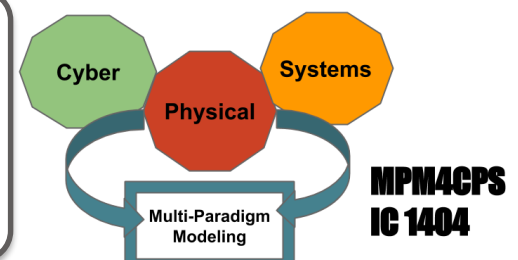




Model-based multi-disciplinary co-simulation and co-modelling

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Outline

Co-simulation

Motivation for
M&S in MSBE
Co-simulation
Remote
simulators
Functional-
Mock-up
Interface
Competent co-
simulation

The DESTECs project

- Embedded
Control Systems
- Co-Modelling, Co-
Simulation
- Fault tolerance
and handling

The INTO-CPS project

- Cyber Physical
Systems (CPSs)
- System Vision
- Multi-modelling
- FMI-based co-
simulation

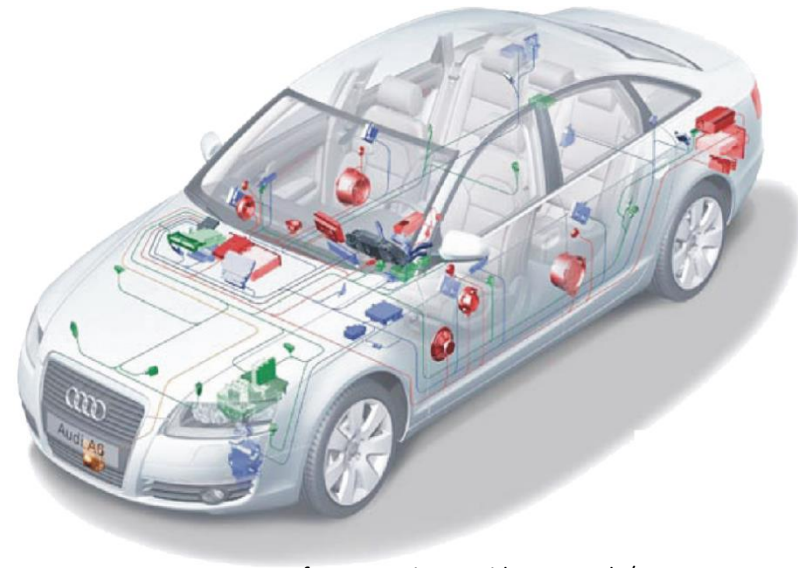
The practical assignment

- A line-following
robot
- Assumptions
- Development
lines



The Modern Car

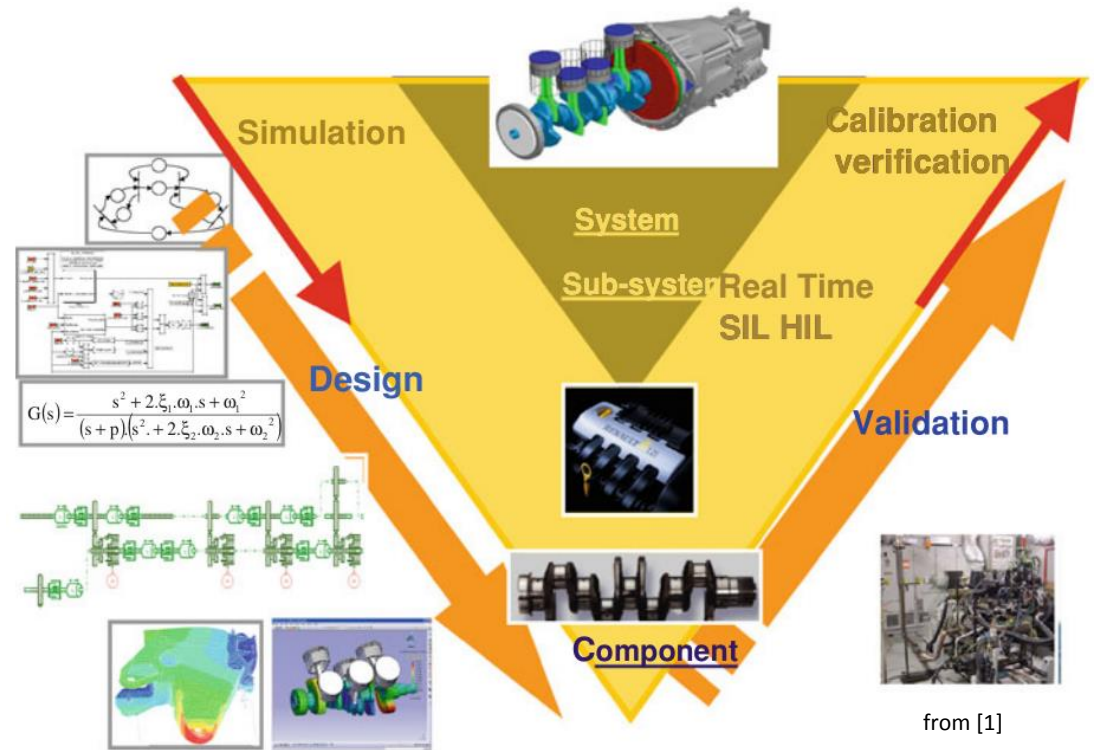
- Complexity
 - 40-100 subsystems
- Competitive Market
- Concurrent Development
 - Late Integration Problems
- Distributed Development
 - Specialized suppliers
 - OEM wants to
 - Evaluate multiple components
 - Perform early system integration
 - Supplier IP protection



