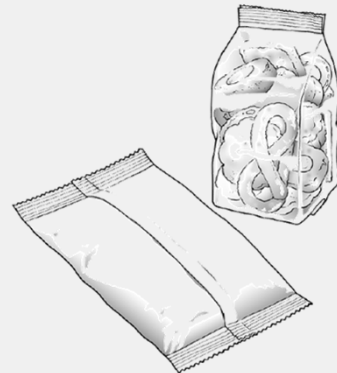


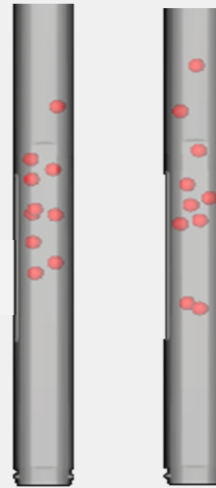
DEM MODEL CALIBRATION FOR VERTICAL FILLING: SELECTION OF ADEQUATE TRIALS AND HANDLING RANDOMNESS



Filling
(VFFS)



Source:
Bosch Packaging Technology



Randomness +
Model Accuracy?

Agenda

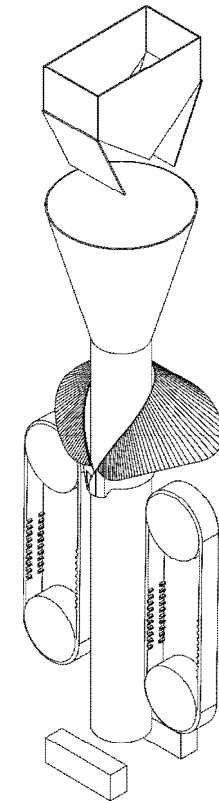
The VFFS Process and Goal

Parameter Identification for DEM

Randomness in the Process

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Results and Conclusion



THE VFFS PROCESS AND GOAL

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VFFS Process

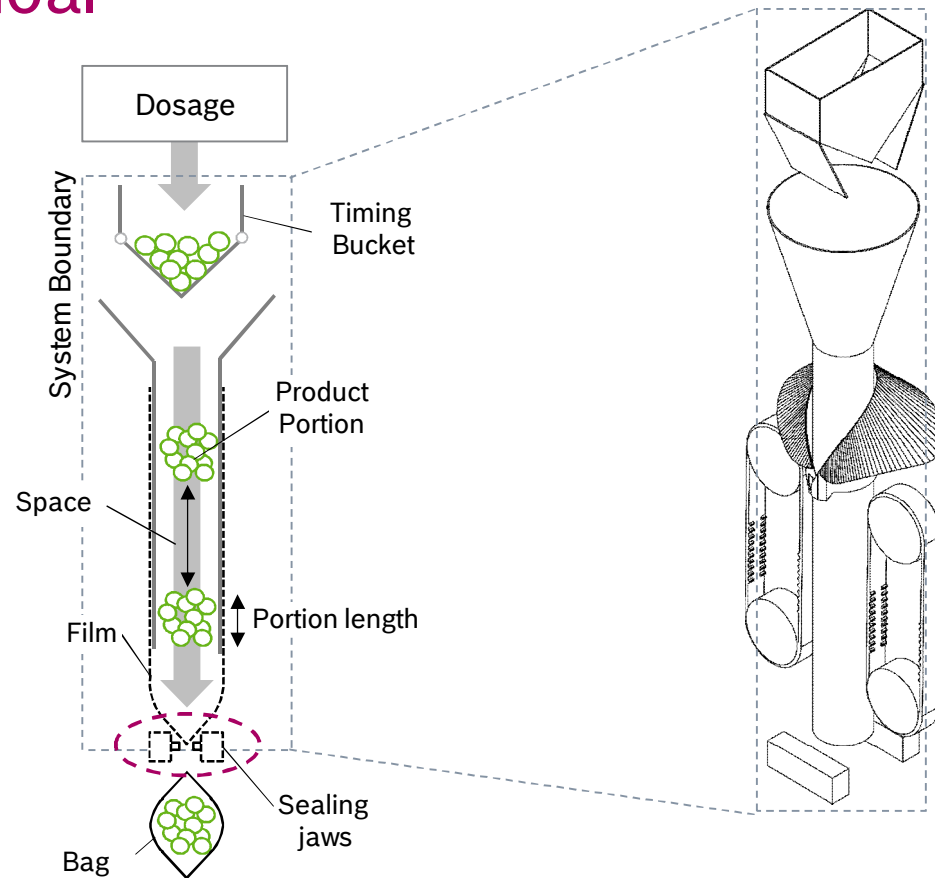
Industry Requirements

- ▶ Airtight bags
- ▶ High output rate (bags/minute)
- ▶ Flexibility

Critical for Process Safety

Compact portions required

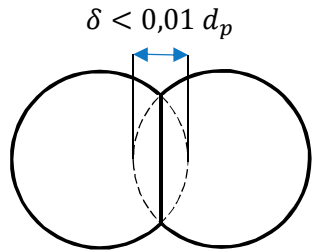
→ Goal: improve predictability



PARAMETER IDENTIFICATION FOR DISCRETE ELEMENT METHOD

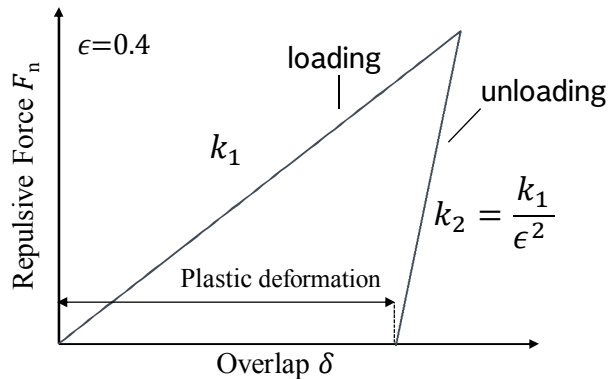
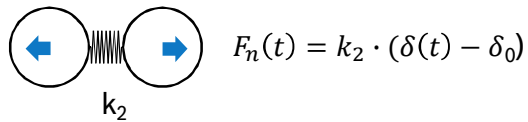
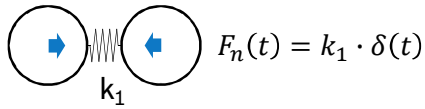
Parameter Identification for Discrete Element Method

