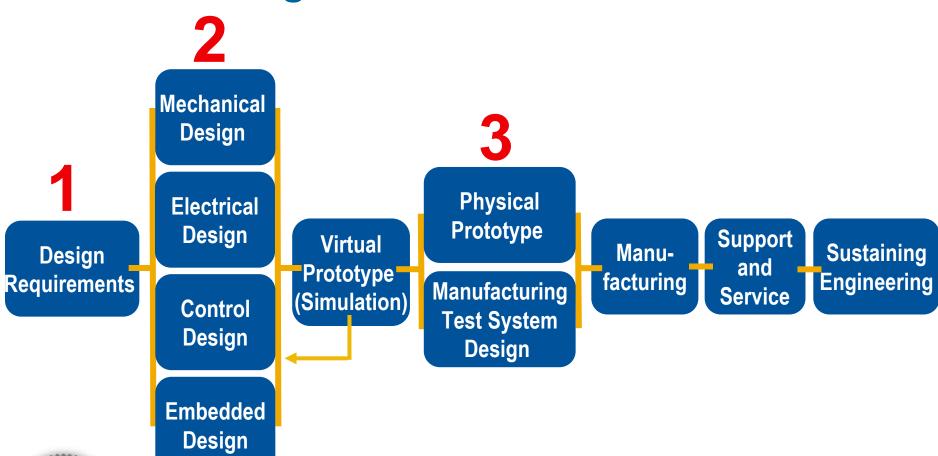
## **Essential Technologies for Industrial Machine Design and Prototyping**





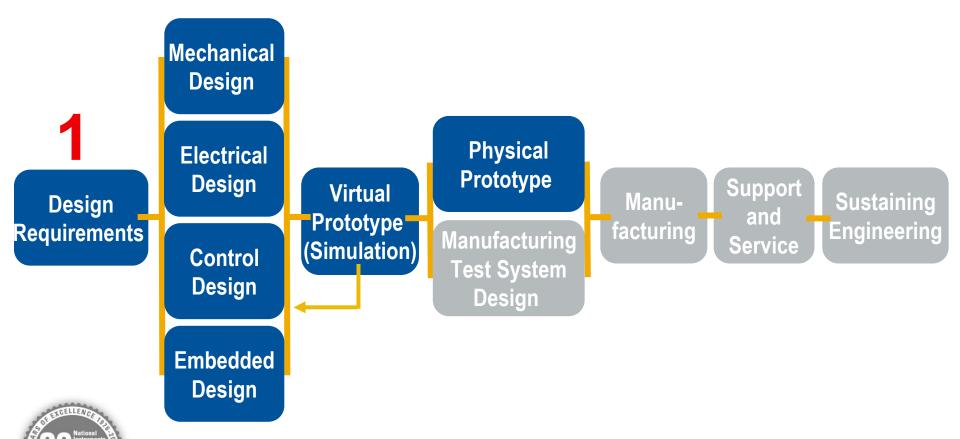
## Mechatronics: Streamlined Approach to Machine Design







## **Design Requirements**





## **Design Requirements**



- Functionality: Milling aluminum parts
- Part size: Up to 10 by 15 cm
- Throughput: 3 parts per minute
- Precision: 5 μm
- Safety: Light curtains, emergency stop
- Cost: <\$50,000