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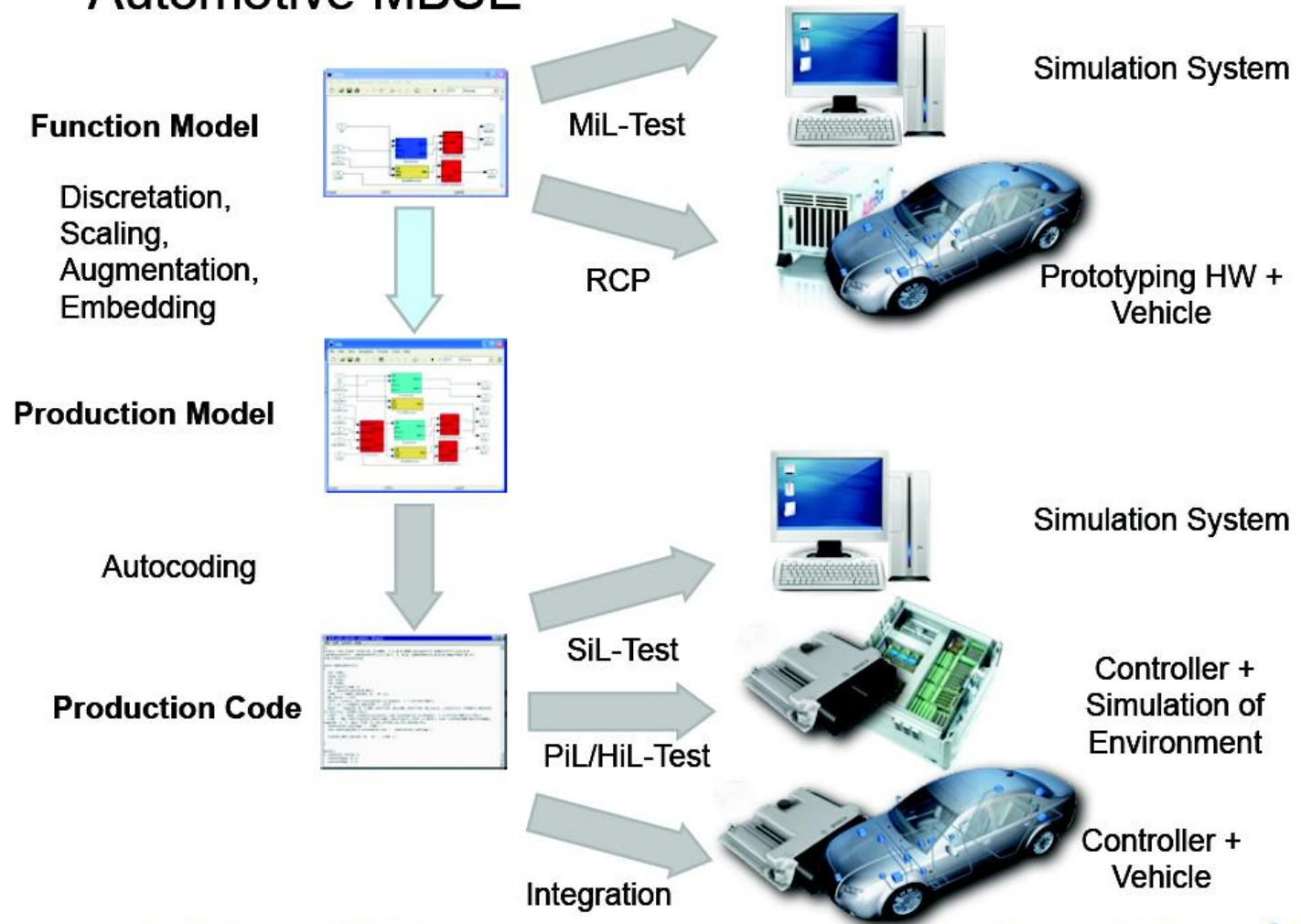
M&S in MBSE

- V-Process
 - Design
 - Requirements (0D model)
 - Dynamics (1D model)
 - Mesh (3D model)
 - Validation
 - Reuse design experimentation results
- Simulation in all stages
- V-process also applies to more complex systems



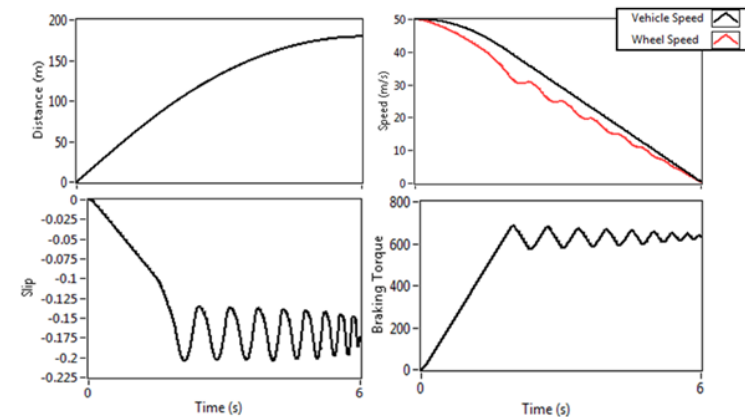
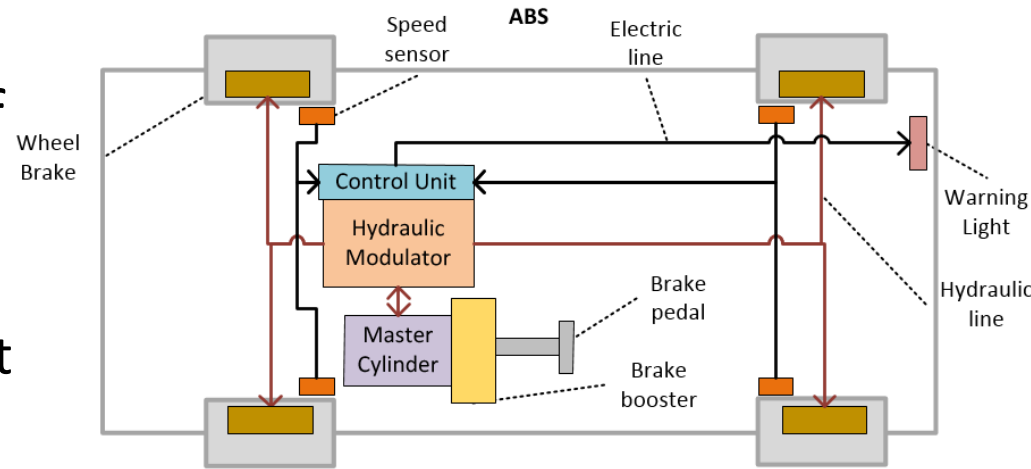
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Automotive MBSE



