

# Continuous Manufacturing of Drug Substance: Case Studies

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# Learning Objectives

- 1. Cite Unique Challenges for Continuous Manufacturing of Drug Substance.**
- 2. Identify Ways to Systematically Understand Your Process.**
- 3. Develop Ways to Demonstrate Process Robustness.**

# Continuous Manufacturing



## Manufacturing



**Unit Operations  
Configuration**

## Controls



**PAT  
Data Analysis**

# Continuous Manufacturing of Drug Substance



## Chemistry



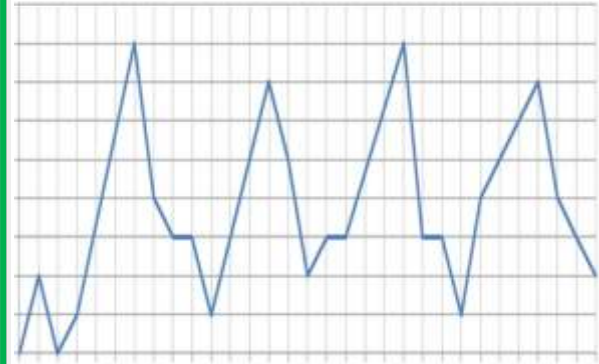
**SMs, Intermediates  
Reactions, Work-Up**

## Manufacturing



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## Controls



**PAT  
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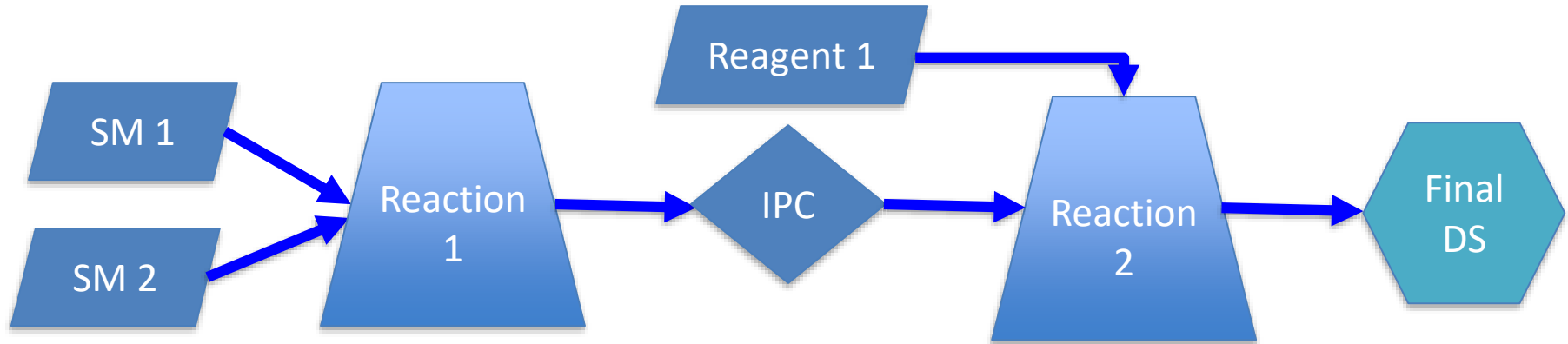
**Can You Walk the Process?**

