

# **Multivariate Design of Experiments for Engineering Dimensional Analysis**

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## Outline of Talk:

- 1. Basic ideas of DA**
- 2. Address dimensional analysis for multivariate responses**
- 3. Examples**
- 4. A glimpse at optimal design techniques for this problem**
- 5. How we got involved in dimensional analysis**
- 6. Conclusions**

## Statistics vs. Engineers: A simple example

- We wish to characterize the effects of velocity (X1) and time (X2) on the response variable distance, D.
- Now, we're ignorant, but an oracle knows that the true relationship is:

$$D = V \times T + \varepsilon$$

- How do we figure this out?



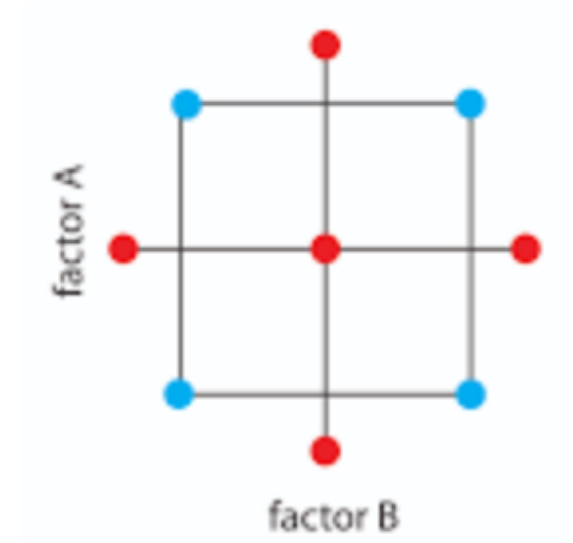
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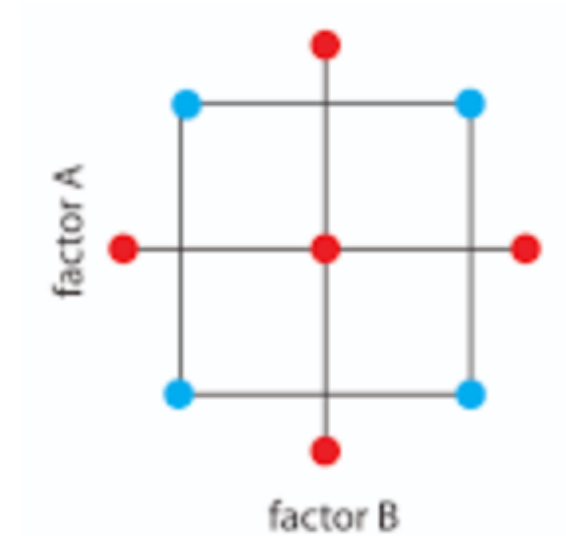
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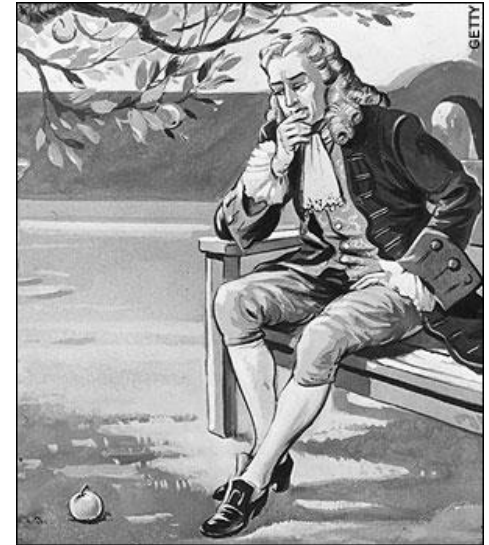
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## Engineer's approach

- The Engineer thinks more like Isaac Newton in that the mechanics of a physical systems are governed by physical laws
  - *A physical equation must be dimensionally homogenous*



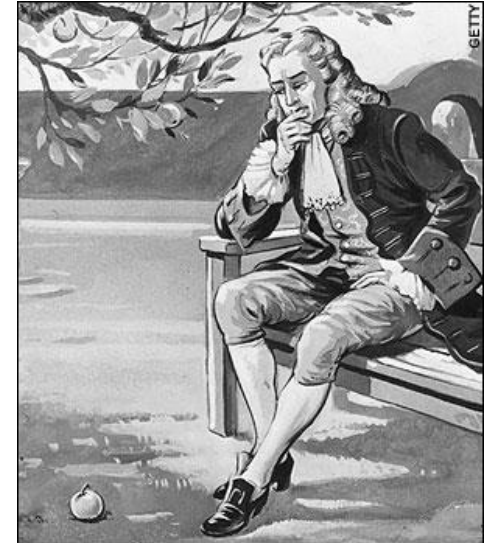
$$D = h(V, T)$$

$[D] = \text{Miles}$

$[h(V, T)] = \text{Miles}$

## Engineer's approach

- Dimensions (Units) of the variables:
  - [D]=Miles
  - [V]=Miles/Hour
  - [T]=Hour
- One dimensionally homogeneous possibility:



Dimensionally  
Homogenous

$$D = cVT$$



## Engineer's approach

- **One Final Simplification: We make the equation dimensionless by dividing both sides by  $VT$ .**

Dimensionless  
Representation

$$\frac{D}{VT} = c$$



- **To estimate  $c$ , all we need to do is pick a velocity,  $V$ , pick a time,  $T$ , observe  $D$  and plug in (replicate as needed).**

# Statistical vs. Engineering Approaches

	Statistician's Approach	Engineer's Approach
Factors to vary in experiment	Two (Time, Distance)	Zero (one fixed constant)
Model parameters	6 parameters	One fixed constant
Scalability	Model valid inside experimental range of factors	Will “scale” over any experimental range
Explanatory Power	Local, empirical model	Reveals a “universal law” between D,V, & T for physical systems

