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# Systems Engineering Activities at Clemson University's International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR) and Wind Turbine Drivetrain Testing Facility

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# Public /Private Partnerships Focused on Meeting Industry's Needs



- Full Scale Testing / Applied Research
- Multidisciplinary Education (MS & PhD)/ Workforce Development
- Collaboration with Industrial Partners and Government
- Protection of Customer Intellectual Property



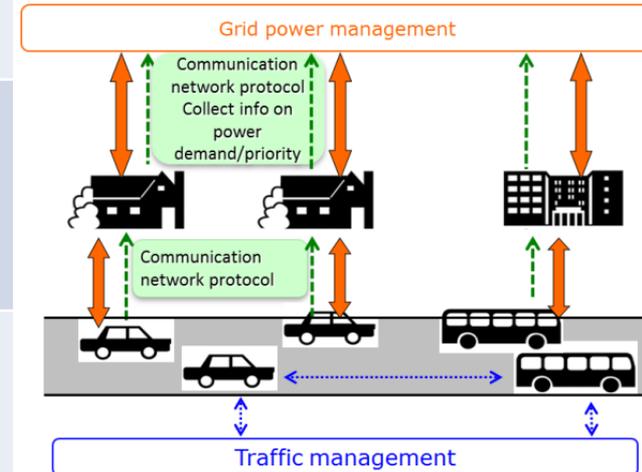
# Changing Focus of Automotive Engineering





# CU-ICAR Research Activities

Professor	Field	Research
Johnell Brooks	Phys	Abnormal Human-Automotive Interaction and aging driver studies
Pierluigi Pisu	EE	Develop a real-time in-vehicle energy management control strategy
David Smith	CE	Rapid prototyping of vehicle cockpit for human-technology interaction
Paul Venhovens	ME	Deep Orange



# Deep Orange: Innovations in Automotive Engineering Education

Dr. Paul Venhovens  
Background: Mechanical Engineering

CUICAR  
TOMORROW'S ENGINEER TODAY

DEEP  
ORANGE  
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR AUTOMOTIVE RESEARCH



# Deep Orange: A New Teaching Paradigm

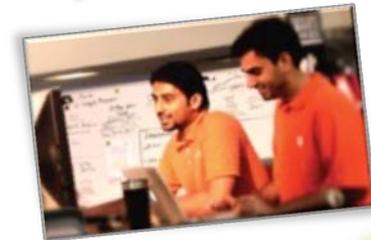
## Market Analyses

Start: Day 1



## System Design

Day 193



New prototype vehicle releases from two-year Development Cycles



An integral feature of our MS/PhD Research & Education Program

Target Validation Graduation



## Validation

End: Day 712

## System Integration

Day 523





# A Neutral Platform for Academic, Industry and Government Collaboration





# Innovations that will be Integrated, Proven and Showcased





# Collaboration with the Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA





# Business model based on proven CU-ICAR model

- Multidisciplinary
- Full Scale Testing
- Applied Research
- Graduate Education



+ Zucker Family Graduate Education Center

Automotive  
Engineering

Energy  
Systems



# WTDTF Overview



Objective: Accelerate the development of new technology into the wind market to reduce the cost of energy delivered.

