

# **Abaqus/Dymola Co-Simulation: cantilever beam**

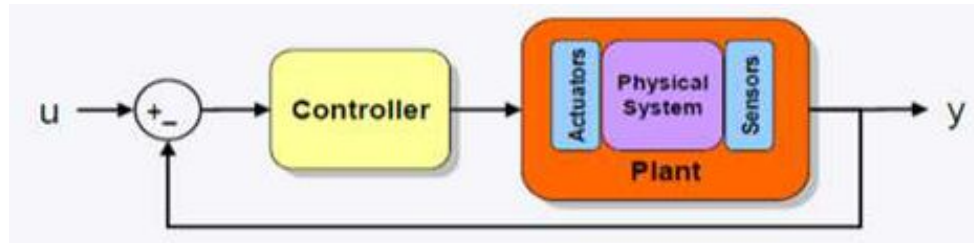
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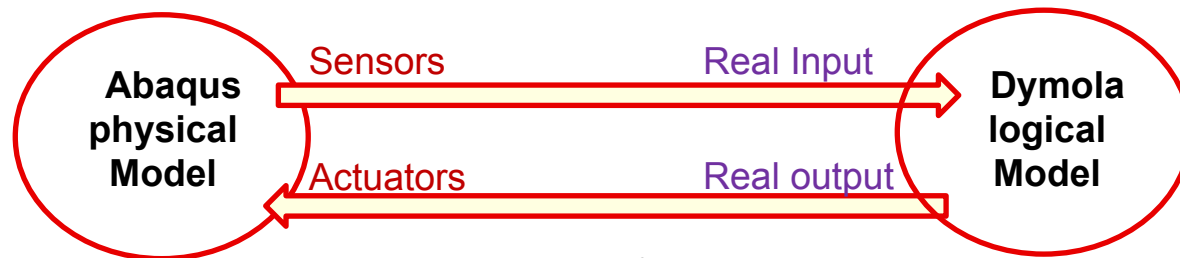
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# Introduction Co-Simulation

- The Abaqus co-simulation technique can be used to solve complex systems that include electronics such as control systems, electro-mechanics, hydraulics, and pneumatics by **coupling Abaqus with Dymola**, a general-purpose logical modeling software distributed by Dassault Systèmes.
- A **logical-physical** model looks as follows:



The communication between the two solvers is described schematically as shown below:



# *System requirements*

- In this co-simulation we use this version:
  - Abaqus 6.14
  - Dymola 2015 (64-bit)
- The Dymola part of the co-simulation analysis must be run on a Windows 64-bit for Abaqus 6.14 platform.
- Verify the Dymola license:

Launch Dymola, switch to the Simulation tab (bottom right of the GUI):

Go to **Simulation>Setup>Compiler**; the window on the right will pop up. Verify the compiler on your machine by clicking Verify. Make sure that you have the **Export DLL** option. If you do, check the button as shown later.

# System requirements

The image shows the Dymola - Dynamic Modeling Laboratory interface. The main window displays a plot area and a command window. The 'Simulation Setup' dialog box is open, showing the 'Compiler' tab. The 'C compiler' section lists several options, with 'Visual Studio 2010/Visual C++ 2010 Express Edition (10.0)' selected (marked with a red '4'). The 'Embedded server' section shows 'DDE server' selected (marked with a red '5'). The 'Export DLL' section has 'Export model as DLL with API' checked. The 'Verify compiler setup' section shows a 'Test compiler' button (marked with a red '6'). A smaller 'Simulation Setup' dialog box is also visible, displaying a message: 'Test passed successfully. The Dymola installation and VC++ compiler directory are both OK. The compiler works in both 32-bit and 64-bit mode.' (marked with a red '7'). The 'OK' button in this dialog is marked with a red '8'.

Dymola - Dynamic Modeling Laboratory

File Edit Simulation<sup>2</sup> Plot Animation Commands Window Help Linear analysis

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Plot [1]

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= true  
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Simulation Setup

General Translation Output Debug Compiler Realtime FMI

C compiler

- ☐ Visual Studio 2005 Professional (8.0)
- ☐ Visual Studio 2008/Visual C++ 2008 Express Edition (9.0)
- ☒ Visual Studio 2010/Visual C++ 2010 Express Edition (10.0) <sup>4</sup>
- ☐ Visual Studio 2012/Visual C++ 2012 Express Edition (11.0)
- ☐ Visual Studio Custom

C:/Program Files (x86)/Microsoft Visual Studio 10.0/Vc

MinGW GCC path

C:/MinGW/bin/gcc

Embedded server

- ☐ None
- ☒ DDE server <sup>5</sup>
- ☐ OPC server (Requires administrator rights)

Export DLL

☒ Export model as DLL with API

Verify compiler setup

Test compiler environment and validate the selected VC++ directory.

Test compiler <sup>6</sup>

Simulation Setup

**Test passed successfully.**

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OK <sup>7</sup>

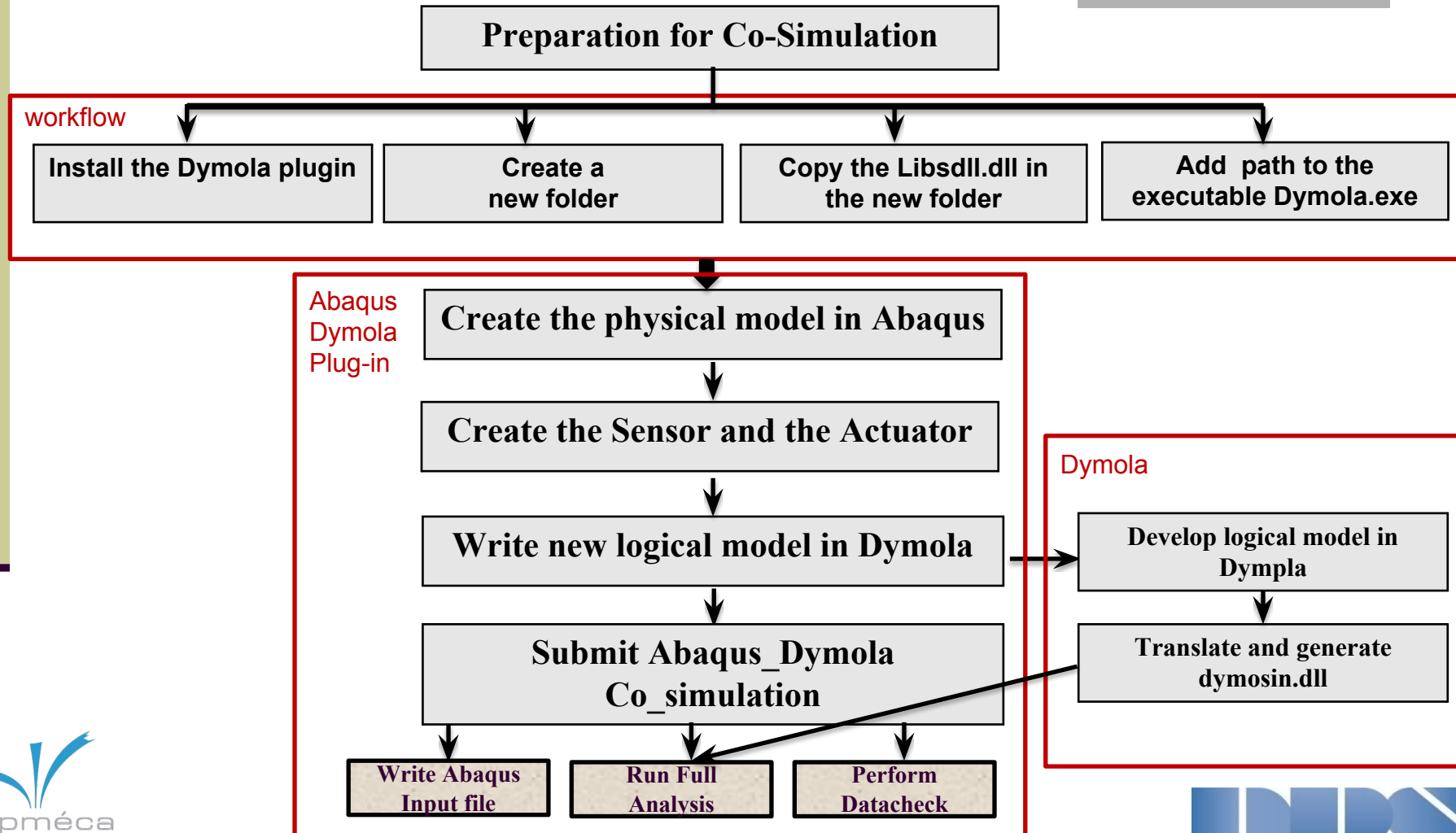
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# *Co-simulation objectives*

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- Couple Dymola 2015 and Abaqus 6.14.
- Develop a logical-physical modeling.
- Create a simple control system in Dymola for co-simulation.
- Run a co-simulation between Abaqus 6.14 and Dymola 2015.
- Review the co-simulation results.

# Co-simulation



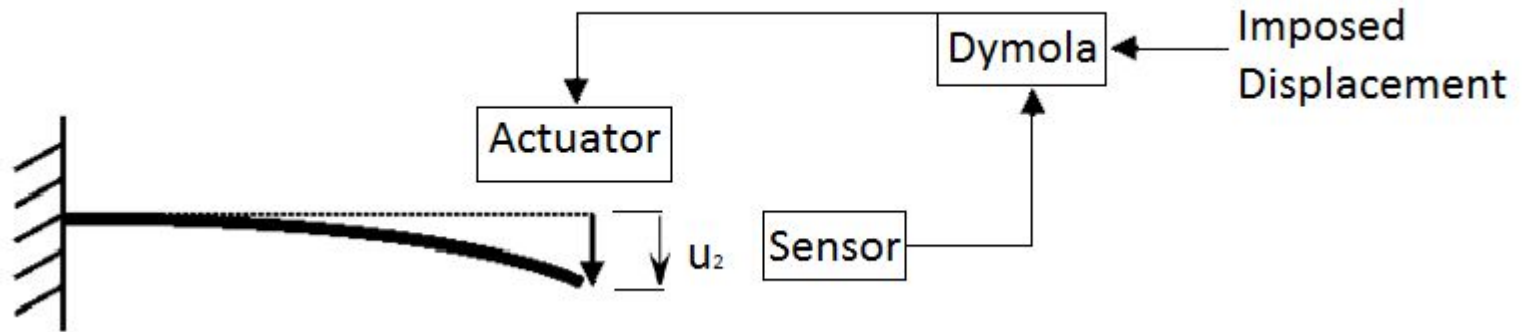
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- **Plug-in:** The plug-in provides the interface to create or identify sensors or actuators in Abaqus/CAE that can then be written to a new Dymola logical (\*.mo) file or can be matched with an existing logical file.
- **Dymosim.dll:** This file will be create when we simulate a model in Dymola,  
\*\*If you work with an **educative license** the file **dymosim.dll** generated by the translation process can't be compatible with the Co-simulation process .The correct **dymosim.dll** file could be generated only from an **industrial license** of Dymola.  
*Use so the file “dymosim.dll ” from the industrial license and replace it.*  
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# *Co-simulation: examples*

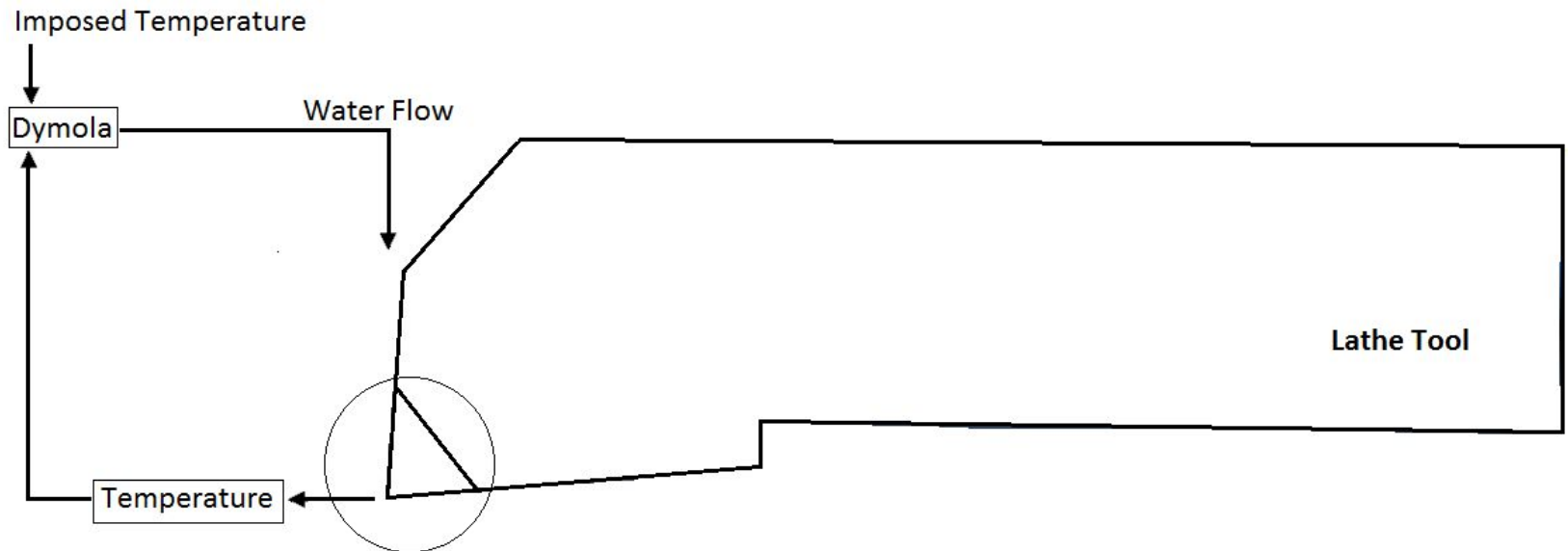
## Scheme of Co-simulation for a Beam:



In this Scheme we will make a sensor on the beam that sends the position to Dymola and receive an amplitude pressure (Actuator) to reach some points in function of the time.

