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MATLAB의 C코드 생성 워크플로우 및 최적화 요령

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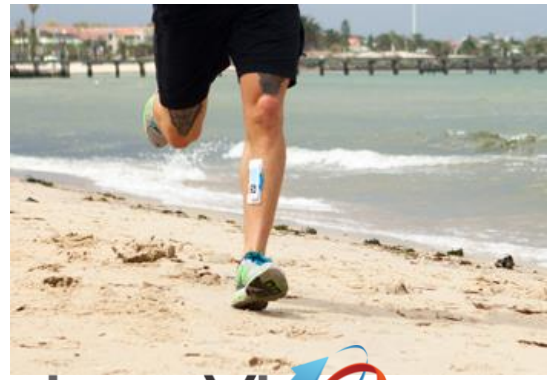
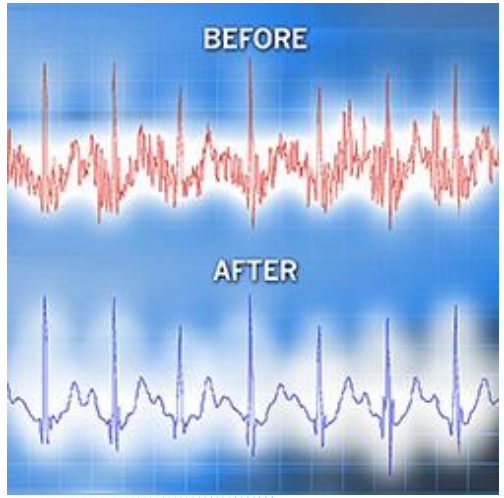
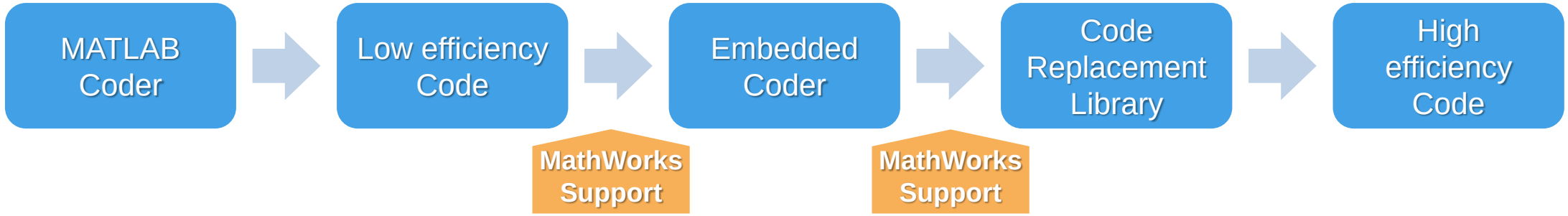
MATLAB Coder User Story

- Using MATLAB®
  - Try a new idea quickly
  - Evaluation of the system by testing and analysis
  - High quality C code generation in short time

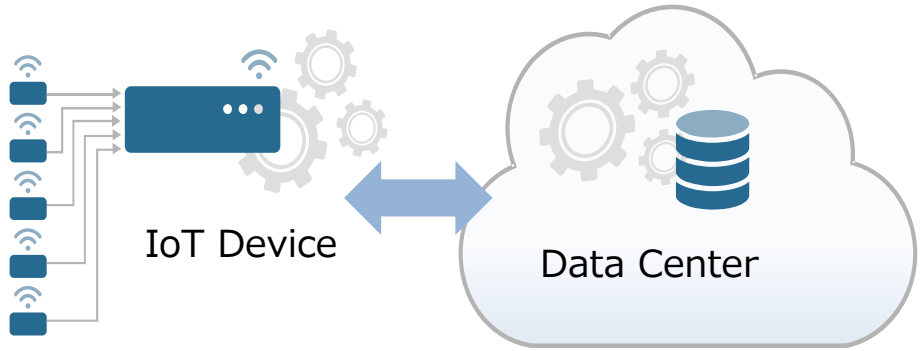




User Story : Development of IoT Device using MATLAB Coder

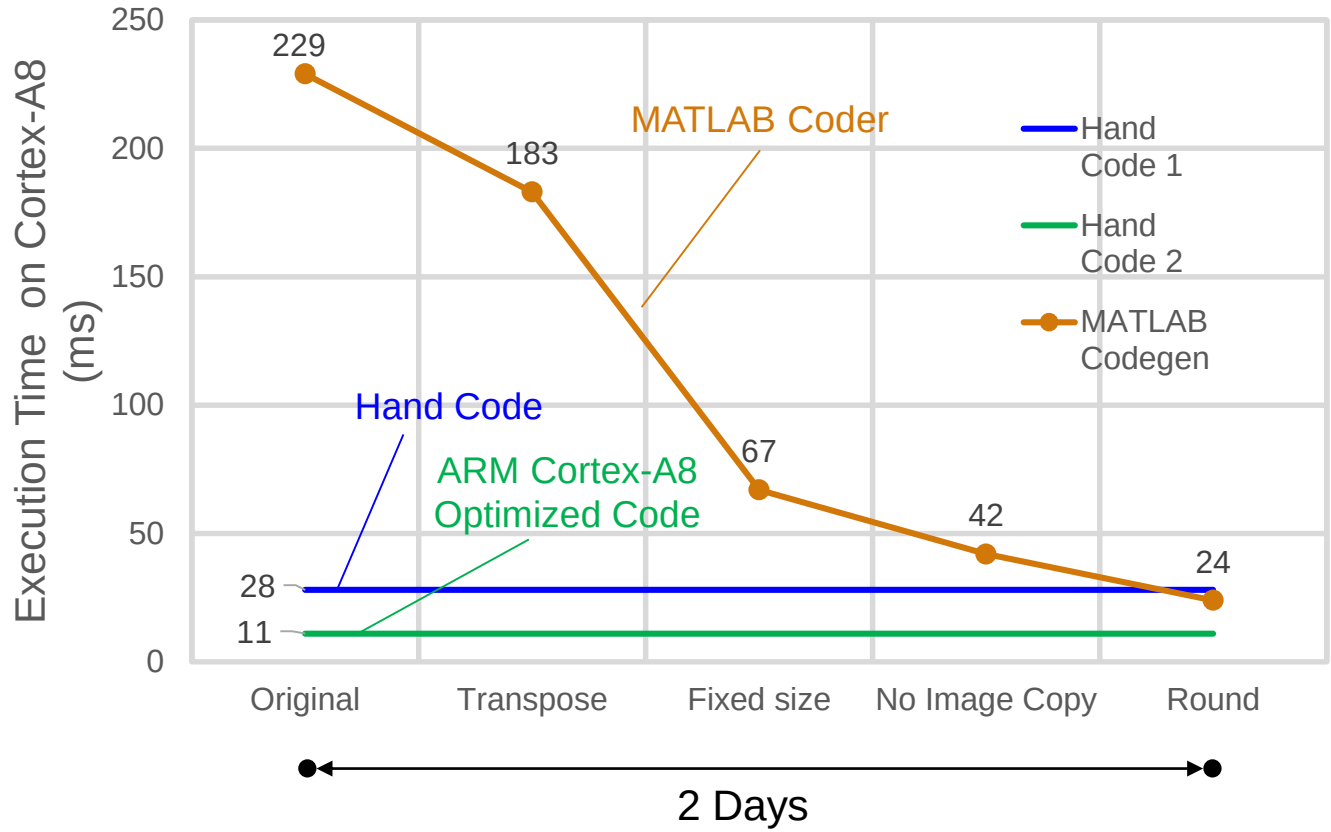


- C code generation efficiency was not good ➔ MathWorks support
  - > Implementation of signal processing algorithms for battery-driven IoT equipment
    （Low Power ↔ High Speed Signal Processing）
  - > Target Processor Core：Cortex-M4
  - > How to set options
  - > Embedded Coder® Introduced
- In-depth support
  - > Adopted Code Replacement Library (CRL) for Cortex-M4



User Story : Image processing & recognition system

- Image processing algorithm implemented in the ARM Cortex-A8 core
- MATLAB code optimization reduces execution time of generated C code
- MATLAB exceeded Hand-Written Code just Two-days work

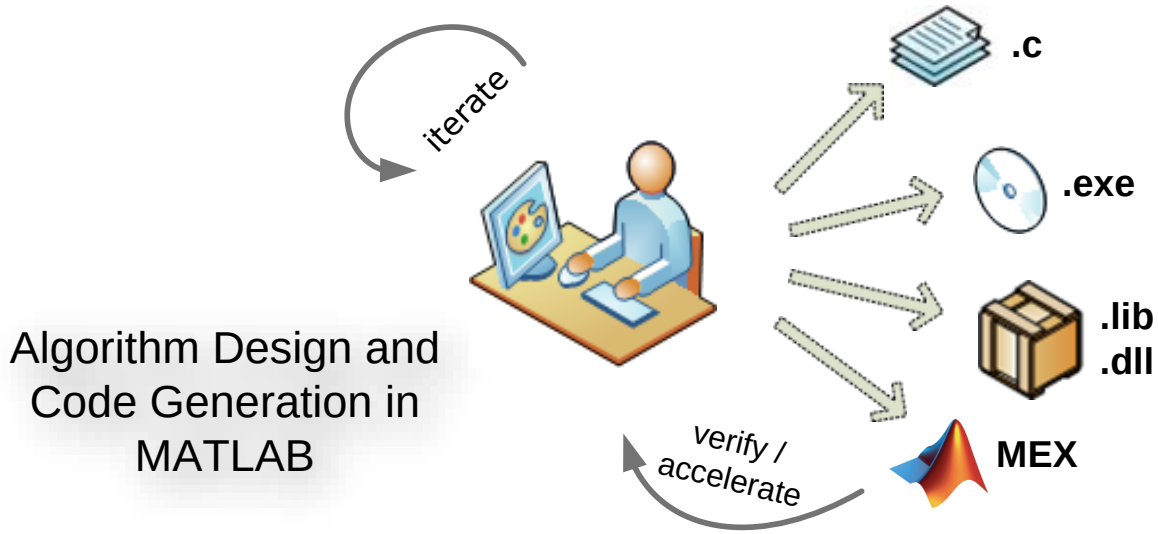


Why Engineers translate MATLAB to C today?

