



## MODEL-BASED DEVELOPMENT WITH ALTAIR COMPOSE® AND ALTAIR ACTIVATE®

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## **Common Challenges of Mechatronic Product Development**

Manage Risks due to Product Complexity (Smart, Connected, Electro-Mech) Accelerate
Time-to-Market

Reduce Development Costs









## Altair's Top 3 Solutions addressing those Mechatronics Challenges

Manage Risks due to Product Complexity (Smart, Connected, Electro-Mech)

#### Handling Complexity

Optimizing mechatronic product performance holistically as system-of-systems

(using physics-based Digital Twins)



## Accelerate Time-to-Market

#### Facilitating Teamwork

Breaking down silos between mechatronic disciplines (Mechanical, Electrical, Controls, etc.)



# Reduce Development Costs

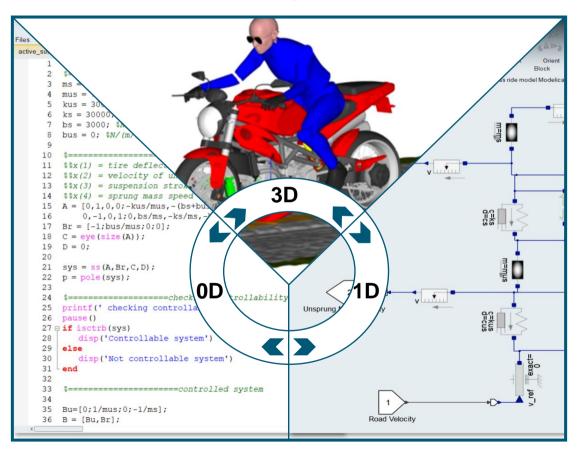
#### Managing Costs

Streamline Product Development teamwork & tool set, affordably

Cost of Alternative mechatronics toolset (likely from different vendors) Cost of Altair mechatronics toolset



## Flexible, Purpose-Driven Modeling





## Models: From 0D to 3D

	Suspension	E-Motor	Electronics
0D	$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{x}} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{D} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{u} \end{bmatrix}$	$\frac{\Theta(s)}{E_{in}(s)} = \frac{\alpha}{JRs^2 + (B_rR + \alpha^2)s}$	$\dot{x} = f(x,u,t)$ y = g(x,u,t)
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3D	Transet   Tran		

# MATH AND SCRIPTING WITH ALTAIR COMPOSE®



## A Digital Bridge from Present to Future: Altair Compose®



## **Present and Future Challenges**



Converge and connect Simulation, Data Science and Engineering More throughput/insight, faster with your CAE simulations





Reuse Math-based procedures invested over the years



Foster new Technology horizons leveraging opensource languages

- Commercial, well-supported tool compatible to MATLAB
  - Reduce dependence on MathWorks with minimal disruption
  - □ Reduce #1 largest spend (\$) on engineering software

 Freedom & flexibility with scripting tools: synchronize MATLAB<sup>®</sup>, Python and user communities





## Altair Compose® - All-in-one Math Tool

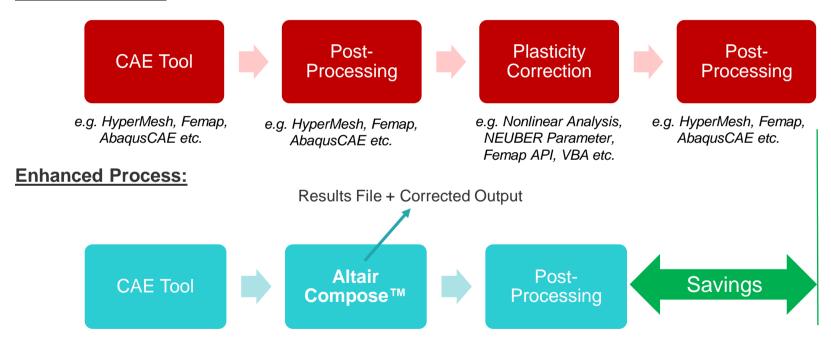






## **DEMO: Altair Compose™ for Advanced Post Processing**

#### **Current Process:**





## Our Solutions for Your Present Challenges: CAE Workflows



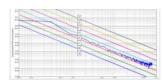
#### **No Additional Toolboxes Required**

