

# **Quality Systems: Risk and Maturation of Technology**

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## **Outline-**

- What is Quality?
- Intentional vs. unintentional variability
- Confident decision making
- Risk assessment & mitigation
- Drivers of quality
- Case studies
- Additional references

# What is Quality?

*"Quality is a fitness for use."*

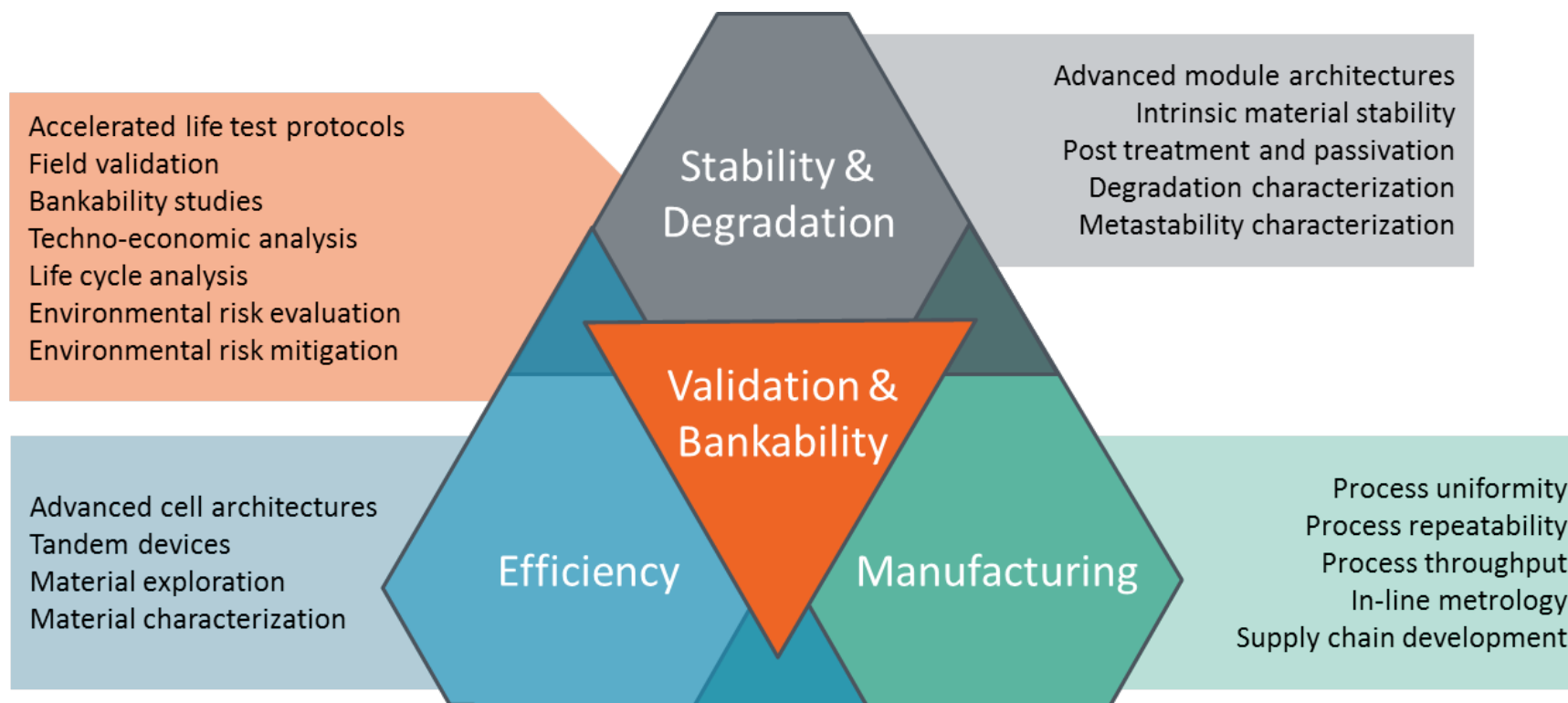
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## What is Perovskite PV Quality?

