

# Validation of Desktop Simulation – The Path Towards Real-Time Simulation

VEHICLE Webinar n°3



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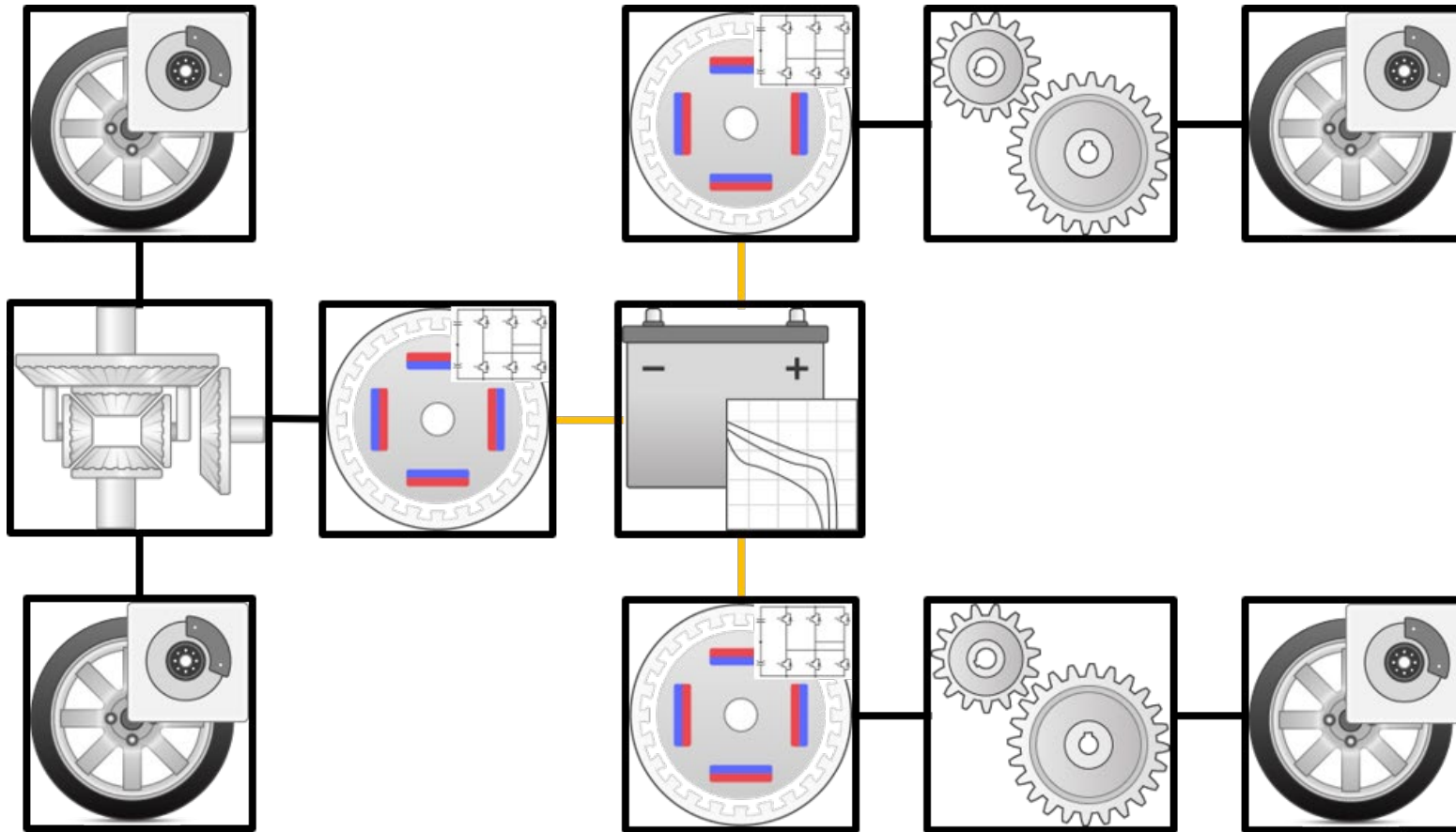
## VEHICLE Webinar n°3 – Hochschule Karlsruhe

*Vehicle battery technology : from  
desktop-simulation to real-time  
simulation*

Speaker  
Janosch Marquart  
Technical Sales / Academia



# Energy Management Systems



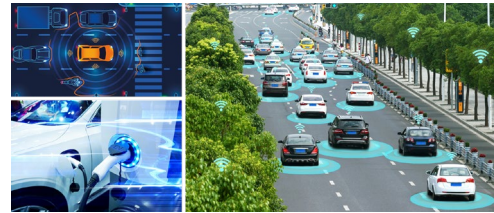
Where is it used?

# Industries Relying on Real-Time Simulation and Testing

## Electrification



## Automotive



## Aerospace



## Automation & Controls



## Medical



# Key Takeaways

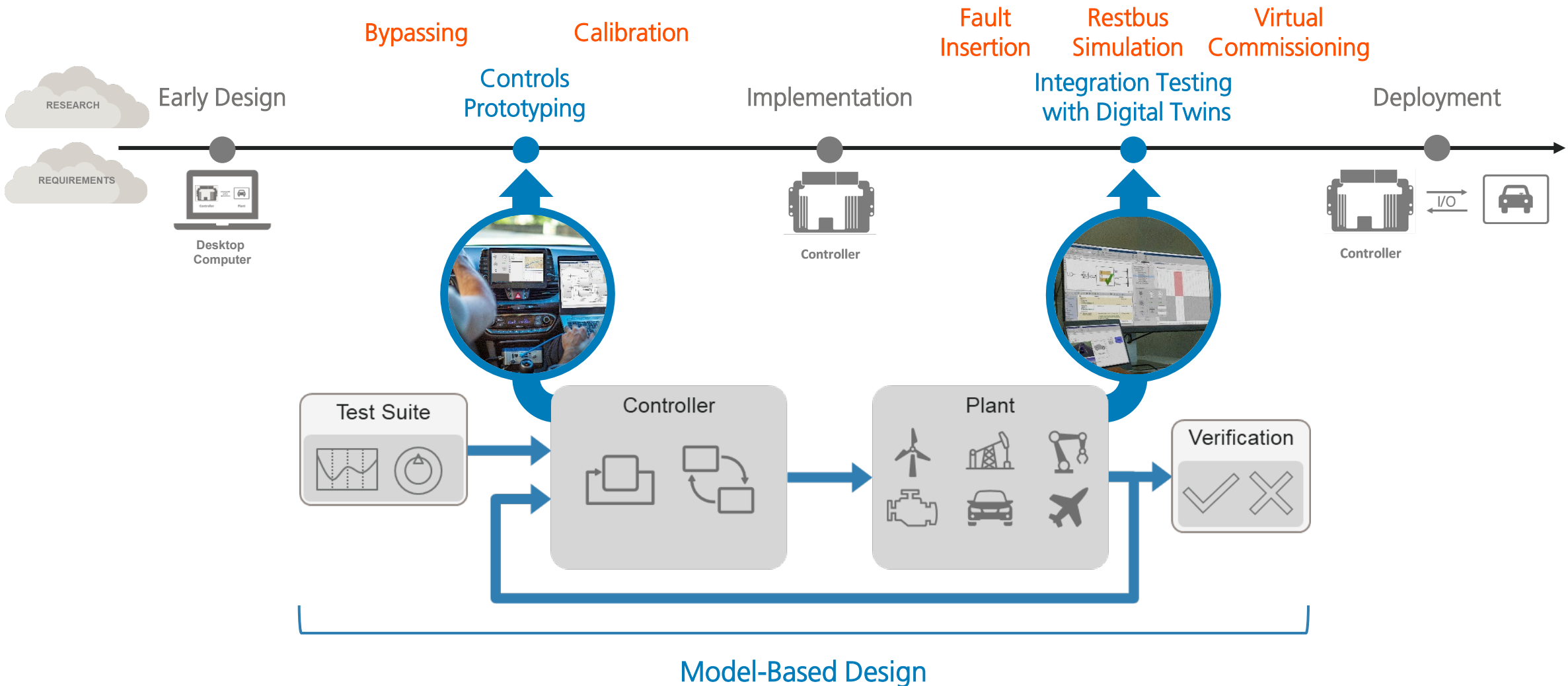
1. Easily Re-Use Desktop Simulations for RTS
2. Detect Design Flaws at the Earliest Possible Stage
3. Automate your Extensive Testing and Validation





Why Real-Time Simulation and Testing?

