



INTRODUCTION TO MODELICA & MODELON IMPACT

Lecture 1.0

Modelon

OVERVIEW

✓ Model Based Systems Engineering (MBSE)

✓ Key features of Modelica

✓ Modelon Impact

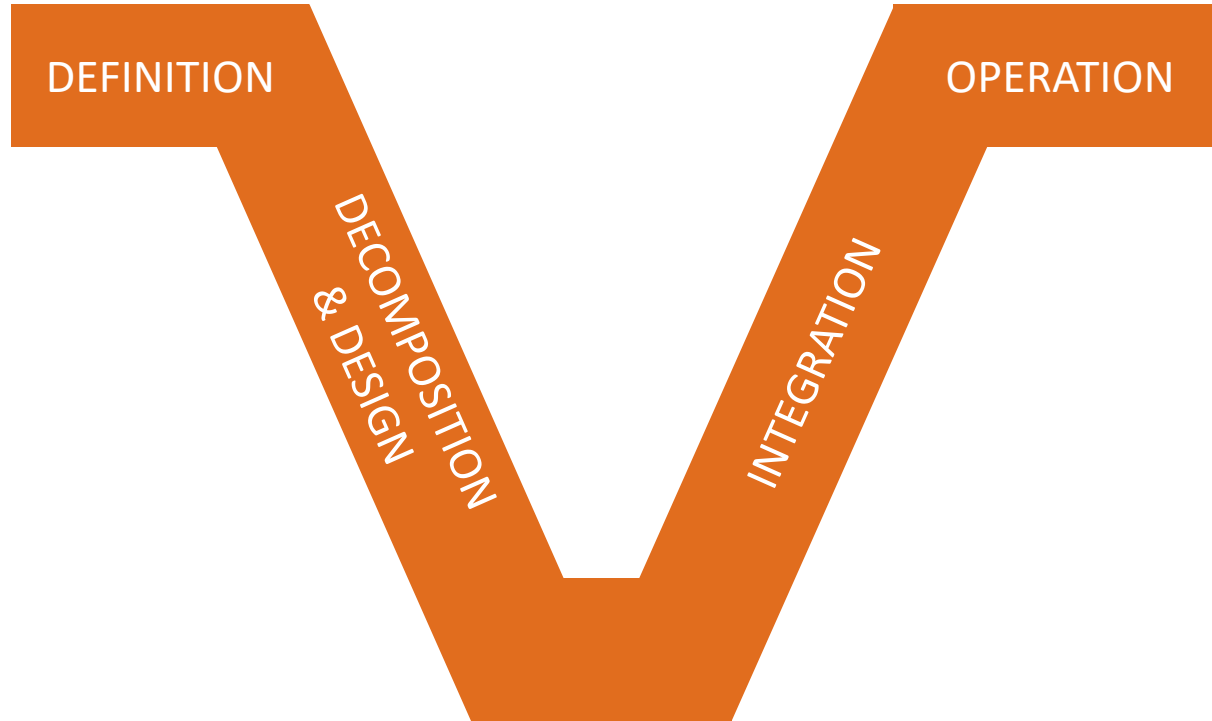
✓ Model Libraries

✓ FMI technology



MODEL BASED SYSTEMS ENGINEERING (MBSE)

EFFICIENT MBSE WORKFLOW – REQUIREMENTS



- Reuse models during all stages
- Increase collaboration
- Physics based, from 1st principles
- One source of truth
- Efficient handling of design variants
- Efficient handling of multi-fidelity
- Possibility for deployment
- Running models in realtime



KEY FEATURES OF MODELICA

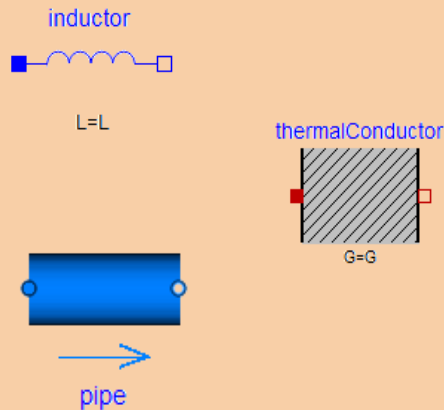
WHAT IS MODELICA?

- Modelica is a non-proprietary, object-oriented, multi-domain modeling language for component-oriented modeling of complex systems.
- Developed and owned by The Modelica Association
 - Non-profit organization
 - Develops the largest, free library for multi-domain models, the Modelica Standard Library
- The Modelica language is:
 - Object-oriented → Uses classes, Inheritance
 - Acausal and equation based
 - Supports multi-domain modeling
 - Detailed specs available [here](#)

KEY MODELICA CONCEPTS

Physical modeling language

- **Physics-based** equation modeling
- **Connectors** pass physical information
- Coverage of all **physical domains**
- Accurate bookkeeping of variable types and units



An equivalent graphical and code interface

- Build systems rapidly from graphical components (through drag & drop or templates)
- Look at the code and change to your needs
- Documentation embedded in models

