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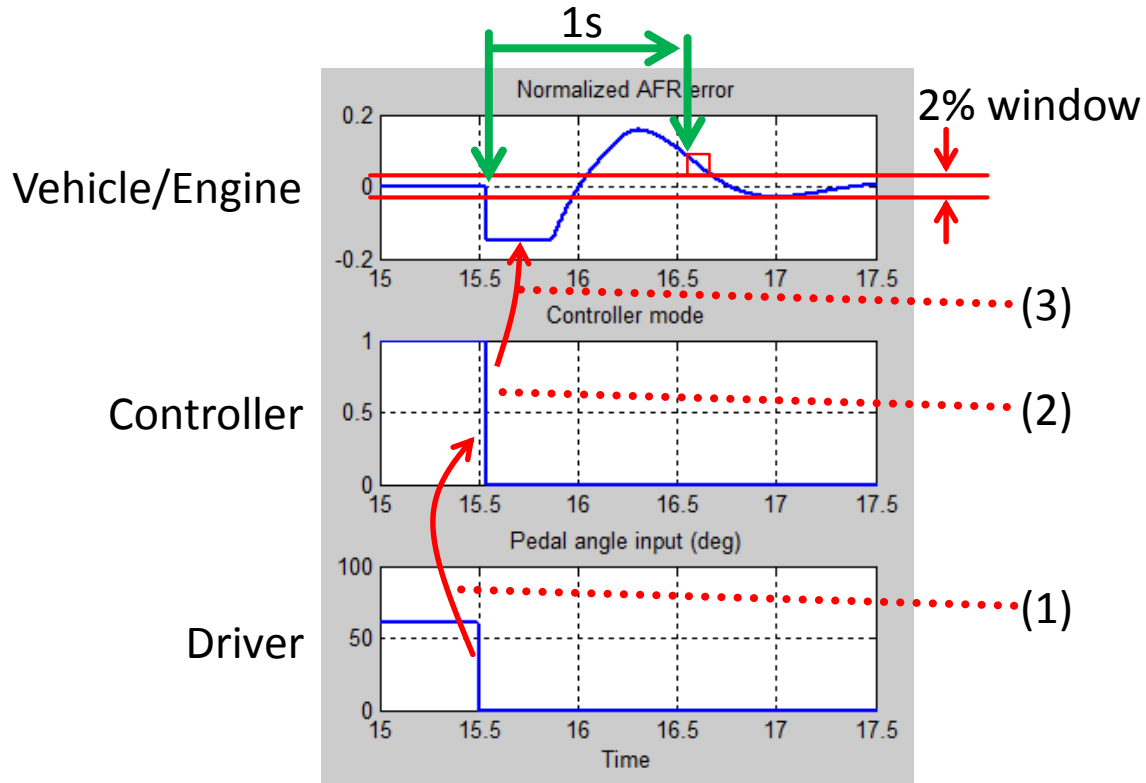
# Simulation-Guided Verification & Validation for Large-Scale Automotive Control Systems

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# Motivation ... System-Level Control Requirement Development



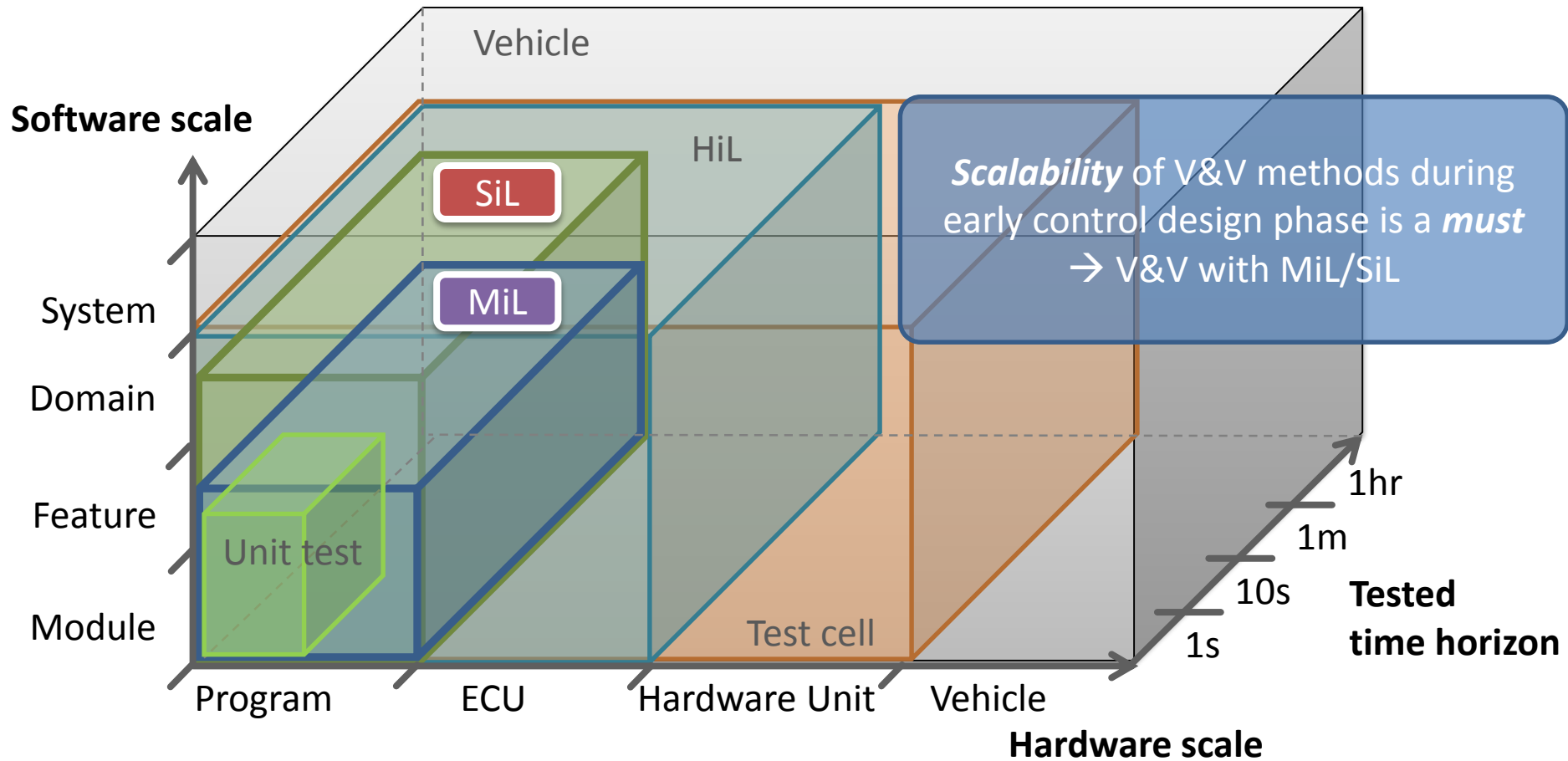
## Example scenario

Suppose air-to-fuel ratio should settle within  $x\%$  error window in  $\tau$  seconds after a certain controller mode change...

Verifying a part of software in the controller does not help frontload the system level requirement development.

System-level requirement development needs to deal with driver, controller and plant.  
How to do it in early control design phase?