Efficient    Durable    Environmentally    Bankable  
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meets expectations / no surprises

# Perovskite RD&D Challenges

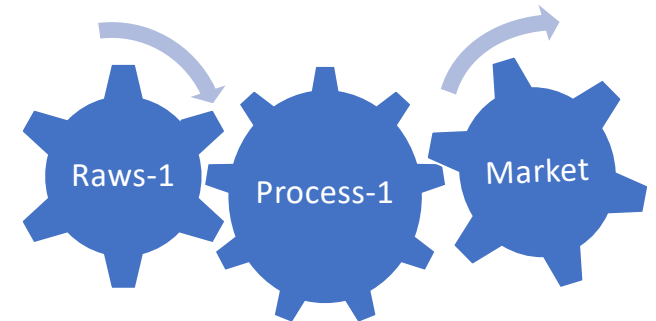


**All challenges must be simultaneously met for commercial competitiveness**

# Quality Toolbox

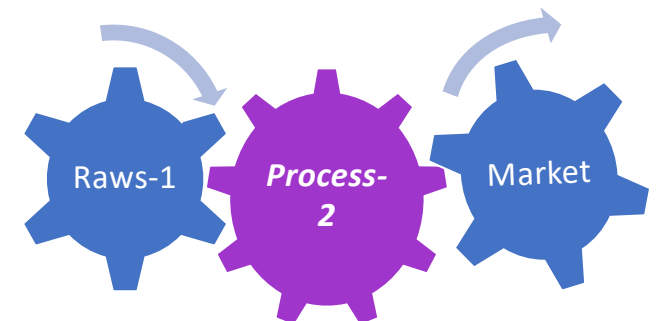
- Quality is naively engineered late in development
- Development makes early decisions in tools, sourcing, formulation and process, and sees the process can (mis)behaviors (e.g., defects, cliffs etc.)- Early quality aids decision making
- Project/Program management
  - Theory of Constraints, buffer chart
  - Team roles, “distraction factors”
  - Effective meetings, deliverables, collaboration
  - **“Copy Exactly!”** no improvements until baseline is stable.
- Risk Assessment & Mitigation Methodology
  - Cradle-to-grave version control
    - Raws, intermediates, process steps, documents, specs, recipes, “bluebook”
  - ConOps, RA matrix, FMEA, FEA
  - Design of Experiments, SPC, Structured Problem Solving
  - Tool & process matching, “Round-Robin”
  - Testing: In-line/off-line, reliability/accelerated reliability

The Quality Management Plan is a self-improving system



***"Quality is a fitness for use."***

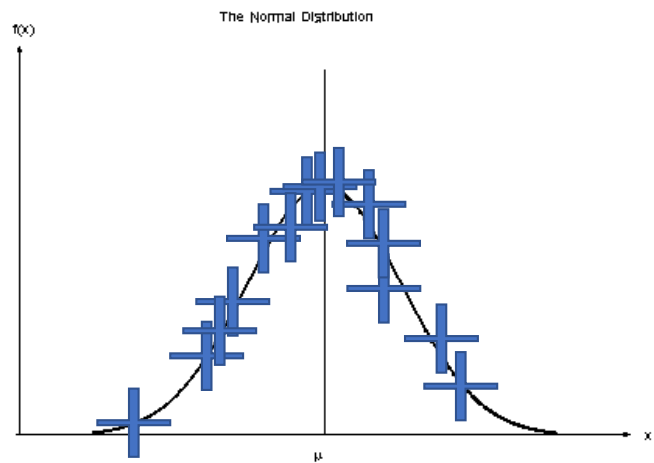
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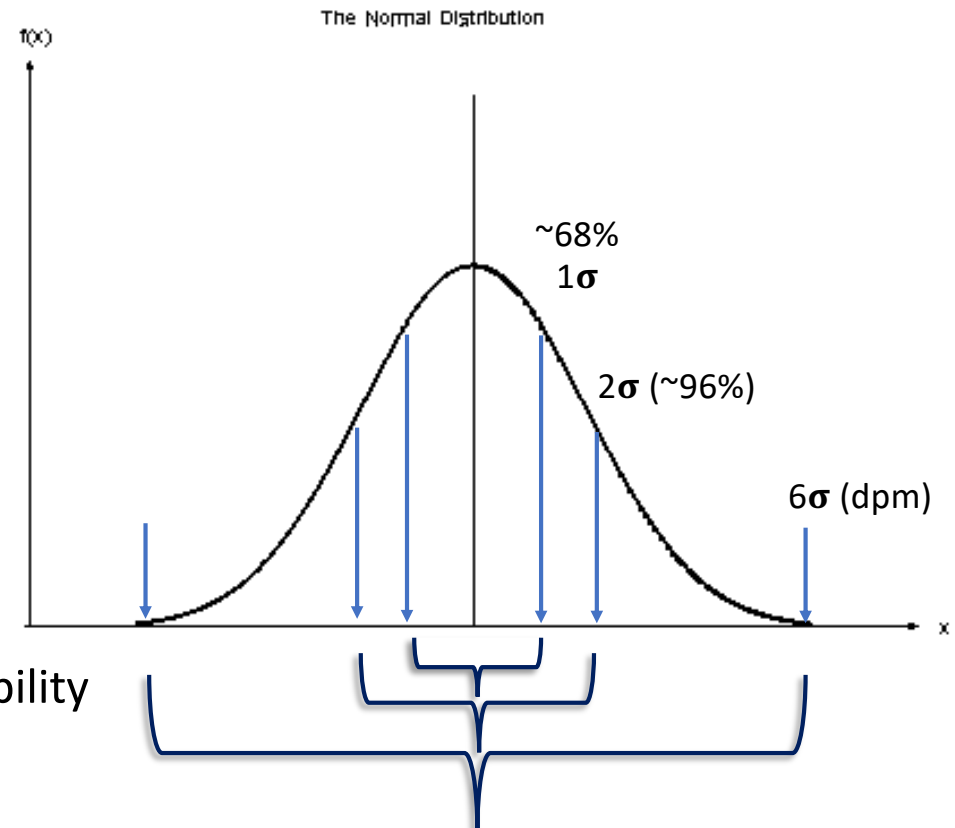
## Unintentional Variability- “Excursions”

