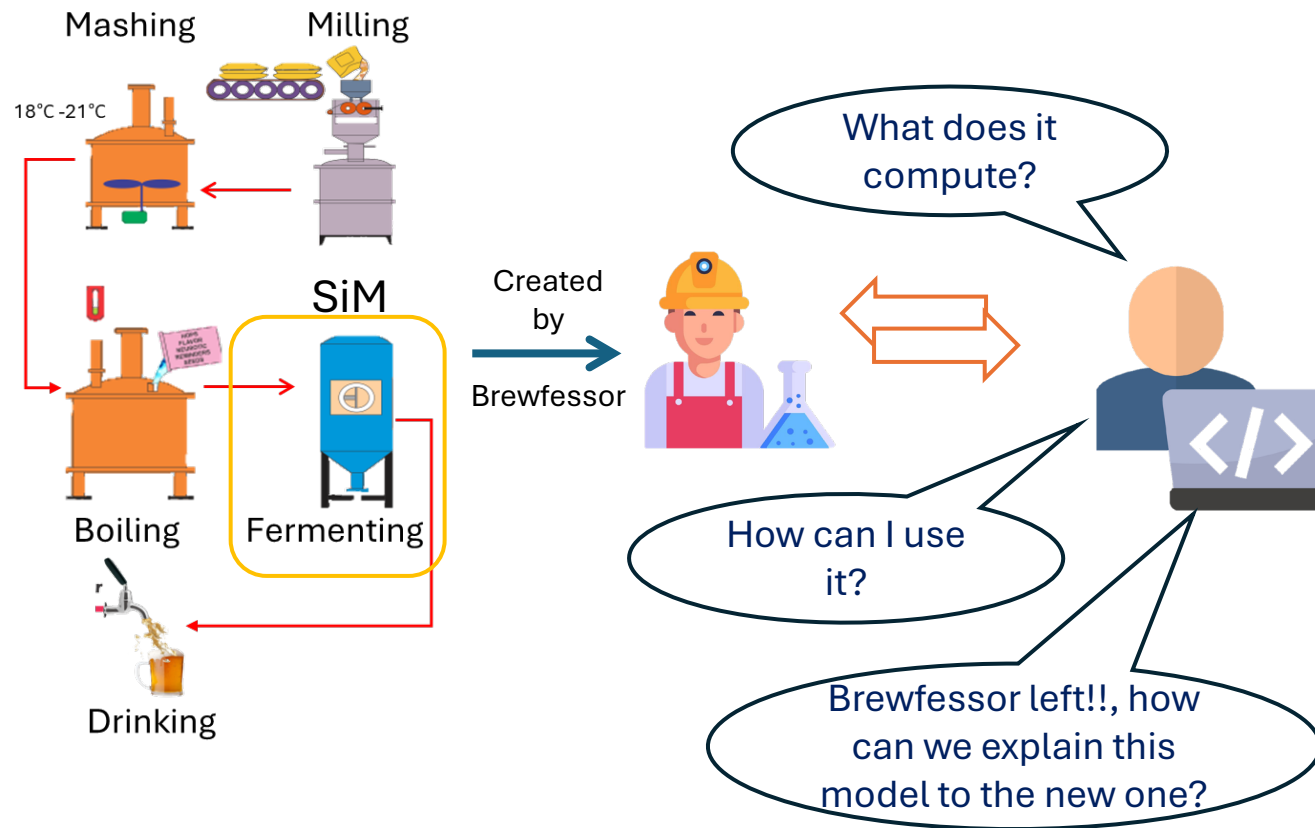


Towards a collaborative approach for digital twin simulation models' comprehension

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Motivation & research gap

Task: Improve beer quality by a DT of the beer fermentation process



Challenges:

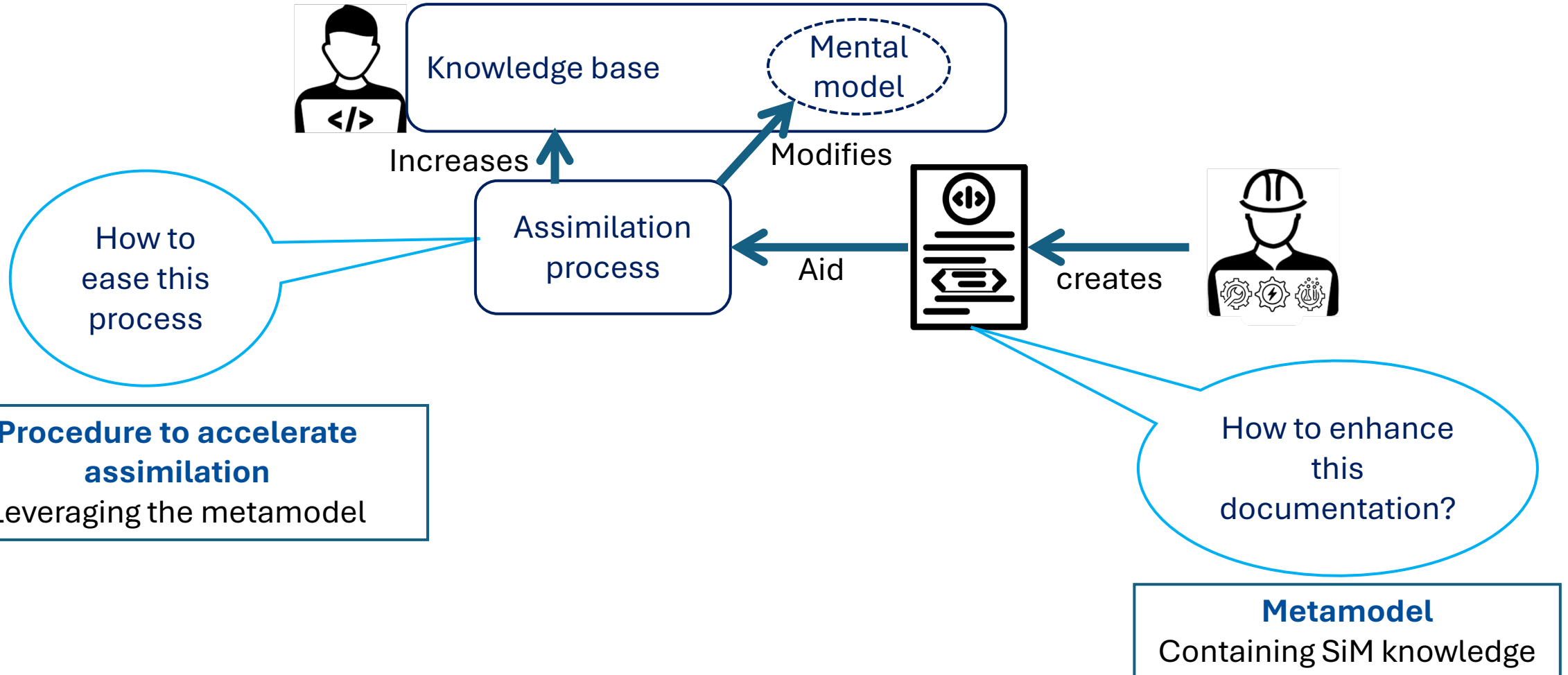
1. Capability comprehension
2. Effective use of Simulation Model (SiM)
3. Knowledge transfer

