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**The EPSRC and DoHSC Future Vaccines Manufacturing
Research Hub:**

Modelling tools to understand the dynamics
of vaccines manufacturing and supply chains
in developing countries

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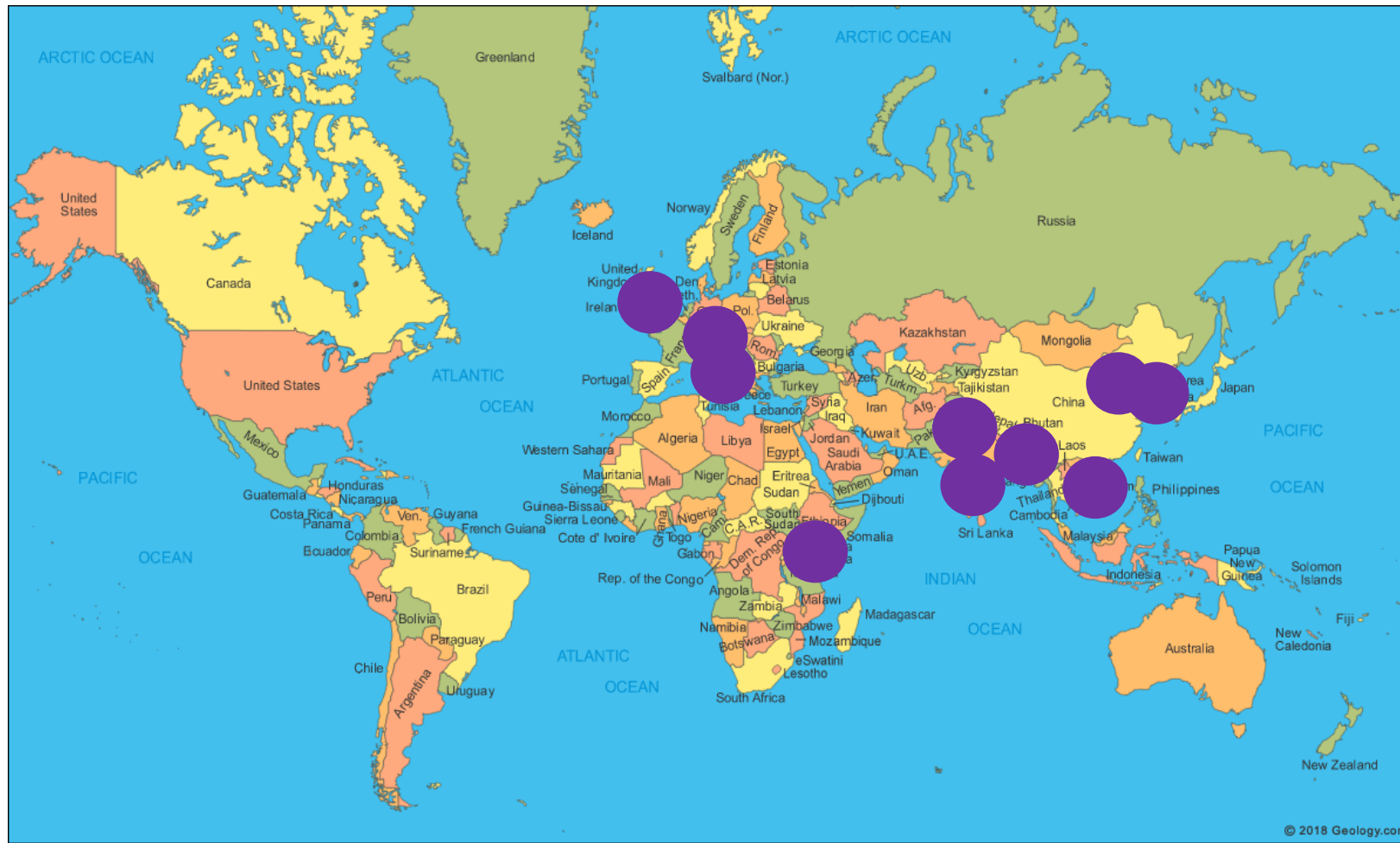
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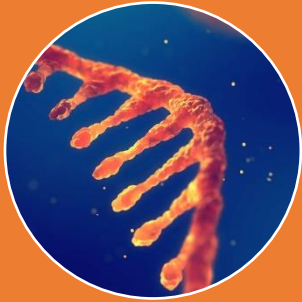


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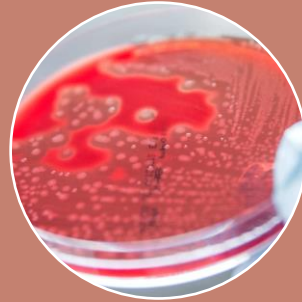




What the Future Vaccine Manufacturing Research Hub is about



Life Sciences



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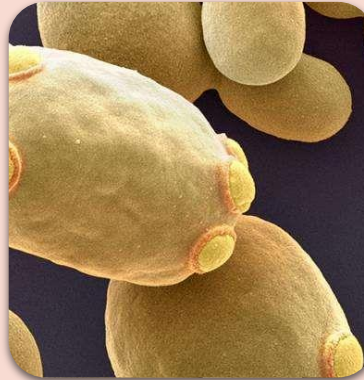
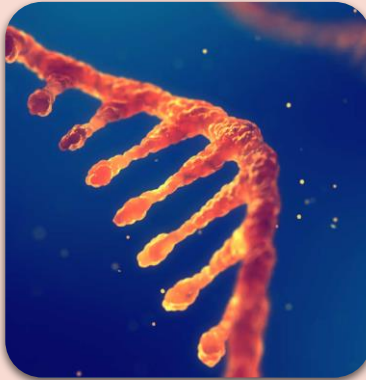


Engineering

- How to design production systems that can produce **tens of thousands of new doses within weeks** of a new threat being identified
- How to improve the way vaccines are **manufactured, stabilised** and **stored** so that **existing and new diseases** can be **prevented effectively**, and **costs reduced**

Goal: advancing the manufacture and deployment of cost effective vaccines

The Hub's vaccine technology platforms



RNA

Rapid
Low cost
Synthetic and cell-free
Immature

Yeast

Easy scale-up and high yield
Low risk of contamination

Human glycosylation
challenging

Baculovirus

Thermostable
Rapid
Feasible scale-up
Technologically complex

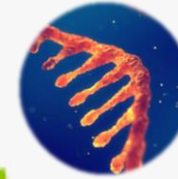
GMMA

Easy scale-up
Mature
Slow
Purification challenging

Decreasing risk



Collaboration and Technology Transfer opportunities



Process optimisation of manufacturing platforms

R&D training and support

QA & QC support and training

Formulation for heat stabilisation

Vaccine specific modelling and decisional tools

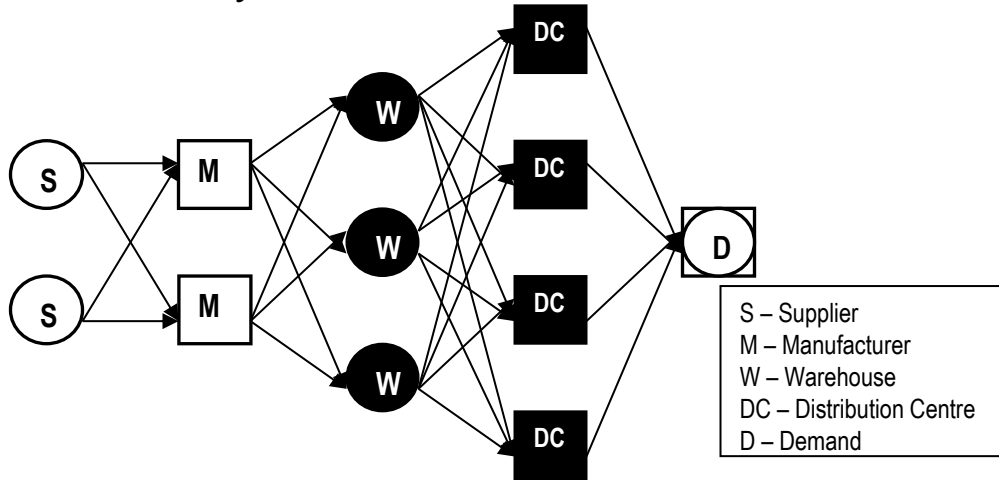


Training researchers from Incepta in Bangladesh, in Dr Karen Polizzi's labs at Imperial College London

Supply chain management for Vaccines Manufacturers

■ What is a Supply Chain?

- The alignment of firms' activities to bring products or services to market
- Linked by counter-current flow of material and information



Supply Chain Management

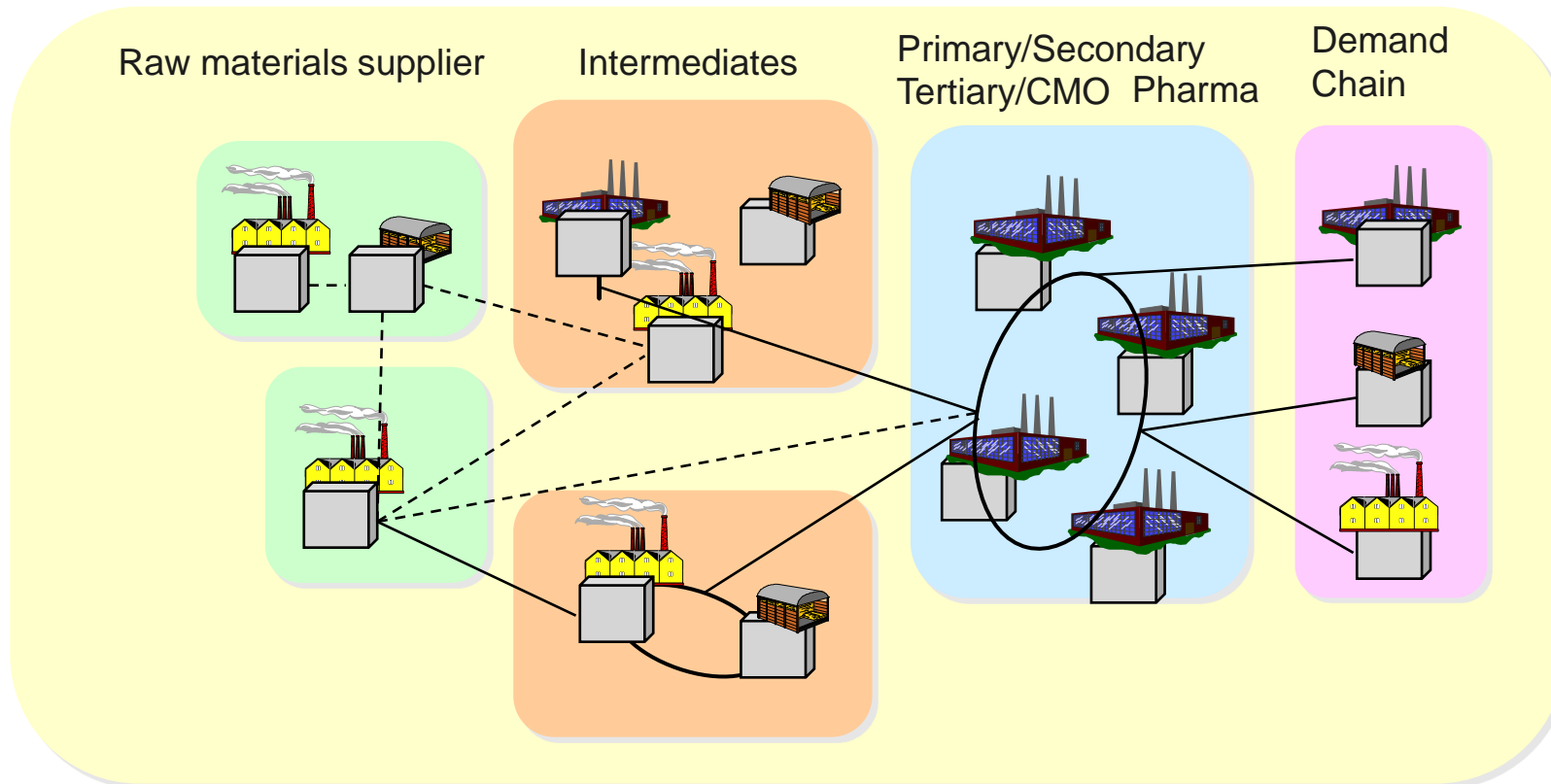
“The systemic, strategic coordination of the traditional business functions and the tactics across these business functions within a particular company and across businesses within the supply chain, for the purposes of improving the long-term performance of the individual companies and the supply chain as a whole.”