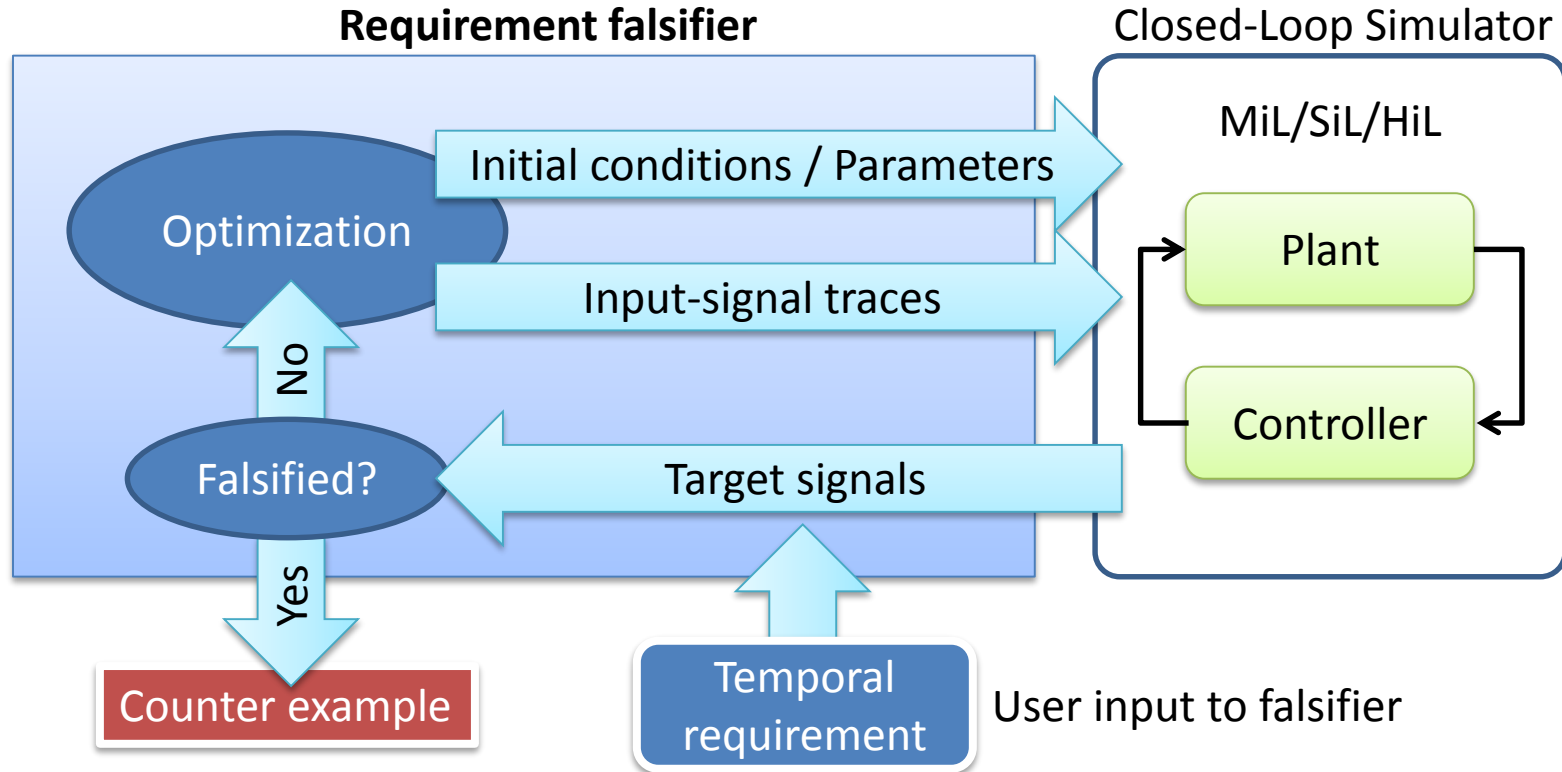
# Scales of Testing in Automotive Control System Development



## Overview

- Requirement Falsification using S-TaLiRo
  - Example – Benchmark Closed-Loop Model for Air-to-Fuel Ratio Control
  - Designing Requirements using Metric Temporal Logic & Signal Temporal Logic
  - Setting up Falsification Process
  - Example outputs from S-TaLiRo
  - Potential Improvement Points
- Requirement Mining using Breach
- Summary & Conclusion

# An Emerging, Scalable V&V Method – Requirement Falsification Simulation



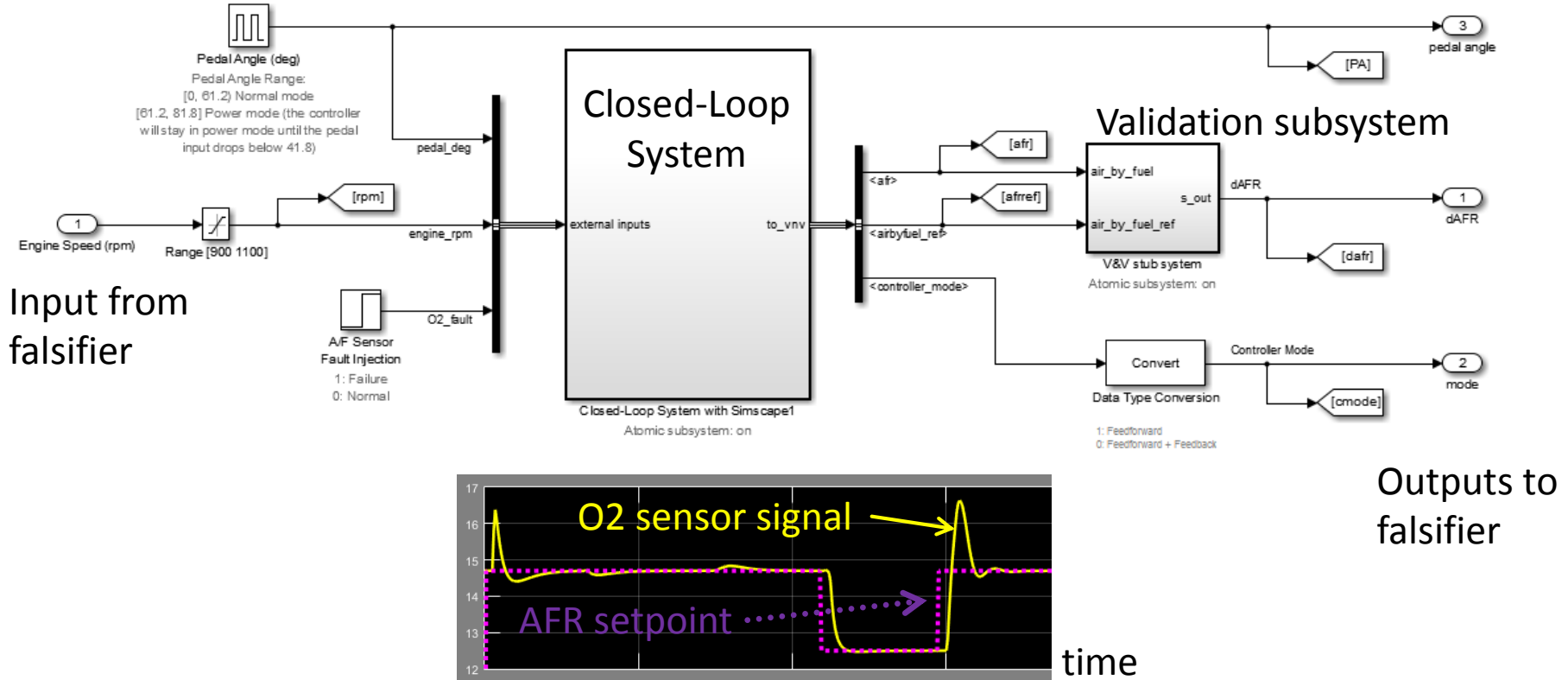
S-TaLiRo (Arizona State U, Colorado U)

