

# A Showcase of Open-Source Tools for Scalable, Reproducible Pharmacometrics Workflows

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# Schedule

**2:30 pm - 2:45 pm** Speaker introductions and overview of the ecosystem (Sam)

**2:45 pm - 3:30 pm** Model Output (Tim)

- Introduction to yspec and pmplots
- Model Diagnostics (bbr, yspec, pmplots)

**3:30 pm - 4:00 pm** Live demo example with yspec and pmplots (Sam)

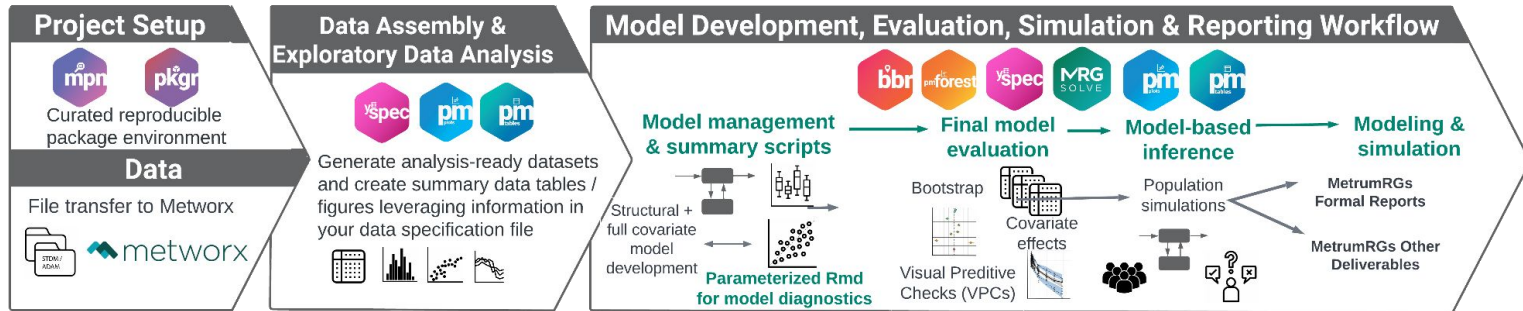
**4:00 pm - 4:30 pm** Model management with bbr (Tim)

**4:30 pm** Q&A

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We introduce MeERGE through a **user-friendly** Expo that showcases a suite of tools in the context of a simplified population pharmacokinetic (PPK) model. It demonstrates how to proceed step-by-step through a **PPK** modeling and simulation (M&S) analysis, using the same process and suite of tools that we use at Metrum Research Group, to ensure traceable and reproducible pharmacometrics research.



**Metworx** is a secure, highly-scalable, cloud-native Platform-as-a-Service that brings reproducible tools and computing to scientific teams of all sizes.



Value	How	Metworx 4.0 <i>coming enhancements</i>
<b>Scientific Excellence Built-In</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MIDD at its core</li><li>• Designed, maintained and guided by the scientific excellence of MRG</li><li>• Comes with industry-leading tools and technologies</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inclusion of best-practice examples via MeERGE</li></ul>
<b>Reproducible / Traceable</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rapid validation</li><li>• Consistent, controllable state of compute environments</li><li>• MPN: Immutable snapshots of packages and dependencies for long-term reproducibility</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tighter integration with MPN</li><li>• Inclusion of best-practice examples via MeERGE</li><li>• Enhanced audit trails</li></ul>
<b>Scaleable</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No shared clusters</li><li>• Each workflow is its own scalable grid</li><li>• Allows multiple workflows per user</li><li>• Fast ramp-up across large, distributed teams</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improved visibility and cost-efficiency of cloud resources</li><li>• More controls across large groups with different usage needs</li></ul>
<b>Security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Secure data and compute isolation</li><li>• Client-controlled permissions</li><li>• SSO integration</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhanced user/group administration</li></ul>

**MeRGE Main Website:**  
<https://merge.metrumrg.com/>



**Example Scripts and Slides Presented Today:**  
<https://github.com/metrumresearchgroup/iu-ctsi-2023-merge>  
<https://bit.ly/ctsi-merge>



## Support traceable, reproducible, and scalable pharmacometric analyses

### Example 1: working on a project with a team ... consistency, efficiency

For example, tables can be VERY time-consuming to make, especially in a traceable manner. The look and content of tables can vary considerably when made by different individuals, or even by the same person at different times!

yspec + pmtables makes this MUCH easier!!



Same goes for figures:

yspec + pmplots + mrgsolve + pmforest also makes this MUCH easier!!

## Support traceable, reproducible, and scalable pharmacometric analyses

**Example 2: working with stakeholders, I'd like to give them an update ... consistency, expectations, ease of communications**

“Hey Matt, explain to me why you chose a two vs a one compartmental model? And what about that variance structure, are we certain that we have appropriate random effects for IIV and residual variability?”

bbr + yspec + pmtable + pmplots + Rmarkdown makes this easy!!





## Support traceable, reproducible, and scalable pharmacometric analyses

**Example 3a: work done 3 years ago, new reg submission and we need to recreate (or update) an analysis**

“Hey Kyle, remember that empagliflozin work we did a few years ago [1]; we need to some more work to bridge into T1DM [2]...”

mpn + pkgr + yspec + bbr + pmtable + pmplots + Rmarkdown (would have) made this easy (ier)!!



[1] <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s13300-016-0174-y>

[2] <https://accp1.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/icph.1051>

## Support traceable, reproducible, and scalable pharmacometric analyses

Example 3b: work done 3 years ago, the people that did the work are not available, we need to track down what they did to continue on for a new indication...

“Hey Curtis, guess what, we need you to do some work on the empagliflozin program...”

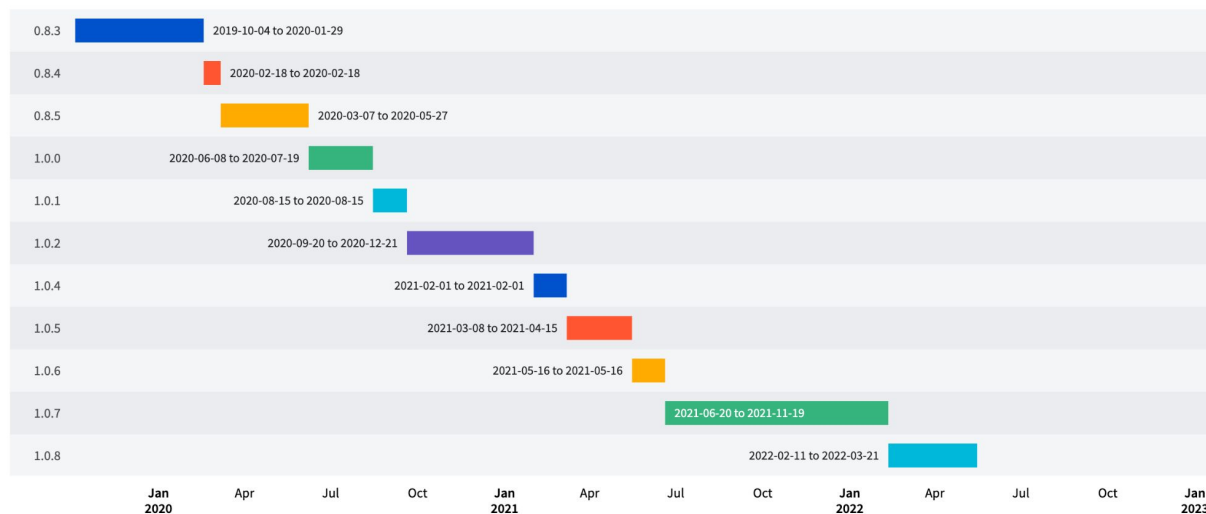


# Reproducibility emphasis: MPN



MPN is a frequently-updated public repository of R packages which allows users to access current and previous package versions