Extensive Math and Engineering libraries available in a single, multi-functional tool



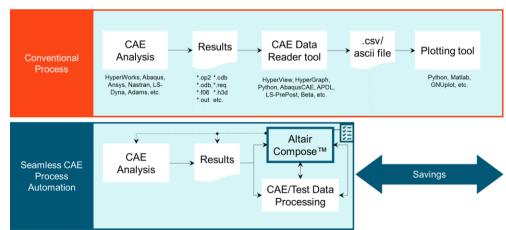
#### **Solver-Neutral CAE Readers**

Extremely simple and fast importation and manipulation of input and output data for CAE tools



#### **Efficient Numerical Computing**

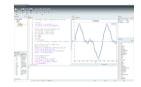
Hundreds of powerful Math functions applied for Data Science



Customer	Benefit
Sarcos	-81% time savings for human & exoskeleton evaluation
Mabe	Complete process automation from lab data preparation to simulation post processing
Altran	Shorter time-to-market due to >90% Simulation time reduction

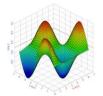


## Our Solutions for Your Present Challenges: Compose® Adoption



#### **Compatibility with MATLAB®**

High-level matrix-based language (OML) with syntax compatible with MATLAB®



#### **Reuse of Legacy Data**

OML leverages the reuse of past investments in other matrix-based languages

Domain	Customer Use Case	Effort
Signal Processing	<ul> <li>CAE &amp; test data rocessing: NVH, fatigue &amp; durability</li> <li>Squeak &amp; Rattle process automation</li> </ul>	< 3 days
Statistics	<ul><li>RMS &amp; Rainflow cycles for accelerometers</li><li>Seat pull testing</li></ul>	< 3 days
Electromagnetics	<ul> <li>Wireless data transmission – Bianchi generation &amp; link budget analysis</li> </ul>	< 1 day
Plant & Control Design	<ul> <li>First-principles modeling and analysis of multi-axle vehicle &amp; stability controller</li> </ul>	< 1 day



NUMBER OF TOOLS CONVERTED

14



LINES OF CODE CONVERTED

160.000+



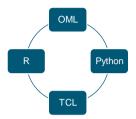
AVERAGE CARRY-OVER PERCENTAGE

95%



## **Our Solutions for Your Future Challenges: Diversity**





#### **Interoperation of Different Languages**

Supported languages are able to communicate and be part of the same workflow

- **Expand** OML functionalities with ready-to-use Python libraries, seamlessly
- Increase usage with custom, user-friendly GUIs around your proven Python scripts
- Combine different scripting languages without long-term migration and validation of existing \*.m files to Python
- Benefit from strong technical support













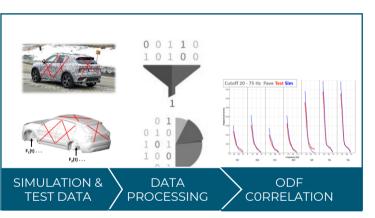


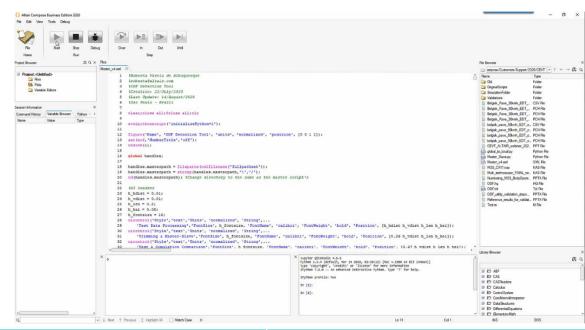




## **NVH ODF Detection – 18X Faster With Altair Compose®**

Unified Body Opening Distortion Fingerprint (ODF) app for simulation & test





#### CHALLENGE

A tedious 15 step process took >3 hours (using Python & META Post-processor) to calculate ODF

#### **SOLUTION**

Altair Compose® Process automation.
800+ inbuilt signal analysis functions with direct read of simulation & test channels as

#### **VALUE**

From simulation & test results to ODF in 10 minutes! Data processing & visualization 18X faster compared to the original process