# Real-Time Enabled Model-Based Design



Simplify Your Workflow

# Deliver Better Through Full Integration

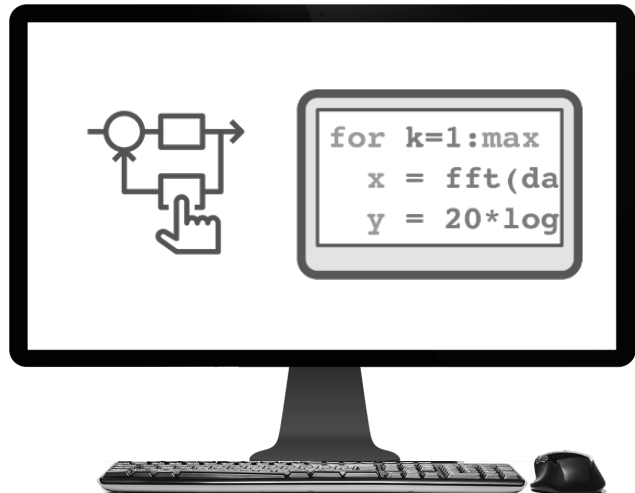
## Desktop Design, Simulation & Test

Test & Measurement

Plant Simulation

Supervisory Logic

Control Algorithms



## Real-Time Simulation & Testing

RTOS & Hardware

I/O Connectivity

Instrumentation

Automated Testing



# Unify Desktop and Real-Time Simulation and Testing

## Simulation & Testing

### Desktop

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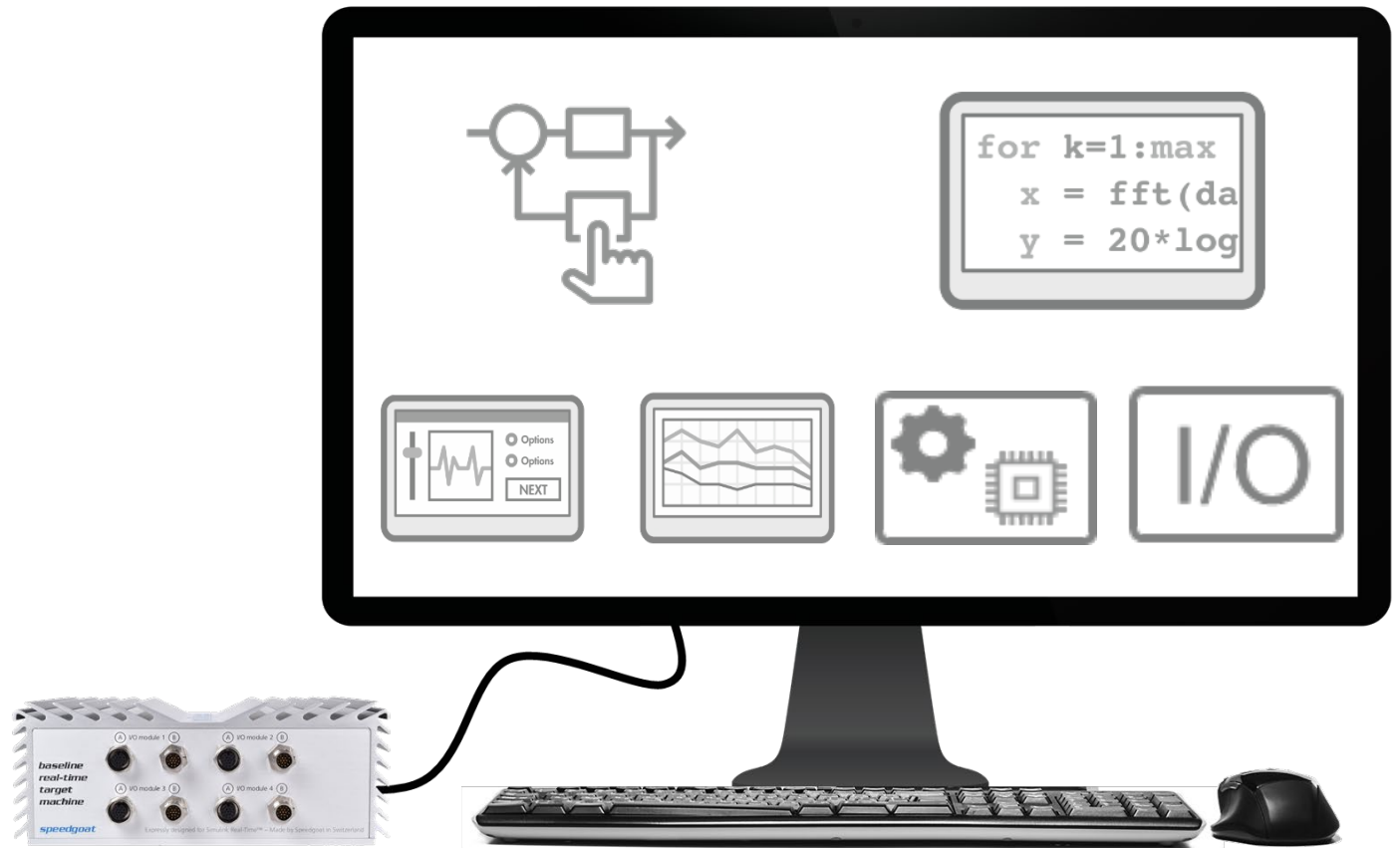
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# With Simulink Real-Time™ by MathWorks

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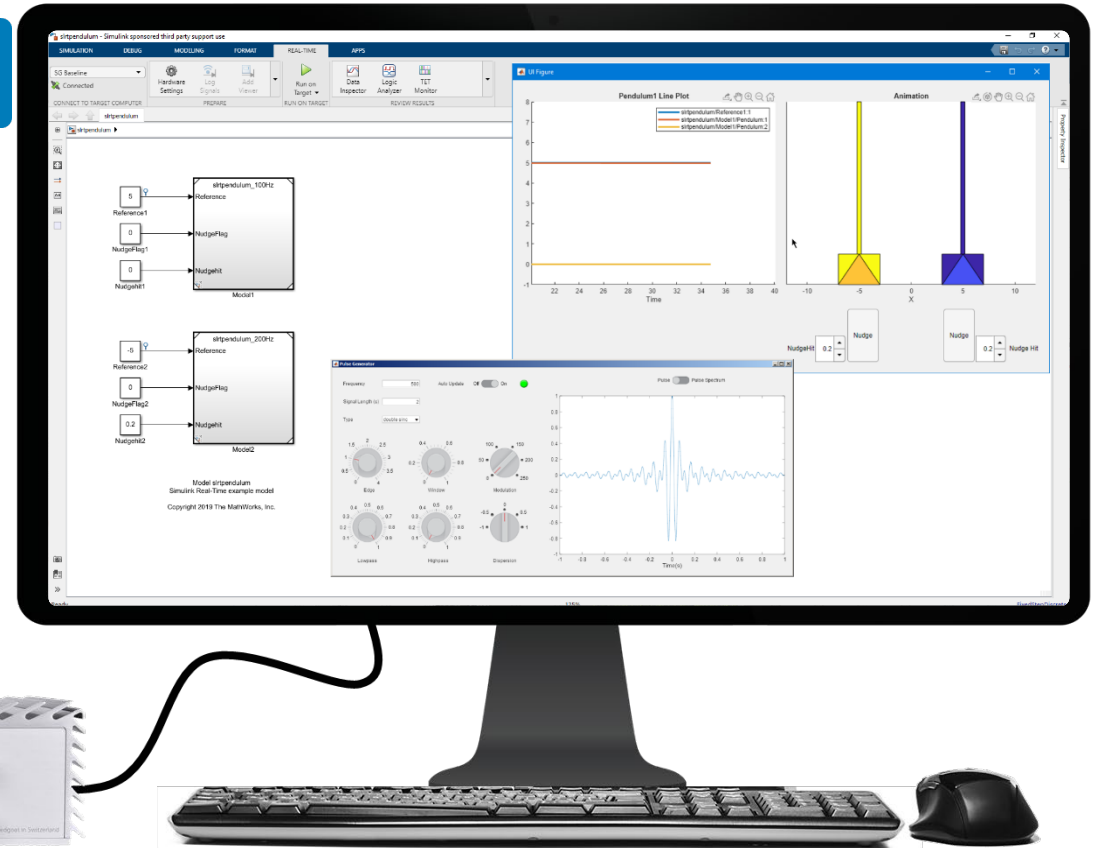
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# and Versatile Speedgoat Hardware

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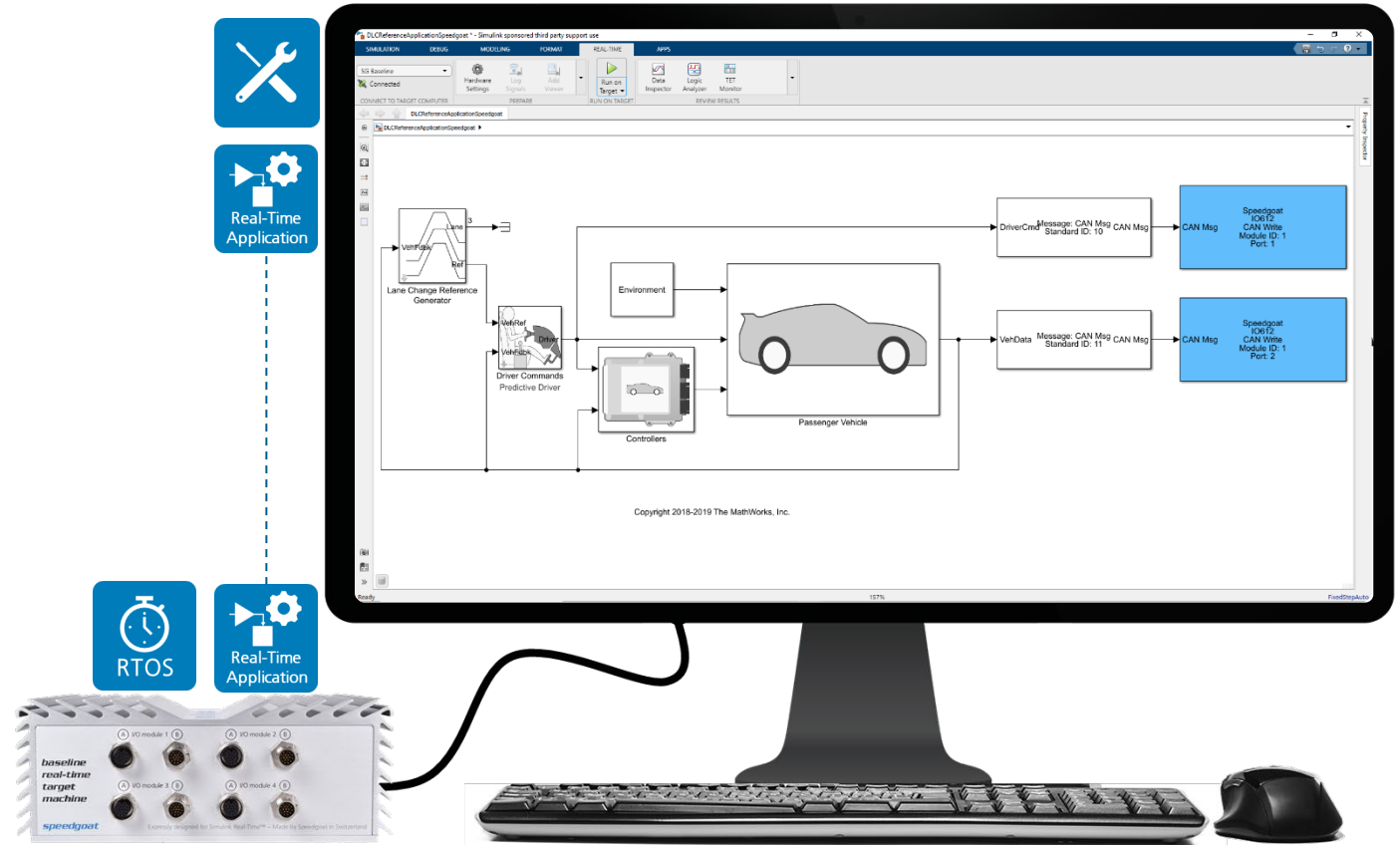
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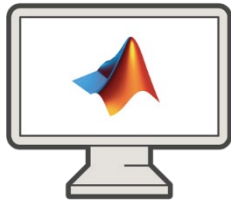
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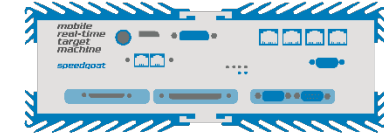
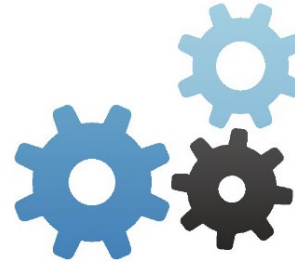
Automated Testing



# Two Companies Form a Turnkey Solution

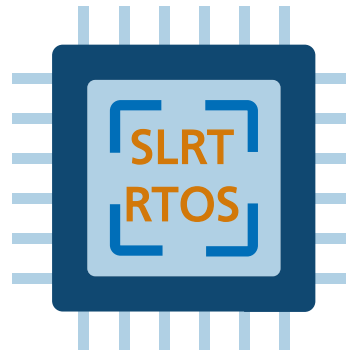


**MathWorks  
Simulink Real-Time**



**Speedgoat  
Real-time Target Machines**

- › RT - instrumentation
- › Code Gen (C/VHDL)
- › Toolboxes / Blocksets
- › Simscape
- › Simulink Test



- › I/O protocol support
- › FPGA-based solutions
- › Speedgoat driver library
- › Complete HIL-Rigs

## Success Story: Leclanché

# Next-Gen Li-Ion Battery Packs for Autonomous Vehicles

### Challenge

- Unable to test and verify new BMS algorithms in realistic operating conditions before connecting to actual battery packs.
- Late bug discovery and no preliminary testing can damage batteries
- Poor development tool compatibility leading to manual testing

### Solution

- Use Simulink and Speedgoat products for HIL testing of BMS
- Test platform with fault insertion, CAN communication, and Speedgoat battery cell emulators
- Use Simulink Test to thoroughly validate BMS and battery state estimation algorithms (SoC, SoH, etc.)