DEM



Assumption:
Deformation = Overlap

Elastic-Plastic Model:



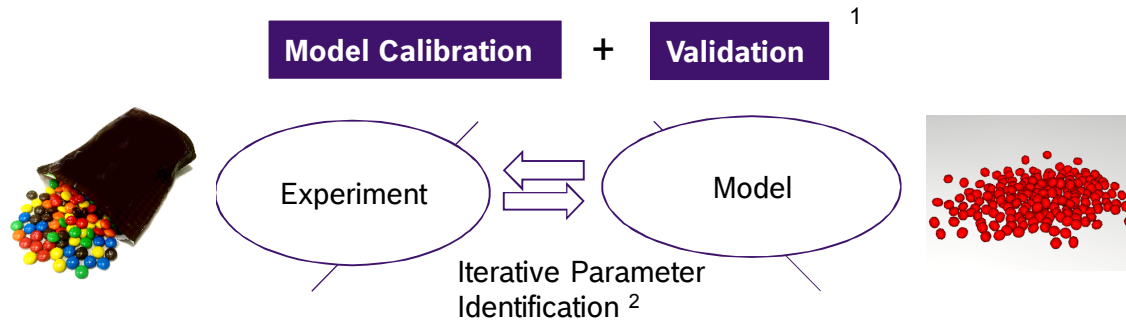
Parameters

- ▶ Young's Modulus
- ▶ Poisson ratio
- ▶ Dynamic friction + (P-P, P-B)
- ▶ Static friction + (P-P, P-B)
- ▶ Coefficient of Restitution + (P-P, P-B)
- ▶ Rolling Resistance +

+ variable parameters here

How to find parameters?

Parameter Identification for Discrete Element Method



Qualitative

- ▶ Representative trial
- ▶ Validation = “Plausibility check”³
- + Well established
- No information about error in %
- Unused potential

Quantitative

- ▶ Representative trial or in process
- ▶ Validation = **quantitative determination of error**
- + Certainty
- + Reproducible
- Additional effort

¹ Gröger et al., 2006. On the numerical calibration of discrete element models for the simulation of bulk solids

² Benvenuti, 2016, Identification of DEM Simulation Parameters by Artificial Neural Networks and Bulk Experiments

³ Markauskas et al., 2010, Investigation of rice grain flow by multi-sphere particle model with rolling resistance

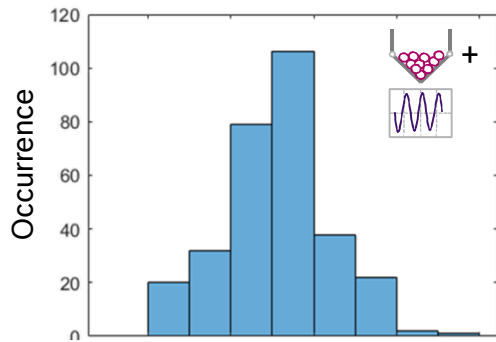
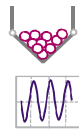
RANDOMNESS IN THE PROCESS

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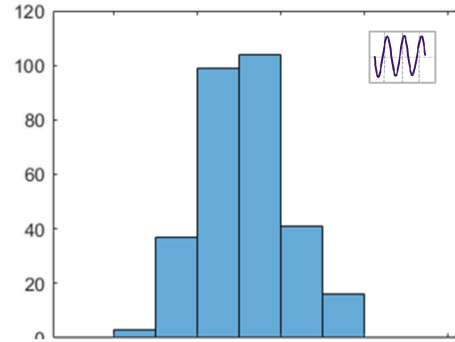
Randomness in the Process

Sources of Randomness

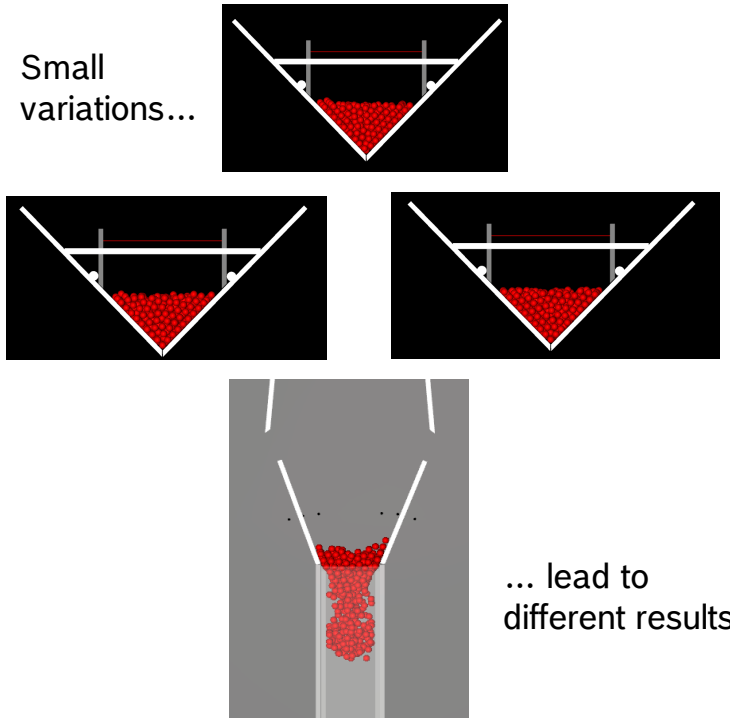
- ▶ Variation in initial conditions
- ▶ Numerical Noise
- + amplification over time



