



Logistic chains for wood chips from short rotation forestry

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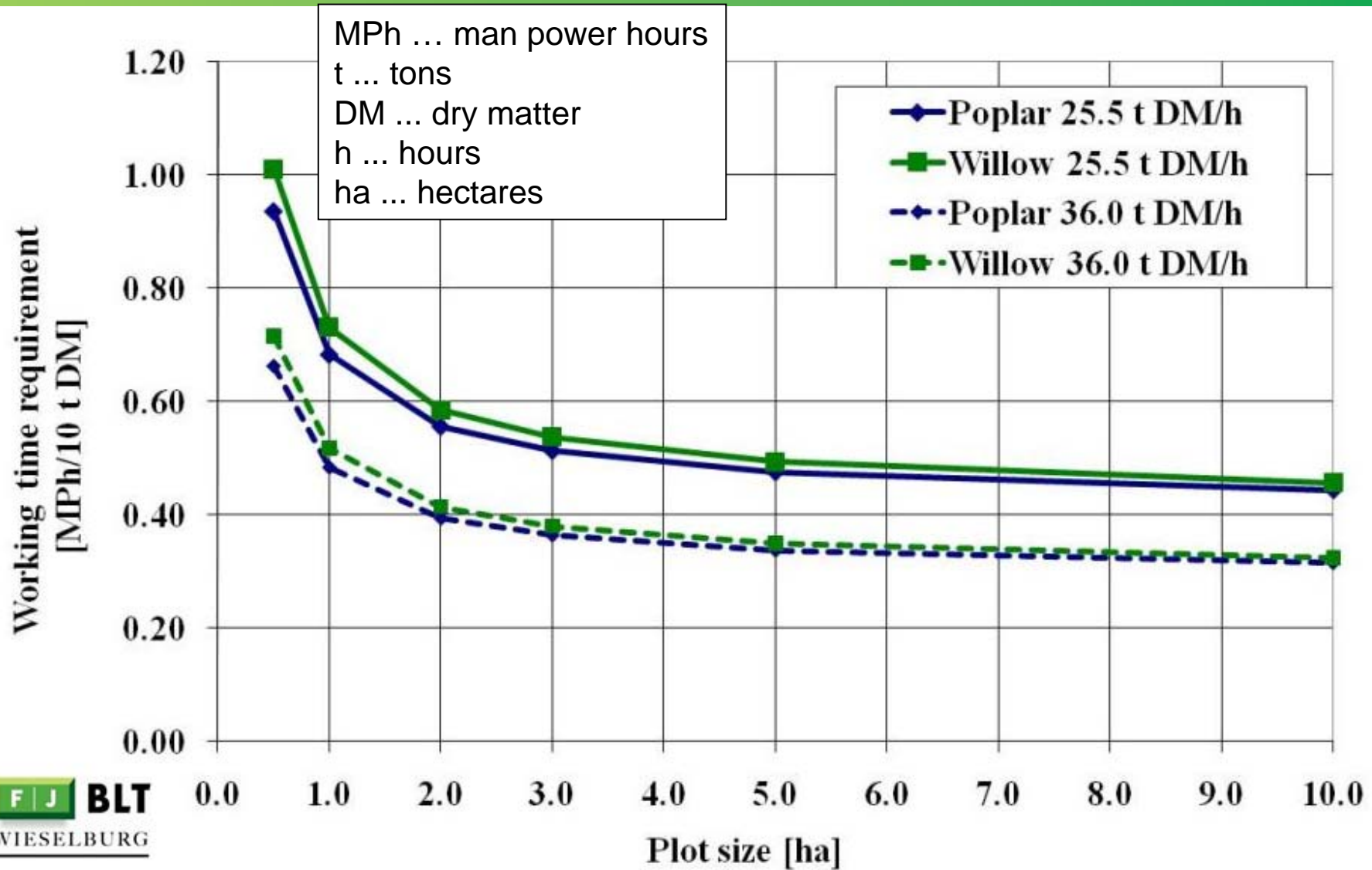
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Harvesting

- Forage harvester (Claas Jaguar 890 - 370 kW) equipped with a special header (Biomasse Europa)
- Theoretical cutting length: 34 mm
- Maximum diameter of trunks: 13 cm
- Working width: 120 cm



Results - Working time requirement - Harvester



Mass flow related to effective chopping time

Transport



Chain 1:

- Tractor-pulled trailers directly transport the wood chips from the field to the storage.
- Types of trailers:
 - 2- or 3-side tippers
 - Body tippers
 - Push-off trailers
 - Silage trailers
- Loading space: 19 – 40 m³



Transport



Chain 2:

- Tractor-pulled trailers transport the wood chips from the field to an interim storage near the field.
- The transport from the interim storage to the storage is carried out by articulated lorries or road trains.
- A wheel loader or telehandler loads the lorries.



