

# Design Space and Control Strategy

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# Outline

- ICH Q8, Q9 and Q10 – The Vision of the desired state
- Q8 is a Door Opener for
  - Describing Quality by Design
  - Including more Science and Risk Management
  - Including PAT
  - Include Design Space
- Introduces the concept of Design Space
- Describes how to define what is critical
- Redefines what is a Change
- Quality Risk Management supports the Control Strategy
- Summary

# Global Challenges

- Rising Global Regulatory Bar
- **Consent decrees and enormous fines from manufacturing compliance deficiencies**
- Higher safety hurdles for marketing approval
- Challenge of Sustaining Product Pipeline & Flow
- Biotech contribution less than expected
- Government price control
- **Challenge of Earning Stakeholders Trust**

# FDA's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Quality Initiative

- **Goals**

1. Encourage the early adoption of **new technological advances** by the industry
2. Facilitate **industry** application of modern quality management techniques, including **implementation of quality systems approaches**, to all aspects of pharmaceutical production and quality assurance
3. Encourage implementation of **risk-based approaches** that focus both industry and FDA attention on critical areas

•Woodcock, FDA

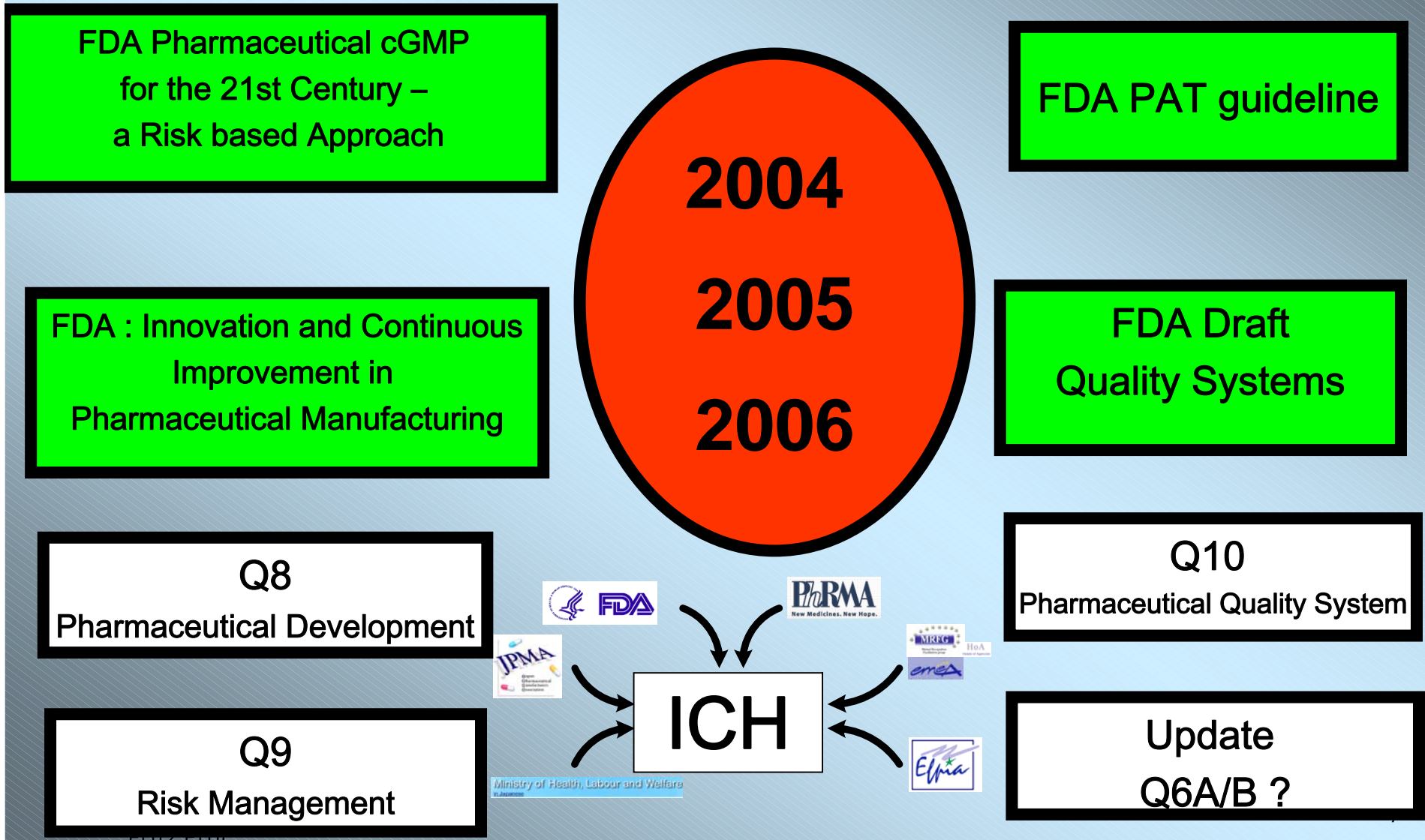
# The Paradigm Change

**From**  
**'blind compliance'**  
**to**  
**'science and risk**  
**based compliance'**

# ICH agreed Desired State

- Product quality and performance achieved and assured by design of effective and efficient manufacturing processes
- Product specifications based on mechanistic understanding of how formulation and process factors impact product performance
- An ability to effect Continuous Improvement and Continuous "real time" assurance of quality

# GMP and Regulatory Actions



# Process Analytical Technology : PAT

## •FDA's Vision :

### ▪Paradigm Change:

Quality by design replaces Testing to Document Quality

- Product and Process specifications based on mechanistic understanding of how factors affect product performance
- Process understanding leading to
  - Real Time Quality assurance
  - Continous Improvement
- Regulatory policies tailored to science
- Risk based approaches

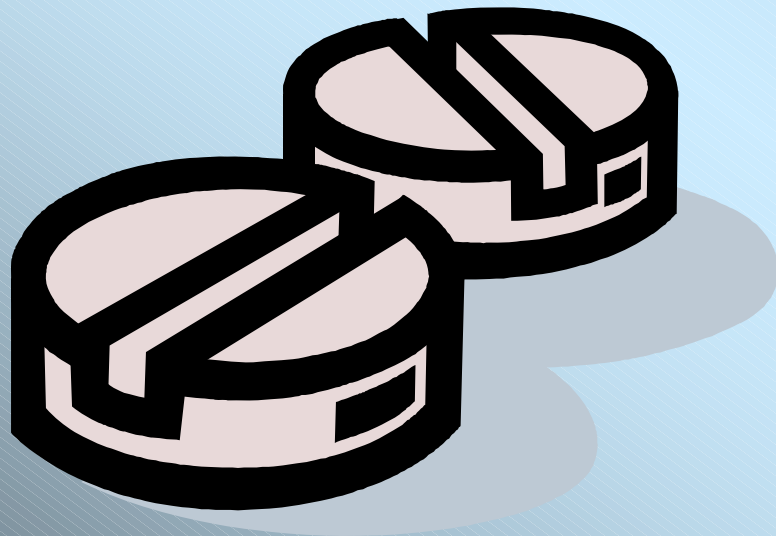


# The role of Process Understanding



# Process Understanding

## •Pharma

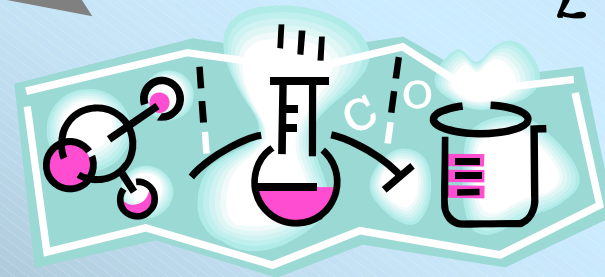
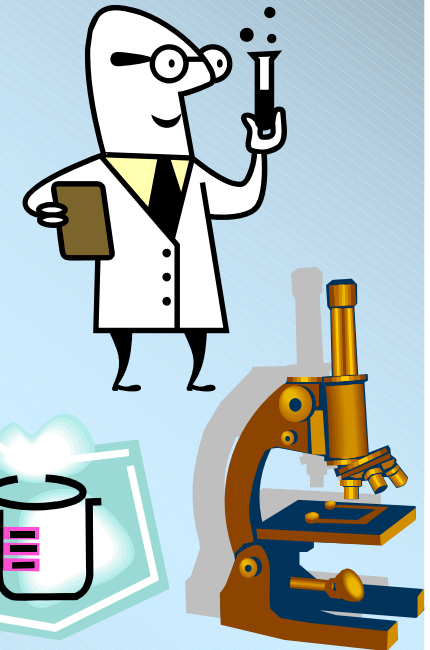
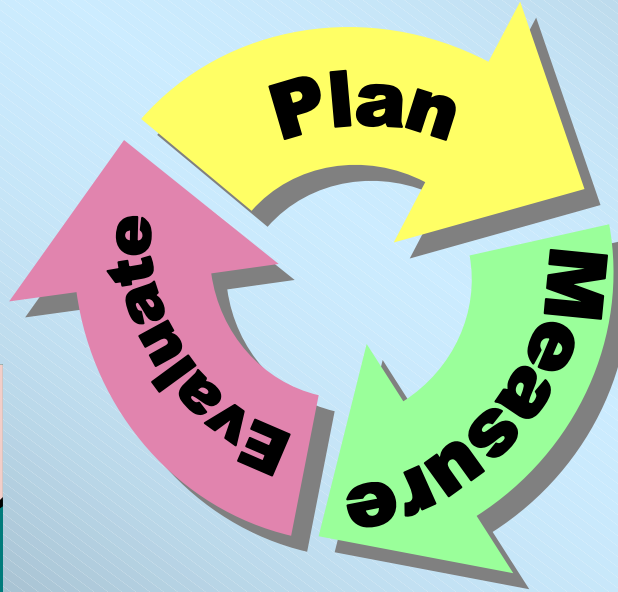


