

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES FOR IMPROVING PRODUCTIVITY IN FOOD MANUFACTURING

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- Part of the Wolfson School of Mechanical, Electrical and Manufacturing Engineering based at Loughborough University, UK
- Five areas of research:
 - Remanufacturing & Recycling
 - Servitization and Lowsumerism
 - Sustainable Design
 - Resource Efficiency
 - Eco-Intelligent Smart Manufacturing



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Internet of Food Things Network Plus



Investigating how AI, data analytics and emerging technologies can enhance and add values to the digitalisation of the UK food production chain

- Interdisciplinary network offering workshops, pilot project funding and an annual conference
- EPSRC-funded: May 2018 – April 2021
- Led by the University of Lincoln
 - with universities of Southampton, Exeter, East Anglia, and the Open University
- <https://www.foodchain.ac.uk/>
- [@IoFTnetworkplus](#)
- Creating a **"data trust"** to address the complexity of the digital **food supply chain**
- Developing a **test bed** to support our projects' use of data, AI, IoT, robotics, logistics...
- Publishing thought leadership white papers on: **tech, data-sharing and new biz models**



SMART Real-time Resource-efficient Production



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May 2018 – May 2021

Challenges in Food and Drink Manufacturing

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Computer Science

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IoFT overview

The Internet of Food Things Network Plus

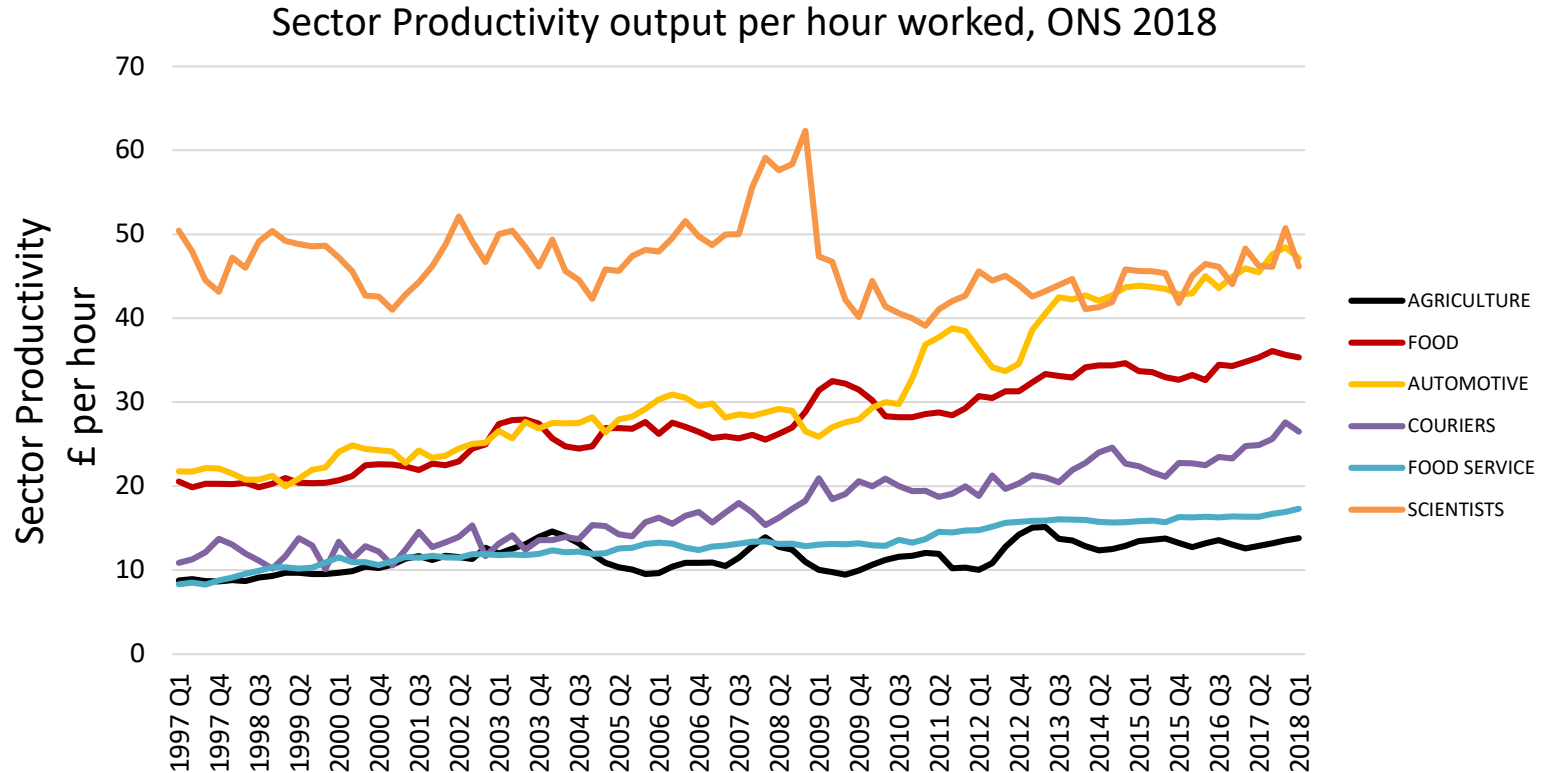
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- Unites: agri-tech, data and computer scientists, chemists, economists, and more...

- Professor Simon Pearson, University of Lincoln (Principal Investigator)
- Professor Jeremy Frey, University of Southampton
- Professor Roger Maull, University of Surrey
- Professor Gerard Parr, University of East Anglia
- Professor Andrea Zisman, The Open University
- Professor Luc Bidaut, University of Lincoln



The need



How is technology making food processing and manufacturing smarter?

