

# Enumeration of large mixed four- and-two-level regular designs

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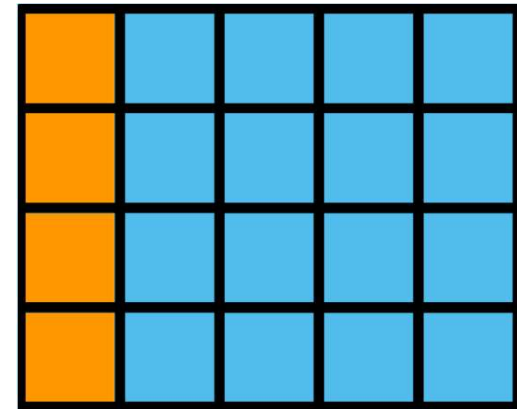
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# Four-and-two-level designs

A four-and-two-level design  $4^m 2^n$  has:

- $m$  **four-level factors**
- $n$  **two-level factors**
- Regular designs



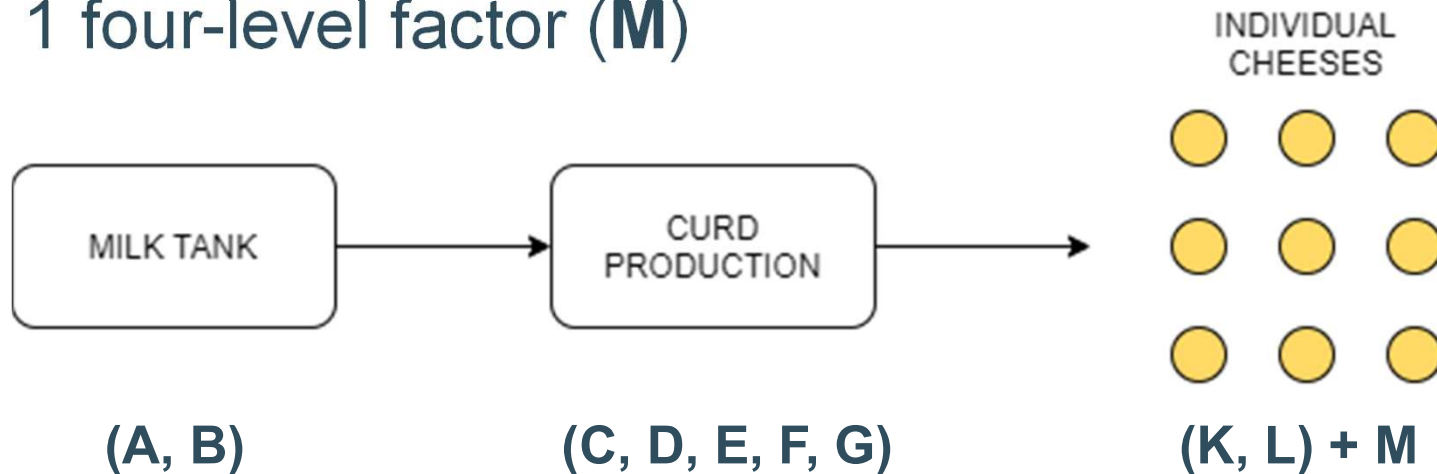
Four-level factors:

- Accomodate **categorical factors**
- Higher order effects in quantitative factors

# Motivating example

Cheese making experiment (Schoen 1999):

- Screening experiment
- 128 runs
- 9 two-level factors (**A, B, C, D, E, F, G, K, L**)
- 1 four-level factor (**M**)



$4^1 2^9$  design in 128 runs

# Existing work

Few catalogs for four-and-two-level designs:

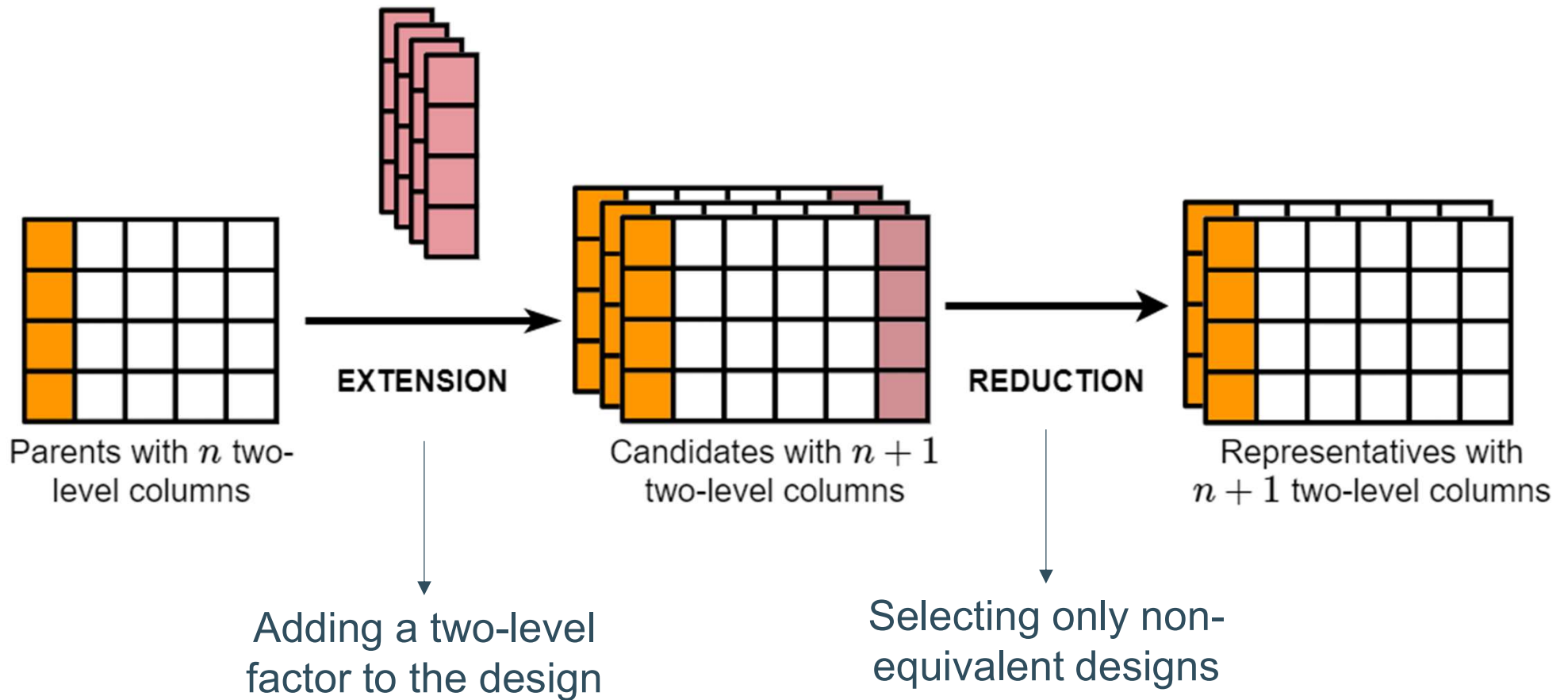
Author	Run sizes	Nbr four-level fac.	Nbr two-level fac.
Wu and Zhang (1993)	16, 32	1, 2	$\leq 11$
Ankeman (1999)	16, 32	1, 2, 3	$\leq 14$