Research question

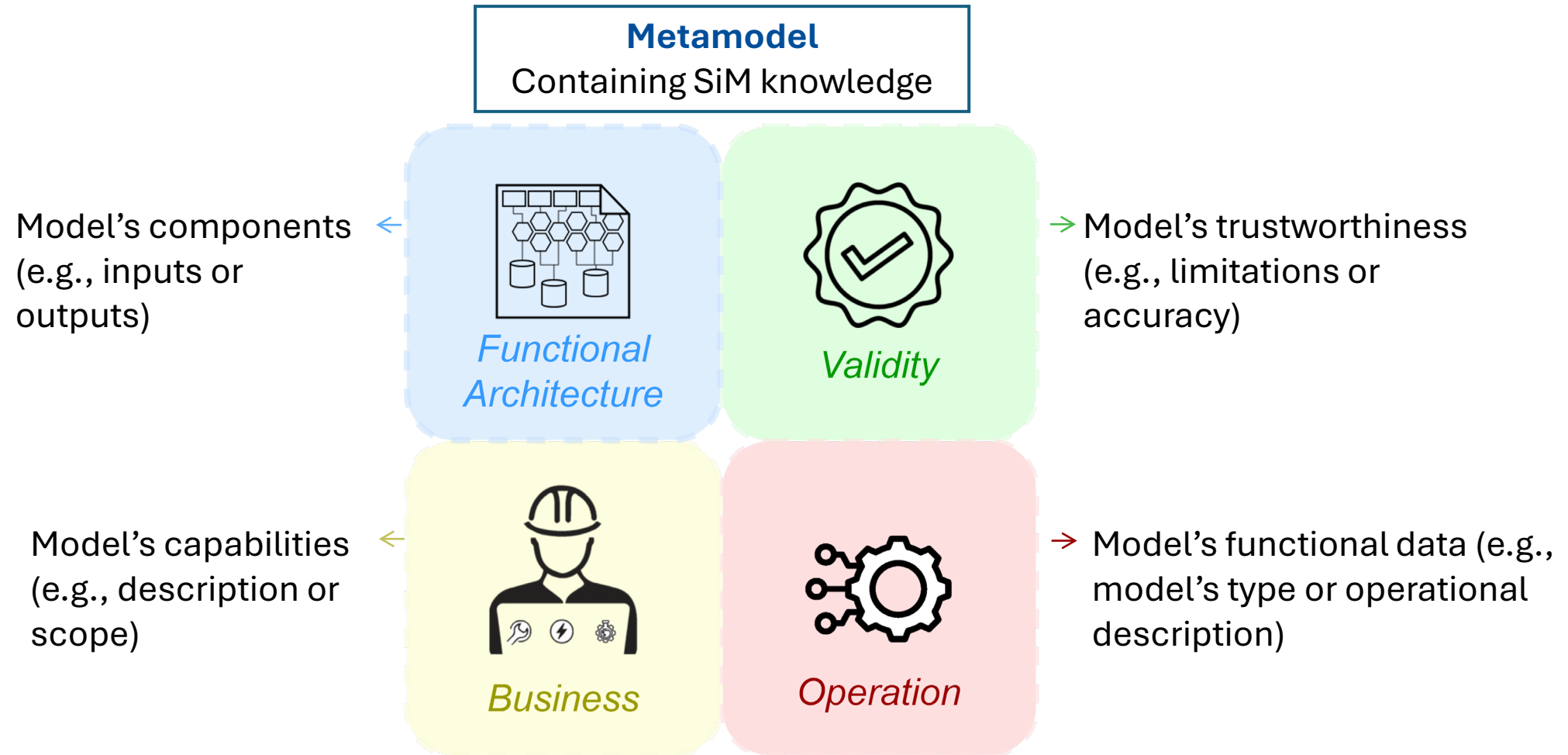
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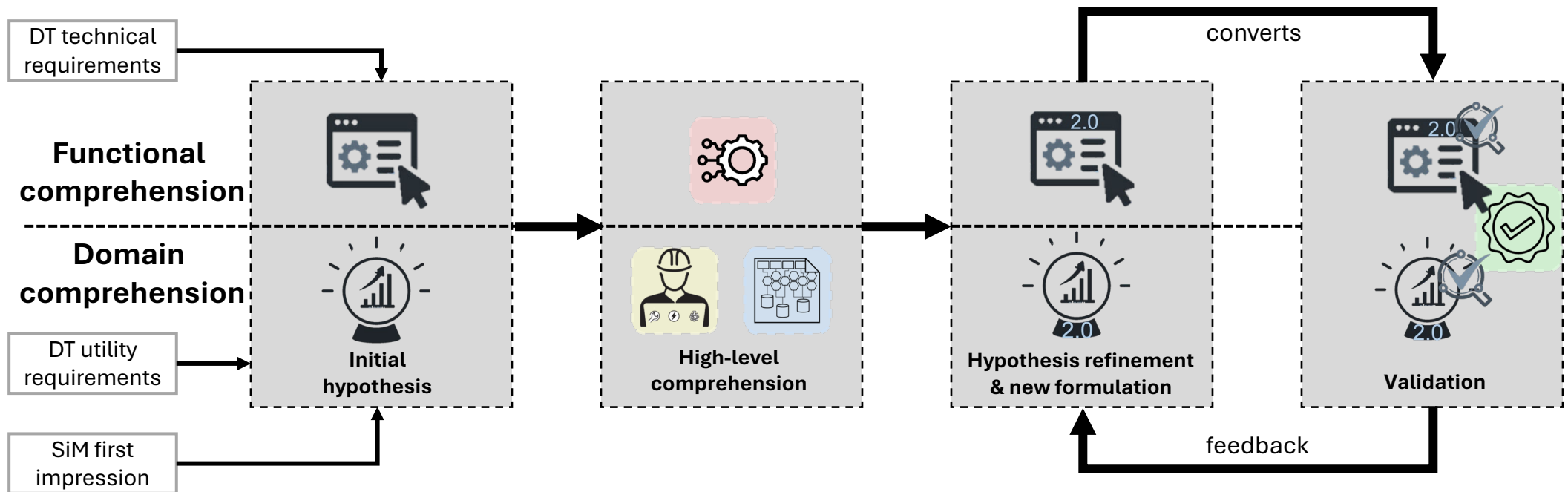
Background – Knowledge transfer for SiM