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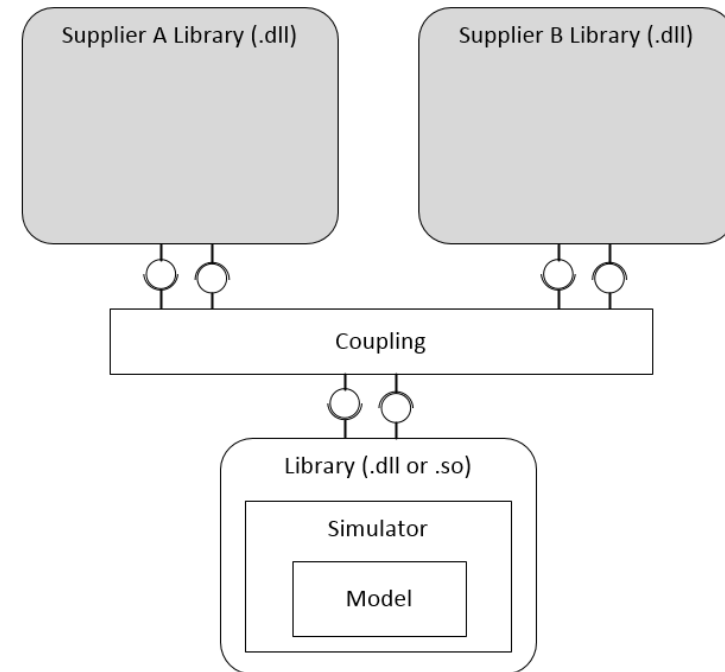
- Early access to models of components.
 - Test different control approaches
 - Evaluate same component from different suppliers
- Challenges:
 - Different teams/suppliers use different modelling tools
 - IP Protection
- Exchange Models
 - Leads to Vendor Lock-in
 - Simulation tools must support import



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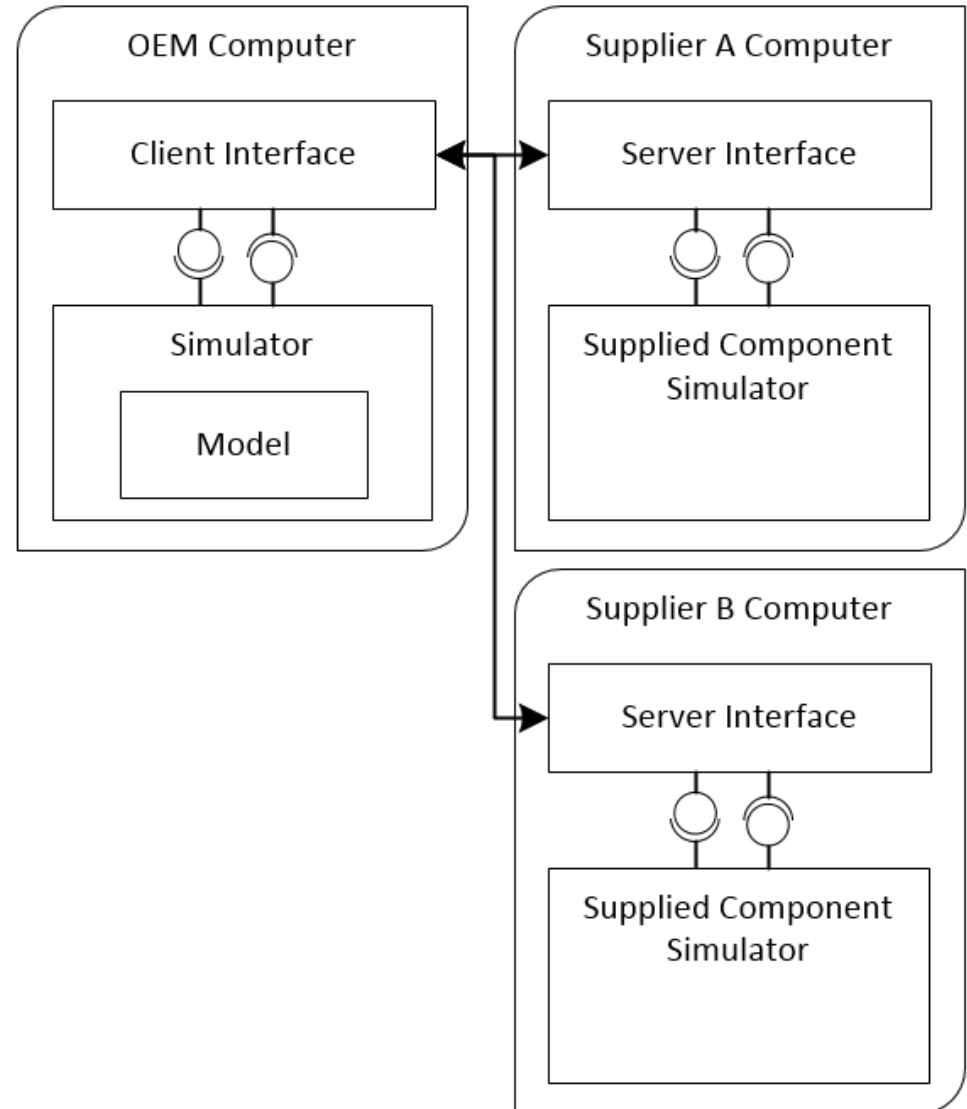
Co-simulation

- Simulation of a system
 - Coupling of multiple simulators
 - Optionally as black-boxes
 - Each simulating one or more models
 - Built with different formalisms/tools.
- Co-simulation scenario
 - Description of the system
 - The simulators and their dependencies
 - Data about the capabilities of each simulator.



