

## Comparative study between a homogeneous and a heterogeneous approach for modeling an electric powertrain in Simcenter Amesim

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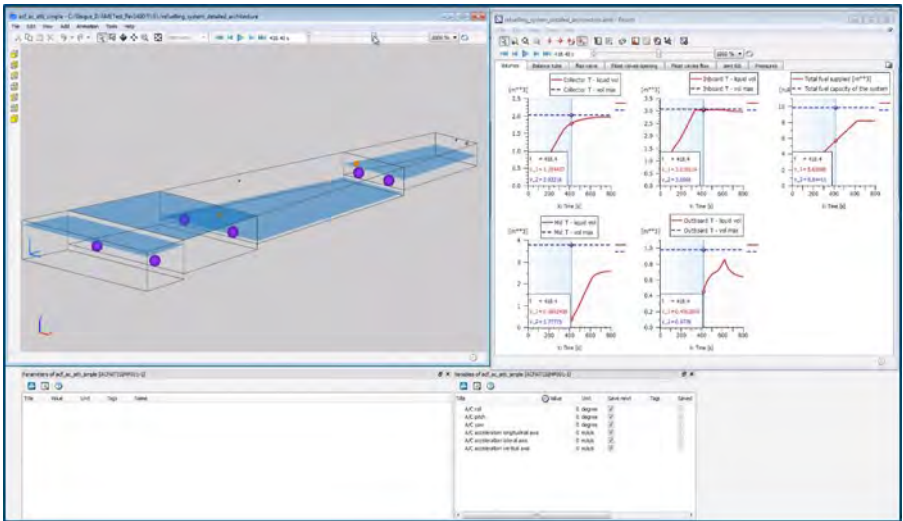
# Simcenter system simulation solutions



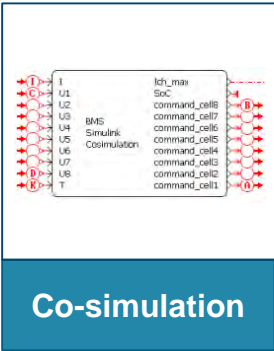
- Industry Sector**
- Automotive & Transportation
- Aerospace & Defense
- Heavy Equipment
- Industrial Machinery
- Marine
- Energy & Utilities



- Pre-design**
- Performance analysis**
- Design Optimization**
- Controls validation**



- Scalable simulation**
- Connecting “mechanical” – “controls”**
- Multi-physics**



**Open and customizable**

**>40 libraries**

**>5,000 models**

**Mechanical**

**Hydraulics/Pneumatics**

**Thermal**

**Electrical**

**Magnetic**

**Chemical**

# Open platform



**Platform facilities:**  
*Data management, pack, libraries, supercomponents...*



**Solvers and numerics:**  
*Solver technology, Parallel computing, HPC, ..*



**Analysis tools:**  
*Eigenvalues, Modal shapes, Bode plots, ...*



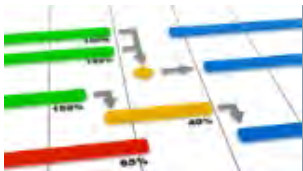
**MIL/SIL/HIL and real-time:**  
*Blackbox, RT FMUs,  
Precompiled objects for RT targets...*



**Optimization, robustness, design of experiments:**  
*NLPQL, Parameter sweep, Monte Carlo, Genetic Algorithms*



**Software interfaces:**  
*FMI export/import 1.0-2.0  
dedicated interfaces (Simulink, etc...), Excel import, in-house codes...*



**Simulator scripting & APIs:**  
*C/C++, python, VBA, matlab, scilab, console...*



**1D/3D CAE:**  
*CAD import, FE import, CFD coupling,...*



**Customization:**  
*App designer, customized components...*



**Modelica platform**

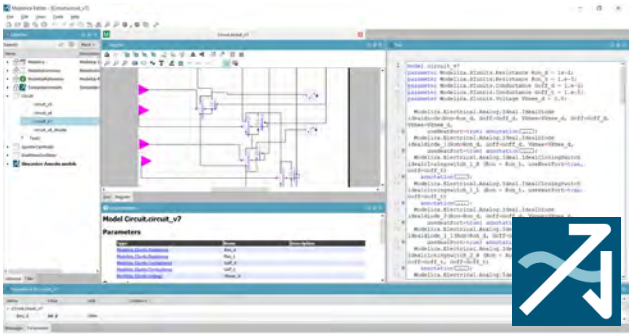
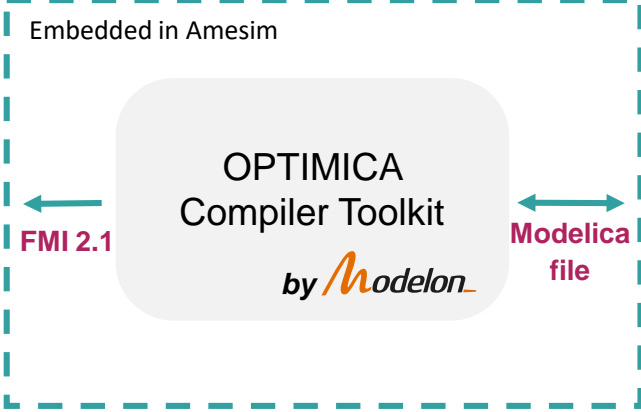
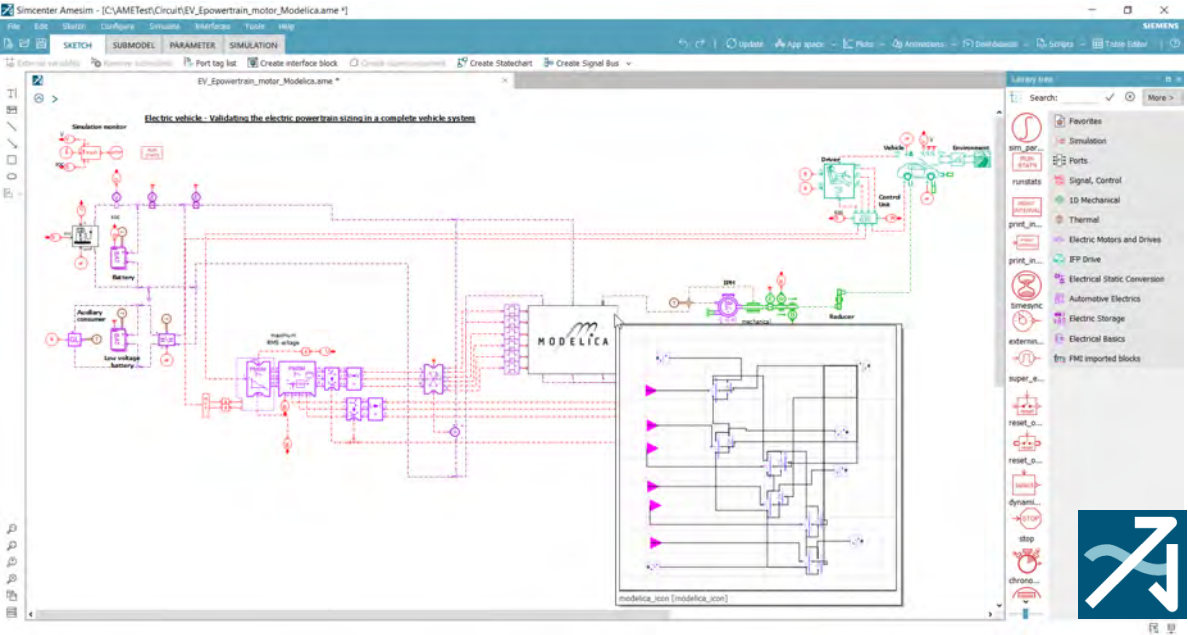
# Simcenter Amesim & Modelica