*“molecules do not care”- Prof. Doug Taber*

- Inputs  $\rightarrow$  Outputs
- Error is everywhere!
- Inputs +  $s \rightarrow$  Outputs +  $\sigma$



- Nested interdependent subsets  $\rightarrow$  confounded!
- Materials purity, Tool precision  $\rightarrow$  process capability
  - Raw materials lot tracking, quality testing,
  - storage, handling and shelf-life validation
  - Process & product characterization (metrology)



***“Black Swans”*** = research and development

## Are they equal? → Student's t-test

- Two sets of independent samples
- Both normally distributed data
- Both sets have similar variance

$$t = \frac{\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2}{\sqrt{\underbrace{\left( \frac{(N_1 - 1)s_1^2 + (N_2 - 1)s_2^2}{N_1 + N_2 - 2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{N_1} + \frac{1}{N_2} \right)}_{\text{Pooled Std Dev}}}}$$

Typically Automated (software)

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$\alpha$ df	0.25	0.1	0.05	0.025
1	1.000	3.078	6.314	12.706
2	0.816	1.886	2.920	4.303
3	0.765	1.638	2.353	3.182
4	0.741	1.533	2.132	2.776
5	0.727	1.476	2.015	2.571
6	0.718	1.440	1.943	2.447
7	0.711	1.415	1.895	2.365
8	0.706	1.397	1.860	2.306
9	0.703	1.383	1.833	2.262
10	0.700	1.372	1.812	2.228

N-1

- Null Hypothesis is that the means are equal  
H0:  $\mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$ ,  
 $\mu_1$  &  $\mu_2$  are the means two sets  
df=n-1
- If  $t_{\text{test}} > t_{\text{table}}$  H0 is rejected → the means are different
- Two risks of being wrong:  $\alpha$  &  $\beta$
- Low numbers of small measurements are likely to increase noise
- **Larger numbers of trials reduces noise and can tease out subtle effects**