## •Air Plane



# Challenges to 'Understanding'

- Understanding involves Measurements



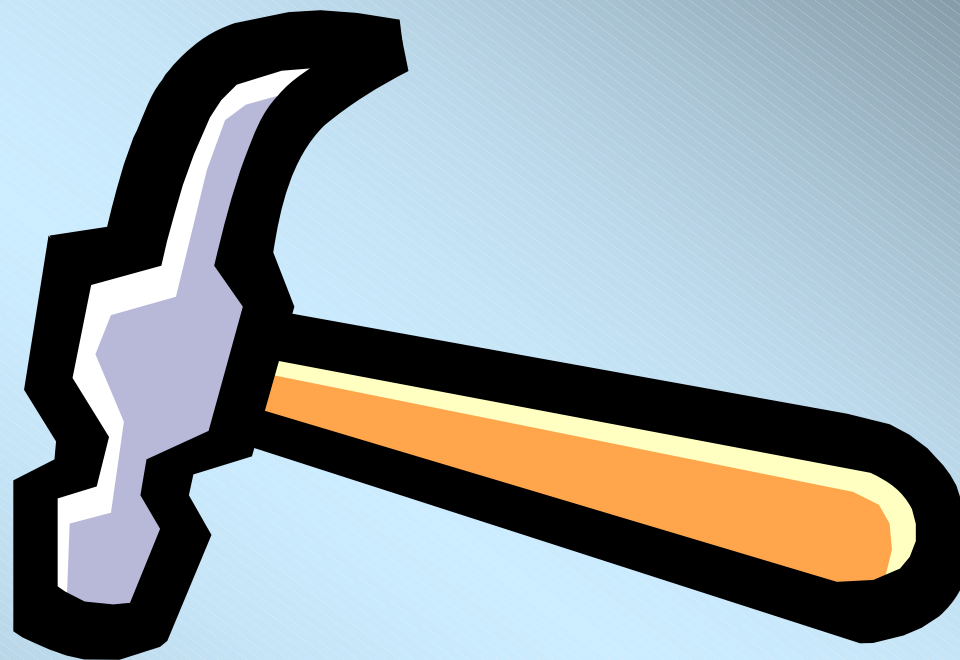
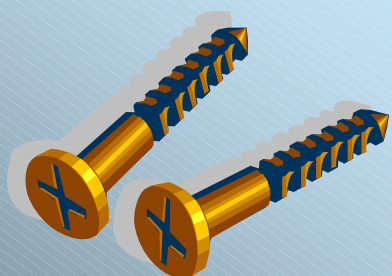
# Challenges to Analytical Science

The need for increased  
**Process understanding** is  
a massive Boost for  
**Analytical Science**



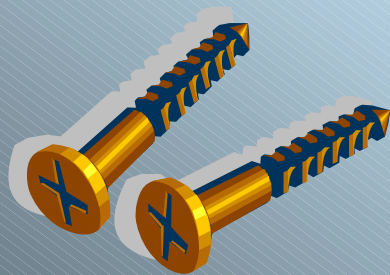
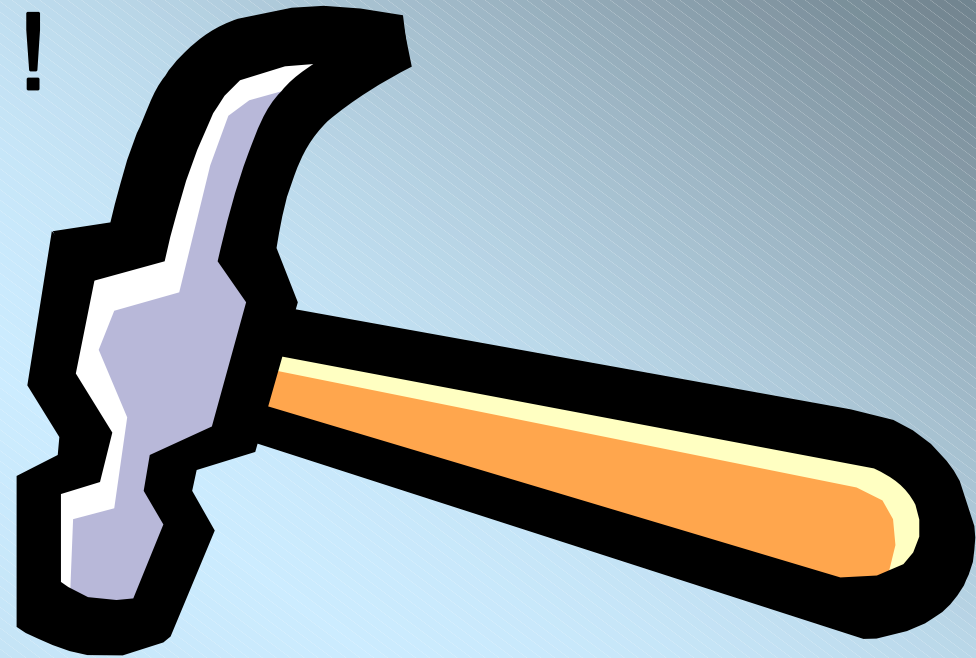
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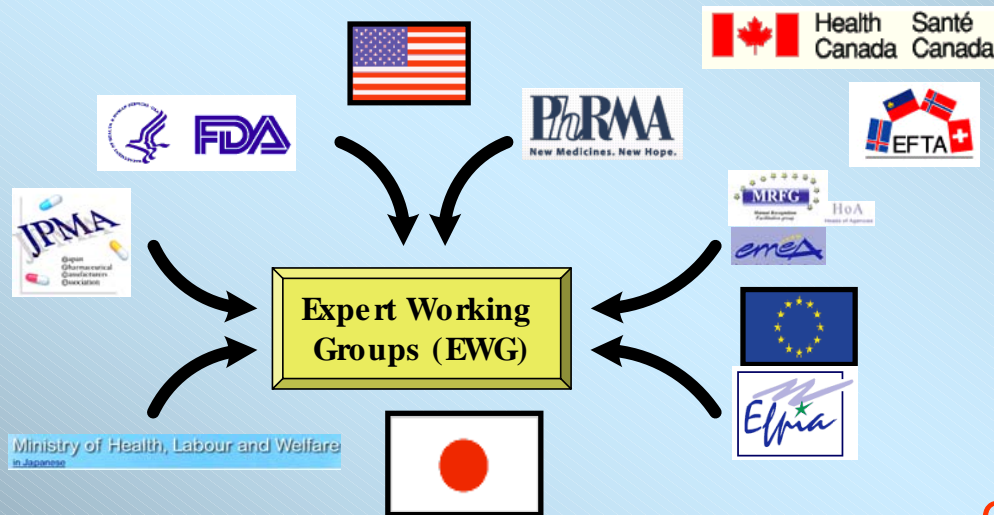


# Challenges to Analytical Science

We need the adequate Tools



# Global Harmonisation (ICH+GCG)



## Global Cooperation Group

- APEC :** Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation
- ASEAN :** Assoc. South East Asian Nations
- GCC :** Gulf Cooperation Council
- PANDRH :** Pan American Network for Drug Reg. Harm.
- SADC :** South African Dev. Community





# What is Q8 be!

- Guideline for the description what is in P2
- Describes the minimal Standard for P2
- Opens door to get closer to the **‘Desired State’**
  - Science based
  - Includes Risk Management
  - Continuous improvement
  - Real Time Release

## ICH Q8

Door opener for  
Quality by Design



# What is Quality by Design

## Elements of a QbD

- Systematic Development Approach
- Formulation Understanding
- Process Understanding
- Packaging Understanding
- Application of Quality Risk Management
- Advanced Control Strategy

# Quality by Design

<b>Conventional PD</b>	<b>Quality by Design(ideal)</b>
Mainly <b>empirical</b> approach	A <b>systematic</b> approach
Quality assured by <b>end-product testing</b> and inspection	Quality assured by well <b>understood product and process, moving controls upstream</b> without relying on end-product testing as much as possible
<b>Process is fixed</b> , disallowing changes	Flexible process within design space, allowing <b>continuous improvement</b>
Focus on <b>process reproducibility</b> – often avoiding or ignoring variability	Focus on <b>formulation and process robustness</b> – understanding and controlling variability
Limited and simple IPC	<b>Extended PAT tools</b> replacing the need for end product testing

# P2 Content per CTD-Q

1. Drug substance
  - Key physicochemical characteristics
  - Compatibility
2. Excipients
3. Drug product
  - Rationale for type of product
  - Formulation development
  - Overages
  - Physicochemical and biological properties
  - Performance testing
4. Manufacturing Development
5. Container closure system (and delivery devices)
6. Microbiological attributes
7. Compatibility

## Where to put information in on

- Quality by design
- Science
- Risk Management
- Continuous improvement
- Real Time Release

## When to update the document

# Where do we stand?



- Q8 Step 4 signed by 6 ICH partners and observers



- Confirmed main Strategic issues



- Clarifying 'baseline' and 'optional' expectations



- Outlined areas of potential regulatory flexibility that could be expected when presenting 'optional' information

# Q8 – General Concepts

## QbD and Risk Management

- The Pharmaceutical Development section provides an opportunity to present the **knowledge gained through the application of scientific approaches and quality risk management** to the development of a product and its manufacturing process.