### Results

- Reduced testing time with automated testing by 50%
- Increased test coverage for safety features by 40%
- Faster development with early bug detection



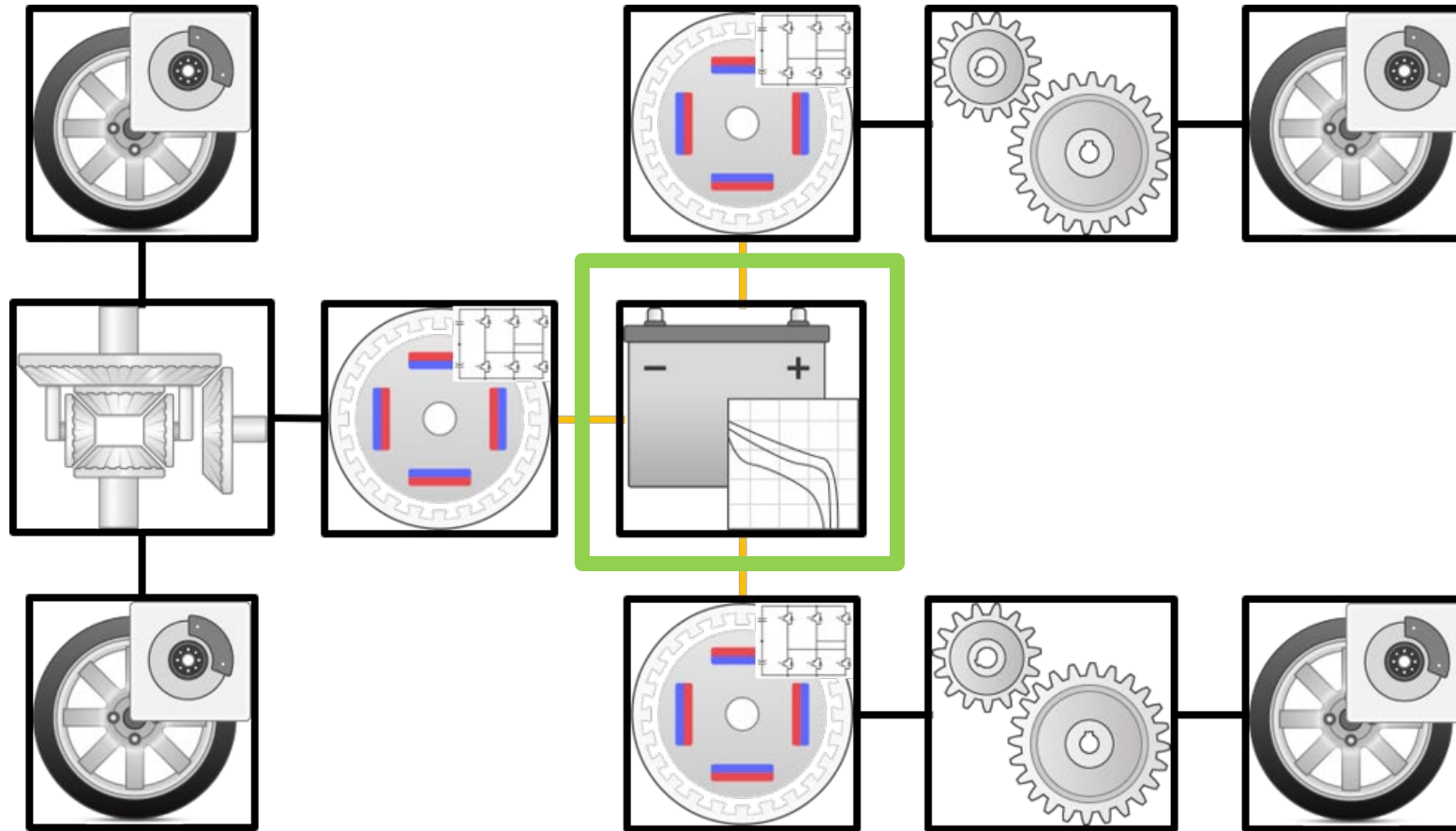
 **Leclanché**  
Energy Storage Solutions

***“Speedgoat together with MathWorks products offer a very efficient workflow to design, test and validate algorithms for Battery Management Systems”***

- Marc Lucea, Senior Application SW Engineer



# Energy Management Systems



# Real-Time Testing for Energy Management System

## Typical Challenges

- Develop energy management algorithms
  - Controlling energy storage systems
  - Battery Management Systems (BMS) or fuel cell controls development
  - State estimation like SoC or SoH
- Test controls and front-ends
  - Thoroughly test BMS or fuel cell control firmware
  - Test faults and cell balancing for battery modules
  - Having validated battery models

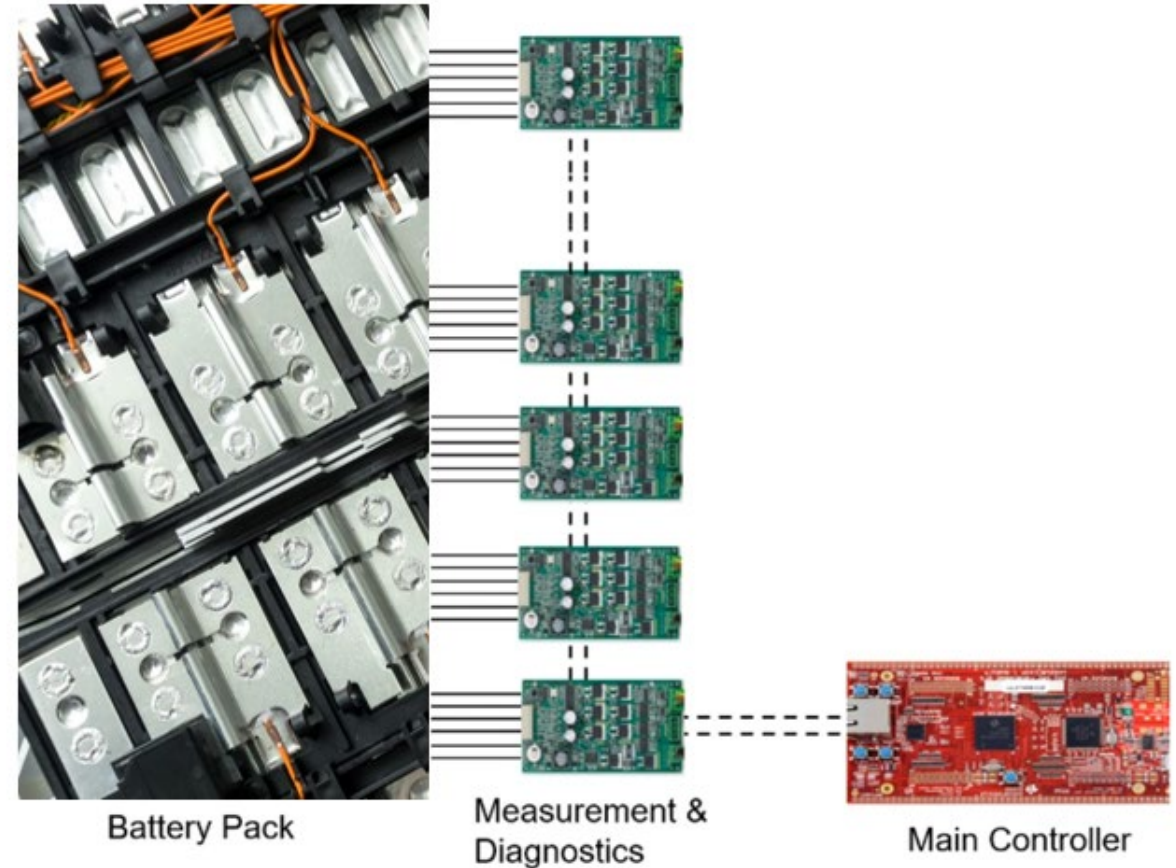
## ▪ Solutions

- Rapid controls prototyping
  - Control interfaces
  - I/O emulation and signal conditioning
  - Using communication protocols like CAN bus
- HIL simulation e.g. Battery Cell Emulation
  - Emulate hundreds of cells in series
  - Fault insertion for each cell
  - Thermal tests via temperature sensors
  - Battery model validation

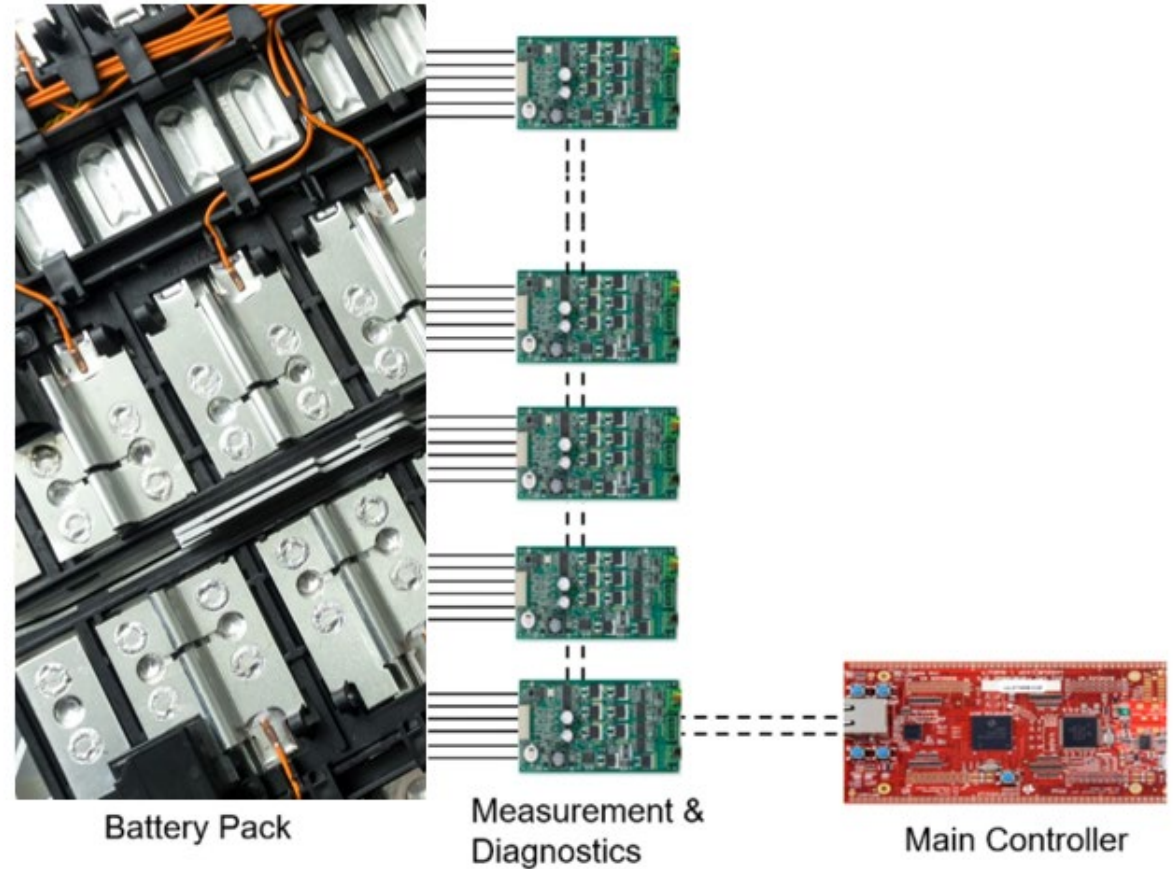
# Hardware-in-the-Loop Testing of Battery Management Systems