## Version History



Example of MPN history of the dplyr package

- Snapshots taken approximately every 2 months.
- Allows you to easily install a package version along with all dependencies time-locked to a calendar date

# Reproducibility emphasis: pkgr



```
Version: 1
# top level packages
Packages:
  - rmarkdown
  - bitops
  - caTools
  - knitr
  - tidyverse
  - shiny
  - logrrr

# any repositories, order matters
Repos:
  - MPN: "https://mpn.networx.com/snapshots/stable/2020-09-20"
  - CRAN: "https://cran.rstudio.com"

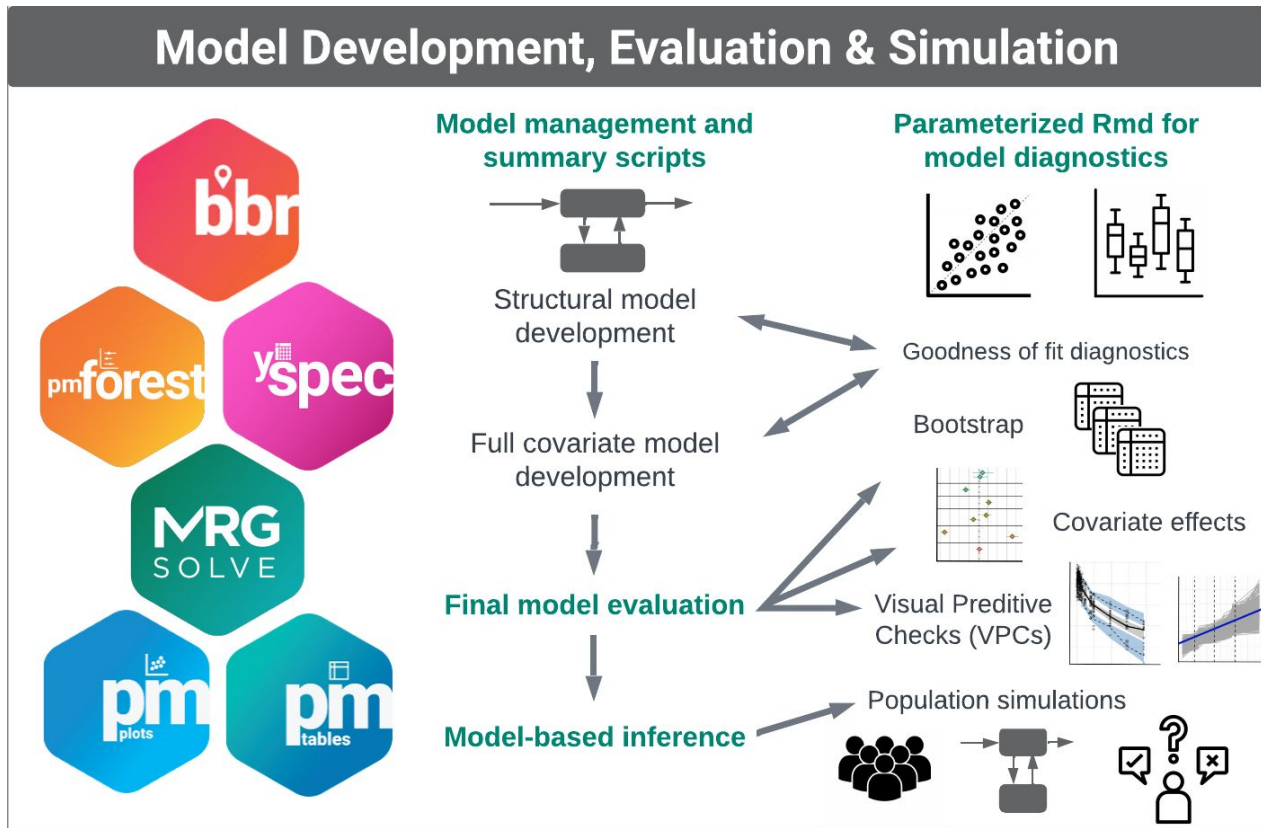
# path to install packages to
Library: "<path/to/install/library>"

# package specific customizations
Customizations:
  Packages:
    - tidyverse:
      Suggests: true
```

**pkgr is a terminal-based tool which simplifies R package installation using yaml files**

- Multiple repositories can be specified
- Package-specific modifications can be applied (e.g. install all Suggests)
- Threaded processes for quick installation

# A pop PK workflow using NONMEM



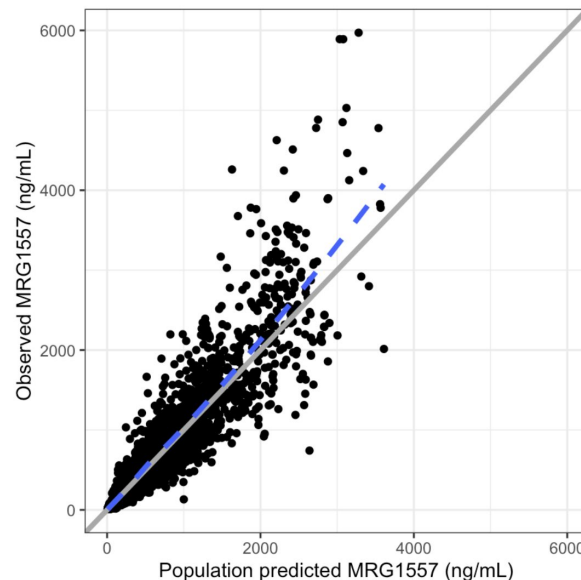
# Overview of R Packages

# Introduction to pmplots



```
dv_pred(df, yname = .yname)
```

- Standardized plots
  - Exploratory
  - Diagnostic
- Simple / efficient syntax
- Expects standard inputs
  - TIME
  - DV
  - PRED
  - IPRED
  - CWRES
- Batch processing
- "Enough" customization
- Not a new grammar of graphics



# Introduction to pmplots



*Conditional weighted residuals versus time*

```
p1 <- cwres_time(data)
```

*Residuals versus population predicted value*

```
p2 <- res_pred(data)
```

*NPDE boxplots in each study*

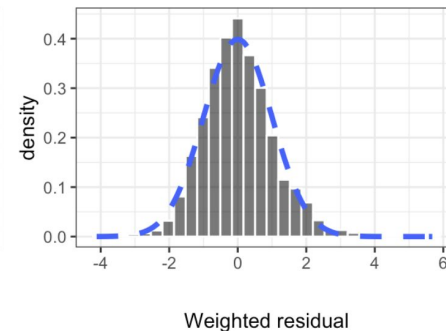
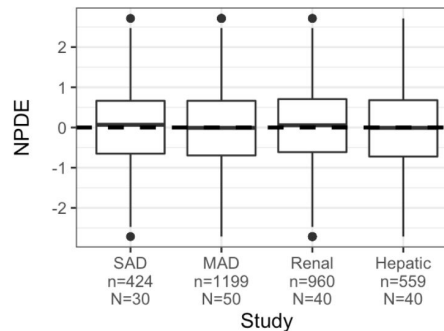
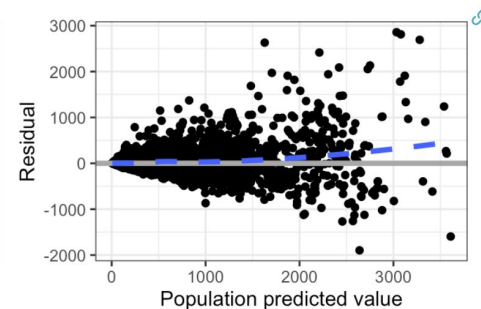
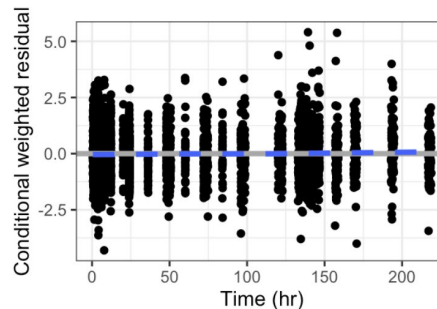
```
p3 <- npde_cat(data, x = "STUDYc//Study")
```