## Value Proposition – What to keep



☑ Streamline workflows and automate processes for Math & Visualization of CAE simulations and test results



- ☑ Democratization of a Math-based tool based on Altair Units
  - ☑ Reuse legacy scripts from MATLAB with minimal adjustment
  - ✓ Immediate, significant cost savings from the beginning while stepwise, use-case driven adoption



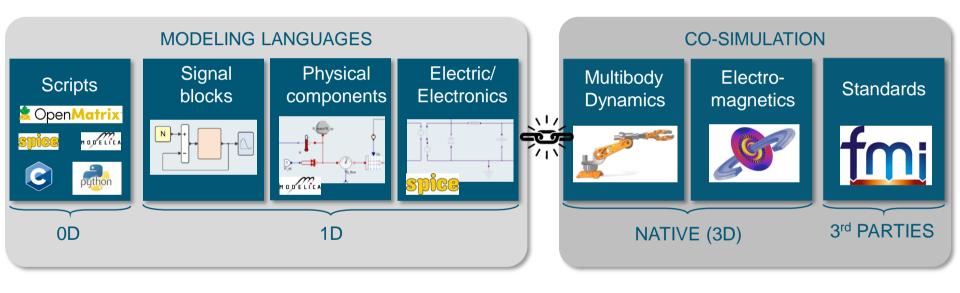
Open Environment for multi-language development, scripting, programming and debugging



# MULTIDISCIPLINARY SYSTEM SIMULATION WITH ALTAIR ACTIVATE®



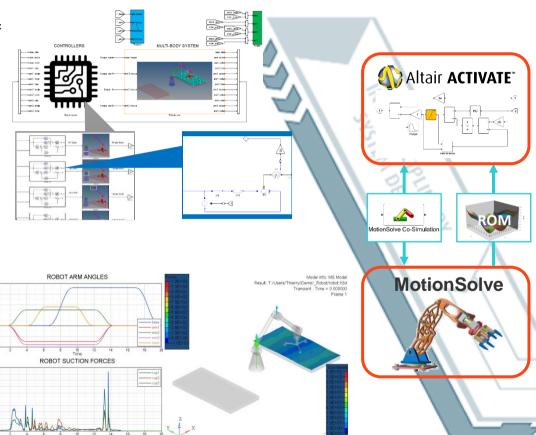
## Altair Activate® – System Integration PLATFORM