## WHY?

- Charge-discharge cycles may take hours
- Fault-testing: Reproducibility and Safety
- Testing software revision or design iteration

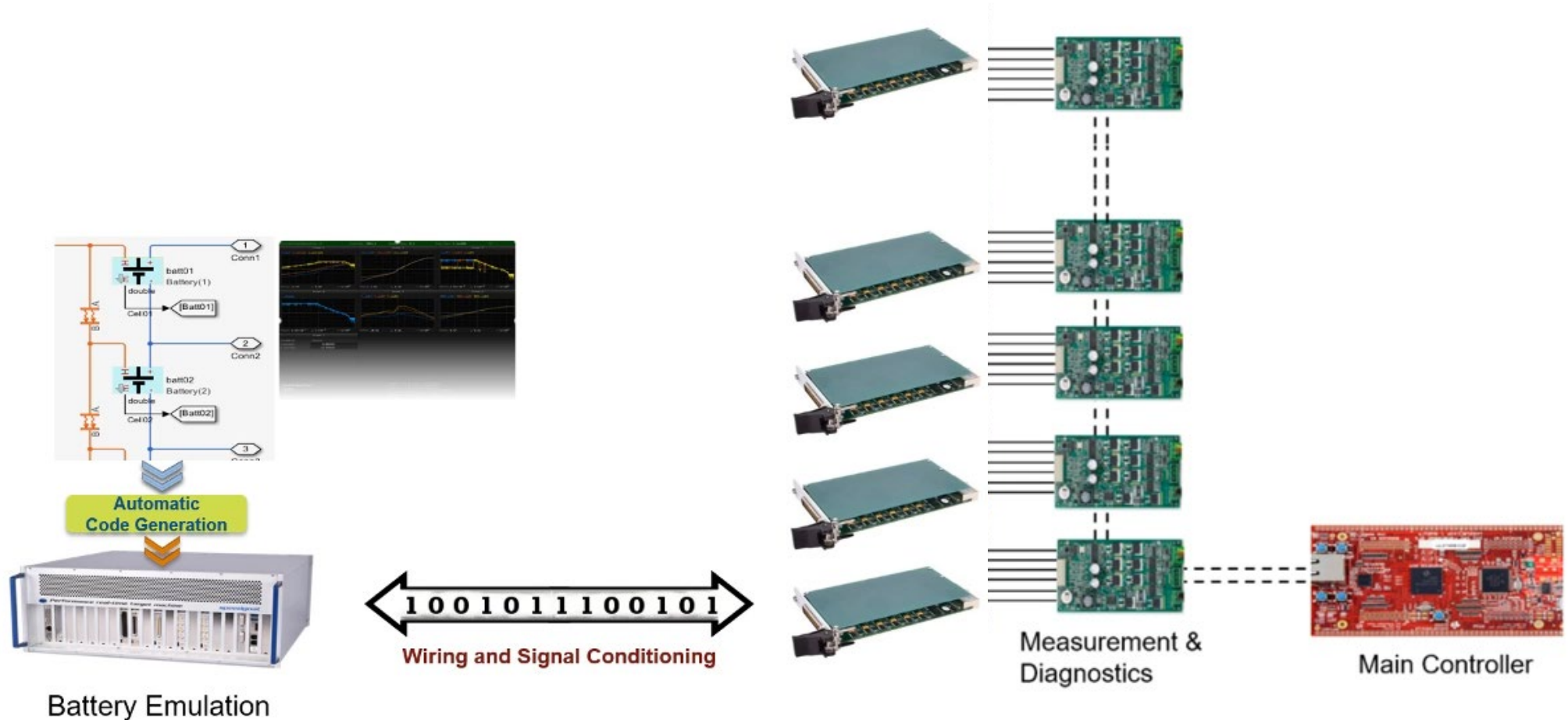


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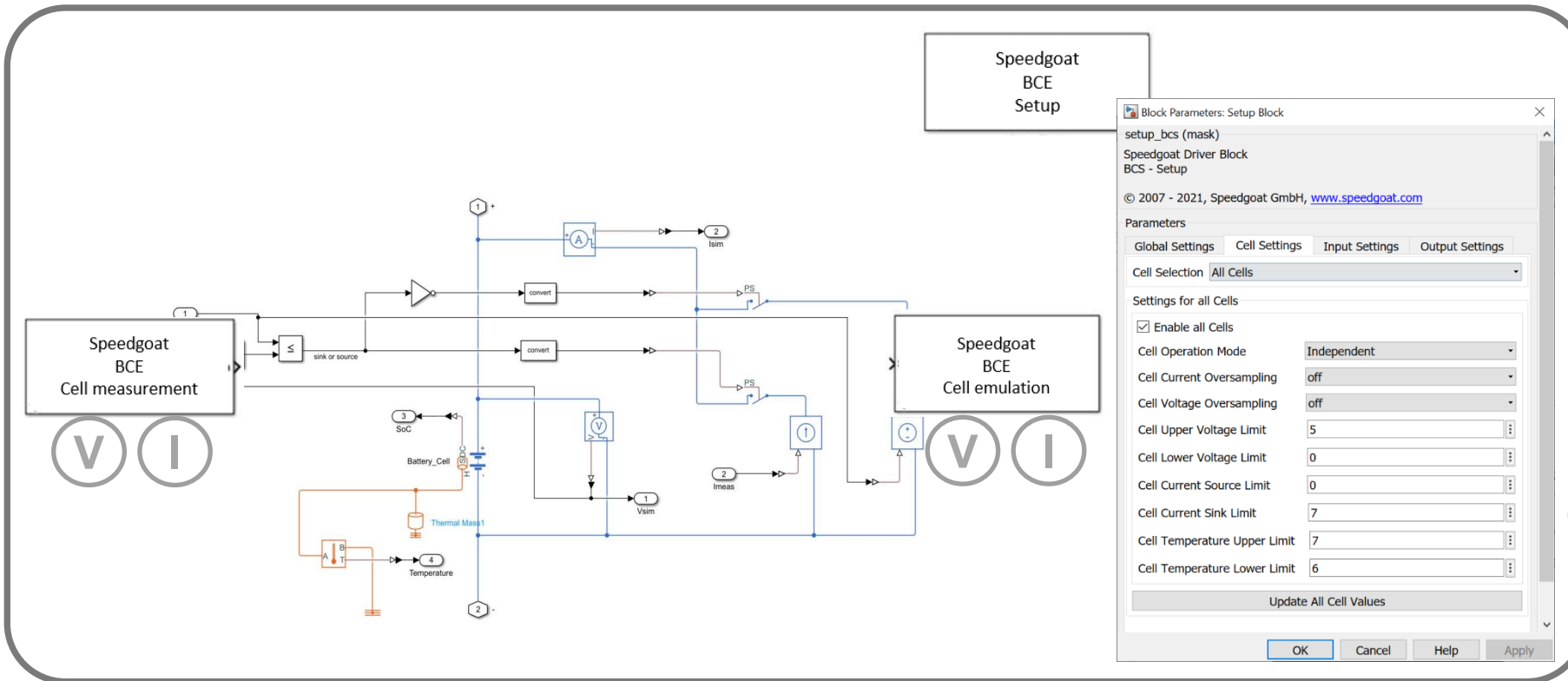
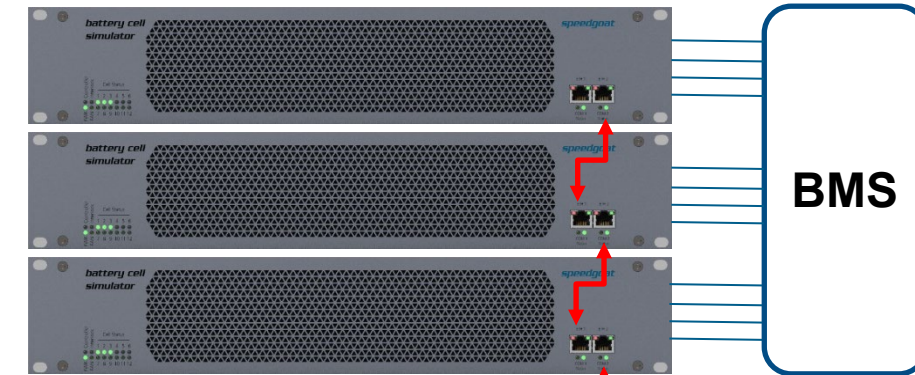


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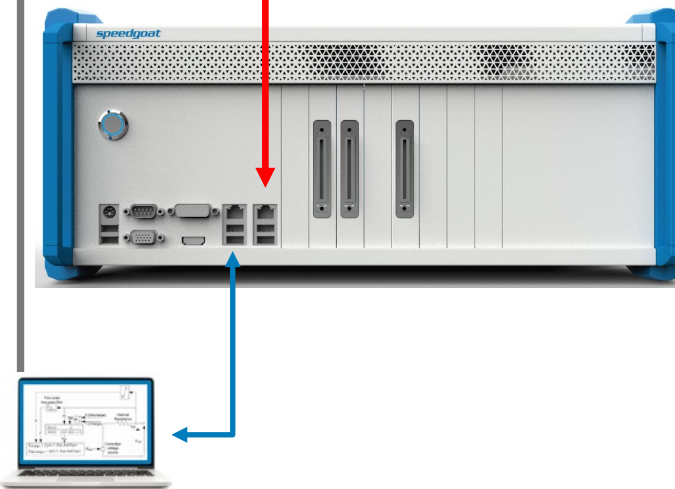


# Setup

- Fast, deterministic, available onboard on Speedgoat real-time target machines
- Directly set and read voltages and currents to/from battery cell emulator
- Model battery behaviours using Simulink real-time and Simscape Electrical

