

Latest Features in Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder

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Encapsulated C++ Class Generation

Challenge

- C++ classes are needed in generated code for integrating with existing code or complying with company standards.

Solution

- Provide option to generate C++ classes for model-level interfaces, encapsulating data and methods
- Offer flexible C++ class configuration options

Benefit

- Facilitates code integration with object-oriented frameworks
- Enforces software modularity through C++ encapsulation

The image shows a sequence of MATLAB configuration steps and the resulting C++ code. The first dialog, 'Target selection', shows 'System target file: ert.tic', 'Language: C++ (Encapsulated)', and 'Build process: C++ (Encapsulated)'. The second dialog, 'Code interface', has 'Parameters and states members private' and 'Parameters and states access methods' checked. The third dialog, 'Configure C++ encapsulation interface', shows a table for the interface configuration:

Order	Port Name	Port Type	Category	Argument Name	Qualifier
1	Input	Input	Value	arg_Input	None
2	Output	Output	Pointer	arg_Output	None

The 'Step method name' is 'step' and the 'Class name' is 'rtwdemo_counterModelClass'. The 'Step function preview' shows: `rtwdemo_counterModelClass::step (arg_Input, * arg_Output)`. The 'Verification' section shows 'Last validation succeeded'. Below the dialogs is the generated C++ code:

```

62
63  /* Class declaration for model rtwdemo_counter */
64  class rtwdemo_cppModelClass {
65      /* public data and function members */
66  public:
67      ExternalOutputs rtwdemo_cppModelClass;
68
69      /* Model entry point functions */
70      /* model initialize function */
71      void initialize(void);
72
73      /* model step function */
74      void step(void);
75
76      /* model terminate function */
77      void terminate(void);
78
79      /* Constructor */
80      rtwdemo_cppModelClass(void);
81
82      /* Destructor */
83      ~rtwdemo_cppModelClass();
84      RT_MODEL rtwdemo_cpp * getRTM(void);
85
86      /* private data and function members */
87  private:
88      BlockIO rtwdemo_cpp rtwdemo_cpp;
89      D_Work rtwdemo_cpp rtwdemo_cpp;
90      RT_MODEL rtwdemo_cpp rtwdemo_cpp;
91      RT_MODEL rtwdemo_cpp *rtwdemo_cpp;
92
93  };
    
```

The text 'C++ Configuration Options' is positioned below the dialogs.

AUTOSAR Target Multiple Runnables

Challenge

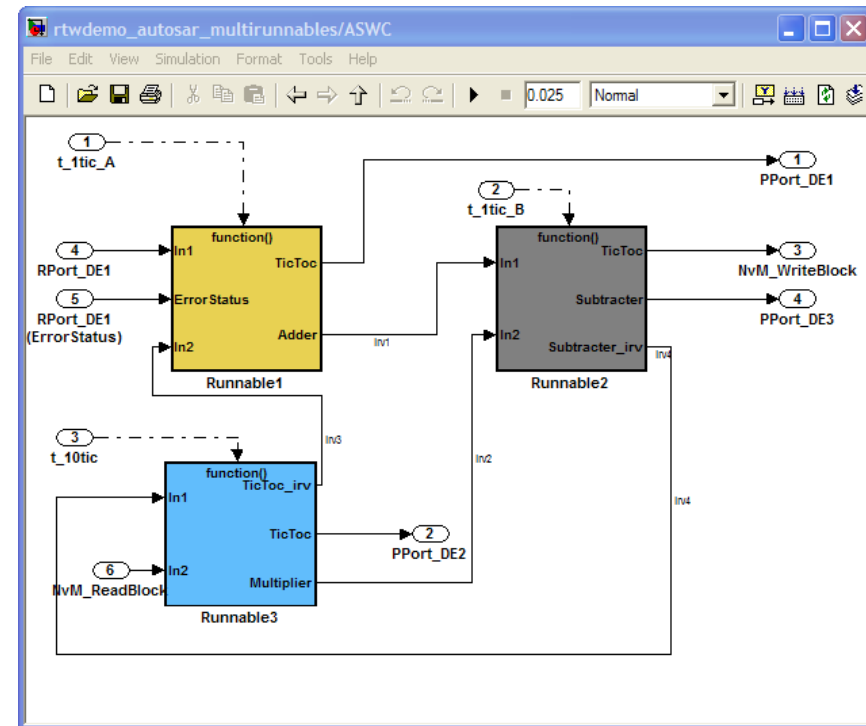
- Related functionality with multiple rates could not be combined as runnables in a single software component.

