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Setting the Standard for Automation™

Automation in Pharma and cGMP Environment



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Brief Overview of Pharmaceutical Industry



- Industry growing at enormous rate
- World's total Market is USD 1.2 Trillion
- India is world's largest producer of Generic Pharmaceuticals
- India having 30% share in Generic Pharmaceuticals in USA.
- Exports from India Approx USD 19.7 Billion
- Domestic Consumption is also rising due to
 - Growing awareness on healthcare
 - Increase in spending power
 - Health Insurance schemes
 - Penetration of healthcare facilities to remote corners
- Lots of Talent available at competitive cost
- Focus on R&D and Clinical research leading to cost efficiency

Key Requirements of Pharma industry

- Patient Safety
- Product Quality
- Data Integrity



Shares of ██████████ slipped 19 per cent after reports said the US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) flagged lack of good manufacturing practices.

██████████ Adulterated drugs

██████████ Pharma tanks on USFDA observations



Drug major ██████████ said it has received a warning letterin a regulatory filing.

"Excelling at quality and compliance is one of our top priorities."

██████████ signs consent decree.
\$500 million penalty



Drug firm ██████████
Pharmaceuticals said it has got approval from the
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Key Challenges



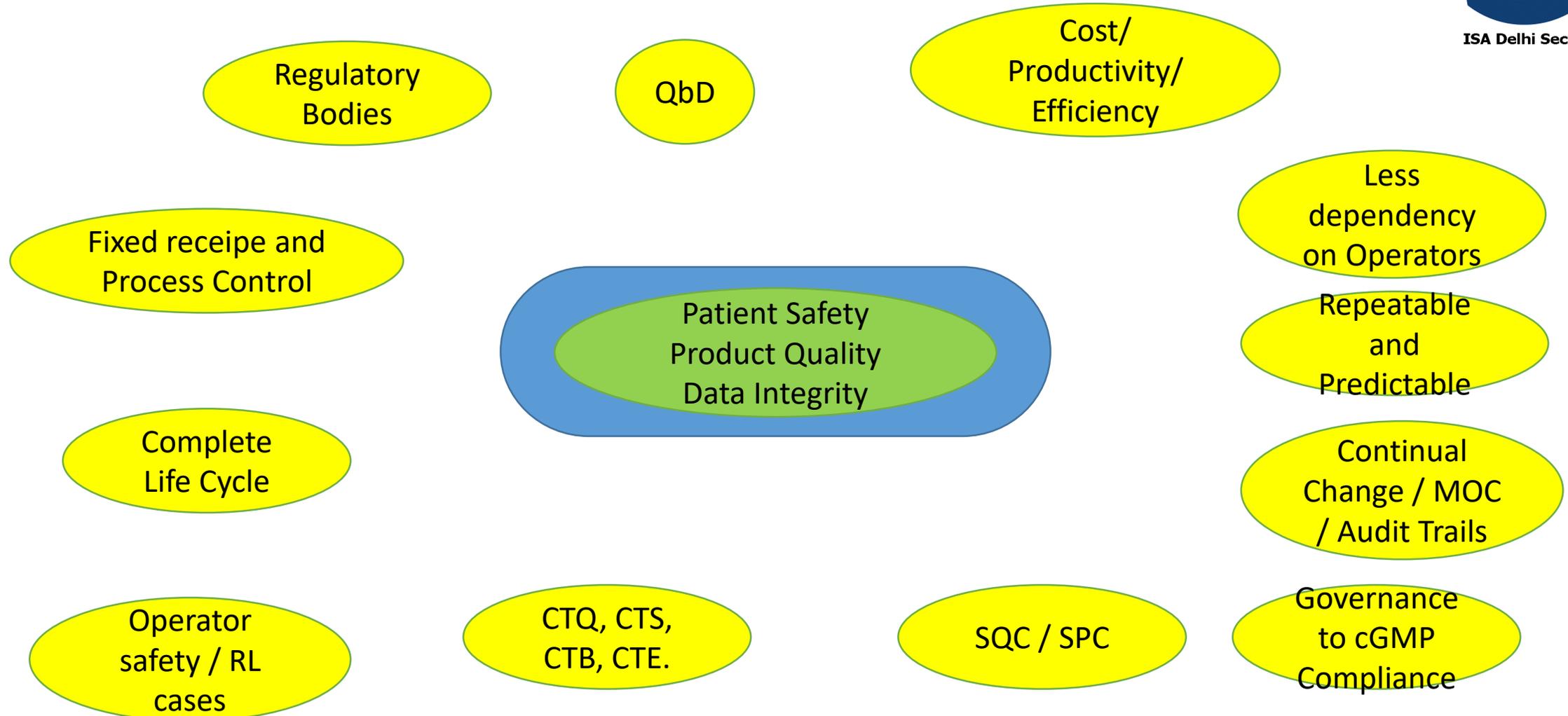
- Strict evaluation by local and International Regulatory Agencies like USFDA , TGA, CDSCO
- Data Integrity
 - Manual records
 - Falsification of data.
 - Non-Compliance to procedures
 - Cuttings / alterations
- Operations are manual (people dependent)
- Batch to batch variations in quality or yield
- Inefficient processes, Non Repeatable and Non predictable results
- Rejections
- Lack of connectivity of ERP / MES
- Lack of statistical control

