

EFFICIENT EXTRAPOLATION FOR PARALLEL CO-SIMULATION OF COUPLED SYSTEMS (CHOPtrey)

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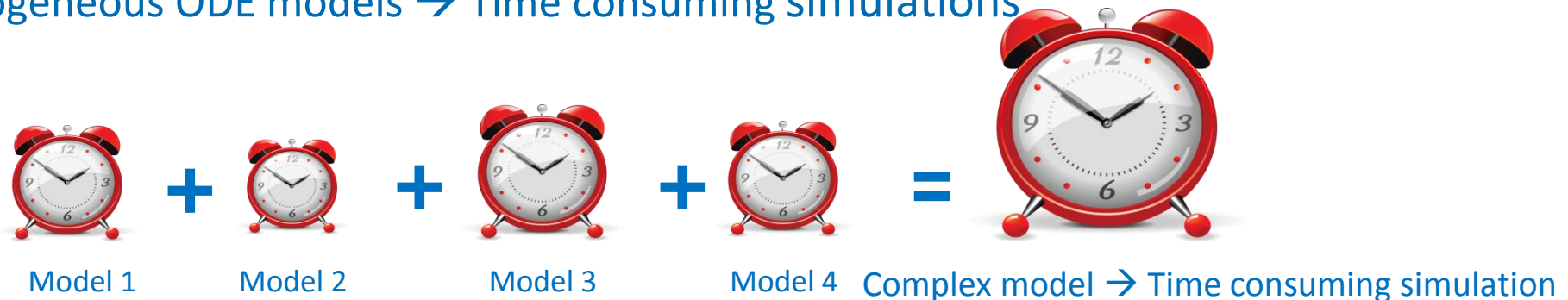
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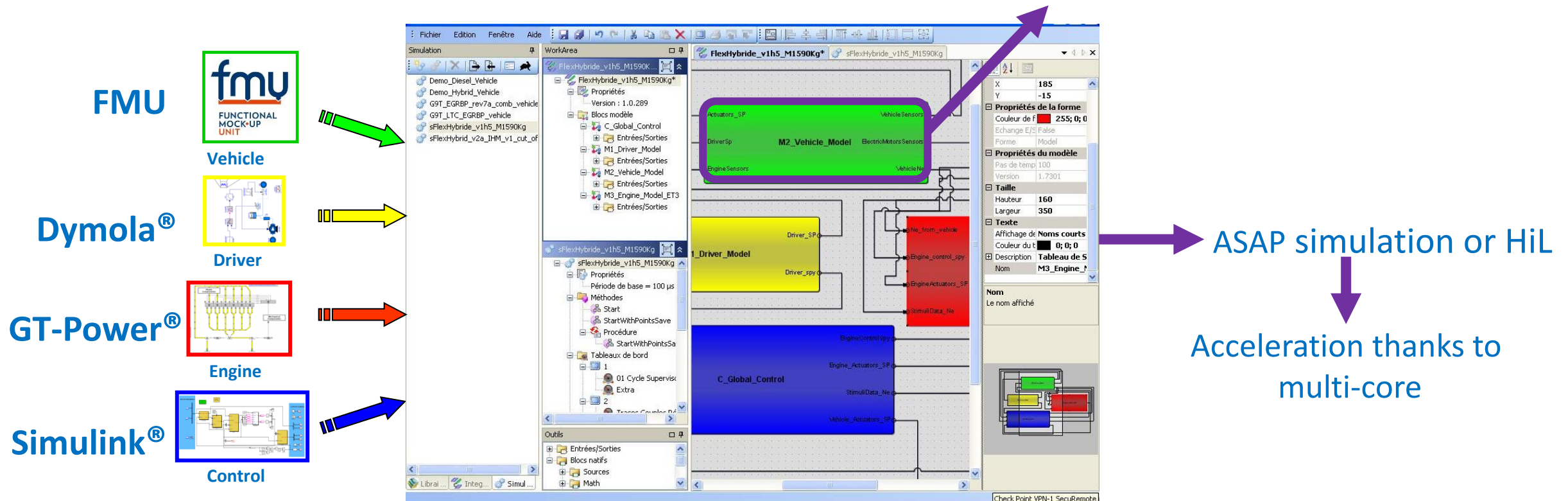
- A multi-core co-simulation kernel: Why?
 - System-level simulation leads to put together models which are classically disconnected, increasing the CPU demand at simulation time
 - Simulation time becomes an important metric for model complexity
 - Most 0D/1D simulation tools have mono-core kernel and doesn't exploit available parallelism provided by multi-core computers

How long will this CPU power remain unused ?



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- Communicates its data at its own rate