Made Smarter Review

VALUE AT STAKE FOR THE FOOD AND DRINK INDUSTRY IS ESTIMATED TO BE £55.8BN BETWEEN 2017-2027

VALUE LEVER DESCRIPTION	VALUE TO INDUSTRY (£ BN)	VALUE TO INDIVIDUALS	VALUE TO SOCIETY
Revenue growth through new revenue streams	£3.2	£2,266 saving per household due to improved waste management 25% increase in product satisfaction related to customisation of products	32 million tCO₂e reduction throughout the food supply chain in 2027¹, due to more efficient production processes and reduction of waste. This represents a 29% reduction in overall food emissions in the UK 17.6 mn tonnes of food waste reduced over the next decade - An estimated 27,370 injuries avoided over the next decade from implementation of digital technologies - Potential to reduce the number of food poisoning cases by up to 4.5m through better traceability in the supply chain and monitoring of shelf life
Cost reduction through digitally enabled R&D	£0.5		
Cost reduction through digitally enabled manufacturing and asset maintenance	£13.2		
Cost reduction through digitally enabled supply chain management	£1.1		
Cost reduction through automation of labour	£24.7		
Cost reduction due to increase in resource efficiency	£13.2		
Total value to industry	£3.2 £55.8		

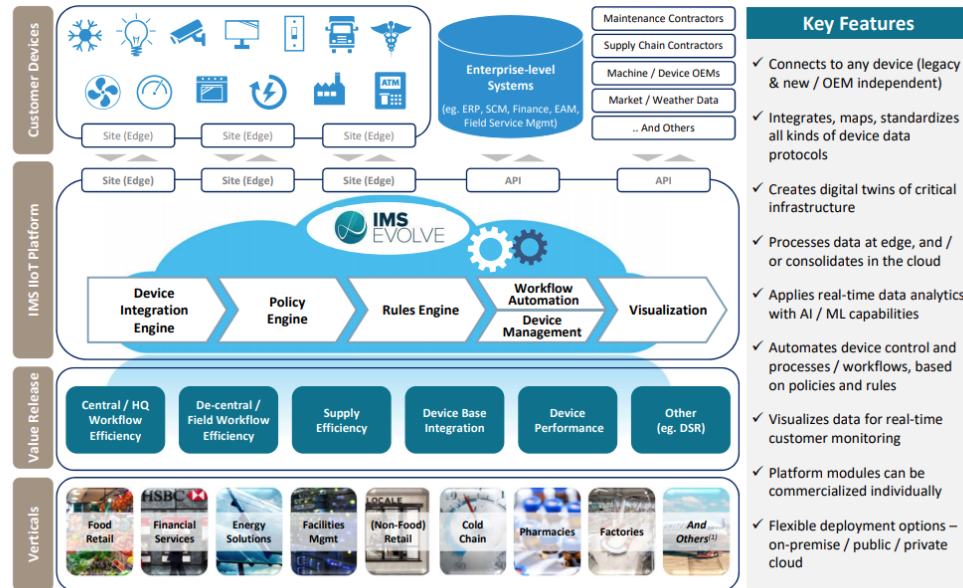
1) Reduction of emissions is not presented as a cumulative figure, rather as the reduction saving potential in 2027

How can technology improve resource efficiency and reduce food waste?

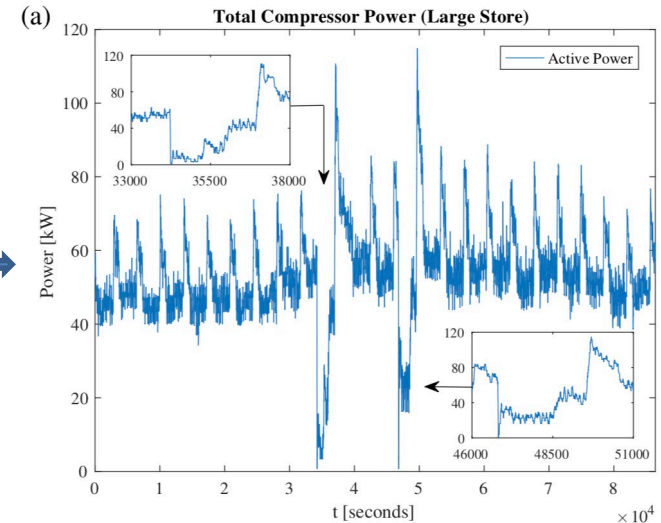
IMS Business Overview



IMS' integrated "edge-to-cloud" platform drives concrete business outcomes and value release across verticals



Food refrigeration and IoT



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Note: Device definition encompasses assets, sensors and machines.
(1) "Others" include Gas Stations, Fleet Management, Airports, Hospitality, and Data Centers.

Blockchain as a unifying platform?