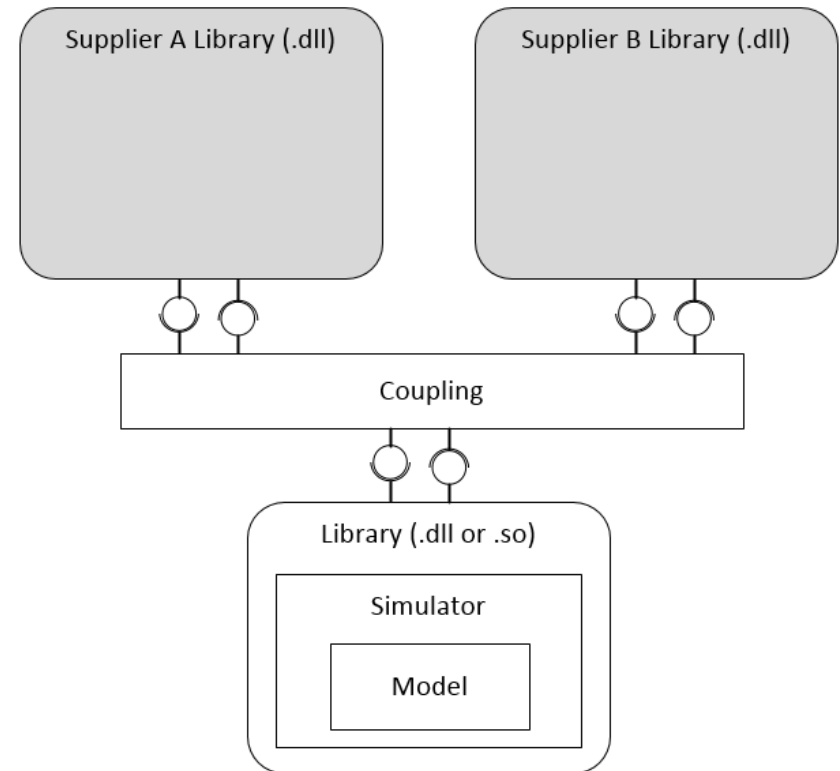
Remote Simulators

- Suppliers make a simulator available through an API
 - Integrator takes care of programming an interface
 - Good IP Protection
 - Different suppliers require different interfaces



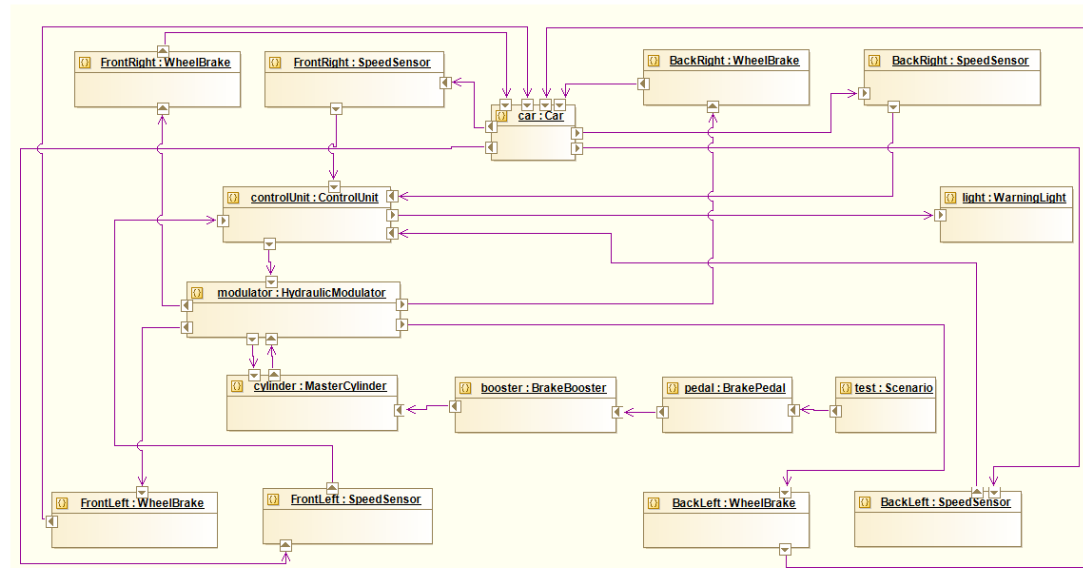
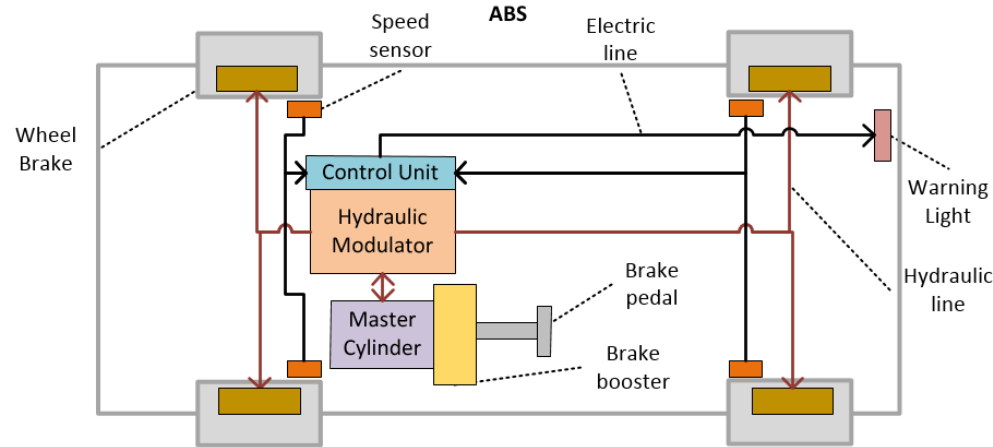
Functional Mock-up Interface Standard

- Simulator and model exported as a standardized C library
- Standard interaction with any simulator
- Every simulator is a black box.
 - Executed locally but can communicate with a remote server

