

Introduction to Modelling

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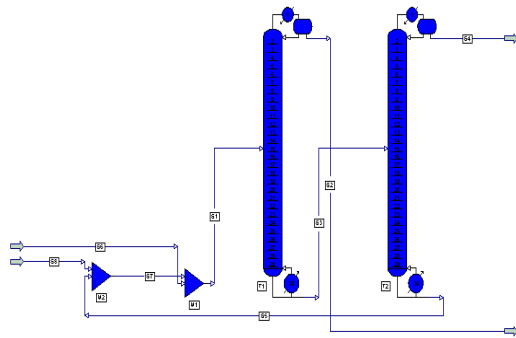
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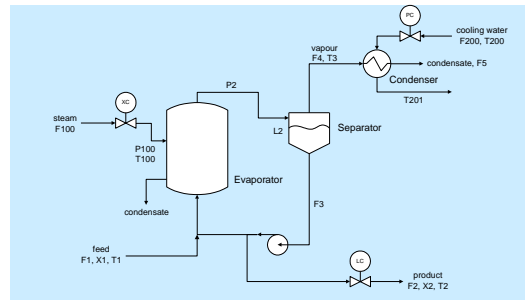
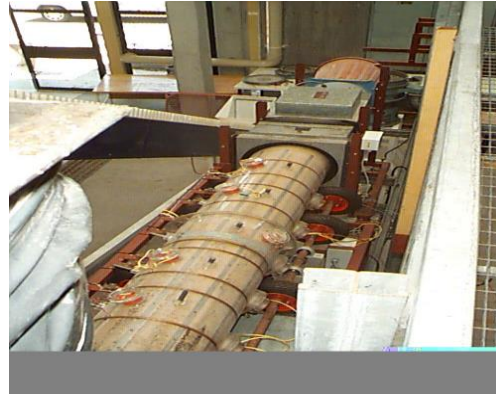
Examples of process modelling - 1

Process simulation (mass & energy balance)



Stream summary: Calculated variable values of process streams

Sugar drying and control



Sugar flowrate versus time under startup and airflow changes

Simulation of waste water treatment facility

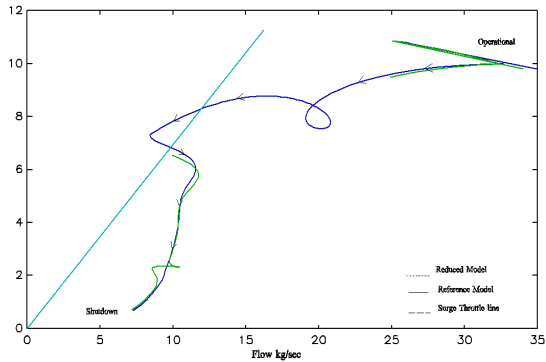


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Mixed	Vapor	Vapor	Vapor
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1,0000	1,0000	1,0000	1,0000
13,3936	82,6858	82,6584	82,6601
25,9916	26,9433	26,9639	26,9639
0,7010	1,0000	1,0000	1,0000

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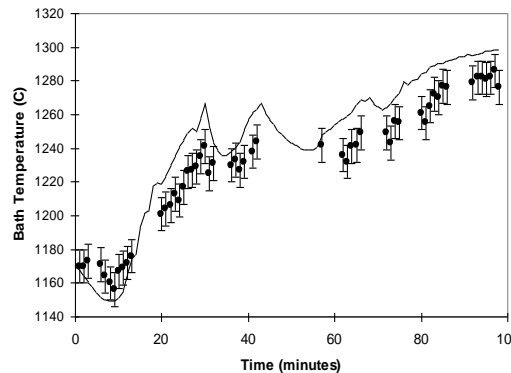
Examples of process modelling - 2

Surge Control Design for a Hydrogen Compressor



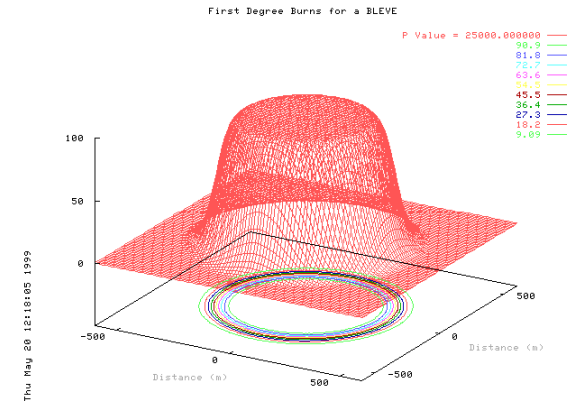
Head (bar) versus flowrate (kg/s) during controlled shutdown

Fed Batch Metallurgical Reactor



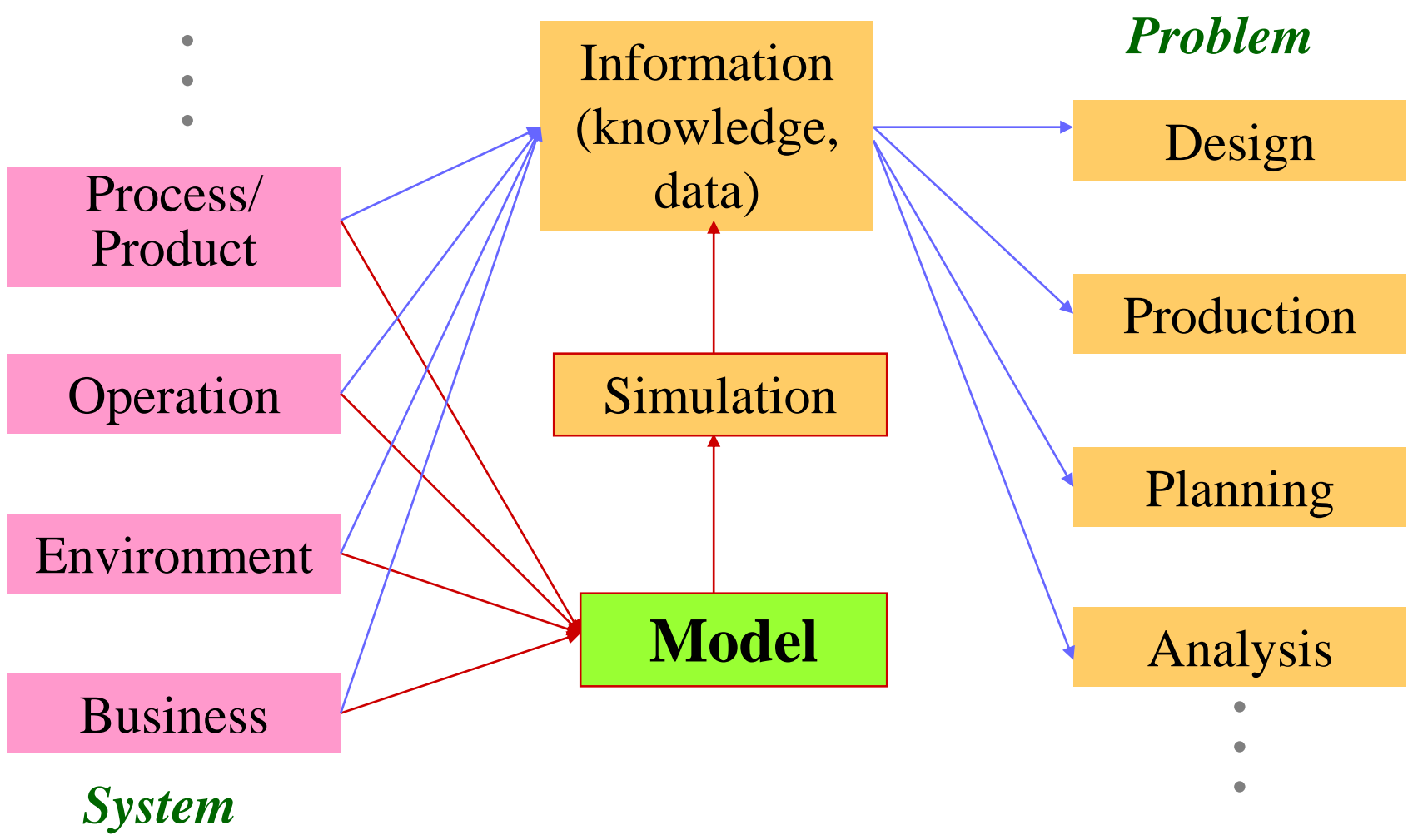
Temperature versus time during fed batch operation

Safety and Risk Assessment (BLEVE Radiation)



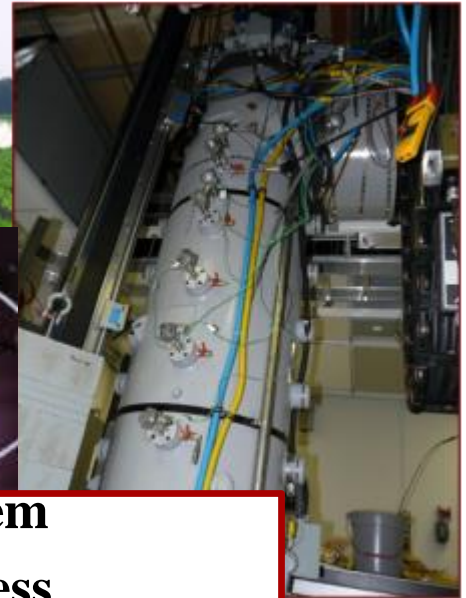
3D surface showing percent first degree burns for a BLEVE

Why we need models?



