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# Workshop: IEEE VTS Motor Vehicle Challenge 2026

Design of Powertrain and Energy Management Strategy for a Refrigerated Lorry

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## IEEE VTS Motor Vehicles

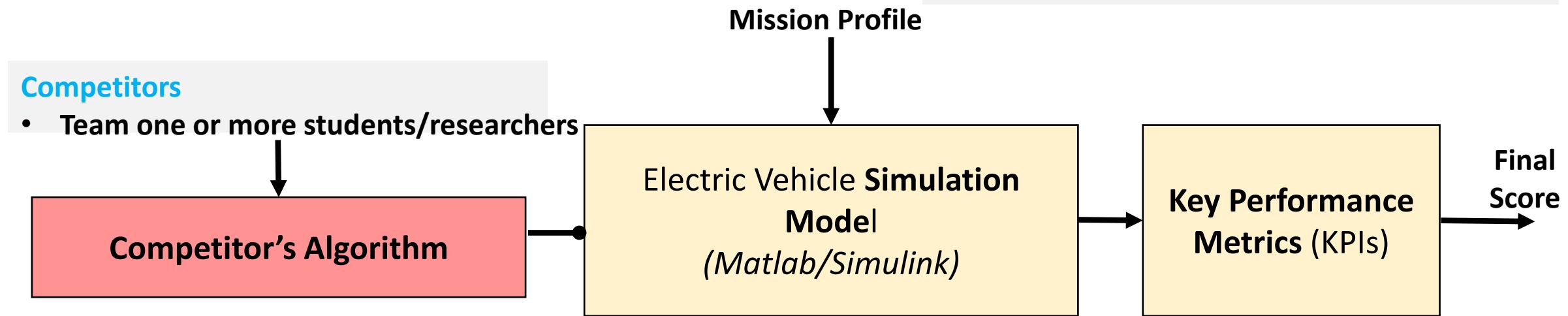
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# Agenda:

- Introduction
- MVC 2026 presentation
- MATLAB/Simulink files
- GitHub repository
- Registration and Submission rules

# MV Challenge: What is it?

Competition to simulate development of energy management algorithms for Electric Vehicles



## Tasks:

- Sizing of energy storage/powertrain
- Energy management of Energy storage
- Torque allocation (front/rear) and vectoring (left/right)
- Planning of EV charging

## Examples:

- Electric road vehicle
- Electric train
- Electric boat
- Electric truck
- ...

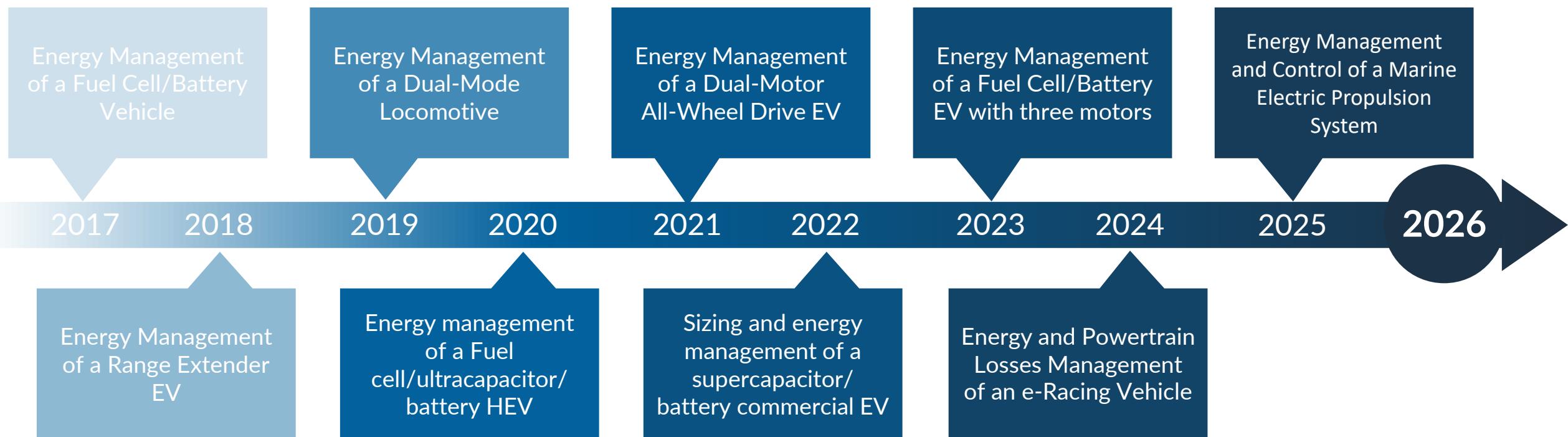
## KPIs:

- Economic cost (\$)
- Energy consumption
- Degradation
- ...

Provided by VTS Organizers

# MV Challenge: Previous editions

- First edition in 2016
- Next year we are celebrating the **10th** edition
- Organization included institutions from North America to Europe and Asia



# MV Challenge: Past Winners

2025: to be announced during VPPC2025

2024: IITEMA, CONICETUNRC, Rio Cuarto, Argentina

2023: University of Padova, Padova, Italy

2022: University of Cagliari, Cagliari, Italy

2021: University of Porto, Portugal, & University of Merced California, USA

2020: TU Wien, Wien, Austria

2019: Universidad Industrial de Santander, Bucaramanga, Colombia

2018: Hanyang University, South Korea

2017: Universidad Nacional del Sur (UNS), Bahía Blanca, Argentina

**> 600 Researchers participated in  
the competition**

**> \$40k in prizes since 2016**

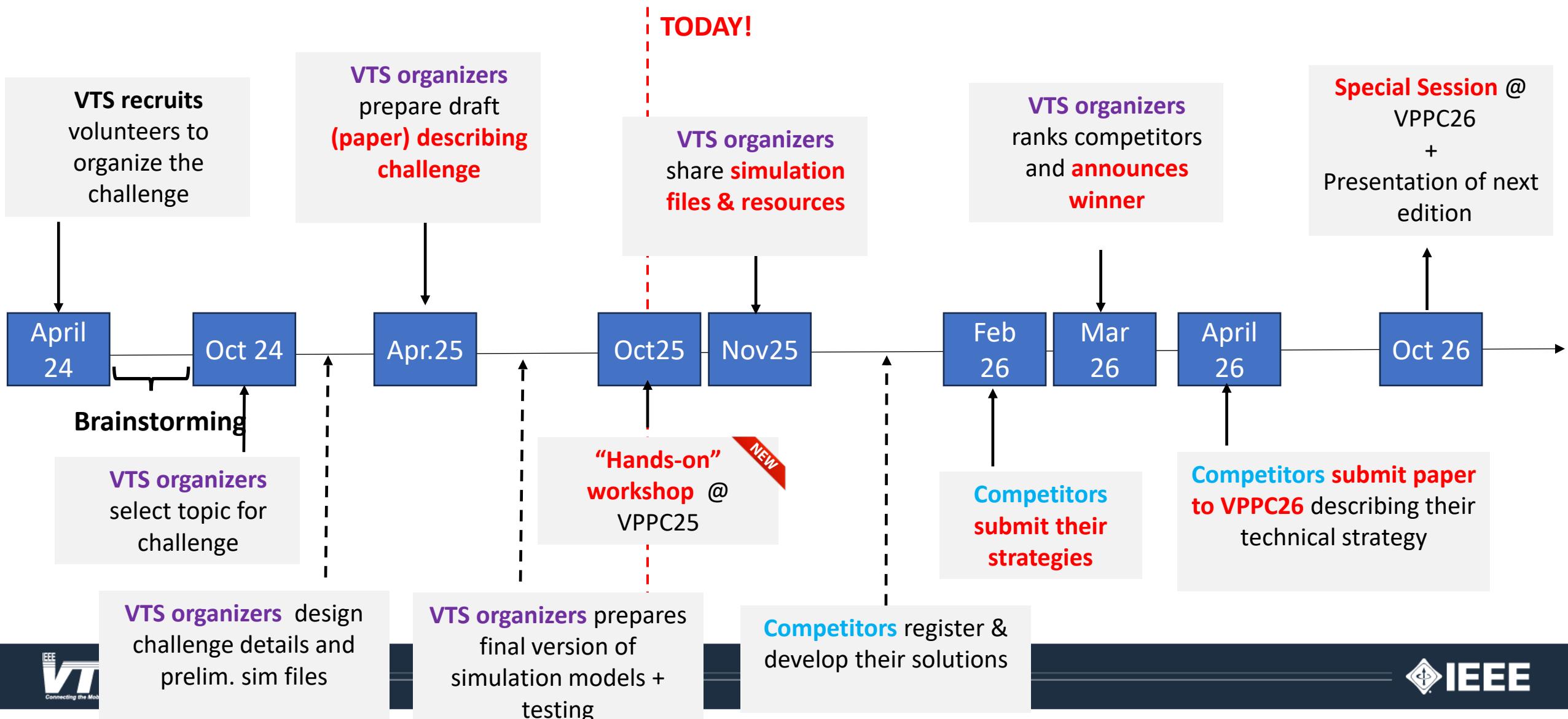
# MV Challenge: Prizes

- Registration to the competition is **totally free**, but to eventually receive the award VTS subscription is mandatory
- All participants will receive
  - Certificate of participation to the competition
  - Invitation to submit paper for the next VPPC edition
- Prizes for the **top two** teams
  - First prize: Up to a limit of 3500 US\$
  - Second prize: Up to a limit of 1500 US\$
- Deadlines
  - Registration: 31st January, 2026
  - Submission: 1st March, 2026
  - Results: 31st March, 2026



Restriction: award covers  
travel expenses to VPPC

# Timeline and Milestones for 2026 Edition



# MVC: Common methods from last editions

## Rule Based

- Heuristic (if-else, lookup tables,...)  
**(W17, W19, W20, W23)**

+ Easy to implement  
+ Most successful

## Machine Learning

- Reinforcement Learning (RL)

## Optimization-Based

- Optimal Control **(W24)**
- Model Predictive Control
- Pontryagin's Principle **(W18)**
- Control Barrier Functions

+ Since the challenge objective is to “minimize a cost”, optimization approaches are attractive  
+ Difficulty: prediction model  
Computational time

## Hybrid

- Combine one or more methods (rule-based, optimization, ML)  
**(W21, W22)**

# MVC: Github Platform

## Code Repository

## Version Management

## Q&A with competitors

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'IEEE-MVC-2023'. The repository is public and has 5 watchers. It contains 1 branch and 0 tags. The main branch has 27 commits. The commits are organized by date: Feb 28, 2023, Feb 21, 2023, and Feb 17, 2023. The Feb 28 commits include updates to BL Scores and preview information. The Feb 21 commit is an update to the SUBGUIDE.md file. The Feb 17 commit is a final release note. To the right of the repository, there is a sidebar titled 'Q&A with competitors' which lists several unanswered questions from users like 'woojmn' and 'mariagrazia-tristano'.

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Commits on Feb 28, 2023

Updated BL Scores.mat to match new preview horizon data  
JBRDLR committed on Feb 28, 2023

Updated preview information of tracks to have the same horizon length for all tracks; th  
JBRDLR committed on Feb 28, 2023

Commits on Feb 21, 2023

Update SUBGUIDE.md  
JBRDLR authored on Feb 21, 2023

Commits on Feb 17, 2023

Final Release of MVC 2023, please refer to CHANGELOG.md for further details.  
JBRDLR committed on Feb 17, 2023

Side slip angle issue  
woojmn asked on Feb 2, 2023 in Q&A - Unanswered

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[ERROR] Matlab/Simulink error  
woojmn asked on Dec 27, 2022 in Q&A - Answered

Git .mat and .slx files not downloaded in MATLAB  
grisamgit asked on Feb 1, 2023 in Q&A - Answered

Derating and temperature violation cost functions  
mariagrazia-tristano asked on Feb 1, 2023 in Q&A - Unanswered

# MVC: New Technical co-sponsor

- MV Challenge has been using Matlab/Simulink as the main simulation framework since its inception
- Since June 2025, MathWorks accepted to be **technical and marketing co-sponsor of the challenge**
  - Mathworks' engineers provide technical support and assistance to MVC Organizers
    - improve numerical efficiency
    - trouble shooting
  - Marketing & advertising
    - newsletter;
    - social media pages;
    - Dedicate webpage @ Mathworks website



# MVC @ VPPC 2025

*Wednesday, 22nd October 2025, 15:30-17:30, Space 3*

## **Workshop 2: Hands on Demonstration of the IEEE VTS Motor Vehicle Challenge 2026**

*Ludovico Ortombina, Ricardo de Castro, and Binh-Minh Nguyen*

Slides + recording will be made available after the conference

*Friday, 24th October 2025, 16:00-17:30, Space 2B*

SS3 : IEEE VTS Motor Vehicle Challenge  
2025 - Energy Management and Control of a  
Marine Electric Propulsion System

- 1 Gain-Scheduling-based Energy management System for Marine Electric Propulsion System
- 2 A Rule-based Energy Management System for a Marine Electric Propulsion System
- 3 Energy Management Strategies for the Hybrid Storage of a Dual three-phase PMSM Marine Propulsion System
- 4 Multi-Objective Energy Management Strategy with Trade-Off Analysis for Marine Electric Propulsion Systems
- 5 Reinforcement Learning-Based Energy Management in Marine Electric Propulsion Systems
- 6 IEEE VTS Motor Vehicle Challenge 2026 - Design of Powertrain and Energy Management Strategy for a Refrigerated Lorry

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# MVC 2026 - Design of Powertrain and Energy Management Strategy for a Refrigerated Lorry

## Context:

A refrigerated electric lorry follows a predefined delivery route and must deliver/pick up goods from customers. The route is shaped by **speed profiles, cargo weight, road slope, and wind conditions.**

It can rely on **high- and low-power charging stations** and **wireless charging** system, to keep its battery powered. An **emergency charging** option is always available.



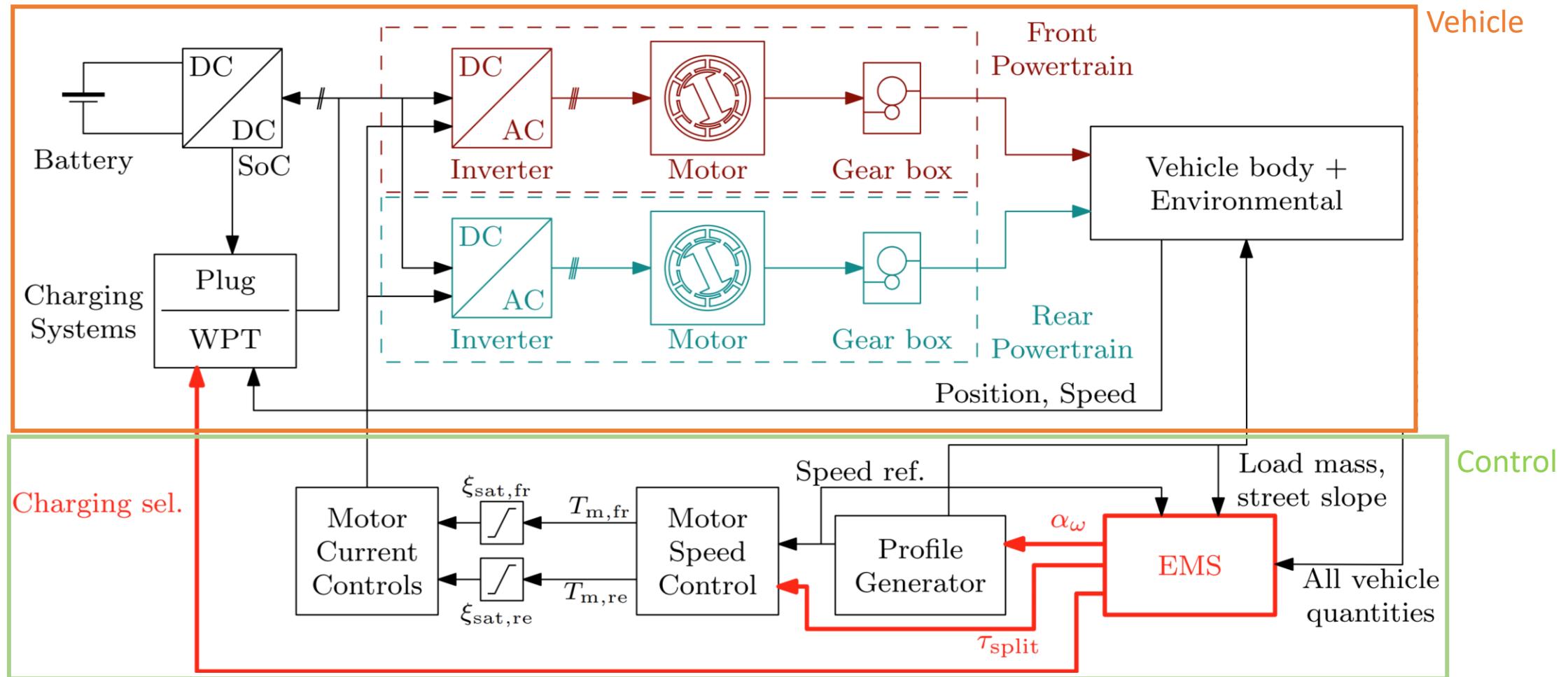
# MVC 2026 - Design of Powertrain and Energy Management Strategy for a Refrigerated Lorry

Participants has to:

- Design the **dual-motor** powertrain (offline)
- Choose the **battery** capacity (offline)
- Develop a motors **current strategy** (offline)
- Choose the instantaneous **torque split** (online)
- Develop the **energy management strategy** to ensure the completion of the required activity (online)



# Simulation schematics



# Simulation details

- The Simulation has been developed in MATLAB/Simulink environment
- Version and Toolbox requirements:
  - MATLAB/Simulink 2023b Update 10
  - Simscape (ver. 23.2)
    - Simscape Battery
    - Simscape Driveline
    - Simscape Electrical
  - Optimization Toolbox (ver 23.2)
  - Control System Toolbox

We would like to thank MathWorks Italy for the support in improving the Simulation files.

