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THROTTLE BODY MODEL IN A HARDWARE-IN-THE-LOOP SYSTEM

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# Introduction to HiL & The dSPACE Environment

## Hardware-in-the-Loop (HiL)

- Standard automotive validation practice.
- **Setup:** Bosch ECU connected to a real-time simulator (dSPACE).

## Software Toolchain:

- **Configuration Desk:** Hardware mapping.
- **Control Desk:** User Interface/Dashboard.
- **INCA & CDA:** Calibration & Diagnostics.
- **Vector Tools:** CAN Bus monitoring.



Figure: dSPACE Scalexio Rack

# The Engine Control Module (ECM)

## Device Overview:

- **Unit:** Bosch Engine Control Module utilized in the HiL setup.
- **Role:** Manages the air intake system by regulating the electronic throttle valve.

## Control Strategy:

- **Actuation:** Drives the DC motor via an H-Bridge using two PWM signals (*Motor+*, *Motor-*).
- **Feedback Loop:** Continuously reads position from dual sensors (TPS1 & TPS2) to ensure precise tracking.

## Safety & Diagnostics:

- Monitors for deviations between command and position.
- Manages the critical *Learning Phase* at startup.
- Triggers "Limp-Home" mode if faults (DTCs) are detected.

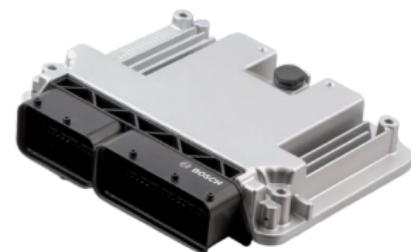


Figure: Bosch ECM

# DS2680 & DS2671 Boards

The **DS2680 I/O Unit** is a MultiCompact I/O unit for the SCALEXIO system that provides all the I/O channels required for the hardware-in-the-loop simulation.



[Figure: DS2680 Board Unit](#)



[Figure: DS2671 Board Unit](#)

The **DS2671 Bus Board** is the interface between a SCALEXIO system and various bus systems. It has 4 multifunctional channels, each of which can support a bus system that is assigned to it by software.

The **DS2680 Unit** is the main Board in Scalexio dSpace Simulator.

## I/O Interfaces & Features

- **Analog I/O:** High-precision channels for sensors (Pressure, Pedal, 5V feed).
- **Digital I/O:** For PWM generation and measurement (Motor commands).
- **Resistance Channels:** Simulation of Resistance Sensors Signals (Ex: Temp Sensors).
- **Flexible Channels:** High-speed I/O measurement and generation (Current Signals).
- **Angular Simulation Channels:** Dedicated hardware for generating complex, angle-synchronous crankshaft and camshaft signals.
- **Failure Insertion Unit (FIU):**
  - Parametric capability to inject electrical faults.
  - Supported faults: *Open Circuit, Short to GND, Short to Battery.*

# Component Description

## Electronic Throttle Control (ETC):

- Regulates airflow into the intake manifold.
- **Actuator:** DC Motor (H-Bridge driven).
- **Sensors:** Dual Potentiometers (TPS1 & TPS2) for redundancy.

## Pinout (6 Wires):

- ① Motor PWM Command Plus (+)
- ② Motor PWM Command Minus (-)
- ③ Throttle Position Sensor 2 Signal
- ④ 5V Supply
- ⑤ Throttle Position Sensor 1 Signal
- ⑥ Sensor Signal Ground



PIN	BELEGUNG / ASSIGNMENT
1	M+ Motor Positive
2	M- Motor Negative
3	TP2 Sensor 2
4	5V Sensor Supply
5	TP1 Sensor 1
6	PW Sensor Ground

Figure: Real Component & Pinout

## Motivation: Why Simulate?

- **Durability:** Avoiding mechanical failure (gears/springs) during intensive testing.
- **Repeatability:** Removing variations due to temperature/aging.
- **Flexibility:** Enabling simulation of "Ice Blockage" or specific end-stops.

## Modeling Challenges:

- **Non-linear Dynamics:** Stick-slip friction and non-linear spring return.
- **ECM Diagnostics:** ECU triggers *Limp-Home* if Position  $\neq$  Command.
- **Parameters:** Need for specific calibration (End-stops, Rise time).

# Hardware Connections

Precise mapping between the ECU (Bosch) and Simulator (dSPACE).