*Histogram of weighted residuals*

```
p4 <- wres_hist(data)
```

With output

```
(p1+p2)/(p3+p4)
```

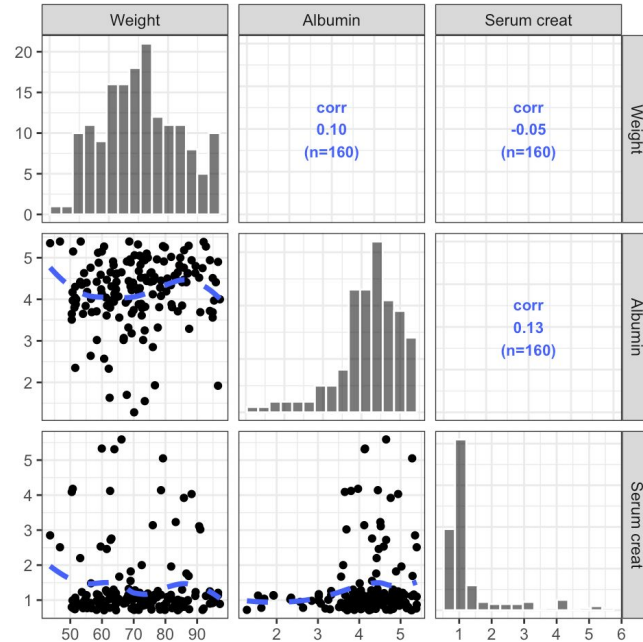




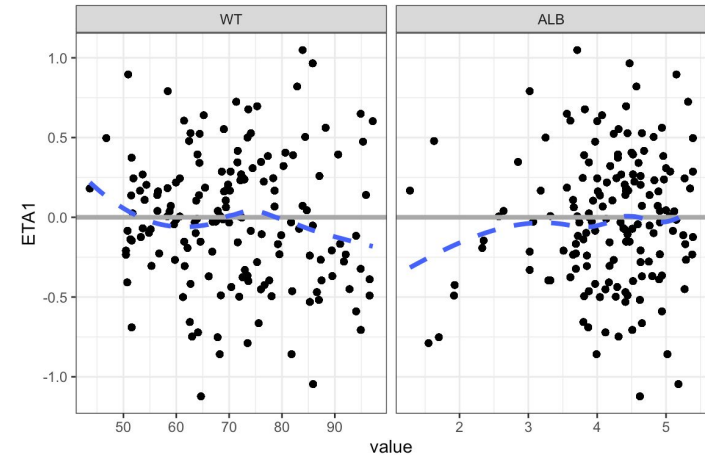
# Introduction to pmplots



```
cols <- c("WT//Weight", "ALB//Albumin", "SCR//Serum creat")  
pairs_plot(id, cols)
```



```
wrap_eta_cont(  
  df,  
  y = "ETA1",  
  x = c("WT", "ALB"),  
  scales = "free_x"  
)
```



<https://metrumresearchgroup.github.io/pmp-book/>

The pmpLOTS Gallery

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## The pmpLOTS Gallery

Plots for Pharmacometrics

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This is a simple introduction to the pmpplots package for R. I hope this will be useful for those who are new to the package and those who just need a reminder on the syntax. The goal with this package isn't to create a new grammar of graphics, but rather to create a standard set of commonly-used plots in pharmacometrics analyses.



This is truly intended to be a Gallery. In some chapters, you will see a great deal of repetition in plots (like CWRES versus TIME, WRES versus TIME, RES versus TIME). This is by design with the intention to make the reader aware of the different functions available in the package. One exception to this is the page on [customization](#). Please take a moment to look through this page; it is long but you will find some very helpful examples of what you can do with pmpLOTS.

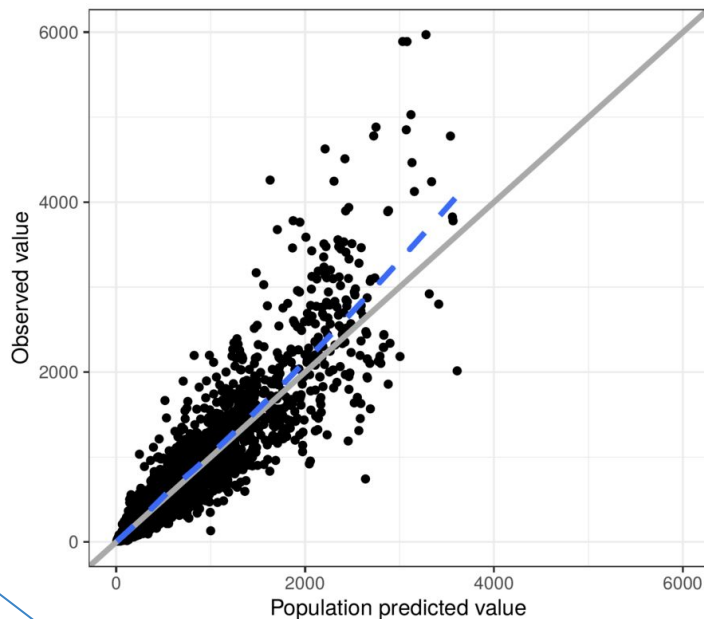
You can find [documentation](#) for pmpLOTS [here](#).



# mrpgsave - save annotated images



```
mrpgsave(p, stem = "intro-1", dir = tempdir(), script = "mrpgsave.Rmd")
```



Source code: mrpgsave.Rmd  
Source graphic: intro-1.pdf

- Annotation
  - Source code file name
  - Image output file name
- Save lists of plots
- Interpolate variables into file names
- Save to multiple devices
  - pdf, png, both ...
- Set height and width with sensible defaults

# mrnggsave - save lists of plots



```
run <- 101

p <- list(
  dv_pred(data),
  npde_time(data),
  cwres_hist(data)
)

ans <- mrnggsave(p, stem = "diagnostics-{run}-", dev = "png")

basename(ans)
```

```
[1] "diagnostics-101-001.png" "diagnostics-101-002.png"
[3] "diagnostics-101-003.png"
```

# mrnggsave - save lists of plots



```
run <- 101
```

```
p <- list(  
  dv_pred  
  npde_time  
  cwres_hist  
)
```

```
ans <- mrnggsave(p, tag = run, dev = "png", use_names = TRUE)
```

```
basename(ans)
```

```
p <- list(  
  `dv-v-pred`      = dv_pred(data),  
  `npde-v-time`    = npde_time(data),  
  `cwres-histogram` = cwres_hist(data)
```

```
)
```

```
ans <- mrnggsave(p, tag = run, dev = "png", use_names = TRUE)
```

```
basename(ans)
```

```
[1] "diagn"
```

```
[3] "diagn"
```

```
[1] "dv-v-pred-101.png"      "npde-v-time-101.png"
```

```
[3] "cwres-histogram-101.png"
```

