## SARTURIUS

Simplifying Progress

Transformation of upstream bioprocessing in the digital era

World Bioprocessing Pharma 4.0 Summit-October 2021



### Sartorius in brief



Locations worldwide, headquartered in Göttingen, Germany





**29.6%**EBITDA margin<sup>1,2</sup>

**⋒** ~€23.6bn

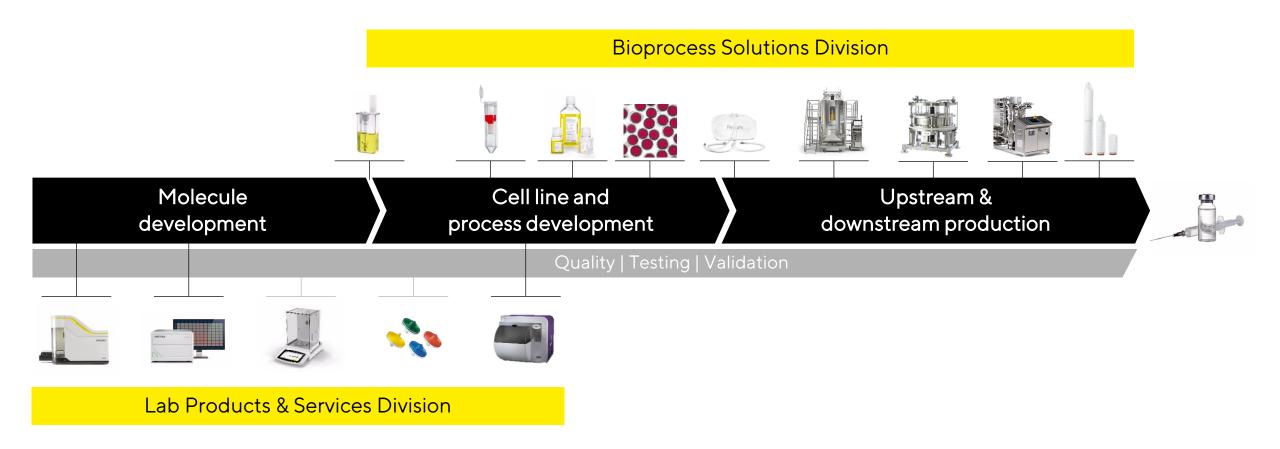
Sartorius AG market capitalization; included in relevant indices in Germany

~35% ~40% ~25% Sales revenue Sales revenue Sales revenue **Americas EMEA** Asia | Pacific

1 As of December 31, 2020, 2 Underlying EBITDA



## Strategic focus on the biopharma market





### Sartorius Corporate Research

- New ideas to concepts & novel applications aligned with Sartorius strategy (mission/vision)
- Securing of early stage IP positions
- Identify, nurture & enable technology creation with an understanding of end use
- Network with leading academia, consortia, research industry partner and opinion leaders
- Collaborative projects/programmes & funding

Technology scouting & analysis

Collaborative projects

Tech Transfer
In/Out licence
... other



## Summary

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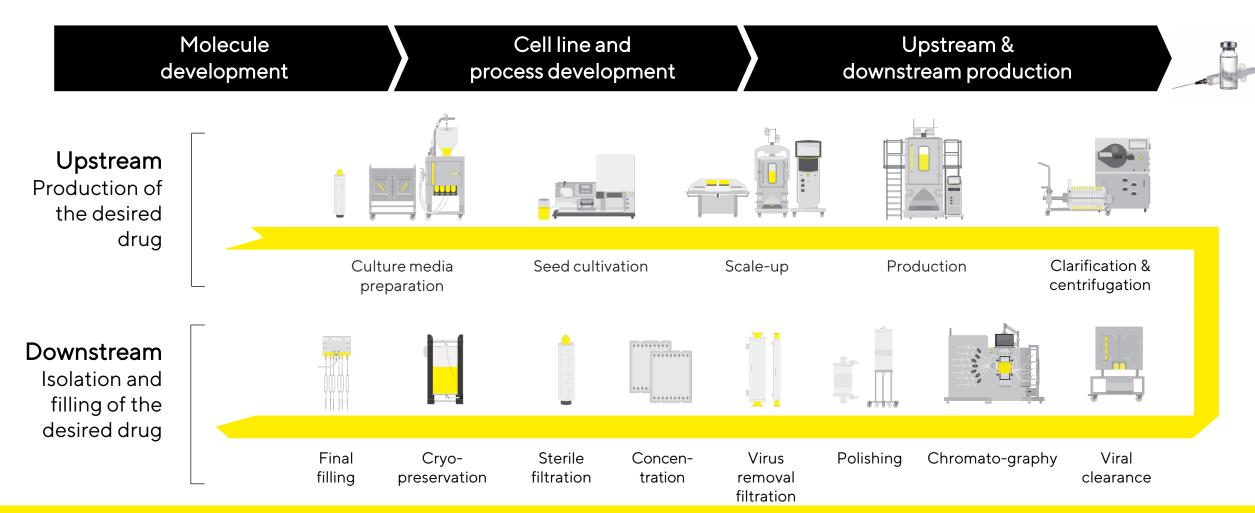
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## Manufacturing of biopharmaceuticals