Transport



Chain 3:

- Tractor-pulled adapted field transfer trailers transport the wood chips from the field to the articulated lorries or roadtrains.
- By means of an auger the field transfer trailers directly load the wood chips on the lorries.
- The lorries transport the wood chips to the storage



Transport

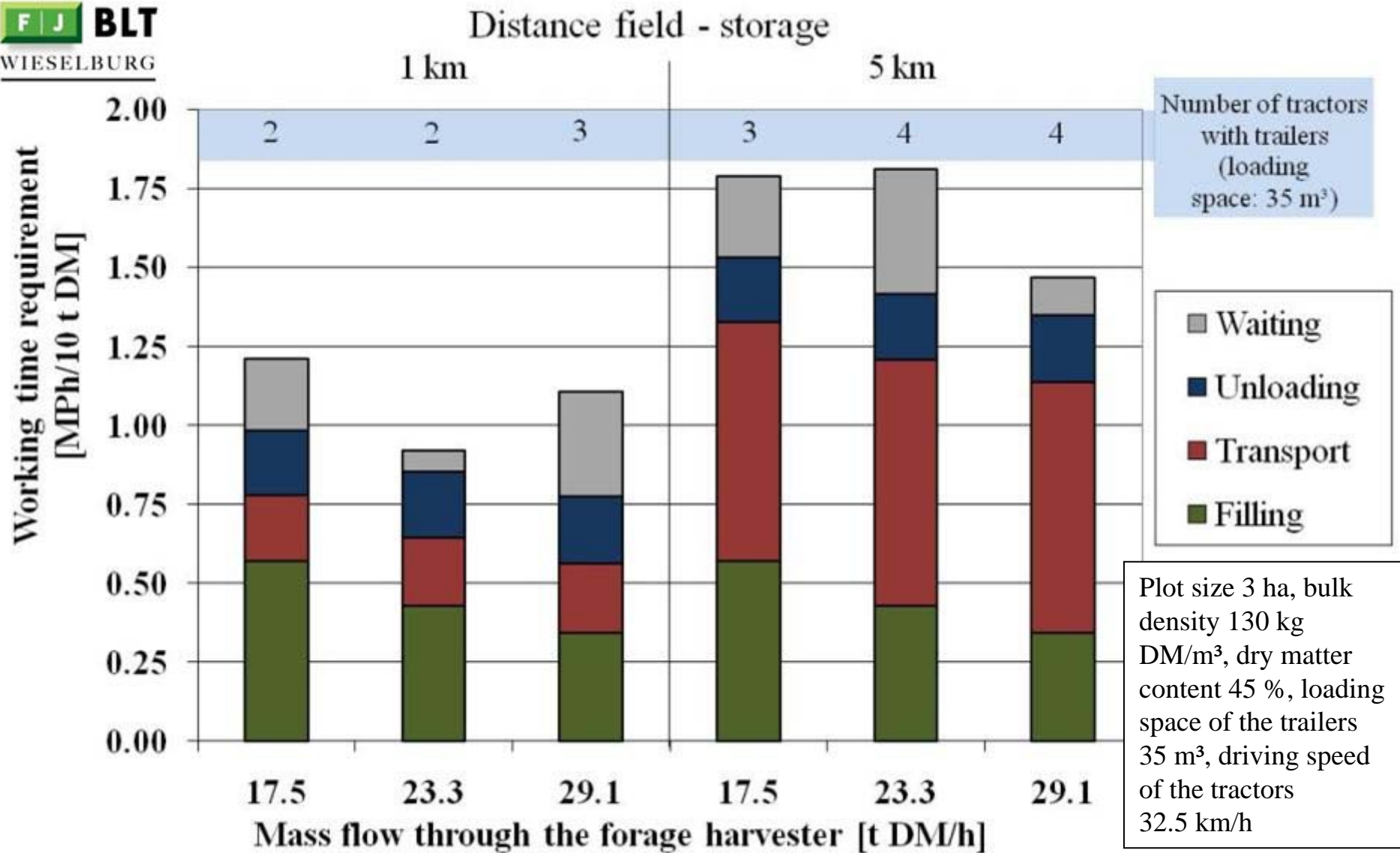


