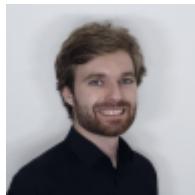


Tunable parameter

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The tunable parameter block creates a variable that can be altered in real-time using [imperix Cockpit](#). It supports the *int32*, *uint32*, and *float* data types.

Simultaneously, the tunable parameter can also be modified through the CAN bus or via Ethernet UDP/IP

In simulation, the block can be configured to perform steps at predefined timestamps.

Simulink block

Signal specification

The block propagates the variable value to its output signal.



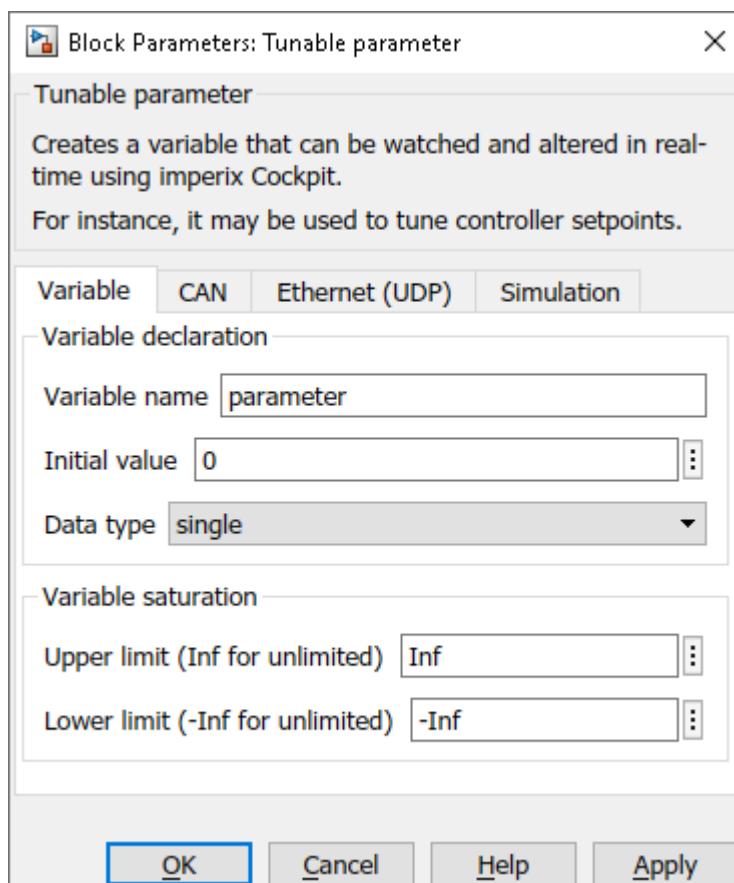
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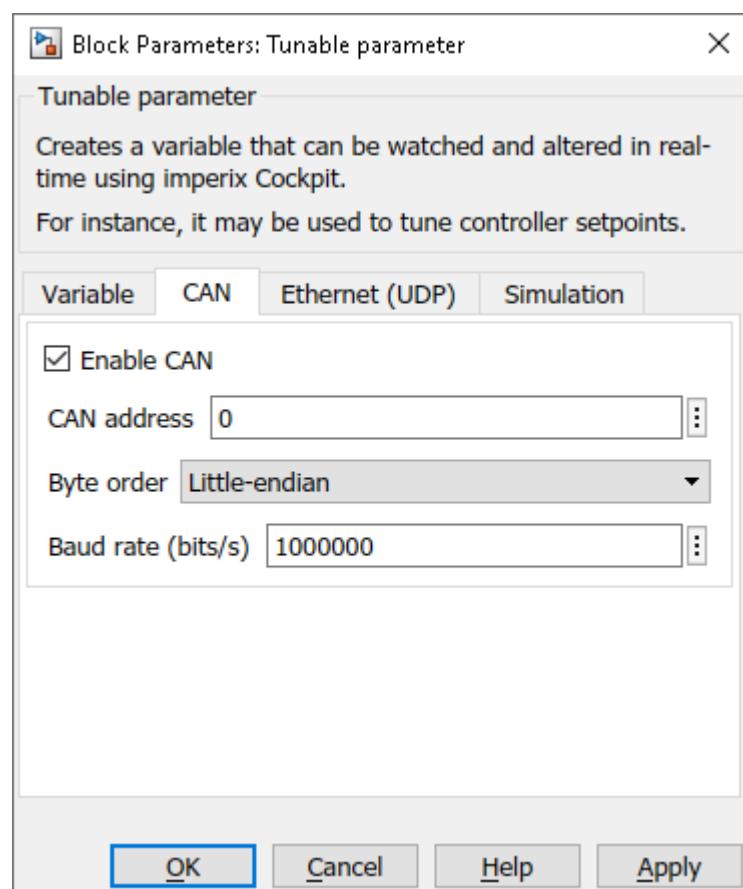
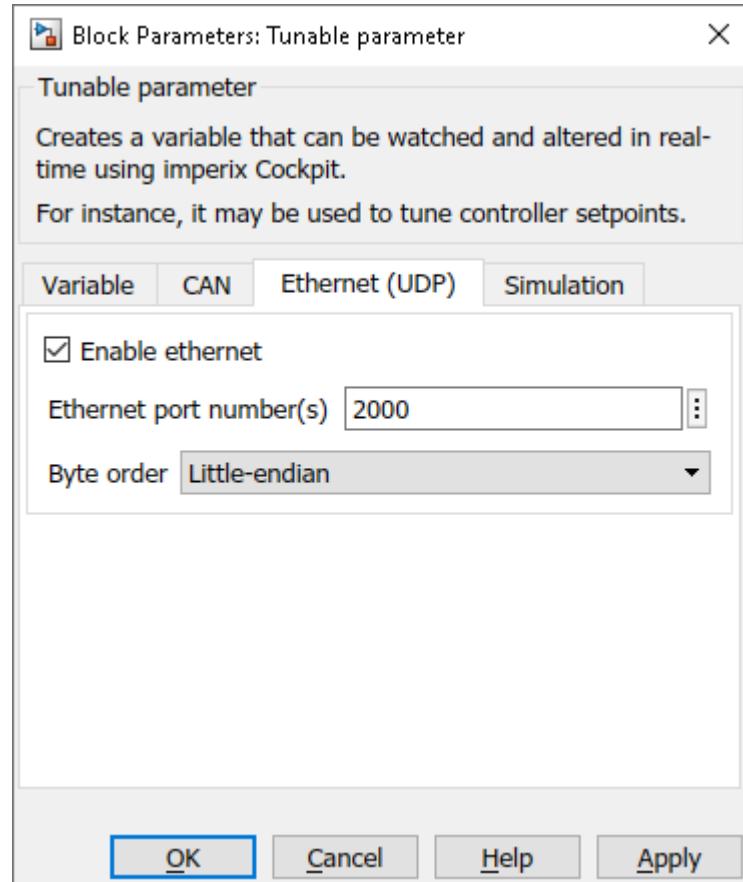
- Variable name: sets the variable name. This name must start with a character and must not contain any spaces or special characters except for the “_” character.
- Initial value (vectorizable): sets the initial value of the variable.
- Data type: sets the variable type (*int32*, an *uint32*, or *single*)