Key Challenges

- Cost Control (Competition)
- Use of safe technologies
- Continuous Change in technology.
- Thousands of SKUs



Automation Requirements of Pharma industry



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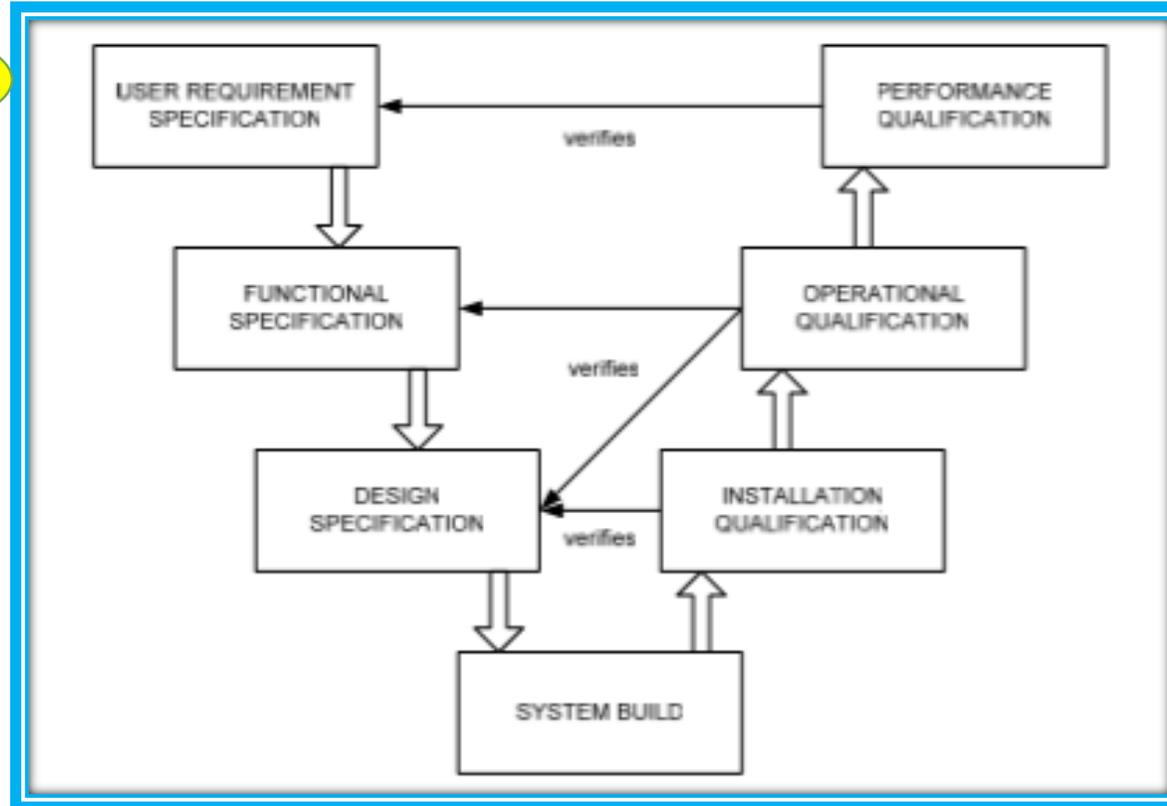
- Compliance to various Regulatory Requirements
- Validation / Qualification of the system
- GAMP
- No contamination of product due to manual handling
- Care for environment
- Batch tracking
- Security of Data (History, Alarms , Events)
- Repeatable process , Predictable quality
- Consistency of operations, yield and product quality.
- 21 CFR Part 11 Compliance
- Management of Change / Audit Trails
- No human errors

Automation Requirements of Pharma industry

- Complex technology and Lengthy processes.
- New technological developments happening quickly
- Heavily dependent upon R&D.
- Handling of Hazardous chemicals / drugs
- Impact of drugs on operators
- High Capex → Multiple product plants
- Warehousing

Typical Implementation Model

Are my Requirements clear?



Is my system producing right quality of Product?

Is the system problem built?

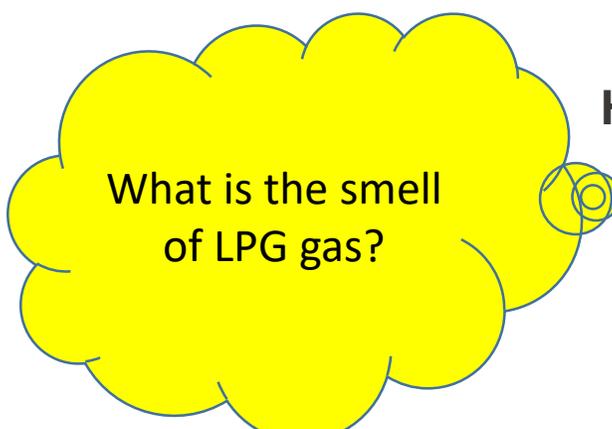
QUATITATIVE RISK ASSESSMENT (QRA)

$$\text{Risk} = \text{Severity} * \text{Probability} * \text{Detectability}$$

- Know the Risk
- Quantify its severity / Consequence
- Estimate its probability of Occurrence
- How soon can we detect the risk?
- Mitigation:
 - Eliminate by Design
 - Reduce to an acceptable level
 - Verify
- Calculate the residual risk (after mitigation)
- Document and communicate at every level.



