



# Digital Twins in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing

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Better Health, Brighter Future



# A global biopharmaceutical company



GLOBAL HEADQUARTERS  
**TOKYO, JAPAN**

GLOBAL HUB  
**CAMBRIDGE,  
MA, USA**

**~ 25** NEW MOLECULAR  
ENTITY CLINICAL  
STAGE ASSETS

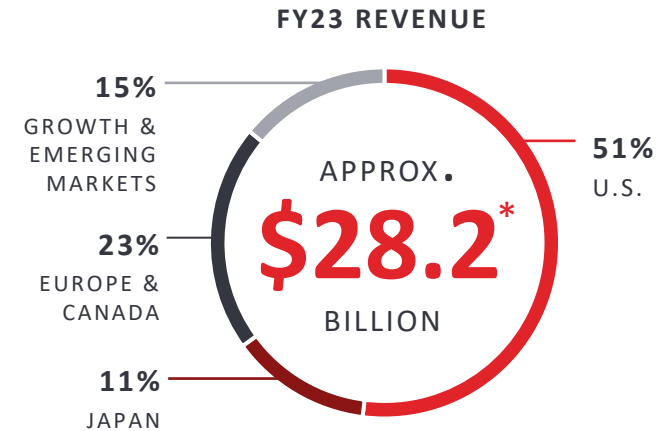
PRESENCE: APPROX. IN  
**80** COUNTRIES  
& REGIONS

**25+** MANUFACTURING  
SITES

**2** RESEARCH  
SITES

**180+**  
PARTNERSHIPS TO HELP  
US BRING INNOVATION  
TO PATIENTS

TOP EMPLOYER®  
IN  
**24**  
COUNTRIES &  
3 REGIONS



\* Convenience translation of reported JPY figures into USD at an average rate of 151.22 JPY/USD. FY2023 revenue amount as of March 31, 2024.



FOUNDED IN  
**1781**  
OSAKA, JAPAN

**OUR  
PEOPLE**

NUMBERS AS OF JUNE 2024  
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

# The history of Takeda



## Chobei I Takeda (1750-1821)

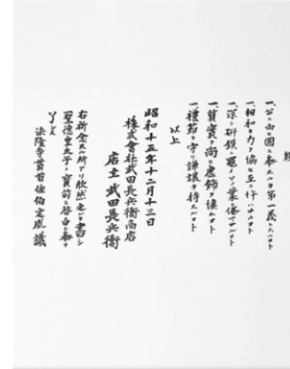


**1781**

Founded the company

- Started as a broker of Japanese/Chinese medicines in Doshomachi, Osaka
- Divided medicines from wholesalers into smaller batches for resale
- Keys to success: **Fairness and Honesty**
  - Reputed for exact weight and high quality
  - High **confidence** in medicines with the Chobei seal led to good sales

## The "NORI" Code



**1940**

Formulation of "Nori"

1. "Serve the public" ————— **Integrity**
2. "Work together in harmony" ——— **Fairness**
3. "Make efforts to study deeply" ——— **Perseverance**
4. "Esteem plainness" ————— **Integrity**
5. "Observe propriety" ————— **Fairness**  
**Honesty**

## The core of our culture: Takeda-ism



Our values of Takeda-ism incorporate Integrity, Fairness, Honesty, and Perseverance, **with Integrity at the core.**

## Expansion into overseas market & globalization





Global Manufacturing & Supply (GMS)



Global Manufacturing Sciences



Digital Manufacturing Sciences



25+ manufacturing sites

**Christos Michos**  
Global Head,  
Digital Manufacturing Sciences



## Quick Bio:

- MSci, Mechanical Engineering, ETH
- ~10yrs at Takeda Pharma
- 1<sup>st</sup> Data Scientist in GMS back in 2017
-  Swiss &  Greek
- Father and Husband, 1yo Miltos, Maria
- Core Expertise: Digital Transformation

# Global Dynamics Continue to Push the Pharma Industry to Accelerate Digital in Manufacturing, Supply and Quality



## Business Dimension

Balancing short-term with long-term value

Big Pharma & Big Tech principles coming together (Operating Model)

DeepSeek moment for Pharma?