# Co-simulation: examples

## Scheme of Co-simulation for a Lathe Tool:

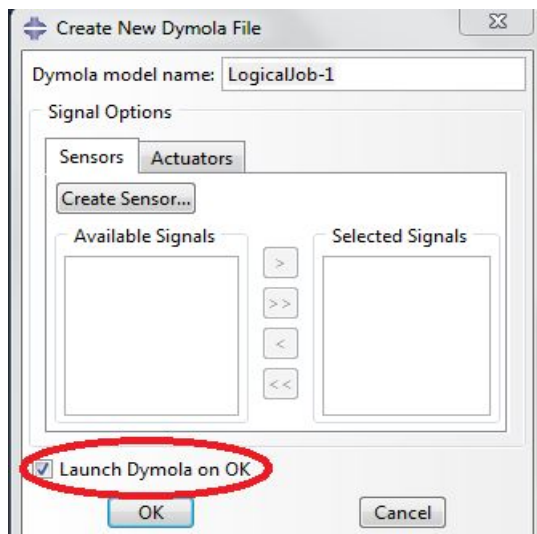


In this example we will create a three dimensional **lathe tool** and we simulate the heat produced by the friction, control the flux of water cooling down the tool in order to maintain a target temperature at the tip.

# Preparation for Co-Simulation

# *Preparation for the co-simulation:*

- **Objectif:** Add the Path of Dymola:
- The complete path to the executable that launches Dymola, Dymola.exe, should be added to the environment variable PATH. On Windows machines, a permanent setting can be employed by modifying the system or user environment variable. (To launch Dymola from Abaqus when you write a new Dymola file).

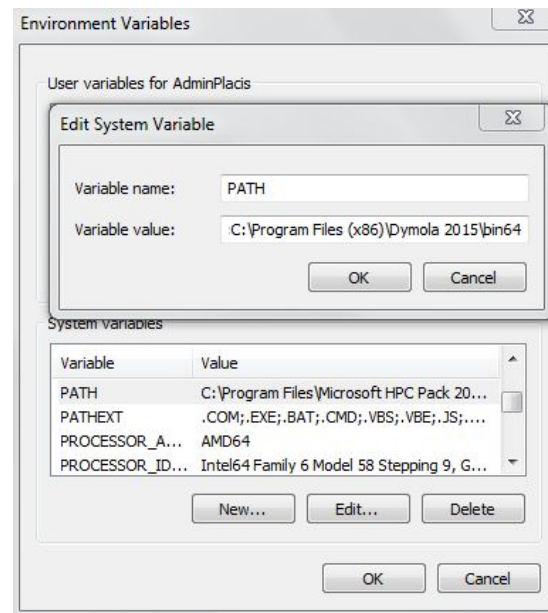


# *Preparation for the co-simulation:*

1- From the **Control Panel\System and Security\System**, click on the **Advanced** tab and then click **Environment Variables**.

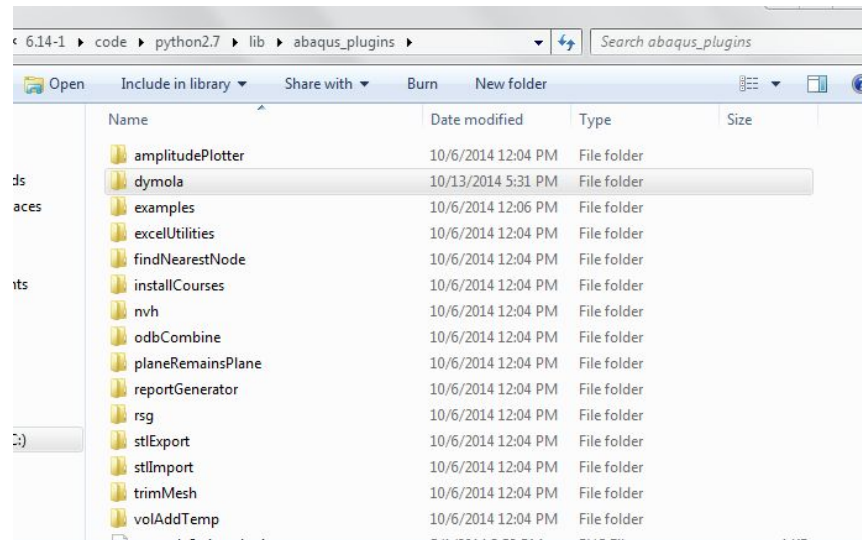
2- Click New and enter PATH for the variable name and specify the path to the Dymola executable (“C:\Program Files (x86)\Dymola 2015\bin64”) for the variable value. If there is an existing PATH variable, edit the variable and add the path to the executable to the variable value.

3- Click OK and OK.



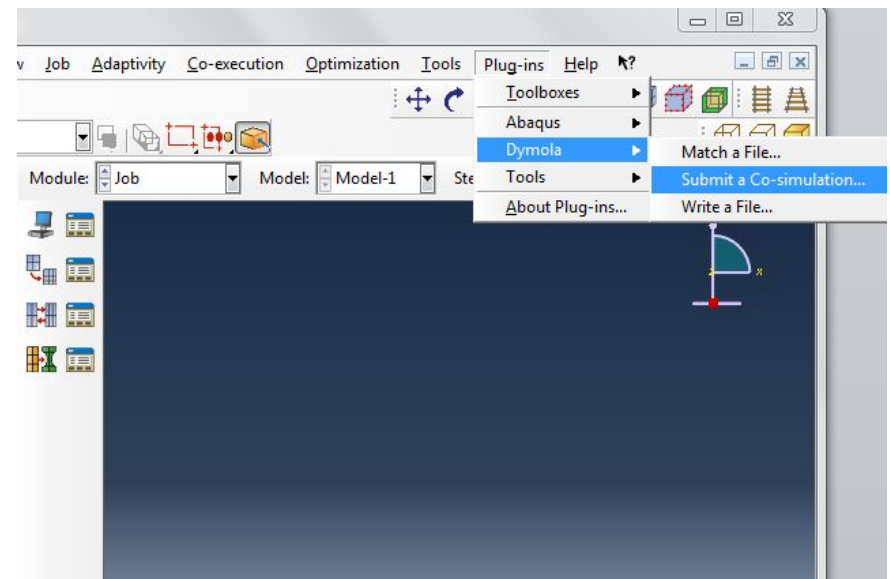
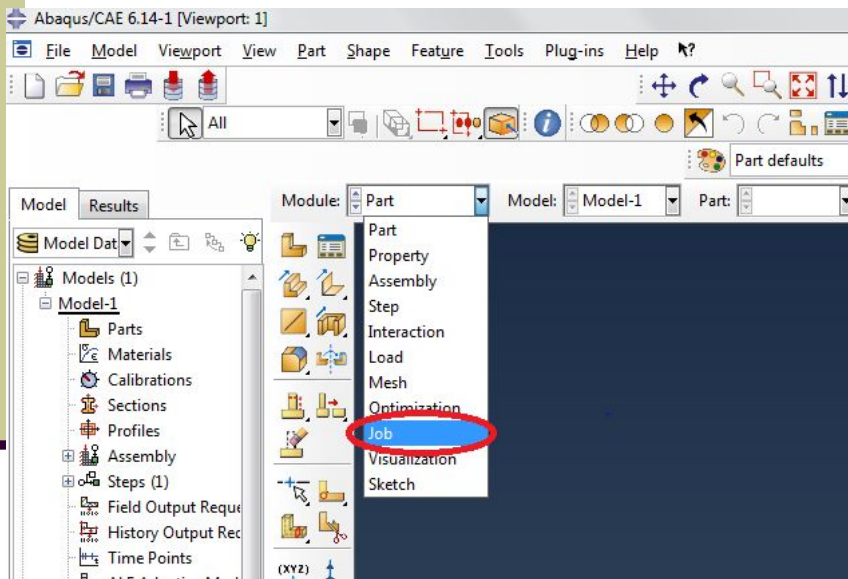
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- To install the plug-in, you need to do the following:
  - 1- Use the plugin. It's named «Dymola\_plugin»
  - 2- You have to copy the content of this plugin file on the abaqus 6.14 directory : C:\SIMULIA\Abaqus\6.14-1\code\python2.7\lib\abaqus\_plugins



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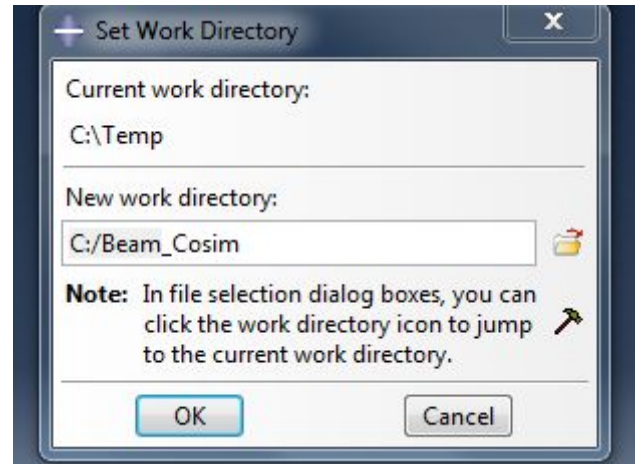
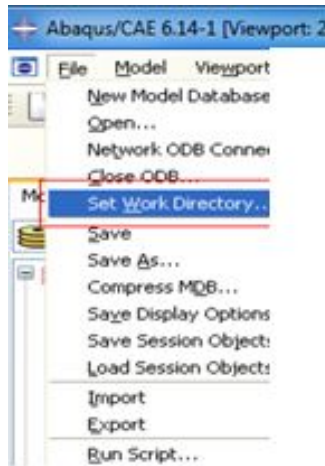
2- Then you can open the Abaqus 6.14 and verify if the plugin is installed by going to **JOB** section and see under the “**plugins**” toolbox if there is the Dymola plugin.





