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LMS Imagine.Lab

Mastering engineering complexity
Under pressure of reaching ever-increasing performance levels, most industrial products make use of integrated controls and are becoming mechatronic systems. Managing the inherent complexity of these systems requires mastering their multi-domain dynamic behavior, making the use of system simulation software almost a requirement. The mandatory association of mechanical and controls design cycles leads to a deep transformation of the processes and, finally, the new challenge of engineering knowledge management.

How can the engineer easily balance product performance in an intelligent system? And how can the engineer achieve an optimized design architecture, well before committing to expensive and time-consuming prototype testing and share his models with the global engineering team?

Mastering this complexity is exactly what the LMS Imagine.Lab™ mechatronic system simulation platform is built for.

With LMS Imagine.Lab, engineers are able to create, manage and use models and data to answer various model-based systems engineering needs.

LMS Imagine.Lab transforms complexity into simplicity. It is developed with ease of use, time and cost savings in mind. The results can be drastically shortened cycle times and superior products that truly excite customers, as well as reduced development costs and risks.

Engineer the right product
• Quickly analyze a multitude of design options
• Balance a product’s performance and regulation constraints according to brand-critical attributes
• Achieve the optimal design while reducing physical prototyping to its strict necessity

Accelerate the development process
• Optimize complex mechatronic systems from the start
• Avoid the need for extensive in-house software programming and maintenance
• Drastically reduce time spent on physical testing
Industry applications

- Systems performance analysis
- Electronics/Controls integration
- Energy management
- Systems reliability
- Components sizing

Industrial machinery
- Rolling mills
- Machine tools
- Production lines
- Conveyors
- Packaging machines
- Paper mills

Industrial equipment
- Pumps
- Compressors
- Valves
- Electrical motors
- Robots

Energy
- Power generation plants
- Gas and steam turbines
- Wind turbines
- Large combustion engines
- Transformers
- Oil and gas equipment

Consumer goods
- Household appliances
- Consumer electronics
- Office equipment
- Handheld tools
- Personal care equipment

Other advanced industries
- Shipbuilding
- Medical equipment
- Civil construction
- HVAC
The latest developments in LMS Imagine.Lab make LMS™ solutions more than ever a solid choice for model-based systems engineering. Geared toward mechatronic simulation, the LMS Imagine.Lab platform offers engineers an open development approach starting from functional requirements to physical modeling and simulation. The platform consists of three modules: LMS Imagine.Lab Amesim™ software, LMS Imagine.Lab™ Sysdm software and LMS Imagine.Lab™ System Synthesis software.

LMS Imagine.Lab Amesim
Software environment for multi-domain, multi-level, mechatronic system modeling, simulation and analysis
• Create multi-domain simulation models by simply assembling pre-defined and validated components from different domain libraries and avoid the need for time-consuming programming
• Analyze a multitude of design options by adjusting the components and balance the product’s performance according to various brand attributes
• Truly frontload system simulation early in the development cycle

LMS Imagine.Lab Sysdm
Solution for the organization and management of mechatronic data, from mechanical to controls engineering
• Share and leverage knowledge
• Increase efficiency
• Store and organize mechanical and controls models and data across the organization

LMS Imagine.Lab System Synthesis
Software tool to support configuration management, systems integration and architecture validation
• Synthesize complex system configurations
• Create product architectures based on performance requirements

Mechatronic simulation

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LMS Imagine.Lab Amesim

The de facto tool for physical simulation of mechatronic systems

LMS Imagine.Lab Amesim simplifies multi-domain integration thanks to its easy-to-use simulation platform. The engineer connects various validated components to simply and accurately predict dynamic system performance.

With extensive dedicated libraries, LMS Amesim actually saves enormous amounts of time by eliminating the need for extensive modeling. Thanks to application-specific simulation, engineers can assess a variety of subsystems in multiple physical domains. This way, design and engineering teams can carefully balance product performance according to various brand-critical attributes to achieve an optimized design before committing to expensive and time-consuming prototype testing. Since LMS Amesim actually frontloads system simulation early in the development cycle, it truly allows mission-critical design functionality to drive new product development.
Open and productive development environment
Simulate and analyze multi-domain controlled systems

LMS Amesim lets users analyze the functional performance of mechatronic systems from the early development stages onward. Focusing on the actual physics, LMS Amesim frees engineers from numerical aspects and time-consuming programming. Each model provides basic engineering elements that can be combined to describe any function of the component or system.

