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# Loading and unloading of flight baggage



Physical disabilities / Musculoskeletal disorders

Back pain
Reduced performance
Increase of sickness absence

#### **Objectives**

- Sustained reduction of disability
- Reintegration of physically impaired employees



## Approach: Lifting aids

#### Pros

Competitive

#### Cons

- Only loading/unloading in vertical direction possible
- Efficiency depends on baggage surface characteristics



## Approach: Robots

#### **Pros**

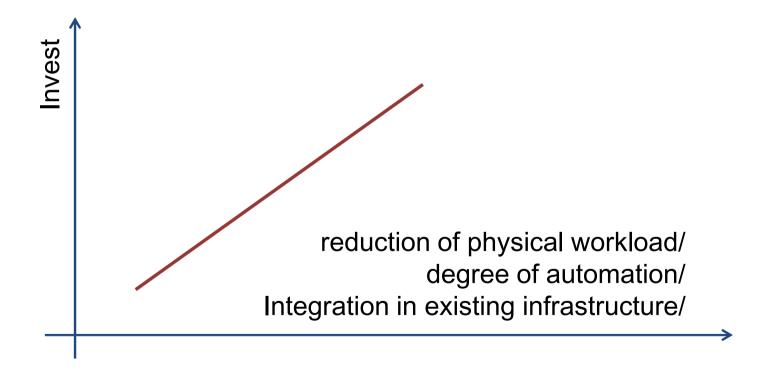
Fully automated process

#### Cons

- High investments and maintenance
- Inflexible

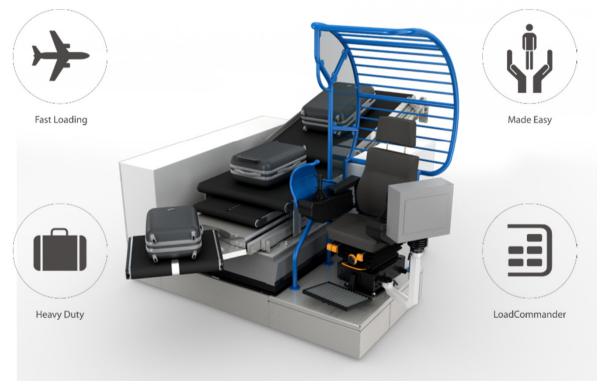


# Approach





## Semi-automatic baggae handling system



A joint development of WIPOTEC GmbH, Schmid Systemtechnik, and Eckelmann AG













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#### Eckelmann AG





### Schmid Systemtechnik **GmbH**





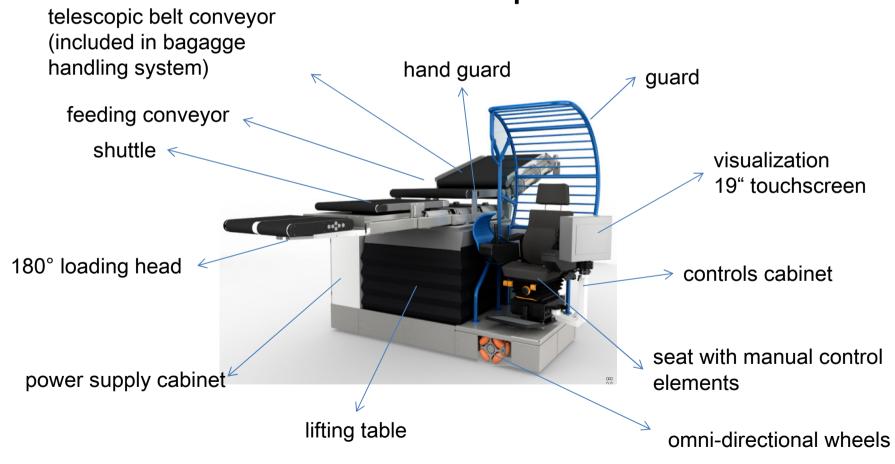
# Semi-automatic baggage handling system

- Reduction of occupational health risks by reducing the loaders' physical workload
- Decreasing loading costs by increasing loading performance
- Decreasing loading time by introducing a higher level of automation
- Higher process stability by keeping the operator in the control loop
- Loading and unloading of trollies and ULD





### Set-Up





### Views







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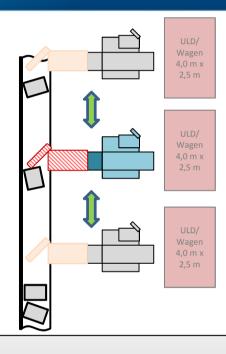


### Options of integration

#### By rotary sorter

- LoadCommander coupled at pivoting point
- Rotatory movement



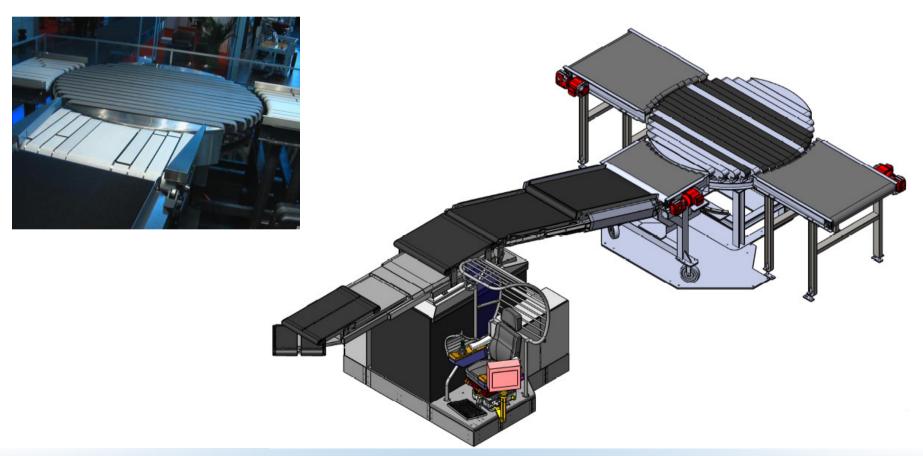


#### By diverter

- LoadCommander coupled at baggage reclaim
- LoadCommander travels alongside conveyor