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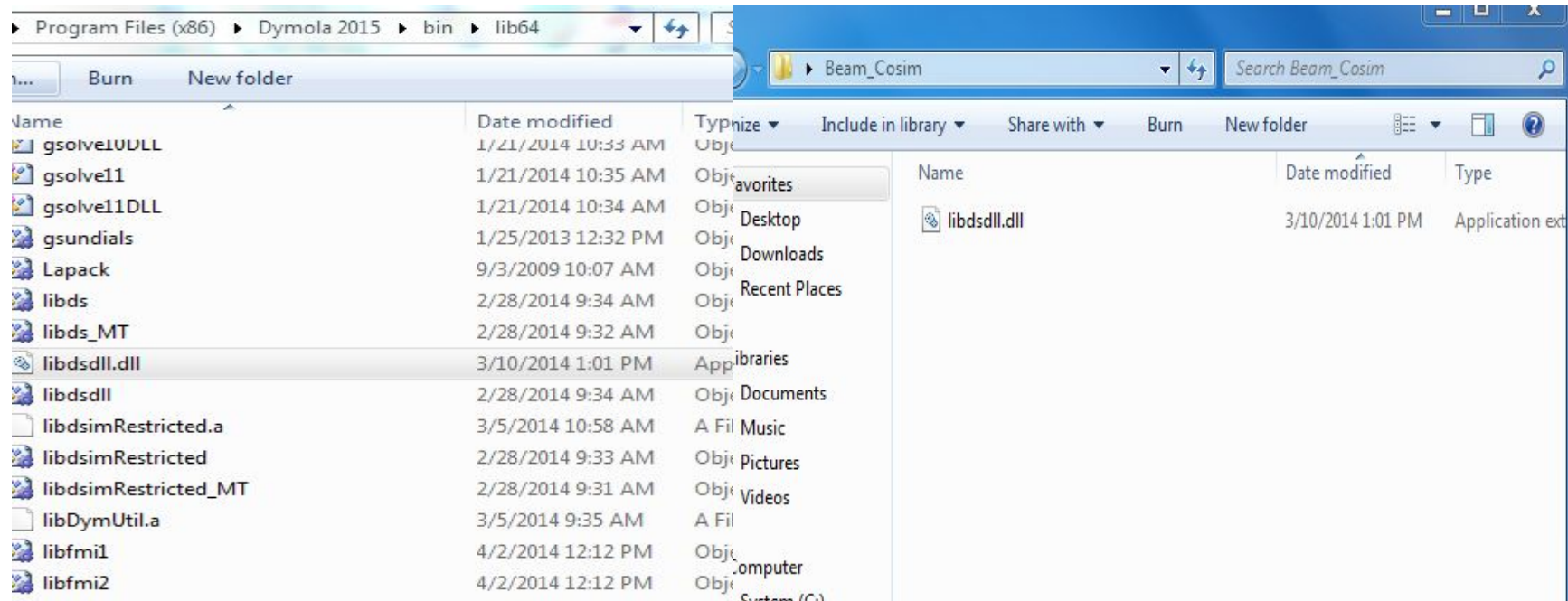
- 3- Once you have made this verification create a new file on the C:\ and name it “Beam Co-simulation” .
- 4-Set this file as the work directory of Abaqus .





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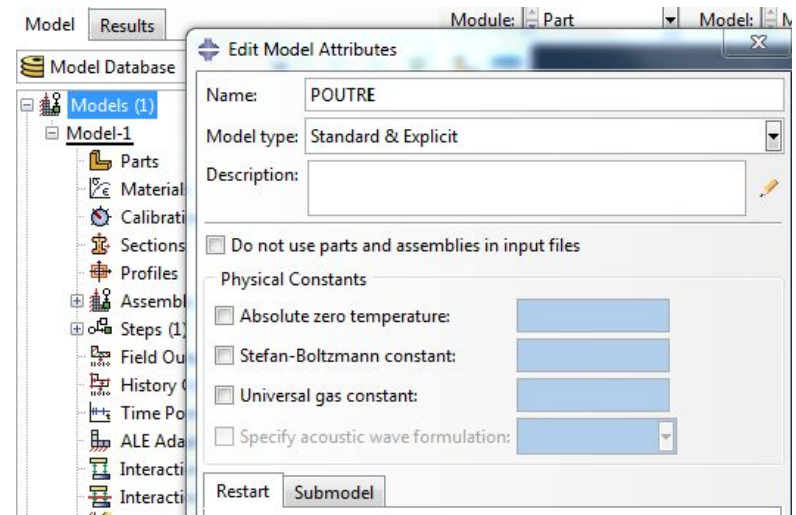
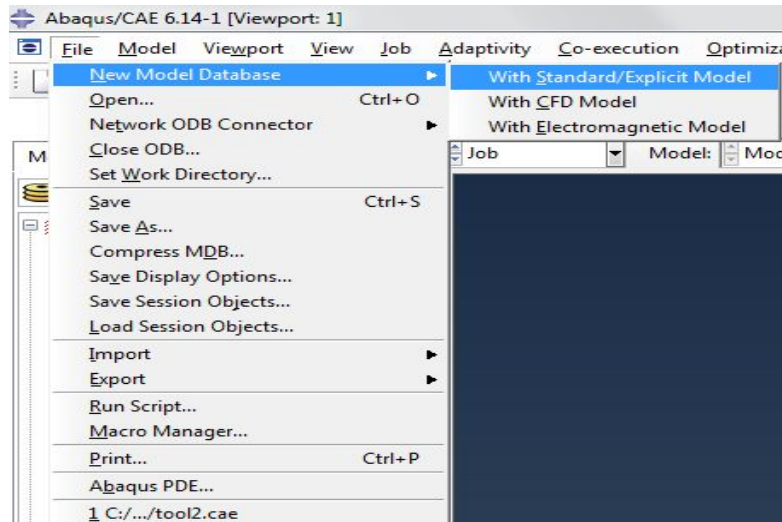
5-Copy the files "libsdll.dll" from "C:\Program Files (x86)\Dymola 2015\bin\lib64" to the "Beam co-simulation" file.



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- 1- Click **file->new model database->with standard explicit model**.
- 2- In the construction tree, double-click **Models (1)** to create a new model in the database. The editing model attributes window appears.
- 3- In the Edit Model Attributes window, enter name as **POUTRE** and click OK.



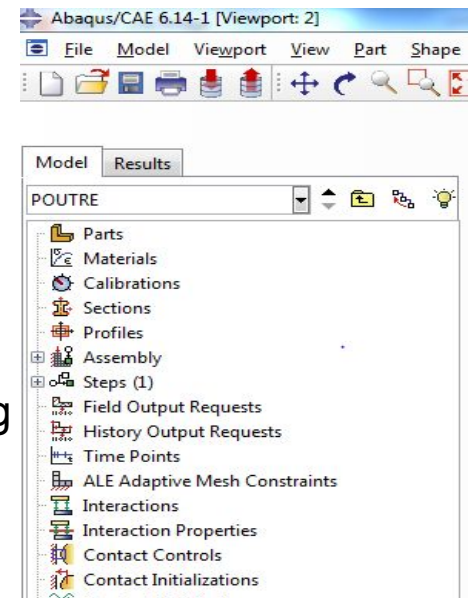
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4- Select poutre as "root" (**right click at POUTRE and select Set as Root menu that appears**). The tree is then built as shown in Figure.

5- Save the database, select **File** → **Save** at the main menu and select "**Beam co-simulation**" as the database. Click OK. The .cae is added automatically in the **Beam Co-simulation file**.

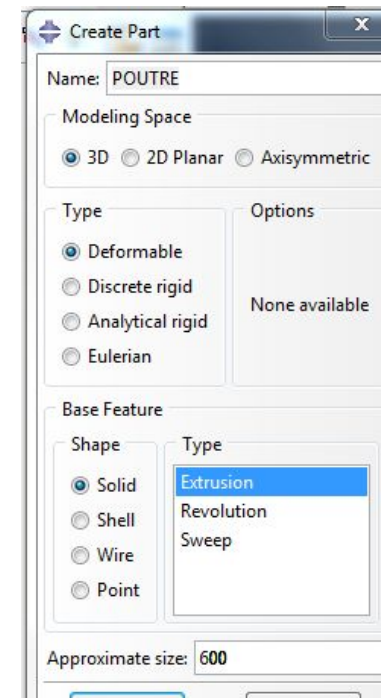
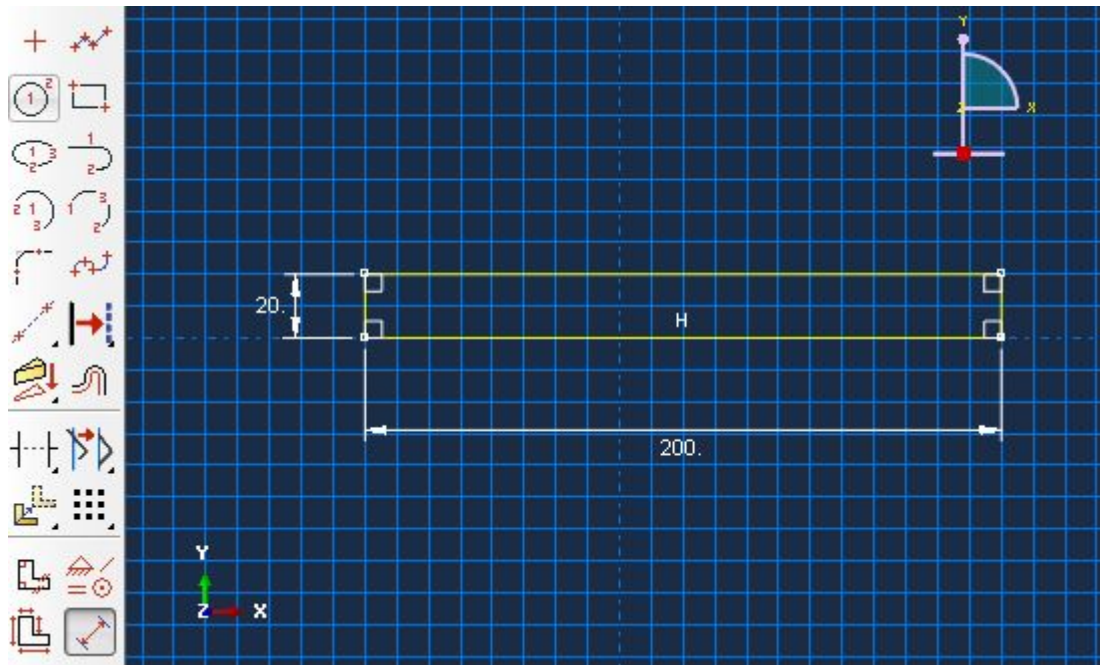
**\*\*In this section, you will create a deformable solid 3D drawing of the beam profile in 2D (a rectangle) and then extruding.**

1- In the construction tree, double-click **Parts** to create a new share in the beam model. Create the Share window appears.



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2- In this window, enter the name as **POUTRE** and specify an **approximate size of 600**. Accept the default settings. **3D Deformable Solid, Extrude**. Click **Continue**.






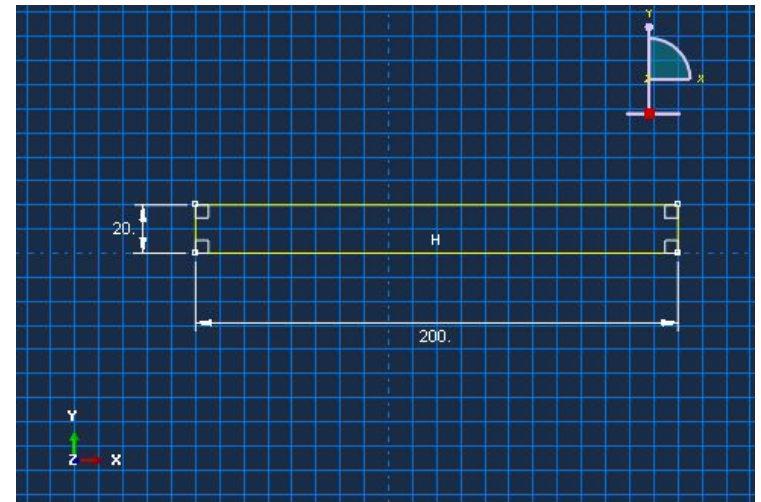
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Draw the rectangular profile:

1- Click the Create tool Lines: Rectangle appears in the upper right of the toolbar.

2- Use the **Add Dimension**  to define the dimensions of the top and left sides of the rectangle.

The upper side must have a horizontal dimension of **200 mm** and the left side must have a vertical dimension of **20 mm**.

