


Simulink co-simulation


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Magic Model Analyst supports Simulink (MATLAB) co-simulation. Simulation executes the entire Simulink model (*.slx) on all steps, if there are any value changes in the input, which is similar to FMI. Simulation works with Simulink models as attached files and Simulink models located in the same directory of the project.

**Warning**


- You must successfully integrate MATLAB Version 2016b or later before using Simulink co-simulation. See [Integration with MATLAB](#).
- Any duplicated Simulink model is not allowed in the project.

**Note**

- Simulink models without input/output Ports are not executed because there is no connectivity, and value change is not propagated to the Block.
- This type of Simulink integration is for atomic calculations. When any input changes, outputs such as the parametric diagram are calculated, e.g. $In1 \cdot Gain3 \cdot Out1$. It occurs as one step of Simulation time, the same as FMU.



Using Simulink in an Internal Block/Parametric diagram






1. To import a Simulink (*.slx) file into the project, click **File** > **Import From File** > **Simulink Files** > **Import** call up the **Simulink Import Options** dialog. You can also drag the Simulink file into the Block Definition diagram, Internal Block diagram, or Parametric diagram of the project. The **Simulink Import Options** dialog opens as shown below.

 Simulink Import Options

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Select which features and how to import them from the Simulink file. Specify a Block name and select which Simulink variables to import as value properties or ports. Inputs and outputs are imported as ports by default. If you drop the Simulink file onto an existing Block as implementation, you can also select which Simulink variables map and redefine Block properties. You can attach the Simulink file to a project for a more effective team

Block name:  Select All  Select None

#	Direction	Name	Type	Description	As Port	Interface Block
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in	In1	 Real		Proxy Port	 In1
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in	In2	 Real		Proxy Port	 In2
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> out	Out1	 Real		Flow Port	None

☐ Attach file to the project

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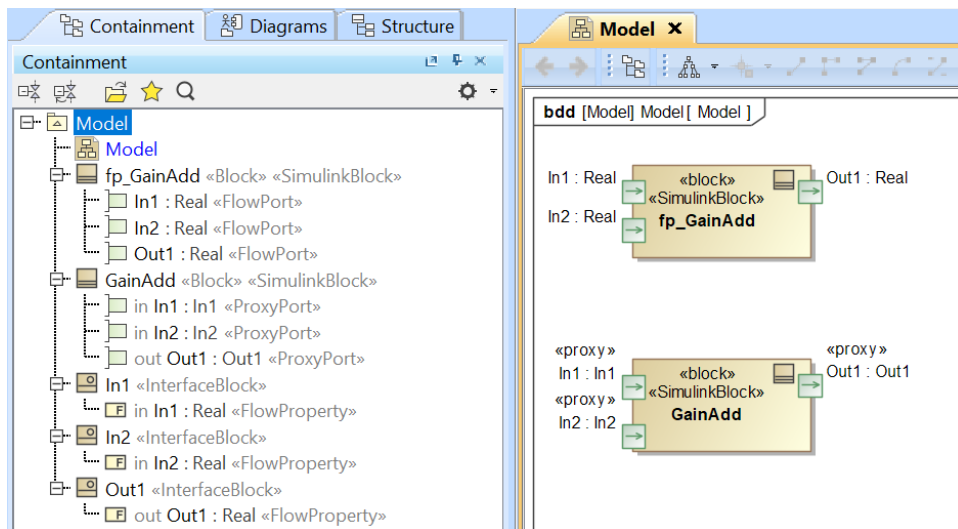
Flow Port

Proxy Port

OK

Cancel

- The Simulink Import Options dialog opens after importing a Simulink model into the project.
2. All Input/Output Ports of the Simulink model are selected by default. However, you can select Proxy Port, Flow Port, or both of them in the same Block for the simulation, e.g., *In1* and *In2* Proxy Ports and *Out1* Flow Port. The following scenarios apply:
 - a. If you select the Proxy Port, you can select an existing Interface Block or **<NEW>** to automatically create a new Interface Block for each Port with «SimulinkBlock» applied as the model name with the Proxy Port. The automatically created Interface Block will have the default settings with *In/Out In1/Out1 : Real «FlowProperty»* according to I/O Ports of the Simulink model.
 - b. If you select the Flow Port, a Block with «SimulinkBlock» applied as the model name and the Flow Port with *In/Out In1/Out1 : Real «FlowPort»* according to I/O Ports of the Simulink model will be automatically created.



The Simulink model is created as Blocks with Proxy/Flow Ports.



