

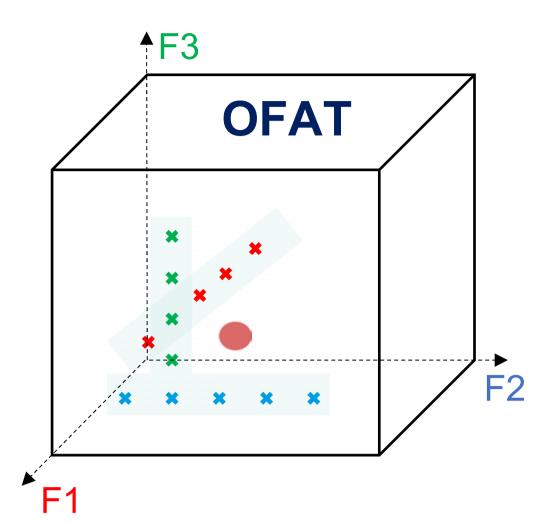
Design of Experiments as Powerful Tool for Peptide Cleavage Development

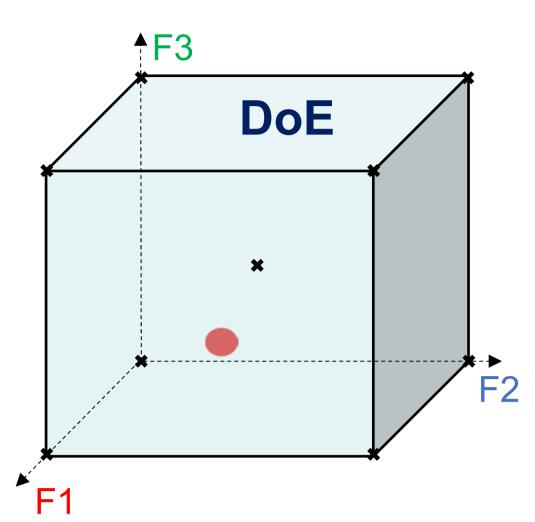


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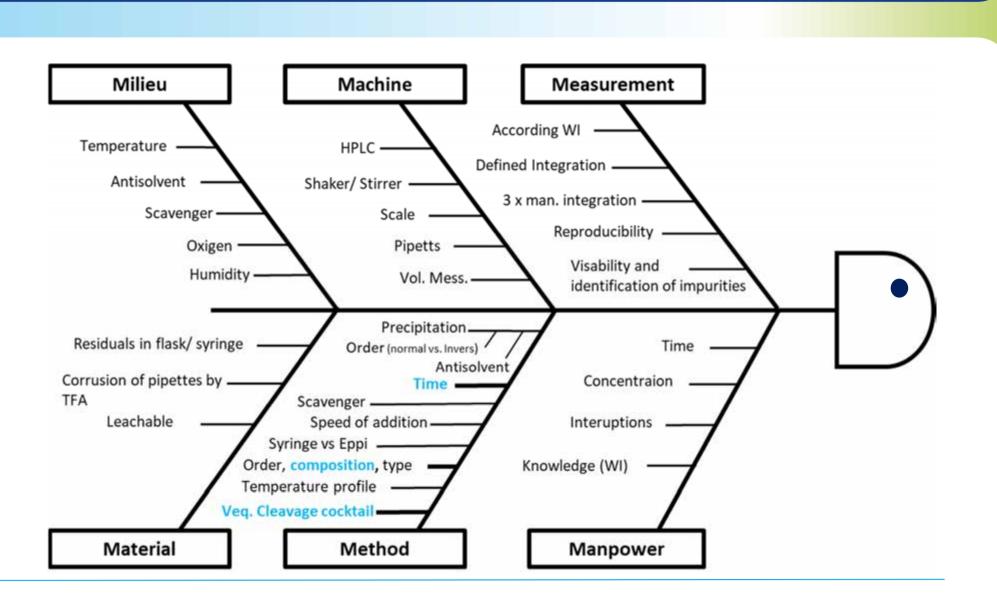
OFAT vs. DoE





Which factors to screen?