## Technology Dimension

Invest in New systems vs keep legacy systems

IT/OT and the Cloud (the meaning of real-time)

Access to AI has to drastically increase



## People Dimension

Technology Savvy Unicorns

Resourceful workforce

Human-AI interaction

# This changing reality demands Focus, Speed and Scale

## Focus, Speed and Scale with 6 Big Rocks

One Day  
Batch Release

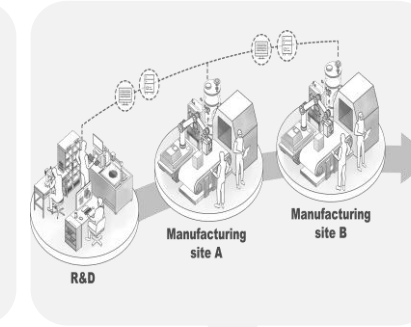
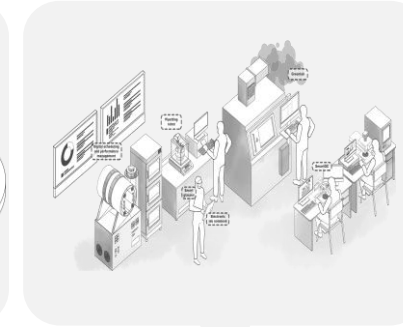
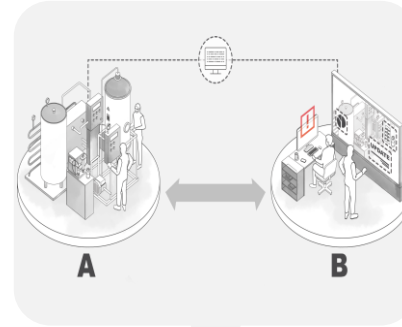
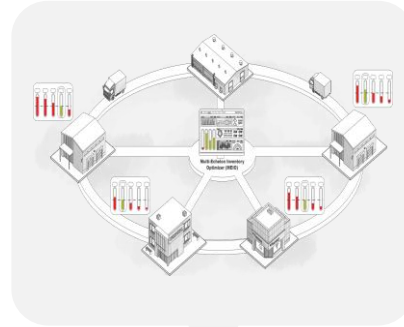
Predictive  
Maintenance

Inventory  
Optimization

Power of  
Digital Twins

Lab of the  
Future

Rapid Digital  
Tech Transfer



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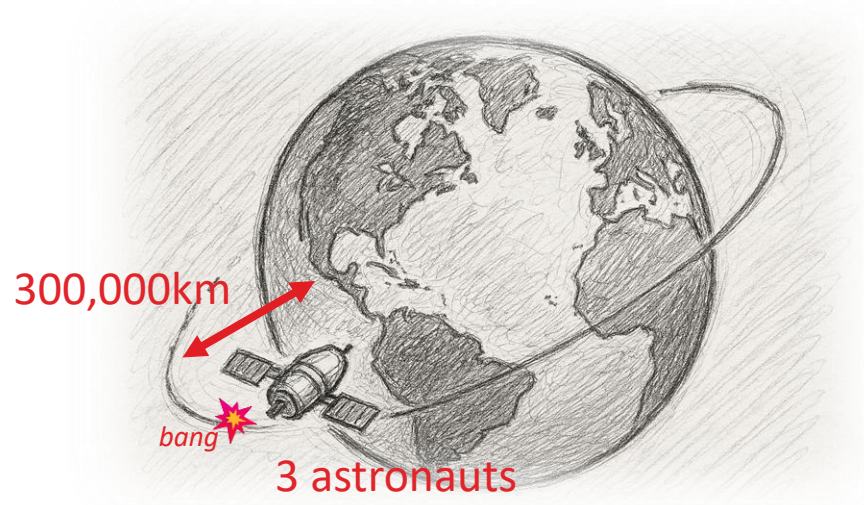
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# 1970 – Apollo 13, the Birth of the First Digital Twin



How do you diagnose, and solve, the problem of a failing physical asset that is this far away and outside of direct human intervention?