# Powertrain design

**Front and rear motor power** must be selected

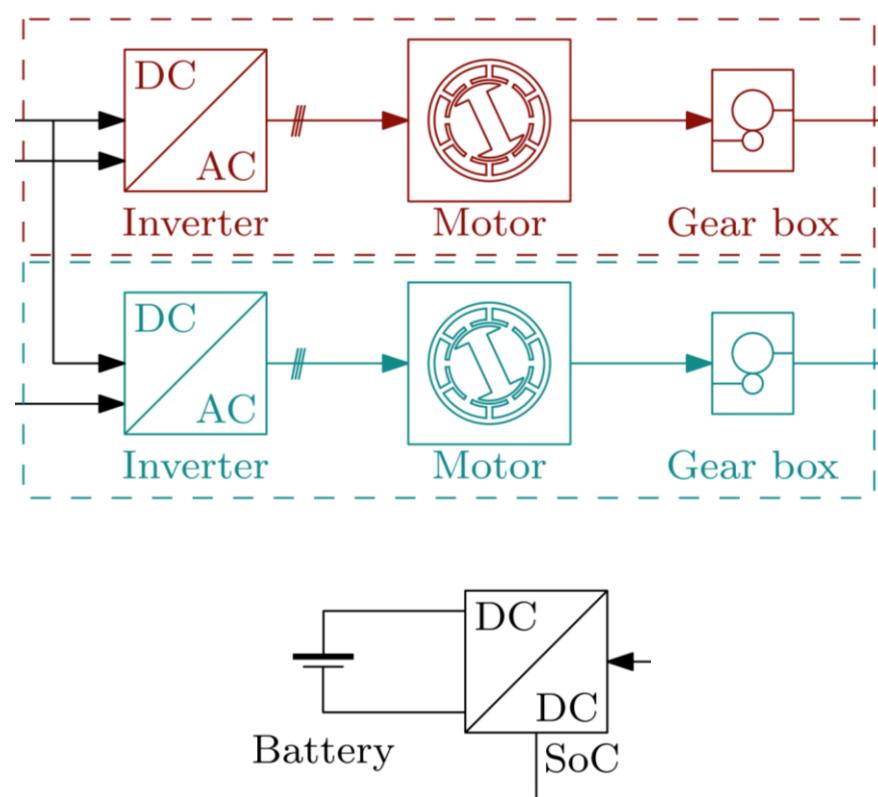
- Front power <= 250kW
- Rear power <= 450kW
- Nominal speed and parameters are given
- Weight proportional to motor torque

**Current control strategy** must be developed

- Direct- and quadrature-current trajectory vs torque

**Battery capacity** must be chosen

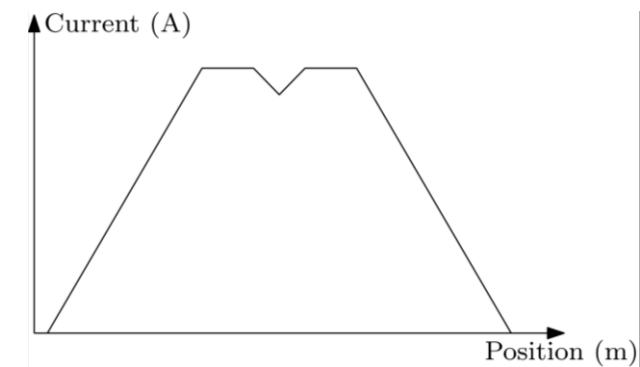
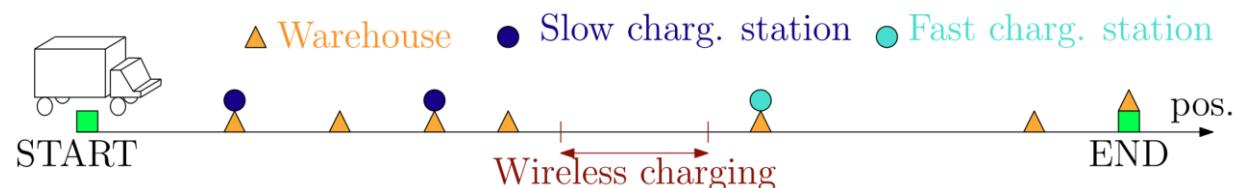
- Four possibilities are provided (7.5, 10, 12.5, 15 kWh)
- Initial provided energy is constant
- Battery weight changes



# Charging infrastructure

In each lorry route, there are

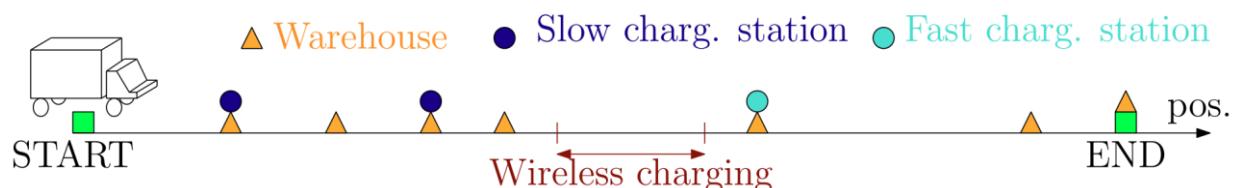
- A **high-power station**
  - Charging current 200 A
  - Position range 99-101 m
  - Max approach speed 0.1 m/s
- Two **low-power stations**
  - Charging current 100 A
  - Position range 450-452 m & 1300-1302m
  - Max approach speed 0.1 m/s
- A **wireless power transfer system**
  - Max charging current 125 A
  - Position range 500-900 m
  - Max operating speed 15 m/s
  - Transferred power depends on position and speed



# Energy management strategy

The **charging source** can be selected by a **flag**

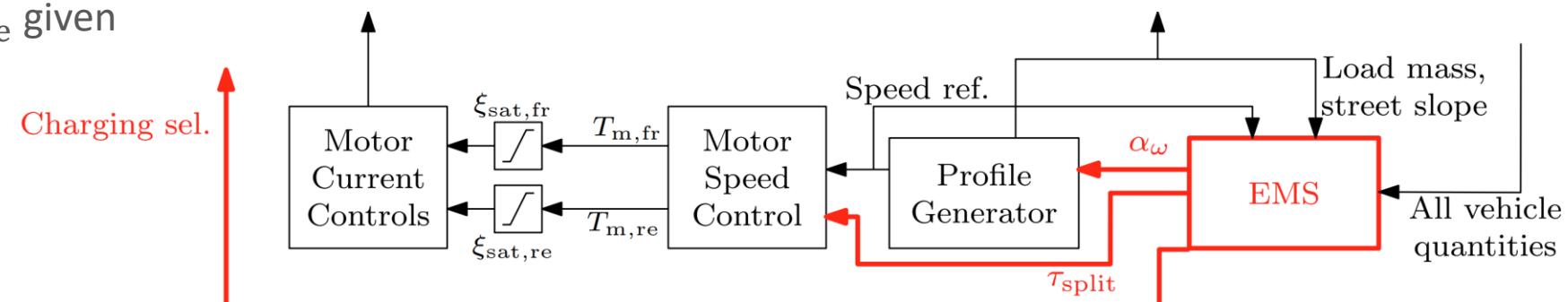
- 0 -> No charging
- 1 -> Plug
- 2 -> WPT



Lorry speed reference can be **adjusted** by the parameter  $\alpha_\omega$

$$\omega_m^*(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \vartheta_{\text{profile}}^*(\tau) \quad \text{with} \quad \tau = \int_0^T \alpha_\omega dt$$

With  $\alpha_\omega \in [0,1]$  and  $\vartheta_{\text{profile}}^*$  given



# Energy management strategy

Torque split between electrical motors

$$T_{m,\text{rear}}(t) = (1 - \tau_{\text{split}}(t))T_{\text{tot}}(t)$$

$$T_{m,\text{front}}(t) = \tau_{\text{split}}(t)T_{\text{tot}}(t)$$

- $T_{\text{tot}}(t)$  is obtained by the speed loop
- Both signal are saturated to the nominal motor torque

An emergency charging system is implemented

- Charging current 100 A
- Starting SoC 5%
- Ending SoC 50%
- It starts automatically and forces vehicle in standstill condition

A constant power consumption is implemented to emulate the refrigeration system

# MVC 2026 – Cost function

$$\Phi_{\text{tot}} = \omega_E \Phi_E + \omega_{\text{cost}} \Phi_{\text{cost}} + \omega_{\text{tau}} \Phi_{\text{tau}} + \omega_{\text{time}} \Phi_{\text{time}} + \omega_{\text{batt}} \Phi_{\text{batt}}$$

- Overall **energy usage** (provided by battery and charging systems)

$$\Phi_E = \int_0^T P_{\text{batt}} dt + \int_0^T P_{\text{charging}} dt$$

- Energy **cost**

$$\Phi_{\text{cost}} = [E_{\text{fast}}, E_{\text{slow}}, E_{\text{WPT}}, E_{\text{emer}}]^T$$

- Motors **overloading**

$$\Phi_{\text{tau}} = \int_0^T (\xi_{\text{sat,front}} + \xi_{\text{sat,rear}}) dt \quad \xi_{\text{sat},x} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |T_{m,x}| = T_{r,x} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

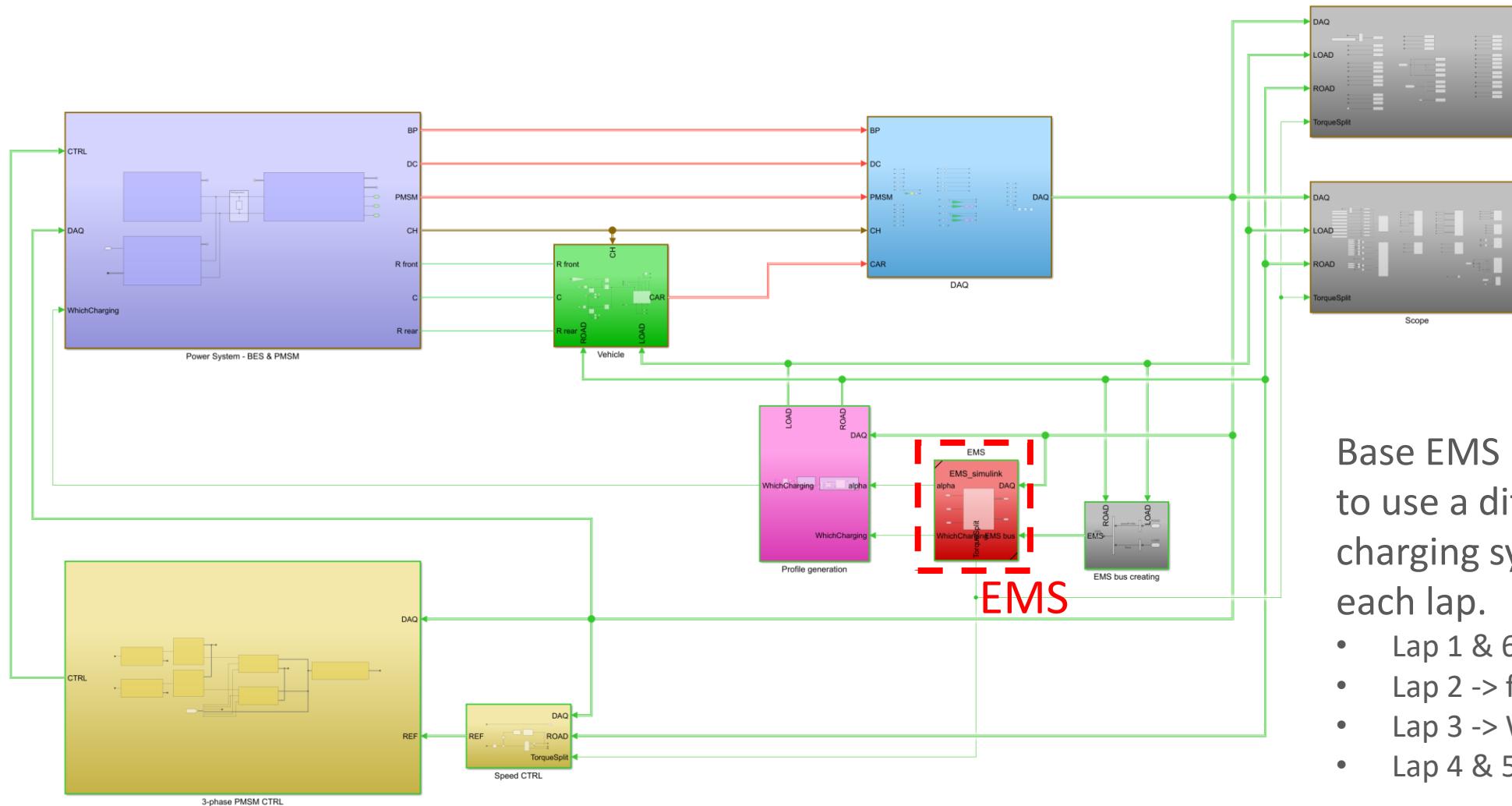
- Time** to complete the mission

$$\Phi_{\text{time}} = T$$

- Battery **current fluctuations**

$$\Phi_{\text{batt}}^2 = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \left( \frac{dI_{\text{batt}}}{dt} \right)^2 dt$$

# SIMULATION SETUP – OVERVIEW



Base EMS is designed to use a different charging system for each lap.

- Lap 1 & 6 -> no charging
- Lap 2 -> fast plug
- Lap 3 -> WPT
- Lap 4 & 5 -> slow plug

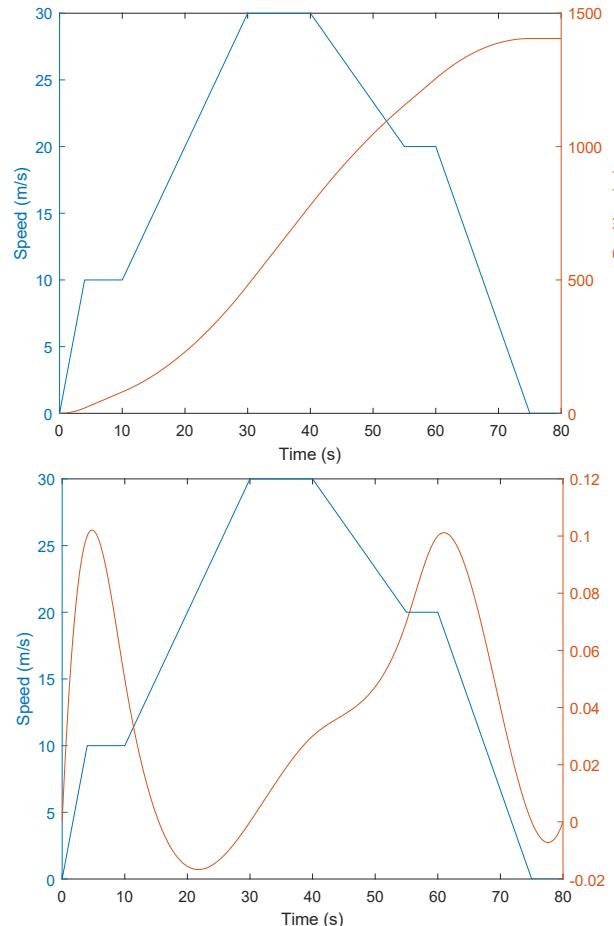
# CYCLE EXAMPLE

Position, speed and road slope are jointly defined

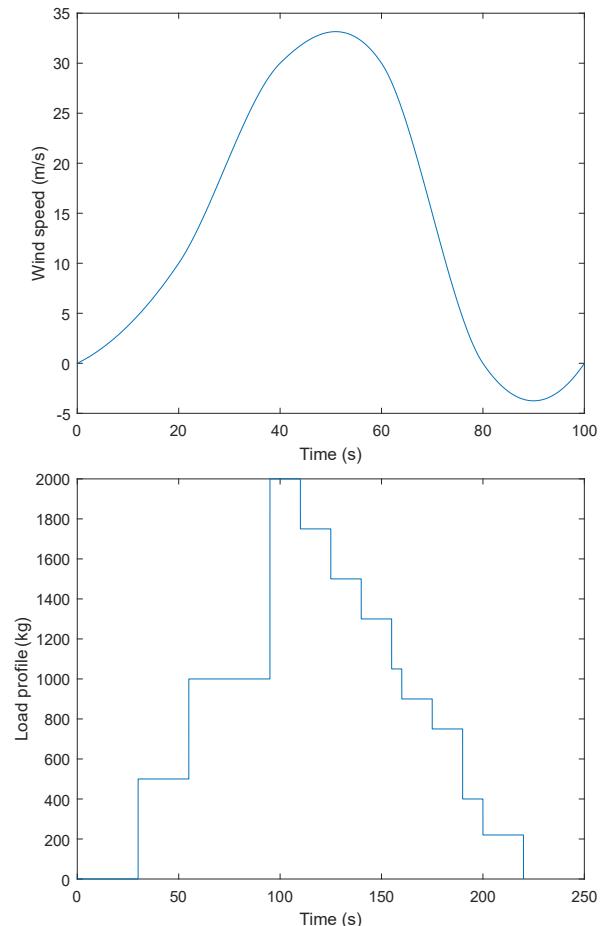
Load profile and wind speed have a different time scale so each lap is different with respect the previous one

Decreasing vehicle speed by coeff.  $\alpha_\omega$ , wind speed is unaffected

Position, speed and road slope



Wind speed and load profiles

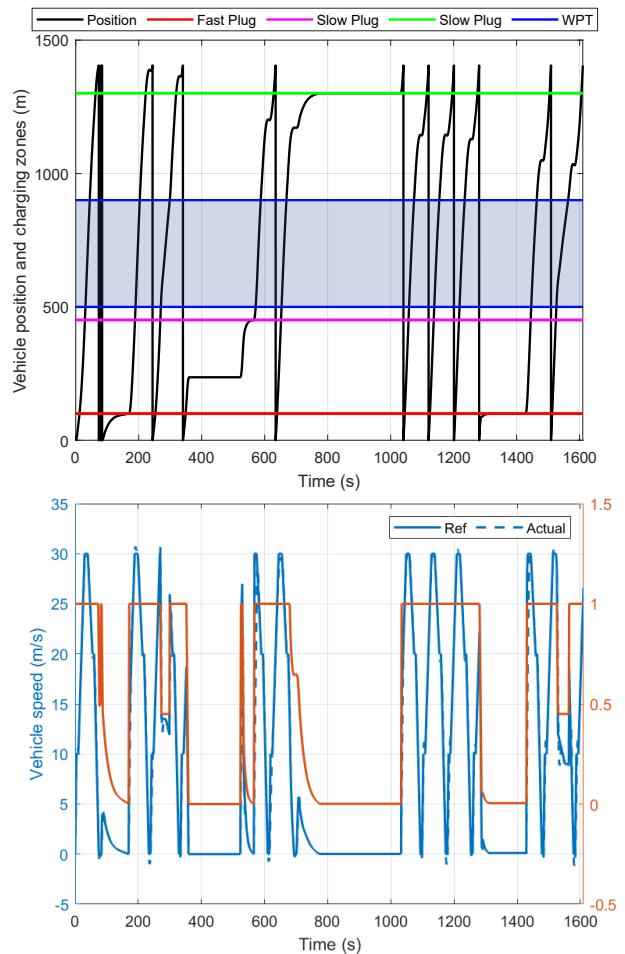


# CYCLE EXAMPLE - RESULTS

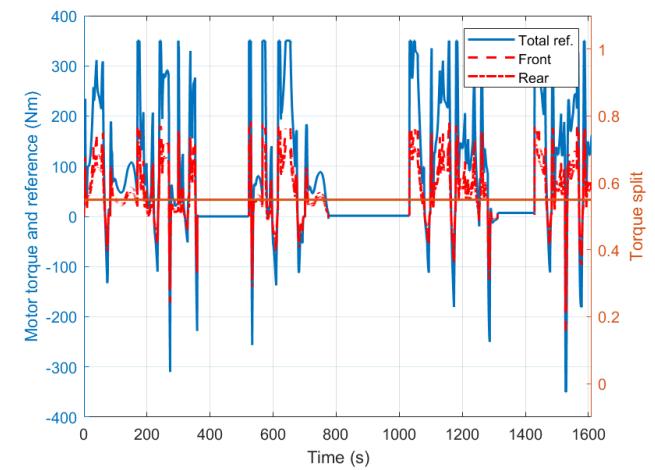
Vehicle speed is different to its reference

