

# Model-based analysis of granulation and drying in continuous manufacturing

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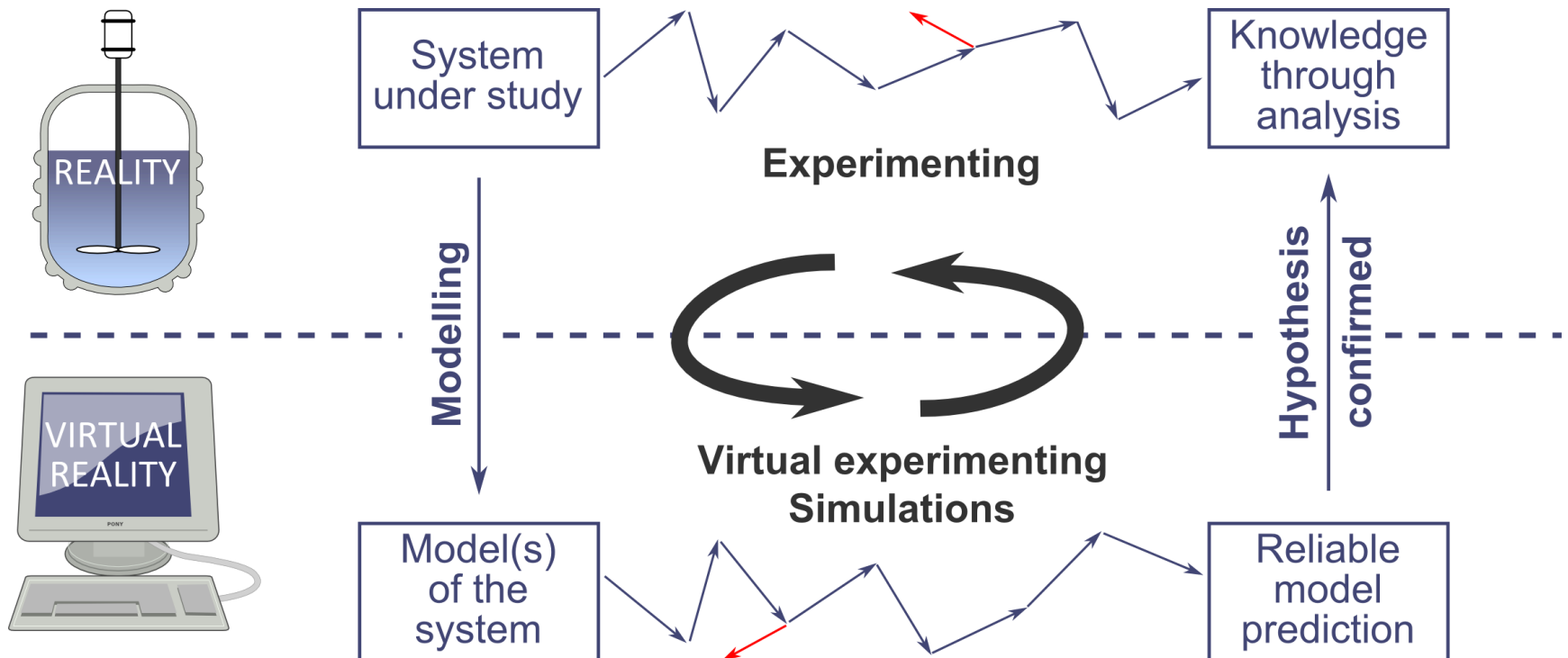
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# Outline

- Introduction
- Tools for model-based analysis
- Examples of ConSigma
  - Twin screw wet granulation
  - Fluid bed drying
- Another promising tool

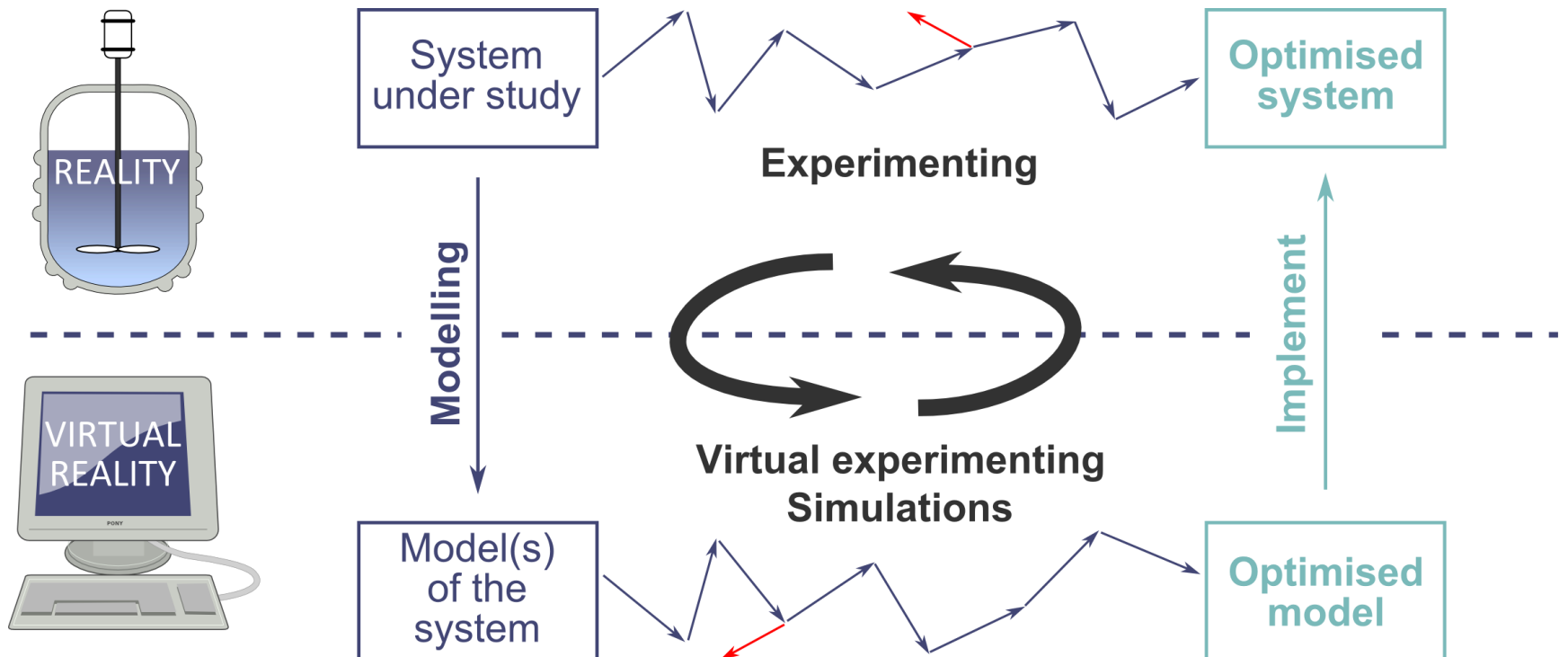
# Why modelling?

Model-based ANALYSIS → build knowledge



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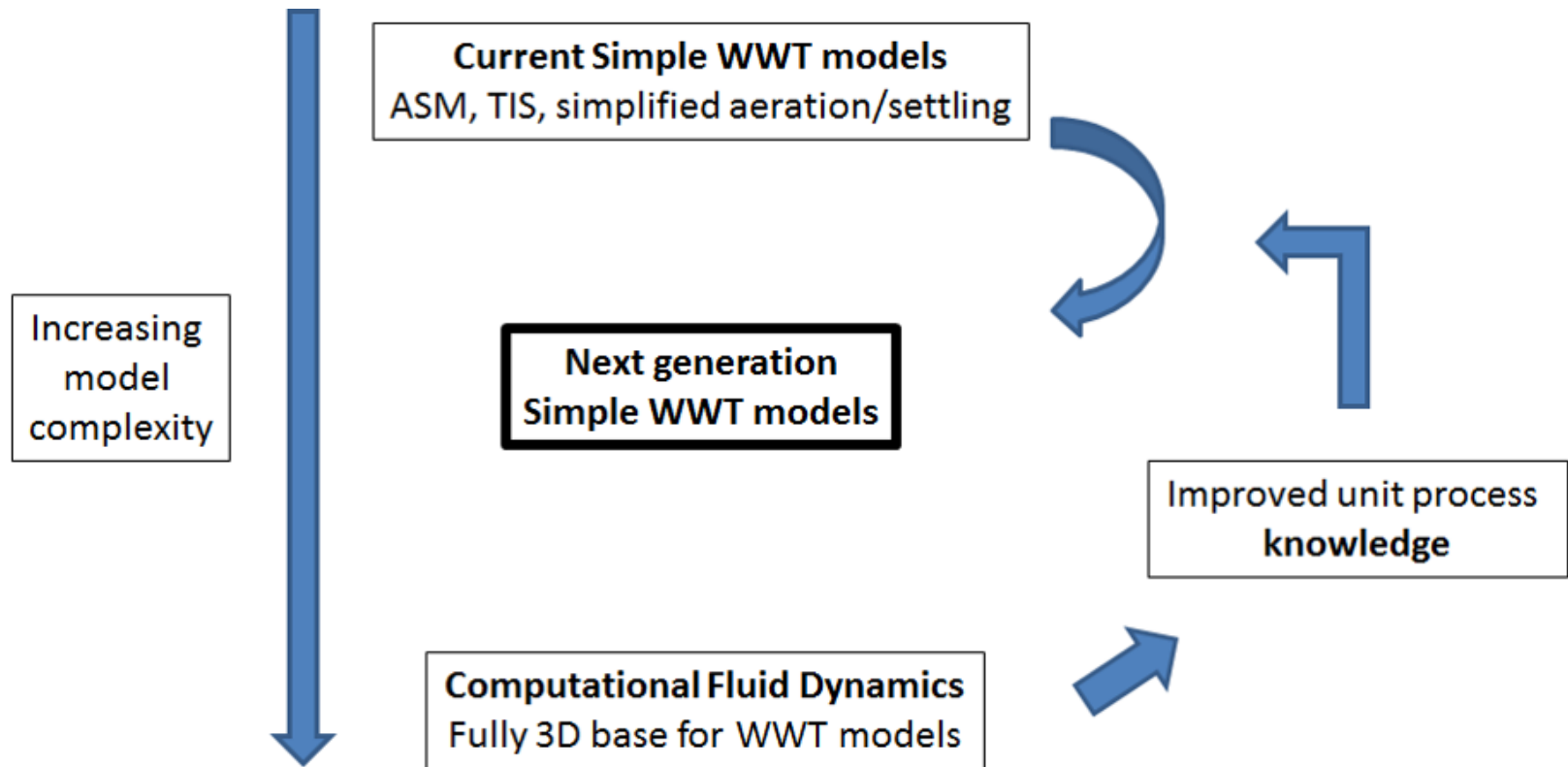
Model-based OPTIMISATION → optimise



