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Virtual Twins in Motorsport: Deploying Dymola Models in the Field

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Presentation Outline

- Claytex Background
- My Background
- Dymola and Modelica
- Virtual Twin User Base
- Virtual Twins in Motorsport
- Deployments











Claytex Background

CLAYTEX TECHNIA COMPANY

- Based in Leamington Spa, UK
 - Other offices in Cape Town, South Africa and Charlotte NC, USA
- Established in 1998
- Systems Engineering, Modelling and Simulation
 - Focused on physical modelling to support control system design and development
- Business Activities
 - Engineering consultancy
 - Software sales and support
 - Modelica library developers
 - Training services
- Global customer base
 - Europe, USA, India, South Korea, Japan
- Acquired by TECHNIA in Q1 2022









My Background

- University of Iowa (B.S. and M.S.) in Mechanical Engineering
- Boeing Commercial Airplanes for 2 years
- Worked at Red Bull for 5 years until the operation shut down in 2011
 - Opportunity to collaborate with the Red Bull FI team
 - First NASCAR team to use Dymola / Modelica
 - Introduced to Mike Dempsey (Founder of Claytex)
- Worked for 5 years at Chip Ganassi Racing (NASCAR program)
 - Vehicle Dynamics Group Leader
 - Simulation
 - Software
 - 7 Post Testing
 - Performance Group Manager
 - Add Aerodynamics
- Started at Claytex in February of 2017
 - Start up the US office





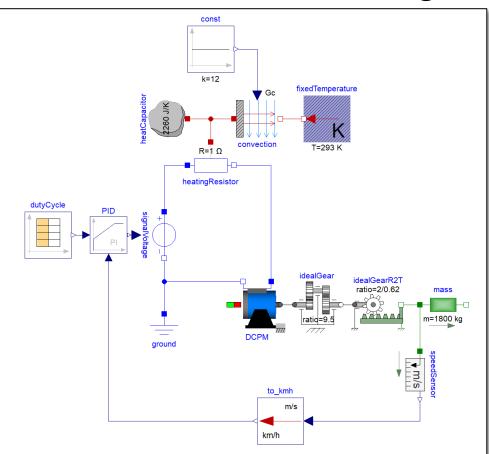






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... is a component-based tool for modelling and simulation





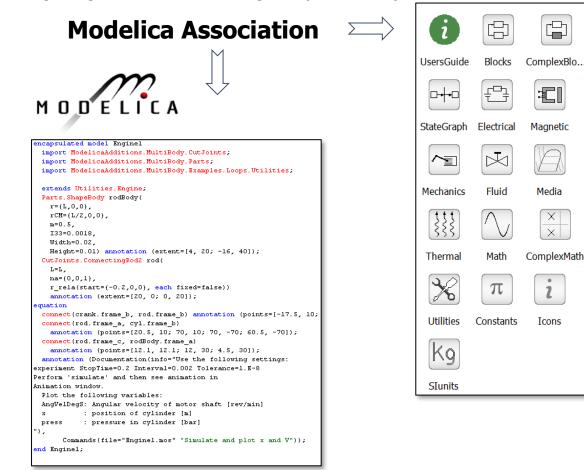






Modelica...

Purpose-built modeling language for modeling physical systems interactions of all types.



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Dymola and Modelica - Symbolic Math Engine

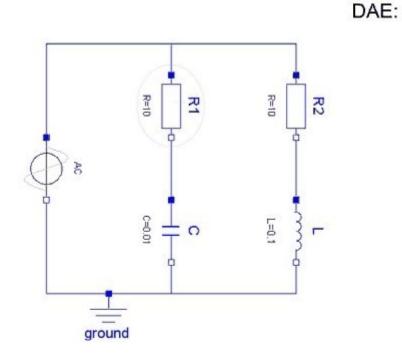
- The model equations are automatically transformed into the required form for simulation
- Advanced mathematical techniques are used to reduce the size of the problem without removing detail from the model
- Pre and post translation model statistics are provided to aide the developer in understanding the model complexity







Dymola and Modelica - Symbolic Manipulation









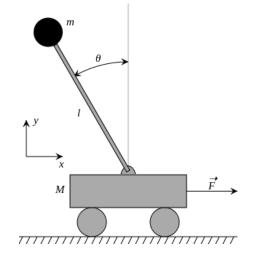
Dymola and Modelica - Symbolic Manipulation

What does this mean in practice?