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model Spring "Linear 1D rotational spring"
  extends Modelica.Mechanics.Rotational.Interfaces.PartialCompliant;
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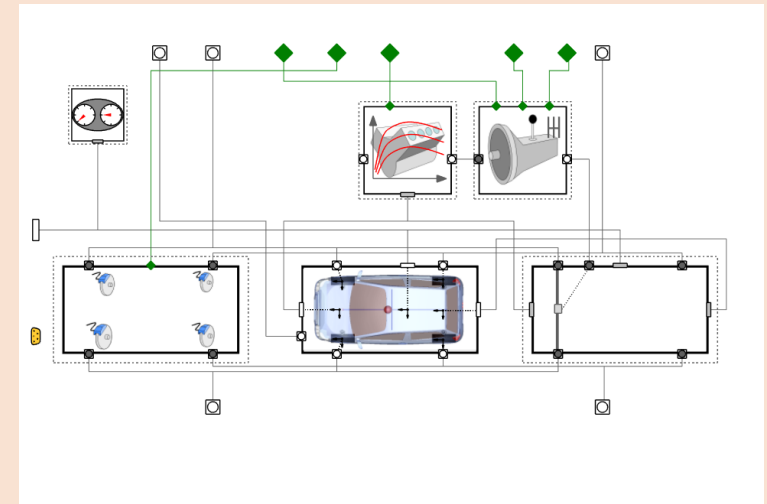
  equation
    tau = c*(phi_rel - phi_rel0);
  annotation (
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```

spring



Efficient modeling

- Separation of models and algorithms
- **A-causality**
- **Architecture based modelling** for handling different levels of fidelity and variants.

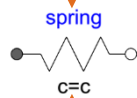


WHAT SETS MODELICA APART

1. Separation of models and algorithms

Model

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INFORMATION

A **linear 1D rotational spring**. The component can be connected either between two inertias/gears to describe the shaft elasticity, or between a inertia/gear and the housing (component Fixed), to describe a coupling of the element with the housing via a spring.

Algorithm

Symbolic manipulation kernel

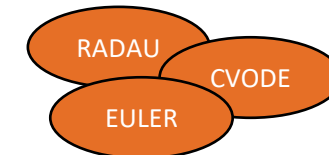
- The tool optimizes the mathematical formulation
- No risk for algebraic loops

Example: Coupling multiple inertia's does not cause any problems as the tool performs index reduction.

Solver

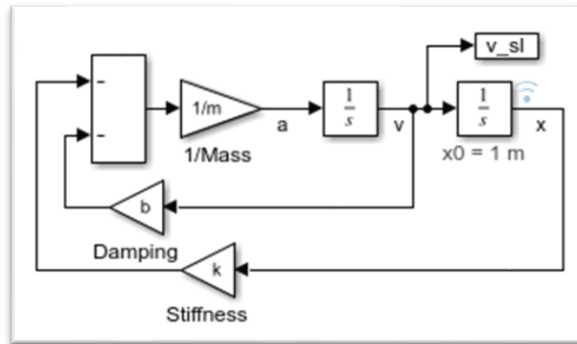
DAE solvers appropriate for multi-physics and stiff systems

- Variable step and fixed step



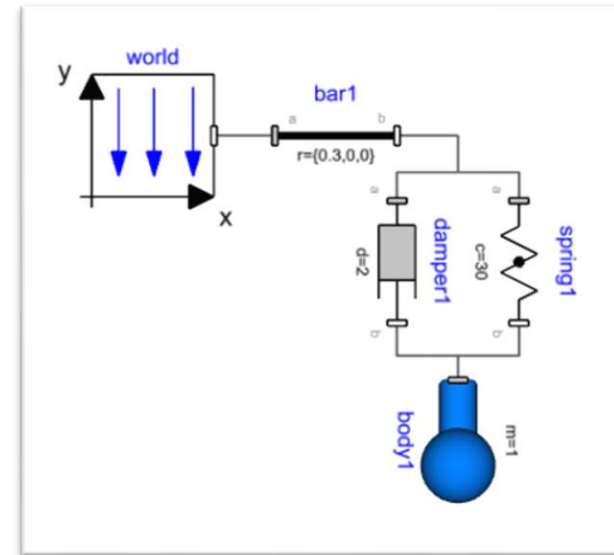
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2. Acausality



← Block diagram

Component diagram →



Example 1- Robotic arm: You can reuse the same model for calculating

- The trajectory of the robotic arm from the power supply to the actuators
- The power required to the actuators from the trajectory of the robotic arm.

