



VIRTUAL DRIVING EXPERIENCE IN BRAKING SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT: WORKFLOW AND USE CASES

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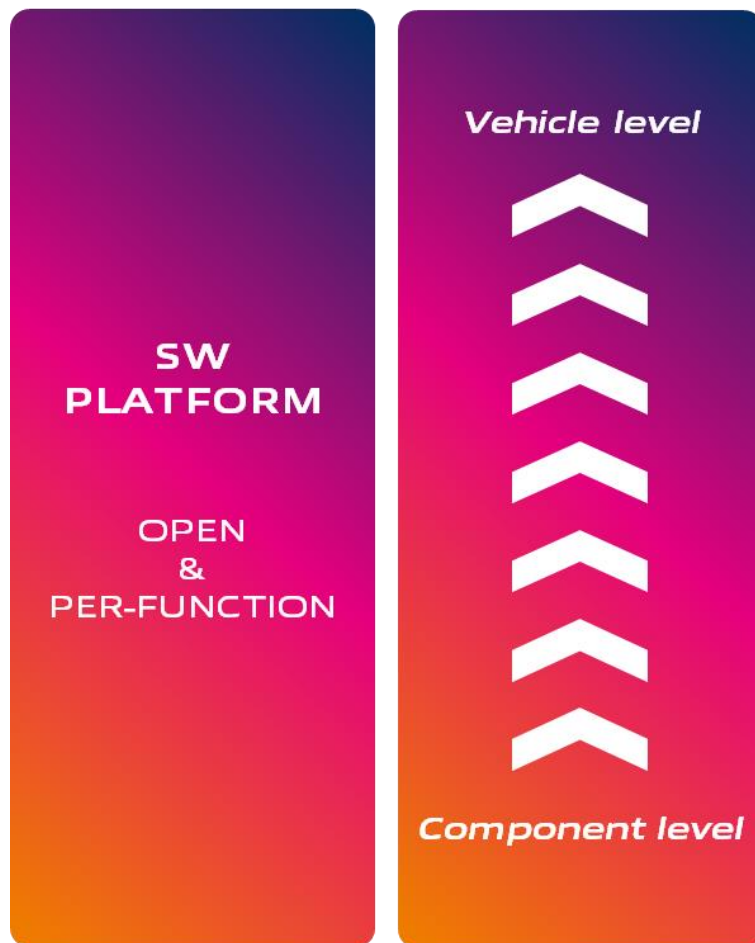
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AGENDA

