

Simulink^R-SPICE-Interface

Simulink¹ is widely used for the time-domain simulation of control, mechanical, hydraulic and other dynamical systems described by block diagrams. Today, many larger systems contain electrical or electronic subsystems with semiconductor devices. For the simulation of such subsystems, specialized software tools are used. One such program is SPICE², a general purpose circuit simulator developed at the University of California at Berkeley which has become a standard in industry, research and education.

The Simulink-SPICE-Interface was developed for the simultaneous simulation of mixed systems containing Simulink-type and SPICE-type subsystems. The interface works within the familiar MATLAB³/Simulink environment and is based on a Simulink feature to create new blocks written in C (C MEX S-Functions). The source code of SPICE Version 3F5 was implemented in such a way. The interface block SLSP reads in the circuit file, initializes the simulation, performs the numerical integration in the time-domain and manages the communication between SPICE and Simulink.

To simulate a mixed system, the user first defines the subsystems to be modeled in Simulink (i.e. mechanical, hydraulic, etc.) and the electrical/electronic subsystems to be modeled in SPICE. After selection of the state variables for data exchange between the Simulink- and SPICE-submodels, the Simulink block diagram is edited and the SPICE circuit file is written. After selection of an appropriate integration algorithm and step size, the simulation may be started. Results can be viewed and printed within the MATLAB environment as usual.

The Simulink-SPICE-Interface combines the time-proven tools Simulink and SPICE for a straightforward and efficient simulation of complex mixed systems which contain electrical or electronic subsystems.

Typical applications:

- mechanical/hydraulic/electrical/electronic mixed systems (i.e. automotive)
- aerospace/avionics
- environmental technology
- power system design
- biological/medical/biomedical systems

The Simulink-SPICE-Interface was developed by BAUSCH-GALL GmbH and it is available for MATLAB/Simulink Release 14.

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Example

In this application, the Interface is used for the simulation of the speed control system of a dc motor (Fig. 1). The system block diagram of the overall Simulink-SPICE-Model is shown in Fig. 2 where the shaded areas are modeled in SPICE. The Simulink block diagram is shown in Fig. 3. The time-domain response of the angular velocity $\omega(t)$ is presented in Fig. 6. All other state variables are available for plotting within the MATLAB environment. The operational amplifier in the PI controller is modeled at the transistor level (Fig. 7). The SPICE circuit file was created by using the schematic editor SpiceNet from intusoft.

