

Measurement and Analysis of Data Quality for Simulations

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Motivation

Application Independent Data Quality Determination

- Data quality determination within simulation workflows [1]:
 - multi-domain, multi-scale, multi-physic, multi-tool
- Support for all six main data quality dimensions [2]:
 - Accuracy, completeness, currency, timeliness, volatility, and consistency
- Separation of analysis and interpretation of data quality [3]
- Application independent data quality language [3]
- Application independent data quality framework [3]

Data Dependencies within Complex Simulation

Example of FEM based Simulation

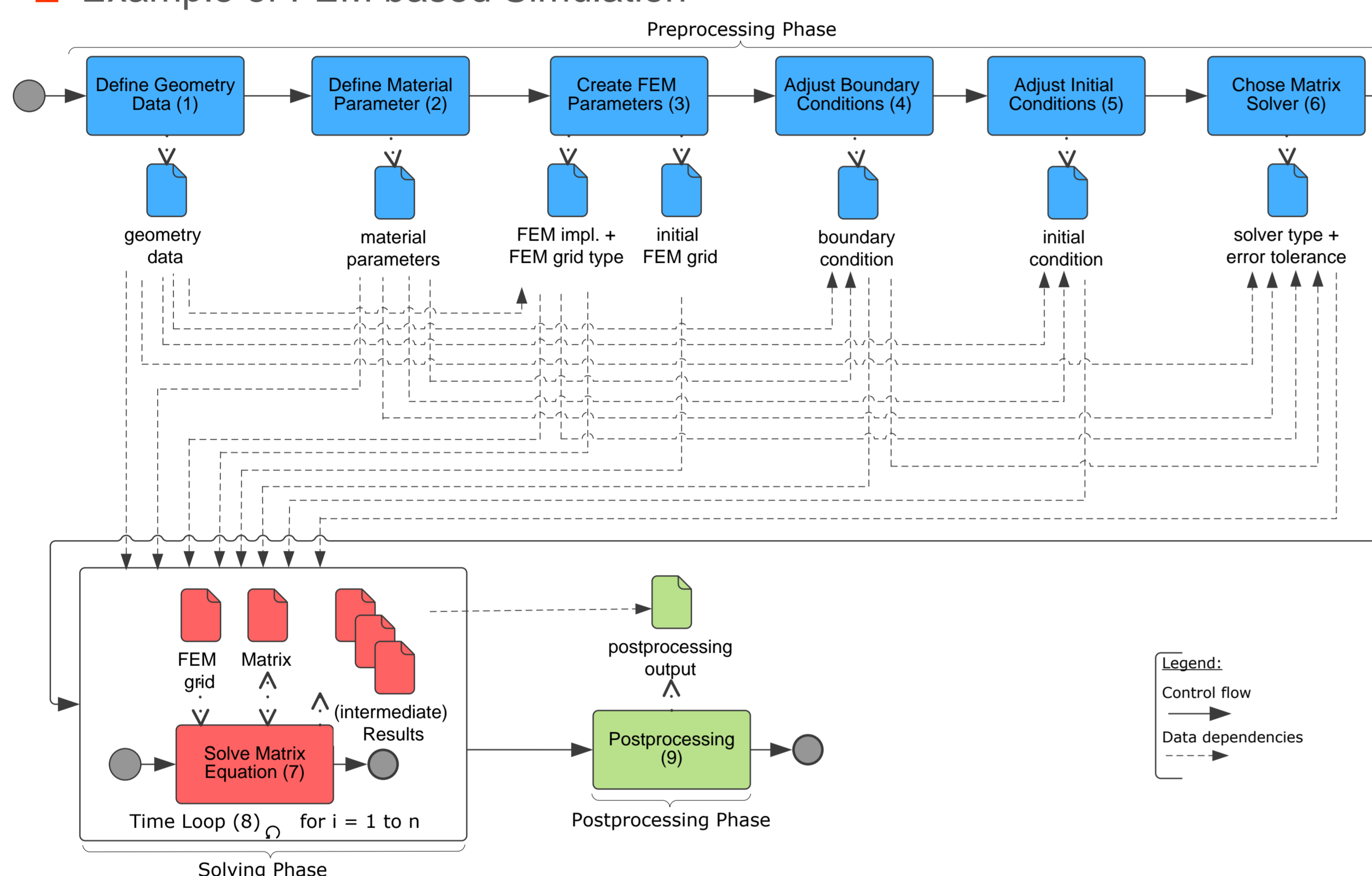


Figure 1: Typical activities of a finite element method (FEM) based simulation and their associated data as well as the dependencies between the data [4]

- Simulations consist of different phases:
 - preprocessing, solving, postprocessing
- The phases consist of different activities:
 - activities depend on the type of simulation
- Activities can have associated data:
 - all data have a quality, e.g. accuracy, completeness, currency, timeliness, volatility, and consistency
- Data flow between activities defines the data dependencies between activities
- Dependencies between the quality of used data must be derived