 .c	**Implement** C code on processors or hand off to software engineers
 .lib .dll	**Integrate** MATLAB algorithms with existing C environment using source code and static/dynamic libraries
 .exe	**Prototype** MATLAB algorithms on desktops as standalone executables
 MEX	**Accelerate** user-written MATLAB algorithms

Automatic Translation of MATLAB to C

- Maintain one design in MATLAB
- Design faster and get to C/C++ quickly
- Test more systematically and frequently
- Spend more time improving algorithms in MATLAB



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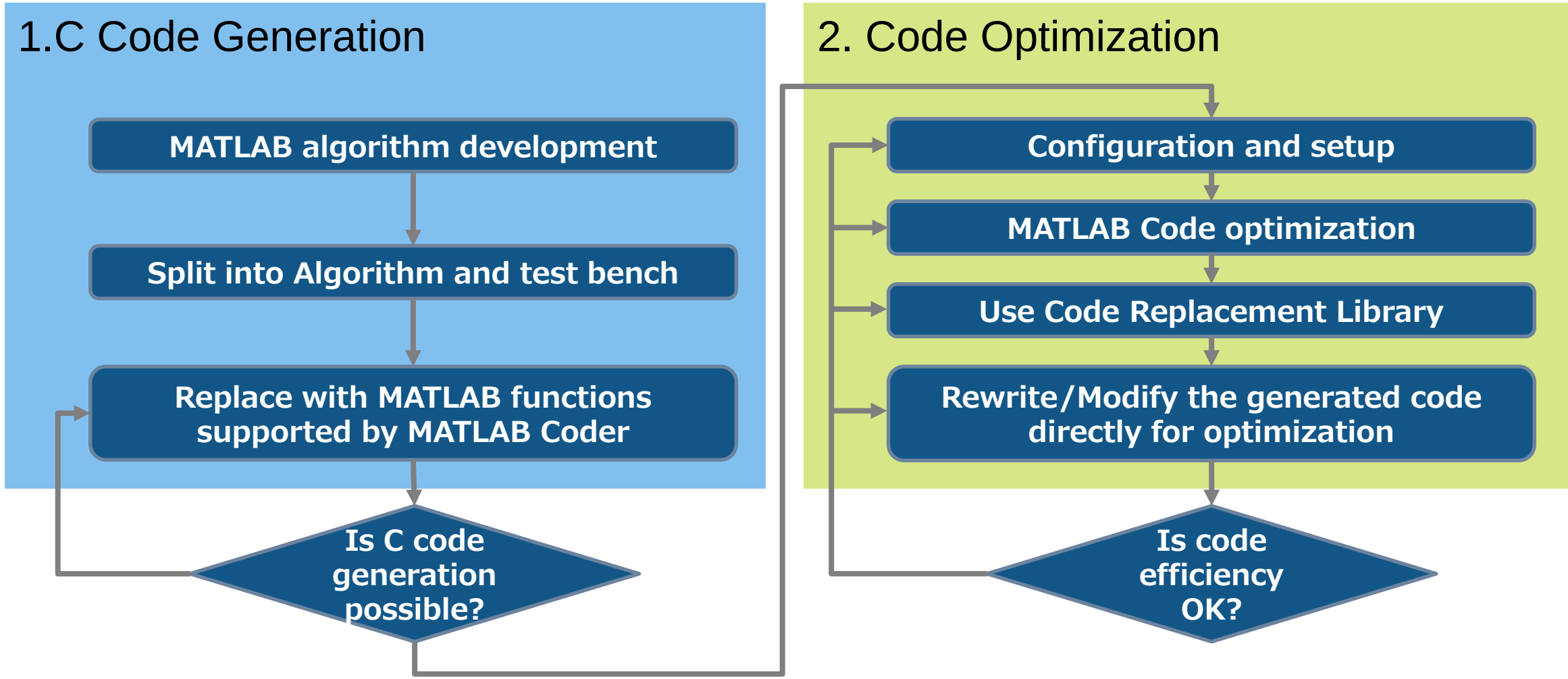


How to use MATLAB Code and Test bench

Original

- Signal generation
- Algorithm
- Visualization

Test Bench

- Description
  - Signal Generation
  - Call Target Algorithm
  - Visualization / Analysis
- Restriction
  - None

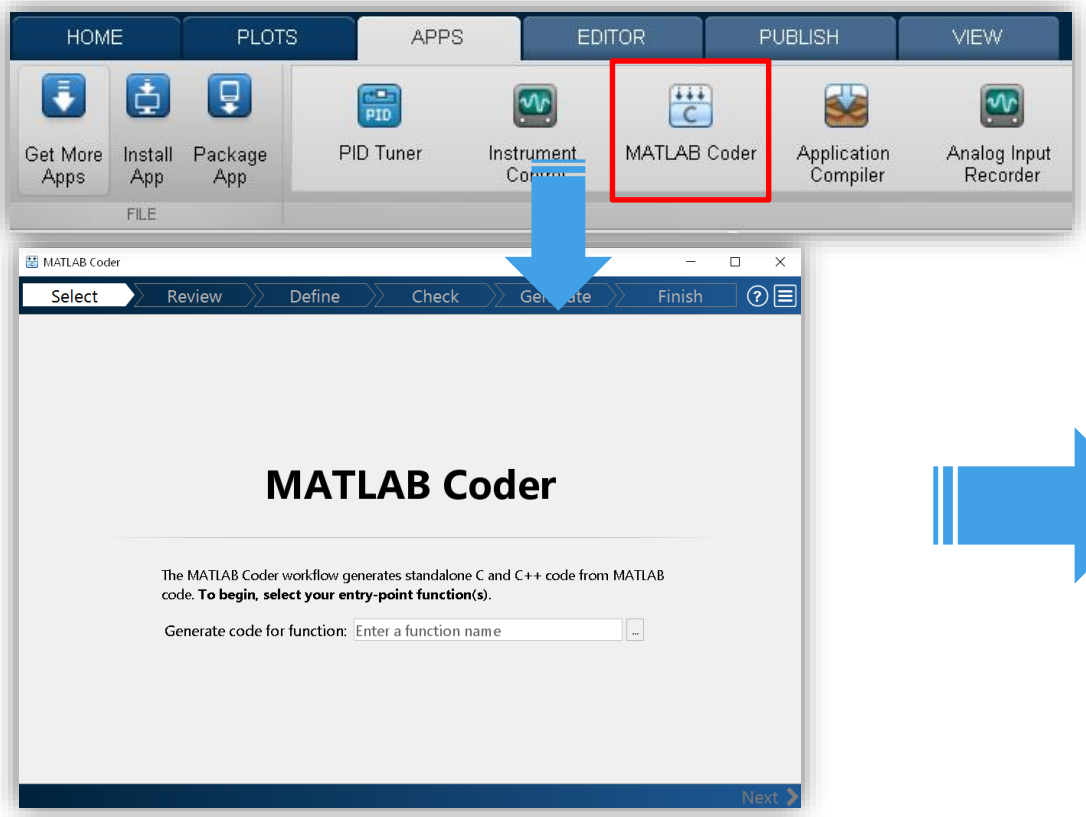
Algorithm

- Description
  - Function MATLAB file with arguments
- Restriction
  - Supported function
  - Syntax

C source code

How to make MATLAB Coder Project

- MATLAB Coder App & project
  - APP : Beginner or for those unfamiliar with settings ➔ APP
  - Command : Experienced or when settings are fixed >> `codegen filename -options`