# mrnggsave - save lists of plots



```
run <- 101
```

```
p <- list(  
  dv_pred(data),  
  npde_time(data),  
  cwres_hist(data)  
)
```

```
ans <- mrggsave(p, tag = run, dev = "png")
```

```
basename(ans)
```

```
[1] "diagn"
```

```
[3] "diagn"
```

```
p <- list(  
  `dv-v-pr`  
  `npde-v-pr`  
  `cwres-h`  
)
```

```
ans <- mrggsave(p, tag = run, dev = "png")
```

```
basename(ans)
```

```
[1] "dv-v-pr"
```

```
[3] "cwres-h"
```

```
p <- named_plots(  
  dv_pred(data),  
  npde_time(data),  
  cwres_hist(data)  
)
```

```
ans <- mrggsave(p, tag = run, dev = "png")
```

```
basename(ans)
```

```
[1] "dv-pred-101.png"
```

```
"npde-time-101.png"
```

```
"cwres-hist-101.png"
```

# mrnggsave - save lists of plots



```
run <- 101
```

```
p <- list(  
  dv_pred(  
    npde_tir  
    cwres_h  
  )  
)
```

```
ans <- mrg
```

```
basename(a
```

```
[1] "diagn
```

```
[3] "diagn
```

```
p <- list(  
  `dv-v-pr  
  `npde-v-  
  `cwres-h  
)
```

```
ans <- mrg
```

```
basename(a
```

```
[1] "dv-v-p
```

```
[3] "cwres-
```

```
p <- named_list(  
  dv_pred(  
    npde_tir  
    cwres_h  
  )  
)
```

```
ans <- mrg
```

```
basename(a
```

```
[1] "dv-pr
```

```
dv_versus_pred <- dv_pred(data)
```

```
p <- named_plots(dv_versus_pred)
```

```
ans <- mrnggsave(p, tag = run, dev = "png", use_names = TRUE)
```

```
basename(ans)
```

```
[1] "dv-versus-pred-101.png"
```

# pmtables - tables for latex



	Study				
Statistic	12-DEMO-001 n = 30	12-DEMO-002 n = 50	11-DEMO-005 n = 40	13-DEMO-001 n = 40	Summary n = 160
<b>Weight</b>					
Mean (SD)	72.2 (14.3)	72.4 (11.5)	68.9 (14.5)	69.4 (11.6)	70.7 (12.8)
Min / Max	50.9 / 97.2	51.5 / 96.6	43.6 / 92.8	50.7 / 96.6	43.6 / 97.2
Missing	1	1	1	0	3
<b>CRCL</b>					
Mean (SD)	106 (9.46)	103 (8.35)	58.8 (29.7)	102 (8.19)	92.1 (25.5)
Min / Max	93.2 / 126	90.6 / 121	15.4 / 103	90.7 / 119	15.4 / 126
Missing	1	1	1	3	6
<b>Sex</b>					
male	10 (33.3)	18 (36.0)	29 (72.5)	23 (57.5)	80 (50.0)
female	20 (66.7)	32 (64.0)	11 (27.5)	17 (42.5)	80 (50.0)
<b>Formulation</b>					
tablet	25 (83.3)	42 (84.0)	30 (75.0)	33 (82.5)	130 (81.2)
capsule	3 (10.0)	6 (12.0)	3 (7.5)	3 (7.5)	15 (9.4)
troche	2 (6.7)	2 (4.0)	7 (17.5)	4 (10.0)	15 (9.4)

Categorical summary is count (percent)

n: number of records summarized

SD: standard deviation

Min: minimum; Max: maximum

Source code: `_snippets.Rmd`

```
pt_demographics(  
  pmt_first,  
  cols_cont = c(Weight = "WT", "CRCL"),  
  cols_cat = c(Sex = "SEXf", Formulation = "FORM"),  
  span = c(Study = "STUDYf")  
) %>% stable() %>% st_as_image()
```

The pmtables Book

Related

## The pmtables Book

Tables for Pharmacometrics

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This is a simple introduction to the pmtables package for R. I hope this will be useful for those who are new to the package and those who just need a reminder on the syntax.

pmtables turns R data frames into tables for inclusion in a TeX document. Since the current book is rendered to `html` format, we cannot naturally render the table outputs as we work examples. Instead, we process the output table code in a `pdf` snippet and include it into the `html` document as a `png` file. This is accomplished using a new function called `st_as_image()`. The only purpose for calling this function is to get the table to appear in the pages of this book. This function

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- Documentation of analysis data sets
  - Write definitions in yaml format
  - Load into R as object
- Use along all phases of project work
  - Interactive query during DA
  - Generate define.pdf
  - Annotate plots and tables
  - Generate table for report

## 1 Datasets

Description	Location
Example PopPK analysis data set	analysis3.xpt

### 1.1 Example PopPK analysis data set (analysis3.xpt)

VARIABLE	LABEL	TYPE	CODES
C	comment character	character	C = comment, . = non-comment
NUM	record number	numeric	
ID	subject identifier	numeric	
TIME	time after first dose (unit: hour)	numeric	
SEQ	data type	numeric	0 = dose, 1 = observation
CMT	compartment number	numeric	
EVID	event ID	numeric	0 = observation, 1 = dose
AMT	dose amount (unit: mg)	numeric	
DV	dependent variable	numeric	
AGE	age (unit: years)	numeric	
WT	weight (unit: kg)	numeric	
HT	height (unit: cm)	numeric	
EGFR	estimated glomerular filtration rate (unit: mL/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> )	numeric	
ALB	albumin (unit: g/dL)	numeric	
BMI	BMI (unit: kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	numeric	
SEX	SEX	numeric	0 = male, 1 = female

# Coding data definitions in yaml format



Column  
name

```
WT:
  short: weight
  unit: kg
  range: [40, 140]

ARM:
  short: treatment arm
  type: character
  values: [200 mg qd, 400 mg qd]
  make_factor: true

FORM:
  short: formulation
  values: [0, 1]
  decode: [tablet, capsule]

STUDY:
  short: study number
  type: numeric
  values: [101, 102, 201]
  decode:
    - DRGX-55-101
    - DRGX-55-102
    - DRGX-66-201
```

Continuous data item

Categorical data items

# Using a project-wide lookup file



## Lookup file (all definitions used on the project)

```
WT:
  short: weight
  unit: kg
  range: [40, 140]

ARM:
  short: treatment arm
  type: character
  values: [200 mg qd, 400 mg qd]
  make_factor: true

FORM:
  short: formulation
  values: [0, 1]
  decode: [tablet, capsule]

STUDY:
  short: study number
  type: numeric
  values: [101, 102, 201]
  decode:
    - DRGX-55-101
    - DRGX-55-102
    - DRGX-66-201
```

## In the PK file

```
ARM: !look
STUDY: !look
FORM: !look
DV:
  short: concentration
  unit: ng/mL
```

## In the AE file

```
ARM: !look
STUDY: !look
DV:
  short: grade 4 thrombocytopenia
  values: {no: 0, yes: 1}
```



# Load, preview and validate



## Load

```
data <- read_csv("my-data-file.csv")  
  
spec <- ys_load("my-data-spec.yml")
```

## Preview

```
head(spec)
```

	name	info	unit	short	source
1	C	cd-	.	comment character	ysdb_internal
2	NUM	---	.	record number	ysdb_internal
3	ID	---	.	subject identifier	ysdb_internal
4	SUBJ	c--	.	subject identifier	ysdb_internal
5	TIME	---	hour	TIME	look
6	SEQ	-d-	.	SEQ	.
7	CMT	---	.	compartment number	ysdb_internal
8	EVID	-d-	.	event ID	ysdb_internal
9	AMT	---	mg	dose amount	ysdb_internal
10	DV	---	micrograms/L	dependent variable	ysdb_internal

## Validate

```
ys_check(data, spec, error_on_fail = FALSE)
```

### Messages:

- spec has more items than cols in the data
- names in spec but not in data:
  - AAG

```
#-----
```

```
[1] FALSE
```

# Access data as list or through api



## Query Continuous

```
spec$WT
```

```
name  value
col   WT
type  numeric
short weight
unit  kg
range 40 to 100
```

## Query Categorical

```
spec$FORM
```

```
name  value
col   FORM
type  numeric
short formulation
value 0 : tablet
      1 : capsule
```

<https://metrumresearchgroup.github.io/ysp-book/>

The yspec Book

Dataset specification for pharmacometrics

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yspec is an R package to help you manage and utilize documentation for analysis data sets of the kind that are frequently used in pharmacometrics. The **y** in yspec stands for **yaml**: data set definitions are written in a standard format using **yaml** language.