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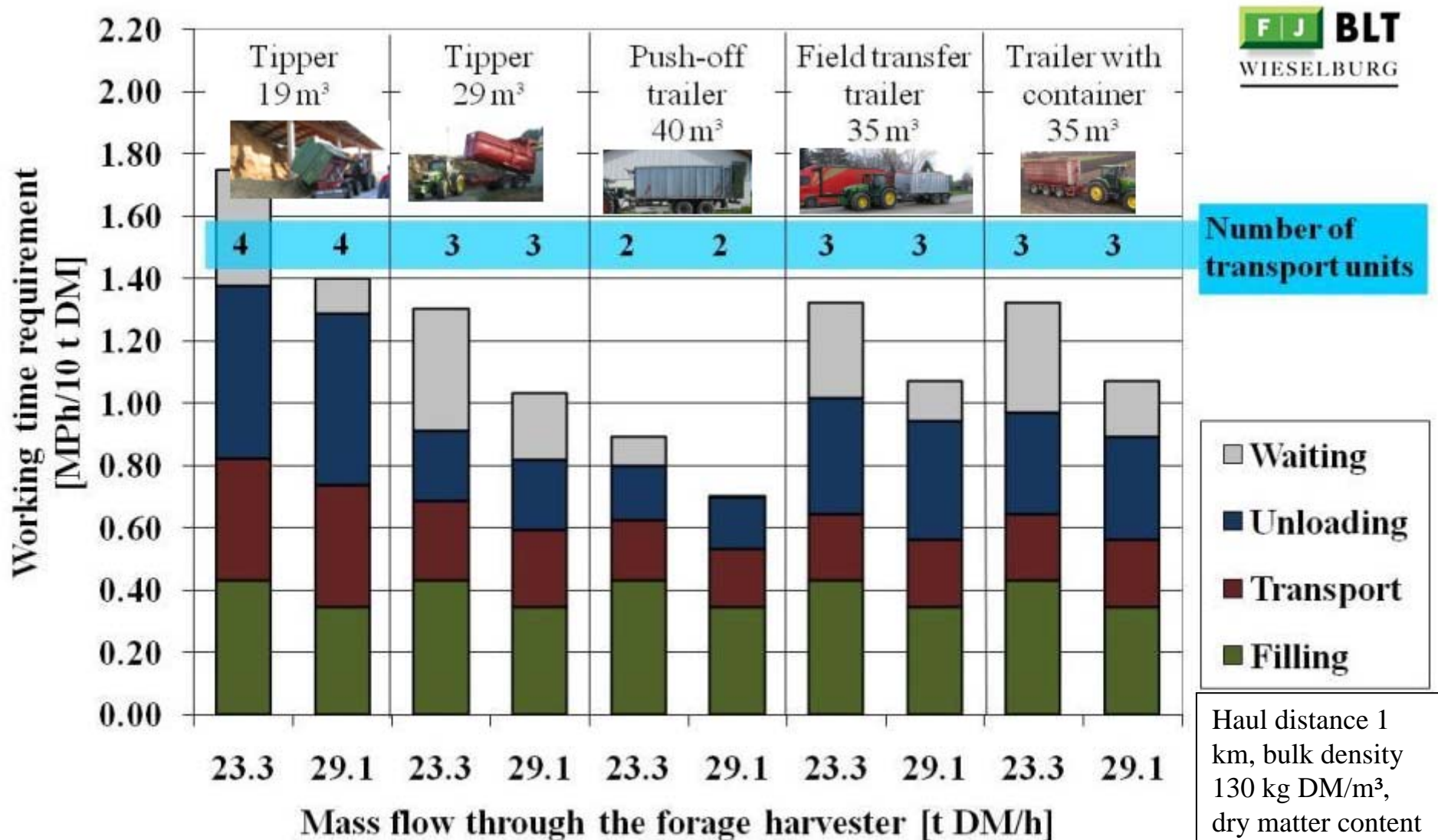
- Tractor-pulled hook lift trailers transport the wood chips from the field to an interim storage for the containers near the field.
- At the interim storage two loaded containers are picked up by a hook lift lorry and are transported to the storage.