**Did You Lock the Process?**

# Walk the Process

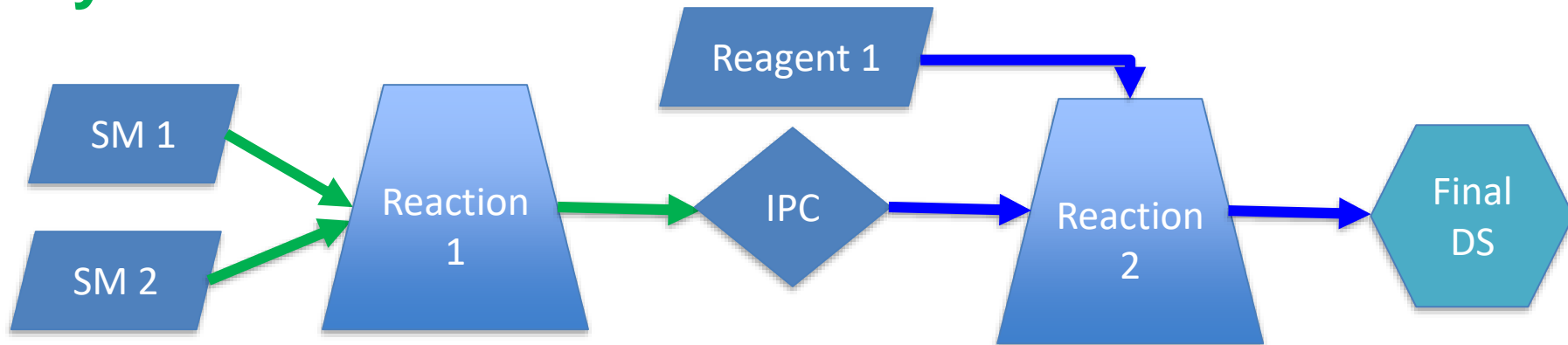
- Track the Reaction Material
- Consider All Routes
- Paper Trail

# Case Study



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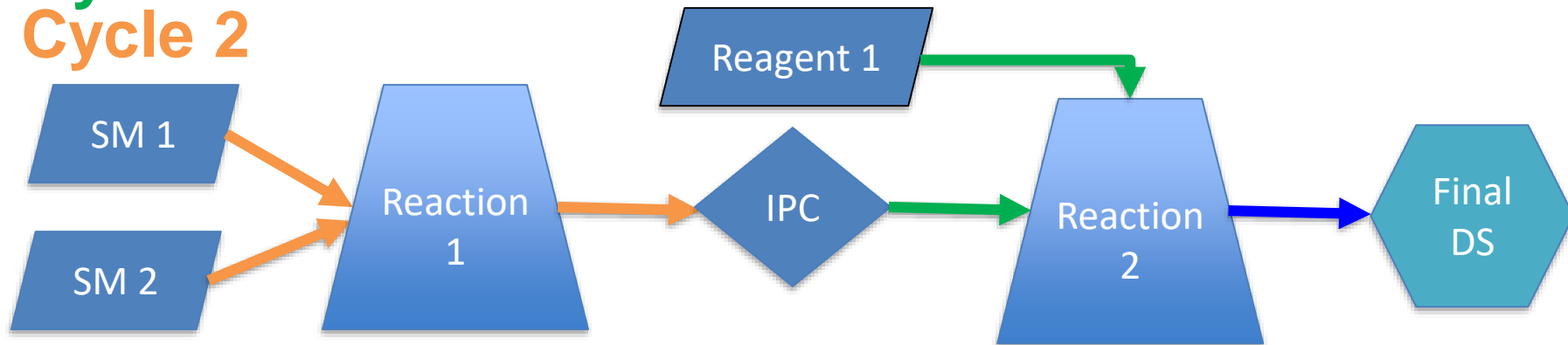
## Cycle 1