xMOD™ IFPEN co-simulation software

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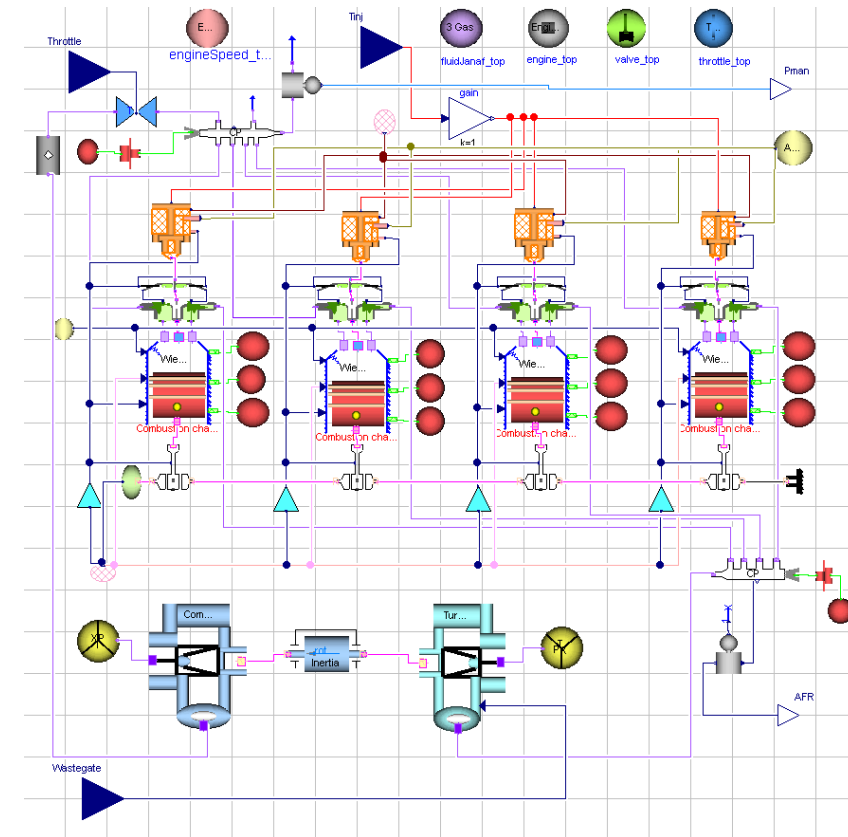
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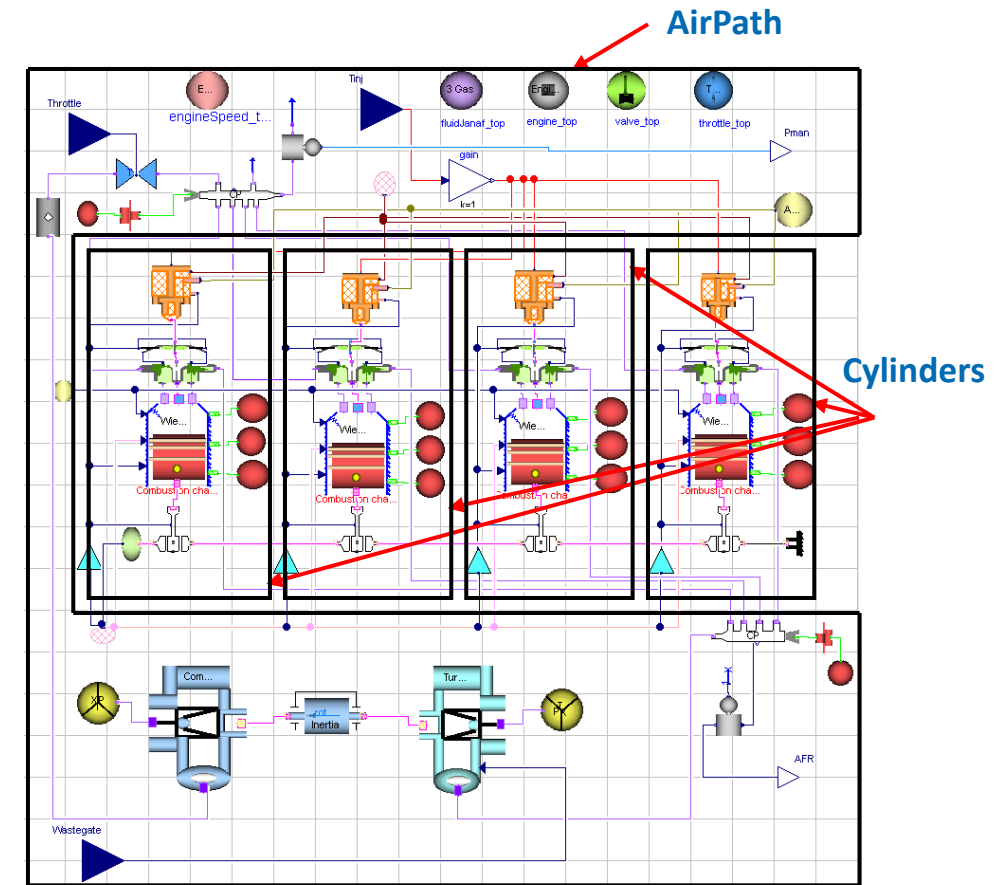
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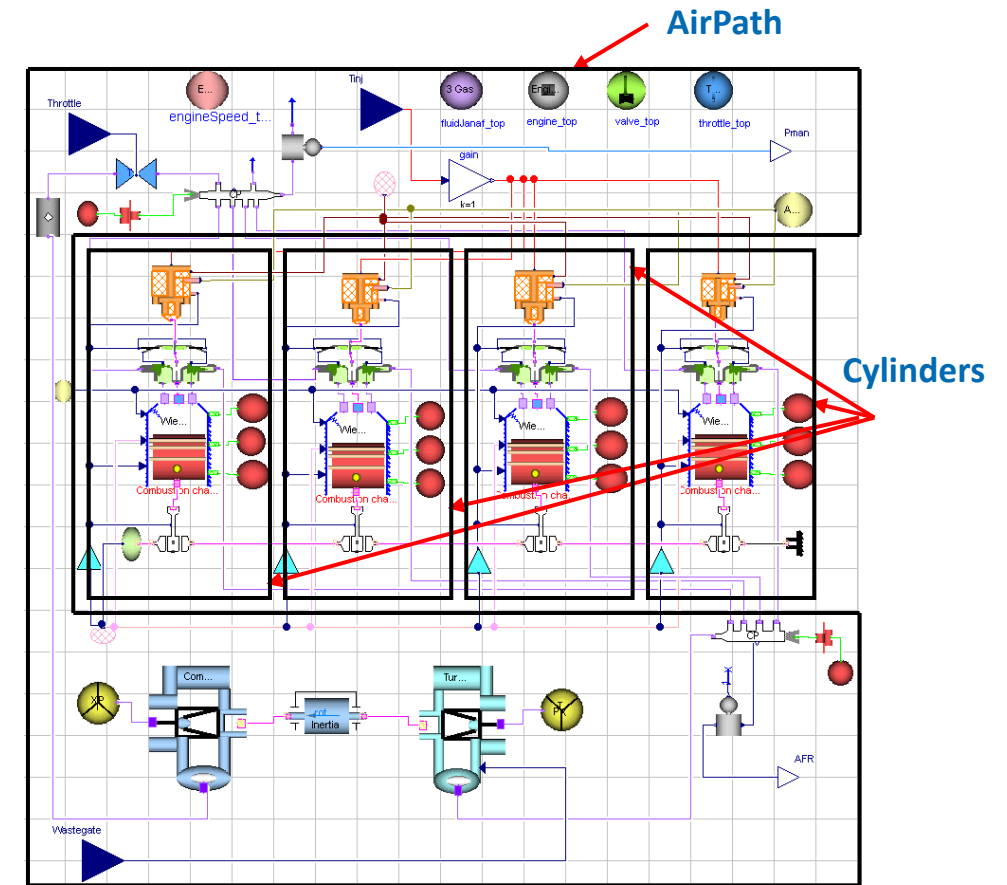
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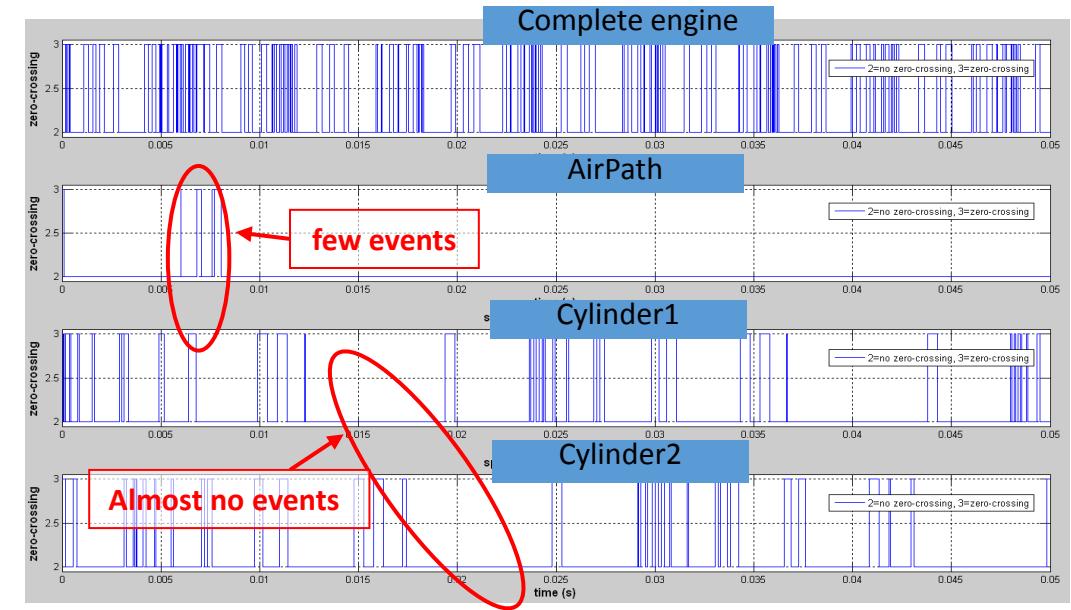
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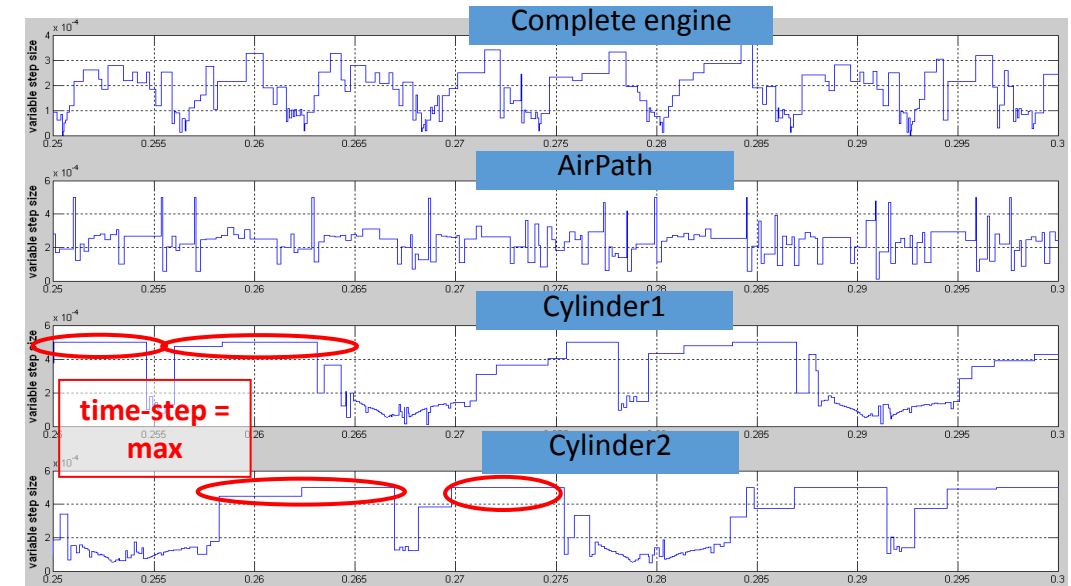
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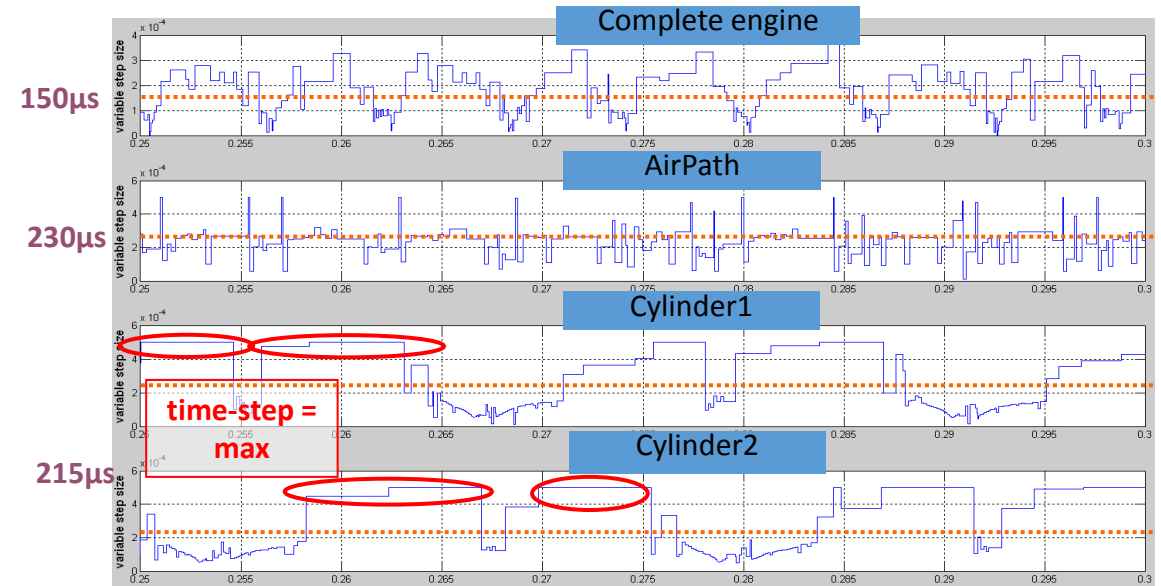
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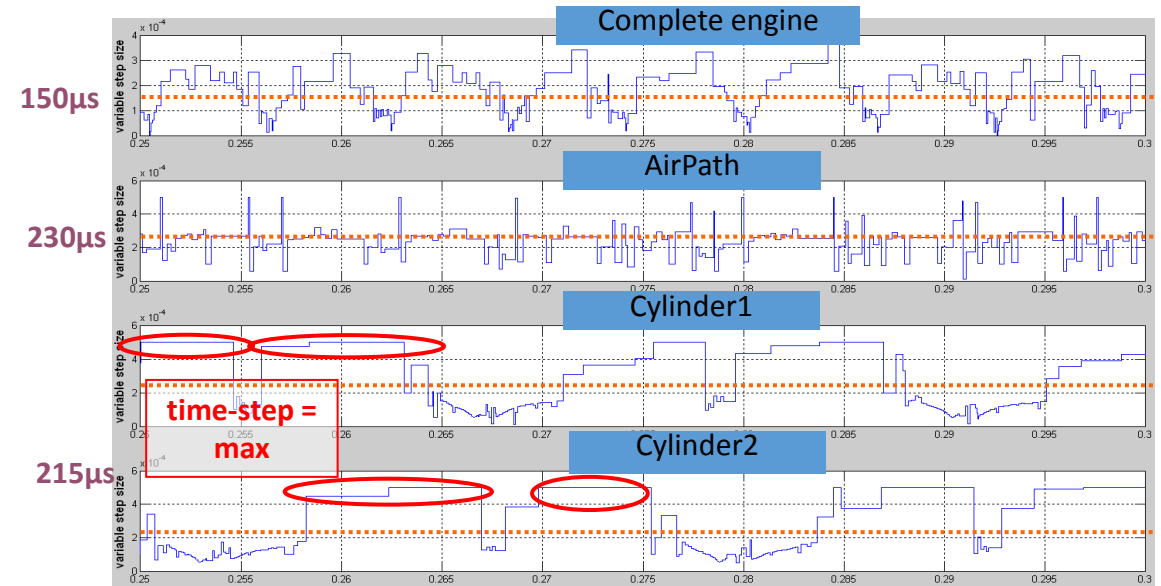