- Ishikawa or brainstorming
- Identify most critical factors
- Focus on quantitative factors



Exemplary Standard Approaches

OFAT: 3 factors, 5 levels

3 × 5 settings - 2 replicates = 13 experiments

DoE: 3 factors, 2 levels

 $2^3 + 3$ replicates = 11 experiments

OFAT

- Small designed space

One Factor at

- Iterative experiments

<u>a</u> Time

- No information about factor interactions

DoE

- Large designed space covered

- Parallelization of experiments

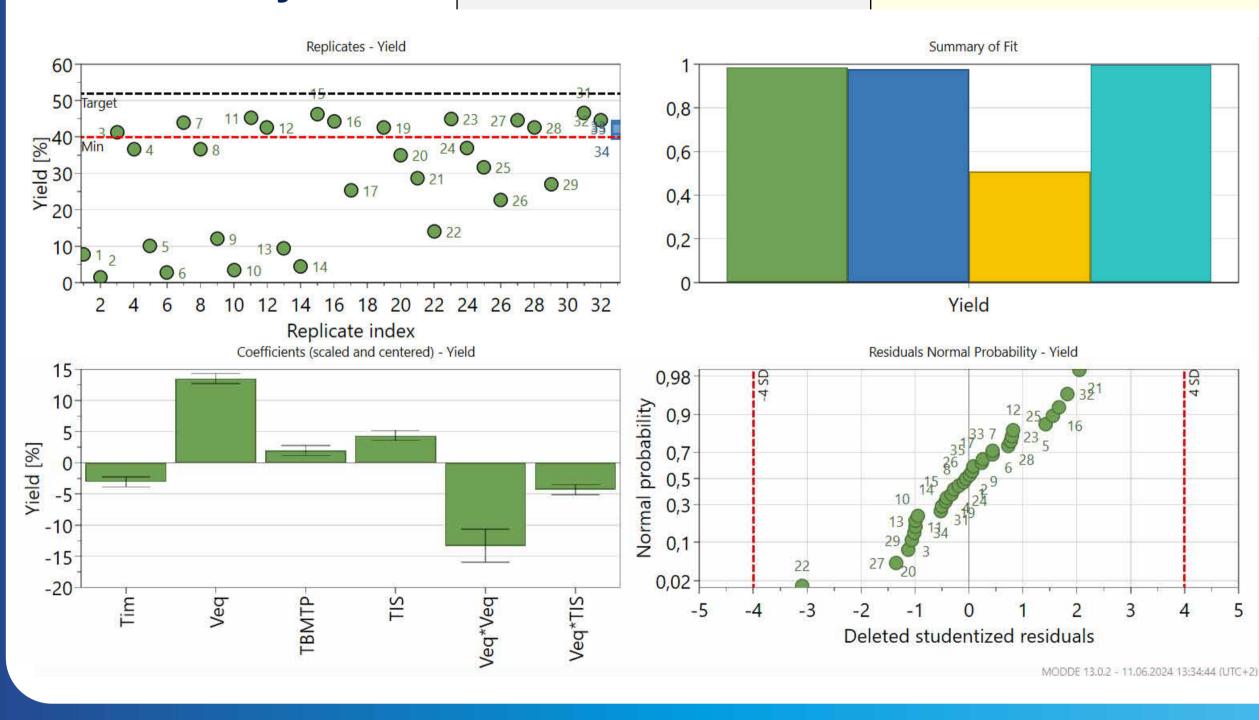
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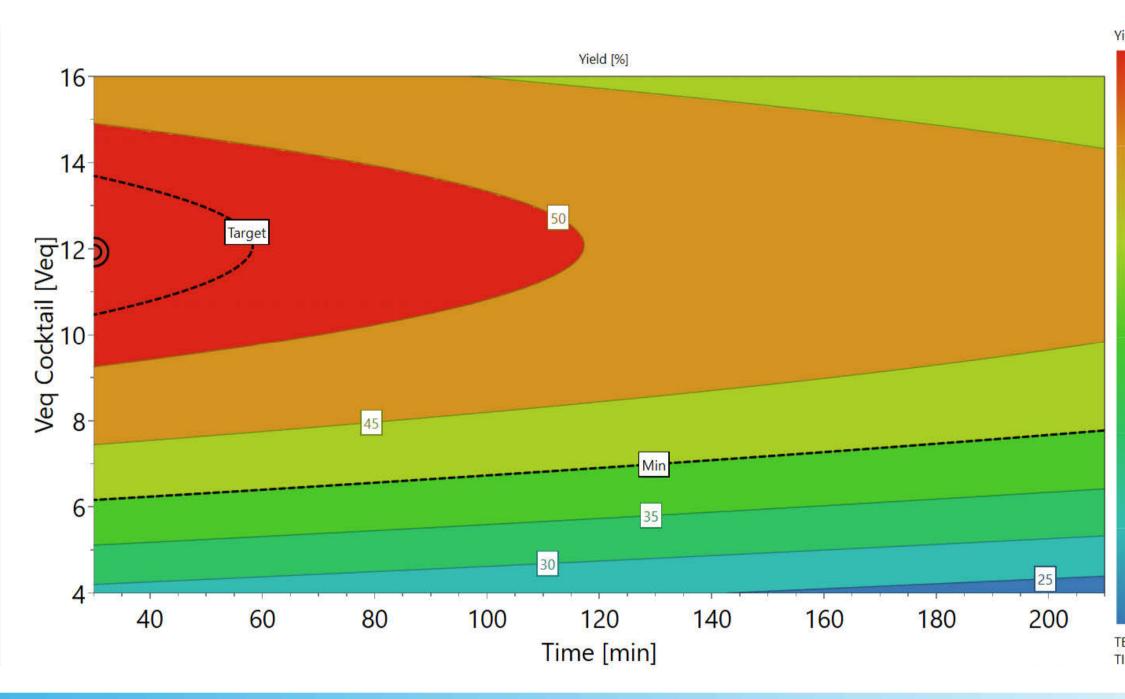
Experiments