# Dimensional Analysis (DA) Advantages

## 1. Dimension reduction ✓

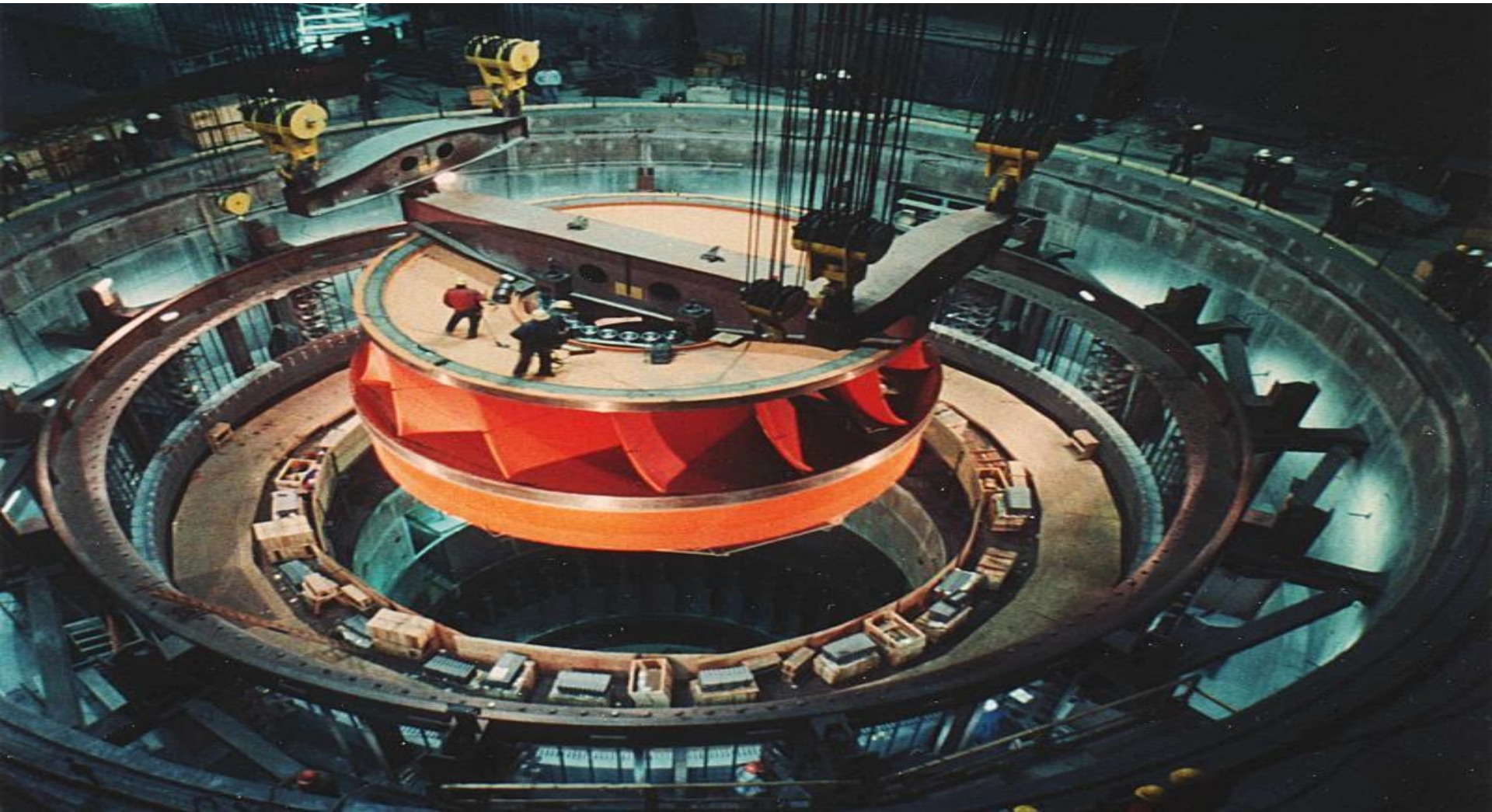
- The number of factors is reduced by the number of measurement dimensions in the variables
- Our example: Number of factors = 2. Number of dimensions is 2 (length, time). Resulting number of dimensions is zero!

## 2. Scalability ✓

- Empirical models are valid within the ranges of the factors
- Dimensionless models scale to any size

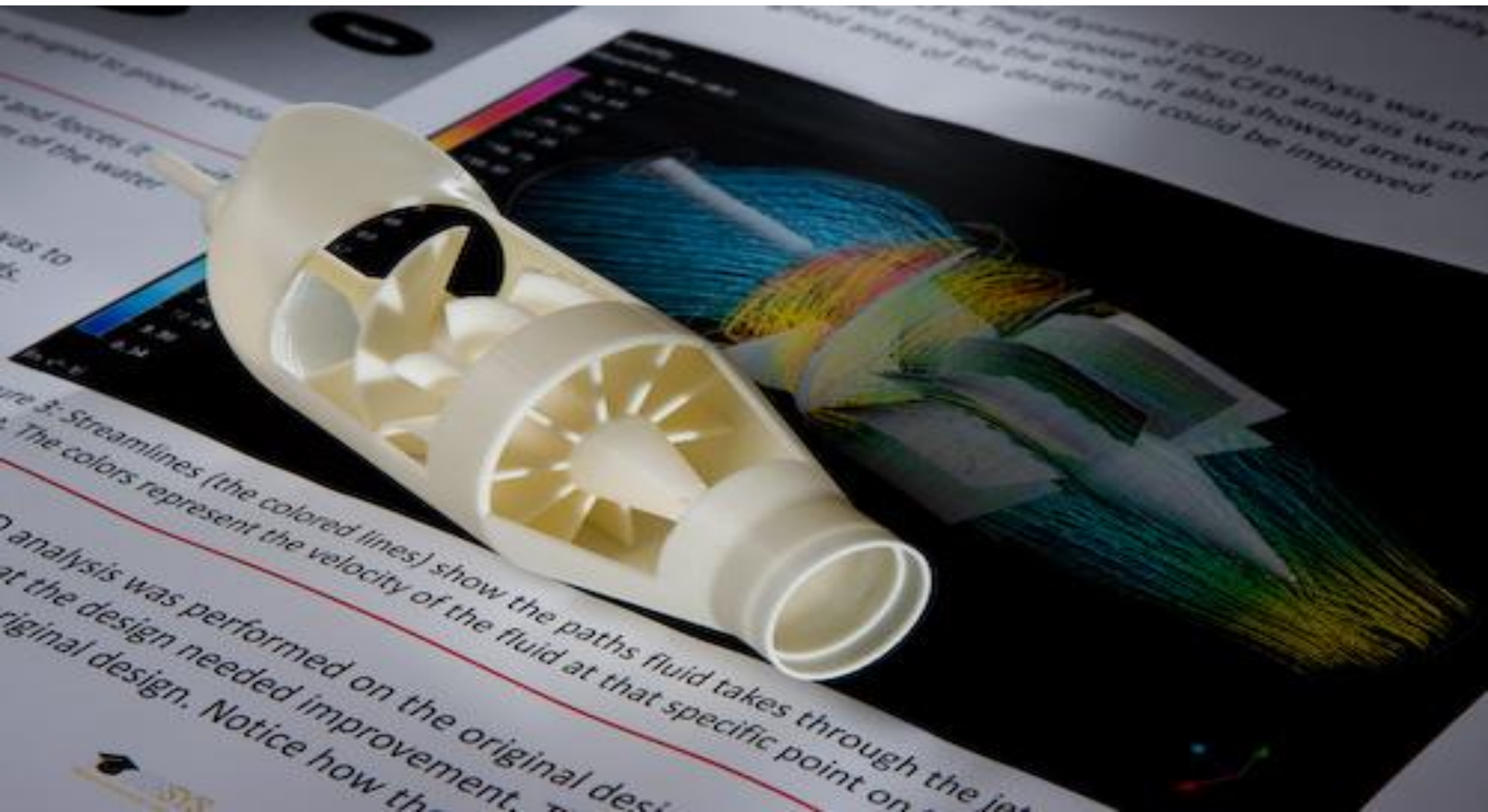
# Why is scalability important?

**Running experiments on a turbine of this size is impossible**





**Running experiments on a model of this size is easy.  
If all variables are dimensionless, we can extrapolate!**



**An even more compelling type of extrapolation...**

# CONCEPT VIGNETTES

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# Mars Rover DA Process

$$v = f(d, m, g, \rho)$$

$v$  = velocity (dependent variable)

$d$  = diameter of parachute

$m$  = mass of the rover

$g$  = gravitational constant

$\rho$  = density of the atmosphere

$$[v] = L/T$$

$$[d] = L$$

$$[m] = M$$

$$[g] = L/T^2$$

$$[\rho] = M/L^3$$

## **Ipsen (1960) Stepwise Derivation of DA Model**

- **Step-by-step approach that leads to dimensionless DA model**
- **At each step, one variable is used to eliminate a dimension (e.g., M, L, T) from the set of variables.**
- **The variable used is eliminated**
- **At termination, a reduced set of dimensionless variables is created**

## Step 0: Initialize the variables by specifying dimensions

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Variable	Dimension
$v$	$LT^{-1}$
$d$	$L$
$m$	$M$
$g$	$LT^{-2}$
$\rho$	$ML^{-3}$