- (K124) ETC POS. MOTOR CTRL (+)
- (K126) ETC POS. MOTOR CTRL (-)
- (F855) 5V PRIMARY SENSOR FEED
- (K22) ETC POS. SENSOR SIGNAL#1
- (K922) ETC POS. SENSOR RETURN
- (K122) ETC POS. SENSOR SIGNAL#2

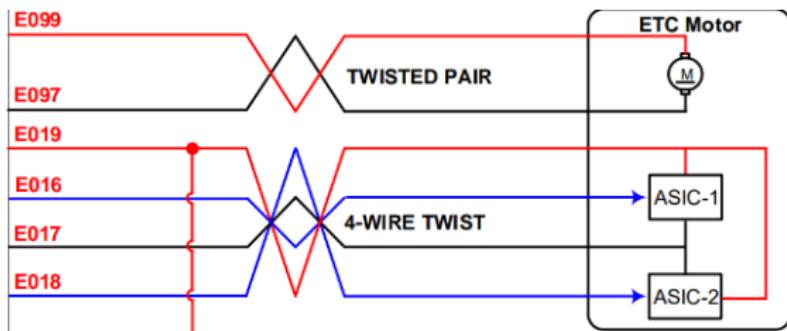


Figure: Electrical Schematic Overview

# Configuration Desk Interface

## Mapping Strategy:

- **TPS 1 & 2:** Configured as *Analog Outputs* (with FIU enabled).
- **Motor +/-:** Configured as *Digital Inputs* to capture PWM Duty Cycle.
- **5V Feed:** *Analog Input* to monitor ECU reference.

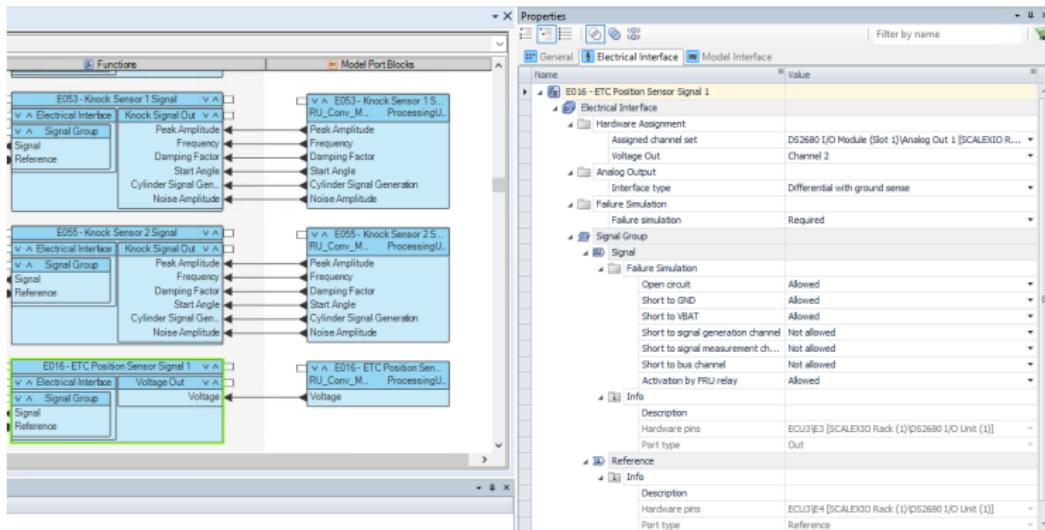


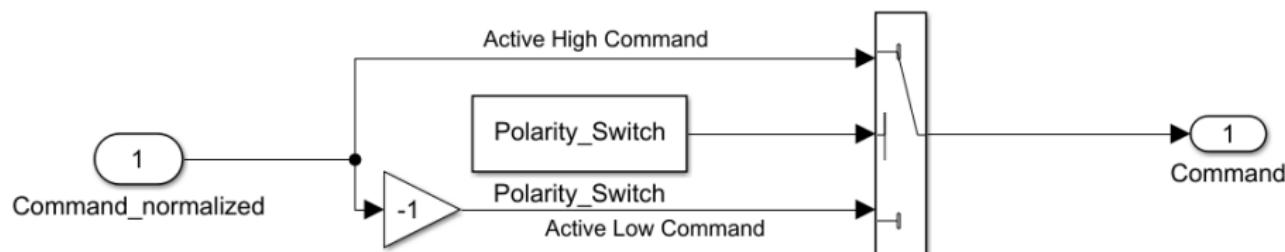
Figure: Configuration Desk Interface

# Input Signal Processing

Processing the raw PWM from H-Bridge to a normalized command.