Solution

- Enhance existing AUTOSAR target to:
 - Map virtual subsystem to AUTOSAR Atomic Software Component
 - Model AUTOSAR runnables as function-call subsystems
 - Create `InterRunnableVariables` to communicate data between runnables and ensure data integrity

Benefit

- Cleaner mapping of AUTOSAR runnable concept to Simulink
- Improved automotive production code generation with AUTOSAR



AUTOSAR Target Calibration Parameters

Challenge

- Direct access to calibration parameters was difficult using Simulink with AUTOSAR.

Solution

- Import AUTOSAR calibration parameter objects into base workspace and assign to Simulink block parameters
- Convert existing parameters easily into AUTOSAR

Benefit

- Cleaner mapping of AUTOSAR calibration concept to Simulink
- Improved automotive production code generation for AUTOSAR

The screenshot displays the MATLAB/Simulink environment. On the left, the 'Model Hierarchy' shows the 'Base Workspace' containing parameters: scalar1 (1), scalar2 (2), vector1 ([-1 -0.75 -0.5 -0.25 0 0.25 0.5 0.75 1]), vector2 ([-0.761594 -0.635149 -0.462117 -0.2...]), and vector3 ([1 2 3 4]). The 'Contents of: Base Workspace' table lists these parameters. On the right, the 'AUTOSAR.Parameter: scalar1' dialog shows its configuration: Value: 1, Data type: auto, Dimensions: [1 1], Complexity: real, Minimum: -Inf, Maximum: Inf, Units: (empty), Storage class: CalPm (Custom), Element name: ScalarElement1, Port name: ScalarPort, and Interface path: /component/calprms.

The main window shows a Simulink model with the following blocks and connections:

- 'scalar2' (Constant) is connected to a 'Unit Delay' block, which outputs to 'Out1' (1).
- 'scalar1' (Constant1) is connected to 'Out2' (4).
- 'scalar1' (Constant3) is connected to a 'Lookup Table' block, which outputs to 'Out4' (2).
- 'vector3' (Constant4) is connected to 'Out5' (3).

PIL Simulation Mode for Model Blocks

Challenge

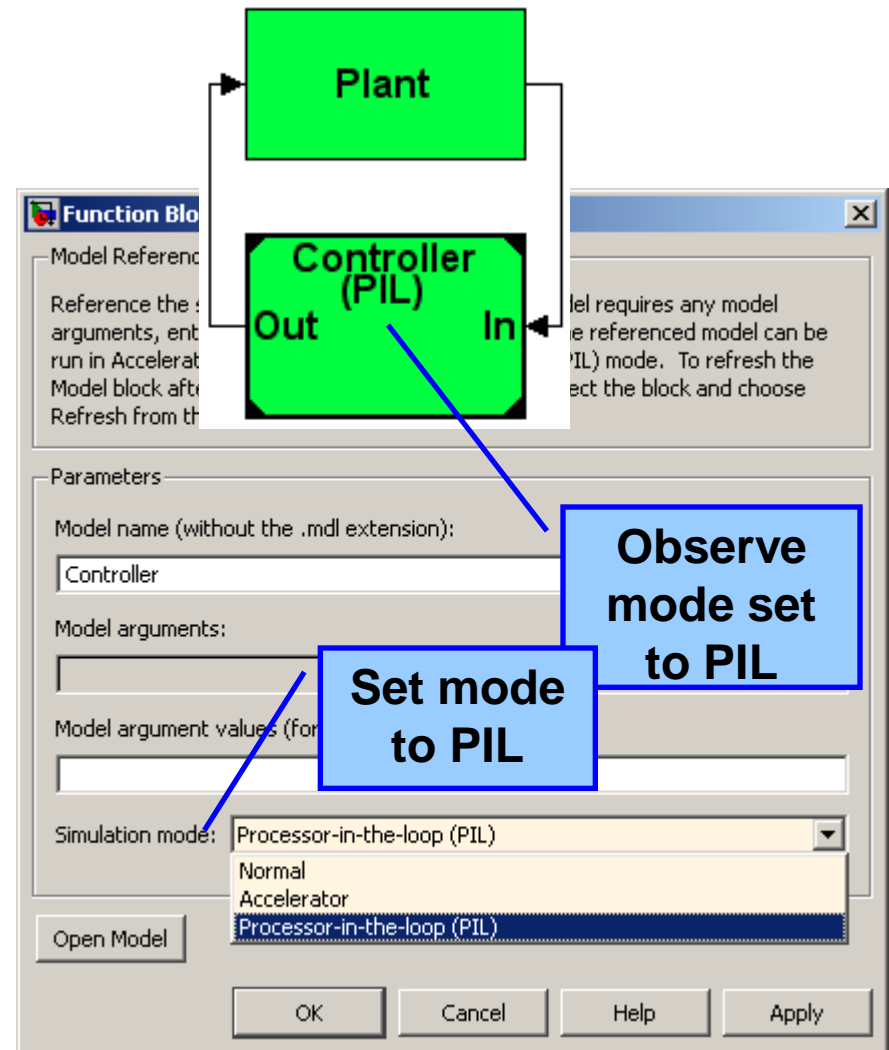
- Working outside Simulink for testing can reduce productivity.
- Adding a new block for testing is cumbersome.

