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# Digital Technologies in Offshore and Subsea Oil & Gas Production

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- **Portfolio of Case Studies**
- **Final Remarks**

# Introduction

# MODELING & SIMULATION OF OFFSHORE PRODUCTION SYSTEMS WITH EMPHASIS IN PROCESS MONITORING, CONTROL AND OPTIMIZATION



*riser*

*Topside Facilities:*  
Primary oil treatment  
Gas treatment and compression system

*flowline*

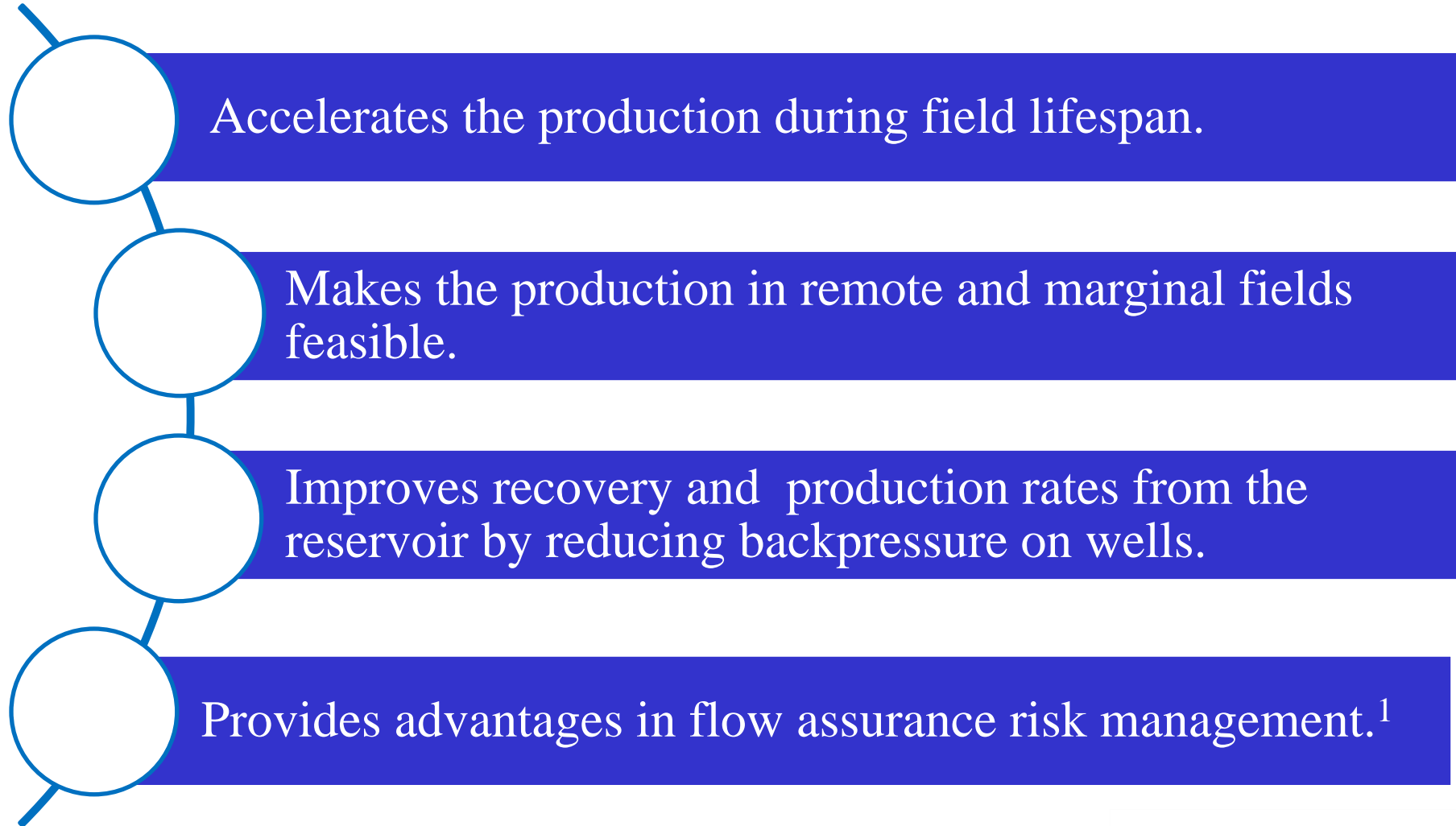
*production column*

Pipelines (*riser, flowline and production column*) and *subsea*:  
Black oil and compositional modeling  
Fast multiphase flow simulator  
Physical and thermodynamic properties determination  
*Subsea* processing evaluation (HISEP, ESP, etc.)  
*Gas Lift* optimization  
*Flow Assurance* studies (paraffin deposition and hydrates formation)

## Formulation of control and optimization problems aiming to:

- Ensure Process Stability and Safety
- Flow Assurance (prevent: hydrate, paraffin, asphaltene, fouling)
- Ensure Quality Specification (oil, water & gas)
- Maximize Production (oil & gas)
- Maximize remaining useful lifetime
- Minimize Losses (flare & TOG)
- Minimize Energy Consumption (heat & power)
- Minimize Operational Costs (maintenance & shutdowns)
- Minimize Process variability





<sup>1</sup>Kondapi *et al.* (2017)

## Subsea processing installations

**Difficult** access

**High** intervention costs

**High** complexity

External disturbances

**Unknown**

Parametric uncertainties

**Insufficient** data

Structural uncertainties

**Simplification** in the model

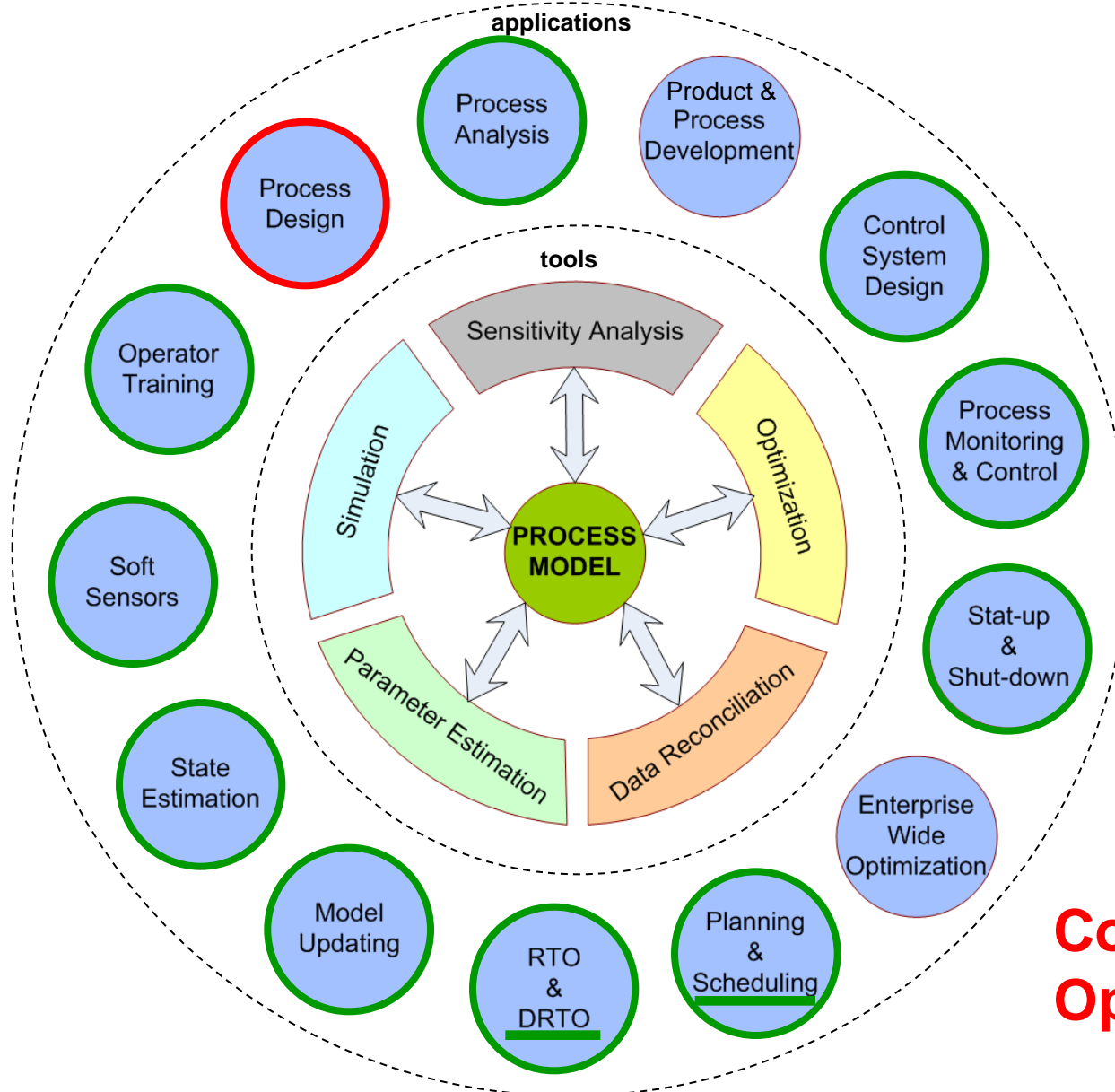
Measurement errors

**Noise** and/or **sensor lack**

Operation under uncertainty<sup>2</sup>

**PSE**

**CAPE**



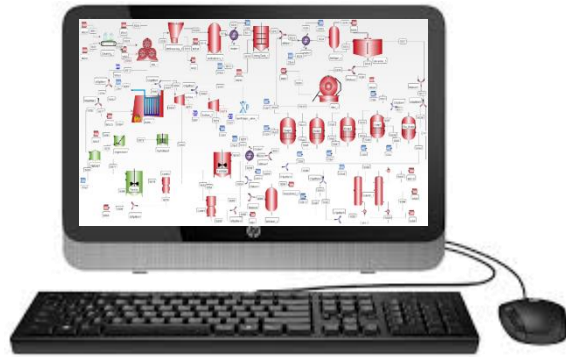
**Inherently Dynamic**

**Controlability & Operability**



*Cloud Computing*      *AI*      *Deep Learning*  
*Digital Twin*      *Machine Learning*  
*Transfer Learning*      **PSE**      *Reasoning*  
*Big Data*      *Quantum Computing*      *IoT*  
*Reinforcement Learning*      *Soft Sensors*  
  
Industry 4.0

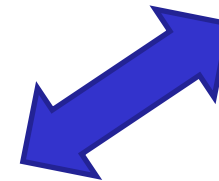
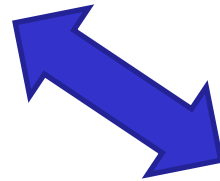




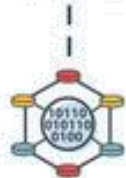
Digital Twin



Process



# MACHINE LEARNING



Data Mining



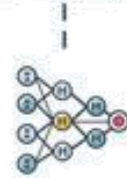
Algorithm



Classification



Learning



Neural Networks



Deep Learning



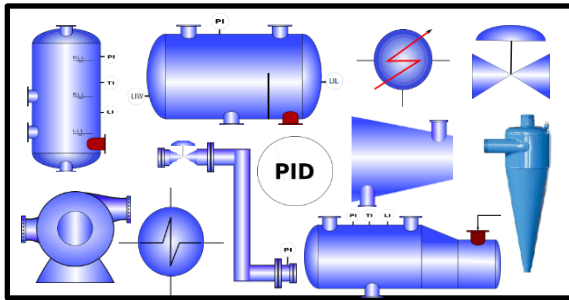
AI



Autonomous

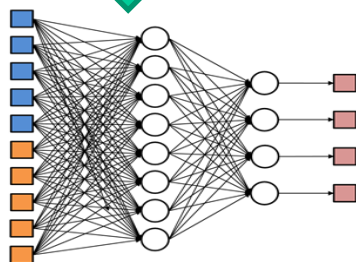


Digital Twin

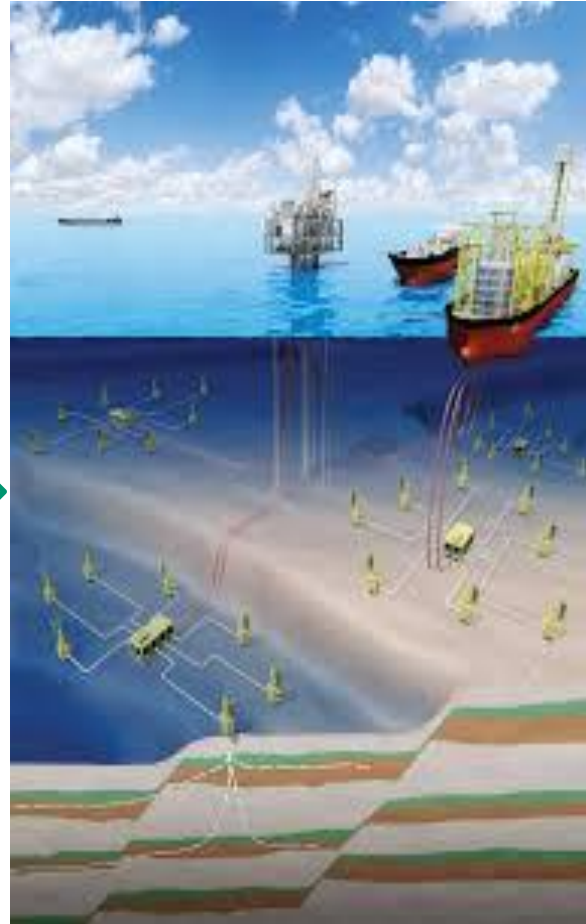


First-principles model

Hybrid model



Data-based model



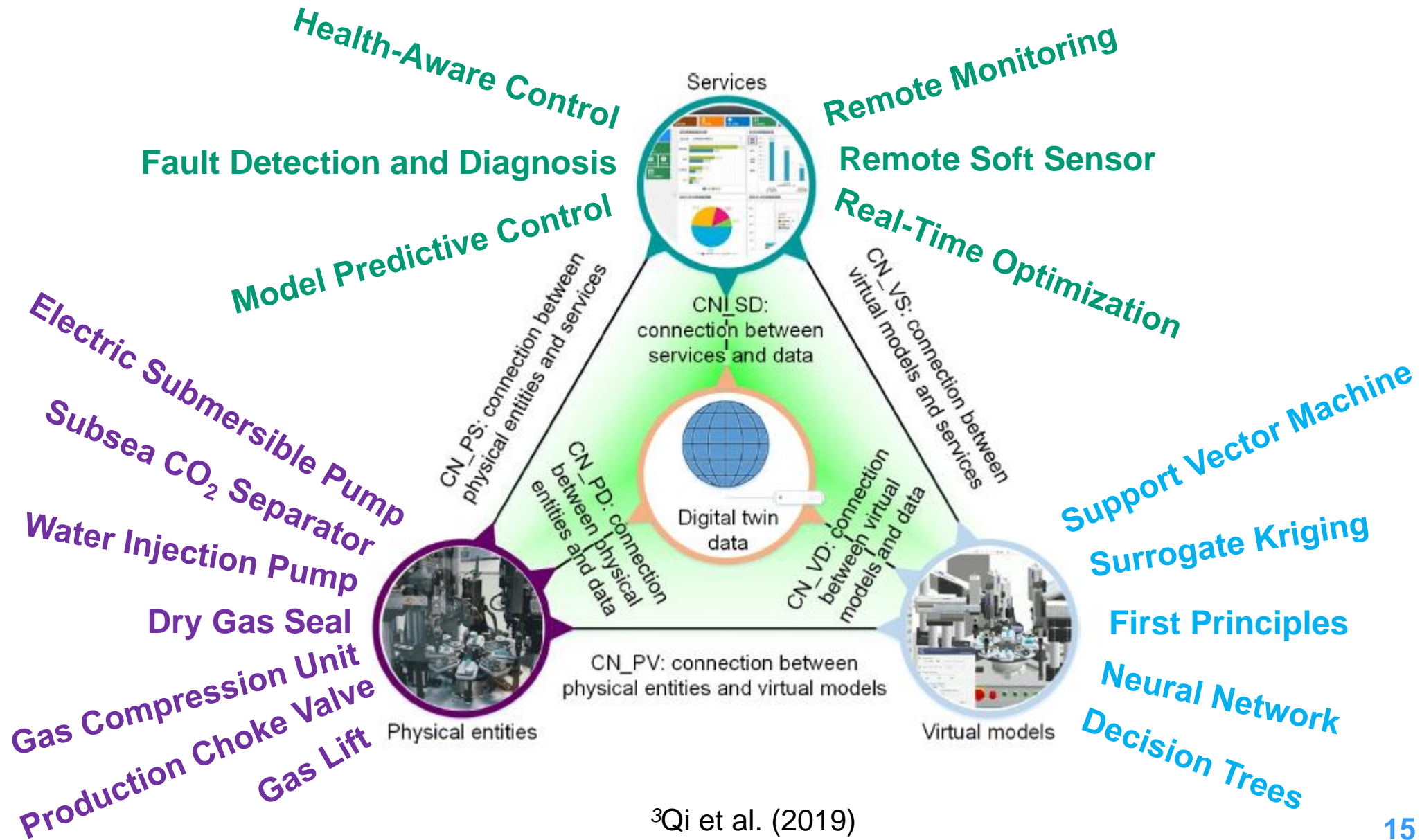
- Remote Monitoring
- Process Control
- Process Optimization
- Downtime prediction

