On-target Rapid Prototyping using Simulink and Embedded Coder

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Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Case study
3. How do we apply PIL
4. Benefits
5. Application
6. Features that can help us
Introduction

- Efficient development with simulation and verification of possible solutions in advance.

- Reduce non homogeneous behavior between simulation environment and actual control hardware.

- Target specific rapid prototyping of control system applications with MathWorks tools.

- Optimization and correction of the application on-target with simulation in Simulink.

- Lot of time and effort saving.
Case Study

- Increased computerization of modern vehicles.

- Continuous increase in number of ECUs in vehicles, with increasing safety and comfort requirements.

- Need to avoid increasing number of ECUs in vehicles.

- Fitting the new applications in the Existing ECUs.

- MathWorks tools support in making efficient process.
Fitting new application to existing ECU

- Identifying following characteristics.
  1. Interfaces
  2. Memory
  3. Periodicity

- Challenge of identifying the Memory and Periodicity needs of the new application.

- Impact of identifying memory needs at the end stage of development.

- Identifying performance characteristics in simulation environment.

- MATLAB Embedded Coder software in checking performance.
  1. Verifying the deployment object code on target processors without modifying the original model.
  2. Memory need in target processor with .map files.
  3. “Real-Time Execution Profiler” giving the timing needs on real time processor.

- Working with fixed-point code when existing ECU is a fixed-point processor.
Fixed-point conversion

- Providing low cost solution.
- Fixed point processors requiring the fixed-point code.
- Effort and error on manual fixed point calculations.
- Fixed-point calculations inside MATLAB with Simulink Fixed-point Tool.
- Easy comparison of results between floating-point and fixed-point model simulations.
- Easy debugging and tuning with data type visible at each level.
- Comparison of floating-point and fixed-point algorithm performance on target processor achieved with PIL simulation in Simulink.
Processor in loop simulation

Simulation model in MATLAB  
IDE  
Real time Target Processor
Memory Calculation

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Settings in MATLAB

Generated .map file

Memory size measure

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Profiling Report

- **Time profile output**

- **Generated profiling report**

- **Settings in MATLAB**

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Reuse of test cases for PIL

Floating point Simulink model

Test Inputs in MATLAB

Result Comparison

S-Function Code Running On Processor
Validation Flow – Impact with MathWorks Tools

**Without MATLAB**

1. **Requirement**
2. **Design**
   - **Validation**
3. **Application code Development**
   - **Validation**
4. **Code change for processor specific**
   - **Validation**
5. **Test Cases for Design**
6. **Test Cases for Code**
7. **Test Cases for Processor**

**With MATLAB**

1. **Requirement**
2. **Simulink Model**
3. **Floating/Fixed-point model**
4. **Code generation with Embedded Coder**
5. **Validation**
6. **Test Cases**
Working with MATLAB

- .C .C++
- Hex file
- Iteration
- Analysis & Verification
- REPORTS
- .map file

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**Benefits**

- Built-in fixed-point operations save time in simulation.
- Multiple simulations with different word length and scaling to see the simulation results before committing to hardware.
- Generates code for supported on-target rapid prototyping boards.
- Code can be executed on processors to verify behavioral performance and gather resource utilization metrics (Memory) through processor-in-the-loop and profiling techniques.
Application

- New safety regulation needs - optional features in vehicles to become mandatory.
- Cost effective and competitive approach to provide better product to our customer.
- Implementing new features in to the existing ECUs.
- TI processors such as C2000 and C6000 processors for some High speed calculation algorithms, Vision based applications respectively.
- Successful work with TI C2000 processors through MathWorks tools (Simulink, Fixed-point & Embedded Coder) for Electric vehicle applications.
- Verification, tuning and optimization of complex control system applications.
- Time, effort and cost saving.
Features from MathWorks that can help us on PIL simulation

- While continuing our work on innovative solutions to our customer, MathWorks Tools will assist us in future too.

- Expectations from MathWorks on processor in loop simulation
  1. IDE support on Microsoft Windows7 for MATLAB 2011
  2. Few more Embedded Target support for automotive applications (such as Microchip, ST)
Thank you for your attention!

Any Questions?