

# 1D/3D CFD Co-simulation for Numerical Study of Cavitation

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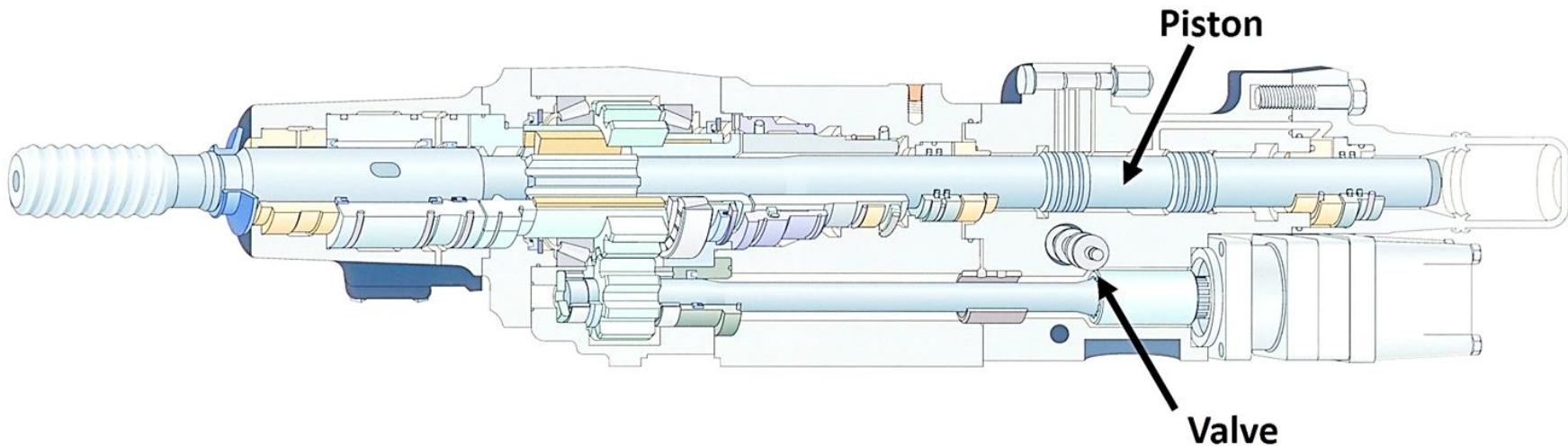
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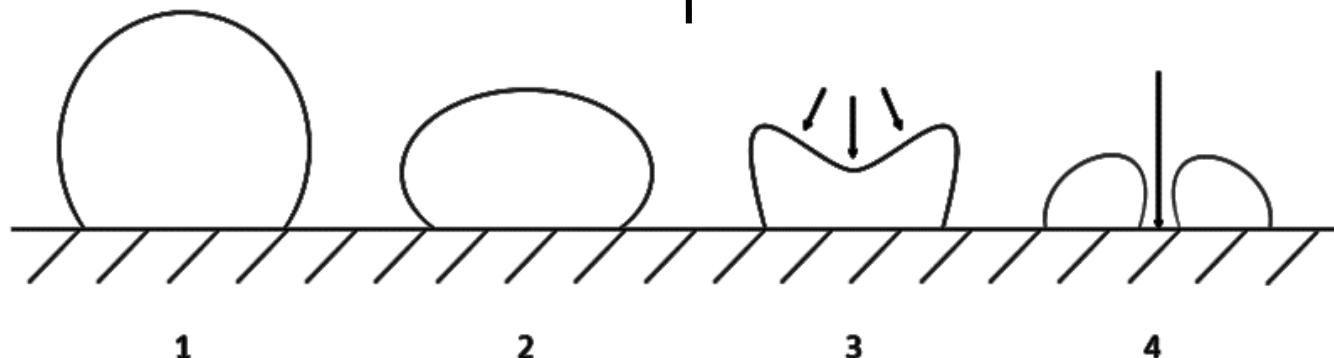
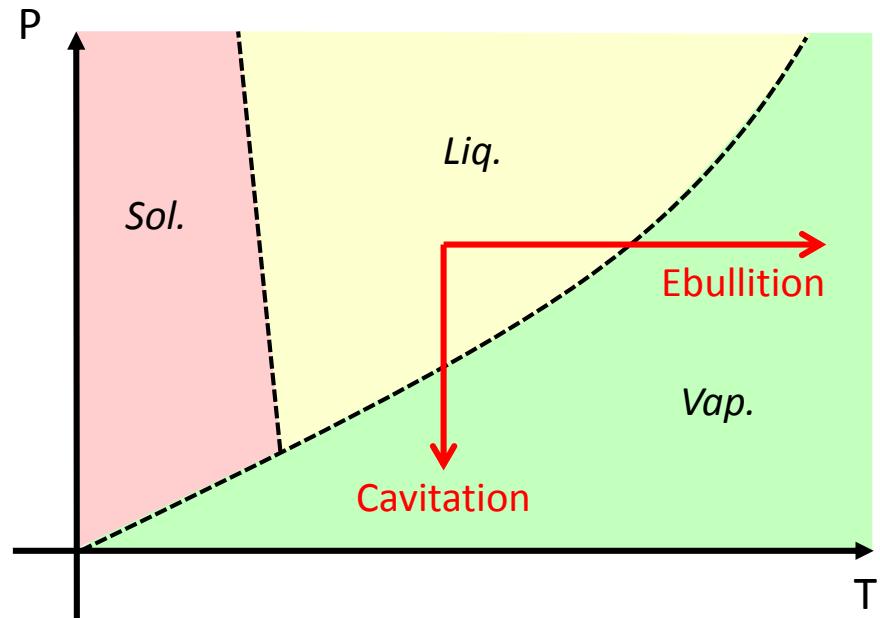
# Background

- Hydraulic rock drills
  - Rapidly changing fluid pressure



# Cavitation

- Formation of vapour cavities due to large pressure transients
- May cause erosion