Large molecules (> 20k atoms) produced by living cells culture





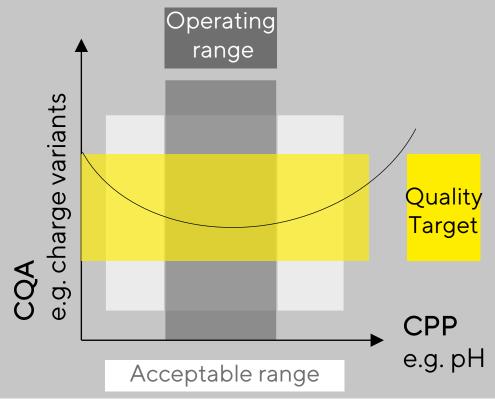
## **Bioprocess Performance Evaluation**

CPPs are determined to ensure consistent and reproducible CQAs acquisition



### Critical Quality Attributes

physical, chemical, biological or microbiological property or characteristic that should be within an appropriate limit, range, or distribution to ensure the desired product quality\*



Critical Process Parameters

process variables impacting CQAs that must be monitored to ensure the quality standard of the product

**Process** 

While multiple researches have highlighted the potential benefit to shift the focus **from CPPs to CQAs**, process performance is still mainly evaluated in **process space** using Risk Analysis, DOE and MVDA



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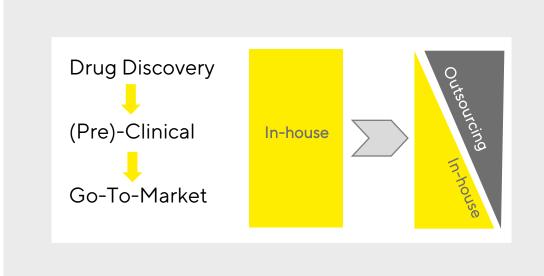
## Challenging the biopharma R&D strategy

R&D cost are growing faster over an average investment period than actual revenues over the same period

This **NOT** due to a lack of Innovation or Market

Law of diminishing returns? Kelvin Stott

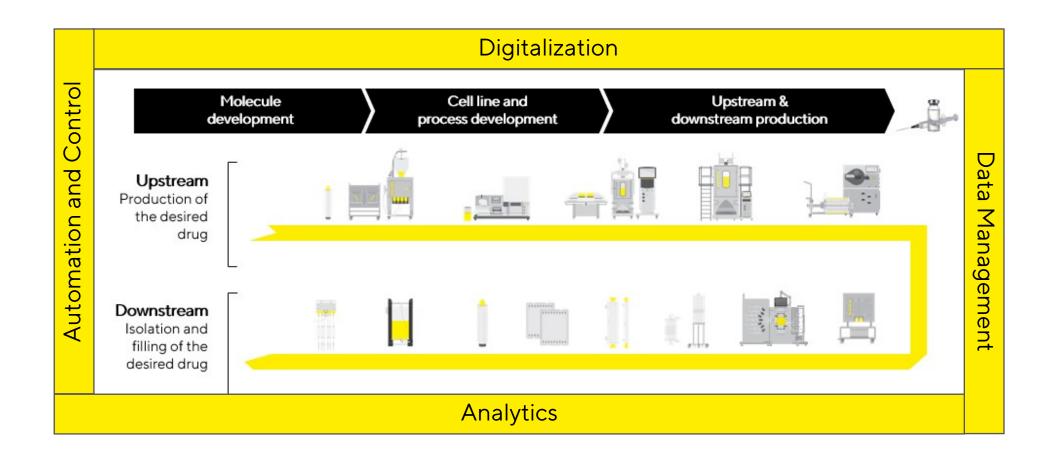
Inherent unpredictability of drug discovery and outdated business model? Standish Fleming