Modeling & Simulation platform

Modelica engine

Modelica edition



Simcenter Amesim  
platform

Modelica Editor

# Basic workflow

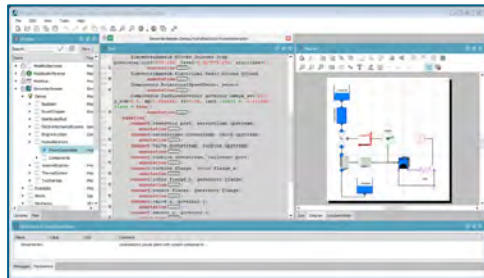
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Compile

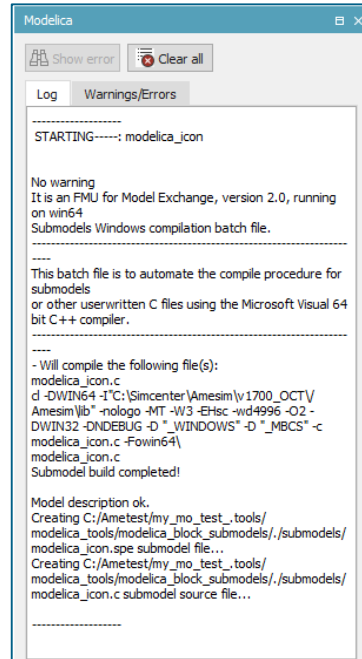
Connect

Simulate

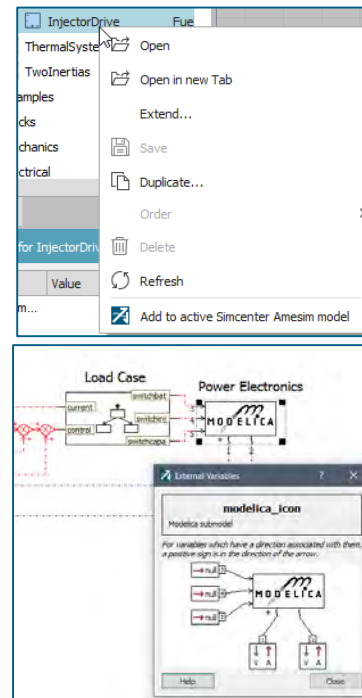
Analyze



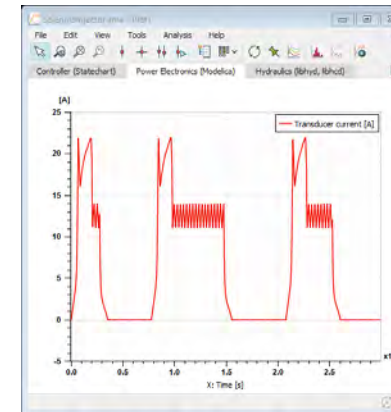
- Full-featured, configurable IDE
- Source code editor
- Graphical component assembly
- **MSL v3.2.2**
- Easy library loading



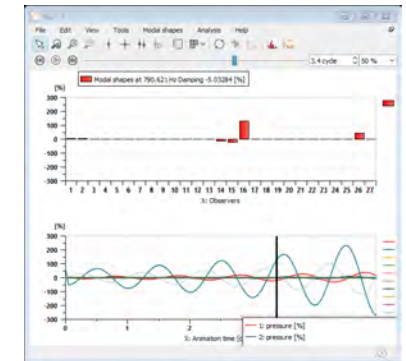
**Automated** compiling  
when model added to  
Simcenter Amesim



**Connection** with native  
libraries through  
dedicated **physical**  
**connectors** – FMI 2.1



Solved as whole system,  
**in Model Exchange.**  
Compatible with Simcenter  
Amesim **simulation**  
capabilities:  
Batch/Design Exploration,  
HPC, MIL/SIL/HIL...



Compatible with  
Simcenter Amesim  
platform capabilities:  
Performance analyzer,  
linear **analysis**  
(eigenvalues, modal  
shapes, frequency  
response, root  
locus...), dashboards,  
scripting,...



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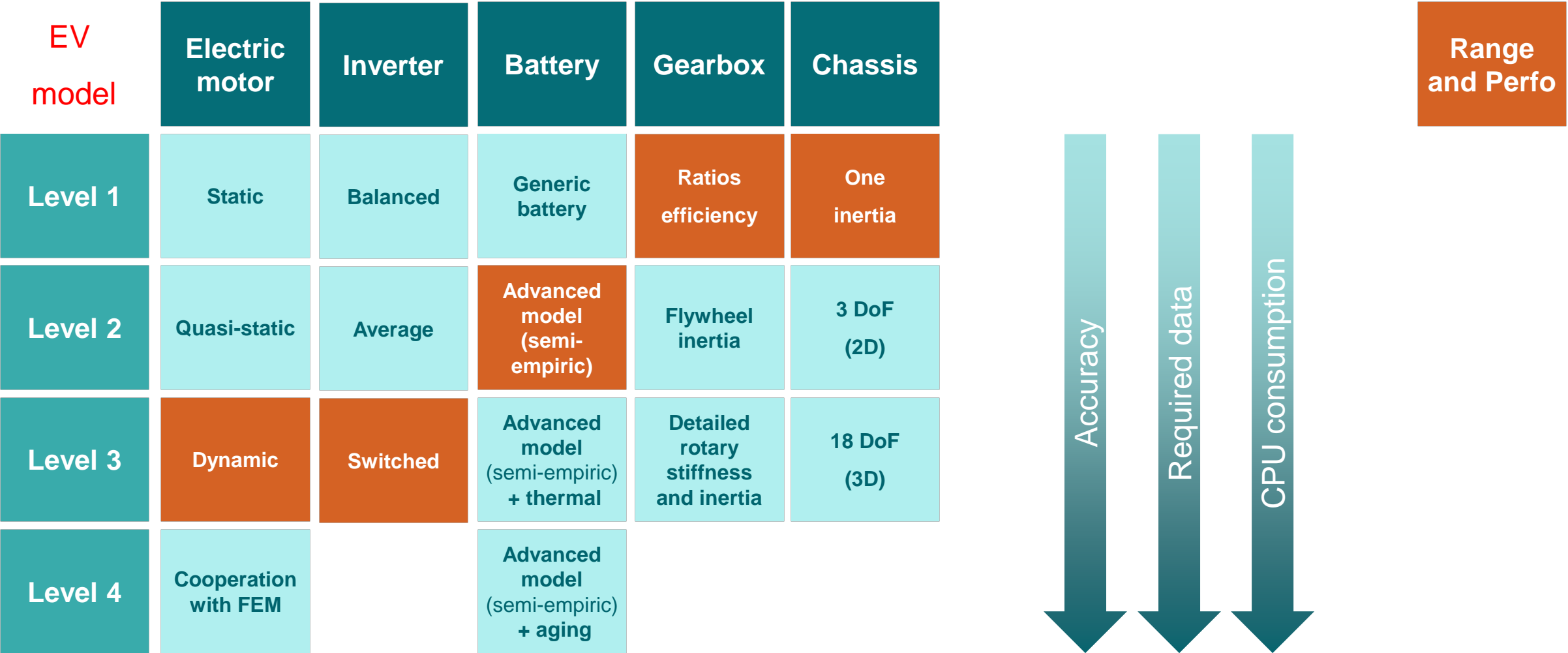


