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Creating value in FrieslandCampina with Advanced Process Modelling

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A Dutch dairy co-operative



19,000 ambitious member farmers are the owners of FrieslandCampina



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Better nutrition...

- Provide food for the growing population to 9.7 billion people in 2050
- Optimise nutritional value of dairy products
- Provide affordable nutrition in selected markets



...a good living for our farmers...

- Be an attractive cooperative for member dairy farmers
- Support dairy farmers in Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe to improve their farm management and milk quality
- Enhance attractiveness for young farmers



...now and for generations to come

- Invest in sustainable long-term growth and the financial health of the Company and the Cooperative
- Grow in a climate neutral way
- Reduce the usage of scarce natural resources

FrieslandCampina at a glance



11.0 billion
euros revenue



22,000
employees



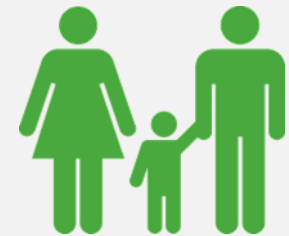
Facilities in
33 countries



Export to over
100 countries



19,000
Member dairy farmers
own the Company



Every day
millions
of consumers

You may know us from





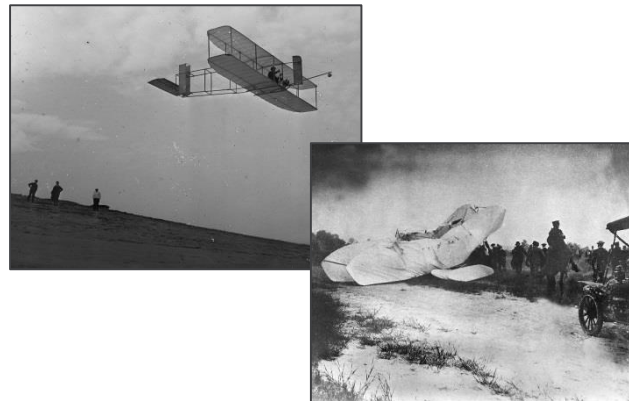
Process modelling in FrieslandCampina

Why modelling?



- Modelling provides a solid quantitative basis for decisions through scenario analysis
- Reduced uncertainties, stronger decisions
- Single source of truth for our most important technologies
→ product-process interactions, carbon footprints etc.
- Building and securing scientific insights

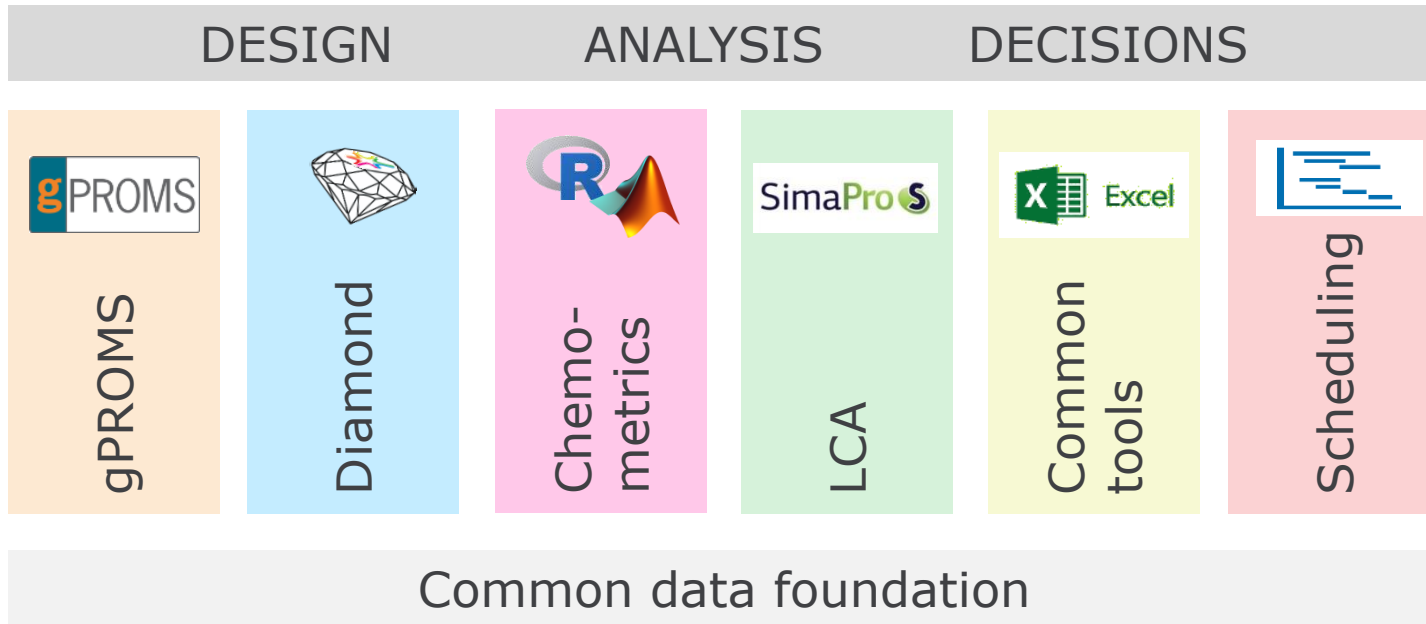
From brothers Wright...



