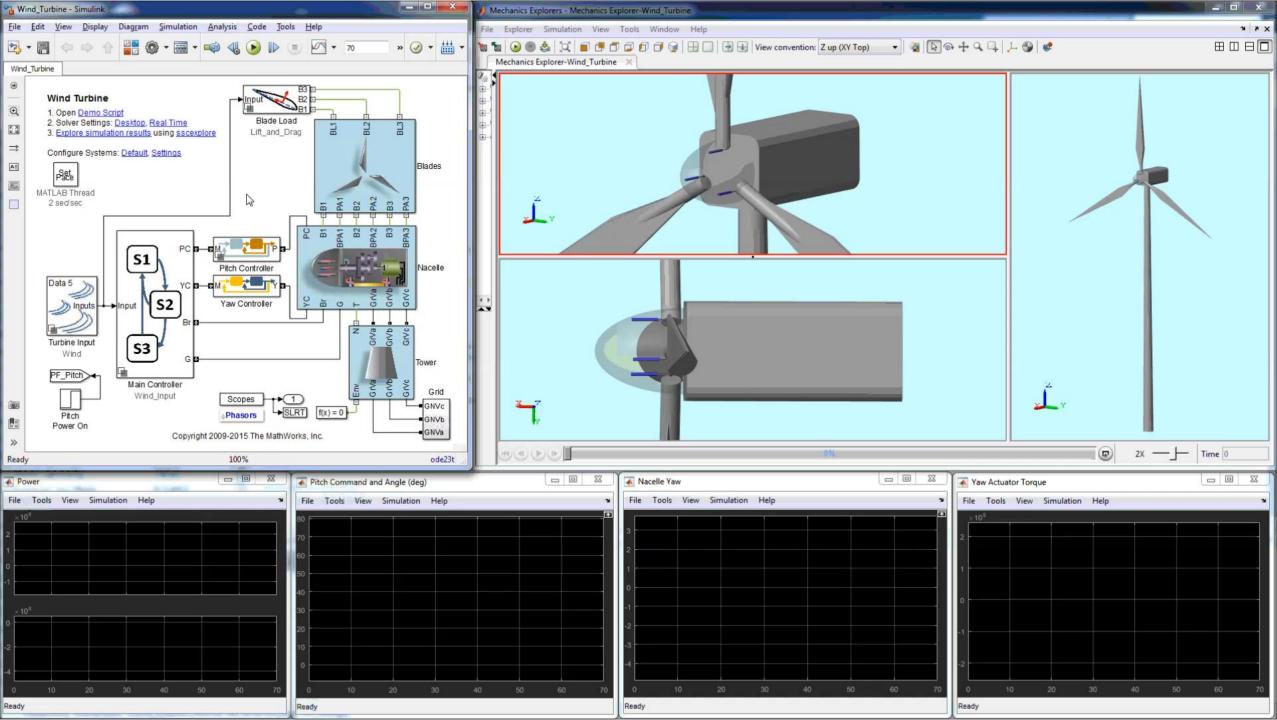
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Introduction to Simulink & Stateflow

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Topics we will address this session

- Why model a system?
- Why use Simulink?
- Getting to grips with the basics of Simulink and Stateflow through a worked example



Why model a system?