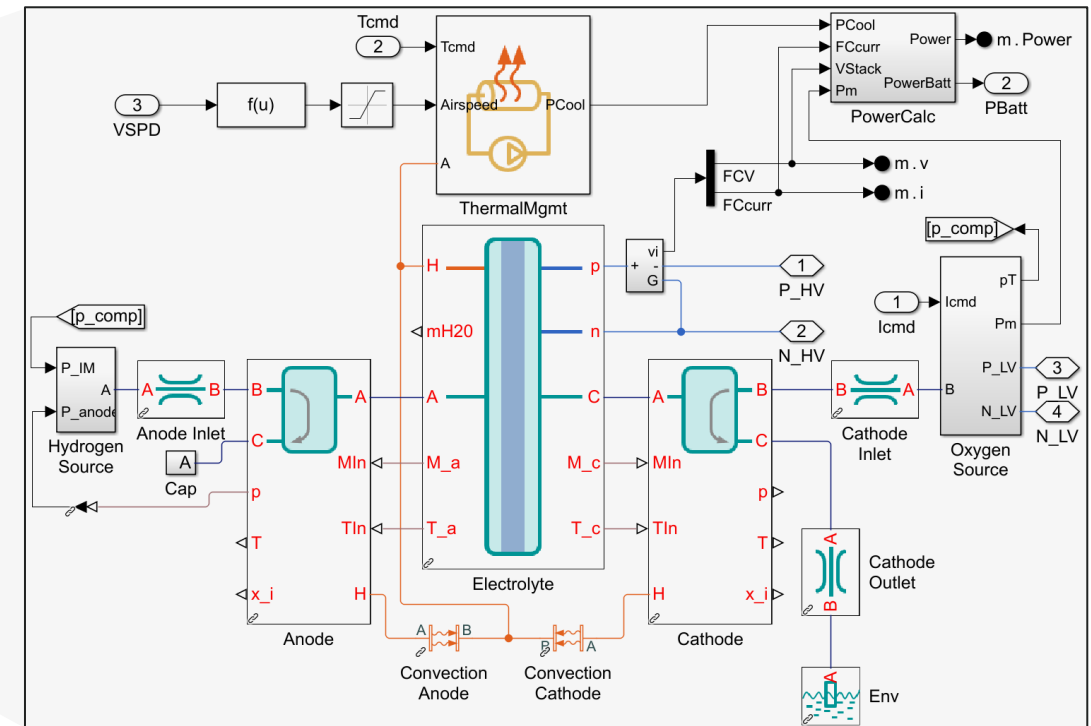
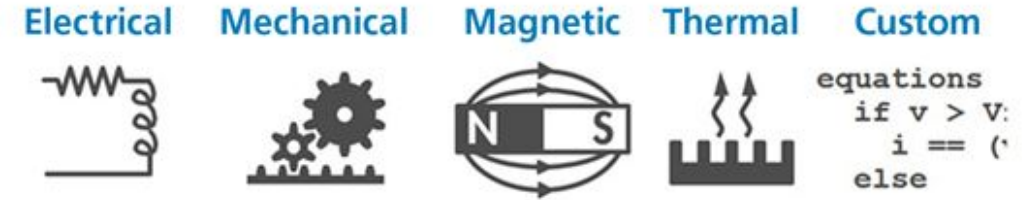


EtherCAT®



# Model Physical Systems with Simscape™

- Seamless multi-domain modelling
- Code generation support
- Highest fidelity for e.g.
  - Electric powertrain
  - Batteries
  - Liquid cooling system
  - Fuel Cells
  - Hydraulics
  - And more



[HIL for Battery Testing](#)  
[MathWorks File Exchange](#)

# New Speedgoat Product Portfolio for Battery Cell Emulation

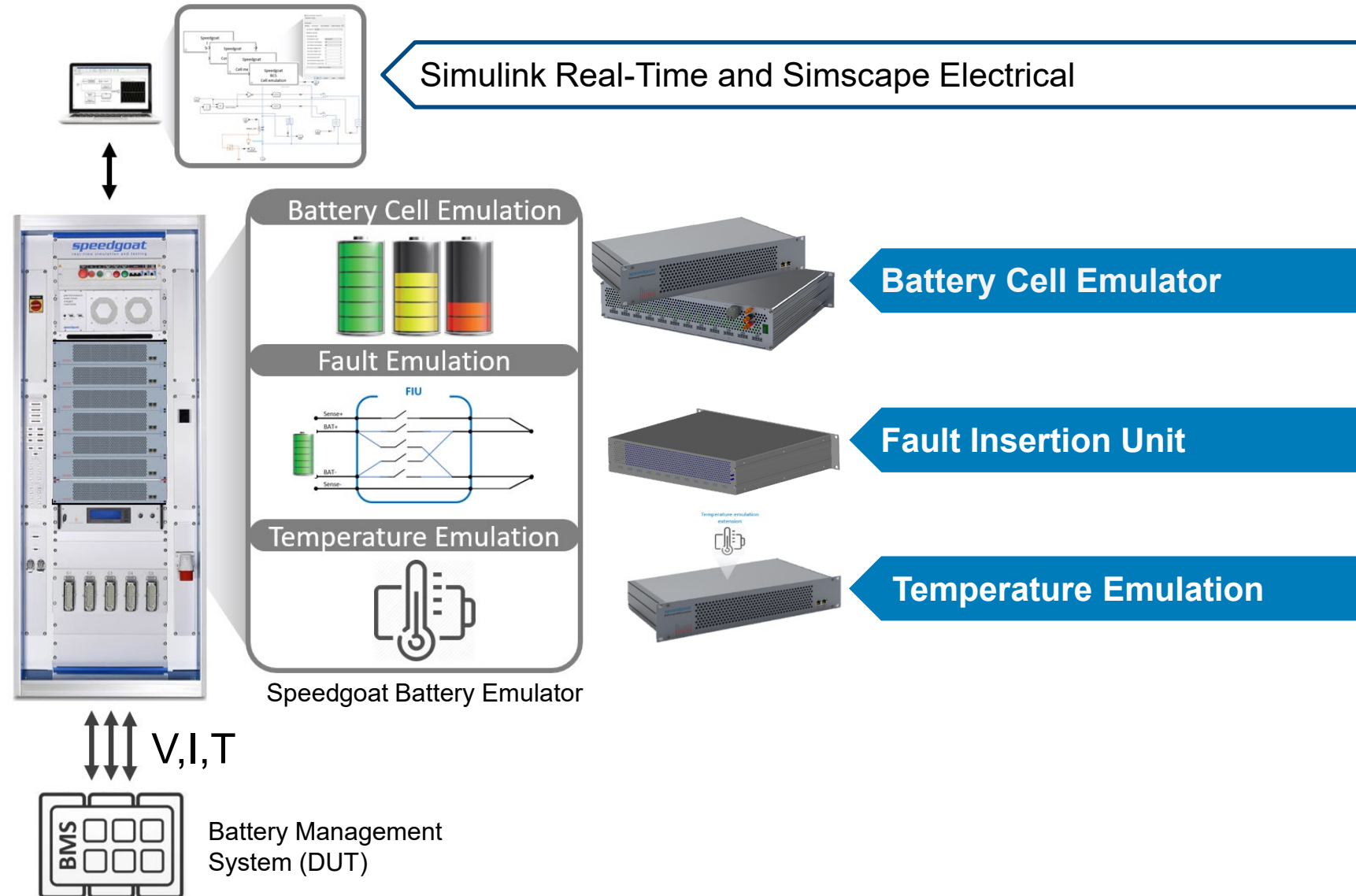
Simulink Real-Time and Simscape Electrical

## BMS Challenges:

- Cell Monitoring
- Cell Balancing
- State control (SOC, SOH)
- Thermal management
- Safety control (out of range, fault condition)

## Battery Cell Validation

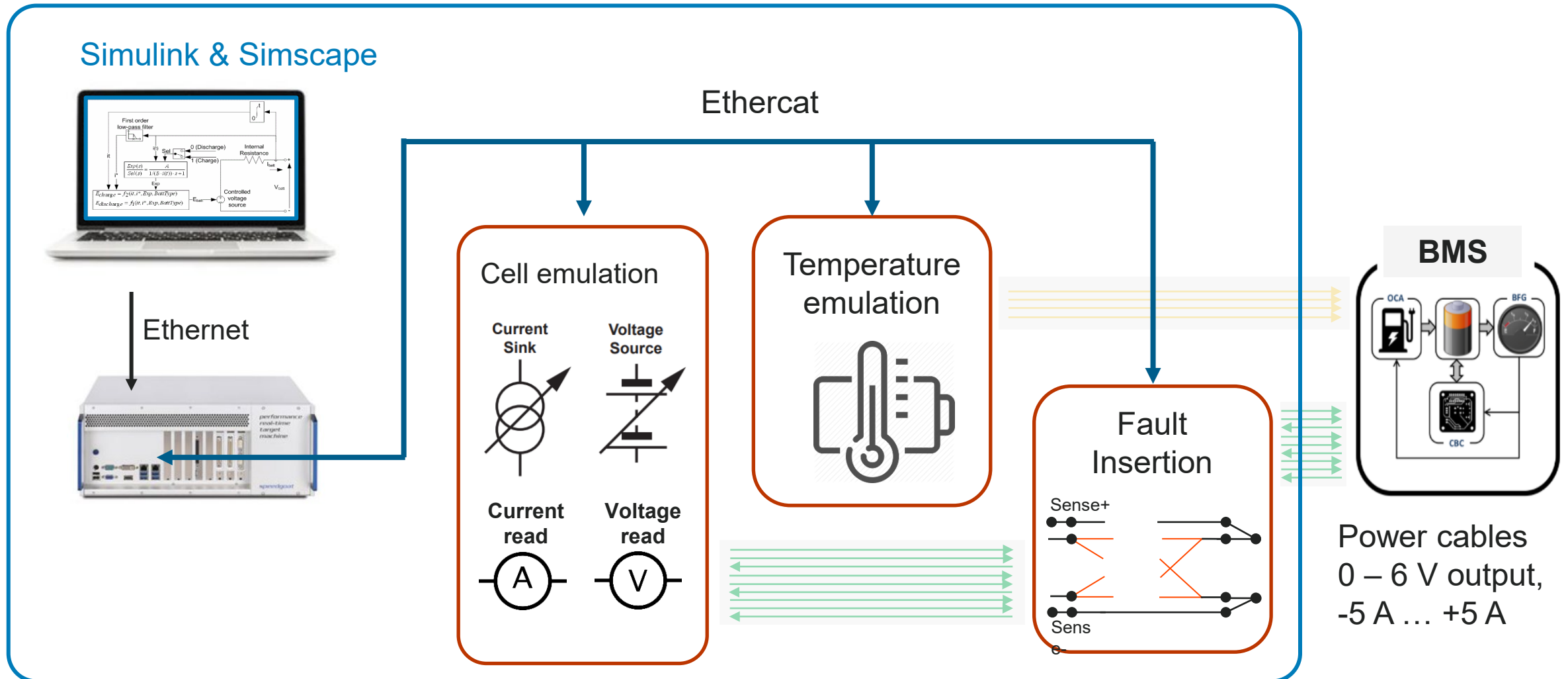
- Active Charge and Discharge
- Isolated Measurement
- Active- and passive Balancing
- Cell-stack behaviour analysis