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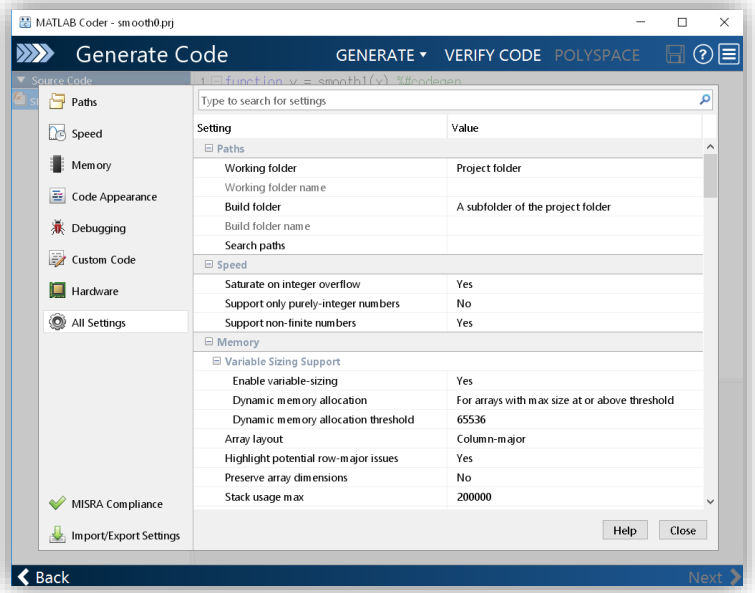
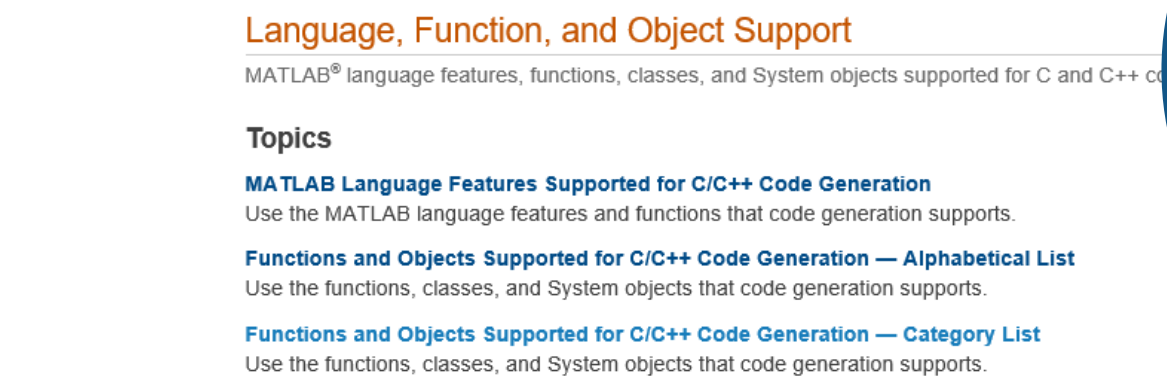
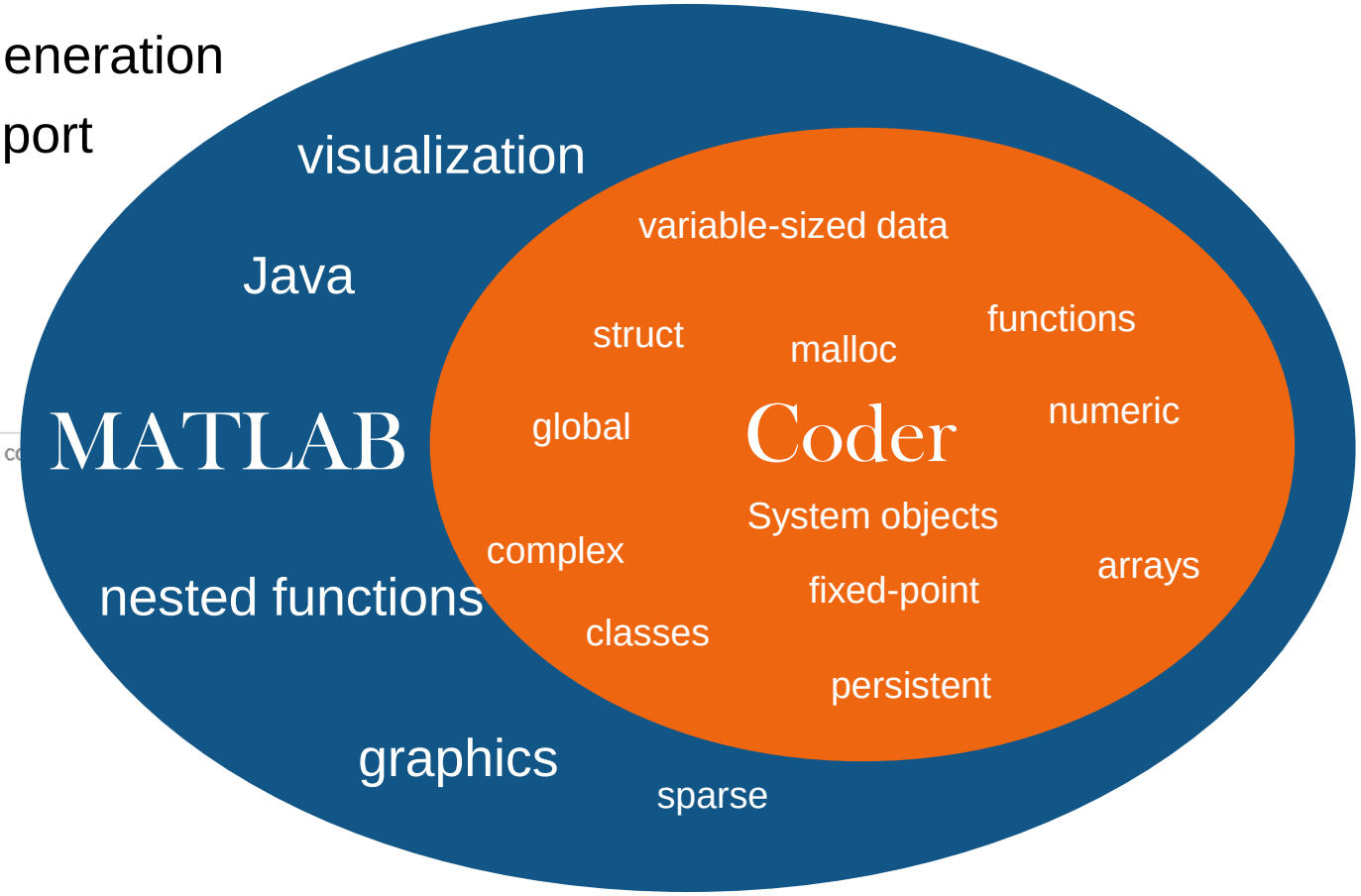


MATLAB Language Support for Code Generation

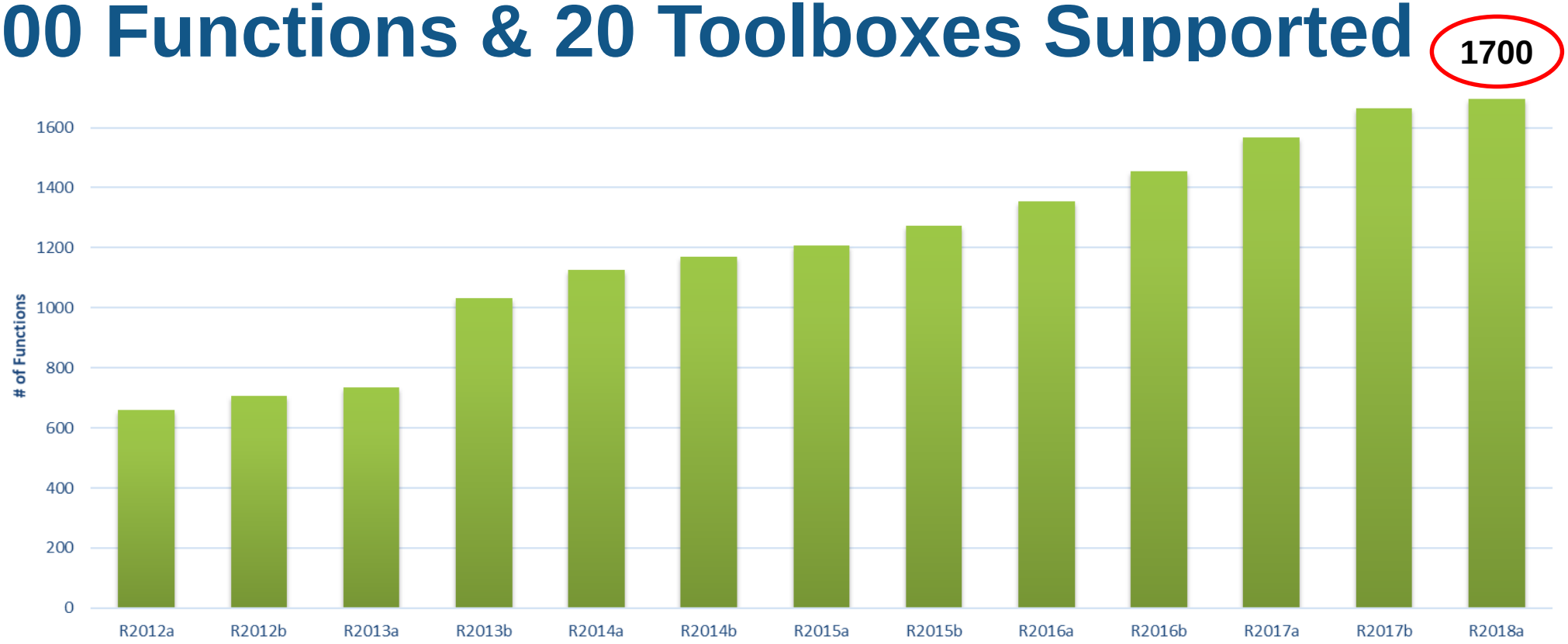
- MATLAB Coder Documentation
  - MATLAB Programming for Code Generation
  - Language, Functions, Objects Support