# Fundamentals

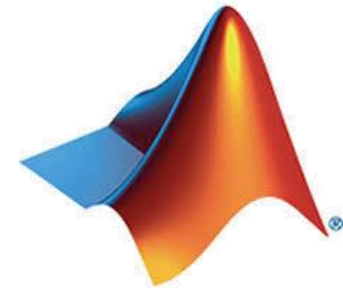
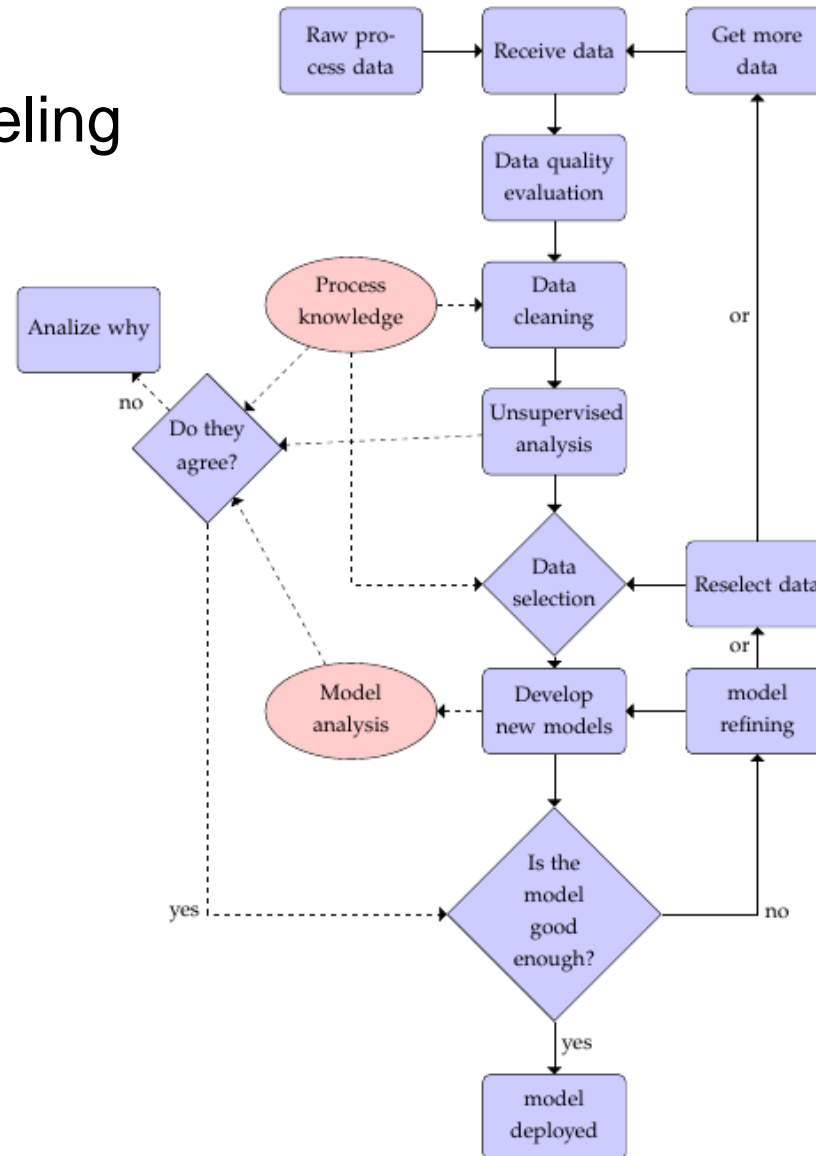
$$M_{DT} = f(PE, VM, Ss, DD, CN)^3$$

- Physical Entities (PE): physical laws + uncertainty;
- Virtual Models (VM): first principles, data based, stochastic, and rules from experts;
- Services (Ss): monitoring, optimization, diagnosis, prognostics and health management, advanced control, soft sensor, health-aware control;
- Digital Twin Data (DD): multi-temporal scale, multi-dimension, multi-source and heterogeneous data;
- Connections (CN): CN\_PV, CN\_PD, CN\_PS, CN\_VD, CN\_VS, CN\_SD.

# Fundamentals: 5D Models



## Data-based Modeling

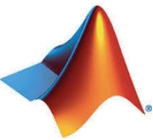
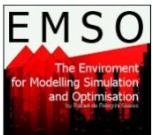
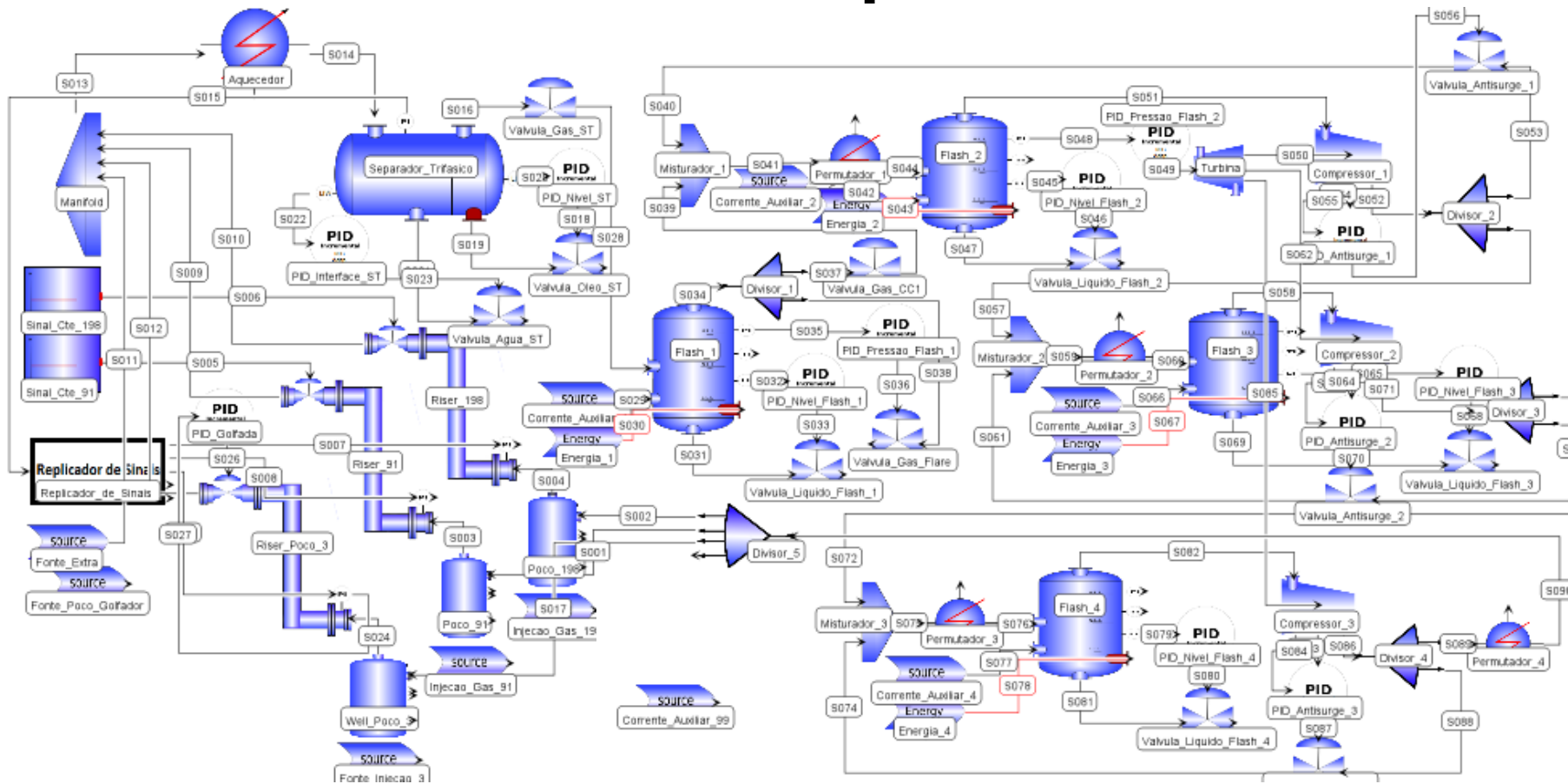


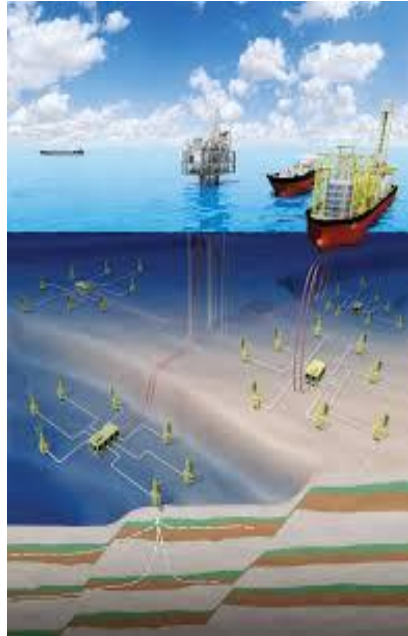


**PE:** conventional and pre-salt platforms, including production well and riser, topside separation equipment (3-phase and electrostatic separators, molecular sieves, gas-separation membrane, hydro-cyclones), gas compression cycle and auxiliary equipment (flash vessels, heat exchangers, PID controllers, etc.), subsea processing (3-phase LLV or LLL separators, pumps, heat exchangers, valves).

**VM:** equipment library implemented in EMSO (Environment for Modeling, Simulation and Optimization), an equation-oriented simulator and optimizer, with an object-oriented modeling language.

## PE and VM: Offshore Platforms & Subsea Operations





Industry

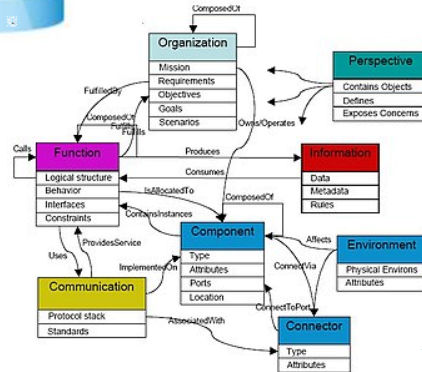
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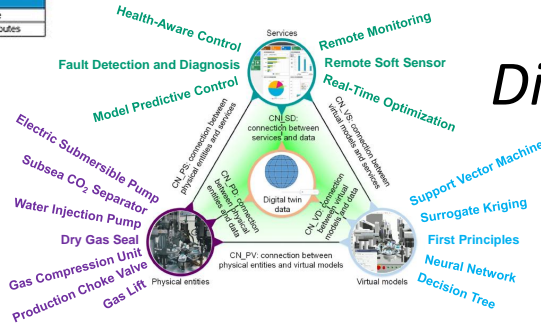
Sensors and remote connections