■ Supply chain configuration drives opportunity, operational and financial performance:

- centralised vs decentralised
- shipment of bulk or fully-filled vaccines to clinics/local fill-finish plants
- Quality of Service metrics

From serial supply chains to collaborative value networks

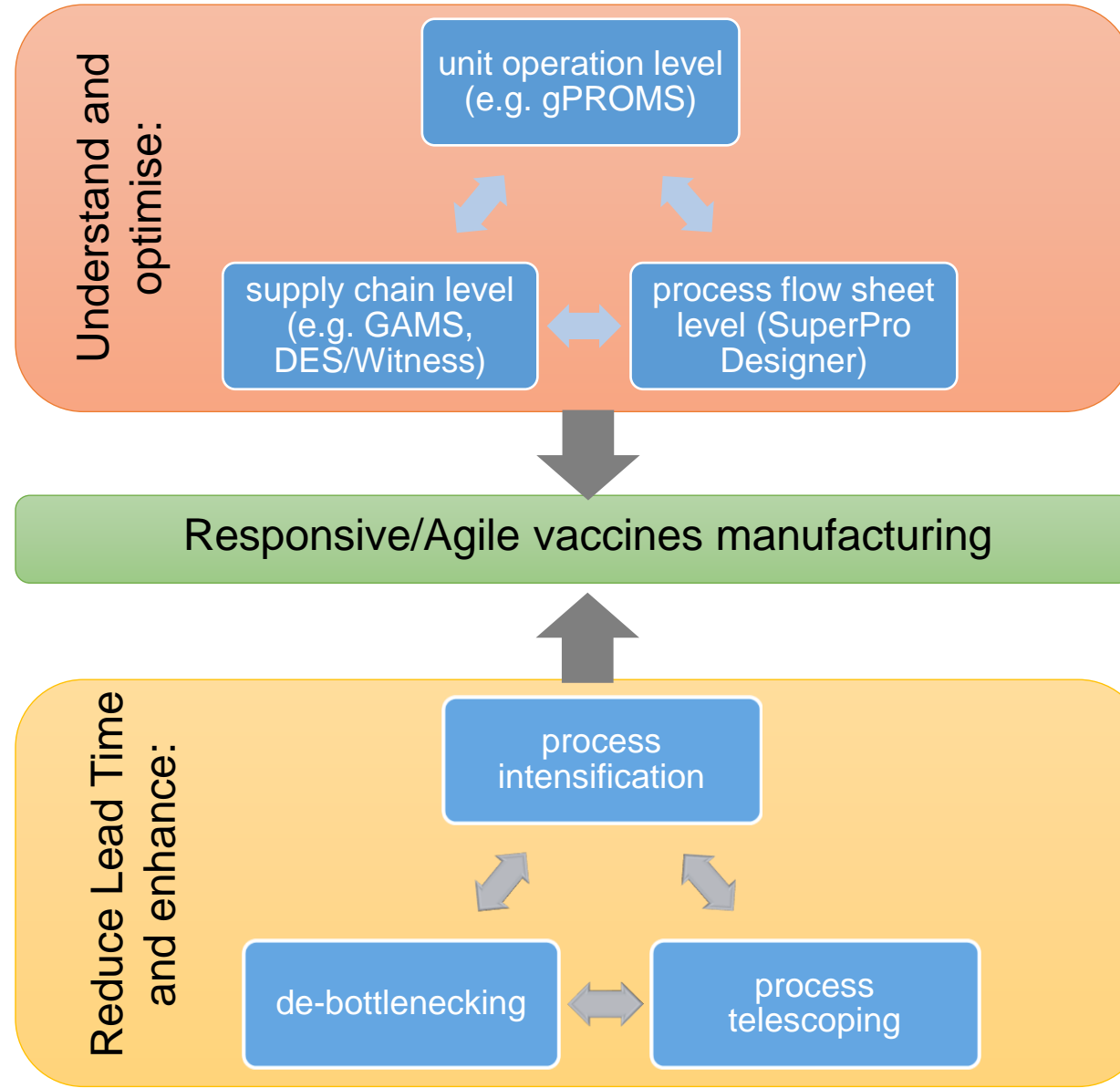
Mass vaccination or rapid response to outbreaks translates to Quality of Service by design which in turn requires agile and interconnected supply networks



Whole systems design for operational performance and agile response

- Product: host cell, vector optimisation → improve productivity & quality
- Manufacturing: downstream separations, formulation, fill-to-finish

Two key components we are concerned with



Working together

LMIC capabilities

- 90% LMIC production: attenuated & inactivated bacterial/virus
- 10% LMIC vaccines: mostly conjugates

Our capabilities

- modelling, optimising vaccine manufacturing to reduce costs
- model existing LMIC partner capabilities and alternatives

Collaboration

- whole process design & optimisation, process intensification
- improve responsiveness, operational flexibility, efficiency, reduce costs





Understanding and decision support through models

Operations Planning

- Balance capacity/supply constraints with demand
- Task coordination (scheduling)
- Plan inventory with uncertain demand
- Optimal setup configuration

Execution Control

- Manage complex operation profiles
- Handle a range of process parameters collectively with optimal control
- Handle uncertainty in measurements
- Inventory control and tracking

Design and Configuration

- Design/assess participation in the distribution chain
- Design and evaluate business models
- Optimise service levels subject to forecasts
- Scenario analysis/anticipate response to outbreaks
- Bioprocess design and delivery spec (packaging)

Regulatory & Compliance

- Enhanced process understanding
- Tracking and Monitoring
- Documentation/information exchange for audits
- Coordinate through regulatory diversity



Key benefits

- Increase manufacturing capacity
- Reduced labour costs
- Set optimal inventory levels and investigate response to outbreaks, rapidly
- Reduce CapEx and possibly footprint
- Design flexibility/agile operations
- Speed to market
- Improved quality through the application of QbD & PAT
- Assess the effectiveness of continuous manufacturing



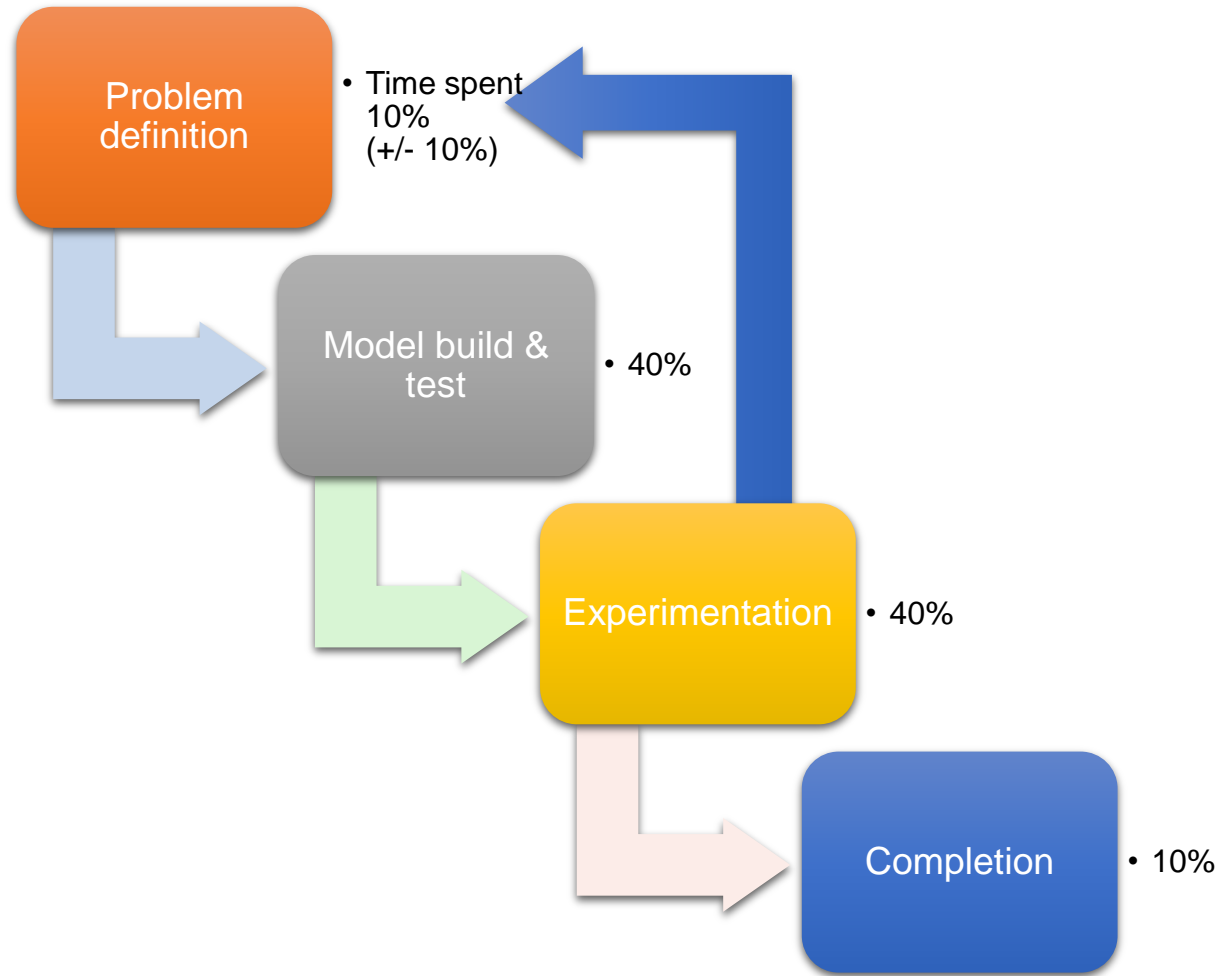
Some evaluation metrics we use in the Hub

Speed	~100,000 vaccine doses, weeks after threat antigen identification
Cost	low cost, below 1 \$/dose
Flexibility	on-demand production of a wide range of vaccine types (viral and bacterial)
Technological complexity	low technological complexity for implementation in developing countries
Technology readiness	mature technologies with established manufacturing processes
Ease of scale-up or -out	highly scalable upstream and downstream processes
Thermo-stability of product	vaccines stable at 40°C for at least 6 months