to first time right!



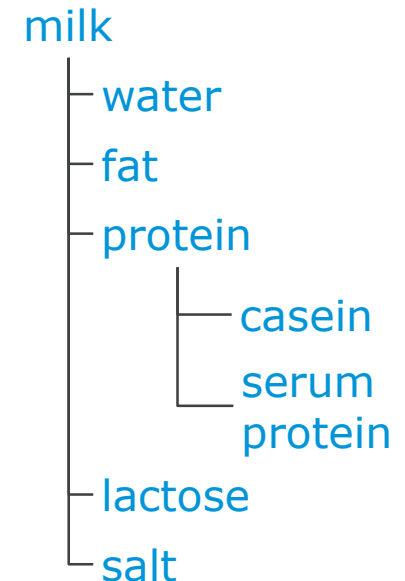
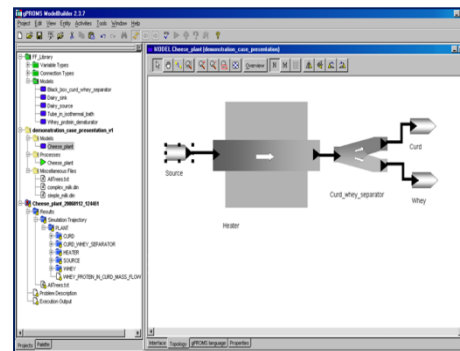
Modelling within RFC



- gPROMS: detailed flow sheeting incl. process-product interactions
- Diamond: strategic modelling for milk valorisation
- Chemometrics: statistical models of processes and products
- LCA: carbon footprint calculations
- Excel: many single use specialist calculation tools
- Scheduling: (batch) process scheduling

Start of the APM story at RFC

- Around 2003 gPROMS introduced at FrieslandFoods Research as an advanced calculation tool
 - Start model development in R&D projects
- 2006 start of library development
 - DairyFO for handling of dairy properties
 - component hierarchy & selection
 - physical properties
 - reactions kinetics
 - First flow sheet models based on libraries