Data treatment and storage



Data modeling and systems interoperability



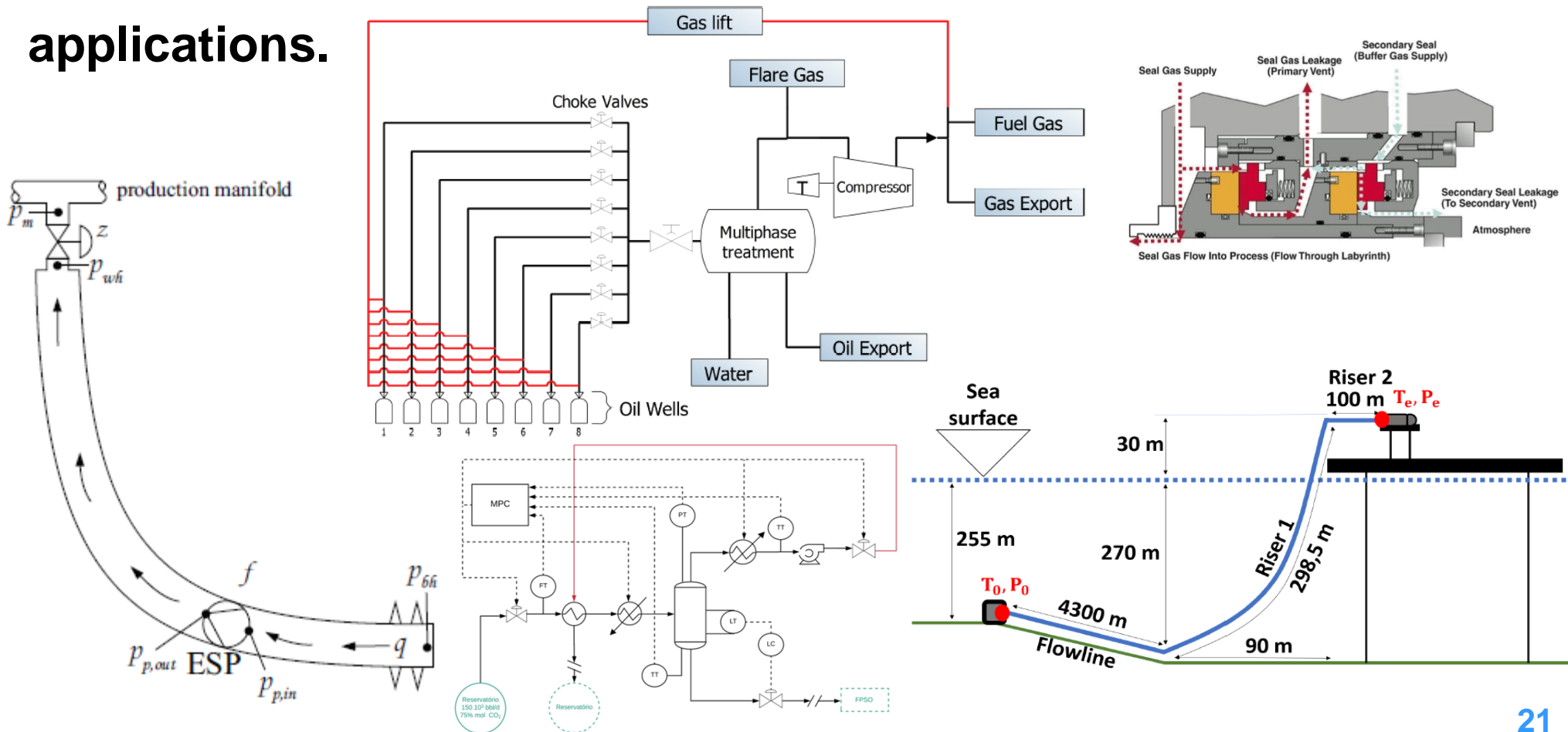
Digital Technologies

Human-Machine Interface



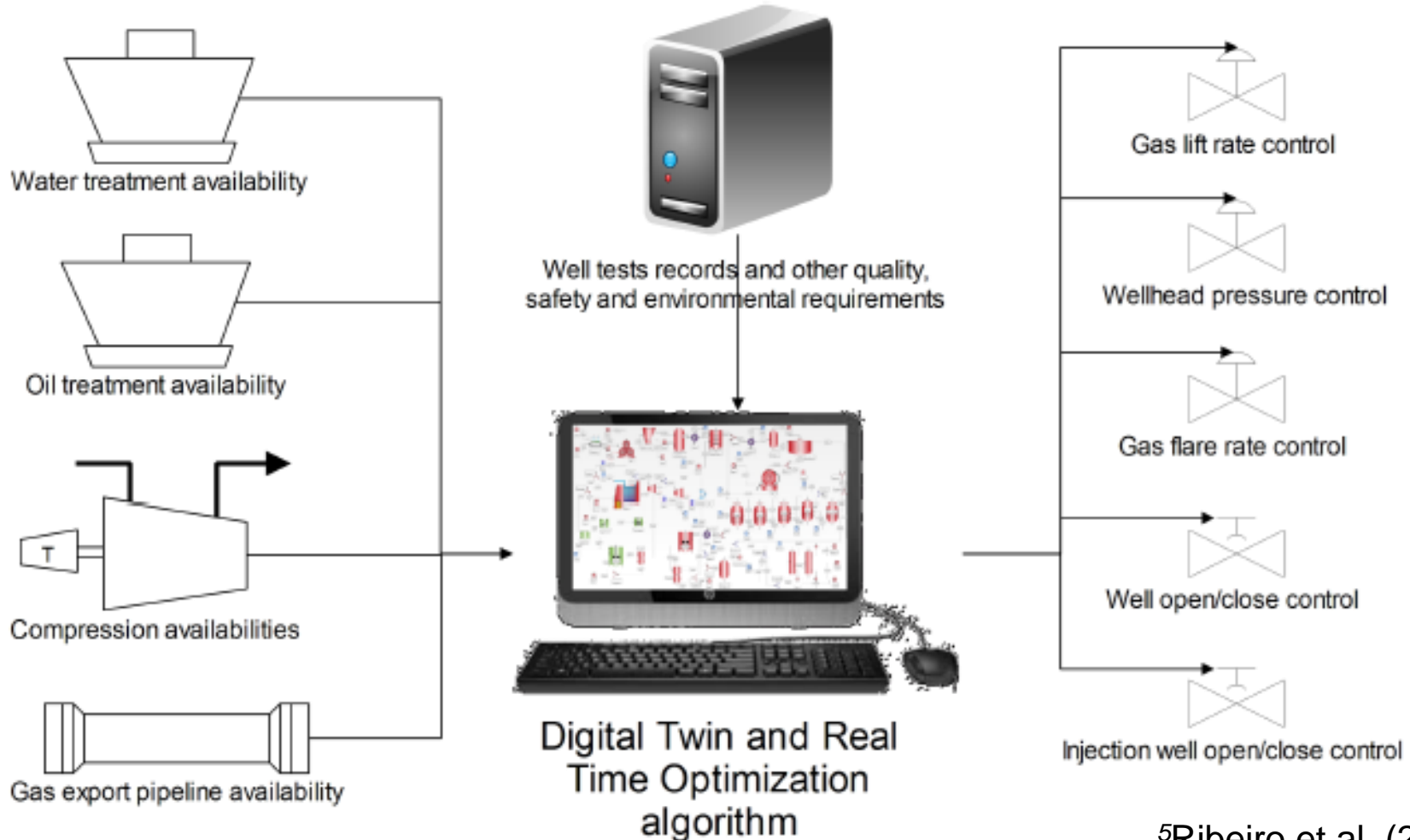
# Objective of this Presentation

Brief overview of Digital Technologies developments carried out at LADES/PEQ/COPPE-UFRJ for offshore and subsea O&G applications.



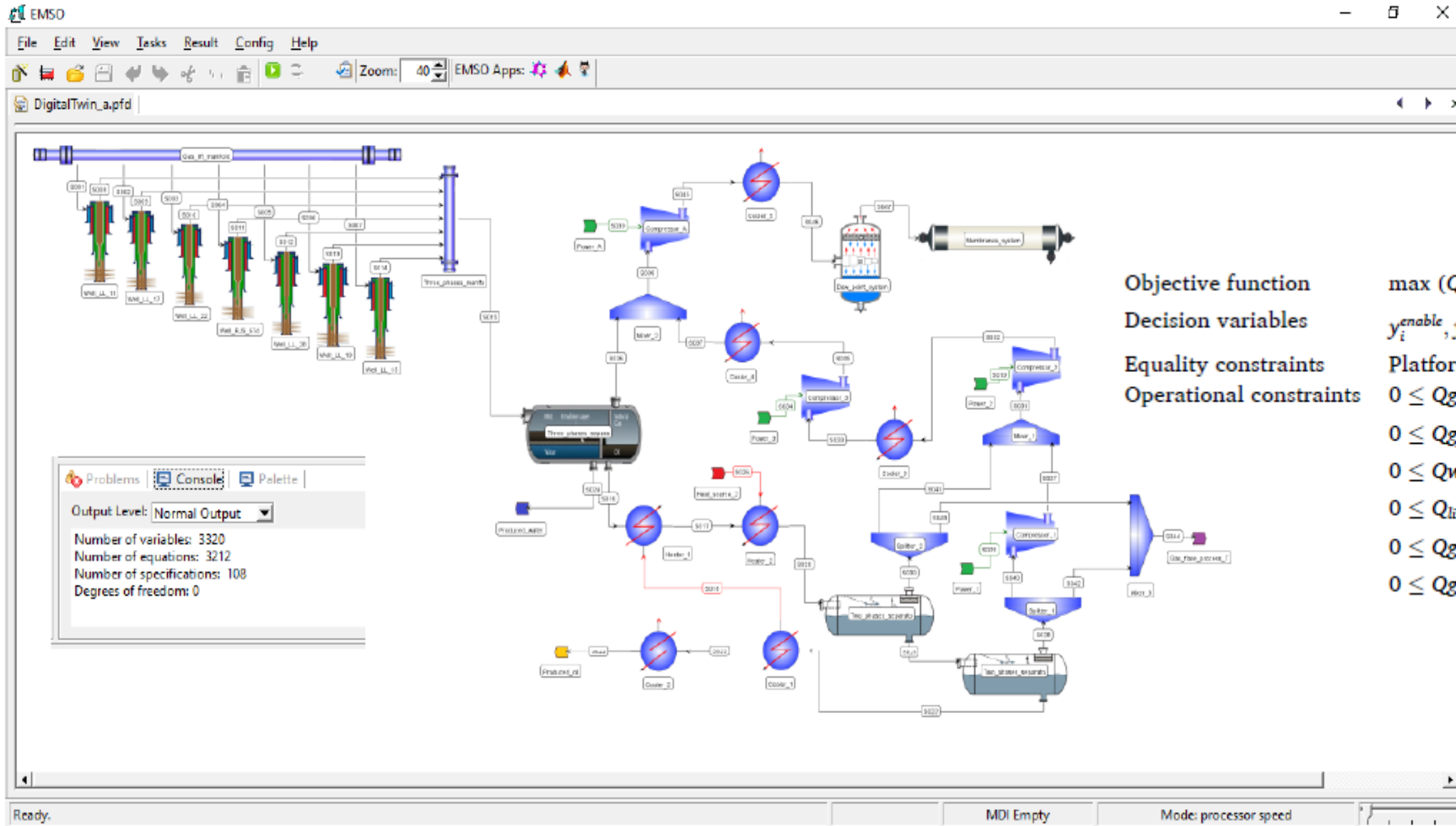
# Portfolio of Case Studies

**PE:** Wells and topside **VM:** First Principles, **Ss:** MILP-MINLP



<sup>5</sup>Ribeiro et al. (2019)

<sup>6</sup>Carpio et al. (2020)



Objective function  
 Decision variables  
 Equality constraints  
 Operational constraints

$$\max(Q_{o\text{total}}) \quad \min(Q_{gl\text{total}} + Q_{g\text{flare}})$$

$$y_i^{\text{enable}}, y_{ij}^{\text{whp}}, Q_{gl_i}, Q_{g\text{flare}}$$

Platform model

$$0 \leq Q_{gl_i} \leq Q_{gl_i}^{\text{max}}$$

$$0 \leq Q_{g\text{flare}} \leq Q_{g\text{flare}}^{\text{max}}$$

$$0 \leq Q_{W\text{total}} \leq Q_{W\text{total}}^{\text{max}}$$

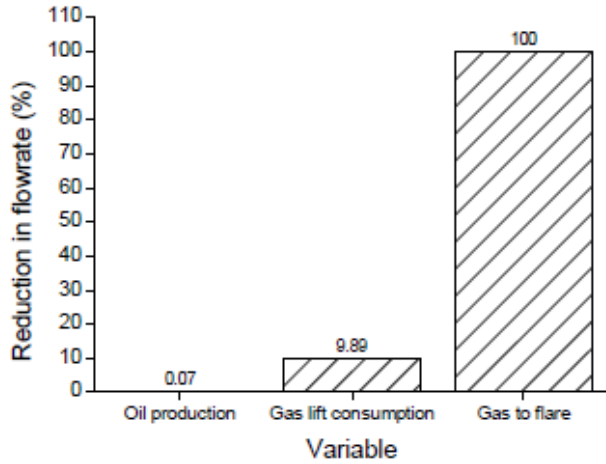
$$0 \leq Q_{\text{liquid}} \leq Q_{\text{liquid}}^{\text{max}}$$

$$0 \leq Q_{g\text{comp}} \leq Q_{g\text{comp}}^{\text{max}}$$

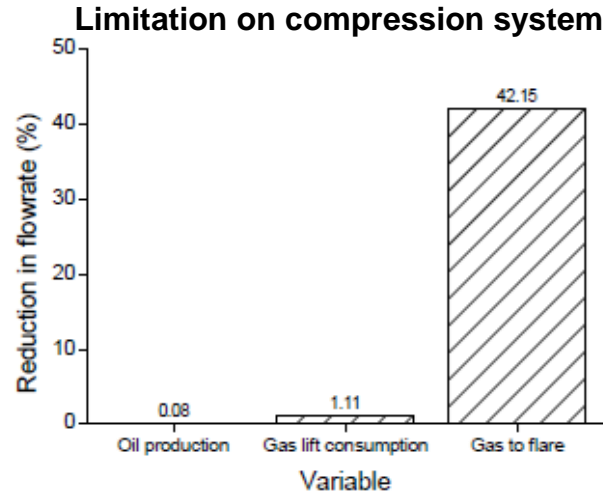
$$0 \leq Q_{g\text{export}} \leq Q_{g\text{export}}^{\text{max}}$$

Kriging surrogate model

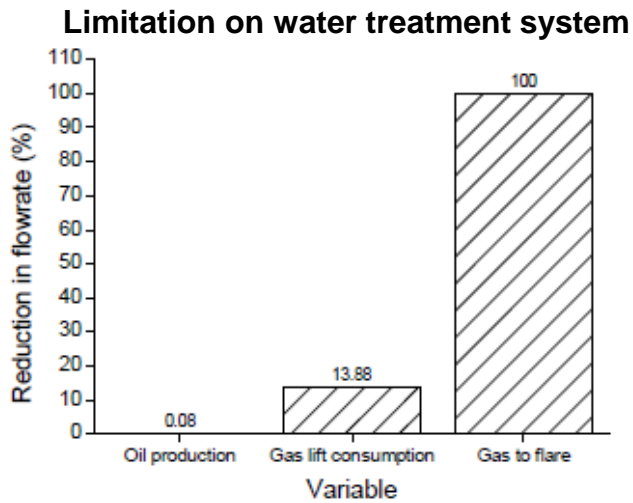




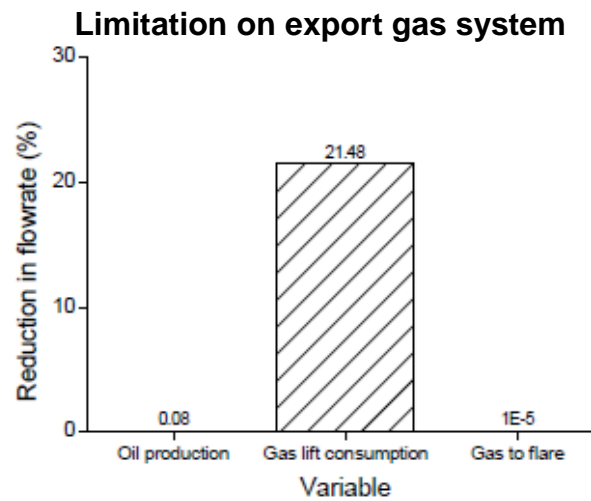
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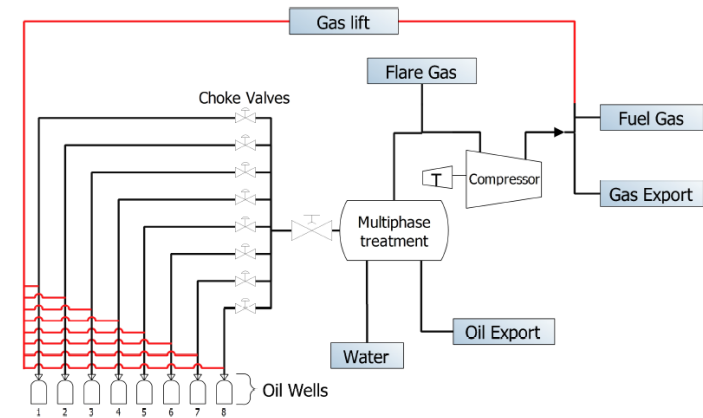
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(c)

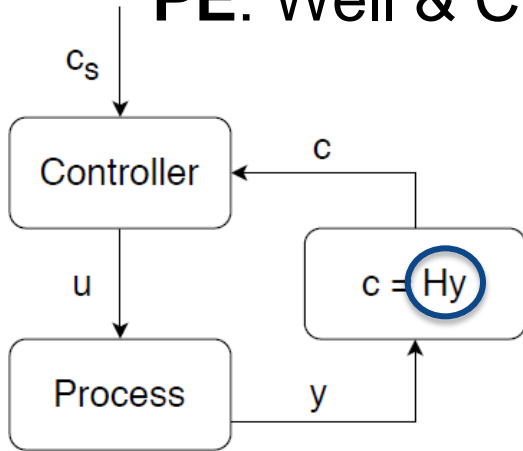


(d)



6Carpio et al. (2020)

**PE:** Well & Choke, **VM:** Data-based Linear Network, **Ss:** SOC<sup>7</sup>



$$H = f(y) = G^{yT} J_{yy}$$

$$J \approx J^* + \begin{bmatrix} J_u^* & J_d^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta u \\ \Delta d \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta u^T & \Delta d^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} J_{uu}^* & J_{ud}^* \\ J_{du}^* & J_{dd}^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta u \\ \Delta d \end{bmatrix} \quad \Delta y = \tilde{G}_y \begin{bmatrix} \Delta u \\ \Delta d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J \approx J^* + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} J_u^* & J_d^* \end{bmatrix}}_{J_u^*} \underbrace{[\tilde{G}^y]^T}_{J_{yy}^*} \Delta y + \frac{1}{2} \Delta y^T \underbrace{[\tilde{G}^y]^T}_{J_{yy}^*} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} J_{uu}^* & J_{ud}^* \\ J_{du}^* & J_{dd}^* \end{bmatrix}}_{J_{yy}^*} \underbrace{[\tilde{G}^y]}_{J_{yy}^*} \Delta y$$

$$J \approx J^* + J_y^* \Delta y + \frac{1}{2} \Delta y^T J_{yy}^* \Delta y$$



## Quadratic model

$$J = \beta_0 + \beta_1 y_1 + \beta_2 y_2 + \dots + \beta_{n+1} y_1^2 + \beta_{n+2} y_1 y_2 + \beta_{n+n+1} y_n^2$$

<sup>7</sup>Jäschke & Skogestad (2013)

<sup>8</sup>Dias et al. (2019)

$$J = \beta_0 + [\beta_i]_{1 \times n} \Delta y + \frac{1}{2} \Delta y^T [\beta_j]_{n \times n} \Delta y$$



Linear network:  $J = B_2 + LW(B_1 + IW \cdot y)$

$$J = B_2 + \sum_{j=1}^{NN} \left( lw_j \cdot \left( \sum_{p=1}^{Ny} iw_{j,p} y_p + b_{1j} \right) \right)$$

$$\beta_0 = B_2 + \sum_{i=1}^{NN} (lw_i b_{1i}) \quad \beta_t = \sum_{j=1}^{NN} lw_j iw_{j,t}$$

**But database are:**

- Huge;
- Significant amounts of useless data;
- Measurement noise;
- Outliers;
- Frozen values;
- Missing values...