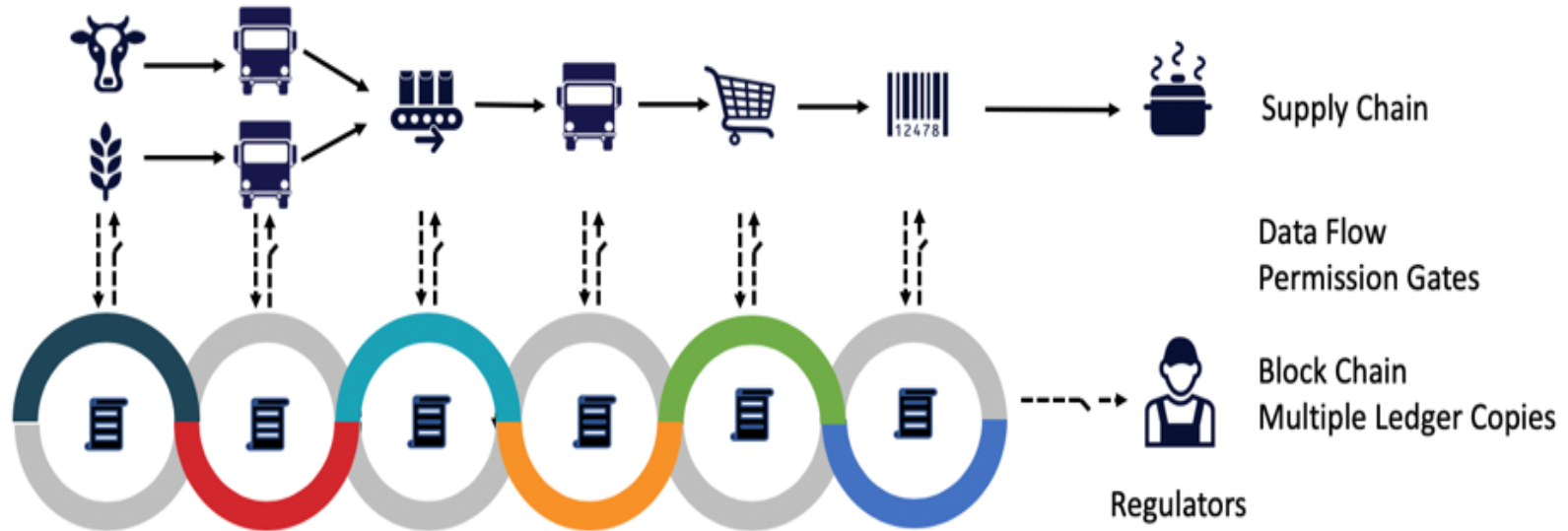
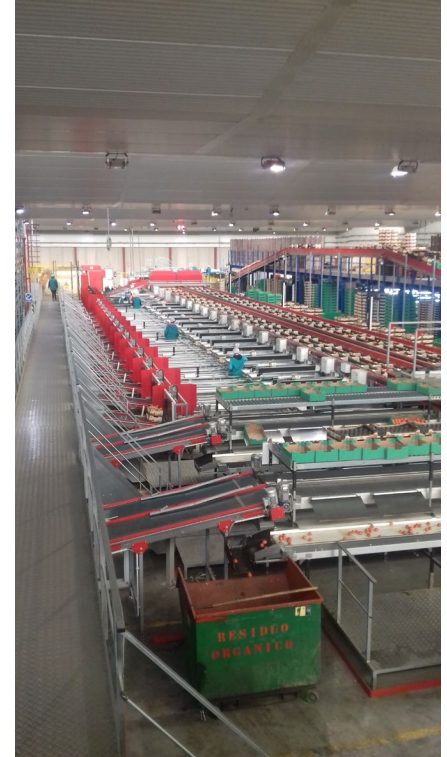


Fig. 1. A schematic diagram demonstrating the flow of data within a food supply chain connected by distributed ledger technology

Are Distributed Ledger Technologies the panacea for food traceability? Simon Pearson , David May , Georgios Leontidis , Mark Swainson , Steve Brewer , Luc Bidaut , Jeremy G. Frey , Gerard Parr , Roger Maull , Andrea Zisman. Global Food Security Volume 20, March 2019, Pages 145-149

IoT and Tracking

- Internet of Things: “gives the opportunity for devices to communicate not only within close silos but across different networking types and creates a much more connected world.” Caroline Gorski, the head of IoT at Digital Catapult
 - Temperature control is critical to optimising shelf life and so reducing food waste
 - Data can be collected from devices via Wireless Sensor Networks, wired sensors, RFID, infra-red, data loggers etc.
 - Challenges: mobile coverage, costs, compatibility, legal, data sharing



Robotics

- Robotics appearing at all stages from field, to factory, to kitchen
- Robotic devices range from large scale to small
- Cost implications for business transformation
- Capital expenditure v. service models: new biz models = opportunities
- Robotics draws on other new tech: visualization, AI/ML, 3D printing...



The Role of Data Sharing?

- Industry 4.0: flexible multi-scale approach for food and drink
- Digitalisation: data, data science and cyber-security
- Linking to other data: satellite/weather, crop, health, economic
- Agri-food tech also linked to other globally important challenges such as land and water use, climate change, and health and well-being



Food is digitising...
To keep in touch....
please join.....



**Internet of
Food Things**
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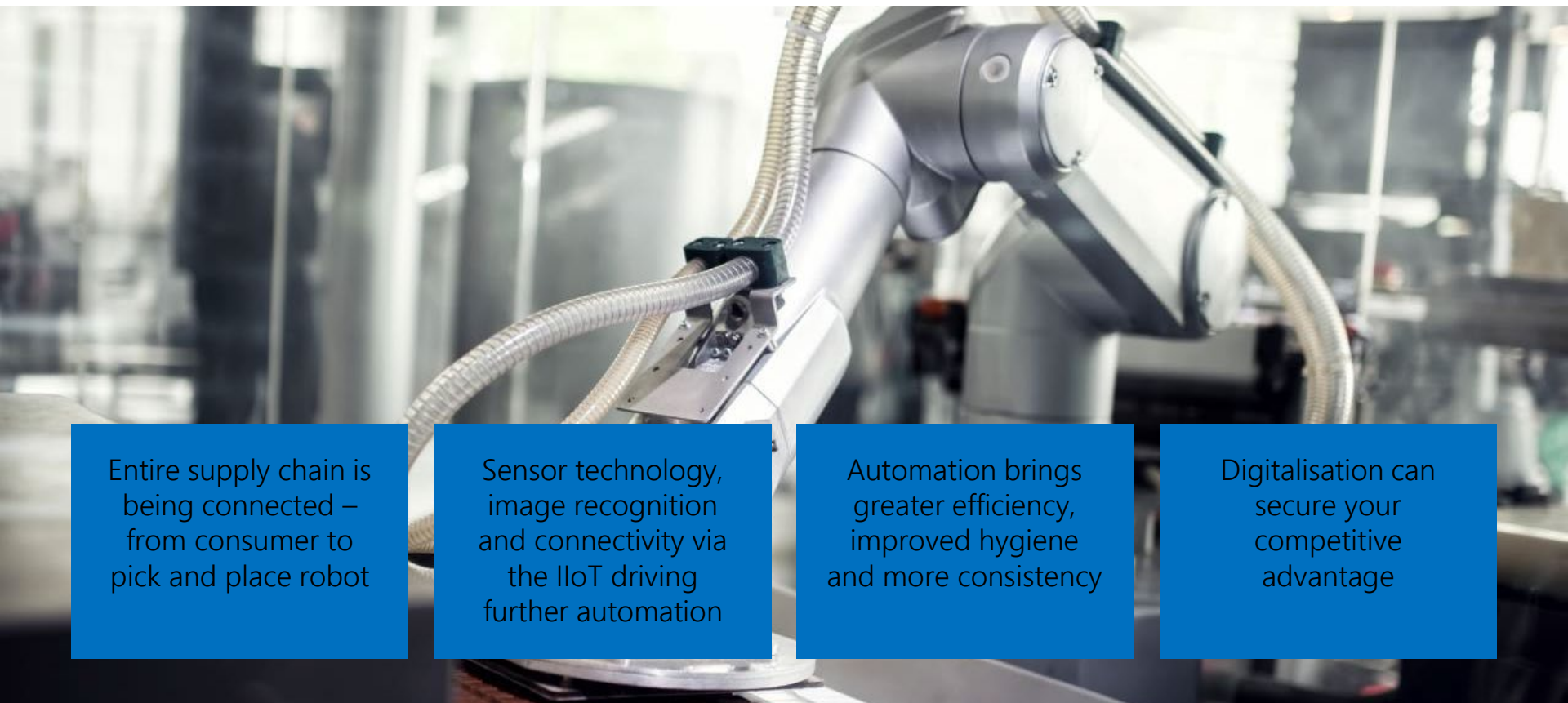


