



# An optimal experiment design strategy for improving parameter estimation in stochastic models

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# Introduction

## Stochastic Models

- Commonly used for the characterisation of dynamic systems with uncertainty
  - Thermodynamics<sup>1</sup>: random energy exchange → a thermal conduction
  - Epidemiology<sup>2</sup>: random people contacts → spread of diseases → an outbreak of pandemic (i.e. COVID-19)
  - Chemicals<sup>3</sup>: random molecule collisions → chemical reactions
  - Industrial seed coating<sup>4</sup>: random particle collision → material distribution over particles

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# Introduction

Stochastic Models

## Parameter Estimation<sup>5</sup>

- Key step in stochastic model identification
- Employ experimental observations to estimate parameter values and the corresponding variability
- Improve the predictive capability of a model for a system

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# Introduction

Stochastic Models

Parameter Estimation

## Model-Based Design of Experiments (MBD<sub>oE</sub>)<sup>6,7,8,9</sup>

- Improve the quality of estimated parameters
- Use Fisher Information Matrix (FIM) to characterise the information quantity given by observed data
- Aim at maximising the Fisher information to determine the best experimental conditions and sampling points

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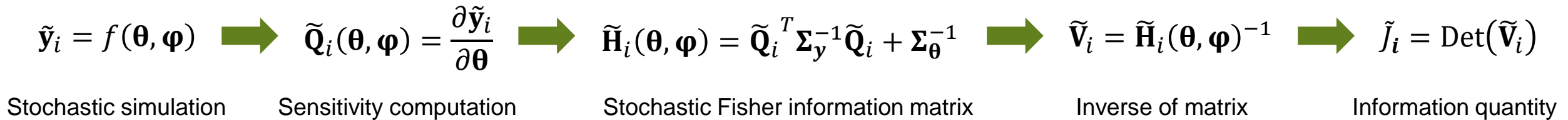
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## Model-Based Design of Experiments (MBDoe)

Model parameters  $\theta$ , Operating conditions  $\varphi$ , Sampling intervals  $\mathbf{t}_{sp} = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_i, \dots\}$



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## Objectives

- To present a new method for stochastic model-based design of experiments (SMBDoE) to simultaneously identify the optimal experimental conditions and sampling positions.

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*Stochastic Fisher information update*

# Methodology & Results

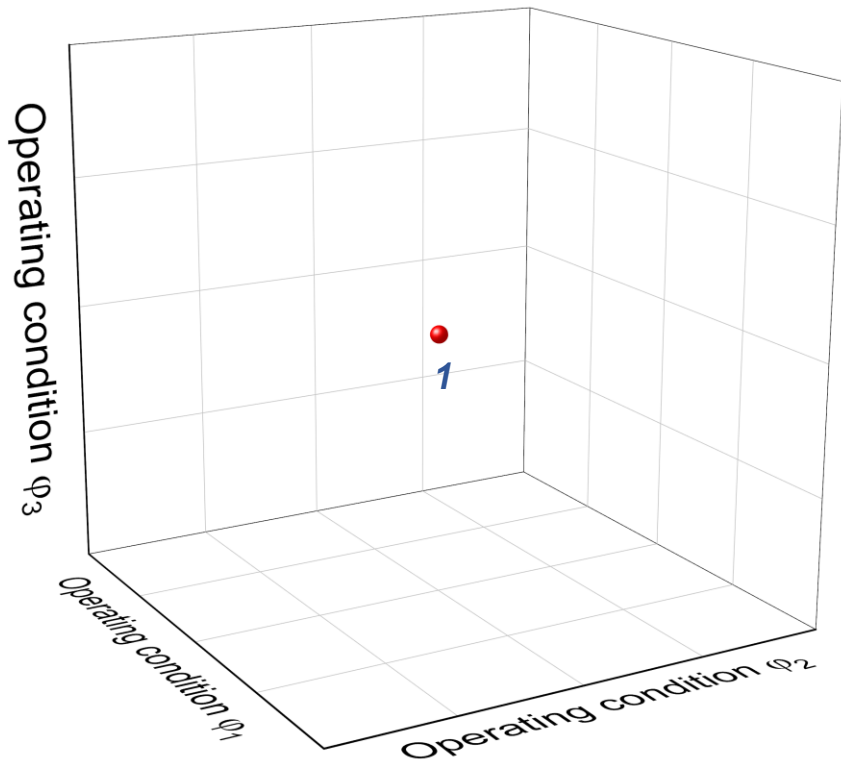
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**Stochastic Fisher information update**