- Web Document





1700 Functions & 20 Toolboxes Supported

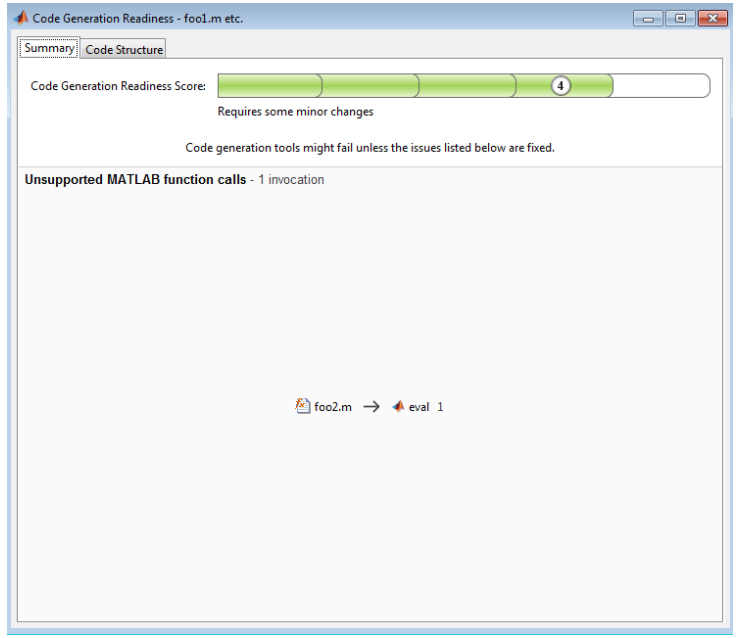


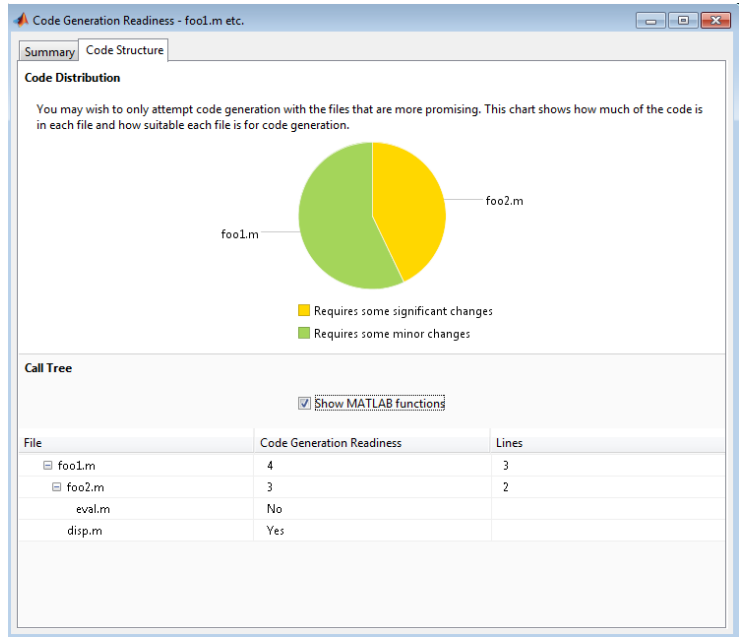
- Aerospace Toolbox
- Audio System Toolbox
- Automated Driving System Toolbox
- Communications System Toolbox
- Computer Vision System Toolbox
- Control System Toolbox
- DSP System Toolbox
- Fixed-Point Designer
- Image Acquisition Toolbox
- Image Processing Toolbox
- Model Predictive Control Toolbox
- Neural Networks Toolbox
- Optimization Toolbox
- Phased Array System Toolbox
- Robotics System Toolbox
- Signal Processing Toolbox
- Stats & Machine Learning Toolbox
- System Identification Toolbox
- Wavelet Toolbox
- WLAN System Toolbox

Determine if function is suitable for code generation

- Code Check with coder.screener
  - Using coder.screener, check before run MATLAB Coder APP

    >> coder.screener('filename')
  - Check each user function to see the problem area





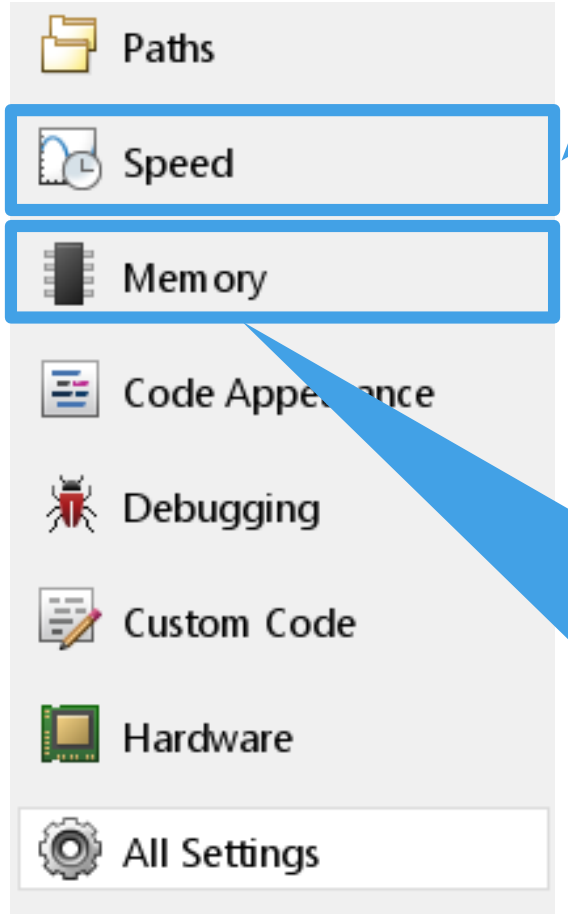
<Code Generation Readiness Result>

How to check in detail for code generation

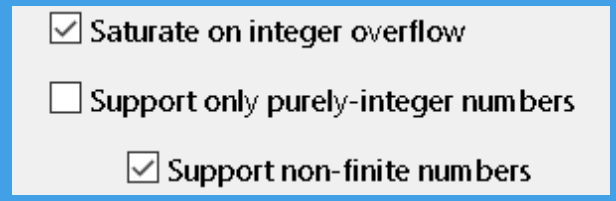
- Check「Check for Run-Time Issues」in MATLAB Coder App
  - Identify unsupported functions and syntax
  - Display report of relevant line and explanation

Display Errors

Settings for Code Generation

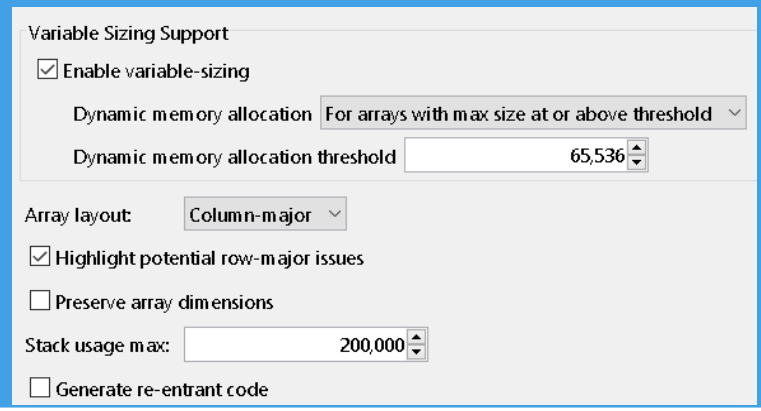


- ✓ Saturate on integer overflow: Saturation processing is added and finally result in speed reduction
- ✓ Support only pure-integer numbers: For fixed-point processors not to generate floating-point code, enable Support only pure-integer numbers



