



AI & BLOCKCHAIN

CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

INSIGHTS & ACTIONS

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WHAT IF YOU COULD...

Have full transparency on uses of your product in the value chains?

Operate a plant without any injuries and lost time incidents?

Offer technical service 24x7 at zero incremental cost?

Focus human intelligence on creative tasks?

Extract full insights from all the data in your business?

[Link](#)

The list could go on and on and on...



AI & BLOCKCHAIN

WILL RESHAPE THE
INDUSTRY AS WE
KNOW IT

BUSINESS MODELS ARE CHALLENGED BY TECHNOLOGY-BASED ATTACKER MODELS

Example: Standard chemical product business model

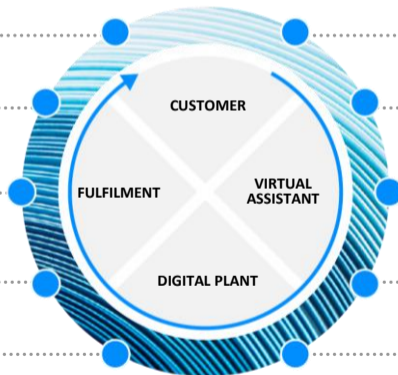
AI-based next best action
for human customer interaction

Automated, blockchain-based settlement

Logistical plans assisted by AI,
material handling by robots

Virtual assistant-based customer service

AI-based synthesis and production
in autonomous plant



Blockchain-based demand detection

Campaign/offering designed
by marketing team





Virtual assistant-executed
positioning to customers

Contextual quote determined
by AI-powered pricing engine


Virtual assistant-based order taking,
blockchain-based contracting

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- Higher scalability of services
- More highly customized service offerings for each customer
- Vendor managed inventories, logistics, recycling and disposal
- Circular services/ business models, e.g., chemical leasing

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- AI-powered analysis of willingness to pay, price elasticities, switching thresholds, etc.
- Less price leakage
- Better price synchronization vs. raw material cost and vs. players outside network

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- Improved understanding of end customer needs

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- Data-driven R&D, in silico experimentation
- Lab automation

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- Higher yield and throughput by AI-based optimization of production
- Less off-spec, changeovers, slow-downs and downtime by AI-based demand planning and production scheduling
- Reduced manual material handling through intelligent automation
- Reduced energy consumption through machine learning based optimization, improved spot vs. contracting mix for energy sourcing
- Reduced effort for decision making, e.g., AI-assisted control room operations

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- Blockchain-based demand management (automation, verification)
- Automation of administrative tasks
- ML-powered predictive models making make-to-stock obsolete
- Better demand visibility and supply capability
- Track & trace, automated quality control, assured provenance
- Lower transaction cost (logistics, customs, quality, certificate handling, more automation, less paper)

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- Improved network and inventory optimization
- Pre-consolidations of transports
- Reduced warehousing demand
- Optimized loading/ unloading slot management
- Near-real time route optimization

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- Connected plants & 3-D modelling (digital twin)
- Real-time, remote monitoring of equipment performance & condition
- Causal analytics and advanced data visualization
- Higher asset availability due to less unplanned downtime
- Maximized hands-on-tool time through AI-powered work planning and scheduling
- Lower spare part levels and better spare part availability
- Less unplanned effort, better prediction of high priority notifications