Modelling & Simulation gives you insight



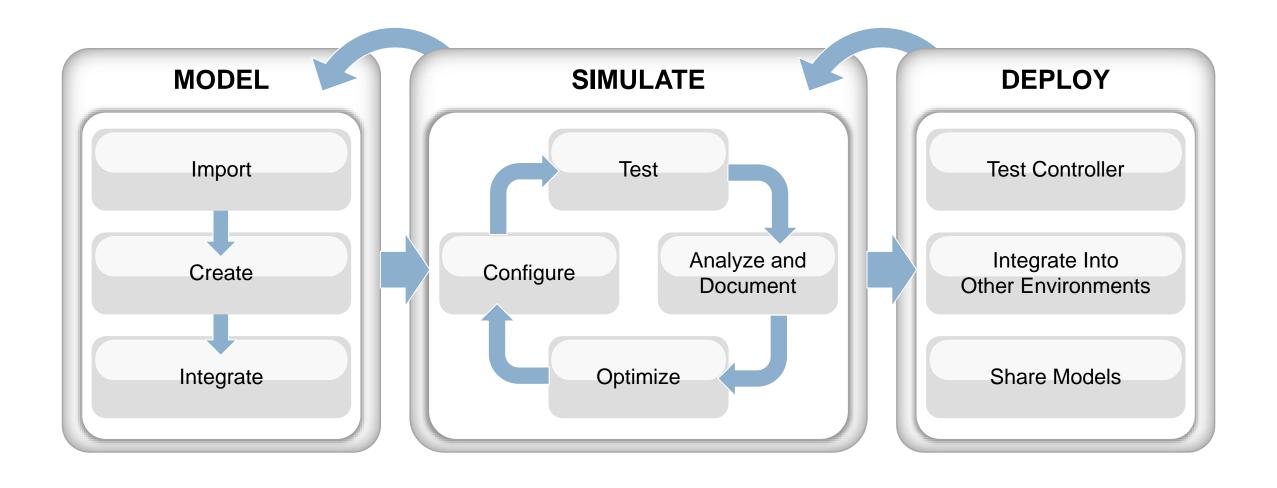


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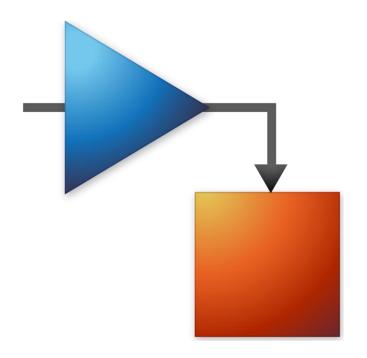
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Why use Simulink?





Model Based Design with Simulink

Modelling and simulation

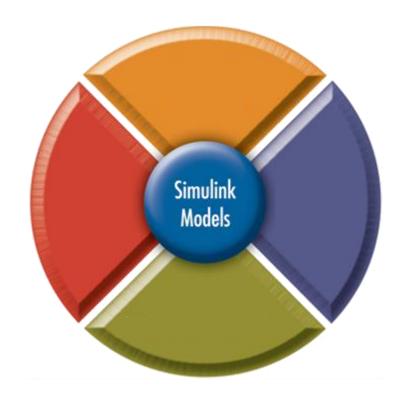
- Multidomain Dynamic Systems
- Nonlinear Systems
- Continuous-time, Discrete-time, Multi-Rate systems

Plant and Controller Design

- Select/optimise control architecture and parameters
- Rapidly model "what-if" scenarios
- Communicate design ideas
- Embody performance specifications

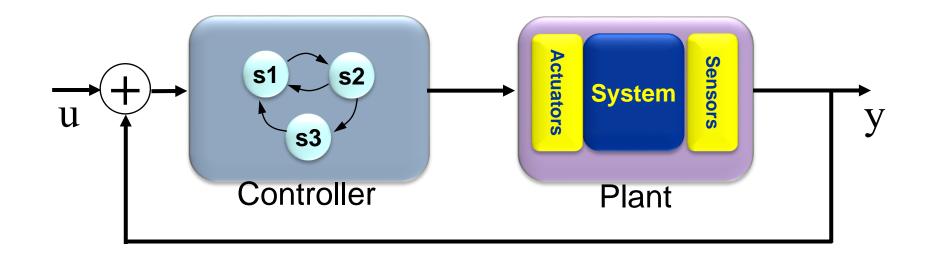
Implementation

- Automatic code generation
 - Embedded systems, FPGAs, GPUs
- Rapid prototyping for HIL, SIL, PIL
- Verification and validation





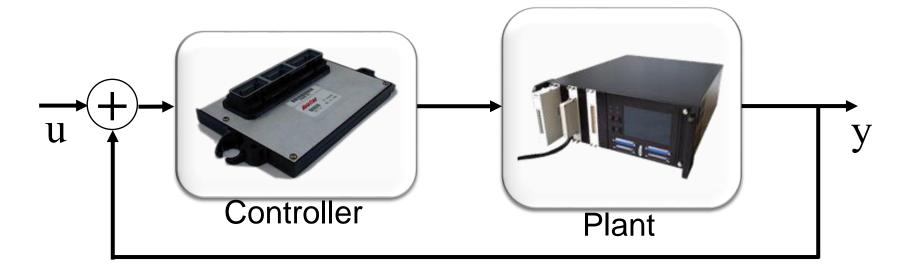
Optimise System-Level Performance



- Simulating plant and controller in one environment allows you to optimize system-level performance.
 - Automate tuning process using optimization algorithms
 - Accelerate process using parallel computing