Early APM in FrieslandCampina

2006-2012 start of valorising modelling

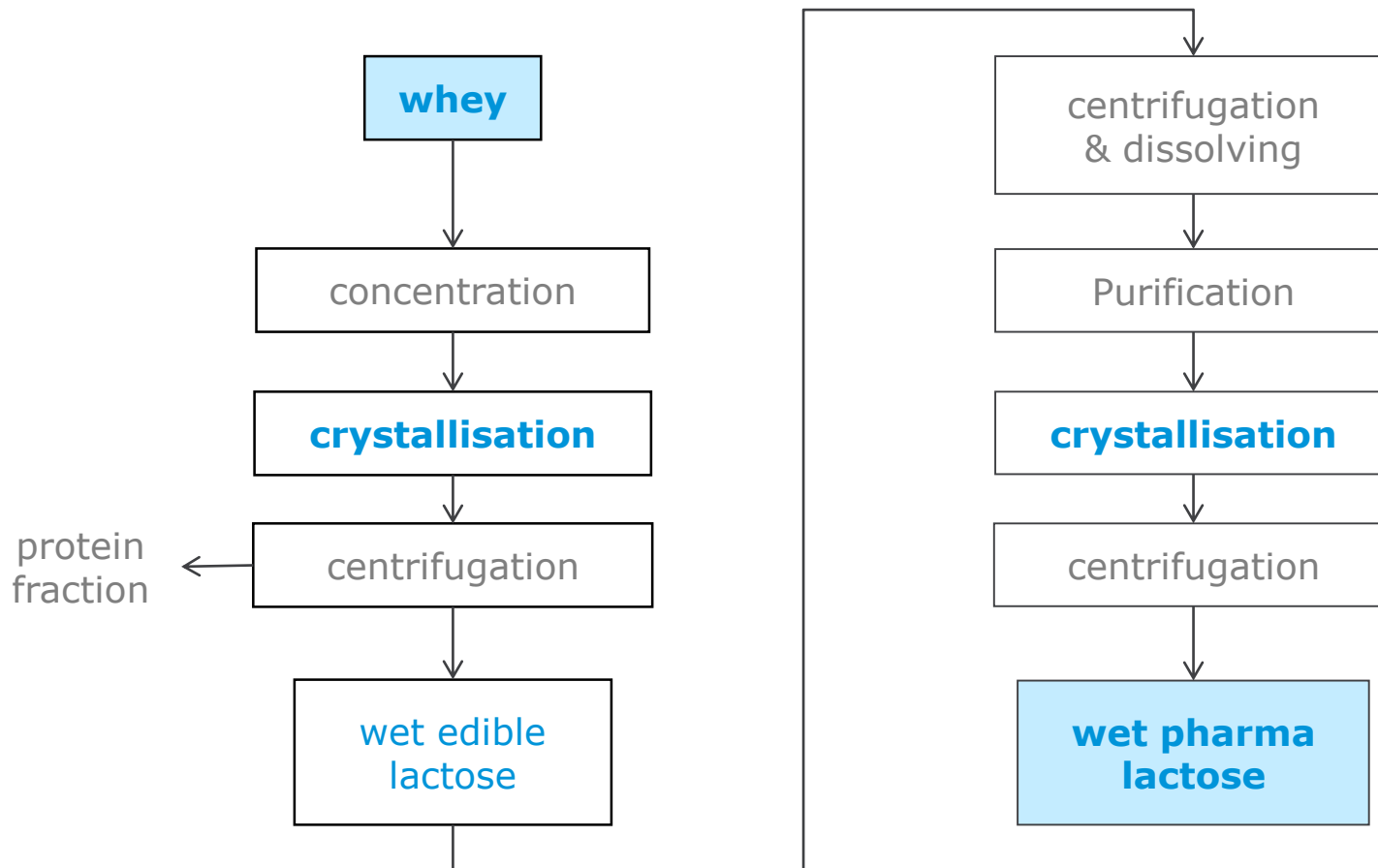
- Ad hoc project based development and use of models
 - heat exchange & preservation
 - membrane separation
 - chromatography
 - evaporation
 - lactose crystallisation

Optimisation of Lactose crystallisation process in Domo Borculo with gPROMS model based on AML:SC

- process optimisation of batch cooling crystallisers
- control of particle size distribution