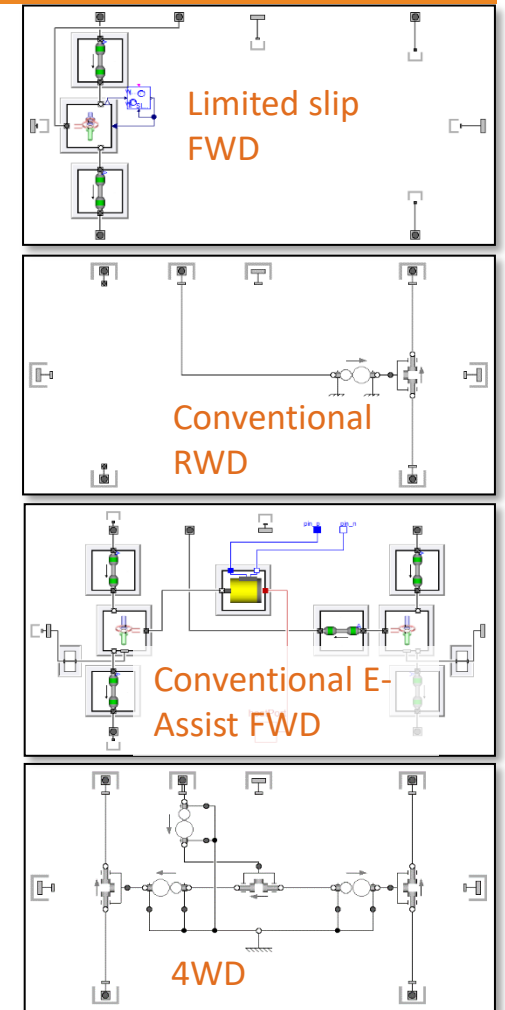
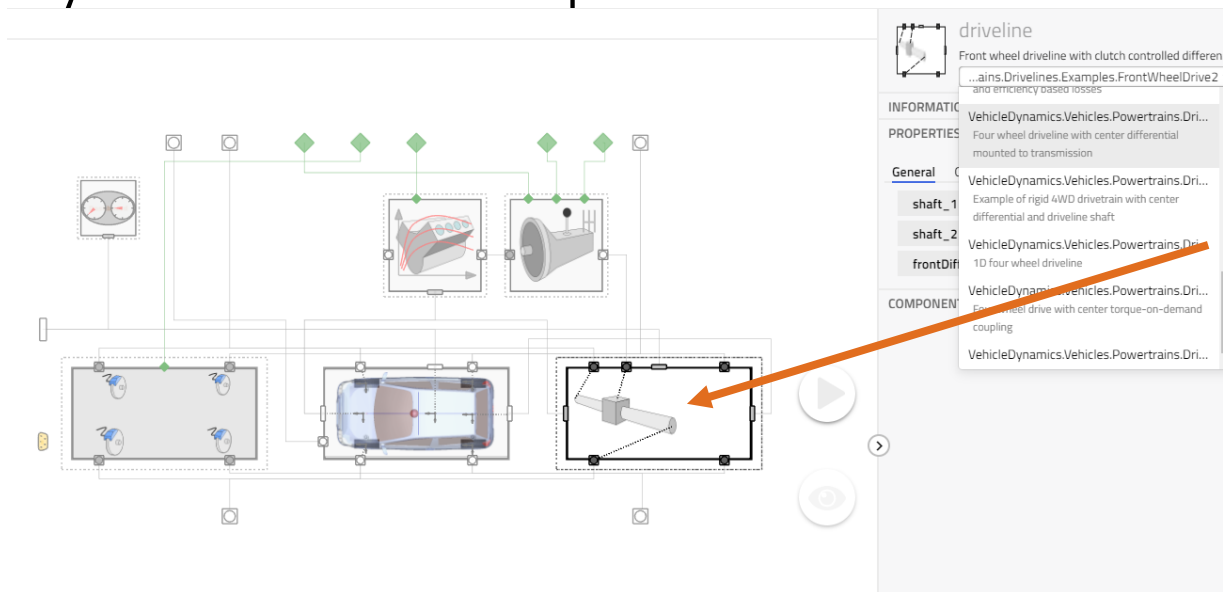
Example 2 - Planetary gears: simplicity of description

```
equation
(1 + ratio)*carrier.phi = sun.phi + ratio*ring.phi;
ring.tau = ratio*sun.tau;
carrier.tau = -(1 + ratio)*sun.tau;
```

WHAT SETS MODELICA APART

3. Handling of variants and fidelity levels

- Plug-and-play configuration
- Context-sensitive, dynamic list of available variants
- No re-wiring, select fidelity as needed for each experiment:
 - Back of envelope
 - Detailed verification



TO SUMMARIZE..

- Model
 - Physics-based Modelica source code
- Apply boundary conditions
 - Model use under different causality conditions to solve different unknowns
- Apply analysis
 - Dynamic
 - Steady state
 - Dynamic Optimization
 - Calibration

All from one code source and one tool!