If N is too small, then risk of overinterpreting noise increases

## Intentional Variability- “Experimentation” (molecules still do not care)

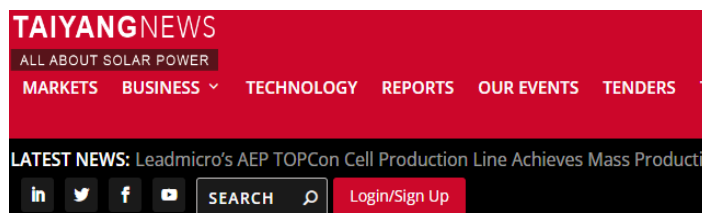
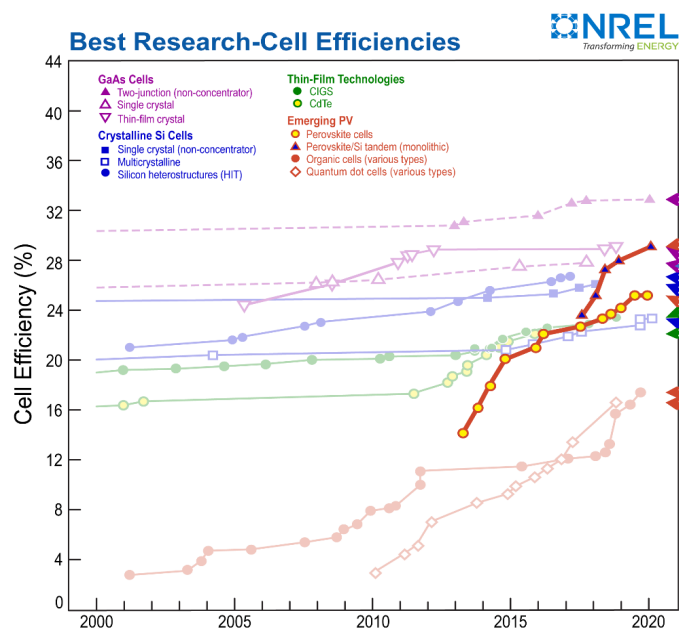
- As N increases,  $S \rightarrow \sigma$
- Smaller sample sizes underestimate variability, confidence (sensitivity, resolution) is reduced
- For any given N, confidence can be assigned based on resolution needed
- For single sided tests 95% confidence can be resolved for 1  $\sigma$  differences at N=6 (2-sided, n=13)
- Tighter resolution assigns higher risk

Sample Size Table for Two-Sided Tests				
$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\delta=0.5\sigma$	$\delta=1.0\sigma$	$\delta=1.5\sigma$
0.01	0.01	98	25	11
0.01	0.05	73	18	8
0.01	0.10	61	15	7
0.01	0.20	47	12	6
0.01	0.50	27	7	3
0.05	0.01	75	19	9
0.05	0.05	53	13	6
0.05	0.10	43	11	5
0.05	0.20	33	8	4
0.05	0.50	16	4	3
0.10	0.01	65	16	8
0.10	0.05	45	11	5
0.10	0.10	35	9	4
0.10	0.20	25	7	3
0.10	0.50	11	3	3
0.20	0.01	53	14	6
0.20	0.05	35	9	4
0.20	0.10	27	7	3
0.20	0.20	19	5	3
0.20	0.50	7	3	3

NIST on choosing sample size vs. risk-

<https://www.itl.nist.gov/div898/handbook/prc/section2/prc222.htm>

# Additives for Stability and Efficiency

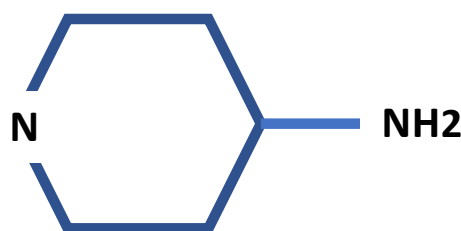


They were able to achieve 24% efficiency under 1-sun illumination, making it the 'highest reported of its kind'. The highly efficient cell also retained 87% of its original efficiency after 2,400 hours of operation at 55 degrees Celsius, explained NREL.

Calling 3-APy reactive surface engineering as an effective approach to enhance the performance of inverted cells, the researchers can improve the efficiency of an inverted cell from less than 23% to an 25%.

arch has been published in scientific journal **Nature** under the title *Reaction for Efficient and Stable Inverted Perovskite Solar Cells*.