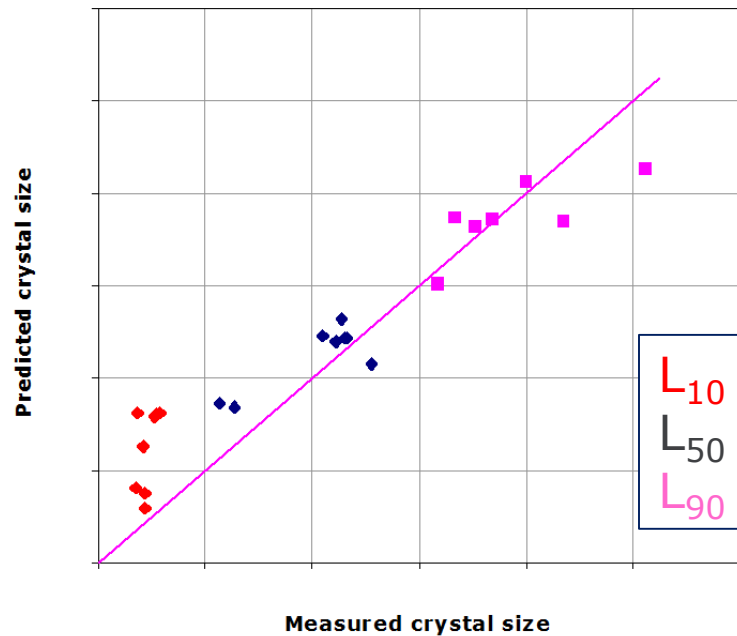
DOMO Lactose production



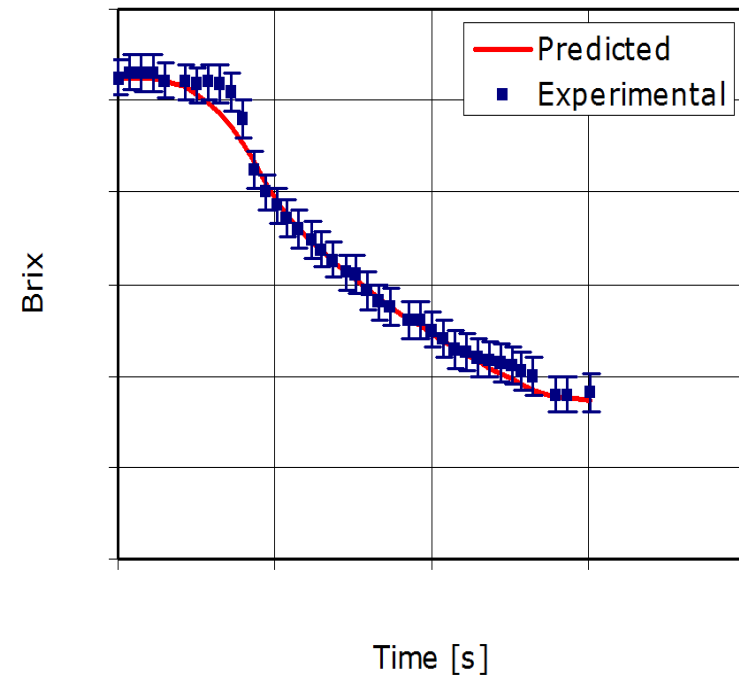
Creating value with APM: Lactose

Model predicts crystal size distribution and process dynamics

Simulated versus measured
quantiles for plant product
crystal size distribution



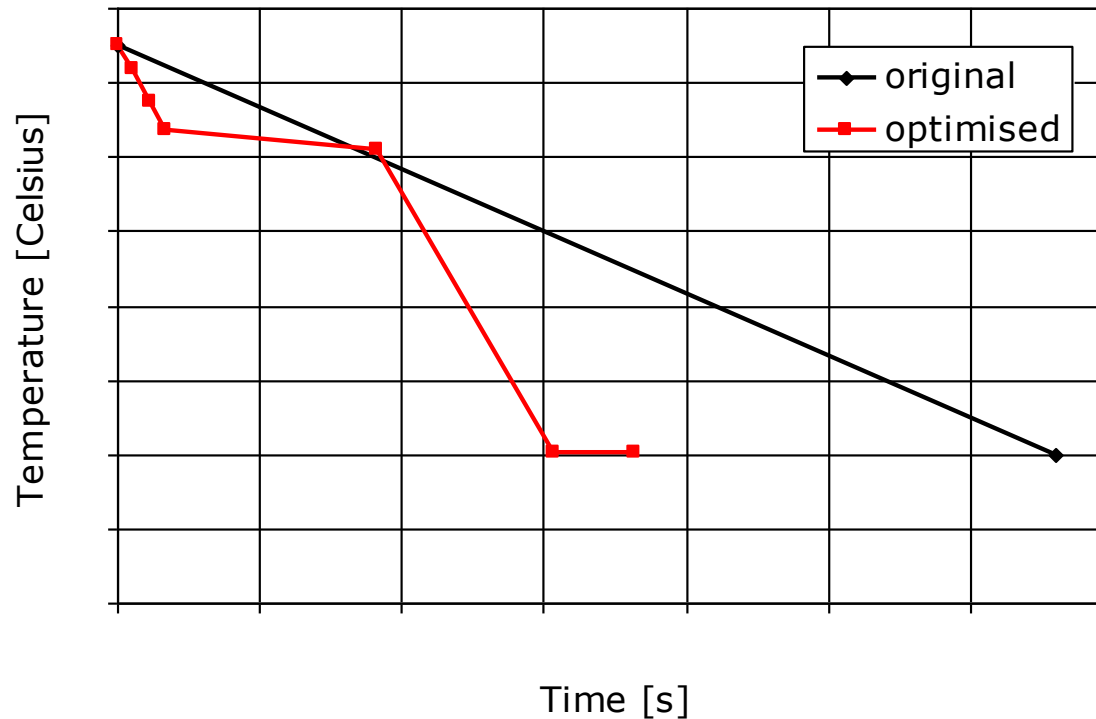
Simulated and measured
lactose concentration in
time



Creating value with APM: Lactose

Objective: minimise batch time

Constraint: same median size



Reduction of batch time with 44% implemented

Successful use of models as personal tools by expert

However...

- Single user models
- Modelling knowledge only in R&D
- Knowledge not optimally (re)used in the company
- Lack of single source of truth
- Model maintenance not organised

2013-2014 Development of the FC model library (FCML)

- A *single* component tree and set of physical properties
- A basic set of compatible flowsheet models, centrally stored and controlled
- Technical model documentation

2015-2016 Organization

- Organisation of the technology chain
- Technology Expert Teams (TETs) setup: alignment of R&D and SC
- Steering group for modelling from R&D and SC
- Modelling part of most R&D PT projects