You can find [documentation](#) for yspec [here](#).


## Source

The yspec package is maintained [here](#). The code for this book is maintained [here](#).

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- 4 Project-wide definitions
- 5 Extract metadata
- 6 Label dataset columns
- 7 Make factors
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# lastdose - calculate time after dose



data

	ID	SUBJ	TIME	CMT	EVID	AMT	II	ADDL
1	1	1	0.00	1	1	5	6	23
2	1	1	0.61	2	0	0	0	0
3	1	1	1.15	2	0	0	0	0
4	1	1	1.73	2	0	0	0	0
5	1	1	2.15	2	0	0	0	0
6	1	1	3.19	2	0	0	0	0
7	1	1	4.21	2	0	0	0	0
8	1	1	5.09	2	0	0	0	0
9	1	1	6.22	2	0	0	0	0
10	1	1	8.09	2	0	0	0	0
11	1	1	12.03	2	0	0	0	0
12	1	1	20.07	2	0	0	0	0
13	1	1	24.20	2	0	0	0	0

lastdose(data)

	ID	SUBJ	TIME	CMT	EVID	AMT	II	ADDL	TAD	LDOS
1	1	1	0.00	1	1	5	6	23	0.00	5
2	1	1	0.61	2	0	0	0	0	0.61	5
3	1	1	1.15	2	0	0	0	0	1.15	5
4	1	1	1.73	2	0	0	0	0	1.73	5
5	1	1	2.15	2	0	0	0	0	2.15	5
6	1	1	3.19	2	0	0	0	0	3.19	5
7	1	1	4.21	2	0	0	0	0	4.21	5
8	1	1	5.09	2	0	0	0	0	5.09	5
9	1	1	6.22	2	0	0	0	0	0.22	5
10	1	1	8.09	2	0	0	0	0	2.09	5
11	1	1	12.03	2	0	0	0	0	0.03	5
12	1	1	20.07	2	0	0	0	0	2.07	5
13	1	1	24.20	2	0	0	0	0	0.20	5

<https://github.com/metrumresearchgroup/lastdose>

# Live Demo Material



## Purpose

Set up

Model details - Run number 106

Load Spec

Read in data

General diagnostic plots

EBEs-based diagnostics

Session details

## Report diagnostics

### Purpose

To produce a set of diagnostic plots that will be included in the report. Please note that these plots are just meant to provide an example of what could be created and how. They are not an exhaustive list of every possible plot and were chosen with the project aims in mind.

While this *should* give users examples of plots generated with the most up-to-date packages and methods, we're always happy to have feedback. If you know of more efficient methods or want to suggest alternative ways of plotting the figures please open an issue with the details.

### Set up

#### Model location

Define `modelName` and path to the model directory (`MODEL_DIR`).

#### Figure location

If saving figures out to pdf, define where those pdfs should be saved to. Here the figures are saved to

```
deliv > figure > model_run_number
```

Purpose

Set up

Model details - Run number 106

Load Spec

Read in data

General diagnostic plots

DV vs PRED and IPRED

NPDE plots

NPDE density histogram

CWRES vs PRED, time and time  
after dose

CWRES qq and density plot

EBEs-based diagnostics

Session details

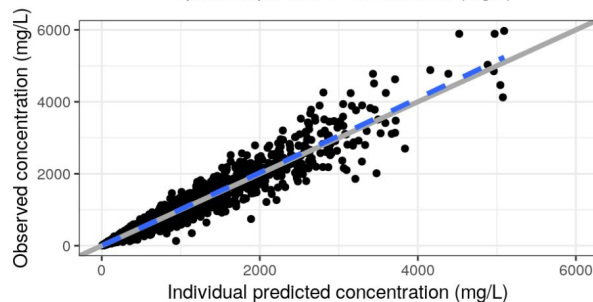
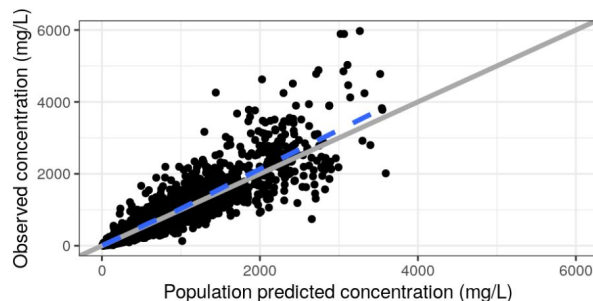
## General diagnostic plots

The following plots assume that the preferred x-axis labels are defined here.

### DV vs PRED and IPRED

Create plots of DV vs PRED and IPRED for the full dataset and stratified by renal function and hepatic function.

```
## [1] "DV vs PRED and IPRED"
```



# Model Diagnostics - Spec file



- Read in your spec file

```
spec <- ys_load(here("data","spec","analysis3.yml"))  
head(spec)
```

	name	info	unit	short	source
1	C	cd-	.	comment character	.
2	NUM	---	.	record number	ysdb_internal
3	ID	---	.	subject identifier	ysdb_internal
4	TIME	---	hour	time after first dose	.
5	SEQ	-d-	.	data type	.
6	CMT			compartment number	ysdb_internal

- Change the namespace

```
spec <- ys_namespace(spec, "plot")
```

- Use the spec flags

```
diagContCov <- pull_meta(spec, "flags")$diagContCov  
diagCatCov <- pull_meta(spec, "flags")$diagCatCov
```

# Model Diagnostics - Data



- Read in your model output

- `read\_model`
- `model\_summary`

```
mod <- read_model(here("model", "pk", "106"))  
sum <- mod %>% model_summary()
```

- Read in your data

- `nm\_join` - to join your NONMEM tables with the original dataset
- `filter` to the observation records
- `yspec\_add\_factors` to decode categorical covariates

```
data0 <- nm_join(mod)
```

```
data <-  
  data0 %>%  
  filter(EVID==0) %>%  
  yspec_add_factors(spec, .suffix = "")
```





## NPDE vs continuous covariates plot

- Get covariates of interest from the spec file and make a list of axis labels
  - ``pull_meta`` to pull in information about the flags and select the appropriate flag
  - ``ys_select`` those covariates
  - ``axis_col_labs`` will convert the selected covariates to column axis labels

```
diagContCov <- pull_meta(spec, "flags")$diagContCov

NPDEco <-
  spec %>%
  ys_select(all_of(diagContCov)) %>%
  axis_col_labs(title_case = TRUE, short_max = 10) %>%
  as.list()
```

NPDEco

```
$AGE
[1] "AGE//Age (years)"

$WT
[1] "WT//Weight (kg)"

$ALB
[1] "ALB//Albumin (g/dL)"

$EGFR
[1] "EGFR//EGFR (mL/min/1.73m2)"
```

