

FMI Applications at Daimler

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FMI Vision and Objective

Overall goal: Secure functionality of complex technical systems

- for customer comfort and safety
- at less costs

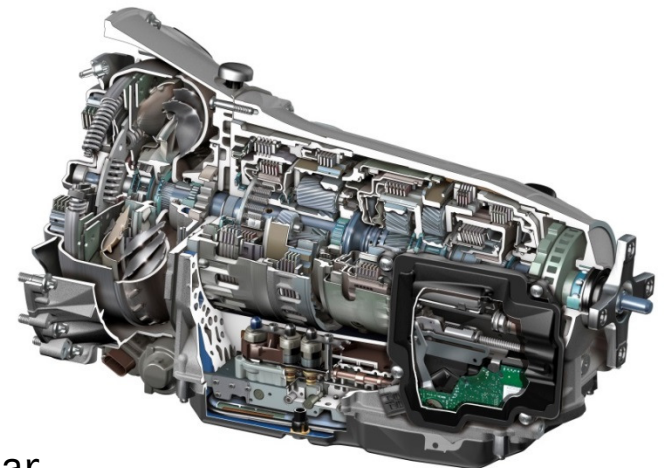
“Good products at little costs”

Aspired solution: Digital functional mock-ups substitute (late and expensive) physical mock-ups

- **Challenge:** Overcome domain barriers between *software, electrics, mechanics, etc.* in existing simulation tools & technologies
- **Answer:** Functional Mock-up Interface (FMI) standard initiated 2007 by Daimler within ITEA 2 project Modelisar



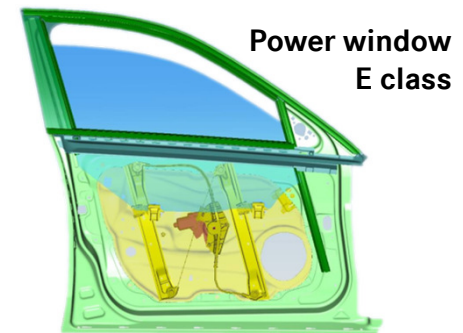
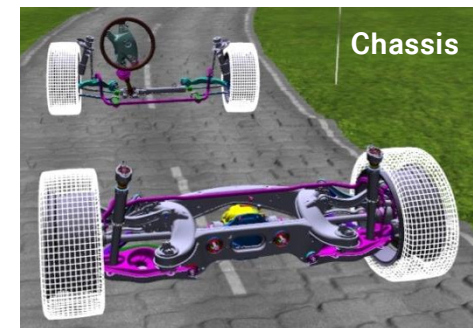
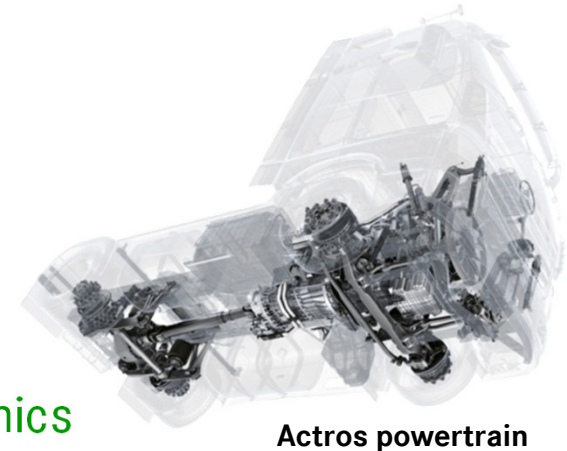
System function example:
Shifting time and quality



System example:
7G-TRONIC PLUS gearbox

Overview of FMI Application Examples at Daimler

- Software-in-the-loop (SiL) simulations at all **gearbox projects of Mercedes-Benz passenger cars**
 - High potential for savings at hardware-in-the-loop systems
- SiL simulations at **Trucks CAE**, esp. **powertrain dynamics**
 - Application both of FMI for Model Exchange and of FMI for Co-simulation
 - Exchange of FMUs with suppliers
- SiL **Multi-body chassis and ride simulations**
 - Internal exchange of damping control algorithm as FMU.
Exchange of FMUs with suppliers targeted.
- SiL simulations for assessment of anti-pinch robustness of **power window**
 - Co-simulation of internal plant model with anti-pinch function from supplier