→ **Simulate, when failure is not an option**

*SOURCE: The first digital twin - Simcenter*

Tech Transfers / Launches

**>70** TT through 2030

Uninterrupted supply

**process control**

Troubleshooting

COGS reductions

process efficiencies / **yields**

Discard reduction

# Simulate, which domain?

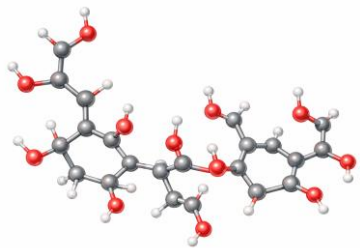


## Metaverse of Digital Twins

### R&D Research

#### Product Digital Twin

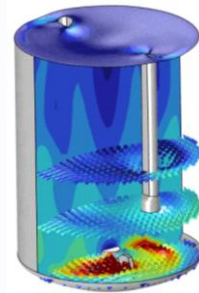
Targeting | Screening  
Formulation | Testing, Clinical



### Manufacturing Sciences

#### Process Digital Twin

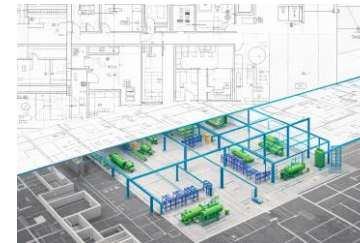
Control Strategy | Recipe  
Scale-up | Tech Transfers | Launch



### Engineering

#### Plant Digital Twin

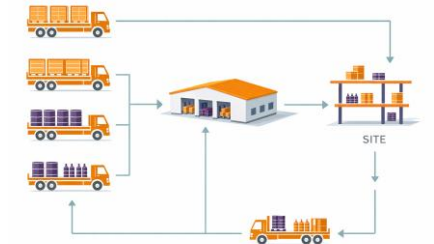
Building | Equipment | Environment  
Resources | Maintenance



### Supply Chain

#### Network Digital Twin

Distribution & Logistics | Demand & Supply |  
MEIO, Inventory



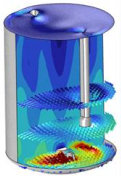
# Simulate, what?



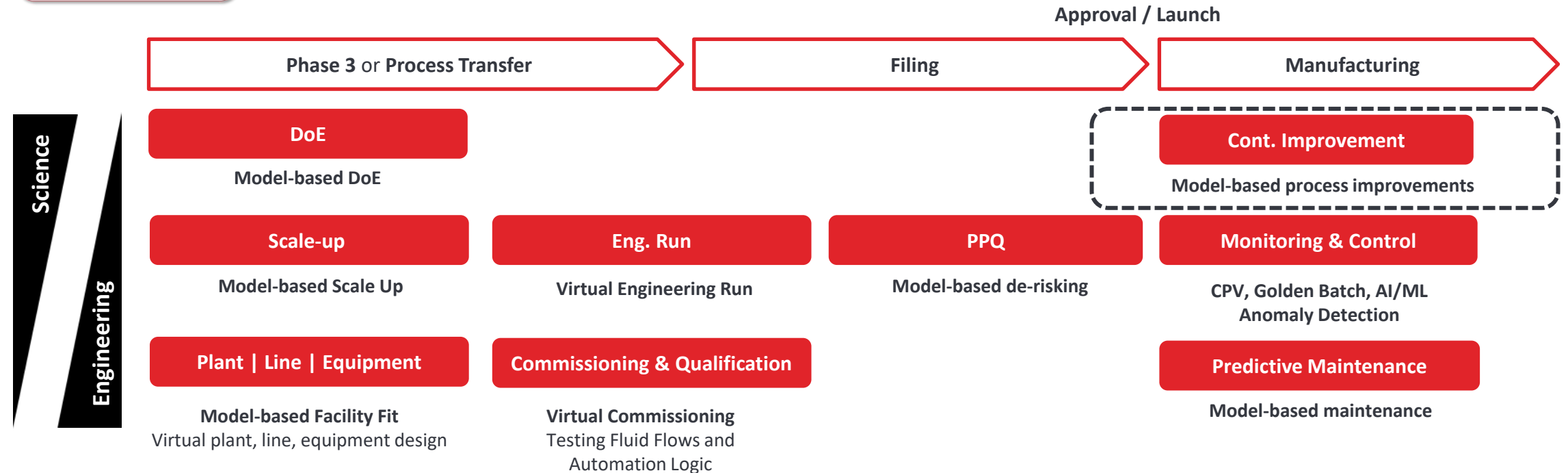
## Manufacturing Sciences

### Process Digital Twin

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## Simulation Universe for Manufacturing Sciences (MSci)



Opportunities for CMC Changes

Costs, Complexity & Effort  
of CMC-Management

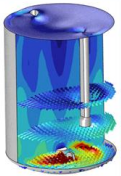
# Simulate, what exactly?