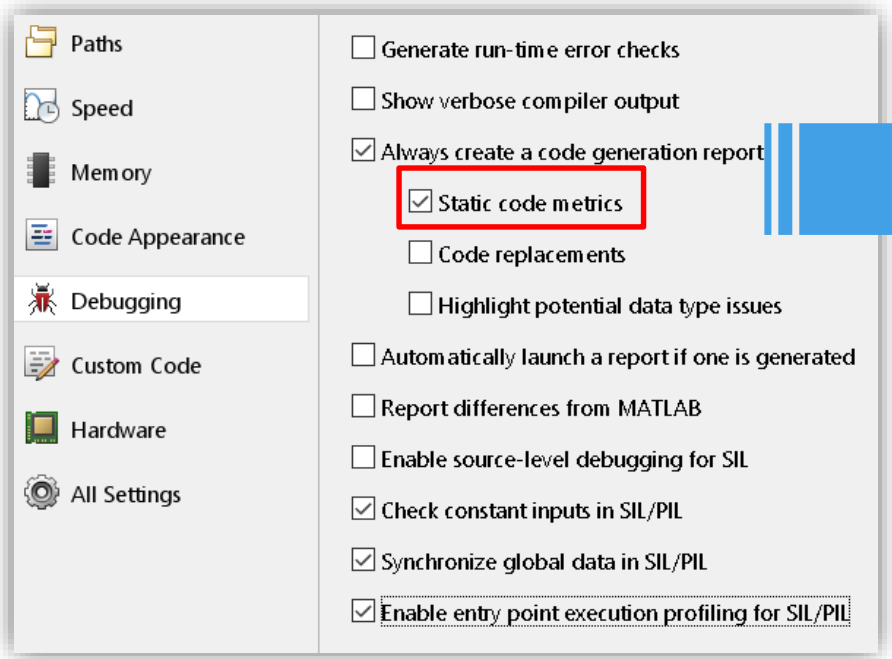
※Embedded Coder option

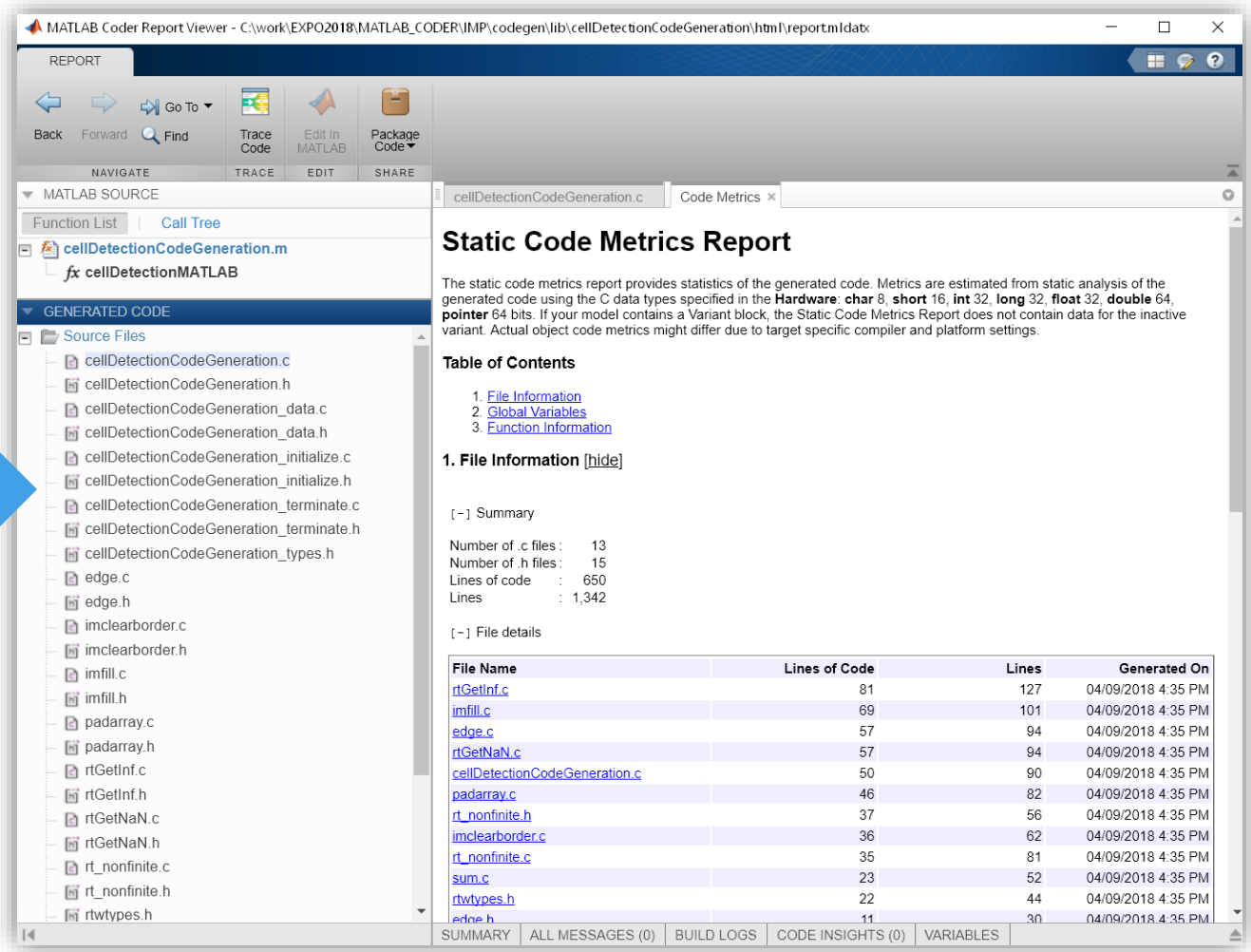
- ✓ Enable Variable-sizing: Dynamic memory allocation increases the risk of stack overflow, performance degradation in large data sets
- ✓ Generate re-entrant code: Data can be accepted by function arguments and called from multiple processes



Code Generation Report with Static code metrics

- File Information
  - Number of lines of code per file
  - Global variable, size (bytes)
  - Stack size

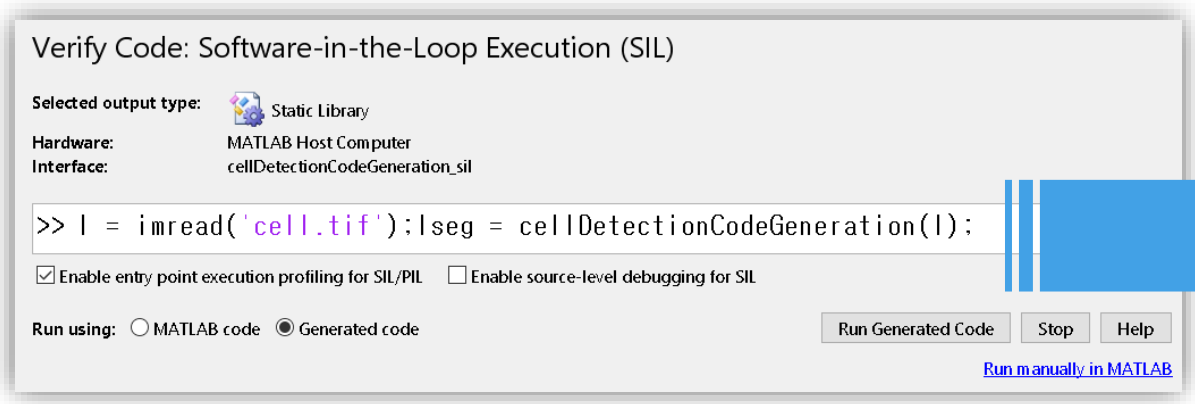


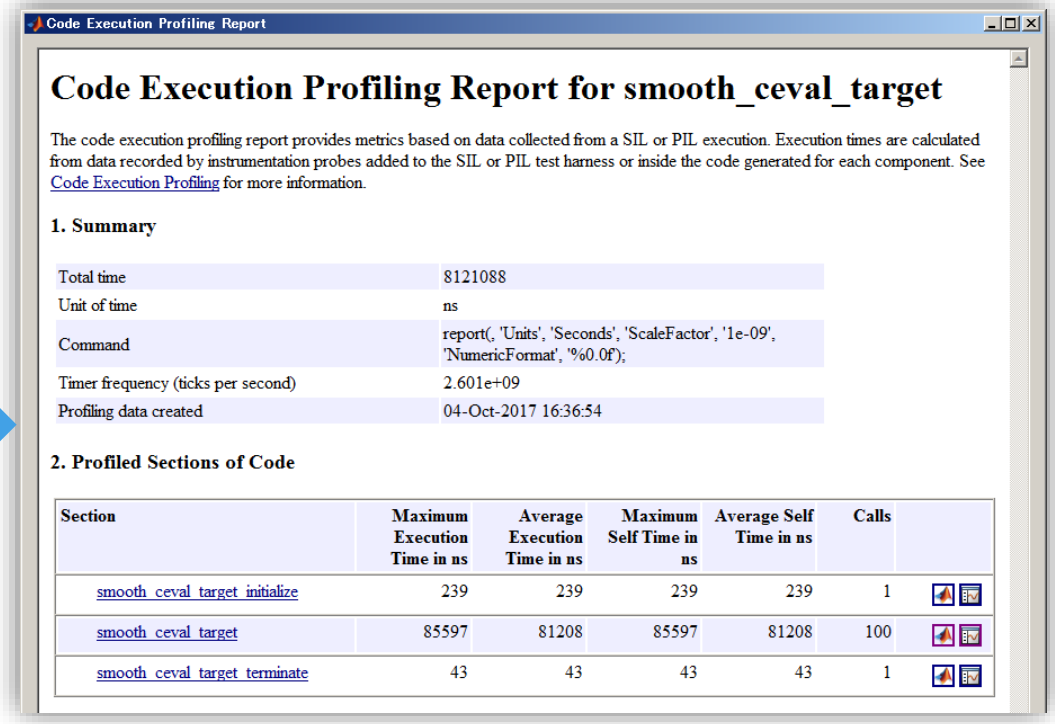


Validation and Equivalence Testing

SIL/PIL Verification（Embedded Coder feature）

- Equivalence verification function
  - SIL(Software-In-the-Loop)：Run generated C code on PC
  - PIL(Processor-In-the-Loop)：Run generated C code on Target Hardware or Emulator
- Code Execution Profiling
  - Measure task / function execution time





Tips for basic use

- Add %#codegen directive to your function
- No need to delete display functions like plot, disp, axis, figure
- Keep unsupported function from code generation by using coder.extrinsic('func')
- Specify the data type and matrix size by putting the assert instruction in the generation target code.
  - assert(isa(param,'single')); % Parameter: Single Date Type
  - assert(all(size(param) == [3, 4])); % Matrix size : 3x4
  - assert(isscalar(param)); % Scalar

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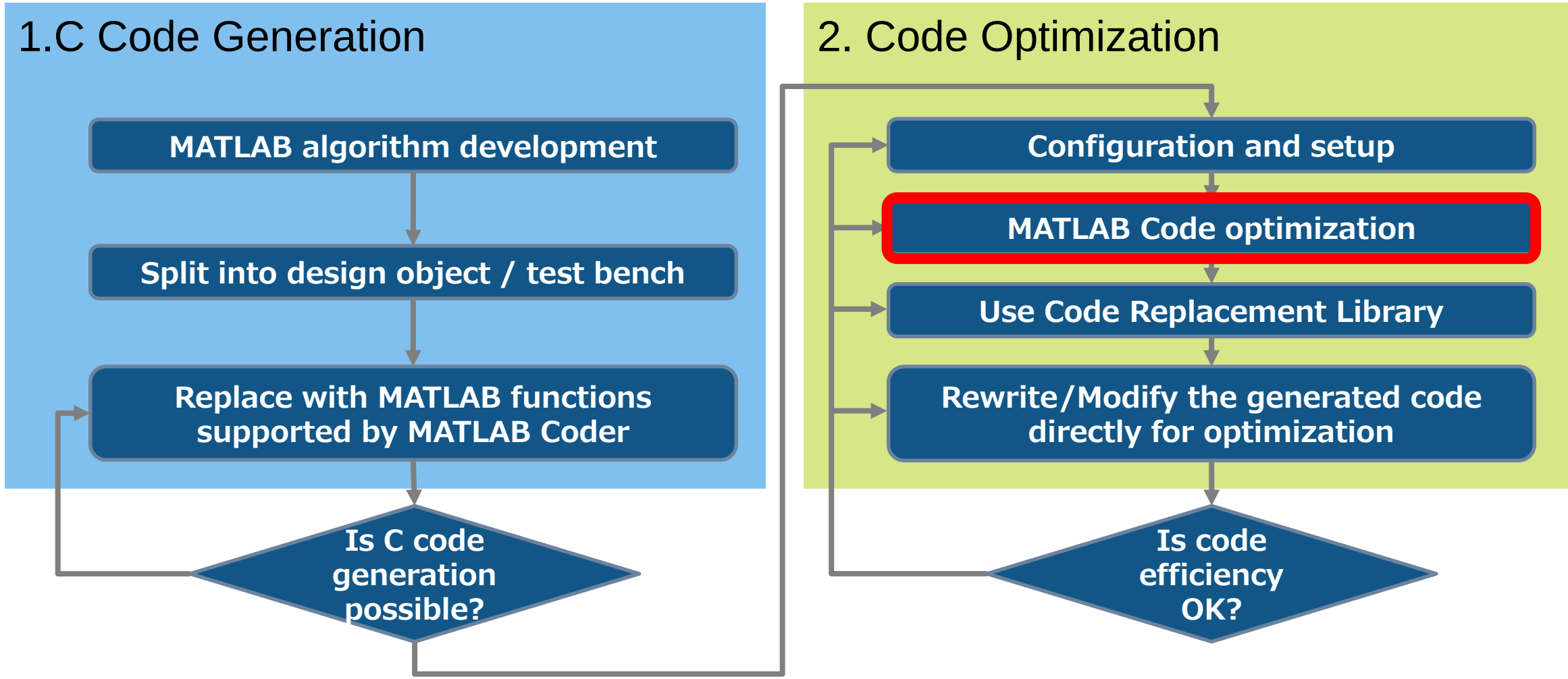


