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# What is holding the industry back from implementing CBP (Continuous Bioprocessing) more broadly?

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# CONTINUOUS BIOPROCESSING

What is holding the  
industry back from  
implementing CBP  
more broadly

## Integrated Continuous Biomanufacturing II

November 1-5, 2015

# Agenda

Introduction of new technologies

Marked expectations – Results form Continuous BioProcessing survey

Authorities expectations

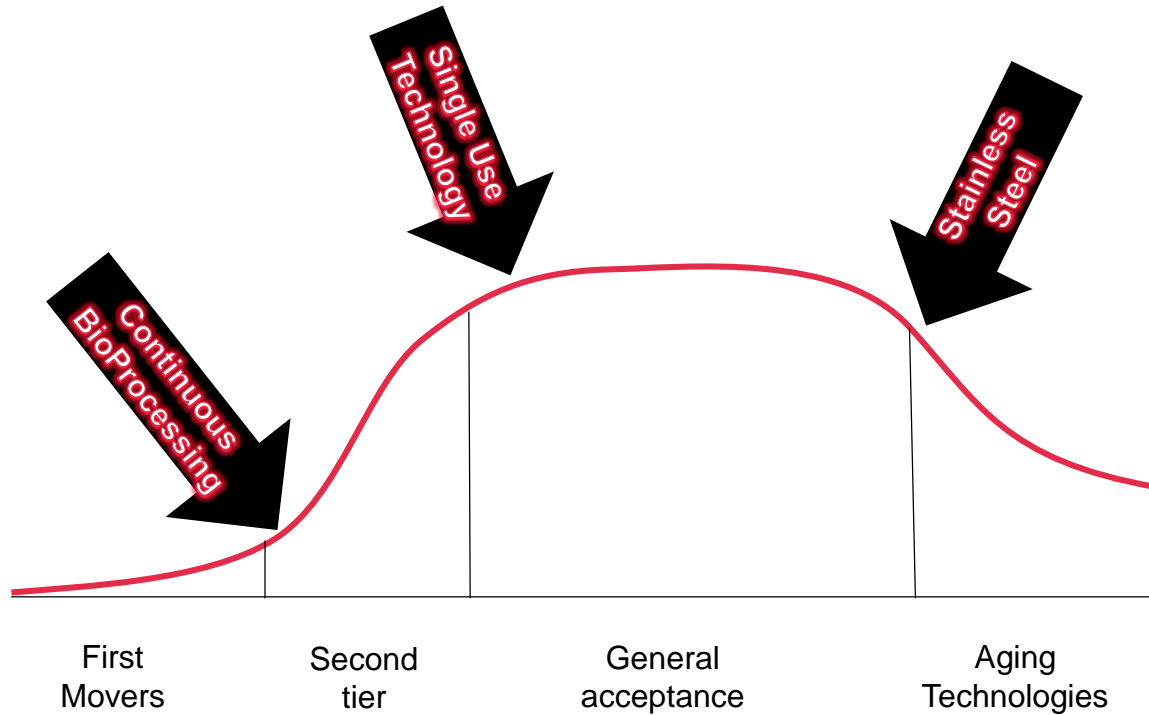
Facility design and operation – Batch vs CBP

