# Altair<sup>®</sup> Activate<sup>™</sup> Multi-Disciplinary System Simulation



Altair<sup>®</sup> Activate<sup>™</sup> provides an open integration platform for modeling, simulating and optimizing multi-disciplinary systems-of-systems using inherent 1D block diagrams. Users have the option to include subsystem models either from Altair®'s 3D tools, such as Altair® MotionSolve and Altair® Flux, or from 3rd-party tools. Models can also be imported from Simulink<sup>®</sup>.

# Product Highlights:

- Hierarchical systems-of-systems defined as parameterized models
- Signal-based and physical modeling can be conveniently combined to define a system model
- Built-in block libraries can be easily managed and extended
- Model exchange or co-simulation achieved through FMI / FMU
- · Multi-disciplinary models can include multi-body models, electromagnetic models, FEA models, CFD models, and more
- 0D, 1D and 3D modeling can be used together allowing the best approach for different types of subsystems

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# **Benefits**

**Improve System Level Performance** Simulate and improve the dynamic behavior of multi-disciplinary systems. Easily model, simulate and validate smart systems where users can incorporate functions of sensing, actuation, and control coming from diverse components.

#### Leverage Model-Based Development

Altair<sup>®</sup> Activate provides a common framework for functional product assessment and communication throughout the product development process. Perform what-if analyses at the system level to quickly test numerous designs and investigate the interactions of all components and subsystems comprising a system.

### **Gain Product-level Functional Insight** Early

Identify product-level problems early in the design process while ensuring that all the design requirements are met. Altair® Activate provides its users with a standard set of predefined blocks that can easily be combined to model systems. Altair<sup>®</sup> Activate users can easily leverage

the large library of Modelica physical components to further describe the plant and the controller.

#### Capabilities **Build Diagrams Intuitively**

- Drag, drop and connect paradigm to rapidly construct models
- · Multiple window configuration with the ability to modify diagrams between windows using the drag-anddrop and copy-and-paste operations
- Support for concurrent loading of multiple models in a session

#### **Hybrid Modeling**

Model and simulate continuous and discrete dynamic systems.

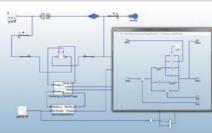
#### Multi-disciplinary Modeling

Altair® Activate allows users to model and simulate the combined system behavior of real-world systems with support for multiple domains such as Mechanical, Electrical and more

#### **Hierarchical and Parametric Modeling**

Build hierarchical component-based models of a real-world system using

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Physical component Modeling of a hatch Mechanism – (Mechanical/Electrical modeling)

1D block diagram modeling libraries · Mix signal-based and physical model-

- ing blocks in the same model
- · When modeling large or complex systems, easily create super blocks by encapsulating multiple blocks in a diagram into a single block
- Super blocks are modular, reusable, can be masked, and fundamentally behave like regular blocks allowing more flexibility
- Since a model can be hierarchical and parameters can be defined at different levels, Altair<sup>®</sup> Activate provides an 'all available parameters' option which lets users navigate in a diagram and get a report of all parameters that are discrete-time, and event-based behaviors. known or defined at a current level

#### Built-in Block-based Model Libraries

Altair<sup>®</sup> Activate includes a large variety of predefined blocks available in an easy-touse library of palettes. Users can also create their own custom blocks in C or math scripts in OML and save them to new or existing libraries.

Operations

- Signal Generators · Activation
- Signal Viewers
- Signal Importers
  Matrix Operations
- Signal Exporters
  Lookup Tables
- Signal Conversions · LPorts
- Signal Properties Buffers
- Math Operstions Bus Operations • Dynamic Optimization
- Hybrid
- Cosimulation FlipFlops
- Routing Logical Operations · Custom Blocks
- **Physical Component Modeling Using**

# **Modelica and SPICE**

In addition to the signal-based blocks listed above, Altair<sup>®</sup> Activate comes with the Modelica standard library (MSL) - a collection of blocks describing the physical behavior of Electrical, Electromagnetic, Mechanical, Thermal components.

These blocks can be extended by user-defined Modelica blocks. Furthermore,

Optimization Formulate optimization problems to improve the system parameters and design robust control strategies with multiple options.

- Graphical optimization tool: · The simplest way to formulate and solve optimization problems
- Script-based optimization: · A powerful mechanism for solving general optimization problems where the cost and constraints may be ob-

Co-simulation of controller models with multi-body plant models

users can provide SPICE netlists to model

# Library Management

electrical circuits.

Hybrid Simulator

Solver Type

Fixed

step -size

Varible

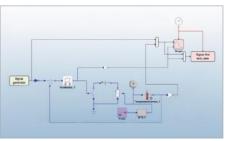
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Easily create components and assemble custom applications. Use Altair<sup>®</sup> Activate's library manager to create and edit custom libraries. Altair<sup>®</sup> Activate also provides an IDE along with API functions for users to further leverage library management.

Altair<sup>®</sup> Activate's simulator provides users with several high-performance numerical solvers that accurately and robustly solve dynamic systems including continuous,

Stiffness	Solver Name
Non-stiff ODE	Forward Euler Explicit Trapezoidal Classical Runge Kutta Runge-Kutta
Stiff ODE	Backward Euler Implicit Trapezoidal
Non-stiff ODE	CVODE-BDF-Func- tional CVODE-ADAMS Functional DOPRI (Dormand-prince)
Stiff ODE	Lsode CVODE-BDF-NEWTON CVODE-ADAMS-NEW- TON RADAU-IIA for ODE CPODE
DAE	IDA RADAUV-IIA for DAE DASKR



Room temperature control system with Modelica components

tained from a combination of Altair® Activate simulation results and math scripts

# BOBYA Optimizer block:

- This optimization block can be used directly in a model and doesn't require any external calling function or link-up
- Cascade multiple optimization blocks to formulate max-min and min-max problems

#### **Model Exchange and Co-simulation via** Functional Mock-up Interface (FMI)

Altair<sup>®</sup> Activate supports FMI 2.0 standard for both model exchange and co-simulation of dynamic systems including the ability to import and export FMUs (Functional Mock-up Units).

# **Co-simulation with Multi-body Models**

The co-simulation interface lets users simulate a complex system that includes a multi-body system (MBS) and one or more control subsystems. In order to effectively simulate the entire system, the MBS is simulated with a multi-body simulation solver while the control subsystem is simulated with Altair® Activate.

### Linearization

Altair® Activate allows users to create linear models from Altair® Activate blocks by linearization. The operating point can be computed either by running the simulation at a given time instant or by computing a steady-state point by imposing constraints on inputs, outputs, states and state derivatives.

# Compiling models into executable code

Altair® Activate supports code generation for system performance & IP protection.