<https://sites.google.com/a/asu.edu/s-taliro/s-taliro>

Breach (UC Berkeley)

[http://www.eecs.berkeley.edu/~donze/breach\\_page.html](http://www.eecs.berkeley.edu/~donze/breach_page.html)

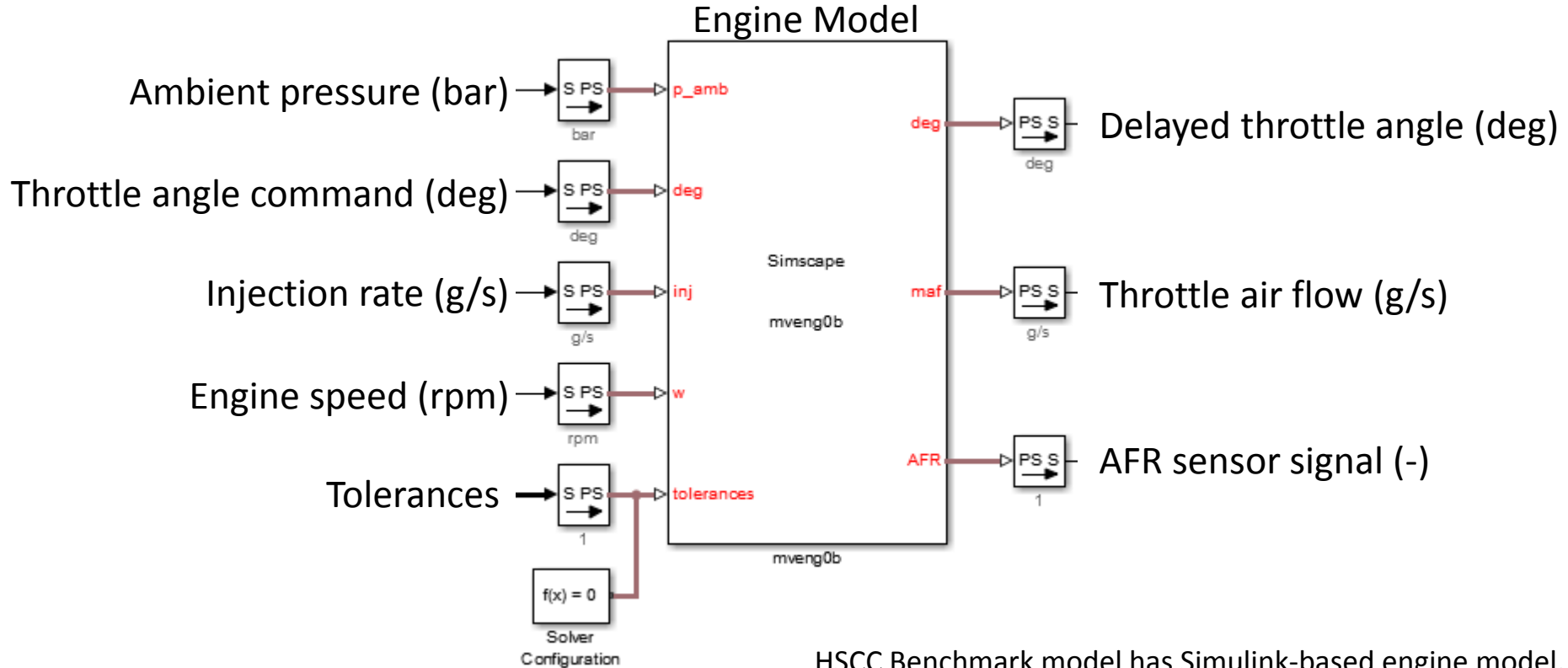
# Example – Air-to-Fuel Ratio Control Validation



The model is based on HSCC 2014 benchmark model:

Jin, X., Deshmukh, J. V., Kapinski, J., Ueda, K., Butts, K., "Powertrain Control Verification Benchmark", HSCC 2014

# Engine Model Input/Output



HSCC Benchmark model has Simulink-based engine model. It was replaced with Simscape-based model here. Their simulation results are identical.

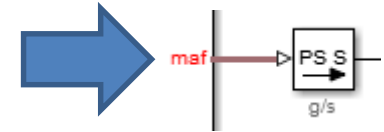
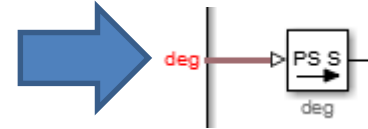
# Engine Dynamics 1 of 2 ... Throttle, Intake & Fuel Injection

## Throttle Air Flow Rate

```

der(delayed_thr) == {-10 '1/s'}*(delayed_thr - thr_cmd);
thr_deg_noguard == delayed_thr + thr_rest;
%...
thetaHat == c6 + c7*thr_deg + c8*thr_deg^2 + c9*thr_deg^3;
%...
mdot_thr == {1 'g/s'}*dir*thetaHat*2*sqrt(p_d/p_u - (p_d/p_u)^2);
%...

```



## Intake Manifold Pressure

```

der(p_mani) == RT_V*(mdot_thr - mdot_air_tocyl); % pdot=(R*T/V)*mdot
mdot_air_tocyl == tol_pump*(c2 + c3*w*p_mani + c4*w*p_mani^2 + c5*w^2*p_mani);

```

## Fuel Injection and Port Wet

```

kappa == tol_kappa * tablelookup(kappa_x1data, kappa_x2data, kappa_ydata, ...
                                eng_rpm, cyl_chg);
tau_ww == tol_tau_ww * tablelookup(tau_ww_x1data, tau_ww_x2data, tau_ww_ydata, ...
                                eng_rpm, cyl_chg);
der(m_fuel) == (1-kappa)*inj_cmd - m_fuel/tau_ww;
mdot_fuel_tocyl == kappa*inj_cmd + m_fuel/tau_ww;

```

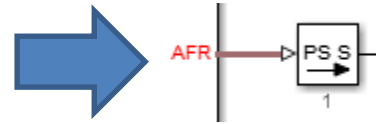


## Simplistic Mean-Value Cylinder

```
cyl_chg == mdot_air_tocyl/w * (4*pi) / Ncyl; % Air charge per cylinder
cyl_afr == mdot_air_tocyl / mdot_fuel_tocyl;
```

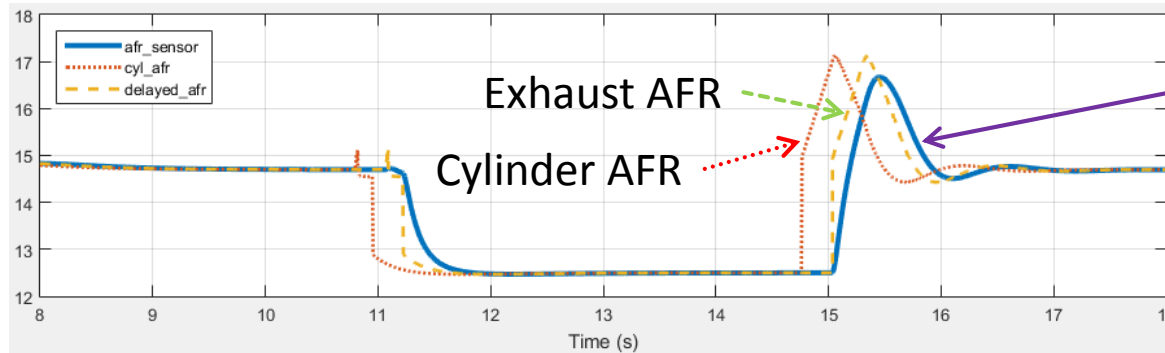
## Exhaust AFR

```
cyl_delay == tablelookup(cyl_delay_x1data, cyl_delay_x2data, cyl_delay_ydata, ...
                        eng_rpm, cyl_chg);
delayed_afr == delay(cyl_afr, cyl_delay, ...
                    History=cyl_afr_pre, MaximumDelay=afr_delay_max);
der(exh_afr) == {-10 '1/s'}*(exh_afr - delayed_afr);
der(afr_sensor) == {-50 '1/s'}*(afr_sensor - exh_afr);
```



e.g.