# Model definition of a complete electrical vehicle system used for the sizing of the electric powertrain

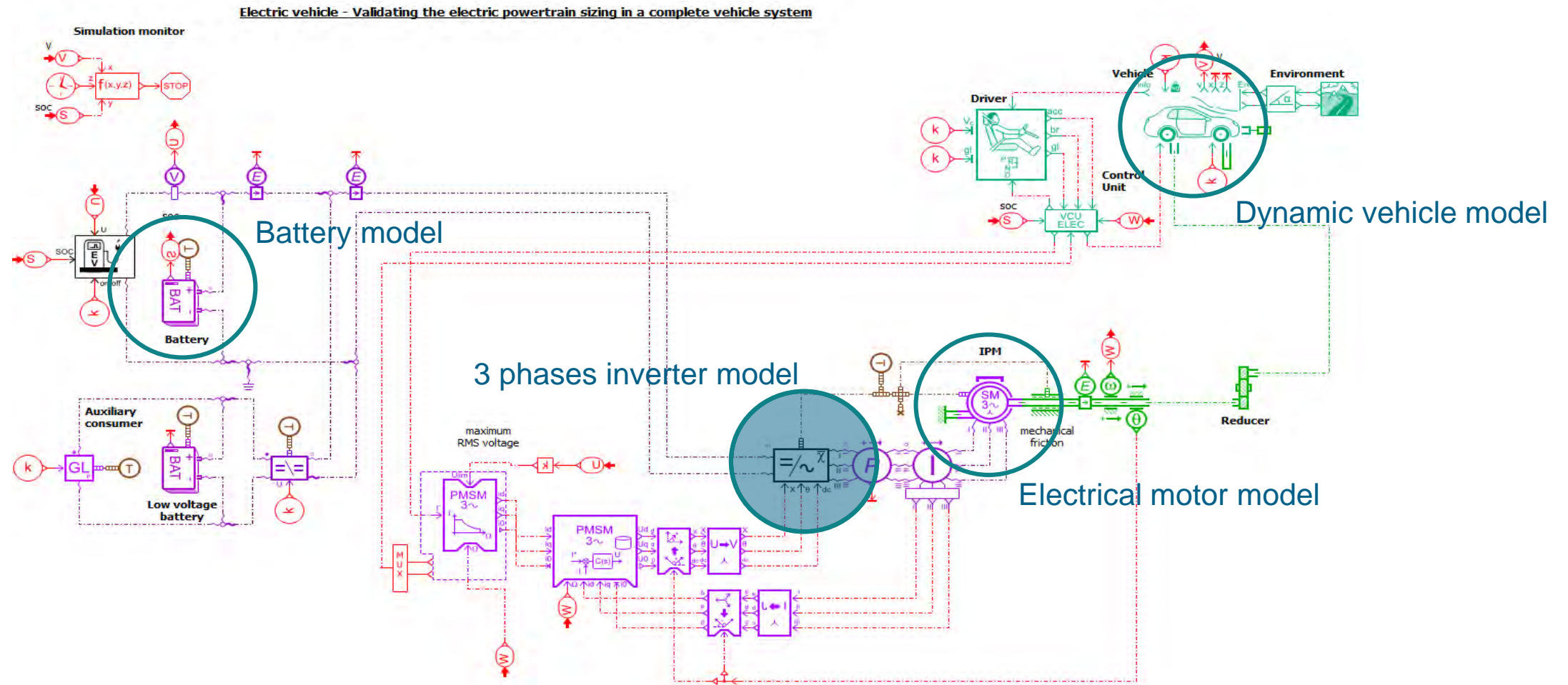


- EV Model Based Design
- Supporting BEV design project to define requirements for instance
- Focus on the electrical system
- Electrical motor control system validation
- Simulation of high frequency effects on the electrical system