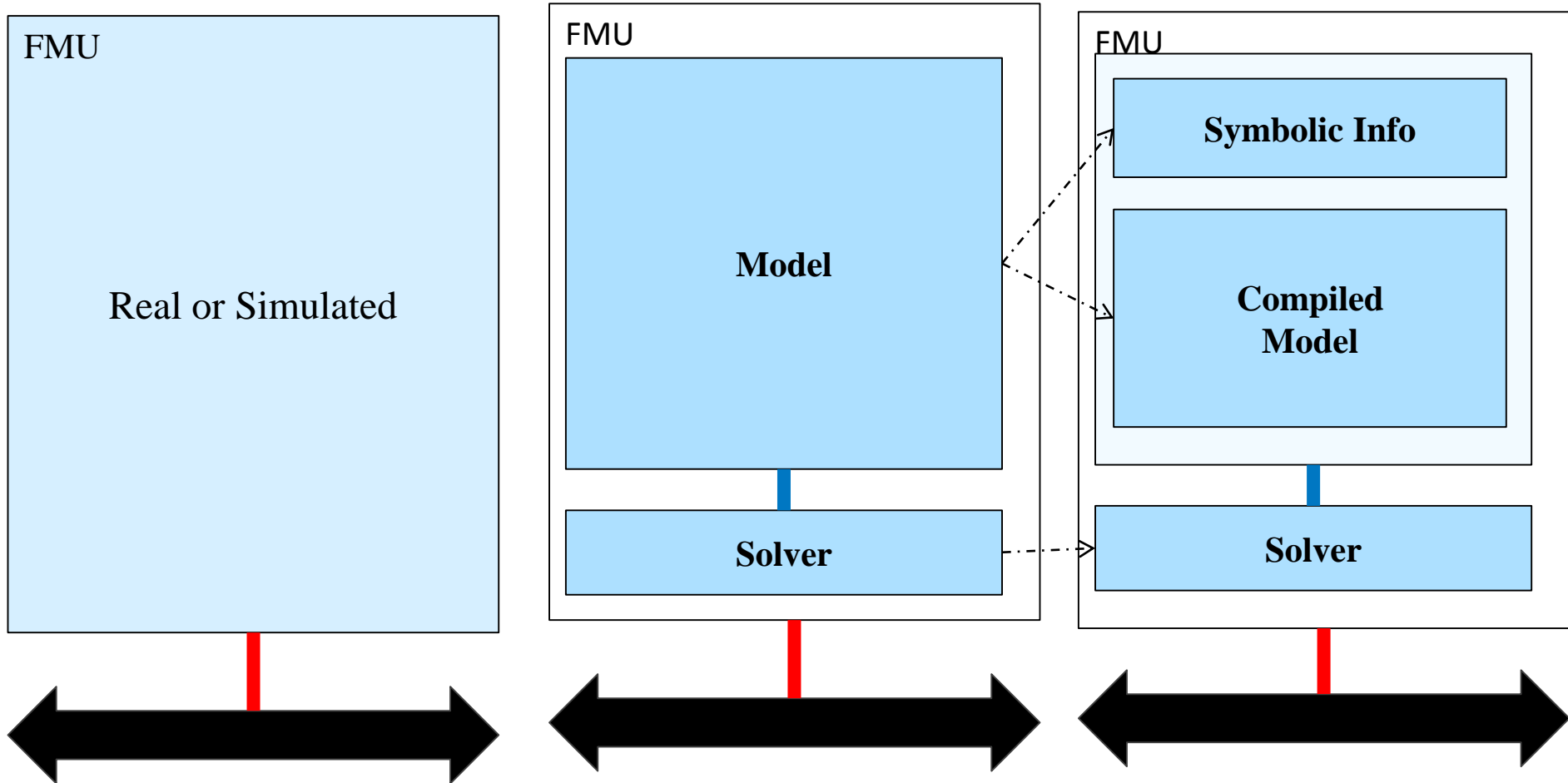


Functional Mock-up Interface Standard

- A Functional Mockup Unit is a zip-file (.fmu) consisting of
 - C Library (.dll or .so)
 - XML file (metadata)
- The coupling (master algorithm) must be provided