1. Introduction
2. MIL / HIL environment
3. DIL / DHIL environment
4. Conclusions

LEVELS

FUNCTIONS



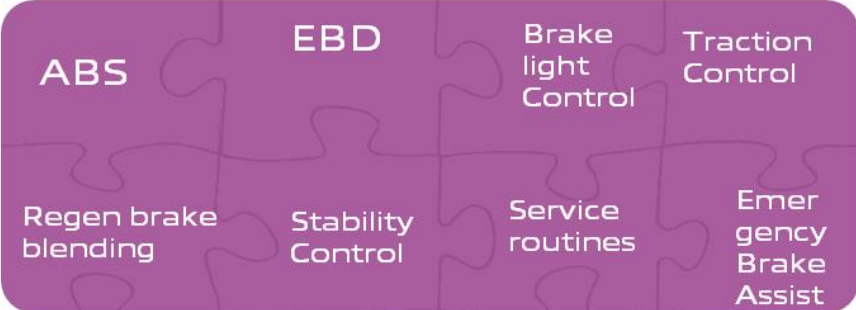
LEVEL 2 functions
Vehicle control



LEVEL 1 functions
Corner control



LEVEL 0 functions
Actuator control

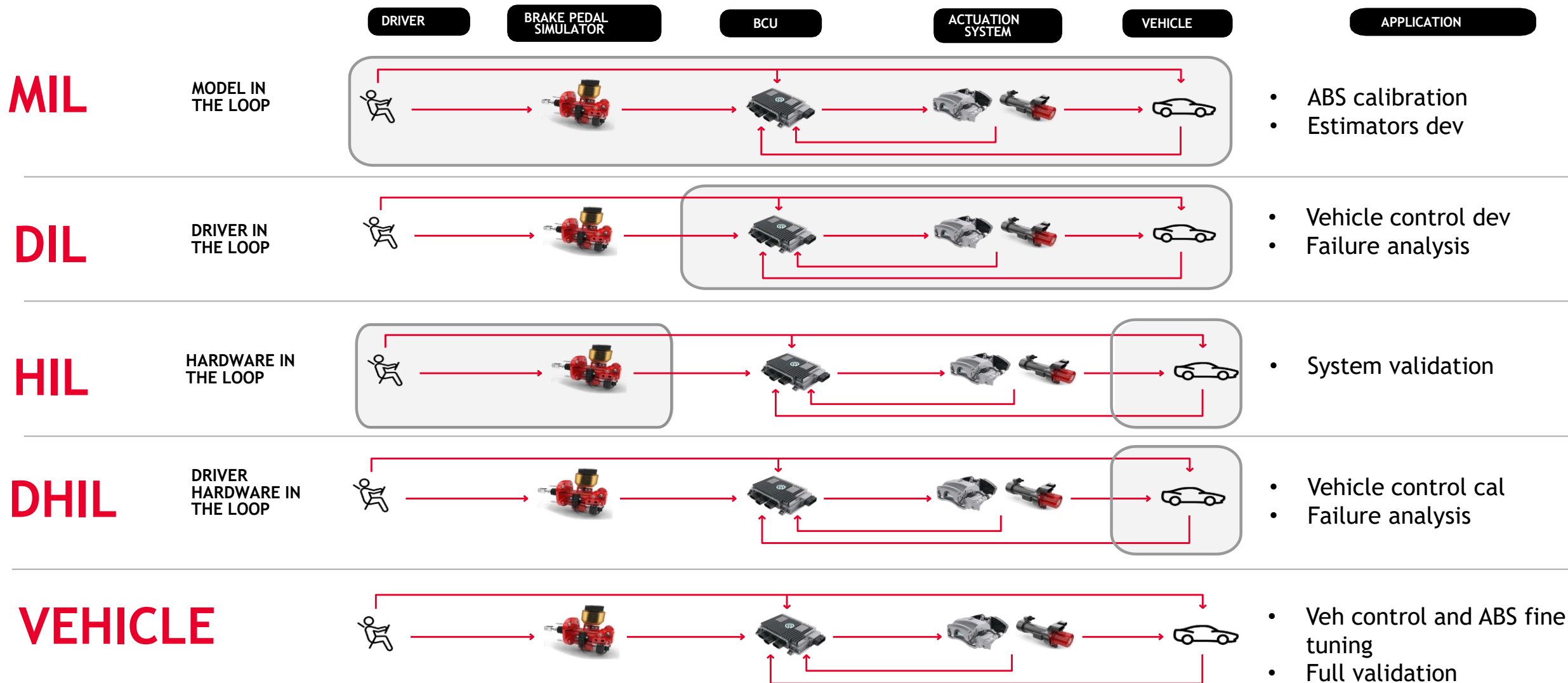
ABS	EBD	Brake light Control	Traction Control
Regen brake blending	Stability Control	Service routines	Emergency Brake Assist

- Slip control management for the single corner

- Brake Apply (normal, slow, fast)
- Brake Release (normal, silent)
- Parking Brake functions
- Service functions
- Diagnostic routines
- Functional safety monitoring

