

Project SMoSys

Cutting-monitoring-system for self-propelled forage harvesters

Duration of project

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Problem Statement / Approach to Solution

Modern self-propelled forage harvesters are equipped with various assistance systems for smooth operation. These include sensors and electronics, which are used, for example, to adjust the cutting gap. In order to ensure a constant quality of the cutting process, the driver needs a robust determination of the wear of the cutting edges. The goal of the project is to develop and construct a grinding assistance system, which enables an automatic evaluation of the degree of wear of the knives based on acoustic signals. The basis is formed by findings from the predecessor project "EMiL" as well as current results from test bench tests, field tests, optical measurement of the cutting geometry with machine evaluation and image analysis of shredded material samples.

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- Grinding assistance system
- Automated classification
- Microcomputer system
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Figure 1: Schematic representation of the 3D scanning of a knife impression with strip light projection