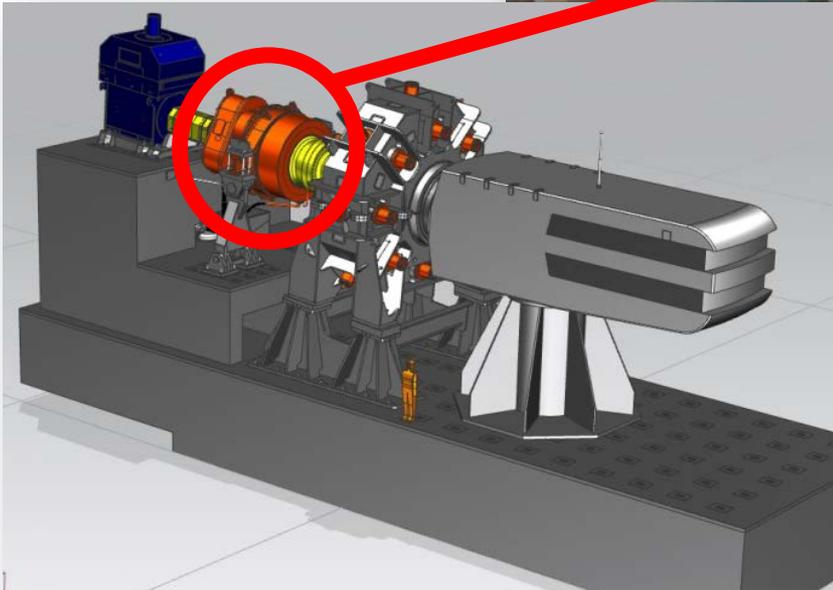
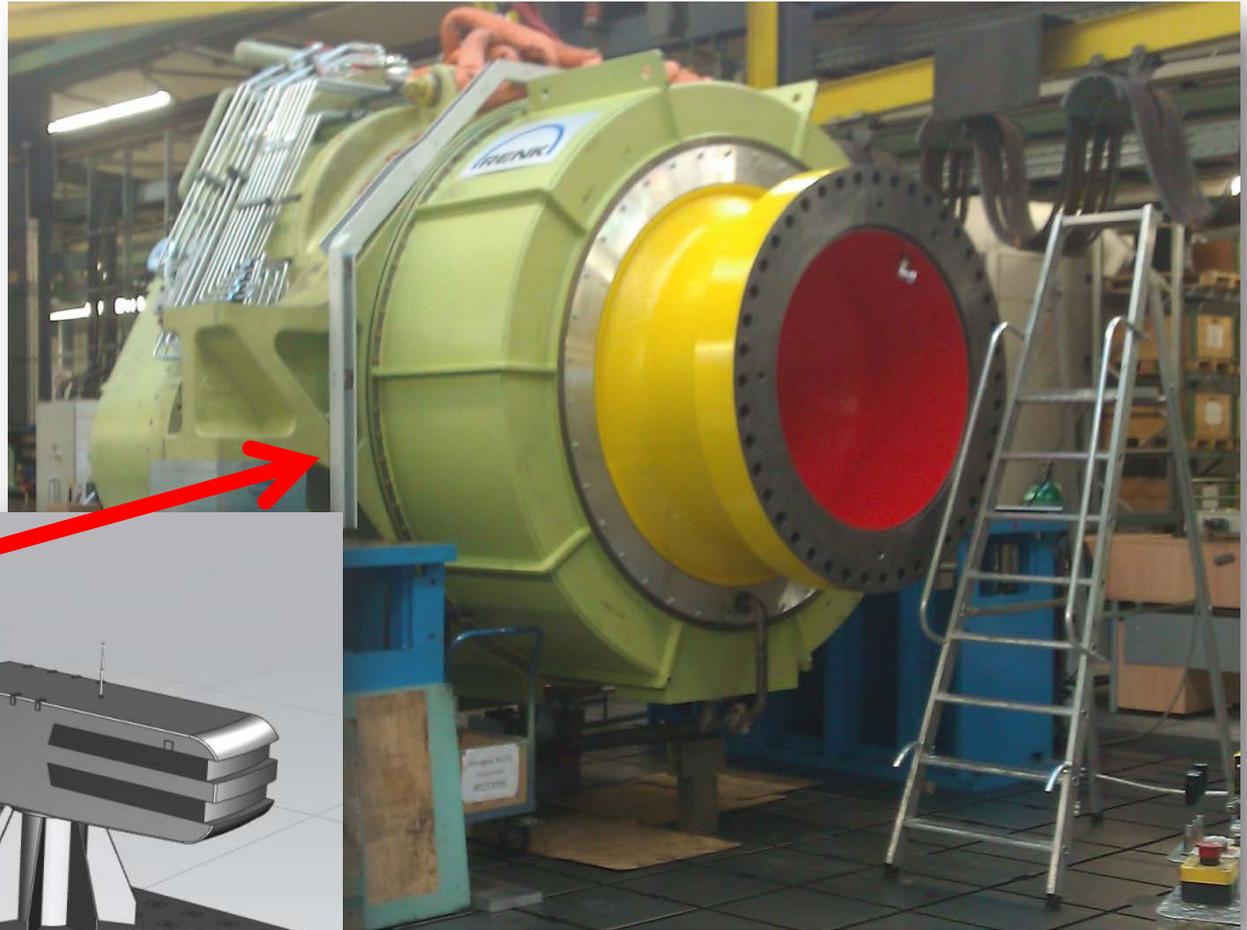
Mission: Provide (1) **High Value**, (2) **High Quality** and (3) **Cost Competitive** testing and validation services to industry.

Establish long term partnerships with industry for work force development, research and education.