Intuitive graphical interface
- User-friendly modeling environment
- Seamless connection between various validated and predefined components
- Display of the system throughout the simulation process
- Several customization and scripting tools

Unrivaled numerical core
- Capability to robustly execute inhomogeneous dynamic systems
- Advanced numerical techniques (ODE, DAE)
- Dynamic selection of calculation methods
- Discrete partitioning, parallel processing and co-simulation

Advanced analysis tools
- Fast fourier transform (FFT)
- Plotting facilities, 2D and 3D postprocessing tools
- Spectral map and order tracking
- Linear analysis: eigenvalues, modal shapes, root locus and transfer function representation
- Scripting and APIs capabilities

Open platform
- Efficient integration with third-party software for SiL, MiL, HiL, real-time simulation, multi-body simulation, process integration and design optimization
- Generic co-simulation interface to couple to dynamic 3D models
- Compliant platform with Modelica
Physical libraries
4500 multi-domain components

LMS Amesim comes with a set of standard and optional libraries of predefined and validated components from different physical domains. Components in the libraries are based on the analytical representation of physical phenomena. They are directly executable within the LMS Amesim solvers. Interlock compatibility avoids the need for extensive programming.

Fluids
• Hydraulic, hydraulic component design
• Hydraulic resistance, filling
• Pneumatic, pneumatic component design
• Gas mixture, moist air

Internal combustion engine
• IFP drive, IFP engine
• IFP exhaust
• IFP C3D, CFD-1D

Thermodynamics
• Thermal, thermal hydraulics
• Thermal-hydraulic component design
• Cooling, air-conditioning
• Two-phase flow

Electrics
• Electrical basics, electromechanical
• Electrical motors and drives
• Electrical static conversion
• Automotive electrics, electrochemistry
• Electric storage

Control
• Signal and control
• Engine signal generator

Mechanics
• 1D mechanical, planar mechanical
• Transmission, cam and followers
• 3D mechanical
• Vehicle dynamics

With LMS Amesim, analyzing the functional performance of a mechatronic system is at your fingertips

Step 1: Build your multi-domain system – Select the components among the 4500+ available ones.

Step 2: Set system parameters – Change parameters default values to adapt to your specific system design.

Step 3: Launch the appropriate simulation – Define run parameters and analysis methods.

Step 4: Analyze results – Access various dedicated analysis tools to assess system behavior and performance.
LMS Imagine.Lab Sysdm

The collaborative solution for model and data management

Model-based systems engineering relies on system level models to simulate the overall performance and behavior of new, intelligent products made of complex interactions between mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic, thermal and electric/electronic phenomena. This requires collaboration across multiple engineering departments that develop models for components and subsystems, and system-level engineering. Additionally, these system-level models need to be shared as “plant” models, to accelerate model-based controls engineering for embedded software. Such collaboration needs to extend to suppliers who take an increasing responsibility in overall product innovation and development. The increase of “smartness” in mechatronic systems is driving the fastest adoption of model-based systems engineering.

The resulting complexity combined with globalization of business is a compelling reason to have a collaborative solution to enable global distributed development of mechatronic systems.
LMS Imagine.Lab Sysdm
Mechatronic data management, from mechanical to controls engineering

LMS Imagine.Lab Sysdm is a solution to manage system models, libraries and architectures originating from LMS Amesim and other tools for system simulation, to support collaborative model-based systems engineering. System simulation models and data can be organized in a customer-defined structure, facilitating search and retrieval using engineering attributes. “Version” management enables capturing of the complete time evolution of the system models at various stages of the V cycle.