Inside an FMU



FMU Example

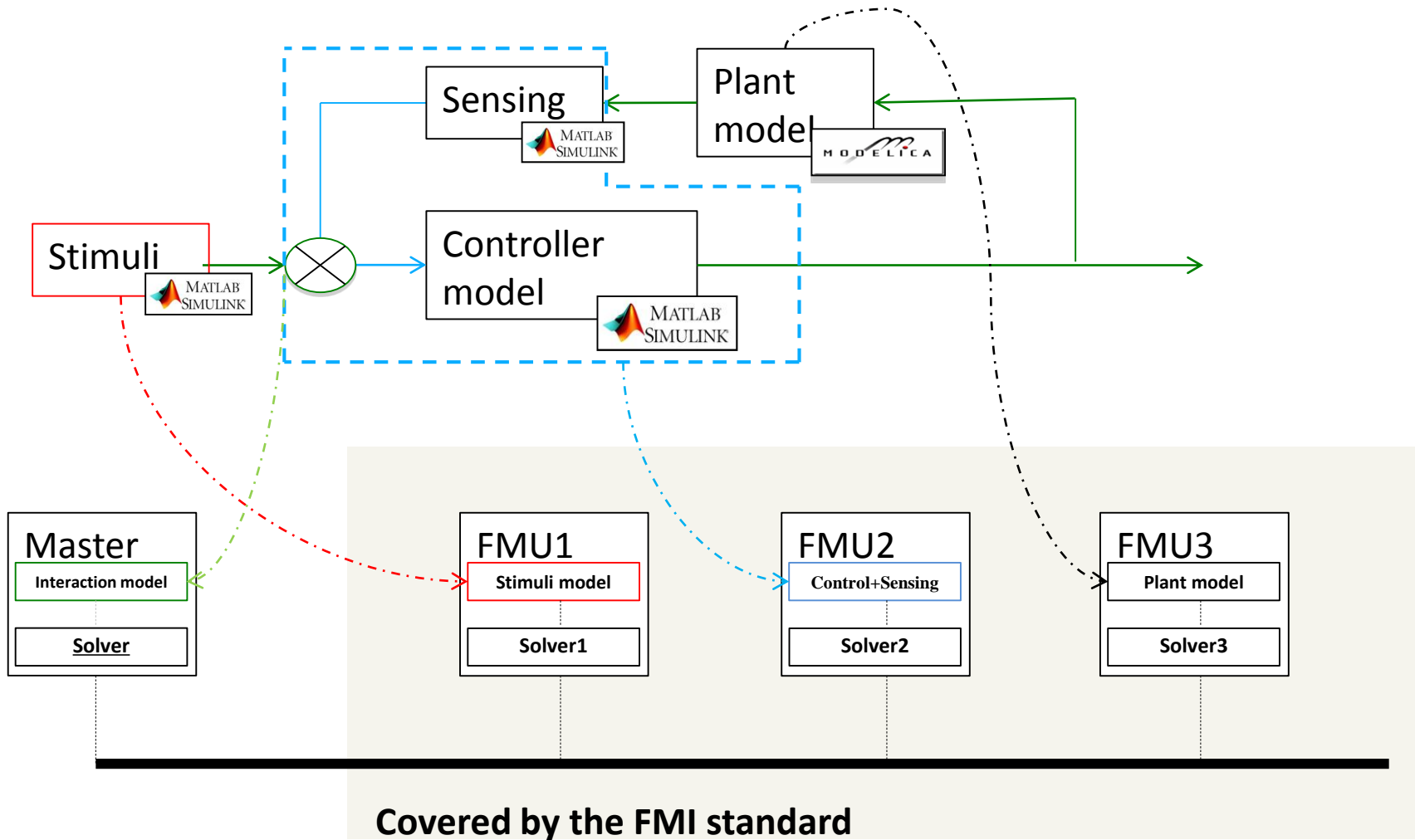
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fmi2Status fmi2DoStep(fmi2Component fc , fmi2Real currentCommPoint, fmi2Real commStepSize, fmi2Boolean
noPrevFMUState)
{
    FMUInstance* fi = (FMUInstance *)fc;
    fmi2Status simStatus = fmi2OK;
    printf("%s in fmi2DoStep()\n",fi->instanceName);
    fi->currentTime = currentCommPoint + commStepSize;
    printf("Motor_in: %f\n", fi->r[_motor_in]);
    printf("slave CBD_PART2 now at time: %f\n", fi->currentTime);

    fi->r[_position] = fi->r[_position] + fi->r[_velocity] * commStepSize;
    fi->r[_velocity] = fi->r[_velocity] + fi->r[_acceleration_after_friction] * commStepSize;
    fi->r[_friction] = fi->r[_velocity] * 5.81;
    fi->r[_motor_acceleration] = fi->r[_motor_in] * 40;
    fi->r[_acceleration_after_friction] = fi->r[_motor_acceleration] - fi->r[_friction];