The role of modeling

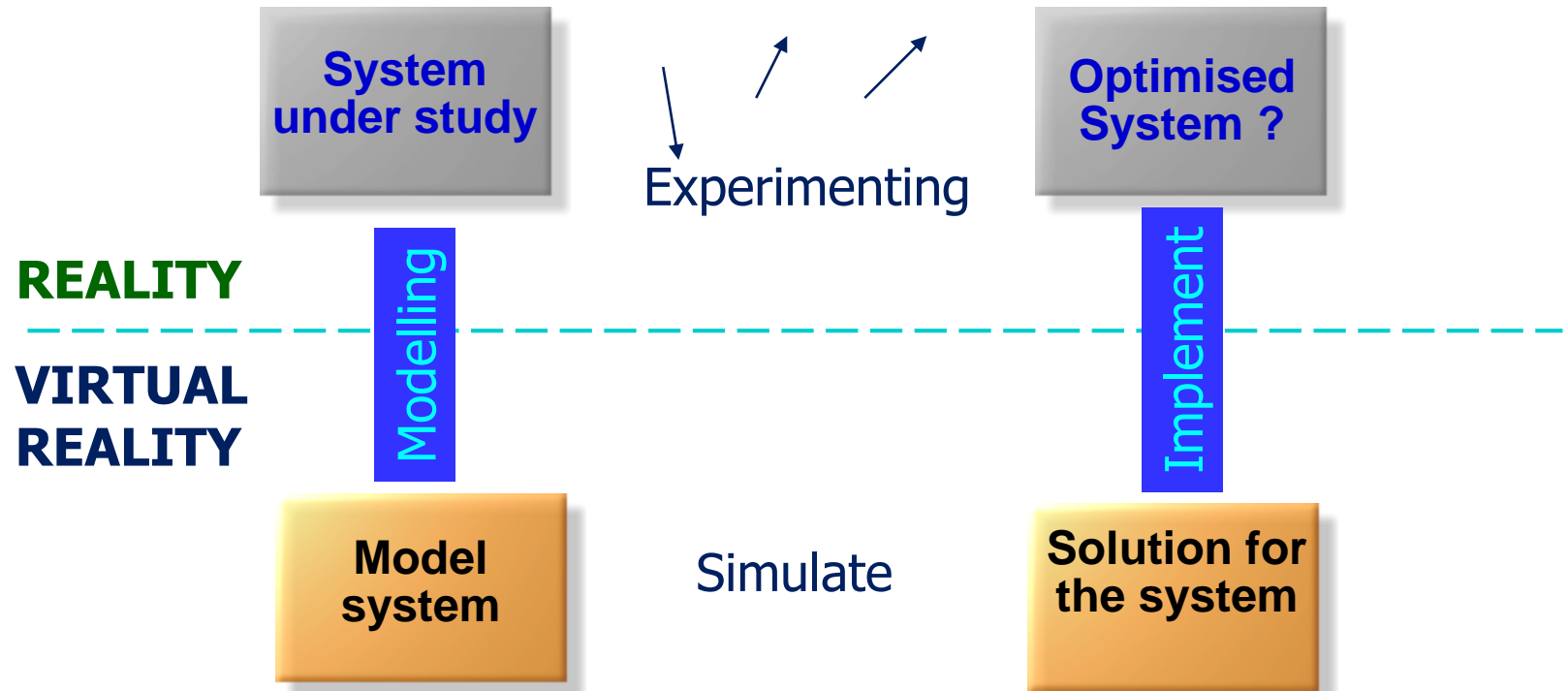
Modeling is an important enabler to face current and future challenges in product-process engineering



Improved understanding of the domain system
Prediction and optimization of product process behavior
Reduce number of resource-demanding experiments
Deliver truly innovative solutions

The role of modelling should not be to just replace experiments

The we need models?



What is a model?

“A model (M) for a system (S) and an experiment (E) is anything to which M can be applied in order to answer questions about S” (Minsky, 1965)

Modelling wisdom

All models are wrong

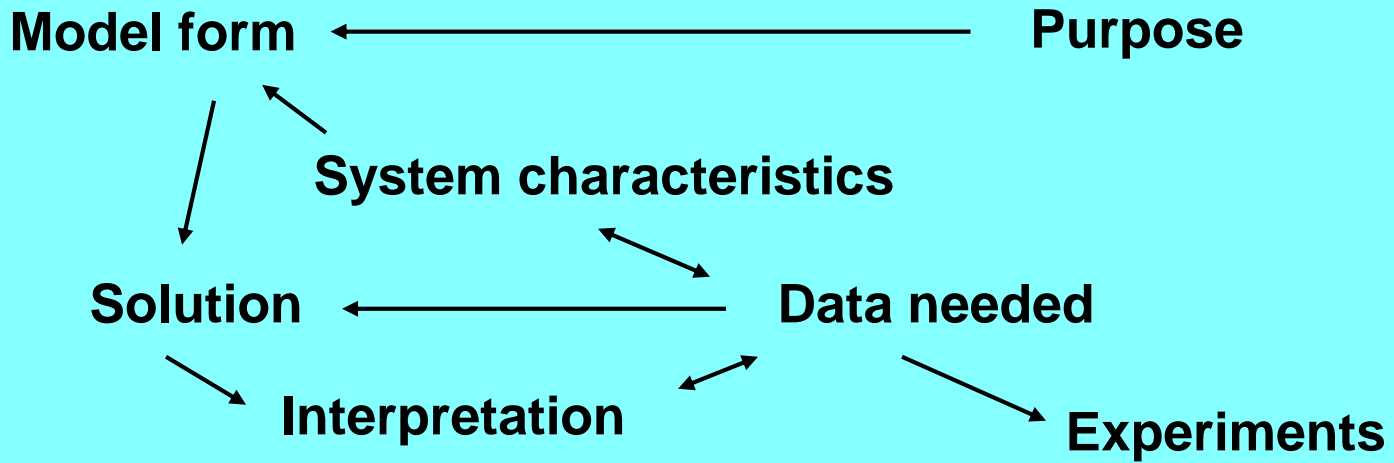
.... some are useful !

... George Box

Concept of a model in PSE

“A mathematical representation (M) of a physical system (S) for a specific purpose (P) and experiment (E)” - *representing reality with virtual reality for a purpose!*

Critical issues:



How the principal modeling steps support the requirements of a process modeling tool

Requirements to a process modeling tool

Reuse of existing models

Generate various kinds of models

Generate models with varying degree of details

Modification of existing models

Continuous expansion of incorporated knowledge base

Expert help in setting up model equations

Documentation and maintenance of the model equations

How to support these requirements

Aggregation of predefined building blocks

Aggregation of various different kinds of building blocks

Multi-level decomposition and aggregation of building blocks

Modify the content of an aggregated building block

Add/delete building blocks to/from the aggregated set of building blocks

Adding new building blocks to the modeling tool

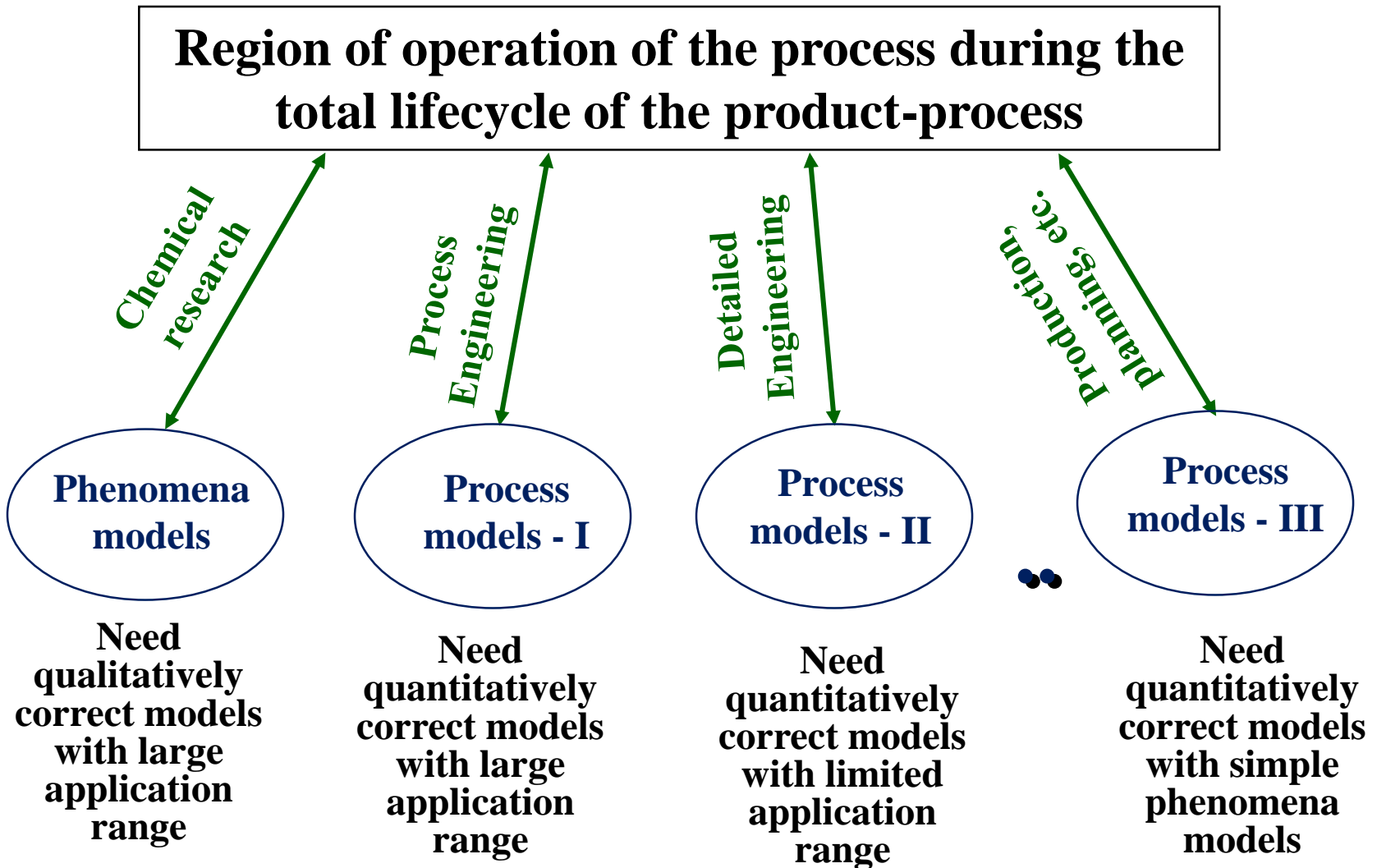
Assistance in the selection of which building blocks to use

