Brushing off Old Data

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What I’m talking about today
Manufacturing Overview

Challenges & Opportunities

- Regulated industry
  - In many markets Sensodyne is regulated akin to a medicine
  - Change and experimentation is difficult

- Batch processes
  - Many isolated data sources
  - Never exactly the same day – day
  - Many interconnected steps

Can we learn from our history to make better products?
Big Data

What does this mean?
What have we got?

5 Years of Data
5 Similar Mixers
10 Formulations

Every Process Variable

Batch & Operations Information

Online Monitoring

Analytical Results

60 GB of files

Big Data

Big Results?

10,000 Batches
What can we do with all this data?

Univariate Statistics
Long term averages, trending, Production Support

Multi-Variate Statistics
PCA
PLS

Machine Learning
Classifications
Predictions

Process Improvement and Understanding

Improved Manufacturing Efficiency & Reduced Cycle Time

Improved R&D → Factory Product Transfer
Why MATLAB?

- Ability to link different data files & formats together
- Quickly iterate code
- Format / library independence
- Commercially supported / maintained
- Easy consulting support
- Build GUI to enable easy observation of data

Quick & easy code development cycles
Results

What did we do?
Process Workflow

Cleaning & Context

Phase Separation

Data investigation

Results

Typical Workflow

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Process Workflow

1. Cleaning & Context
2. Phase Separation
3. Data investigation
4. Results
Data Visualisation

Excel
Process Historian
Operations Database
Analytical Archive

MATLAB

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Typical Batch Trace
Overall Batch

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Batch Start-up

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Adding Silica
Batch Finishing
Improvements Over Time

Can now **automatically** pick phases out of data and start to ask simple questions:

i.e:

1) Does process time improve over time?
2) Is processing time mixer dependant?
3) Do our process improvements work?
Process Workflow

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Results
Linear Correlations

Too much Data to easily see!

Can see relationships in the data

Needs further understanding
– Can link final batch properties to the batch to each phase of the data

– Not all mixers perform the same
  – Confirms our operator reports
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Multivariate Understanding

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What have we done?

– We had / have a lot of data that is very siloed, in many different systems

– We finally have a way to match all Batch, Process & Analytical information together.
  – Can only get better as systems progresses in GSK

– We can reliably deduce information about phasing and performance of the mixers, without human intervention.
  – Reduce time and error processing, easier conclusions.
  – Can do this across formulations, mixers (& years)
  – We can now ask for conclusions in process data – i.e. does “this” effect “that”? 
  – Every growing as our factories make more batches!
What have we learnt?

– Not all our variability is random
  – For example different mixers seem more important than different processing times
  – More inputs will likely make better models, but never going to be perfect

– Big Data is not a panacea! – It will not immediately solve all our problems

– We still have to do experiments to generate understanding
  – Machine Learning / Multivariate Statistics can’t replace science.

– Allows us to guide experiments to examine impacts of input variables.
Thank You For Listening
However: There are no SIMPLE easy correlations in the data

1. We might not have enough data:
   Is there enough data here? – we only have 200 – 300 data points per batch

2. It might not vary enough to make clear versions of truth
   Because of GMP / Factory nature of data i.e. mixer speeds seem mostly similar between batches

3. We might not be measuring the right thing
   Our test methods don’t exactly detect what we’re looking for. Viscosity vs Rheology for example