Cutting through the noise

What CIP optimization can teach other industries about maximizing AI value

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Executive summary

Taking the paradigm-shifting value of AI from theory to practice is easier said than done. But within a landscape characterized by more questions than answers, food & beverage manufacturers are illustrating how to turn AI's theoretical value into meaningful process improvements.

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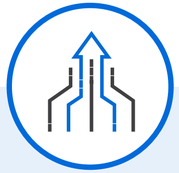
What most businesses get wrong about AI adoption

Amid the AI noise that pervades virtually every industry at the moment, there is no strong consensus on how to translate AI investments into concrete ROI. The result is confusion and stagnancy: A recent MIT study concluded that, among enterprises investing heavily in AI, a shocking 95% are getting zero return.

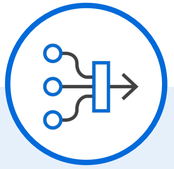
There are multiple sources of this startling figure, but they all converge on a few common themes.

Common AI pitfalls:



Focusing on **superficial functions** that aren't directly tied to business outcomes

Choosing **poorly integrated** AI tools that are unlikely to synthesize data with consistent accuracy.



Investing in AI-powered systems that are **not built to adapt and improve** over time

The food & beverage industry is charting a course to strategic AI

To avoid these pitfalls, business leaders across industries should begin with a close look at their core processes –– specifically, processes that both serve an essential function AND have the potential to hinder productivity. AI tools that can help identify and eliminate inefficiencies in these processes are infinitely more likely to generate a return.

In food & beverage manufacturing, CIP is a prime example of this type of essential (but potentially inefficiency-laden) process.

Effective CIP

- Reliable food safety
- Consistent product quality
- Confident compliance

Efficient CIP

- Less downtime
- Faster production schedules
- Lower resource costs

Every CIP wash generates a mountain of actionable data just waiting to be utilized. AI-enhanced digital tools can help food & beverage manufacturers make full use of that data and maximize the efficiency and efficacy of CIP processes. **Here's how** →

Closing the visibility gap

Even at well-run facilities, key gaps in visibility can undermine the efficiency and efficacy of CIP operations. **Key questions are left unanswered:**

I know I scheduled a wash… **but did it run?**

I know a wash ran… **but was it effective?**

I'm trying my best to optimize cleaning & sanitation… **is it working?**

THE RESULT:

Compromise, inefficiency, and lost time. Gaps in visibility make it impossible to truly optimize CIP operations.

By automatically collecting and analyzing CIP data in real time, AI-enhanced tools are closing the visibility gap and driving smarter, more optimized CIP operations.

DETECT ANOMALIES

Intelligent alerts can help supervisors correct issues like chemistry overuse in real time

FORECAST AND OPTIMIZE

Predictive analytics can proactively forecast and optimize wash cycles or assess upcoming risks