# Rendering vs. Actual

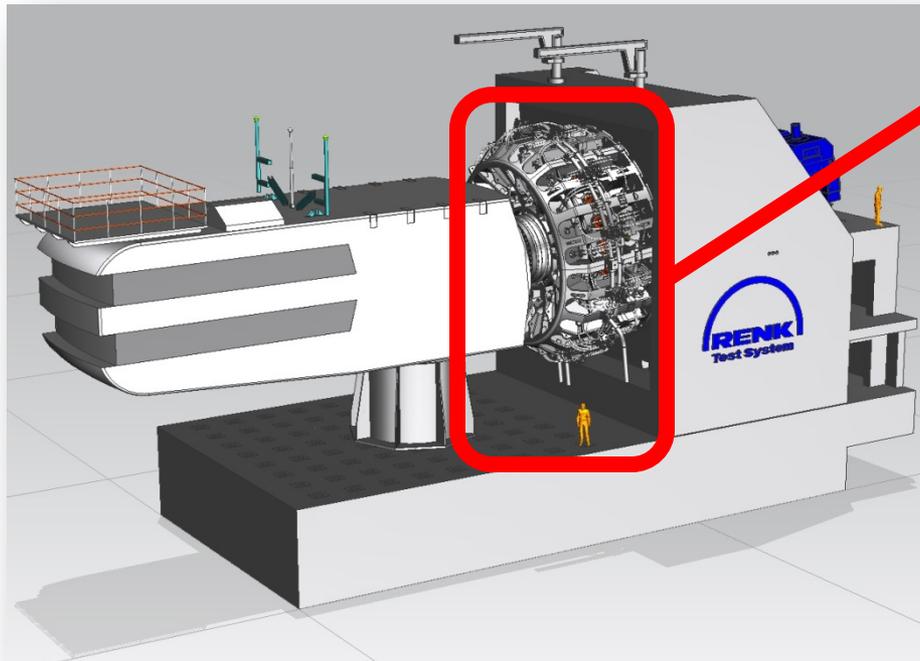
- 7.5 MW gearbox on test stand





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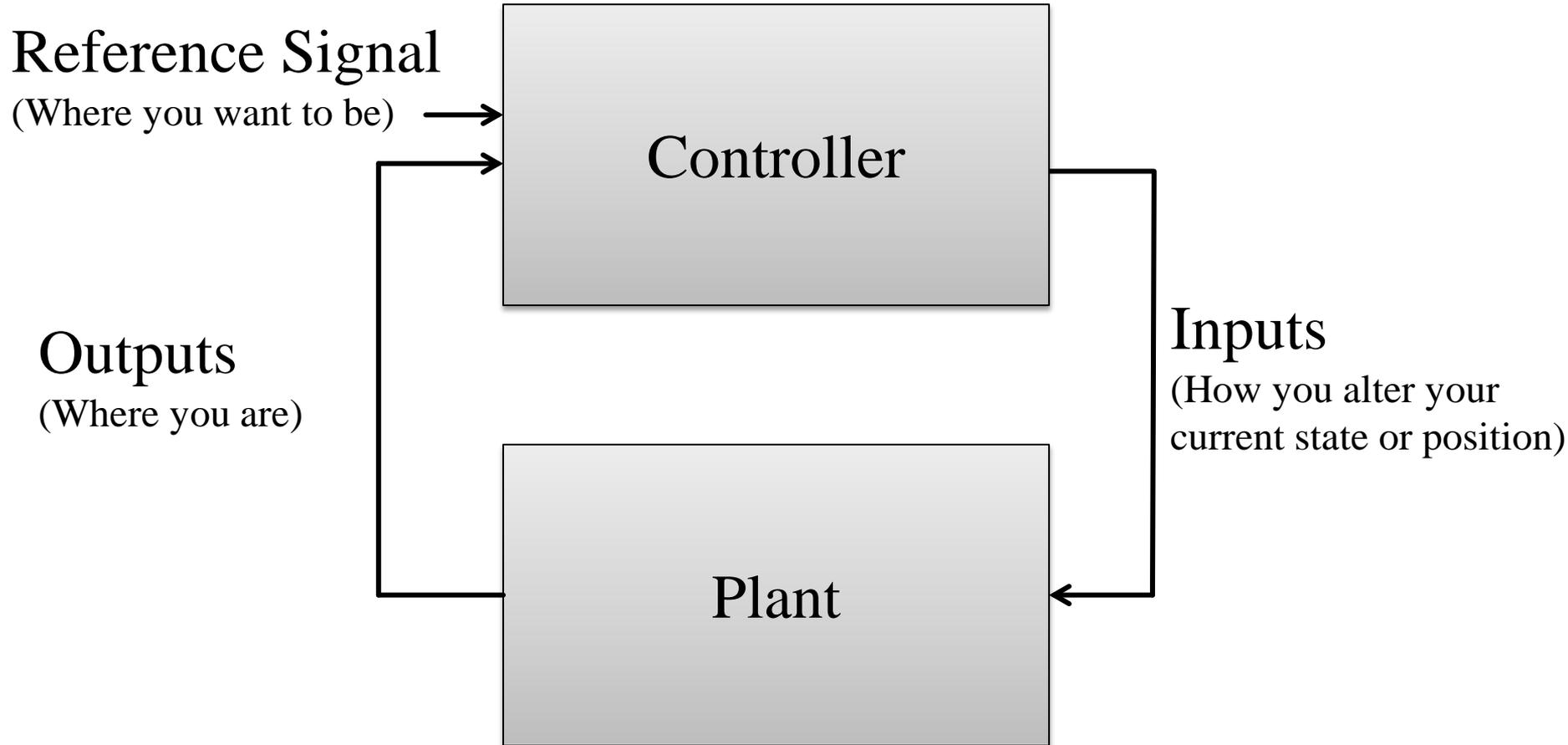
- Load application unit housing being assembled
- Notice people in both images