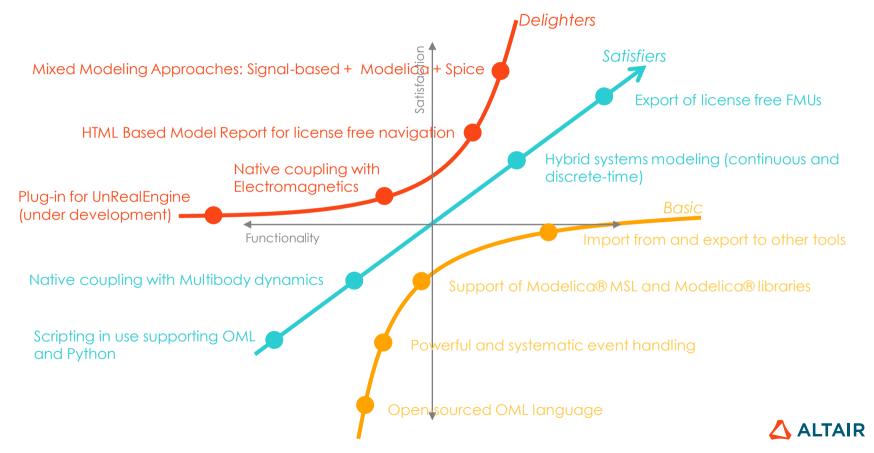


## **Closing Gaps: From System to Multi-Body-Simulation**

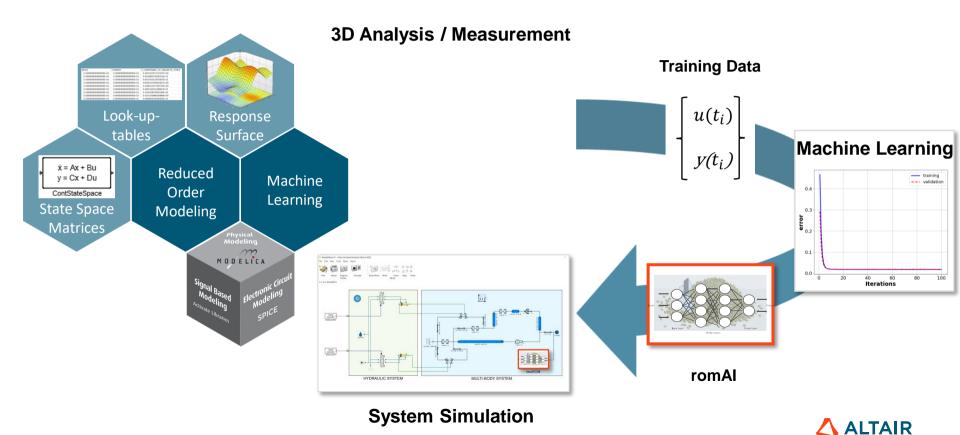
- Suspension model on different levels of detail, i.e. signal based or physical to evaluate actuator's performance
  - Activate: System simulation environment to enhance dedicated MBS tools with multidomain capabilities and evaluate cross-domain interdependencies
- Investigate stress, strain and deformations in flexible bodies in the vehicle system during pothole event
  - MotionSolve: Multi-body simulation tool incl. flexible bodies



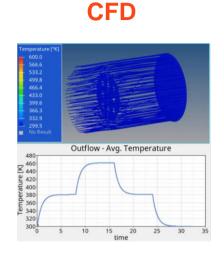
## Altair Activate® – Unique Features

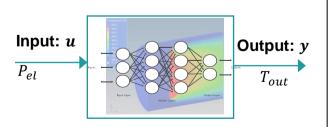


## Al for Reduced Order Model Generation and System Identification

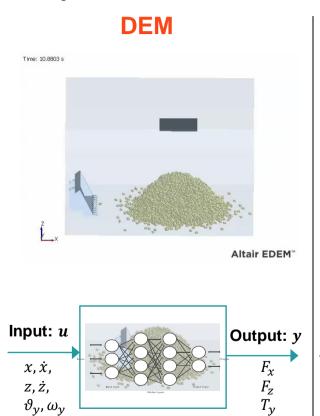


## romAl<sup>™</sup>: Application Examples

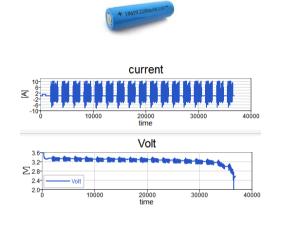


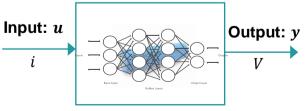


Speed-up factor: 3 000



**Battery Test Data** 

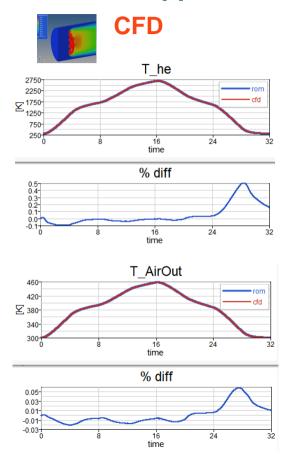


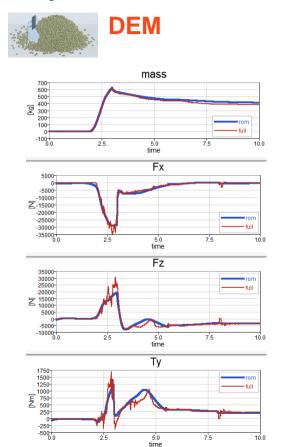


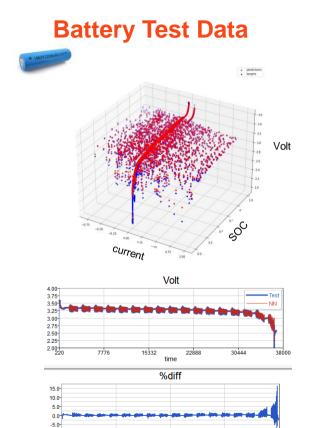
**Speed-up factor: 60** 

Speed-up factor: n.a.