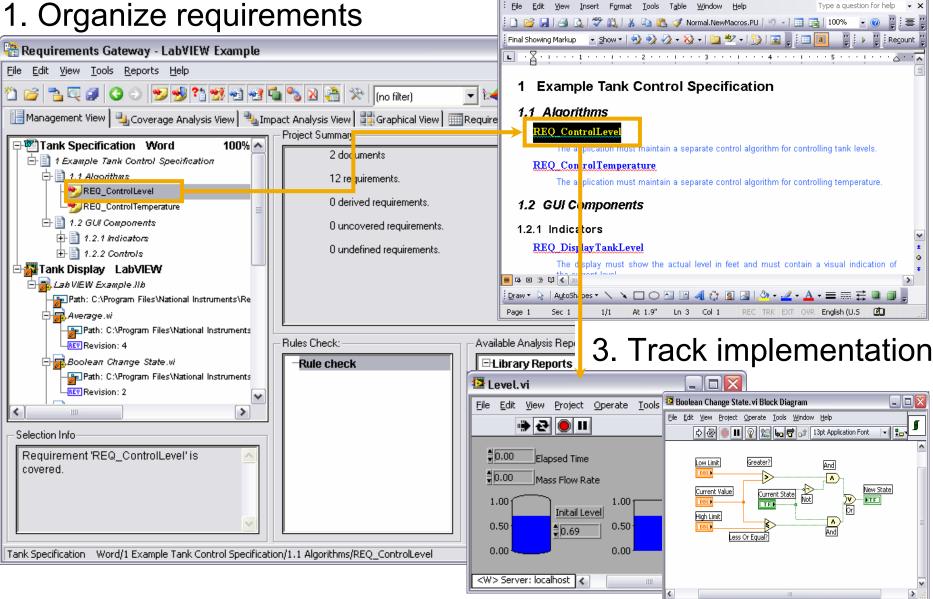
**Automotive Part** 





**NI Requirements Gateway** 

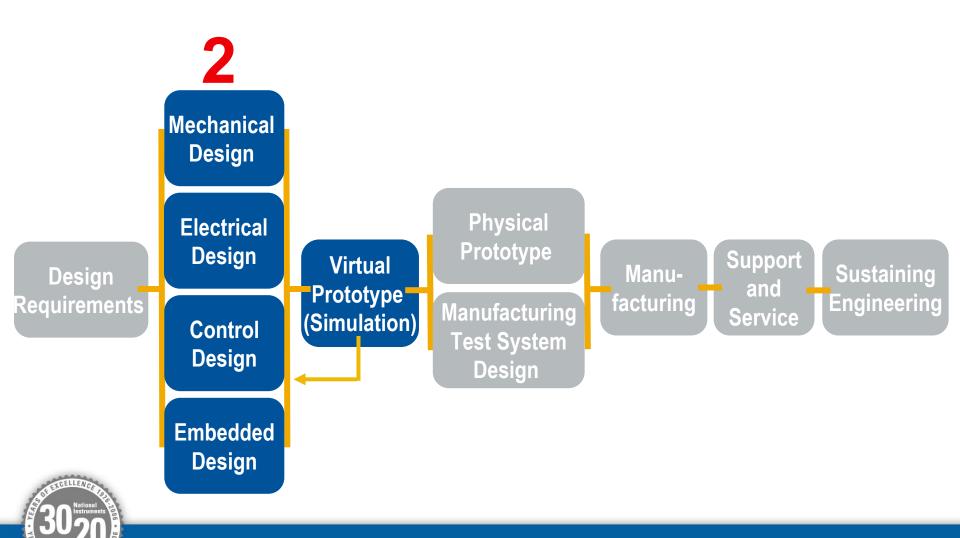
1. Organize requirements



2. Associate details

LabVIEW Example.doc - Microsoft Word

## **Mechatronics Concurrent Design**



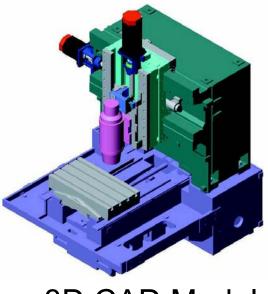


## Traditional Approach: Design Requirements to Mechanical Concept

#### Design Requirements

- Milling aluminum
- Up to 10 by 15 cm
- 3 parts per minute
- 5 μm
- Light curtains, emergency stop
- \$50,000



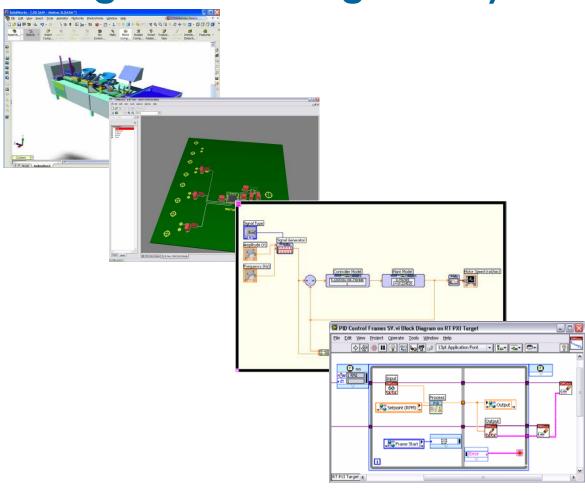


3D CAD Model



## Mechatronics Approach: Concurrent Development (Design Tool Integration)

Mechanical Design **Electrical** Design Prototype Control Design Embedded Design





### **Level of Design Tool Integration**

- Ultimate One design tool for all disciplines
- Manual Manually pass data between tools
- Basic Data transferred via standard file formats
  - Motion profile data as CSV file to CAD
- Advanced Complete tool automation
  - NI LabVIEW automating SolidWorks through ActiveX