Overview of the method



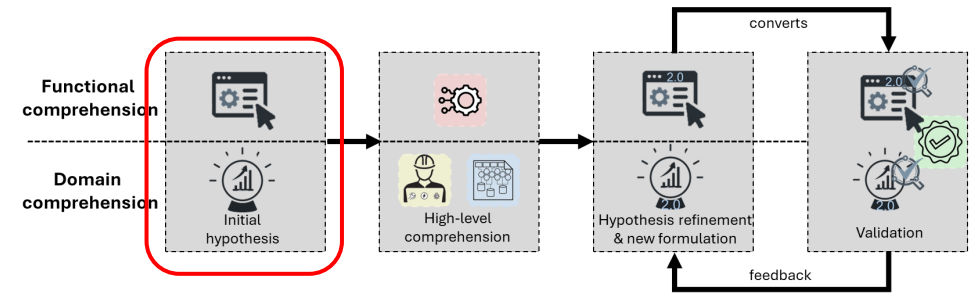
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Procedure to accelerate assimilation
Leveraging the metamodel

Procedure example

Initial hypothesis



Initial information

- **Model name:**
Reaction_model
- **Utility req:** DT predict *future alcohol* content at *any starting* point (e.g., $t = 0$, $t = 5$ days).
- **Technical req:** DT uses *sugar content* as *sensor* data.