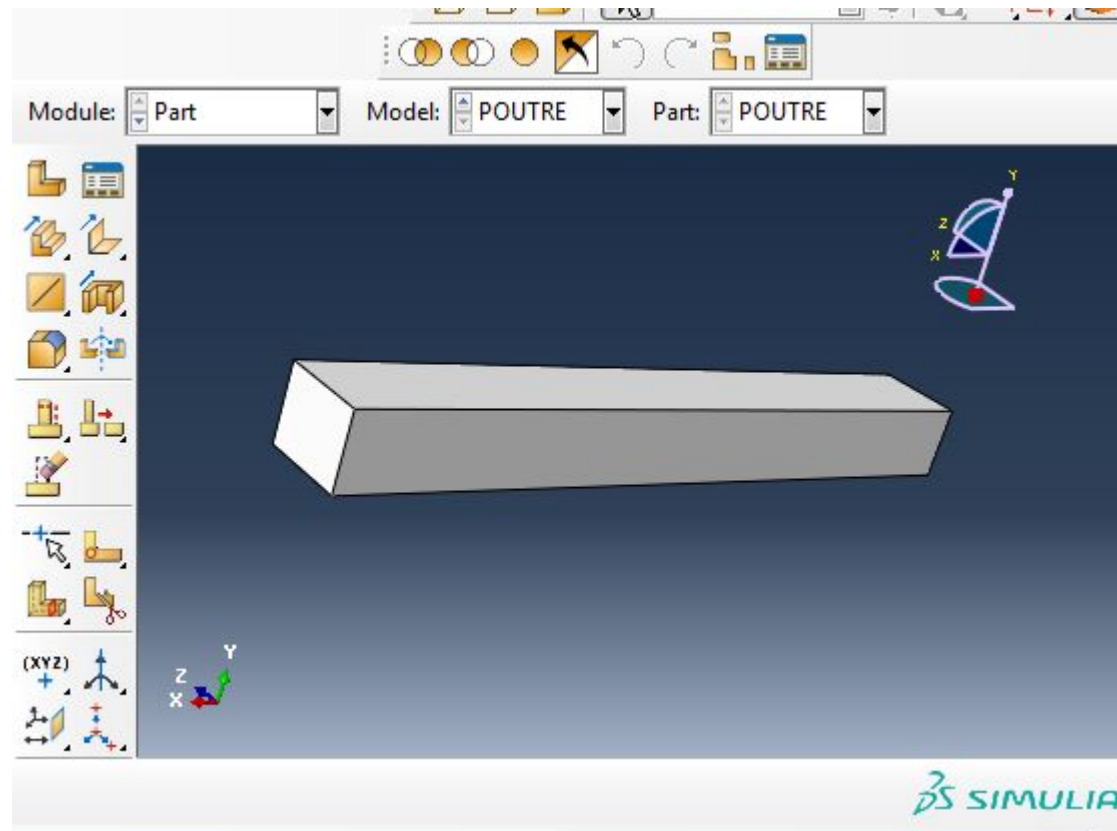


Select the entity to dimension

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3- Click **Done** or the middle mouse button. Depth of the **extrusion 25** in the Edit Base Extrusion window, then click OK.



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**\*\*Create a linear elastic material with a Young's modulus of 210 000 MPa and Poisson's ratio of 0.3**

1- In the construction tree, double-click **Materials** to create a new material.

2- Edit Material window will open, name the material: **Steel**.

3- Starting material menu, select **Mechanical** → **Elasticity** → **Elastic**.

4- Select **General** → **Density** and enter a density of **7.8 E9 tonnes/mm3**. Click OK

☐ No tension

Data

	Young's Modulus	Poisson's Ratio
1	210000	0.3

☐ Use temperature-dependent data

Number of field variables: 0

Data

	Mass Density
1	7.8E9



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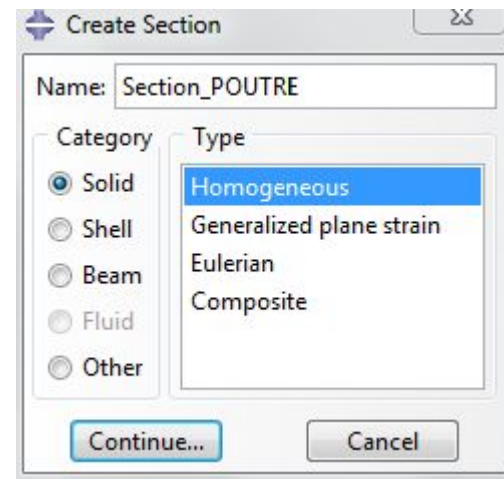
\*\*The next step is the creation of a solid section property and its allocation to the POUTRE. Section will refer to the steel material that you just created.

1- In the construction tree, double-click **Sections** to create a new section.

2- In this window: - Name the section **Section\_POUTRE**

- Accept the category  
and type default: Solid  
and Homogenous.

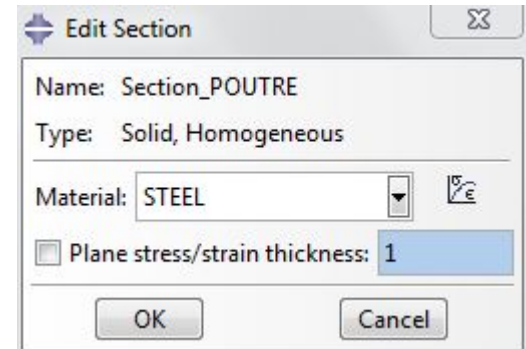
- Click **Continue**



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3- New window appears (**Edit Section**):

- Choose as Material **Steel**
- Click OK



\*\*The next step is the ceation of section assignement:

1- In the tree construction, double-click **Section**

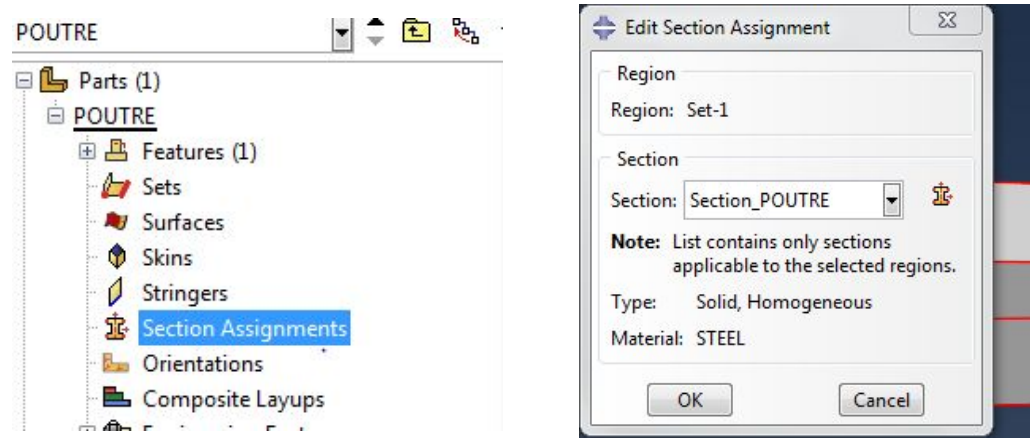
**Assignments** to assign a section to the beam part.

2- Click anywhere on the beam to select the part.

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3- Click **Done** in the prompt area. The Edit Section Assignment window appears.

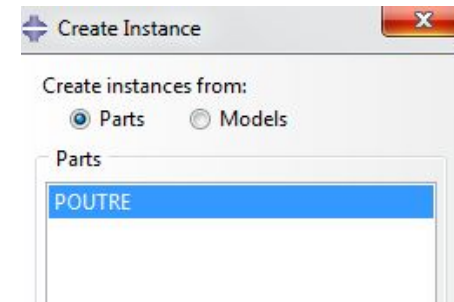
*Then click Ok.*



Now create the **Assembly Model**:

1- In the construction tree, double-click **Instances**

2- Click Ok



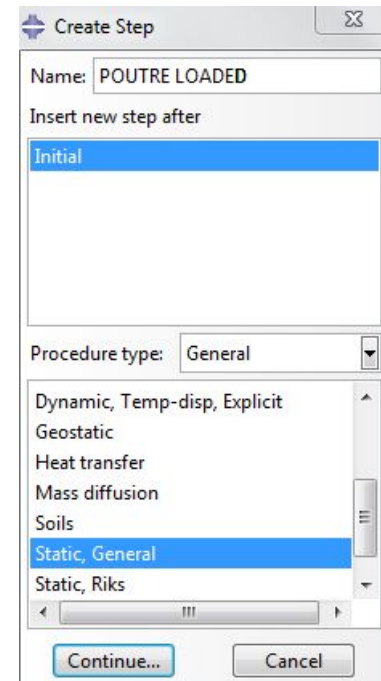
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**\*\*After the creation of the Assembly Model, we create **step****

1- Double-click **Steps**, new window appear

2- In this window:

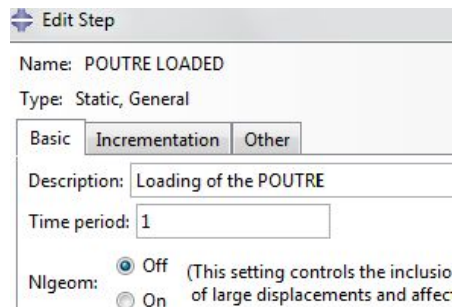
- Name the step **POUTRE LOADED**.
- From the list of available procedures in the Create Step window, select **Static, General**.
- Click Continue.



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**\*\*The editing step window appears:**

- 1- At the Description field on the Basic tab, enter Charge poutre.
- 2- Set a value of **0.1** as an initial increment size.



Edit Step

Name: POUTRE LOADED

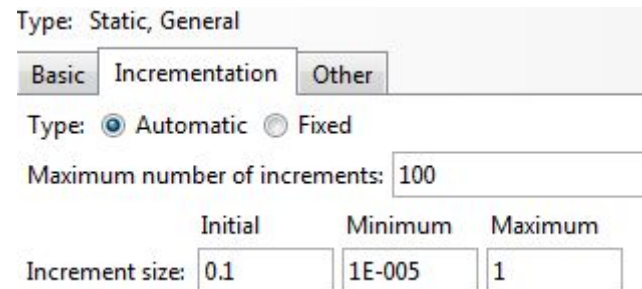
Type: Static, General

Basic Incrementation Other

Description: Loading of the POUTRE

Time period: 1

Nlgeom: ☒ Off (This setting controls the inclusion of large displacements and affects the results) ☐ On



Type: Static, General

Basic Incrementation Other

Type: ☒ Automatic ☐ Fixed

Maximum number of increments: 100

	Initial	Minimum	Maximum
Increment size:	0.1	1E-005	1

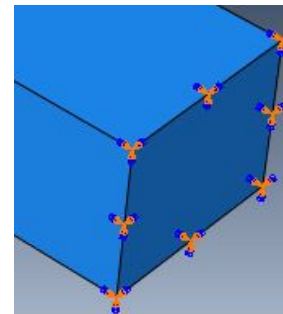
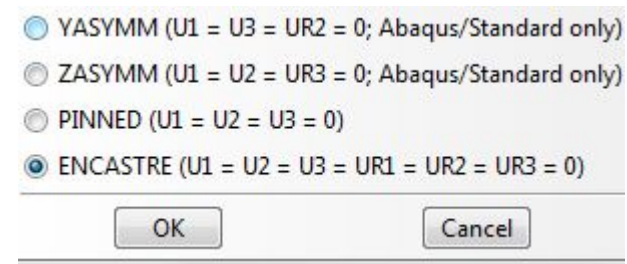
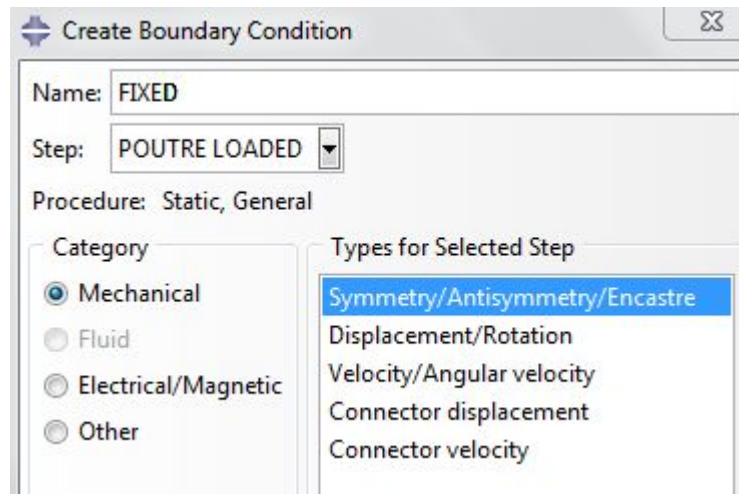
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**\*\*CREATE THE APPLICATION OF BOUNDARY CONDITIONS TO AN END OF THE BEAM:**

- 1- In the construction tree, double-click **BCs** to create a new boundary condition.
- 2- In this window:
  - Name the boundary condition **Fixed**.
  - Choose the step **POUTRE LOADED** in which the boundary condition will be activated.
  - At the Category list, accept the default choice: Mechanical.
  - Click Continue.