# Multi-level modeling

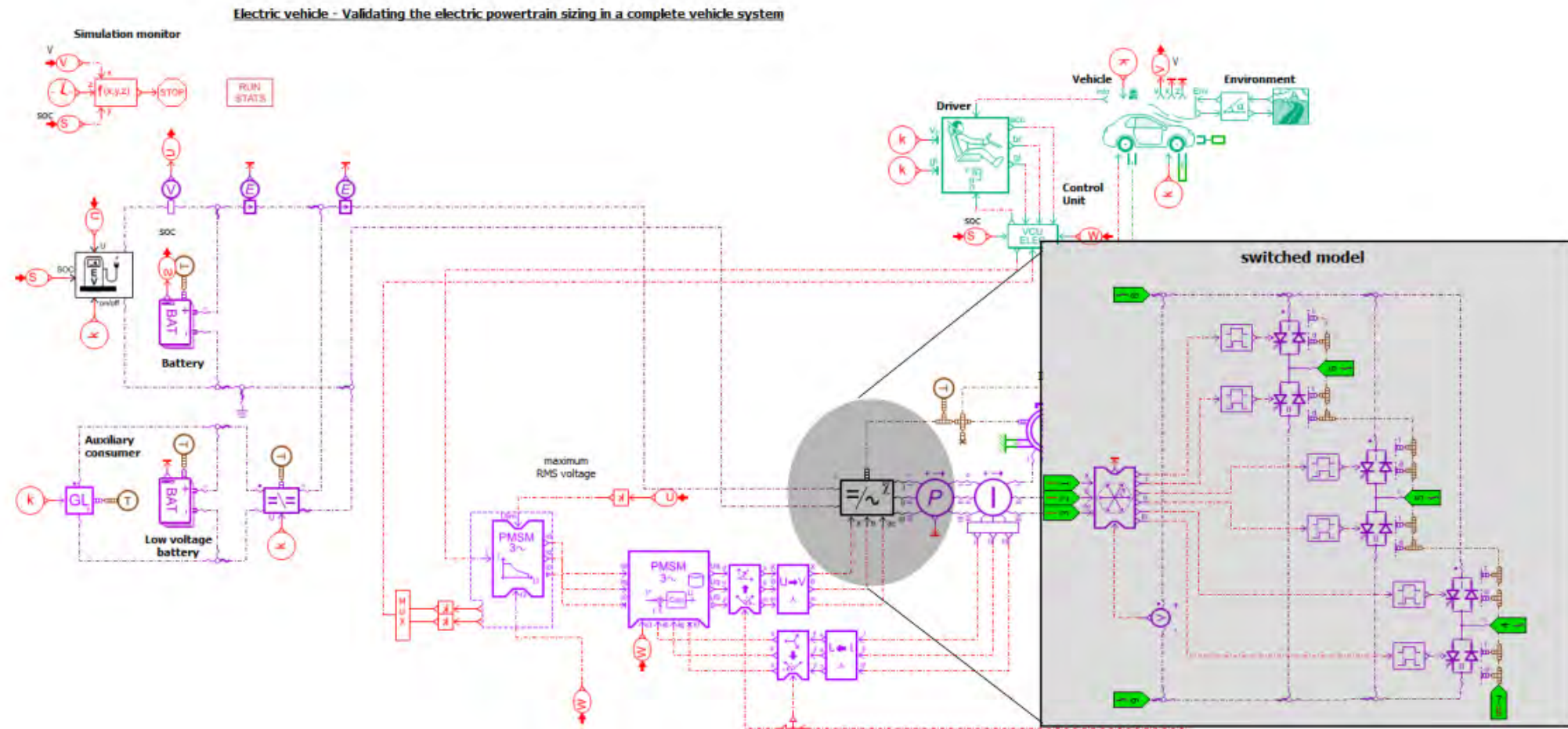


# Simcenter Amesim electrical vehicle model





# Inverter component characterization



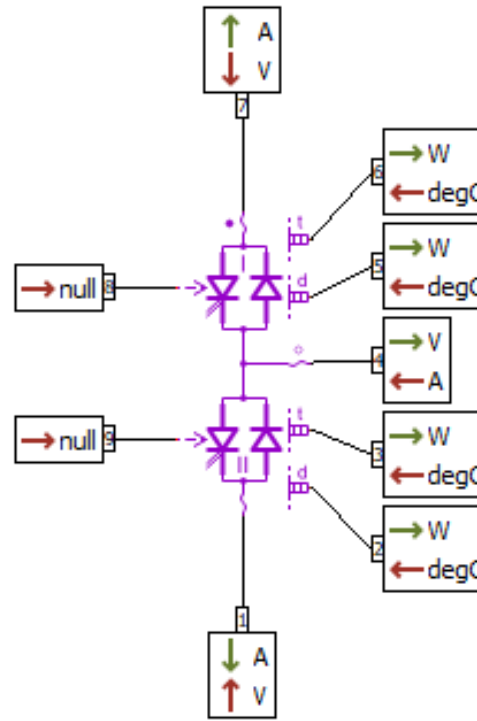
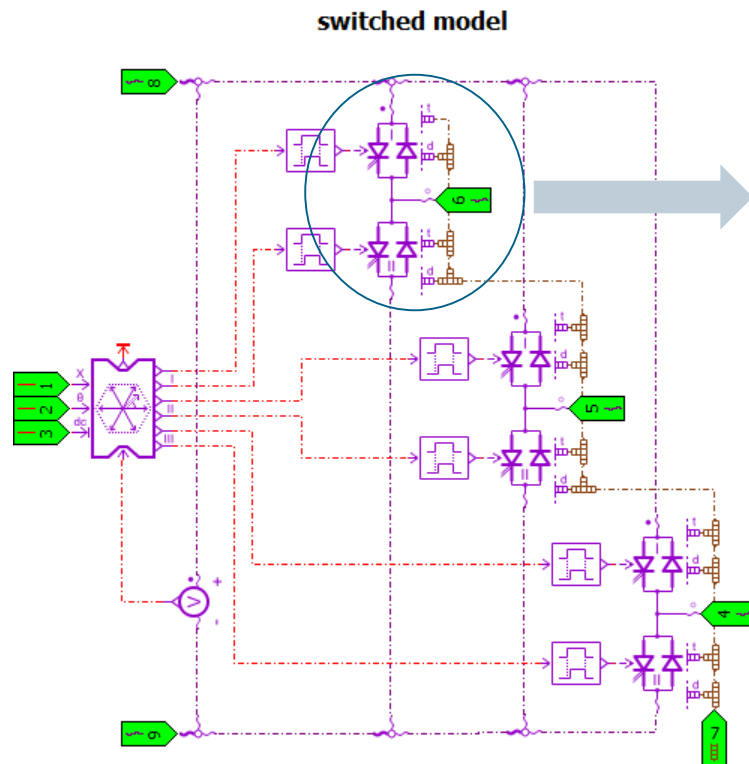
# Inverter component characterization

3 switched inverter arms

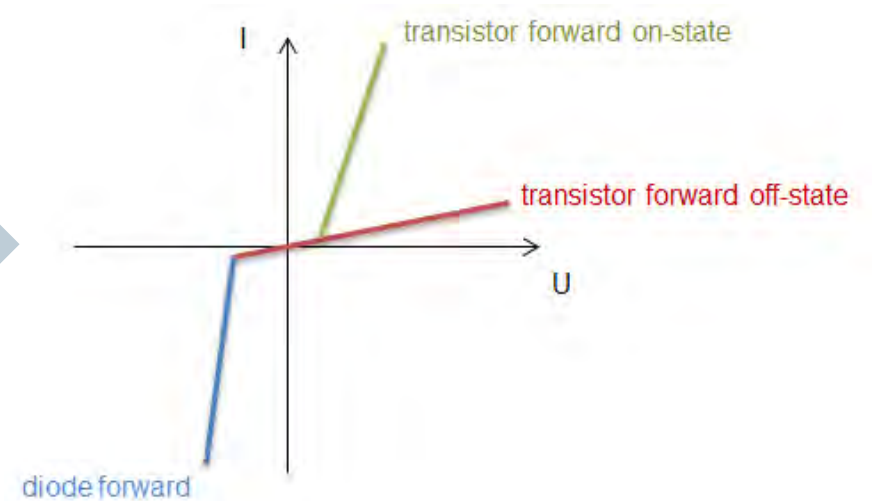
→ Conduction

→ Switching losses quasi-static way

2 modules composed by a transistor and an antiparallel diode



Electro/thermal coupling



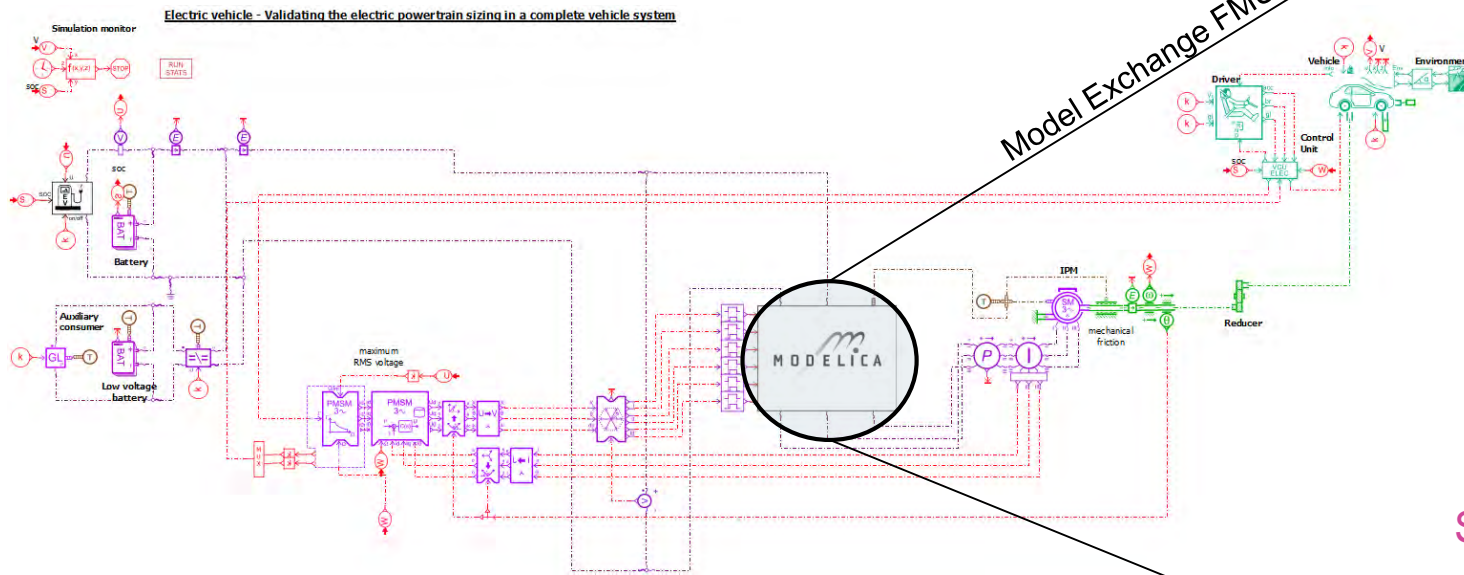
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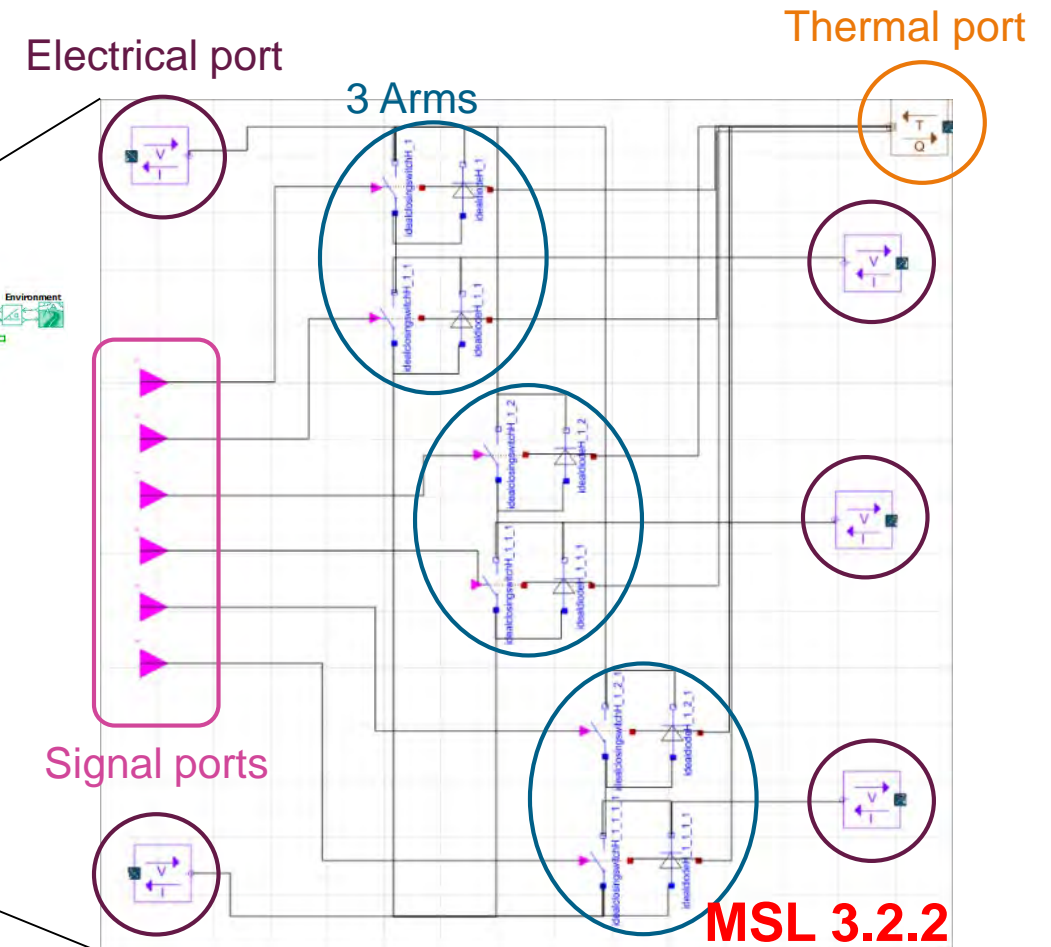
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# Inverter Component Modelica based