Standard deviation:



Drop time



➔ Uncertainty affects optimization/calibration

Kirsch et al., 2018, Simulation of Vertical Filling Processes of Granular Foods for typical Retail Amounts

CALIBRATION WITH OPTISLANG

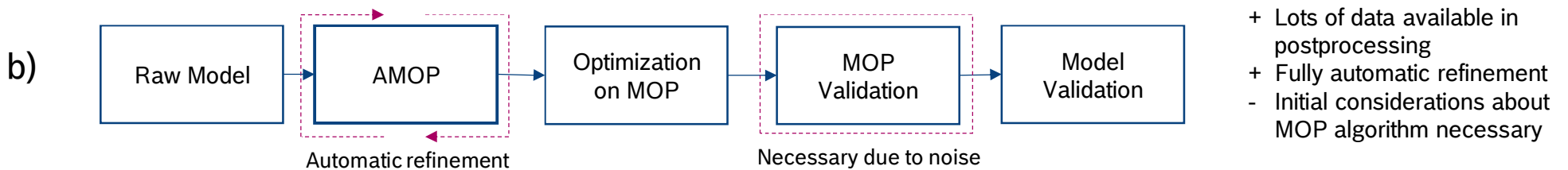
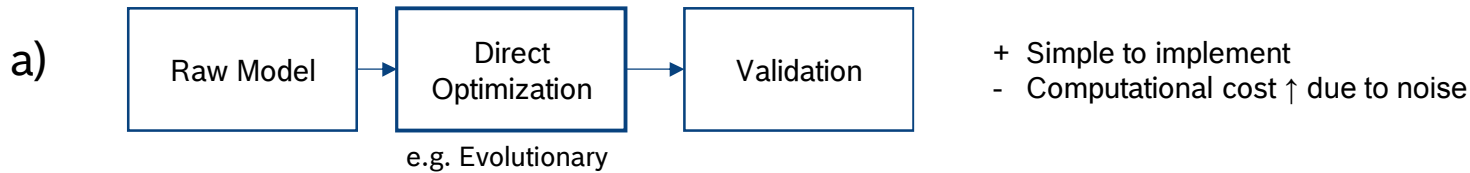
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Calibration with Optislang



Goal

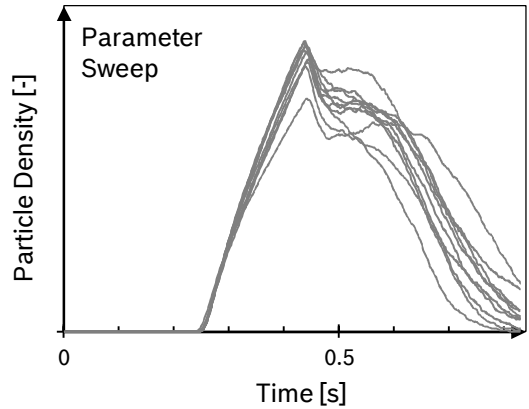
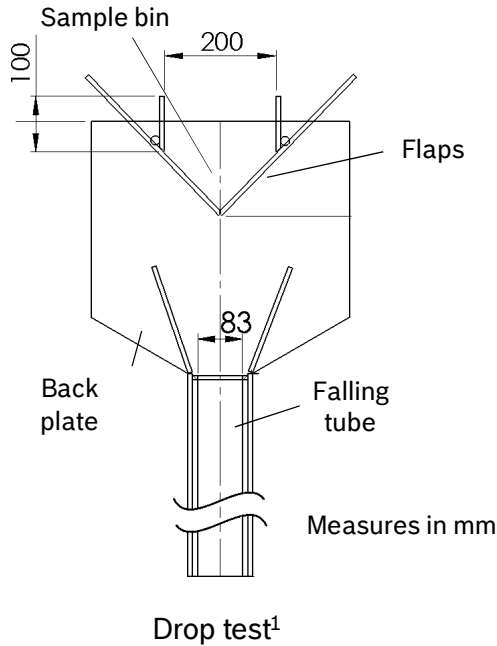
- ▶ Identify candidate parameter sets that represent real product
- ▶ Only calculate parameter sets in the interesting area



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Calibration with Optislang – Calibration Trial

Calibration + Validation



Sources for noise:

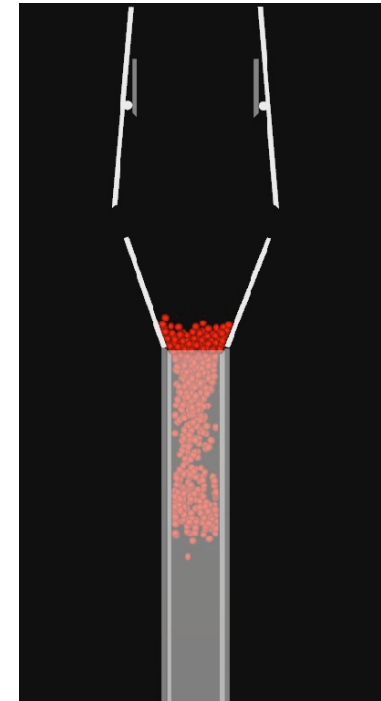


Numerical Noise



Random Initial Condition

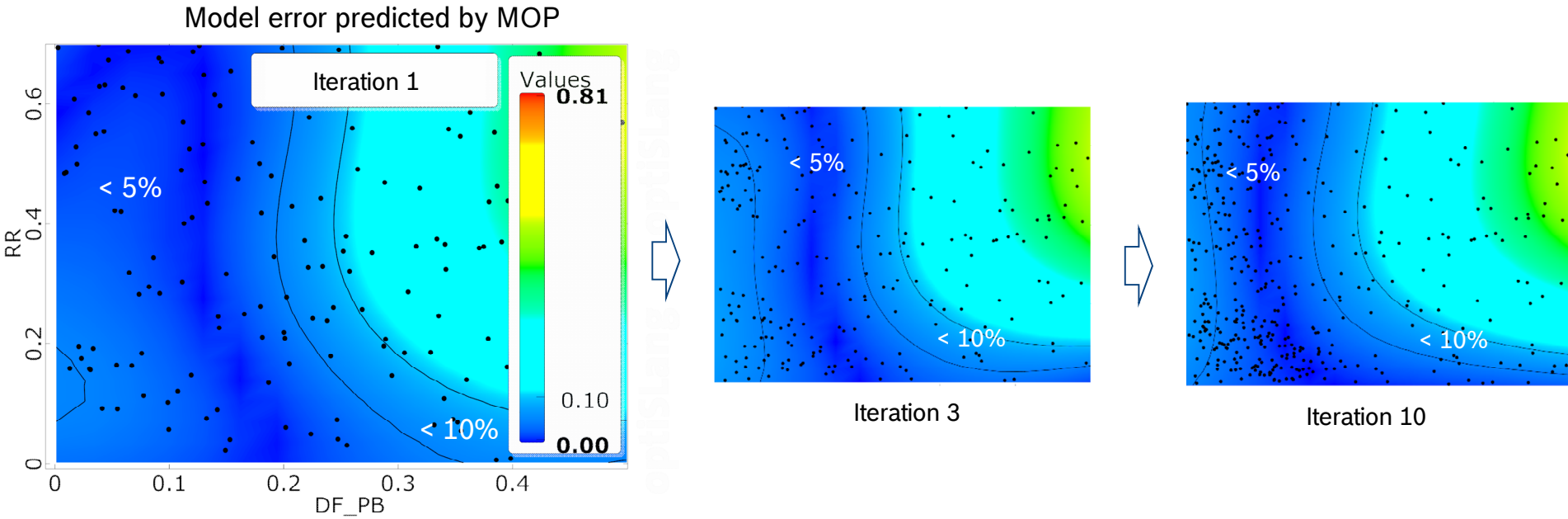
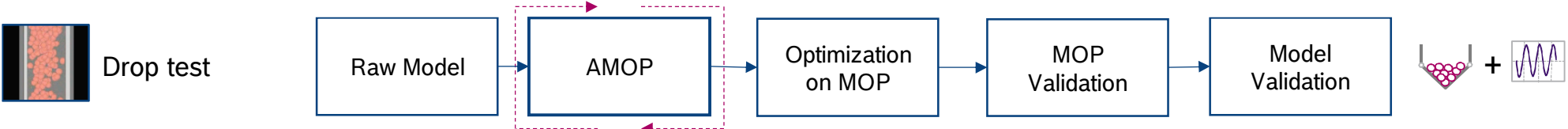
Comp. Cost ↑



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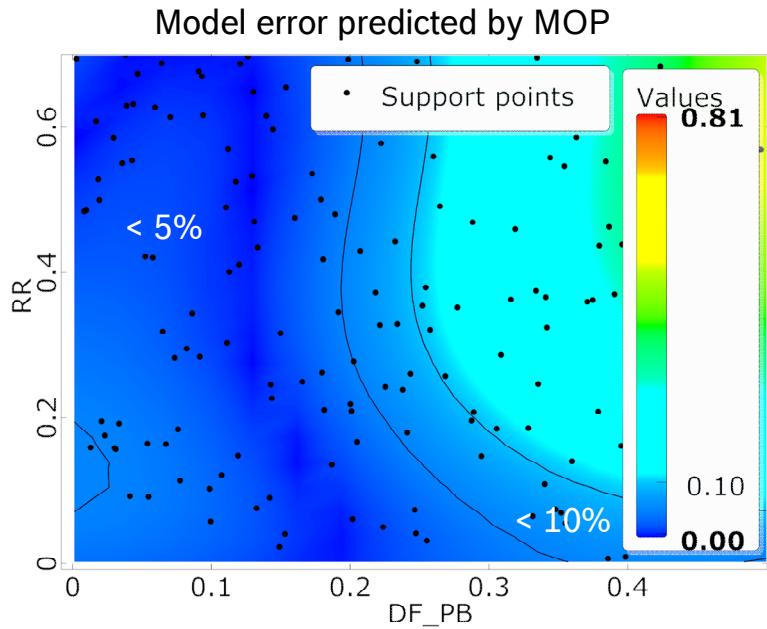
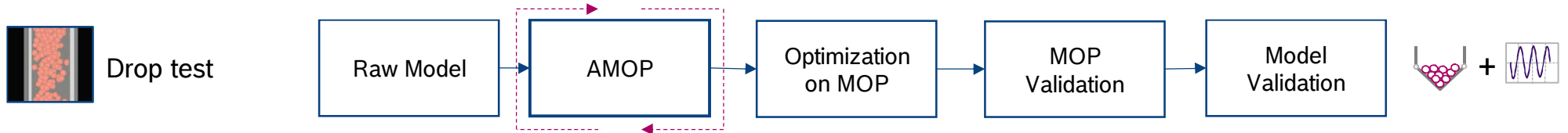
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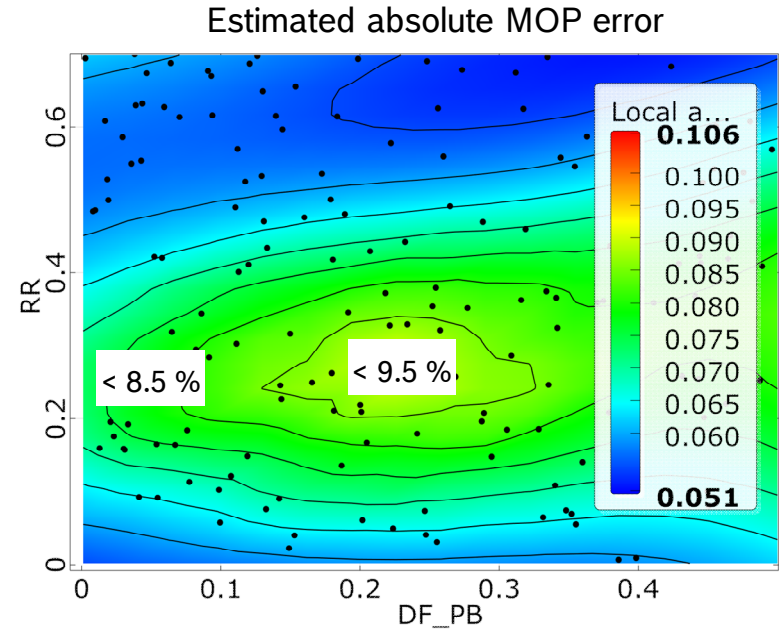