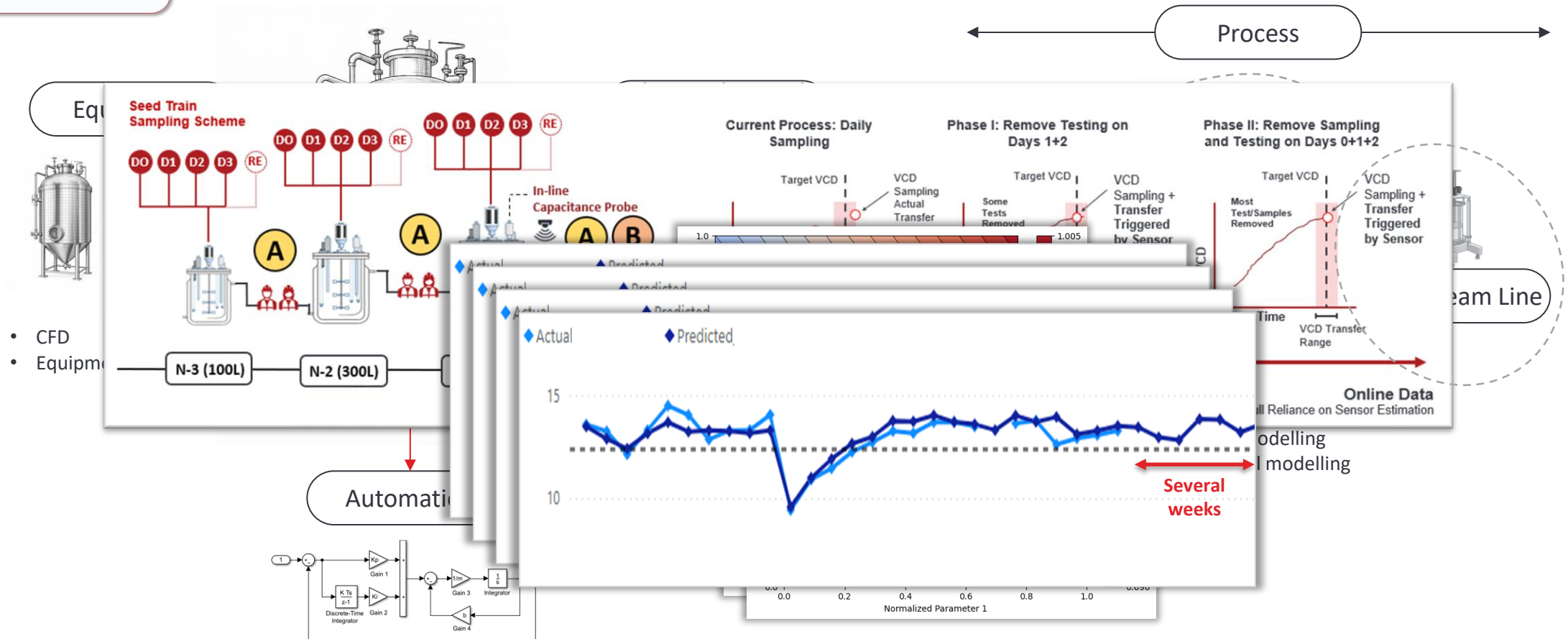
## Manufacturing Sciences

### Process Digital Twin

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## Deep Dive into Manufacturing Sciences' Continuous Improvements