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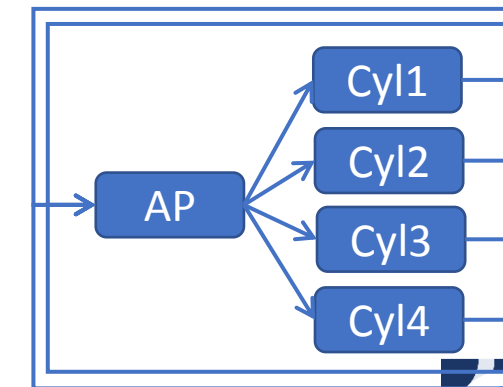
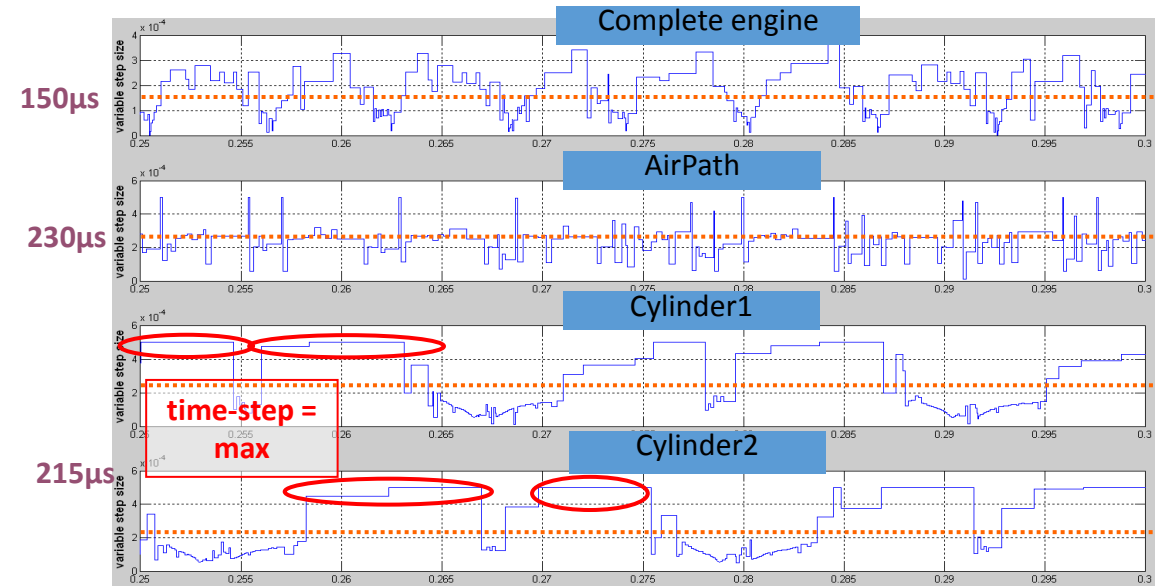
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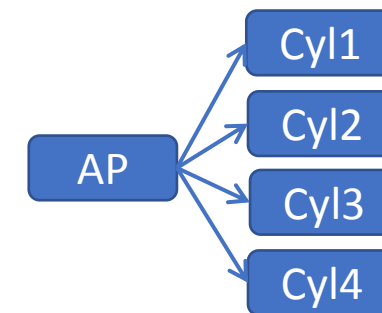
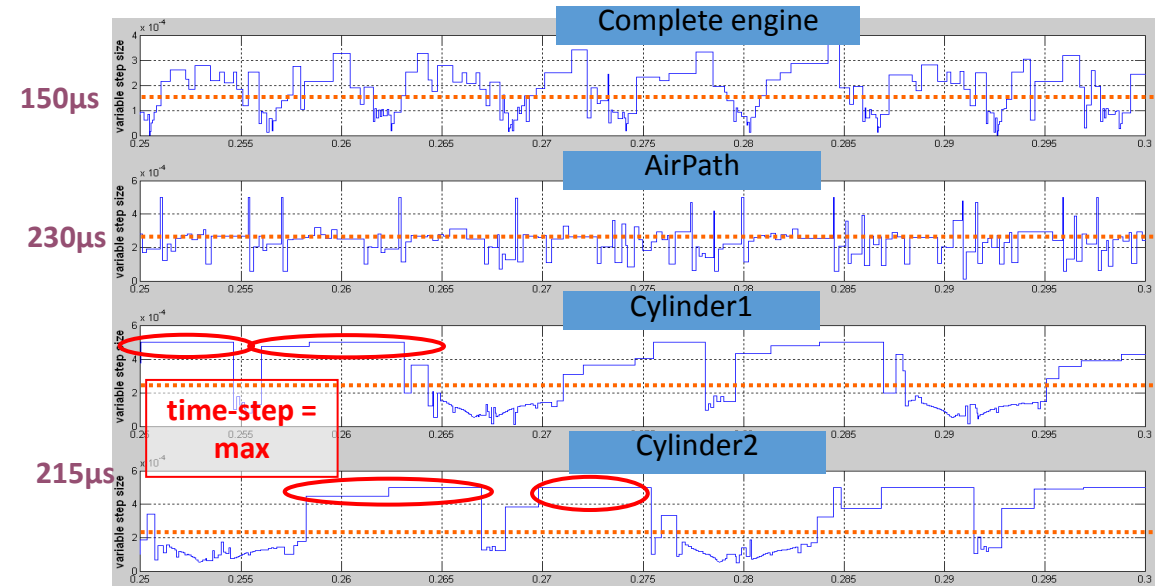
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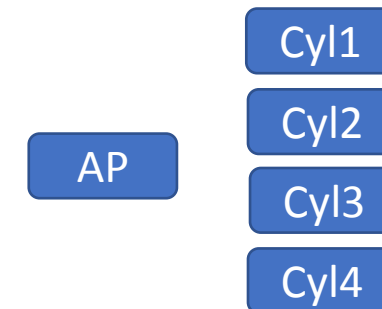
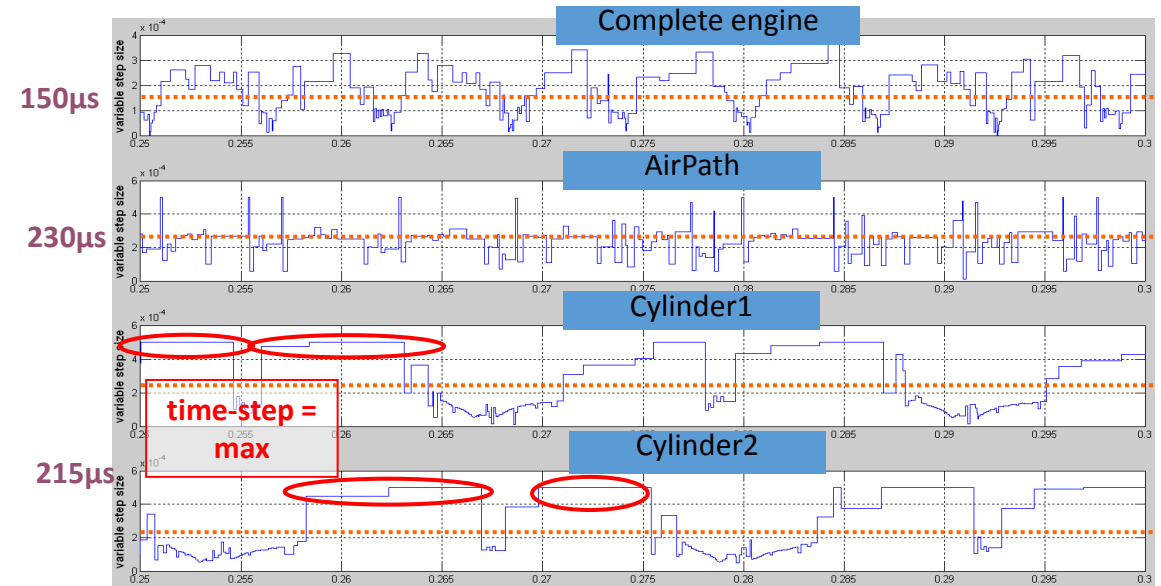
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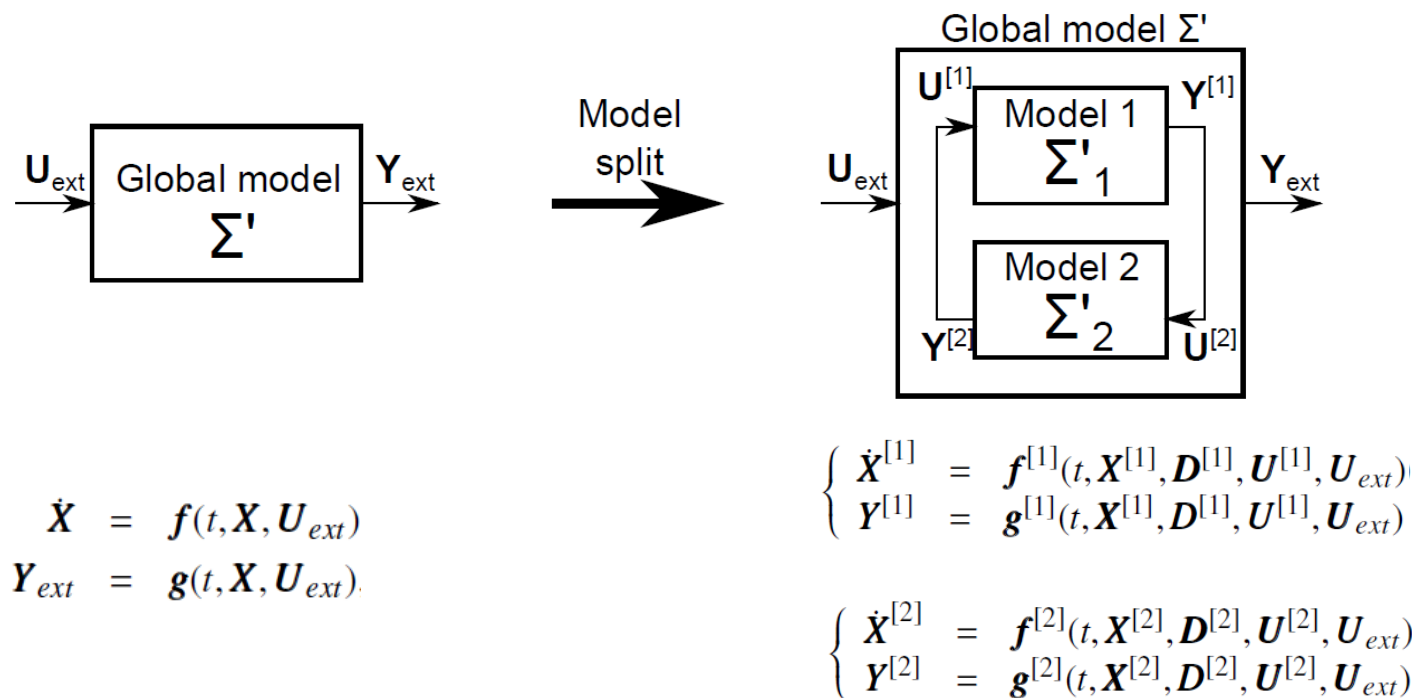
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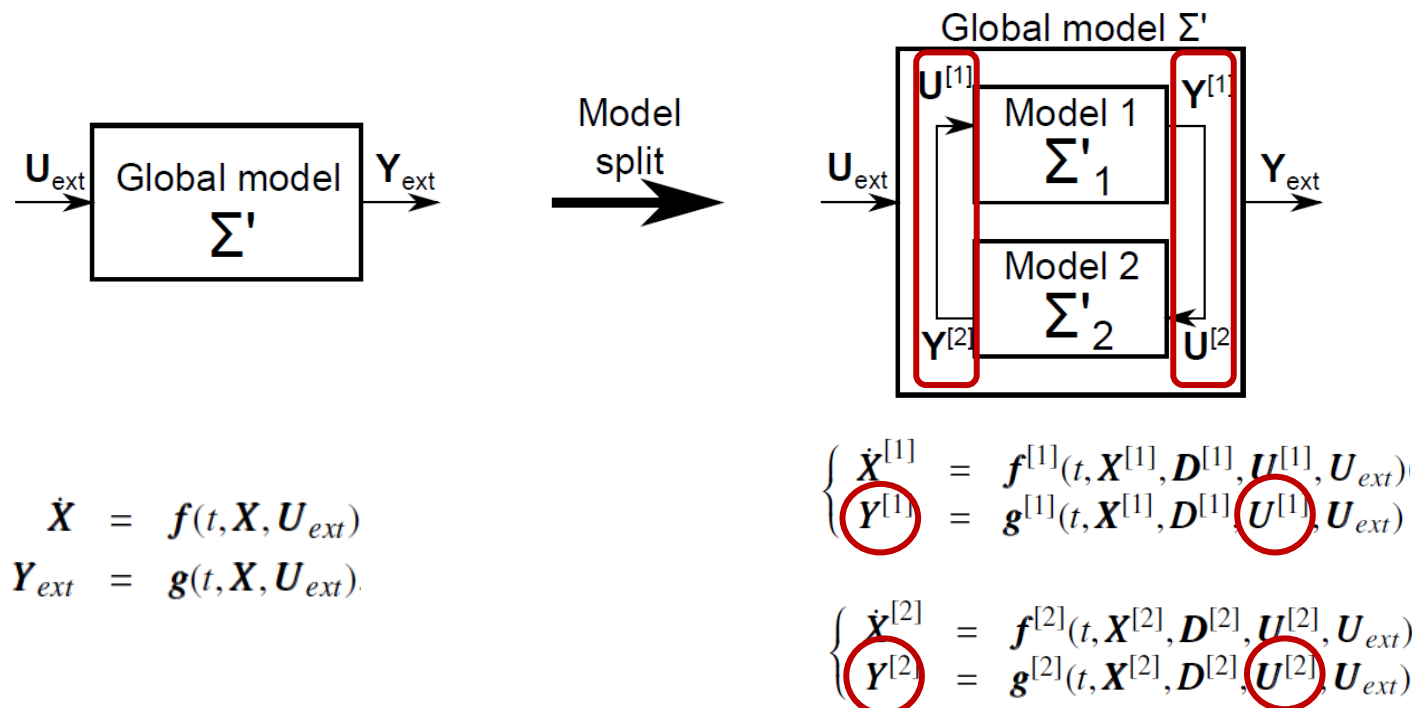
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- ➔ Problem with accuracy