INTRODUCTION

VIRTUAL

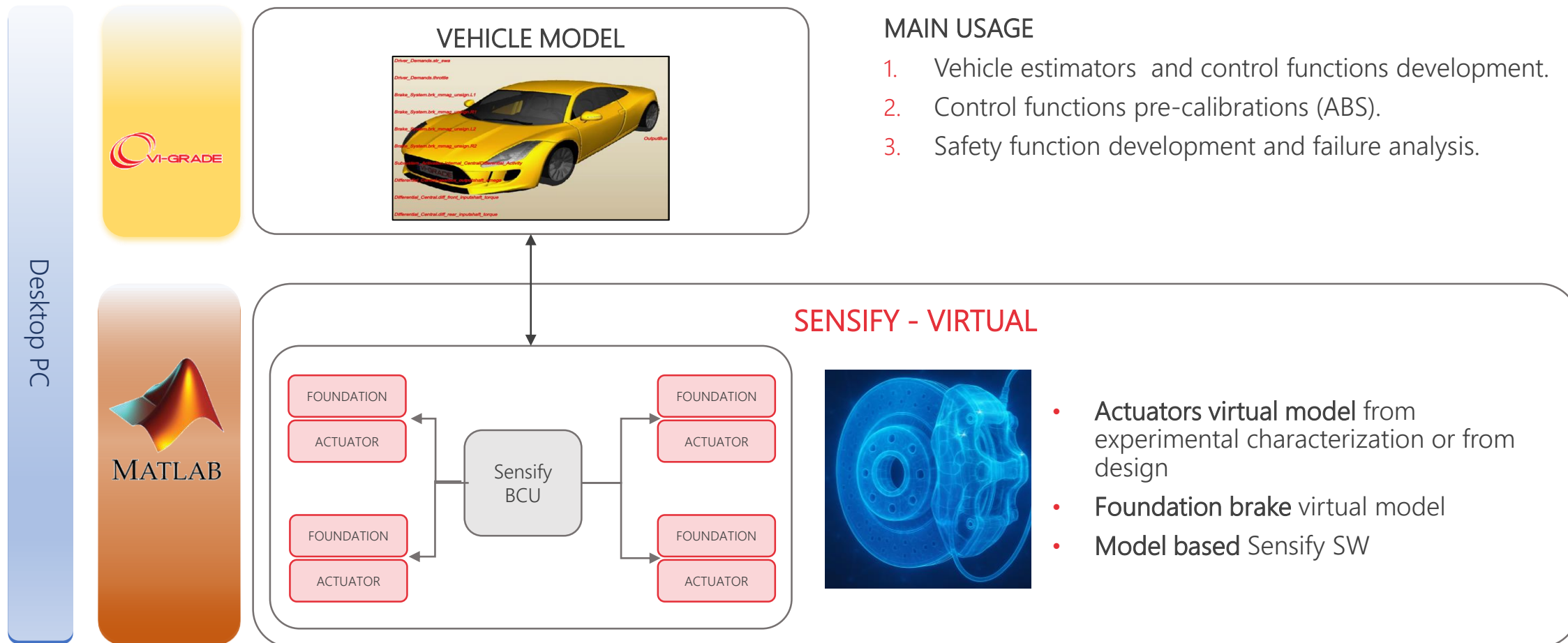


MIL PLATFORM



TARGET

- Virtual development tool to evaluate the impact of braking system **design iterations on vehicle dynamic behavior** (car and motorcycle)



HIL PLATFORM

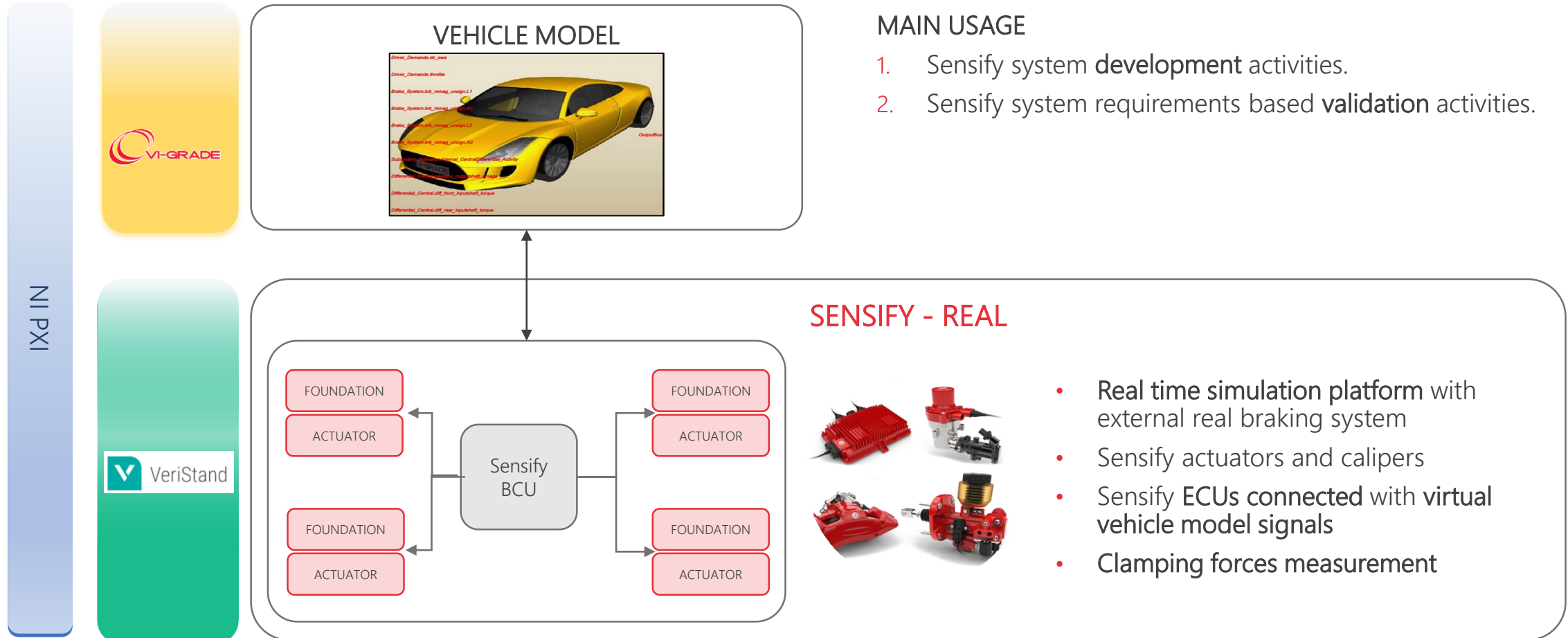


TARGET

- Vehicle model (car and motorcycle) introduction within Sensify system test benches

