM
    - More exact results that can be used e.g. for condition monitoring or a comparison of different ASRMs or plants

### Time based optimization

- Space time selection (default value 0 seconds)
   Target position of optimized axis will be reached with that space time
- Use case: Reducing the waiting time before LHD can exchange load with the shelf











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