# Cavitation erosion in hydraulic rock drills

**Cavitation is a major concern**

- Reduced performance
- Shorter life-span

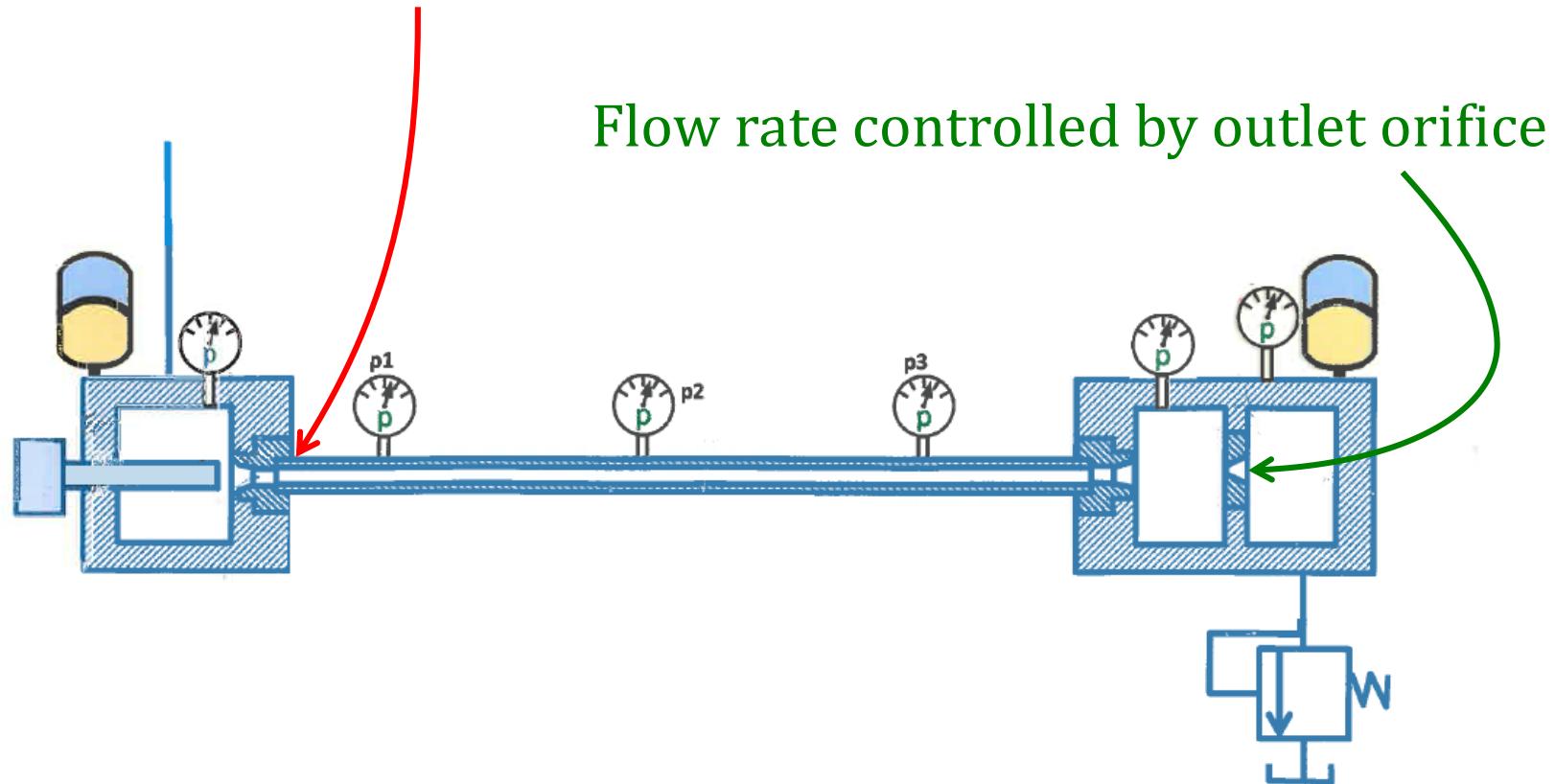
**Important to predict cavitation**

- Location
- Severity