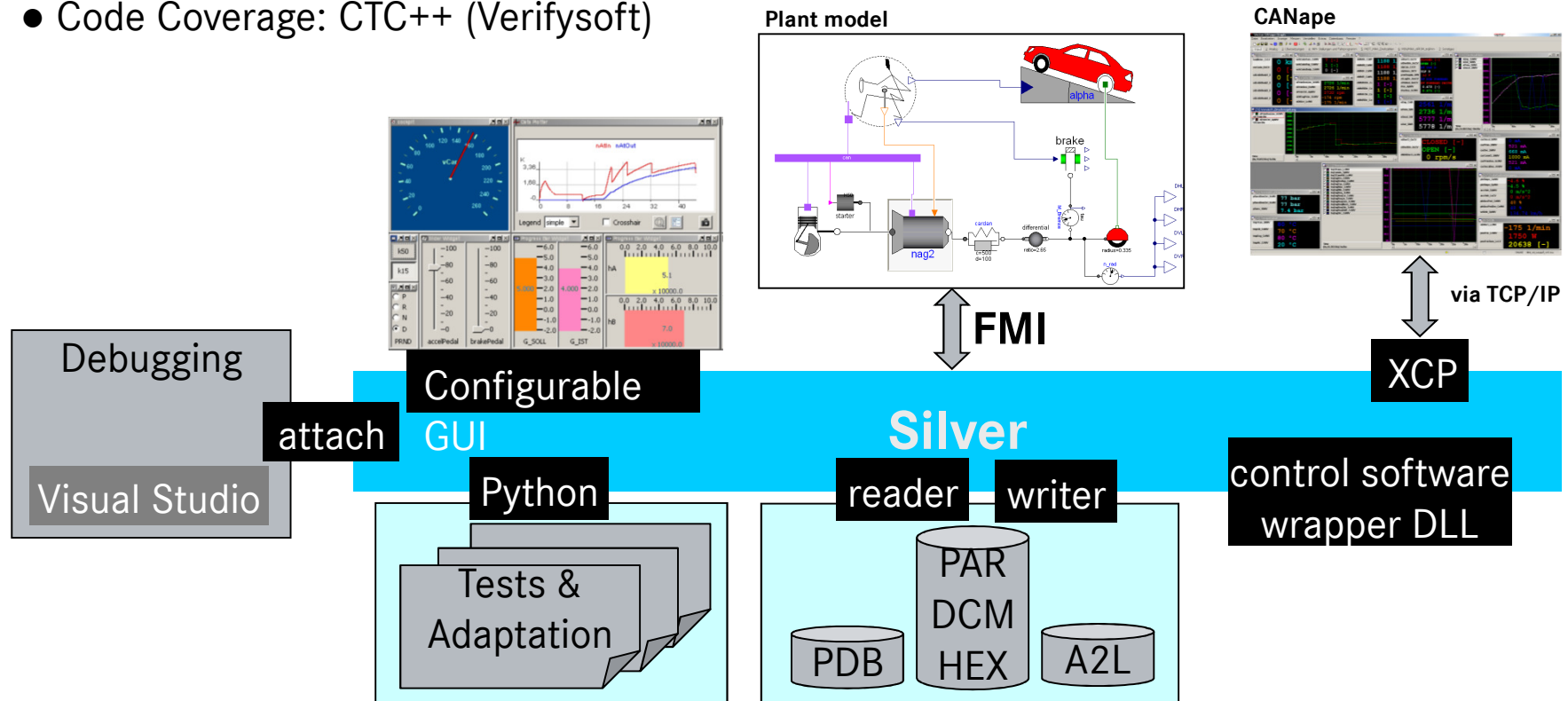
Integration of a Gearbox SIL-Project

SiL environment

- Simulation: Silver (QTronic)
- Measurement: CANape (Vector)
- Debugging: Visual Studio (Microsoft)
- Automated Test: TestWeaver (QTronic)
- Code Coverage: CTC++ (Verifysoft)