Outsourcing to external entrepreneurial and research community to lower the cost and increase the agility to face market disruption



## Acceleration of Operational Tasks





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## Process DOT\* in the biopharmaceutical industry

#### **Status**

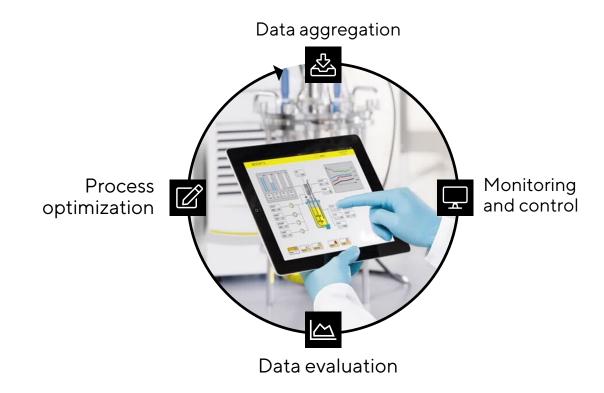
- Largely trial and error development
- Large amounts of complex heterogeneous data
- Long, costly development times

### Challenges

- Complex biology not fully understood
- Non-stationary, non-linear and stochastic behaviors
- Standard workflows do not yet exist

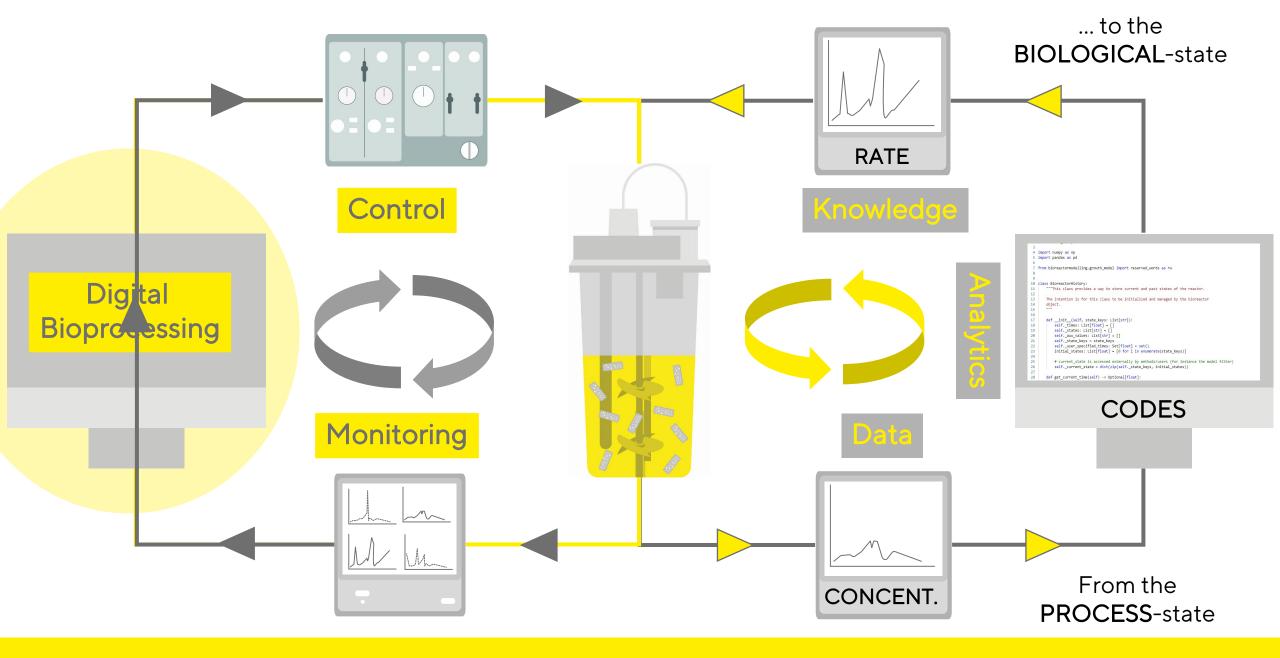
### **Opportunities**

- In-silico modeling and simulation
- Real-time analytics and process optimization