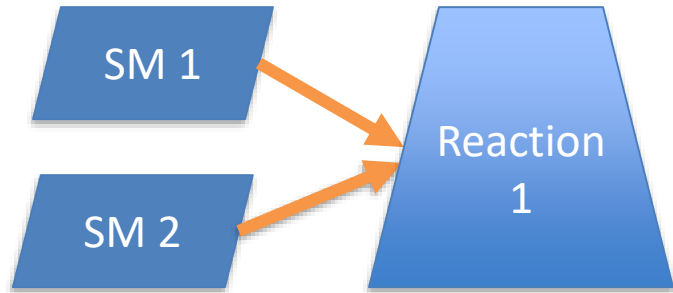
# Case Study

Cycle 1  
Cycle 2



# Case Study – Reaction 1

## Cycle 2



### Track Reaction

Reaction Conditions  
Monitoring CPPs

### Routes

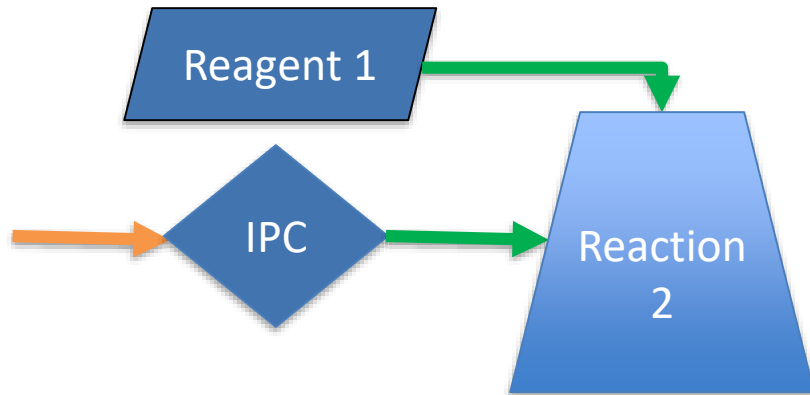
Start Up of CM

### Paper Trail

Development Report  
SOPs

# Case Study - IPC

**Cycle 1**  
**Cycle 2**



## Track Reaction

IPC Result Delays  
Impact on Cycle 2

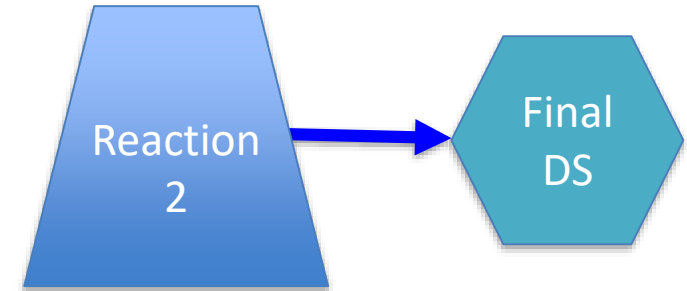
## Routes

Diverting Material

## Paper Trail

Schematics  
Calculations  
Run Charts

# Case Study – Reaction 2



## Track Reaction

Reaction Conditions  
Cycles in DS Batch

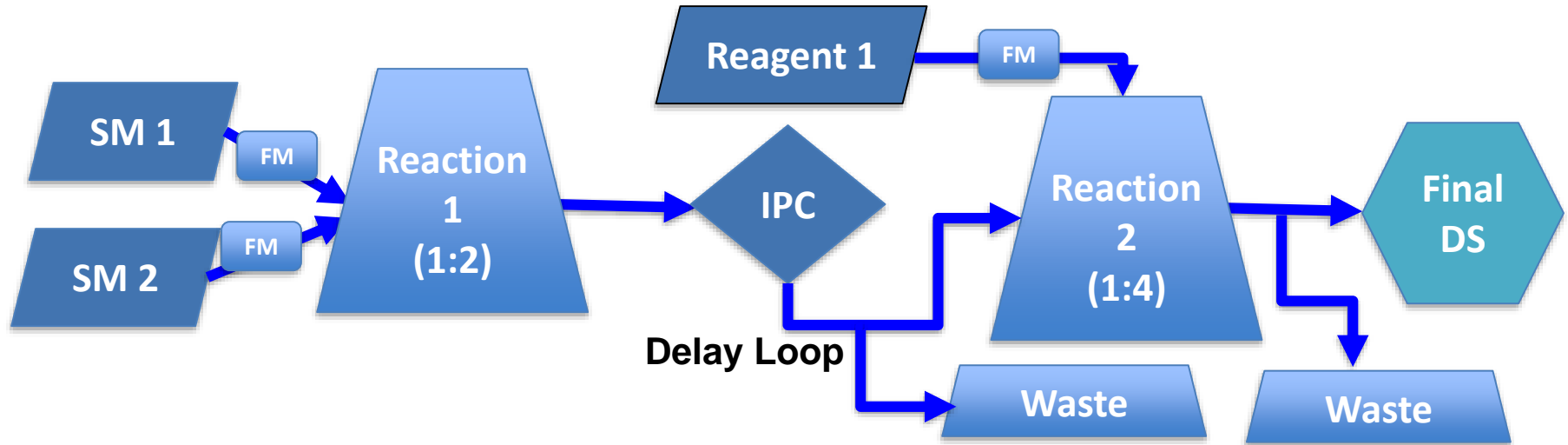
## Routes

Shutdown of CM

## Paper Trail

Batch Record

# How Far We've Come...

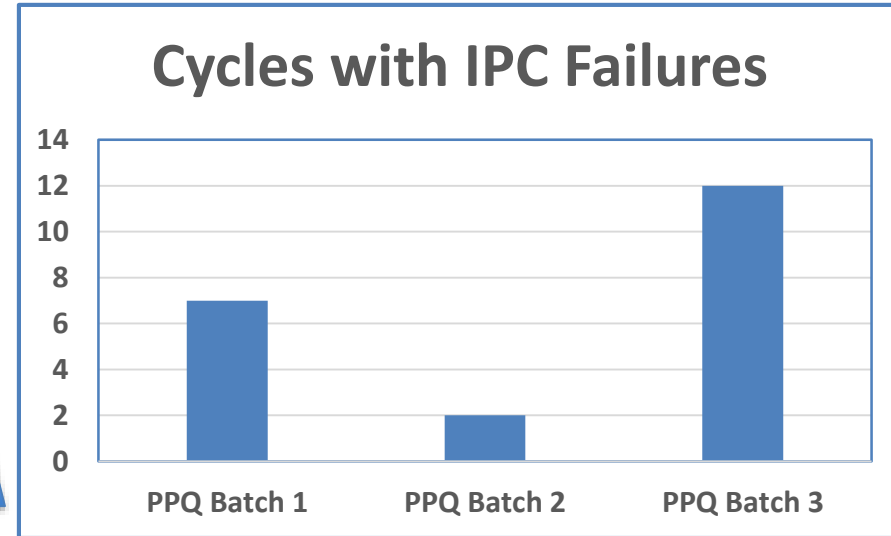