- 1) Collect and scale data;
- 2) Find  $G^y$ ,  $G_d^y$ ;
- 3) Find  $H$  and compute the loss;
- 4) Choose the  $H$  with the lower loss.

It is important to select the **best subset** of variables



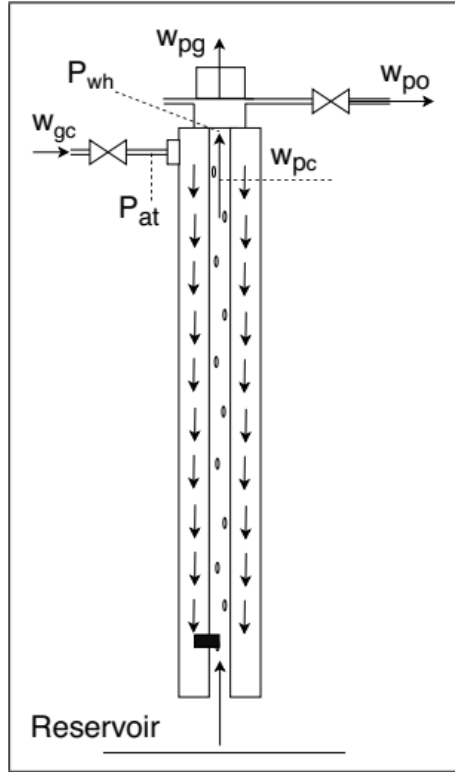
**EVALUATING THE LOSS!**

$$L_{av} = \frac{1}{2} \left\| J_{uu}^2 (HG^y)^{-1} H [FW_d \quad W_n] \right\|_{Fr}$$

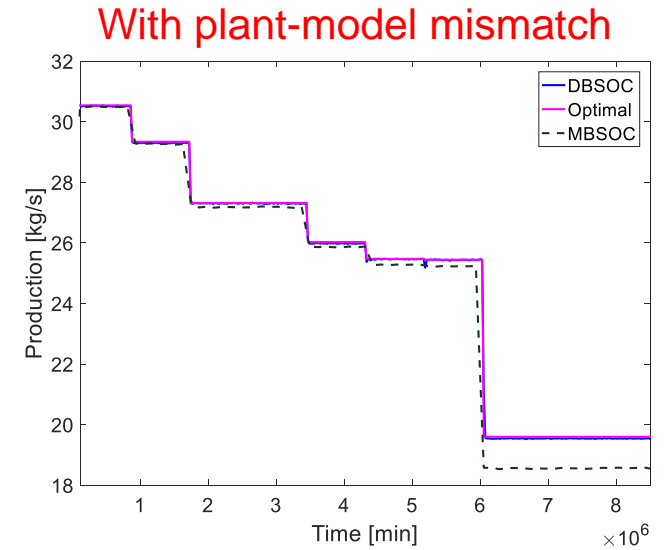
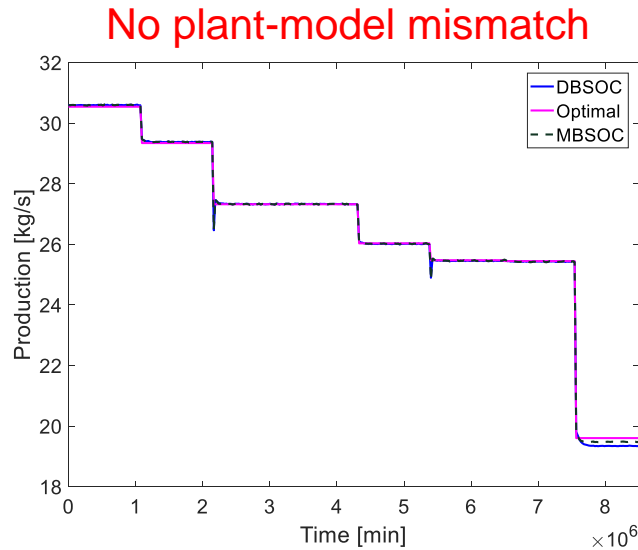
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$$F = G_d^y - G^y J_{uu}^{-1} J_{ud} \quad J_{uu} \approx G_y^T J_{yy} G_y \quad J_{ud} \approx G_d^{y,T} J_{yy} G_y$$

$$J = w_{po} - 0.1w_{gc}$$



Comparison between Exact Local method (model based) and data-based method:



DB for SOC can be better than MB and does not require a deep knowledge about the process neither a derivative step, but require large set of historical data.

$G^y$  &  $G_d^y$  from data:

$$G^y = [1.00 \quad 1.11 \quad 1.01 \quad 1.88 \quad 2.34]$$

$$G_d^y = [0.00 \quad 32.9 \quad 30.71 \quad -39.12 \quad 75.94]$$

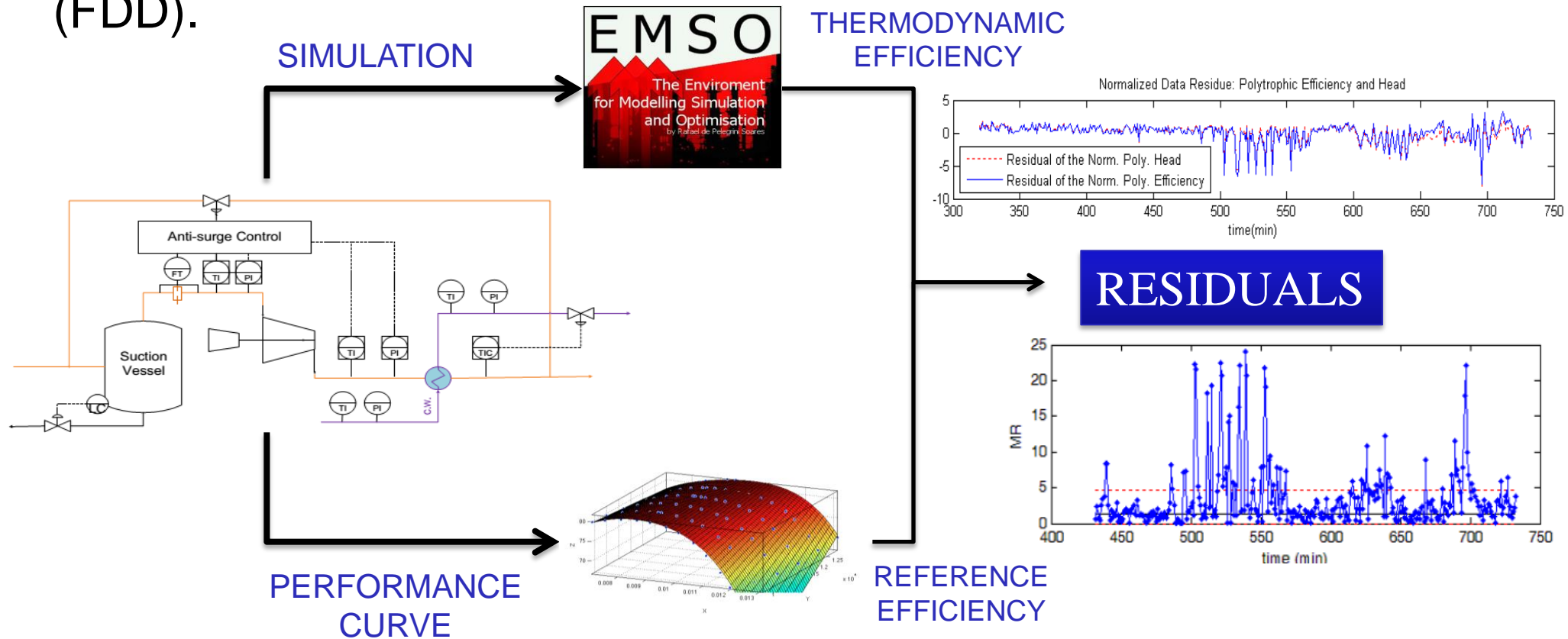
Gas lift well



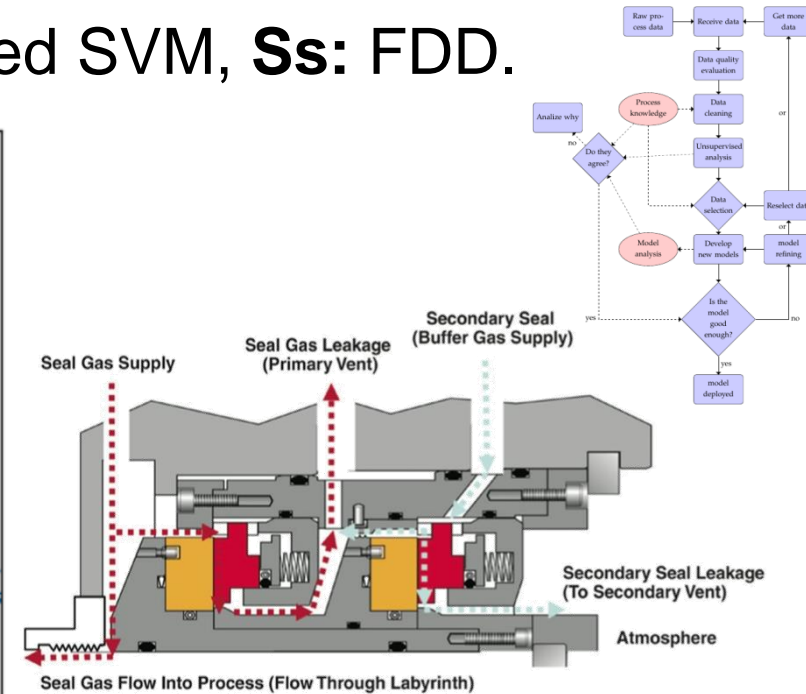
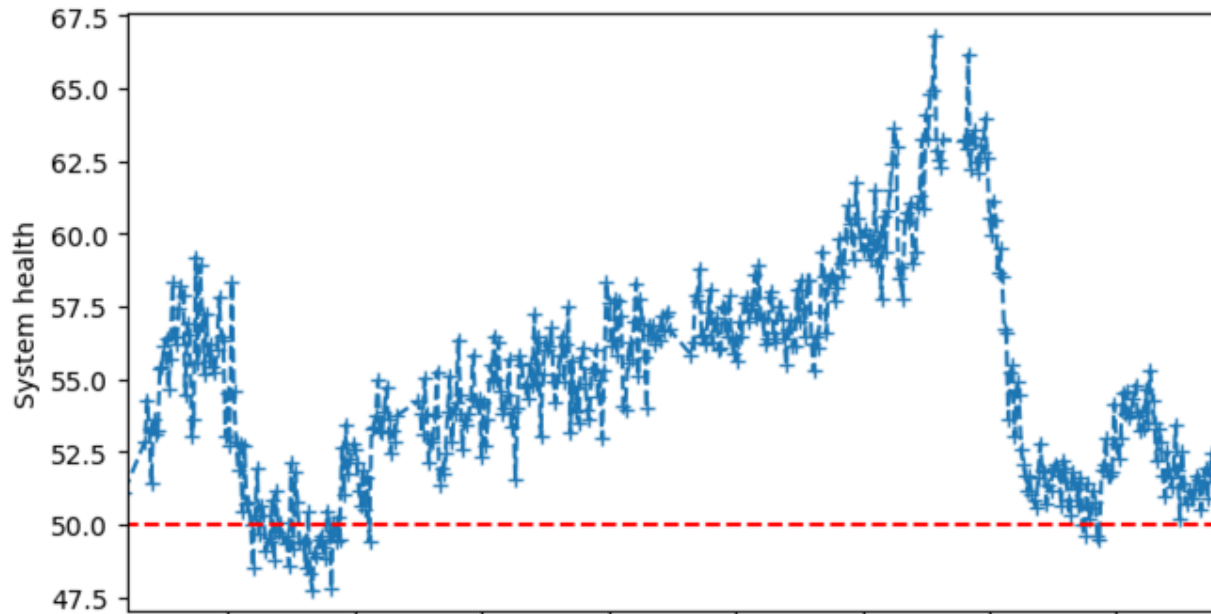
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**PE:** Gas compression system, **VM:** Hybrid model (first principles + performance curve + univariate quality control charts)

**Ss:** Monitoring of performance and Fault Detection and Diagnosis (FDD).

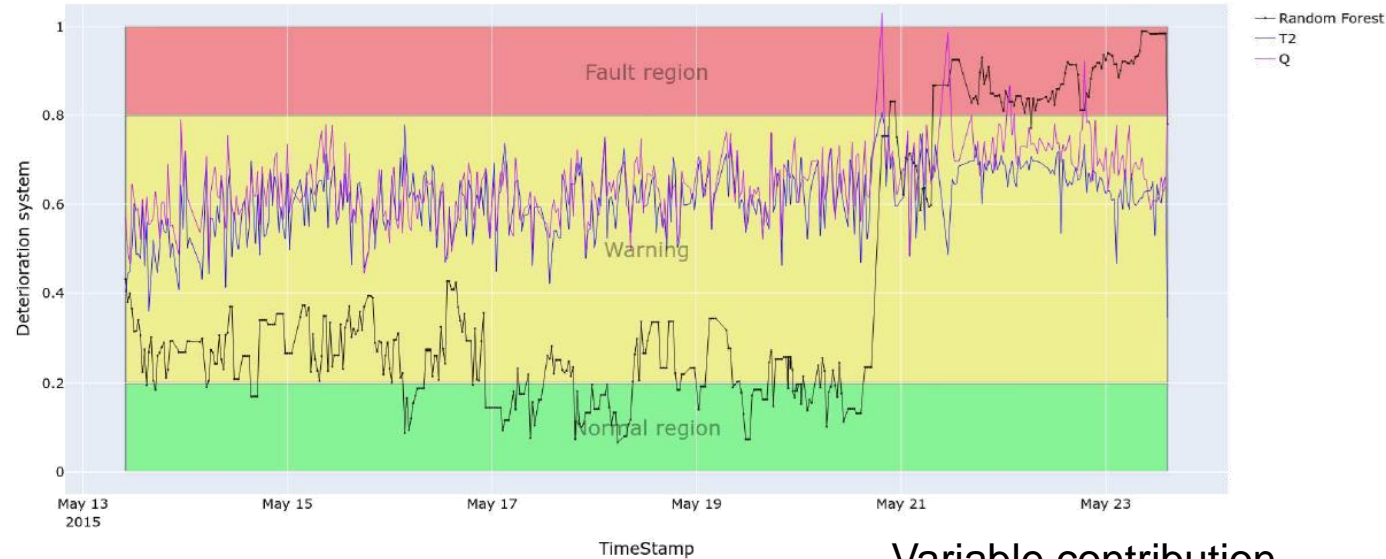
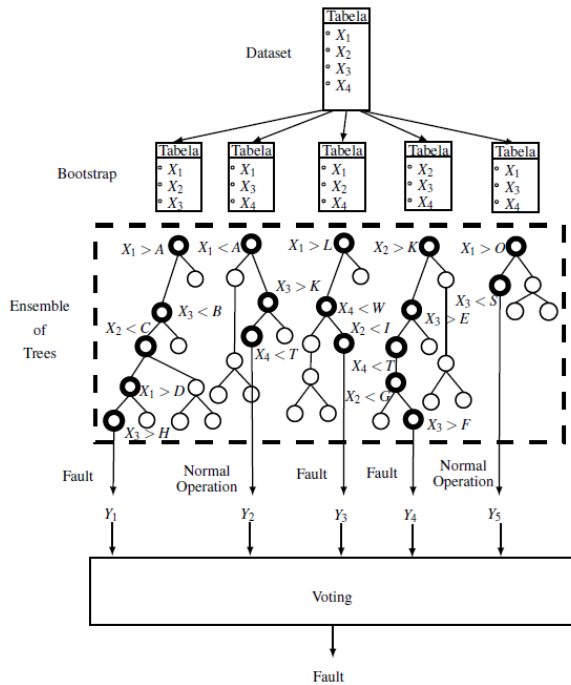


PE: Dry Gas Seal, VM: Data-based SVM, Ss: FDD.