$$u(t) = \frac{DC_+(t) - DC_-(t)}{100} \cdot \text{PolaritySwitch} \quad (1)$$

- **Normalization:** Conversion to range  $[-1, 1]$ .
- **Polarity Switch:**
  - Value = 1: Normally Closed (Gasoline).
  - Value = -1: Normally Open (Diesel).
- Allows universal model application.



# Dynamic Modeling

**Approach:** Modified First-Order Filter with Feedback.

$$\dot{y}(t) = \frac{1}{\tau} \cdot [K \cdot u(t) - K_{fb} \cdot y(t)] \quad (2)$$

The ECM controller is robust enough to handle this simplification over a full 2nd order mass-spring-damper.

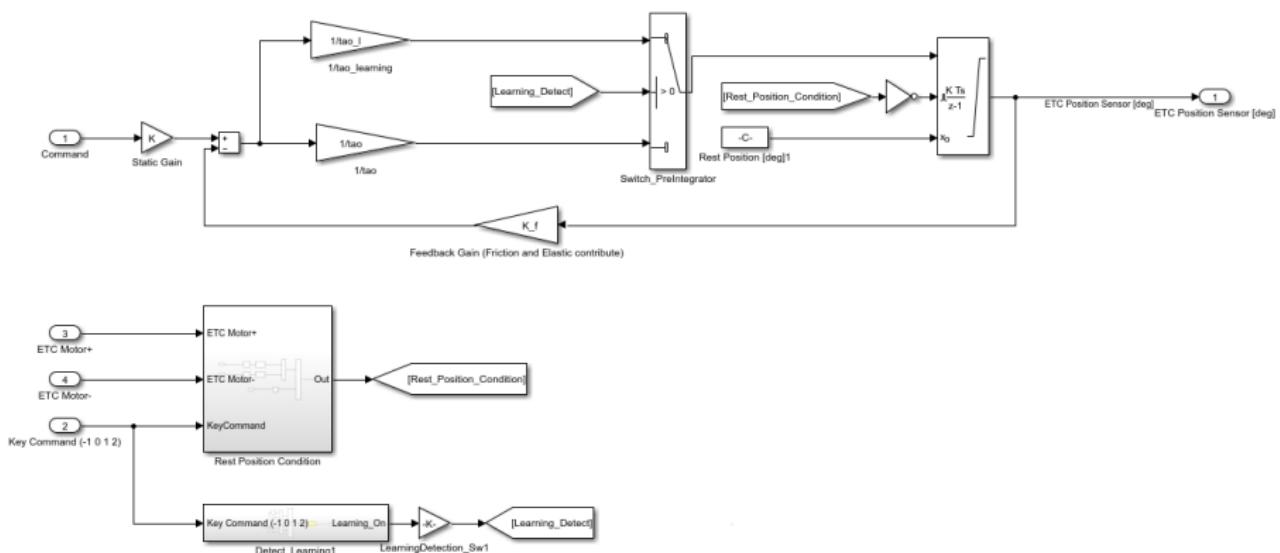
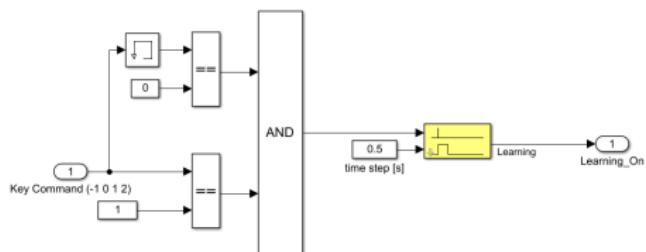


Figure: First Order Filter

# Learning Phase & Rest Position Handling

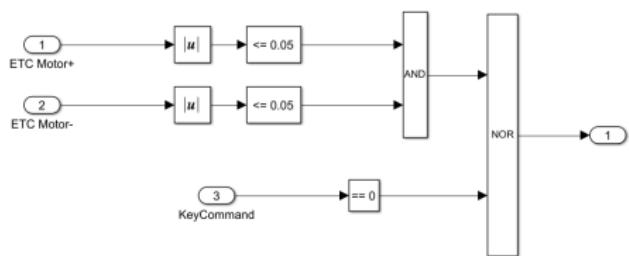
## Learning Phase

- **Context:** ECU calibrates end-stops at Key-On.
- **Logic:** If Detect\_Learning is TRUE, switch  $\tau \rightarrow \tau_{learning}$ .
- **Goal:** Avoid Self-Learning DTC.