**Simcenter Amesim sketch**

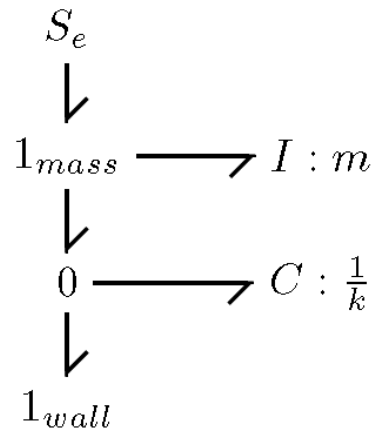


**Modelica Editor Diagram**

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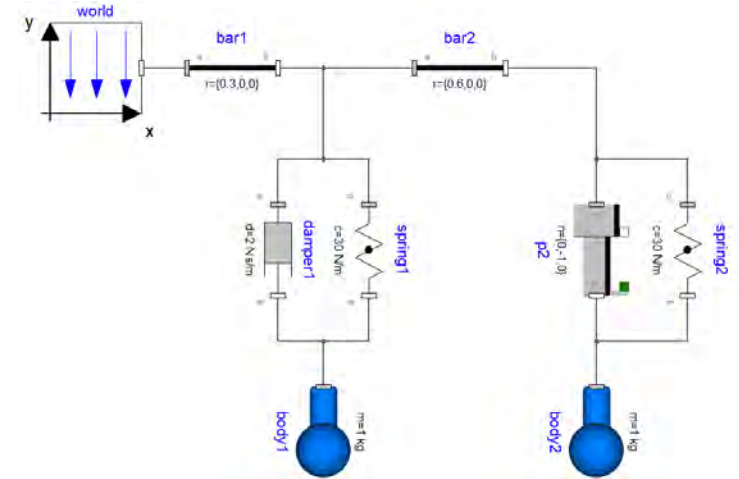


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Bond graph representation  
For causal models

**Simcenter Amesim combines this approach and a representation of the components grouped into specialized libraries**

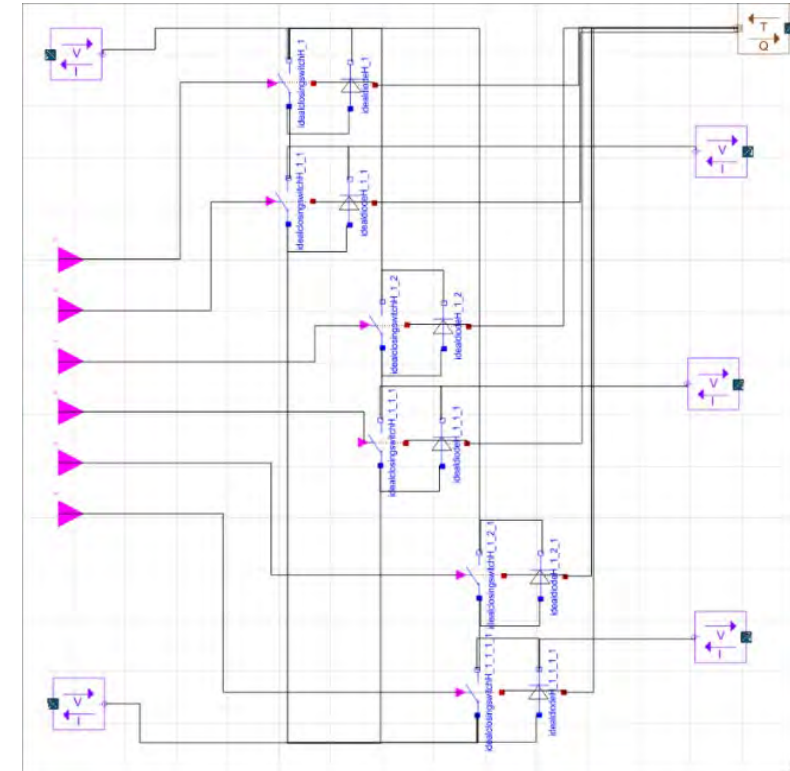
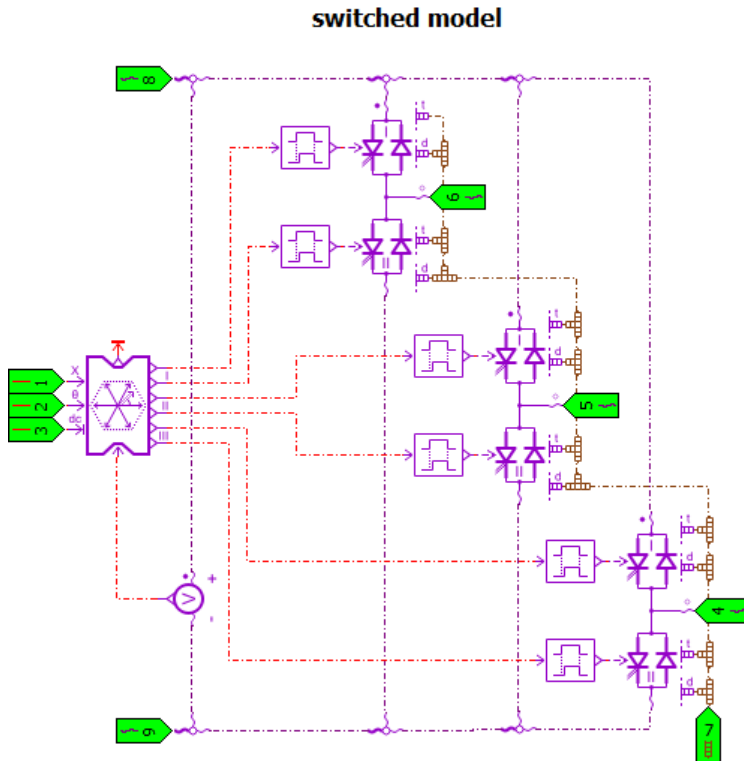


