

Design Space for analytical methods A Bayesian perspective based on multivariate models and prediction

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Example of application

- A chromatographic method is to be optimized using DOE and response surface models
- P=3 peaks to be <u>separated</u> in the <u>shortest time</u>



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ICH Q8 (may 2006) definition

Design Space: The multidimensional combination and interaction of input variables (e.g., material attributes) and process parameters that have been demonstrated to provide assurance of quality. Working within the design space is not considered as a change. Movement out of the design space is considered to be a change and would normally initiate a regulatory postapproval change process. Design space is proposed by the applicant and is subject to regulatory assessment and approval.

- → The Design Space is the set of conditions giving solution within Acceptance Limits :
 - "...the established range of process parameters and formulation attributes that have been demonstrated to provide assurance of quality."
 - "Working within is not considered as a change in the analytical method."

n.b.: If the Design Space is large w.r.t. control parameters or conditions, the solution is considered as robust



Proposal : definition of Design Space

When the process is <u>known</u>

Design Space (DS) :

$$\{\boldsymbol{x}_k \in \boldsymbol{\chi} \mid P(\boldsymbol{Y}(\boldsymbol{x}_k) \in \boldsymbol{\Lambda}) \geq \pi_{min}\}$$

 χ omain of Factors

 $oldsymbol{x}_k$ et of Combinations of Factors

 $Y(x_k)$ e Responses obtained for the x_k indition (e.g. resolution) : An e set of Acceptance Limits (e.g. resolution>1.2)

 π_{min} e Quality Level (e.g. *P*(resolution>1.2)>0.8)

However :

- in development & validation, the process is unknown, its performances are <u>estimated</u> with <u>uncertainty</u>

- purpose : predict the space that will <u>likely</u> in the future provide most outputs within acceptance limits



Proposal : definition of design space

When the process is <u>unknown</u> <u>Expected Design Space (DS) :</u>

$$\begin{split} DS &= \{ \boldsymbol{x}_k \in \boldsymbol{\chi} \mid E_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}[P(\boldsymbol{Y}(\boldsymbol{x}_k) \in \boldsymbol{\Lambda}) \mid \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}] \geq \pi_{min} \} \\ & \text{Ex:} \quad \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = [\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}, \hat{\sigma}_{\epsilon}^2] \end{split}$$

- The probability of achieving the acceptance limits is larger than π_{min} , the quality level
 - Given the estimates of process parameters $\hat{\theta}$
- The DS is located using predictions from models estimated during development & validation experiments



Chromatographic optimization



→ i.e. DS is the set of conditions, such that the probability that Objectives will be simultaneously (jointly) within the Acceptance Limits is higher than π_{min}

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Bayesian model

- Multivariate multiple linear regression model $(\mathbf{Y}|X_1 = x_{01}, ..., X_F = x_{0F}, I) \sim N(\mathbf{B'}\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{\Sigma})$ $\mathbf{\theta} = [\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{\Sigma}]$
- The joint posterior distribution for θ is obtained as follow : $p(\boldsymbol{B}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} | data, I) \propto p(data | \boldsymbol{B}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, I).p(\boldsymbol{B}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} | I)$
- **B** and Σ are assumed independent, therefore $p(\mathbf{B}, \Sigma | data, I) \propto p(data | \mathbf{B}, \Sigma, I).p(\mathbf{B} | I).p(\Sigma | I)$



Priors and hyperpriors

• Non informative priors for B

$$\beta_{jf} \sim N(b_{jf}, \tau_{jf})$$

 $1 \le j \le 3P, \quad 1 \le k \le F$

with

$$b_{jf} \sim N(0, 1e - 6)$$

$$\tau_{jf} \sim \Gamma(0.1, 0.1)$$

• Non informative Priors for Σ [Dokoumetzidis & Aarons, J. Pharm. and Pharm., 32, 2005]

$$\Sigma^{-1} \sim W_{3P}(\nu, \Omega, \nu)$$

with

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega} = 0.1 * \boldsymbol{I}_{3P}$$
$$\boldsymbol{\nu} = 3P$$

 Ω : covariance matrix

Informative priors

- Setting informative priors
 - Responses are known to be correlated
 - The begin, the end, the apex of one peak move together
 - Retention times can be accurately modelled as a function of factors using classical response surface model [Schoenmakers, 1986] [Dewé *et al.*, 2004]

Introduction of constraints in MCMC

- As stated, the prior on Σ takes into account the correlation between the begin, the apex and the end of one peak
- But, no <u>constraint</u> is put on some obvious relations between *begin*, *apex* and *end*
 - During MCMC simulations, one can observe for instance **A**<**B** or **E**<**A**
- One can introduce the constraint on the relations between *begin*, *apex* and *end* by rejecting the generated B^s and Σ^s from the MCMC sample that do not fulfil the following conditions, for each x_0 :

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{x}_0) &- \boldsymbol{B}(\boldsymbol{x}_0) < 0\\ \boldsymbol{E}(\boldsymbol{x}_0) &- \boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{x}_0) < 0 \quad \forall \boldsymbol{x}_0 \in \boldsymbol{\chi}\\ (\boldsymbol{E}(\boldsymbol{x}_0) &- \boldsymbol{B}(\boldsymbol{x}_0) < 0) \end{aligned}$$

Prediction

• Plausible values of one prediction $ilde{Y}$, conditional to the available information : predictive posterior distribution

$$p(\tilde{\boldsymbol{Y}}|data, I) = \int \int p(\tilde{\boldsymbol{Y}}|\boldsymbol{B}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, data, I) \cdot p(\boldsymbol{B}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}|data, I) dB d\Sigma$$

- \rightarrow A draw from the joint posterior of parameters
- → A draw from the Normal (model) conditionally to the posterior of parameters

(1) For
$$s=1$$
 to nsim

- (2) Sample $\boldsymbol{\theta}^s = [\boldsymbol{B}^s, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^s]$ from $p(\boldsymbol{B}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} | data, I)$
- (3) Sample $\tilde{\boldsymbol{Y}}$ from $p(\tilde{\boldsymbol{Y}}|\boldsymbol{B}^{s},\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{s},I) = N(\boldsymbol{B}^{s}\check{\boldsymbol{X}},\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{s})$
- (4) End

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Results (non informative prior and no constraint)



Results (comparison of priors)



Multicriteria Decision Method

• From the joint distribution of criteria, design space definition suggests a multicriteria approach

$$DS = \{ \boldsymbol{x}_k \in \chi \mid E_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}[P(\boldsymbol{O} \in \boldsymbol{\Lambda}) \mid \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}] \ge \pi_{min} \}$$

Using the joint distribution, correlation between objective functions is taken into account



Comparison of priors and constraints

Joint predictive posterior distribution of *resolution*_{min} and $apex_{max}$ at pH = 6.3, Gradient = 13.34



Validation



Conclusions

- Design Space must be defined on <u>prediction of future results</u> given past experiments
- Uncertainty of models should be taken into account in predictions
- Bayesian multivariate multiple regression is powerful and flexible to
 model correlated responses and to manage uncertainty
 - The Design Space is straightforward to obtain with Bayesian models
- The joint predictive posterior distribution of objective functions allows the development of Multicriteria Decision Methods (MCDM)
 - About expected future performance
 - under uncertainty
 - taking into account dependencies between criteria
- Bayesian models in chromatography can take advantage from the long history of the domain, e.g. to set up informative priors
- Further works
 - MCMC sampling method should be adapted for constraints





Convergence



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