Speed reference is proportional to derating coeff

Position, speed and derating coeff



Ref and measured motors torque



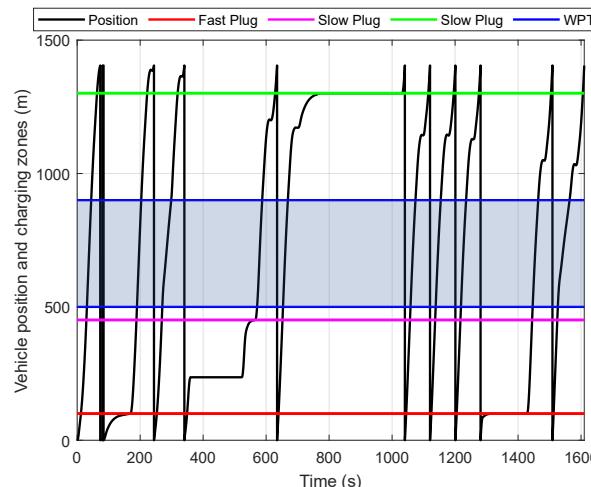
# CYCLE EXAMPLE - RESULTS

The lorry stops to charge from a power outlet

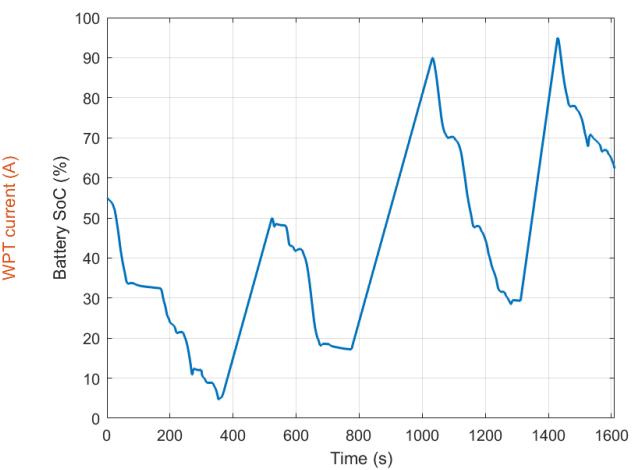
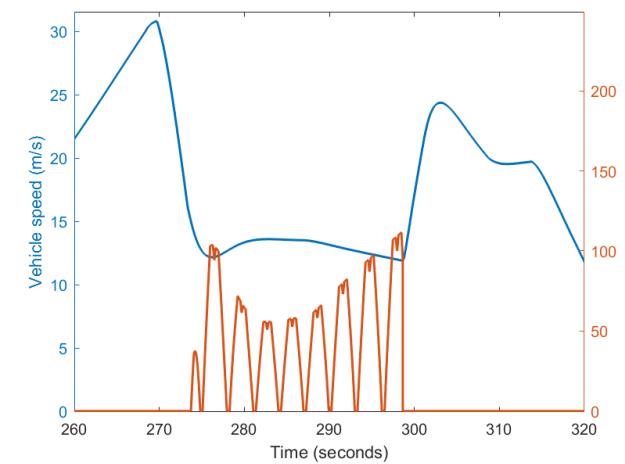
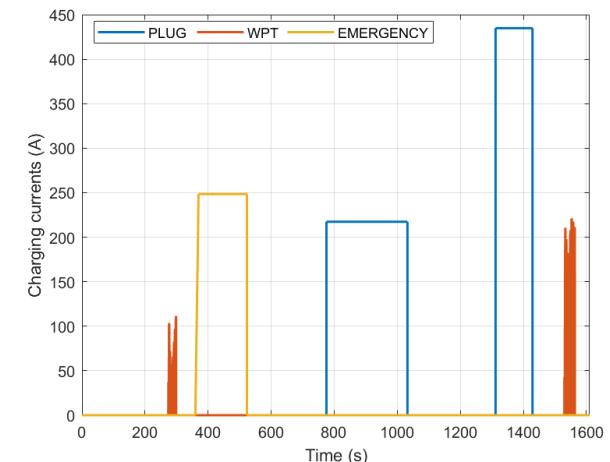
WPT current depends on position and vehicle speed

Emergency charging start @5% of SoC and vehicle is in standstill condition

Position and charging zones



Charging currents and SoC



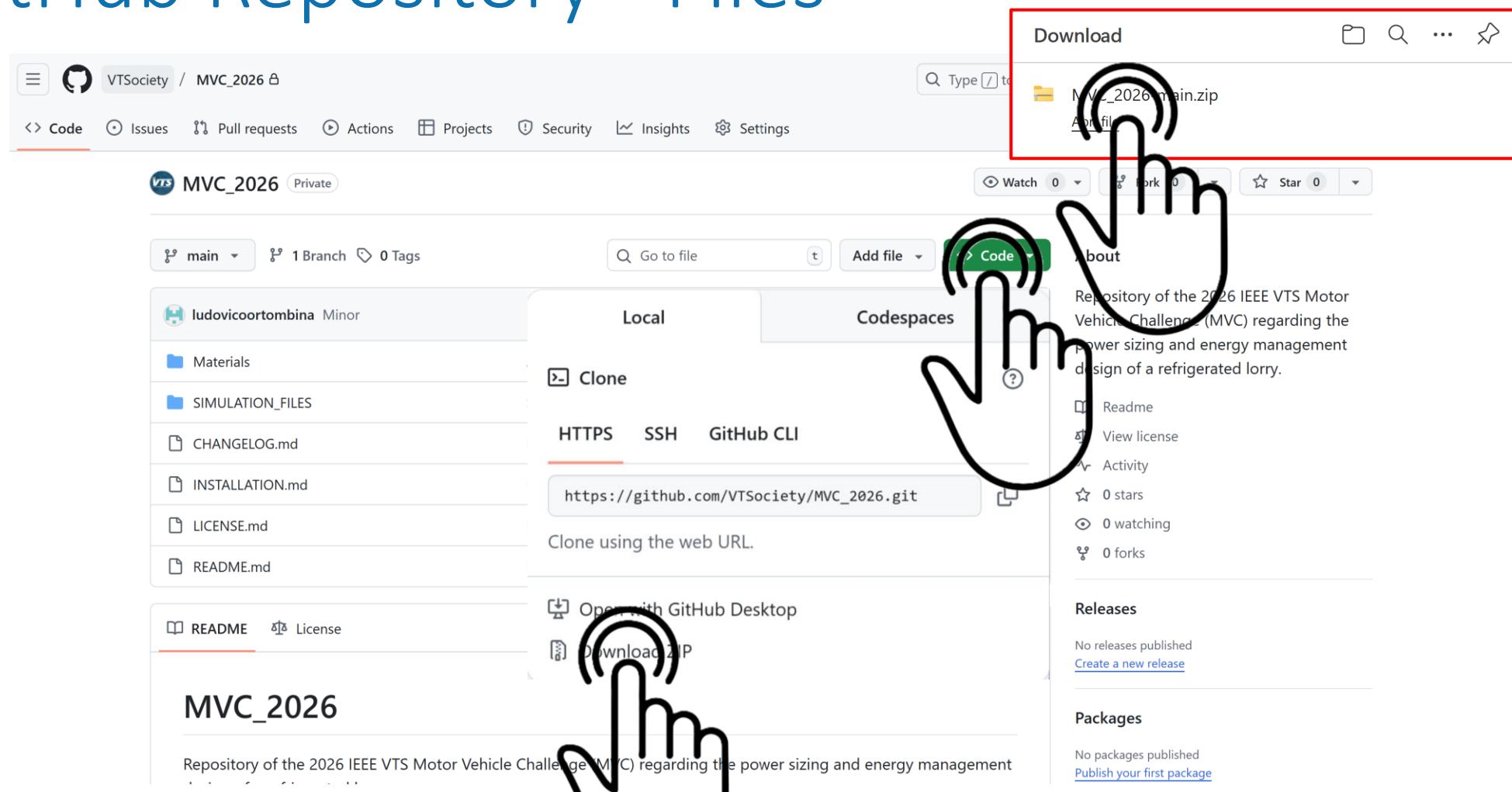
# GitHub Repository

It contains:

- Simulation files
- Deadlines
- Registration link
- Submission link
- Log of all relevant changes
- Competition rules
- Bibliography
- Q&A section
- Any other relevant information/materials



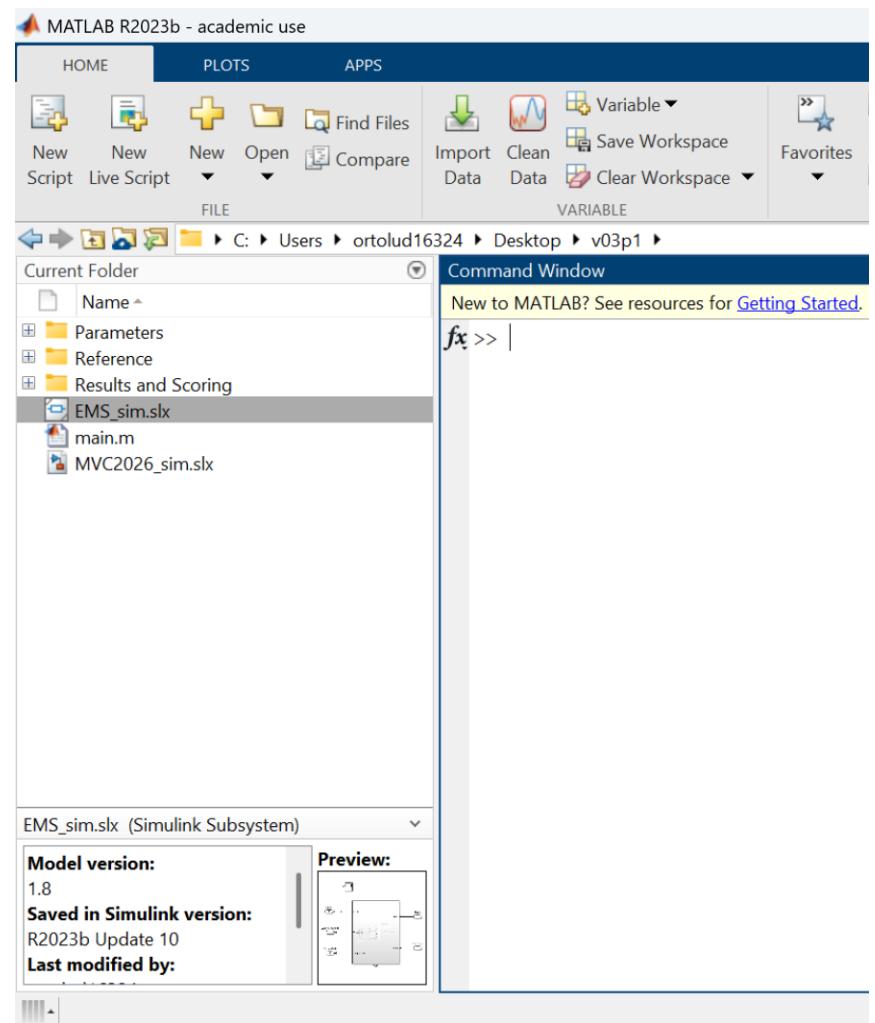
# GitHub Repository - Files



# MATLAB/Simulink files

Main files:

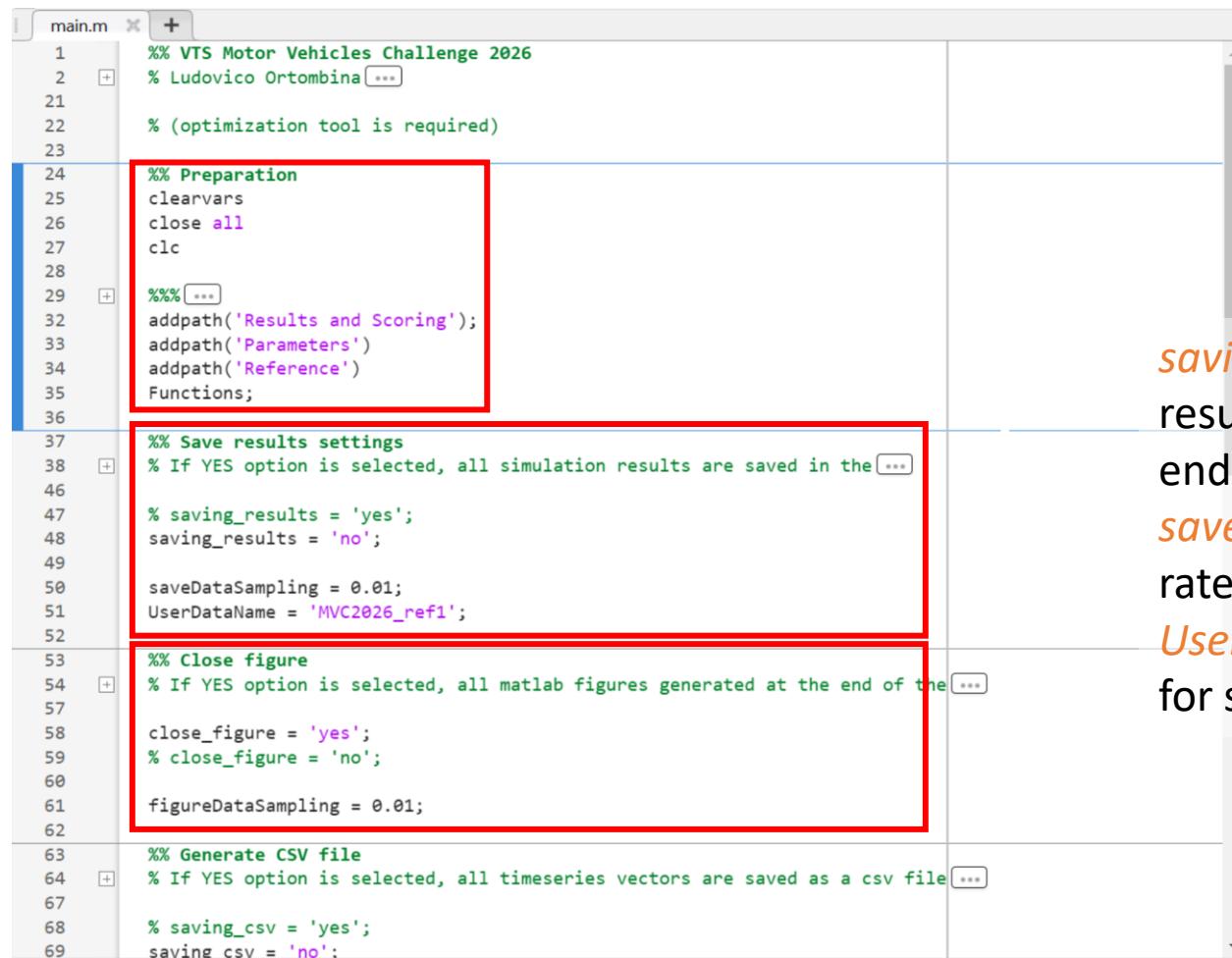
- **main.m** (to run overall simulation)
- **MVC2026\_sim.slx** (simulation file)
- **EMS\_sim.slx** (EMS simulink)
- **3 folders**
  - Parameters one
  - Reference cycle one
  - Results and Scoring one



# MATLAB – main.m

Clean the workspace,  
add the MATLAB path,  
and include the  
custom functions.