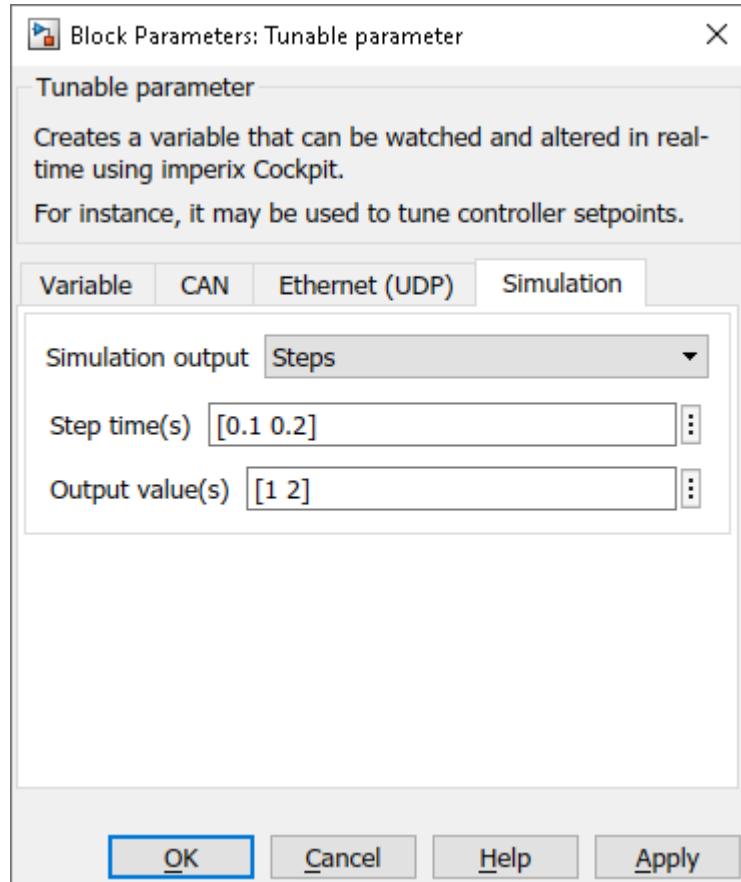
Simulation parameters

- Simulation output must be set to *steps* to enable the generation of steps in simulation.
- Step times (vectorizable) specifies the time points when the steps occurs (in seconds).
- Data points (vectorizable) specifies the steps to perform at each defined time point.

The tunable parameters can also be altered through the CAN bus similar to a [CAN input mailbox](#) or via UDP/IP, similar to an [Ethernet input mailbox](#).





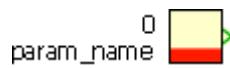


PLECS block

Signal specification

The block propagates the variable value to its output signal.