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RCOSIM: REFINED CO-SIMULATION

● Before FMI

- Only dependencies between models are specified by the user
- Models are black boxes → can't identify locally if Y is dependent on U

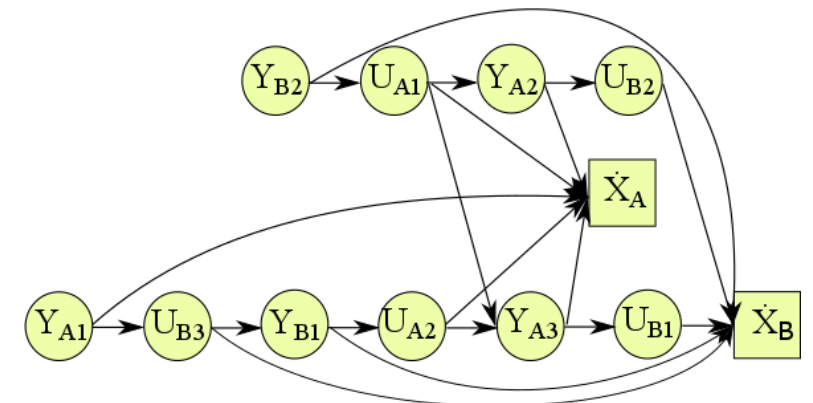
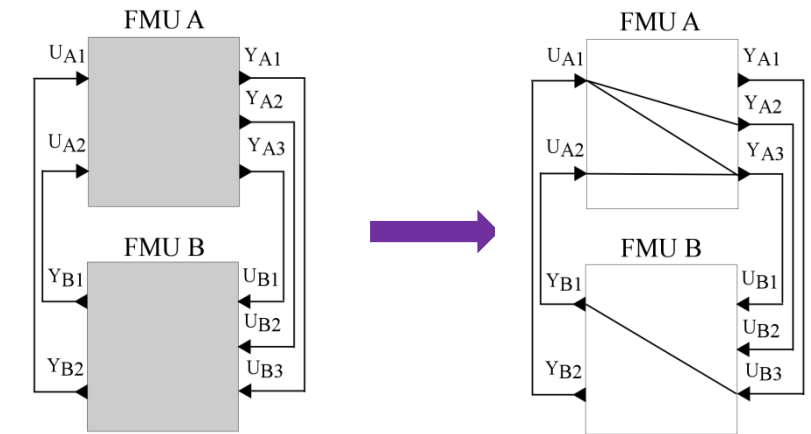
● With FMI

- Relationships between each Y and U is known
- Each Y and U is computed with a different FMU function

➔ Build refined dependency graph

- Vertices: IN, OUT and STATE operations
- Directed edges: precedencies between operations
- Target: Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs)
 - No algebraic loops → Directed Acyclic Graph

