

PROPULSION CI

Continuous integration and continuous validation with explorative tests for propulsion controls and calibration





IN THE BEGINNING



- Started 2002
- 10 model developers
- SourceSafe/Vault
 - Used as a network storage
- Manual starting bat files for code gen and building

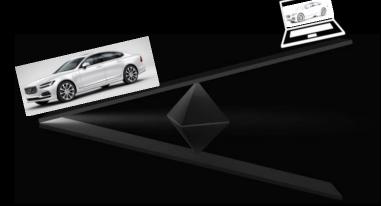


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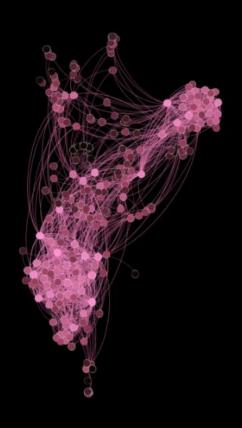
- Prior to the current engine generation, most tests done in car
- During the development of the current engine generation, automatic unit and system tests were introduced.
 - Aftertreatment SW solely developed in Sil platform.
 - One senior SW developer said: now I know it will work when we test in the car...

2016 2009 2014 2015 2017 Pilot with Sil Pilot on Server Ramp up to 100 users, CAE Engineers automation Explorative use Silver to current run plantmodels and now also in tests on next Engine education more Engine plattform plattform projects



SOFTWARE IN THE ENGINE CONTROL MODULE



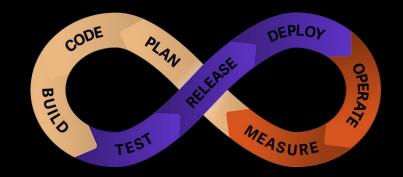


- The Software in current generation ECMs is structured into around 400 modules
- A small part of the application code is still made by the HW suppliers

CI/CD SYSTEM



- Ensuring the integrity is not dependent on a single individual making the right call.
 It is ensured by the system.
- Fast Feedback, small changes often, automatic testing
- Transparency, Follow your commit
- CI/CD system as code, using Python plugin Jenkins job builder and YAML files as pipeline configuration











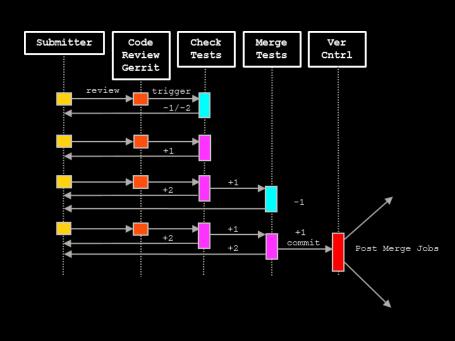


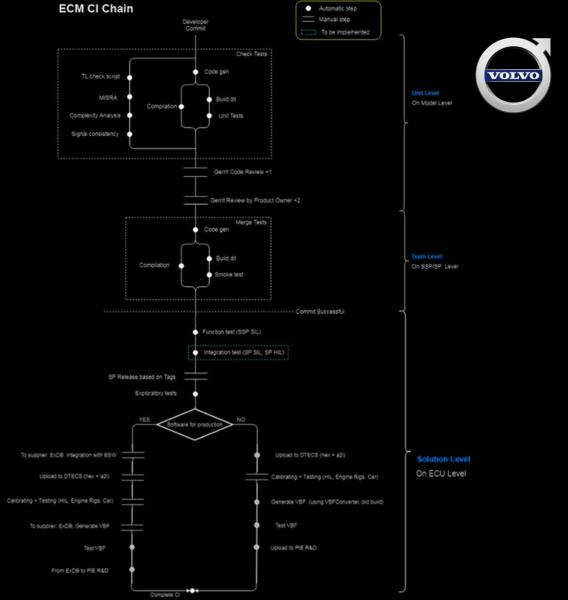


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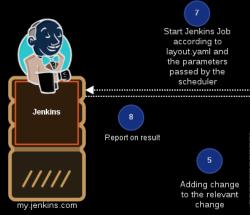
CI system structure

Build dll, unit tests, Merge tests and Exploratory tests executed by Silver and TestWeaver