    return simStatus;
}

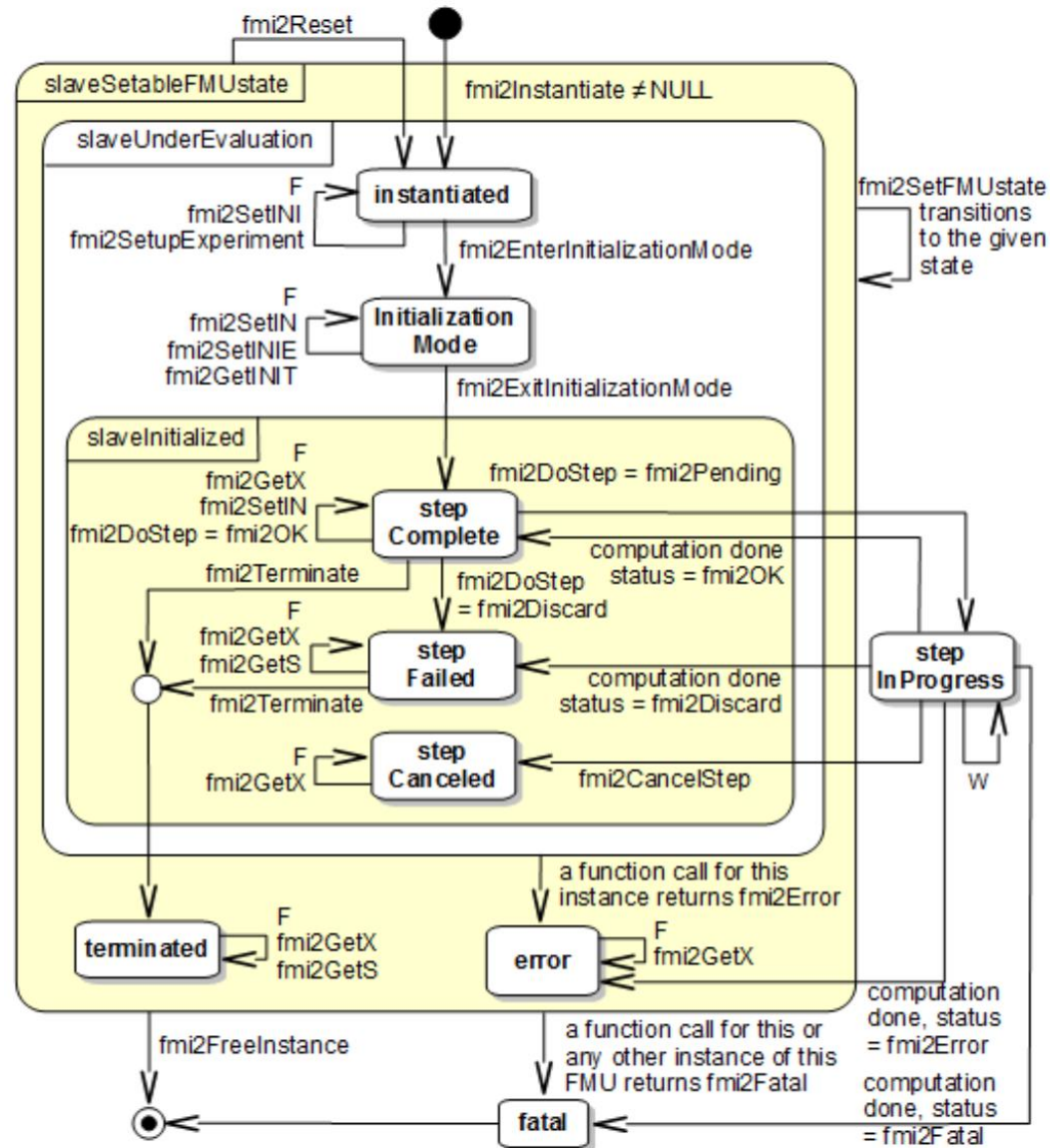
fmi2Status fmi2GetReal(fmi2Component fc, const fmi2ValueReference vr[], size_t nvr, fmi2Real value[])
{
    FMUInstance* comp = (FMUInstance *)fc;
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < nvr; i++)
    {
        value[i] = comp->r[(vr[i])];
    }
    return fmi2OK;
}
```

FMI Co-Simulation Scenario



FMU States

- Synchronization algorithm (master)
 - Communicates with each individual simulator
 - Moves data from one simulator to the other
 - Coordinates time

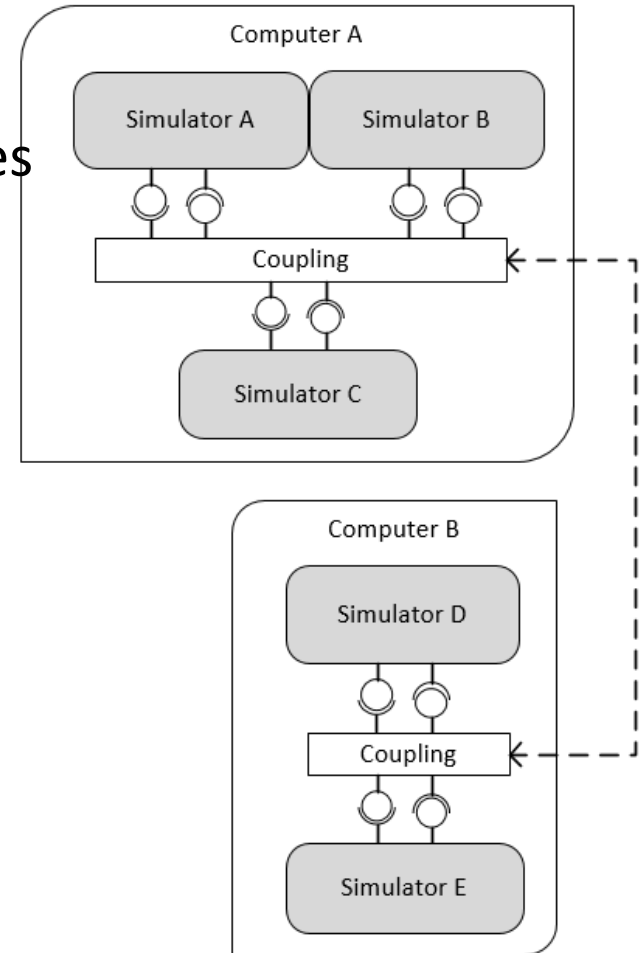


Research Challenges

- Can we trust the co-simulation results?
 - Computer Science
 - Numerical
 - Physics

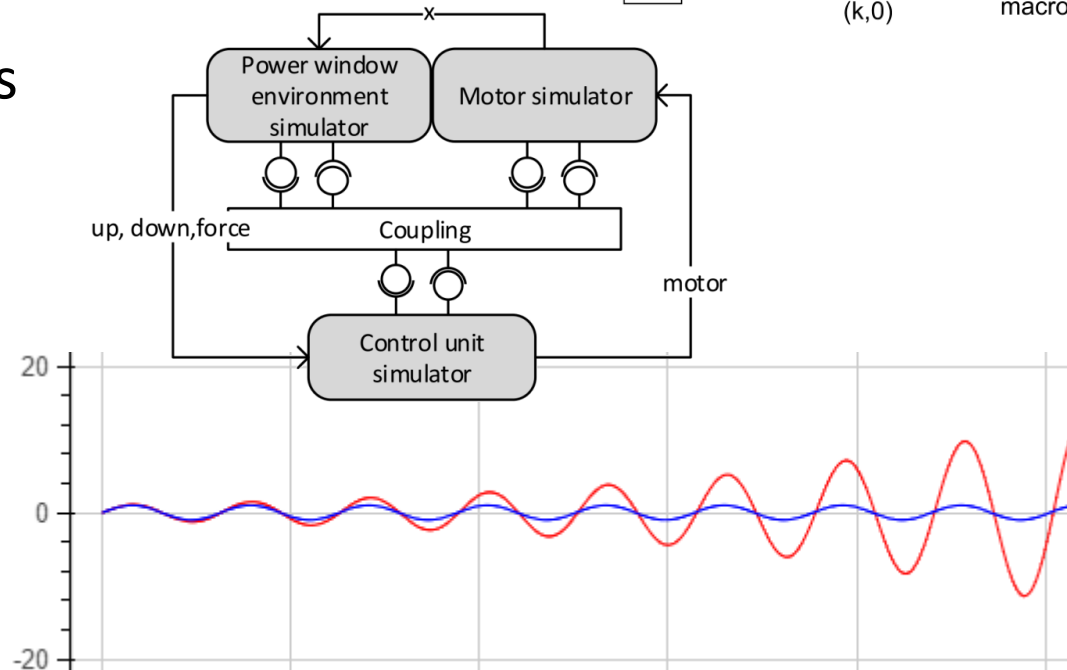
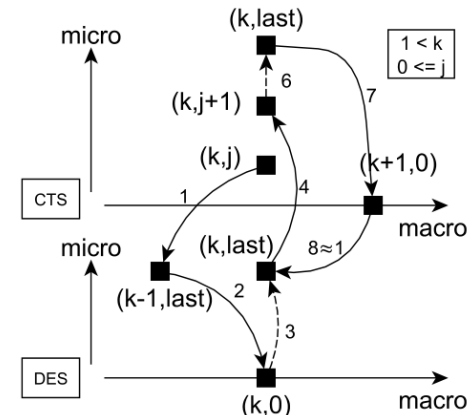
Research Challenges: Computer Science

- Real-time constraints
 - E.g., Hardware (HiL)
- Make the most of heterogeneous capabilities
 - Fixed or adaptive time-step
 - no/single/multiple rollback support
- Hierarchical co-simulation
- Different information exposed about each simulator
 - IO Dependencies
 - Numerical algorithm
 - Recommended step size
 - Jacobian matrices
 - Operating conditions (e.g., range of stability)
- Parallelism