Working time requirement for transport from field to storage



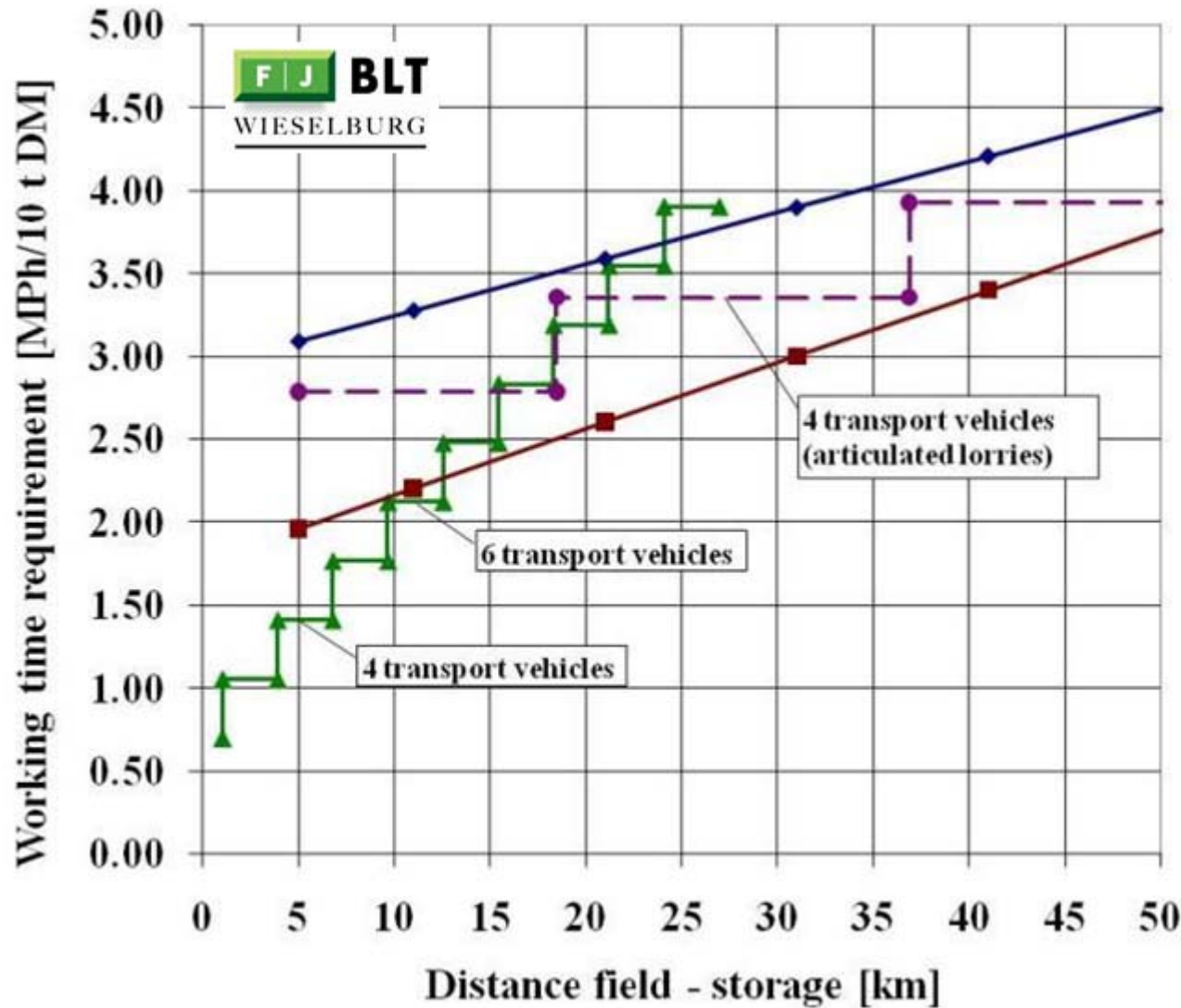
Transport: Field – interim storage





Requirement: Forage harvester need not wait.


Haul distance 1 km, bulk density 130 kg DM/m³, dry matter content 45 %, driving speed of the tractors 32.5 km/h