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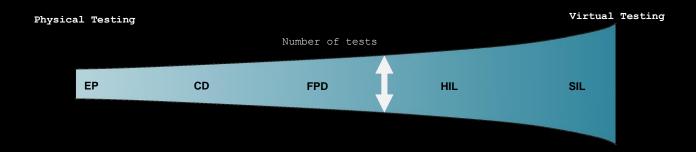
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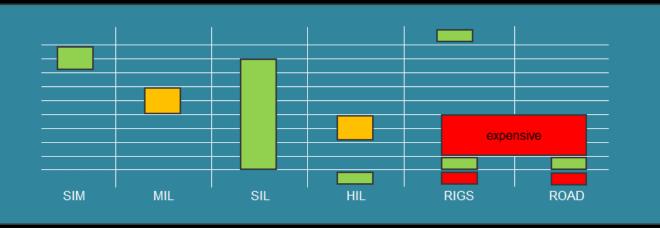
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SIL, THE CORE OF THE CI SYSTEM





Standardized Data Collection
Plant Modelling
Model Calibration
Conceptual SW design
Integrated SW design
Diagnosis development
SW Validation
SW Calibration
Attribute Validation
HW and diagnostic validation



WHY EXPLORATIVE TESTING?



Background

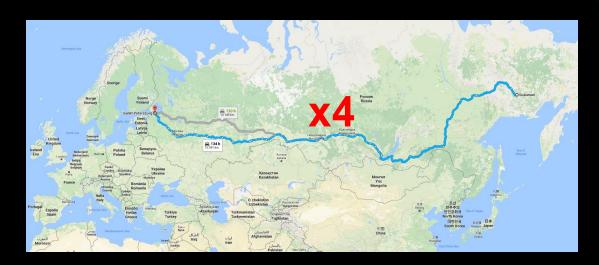
Foufas asked seniour calibration engineer:

JF: -what are the biggest problems with the air charge control system?

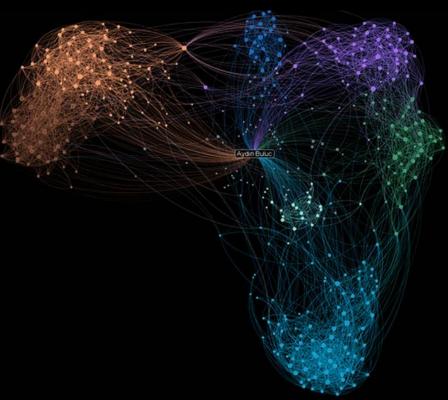
ANSWER: -Oscilations of the actuators during normal quite steady state conditions...

WHY EXPLORATIVE TESTING?

- 45360 km driven 9 days and 6 hours of continuous driving all in 5 days and 8 hours of simulation time
- Current max is 30000kh each 24h
- Maximize state coverage of Engine speed, Engine torque, Car speed, code coverage and choosen problem areas
- Active intelligent search for system flaws and errors, ie breach of requirements. There will be more nodes in these problematic areas.