# One or more models?

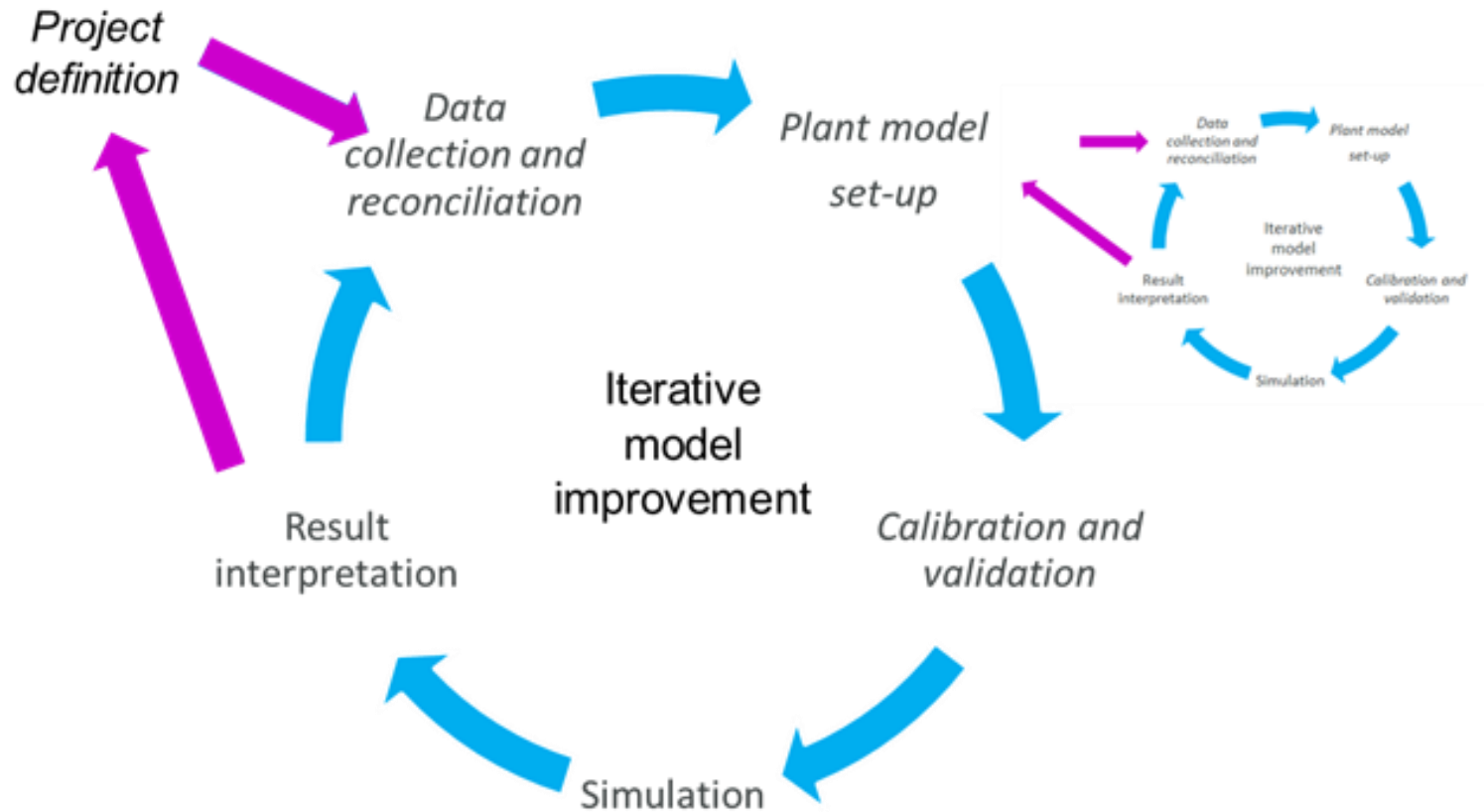
Different objectives require different models

One single model to meet all objectives for a unit process or flow sheet does not exist!



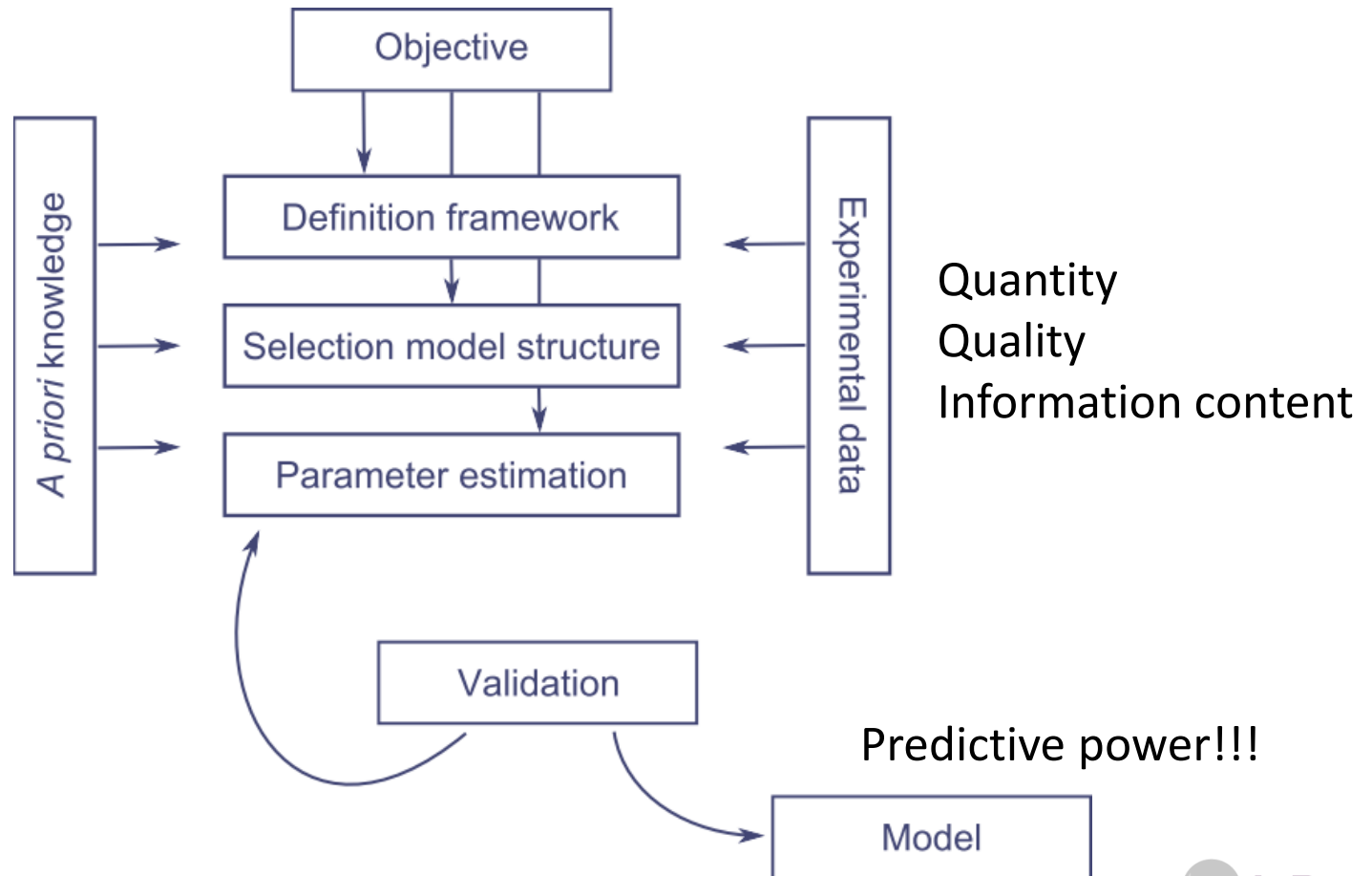
# One or more models?