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- 3- Select the face you want and click OK.
- 4- The Edit Boundary Condition window appears. Choose **ENCASTRED** to block all degrees of freedom and then click OK.



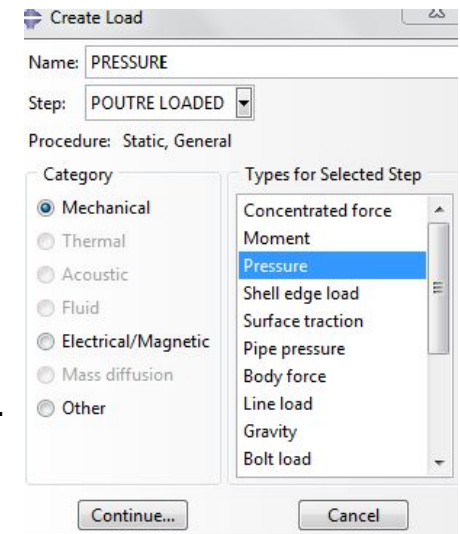
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**\*\*The next step is: *APPLYING PRESSURE ON THE UPPER SURFACE OF THE BEAM***

1- Double-click the **Loads** container to create a new load

2- In this window:

- Name the load **PRESSURE**.
- Select Beam loaded as the load step at which will be applied.
- For the Category list, accept the default choice: **Mechanical**.
- At the Types for Selected Step list, select **Pressure**.
- Click Continue.



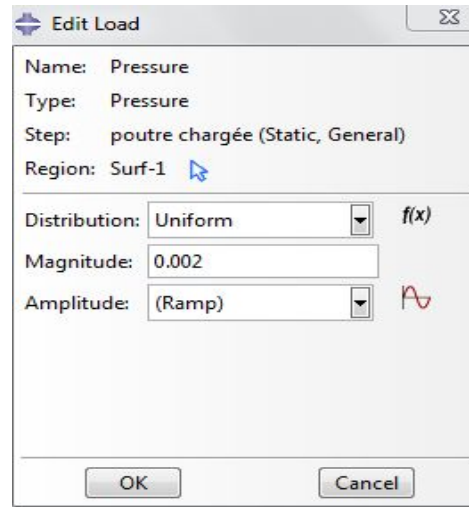


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3- In the graphics window, select the top face as the face which the load is Applied.

4- In the Edit Load window:

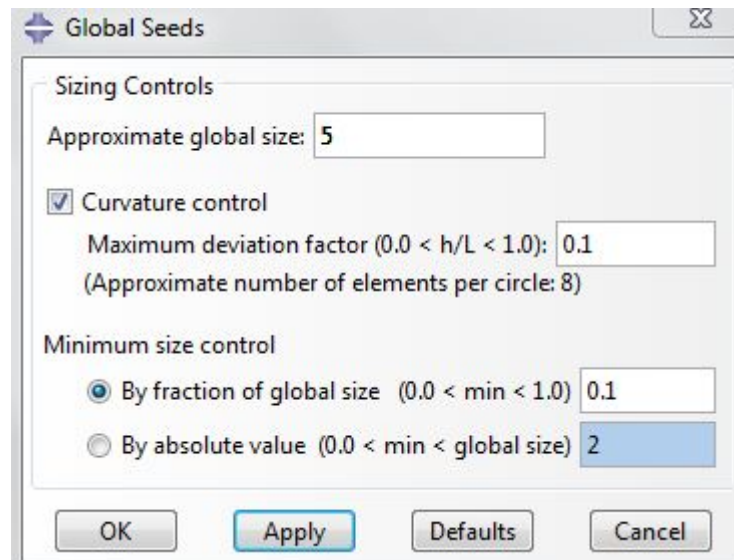
- Enter a magnitude of **0.002** for loading
- Accept the default selections for options and Amplitude Distribution.
- Click OK



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\*\*After that we create the mesh:

- 1- Double-click the **Mesh** container in the tree under the POUTRE part.
- 2- At the main menu bar, select **Seed** → **Part** to set the overall density of the mesh.
- 3- In this dialog, enter an approximate overall size of **5** and click OK.



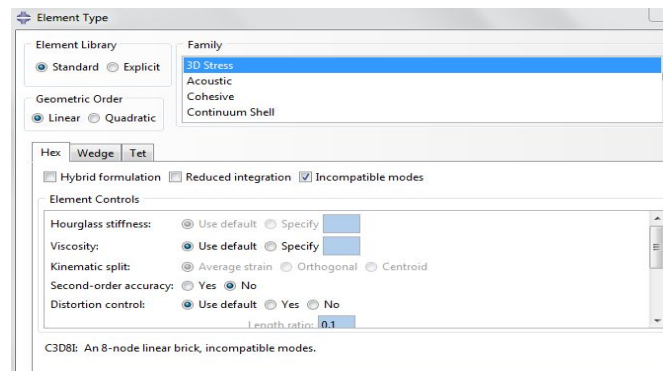
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**\*\*Now we allocate the control Mesh:**

- 1- At the main menu, choose **Mesh** → **Controls**.
- 2- In the window Mesh Controls dialog box, accept **Hex**.
- 3- Click OK.

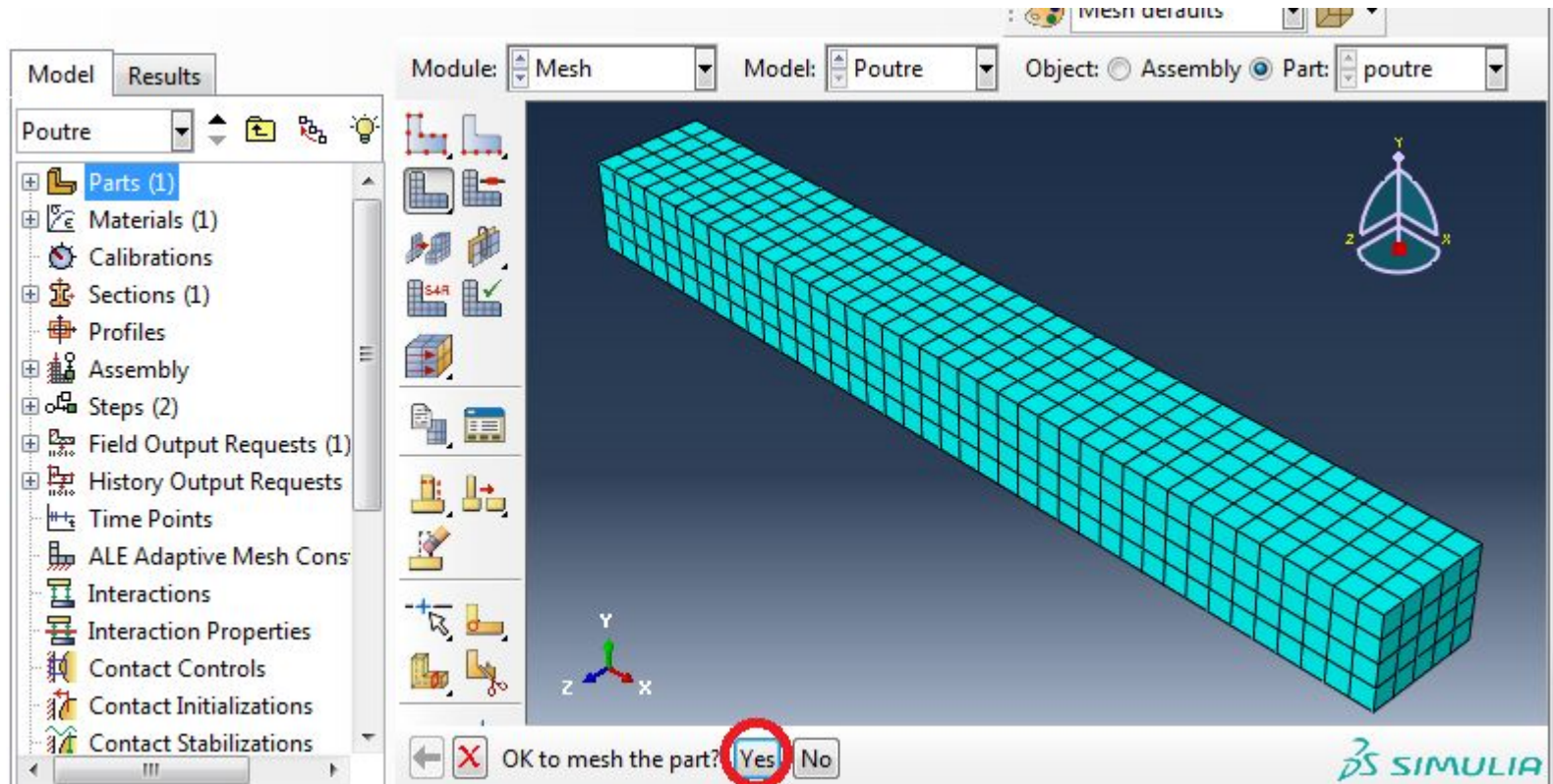
**Next step: ASSIGNMENT OF A TYPE OF ELEMENT**

- 1- At the main menu, select **Mesh** → **Element Type**.
- 2- In the Element Type window, accept the following default selections.



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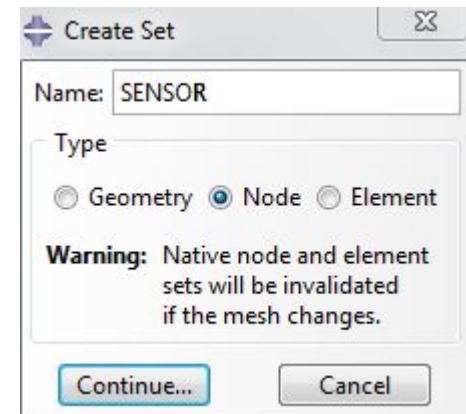
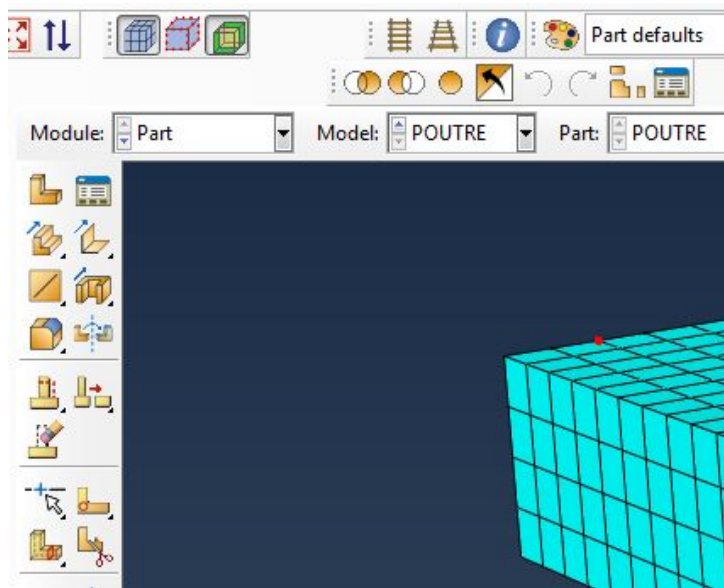
3- From the main menu bar, select **Mesh** → **Part** to mesh the part.



# Preparing the Dymola model

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- 1- On the tree under POUTRE part double click on **set**.
- 2- Name the set **SENSOR** and choose **Node** as a type the click on continue.
- 3- Select the node on the bottom of the unfixed surface.





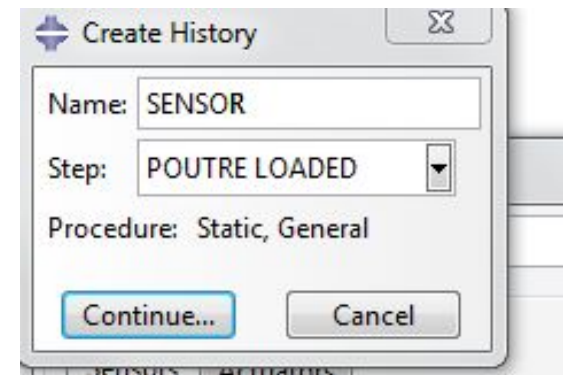
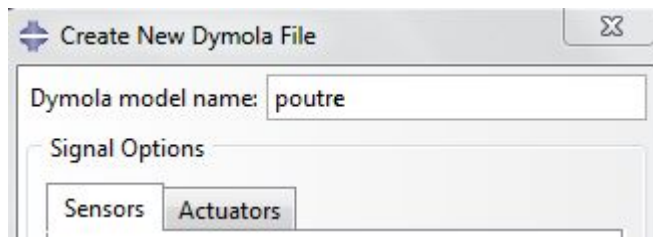
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4- Go to **job** module on Abaqus.