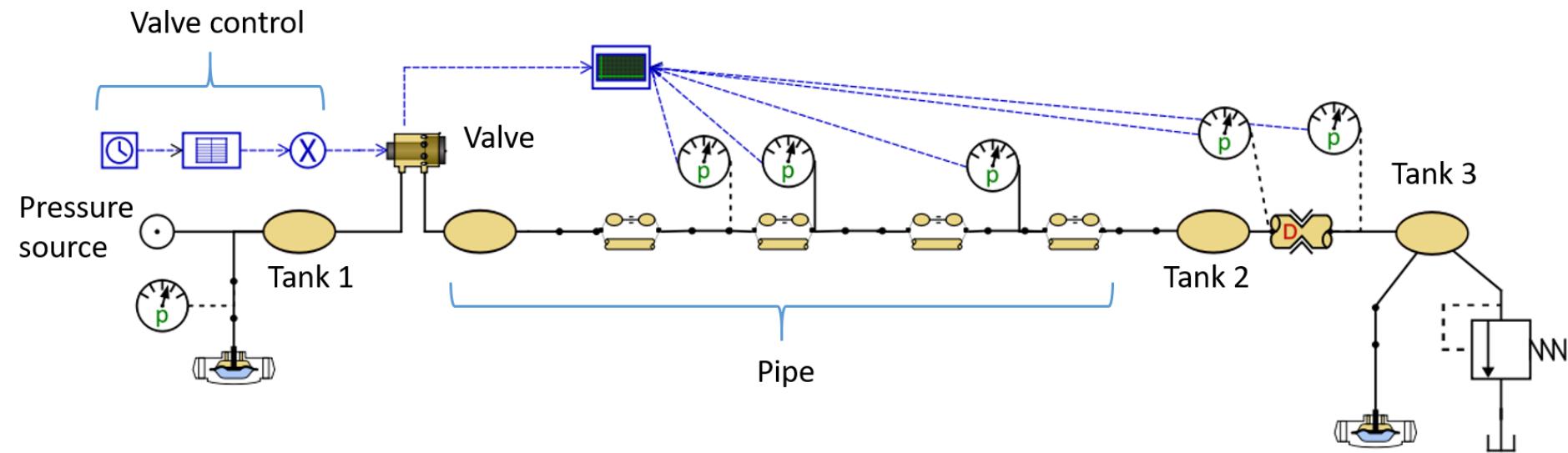
# Test rig

Cavitation induced by rapidly closing inlet valve



# System Simulation Cavitation Model

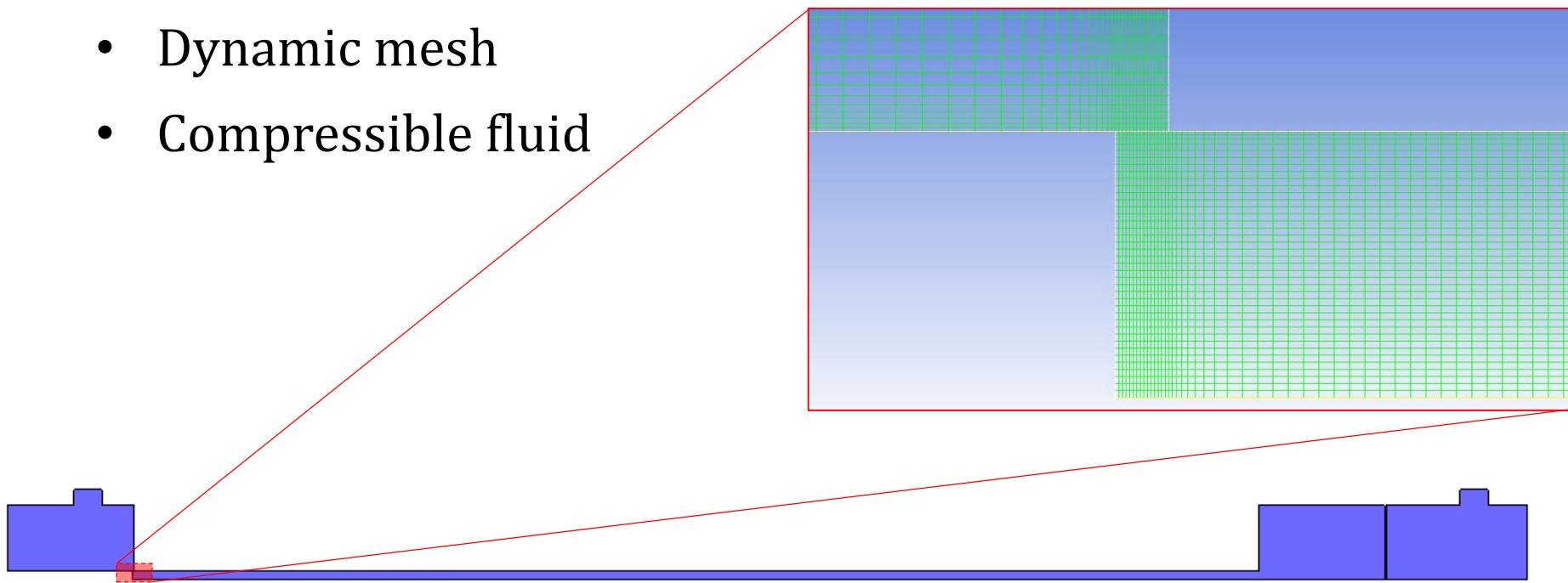
Hopsan simulation tool



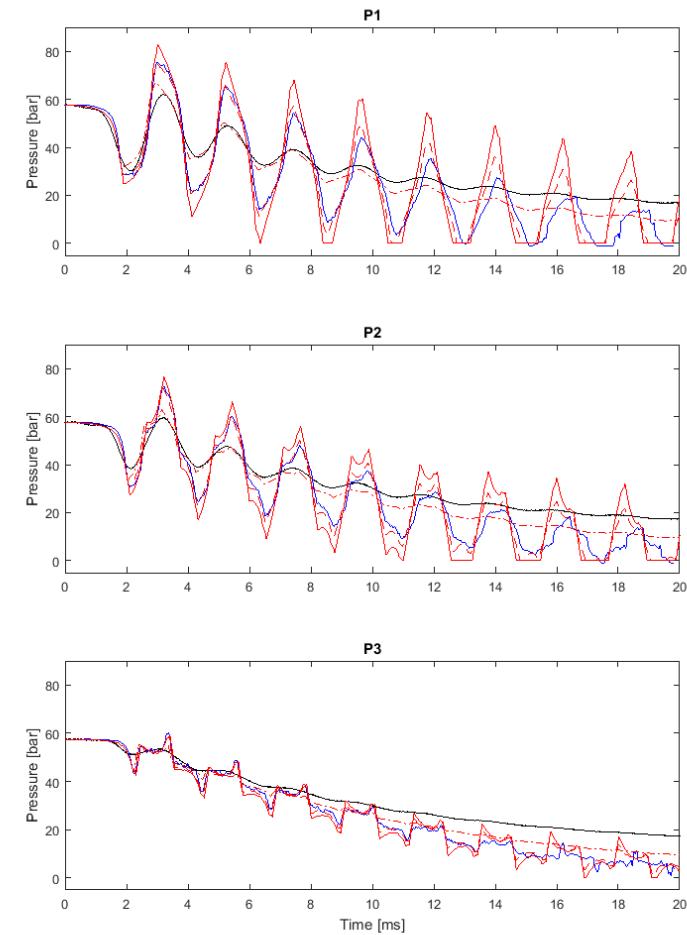