- Rapid prototyping and process development
- ✓ Improved process performance and product quality
- ✓ De-risked transfer to manufacturing





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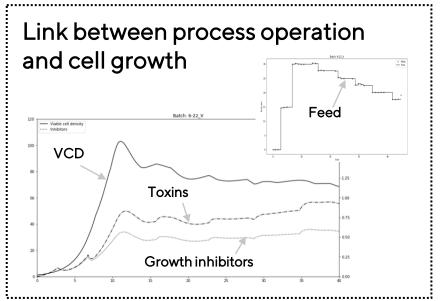
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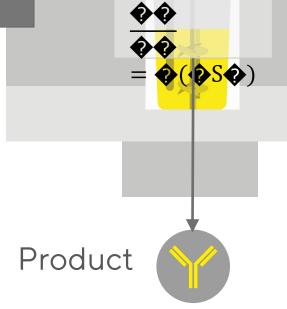
### The Biosimulator

Model calibrated from measured data Substrate Transferrable to new cell lines Hybrid State Space

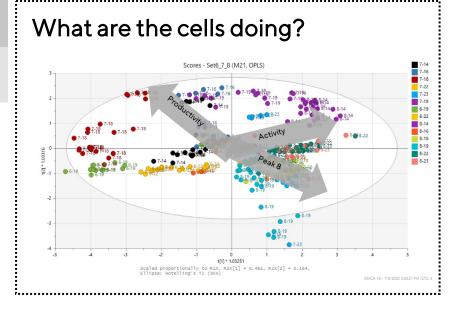
# Mechanistic

**Process** 





### Data-driven Metabolic





# Commercial Product for Process Development

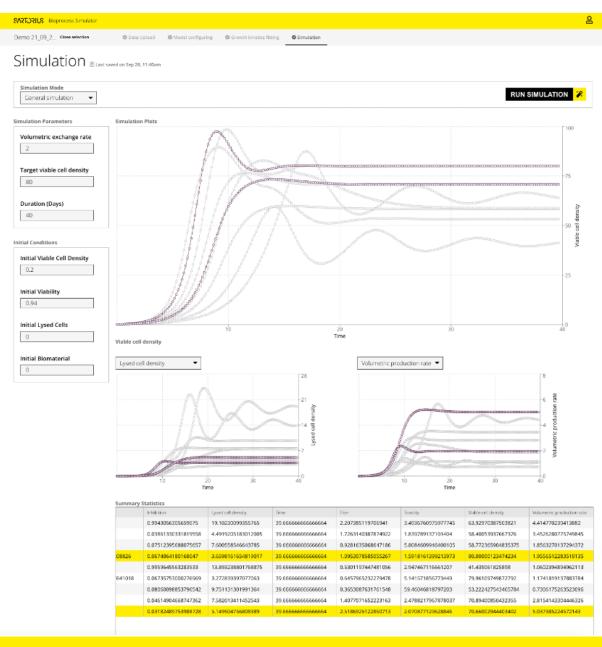
Two workflows

### □Clone selection for intensified and perfusion

• Forecast multiple cell line's performance in media exchange

### □Digital twin for *in-silico* experimentation

- What-if analysis: test impact of process adjustments on growth and product yield
- Operating mode: transfer between fed-batch, intensified and perfusion
- Media optimization
- Critical Quality Attribute predictions
- Web/cloud based application (PC/tablet/iPad)
  - Integration in Umetrics Studio (2022)





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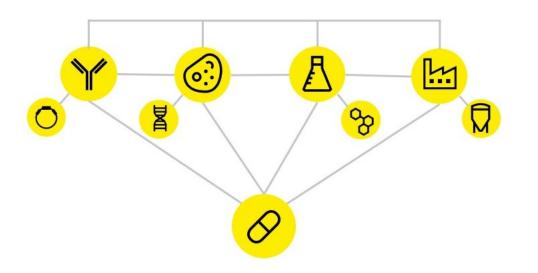
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Future perspectives and reflections on in-silico bioprocessing

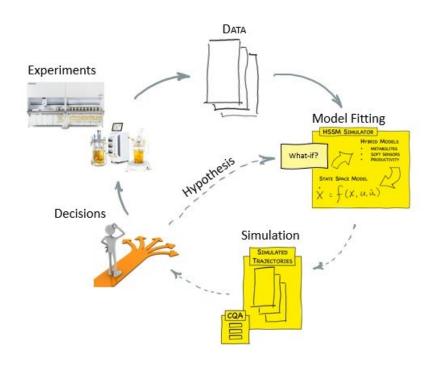


### In-silico Experimentation Workflow

## Systems thinking







### **Process Development**

- Enhanced clone selection
- Digital Twin: *Insilico* experimentation
- Optimization (fed-batch or intensified/continuous)