## Problems:

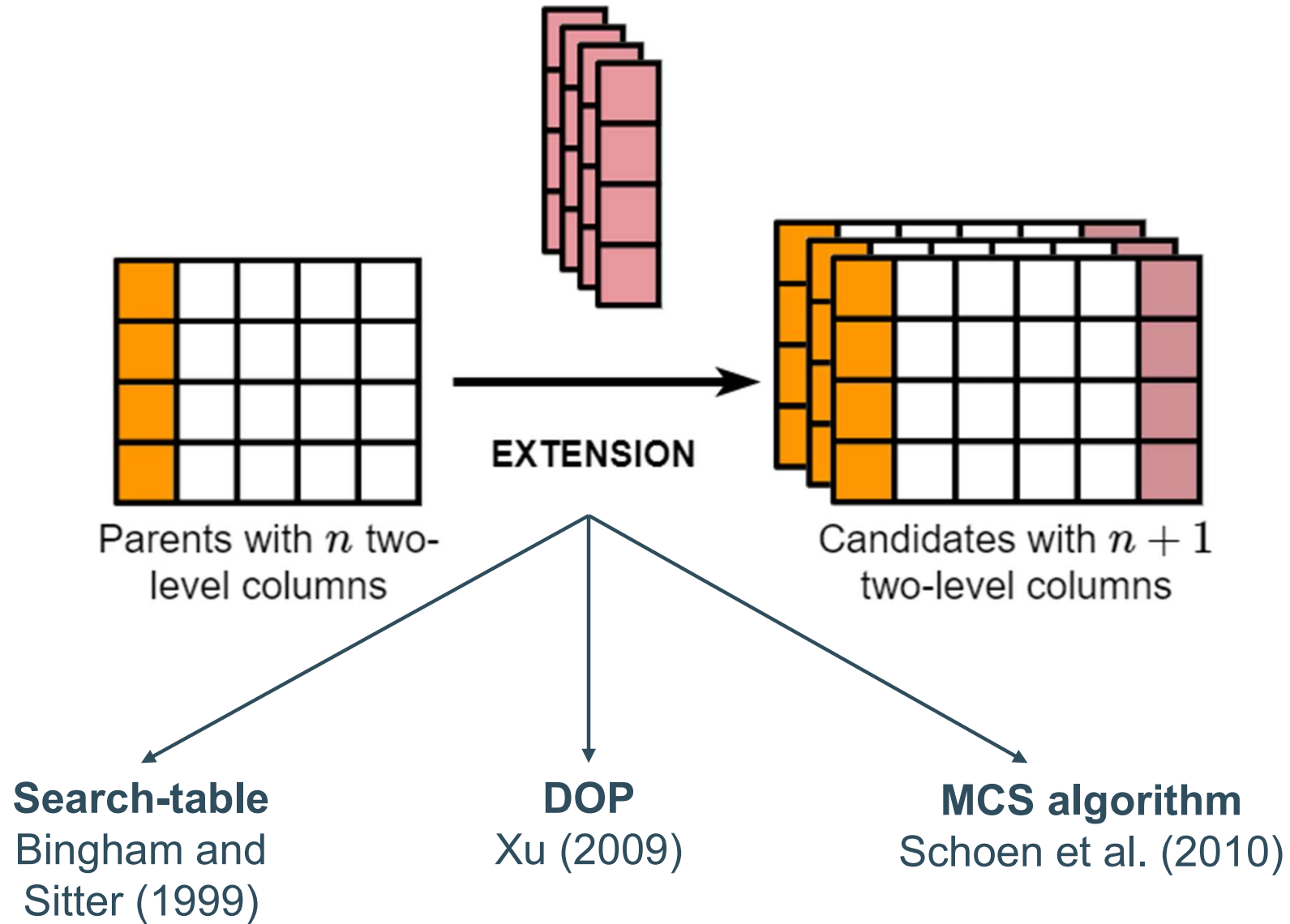
- Does not help for our example (128 runs)
- Both catalogs only showed minimum aberration designs