## **Open Connectivity to Design Tools**

#### **Mathematics**

NI **LabVIEW** Math
The MathWorks, Inc. **MATLAB®**Maplesoft **Maple**MathSoft **Mathcad** 

#### **Embedded Software**

NI LabVIEW Real-Time/Embedded
Wind River Workbench
Analog Devices VisualDSP++
Freescale Code Warrior
Xilinx System Generator

#### **Electrical Design**

NI LabVIEW (Motor Sizing)

NI Multisim

ORCAD PSpice

Ansoft Designer

#### **Control Design**

NI LabVIEW Control Design
The MathWorks, Inc. Simulink®
Dynasim Dymola
Plexim PLECS





#### **Mechanical Design**

SolidWorks SolidWorks
PTC Pro/Engineer
MSC Nastran and Adams
Autodesk AutoCAD



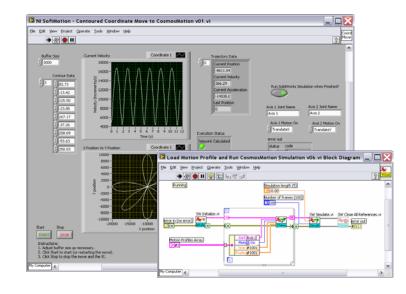
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## LabVIEW: Virtual Prototyping Platform

- Intuitive graphical tools for domain experts
- Built-in control design and simulation
- Design tool integration
- Flexible, open architecture
- Ability to target multiple industrial hardware platforms

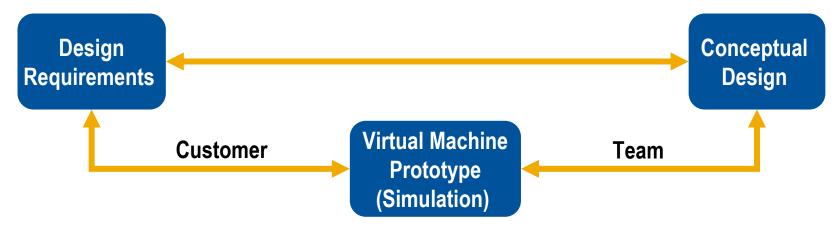








### **Virtual Machine Prototyping**



Mechanical: Design visualization

Electrical: Motor sizing

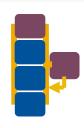
Control: Verify control logic

Embedded Software: Easy implementation





### **Mechanical Design Challenges**



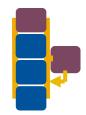
# Challenge: Understanding the requirements Solution: Electromechanical simulation Benefits:

- ✓ Improved customer communication
  - Confidence builder: showing proof of concept
  - Competitive advantage in the bidding process
- ✓ Improved design team communication
  - Refining design specifications
  - Evaluating high-level architectural design

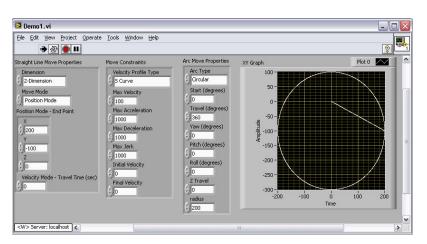




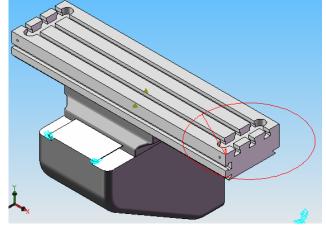
### **Electromechanical Simulation Steps**



- Determine machine logic
- 2. Generate profile data with virtual prototyping software
- Send to 3D design tool
- 4. Use CAD tool to animate machine functionality





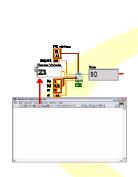




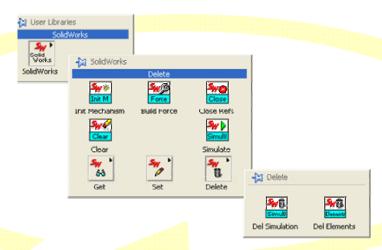


### **Software Tools**

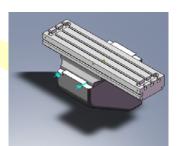
- SolidWorks Professional
  - COSMOSMotion
- LabVIEW Professional
  - Free SolidWorks/LabVIEW ActiveX Interface
  - NI Motion Assistant