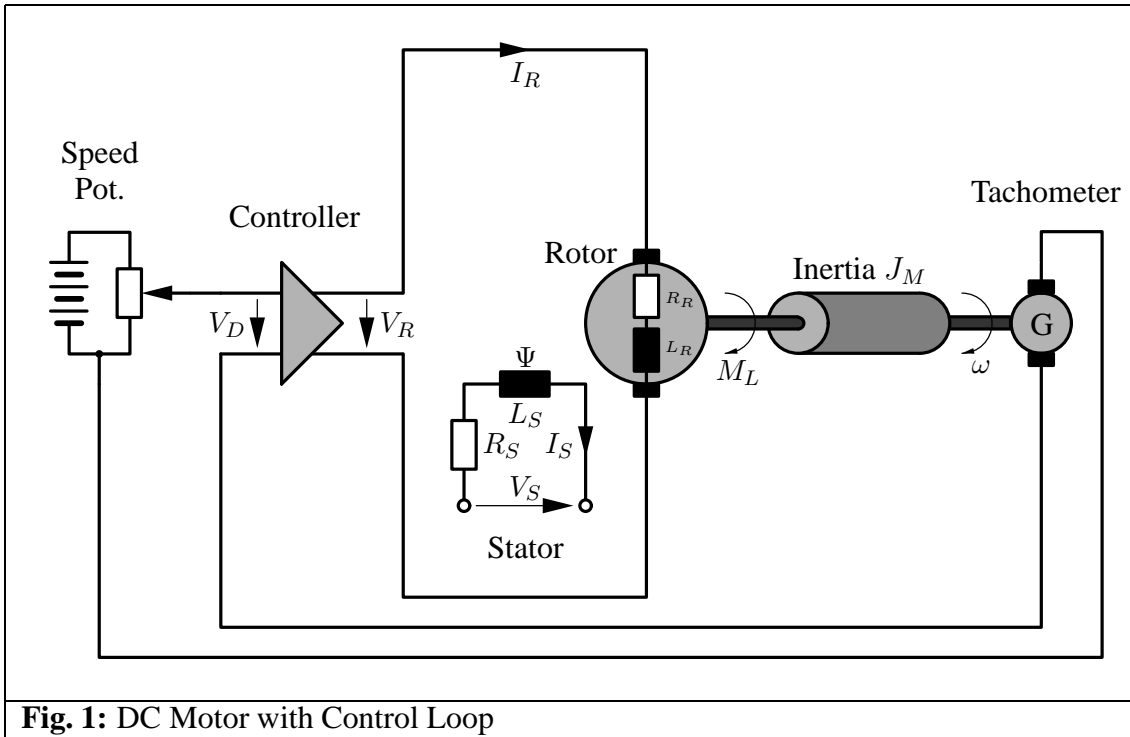


Fig. 1: DC Motor with Control Loop

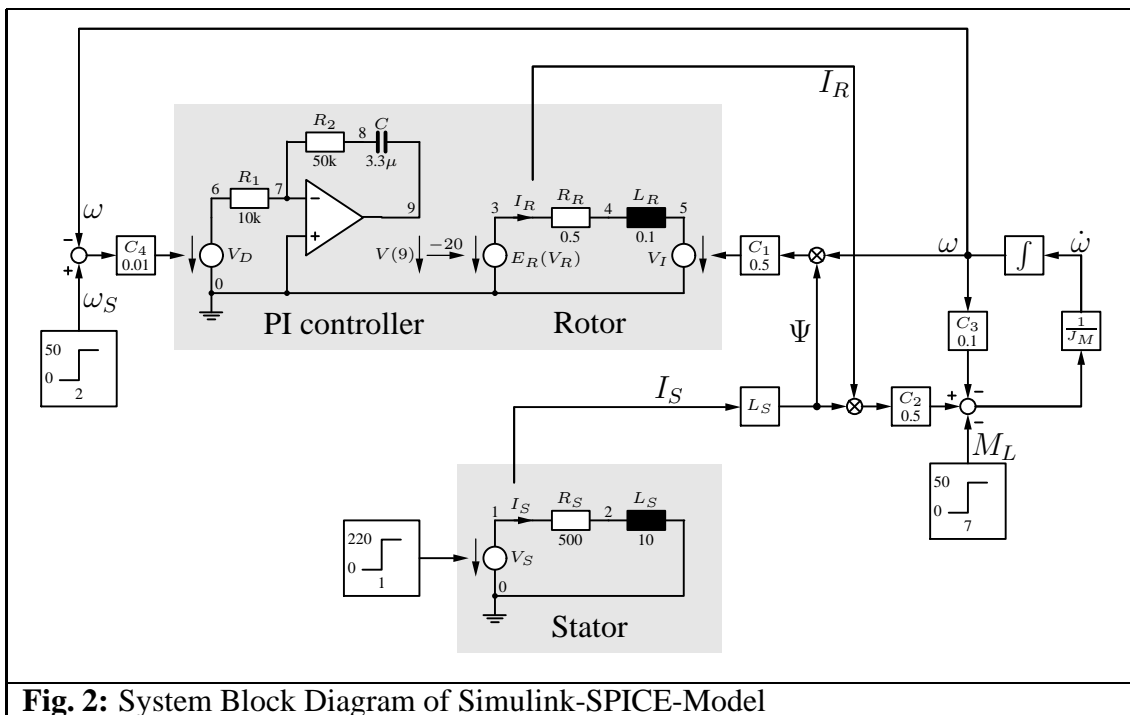


Fig. 2: System Block Diagram of Simulink-SPICE-Model

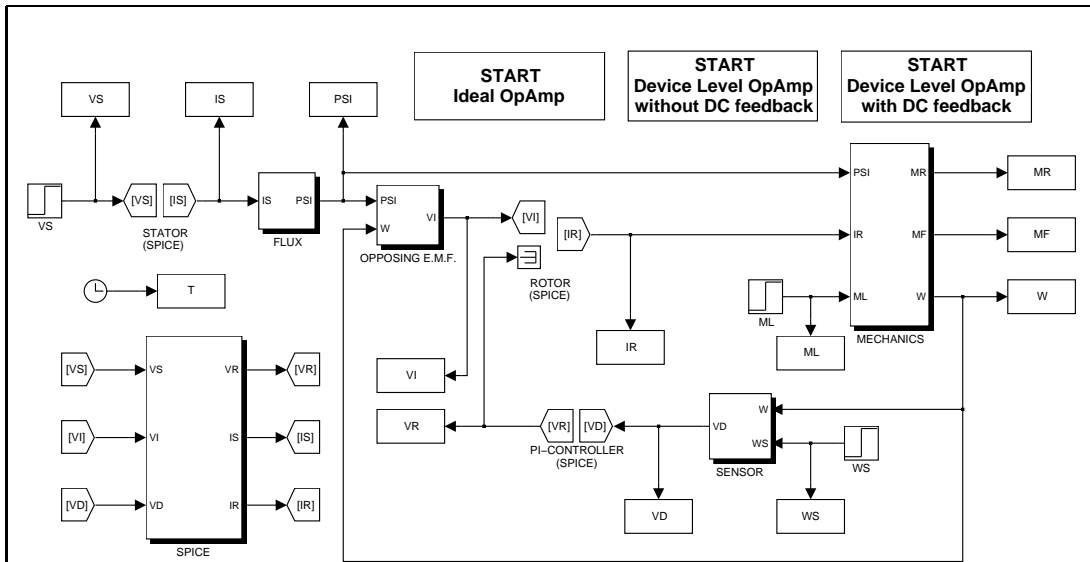


Fig. 3: Simulink block diagram

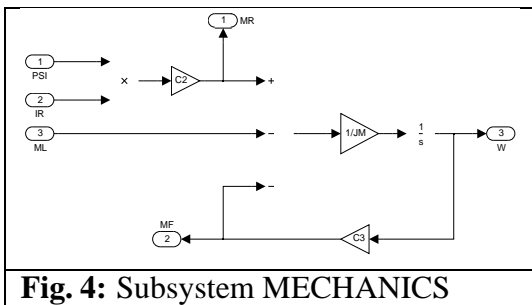


Fig. 4: Subsystem MECHANICS

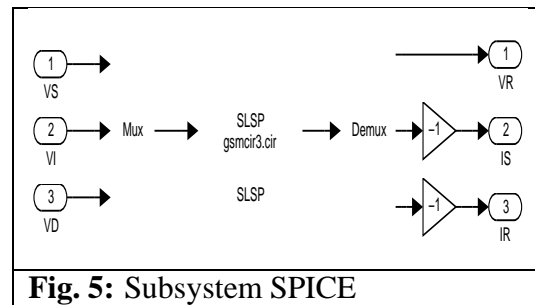


Fig. 5: Subsystem SPICE

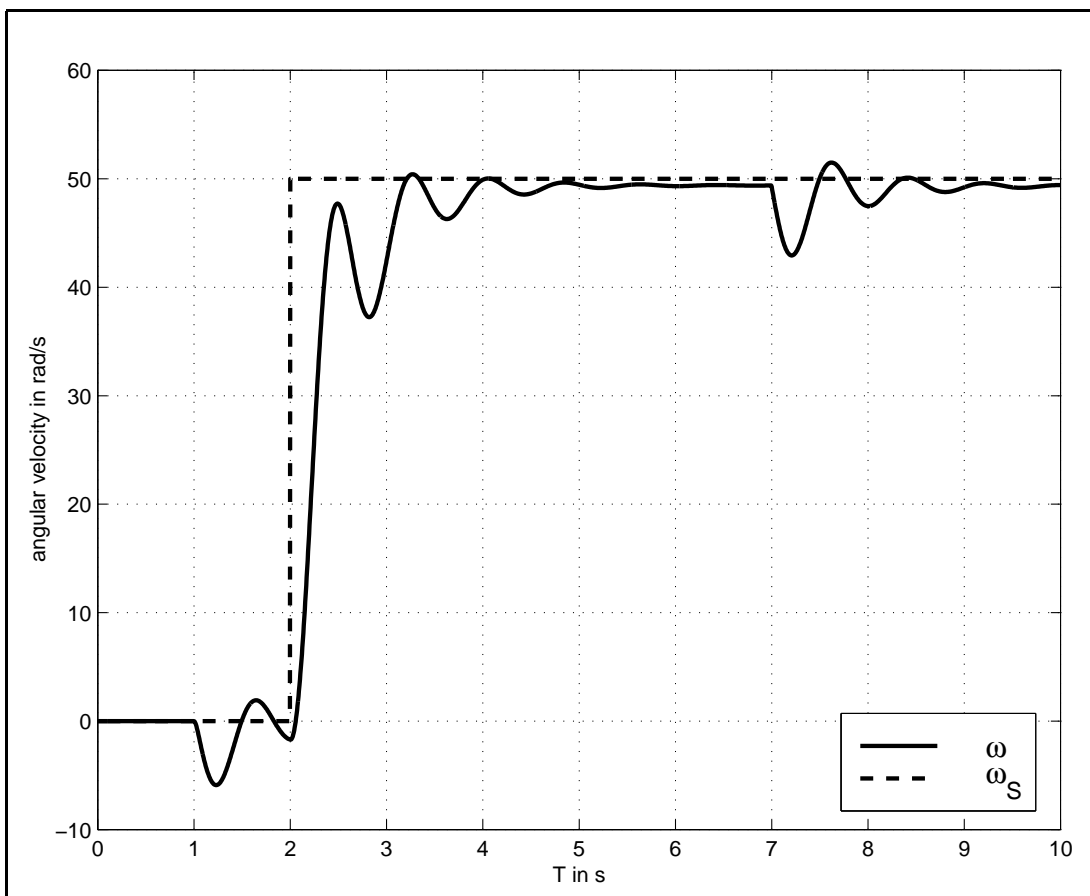


