



# ADVANCED FLUID ENGINEERING FOR DIGITAL MANUFACTURING

An Academic and Industrial view

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people are beautiful

# OUTLINE

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## **Part 1: An Industry View.**

Joanne Cook

1. Introduction to FMCG innovation process & challenges
2. In silico ambition
3. CAFE4DM WP2 relevance to Unilever.

## **Part 2: An Academic View.**

Phillip Martin

1. WP1 – simulations.
2. WP2 – structure-property relationships.
3. WP3 – scale up.
4. WP4 – Innovation management and behavioural change

## High Volume Enduring



- Renovation, optimisation
- Cost, speed

## Low volume High turnover

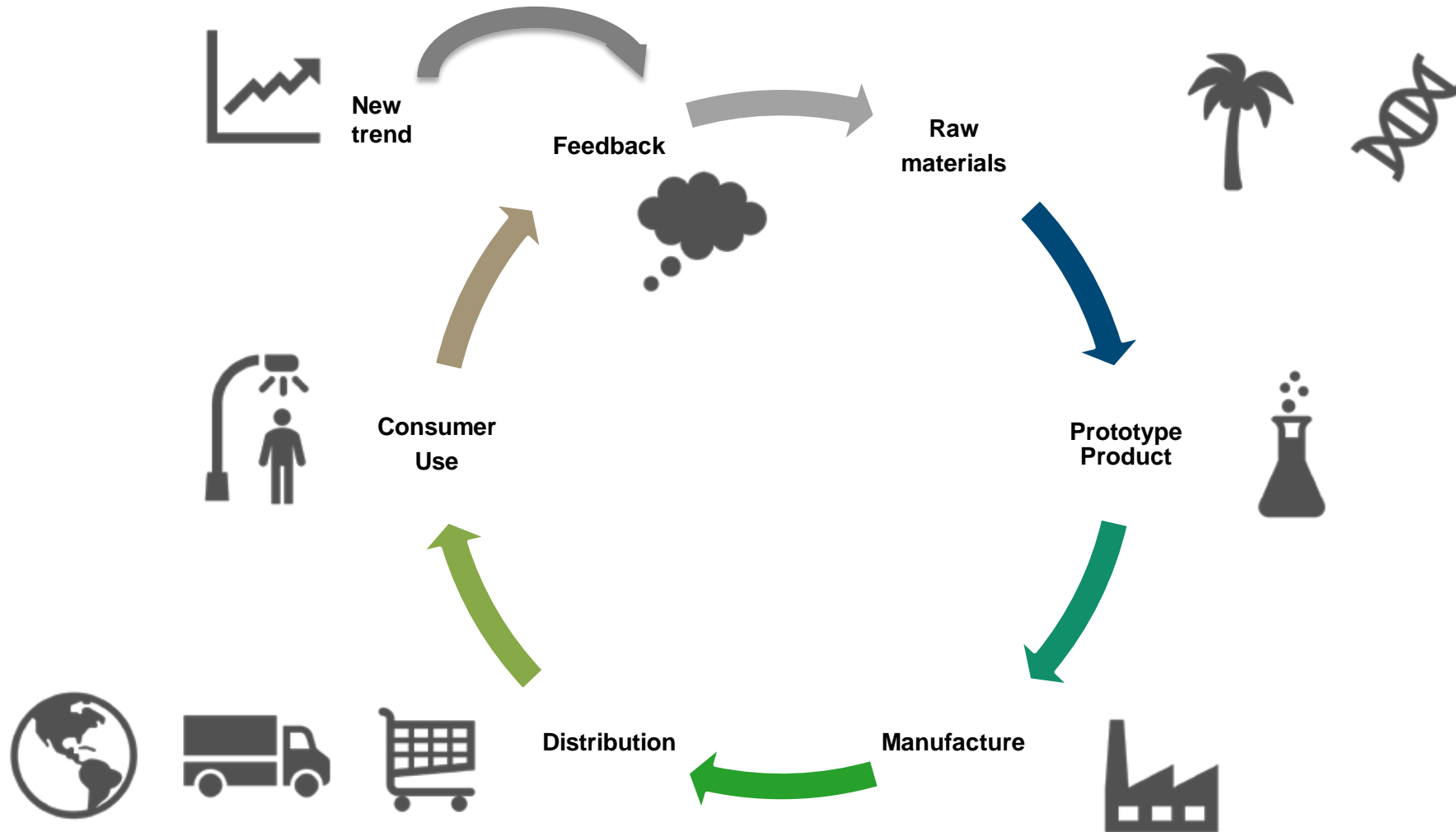
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- Trend-led
- No surprises ....