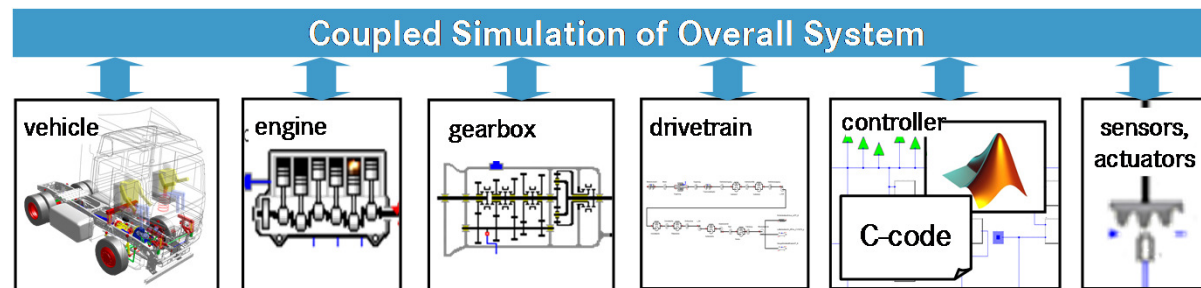
Debugging with Visual Studio:

- suspend simulation at any time
- attach Visual Studio Debugger to Silver

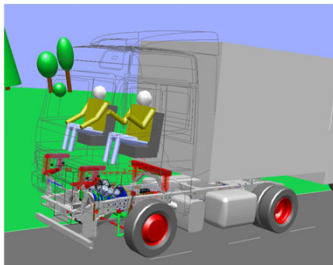


Mechatronic Shifting Simulation at Daimler CV

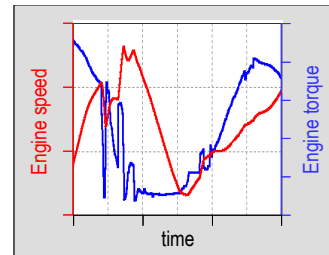
- SiL simulation for optimizing gear shift times and shifting comfort in heavy-duty trucks
- Challenges:
 - Handling of sub-models from different simulation tools
 - Finding efficient solutions for modeling, coupling, and solving
 - Improvement of offline-coupling with missing feedback of mbs-vehicle with drivetrain



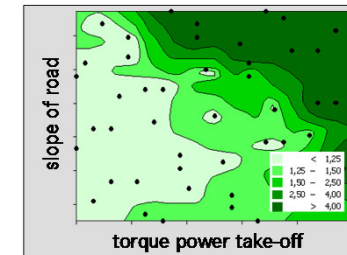
⇒ Optimization of Shifting Comfort



⇒ Optimization of Shifting Time



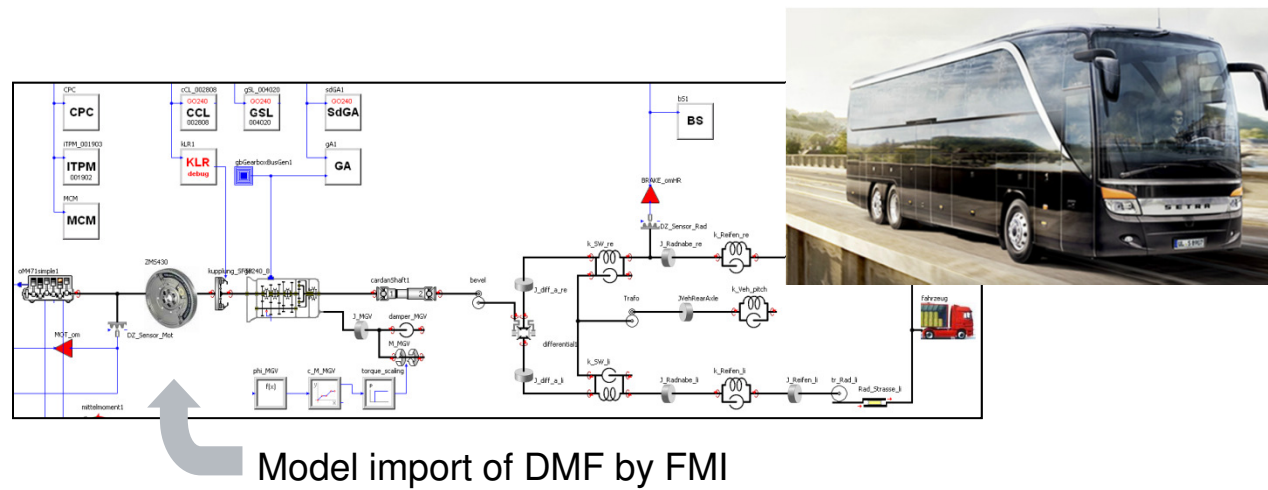
⇒ Concepts, Robustness, Sensitivity



Example for Model Exchange using FMI

Numeric analysis of automated shifts within busses

⇒ Model Import of a SIM-X DMF (Dual mass flywheel) model into a SIM-X vehicle model using FMI