- Information about factor impact and interactions

Case study of peptide with ~20 AA, linear, Cysteine contained

| Factor | Generic | OFAT | OFAT TBMTP | Exp. SPTBMTP | Exp. SPTBMTP | Rob. SP |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cocktail Veq. | 20.0 Veq. | 15.0 Veq. | 15.0 Veq. | 13.0 Veq. | 13.0 Veq. | 12.8 Veq. |
| Time | 120 min | 90 min | 90 min | 90 min | 90 min | 90 min |
| Water | 2.5% | 2.0% | 2.0% | 5.5% | 5.5% | 5.6% |
| TIPS | 2.5% | 8.0% | 8.0% | 7.0% | 7.0% | 7.0% |
| Thioscavenger | 2.5% | 6.0% (DTT) | 6.0% (TBMTP) | 7.5% (TBMTP) | 7.5% (TBMTP) | 7.5% (TBMTP) |
| TFA | 92.5% | 84.0% | 84.0% | 80.0% | 80.0% | 79.9% |
| Yield | 30.4 mAU·min | 53.7 mAU·min | 51.3 mAU·min | 51.8 mAU·min | 51.8 mAU·min | |
| Purity | 64.0%AN | 71.2%AN | 69.8%AN | 71.5%AN | 71.5%AN | |
| Theo. Yield | | | 45.3 mAU·min | | | 47.6 mAU·min |
| Theo. Purity | | | 73.0%AN | | | 75.9%AN |





OFAT Optimization

- Approx. 1 week of time

DoE Optimization

- 1 day lab, 1 day office
- Trends clearly visible

PMI* / Cost

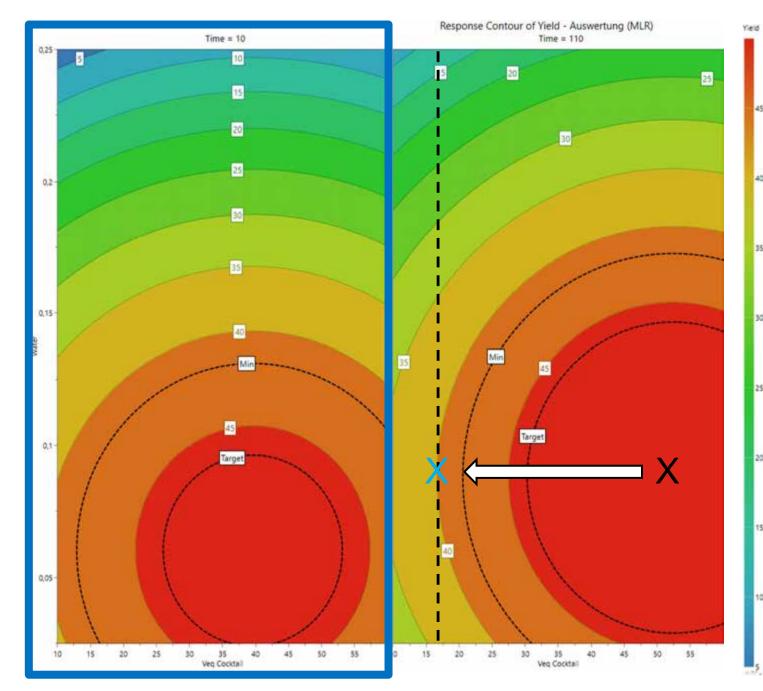
- Reaction time of 10 min is too short for upscale
- $\frac{1}{3}$ PMI for $\frac{4}{5}$ yield compared to optimum

Red: High yield

Orange / yellow: Good to moderate yield

Green to blue: Low yield

*PMI: Process Mass Intensity



Conclusion

- DoE for in-depth evaluation results
- Qualitative factors preferable with OFAT in addition to DoE
- Similar number to less experiments than with OFAT
- Not as intuitive as OFAT
- Less time consuming
- Very positive customer feedback
- Main DoE expertise in peptidyl resin cleavage in early-stage development (50 mg scale)
- Upscale successfully performed with adaptions according to 'RGT' rule
- Other process steps in peptide synthesis were also successfully optimized E.g. (on-resin) cyclization, deprotections, reduction

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