# TYPICAL PERSONAL CARE PRODUCT INNOVATION CYCLE



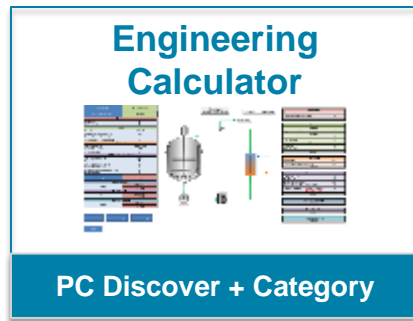
# OUR RESULTING DIGITAL AGENDA

## DIGITAL PRODUCT ENGINEERING

Suite of models for in-silico formulation and processing



Product properties and performance models

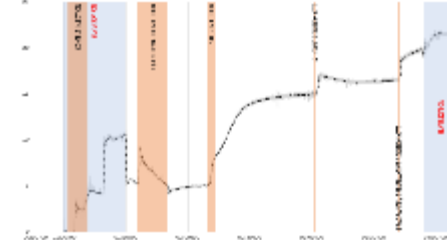


Equipment Performance Calculators



## DIGITAL MANUFACTURING

Novel measurements and analysis of process data



Process data capture and analysis

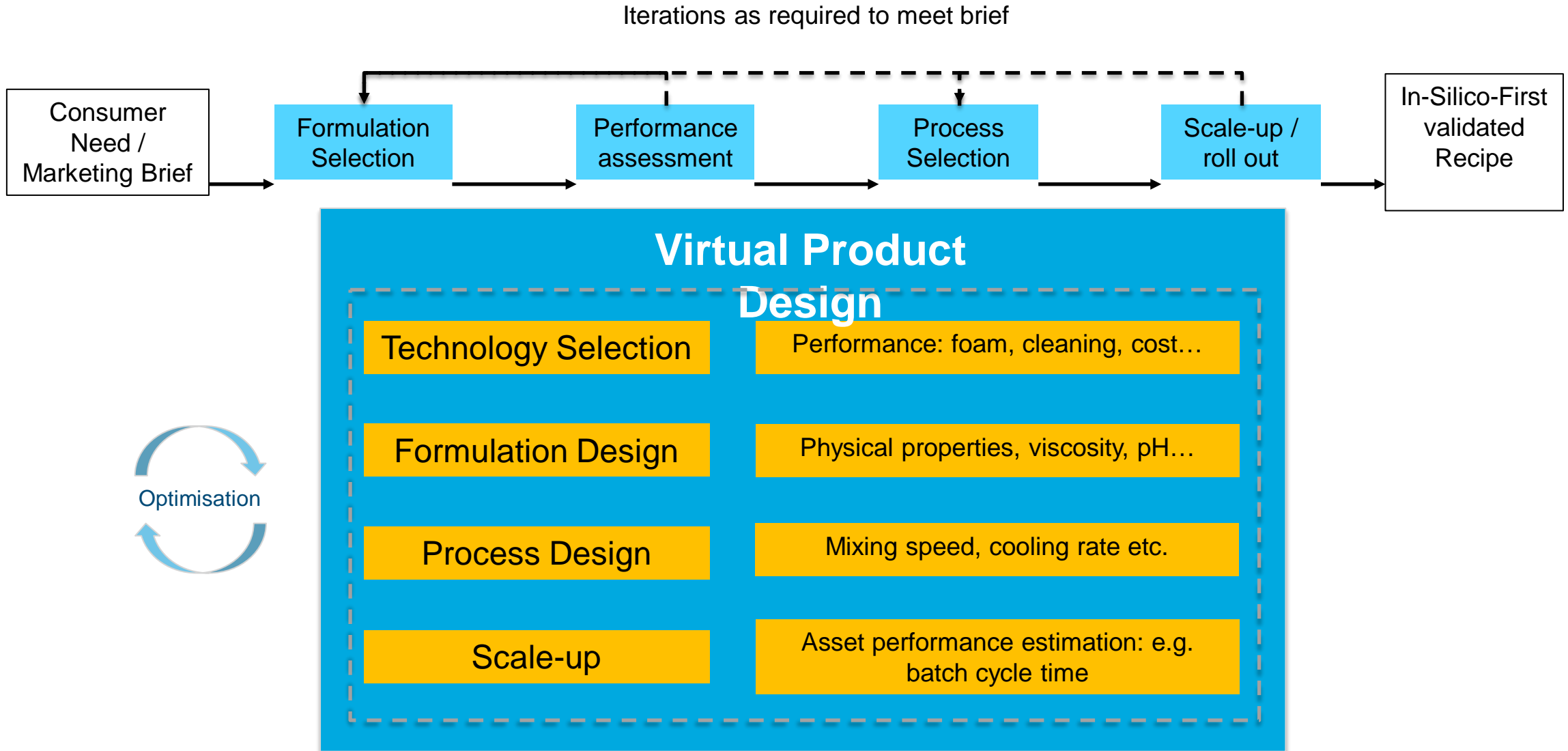
Novel measurements

**Expert knowledge in the hands of all formulators and engineers**

**Supply Chain benefits**

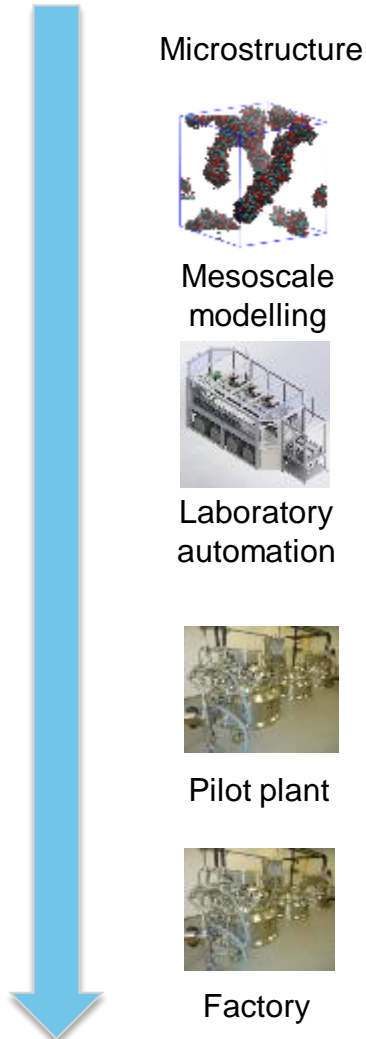
# AMBITION: IN-SILICO-FIRST RECIPE DESIGN

Simulation & optimisation of product innovation – First exemplar = isotropic liquids