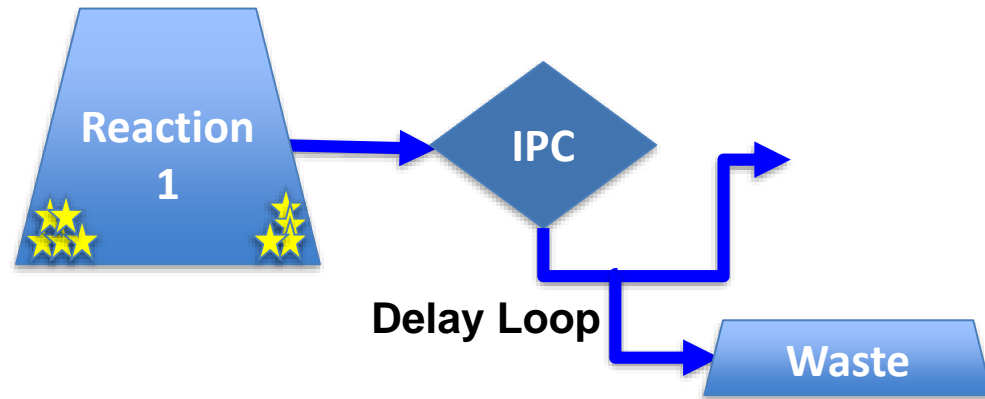


**10 Cycles = 1 DS Batch**

# Lock the Process

- **Confirm Process Robustness**
- **Fully Investigate and Correct Deviations**

# Case Study – Build Up



**Is the Process Locked?**

# Case Study – Repeated PPQ

Parameter Tested	Acceptance Criteria	Results
Yield for Continuous Reactor 1 and Reactor 2	To be Established from Commercial Batches	NA
Critical Quality Attributes	Within Established CQA Limits	Conforms
Critical Process Parameters	Within Established CPP Limits	Conforms

**Is the Process Locked?**



# Walk & Lock

**Be Transparent**

**Pre-Operational Visit**

**Data, Data, Data**

**Root Cause Analysis**

**Thoughtful PPQ**



# Challenge Question #1



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**False**