MAIN USAGE

1. Sensify system **development** activities.
2. Sensify system requirements based **validation** activities.

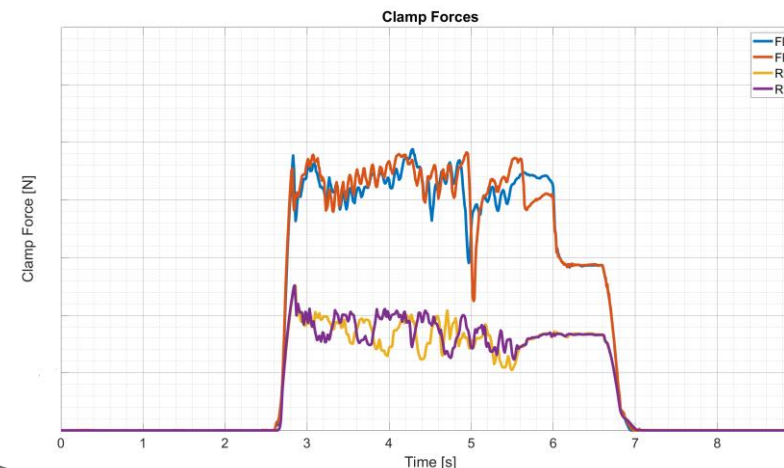
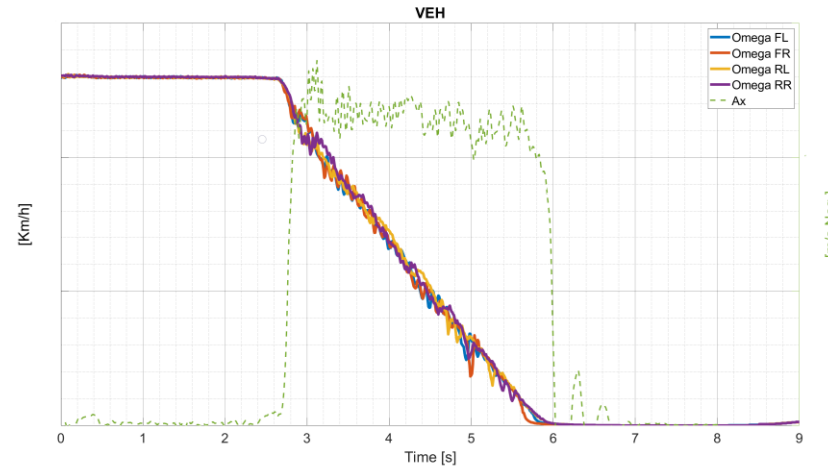
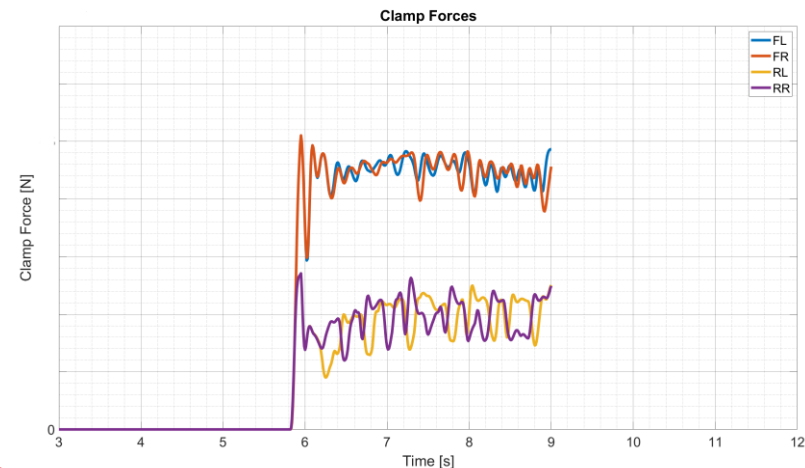
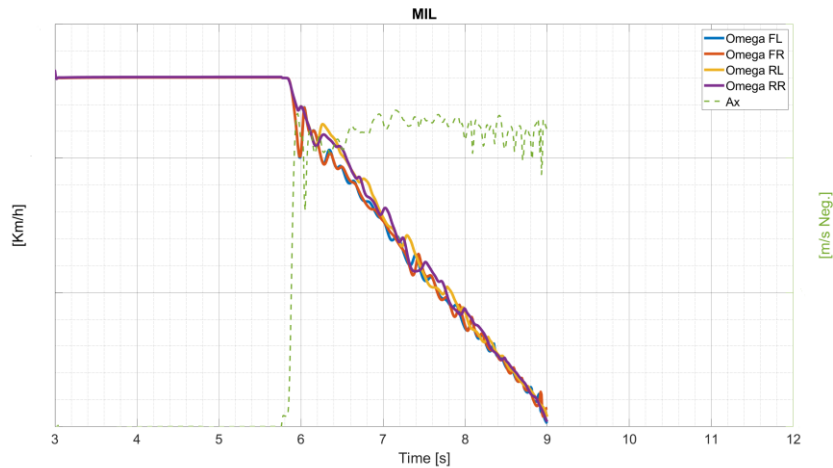


MIL USE CASE: ABS



MIL

VEHICLE



- ABS calibration on high adherence flat road.
- First deceleration drop is usually deeper in simulation → introducing an advanced friction model between disc and pads to improve correlation on high transition maneuvers.
- Key role is played by the tire model.

BREMBO - MICHELIN PROJECT



Pioneering intelligent braking system from Brembo that optimizes the best of two worlds: **Driving pleasure** and **total safety**.



Connected Solutions

New software solutions to monitor the **tire status** for improved **driving experience**, **safety** and **sustainability**.