Solution

- Provide processor-in-the-loop (PIL) testing using a PIL simulation mode intrinsic to the model block
- Allow easy switching between Normal, Accelerator, and PIL simulation modes
- Use PIL API (next slide)

Benefit

- Automated and reusable testing
- Seamless integration in Simulink



PIL API

Challenge

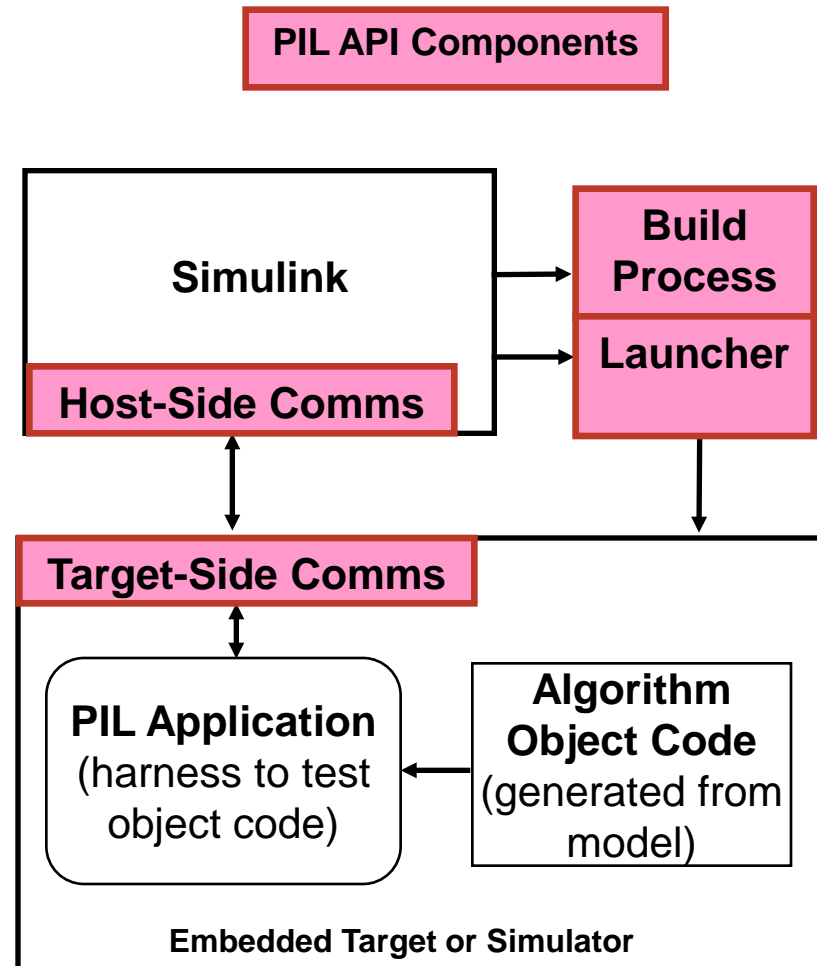
- Existing solutions do not support PIL for an arbitrary combination of:
 - Processor
 - Compiler
 - Debugger or download utility
 - Communications channel

Solution

- Provide API that enables integration of third-party or additional tools for:
 - Building a PIL application
 - Downloading and running the application
 - Communicating with the application

Benefit

- Easily adaptable PIL verification for any environment
- Fully documented and stable API across MathWorks product releases