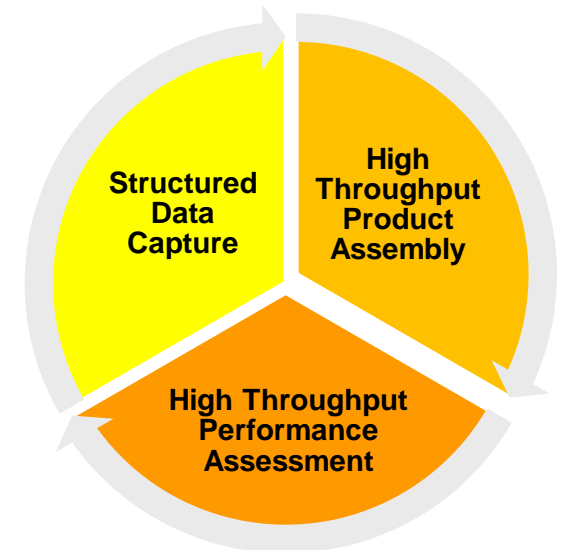
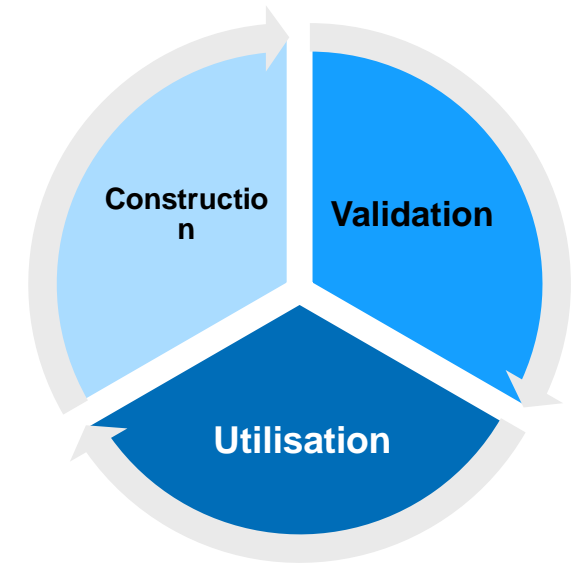


# AMBITION: IN-SILICO PRODUCT & PROCESS 'SCALE-UP'

Expert knowledge in the hands of all product scientists

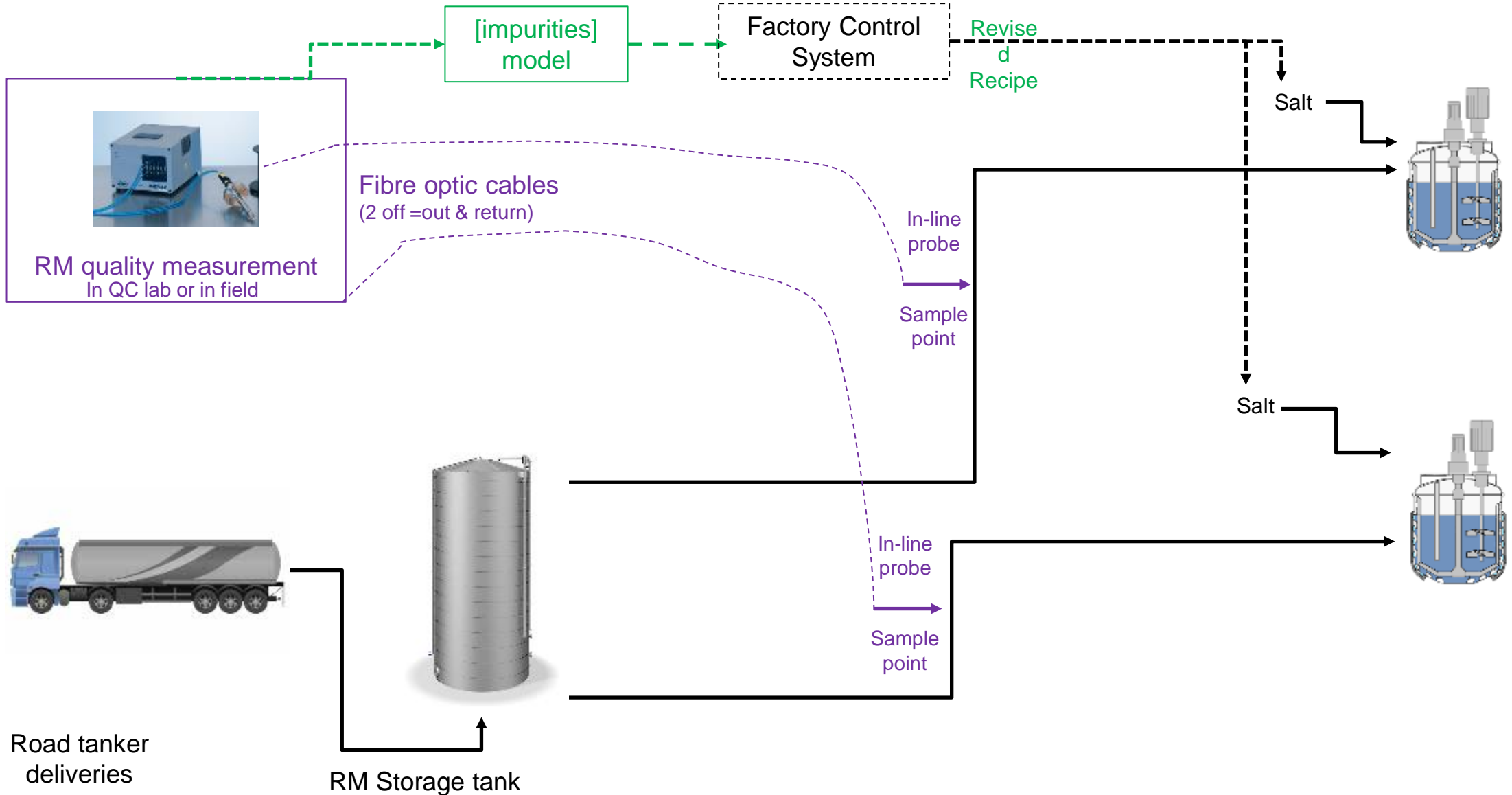


- Linking microstructure to rheology
- Predictive scale up from laboratory to pilot plant to factory
- Accurate scale-up and roll-out over whole supply chain network
- From models to simulations to predictions
- Data generation is the rate-limiting step



# AMBITION: QUALITY RIGHT FIRST TIME

## FEED FORWARD CONTROL: NO RETROSPECTIVE BATCH ADJUSTMENTS





# AMBITION: PROCESSING TO AN END-POINT

## Opportunity to optimise manufacturing

- Current processes are developed empirically guided by off-line quality checks.
- Hypothesis that further optimisation would be possible if product microstructure evolution could be tracked.
- Two approaches:
  1. Identify off-the shelf measurements and validate
  2. Develop new measurements from scratch.