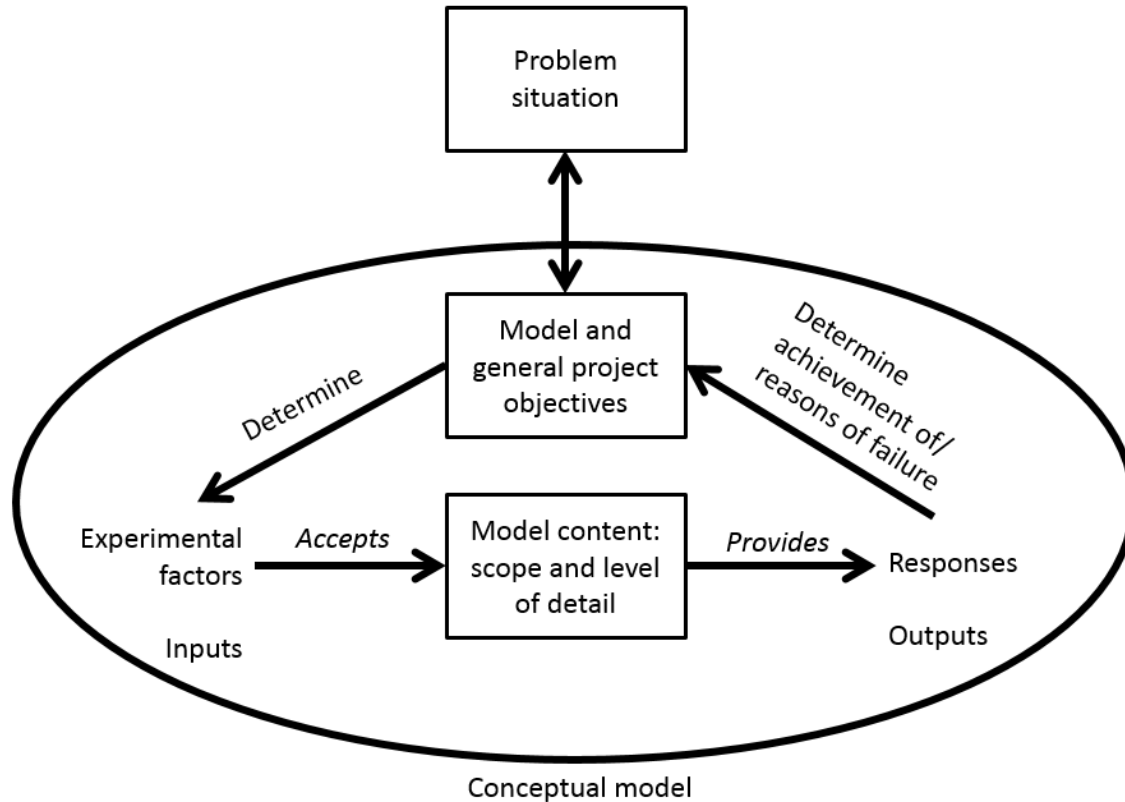


Modelling workflows for decision support

Modelling study project management



Conceptual model



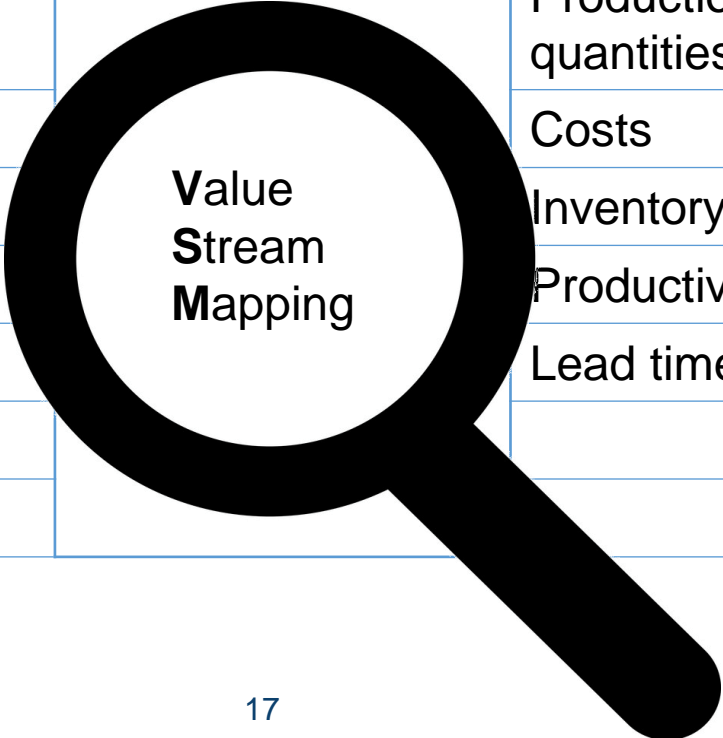
5 key activities in Conceptual Modelling

1. Understanding the problem domain
2. Determining the modelling and general project objectives
3. Identifying the model outputs (responses)
4. Identifying model inputs (experimental factors)
5. Determining the model content (scope and level of detail), identifying and assumptions and simplifications

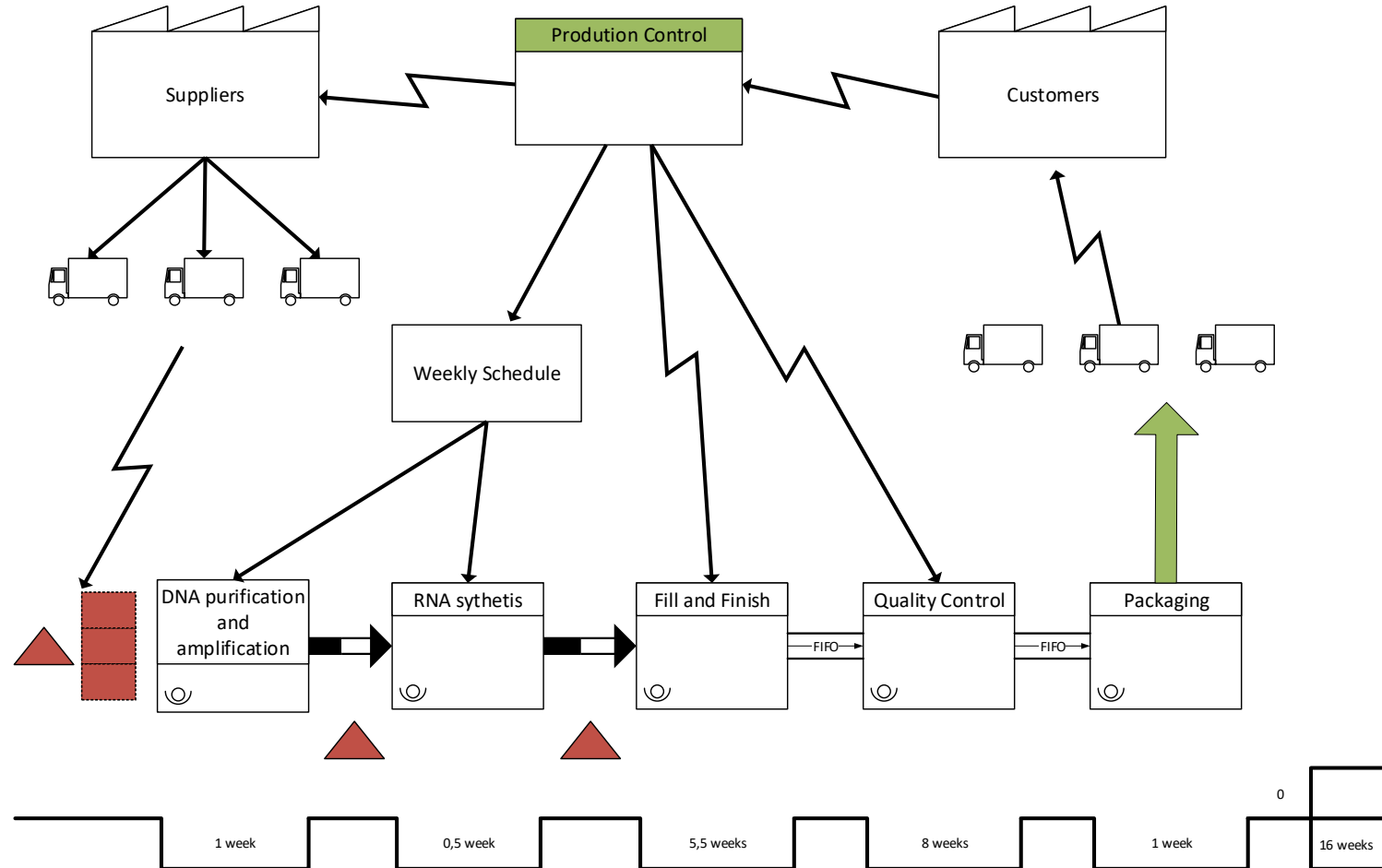
Robinson (2004)

Process Mapping

The Supplier, Input, Process, Output, Customer model is a systematic framework that helps capture and summarise one or more processes in table form.

Suppliers	Inputs	Process	Outputs	Demand
Raw Materials	BoM	 Value Stream Mapping	Production quantities	Patients
	MPS		Costs	Hospital Trusts
	Cycle Times		Inventory	Governments
	Quantities		Productivity	Other stakeholders
	Arrival Times		Lead time	
	Costs			
	Quantities			

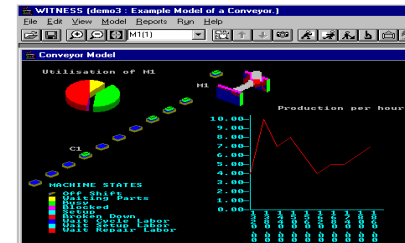
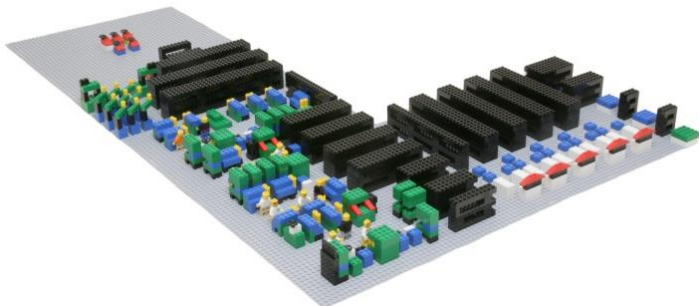
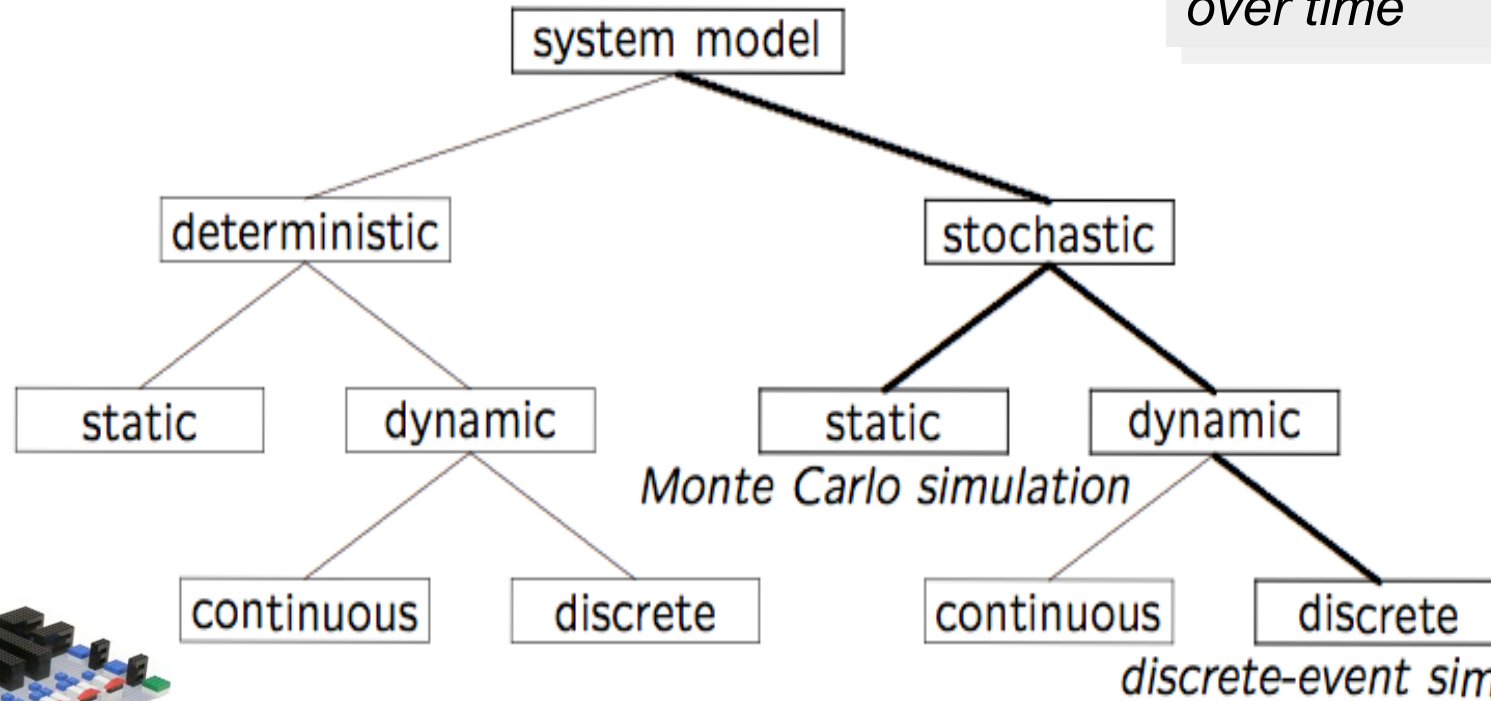
Value stream mapping: where material, energy, time, money go to?