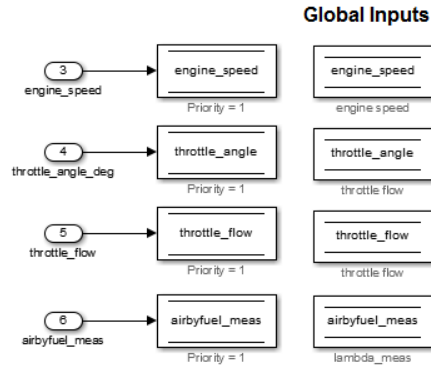
Engine speed  
1000RPM



# Controller (Sample Model)

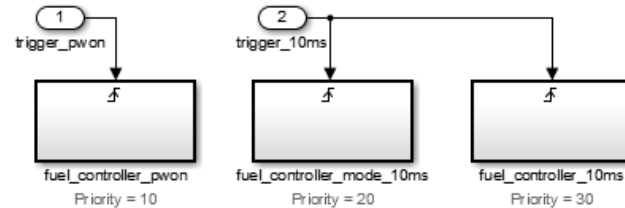
## Inputs to Controller

- Engine speed (rad/s)
- Throttle angle (deg)
- Throttle air flow (g/s)
- O2 sensor signal (-)



## Tasks

- Power-on function
- Controller mode (normal or power) @10ms
- Injection command @10ms



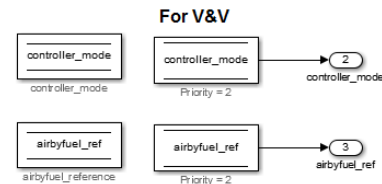
## Output from Controller

- Injection command (g/s)



