# Model Driven Engineering, Modularity and Re-use

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# **Airborne Radar & Advanced Targeting**







# **Organisational Structure**





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#### Organisational structure reflected in processes









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## **Model-Based Design in Simulink**



#### Auto-generated Code



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# **Challenge**: How do we **scale** Model-Based Design to realise these opportunities?









# Model Driven Engineering, Modularity & Re-use



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**MDEMR - Team** 

Cross-functional team containing specialist engineers dedicated to addressing Model-Based Design capability at Leonardo.



- Working with Systems, Software and Firmware to ensure
  MBD is not counter to
  - Existing processes
  - Development environments
- Leverages the full lifecycle capability of the MathWorks toolset
- Drive continuous improvement and best practice





#### Infrastructure for Model-Based Design

Fundamental to developing complex multi-functional models is to have a development environment capable of supporting high integrity designs in collaboration.

Common MATLAB & Simulink Workflows:

- Issue Management
- Source Control
- Test Automation









#### **Common Environment**

Mandate the use of Simulink Projects for both MATLAB and Simulink designs

- Standardised environment setup
  - No more 'add all to path... then load this file... but not that one'
- Use project Templates to distribute standardised projects
- Reflect model architecture using Referenced Projects
- Source Control integration



## **Simulink Projects**



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# How does a branching workflow work for Simulink?





#### **GitFlow for Model-Based Design**

Only possible due to the excellent advancements in merge and diff tool capability of Simulink models.

Fundamental to success is communication and model componentisation.

- Model updates must be planned and scoped branch cannot be open indefinitely
- Model must be well structured: Referenced Models and Libraries

#### **Three-Way Model Merge**

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#### **Automated Testing**

Investing in automated **build** and **test** pipelines for Simulink





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#### **Dynamic Model-Driven Engineering (MDE) Process**

Process that defines how to develop Model-Based Designs in Simulink

- Rapid prototyping
- Main development and modelling
- Partitioning to Software/Firmware (Fixed Point)
- Targeting representative hardware through PIL, FIL and SysIL testing

Leverage the cross-discipline expertise.







# **Partition Model**



## **MDE Process**

#### **Model-Driven Engineering Process**

Uses Live Editor to give interactive examples on each step that leverage internal referenced designs e.g.

- How to use Test Manager for SIL/PIL/FIL equivalence testing of requirements?
- How to setup environment? e.g.
  - GIT repo
  - Simulink Projects
  - Jenkins
- How to deploy?









# **Referenced Designs**

#### **Referenced Designs**

A key factor in scaling and promoting **best practice** to the Leonardo engineering community is through referenced designs which are **published** internally

Referenced designs are relevant to Leonardo products to better engage with user base e.g. Radar and tracking algorithms

Referenced designs are used to investigate new technologies and promote re-use



Referenced designs are configured to showcase stages of MDE Process and lifecycle







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- Wider business exposure
- Pave the way for future work and employment

#### Recruitment



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Technology

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- Develop reference designs showcasing best practice

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#### Examples of Summer placement work with MATLAB





with GPU Coder





# Deep Learning for Object Detection

- Trained on 5000 'simple' target images
- Uses FasterRCNN MATLAB implementation
- Accurately predicts targets in cluttered environment







Technology

Hidden Layers





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# Technology

# Targeting embedded GPUs with GPU Coder

- Auto generates CUDA from m-code using GPU Coder
- Runs on target Jetson TX2 embedded hardware
- Closer to a real-world implementation













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- Originally for graphical processing for video and games

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# Parallel Computing Toolbox

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20x speedup

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Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)

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50x speedup

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# How do we use a GPU in a real-world environment?

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