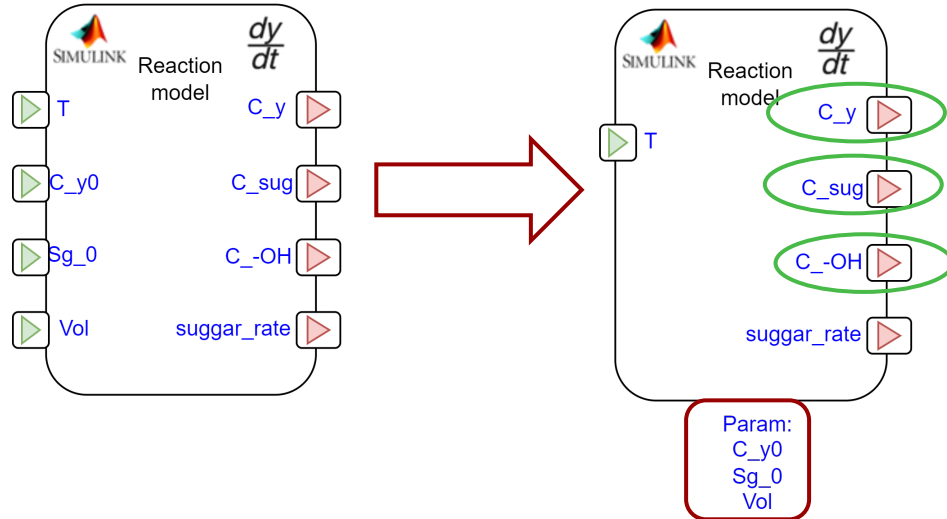
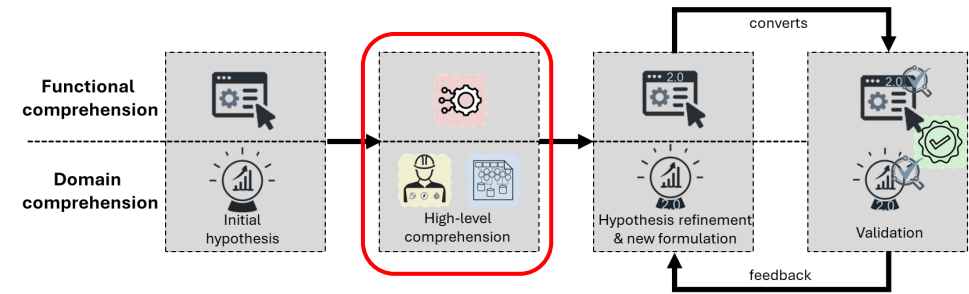


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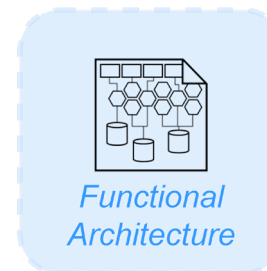
- **Capability expectation :** Model *computes alcohol* content *using sugar* content *data*.
- **Operational expectation:** Model is *time-dependent* (e.g., ODE type) & time can be *configured*.

Procedure example

High-level comprehension



- **Model type:** ODE
- **Execution engine:** Simulink
- **Operational description:**
 - Sg_0 , C_{y0} & Vol set in Sim starts.
 - Set time period.



- **Inputs** – Wort Temperature
- **Outputs** – C_{EtOH} , C_y & C_{sugar}
- **Parameters:**
 - Sg_0 (initial relative density),
 - C_{y0} (initial yeast content) &
 - Vol batch volume

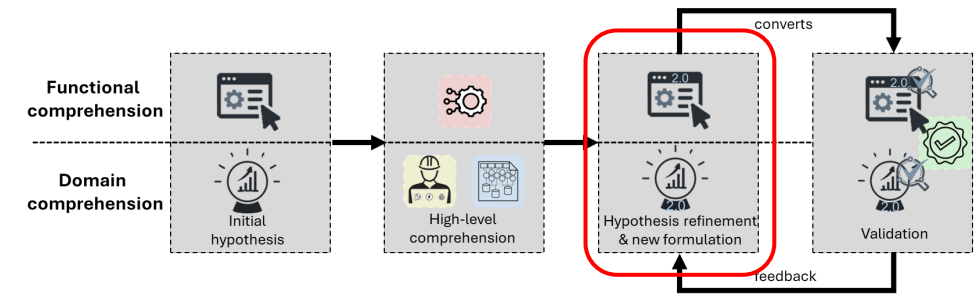


- **Capability** – predicts alcohol, yeast & sugar content during beer fermentation
- **Scope:** blond beer