Fig. 6: ω for PI Controller with $\mu A741$ -Model

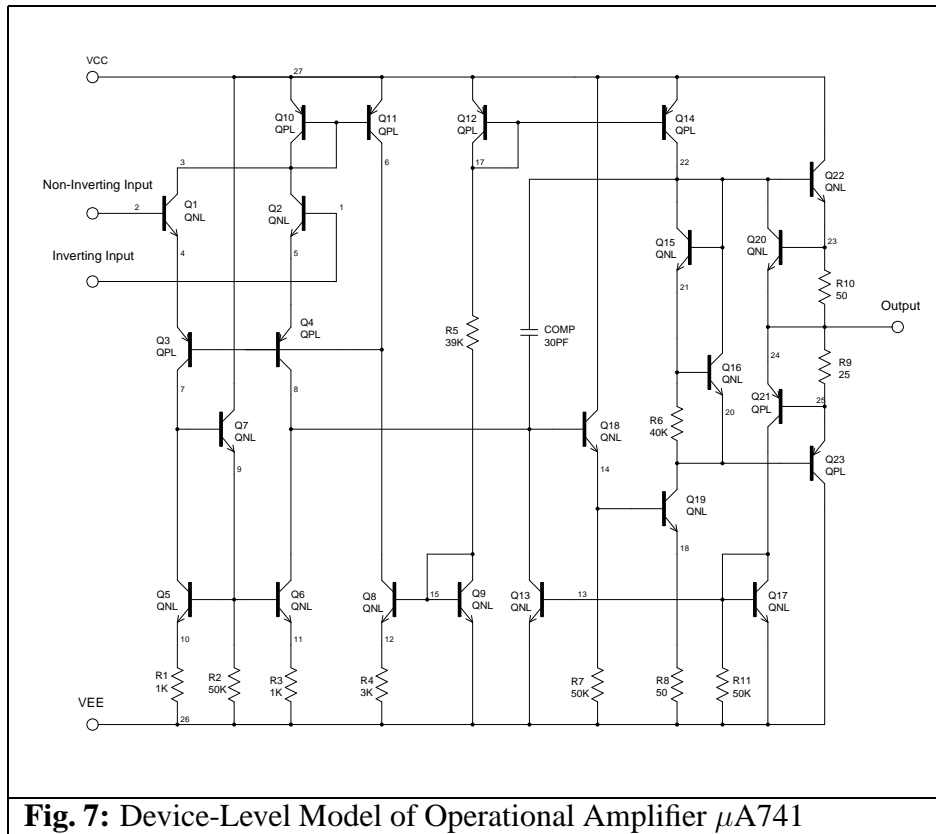


Fig. 7: Device-Level Model of Operational Amplifier $\mu A741$

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* current IS returned to SIMULINK
* VS set from within SIMULINK
VS 1 0 SLSP
RS 1 2 500
LS 2 0 10
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* rotor
* current IR returned to SIMULINK
* voltage at node 3 is returned to SIMULINK
ER 3 0 9 0 -20
RR 3 4 0.5
LR 4 5 0.1
* VI set from within SIMULINK
VI 5 0 SLSP
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* PI controller
* VD set from within SIMULINK
VD 6 0 SLSP
R1 6 7 10K
R2 7 8 50K
R3 12 0 10K
R4 7 9 10MEG
C 8 9 3.3U
VCC 10 0 15
VEE 0 11 15
XOPA 12 7 9 10 11 UA741
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* subcircuit for device-level model of ua741 opamp
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Fig. 8: SPICE circuit file