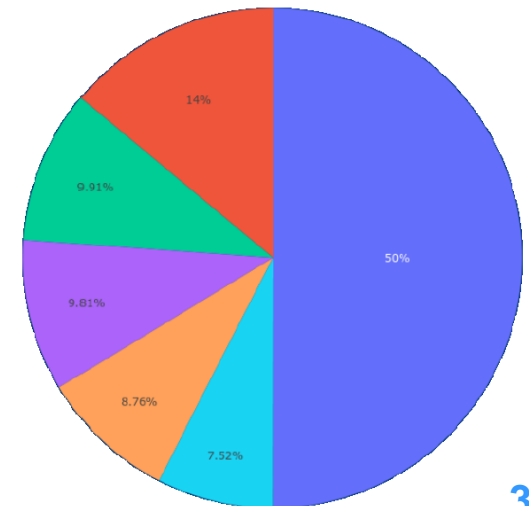


- Fault detection model that also indicates the level of “health” in the system: how close it is from fault or normal operation
- This model helps preventing faulty operation of a dry gas seal system

**PE:** Water Injection Pumps, **VM:** DB Random Forest + PCA, **Ss:** FDD.



Variable contribution



- Fault and pre-fault detection by abnormal vibration
- Use of data clustering<sup>11</sup> and dimensionality reduction method<sup>12</sup> for data visualization in a 3D scatter plot

<sup>10</sup>Souza et al. (2020), <sup>11</sup>Xavier & Xavier (2011), <sup>12</sup>Xavier (2016)

## Web application for remote monitoring and FDD



18:45:33

Normal

description event.

Lower Bound.

Upper Bound.

SUBMIT

Lower bound unknown, you can chose from the Chart

Accuracy: 100, 0.0

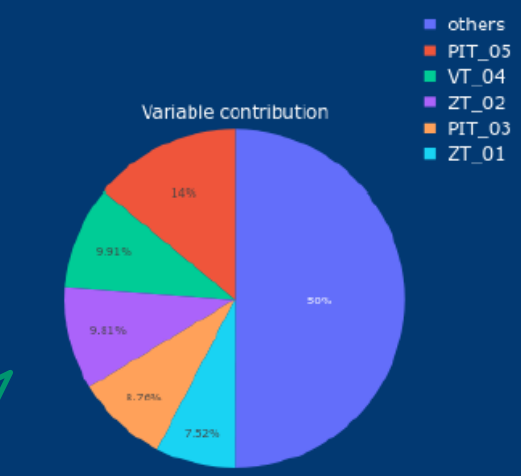
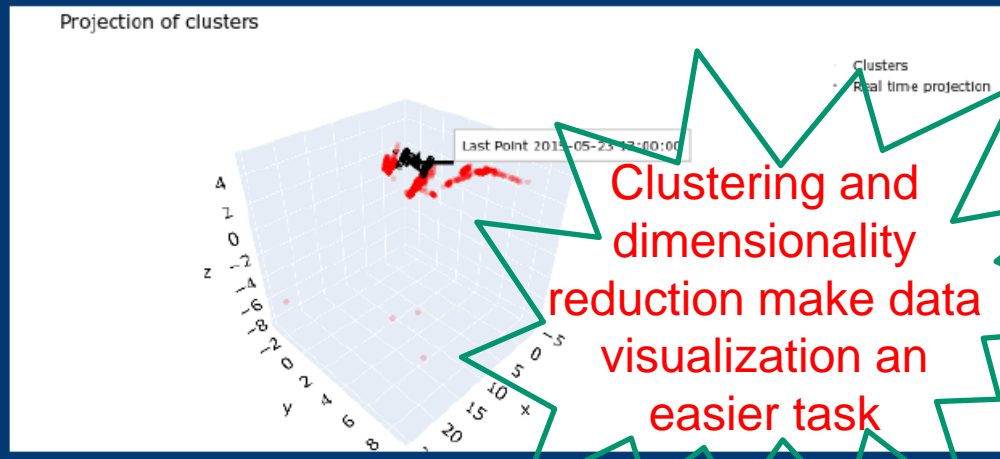
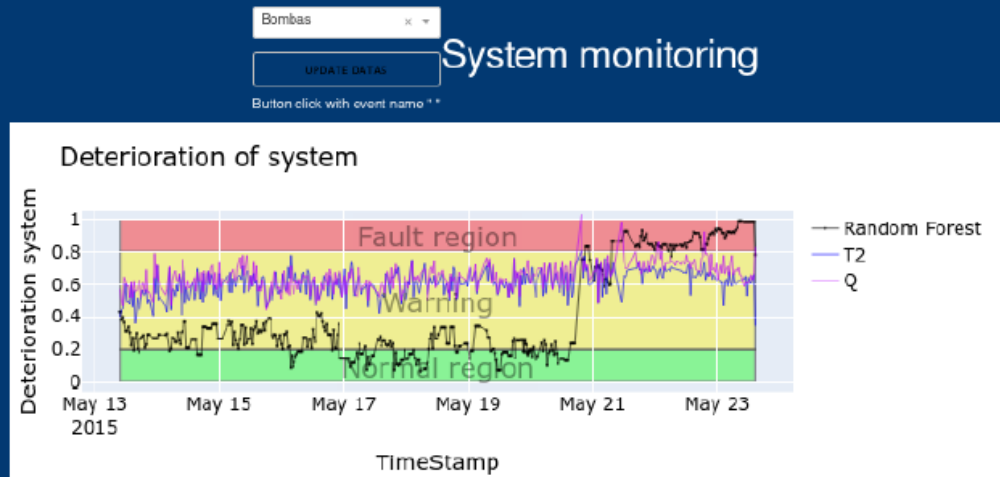
False Negative: 100, 0.0

False Positive: 100, 0.0

START STOP

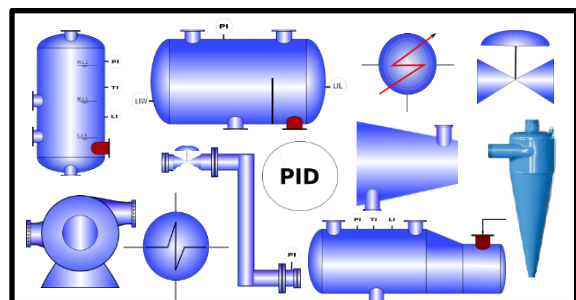
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TRAINING RE-TRAINING

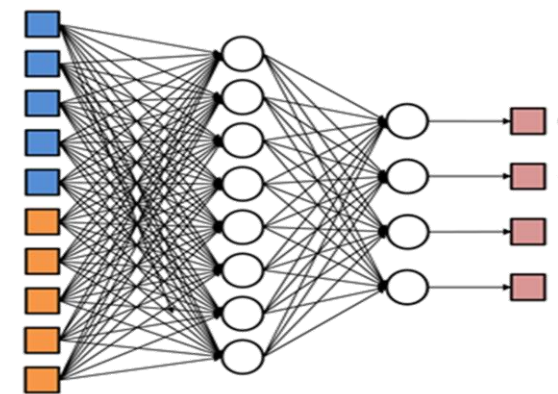


Clustering and dimensionality reduction make data visualization an easier task

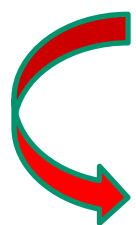




Minimize Gibbs energy



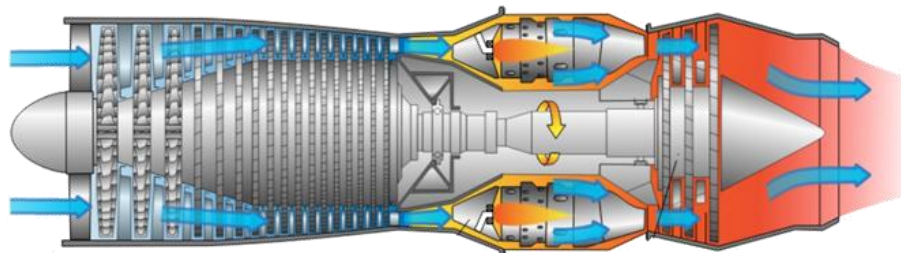
Residual modeling



Continuous Emission Monitoring System (CEMS)

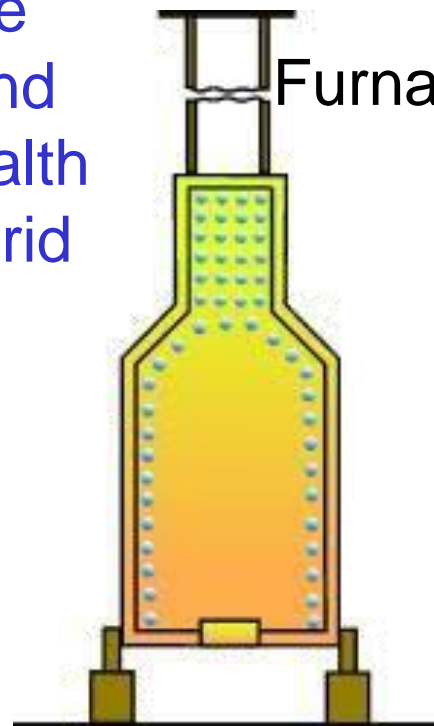
Predictive Emission Monitoring System (PEMS)

## Gas Turbines



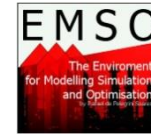
Performance monitoring and equipment health based on hybrid models

## Furnaces



# Ss: Remote Monitoring & FDD

PE: Gas turbines, VM: Hybrid model, Ss: PEMS.



**Configuração inicial**

Equipamento monitorado:  Arquivo de dados:

**LER ARQUIVO**

Visualizar as variáveis de processo:

Por nome  Por tag

**PLOTAR**

Nenhuma variável selecionada

Gráfico de área com eixos Y (2, 3, 4) e X (tempo).

**Configurar modelo**

Escolha um modelo:  Biblioteca:

FluxSheet:  ID do NOx:  ID do O2:  ID do CO:

Entradas:  Saida:  Split:

Selecione o regressor:  Número de estimadores:  Tamanho máximo da árvore:

Função Kernel:  Parâmetro de regularização:  Número de vizinhos:

**TREINAR** **SALVAR**

**Gráficos**

Gases monitorados:  NOx  O2  CO  CO2  H2O  H2

Série temporal Erro Histograma

**NOx: Série Temporal**

Concentração (ppm) vs Timestamp

Gráfico de linha com eixos Y (18, 20, 22, 24, 26) e X (Jan 2015 a Sep 2015). Legend: Dados (azul), Modelo (vermelho).