Some relevant modelling approaches

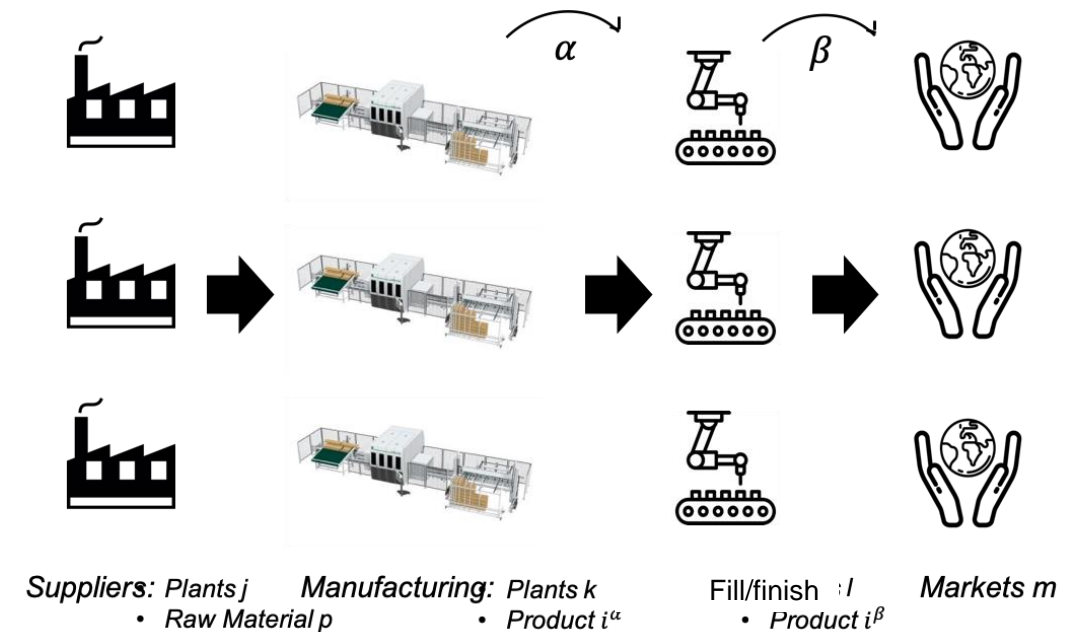
Discrete event simulation
Mathematical models
System dynamics simulation

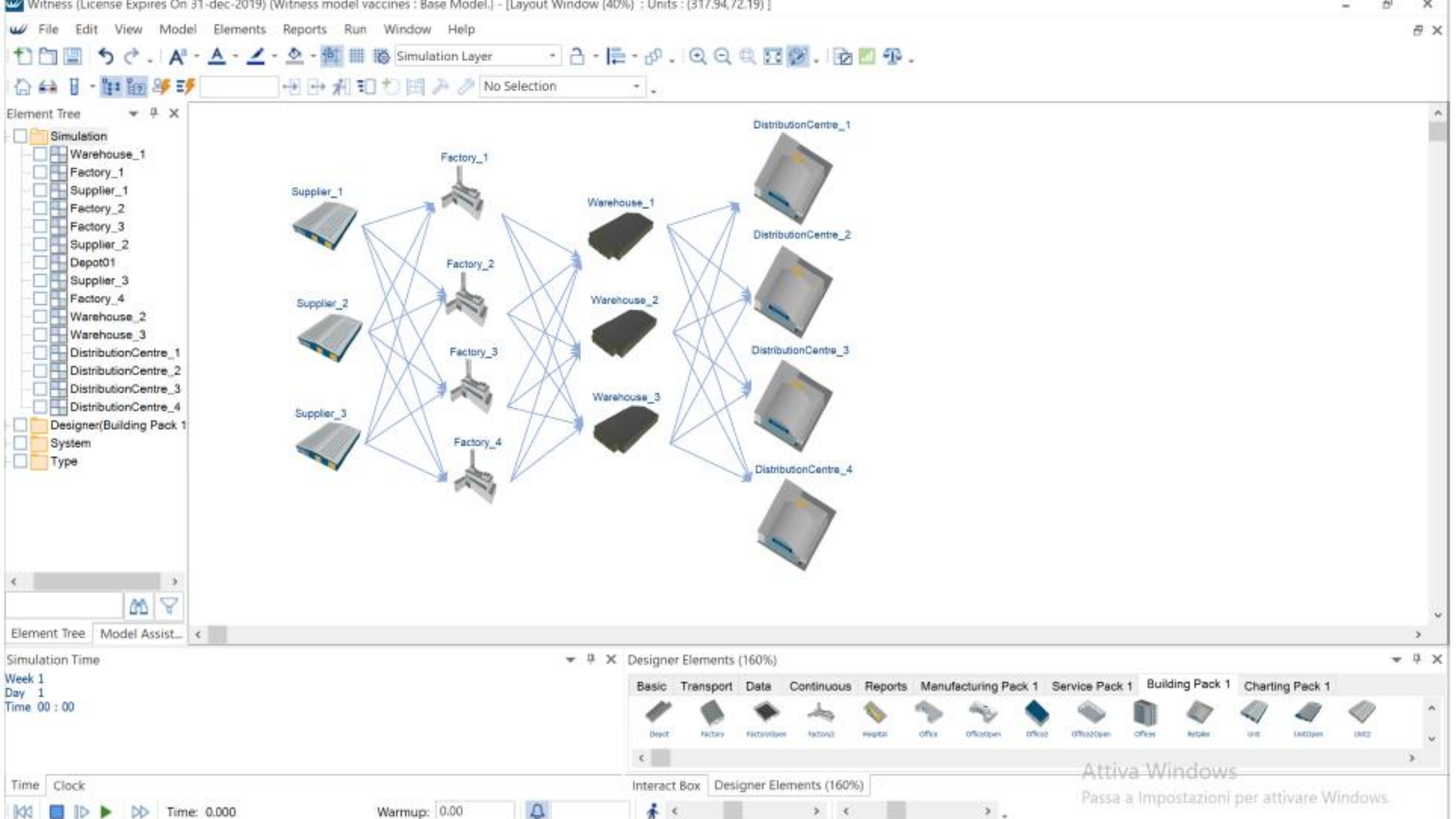
“The use of computers to perform calculations which will predict the performance of a system or sub-system over time”



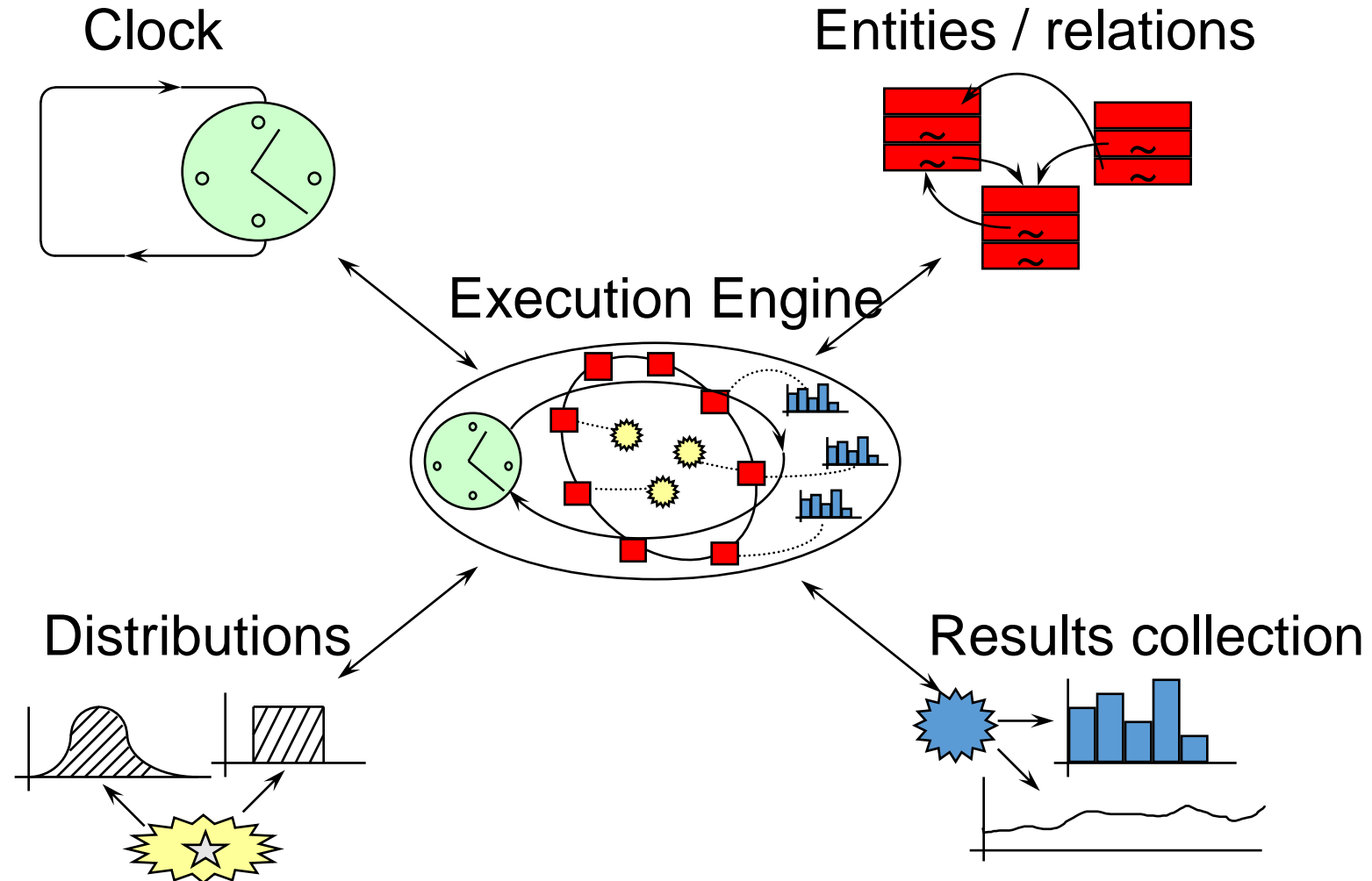
Discrete Event Simulation

- *Discrete-Event Simulation (DES)*
- It is simulation involving events (arrival, departure, cycle times, lead times, setups, breakdowns and other inputs) that occur at discrete points in time.
- Flexibility
- What if scenarios Experimentation
- Various levels of detail and granularity
- Dynamic assessment of the manufacturing process
- Ease of scalability
- Stochastic by default
- Intuitive and easy to prepare