Kirchhoff's laws representation  
For acausal models

**Declarative model, without preferred causality. Enabling the direct manipulation of a set of algebraic differential equations**



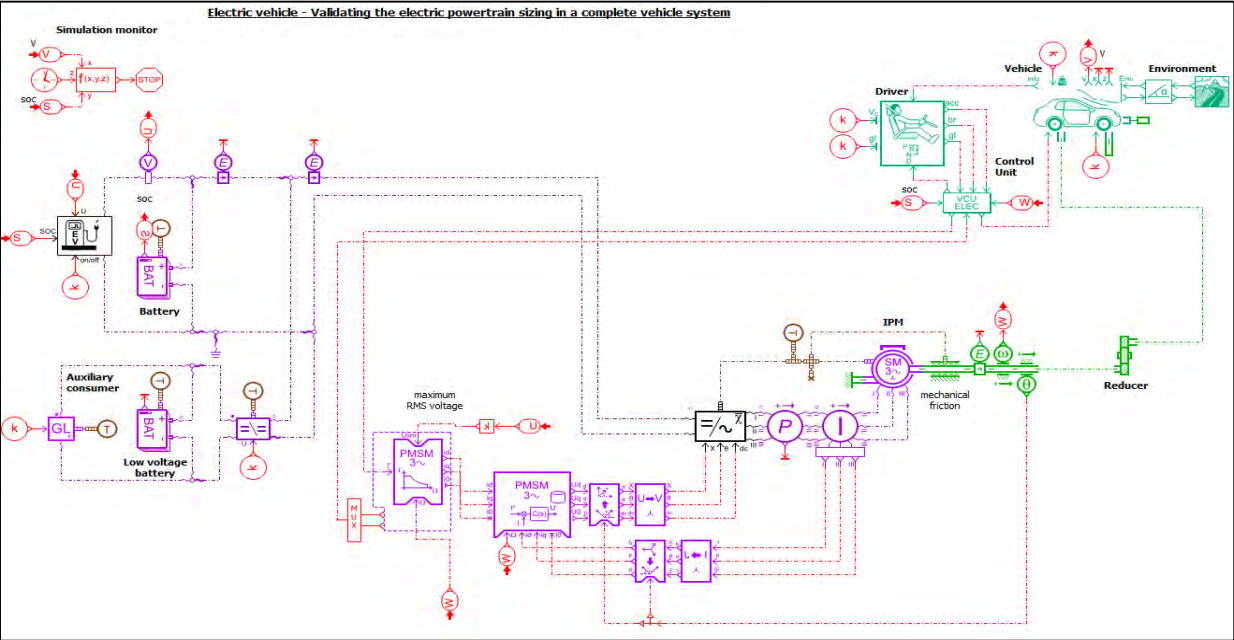
## In practice



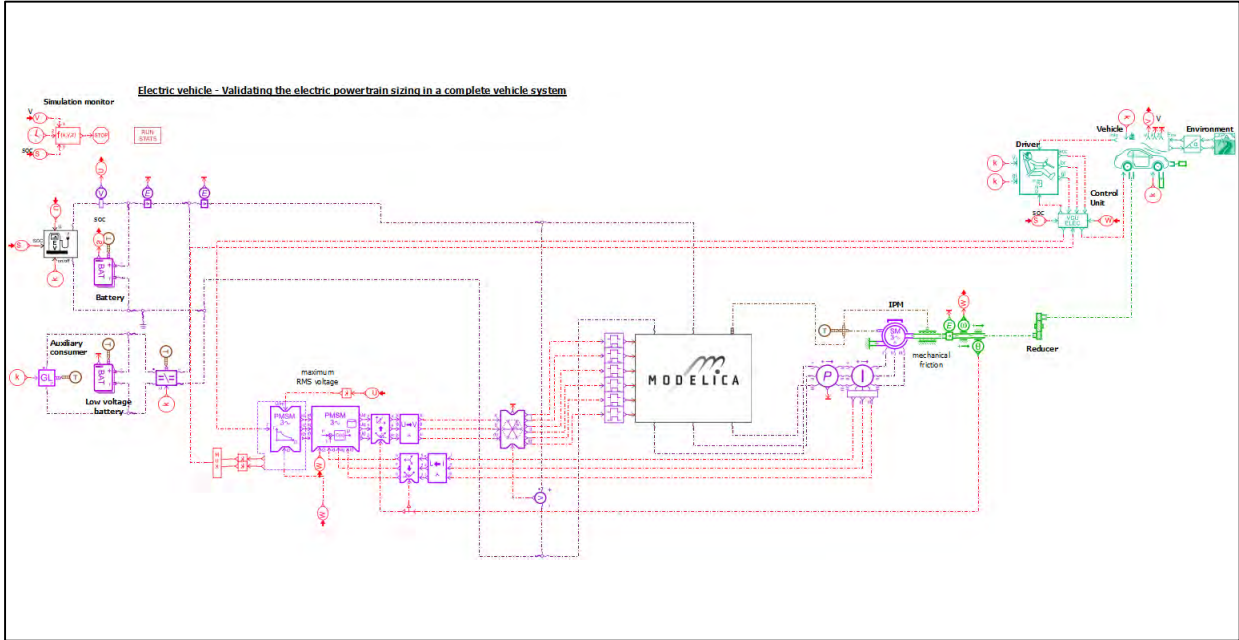
Specific study and development to have  
an arm composed by 2 modules

Simple step by step composition based  
on connection of single systems find in  
the MSL