Gases monitorados:  NOx  O2  CO  CO2  H2O  H2

Série temporal Erro Histograma

**NOx: Erros Absolutos**

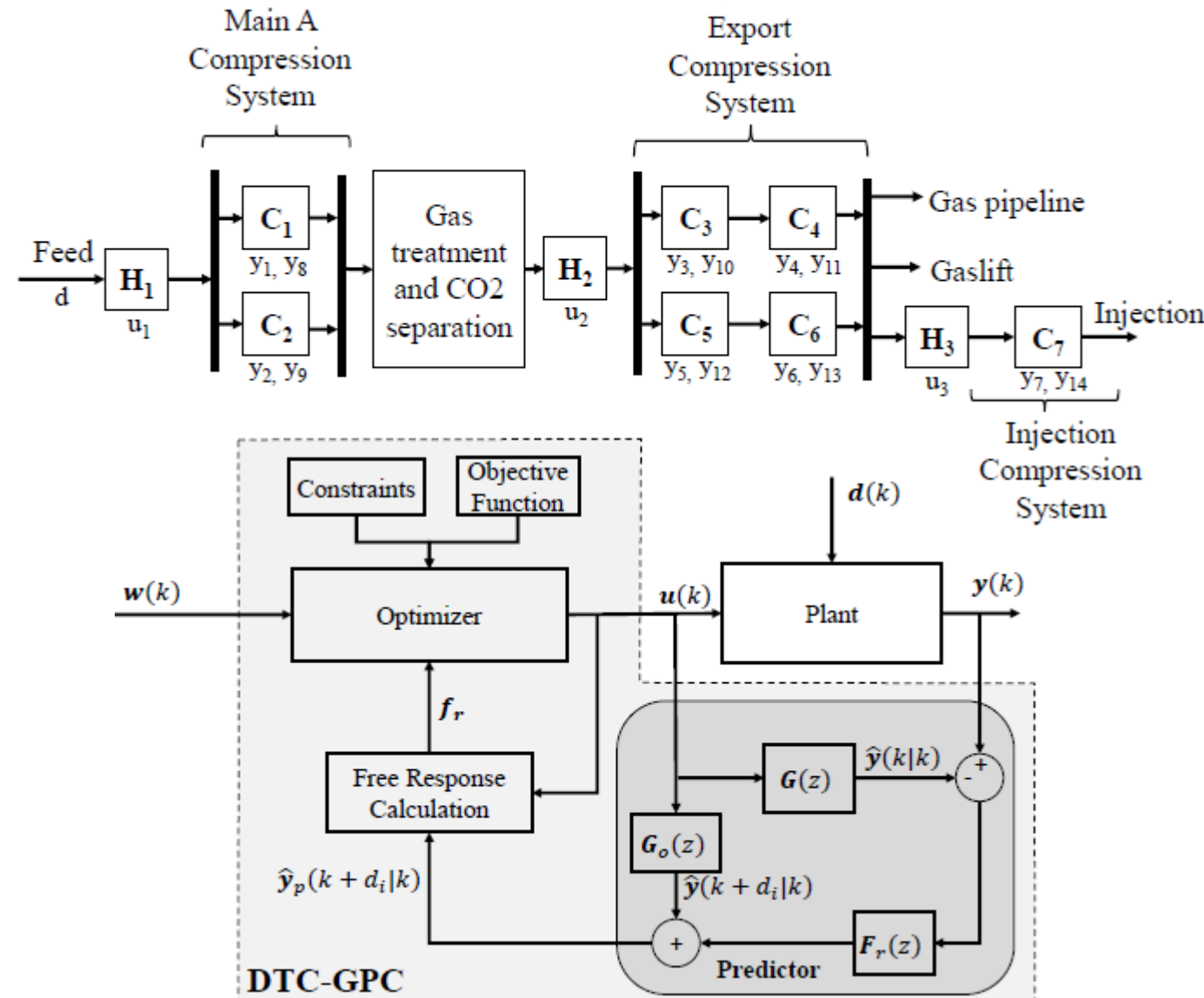
Valor médio vs Valor previsto

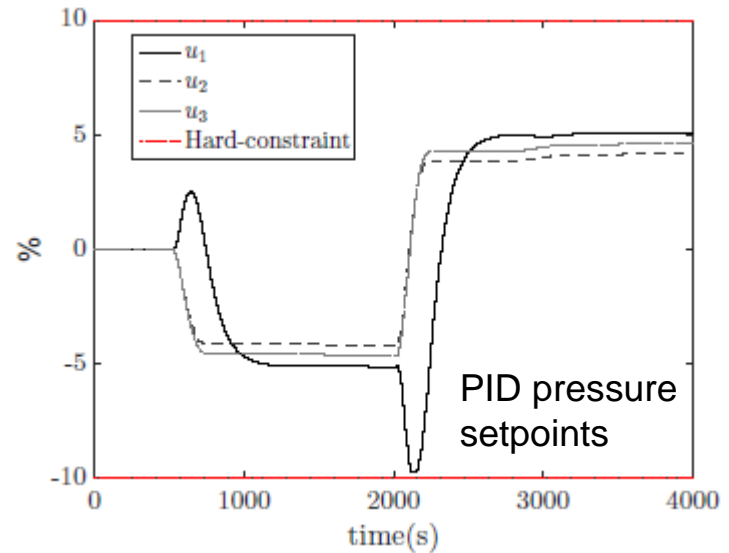
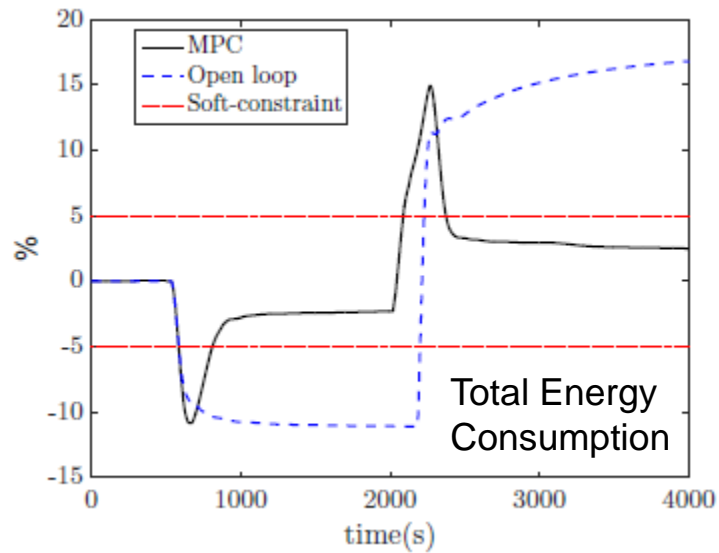
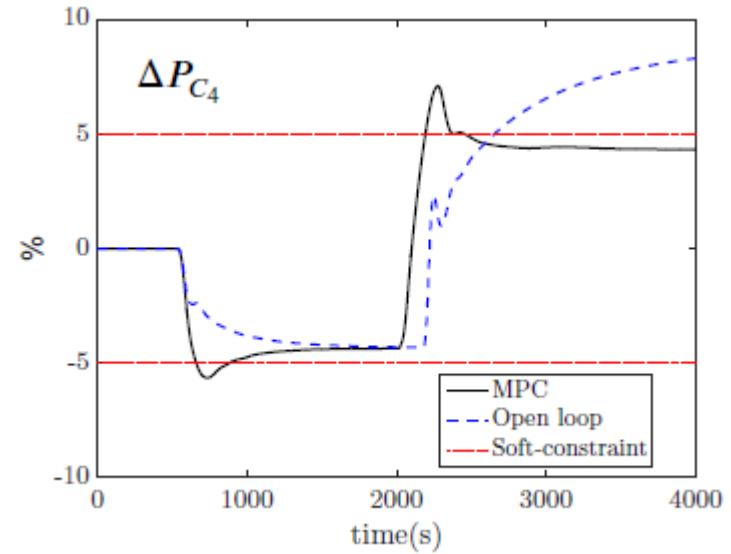
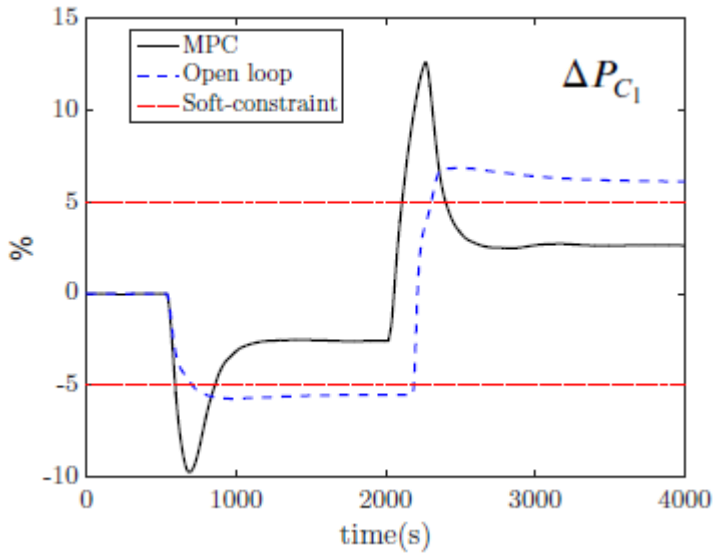
Gráfico de dispersão com eixos Y (16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26) e X (16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26). Legend: Valor médio (azul), Valor previsto (vermelho). Color scale: 0 a 1.5 ppm.

**O2: Erros Absolutos**

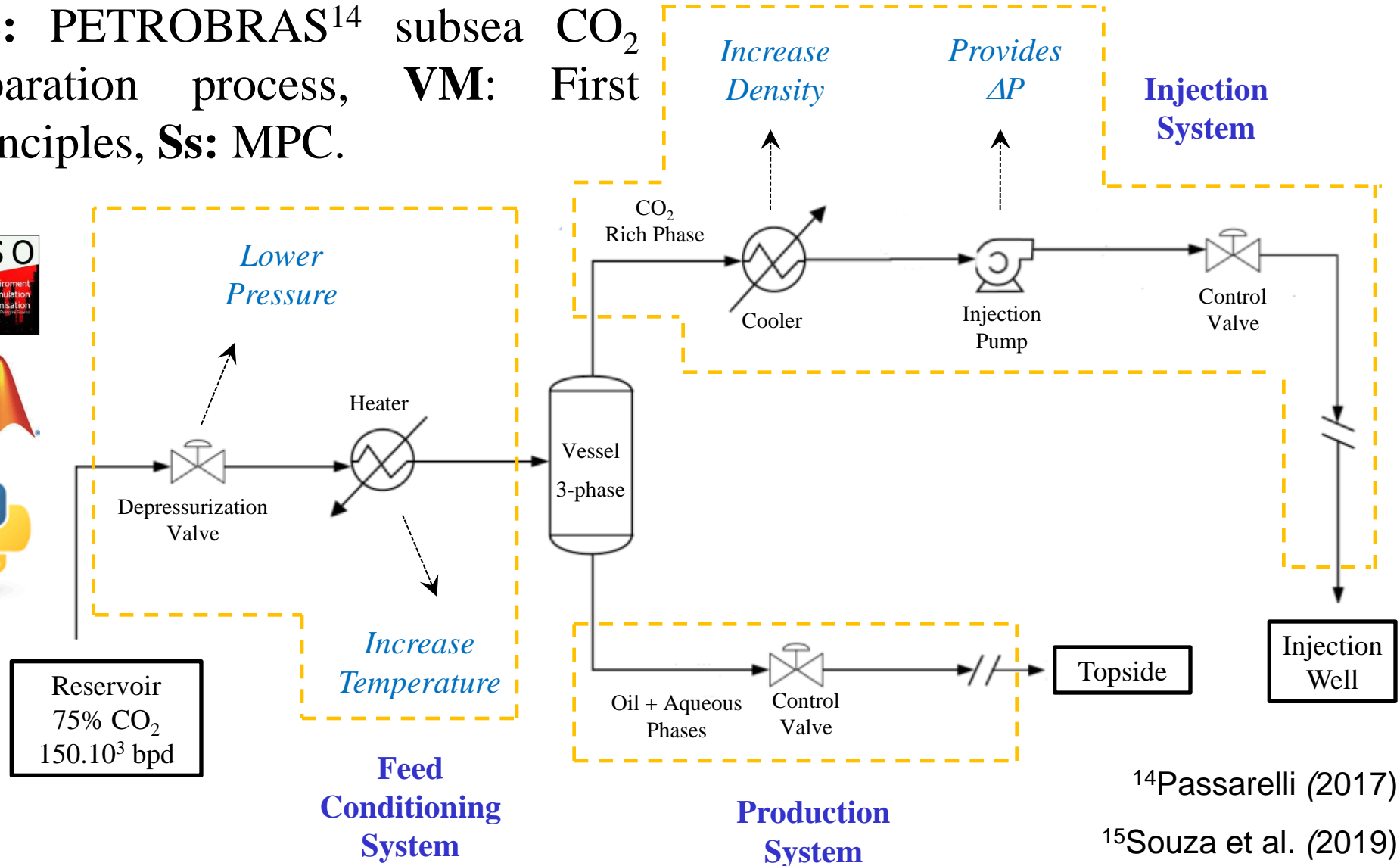
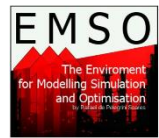
**PE:** Gas compression system, **VM:** Data based, **Ss:** DTC-MPC.

MPC with dead-time compensator strategy to provide setpoints for the regulatory control layer of a gas compression system, which aim to avoid excessive energy consumption, decrease variability of the plant, and guaranty a stable and safe operation against load disturbances.



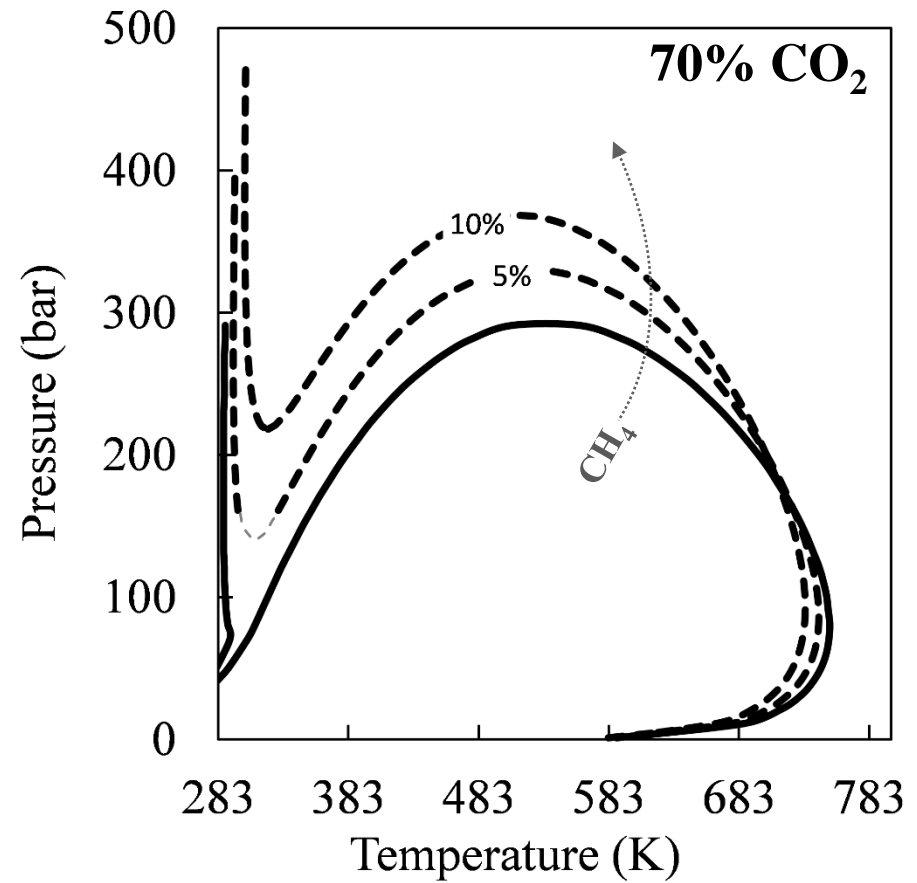
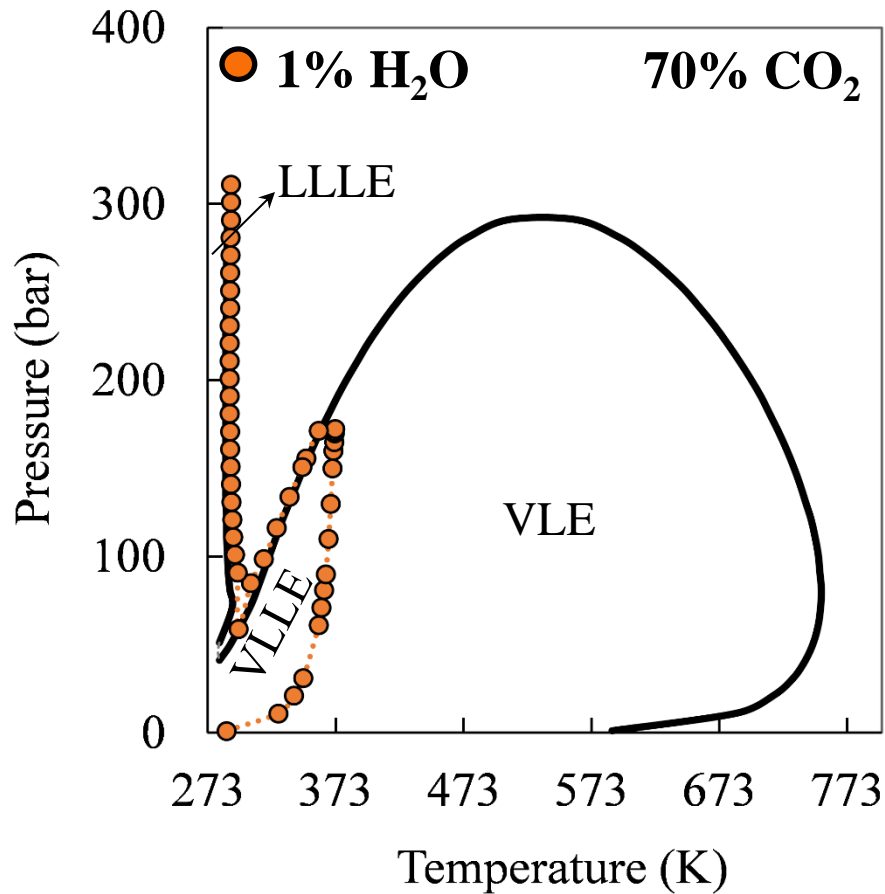


PE: PETROBRAS<sup>14</sup> subsea CO<sub>2</sub> separation process, VM: First Principles, Ss: MPC.