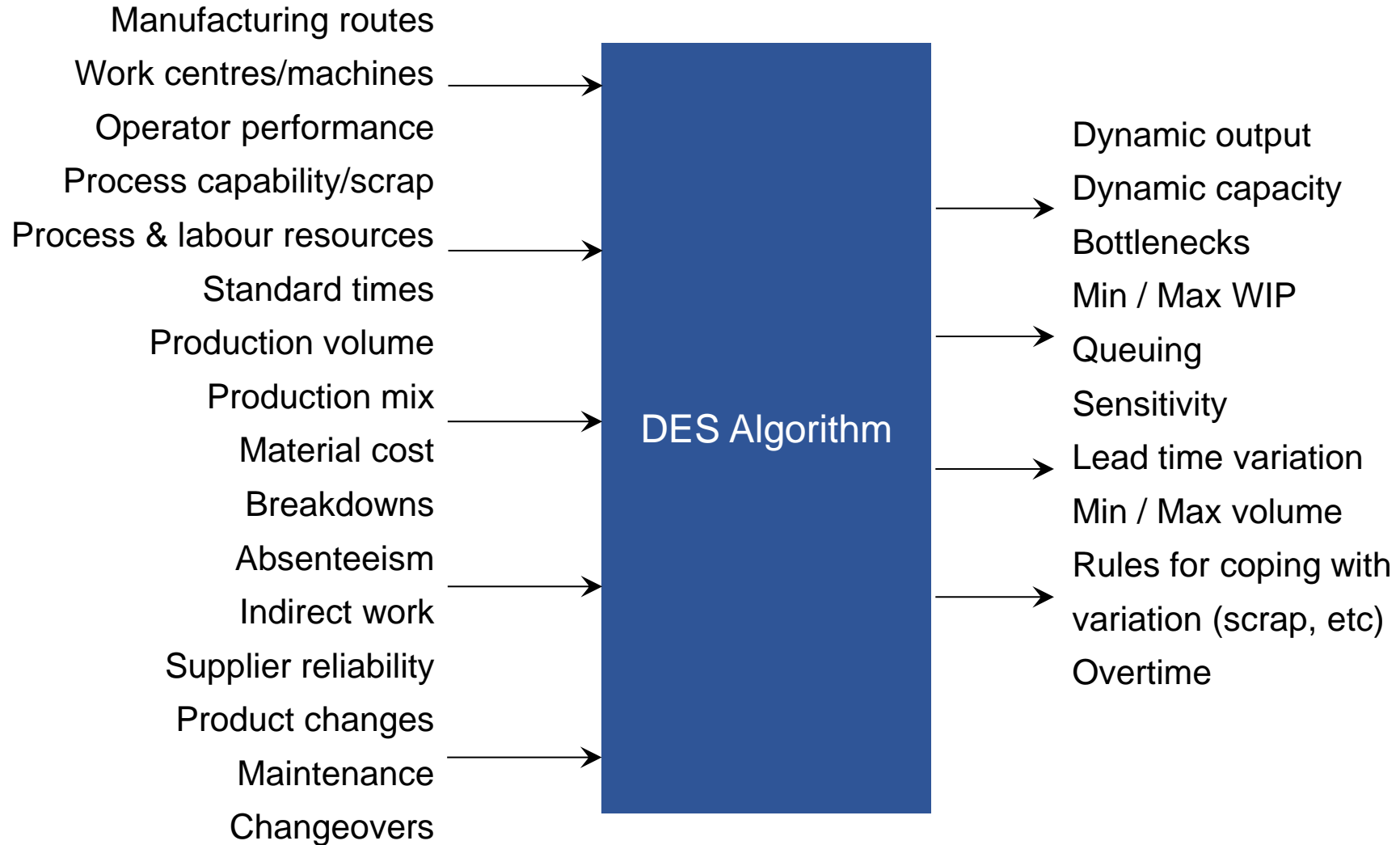


Structure of simulation algorithm

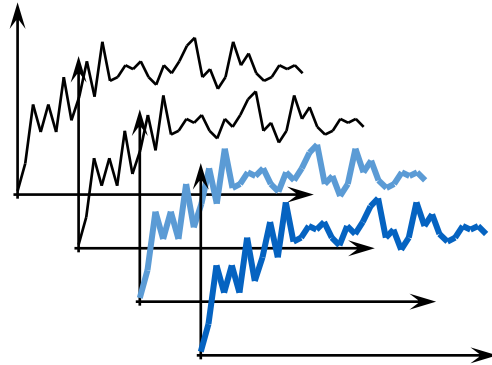




Typical outputs: more than a spreadsheet!



Multiple replications and batching



Either: repeat simulation run ~5 times

Run-in may take a long time

Random numbers may be difficult to modify

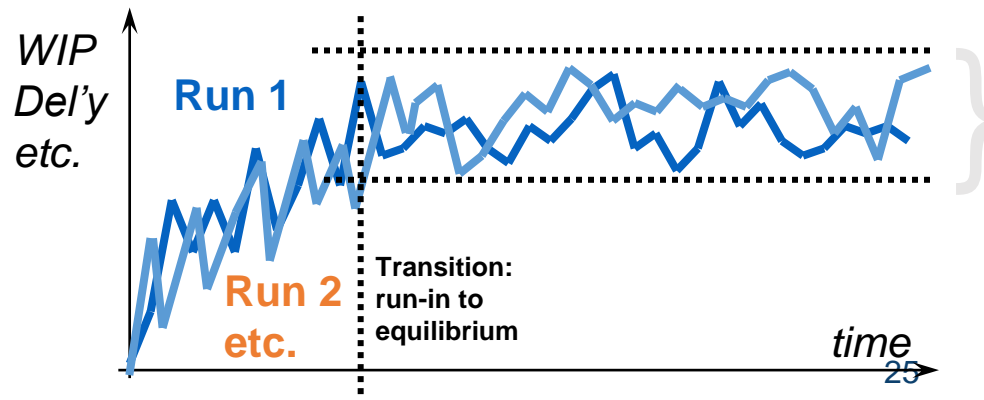
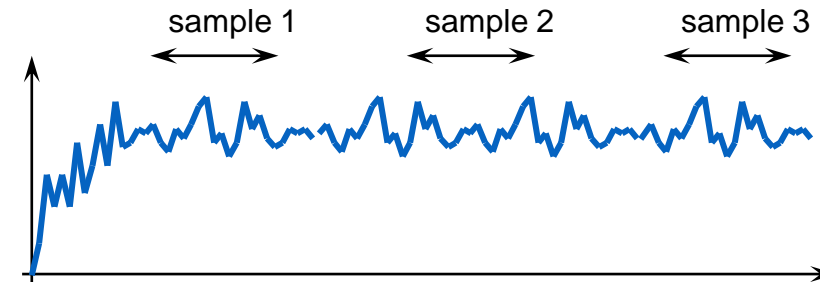
Possibly some software specific problems

Or: perform one simulation run and use *independent* intervals.

Need to ensure samples are independent

Run may not last that long

Cannot save time by using several computers



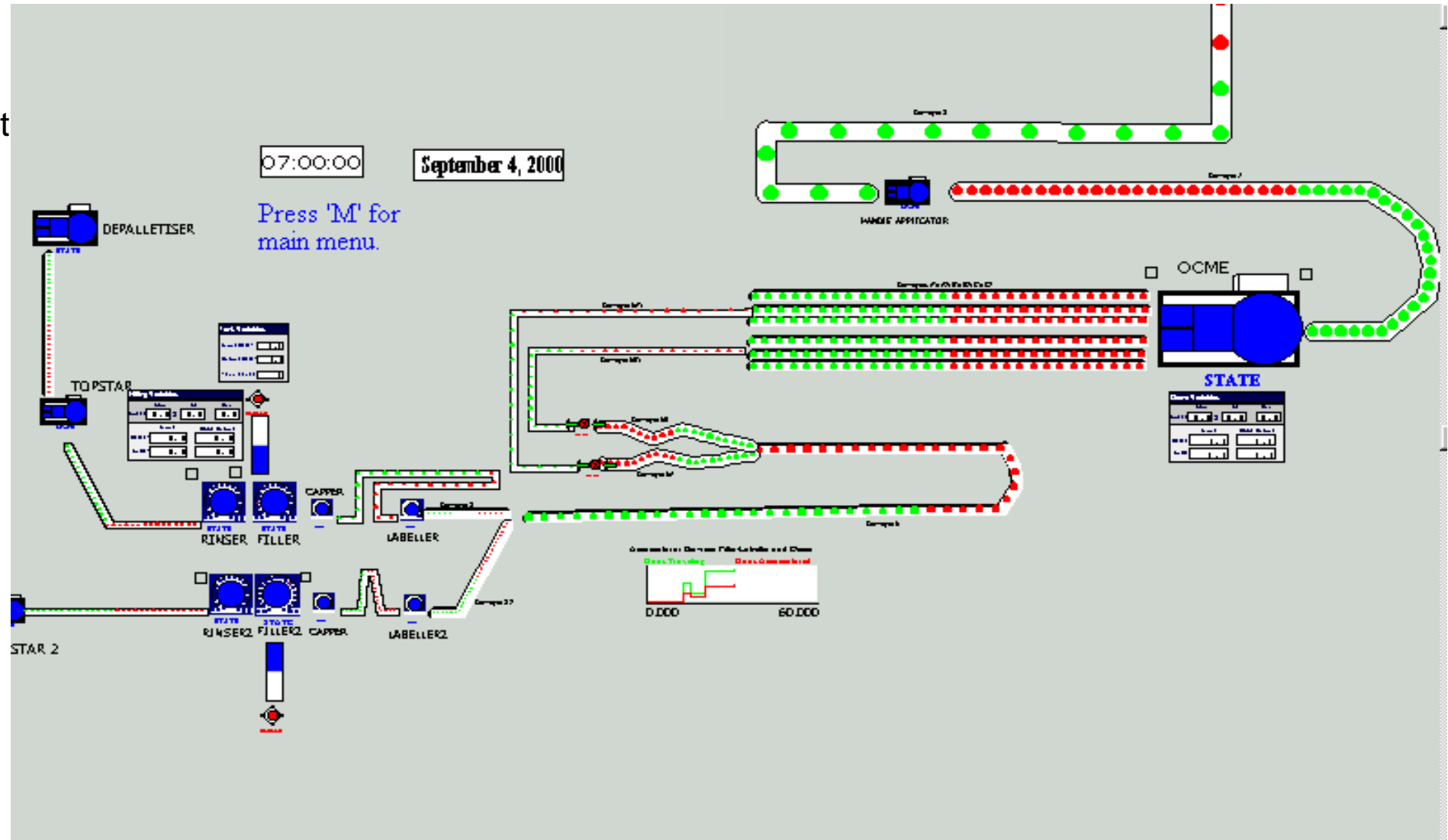
Likely operating range

Provides average and range of variation over time



Fill line example

Purpose to:
Optimise throughput



Mathematical modelling for network flow problems: Variables and determining their relationship