# CFD Cavitation Model

## Ansys Fluent

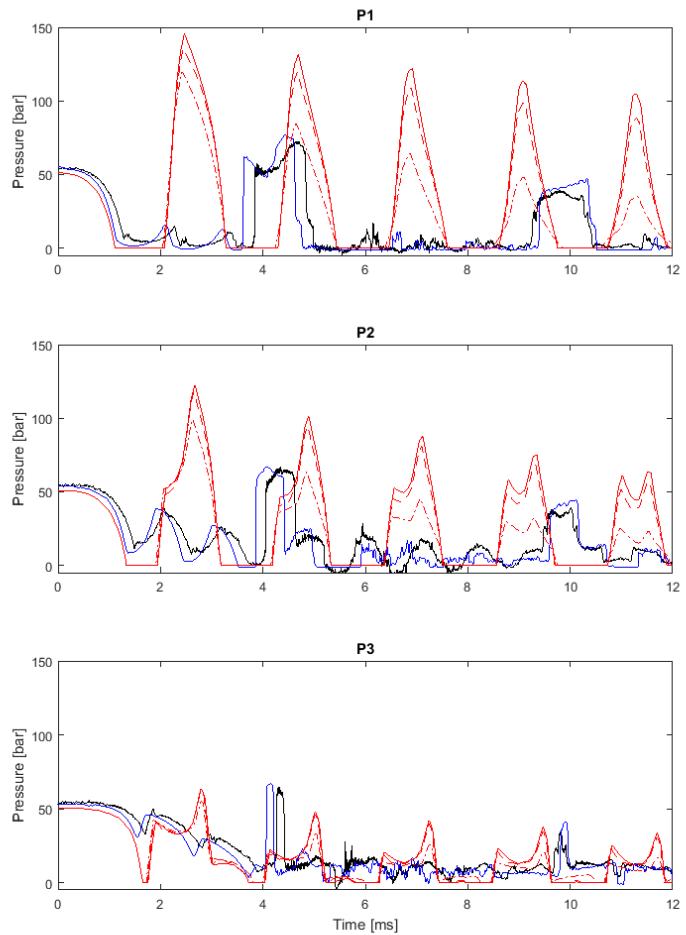
- Dynamic mesh
- Compressible fluid



# Without cavitation

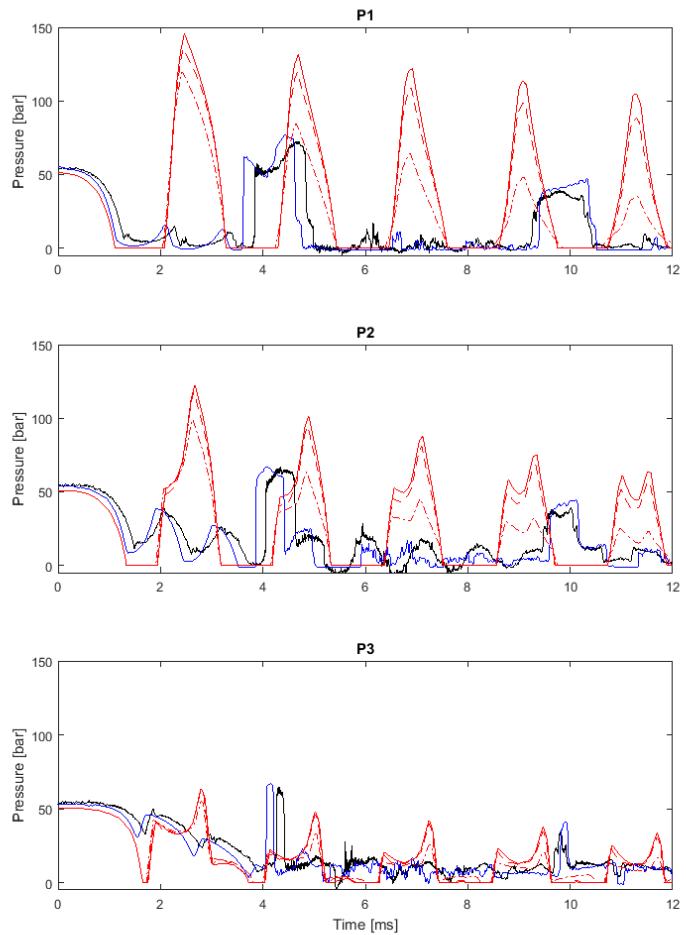
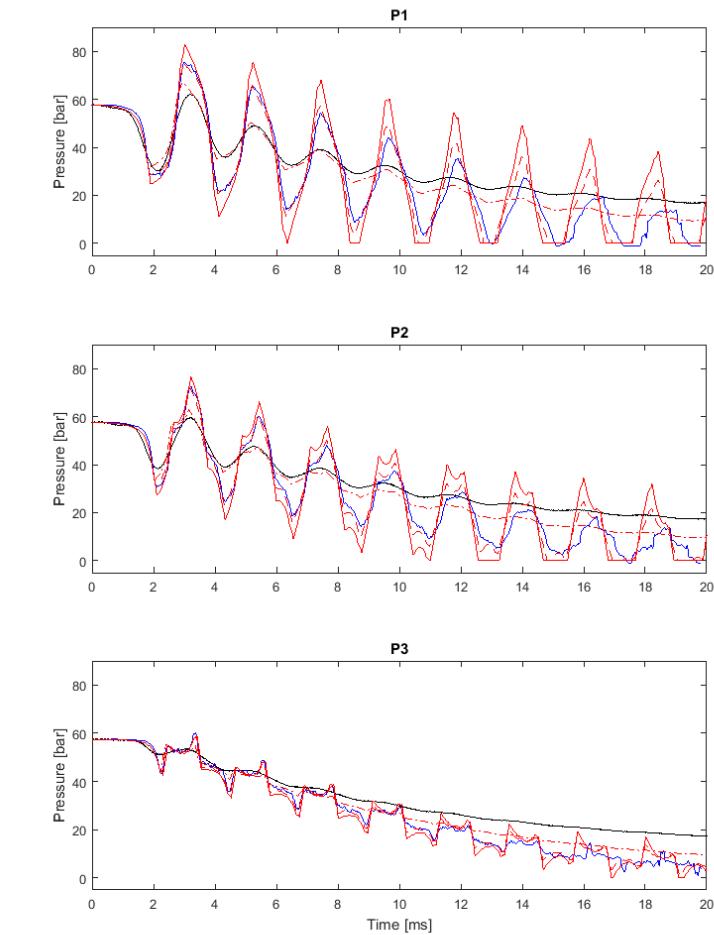