## Step 1: Use $d$ to eliminate length ( $L$ )

Step 0: Initialize		Step 1 Result: Remove $L$ from Step 0 using $d$	
Variable	Dimension	Var.	Dim.
$v$	$LT^{-1}$	$vd^{-1}$	$T^{-1}$
$d$	$L$	_____	
$m$	$M$	$m$	$M$
$g$	$LT^{-2}$	$gd^{-1}$	$T^{-2}$
$\rho$	$ML^{-3}$	$\rho d^3$	$M$

## Step 2: Use $m$ (rover mass) to eliminate mass ( $M$ )

Step 1 Result: Remove $L$ from Step 0 using $d$		Step 2 Result: Remove $M$ from Step 1 using $m$	
Var.	Dim.	Var.	Dim.
$vd^{-1}$	$T^{-1}$	$vd^{-1}$	$T^{-1}$
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$m$	$M$	<hr/>	
$gd^{-1}$	$T^{-2}$	$gd^{-1}$	$T^{-2}$
$\rho d^3$	$M$	$\rho d^3 m^{-1}$	1


## Step 3: Use $gd^{-1}$ to eliminate time (T)

Step 2 Result: Remove $M$ from Step 1 using $m$		Step 3 Result: Remove $T$ from Step 2 using $gd^{-1}$	
Var.	Dim.	Var.	Dim.
$vd^{-1}$	$T^{-1}$	$v/\sqrt{dg}$	1
_____		_____	
_____		_____	
$gd^{-1}$	$T^{-2}$	_____	
$\rho d^3 m^{-1}$	1	$\rho d^3 m^{-1}$	1

## Result

- DA model:
- DA terminology: two dimensionless variables or “pi groups”

$$\frac{v}{\sqrt{dg}} = \phi \left( \frac{\rho d^3}{m} \right)$$


$$\pi_0 = \phi(\pi_1)$$

## Summary

Step 0: Initialize		Step 1 Result: Remove $L$ from Step 0 using $d$		Step 2 Result: Remove $M$ from Step 1 using $m$		Step 3 Result: Remove $T$ from Step 2 using $gd^{-1}$	
Variable	Dimension	Var.	Dim.	Var.	Dim.	Var.	Dim.
$V$	$LT^{-1}$	$Vd^{-1}$	$T^{-1}$	$Vd^{-1}$	$T^{-1}$	$V/\sqrt{dg}$	1
$d$	$L$	_____		_____		_____	
$m$	$M$	$m$	$M$	_____		_____	
$g$	$LT^{-2}$	$gd^{-1}$	$T^{-2}$	$gd^{-1}$	$T^{-2}$	_____	
$\rho$	$ML^{-3}$	$\rho d^3$	$M$	$\rho d^3 m^{-1}$	1	$\rho d^3 m^{-1}$	1

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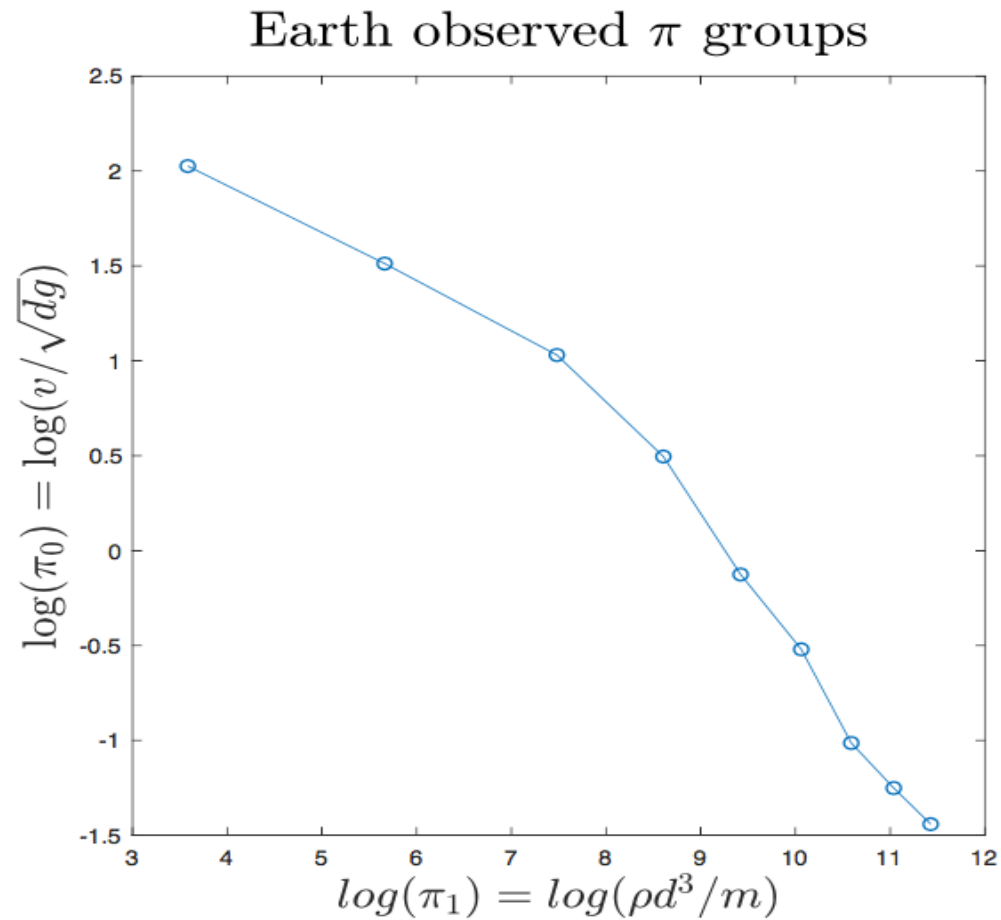
## So we have a one-factor DA experiment

- **Model:**  $\pi_0 = \phi(\pi_1)$
- **Objective:** Estimate  $\phi$  by varying the single factor  $\pi_1$ :

$$\pi_1 = \frac{\rho d^3}{m}$$

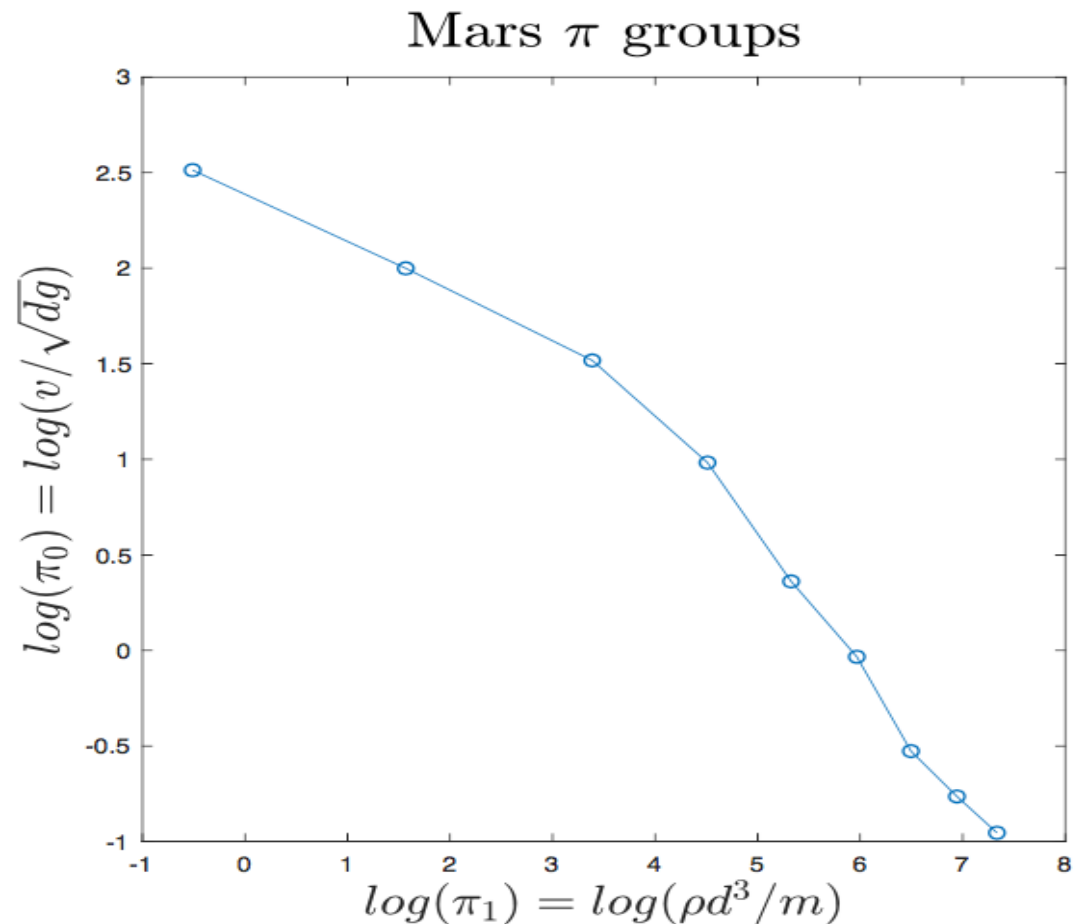
- On Earth, cannot vary  $\rho$  = density of atmosphere.
- Could vary  $m$  = mass of rover but no need.
- **Just vary  $d$  in order to vary  $\pi_1$**

