





# Best Practices for Integrating NI Tools & MathWorks Software

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NI and MathWorks are pleased to announce a collaboration between the two companies to provide our mutual customers with an experience that boosts their productivity.

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# What This Means

- We see our tools as complimentary
- More openness in both tool chains for integration with the other
- Better technical support for users



# Seamless Integration Promotes Collaboration

- Shared goal of ensuring seamless integration between NI and MathWorks toolchains
- You can use the right tool for each stage in your workflow

## For example

- In MATLAB, you can use many kinds of NI hardware directly
- In LabVIEW NXG and LabVIEW 20xx you can use code written in MATLAB



# Agenda

- Automated Measurements & Data Analysis
- Hardware in the Loop Test & Rapid Control Prototyping
- Wireless Communications



# Automated Measurements & Data Analysis



# MathWorks & NI Software Interfaces: MATLAB & LabVIEW

- LabVIEW 2019:
  - **MATLAB Script node**
  - System Exec VI
  - Call Library Function node (w/ MATLAB® Compiler SDK™ or MATLAB® Coder™)
- LabVIEW NXG:
  - Shared Library Interface (w/ MATLAB Compiler SDK or MATLAB Coder)
  - **Interface for MATLAB**



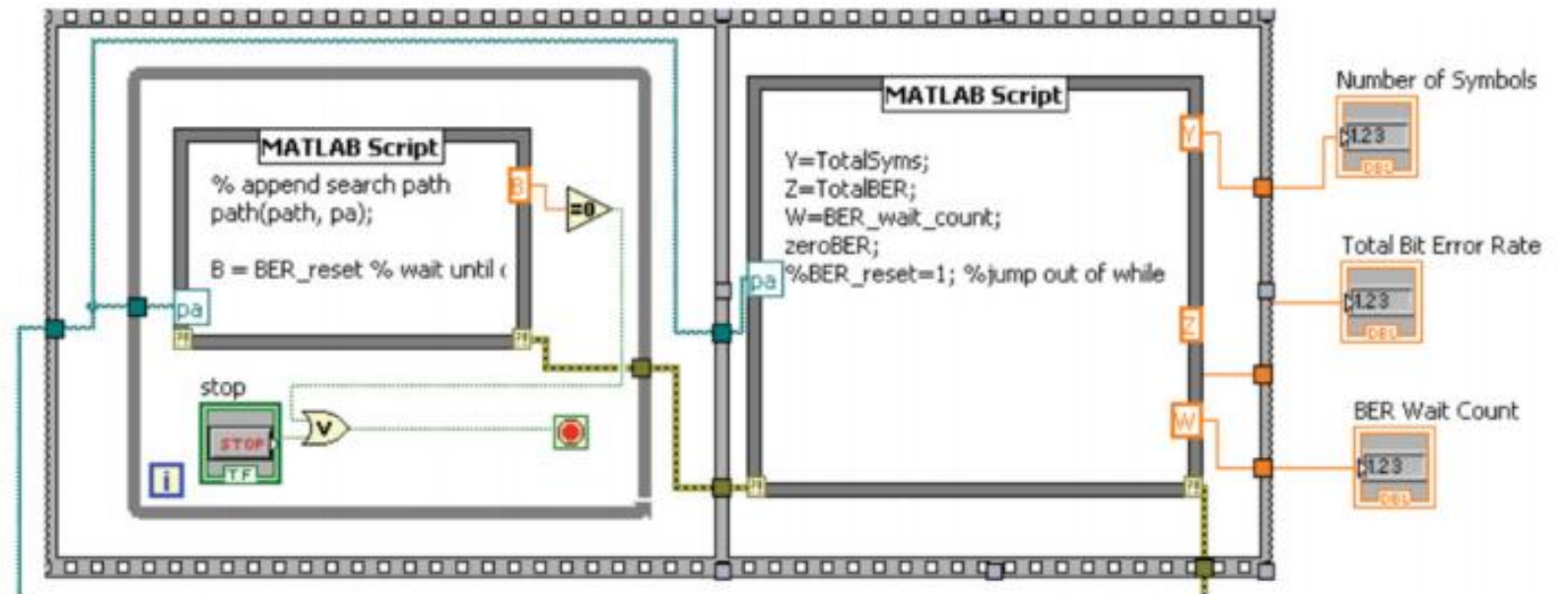
# MATLAB Script Node in LabVIEW 20xx

- MATLAB® and LabVIEW must both be installed
- Full access to MATLAB built-in functions, objects, and data types
- Calls the MATLAB software to execute scripts or functions (IDE to IDE communication)

**Tektronix®**

Example customer application using  
MATLAB Script Node in LabVIEW

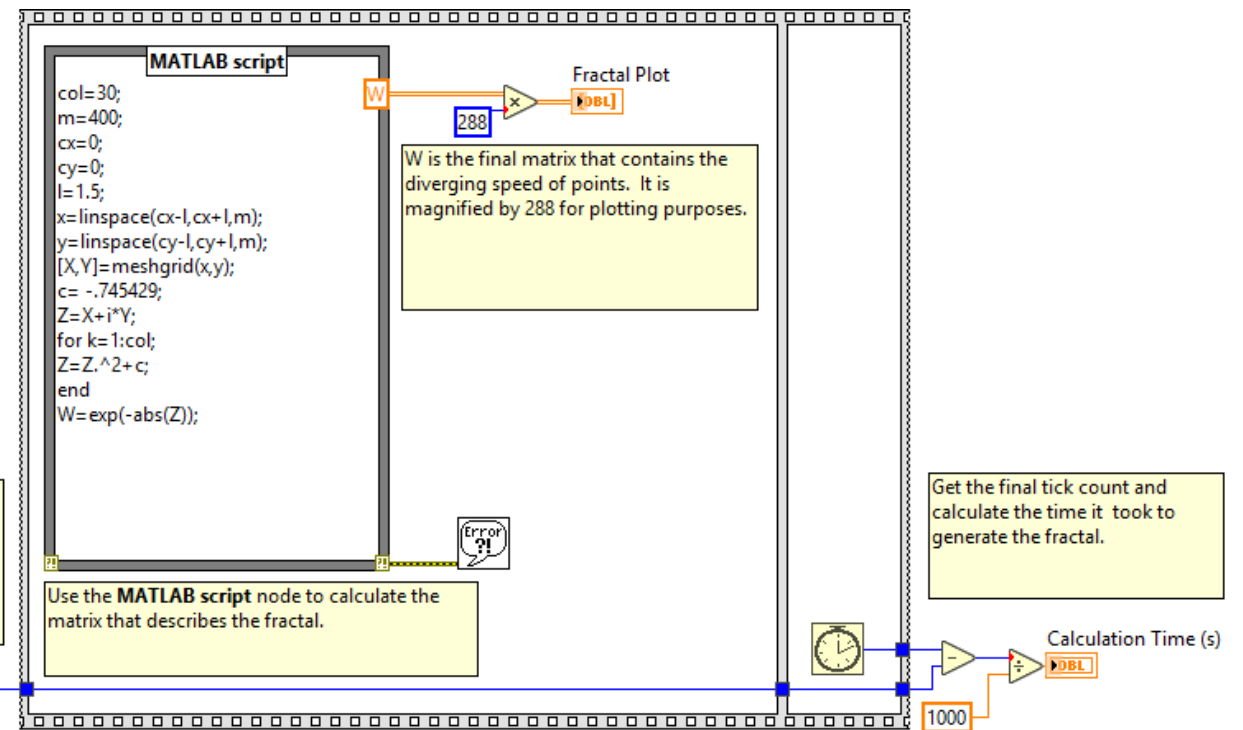
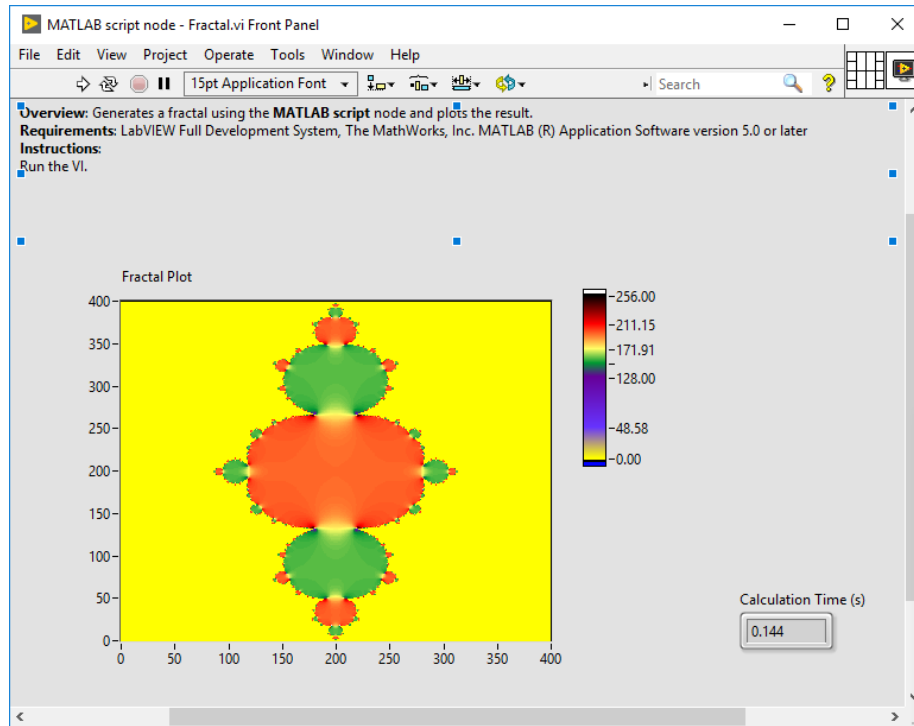
Tektronix Application Note -  
Automating Bit Error Rate  
Measurements of Complex  
Modulated Optical Signals



**Figure 5.** Details of LabVIEW Matlab Script Node to acquire BER information from Matlab. The left-hand frame waits until `BER_reset` is set to 0 (in the OM4106D engine file, illustrated above); it then passes control to the right-hand frame, which reads the variables and resets the `BER_reset` flag via the `zeroBER.m` command.



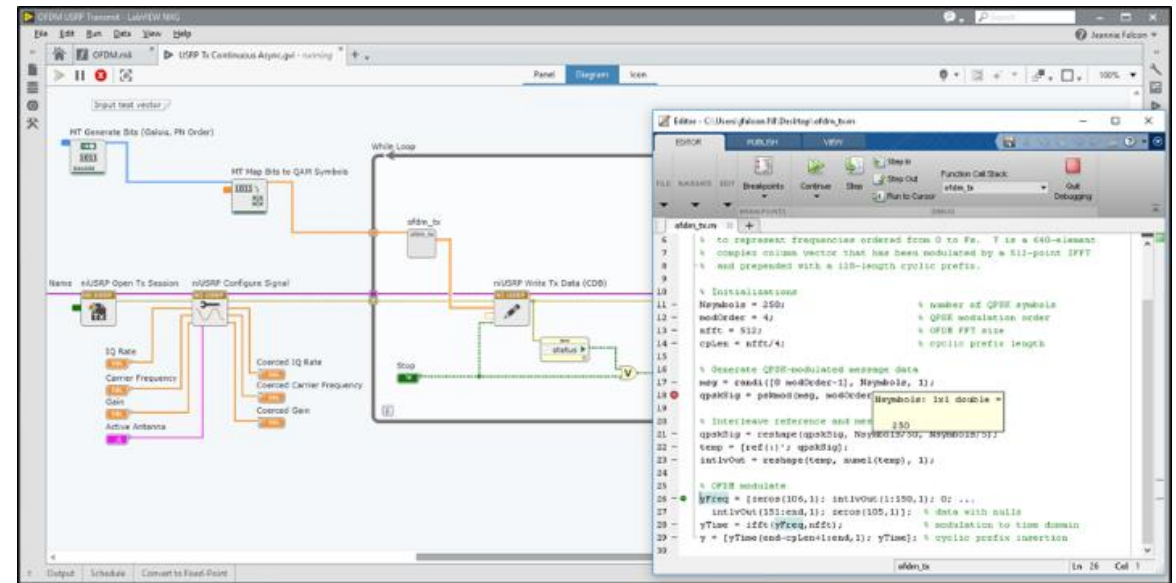
# Demonstration





# Interface for MATLAB® in LabVIEW NXG 3.0

- Import .m files with the Interface for MATLAB® document and configure inputs/outputs
- Drop it in your diagram as a subVI node like any other function call
- Debug and modify the MATLAB code while running the VI





# Capabilities of Different Software Interfaces

Options	LabVIEW Versions	Capabilities
Interface for MATLAB®	NXG	MATLAB® communication, can pass multiple data types
MATLAB Script node	20xx	MATLAB communication, can pass multiple data types
Call Library Function Node	20xx	Works with your DLL and can run on real-time targets
Shared Library Interface	NXG	Works with your DLL
Model Interface Toolkit	20xx	Works with your model DLL, can have MATLAB Function Block in your Simulink model
VeriStand	-	Configure real-time test applications with your Simulink and Simscape™ models

