Making life simpler ... and better Model maintainence



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- 4. Increased variance calls for re-calibration

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Maintaining calibration models is a significant task*

* And often conveniently left out of the business case. Even more so in 'modern' machine learning contexts



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Model maintenance: the unrecognized cost in PAT and QbD



- Dairy receives biproducts from dairies worldwide
- Biproduct paid on composition hence calibration models used
- Each dairy/product have their own calibration model
- Expensive maintenance





PLS model of dataset 1

The problem – use case





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PLS model of dataset 2

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Many companies are maintaining tens, hundreds and even thousands of calibration models

The problem – use case





Merge all models into one. Is that optimal?



Traditional solution







X ₁	Y 1
X ₂	У ₂
X ₃	y ₃
X ₄	Y 4
Х ₅	Y 5
Х ₆	У ₆
X ₇	У 7
X ₈	У ₈
Х ₉	У 9

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Merge the two that gives the lowest overall RMSE



Do the same thing with the eight models now available















- Bad idea to fuse into one global model
- Three models are fine
- Similar results when grouping according to protein level



No reason to have separate fat models



Two models for dry matter



- We can automatically fuse models
- We can select the balance between #models and performance
- Lower maintenance
- Increased robustness '
- Basically model clustering/fusion

So ... making life simpler and better