Procedure example

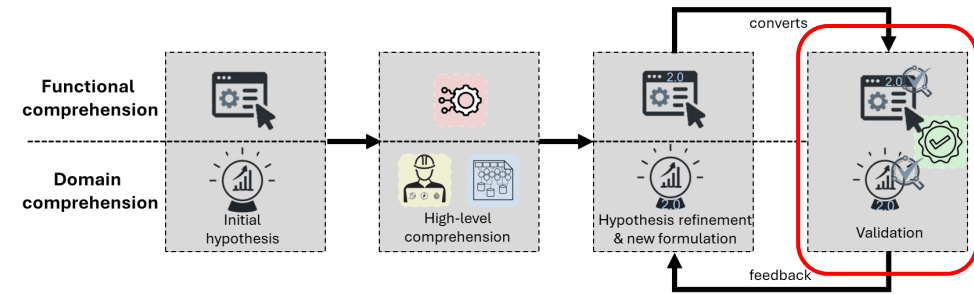
Hypothesis refinement & new formulation

- **Capability expectation** : Model computes alcohol content (C_{EtOH}) using sugar content data by setting Sg_0 param.
- **Operational expectation**: Model is ODE type, time can be configured, by setting values of Sg_0 , Sy_0 & the time period (e.g., 5 days).



Exp 1	Exp 2
<p>Configure $t_{init} = \text{day 3}$ $t_{period} = 11 \text{ days}$</p> <p>Set param $Sg_0 = ?$ $C_{y0} = ?$</p>	<p>Configure $t_{init} = \text{day 5}$ $t_{period} = 5 \text{ days}$</p> <p>Set param $Sg_0 = ?$ $C_{y0} = ?$</p>

Procedure example Validation



Validity

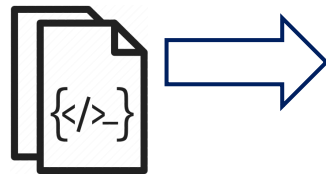
- **Limitations:** $t_{step} > 5 \text{ min}$
- **Accuracy:** $C_{EtOH} \pm 5\%$; $C_y = \text{unknown}$
- **Test doc**