## Q8 – General Concepts

# QbD and Risk Management

- The aim of pharmaceutical development is to **design a quality** product and its manufacturing process to consistently deliver the intended performance of the product. The information and knowledge gained from pharmaceutical development studies and manufacturing experience provide scientific understanding to support the **establishment of the design space, specifications, and manufacturing controls.**

## Q8 – General Concepts

# What is minimal requirement

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**At a minimum**, those aspects of drug substances, excipients, container closure systems, and manufacturing processes that are **critical to product quality** should be determined and **control strategies justified**.



## Q8 – General Concepts

### What is critical?

Critical formulation attributes and process parameters are generally identified through an assessment of the extent to which their variation can have impact on the quality of the drug product.

## Q8 – General Concepts

### Optional process understanding

**In addition,** the applicant can choose to conduct pharmaceutical development studies that can lead to an enhanced knowledge of product performance over a wider range of material attributes, processing options and process parameters.

# Q8 – General Concepts

## What we get in return

This scientific understanding facilitates establishment of an **expanded design space**. In these situations, opportunities exist to develop more flexible regulatory approaches, for example, to facilitate:

- **risk-based regulatory decisions** (reviews and inspections);
- **manufacturing process improvements**, within the approved design space described in the dossier, **without further regulatory review**;
- **reduction of post-approval submissions**;
- **real-time quality control**, leading to a reduction of end-product release testing.

# Possible Regulatory Flexibility

- Continuous Improvement
- Real time release
  - Reduced or elimination of routine **end product testing**
- Expanded design space
  - Independence on **scale**
  - Independent of **equipment**
  - Independent of **site**
  - Independent from **drug substance** manufacturing if within spec
- Process Validation
  - Process validation replaced by **Concurrent Process Verification** using validated methods (qualified controls)
- Stability Testing
  - Reduced **confirmation stability** studies for any changes within the design space
  - Reduced **annual stability** batches

# Q8 – General Concepts

## Review - Inspection

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The Pharmaceutical Development section is intended to provide a comprehensive understanding of the product and manufacturing process **for reviewers and inspectors.**

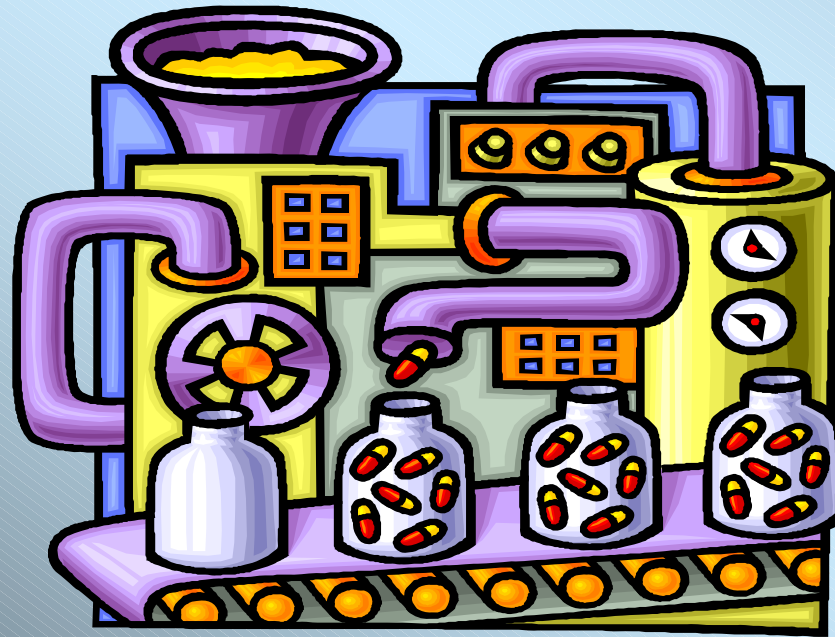
## Q8 – Strategic Questions : Submissions and Post Approvals

It is first produced for the original marketing application and **can be updated** to support new knowledge gained over the **lifecycle** of a product

# Process

# understanding

Key for making a good story!



## Q8 – Strategic Questions :

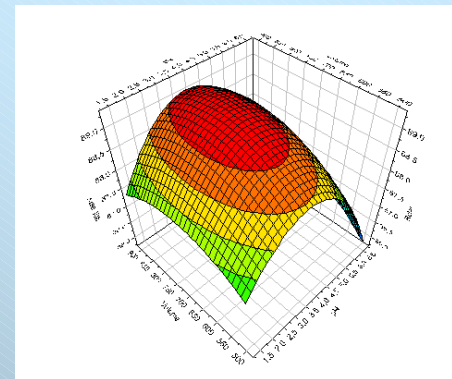
What is the **Design Space**?

**Will be the Base for Continuous  
Improvement!**



# Design Space

- Is Key for claiming **Process Understanding**
- Process understanding is Key for **Quality Risk Management**
- QRM is the base for any **Control Strategy**



# Design Space

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## Q8 – Design Space :

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Redefines what is a **Change**?

**Base for all Post Approval Changes**



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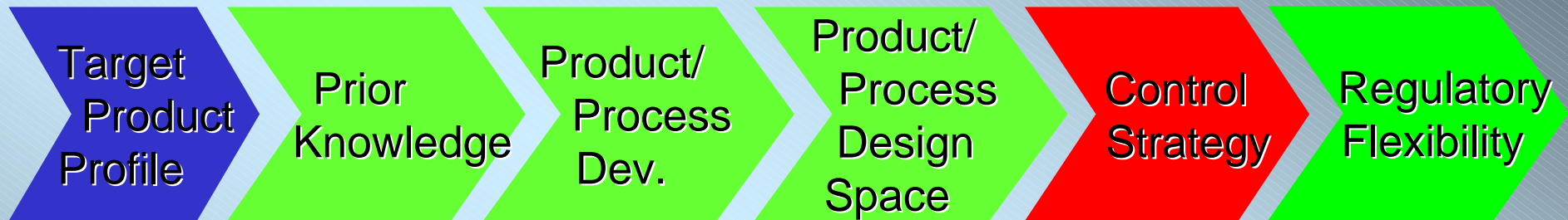
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# An Industry View of QbD in Dossier: Key Scientific Elements and 'Flow'



Definition of **Product Intended Use** and pre-definition of **Quality** targets (wrt clinical relevance, efficacy and safety)

Summary of **Prior Scientific Knowledge** (drug substance, excipients; similar formulations and processes). **Initial Risk Assessment**

Overview of **Quality by Design** key actions and decisions taken to develop **New Scientific Knowledge**, e.g. DoE, PAT, **Risk Assessment and Risk Control**

Summary of **Scientific Understanding of Product and Process**. Justification and description of **Multi-dimensional Space that Assures Quality** (interrelationships and boundaries of **Clinical Relevance**).

Definition of **Control Strategy** based on Design Space leading to **Control of Quality** and **Quality Risk Mgmt.** (Process Robustness)

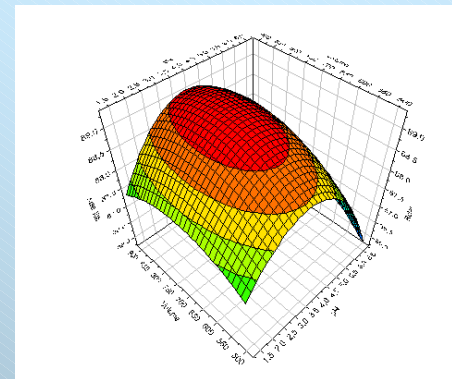
Proposal of **Regulatory Flexibility** based on Product and Process Scientific Knowledge and **Quality Risk Mgmt.** (Materials, Site, Scale etc)