Models have a life cycle



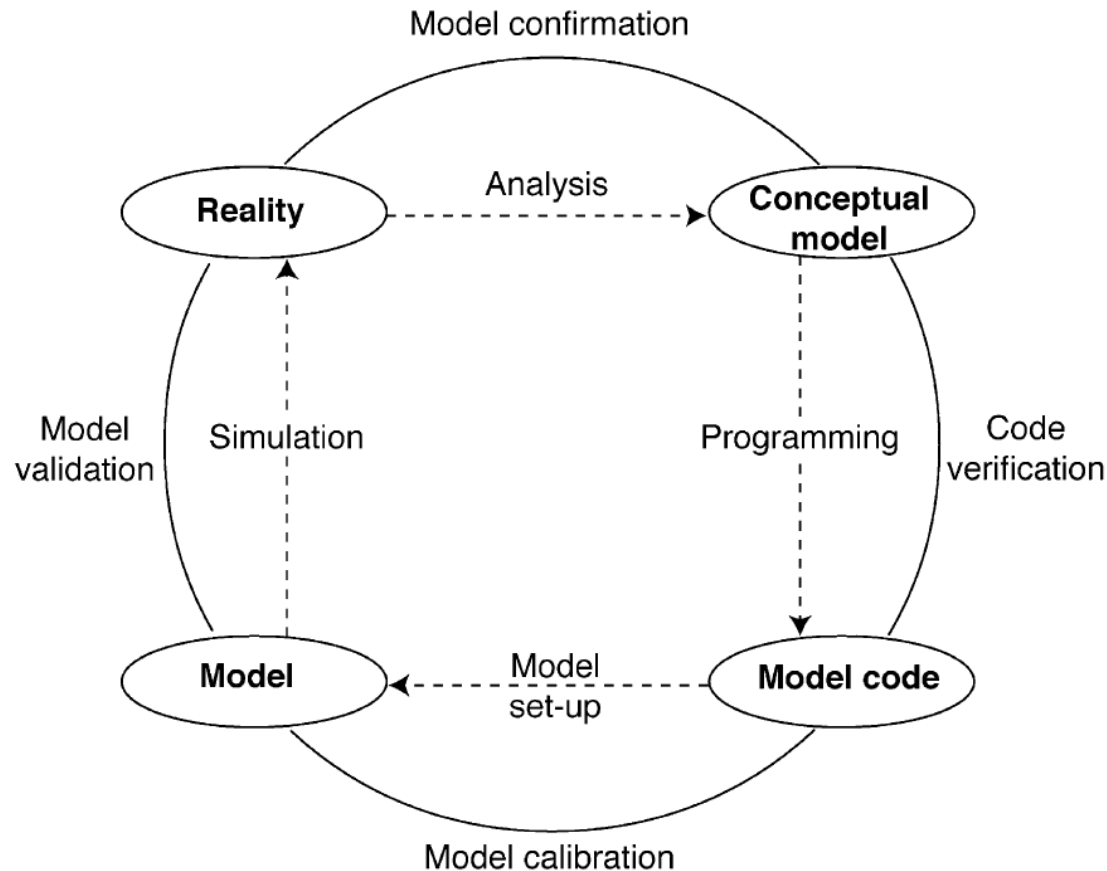
# Model building process

Tedious step-wise and iterative approach



# Terminology

## Calibration – verification - validation





# Supporting tools (1)

## Sensitivity analysis

- Select parameters for parameter estimation
- Model reduction
- Reducing model uncertainty
- Propose informative experiments
  - Model selection
  - Parameter estimation

# Supporting tools (1)

## Sensitivity analysis

- Local
  - 1 point in parameter space
  - Fast computation
- Global
  - “average” sensitivity in bounded parameter space
  - Computationally expensive

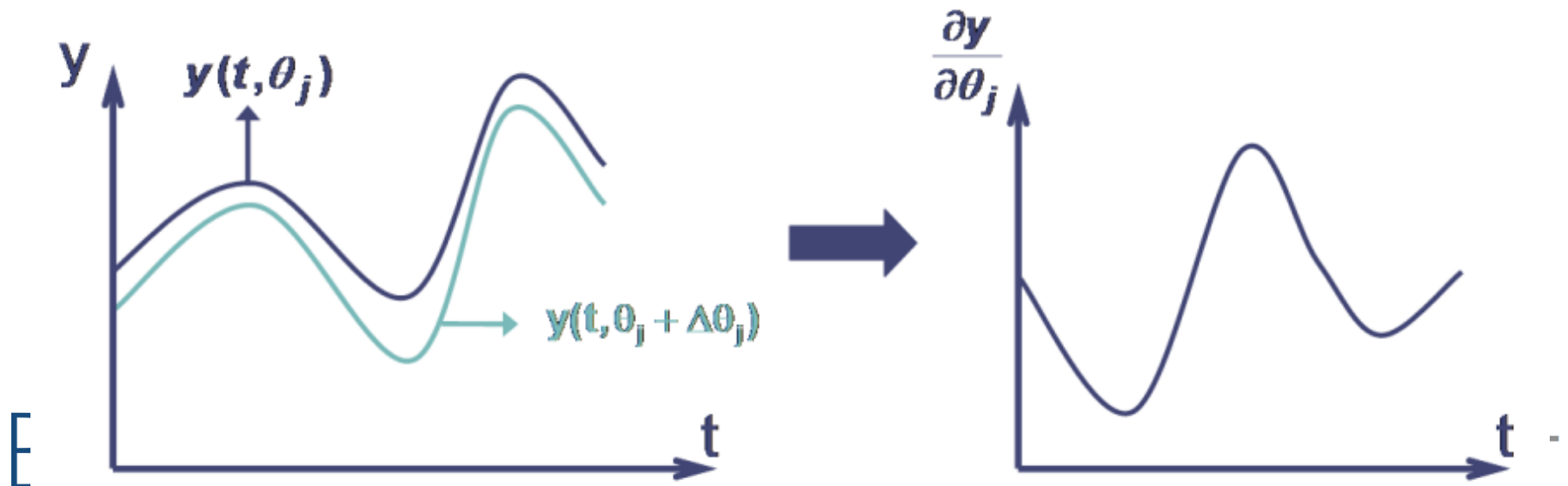
# Supporting tools (1)

## Local Sensitivity analysis

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta}$$

- Finite difference approximation

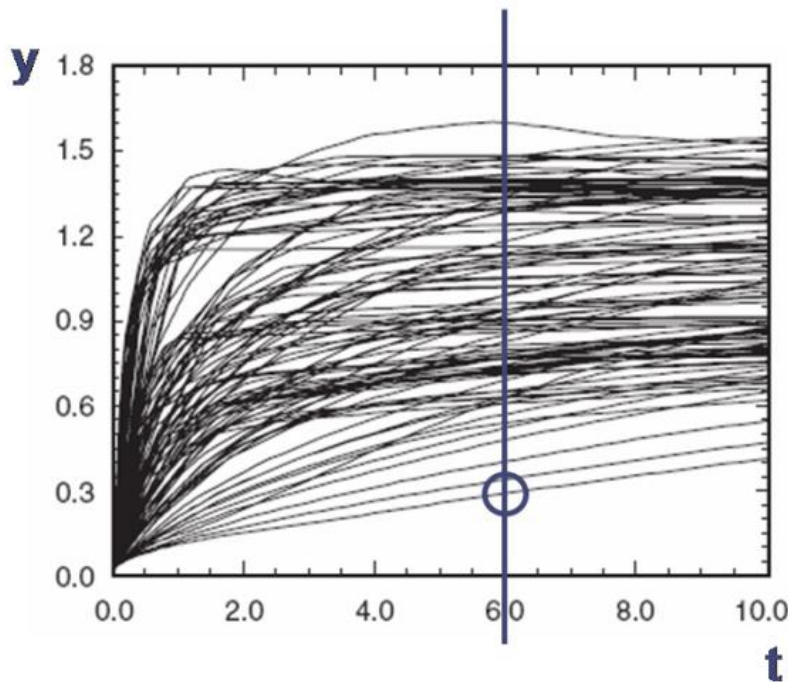
$$\frac{\partial y(t)}{\partial \theta_j} = \lim_{\Delta \theta_j \rightarrow 0} \frac{y(t, \theta_j + \Delta \theta_j) - y(t, \theta_j)}{\Delta \theta_j}$$



# Supporting tools (1)

## Global Sensitivity analysis

- Standardised regression coefficients
- Linear regression of Monte Carlo analysis



$$Y = \Theta \cdot B + E$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \theta_{11} & \theta_{12} & \cdots & \theta_{1p} \\ 1 & \theta_{21} & \theta_{22} & \cdots & \theta_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & \theta_{n1} & \theta_{n2} & \cdots & \theta_{np} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_p \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \epsilon_n \end{bmatrix}$$