Smarten up Your Factory

Modules for the Smart Food Factory

Mathew Simpson – CSB-System

The Smart Food Factory is already developing step by step and progress is accelerating.



Entire supply chain is being connected – from consumer to pick and place robot

Sensor technology, image recognition and connectivity via the IIoT driving further automation

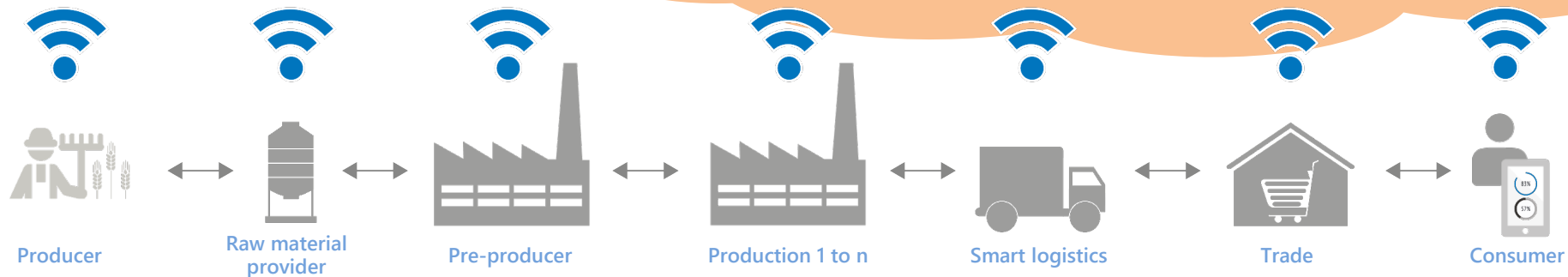
Automation brings greater efficiency, improved hygiene and more consistency

Digitalisation can secure your competitive advantage

In the Smart Food Factory, information will flow up and down the supply chain much faster.

- Orders placed by smartphone can be directly received into the retailer or manufacturer's ERP system
 - Production demand can be generated before retailer stock is even consumed

- Production lines can be controlled by the ERP software and machines can report their own service needs
 - Finished products can be automatically booked and entered into the ERP system



In the Smart Food Factory double work is eliminated and supply is more accurately matched to demand

The technologies already exist to build your Smart Food Factory today...



- EDI for sales orders entry to significantly reduce manual entry and keying errors.



- Connect your scales to your ERP system. Directly confirm and record weights to the system via interfaced scales.



- Invest in vision systems to check seals or distinguish between good and bad products.