In 2020, NREL created a new perovskite material called Apex Flex to achieve 1% power conversion efficiency for 2-terminal all-perovskite solar cells on glass and 21.3% on flexible plastic substrates, suitable

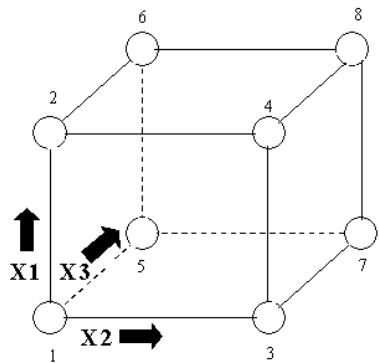


- Passivation adds process steps, maybe a supplier?
- Formulation's behavior on tool, in bottle, in storage may differ
- Control of process implies capable metrology and monitored baseline
- Un-forecasted changes: order of operations, raw lots, atalyst, container cleaning, HVAC
- Precision targeting

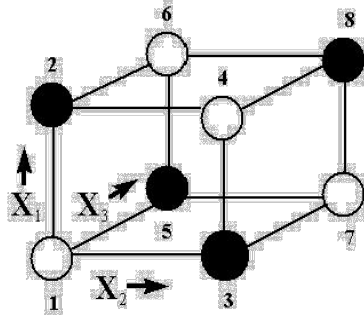
Minor recipe ingredients/treatments can have outsized influence upon performance



# Confident Decision Making: Statistically Driven Experimental Plan

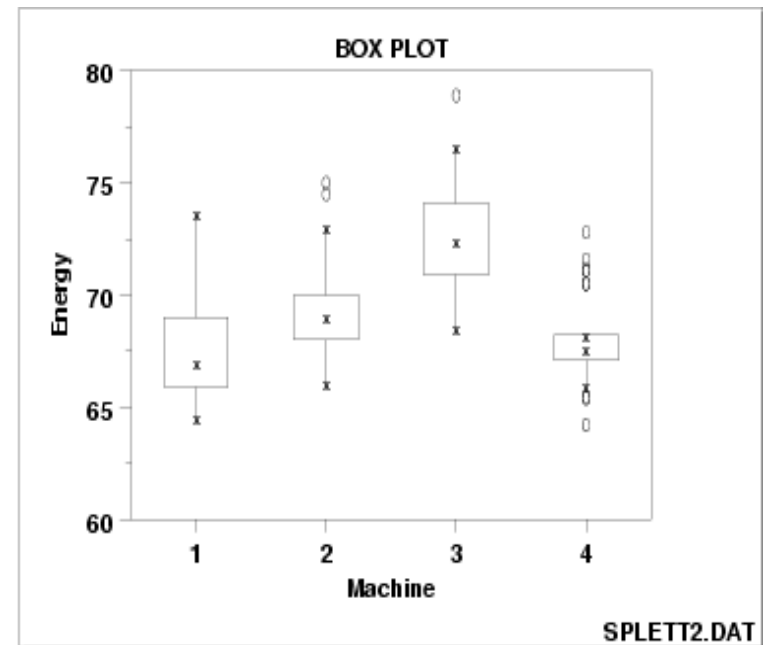


Full Factorial



Half Factorial

- Design of Experiments (the “other” DOE) uses statistical criterial to define sampling plans and experiment.
- Results obtained balance economy vs. risk.
- DOE is used to test a subset of variables combinations (partial factorial).
- Choices made are based on how likely variables are to be important and to interact independently with each other.