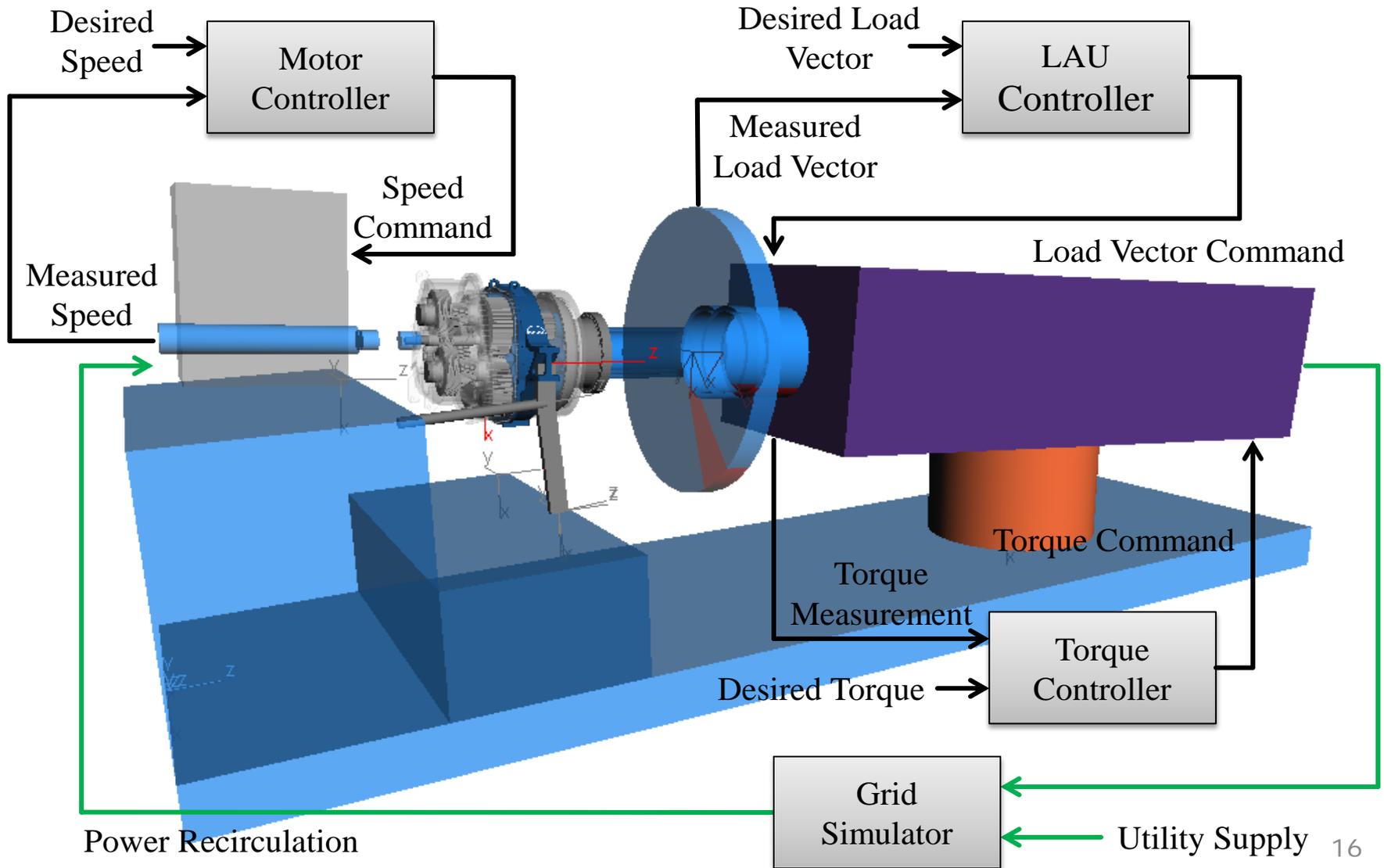


# Control Loop Concept





# Integrated Test Rig Model





# Modeling Objectives

1. Characterize the accuracy of the load application unit and determine how non-torque loading affects the test bench and unit under test.
2. Develop both linear and non-linear models for the test bench and unit under test that capture time domain behavior (transient and steady state) and frequency domain behavior (vibration and limit cycle).
3. Simulate and evaluate automated behavior such as automated test sequence execution and purposely tripping automatic safety systems.
  1. Characterize the stiffness of the test bench and the unit under test.
  2. Analyze individual control system performance as well as the interaction between the various different controllers.
  3. Model the various hydraulic systems including the hydraulic pumps, the load application unit's force actuation pistons, the hydraulic slide bearings, and the lubrication systems.
  4. Quantify the resultant load vectors acting on the bearings throughout the test rig and unit under test.
  5. Evaluate and improve model fidelity.
1. Develop nacelle models specific to customer test articles as opposed to generic or general purpose nacelle models.
2. Seek an in depth understand of how the high speed shaft behaves and affects the components it is attached to.
3. Simulate instantaneous power loss and heat rejection during operation.