No complete catalog for large run sizes

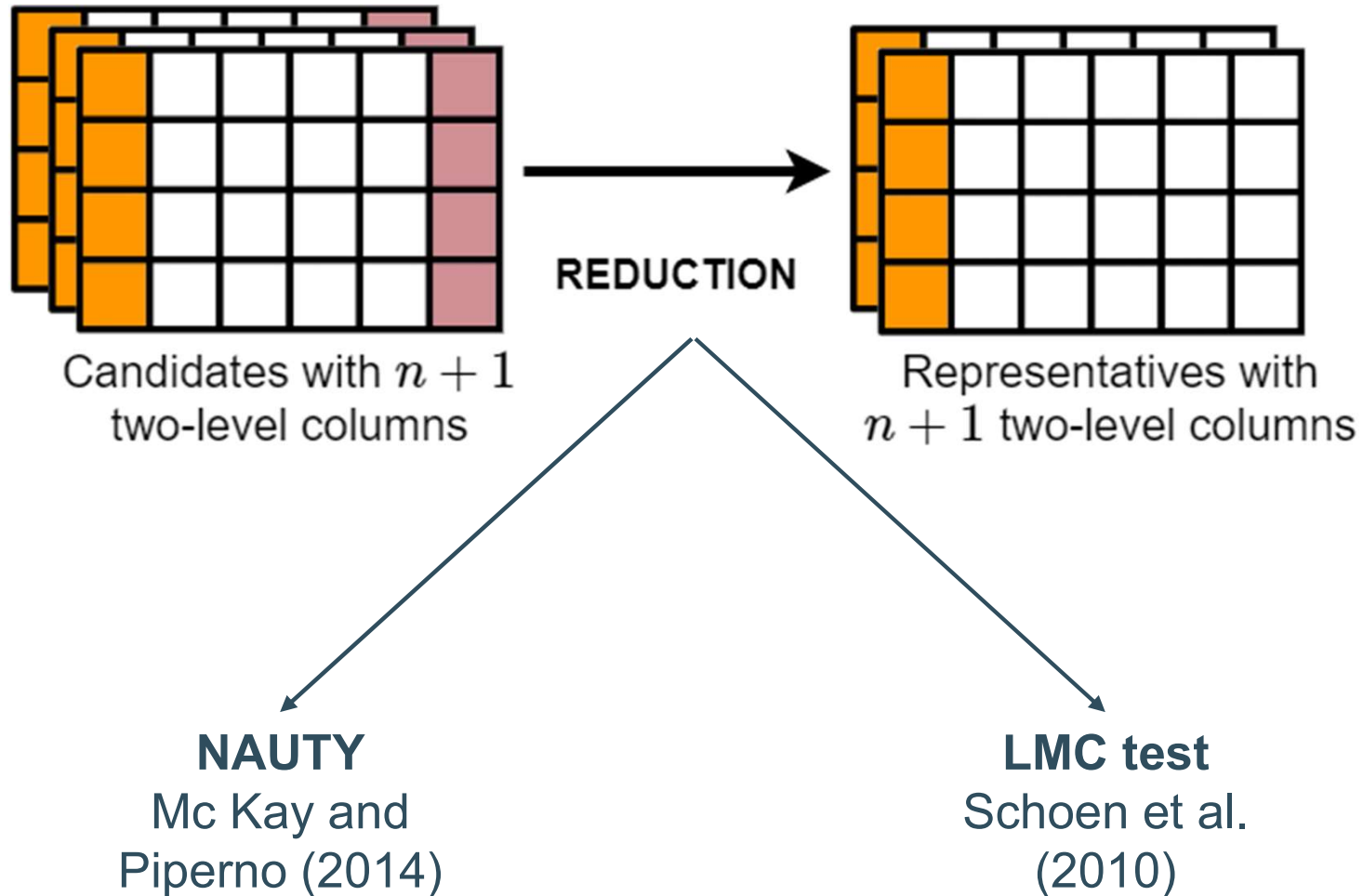
# Global enumeration procedure



# Extension methods




# Reduction methods





# Selected procedures

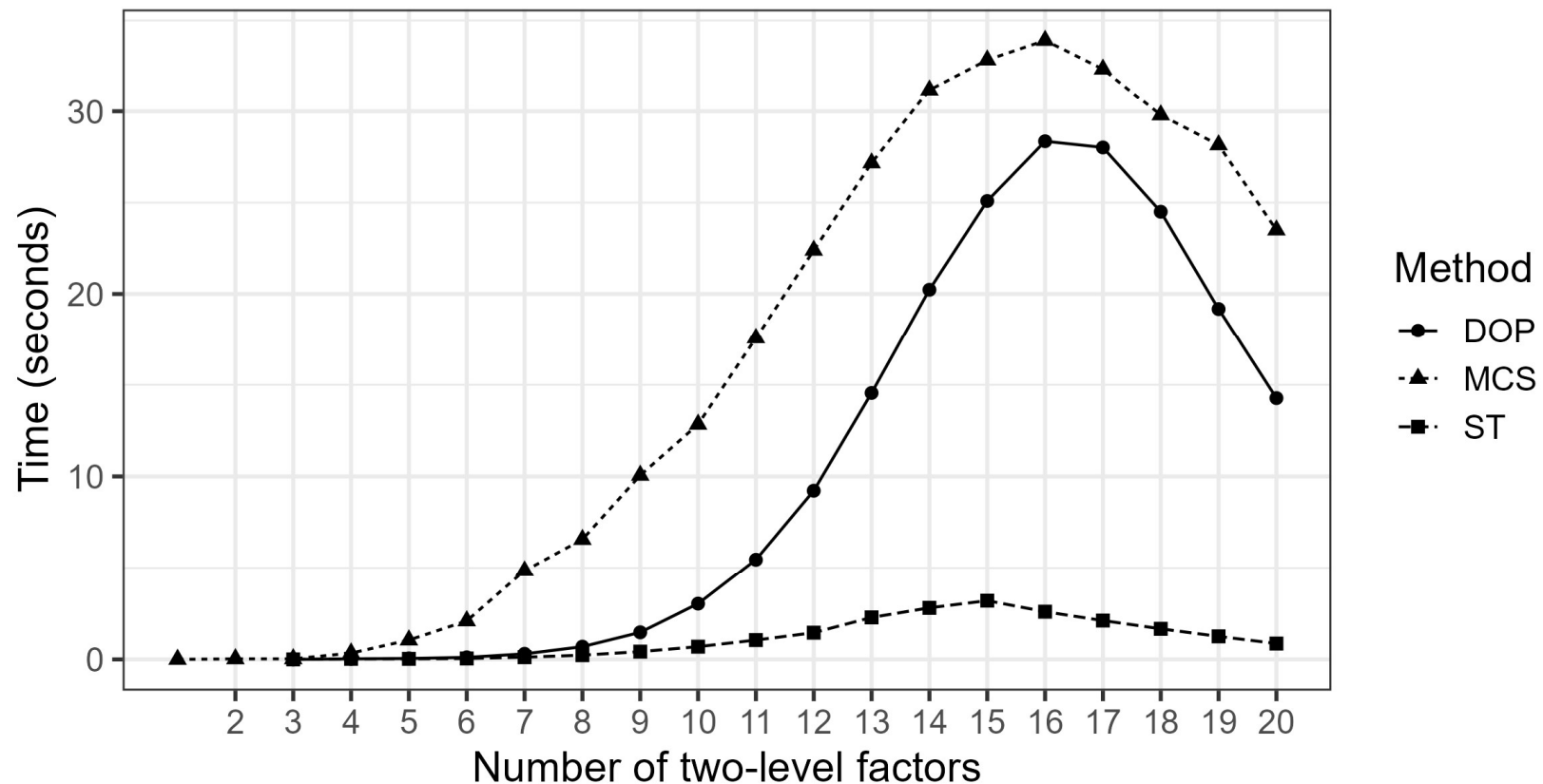
- 3 Extension procedures + 2 Reduction procedures
- 6 combinations → 3 possible choices:

	ST	DOP	MCS
NAUTY	ST-NAUTY	DOP-NAUTY 	Not optimal
LMC test	Not optimal	Incompatibe	MCS - LMC

Which one is the most efficient ?

