The Role of Real-Time Workshop® Embedded Coder in Supporting Cummins Inc. Vision for Model Based Development

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**Agenda**

- Introduce Cummins
- Analysis Led Design Strategic Initiative
- Vision For Embedded Controls Development
- Meeting the Need:
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- Challenges
- Why Real-Time Workshop® Embedded Coder?
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- Conclusions
Cummins is a Worldwide Diesel Engine Leader

- Cummins at a glance (2006)
  - Engines & power generation since 1919
  - 33,500 employees
  - $11.4 billion in sales revenues
- Engines cover a wide range of applications
  - Engines to equip from Dodge RAM SUV to 200 tons mining truck
  - Heavy-duty trucks, buses, marine equipment, and power generation
- Cummins serves customers in over 160 countries
Why Analysis Led Design at Cummins?

- Cummins is a major producer of diesel engines in the automotive, industrial, power generation, & marine markets.

- Cummins is under constant pressure to deliver excellent fuel economy, emissions compliance, & durability at the lowest possible cost.

- EPA emissions mandates are driving increases in the complexity of controls’ algorithms, and hence, the embedded controller code.

- Analysis is key to getting the highest quality products into customer’s hands as rapidly as possible - “cut and try” is not efficient.

- Even after careful analysis, Cummins requires tools & processes to allow the more efficient development & testing of new designs.

- Anything Cummins can do to streamline & dovetail all phases of the V-cycle helps reduce cycle time and error.
Cummins’ Vision for Embedded Controls Development

Cummins generates models of the controller... & test these models in simulation...

to produce automatic C-code straight from the controller model...

that is tested on actual hardware which is >95% bug free.
Meeting the Need

- Model Based Development (development side):
  - Create system design environment
  - Design, develop, & analyze a controller for managing a plant
  - Generate C code automatically from Simulink® diagrams

- Product Line Architecture (software side):
  - Realize similar core software throughout multiple product lines
  - Define interfaces to allow addition/deletion of SW without compromising system integrity (plug-&-play)
Merging of Model Based Development & Product Line Architecture

**MBD**: Solution to Controller Complexity WITHIN a Product Line

**PLA**: Solution to Controller Complexity ACROSS Product Lines

Automatically Generate Embedded Code  
Produce Embedded Controller  
Without Sacrificing Simulation Capability
Challenges

● Product Lines are currently not pervasive throughout industry.

● Current 3rd party code generation tools are not based on this paradigm → but they are getting there!

  ● Biggest roadblock is less about code generation & more about simulation:
    ● e.g., function calls → how to realize in simulation?
    ● e.g., pointers → how to realize in simulation?

  ● Modifications are needed to allow current tools to meet requirements.

● Embedded controller design spans many different organizations within the company.

  ● Workflows are different
  ● End products are different

● Burden of proof rests with showing/proving benefits.
Our workflows, existing tools & current processes foster the divergence of models → This divergence will only grow!

Industry is adopting Model Based Development methods to design controllers.

New code generation tools are becoming capable of meeting our architecture requirements.

There is a synergy to do this now & it is a corporate technical productivity strategy.

2002 controller was complex. 2007 is more complex. 2010 is even more complex.
Embedded Controller Development

V-Cycle

**Goal:**
- Single Simulink model of controller for entire V-cycle

**Bridging the Gap to Reach Goal:**
- Synergistic embedded controls culture
- Fully integrated tool base

*Bridge-the-Gap*
Why Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder?

● MATLAB® and Simulink® are already workhorses of Cummins controls development organization.

● The MathWorks has demonstrated a superior support environment.

● Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder . . .
  
  ● Links code generation directly to simulation
  
  ● Provides greater flexibility in the design of controller models
  
  ● The MathWorks pilot team provides support packages allowing the “bending” of the tool to meet our needs.
Current Status of Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder

- The support packages help to meet our basic architectural needs.
- Key SW parameters (throughput, memory, code size) are being monitored & early results look promising.
- Targeted component models are being converted & integrated into our total system simulation modeling framework.
- Model Based Development using Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder is beginning to be embraced by upper management.
- Process & workflow changes are being pushed throughout company.
- Other tools are being modified to integrate with Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder.
Future of Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder

- **Cummins Key Initiatives**
  - PLA is key to success of software
  - MBD is key to success of controller algorithm development

- **Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder must**
  - embrace PLA
  - as well as MBD
  - continue to foster a collaborative relationship with Cummins
Conclusions

- The design of embedded controllers has become more challenging due to EPA rules & regulations.
- Cummins has been pursuing Model Based Development for last decade.
- Our major challenge is closing the gap between development & code generation.
- Cummins selected Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder to close this gap.
- Preliminary analysis shows great promise both in realizing simulation and in code generation.
- The MathWorks has given us excellent support so far.
- Real-Time Workshop Embedded Coder must continue to evolve to meet demands of SW created by Product Line architected systems.