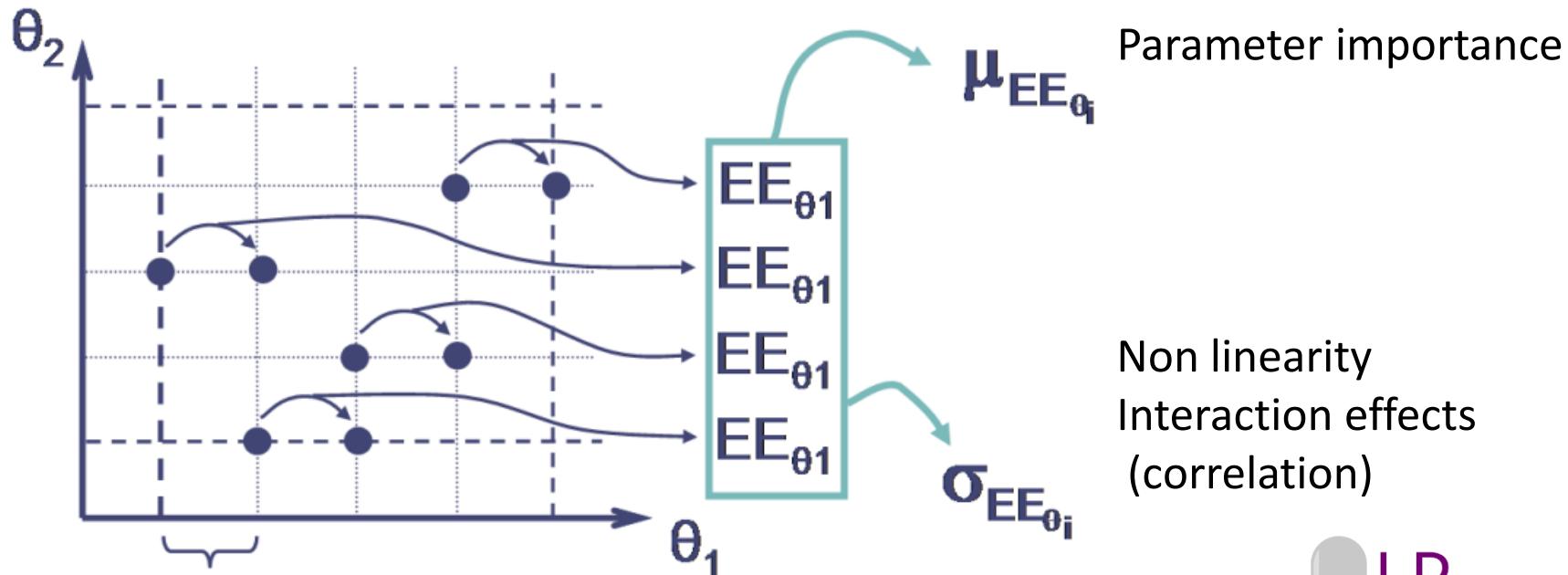
$$SRC_{\theta_i} = b_i \cdot \frac{\sigma_{\theta_i}}{\sigma_y}$$

# Supporting tools (1)

## Global Sensitivity analysis

- Morris screening – Elementary effects

$$EE_{\theta_i} = \frac{y(\theta_i + \Delta) - y(\theta)}{\Delta}$$



# Supporting tools (1)

## Global Sensitivity analysis

- Variance decomposition

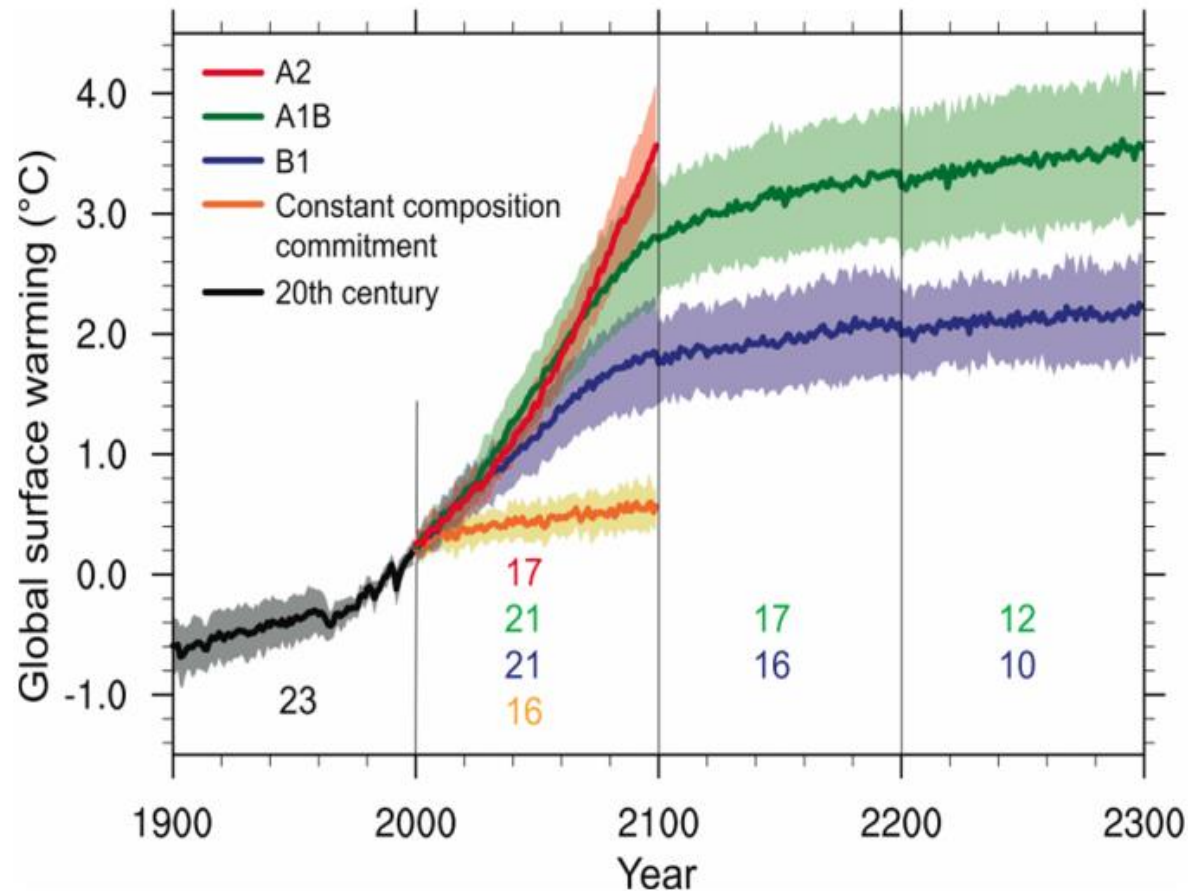
$$\sigma_y^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 + \sigma_{12}^2 + \sigma_{13}^2 + \sigma_{23}^2 + \sigma_{123}^2$$

$$1 = S_1 + S_2 + S_3 + S_{12} + S_{13} + S_{23} + S_{123}$$

- FAST (Fourier Amplitude Sensitivity Test)
- Sobol indices
- Computationally expensive
  - Valid for non-linear models

# Supporting tools (2)

## Uncertainty analysis



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### Uncertainties in

- Model structure
- Model implementation
- Measurement error (calibration)
- Model input (predictive)
- Model parameters (uncertainty in estimation)



# Supporting tools (2)

Uncertainty analysis

Linear approximation: differential analysis

$$y = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow \sigma_y^2(t) = \sum_n \sigma_{x_i}^2 \left( \frac{\partial y(t)}{\partial x_i} \right)^2$$