Homogeneous model



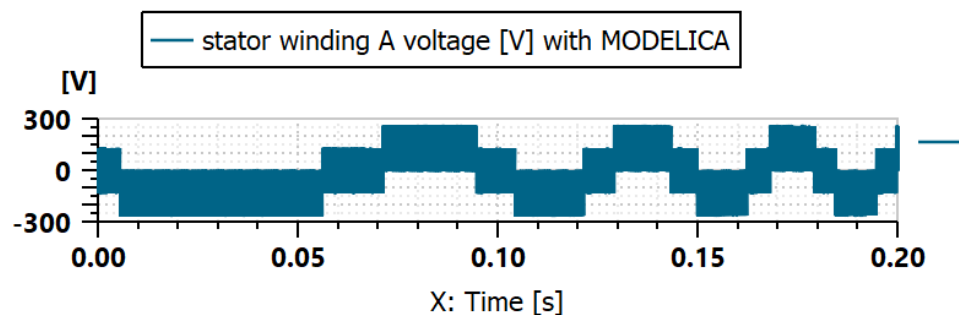
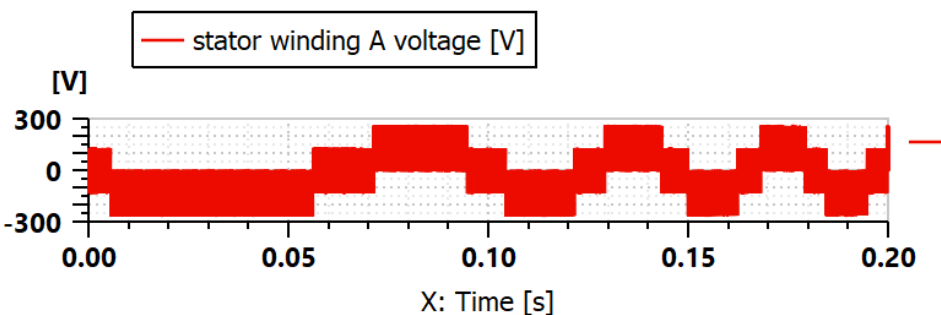
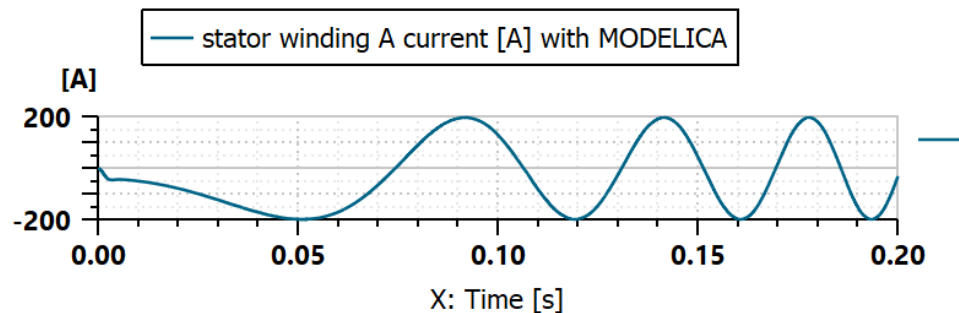
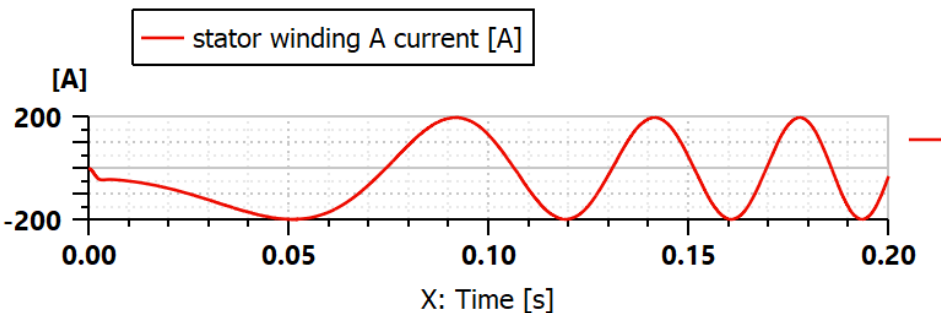
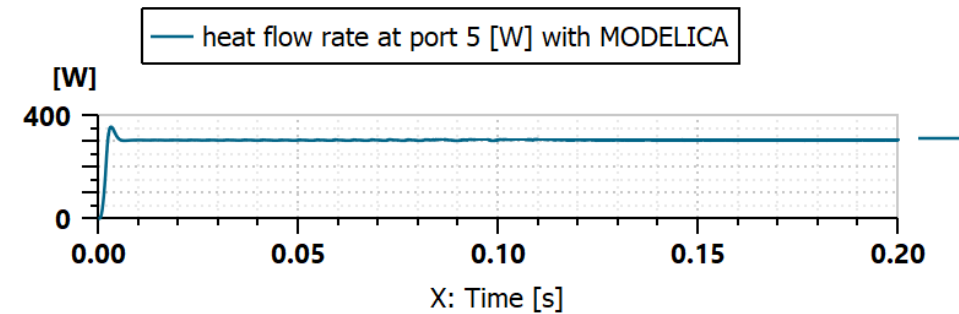
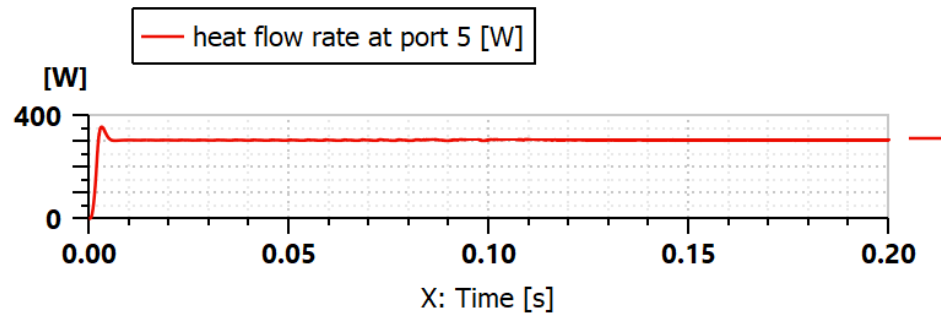
Heterogeneous model



diode forward resistance	0.00234 Ohm
diode forward threshold voltage	0.9 V
transistor on-state resistance	0.00262 Ohm
transistor forward threshold voltage	0 V
diode turn-off switching energy at reference voltage and current	0 J
diode turn-on switching energy at reference voltage and current	0 J
transistor turn-on switching energy at reference voltage and current	0 J
transistor turn-off switching energy at reference voltage and current	0 J
idealdiode_2_1.Goff - Backward state-off conductance (opened conductance)	1/(Roff/2) S
off-state resistance	1000000 Ohm

# Inverter results for a 0.2 second simulation

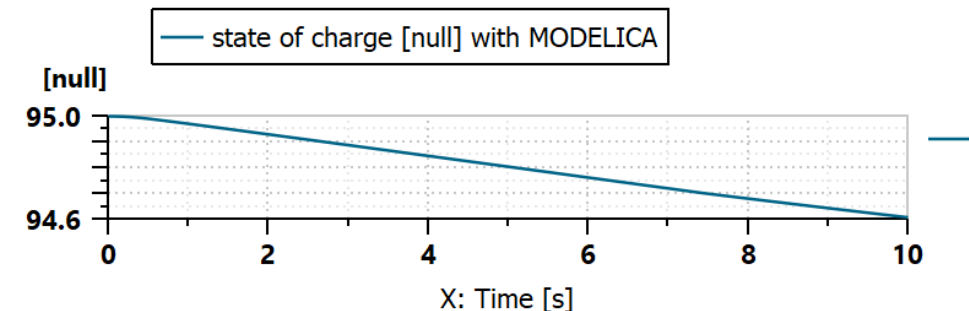
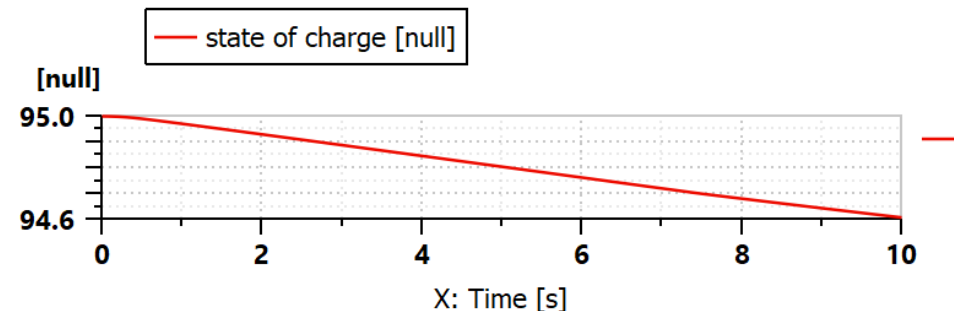
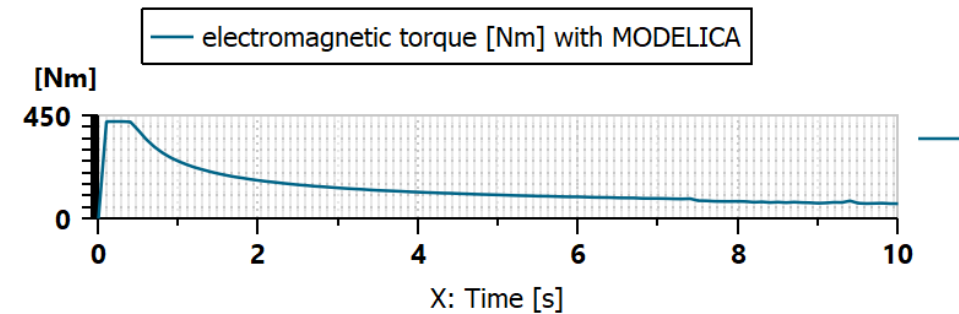
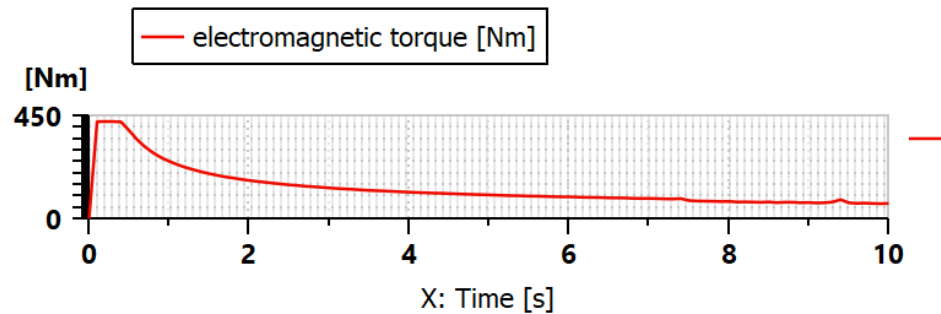
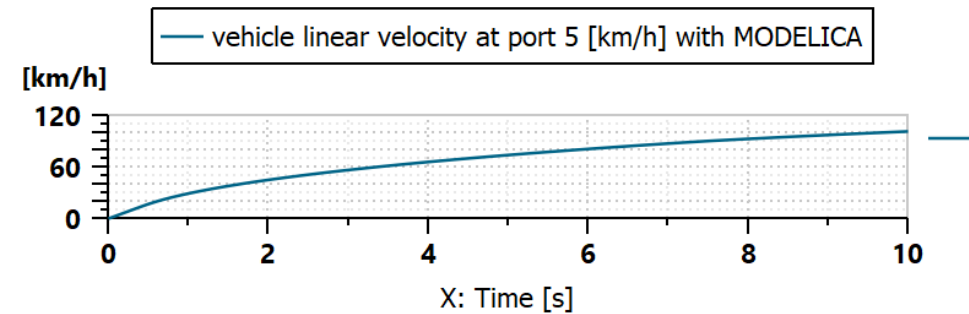
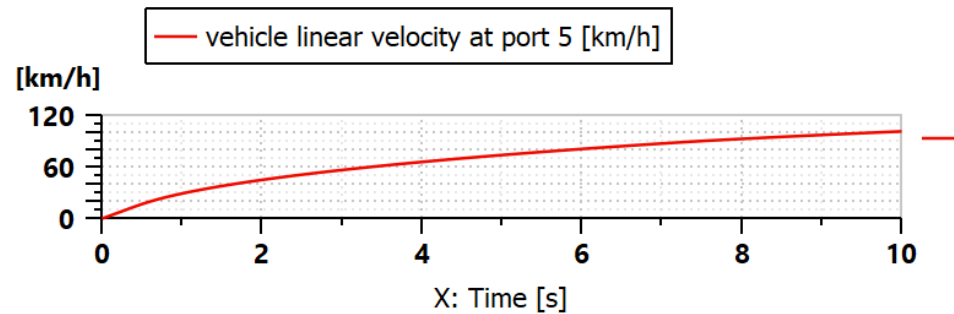
## Same print interval, same solver