Quality Impact

Stepwise Approach

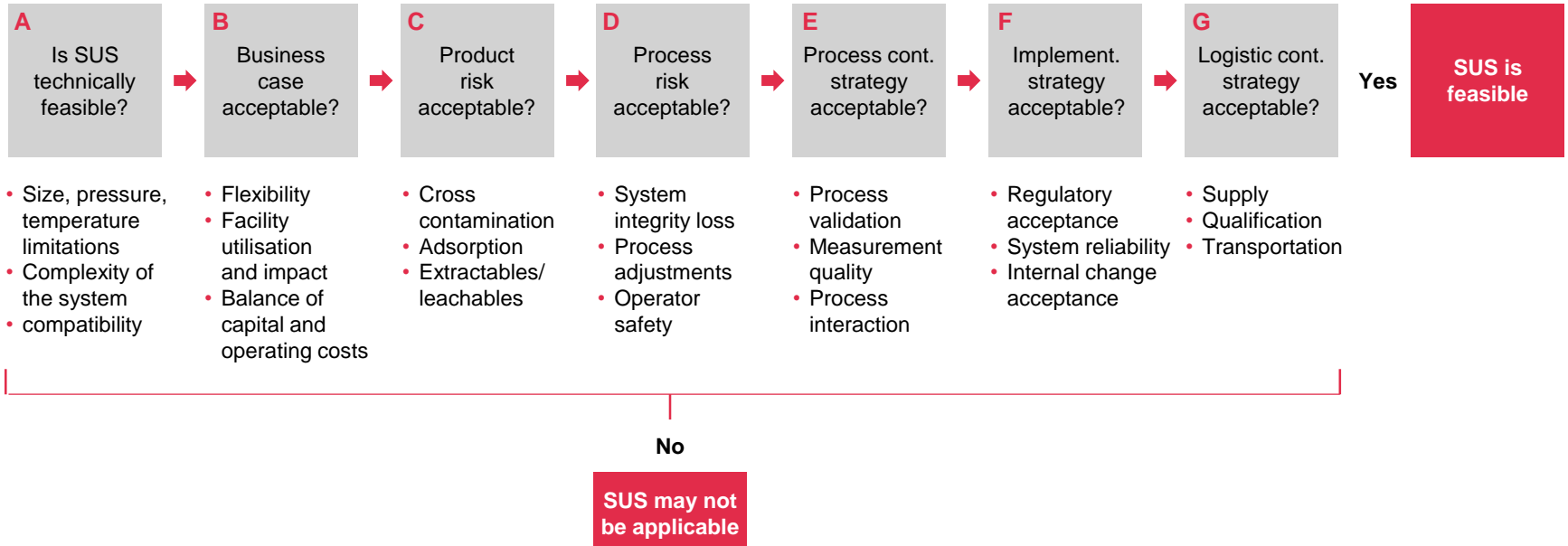
Conclusion

# General lifecycle for technologies

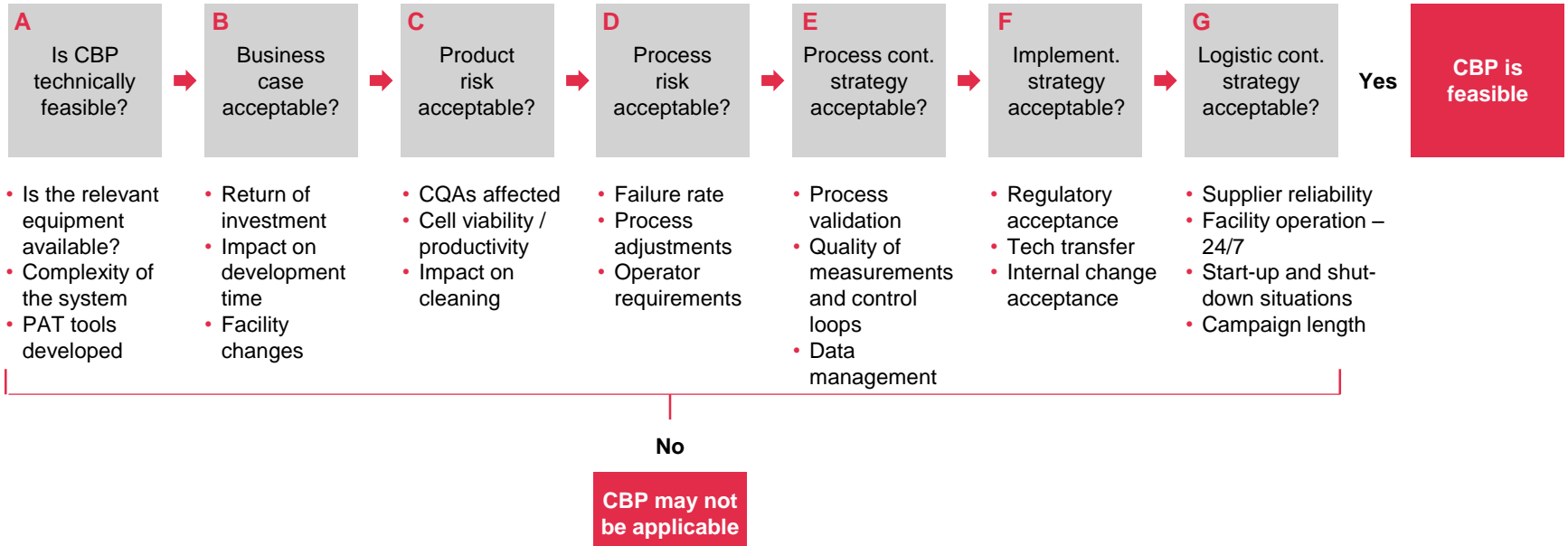


# Guided Decision Process for SUS

- Example from the PDA Technical report on implementation of Single Use Systems (SUS)