*close\_figure*: close all  
figures at the end of the  
simulation (yes/no).  
*figureDataSampling*:  
sets the sampling rate  
for figures.



```
main.m
1 %% VTS Motor Vehicles Challenge 2026
2 % Ludovico Ortombina ...
21
22 % (optimization tool is required)
23
24 %% Preparation
25 clearvars
26 close all
27 clc
28
29 %% ...
30 addpath('Results and Scoring');
31 addpath('Parameters')
32 addpath('Reference')
33 Functions;
34
35
36
37 %% Save results settings
38 % If YES option is selected, all simulation results are saved in the ...
39
40 % saving_results = 'yes';
41 saving_results = 'no';
42
43 saveDataSampling = 0.01;
44 UserDataName = 'MVC2026_ref1';
45
46
47 %% Close figure
48 % If YES option is selected, all matlab figures generated at the end of the ...
49
50 close_figure = 'yes';
51 % close_figure = 'no';
52
53 figureDataSampling = 0.01;
54
55
56 %% Generate CSV file
57 % If YES option is selected, all timeseries vectors are saved as a csv file ...
58
59 % saving_csv = 'yes';
60 saving_csv = 'no';
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*saving\_results* saves all simulation results (data and HTML file) at the end of the simulation (yes/no).

*saveDataSampling* sets the sampling rate for the saved data.

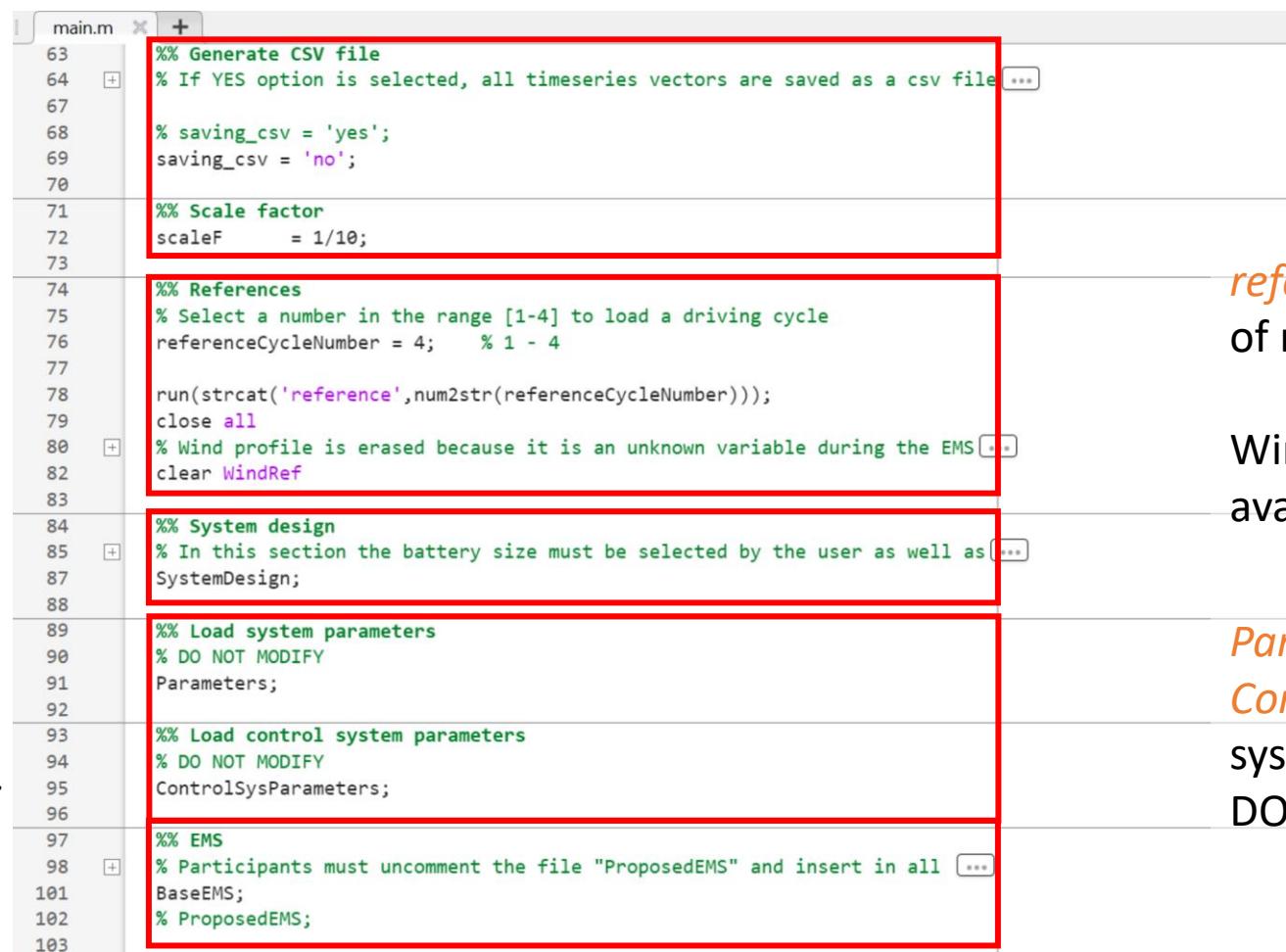
*UserDataTable* sets the folder name for storing the results.

# MATLAB – main.m

*saving\_csv*: save figures data in a csv file (yes/no).  
*scaleF*: scaling variable.

*SystemDesign* allows the powertrain sizing (motor power and battery sizing)

*EMS* design.  
 Comment the Base EMS and use the ProposedEMS file for your strategy



```

main.m
63 %% Generate CSV file
64 % If YES option is selected, all timeseries vectors are saved as a csv file ...
67
68 % saving_csv = 'yes';
69 saving_csv = 'no';
70
71 %% Scale factor
72 scaleF = 1/10;
73
74 %% References
75 % Select a number in the range [1-4] to load a driving cycle
76 referenceCycleNumber = 4; % 1 - 4
77
78 run(strcat('reference',num2str(referenceCycleNumber)));
79 close all
80 % Wind profile is erased because it is an unknown variable during the EMS ...
82 clear WindRef
83
84 %% System design
85 % In this section the battery size must be selected by the user as well as ...
87 SystemDesign;
88
89 %% Load system parameters
90 % DO NOT MODIFY
91 Parameters;
92
93 %% Load control system parameters
94 % DO NOT MODIFY
95 ControlSysParameters;
96
97 %% EMS
98 % Participants must uncomment the file "ProposedEMS" and insert in all ...
101 BaseEMS;
102 % ProposedEMS;
103

```

*referenceCycleNumber*: selection of reference driving cycle (1-4).

Wind profile information is not available for developing the EMS

*Parameters & ControlSysParameters*: include all systems and control parameters.  
 DO NOT MODIFY

# MATLAB – main.m

Include wind Profile,  
run the simulation and  
compute the elapsed  
time.

DO NOT MODIFY

```
104 %% Run simulation
105 run(strcat('reference',num2str(referenceCycleNumber)));
106
107 tic
108 out = sim("MVC2026_sim.slx");
109
110 elapsedTime = toc;
111
112 %% Post processing
113 postProcessing;
114
115
```

*postProcessing*: computes the  
MVC scoring and generate the  
final html report.

DO NOT MODIFY

# MATLAB – SystemDesign.m

- Uncomment the desired battery (1-4)

-> The greater the battery capacity, the higher its weight will be.

-> The initial energy is unaffected by the battery size (SoC varies)

- Choose the overall powertrain power ( $P_{tot}$ )

-> The higher the power, the higher its weight will be

- Set the front axle power coefficient ( $\alpha'$ )

$$P_{front} = \alpha P_{tot}$$

$$P_{rear} = (1 - \alpha)P_{tot}$$

```
main.m SystemDesign.m +  
1 %% VTS Motor Vehicles Challenge 2026  
2 % Ludovico Ortombina ...  
21  
22 % The lorry can be equipped with a battery than can be choose among 4  
23 % choises  
24  
25 BAT.BatterySelection = 1; % 150kW, 7.5 kWh  
26 % BAT.BatterySelection = 2; % 200kW, 10 kWh  
27 % BAT.BatterySelection = 3; % 250kW, 12.5 kWh  
28 % BAT.BatterySelection = 4; % 300kW, 15 kWh  
29  
30 % Powertrain power can be decided by the user as well as the powersharing  
31 % between the two motors  
32 POWERTRAIN.Power = 400e3; % [W] Overall power of the powertrain  
33 POWERTRAIN.FrontSharing = .5; % Front power motor is FrontSharing*Power  
34  
35 % --max front motor power is 250e3 kW  
36 % --max rear motor power is 450e3 kW
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# Must be submitted

# MATLAB – ProposedEMS.m

- All variables for the proposed EMS must be defined here.
- Torque to currents strategy for both motors must be set (the provided one is copied by the base EMS, i.e.  $i_d = 0$ ).
- Only positive torque range must be defined.

$$\begin{aligned} i_d^{ref} &= f(\tau^{ref}) \\ i_q^{ref} &= g(\tau^{ref}) \end{aligned}$$

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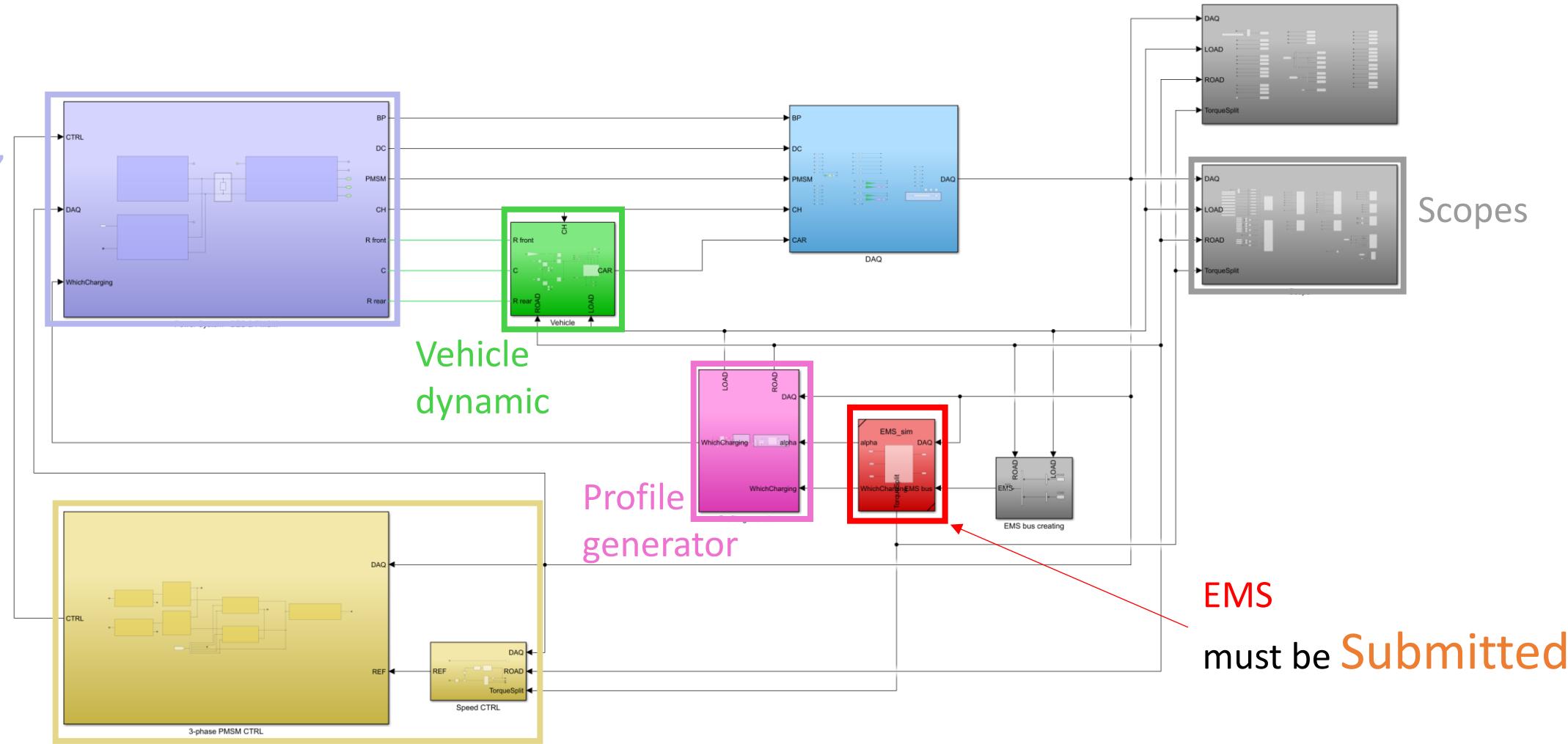
1 % Proposed EMS
2 % Write here all variables for the proposed EMS
3
4 % Look-up table to generate motor current references
5 % The table must be designed only for positive torque. Negative values are
6 % taken into account in the Simulink file
7 % (example copied by BaseEMS)
8 EMS.FrontMot.Tau_ref = [0,MOT.Front.Tenom];
9 % [Nm] Torque breakpoints
10 EMS.FrontMot.IdOverTorque = [0 0];
11 % [A] d-current reference points
12 EMS.FrontMot.IqOverTorque = 1/(1.5*MOT.Front.p*MOT.Front.PMflux)*ones(1,2);
13 % [A] q-current reference points
14 EMS.RearMot.Tau_ref = [0,MOT.Rear.Tenom];
15 % [Nm] Torque breakpoints
16 EMS.RearMot.IdOverTorque = [0 0];
17 % [A] d-current reference points
18 EMS.RearMot.IqOverTorque = 1/(1.5*MOT.Rear.p*MOT.Rear.PMflux)*ones(1,2);
19 % [A] q-current reference points
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# Simulink – MVC2026\_sim.slx

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charging  
systems and  
EMs

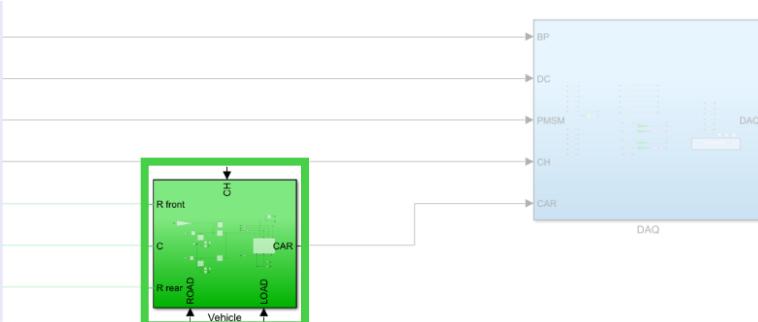


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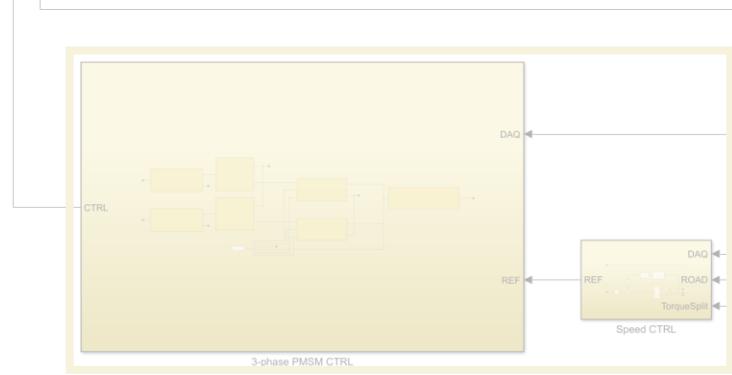
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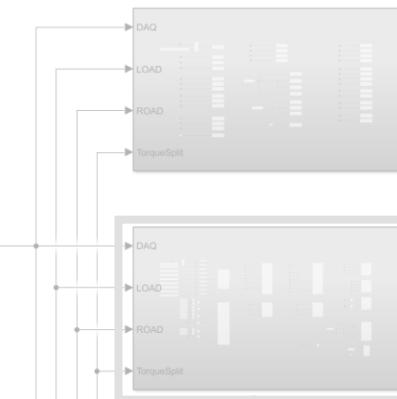
Vehicle  
dynamic



Profile  
generator



Motors and  
vehicle  
control

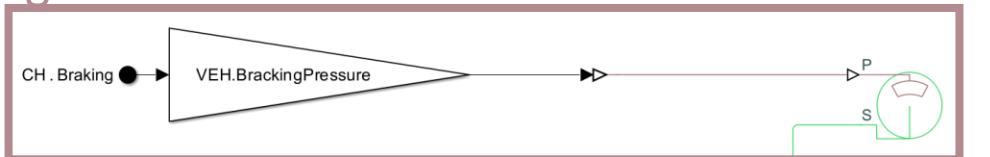


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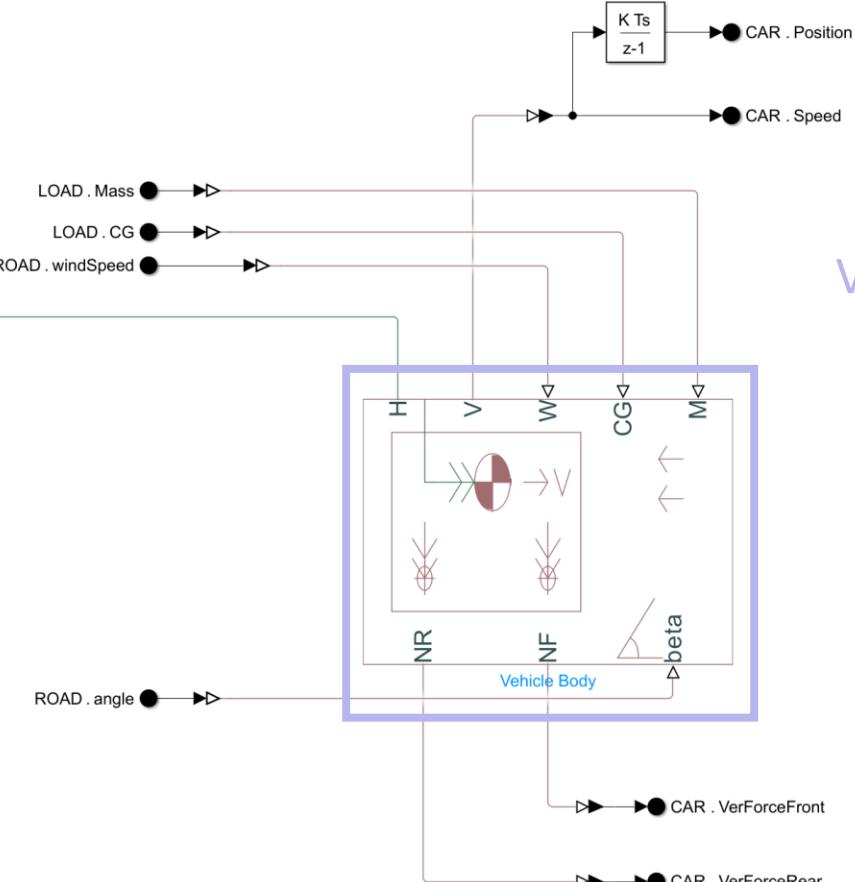
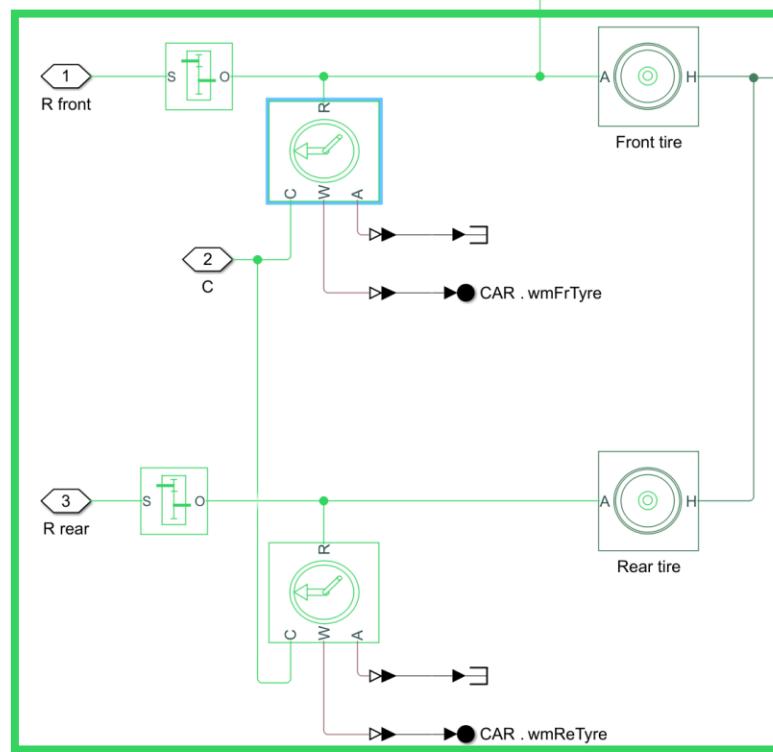
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# Simulink – Vehicle

Parking brake. Automatically activated during charging when conditions are met.