High Priority

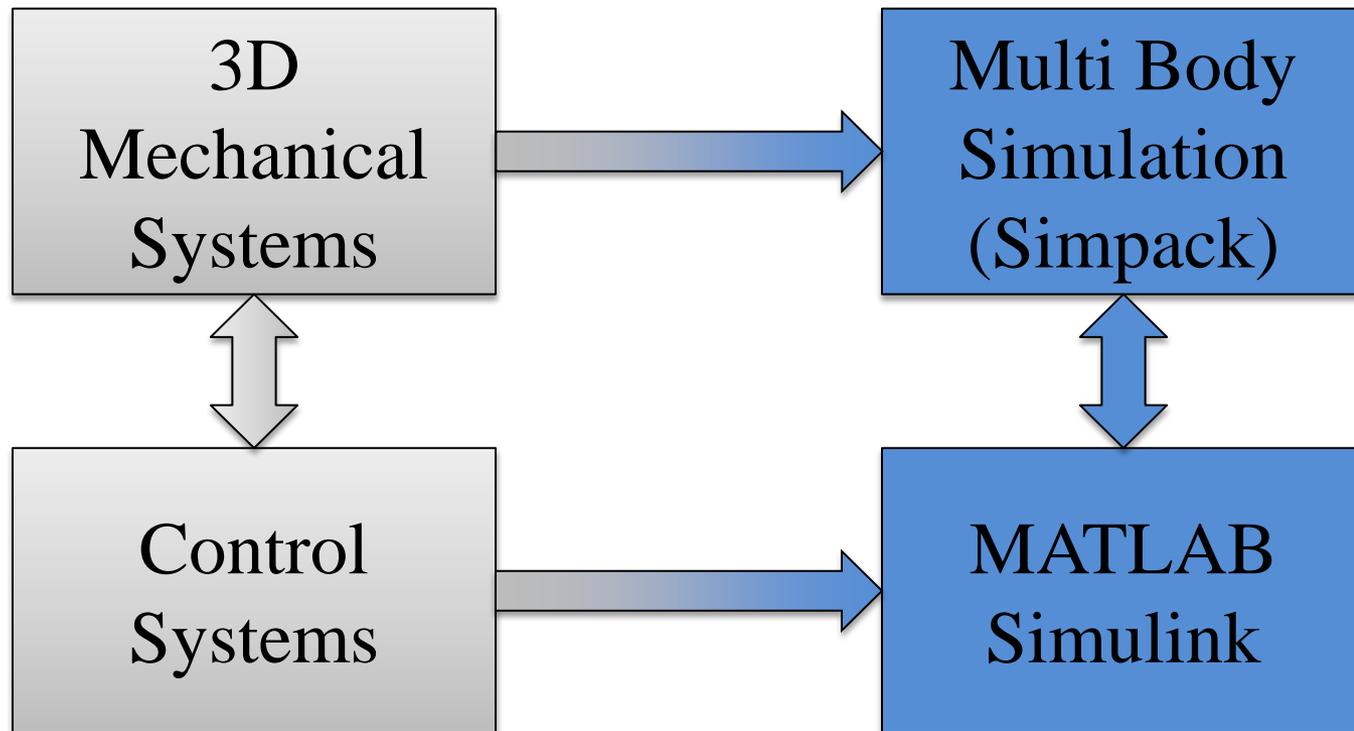
Middle Priority

Low Priority



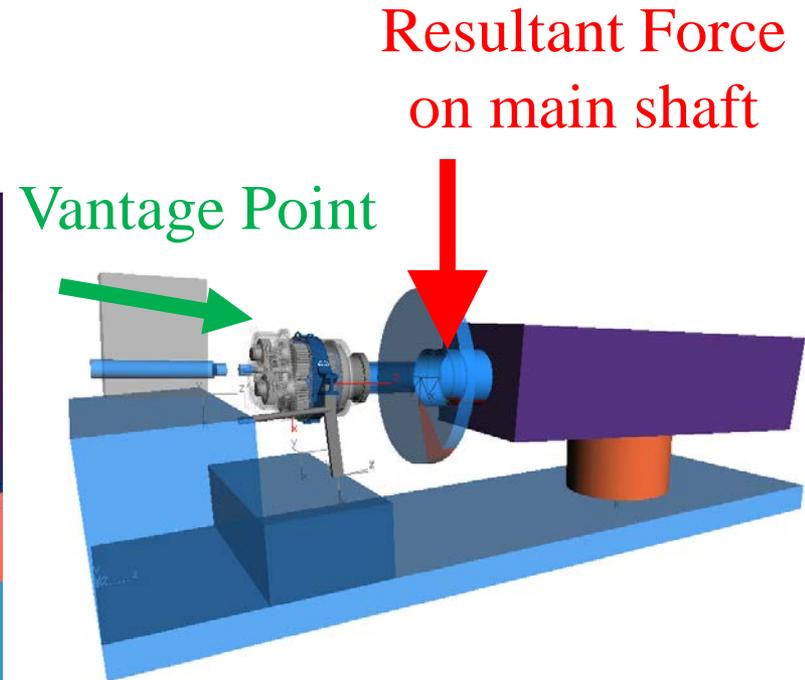
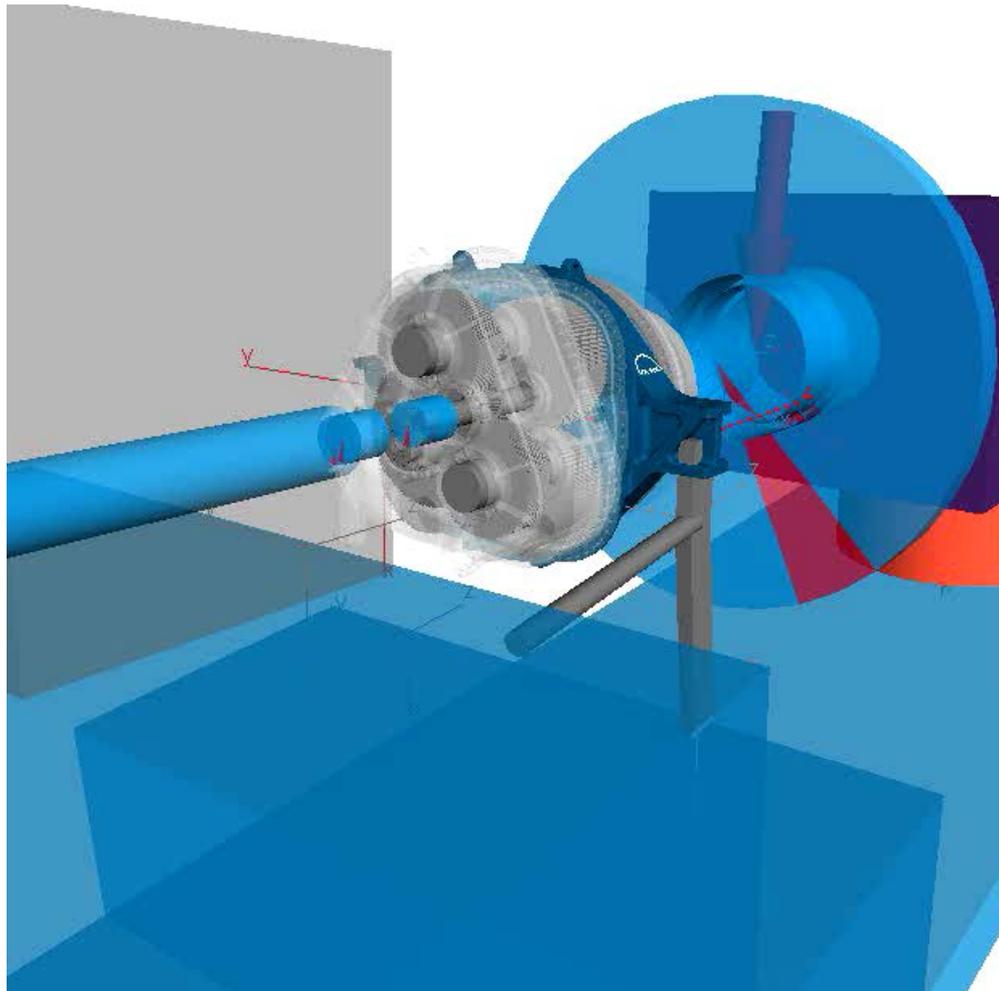
# Model Development Strategy