## romAl<sup>TM</sup>: Application Examples - Validation





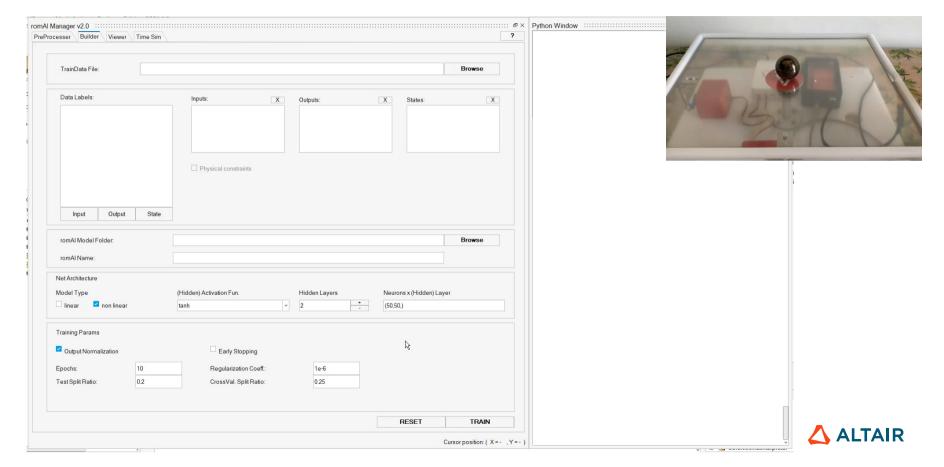


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## romAl<sup>TM</sup> generation using Altair Compose<sup>®</sup>



## **USE CASES**



## **Mechatronic System: Human-Cobot-interaction**

#### Description



#### GOAL:

 Cobot contact forces do not exceed a certain threshold in case of an impact

#### **REQUIREMENT:**

 Accurate model of the contact between the dummy and the cobot

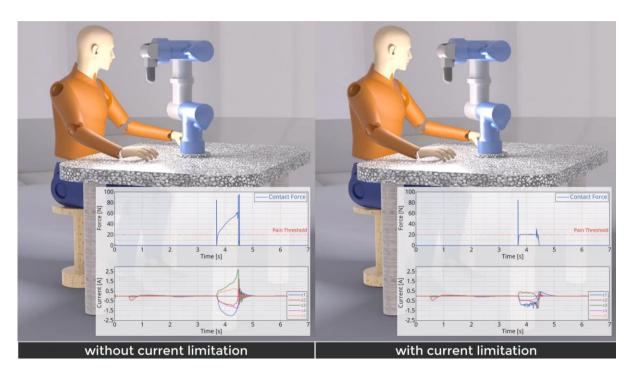
#### **SOLUTION**:

 3D modeling of the plant



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#### Results

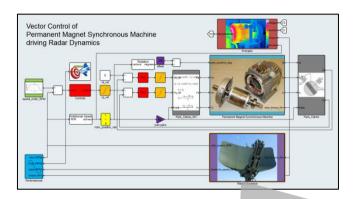


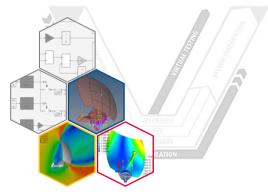
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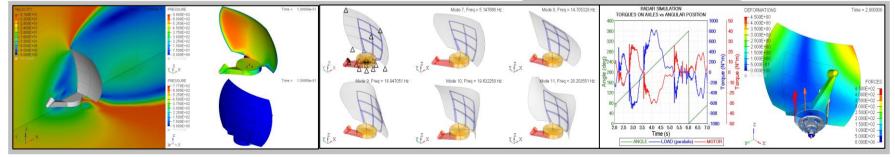


## Radar Antenna: (Aero)Dynamics + Vibration

- Level 1:
  - Modelica® + Look-up tables (CFD results)
- Level 2:
  - Modelica® + state matrices (MBS)
- Level 3:
  - MBS co-simulation + aerodynamic loads (CFD)