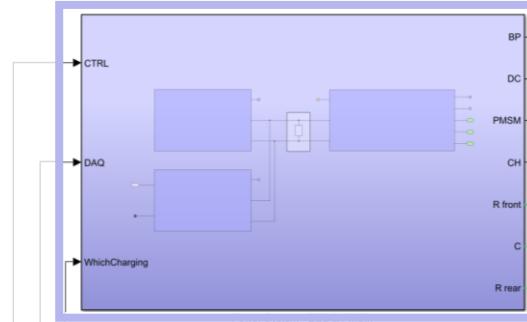
Front and rear motor torque are coupled by means of two gearbox with different gear ratios (max EM speeds are different)



Vehicle dynamic computes vehicle speed and position taking into account the mass, wind speed, road slope and traction force

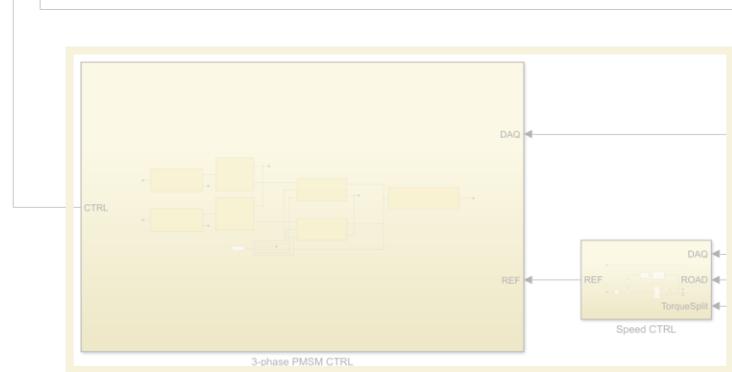
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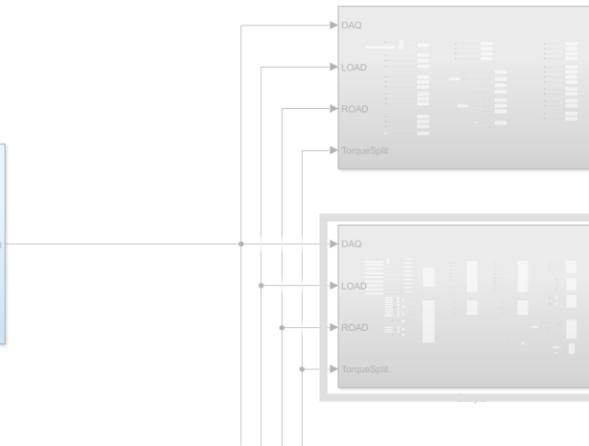
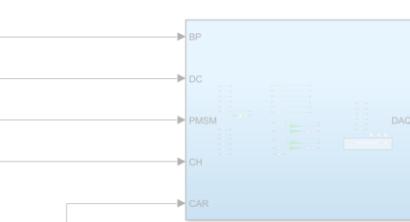


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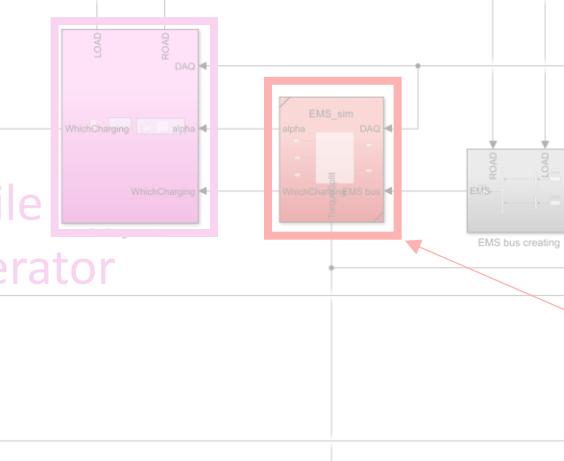


Motors and  
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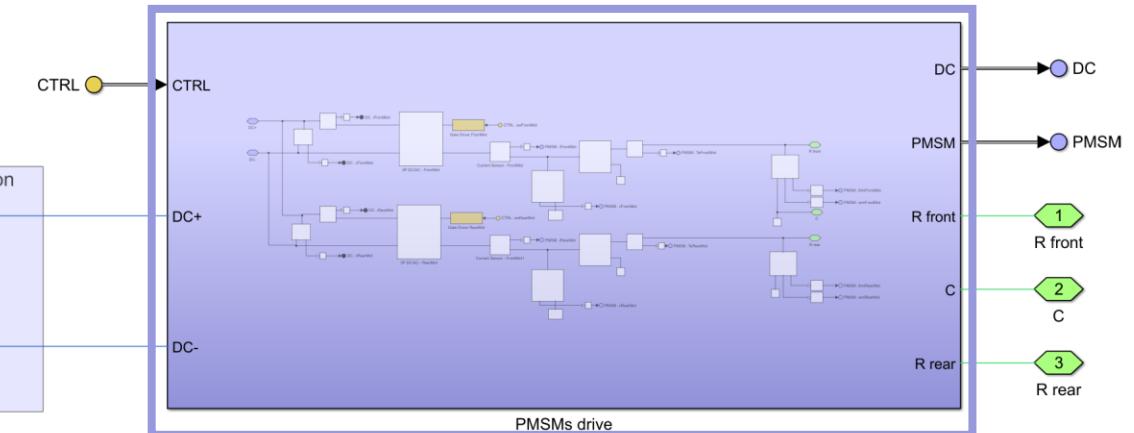
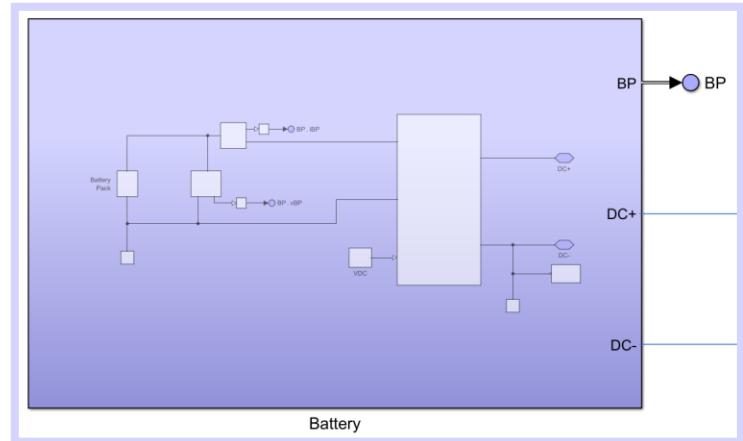
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# Simulink – Vehicle

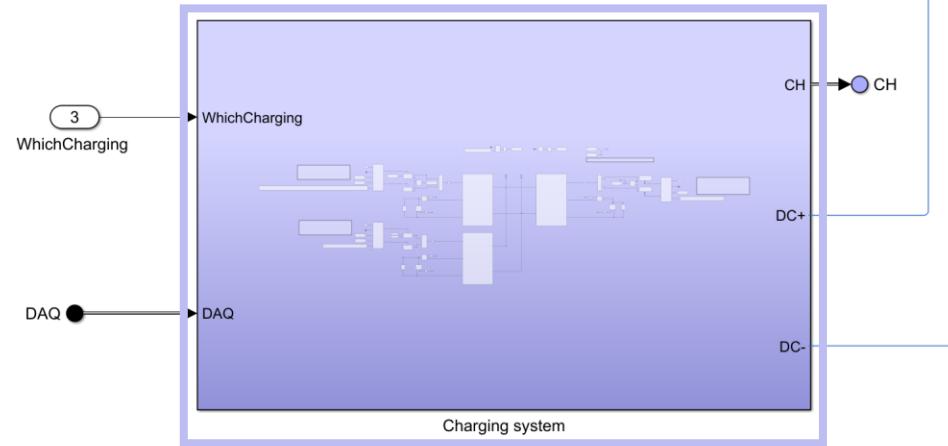
Battery and its DC/DC



Electric drives and electric motors

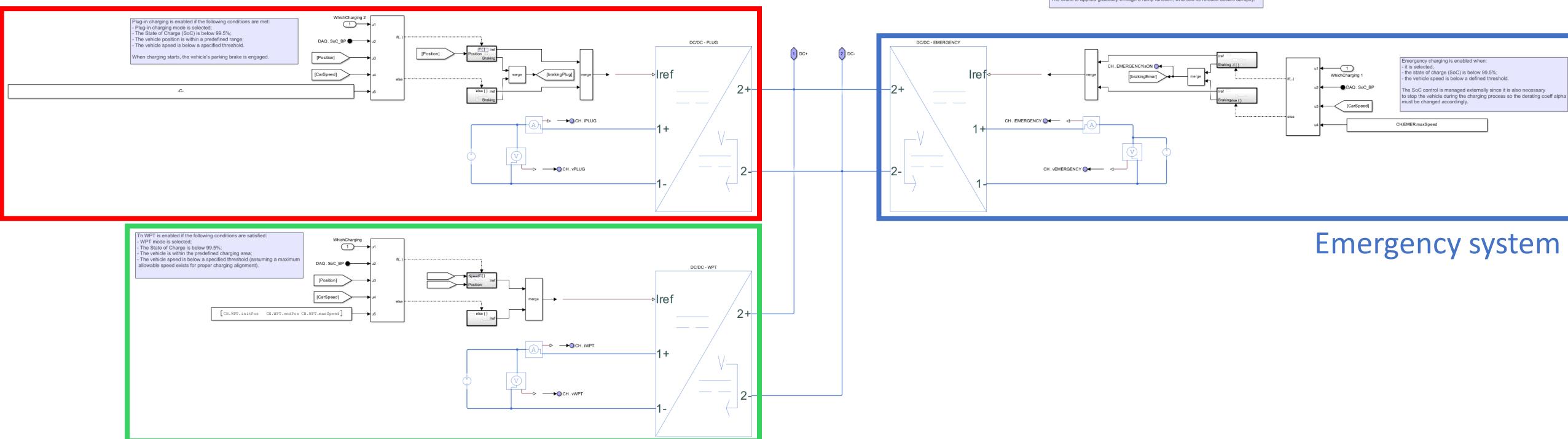
Resistor emulates refrigeration system load

Plug, WPT and emerging charging



# Simulink – Charging system

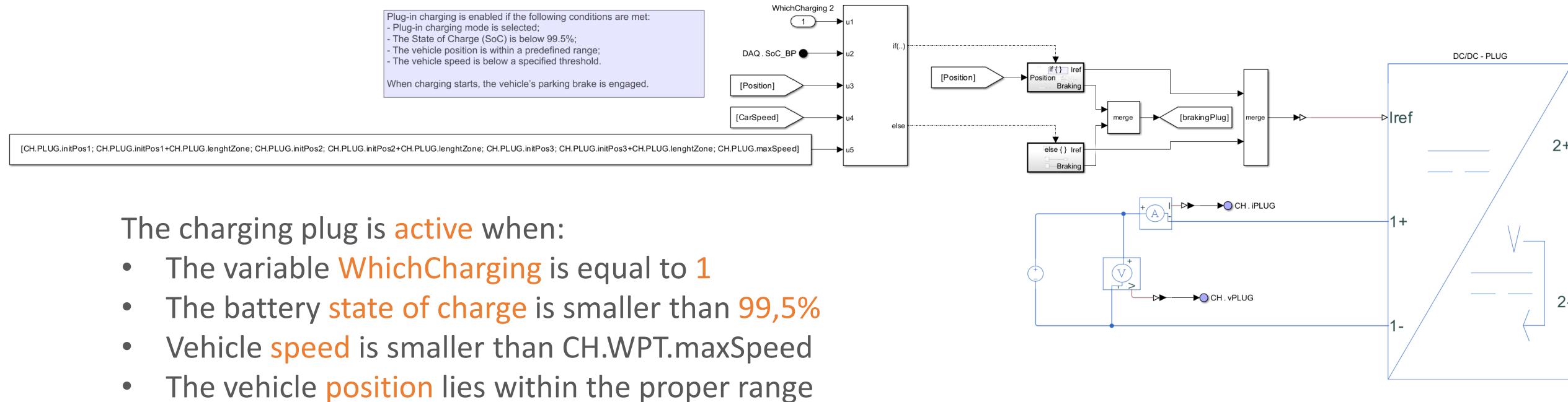
Fast and slow plug



Wireless power transfer

Emergency system

# Simulink – Fast and Slow Plug



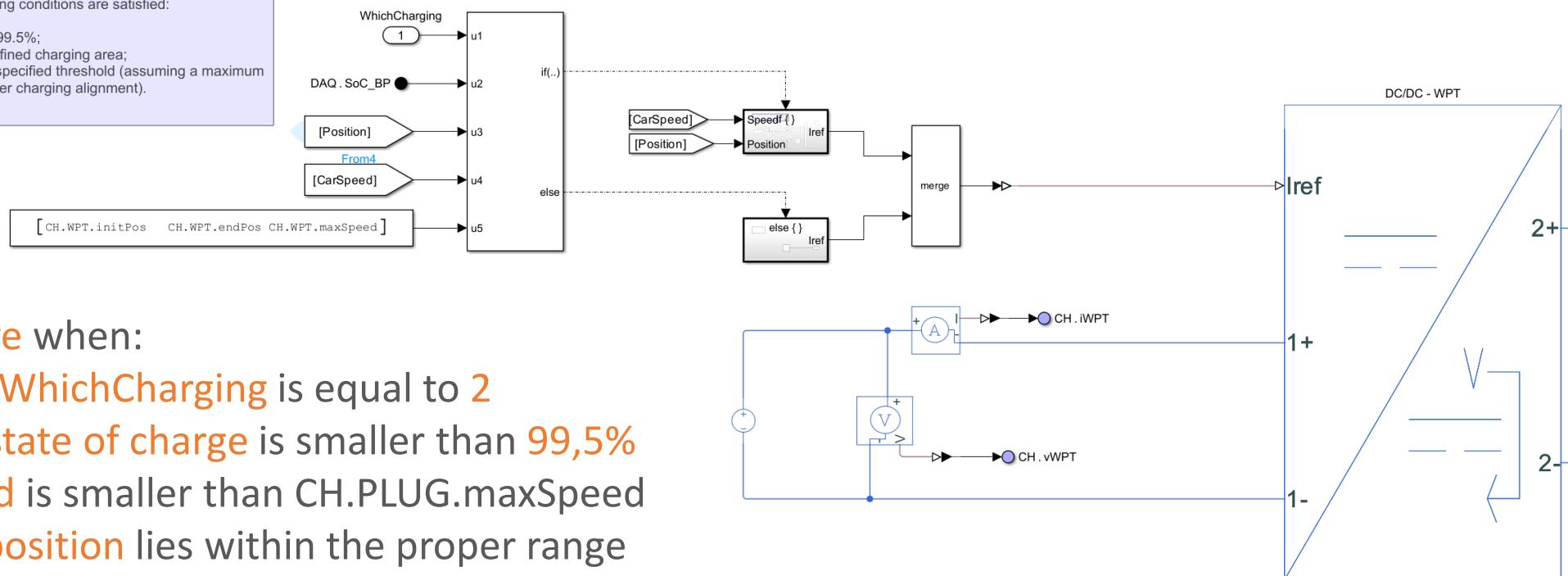
The charging plug is **active** when:

- The variable **WhichCharging** is equal to **1**
  - The battery **state of charge** is smaller than **99,5%**
  - Vehicle **speed** is smaller than **CH.WPT.maxSpeed**
  - The vehicle **position** lies within the proper range
- The charging mode (fast or slow) is determined by the vehicle position.  
- Parking brake engaged during charging to prevent vehicle displacement.

# Simulink – WPT

The WPT is enabled if the following conditions are satisfied:

- WPT mode is selected;
- The State of Charge is below 99.5%;
- The vehicle is within the predefined charging area;
- The vehicle speed is below a specified threshold (assuming a maximum allowable speed exists for proper charging alignment).



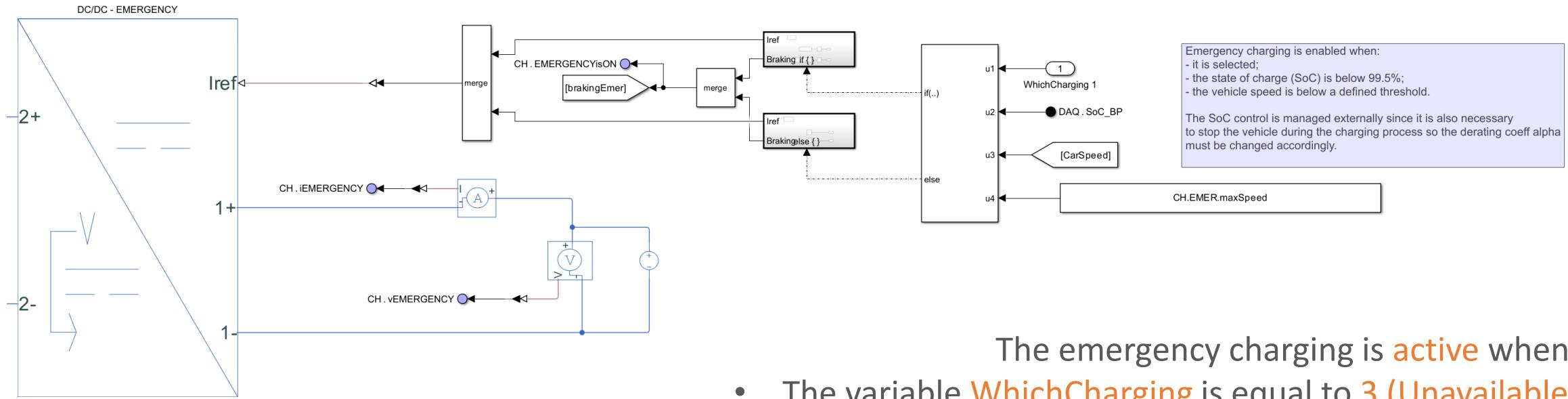
The WPT is **active** when:

- The variable **WhichCharging** is equal to **2**
- The battery **state of charge** is smaller than **99,5%**
- Vehicle **speed** is smaller than **CH.PLUG.maxSpeed**
- The vehicle **position** lies within the proper range

- WPT charging current is inversely proportional to vehicle speed  $I_{WPT} = \frac{(\Omega_{max}-\Omega)}{\Omega_{max}} I_{max}$

- WPT charging current is modelled as a function of vehicle position

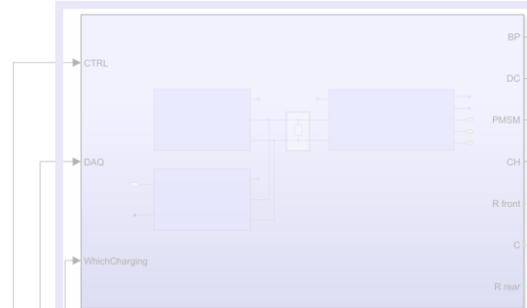
# Simulink – Emergency charging



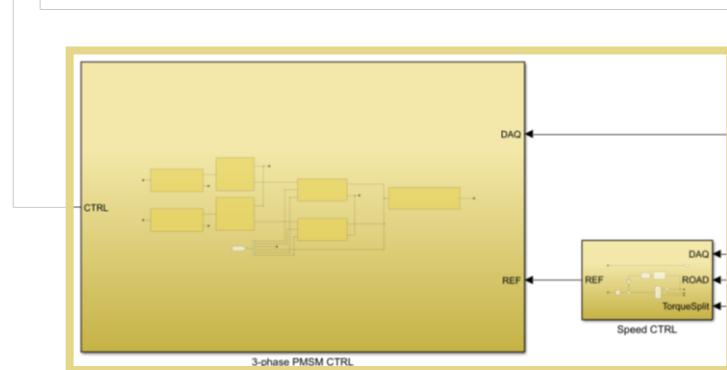
- The emergency charging is **active** when:
- The variable **WhichCharging** is equal to **3 (Unavailable)**
    - The battery **state of charge** is smaller than **99,5%**
    - Vehicle **speed** is smaller than **CH.EMER.maxSpeed**
  - Parking brake engaged during charging to prevent vehicle displacement.