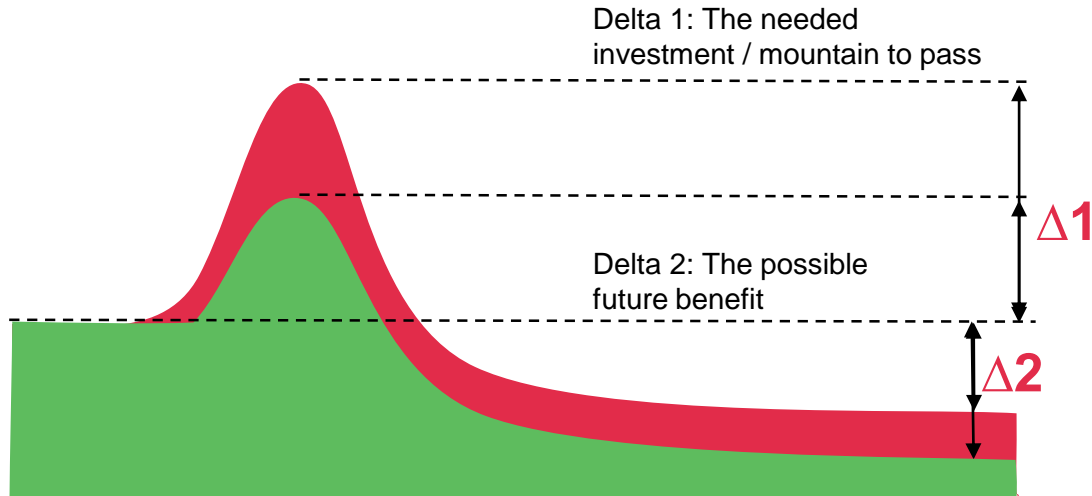


# Guided Decision Process for CBP



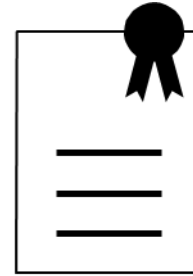
# General lifecycle for implementation of changes