**Patient safety,
Product quality
Data Integrity
&
Safety**



What is the smell
of LPG gas?

**Higher the Risk --→ Higher is the mitigation
Special Focus on Critical Parameters
Failure Mode Effect Analysis**

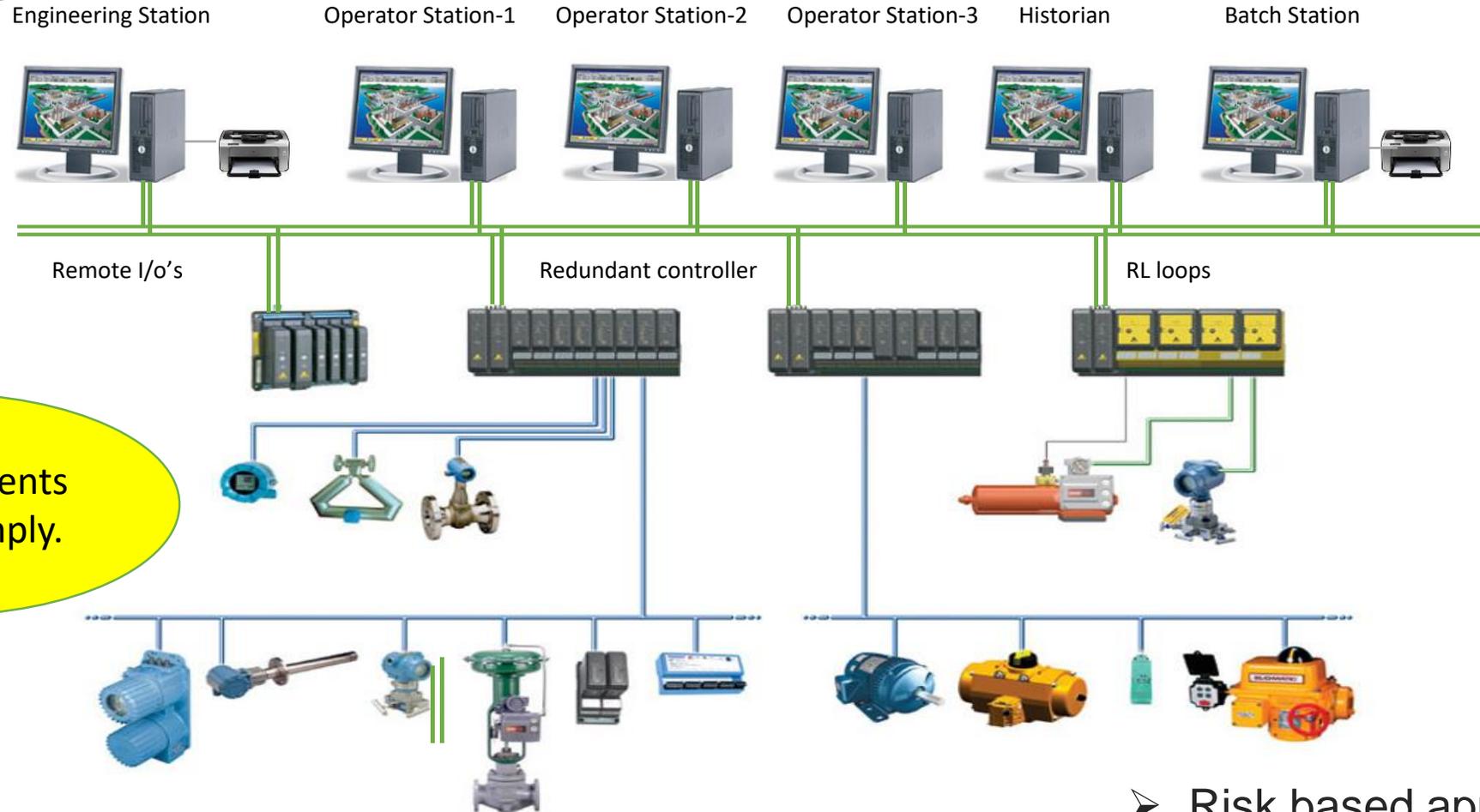
KOPs / Critical Parameters



		Probability			
		< 1x per 4 year (W1)	= 1x per 3 year (W2)	= 1x per 2 year (W3)	> 1x per year (W4)
Potential Consequence	(1)	1	2	3	4
	(2)	2	4	6	8
	(3)	3	6	9	12
	(4)	4*	8	12	16

Connection to
ERP, Warehouse
automation

Typical System Architecture In Pharmaceutical Environment



All components
should comply.

- Global Clock across the site.

- Risk based approach
- Entire Life Cycle of the system
- Data retention

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AUTOMATION
IS NOT
“NICE TO HAVE”

IT IS
“MUST HAVE”

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