5- Select **plugins** → **Dymola** → **write a file**.

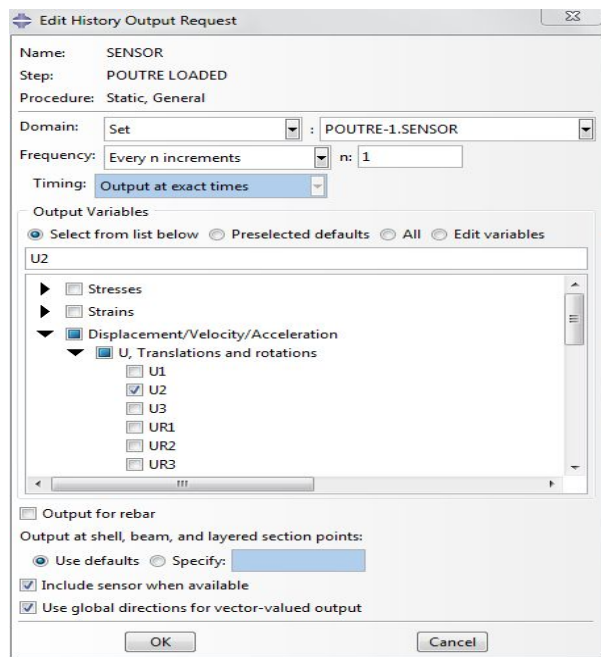
We will create sensors and actuators and create automatically the Dymola file from Abaqus.

6- Name the **Dymola Model** as **poutre**, then Select Create sensor and name it **SENSOR** choose for step the **POUTRE LOADED**



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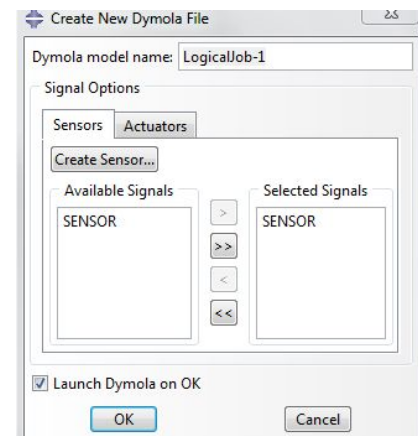
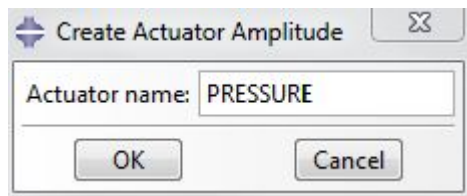
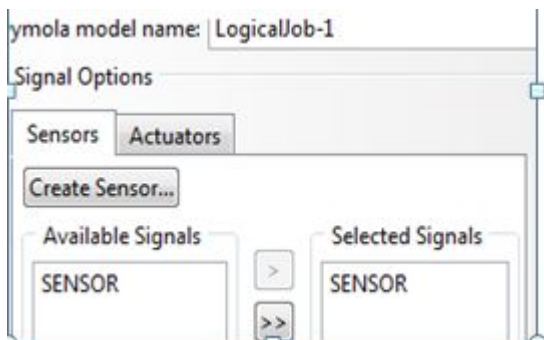
- 7- On domain choose **set** and choose the **node SENSOR** created previously.
- 8- Choose the output displacement **U2**.
- 9- And choose the option **include sensor when available**.





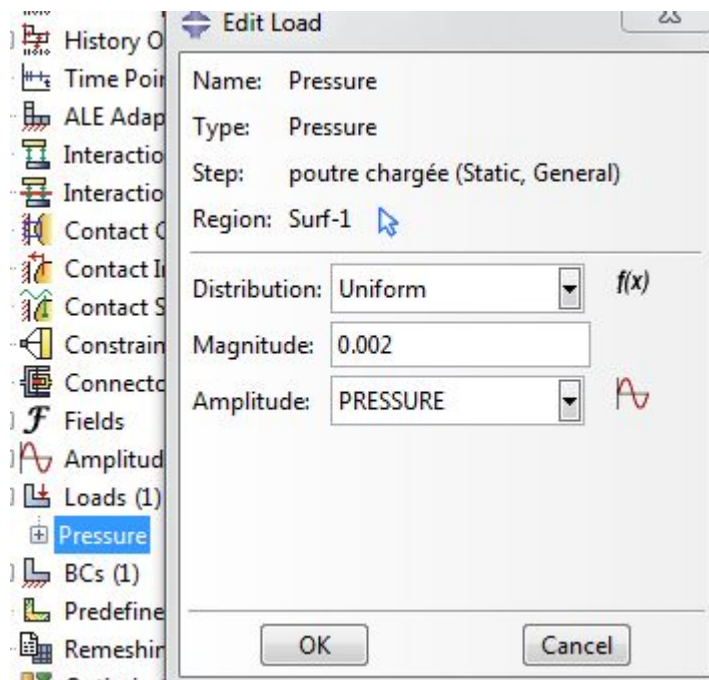
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- 10- Click OK.
- 11- Click add the SENSOR.
- 12- Switch now to the Actuators tab.
- 13- Click on create Actuator and name it **PRESSURE** and click OK.



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- 14- Add it to the selected signals and then click OK.
- 15- Dymola will be launched automatically.
- 16- On abaqus reopen the pressure on the load container and change in **Amplitude** the rampe to the pressure as shown:



# ***SETUP DYMOLA***

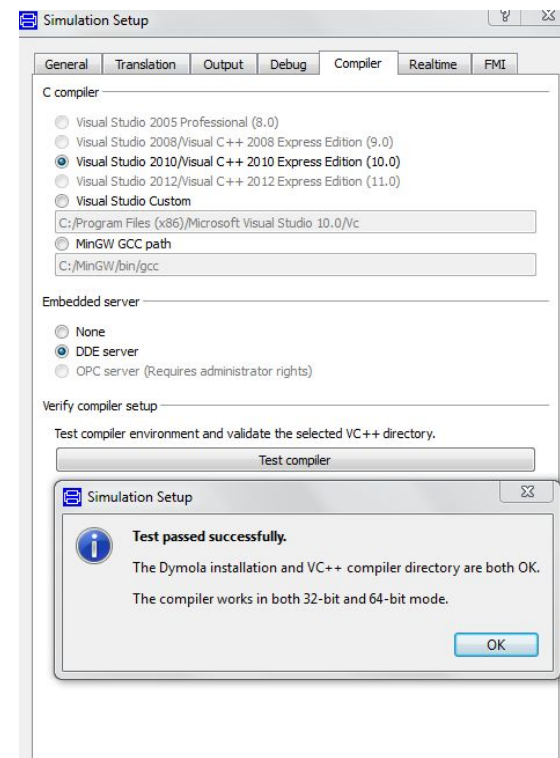
# SETUP DYMOLA

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2- From the simulation panel, select:

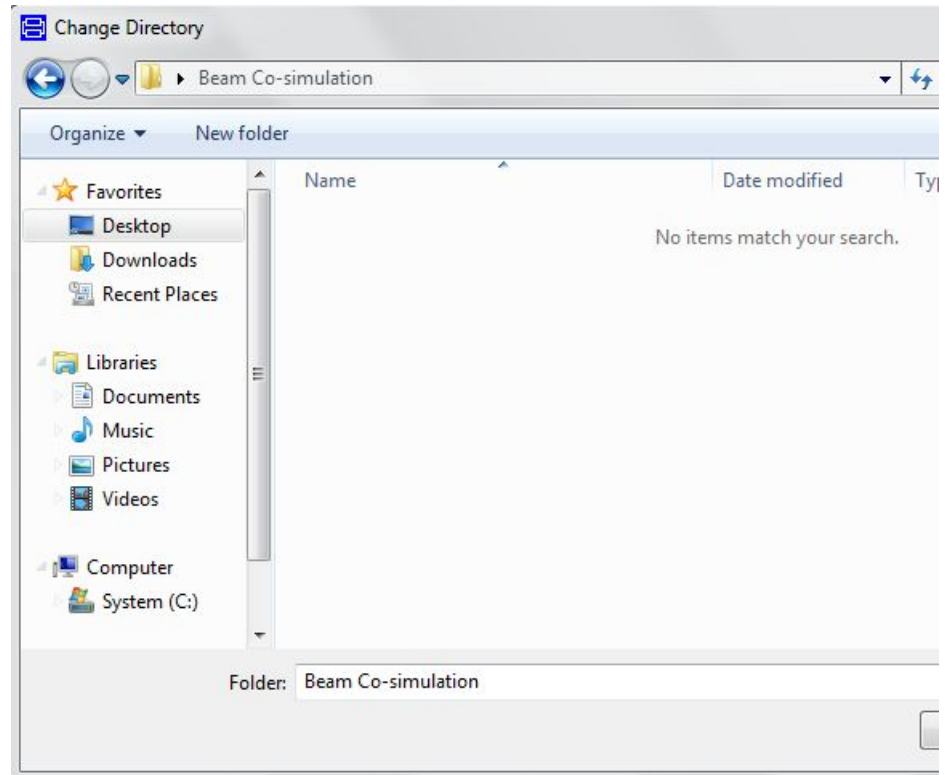
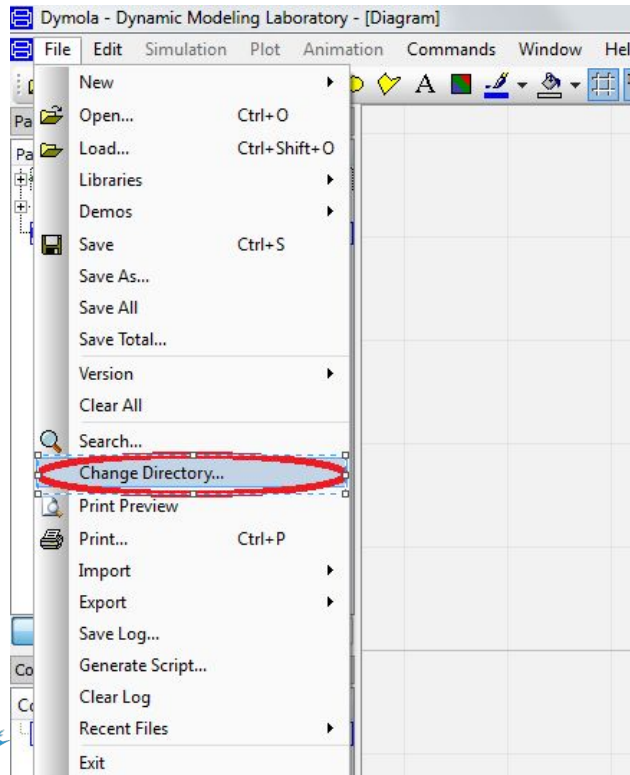
\*Visual studio 2010

\*DDE server for embedded server.



# SETUP DYMOLA

3- Verify that the **work directory** for Dymola is the “**Beam co-simulation**”. If it’s not change the directory to this file.