When the `initial_value` parameter is a vector, N variables are created where N is the vector size. For example, if the tunable block is named `value`, 3 variables named `value_0`, `value_1` and `value_2` are created.



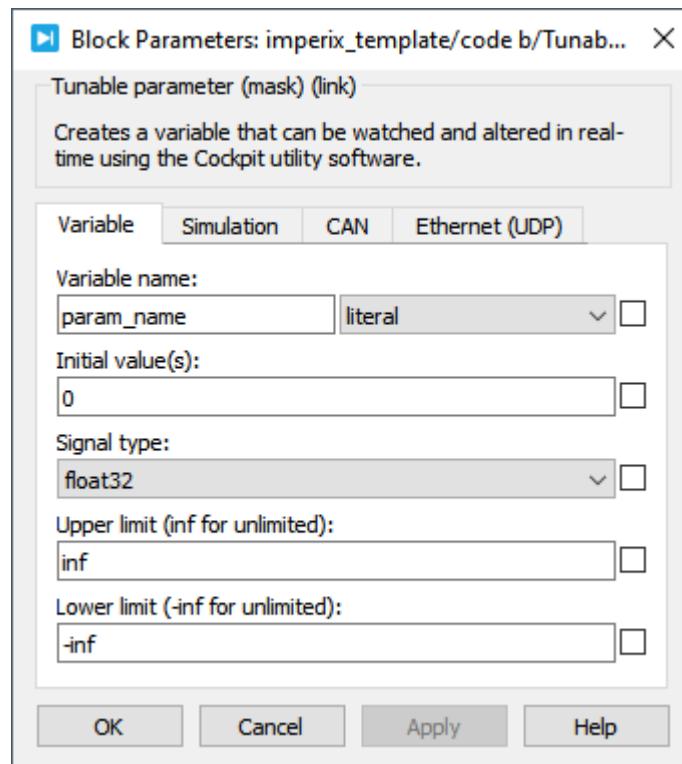
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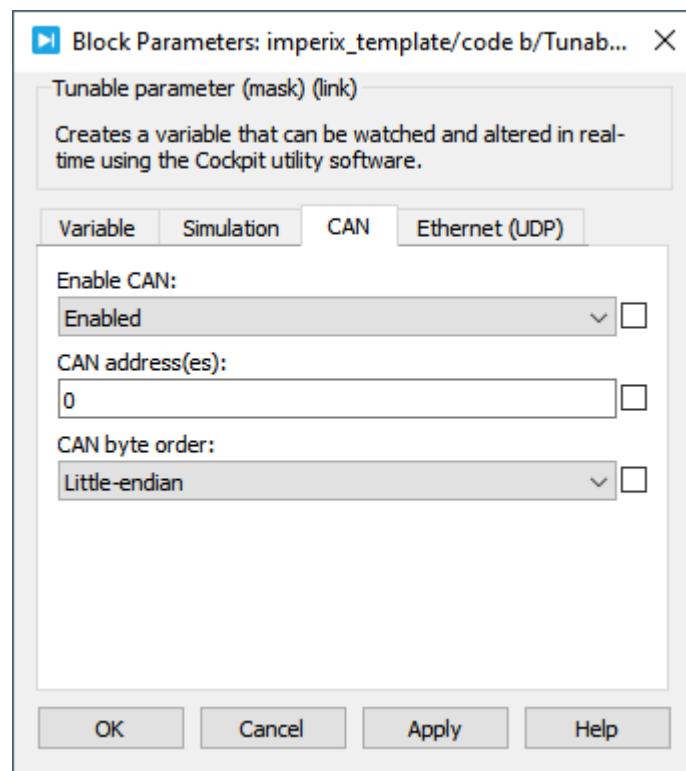
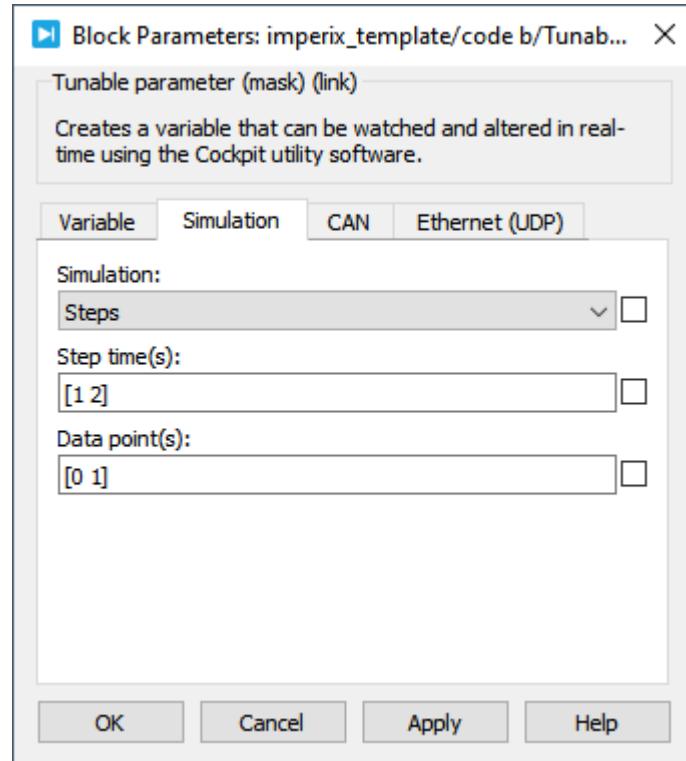
- Name of the tunable parameter: sets the variable name. This name must start with a character and must not contain any spaces or special characters except for the “_” character.
- Initial value(vectorizable): sets the initial value of the variable.
- Signal type: sets the variable type (`int32`, an `uint32`, or `float32`)