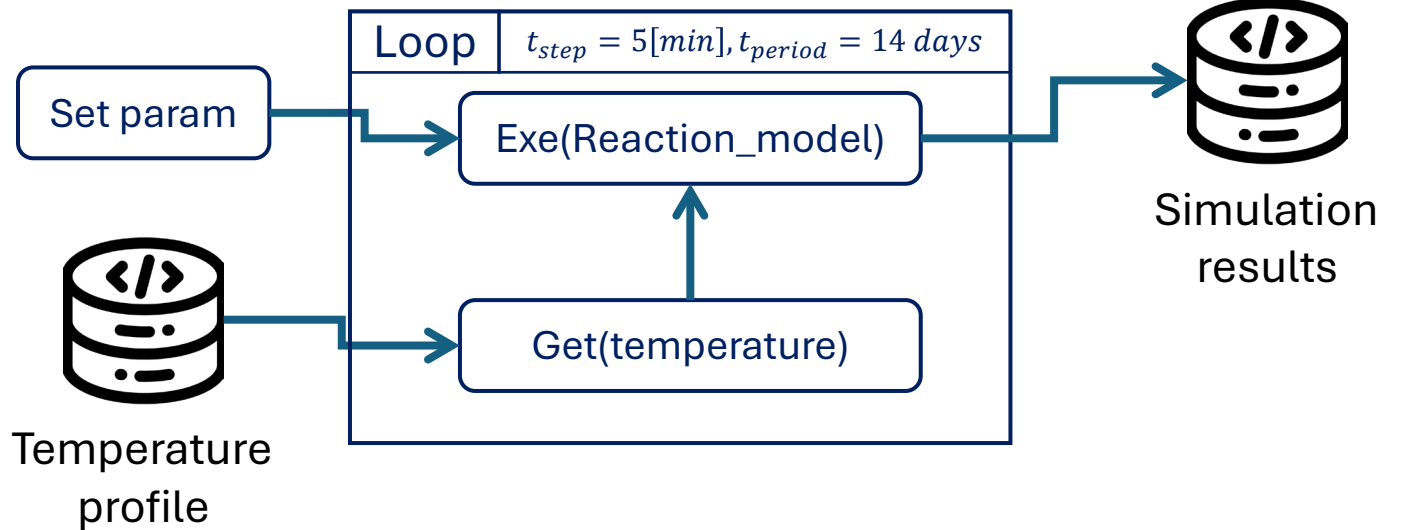
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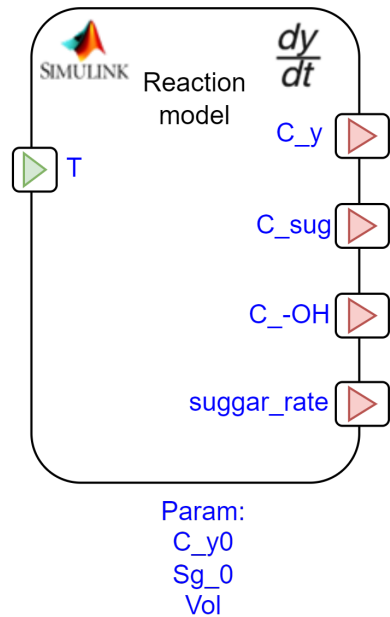
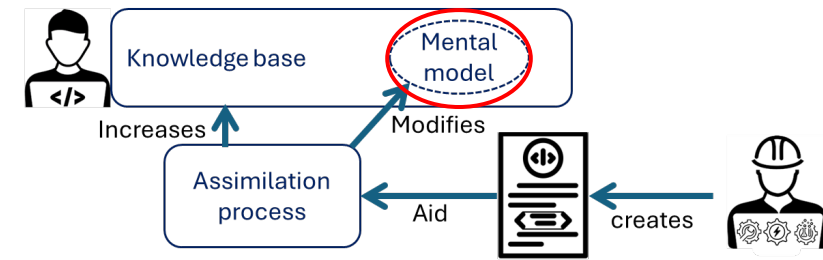
Simulation results



$t_{init} = \text{day 3}$	$t_{init} = \text{day 5}$
Set param	Set param
$Sg_0 = 1.2$	$Sg_0 = 1.1$
$C_{y0} = 40[\text{g}]$	$C_{y0} = 120[\text{g}]$



End result



Parameters set at start of simulation

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- **Operational expectation:** Model is ODE type, time can be configured, by setting values of Sg_0 , Sy_0 & $time_{period}$. $Min t_{step} = 5[min]$.