# Battery Cell Emulator

## Temperature Emulation and Fault Insertion



# Modular Rack Solutions

- Integrate battery cell emulators, fault insertion and temperature emulation channels into full rack solutions
- Expand systems with custom equipment and signal conditioning units



# Technical Specifications

## General

- Number of cells per unit: 12
- Number of cells in series: Up to 312, depending on voltage configuration
- Cell-to-Cell isolation: 96V
- Cell-to-Ground isolation: 1.6kV
- Communication Interface: EtherCAT
- Update rate: up to 1kHz (in validation)

## Cell Emulation

- Voltage ranges: 0.01 –8V with 18-bit resolution (different options)
- Voltage accuracy:  $\pm 0.5\text{mV}$  (in validation)
- Current range sink/source:  $\pm 5\text{A}$  (current derating above 5V), 18-bit resolution
- Current accuracy:  $\pm 2\text{mA}$  (in validation)

## Cell Measurement

- Voltage range: 0-10V, 18-bit resolution
- Voltage accuracy:  $\pm 0.5\text{mV}$
- Current range:  $\pm 5\text{A}$ , 18-bit resolution
- Current accuracy:  $\pm 2\text{mA}$

# EV & HEV Full Vehicle Simulation

## High Fidelity Simulation with Simscape Templates



- Real-time capable, fully customizable templates
- High-fidelity & multidomain physical models
- Tailor models for your electrification tasks
- Easily adapt system fidelity
- Real-time execution and HW connectivity with just a few clicks



## Success Story: Nuvera

# Electrifying Commercial Vehicles with Hydrogen Fuel Cells

- Developing fuel cell technology for commercial vehicles
- Hybrid fuel cells with lithium-ion batteries
- Fuel cells and batteries modeled in Simulink

## Using real-time testing

- Nuvera uses real-time simulation for quick iterations on their designs
- HIL testing avoids putting a real engine at risk.

## Reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

- Application for forklifts
- Reducing 128 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> can be avoided annually.
- Possible to integrate with buses, trains, and special vehicles



One of Nuvera's E-Series Fuel Cell Engines.  
Image credit: Nuvera Fuel Cells

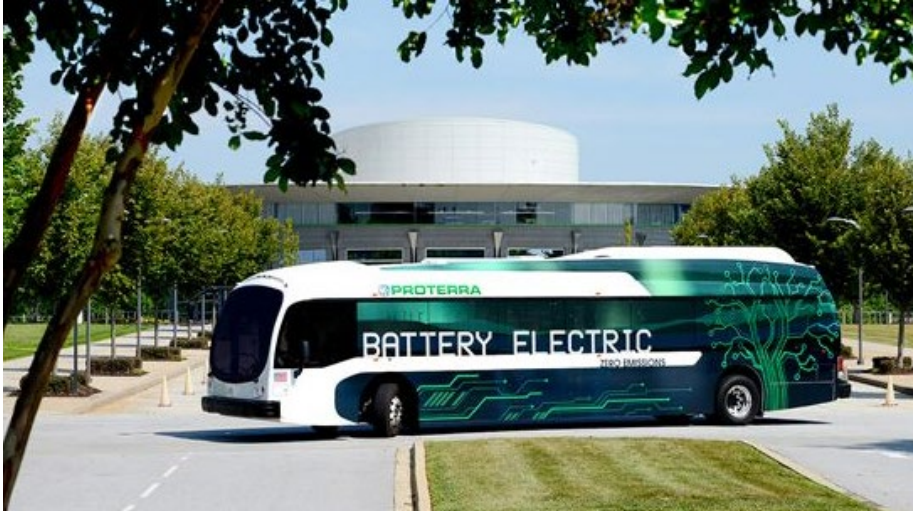
# Wrap-Up

1. Stay in the same modeling environment
2. No extra knowledge required
3. Connect to hardware with a few clicks and experiment in real-time
4. Rapidly switch between desktop and real-time
5. Fully automate your testing and validation

# Addendum for Discussion

User Story: Proterra

# Zero-Emission Battery Electric Bus Charges On-Route



## Application

- Proterra decided to leverage a hardware-in-the-loop (HIL) development approach to aid the testing and development of the control systems for the new transit bus
- Temperature, CAN network, pressure, speed emulation
- Seamless integration into MathWorks Tools
- Faster time to market

*"I feel that Speedgoat has certainly developed a plug-and-play real-time platform for Simulink. For us, that translates into more time testing our control systems and less time developing a HIL bench."*

*- Joaquin Reyes, Controls Engineer, Proterra*



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## Real-Time Hardware-Software Solution

Real-Time Target Computers

I/O and Communication Protocols





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- Performance real-time target

- Mobile real-time target

- Baseline real-time target

- Unit real-time target

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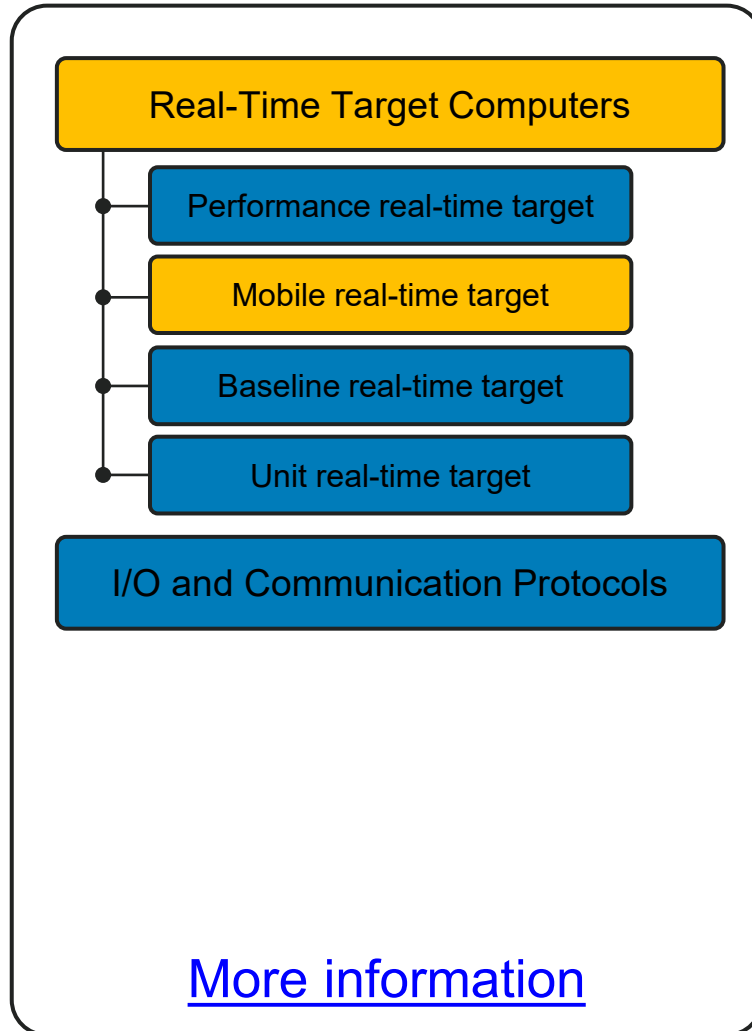
Ideal for labs, rack installation or desktop use  
Latest Intel CPUs (9th Gen Core i7 and Xeon)  
Install up to 50 I/O modules with expansion chassis

Hardware-in-the-Loop

Rapid Controls Prototyping

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## Real-Time Hardware-Software Solution



For desk, field, and in-vehicle use, DIN Rail Mountable  
Latest Intel CPUs (9th Gen Core i7)  
Install up to 14 I/O modules

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For desk, field, and in-vehicle use

Flexible for applications required small set of diverse I/O

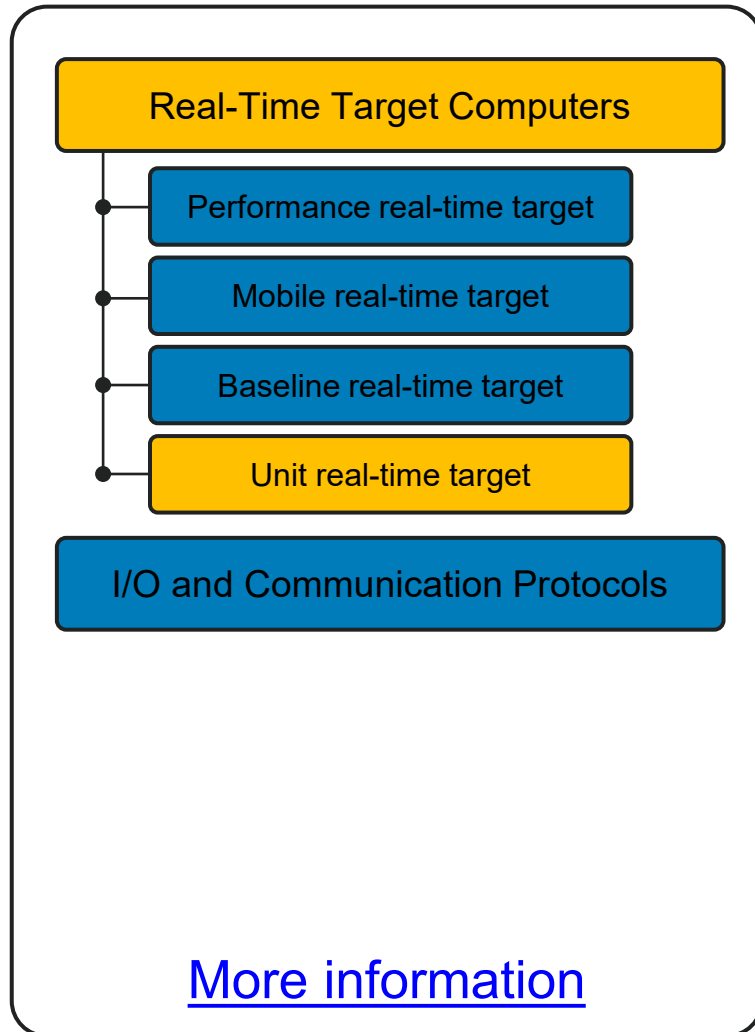
Over 100 I/O compact miniPCle, PMC, and XMC modules

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## Real-Time Hardware-Software Solution



Ideal for small scale Rapid Controls Prototyping  
Suitable for size/weight constrained projects  
Intel Atom Quad-Core CPU