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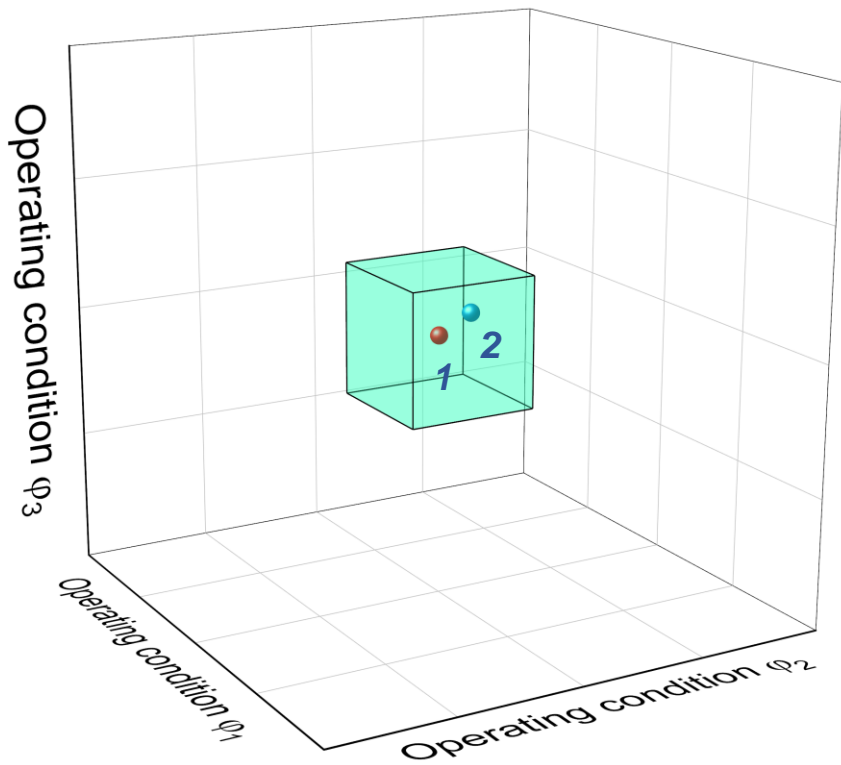
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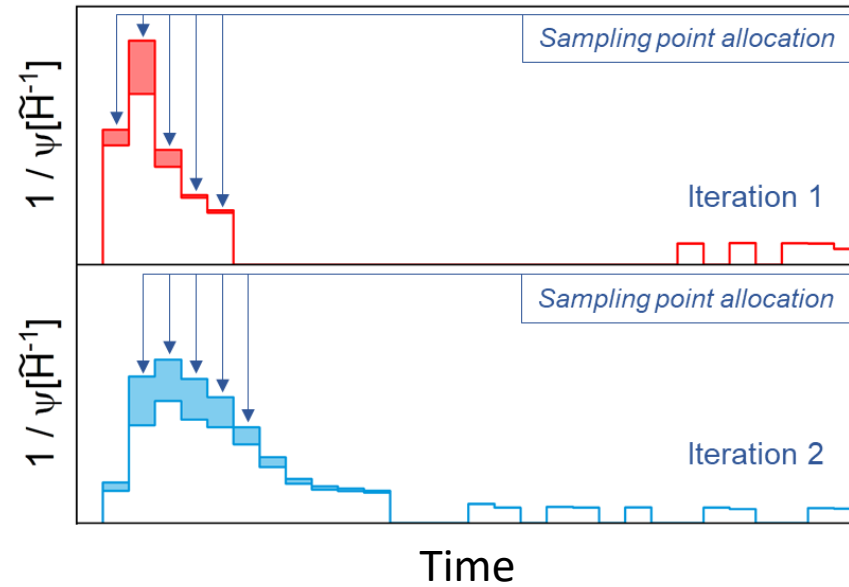
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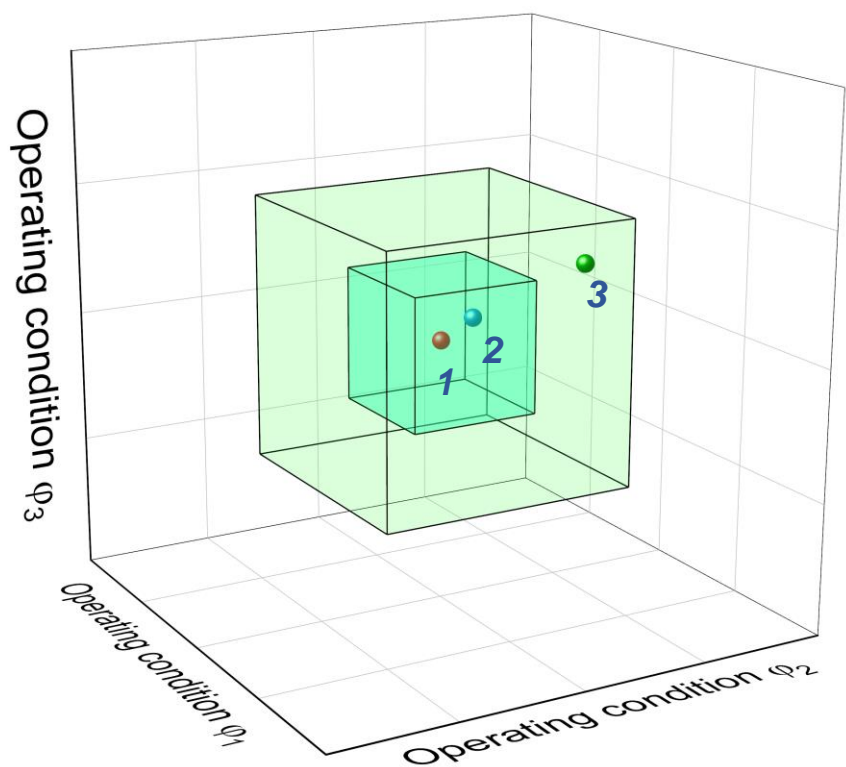