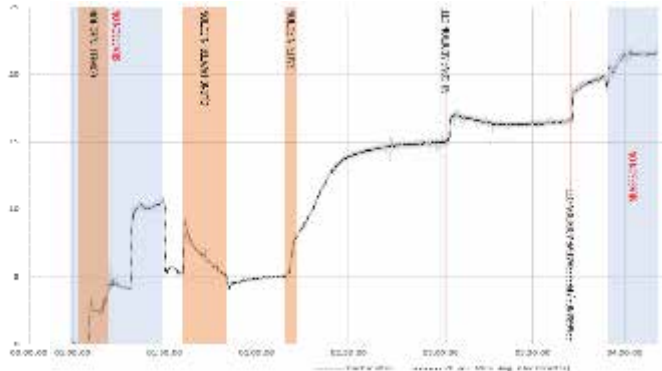


## Potential solution

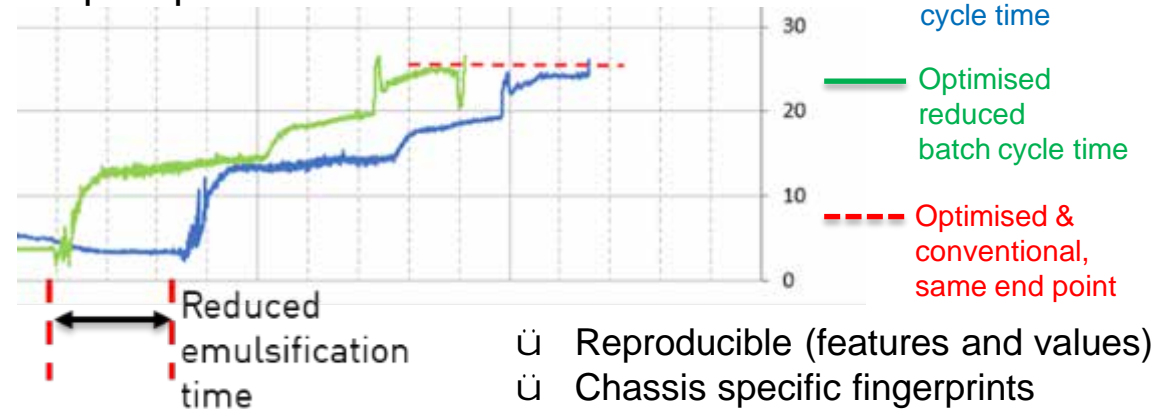
- **In-line measurement technique**
  - ü Tracks changes in opacity (could be microstructure change), optical properties unique to each mixing step.
  - ü Easy to integrate into pilot plant and potentially factory scale.

## Validation

Several process steps could be optimised:



Tracked parameter vs. process time in pilot plant trials:



- ü Reproducible (features and values)
- ü Chassis specific fingerprints
- ü PoP for optimising batch cycle time

# AMBITION SUMMARY

## DIGITAL PRODUCT ENGINEERING

Suite of models for in-silico formulation and processing

In silico product recipe design, simulation, optimisation and scale-up

**Expert knowledge in the hands of all formulators and engineers**



## DIGITAL MANUFACTURING

Novel measurements and analysis of process data

Combining advanced sensor measurements with process analytics to enable cost, efficiency & quality benefits

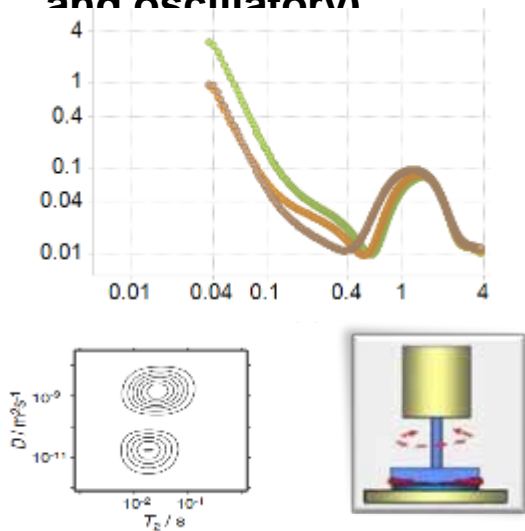
**Supply Chain benefits**

# WP2: STRUCTURE-PROPERTY RELATIONSHIPS

Fuller formulations

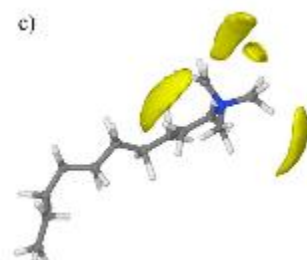
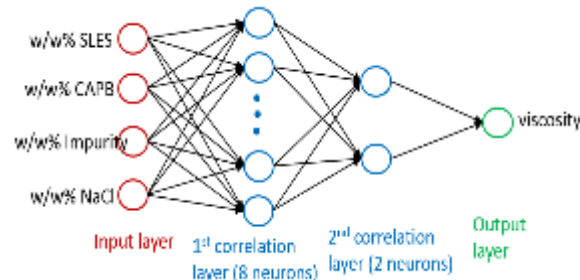
## Determine the structure

- Simulated properties (WP1)
- Scattering (X-rays or neutrons)
- Diffusion NMR
- Rheology (steady shear and oscillatory)