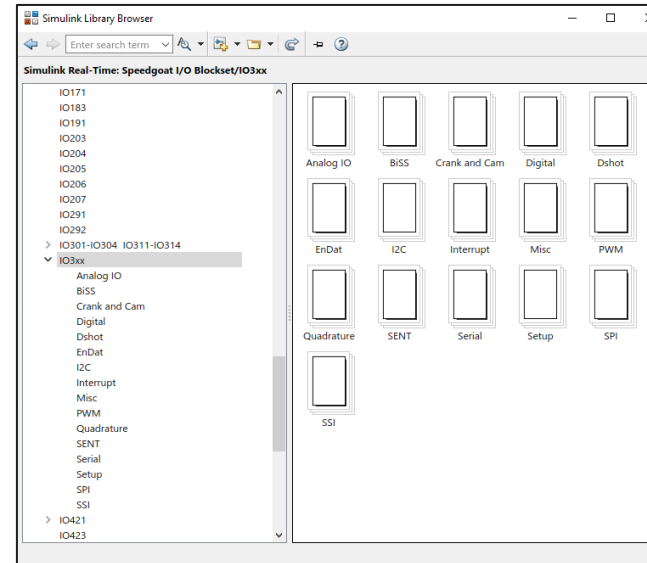
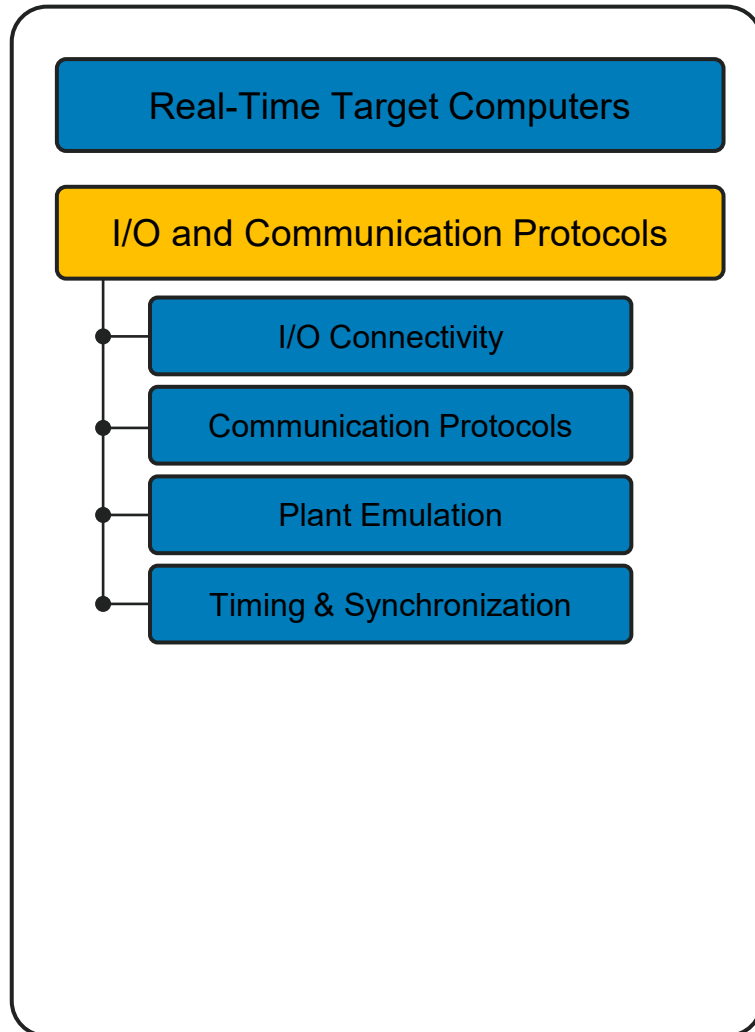
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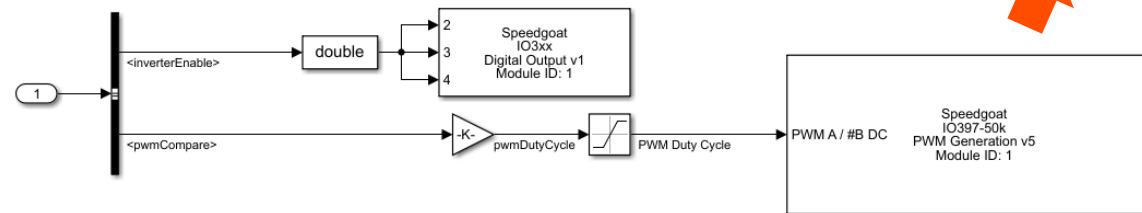
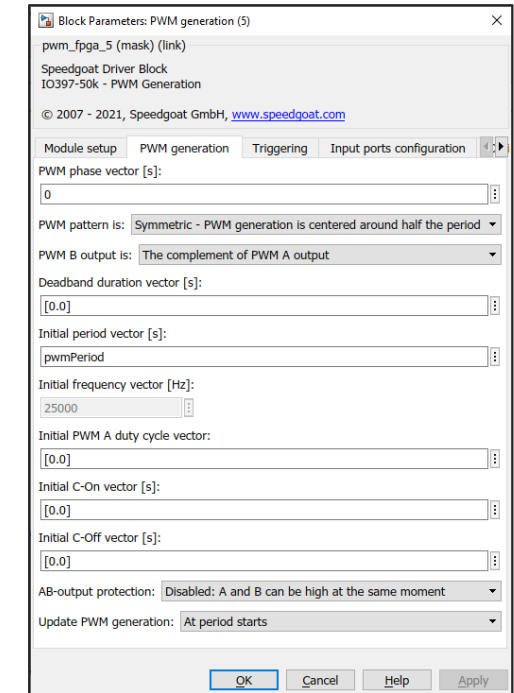


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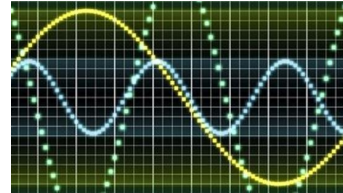
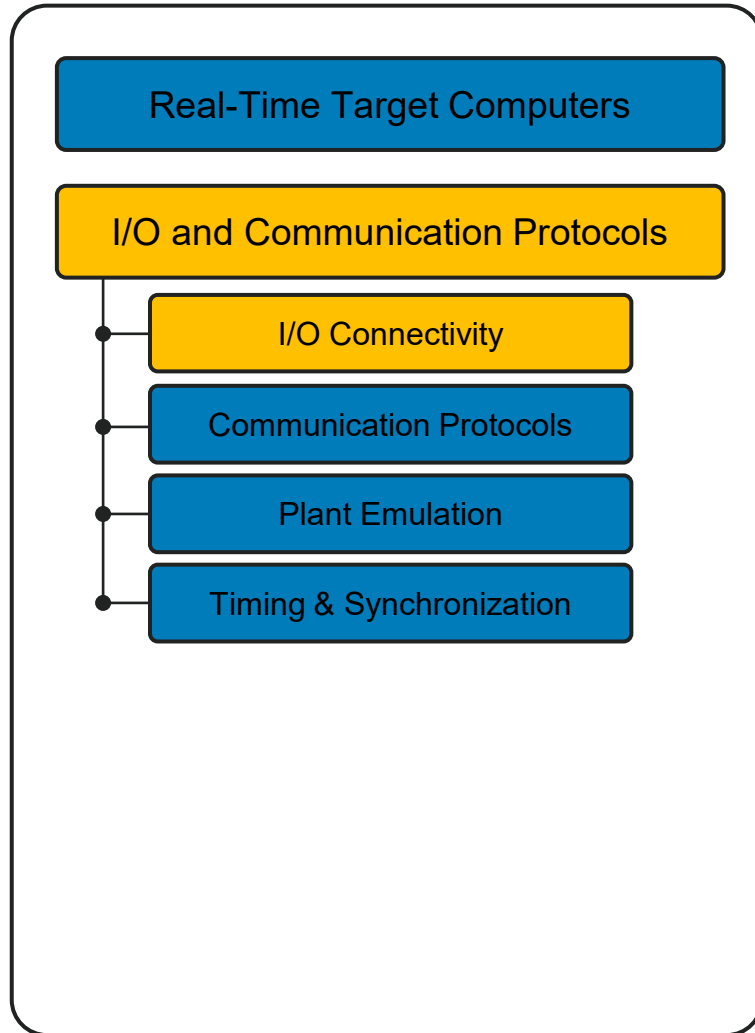


Drag and drop Speedgoat driver blocks into the Simulink model, connect and configure in the dialog fields



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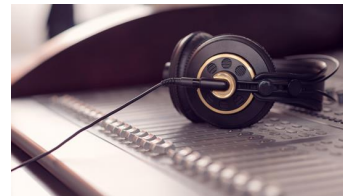
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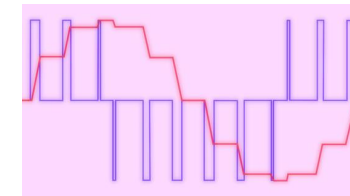
Analog  
A/D D/A  
16-24 bit



Digital  
TTL, RS-422  
LVDS



Audio & Speech



PWM  
Generation & Capture



Encoders  
BiSS, EnDat,  
Quadrature...



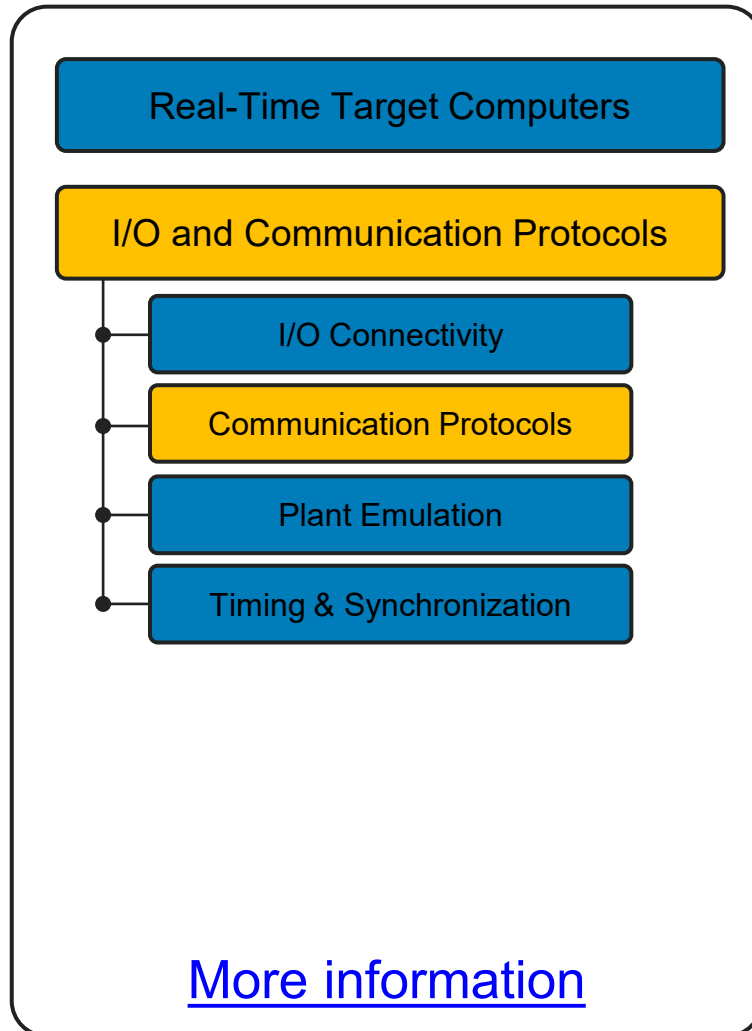
LVDT  
RVDT  
Synchro  
Resolver



Vibration

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## Real-Time Hardware-Software Solution