# Model Diagnostics

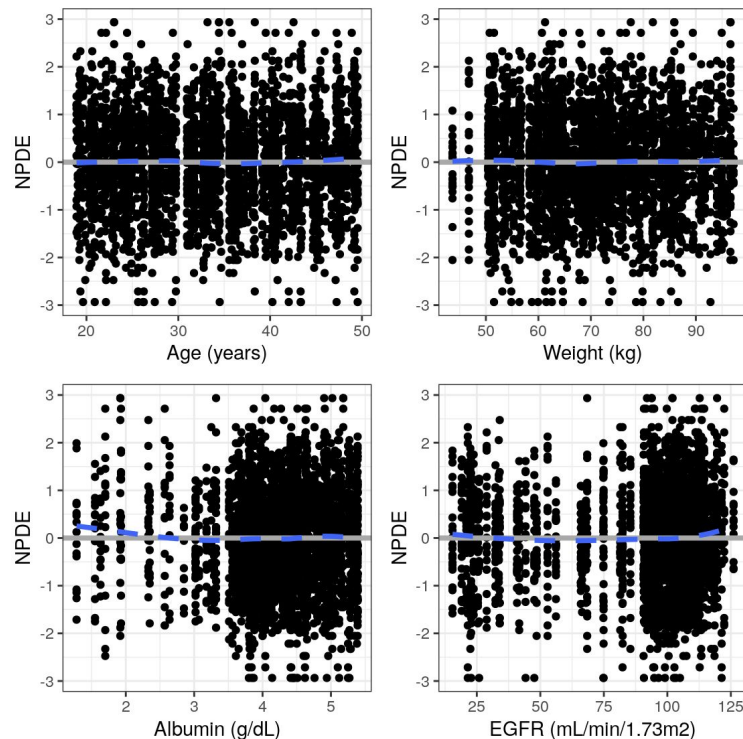


## NPDE vs continuous covariates plot

- Get covariates of interest from the spec file and make a list of axis labels

```
pList <- purrr::map(NPDEco, ~ npde_cont(data, x = .x))  
  
pm_grid(pList, ncol = 2)
```

- `map` across the covariate list to create all plots using `npde\_cont`
- `pm\_grid` to display all plots in a grid



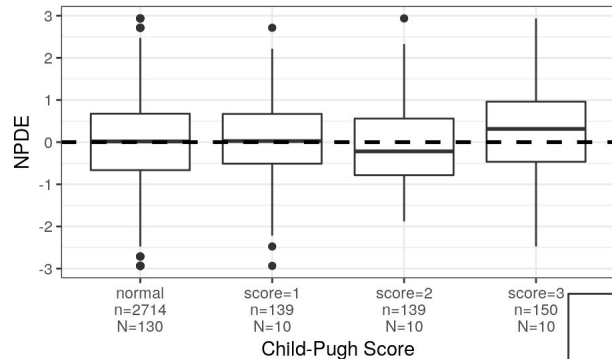
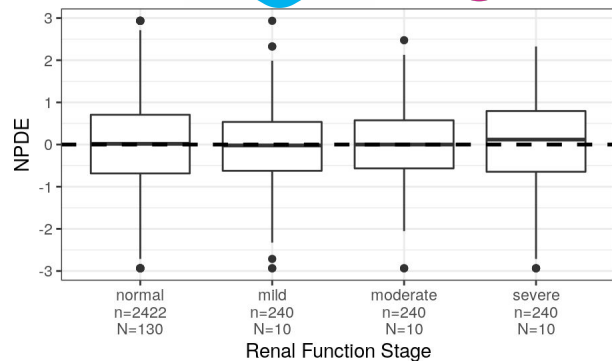
# Model Diagnostics



## NPDE vs categorical covariates plot

- Use similar methods to create NPDE plots for categorical covariates

```
NPDEca <-  
  spec %>%  
  ys_select("RF", "CP") %>%  
  axis_col_labs(title_case = TRUE, short_max = 20) %>%  
  as.list()  
pList_cat = purrr::map(NPDEca, ~ npde_cat(data, x = .x))  
pm_grid(pList_cat, ncol=1)
```



# Model Diagnostics



- The ETA based plots require a dataset filtered to one record per subject

```
id <- distinct(data, ID, .keep_all=TRUE)
```

- pmplots package has series of ETA plot functions
  - `eta\_pairs` correlation and distribution of model ETAs
  - `eta\_cont` ETA vs continuous covariates
  - `eta\_cat` ETA vs categorical covariates
- Leverage the information in the spec object in several ways:
  - Extract covariates of interest from the spec flags with `pull\_meta` and `ys\_select`
  - Axis labels are renamed with the short label in the spec using `axis\_col\_labs`
  - Numerical categorical covariates are decoded with the `yspec\_add\_factors` function



# Model Diagnostics



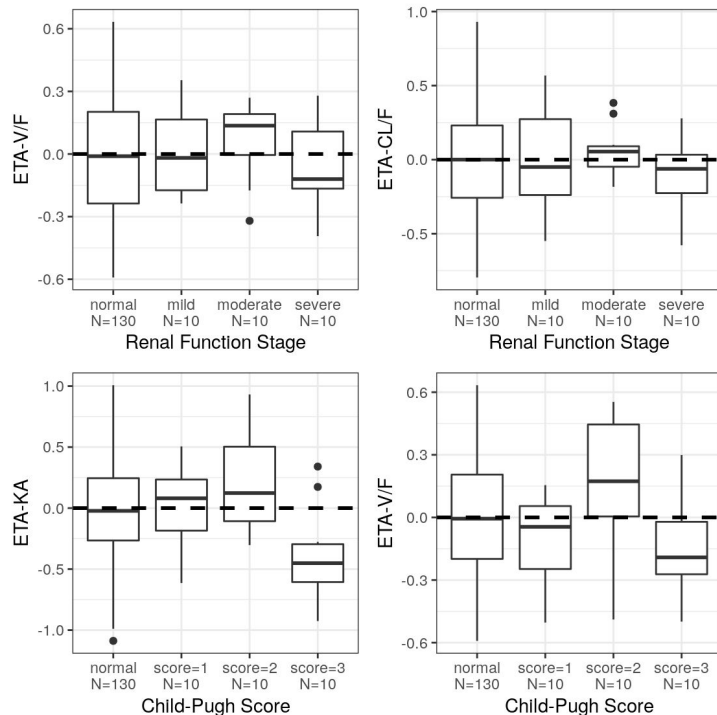
## ETA vs categorical covariates plot

- Define the ETAs of interest

```
etas <- c("ETA1//ETA-KA", "ETA2//ETA-V/F", "ETA3//ETA-CL/F")
```

- Get the covariates from the spec file and use the `eta\_cat` function to create a list of plots for each ETA and covariate pairing

```
ca <-  
  spec %>%  
  ys_select(diagCatCov) %>%  
  axis_col_labs(title_case=TRUE, short_max = 20)  
p <- eta_cat(id, ca, etas)  
pRenal <- (p[[5]] + p[[6]]) / (p[[7]] + p[[8]])  
pRenal
```