Target

Combine the **two know-hows** to improve **safety** features through ABS: Sensify controls can be improved with knowledge of tire status.

Methodology

- Integrate Michelin algorithms and tyre ID in Sensify SW to enhance its calibration in all conditions.
- Massive tyre model generation.
- Virtual pre calibration on MIL.
- Track tests for fine tuning and validation.

Results

- Up to 4m braking distance reduction.
- Increased braking comfort.

Next Steps

- Model development (aquaplaning).

DIL PLATFORM



TARGET

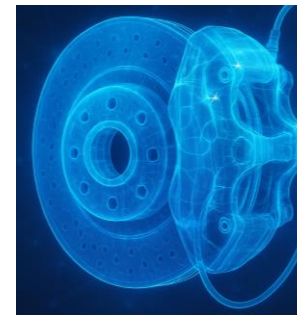
- To include the **driving experience** within the Sensify virtual development workflow.
- To evaluate in an early stage development the **impact** of Sensify design modifications **on driver feeling**.

MAIN USAGE

1. Vehicle estimators and control functions development.
2. Control functions pre-calibrations (ESC, monitoring).
3. Safety functions development and fault analysis.

SENSIFY - VIRTUAL

- **Actuators virtual model** from experimental characterization or from design .
- **Foundation brake** virtual model.
- **Model based** Sensify SW compiled on Concurrent.

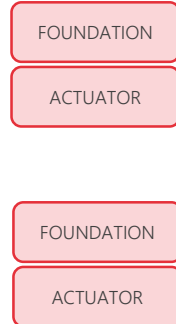
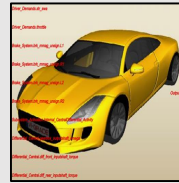