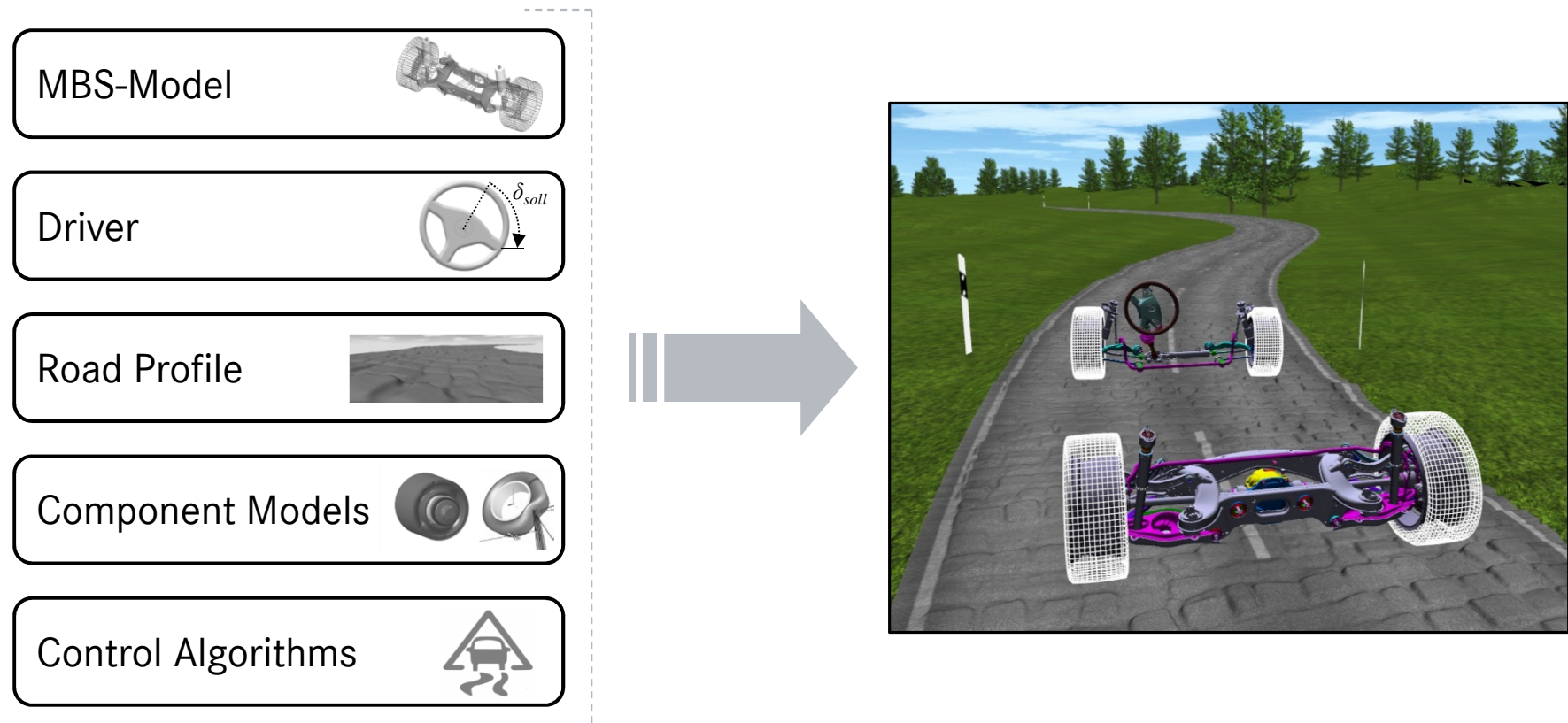


- ✓ Effort for communication and handling greatly reduced with FMI
- ✓ Reasonable efficient
- ✓ Model import worked pretty much „out of the box“
- ✓ DMF-know how completely hidden, only measurable behavior transferred