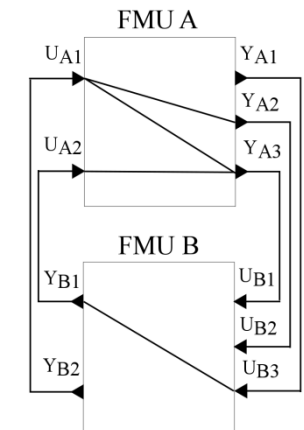
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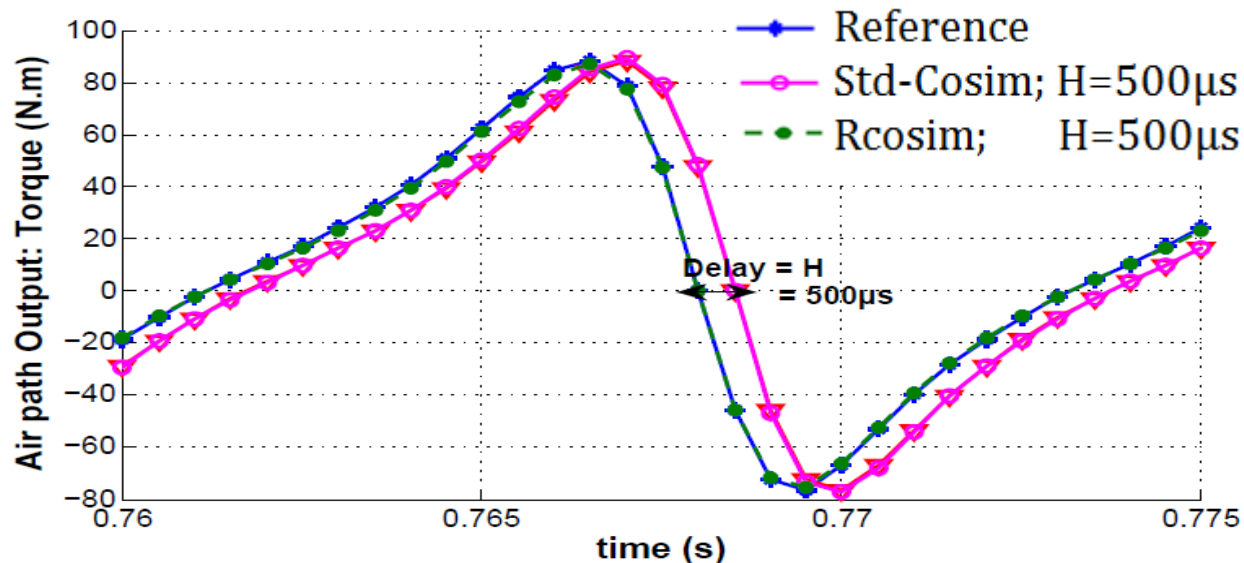
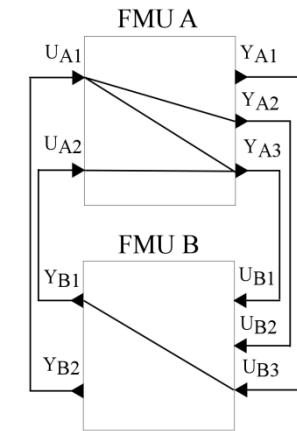
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- Elimination of delays with RCosim
 - The execution order is compliant with initial model
- Speed-up ≈ 10
 - No more delays \rightarrow Correct data \rightarrow Less iteration of the solver



Simulation method	Std-Cosim	RCosim
Er(%) with H=100µs	2.95	0.68
Er(%) with H=250µs	9.12	1.1
Er(%) with H=500µs	19.83	1.37

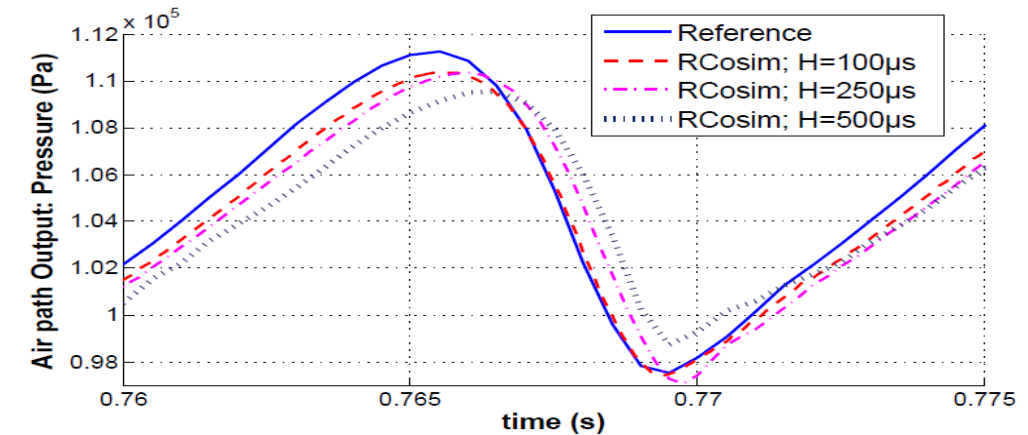
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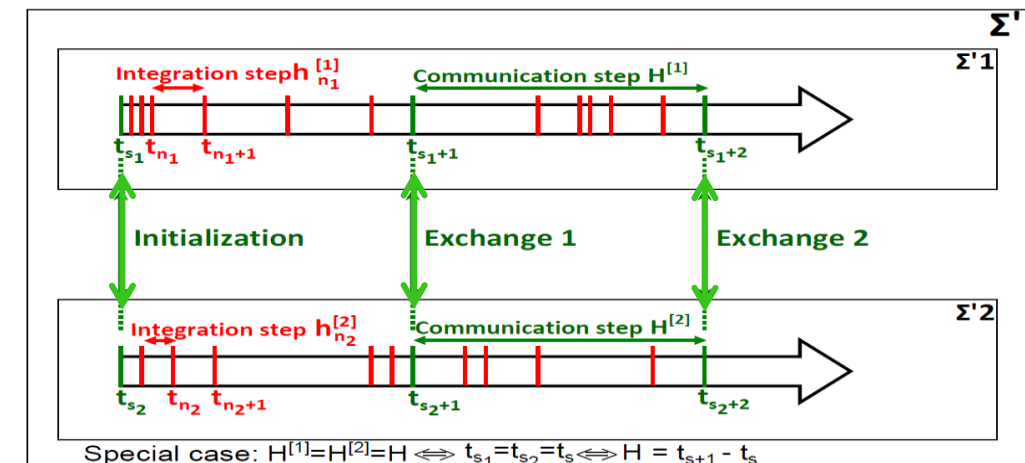
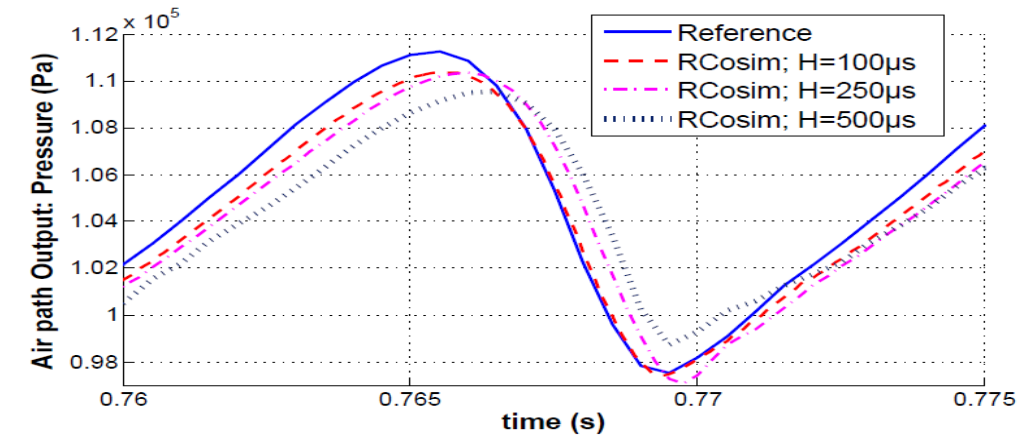
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- Idea: Extrapolate input signals to
 - Enlarge intervals
 - Reduce simulation errors



RELATED WORK ON PREDICTION

● Difficulties

- Related work on extrapolations treated mostly the continuous case
 - Successful for non-stiff systems
 - Encountered problems with stiff systems → polynomial prediction may fail
 - Complex systems with hybrid behavior is even more difficult to predict
 - Nonlinearities, discontinuities,...
- No universal prediction scheme, efficient with every signal

● Challenges: fast, causal and reliable prediction

- Predictor computing cost \ll extra model computations with small communication steps
- Accurate predictions for any signal (blocky/smooth; slow/steep onsets)

● Idea: Borrow the concept of context-based approach from lossless image encoders

- Predict a pixel value based on a pattern of causal neighboring pixels
- Different contexts: flat, smooth, $+45^\circ$ or -45° edges, etc.