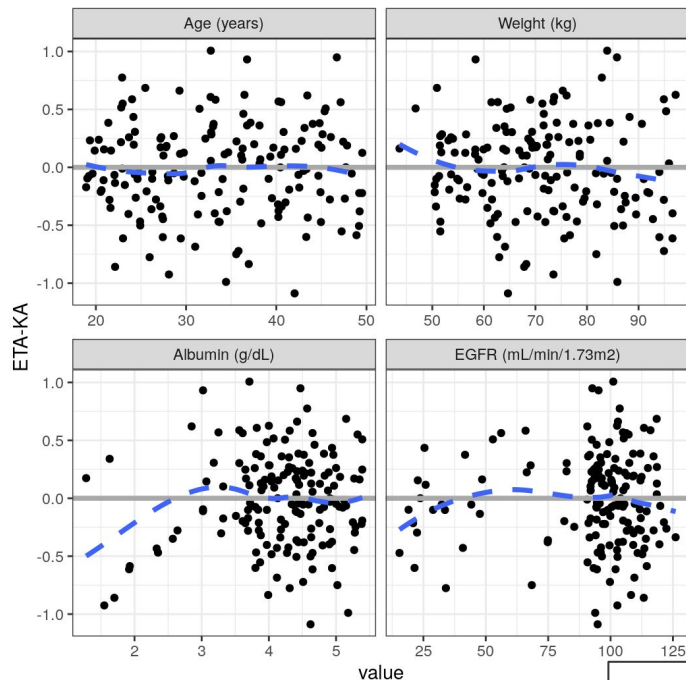
# Model Diagnostics



## ETA vs continuous covariates plot

- ``wrap_eta_cont`` makes an ETA plot faceted by continuous covariates
- ``map`` over the ETAs to create multiple plots

```
map_wrap_eta_cont = function(.id, .co, .etas){  
  p <- wrap_eta_cont(.id,  
    x = .co, y = .etas,  
    use_labels = TRUE,  
    scales = "free_x")  
}  
  
p = purrr::map(.x = etas, ~ map_wrap_eta_cont(id, contCo, .x))  
p[[1]]
```



# Reporting templates using Rmarkdown

Title for the page

Output to an html file with a floating table of contents

Parameters that can be updated each time the Rmarkdown is rendered

```
1 ---
2 title: "Report diagnostics"
3 output:
4   html_document:
5     toc: true
6     toc_float: true
7     depth: 2
8 params:
9   run: 102
10  modelDir: "model/pk"
11  script: "diagnostics-report.Rmd"
12  yspec: "analysis3.yml"
13  contCov: !r c("AGE", "WT", "ALB", "EGFR")
14  catCov: !r c("STUDY", "RF", "CP", "DOSE")
15  etas: !r c("ETA1//ETA-KA", "ETA2//ETA-V/F", "ETA3//ETA-CL/F")
16  drugNameUnits: "concentration (mg/L)"
17  include_code: FALSE
18  include_plots: TRUE
19  run_mrggsave: TRUE
```

# Rendering templates using R



- Helper function to render the templates (see backups for alternative)
  - Only need to define parameters that differ from the defaults provided in the template yaml section
  - Use our `model\_diagnostics` helper function to render the plot and `browseURL` to pop open the html after creation

```
mod <- bbr::read_model(file.path(modelDir, 100))

mod %>%
  model_diagnostics(
    modelSpecifics,
    template = rmd_template
  )
```

```
model_diagnostics(
  file.path(modelDir, 102),
  modelSpecifics,
  template = rmd_template
) %>%
  browseURL()
```

# Introduction to bbr

# Using bbr for model development

**bbr** is an R package developed by MetrumRG. It serves three primary purposes:

- Submit NONMEM models, particularly for execution in parallel and/or on a high-performance compute (HPC) cluster (e.g. Metworx).
- Parse NONMEM outputs into R objects to facilitate model evaluation and diagnostics in R.
- Annotate the model development process for easier and more reliable traceability and reproducibility.

Walk through:

- Creating and submitting a model
- Iterative model development
- Preview of model evaluation and diagnostics
- Annotation of models with tags, notes, etc.

Follow along on the [“Model Management” page](#) and [associated code](#).

\* bbr developed in Linux; compatible with Mac OS; continued development in Windows

# bbr: Creating and submitting a model



Creating a model object from a NONMEM control stream file:

```
# create the first model  
mod100 <- new_model(file.path(MODEL_DIR, 100))
```

Submitting models for execution:

```
submit_model(mod100)
```

# bbr: Creating and submitting a model



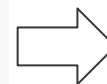
Creating a model object from a NONMEM control stream file:

```
# create the first model  
mod100 <- new_model(file.path(MODEL_DIR, 100))
```

Submitting models for execution:

```
submit_model(mod100)
```

```
submit_model(  
  mod,  
  .bbr_args = list(  
    overwrite = TRUE,  
    parallel = TRUE,  
    threads = 8  
  )  
)
```



These other arguments let you parallelize the run, too!



# bbr: Running in parallel and/or on a grid



Models are run on Sun Grid Engine (SGE), unless otherwise specified:

```
proc <- submit_model(  
  mod,  
  .mode = "local",  
  .wait = FALSE  
)
```

Test the optimum number of threads for a model:

```
mods <- test_threads(mod, .threads = c(2, 4))  
check_run_times(mods, .wait = FALSE)
```

- Currently runs on SGE; Slurm will be added by end of 2023

# bbr: Iterative model development



Creating a new model based on an existing model:

```
mod101 <- copy_model_from(  
  .parent_mod = mod100,  
  .new_model = 101,  
  .inherit_tags = TRUE  
)
```

This will copy an existing model (“100”) and make a new one (“101”). You can then edit and save 101.ctl accordingly.

Housekeeping:

- it will “remember” the lineage (you’ll see that later),
- and... can carry over tags.

# bbr: Iterative model development



Once you've created a new model based on an existing model:

```
mod101 <- copy_model_from(  
  .parent_mod = mod100,  
  .new_model = 101,  
  .inherit_tags = TRUE  
)
```

Compare that model to its “parent” model:

```
# shows the difference between control streams  
model_diff(mod101)
```

# bbr: Model evaluation and diagnostics



Parse NONMEM outputs into an R list object:

```
sum100 <- model_summary(mod100)
```

Create a simple tibble with parameter estimates:

```
# helper function to extract parameter table  
sum100 %>% param_estimates()
```

# bbr: Adding model annotation



Add notes to the model:

```
mod100 <- mod100 %>%  
  add_notes("systematic bias, explore alternate compartme
```

Add tags to the model:

```
mod100 <- mod100 %>%  
  add_tags(c(  
    TAGS$one_compartment_absorption,  
    TAGS$eta_cl,  
    TAGS$eta_ka,  
    TAGS$eta_v,  
    TAGS$proportional_ruv  
  ))
```

# bbr: Leveraging model annotation



Create a “run log” table:

```
# create a run log and do some basic formatting
run_log(MODEL_DIR, .recurse = FALSE) %>%
  collapse_to_string(based_on, tags, notes) %>%
  select(run, based_on, description, tags, notes) %>% knitr::kable()
```

run	based_on	description	tags	notes
100	NA	NA	one-compartment + absorption, ETA-CL, ETA-KA, ETA-V, proportional RUV	systematic bias, explore alternate compartmental structure
101	100	NA	two-compartment + absorption, ETA-CL, ETA-KA, ETA-V2, proportional RUV	eta-V2 shows correlation with weight, consider adding allometric weight
102	101	Base Model	two-compartment + absorption, ETA-CL, ETA-KA, ETA-V2, CI WT-alloc V2WT-alloc	Allometric scaling with weight reduces eta-V2 correlation with weight. Will consider additional RUV structures. Proportional