## (Logged) Earth-bound results, $n = 9$



## OK: But what about Mars?

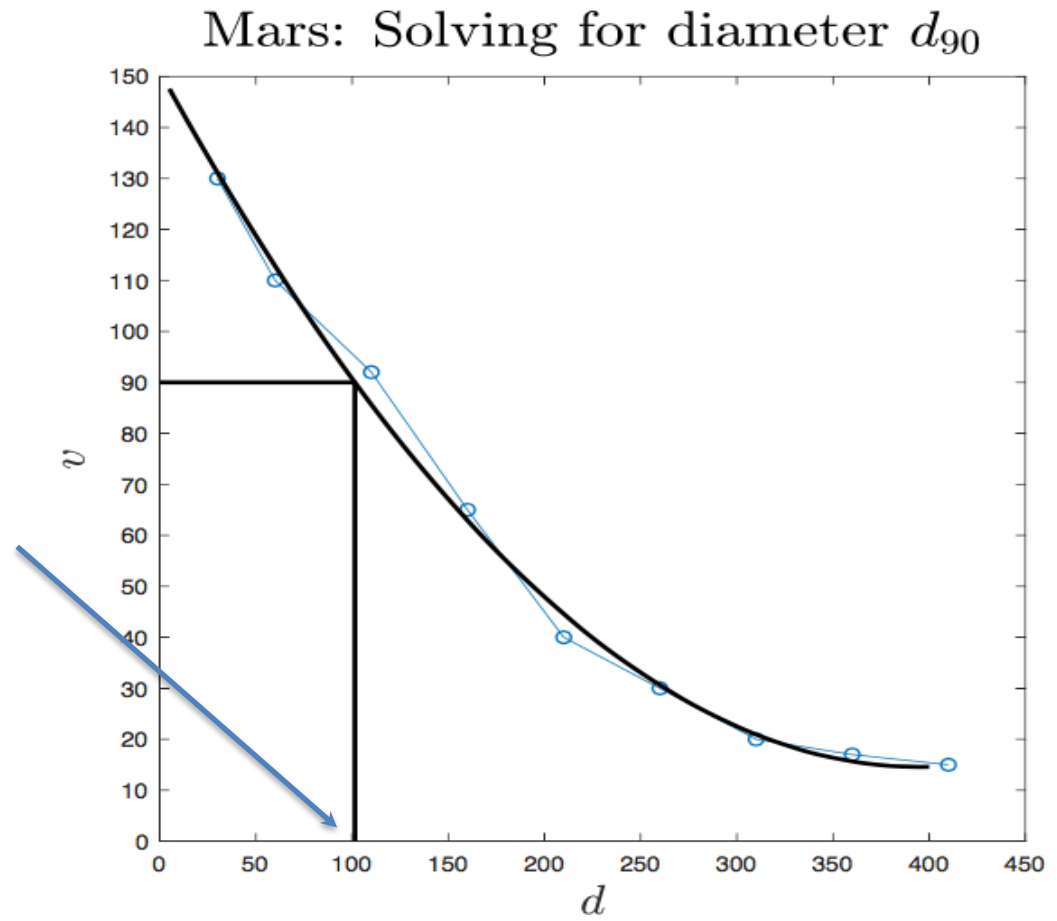
- Just change the gravitational constant and the atmospheric density, and recompute the  $\pi$  groups:



Now solve for  $v$ , smooth, and back-solve for  $d_{90}$

$$v = \pi_0 \sqrt{dg}$$

- The diameter that slows the rover to 90 m/s is 101 meters



# Power of DA

- **Example shows:**
  - **Not only can we extrapolate outside the range of the experimental region**
  - **We can understand the effects of changing physical constants without actually changing them**
  - **Run an experiment on Earth, extrapolate to Mars**

**How do we know this process works?**

## How do we know this process works?

### Buckingham $\Pi$ Theorem (1914)

If there is a physically meaningful equation involving a certain number  $n$  of physical variables, then the original equation can be rewritten in terms of a set of  $p = n - k$  dimensionless parameters  $\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_p$  constructed from the original variables, where  $k$  is the number of physical dimensions involved.

First proven by Joseph Bertrand (1878), in context of electrodynamics

## Contributions of new paper

- **MV Buckingham  $\Pi$  Theorem**
- **New multivariate design criteria**
- **Illustrations: one simple, textbook example, one very complicated example**
- **Recommendations for optimal design algorithms in complicated situations**
- **(Maybe) a better introduction to DA for statisticians**



# MV Buckingham $\Pi$ Theorem

**Theorem 1.** *Assume the following:*

(i) *A vector  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^r$  has a functional relationship with  $p$  predictors  $(x_1, \dots, x_p)$ :*

$$Y = f(x_1, \dots, x_p)$$

*where  $f$  is an unknown function of the predictors.*

(ii) *The quantities  $(Y_1, \dots, Y_r, x_1, \dots, x_p)$  involve  $k$  fundamental dimensions labeled by  $L_1, \dots, L_k$ . Then it is assumed that  $\mathbf{A} \subseteq \text{span}(\mathbf{B})$  where  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are, respectively, dimensional matrices for the responses and predictors*

(iii) *Let  $Z$  represent any of  $(Y_1, \dots, Y_r, x_1, \dots, x_p)$ . Then,  $[Z] = \prod_{i=1}^k L^{\alpha_i}$  for some  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$  which are the dimension exponents of  $Z$ .*

*Then the formula  $Y = f(x_1, \dots, x_p)$  can be rewritten as*

$$\tilde{\pi} = h(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_{p-\text{rank}(\mathbf{B})}),$$

*where  $\tilde{\pi} \in \mathbb{R}^r$  is a vector of dimensionless quantities and  $\pi_1, \dots, \pi_{p-\text{rank}(\mathbf{B})}$  are dimensionless predictors.*

## Simple Example (White, Fluid Mechanics, 2008)

- Pump design. Outputs are head pressure (gH) and brake horsepower (bhp)
- Predictors:  $Q$ ,  $D$ ,  $n$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\rho$  ( $\epsilon$  not considered)

Variable	Dimensions
gH	$[L^2T^{-2}]$
bhp	$[ML^2T^{-3}]$
$Q$	$[L^3T^{-1}]$
$D$	$[L]$
$n$	$[T^{-1}]$
$\rho$	$[ML^{-3}]$
$\mu$	$[ML^{-1}T^{-1}]$
$\epsilon$	$[L]$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 & -3 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \subseteq \text{span}(\mathbf{B})$$