Process to Determine the Data Quality

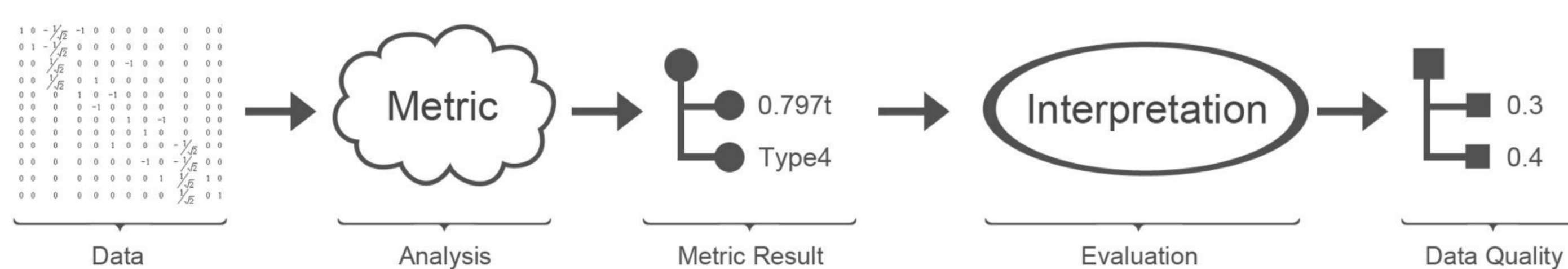


Figure 2: First, a metric determine (context free) characteristics of data. Secondly, the metric result can be interpreted explicitly in the context of the particular simulation [3]

- Two step process to determine the data quality
 - Step 1: determining characteristics of data, e.g. a metric calculates the Jacobian determinant of a matrix
 - Step 2: interpretation of the metric result to the context of the simulation, e.g. the significance of a Jacobian determinant to a specific simulation or solver
- Java Data Quality Framework supports both steps

WS-DataQuality

- XML based Language to describe Data Quality Requirements and Assurances

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Figure 3: A compatible data quality requirement and data quality assurance assertion [3]

- WS-DataQuality based on the Web Services Policy (WS-Policy) Framework
- Java Data Quality Framework supports WS-DataQuality

Use Cases

- Simulation of structure changes within a human bone
 - FEM based simulation, using PANDAS
 - Metrics exist for preprocessing, solving, postprocessing phase
 - Metric implemented for Main Diagonal Condition of a matrix
 - Visualization of data quality