## Output for Validation

- Fuel control mode
- AFR setpoint

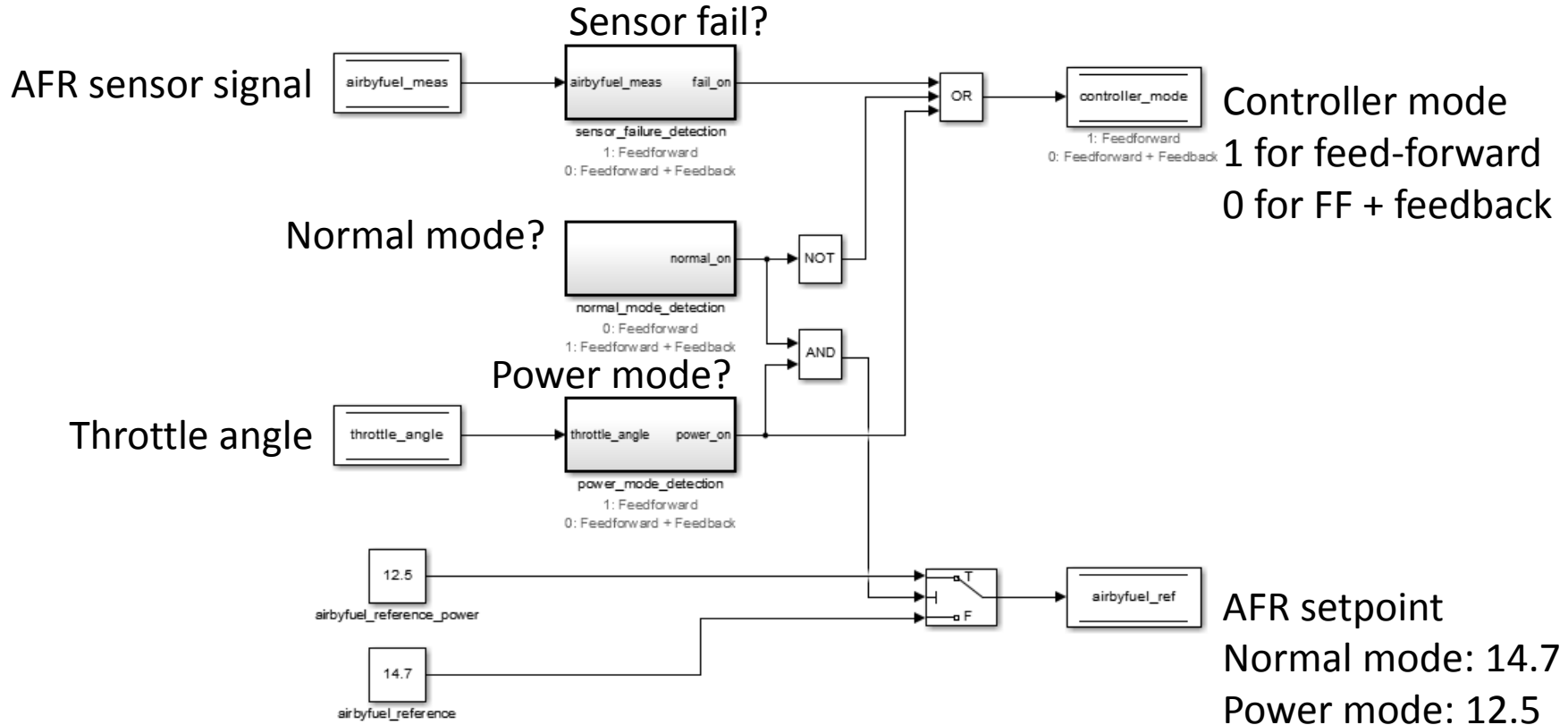


Following MAAB Guideline  
Control model architecture, Type A

# Controller Mode/Reference Selection .. 10ms timer



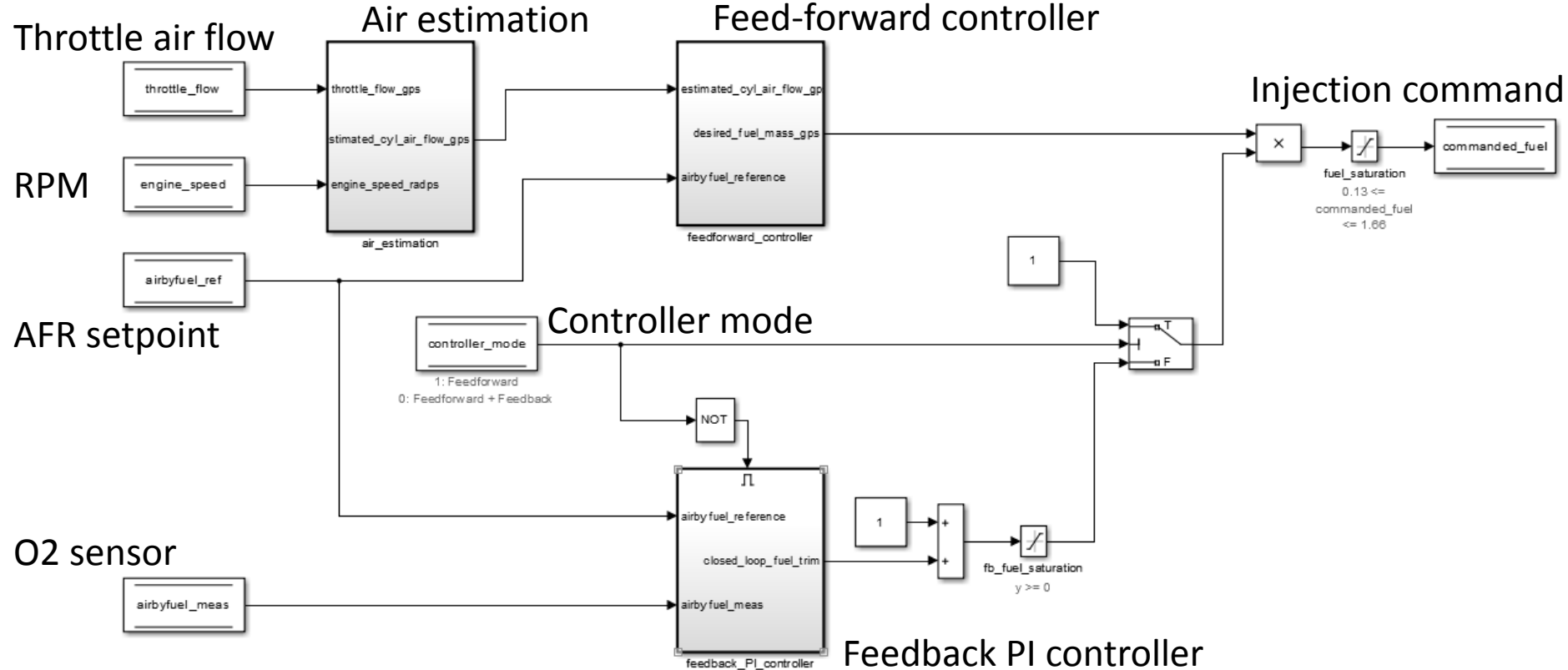
## Controller Mode/Reference Selection



# Fuel Controller .. 10ms timer



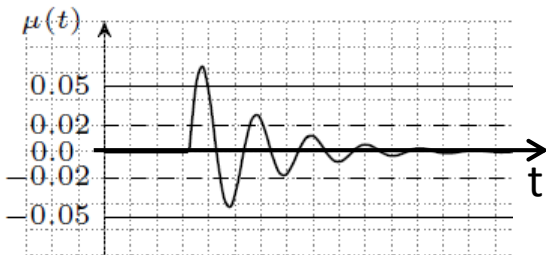
## Fuel Controller



## Designing Requirements

e.g.  $A \Rightarrow B$

If A happens, B must happen.



Normalized AFR error

$$\mu(t) = \frac{\lambda_{sens}(t) - \lambda_{ref}(t)}{\lambda_{ref}(t)}$$

### e.g. Settling Time Requirement

- $A$ : Control mode switches from “power” to “normal” within 20ms.
- $B$ :  $\mu$  must settle within  $\pm 0.02$  within 1 second and must stay there for 4 seconds.
- Always “ $A \Rightarrow B$ ” must be true, i.e., whenever  $A$  happens,  $B$  must happen.

Metric Temporal Logic (MTL) and Signal Temporal Logic (STL) allow the description of temporal properties like above in a machine readable manner:

$$\varphi := \underbrace{\text{always}(\ell = \text{power} \wedge \text{eventually}_{(0,0.02)} \ell = \text{normal})}_A \Rightarrow \underbrace{\text{always}_{(1,5)} |\mu| < 0.02}_B$$

MTL/STL can represent system-level real-time control requirements.

## Requirement Falsification

e.g. Transient requirement  $\varphi := \text{always}|\mu| < 0.02$ 

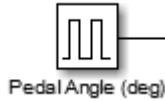
Pedal angle

Amplitude:

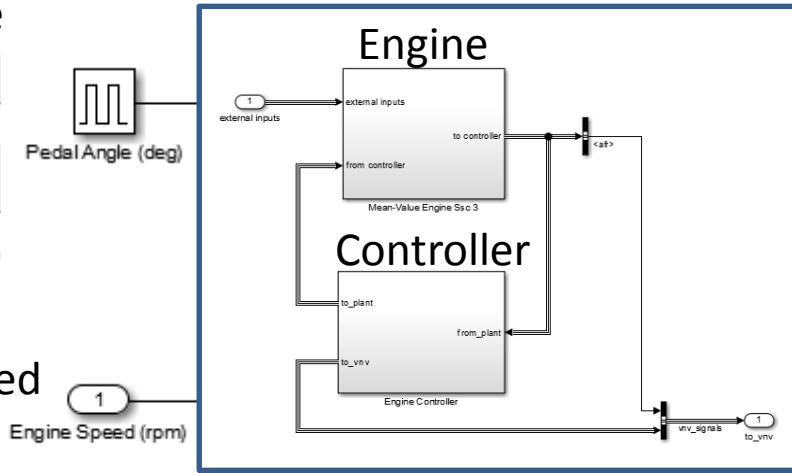
79.3807

Period (secs):

7.7938



Closed-Loop System



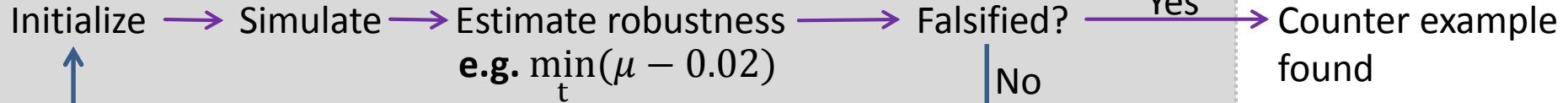
Engine speed

Engine Speed (rpm)

Normalized AFR error

$$\mu(t) = \frac{\lambda_{sens}(t) - \lambda_{ref}(t)}{\lambda_{ref}(t)}$$

dAFR



Requirement falsifier tries to falsify requirements by simulation.

This is not property proving, not exhaustive, but can handle large-scale system.

# Writing Temporal Requirement for S-TaLiRo

## e.g. Settling Time Requirement

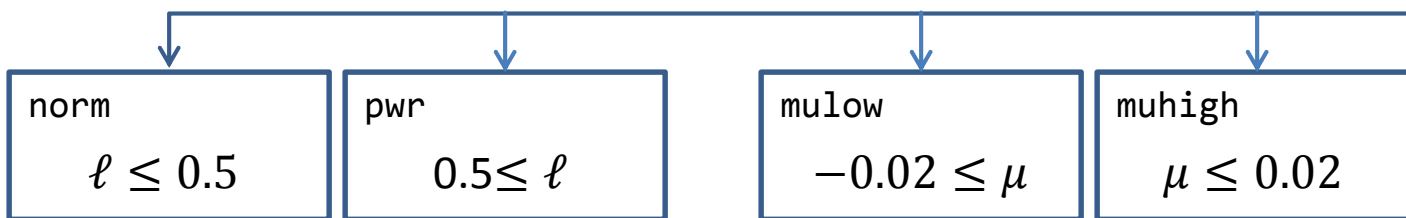
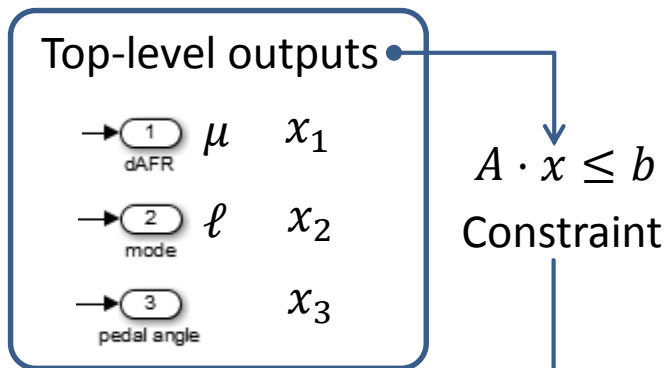
$$\varphi := \text{always}(\ell = \text{power} \wedge \text{eventually}_{(0,0.02)} \ell = \text{normal} \Rightarrow \text{always}_{(1,5)} |\mu| < 0.02)$$

```
phi = ['[] ((pwr /\ <>_(0, 0.02) norm) -> ([])_(1, 5) mulow /\ muhigh)'];
```

