Altair Activate™

Multi-Disciplinary System Simulation





Altair Activate[™] provides an open integration platform for modeling, simulating and optimizing multi-disciplinary systems-of-systems using inherent 1D block diagrams. Users have the option to include subsystem models either from Altair's 3D tools, such as Altair MotionSolve and Altair Flux, or from 3rd-party tools. Models can also be imported from Simulink®

Product Highlights

- Hierarchical systems-of-systems defined as parameterized models
- Signal-based and physical modeling can be conveniently combined to define a system model
- Built-in block libraries can be easily managed and extended
- Model exchange or co-simulation achieved through FMI / FMU
- Multi-disciplinary models can include multi-body models, electromagnetic models, FEA models, CFD models, and more
- 0D, 1D and 3D modeling can be used together allowing the best approach for different types of subsystems

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Benefits

Improve System Level Performance
Simulate and improve the dynamic
behavior of multi-disciplinary systems.
Fasily model, simulate and validate small

Easily model, simulate and validate smart systems where users can incorporate functions of sensing, actuation, and control coming from diverse components.

Leverage Model-Based Development

Altair Activate provides a common framework for functional product assessment and communication throughout the product development process. Perform what-if analyses at the system level to quickly test numerous designs and investigate the interactions of all components and subsystems comprising a system.

Gain Product-level Functional Insight Early

Identify product-level problems early in the design process while ensuring that all the design requirements are met. Altair Activate provides its users with a standard set of predefined blocks that can easily be combined to model systems.

Altair Activate users can easily leverage the large library of Modelica physical components to further describe the plant and the controller.

Capabilities

Build Diagrams Intuitively

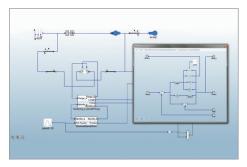
- Drag, drop and connect paradigm to rapidly construct models
- Multiple window configuration with the ability to modify diagrams between windows using the drag-and-drop and copy-and-paste operations
- Support for concurrent loading of multiple models in a session

Hybrid Modeling

Model and simulate continuous and discrete dynamic systems.

Multi-disciplinary Modeling

Altair Activate allows users to model and simulate the combined system behavior of real-world systems with support for multiple domains such as Mechanical, Electrical, and more.



Physical component Modeling of a hatch Mechanism – (Mechanical/Electrical modeling)

Co-simulation of controller models with multi-body plant models

Easily create components and assemble

custom applications. Use Altair Activate's

Altair Activate's simulator provides users

with several high-performance numerical

solvers that accurately and robustly solve

discrete-time, and event-based behaviors.

Solver Name

Forward Euler

Runge-Kutta

Backward Euler

CVODE-ADAMS

(Dormand-prince)

CVODE-BDF-NEWTON

RADAU-IIA for ODE

RADALIV-IIA for DAF

CVODE-ADAMS-NEWTON

Functional

DOPRI

Lsode

CPODE

DASKR

IDA

Implicit Trapezoidal

CVODE-BDF-Functional

Explicit Trapezoidal

Classical Runge Kutta

dynamic systems including continuous,

Stiffness

Non-stiff

ODE

Stiff

ODE

Non-stiff

ODE

Stiff

ODE

DAF

library manager to create and edit custom

libraries. Altair Activate also provides an IDE

along with API functions for users to further

Library Management

Hybrid Simulator

Solver Type

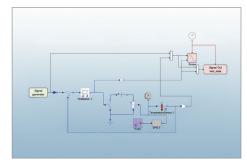
Fixed

step -size

Varible

step-size

leverage library management.



Room temperature control system with Modelica components

Hierarchical and Parametric Modeling

- Build hierarchical component-based models of a real-world system using 1D block diagram modeling libraries
- Mix signal-based and physical modeling blocks in the same model
- When modeling large or complex systems, easily create super blocks by encapsulating multiple blocks in a diagram into a single block
- Super blocks are modular, reusable, can be masked, and fundamentally behave like regular blocks allowing more flexibility
- Since a model can be hierarchical and parameters can be defined at different levels, Altair Activate provides an 'all available parameters' option which lets users navigate in a diagram and get a report of all parameters that are known or defined at a current level

Built-in Block-based Model Libraries

Altair Activate includes a large variety of predefined blocks available in an easy-to-use library of palettes. Users can also create their own custom blocks in C or math scripts in OML and save them to new or existing libraries.

- Signal Generators
- Signal Viewers
- Signal Importers
- Signal Exporters
- Signal Conversions
- Signal Properties
- Math Operations
- Dynamic
- Hybrid
- Routing
- Logical Operations

- Activation
 Operations
- Matrix Operations
- Lookup Tables
- Ports
- Buffers
- Bus Operations
- Optimization
- Cosimulation
- FlipFlops
- Custom Blocks

Optimization

Formulate optimization problems to improve the system parameters and design robust control strategies with multiple options.

Graphical optimization tool:

• The simplest way to formulate and solve optimization problems

Script-based optimization:

 A powerful mechanism for solving general optimization problems where the cost and constraints may be obtained from a combination of Altair Activate simulation results and math scripts

BOBYA Optimizer block:

- This optimization block can be used directly in a model and doesn't require any external calling function or link-up
- Cascade multiple optimization blocks to formulate max-min and min-max problems

Model Exchange and Co-simulation via Functional Mock-up Interface (FMI)

Altair Activate supports FMI 2.0 standard for both model exchange and co-simulation of dynamic systems including the ability to import and export FMUs (Functional Mock-up Units).

Co-simulation with Multi-body Models

The co-simulation interface lets users simulate a complex system that includes a multi-body system (MBS) and one or more control subsystems. In order to effectively simulate the entire system, the MBS is simulated with a multi-body simulation solver while the control subsystem is simulated with Altair Activate.

Linearization

Altair Activate allows users to create linear models from Altair Activate blocks by linearization. The operating point can be computed either by running the simulation at a given time instant or by computing a steady-state point by imposing constraints on inputs, outputs, states and state derivatives.

Compiling models into executable code

Altair Activate supports code generation for system performance & IP protection.

Physical Component Modeling Using Modelica and SPICE

In addition to the signal-based blocks listed above, Altair Activate comes with the Modelica standard library (MSL) – a collection of blocks describing the physical behavior of Electrical, Electromagnetic, Mechanical, Thermal components. These blocks can be extended by user-defined Modelica blocks. Furthermore, users can provide SPICE netlists to model electrical circuits.

For more information