- An Inverted Pendulum contains 659 equations
 - Using the Modelica modelling approach these are formed as a DAE
- Symbolic manipulation automatically reduces this to:
 - 7 continuous time states
 - 92 other time varying quantities
 - Including I linear system, originally containing 14 equations but reduced to a system containing just 2 equations
 - All the other equations relate to constants or variables that are exactly equal to these 99 variables
- Advantages of Symbolic Manipulation
 - Automate the often error prone process of rearranging equations into a solution
 - Apply advanced mathematical techniques to reduce the size of the problem
 - Can deliver real-time simulation performance of Vehicle Dynamics models with over 100,000 equations (Ims time step)









Dymola and Modelica - Post - Symbolic Manipulation

- The resulting simulation model is automatically exported as C code
- By default, this C code is compiled into an executable
- The user can choose to do other things with this code
 - *.fmu
 - *.dll
 - *.so
 - *.s|9







Dymola and Modelica - Licensing and Deployment

- There are 3 Dymola licensing levels:
 - Standard Configuration resulting binaries can only be run on machines with a valid Dymola license
 - Binary Model Export resulting binaries can be run license free on any machine
 - Source Code Export resulting C-code can be compiled into whatever the user desires... and run license-free on whatever target







Virtual Twin - User Base

- Race Engineers
- Performance Engineers
- Engineering Managers
- Mechanics
- Quality Control Technicians
- Marketing Personnel?
- Sponsor Relations?
- Motorsport Fans?

- Optimize / adjust setups (during)
- >Optimize setup (pre-event)
- Analyze development targets
- Streamline car build
- Verify components
- Attract sponsors / fans
- Sponsor Employee Engagement?
- >Immersive fan experience?





Virtual Twins In Motorsport

- Used in various applications
 - Kinematic Assembly
 - Setup Events
 - Mass Check
 - Pulldown Rig
 - 7 Post
 - Quasi Static
 - Lap Simulation
 - Static Platform (DiL)
 - Full Motion Platform DiL







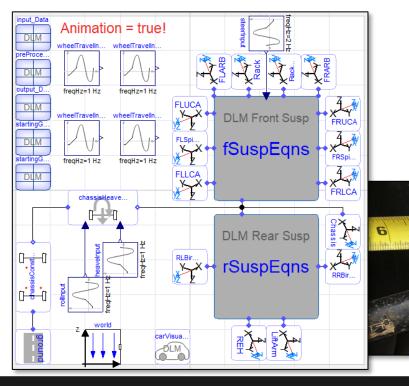


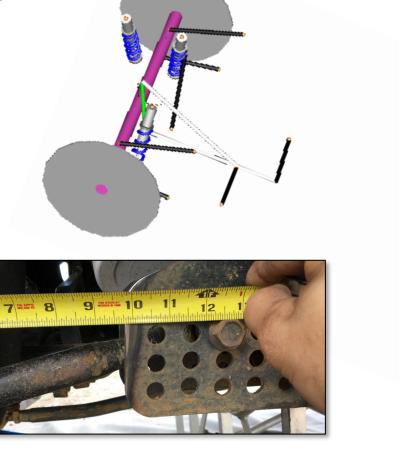


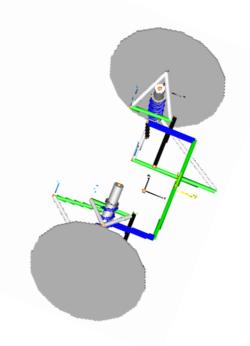
Virtual Twins In Motorsport - Kinematic Assembly

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- Algebraic model to assemble components
 - Inputs in local part coordinates
 - Outputs in vehicle coordinates