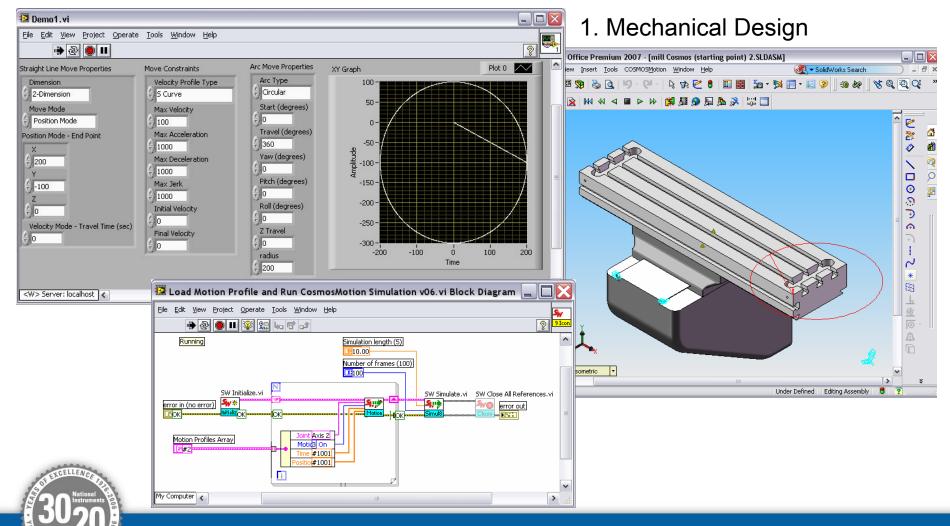




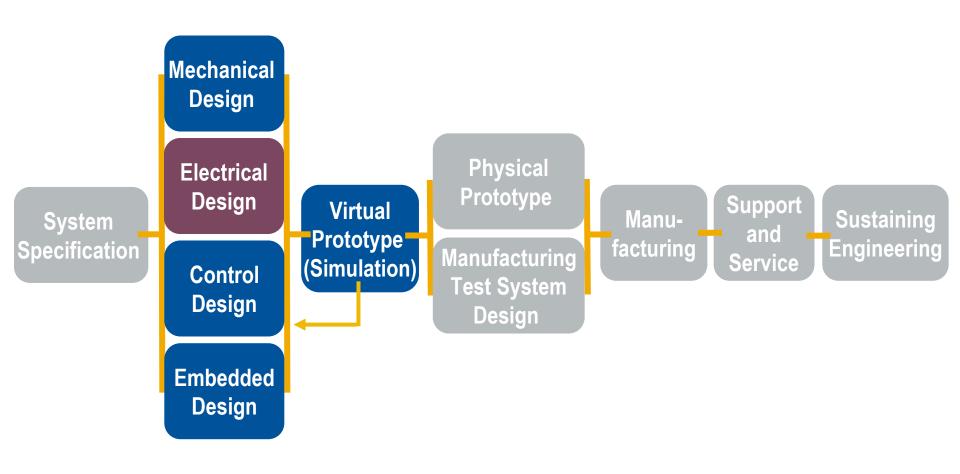


### **Demo: LabVIEW Automates Design Visualization**

#### 2. Control



### **Electrical Design**







## **Electrical Design Challenges**

Challenge: Specifying correct motor size

Solution: Sizing virtual motors

#### Benefits:

- ✓ Apply motor sizing principles interactively
- ✓ Virtually test various motors
- ✓ Estimate control tuning parameter before physical prototype