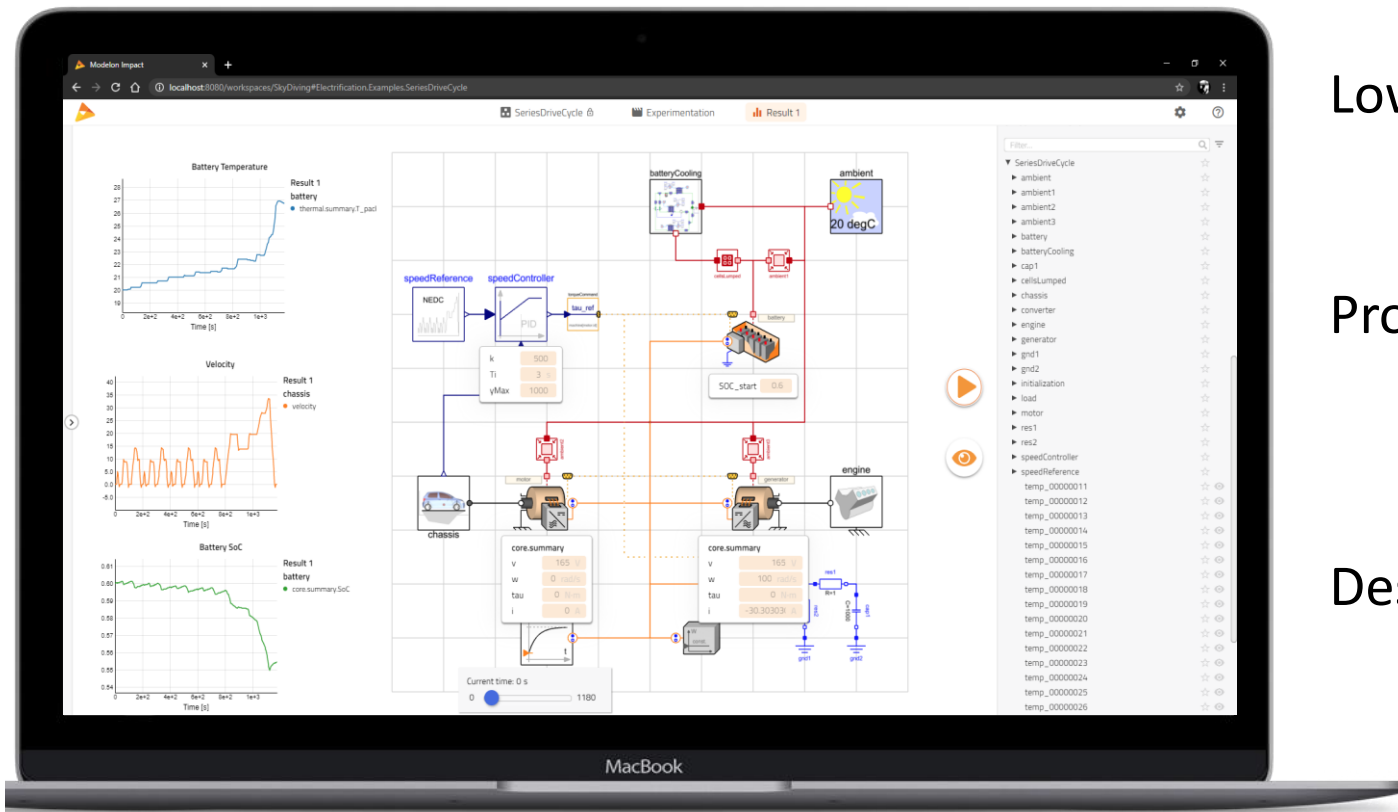




MODELON IMPACT

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Open Web & Modelica-based Simulation Environment



Low effort to enter

- Easy to deploy and maintain
- Easy to access & intuitive to use

Promoting productivity at every level

- Collaborative and workflow oriented
- Facilitates model understanding and results interpretation

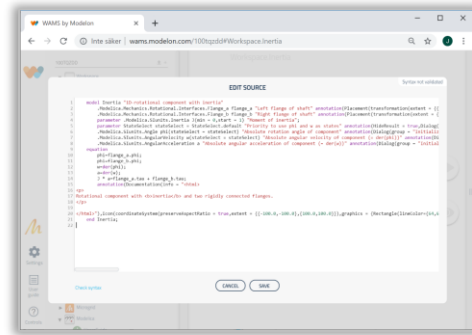
Designed to grow with you

- Native support for customization
- ... and large-scale deployment

FOR ALL TYPES OF USERS

Few experts serving several users

Component authoring
in **Modelica**



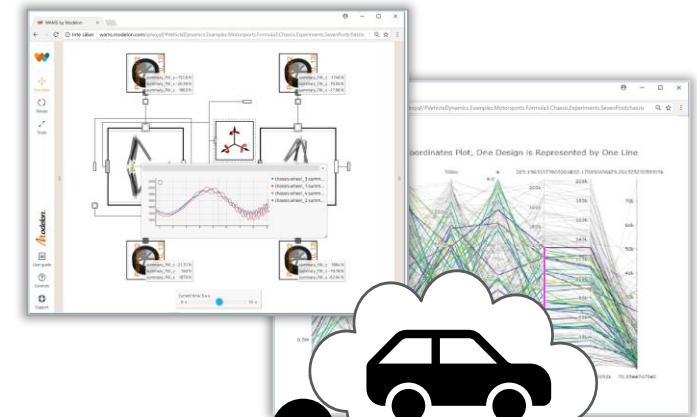
equation

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phi = flange_a.phi;  
phi = flange_b.phi;  
w = der(phi);  
a = der(w);
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System composition
using **Modelica** libraries