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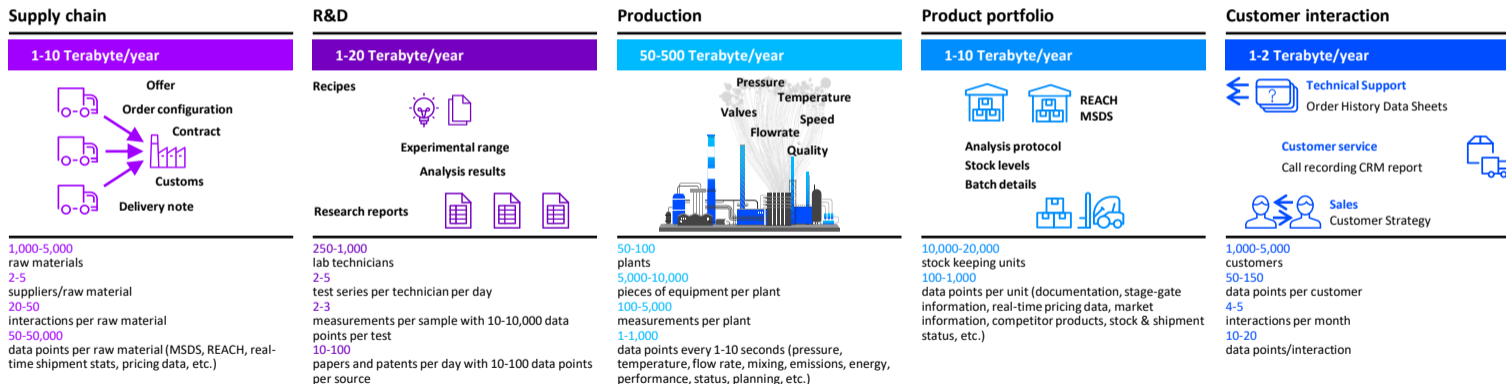


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EACH CHEMICAL BUSINESS IS A VIBRANT SOURCE OF DATA

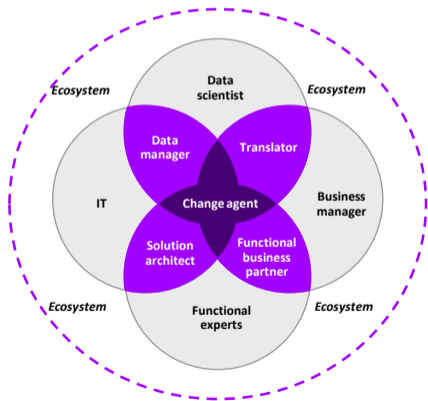
Illustrated chemical business with 10 Bn Euro Sales





RESHAPING
OF WORK

NEW WAYS OF WORKING



For 1,000 employees (today)

5 translators

10 data scientists

20 data engineers

2-3 agile teams

1-2 solution architects

5 automation & robotic experts

All business managers with working knowledge

2 full-time change managers

50-100 change agents (part-time)

+ Ecosystem





THE VALUE POTENTIAL
IS IMMENSE

AI AND BLOCKCHAIN

OPEN UP NEW SOURCES OF VALUE

Make more informed decisions by using existing data

Create new insights from data amounts overwhelming human brains

Accelerate learning

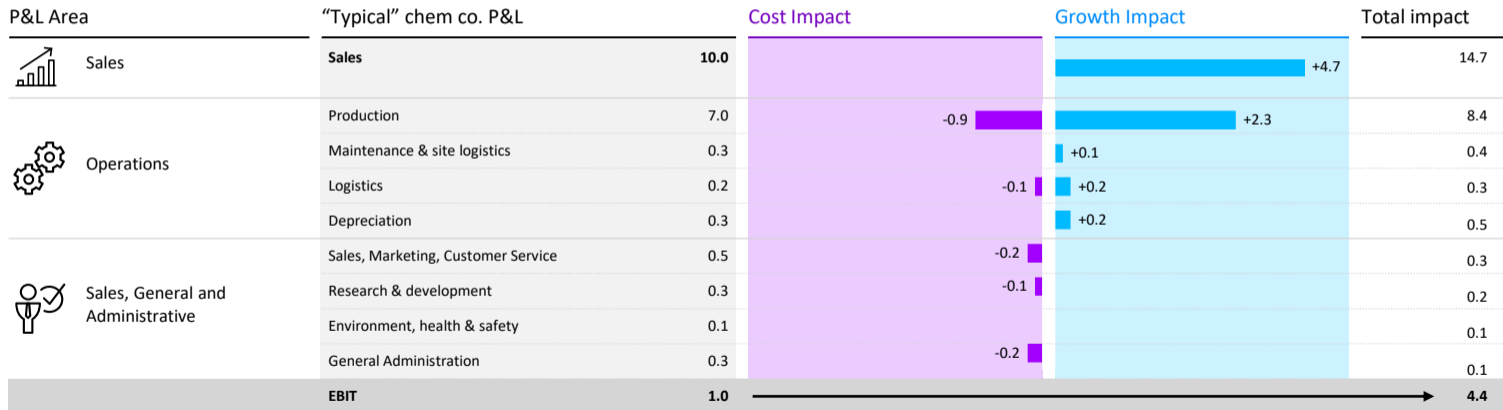
Automate repetitive, transactional and judgemental tasks