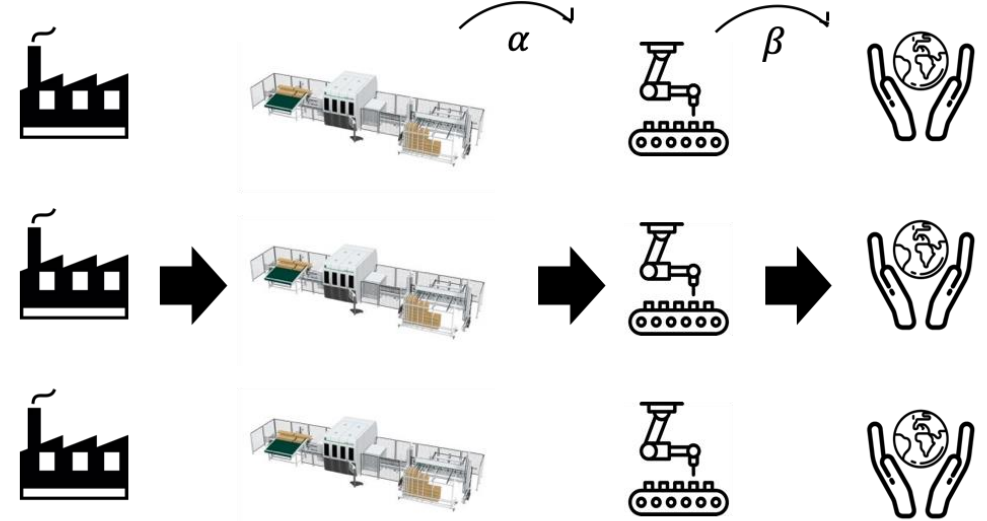
$$\min C = LC + TC + PC + IC$$

$$LC = \sum_{p \in \hat{P}} \sum_{j \in \hat{J}} \sum_{t \in \hat{T}} (a_{jt}^p \tau_{pj}^p Q_{pjt}^p) + \sum_{i \in \hat{I}} \sum_{k \in \hat{K}} \sum_{t \in \hat{T}} (a_{kt}^\alpha \tau_{ik}^\alpha Q_{ikt}^\alpha) + \sum_{i \in \hat{I}} \sum_{l \in \hat{L}} \sum_{t \in \hat{T}} (a_{lt}^\beta \tau_{il}^\beta Q_{ilt}^\beta)$$

$$PC = \sum_{p \in \hat{P}} \sum_{j \in \hat{J}} \sum_{t \in \hat{T}} (q_{pjt}^p Q_{pjt}^p) + \sum_{i \in \hat{I}} \sum_{k \in \hat{K}} \sum_{t \in \hat{T}} (q_{ikt}^\alpha Q_{ikt}^\alpha) + \sum_{i \in \hat{I}} \sum_{l \in \hat{L}} \sum_{t \in \hat{T}} (q_{ilt}^\beta Q_{ilt}^\beta) + \sum_{i \in \hat{I}} \sum_{k \in \hat{K}} \sum_{t \in \hat{T}} Ca_{ik} Q_{ikt}^\alpha B'_{ikt}{}^\alpha + \sum_{i \in \hat{I}} \sum_{l \in \hat{L}} \sum_{t \in \hat{T}} Ca_{il} Q_{ilt}^\beta B'_{ilt}{}^\beta$$

$$TC = \sum_{p \in \hat{P}} \sum_{j \in \hat{J}} \sum_{k \in \hat{K}} \sum_{g \in \hat{G}} \sum_{t \in \hat{T}} (w_{pjkgt}^p W_{pjkgt}^p + x_{pjkgt} X_{pjkgt}) + \sum_{i \in \hat{I}} \sum_{k \in \hat{K}} \sum_{l \in \hat{L}} \sum_{g \in \hat{G}} \sum_{t \in \hat{T}} (w_{iklgt}^\alpha W_{iklgt}^\alpha + y_{iklgt} Y_{iklgt}) + \sum_{i \in \hat{I}} \sum_{l \in \hat{L}} \sum_{m \in \hat{M}} \sum_{g \in \hat{G}} \sum_{t \in \hat{T}} (w_{ilmgt}^\beta W_{ilmgt}^\beta + z_{ilmgt} Z_{ilmgt})$$

$$IC = \sum_{p \in \hat{P}} \sum_{j \in \hat{J}} \sum_{t \in \hat{T}} (h_{pjt}^p I_{pjt}^p) + \sum_{k \in \hat{K}} \sum_{i \in \hat{I}} \sum_{t \in \hat{T}} (h_{ikt}^\alpha I_{ikt}^\alpha) + \sum_{l \in \hat{L}} \sum_{i \in \hat{I}} \sum_{t \in \hat{T}} (h_{ilt}^\beta I_{ilt}^\beta)$$



Suppliers: Plants j

• Raw Material p

Manufacturing: Plants k

• Product i^α

Fill/finish: l

• Product i^β

Markets m

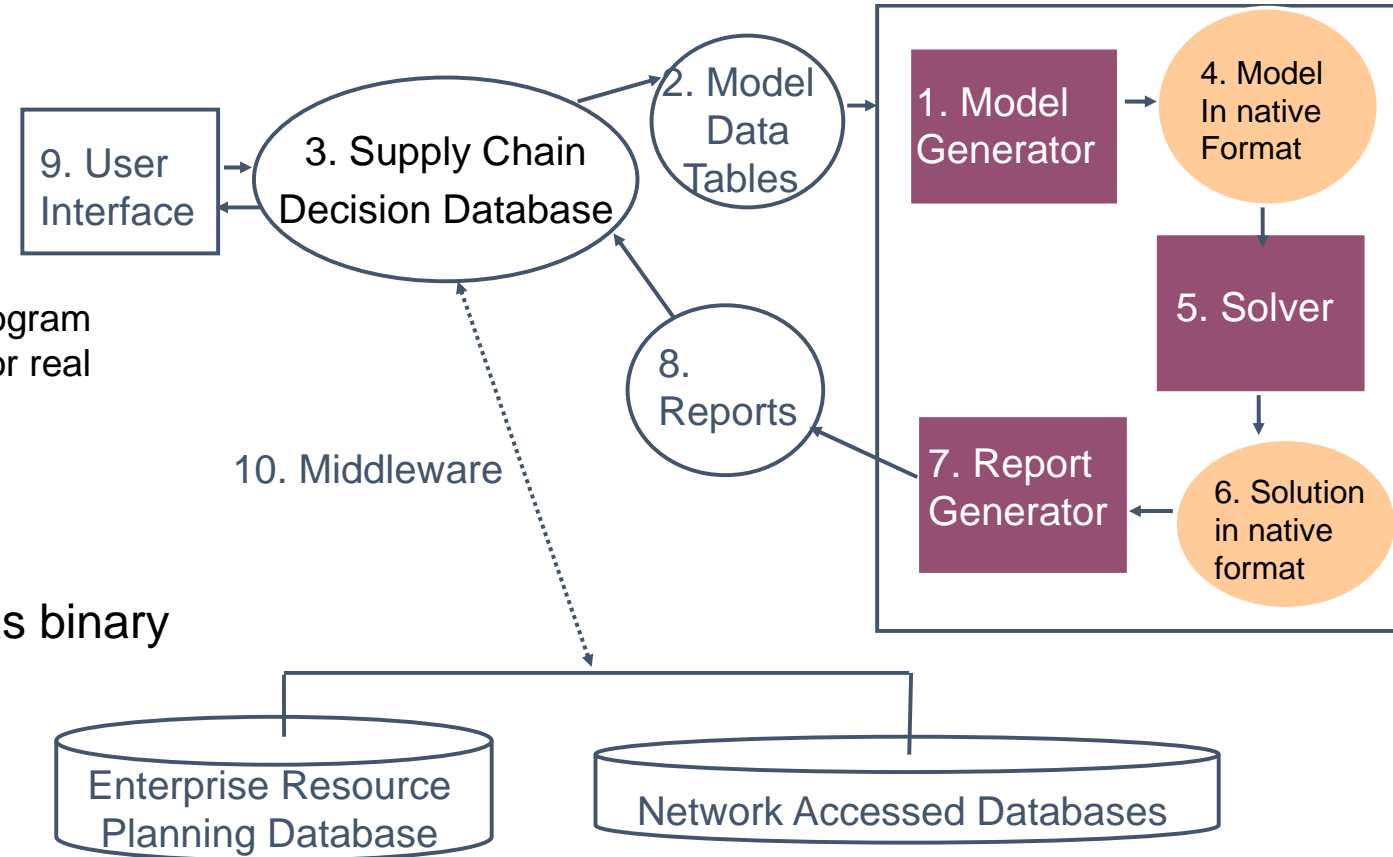
LC: Labour Cost, TC: Transportation Cost, PC: Production Cost, IC: Inventory Cost

Solving mathematical optimisation models

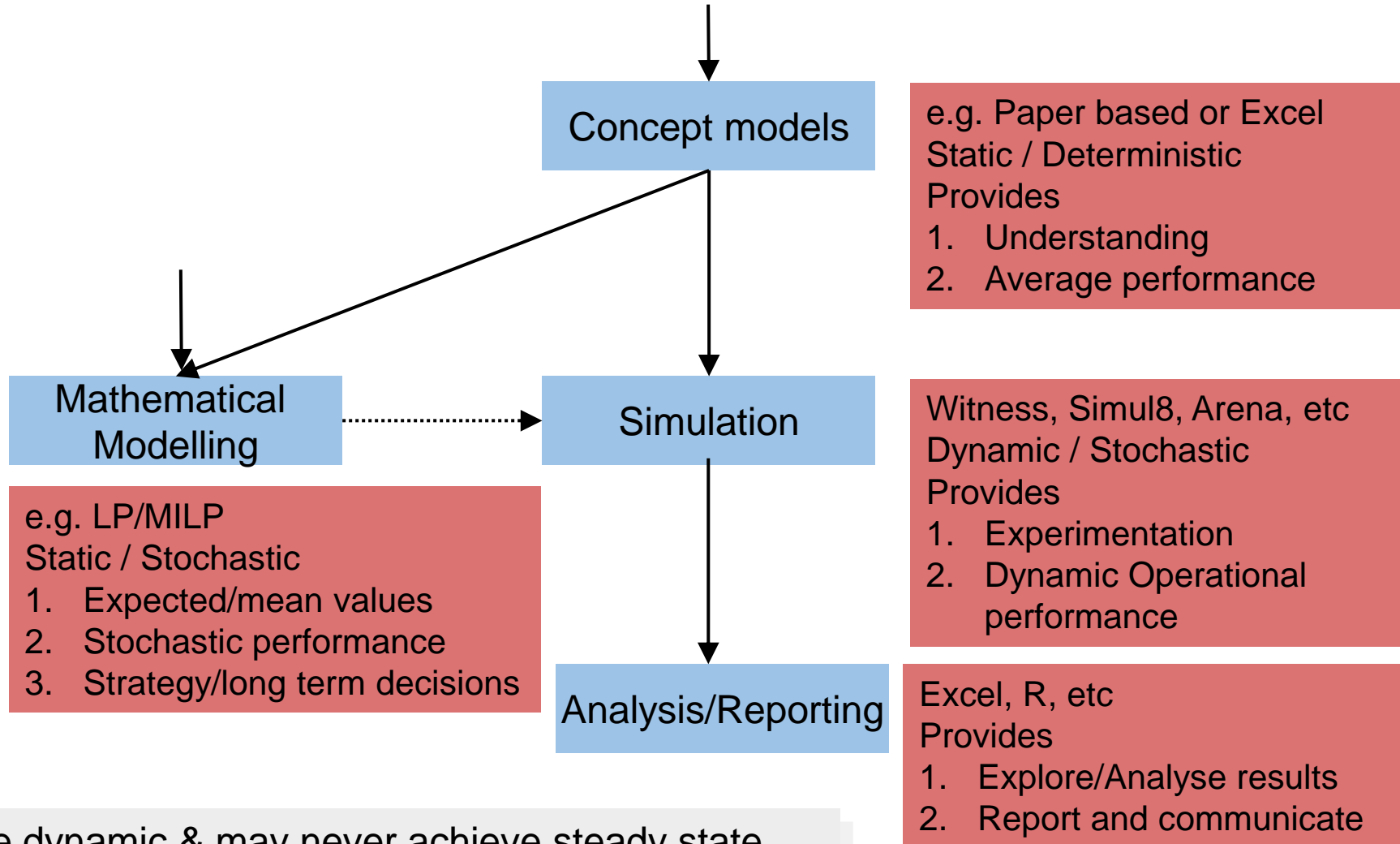
Mixed Integer Linear Programming (MILP)

A MILP problem is a mathematical optimisation or feasibility program in which some or all of the variables are restricted to be integer or real numbers

- Suitable for real-world problems
- Different available solvers
- Discrete and logical constraints are declared as binary variables

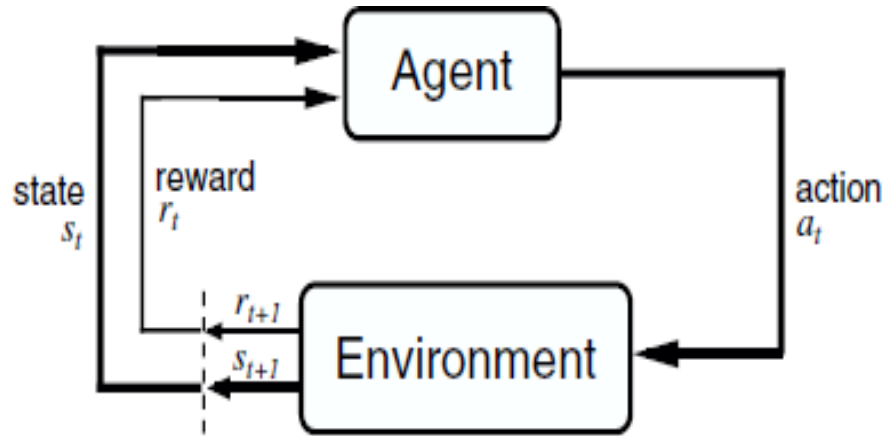


Usage of tools available



Real systems are dynamic & may never achieve steady state
but we frequently analyse them making the assumption they will!