DRIVING SIMULATOR

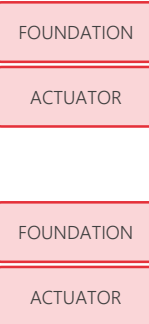
COMPACT SIMULATOR



VEHICLE MODEL



Sensify
BCU

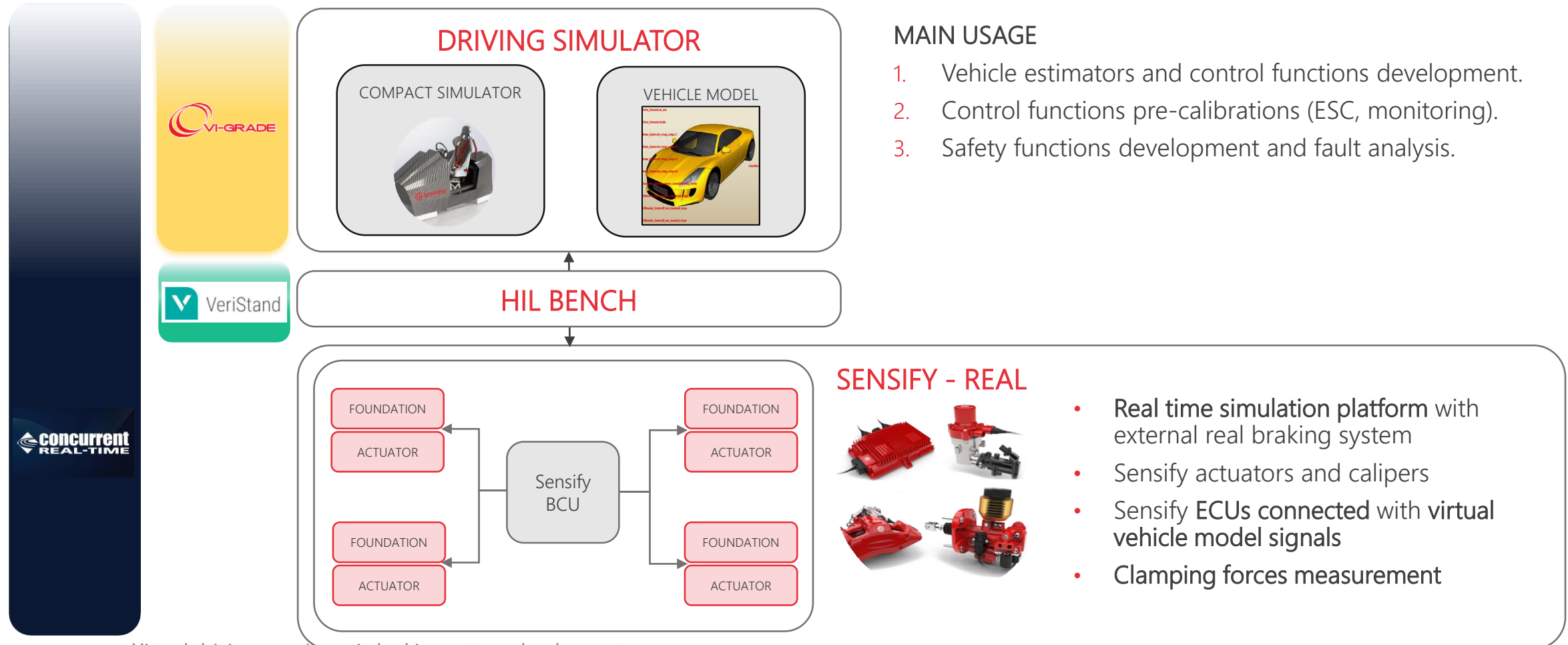


DHIL PLATFORM



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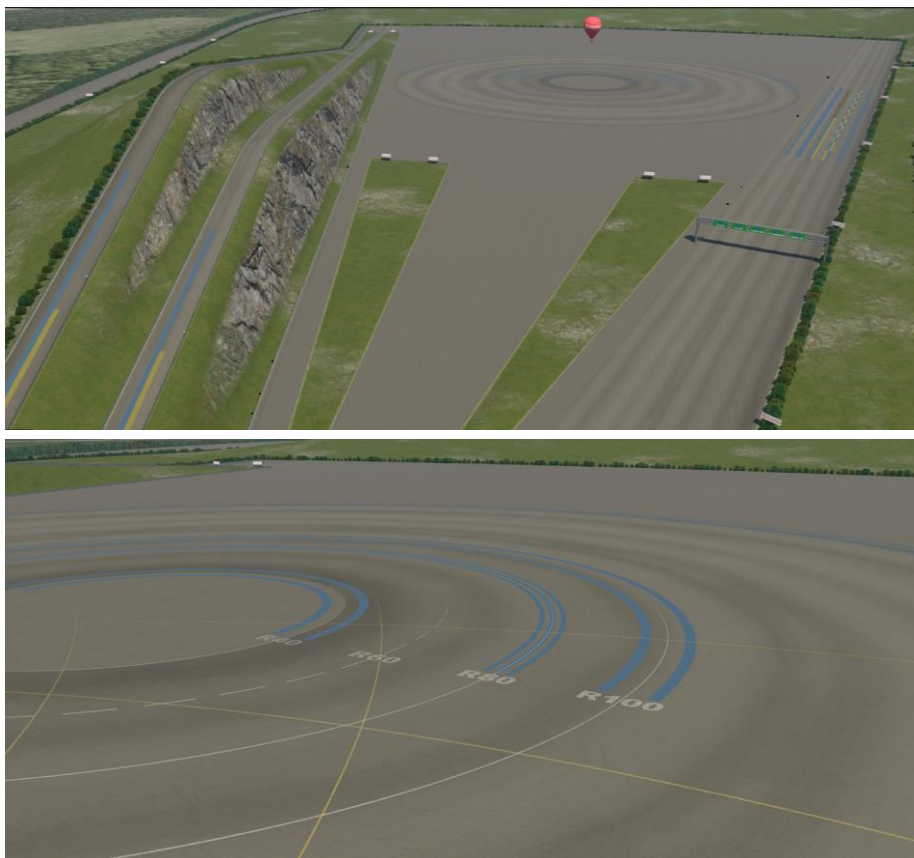


DIL/DHIL PLATFORM

PROVING GROUNDS



Brembo dynamic platform



Brembo winter scenario



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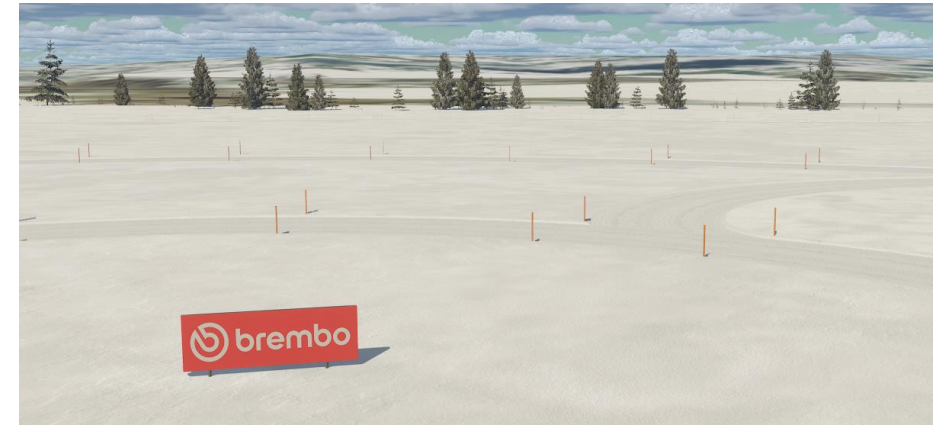


Brembo dynamic platform



- Functional scenario aimed at testing either **specific working conditions** (slope, banking, braking lanes, adherence split and jump) and **generic handling**.
- Focus on compactness and KPI oriented.

Brembo winter scenario



- Based on a **real winter proving ground**, extended to enlarge testing capabilities.
- Focus on graphic design to enhance the **driver immersion** and realism perception.

DIL/DHIL ACTIVITIES

SENSIFY DEVELOPMENT AND CALIBRATION



Standardization of driving simulator activities within product development workflow:

- New SW releases **pre-calibrations and debug** before testing on real vehicle.
- **Preliminary testing** to reduce time spent on proving ground (i.e. stability control).
- Support to **validation** through objective and subjective assessment.