# Simulink – MVC2026\_sim.slx

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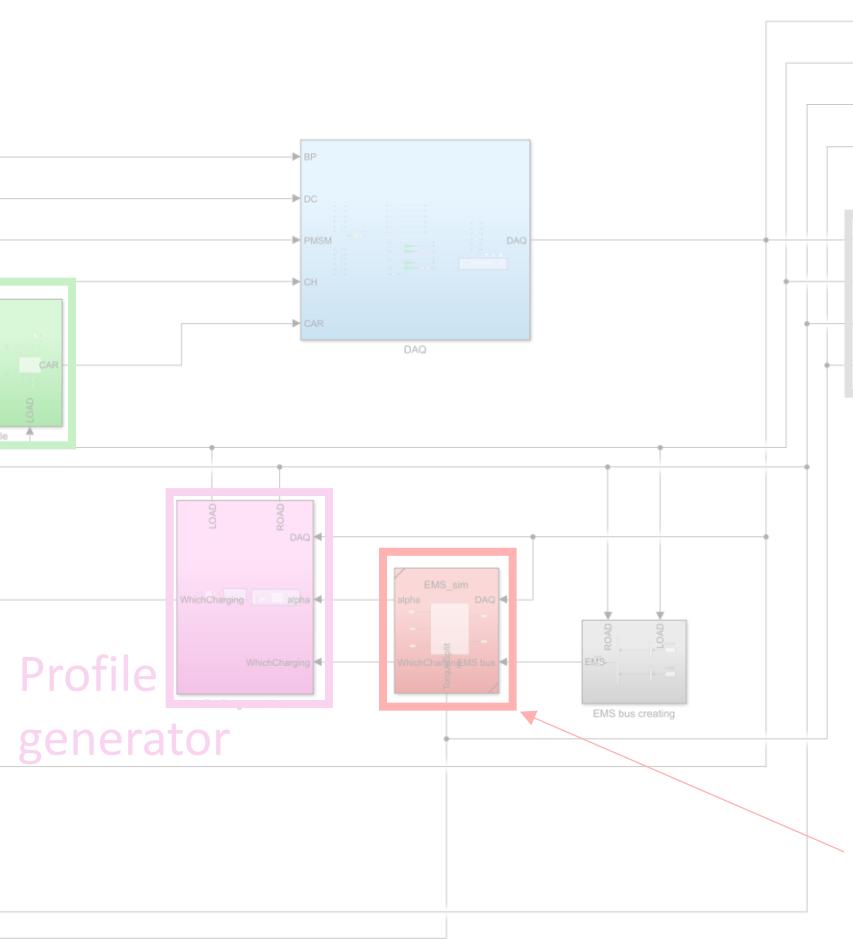


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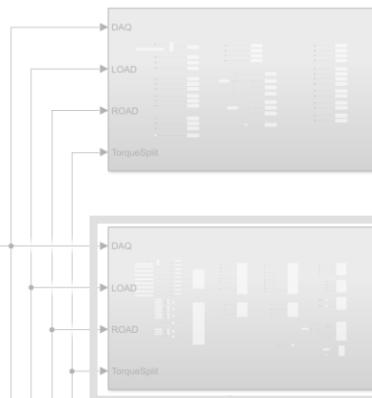


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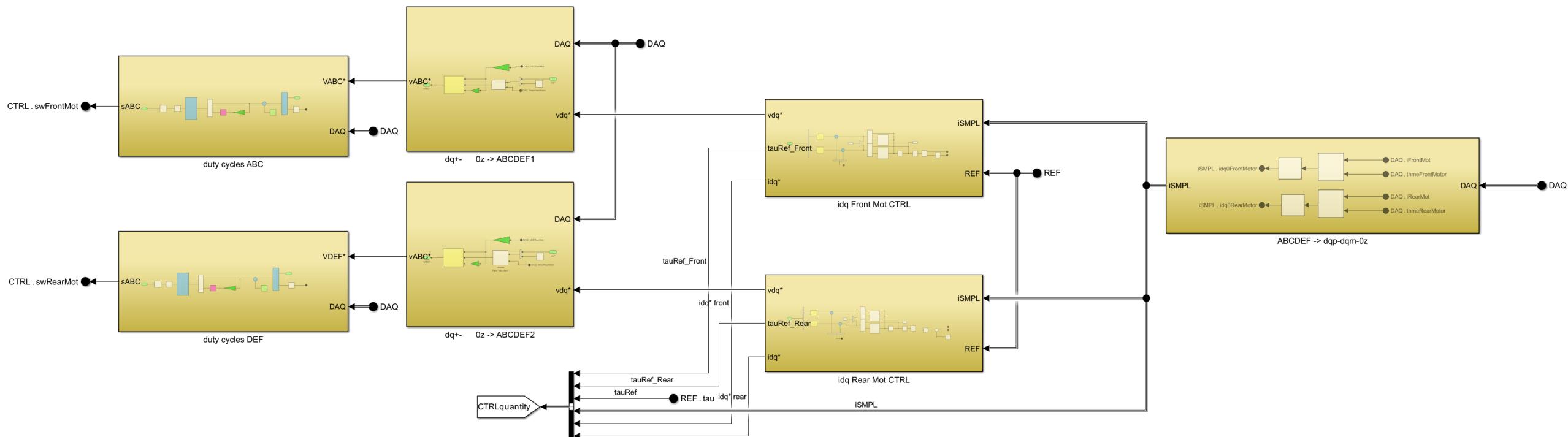


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Scopes

# Simulink – Motor and Vehicle control



Speed control is PI-based with feedforward action

Its output is saturated to the overall powertrain torque

Current control is a FOC strategy with PI

Current references are generated by using Current to Torque maps

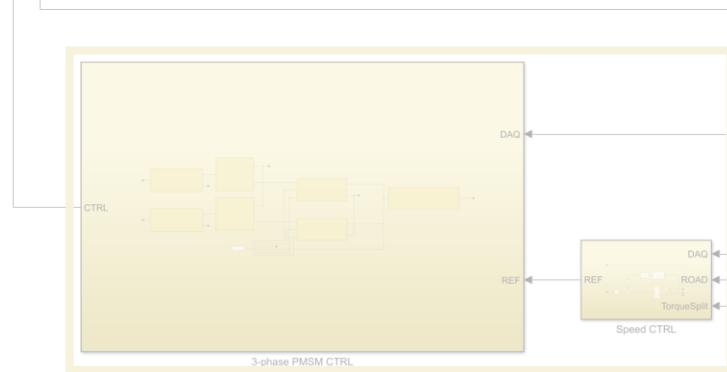
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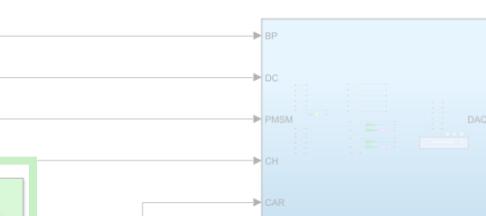


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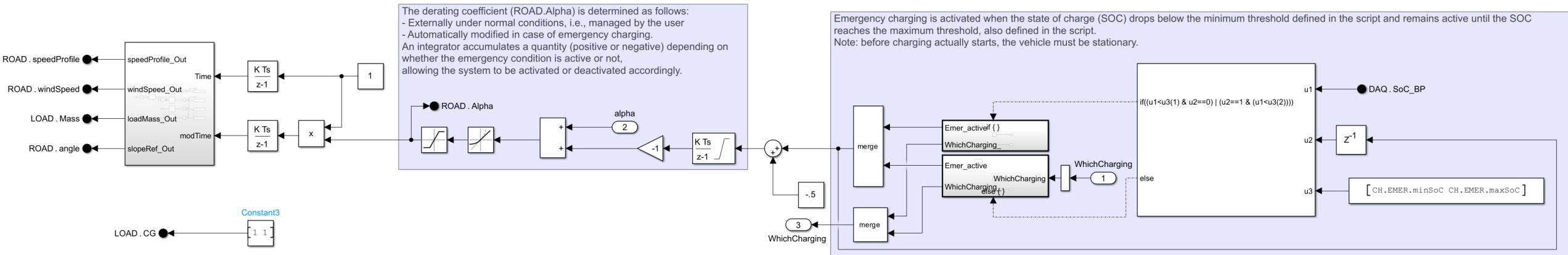
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# Simulink – Profile generator

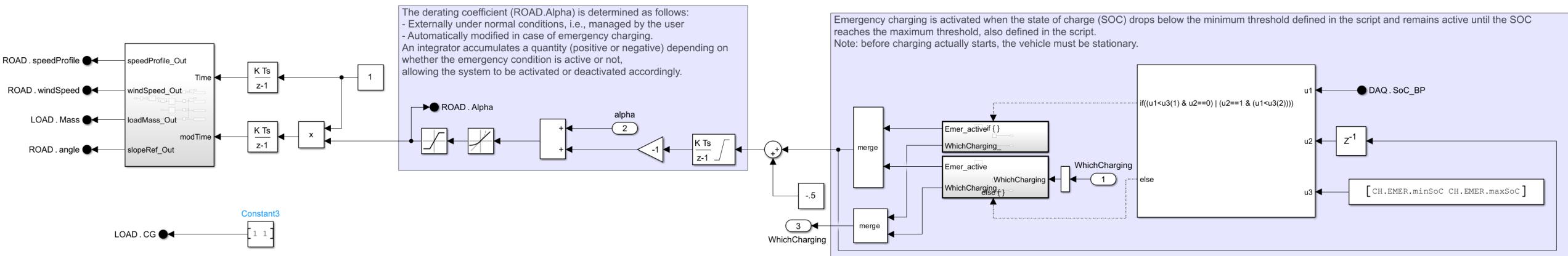


The **goals** of this block are:

- Generate the **speed profile** for the mission as well as the **road slope** and the **cargo mass**
  - They are affected by derating coefficient (control variable)
- Generate the **wind speed profile**
  - It is unaffected by the derating coeff
- Select the **desired charging system**

E.g., in standstill conditions, the speed reference is zero, and both the road slope and cargo mass remain constant, whereas the wind speed changes continuously.

# Simulink – Profile generator



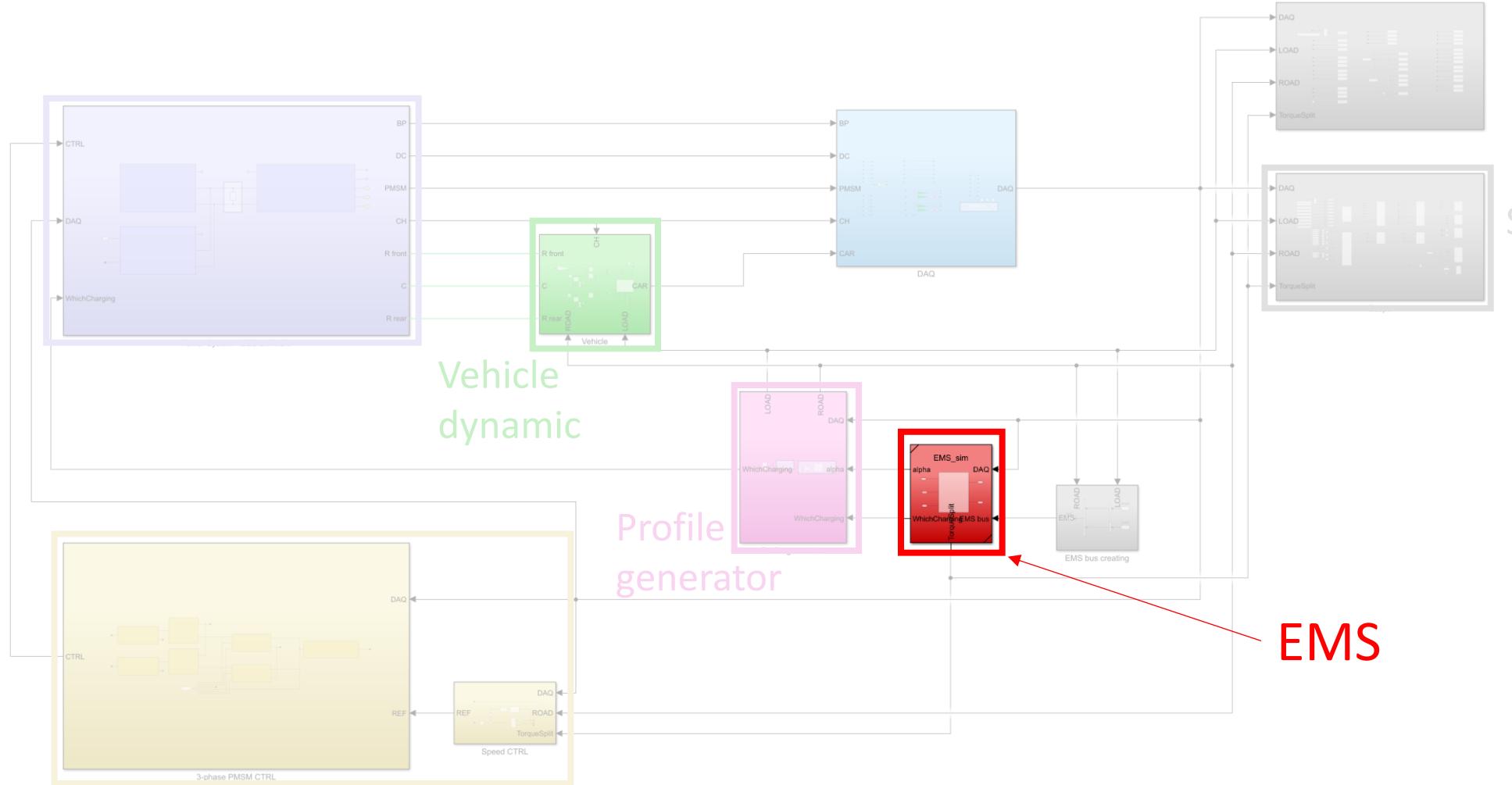
As long as the **SoC** is **above** a **5%**, both the **derating coefficient** and the **charging system selection** can be set by the **user**.

When the **SoC** reaches the **5%**, the **emergency charging** procedure is triggered.

The **speed reference** is controlled to **zero**, emergency charging is selected and the **state persists** as long as the **SoC** remains below **50%**.

# Simulink – MVC2026\_sim.slx

Power system,  
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# Simulink – EMS

It is the only block that participants **have to modify**

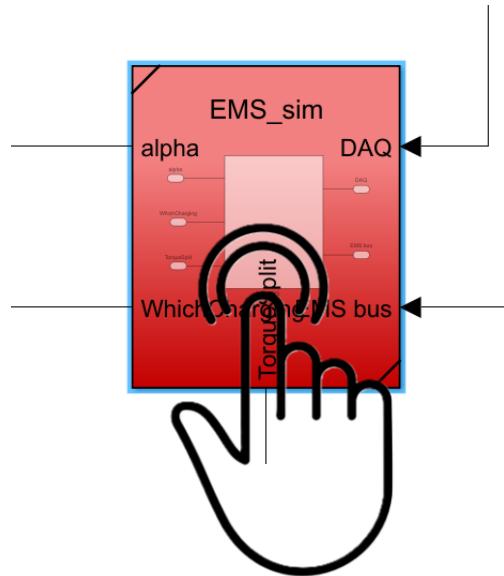
Its goals are:

- Control the **derating coefficient**  $\alpha \in [0,1]$
- Choose the **charging system** (0-2)
- Control the **torque split** between the two lorry axles

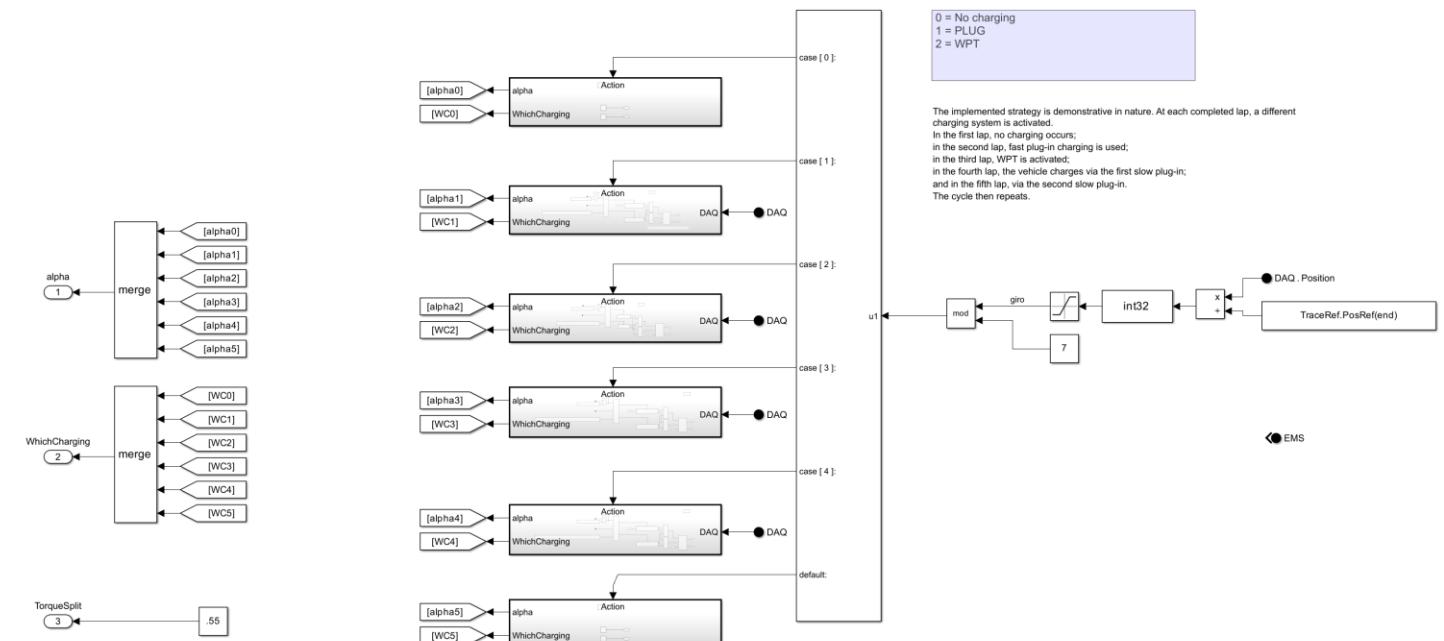
All info in DAQ and EMS bus can be used

It is implemented by using a ***Subsystem Reference*** block

# Simulink – EMS



Modify only this block.  
With double-click, the EMS\_sim.slx opens.