- Always use the best modeling environment for the particular task
- Fully exploit data exchange or co-simulation capabilities





# Virtual Operation Visualization

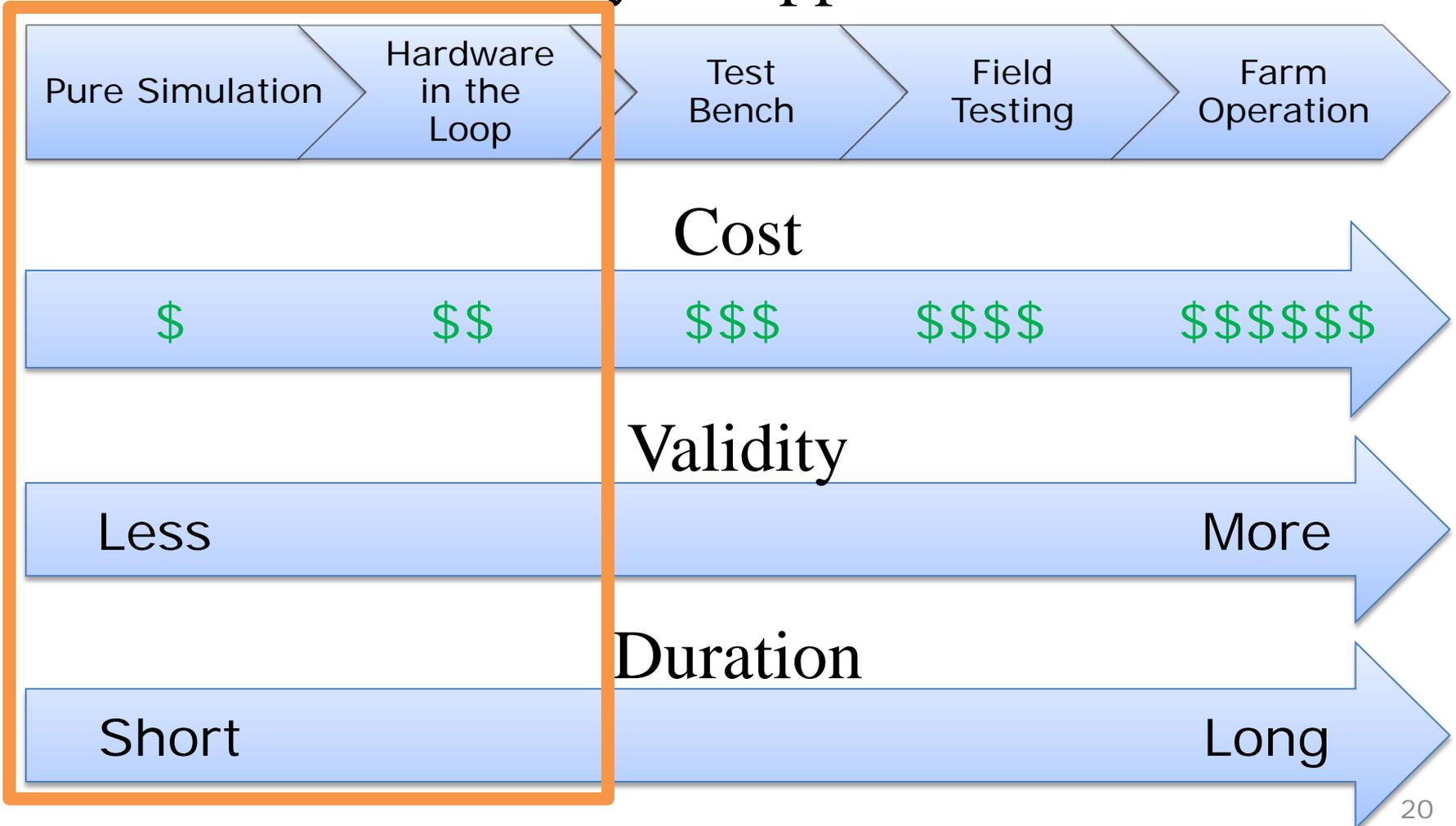


- Simultaneous Multi-body and control system simulations