## Rest Position

- **Context:** When de-energized, springs hold valve at  $\approx 6.4^\circ$ .
- **Logic:** If no command from ECU, force integrator default to  $6.4^\circ$ .
- **Goal:** Avoid Limp-Home Position DTC.



# Signal Conversion

## Physical Interface Generation:

- Conversion of Angle ( $deg$ ) to Voltage ( $V$ ) via Datasheet Maps.
- Real/Sim Switch:** Allows real-time toggling between physical throttle feedback and model feedback for comparison.

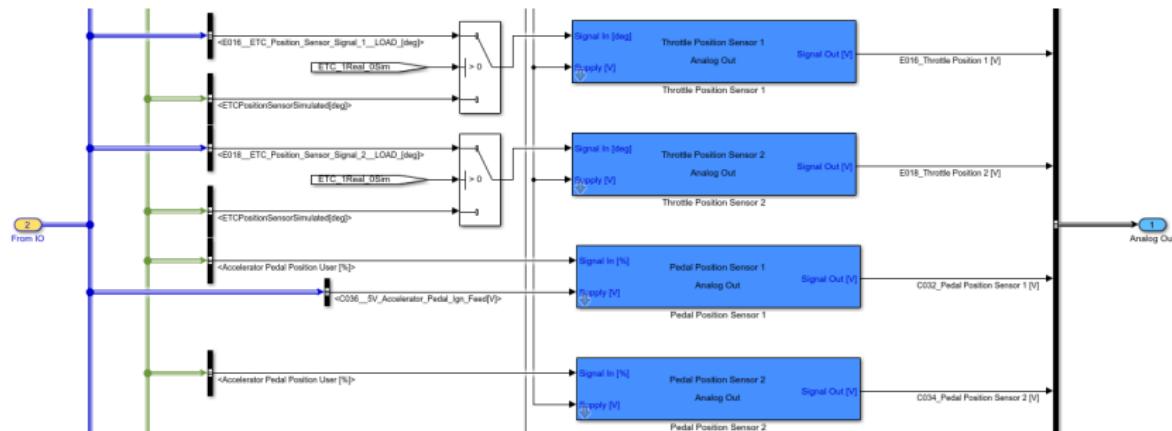


Figure: Hardware Interface Subsystem

## The Problem: Open Load Faults

The ECU expects to drive a motor coil. Disconnecting the real throttle triggers "Open Load" errors, inhibiting commands. Simple resistors fail due to dynamic impedance.

## Solution: DS5380 Load Module

- Programmable current sink (up to 300W).
- 3A per Volt control ratio.



Figure: DS5380 Hardware

## Implementation (RL Model):

- Simulated RL circuit calculates  $I_{motor}$  based on  $V_{command}$ .
- Model output drives DS5380 to draw precise current.

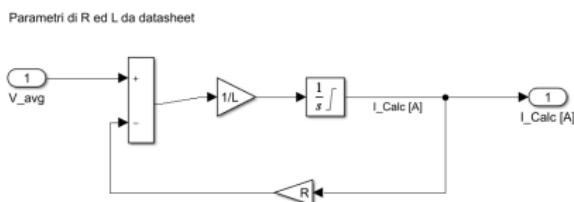


Figure: RL Circuit Model

# Test Environment

Validation performed on a full Jeep Wrangler HiL simulator.



## Tools:

- **Control Desk:** Real-time visualization.
- **INCA:** Calibration & Data log.
- **CAN Bus:** Network communication.

## Tuned Parameters:

- $K = 12$
- $\tau = 0.06$
- $K_{fb} = 0.1$
- $\tau_{learn} = 0.04$

# Test 1: Step Response (Bypass)

*Objective:* Evaluate transient behavior and settling time.