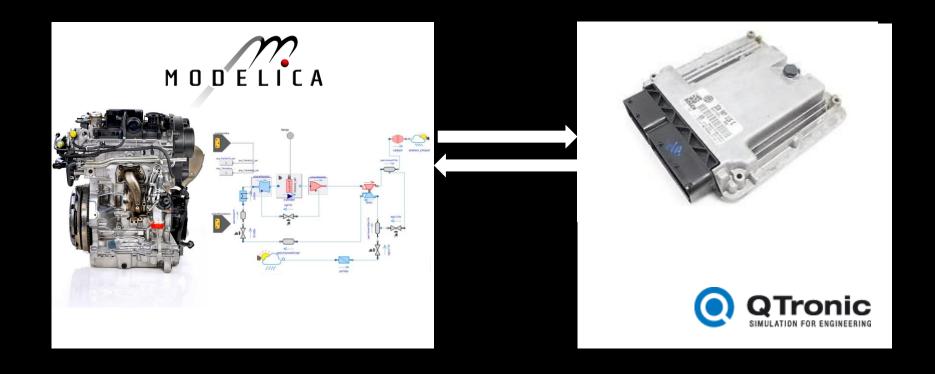




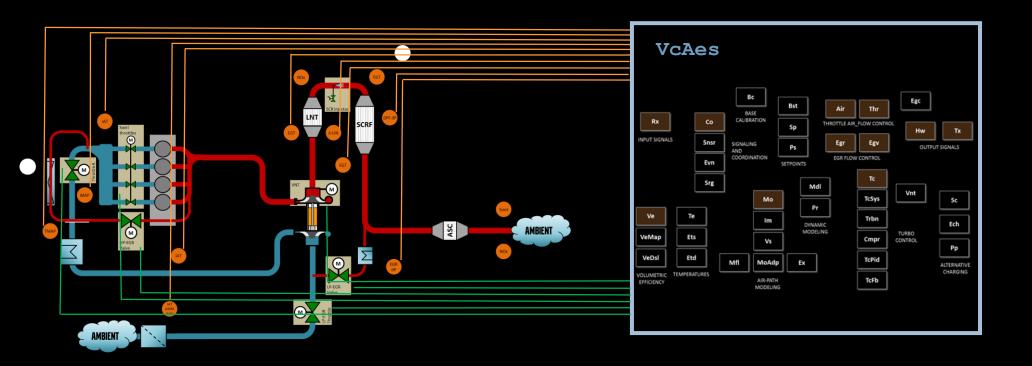


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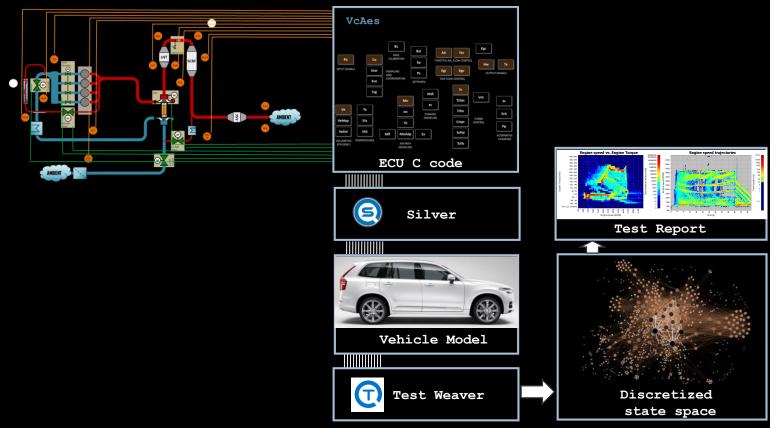
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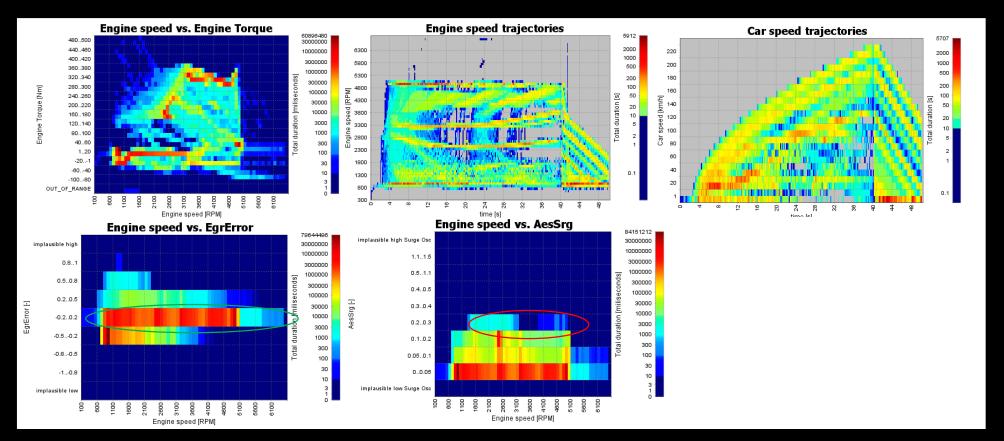




Test configuration

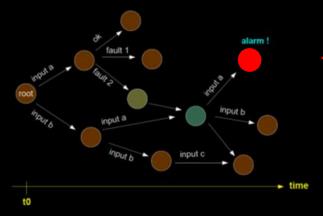
- Oscilations are detected with a state of the art ECM algorithm
- 1 minute cycles, focusing on Engine Speed, Torque exploration and Oscilations of the Intake Air Mass Flow and EGR control deviations.
- 3 days Simulation time, 1.5 days real time





- First try gave oscilating air mass in 20 cases
- First case identified after 8 minutes