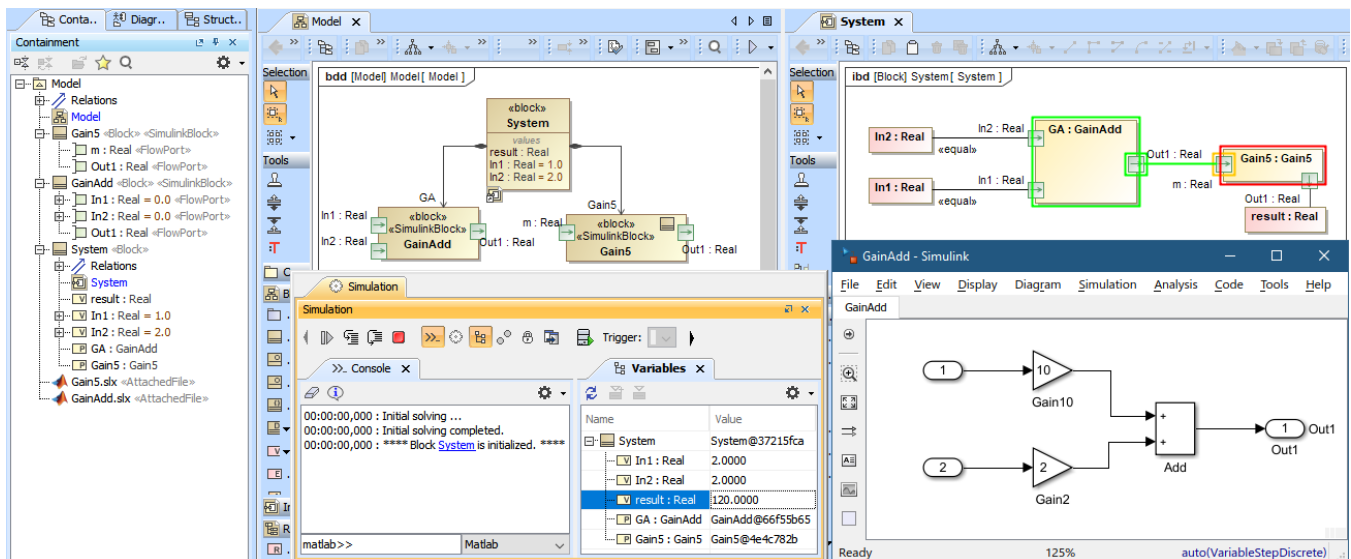
Warning

The Interface Block of a Proxy Port must have only a Flow Property.

- The names of the Proxy Port and Simulink I/O Port must be the same, e.g., *In1-In1* and *Out1-Out1*.

3. Connect those Proxy/Flow ports through [binding Connectors](#) in the Internal Block/Parametric diagram.
4. Run the simulation. When inputs are available for initialization (e.g. passed via binding) «SimulinkBlock» will be run at the first time and on every input change. You can also see animation of Flow Ports and set breakpoints for debugging.

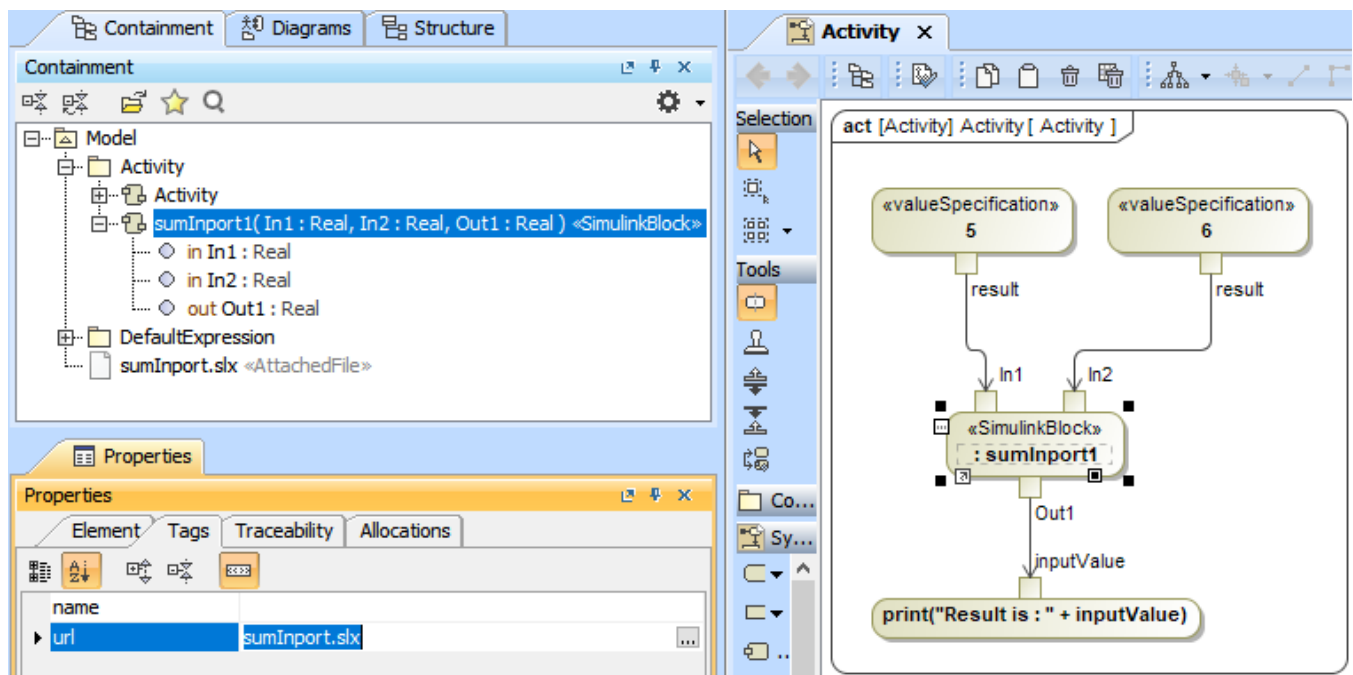
From the figure below, a system is with two Simulink models: *GainAdd* and *Gain5*. *GainAdd* will multiply Port *In1* by 10, multiply Port *In2* by 2, and add the two results to Port *Out1*. *Gain5* will multiply Port *m* by 5. Therefore, *result* will be $[(2 * 10) + (2 * 2)] * 5 = 120$.



The Simulink co-simulation result from the system which has two Simulink models (*GainAdd.slx* and *Gain5.slx*) connected via Flow Ports.

Using Simulink in an Activity diagram

A Simulink model can be used in the Activity diagram through drag-and-drop operation. The dropped Simulink file is presented as an Activity in the Containment tree with the same name as the Simulink model name, and «SimulinkBlock» is automatically applied. Parameters and directions are the same as the Simulink In/Out ports and can be used as a CallBehaviorAction on demand as shown in the figure below.



A Simulink model, sumImport1, is presented as an Activity and used as a CallBehaviorAction in the Activity diagram.