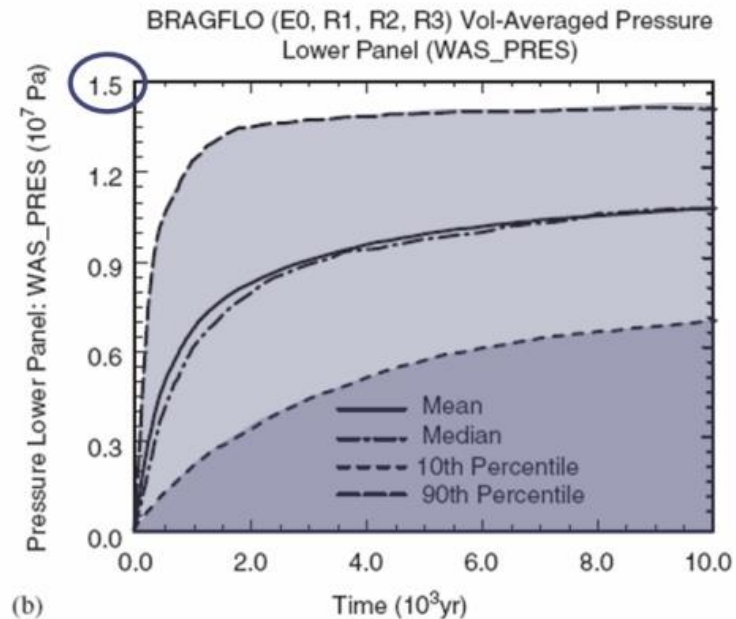
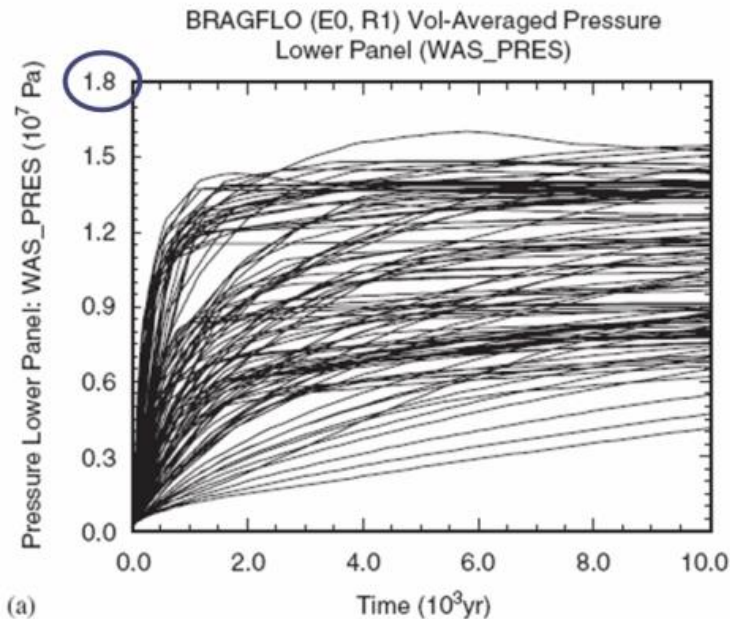
Output CI

$$\delta_y = \pm t_{N-p}^{\alpha} \sigma_y$$

# Supporting tools (2)

## Uncertainty analysis

## Statistics of Monte Carlo analysis



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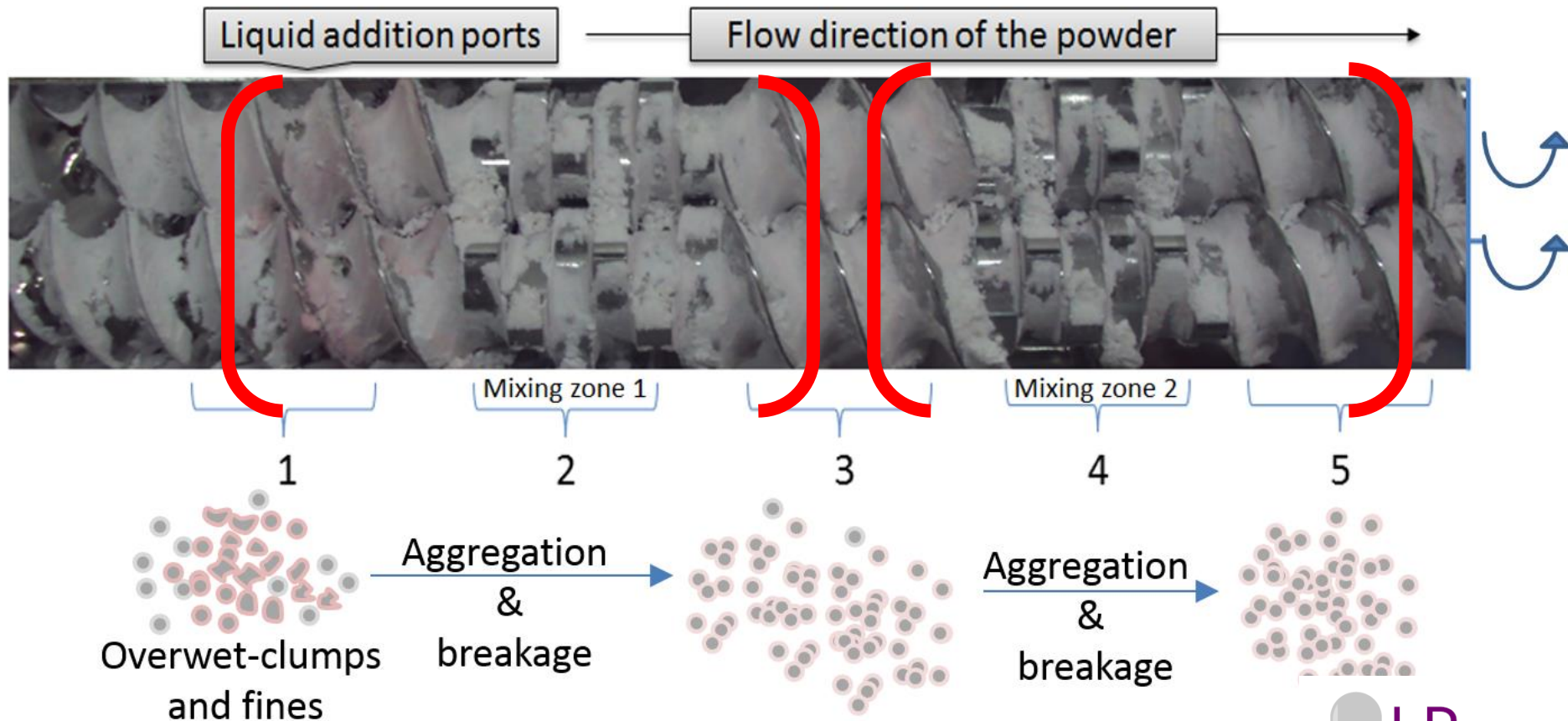
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# The process under study: ConsiGma™-25



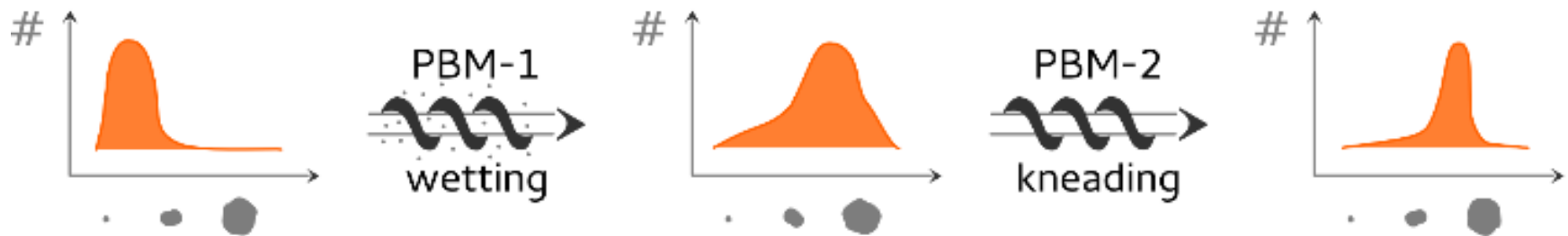
# Case: Twin-screw granulator

The system and its mechanisms:



# Case: Twin-screw granulator

Slide with breakdown in PBMs



Combination of aggregation and breakage

→ Kernel choice

→ parameters unknown

Tough optimisation problem

# Case: Twin-screw granulator

Local optimisation likely fails

Calibration requires **global search algorithms**:

## **Global Sensitivity Analysis**

Which parameter in the PBM-kernels (breakage or aggregation) is sensitive

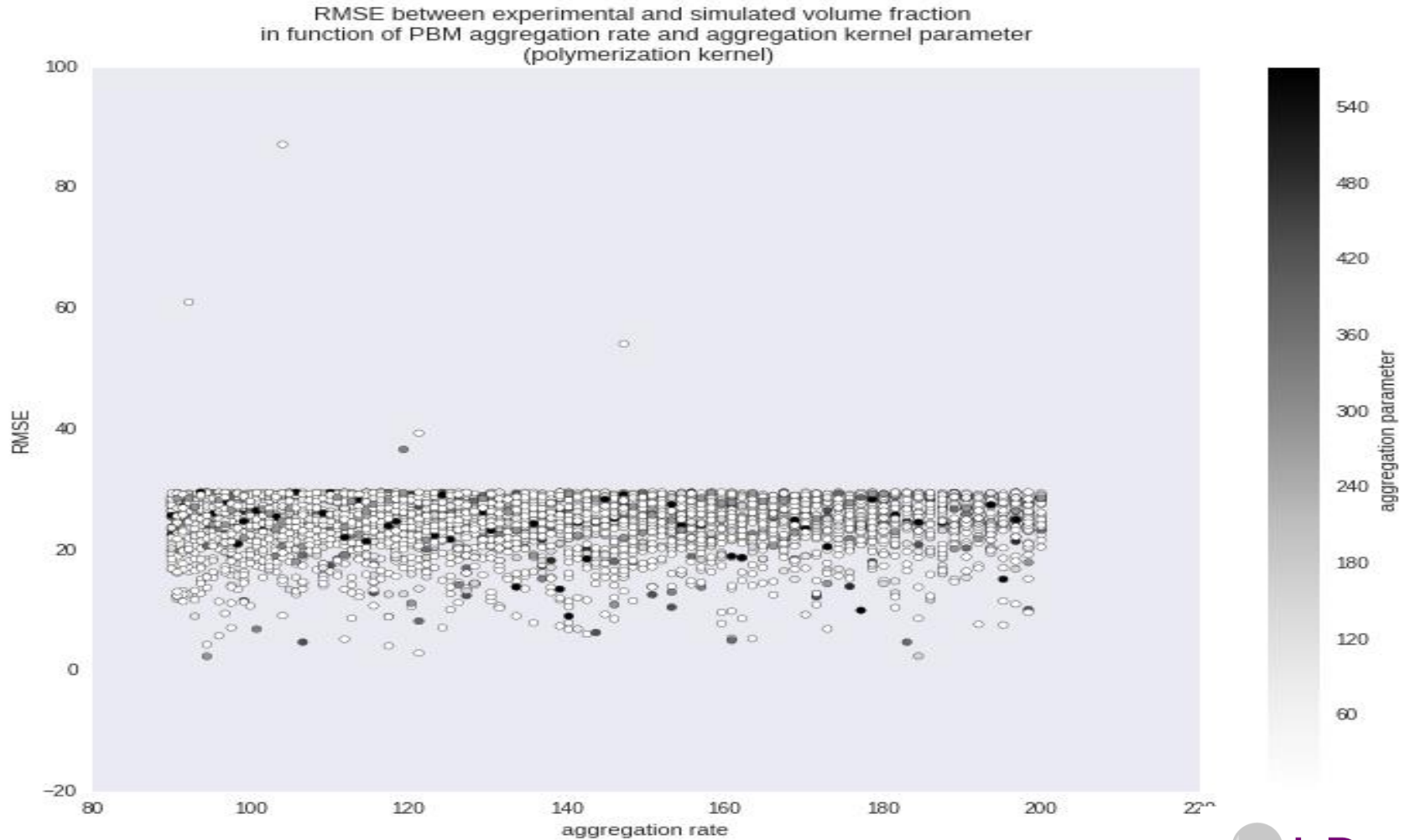
→ Parameters to be calibrated

## **Global Optimisation Algorithms**

Exploring the **whole parameter space**

**Thousands** of simulations

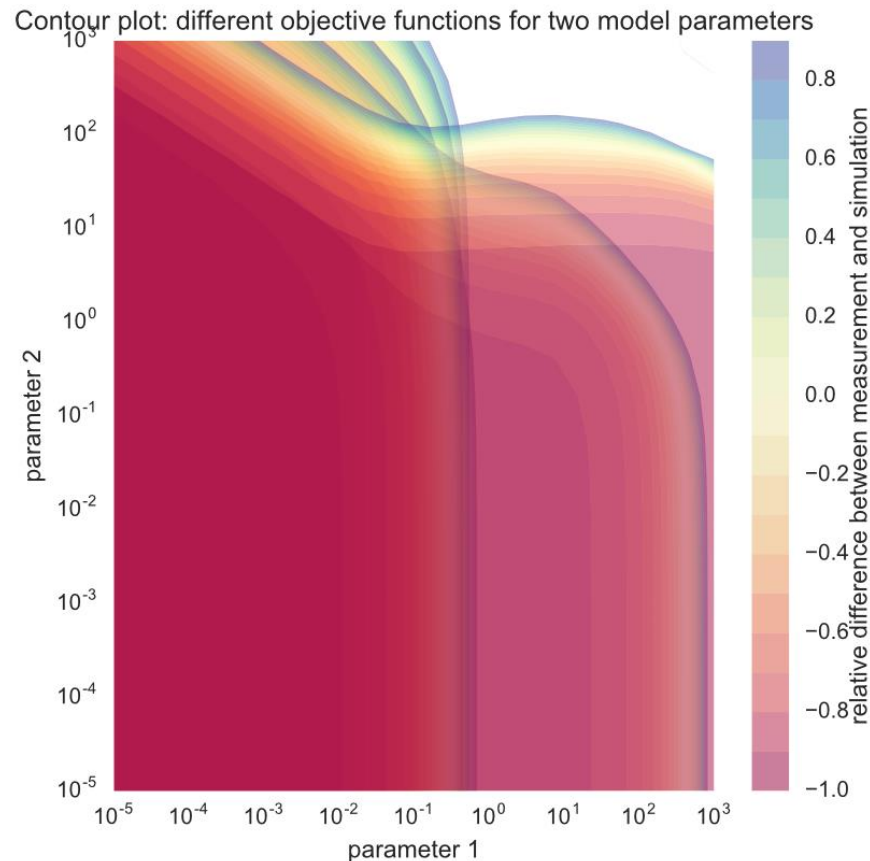
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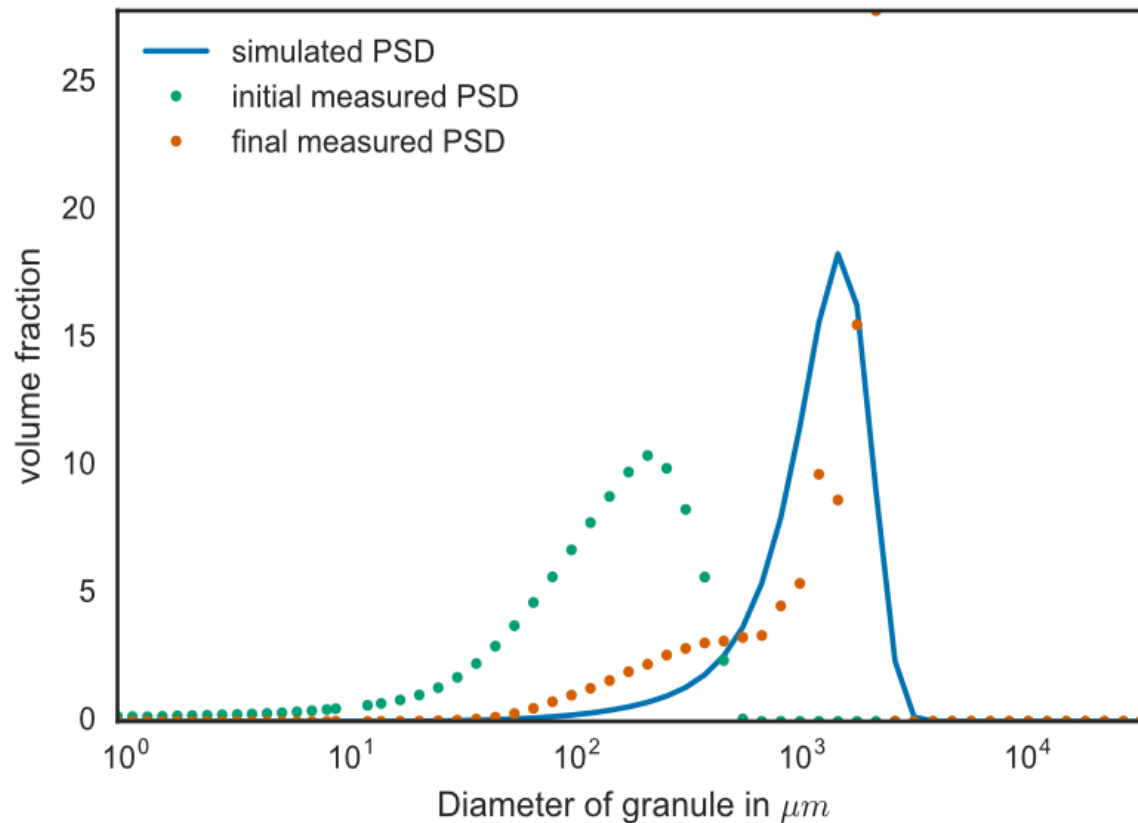
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Impact of choice of objective function (RMSE, SSE, D43,...)