Reduce the activation energy

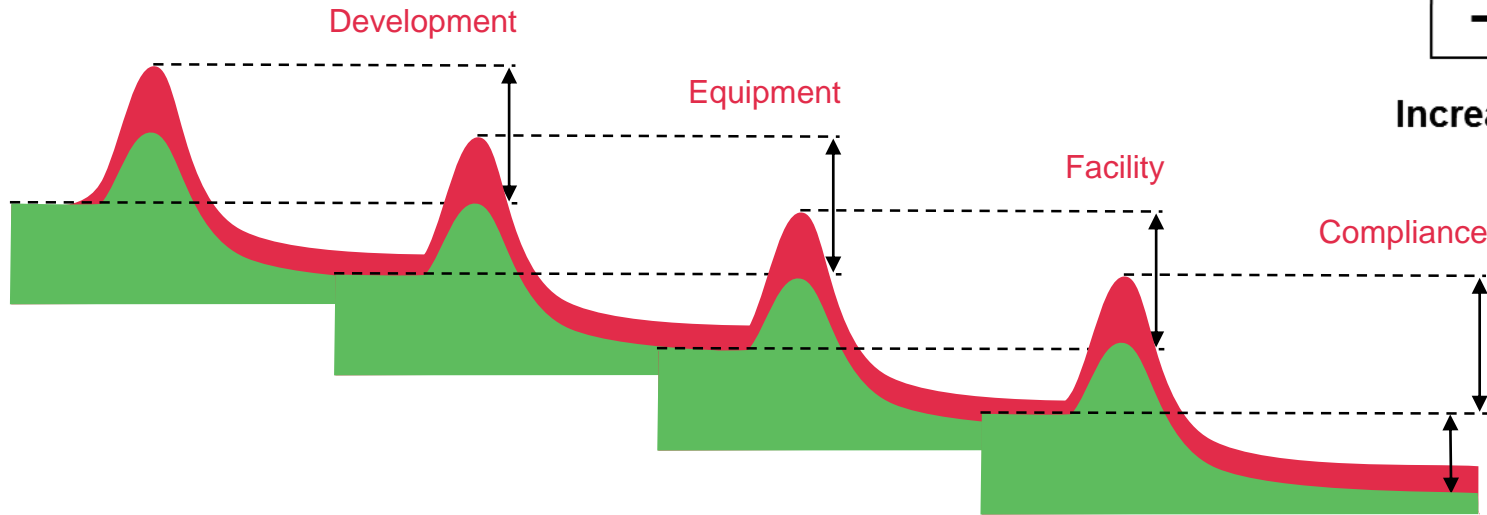


**The aim is to  
reduce  $\Delta 1$  and  
increase  $\Delta 2$**

# Manufacturing cost elements



**Increased quality**





# Marked requirements to pharma engineering



## AGILE AND FLEXIBLE OPERATIONS

*“Help us ensure we can always deliver to demands in more agile and flexible ways*”



**Sites need to ensure they can always adapt and deliver to changing demands**



## SEAMLESS GMP COMPLIANCE

*“Help us build and maintain quality systems and solutions that can ensure the right level of compliance*”



**Sites need well-integrated and balanced quality solutions**



## FUTURE PROOF SOLUTIONS

*“Help us build the expertise required when introducing new drug categories or technologies*”



**Sites need to quickly absorb knowledge to implement new practises**

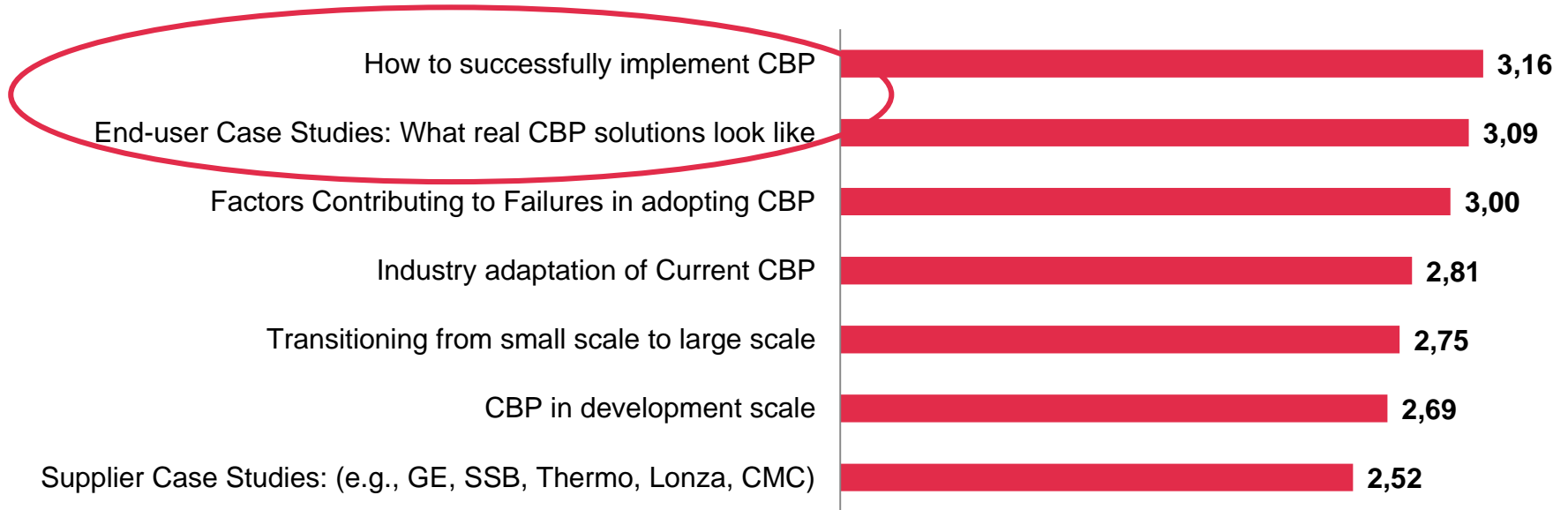
# Operational Issues Associated with CBP

RATING OF IMPORTANCE (5=CRITICALLY IMPORTANT)



# Need for CBP Case Studies

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# What is currently holding back implementation of CBP?