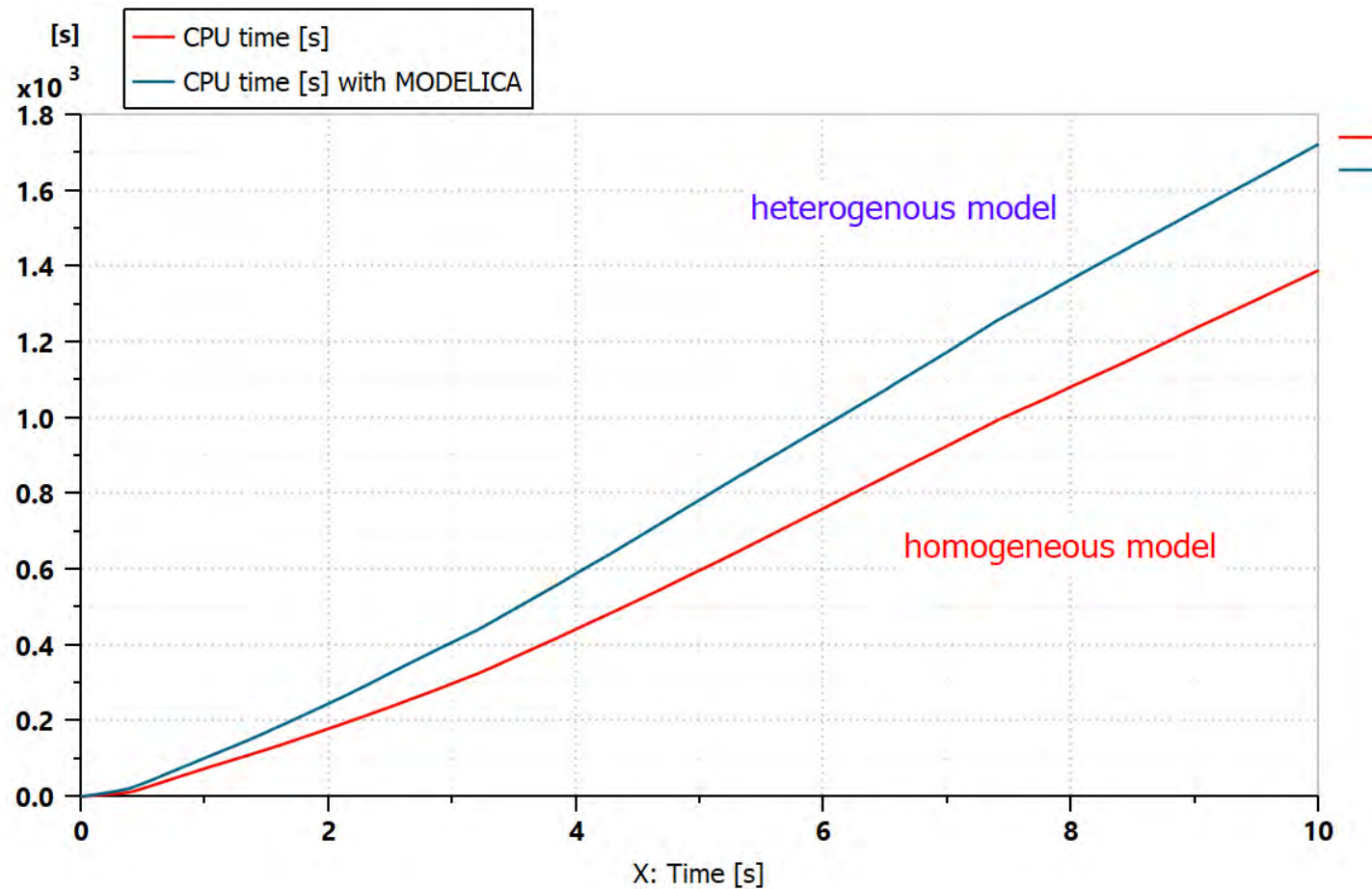


# Global results for a 10 seconds simulation

## Same print interval, same solver



# CPU time comparison



- Performance drop of 20% by using the heterogeneous approach
- May be linked to the Modelica approach due to a none optimal symbolic processing for this use case

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- **Electrical vehicle in Simcenter Amesim**
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- Simcenter Amesim platform can perform hybrid modeling mixing causal and acausal approach
- The hybrid model of the Electrical Vehicle can be used for validating the electric powertrain sizing
- During the modelling phase the Modelica approach can be complimentary and facilitate locally the development of sub-models
- For instance, if we want to create an inverter with more than 2 modules in parallel to increase the current, clearly the Modelica approach should be recommended
- A slight disadvantage during the simulation for the hybrid model, the simulation performances decreased by 20% for 10 seconds of simulation



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