Optimized Inlining of Embedded MATLAB Functions

Challenge

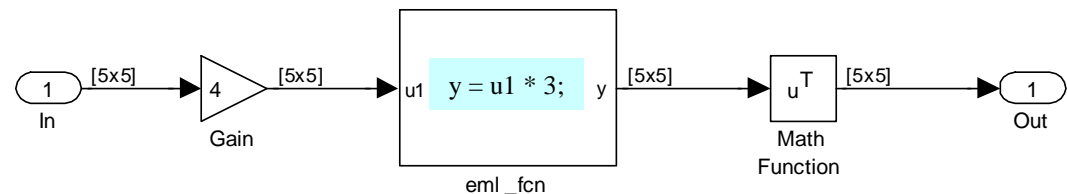
- Limited code optimizations were supported across Simulink and Embedded MATLAB functions.

Solution

- Enable optimizations across multiple domains

Benefit

- Improved readability and efficiency



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```

real32 T rtb_Gain[25];
real32 T rtb_y[25];
for (i = 0; i < 25; i++) {
    rtb_Gain[i] = 4.0F * m_U.In[i];
}
for (eml_i0 = 0; eml_i0 < 5; eml_i0++) {
    for (eml_i1 = 0; eml_i1 < 5; eml_i1++) {
        rtb_y[eml_i1 + 5 * eml_i0] = rtb_Gain[eml_i1 + 5 * eml_i0] * 3.0F;
    }
}
for (i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
    for (tmp = 0; tmp < 5; tmp++) {
        m_Y.Out[tmp + 5 * i] = rtb_y[5 * tmp + i];
    }
}
  
```

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for (tmp_0 = 0; tmp_0 < 5; tmp_0++) {
    for (tmp = 0; tmp < 5; tmp++) {
        m_Y.Out[tmp + 5 * tmp_0] = m_U.In[5 * tmp + tmp_0] * 4.0F * 3.0F;
    }
}
  
```

Demo: >> rtwdemo_fixpt1

Expanded Target Function Library Support

Challenge

- Default implementations for `pow`, `power`, and `memcpy` are insufficient for some applications.

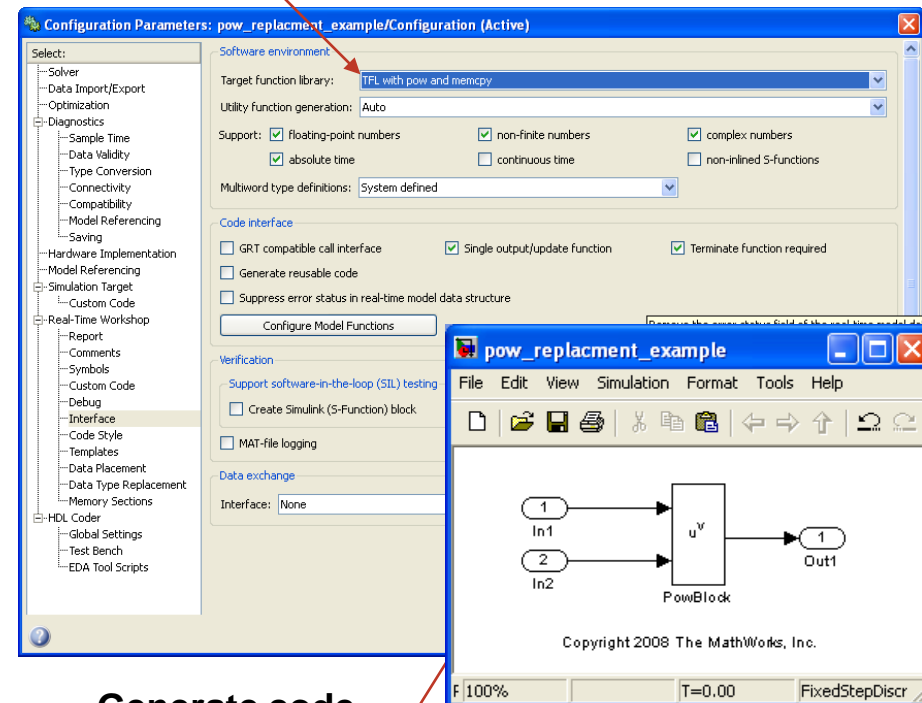
Solution

- Provide Target Function Library replacements for those functions

Benefit

- Allows use of custom functions for efficiency or company standards

Create and select custom TFL



Generate code

```
rtY.Out1 = my_pow_double(rtU.In1, rtU.In2);
```

Target Function Library Support for Embedded MATLAB Command (`emlc`)