# Simulink – EMS

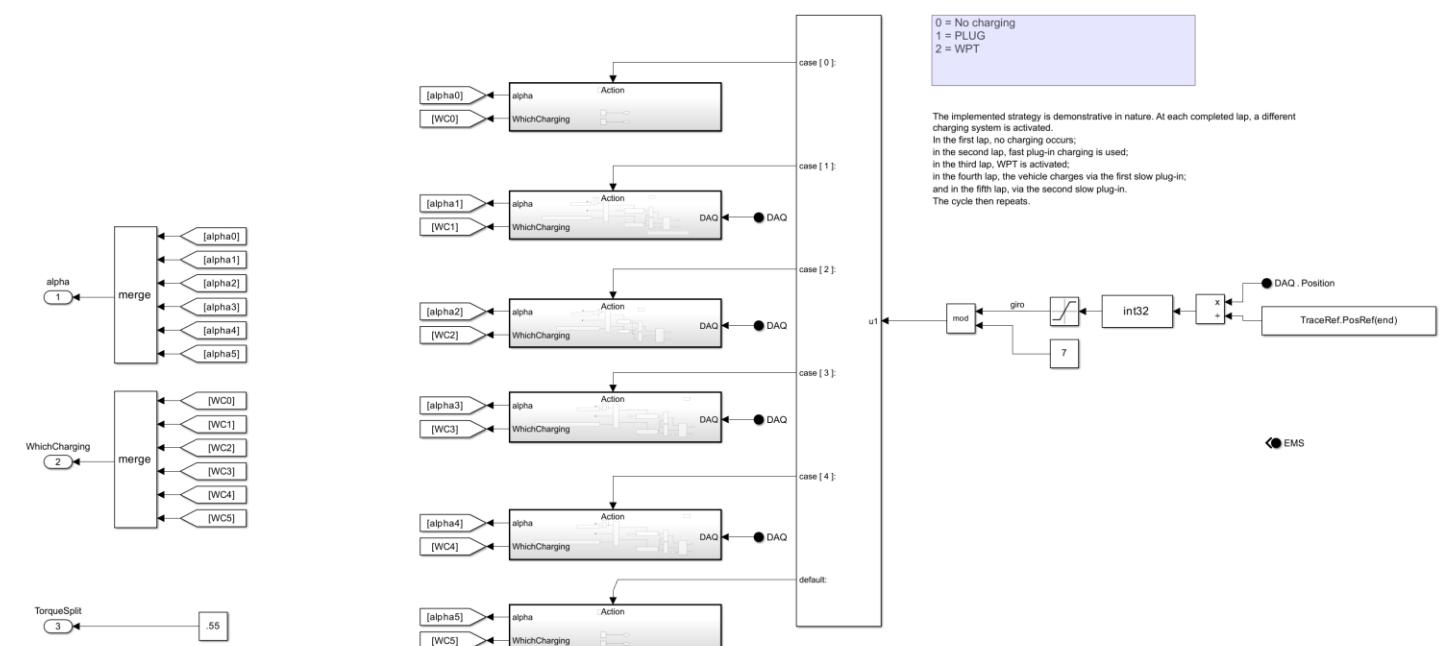
This is the **Base EMS**.

Torque split is constant to 0,55.

Its purpose is only demonstrative and to show how the simulation works.

The EMS is divided into laps, and:

- **Second lap, fast charging** is used
- **Third lap, WPT** charging is used
- **Fourth lap, first slow** charging is used
- **Fifth lap, second slow** charging is used
- **Others laps, no charging** system is used



# Run and Results

The overall simulation must be executed by running the file **main.m**

The simulation is completed:

- Once the lorry reaches the target distance (**successfully completed**)
- Once the simulation time overcomes a threshold (**simulation failed**) (in order to limit simulation time)

Then, an html report is generated (do not close figures in this stage)

The **html report** includes:

- Simulation score
- Final Battery SoC
- Impact of each cost function term on the final score
- Some figure of merits
- Plots of relevant simulation variables

# Results

## IEEE-VTS Motor Vehicles Challenge 2026

Design of Powertrain and Energy Management Strategy for a Refrigerated Lorry

Simulation Results: MVC2026\_ref1

The FINAL SCORE is: 10077.831135

Final score

Final State-of-Charge of battery subsystem: 41.870630%

Impact of each cost function term on the final score:

Battery current fluctuation impact on total cost: 0.958708%  
Energy consumption impact on total cost: 16.191173%  
Time to complete the mission impact on total cost: 12.432685%  
Powertrain overloading impact on total cost: 1.759109%  
Fast charging cost impact on total cost: 2.426045%  
Slow charging cost impact on total cost: 1.540906%  
WPT charging cost impact on total cost: 5.739917%  
Emergency charging cost impact on total cost: 58.951458%

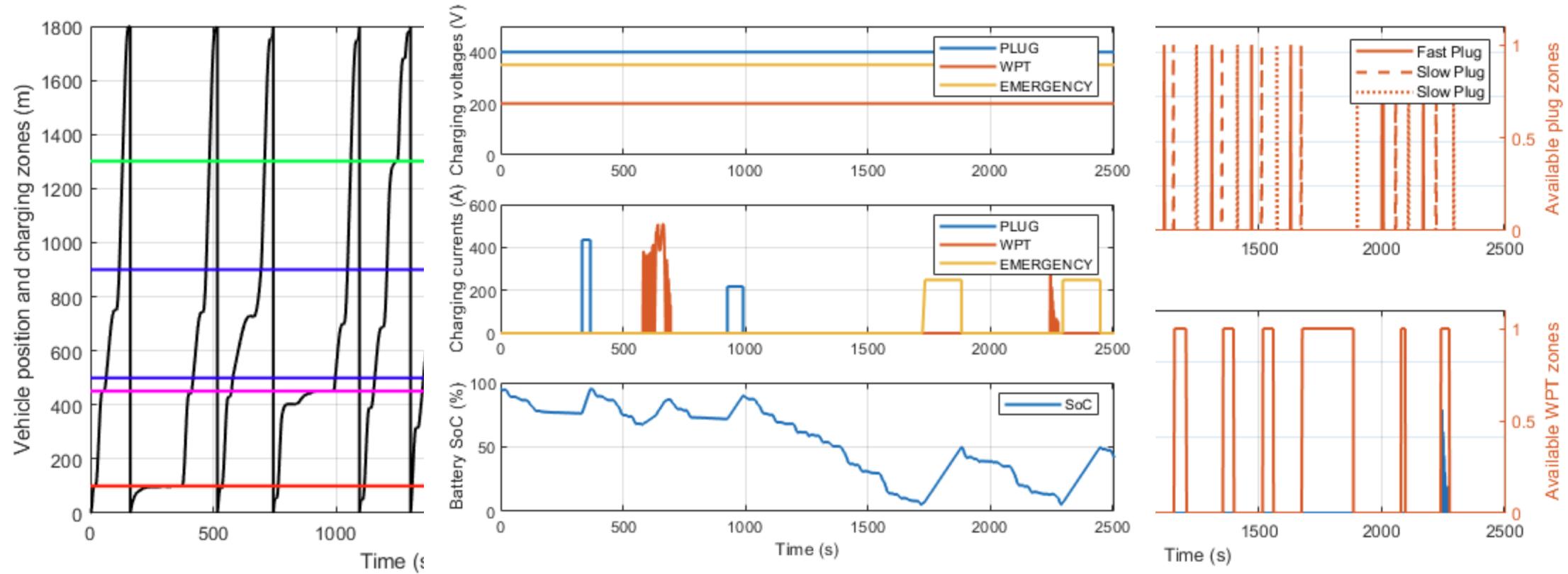
Some figure of merits are reported:

Battery current fluctuation: 93.348366  
Simulation duration: 2505.890000 (s)  
Overall motors torque reference saturation: 86.290000 (s)  
Front motor torque reference saturation: 88.640000 (s)  
Rear motor torque reference saturation: 0.000000 (s)  
Battery energy consumption: 3.779858 (kWh)  
Fast plug charging time: 33.740000 (s)  
Fast plug energy delivered: 1.629952 (kWh)  
Slow plug charging time: 64.290000 (s)  
Slow plug energy delivered: 1.552899 (kWh)  
WPT charging time: 136.390000 (s)  
WPT energy deliverd: 1.928197 (kWh)  
Emergency charging time: 312.560000 (s)  
Emergency energy delivered: 7.426285 (kWh)  
The battery capacity is: 77142.857143 (C)  
The battery weight is: 200.000000 (kg)  
The front motor power is: 200.052010 (kW)  
The front motor weight is: 272.837045 (kg)  
The rear motor power is: 200.065413 (kW)  
The rear motor weight is: 227.364204 (kg)

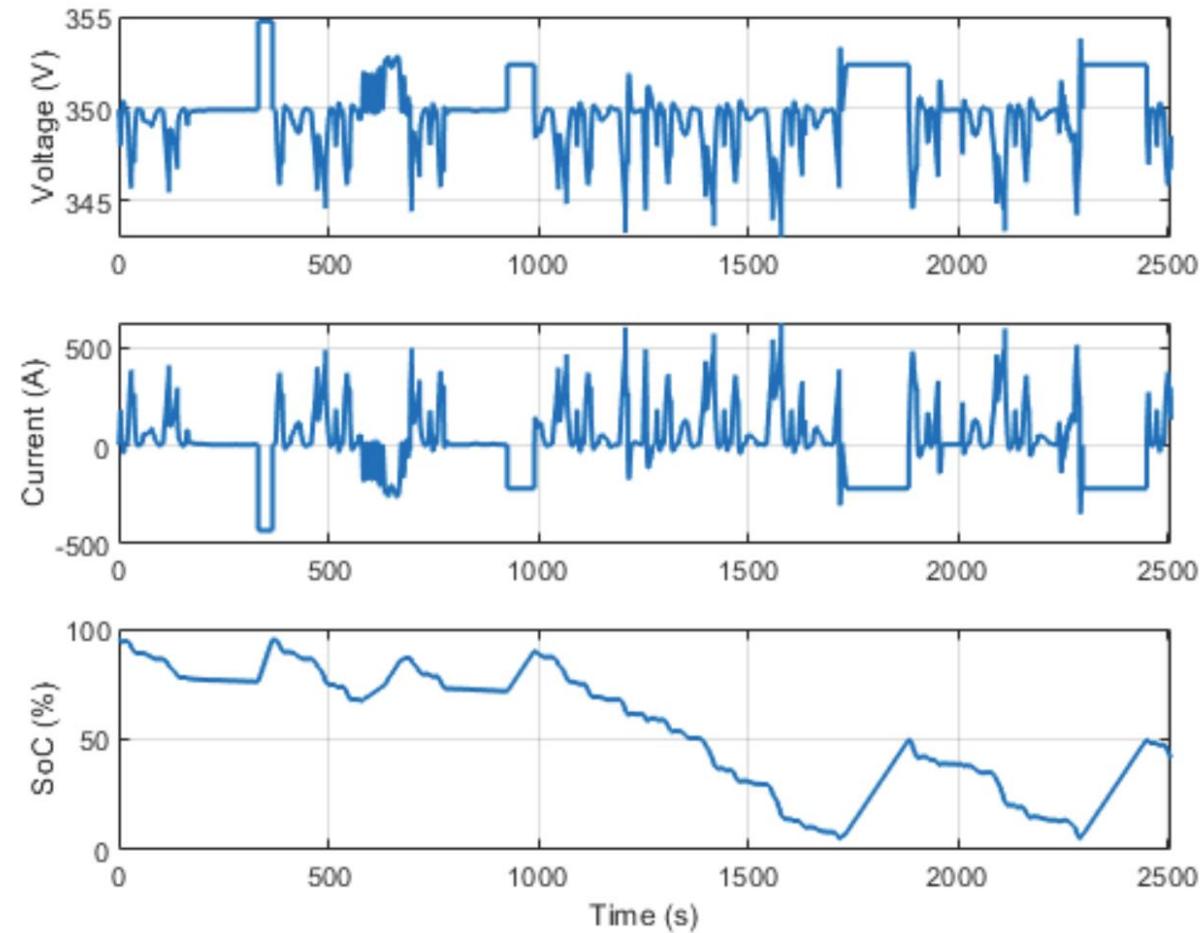
Elapsed time: 8 minutes, and 11.14 seconds

# Results – Charging

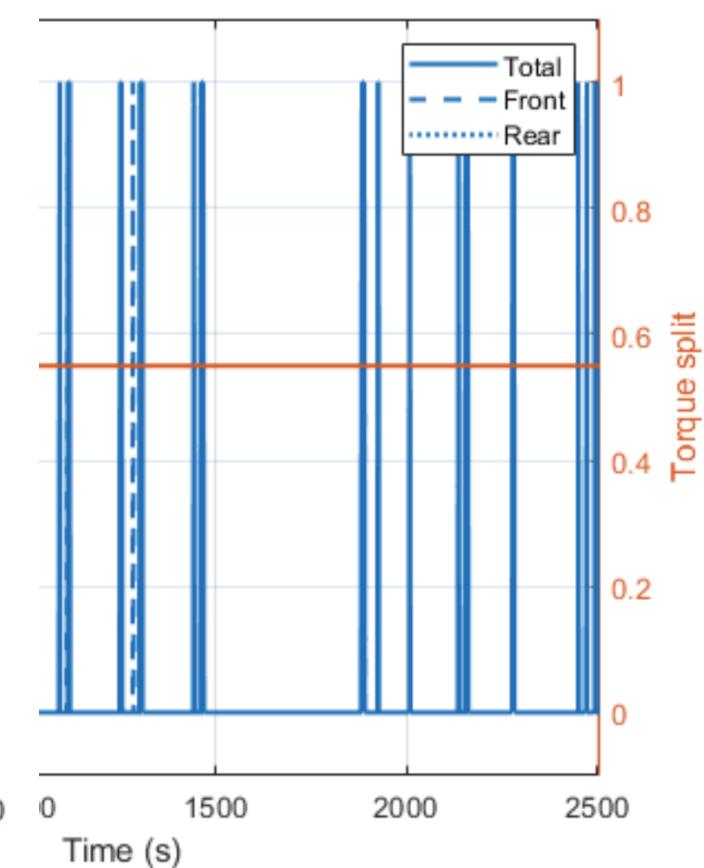
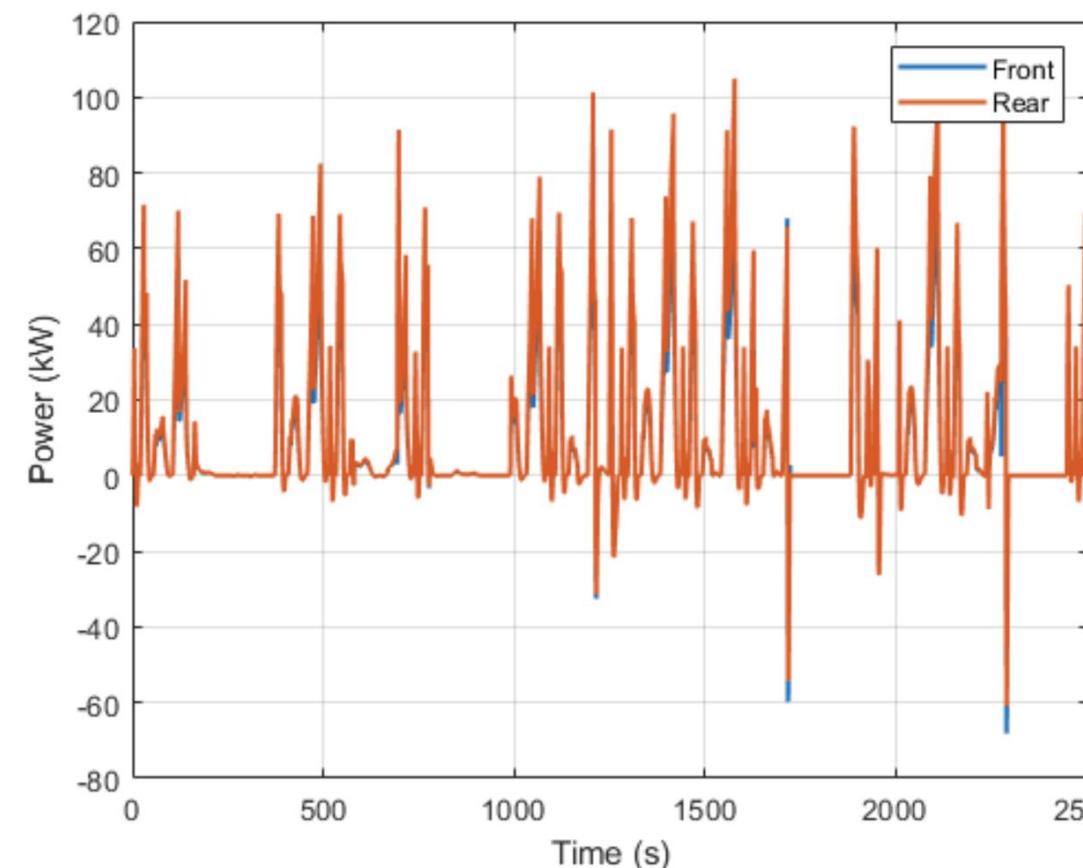
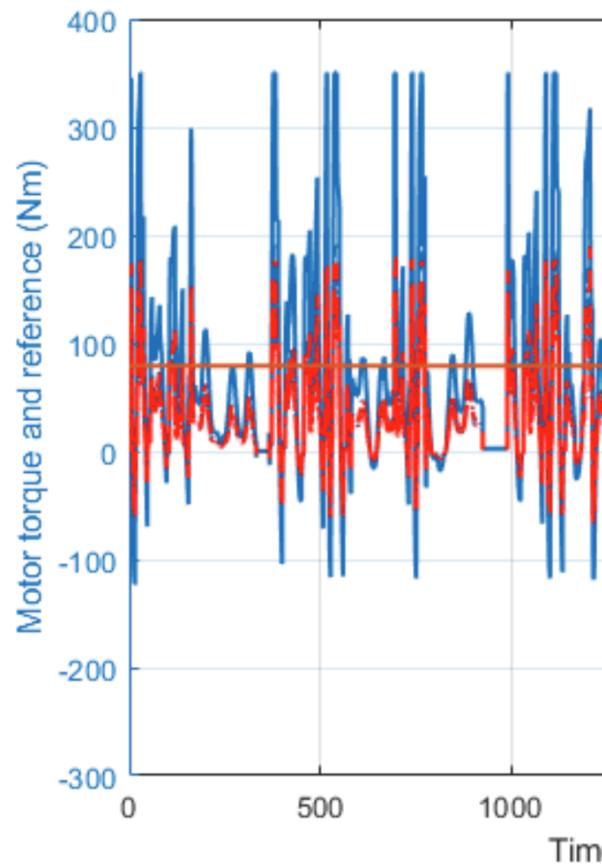
Charging stations quantities