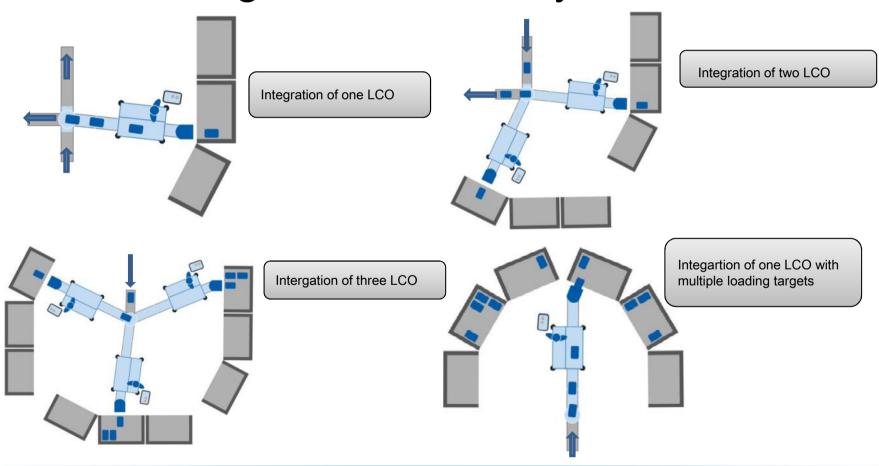


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### **Facts**

- Loading of multiple trolleys/ULD without moving trolley/ULD train
- Control in seated or in standing position
- Arbitrary position of LCO with respect to position of ULD/trollies
- Intuitive handling of LCO through controls













### **Facts**



- High fill rate
- Arbitrary lay-down spots possible
- Three modes to lay-down pieces of baggage
- Manual intervention of loader possible
- Interface to reconciliation possible
- Hand scanner for no-reads if necessary
- All necessary information for loader on touchscre







### **Facts**

- No components outside of LCO
- No security guards, e. g. fences or optical guards necessary
- Floor space free and accessible by vehicles
- Electric drives
- Works with standard floors
- LCO can be easily uncoupled from baggage handling system
- Deployment of LCO at multiple loading targets possible
- For maintenance LCO can be hauled to workshop





### **Options**

- Integration of weight scales
- Automatic orientation of baggage by rotary sorter
- Log files for baggage:
  - # Photos
  - # Position in ULD
  - # Weight of piece of baggage
  - # Total weight of ULD/trolley





### **Technical Details**

• Dimensions (L x W x H): 4.208 mm x 2.741 mm x 2.255mm

• Weight: approx. 2.000 kg

• Floor: Regular floor (no asphalt)

no sharp-edged offsets

• Power: < 10 kW

Loading performance: approx. 300 pph

Presorting: not necessary

• Baggage dimensions: max. 850 mm x 650 mm x 450mm

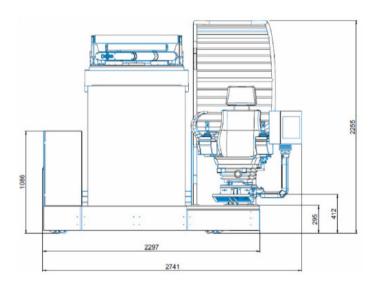
min. 210 mm x 140 mm x 70 mm

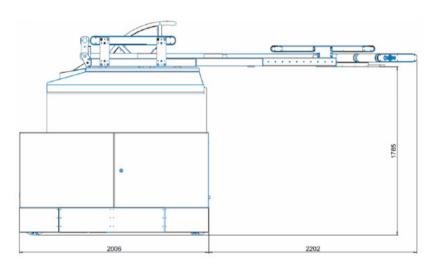
Baggage weight: max. 40 kg

• Interface: Ethernet TCP/IP



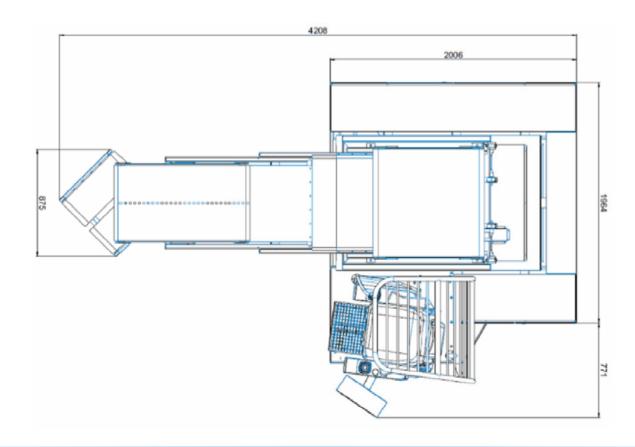
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