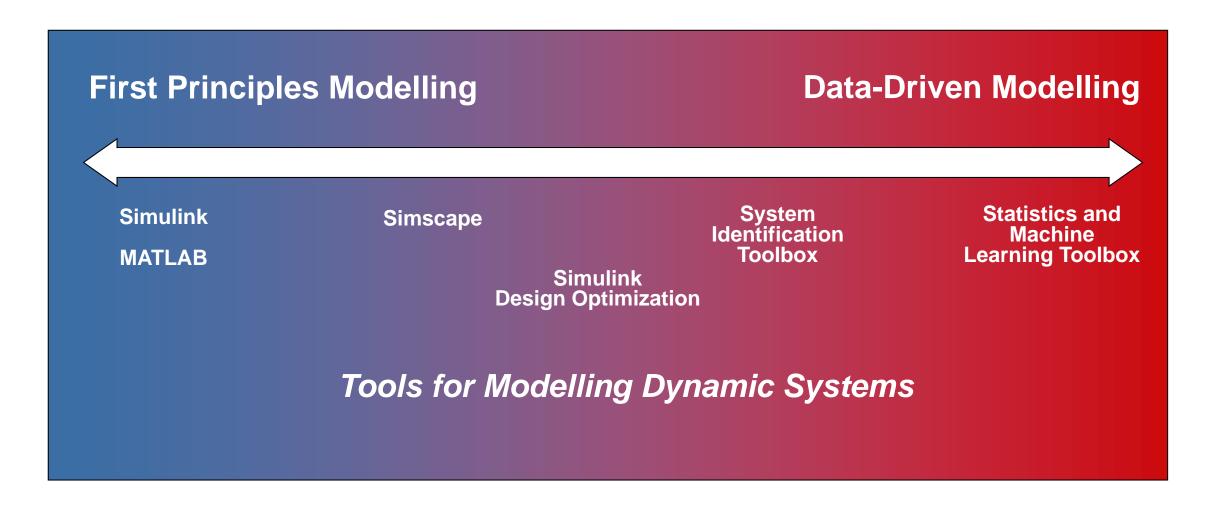
Detect Integration Issues Earlier



- Controls engineers and domain specialists can work together to detect integration issues in simulation
 - Convert plant models to C code for hardware-in-the-loop tests
 - Share models with other internal users
 - Share models with external users while protecting IP