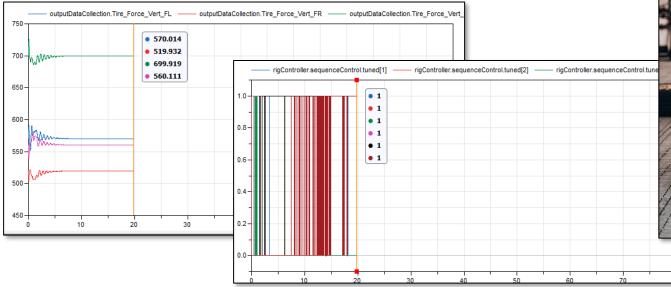


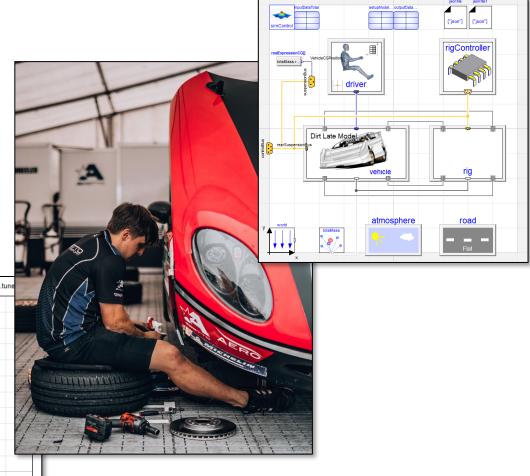




Virtual Twins In Motorsport - Setup Event

- Closed loop adjustment simulation
 - Adjusts camber shims (camber angles)
 - Adjusts tierod lengths (toe angles)
 - Adjusts body CG x and y position (front and left side weight %)
 - Adjusts spring preloads (ride height and cross weight %)
 - Adjusts ARB droplink length (ARB preload)





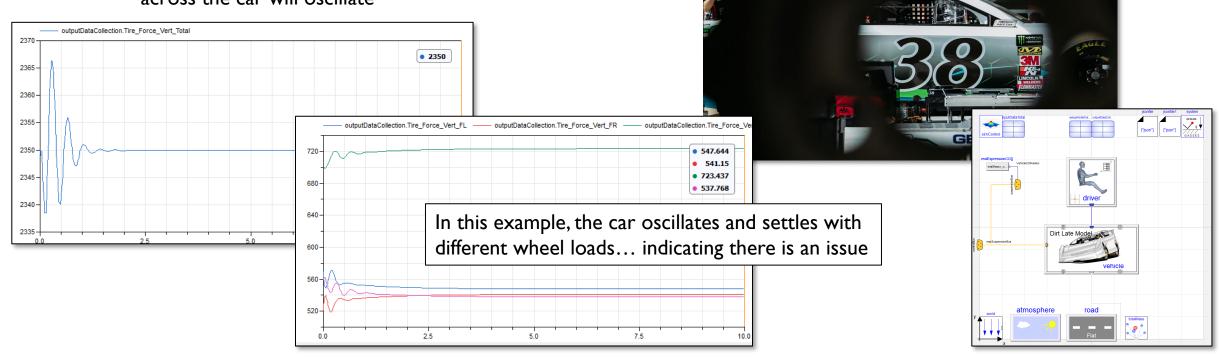






Virtual Twins In Motorsport - Mass Check

- Simple simulation to check the results of a Setup sim
 - If adjustments are properly applied to car it will remain static for the entire sim... if there are errors in transferring data across the car will oscillate