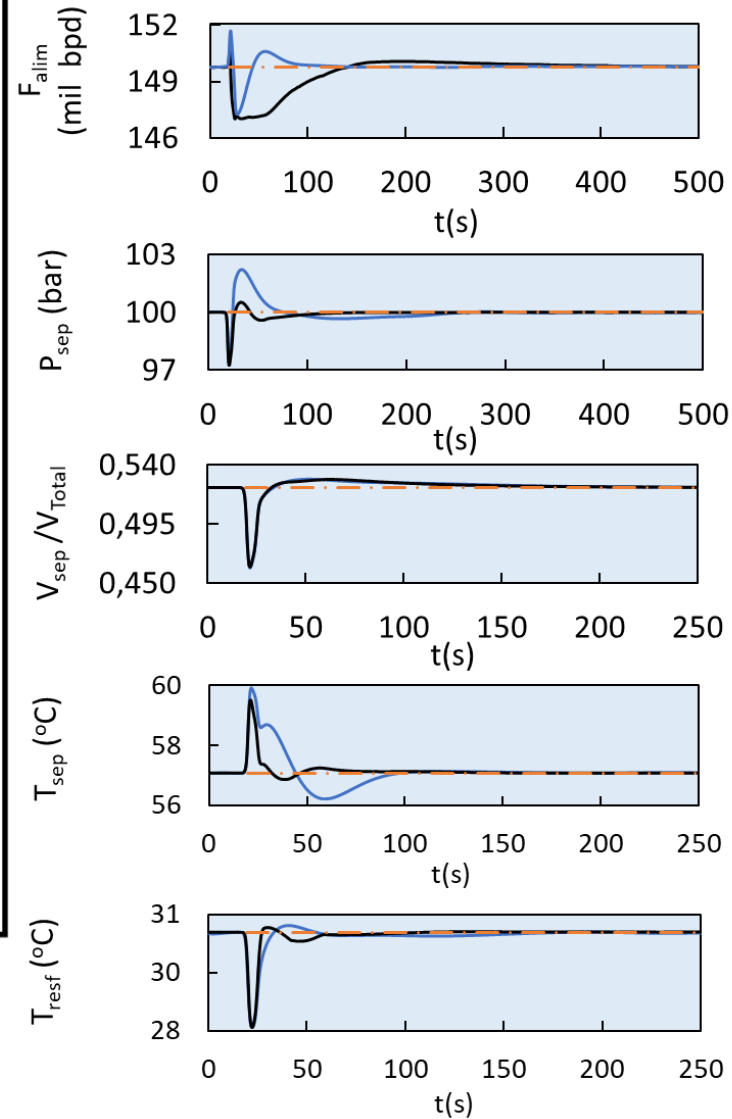
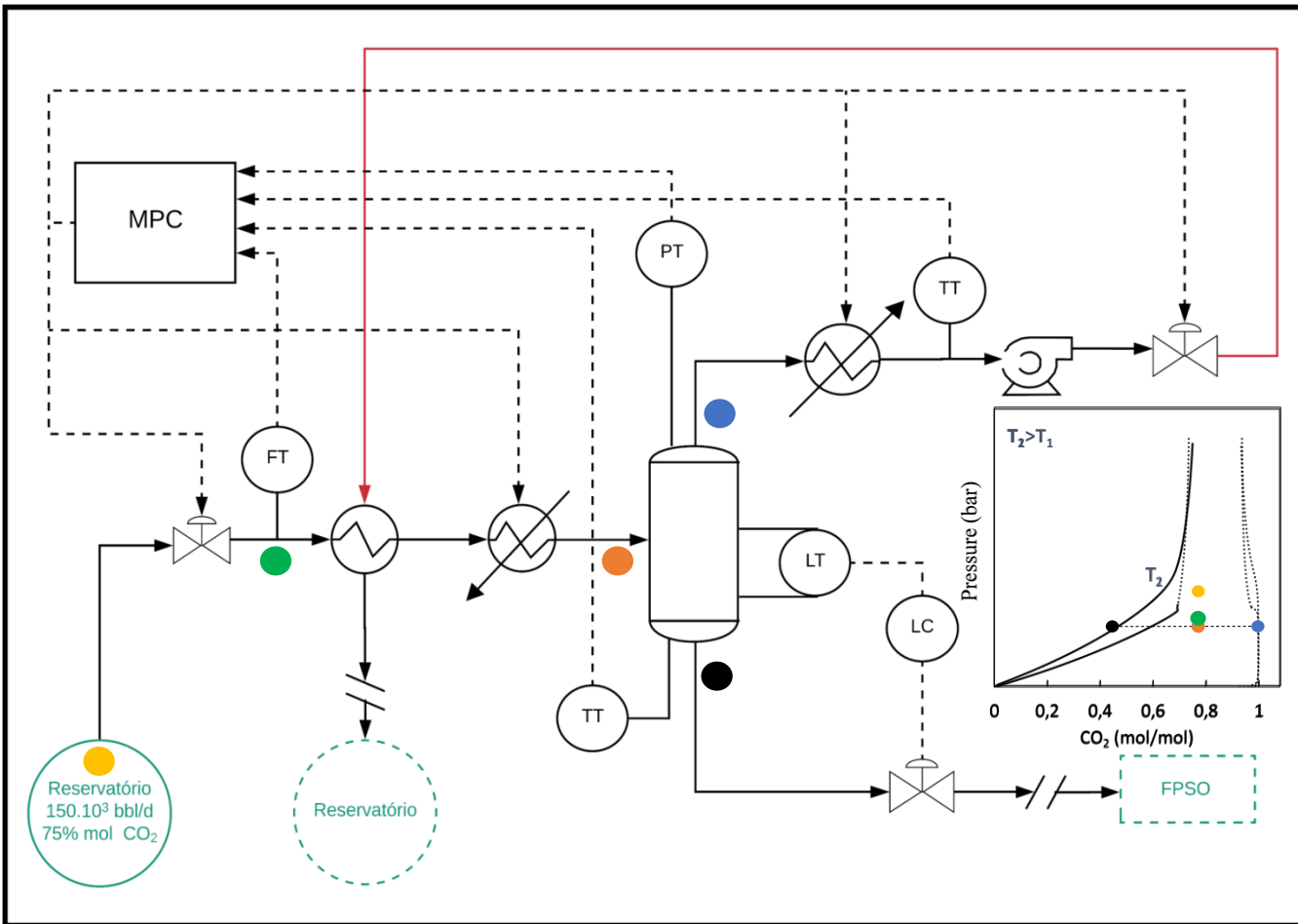
<sup>14</sup>Passarelli (2017)

<sup>15</sup>Souza et al. (2019)



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# Ss: MPC in CO<sub>2</sub> Subsea Separation



<sup>15</sup>Souza et al. (2019)

PID (—), MPC (---)

**PE:** liquid CO<sub>2</sub> pump, **VM:** Stochastic, **Ss:** HAC

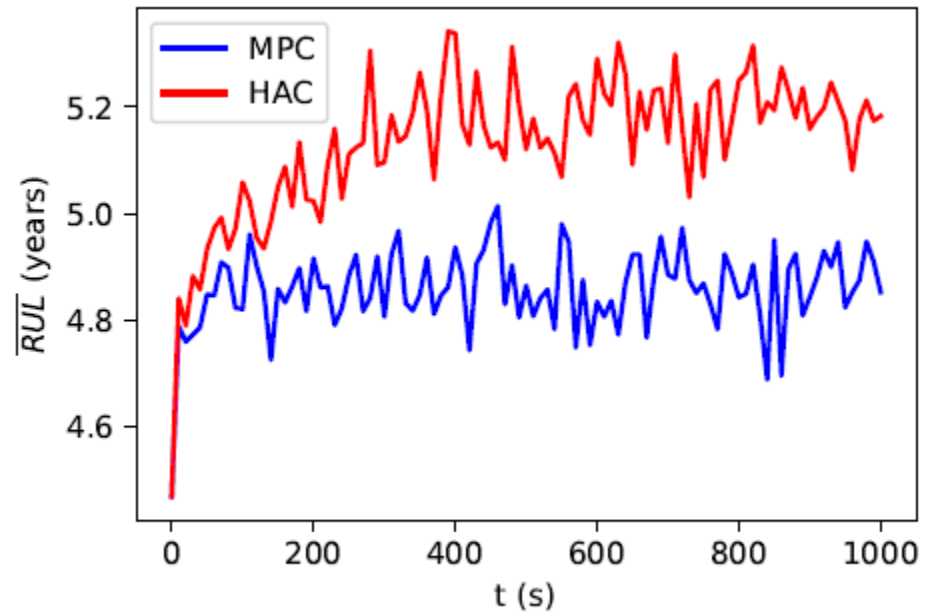
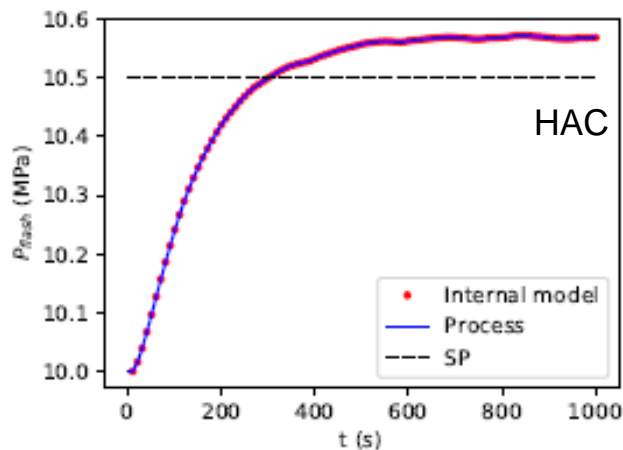
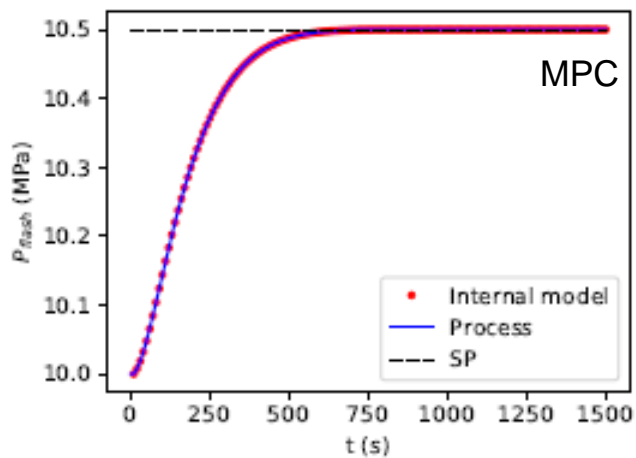
PROGNOSTIC MODULE: a pump wear stochastic model was proposed including dependence with pump operating power. Particle filters were employed to estimate states and predict **Remaining Useful Lifetime (RUL)**.

HEALTH-AWARE CONTROL (HAC):

$$J_{HAC} = \underbrace{-w_{HAC} \overline{RUL}}_{\text{Pump Health}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{N_y} \sum_{j=1}^{N_p} q_i^2 (y_{i,k+j} - y_{i,k+j}^{sp})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{N_u} \sum_{j=0}^{N_c-1} s_i^2 (\Delta u_{i,k+j})^2}_{\text{Multivariable Control}}$$



As health and control objectives compete against each other, the obtained solution is a compromise between these objectives.



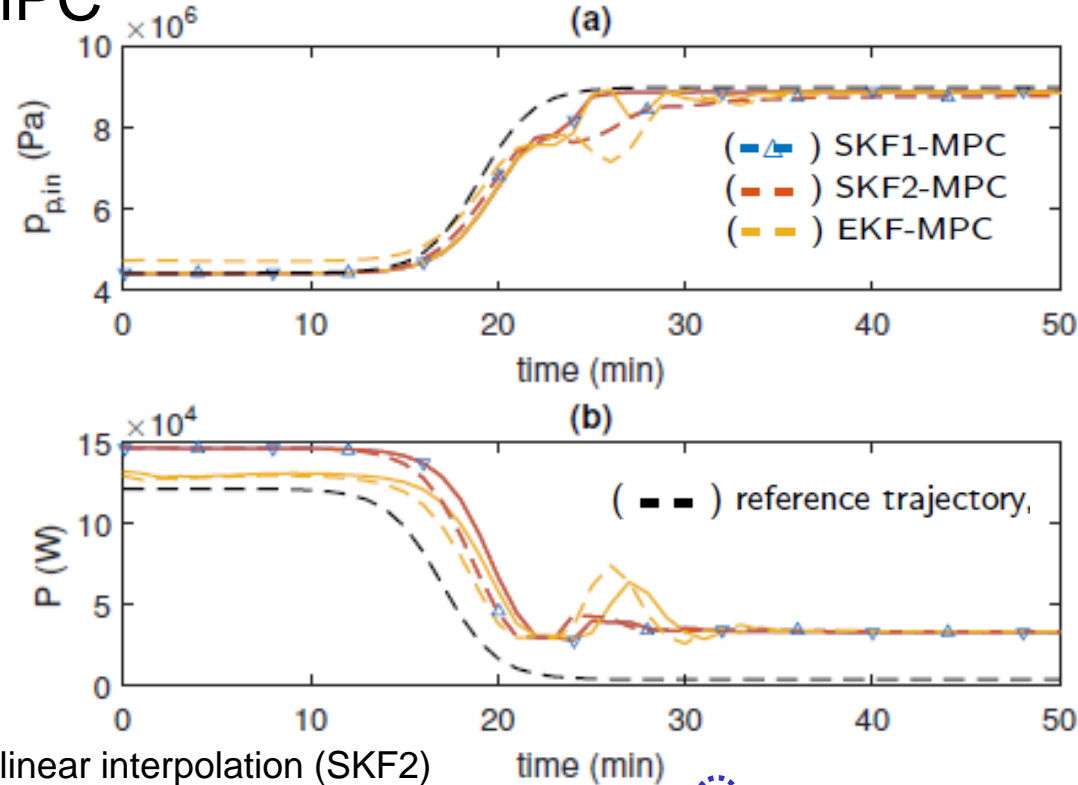
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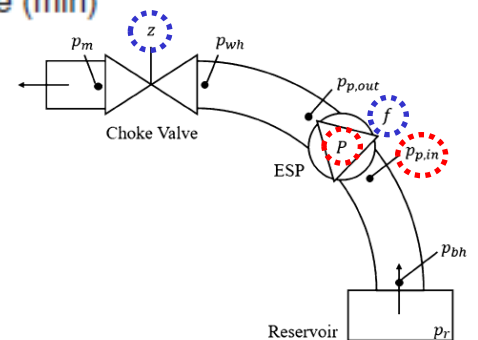
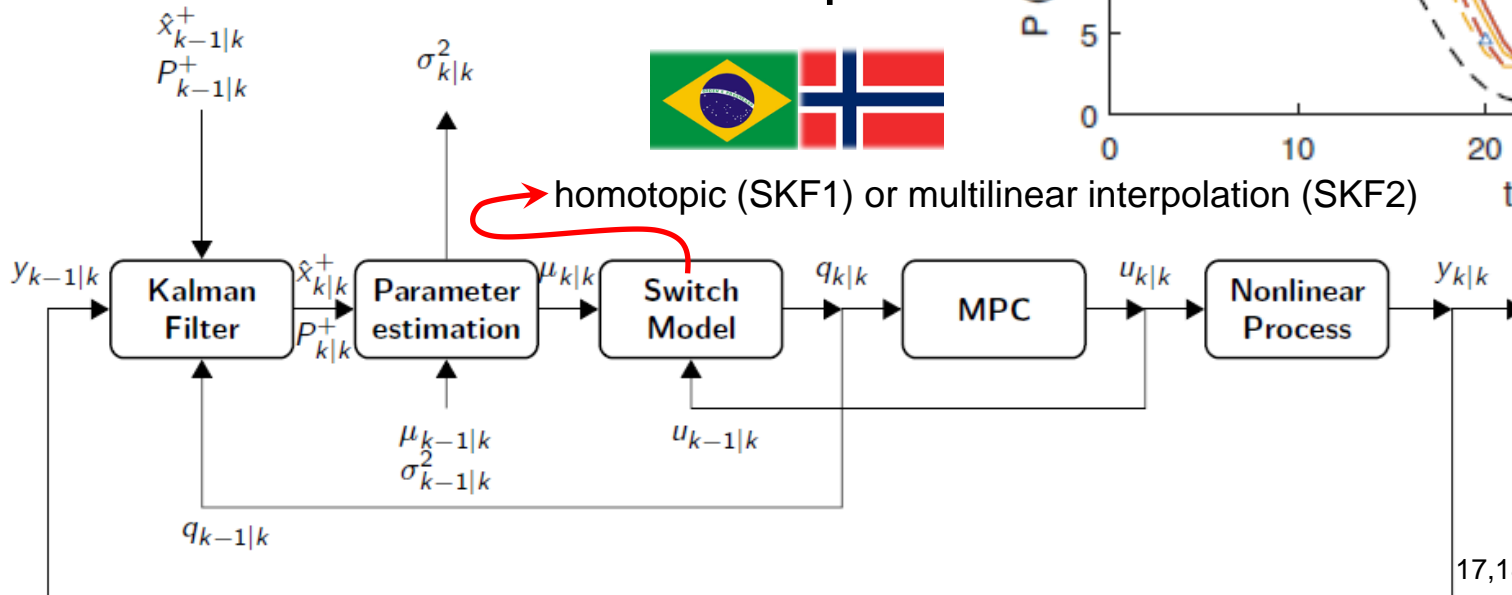
<sup>16</sup>Bernardino et al. (2019)