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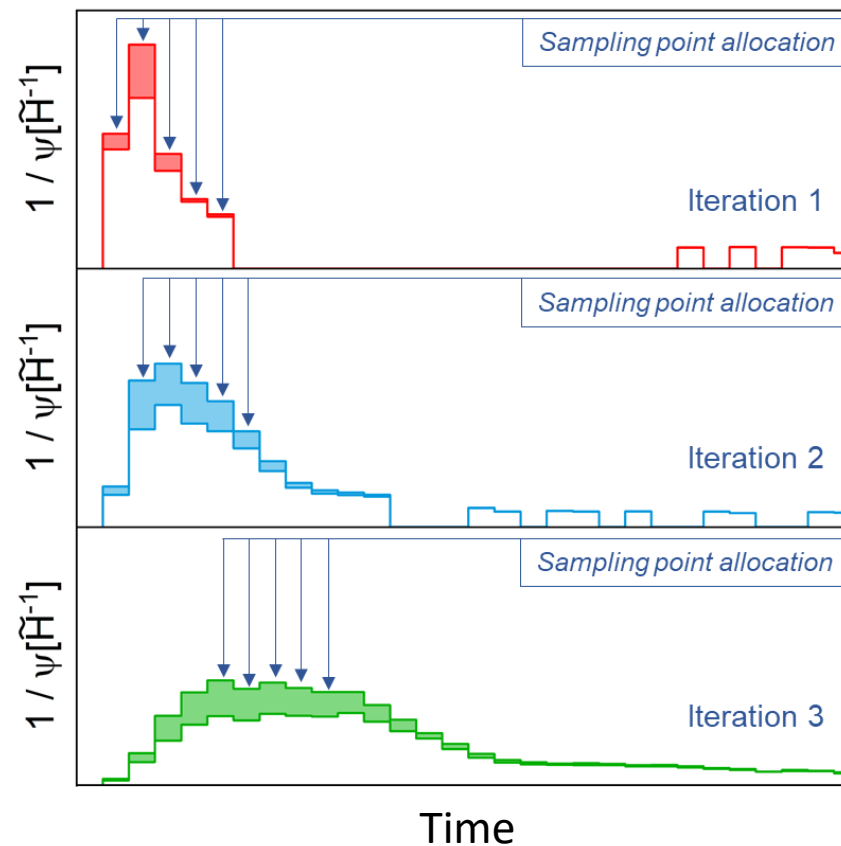
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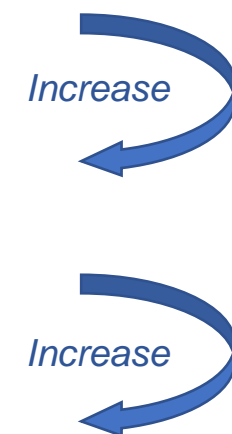