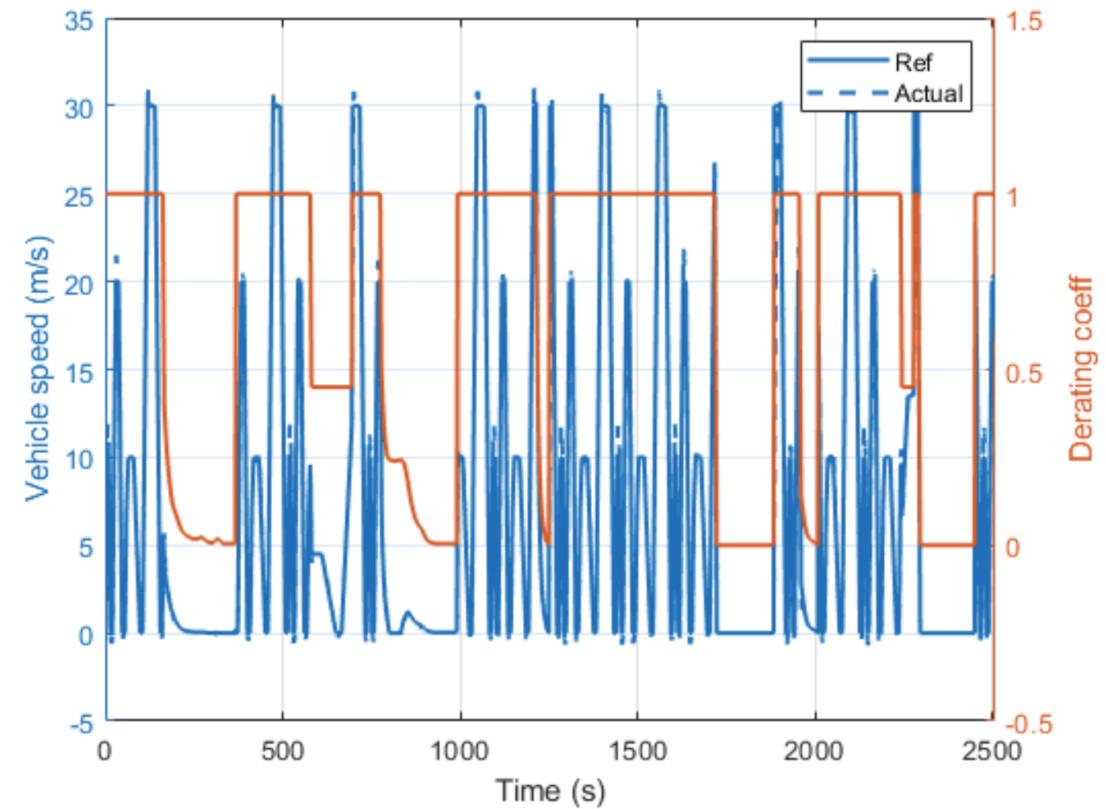
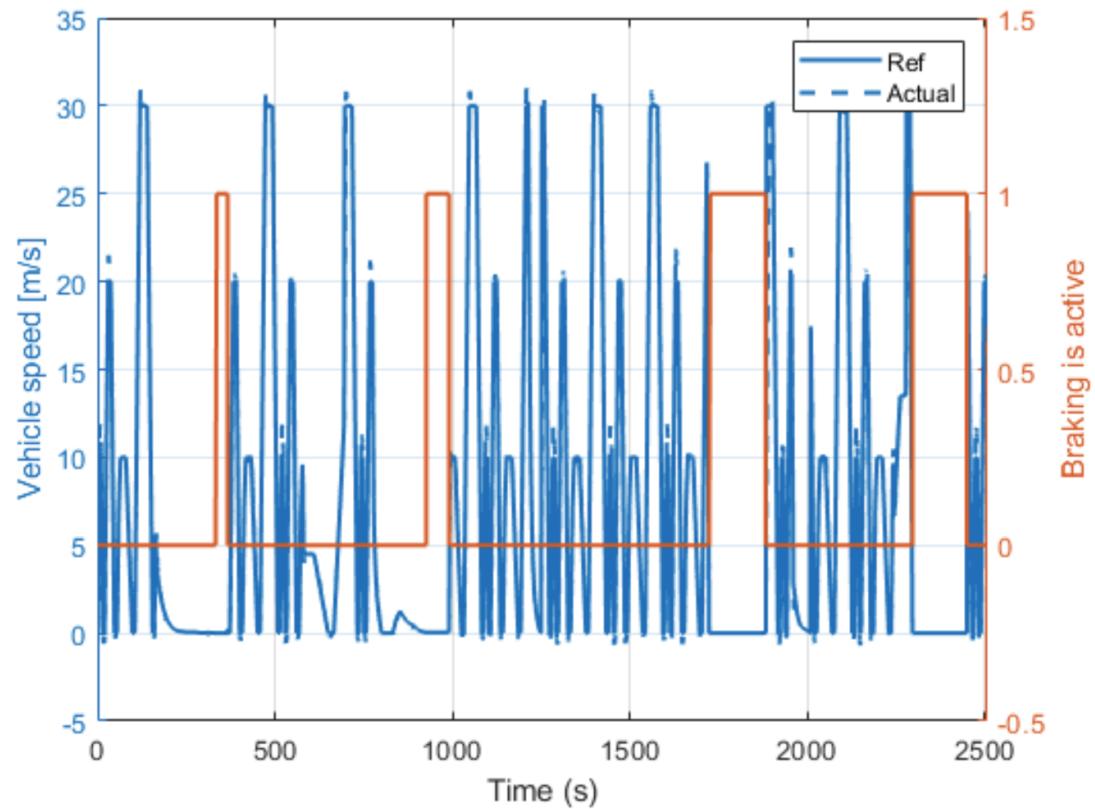
# Results – Battery



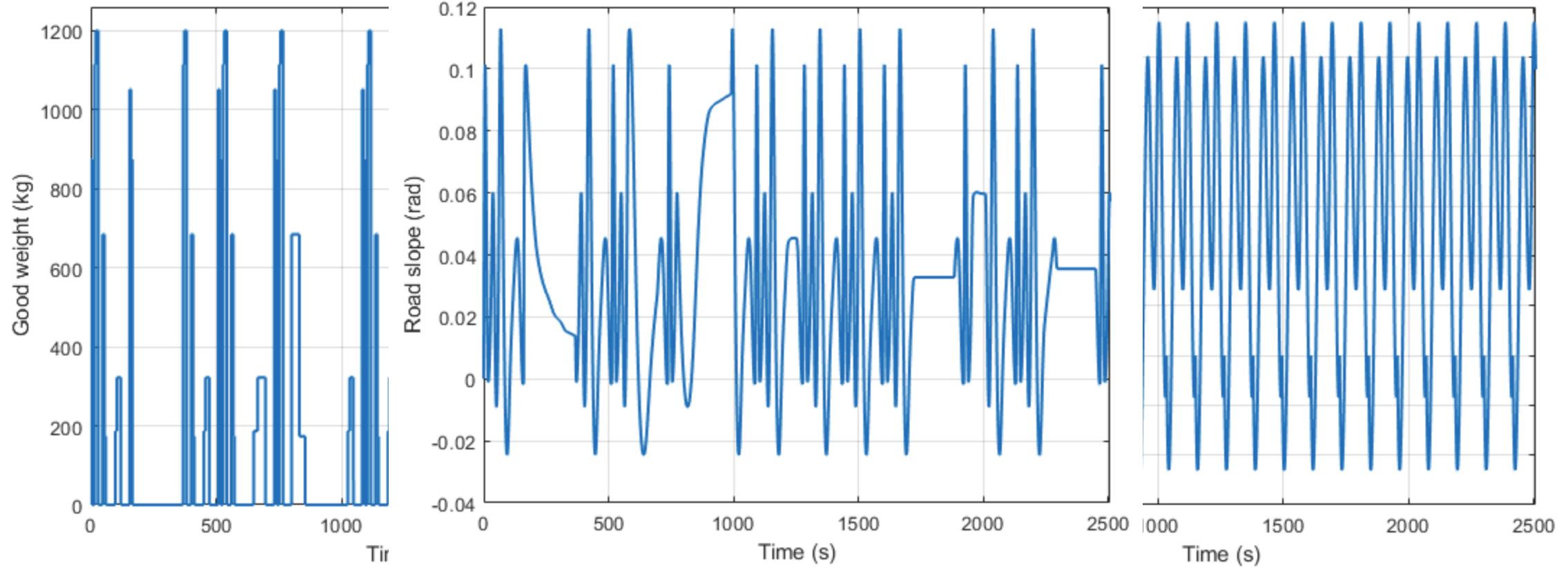
# Results – Electric motors quantities



# Results – Vehicle quantities



# Results – External variables



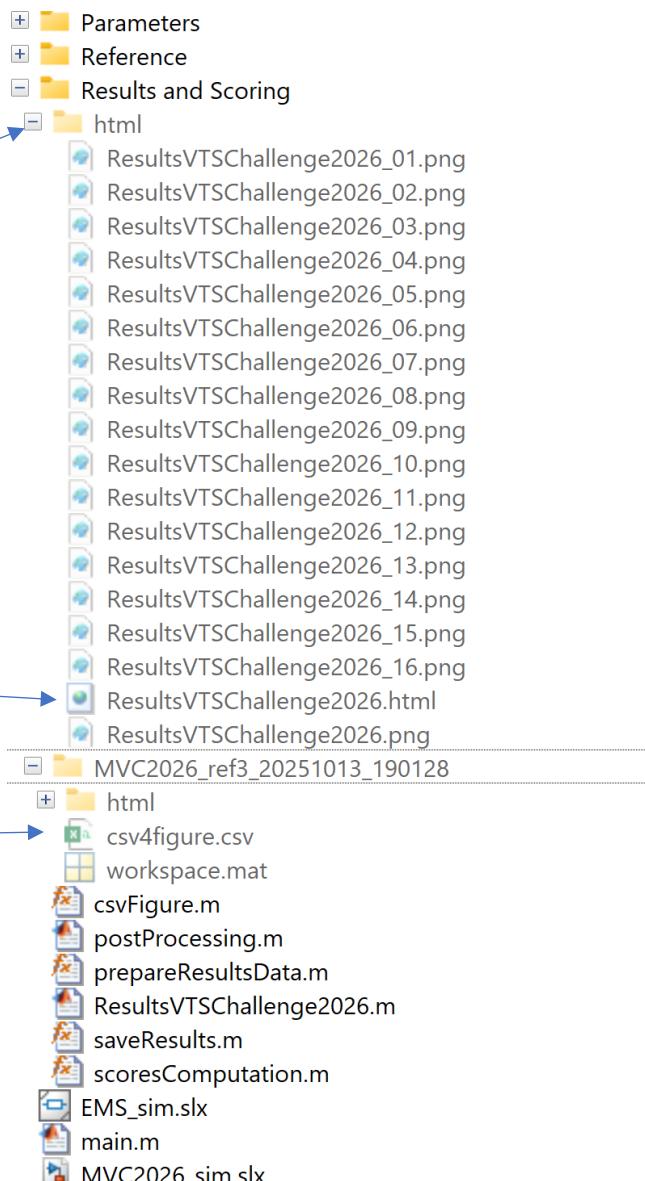
# Saved data

Folder with last simulation figures and report  
If *saving\_results* is **yes**, it is copied in the other folder as well

Html report

If *saving\_results* is **yes**

If *saving\_csv* is **yes**



# GitHub Repository

It contains:

- Simulation files
- Deadlines
- Registration link
- Submission link
- Log of all relevant changes
- Competition rules
- Bibliography
- Q&A section
- Any other relevant information/materials



# GitHub Repository – Deadlines & Links

## Team registration

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The participants willing to participate to the MVC 2026 competition must subscribe the team at this [LINK](#). End of subscriptions is 1st of February, 2026.

## Submission of proposal

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The proposal(s) must be submitted by using the link (available after February 1st, 2026). The deadline for the proposal submission is ● 1st of March, 2026 ●.

For safety reasons, the submission can be made only by people with a Gmail account. In the form, it is possible to indicate the academic/industrial contact. If the possession of a Gmail account is an issue, please get in touch with MVC 2026 organizers.

# GitHub Repository – Rules

## Rules

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The participants to the challenge will operate only on the `SystemDesign.m` and `ProposedEMS.m` MATLAB scripts, as well as the `EMS block` provided within the simulation files. All the other scripts and simulation blocks must not be modified. The final evaluation will be carried out by implementing the EMS block developed by each participant and the specified scripts in the original simulation file. That is, all the modifications made in subsystems which are not the EMS one and the other scripts will be discarded.

Important rules that the submitted proposal must satisfy for being considered valid in this competition

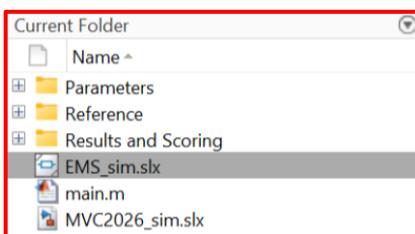
1. All parameters and data provided in the "EMS" section of the main.m script can be used to develop the strategy.
2. All parameters adopted for the developed strategy **must** be specified only in the "ProposedEMS.m" script.
3. Energy constraints of the battery must always be guaranteed.
4. The simulation must not exceed 2.5 times the duration of the defined route (composed by N laps).

# GitHub Repository – Submission rules

## What has to be uploaded for evaluation

In order to evaluate each proposal, the teams must submit in the form (link available after February 1st, 2026) the following files:

- 'ProposedEMS.m' renamed as "nameTeam\_numProp\_ProposedEMS.m" where "numProp" must identify the proposal number of the team. If only one proposal is presented, please use "num1" (e.g., "teamWhite\_prop1\_ProposedEMS.m"). Please avoid spaces in the file name.
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- overall simulation files of the proposed solution (used as a backup version). Create a ZIP file including the folders Parameters, Reference, Result and Scoring, and the files main.m, MVC2026\_sim.slx, and EMS\_sim.slx. Rename the ZIP file as "nameTeam\_numProp\_MVC2026.zip". The same considerations made for the EMS Matlab script holds. Please note the ZIP folder is only a backup. Evaluation will mainly be based on the individual submitted files.



Please note that the team name must correspond to the name specified in the registration form.

nameTeam\_numProp\_MVC2026.zip

# GitHub Repository – Q&A

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository interface for the VTSociety/MVC\_2025 project. The 'Discussions' tab is selected and highlighted with a red border. The main content area displays a single discussion titled 'Question about running time' by 'woojmn'. Below this, there is a search bar, sorting options ('Sort by: Latest activity'), and a 'New discussion' button. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'Categories' (View all discussions, Announcements, General, Ideas, Polls, Q&A, Show and tell) and a 'Most helpful' section with a note about marking answers. The main 'Discussions' list shows five entries:

- Final vessel speed profiles (RafaelBaquero, May 8, Unanswered)
- Announcement and Communication of Results (Somankar, Apr 1, Unanswered)
- Only one .m file for the proposal submission (VTSociety, Mar 21, Unanswered)
- Score Calculation (emirueth, Mar 18, Unanswered)
- Submission deadline (VTSociety, Mar 18, Unanswered)

# Registration Form

## Team registration

The participants willing to participate in the competition must subscribe to the IEEE VTS membership before the submission of their team's proposal. The deadline for subscriptions is 1st of February, 2026.

## Submission of proposals

The proposal(s) must be submitted by 1st of March, 2026. The deadline for submission is ● 1st of March, 2026.

For safety reasons, the submitter must indicate the academic/industrial context of his/her proposal to the MVC 2026 organizers.

### IEEE VTS Motor Vehicle Challenge 2026 (MVC 2026) - Registration Form

The Motor Vehicle Challenge (MVC), supported by IEEE Vehicular Technology Society, is an annual activity to find an appropriate energy management strategy to improve electric vehicles' performance. For the first time since the MVC launch, the challenge focuses not only on the propulsion system of a refrigerated lorry, but also on smart planning of its charging schedule.

The competition is open to everyone (students, academics, and industry), but only VTS members are eligible to receive the grant. If you are not a member at the moment of your registration, you can still participate.

Are you willing to participate to this super-cool competition?

ludovico.ortombina@unipd.it Cambia account

Join the team at this [LINK](#). End of



5). The deadline for the proposal

In the form, it is possible to indicate the academic/industrial context of your proposal. Please, please get in touch with the MVC 2026 organizers.

Email \*

Il tuo indirizzo email

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# Registration Form

## Requested information:

- The name of the team
- Name, surname, email, affiliation of contact person
- Name, surname, email, affiliation of all team members
- General information about Motor Vehicle Challenge
- Authorization to publicly disclose the results of the challenge

# Submission procedure

## Requested information:

- Team name used in the registration form
- Proposal number (each proposal must be submitted independently)
- Contact email
- Files

## IEEE VTS Motor Vehicle Challenge 2026 (MVC 2026) - Upload Form

In order to evaluate each proposal, the team must submit the following files in the boxes below, following the provided instructions:

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### Other important information:

- The participants MUST NOT change anything about the system model and control. The Strategy will be scored by using the original files of the organizing team.
- To run the simulation, please run the Simulink file provided by the organizing team

# Submission procedure

Upload the "SystemDesign.m" file (max 1MB) \*

Carica 1 file supportato. Massimo 1 MB.

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Upload the "ProposedEMS.m" file (max 10MB) \*

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AND MAY THE BEST WIN