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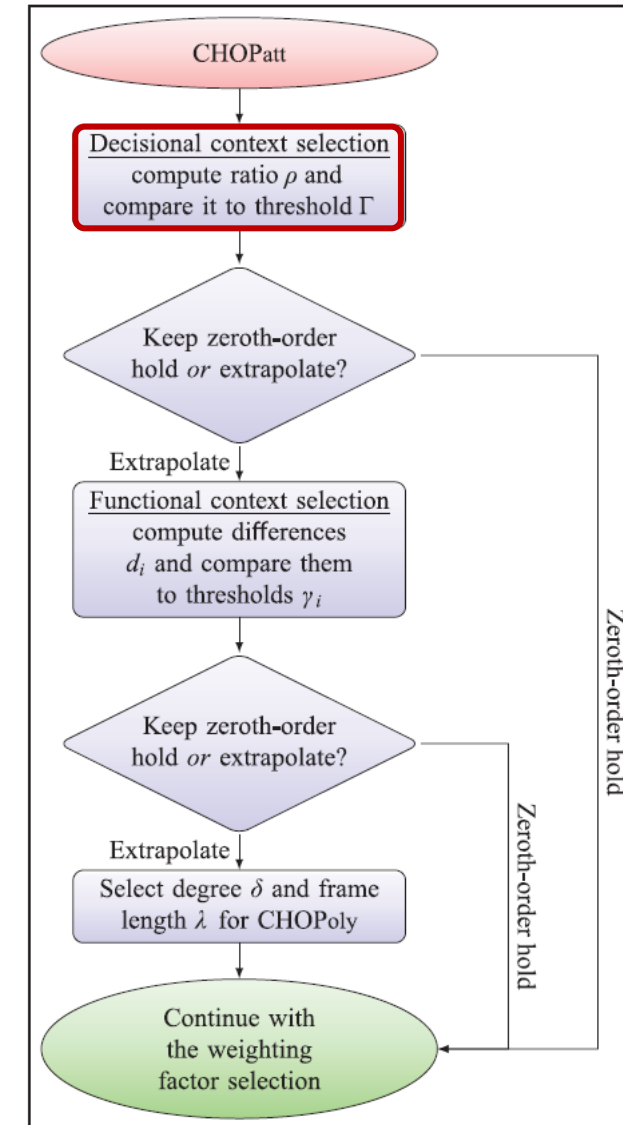
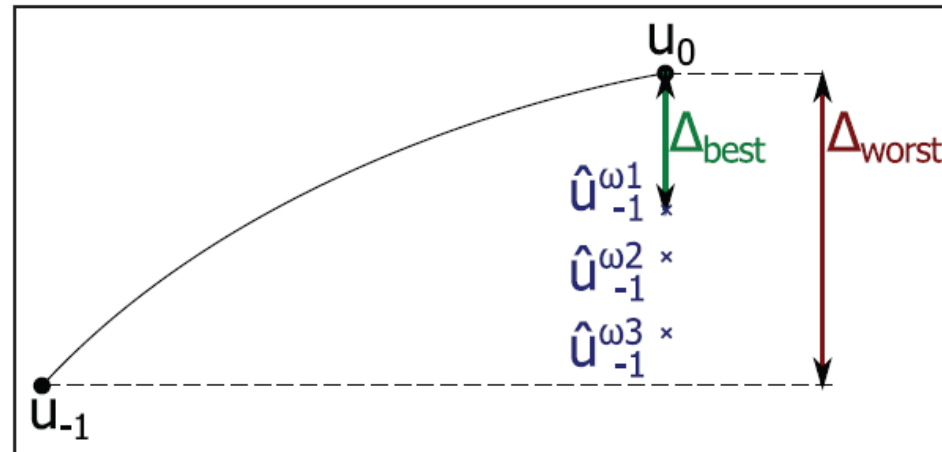
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- It uses a Contextual & Hierarchical Ontology of Patterns (CHOP_{att})

- To handle the discontinuities by selecting the appropriate $P_{\delta,\lambda,\omega}$

● STEP1: Decisional context selection

- Worst case scenario without extrapolation: $\Delta_{\text{worst}} = |u_0 - u_{-1}|$
- Best prediction pattern: $\Delta_{\text{best}} = \min_{\omega \in \Omega} |u_0 - \hat{u}_{-1}^{\omega}|$; $\Omega = \{0, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 2\}$
- Ratio: $\rho = \frac{\Delta_{\text{best}}}{\Delta_{\text{worst}}}$
- Threshold: $0.7 \leq \Gamma < 1$ e.g. $\Gamma = 90\%$
- If $\rho > \Gamma$ then sharp and fast variation → Select “cliff” context

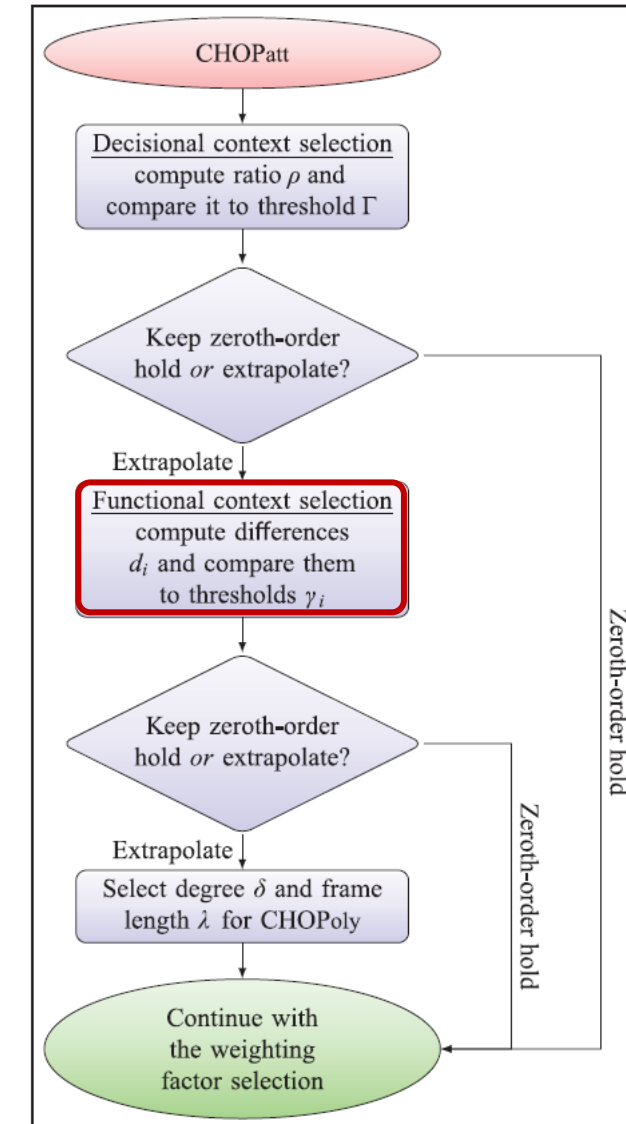


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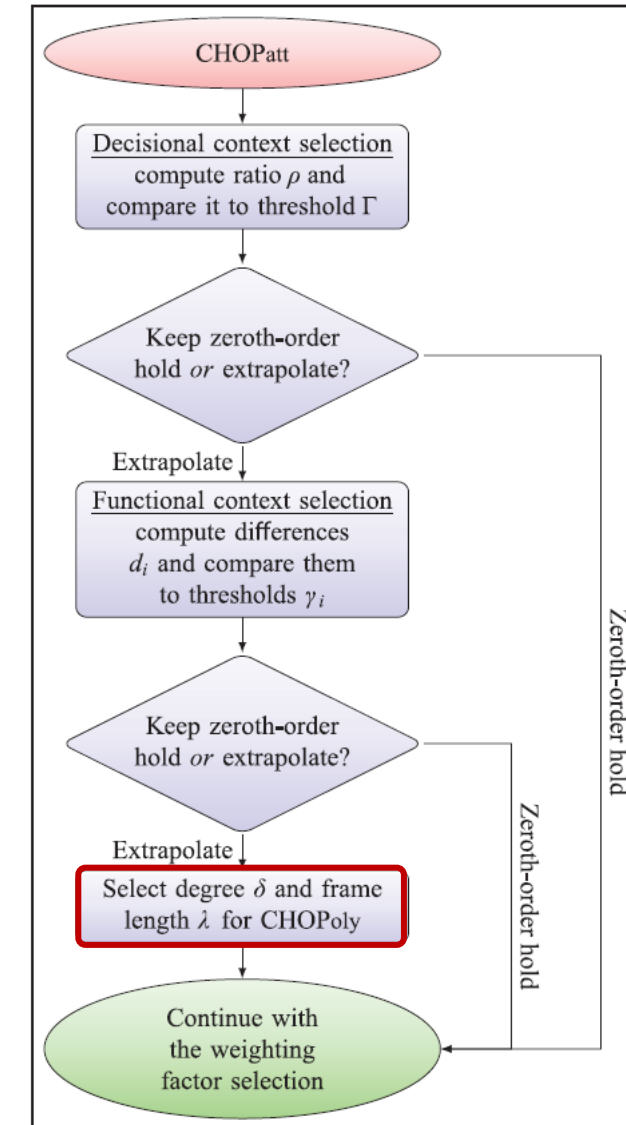
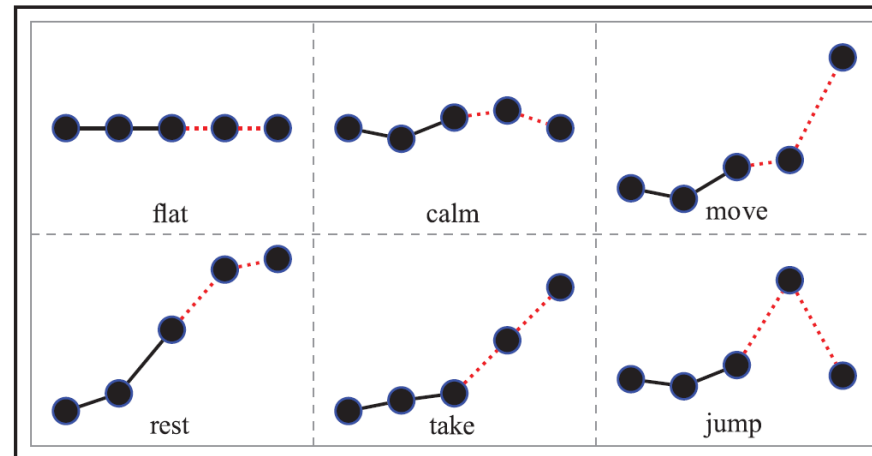
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r(est)	3	\bar{C}_1	C_2	any	$(0, 2, .)$
t(ake)	4	\bar{C}_1	\bar{C}_2	> 0	$(1, 3, .)$
j(ump)	5	\bar{C}_1	\bar{C}_2	< 0	$(0, 1, .)$