- Precedence - someone else needs get it through the FDA/EMA first
- Robust PAT tools, defined regulatory path, robust single use technology
- Comfort level and lack of PAT and control tools
- CBP doesn't easily fit into existing infrastructure / facilities / Quality systems
- Economic justification and adaptation of current Quality/Regulatory programs
- Unit operations not fully developed for continuous processing; not a standard platform

**Lack of experience and concern  
of authorities point of view**

# Advantages of Continuous Manufacturing (CM) FDA Perspective on Continuous Manufacturing

- Integrated processing with fewer steps
  - No manual handling, increased safety
  - Shorter processing times
  - Increased efficiency
- Smaller equipment and facilities
  - More flexible operation
  - Reduced inventory
  - Lower capital costs, less work-in-progress materials
  - Smaller ecological footprint
- On-line monitoring and control for increased product quality assurance in real-time
  - Amenable to Real Time Release Testing approaches
  - Consistent quality

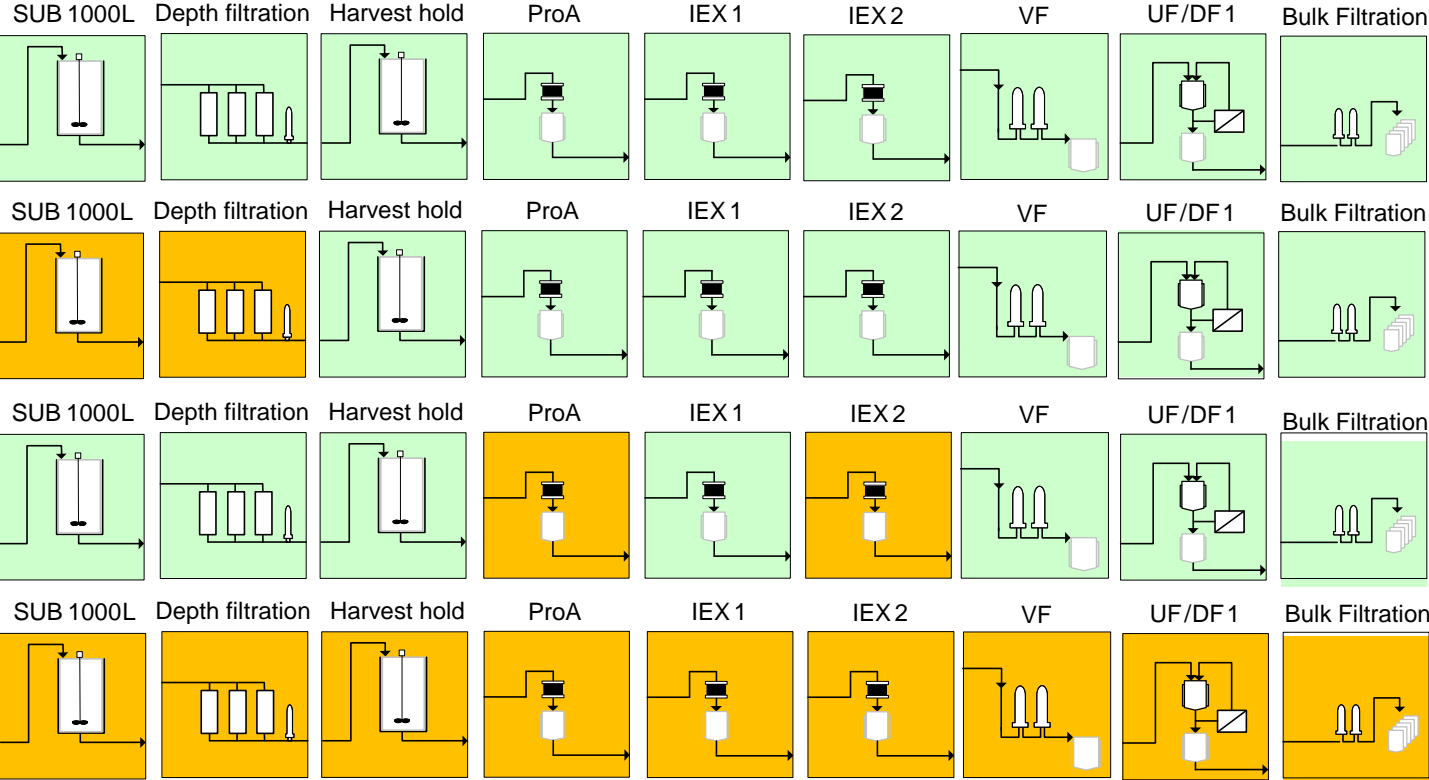
IFPAC Annual Meeting  
Baltimore, January, 2012