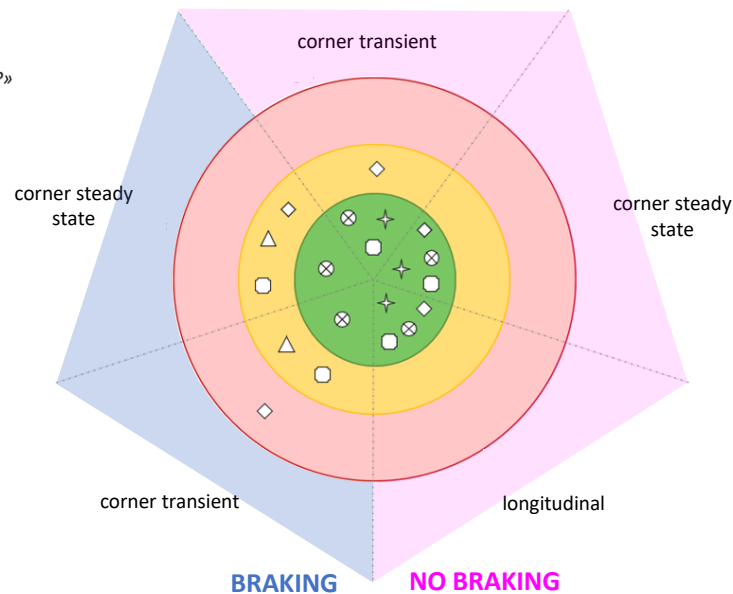
Subjective assessment

DHIL alignment with vehicle feeling (subjective assessment)

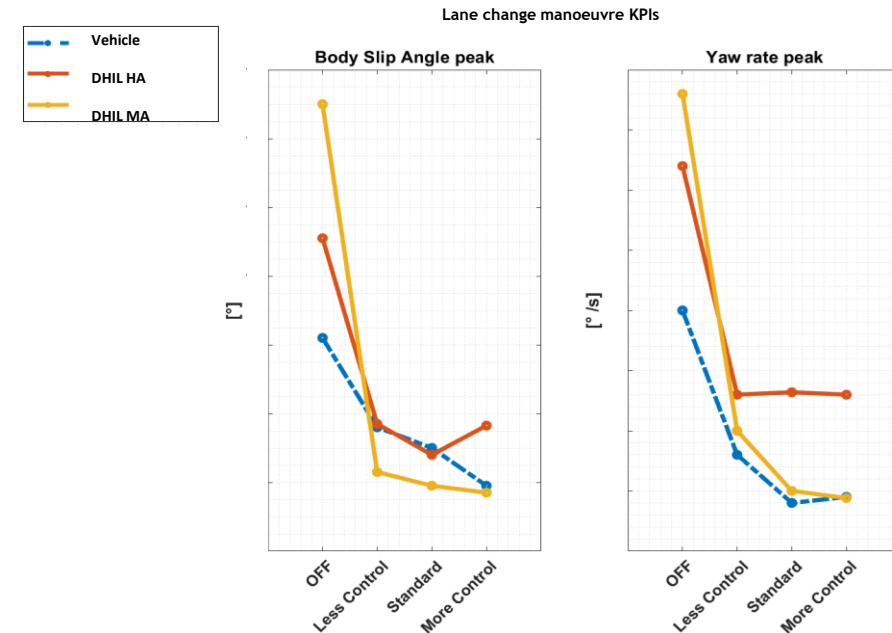
«Is the behaviour similar in both environments?»

Yes, aligned
Partially aligned
No, not Aligned

Criteria	
Stability	◇
Steerability	⊗
Brake intervention	✦
Deceleration	△
Consistency	□



Objective assessment



DIL/DHIL ACTIVITIES

VEHICLE CONTROLLABILITY - FAULT INJECTION



Target

- To define/validate by a **subjective evaluation** the yaw rate threshold value **between a "disturbing" and a "dangerous" vehicle response** in case of corner fault.