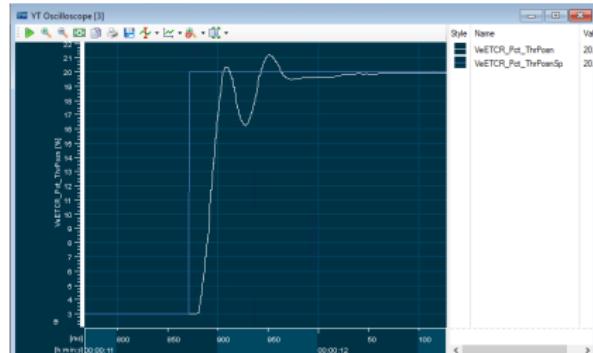


Figure: Real Component Step Response

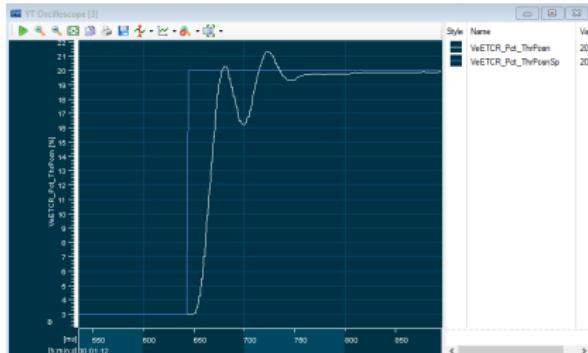


Figure: Simulated Step Response

$$t_r = 20 \text{ ms}$$

$$S\% = 7.6\%$$

$$t_s = 115 \text{ ms}$$

$$e_{\infty} < 1\%$$

$$t_r = 20 \text{ ms}$$

$$S\% = 7.6\%$$

$$t_s = 120 \text{ ms}$$

$$e_{\infty} < 1\%$$

## Test 2: Train Pulse (Dynamic Tracking)

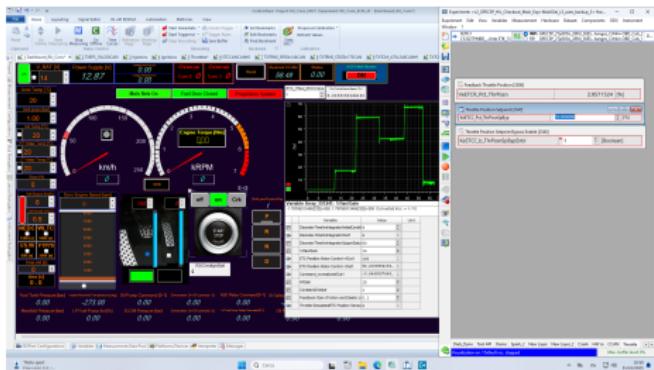


Figure: Real Component

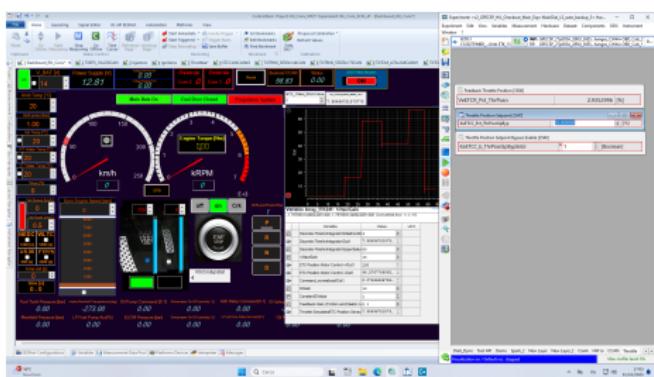


Figure: Simulated Model

## Test 3: Learning Phase Validation

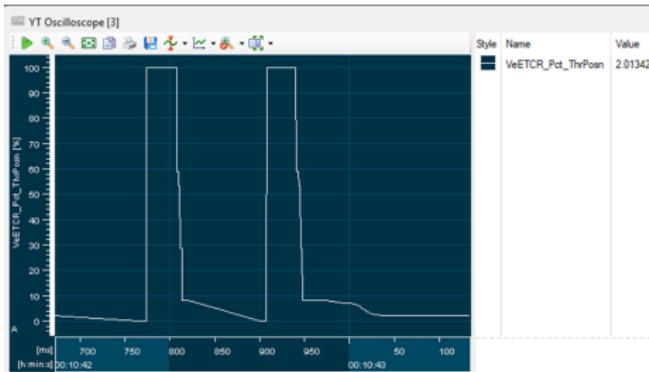


Figure: Real Learning Pattern

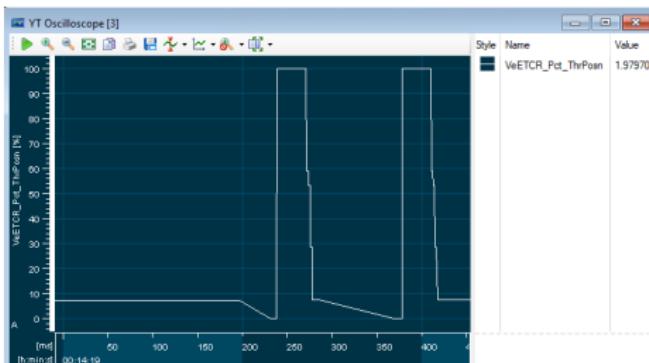


Figure: Simulated Learning Pattern

# Model Validation

Zero Active DTCs in CDA, system ready for full vehicle simulation.

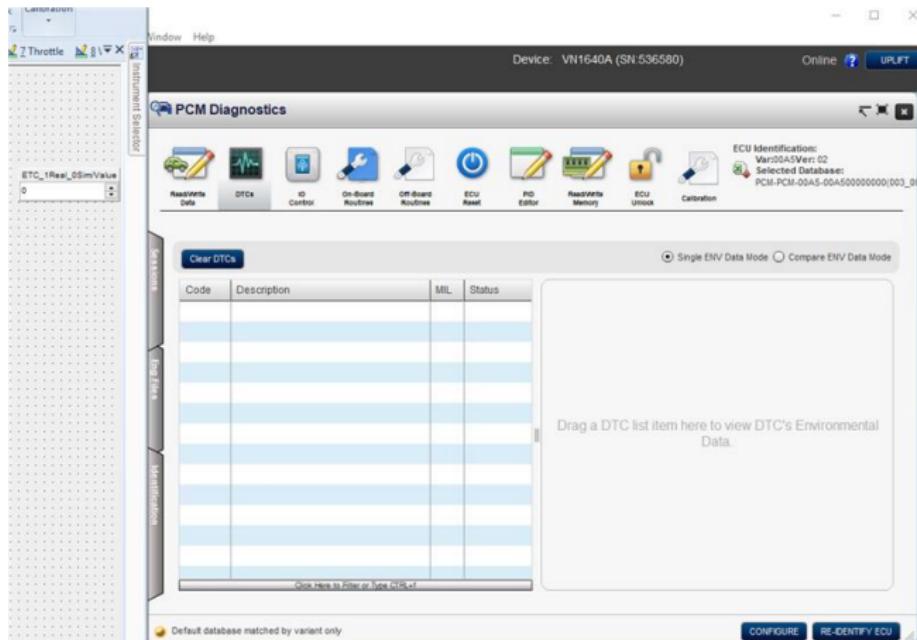


Figure: No DTC reported with Simulated Throttle Body

## Achievements

- ① **Interface:** Successful simulation of Throttle Body via DS2680 & Simulink Model.
- ② **Electrical:** Solved Load Variable Behaviour issues via DS5380 + RL Model.
- ③ **Control:** Logic validated for critical Learning & Dis-Energized phase.

## Operational Benefits:

- **Continuity:** Elimination of mechanical breakage downtime.
- **Repeatability:** Consistent behavior independent of age/temperature.
- **Advanced Testing:** Ability to simulate faults (Ice-blockage, Shorts) safely.

# Future Developments

Enhancing physical realism for advanced control strategy testing.

## ① Second-Order Mechanical Model:

$$J\ddot{\theta} + b\dot{\theta} + k(\theta - \theta_0) = T_{motor} - T_{friction}$$

- Better representation of inertia and overshoot.

## ② Advanced Friction Modeling:

- Implementation of *Stribeck Curve*.
- Simulation of "sticky valve" (stiction vs sliding).

## ③ Aging Simulation:

- Real-time variation of stiffness ( $k$ ) and friction ( $b$ ).
- Validation of ECU adaptive strategies over vehicle lifecycle.

Thank You for Your Attention