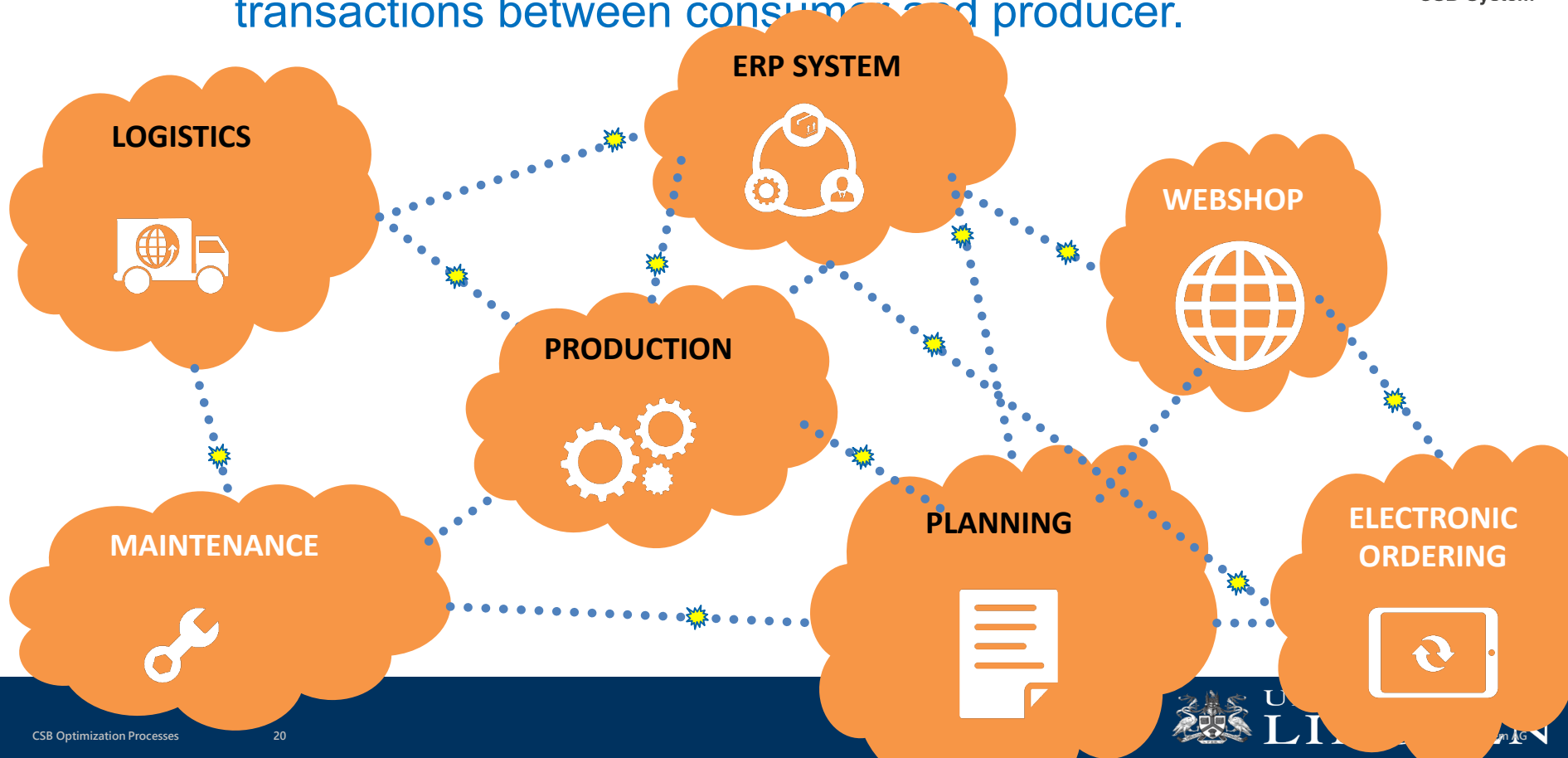


- Integrate your planning system. Planning is half the battle. Wastage, errors and stress are reduced with better planning.



- Install automatic temperature loggers and capture the data directly.

The nervous system of the Smart Food Factory is the ERP system. It connects the shop floor & the top floor and manages transactions between consumer and producer.



Biggest Obstacles to Digitisation:

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- The background of the slide features a stylized illustration of a grey asphalt road with a dashed white center line, receding into the distance. On the right side of the road, there is a winding blue river. The landscape is green with rolling hills. In the far distance, a city skyline with various buildings and a Wi-Fi symbol is visible under a light blue sky with white clouds. Several orange and black striped construction barriers are placed across the road at intervals.
-  3.07 Legal uncertainty
 -  3.22 Missing norms and standards
 -  3.24 Insufficient IT security
 -  3.36 Missing digital infrastructure (broadband expansion)
 -  3.41 Missing contacts to digital service providers (suppliers)
 -  3.59 Missing knowledge about the purchasing behavior of consumers
 -  3.64 Capital / other resources
 -  3.77 Interfaces to customers and suppliers
 -  4.02 Missing knowledge of the technical possibilities
 -  4.10 Missing competences of your employees

So what's stopping you?

(CSB Digitisation Survey, 2018)

A real smart food factory: EDEKA Südwest Fleisch in Rheinstetten is the largest and most advanced meat processing plant of Germany's biggest supermarket group.



Start of
operations in
July 2011



Turnover
635 million €



Annual tonnage
125,000 tons



Customer base
approx. 1300



Sales items
approx. 2500



Employees
approx. 800

EDEKA relies on food specialist ERP software for planning, controlling and optimizing all resources at the facility in Rheinstetten.



Highlights of the solution

Control centers



Perfect interplay
of ERP & MES:
Two CSB control stations
permanently monitor 800
individual processes

Grading



Fully automatic
no-contact & absolutely
hygienic grading of pork
sides in Receiving

Planning



Best-practice cutting &
production planning for
more than 20 lines

Inventory



Automated management
& control of inventory
technology, weigh
labeling & picking

ProMessa: same production space, same staff, double output – Smart Food Factory.



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Sales volume
> 70 million €



>175 employees



> 400
sku's



1,000
stores per day
6 days a week



Deventer
Netherlands

Automated buffer storage warehouses allow de-coupling of production and labelling.

Fully automated inventory:

- Small quantity items in traditional single storage position high-bay storage
- Fast moving products are stored at the fast mover warehouse / portal gantry warehouse
- Automatic stock removal towards 4 WPL lines



ProMesssa applies the label at the last minute and can deliver a single SKU to a single store.



- 4 WPL lines with connected goods-to-person picking sorters
- Production and storage are based on forecasts, without order reference
- Customer-specific labeling only during picking

Advantages:

- Optimized batch sizes in production
- Low logistics costs per unit
- Reduced storage quantities, reduced shortages



Digital Technologies for Better Food Processing

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Digitalised Tools to Build a Resilient and Productive Food Supply Chain