## Simple Example (White, Fluid Mechanics, 2008)

- **DA model (two response  $\pi$ 's; 2 factor  $\pi$ 's):**

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \frac{gH}{n^2 D^2} \\ \frac{bhp}{\rho n^3 D^5} \end{array} \right) = g \left( \frac{Q}{n D^3}, \frac{\rho n D^2}{\mu} \right)$$

- **Only Q, n, and D are varied,  $\mu$  and  $\rho$  are held constant.**

## There are two design spaces

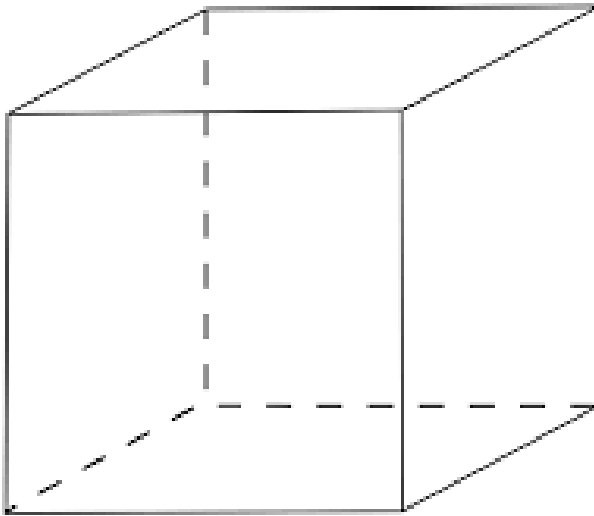
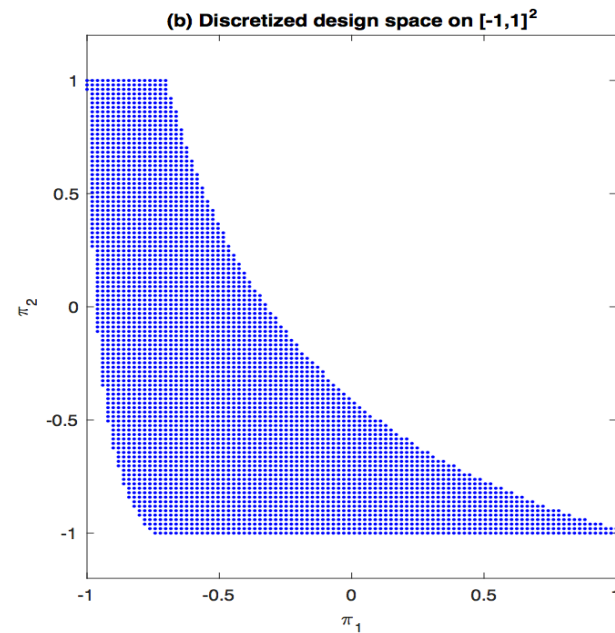
- **Design space in the original variables,  $Q$ ,  $n$ , and  $d$ :**

$$\chi = \{ (Q, n, D) : 4 \leq Q \leq 30, 710 \leq n \leq 1170, 28 \leq D \leq 42 \}.$$

- **Design space in the two pi groups:**

$$\chi_{\pi} = \{ (\pi_1, \pi_2) : \pi_1 = Q/(nD^3), \pi_2 = nD^2 \text{ where } (Q, n, D) \in \chi \}$$

# Pictures of Design Spaces

 $\chi$  $\chi_{\pi}$ 

# Design Recommendations

- **Previous work we recommended use of:**
  - **Nonparametric designs**
    - Uniform designs
    - Minimax distance designs (etc.,)
  - **Parametric designs**
    - D-optimal designs for 3<sup>rd</sup>-order (or higher-order) models
    - Suggested I-optimal,  $\bar{L}$ -optimal\* designs as alternatives

\*Cook, Nachtsheim “Model Robust Linear-Optimal Designs, *Tech*, 1983

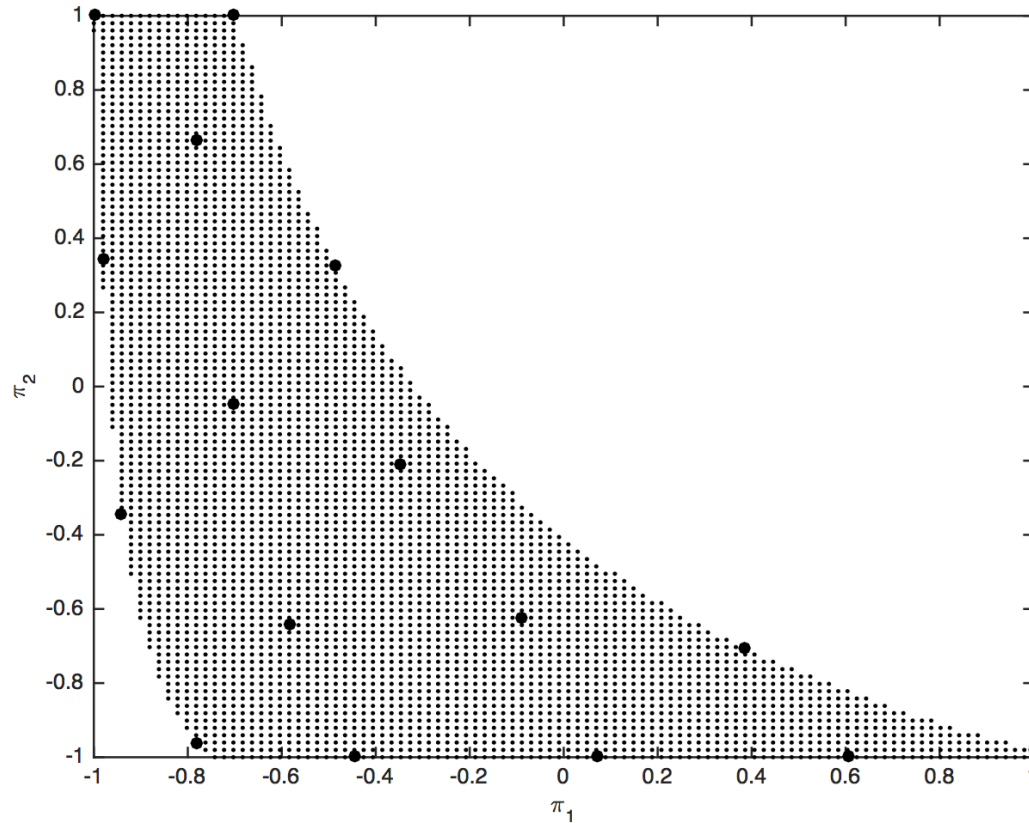
## MV I-optimality

- The MV I-optimality criterion:

$$V_{MV}(\xi_n) = r^{-1} v_{\chi}^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^r w_i^{-1} \text{Trace}[\mathbf{D}_i \mathbf{M}_i]$$

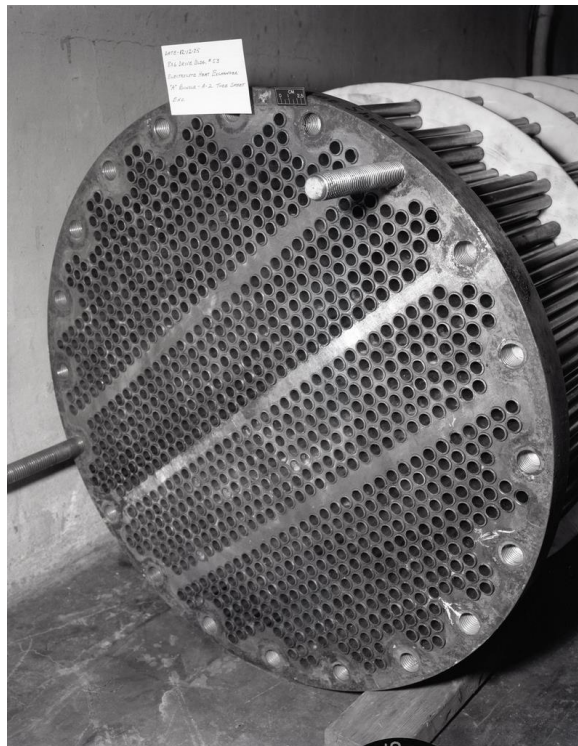
- The MV criterion is simply the model-robust, L-optimality criterion of Cook and Nachtsheim (1982, *Technometrics*), where the weights are given by the variances,  $w_i^{-1}$ .