Why do we need MATLAB code optimization?

MATLAB is the Language that supports a variety of input and output

```
function a= foo(b,c)
a = b * c;
```

- Element-by-element operation
- Inner product operation
- Matrix operation

- Integer
- floating point number
- Fixed point number
- Real number
- complex number…

```
void foo(const double b[15], const double c[30], double a[18])
{
  int i0, i1, i2;
for (i0 = 0; i0 < 3; i0++) {
    for (i1 = 0; i1 < 6; i1++) {
      a[i0 + 3 * i1] = 0.0;
      for (i2 = 0; i2 < 5; i2++) {
        a[i0 + 3 * i1] += b[i0 + 3 * i2] * c[i2 + 5 * i1];
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Expression is different in C code

```
double foo(double b, double c)
{
        return b*c;
}
```

MATLAB code optimization

Reduced branch path and variable(coder.Constant)

- Reduce unexecuted branch path ➔ Improved C code execution speed
- Variable reduction ➔ Memory reduction

```
>> codegen MF -args {coder.Constant(1), coder.Constant(4), zeros(10,1)}
```

```
function out = MF(flag, gain, in)
%# codegen                1      4     10x1
switch flag
    case 1
        out = gain * sin(in);
    case 2
        out = gain * cos(in);
    otherwise
        out = gain * sqrt(in);
end
```

```
#define gain      (4.0)

void MF(const double in[10], double out[10])
{
  int k;
  for (k = 0; k < 10; k++) {
    out[k] = gain * sin(in[k]);
  }
}
```

- If the input arguments are variables, the generated code is treated as a variable
- If the input arguments are constant, branch deletion, define definition

MATLAB code optimization

Minimize Redundant Operations in Loops

- Increase speed of C code execution

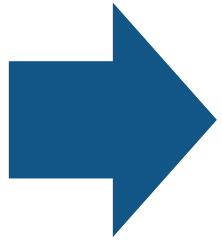
Before improvement

```
function C=SeriesFunc(A,B,n)

C=zeros(size(A));



for i=1:n
    C=C+inv(B)*A^i*B;
end
```



After improvement

```
function C=SeriesFunc(A,B,n)

C=zeros(size(A));

Bi = inv(B);

for i=1:n
    C = C+Bi*A^i*B;
end
```

Move inv(B) out of loop

MATLAB code optimization

Multicore-capable code generation using OpenMP

- Multithreaded ➔ Performance improvement

Before improvement

```
function a = test_for(r)    %#codegen
a=ones(10,256);

for i=1:10
    a(i,:)=real(fft(r(i,:)));
end
```

Run parallel with parfor

After improvement

```
function a = test_for(r)    %#codegen
a=ones(10,256);

parfor i=1:10
    a(i,:)=real(fft(r(i,:)));
end
```

Add pragmas for OpenMP

```
void test_for(const double r[2560], double
a[2560])
{
  ....
#pragma omp parallel for \
 num_threads(omp_get_max_threads()) \
 private(i0) \
 firstprivate(dcv0,b r)

  for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
  .....
}
```

※ Parfor is a command for parallel operation of Parallel Computing Toolbox
※ OpenMP is an API for C / C ++ parallel computing

MATLAB code optimization

Differentiate simulation and code generation behavior

- Switch the MATLAB code used for each purpose with the coder.target option

```
function a = switch_fcn(r)    %#codegen
a=ones(10,256);

if coder.target('Rtw')
    % for code generation
    out = myCodeGenFcn(input);
else
    % for MATLAB and etc.
    out = mySimFcn(input);
end
```

For C Code Generation

For MATLAB execution, etc.

Option	Target
'MATLAB'	Running in MATLAB (not generating code)
'MEX'	Generating a MEX function
'Sfun'	Simulating a Simulink® model
'Rtw'	Generating a LIB, DLL, or EXE
'HDL'	Generating an HDL target
'Custom'	Generating a custom target

MATLAB code optimization

Eliminate Redundant Copies of Function Inputs

- Reusing Variables ➔ Reduce memory usage and execution time

Before improvement

```
function y = foo( A, B )
%#codegen

y = A * B;

end
```

```
double foo(double A, double B){
  double y;
  y = A * B;
  return y;
}
```

After improvement

```
function A = foo( A, B )
%#codegen

A = A * B;

end
```

```
void foo(double *A, double B)
{
     *A *= B;
}
```

passed by reference ➔ Reduction of memory usage

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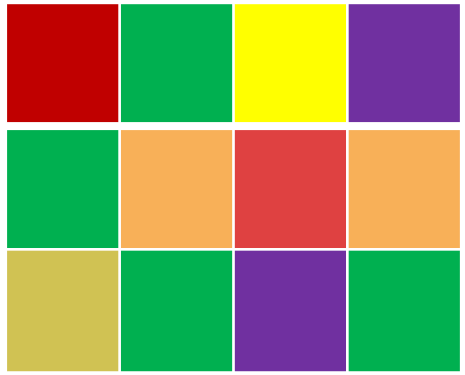
Concept of Code Replacement



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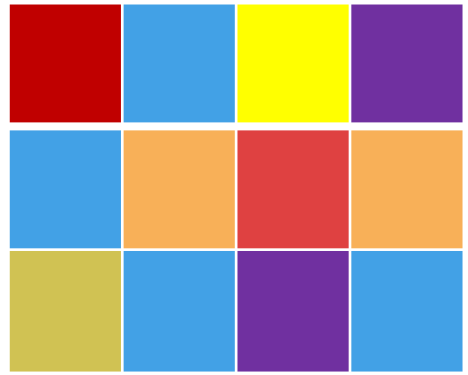


```
function r= my_add(a,b)
%#codegen
r=a+b;
end
```

```
double my_add(double a, double b)
{
  return a + b;
}
```

```
double my_add(double a, double b)
{
  return add_mul(a + b);
}
```

Replace '+' with custom function 'add_mul'

What is Code Replacement Library (CRL)?

- Replacement function for code optimized for target processor (Embedded Coder required)
  ※ Supported Processor：ARM Cortex-M/A, Intel x86, TI C55x/C64x/ C67x and so on
- Corresponds to arithmetic operations, mathematical operations, signal processing arithmetic, etc. (depending on the target processor)
- User registration is possible **>>** **`crtool`**

MATLAB program

```
function [y1, y2, y3, y
y1 = u1 + u2;
y2 = u1 - u2;
y3 = u1 .* u2;
y4 = sin(u3);
y5 = cos(u3);
y6 = sqrt(u3);
```