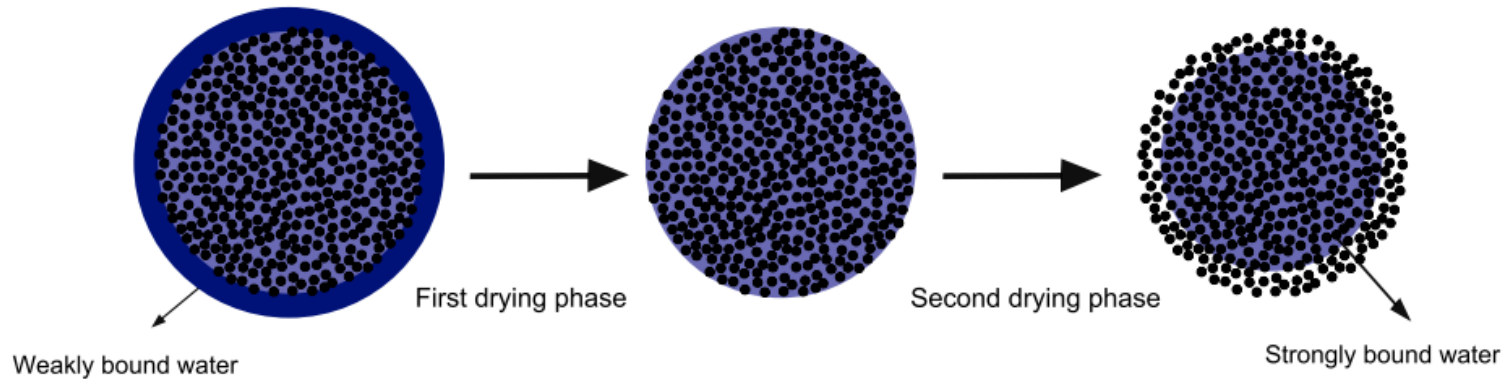
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Simulation results with calibrated model parameters



# Case: Fluid bed dryer

Conceptualisation of reality:



1. Fast drying phase

$$\dot{m}_v = h_D(\rho_{v,s} - \rho_{v,\infty})A_d$$

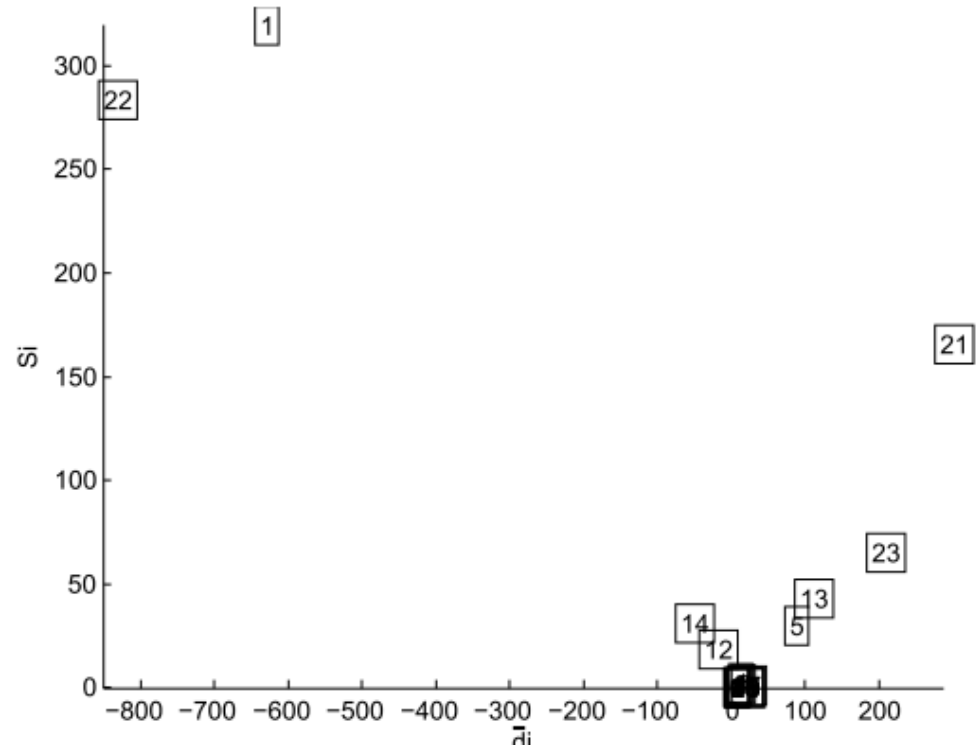
2. Slow drying phase

$$\dot{m}_v = -\frac{8\pi\epsilon^{\beta_1 e^{-\beta_2 T_g}} D_{v,cr} M_w p_g}{\Re(T_{cr,s} + T_{wc,s})} \ln\left[\frac{p_g - p_{v,i}}{p_g - \left(\frac{\Re}{4\pi M_w h_D R_p^2} \dot{m}_v + \frac{p_{v,\infty}}{T_g}\right) T_{p,s}}\right]$$

# Case: Fluid bed dryer

## Global Sensitivity Analysis

Nr.	Factor	Nominal value
1	$T_g$	55 °C
2	$V_g$	200 m <sup>3</sup> /h
3	$p_g$	101000 Pa
4	$R_p$	0.6 mm
5	Humidity	9%
6	$T_{p,0}$	25 °C
7	$\epsilon$	0.05
8	$\mu_{gas}$	0.00002 kg/m/s
9	$\rho_{gas}$	1.2 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
10	$k_{gas}$	0.0285 W/m/K
11	$c_{p,gas}$	1009 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
12	Mw	18.015e-3 kg/mol
13	$\rho_{liquid}$	1000 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
14	$\rho_{solid}$	1525 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
15	$k_{droplet}$	0.07 W/m/K
16	$k_{liquid}$	0.63 W/m/K
17	$k_{solid}$	0.75 W/m/K
18	$c_{p,s}$	1252 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
19	TWC	647.13 K
20	$\epsilon_{rs}$	0.8
21	$\beta_1$	4912.4
22	$\beta_2$	-0.024282
23	$R_{w,0,fac}$	1.025



# Case: Fluid bed dryer

## Global Sensitivity Analysis

Technique	$k$	$N$	Most sensitive factors
Morris screening	23	240	$\beta_2-T_g-\beta_1-R_{w,0,fac}$
CSM plot	10	400	$\beta_2-T_g-\dots$
SRC	10	1000	-
SRRC	10	1000	$\beta_2-R_{w,0,fac}-T_g-\rho_{solid}$
$S_i$	10	1000	$\beta_2-T_g-\beta_1-Mw$
$S_{Ti}$	10	1000	$\beta_2-T_g-\beta_1-\rho_{liquid}$

Choose parameters to estimate

Check model robustness (uncertainty)

# Case: Fluid bed dryer

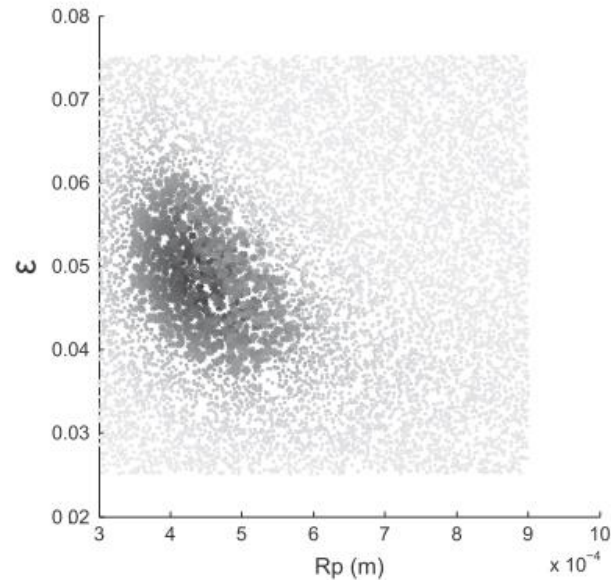
## Uncertainty Analysis

Case	Parameter	Calibrated value	Range in uncertainty
1	$\epsilon$	0.05	50%
1	$V_g$	200 m <sup>3</sup> /h	50%
1	$R_p$	$0.6 \times 10^{-3}$ m	50%
2	$\beta_1$	$4.91 \times 10^3$	20%
2	$\beta_2$	$2.43 \times 10^{-2}$	20%
3	$\epsilon$	0.05	[0.03–0.06]
3	$V_g$	200 m <sup>3</sup> /h	20%
3	$R_p$	$0.6 \times 10^{-3}$ m	[0.30–0.65 $\times 10^{-3}$ ]
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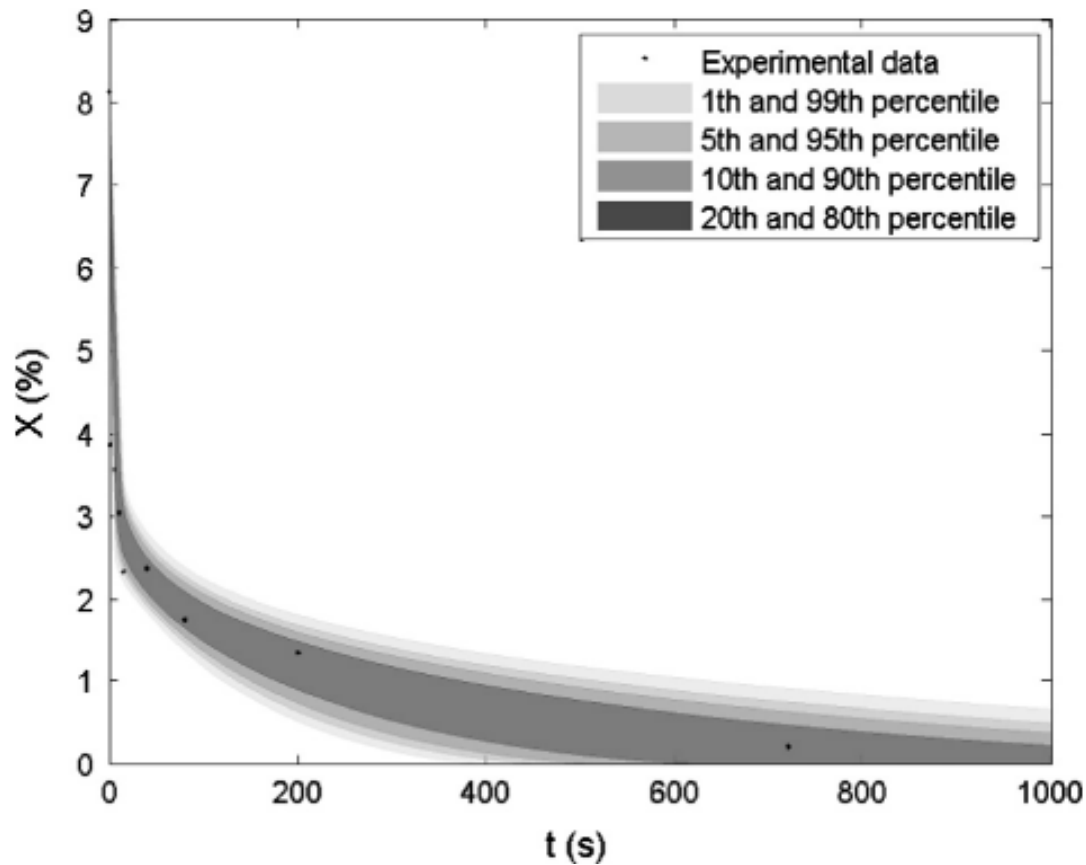
## Uncertainty Analysis