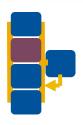




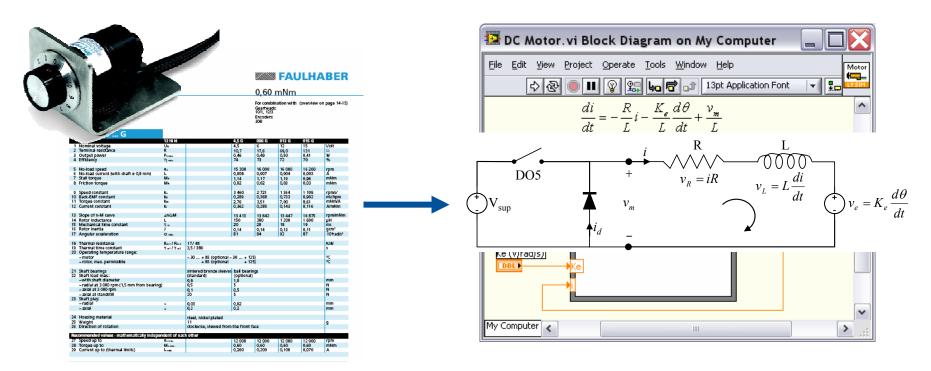




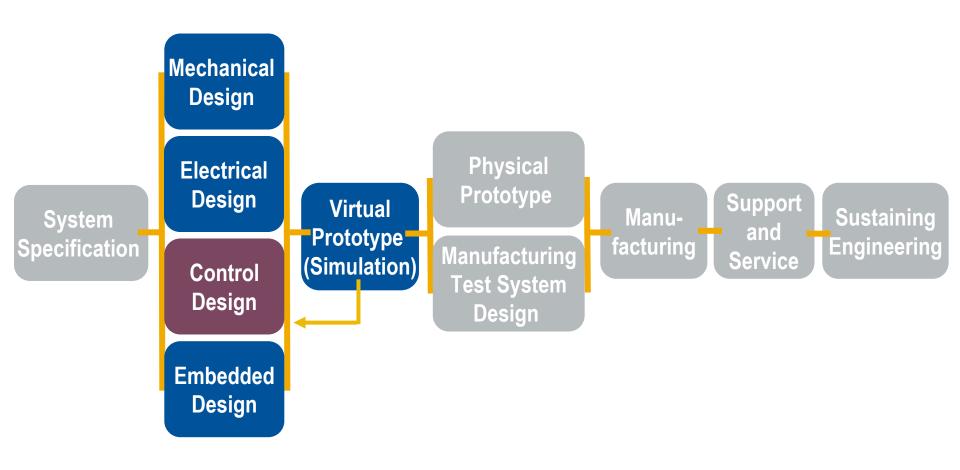
## **Virtual DC Motor Sizing**



- 1. Acquire motor specifications from data sheet
- 2. Simulate motor response to velocity and torque profile from CAD



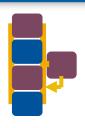
## **Control Design**







## **Control Design Challenges**



#### **Challenges:**

- Software development in critical path
- Physical prototype needed to test control algorithm

Solution: Develop and test control algorithm on virtual model

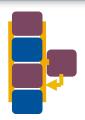
#### **Benefits:**

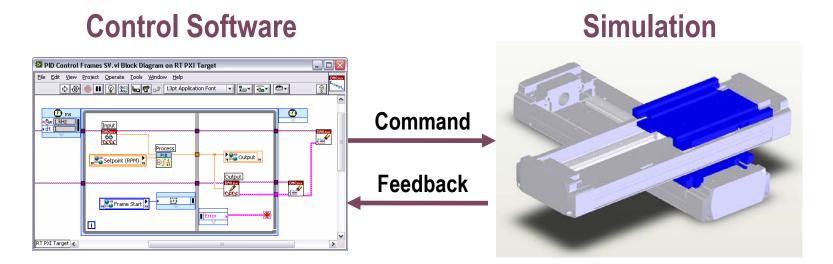
- ✓ Get head start on control development
- ✓ Refine control strategy before physical prototyping
- ✓ Detect interferences and resonance





## Integrating Control and Mechanical Design





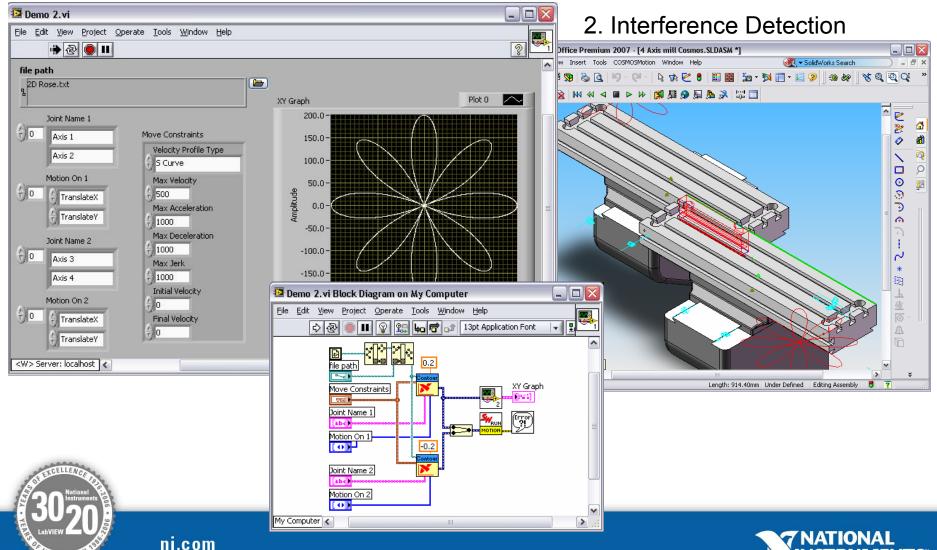
- 1. Develop machine control logic
- Animate model and identify potential issues