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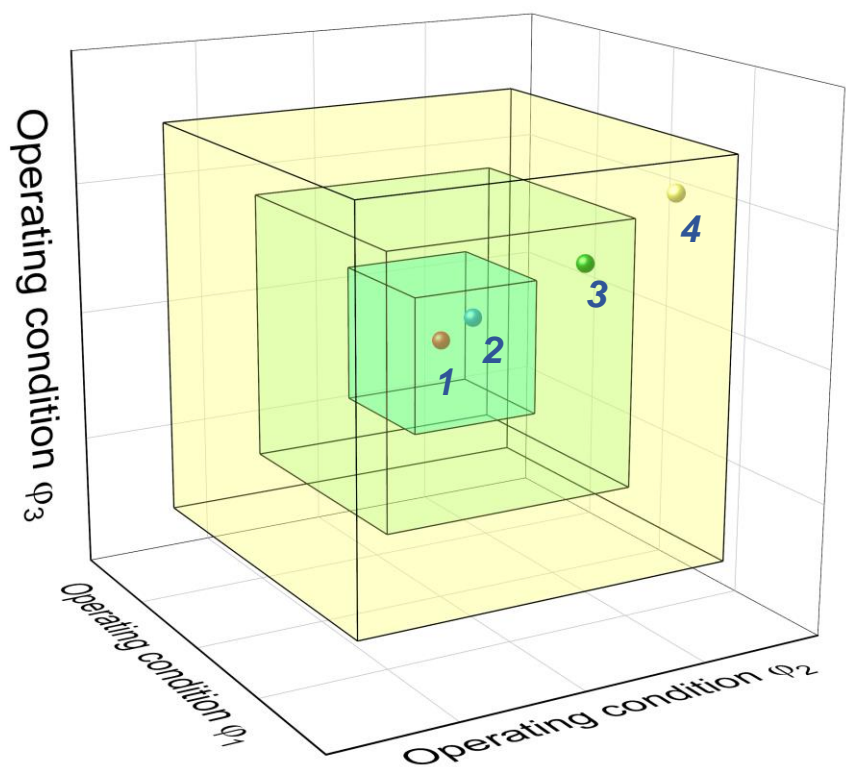


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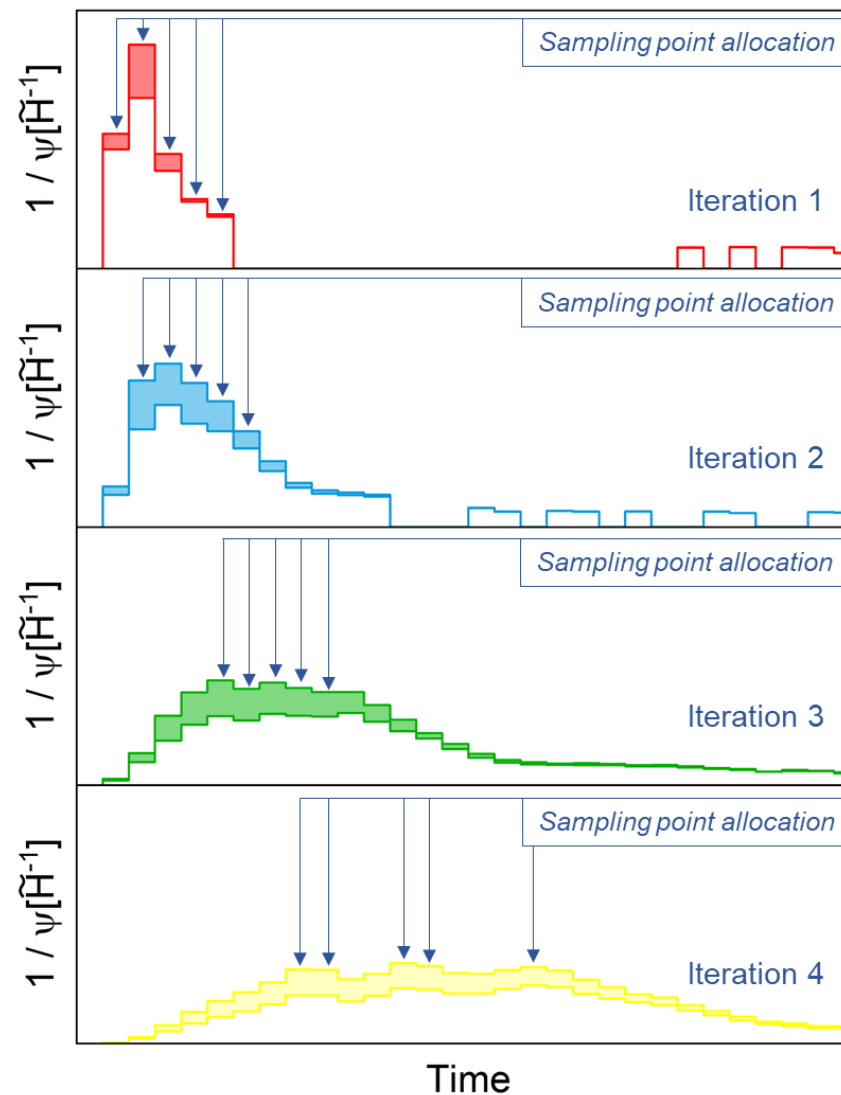