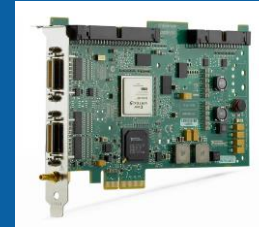


# Interfacing MathWorks Products to NI Hardware

Instrument Control Toolbox™  
for MATLAB & Simulink



Image Acquisition Toolbox™  
for MATLAB & Simulink



Data Acquisition Toolbox™  
for MATLAB & Simulink  
Hardware includes:  
NI, Measurement Computing, & Digilent™

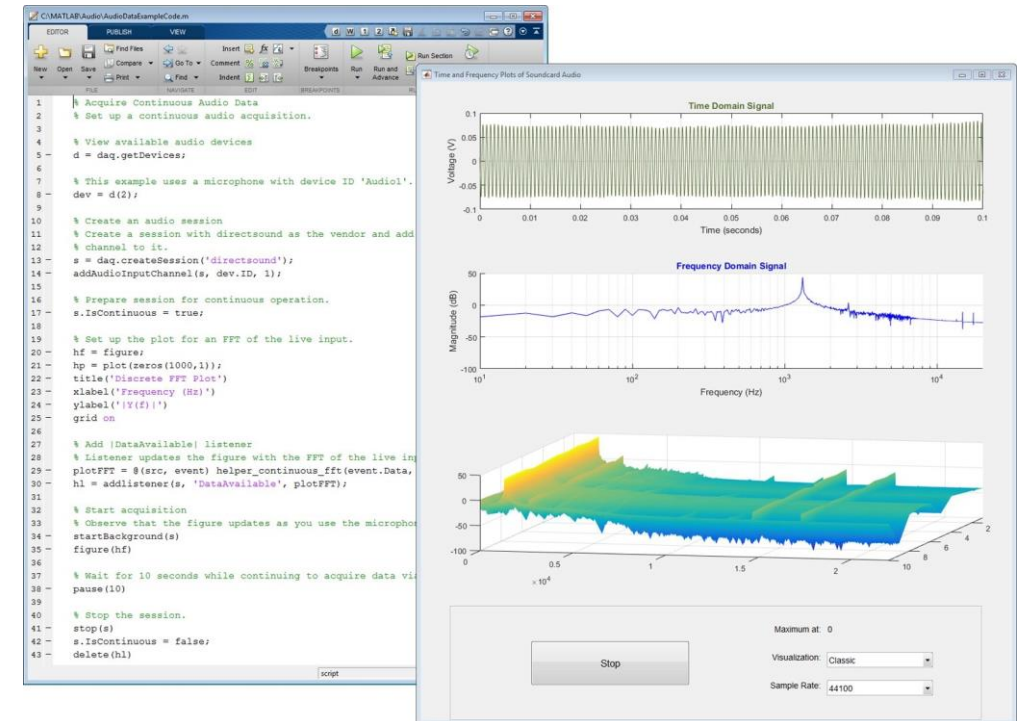


Plus interfaces to NI-XNET, Ettus Research™ & BEEcube™ hardware



# Data Acquisition Toolbox

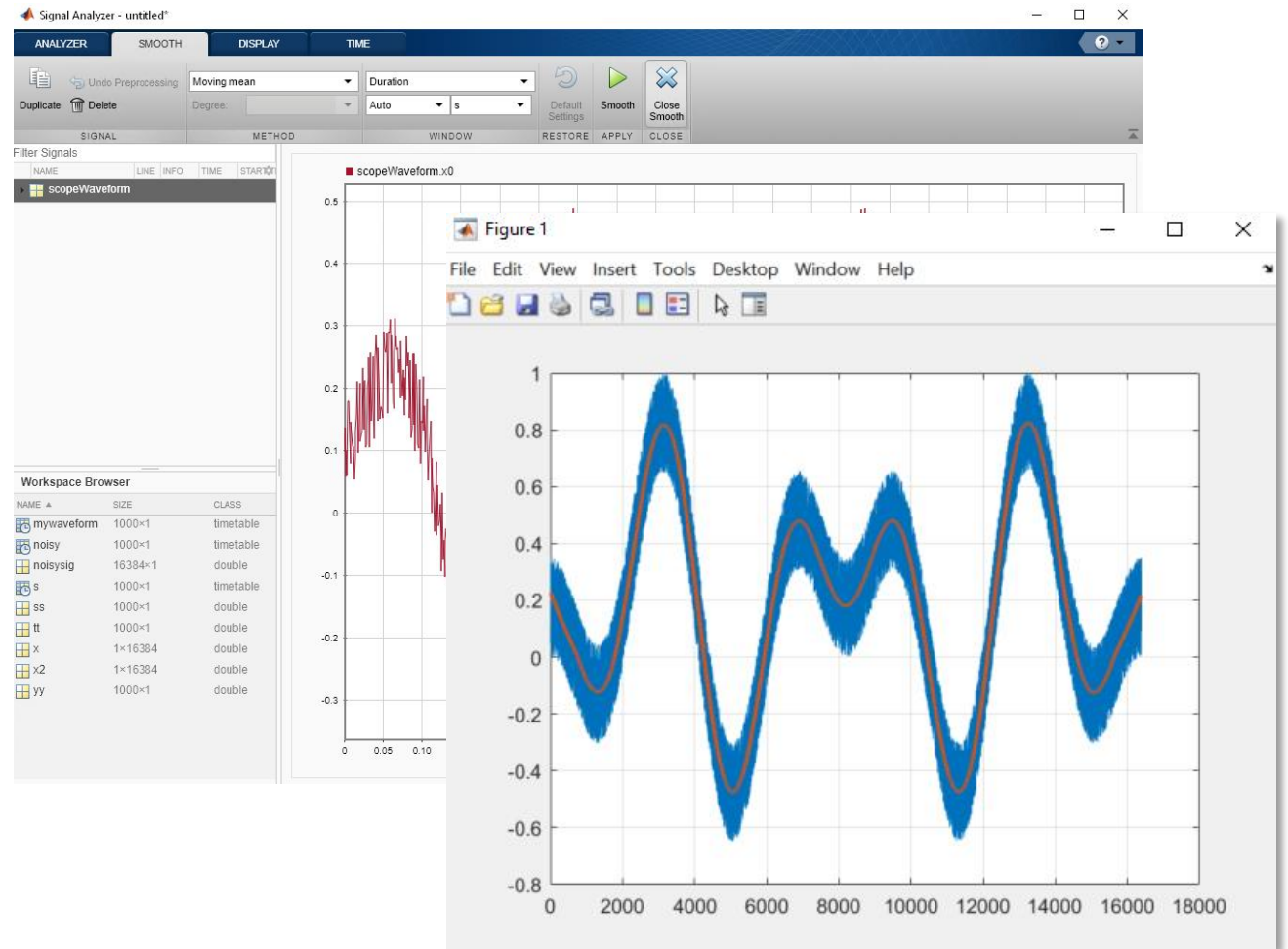
- **Connect to data acquisition cards, devices, and modules**
- **Software** - MATLAB and Simulink with NI-DAQmx
- **Hardware buses** - USB, PCI, PCI-Express®, PXI, and PXI-Express devices
- Support for analog input, analog output, counters, timers, and digital I/O
- Live acquisition of measured data
- Hardware and software triggers for control of data acquisition
- Device-independent software interface





# Instrument Control Toolbox

- Control and communicate with test and measurement instruments
- **Software:** MATLAB & Simulink
- Test & Measurement Tool
- I/O and *VXIplug&play*
- NI-VISA commands
- **Modular instruments drivers:**
  - NI-DCPower
  - NI-DMM
  - NI-FGEN
  - NI-SCOPE
  - NI-SWITCH





# Demonstration

- Thunderbolt connection from laptop to PXI
- Hardware support packages: NI-FGEN and NI-SCOPE
- NI MAX
- MATLAB
  - Hardware discovery for FGEN and SCOPE
  - Waveform generation in MATLAB
  - Soft front panel for NI SCOPE





MATLAB R2019a

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PLOTS

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weightClassificationLayer.m

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noisysine.m

NIWeek\_Demo.m

multifreq.m

GenerateSignal.m

fgen\_test.m

fgen\_mdd.m

detectspeech\_stack

detectspeech\_daq\_mic.m

detectspeech3m.m

oscilloscopeApp.mlapp (App)

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GenerateSignal.m

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Oscilloscope.m

StateNotConnected.m

InstrumentAdaptorFactory.m

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connect(ictObj);

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%% Create a noisy signal with 3kHz and 5kHz components

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x = linspace(-4\*pi, 4\*pi,16384);

11

x2= linspace(-1\*pi, 1\*pi,16384);

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noisysig = (sin(x).\*sin(x2)) + 0.5\*rand(size(x));

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% x = linspace(-2\*pi, 2\*pi,16384);

15

% noisysig = sin(x) + 0.3\*rand(size(x));

16

% normalize the waveform so values are between -1 to + 1

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if max ( abs (noisysig )) ~= 0

18

noisysig = ( noisysig./ max (noisysig ))';

19

end

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%% Configure FGEN for output of custom waveform

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% These values are defined in the driver's header file 'niFgen.h'

23

NIFGEN\_VAL\_OUTPUT\_FUNC = 0;

Command Window

New to MATLAB? See resources for [Getting Started](#).

fx >>

Workspace

Name	Value
ChannelNa...	'0'
ictObj	1x1 icdevice
mywavefo...	1000x1 timet...
NIFGEN_A...	0.5000
NIFGEN_A...	0
NIFGEN_A...	1000
NIFGEN_A...	0
NIFGEN_V...	0
NIFGEN_V...	102
noisysig	16384x1 dou...
resourceID	'DAQ::Fgen'
x	1x16384 dou...
x2	1x16384 dou...

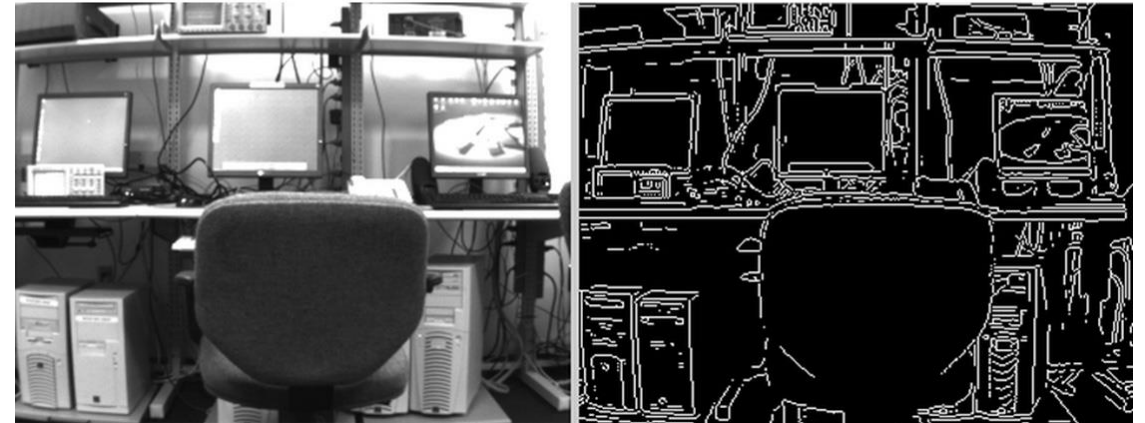
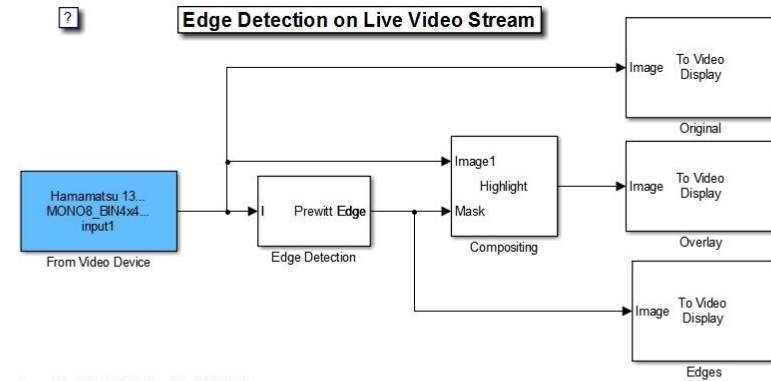
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# Image Acquisition Toolbox

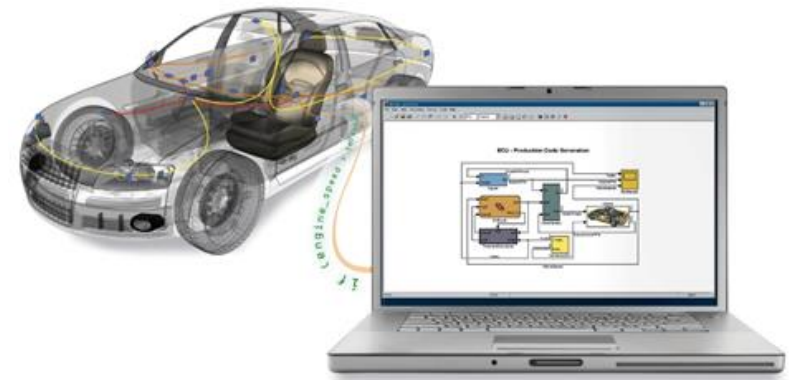
- **Acquire images and video from industry-standard hardware**
- **Software:** MATLAB and Simulink, Image Processing Toolbox™, NI-IMAQ™
- **Hardware:** Camera Link frame grabbers for PCI, PXI, and PXIe
- Hardware triggering and synchronization for multiple devices
- Image Acquisition app for rapid configuration, acquisition, and live previewing