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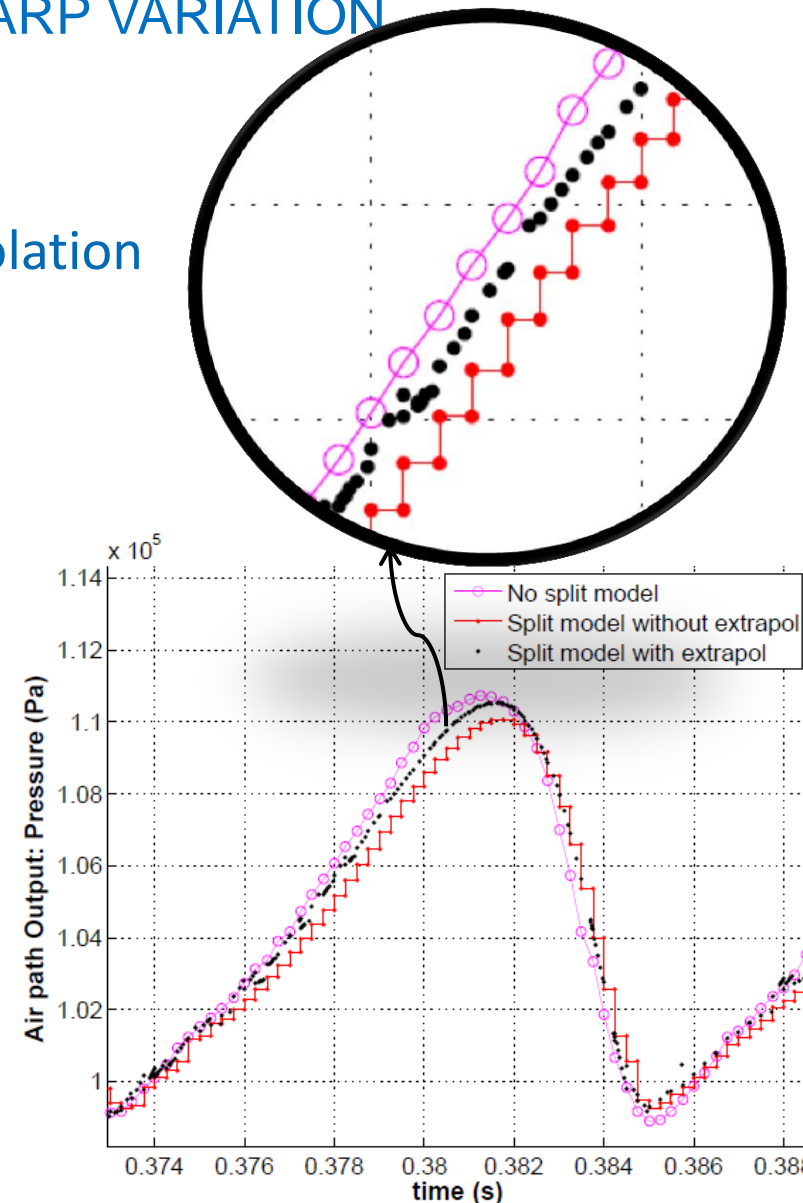
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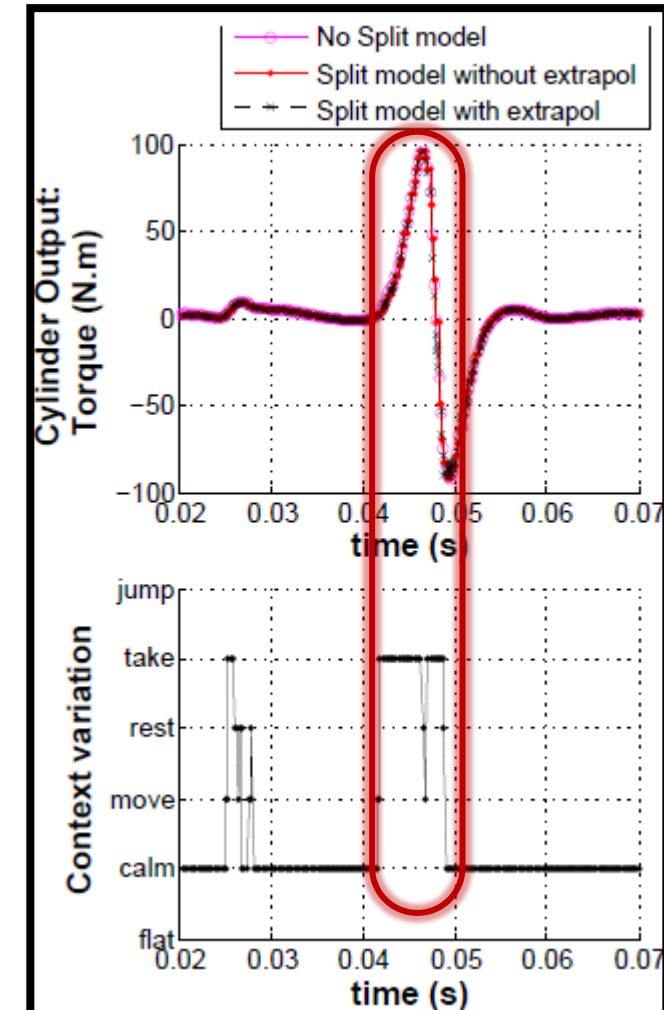
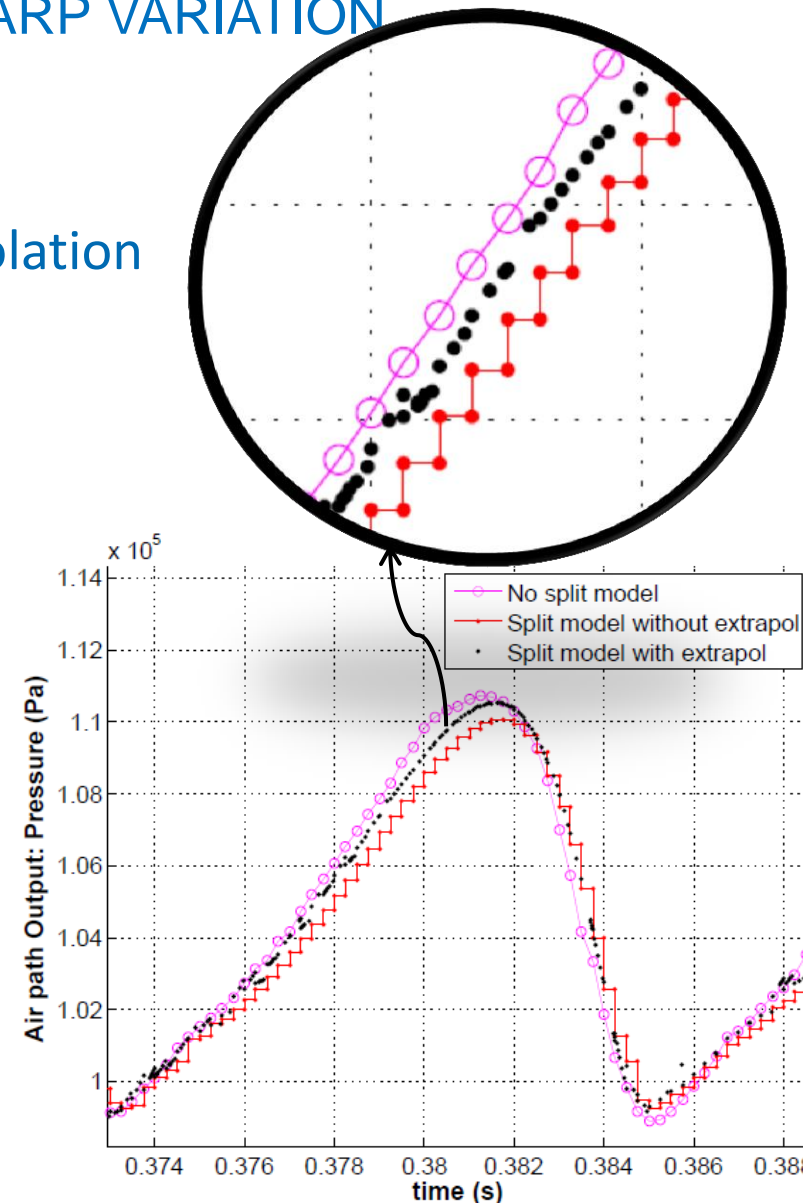
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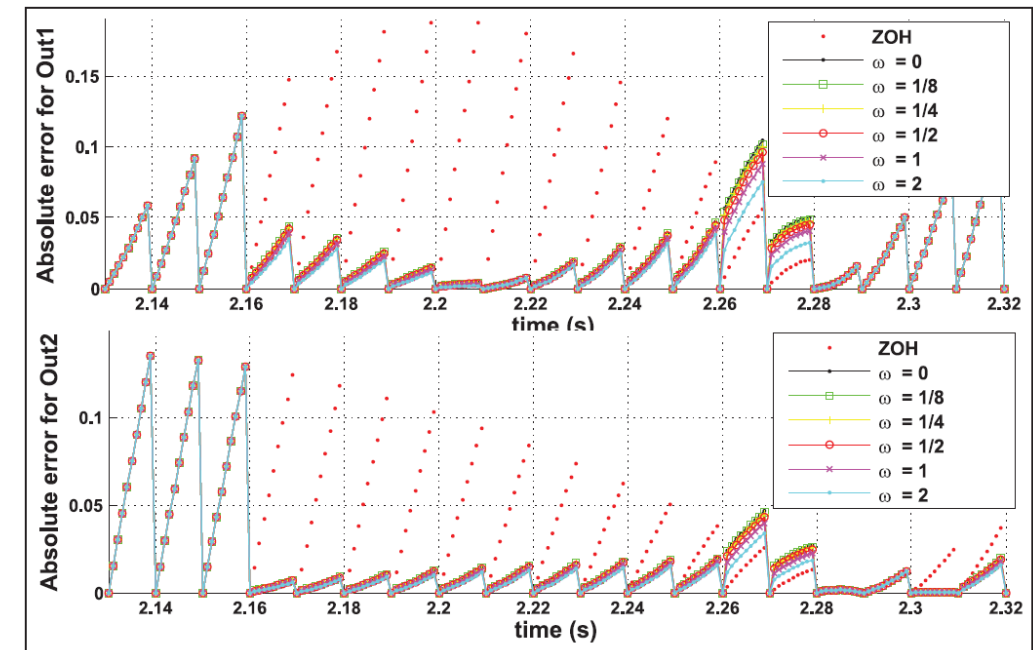