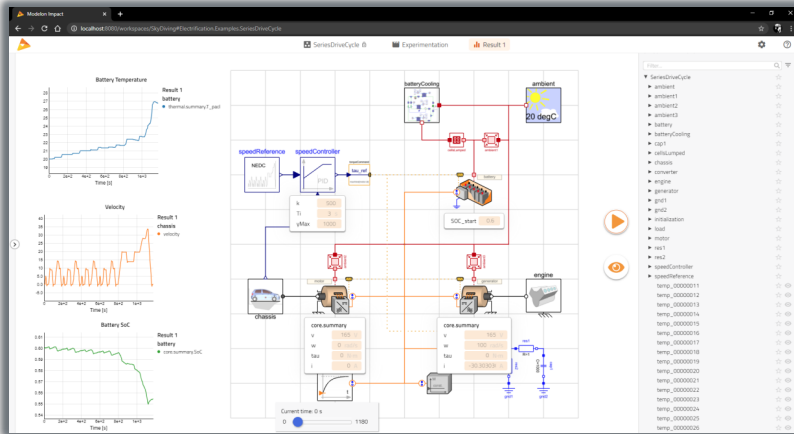
System configuration and
analysis (**dynamic, steady-state,
custom, optimization**)



FOR ALL TYPES OF USERS

Enterprise-friendly model deployment

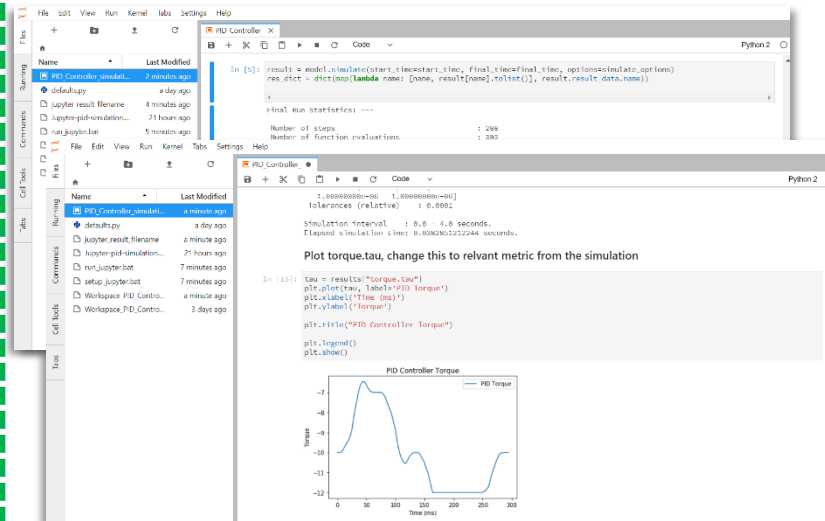
1. Build and simulate



Model centric default view

- Operation by point and click
- Build system models