Assistance in setting up the model equation for new building blocks

Data/action collection, i.e., collection of experience

Building blocks with phenomena based information

Process modelling – process lifecycle



A systematic model building approach



General system schematic

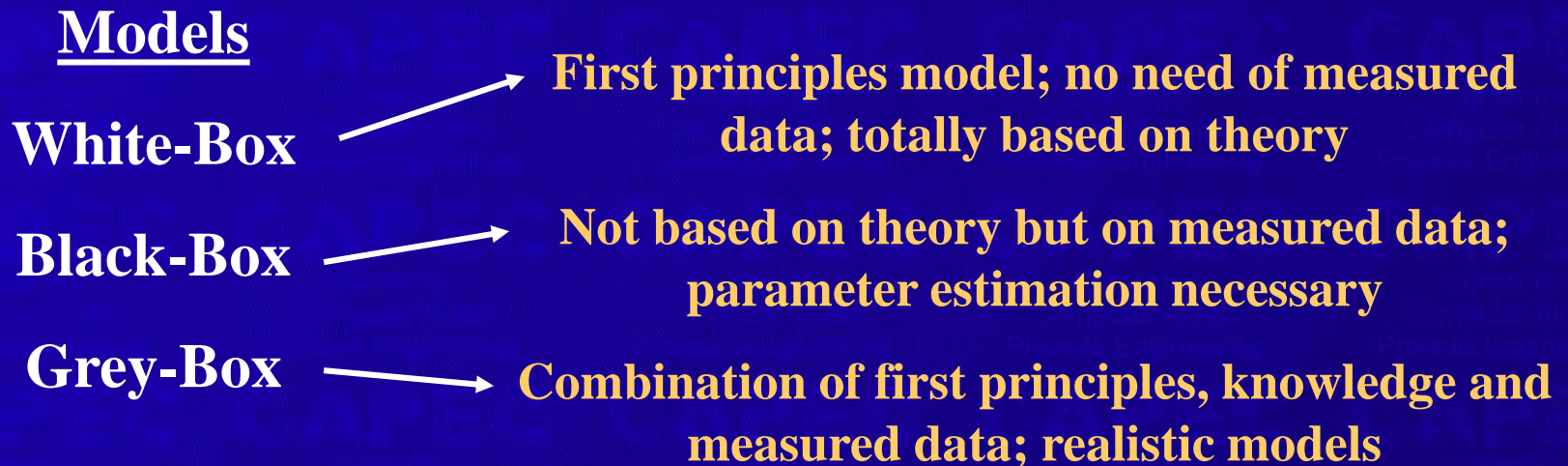


General model schematic (modeling goals need to be established)

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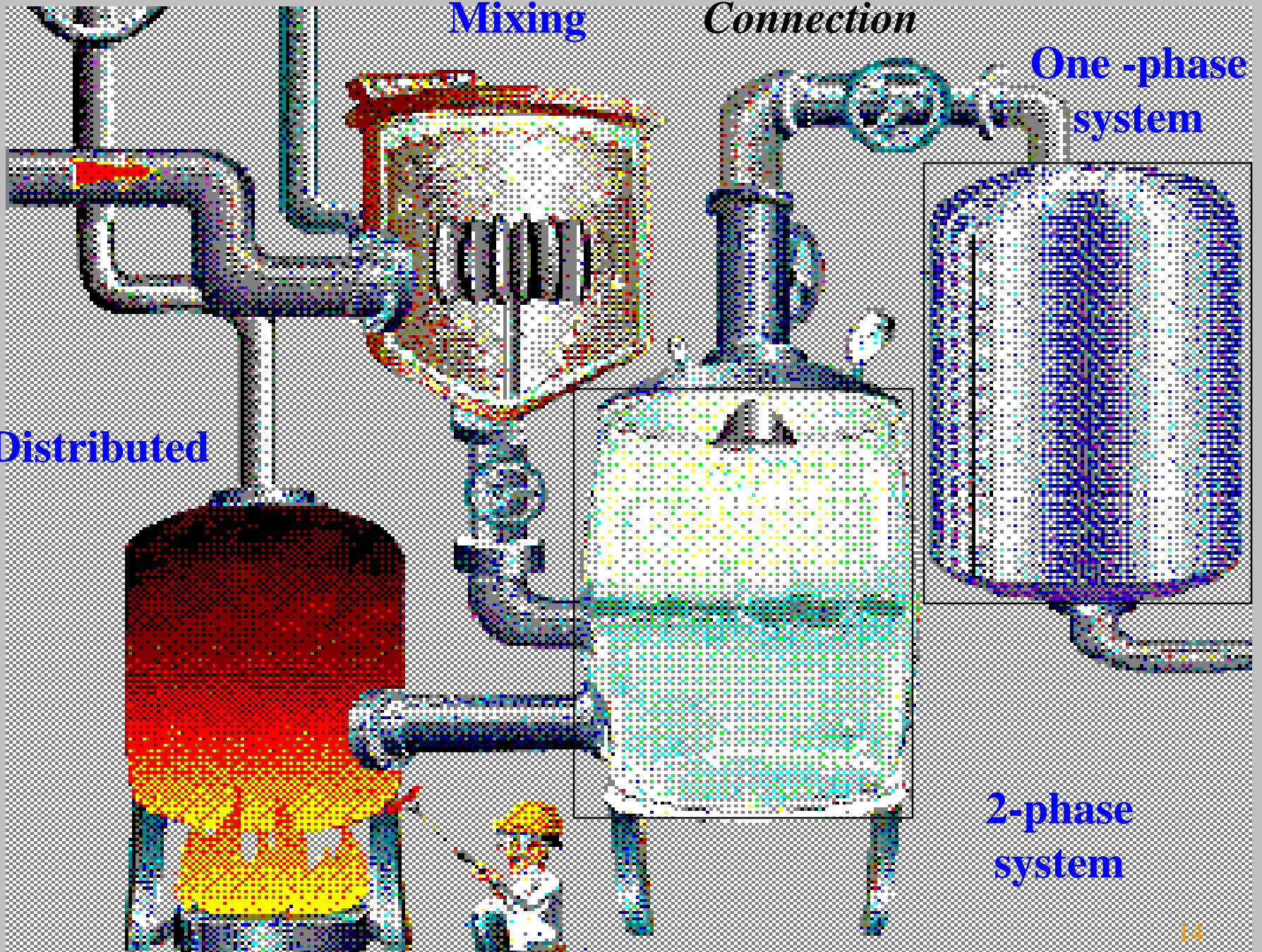
Mixing