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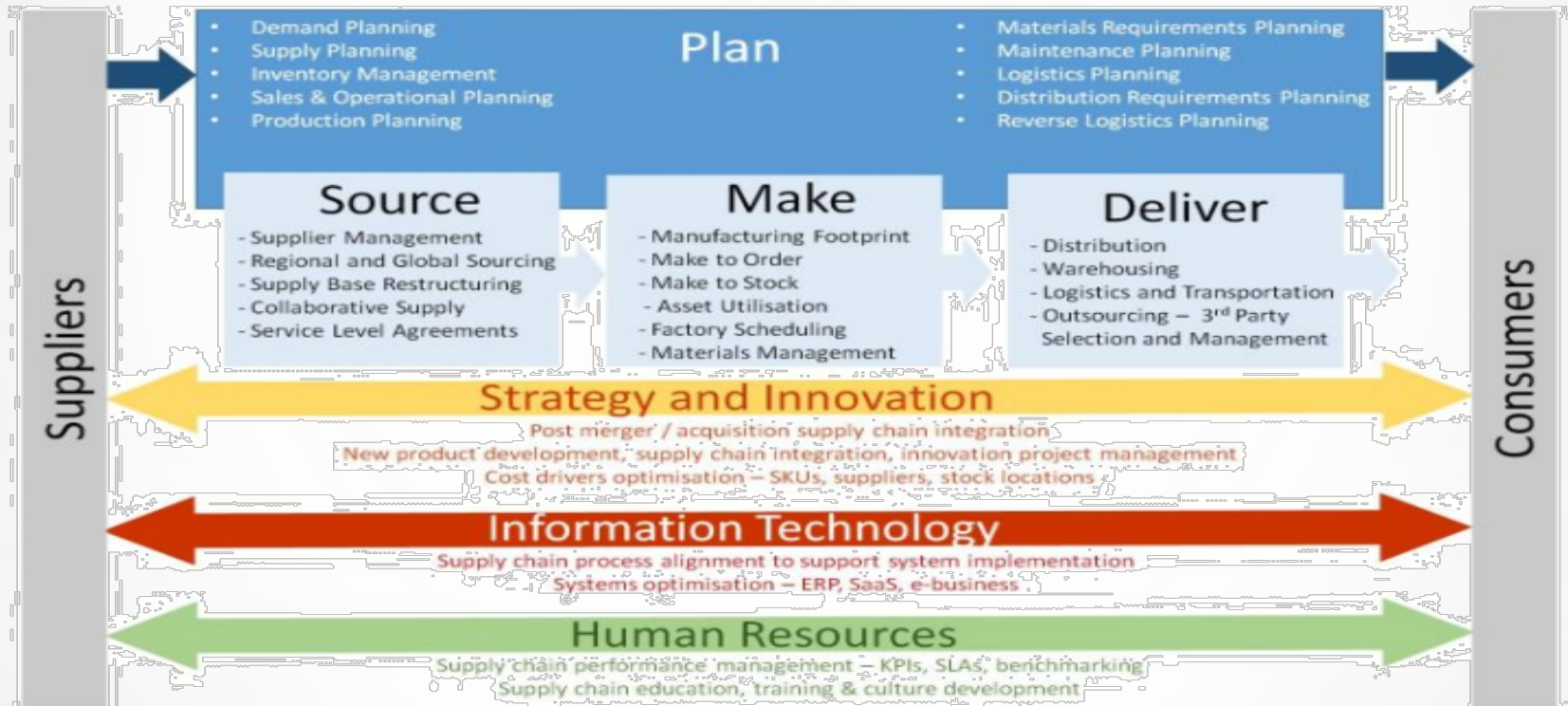
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Food & The Digital Supply Chain

- *The connected supply chain*
- *An example of ‘digital’ in practice.*
- *Policy considerations*

The Connected Supply Chain



Inflexion Point



An Example



Policy Considerations

- ☐ Knowledge
- ☐ Strategy Development
- ☐ Training & Tailored Support
- ☐ Funding
- ☐ Setting the environment

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Hubs



International suppliers



Sweet Potato



Squash



Sweetcorn



Baby corn



Asparagus



Legumes



Chillies



Tenderstem

BARFOOTS

Products



Asparagus



Baby Corn



Beans



Chillies & Chilli Plants



Courgette



Peas



Rhubarb



Squash & Pumpkins



Sweetcorn



Sweet Potatoes



Tenderstem®

Prepared



The Food and Drink Sector Council

Purpose

- To act as the Sector Council representing the farm-to-fork food chain in partnership with Government

Objective

- To improve the productivity and sustainability of the industry

Ways of working

- Providing a mechanism to develop industry-led solutions
- Strengthening partnerships between UK Government and industry
- Engaging relevant Government departments and organisations

7 Work Streams

Innovation Working Group

Agriculture Productivity

Nutrition

Workforce & Skills

Logistics

Packaging & Waste

Exports (& Imports)

The Role of the Innovation Working Group



What we have done to date...

