

A CDMO Perspective on Continuous Solid Dose Manufacturing Process Development

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- Continuous Solid Dose Manufacturing at TFS
 - Line 1 existing capabilities
 - Line 2 coming capabilities
 - Future capabilities
- Development Approach
 - When to explore/transition to CM
 - Benchtop → full line development work
- Material Handling Considerations for OSD CM

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CM Program Highlights

- TFS has made a commitment to Solid Dose Continuous Manufacturing – 1st line fully validated and producing clinical material, 2nd line buildout in progress (customer ready Q1 2024)
- Customizable full service offering available from early stage feasibility, through process development, Phase 2/3 clinical supply (packaging and distribution available), regulatory support, commercial manufacturing and packaging
- Experienced development team (5 PhDs) with multiple customer programs completed or in progress including low dose (tablet and capsule) and SDDs
- Technology roadmap includes continuous coating and real-time release



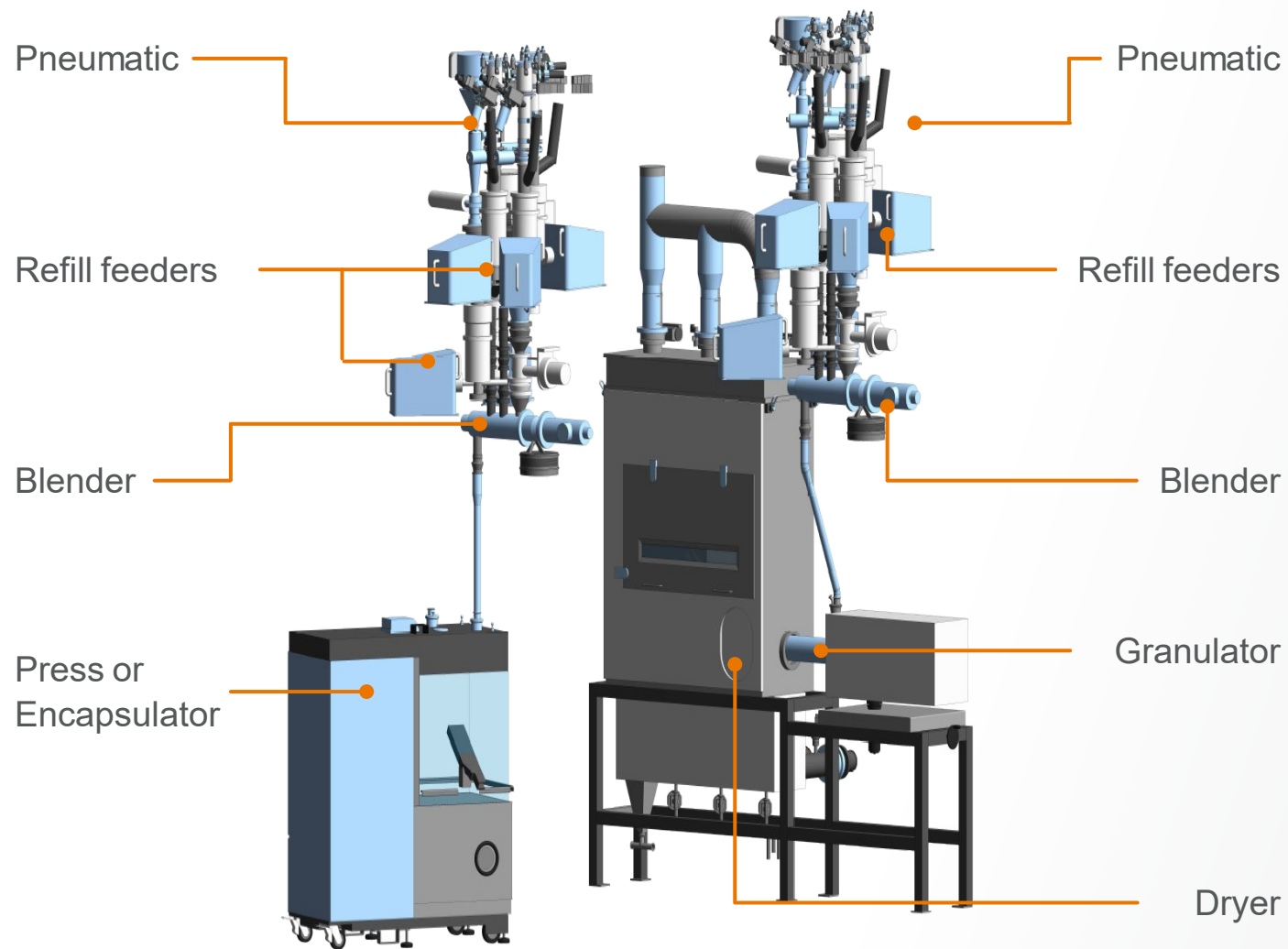
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Current state