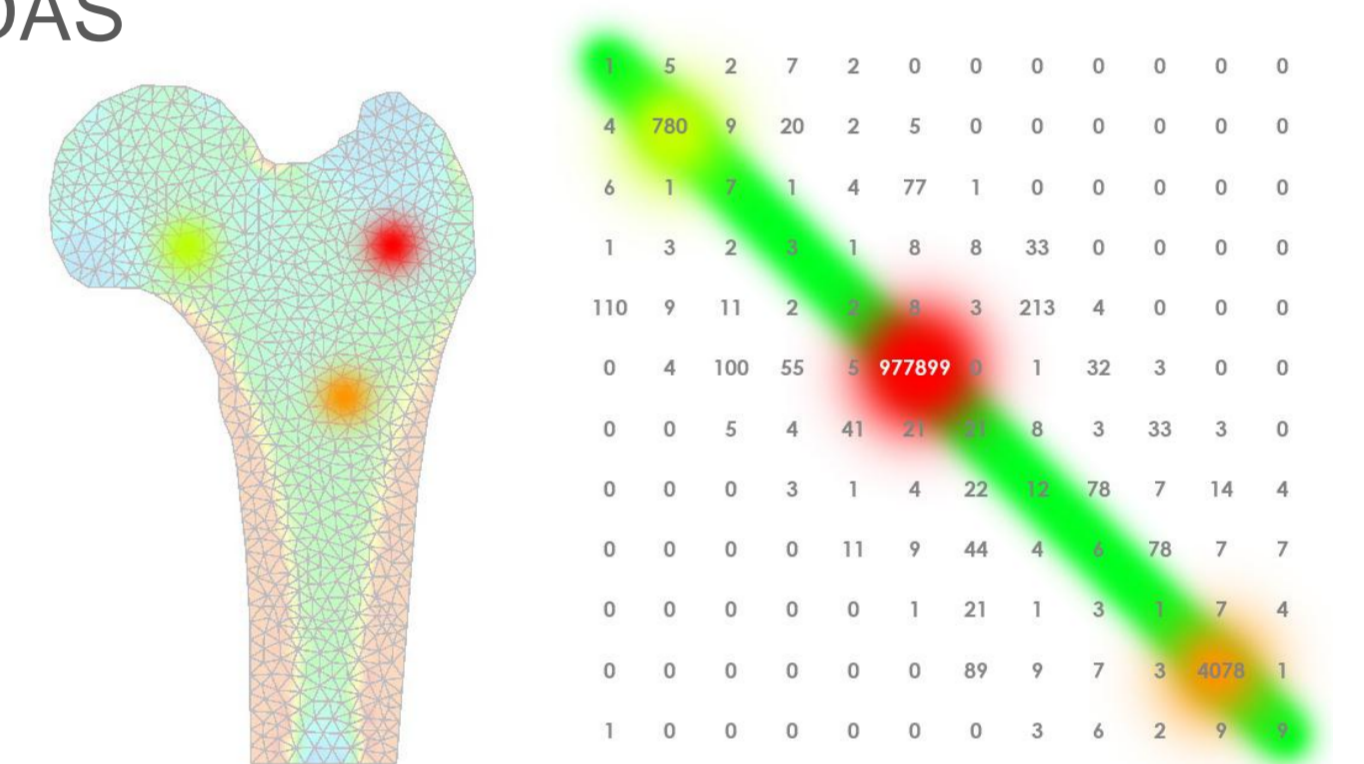


Figure 4: Visualization of data quality findings regarding the Main Diagonal Condition of a matrix at solving phase and the corresponding degrees of freedom (DoF) within the FEM Grid

- Simulation of driving dynamics
 - Comparing of simulation and experiment results using legacy tools
 - Metric exist for postprocessing phase
 - calculates the maximum and the average deviation between simulation and experiment

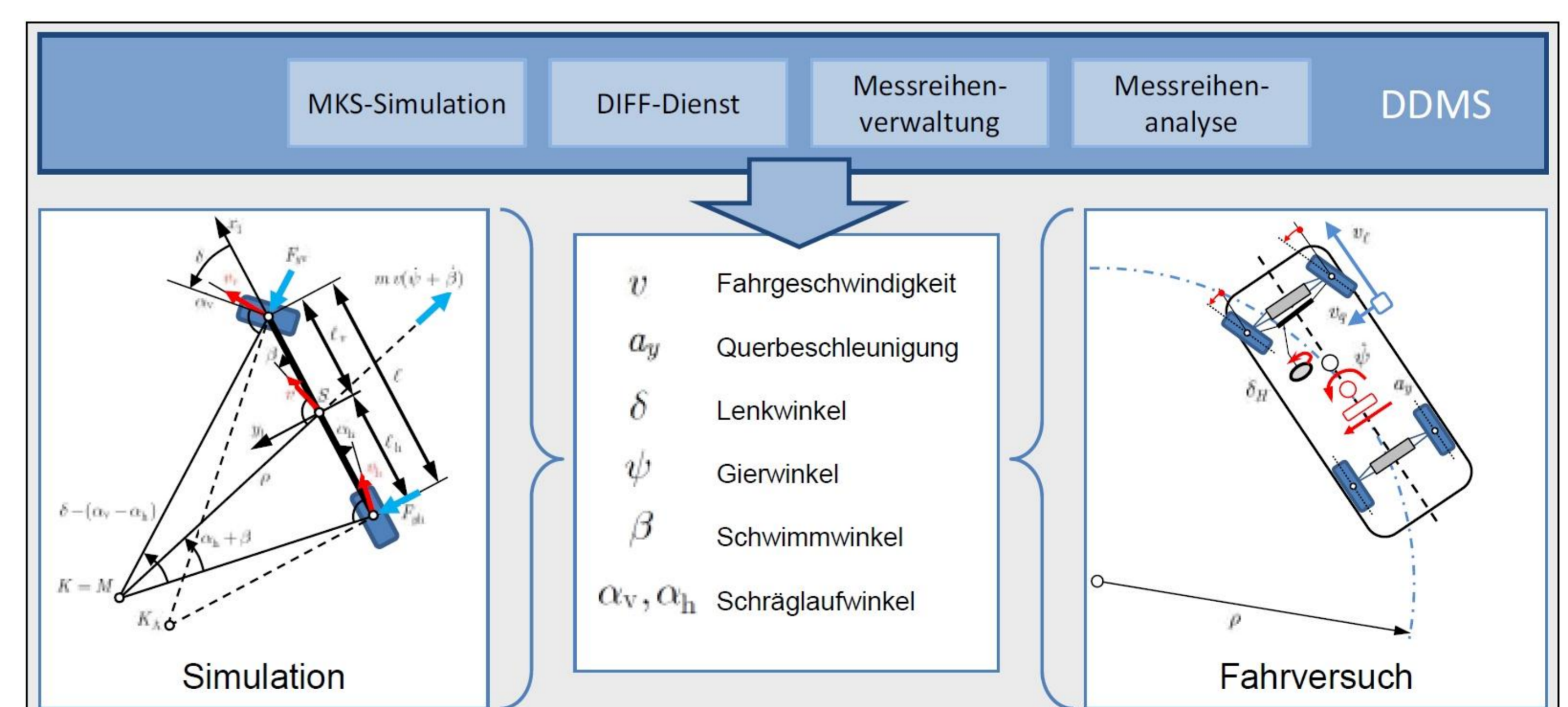


Figure 5: Degrees of freedom (DoF) within simulation and experiment to explore the driving dynamic of a car. We determine the quality of the DoF-data calculated by a simulation [3]

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