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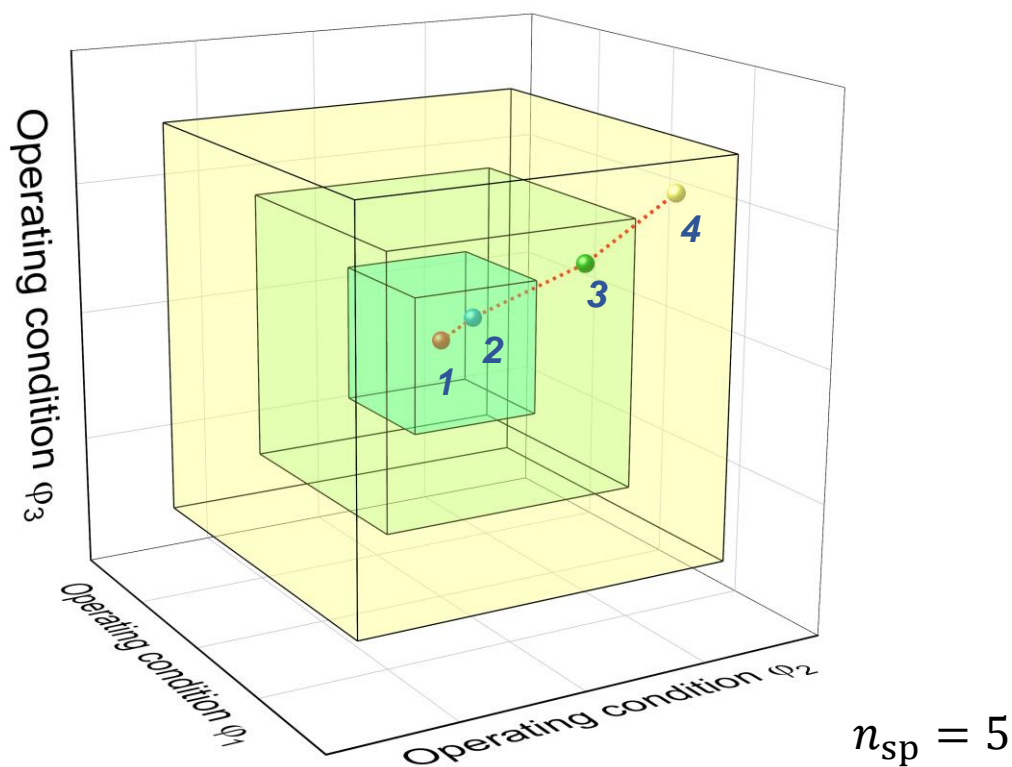


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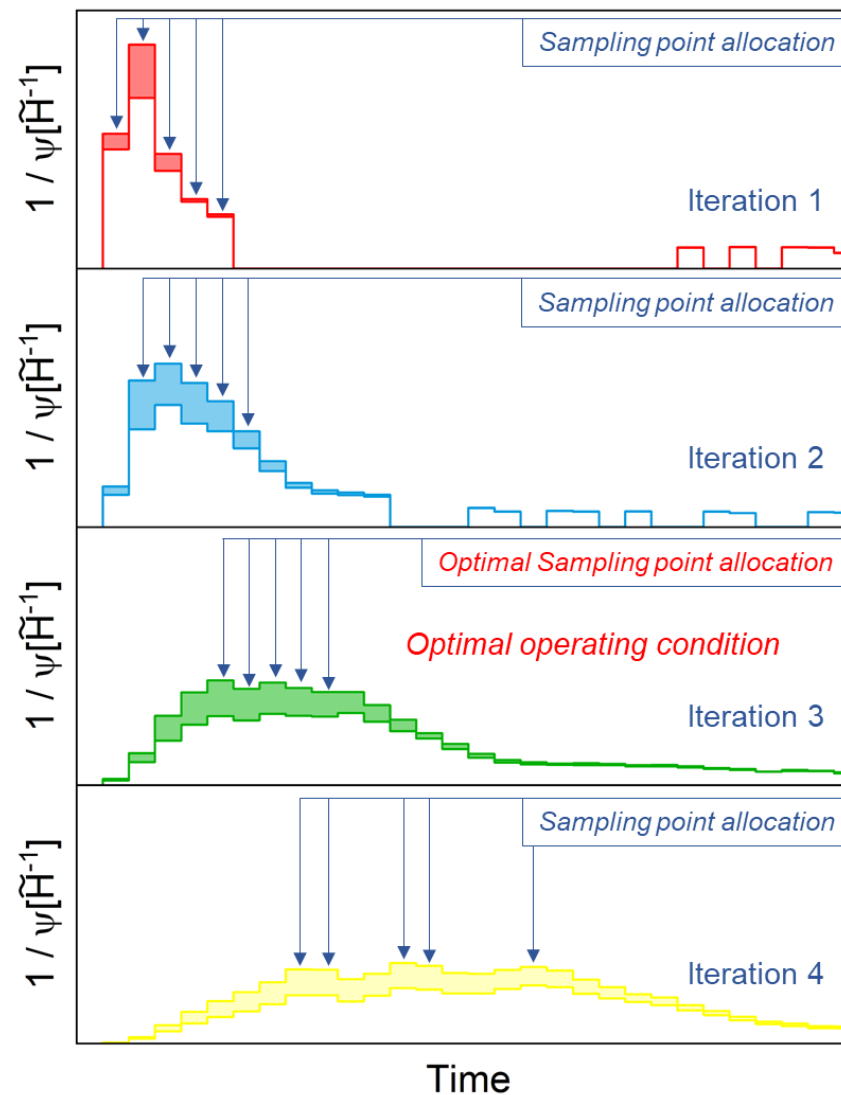