- Single line, innovative modular line in Greenville, NC
- Validated for direct compression and encapsulation, roller compaction and wet granulation available
- Contained up to 3a
- Multiple projects initiated (as of Jan 2022)
 - Multiple feasibility studies with clients engaged in CM
 - Line fully validated Q4 2021
 - 2 Phase 3 development/clinical programs in process
- Multiple interactions with FDA
 - Initial meeting on March 10th of 2017
 - Joint Client visit for product specific talks May 30th 2018
 - FDA ETT Site Visit January 14th, 15th, 2019



TFS Line 1 Capabilities



Technical specifications

Default configuration:

- ≤6 direct blending components
- ≤11 components for granulation pathway

Capacity is formulation dependent:

- Minor component feed rate limits overall capacity
- Maximum capacity limited by tablet press/ encapsulator capacity
- Capacity for most products: 15 to 50 kg/hr

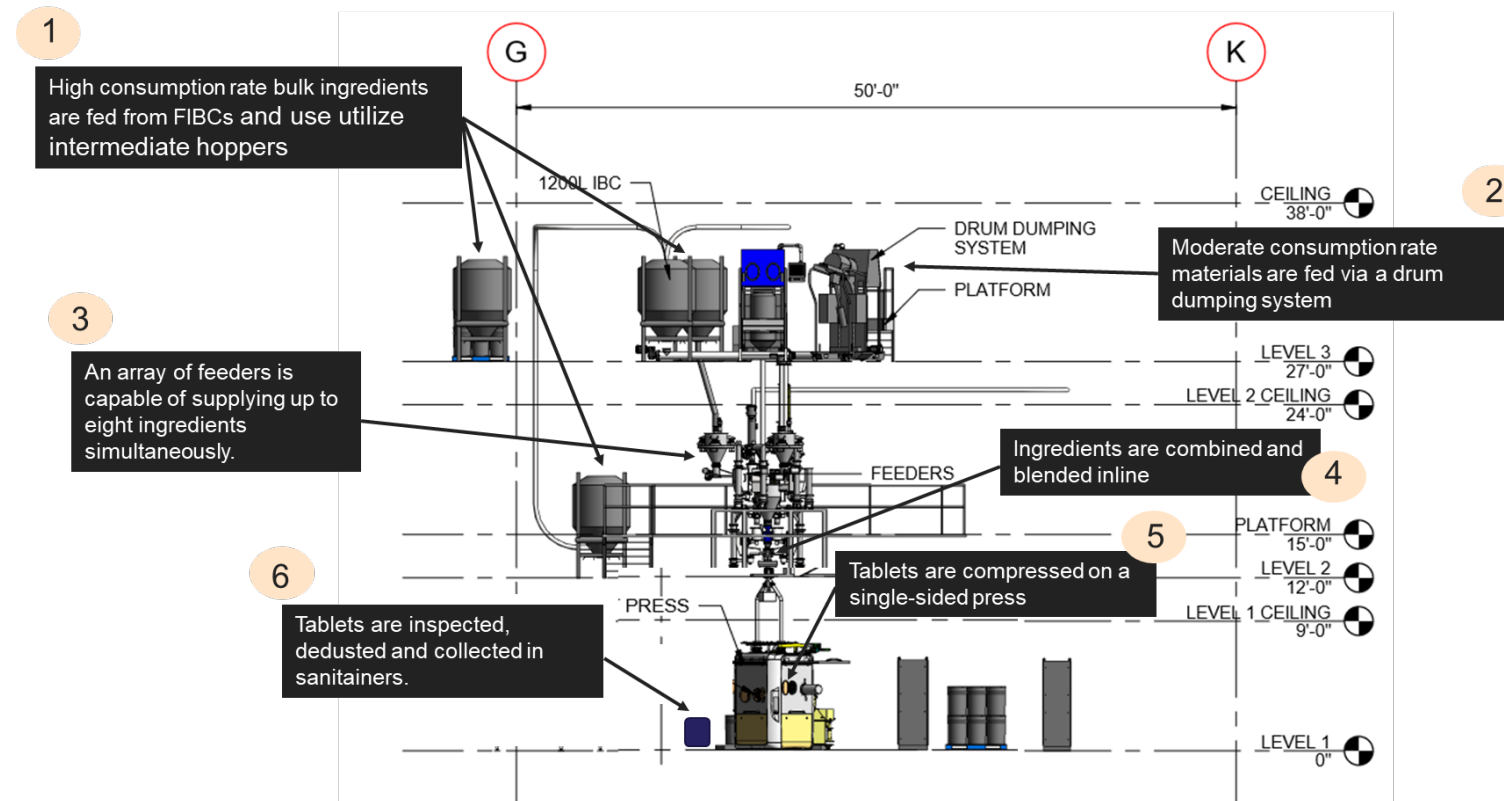
3a containment (1-10 μ g/m³)