development

- Speed up development with Open Innovation
- Library testing framework

deployment

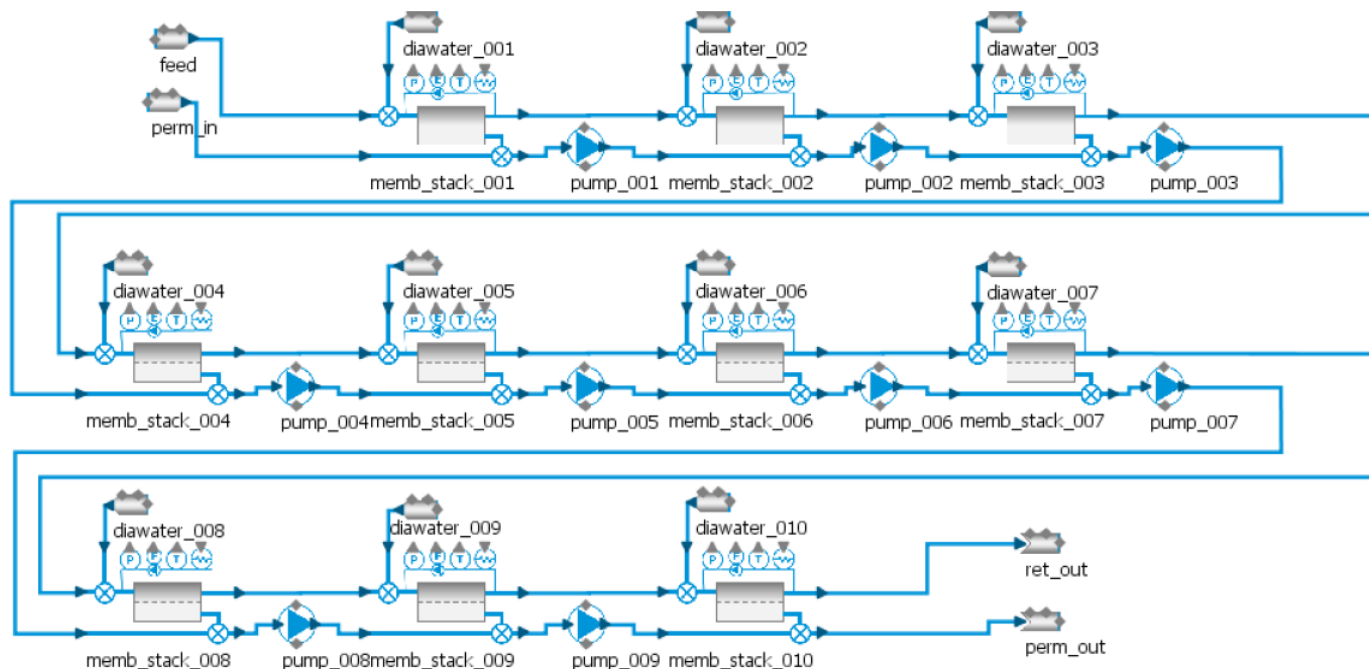
- gPROMS training by PSE for R&D and SP
- Deployment with user interfaces