# Vehicle Network Toolbox

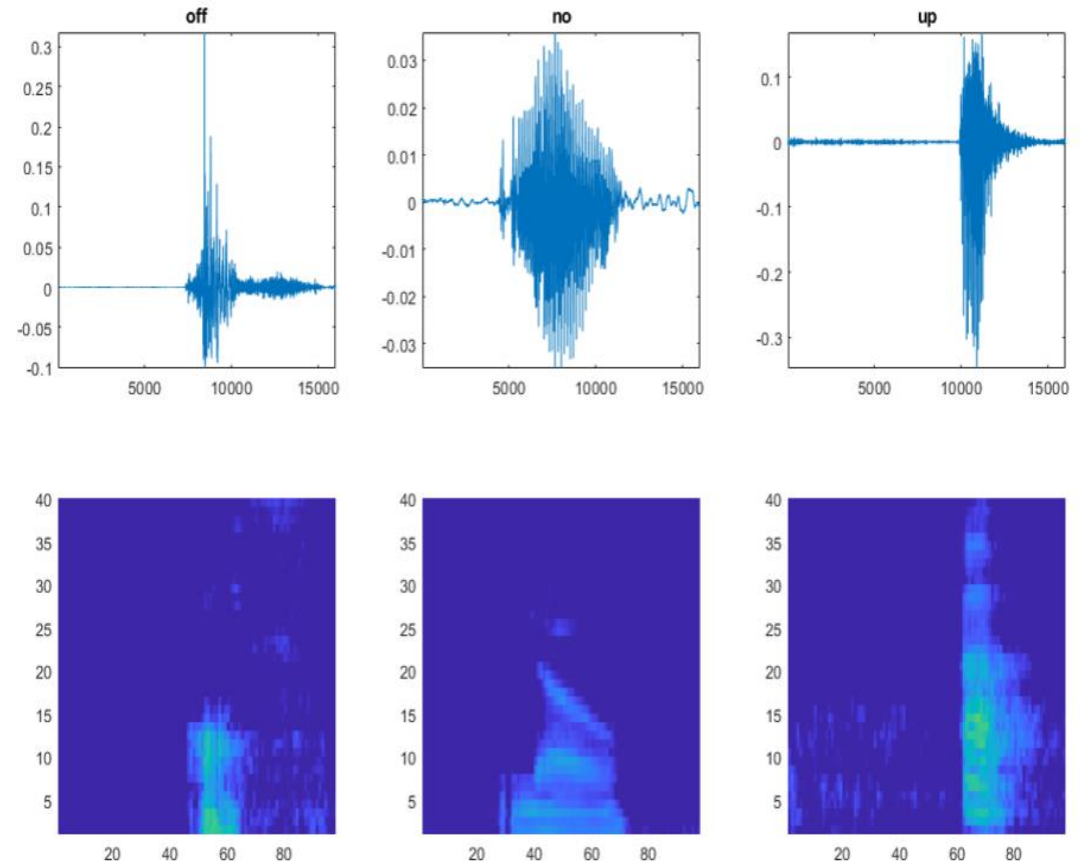
- **Communicate with in-vehicle networks using CAN, CAN FD, J1939, and XCP protocols**
- **Software:** MATLAB and Simulink, Vehicle Network Toolbox™, NI-XNET™
- **Hardware buses** - USB, PCI, and PXI devices
- Model Based Development and testing of embedded systems
- Log and record messages for later analysis and replay
- Simulate message traffic on a virtual CAN bus or connect to a live network or ECU
- Work with industry standard files like A2L, MDF, DBC and CDF files





# Audio Recognition

- Acquire data from microphone
- Classify speech using pre-trained neural network
- Use mel spectrogram as feature for classification
- Predict command spoken based on a probability threshold





# HIL & Rapid Control Prototyping

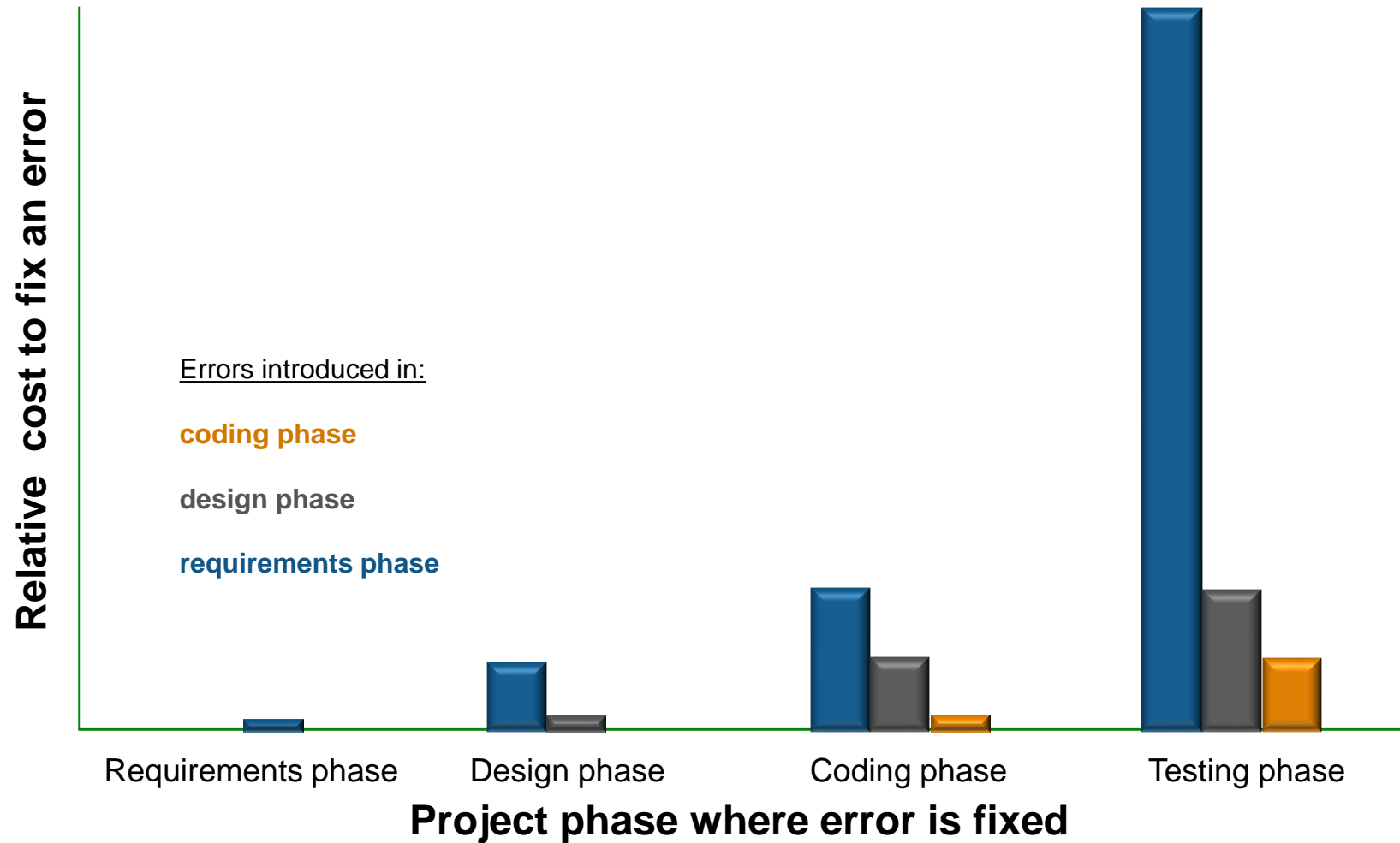


# This Section Will Cover

- Model-Based Design
- MathWorks software for HIL and RCP with NI hardware
- Integration of compiled models with NI VeriStand
- Guidance for model development and solver

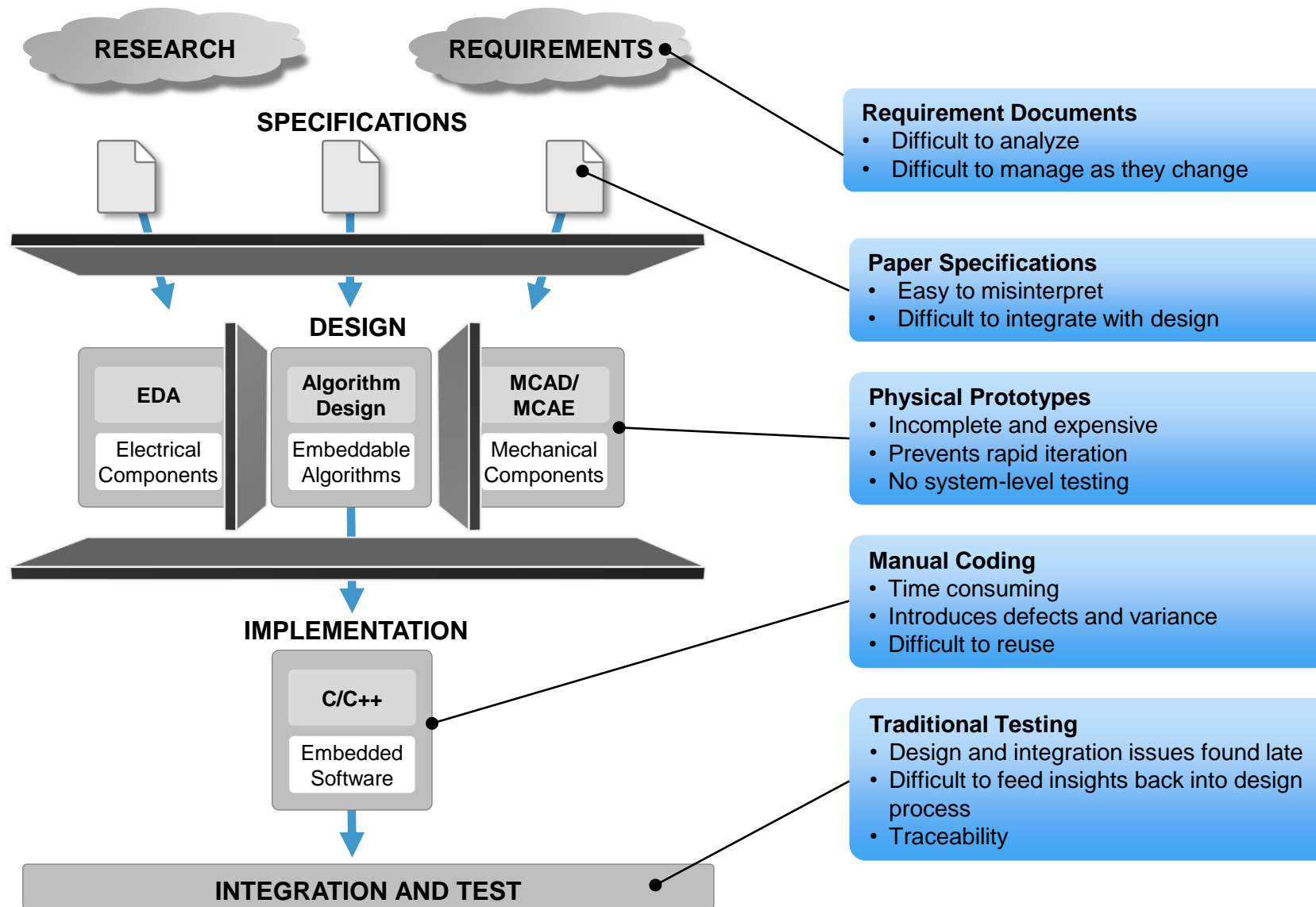


# The Importance of Testing During the Design Phase





# Traditional development process





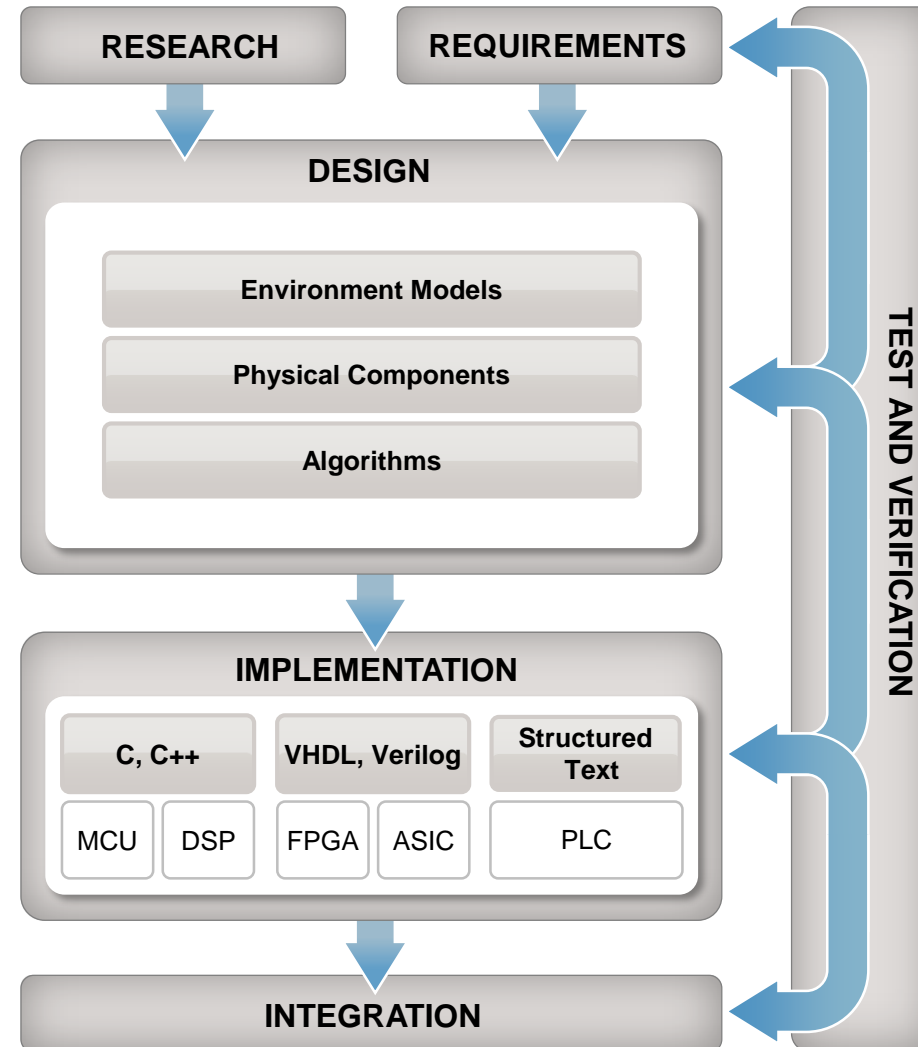
# Model-Based Design with MathWorks & NI tools