Continuous coating (planned with line 2)

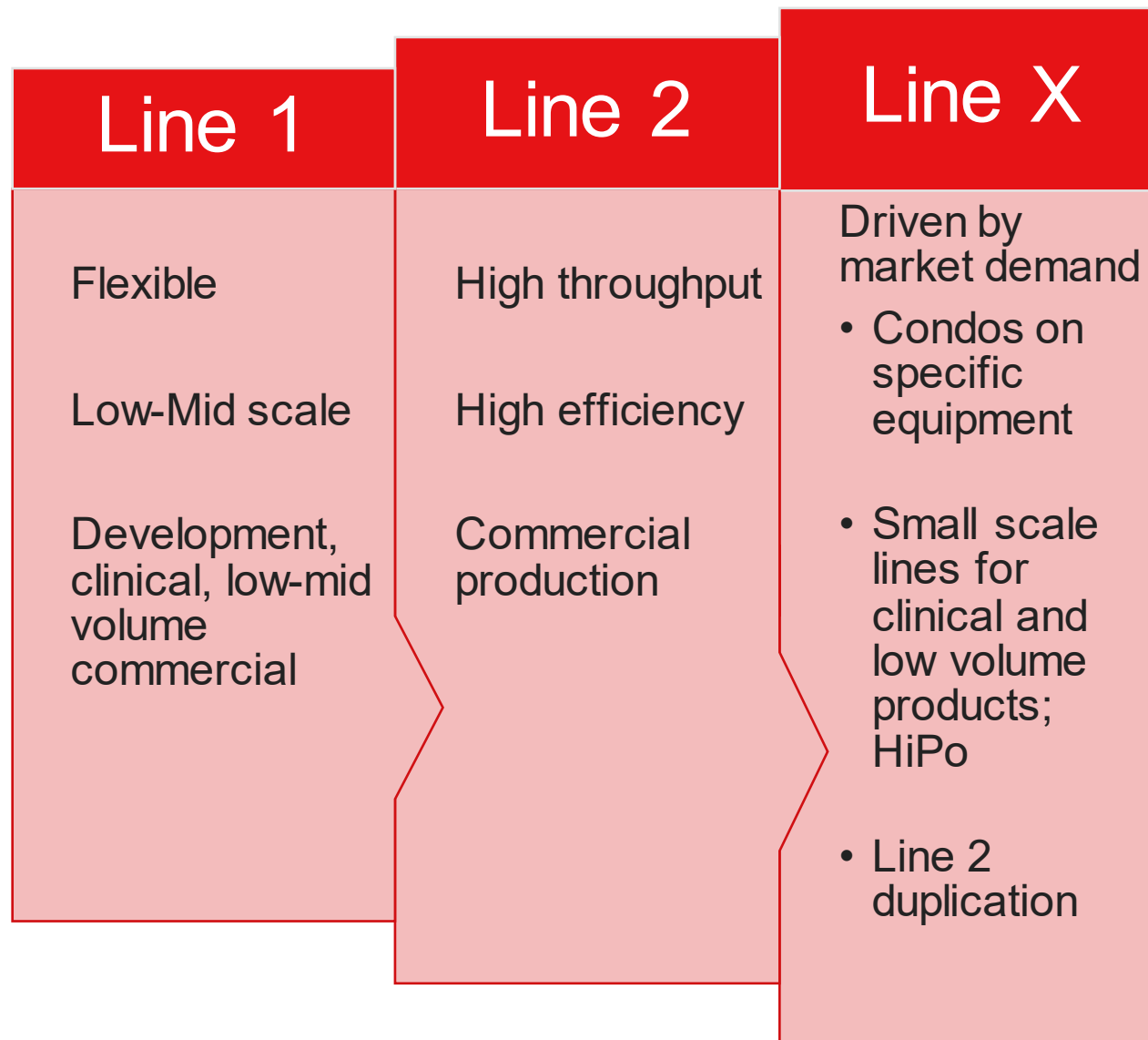
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Line 2