# bbr: Joining model output with input data



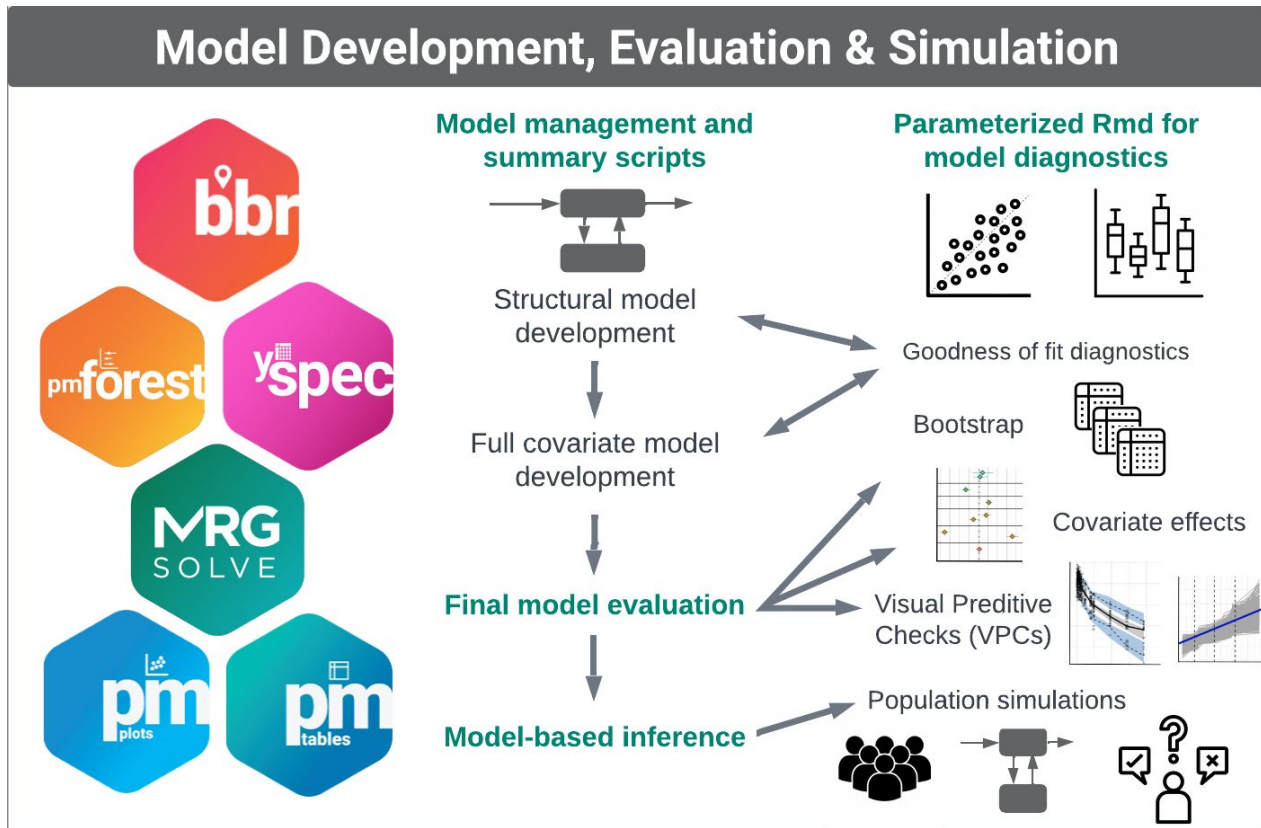
Join model output with input data:

```
join_df <- nm_join(mod1)
join_df %>%
  select(ID, TIME, DV, CL, V, NPDE, CWRES)
#> # A tibble: 779 × 7
#>       ID  TIME    DV    CL    V  NPDE  CWRES
#>   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
#> 1     1    0     1.22  43.4  463.  0.185  0.291
#> 2     1  0.25  12.6   43.4  463.  2.47   3.01
```

A single column uniquely identifying each row (e.g., NUM) means only one simple \$TABLE is needed:

```
$TABLE NUM CL V1 V2 Q ETAS(1:LAST) IPRED NPDE NOPRINT ONEHEADER FILE=100.tab
```

# A pop PK workflow using NONMEM





# Additional Resources

- MeRGE Expo 1 website:  
<http://merge.metrumrg.com/expo/expo1-nonmem-foce/>
- Package management: MPN and pkgr
  - [https://kb.metworx.com/Users/Managing\\_R\\_Packages/r-package-management/](https://kb.metworx.com/Users/Managing_R_Packages/r-package-management/)
- VPCs using mrgsolve
  - <https://merge.metrumrg.com/expo/expo1-nonmem-foce/posts/pk-vpc-final.html>
- Right sizing workflow
  - [https://kb.metworx.com/Users/Getting\\_Started/rightsizing-workflows/](https://kb.metworx.com/Users/Getting_Started/rightsizing-workflows/)
  - <https://metrumresearchgroup.github.io/bbr/articles/nonmem-parallel.html>
- General bbr “cheat sheet”:  
[https://metrumresearchgroup.github.io/cheatsheets/bbr\\_nonmem\\_cheat\\_sheet.pdf](https://metrumresearchgroup.github.io/cheatsheets/bbr_nonmem_cheat_sheet.pdf)
- Today’s demo script and slide deck:  
<https://github.com/metrumresearchgroup/iu-ctsi-2023-merge>

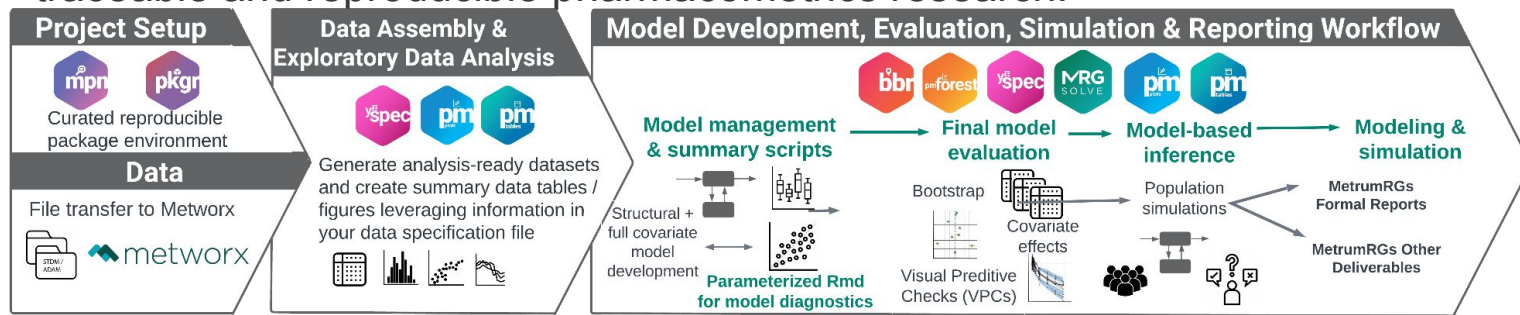


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Access to example code in a Github repository.  
Information and vignettes on MetrumRG's suite of tools.



# Backups

# Rendering templates using R



- Define the model specifics
- Render the Rmd template

```
modelSpecifics <- list(  
  yspec = "analysis3.yml",  
  contCov = c("AGE", "WT", "ALB", "EGFR"),  
  catCov = c("STUDY", "RF", "CP", "DOSE"),  
  etas = c("ETA1//ETA-KA", "ETA2//ETA-V/F", "ETA3//ETA-CL/F"),  
  include_code = TRUE,  
  include_plots = TRUE,  
  run_mrggsave = TRUE)
```

```
rmarkdown::render(  
  here("script", "diagnostic-templates", "diagnostics-report.Rmd"),  
  params = modelSpecifics,  
  output_dir = here(modelDir, "100"),  
  output_file = "diagnostic-report-100.html"  
)
```