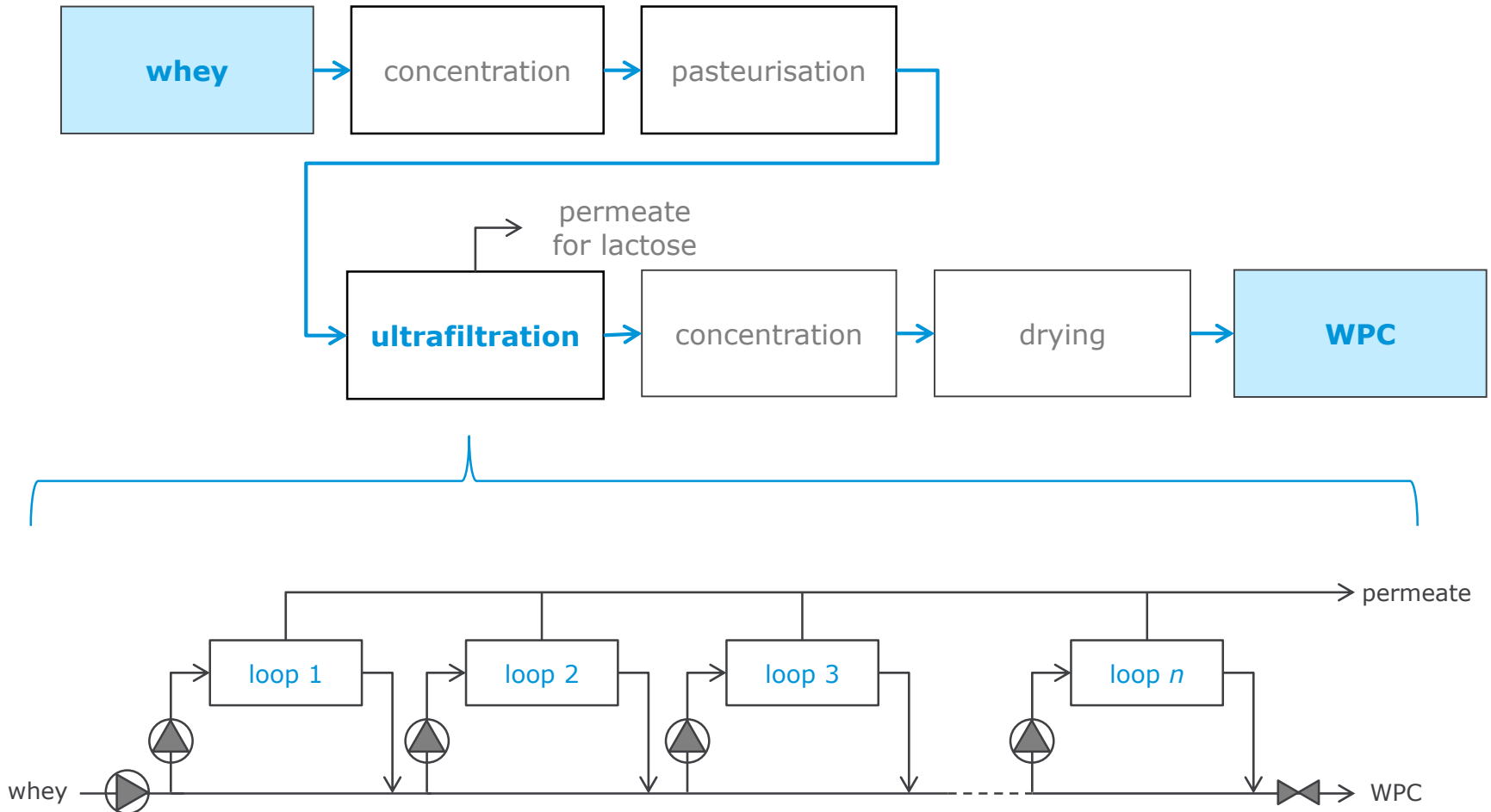
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Control optimisation of ultrafiltration in the whey protein concentrate process in Domo Workum with gPROMS