ACCELERATE TROUBLESHOOTING

Advanced analytics can quickly pinpoint issues and identify likely causes

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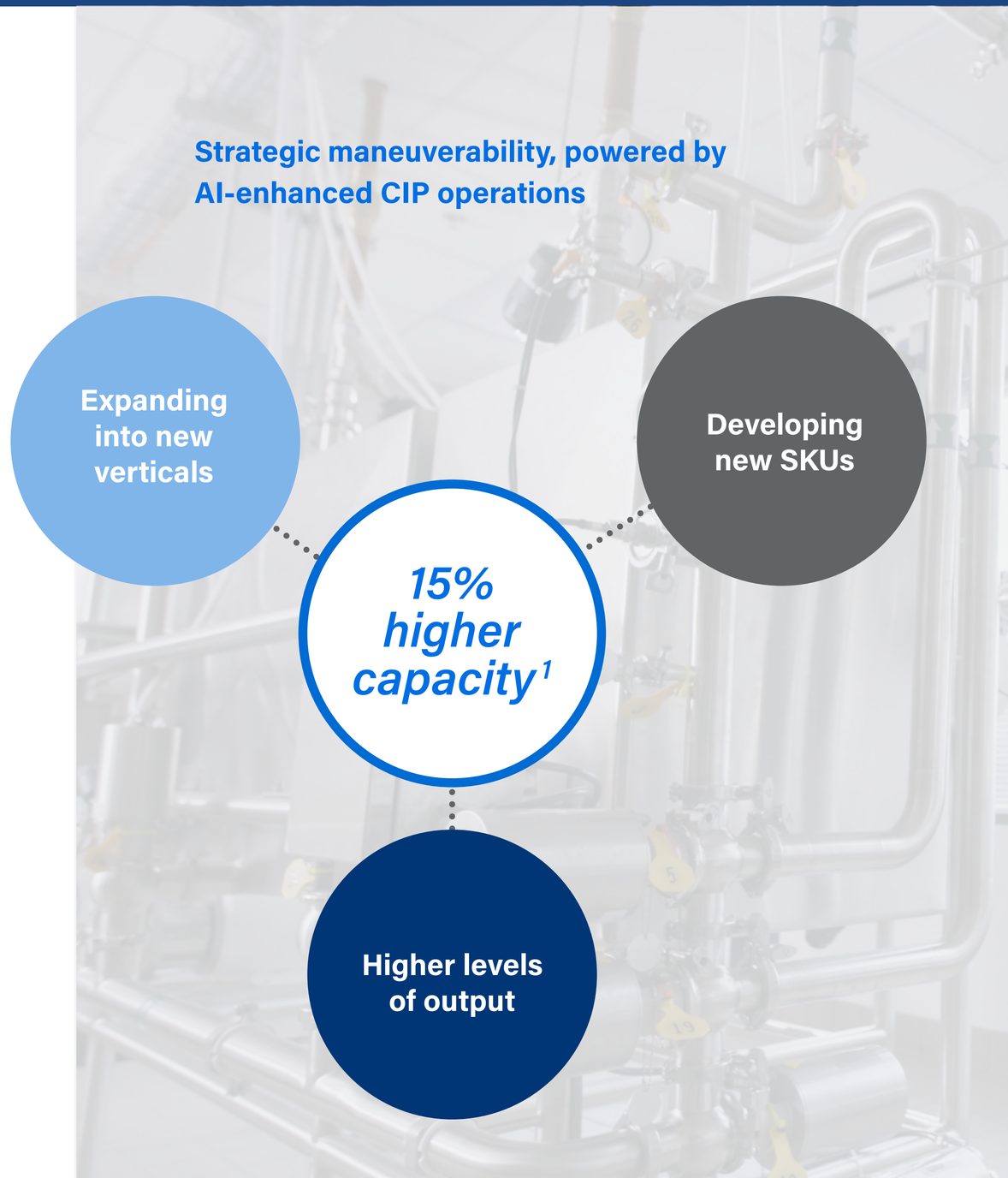
The path to higher capacity

AI-enhanced digital tools equip food & beverage manufacturers with the information they need, when they need it. Already, these tools are producing real results — in some cases, 15% improvements to core efficiency.[1]

Just like that, the business value of AI tools comes into focus. Using AI-enhanced visibility tools that meaningfully increase their production capacity, food & beverage manufacturers can turn their CIP operations into a competitive advantage.

Crucially, these AI tools combine food & beverage expertise with AI expertise. Instead of merely introducing a neutral AI tool into a food & beverage environment, these tools are trained by CIP experts and purpose-built to deliver CIP insights with both speed and accuracy.



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[1] *Based on results from customer trials, which are specific to those individual customers when full Ecolab recommendations were implemented. Results will vary for other customers based on factors and circumstances in their operations.*

The full spectrum of value

AI-enhanced CIP embeds intelligence and efficiency into the core of food safety operations.