# With cavitation



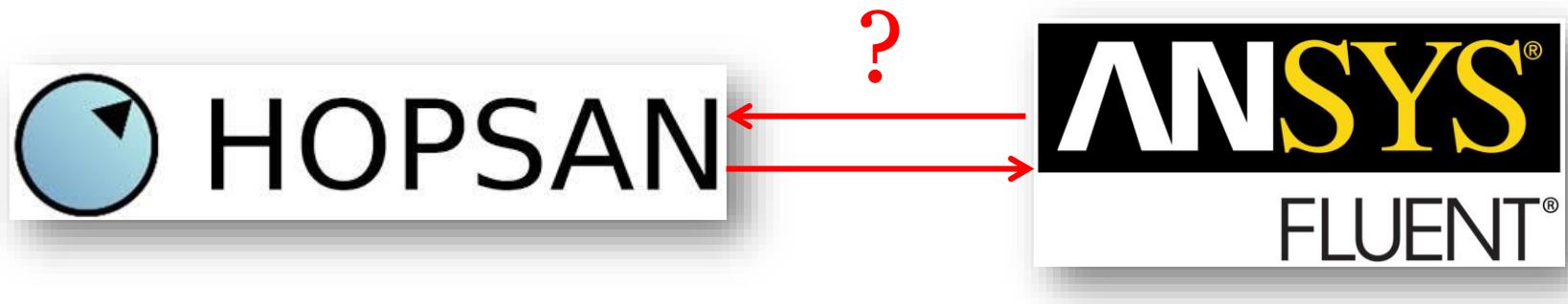
# Simulation results

— Experimental  
— Fluent  
— Hopsan, 0  $\mu\text{m}$   
- - Hopsan, 15  $\mu\text{m}$   
- - Hopsan, 30  $\mu\text{m}$



# 1D/3D Co-simulation

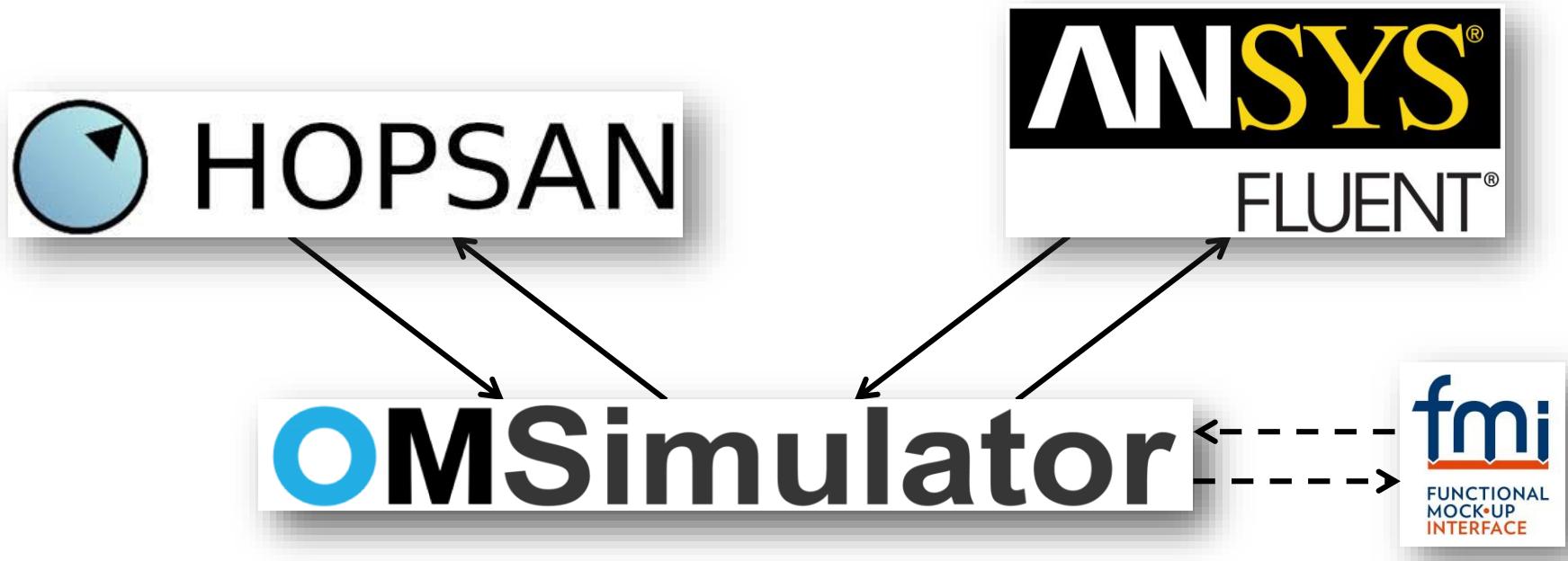
- Improved performance
- More accurate boundary conditions



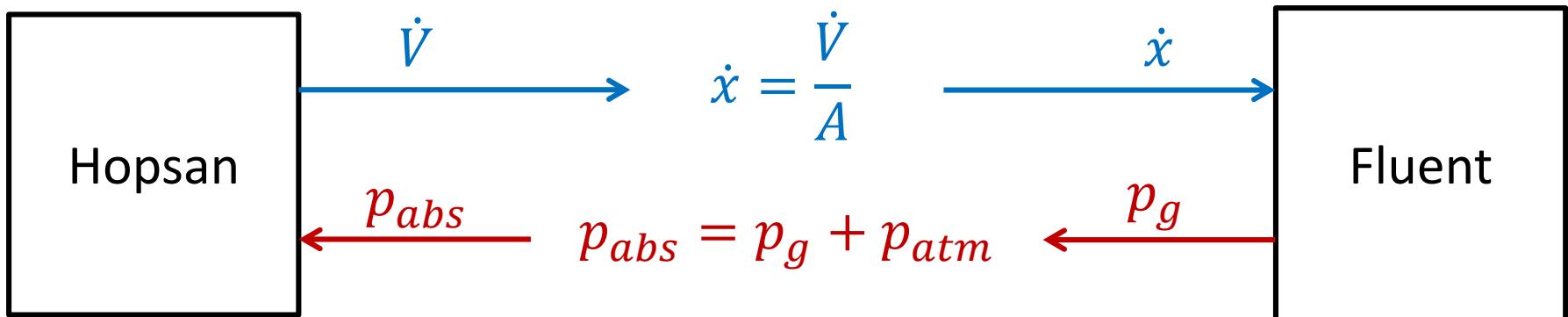
- Functional Mockup Interface?
- User-defined functions?
- External master simulation tool?