 - Determinism
 - Deadlocks
 - Fairness



Research Challenges: Numerical

- Time synchronization
 - Correct interleaving of the execution of each simulator.
 - Including data dependencies.
- Time progression
 - Handle Zeno behaviours
- Algebraic (instant) dependencies
 - Detect and solve.
- Compositionality
 - State event location
 - Stability



Research Challenges: Physics

- Extra coupling equations might be necessary
 - E.g., $c^2 = 0.5 \Leftrightarrow c = 0.25$ or $c = -0.25$
- Inconsistent values
 - E.g., Voltage

Validation in Industry

Abstraction/Refinement:

$$M_i \sqsupseteq_P M_{i+1} \equiv \forall p \in P, M_i \models p \implies M_{i+1} \models p$$

Engineering process:

$$M_0 \sqsupseteq_P M_1 \sqsupseteq_P \cdots \sqsupseteq_P M_n \sqsupseteq_P R$$

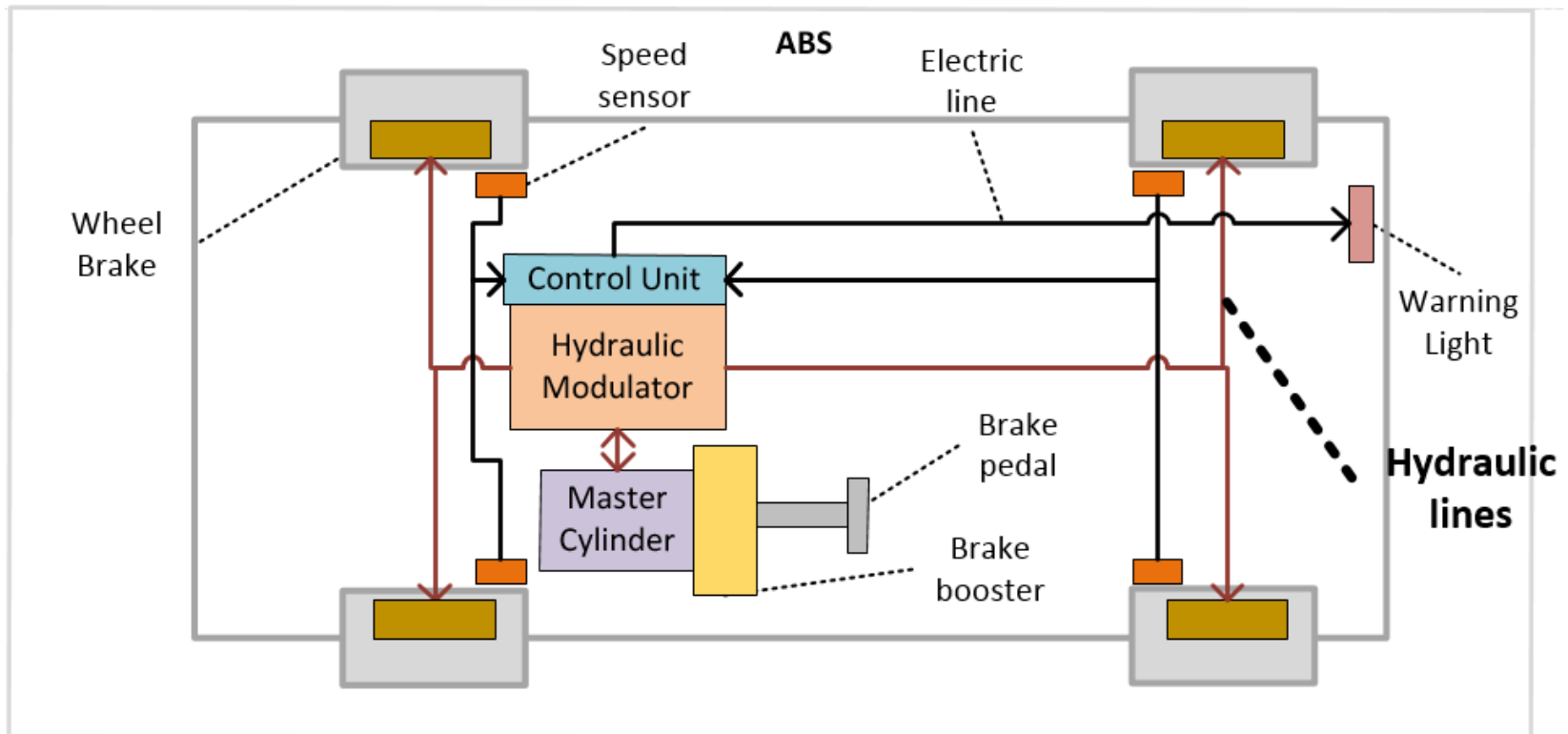
Verification ($M_i \models p$) is approximate: $M_i \approx p$

Validation becomes: $M_i \approx p \implies M_{i+1} \approx p$

Competency ($M_i \approx p \implies R \approx p$) becomes the goal

Validation in Industry (Example)

- Hydraulic connection introduces delay.
- If not modeled, refinements may be valid but not competent.





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