Connection

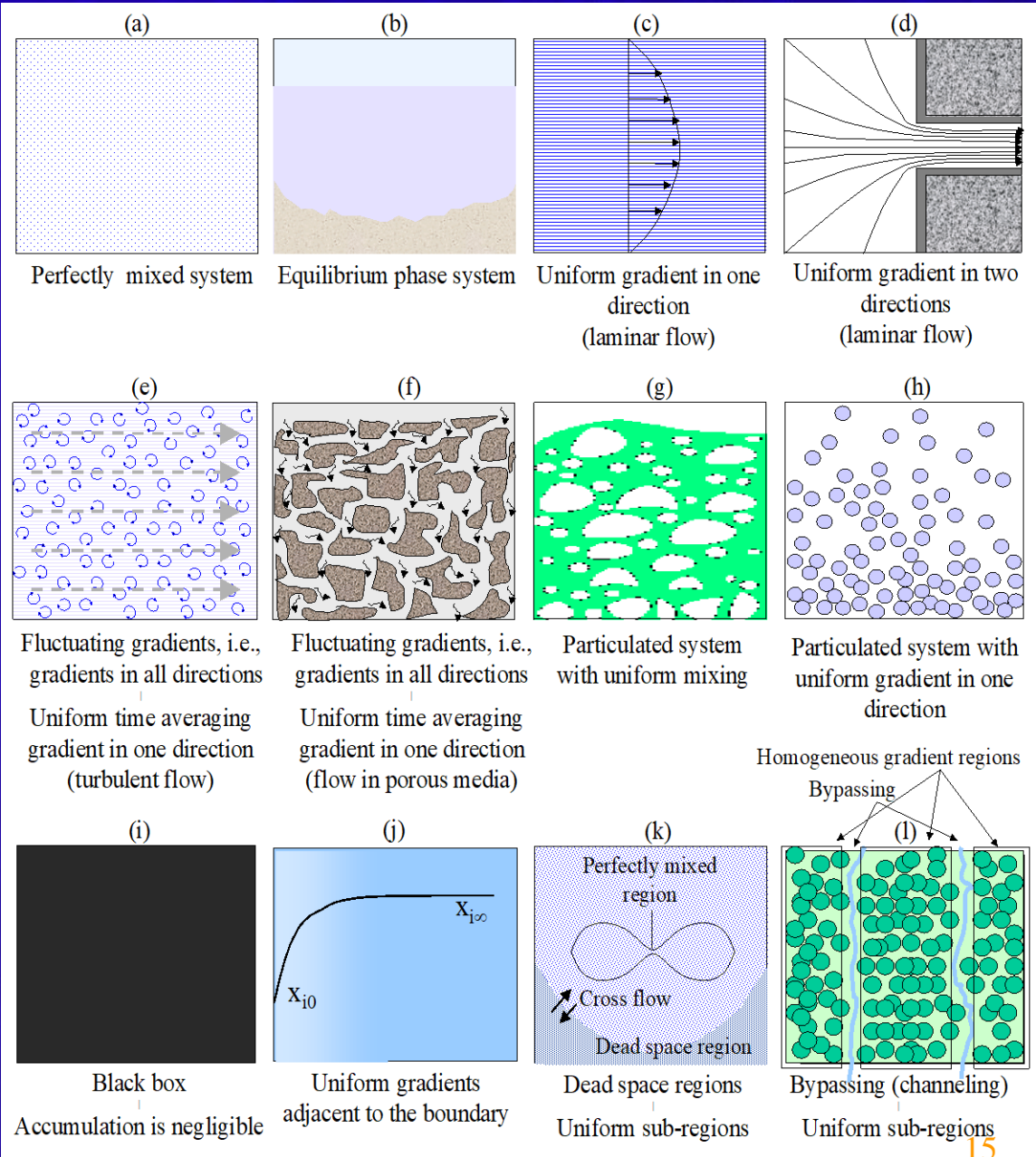
One-phase system

Distributed

2-phase system



State of aggregation and phases within the system

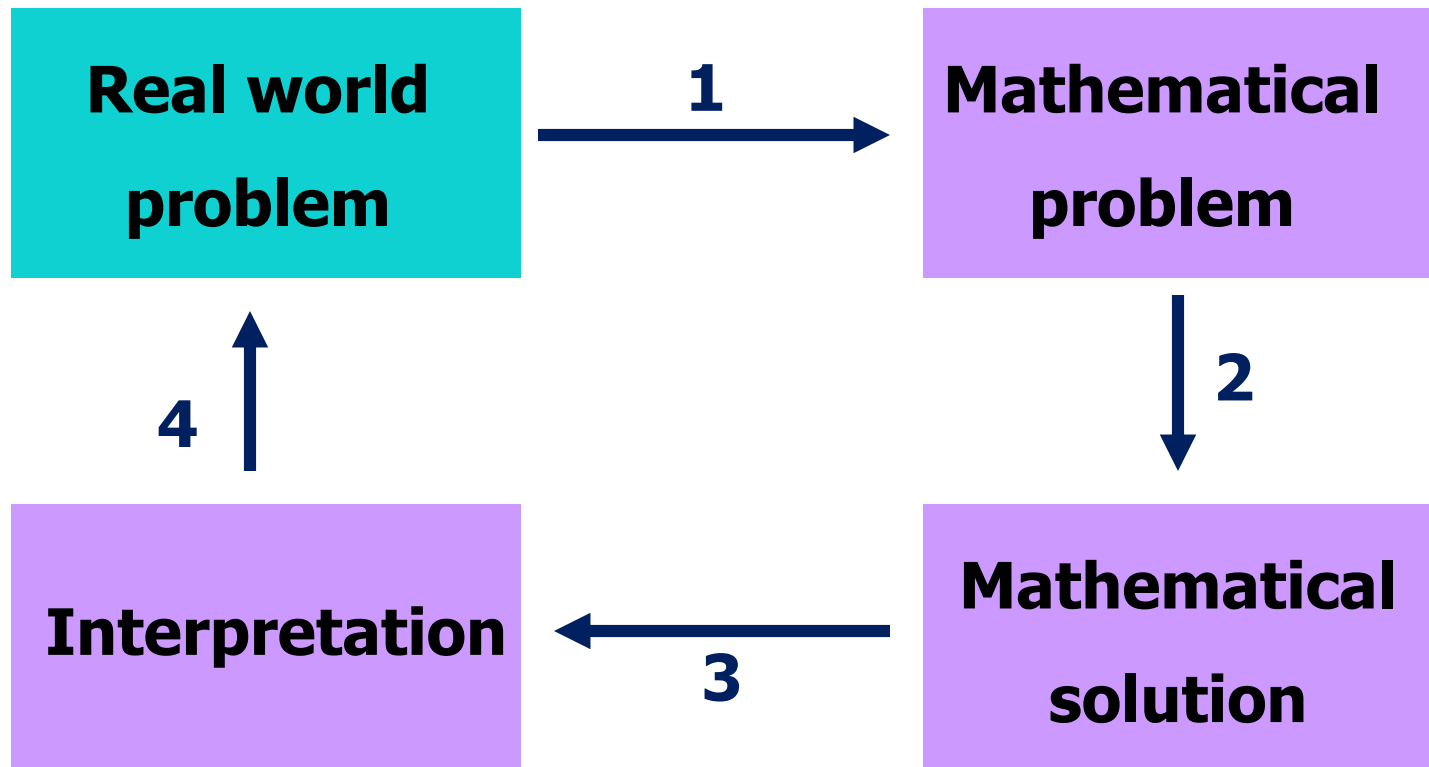


Conservation Principles

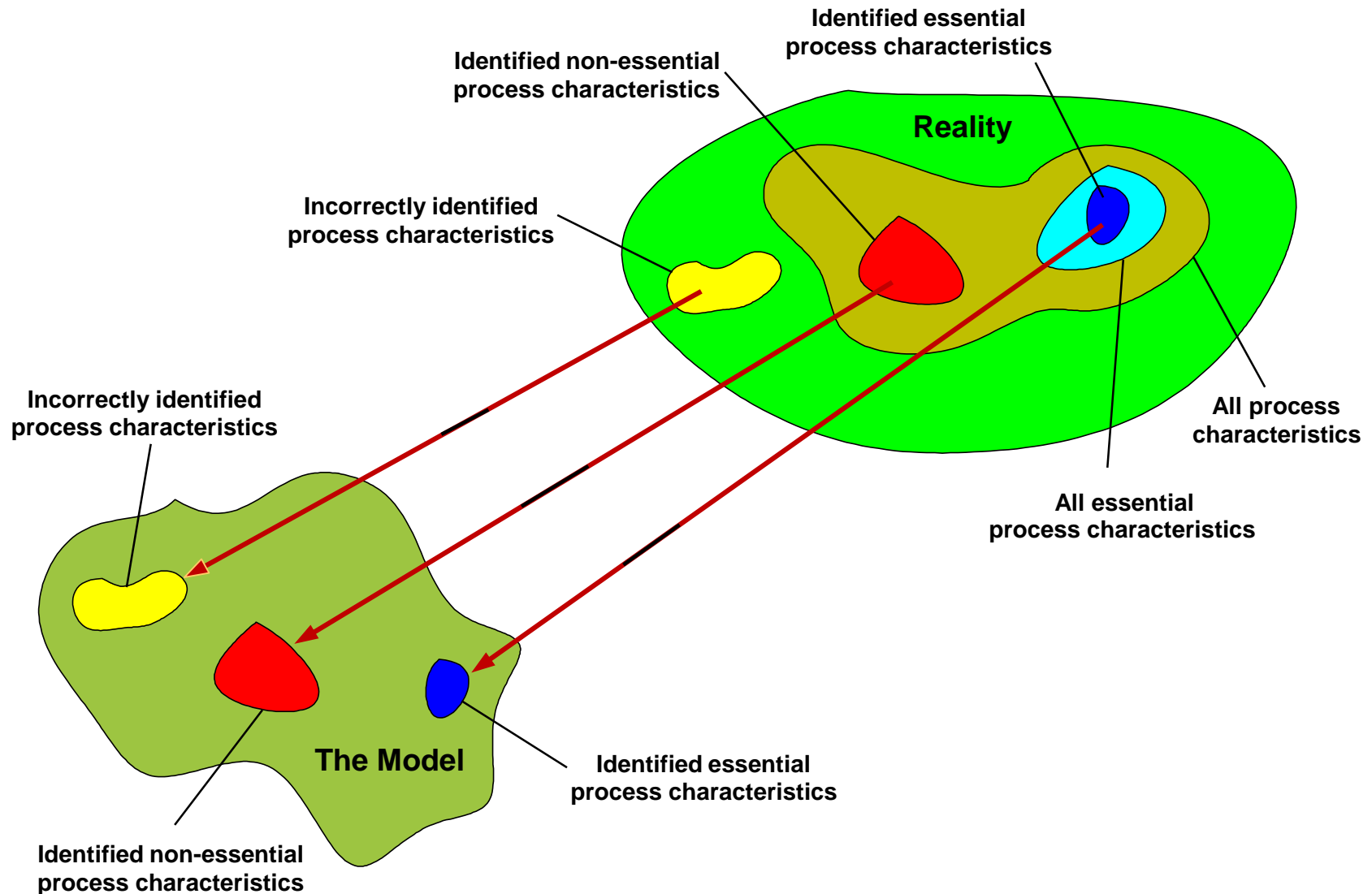
Thermodynamic Principles

- **Concept of space (region of interest; co-ordinate system in space)**
 - **Scaler fields $\{P(x,y,z); P(v)\}$**
 - **Vector fields $\{v(x,y,z,t); v(r,t)\}$**
- **State of aggregation and phases**
- **Extensive & intensive properties**
- **Phases & independent variables**