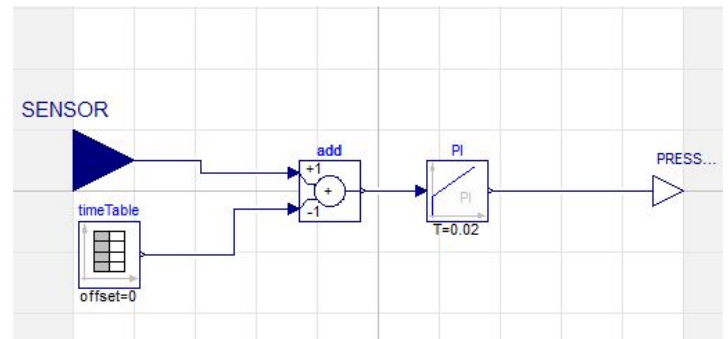
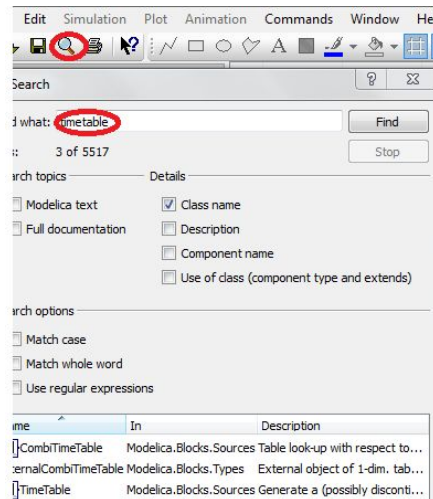


# SETUP DYMOLA

4- Add and connect these element as shown in the picture:

Click (Bar Menu=>Search):

- Timetable
- Add
- Pi

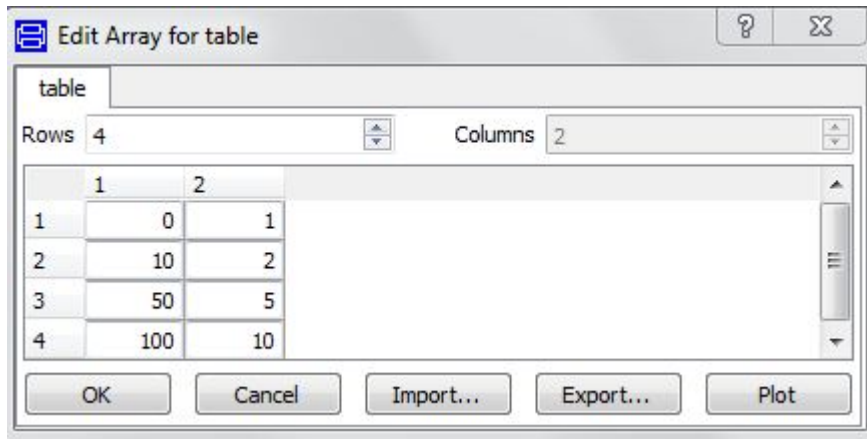


## HOW TO SET THE DIFFERENT VALUE OF THE ELEMENT:

The aim of this co-simulation is to compare the position of the node issue from the **sensor** to a target position issued from the **Tabletime** then with the **PI** adjust the pressure to send to Abaqus to reach the Timetable position.

# SETUP DYMOLA

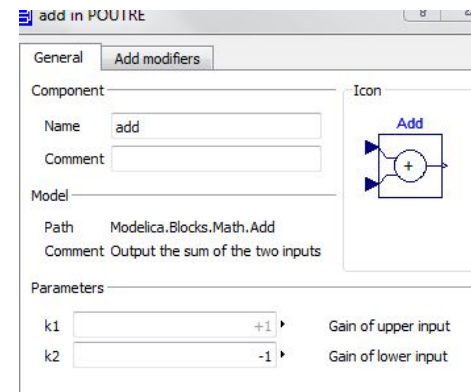
5- Insert these values to the **time table** (Displacement in function of time).



time	y

For the **add** insert **k1=+1 ; k2=-1**

And for the **PI** insert **k=0.001 ; T=0.02**

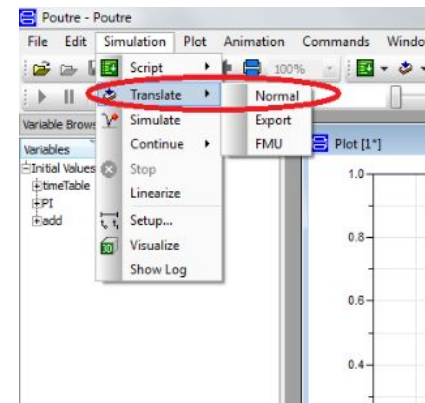
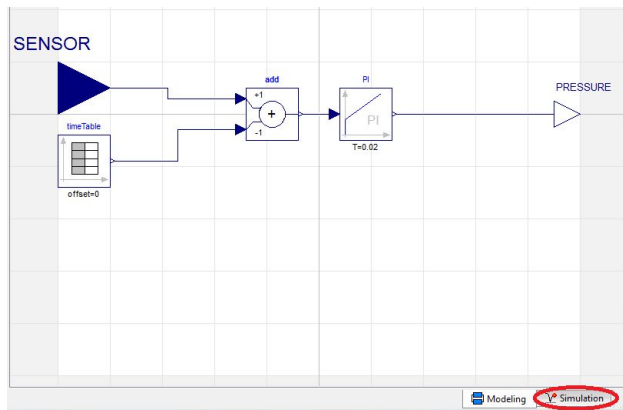




# SETUP DYMOLA

6- Click on Save

Now click on **simulate** and in the Bar tool Click on Simulation=>translate=>Normal



7- **Replace** the dymosim.dll generated on the Dymola **beam co-simulation** by the dymosim generated by industrial license; **if you work with Educative License.**

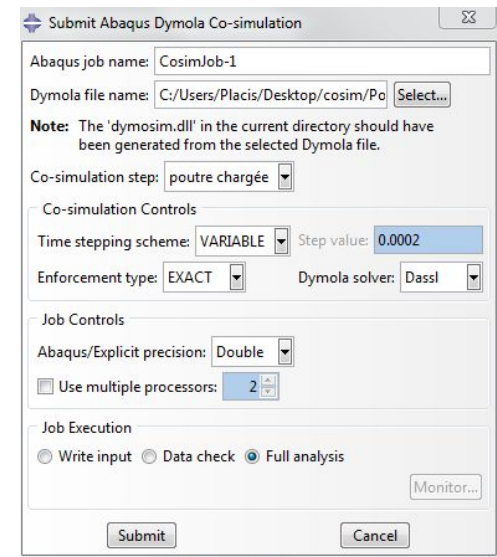
**\*\*If you work with industrial license** it will be created automatically.

# Launching the co-simulation

# *Launching the co-simulation*

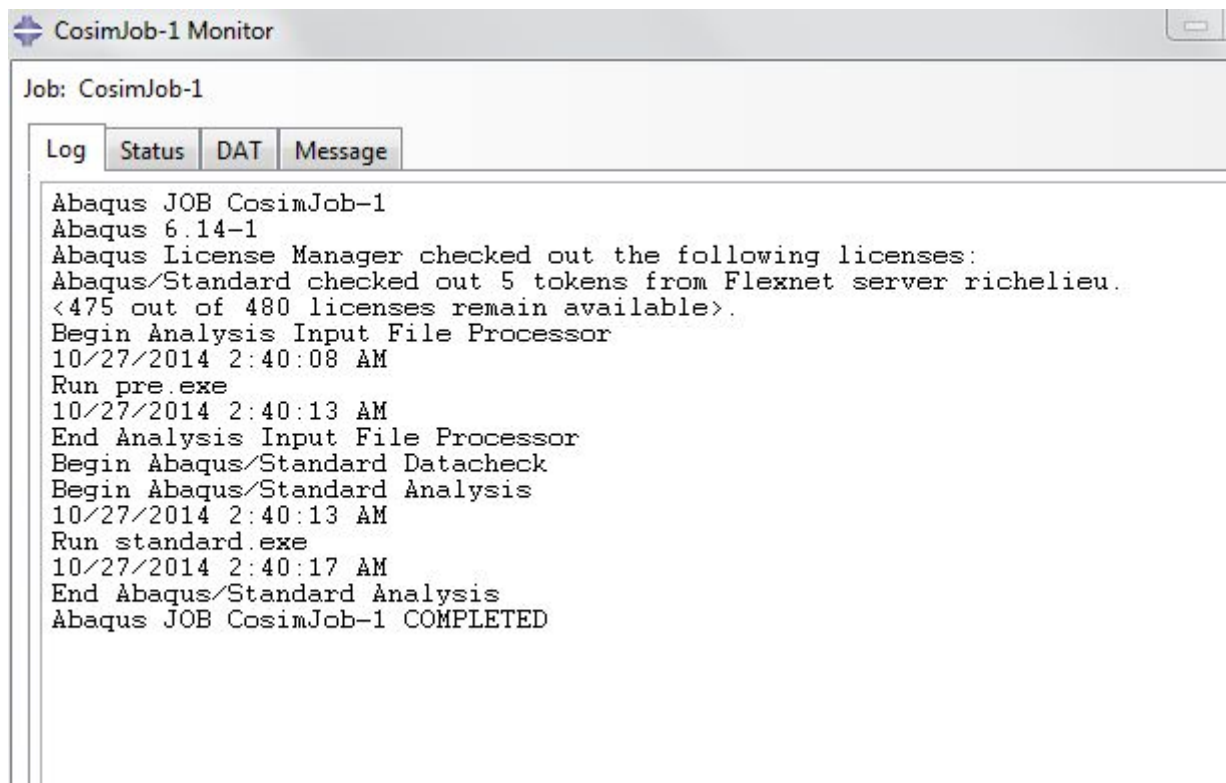
On abaqus:

- 1- Select **JOB**.
- 2- Select: **Plugins** → **Dymola** → **Submit a Co-simulation**.
- 3- In **dymola file name** click on **select** and search for the “**Poutre.mo**” dymola file on the **beam co-simulation** directory.
- 4- Choose for the step: **POUTRE LOADED**.
- 5- Choose **variable** for **Time stepping scheme**.
- 6- Then click **Submit** to start the co-simulation.
- 7- Click **Monitor** and **refresh**.



# *Launching the co-simulation*

Once it finish open the Abaqus co-simulation job the CosimJob-1.ODB file.

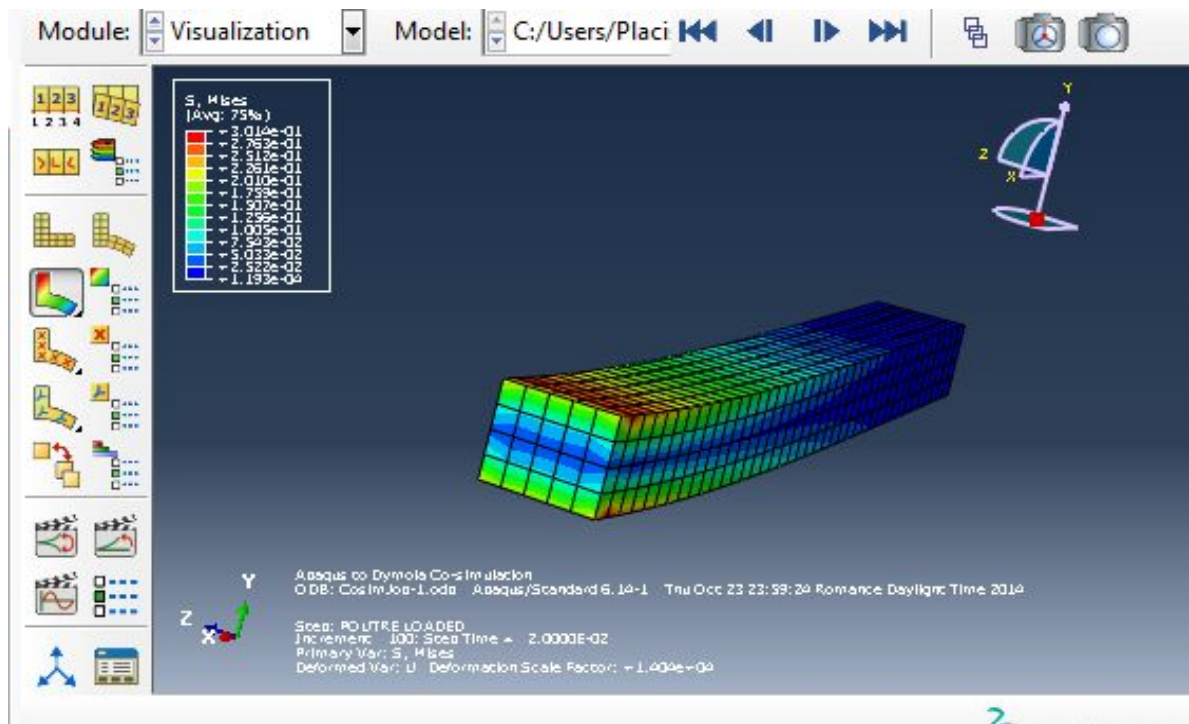


The screenshot shows a window titled "CosimJob-1 Monitor". Inside, there is a tabbed interface with "Log", "Status", "DAT", and "Message" tabs. The "Log" tab is selected, displaying the following text:

```
Abaqus JOB CosimJob-1
Abaqus 6.14-1
Abaqus License Manager checked out the following licenses:
Abaqus/Standard checked out 5 tokens from Flexnet server richelieu.
<475 out of 480 licenses remain available>.
Begin Analysis Input File Processor
10/27/2014 2:40:08 AM
Run pre.exe
10/27/2014 2:40:13 AM
End Analysis Input File Processor
Begin Abaqus/Standard Datacheck
Begin Abaqus/Standard Analysis
10/27/2014 2:40:13 AM
Run standard.exe
10/27/2014 2:40:17 AM
End Abaqus/Standard Analysis
Abaqus JOB CosimJob-1 COMPLETED
```