Transport: Field – storage



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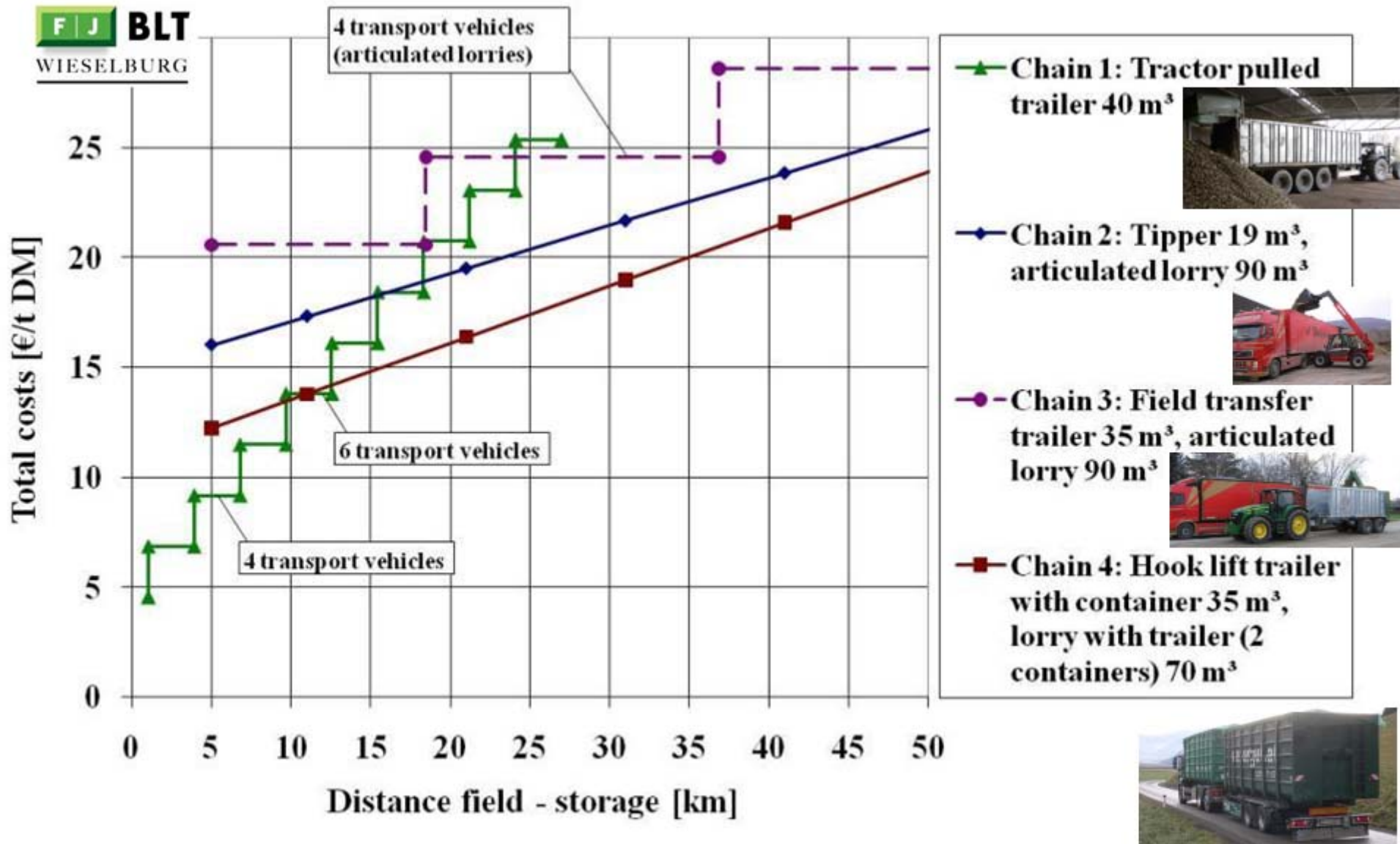
Chain 1: Tractor pulled trailer 40 m³
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Chain 2: Tipper 19 m³, articulated lorry 90 m³
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Chain 3: Field transfer trailer 35 m³, articulated lorry 90 m³
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Chain 4: Hook lift trailer with container 35 m³, lorry with trailer (2 containers) 70 m³

Transport: Field – storage



Conclusions



- ❖ A lower working time requirement for chopping causes a lower working time requirement for transport of wood chips
- ❖ The working time requirement for transport corresponds to the loading space of the trailers and to the transport distance.
- ❖ Because of the high costs idle time of the harvester should be avoided. This requirement causes idle time of the transport vehicles.
- ❖ The degree of utilization of the transport chain determines the idle time of the transport vehicles.

Conclusions



- ❖ The degree of utilization of the transport chains is mainly determined by
 - mass flow through the harvester
 - transport distance
 - speed and loading space of transport vehicles
- ❖ The direct transport from field to storage by a tractor with trailer is the most time and cost effective way to transport wood chips up to a distance of 10 to 15 km.
- ❖ For larger distances the use of containers is the most time and cost effective way. (containers act as buffer → enough containers must be available)



Are there any questions?



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