Eliminate human physical tasks

Create new services and offerings

POTENTIAL FOR CHEMICALS P&L

Modeled P&L impact based on specific use cases; values in € Bn



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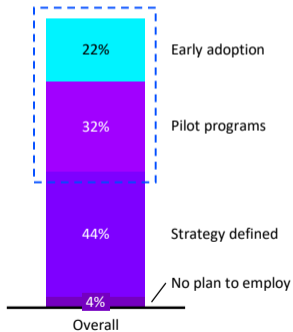
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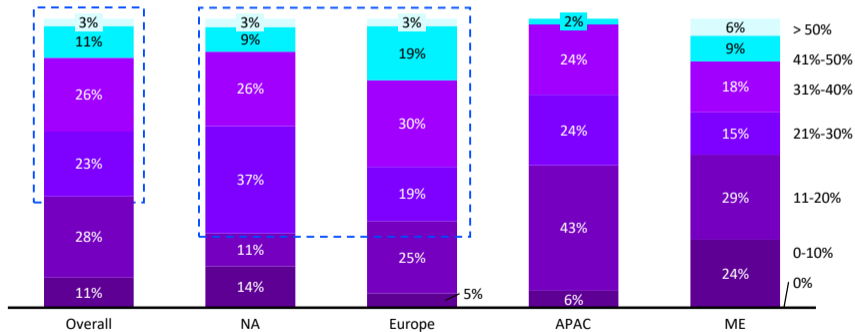
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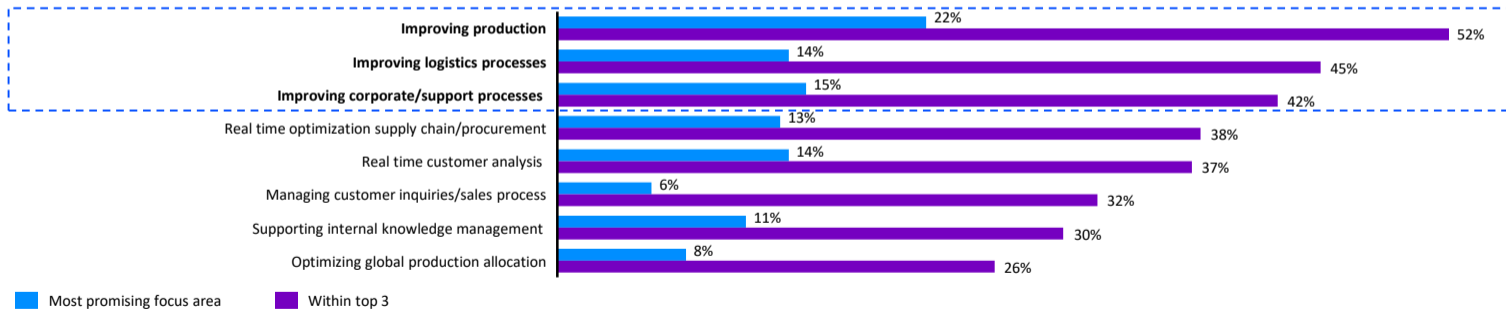
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KEY AI APPLICATION AREAS ARE PRODUCTION, LOGISTICS AND SUPPORT PROCESSES

Adoption in the chemical industry today

Priority areas for technology investments are **production and logistics process improvement and transactional corporate/support processes**