Sharmista Chatterjee, Ph.D.  
CMC Lead for QbD  
ONDQA/CDER/FDA

***Potential for reduced cost***

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# Degree of Continuous Bioprocessing (CBP)



Batch process

Batch process and USP CBP

Batch process and DSP CBP

USP and DSP CBP

# Facility design and operation – Batch vs CBP

## Batch

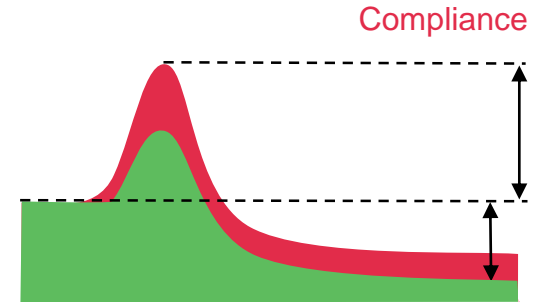
- Possible to be operated in 1 or 2 shifts, 5 days
- Can be based on manual operation
- Separate USP and DSP teams
- Some advantage of PAT
- Possible re-use of equipment in different steps
- Large vessels for hold steps
- Large buffer vessels and process equipment
- Process steps independent
- Less impact due to delay or failure in one step
- Manufacturing can be separated from Dev, QC and QA
- Facility designed based on scale up
- **X productivity per m<sup>2</sup> facility area**
- **Product quality and process reproducibility**

## CBP

- Need 24/7 operation
- High level of automation required
- One team
- PAT a requirement
- All equipment dedicated to each step
- No or limited hold steps needed
- Smaller equipment both USP and DSP
- The process steps need to be in synchronized
- The whole process stops if one step stops
- Dev, QC and QA need to be close /integrated in the manufacturing facility
- Facility designed based on scale out
- **5 to 15 X productivity per m<sup>2</sup> facility area**
- **Product quality and process reproducibility improved**

# Quality Advantages

- Shorter contact time
  - Time at 37°C in complex media – 14 days vs 3 days
  - Protein/resin interaction – hours vs minutes
- Shorter processing time
  - Less/shorter intermediate hold times
- Real time process control
  - Fast response time to process drifting and deviations
- Generation of large amount of data
  - Option for increased process understanding → Increased Process Control
- Option for real time release
  - Build in quality vs testing in quality
- Increased reproducibility and control
- Aim for a state of “in control” rather “steady-state” conditions

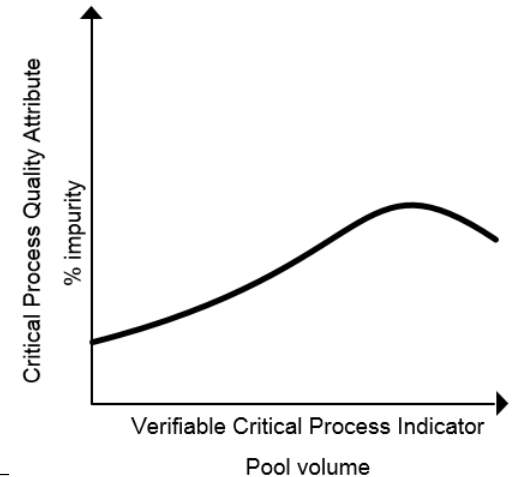
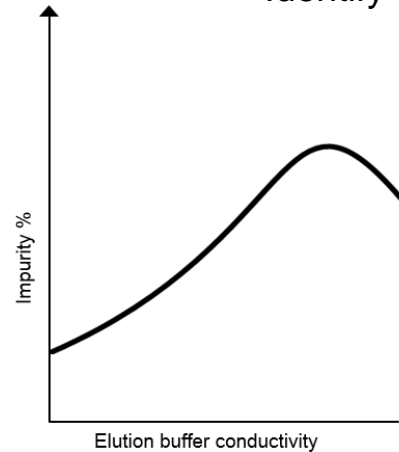
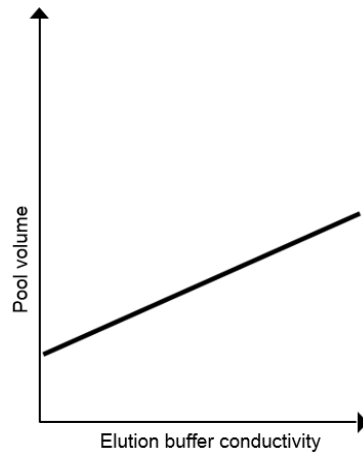
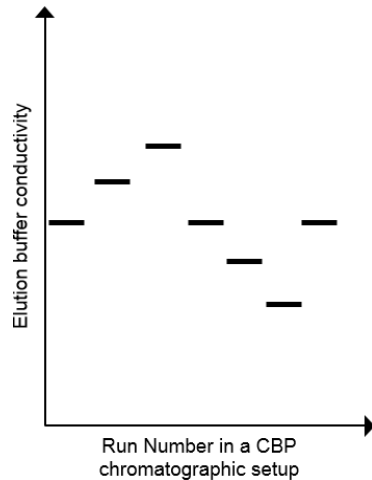