MathWorks software:

- MATLAB
- Simulink
- Stateflow
- Simscape

NI software and hardware for HIL

- VeriStand
- CompactRIO, PXI
- and more



Both tool chains used together

Applications:

- HIL testing
- Rapid Prototyping
- Monitoring



# Core MathWorks products

## SIMULINK®

Simulation and Model-Based Design

### Model and simulate your system

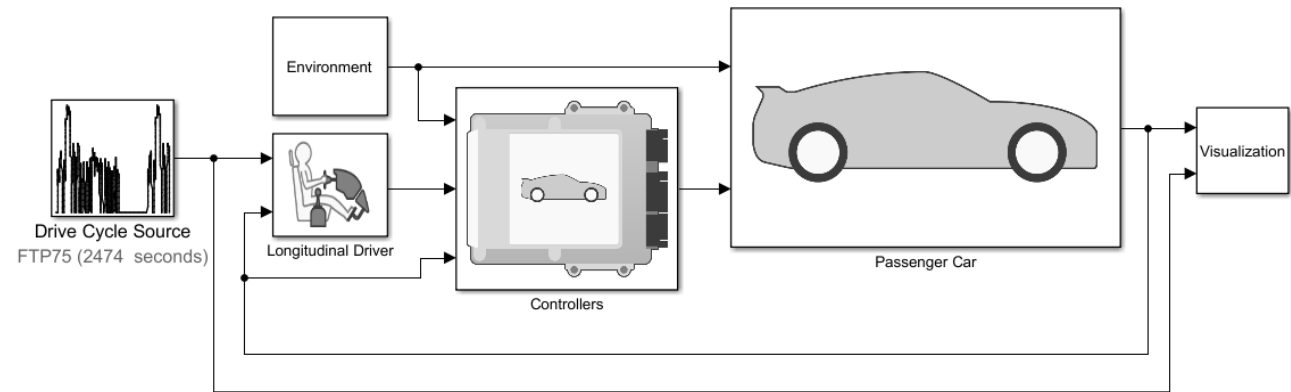
- Use one multi-domain environment
- Model the system under test and the plant
- Simulate closed-loop system behavior

### Test early and often

- Test your system under all conditions
- Validate your design with real-time testing
- Trace from requirements to design to code

### Automatically generate code

- Generate production-quality C and HDL code
- Deploy directly to embedded processors or FPGA's/





# Core MathWorks products

## Simscape™

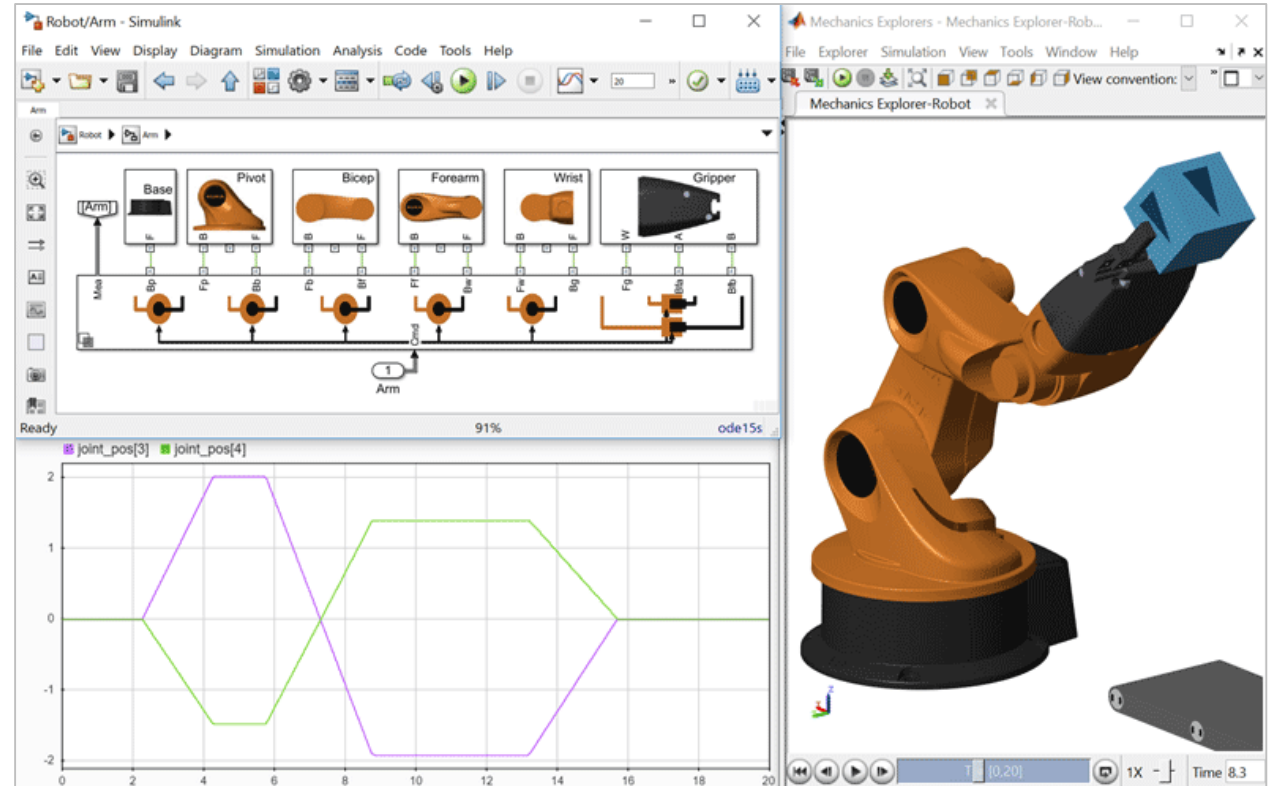
Model and simulate multidomain physical systems

### Enables physical modeling (acausal) of multidomain physical systems

- Assemble a schematic
- Equations derived automatically
- Leverage MATLAB and Simulink

### With Simscape you can:

- Refine requirements for system
- Discover integration issues early
- Design control systems and logic
- Optimize system-level performance
- Test embedded software without hardware prototypes





# Core MathWorks products

## Stateflow®

Model and simulate decision logic

### Design control logic

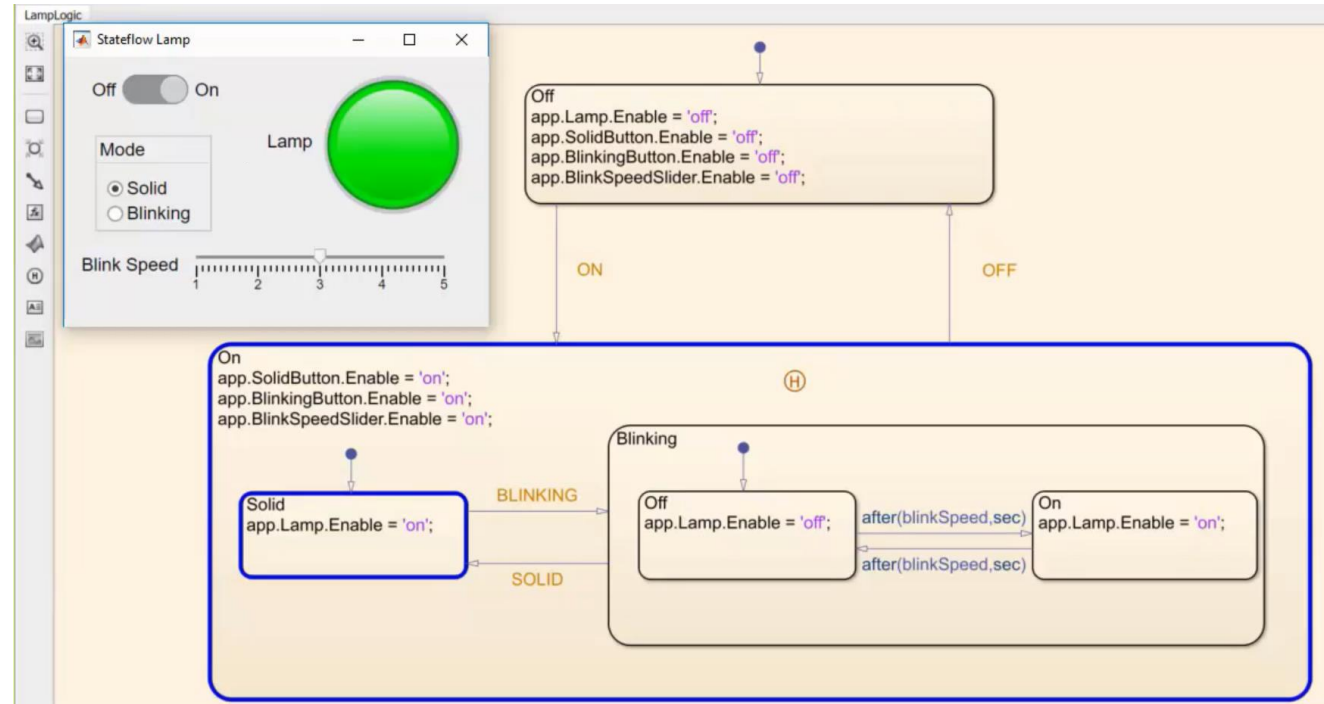
- Design state machines
- Create flow charts
- Model logic with tables

### Execute and debug charts

- Visualize system behavior with animations
- Step through chart execution in detail

### Automatically generate code

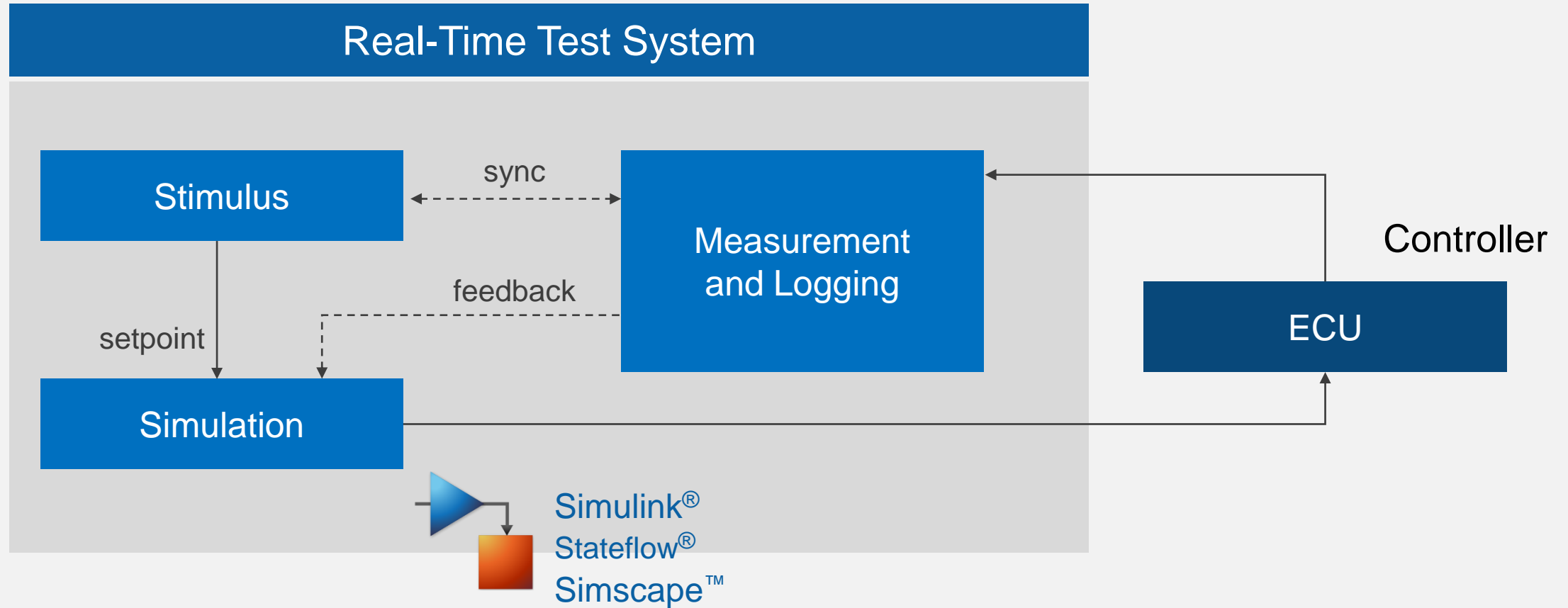
- Generate production-quality C and HDL code
- Deploy directly to embedded processors or FPGA's/ASIC's