## Build predictive or correlative models

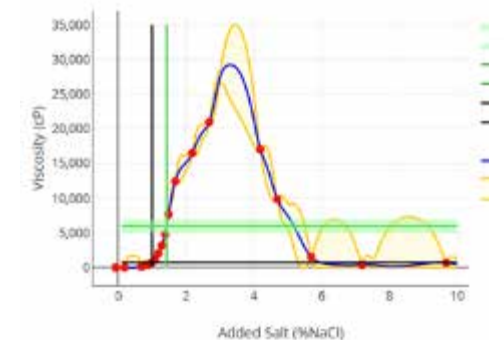
- Machine learning
- Group contribution models



## Viscosity prediction available for R&D and SC.

ID	Material	Quantity
1	SLES 180 (A056)	1,13428
2	DTM UNR8 FATTY ALCOHOL	1,84
3	CAPB with Sodium Benzoate	5,2323
4	Sodium lauryl sulfate	0,5
5	PPG 7	0
6	LAURETH-9 (A01004)	1
7	Carbopol 980	0,4
8	HM - SILICONE EMULSION Co. /MS. PDE	1,111
9	CT 1703 POT/ S/M GDO MS	0
10	EDTA	0
11	NaN3 (S/M MS)	1
12	NaOH Soln 50% low salt	0
13	citric acid	0
14	Water Municipal	65,0009
<b>Total (W/w/w)</b>		<b>100,0000</b>

Shampoo Viscosity model v2



Structure

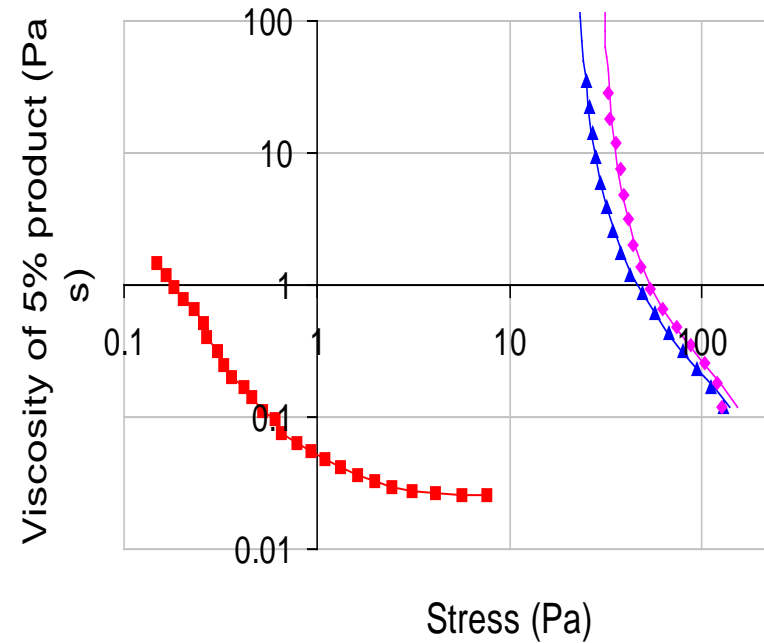
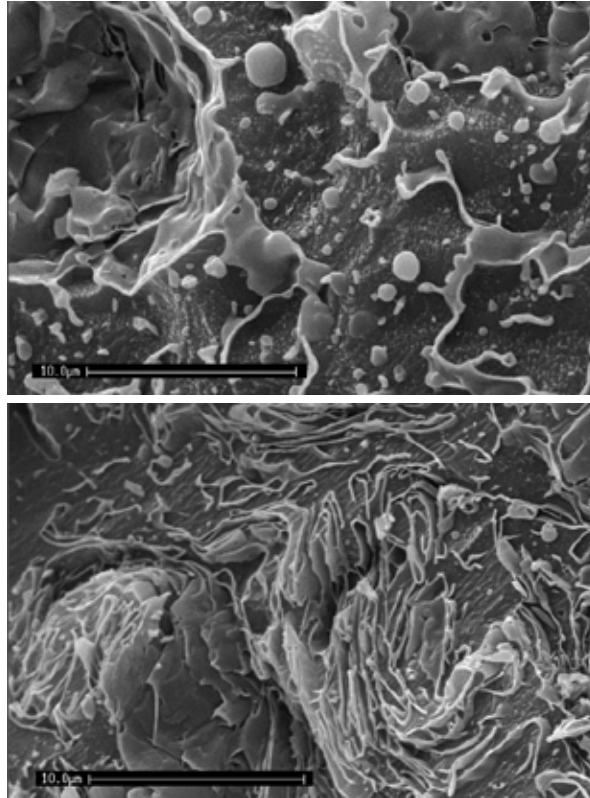
Viscosity



# Technical Challenges and Approaches



## ACCELERATING MANUFACTURING: We need to understand how PROCESS INFLUENCES MICROSTRUCTURE



- Same formulation but viscosity differs by order of magnitude - Process design cannot be ignored during product design
- How can we predict properties (rheology) and structure through manufacturing process ?

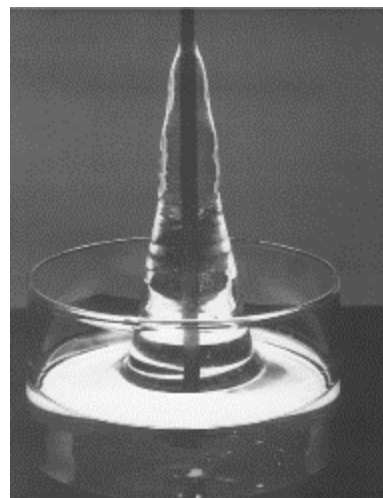
# Modelling challenges

New flow physics with new time and length scales

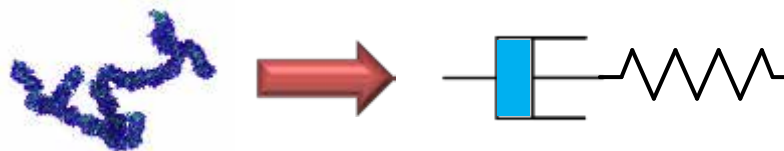
Competition between scales leads to different macroscopic responses



Stir a beaker of (Newtonian) water  
Fluid forms a hollow whirlpool



Stir a beaker of Polyisobutylene in polybutene  
Fluid climbs up the spoon



Rheological Phenomena in Focus  
By D.V. Boger, K. Walters

Fluids may respond to *strain rate* alone  
Water (Newtonian), Ketchup (shear thinning)  
May also respond to *strain*  
WLM mixtures, polymers, drilling muds...