- process optimisation of ultrafiltration
- fouling control & run time extension



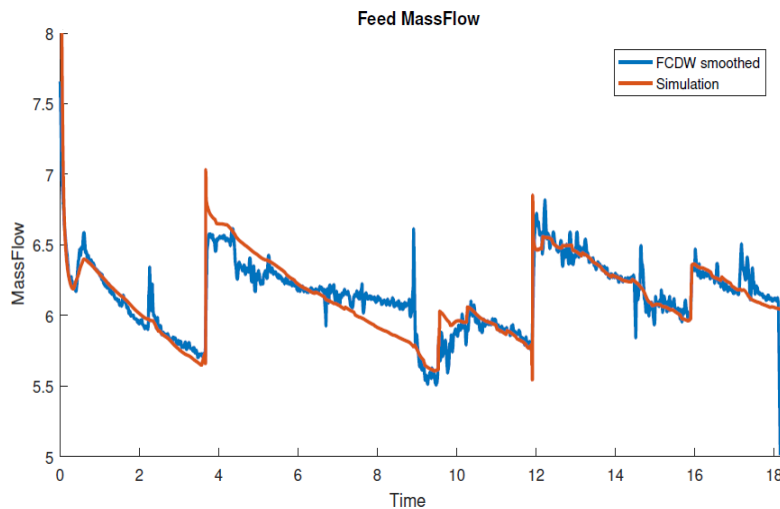
Whey protein concentrate production



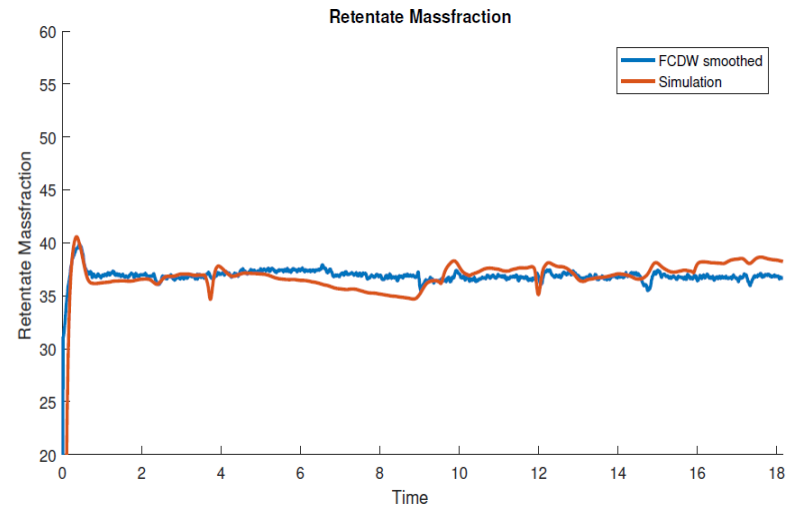
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Model predicts process dynamics and membrane separation