# Simulate, where?



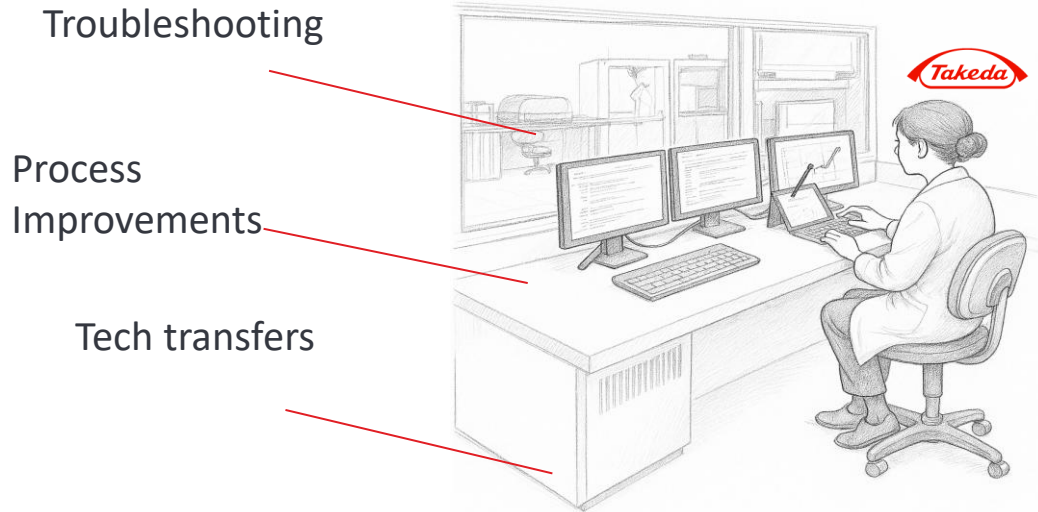
## Type of Digital Twin?

Type I

Type II

Before or After Processing

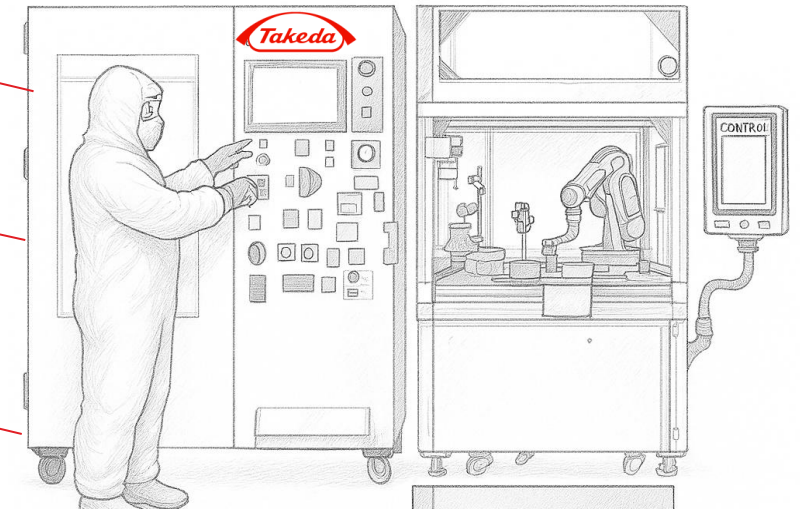
During Processing



Adaptive Process

Real-Time intervention

Advanced Process Control



**Where**  
In a Control Room



**Who**  
MSci,  
Quality,  
Eng



**What**  
LCM  
TT



**Where**  
Shop-floor



**Who**  
MFG



**What**  
Commerical portfolio

# Simulate, how?

## Our Journey towards improved decision making with Digital Twins



**-2020**

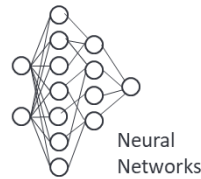
**2020+**

**2023+**

### 1 Following the AI craze

Using classical machine learning to make informed business decisions

**Black Box Probabilistic**



**Challenges**

High data demand  
Lack of explainability  
Lack of trust in BB

**Typical Use Case**

Yield prediction  
enabling proactive  
process monitoring

### 2 Bringing AI Closer to Pharma

Using experimental verification augmenting classical machine learning

**Black Box & Lab**



**Challenges**

High data demand  
Time and cost (due to experiments)

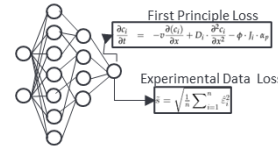
**Typical Use Case**

Yield improvements / Increased Batch Size  
Process Improvements  
Investigations / Troubleshooting