Modelling Approaches





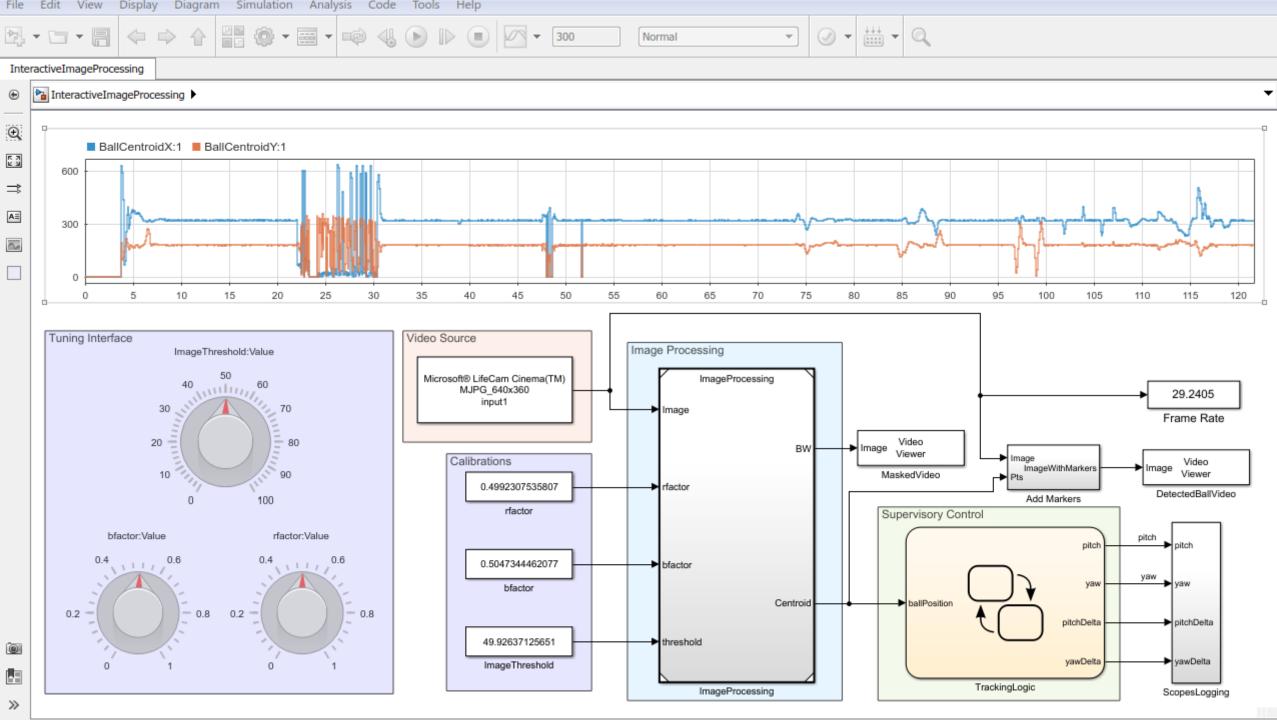
Using Simulink & Stateflow



Model-Based Design Application



- Computer vision application
- Closed-loop motor control





What questions do we want to answer?

- Can I get the closed loop response I need?
- What current will my motor draw during operation?
- Does my system still work if component values change?
- What if...?



Steps in the process

- Model the motor
- 2. Model the speed controller
- 3. Refine the motor model using measured data
- 4. Model the supervisory logic
- 5. Validate and integrate the image processing algorithm
- 6. Deploy the control model to hardware

At each stage: Simulate the model





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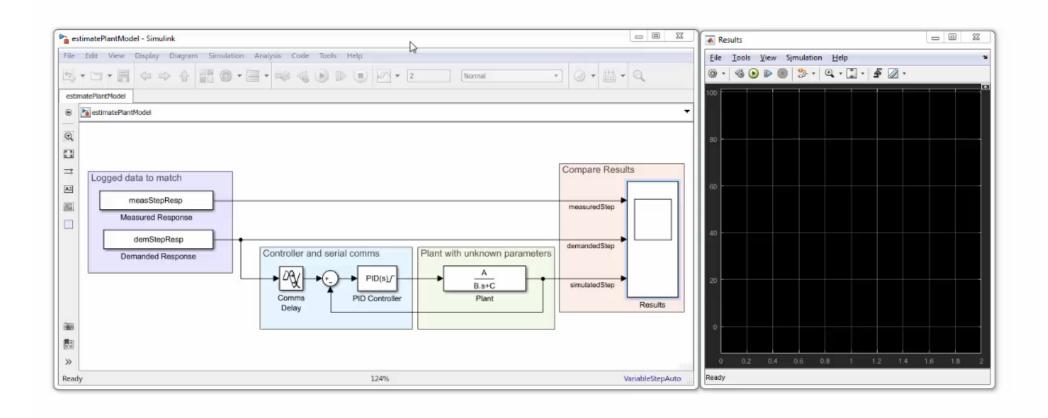
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Parameter Estimation





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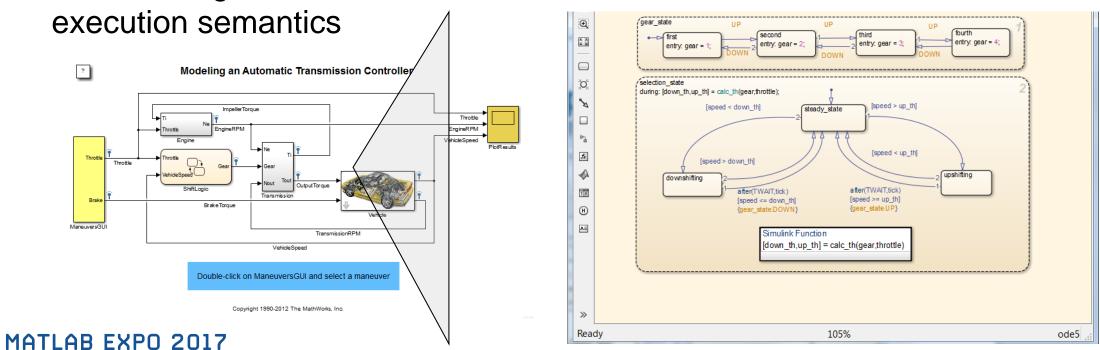