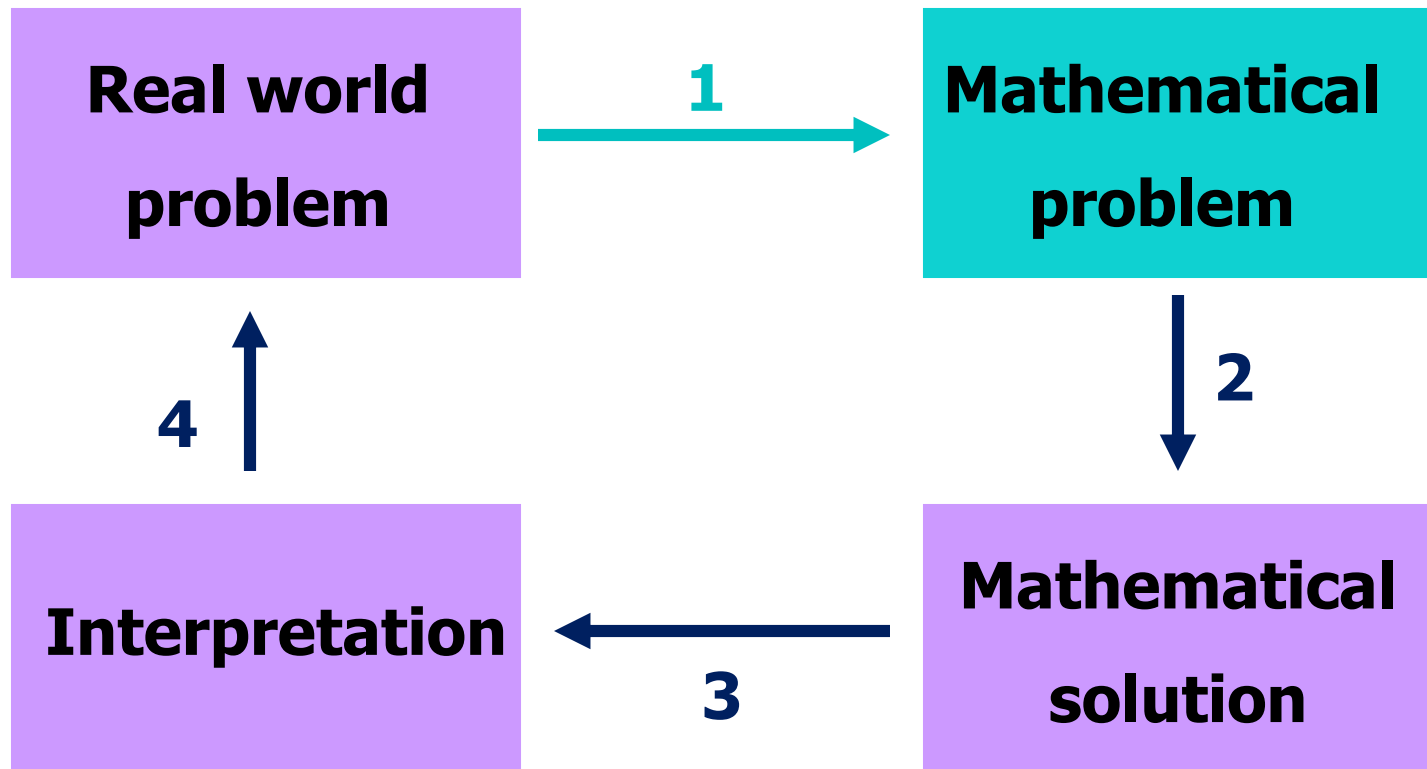
The Modelling Process



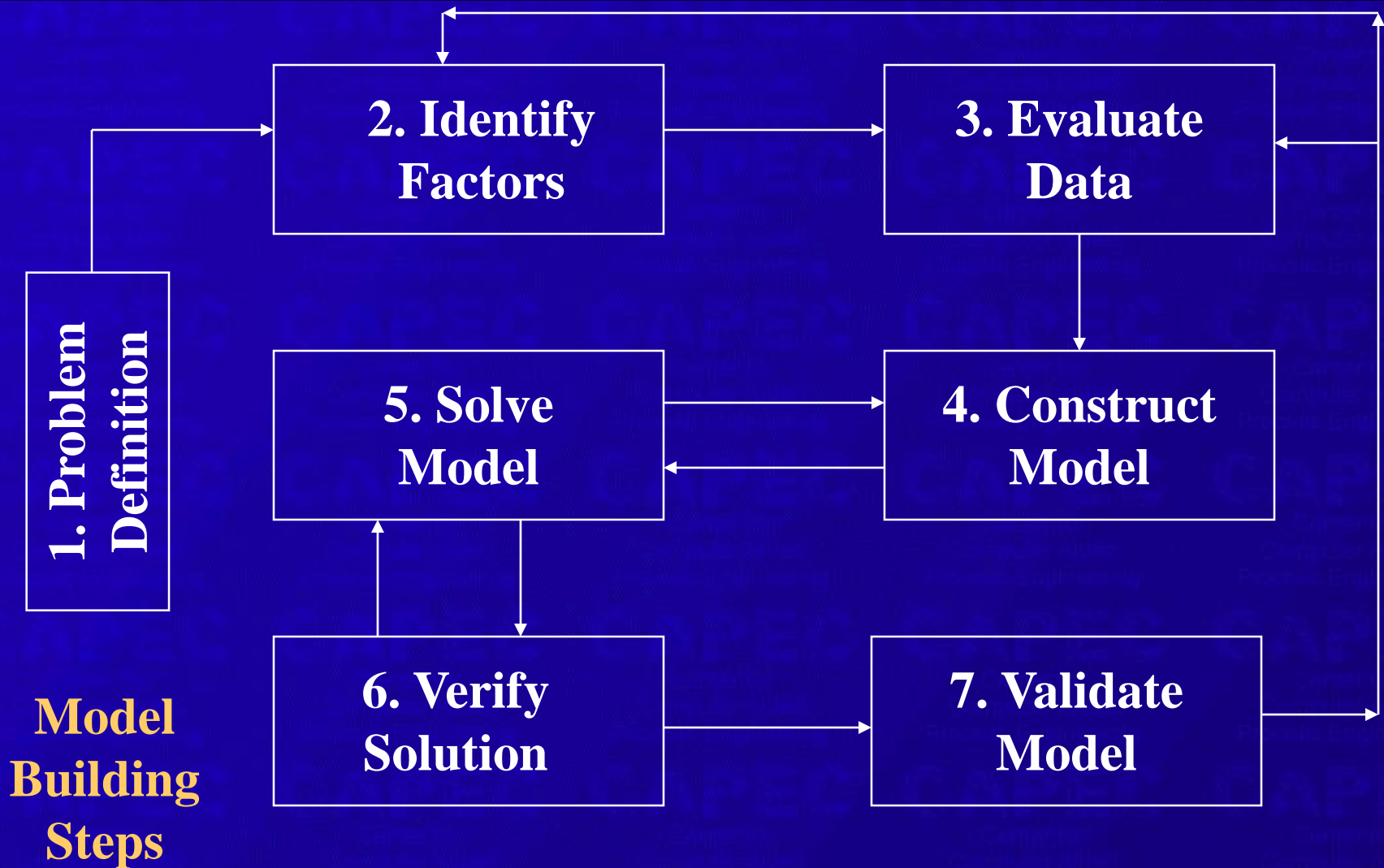
System versus model characteristics



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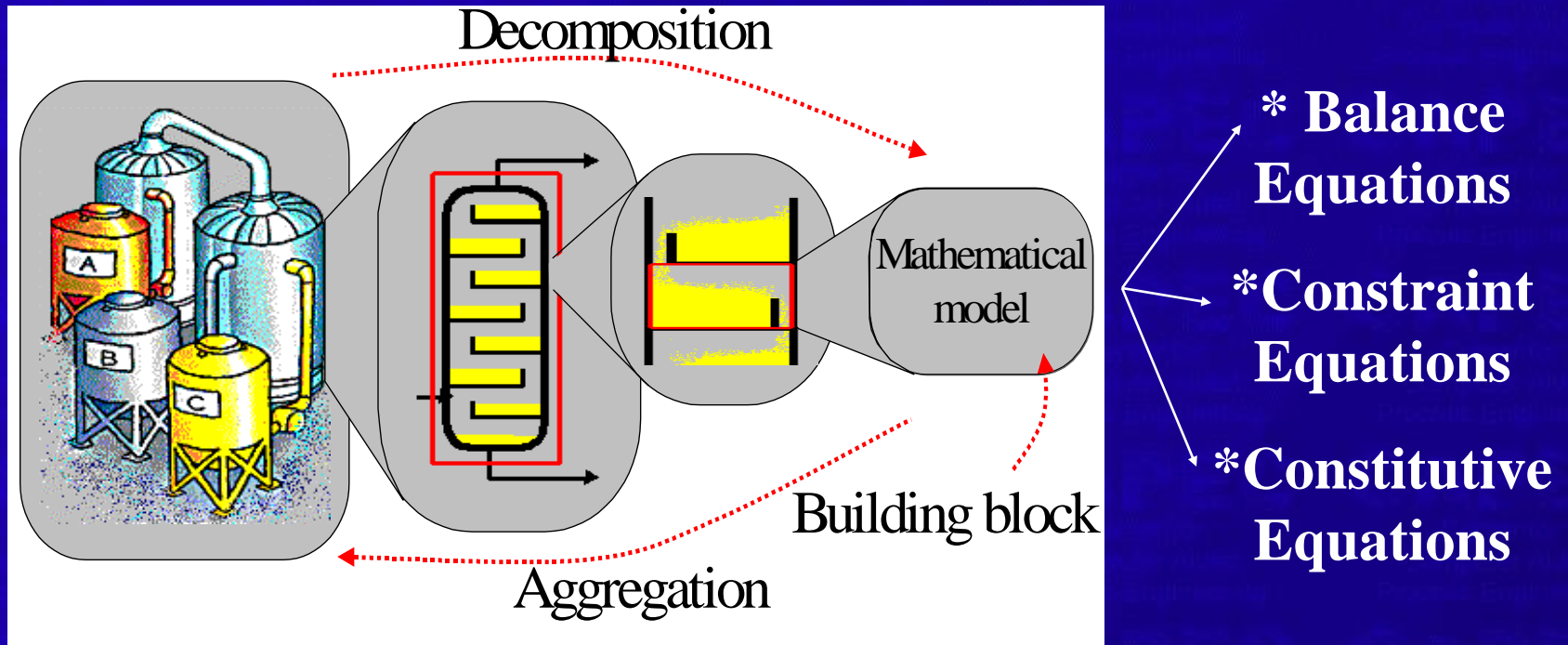