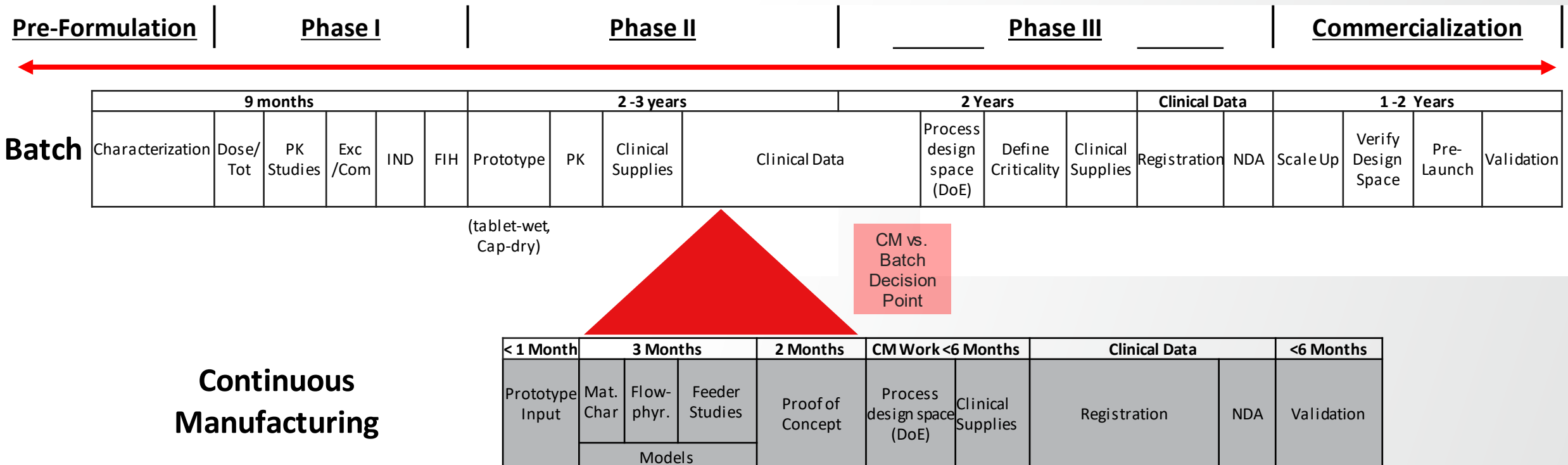
- Continued Thermo Fisher investment in lines, technology and the people. **Line 2** scheduled to be customer ready Q1 of 2024.
- Direct compression
- Contained, 3A
- High throughput capable
- Highly similar to TFS line 1 to enhance TT



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When to Explore or Transition to CM



Early stage CM development available in both Greenville, North Carolina and Bend, Oregon

Process Development Approach

- Offline Development
 - Measures flow behavior such as bulk/tap density and FT4 shear cell analysis
 - Bench top feeder characterization
 - Compaction simulation
- Scale Development
 - Proof of concept (PoC)
 - Design of Experiment (DoE) runs
 - Clinical Manufacturing
 - Stability
 - Registration
 - Process Model Validation



Material Handling

CM lines need to be able to run for extended periods of time which requires a strategy for refill of the loss-in-weight feeders:

- Line 1 - Pneumatic conveying
 - Not all materials transfer easily
 - FF, FT4 used as a guide
- Line 2 – Gravity conveying
 - Enables higher throughput



Closing Remarks

- Thermo Fisher Scientific continues to expand capabilities for OSD continuous manufacturing
 - Line 1 serving customers, Line 2 customer ready 2024, Line 3 being planned
 - Open to further collaboration and co-investment with our clients
- Development programs are flexible and can be customized to the customer; we seek to work closely on the science and regulatory aspects of your product
- Contained development and manufacturing is available for HiPo compounds (1-10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
- Material properties are an important consideration for both the active and excipients throughout development and into commercial production

Thank you