Many (*many*) different potential models

# Modelling of complex fluids

Model microstructure Dissipative particulate dynamics (DPD)



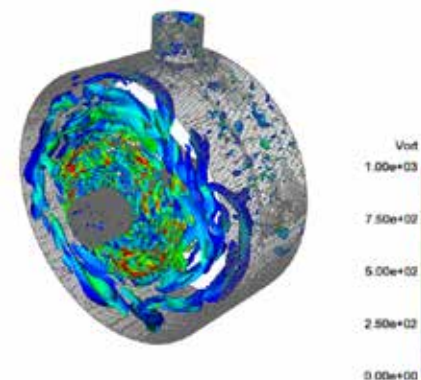
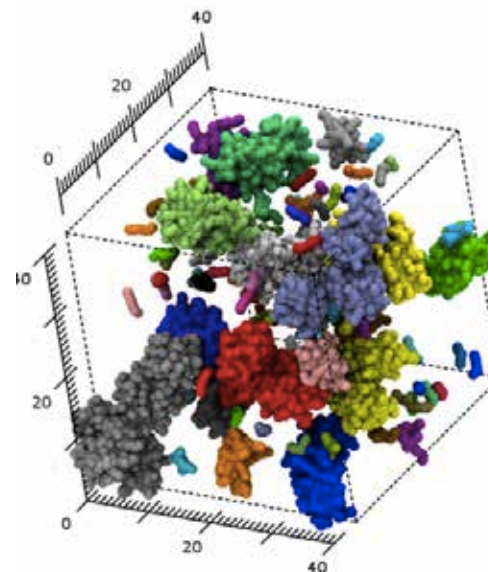
Integrate DPD with CFD via constitutive equations

Quantify micelles growth, scission/recombination and surfactant intermicellar rates and branch-point formation  
free energy and mobility for the basic fluid and multicomponent mixtures