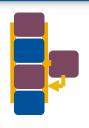


### **Demo: Interference Detection**

1. Motion Profile



## **Control Design Challenges**



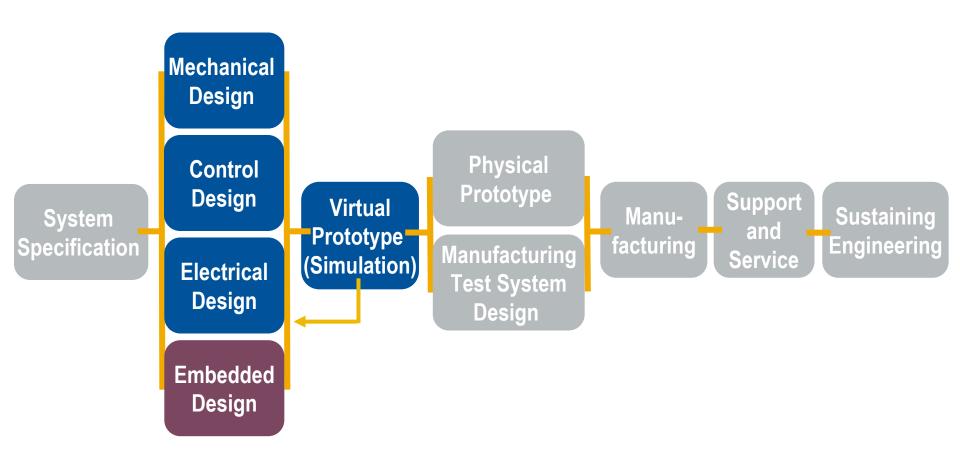
**Challenge:** Finding an alternative for conventional PID, which is not tuned for all machine states

**Solution:** Using advanced PID or other control algorithms **Benefits:** 

- ✓ Achieve more precise control
- ✓ Choose from PID, advanced PID, and modelbased and model-predictive control
- ✓ Reduce wear and tear on machine parts