# 1D/3D Co-simulation Implementation

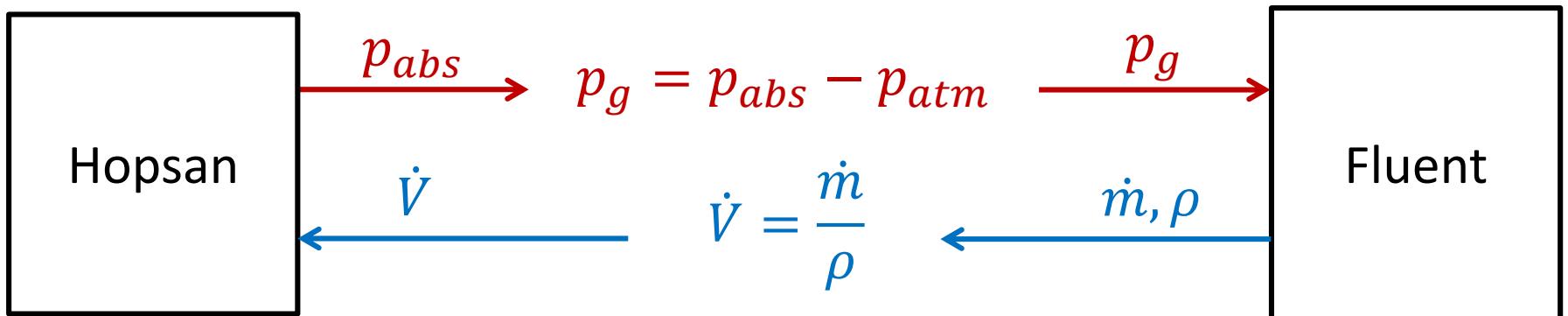
- TCP/IP sockets
- Busy-waiting synchronization



# Velocity input interface



# Pressure input interface



# 1D/3D Co-simulation Implementation

- Approach: User-defined functions (UDF)

```
DEFINE_PROFILE(tlm_input_velocity, thread, position)
{
    face_t f;
    real t = CURRENT_TIME;
    int n=0;
    real p=0;
    begin_f_loop(f, thread)
    {
        p += F_P(f,thread);
        ++n;
        double q,v;
        plugin->GetValueSignal(idq1, t, &q);
        v = q/0.031415;
        F_PROFILE(f, thread, position) = v;
    }
    end_f_loop(f, thread)
    p = p/n+1e5;
    plugin->SetValueSignal(idp1,t,p/n);
}
```

Input velocity

Output pressure

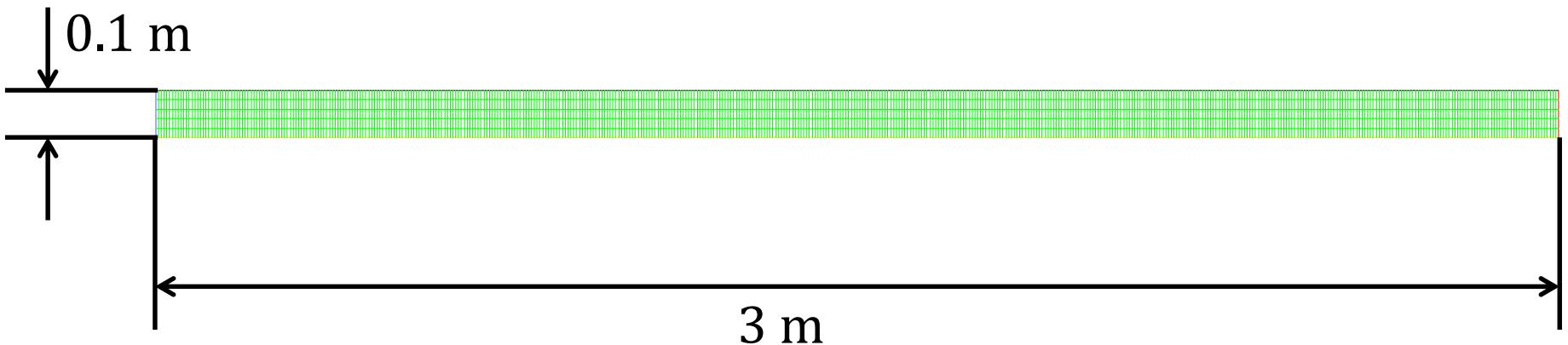
```
DEFINE_PROFILE(tlm_output_pressure, thread, position)
{
    face_t f;
    real t = CURRENT_TIME;
    double q = 0;
    begin_f_loop(f, thread)
    {
        real rho;
        rho = F_R(f,thread);
        q += F_FLUX(f,thread)/rho;
        double p;
        plugin->GetValueSignal(idp2, t, &p);
        p = p-1e5;
        F_PROFILE(f, thread, position) = p;
    }
    end_f_loop(f, thread)
    plugin->SetValueSignal(idq2,t,q);
}
```