Stateflow Overview

- Extend Simulink with a design environment for developing state machines and flow charts
- Design systems containing control, supervisory, and mode logic

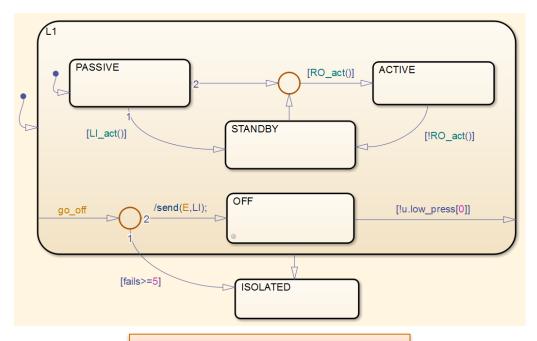
Describe logic in a natural and understandable form with deterministic





What are State Machines?

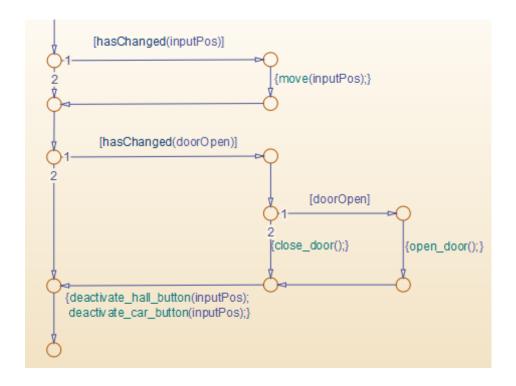
- Represent reactive systems that have states or modes
- States change based on defined conditions and events



E.g. Fault Management

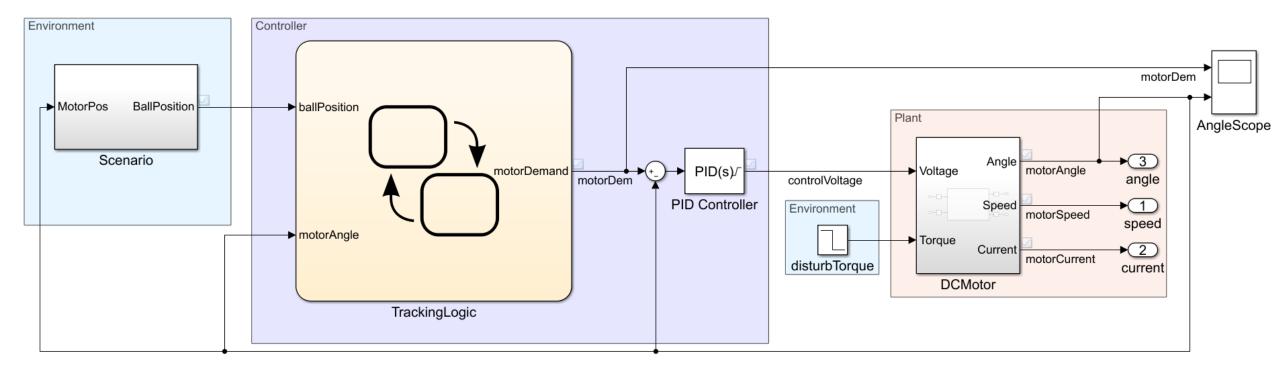
What are Flow Charts?

Represent an algorithm or process





Modelling the system with Simulink and Stateflow





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Conclusions

- Modelling and simulation gives you insight to make smarter decisions, earlier
- Simulink allows you to model the complete system in a single environment
- Accelerate your simulation work with the power of MATLAB

Solar Impulse Develops Advanced Solar-Powered Airplane

- Key design decisions made early
- Vital pilot training enabled
- Models reused and shared throughout development



"Simulations with MATLAB and Simulink were essential to assessing feasibility and evaluating broad design tradeoffs as well as making detailed design decisions—like the size of control surfaces and the vertical tail—that directly affect aircraft dynamics and handling qualities."