A systematic model building approach

Structural representation of models

- 1. Assumptions**
- 2. Equations & characteristic variables**
- 3. Initial conditions (where applicable)**
- 4. Boundary conditions (where applicable)**
- 5. Parameters**

Model Construction



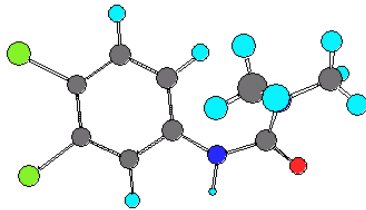
Define Boundary

Describe System

Develop Building Block

Chemical Process Modelling

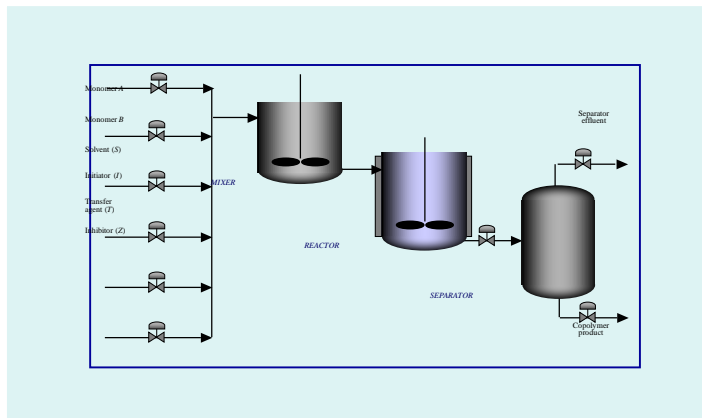
The process of generating abstract or conceptual models, that is, representing reality with virtual reality for a purpose!



$$f(X) = \sum_i N_i C_i + w \sum_j M_j D_j + z \sum_k O_k E_k$$



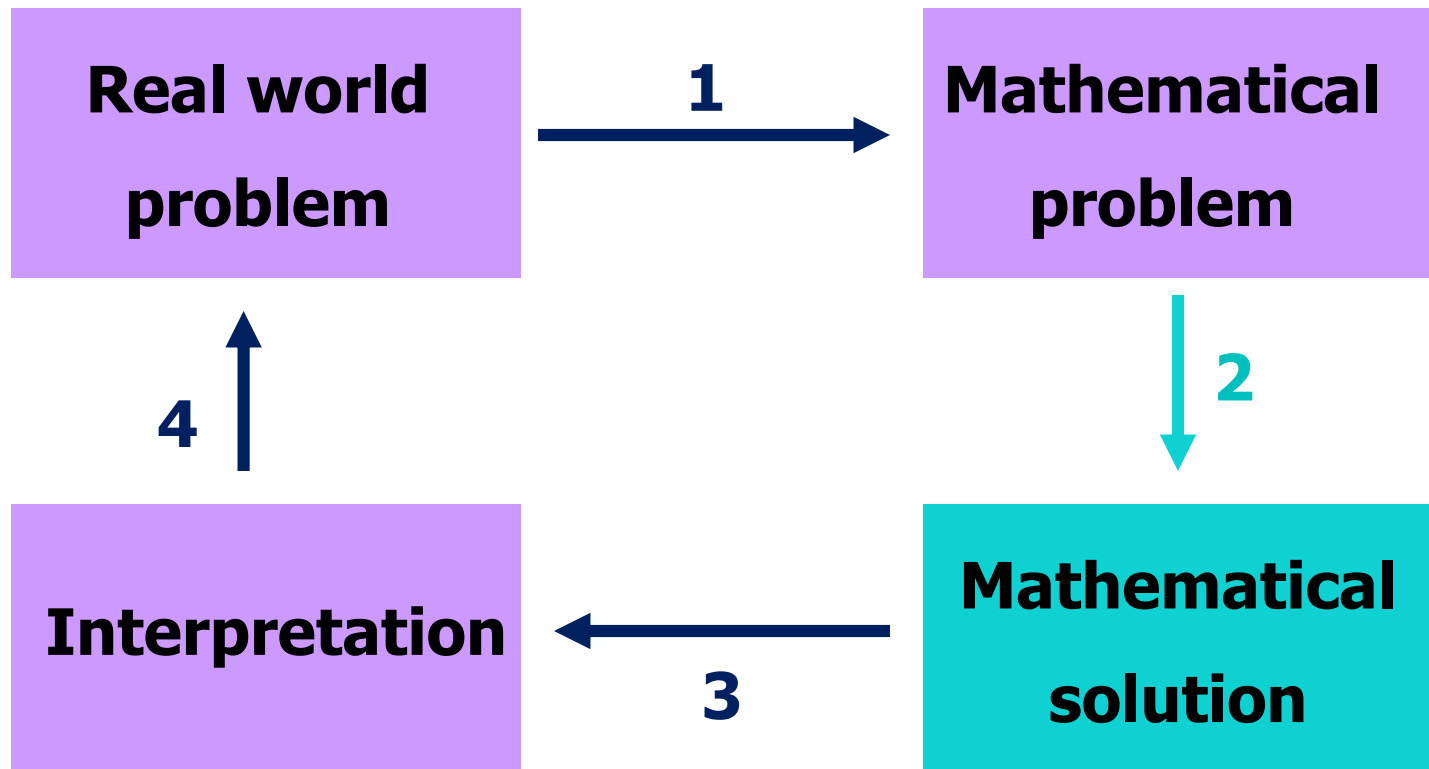
Predict behaviour*



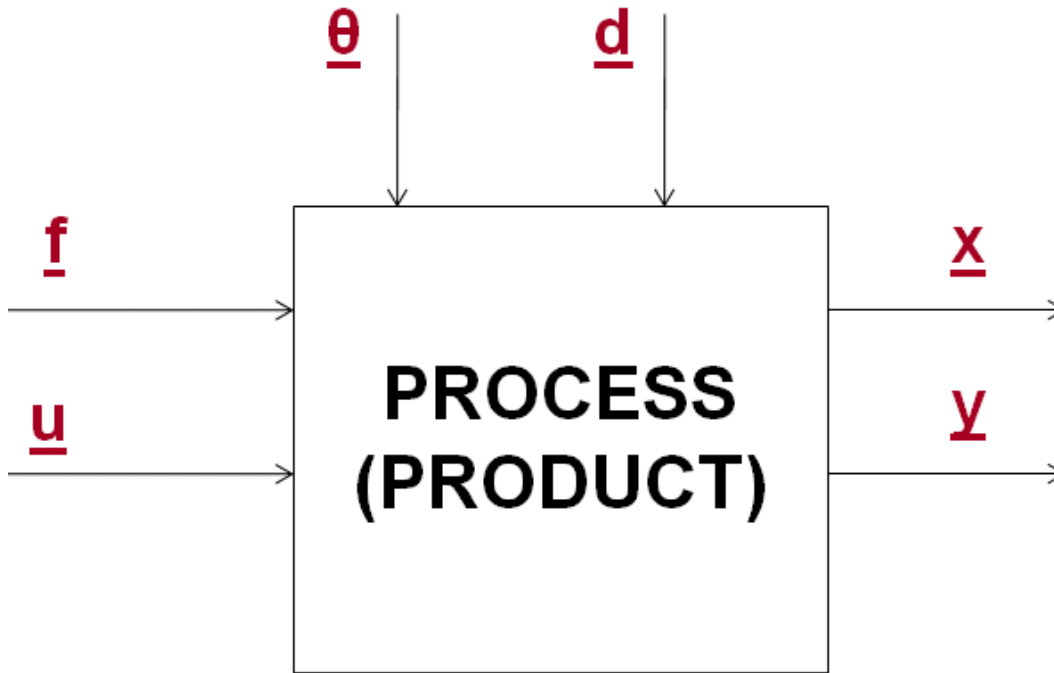
$$\frac{dm_A}{dt} = f_{A_i} - f_A - rV$$

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = f\hat{H}_i - f\hat{H}$$

The Modelling Process



Solution of mathematical models - 1



Models:

Process/property

$$d\underline{x}/dt = f(\underline{f}, \underline{u}, \underline{d}, \underline{\theta}, \underline{x})$$

$$\underline{y} = g(\underline{x})$$

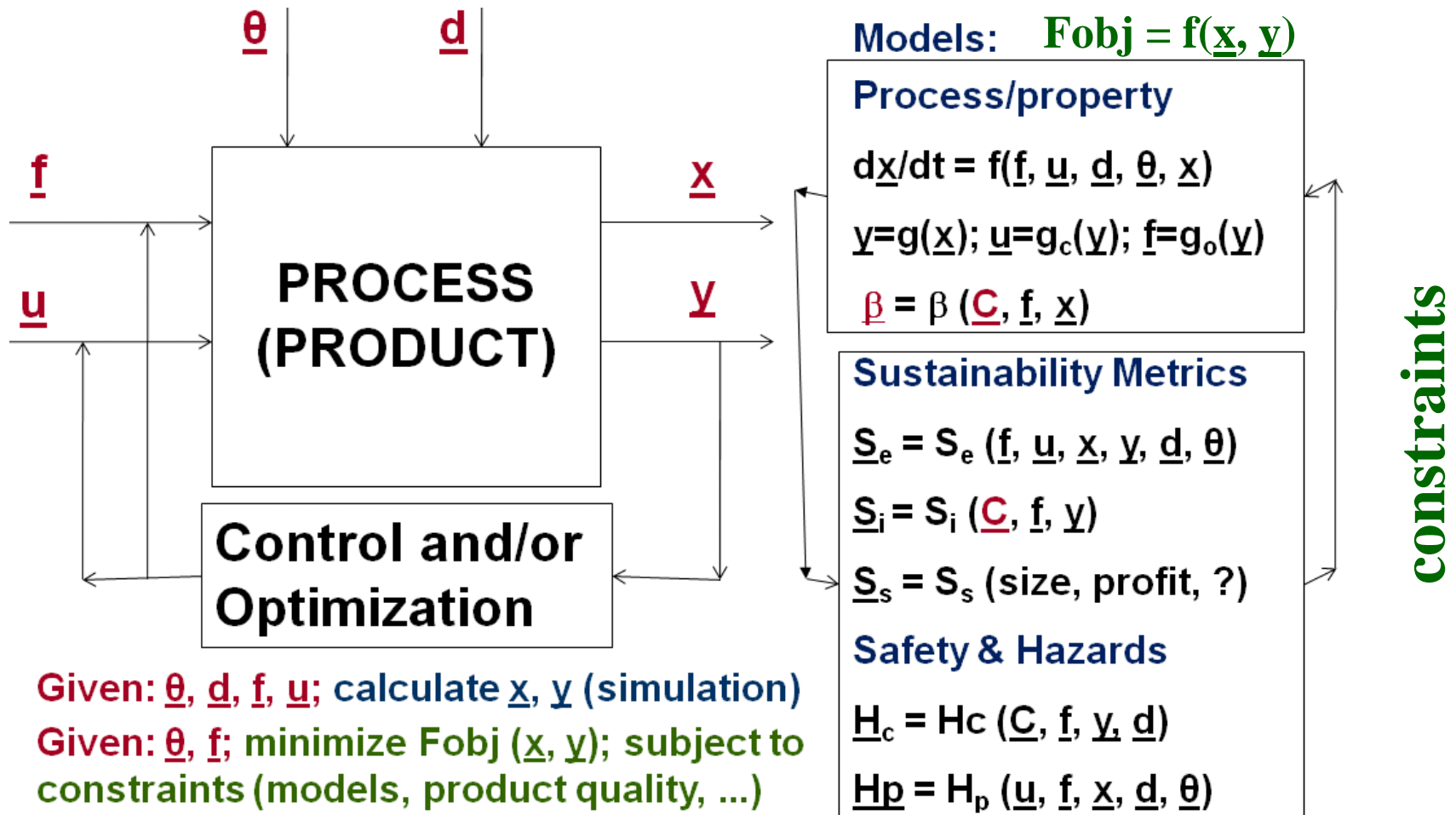
$$\underline{\beta} = \beta(\underline{C}, \underline{f}, \underline{x})$$

Analytical or numerical solution?

Given: $\underline{\theta}$, \underline{d} , \underline{f} , \underline{u} ; calculate \underline{x} , \underline{y} (simulation)

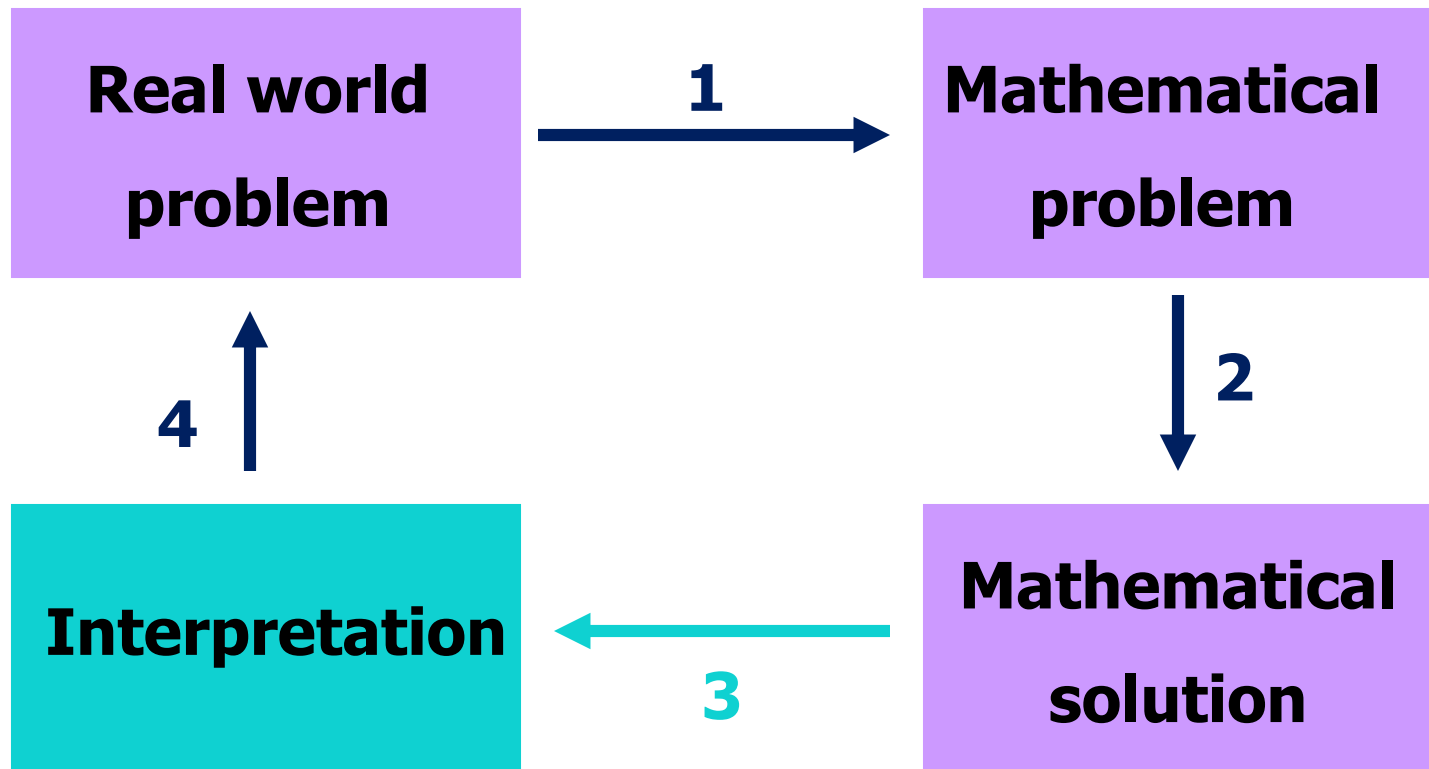
Process simulation; design; analysis (troubleshooting, safety, environmental impact assessment, ...)