### Predicates

```
preds(1).str = 'norm';      preds(3).str = 'muhigh';
preds(1).A = [0 1 0];      preds(3).A = [1 0 0];
preds(1).b = 0.5 ;         preds(3).b = 0.02 ;
```

```
preds(2).str = 'pwr';      preds(4).str = 'mulow';
preds(2).A = [0 -1 0];     preds(4).A = [-1 0 0];
preds(2).b = -0.5 ;        preds(4).b = 0.02 ;
```



## Designing Parameters & Initial Conditions

### e.g. Pulse Generator Block



Pedal Angle (deg)

Pedal Angle Range:

[0, 61.2] Normal mode

[61.2, 81.8] Power mode (the controller  
will stay in power mode until the pedal  
input drops below 41.8)

Amplitude:

77.3888

Period (secs):

13.7789

Pulse Width (% of period):

50

Phase delay (secs):

3

Suppose falsifier wants to vary amplitude (deg) and period (s) for each simulation run.

X0(1) range

Initial\_cond = [ 61.3 81.2 ; 10 20 ];  
min max

```
set_param([model, '/Pedal Angle (deg)'], 'Amplitude', num2str(X0(1)));
set_param([model, '/Pedal Angle (deg)'], 'Period', num2str(X0(2)));
```

Initial conditions (block parameters) are randomly chosen within the specified range for each simulation run by S-TaLiRo.



# Designing Top-level Inputs

1  
Engine Speed (rpm)

Top-level input

Control points

Input range

max

min

Interpolation method

- Constant
- Piecewise constant
- Interp1's methods

0

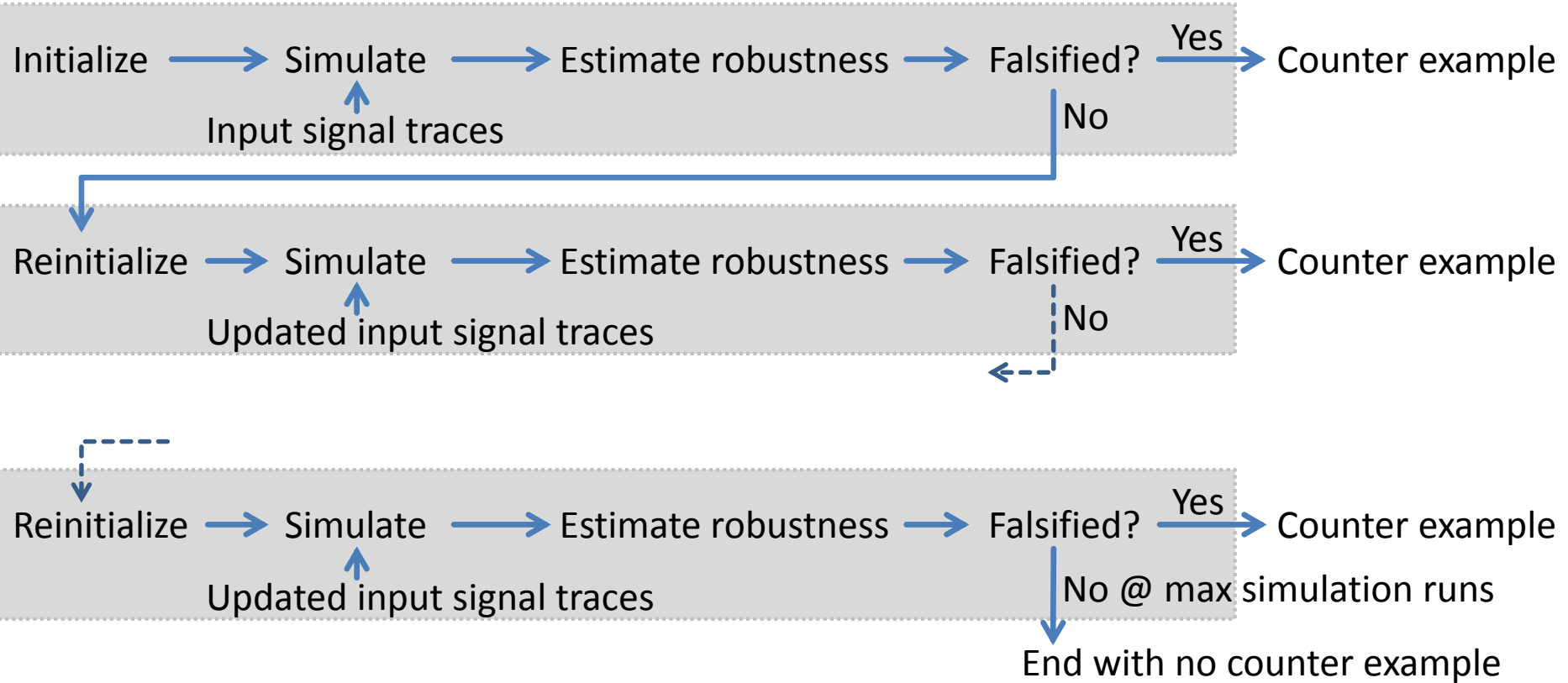
time

t\_end

```
input_range = [ 900  1100 ];
cp_array = 1 ;
opt.interpolationtype={'const'};
```

Top-level inputs are manipulated by S-TaLiRo during a simulation run. The top-level inputs receives different input traces from S-TaLiRo for each simulation run.

# Falsification Process



## Example Outputs from S-TaLiRo, #1

## e.g. Transient requirement

$$\varphi := \text{always}_{(11,50)} |\mu| < 0.02 \quad (\text{Normal mode only})$$

Number of global resets

Best/min robustness value

Number of simulation runs

User-specified max simulation runs

Optimization progress hint

```

Run number 1 / 1
Best ==> 0.042666
Best ==> 0.04235
50 Acceptance Ratio=1 beta=-22.5,0.825
Best ==> 0.042269
Best ==> 0.042093
Best ==> 0.042061
100 Acceptance Ratio=1 beta=-33.75,0.9075
150 Acceptance Ratio=1 beta=-50.625,0.99
Best ==> 0.042037
200 Acceptance Ratio=1 beta=-75.9375,0.99
250 Acceptance Ratio=0.98 beta=-113.9063,0.99
300 Acceptance Ratio=0.96 beta=-170.8594,0.99
...
900 Acceptance Ratio=0.66 beta=-9852.6125,0.99
950 Acceptance Ratio=0.54 beta=-9852.6125,0.99
Best ==> 0.041919
1000 Acceptance Ratio=0.56 beta=-14778.9188,0.99
Running time of run 1: 974.1314 sec
fx >> |