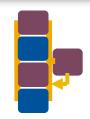
### **Embedded Software Design**







## **Embedded Software Design Challenges**



Challenge: Implementing embedded algorithms

**Solution:** Using control design software that runs natively on embedded hardware

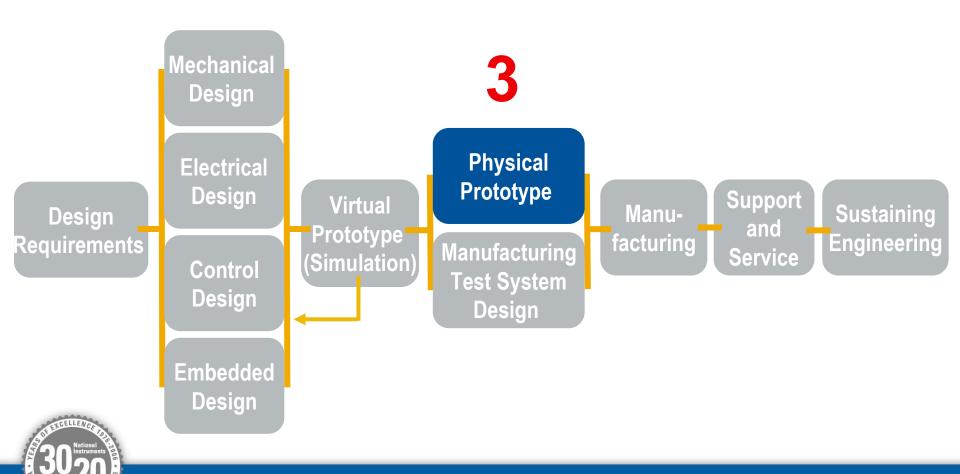
#### **Benefits:**

- ✓ Reduced development time and cost
- ✓ Less chance for translation errors



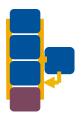


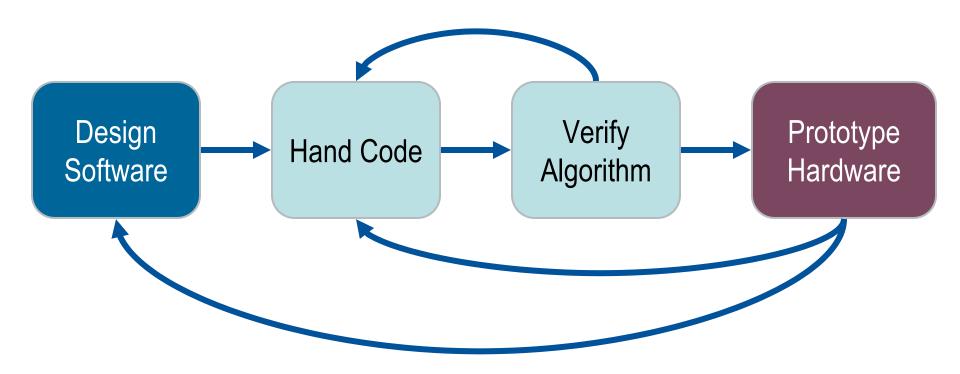
## **Physical Prototyping**





## **Algorithm Engineering**

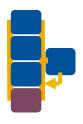


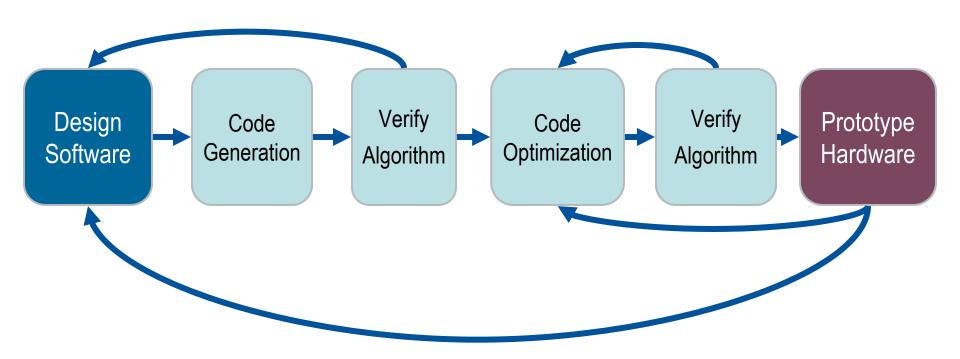






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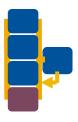


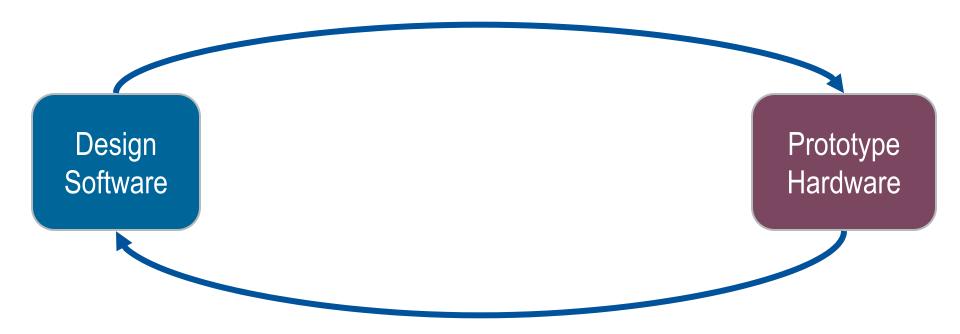






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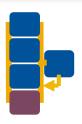








## **Prototyping Challenges**



#### Challenge: Choosing the right prototyping platform

- Controller speed and memory
- I/O from specialty signals
- Ability to implement advanced control algorithms
- ✓ Reliably run custom control algorithms
- ✓ Integrate any I/O including machine condition monitoring and vision





## **Prototyping Hardware**

- Desktop PCs
- Industrial PCs
- Programmable automation controllers (PACs)
- Programmable logic controllers (PLCs)
- Custom boards













## **Programmable Automation Controller (PAC)**

- Ruggedness and reliability of PLC
- Software capabilities of PC
- Modular and diverse I/O

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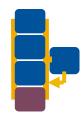
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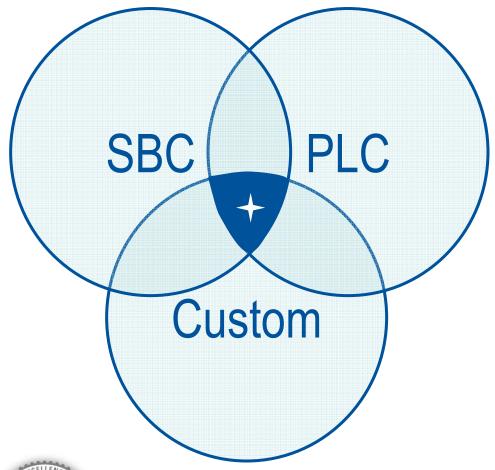