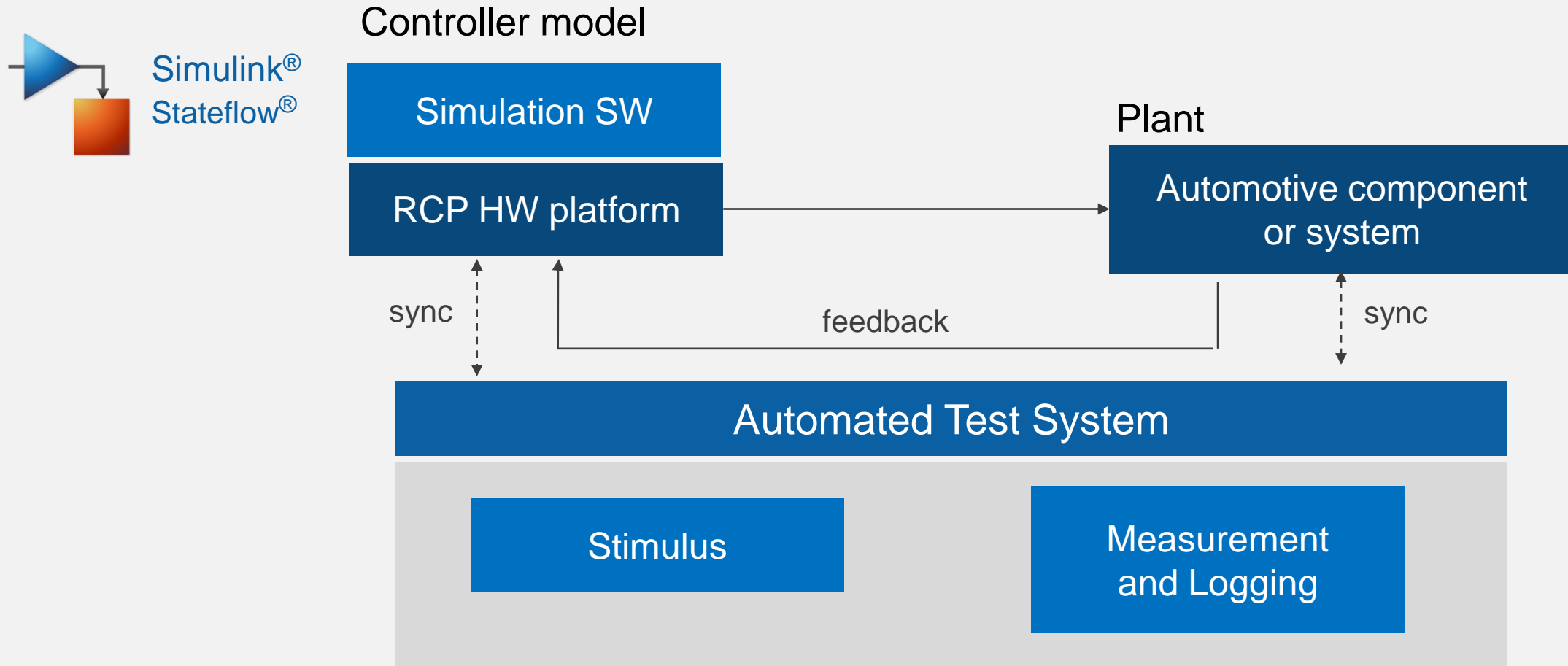
# HIL Software Architecture – Automotive Example

Plant model





# RCP Software Architecture – Automotive Example





# NI VeriStand

## Embedded Test Software Functionality

- RT Stimulus Generation
- Hardware I/O
- Alarming
- Deterministic Model Execution
- Multichassis Synchronization
- Closed-Loop Control
- Data Logging
- Test Automation
- Calculated Channels
- User Account Management
- Multichassis Data Sharing
- Scaling and Calibration

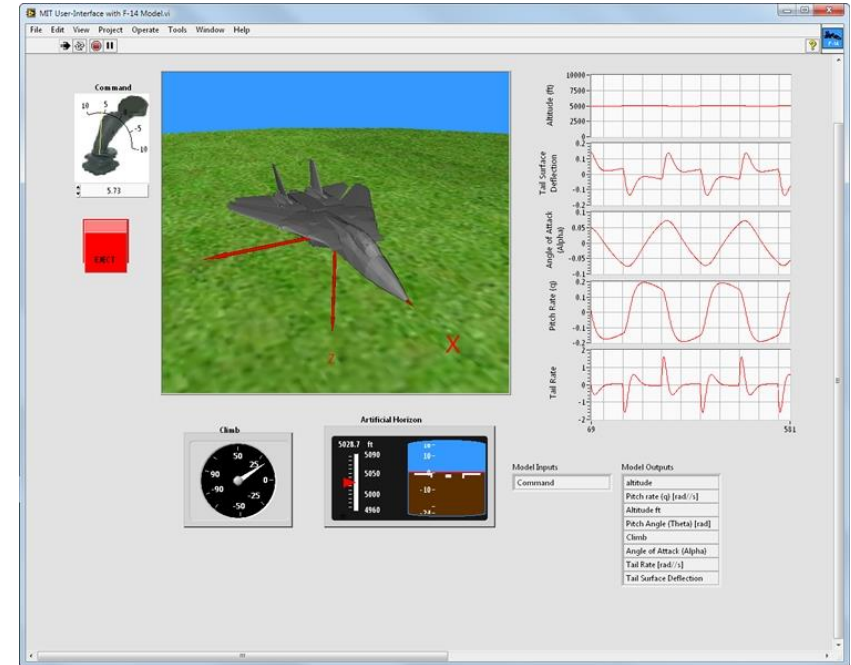




# LabVIEW Model Interface Toolkit

## Integrate 3<sup>rd</sup> party simulation models in LabVIEW

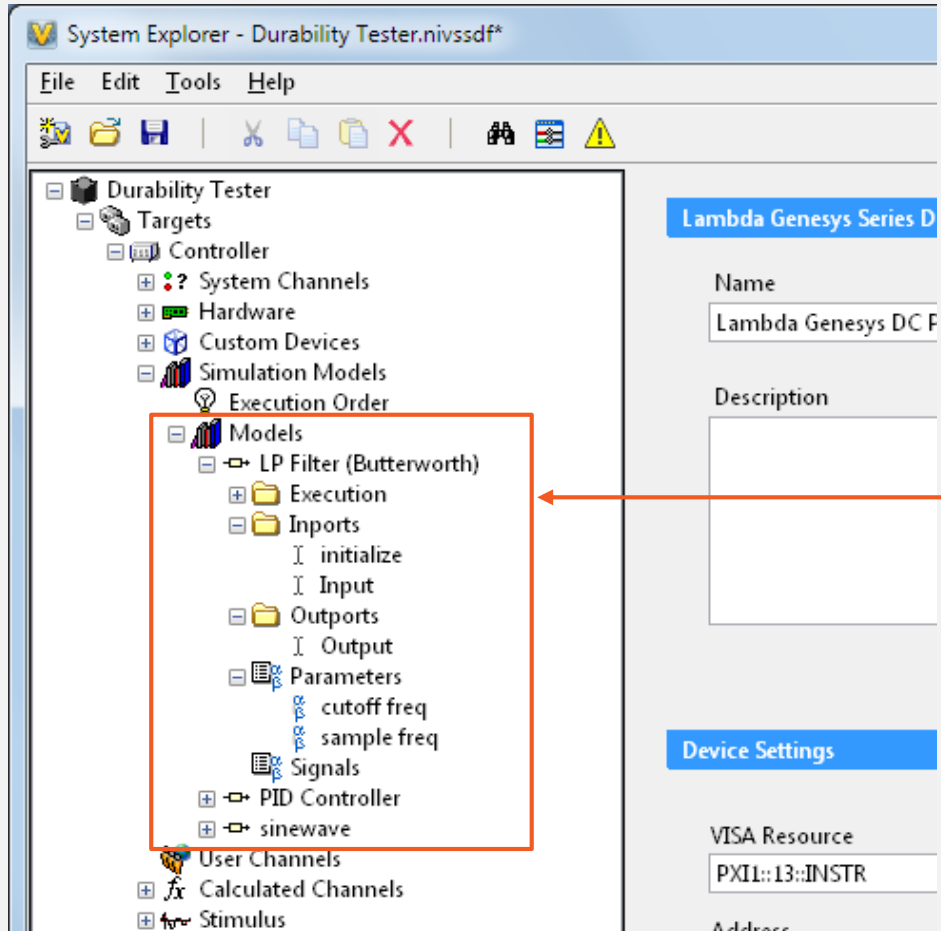
- Connect Simulink® & Simscape™ simulation models to NI hardware using Simulink® Coder™
- Can call MATLAB® through MATLAB function block in Simulink model
- Run multiple models simultaneously
- Combine models from multiple simulation environments
- Co-simulation: can include fixed-step discrete-time and continuous-time solvers for ODEs



LabVIEW Model Interface Toolkit page



# VeriStand Model Integration



Import models from MathWorks software for real-time execution of:

- System simulations
- Closed-loop controllers
- Signal analysis algorithms



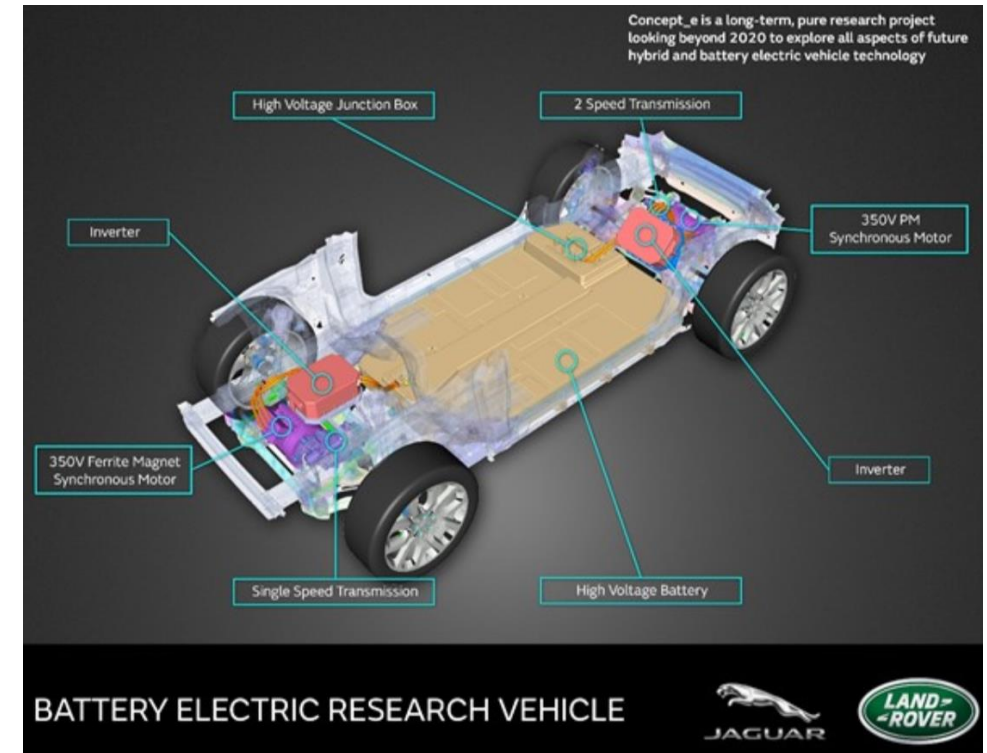
# BMS HIL Test System Helps Jaguar Land Rover Shorten Time-to-Market for Hybrid and Electric Vehicles

## Challenge

Creating a system to rapidly design and validate battery management system (BMS) firmware algorithms on prototype hardware, and safely test the unit with various battery chemistries, fault scenarios, and drive profiles

## Solution

A hardware-in-the-loop (HIL) test platform based on [MathWorks Simulink](#), [NI PXI](#), [LabVIEW](#), [VeriStand](#), [DIAdem](#), [EtherCAT hardware](#), and [Bloomy's Battery Simulator 1200](#) instruments to simulate a 24-cell advanced-chemistry, hybrid- and electric-vehicle battery