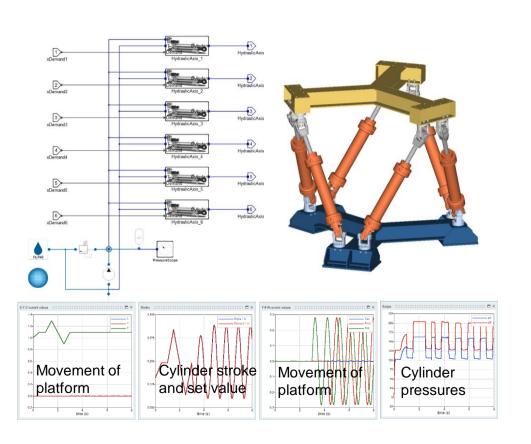


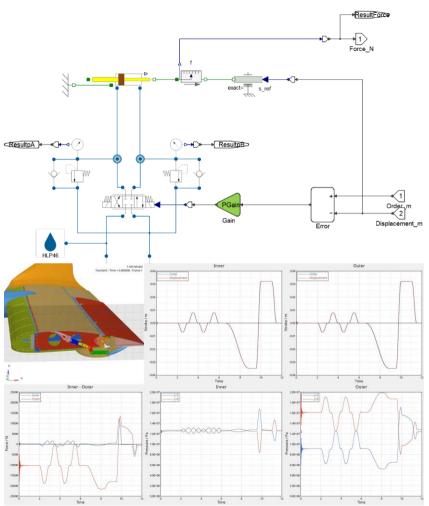






## **Hydraulically actuated mechanisms**





## **Optimization of a CNC Milling Machine**

#### Multi Body Dynamics Model

Improving speed & precision

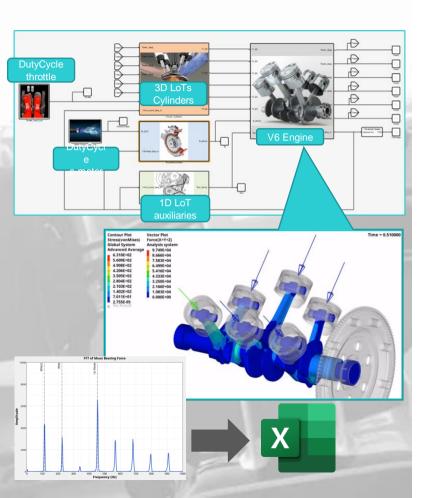
Optimizing the dynamic interaction of multiple system components combining

- 3D Finite Elements Analysis
- Multi-Body Dynamics and
- System simulation



# Efficient Motor Model





## **V6 HYBRID power unit**

#### Challenge

Target conflict between strict budget reductions, more accurate simulation models and democratization of analysis methods

#### **Solution**

Simulation environment based on Altair tools with an Excel interface:

- Modular, parametric system model (Activate<sup>®</sup>)
- Structural 3D analysis of crankshaft and cylinders (MotionSolve TM)
- Automated model set-up, simulation, and post processing realizing an Excel interface (Compose<sup>®</sup>)

#### **Value**

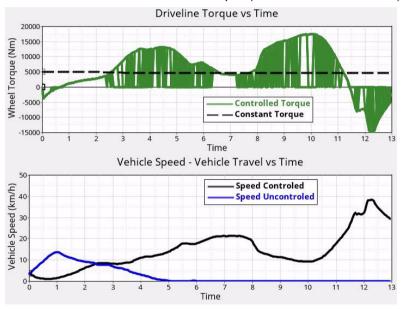
- Reduce software spend
- · Simplify simulation environment
- Enhance simulation capabilities
- Spread simulation know-how across the company