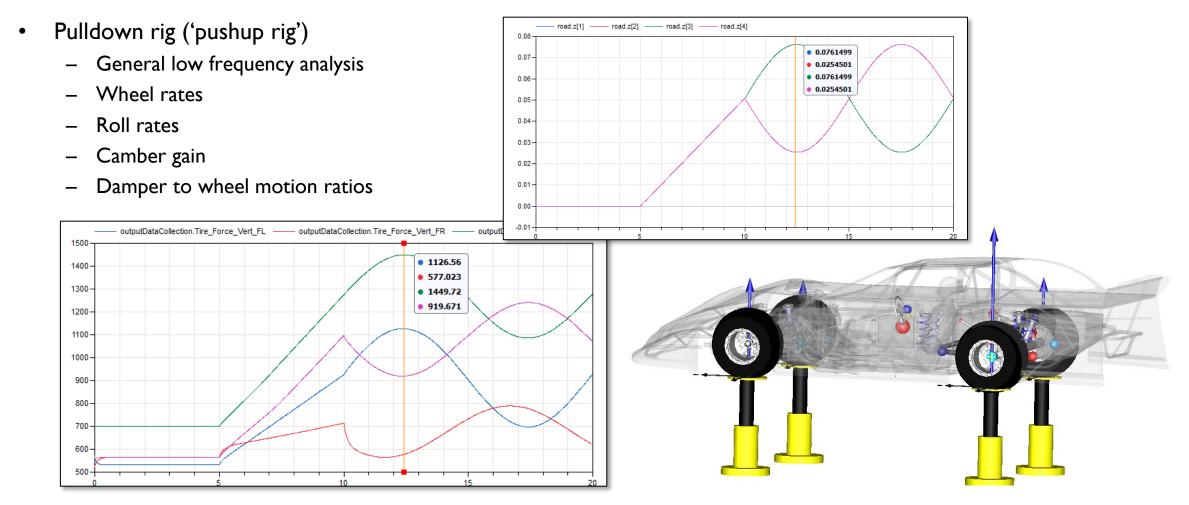








Virtual Twins In Motorsport - Pulldown Rig

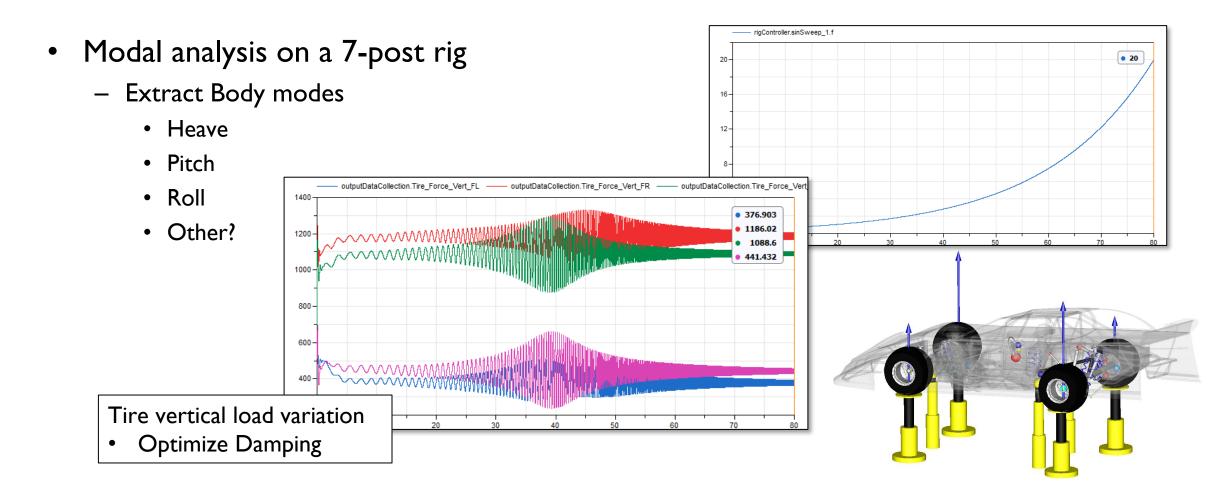






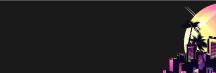


Virtual Twins In Motorsport - 7 Post Swept Sine

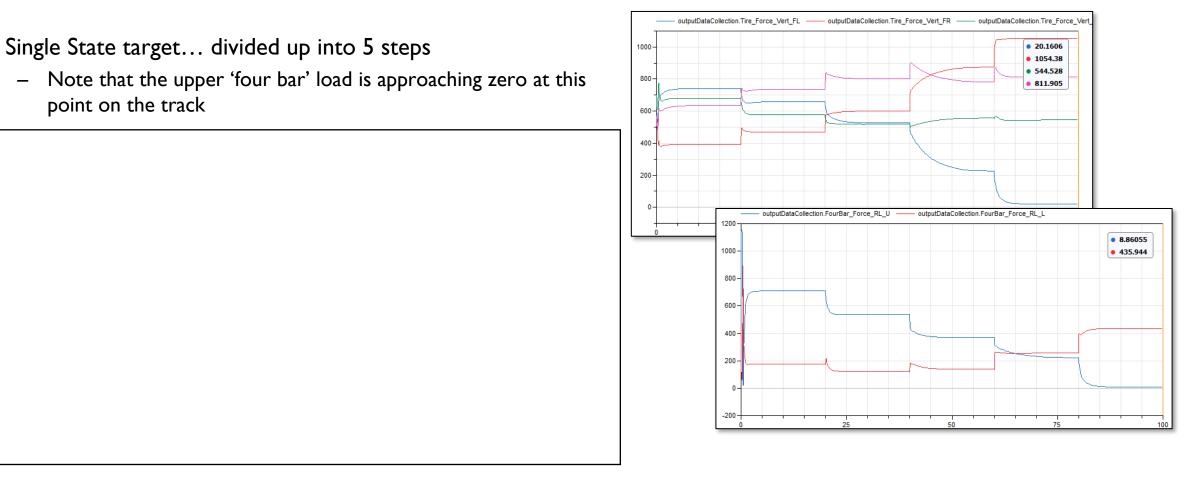


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Virtual Twins In Motorsport - Quasi Static