# Efficiency comparison

Computing times for 32-run designs  
with 1 four-level factor



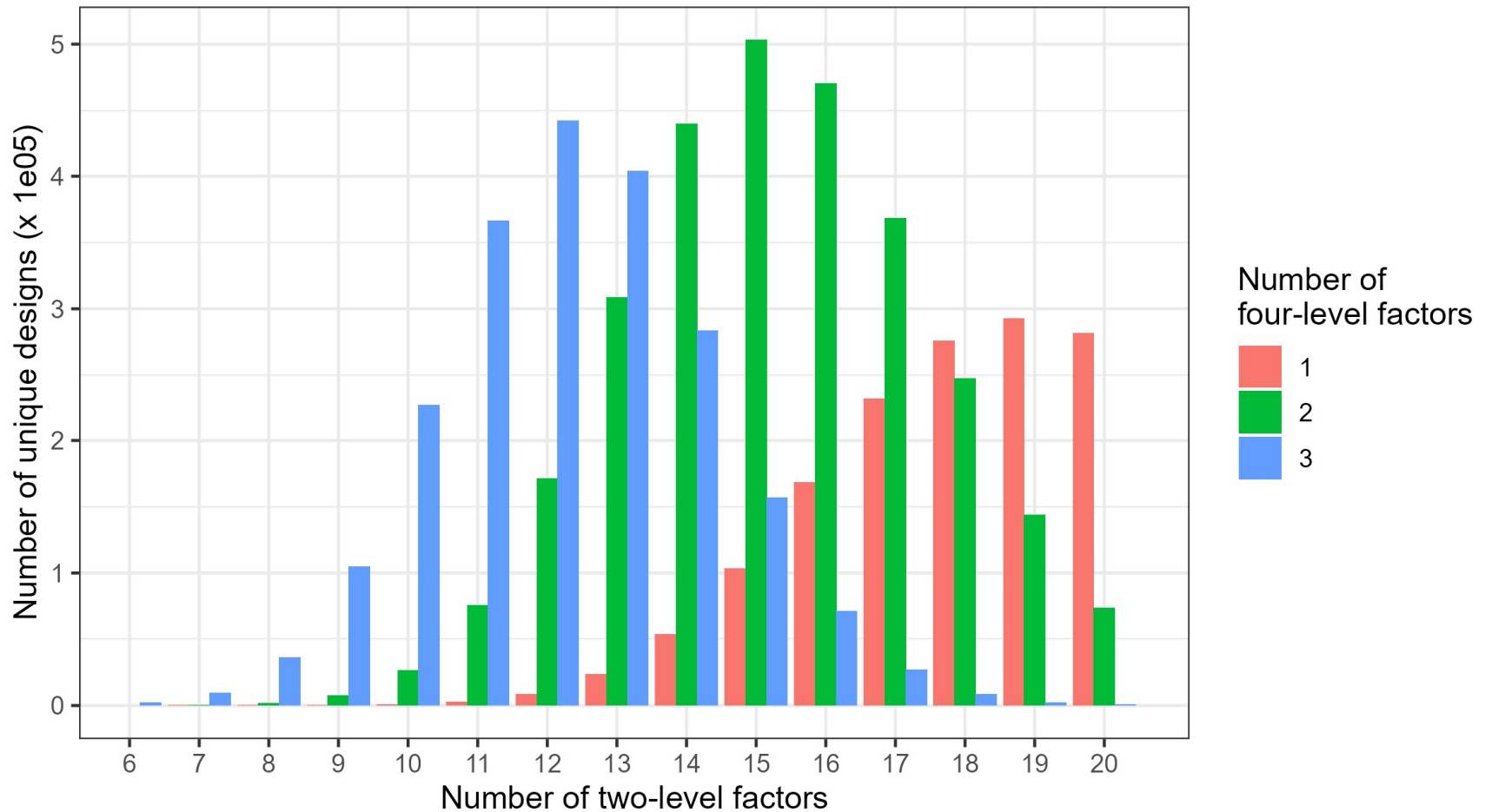
Repeated for 2 other test cases: same result for all

# Catalog

- Enumeration using ST-NAUTY for:
  - **Two-level factors:** up to 20
  - **Run sizes:** 32, 64, 128 and 256
  - **Four-level factors:** 1, 2 or 3
- More than **6.5 million** designs enumerated *for now*
- Many 128-run and 256-run designs

# 128-run designs

Total number of  $4^m 2^n$  designs in 128 runs



# Cheese-making experiment

- We are looking for :  $4^1 2^9$  128-run designs
- From the catalog: **263 unique designs**
- Schoen (1999) could not use minimum aberration
- Catalog allows choice about:
  - Aberration
  - Interactions between 2FI
  - **Any criterion ! → strength of the catalog**

# Conclusion

- **Enumeration:** ST-NAUTY is more efficient than DOP-NAUTY for four-and-two-level designs
- **Contribution:**
  - Efficient enumeration technique
  - Whole catalog for larger run sizes
- **Future work:**
  - Designs characterization
  - Pareto optimality selection