Model-based solution approaches

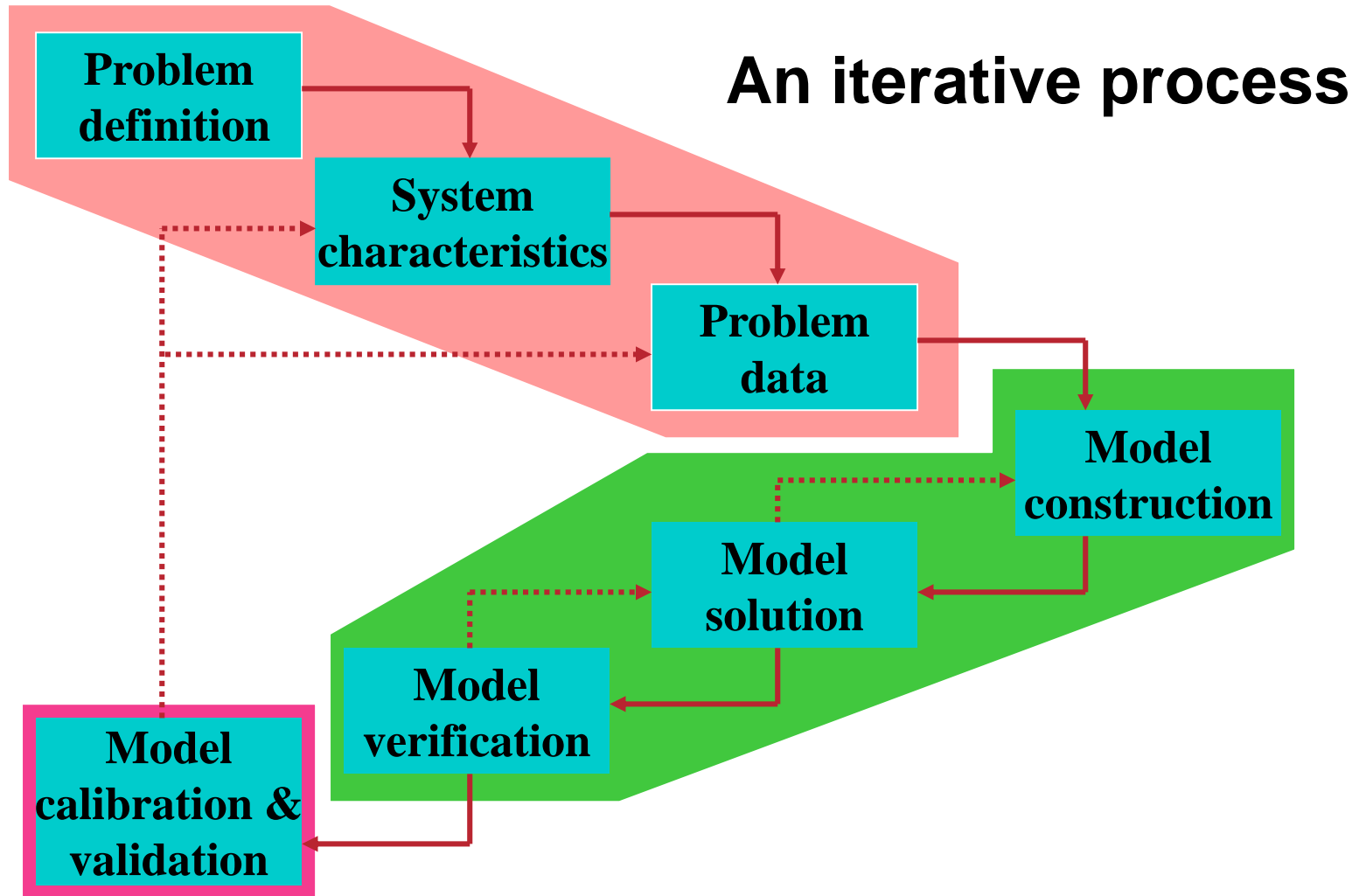


Process simulation; design; control, diagnosis, operator training, safety, analysis (environmental impact assessment, ..)

The Modelling Process



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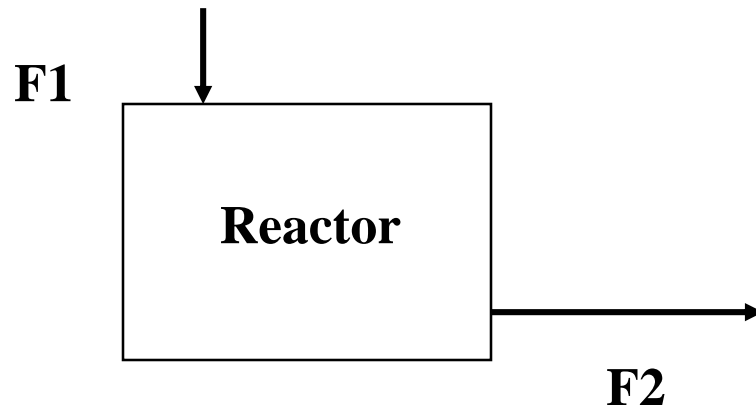
Model classification & forms

- ❖ Mechanistic vs. Empirical
- ❖ Stochastic vs. Deterministic
- ❖ Lumped vs. Distributed
- ❖ Linear vs. Nonlinear
- ❖ Continuous vs. Discrete
- ❖ Dynamic vs. Steady state
- ❖ Deterministic: NLAE/ODE/PDAEs
- ❖ Stochastic: NLAE/DE/Integral PDAEs
- ❖ Lumped: NLAE/ODE
- ❖ Distributed: Elliptic/Parabolic PDE
- ❖ Linear: AE/ODE
- ❖ Continuous: NLAE/ODE
- ❖ Discrete: -/DE

Summary of model characteristics

- **Models can be developed in hierarchies**
 - **Models exist in relative precision**
- **Models cause us to think about our system**
- **Models are developed at a cost in terms of time & money**
- **Models require parameter estimation and constants**
 - **Models should be identifiable in terms of their parameters**
 - **Models may need simplification to become useful**
 - **Models may be difficult or impossible to validate**
- **Models can become intractable w.r.t their numerical solution**

Use of mathematical models - 1



Reaction : $A \rightarrow B$

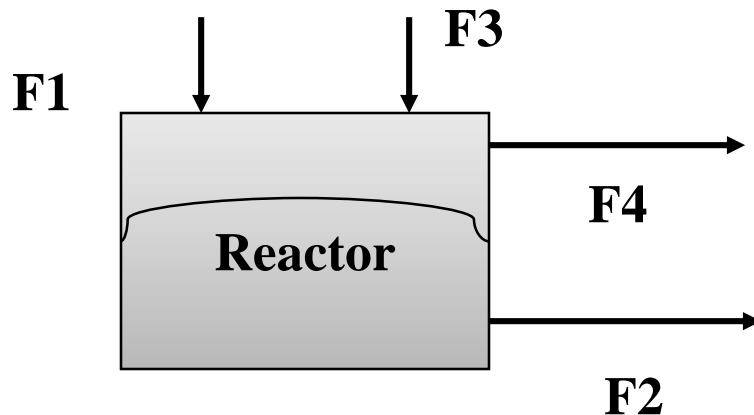
**High conversion at
temperature = 340 K**

**Embed reactor model into
operation model**

Batch Operation Model

1. **Charge Feed (open F1 & close F2)**
2. **Close F1**
3. **Heat until
temperature = 340 K**
4. **Control temperature
at 340 K**
5. **Discharge when X_B is
 ≥ 0.9**
6. **.....**

Use of mathematical models - 2



Reaction : $A \rightarrow B$

**Maximum conversion
of 50% A at $T = 340\text{ K}$**

**Extract B from reactor
with solvent!**

*Solvent ID and effects
need to be modeled*

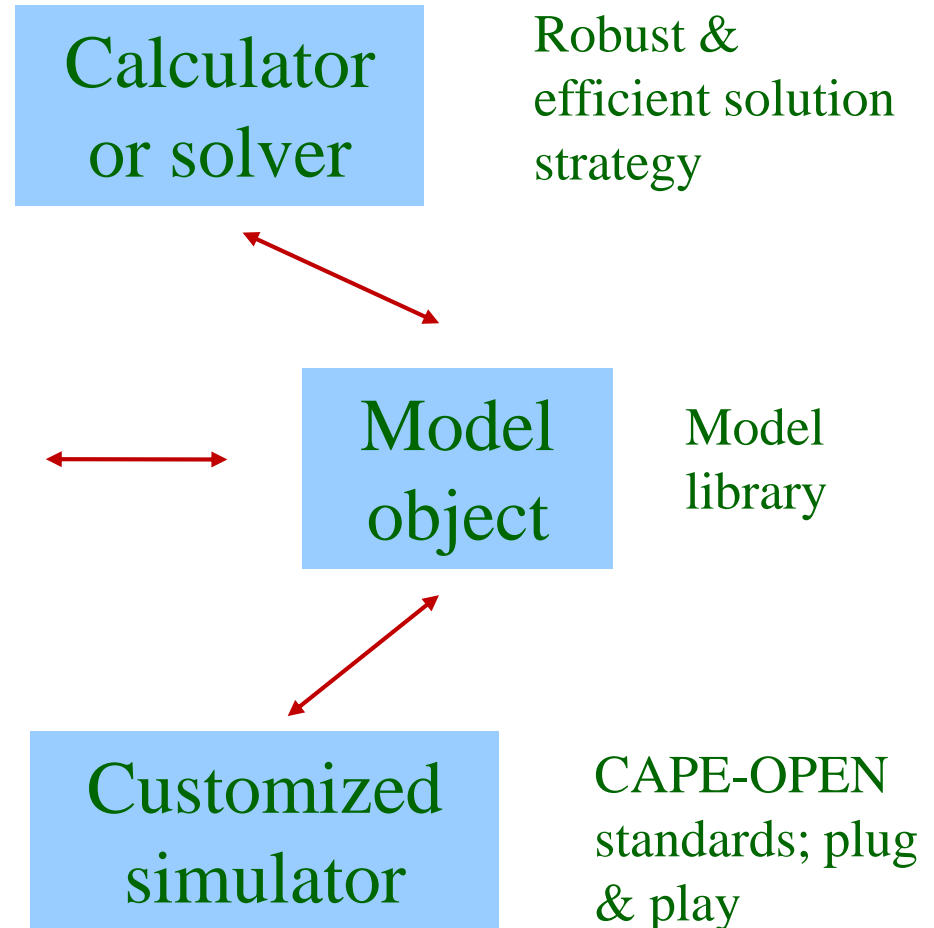
Embed reactor model into
operation model

Batch Operation/Design Model

1. Charge Feed (open F1 & close F2)
2. Close F1
3. Heat until temperature = 340 K
4. Control temperature at 340 K
5. Charge solvent by opening F3
6. Extract B by opening F4
7.

Model based calculations

Modelling tools:
construction; model reuse; model analysis; model aggregation; model decomposition; model identification;



Own reading

- ❖ What common models do we associate with heat transfer ?
 - ◆ Conduction...? Fourier's model (1822)
 - ◆ Convection ...? Newton's model (1701)
 - ◆ Radiation ...? Stefan-Boltzmann (1879)
- ❖ What are some of the key characteristics of these models ?
- ❖ What classification do you give them ?
- ❖ What are some of the impediments to effective model building ?