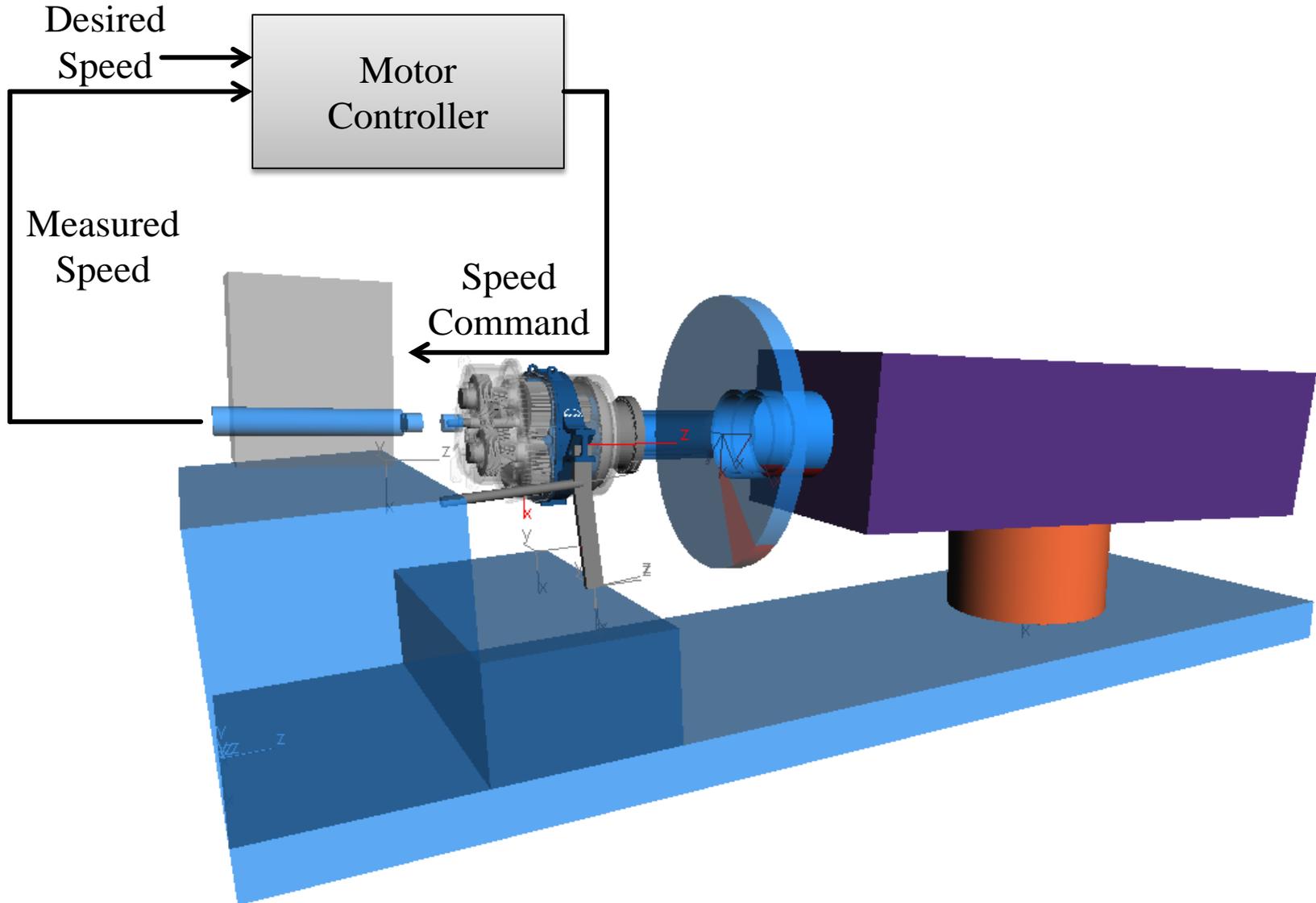
# Analysis Approach Comparison

## Analysis Approach



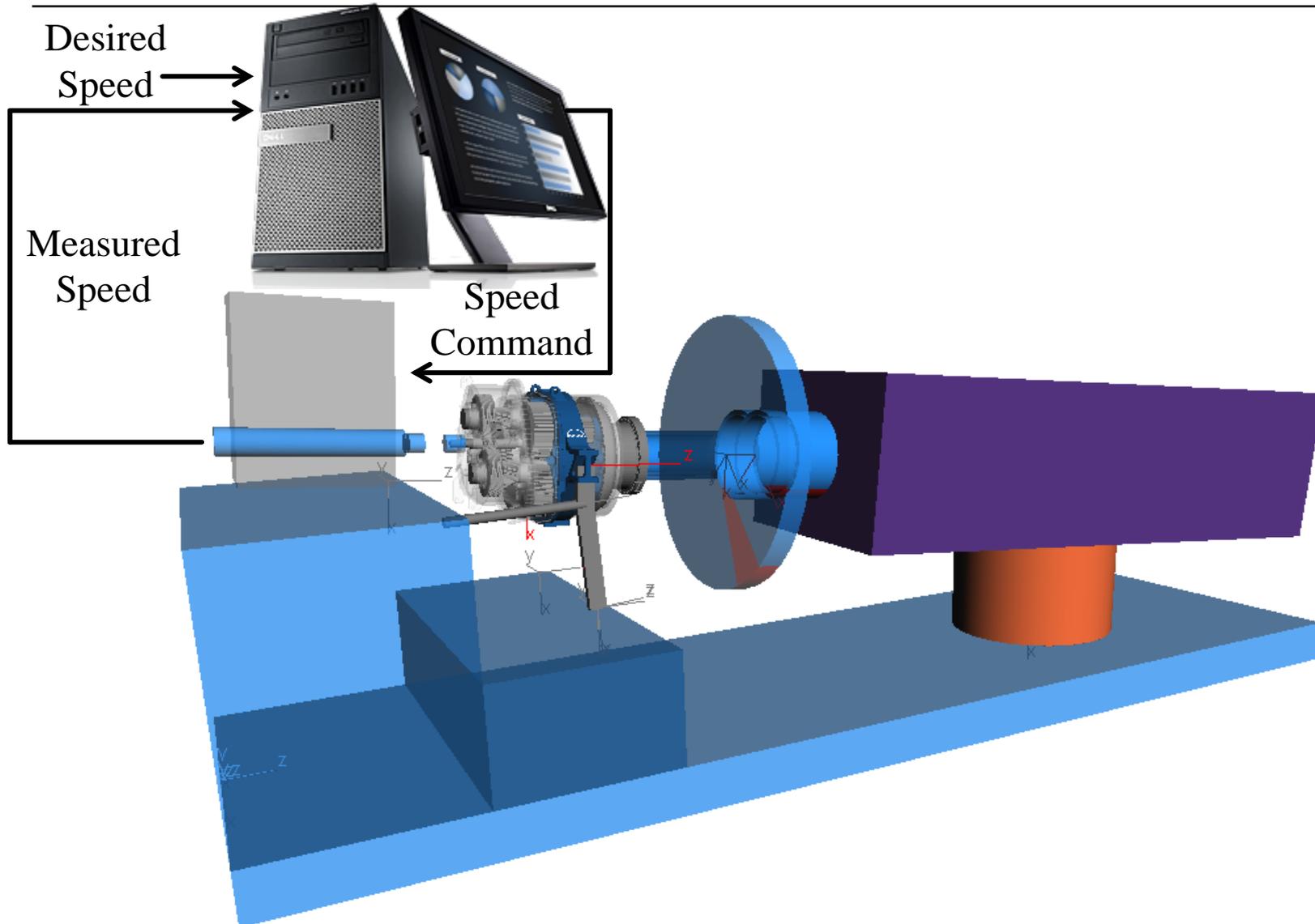


# Hardware in the Loop



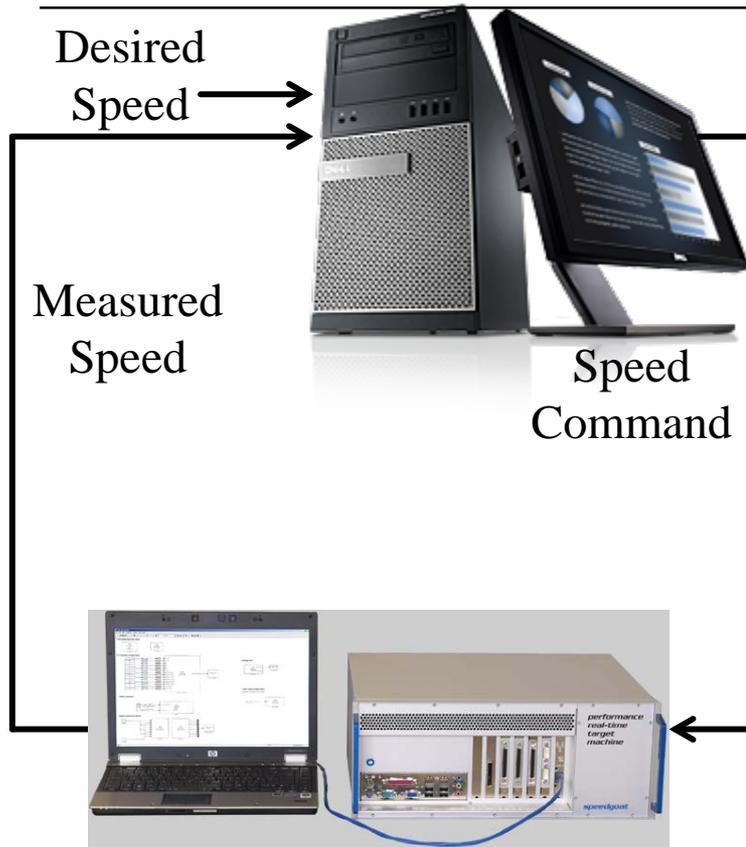


# Hardware in the Loop





# Hardware in the Loop



- Control Hardware is now “in the loop.”
- Cost effective...
- Faster...
- Safer...
- And more flexible than using actual equipment
- Low risk (actual) equipment exercised with simulation of high risk equipment





Thank you