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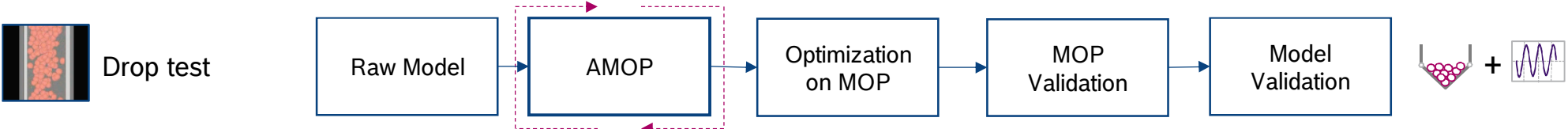


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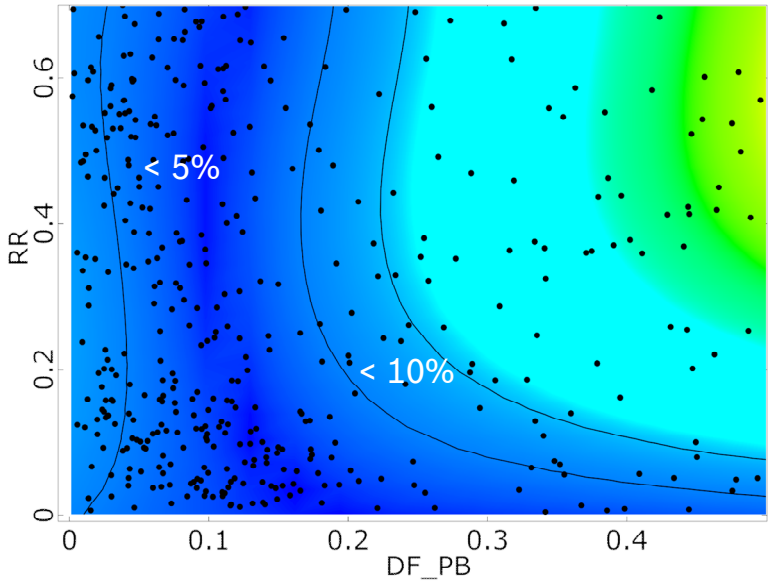


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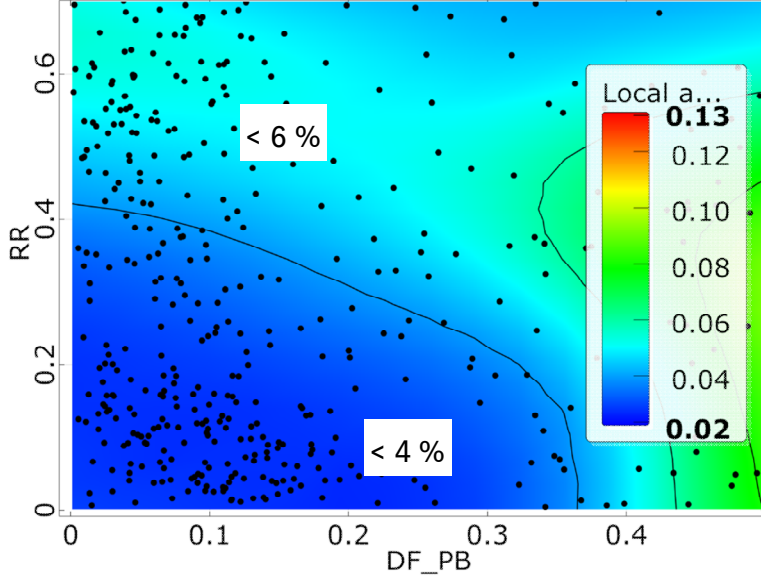
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Model error predicted by MOP