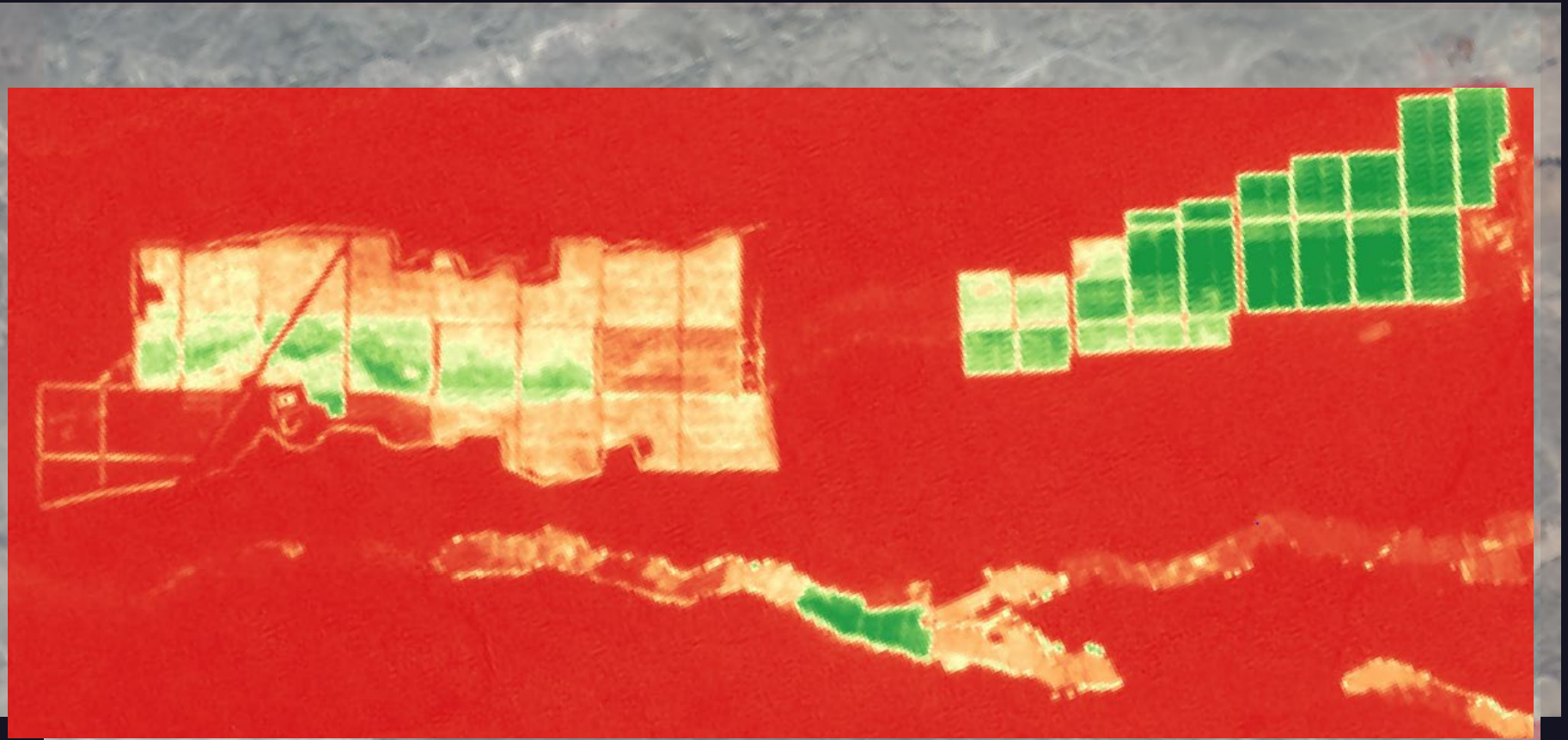


The Big Idea



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Digitalised Technologies to Serve and Retain Consumers



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Digital Technologies to Improve Productivity in Food Production

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2nd April 2019

Supply Chain Challenges

- Greater Focus on Value Chain
- Fragmentation of customers and new channels
- Proliferation of Products
- Scrutinization of Supply
- Sustainability and reduction of waste



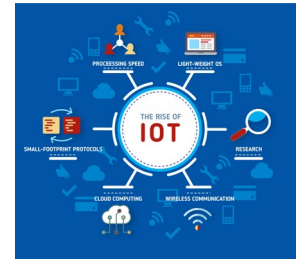
Supply Chain Design Criteria

- Customer Focused/Demand Driven
- Collaboration across the Value chain
- Development of Talent in “Digital”
- Greater use of Analytics and Information
- Balancing Local focus and Global scale



Digital Technology Opportunities

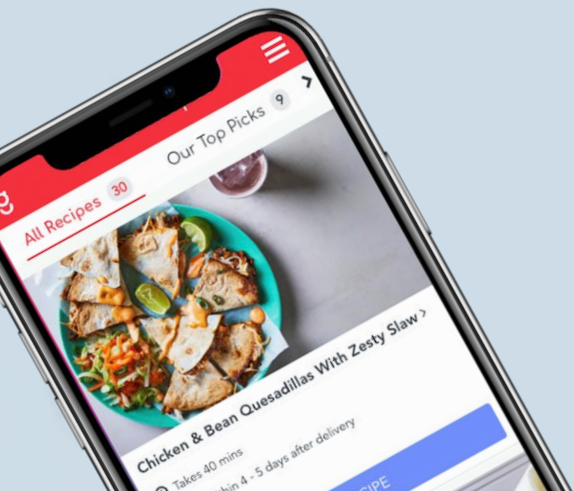
- Machine Learning capability to analyse customer data to define, design and operate a segmented supply chain
- Advanced analytics to understand and automate demand sensing for improved supply chain agility
- Use of Sensors(IoT) to collect data to optimise and automate processes(eg traceability, temperature, tracking)





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Good food all round



Fueling family life through good food with zero waste

Simple model, zero food waste by design

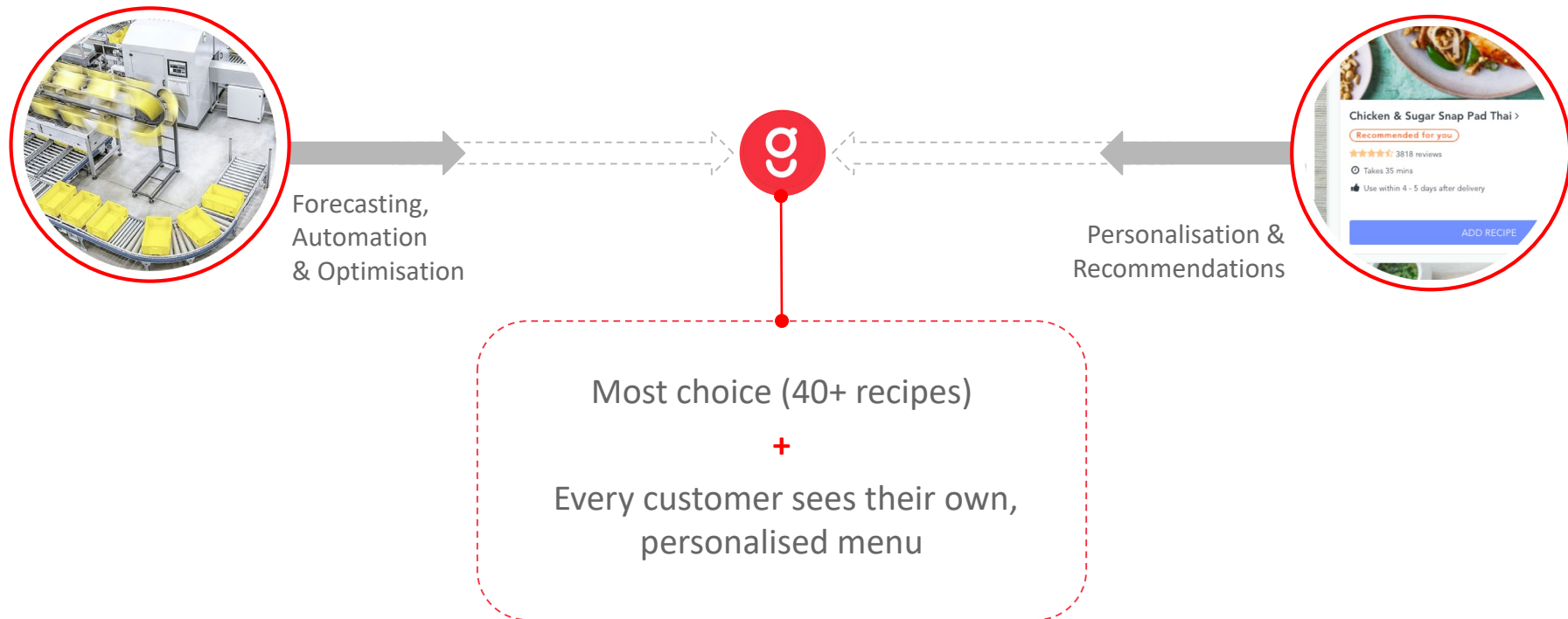
- You pick your recipes from our menu
- We deliver a box of wholesome ingredients in exact proportions with step-by-step recipe cards
- No planning, no supermarkets, no waste