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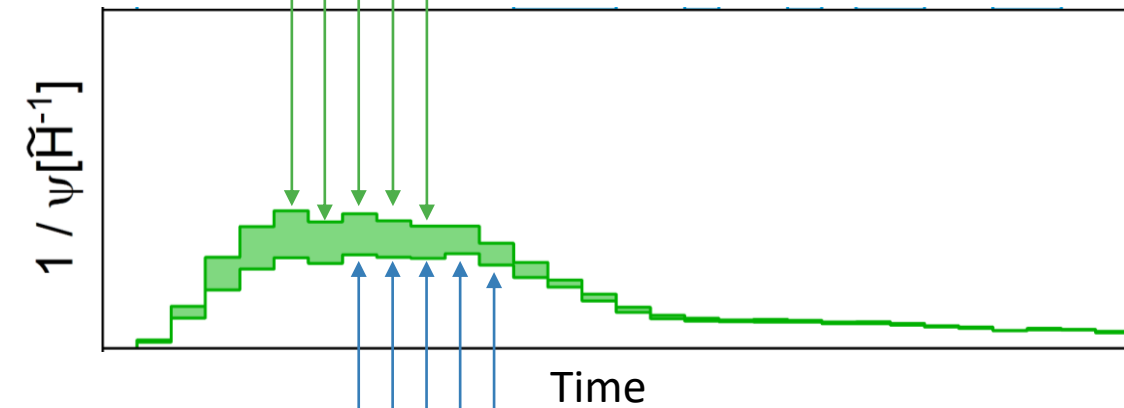


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## Sampling interval selection criteria

$$n_{sp} = 5$$

Sampling interval allocation (1)



Sampling interval allocation (2)

- Selection criterion (1) based only on the **average** of Fisher information
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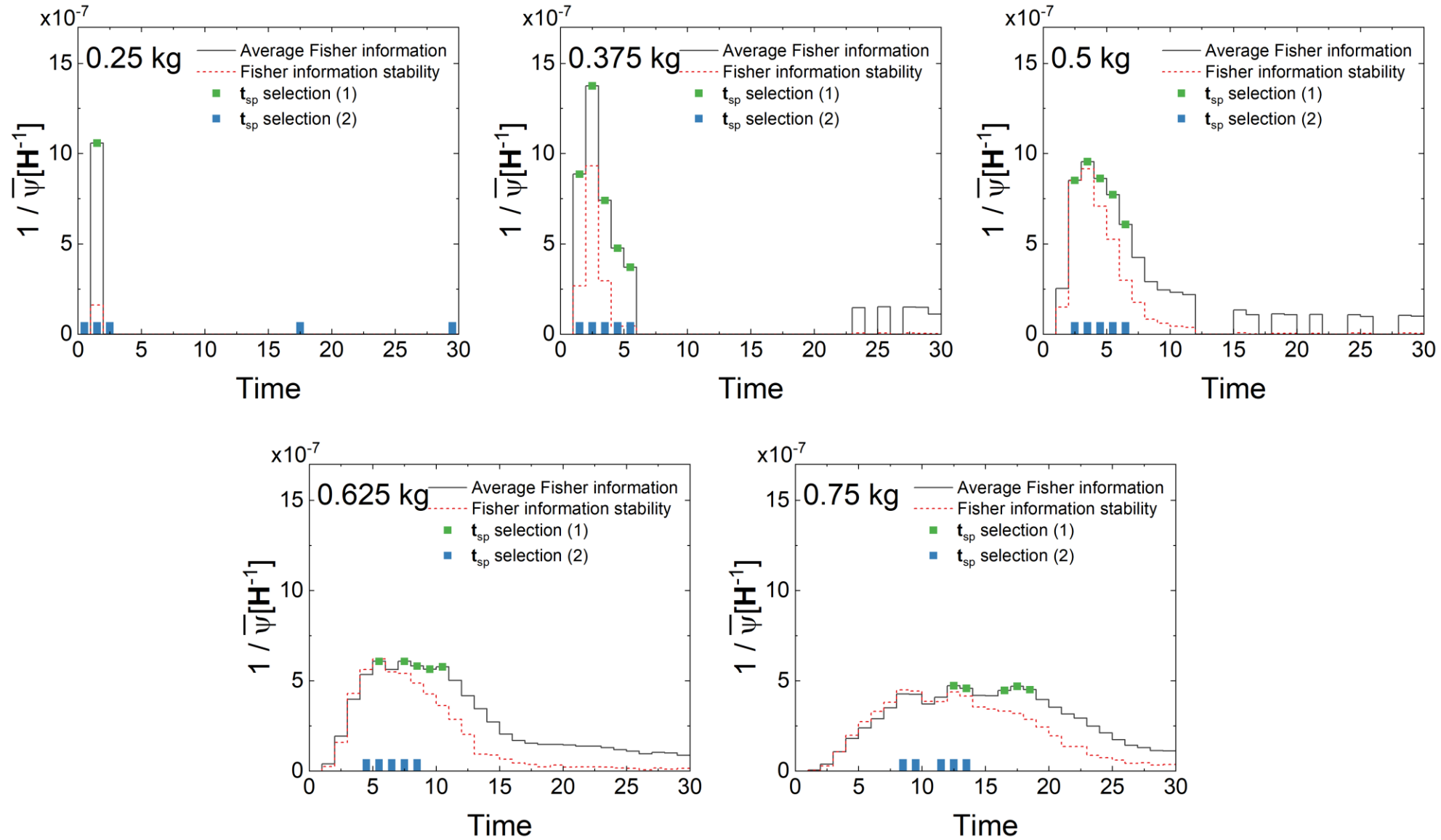
## Case study