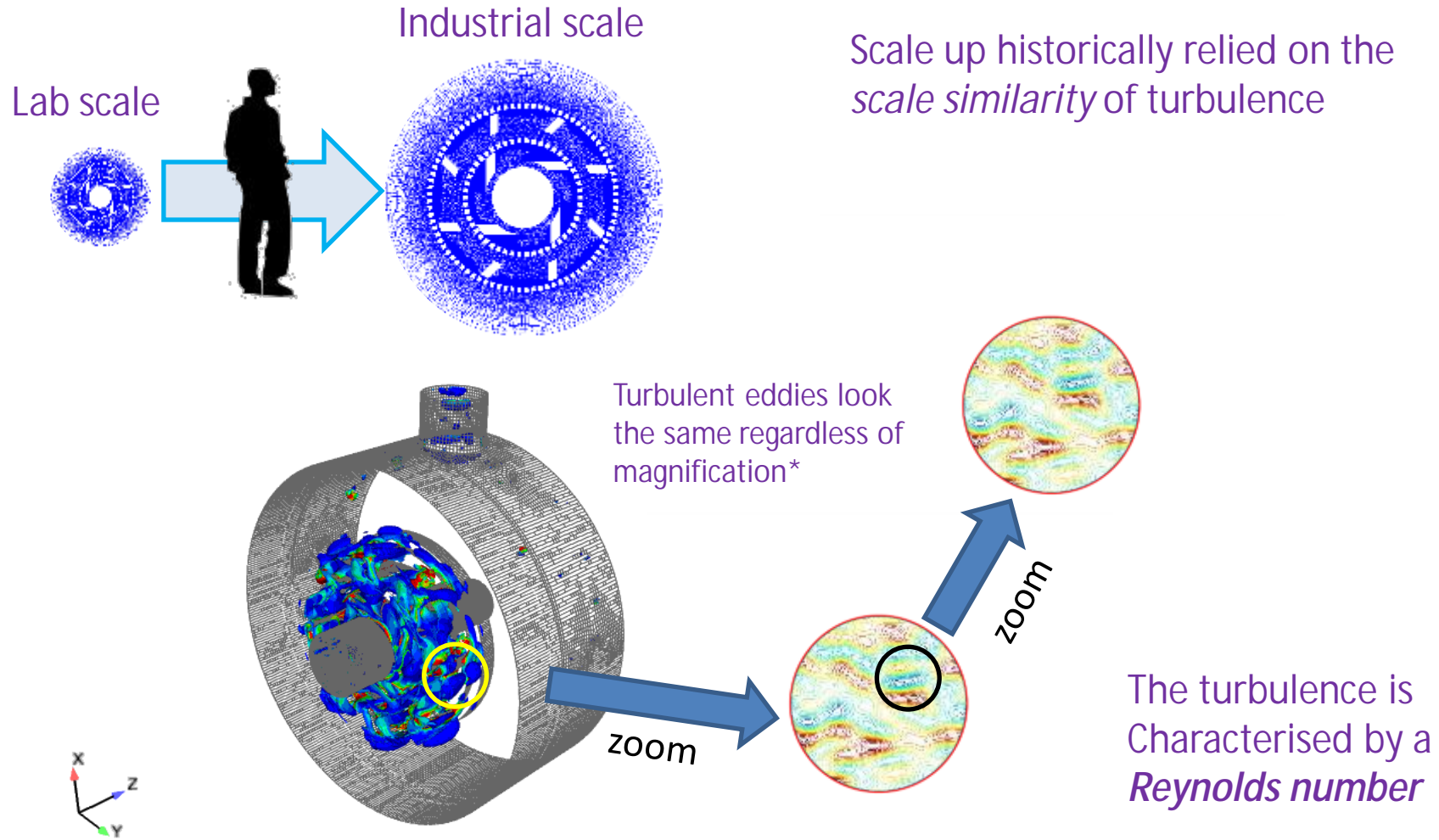


Development of continuum approaches

Viscoelastic computational fluid dynamics (CFD) model



# Challenges: (loss of) scale up



Traditional scale up = match Reynolds numbers



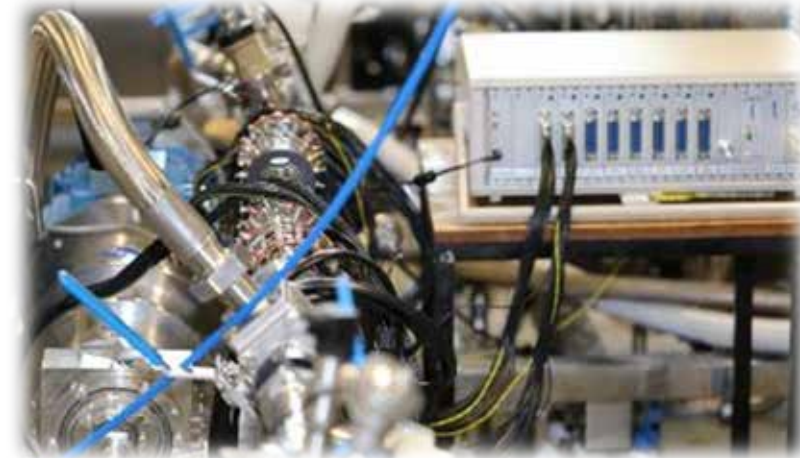
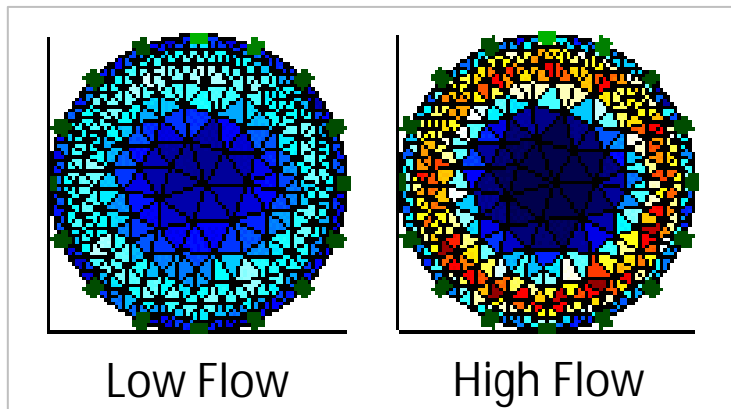
# Process Analytics

Requirement for accurate, real-time, in-line measurements at pilot and manufacturing scale – current off-line approaches inadequate

Increase capacity by eliminating slow off-line testing

Characterise product batch variability (e.g. between manufacturing sites or due to subtle changes in biosources/local raw materials)

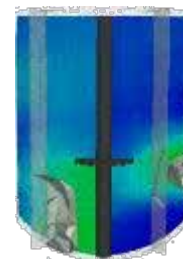
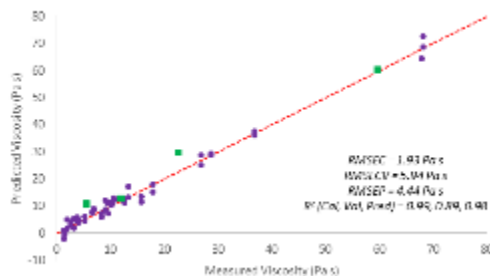
Accelerate engineering design of processes and products through larger more relevant data sets (samples unchanged)



# Process analytics - challenges

To provide a suite of in-line techniques to enable the rapid development and manufacture of new products

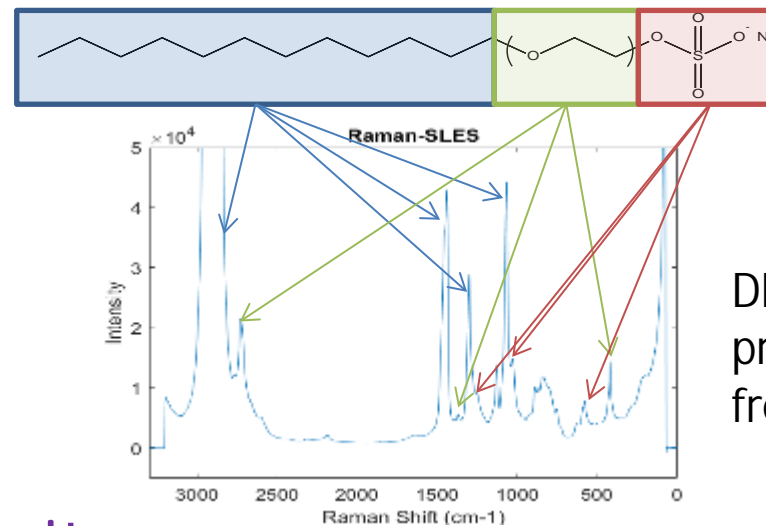
- Measurement in situ/in-line – how to get probes and sensors in to the vessels or pipes without disturbing the process
- How do we know what to measure?
- Matching accurate off-line approaches
- Moving from correlative approaches to process understanding
- Commercial off-the-shelf instruments often do not exist



# Process analytics - examples

## In situ spectroscopy

Determination of SLES quality using spectroscopic techniques for adaptive predictive process control