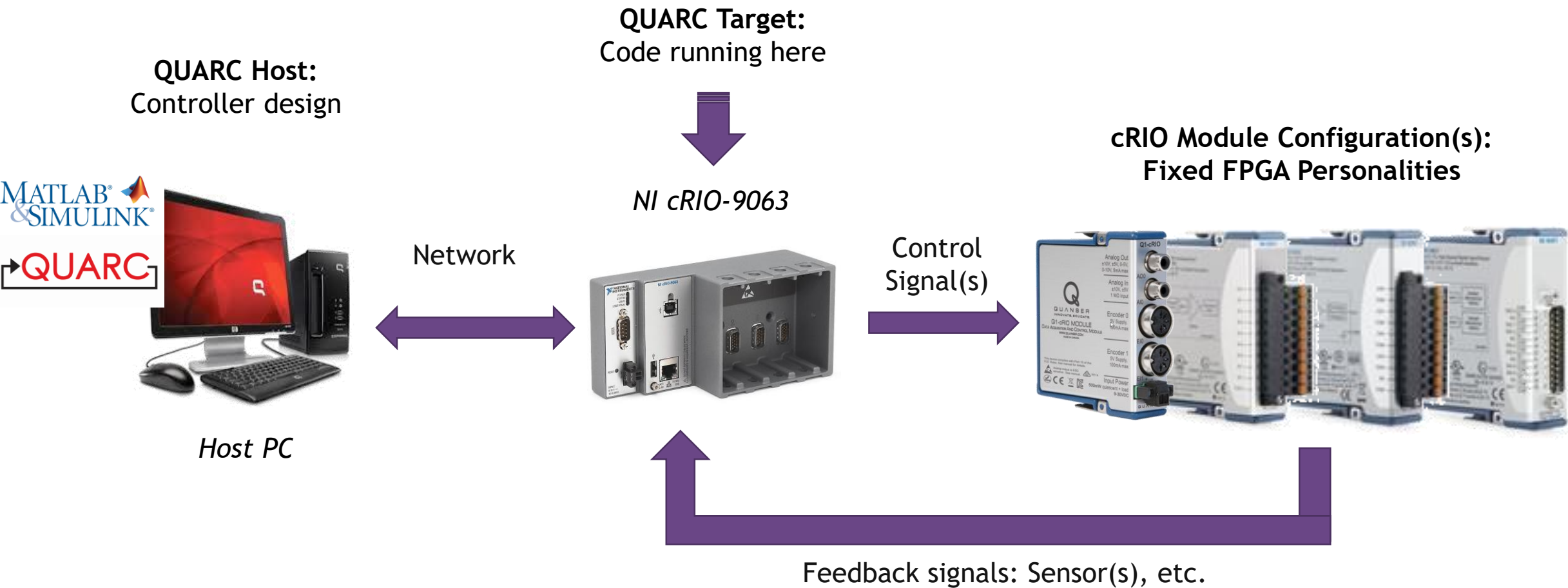


# Rapid Control Prototyping (RCP) with MathWorks, NI, and Quanser

- Simulink, Stateflow, Simulink Coder and NI software (VeriStand or LabVIEW) and hardware
- Simulink, Stateflow, Simulink Coder and NI hardware (no VeriStand or LabVIEW):
  - Quanser (myRIO, select CompactRIO configurations, other possible)
  - Your custom C/C++ solution with Simulink Coder



# QUARC/NI cRIO System(s)





# Wireless Design and Test



# Better Workflows for Wireless Design and Test

# Improving productivity through automation, reuse, and defined interfaces

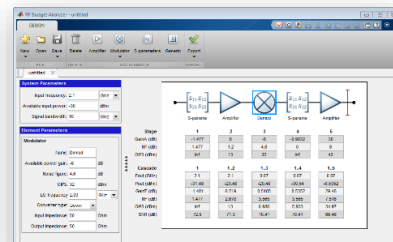
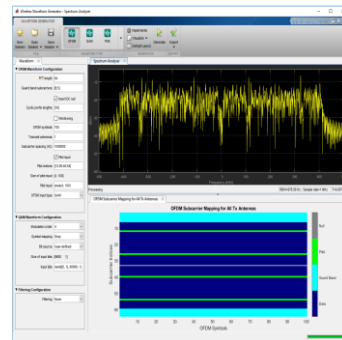
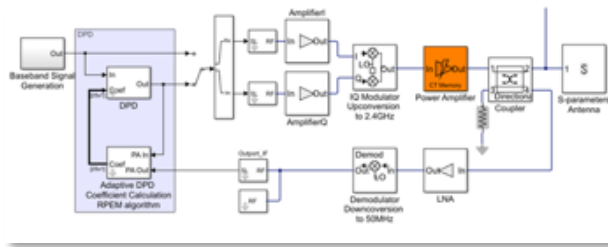
# MathWorks Software

```
% Establish the number of component carriers.
numCC = length(NDLRB);

% Create transmission for each component carrier
enb = cell(1,numCC);

for i = 1:numCC
    enb{i} = ltermCDL('R.5');
    enb{i}.NDLRB = NDLRB(i);
end
```

MATLAB®  
& SIMULINK®



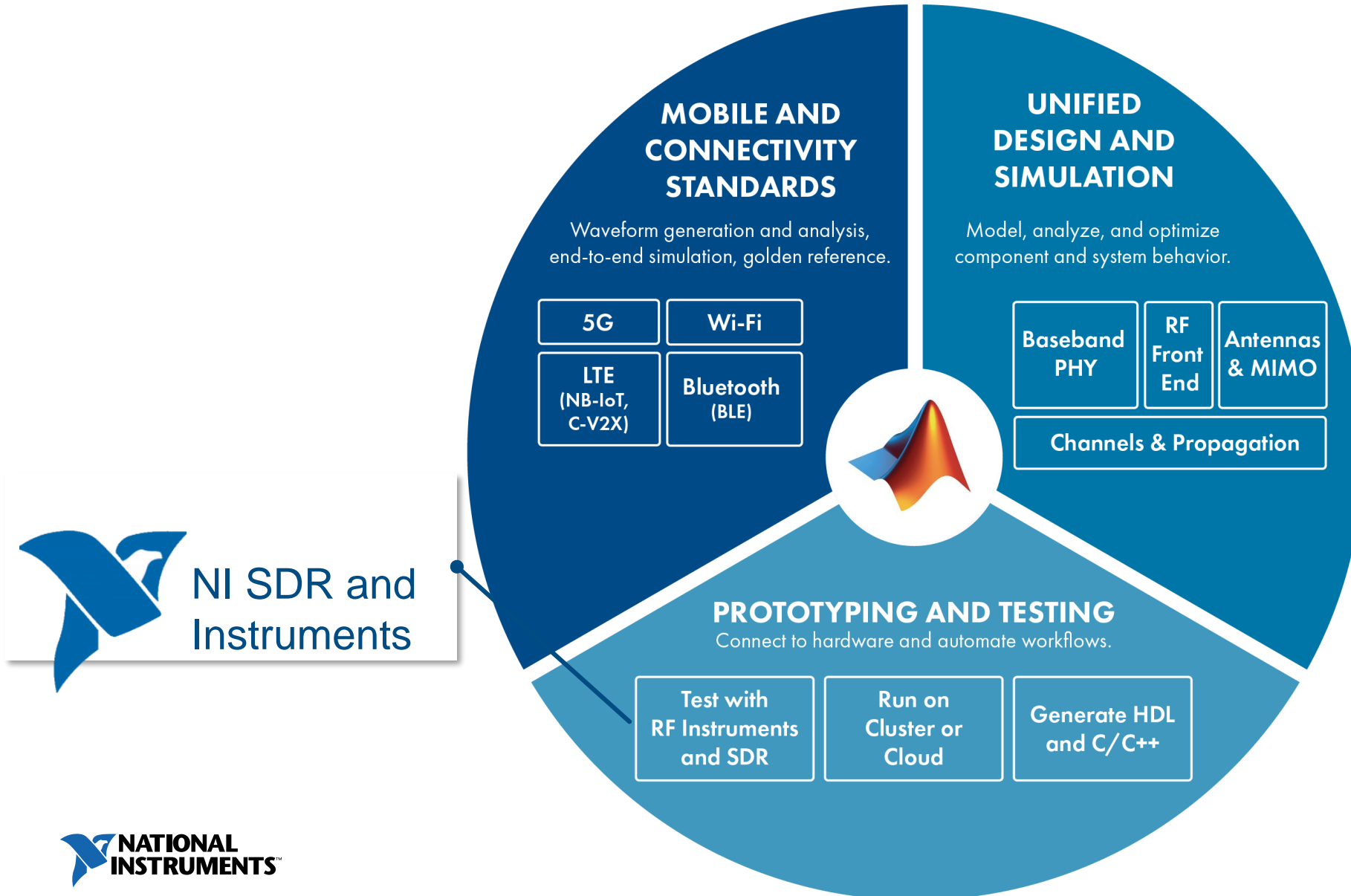
# NI Hardware and Software





# Wireless Communications Development

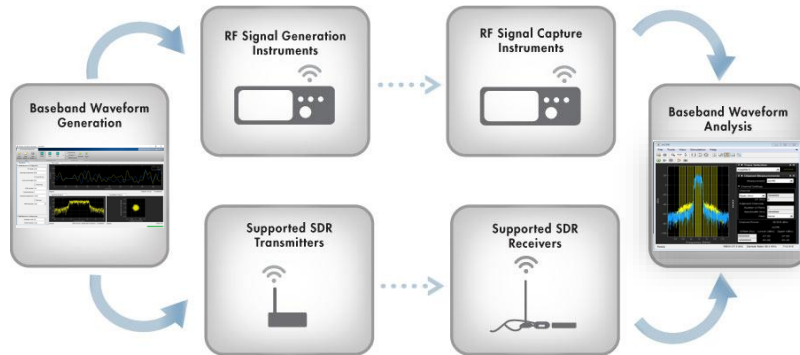
with MATLAB, Simulink, and NI Tools





# Available Now: MathWorks Support for NI Test Hardware

## Generate and Analyze Waveforms



Ettus USRP

NI USRP

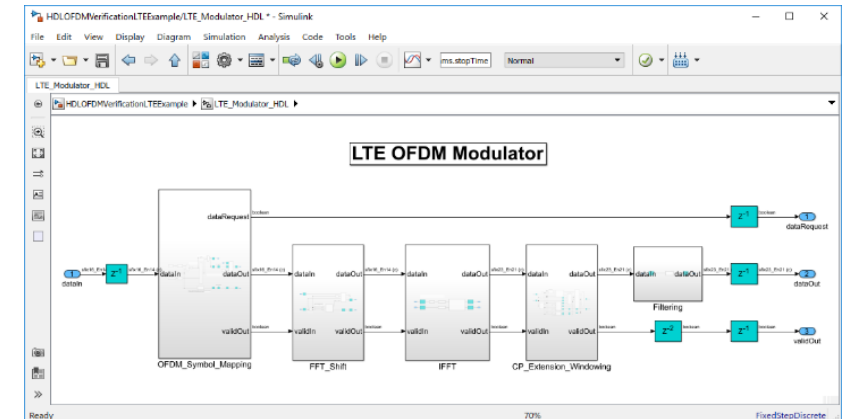
NI PXI



Support Packages for USRP  
(Communications Toolbox)

Instrument  
Control Toolbox

## Prototype Algorithm IP



Ettus Embedded Series USRP



- HDL Coder
- Embedded Coder



# Application Case Studies

## Research prototyping

Application: Modulation Classification with Deep Learning

Configuration:

- MATLAB, Communications Toolbox, Deep Learning Toolbox
- NI USRP Radio



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## Design validation

Application: PA / DPD Design and Device Characterization

Configuration:

- MATLAB, Simulink, Communications Toolbox, RF Blockset
- NI PXI Test Instrument, RFmx software





# Case Study: Modulation Classification with Deep Learning

- Deep learning and machine learning applications in Wireless Communications
  - Waveform classification
  - Channel estimation and equalization
  - Adaptive DPD
- Challenges
  - Domain-specific algorithm development and simulation
  - Workflow from simulation to testing on real-world signals
- Workflow with MATLAB and NI Tools
  - Design, simulate, and analyze in MATLAB
  - Live signal testing using MATLAB and USRP



# Deep Learning Workflow

ACCESS AND EXPLORE  
DATA

LABEL AND PREPROCESS  
DATA

DEVELOP PREDICTIVE  
MODELS

TEST AND INTEGRATE  
MODELS

Files



Databases

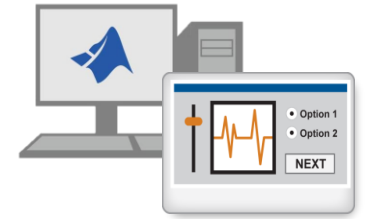


Sensors



What to do when no pre-labeled  
data exists?