Alarm states

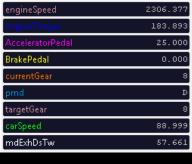




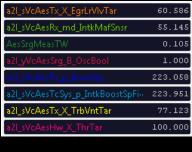


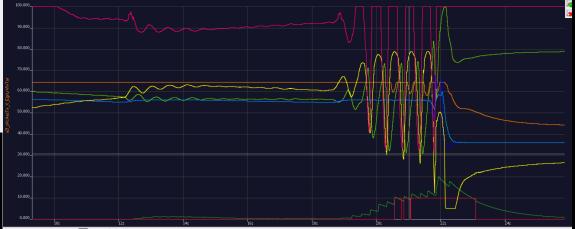


Similar oscilations where later found in Engine Test Lab







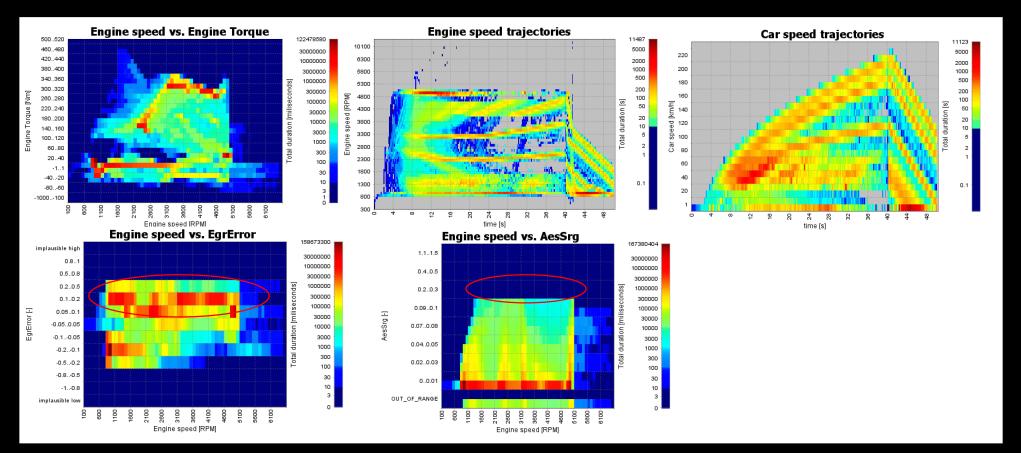




Second test

- After more calibration in Hällered proving ground as well as optimization in Python, all oscilations were removed.
- 9 days Simulation time (9*24h), 4.5 days real time
- No oscillation problems
- Maybe to much EGR?







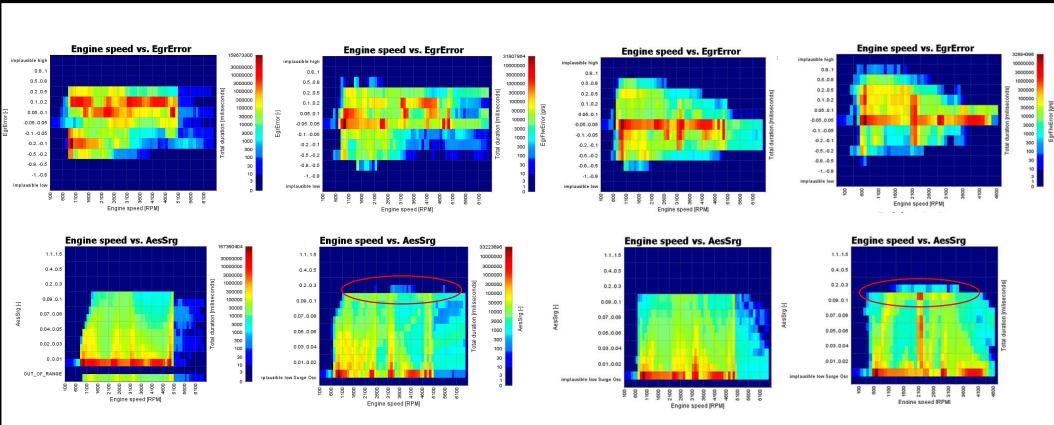
Third test

- Lifting the Software from release 40 to release 55
 - Fixing two SW buggs on the way...
 - New temperature model VcTeExh
 - Update plant models
- 23h simulation time
- New oscillation problems
 - Control instability
 - During Intake Air Throttle
- Boost Control more stable

EXPLORATIVE TESTS, TIMELINE



Second test Third test Third test Fith test, New WCaC



EXPLORATIVE TESTS, CONCLUSIONS



- Catches SW errors and some unrobust calibrations.
- Merge tests/Smoke tests for the air charge system uses the same Silver setup.
- We see that calibration of different parts like temp model, egr and boost pressure all influence each other, and change the overall behaviour.
- Air charge OBD, trials but there is a greater need for accuracy in plant model.
- Problems found are real, they replicate on the real engine, although not exactly the same.