```

**No counter example was found**

# Example Outputs from S-TaLiRo, #2

## e.g. Settling Time Requirement

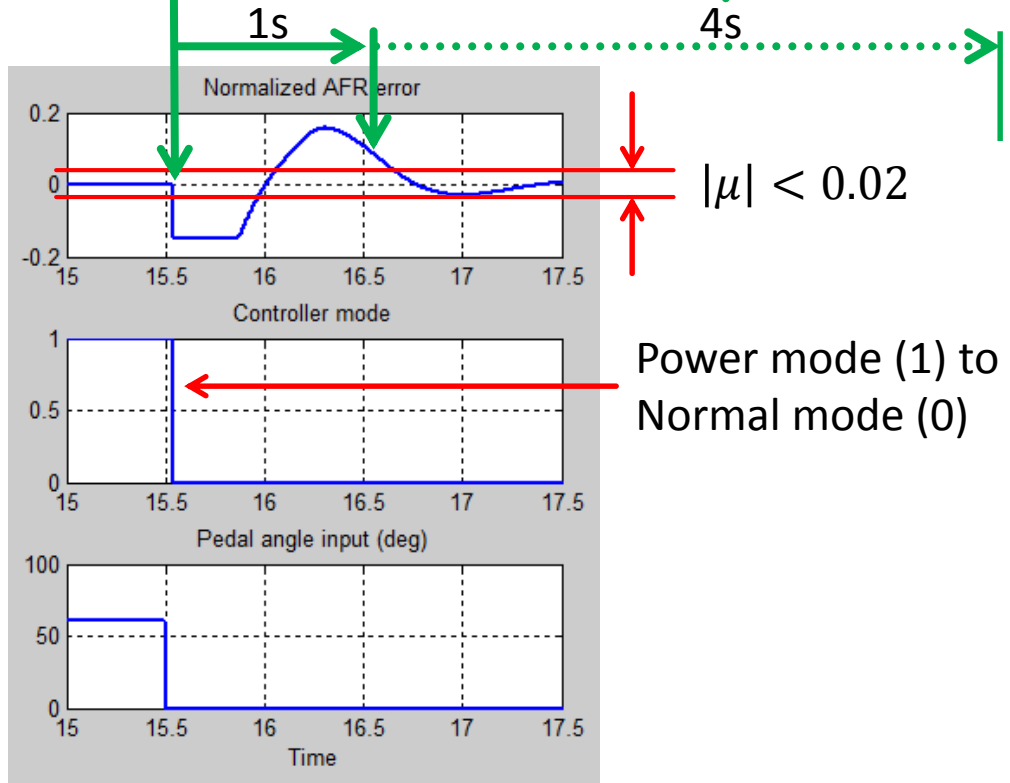
$$\varphi := \text{always}(\ell = \text{power} \wedge \text{eventually}_{(0,0.02)} \ell = \text{normal} \Rightarrow \text{always}_{(1,5)} |\mu| < 0.02)$$

Negative robustness value

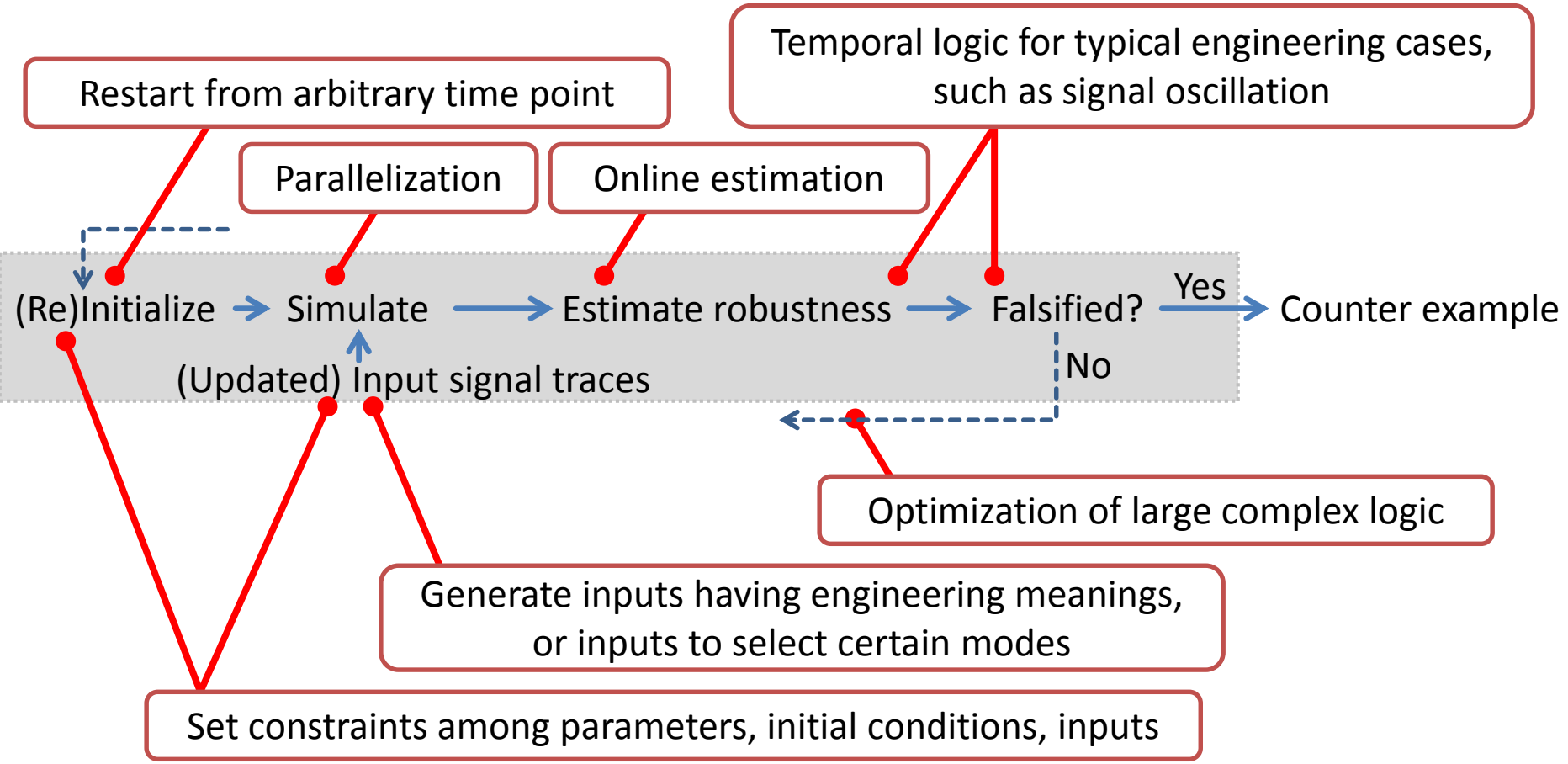
```

Run number 1 / 1
Best ==> -0.12968
FALSIFIED at sample ,3!
Running time of run 1: 16.9284 sec
fx >>
  