## Design Space (ICH Q8)

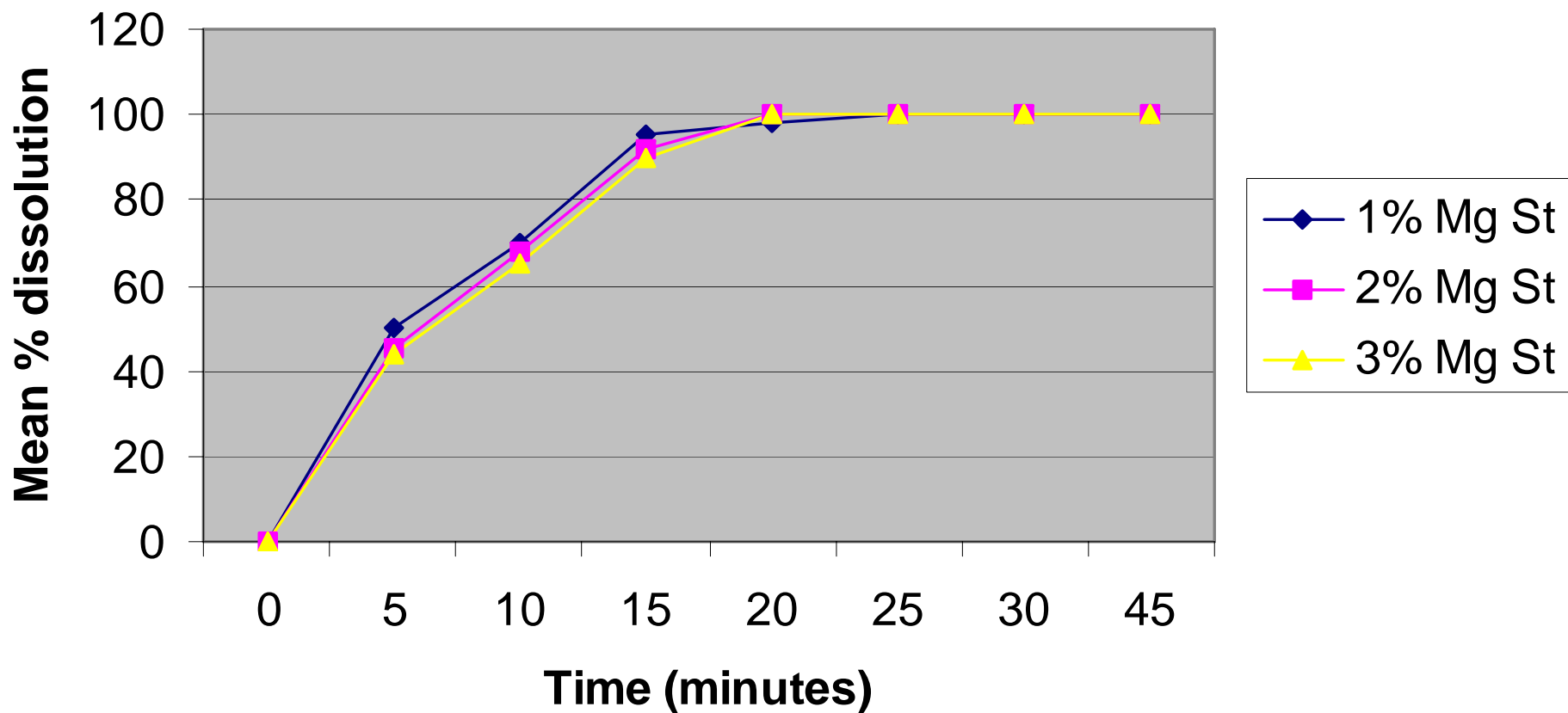
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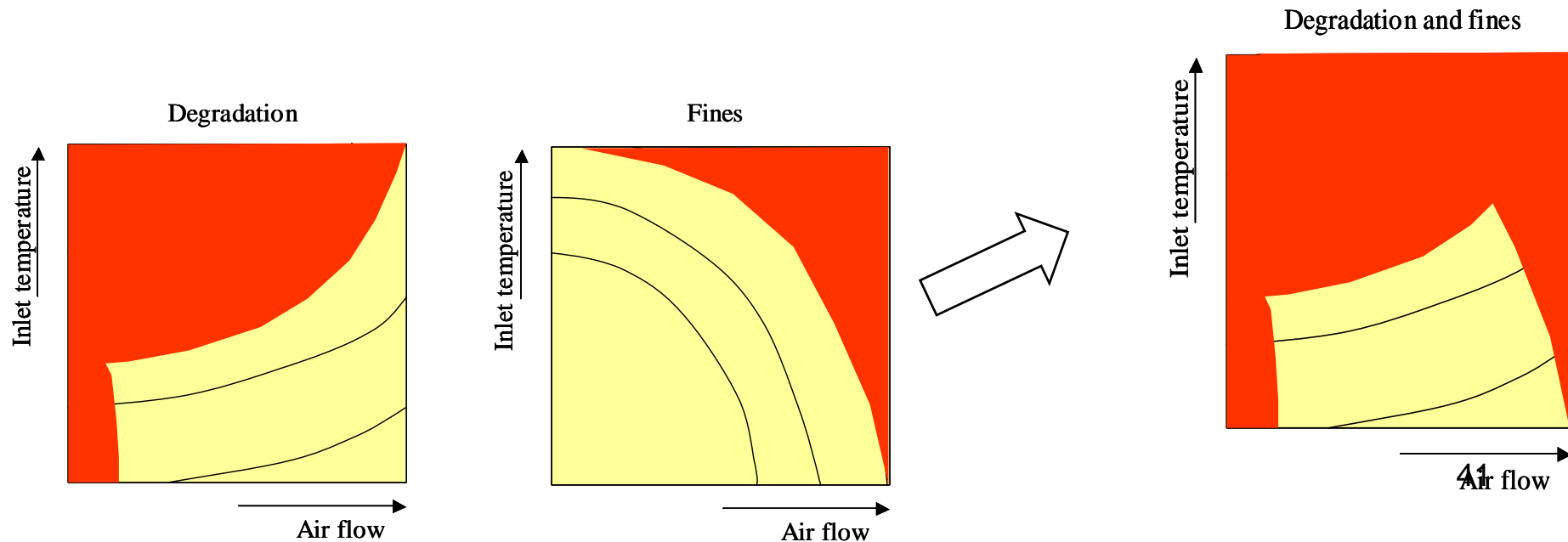
## Dissolution profiles of examplain hydrochloride tablets - effect of lubrication level pH 6.8