# I-Optimal Design (n = 16)

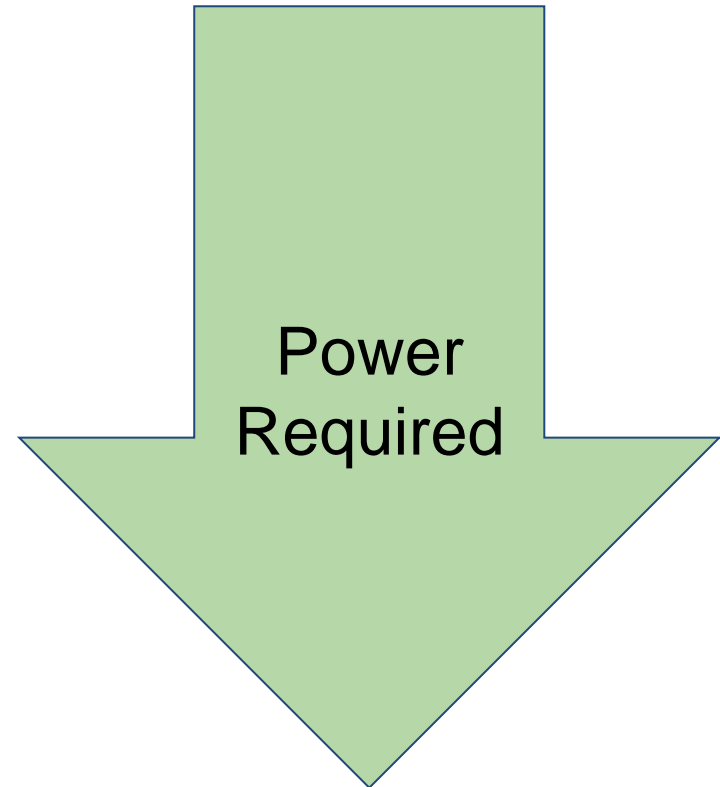
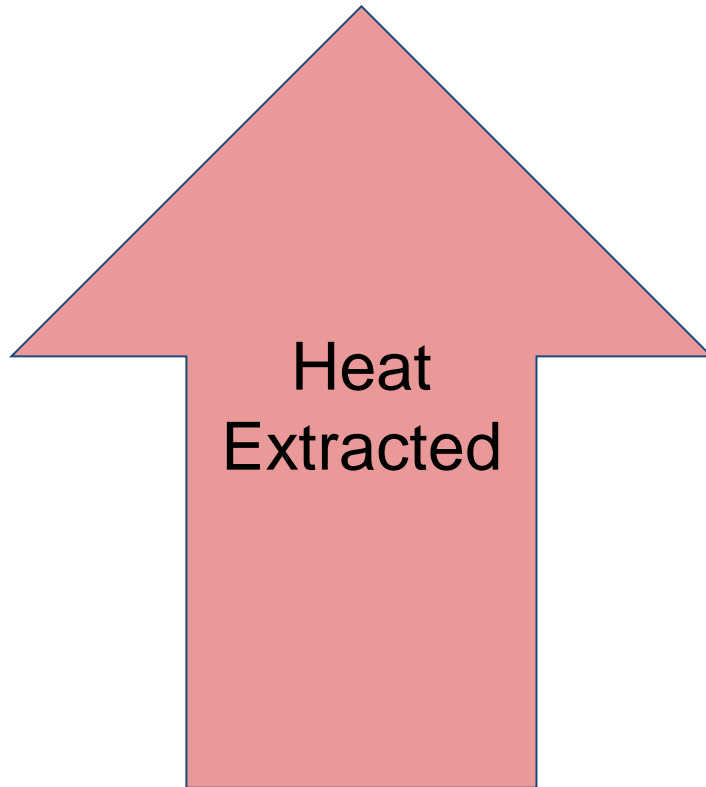