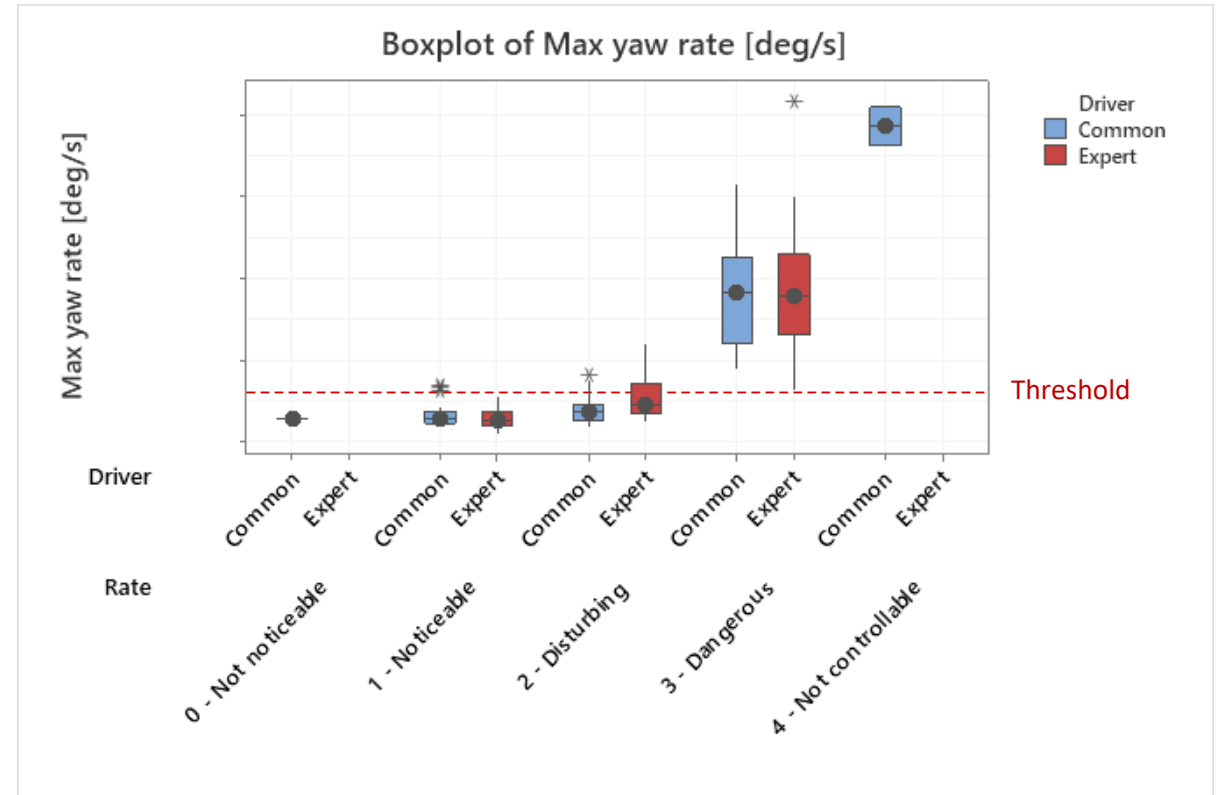
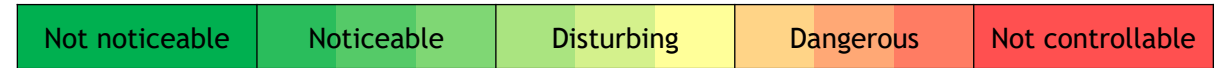
Methodology

- Maneuver:** straight line braking with brake fault injection.
- Expert drivers** → extended test list:
 - Different safety goals.
 - Variable value of deceleration, injected fault amplitude, vehicle speed.
- Common drivers** → subjective evaluation on best and worst test cases per each safety goal.



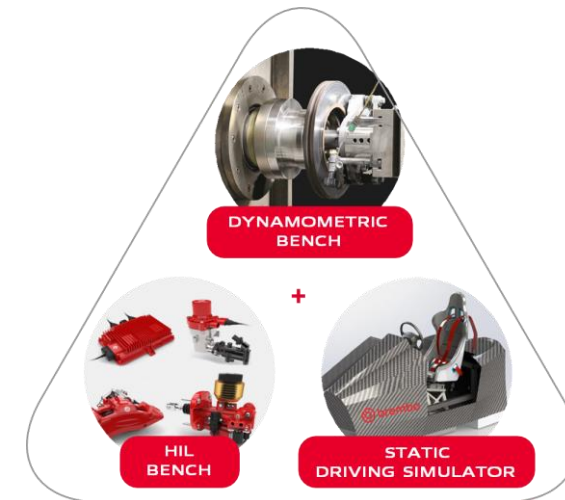
Main results

- Evaluate drivers' perception on variable fault injection amplitudes at high vehicle speed (**never done on real vehicle**).
- Collect a **statistically relevant** number of subjective evaluations in a safe and fast testing environment.



CONCLUSIONS

- An overview on part of XiL environment used within product development was presented, focusing on:
 - MIL for early stage development, fast objective assessment and optimization.
 - HiL for HW/SW integration and validation.
 - DiL/DHiL as further step toward the whole development process, including subjective evaluation.
- A virtual development process is nowadays mandatory in the development of Brembo solutions. A dedicated virtual models exchange process with customers is needed to maximize all the benefits of the described virtual development tools.
 - Vehicle models → to evaluate and customize software solutions in early stage development or PoC evaluation.
 - Tire models → to anticipate and speed up calibration process (e.g. Brembo/Michelin collaboration).
- An additional **extension of the available testing environment** comprehensive of vehicle dynamics model has been internally developed, connecting the driving simulator to an HiL system test bench and a dynamometric test bench → **DDYHIL** environment.
- The architecture is needed to **account for the tribological variation** of the friction material within Sensify development in virtual environments.





THANK YOU