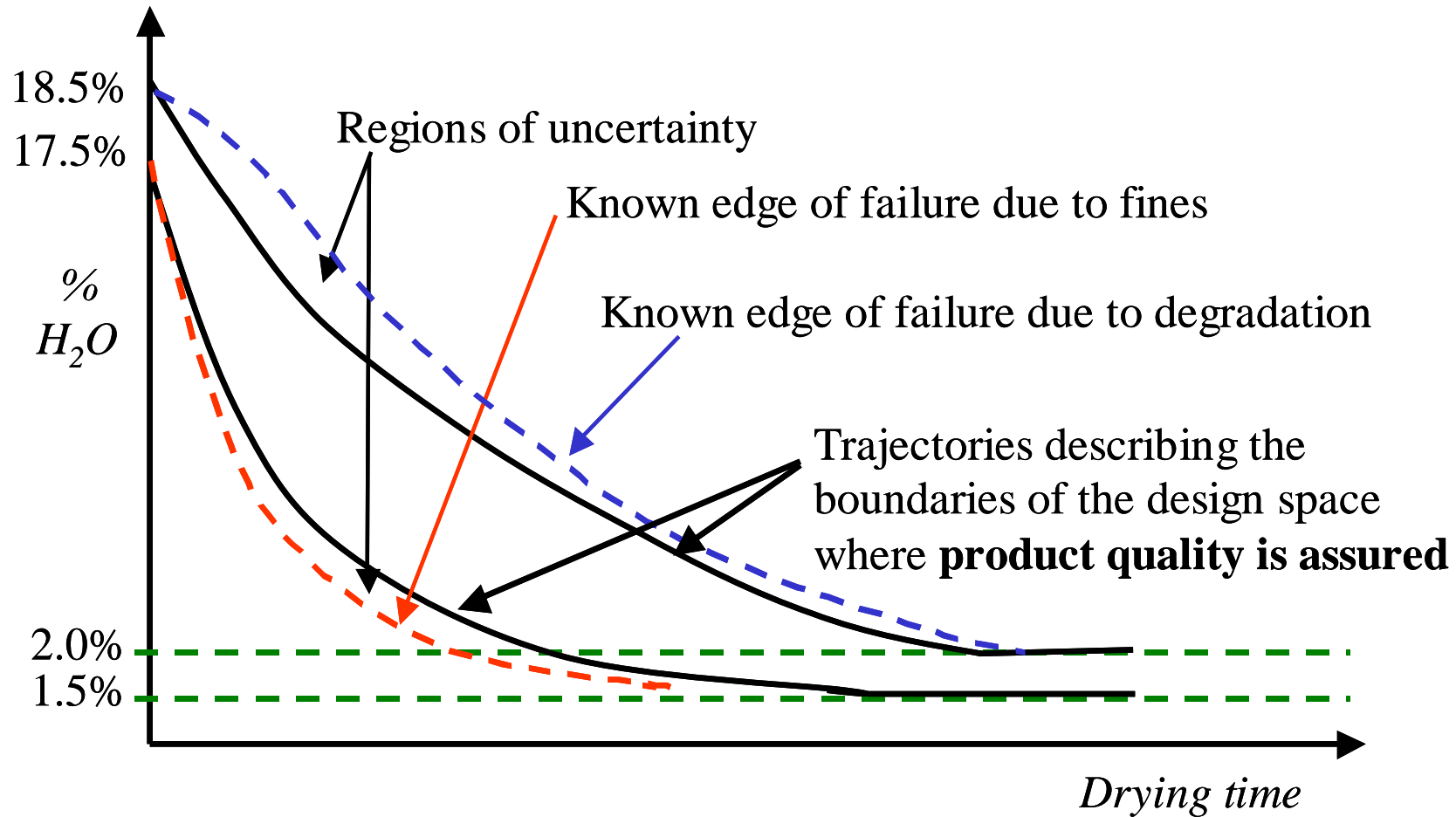


# Design of Experiments (DoE)

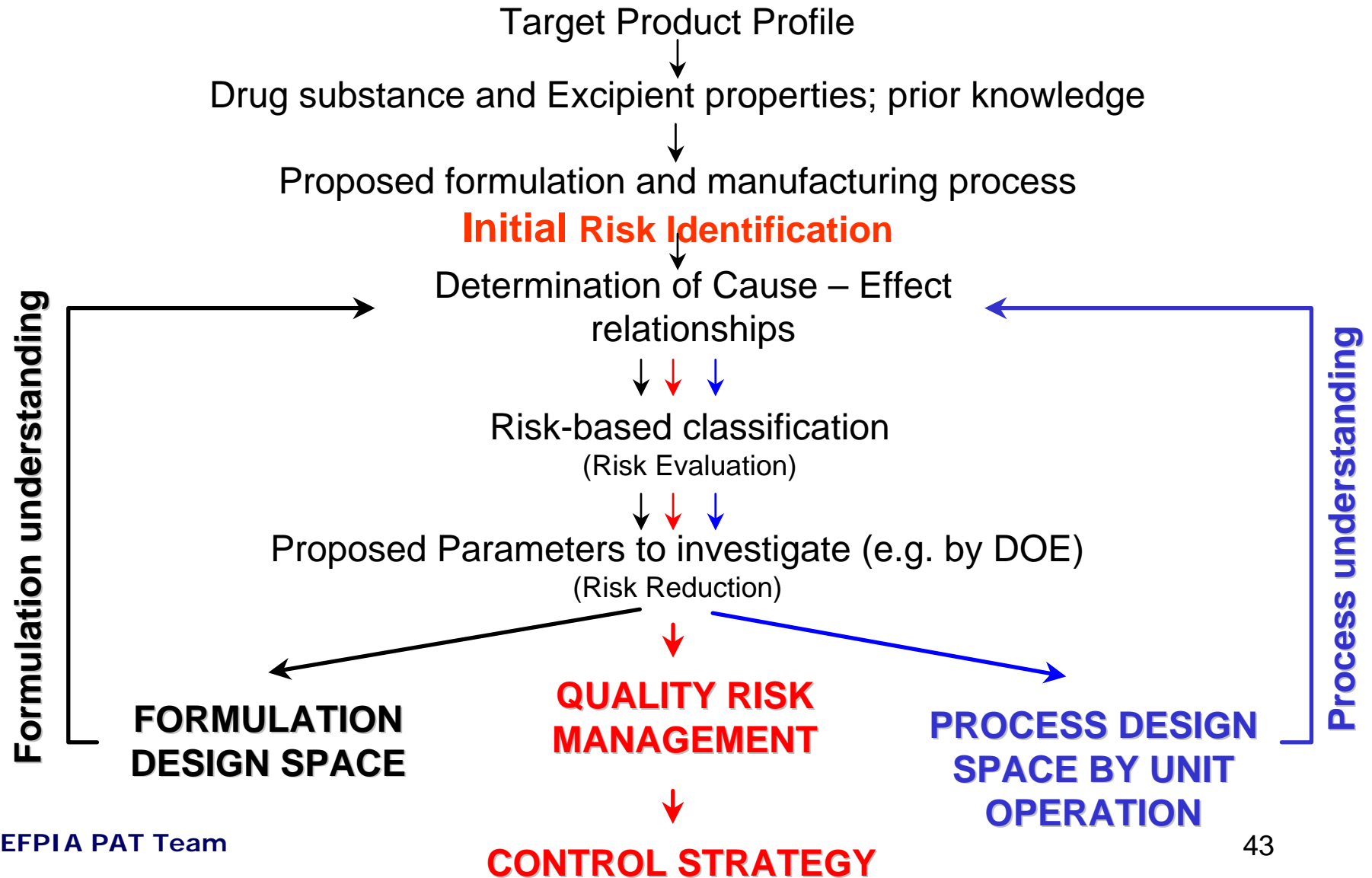
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# Explain Design Space – Graphical Description

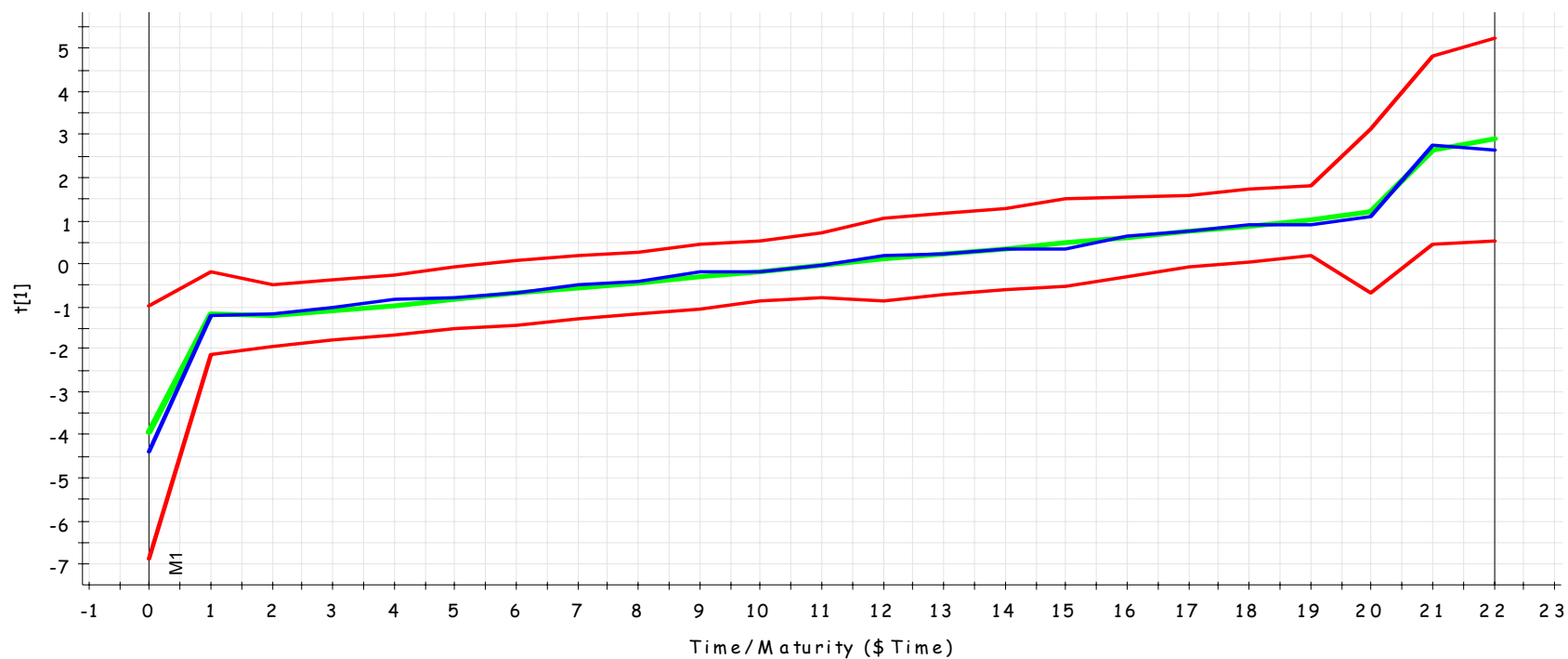


# PAT Development Approach



# Real-Time Monitoring

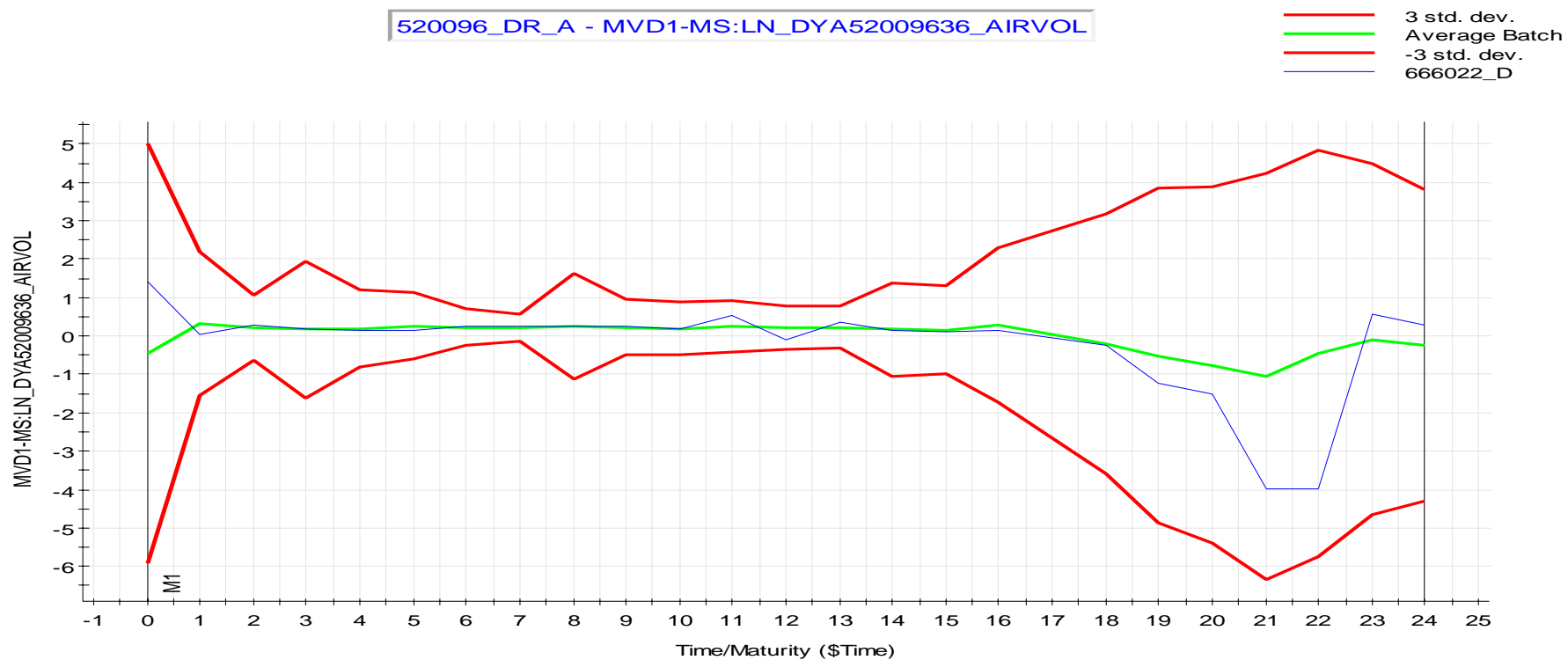
Batch Fingerprint/Golden Batch - Predicted scores for t[1]