Challenge

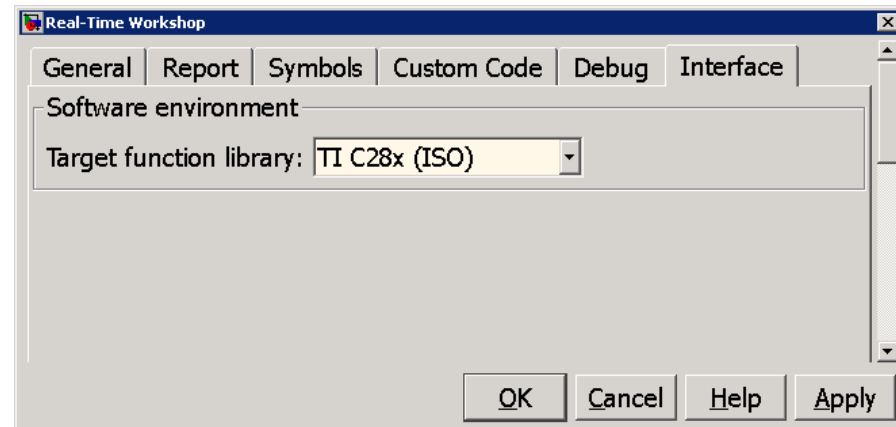
- Target Function Libraries were not supported for Embedded MATLAB when generating code directly from MATLAB using `emlc`.

Solution

- `emlc` now supports Target Function Libraries by using Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder.
- Target Function Libraries can be shared across MATLAB (`emlc`) and Simulink (`rtwbuild`) generated code.

Benefit

- Allows use of custom functions for efficiency or company standards



Code Interface Report

Challenge

- Reviewers and integrators of generated code need to know the code interfaces.

Solution

- Automatically generate report for code interfaces including:
 - Entry point functions
 - Input/output data

Benefit

- Facilitates code integration and code review

The screenshot shows the Real-Time Workshop Report interface. At the top, a Simulink block diagram is visible with blocks labeled 'INC', 'uint8', 'sum_out', and 'LIMIT'. Below it, the 'Real-Time Workshop Report' window is open, displaying a 'Contents' list on the left with 'Code Interface Report' circled in red. The main panel shows details for two functions:

Function: `ecdemo_initialize`
 Prototype: `void ecdemo_initialize(boolean_T firstTime)`
 Description: Initialization entry point of generated code
 Timing: Called once
 Arguments:

#	Name	Data Type	Description
1	firstTime	boolean_T	Internal data

 Return value: None
 Header file: `ecdemo.h`

Function: `ecdemo_step` Step function
 Prototype: `void ecdemo_step(void)`
 Description: Output entry point of generated code
 Timing: Called periodically: Every 1 second
 Arguments: None
 Return value: None
 Header file: `ecdemo.h`

Inports Input data

Block Name	Code Identifier	Data Type	Dimension
<code><Root>/In</code>	INPUT	int32_T	1

Outputs

Block Name	Code Identifier	Data Type	Dimension
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Buttons at the bottom include OK, Cancel, Help, and Apply.

Scheduling Code Separate from Algorithm

Challenge

- Multiple rate models interleaved scheduling and algorithm code, increasing software integration effort.

Solution

- Separate scheduler from algorithm code
- Move scheduler code from `modelName.c` to `ert_main.c`

Benefit

- Simplifies code integration
- Improves code efficiency because there is less code at base rate
- Improves memory usage because there is smaller or no `rtModel` data structure

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```

void m3ts_step0(void) { /* Sample time: [0.001s, 0.0s] */
    rate_monotonic_scheduler();
    m3ts_Y.Out2 = m3ts_P.Gain_ts4_Gain * m3ts_U.In2;
}

void m3ts_step1(void) { /* Sample time: [2.0s, 0.0s] */
    ....
}
void m3ts_step2(void) { /* Sample time: [4.0s, 0.0s] */
    ....
}
    
```

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void m3ts_step0(void) { /* Sample time: [0.001s, 0.0s] */
    m3ts_Y.Out2 = m3ts_P.Gain_ts4_Gain * m3ts_U.In2;
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