```
persistent h;
if isempty(h)
    h = dsp.FIRFilter('Numerator', fir1(63, 0.33));
end
y1 = step(h, u1);
```

C code generated for Cortex-M

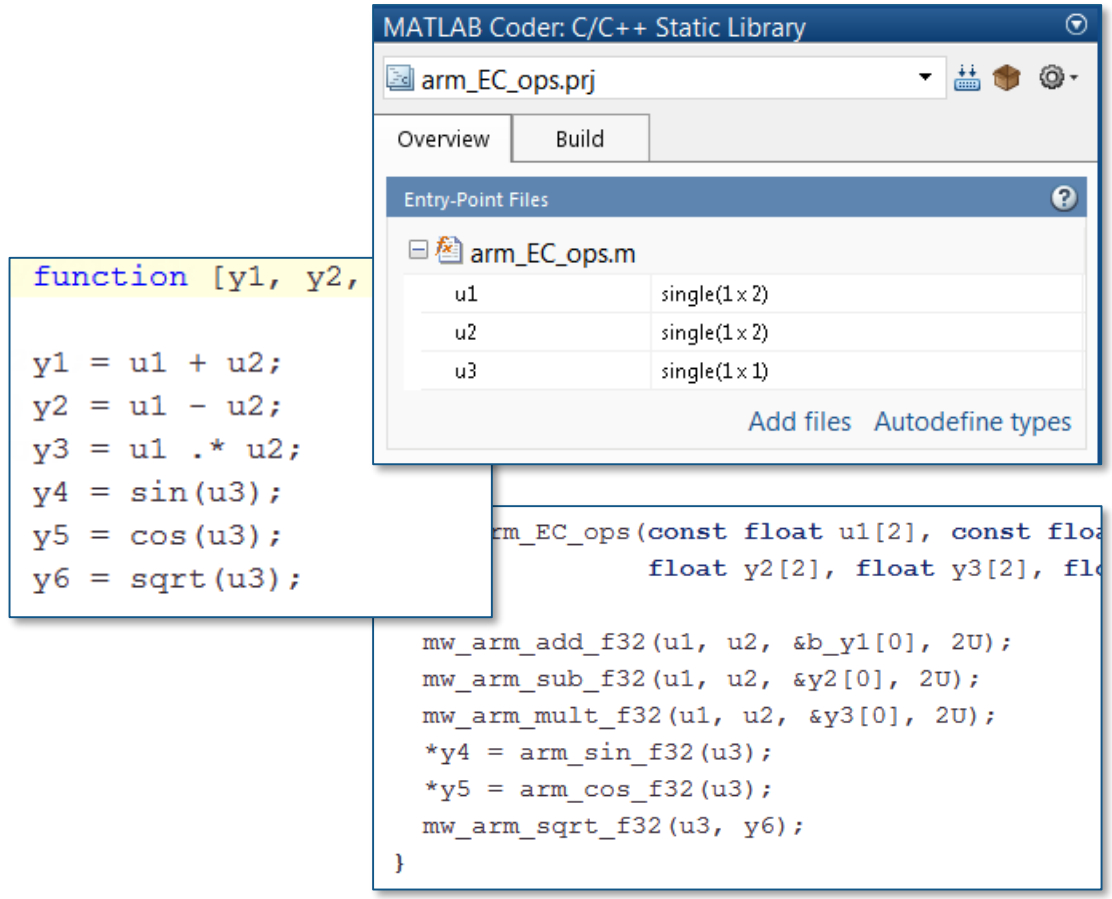
```
void arm_EC_ops(const float u1[2], const floa
                float y2[2], float y3[2], flo
{
  mw_arm_add_f32(u1, u2, &b_y1[0], 2U);
  mw_arm_sub_f32(u1, u2, &y2[0], 2U);
  mw_arm_mult_f32(u1, u2, &y3[0], 2U);
  *y4 = arm_sin_f32(u3);
  *y5 = arm_cos_f32(u3);
  mw_arm_sqrt_f32(u3, y6);
```

```
/* System object Outputs function: dsp.FIRFilter */
arm_fir_f32(&b_obj->S, &U0[0], &b_y1[0], 75U);
```

ARM Cortex-M Optimized Code

Up to 10x speed boost for ARM Cortex-M cores

- Replace basic math operations with calls to CMSIS-optimized functions for ARM Cortex-M cores
- ARM Cortex-M Code Replacement Library supports CMSIS functions such as:
  - `arm_add_q15()`, `arm_sub_q31()`, `arm_mult_f32()`, `arm_sin_f32()`, `arm_cos_f32()`, `arm_sqrt_q31()`, `arm_cmplx_mult_cmplx_f32()`, `arm_q7_to_float()`, `arm_shift_q15()`



Detailed listing here

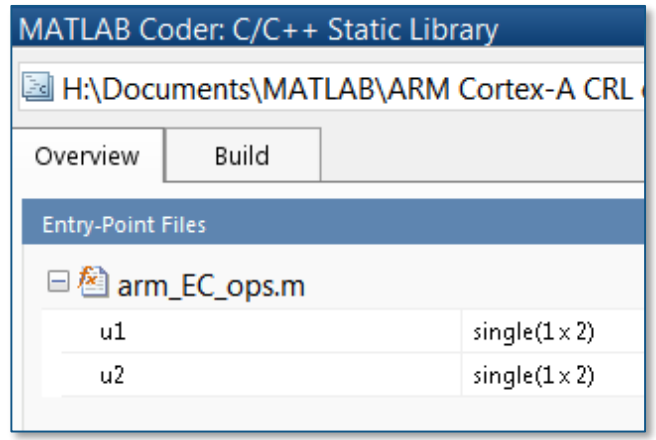
ARM Cortex-A Optimized Code

Faster execution speed on Cortex-A processor cores using NEON SIMD code replacements

```
function [y1, y2, y3] = arm_E

y1 = u1 + u2;
y2 = u1 - u2;
y3 = u1 .* u2;
```

- Replace basic vector operations with calls to NEON SIMD code, such as:
  - `ne10_add_float_neon()`, `ne10_sub_float_neon()`, `ne10_mul_float_neon()`, `ne10_divc_float_neon()`, `ne10_abs_float_neon`



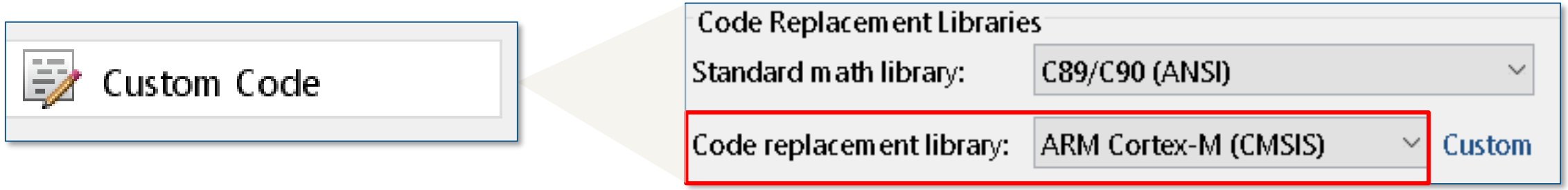
- Map code replacements to libraries: [Ne10 open software project]
  - *A set of common, heavily optimized functions for ARM Neon Architecture*

```
void arm_EC_ops(const float u1[2], const float u2[2],
                float y3[2])
{
  ne10_add_float_neon(&b_y1[0], u1, u2, 2U);
  ne10_sub_float_neon(&y2[0], u1, u2, 2U);
  ne10_mul_float_neon(&y3[0], u1, u2, 2U);
}
```

How to Apply Code Replacement Library

1. Set the operation (Formula, System Object), property, data type, rounding

2. Set custom code in settings



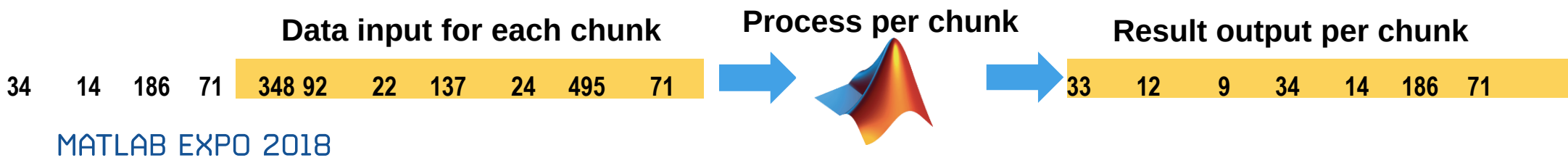
3. Confirm the Result of replacement from the report

What is System Object?

- MATLAB class specialized for dynamic system streaming processing
- Have a common interface (setup / reset / step / release method)

```
>> dft = dsp.FFT;
```

	System Object	MATLAB Function
Processing form	Streaming	Batch
Memory consumption	Small	Big
Simulink compatible	Almost all	Some
State management	Simple	User Setting
C Code Generation	Almost all	Some
HDL Code Generation	High abstraction level object correspondence	Not supported

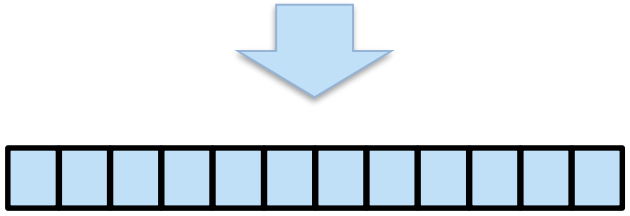


MATLAB, System Object and Simulink

MATLAB

Frame data
Batch processing
code

```
out = filter(b,a,in)
```



System Object

Frame / sample data
Streaming process
Code / block

```
H = dsp.FIRFilter;
```

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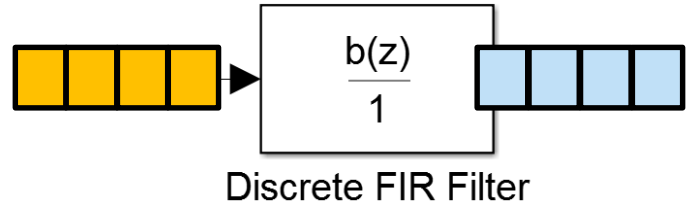
for time = 1:10
    out = step(H,in)
end
```

Simulink

Frame / sample data
Streaming process
block



Supported System Objects for Code Replacement Library

CMSIS / Ne 10 library support

System Object	Cortex-M CMSIS	Cortex-A Ne10
dsp.FIRFilter	✓	✓
dsp.FIRDecimator	✓	✓
dsp.FIRInterpolator	✓	✓
dsp.LMSFilter	✓	
dsp.BiquadFilter	✓	
dsp.FFT	✓	✓
dsp.IFFT	✓	✓
dsp.Convolver	✓	
dsp.Crosscorrelator	✓	
dsp.Mean	✓	
dsp.RMS	✓	
dsp.StandardDeviation	✓	

System Object	Cortex-M CMSIS	Cortex-A Ne10
dsp.VariableBandwidthFIRFilter	✓	✓
dsp.FIRHalfbandInterpolator	✓	✓
dsp.FIRHalfbandDecimator	✓	✓
dsp.CICCompensationDecimator	✓	✓
dsp.CICCompensationInterpolator	✓	✓
dsp.DigitalDownConverter	✓	✓
dsp.DigitalUpConverter	✓	✓
dsp.SampleRateConverter	✓	✓
dsp.Variance	✓	