### Manufacturing / Advanced control

- Intensified/continuous control
- Soft sensors
- Supervisory control (up/down-stream)

### **Engineering Studies**

- Sizing and configuration of unit operations
- Plant costing
- End-to-end economic optimization



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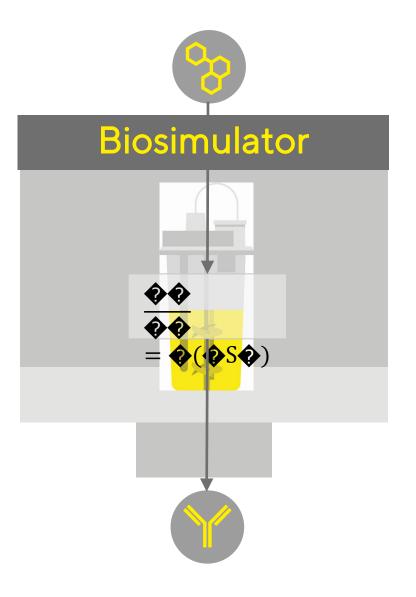
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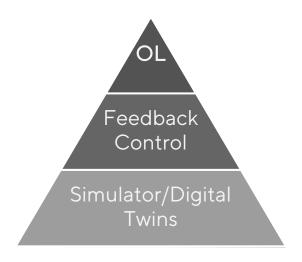
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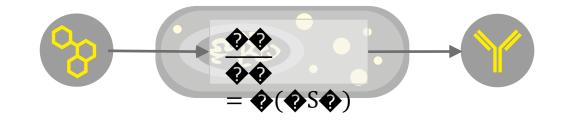
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## Research Roadmap





## Biological Systems modeling



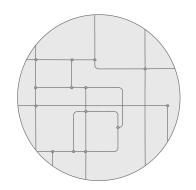
## Process development

Analyze of process parameters influence



## Macro

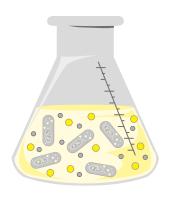
Optimization and control



Process engineering

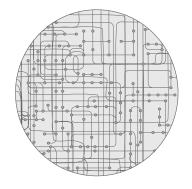
### Media design

Identification of potential growth booster



## Micro

Description and understanding

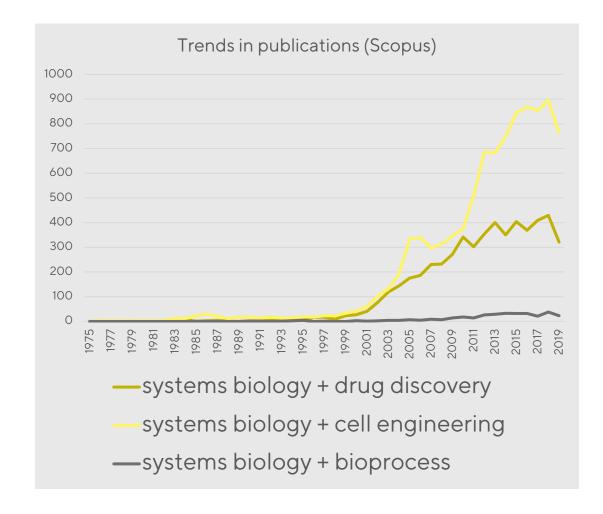


Systems Biology



## Systems Biology for Process DOT\*

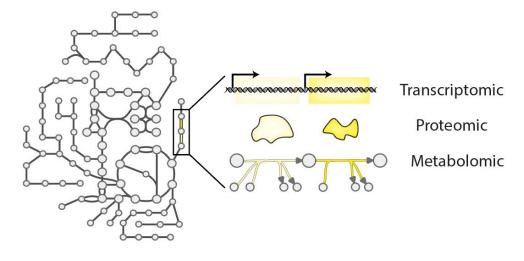
Note: Multiple reasons have been highlighted as main factors currently limiting the adoption of systems biology tools\*\*



#### Metabolic Networks

enable the coherent organization of large datasets into biological networks

→ provide non-intuitive insights on biological systems that *in vivo* experiments alone cannot provide