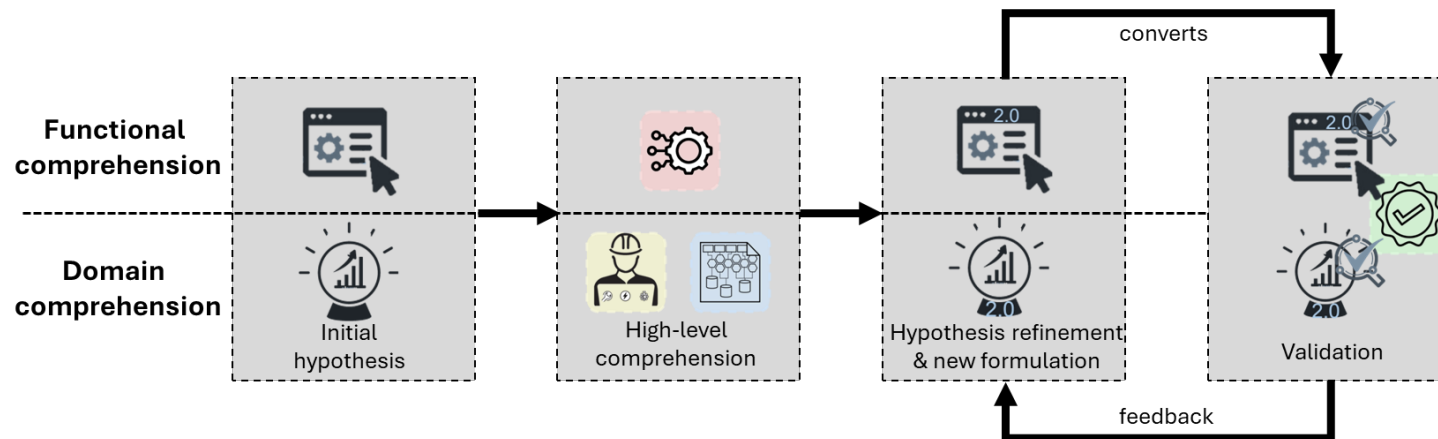
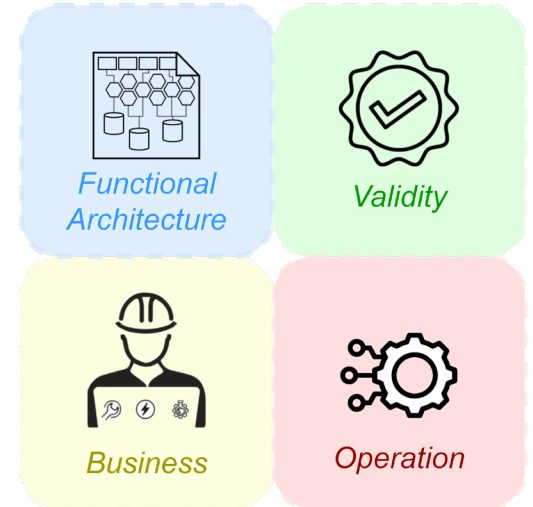


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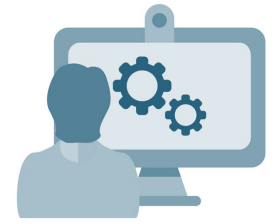
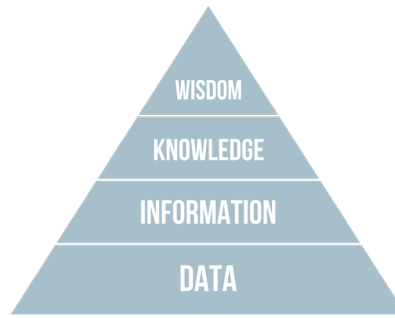
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Future work



USER TESTING

- **Enhance SiM evolution** by introducing DIKW Pyramid model.
- **Introduce virtual assistant** using LLMs to aid the model's engineer in SiM metamodel instantiation & user in querying SiM model & follow process.
- **Conduct user testing to evaluate approach** by comparing rate of SiM comprehension between standard approach and our approach.



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Thank you



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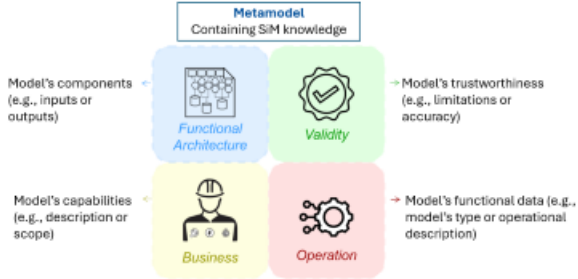


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SiM's comprehension method

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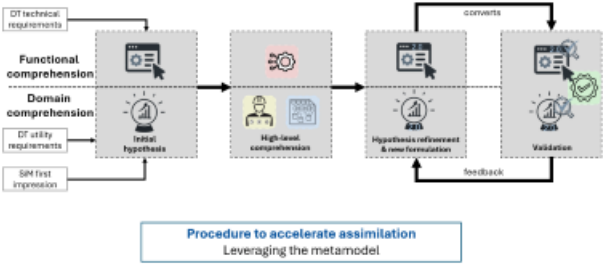
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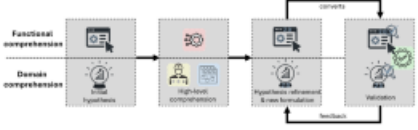
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