Output flow

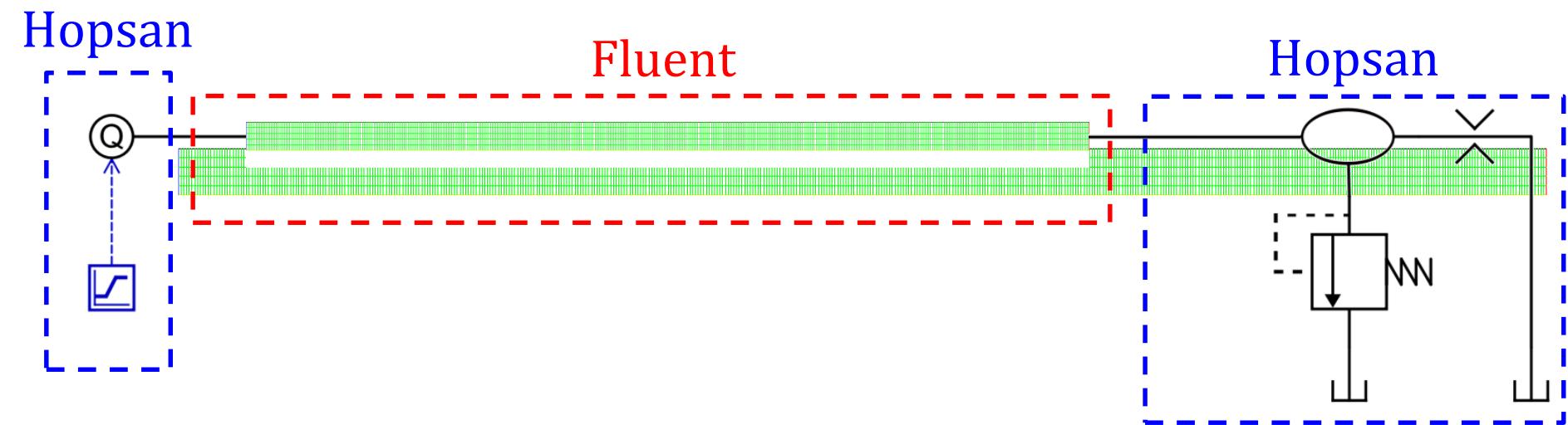
Input pressure

# Verification model

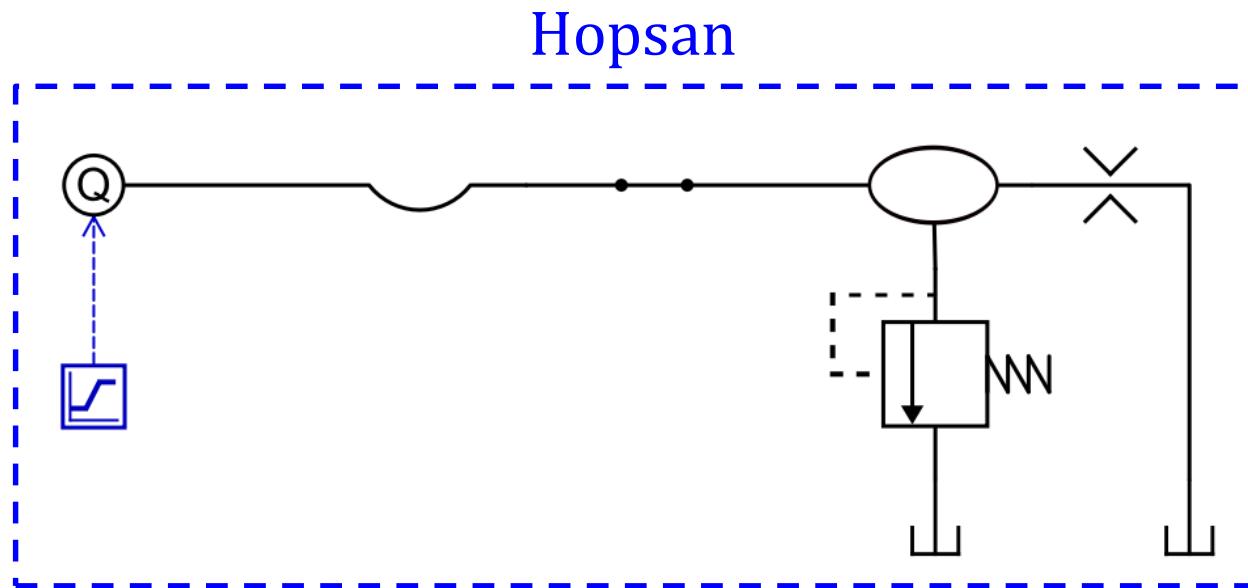
- 2D axisymmetric pipe model
- Static mesh
- Constant density