```

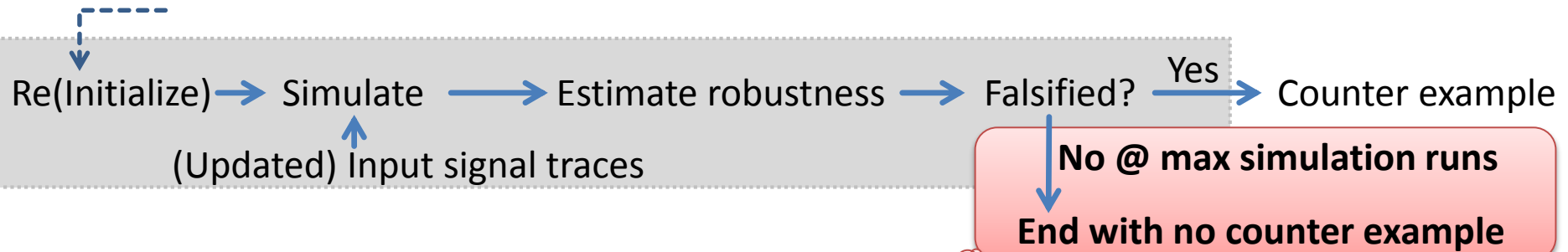
**Falsified!**



# Potential Improvement Points



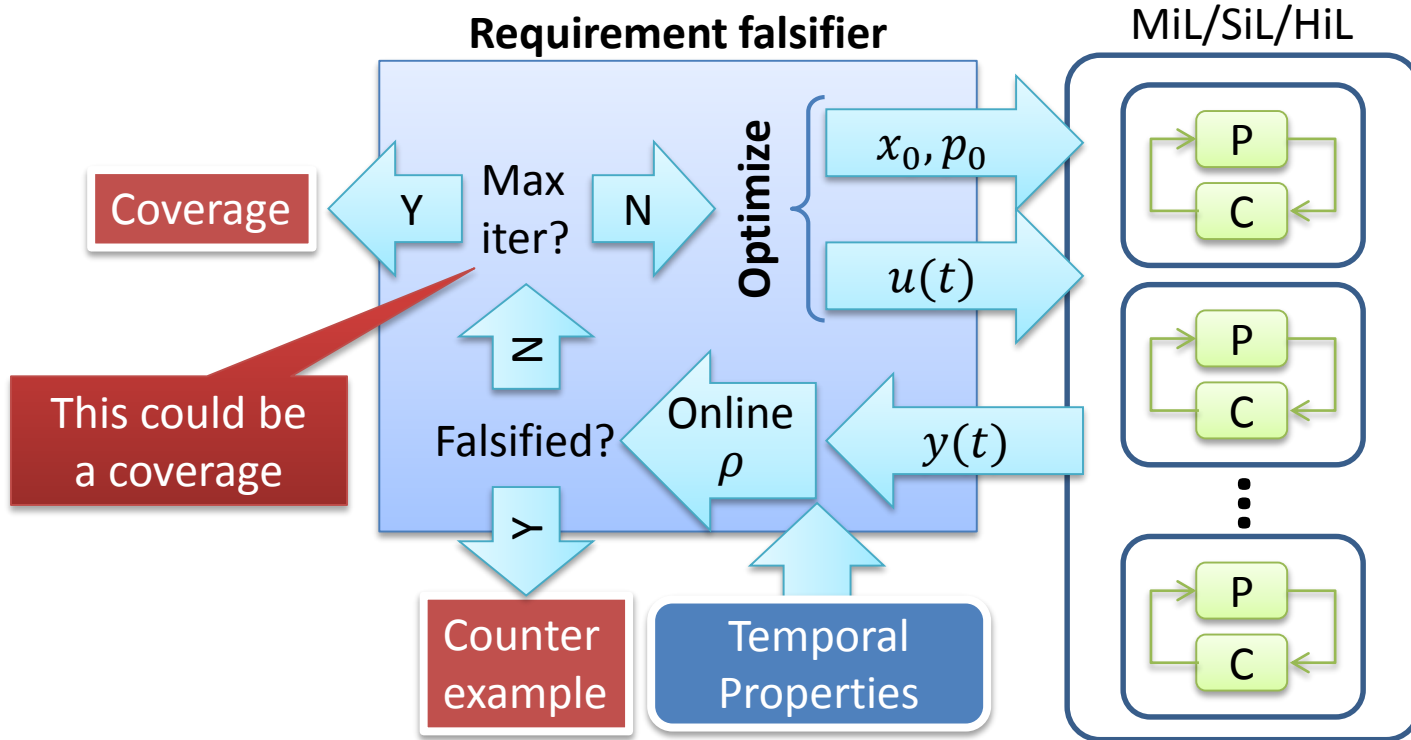
## Coverage for No-counter Example Case



“No counter example found”  
 ... How much did the simulation cover?

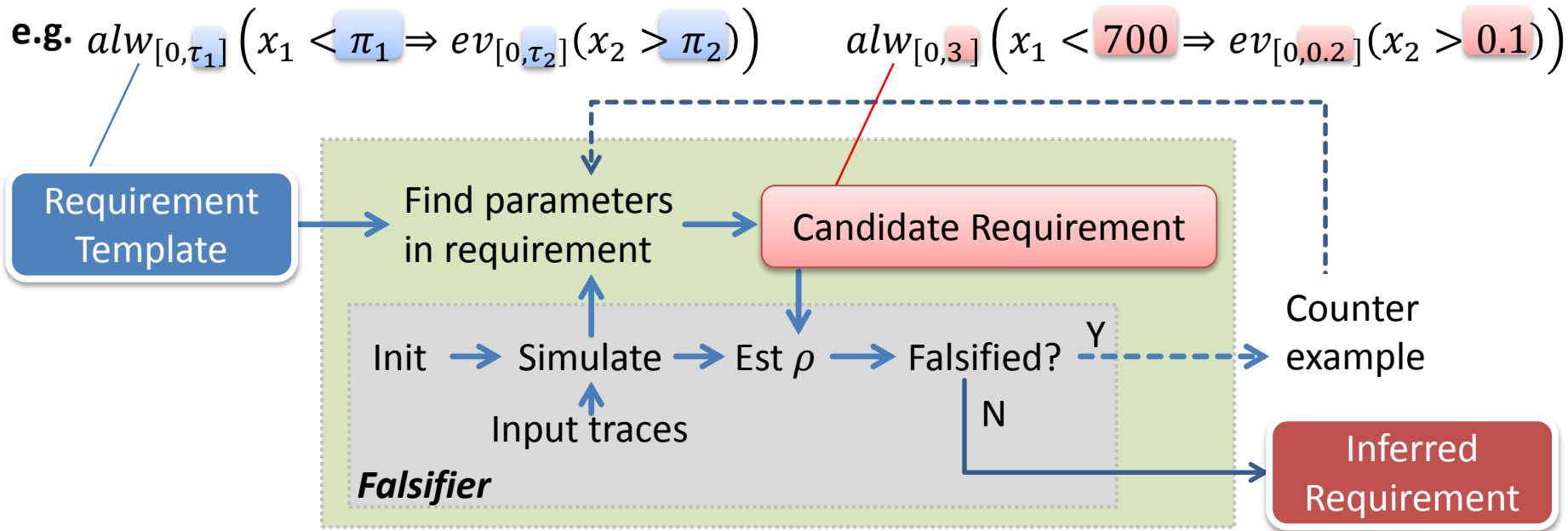
Some coverage could be used as a stop condition, rather than maximum simulation runs. However, such a coverage should cover both plant and controller.

# Simulation-guided V&V Framework ... Revisited and Updated



Closed-loop simulator, plant modeling, code generation and high-performance computing are also very important technologies to realize practical V&V environment.

# Application of Falsification – Requirement Mining by Breach



Potential uses of requirement mining:

- Worst-case testing
- Signal range mining



## Summary & Conclusion

- Simulation-guided V&V methods were introduced.
    - Requirement falsification
    - Requirement mining
    - (There are other simulation-guided V&V methods.)
    - Not proving, not exhaustive, but can handle large-scale system
  - MTL/STL can represent system-level real-time control requirements.
  - Potential improvement points were identified.
    - In dire need of a good engineering coverage.
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- Given its scalability, simulation-guided V&V such as requirement falsification is promising and already practical technology for large-scale control system development.
  - Gaps towards widespread use in industry need to be filled fast.

Thank you.