LEARNINGS FROM MODELING OF CONTINUOUS MANUFACTURING OF EXCIPIENTS

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OUTLINE

Modeling Approaches

Examples with METHOCEL™ models

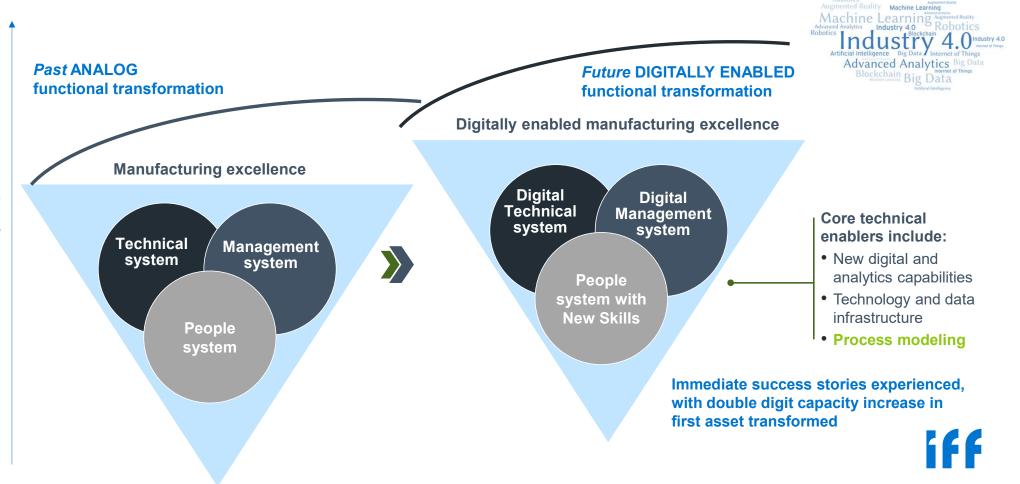
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IFF SOUGHT MANUFACTURING EXCELLENCE THROUGH NEW DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES



A MODEL is a simplified representation of a system using mathematical terms. Models can enhance scientific understanding and possibly predict the behavior of a system under a set of conditions.

- Points to consider for Q8/Q9/Q10 guidelines



Process monitoring and control

Univariate/Multivariate Statistical Models

 Often used to detect special cause variability in Batch processing

Feed-Forward/Feedback

• Important for CM processes (like adjusting parameters in downstream process based on upstream results)

TYPES OF MODELS

Mechanistic

- Theory, causation
- Complex equations and not widely used in industrial applications

Empirical

- Observation, correlation
- "Simple" statistical equations and frequently used in process optimization/scale-up



WHO BUILDS THE MODELS?

Pros and Cons Analysis

Third Party

Experienced in model building and validation

May not fully understand the process

Expensive

Likely needed for model updates in the future

Large personnel available to build models

In House

May not have extensive modeling experience

Experienced in process

May be more cost effective

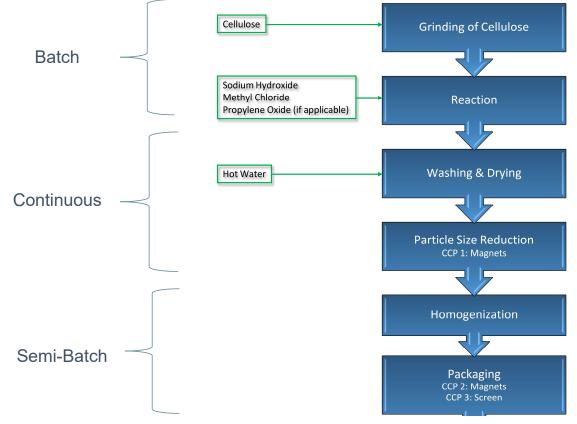
Updates to models would be faster with inhouse expertise

Need to carve out personnel time or add resources

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METHOCEL[™] EXAMPLE OF MODEL IMPLEMENTATION

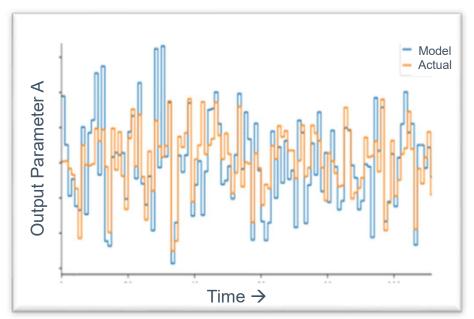




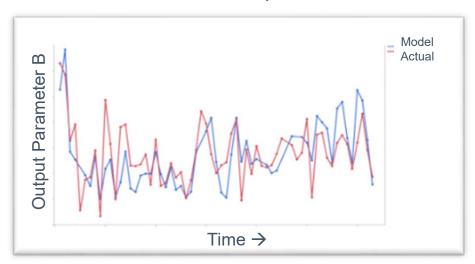
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NOT EVERY MODEL IS WORTH IMPLEMENTING

~1 billion data points taken from the process over ~3 years used to develop models Implementation of one model resulted in over \$1.5 million capacity release in the first month



Poor Model – Not used

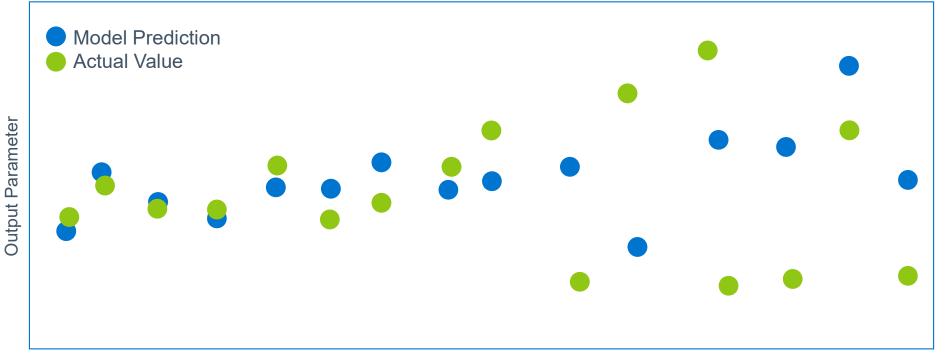


Good Model – implemented

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THE MODEL WORKS... UNTIL IT DOESN'T

Processes in place to catch divergence Models may need retraining



Time \rightarrow



ADVICE BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCES



→ Advantageous to use functional models

Conditions under which the data were collected significantly impact the model

→ Attempt to use data that is collected over many campaigns, different times of year, etc. Retraining model periodically is needed. Don't want to pay third party every time an update is needed to model

→ Consider modeling in house with dedicated digital leaders responsible for updates/retraining of models. Monitoring critical to quality/success parameters is key to detect when models are starting to fail

→ Engineering is still critical to success of process - know when to override model.



SUMMARY



Modeling can be a powerful tool

- Quality control
- Cost savings
- Improved throughput

Understand model limitations

- Start with good data
- Choose how to best maintain models that fit your needs

RECOGNITION

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