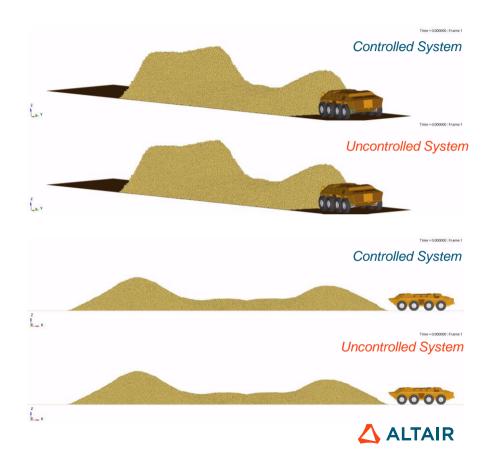


## **1D-3D Interaction for Traction-Control**

**Driveline Control Comparison** 

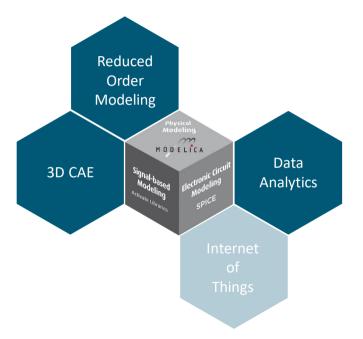
Driveline control vs Constant Torque (Uncontrolled Driveline)

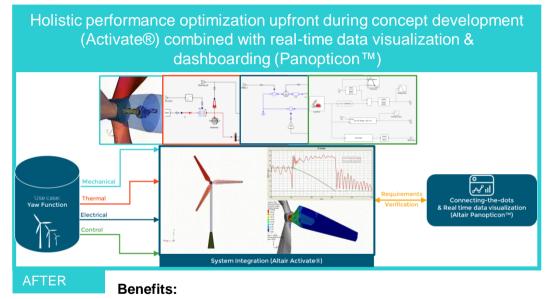




## **Altair System Integration for Wind Turbines**

Helps Break Siloed Mechatronic Product Development

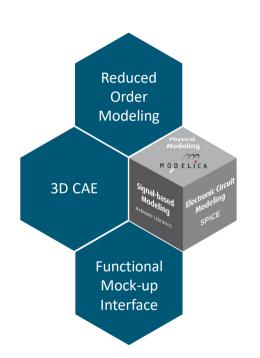


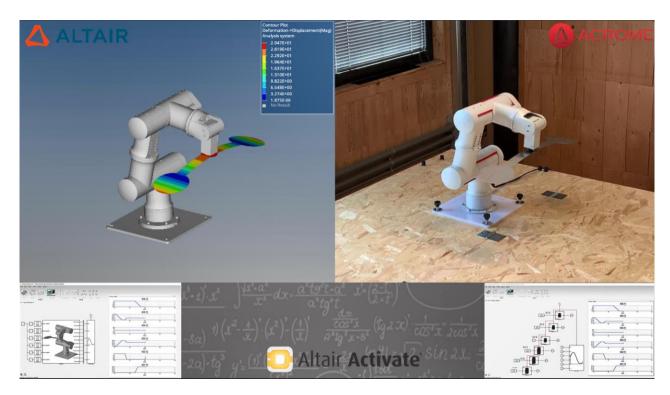


- Better teamwork
- Streamlined Mechatronic product development;
- 3. Estimated efficiency gain of 6 months
- 4. Estimated warranty savings of 10%



## **Digital Twin for Mechatronics: Acrobot**





## **REFERENCES**



## **Industrial References**



## **E-Learning Material**

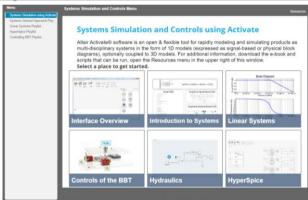
## Signals Processing



#### **NVH** in Compose



### System Simulation & Controls





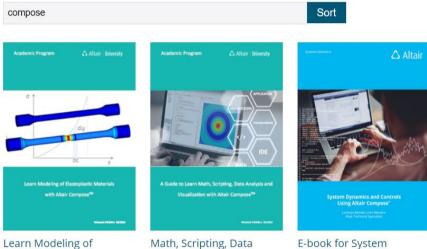
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#### **E-Books**

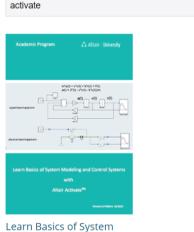
Elastoplastic Materials

with Altair Compose

#### Free eBooks



Math, Scripting, Data E-book for System
Analysis & Visualization Dynamics and Controls
with Altair Compose Using Altair Compose



**Modeling and Control** 

Systems with Altair

Activate



## Altair as strategic partner for simulation-driven innovation

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#### **Unique Tools for Model-Based Development**

https://www.altair.com/systems-modeling-applications/



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