FULL VISIBILITY

Monitor and analyze every component of every CIP wash

UNSHAKABLE CONSISTENCY

Free data from operational glitches related to human error

ADVANCED INTELLIGENCE

Catch patterns that would have otherwise flown under the radar

HYPERFOCUS

Cuts through noise to identify most relevant problems and opportunities

QUICK RESPONSE

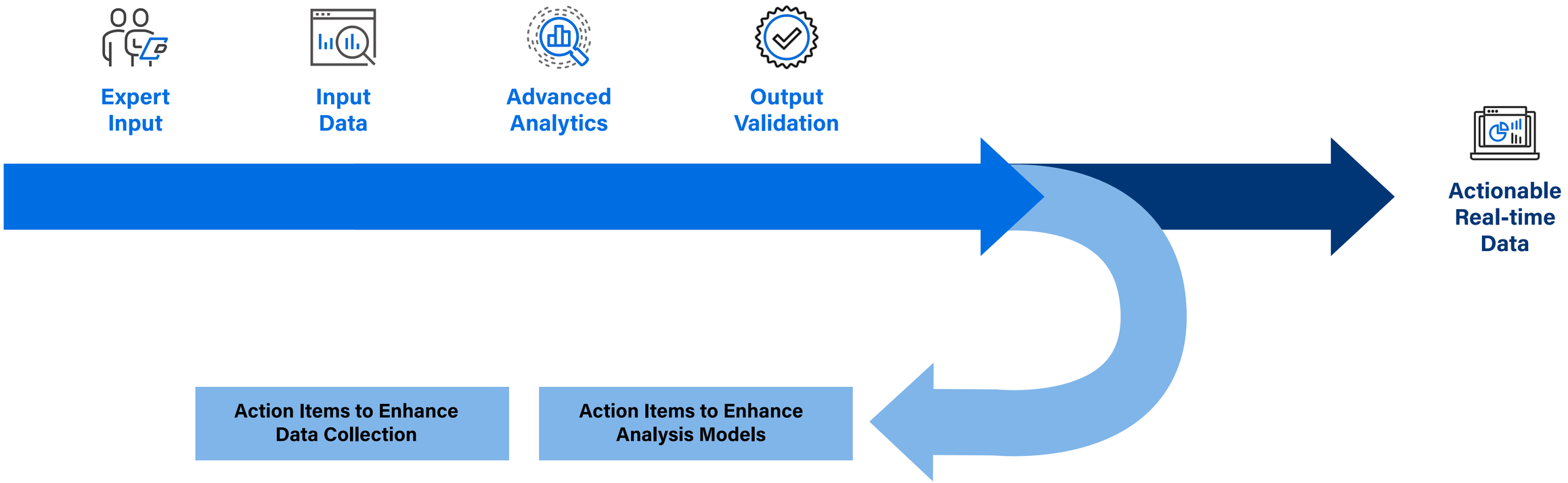
Detect issues early to avoid costly slowdowns or stoppages

SHEER CONFIDENCE

Next-level visibility and production guardrails maximize both efficiency and food safety

A competitive edge that gets stronger and stronger

The best AI tools offer more than a one-and-done boost to efficiency; they set businesses on a course for continuous improvement. Combined with the right expertise and chemistries, AI-enhanced CIP tools follow this playbook and deliver an ever-sharpening competitive edge.



Better visibility today
Better business tomorrow

AI-enhanced CIP optimization tools offer lessons both within the food & beverage manufacturing space and beyond.

For food & beverage manufacturers, these tools show how a modern, digital approach to monitoring and managing CIP can leverage improved visibility toward measurable increases in efficiency and overall capacity.

For leaders in every industry, these tools demonstrate the value of taking a targeted approach to AI adoption. By focusing on essential core processes and reformulating them for maximum efficiency, AI-powered tools can make turn their theoretical value into real-life success stories.

Want to know more about AI-enhanced CIP?

Connect with our team to learn about CIP IQ™,
Ecolab's purpose-built tool for the future of CIP.

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