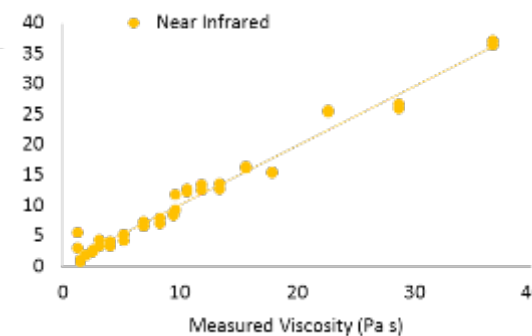
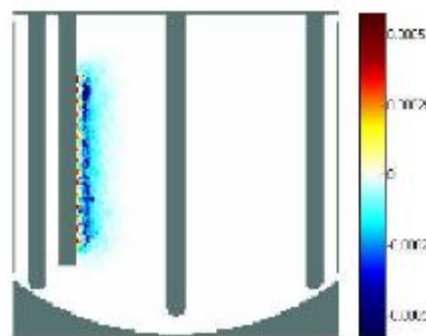
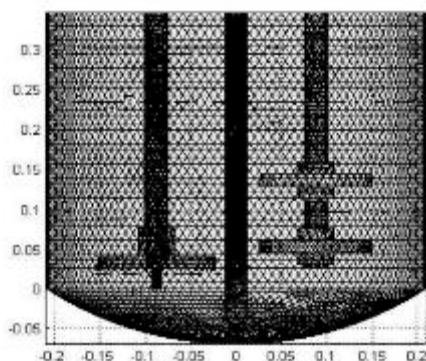


DFT Calcs predict vib freqs

## Proxy measurements of viscosity

Near-IR, Mid-IR and Raman in situ spectroscopy

Electrical resistance tomography (ERT)



Partial-least squares regression models

# Process Analytics

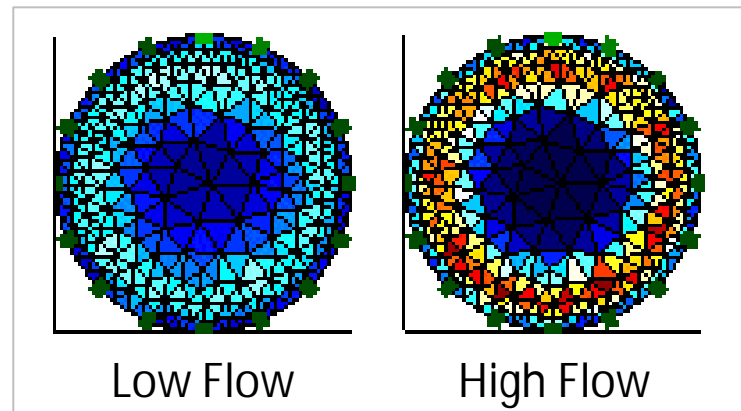
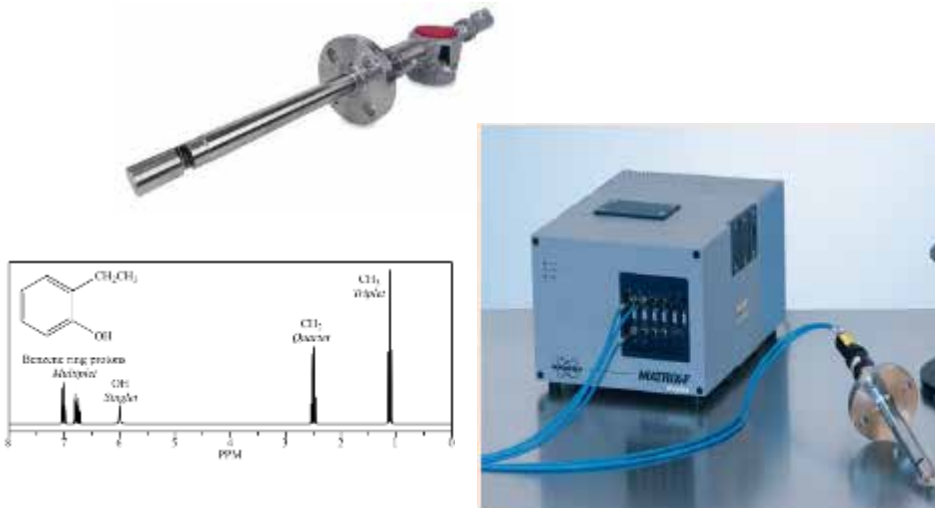
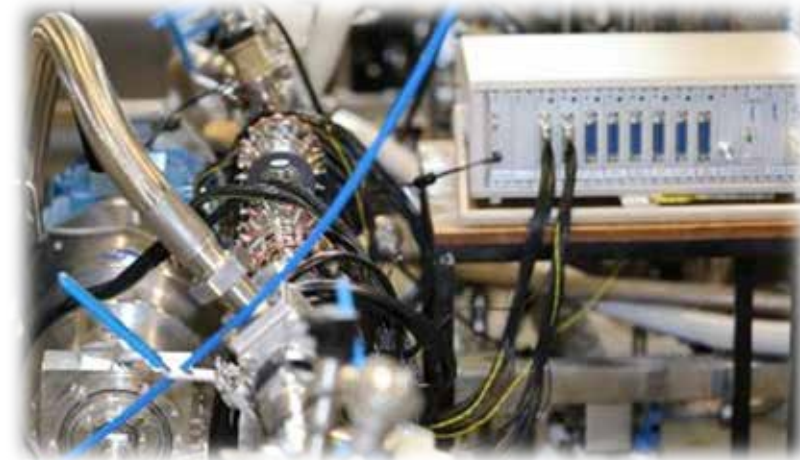
Accurate, real-time, in-line measurements at pilot and manufacturing scale.

Sophisticated process analysers and low cost sensors

Validation of virtual process models

Measure critical parameters in manufacturing process

Big data



Electrical Resistance Tomography (ERT)

How to promote behavioural change within this new digital environment?

How can leaders can use digital information to make better, quicker decisions?

How to use *data visualisation techniques* and *data mining* to enhance knowledge sharing?

How to enhance the adoption of these technologies and facilitate the radical change in organisation and process of innovation within the company which is required for this new digital workflow?

Thank you