- Determine the best seed loading in the seed coating process

Example:  $\theta_{\text{true}} = [\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3] = [0.5000, 0.4000, 3000]$

### Input variables and conditions

	Seed loading	$m_{\text{avr}}$	$K_x$	$K_y$	$K_z$	$T_{\text{total}}$	$T_{\text{feed}}$
Range $\phi$	0.25 – 0.75 kg	30	50	5	2-6	0-30	0.5-2



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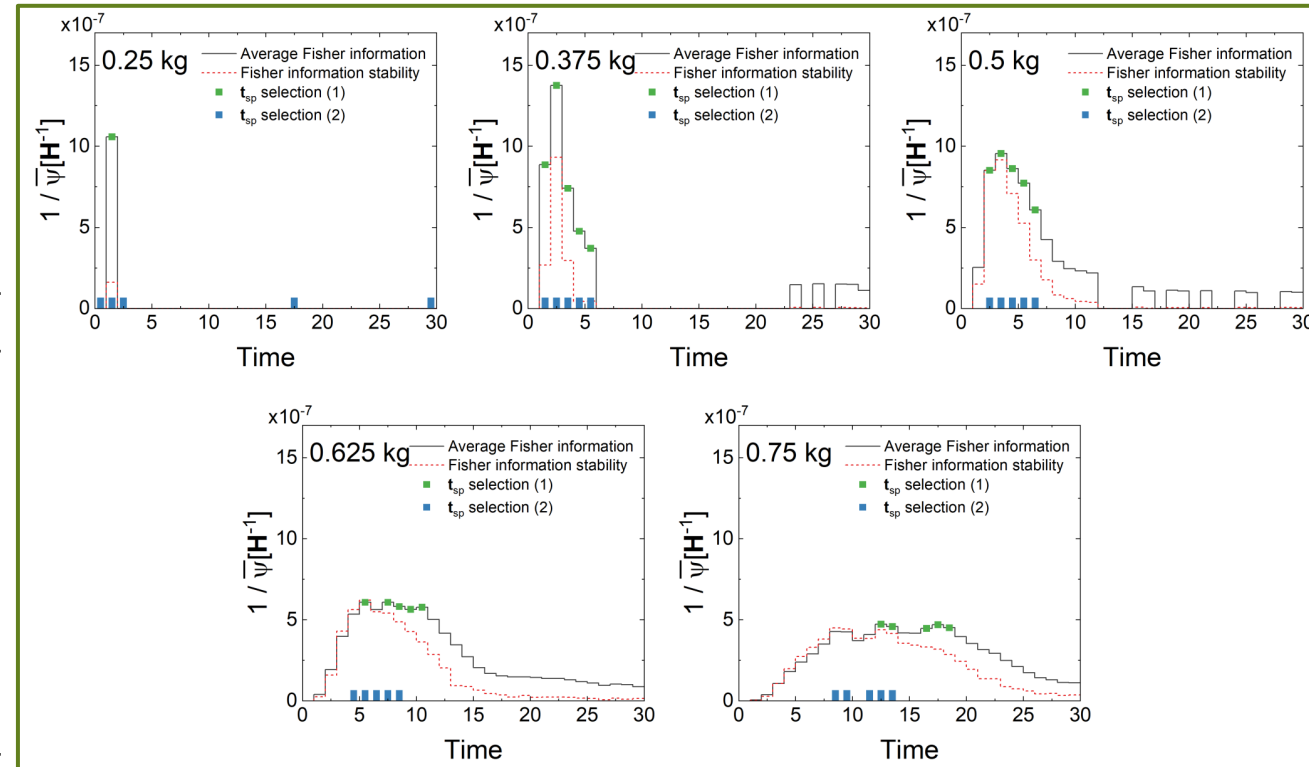
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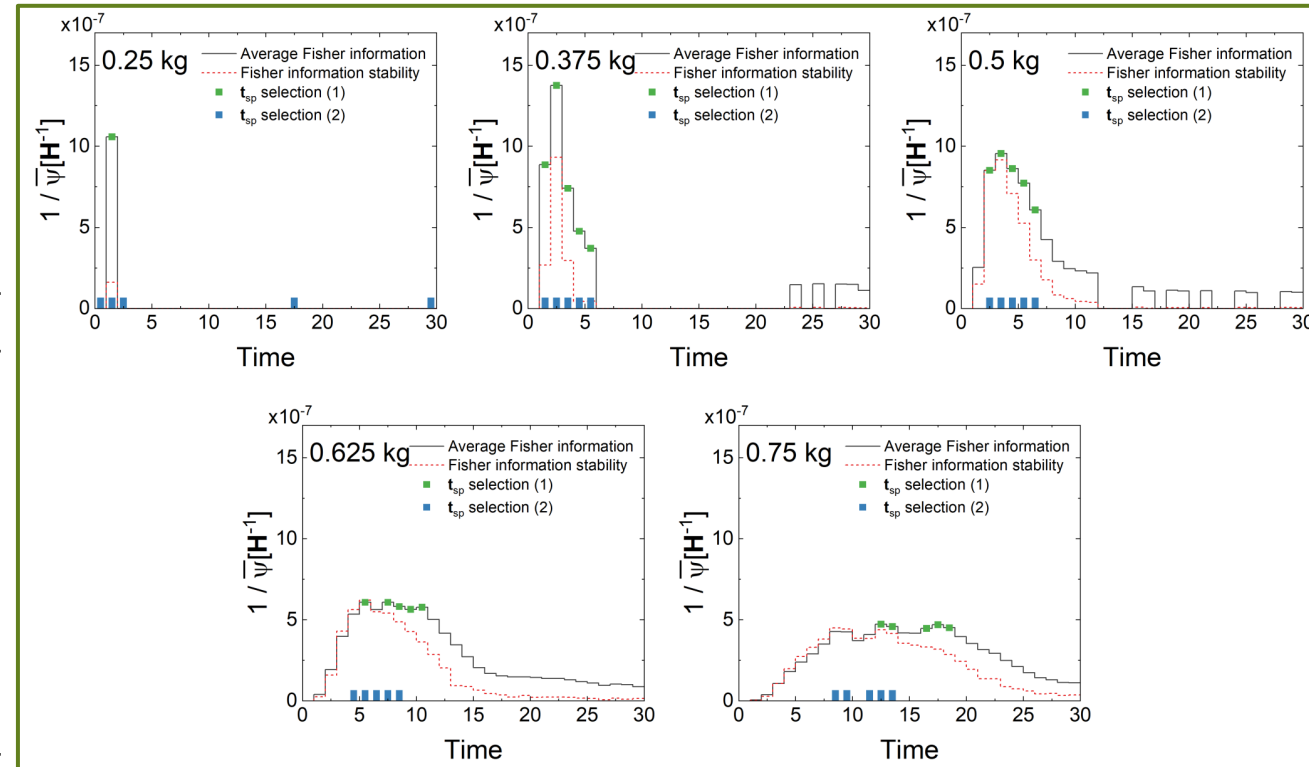
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Selection criterion (2) is better !

*The experiment with seed loading of 0.5 kg presents the best parameter estimation result, considering the best five sampling intervals of the experiment<sup>10</sup>*

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# Summary & Future work

- ✓ An iterative experimental design procedure is developed to identify the best experimental conditions and sampling intervals for a better parameter estimation in stochastic models
  - ✓ Stochastic Fisher information
  - ✓ Uncertainty-based sampling interval selection criterion
  
- ✓ The work is validated by an industrial seed coating process as a case study
  - ✓ Determined the best seed loading condition
  - ✓ Determined the best sampling intervals during the coating process

# Summary & Future work

## Future work

- ❑ Consider the optimisation of overall Fisher information based on variable number of sampling intervals in different domains of operating condition
  - ❑ Use unfixed  $n_{sp}$  for stochastic Fisher information optimisation

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