— 3 std. dev. — Average Batch — -3 std. dev. — 1003412

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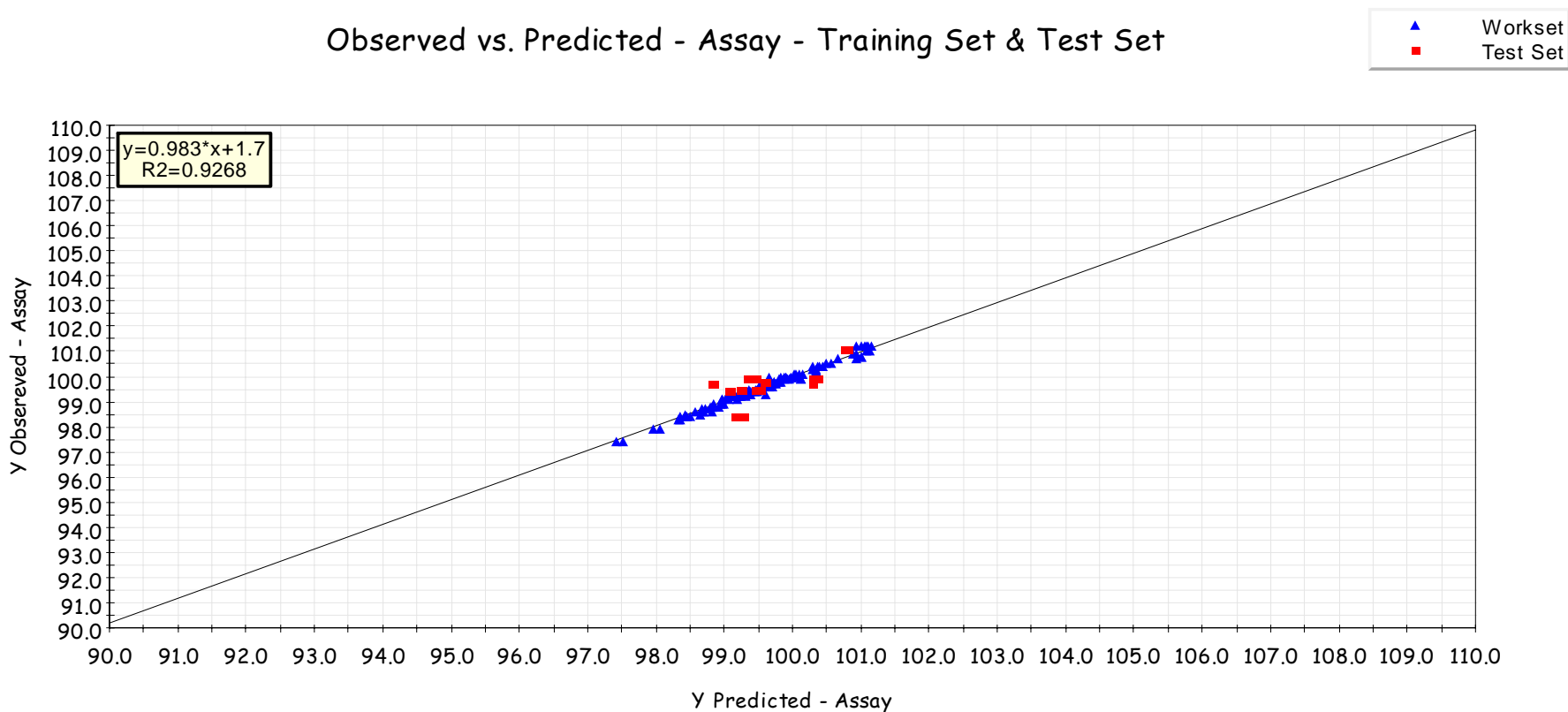
# Plot For One Variable



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# Assay - Training Set & Test Set

Observed vs. Predicted - Assay - Training Set & Test Set

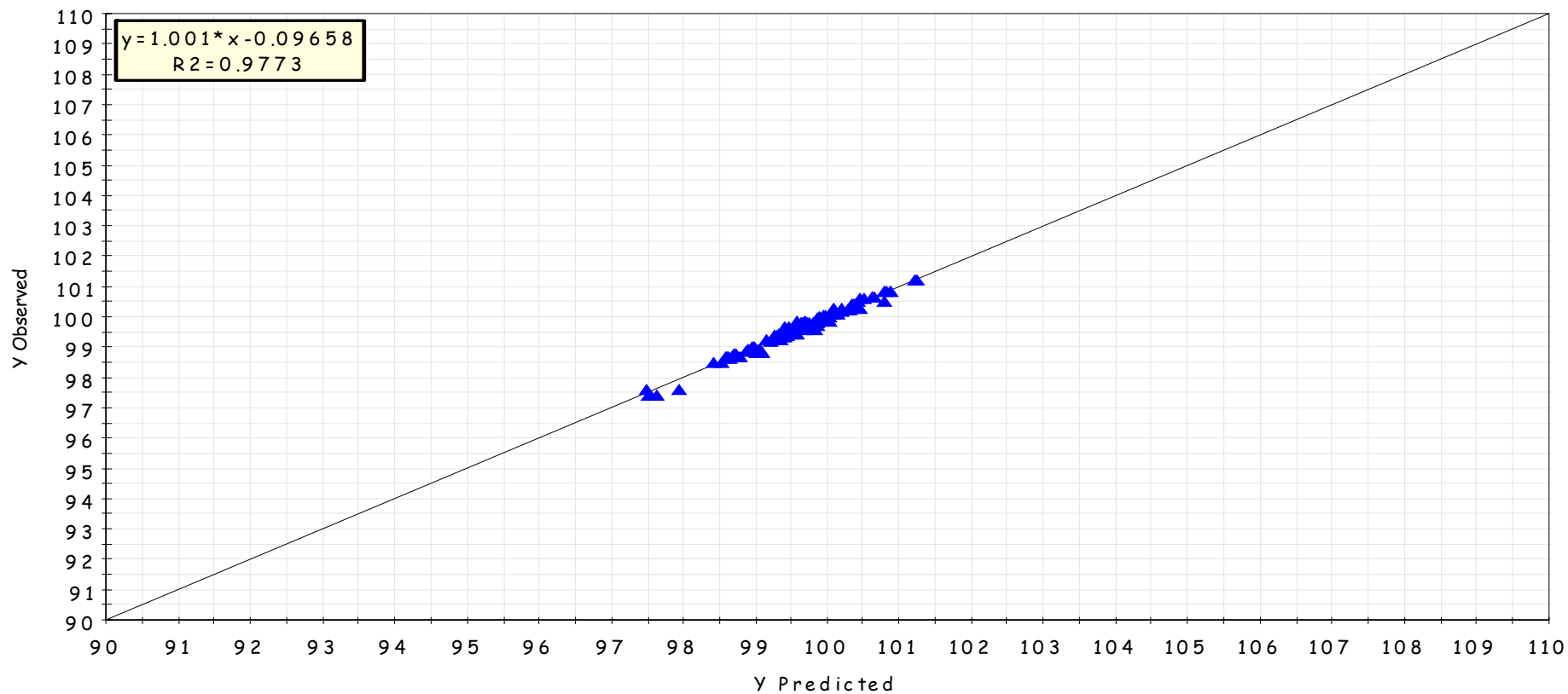


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# MVBA Results

Observed vs Predicted - Content Uniformity

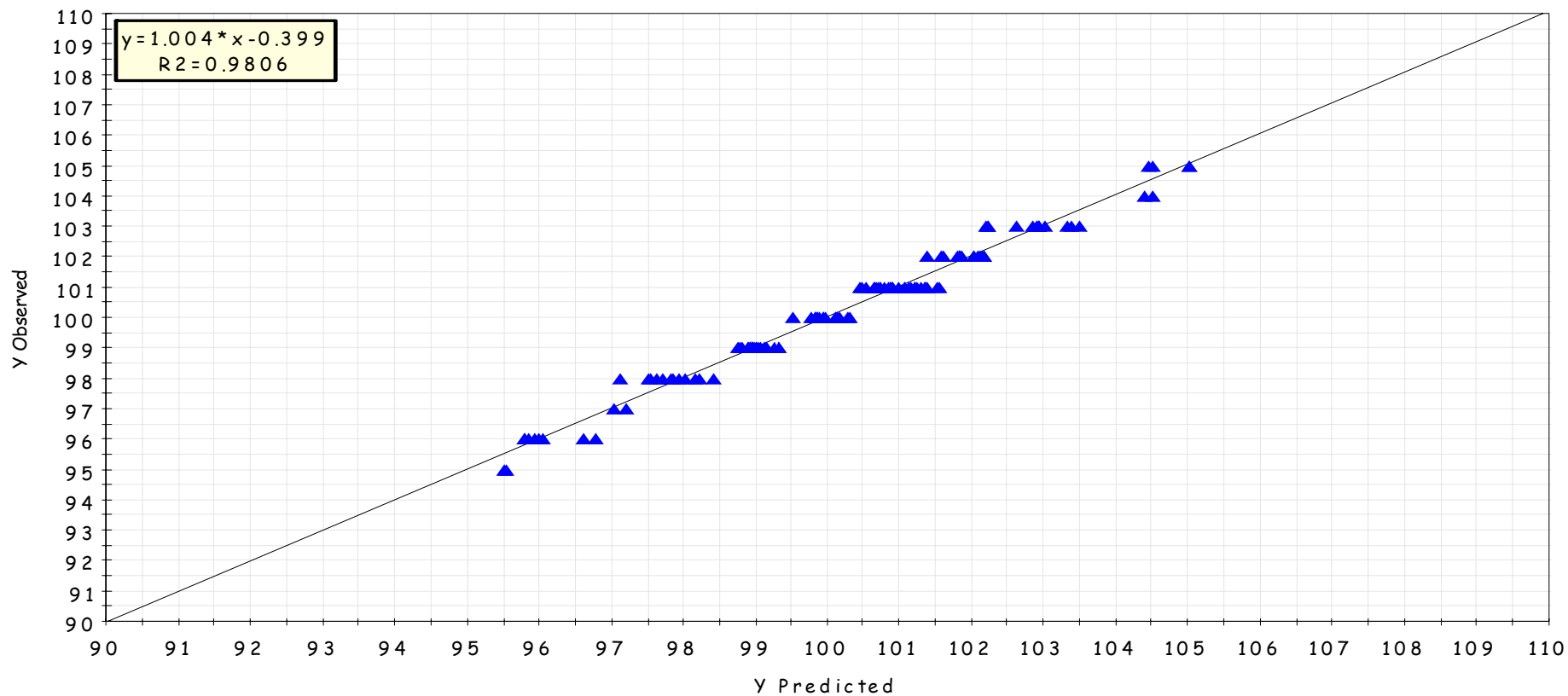


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# MVBA Results

Observed vs Predicted - Dissolution



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# ICH Q8 : Important points for Industry