- Non-behavioural
- \* Behavioural



# Case: Fluid bed dryer

Uncertainty Analysis: model predictive power





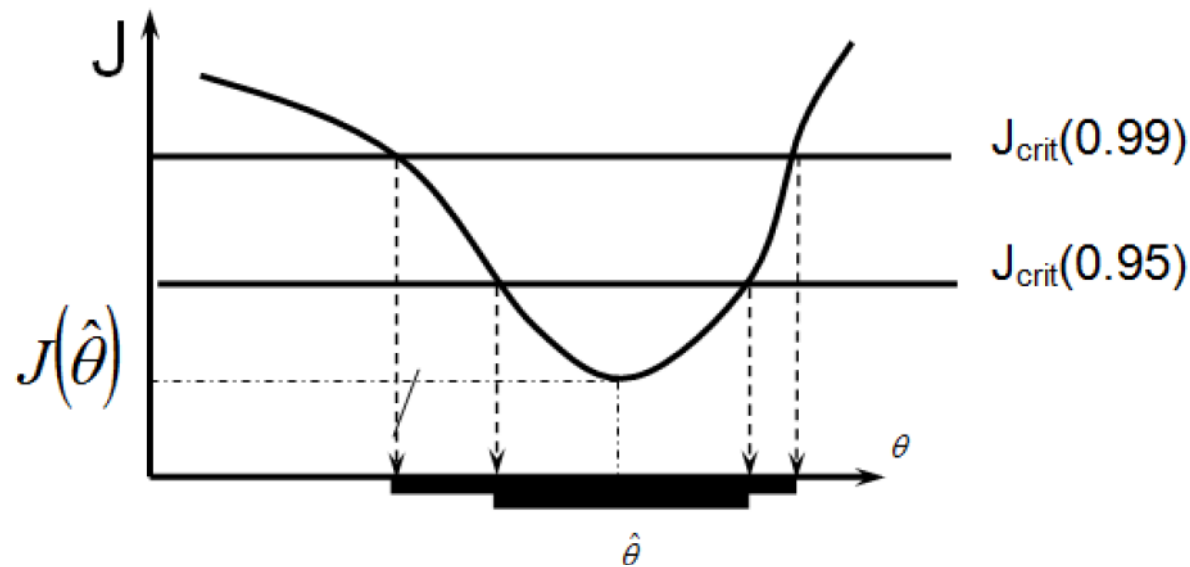
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- Quality of parameter estimate

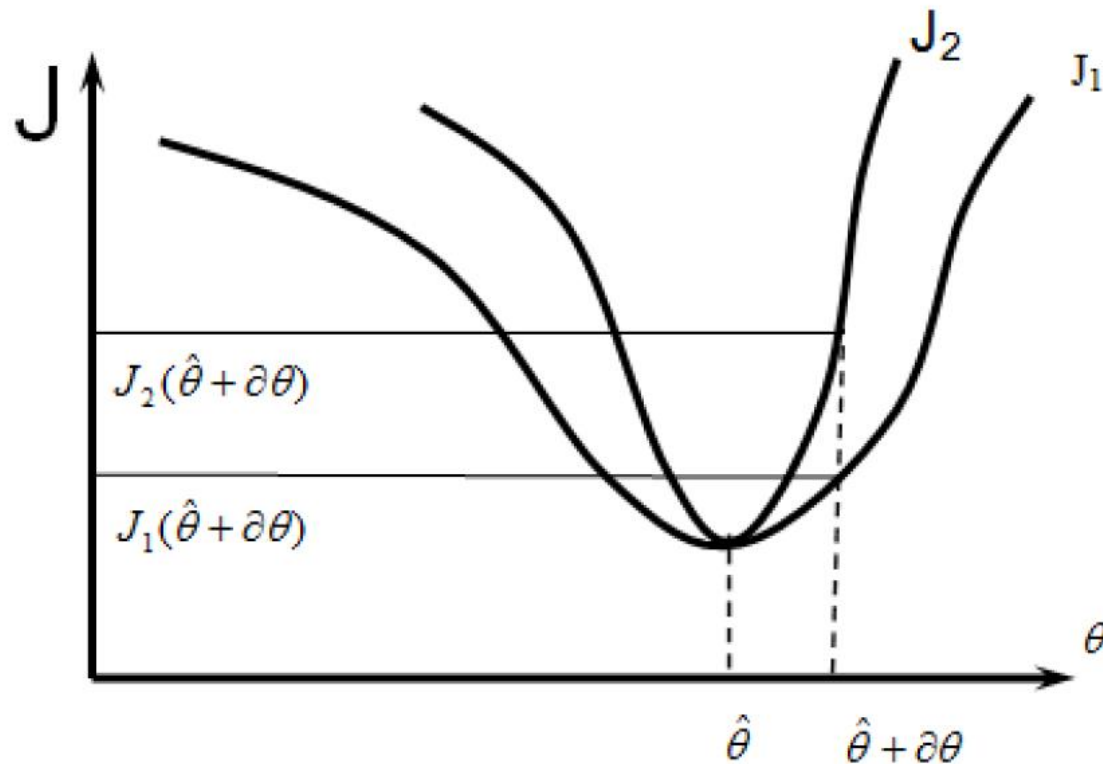


$$\left\{ \theta : J(\theta) \leq c \times J(\hat{\theta}) \right\}$$

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$$E \left[ J \left( \hat{\theta} + \delta\theta \right) \right] = J \left( \hat{\theta} \right) + \delta\theta^T \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{N_{data}} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \right)_i^T Q_i \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \right)_i \right] \delta\theta$$

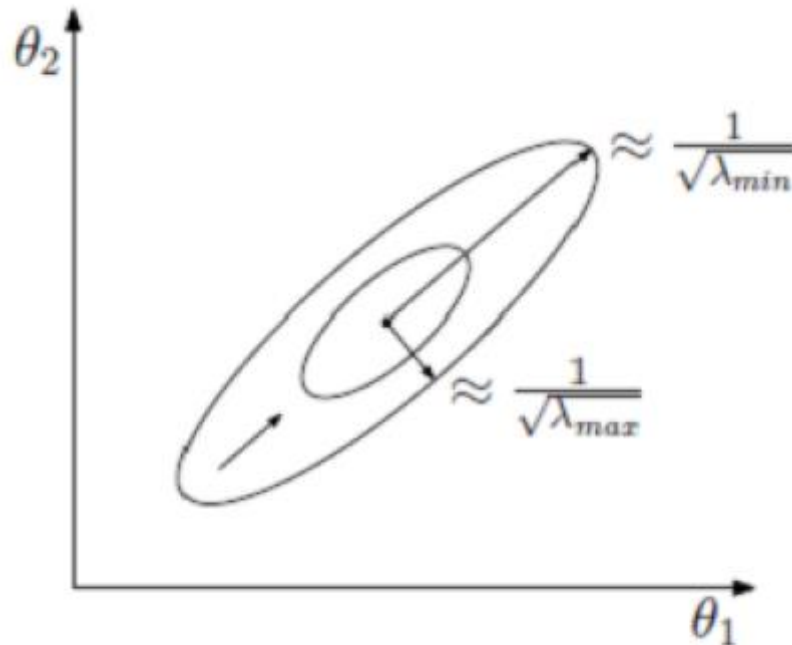
Fisher Information Matrix (FIM)

- Iterative procedure
  - Conduct exp, calibrate, propose new exp, etc
  - Reduction of # exp (vs. DOE)

# Supporting tools (3)

## Optimal experimental design (OED)

- How to improve quality of parameter estimate?
- Maximise FIM
  - D-optimal  $\max [\det(FIM)]$



# Conclusions

- Model-based analysis → Powerful for gathering process knowledge
- Good modelling practice is important
- Use appropriate modelling tools to make choices
- E.g. calibration of complex models → use global methods
  - Computationally expensive
  - But yield a lot of information on the model and can assist in experimental data collection (Optimal Experimental Design)
- Techniques exist, we need to use them

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