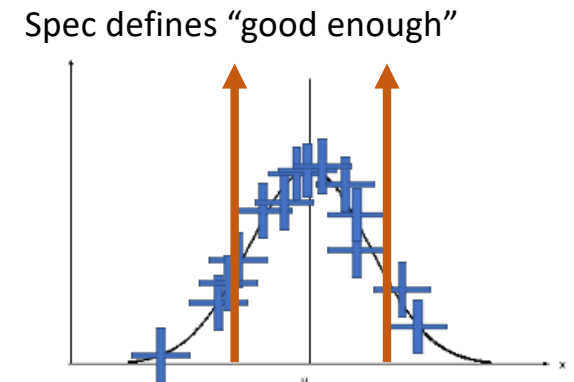
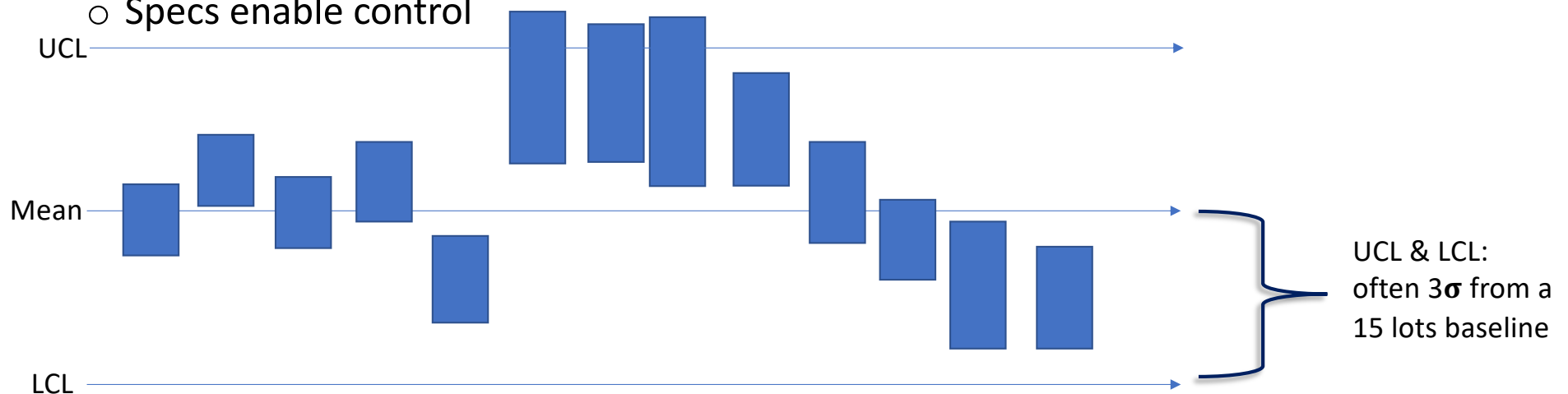


Anova (Analysis Of Variation)

**Statistically driven experimental plans** enable results with known confidence to minimize risk

# Drivers of Quality- Specifications

- A Control Chart plots data lot by lot
  - Within the systems for which it is designed
  - Based on samples taken & tools used
- A “specification” can be defined from process data & negotiated with supplier
  - Raw, intermediate, process, product...
  - Based on samples taken & tools used
  - Specs enable control



# Drivers of Quality- Risk Assessment

## Technical :

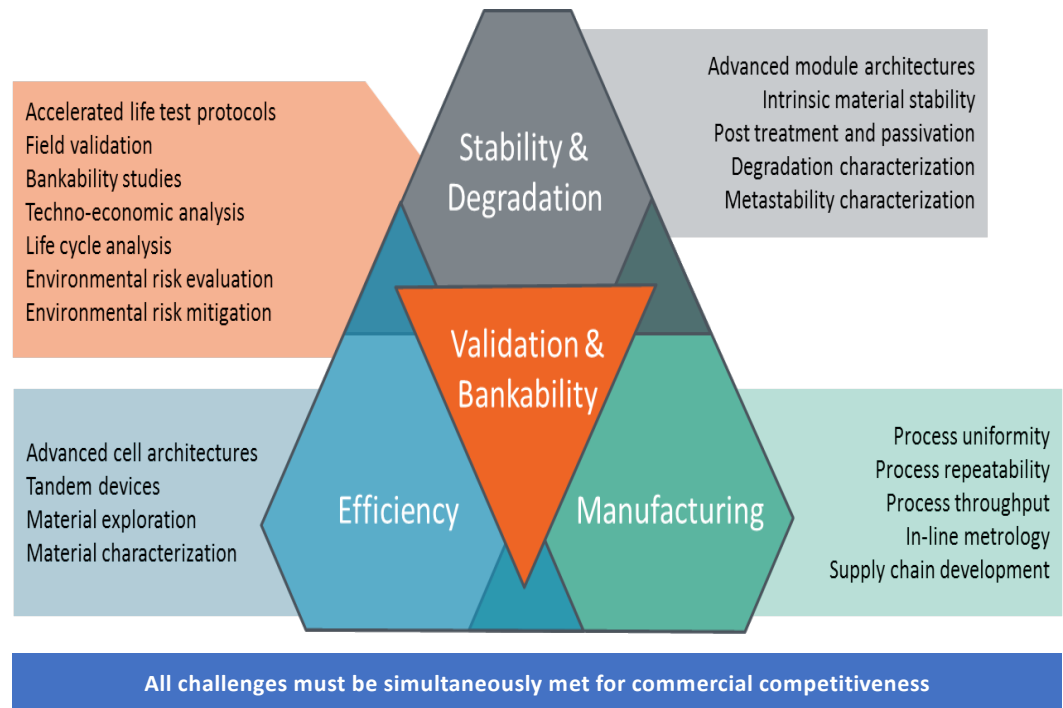
- η with Durability
- Scalability
- Manufacturability
- Safety