# Stepwise Approach - Start in the development lab!

- Taking advantage of CBP in development do not require to run manufacturing in CBP mode
  - Column life time studies
  - Testing parameter ranges in one set up

- Generate knowledge of relationship between CQA's and CPP's
- Basis for feed-forward and feed-backward controls
  - Perfusion rate impact on viable cell conc,
  - Elution conductivity impact on pool volume
- Identify Critical Process Indicators (CPI)



# Are others considering CBP ?

## Sanofi's Genzyme looking hard at continuous manufacturing

**Biotech has faster, compressed process working for months**

January 31, 2013 | By [Eric Palmer](#)

Other companies also are evaluating continuous processing. In fact MIT's research is done at something called the Novartis-MIT Center for Continuous Manufacturing, born of a \$65 million collaboration between the university and the Swiss drugmaker. Other companies are looking at other processes to make manufacturing faster and more efficient.

## GSK commits to continuous processing

**Witty says it could be used on up to half of the company's drugs**

February 19, 2013 | By [Eric Palmer](#)

With the new technology, a plant of only about 100 square meters is required, compared to the 900-square-meter facilities needed for current methods, he said. "So you are talking about a massive reduction in capital deployment and space occupancy obviously, you will see something like a 50% reduction in carbon footprint insolvent use up to a 50% reduction in cost," he said. And this will not be a rarity, Witty said. He went on to explain that between a third and half of the company's current portfolio of drugs could be made using continuous processing.

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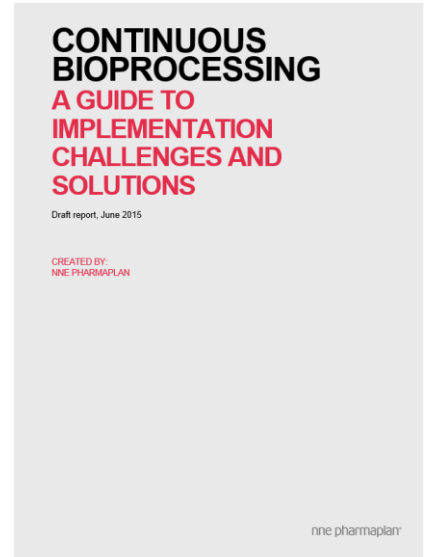
## GSK doubles down on Singapore continuous processing plant

June 29, 2015 | By [Eric Palmer](#)

Several years ago, GlaxoSmithKline committed \$50 million to set up an antibiotics facility in Singapore to do continuous processing, a radically different manufacturing approach that has a much smaller footprint, and so much lower operating costs and less environmental impact, than traditional batch processing. The drugmaker now says it is ready to embark on a £38 million expansion there.

# Conclusions

- The science exists to enable continuous manufacturing of pharmaceuticals
  - Still specific scientific and technical challenges to be addressed
- There shouldn't be unmanageable regulatory hurdles precluding implementing continuous manufacturing
  - However, there is a lack of experience both in industry and within the regulatory authorities
- FDA supports the implementation of continuous manufacturing using a science and risk-based approach
- Advisable to use a structured and stepwise approach
- Develop processes using and a QbD and PAT approach, as this will benefit both a batch and a CBP manufacturing model



**Thank you**

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