Display code replacement library list

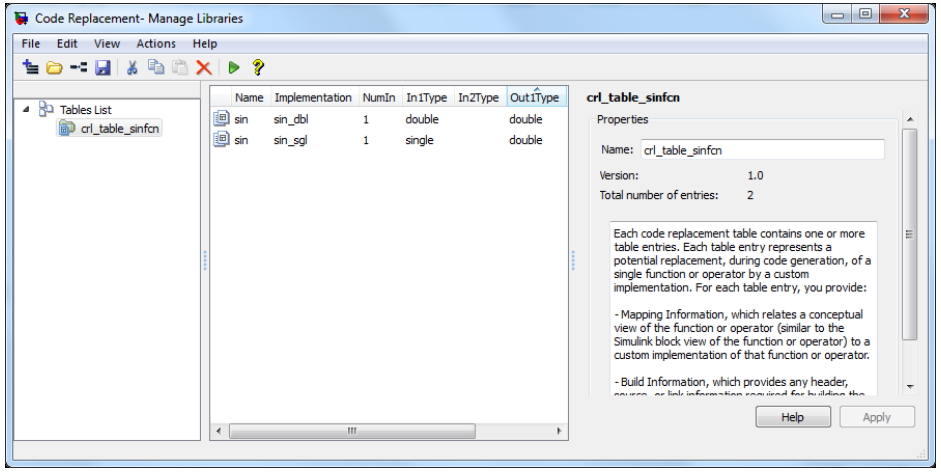
```
>> crviewer
```

Supported Simulink Blocks and MATLAB System Objects for CMSIS Library

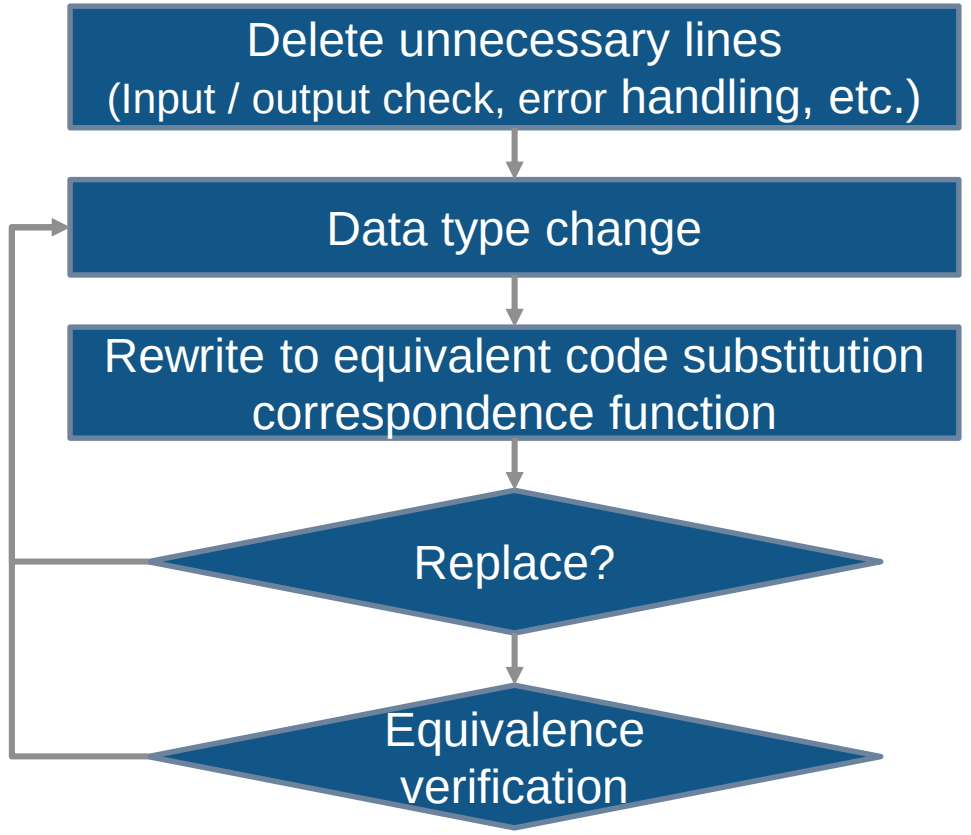
How to deal with functions not support code replacement?

Customizing code replacement library
`>> crtool`

- Create MATLAB function and corresponding C function as library
  - Input / output, data type, range of dimensions, etc.

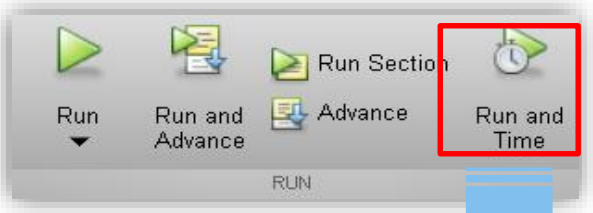


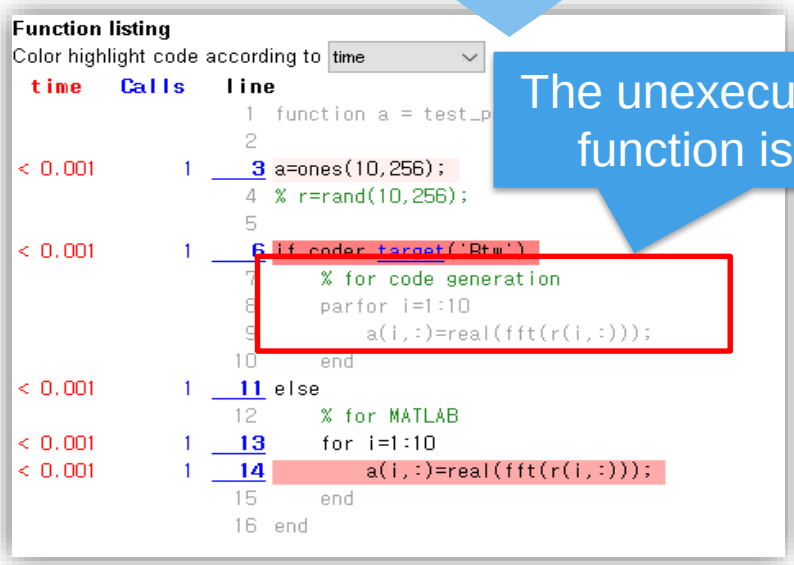
Customize MATLAB functions



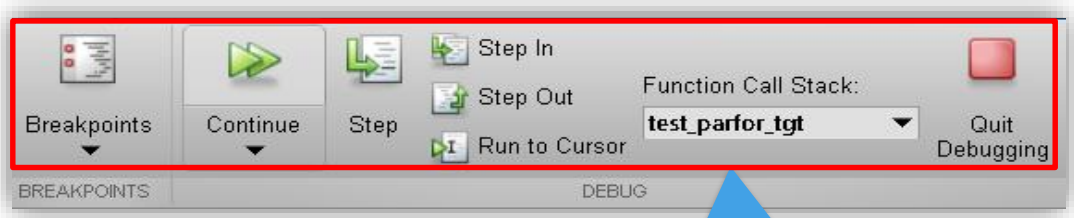
How to find out unnecessary part of MATLAB functions

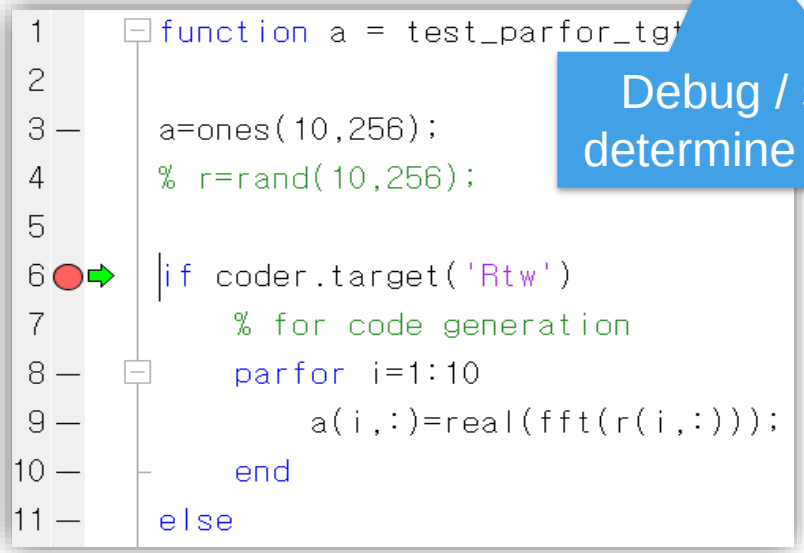
- Use Run and Time to generate profile report
- Use Debug functions to find out unnecessary part





The unexecuted part in the function is grayed out





Debug / step execution to determine unnecessary parts

Key Takeaways

MATLAB Coder Basic

Coding techniques for efficient C code generation

Code Replacement Library and System Object

R2018a New Features

- Row Major Code Generation
- Interactive Code Traceability
- Generated MEX Profiling
- New Code Generation Report
- Array Shape Preservation
- Sparse Matrix Support
- Destructor Support
- Polyspace Integration
- Code Optimization

New in
MATLAB Coder 4.0

Useful Resources for MATLAB Coder

- Embedded Coder Capabilities for Code Generation from MATLAB Code
- Best Practices for Converting MATLAB Code to Fixed Point
- MATLAB and C/C++ Resources
- What is System Object?
- Device Driver Blocks
- MATLAB to C with MATLAB Coder