## Business :

- Validation and trust
- Environmental/EOL
- Scaling
- Supply Chain

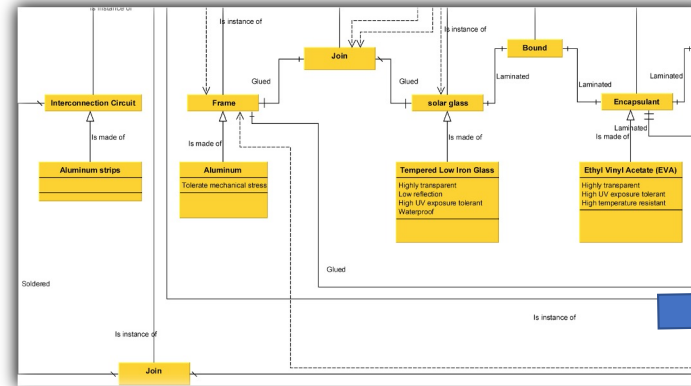
## Market :

- MVP – first minimum viable products
- Resilience – technical vs. business success
- Finance – seeks lower risk path
- Timing – Fast paced environment
- Horizon – challenges from competition



## Edrivers of Quality: Copy Exactly! & FMEA

- Failure modes and effects analysis (**FMEA**) can be helpful for prototype and process design.
- Ranks possible points of failure (risk assessment) for action
- Scale-up challenge is matching performance in different sizes of process equipment & energies.
- Tool matching for metrology can be challenging between collaborators
- Technology transfer nearly always involves tool matching.
- Exactly copying tools, recipes, sources, conditions and scales is very valuable for tech transfer



### Risk Priority Number

RPN = Product of

(Severity x  
Occurrence x  
Detection)

Each is scored 1 to 10

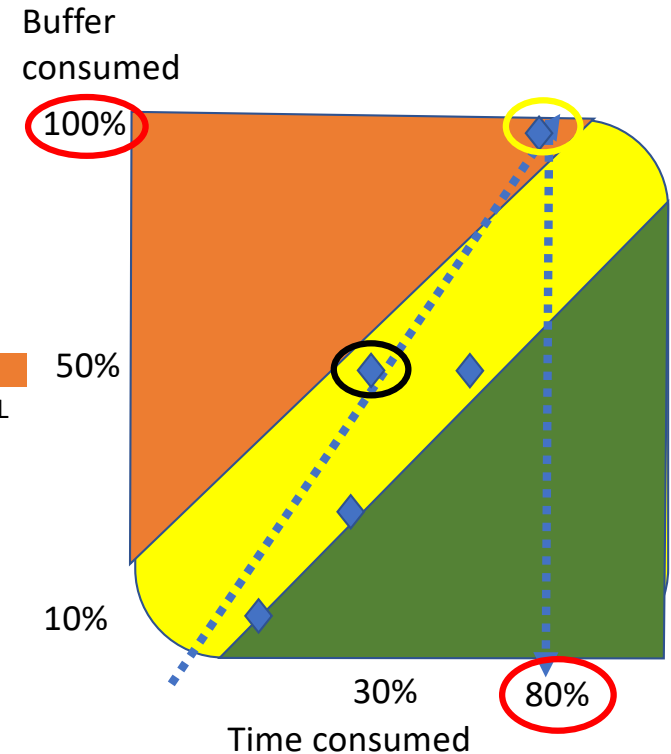
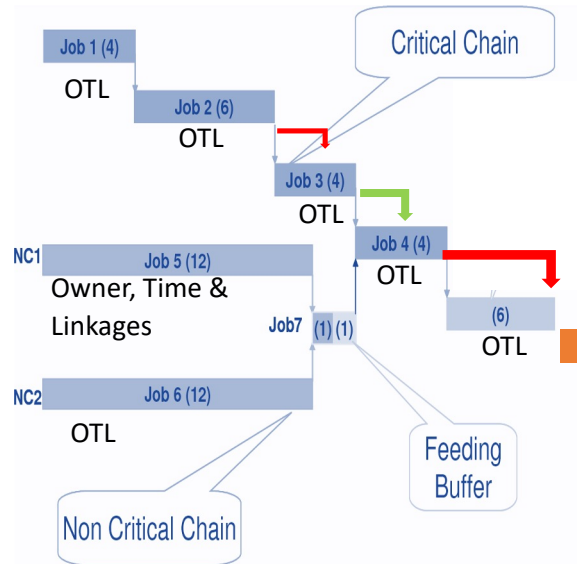
Product FMEA											
Prepared By: Gustavo L. C. Cavenaghi								FMEA No: 03			
Date: 11/02/2013								Component: PV Module			
Item	Function	Potential Failure Mode	Potential Effects or Failure	Severity	Potential Causes of Failure	Occurrence	Current Controls for Prevention/Detection	Detection	RPN	Recommended Action	Responsibility and Target Completion Date
Glass	Protect the cells from environment while allowing light penetration and provide a rigid structure	Crack	Loss of the product	10	Mechanical stress, overheat or freeze	4	Material selection	6	240	Use of standardized materials only. Knowledge of material operation limits, care while handling, inspection	Process engineers, technical crew