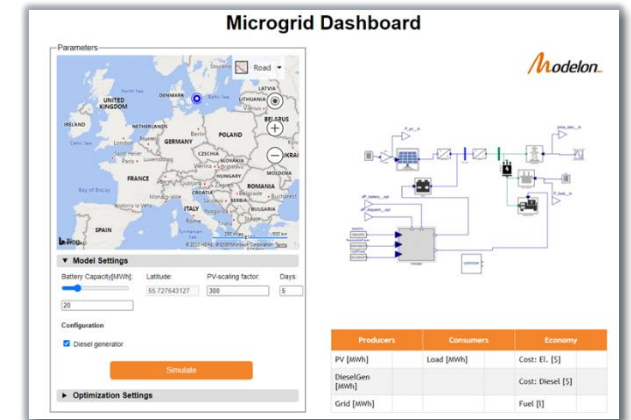
2. Create workflows



Notebook view

- Scripts
- Automatic or interactive execution

3. Deploy



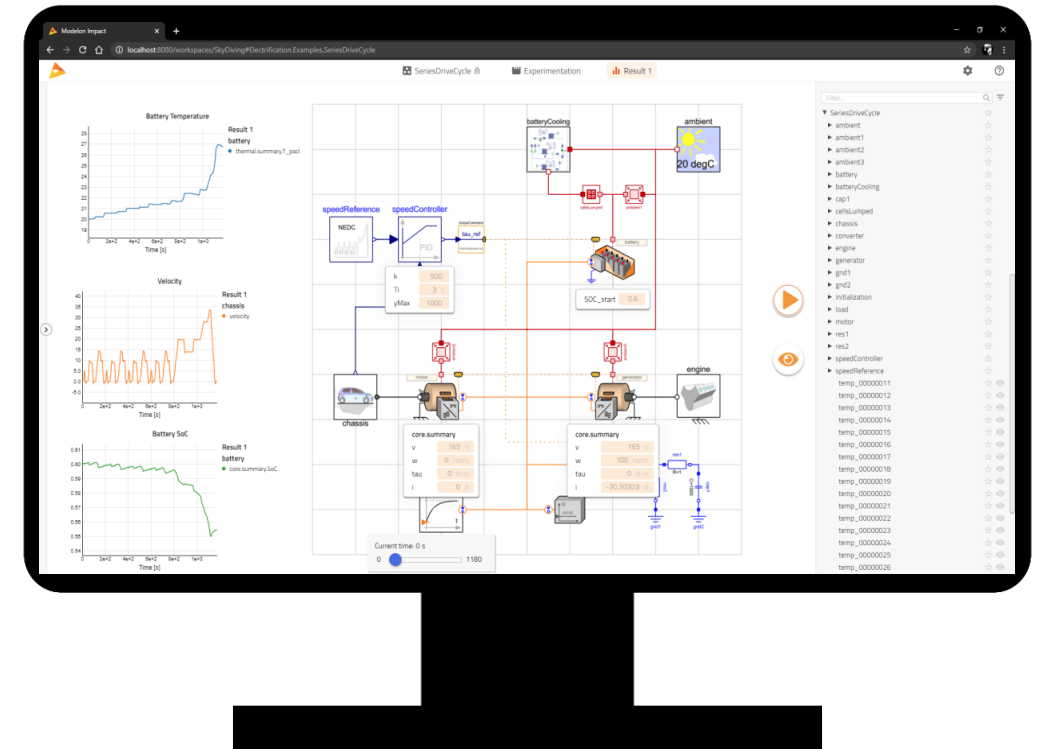
Dashboard view

- Simplified/Specialized view
- Unlimited customization
- Compile on demand

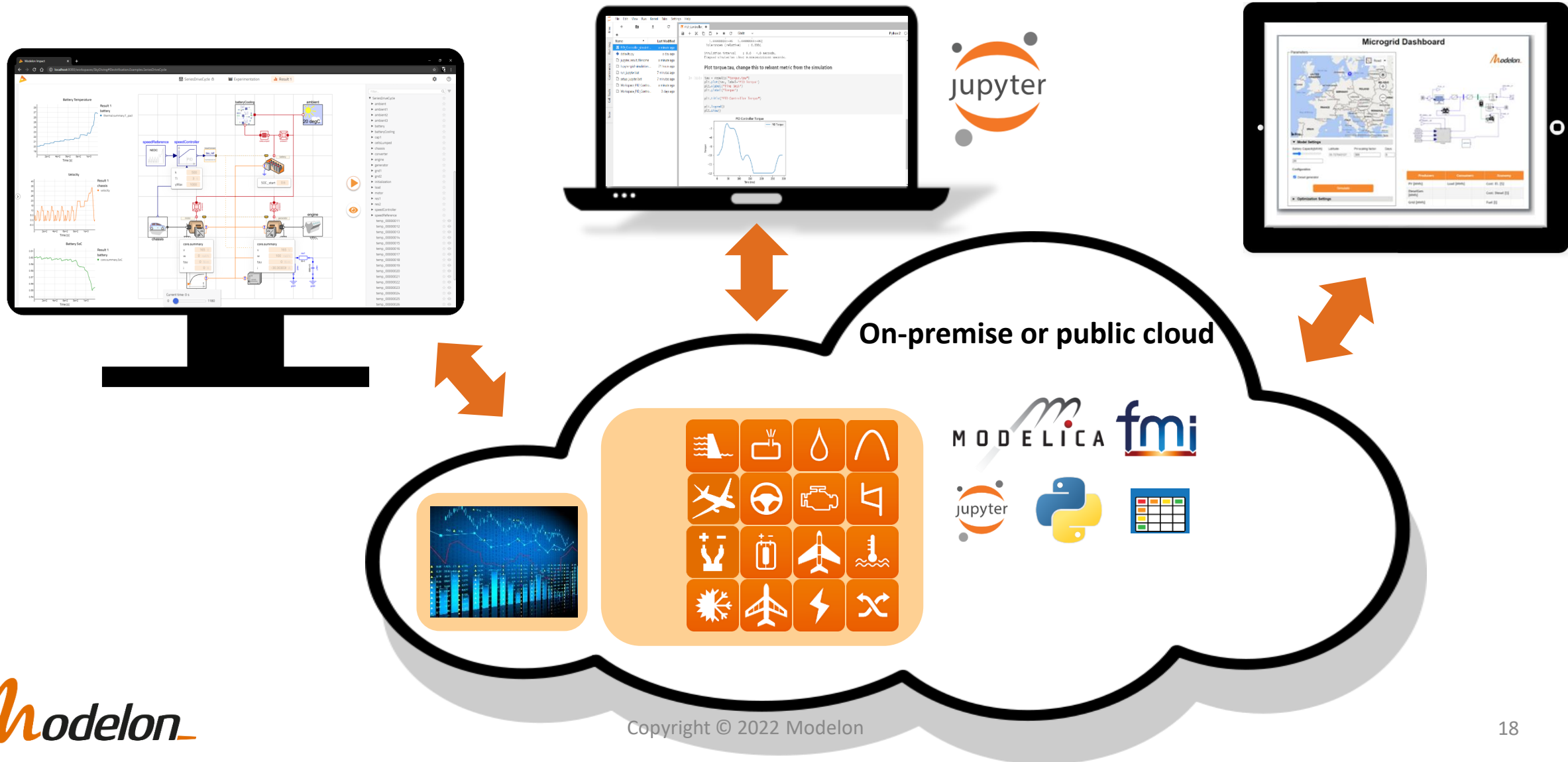
DESIGNED FOR COLLABORATION

Workspaces contains:

- Models
- Views
- Results
- Data files



ARCHITECTURE OVERVIEW



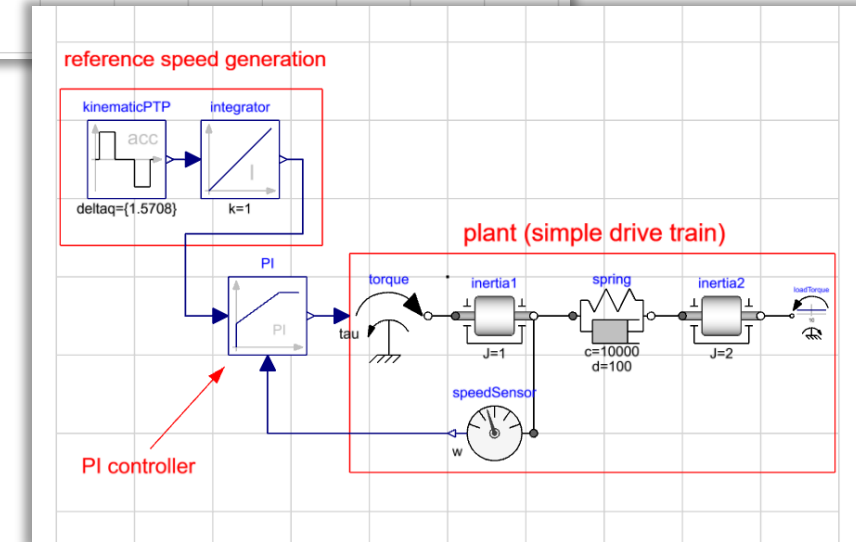
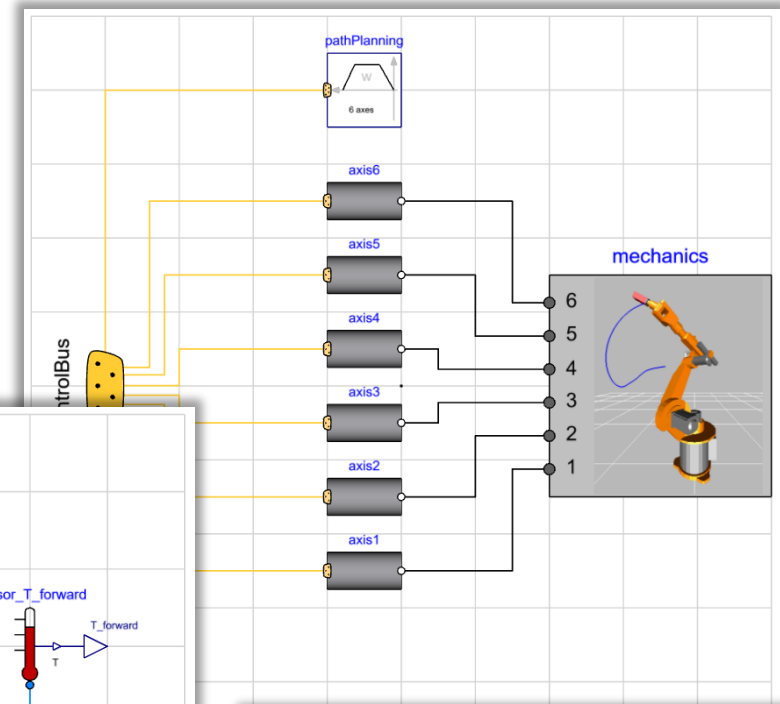
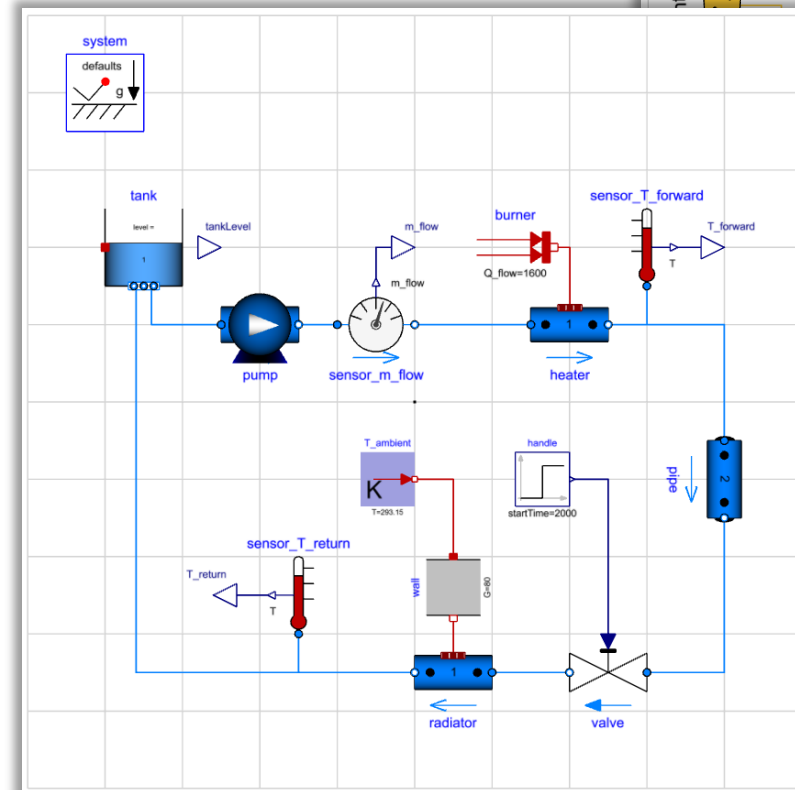