### 3 Fusing together Big Tech with Big Pharma

Using first principle equations from chemistry / physics and artificial intelligence

**Black Box & White Box**



**Challenges**

High data demand  
High expertise required

**Typical Use Case**

Yield improvements / Increased Batch Size  
Investigations / Troubleshooting  
Predictive Monitoring

**Systemic impact**

# Algorithmic Batch Diagnostics: Connecting Data, Modeling and Customized SME Reports in one Pipeline



KPI Metrics

Weekly Data

Monthly Data

Model

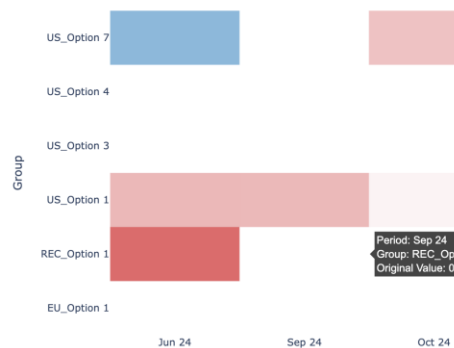
## Monthly Aggregated Statistics

Monthly Bar Plots

Monthly Heatmaps

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Performance Heatmap



## Algorithmic Batch Diagnostics

Rieti Manufacturing Site



Export

Load

Becca-config

Covington

## Master Data

Select Data Table:

More Filters (optional)

Apply Date Filtering

Select DateTime Columns:

Date

Quick Date Selection:

Last 3 Years

Start Date: 14-01-2023

## Data Preview

This section displays sample data from the table and information about the data source.

## Dataset Overview

Rows: 230 | Columns: 75

Showing last 10 rows as a sample data preview.

Date	S4_PEQ	S4_PTFra	S4_pH5MAceticVol	S4_EtOB
filter data...				
2024-12-19T00:00:00	0.9850323625	129	0.0015574434	0.093042
2024-12-20T00:00:00	0.9916411825	128	0.0016513761	0.092966
000000001				0.093018
				0.093028
				0.093018
				0.093094
				0.092956
				0.092988
				0.093104
				0.093075



## Create Report

Reports

Define Data Import

1. Create 2. Master Data 3. Statistics 4. Visualization 5. Model 6. Results & Insights

Master Filters (Optional)

Apply Date Filtering

Select Date Time Columns \*

Opened Date

Start Date \*

01/09/2025

End Date \*

07/11/2025

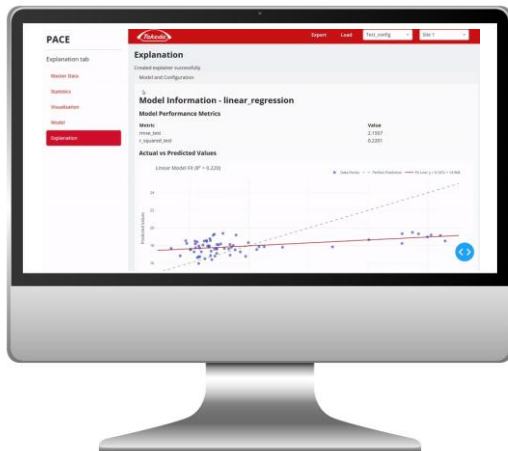
Remove Rows/Columns with missing Data

Filter Dimension

Filter rows with missing data Filter columns with missing data Filter both rows and columns

Percentage of acceptable NAs:

0% 50% 100%

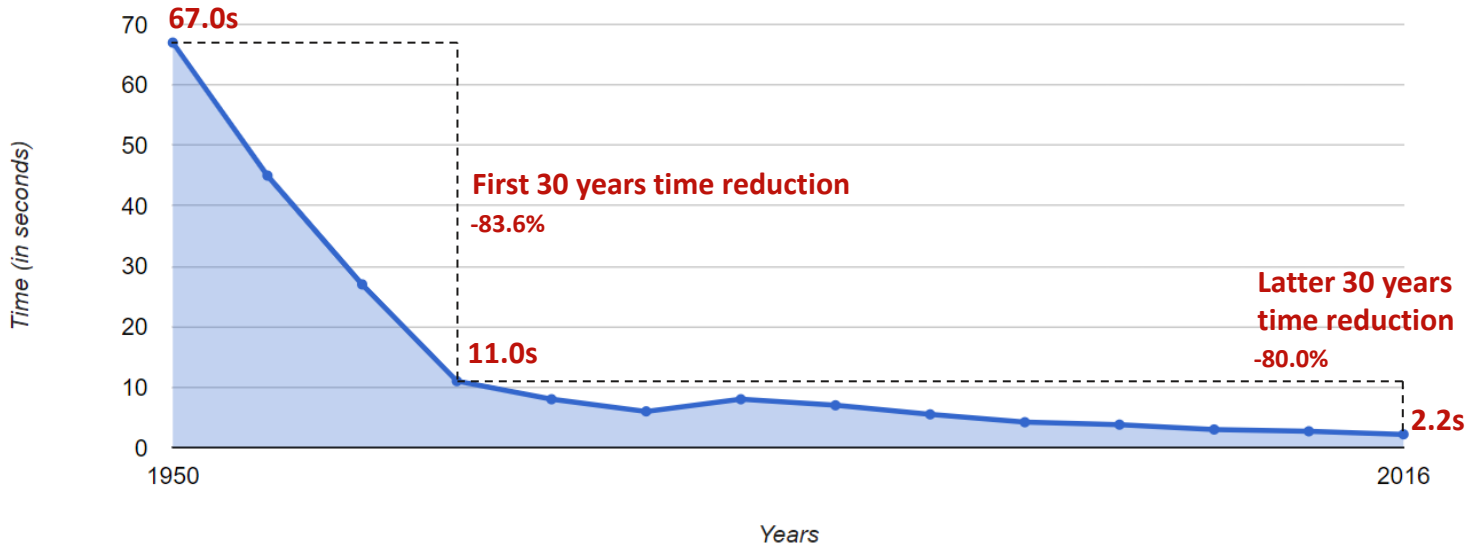


# Digital Transformation: Insights From Formula 1



## Formula 1

### Average Pit Stop Time Through Years



## FOCUS OF DIGITAL TWIN PROGRAM

**Analogy:** Formula 1 pitstop time reduction reflects the transformative impact of **technological advancements and process optimization**.

**Biopharma:** Transition from manual, reactive modeling to integrated digital twins significantly boosts operational efficiency and business value.

### Reasons for Pit Stop Time Reduction:

#### Technological Advancements

- High-speed pneumatic tools
- Improved tire technology

PAT, Soft Sensors, Cont. Processing

#### Process Optimization

- Standardized procedures
- Intensive training and regular drills

Digital Workforce, Workflows and Workspace

#### Team Specialization

- Clear role delineation
- Enhanced team coordination

Cross-functional. AGILE delivery teams with OKRs

#### Car Design Enhancements

- Accessible wheel nuts
- Optimized car structures

Single-use equipment, Perfusion Reactors

#### Data Analytics

- Performance monitoring
- Real-time adjustments

Digital Shadows, Twins, Cloud Systems

#### Regulatory Adaptation

- Adjusting strategies and techniques to new regulations

Proactive EMA/FDA Guideline Adoption

# APPENDIX

# The Pharma Industry Is In the Early Stages of Being Disrupted



## The Drug Industry Is Having Its Own DeepSeek Moment

It isn't just artificial intelligence—Chinese biotechs are now developing drugs faster and cheaper than their U.S. counterparts

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## THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

- **China's biotech boom mirrors its rise in tech**
- Chinese innovation is steadily improving and **is already starting to disrupt the U.S. drug-development ecosystem**

## Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang: Drug research will be transformed



Nathan Borney



Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang speaks during the World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting in Davos on Wednesday. Photo: Fabrice COFFRINI / AFP via Getty Images

[Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang](#) predicted Wednesday that drug research will shift from traditional labs to AI platforms, with pharma giants already making the leap.

## Bill Gates: Within 10 years, AI will replace many doctors and teachers—humans won't be needed 'for most things'

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Tom Huddleston Jr.



### Trending Nov

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# Takeda deepens AI drug discovery push with \$1.7 billion Iambic deal

By Kamal Choudhury

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