Simulink for Virtual Vehicle Development

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Key takeaways

MathWorks provides a powerful platform for building your Virtual Vehicle.

Our platform is very flexible, and we can help you customize it for your needs.

Out-of-the-box capability

Custom virtual vehicle solution
Virtual vehicle: functional simulation of full vehicle behaviors

Reduced years of effort and expensive prototypes

Tesla: vehicle design tradeoff  Ricardo: simulating passenger comfort  Ford: software validation

Reduce physical testing needed before design validation
Embedded software is essential for many virtual vehicle applications.

Virtual vehicle applications such as attribute development, software validation, calibration require simulation of embedded software.

- Application software behavior fully represented
- Interfaces consistent with software component definitions
Example: Validating lane following software functional safety requirement (FSR)

FSR: The lane following system lateral error shall be less than 1 meter

Questions to consider:
- System performance under normal conditions?
- Impact of environment conditions?
- Impact of a component failure?
- Required processor throughput?
System level interactions need to be considered

FSR: The lane following system lateral error shall be less than 1 meter
System level testing typically occurs with hardware integration.

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Discovering problems during system-level integration is expensive.
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Use simulation to do system-level integration testing early

Validate software against function safety requirements early
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- Common challenges
- MathWorks solutions
- Case study
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Challenges to early system-level testing

Using a virtual vehicle for systems integration testing early in development can save time / money

What are the challenges to building one?
Challenges to early system-level testing

- Availability of appropriate vehicle level model
- Access to plant and sensor models with “right” level of fidelity
- Model calibration
Challenges to early system-level testing

- Standardizing interfaces and data management
- Access to software components across different teams
- Assembly of software components from multiple sources
Challenges to early system-level testing

- Creation of virtual 3D environment
- Definition of scenarios to test
- Linking test cases to requirements
Challenges to early system-level testing

- Post-processing and visualizing results
- Automatically generating reports
- Running large numbers of simulations efficiently

Virtual vehicle

Create Vehicle
Integrate Software
Author Scenarios
Simulate & Analyze
Deploy Simulation
Challenges to early system-level testing

- Sharing models across the organization
- Deploying models to users who aren’t tool experts
- Deploying models for SIL, HIL, etc.
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MathWorks Virtual Vehicle: reference applications

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  - We can help you customize it and apply best practices for Model-Based Design

Learn more:
- Powertrain Blockset
- Vehicle Dynamics Blockset
- Automated Driving Toolbox
MathWorks Virtual Vehicle: reference applications

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- Start with our reference applications
  - Detailed system and vehicle level models for powertrain, vehicle dynamics, ADAS and other applications

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MathWorks Virtual Vehicle: model customization

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Add detail where needed using:
- In-house Simulink models
- Simulink and Simscape libraries
- 3rd party tools (S-function, FMU, …)

Learn more:
Simscape
Multi-core cosim
Integrate with existing sims
Integrate controller algorithms:

- Native Simulink models
- 3rd party tools (S-function, FMU, …)
- C / C++ code

Learn more:

- C / C++ code integration
- C Caller block
MathWorks Virtual Vehicle: complex project management

Use MathWorks platform to:
- Collaborate across teams
- Reference related project files
- Manage version control

Learn more:
MATLAB Projects
MathWorks Virtual Vehicle: graphical scenario authoring

Use Driving Scenario Designer to:
- Create roads and lane markings
- Add actors and trajectories
- Specify actor size and radar cross-section (RCS)
- Explore pre-built scenarios
- Import OpenDRIVE and HERE HD Live Map roads
- Export MATLAB code
- Export Simulink model

Learn more: Automated Driving Toolbox
MathWorks Virtual Vehicle: automotive scene creation

Use RoadRunner to:

- Design 3D scenes for AD simulation
- Customize with region-specific road signs and markings
- Configure traffic signal timing
- Import from OpenDRIVE
- Export to OpenDRIVE, FBX, …
- Use scenes in Unreal, Unity, CARLA, …

Learn more: RoadRunner
MathWorks Virtual Vehicle: requirements definition

Use V&V tools to:

- Define sequence of simulations to run
- Define requirements for these tests
- Define custom report template

Learn more:
Verification & Validation
Use post-processing tools to:

- Review results with flexible MATLAB platform and visualization tools
- Interact with user-friendly Live Scripts
- Automate report generation

Learn more:
MATLAB Live Editor
Simulink Report Generator
Use MATLAB and Simulink to:

- Distribute simulations to local multi-core, GPU, clusters, or the cloud
- Scale up computation power as needed without needing to rewrite code

Learn more:
Parallel Computing Toolbox
MATLAB Parallel Server
MathWorks Virtual Vehicle: model deployment

Use MATLAB and Simulink to take applications farther:
- Create custom UI’s
- Create installers for distribution
- Deploy models as executables, FMU’s or web apps
- Generate code for SIL, HIL testing

Learn more:
MATLAB Web App Server
MATLAB App Designer
Simulink Compiler
Embedded Systems
MathWorks Consulting Services can support you

- Provide expert-level guidance
- Automate workflows
- Develop custom UI’s

Model Architecture
- Model assessment
- Simulation performance
- Interface standardization

Construction
- Build process automation
- Database/Repo interface
- Model-Building know-how

User Experience
- GUI driven workflow
- Tool compatibility support
- Artifact creation
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Use simulation to do system-level integration testing **early**

Learn more:
- Highway Lane Following
- Automate Testing for Highway Lane Following
Case study: highway lane following algorithm

- Create Unreal Engine scene
- Specify target trajectories
- Model camera and radar sensors
- Model ego vehicle dynamics
- Specify system metrics

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Author and associate requirements and scenarios

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- Visualize system behavior with Unreal Engine
- Visualize lane detections
- Visualize vehicle detections
- Visualize control signals
- Log simulation data

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- Automate test execution and reporting
- Execute simulations in parallel

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- Assess system metrics
- Assess lane detection metrics

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- Generate algorithm code
- Test with Software-in-the-Loop (SIL) simulation
- Workflow could be extended to test hand coded algorithms

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Summary

1. Started with reference application, then customized
2. Integrated software
3. Defined scenarios to test
4. Simulated model and analyzed results
5. Deployed model
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On a scale of 1 - 4, how challenging is it for your department to:

• Create the vehicle model
• Integrate software
• Author scenarios
• Simulate and analyze results
• Deploy simulations

1 (easy)
2 (moderate)
3 (difficult)
4 (major challenge)

Please contact us with questions

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