# *Launching the co-simulation*

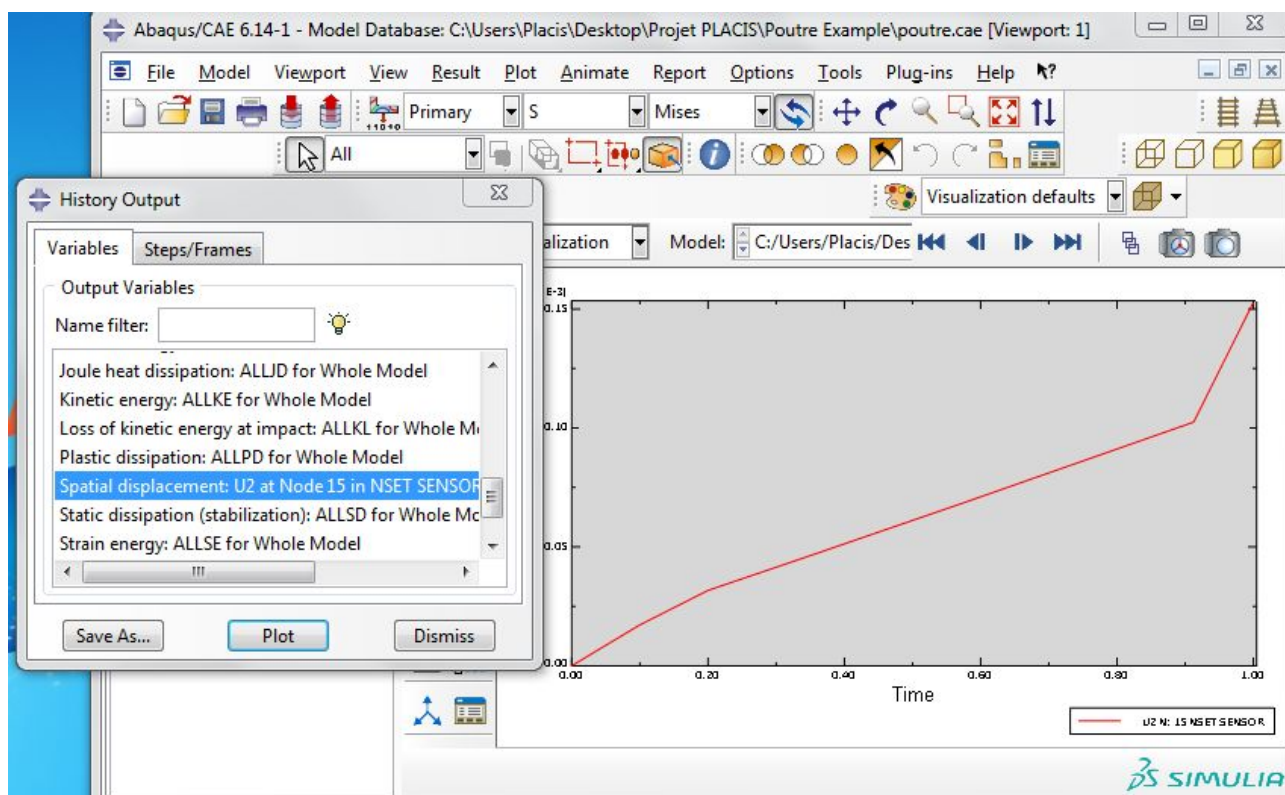
Result:



# Launching the co-simulation

In the menu bar click **Result** → **History Output**.

Chose *Spatial displacement U2* and click Plot.





# **Cosimulation: Graphical method**

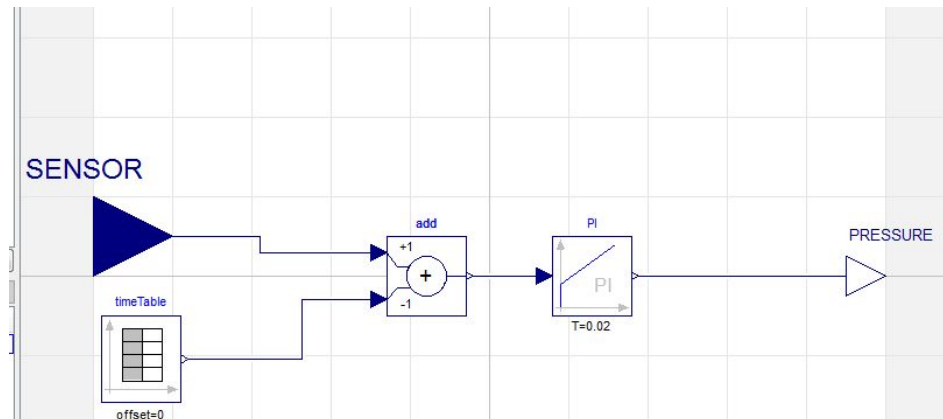
*(with beam file already done)*



# *Cosimulation: Graphical method*

- 1- Launch Dymola and open the model poutre.mo
- 2- Regroupe this files in one file and name it **Beam\_Cosim**

- Poutre.cae
- Poutre.INP
- Poutre.mo
- Poutre.JNL
- Libsdll.DLL



# *Cosimulation: Graphical method*

From the bottom of the Modeling panel in Dymola,

3- Click Simulation to switch to the Simulation panel. Select **Simulation** → **Setup** and then click the **Compiler** tab.

Compiler à Visual Studio 2010/Visual C++ 2010 Express Edition(10.0).

4- Select **Simulation** → **Translate**. In your current working directory you should see a file called **dymosim.dll** that was just created by the translation.

5- Copy the Dymosim.dll in **Beam\_cosim** file (if you work with Educative license).

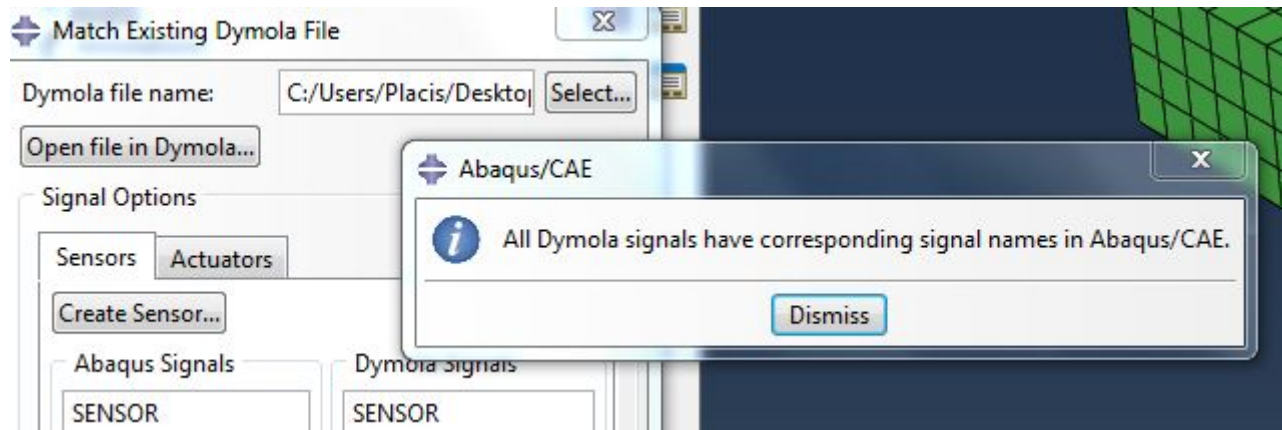
6- Import the **INP** file (Poutre.INP).

7- Set **Beam\_cosim** as the work directory of Abaqus.

# *Cosimulation: Graphical method*

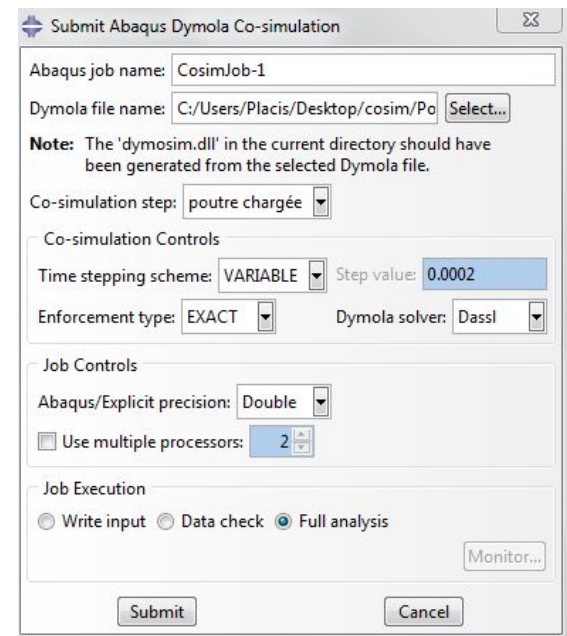
8- Select **Job** → **Plug\_in** → **Dymola** → **Match files**

**Dymola file name:** Select the file of the Dymola logical (\*.mo) that will be read into the plug-in



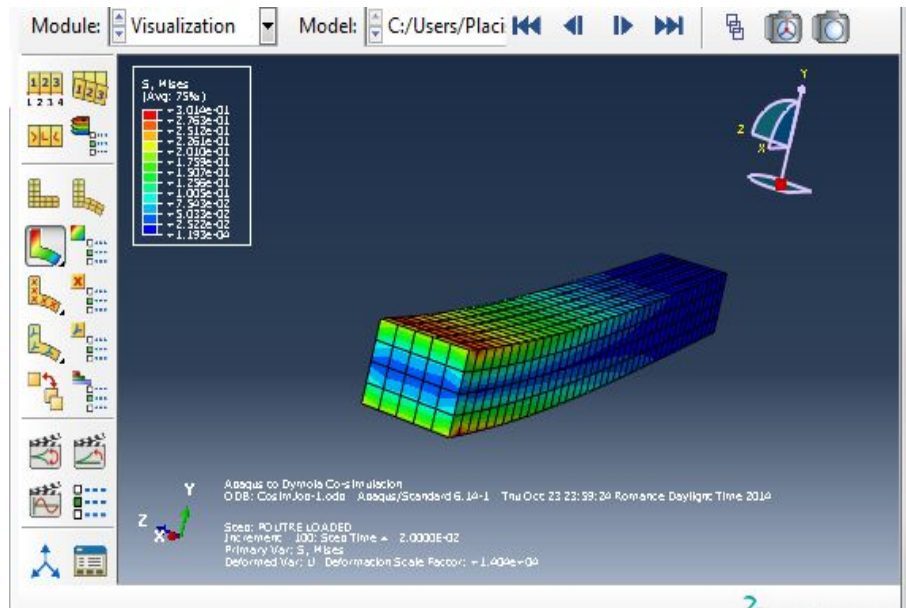
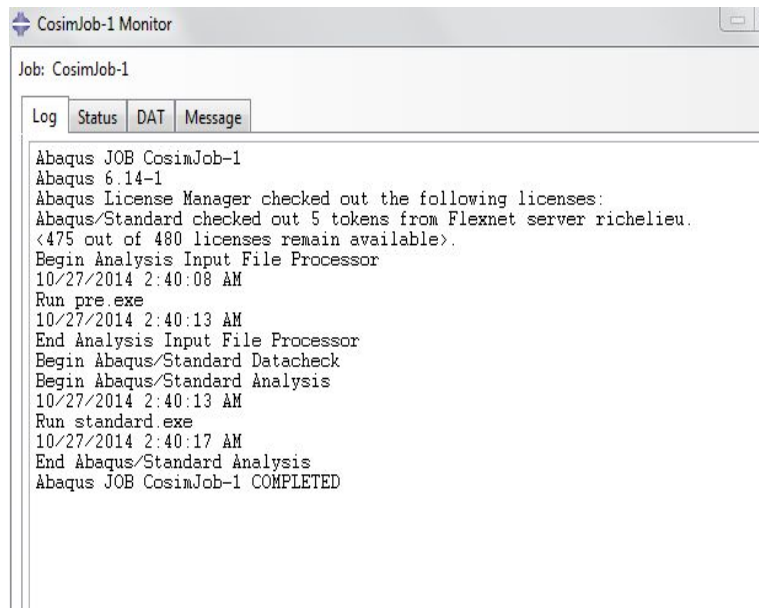
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# Cosimulation: Graphical method

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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



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