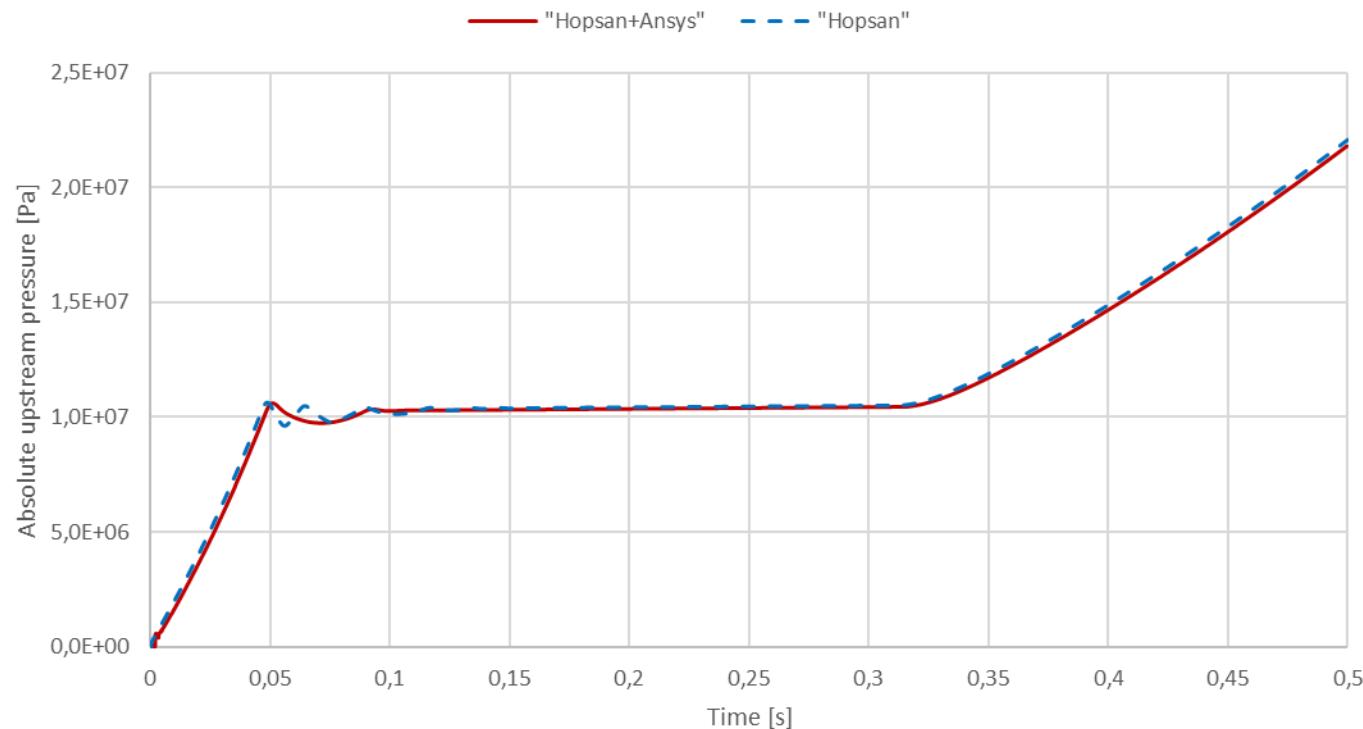
# Verification Model



# 1D Reference Model

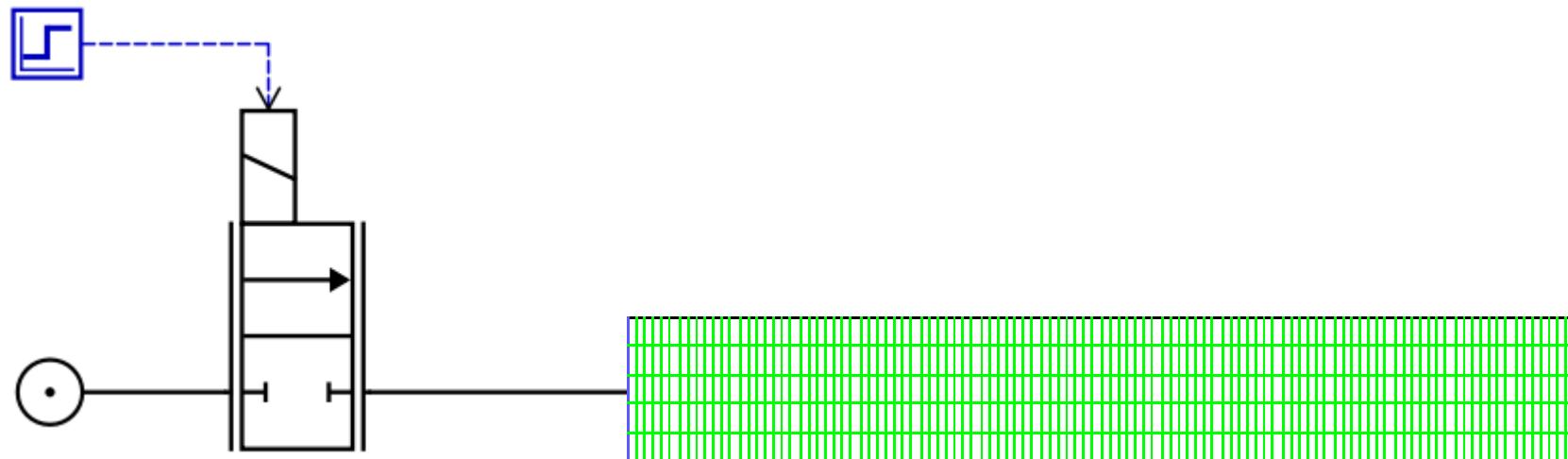


# Verification results



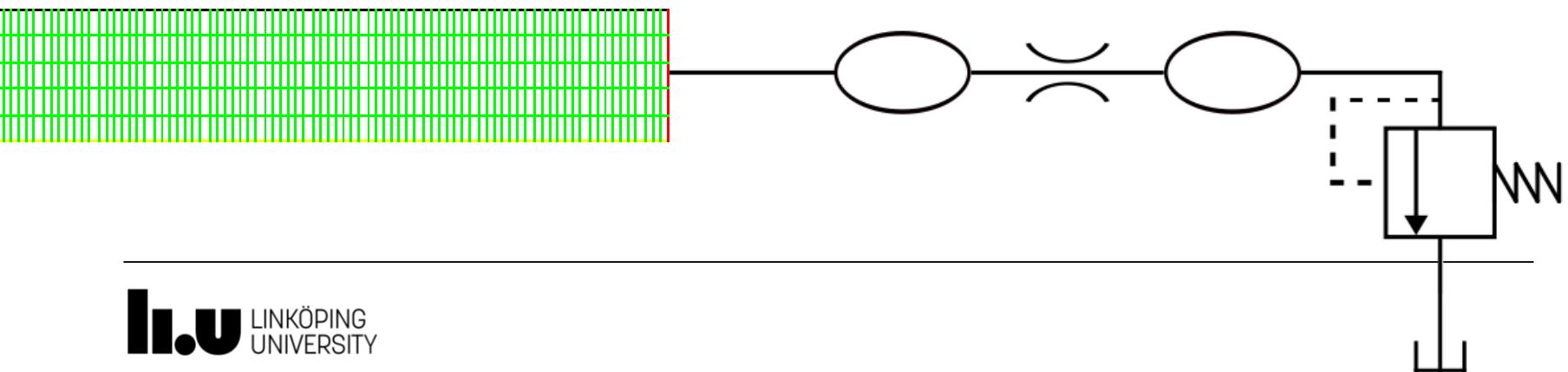
# Co-simulation in cavitation study

- Approach 1: Inlet valve in Hopsan
  - Problem: Hopsan has no velocity profile (1D)
  - Multiple connections?



# Co-simulation in cavitation study

- Approach 2: Downstream components in Hopsan
  - Details not of interest
  - Can improve performance



# Co-simulation in cavitation study

- Approach 3: Better cavitation models in system simulation
  - CFD component in system model
    - Will decrease performance
  - Create simplified cavitation model based on CFD results

# Remaining work

- Physical connection (TLM)
  - Improved numerical stability
- Compressible fluid
- Connect Hopsan to existing cavitation model

Thank you!  
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