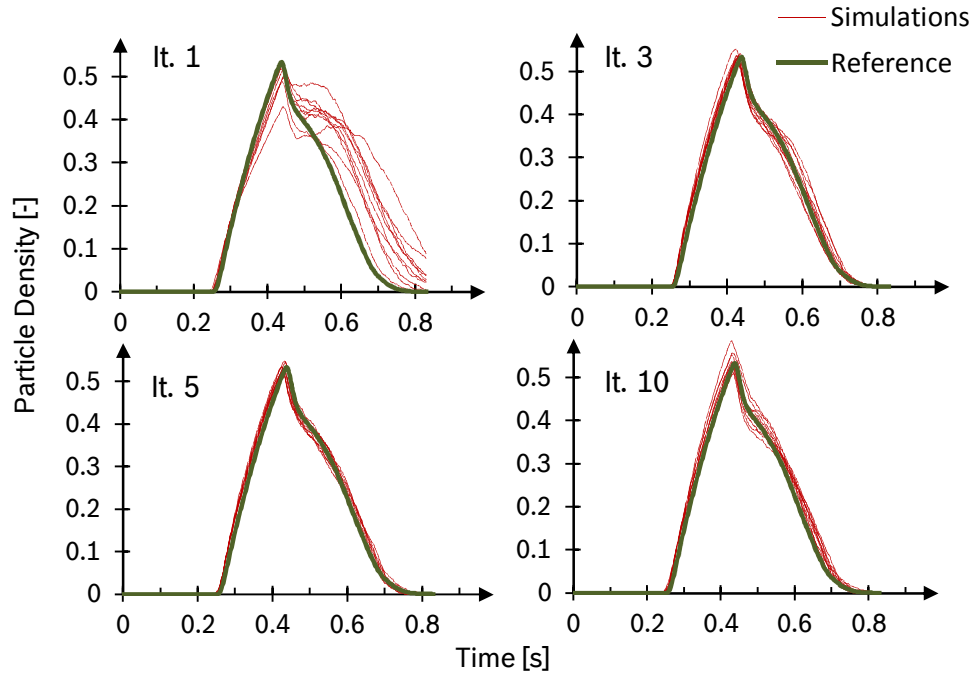
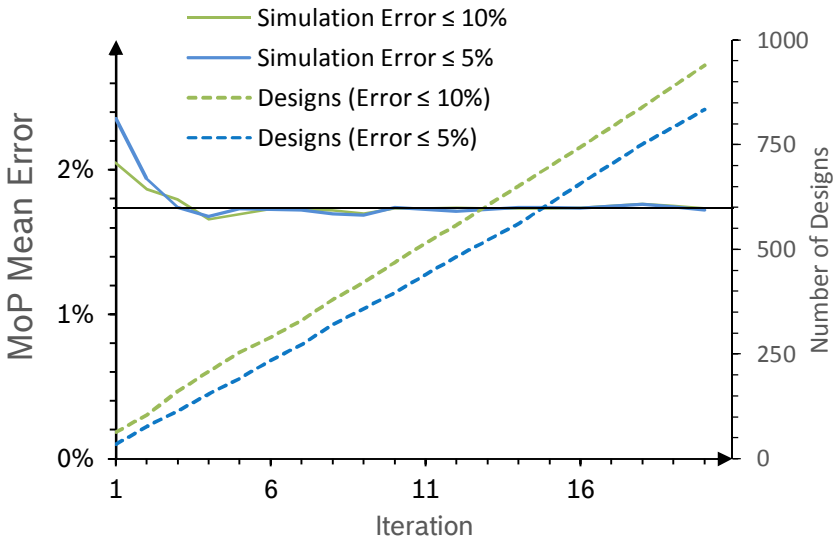
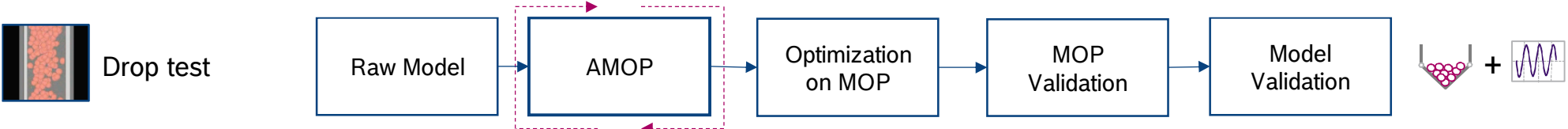


Estimated absolute MOP error



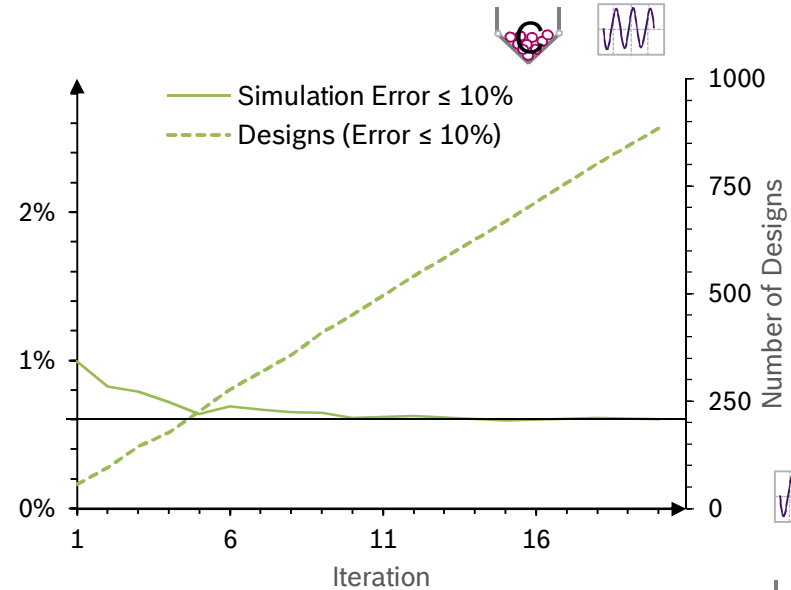
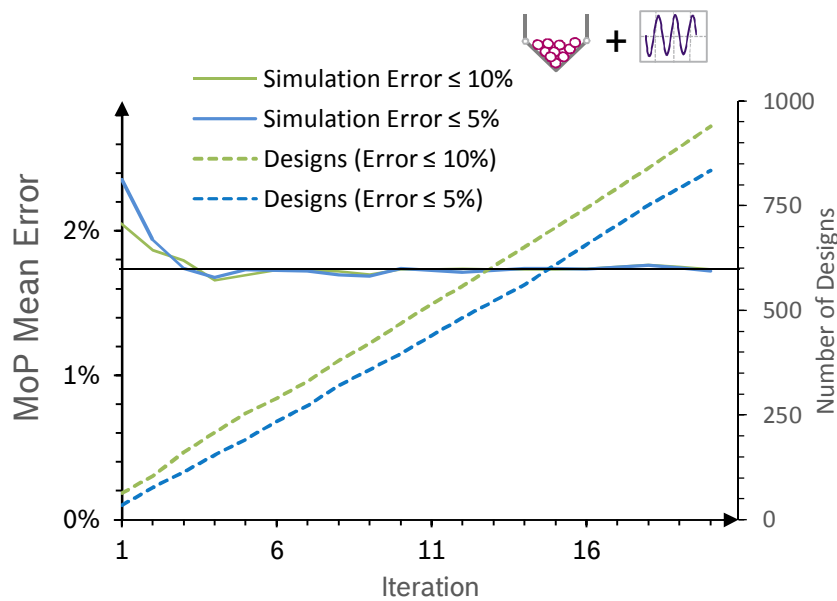
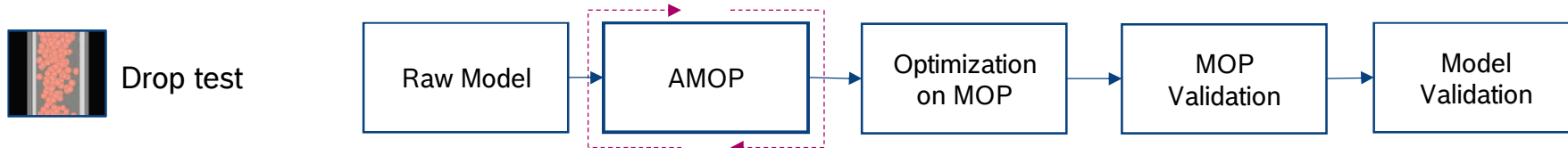
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