Demand for Efficient sub-model-coupling in Chassis Simulation / Ride Simulation

Full vehicle MBS model requires a variety of data and different components

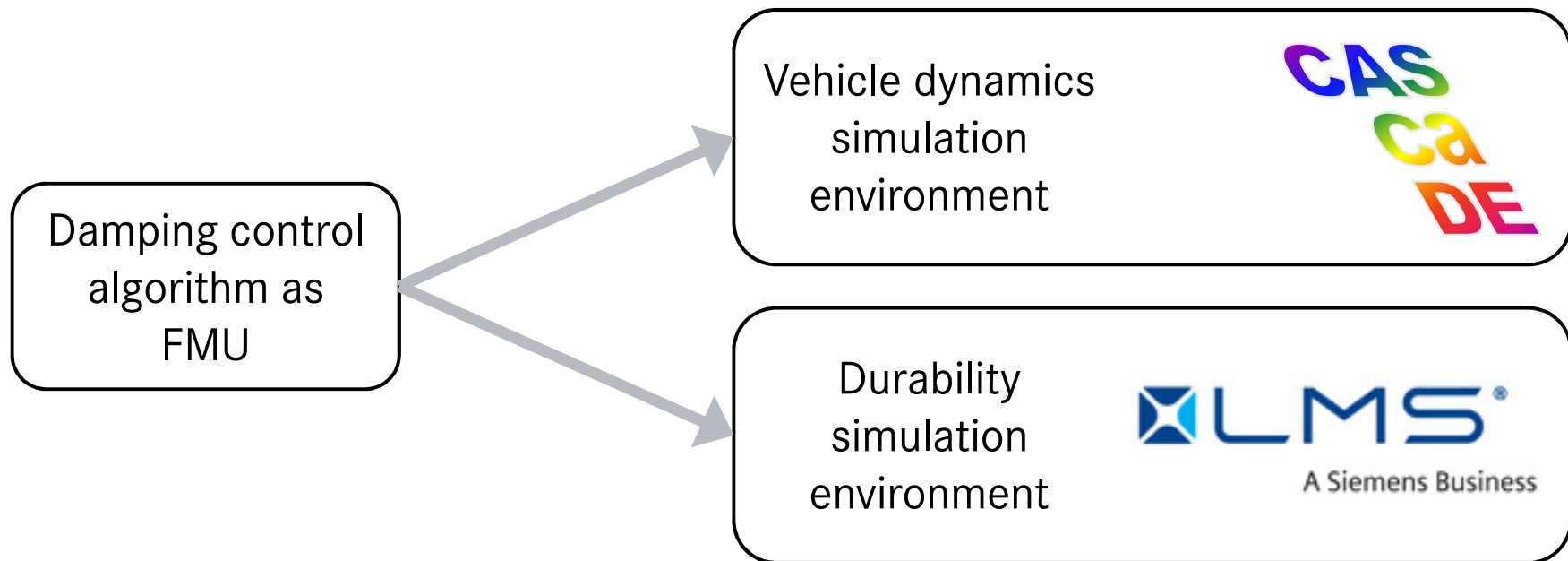
- e.g. sub-models of tire, bushing, damper, control algorithms, digitized road profile, driver