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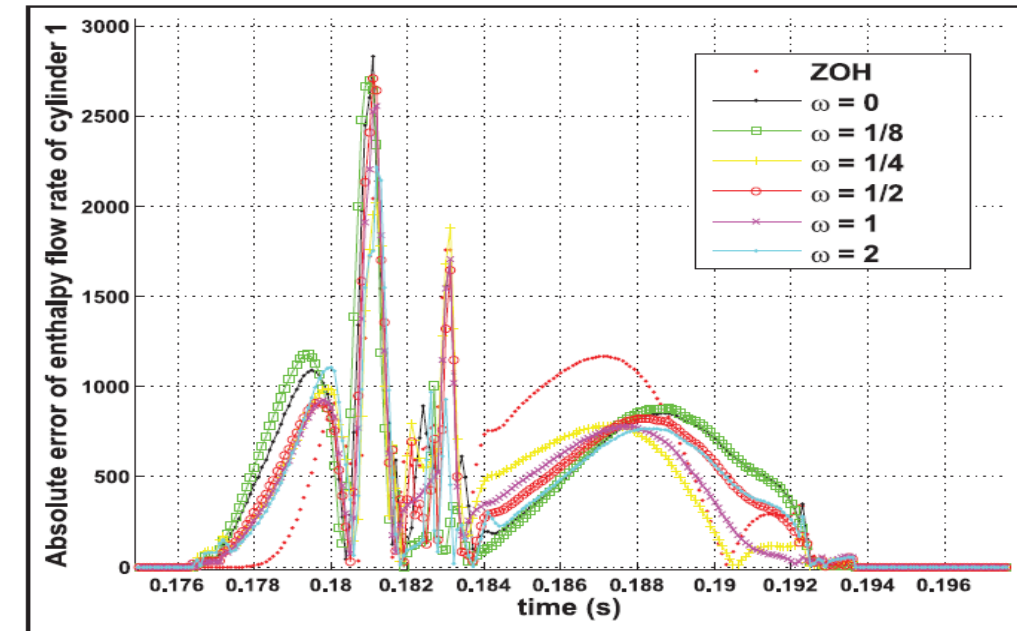
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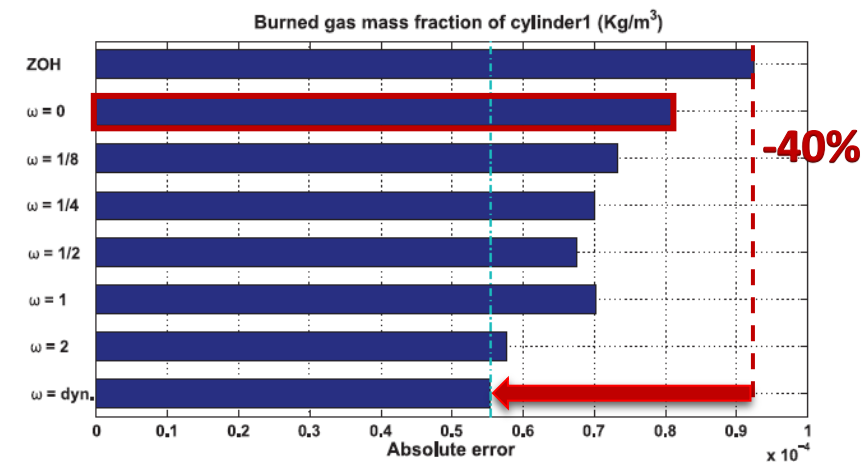
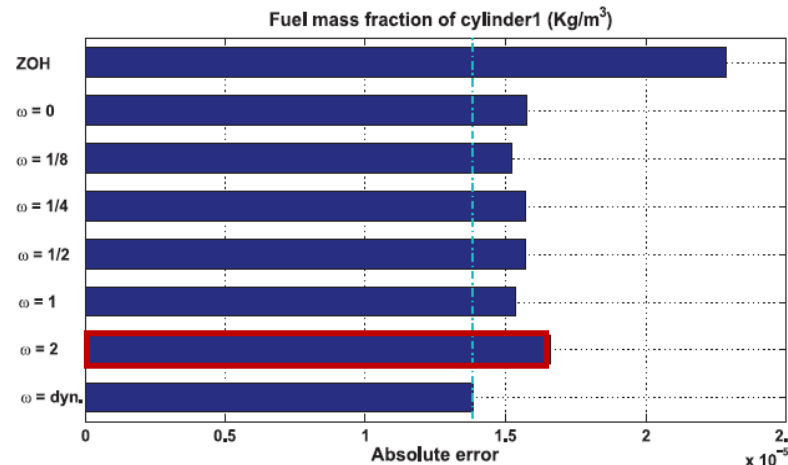
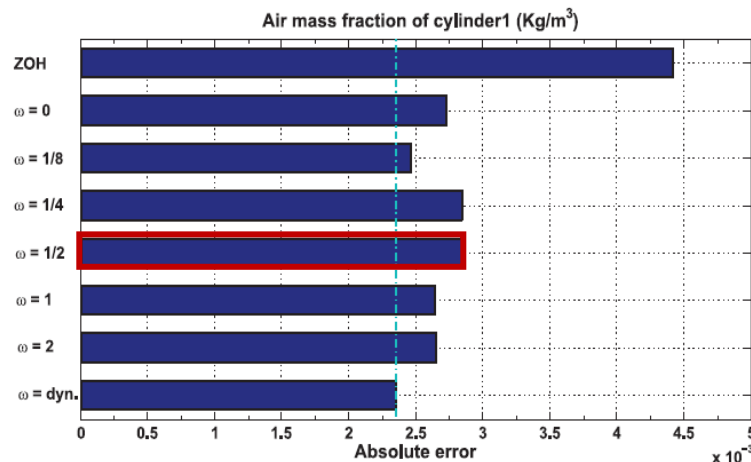
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- Complex coupled models, i.e. engine model
 - ➔ No unique best weighting factor ω



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AUTOMATIC SELECTION OF THE WEIGHTING FACTOR

- Simple model with no coupling
 - ➔ The higher the weighting factor, the smaller the error
- Complex coupled models, i.e. engine model
 - ➔ No unique best weighting factor ω
- ➔ Dynamic selection of ω
 - At each communication step, ω_{best} is selected and used for the current step
 - ➔ Cumulative integration error is the lowest one



CHOPtrey PERFORMANCE

SPEED-UP VERSUS ACCURACY

- The speed-up factor is still compared with single-threaded reference
- The model is split into 5 threads integrated in parallel on 5 cores
 - Containment of events detection handling → solvers accelerations → overcompensate multi-threading costs
- The relative error variation is compared with ZOH at 100 μ s

Communication step	Prediction	Speed-up factor	Relative error variation (%)	
			Burned gas density	Fuel density
100 μ s	ZOH	8.9	-	-
250 μ s	ZOH	10.01	7	341
	CHOPtrey	10.07	-26	21

OUTLINE

- Background on co-simulation: context & challenges
- Results from previous work
- Ensuring co-simulation accuracy with CHOPtrey extrapolation approach
- **Conclusion and perspectives**

CONCLUSION

- The use of large communication steps allows to accelerate the simulation at the cost of precision
- Conventional extrapolation methods fails with hybrid dynamical systems
- ➔ CHOPtrex extrapolation technique provides a solution for the trade-off between speed-up and accuracy, thanks to
 - The combination of a prediction and a multi-level context selection
 - Negligible computational overheads
- CHOPtrex combination with model splitting and parallel simulation on a hybrid dynamical engine model allows supra-linear speed-up (10 time faster with 5 cores) with acceptable result accuracy

PERSPECTIVES

- Decompose signals into morphological components such as polynomial trends, singularities and oscillations
 - Allow to adapt detection thresholds
 - → Improve context assignment
- Use of the knowledge of the plant model
 - Discard out-of-bound values as nonnegative variables
 - → Improve the discrimination of cliff behaviors
- Use of adaptive communication steps
 - Context-based and error-based closed-loop control
- Access on the input derivatives of the models
 - Provided by FMI for co-simulation
 - → Improve the extrapolation



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