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Baseline noise is much lower with constant initial condition

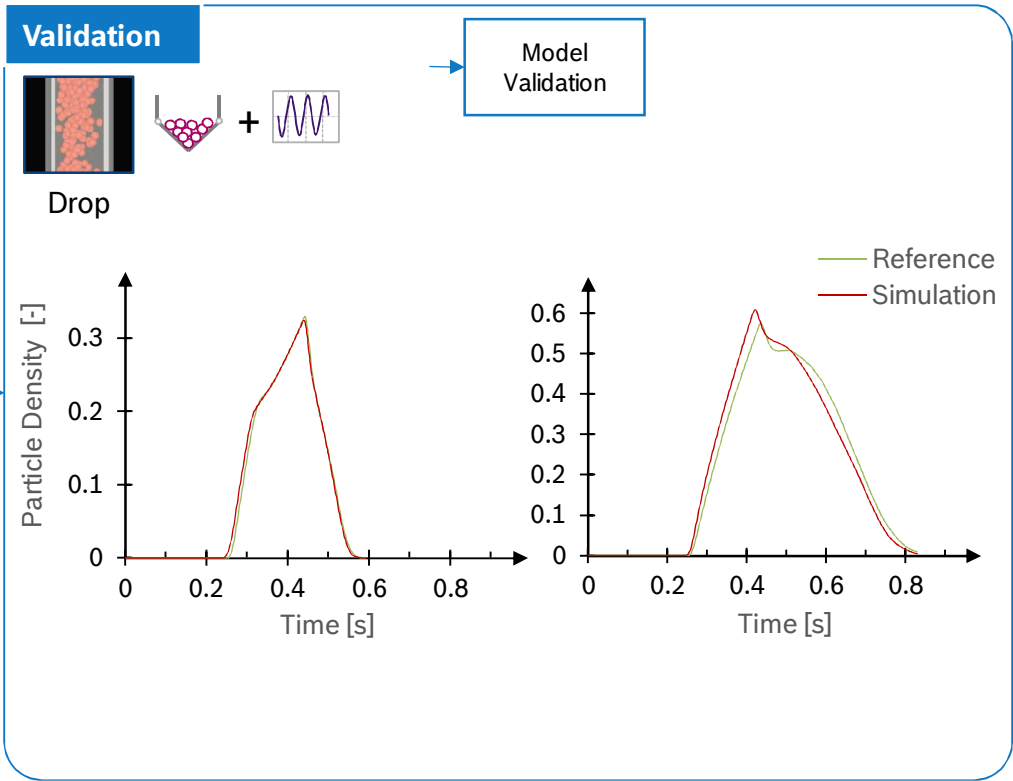
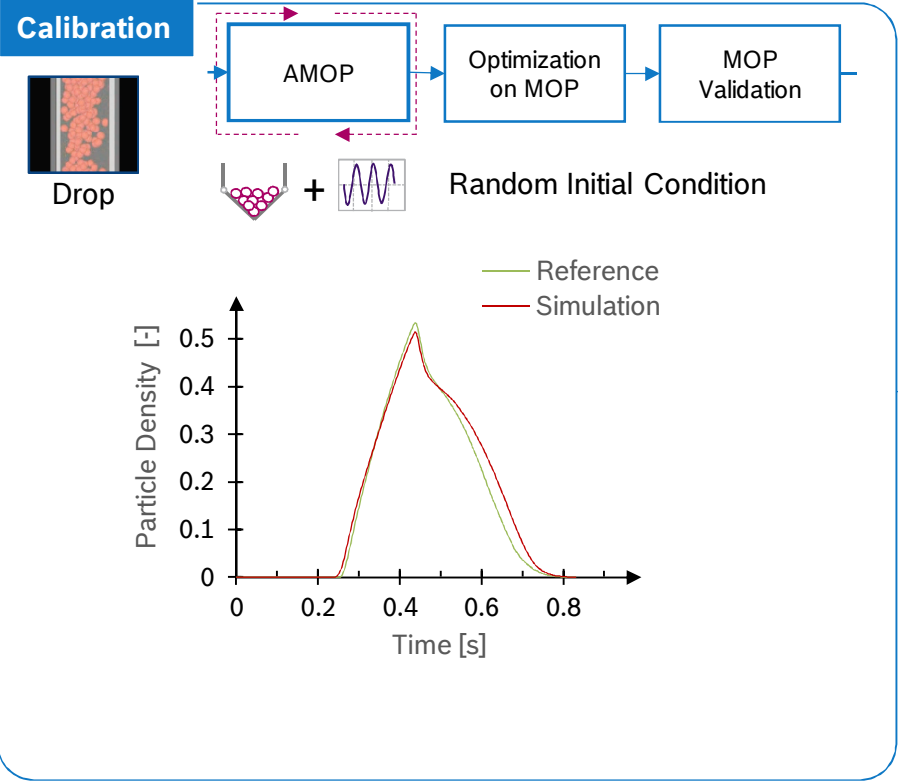