### Aerospace

ARINC 429	AFDX
ARINC 629	MIL-STD-1553
ARINC 825	SDLC/HDLC
	D-SHOT



### Automotive

CAN	J1939
CAN-FD	XCP
LIN	SENT
FlexRay	MVB/WTB



### Industrial Automation

PROFIBUS	Modbus
PROFINET	EtherNet/IP
EtherCAT	POWERLINK



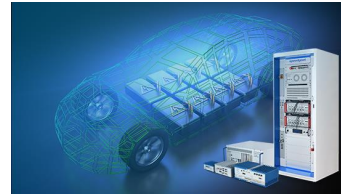
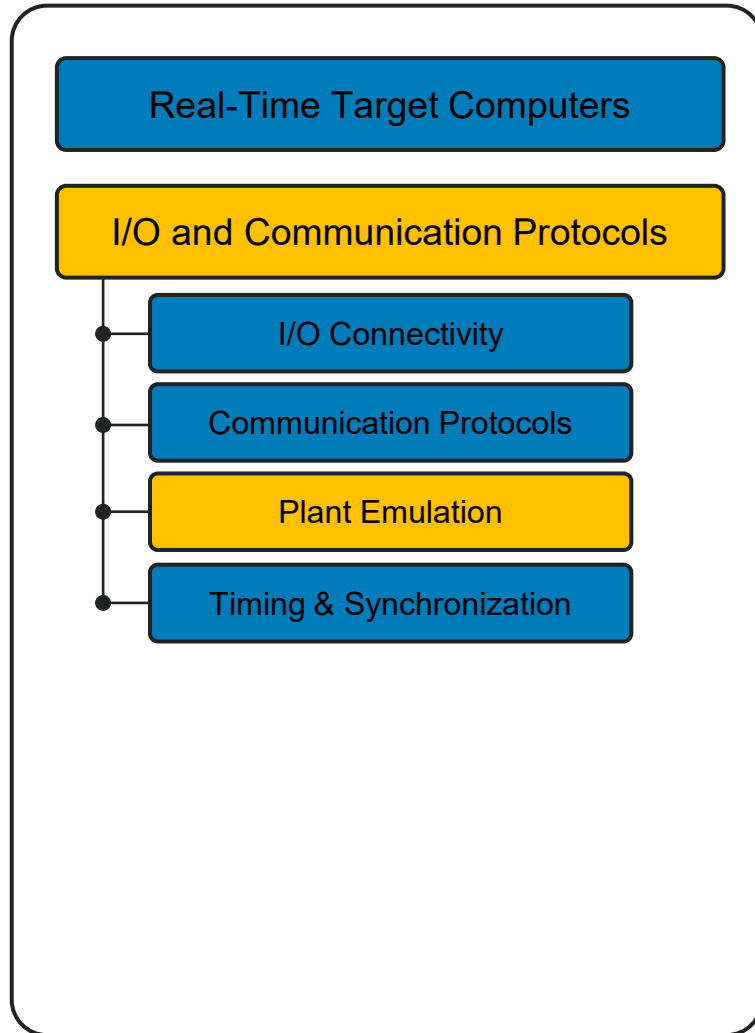
### Multi-Industry

Aurora	IRIG w/ GPS
UDP, TCP	RS-422
Ethernet	RS-485
PTP	RS-232



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# Real-Time Hardware-Software Solution



Battery Cell Emulation



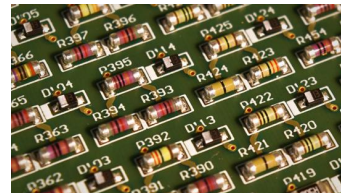
Multi-Node Simulator



Fault Insertion



Relays  
SPST  
DPST  
SPDT



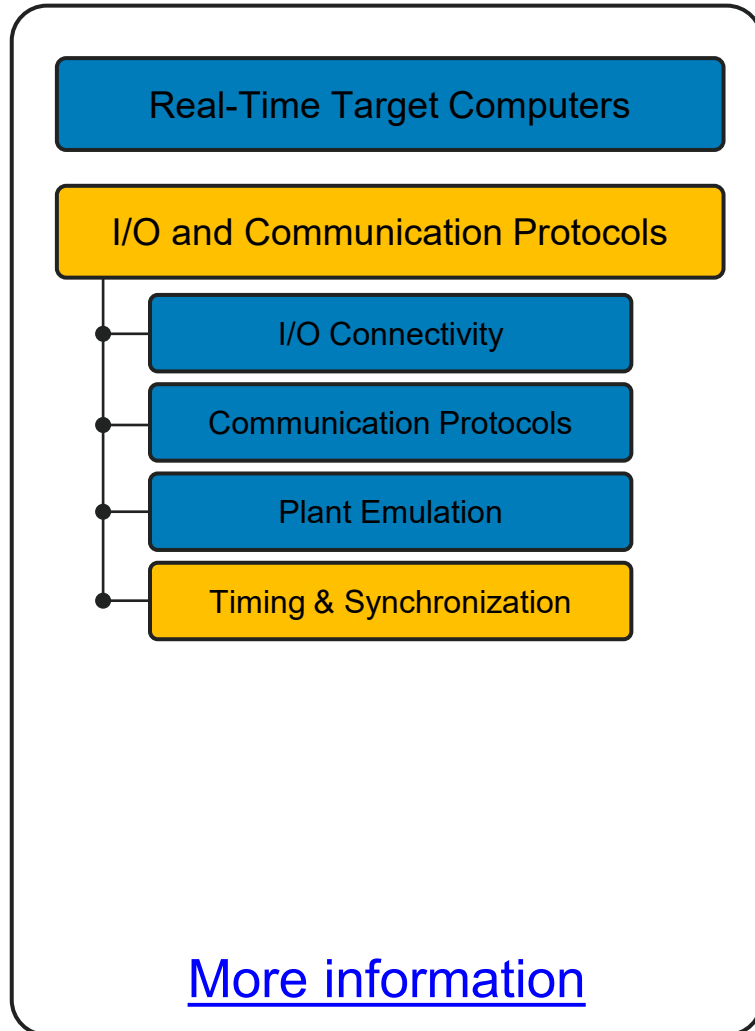
Resistors



Temperature & Strain  
Thermocouples

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## Real-Time Hardware-Software Solution



Shared  
Memory



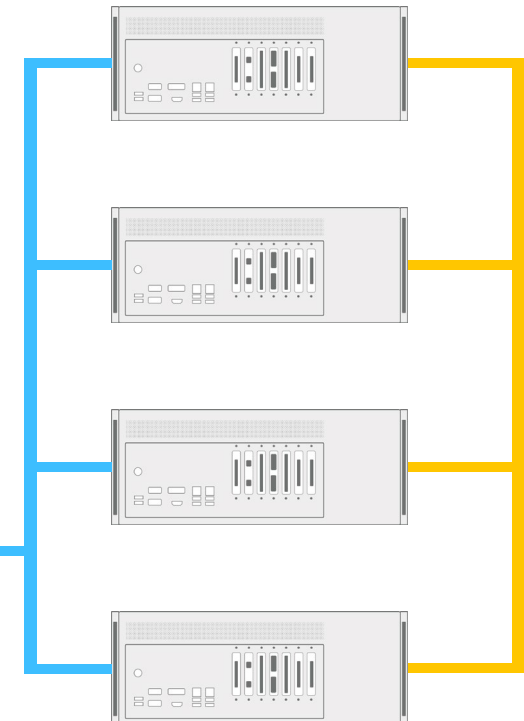
IRIG  
1PPS  
GPS



Precision  
Time Protocol  
IEEE 1588-2008



Ethernet Switch





# Made for Simulink, Tailored to the Customers Needs

## Speedgoat Modular HIL Rack System



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# Speedgoat Modular HIL Rack System

- Power Supplies
  - Control power supplies from Simulink or a GUI designed with MATLAB App Designer.
- Break-Out Panels
  - Providing easy access to all signals for measurement purposes.
- Signal-Conditioning
  - Project specific signal-conditioning for level conversion, galvanic and loop powered isolation.



# Real-Time Simulation for Academia

## For Research



**Accelerate** your research projects using industry proven solutions.

## For Teaching



Provide your students a **hands-on learning experience**.

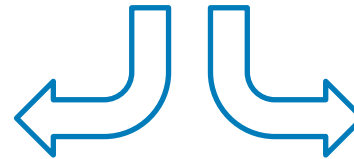
***If you know how to use Simulink, you know how to use Simulink Real-Time and Speedgoat!***



Hardware

# Demo Kits and Reference Applications

We get you started



## Demo Kits

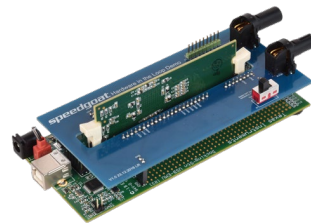
Electric Motor Control Kit - EMCK



Device Under Test Kit - DUT



Hardware-in-the-Loop Kit - HIL



## Reference Applications

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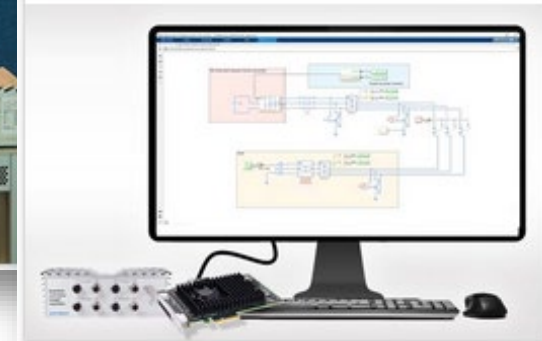
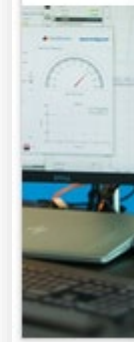
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Real-Time  
Control of  
All-Electric  
Racing C

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FPGA-Based HIL Testing of  
Grid-Side Converters

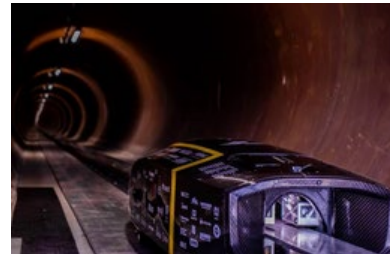


# Student Competitions and Sponsoring

- Formula Student Teams



- Hyperloop



- Roborace



- FVA – Scientific Aviation Association