Pushing the envelope: SC design using AI / Reinforcement Learning (RL)



What is RL?

- Goal oriented learning
- Requires no prior knowledge of environment
- Learns directly from experiencing the environment without explicit instructions

History of interaction:

$(s_t, a_t, r_{t+1}, s_{t+1}, a_{t+1}, r_{t+2}, s_{t+2}, a_{t+2} \dots)$

Information from each interaction (episode):

$(s_t, a_t, r_{t+1}, s_{t+1})$

Agent attempts to maximise expected rewards:

$$R_t = r_{t+1} + r_{t+2} + r_{t+3} + \dots + r_{t+k+1}$$

Initialize $Q(s, a)$ arbitrarily

Repeat (for each episode):

Initialize s

Repeat (for each step of episode):

Choose a from s using policy derived from Q (e.g. ϵ -greedy)

Take action a , observe r, s'

$$Q(s, a) \leftarrow Q(s, a) + \alpha [r + \gamma \max_{a'} (Q(s', a')) - Q(s, a)]$$

$s \leftarrow s'$;

Until s is terminal

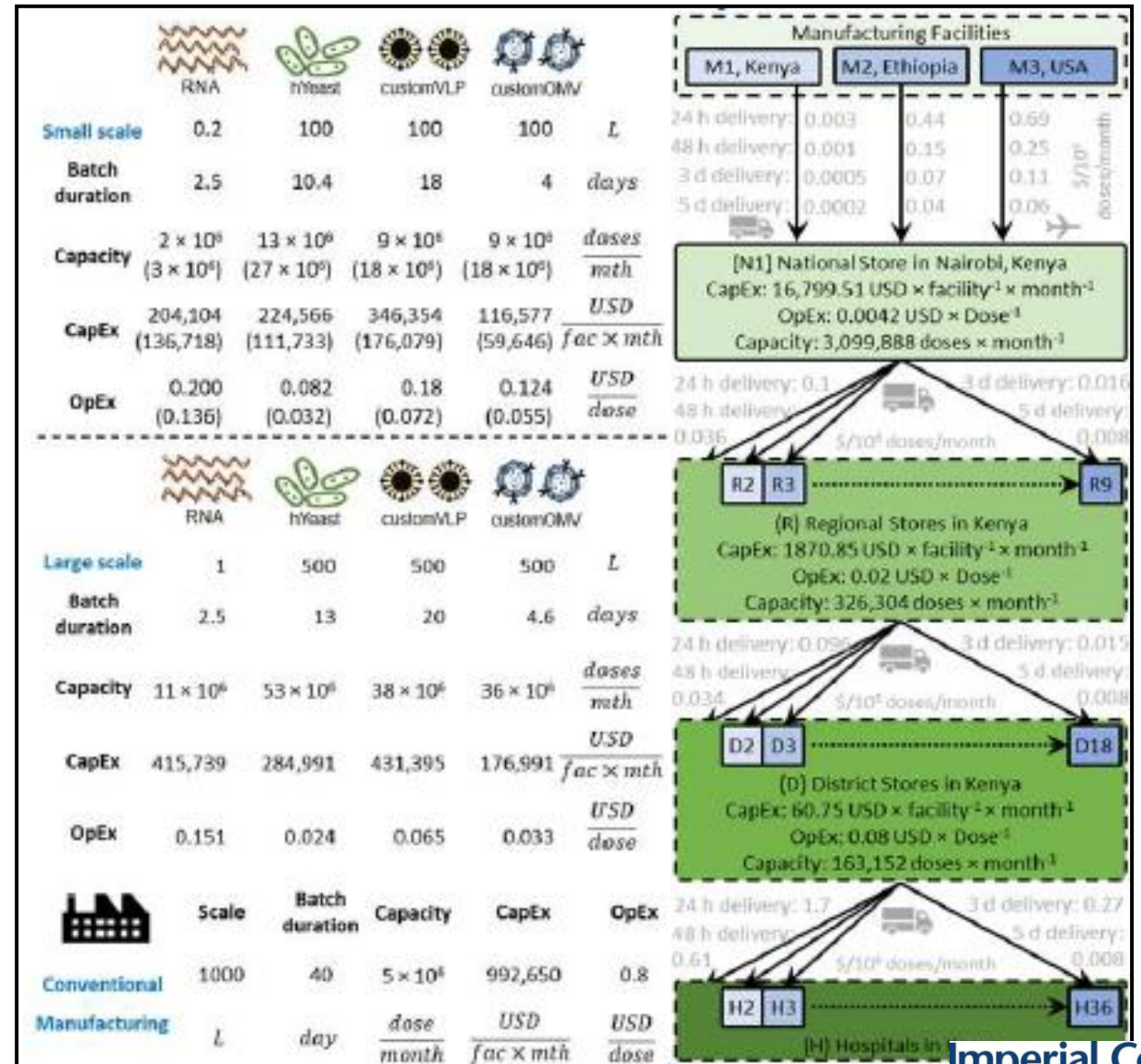


Case study: Impact of Novel Manufacturing Techniques on the Kenyan Supply Chain

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Supply chain modelling case introduction

- Kenyan vaccine supply chain optimization model results
- Mixed Integer Linear Programming (MILP) problem comparing our 4 manufacturing platforms
- Conventional vs intensification for distributed manufacturing
- 3 storage levels considered
- Choice of manufacturing facilities in Kenya, Ethiopia and USA
- Objective: Maximise Profit





How the MILP model looks like

$\max NPV = \sum_v \sum_d \sum_h \sum_j \sum_t SINH_{vdhjt} \cdot Revenue - TCM_m - TCS_S - TCT_T$	E1
$s. t$	
$TC_m = \sum_m CCM_m \cdot E1_m + \sum_{vmt} FIN_{vmt} \cdot COM_m$	E2
$TCS = \sum_n CCN_n \cdot E2_n + \sum_r CCR_r \cdot E3_r + \sum_d CCD_d \cdot E4_d + \sum_{vnt} CON_n \cdot FIN_{vnt}$ $+ \sum_{vrt} COR_r \cdot FIN_{vrt} + \sum_{vdt} COD_d \cdot FIN_{vnt}$	E3
$TCT = \sum_{vmnjt} Y1_{vmnjt} \cdot TT_j \cdot U1_{mnj} + \sum_{vnrjt} Y2_{vnrjt} \cdot TT_j \cdot U2_{nrj} + \sum_{vrdjt} Y3_{vrdjt} \cdot TT_j \cdot U3_{rdj} + \sum_{vdhjt} Y4_{vdhjt} \cdot TT_j \cdot U4_{dhj}$	E4
$FINM_{vmt} = FOUTM_{vmt+TM}, FINN_{vnt} = FOUTN_{vnt+TSN}, FINR_{vrt} = FOUTR_{vrt+TSR}, FIND_{vdt} = FOUTD_{vdt+TSD}$	E5
$SINN_{vmnjt} = SOUTM_{vmnjt+TT_j}, SINR_{vnrjt} = SOUTN_{vnrjt+TT_j}, SIND_{vdrjt} = SOUTR_{vrdjt+TT_j}, SINH_{vdhjt} = SOUTD_{vdhjt+TT_j}$	E6
$\sum_v FINM_{vmt} \leq CAPMM_{mt}, \sum_v FINN_{vnt} \leq CAPMN_{nt}, \sum_v FINR_{vrt} \leq CAPMR_{rt}, \sum_v FIND_{vdt} \leq CAPMD_{dt}$	E7
$X1_{mn} \leq E1_m, X1_{mn} \leq E2_n, X2_{nr} \leq E2_n,$ $X2_{nr} \leq E3_r, X3_{rd} \leq E3_r, X3_{rd} \leq E4_d, X4_{dh} \leq E4_d$	E8
$Y1_{vmnjt} \leq X1_{mn}, Y2_{vnrjt} \leq X2_{nr}, Y3_{vrdjt} \leq X3_{rd}, Y4_{vdhjt} \leq X4_{dh}$	E9
$\sum_j Y1_{vmnjt} \leq 1, \sum_j Y2_{vnrjt} \leq 1, \sum_j Y3_{vrdjt} \leq 1, \sum_j Y4_{vdhjt} \leq 1$	E10
$S^{min} \cdot Y1_{vmnjt} \leq SOUT_{vmnjt} \leq S^{max} \cdot Y1_{vmnjt},$ $S^{min} \cdot Y2_{vnrjt} \leq SOUT_{vnrjt} \leq S^{max} \cdot Y2_{vnrjt},$ $S^{min} \cdot Y3_{vrdjt} \leq SOUT_{vrdjt} \leq S^{max} \cdot Y3_{vrdjt},$ $S^{min} \cdot Y4_{vdhjt} \leq SOUT_{vdhjt} \leq S^{max} \cdot Y4_{vdhjt}$	E11

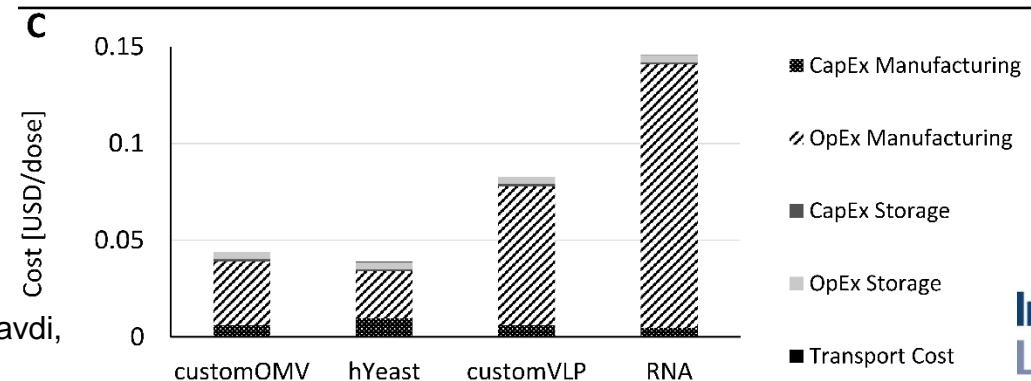
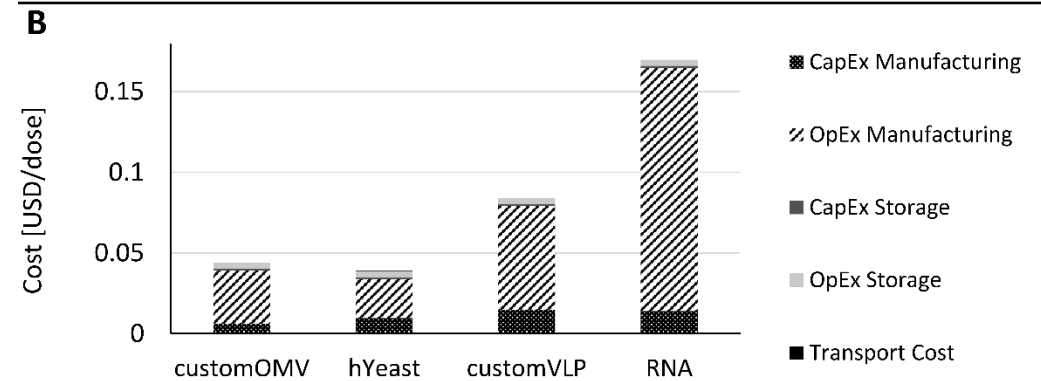
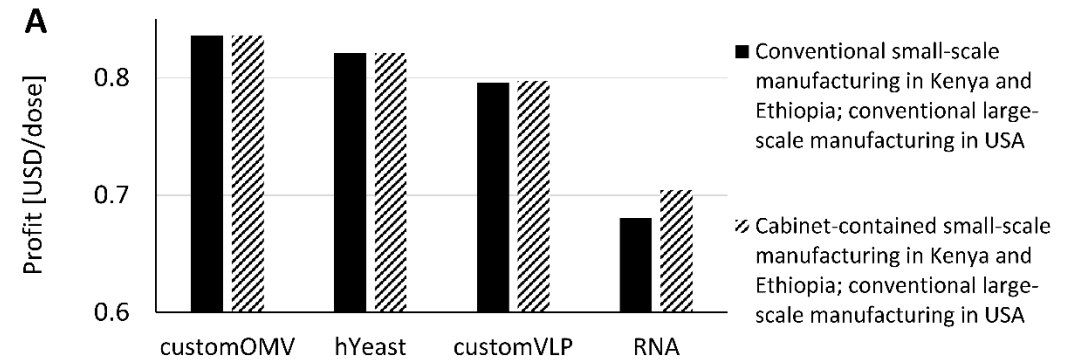
Supply chain modelling results

- Kenyan vaccine supply chain optimization model results.