 Numerical Noise
 Random Initial Condition

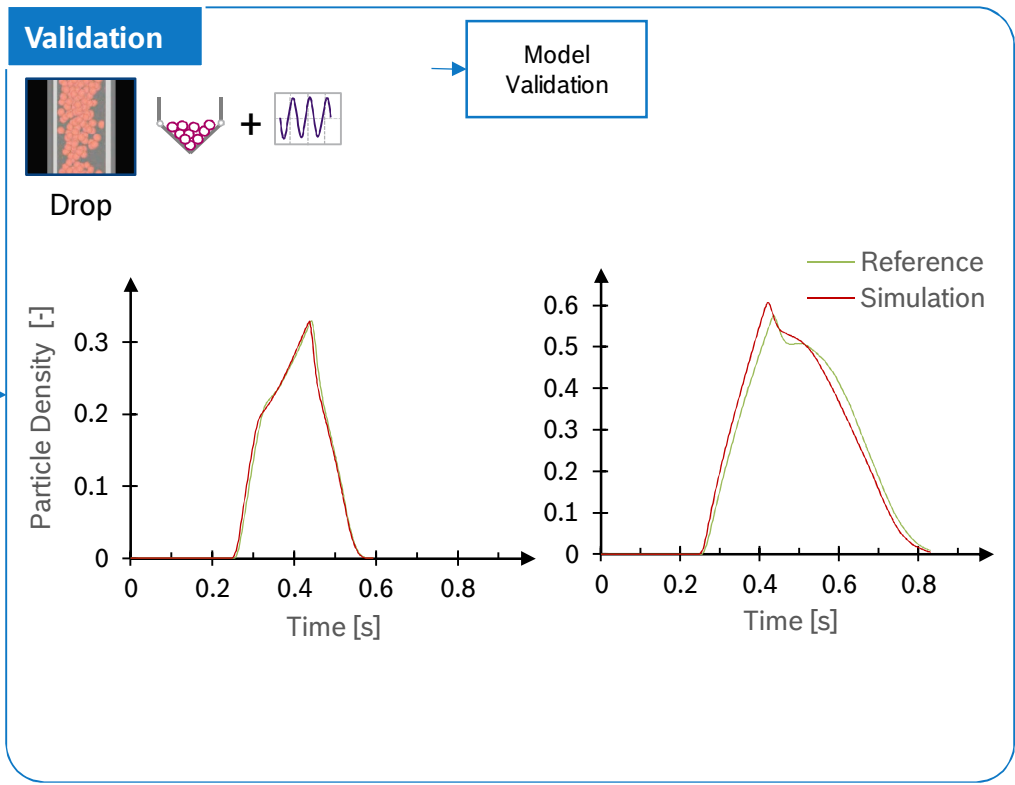
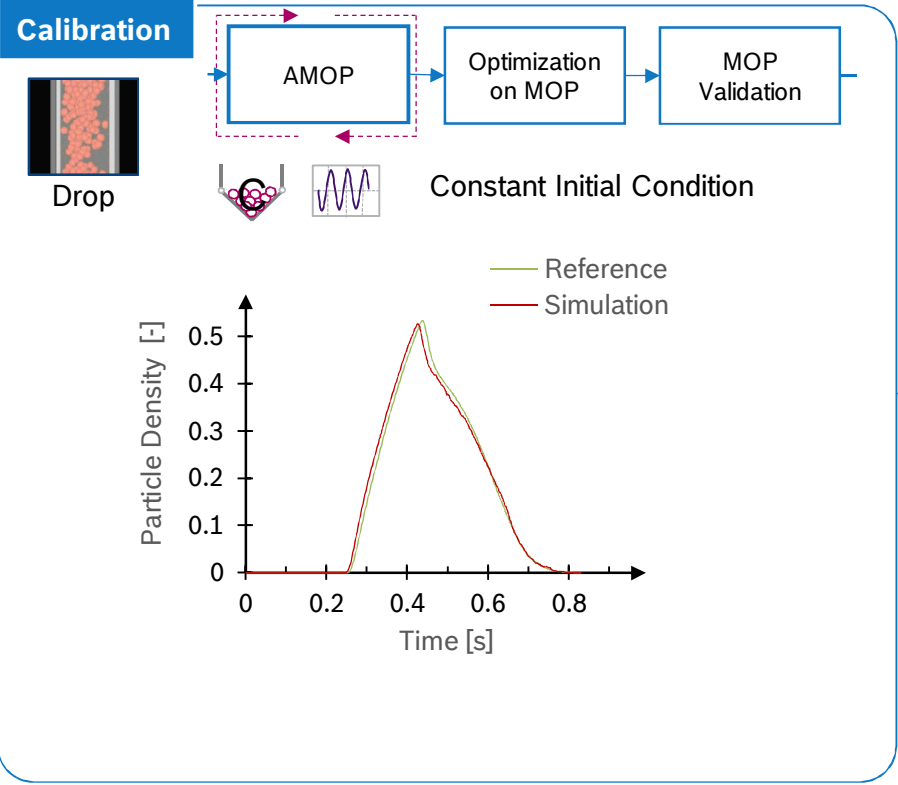
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Validation proofs predictive quality of calibrated model



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Conclusion

Summary

Goal

- ▶ Improve predictability of filling process
- ▶ Find generalized approach for parameter identification

Results

- ▶ AMOP approach is an efficient method to localize low-error hotspots
- ▶ For sample product & scenario, model has high accuracy
- ▶ Noise due to initial conditions does not affect accuracy of calibration

Outlook

- ▶ Expand approach to more products