Desktop Apps



Enterprise Scale Systems

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MATLAB  
C/C++  
Python  
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Java

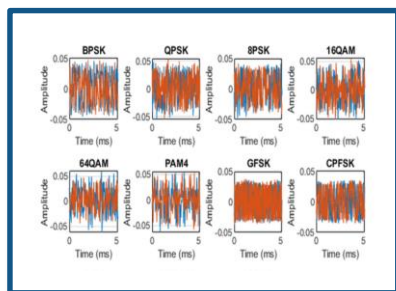
Embedded Devices and  
Hardware



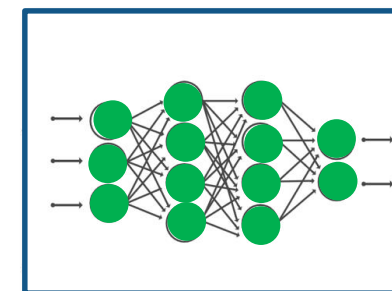
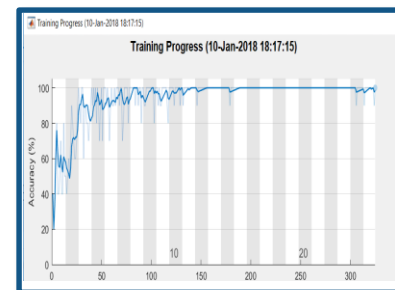


# Model Development with Synthetic Signals

Train



- Noise
- Multipath fading
- Frequency offset
- Sampling rate offset



Synthesize  
labeled data

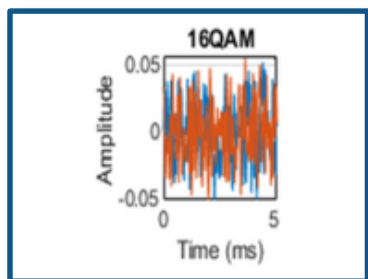
Add  
impairments

Train Network

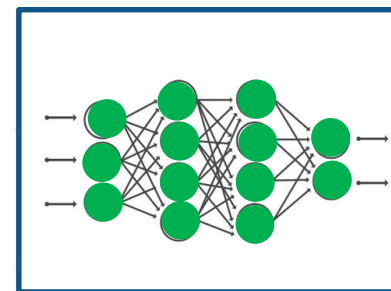
Trained Model

Test

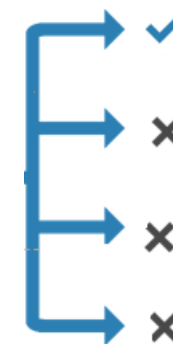
New Signal



Pre-Trained Model



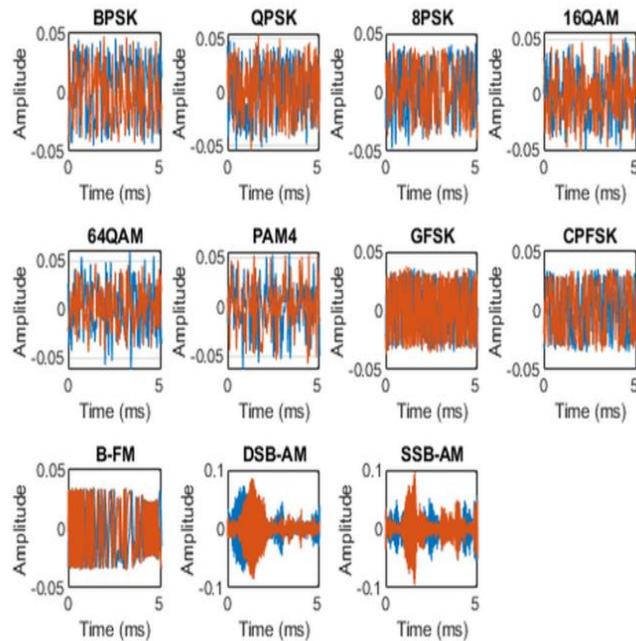
Classification





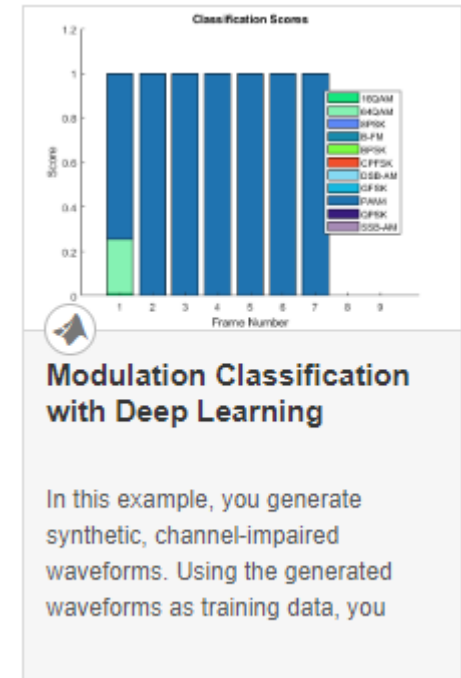
# Wireless Modulation Classification with Deep Learning

- Generate synthetic modulated signals
- Apply channel impairments
- Train a CNN to classify modulation types



Confusion Matrix for Test Data

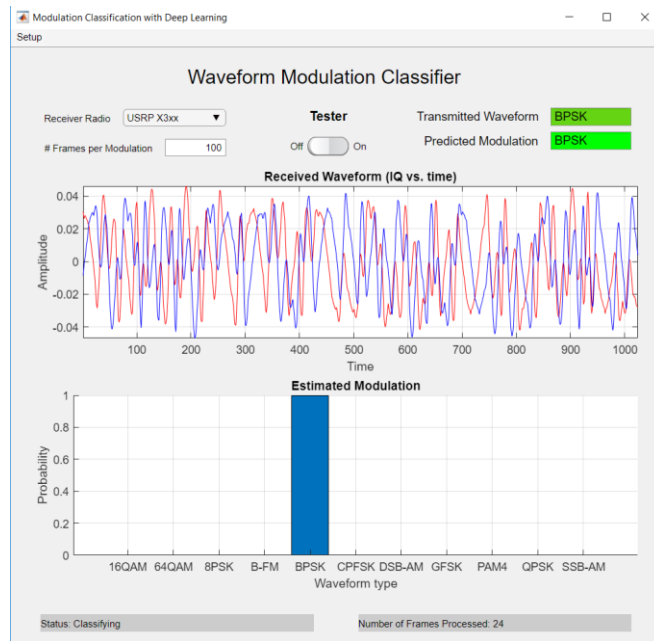
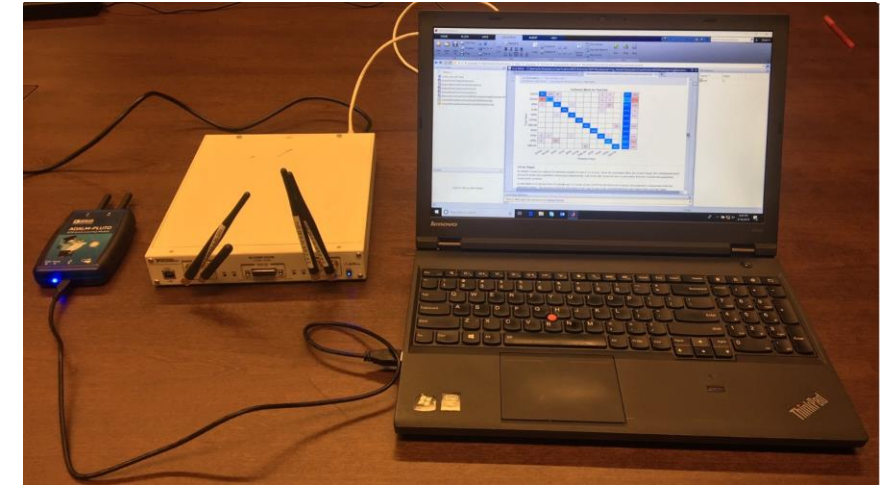
True Class \ Predicted Class	16QAM	64QAM	8PSK	B-FM	BPSK	CPFSK	DSB-AM	GFSK	PAM4	QPSK	SSB-AM	Accuracy	Loss
16QAM	737	206	26						6	25		73.7%	26.3%
64QAM	367	611	9						2	11		61.1%	38.9%
8PSK	5	1	875		1	1			1	116		87.5%	12.5%
B-FM				999					1			99.9%	0.1%
BPSK					997	1			1	1		99.7%	0.3%
CPFSK					1	999						99.9%	0.1%
DSB-AM							941				59	94.1%	5.9%
GFSK								1000				100.0%	
PAM4	3	3			2				991	1		99.1%	0.9%
QPSK	8		193			1				798		79.8%	20.2%
SSB-AM							61				939	93.9%	6.1%





# Over-the-air Test with NI SDR

- Generate OTA test signals using any source
- Connect MATLAB to NI SDR to receive signals
  - USRP-2943 or Ettus X310
- Process real-time data in MATLAB



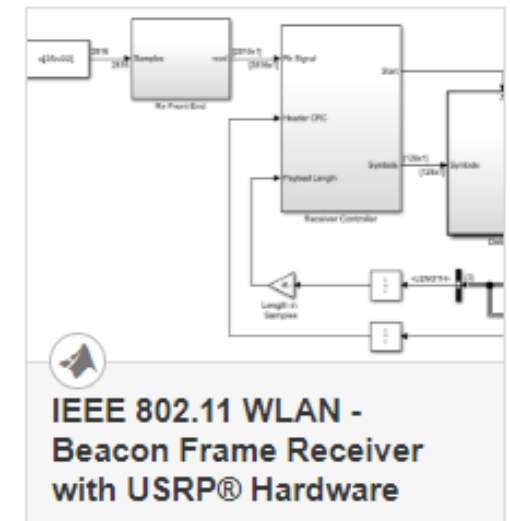
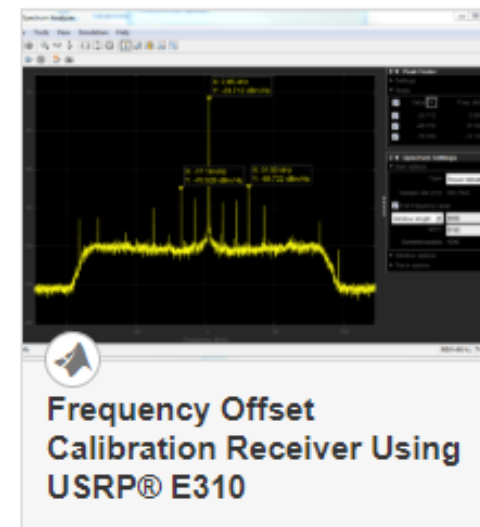
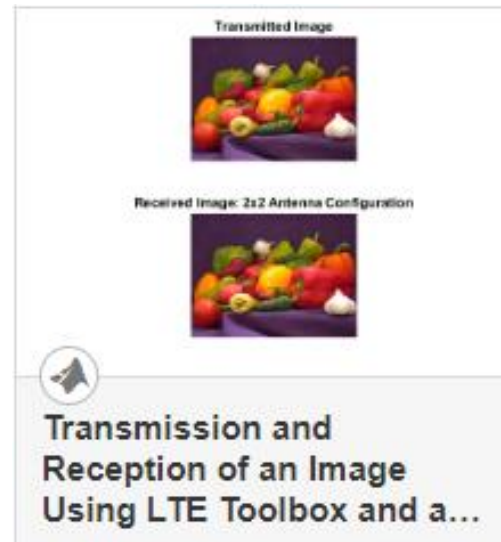
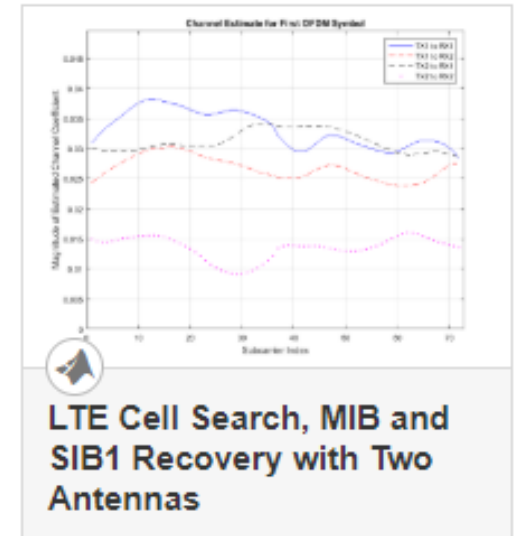
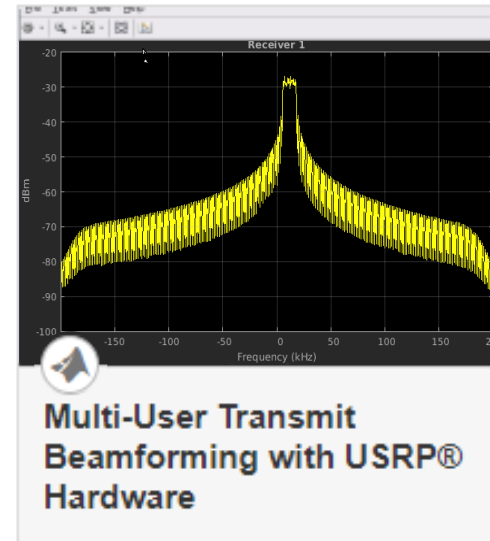
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# MATLAB and USRP: Reference Examples

- Test and analyze algorithms and standards-based designs
- Transmit/receive live signals
- Prototype custom designs (E310)