RPNs > 125 need action plan to < 100.

RPNs > 250 w/no credible action plan need escalated

## Drivers of Quality: Project Management

- Sets of tasks often moving in parallel threads (paths, chains)
  - building and testing new material in devices
  - developing models, fundraising, communications, subsequent plans
- Theory of constraint (**TOC**) sorts task dependencies (chains), identifies parallel & critical chain, minimum time required (**Tr**), and time allowed (**Ta**)
  - Project  $Ta = \text{Project } Tr + \text{Project buffer}$
  - Project  $Ta > \sum (\text{Task } Tr + \text{Task error})$**
- Gantt chart** diagrams interdependencies and tracks progress against schedule (PAS)
- Tasks have time, owners and dependencies; owners have distractions
- Errors in time become cumulative



**Buffer table shows risk to completion**

## **Case Study 1 : Transistor “Nubs”**

- **Project:** New photosensitive polymer coating defect at limit of instrumental detection
- **Excursion:** a defect was a small bump on side of transistor’s gate
- Contained within supplier & sub-supplier lots and
- Root identified as operator A vs. B → monomer reactivity and order of operations

## **Case Study 2&3 : Siloxane scaling**

- **Project:** New siloxane-based material scaleup
- **Excursion:** a defect in test performance with new sub-supplier lots
- Contained in qualification
- Root identified as completely different distillation parameters
- **Excursion:** freezer failure
- Contained after lots in process
- Root cause identified as chart paper not checked or changed despite spec and system
- In both cases systems were in place and ignored

## Summary

- Researchers spend time and other resources to identify signals in noise
- Uncertainty erodes quality and renders a project less resilient, less valuable
- Total Quality embraces problem solving statistics and planning wholistically
- Understanding raw materials characteristics (purity, storage, shelf life, handling) is vital as is process characterization and tool matching
- Scaling and reproduction via *Exact Copy works!*
- T-test with appropriate N & P can define signals (ANOVA for larger sets of data)
- Partial factorial designed experiments give confidence with savings over full matrix

### ***Some pet peeves:***

*How many tests/units will you include in that experiment?*

*How will you know you have made a significant difference?*

*What is the error that you expect?*

*What tool are you planning at the new site?*

*What is your qual plan*

*Do you have a control chart for that?*

## **Backup Materials**



## Resources:

### Statistics & Design of Experiments

- <https://www.theanalysisfactor.com/confusing-statistical-terms-1-alpha-and-beta/>
- <https://www.statisticshowto.com/probability-and-statistics/t-test/>
- <https://www.six-sigma-material.com/t-distribution.html>
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### FMEA & CE!

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- <https://supplier.intel.com/construction/changecontrol/>
- <https://www.iqasystem.com/news/risk-priority-number/>

### Project Management

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