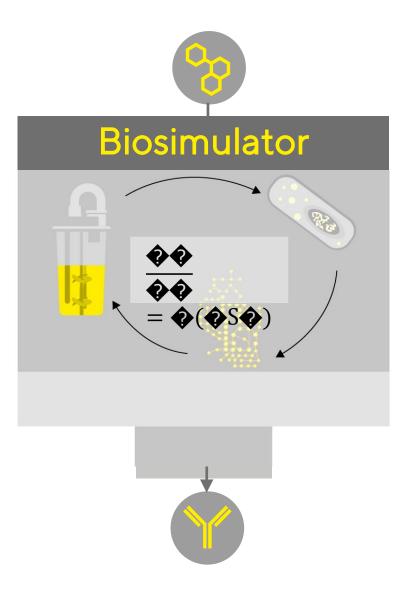


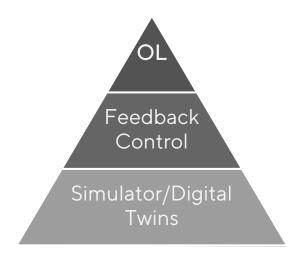
→ link between genotype and phenotype

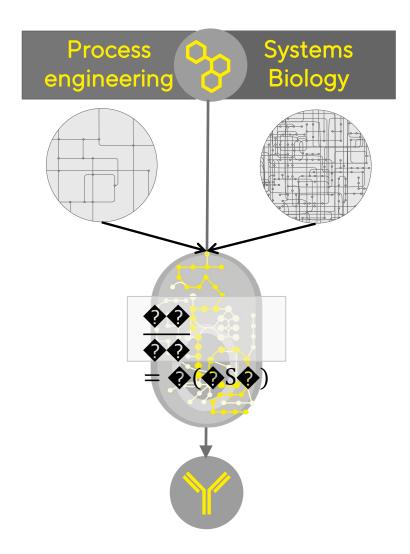


<sup>\*</sup>DOT = Design, Optimization and Transfer

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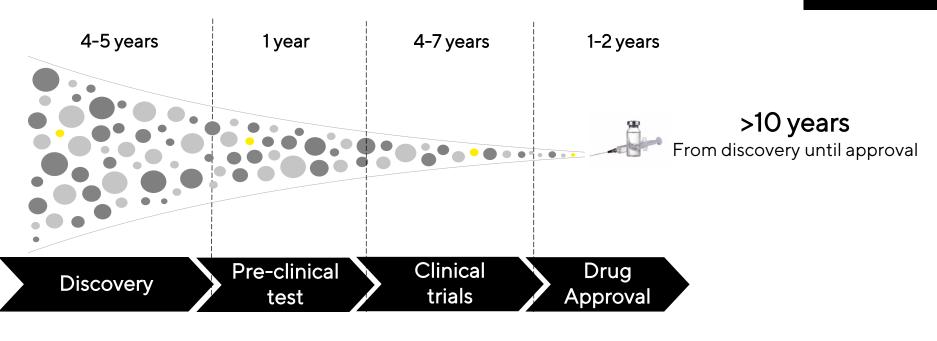
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### Future outlook on drug development

Only one out of 10,000 new drug candidates reaches the market



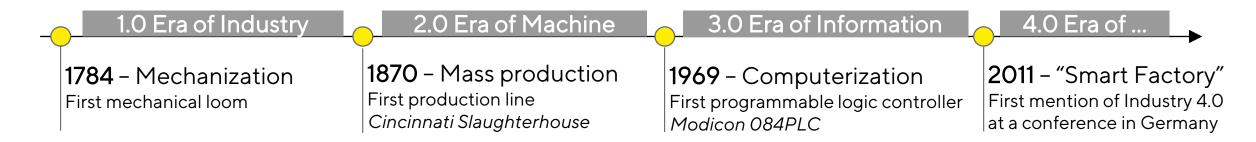
#### >€2bn

Average costs of developing a successful drug

### ~10%

Probability of clinical success (Phase I to approval)

## Food for thoughts - Bioprocessing 4.0



"The [AI] field's heavy use of statistical techniques to pick regularities in masses of data is unlikely to yield the explanatory insight that science ought to offer". Noam Chomsky, 2012



→ Shifting existing paradigm for defining regulated biomanufacturing processes from data- to knowledge-based approaches



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