MODEL LIBRARIES

MODELICA STANDARD LIBRARY

LIBRARIES

- Modelica 4.0.0
 - User's Guide
 - Blocks
 - ComplexBlocks
 - StateGraph
 - Electrical
 - Magnetic
 - Mechanics
 - Fluid
 - Media
 - Thermal
 - Math
 - ComplexMath
 - Utilities
 - Constants
 - Icons
 - Units
 - Resources

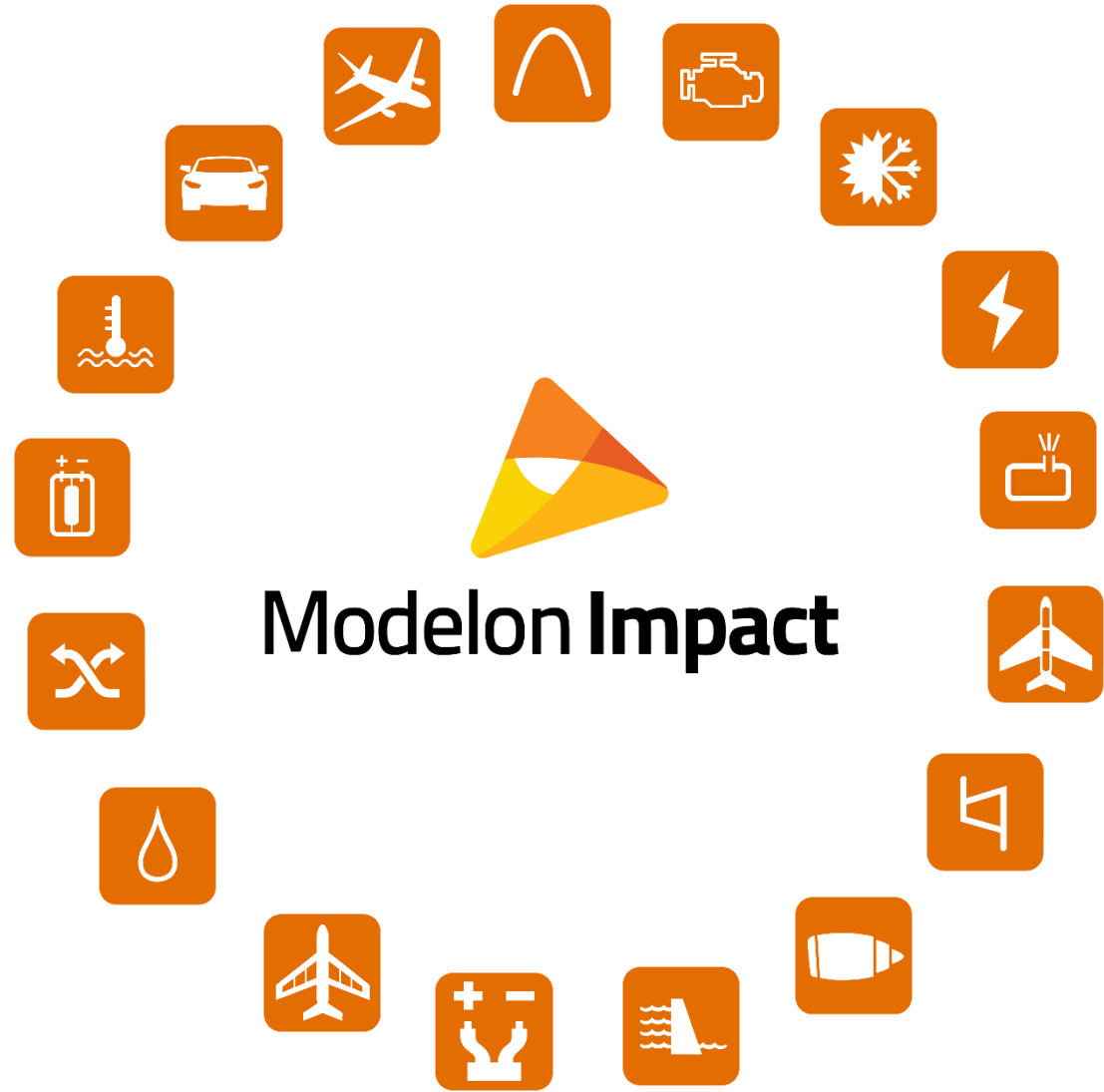




Modelon Library Suite

Powered by Modelica

Our industry leading suite of libraries available in Modelon Impact are built on the Modelica standard, delivers state-of-the-art system models for a wide range of industries including automotive, aerospace, industrial equipment, and energy and process.





FMI TECHNOLOGY

WHAT IS FMI?

- Sister technology to Modelica
- Maintained by Modelica Association
- Standardized way for models from several tools to interact:
 - Co-simulation (each model contains its own integrator)
 - Model-exchange (models from several tools integrated by one master)
- Allows for export and import of models to and/or from simulation environments that does not support Modelica, e.g.
 - FMI toolbox for Matlab
 - Ansys Twinbuilder
 - ADAMS, Simpack, CarMaker
- See www.fmi-standard.org for further information