Simulated and measured whey **feed flow** with controlled retentate flow



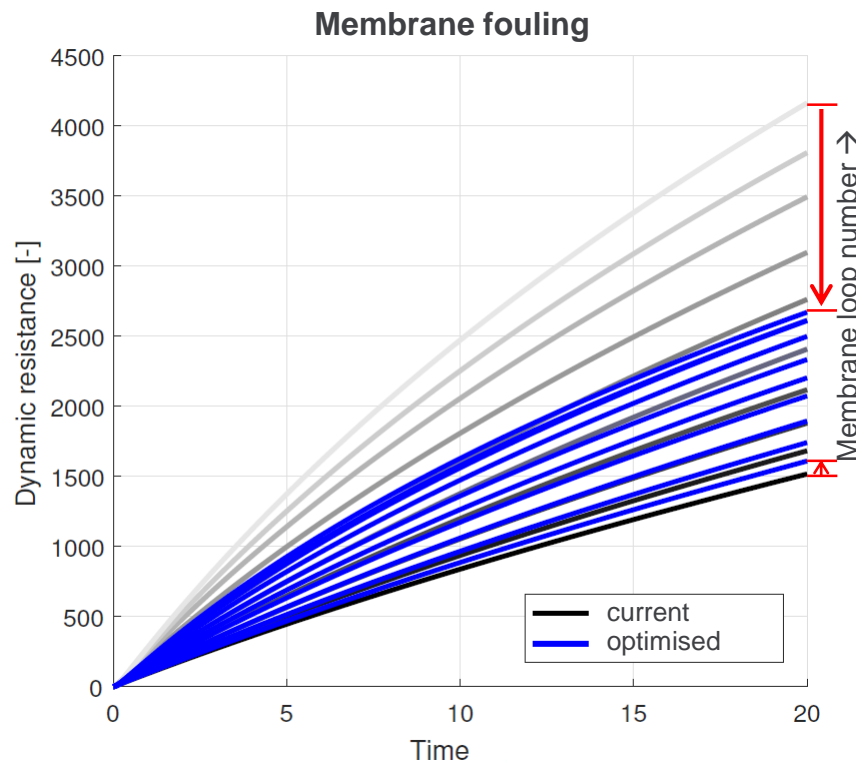
Simulated and measured **protein concentration** in time



Creating value with APM: WPC

Objective: minimise fouling

Constraint: same capacity and product



System potential:
Increase runtime up to 10%

Knowledge transferred to

- Membrane expert team
- Process control expert team
- SC technologist
- Site technologists

→ Tests in current system

→ Included in new design

Unlocking the APM potential

Organization

- Organisation of the technology chain
- Managed team based development program
- Alignment to supply chain: timely demand driven development of models and libraries (KISS)
- Internal PR to/through senior management

People

- Multi-tier modelling knowledge in the chain through training program → PSE can help here

Tooling

- User friendly, complete, stable and documented modelling tools. Multi-tier user interfaces.

APM in food processing brings value.

However, at a cost...

- In house library development is expensive and slow
 - Due to the complex products, the food industry cannot easily use many process modelling libraries
 - Accelerate by collaboration with initiatives like gFOOD
- Having APM used and embedded outside R&D is a challenge
 - Organisation – people – tooling
 - Accelerate by sharing approaches and experiences