## **FPGA-Based Programmable Automation Controller**







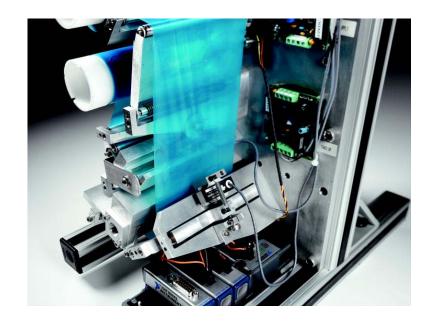
NI CompactRIO





### **Use Case: Digital Photo Kiosk Design**

- Design Challenges
  - Precise web tensioning
  - Vibrations from cutter head
  - Varying motor speed
- Solution Mechatronics
  - Mechanical and control simulation
  - Sixth-order control algorithm
  - Two-motor axis dancer system
  - Prototyping with LabVIEW and CompactRIO
- Result
  - 10X faster than competition



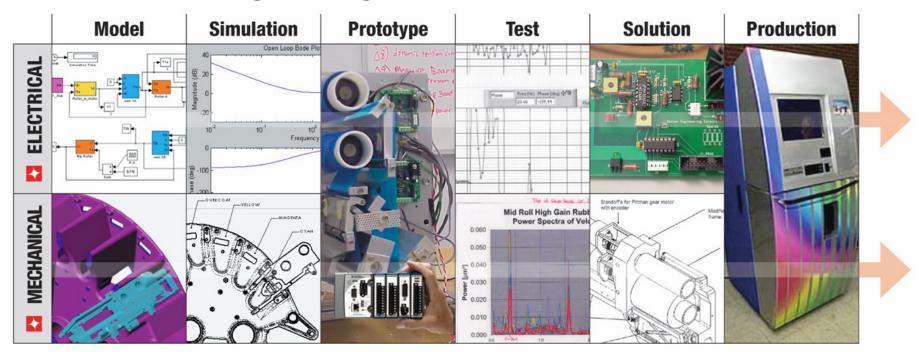






## **Use Case: Digital Photo Kiosk Design**

#### **Mechatronics Engineering Process**







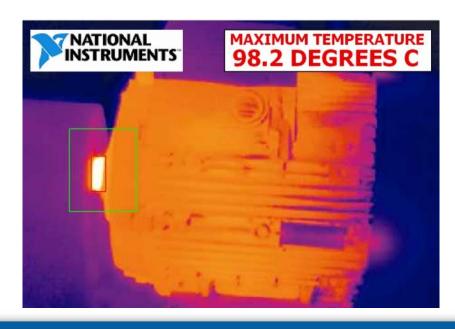
## **Demo: Physical Prototype**





## **Additional Design Considerations: Machine Condition Monitoring**

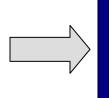
- Why use machine vision?
  - Increase product throughput
  - Reduce product inspection cost
  - Use infrared, X-ray
- Applications
  - Manufacturing
  - Product testing
  - Product packaging
  - Robot guidance





## **Additional Design Considerations: Machine Condition Monitoring**

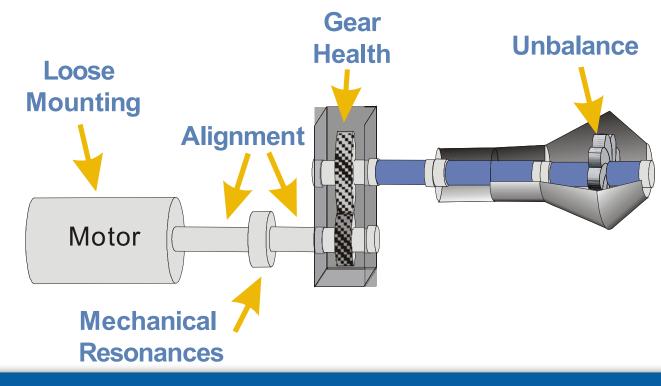
Data Acquisition



Data Analysis



Diagnosis and Control







#### Conclusion

#### Mechatronics concurrent development:

- Reduces development time and risk
- Requires design tool integration