- Open the door for submitting **Quality by Design** data
- No escalation of requirement
  - Defines **Baseline**
  - Defines **optional** opportunities
- **Optional Update** of P2 for adding knowledge for PAC
- Defines : What is a **critical parameter**
- **Design Space**: What is/is not a change
- **Regulatory Flexibility**
  - Continuous improvement
  - Real time release

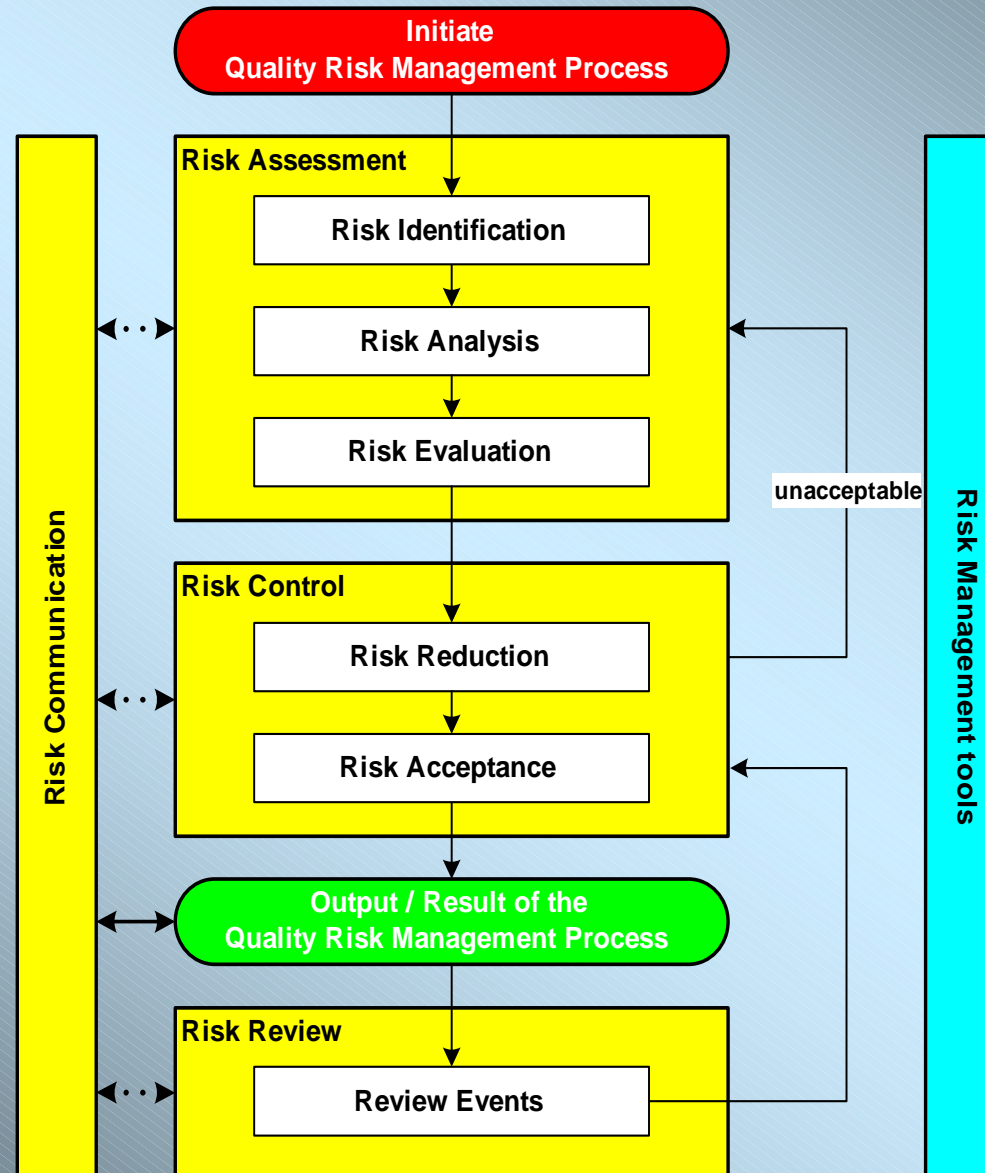
# Q8 Next steps

- **June 2006 ICH EWG Japan**
  - Q8 addendum for specific dosage forms
  - Q8 for API's ?
- **Q8 Implementation**
  - Learn to use concepts
    - Design space
    - Critical Parameters
    - Regulatory flexibility

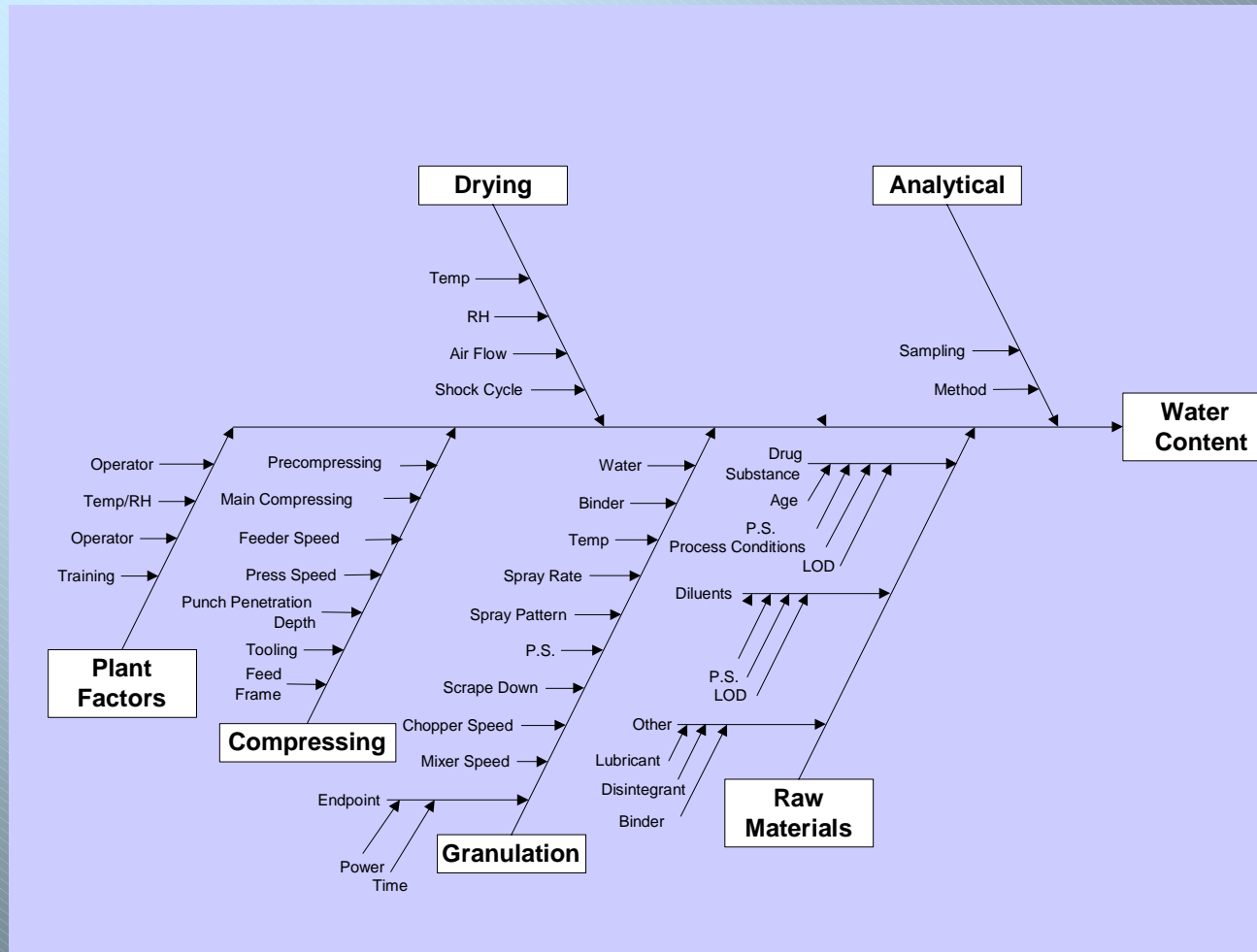
# Quality Risk Management Q9 and the Control Strategy