*Learn more about  
USRP Support Package for  
Communications Toolbox*





# 5G PA/FEM Characterization

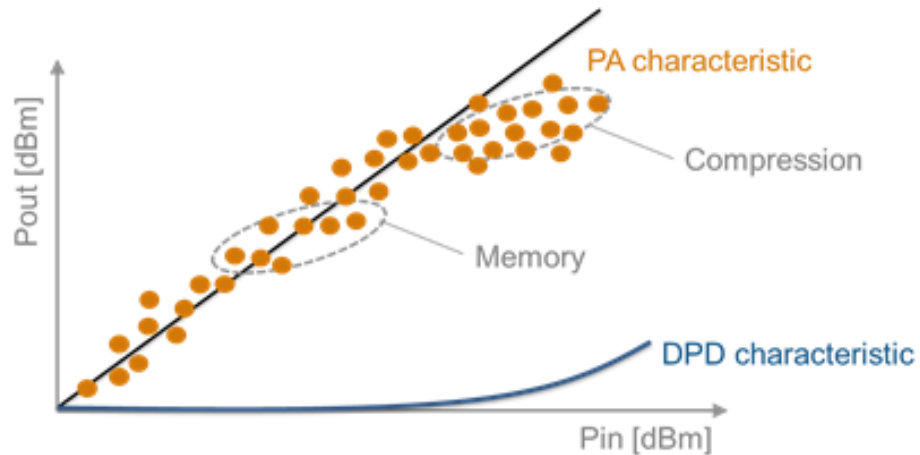




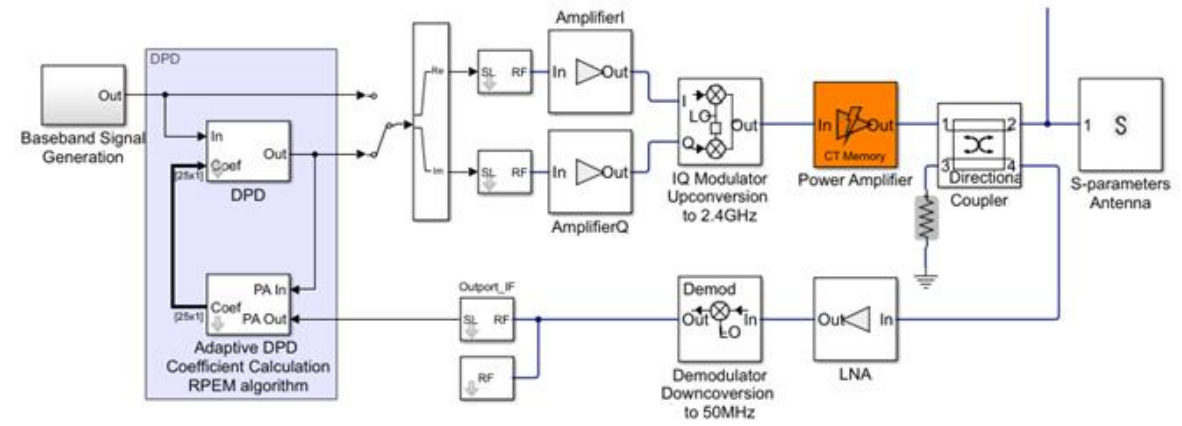
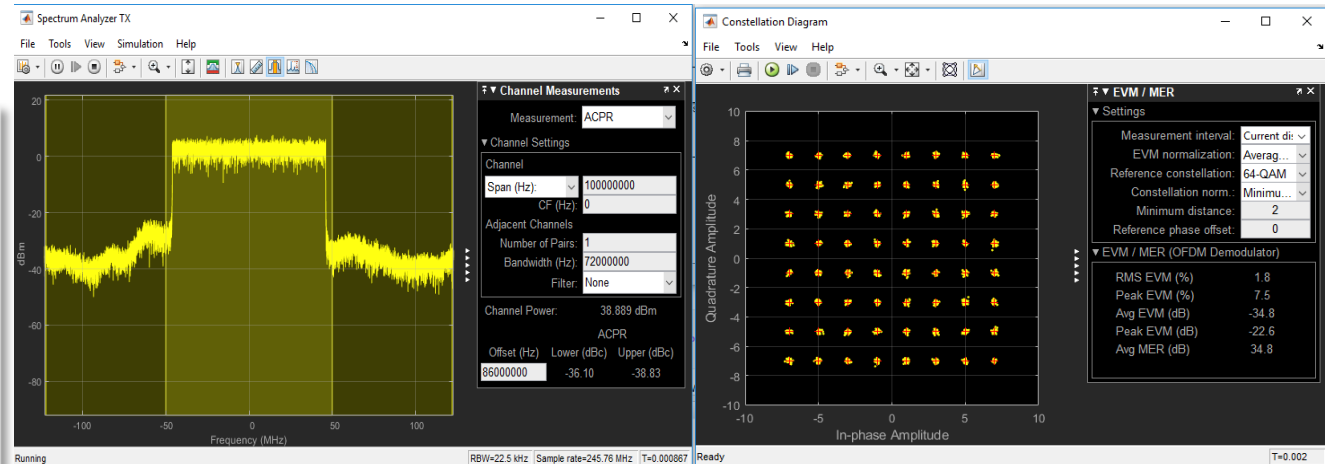


# Design of PA Linearization with DPD

With MATLAB and Simulink



Characterize power amplifier (PA) model using measured data

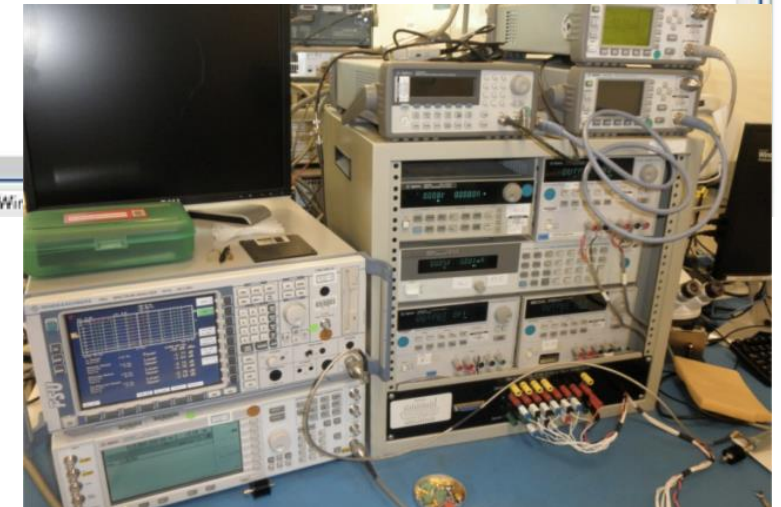
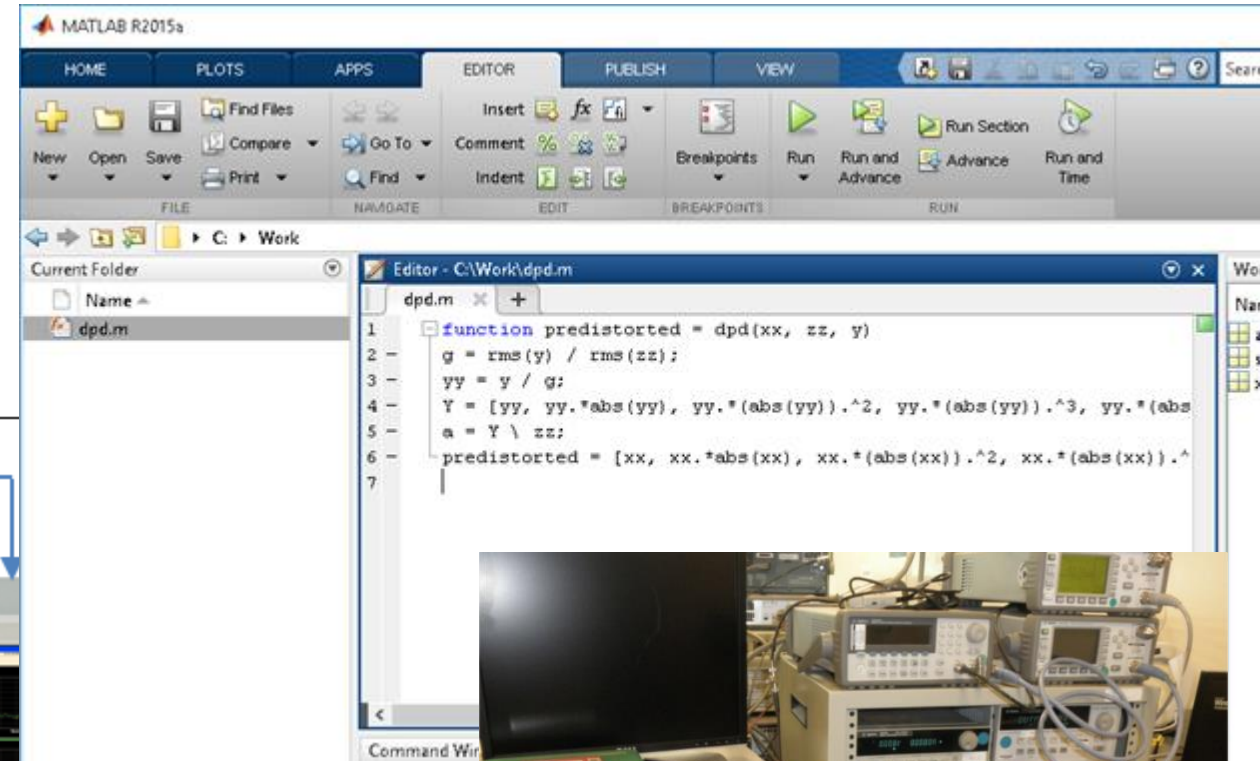
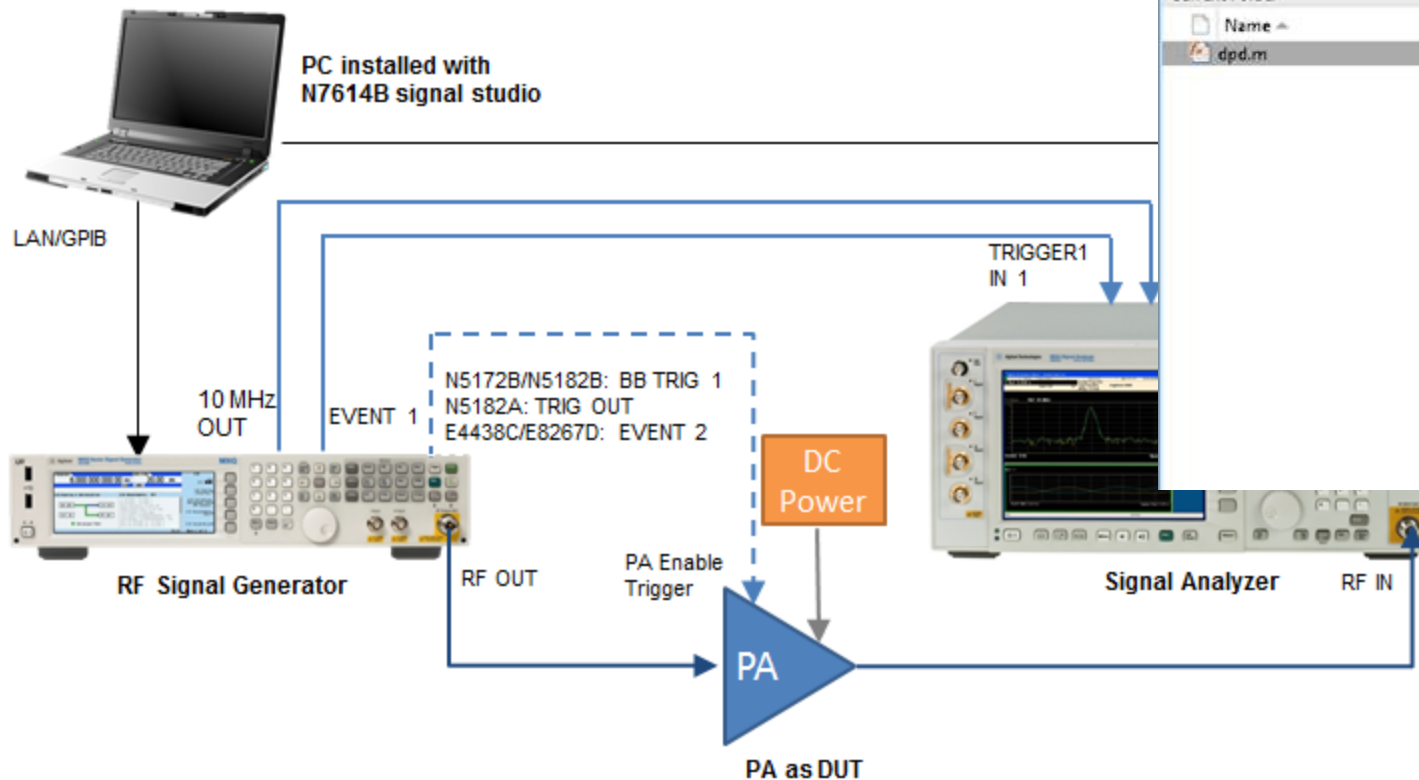


Closed-loop behavioral simulation



# Traditional T&M Setup for MATLAB based PA characterization w/ DPD algorithm running in MATLAB

- Familiar user experience for many engineers
- Slower measurement speed, Large physical footprint
- Expensive to upgrade or replace – even Software
- Difficult to synchronize for ET & DPD
- Tradeoffs between speed and accuracy





# NI PXI Setup for MATLAB based PA characterization w/ DPD & ET algorithm running in MATLAB

- Similar user experience as box-instruments
- Faster and FPGA-accelerated measurement speed, at a fraction of the physical footprint
- Modularity for incremental upgrades
- Native synchronization technologies at sub nanosecond accuracy
- R&D grade measurement accuracy with production test speed