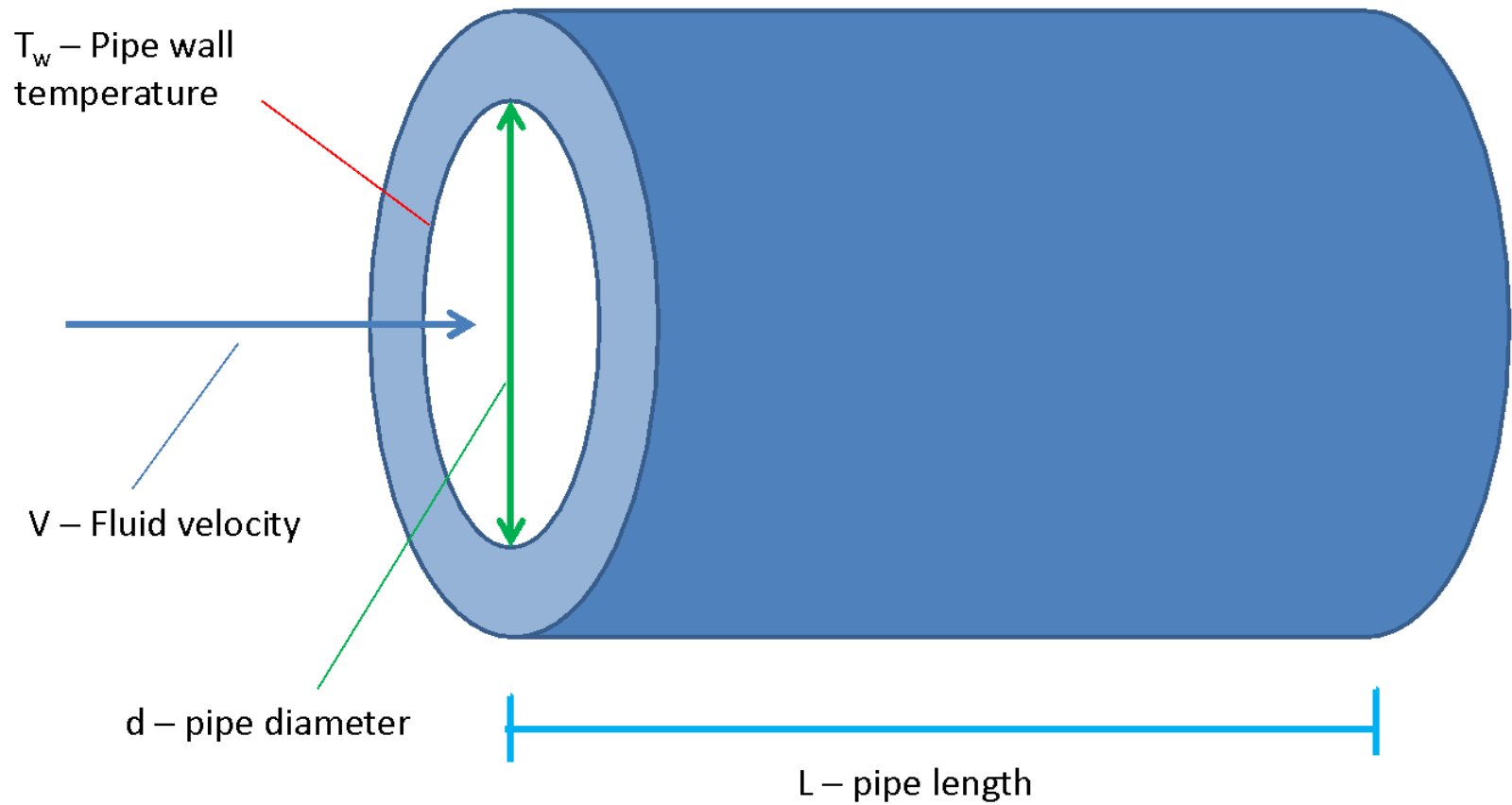
# Designing Efficient Heat Exchangers



## Why is this Multivariate?



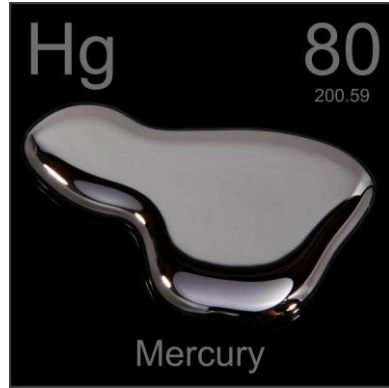
# Schematic



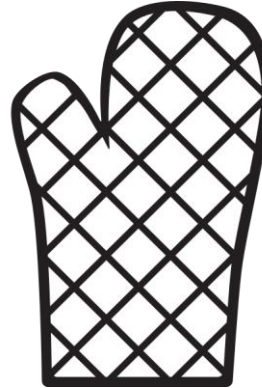
# Fluid Properties



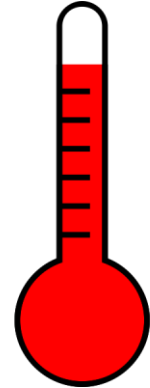
Viscosity



Density



Thermal  
Conductivity



Temperature

## A more complex example

- **Design of a heat exchanger with bivariate response**
  - Response 1 is the pressure loss ( $\Delta P$ )
  - Response 2 is heat transfer rate ( $Q$ )
- **There are 9 independent variables (next slides)**
- **There are four fundamental dimensions: L, M, T, and t**
- **Thus there will be  $9 - 4 = 5$  independent pi groups**

$$\left( \frac{\Delta P}{Q} \right) = f(D, L, V, T_w, T_f, \mu, \rho, g, K)$$

Variable	Symbol	SI Units	Base Quantity
Pressure change	$\Delta P$	Pa	$M/Lt^2$
Heat transfer rate	$Q$	W	$ML^2/t^3$
Inner diameter of pipe	$d$	M	L
Length of pipe	$L$	M	L
Mean velocity of fluid	$V$	m/s	$L/t$
Temperature of inner pipe wall	$T_w$	K	T
Mean temperature of fluid at the start of the tube	$T_f$	K	T
Viscosity of fluid	$\mu$	$N \cdot s/m^2$	$M/Lt$
Density of fluid	$\rho$	$kg/m^3$	$M/L^3$
Acceleration due to gravity	$g$	$m/s^2$	$L/t^2$
Thermal conductivity of fluid	$K$	$W/m \cdot K$	$ML/Tt^3$

# Derivation of DA Model

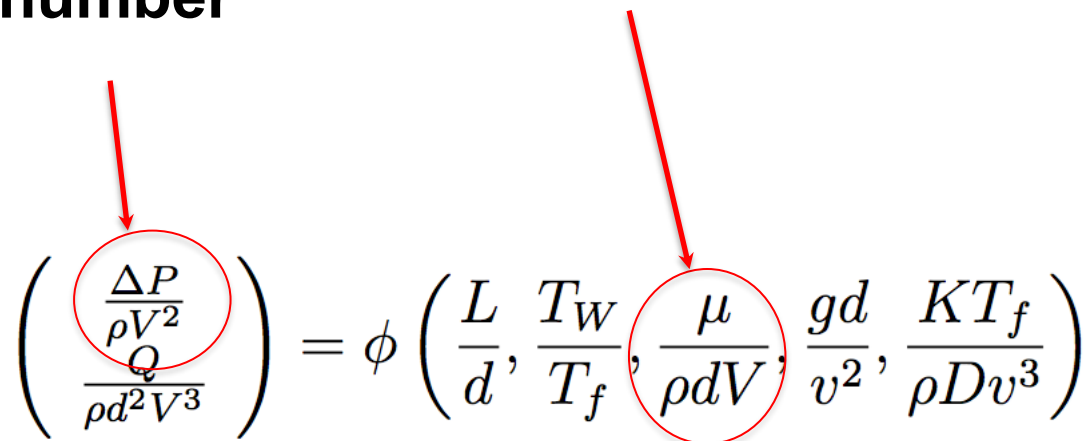
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Variable	Dimension	Var.	Dim.	Var.	Dim.	Var.	Dim.	Var.	Dim.
$\Delta P$	$ML^{-1}t^{-2}$	$\Delta P/\rho$	$t^{-2}L^2$	$\Delta P/(\rho d^2)$	$t^{-2}$	$\Delta P/(\rho V^2)$	1	$\Delta P/(\rho V^2)$	1
$Q$	$mL^2t^{-3}$	$Q/\rho$	$t^{-3}L^5$	$Q/(\rho d^5)$	$t^{-3}$	$Q/(\rho d^2 V^3)$	1	$Q/(\rho d^2 V^3)$	1
$d$	$L$	$d$	$L$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$L$	$L$	$L$	$L$	$L/d$	1	$L/d$	1	$L/d$	1
$V$	$Lt^{-1}$	$V$	$Lt^{-1}$	$V/d$	$t^{-1}$	—	—	—	—
$T_W$	$T$	$T_W$	$T$	$T_W$	$T$	$T_W$	$T$	$T_W/T_f$	1
$T_f$	$T$	$T_f$	$T$	$T_f$	$T$	$T_f$	$T$	—	—
$\mu$	$ML^{-1}t^{-1}$	$\mu/\rho$	$L^2t^{-1}$	$\mu/(\rho d^2)$	$t^{-1}$	$\mu/(\rho dV)$	1	$\mu/(\rho dV)$	1
$\rho$	$ML^{-3}$	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
$g$	$Lt^{-2}$	$g$	$Lt^{-2}$	$g/d$	$t^{-2}$	$gd/v^2$	1	$gd/v^2$	1
$K$	$MLt^{-1}t^{-3}$	$K/\rho$	$L^4T^{-1}t^{-3}$	$K/(\rho d^4)$	$T^{-1}t^{-3}$	$K/(\rho dV^3)$	$T^{-1}$	$KT_f/(\rho dV^3)$	1

$$\left( \frac{\frac{\Delta P}{\rho V^2}}{\frac{Q}{\rho d^2 V^3}} \right) = \phi \left( \frac{L}{d}, \frac{T_W}{T_f}, \frac{\mu}{\rho dV}, \frac{gd}{v^2}, \frac{KT_f}{\rho Dv^3} \right)$$