Leading proposition

- Most choice (40 recipes per week)
- Most delivery options
- From £2.98 per portion

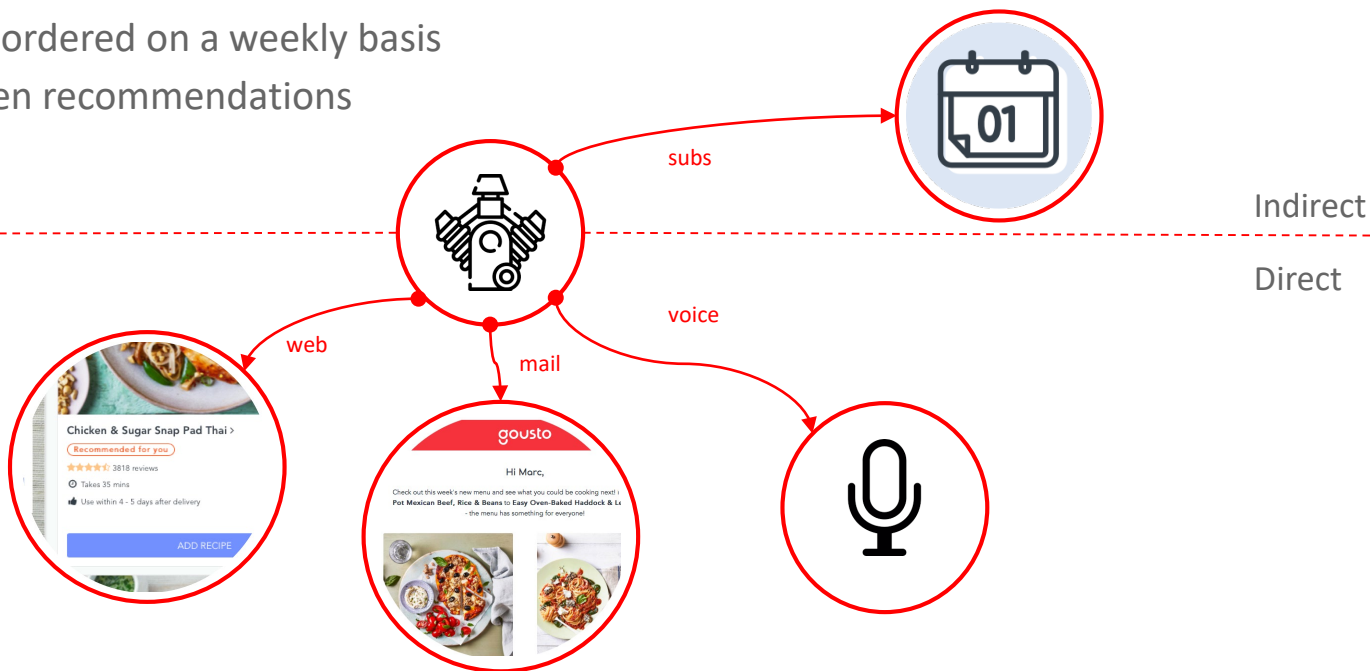


Gousto has a unique AI position

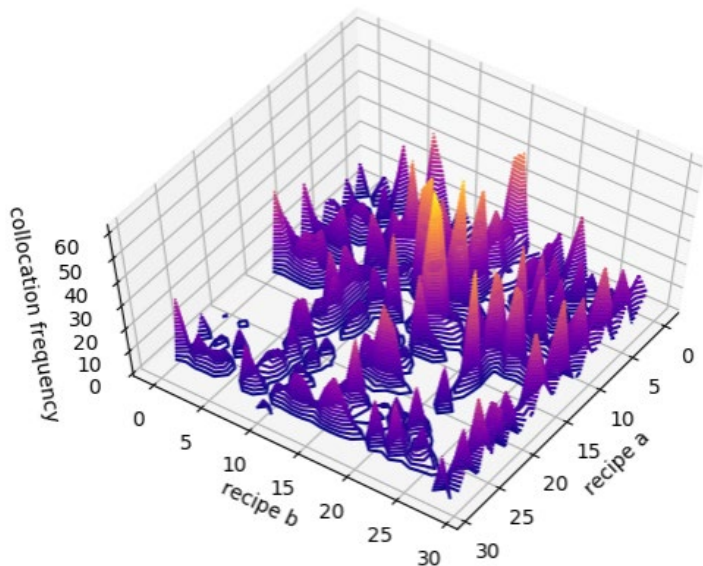


Shifting demand through personalisation

- >40% of recipes ordered on a weekly basis follow data-driven recommendations



Supercharging material flow with demand patterns



- Leveraging consistent customer order patterns helps streamline slotting and routing in our fulfilment centre
- Shorter paths mean higher throughput: +90% in 18 months through AI alone



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Briefing Document

- * Completed and distributed to all attendees in June. For questions or comments regarding the event or the briefing document please contact either of the coordinating organizations.



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