PE: ESP, VM: Data based, Ss: AMPC

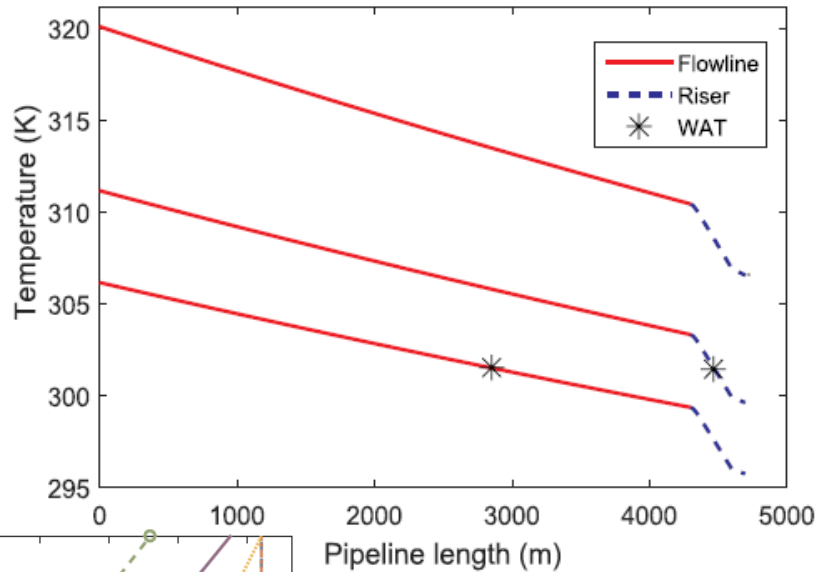
The adaptive MPC control was capable of dealing with process nonlinearities and lack of measurements enhancing the control performance within a wide range of operation of an Electrical Submersible Pump.



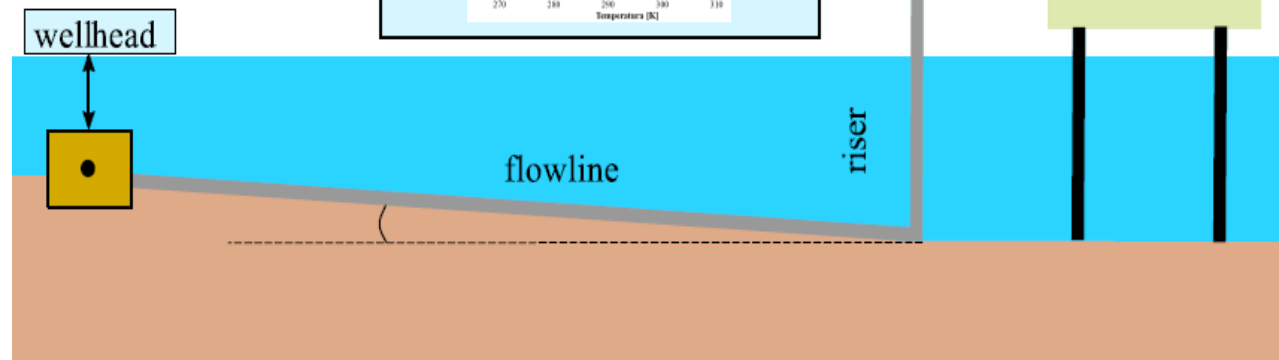
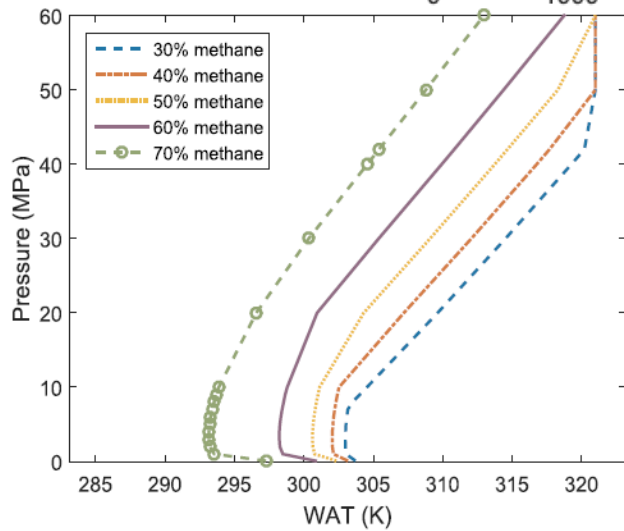
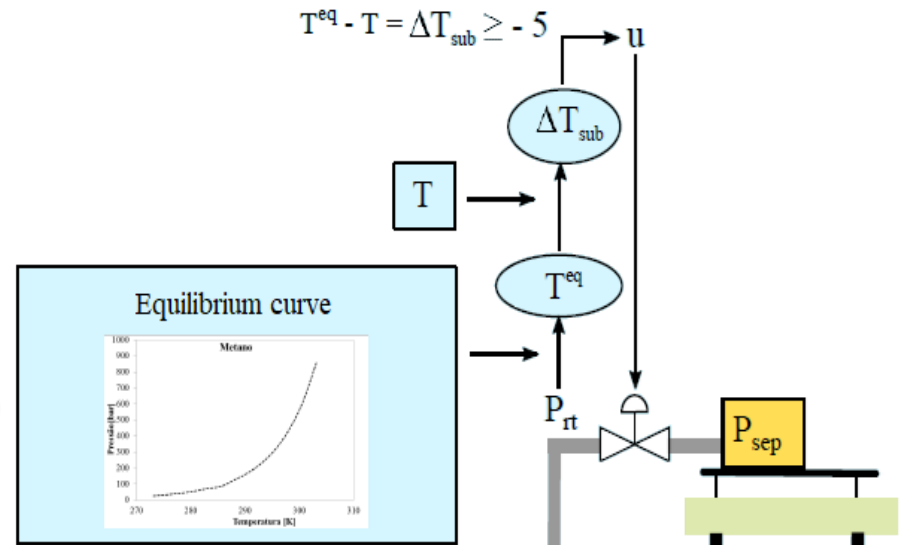
homotopic (SKF1) or multilinear interpolation (SKF2)



**PE:** Flowline + riser, **VM:** First Principles, **Ss:** Flow assurance control.  
 Drift-Flux model to predict the location of wax (WAT) or hydrate (HAT) appearance temperature.

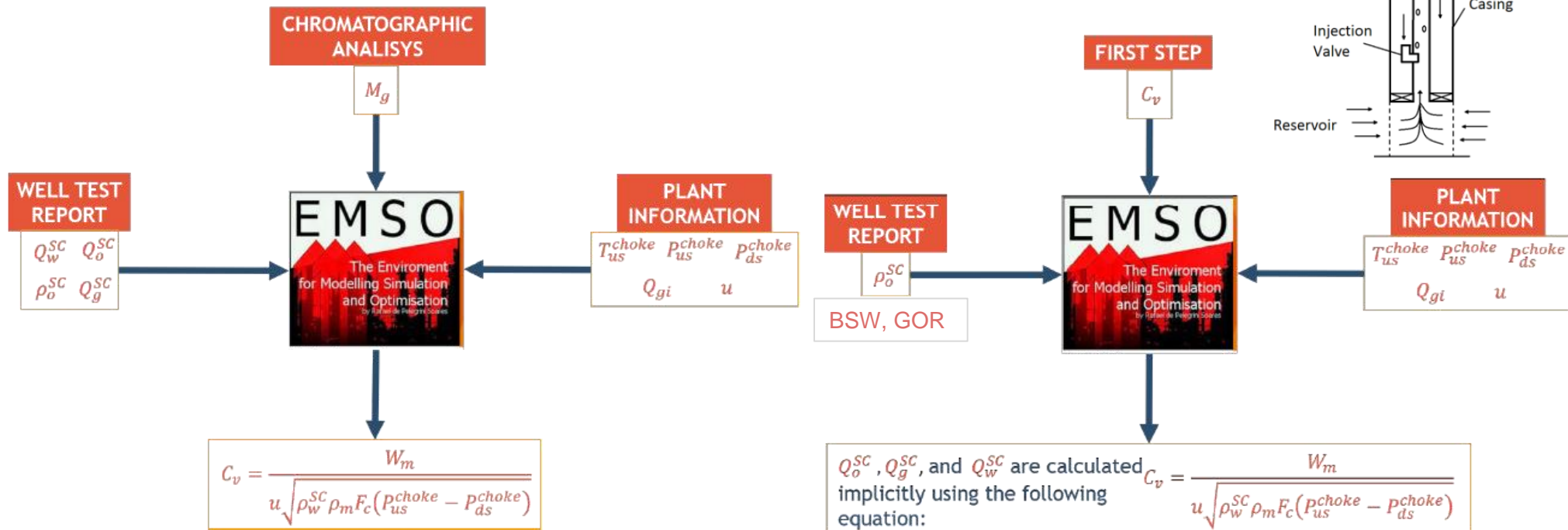
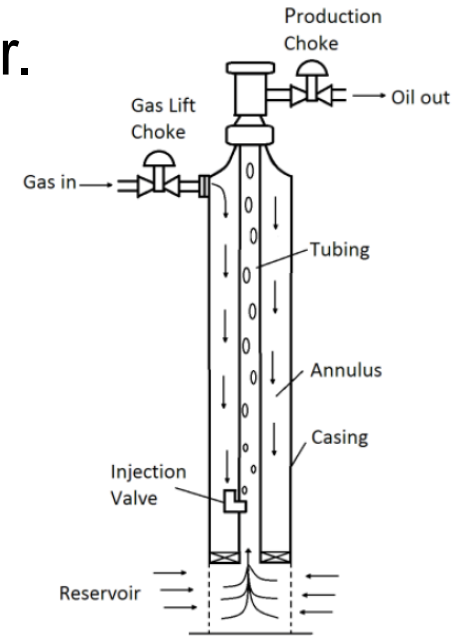


$T^{eq} - T = \Delta T_{sub} \geq -5$



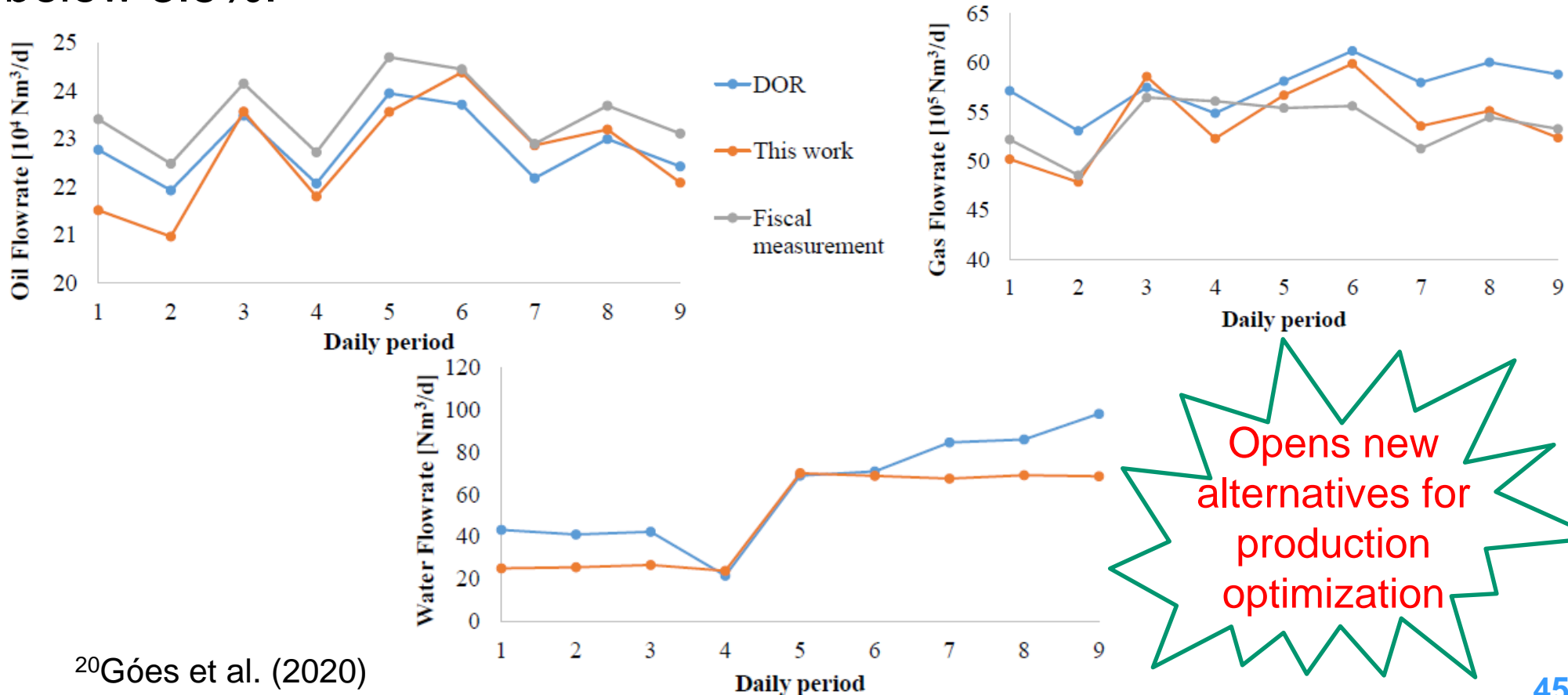
**PE:** Choke Valve, **VM:** First Principles, **Ss:** Soft Sensor.

Predict the oil, water and gas flow rates of each well as function of measured variables available in plant data collected in real time.



**PE:** Choke Valve, **VM:** First Principles, **Ss:** Soft Sensor.

The proposed method presented good agreement with fiscal measurement and Daily Operation Report (DOR), with relative errors below 3.5%.



# Final Remarks

- Implementation of first-principles models for topside and subsea environments are relevant in many stages of DT developments;
- The hybridization of first-principles model with data-based model enhances its predictive-adaptive capability;
- Data treatment and analysis are important and time consuming. Feedback from operators is beneficial in machine learning projects;
- Identification of the real starting moment of the fault (pre-fault) before system power off occurs is highly relevant and challenging;
- The Digital Technologies need an integrated and standardized cyber-physical infrastructure for effective application (e.g.: OPC-UA and <https://www.opengroup.org/>).

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