# Derivation of DA Model

Euler's number

Reynold's number


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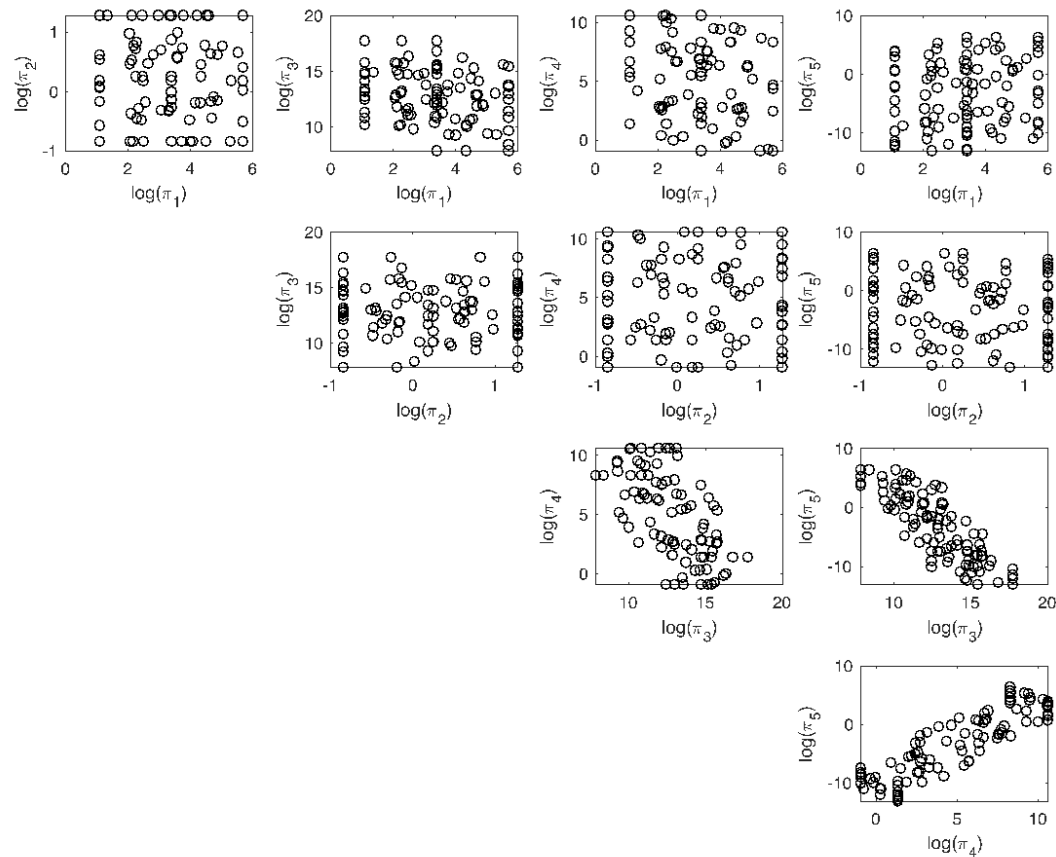


# Design Generation Findings

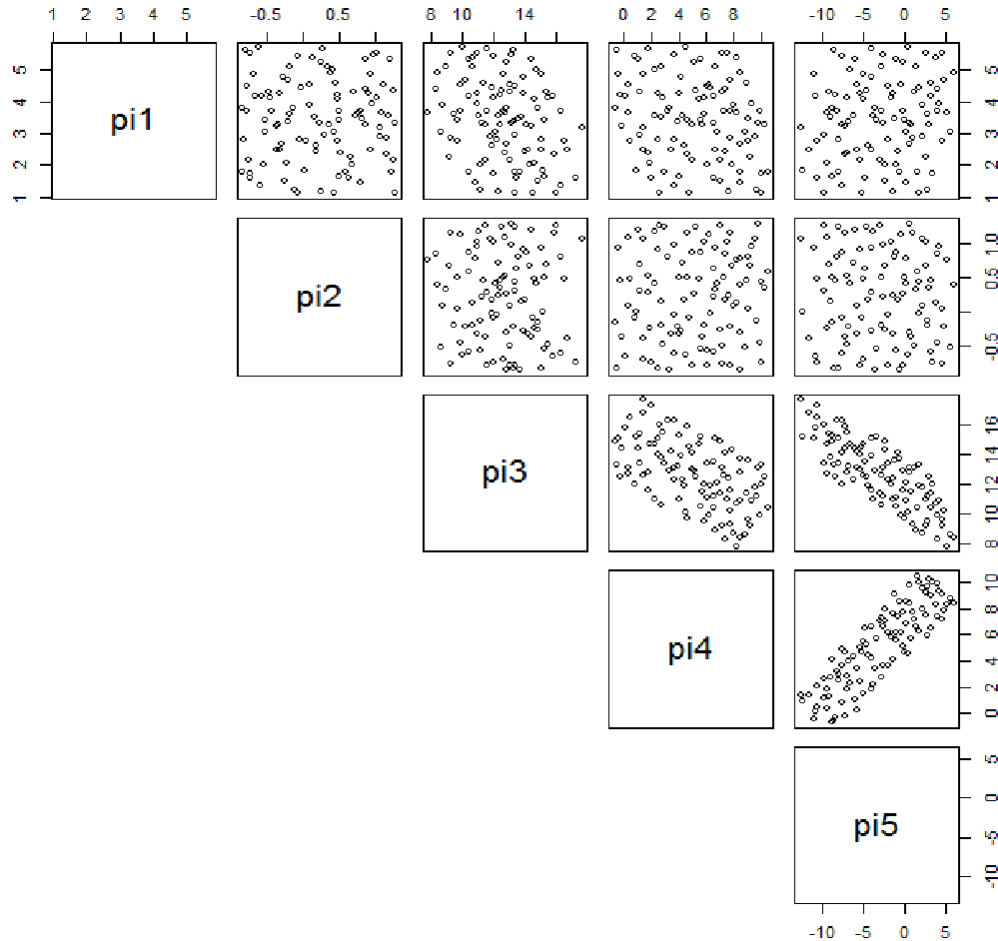
- **Parametric design**
  - Generate the designs using the 8-dimensional original variables space
  - Use coordinate exchange with continuous optimizer for each coordinate
- **Nonparametric design**
  - Generate 100K uniformly distributed points in the 5D Pi design space for use as candidate set
  - Use candidate set with Fast Flexible Filling\* to create designs

\*Ryan Lekivetz, Brad Jones, QREI, 2014

# Parametric Design: 2D Projections, n = 100



# Nonparametric Design: 2D Projections, $n = 100$



## Comments/Conclusions

- **DA is a powerful tool for modeling physical systems**
  - **Parsimony, Scalability, Dimension Reduction**
- **Multivariate responses not uncommon**
- **Gave generalization of Buckingham for multivariate responses**
- **Gave new criterion of multivariate parametric design**
- **Gave recommendations for design construction**

## Epilogue (Chris):

How did we **stumble** into the  
“design for DA” problem?

## How did we statisticians get involved in DA?

- (c. 1980) Chris's early consulting– giving bad advice
- 1988 talk on DOE at Carlson school to Mgt Sci department
- 2011, Tom Albrecht, Boston Scientific
- 2013, M. Albrecht, Nachtsheim, Cook, T. Albrecht, Experimental Design for Engineering Dimensional Analysis, *Technometrics*
- 2014, Dennis and Chris DOE PhD seminar: Dan Eck proves the MV Buckingham Pi Theorem
- 2021, our paper

Thank you

## MY HOBBY: ABUSING DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS

$$\frac{\text{PLANCK ENERGY}}{\text{PRESSURE AT THE EARTH'S CORE}} \times \frac{\text{PRIUS COMBINED EPA GAS MILEAGE}}{\text{MINIMUM WIDTH OF THE ENGLISH CHANNEL}} = \pi$$

IT'S CORRECT TO WITHIN EXPERIMENTAL ERROR, AND THE UNITS CHECK OUT. IT MUST BE A FUNDAMENTAL LAW.



BUT WHAT IF THEY BUILD A BETTER PRIUS?

THEN ENGLAND WILL DRIFT OUT TO SEA.