A. Supply chain profitability: centralized large-scale vs intensified local manufacturing. Revenue = 1 USD/dose.

B. Cost categories for optimal supply chain configuration showed by solid black bars in part A.

C. Cost categories for optimal supply chain configuration showed by stripped bars in part A.



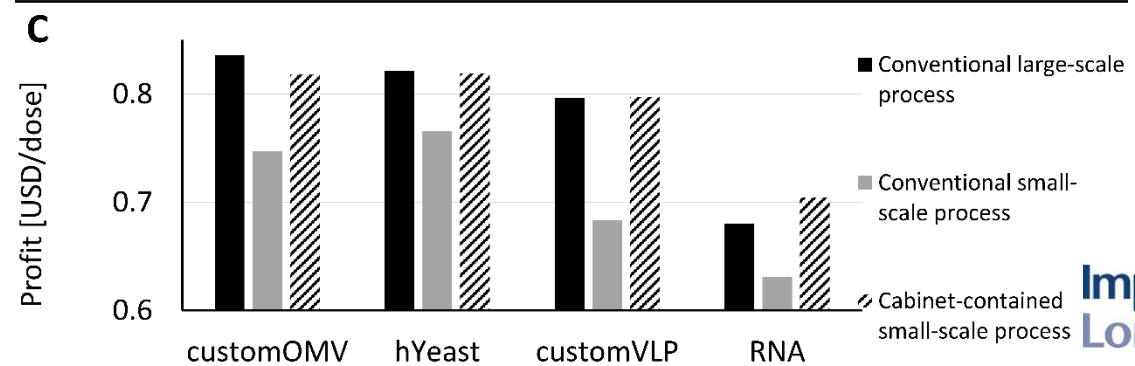
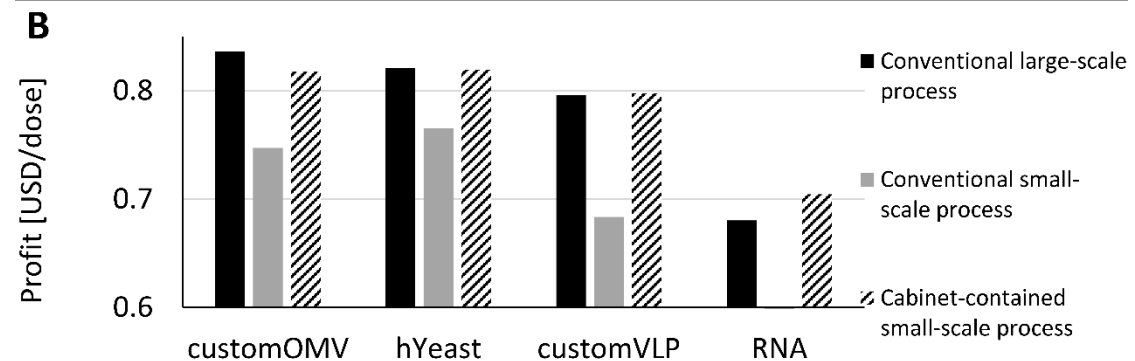
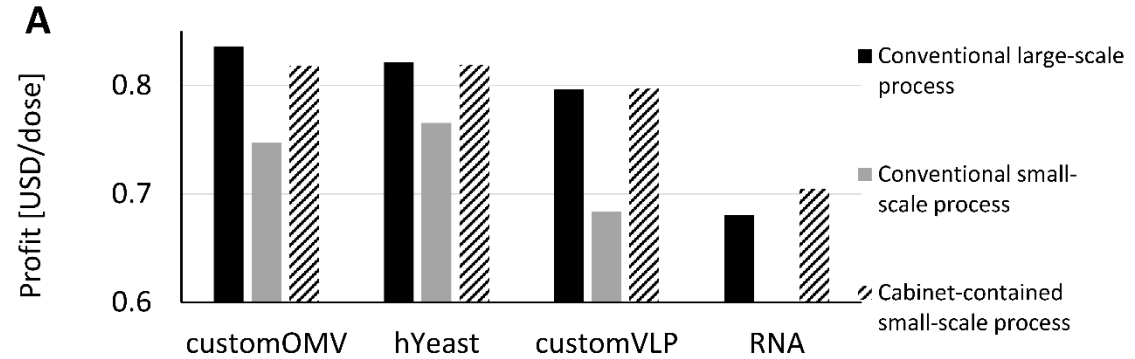
Supply chain modelling results

- The effect of facility location on cost per dose.

A.Facilities in USA only.

B.Facilities in Kenya only.

C.Facilities at the most optimal location chosen by the model (i.e. USA, Kenya or Ethiopia).



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Comparison: emerging vs conventional technologies

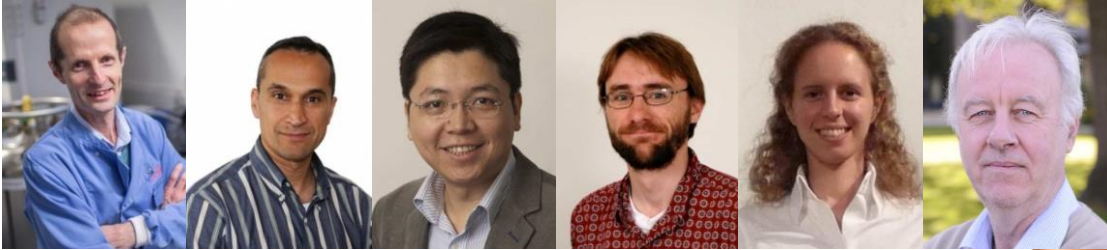
Metric	Emerging platform-based production	Conventional production
Speed*	weeks	years
Cost per dose	below 1 USD/dose	variable
Capital investment	tens of million USD	hundreds of million USD
Flexibility	wide product range	single product
Scalability	Scale-up and -out	Scale-up
Thermostability**	without cold chain	With cold chain

* speed for producing ~100,000 doses of a new vaccine after antigen identification

** thermostability of the product



Working together with stakeholders



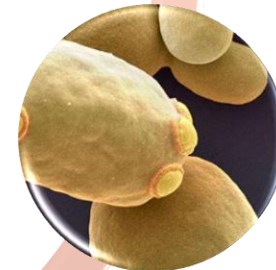
RNA in
Uganda

**Ebola, Marburg, Influenza,
Rift Valley Fever, Lassa
Fever**



Baculovirus
in Vietnam

Influenza



Yeast in
Bangladesh

**Human
Papillomavirus
, Rabies,
Chikungunya**



Further
expansion
and reach



Adaptive, Modular, Responsive to Disease X.



Working together

It is in our remit to work together with industry

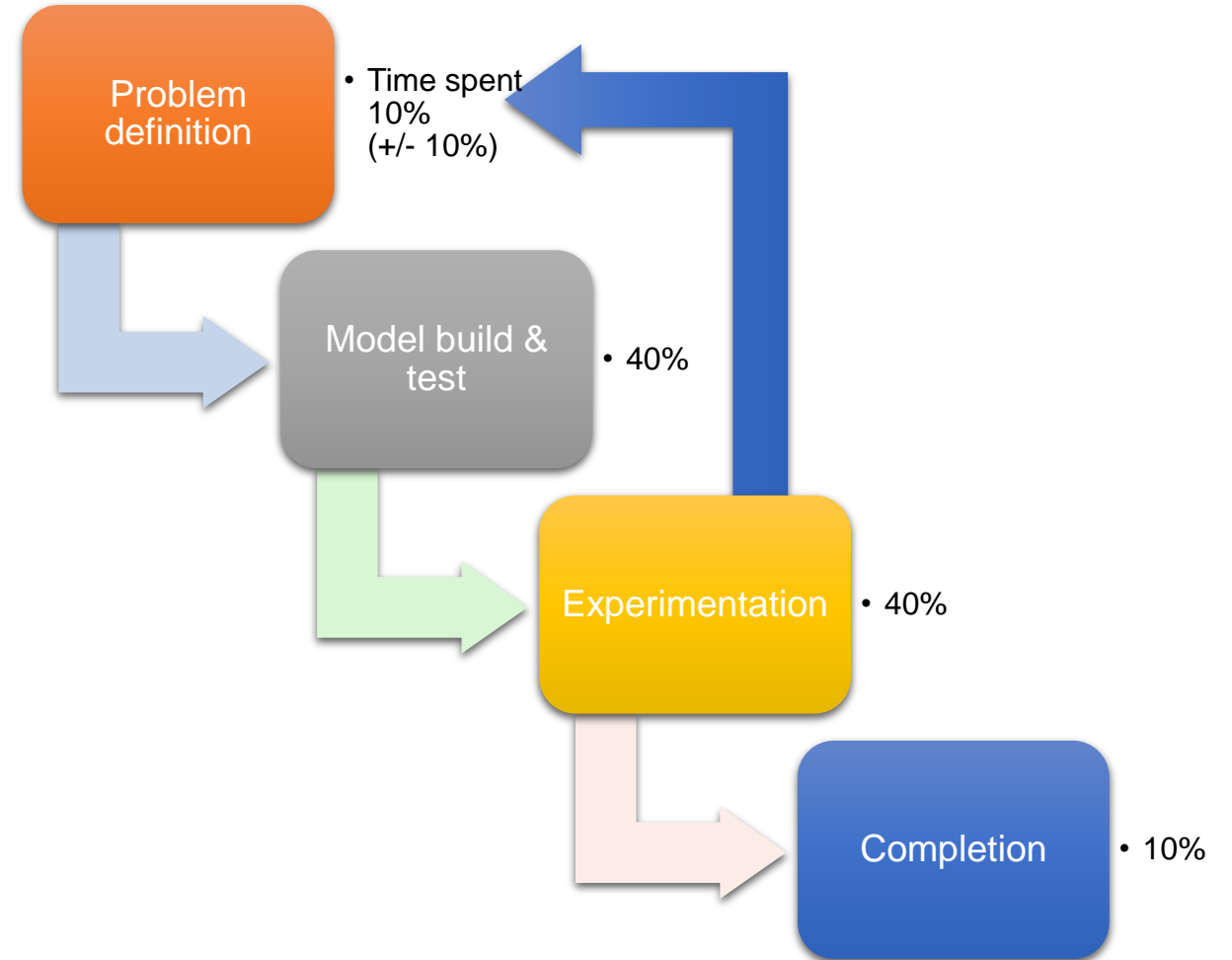
Engage in confidential or collaborative projects demonstrating value

We use industrial strength tools to model and analyse cases

We use established project methodologies

1. Project initiation
2. Model build, verification and validation
3. Experimentation and analysis
4. Solution deployment/Implementation

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