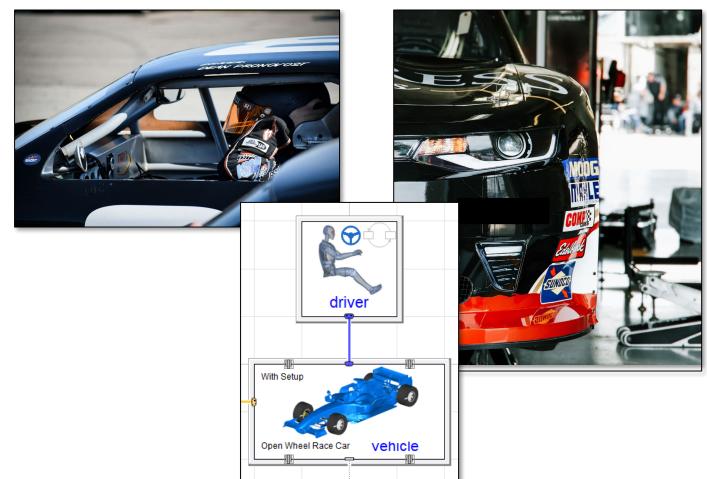






Virtual Twins In Motorsport - Lap Simulation

- Virtual Twin of the Driver
- Virtual Twin of the Vehicle
- Lap Simulations can be conducted in many ways
 - Fixed Line and Speed
 - Fixed line / variable speed
 - Variable line / variable speed









Virtual Twins In Motorsport - Static Simulator

- Driver in the Loop (DiL)
- Static platform









Virtual Twins In Motorsport - Driving Simulator

• Full motion platform driving simulator





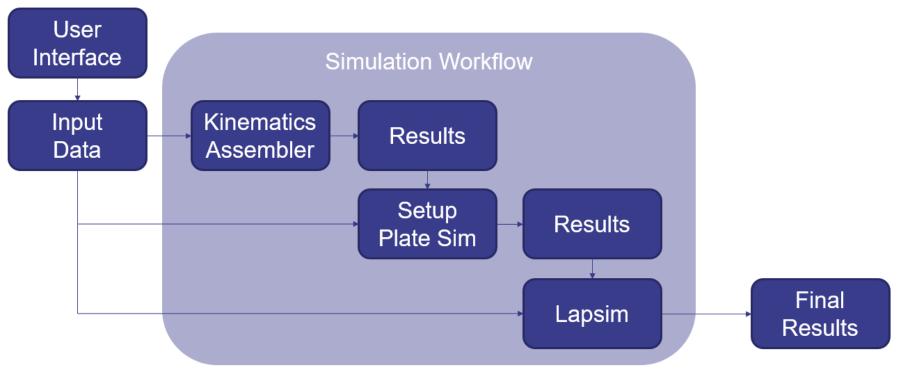






Motorsport Simulations - Workflow

Representative workflow for a Motorsport application









Virtual Twins In Motorsport - Workflow Deployment

Local

- Machine
- Server
- Distributed Computing

Remote

- Server
- Distributed Computing
- Cloud
 - Server
 - Serverless





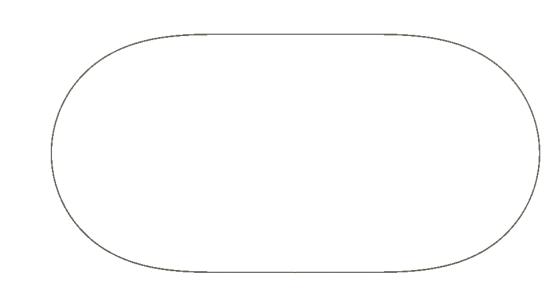






Developments in Lap-time Predictive Simulations

- Challenges
 - Battery state of charge
 - Thermal state of various components
 - Tires
 - Batteries
 - Driveline









 Optimal Control approach to lap time predictive simulations

Summary

- There are a many types of Virtual Twins utilized in Motorsports
- To get useful results, multiple simulations are often necessary and thus a workflow with multiple Virtual Twins are required
- There are many different types of Virtual Twin users
- There are numerous platforms on which these Virtual Twins are used
- Advances in cloud computing have changed the way race teams prepare for events
- Optimal Control strategies can provide highly valuable information when applied to accurate Virtual Twins