The management of multiple representations of components and subsystems in a system is enabled with “Variant” management, allowing the instantiation of a system model at various stages of development. Role-based access control supports the implementation of various collaborative workflows. Overall, LMS Sysdm enables knowledge capitalization to improve productivity in the system simulation process.
Organize system models in a user-defined structure
- Collection approach for hierarchical handling of system models and related data, such as parameter sets, scripts, experiments, as virtual elements and collections in support of model-based engineering
- Domain or organization-relevant classification and visualization of system models and data
- Intuitive search and retrieval of system models and data

Enable multi-user collaborative model development through role-based access control
- Define user access rights to system models and data, based on roles, function, responsibilities
- Role-based view and access control to the model (according to specific user's profile)
- Implement collaboration workflows, including check-in and check-out of models, validation and upload of new versions, syndication to updates of models and data

Enable model sharing among controls, plant and system engineering communities
- Version control features for model lifecycle management
- Variant management to manage multiple instances of component, subsystem and system models, function of the product development stage and purpose of simulation

Put your resources and know-how to work for more effective and efficient system development
- Open environment to manage models using LMS Amesim, Simulink and other system simulation tools
- “Standalone” configuration for individual desktop system model management
- Integrated client configuration in LMS Amesim
LMS Imagine.Lab System Synthesis

The tool for configuration management, system integration and architecture management

LMS Imagine.Lab System Synthesis is a platform to configure and integrate physical and controls models into a logical view of the entire system for simulation. This lets system architects author the most logical view, configure it and integrate the various models as required for the system simulation.

Today, system engineering is based on a top-down approach: product requirements define functions which are translated into mechanical and controls subsystems that can be simulated.

LMS System Synthesis supports the creation of model configurations making use of these subsystem models.
LMS Imagine.Lab System Synthesis
Configuration management, systems integration and architecture validation

With LMS Imagine.Lab System Synthesis, system engineers and architects can seamlessly work on conceptual design by creating system architecture, configuring and simulating. This is done by using models and data originating from multiple authoring applications like LMS Amesim, the Simulink® environment and others. It supports the job of system integration in an architecture-driven development approach.

LMS Systems Synthesis is an open tool-neutral environment enabling architecture-driven development of mechatronic systems. This architecture-driven development approach is a top-down methodology starting from creating or importing tool-neutral architecture models, configuring them with physical or control models and libraries (from LMS Amesim, the Simulink environment, C-Code and others) and (co-)simulating in target solving platforms. It frontloads the system modeling activity by focusing on architecture construction with the right set of interface definitions to support various types of simulation downstream.
Import system architecture
• Import reference architecture models built in LMS Amesim and Simulink, or defined in SysML format
• Store the reference architecture in a tool-neutral format
• Add meta-information on the architecture corresponding to requirements, test cases and usage cases

Configure system architecture
• Configure the system architecture by re-using libraries and models stored in the central LMS Sysdm server
• During configuration, the user can pick LMS Amesim libraries submodels, Simulink libraries and models for co-simulation
• Any change in reference architecture can be propagated to all the configurations

Create executable systems
• Apply configuration to create an executable system and open in the native simulation tool
• Create simulation run set by selecting various configurations
• Attach postprocessing script to process the results of all batch runs
• Compare configurations to confront architecture choices
• Create configuration HTML reports

Run system simulations
• Select simulation run set and execute simulation run for batch mode execution
• Simulation status is described at the end of simulation for each configuration
A proven track record

“LMS Amesim has delivered everything that we expected. It enables us to simulate and analyze all physical behavior required and to get a good correlation between simulation and measurements.”

Christophe Chanvillard
Mechatronics Deployment Leader
Schneider Electric

“LMS Amesim enables us to imagine new solutions because of a better understanding of the system. In particular, the simulation enables us to focus on variables which cannot even be measured, and test new concepts without the need of an expensive prototype.”

Gilles Lemaire
Scientific Support Manager
Poclain Hydraulics

“LMS Amesim has become the global mechatronic simulation platform at Voith Turbo. We use the software for all our simulations on all product lines in this division every day.”

Voith Turbo Rail
Sebastian Knirsch
Responsible of the System Engineering Department
“The required solution is technically simple most of the time. When it is not simple, the software enables engineers to identify the causes of a problem. That’s what LMS Amesim is best at – helping engineers focus on their expertise – not on tools.”

Vincent Moulin
Sales and Marketing Director
Fluidesign

“System simulation enables us to easily study the impact and interactions of cross-section changes. Using LMS Amesim, we are now much more effective in the predevelopment phase.”

Tobias Malec
Development Engineer
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