# The Quality Risk Management Process



# Cause and Effect Process



# QRM Tools: Failure Mode Effects Analysis (FMEA)

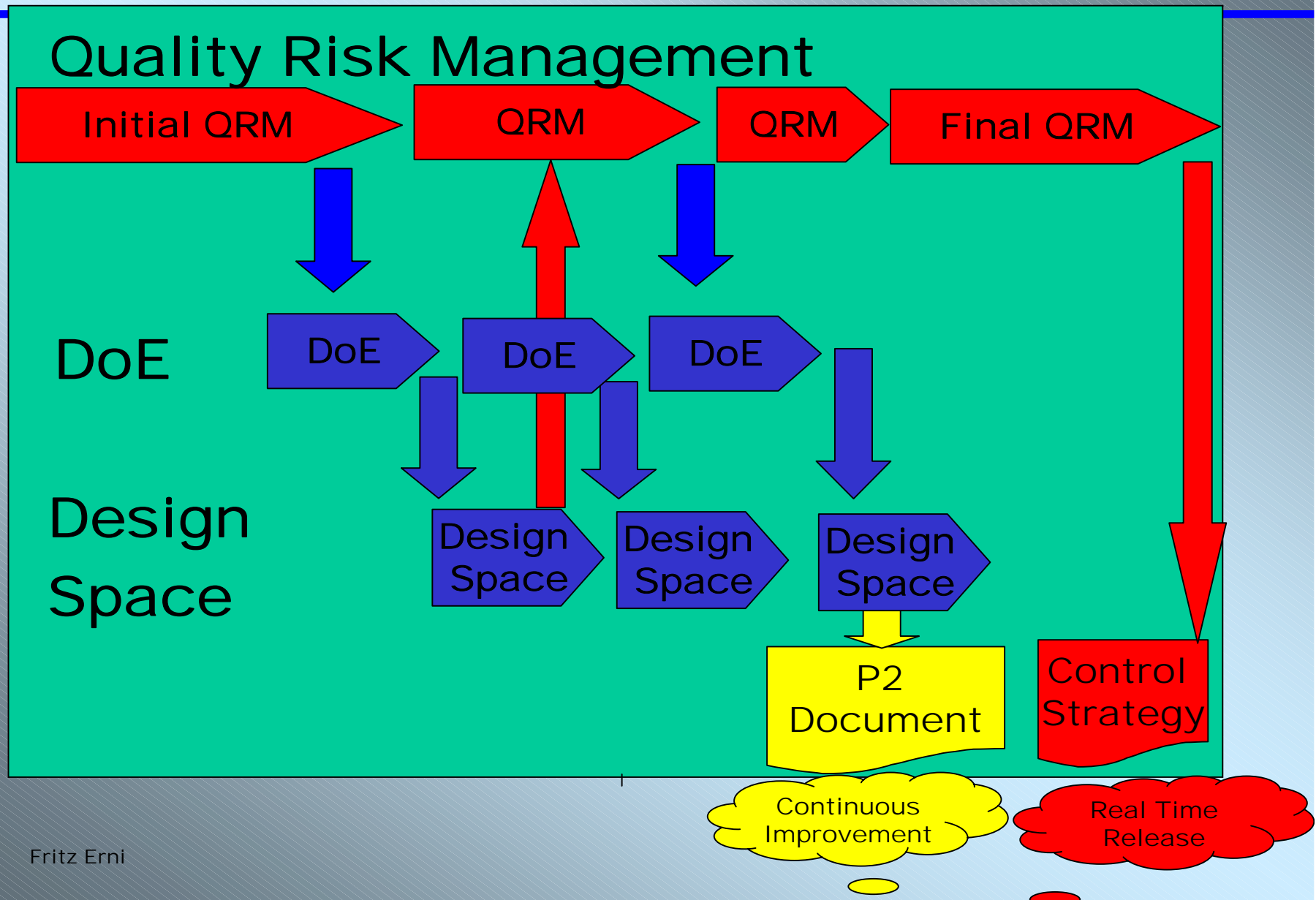
Risk Assessment						
Sub-Step	Event (Failure mode)	Effect	Severity (S) [1<2<3]	Probability (P) [1<2<3<4]	Detectability (D) [1<2<3]	Risk factor (S*P*D)
Granulation Drying	water content	not meet specification of degradation	2	3	1	6

Risk Reduction						
Actions: Risk reduction strategy	Severity (S) [1<2<3]	Probability (P) [1<2<3<4]	Detectability (D) [1<2<3]	Risk factor (S*P*D)	Risk reduction	Comments
introduce online NIR	2	1	1	2	4	indirect measurment
introduce IPC analytic	2	2	1	4	2	direct measurement; time consuming
humidity measurement in the exhausting air	2	1	2	4	2	indirect measurment; unspecifoc

# Risk Management process

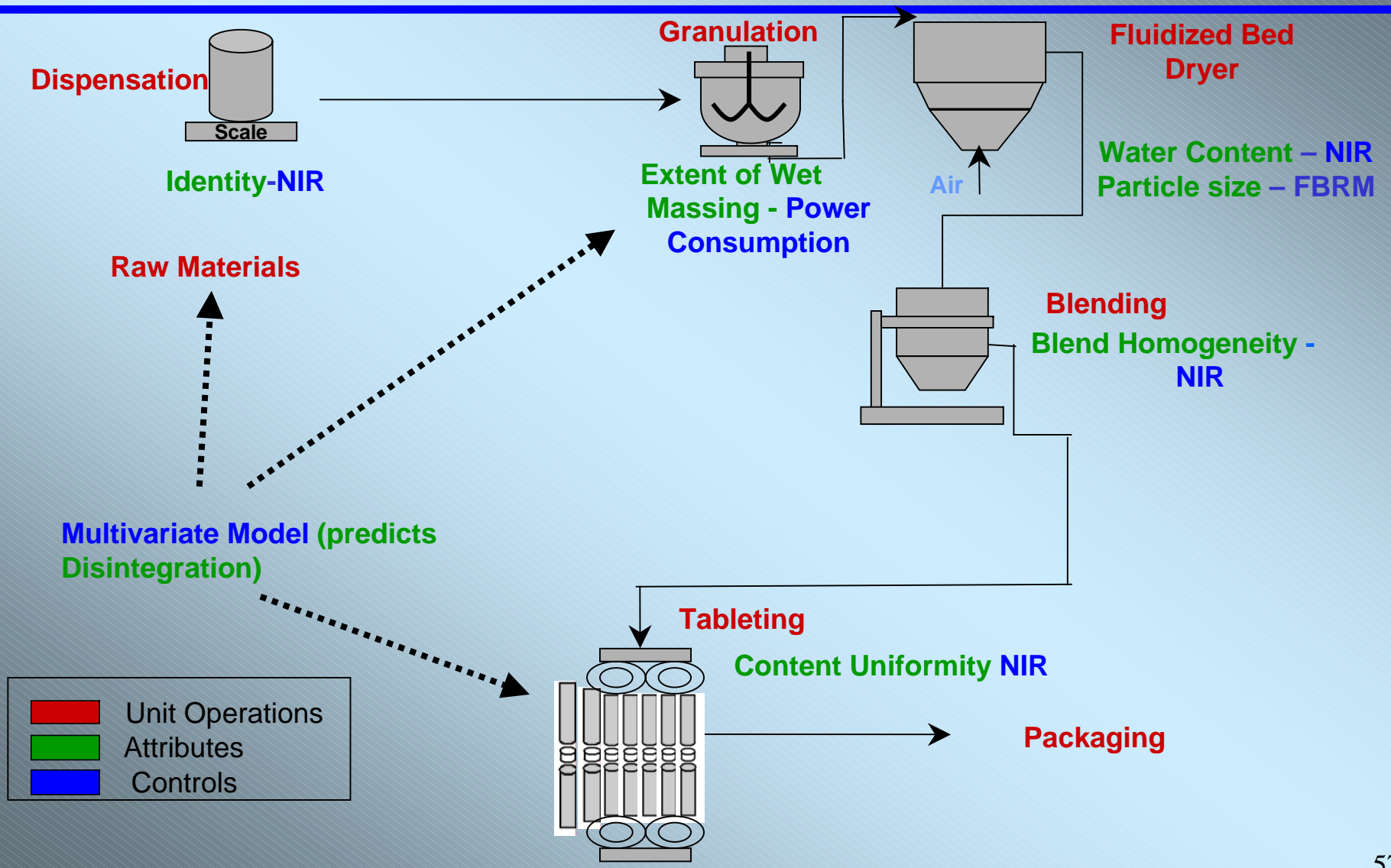
		Unit operation →					
		Dispensation	Granulation	Drying	Blending	Tableting	
Quality Attributes ↓	Dissolution	Red	Red	Cyan	Green	Green	Significant influence
	Disintegration	Red	Red	Cyan	Green	Green	
	Hardness	Cyan	Cyan	Cyan	Green	Green	Initial assessment
	Assay	Cyan	Cyan	Cyan	Cyan	Red	Prior knowledge
	Content Uniformity	Cyan	Red	Green	Green	Red	
	Degradation	Cyan	Green	Green	Cyan	Cyan	First & Second review cycle
	Stability	Cyan	Cyan	Red	Cyan	Cyan	Formulation and Process understanding
	Appearance	Cyan	Cyan	Green	Cyan	Green	
	Identification	Red	Cyan	Cyan	Cyan	Cyan	Third review cycle
	Water	Cyan	Cyan	Red	Cyan	Cyan	Control Strategy
	Microbiology	Green	Green	Cyan	Cyan	Cyan	

# QRM – Design Space – Control Strategy





# Control Strategy



# Control Strategy

- **Justification of necessary controls**
  - Raw Materials Control
  - In-Process Controls
  - End Product Controls (if necessary)
- **Based on Process and Formulation Understanding**
- **Drives the Process in the Design Space**
- **Based on Quality Risk Management**
- **To ensure conforming Quality according Specifications**

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