[% nomination of most promising and top 3 promising AI use cases]



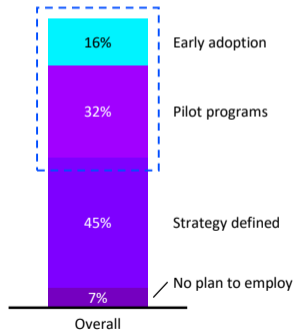
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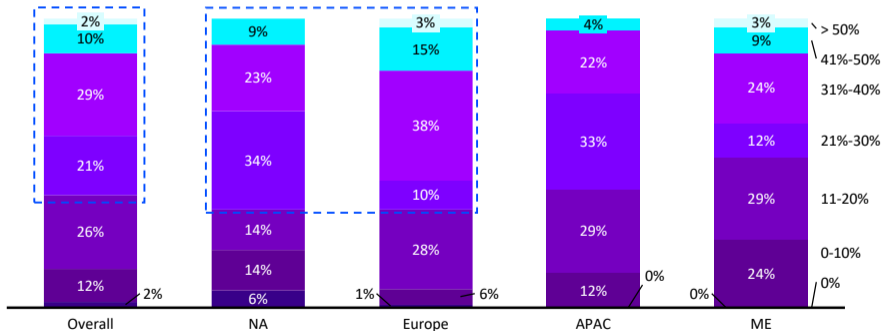
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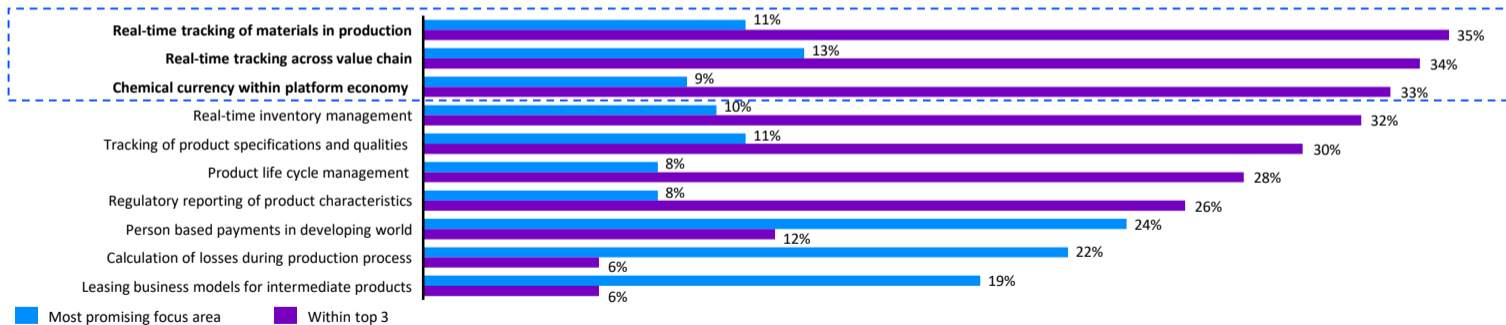
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KEY BLOCKCHAIN APPLICATION AREA IS PRODUCT TRACKING

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WHAT NOW?

READY TO BE DEPLOYED NOW



Virtual assistants
(natural language based)



AI-based pricing engines



AI-based next best actions
in marketing



AI-based augmentation of
control room operators



AI-based experiment
prediction & evaluation



Datascience-based maintenance



Blockchain-based
supply chain track & trace



Virtual assistant-based
internal administration



Robotic process automation
in administration

...and so much more...

GETTING STARTED

- 1 Take your biggest challenges**
Map them against solutions offered by AI and blockchain
- 2 Draft a bold target picture**
Technology advances faster than employee change readiness
- 3 Be even bolder in recruiting**
You need scale
- 4 Make it a business transformation program**
Move out of the “sandbox” to industrial scale
- 5 Implement with speed and scale**
Technical solutions, change management – and the value will be there



**THANK YOU
VERY MUCH.**