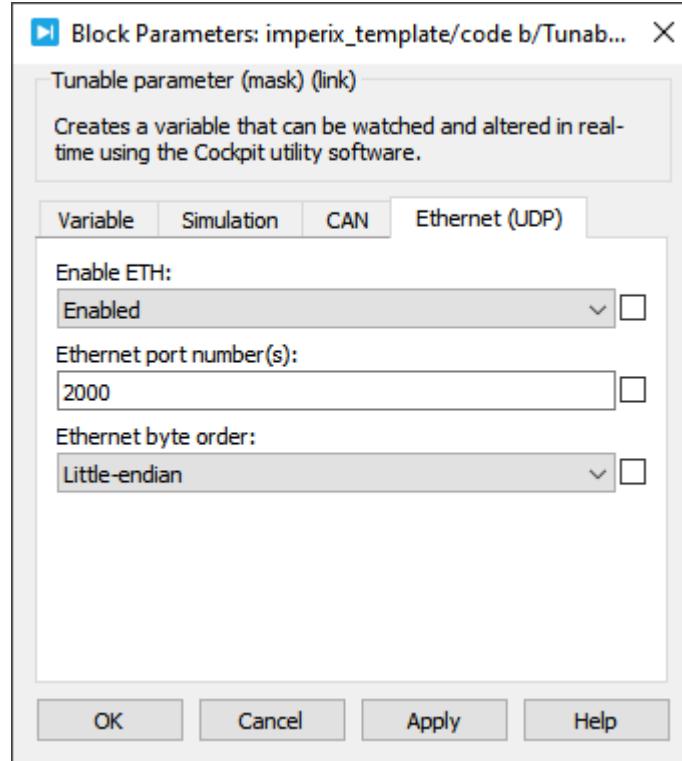
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C++ functions

All global variables of type `int`, `unsigned int`, or `float` can be scoped and altered using the BB Control utility software.

Data can be received using the [Ethernet input mailbox](#) or the [CAN input mailbox](#).