User's Point of View

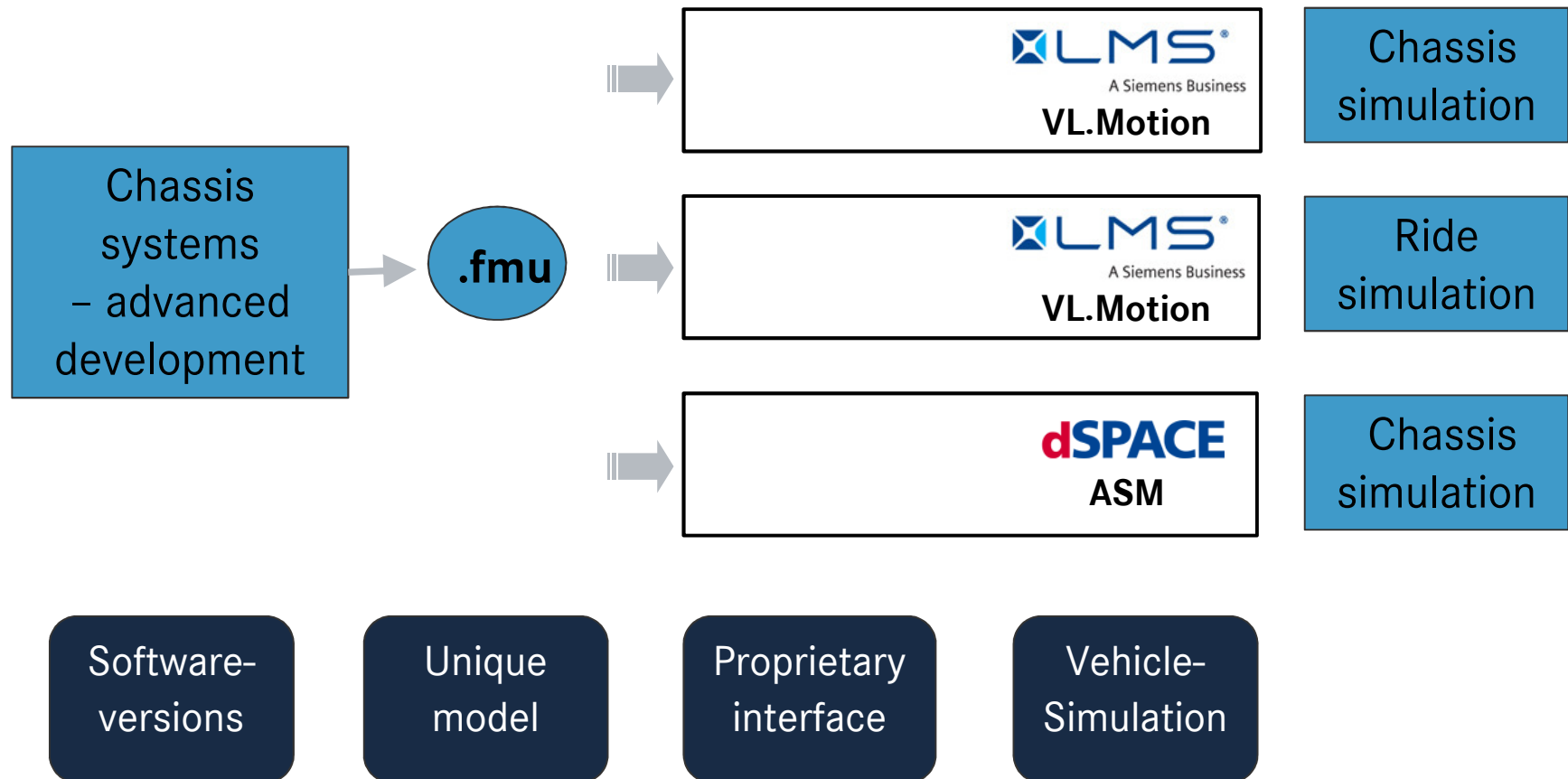
Example of coupling a damping control algorithm

- Available as FMU
- Reduction of system boundary dependence
- Fast and reliable coupling



Reasonable effort on side of calculation engineer

Supplier's Point of View



General Benefits of FMI Applications

- Extension of co-development from digital mock-up to **functional mock-up**
- **Plug&play** exchange and reuse of **models**
- Enhanced **simulation capabilities**
- **Efficient frontloading** and early **integration of suppliers** into **cross-domain system simulation**
- **IP protection** of simulation models
- **Flexibility** w.r.t. simulation tools

FMI-based Initiatives in Automotive Industry

A) BMW, Daimler and Ford started in Q2 2012 an initiative to establish FMI as the **standard for simulation model exchange between OEMs and suppliers**



These OEMs as well as Chrysler, Fiat, GM, Jaguar Land Rover, Nissan, Renault, Toyota and Volkswagen signed at GAAG conference in Oct 2012 a **commitment to support this initiative**



Up to date, it was signed in addition by Audi, HKMC, Honda, Isuzu, PSA, Suzuki, Tata, Volvo and Volvo Cars.



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B) A *Smart Systems Engineering* project with OEMs, suppliers and IT tool vendors started in October 2012 at ProSTEP iViP



Members “Smart Systems Engineering”

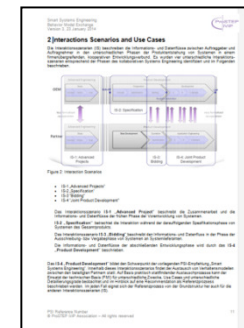
- **OEMs:** BMW, Daimler, Ford, MAN
- **Suppliers:** AVL, Bosch, Continental

- **Tool vendors:** Dassault Systèmes, dSPACE, ITI, LMS, PTC, Siemens
- **Consulters:** :em, Invensity, ProSTEP, Unity
- **Institutes:** HTW Berlin, IPK FhG, TU Darmstadt, U Kaiserslautern, Virtual Vehicle

Current results:

Recommendation for exchange of behavior models between 2 partners within a collaborative development process (incl. reference process, use cases, description templates for exchanged models and activities)

-> Ready for download in April



When do you start “driving” FMU?

